



# **Copernicus Land Service Data At Work in the Wind Energy Sector**

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# This Presentation



## 1. Introduction

- EMD and our activities
- Wind energy and the need for accurate geo-data

## 2. Models – The Model Chain

- Mesoscale and downscaling
- Microscale

## 3. Land-Surface Data with Cases/Applications

- Maps
- Forests
- Roughness
- Elevations



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# 1. Introduction – EMD

An independent software and consulting company,  
operating worldwide with many cooperation partners

Since 1986  
Aalborg, Denmark

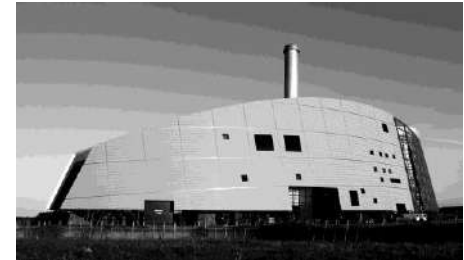
>4000 users  
windPRO

~30 employees  
- Sales  
- Research  
- Software  
- Consultancy

Foundation owned



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# 1. Introduction – EMD Activities

## Software

- Development and sale of **windPRO** software for design and planning of wind farm projects.
- Development and sale of **windOPS** web-based software service for online production surveillance of existing turbines.
- Development and sale of **energyPRO** software for techno-economic analysis and optimization of cogeneration / trigeneration projects.
- Development of customer-made **energyTRADE** software solutions for optimal daily production planning at co- and tri-generation plants based on forecast data.
- Software training courses worldwide.

## Research & Development

- Participation in energy research projects funded by the Danish government and different EU institutions.

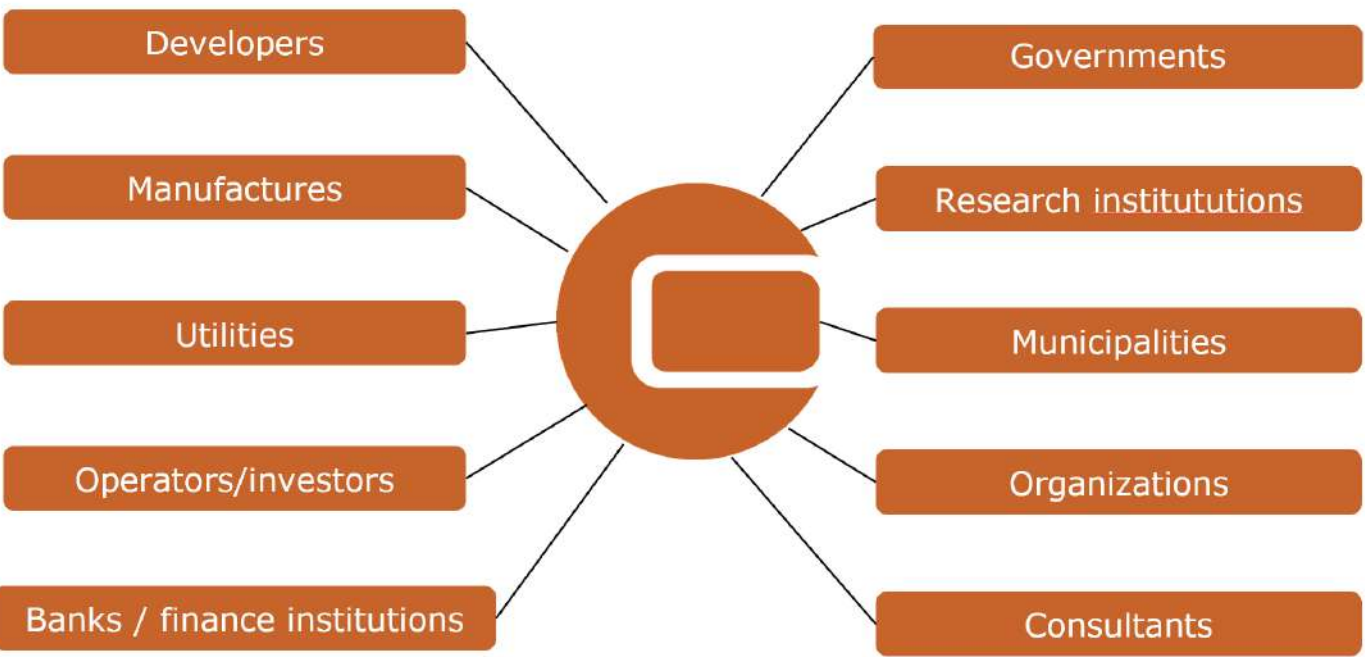
## Consultancy Services

- Worldwide consultancy services within wind energy and other types of renewable energy projects.



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# 1. Introduction - EMD Customers



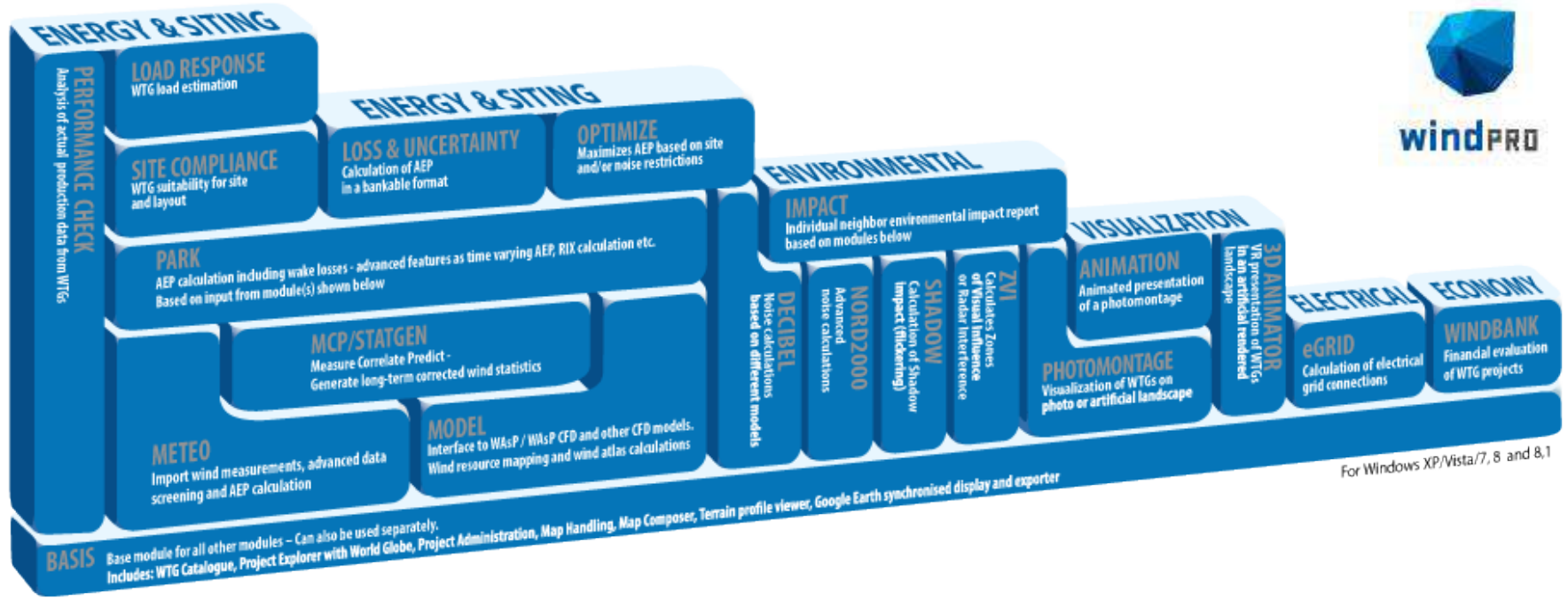


# 1. Introduction EMD - windPRO Software

The windPRO software fulfills all demands in for project design and planning of new wind farms

Developed by EMD International A/S since 1992

The software package is used by over 2,400 companies and institutions worldwide in more than 90 countries, including all leading manufacturers, utilities, developers and consultants.





# 1. Introduction - windPRO

windPRO 3.2 SP3 - [StorRotliden\_20171107.w32p]

Project Options View Tools Data Calculation Window Help Arrange

Calculations (1), Modules

Name	Created
RESOURCE: Wind Resource Map (WAsP) - Siteres	
Main result	
Map	

Modules

- Basis
  - BASIS (Project data)
- Energy
  - MCP (Measure Correlate Predict - long-ter)
  - MCP2005 (Measure Correlate Predict - lon
  - PARK (Wind farm AEP based on MODEL or

Result layers

- Wind Resource Maps
- CFD Calculation for Stor-Rotliden

Objects (0 / 40 / 168) Calculations (1), Modules

Copernicus Very High Resolution 2012

bmi Zoom 50 Coordinate system Swedish UTM 33-SWREF99 (SE)

E: 667,574 N: 7,128,109 Z: 452.8 m

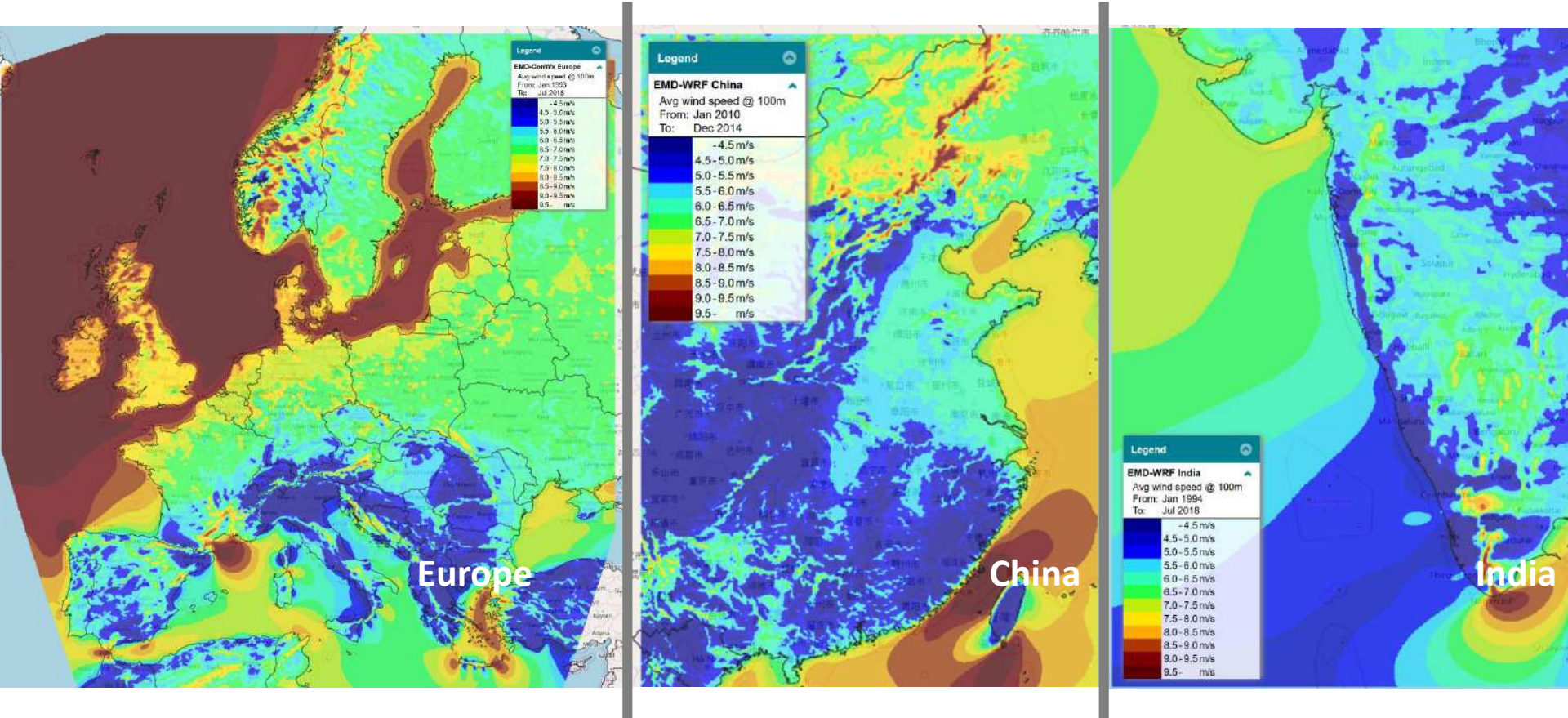
Sentinel 2 Open Street Map Copernicus Very High Resolution 2012 Blank map

Object layers

- Basis
- Forests - SLU 2010
- Roughness
- MeteoData
- eGrid
- Site Area
- Site Data
- Orography - Grid
- Orography
- WTGs
- Optimizations
- All



# 1. Introduction – Accurate prediction is crucial!



±5% difference in wind prediction can decide if to develop the site or not

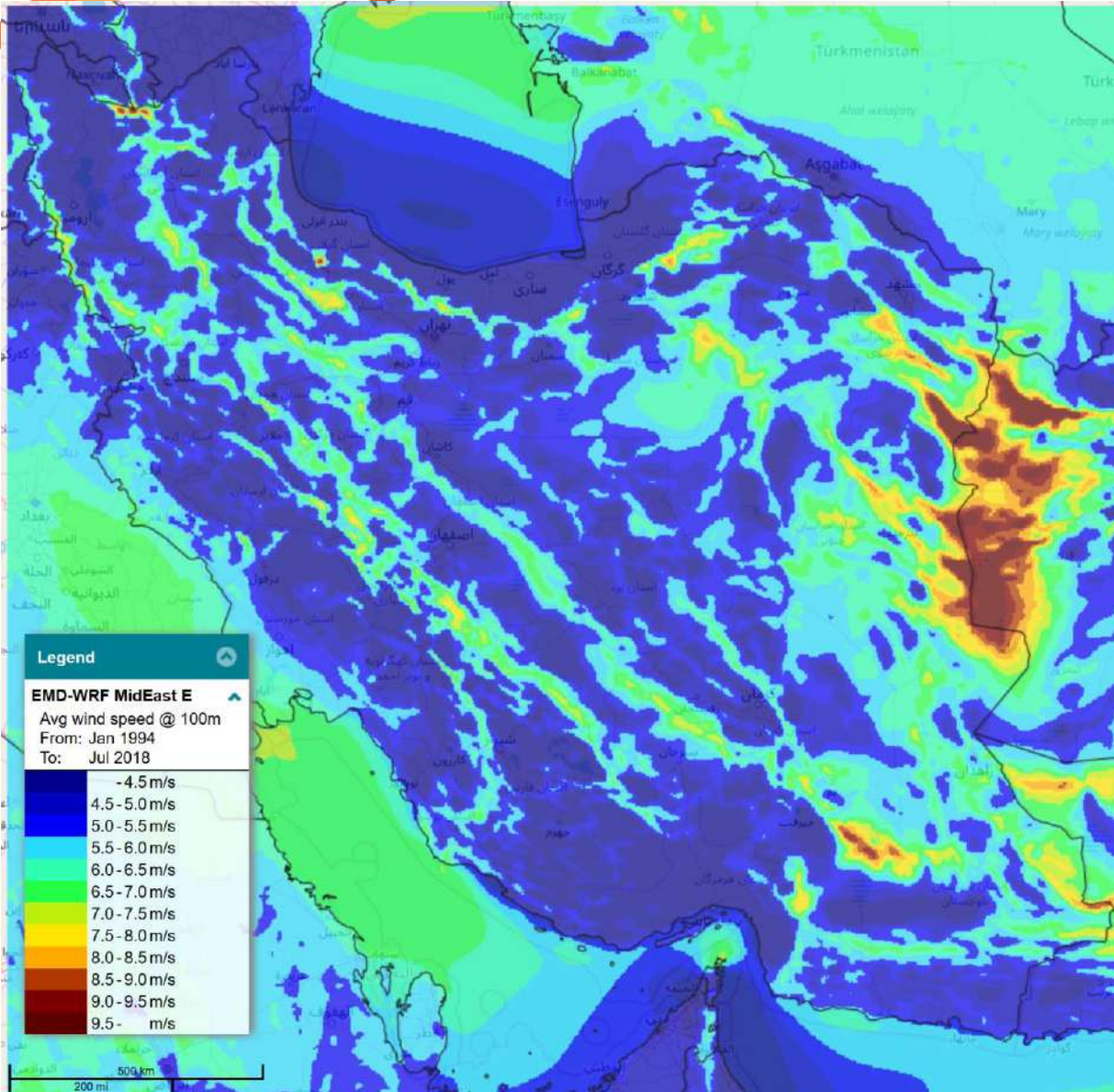
The accuracy of wind maps are often less than ±20%.

Thus, uncalibrated wind resource maps are just rough (but useful) guides to locate sites

-> Detailed studies - possibly with a tall (100m+) meteorological tower - are a must!



## 2. Models – Siting



### Siting –

Where to look for sites?

Five major conditions have to be fulfilled:

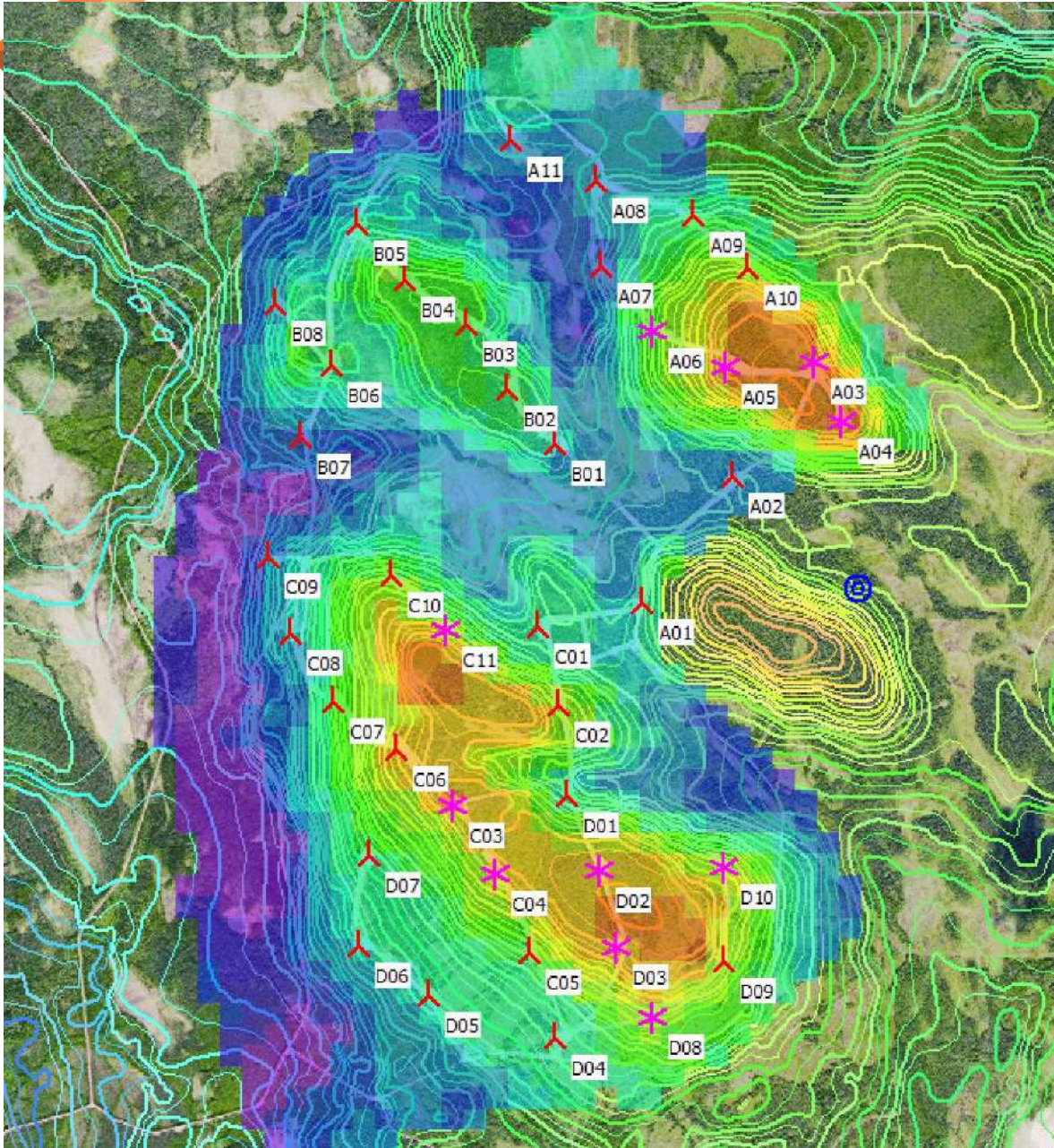
1. Wind resource & economical feasibility
2. Acceptable climatic conditions
3. No major environmental or neighbour conflicts
4. Acceptable infrastructure
5. Cooperating landowner



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## 2. Models – **Micro Siting**



### **Micro Siting** –

How to place the turbines?

Where to place a meteorological tower?

Five major conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. Wind resource & economical feasibility
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3. No major environmental or neighbour conflicts
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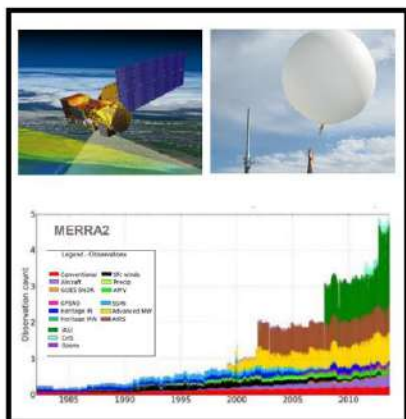
# 2. Models – The Model Chain

## OBSERVATIONS

## ERA-5 RAW DATA

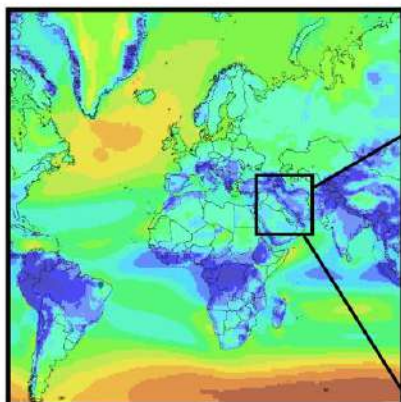
## EMD-WRF OD

## DOWNSCALING



DATA: IN-SITU AND REMOTE OBSERVATIONS

DATA ASSIMILATION / REANALYSIS



DATA: GLOBAL / SYNOPTIC SCALE:

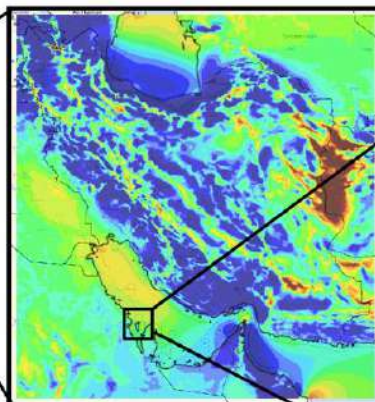
Reanalysis Data: ECMWF ERA5  
Spatial Resolution: ~35km

Typical model scales: ~100 km's  
Time-series data, 1 hourly resolution

EMD-WRF MESOSCALE MODELLING

Data Input:  
- ERA5 Boundary Data  
- Globcover Terrain

Model Execution:  
- Standard EMD-WRF setup  
- Spatial resolution ~ 3 km



DATA: MESOSCALE:

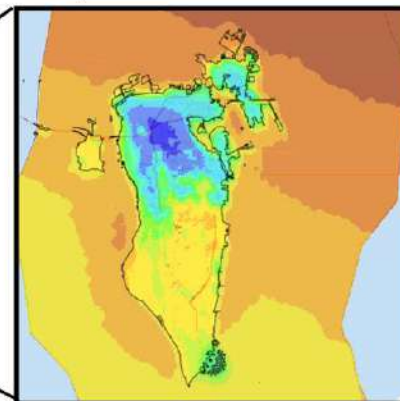
Time series, wind speed and direction  
Spatial Resolution: ~3 km  
Temporal resolution: 1 hour

Typical model scales: ~10 km's

EMD-MESO/MICRO DOWNSCALE MODELLING

Data Input:  
- Mesoscale time series and terrain  
- Detailed, high-resolution microscale terrain

Model Execution:  
- WASP version 11+  
- windPRO version 3.1+



DATA: MICROSCALE:

Time series & statistical data, wind speed and direction  
Spatial Resolution: ~250m  
Temporal resolution: 1 hour

Typical model scales: ~10 m's



## 2. Models, Data for Mesoscale & Microscale

### INNOWIND PROJECT – [WWW.INNOWIND.DK](http://WWW.INNOWIND.DK)

Innovation for global wind energy exploitation on land using satellites

We are committed to bring modern-era satellite data into the wind-energy modelling chain. That is to:

- Develop novel algorithms to derive aerodynamic surface properties from Copernicus data
- Integrate satellite-based map layers seamlessly in flow models operated by industry end-users
- Document the impact of new satellite-based map layers for wind resource assessment

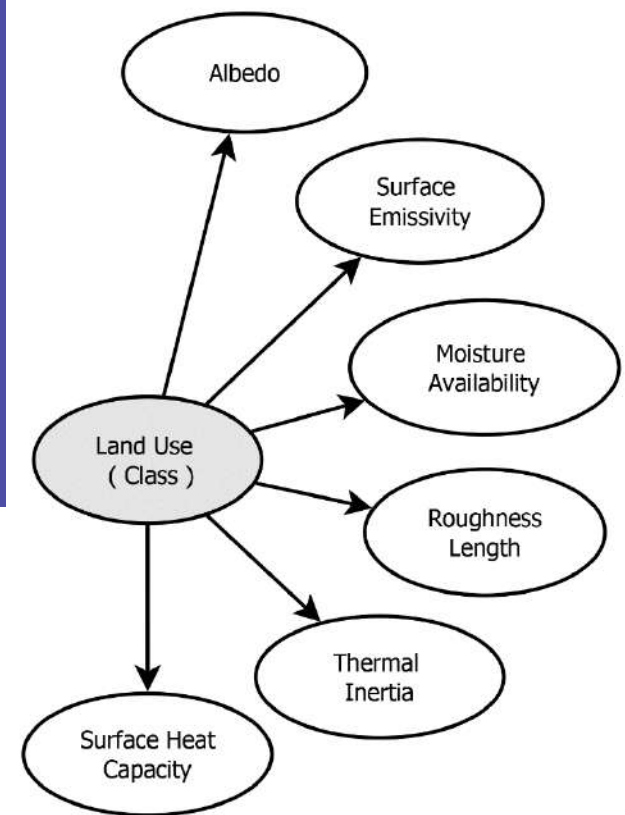
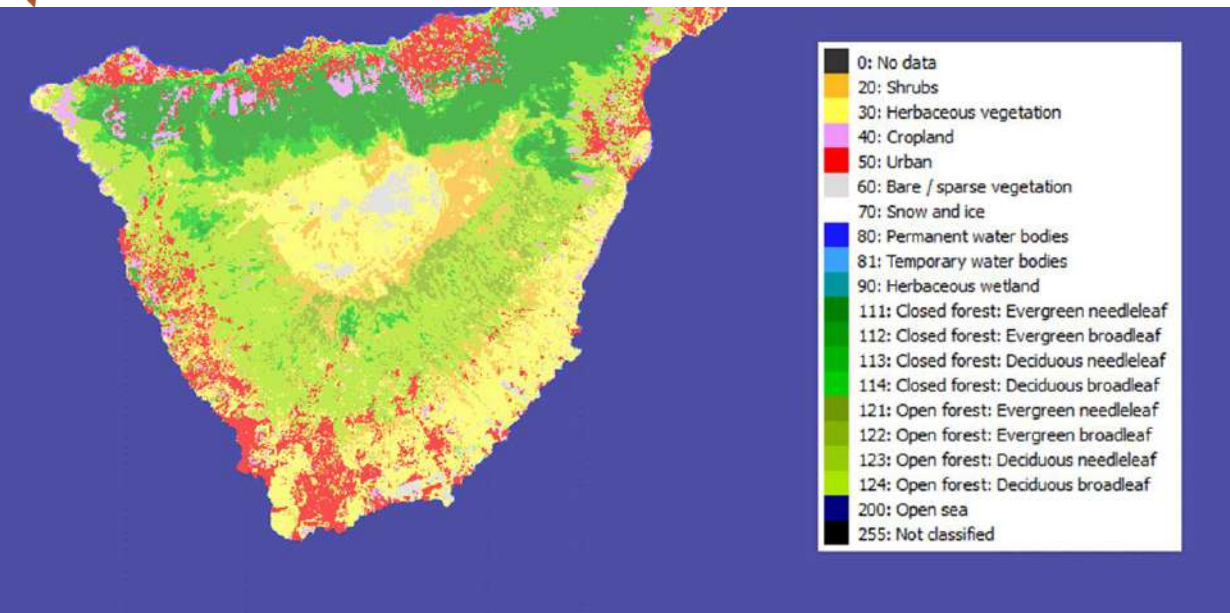
**IMAGE SHOWING**  
Copernicus LC-100m land use model – location in Africa



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# 2. Mesoscale Model – Lookup Tables

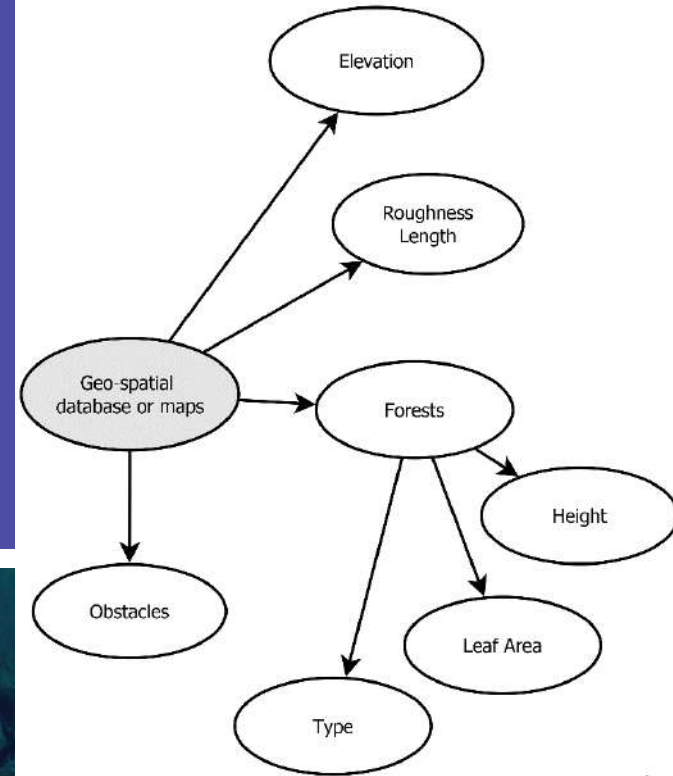
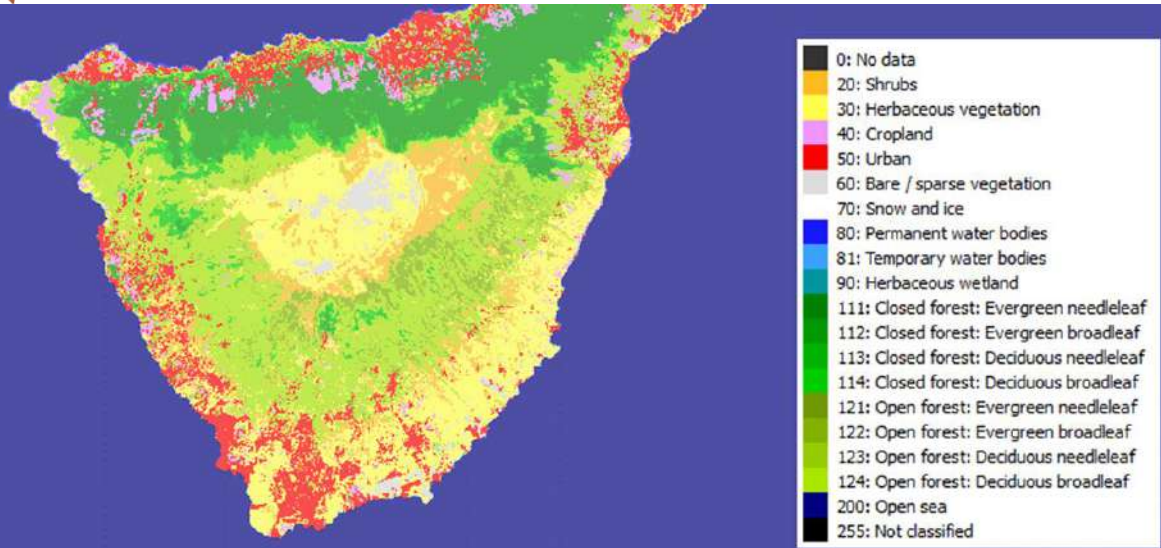


land use index	ALBEDO	SLMO	SFEM	SFZ0	THERIN	SFHC	definition
1	15	0.10	0.88	80	3	18.9	'Urban and Built-Up Land'
2	17	0.30	0.985	15	4	25.0	'Dryland Cropland and Pasture'
3	18	0.50	0.985	10	4	25.0	'Irrigated Cropland and Pasture'
4	18	0.25	0.985	15	4	25.0	'Mixed Dryland/Irrigated Cropland and Pastu
5	18	0.25	0.98	14	4	25.0	'Cropland/Grassland Mosaic'
6	16	0.35	0.985	20	4	25.0	'Cropland/Woodland Mosaic'
7	19	0.15	0.96	12	3	20.8	'Grassland'
8	22	0.10	0.93	5	3	20.8	'Shrubland'
9	20	0.15	0.95	6	3	20.8	'Mixed Shrubland/Grassland'

Reference (lookup table): Esteve, 2015.



# 2. Microscale Model – Classification





## 2. Models and Data (1)



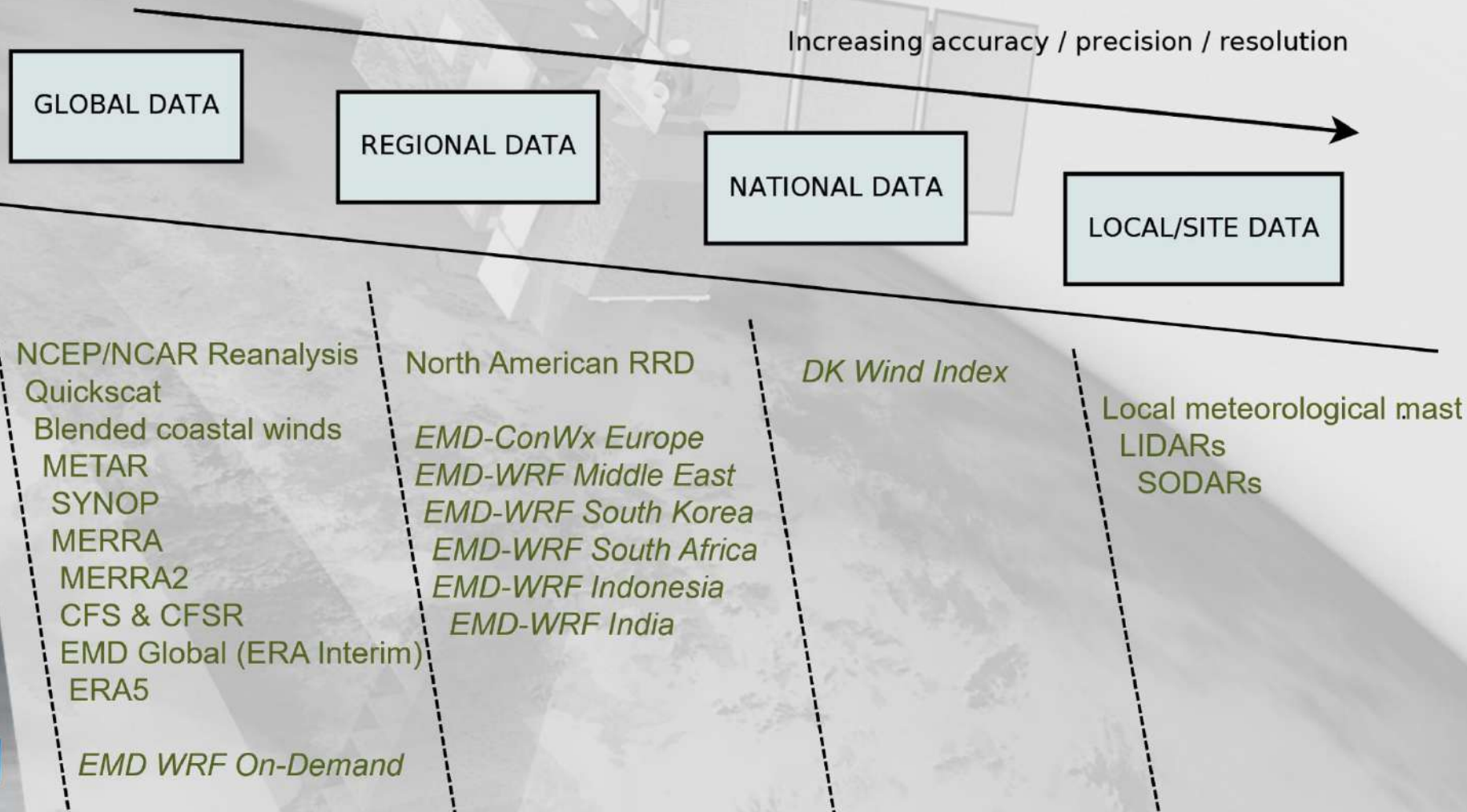
50+ Reanalysis and Remote Sensing Datasets in windPRO:

- 1) Digital elevation data [11]
- 2) Roughness data [8]
- 3) Digital maps / satellite imagery [8]
- 4) Wind data [19 -20]
- 5) Wind turbine databases – turbine-locations and turbine-catalogue [4]
- 6) Forest data [1]



# 2. Models and Data (2)

LEGEND  
Green = Wind data  
*Italic* = Premium Data or Service



# 2. Models and Data (3)

- LEGEND**
- Black = Orography
  - Orange = Roughness
  - Blue = Maps
  - Purple = Forest
  - Italic = Premium Data or Service*

GLOBAL DATA

REGIONAL DATA

NATIONAL DATA

LOCAL/SITE DATA

Increasing accuracy / precision / resolution

SRTM-3  
SRTM-1  
Viewfinder Panorama

MODIS VCF  
Global Land Cover -GLCC  
GlobCover

windPRO Global - 10m  
Open Street Map  
GeoCover Images  
Stamen Terrain  
OpenTopoMap

EU-DEM

Corine 2006  
Corine 2012  
EU Data For Wind  
Copernicus LC100

windPRO Europe-2.5m

US NED  
UK-LandForm  
Danish DHM  
Swedish GSD  
German DGM  
Northern Ireland OSNI  
Norwegian DTM/DOM

US National LC  
SLU Swedish Forests

UK OS OpenData  
WMS Maps  
*German OnMaps*

Swedish SLU Forests

Local survey  
Airborne LIDAR scan

Roughness Classification

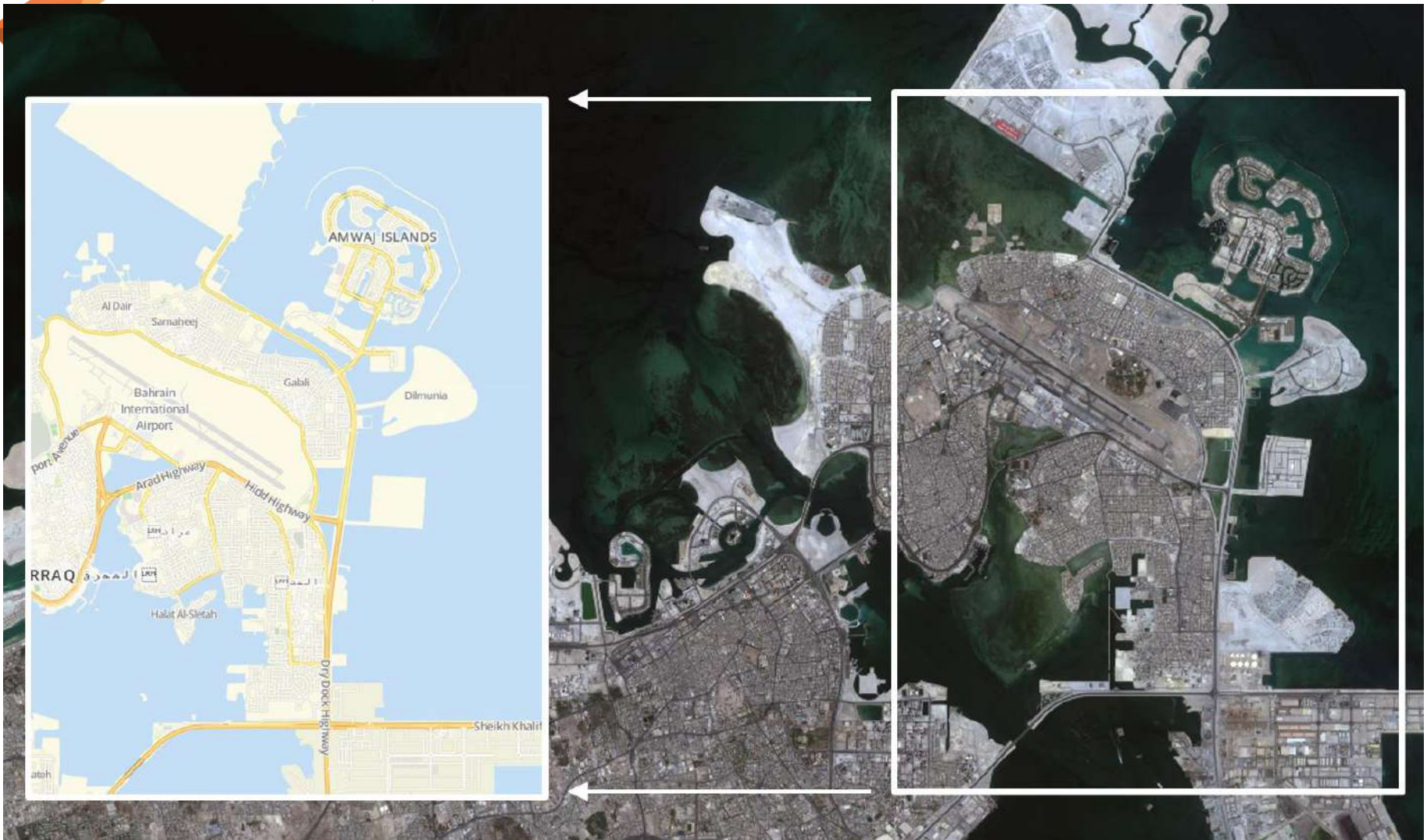
Survey / planning maps

LIDAR / point clouds



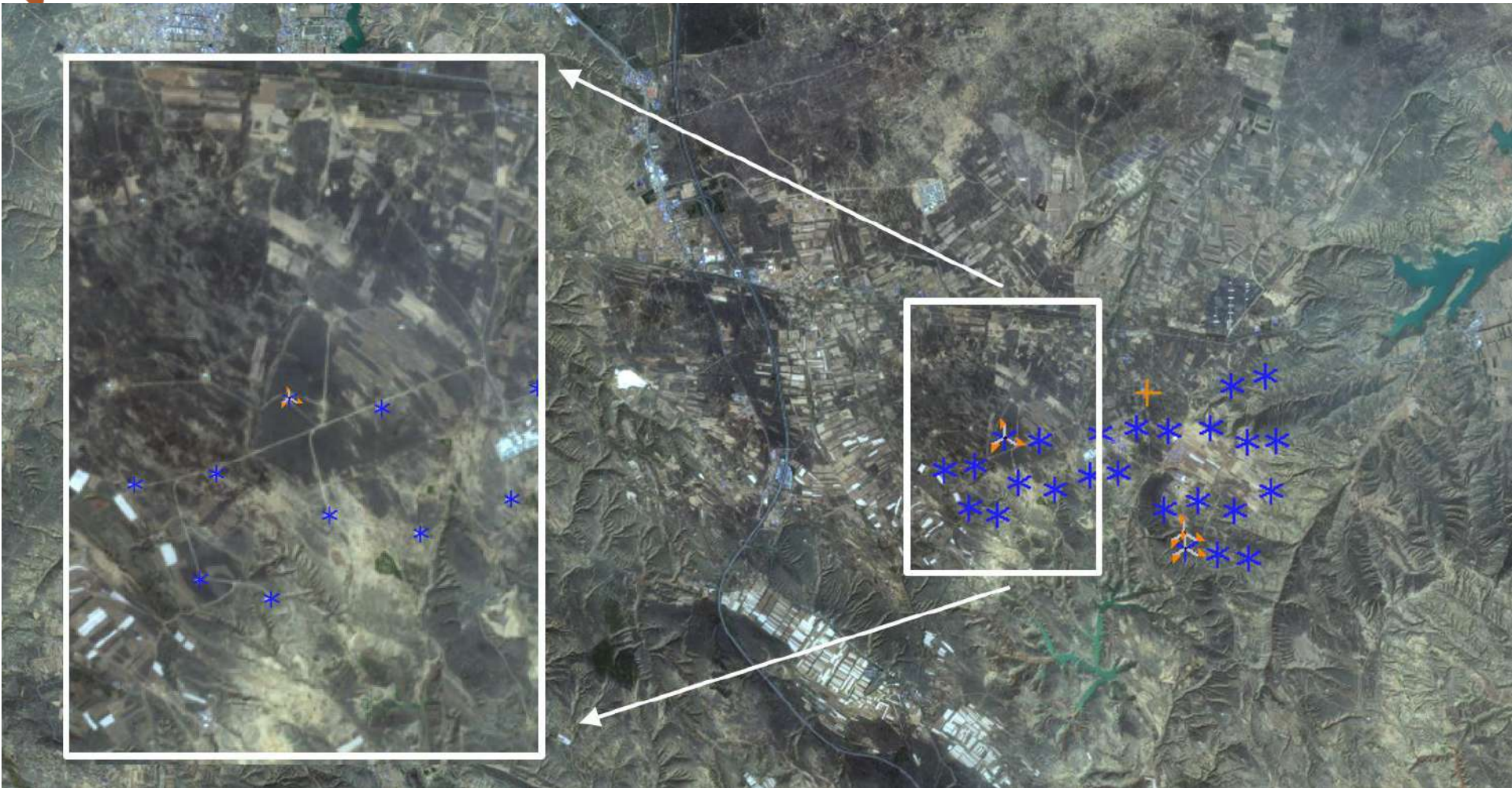


# 3. Applications & Cases – Maps



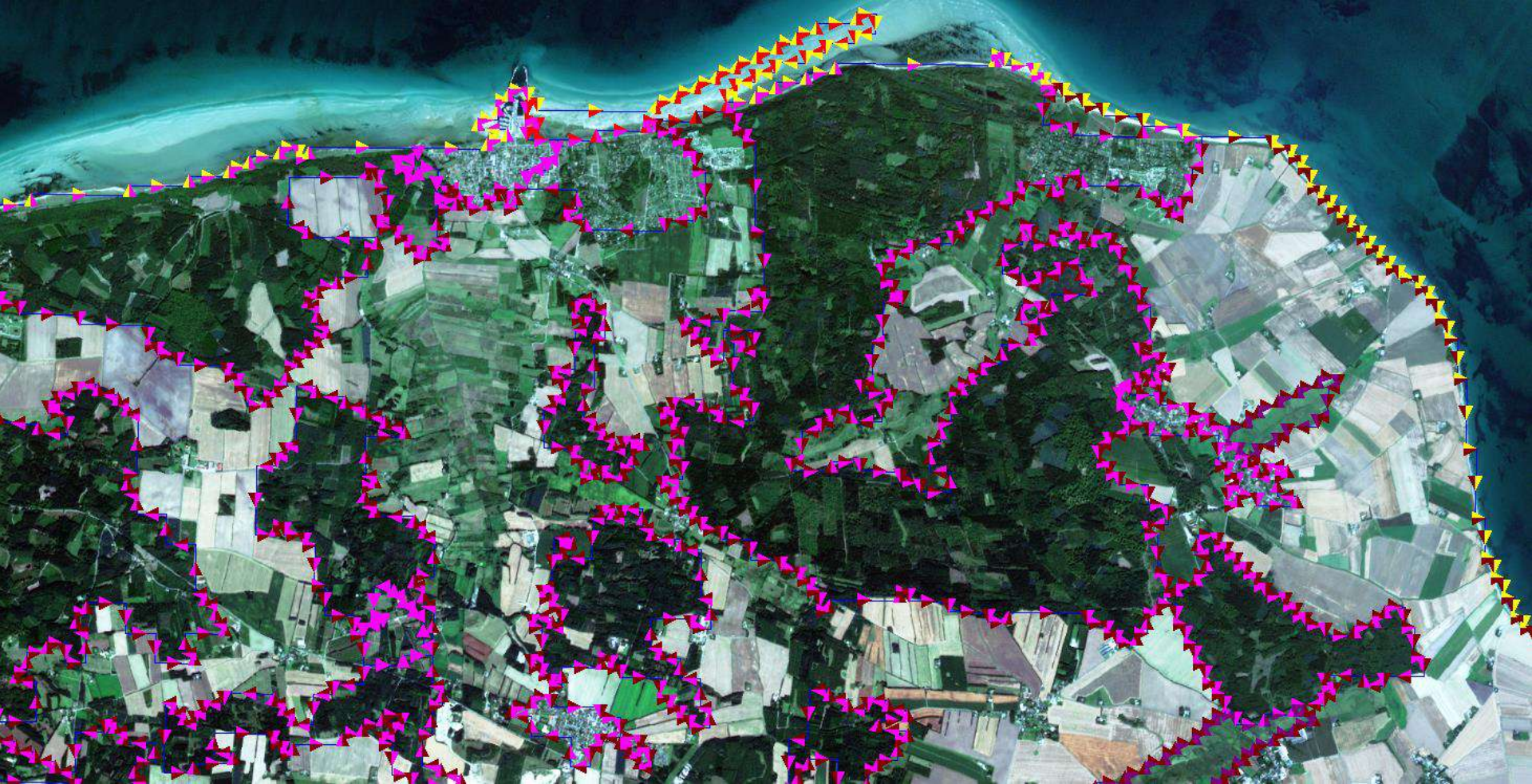


# 3. Applications & Cases – Maps





# 3. Applications & Cases – Roughness Class



**Corine 2012 as Roughness Map Input:**

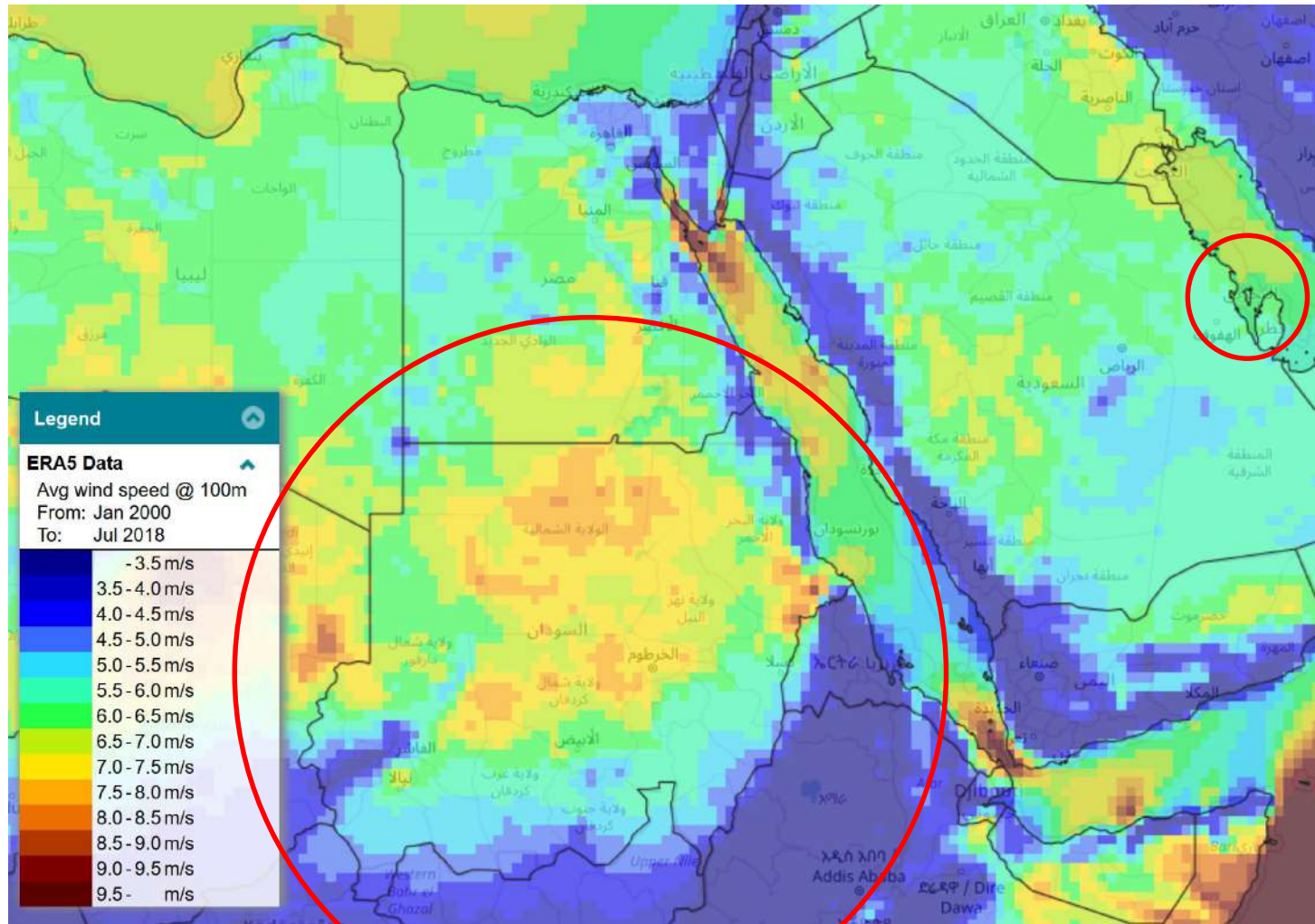
[http://help.emd.dk/mediawiki/index.php?title=Corine\\_2012](http://help.emd.dk/mediawiki/index.php?title=Corine_2012)



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# 3. Applications & Cases – Roughness Class



**Copernicus Global Land Cover Classification – 100m**

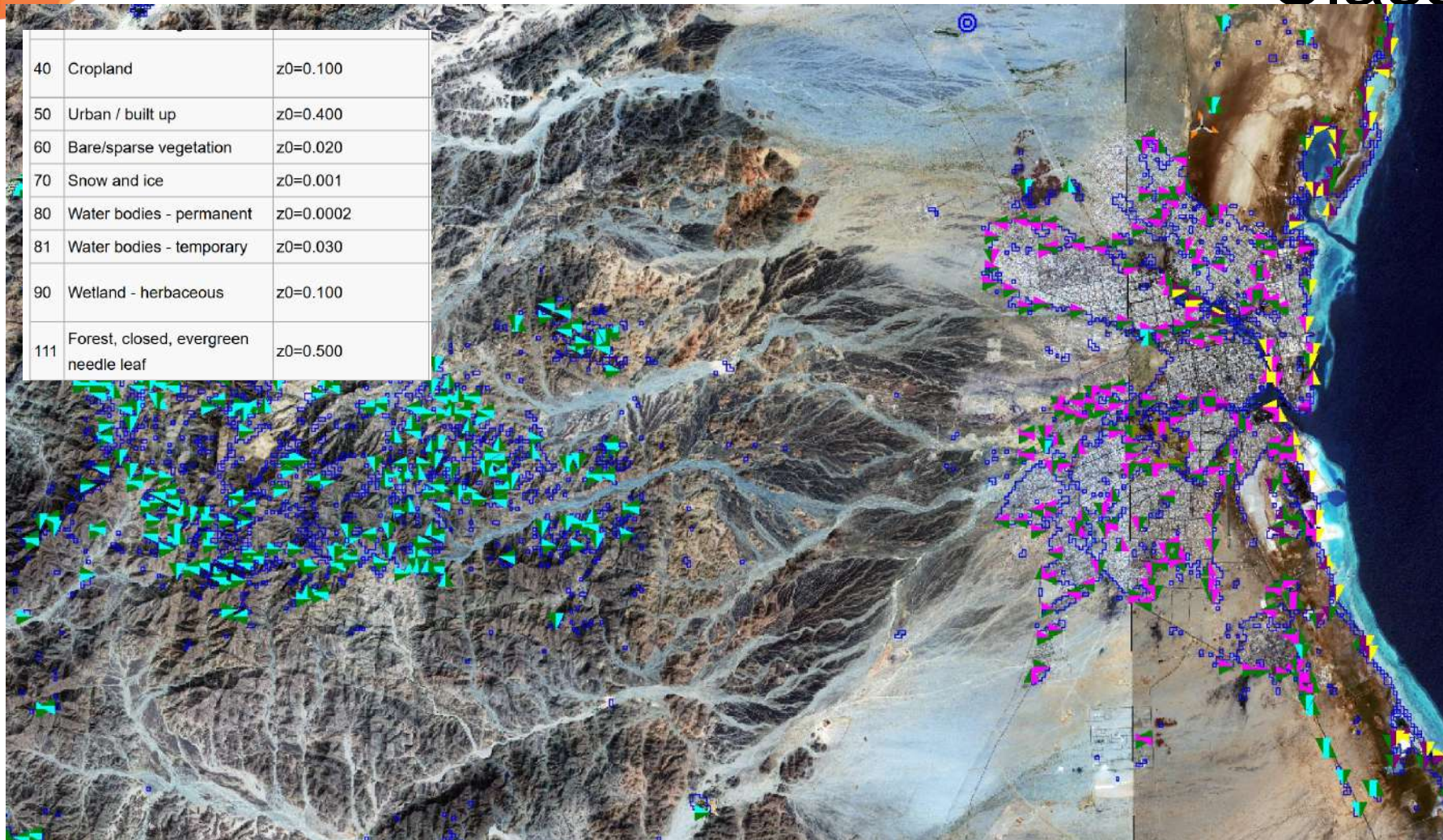
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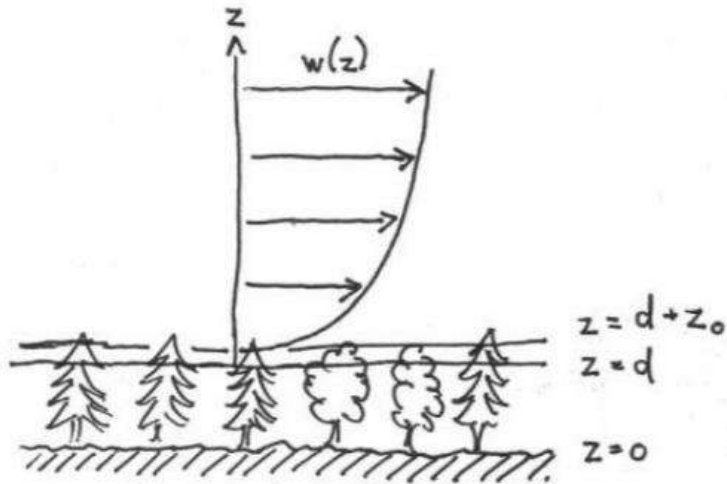
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# 3. Applications & Cases – Forests



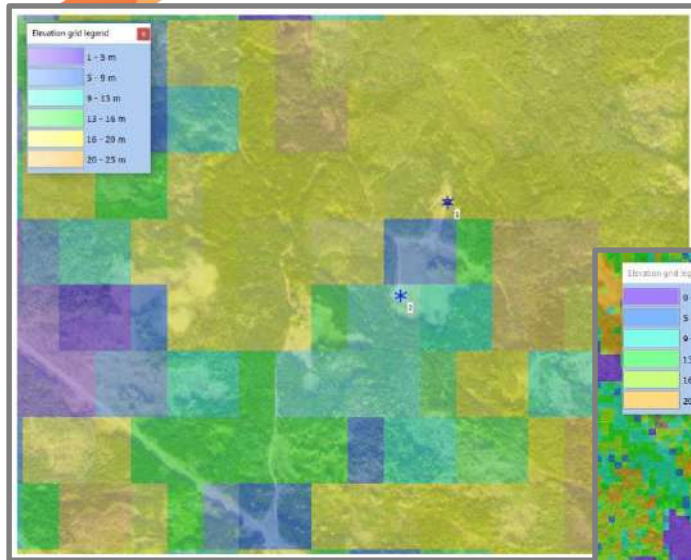
$$w(z) = v_* \frac{1}{K} \ln \left[ \frac{z-d}{z_0} \right]$$

	Forest Height ( $H$ )	
	Coniferous	Deciduous
Displacement Height ( $Z_d$ )	$0.66 \cdot H$	$0.70 \cdot H$
Roughness Length ( $z_0$ )	$z_0 = 0.3 \cdot (H - Z_d)$	
Roughness Length ( $z_0$ )	$z_0 = \begin{cases} 0.1H & \text{for } h > 2.5\text{m} \\ 0.1 & \text{for } h < 2.5\text{m} \\ 0.0001 & \text{for water areas} \end{cases}$	

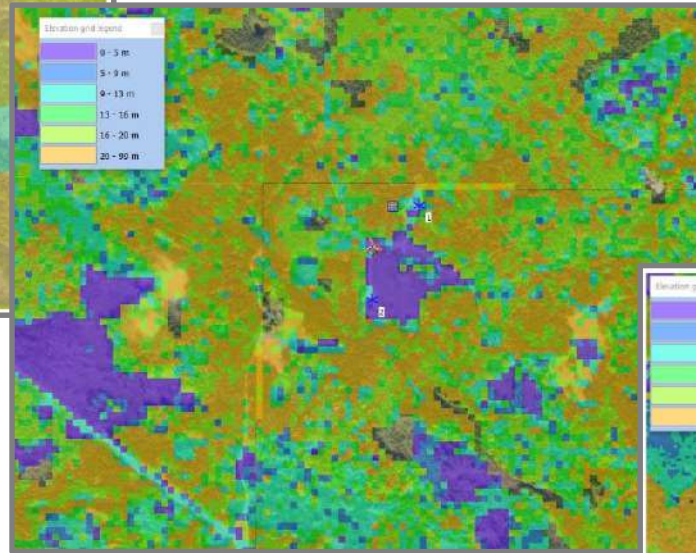




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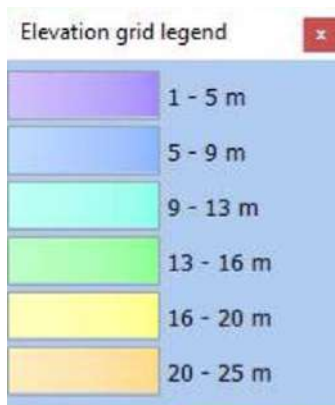
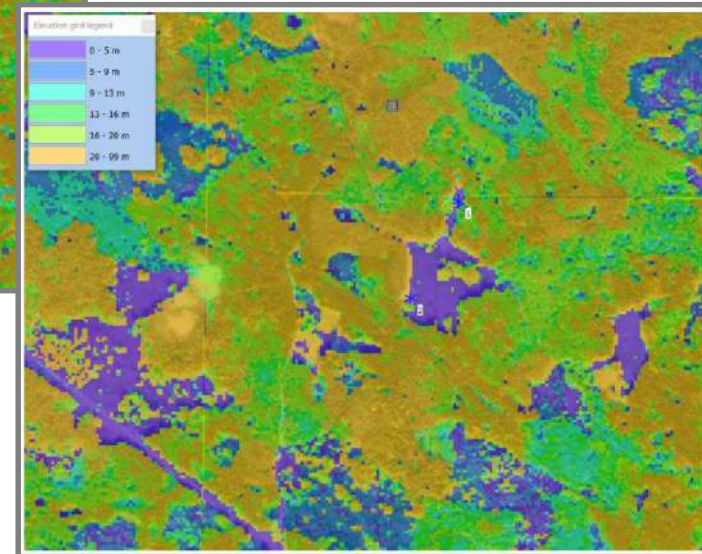


Global model ~ 250m

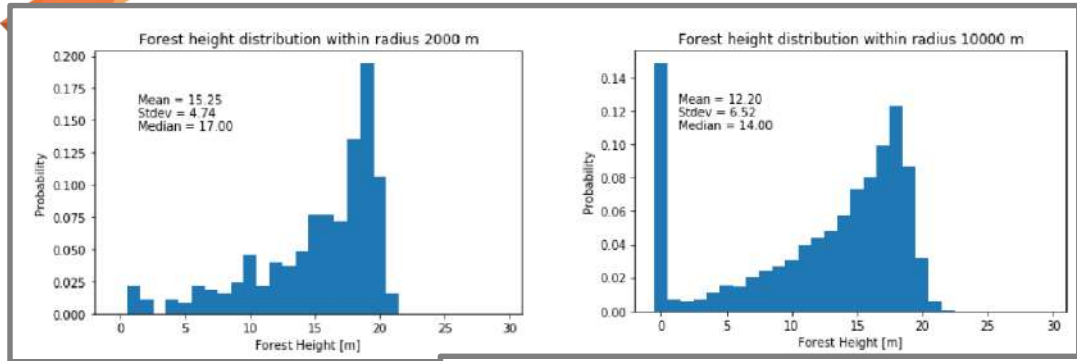


SE SLU Forest Model ~ 25m

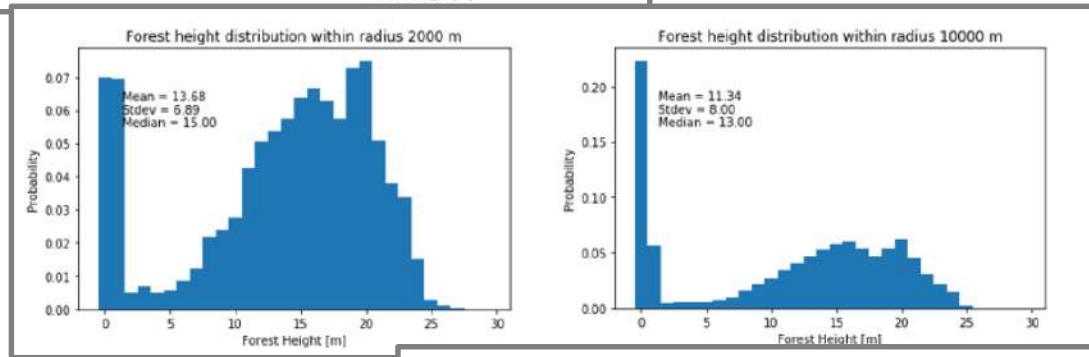
Local LIDAR scan (point cloud) ~ 10m



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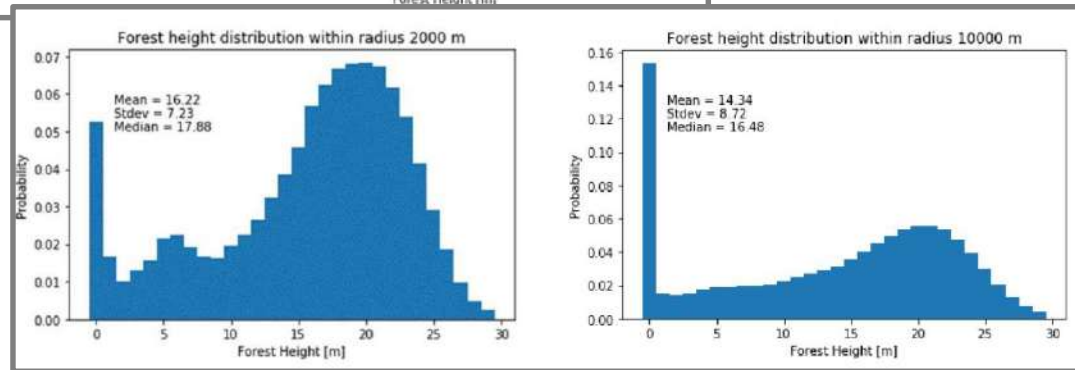


Global model  
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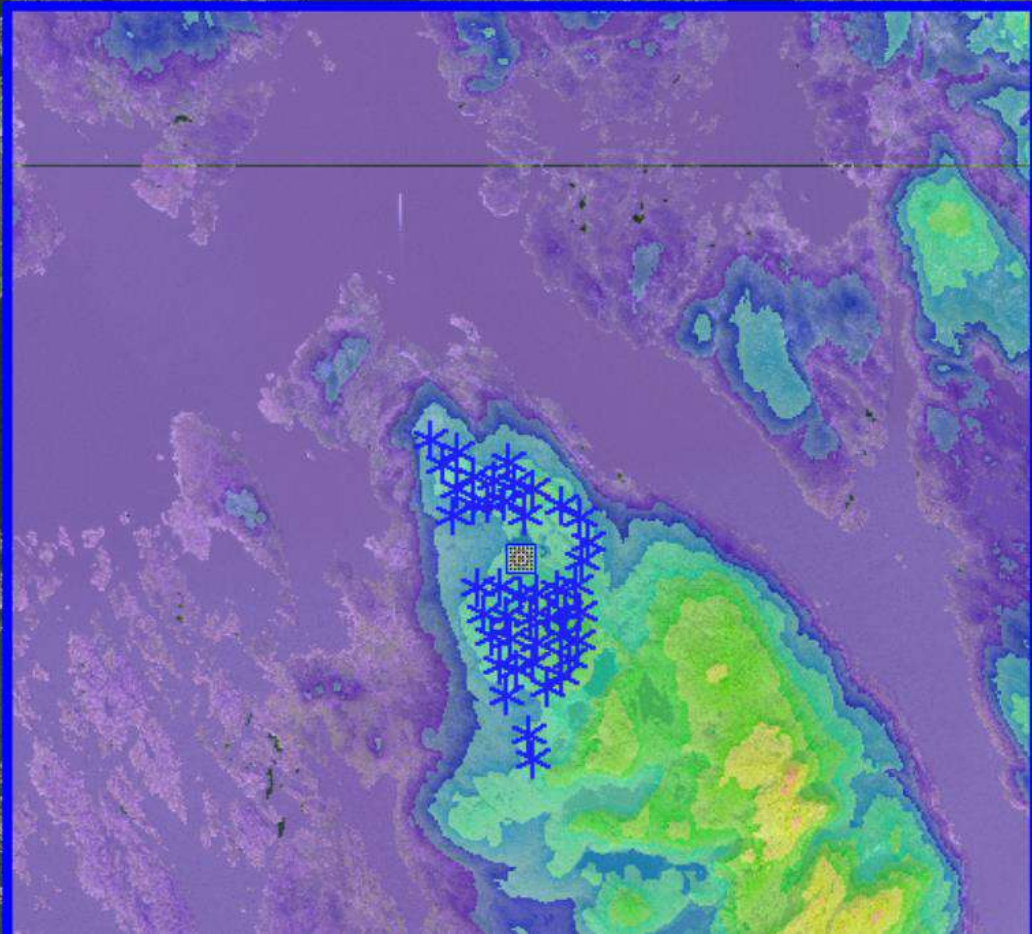
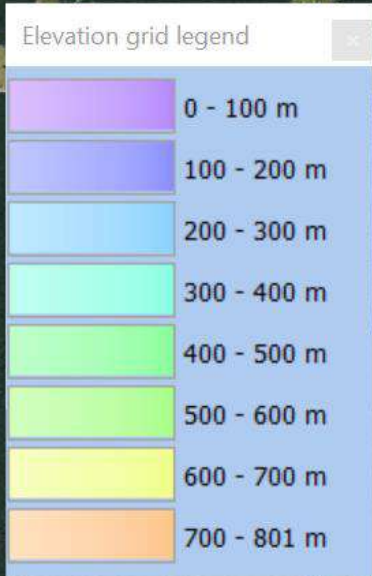
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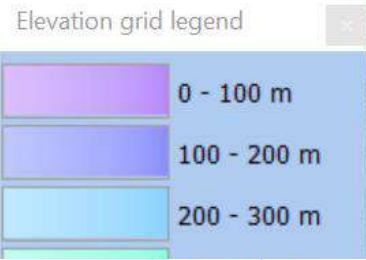


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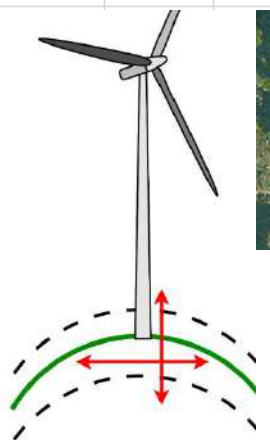
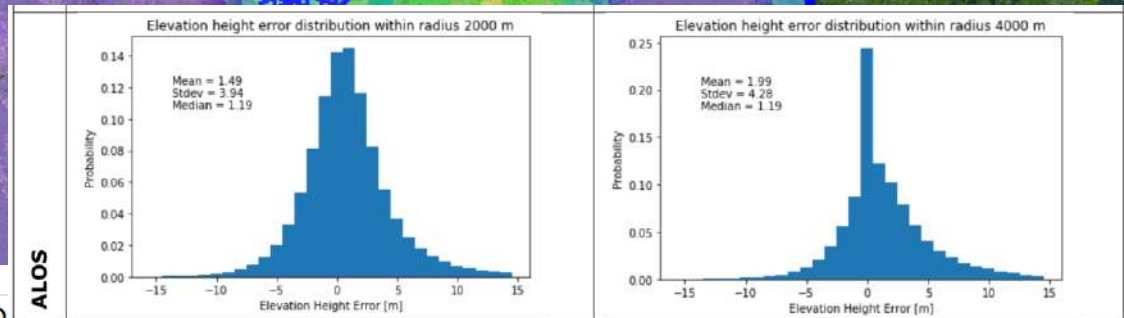
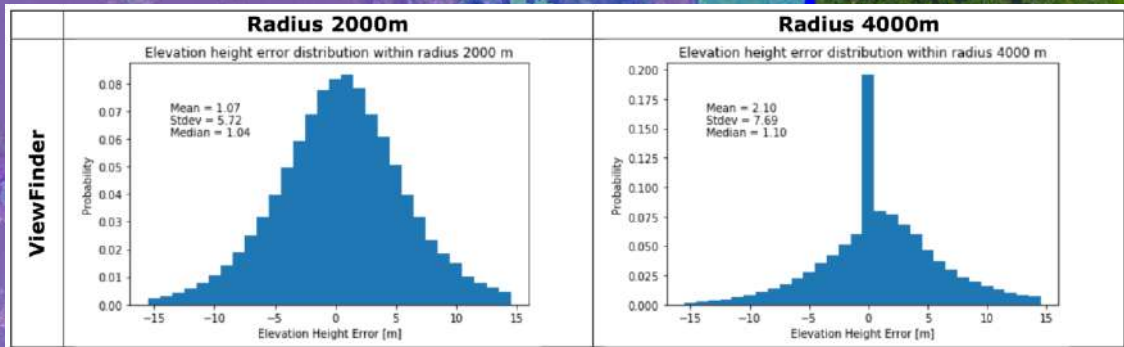
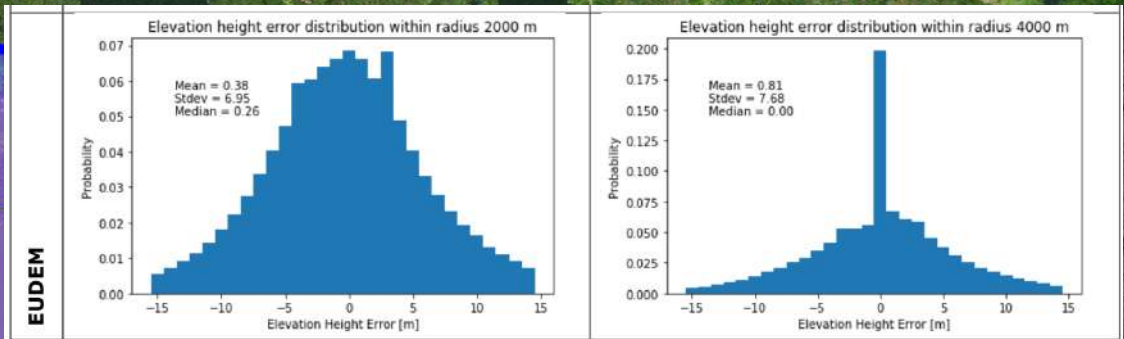
DHM1-MLT	AW3D30
SRTM3	ViewFinder
SRTM1	DHM10-MLT
EU-DEM	

# 3. Applications & Cases – DEM



44 Turbine Positions at Midtjfellet - Difference to DHM1

	Mean	StdDev	RMS-E	Min	Max
SRTM3	-2.0	3.1	3.7	-8.6	4.4
SRTM1	-0.6	2.4	2.5	-5.5	4.6
EU-DEM	-4.1	4.9	6.4	-17.6	7.0
AW3D30	0.0	1.8	1.8	-5.0	4.8
ViewFinder	-1.5	2.8	3.2	-7.6	4.1
DHM10-MLT	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.9	0.7



SRTM3	ViewFinder
SRTM1	DHM10-MLT
EU-DEM	





# Thank You!

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