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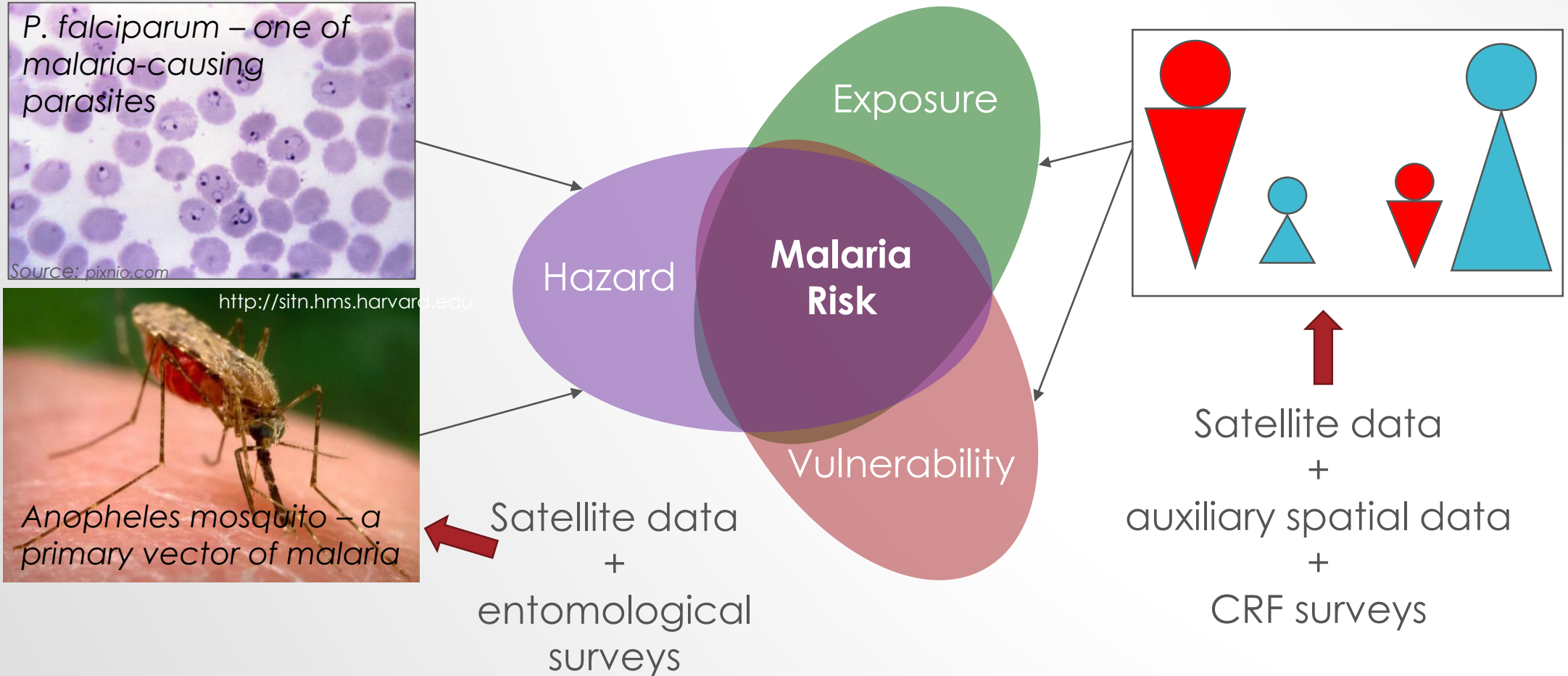
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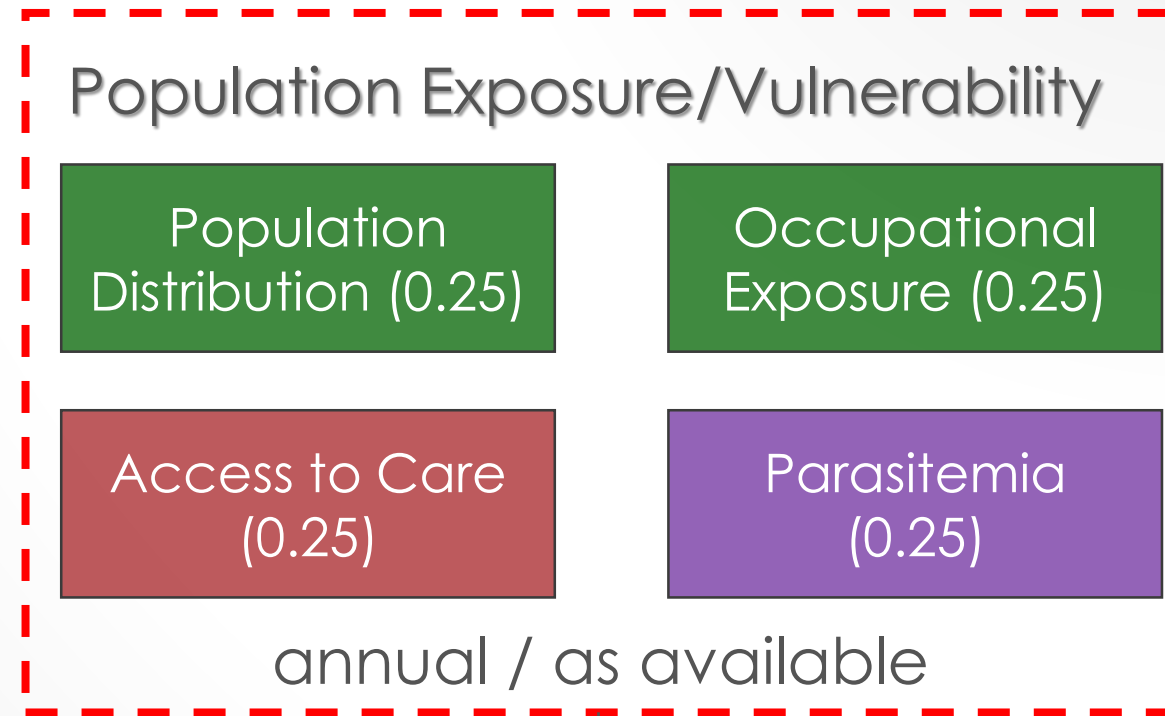
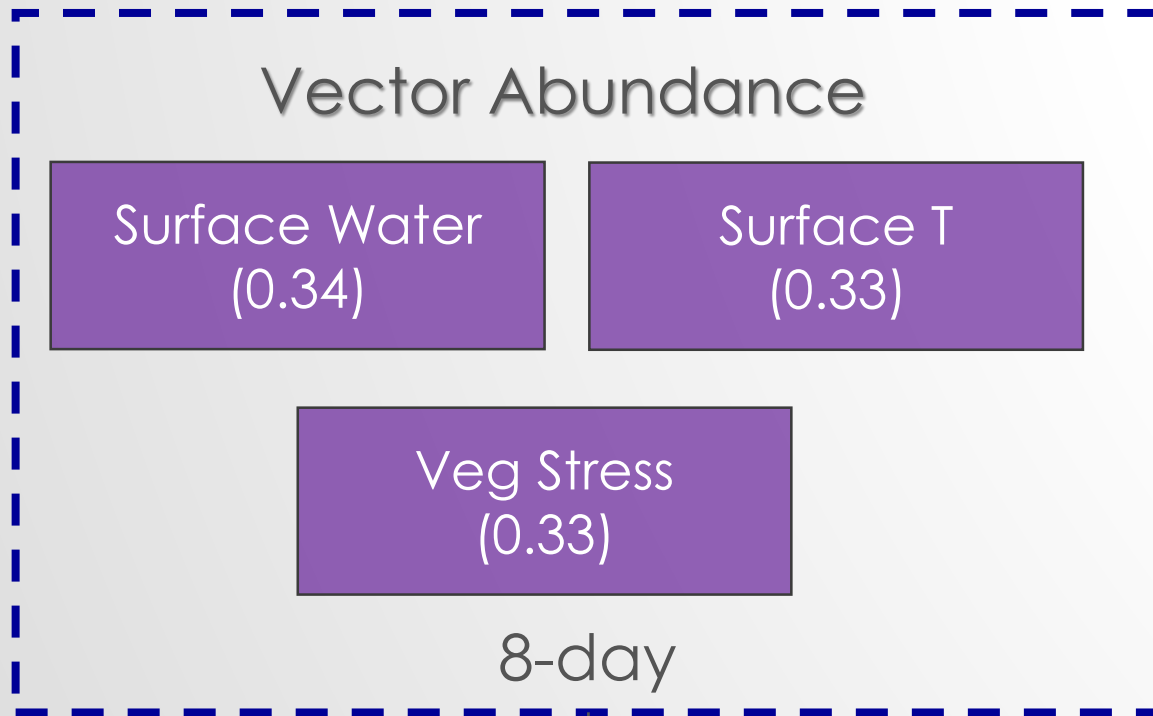
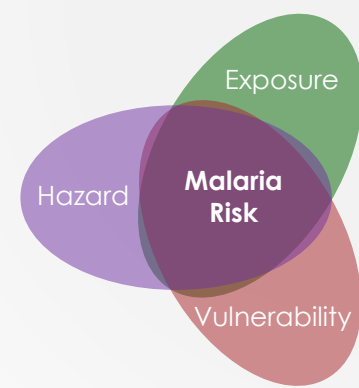
MYANMAR MALARIA EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (MMEWS)

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MALARIA RISK



MALARIA BURDEN POTENTIAL (MBP)



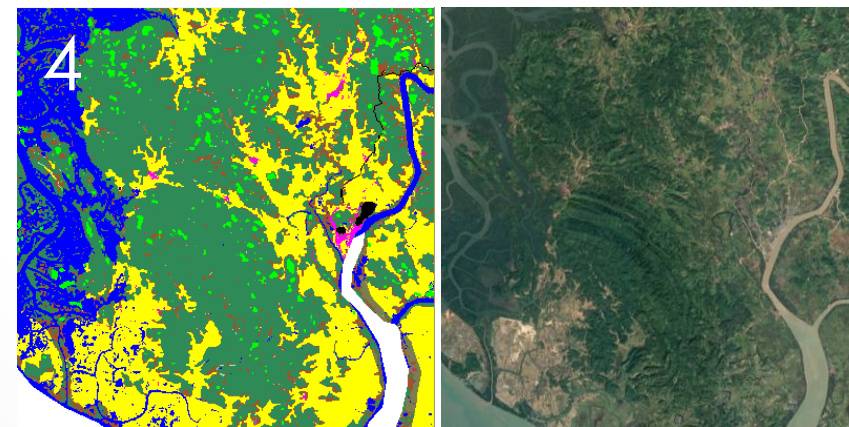
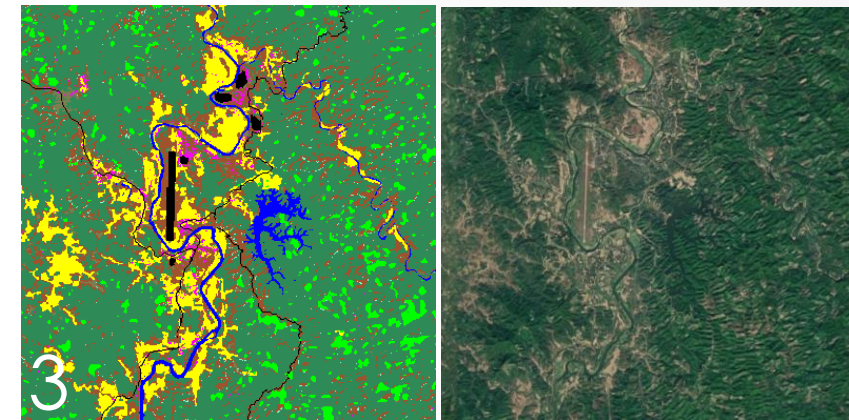
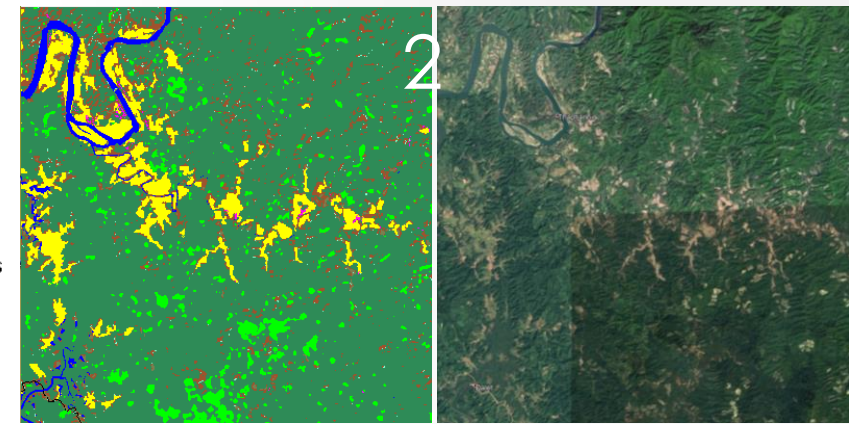
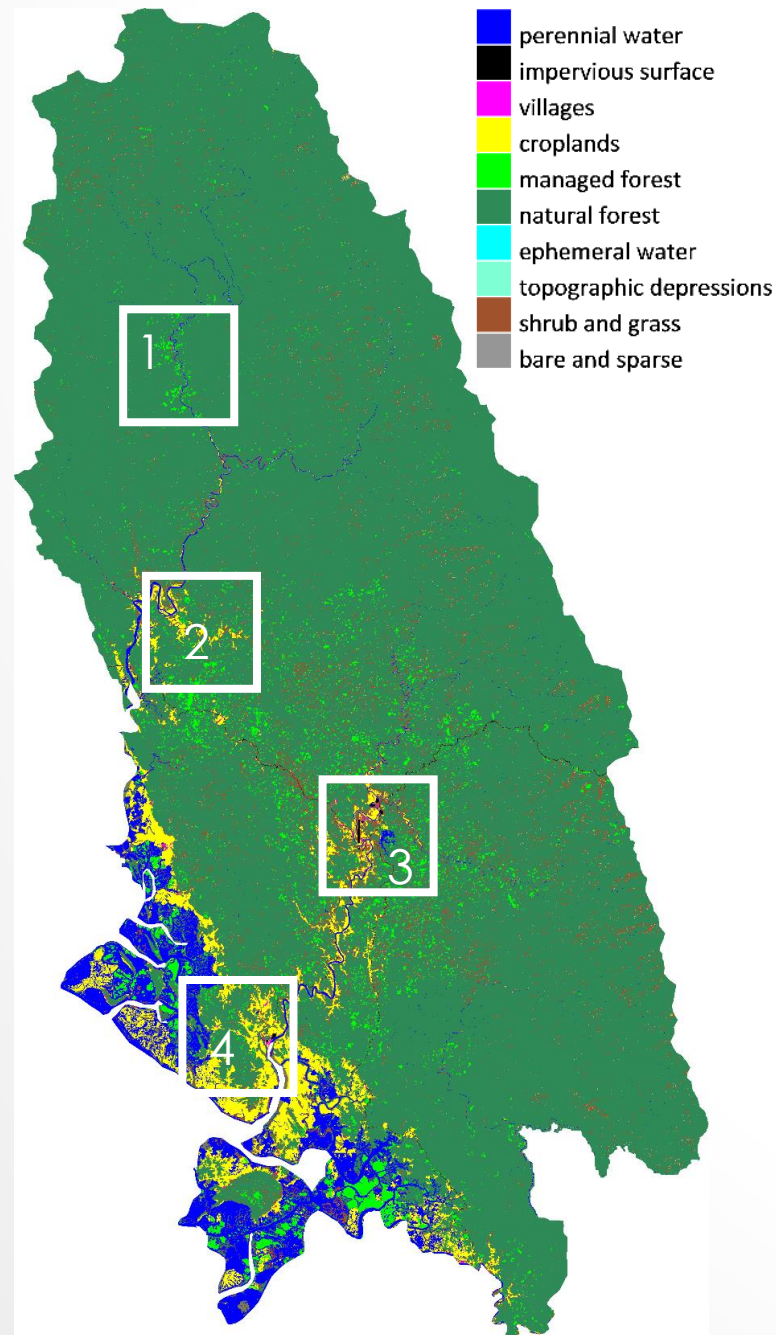
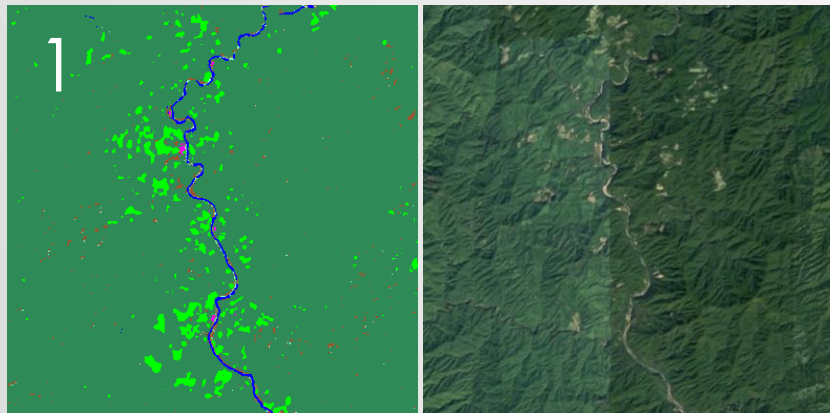
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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

BASE MAP



FUZZY ACCURACY ASSESSMENT

Woodcock, C. E., & Gopal, S. 2000. Fuzzy set theory and thematic maps: accuracy assessment and area estimation. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 14(2), 153-172).

Map label	Plots	Expert evaluation			Area weights
		Matches using		Improvement	
		MAX (M)	Right (R)	(R-M)	
Perennial water	75	28.00%	34.67%	6.67%	0.043
Impervious surface	75	8.00%	48.00%	40.00%	0.001
Villages	75	58.67%	81.33%	22.67%	0.001
Croplands	75	68.00%	84.00%	16.00%	0.035
Managed forests	75	29.33%	48.00%	18.67%	0.057
Natural forests	308	74.35%	89.94%	15.58%	0.817
Shrub and grass	75	1.33%	20.00%	18.67%	0.038
Bare surfaces	75	0.00%	22.67%	22.67%	0.008
Accuracy	833	44.90%	63.75%	18.85%	
Accuracy total weighted		66.14%	81.73%	15.59%	

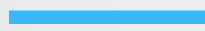
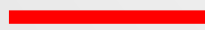
“MAX” and “RIGHT” operators were considered.

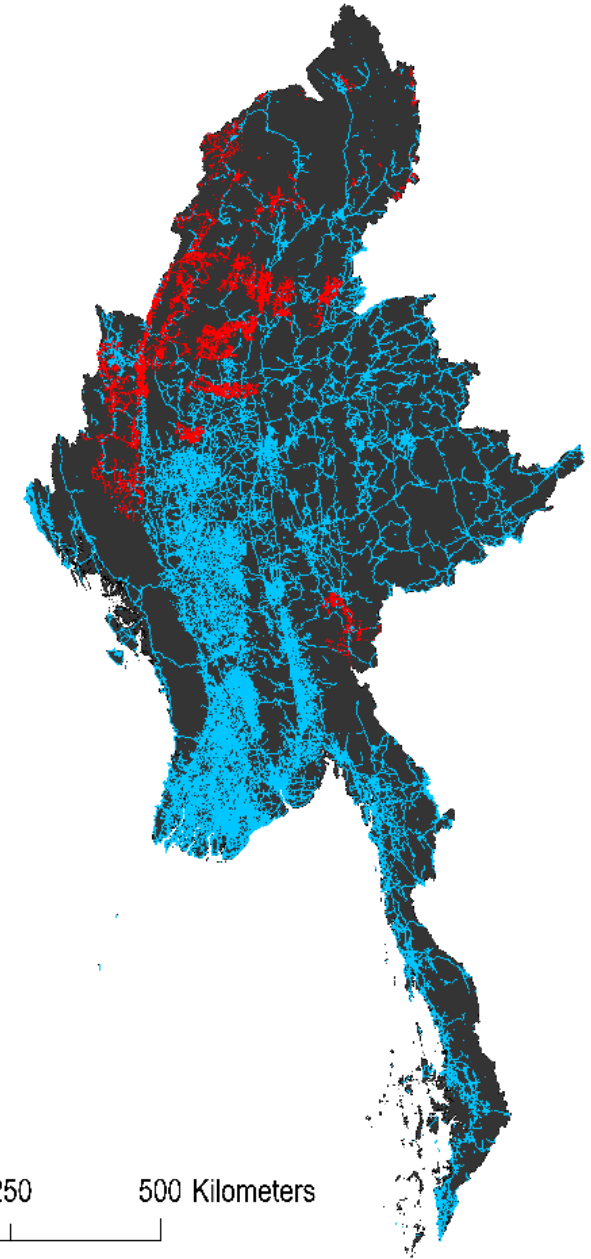
- MAX: "Highest rating given to a category for a given site to measure a match and provides a conservation estimate of accuracy"
- Right (R): "Accepts matches using any degree of right, which in the linguistic scale used here is any score greater than or equal to 3"
- Accuracy with fuzziness (tolerance of error) improves to 81.73% particularly useful for land covers at sub-pixel level

CHALLENGES (1): EXTREMELY POOR ROAD NETWORK

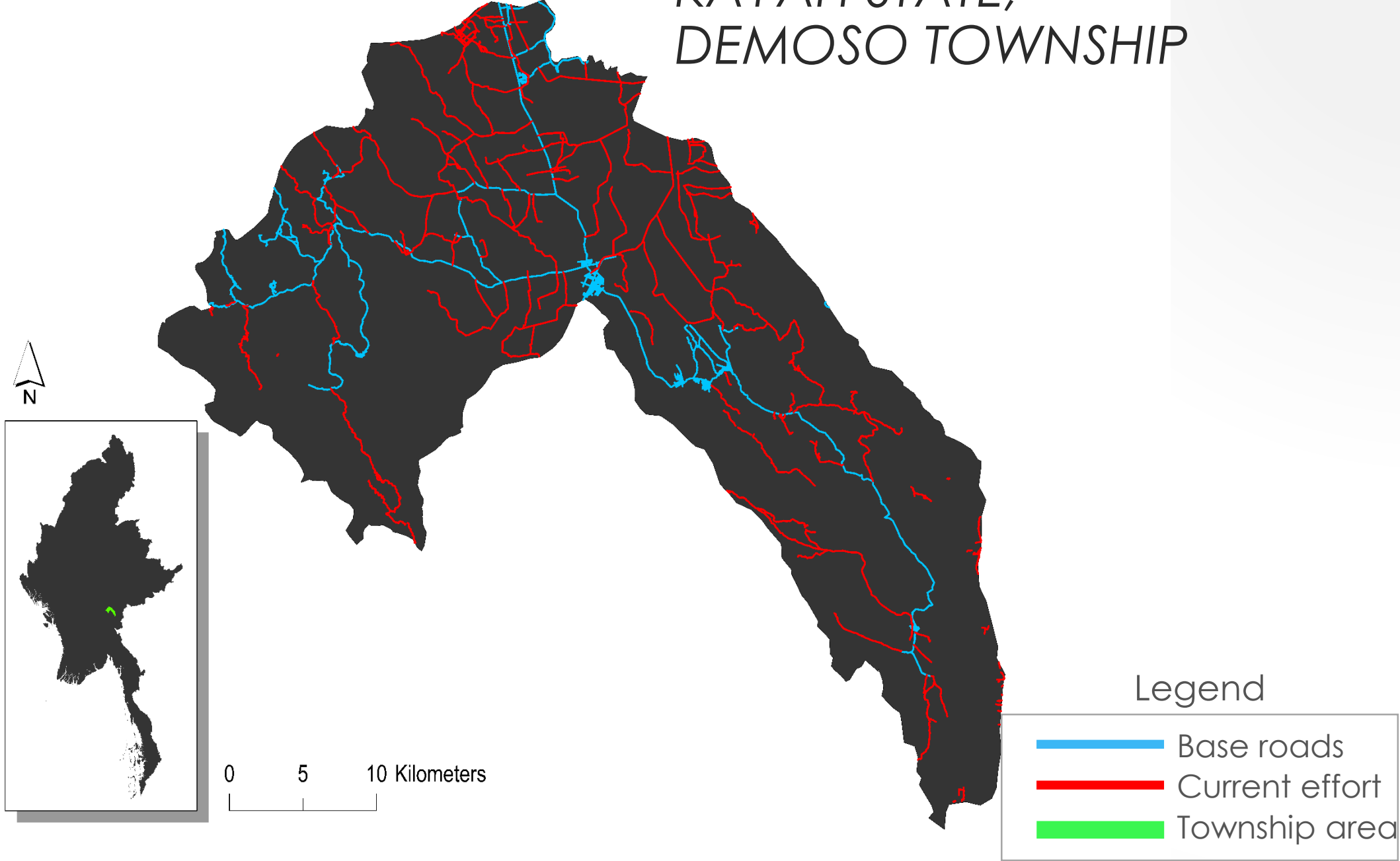
- Expanding upon the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team's Myanmar Roads (OpenStreetMap Export)
- Digitizing using Google Earth

Legend

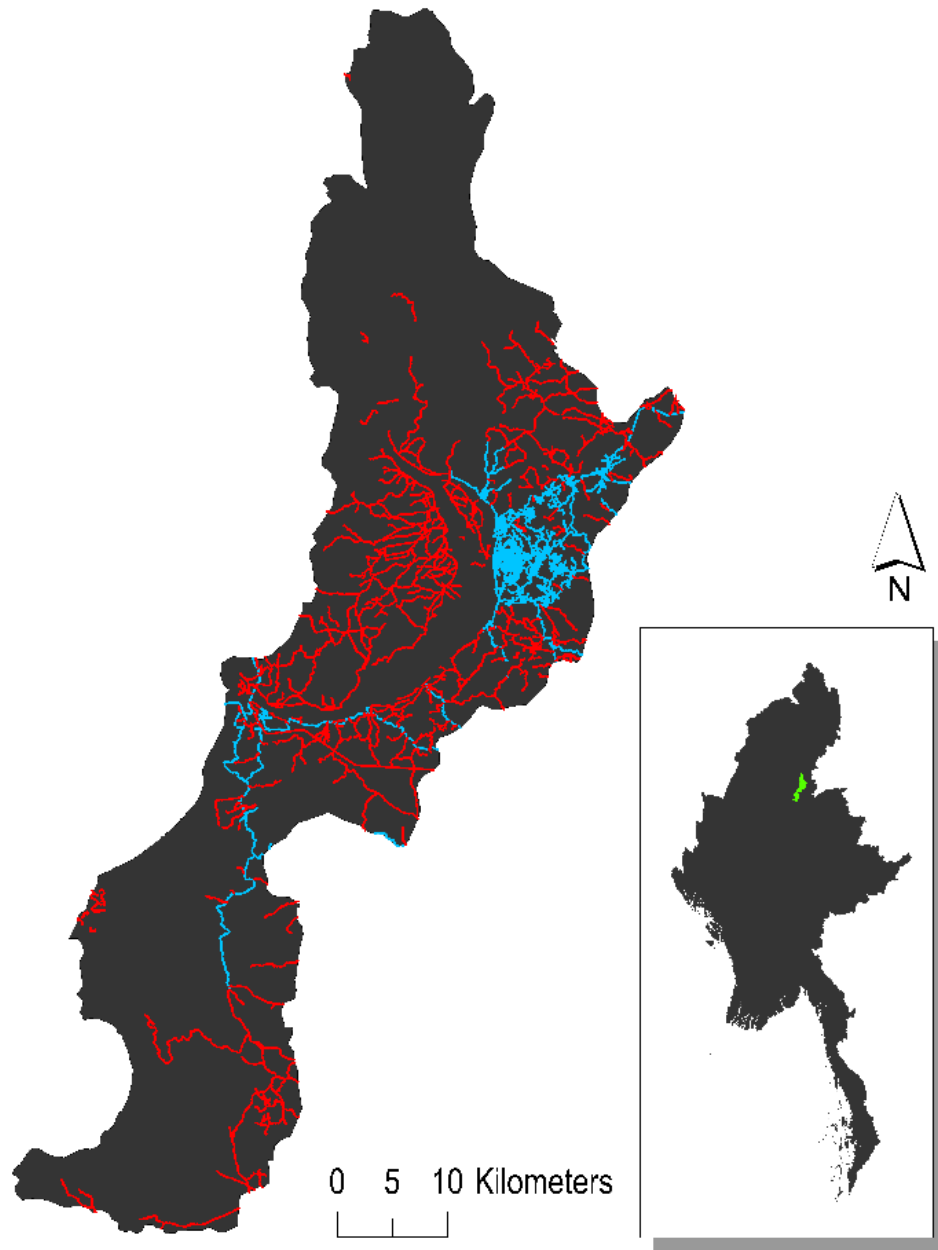
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-  Current effort



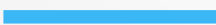


KAYAH STATE, DEMOSO TOWNSHIP



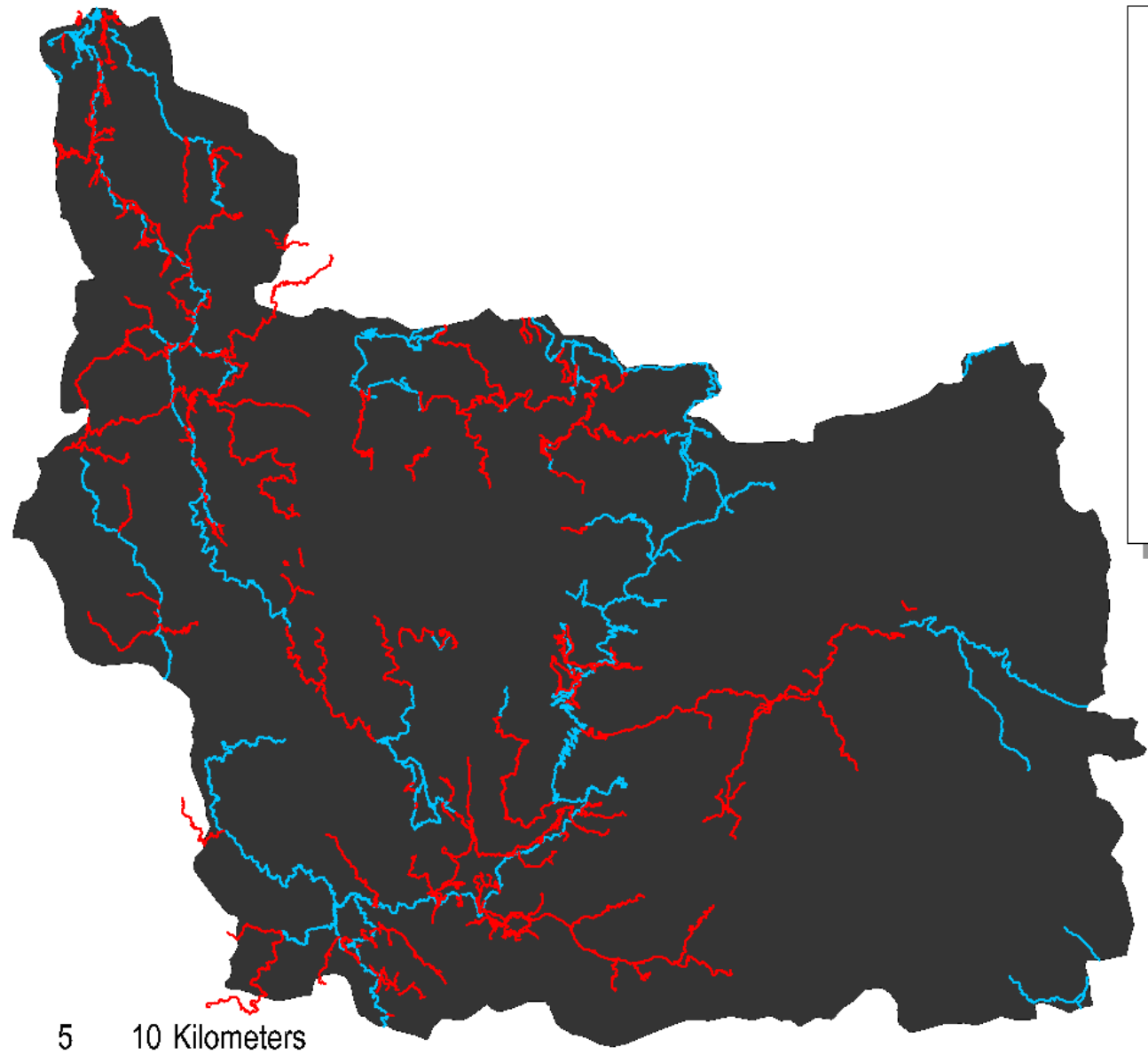
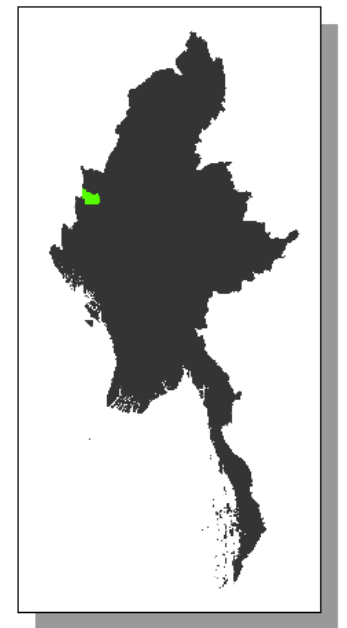
Kachin State, Bhamo Township



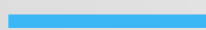


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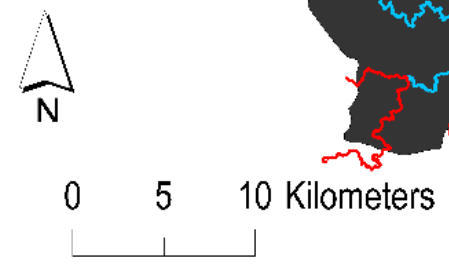
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-  Current effort
-  Township area

CHIN STATE, FALAM TOWNSHIP

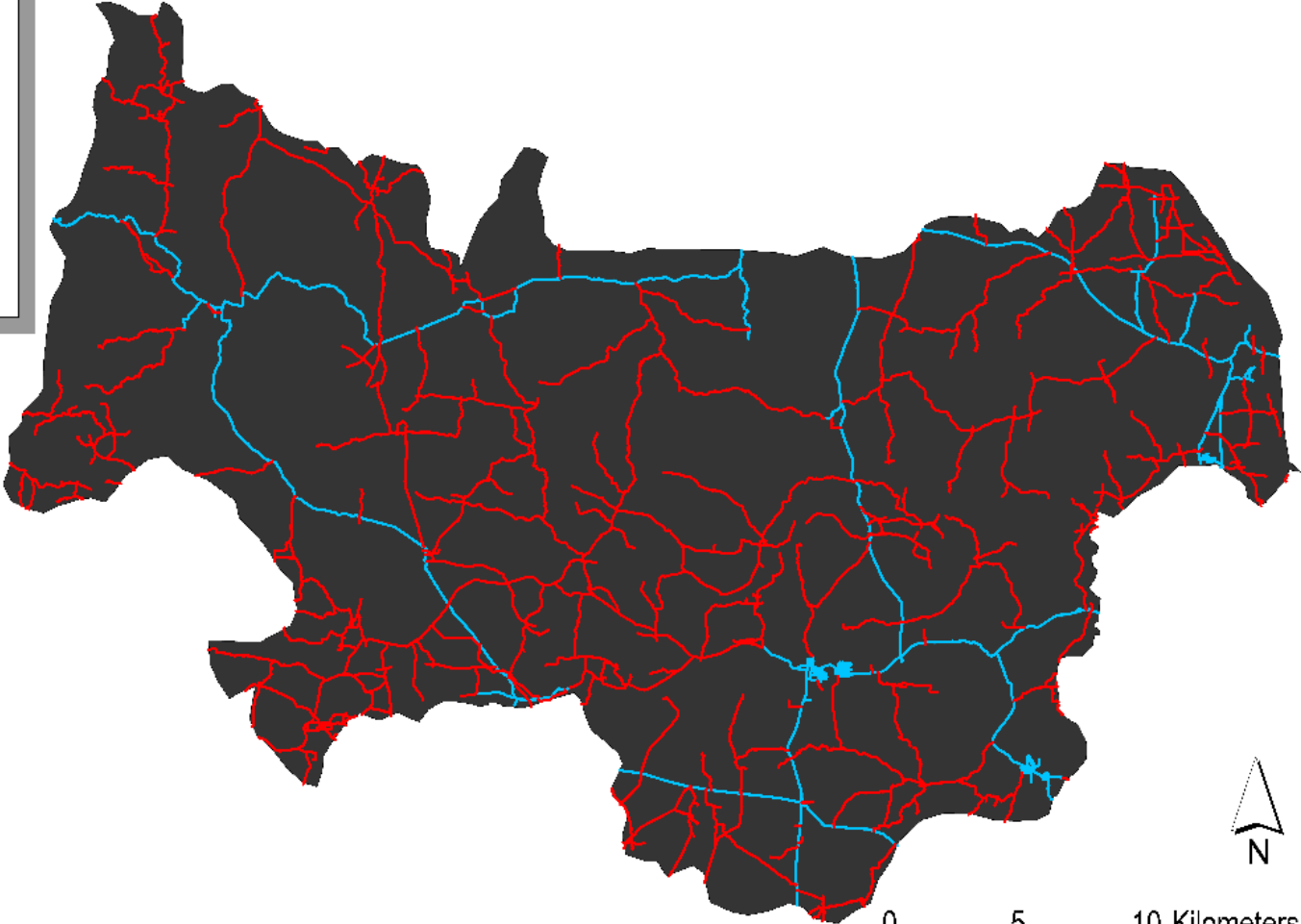


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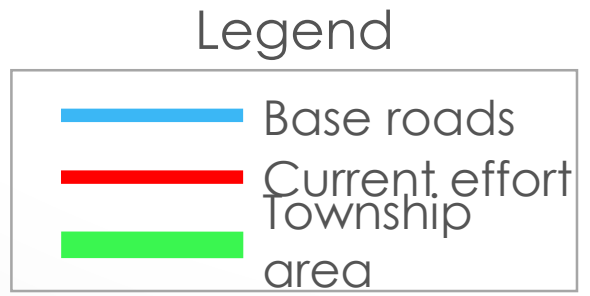
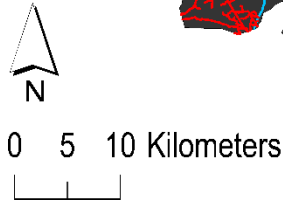
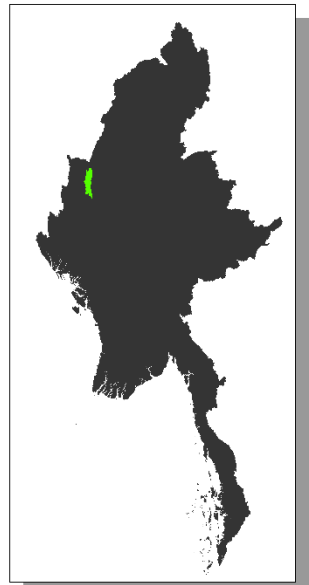
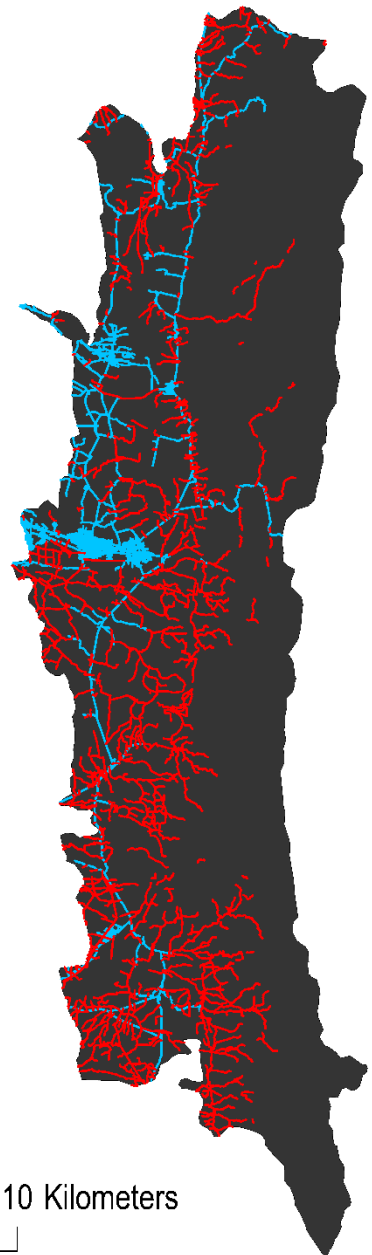
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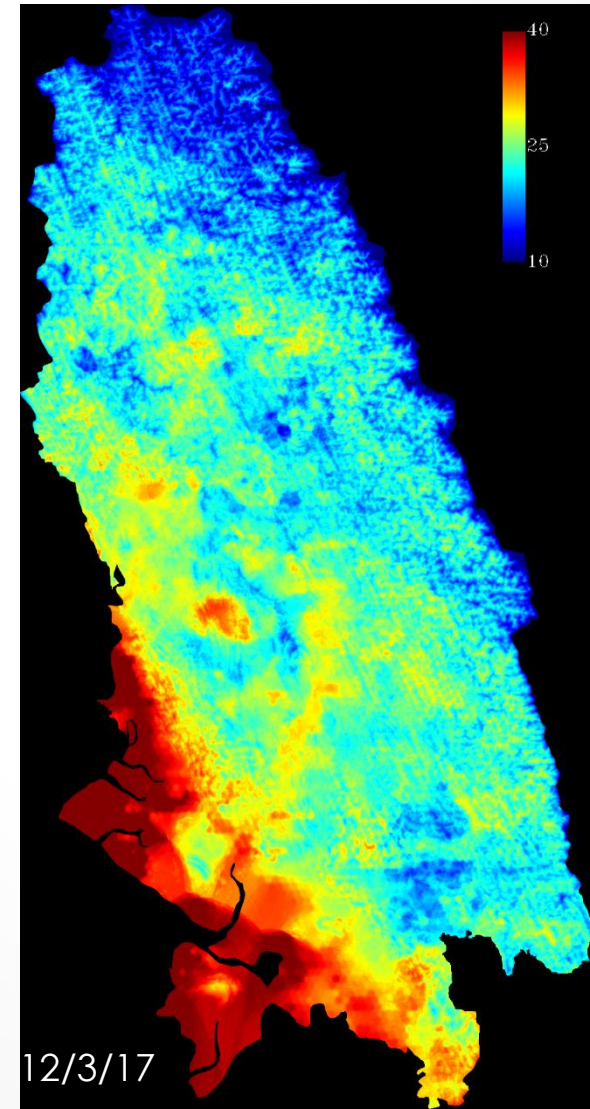
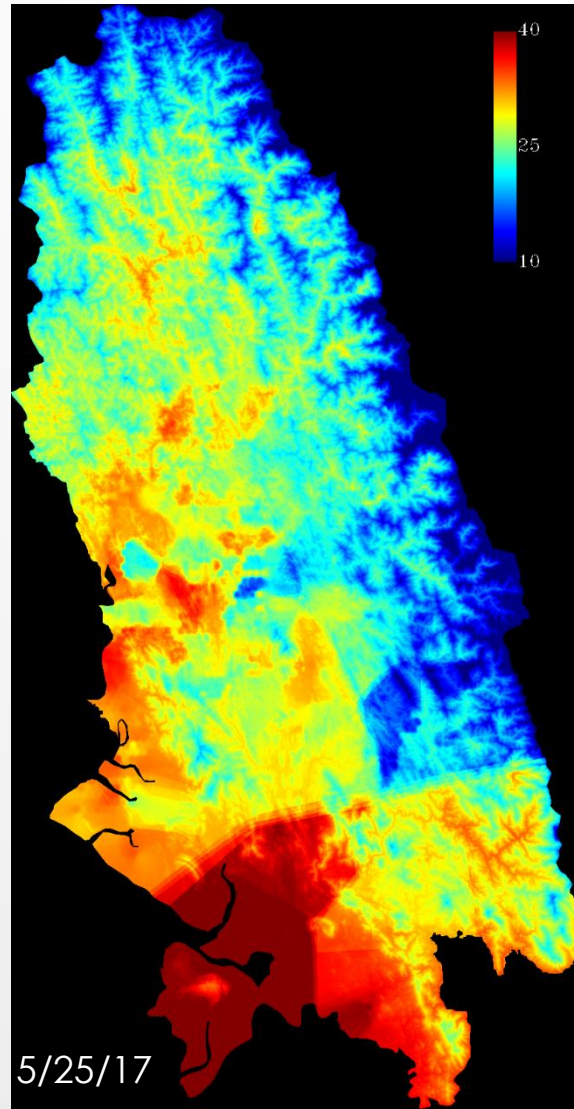
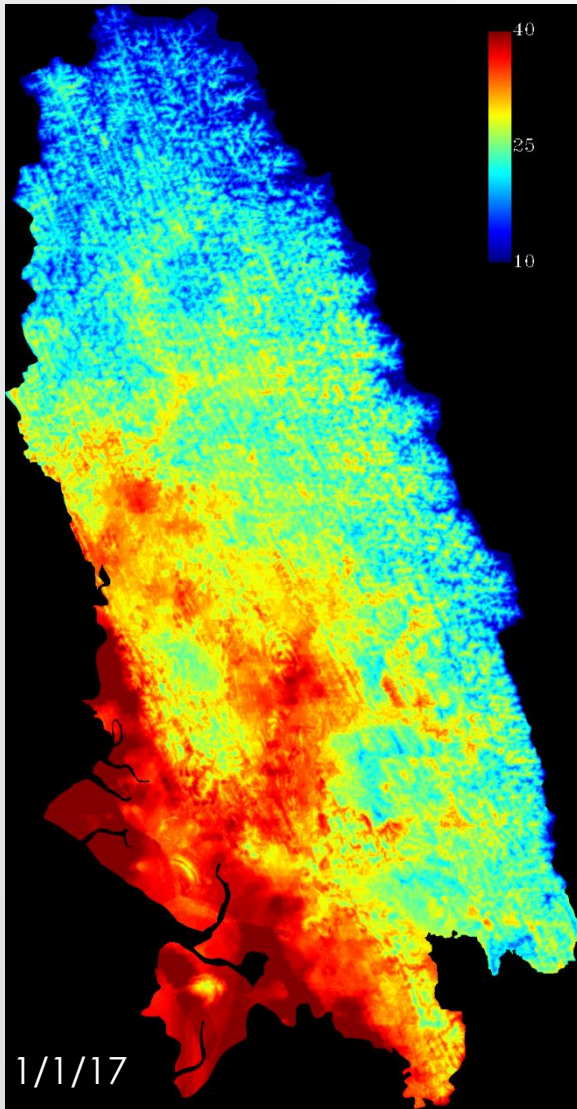
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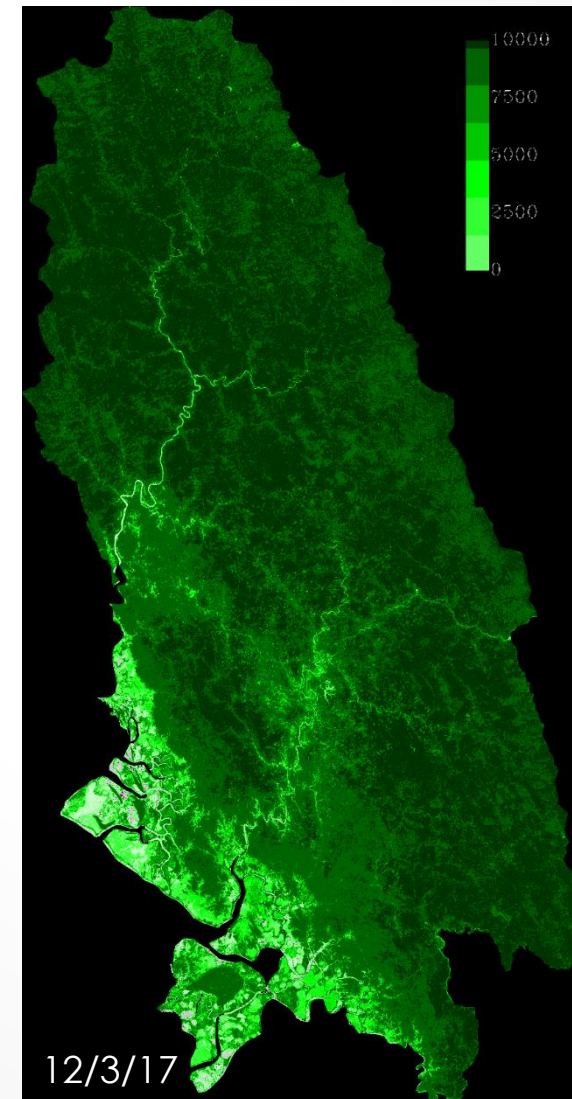
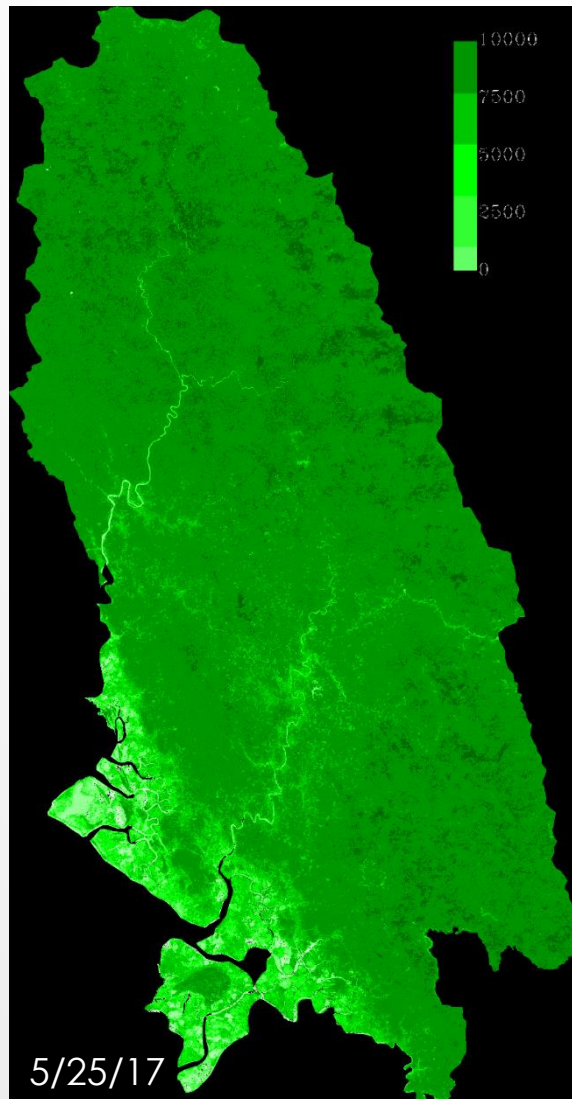
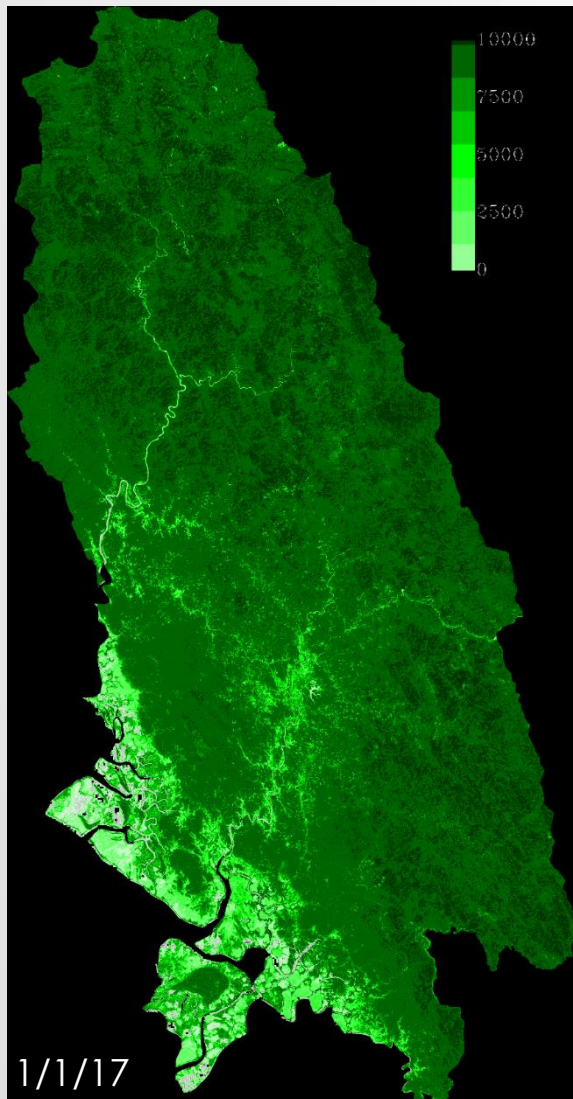
SAGAING STATE, KALE TOWNSHIP



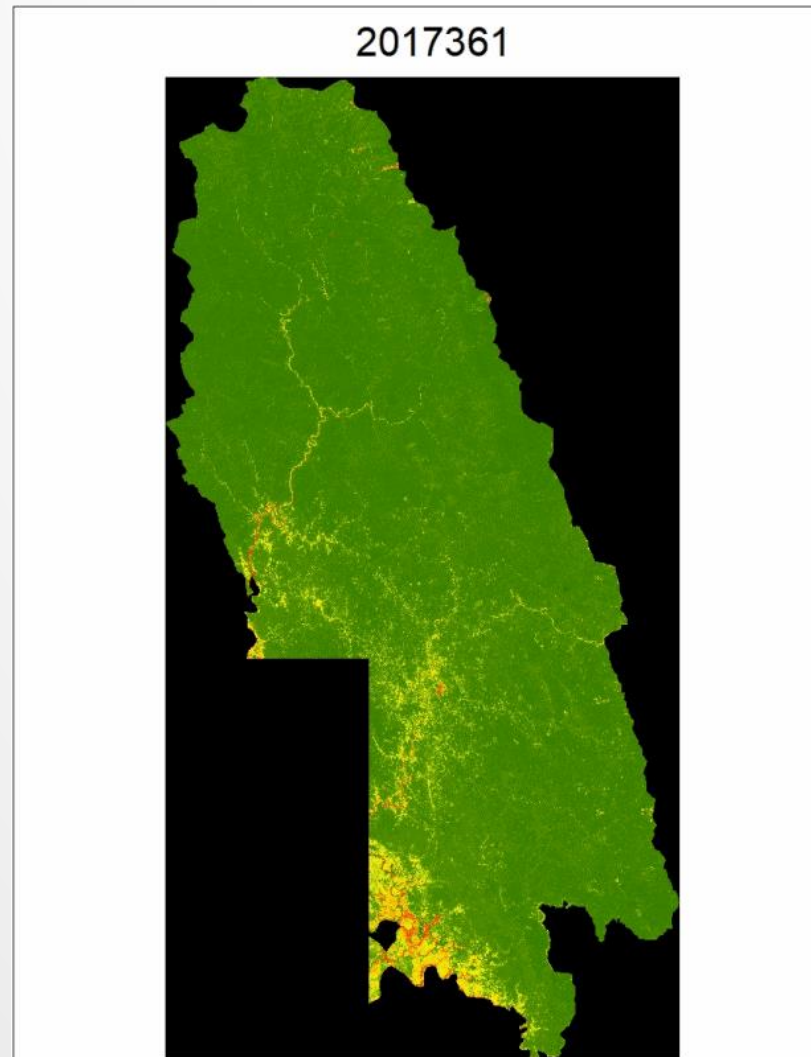
DATA FUSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE



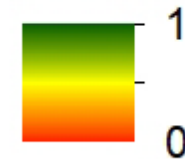
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CHALLENGES (2): NDVI MAPPING DURING THE MONSOON



NDVI

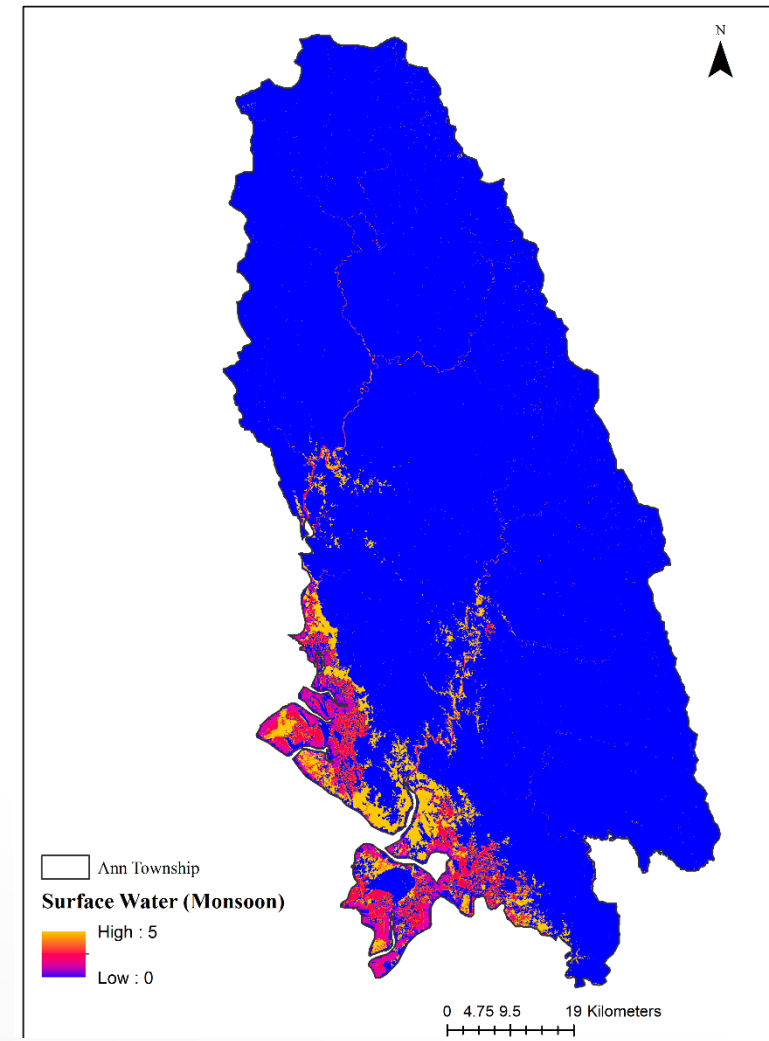


CHALLENGES (3): POOR RADAR-BASED DISCRIMINATION OF EPHEMERAL WATER

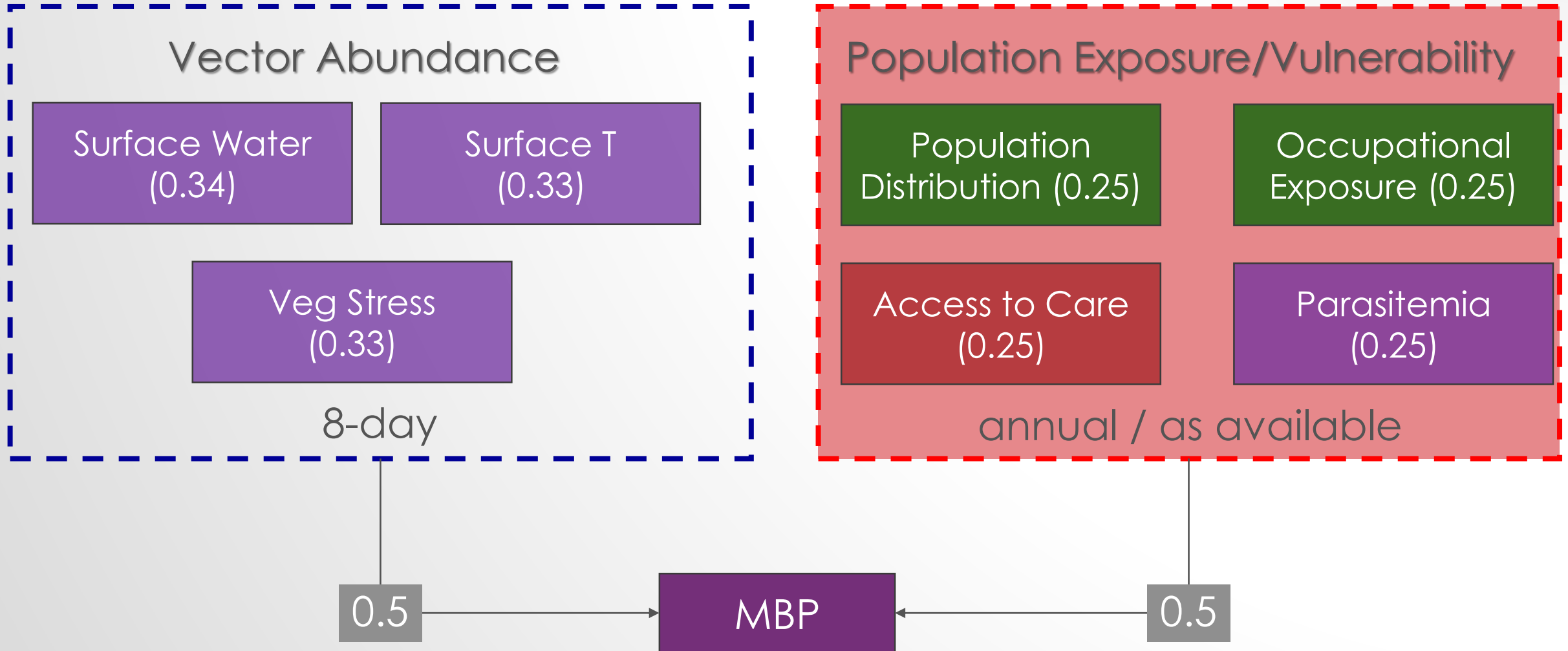
Inputs - Surface water from the surface water fraction (SWF) algorithm (DeVries et al. 2017)

- Buffer water polygons to distinguish between deep / running water and edges of water bodies
- Buffer coastal areas to identify coastal wetlands
- Dry season – Depressions and croplands considered 'No water'
- Monsoon – Add depressions and croplands from basemap to the 'Very high' category

Surface Water (Monsoon season) in Ann



ASSESSING EXPOSURE AND VULNERABILITY

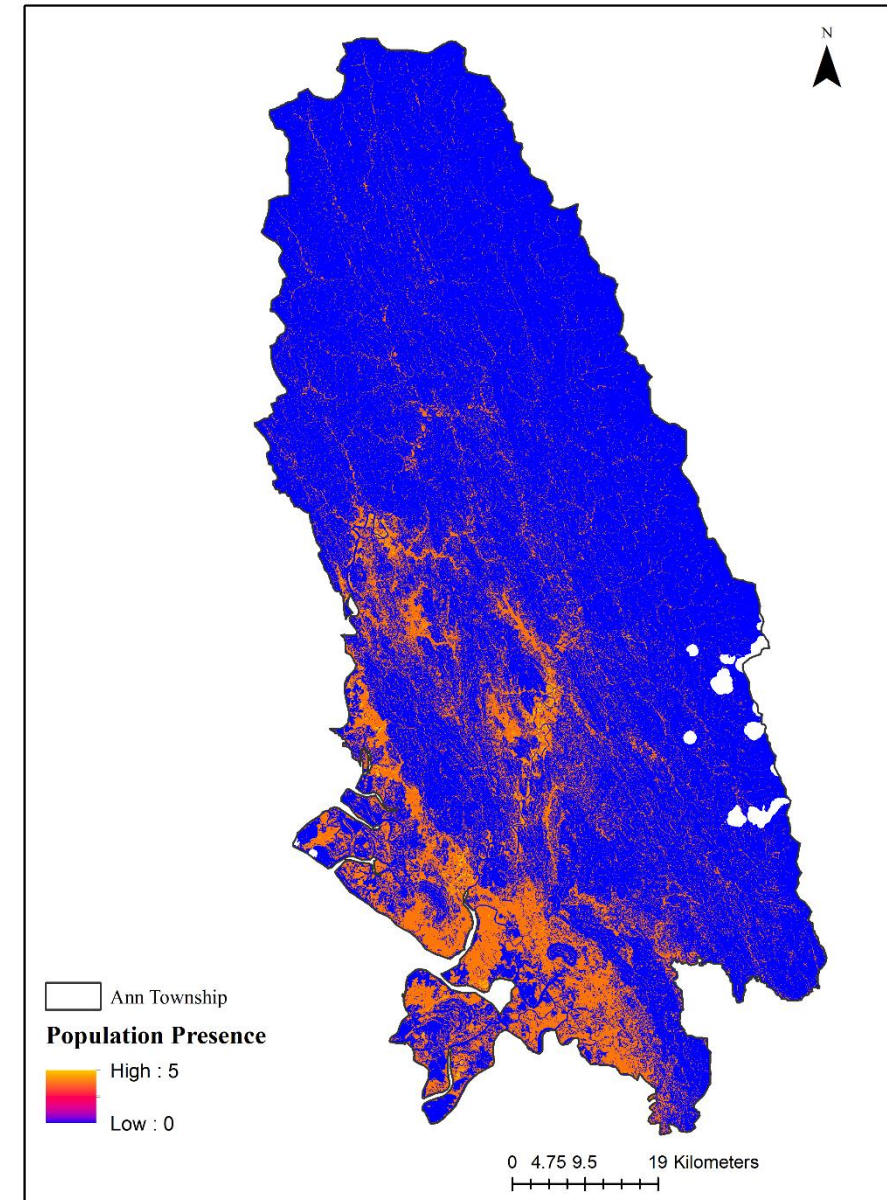


POPULATION PRESENCE

Inputs - Census 2014 population data for village tracts

- Population distributed across Ann and rescaled.
- Population distribution modeled based on –
 - road proximity
 - land cover
 - mapped settlements (Hoffman et al. 2019)
 - slope

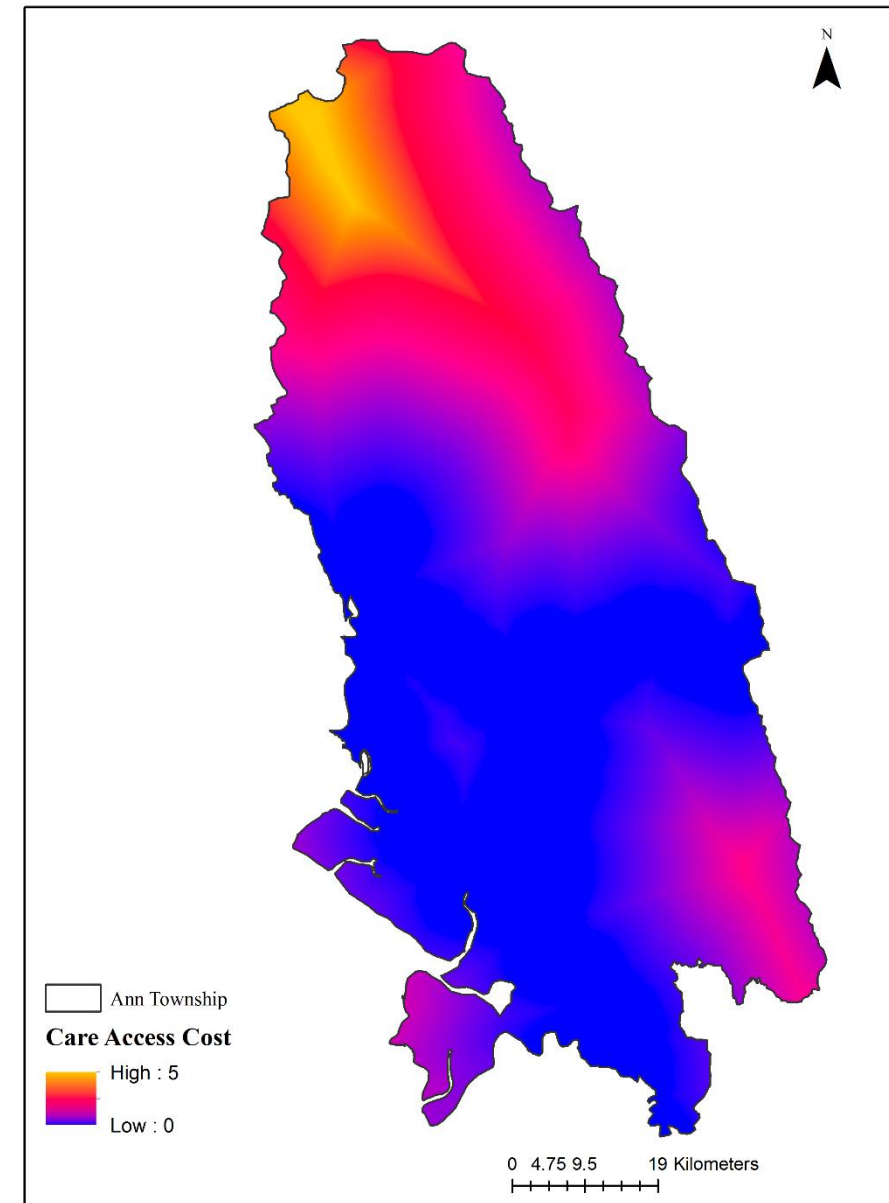
Population Presence in Ann



ACCESS TO CARE COST

Inputs - Hospitals, Roads

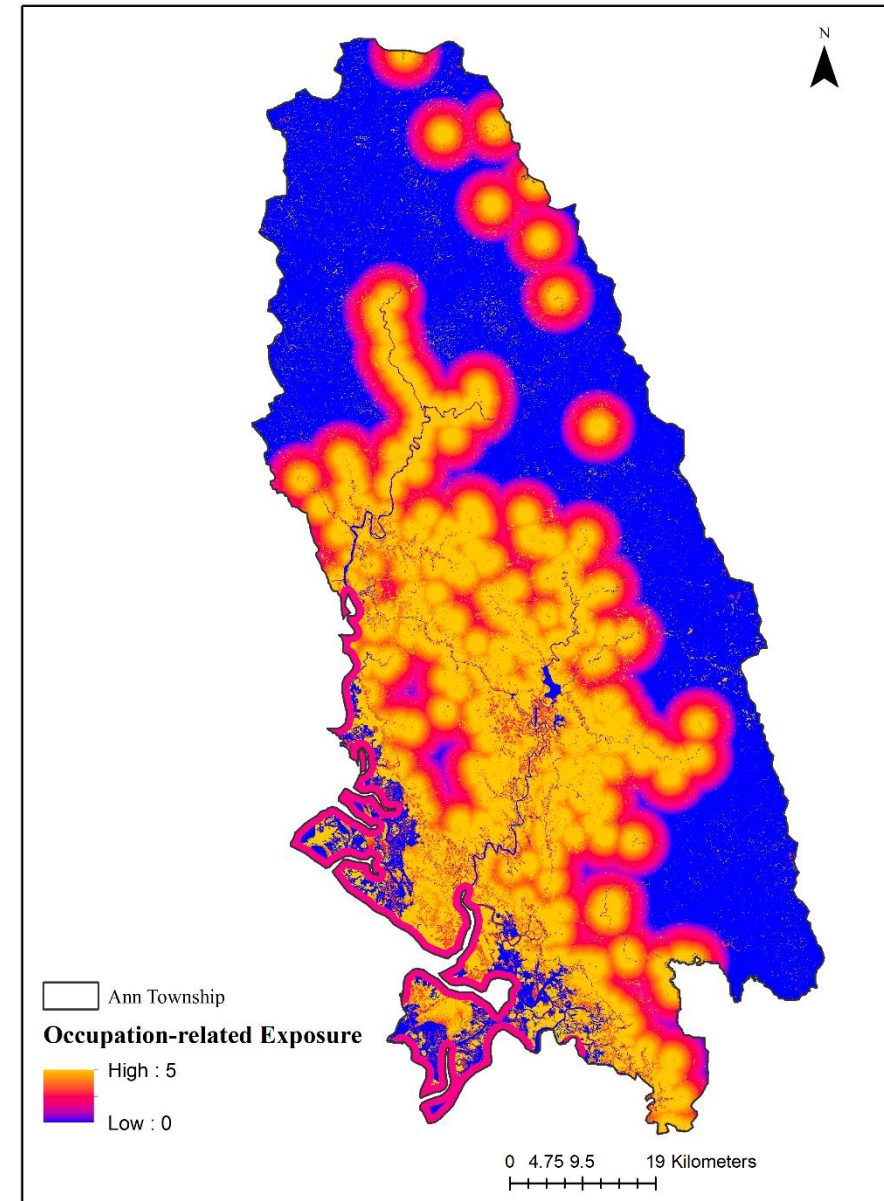
- Travel cost to hospitals
- Using Distance to roads



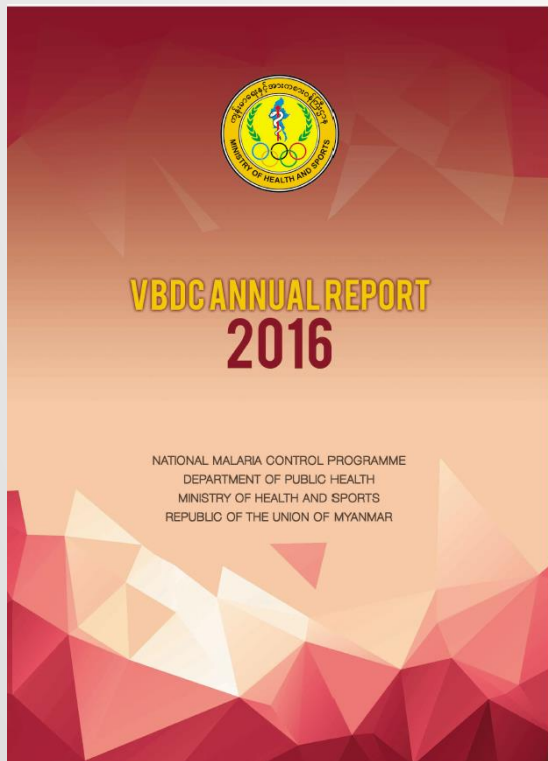
OCCUPATION-RELATED EXPOSURE

- *Inputs – Basemap*
- Identify coastal areas using a buffer
- Distinguish subsistence natural forests using buffers around settlements. Exposure values reduce with distance in forests > 1km from settlements
- Add Ann urban wards (MIMU) to identify urban areas with low exposure

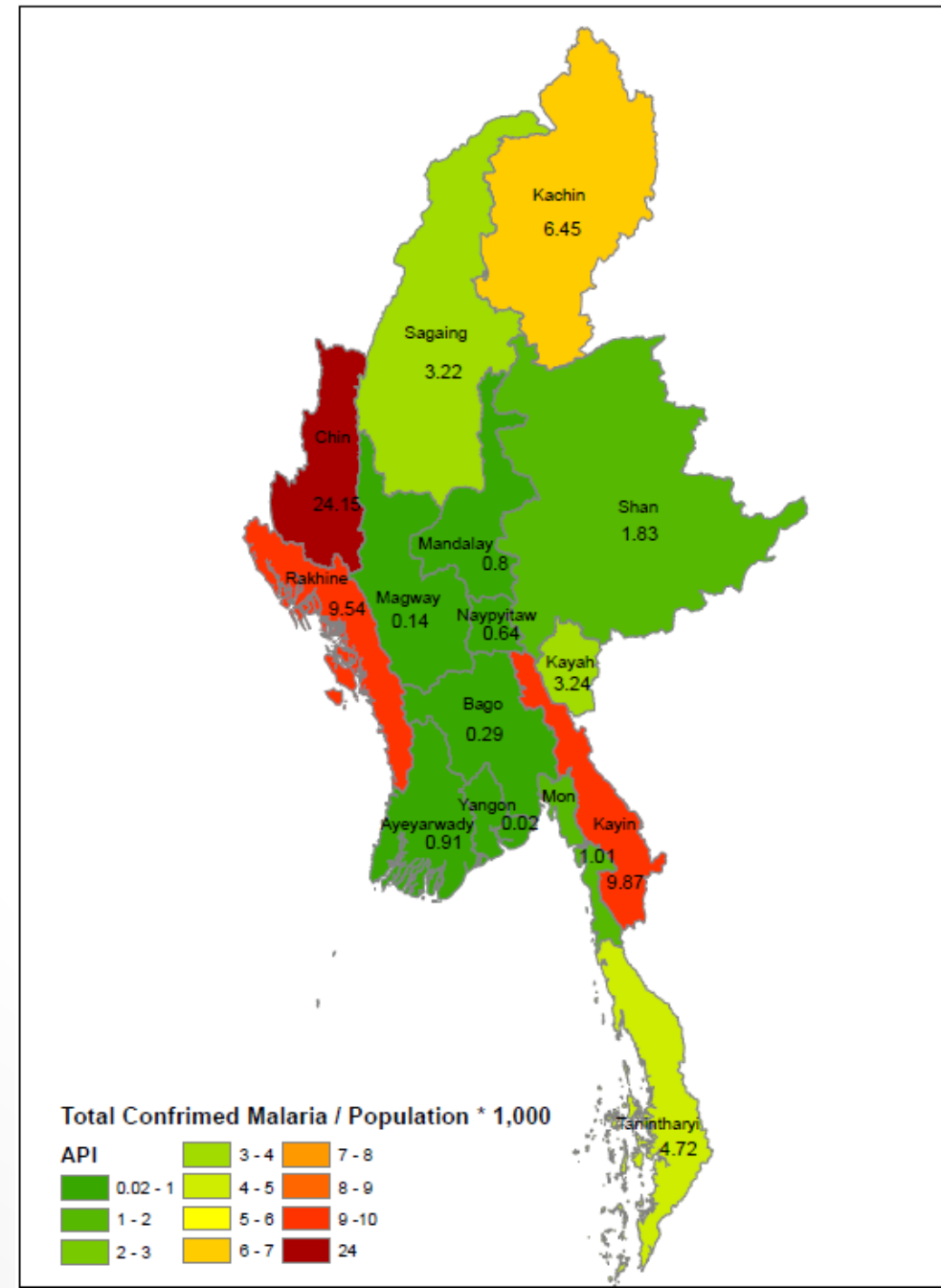
Occupation-related Exposure for Ann



PARASITEMIA



Annual Parasite Incidence (API) by State/Region

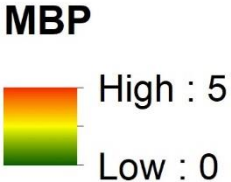
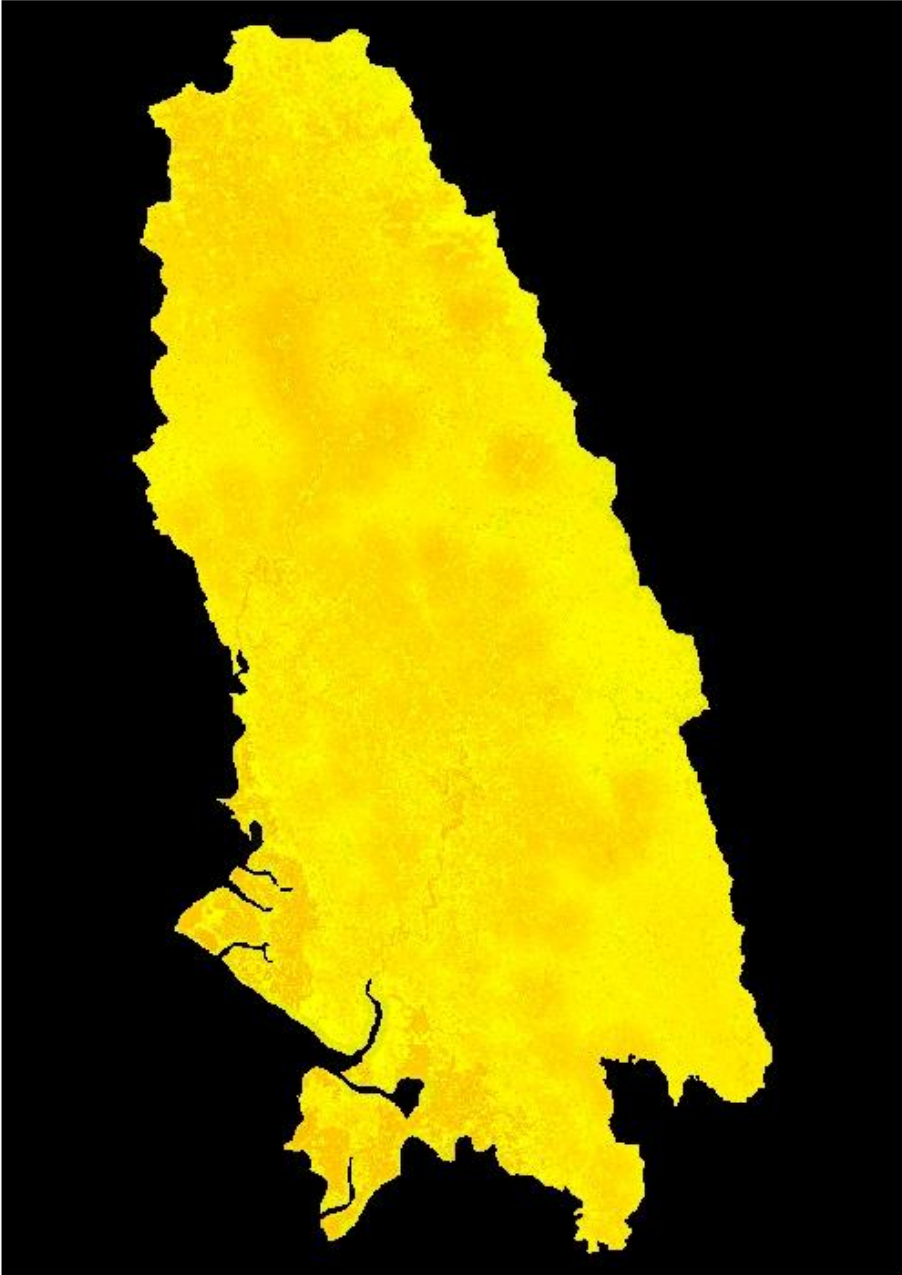


MBP REPORTING

- Spatially-explicit reports (i.e. maps):
 - Country-wide
 - 30-m resolution
 - 8-day update
- Aggregated tabular reports (i.e. text reports)
 - Country-wide
 - Mean-township level
 - 8-day update

MBP MODELING FOR ANN TOWNSHIP

ARL 4:
Initial Integration and Verification
(Prototype Developed)



NEXT STEPS

- October/November:
 - in-country meeting with health care professionals to discuss the modeling outcomes and seek the input on the model parameterization
 - Discussions with the divisions of the Ministry of Health to access data for model validation
 - Capacity-building workshop at the University of Public Health
- Introduce modifications to the Ann Township model
- Proceed with executing the model country-wide

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