

Monitoring Water Quality of Inland Lakes using Remote Sensing

Part 2: Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN)

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July 20, 2023



Review of Part 1

- Described state-of-the-art, high spatial and spectral resolution observations from Landsat 8, Sentinel-2, and Sentinel-3 for water quality remote sensing.
- Described selected, open source, *in situ* measurements of water quality parameters including from USGS Water Dashboard and Lake Water Quality Portal, National Harmonized Chlorophyll Data, UNEP GEMStat, and GLORIA.
- Reviewed algorithm development requirements for remote sensing of water quality parameters.
- Explored and downloaded GLORIA *in situ* measurements of chlorophyll-a concentration, TSS, and Secchi Depth for Lake Erie.
- Searched and identified optical surface reflectance data from Landsat 8 and Sentinel-2 collocated with *in situ* measurements for Lake Erie using GEE.



Training Outline

Part 1

Overview of Remote Sensing Observations to Assess Water Quality

July 18, 2023

Part 2

Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN)

July 20, 2023



Part 3

Assess Water Quality using Satellite and In Situ Observations

July 25, 2023

Homework

Opens July 25 – Due August 8 – Posted on Training Webpage

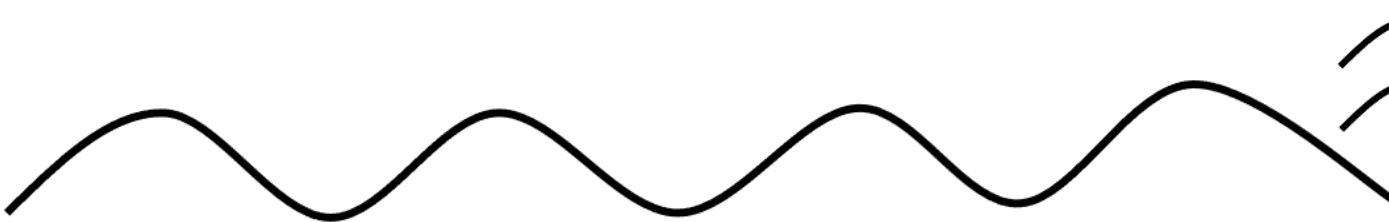
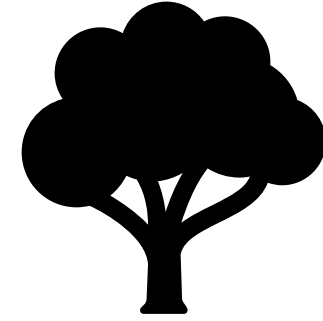
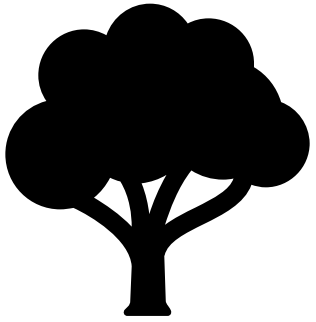
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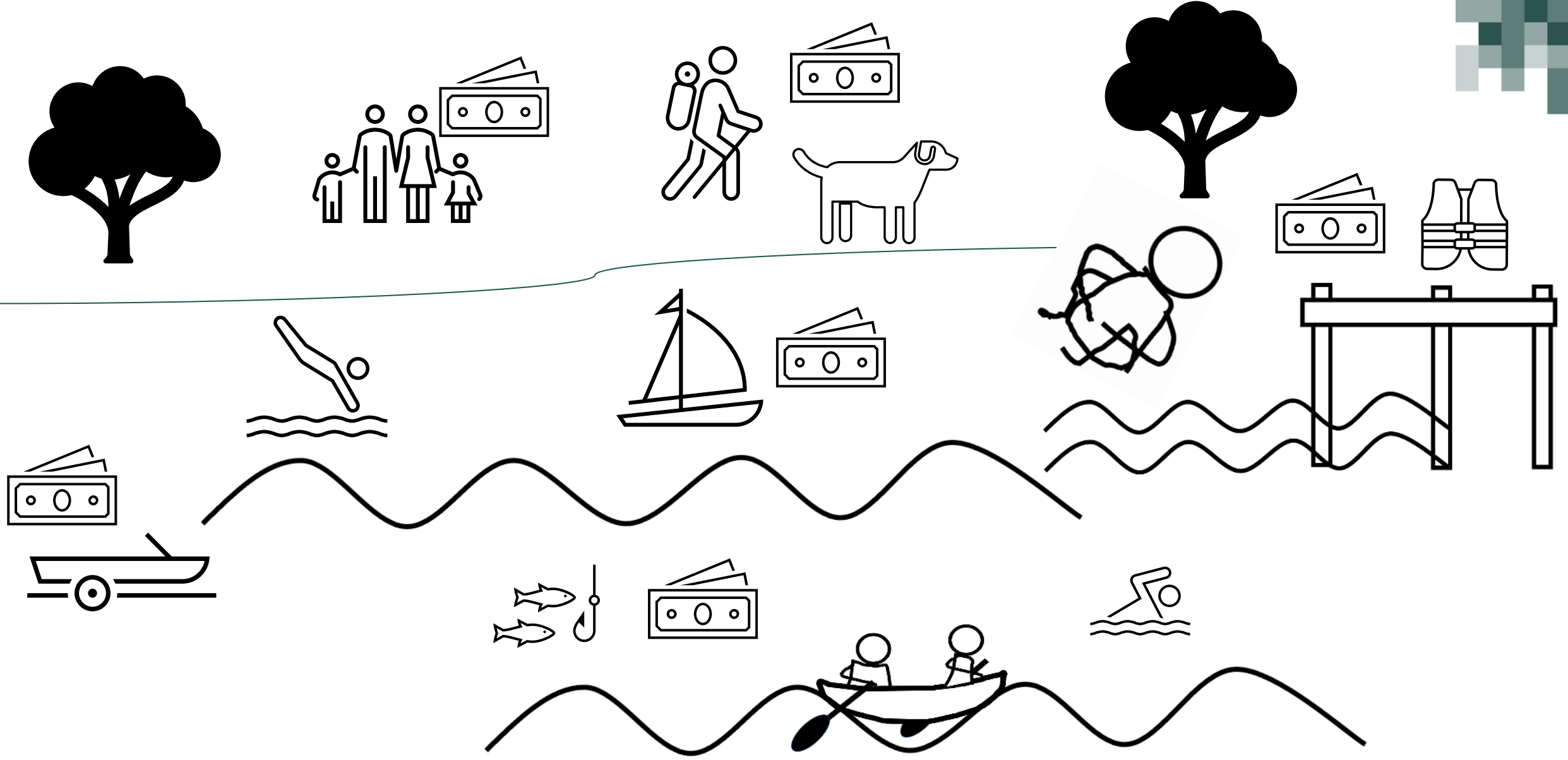


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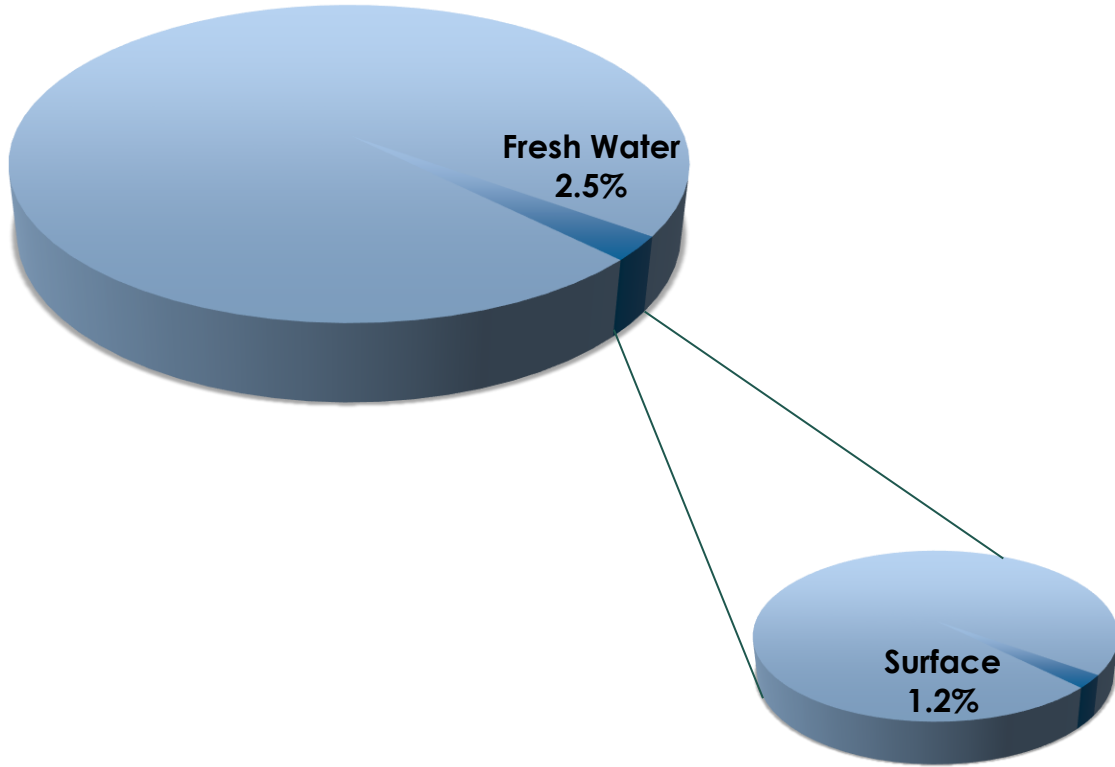
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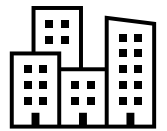




Earth's Water



~8,000,000,000



Houston, TX
~2,400,000





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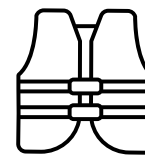
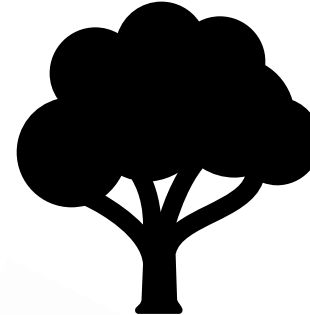
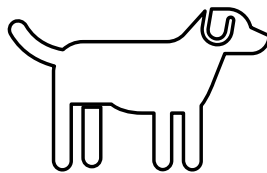
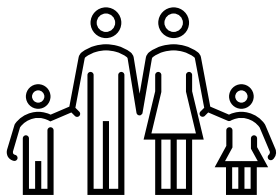
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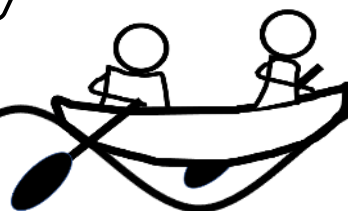
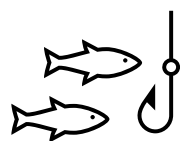
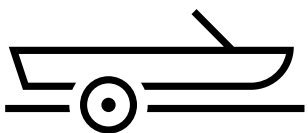
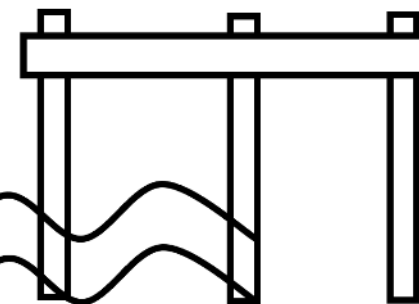
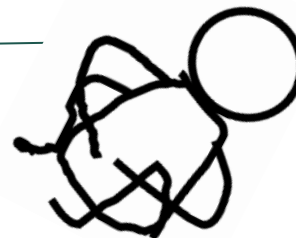
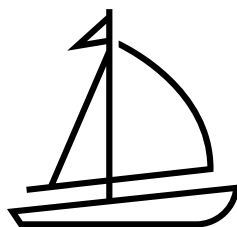
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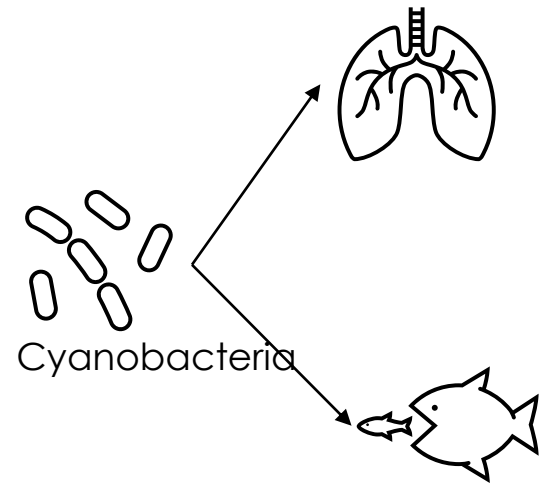
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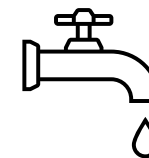
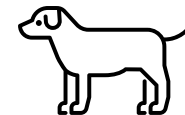
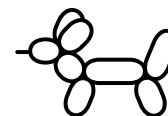
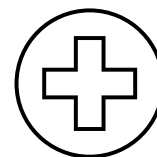
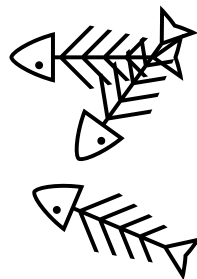
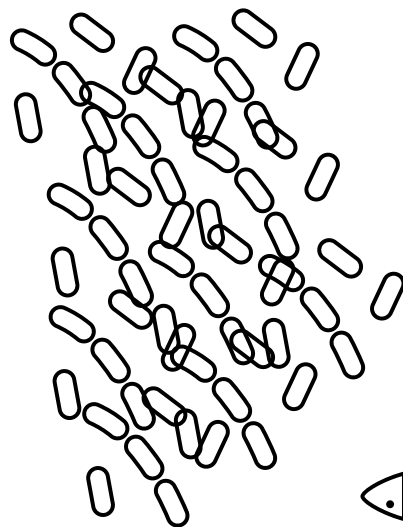


Cyanobacteria

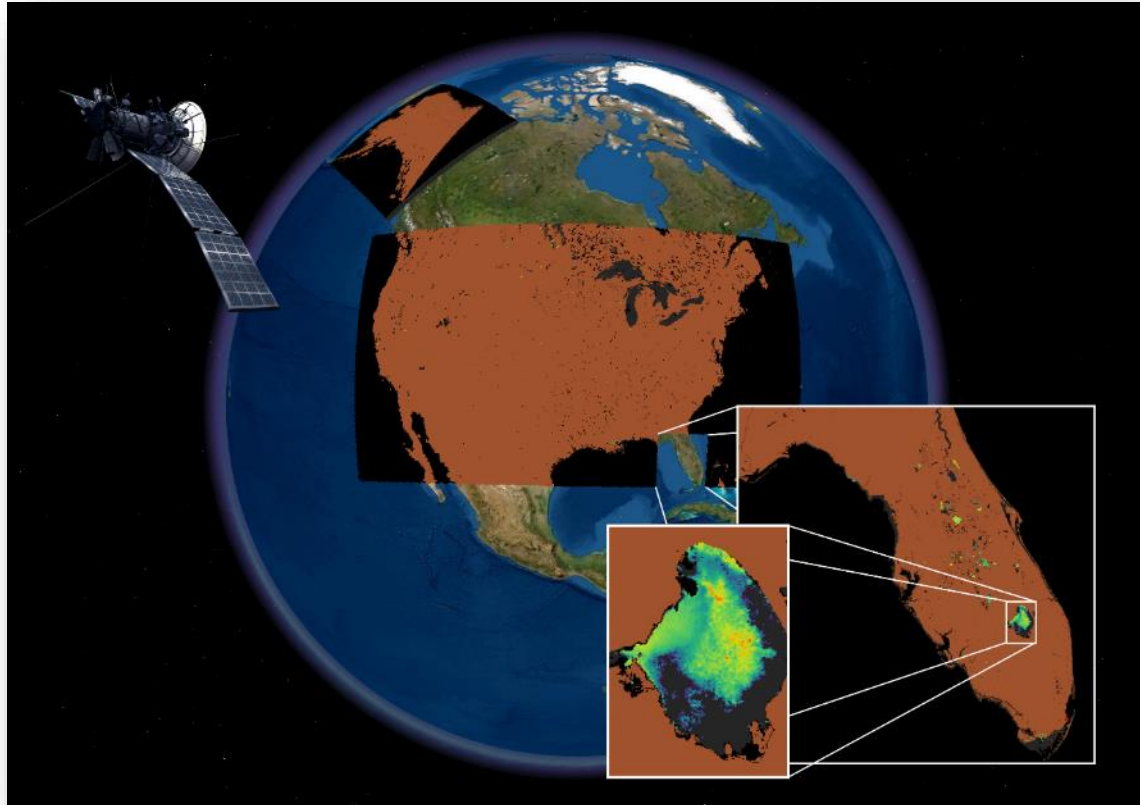


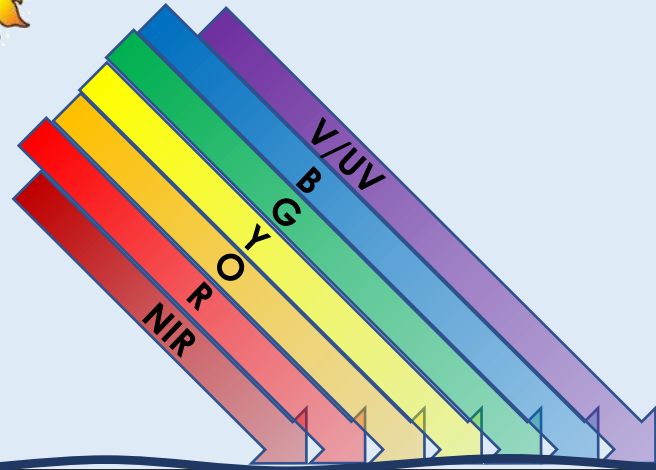
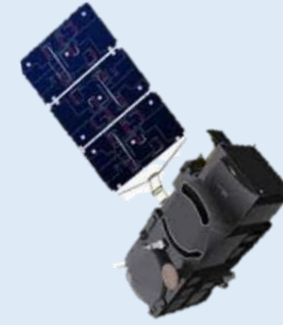


Nutrients



CYAN





AIR

WATER

Two possible things happen to a photon in water.

ABSORPTION (a)

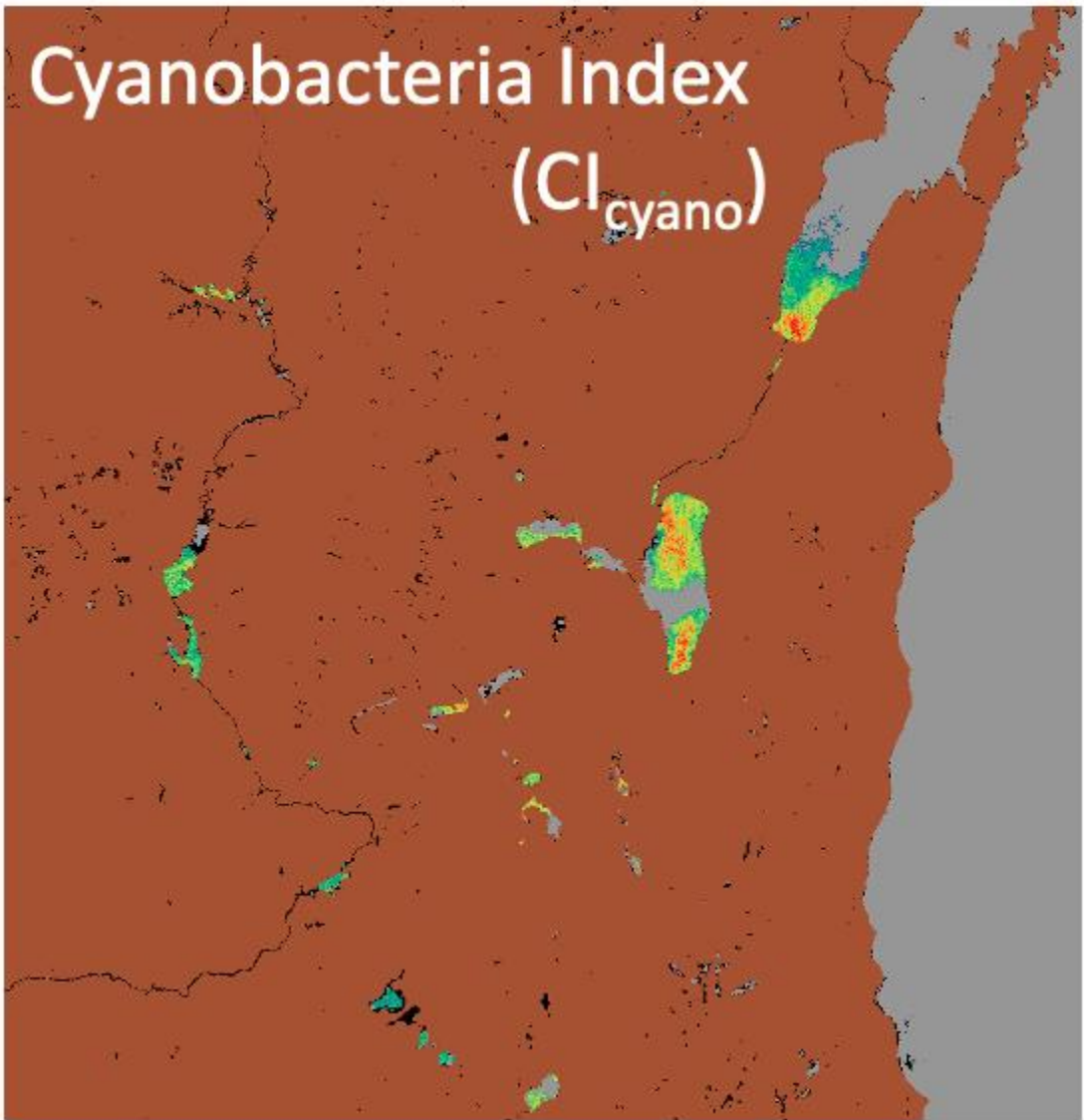
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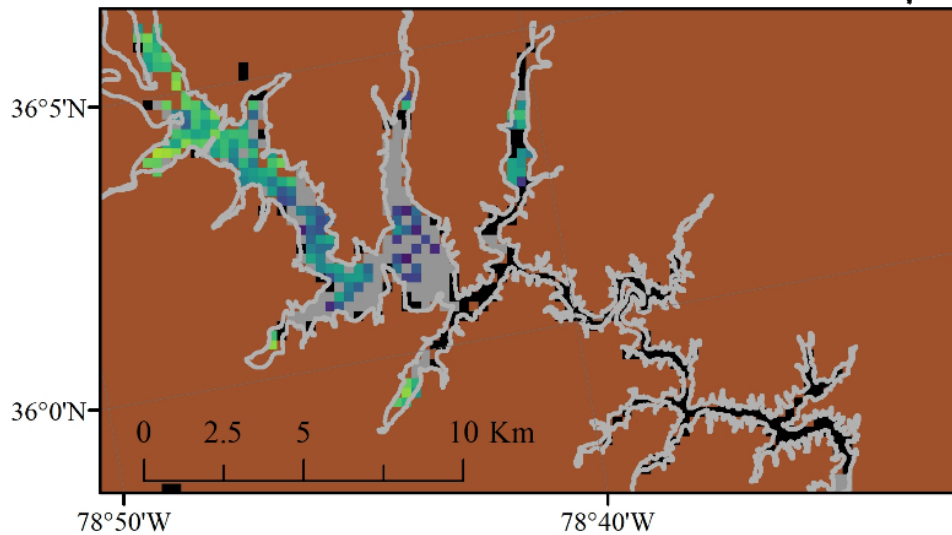
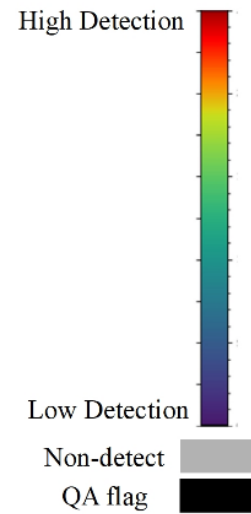
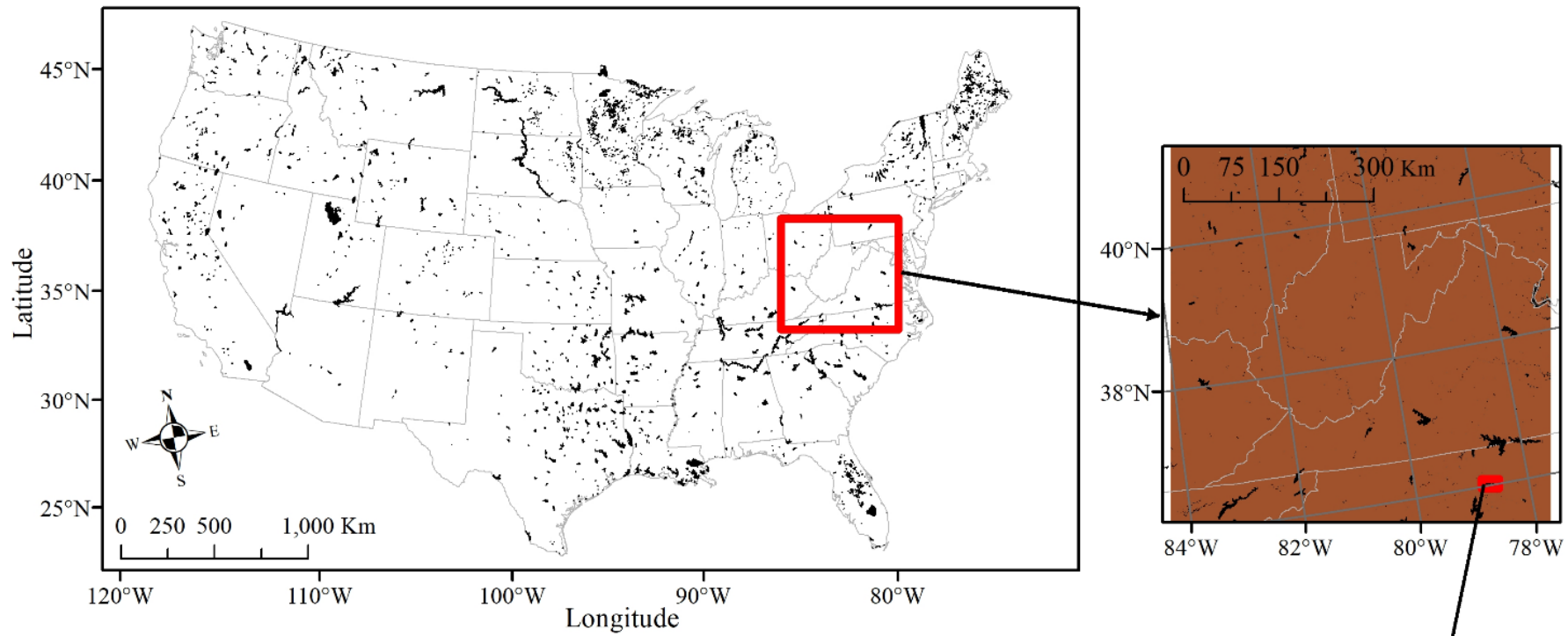


Cyanobacteria



Phytoplankton
Organic Matter
Detritus

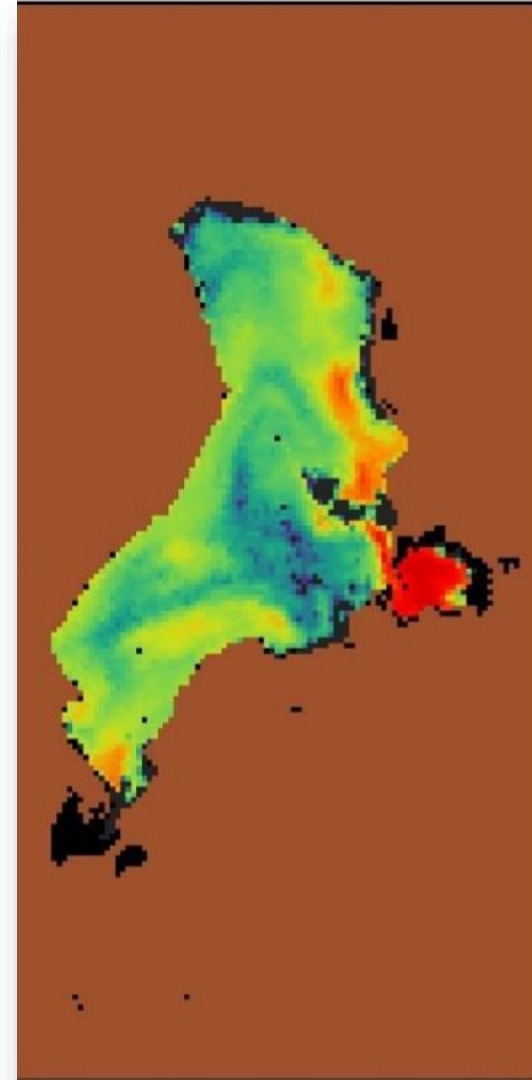
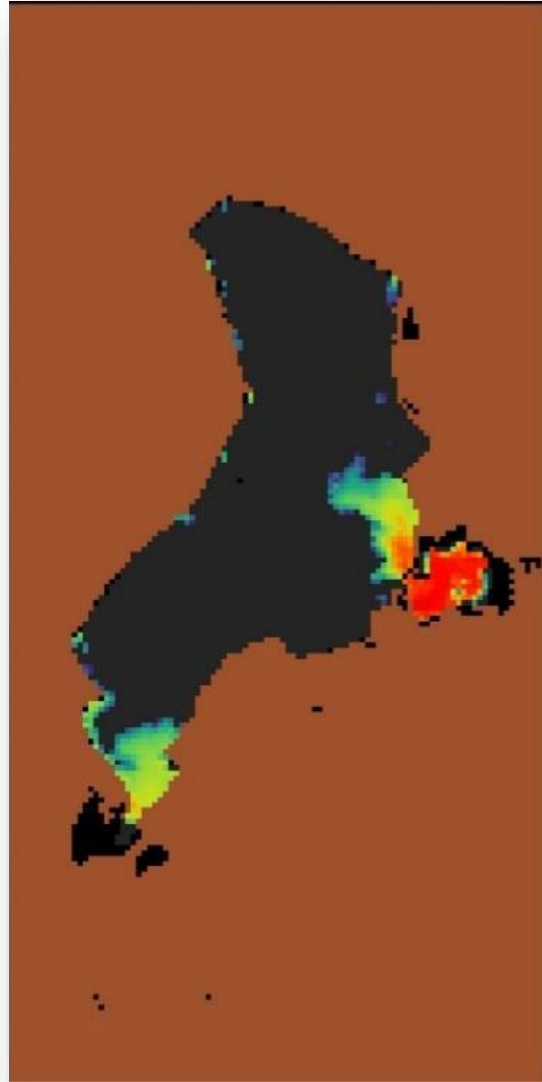




Utah Lake



Utah Lake





Satellite Estimates of Cyanobacteria in Oregon Lakes and Reservoirs

Reporting Period: June 5, 2023 - June 11, 2023

Introduction

This report provides an update to estimates of cyanobacteria abundance derived from satellite imagery for 49 large Oregon waterbodies. Updates are scheduled to occur weekly from March to October each year. Estimates derive from the [Cyanobacteria Assessment Network \(CyAN\)](#) project. Three levels illustrate cyanobacteria abundance (cells/mL): Low: <20,000, Moderate: 20,000-100,000, and High: >100,000. The levels correspond to the World Health Organization (WHO) exposure guideline values ([WHO, 2003](#)). For more information on Harmful Algal Blooms in Oregon, please visit websites from the [Oregon DEQ](#) and the [Oregon Health Authority](#).

All data presented in this report are provisional and subject to change. Estimates of cyanobacteria from satellite imagery do not imply the presence of cyanotoxins or other water quality impairments and do not have regulatory implications. **Visit the [Oregon Health Authority](#) to learn about recreational use and drinking water advisories related to cyanobacteria blooms.** Additional assessments with imagery from the [Sentinel 2](#) Satellites, local visual assessment, and/or water quality sampling are needed to provide additional information on potential human health and environmental effects of cyanobacteria. Please note that estimates of cyanobacteria abundance presented in this report may be skewed by cloud cover, ice cover, sun glint, water surface roughness, dry lake beds, algal mats, and shoreline effects.

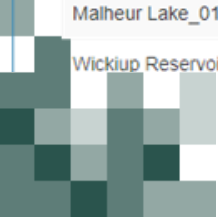
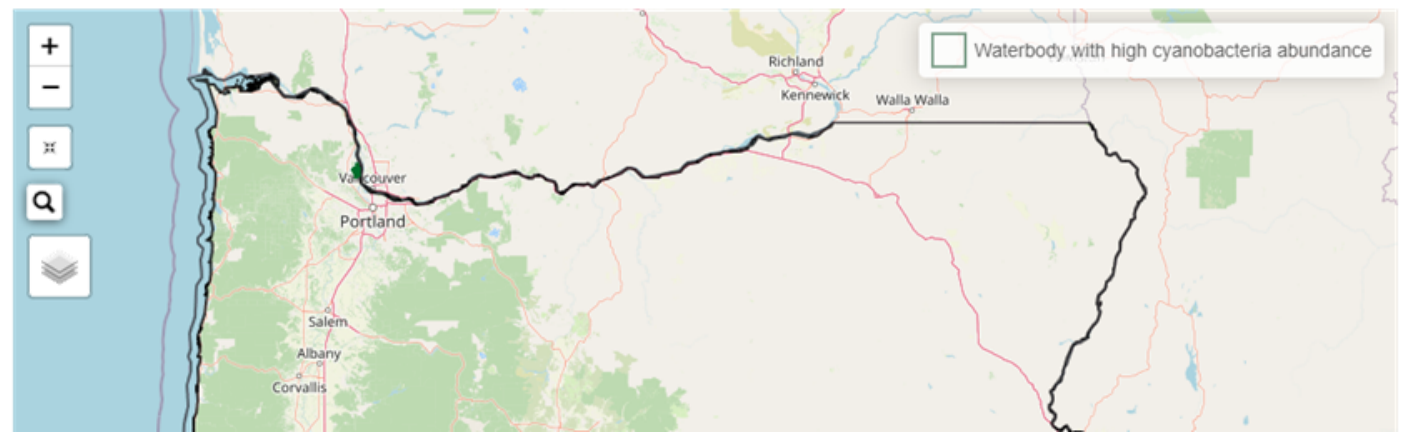
Highlighted Waterbodies

Waterbodies with high cyanobacteria abundance (>100,000 cells/mL) based on the average of daily maximum estimates during the 7-day reporting period (7DADM).

Reporting Period: June 5, 2023 - June 11, 2023

Search:

Waterbody_GNISID*	Basin	7DADM (cells/mL)	Days of Data
Upper Klamath Lake_01151685	Klamath	2,460,380	7
Lake Owyhee_01125099	Middle Snake-Boise	913,554	6
Davis Lake_01140666	Deschutes	906,507	5
Sturgeon Lake_01127681	Lower Willamette	534,787	5
Malheur Lake_01123710	Oregon Closed Basins	401,121	5
Wickiup Reservoir_01161711	Deschutes	257,260	5



Maps and time series plot of cyanobacteria estimates for each of the 49 resolvable waterbodies according to the methods outlined in the [CyAN Project](#).

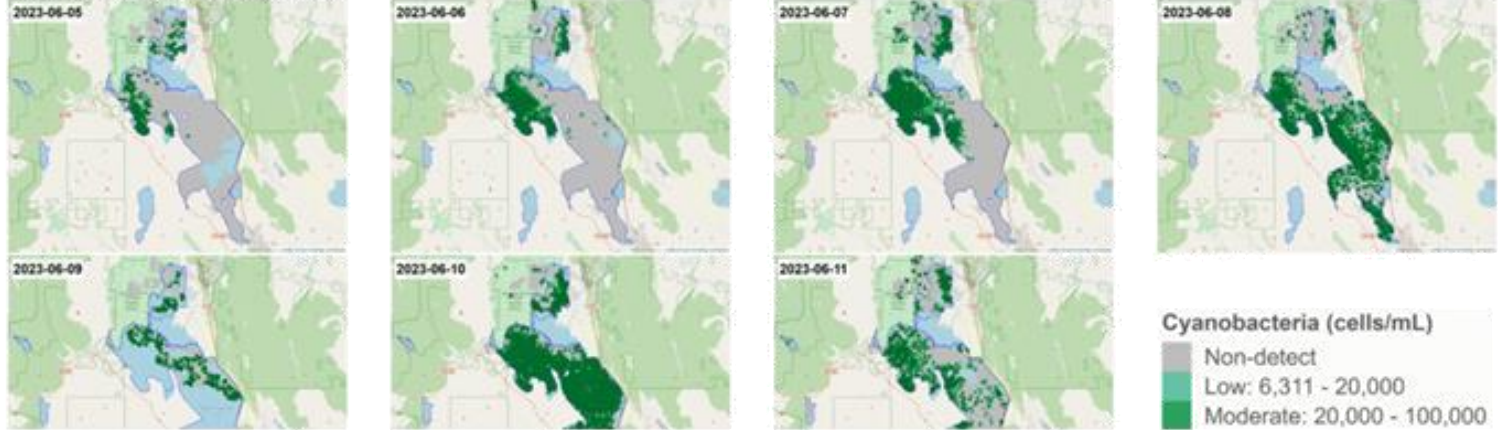
Select a Waterbody:

Upper Klamath Lake_01151685

Recreational Waterbody

Satellite estimates of cyanobacteria abundance from June 5, 2023 to June 11, 2023.

No pixels on the map indicates no data for the lake on that day



Time Series Plot and Data:

Date Range:

- Current Year: 2023
- Select a Date Range

2019-06-07 to 2023-06-11

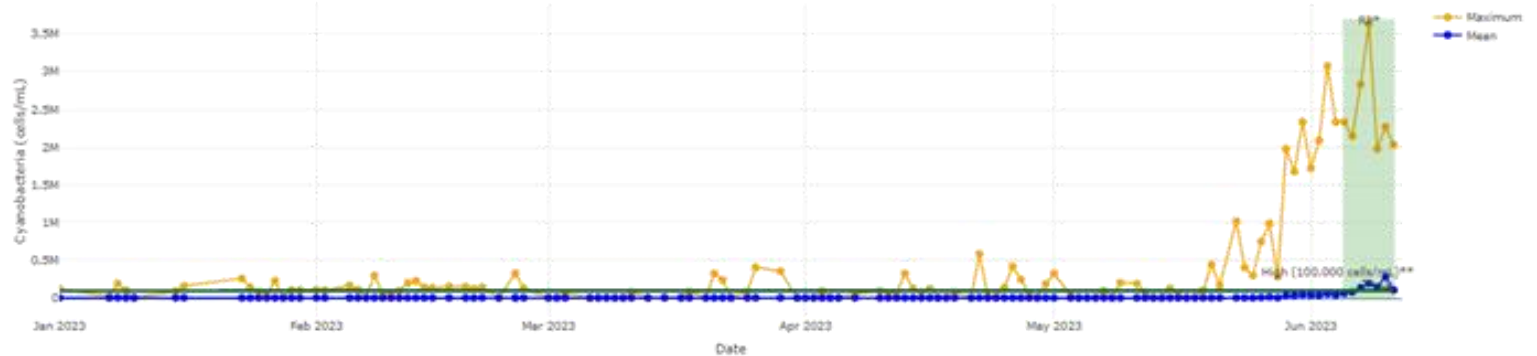
Data for Upper Klamath Lake_01151685 is available since June 7, 2016.

Summary Statistics:

- Maximum
- Mean
- Minimum

Time series plot of cyanobacteria abundance (cells/mL) of the selected waterbody.

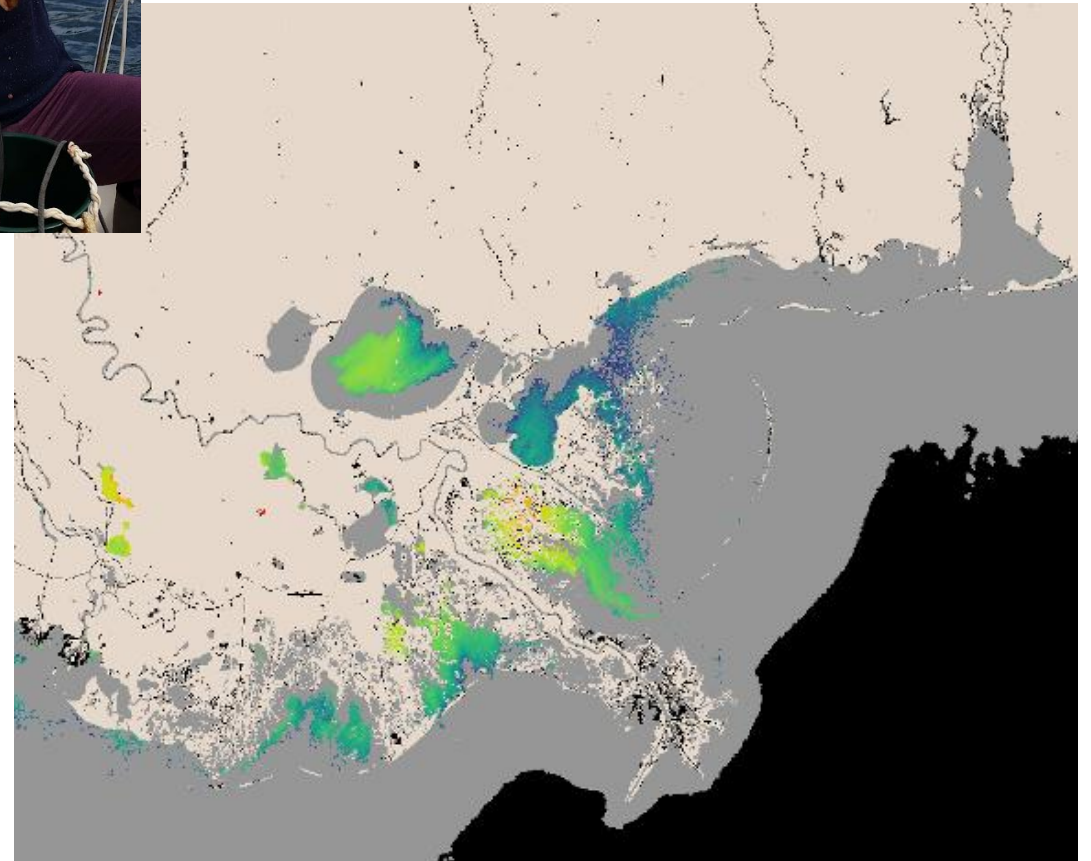
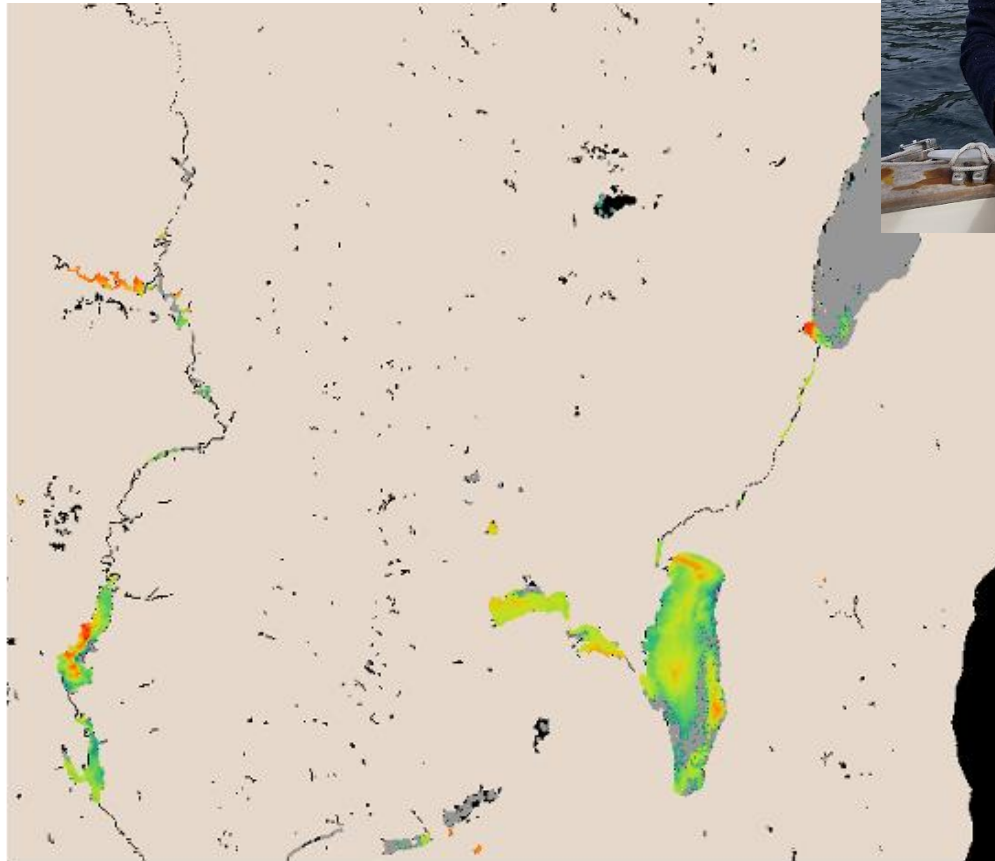
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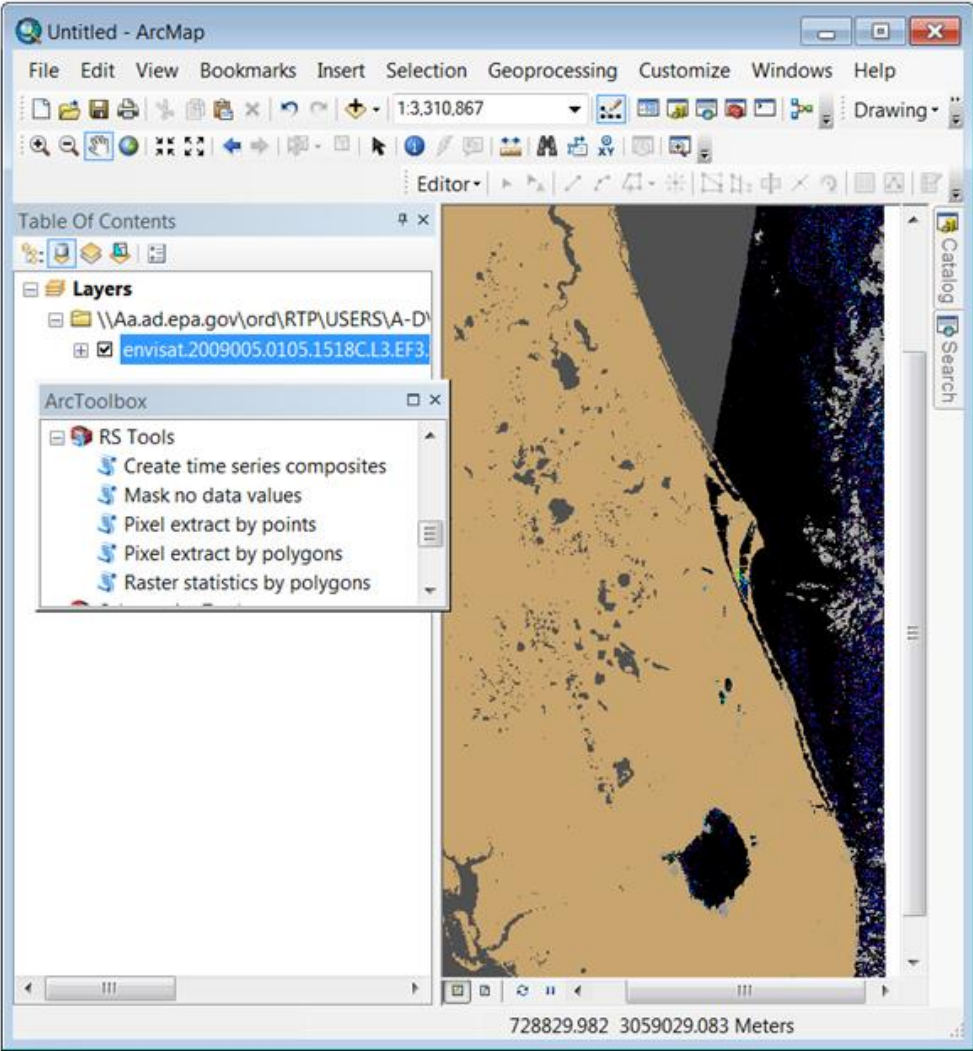
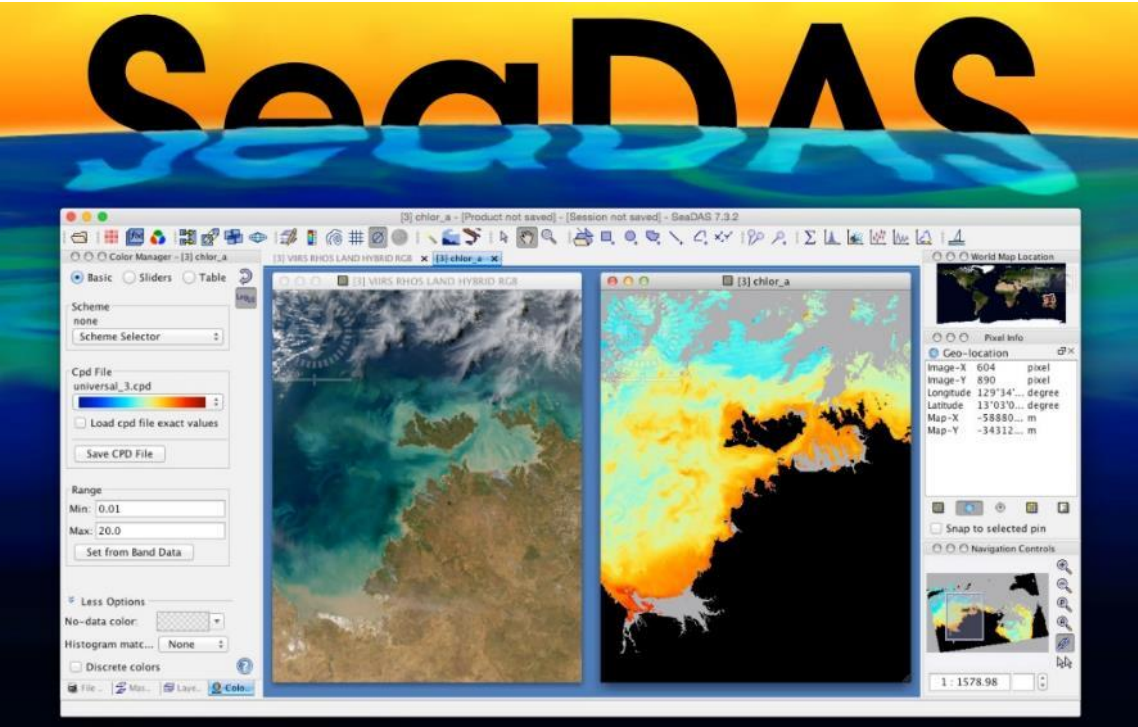




GeoTIFFs



NASA Cyanobacteria Assessment Network



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/projects/cyan/>. The page header includes the NASA EarthData logo and a navigation menu with links for ABOUT, MISSIONS, DATA, DOCS, SOFTWARE & TOOLS, SERVICES, GALLERY, and FORUM. The main content area features the 'CYAN' logo, which includes a satellite icon. Below the logo is a green banner with the text: "Version 5 of CyAN data were released on May 22, 2023 – [Click here for details.](#)".

Introduction

Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN) is a multi-agency project among EPA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to support the environmental management and public use of U.S. lakes and estuaries by providing a capability of detecting and quantifying cyanobacteria algal blooms. This effort has resulted in the production of satellite remote sensing products using the cyanobacteria index (CI) algorithm to estimate cyanobacteria concentrations (CI_cyano) in lakes across the contiguous United States (CONUS) and Alaska.

The CI data products available are GeoTIFF dailies and a 7-day maximum value composites from different ESA sensors: MERIS (2002-2012) and OLCI on Sentinel-3A (2016-present) and OLCI on Sentinel-3B (2018-present).

Data produced for CONUS and Alaska is delivered in tiles referred to as the column number followed by

Data Access

- Version 5 Data Details
- File Search Tool >
- Direct Data Download > (Level 2 & 3)

<https://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/about/projects/cyan/>

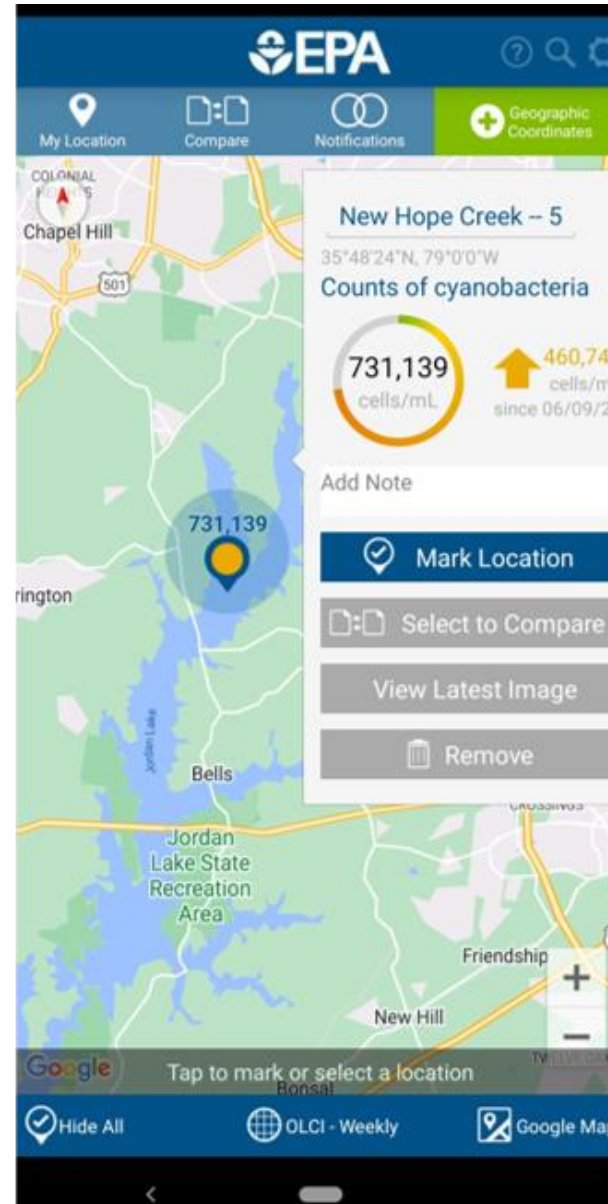


CyAN App Demo

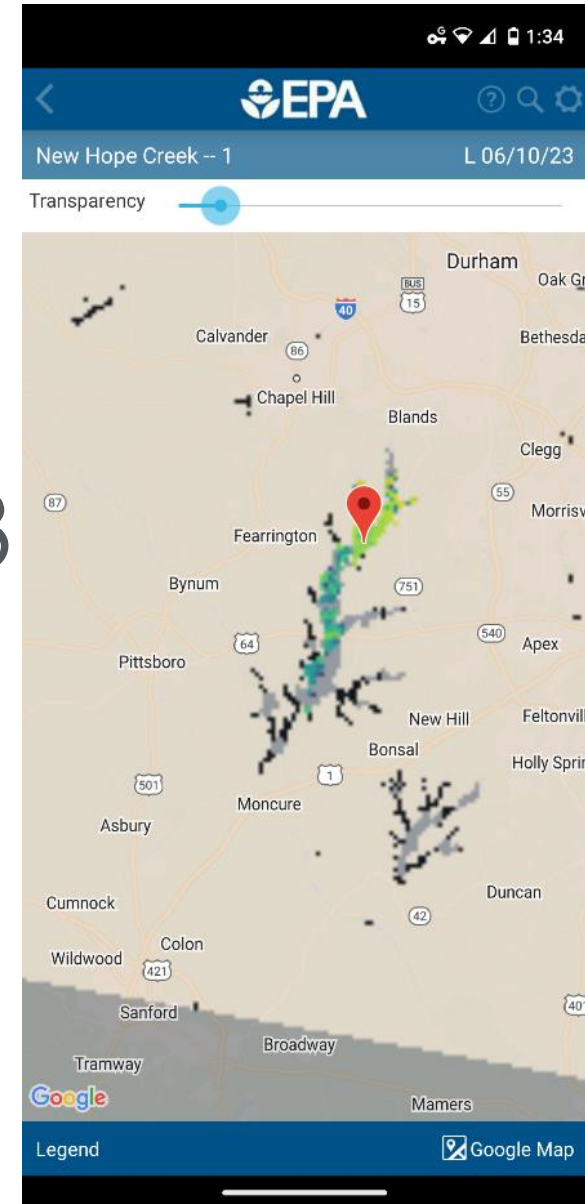
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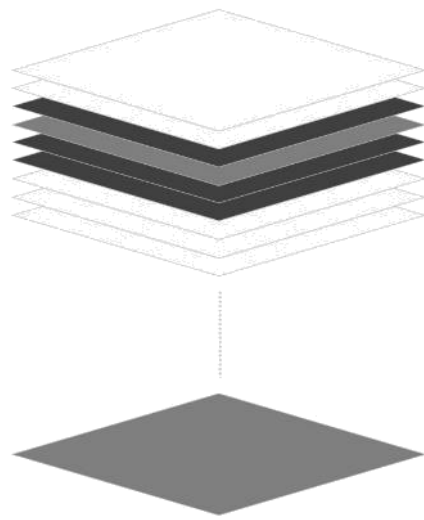
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CyAN Web-App Demo

The screenshot displays the CyAN Web-App interface. At the top left is the EPA logo. The main header reads "Cyanobacteria Assessment Network v1.1.27". The navigation bar includes "My Locations", "Compare", "Notifications", and "Geographic Coordinates". The central area is a map of the United States with a mouse cursor over the Northeast. Below the map are four buttons: "Data Type: Weekly", "Reload Data", "Request Location Data", and "Waterbody Stats". The footer contains the EPA logo and the text "Discover. Connect. Ask. Follow.".





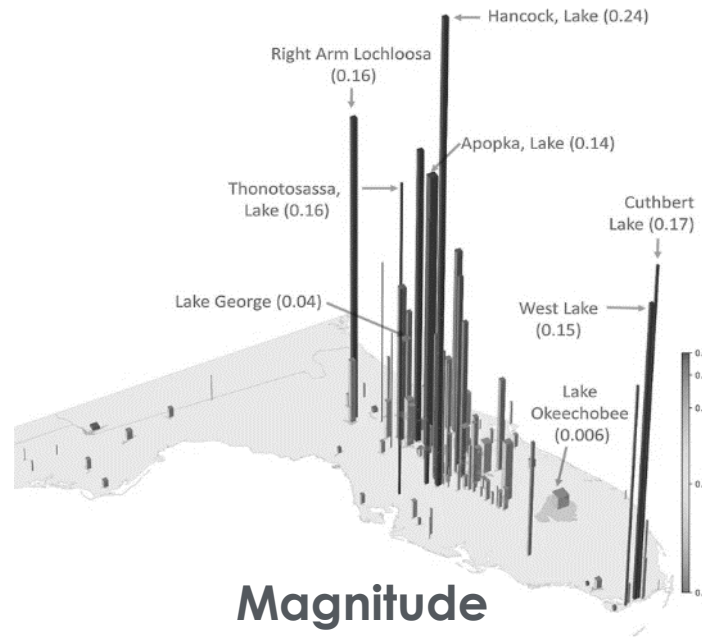
52 weekly composites

- Detect
- Non-detect
- No data

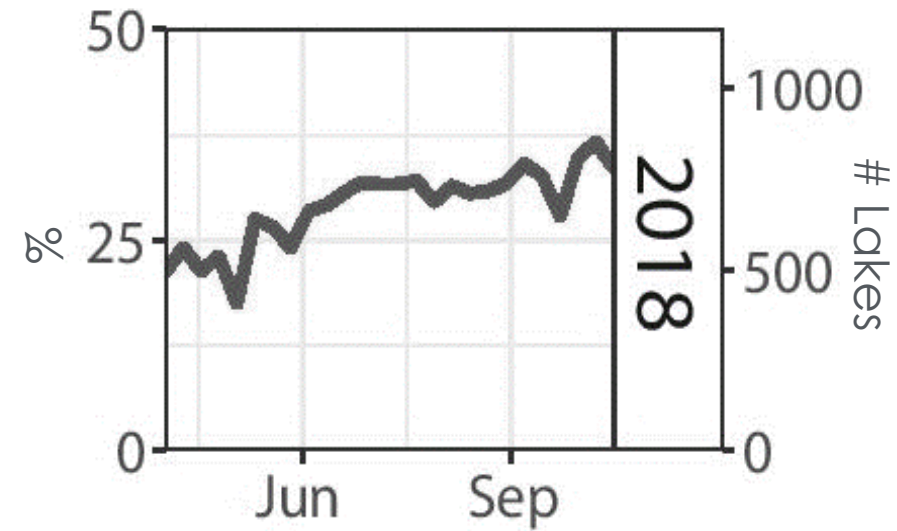
Temporal Frequency



Spatial Extent



Magnitude



Occurrence



EPA's Report on the Environment (ROE)





EnviroAtlas Interactive Map

Find address or place Save Help Data Download Contact Us

EnviroAtlas Data

Search All Layers

536 of 536 Maps Expand Hide Icons

Species: Other

- Water Supply, Runoff, and Flow
- Water Use
- Weather and Climate
- Wetlands and Lowlands
- Harmful Algal Blooms**
- Cyanobacteria Index - Extent
- Cyanobacteria Index - Frequency

Impaired Waters

- National Air Toxics Assessment
- Pollutants: Nutrients
- Pollutants: Other
- Sites Reporting to EPA
- Commuting and Walkability
- Employment

Layer List

- Cyanobacteria Index - Extent
- Cyanobacteria Index - Frequency

Selected Community: Combined Communities

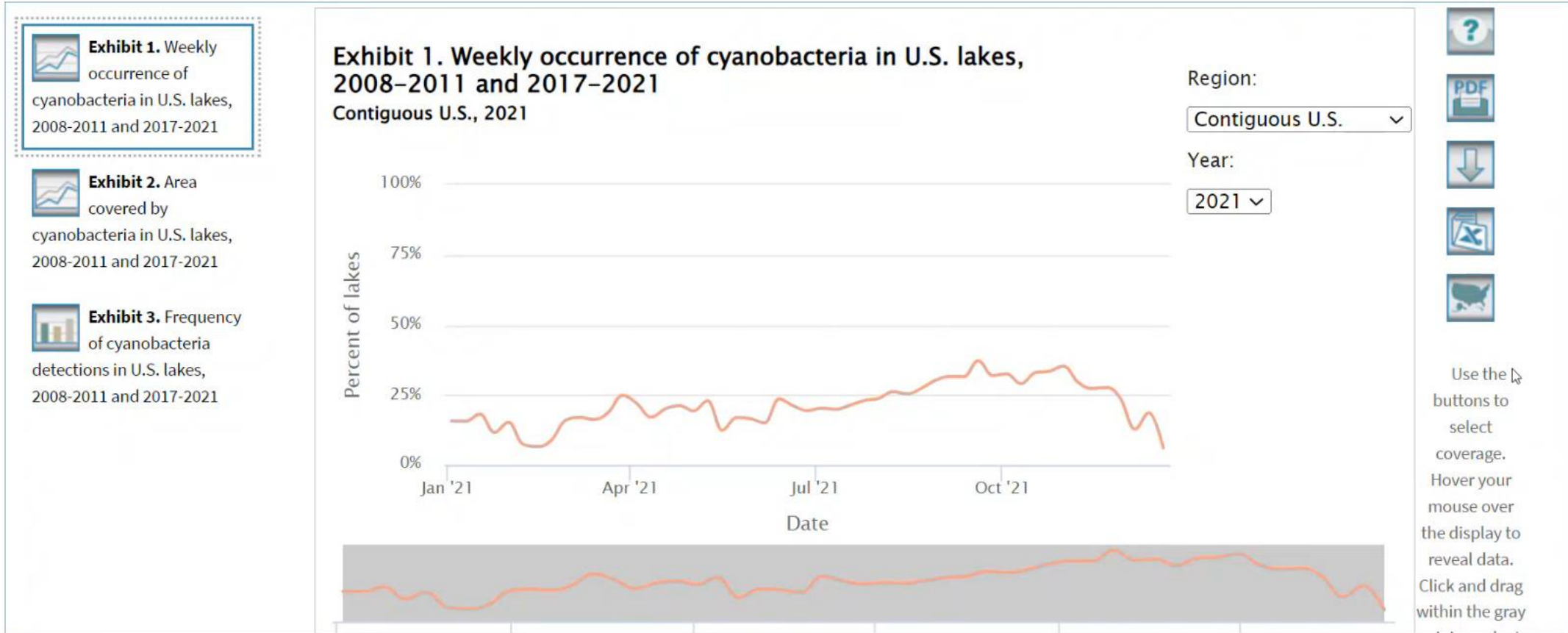
Cyanobacteria Index - Extent (1 of 2)

Lake Name:	B. Everett Jordan Lake
State:	NC
COMID:	166755060.0000
Lake Area:	53.0346
Number of Pixels:	124.0000
2021 Percent Median Lake Area:	96.3700
2020 Percent Median Lake Area:	86.7000
2019 Percent Median Lake Area:	63.7100
2018 Percent Median Lake Area:	41.5300
2017 Percent Median Lake Area:	68.9400



Report on Environment Demo

Cyanobacteria in Lakes



Per-House Annual Benefits

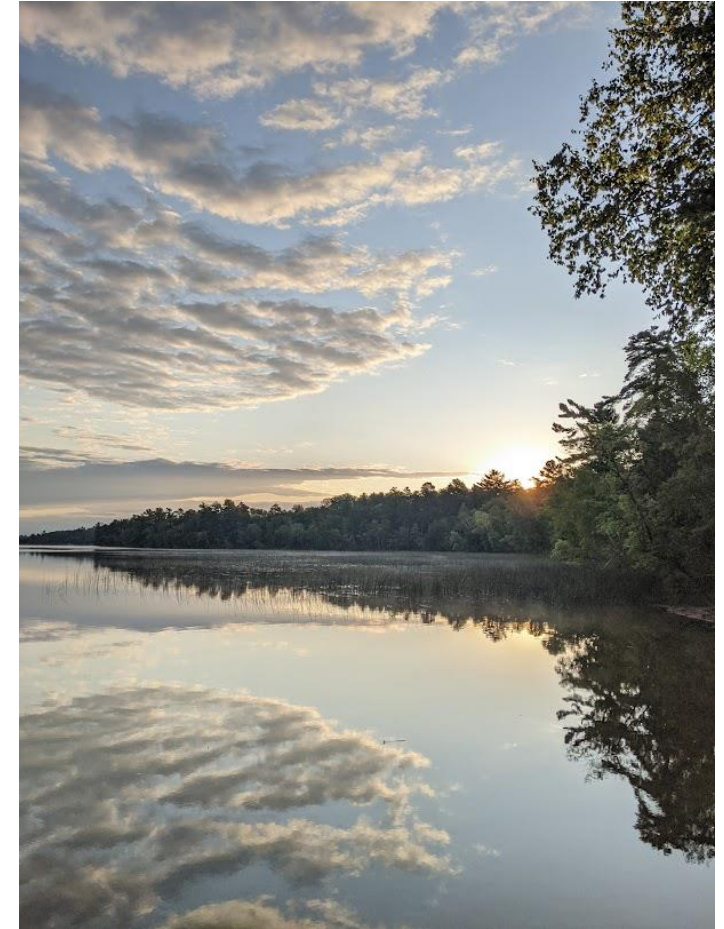
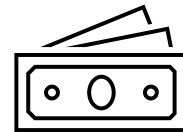


Scenario

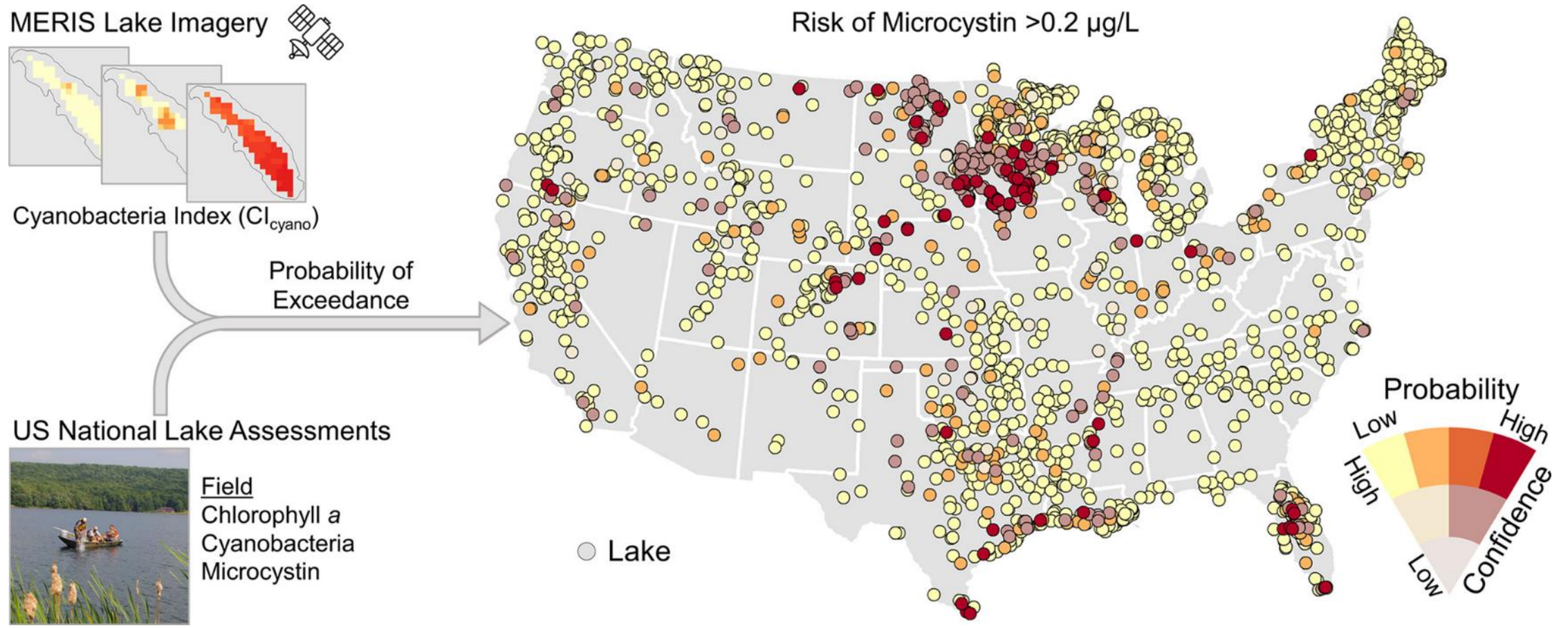
1 Week/Year Reduction
in Cyanobacteria

Northeast
Regional
Annual
Benefit

\$14,606,248



Lakes at Risk of Toxic Cyanobacteria



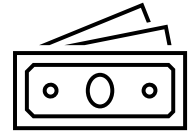
Handler et al. 2023. Science of the Total Environment

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Summary

- Clcyano satellite images available daily and weekly
 - Annual potential avoided costs ~\$5.7 million/year
- Training, Software (open-source, GIS, Android, web-based)
 - NASA Website
 - SeaDAS
 - ArcMAP and ArcPRO RS Tools
 - Android Mobile and Web Applications
- Metrics
 - Frequency, Extent, Magnitude, Occurrence
 - Report on the Environment and EnviroAtlas





Part 2: Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN) **Summary**

Resources

- [US EPA Cyanobacteria Assessment Network](#)
- [NASA Cyanobacteria Assessment Network](#)

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Looking Ahead to Part 3

Part 3 will focus on:

- Developing statistical algorithms in GEE to obtain chlorophyll-a concentration, total suspended sediments, and water clarity from the Sentinel-2 and *in situ* data identified for Lake Erie in Part 1.
- Explore variability of the water quality parameters.



Homework and Certificates

- **Homework:**
 - One homework assignment
 - Opens on July 25, 2023
 - Access from the [training webpage](#)
 - Answers must be submitted via Google Forms
 - **Due by August 8, 2023**
 - There will be hands-on exercises in all sessions. **You will be instructed to submit results of these exercises to a Google Drive folder.**
- **Certificate of Completion:**
 - Attend all three live webinars (attendance is recorded automatically)
 - Complete the homework assignment by the deadline
 - You will receive a certificate via email approximately two months after completion of the course.



Questions and Answers

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Thank You!

