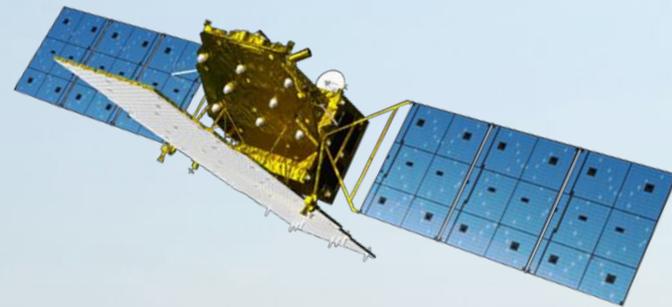


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Change (LCLUC) in South/Southeast Asia Synthesis  
in Hanoi, Vietnam



# Dynamic LULC mapping for agriculture in Suphanburi, Thailand using ALOS-2/PALSAR-2

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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

**Operates Earth observation satellites**

**&**



Hydro - Informatics Institute

**Pursues efficient water utilization and management with information technology**

**▶ Synthesize strengths and knowledge of both to make a good product for Thai water resource management.**

Land-use Land-cover (LULC) map is

A color-coded image of the **land appearance** using **satellite data**.

## Land use • Land cover

How human use the land



field  
paddy  
orchard  
etc.

Physical surface covering  
the land



bareland  
grassland  
water  
etc.

If we focus on **Land cover (LC)** category on cropland...

## Cropland



**Dry + No Crop**

► **Bare land**



**Dry + Crop**

► **Grassland**



**Flooded + No Crop**

► **Water body**

**Dynamic changes happen on croplands.**

Water demand and methane emissions change accordingly.

Purpose of this reserach

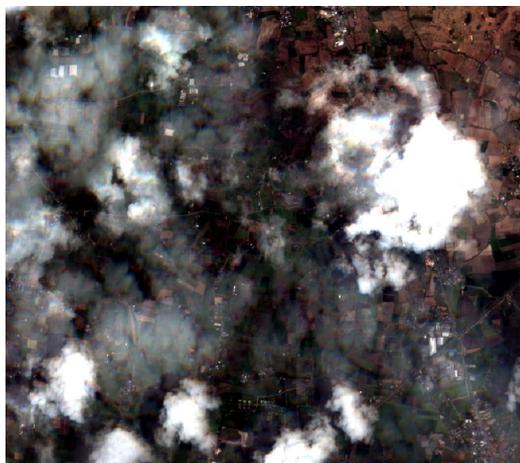
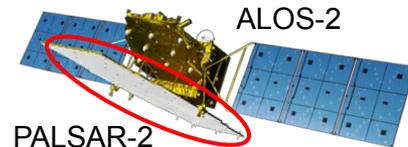
Dynamic LULC mapping

**Capture a moment on agricultural lands  
in LULC map**

But, it is hard to get a cloud-free image during rainy season  
in the tropic....

Satellite data for dynamic classification

# ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 full polarimetric



Sentinel-2 (2023/09/02)



PALSAR-2 (2023/08/05)  
HH: Red, HV: Green, VV: Blue

## Feature values

1. HH (amplitude)
2. HV (amplitude)
3. VH (amplitude)
4. VV (amplitude)
5. Double bounce component (Yamaguchi decomposition)
6. Volume scattering component (Yamaguchi decomposition)
7. Surface scattering component (Yamaguchi decomposition)
8. Helix scattering component (Yamaguchi decomposition)
9. Even (Pauli decomposition)
10. Cross (Pauli decomposition)
11. Odd (Pauli decomposition)
12. Entropy (Entropy-Alpha decomposition)
13. Alpha (Entropy-Alpha decomposition)
14. Anisotropy (Entropy-Alpha decomposition)
15. Texture image

Observed **every 2 weeks** since 2022/05/28 (several days not observed)

High Resolution Mode (HBQ). Spatial resolution is **6 m.**

HBQ: High Beam Quad pol.

Method①

## Field survey

Conducted field survey during my study abroad  
in Thailand

Took photos of Land-cover and collected  
locational information

### Dates

- 2022/08/16-18
- 2022/10/27-28
- 2023/01/26
- 2023/03/24
- 2023/05/16
- 2023/08/03

total: 6 times

2022/10/27



2023/01/26



2023/03/24



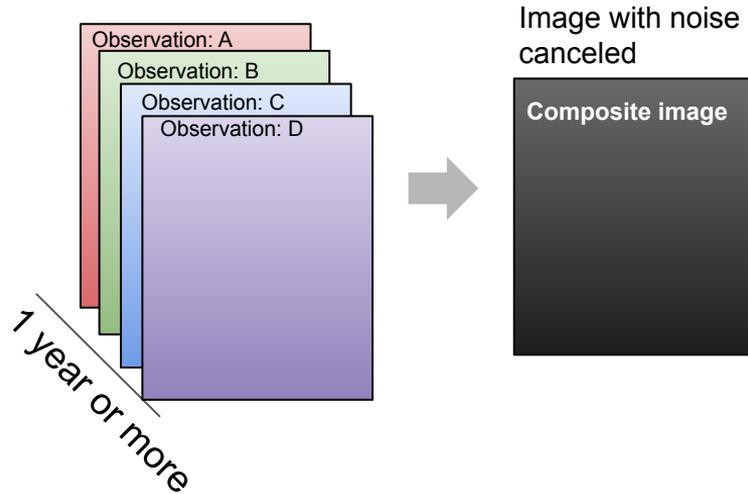
Land-cover change on sugarcane field (harvest)

Method②

# Spatial averaging for satellites data $\bar{\sigma}_0 = 10^{-8.3} \overline{DN^2}$

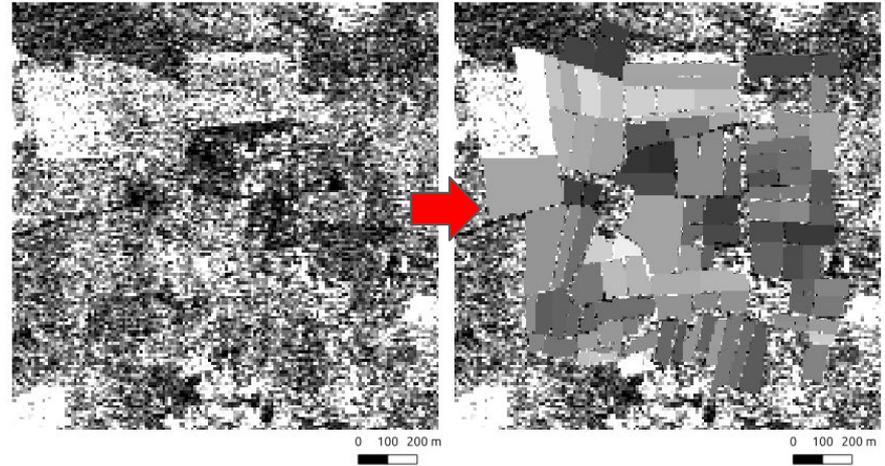
But I took the average of DN for entropy-alpha decomposition and texture image

Normal method (for static LULC)



**My method:**

**Average values for each polygon (cropland) on 1 image**



In dynamic LULC mapping, it is impossible to combine many satellite images because time period of observation is limited.

So, I tried to reduce noise **by spatial average for each field.**

Method②

## Spatial averaging for satellites data

### Auto-made polygons

Segmentation algorithm (eCognition)  
over PlanetScope image



Not only  
croplands



### Handmade polygons (for comparison)

Took more than 50 hours to make



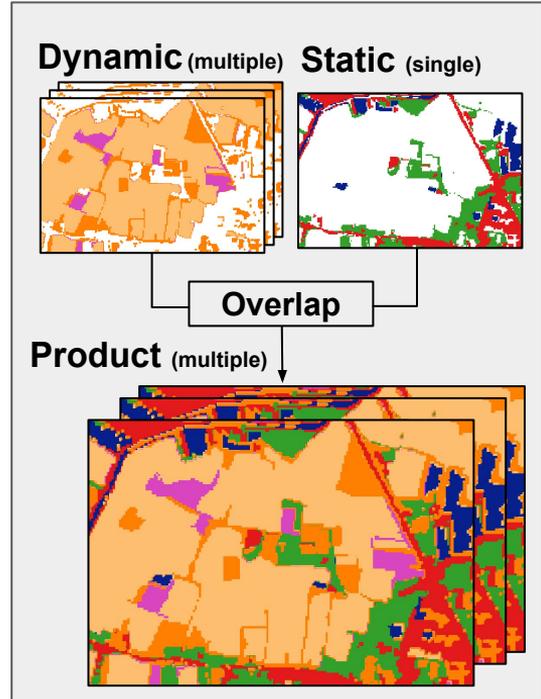
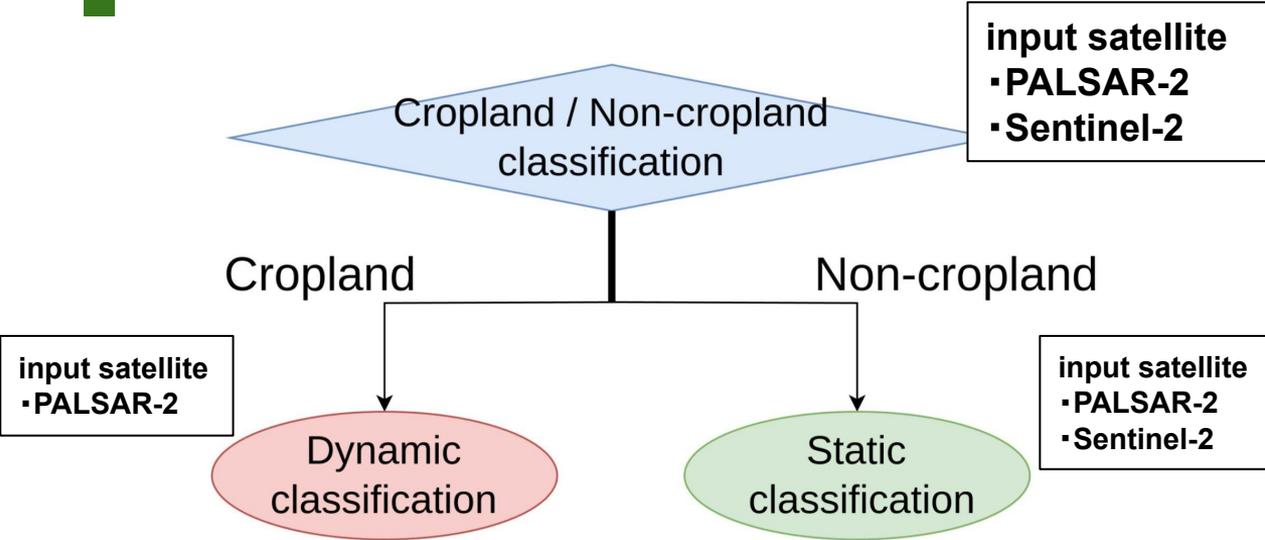
Only croplands



Method③

# Classification

Supervised method, Random Forest was used



## Dynamic categories

- Flooded with crop
- Dried with crop
- Dried without crop

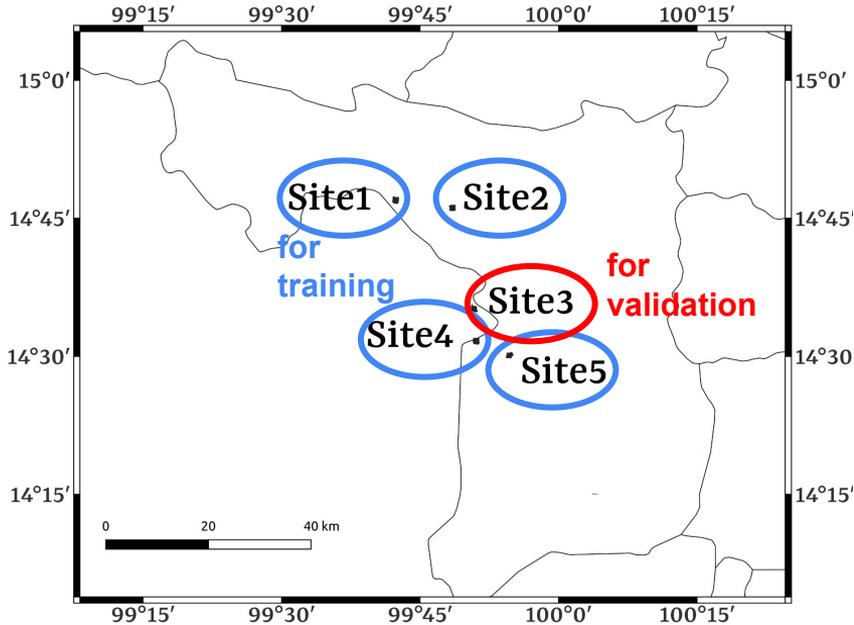
## Static categories

- Permanent water
- Built-up
- Grassland
- Forest
- Bare land

Method③ Classification

# “Dynamic classification”

Sites for field survey



Used Site 3 for validation of the Dynamic classifier trained in Site 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**Only PALSAR-2 data is used for input to Dynamic classification.**

# “Dynamic classification”

## Training data

6 field surveys

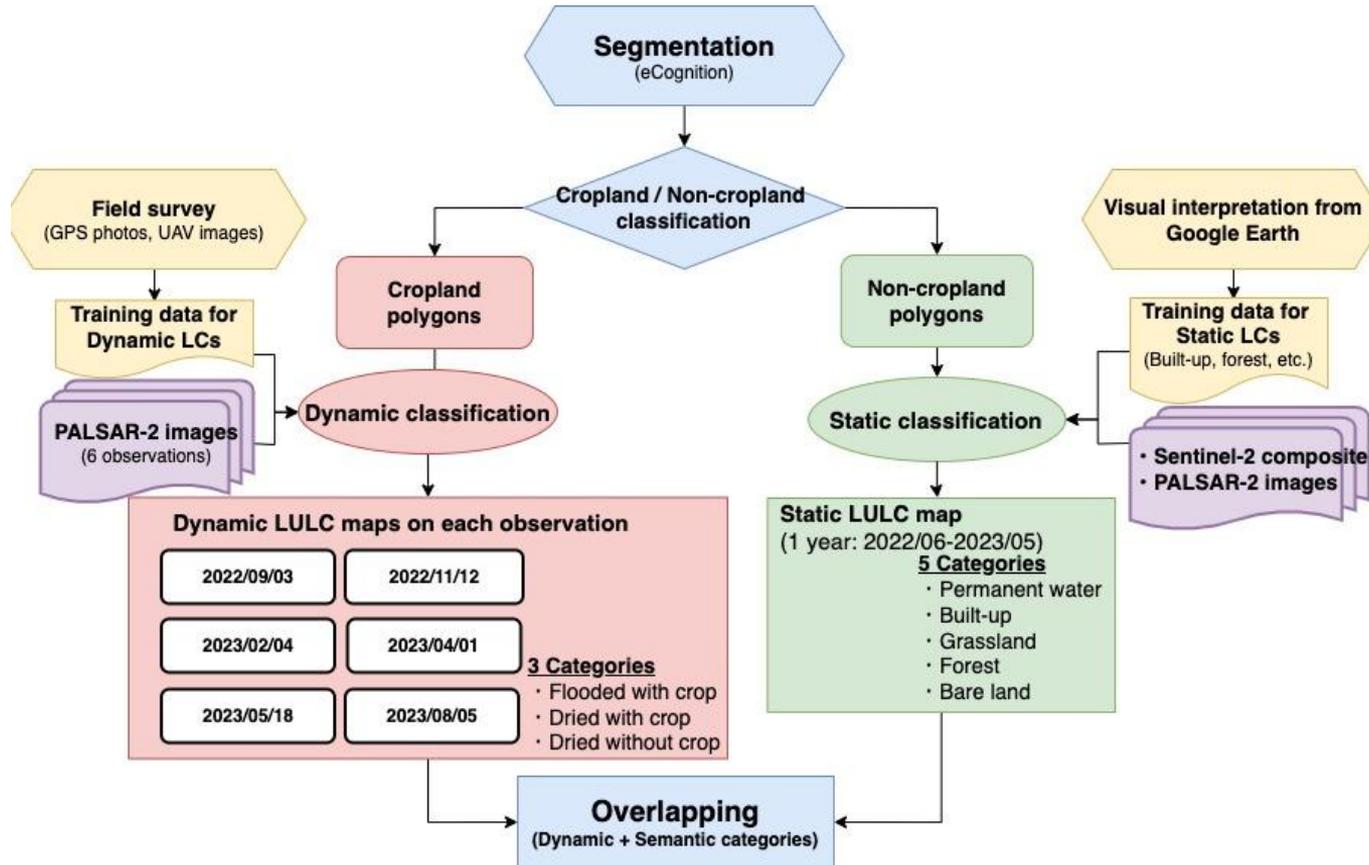
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	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	Dw/C	Dw/oC	Fw/C	
Site1	29	3	3	31	1	3	9	24	2	21	12	2	28	7	0	27	6	2	210
Site2	12	2	21	10	2	23	3	33	0	10	24	0	12	22	0	13	3	19	209
Site4	15	0	0	12	8	0	15	5	0	3	17	0	8	12	0	16	4	0	115
Site5	1	0	13	1	0	20	0	5	16	0	16	3	1	15	0	1	0	20	112
Total	57	5	37	54	11	46	27	67	18	34	69	5	49	56	0	57	13	41	646
	99			111			112			108			105			111			



Train the Dynamic classifier (RF)

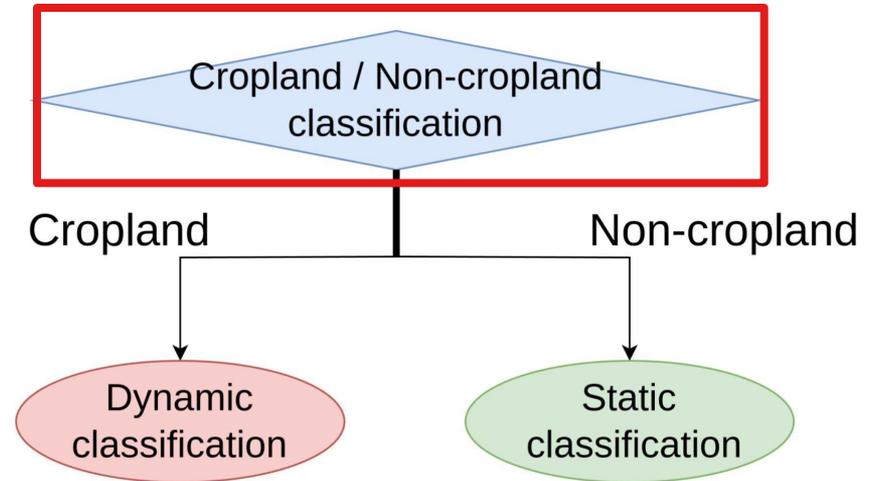
- Dynamic categories**
- Dried with crop (D w/ C)→278 points
  - Dried without crop (D w/o C)→221 points
  - Flooded with crop (F w/ C)→147 points

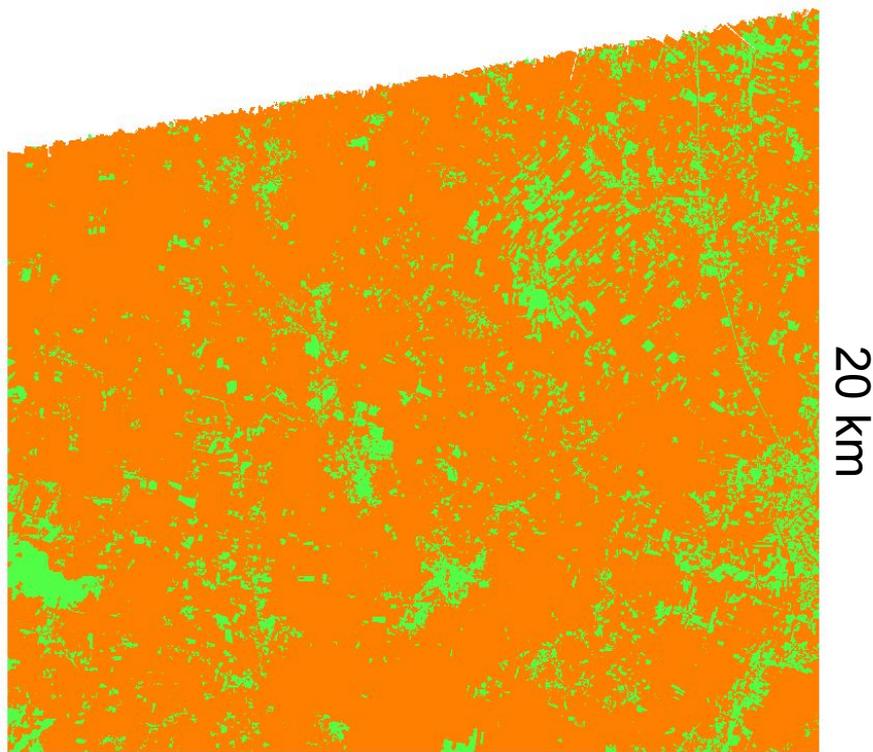
# Workflow of classification (Dynamic + Static)



# Result①

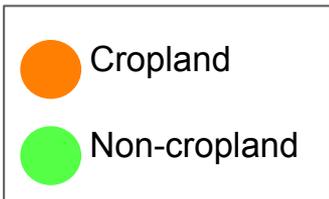
## Cropland / Non-cropland classification



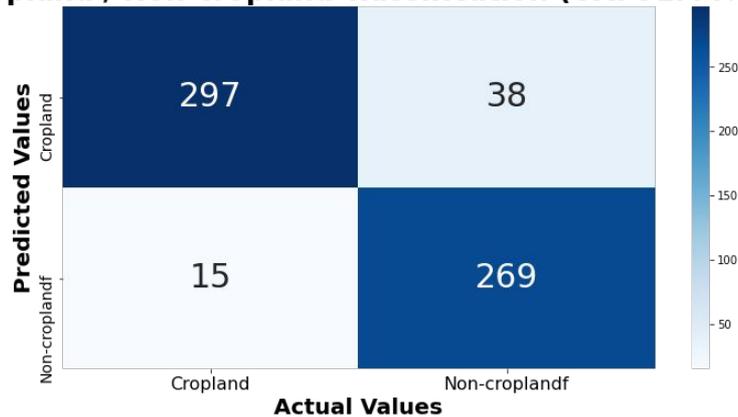


20 km

20 km

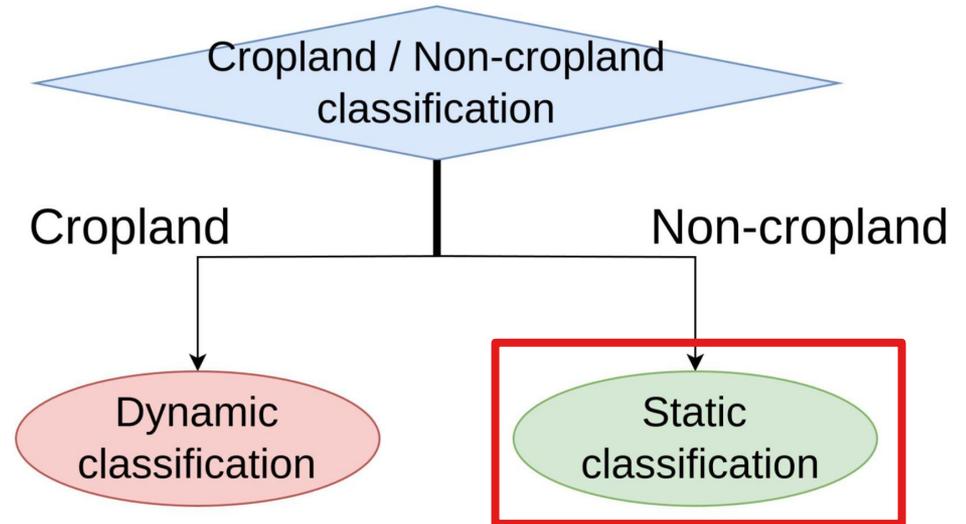


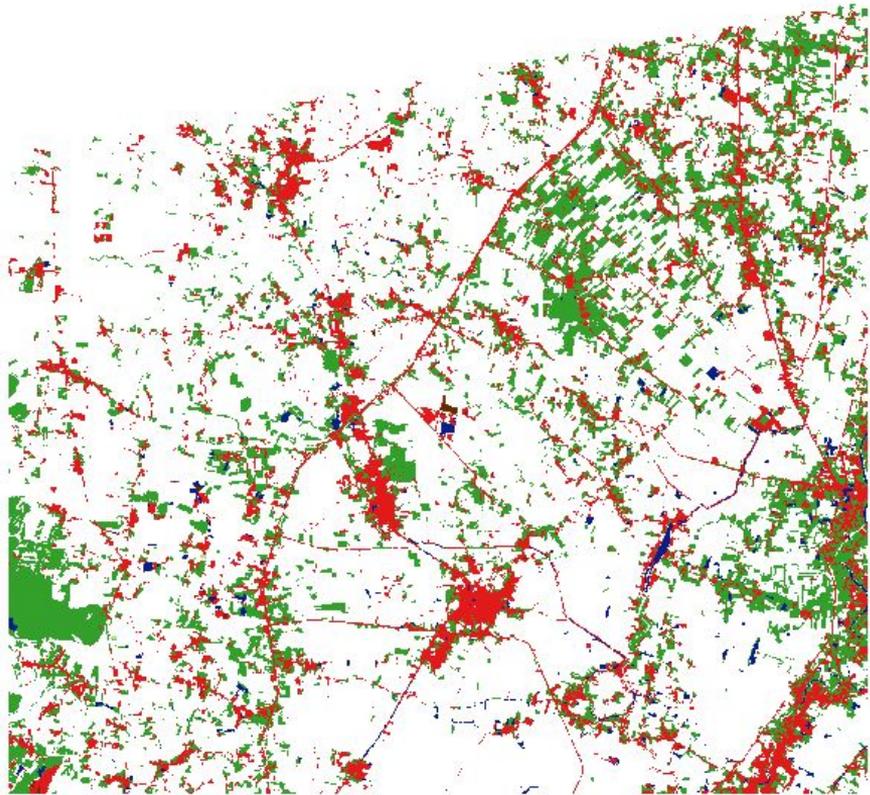
**Cropland / Non-cropland classification (OA: 91.44%)**



# Result②

## Static classification





20 km

20 km

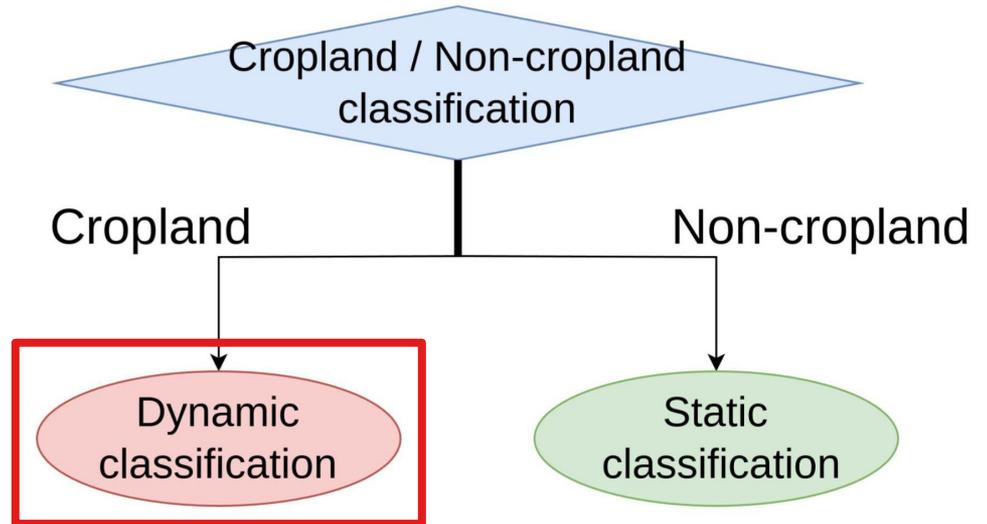
**Static classification (OA: 89.96%)**

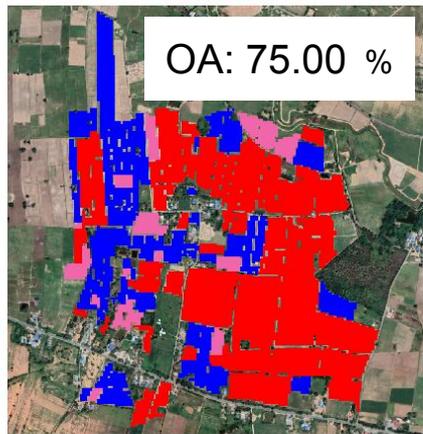
Predicted Values	Actual Values				
	Permanent water	Built-up	Grassland	Forest	Bare land
Permanent water	12	0	0	2	0
Built-up	4	109	0	6	6
Grassland	0	0	1	0	0
Forest	3	5	1	117	0
Bare land	0	0	0	0	3

- Forest
- Built-up
- Permanent water
- Grassland
- Bare land

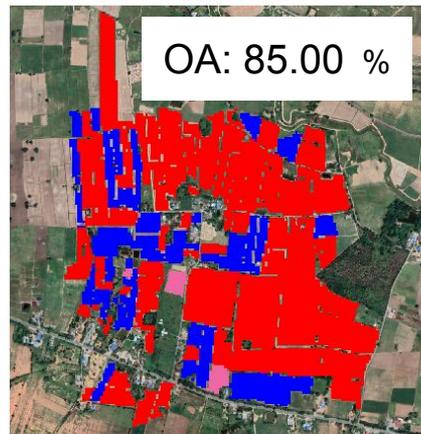
# Result③

## Dynamic classification in Site3

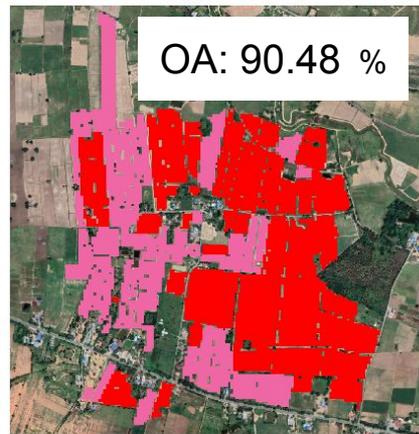




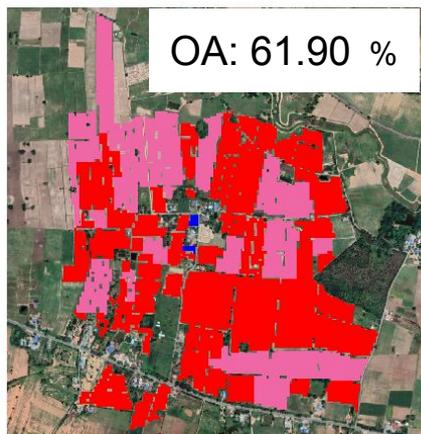
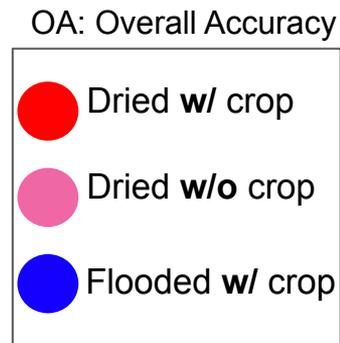
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Rainy season



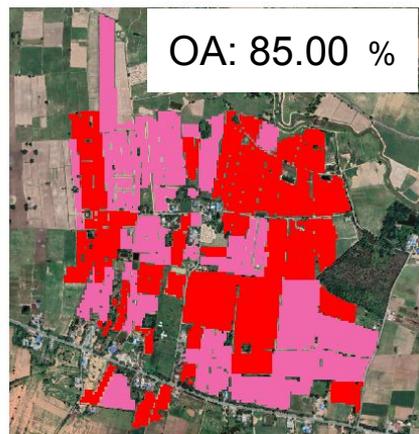
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Rainy season



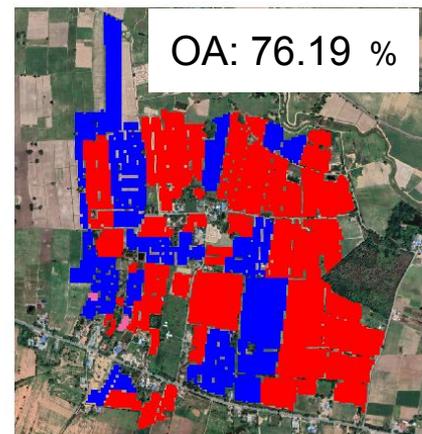
2023/02/04  
Dry season



2023/04/01  
Dry season



2023/05/13  
Dry season



2023/08/05  
Rainy season

Thai rainy season:  
June to November

Result

# My classification and field photos

Sugarcane

Sugarcane



Dry season

ALOS-2: 2023/02/04

Survey: 2023/01/26



Cassava



Corn



After harvest



● Dried w/ crop    ● Dried w/o crop    ● Flooded w/ crop

Result

# My classification and field photos

**Sugarcane**



**Rainy  
season**

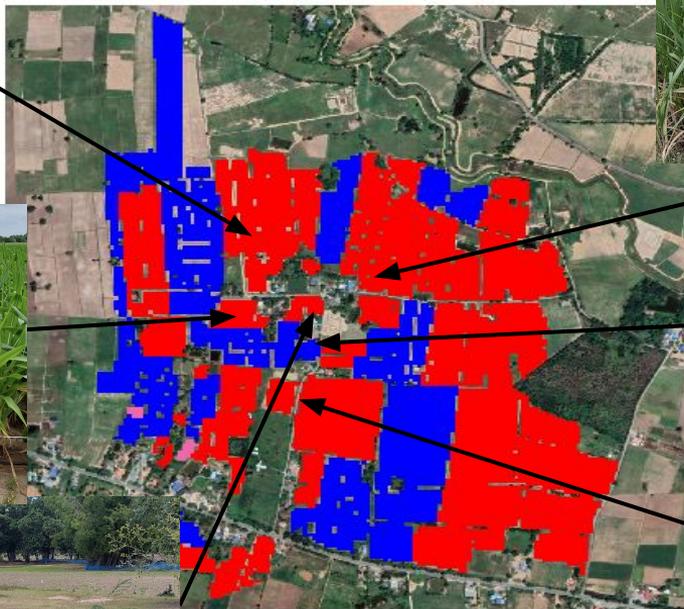
ALOS-2: 2023/08/05

Survey: 2023/08/03

**Sugarcane**



**Sugarcane**



**Rice**



**After grazing**

Misclassified to  
Dried w/ crop



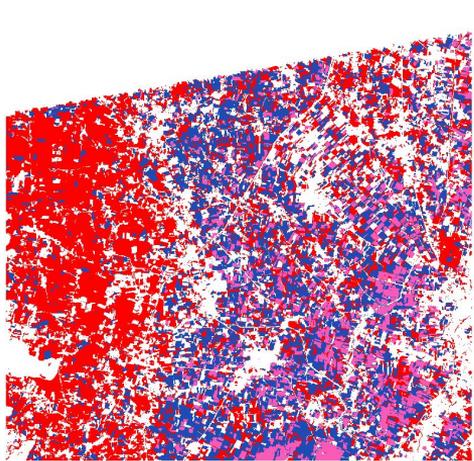
**Corn**

● Dried w/ crop    ● Dried w/o crop    ● Flooded w/ crop

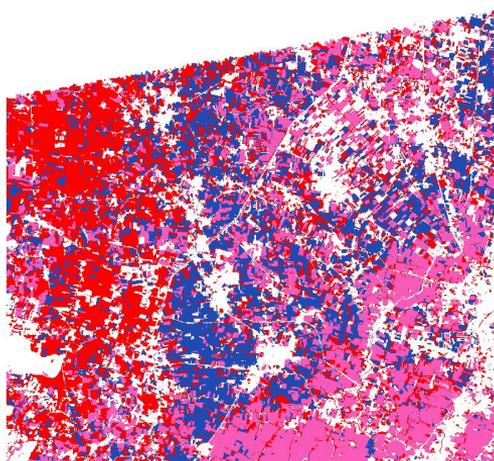
# Result④

## Dynamic classification on auto-made polygons

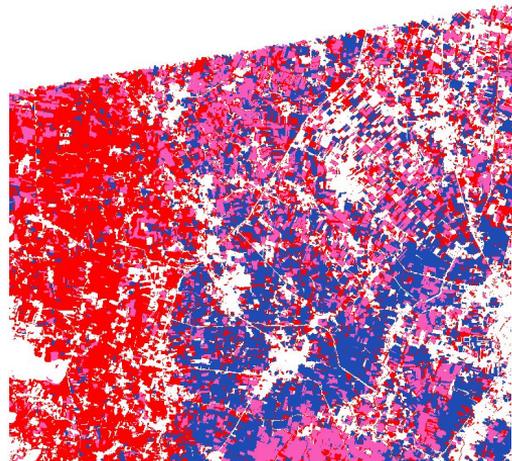
**Expand the classification 20 km × 20 km,  
with same the Dynamic classifier**



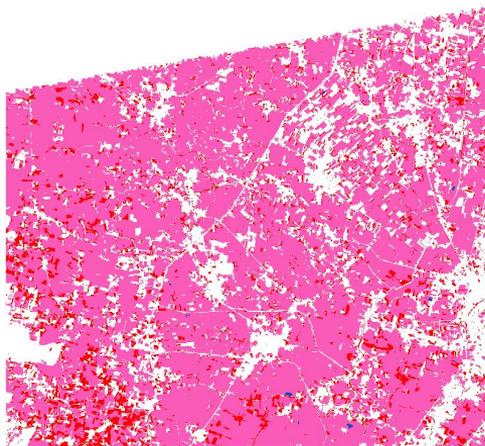
2022/09/03 Rainy season



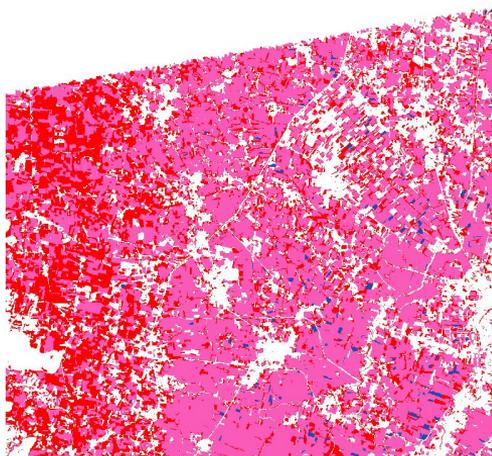
2022/11/12 Rainy season



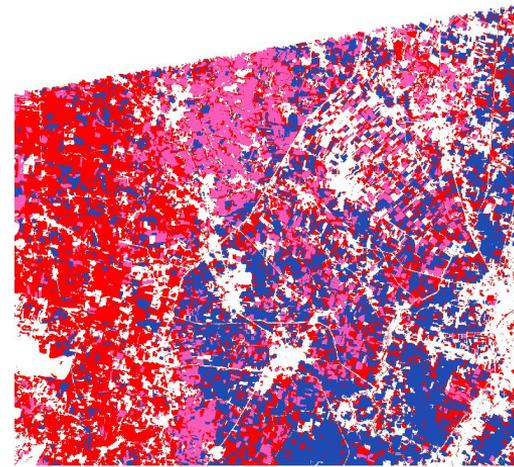
2023/02/04 Dry season



2023/04/01 Dry season



2023/05/13 Dry season

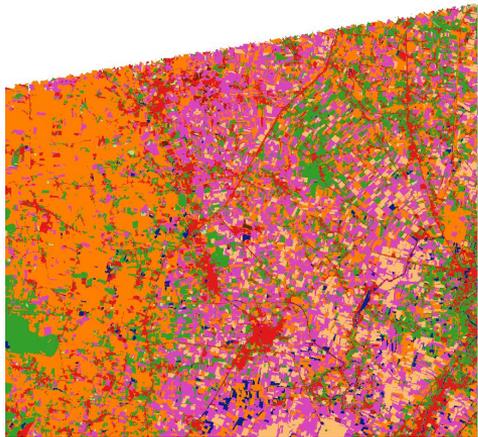


2023/08/05 Rainy season

# Result⑤

## Overlapping of Dynamic and Static

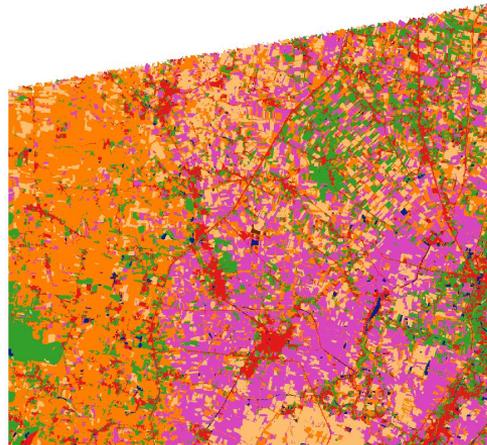
**The final product**



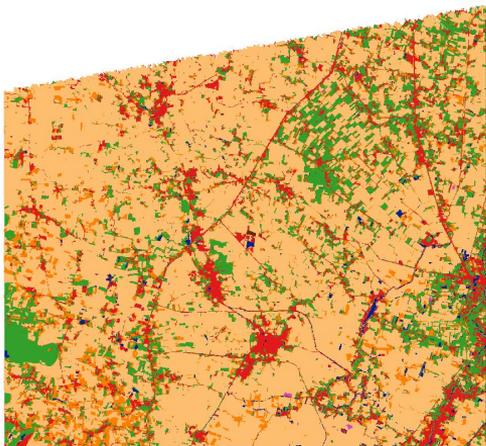
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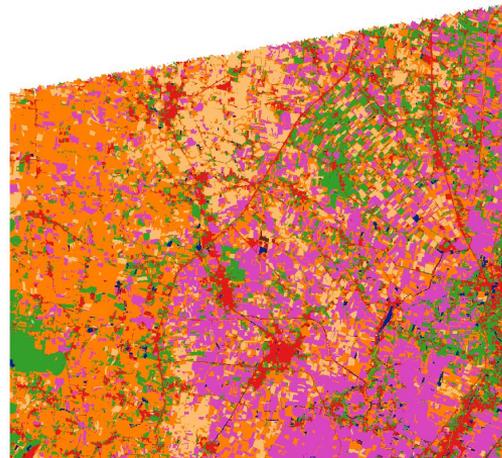
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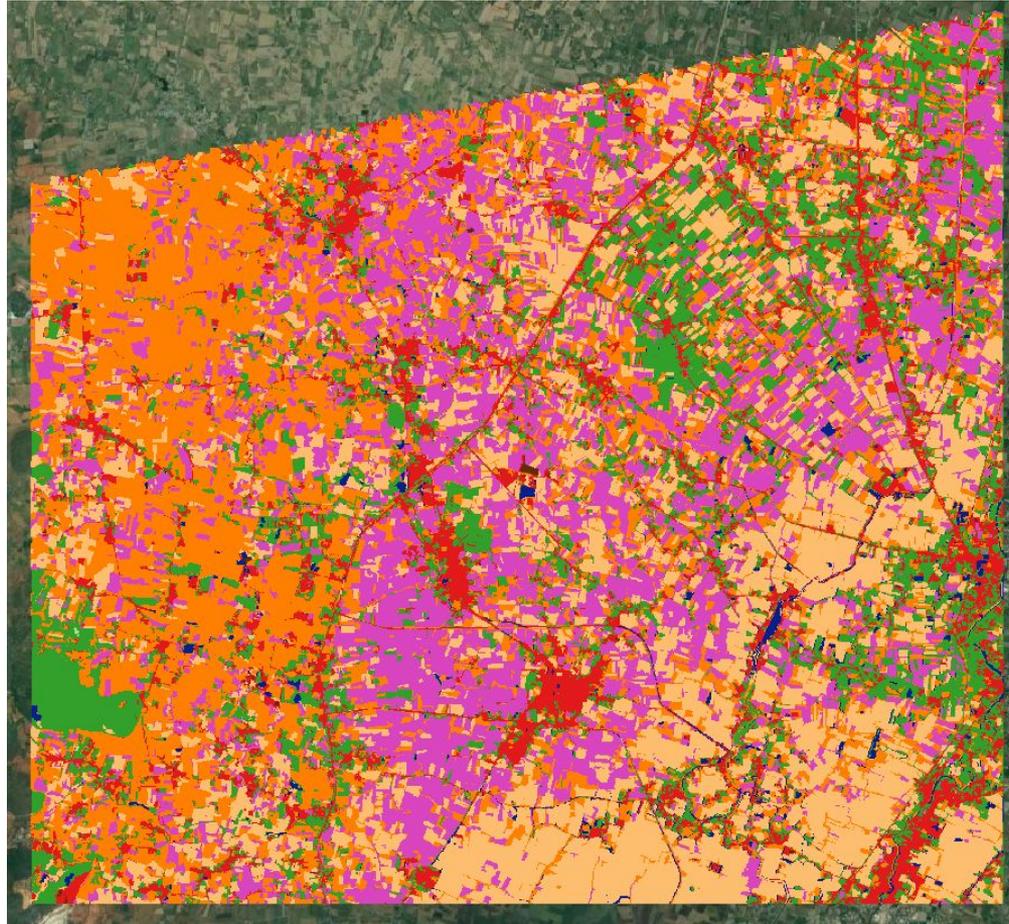


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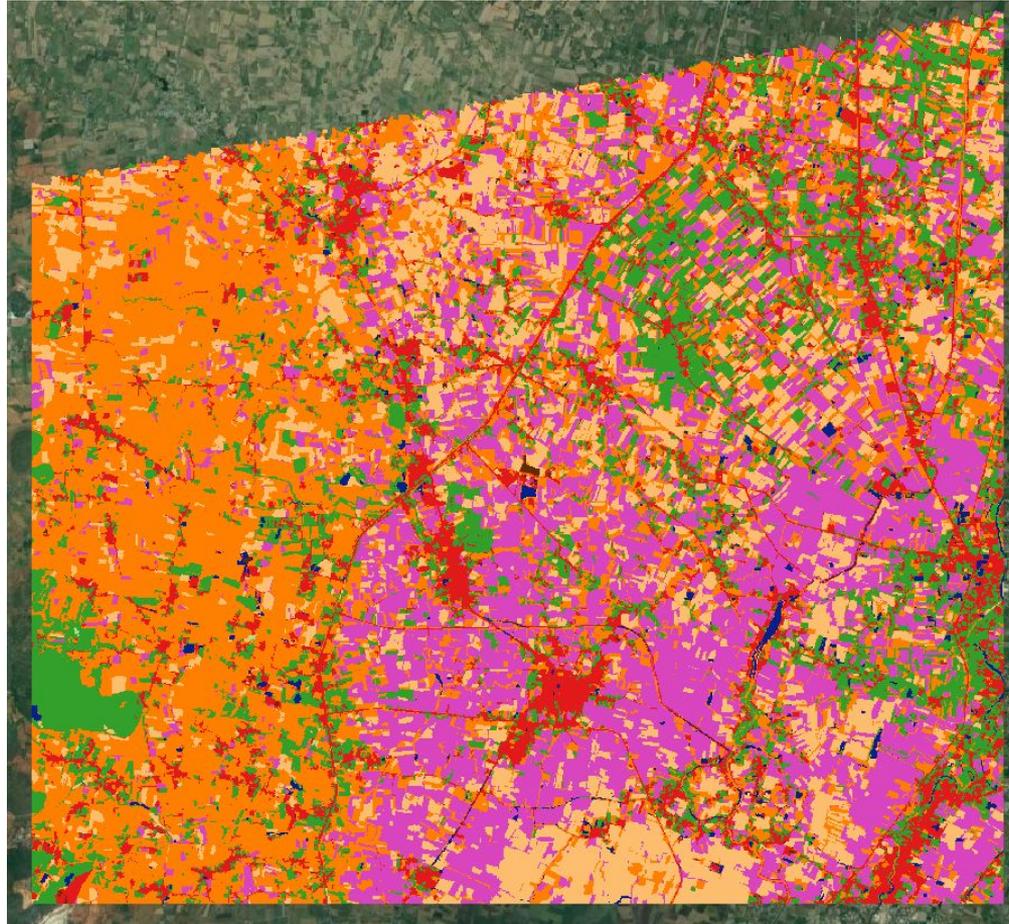
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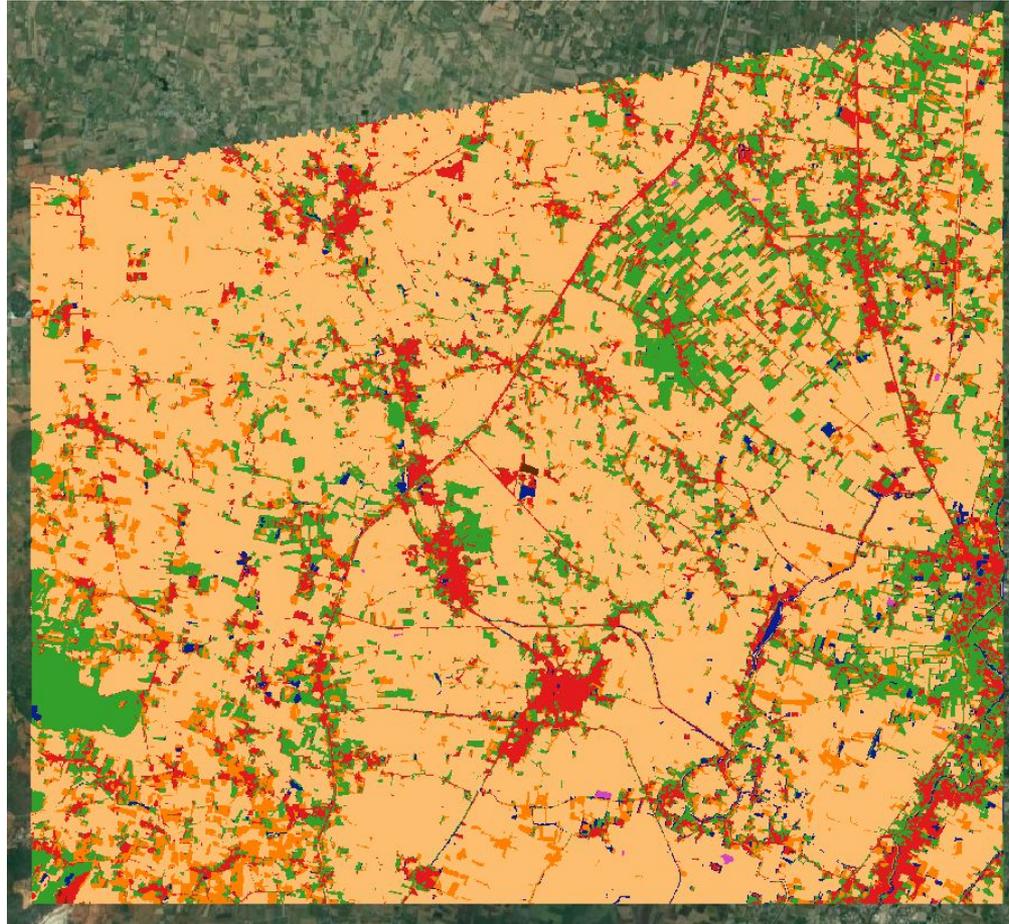
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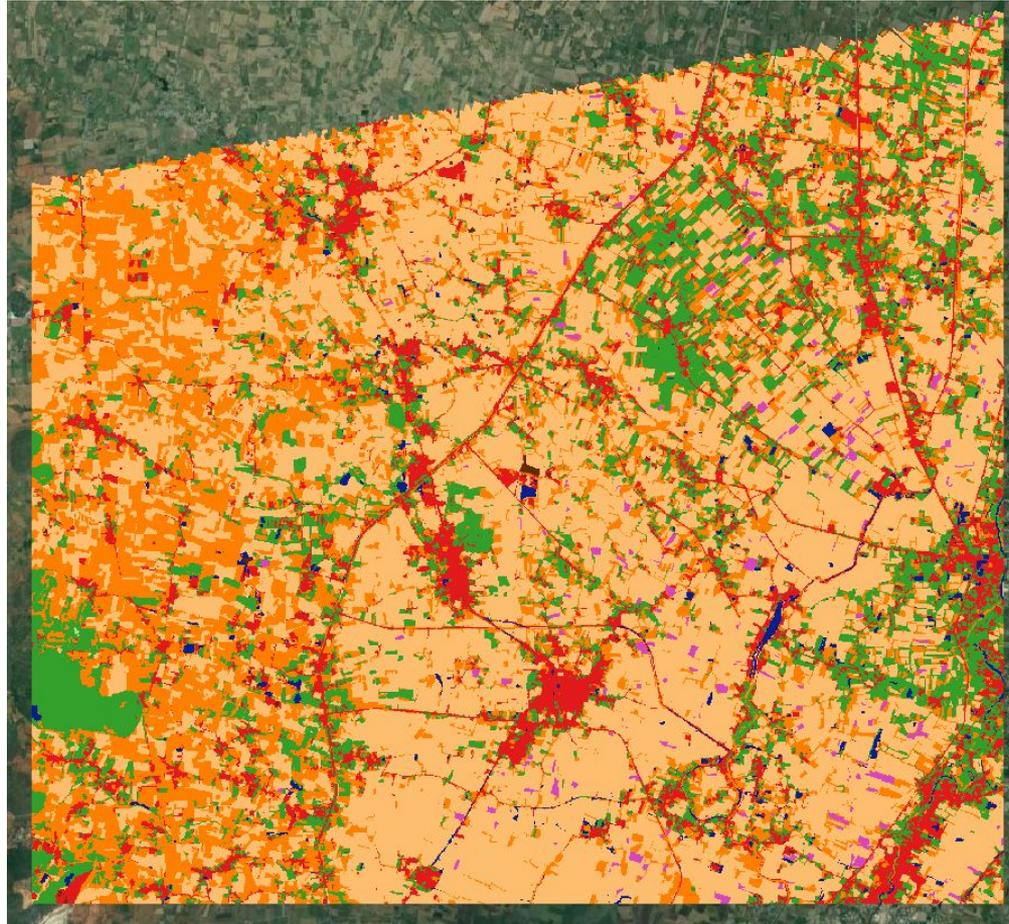


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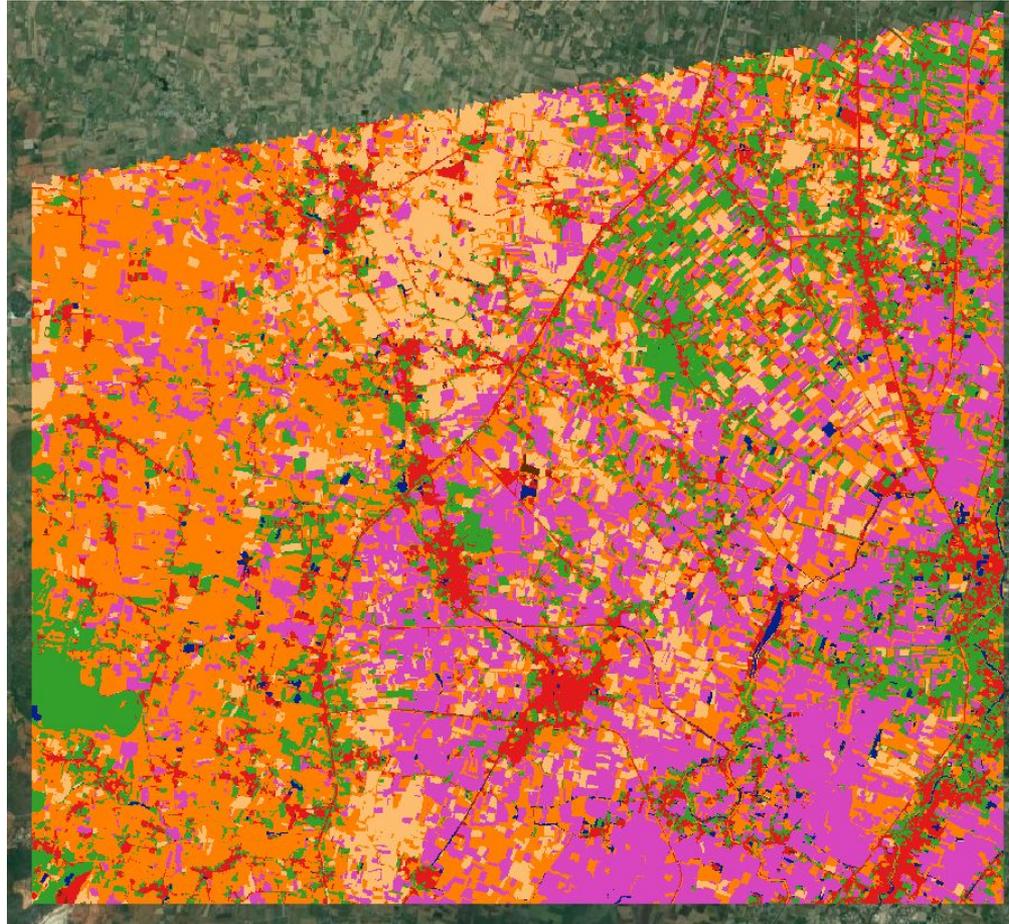


- Dried with crop
- Dried without crop
- Flooded with crop
- Forest
- Built-up
- Permanent water
- Grassland
- Bare land

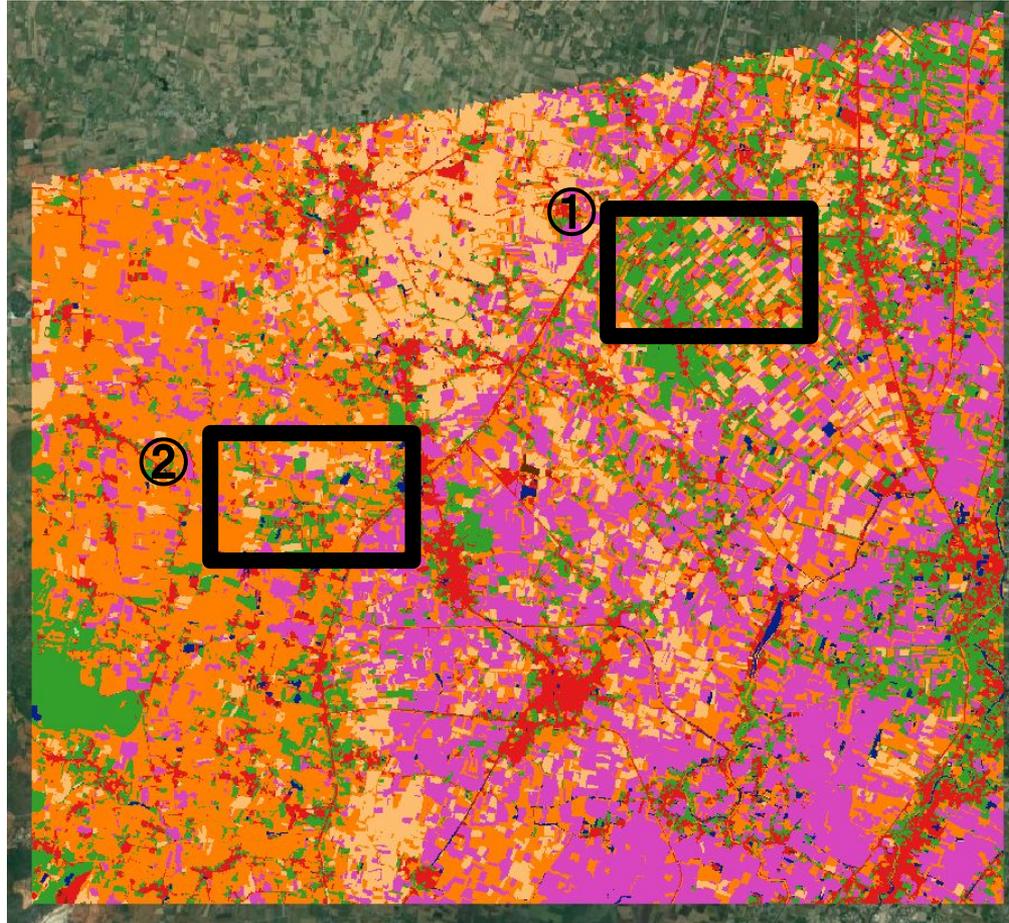
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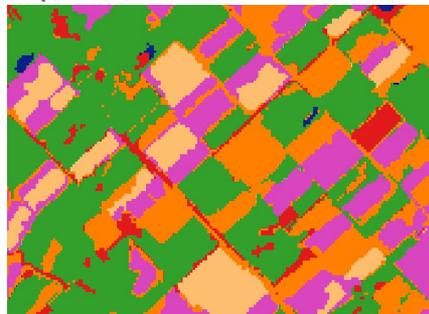
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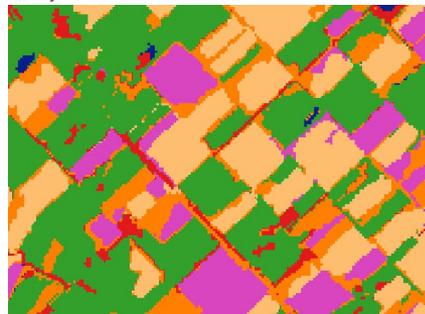
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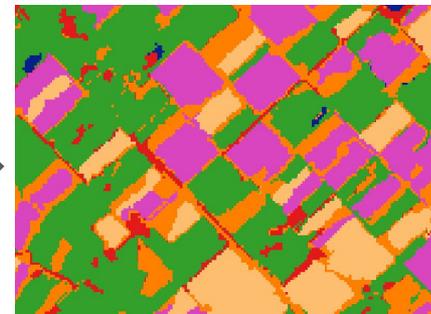
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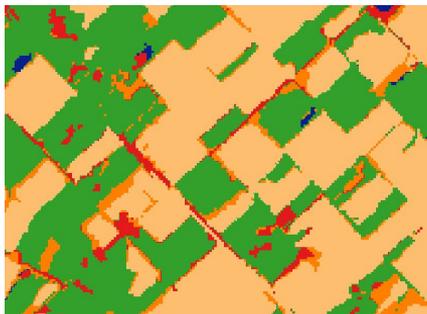
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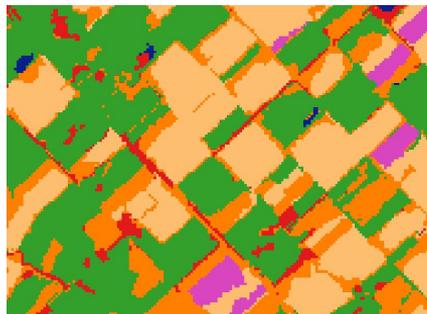
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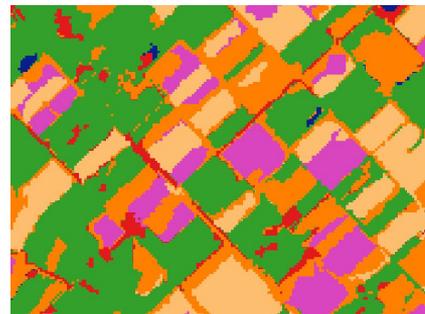
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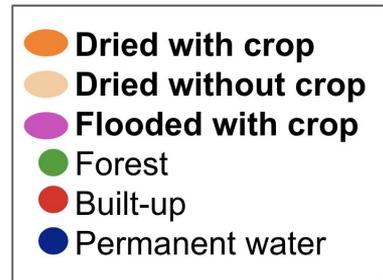
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2023/05/13



2023/08/05



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2022/02/04



2022/11/12



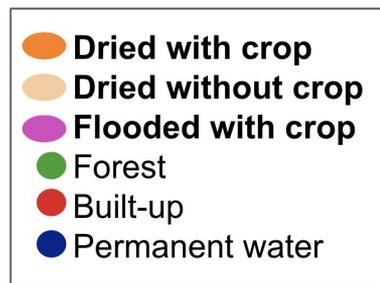
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2023/08/05



# Result⑥

**Auto-made vs Handmade polygons**

2022/09/03

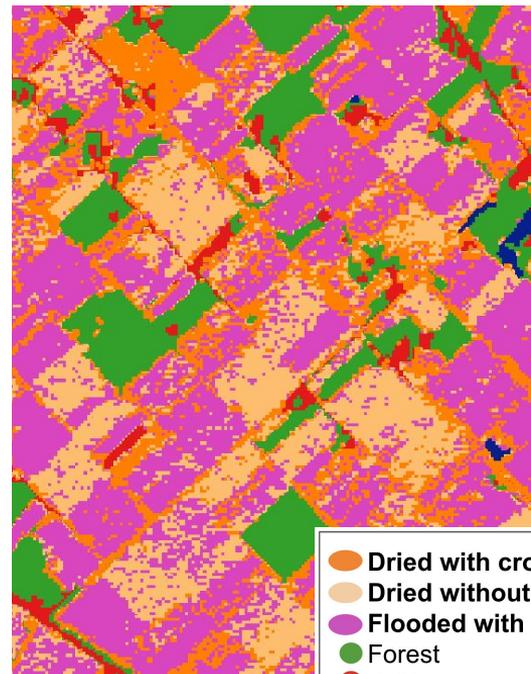
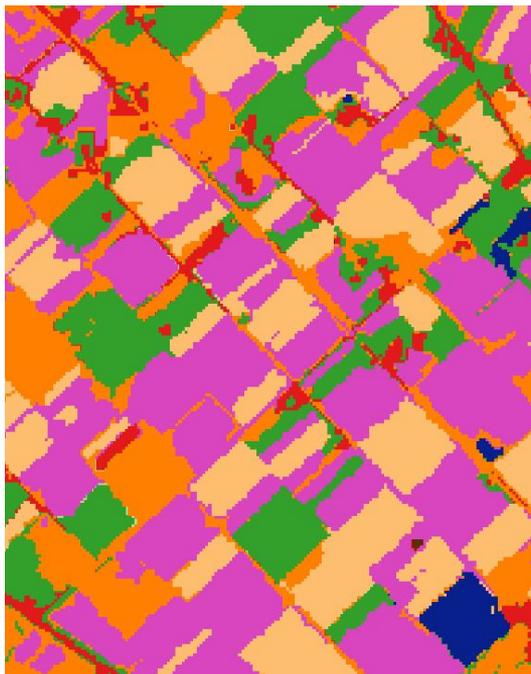
Auto-made polygons

1.7 km

Handmade polygons

Pixel

2.3 km



- Dried with crop
- Dried without crop
- Flooded with crop
- Forest
- Built-up
- Permanent water

2022/09/03

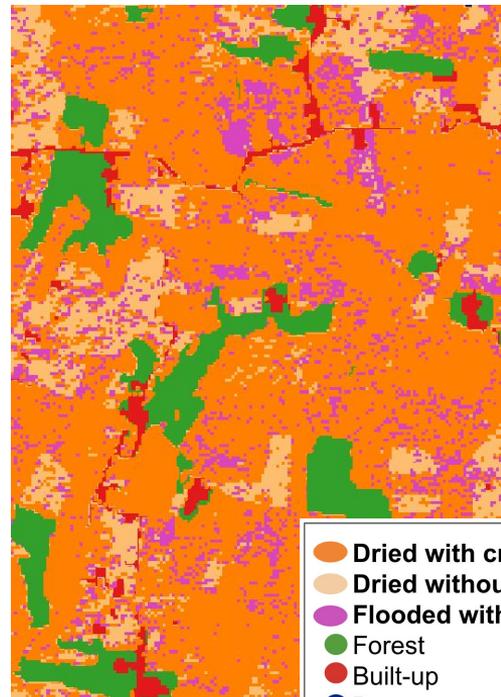
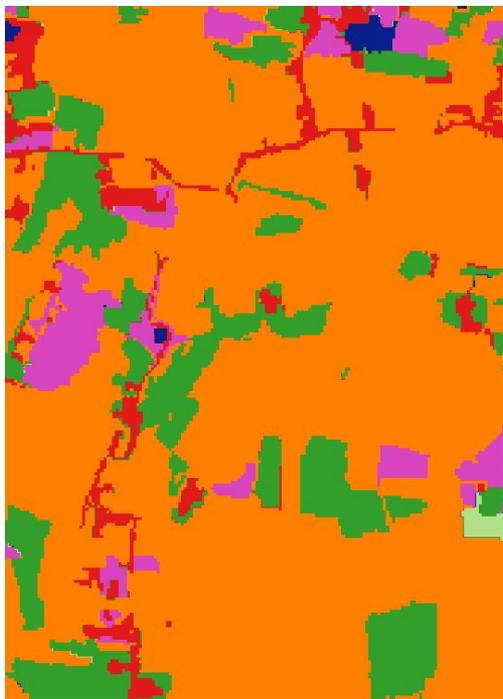
Auto-made polygons

1.7 km

Handmade polygons

Pixel

2.4 km

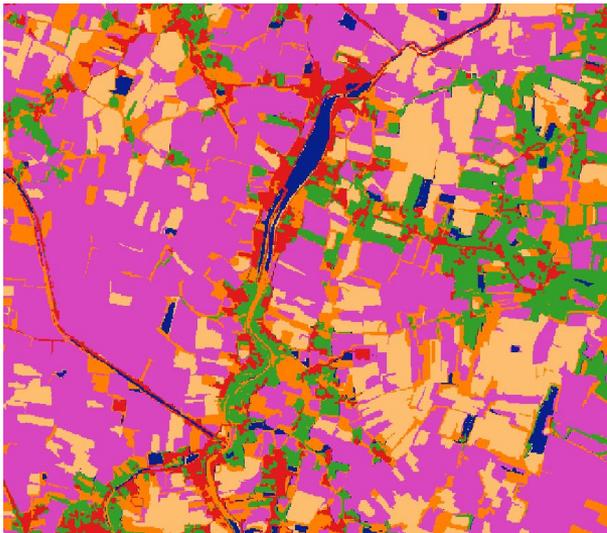


- Orange: Dried with crop
- Light orange: Dried without crop
- Purple: Flooded with crop
- Green: Forest
- Red: Built-up
- Blue: Permanent water

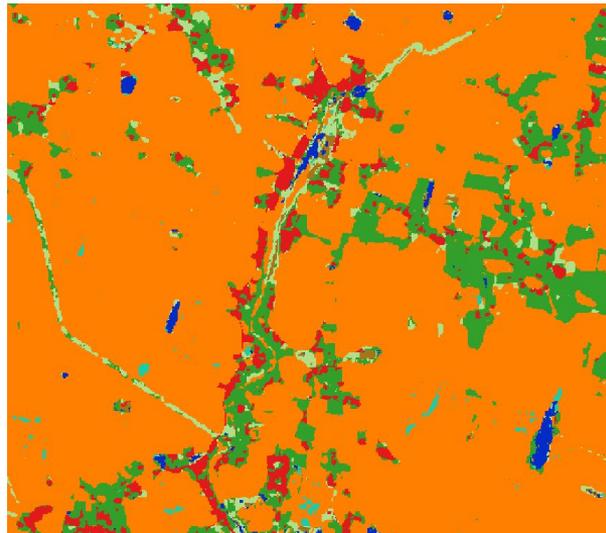
# Result⑦

Comparison with existing maps

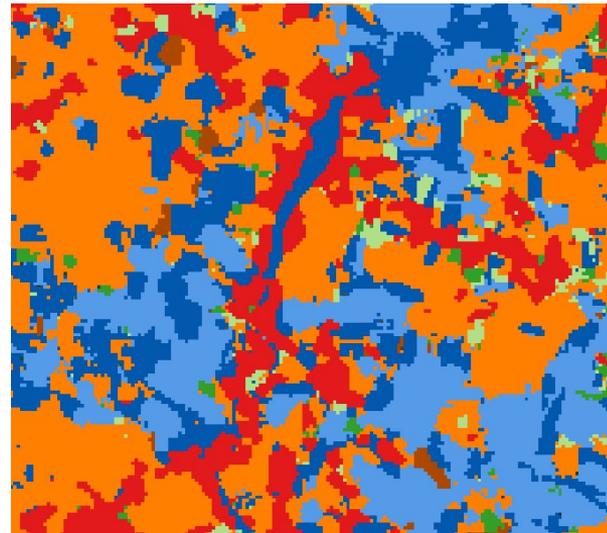
## My product (2022/09/03)



## ESA WorldCover 10 m V200 (2021)



## DynamicWorld v1 (2022/09 composite)



# Discussion

- **Succeeded in dynamically classifying agricultural lands by only PALSAR-2 data with high accuracy.**
  - By using full polarimetry, many feature values were available.
  - By visiting the site multiple times, high-quality training data were available.
- **Succeeded in creating more detailed maps.**
  - By averaging within each polygon, speckle noises was reduced without losing spatial features.
  - Although Handmade polygons was the best, Auto-made polygons are also sufficient to understand the land cover of agricultural land.