



Sedimentation Mapping in Shallow Shoreline of Arid Environments Using Active Remote Sensing Data

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Introduction

Remote Sensing Data

- The sedimentation mapping of shallow shorelines is insufficient using passive remote sensing images
- Active remote sensing data can overcome the difficulties of the weather interference and reach to more reliable results

Shoreline Habitats

- The intensity of sea level rise in the Mediterranean region threaten the shorelines and its natural habitat
- Islands and wetland ecosystems are fragile ecosystems and less tolerant to human activities and the climate change

Introduction

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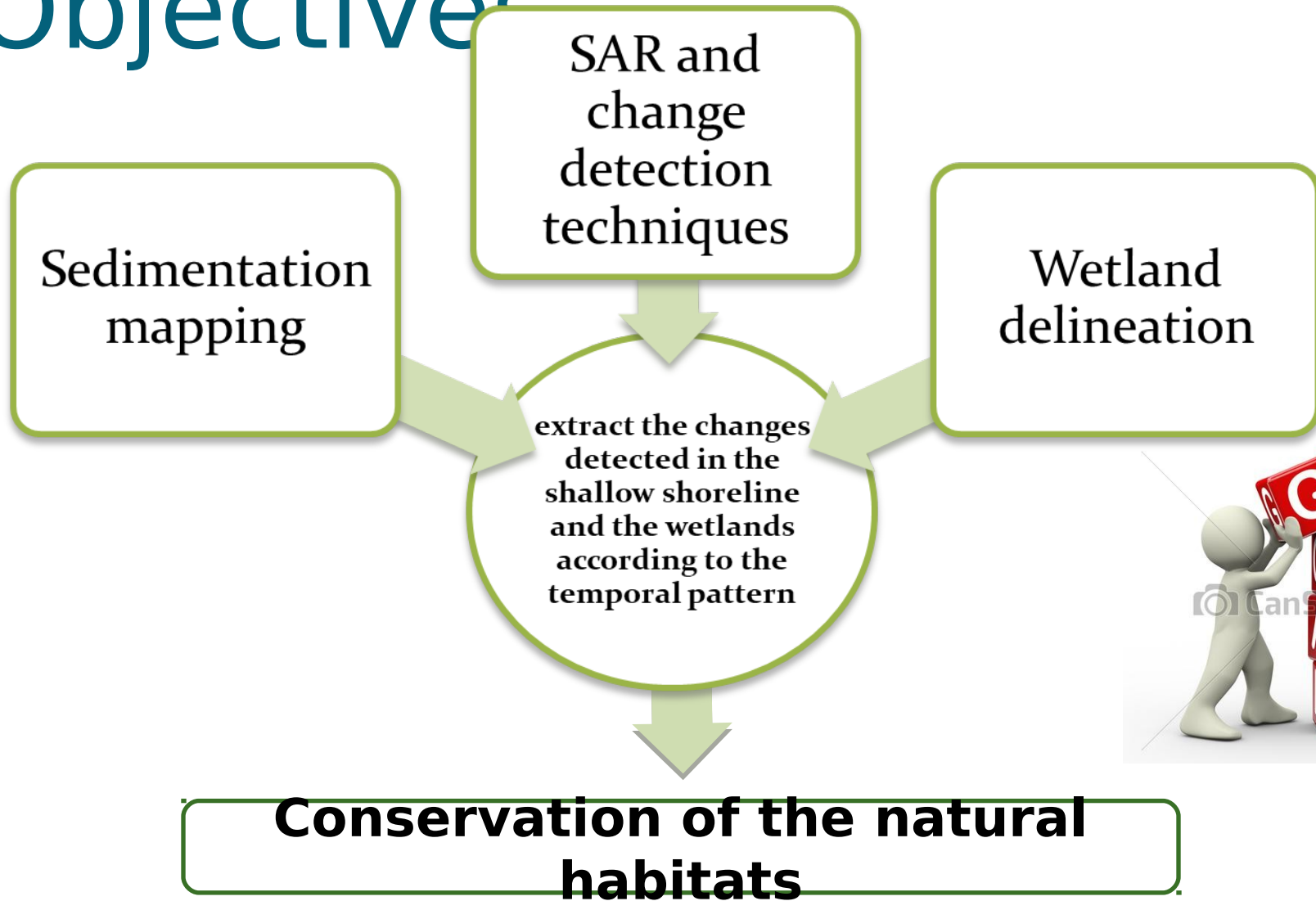
Flash
Floods



Sedimentation



Objectives



Study area



Umluj city is located on the coast of the Red Sea between the city of the Alwajh north and the city of Yanbu



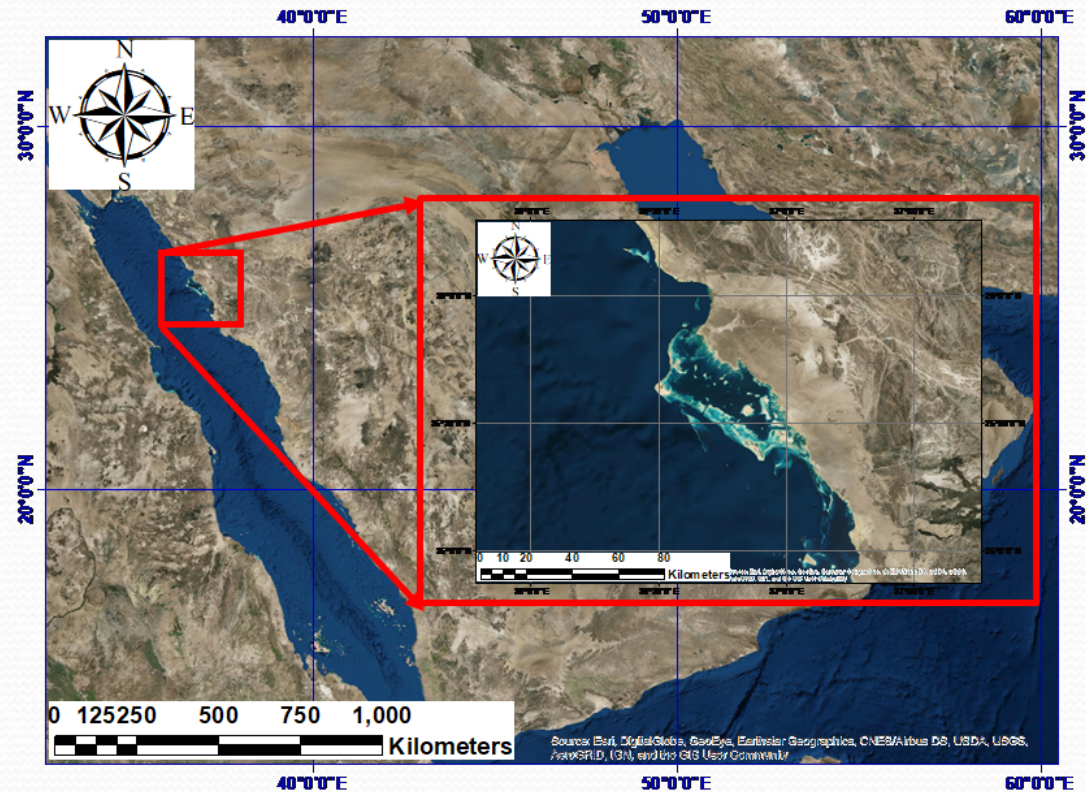
Salt swamps, lagoons, and mangrove timberlands



flourished and expanded tourism movement, urban and industrial activities along the city coast.

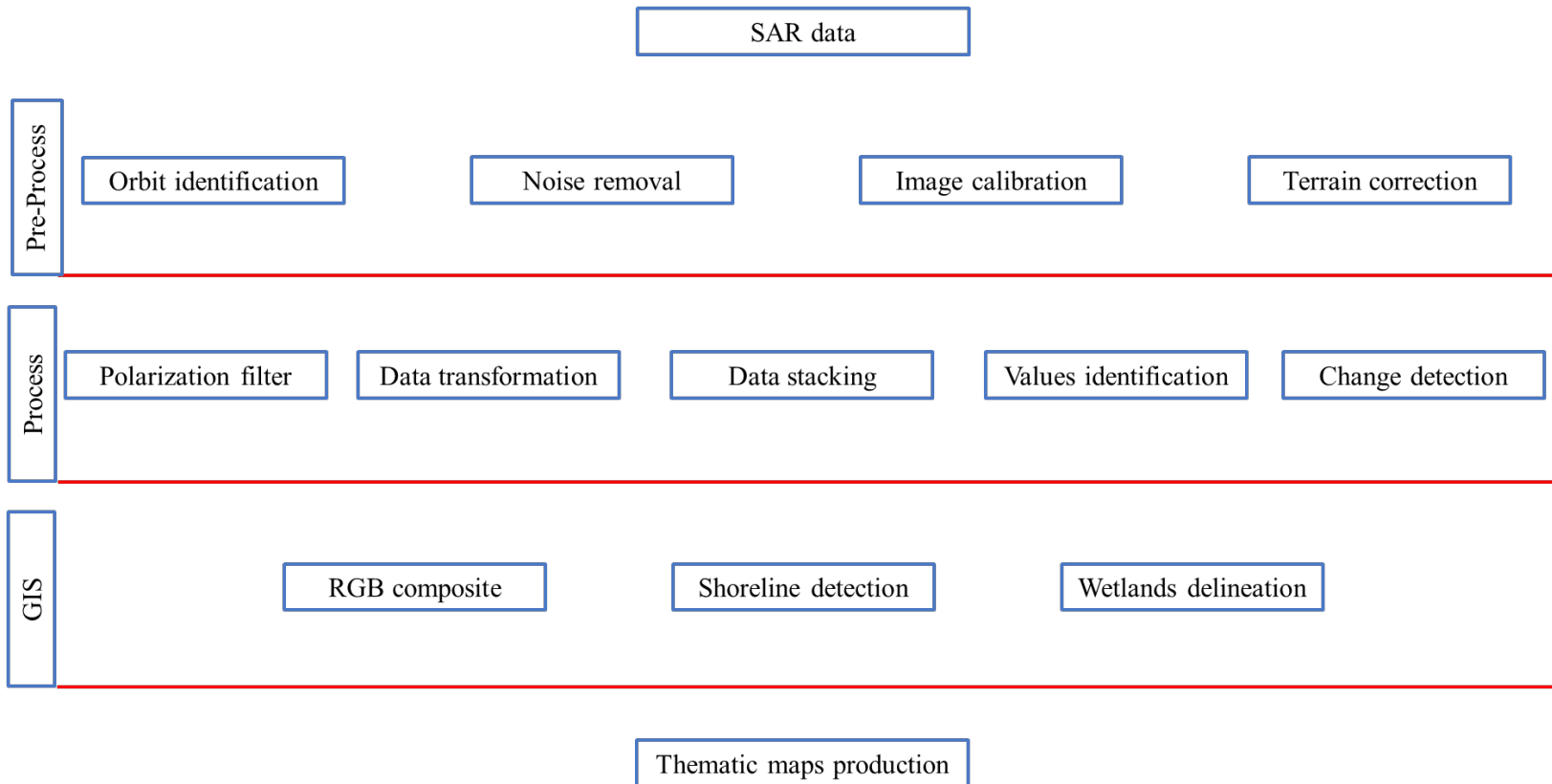


low rainfall with the high susceptibility to flashfloods that reach 120 mm, sea surface temperatures 21–29 °C.

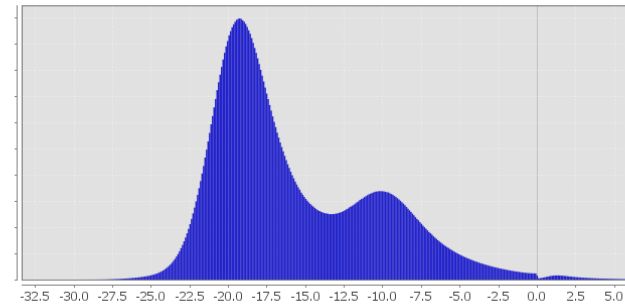
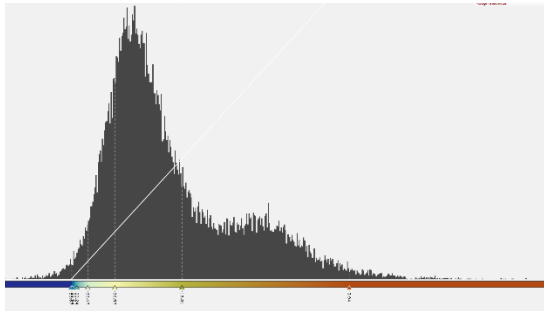


The location of the study area
in false color composite

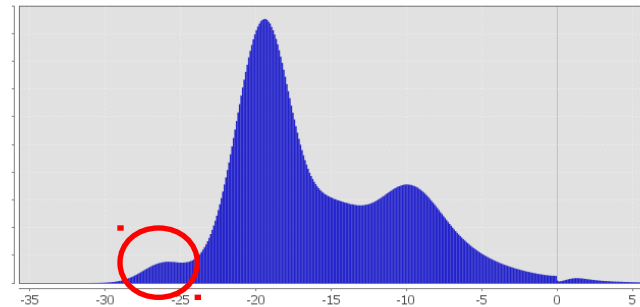
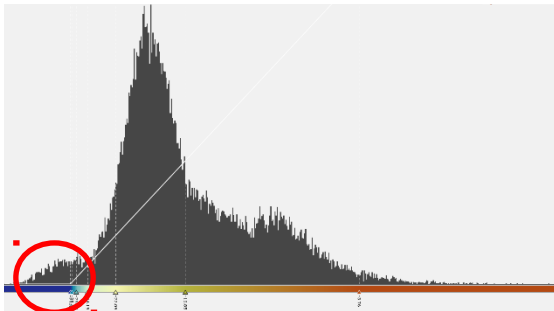
Methodological framework



Findings

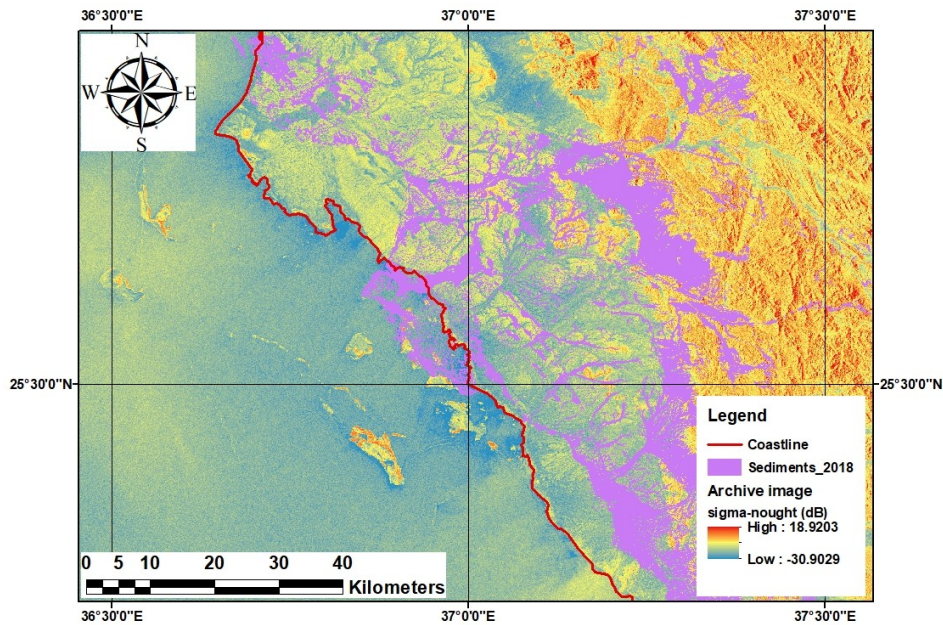


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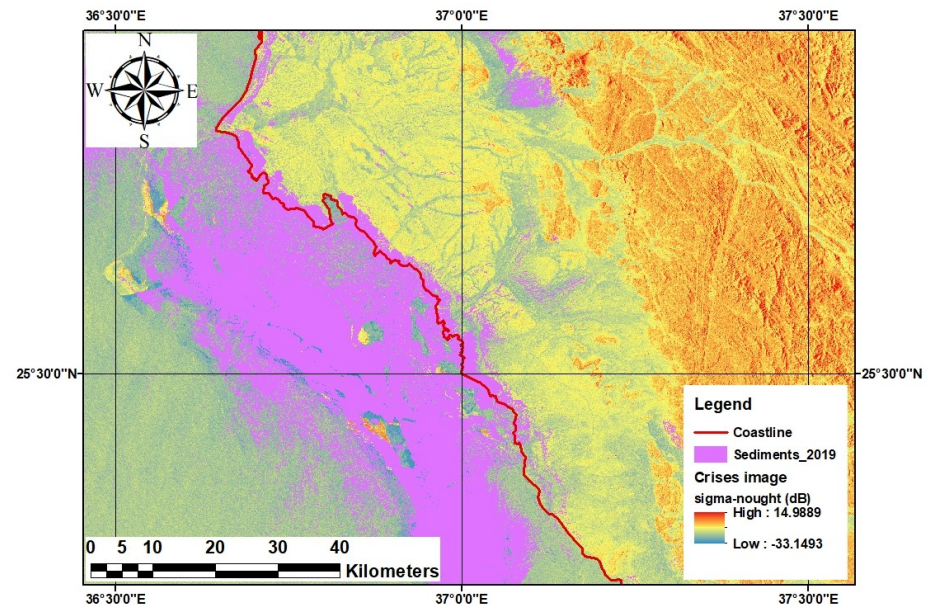


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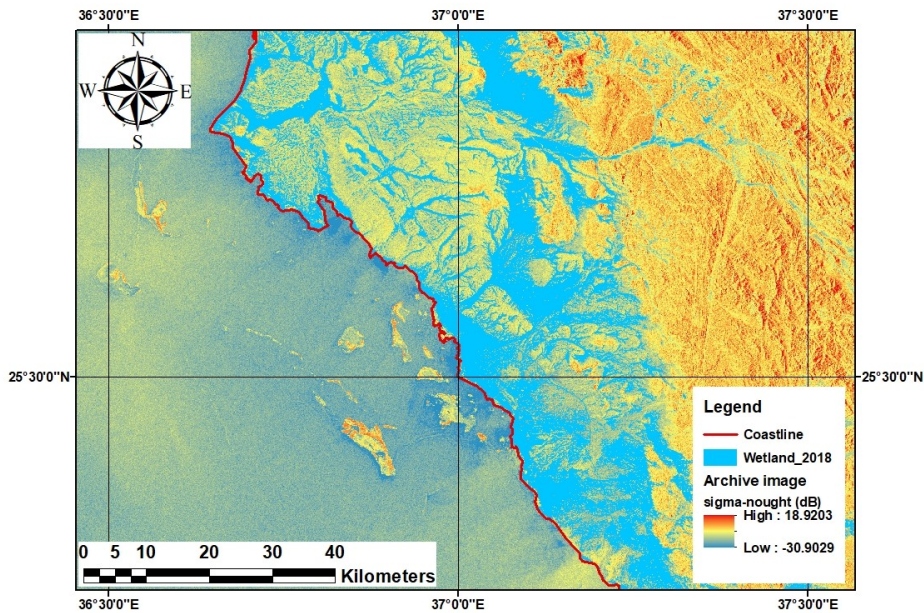
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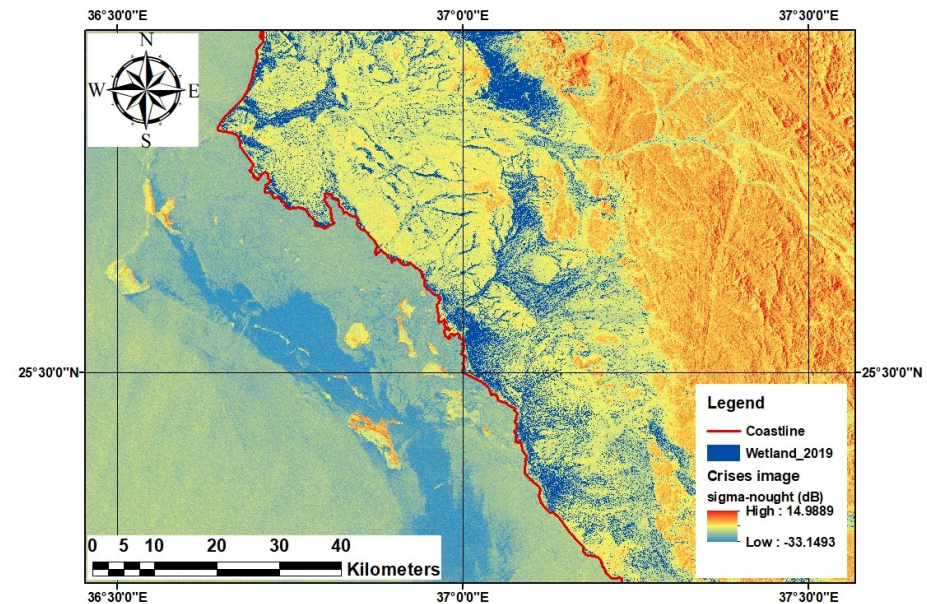
Detection of the sediment deposits before and after



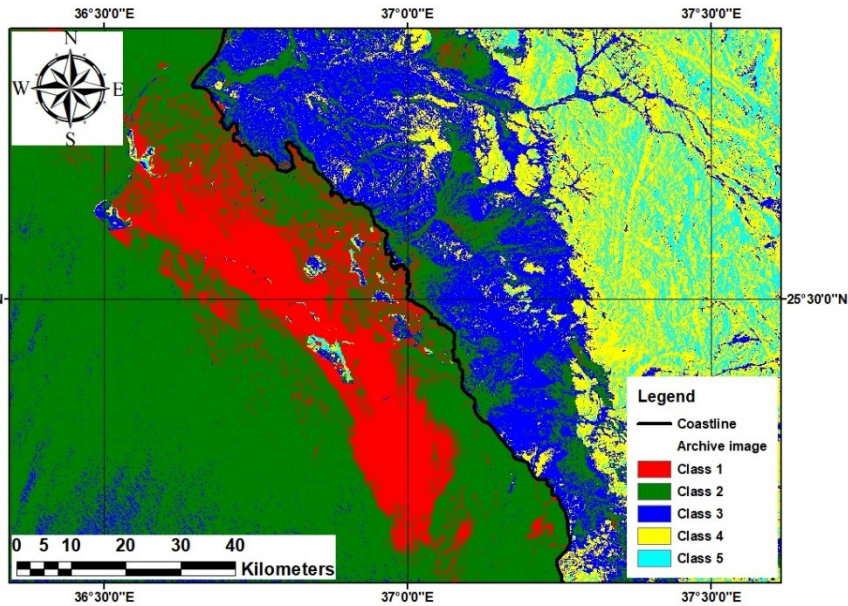
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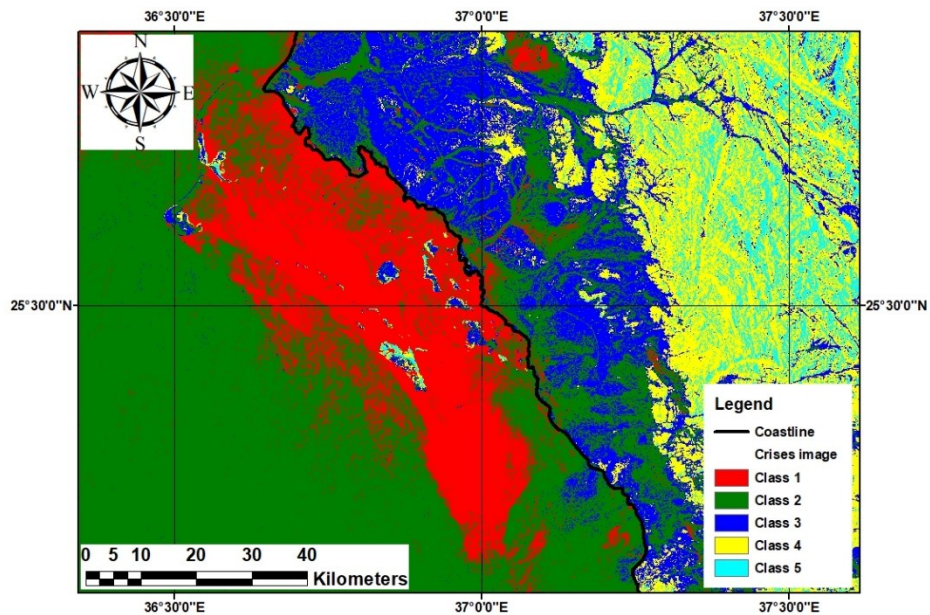
Delineation of the wetland habitats before and after



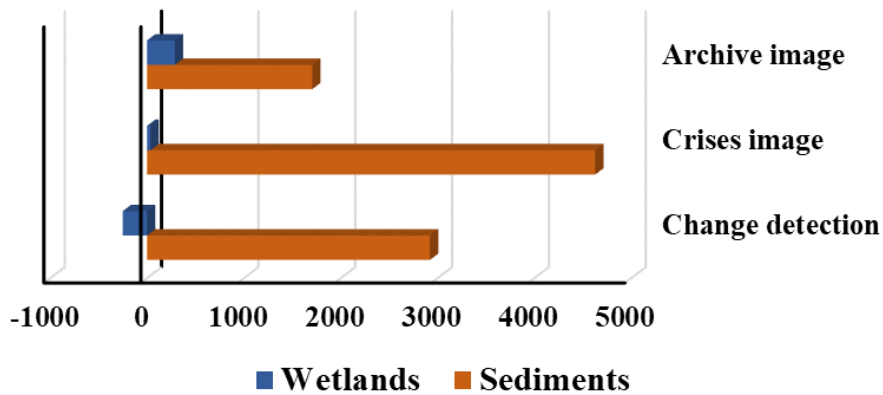
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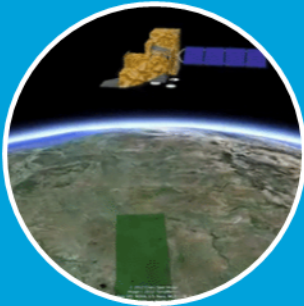
of Expectation Maximization (EM) classification before and after



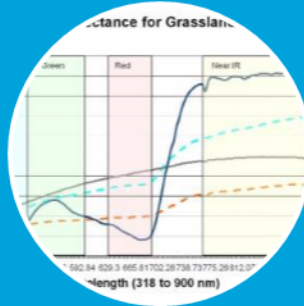
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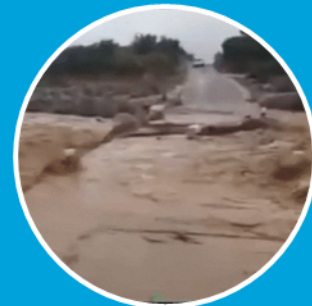
Conclusion & Recommendations



Remote Sensing techniques were satisfactorily implemented in term of sedimentation mapping and wetland delineation



Sediment deposits along the shoreline increased by nearly 171%. Wetland habitats were decreased by nearly 87%



Flash floods monitoring could regulate and adopt more efficient restoration techniques for the natural ecosystems



Thanks for your attention

