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# Water-ForCE Proyect Copernicus applications at CHE



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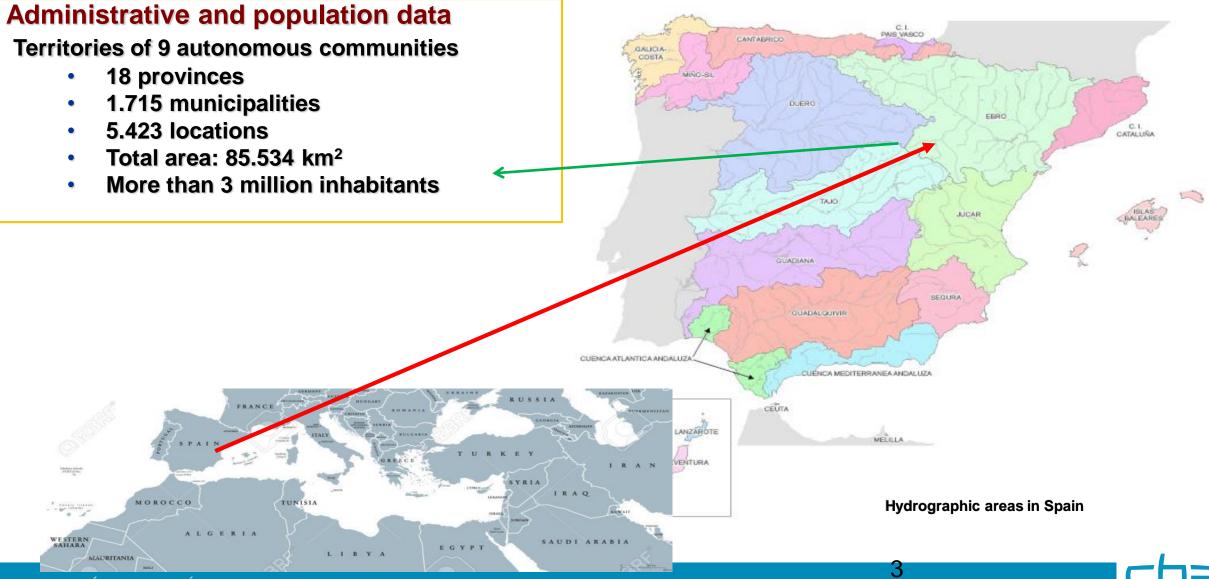
## Ebro River Basin Authority as a Copernicus user

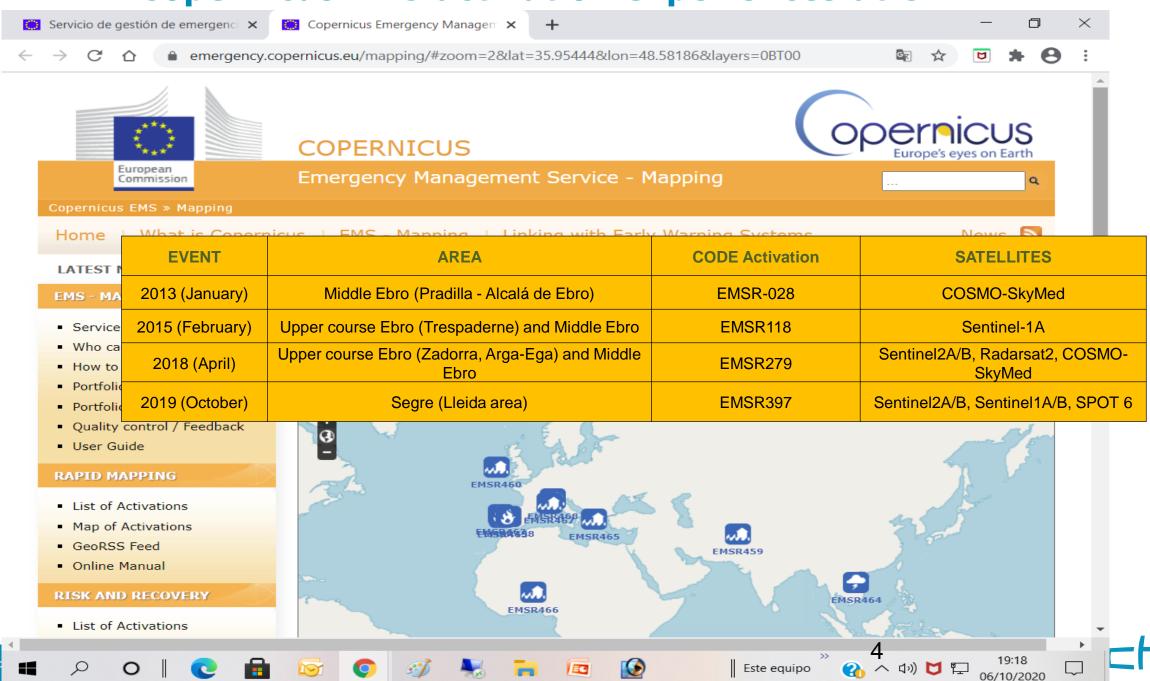
- I. Activation of Copernicus EMS for monitoring and follow-up of flood episodes (Since 2013)
- II. Partner of European Flood Alert System (EFAS) (Since 2006)
- **III.Participation in Diana H2020** for improvement in knowledge of irrigated surfaces (Completed in 2019)

IV.Use of Copernicus HUB for monitoring the Ebro Delta after the storm "Gloria" (Since 2020)



## **TERRITORIAL SCOPE EBRO RIVER BASIN**





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Discharge real time data in flood events 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2019. Showing in this table 5 gauging stations in upper, medium and low Ebro river and upper Segre river

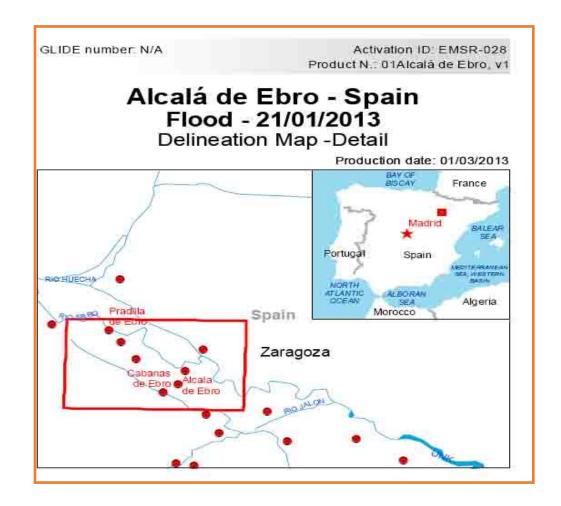
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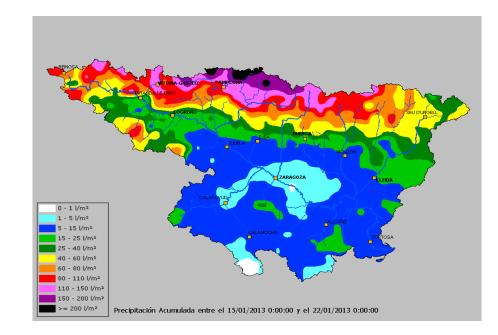


#### 1. Extraordinary flood on January 2013



#### Techniques applied in the CHE:

- Vertical and oblique aerial photographs (and restitution as a GIS layer in SITEbro)
- Remote sensing (Copernicus satellites)



#### Accumulated rainfall



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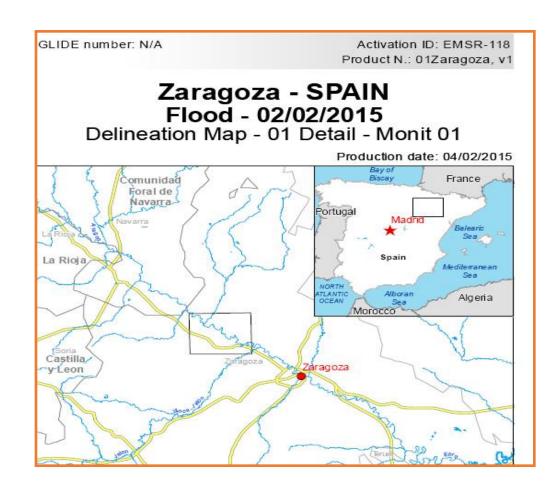
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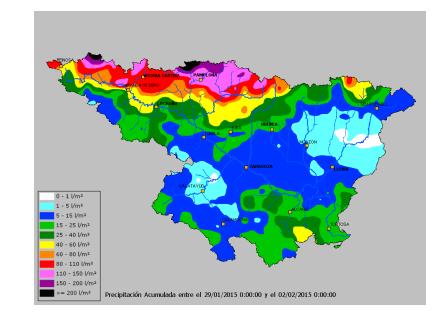


#### 2. Extraordinary flood on February-March 2015



#### Techniques applied in the CHE:

- Vertical and oblique aerial photographs (and restitution as a GIS layer in SITEbro) and drones (locally)
- Remote sensing (Deimos1, Deimos2 and Copernicus satellites)



#### Accumulated rainfall



1&2. Extraordinary floods on 2013 (January) and 2015 (February-March)

#### Main results and conclusions:

The thematic cartographies made from Copernicus EMS offers a synthesis panorama on a regional scale, but they fall far below the spatial resolution required by this CHE, which is assimilated to a "cadastral plot scale" (cartography to plot scale: on the aerial image the rural and urban plots affected by the flood must be perfectly identified; this resolution is essential for the correct planning of the post-flood actions that CHE must execute and for the processing of files of affection for damages).

• It has also been possible to show an inaccurate classification of the "flood" category in the thematic compositions from the satellite images processed by Copernicus. For this, control points have been established on said thematic compositions, in order to compare points and known sections with the visual information provided by the drones on the same dates and similar times. Thus, flooded areas according to the photographs obtained from drones ("ground truth") have not registered any flooding according to the satellite images processed and provided by Copernicus.



1&2. Extraordinary floods on 2013 (January) and 2015 (February-March)

• However, overall the experience gained with the activation of the Copernicus EMS protocol has been very positive; in the future, it will be necessary to be aware of the technological and methodological improvements that are incorporated into this European Emergency Management Service; specifically, with regard to the incorporation of satellites and sensors with higher spatial and temporal resolution.

	Copernicus EMS – Mapping Rush Mode (EndU-FF)		(	pe	nicus				
•	With the product(s) I was able to (several answers possible)		Yes	No	Not applic.				
	(several answers possible)	Get a faster overview of the situation	$\boxtimes$						
		Set better priorities on operations			$\boxtimes$				
		Have new information that I did not have previously			$\boxtimes$				
		Please specify any additional capabilities of the products	1						
•	How have you used the products?								
	(Please describe your usage of products and their contribution to the work you are responsible for)	It provides an overview of flooding areas, but unfortunately Sentinel images lacks the resolution we need in management operations							
•	Overall, the service provided a benefit to my work in terms of reactivity and content of	Yes No, I recommend the following improvements:							
	information	In our opinion, Copernicus protocol should be actived with other satellites (like Deimos-2), with higher spatial resolution, plus Sentinel							

## 1&2. Ext

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According to data provided by the CHE, the flood peak arrived Zaragoza city on 04/02/2015 around 04:00 local time (03:00 UTC). Thus, both, Sentinel 1A image and the aerial photography taken from the drone correspond to images after the flood peak. Considering that the Sentinel 1A image was acquired almost seven hours after the oblique photo, it could be deduced that water was disappeared from the surface in that time. However, rest of flooding is not seen in the area when watching the satellite image.



Figure 8. Example of discrepancies between the flooded area delineated by the Copernicus-EMS map (transparent light blue areas) and the ground-truth data taken from a drone (oblique photography in the upper right corner of the map). Source: Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro (CHE).

Some differences were found between the flooded area layer of a product of the Copernicus-EMS Mapping service (P8) and the one created by the EMS-Validation service. It is believed that these discordances can be due to the use of different polarization of the radar (Sentinel-1A) image.

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#### **M3 INTERVIEW QUESTION**

**Users' Feedback:** 

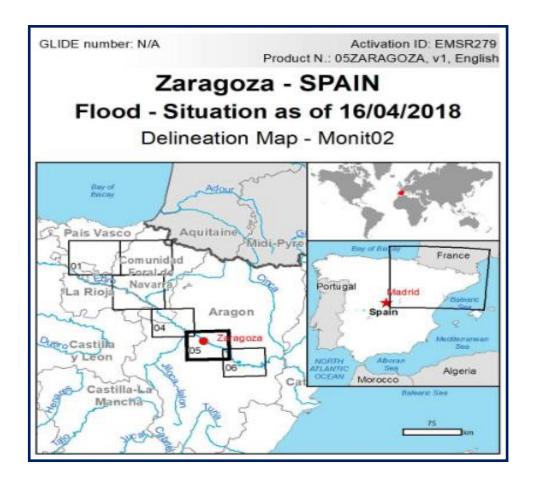
Valuation of the Copernicus-EM: analysis of the floods in Spain

Interview template for Users EMSV014. Valuation of EMSR120 Some areas identified as "flooded areas" in the Copernicus-EMS maps are not real flooded areas. As it is shown in Figure 5 some areas identified as "flooded areas" in the Copernicus-EMS are not real flooded areas; some of them are far away from the river.



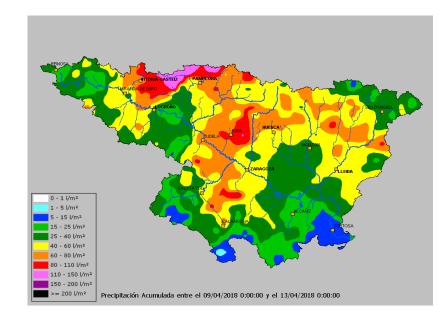


#### 3. Extraordinary flood on April 2018



#### Techniques applied in the CHE:

- Vertical and oblique aerial photographs and video (and restitution as a GIS layer in SITEbro)
- Remote sensing (Deimos1, Deimos2 and Copernicus satellites)



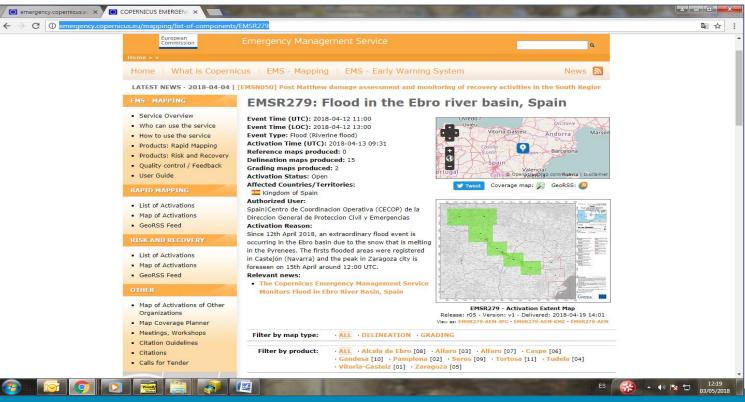
#### Accumulated rainfall



3. Extraordinary flood on April 2018

#### Main results and conclusions:

Deliveries : 15 "Delineation Maps" and 2 "Grading Maps": These products have two components: "raster" information (thematic maps in PDF, JPG and TIFF formats at different resolution) and "vector" information (SHP of planimetry and with the delimitation of the event: flood spot):



3. Extraordinary flood on April 2018

2. Uso del producto	•]						
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	Mapa de Categorización de Daños			$\boxtimes$			

Copernicus EMS Rapid Mapping Usuario (Final) Asociado Formulario de Evaluación (EndU-FF)

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**3. Extraordinary flood on April 2018** 

•	Con el producto(s) fui capaz de		Sí	No	No aplicable
	(Múltiples respuestas permitidas)	Tener un rápido resumen de la situación	$\boxtimes$		
		Establecer mejor las prioridades en las operaciones			$\boxtimes$
		Tener nueva información que no tenía previamente	$\boxtimes$		
		Por favor especificar características adicionales de los productos			
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•	En general, el servicio ha proporcionado un beneficio en mi trabajo	Sí No, propongo las siguie	ntes me	ejoras:	



3. Extraordinary flood on April 2018

#### 5. Comentarios y recomendaciones

Use este espacio para sus comentarios, elaboración de respuestas anteriores y/o recomendaciones para mejora.

En general, nuestro grado de satisfacción en la activación Copernicus EMSR279 puede calificarse como medio-alto. En este sentido, quisiéramos transmitir al equipo técnico EMS RAPID MAPPING nuestro agradecimiento y felicitaciones: hemos percibido una notable mejora en la estimación de las superficies inundadas en comparación con la anterior activación de Copernicus EMS, realizada para esta misma zona en febrero de 2015. En aquel evento, a la hora de valorar los productos cartográficos, comentamos que, si bien nos sirvieron para disponer de una imagen global del evento, no tenían la precisión (debido, fundamentalmente, a la resolución espacial de las imágenes Sentinel) que necesitamos para una mejor gestión y seguimiento del episodio de inundación, tanto para una mejor estimación de daños en las obras hidráulicas como para la tramitación de expedientes de los afectados requerimos una cartografía a escala de parcela catastral. La delimitación de las imágenes obtenidas desde drones para las mismas áreas y fechas-hora se pudo ver que Copernicus estaba subestimando claramente la superficie realmente inundada. Ahora, en 2018, todo esto parece haber sido recalibrado y los resultados son mucho más satisfactorios (por reales) que los obtenidos entonces.



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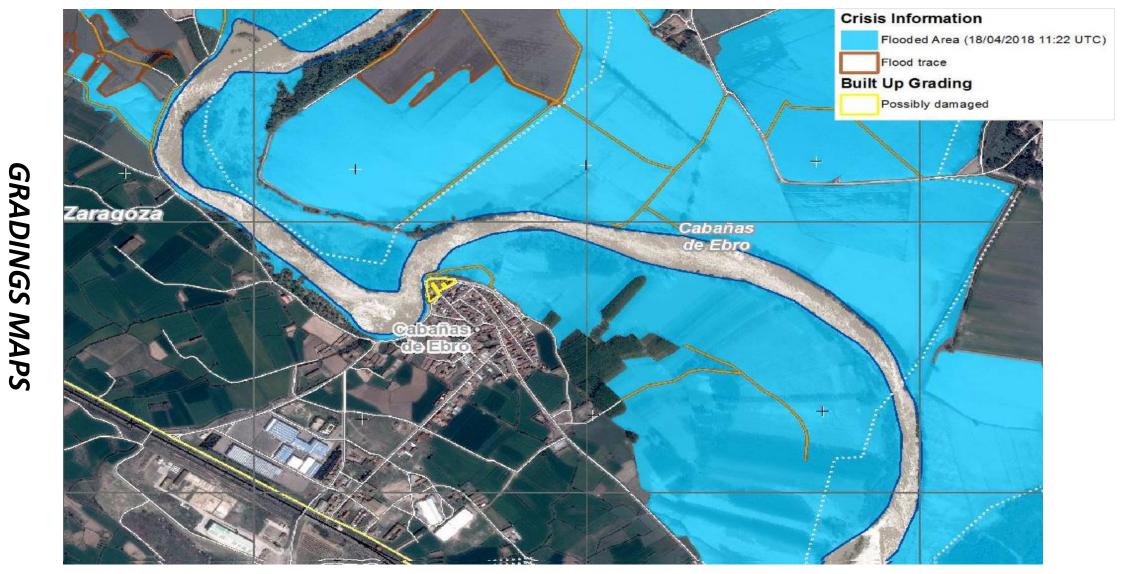
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Consequences wit	hin the AOI			1					
	Unit of measure	ment	Affected	Total in AOI					
Flooded area		ha							
Estimated population	Number of inhabi	tants	928	111336					
Settlements	Residential	ha	45.8	5487.5					
Transportation	Helipad	No.	0	1					
	Highway	km	0	231.6					
-	Primary Road	km	6.5	265.0					
	Secondary Road	km	2.98	130.0					
	Local Road	km	113	1629.0					
u	Long-distance railway	km	0	274.3					
Facilities	Construction for mining or extraction	ha	5.2	215.6					
Land use	Arable land	ha	13036.4	133014.3					
1.1	Permanent crops	ha	17.3	4355.3					
ir (	Pastures	ha	0.0	50952.4					
	Heterogeneous agricultural areas	ha	23.4	12634.2					
5	Forests	ha	899.7	12634.2					
y .	Shrub and/or herbaceous vegetation association	ha	54.5	18086.1					
ve	Open spaces with little or no vegetation	ha	40.5	7646.8					
0	Inland wetlands	ha	0.0	807.6					

Population data: GHS Population Grid © European Commission, 2015 http://data.europa.eu/89h/jrc-ghsl-ghs\_pop\_gpw4\_globe\_r2015a. Digital Elevation Model: EU-DEM (25 m)



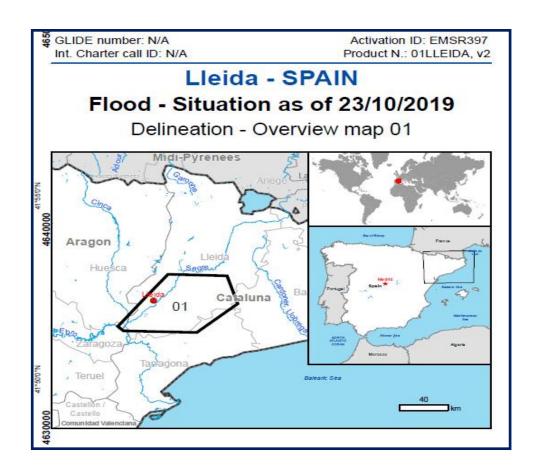
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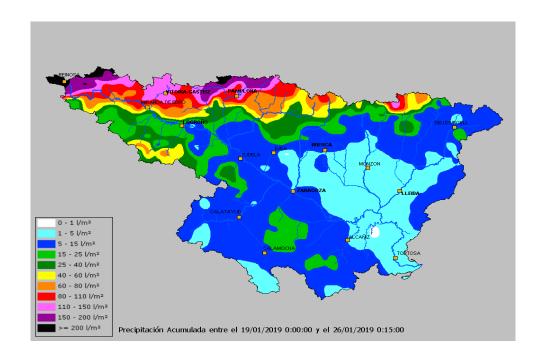
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4. Extraordinary flood on October 2019



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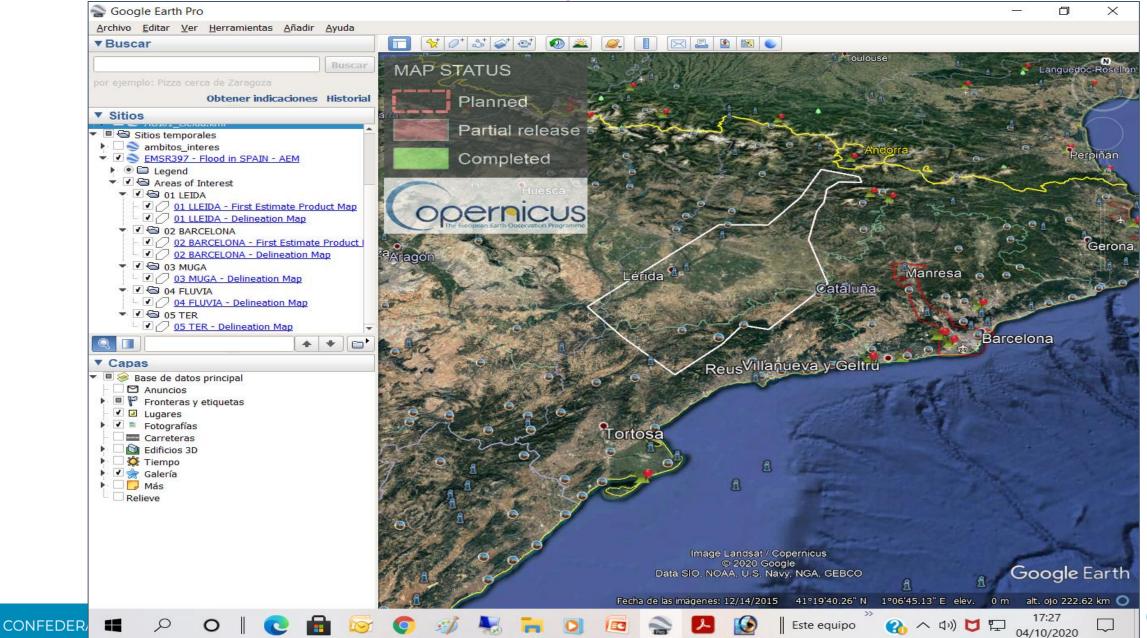
#### Remote sensing (Copernicus satellites)



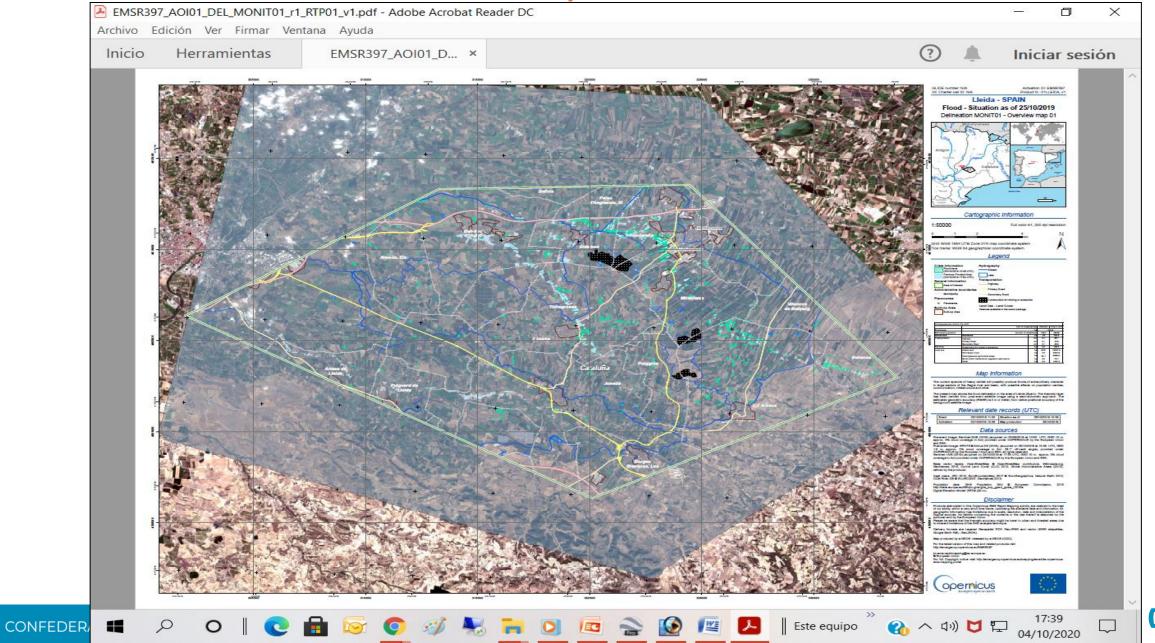
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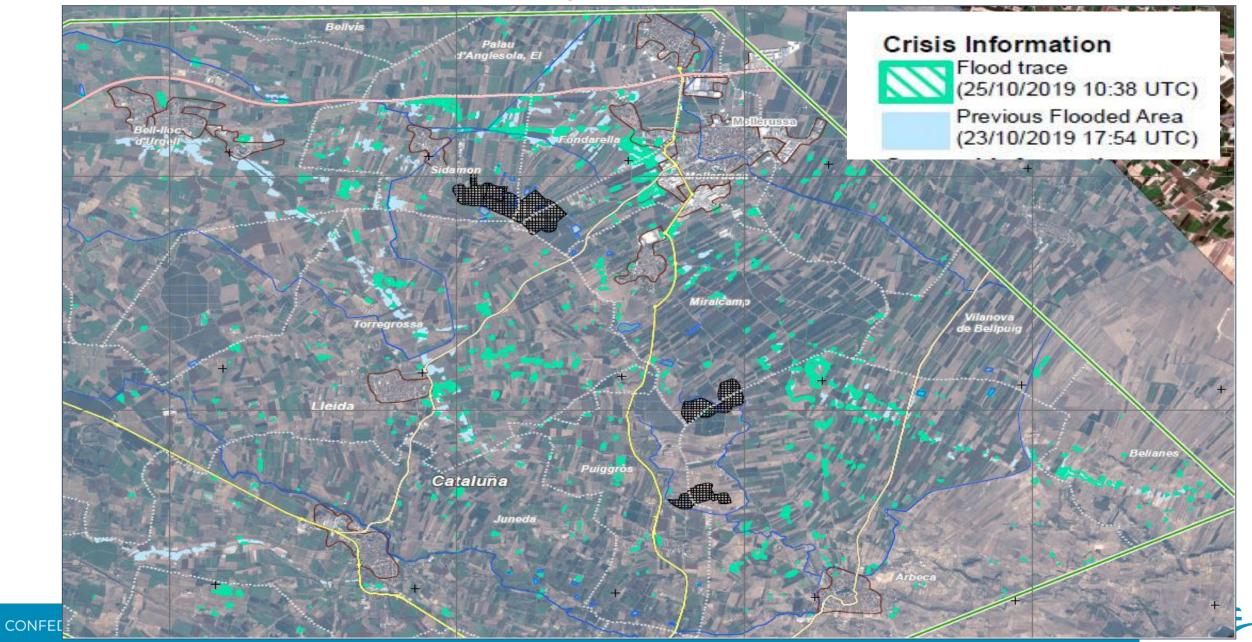
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#### **COPERNICUS EMS MAIN CONCLUSIONS**

• The technological improvements that have taken place since the first Copernicus activation in 2013 are very appreciable. In this sense, already in the 2018 activation a spatial resolution was achieved at the cadastral parcel scale.

The activation of Copernicus EMS is improved with the hydro-meteorological predictive models (EFAS, Decision Support System: SAD Ebro) that determine where and when extraordinary floods will occur in the basin.

The discrepancies between the flooded surfaces from Copernicus and from other aerial devices (images) have decreased considerably.

Copernicus Rapid Mapping enables better calibration of Floods Directive hazard maps (National Mapping System for Flood prone areas, SNCZI).

This information is essential for making past event layers (maximum flooded area coverages) that complement hazard maps of low, medium and high frequency published in the SITEbro (CHE official map viewer: free access by the general public).

•For all these reasons, the Ebro Hydrographic Confederation values the Copernicus Project very positively and we will count on this technology and emergency activations for flood events in the future.



## **II. Partner of EFAS**

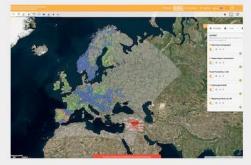


#### Latest events

#### Access the map viewer Latest news



Global to local hydrological modelling and forecasting - virtual event



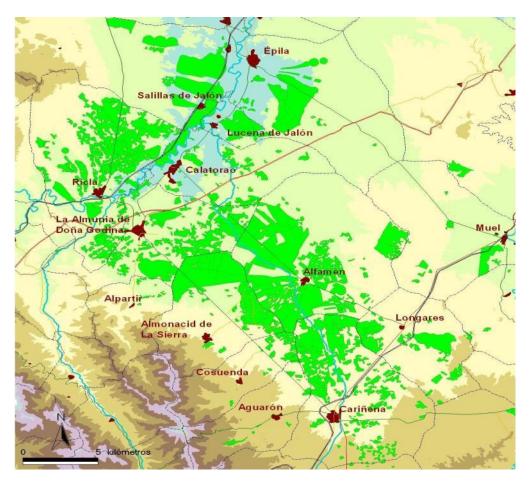
Live map



New EFAS partner (Portuguese Environment Agency)



#### **INITIAL SITUATION**



Expedientes digitalizados

-Dominant crops: Vineyard (3,656 ha), Fruit trees (4,309 ha), Cereal (2,611), orchard (1,567 ha), olive tree (914 ha)

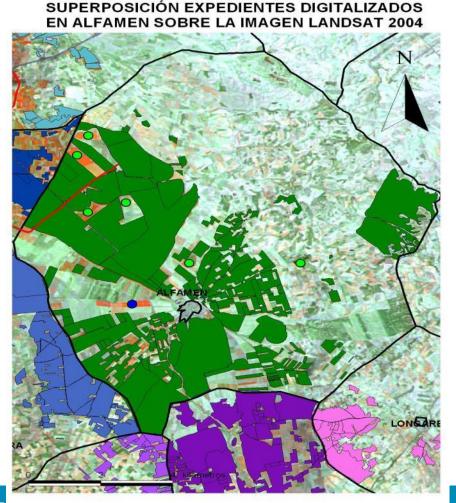
-Modern high-efficiency irrigation systems (drip and sprinkler).

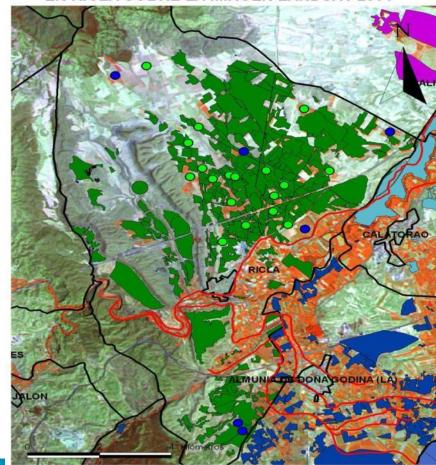
-The real surface area under groundwater irrigation is 4% higher than the registered surface



#### III.Participation in Diana H2020: improvement in knowledge of irrigated surfaces INITIAL SITUATION

#### Check: comparison of groundwater harvesting files with the 2004 Landsat image





SUPERPOSICIÓN EXPEDIENTES DIGITALIZADOS EN RICLA SOBRE LA IMAGEN LANDSAT 2004



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On a European scale and on 3 partner countries interested in its application -Italy, Romania and Spain-, Diana pursues 3 fundamental objectives:

 Implementation of a system to detect illegal water extractions and improve efficiency in the use of water for irrigation, as established in the Water Framework Directive.
 Implementation of a system for forecasting seasonal droughts.

Support for the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive





The project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies - Space programme under grant agreement No 730109

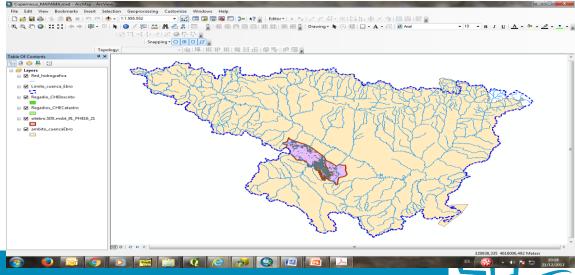


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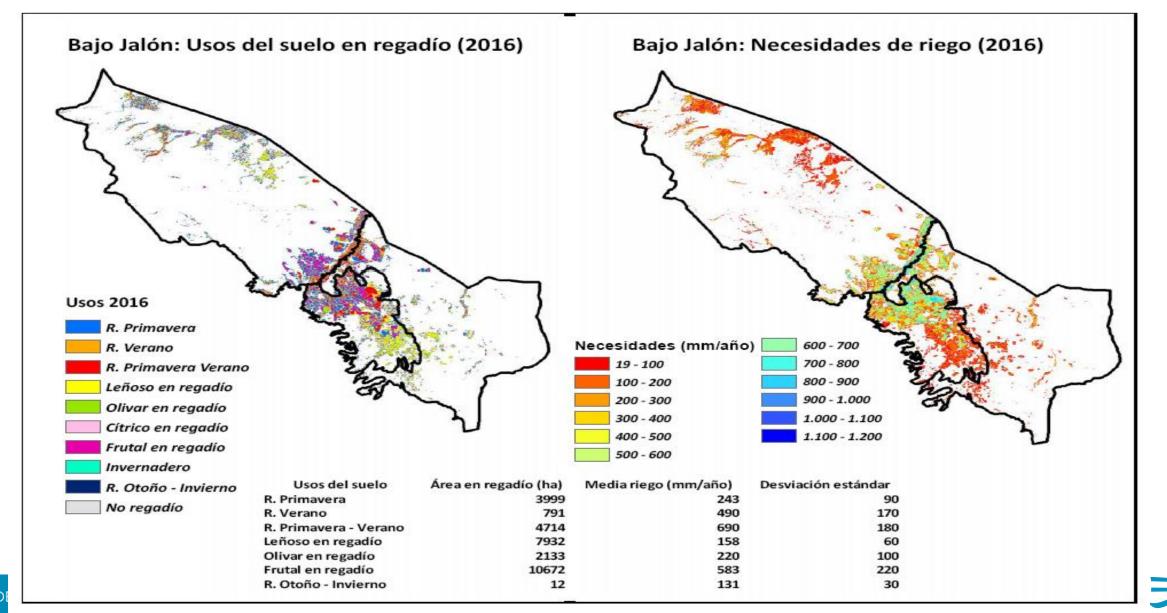
The specific interest of the Ebro Hydrographic Confederation (C.H.E.) in Diana H2020 is:

 ✓ Improve knowledge of the irrigated area of the basin at the cadastral parcel scale using high resolution satellite images from the Copernicus Program, because after more than 20 years of experience in integrating multiple graphic and alphanumeric sources of information - concessional irrigation coverage, agricultural census, remote sensing, cadastre... -, the quantification of irrigated areas continues to present uncertainties.

✓ Apply this improved knowledge on a pilot area - "Bajo Jalón" - with mainly groundwater uses and for which there is good starting information (records of the concession of its uses for irrigation, monitoring data on the quantitative status of their bodies of groundwater:
 piezometers, flowmeters, field information ...).

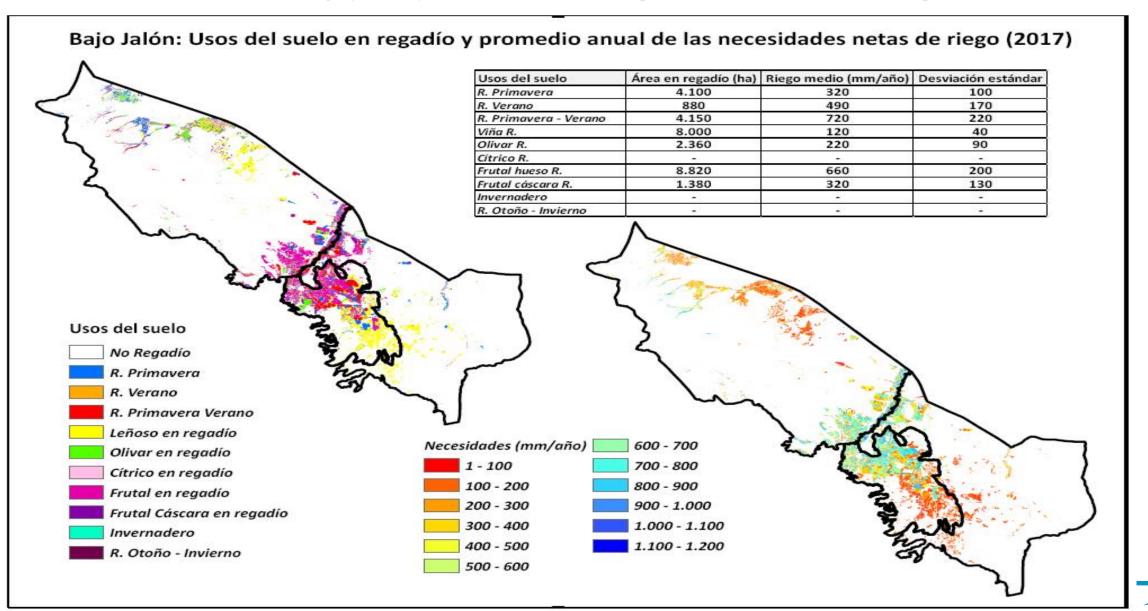


Global results map (2016) Diana H2020: irrigated land uses and irrigation needs

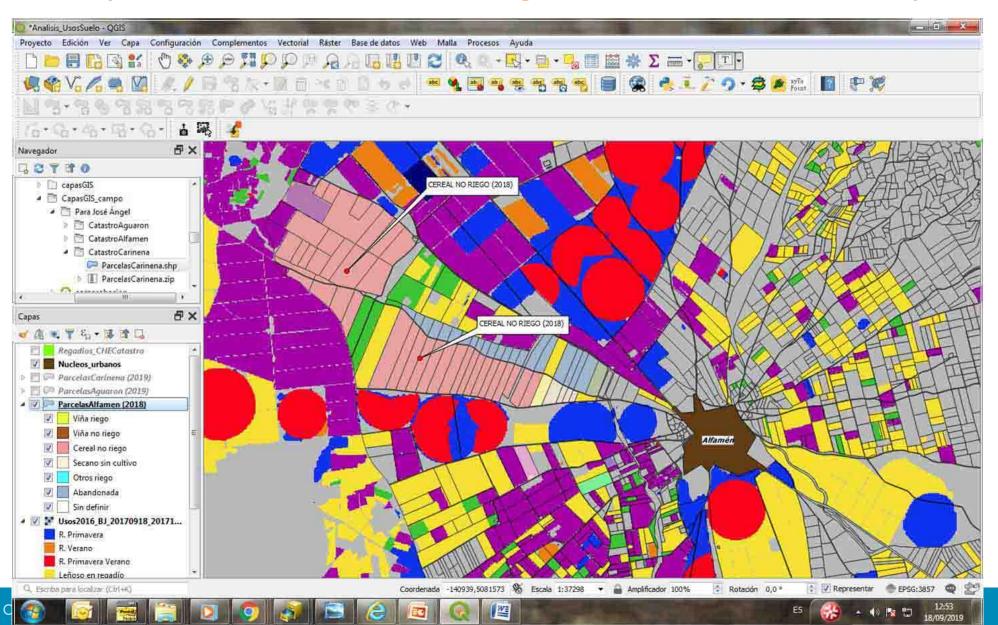


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**Global results map (2017) Diana H2020: irrigated land uses and irrigation needs** 



GIS analysis results validation: uses of the ground in 2016 versus Cadastral plots with "ground truth"



It is observed how the non-irrigated plots according to Diana H2020 correspond to non-irrigated plots verified in the field

#### **DIANA H2020 MAIN RESULTS**

All the information and final products generated for the 4 pilot areas have been served in a WebGIS platform designed and developed for the occasion, which allows the consultation / analysis of information related to the surfaces and demands of water for irrigation in recent years (2016 - 2018):

Detailed mapping of irrigated areas.

**Cartography of "land uses" (typology of irrigated crops).** 

>Map of water needs

>Map of volumes of water consumed.

All this facilitates the spatio-temporal monitoring (on an annual and monthly scale) of the irrigated land in each of the pilot areas.

## https://diana-h2020.eu/es/



## **IV.** Monitoring the Ebro Delta after the storm "Gloria"

It is a multi-temporal analysis of the Ebro Delta: change and resilience against storms and floods.

Prepared with material and human resources from the Office of Hydrological Planning of C.H.E

Sentinel 2 Image Download (Frequency: Once per Month) from Copernicus OPEN HUB (<u>https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus/#/home</u>).

Combined use of <u>QGIS software (+ Semi-Automatic Classification Plugin, SCP, developed by Luca Congedo)</u> and <u>SNAP (ESA) software to produce:</u>

>An RGB image of the Ebro Delta (10 m spatial resolution).

>An NDWI ("Normalized Difference Water Index") image of the Ebro Delta (10 m spatial resolution).

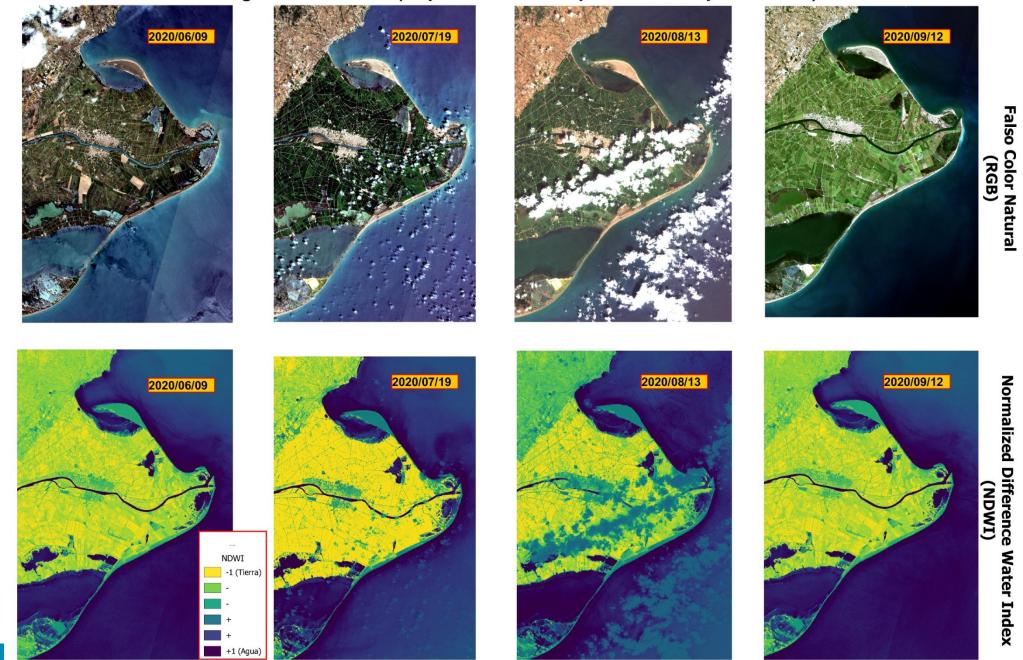
This facilitates the spatial and temporal monitoring (on an monthly scale) in relation the presence of water in the Ebro delta and its coastal arrows.



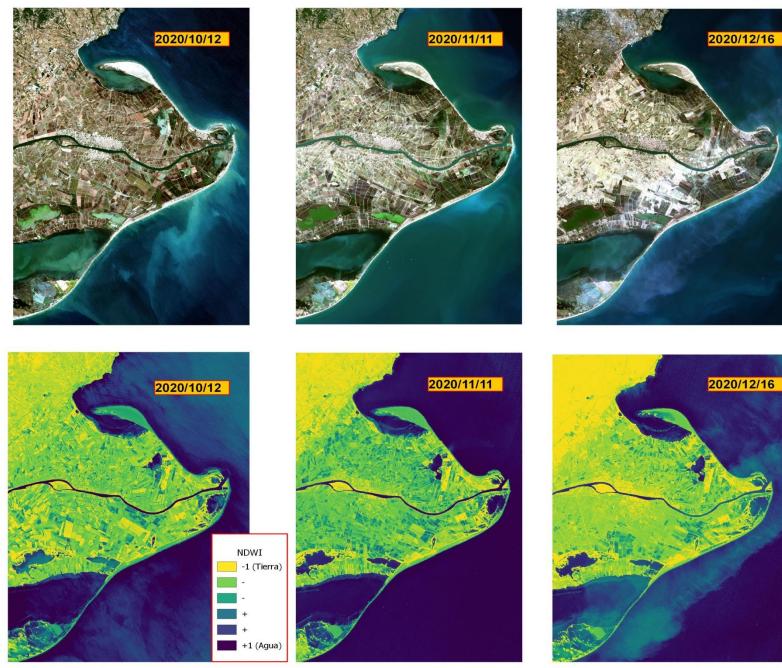
#### Imágenes Sentinel-2 (Copernicus Hub https://scihub.copernicus.eu)

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Water Index



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Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI)

# Thank you!

