

Introduction to Remote Sensing with QGIS (EO4QGIS)

This training addresses beginners to intermediated users and provides basics of the open-source geographic information system Quantum GIS (QGIS) for developing and implementing a workbench (e.g., download of data, pre-processing, derivation of indicators and phenological indices, analysis, spatial prediction, mapping, and interpretation) for spatially analyzing and visualizing remote sensing data. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) in the sense of derivation, analysis, and interpretation of time series is part of this training. The nexus of climate change - adaptation to climate change - land cover and land use - will be addressed in targeted examples and discussed with the participants and the GeoSens team.

During a total of five days, the training "Introduction to Remote Sensing with QGIS" (EO4QGIS) will offer an overview of the principles of spatial data analysis using the open-source GIS QGIS (<https://www.qgis.org/en/site/>) and its potential for integrating remote sensing with a focus on the analysis of satellite-based remote sensing data (such as Landsat, Sentinel, MODIS) into spatial data analysis and visualization. Following the provision of knowledge on how to manage and install plugins, various important and specific QGIS plugins (e.g., EO classification plugin, EO Time Series Viewer, Sentinel-2 Download, OpenLayers, Orfeo ToolBox, Semi-Automatic Classification, Temporal/Spectral Profile Tool, MapFlow) such as developed by the Department of Remote Sensing and the entire QGIS community will be explained and utilized for demonstrating methods of spatial data analysis, basic image manipulation visualization, image statistics, and spatial and spectral subsets visualization. The training is rounded off with instructions on how to create meaningful and descriptive maps, e.g., for reporting purposes.

The training EO4QGIS will be held by the GeoSens team, a non-profit training initiative run by a group of researchers and experts from the Department of Remote Sensing at the Julius Maximilians University of Würzburg (Germany) and the German Remote Sensing Data Center at the German Aerospace Center (DLR). The EO4QGIS addresses interested persons with previous knowledge in spatial data (e.g., vector and raster data) and remote sensing data.

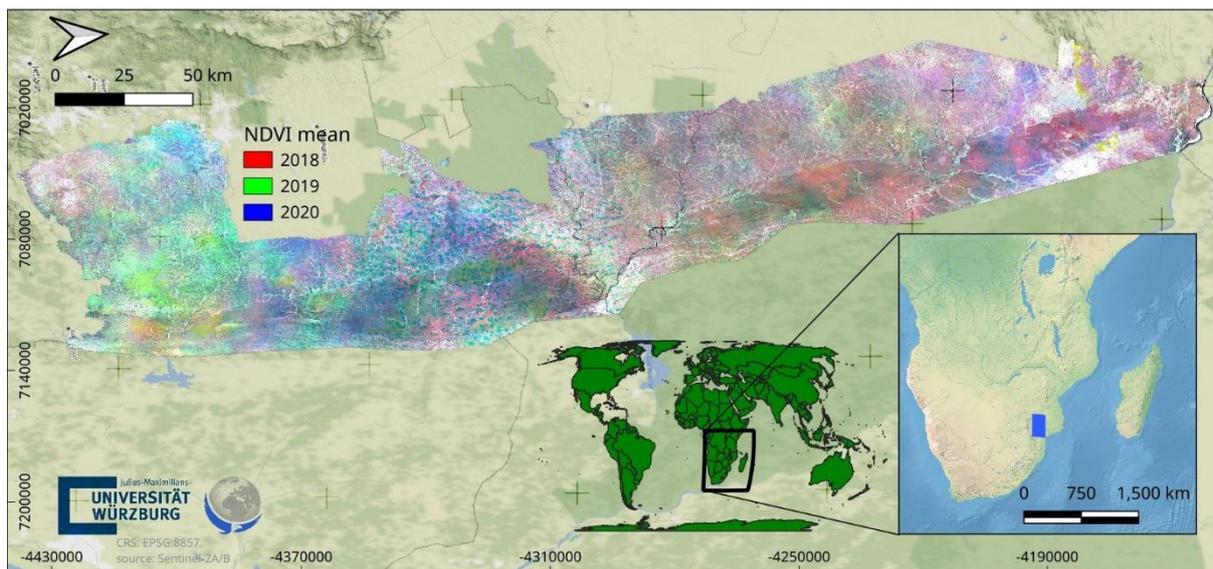
The training will take place in presence, hosted by the Department of Remote Sensing in Würzburg. Depending on the covid 19 pandemic situation and regulations, we would, if necessary, substitute the possibility of online training. In this case, the training will be provided online via the platforms MS Teams/Zoom. In case the training is held online, the GeoSens team seeks to provide the opportunity to meet virtually in smaller groups (breakout rooms) to ensure more detailed discussions and exchanges.

The participants of the five-day training will obtain a hard copy of a workbook containing theoretical and practical (e.g., coding) information, and links to open-access data, and data portals.

Name of the training	Introduction into Remote Sensing with QGIS (EO4QGIS)
Type	Theory and practice
Goal	Gaining theoretical knowledge and practical skills that will enable the participants to master their first own remote sensing project using QGIS.
Precondition	Persons with previous knowledge in spatial data (e.g., vector and raster data) and, in the best case, satellite-based remote sensing data, and a strong interest in spatially analyzing and visualizing them such as in the context of M&E and for reporting. Previous participation in the GeoSens EO4IntDev training is advantageous but not a must. The GeoSens team encourages the participants to bring their own data, meaning that; If the participant has spatial data and a specific use case from a project that could be assessed further, we will be available to assist during the training.
Duration	Five (5) consecutive days with sessions in the morning and afternoon (~ 5 hours per day)
Adds-on	Training material (i.e., workbook and note pad, installation guide for QGIS), access to the Q&A Forum hosted by the Department of Remote Sensing in Würzburg, exchange with

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	participants and trainers in an international group, certificate of participation after completion of the training
Trainers	GeoSens team, a collective of researchers and experts from the Department of Remote Sensing (University of Würzburg) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR).
Fee	979.00 Euros An invoice will be sent via email attachment. Costs for travel and accommodation are not included and must be financed by the participants themselves. The GeoSens team collects an additional lump sum of 20.00 Euros per day for catering during the training.
Training language	English (presentations and material)
Next training dates	10 th to 14 th of October 2022
Training capacity	15 to 25 participants
Registering	Registration via the GeoSens website (http://geosens.org) or directly via e-mail to eo4intdev@uni-wuerzburg.de , and through the announcement by the Network Remote Sensing and Geoinformation of the GIZ. The registration for the training is binding after confirmation of the registration by the GeoSens team. The GeoSens team reserves the right to cancel the training if the minimum number of participants is not reached.



Example of a remote sensing project for the Kruger National Park in South Africa entirely created in QGIS. © Martin Wegmann, Department of Remote Sensing, University of Würzburg, Germany.

