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Global Monitoring for Food Security

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Strategy Group: FAO, WFP, JRC, FEWS

User Board: FAO, WFP, JRC, SADC-RRSU, AGRHYMET, RCMRD



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Policy drivers

- Support European policy on food aid and development
- Support international & global agreements such as WFS, WSSD, MDGs

Users

- 30+ user organizations & networks
- Annually renewed agreements with legally mandated organizations (SLA's)

Examples:

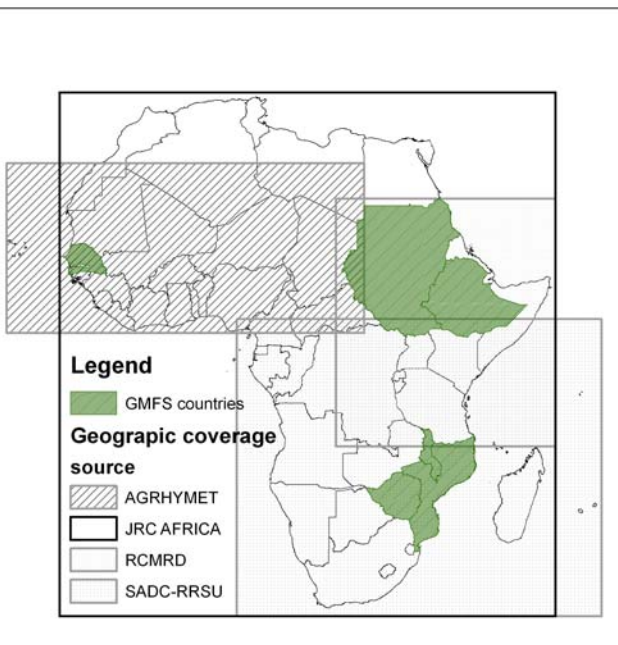
MoA Malawi, FMoA Sudan, CSA Ethiopia, FAO, WFP, JRC, MINAG Mozambique, CSE & DAPS Senegal, AGRHYMET, SADC, RCMRD,)

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Service portfolio

GMFS provides four information services:

- Early Warning service (continental)
- Agricultural mapping service (national)
- Yield assessment service (national)
- EO based support to FAO/WFP CFSAMs
- + Support to Users: training, capacity blding ...



Early Warning Service

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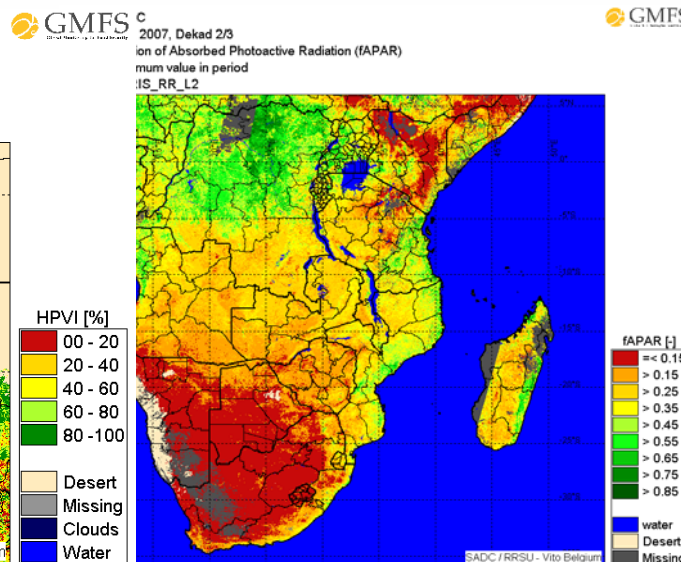
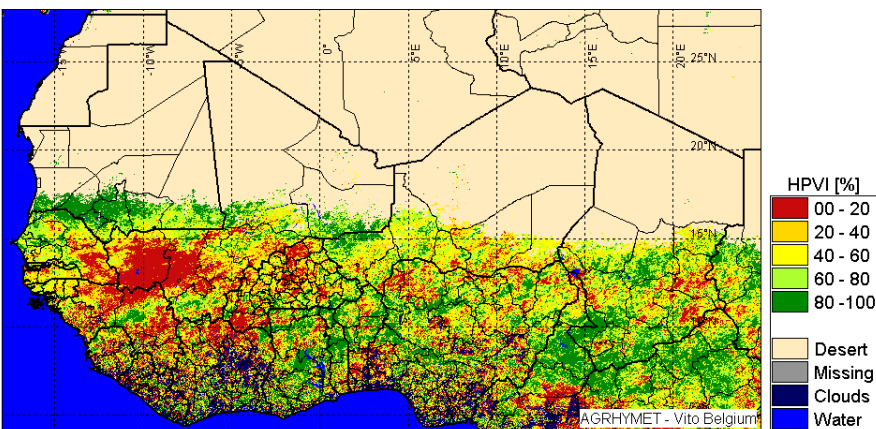
Low resolution 1km, 10-day indicators

- Vegetation Productivity Indicator (SPOT-VGT)
- Dry Matter Productivity (MERIS)
- FAPAR (MERIS)
- MSG based indicators

=> Delivery via FTP and satcom (ESA/DDS & EUMETCast)



Region: CILSS
 Period: June, 2007, Dekad 3/3
 Theme: Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
 Historical Probability VI (HPVI = VPI)
 Source: SPOT-VEGETATION



CROP WATER AVAILABILITY (1)

Relative evapotranspiration (RE) is the ratio of the actual over the potential evapotranspiration.

Relative evapotranspiration (RE) is a measure of crop water availability and crop growth rate. (Doorenbos & Kassam 1979 ; Frère and Popov 1986 *)

Figure 3 shows the relative evapotranspiration during the March-October growing season.

Relative evapotranspiration March-October 2005

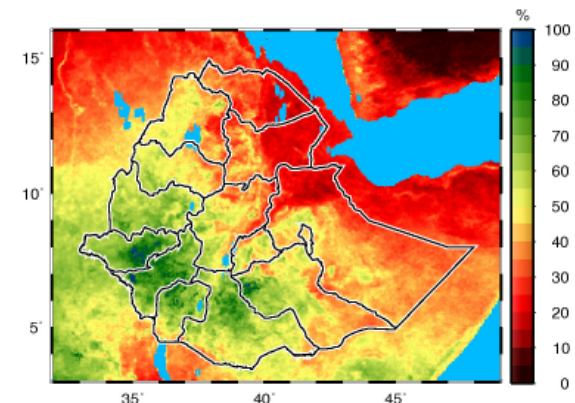


Figure 3: Relative evapotranspiration during the May-November growing season expressed in percent.

Agricultural Mapping

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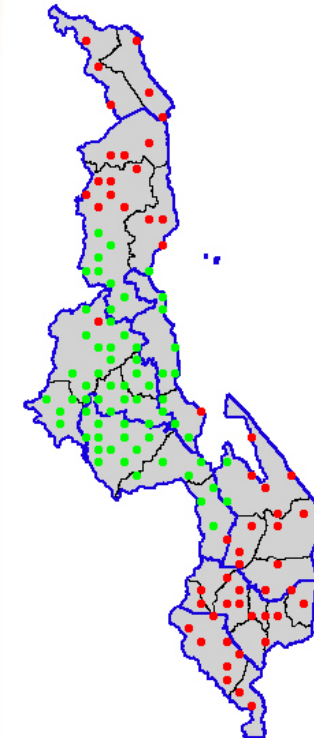
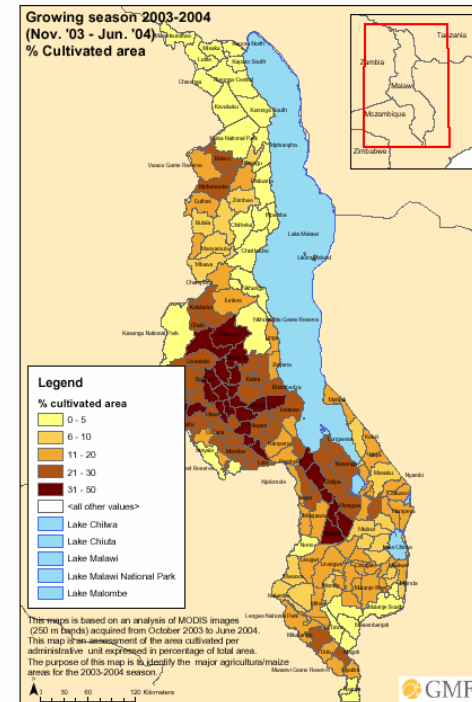
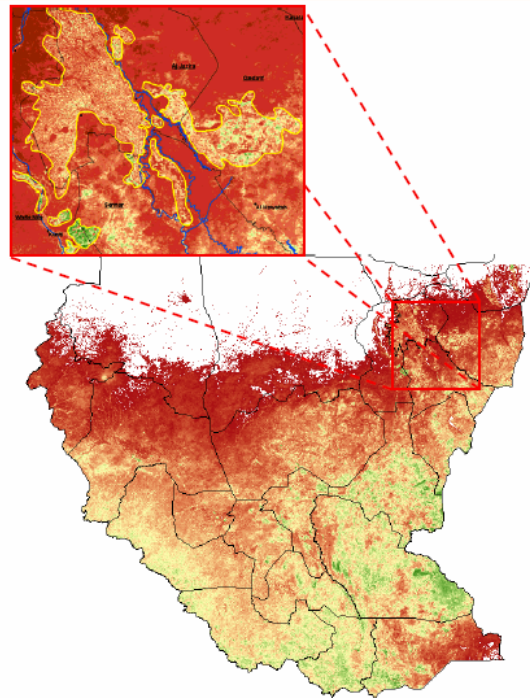
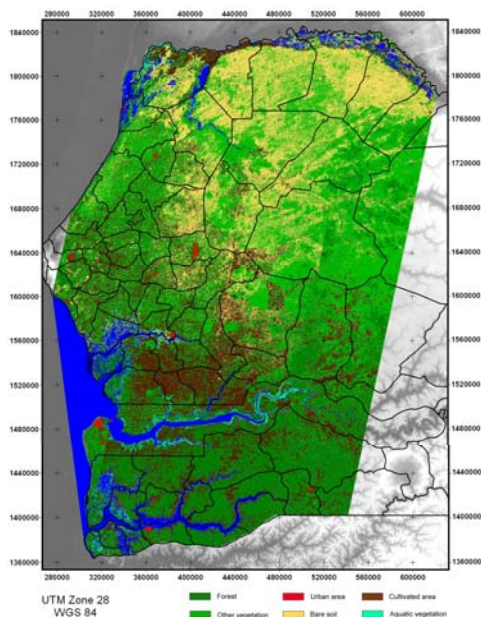
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Seasonal Mapping (20-300m)

- Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Sudan, Senegal
- Extent of Cultivation (MERIS-FR)
- Sub-national non-specific crop area (ASAR, SPOT, Landsat, AWiFS, ...)

Senegal 2006 - Cultivated area and baseline information



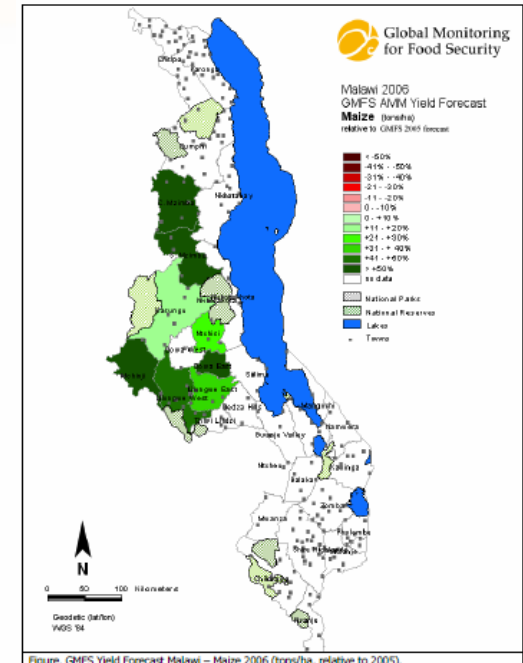
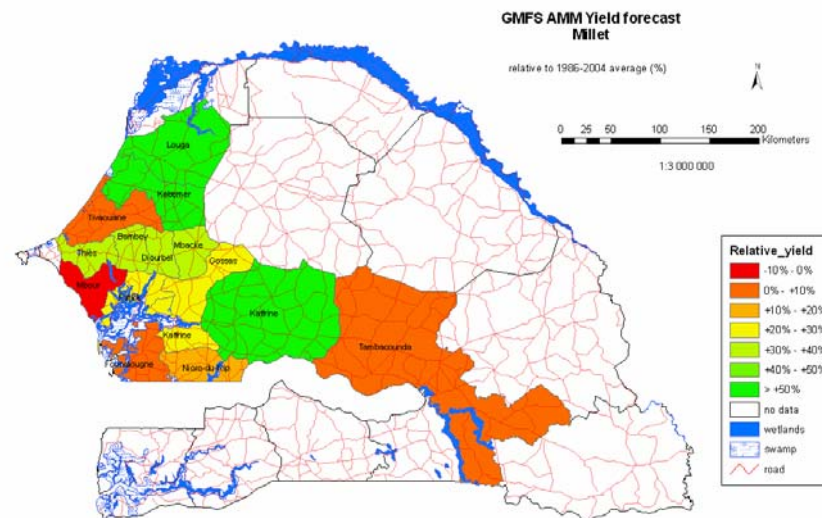
Yield Forecasting

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Crop Yield Forecasting

- Malawi, Senegal
- Integrated with existing local agromet modelling capacity
- Multiple regression based on EO + Meteo driven AgroMetShell, trained on past yields.

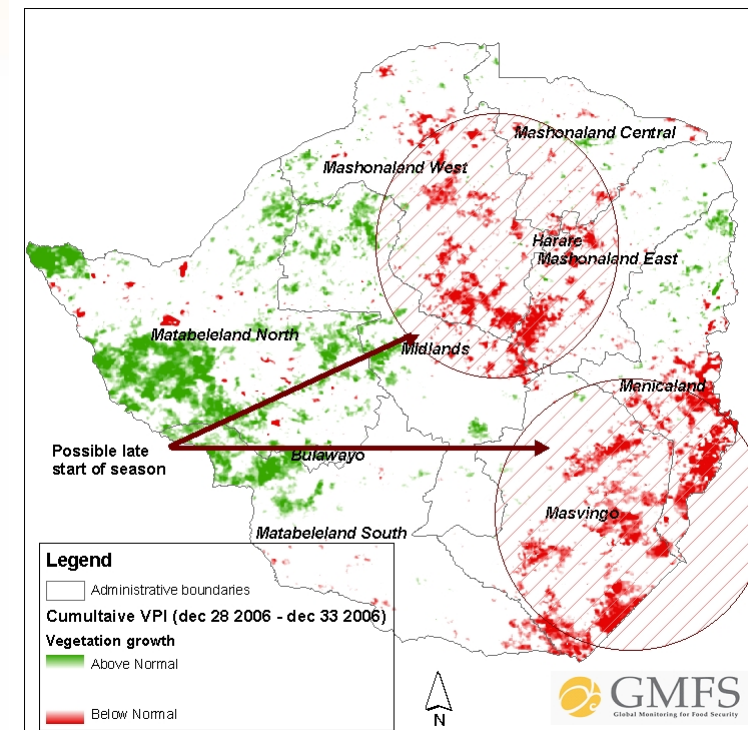
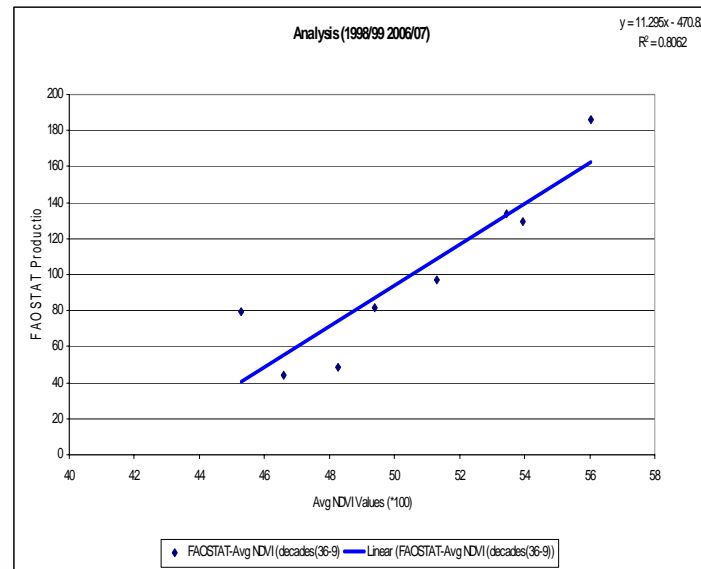


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EO based support to CFSAMs

- Ad-hoc rapid support
- Assist both planning and post-mission assessment
- 24 crop yield forecast bulletins supplied to FAO/WFP since 2006



User Support

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Support, Training and Capacity Building

- GMFS staff located at SADC-RRSU, RCMRD, CSE
- GeoNetwork set up at AGRHYMET, SADC, RCMRD
- ESA/DDS installed at AGRHYMET, RCMRD, CSE
- On-site training in EO and field survey techniques
- Efforts to work directly with African users to integrate EO services into their decision making

