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SAR-based scientific products in support to recovery from hurricanes and earthquakes: lessons learnt in Haiti from the CEOS Recovery Observatory pilot to the

demonstrator

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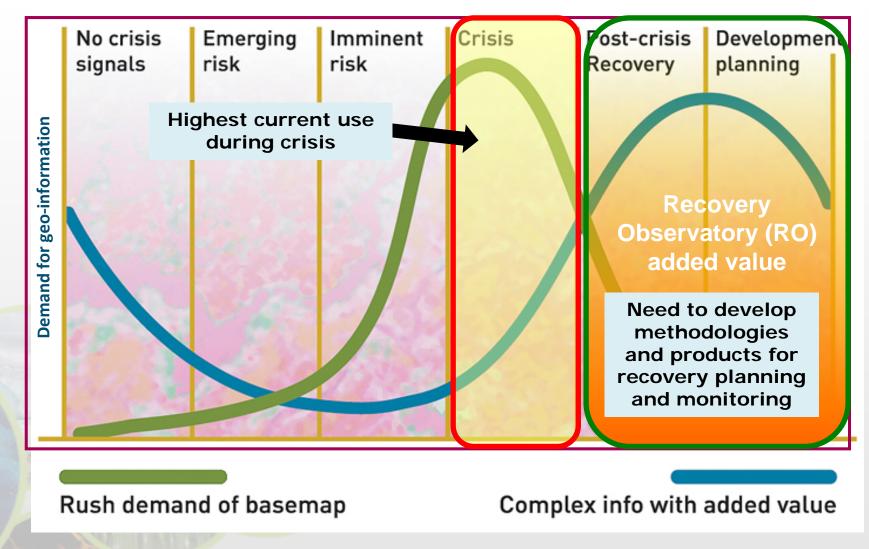


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# **Geo-Information in Response & Recovery**









### **CEOS Recovery Observatory in Haiti**



### Triggering of the RO in Haiti decided by CEOS Chair in consultation with CEOS Principals, December 22, 2016, after Hurricane Matthew - October 2016

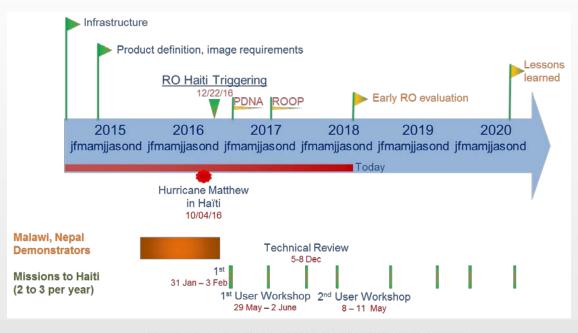


Damage in Les Cayes (source: www.abc.net.au)



Damaged caused by Hurricane Matthew in SW Haiti (October 2016)

#### **RO Haiti timeline [2017-2020]**



The Observatory is managed by a project team composed of various actors









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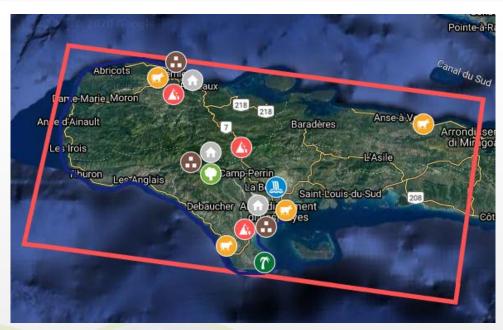
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### **CEOS** Recovery Observatory in Haiti





	Produit	Utilisateur-clef	Elaboration	Données satellites
0	Land Use	All	CNIGS, CNES	Sentinel-2
0	Buildings Mapping	CIAT / Planning Ministry	CNES/SERTIT, Copernicus EMS R&R	Pléiades, WorldView-3
0	Terrain Motion Change Detection	BME / URGeo	ASI, CNES/EOST	COSMO-SkyMed, Pléiades Spot 6/7, TerraSAR-X
	Watershed / Flood	ONEV / Agriculture Ministry	ASI/CIMA Foundation	Pléiades, COSMO- SkyMed
3	Agriculture	Agriculture Ministry	Copernicus EMS R&R	Sentinel-2, Spot 6/7, GeoEye-1, WorldView-2
0	Macaya National Park Monitoring	ANAP / ONEV / Environment Ministry	Copernicus EMS R&R, CNES/SERTIT	Spot 6/7, Pléiades
1	Environmental Impact	ONEV / Environment Ministry	Copernicus EMS R&R	Sentinel-2, Spot 6/7, Pléiades, WorldView-2

https://www.recovery-observatory.org/drupal/en

















Value adders



























### **Coordinate satellite SAR observations**



Sentinel-1 → European constellation of the Copernicus programme; C-band (5.6 cm wavelength)

Data for the RO: spatial resolution: ~20-25 m; site revisit: 12 days

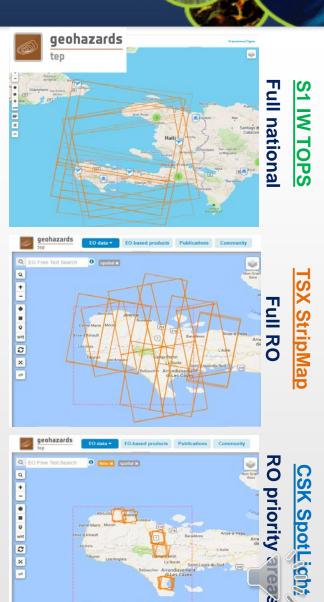
TerraSAR-X → German Space Agency (DLR)'s constellation; X-band (3.1 cm wavelength)

Data for the RO: spatial resolution: ~3 m; site revisit: 6 months

<u>COSMO-SkyMed</u> → Italian Space Agency (ASI)'s constellation; X-band (3.1 cm wavelength)

<u>Data for the RO</u>: spatial resolution: ~1 m; site revisit: 16 days



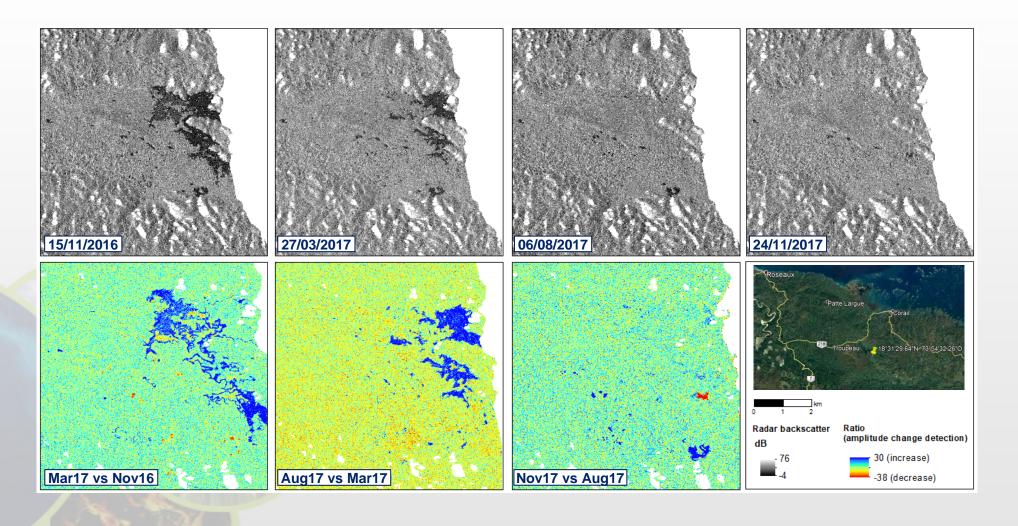




# 1<sup>st</sup> year surface changes (regional)



### TerraSAR-X change detection maps – temporal evolution of <u>flooding in Troupeau</u> (1 year)



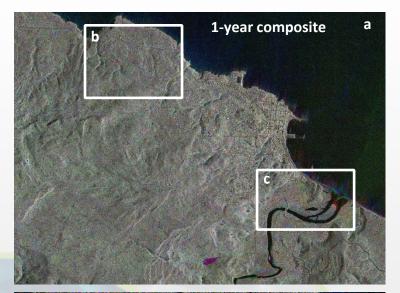




## 1<sup>st</sup> year surface changes (urban)

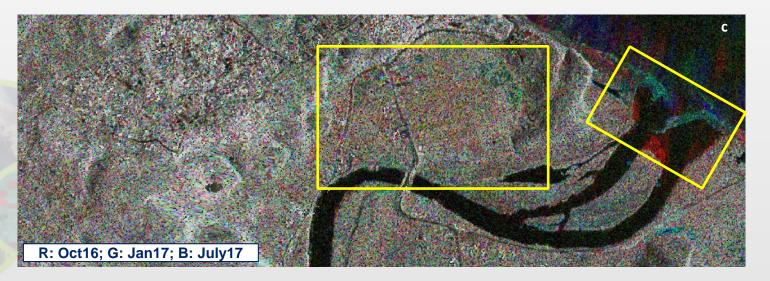


### TerraSAR-X RGB false-coloured maps – changes in urban areas in <u>Jérémie</u> (1 year)



R: Oct16; G: Jan17; B: Nov17

- ➤ In the year after Hurricane Matthew (October 2016 November 2017), 6-month basis monitoring at regional scale allowed temporal tracking of major changes in urban features
- Local urban changes were observed in:
  - ☐ the rural areas surrounding Jérémie (picture b)
  - □ the southern-eastern peripheries close to the Grande-Anse River, including fluvial and coastal dynamics (picture **c**)

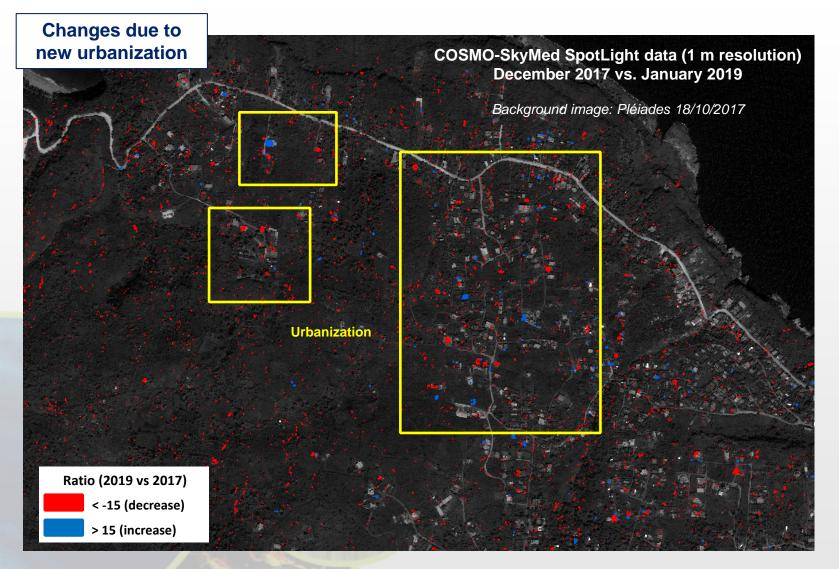




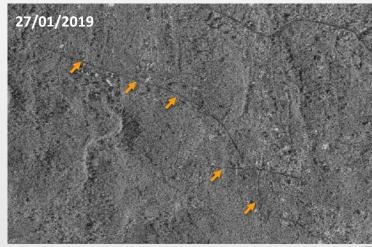


## Longer-term surface changes (urban)





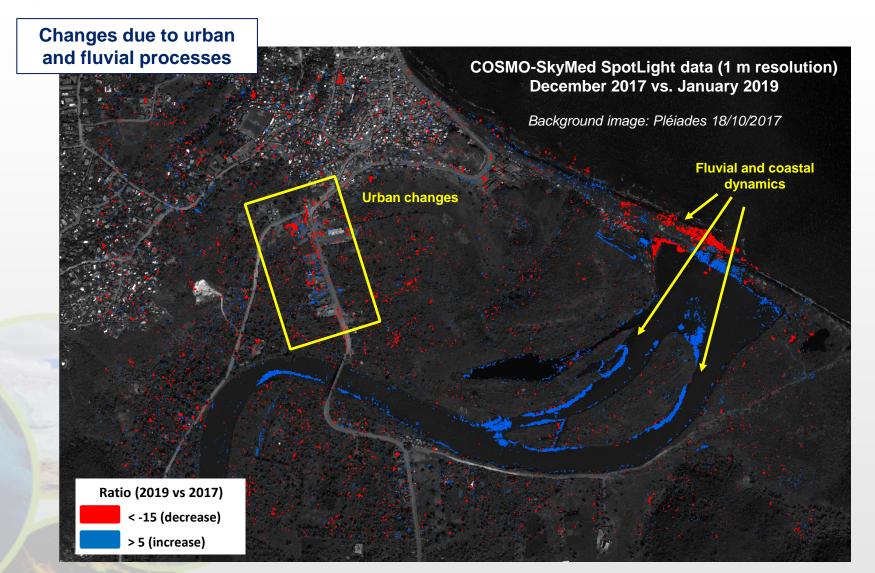






# Longer-term surface changes (urban & environmental)









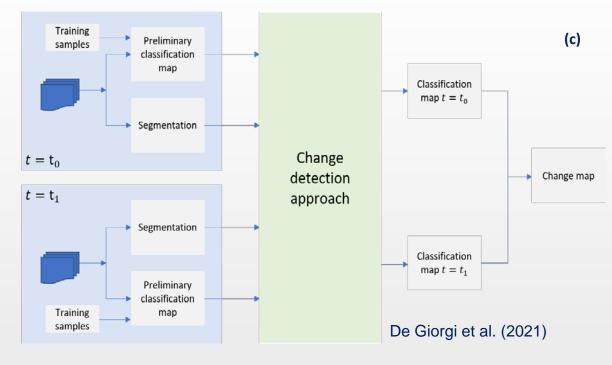
# Monitoring post-hurricane urbanization in Jérémie







#### MARKOVIAN MULTI-TEMPORAL REGION-BASED MODELLING



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- (a) RGB true-color composition of the multispectral Pléiades acquisition (image © CNES 2017, distribution Airbus DS)
- (b) Enhanced Spotlight SAR acquisition (COSMO-SkyMed Product © ASI—Italian Space Agency—2017. All rights reserved)
- (c) Block diagram of the classification method.





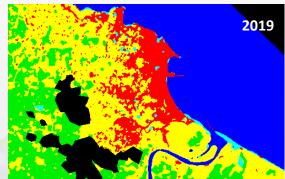
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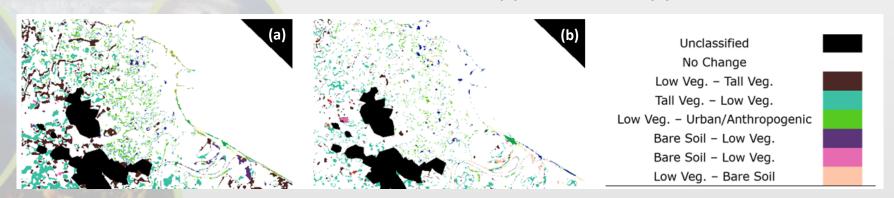


	Class		érémie 2018	Jérémie 2019	
			$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}$	PA	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}$
	Water	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Urban/Anthropogenic	98.4%	100%	98.4%	100%
	Tall Veg.	99.4%	100%	100%	100%
	Low Veg.	100%	98.0%	100%	98.5%
	Bare Soil	100%	100%	100%	100%
OA		99.5%		99.6%	
	AA		99.6%	99.7%	
	kappa		99.3%	99.5%	

De Giorgi et al. (2021)



Land cover transitions: (a) 2017  $\rightarrow$  2018; (b) 2018  $\rightarrow$  2019



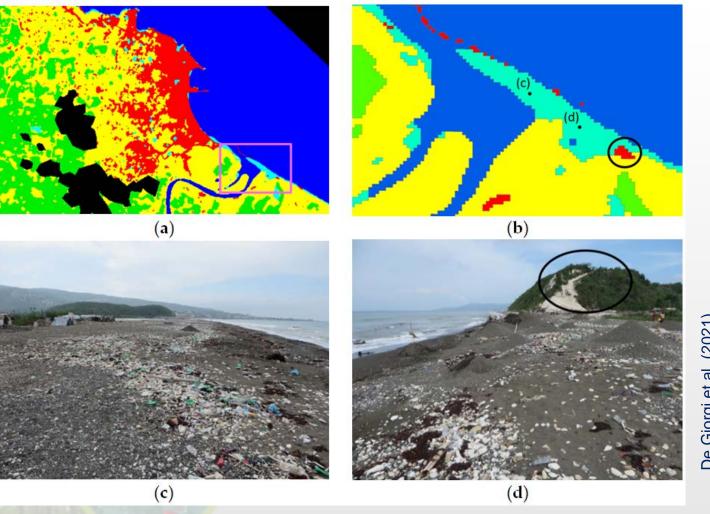






## Contextual interpretation – case 1





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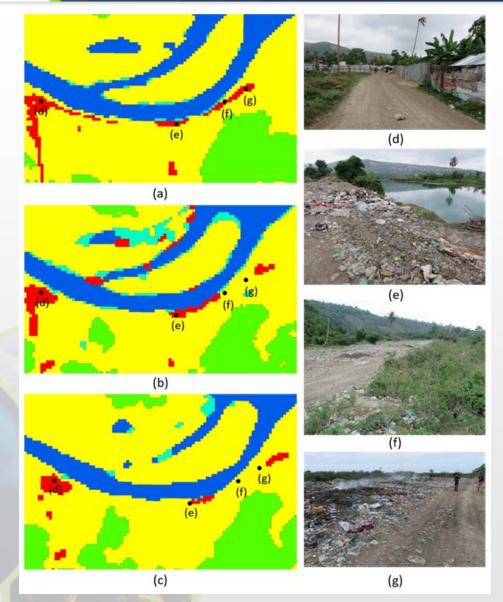
(a) The 2019 classification map with indication of (b) the bare-soil land cover transition at the mouth of the Grande Anse River and along the coast, south of Jérémie. Black dots mark the GPS locations of the ground-truth photographs showing (c) the sand and gravel river mouth bar interspersed with widespread rubbish and waste and (d) mining and quarrying activity occurring on-site in April 2019





## **Contextual interpretation – case 2**





Right bank of the Grande Anse River, south of Jérémie classification maps corresponding to:

- (a) 2017
- **(b)** 2018
- **(c)** 2019

with indication of **(d)** dirt road leading to rural shacks and **(e)** unregulated and uncontrolled dump site, interspersed with **(f)** low vegetation and bush and where **(g)** garbage and plastic waste are also burnt



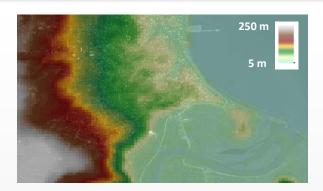
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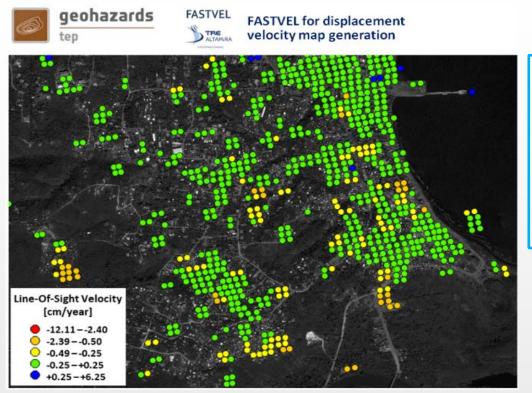
## Interrelated (cascading) hazards











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Ground deformation PS-InSAR analysis with more than 50 Sentinel-1 IW SAR descending scenes (2017-2018) accessed and processed using the FASTVEL service in ESA's GEP.

Background image: Pléiades 18/10/2017 (© CNES 2017, distribution Airbus DS)

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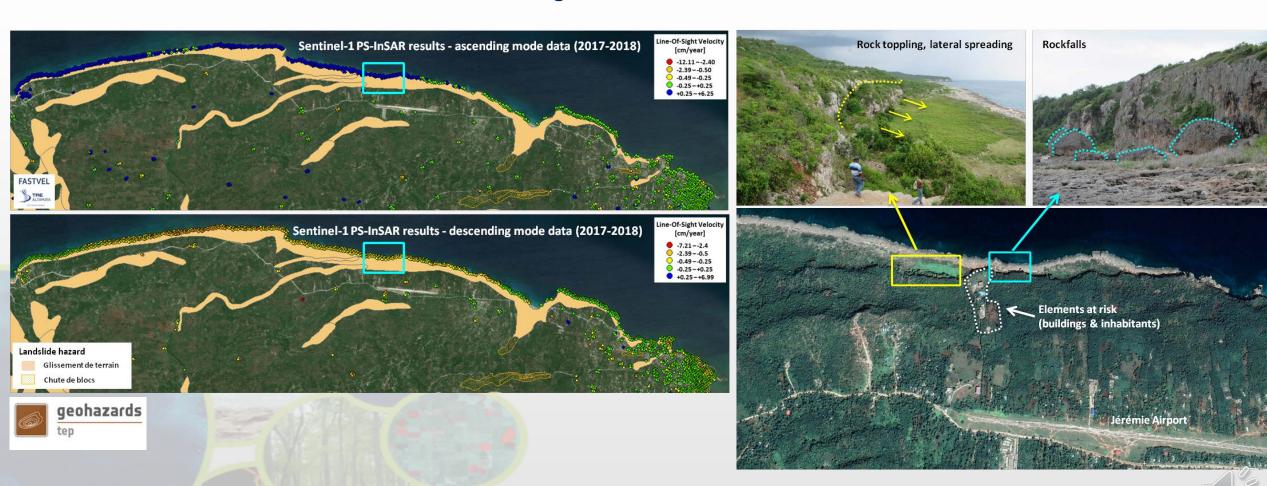




## Validation of scientific products



#### Fieldwork during the technical mission in Haiti





## User workshops & capacity building





Haiti RO Local User Workshop, Regional Haitian Civil Protection Offices, Jérémie, April 2019



Haiti RO Users Workshop, Port au Prince, May 2019



University training at Port-au-Prince in 2019 with SERTIT/CNES and ASI



SAR and Land use training in Jérémie by ASI (left) and Port-au-Prince by CNES (right)



# Lessons learned during the RO pilot



- 1. Coordination of satellite observations ('virtual constellation') to meet user requirements
- 2. Multi-scale and multi-temporal integration of derived products vs. RO timeline
- Interpretation of observed changes accounting for local environmental and socioanthropological context
- 4. Validation/ground-truth collection directly engaging local value-adders & stakeholders
- 5. EO exploitation platforms as a potential sustainable mean, however require IT facilities & training
- 6. Capacity building







# Thank you for your attention!

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