



# Generation and Application of Sugarcane Growth Monitoring Products of the UP-SRA Yield Estimation System for Sugarcane (YESS) Project



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# SUGARCANE

*(Saccharum officinarum)*

A species of a tall perennial true grass under the genus Saccharum; main source of sugar in all tropical and subtropical countries of the world.



In the Philippines

a significant industry contributing  
**USD1.7 billion**  
annually through raw sugar,  
molasses & bioethanol production.



providing livelihood to about

**58,996** SUGARCANE  
FARMERS

*Can we monitor the growth and health of sugarcane through geospatial products?*

*Can we help the farmers in obtaining better sugarcane yield?*

**“YESS”**

# UP-SRA Yield Estimation System for Sugarcane (YESS)



To generate rapid, realistic and science-based estimate on municipal and farm-level annual cane production

**Yield-estimation Products**

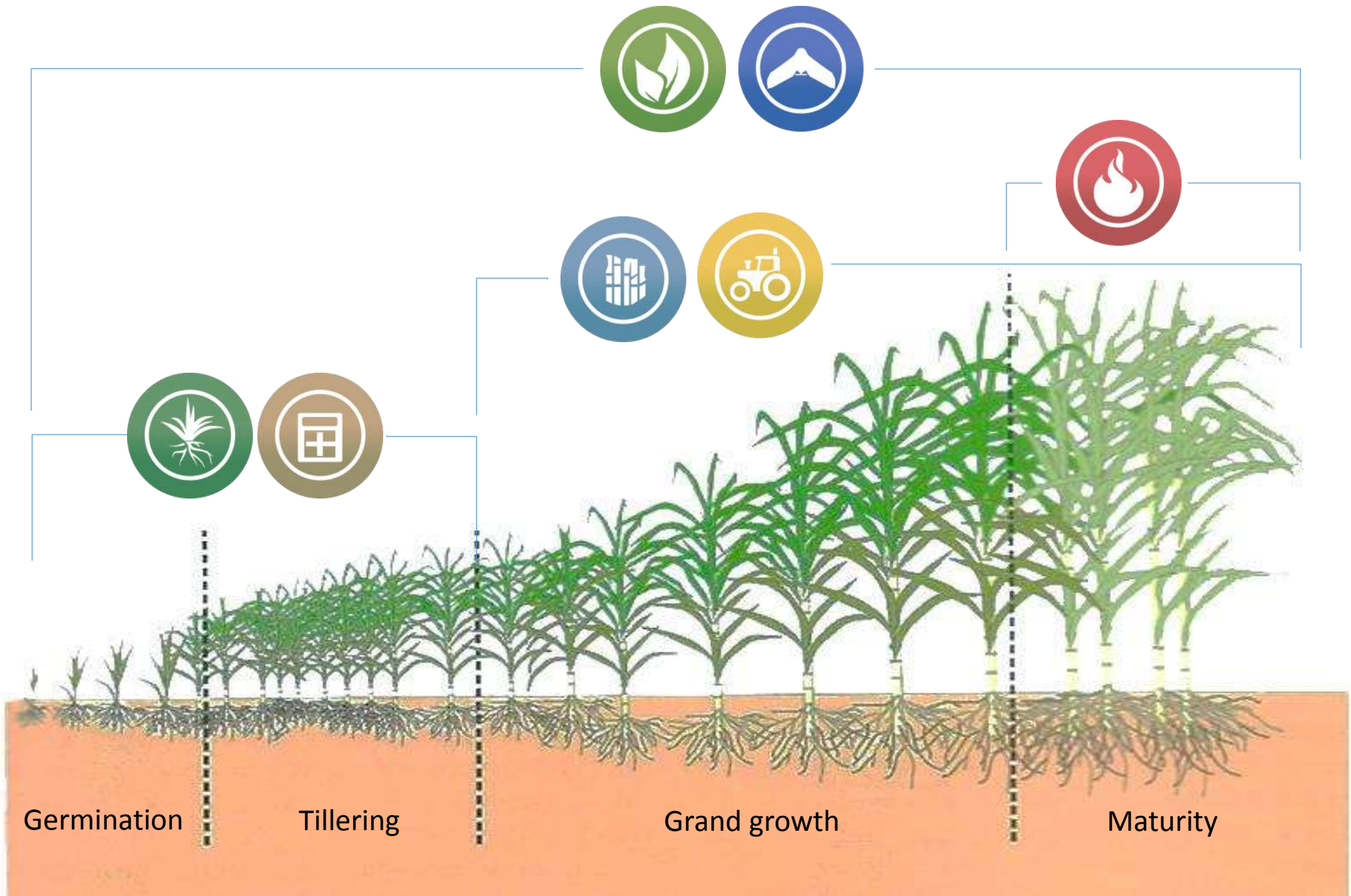
To generate and automate RS-GIS products for crop growth & health monitoring

**Growth Monitoring Products**

## YESS Growth Monitoring Products



UAV Orthophoto and NDVI Map





# Landsat and MODIS NDVI Map

**Data Source:** Landsat, MODIS

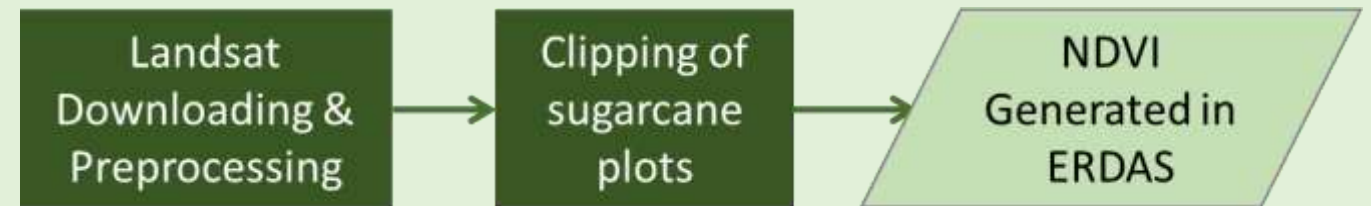
**Application:**

Landsat NDVI - for monitoring the presence and greenness of the sugarcane crop

MODIS NDVI - to visualize an extended temporal trend of

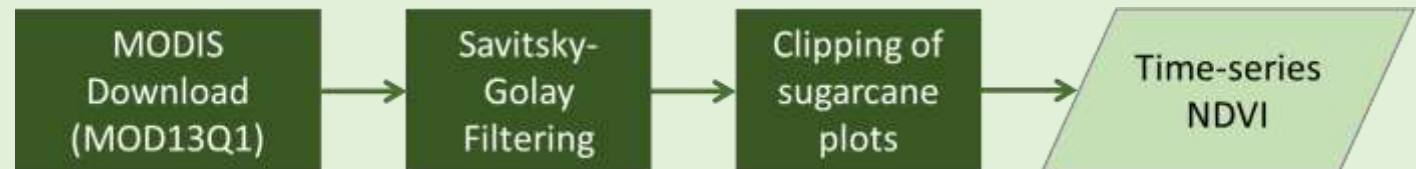
**Development:**

LANDSAT NDVI



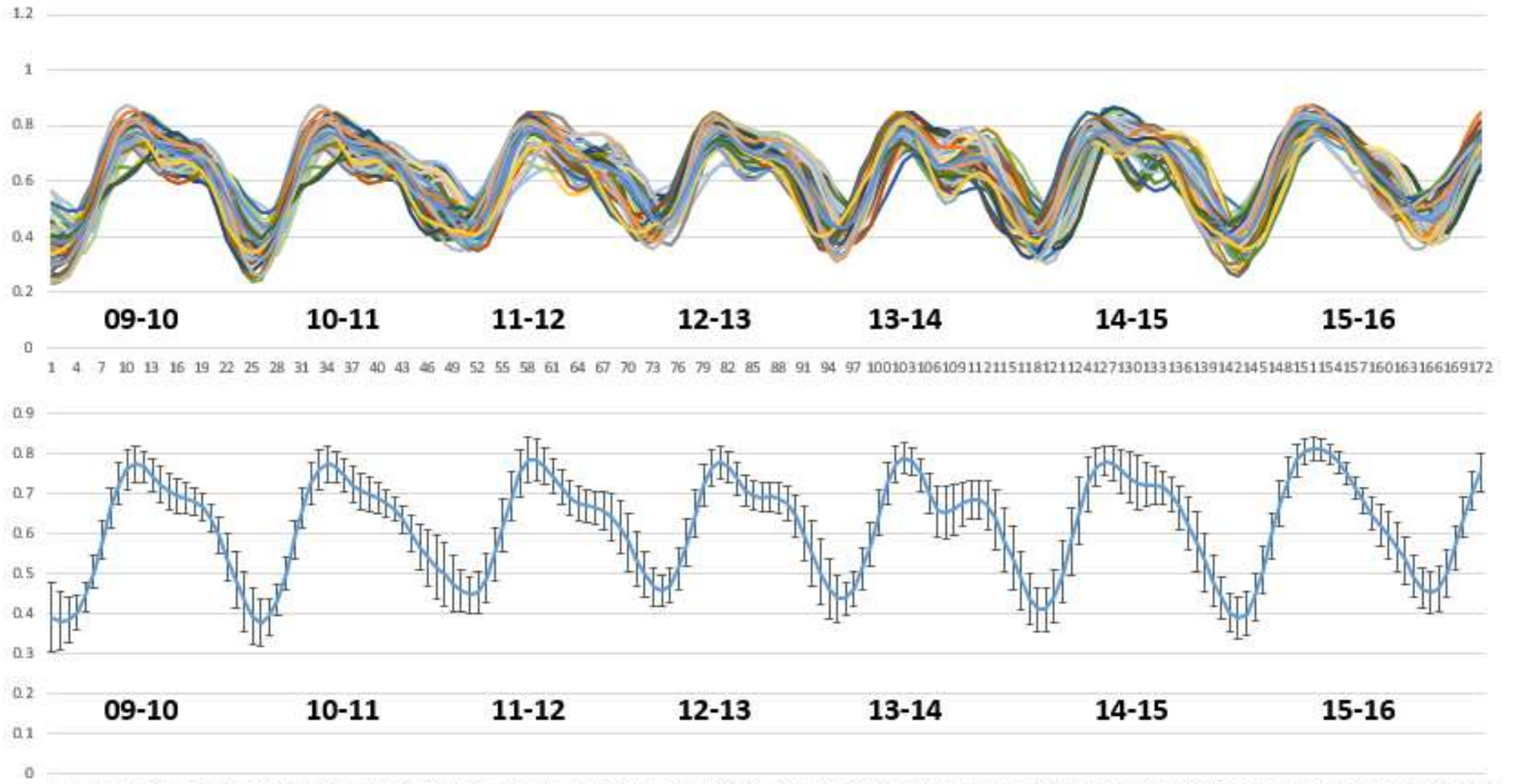
$$NDVI = \frac{R_{NIR} - R_{Red}}{R_{NIR} + R_{Red}}$$

MODIS NDVI





# Landsat and MODIS NDVI Map



**Sample Output:**  
MODIS NDVI time series (7 years) in Tarlac Mill District





# Classified Planted and Ratoon Cane Map

**Data Source:** MODIS 16 days composite & MODIS 8 days composite

## Application:

Useful in determining the crop type (whether a cane is planted or a ratoon) which has an effect on total yield production

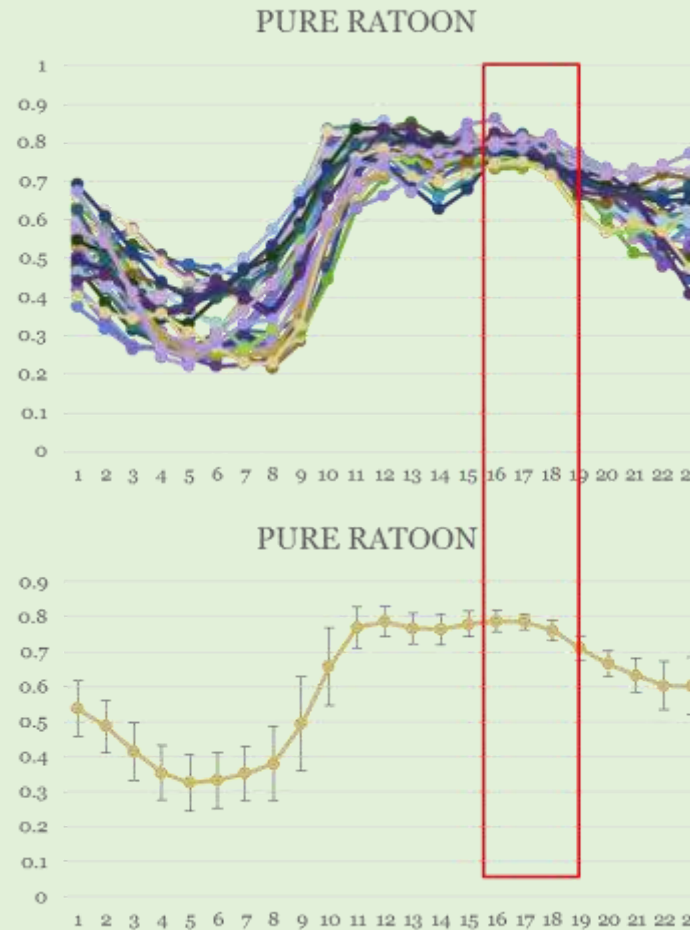


Planted Cane



Ratoon Cane

## Development:

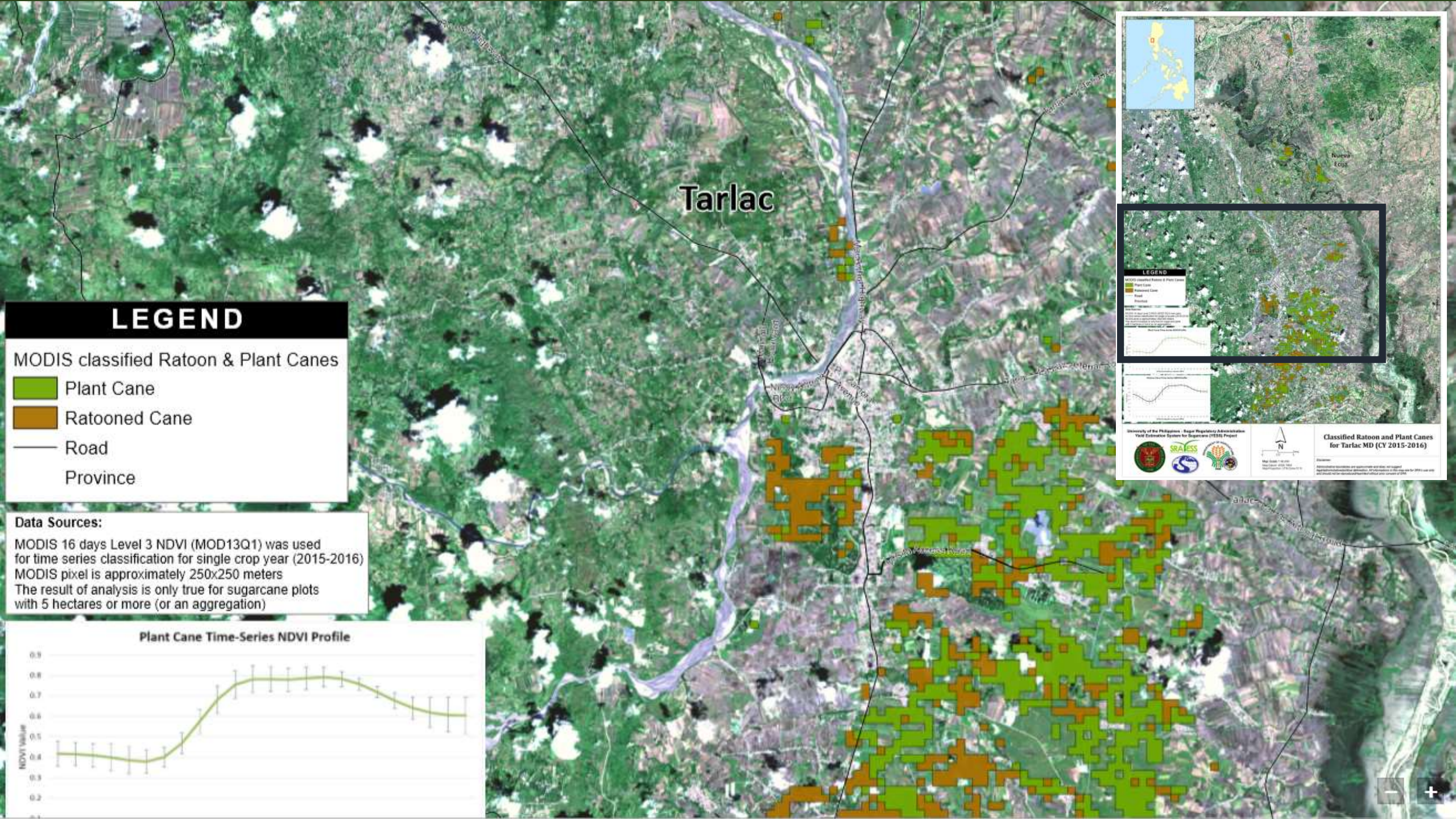


Plant canes have higher standard deviation during the grand growth stage as highlighted

Standard deviation of ratoon crops during the establishment period is more constant

temporal spectral differences

Image classification



## LEGEND

MODIS classified Ratoon & Plant Cane

- Plant Cane
- Ratooned Cane
- Road
- Province

### Data Sources:

MODIS 16 days Level 3 NDVI (MOD13Q1) was used for time series classification for single crop year (2015-2016)  
 MODIS pixel is approximately 250x250 meters  
 The result of analysis is only true for sugarcane plots with 5 hectares or more (or an aggregation)

Plant Cane Time-Series NDVI Profile



University of the Philippines - Baguio Regulatory Administration  
 Yield Estimation System for Sugarcane (YES) Project

**Classified Ratoon and Plant Cane for Tarlac MD (CY 2015-2016)**

Disclaimer:  
 Administrative boundaries are approximate and do not represent  
 the official boundaries of the Philippines. YES is a project of the URB and  
 the project is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

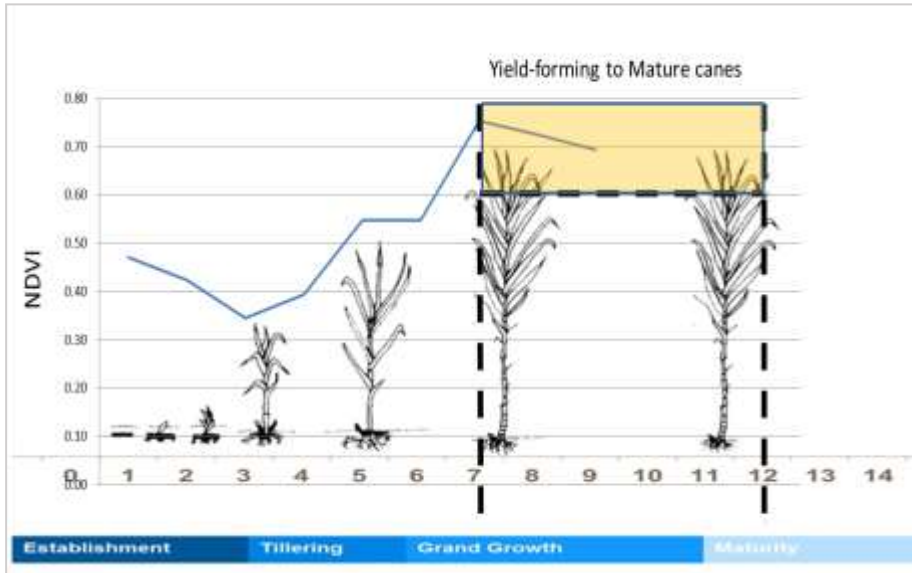


# Yield-forming to Mature Cane Map

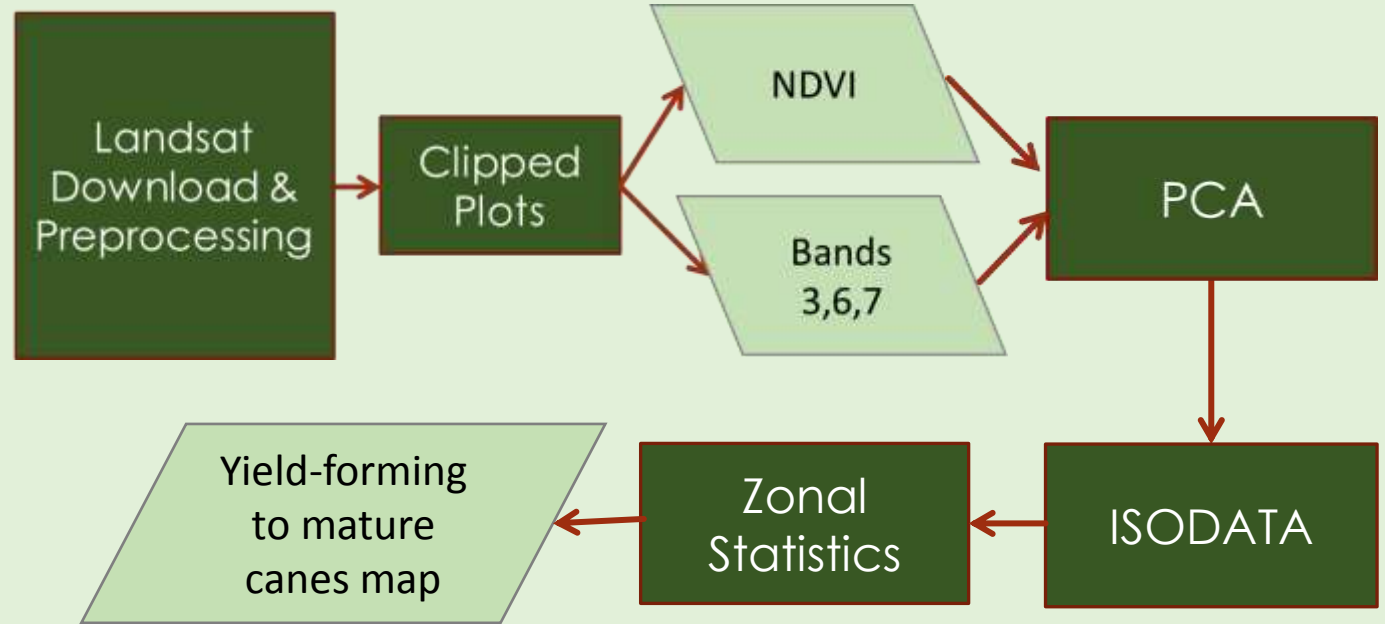
**Data Source:** Landsat

## Application:

Can be used to compute the total area of harvestable canes; determining the remaining standing canes when generated during the harvest period

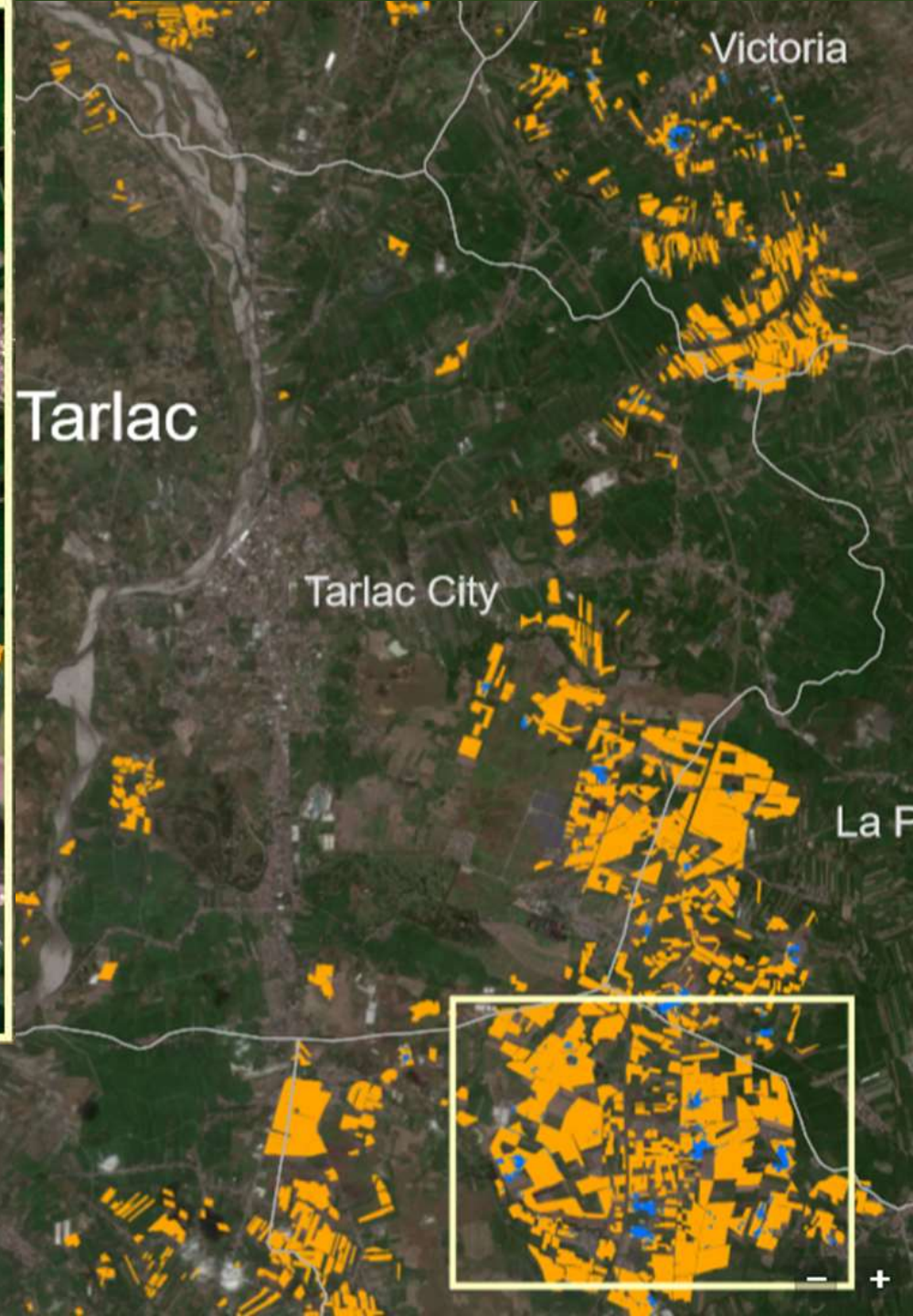


## Development:



**NDVI:** Bands used are B5 and B4 (L8). This index is an indicator of plant health or growth (Rahman et al, 2004).

**SWIR BANDS:** When combined with B5 (NIR), bands 6 & 7 can provide better estimation of vegetation water content (Ceccato et al, 2002)



## LEGEND

- Sugarcane Growth Status**
-  Yield-forming to Mature Canes
  -  Newly Established/ Harvested Canes



# Sugarcane Area Estimate

**Data Source:** Sentinel 1 (SAR), SRA Sugarcane Shapefile

**Application:**

Can be used in determining the total area planted with sugarcane within a mill district, municipality or a specified farm location

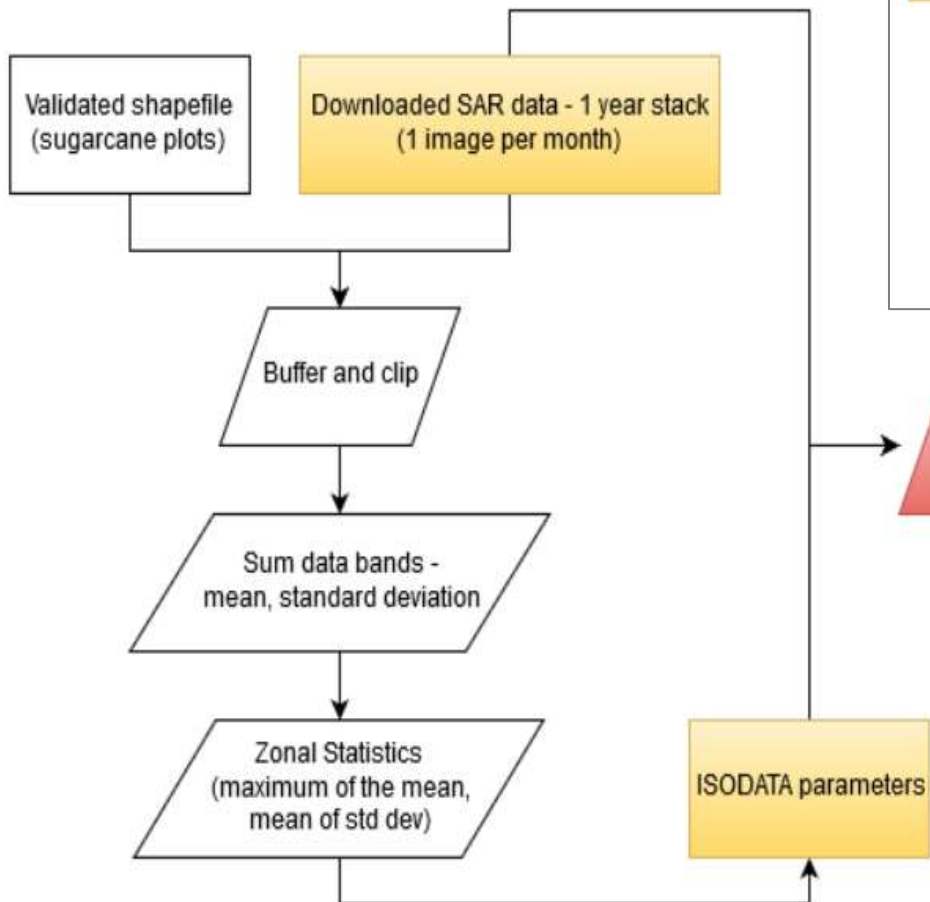




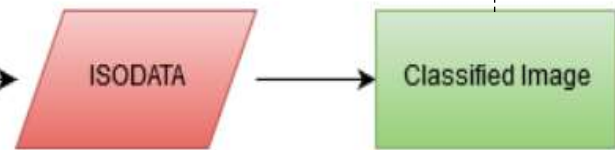
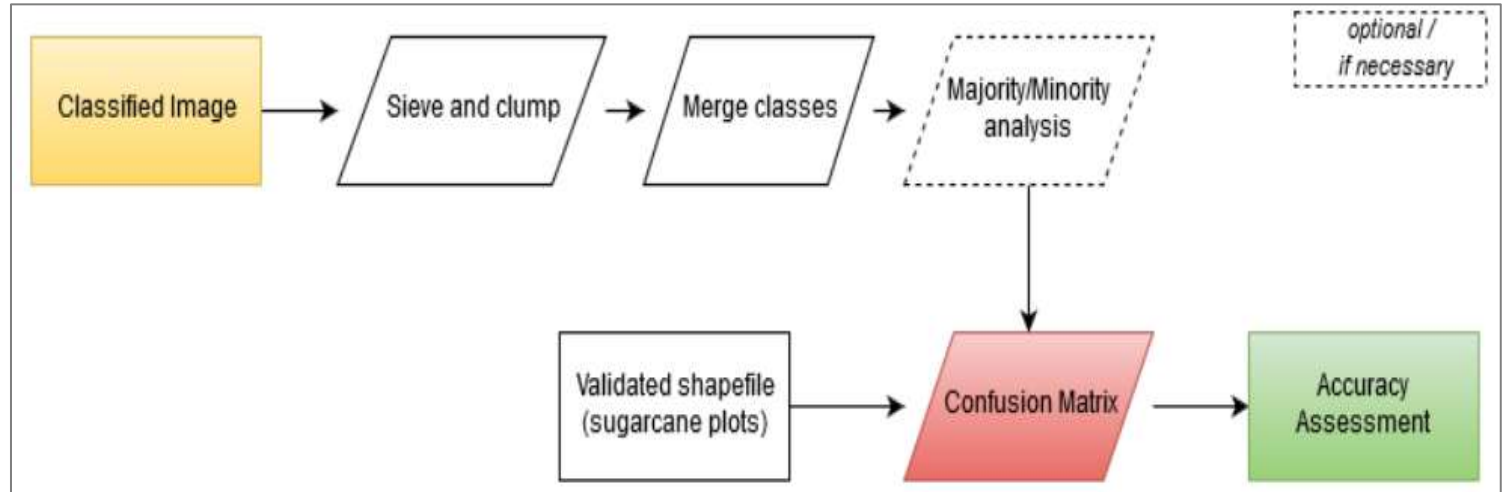
# Sugarcane Area Estimate

## Development:

### Classification Process



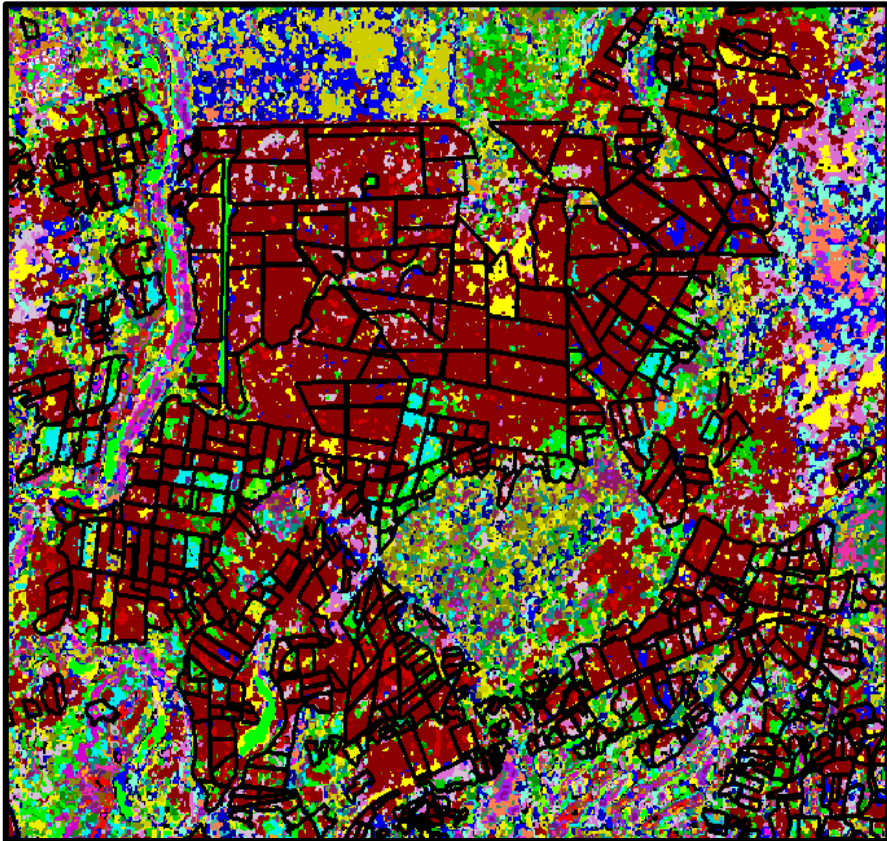
### Post Processing (Data Cleaning)




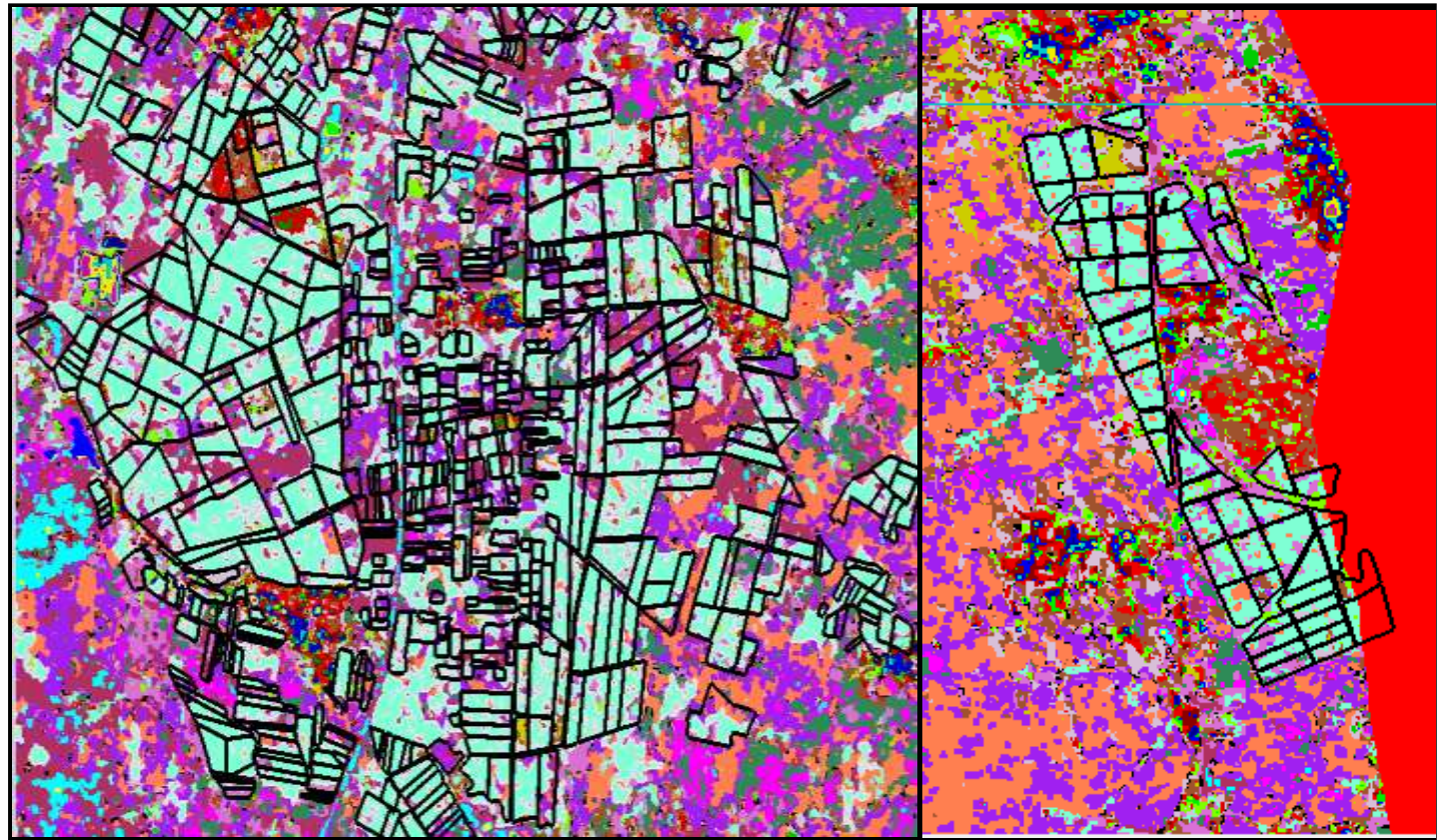



# Sugarcane Area Estimate

## Sample Output: Tarlac and Bukidnon Classified Sugarcane Area



 Classified Sugarcane in Bukidnon MD  
Computed Area: **62,313 Ha**  
Accuracy: 87%



 Classified Sugarcane in Tarlac MD  
Computed Area: **10,219.00 Ha**  
Accuracy: 78%



# Cane Canopy Damage Map

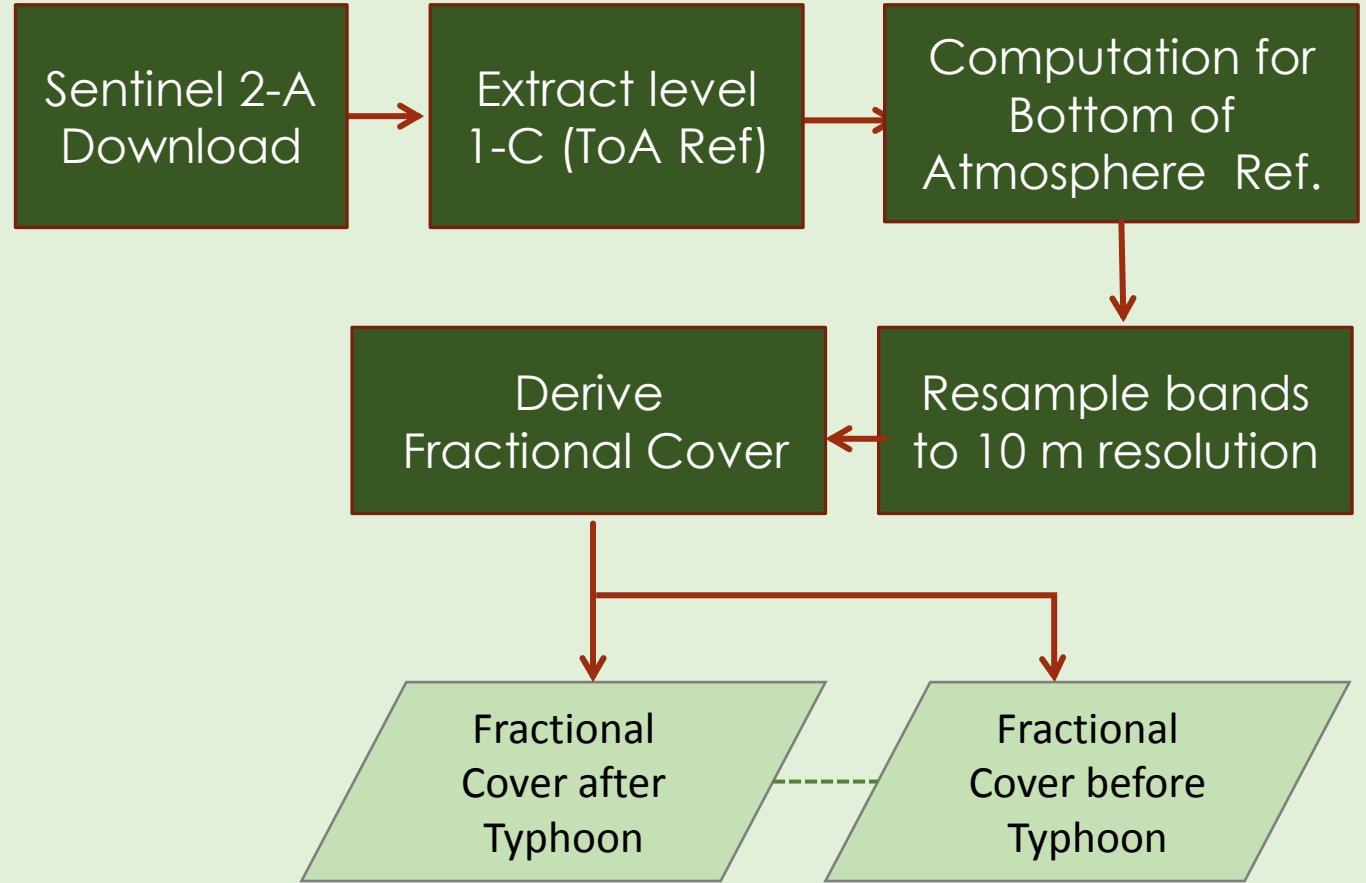
**Data Source:** Sentinel 2

**Application:**

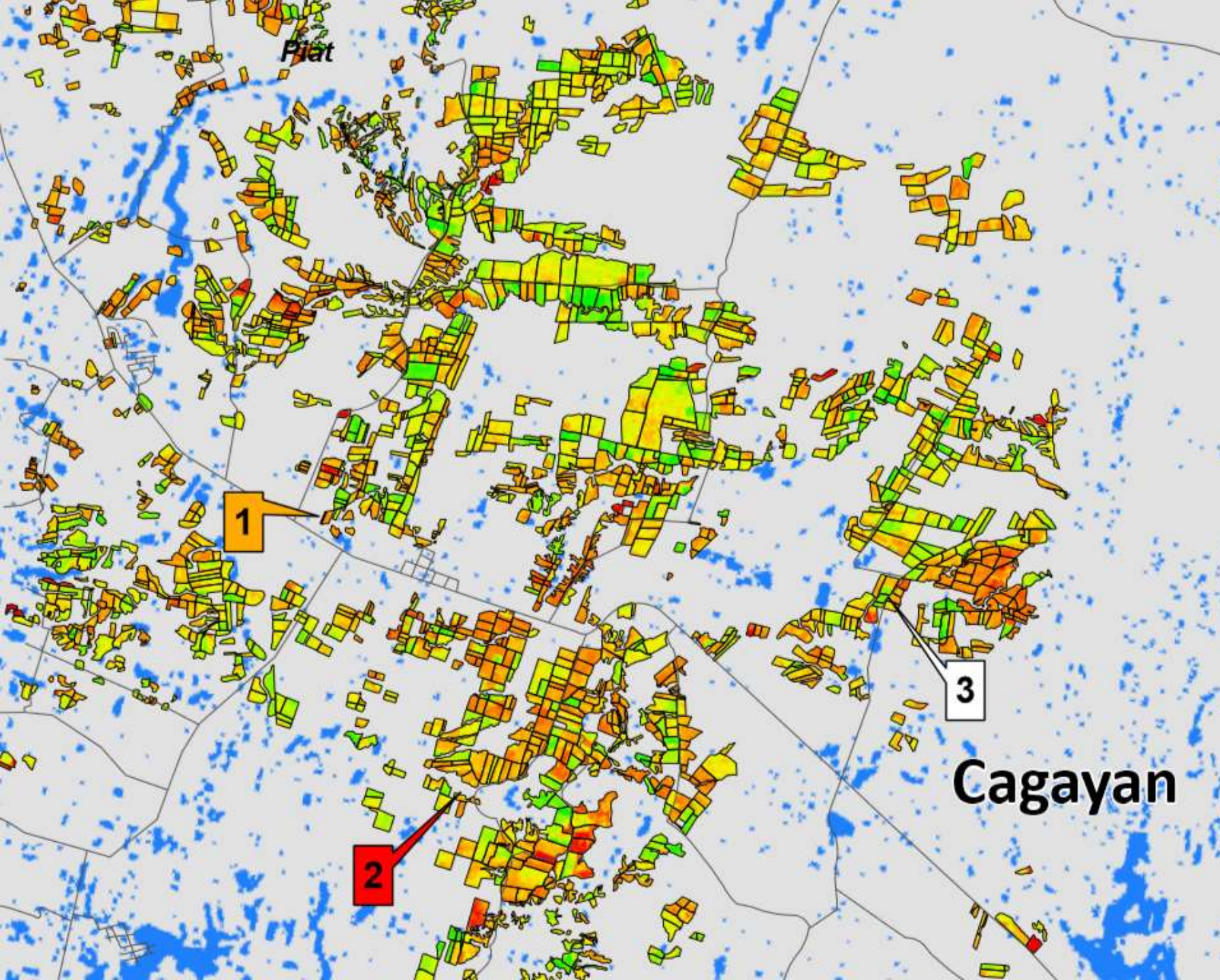
Detect areas with low, moderate or high canopy damage in terms of crop fractional cover.



**Development:**

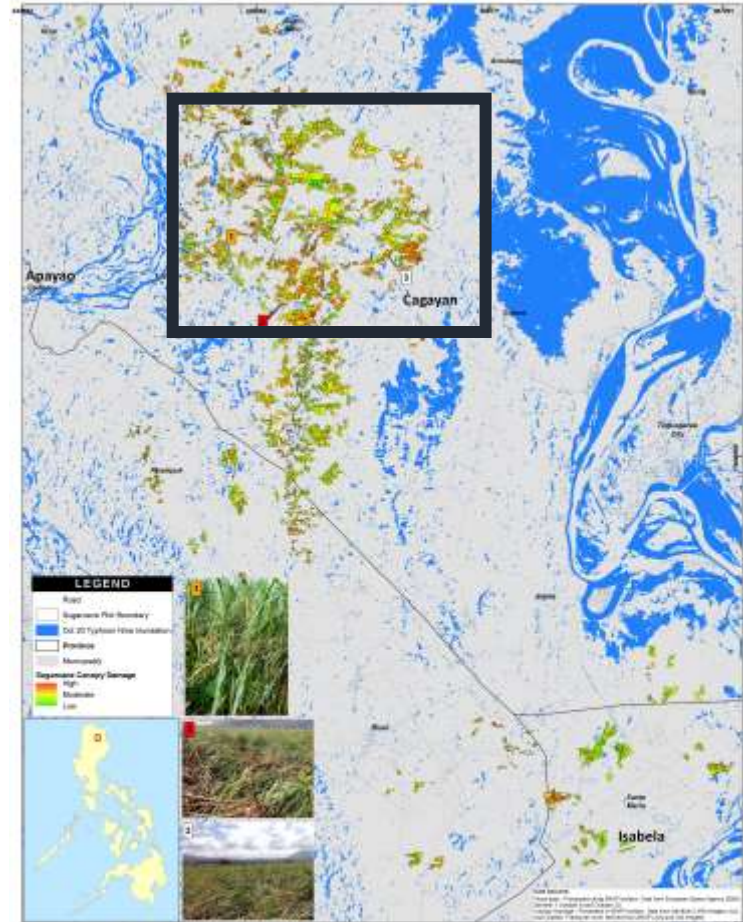
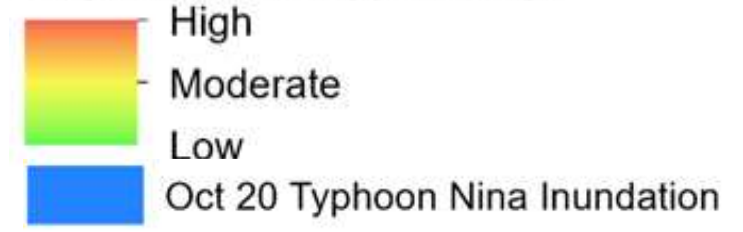






# LEGEND

## Sugarcane Canopy Damage





# Burned Cane Map

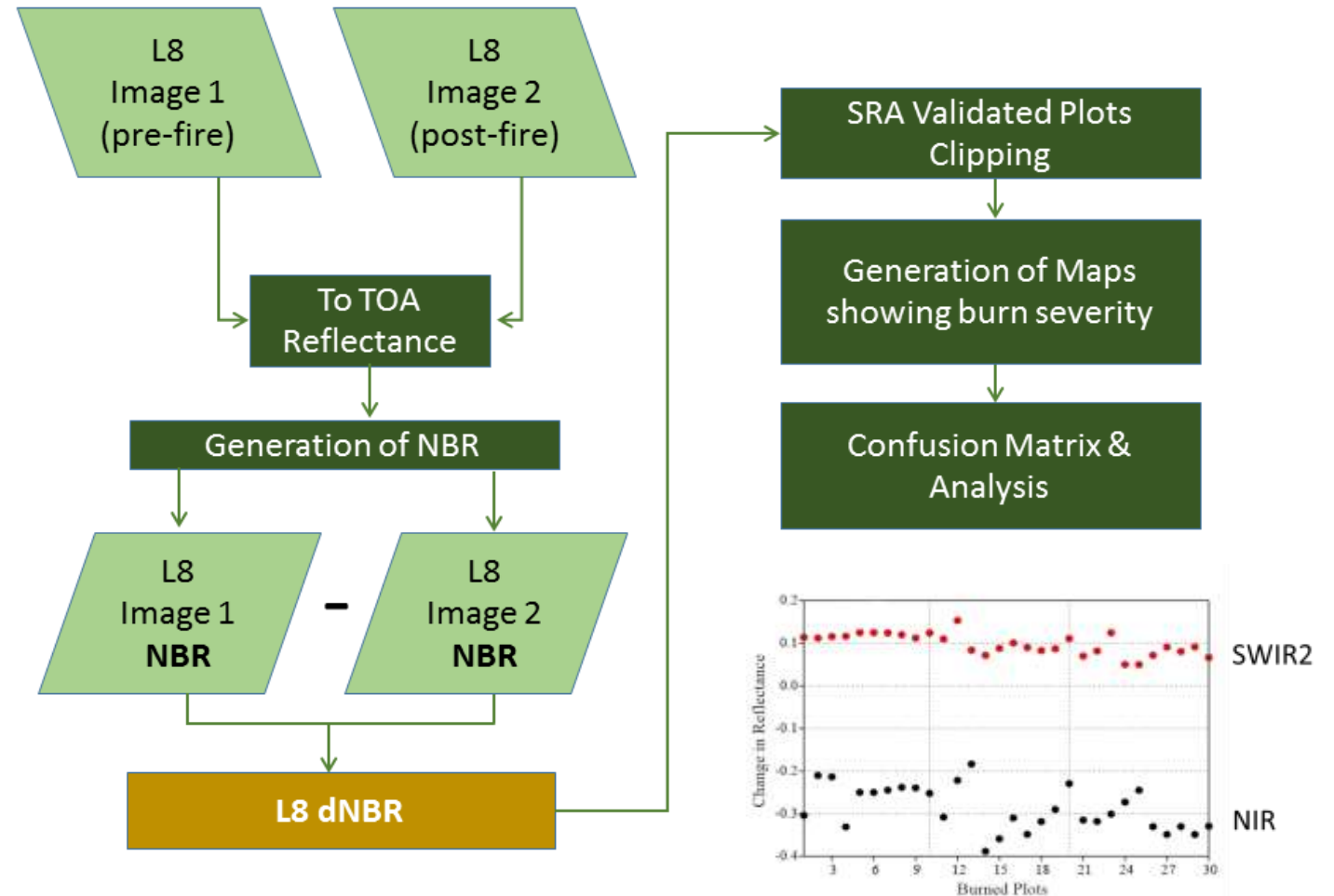
**Data Source:** Landsat

## Application:

Burned cane maps highlight the burned area and burn severity of each sugarcane pixels.

Information on burned cane extent is significant in yield estimation models to calculate total sugar lost during harvest.

## Development:





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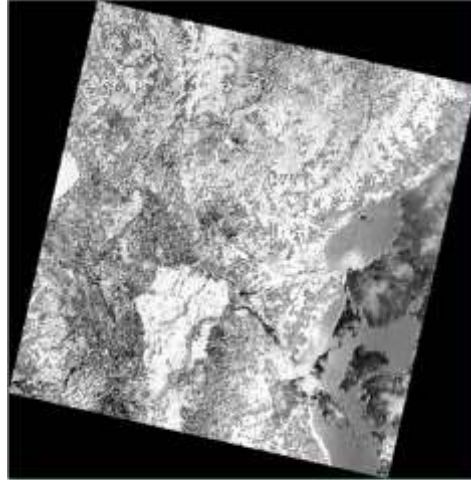


IMAGE 2: MARCH 16 2016

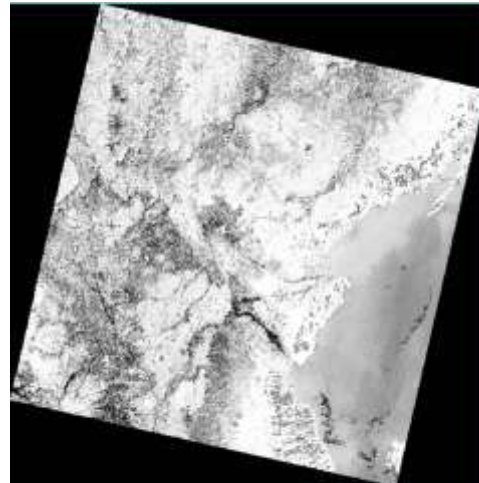
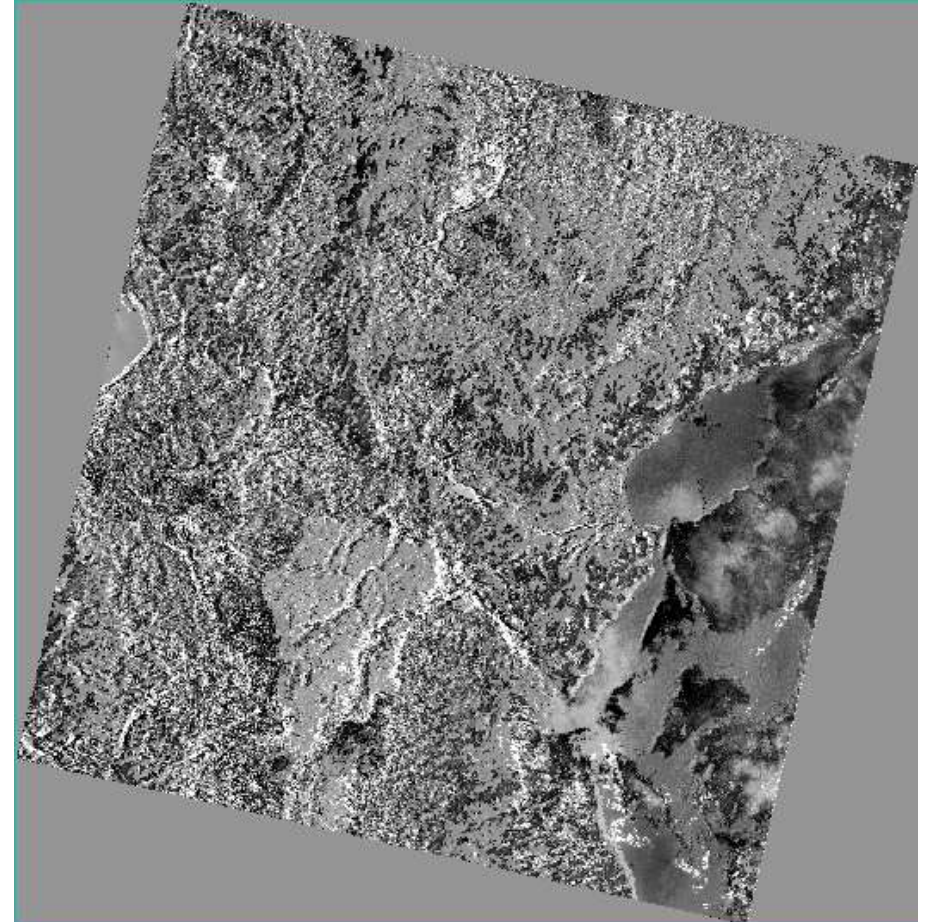
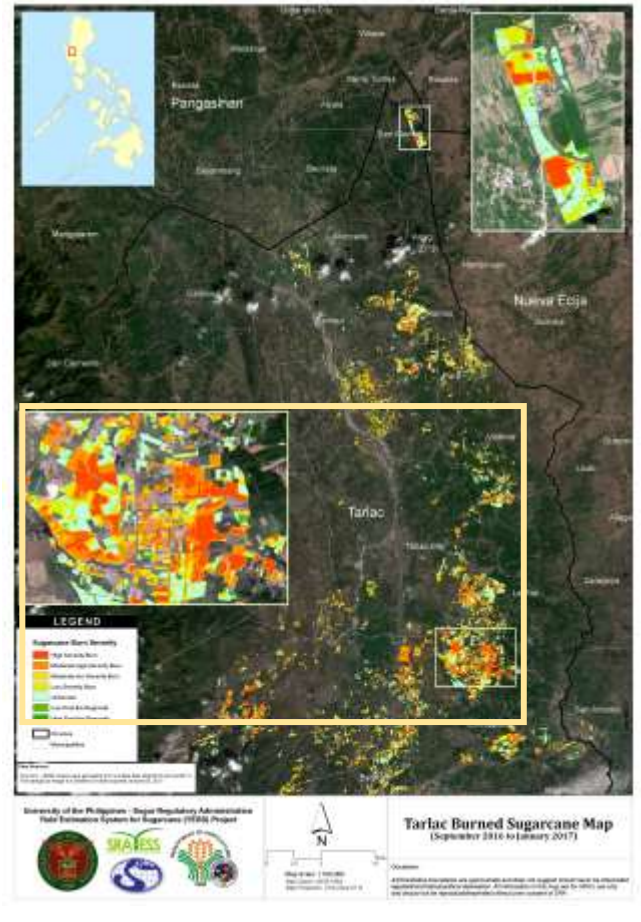
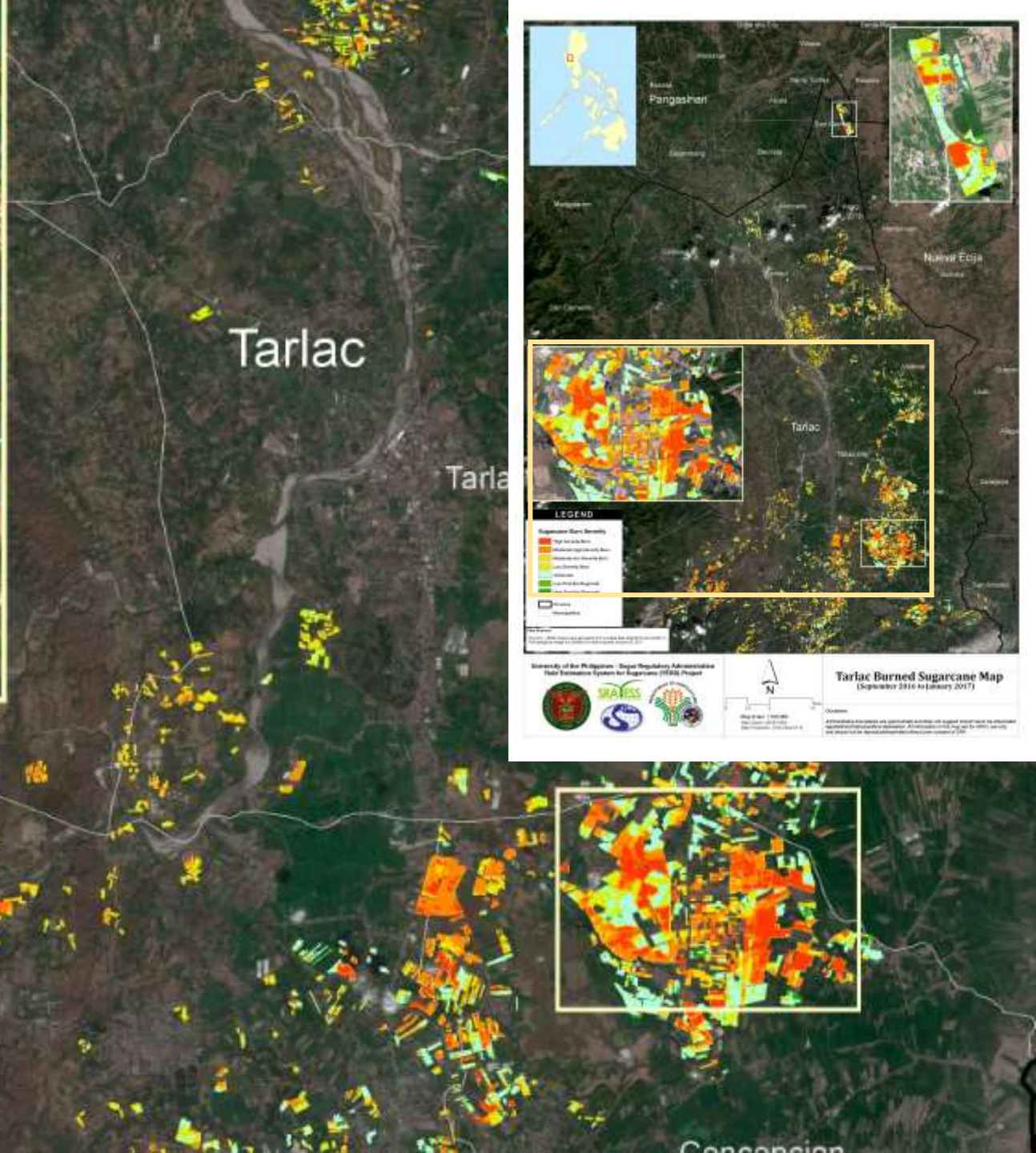


IMAGE 1: FEB 13 2016



**dNBR (FEB-MARCH 2016)**





# UAV Orthophoto and NDVI Map

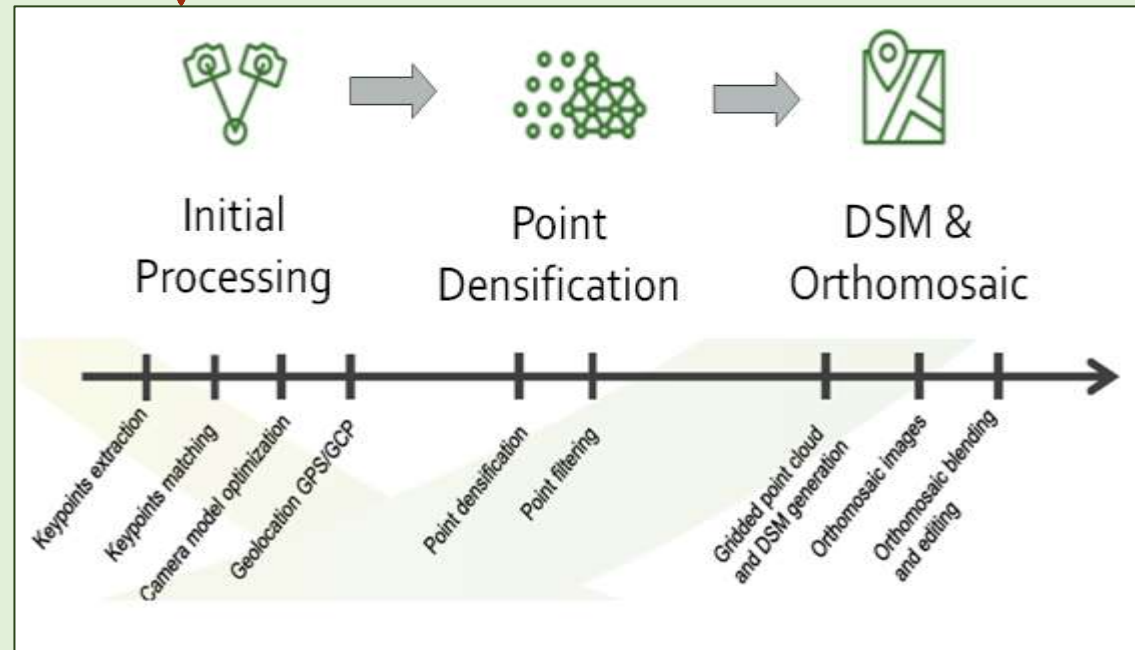
**Data Source:** Survey-grade UAV

**Application:**

- useful for monitoring growth status of canes in smaller plots
- for field validation of other products, e.g. burned cane areas and typhoon-damaged canes

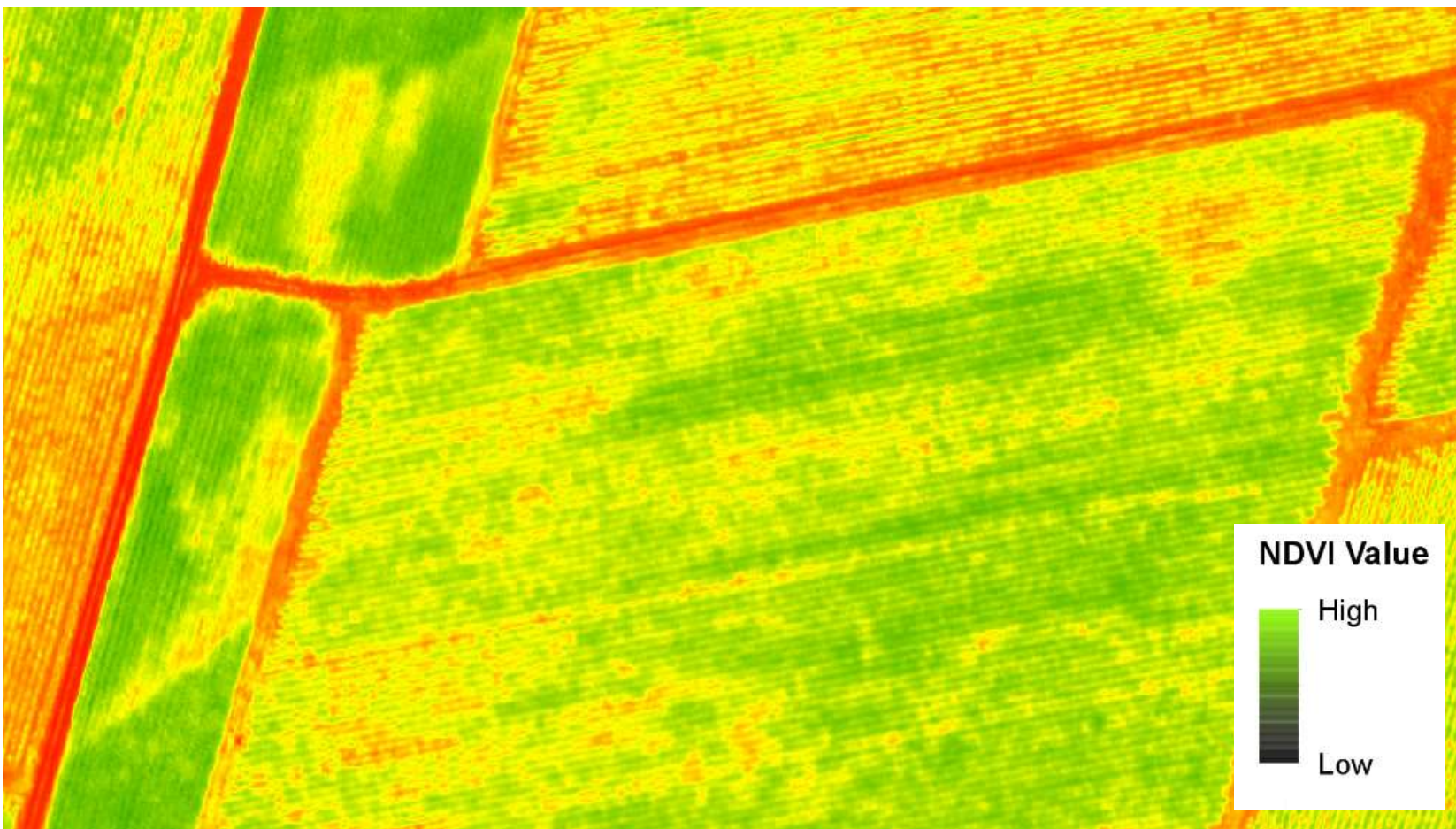


**Development:**





**Sample Output:**  
3D Model, Sugar Mill and Sugarcane Field, Bukidnon



UAV NDVI, Tarlac MD

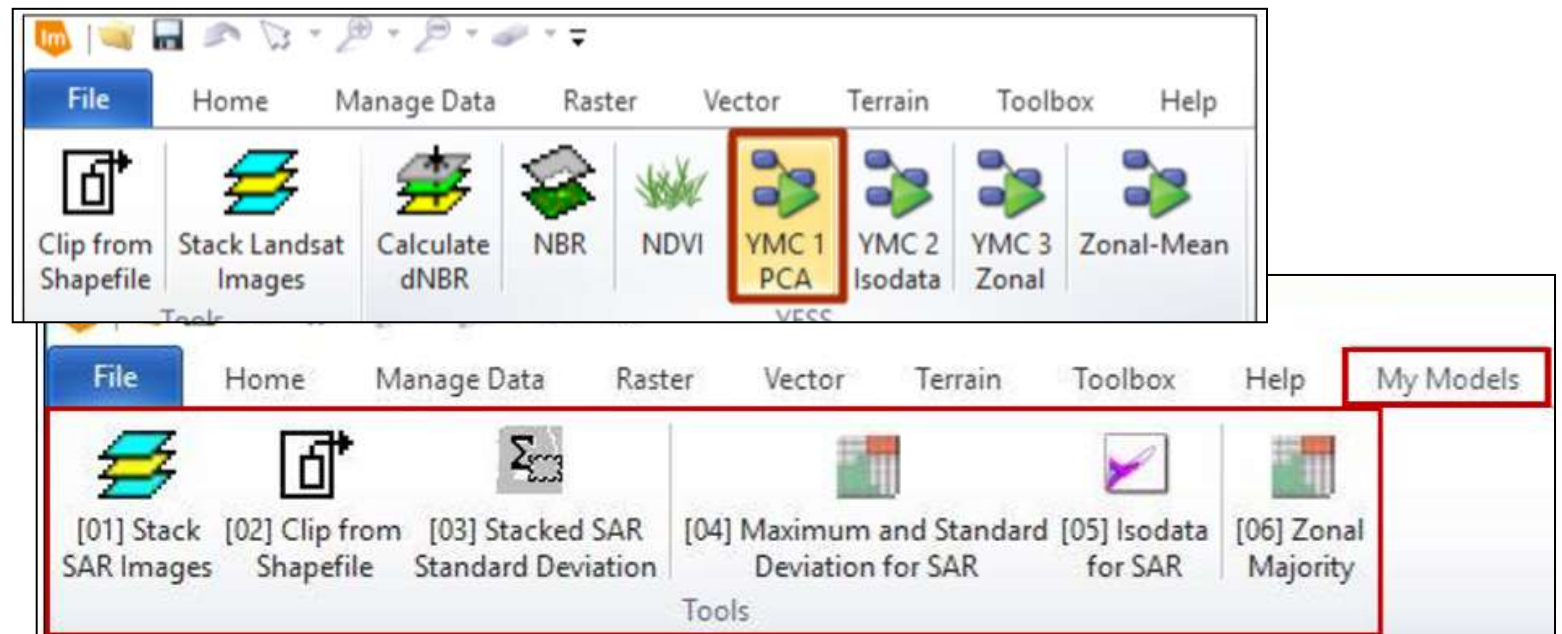
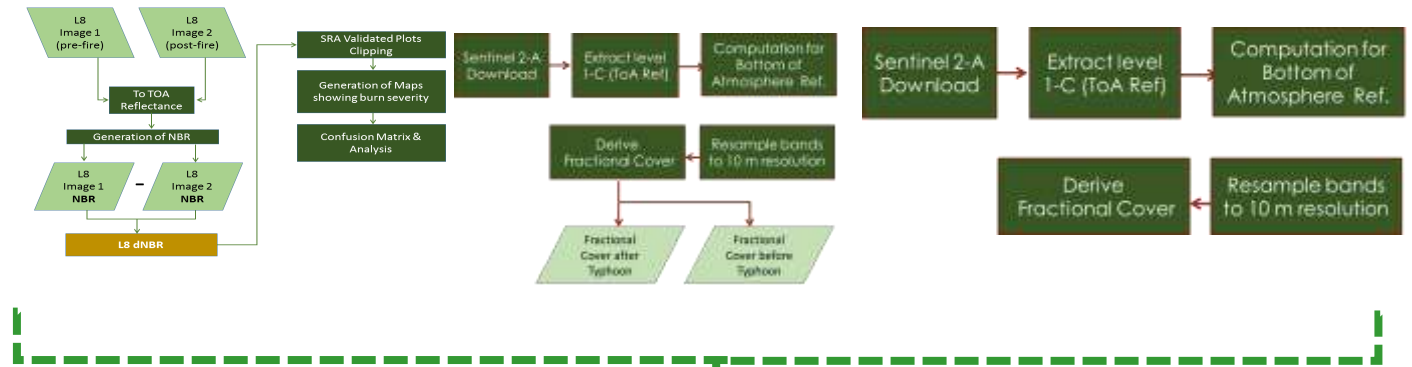
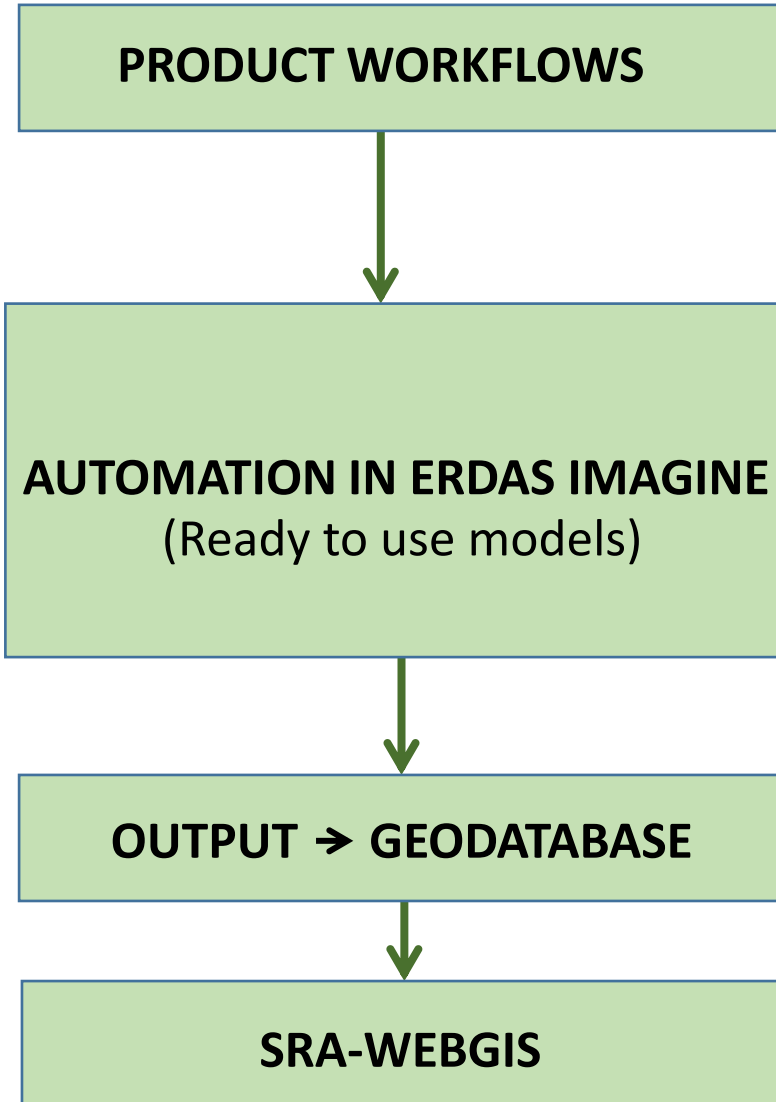


Orthophoto with Burned canes



Orthophoto with damaged canes

# Products: From SRA-YESS to SRA-WebGIS





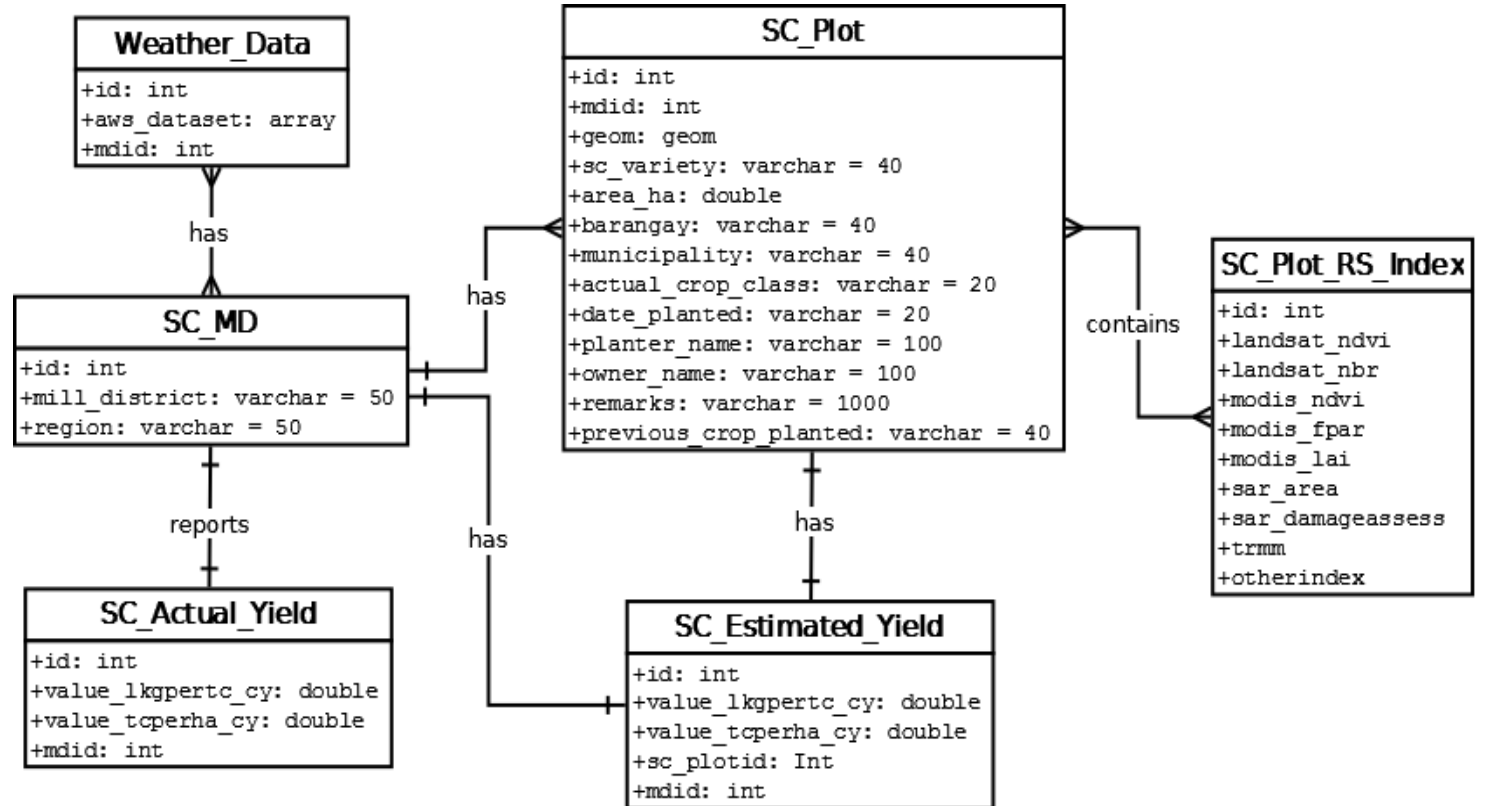
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PRODUCT WORKFLOWS

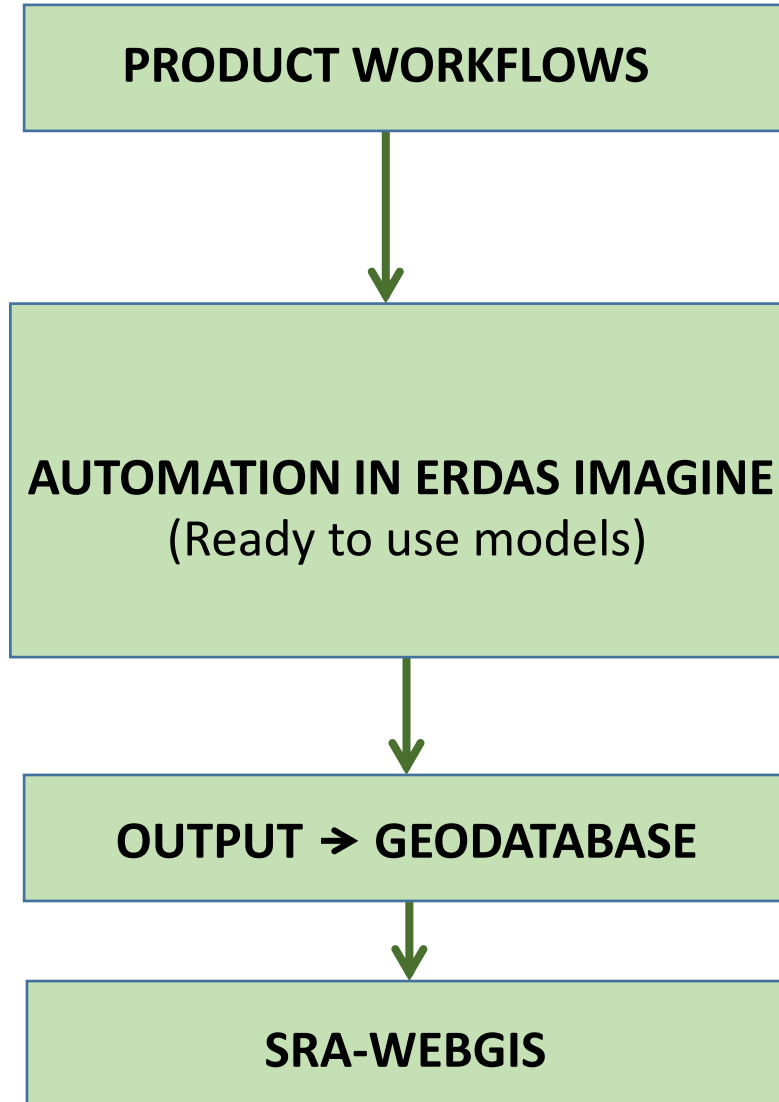
AUTOMATION IN ERDAS IMAGINE  
(Ready to use models)

OUTPUT → GEODATABASE

SRA-WEBGIS



# Products: From SRA-YESS to SRA-WebGIS



**SRA-WebGIS Platform WebGIS - Vector Attribute Table**

Attributes	Values
NAME_2	
NAME_3	
NAME_1	
VARIETY	
Area_ha	
FARMSYS	
TARGET_FID	97
Area_comp	0.92530153219
Shape_Area	9253.01532186
CROP_STATU	RC
BARANGAY	SIJIKOY

**SRA-WebGIS Platform WebGIS - Raster Graph Visualizer**

At every 20 days

EVI\_NEGROS\_16

NDVI\_NEGROS\_16

**SRA-WebGIS Platform**

# SUMMARY

Aside from the plot-level yield estimate, **different growth monitoring geospatial products were developed** for the YESS Project through a collaboration between experts, stakeholders and farmers.

Significance of the products:

**FARMERS** can now use the different RS-based products for monitoring their sugarcane plantation. This is vital for making management decisions such as application of fertilizers and determining the right harvest schedule.

**Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)** can utilize these products for drawing decisions and for intervention and support to farmers and mill districts with poor sugarcane growth and low estimated production.

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