

# Improving coastal flood modelling.

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# Presentation of products delivered for Accra's site

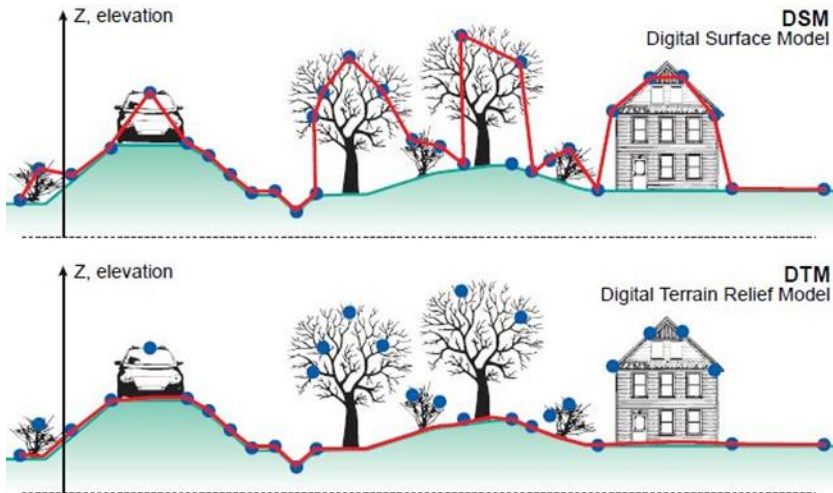
1. Calibrated Digital Terrain Modelling using GEDI/ICESAT-2 missions including heights and density of features
2. Backshore Classification
3. Flow drag coefficient map and channeling element
4. Inundation model maps :
  - a) Improved flood model : bathtub approach based on DTM low point water accumulation
  - b) Inverse watershed model : model based on slope angle and land occupation rugosity

# Specifics of Accra's area :

- Strong Coastal erosion
- Few risk of hurricane (Ghana is located 7.94 degrees north of the equator)
- But monsoon with flood risks



➔ To estimate the risk, an accurate DTM is mandatory



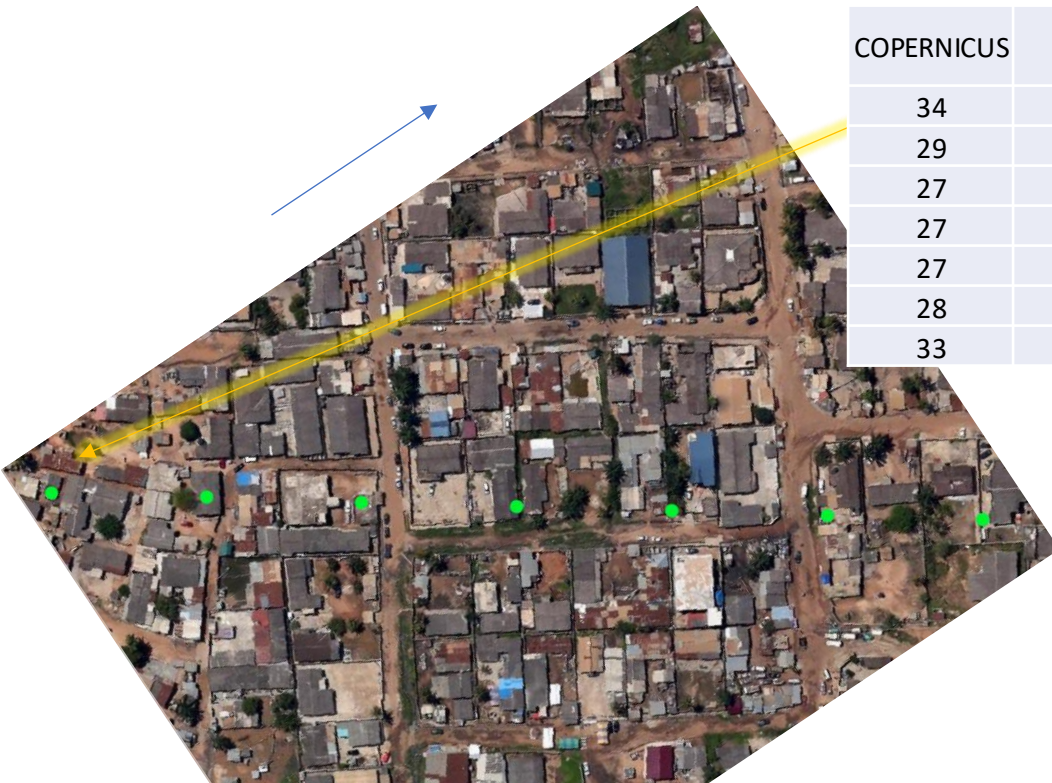


# Product location



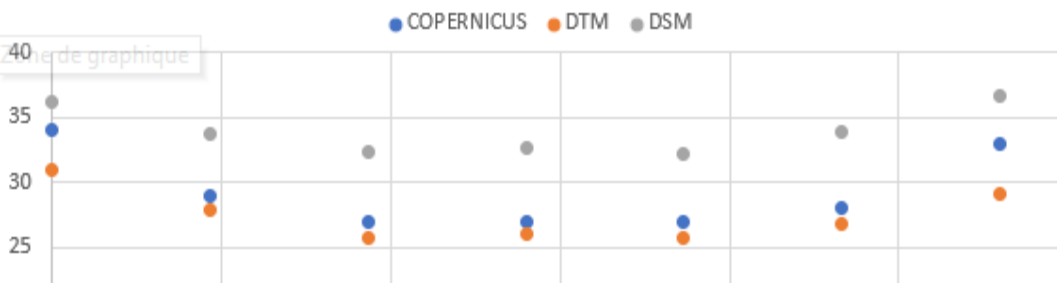
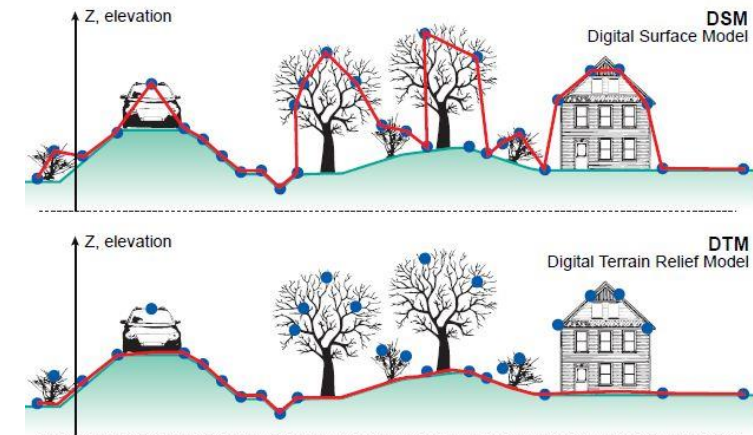


# Why a Copernicus DEM improvement ? Example with Gedi data



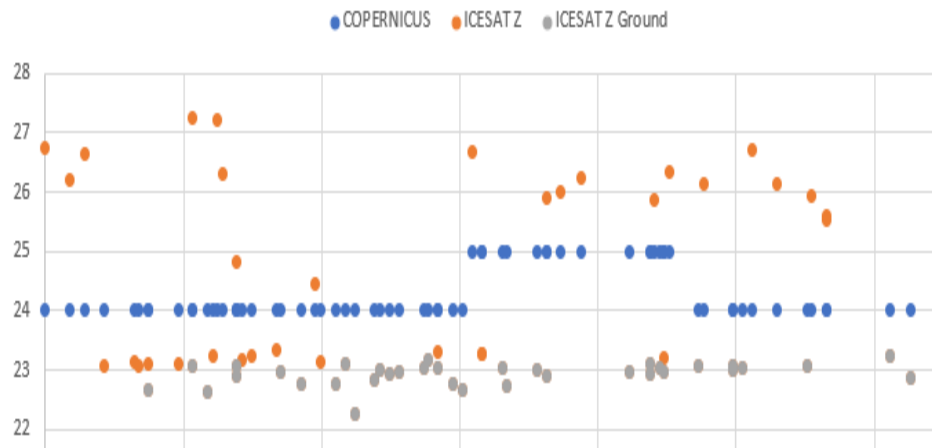
COPERNICUS	DTM	DSM
34	30,9	36,2
29	27,8	33,7
27	25,8	32,3
27	26,0	32,6
27	25,7	32,2
28	26,8	33,9
33	29,2	36,6

Copernicus DEM is a DSM but :  
It appears that Copernicus DEM is not really a true DSM as it provides +/- the average value between the DST and the DTM.



For flood modelling, minimise the gaps is mandatory.

## Why a Copernicus DEM improvement ? Example with Icesat2 data



For flood modelling, we have to derived a DTM for the Copernicus DEM in case of absence of relevant DTM.

The preprocessing of ICESAT2 data consists in the separation of canopy and ground information from the footprint

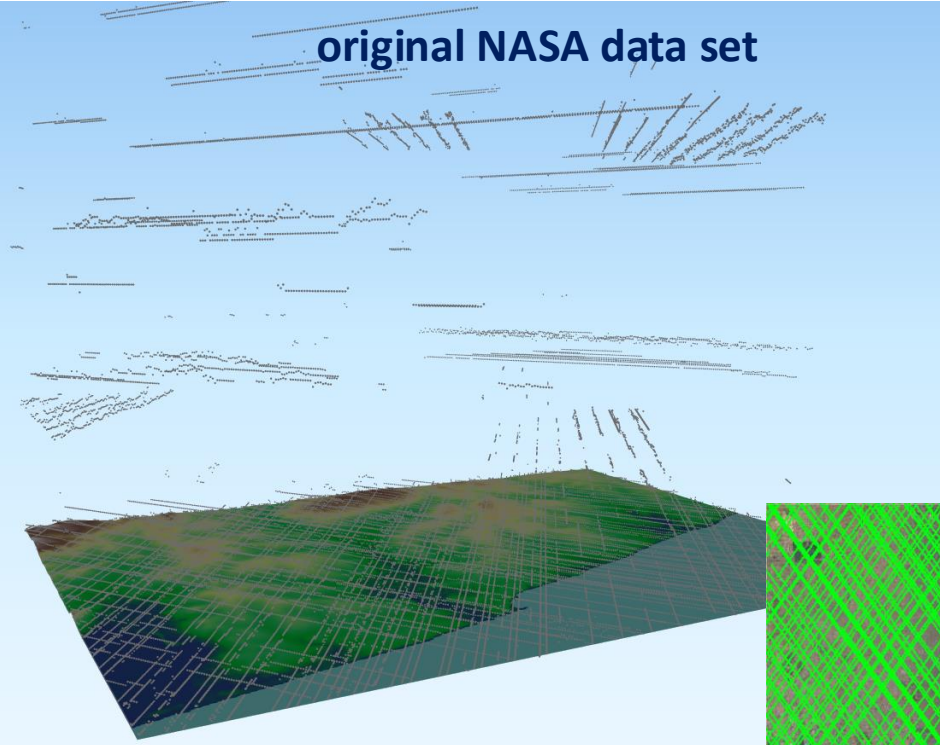


ICESAT2 data confirms that Copernicus DEM is not enough accurate vertically.

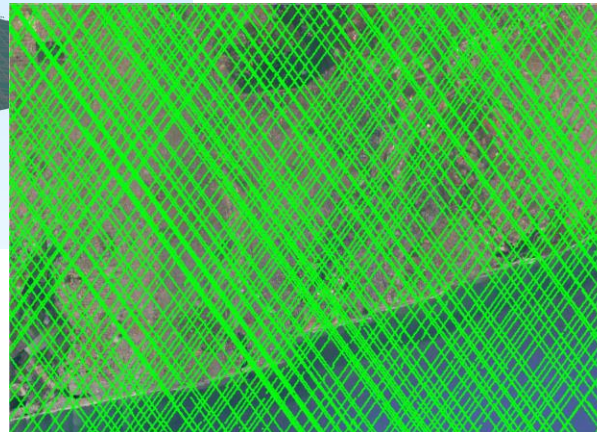
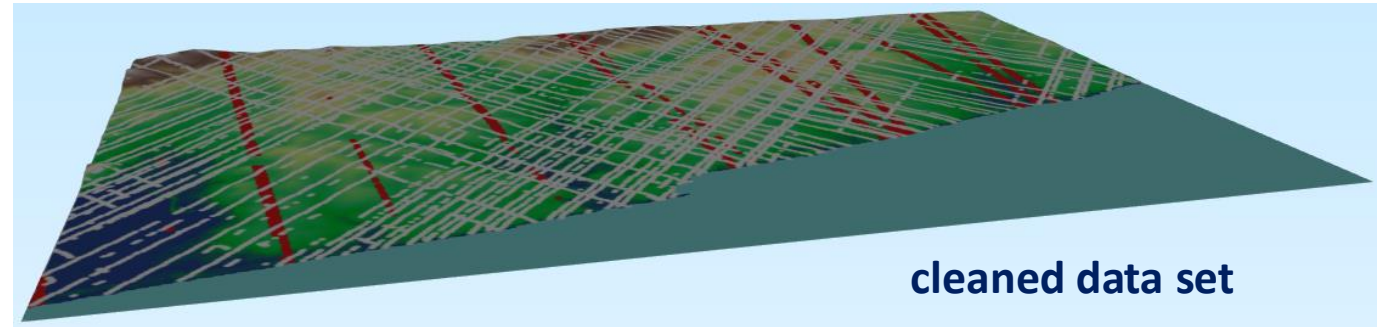


## Improved DTM using GEDI/ICESAT-2 : preprocessing

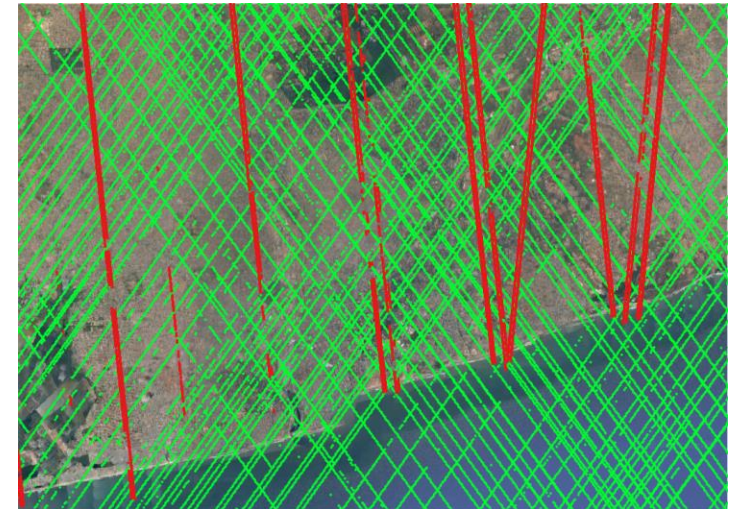
GEDl: getting rid of outliers in the *L2A* products



vertical exaggeration : x2



Used data from GEDI+ICESAT2 missions



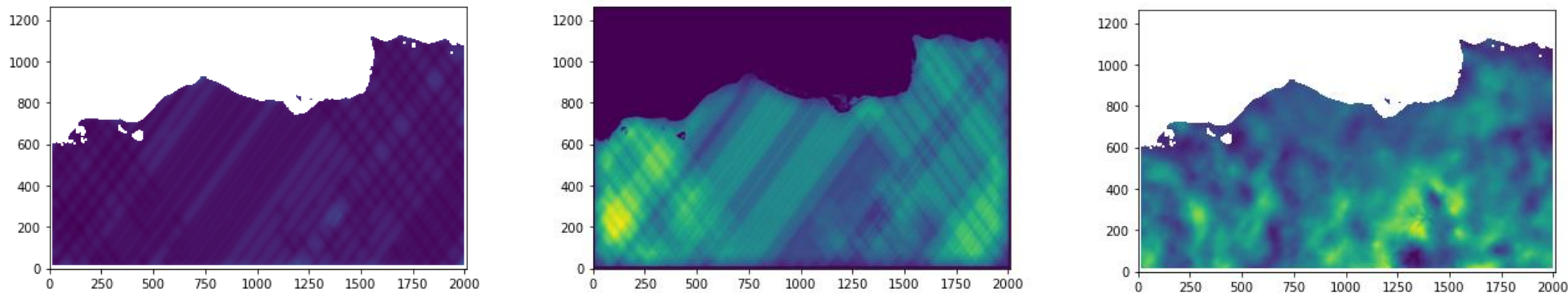
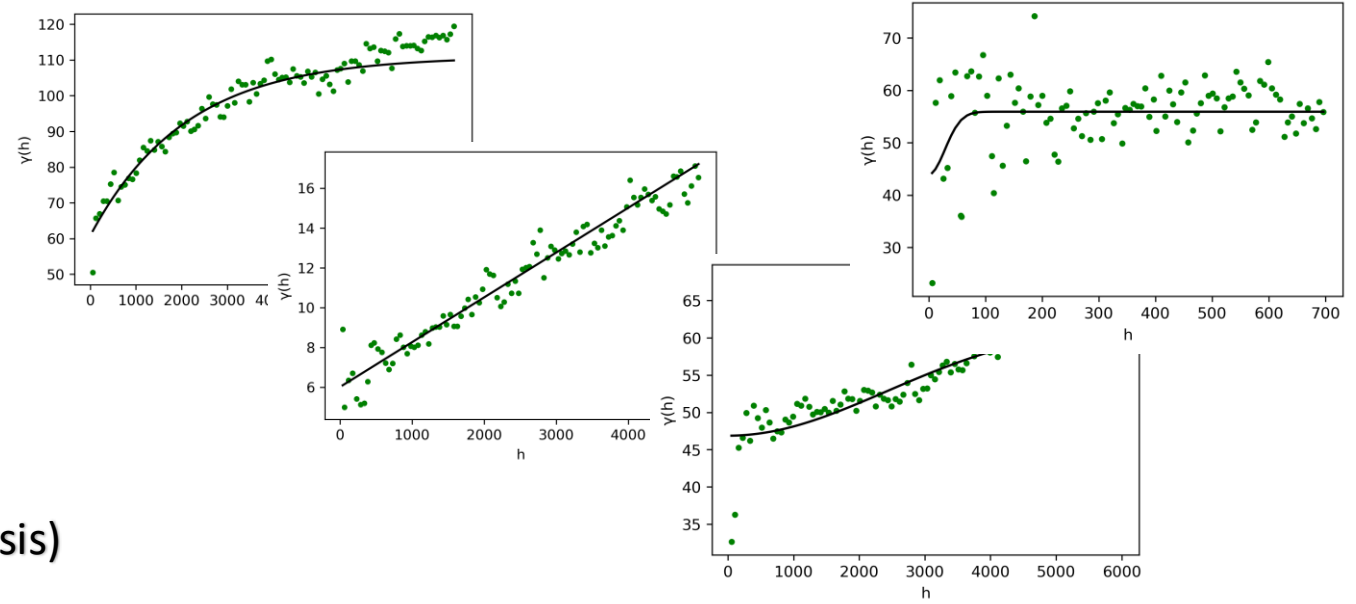
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# Improved DTM using GEDI/ICESAT-2 : preprocessing

## Gridding the GEDI L2A cleaned product / assessing the geo-statistics properties

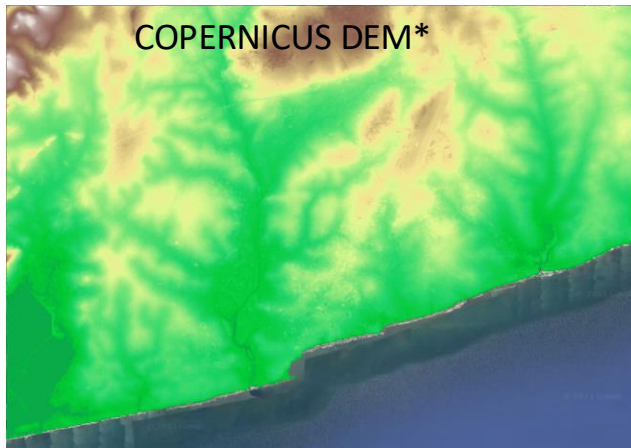
- Design of the variogram model, adapting the input parameters (distance, ...) to match the confidence index; either gaussian, or exponential, spherical, linear, power, hole-effect...
- Size of the area where a fitted variogram model applies

### Example of gridding by kriging (~ objective analysis)

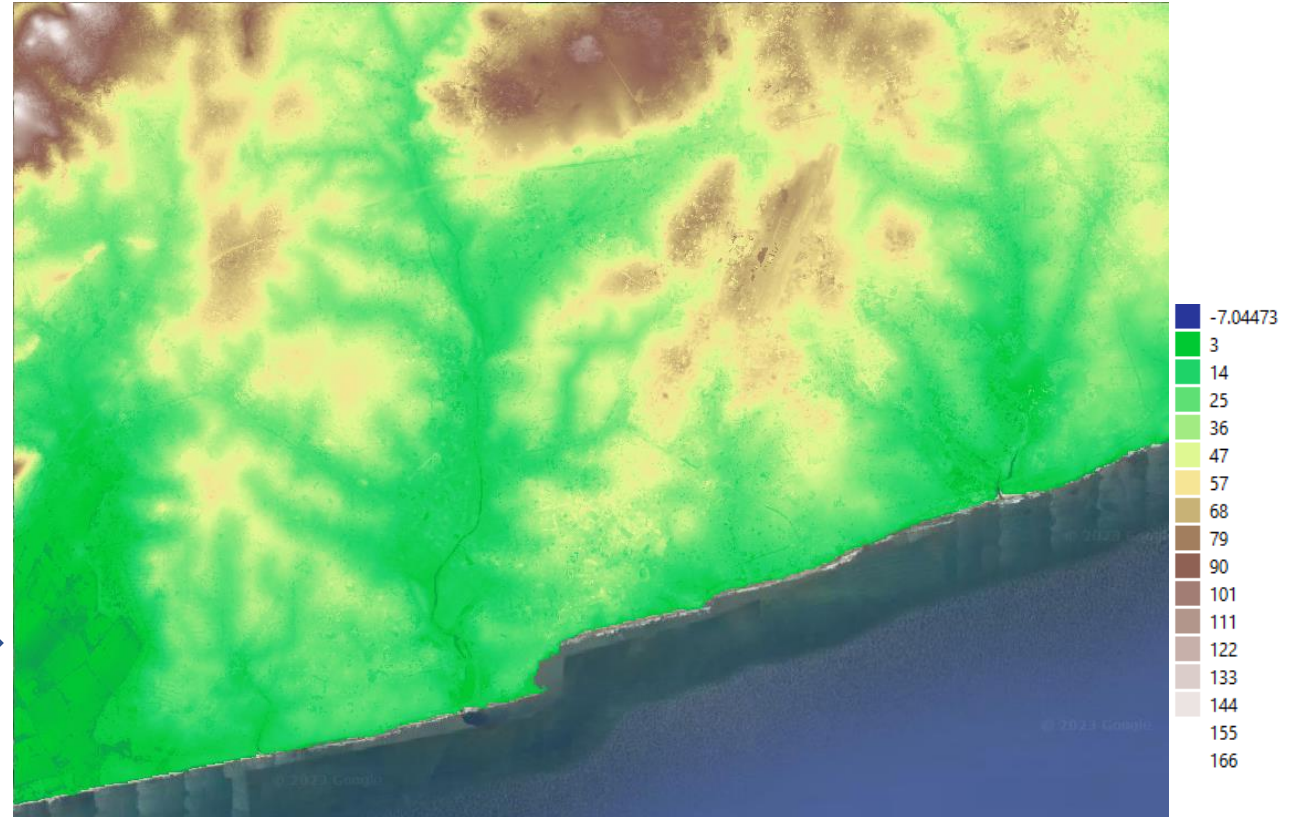
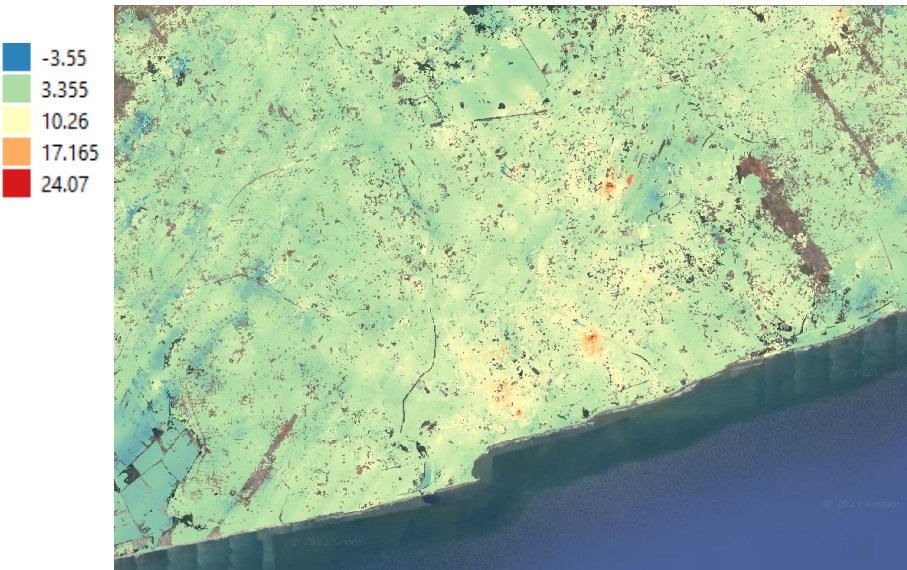




# Improved DSM from Copernicus DEM



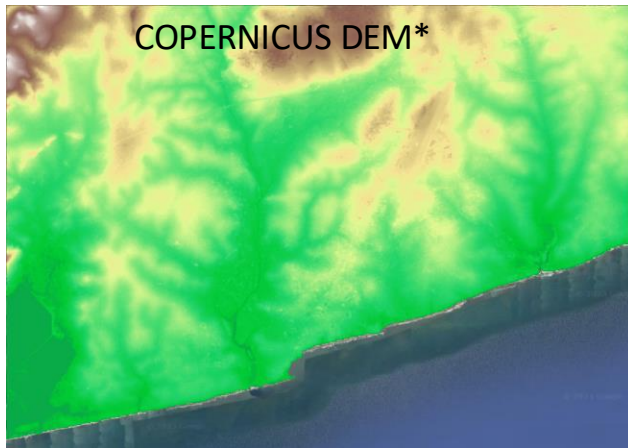
correction to apply to obtain a corrected DSM (in m)



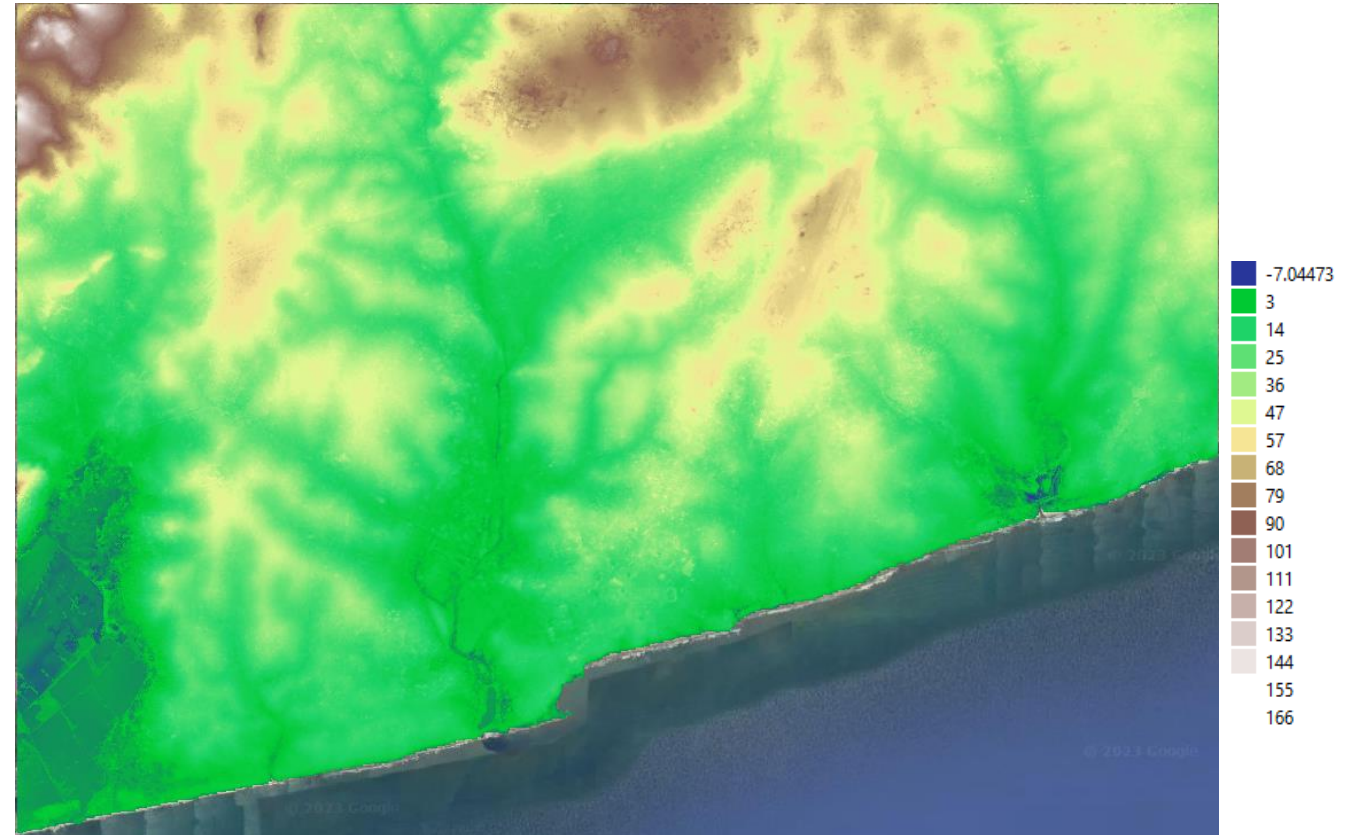
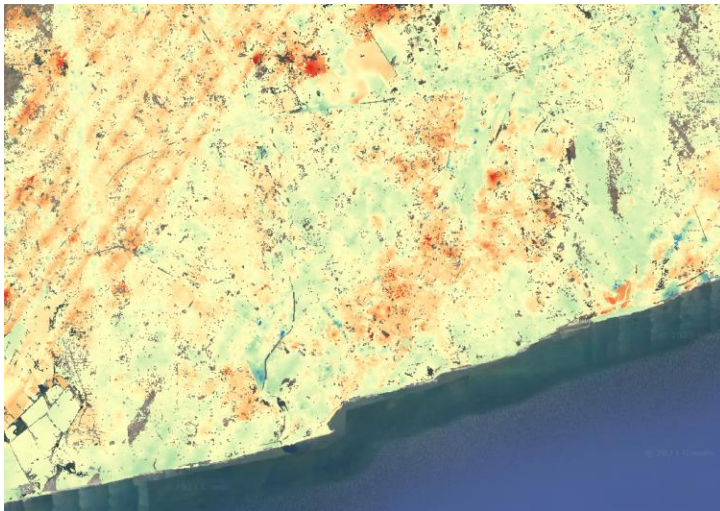
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# DTM generated with GEDI Mean low Return Values, Icesat2/Atlas3 data and Copernicus DEM



correction to apply to obtain a corrected DTM (in m)

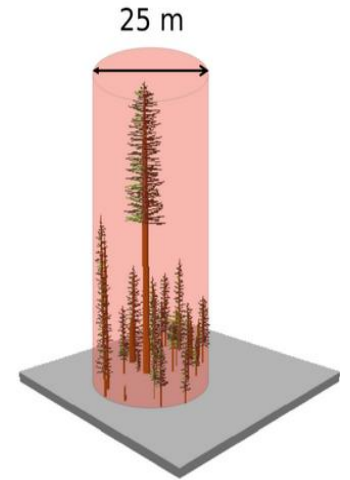
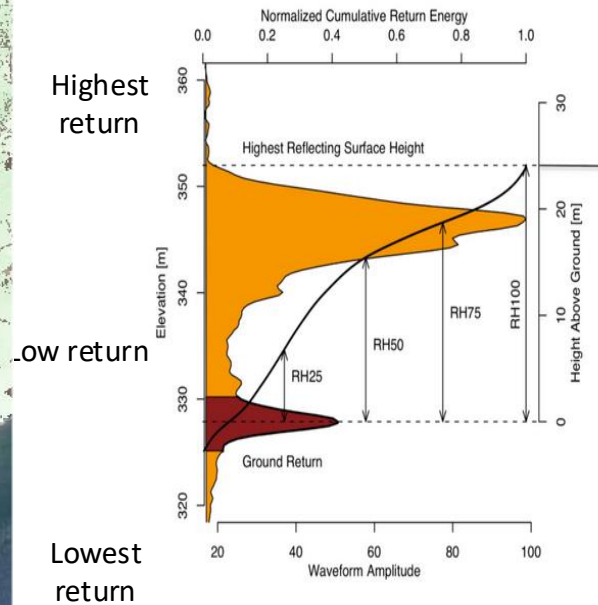
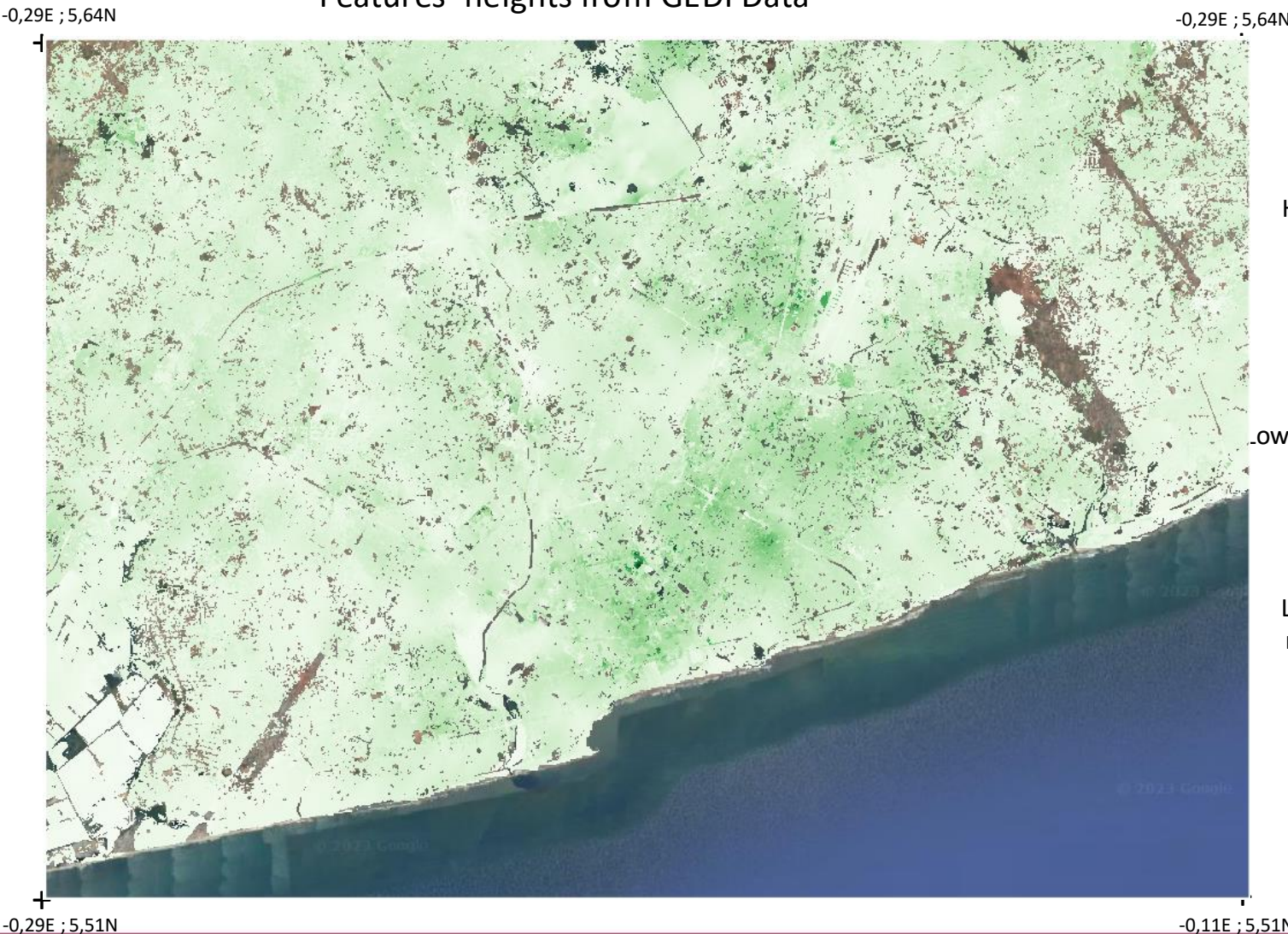


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# Feature height map

Features' heights from GEDI Data\*



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# Limitation of DEM/DTM for flood modelling: Bridge



Z exaggeration : 3

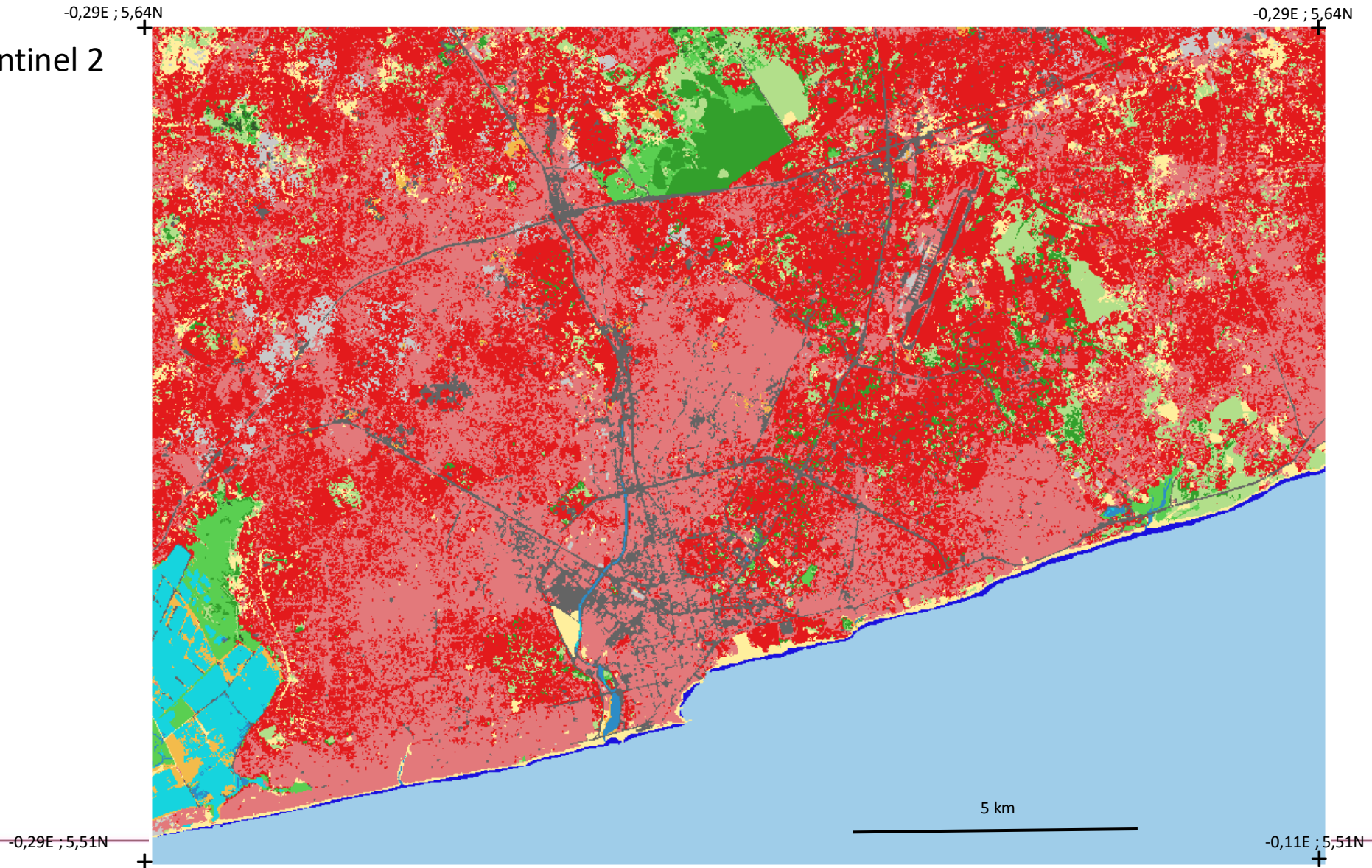
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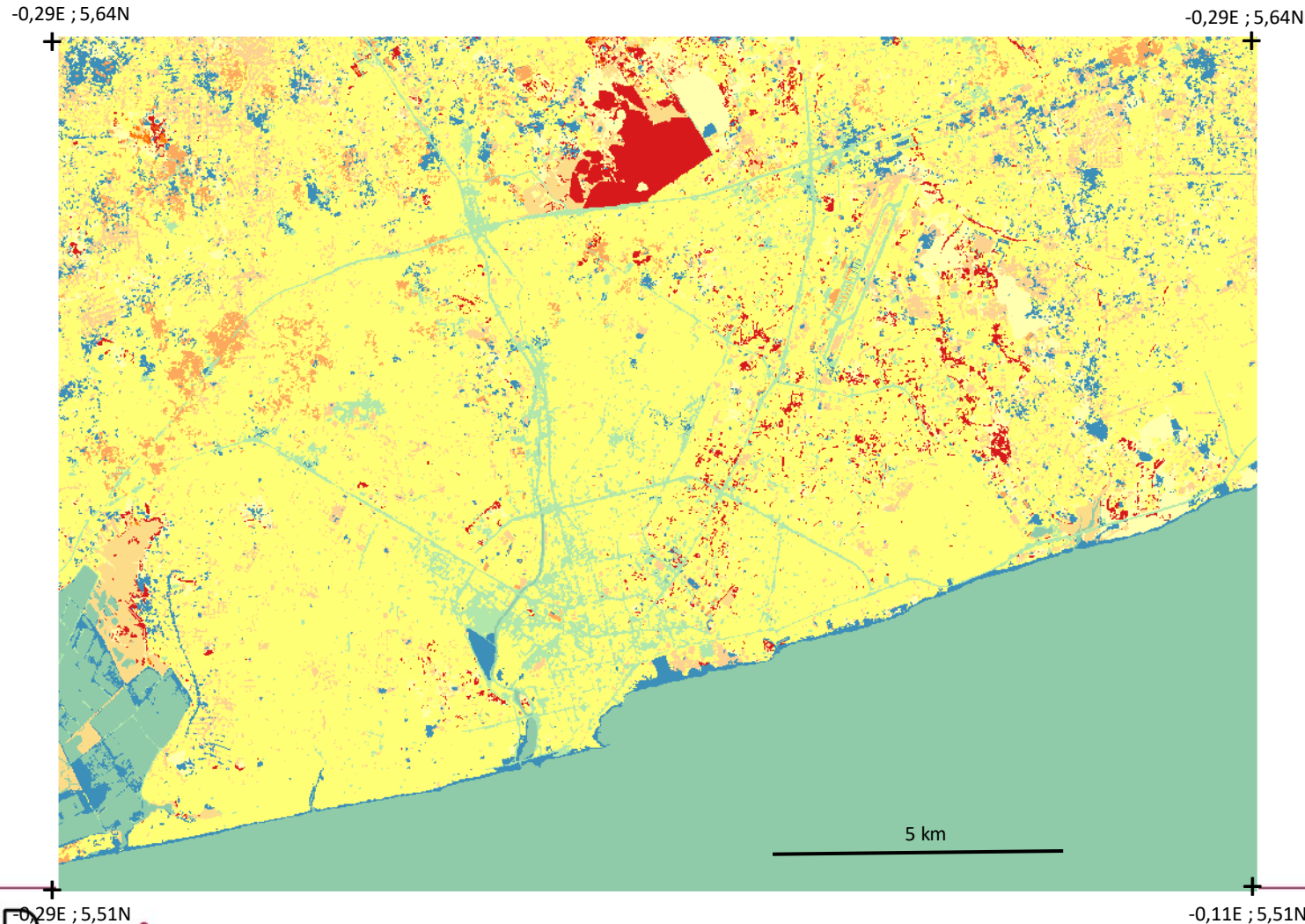
# Backshore Classification

based on 1 year of Sentinel 2  
data (1 tile)



# Flow drag coefficient

based on the backshore classification and adjusted Manning's coefficients

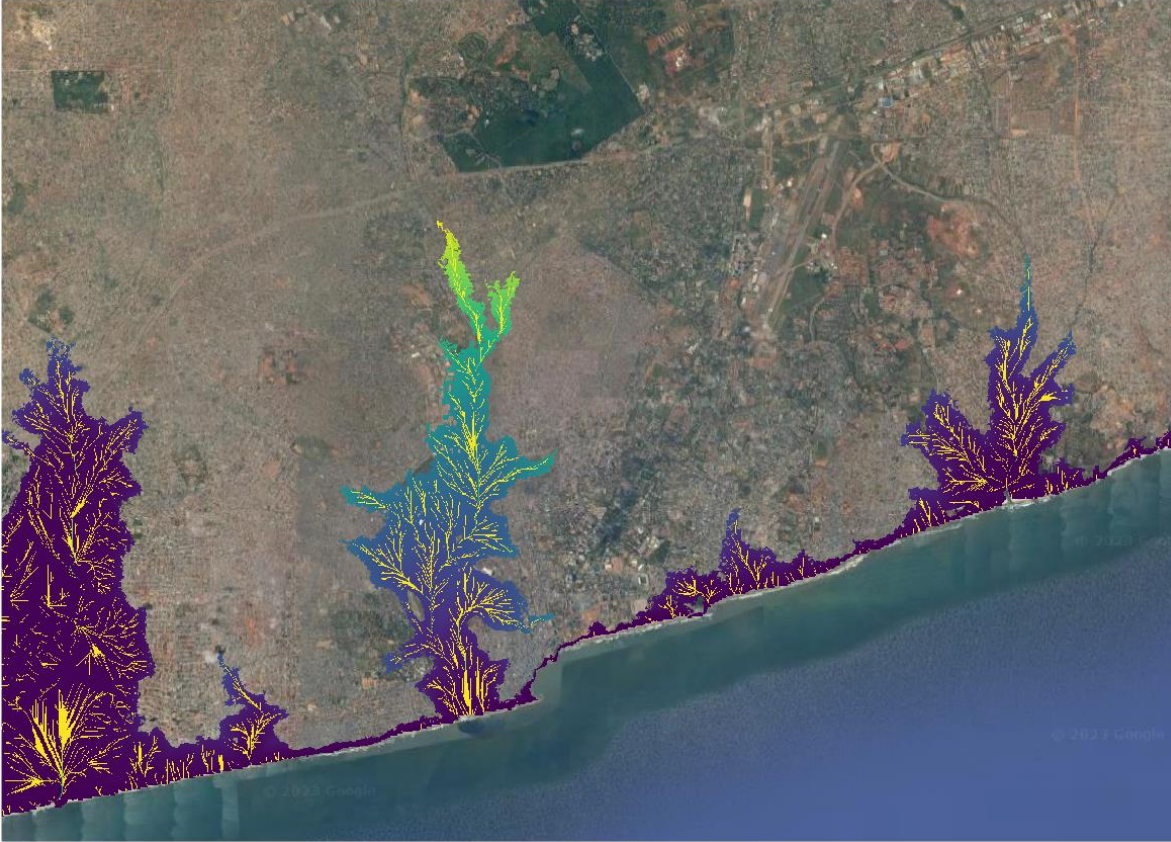


LU/CL	Manning's coefficients Value Range	Description	Selected coefficient
Industrial	0.12-0.20	Developed High intensity. Impervious surface 80% -100%	0.2
Infrastructure	0.08-0.16	Developed Medium intensity. Impervious surface 50% -79%	0.08
Urban	0.12-0.20	Developed High intensity. Impervious surface 80% -100%	0.12
House	0.12-0.20	Developed High intensity. Impervious surface 80% -100%	0.16
Baresoils	0.023-0.03	Barren land (Rock/Sand/Clay). Vegetation <15 %	0.015*
Mudflat	0.023-0.03	Barren land (Rock/Sand/Clay). Vegetation <15 %	0.015*
Grassland	Grassland : 0.025-0.05 Shrub : 0.07-0.16	Grassland = Vegetation >80% In that ROI, assimilated to Shrub	0.1
Tree cover	0.08-0.2	Mixed forest	0.4*
Mangrove	0.08-0.16	Evergreen forest	0.32*
Tidal		N/A	0.001
Reef		N/A	0.001
Water	0.025-0.05	Open water	0.025



# Channeling elements

based on the Calibrated DTM using a cost-raster method and path distance tool



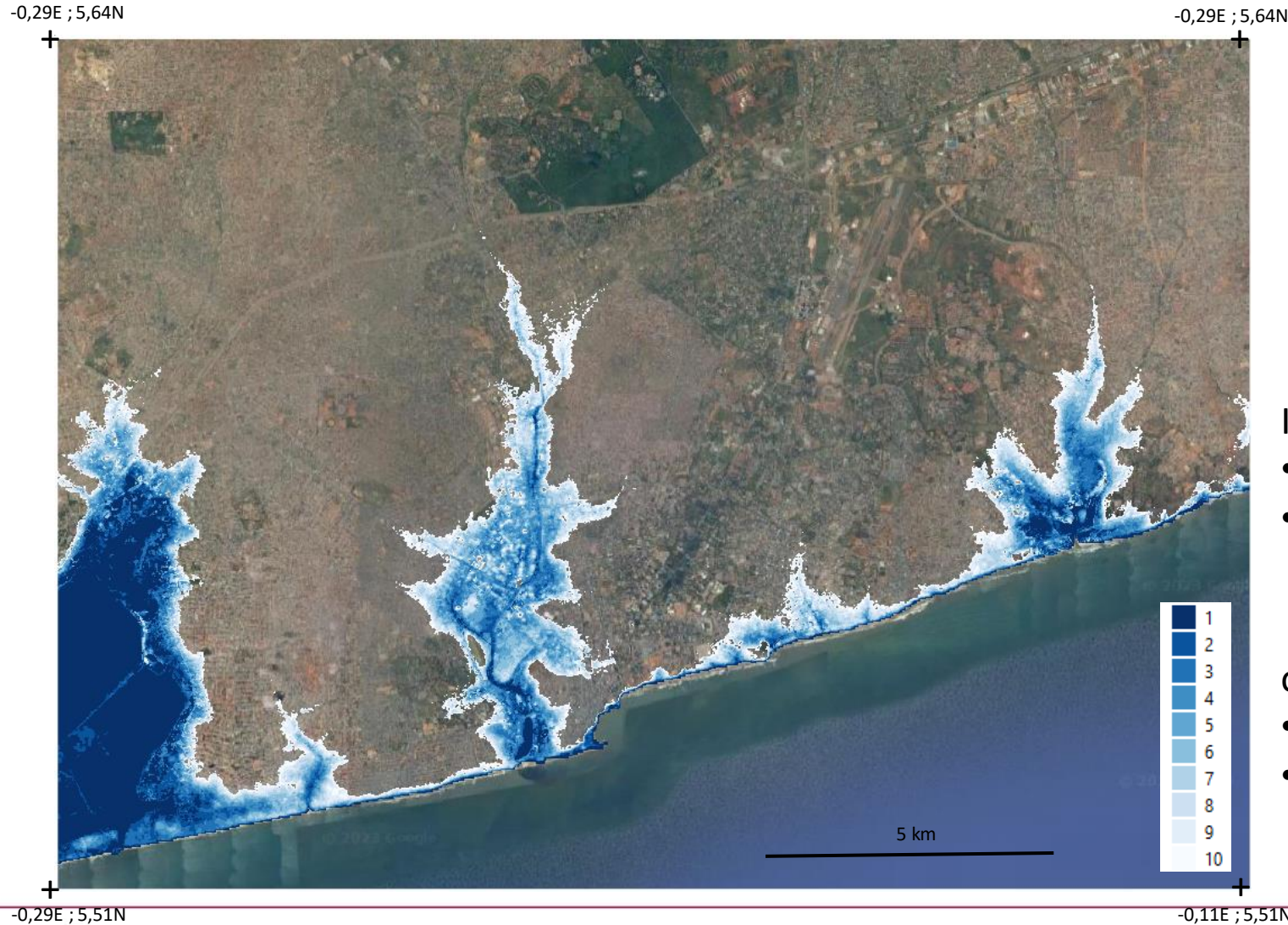
Input parameters:

- Coastline as the water source
- A cost-raster where the cost of
  - perpendicular travel cost = 10
  - diagonal travel cost = 14,1
- A digital elevation model (DTM) to account for the effect of declining/ inclining slopes on flow

*Channeling elements and cumulative cost information*

# Inundation model maps : bathtub approach

Map of water extent, in case of Sea Level Rise, based on the Calibrated DTM



\* Equivalent to ~ a water income of  $1\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  during 1hour

Input parameters:

- A digital elevation model (DTM)
- Sea level rise from 1m to 10m\*

outputs :

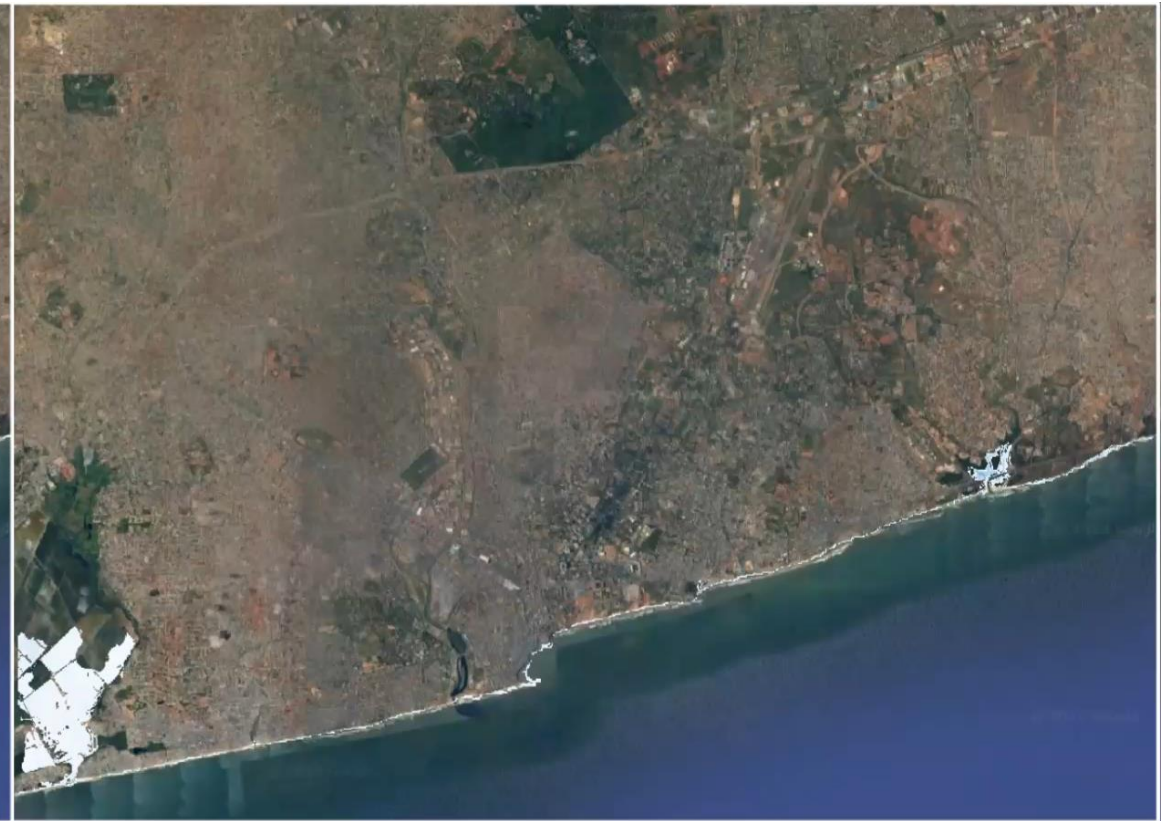
- Map of water extent from 1m to 10 m SLR
- 10 maps of water depth (one for each scenario of SLR)



## Inundation model maps : bathtub approach

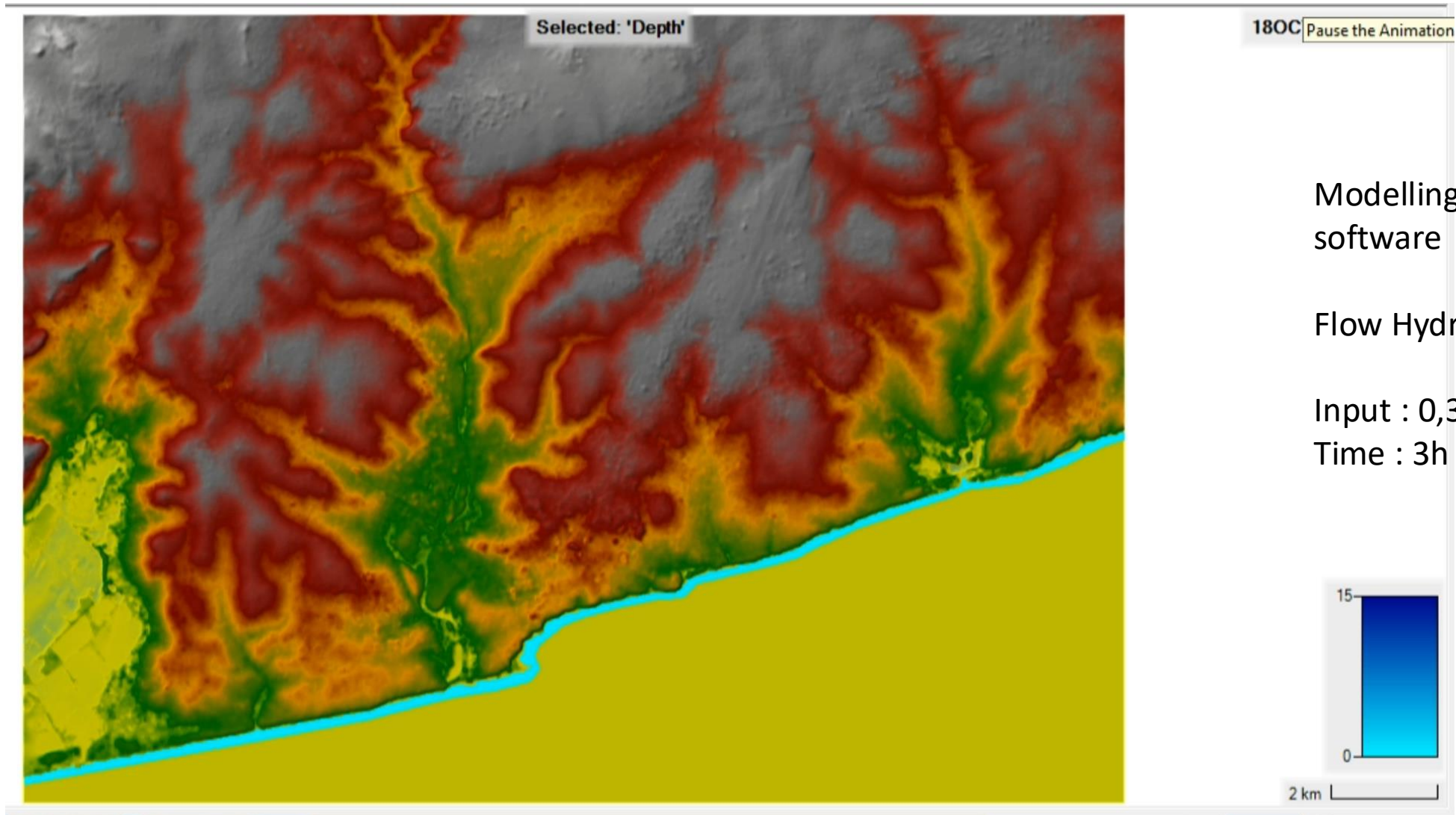


Static bathtub



Quasi-static bathtub processed  
With HEC-RAS

# Inundation model maps : bathtub approach





# Inverse watershed model

-0,29E ; 5,64N



-0,29E ; 5,51N

-0,11E ; 5,51N

Areas with potential risk: estuaries, river's mouths

Input parameters:

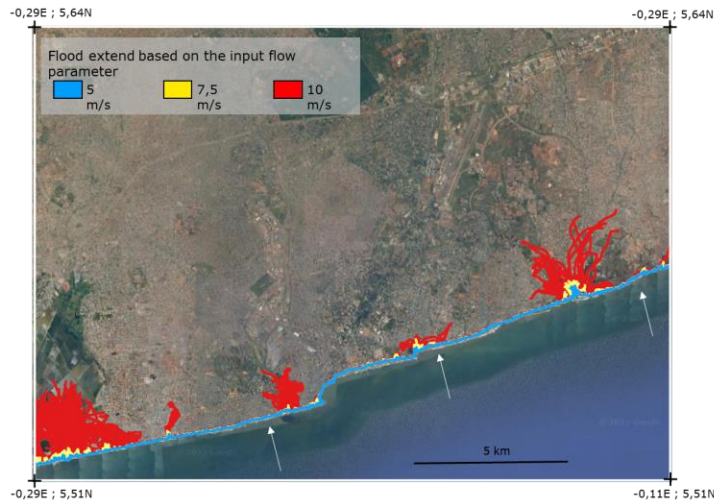
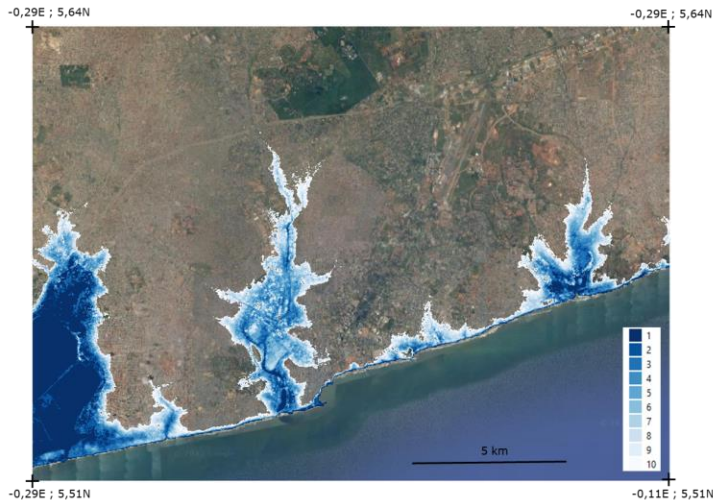
- A digital elevation model (DTM)
- a drag coefficient map
- Flow speed and direction

output : Vector point file in SHP format

Simulations performed for 3 speeds and 4 origins

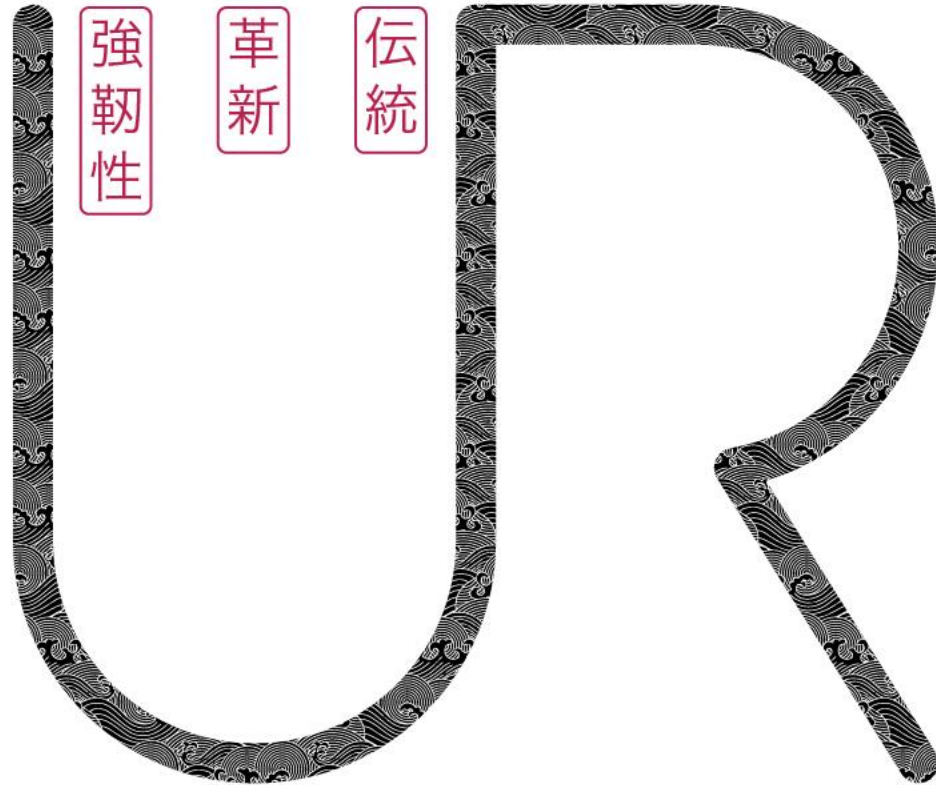


# Bathtub approach vs Inverse watershed model



Bathtub approach	Inverse watershed model
Long term event (3h)	Short term event (10mn)
Static/quasi static modelling	Dynamic modelling
No speed reduction	Speed reduction due to slope angle (gravity) and to ground frictions
GIS or St Venant Equation models	Refraction action
Storm surge & any slow sea level rise	Storm surge waves





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