



Satellite Remote Sensing in Support of African Water Quality Management

Striving to Ensure Confidence in EO Water Quality Data

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Systematic processing of satellite data









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http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/viewer/

Link to web site



Sobering Water Facts of Africa

- 663 million people rely on unimproved sources, including 159 million dependent on surface water
- Contaminated water can transmit diseases such diarrhea, cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio.
- Poor sanitation and water quality practices result in 115 deaths every hour in the African Region (WHO Regional Office for Africa).
- Africa is home to 677 lakes, 25% of the planet's unfrozen surface fresh water.
- Many of the rivers and lakes in Africa are shared by more than 1-2 or more countries leading to political stress, where the parties interested keep conflicting over the ownership/usage of the resources.
- Unequal distribution of water (e.g. 30% of the continent's water is found in the Congo Basin
- Dearth of Water Quality Information









Sensor	Sensor	Resolution	Spec. Bands	Revisit Frequency	Data Cost	Launch	Water Quality Variables						Macrophytes		
Туре		(Pixel size)				Date									
							CHL	CYP	TSM	CDOM	Kd	Turb	Emerg.	Float	Subm.
high spatial re- solution	QuickBird, SPOT6, GeoEYE	2 - 4 m	3 - 4	programmable 60 d to 2–3 d	5-15	1999 on- wards	•	S		•	•	•	•	•	•
	RapidEye	6.5 m	5	daily	1.5	Aug-08		S							
	WorldView-2	2 m spectral, 0.5 m B&W	8	programmable 60 d to 1 d	30	Oct-09	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	WorldView-3	1.2 m spectral, 0.5 m B&W	8	programmable 60 d to 1 d	30	2014	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ocean-coastal	OLCI	300 m	21	daily (2 sats.)	free	2016									
ocean-coastal	SGLI-2	250 m	9	2 – 4 d	free	2017		S							
	JPSS-1, JPSS-2, etc.	750 m	10	daily	free	2017, 2022	•	8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	JPSS-1, JPSS-2, etc.	375 m	3	daily	free	2017, 2022	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
	OCM-3	300 m	15	2-3 d	free	2017									
hyperspectral	EnMap	30 m	90	programmable (once/4 d)	free (?)	2019	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	DESIS	30 m	235	orbit 51°N, 51°S, 3 to 5 d cadence	free (?)	2018	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
	HISUI-hyper	30 m	60	orbit 51°N, 51°S, 3 to 5 d cadence	free (?)	2018	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
	PRISMA	20 m spectral, 2.5 m B&W	60	25 d/ pointing 7d	free (?)	2018	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	HvSnIRI*	30	60	16	free	2022									

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* The 2017 US Decadal Survey recommended several designated target observables, including surface biology and geology (SBG), SBG has candidate measurement approaches that are similar to the HyspIRI mission concept that NASA was developing over the past decade, including inland and near-coastal aquatic ecosystems.



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Topp et. al.,2020



https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/whatwe-do/capacity-building/arset



https://www.copernicus.eu/en/opport unities/education/copernicus-academy



Entrance ramps to data products





Cloud Resources







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Thematic Exploitation Platform



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A call for *in situ* observations

- Optimize algorithm parameterizations for full range of OWTs or regions
- Validate algorithms and data products over the lifetime of satellite missions
- Fill spatial and temporal gaps in satellite data coverage



GEO AquaWatch



AquaWatch aims to develop and build the global capacity and utility of Earth Observationderived water quality data, products and information to support water resources management and decision making.



Website

