




Mzansi Amanzi: The South African National Water Quantity System




Using spatial data to support early warning and resilience systems for climate, water and agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa

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The Need for Water Resource Monitoring

- Water is a critical resource and underpins economic development, energy generation, food security, population health and ecosystem services capabilities.
- Access to accurate, reliable and timeous water resource information underpins a wide range of strategic planning and management, from basic water access to industrial expansion.



The Need for Water Resource Monitoring

- Wide-area coverage, detailed water resource monitoring and inventory is now an operational capability, and can be integrated with many other types of data in order to support a wide range of water-critical, actionable intelligence generation and reporting.



The South African National Water Quantity System

- The [South African National Water Quantity Service](#) (“Mzansi Amanzi”) is a joint initiative between the South African National Space Agency (SANSa) and the GeoTerraImage / EkoSource partnership.
- Detailed, national coverage, monthly information on the status of surface water resources across South Africa.
- Water existence and extent (*where is it?*) and importantly, dam volume (*how much is available?*) information.



How the Water System Works

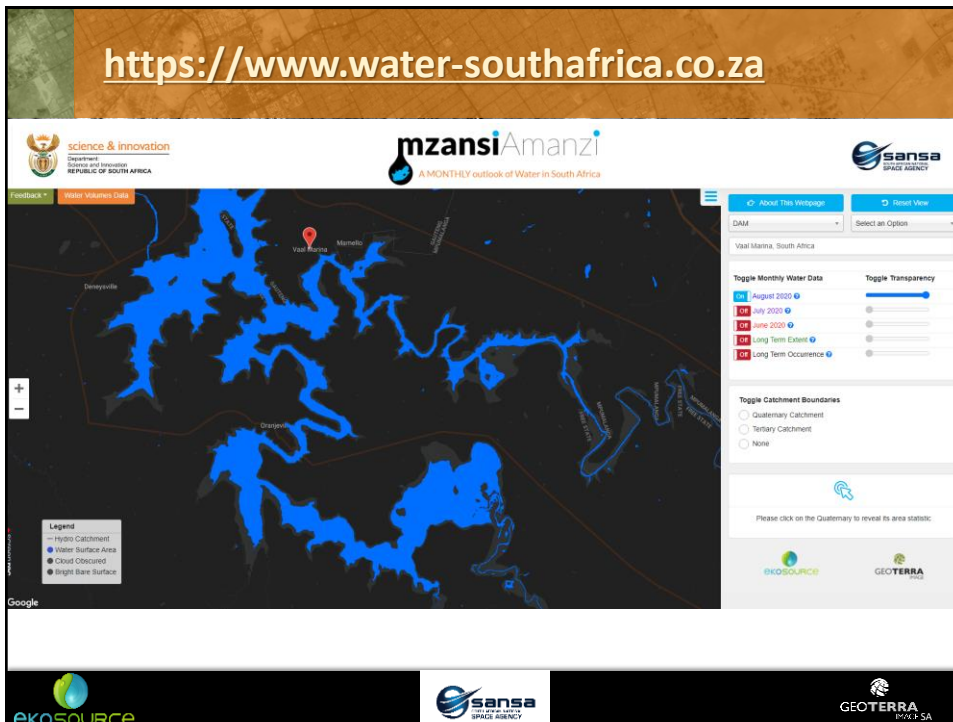
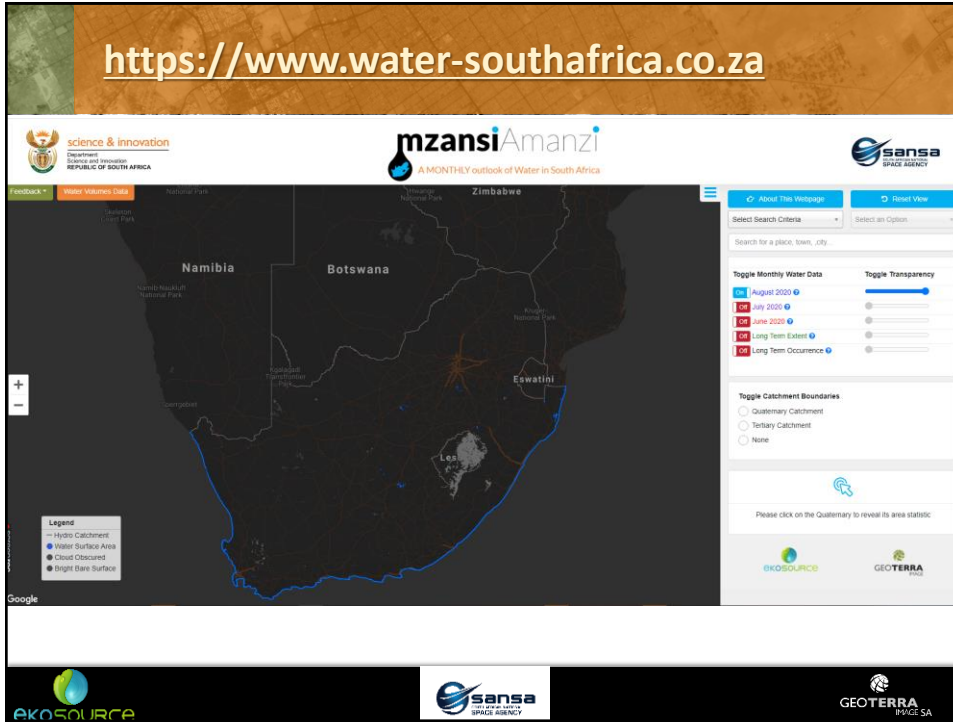
- The water service uses cloud-based technologies and satellite imagery to identify and map surface water features; followed by automated modelling procedures to determine water volume in individual dams / reservoirs.
- No in-situ ancillary observations nor field data collation is required for the water service to compute and complete: it is fully automated using data only sourced from satellite imagery and digital terrain models.

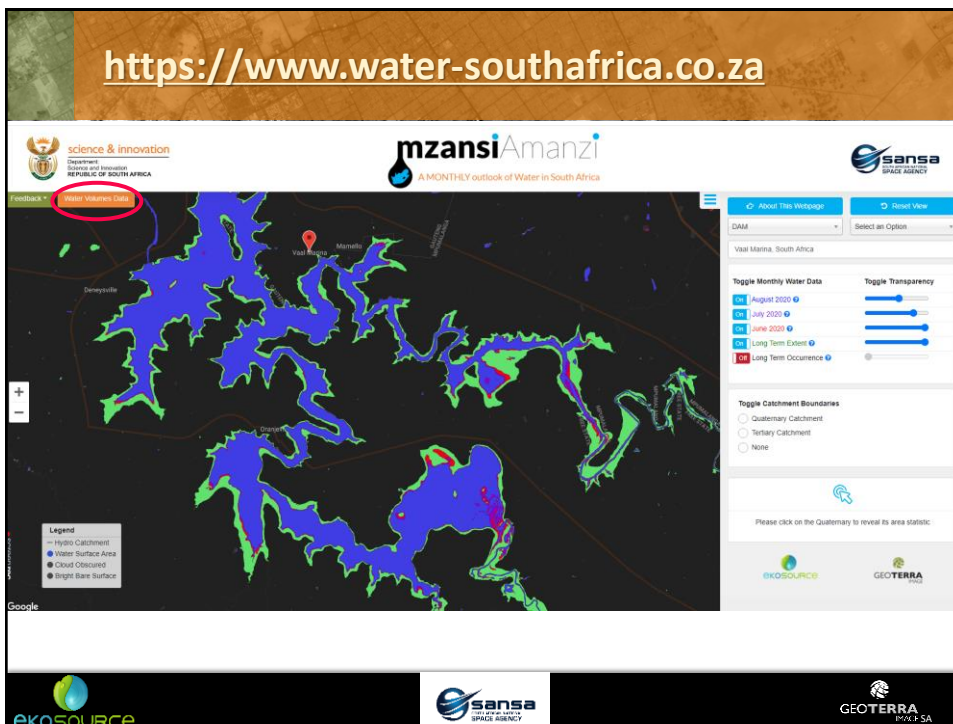
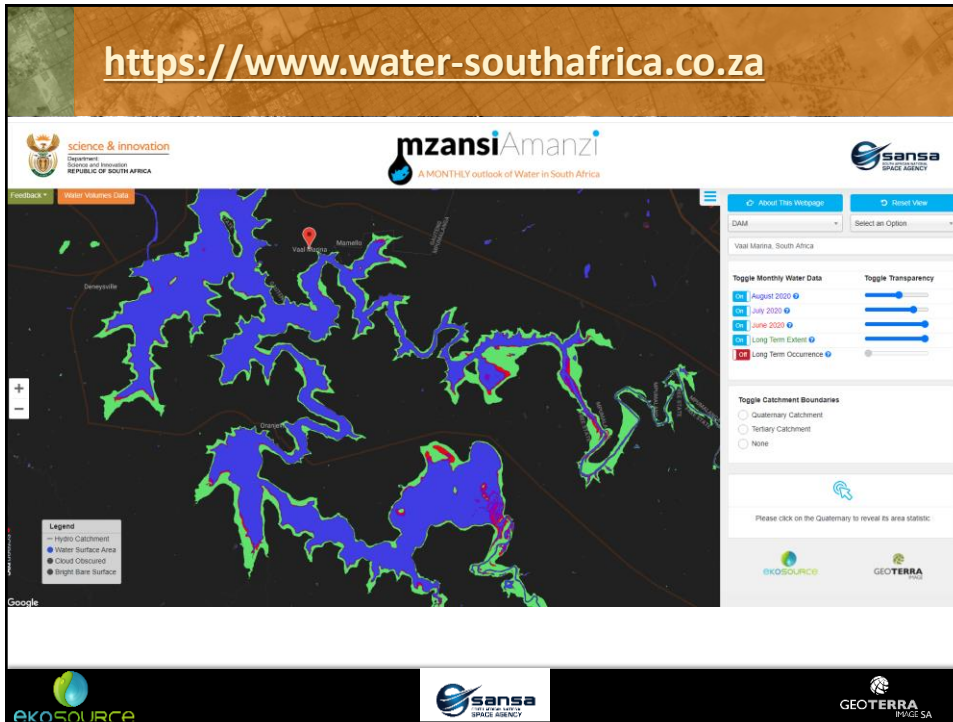


What the Water System Generates


- The South African Water Quantity Service generates user-ready information every month:
 - National coverage, total surface water feature inventory
 - Smallest detectable surface water feature (± 0.1 ha)
 - Individual water volume reporting for $< 30,000$ dams
 - Catchment summarised small dam volumes ($\pm 250,000$ dams, volumes less than $25,000\text{m}^3$)
 - Digital maps (GIS compatible)
 - Data spreadsheets & public-access websites viewing portals
 - Near-real time information: ± 5 days from end of each month









http://sbdvc.ekodata.co.za/ (dam volumes)



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Satellite Based Dams Volumes Calculator

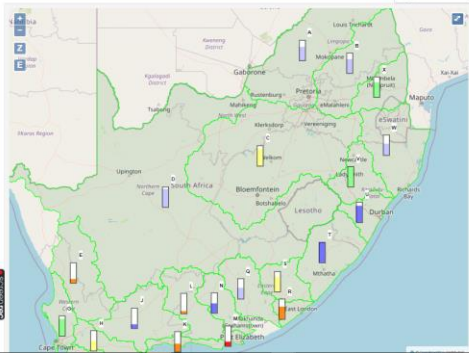




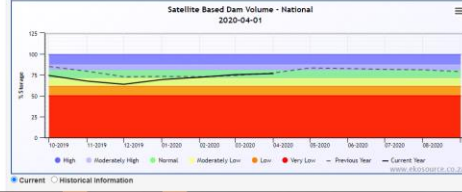
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Large Dams



Station ID	Name	Full Supply Capacity (FSC)	Latest Volume	% FSC
National				
☐ No Primary Catchment		29 910.17 Mm3	22 894.29 Mm3	76.54
☐ Primary Catchment A		1 326.65 Mm3	666.26 Mm3	50.30
☐ Primary Catchment B		1 875.39 Mm3	1 265.81 Mm3	67.50
☐ Primary Catchment C		7 921.30 Mm3	6 600.03 Mm3	83.32
☐ Primary Catchment D		8 768.79 Mm3	7 874.82 Mm3	89.81
☐ Primary Catchment E		130.34 Mm3	24.11 Mm3	18.49
☐ Primary Catchment G		467.22 Mm3	383.38 Mm3	82.06






Satellite Based Dam Volume - National
2020-04-01


% Storage

■ High
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Current
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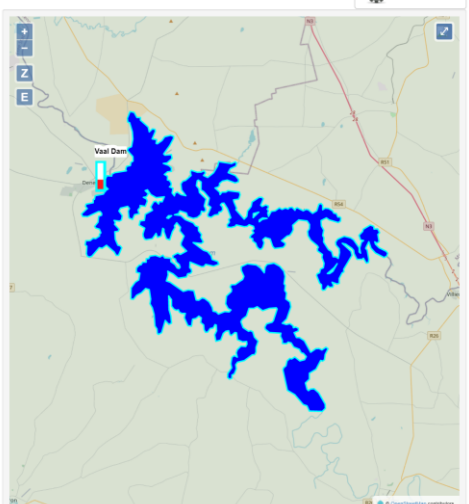
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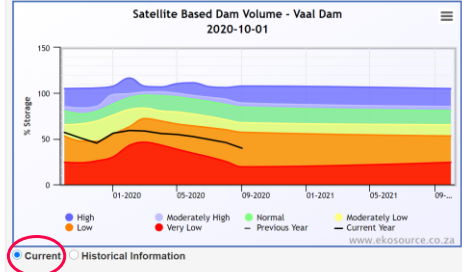


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C2R00	BOSKOP DAM	20.85 Mm3	15.84 Mm3	75.98
C2R00	JOHAN NESER DAM	5.67 Mm3	3.65 Mm3	64.31
C2R00	KLERKSKAAL DAM	8.02 Mm3	3.00 Mm3	37.44
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Satellite Based Dam Volume - Vaal Dam
2020-10-01

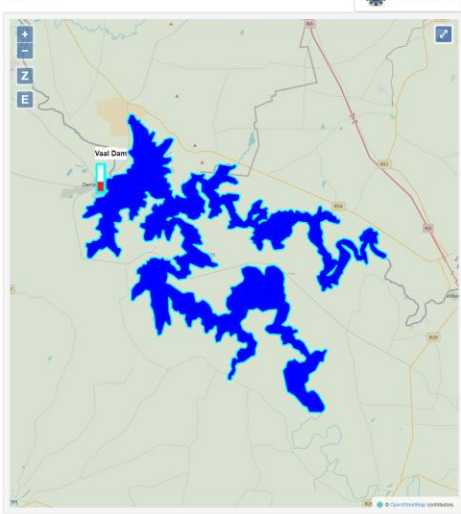
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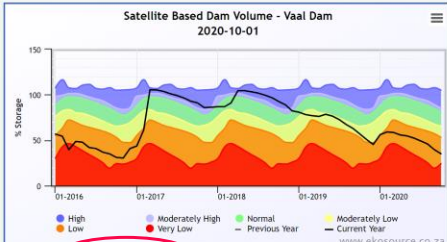


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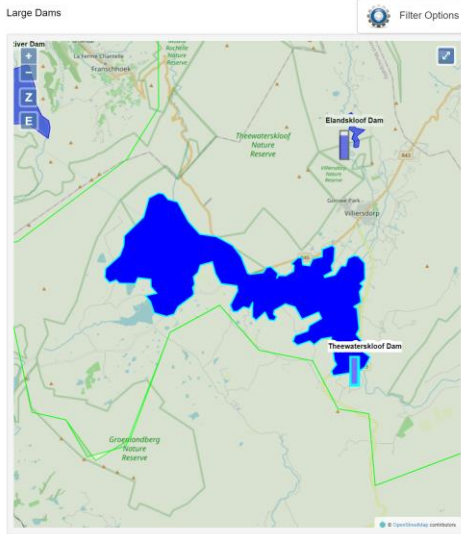


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Monitoring Dam Volumes

Large Dams Filter Options

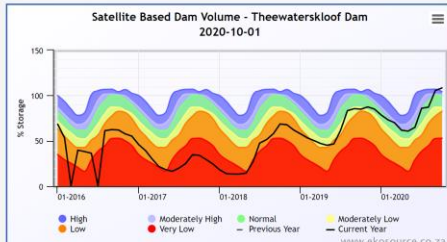


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H3R00	PIETERSFONTEIN DAM	2.03 Mm3	0.74 Mm3	36.29
H4R00	KEEROM DAM	9.11 Mm3	6.75 Mm3	74.09
H4R00	KLIPBERG DAM	1.99 Mm3	1.03 Mm3	51.87
H4R00	KWAGGASKLOOF DAM	0.00 Mm3	158.30 Mm3	0.00
H6R00	THEEWATERSKLOOF D	480.41 Mm3	520.41 Mm3	108.33
H6R00	ELANDSKLOOF DAM	11.50 Mm3	9.32 Mm3	81.07

Satellite Based Dam Volume - Theewaterskloof Dam

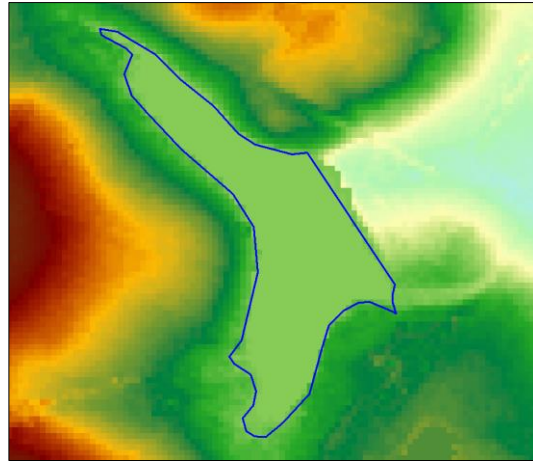
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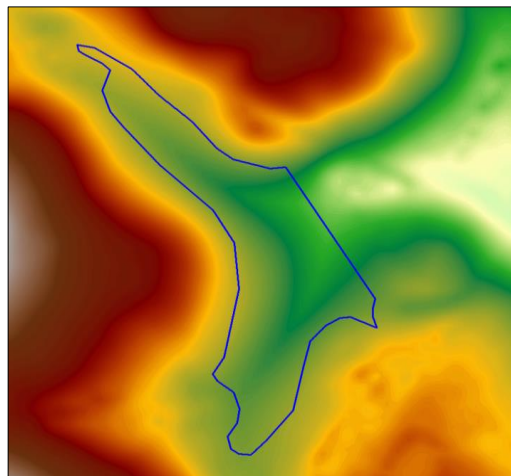
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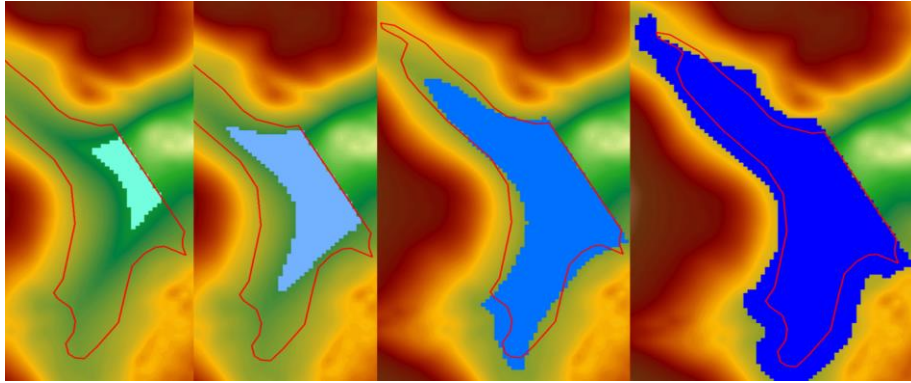
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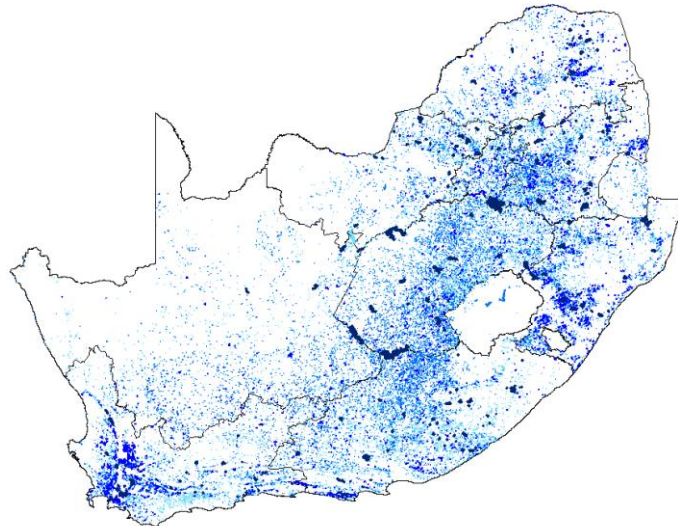
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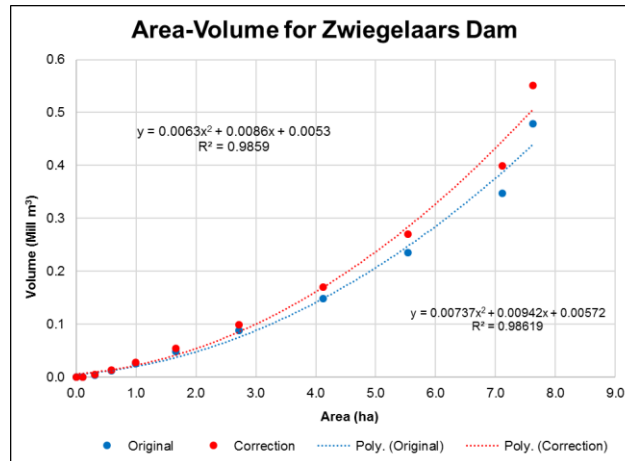


South Africa: Dam Volume Data Monthly



Accuracy (Area & Volume)

Category 2 Dams – Zwiegelaars Dam



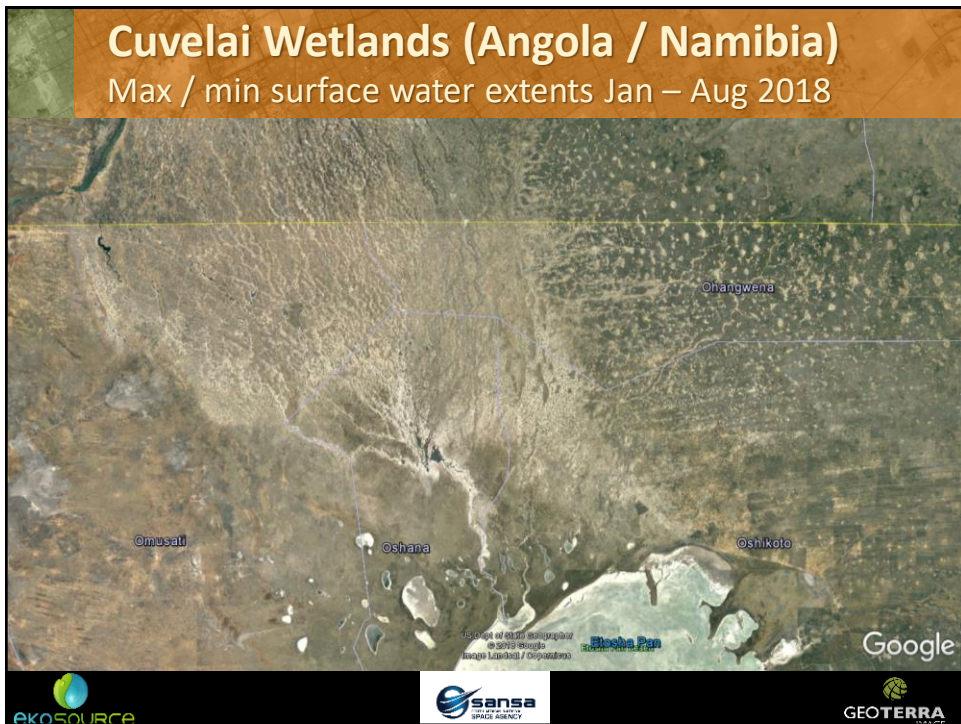
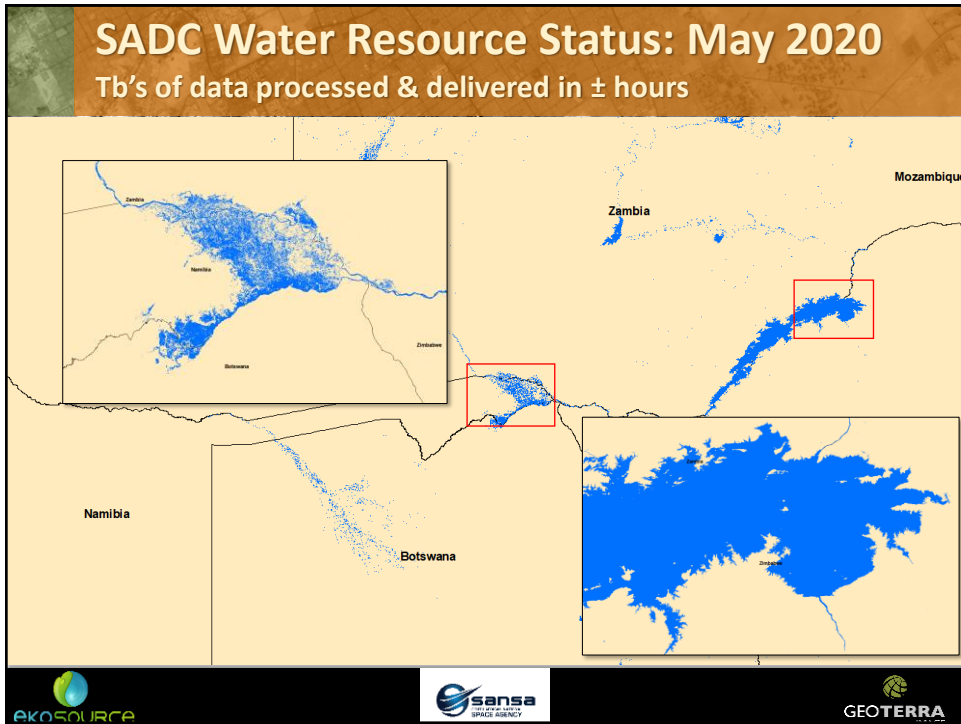
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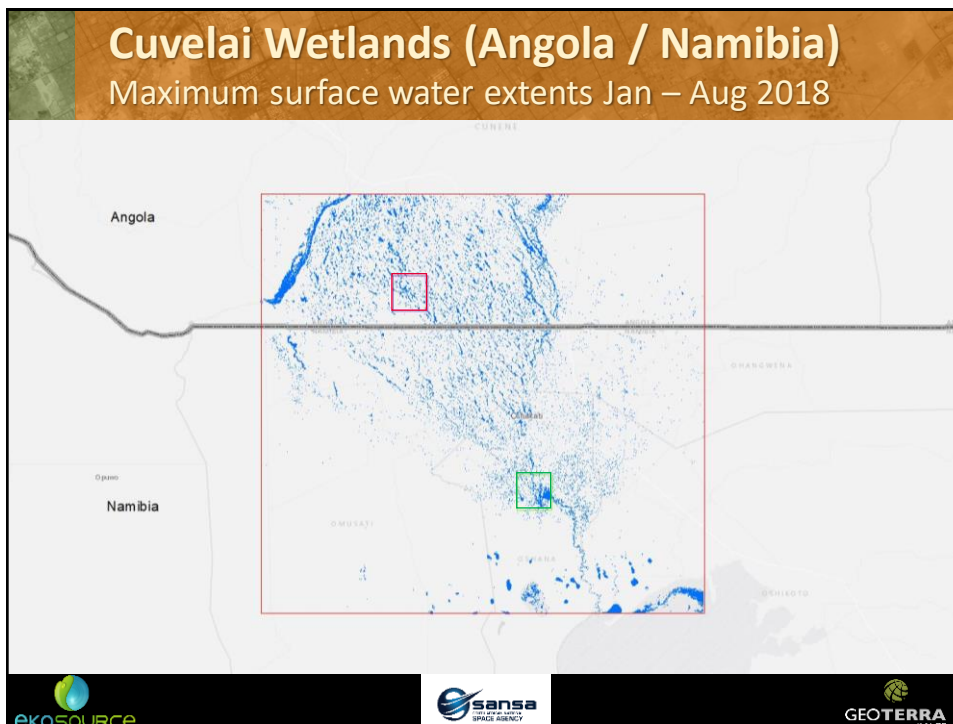
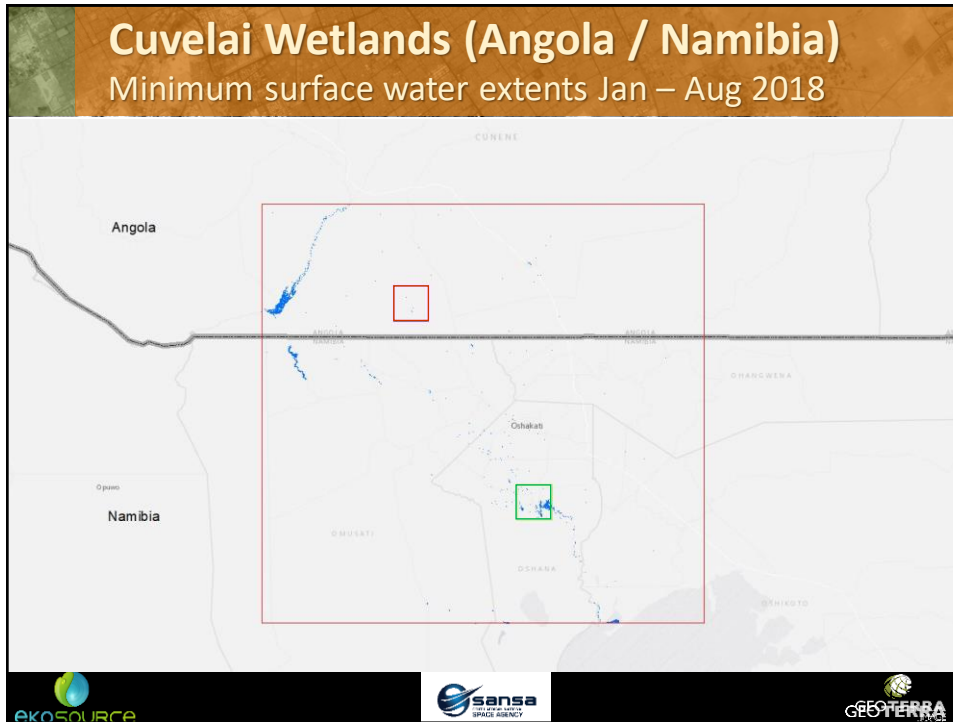
The South African National Water Quantity System is the South African version of an operational capability that is geographically transportable to other areas, both regionally and internationally.

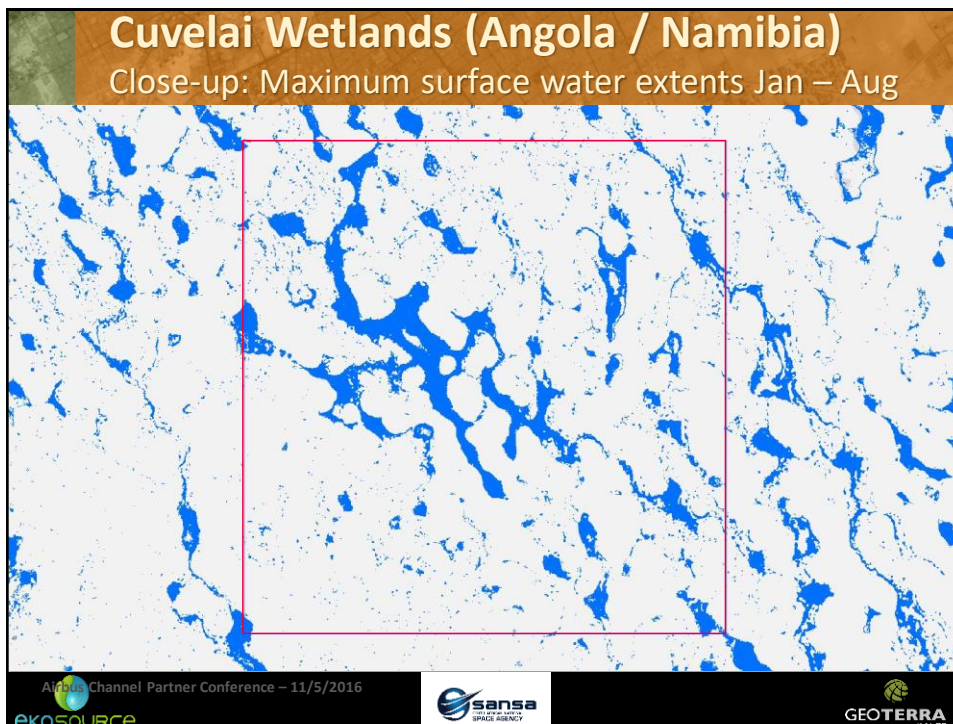
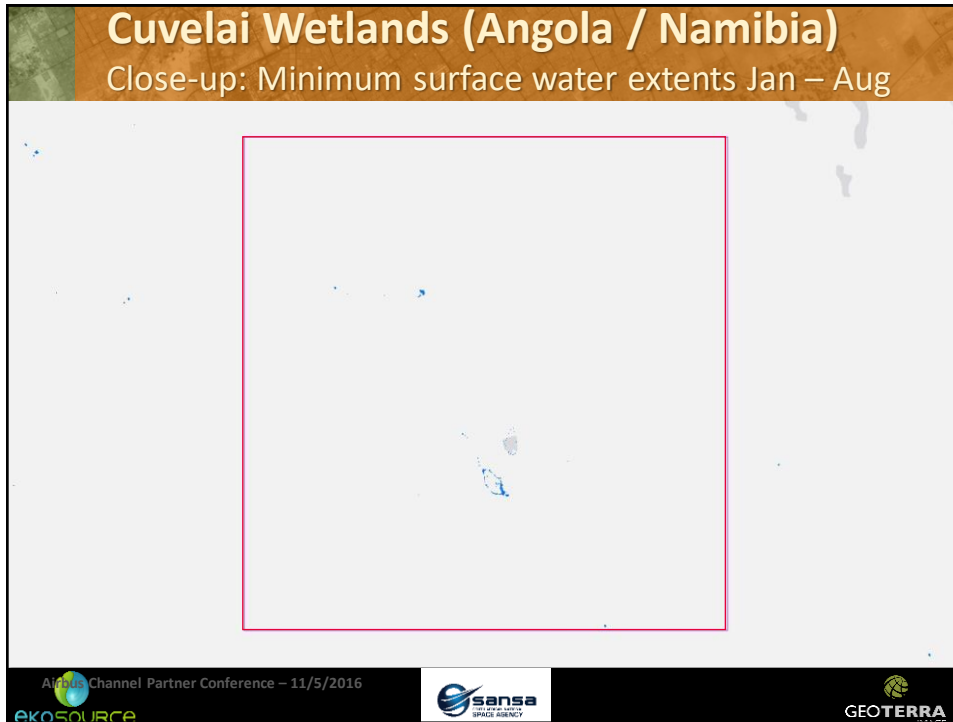
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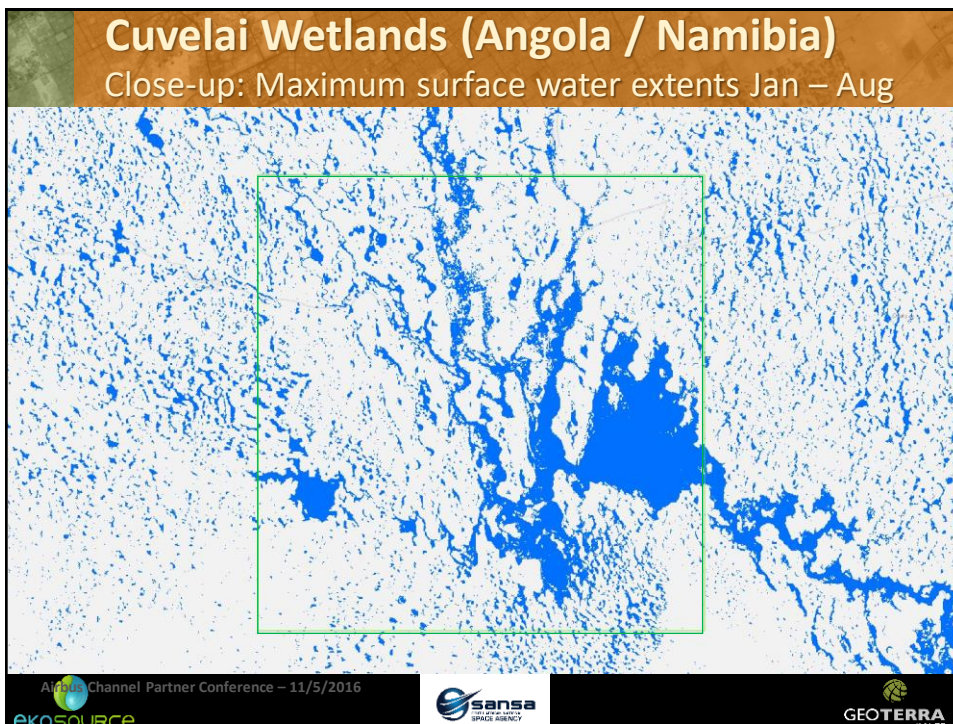
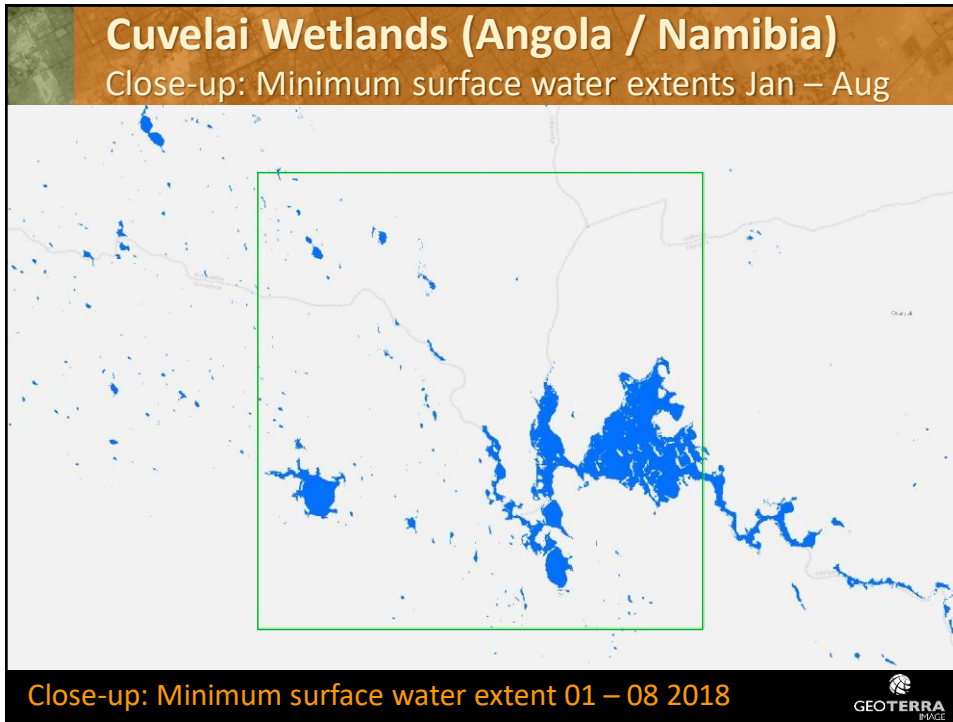
- OKACOM: all hydrological catchments upstream of the Okavango Swamps, extending across Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Angola (*operational*)
- ZAMCOM: all hydrological sub-catchments making up the full Zambesi River Basin, extending across Angola Botswana, Mozambique, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique (*pre-operational*)

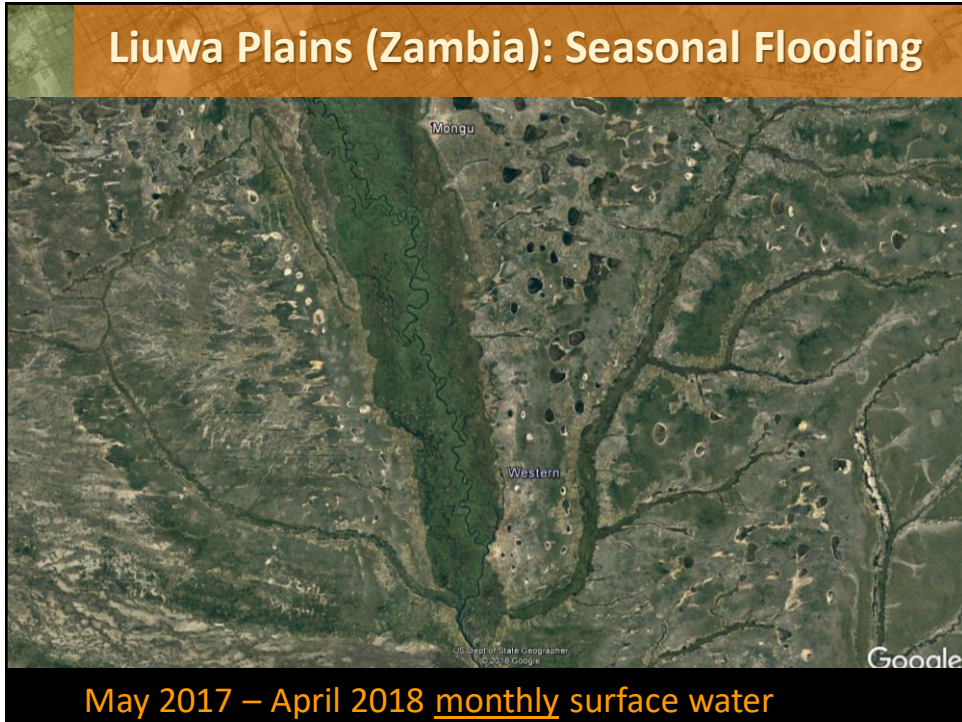


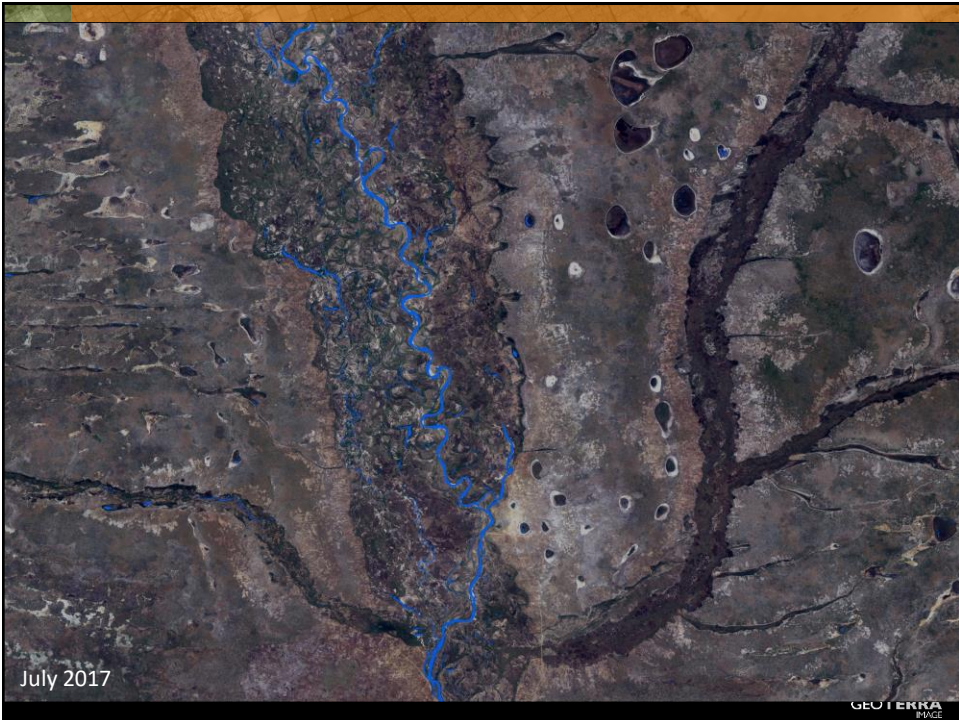
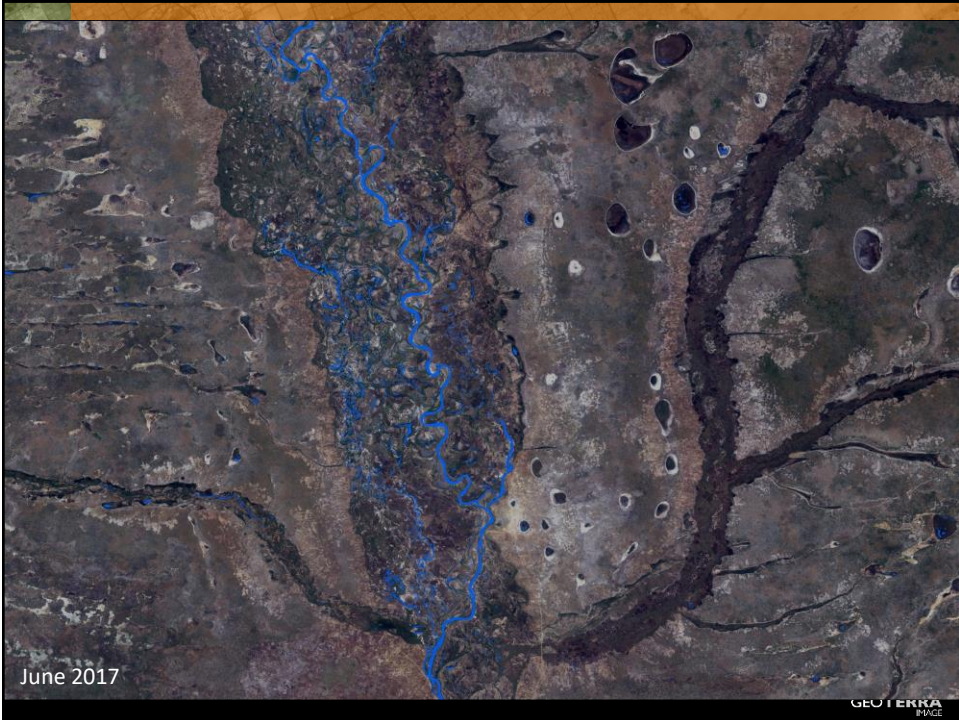


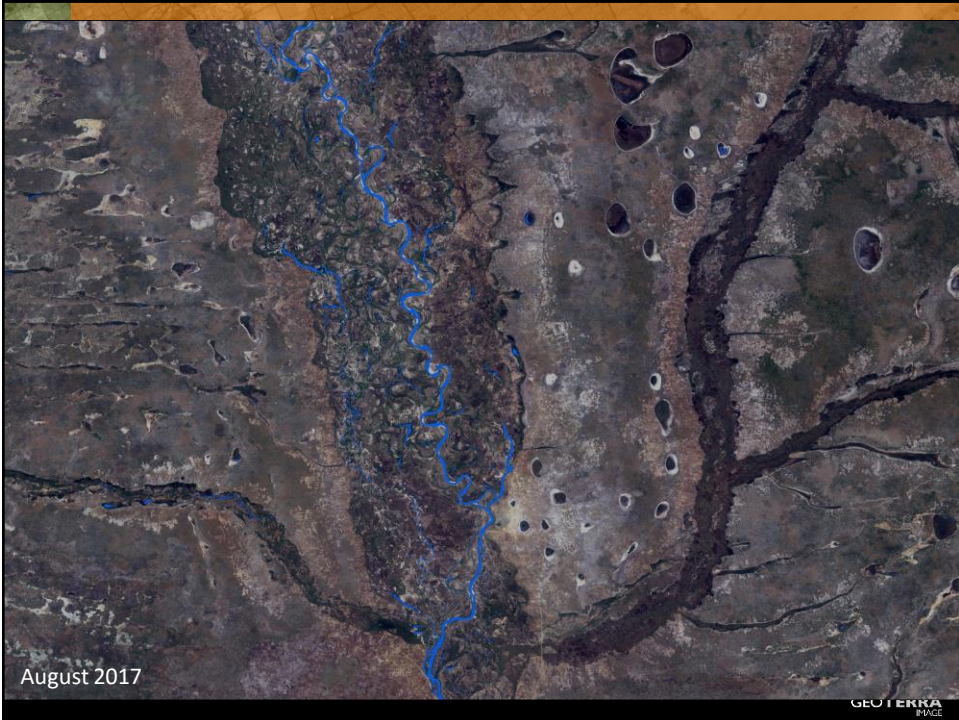




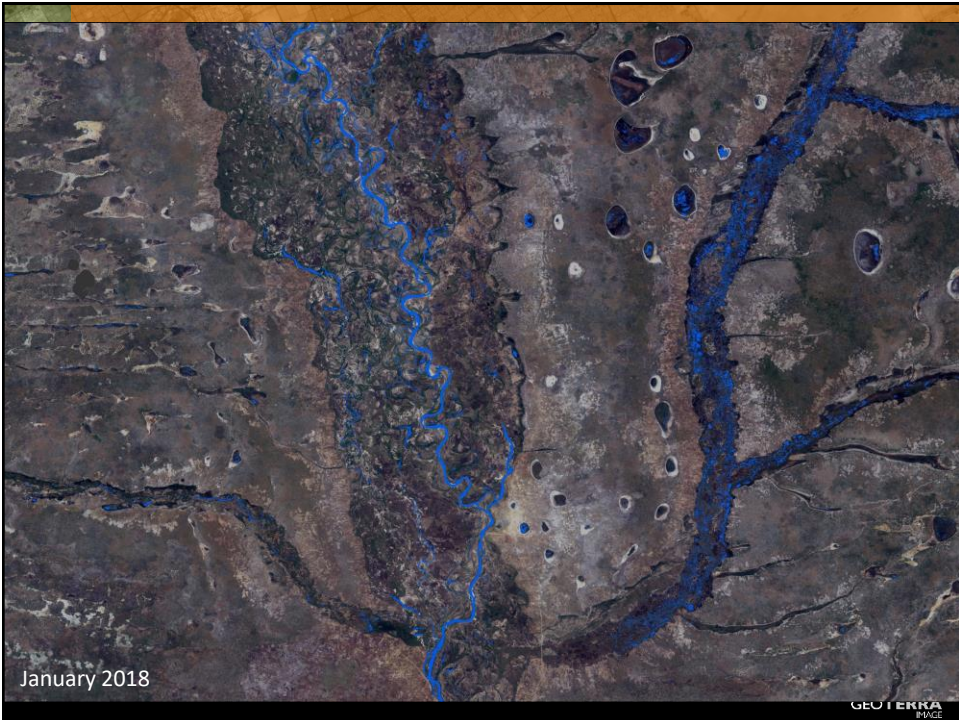


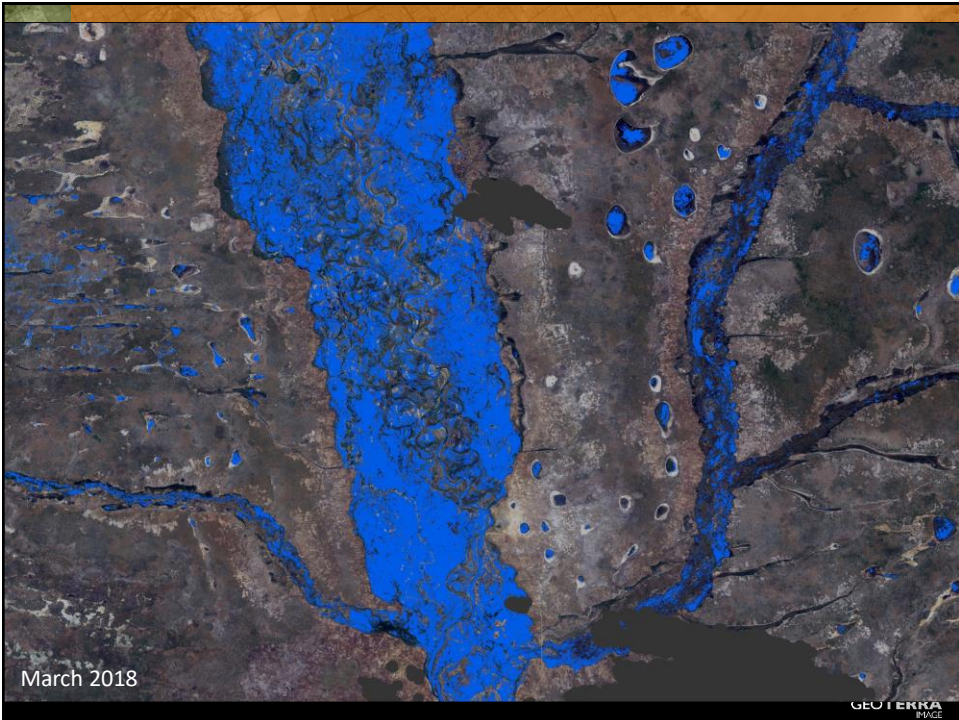


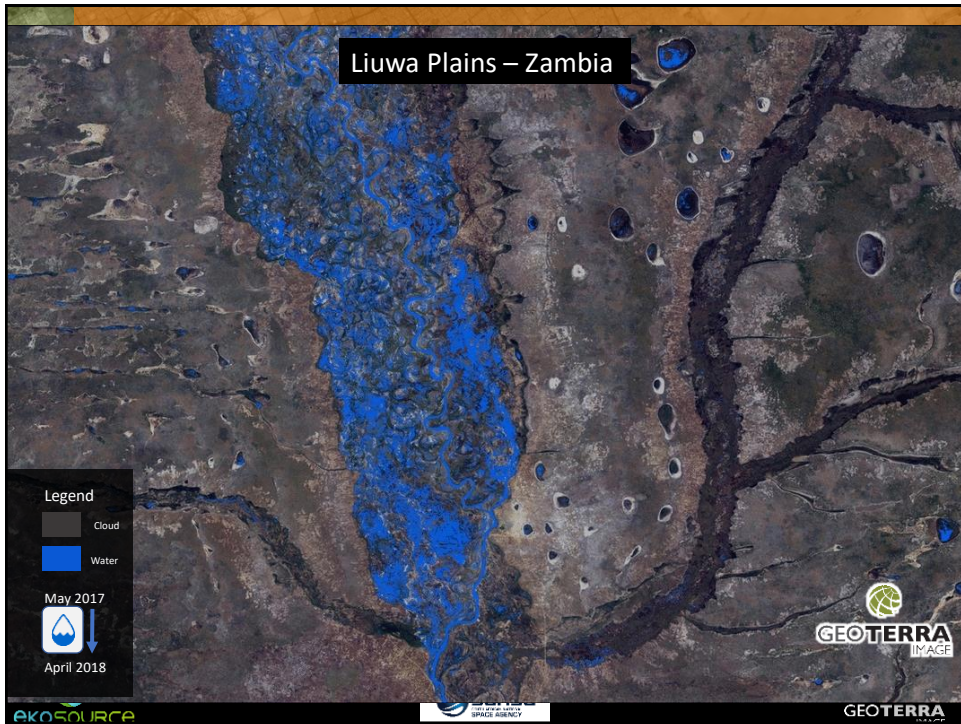


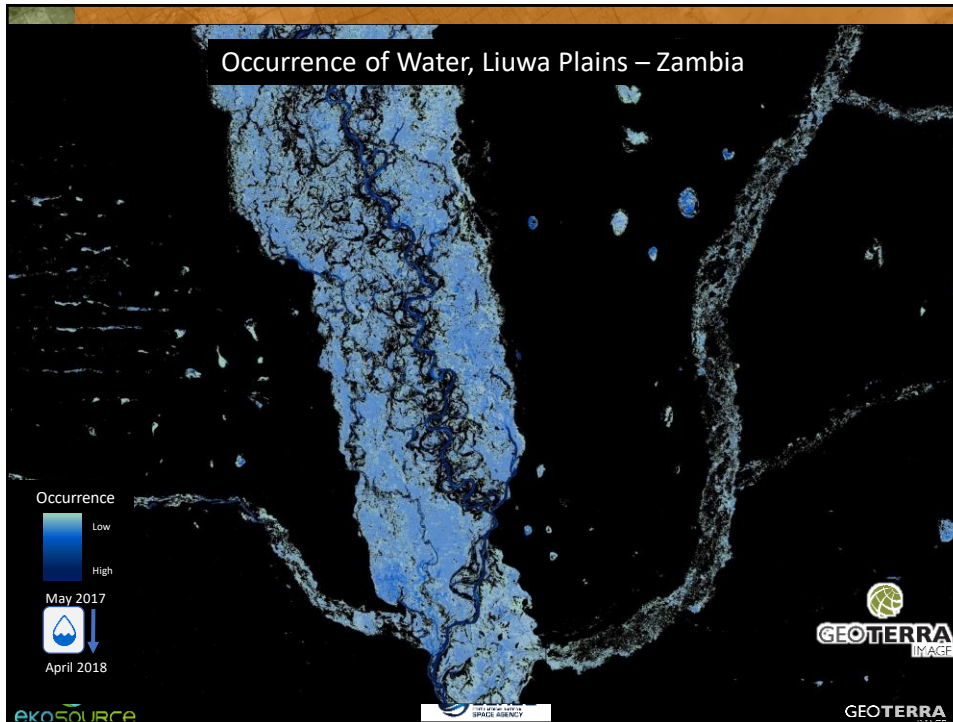












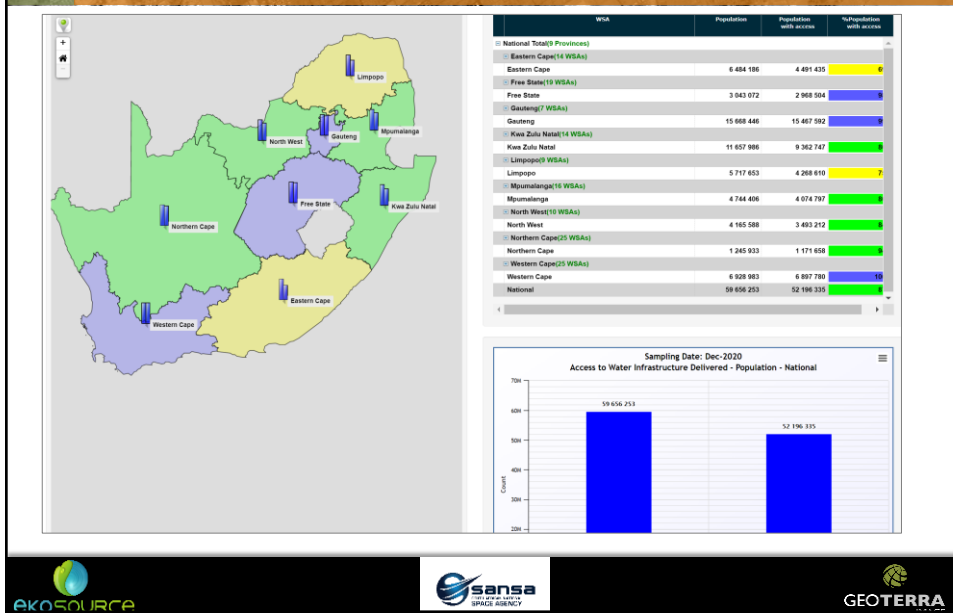
Turning Water Resource Information into Actionable Intelligence for Operational Planning & Decision Support

Dashboards can be generated to integrate water information with other key information sets to generate focussed and actionable intelligence

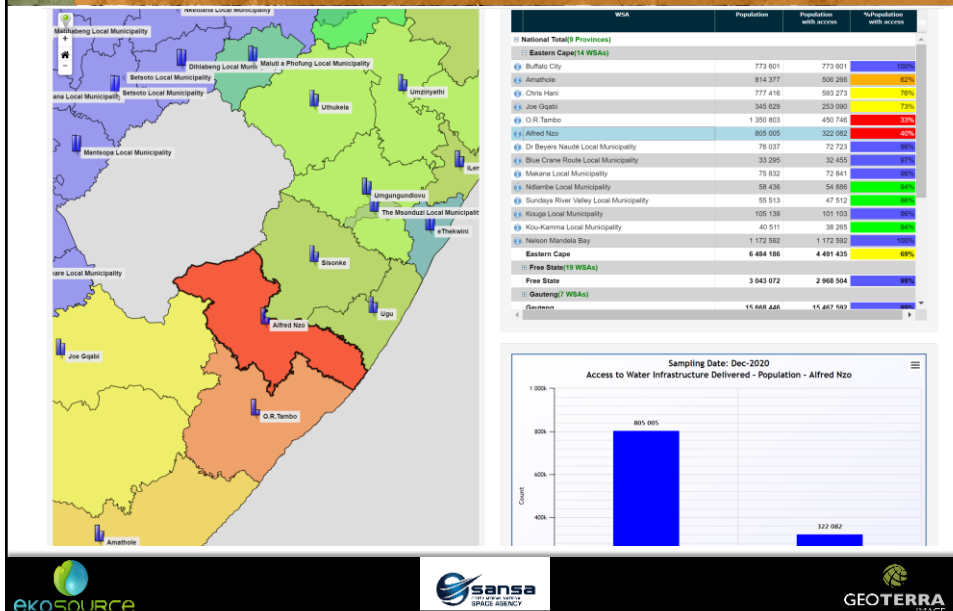
These are examples of information monitoring dashboards developed within the South African Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to support improved water resources management and assist with assessing progress towards the SDGs within the DWS.

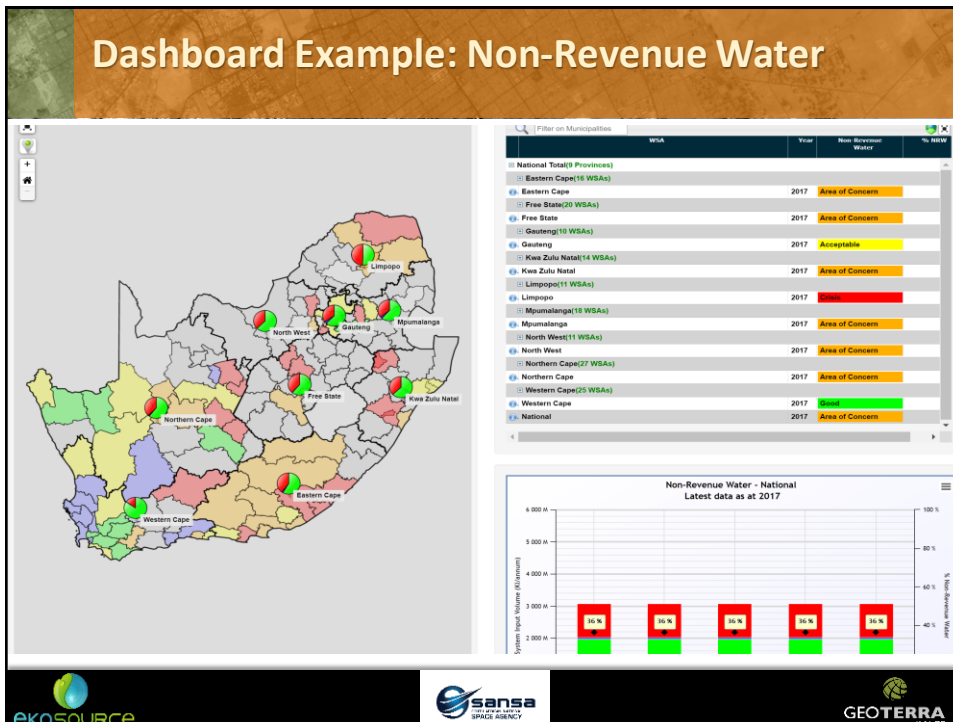
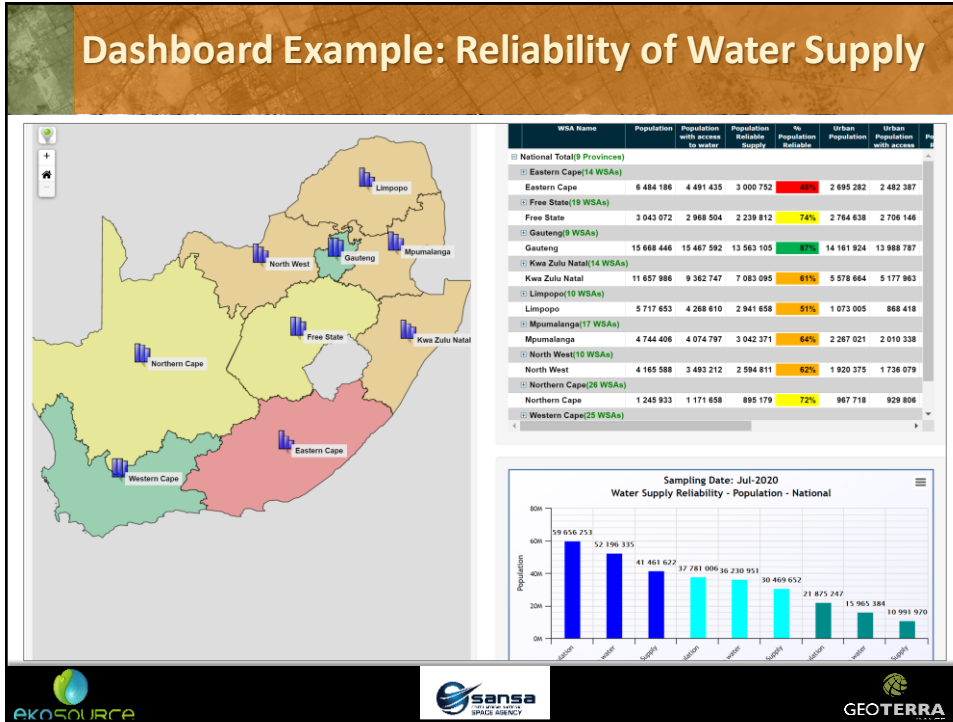


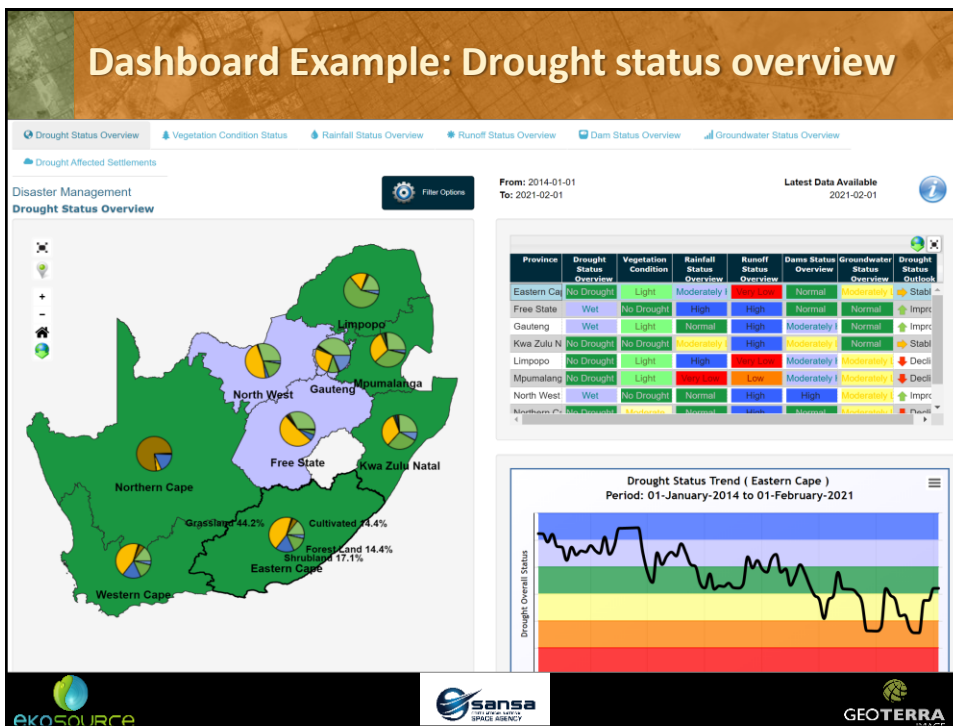
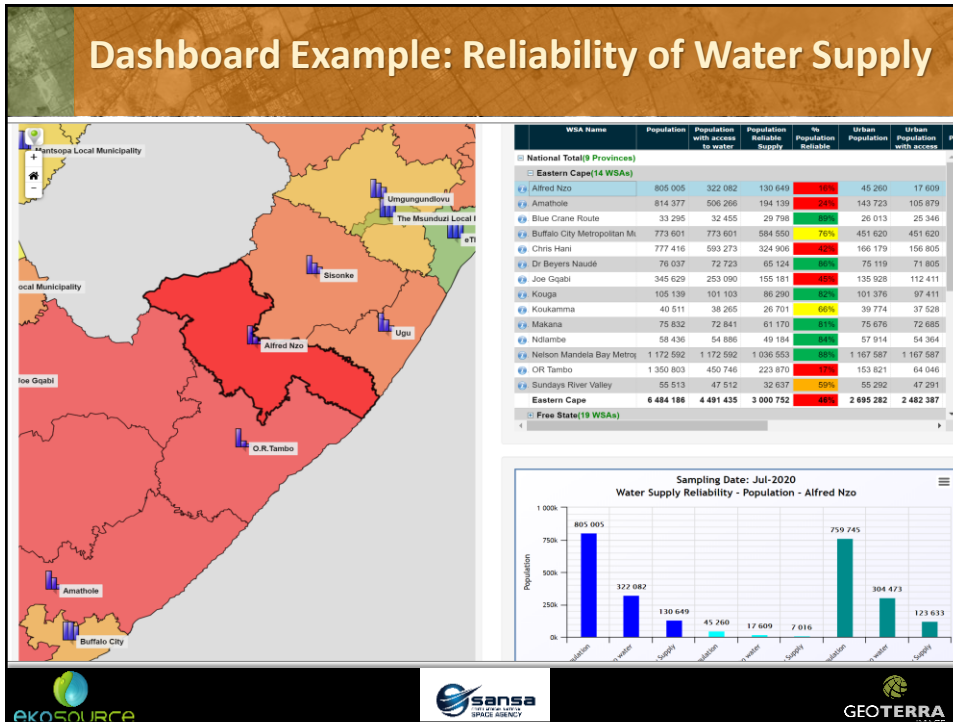
Dashboard Example: Access to Water Services

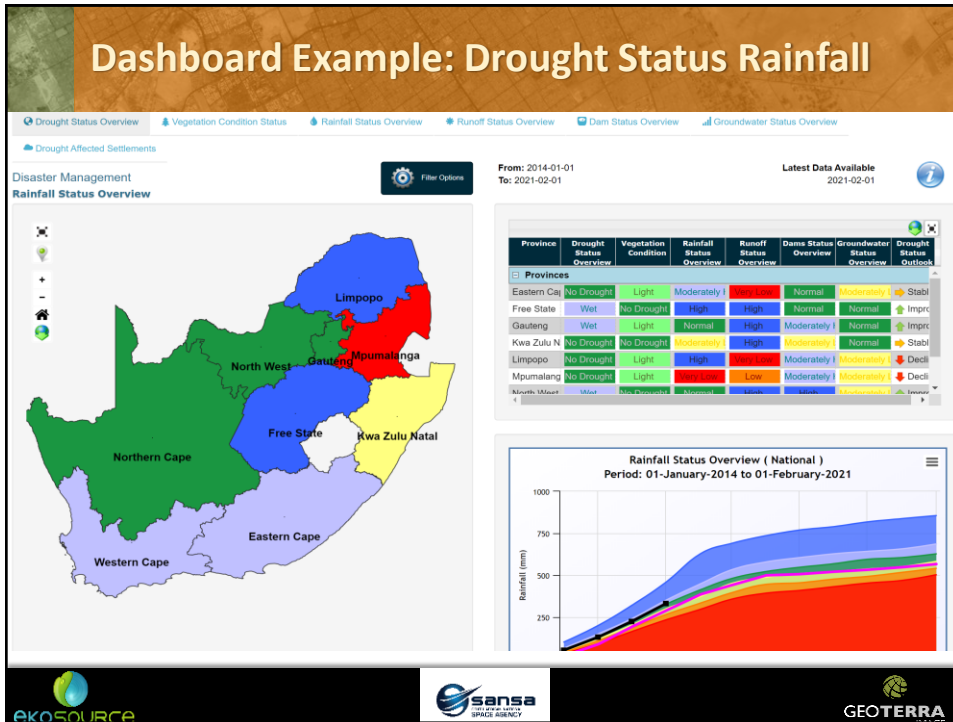


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