

## LHIS / Landslide Hazard Information System App:

# Earth Observation Data and Models for Near-Real Time Natural Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessments

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# Why?



**Are we able to anticipate such type of landslide triggering?  
And even better, are we able to nowcast the surface being affected (and the possible costs)?**



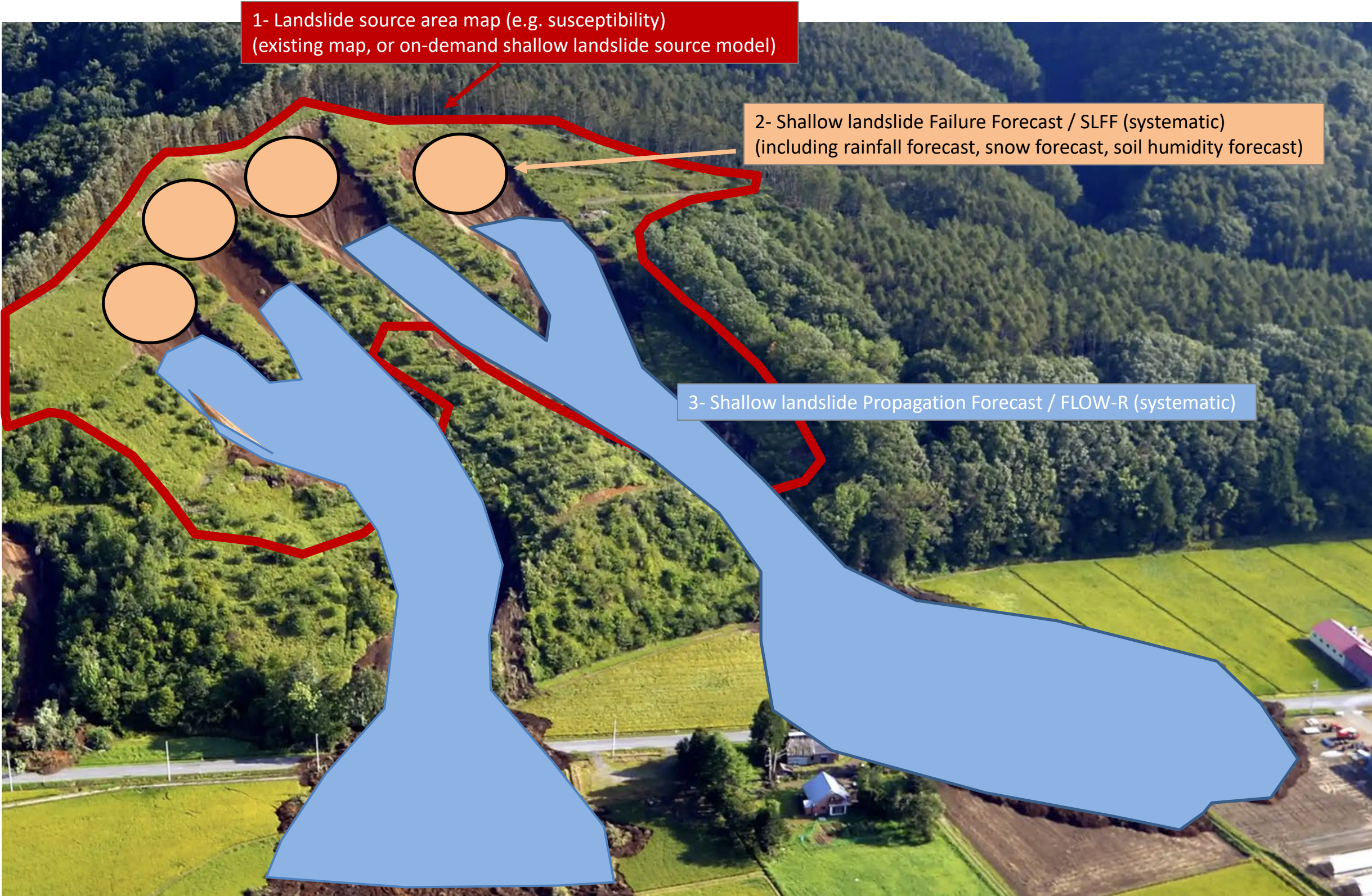
**Can we use space-based Earth Observation data and products for the nowcasting? Can we combine landslide-oriented SBEO and landslide models?**



**Can we use such type of systems for hazard/risk assessments? And Disaster Risk Management through Disaster Risk Financing (DRF) products?**



# What?





# How?

## The online LHis App

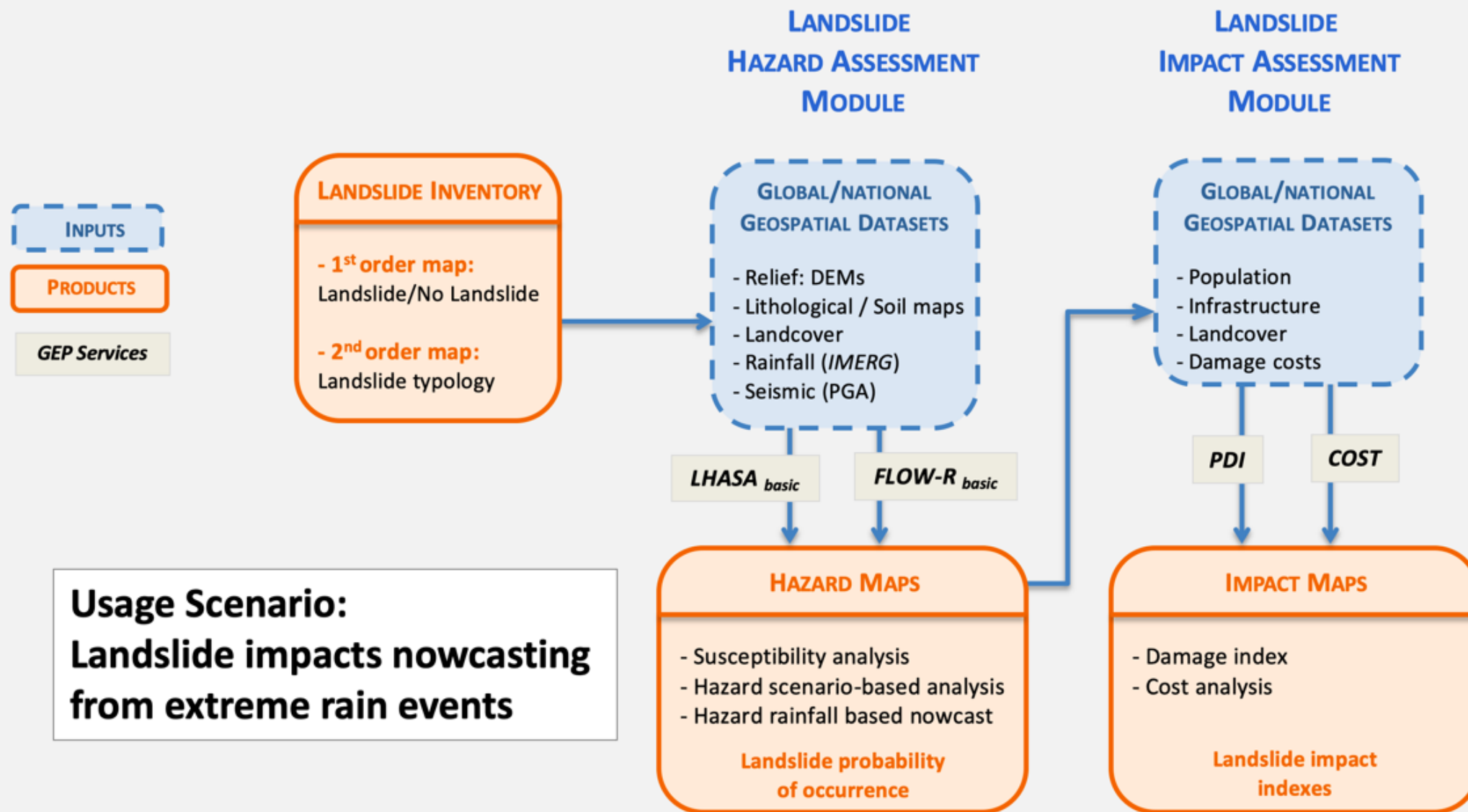
### LANDSLIDE HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEM

to nowcast landslide hazard triggered by extreme rainfall events and identify related exposed infrastructures and populations.

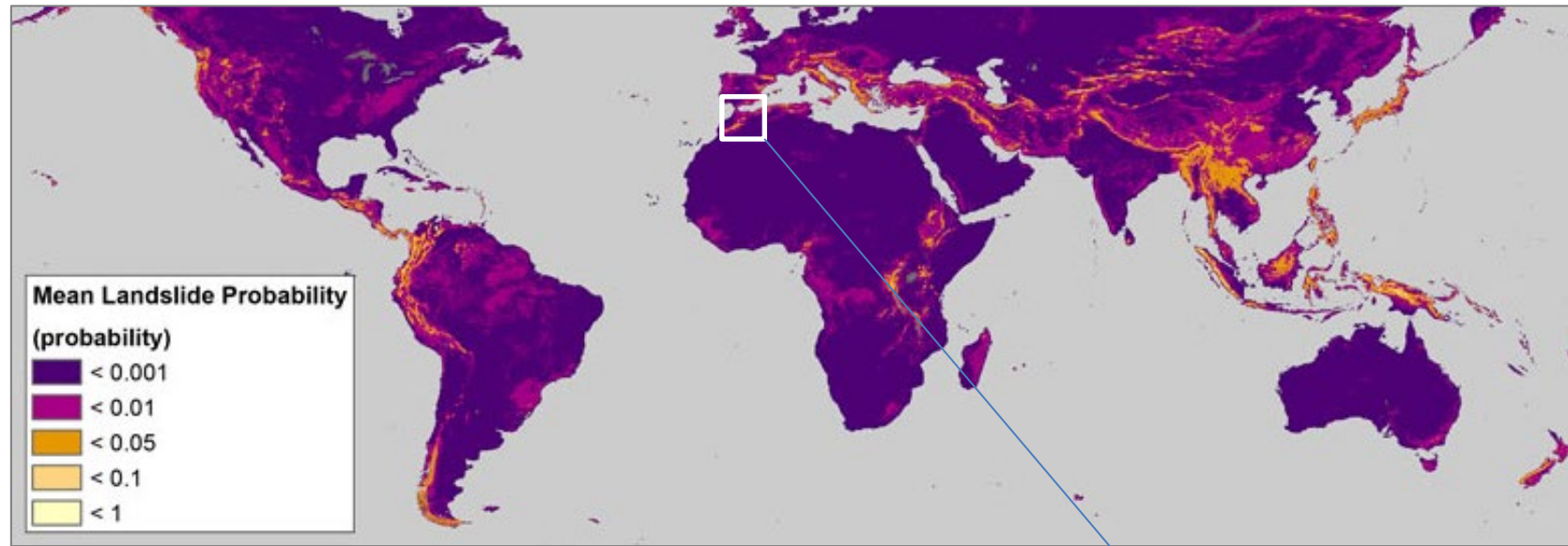
- **LHis aims to use recent satellite data coupled with landslide hazard and risk models, integrated in three interlinked services:**
  1. **LHis-CATALOGUE: landslide detection module**  
To detect new landslide events, assess their progressions in time and create inventory maps
  2. **LHis-HAZARD: landslide nowcasting module**  
To forecast spatial landslide hazard based on susceptibility maps and rainfall-based triggering models.
  3. **LHis-IMPACT: qualitative and quantitative risk assessment module**  
To create landslide exposure maps, cost analyses and impact indexes by combining both landslide and anthropic datasets.
- **LHis is implemented as a systematic / on-demand service on**

# LHIS App: Usage Scenario

## LHIS / LANDSLIDE HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEM - *PROTOTYPE*



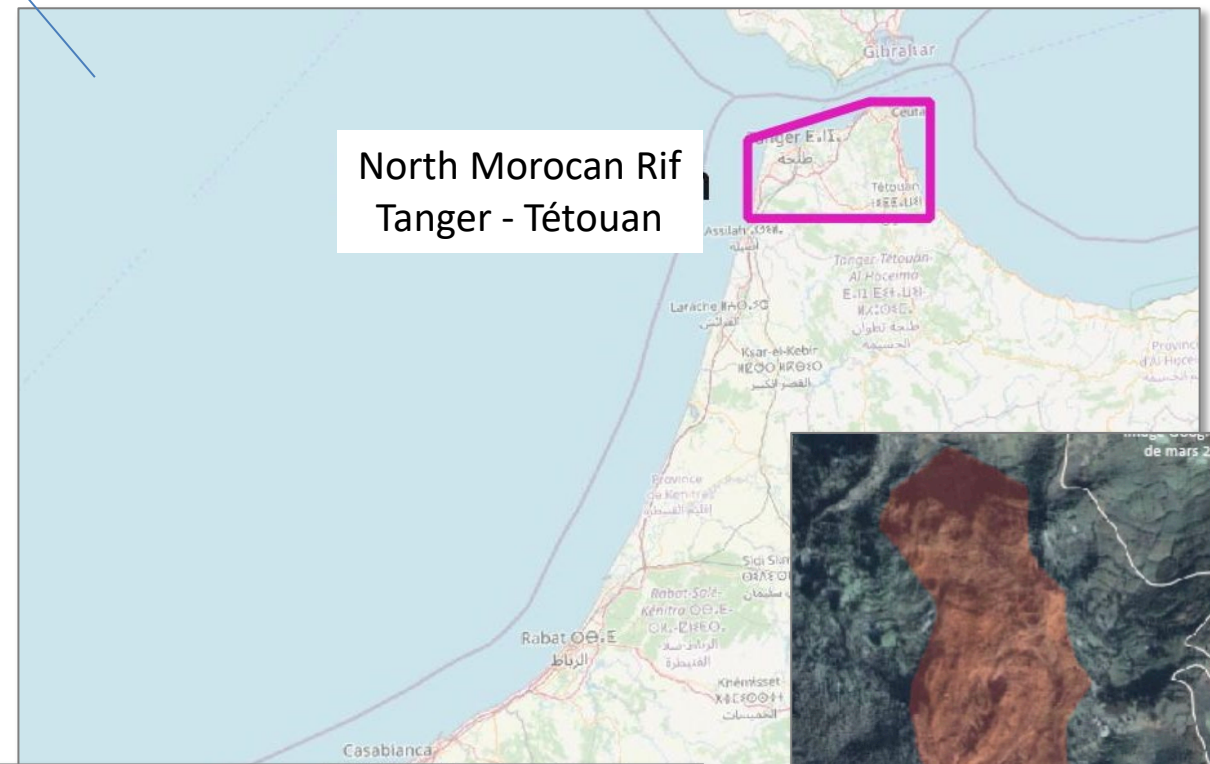
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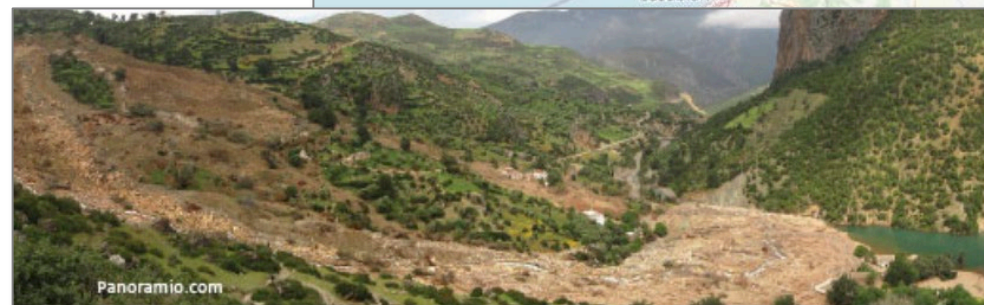
- Developed and tested in **Morocco** with the **FSEC** (Solidarity Fund Against Catastrophic Events) and the **World Bank**



- North Rif area: Tanger-Tétouan (2'950 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Main input data:
  - DEM "Copernicus GLO30" (30 m)
  - ESA Land Cover map
  - "Global Forest Changes" map
  - Landslide susceptibility map
- Nowcaster:
  - NASA GPM/IMERG rainfall data
  - Rainfall Threshold is the TRIGGER



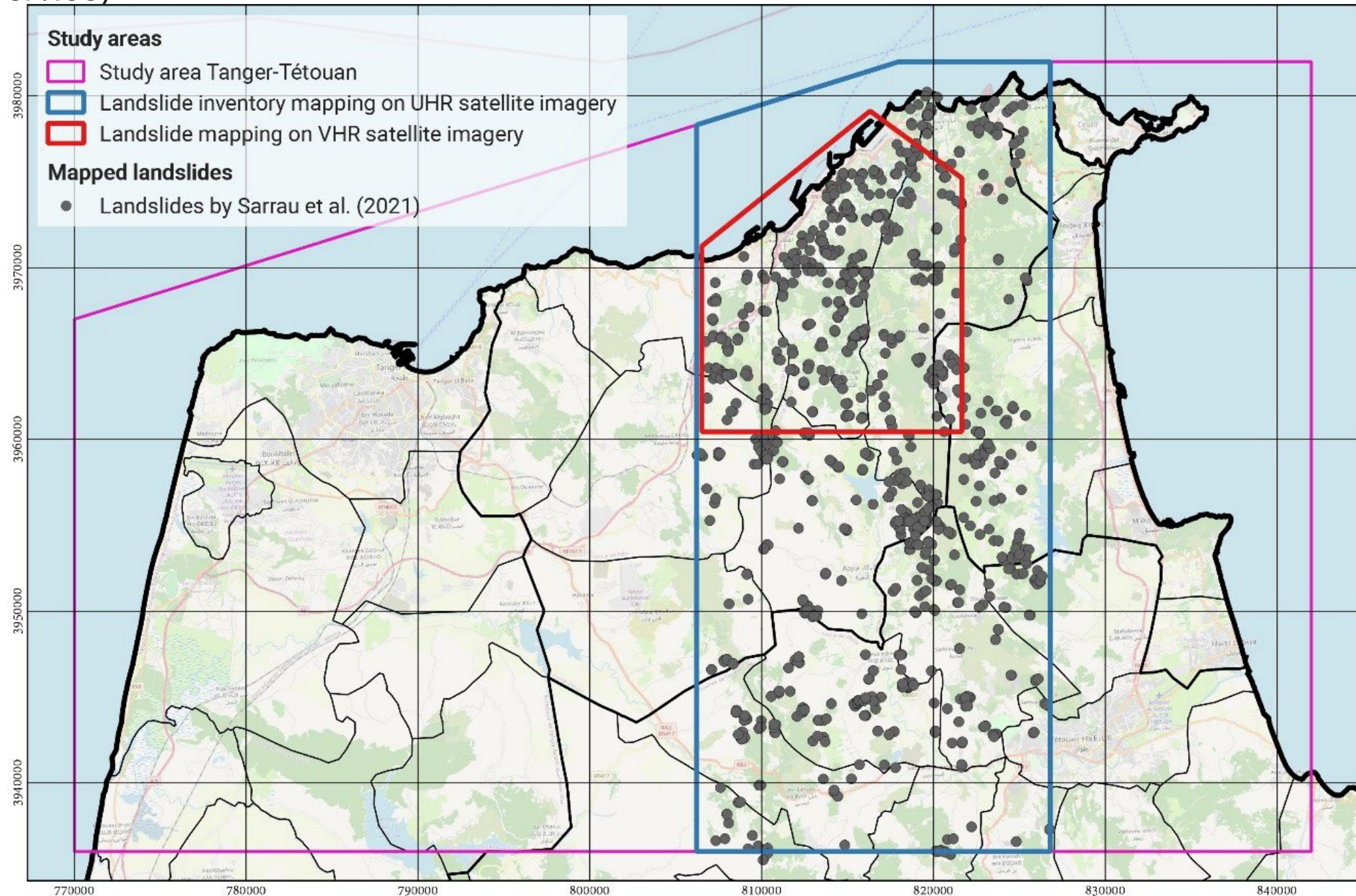
North Moroccan Rif  
Tanger - Tétouan





# LHIS-CATALOGUE

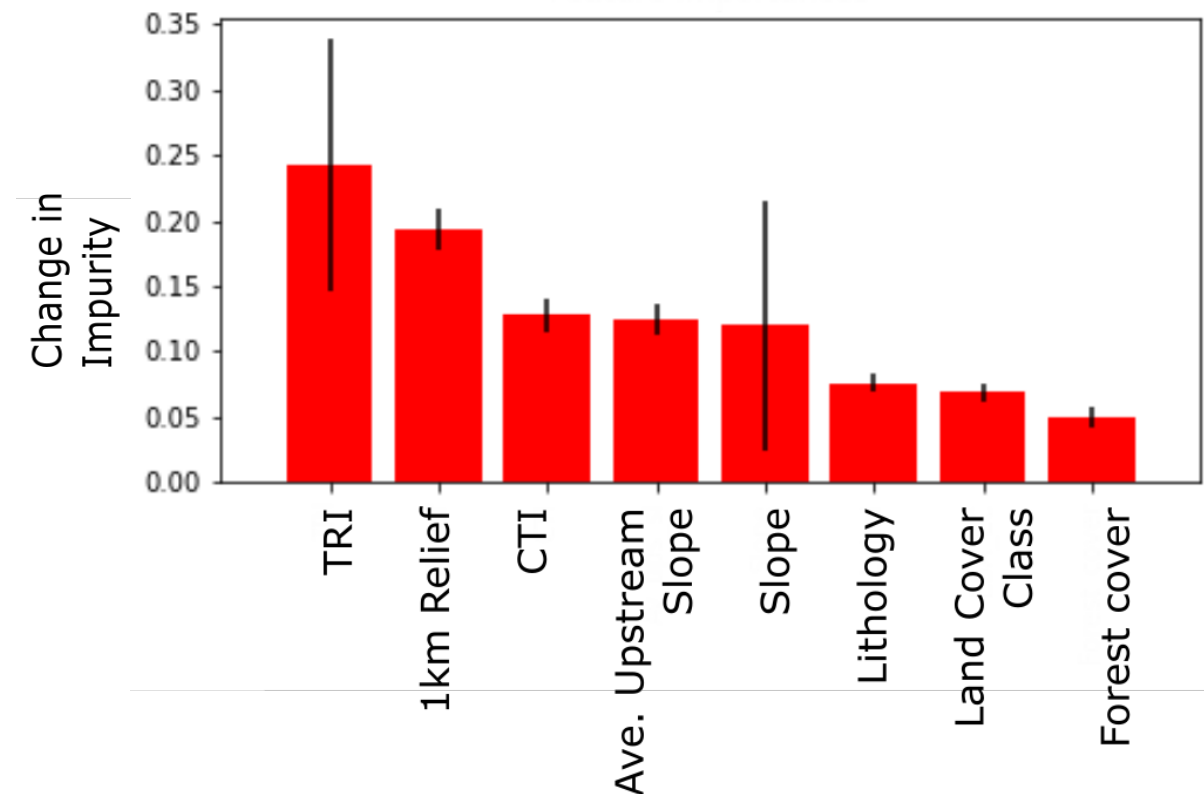
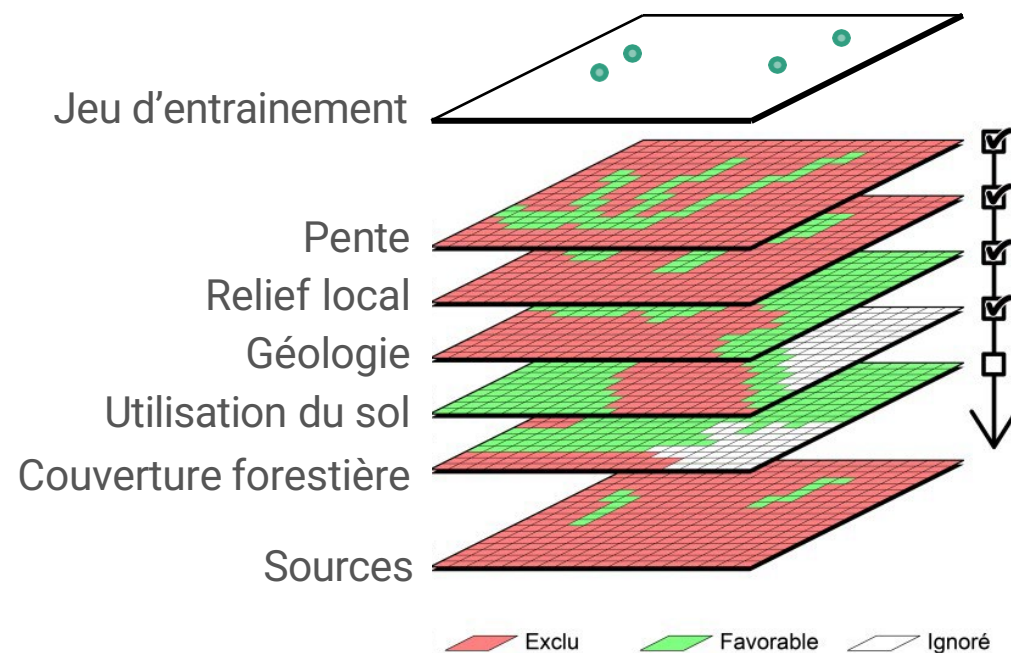
- Creation of a landslide inventory from optical data (Spot+Pléiades, Sentinel-2):
  - ground changes mapping by comparison of (very) high resolution optical satellite images before/after the event and therefore delimitates the impacted area (**ALADIM** change detection service)



# LHIS-HAZARD

## 1. Locate potential landslide source areas: landslide susceptibility map

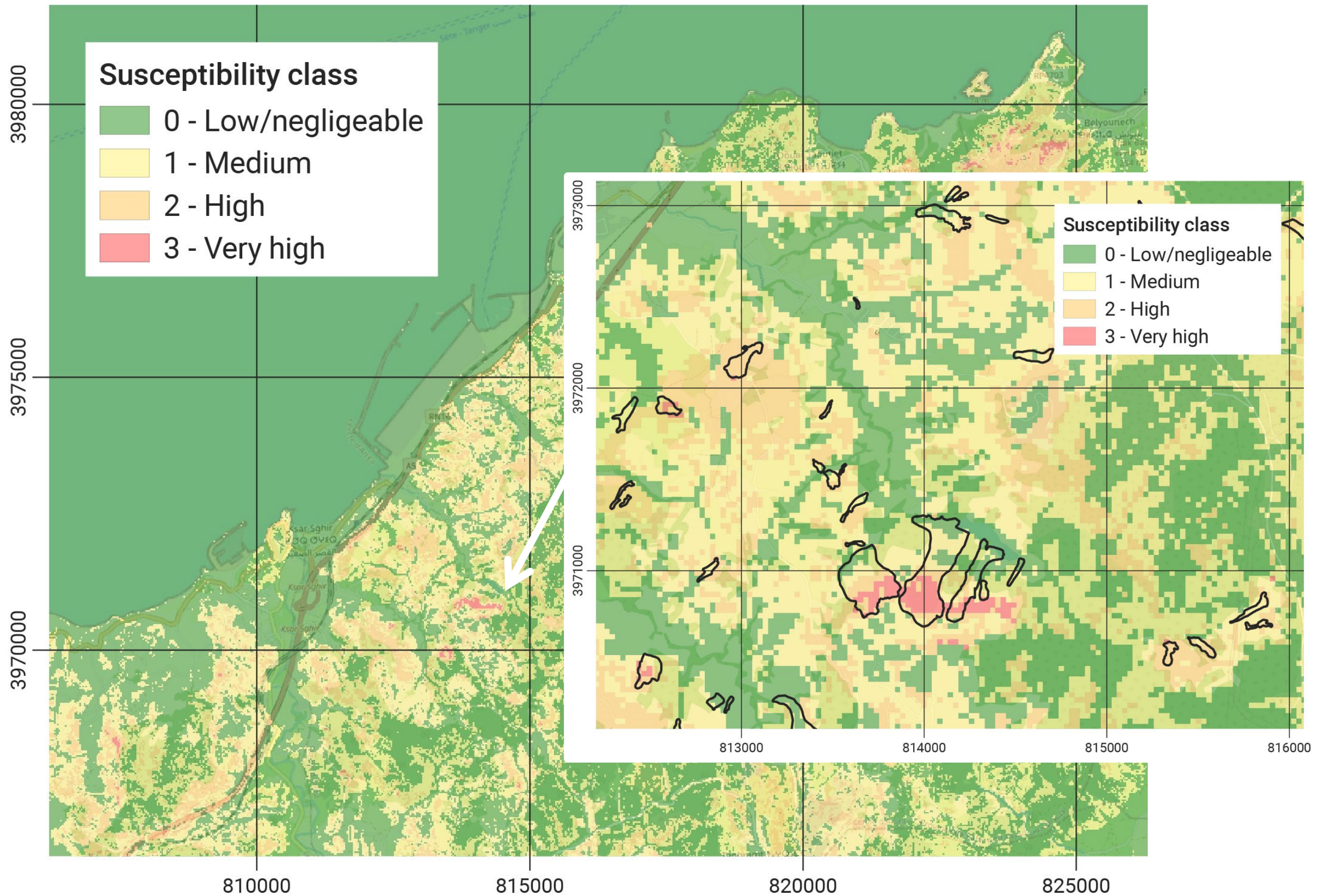
- Modeling the spatial distribution of landslide hazard, controlled by the time-invariant susceptibility of the landscape to landsliding
- Machine-learning based approach, applied on data sources that could approximate the physical parameters that control landslide susceptibility
- Trained on the 852 head scarps of the landslide inventory



\* Past results from Moroccan studies on landslide susceptibility (e.g., El-Fengour (2016) for the Amaz Valley, Boualla et al. (2017) for the Safi region, and Ait Brahim et al. (2018) for the Tingitane Peninsula) were taken into account in the development of criteria and factors for the susceptibility map.



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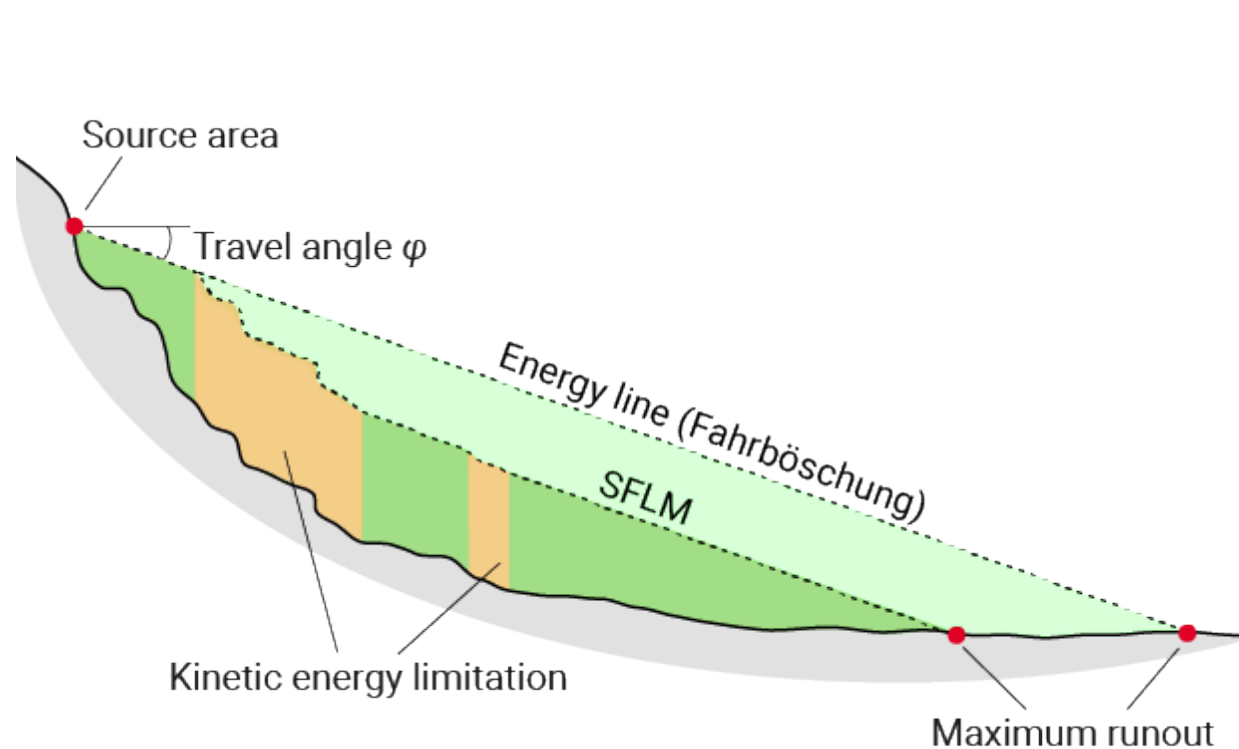


Shallow landslide source susceptibility map, for the Tanger-Med international port area (scales 1:100'000 and 1:20'000)

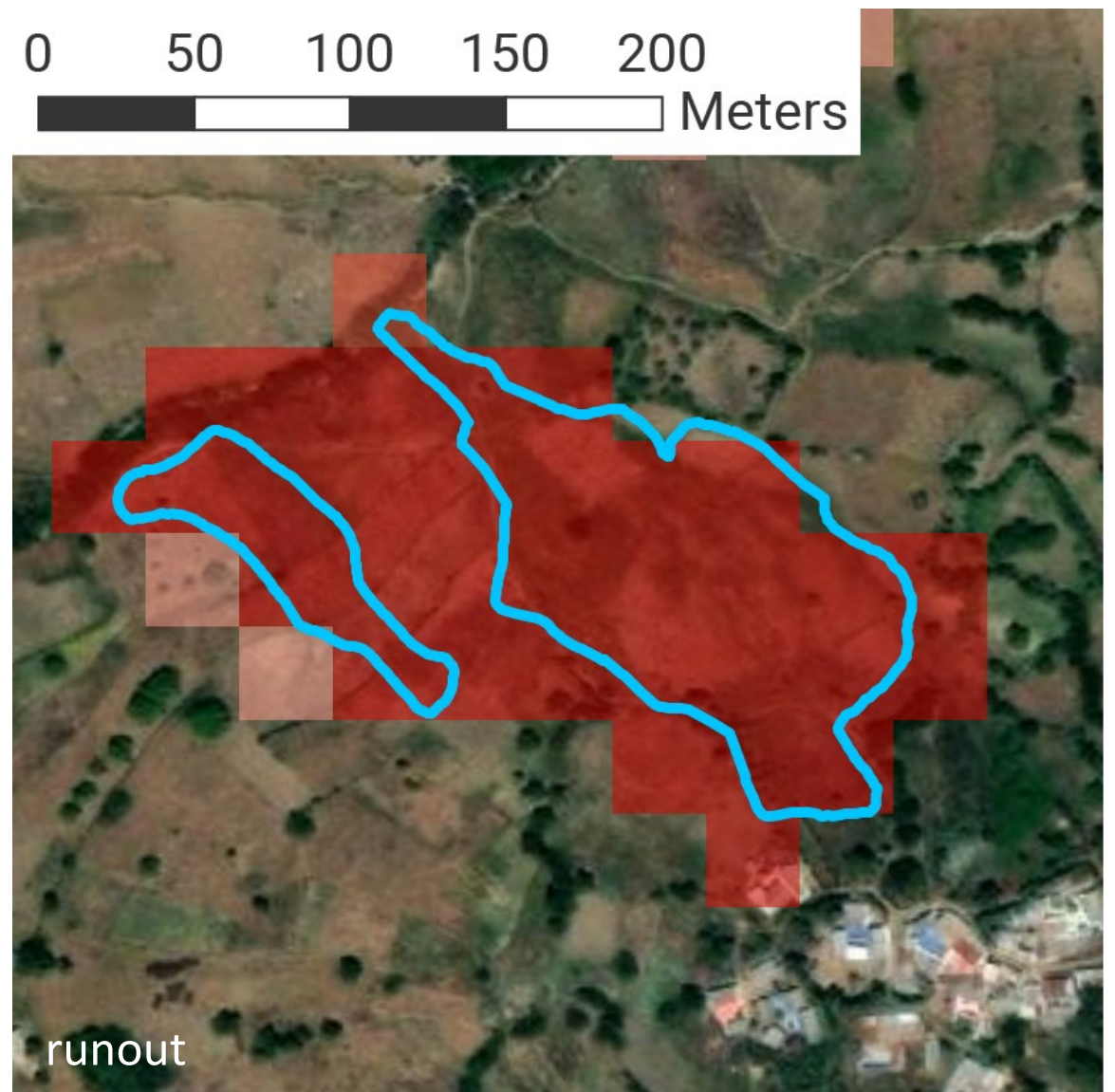


## 2. Compute landslide propagation areas

- Compute reach zones with a landslide runout model (Flow-R), adapted for regional-scale analyses (Horton et al. 2013)
- Calibrated on the landslide inventory, based on two scenarios
  - Reach angle of  $11^\circ$  for slow creep slides and  $18^\circ$  for flows
  - Velocity limit of 3 m/s for slow creep slides and 10 m/s for flows

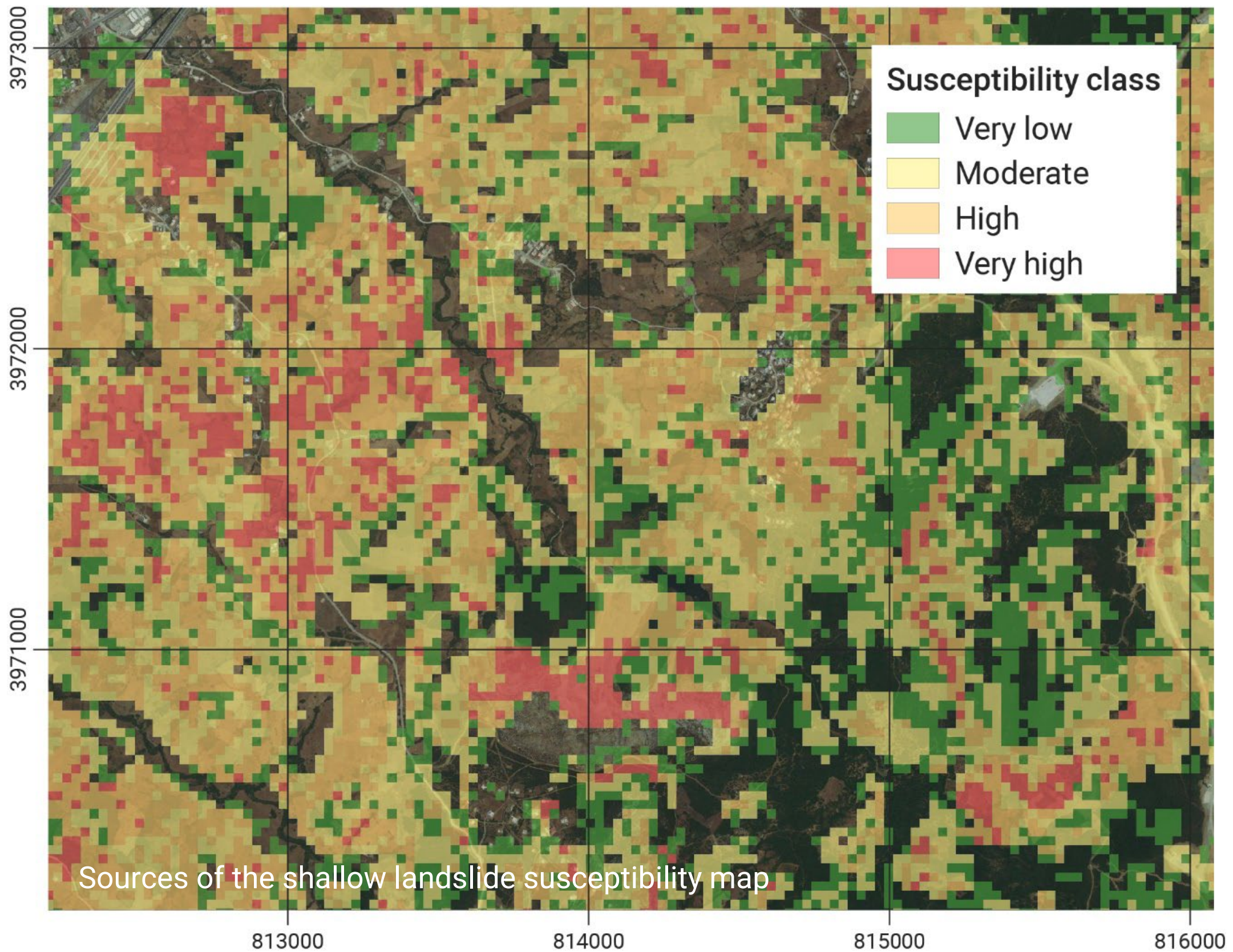


*Illustration of the reach angle principle (or Fahrböschung) and of the effect of the maximum velocity parameter introduced in the SFLM (after Horton et al., 2013)*



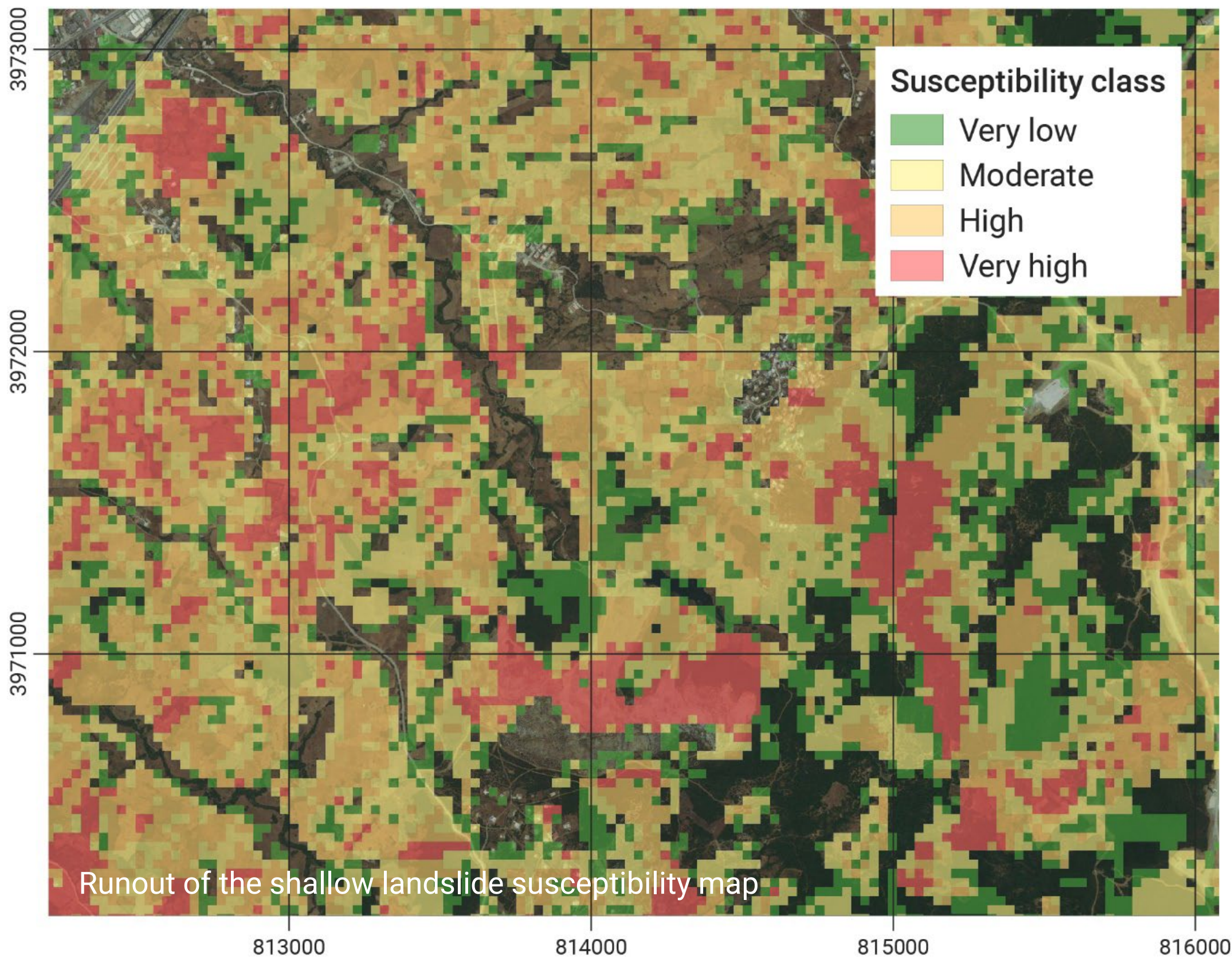


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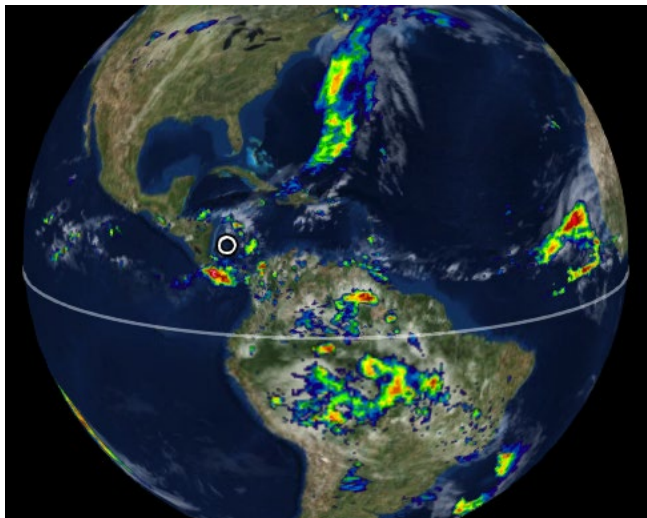
Runout of the shallow landslide susceptibility map



## 3. Landslide nowcasting from rainfall estimates

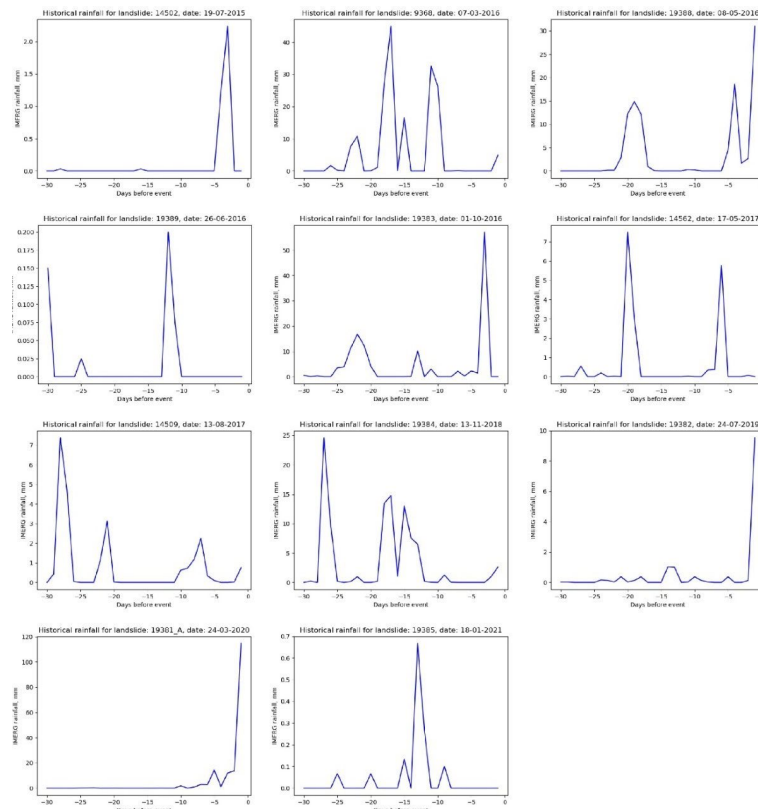
- Forecast possible spatial landslide occurrences by combining susceptibility maps with rainfall-based triggers (Kirschbaum and Stanley, 2018)

IMERG  
precipitation  
nowcast



- Based on weighted Antecedent Rainfall Index (ARI)
- When ARI exceeds the historical 95th per-centile, the LHASA model provides a landslide ‘nowcast’, indicating that there is a high likelihood of landslide events.

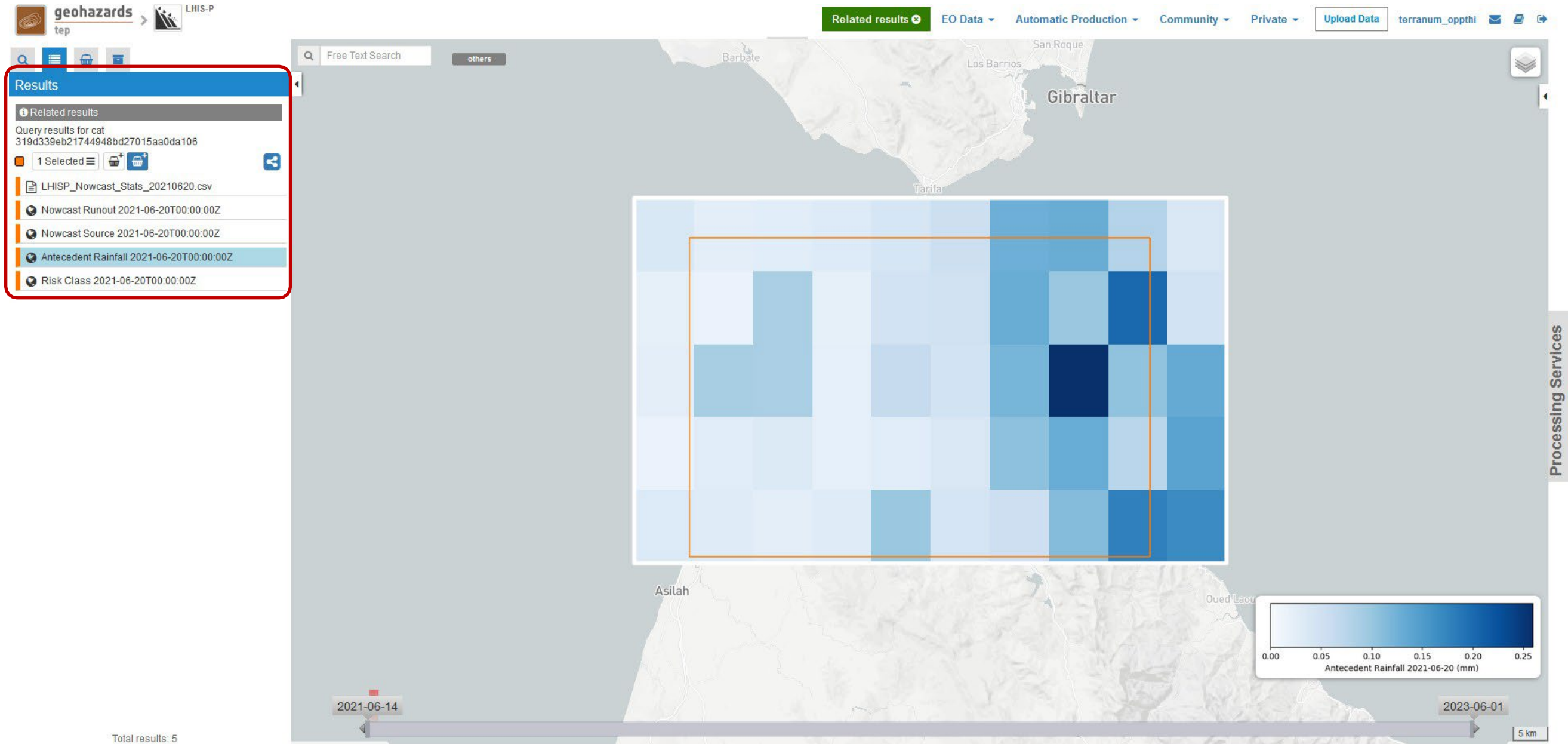
Pre-calculated  
landslide  
rainfall  
thresholds



*< Example of time-series of rainfall measurements from NASA GPM/IMERG program for a subset of inventoried landslides in North Morocco over 30 days prior to the event.*

# LHIS Nowcast: outputs

- Five outputs are automatically computed once a day:
  - Antecedent rainfall index, nowcasted landslide sources, nowcasted runout extents, elements at risk and statistics per municipality

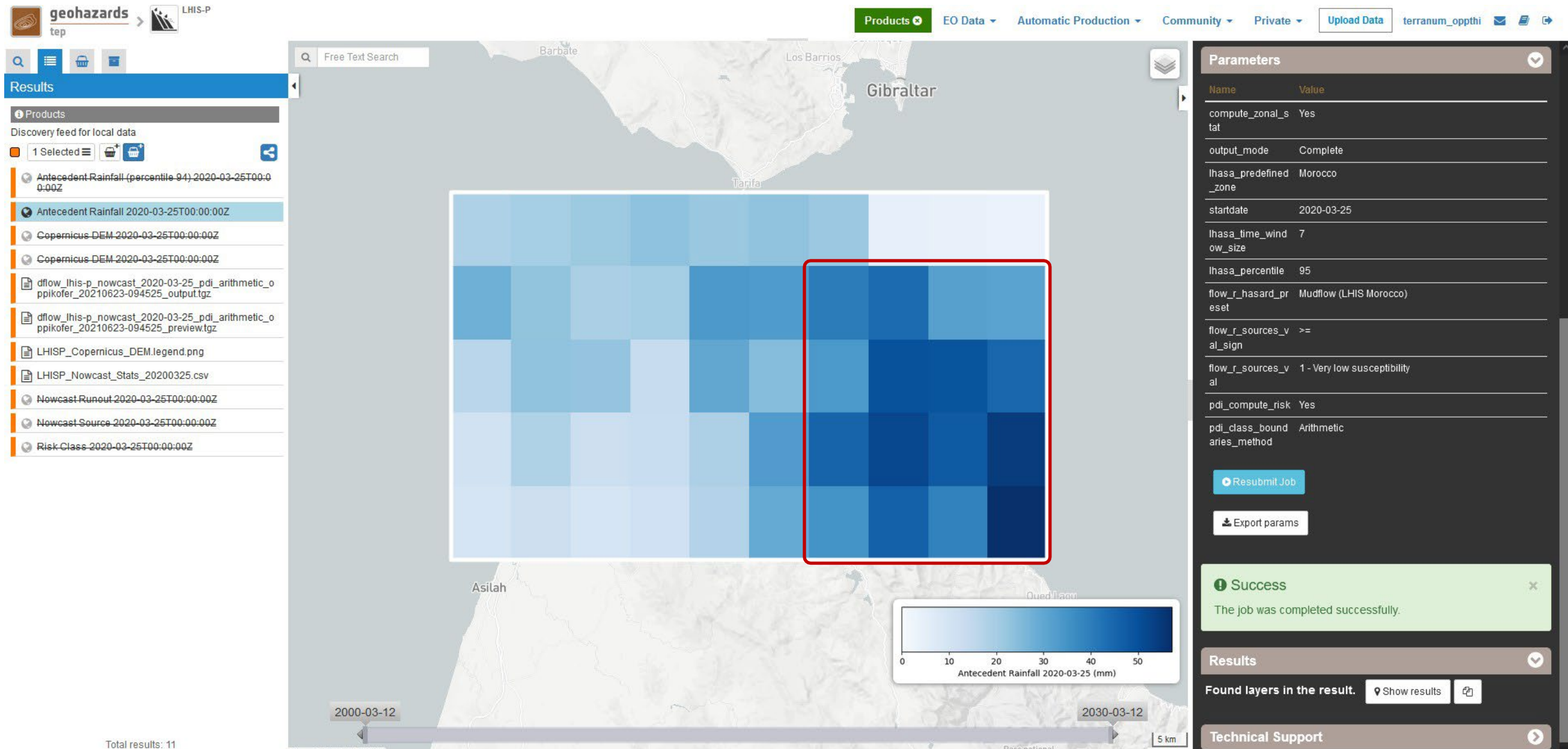


Antecedent rainfall index computed in LHIS Nowcast displayed in GEP



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24 March 2020 back-analysis: antecedent rainfalls were higher than thresholds in the South-Eastern part, creating a shallow landslide alert

# LHIS Nowcast: Outputs

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The screenshot displays the LHIS web interface. The main map shows a topographic view of Morocco with a red rectangular box highlighting a specific area in the north-eastern part of the country, near Ceuta and Tetouan. This area is filled with yellow and orange dots, representing potential landslide sources and their runout extents. The interface includes a search bar at the top, a navigation menu with options like 'Products', 'EO Data', and 'Automatic Production', and a 'Results' panel on the left listing various data products. A 'Parameters' panel on the right shows the configuration for the current job, including 'compute\_zonal\_statistics' set to 'Yes' and 'output\_mode' set to 'Complete'. A green success message at the bottom right states 'The job was completed successfully.'

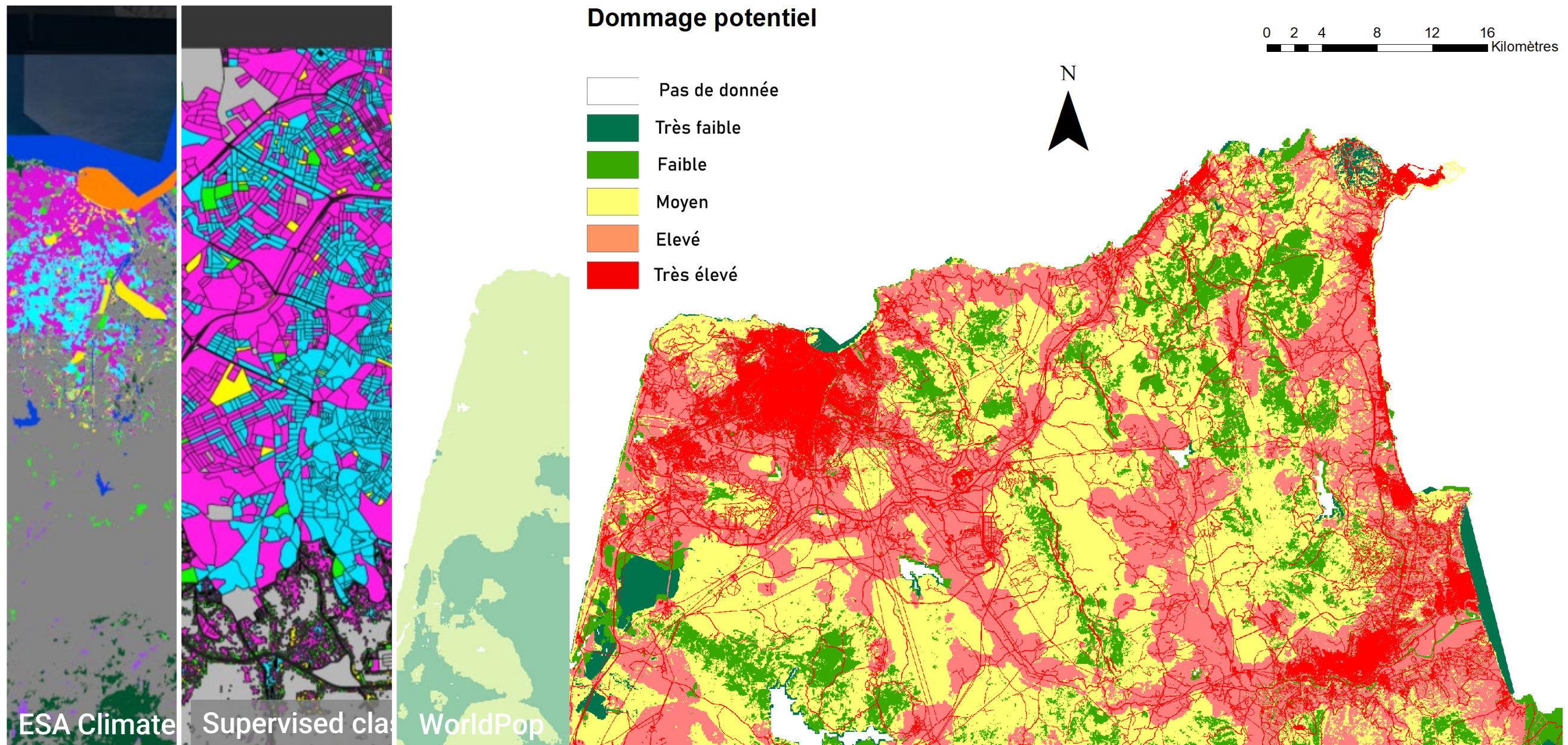
Name	Value
compute_zonal_statistics	Yes
output_mode	Complete
lhasa_predefined_zone	Morocco
startdate	2020-03-25
lhasa_time_window_size	7
lhasa_percentile	95
flow_r_hazard_parameters	Mudflow (LHIS Morocco)
flow_r_sources_value	>=
flow_r_sources_value	1 - Very low susceptibility
pdi_compute_risk	Yes
pdi_class_boundaries_method	Arithmetic

24 March 2020 back-analysis: computed runout extents of alarmed potential source areas



# LHIS-IMPACT

- Based on the **Potential Damage Index** (Puissant et al., 2013):
  - Landslide exposure maps, cost analyses and impact indexes by combining both landslide and anthropic datasets
  - Identification and ranking of elements at risk and populations exposed to physical, direct/indirect, and social consequence impacts of damaging landslide events.

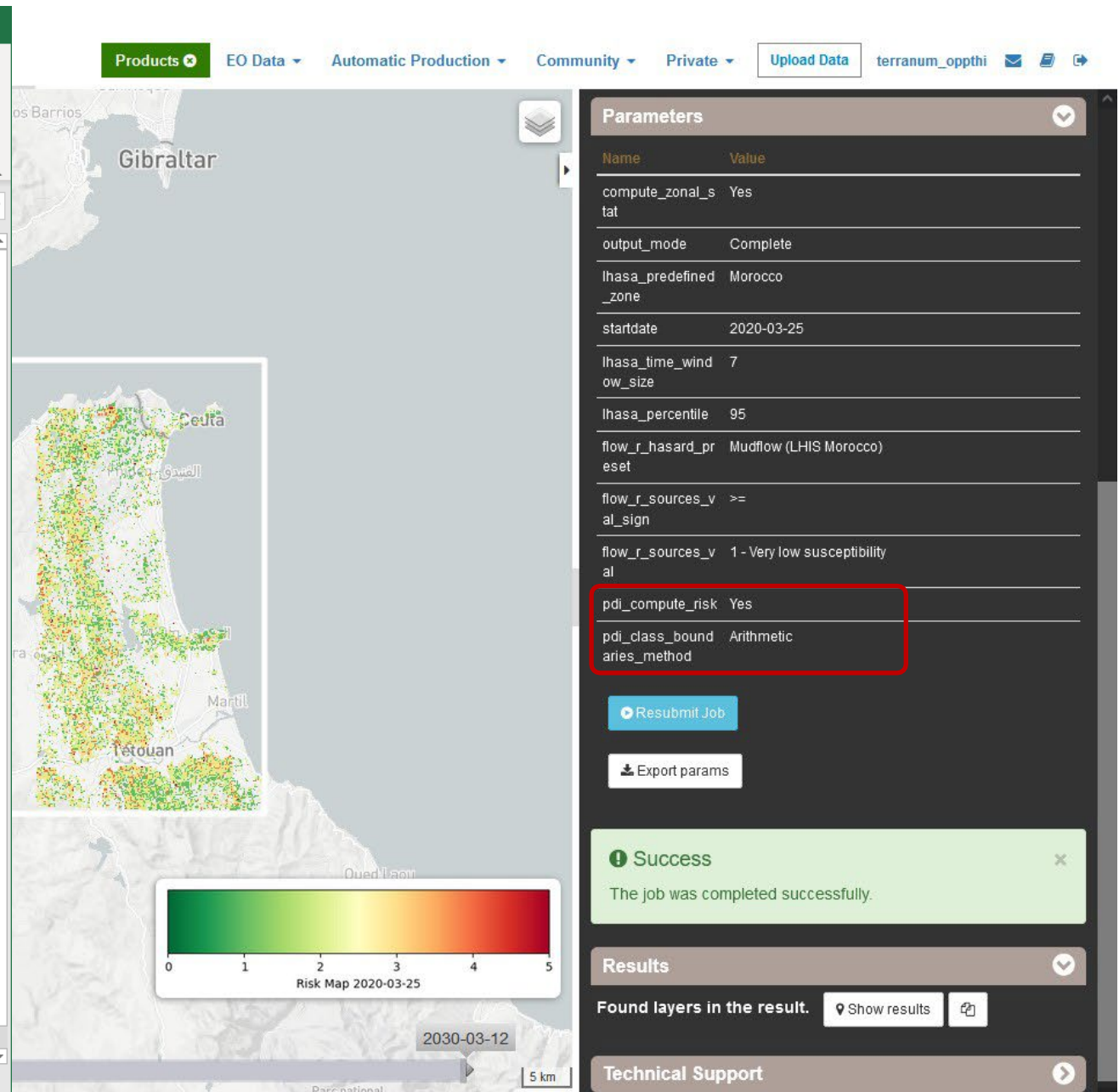




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		src class 1	src class 2	src class 3	src class 4	risk class 1	risk class 2	risk class 3	risk class 4	risk class 5
Ain Lahsan	202.68	29.79	88.92	69.03	10.08	21.96	79.2	71.64	20.97	2.25
Al Bahraoyine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al Manzla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allyene	5592.6	1736.91	2340.63	820.71	198	1554.66	1970.82	893.25	232.38	13.77
Anjra	696.78	162.18	294.66	173.88	49.59	142.74	267.84	192.87	64.62	3.69
Aquouass Briech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assilah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Azla	2982.69	916.02	1135.53	556.47	84.6	808.47	894.87	543.24	127.35	9.27
Belyounech	866.16	279.99	205.11	47.16	34.65	499.68	217.35	80.91	44.46	6.66
Bni Harchen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dar Bni Karrich	990	227.34	360.72	215.19	39.15	211.5	267.03	206.46	73.08	9.18
Dar Chaoui	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frideq	632.07	251.28	231.84	52.83	18.36	261.36	231.12	92.61	24.84	3.51
Gueznaia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HJAR ENNHAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Had Al Gharbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jouamaa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ksar El Majaz	1065.51	307.08	449.82	229.14	22.77	223.65	344.97	248.13	53.91	4.23
Ksar Sghir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laaouama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M'Diq	1008.99	373.95	440.37	89.73	11.88	384.12	407.34	175.23	30.78	2.88
Mallalienne	3644.19	1032.93	1679.58	606.42	127.71	763.2	1280.97	657.81	162.54	13.32
Malloussa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martil	25.11	11.79	11.88	1.26	0	4.5	10.08	8.64	0.54	0
Saddina	5350.86	1440.81	2445.75	1057.05	198.81	1188.27	2060.91	1115.37	283.77	18.18
Sahtryine	1248.75	327.51	495.09	330.75	51.75	221.94	388.8	310.77	72.27	2.25
Sebt Azzinate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sebta	555.66	218.43	211.05	33.93	4.5	172.08	156.6	64.35	7.2	0.9
Souk Kdim	476.82	156.33	247.14	69.93	3.33	129.96	228.96	103.14	12.24	0.54
Taghramt	8696.97	2900.16	3117.69	1208.07	252.18	2117.88	2282.13	1254.69	356.76	27.45
Tanger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TÃ@touan	1612.89	431.1	757.62	329.13	63.72	306.27	663.75	475.11	139.14	15.57
Zaitoune	1966.14	545.67	728.91	308.25	69.93	817.38	693.54	345.06	91.89	5.76
Zaouiat Sidi Kacem	247.32	92.88	84.33	19.44	3.51	125.91	71.01	25.74	7.02	0.63



24 March 2020 back-analysis: objects at risks exposed to computed runout extents of alarmed potential source areas



# Outcomes

- LHis is a working demonstrator running every day since July 2021.
- Additional developments are still required to be fully operational and generic:
  - For the Morocco use case, local fine model calibrations are required, instead of global parameterizations (landslide AI training set to refine the source susceptibility map, calibration of the threshold of critical rainfall necessary with Moroccan data).
  - Current deployment of a LHis second demonstrator for Haiti (CEOS RO + Caribact program)
  - Bringing the platform to the market: interest of AXA and Paribas Cardif to use the system
  - Now some general methodological improvements are planned for future applications, such as:
    - The use of weather forecasting models, as the free global model GFS instead of the GPM model, in order to forecast landslide occurrence susceptibility up to D+5 instead of the current nowcast.
    - The possibility to integrate other types of landslides related to extreme precipitation, such as debris flows and torrential floods.





Thank you for your time

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