

# Using Disruptive Technologies for Monitoring SDGs

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# GIS

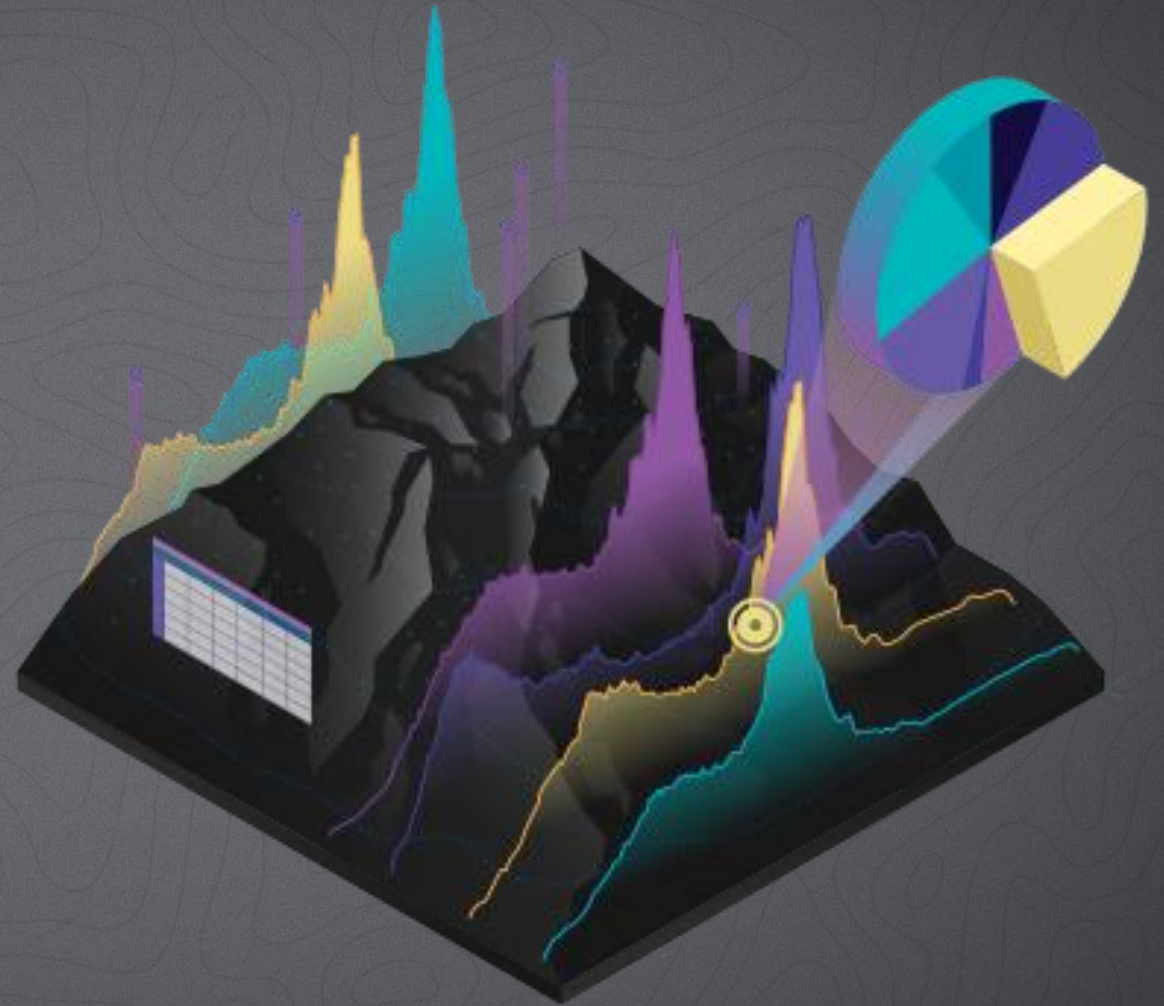
## What is Location Intelligence?

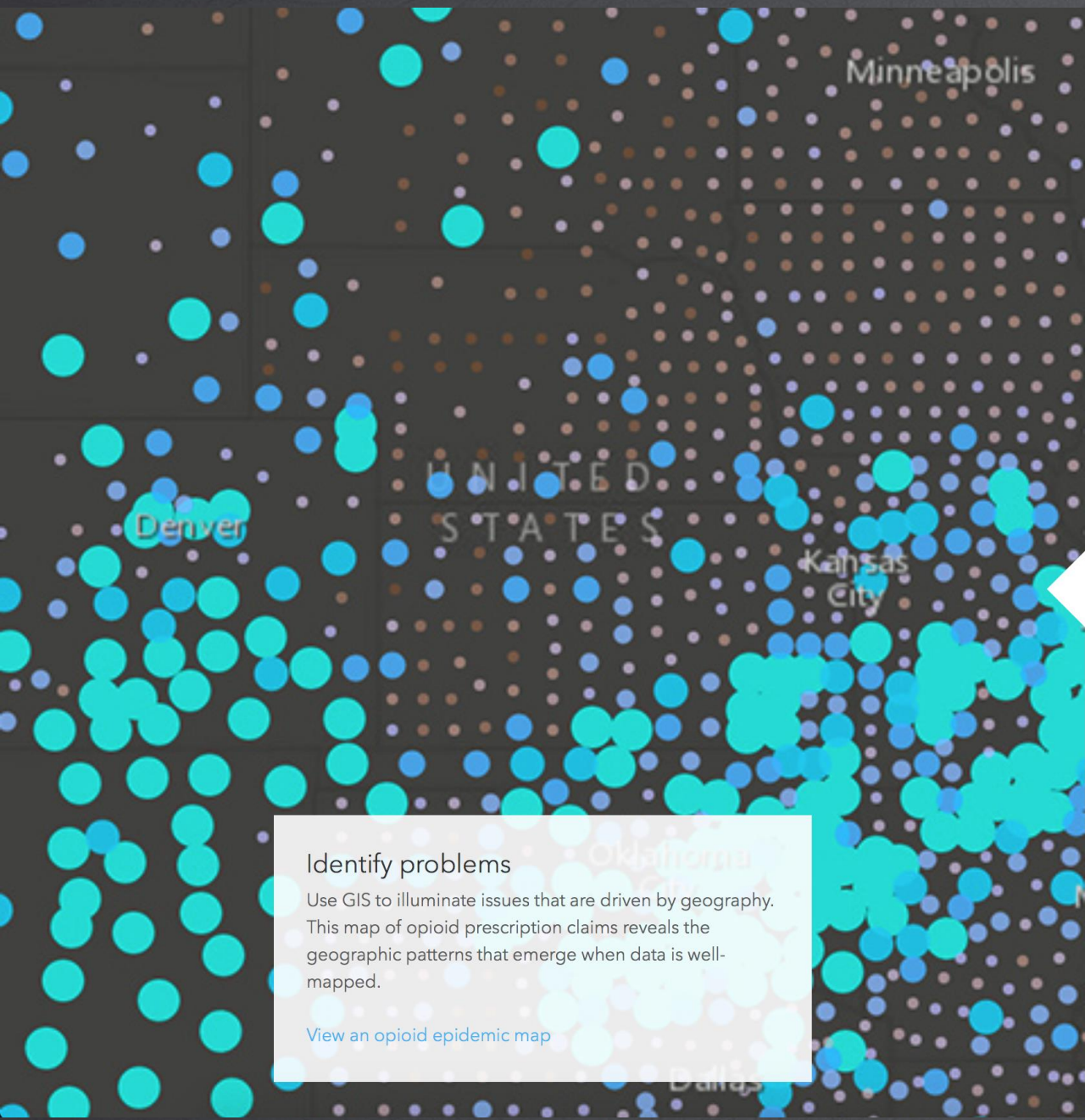




# What is GIS?

A framework to organize, communicate, and understand the science of our world





### Identify problems

Use GIS to illuminate issues that are driven by geography. This map of opioid prescription claims reveals the geographic patterns that emerge when data is well-mapped.

[View an opioid epidemic map](#)

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Hundreds of thousands of organizations in virtually every field are using GIS to make maps that communicate, perform analysis, share information, and solve complex problems around the world. This is changing the way the world works.



Identify problems



Perform forecasting



Monitor change



Set priorities



Manage & respond to events



Understand trends





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If a picture tells a thousand words, a map tells a thousand pictures. This map starkly reveals the extent of glacier retreat in the Southern Hemisphere.

[Look at the Patagon Journal Memories of Ice map](#)

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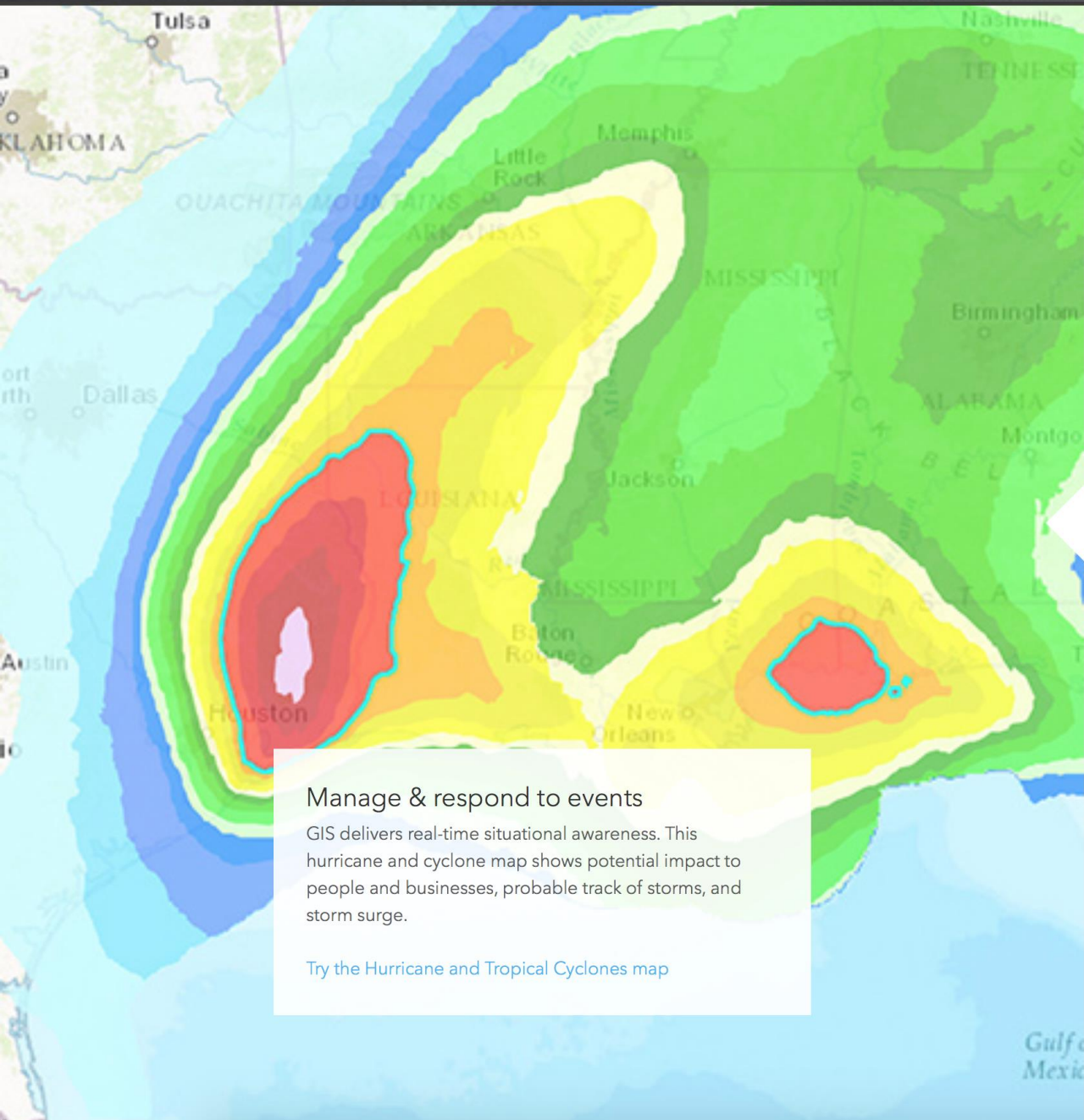
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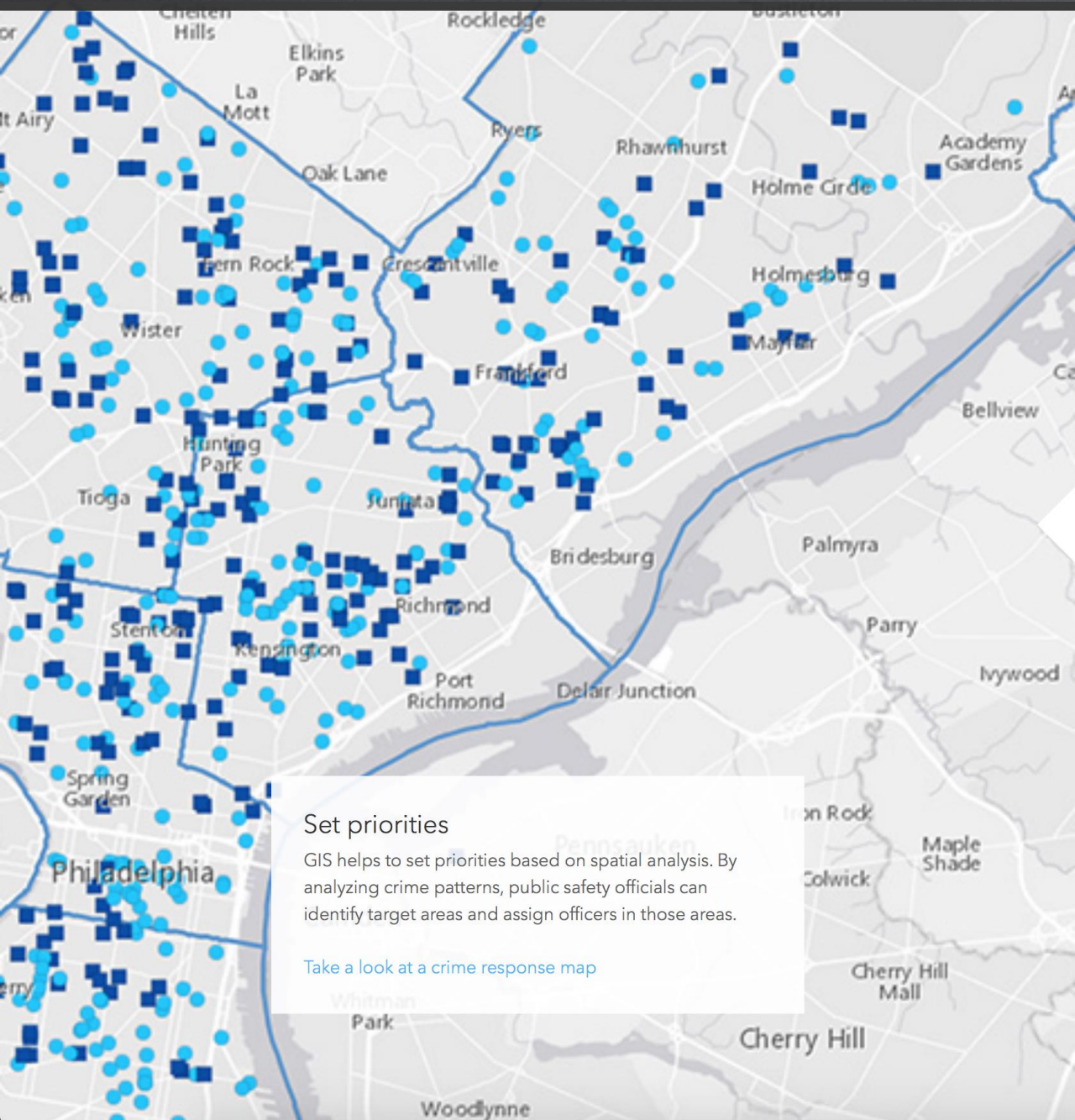


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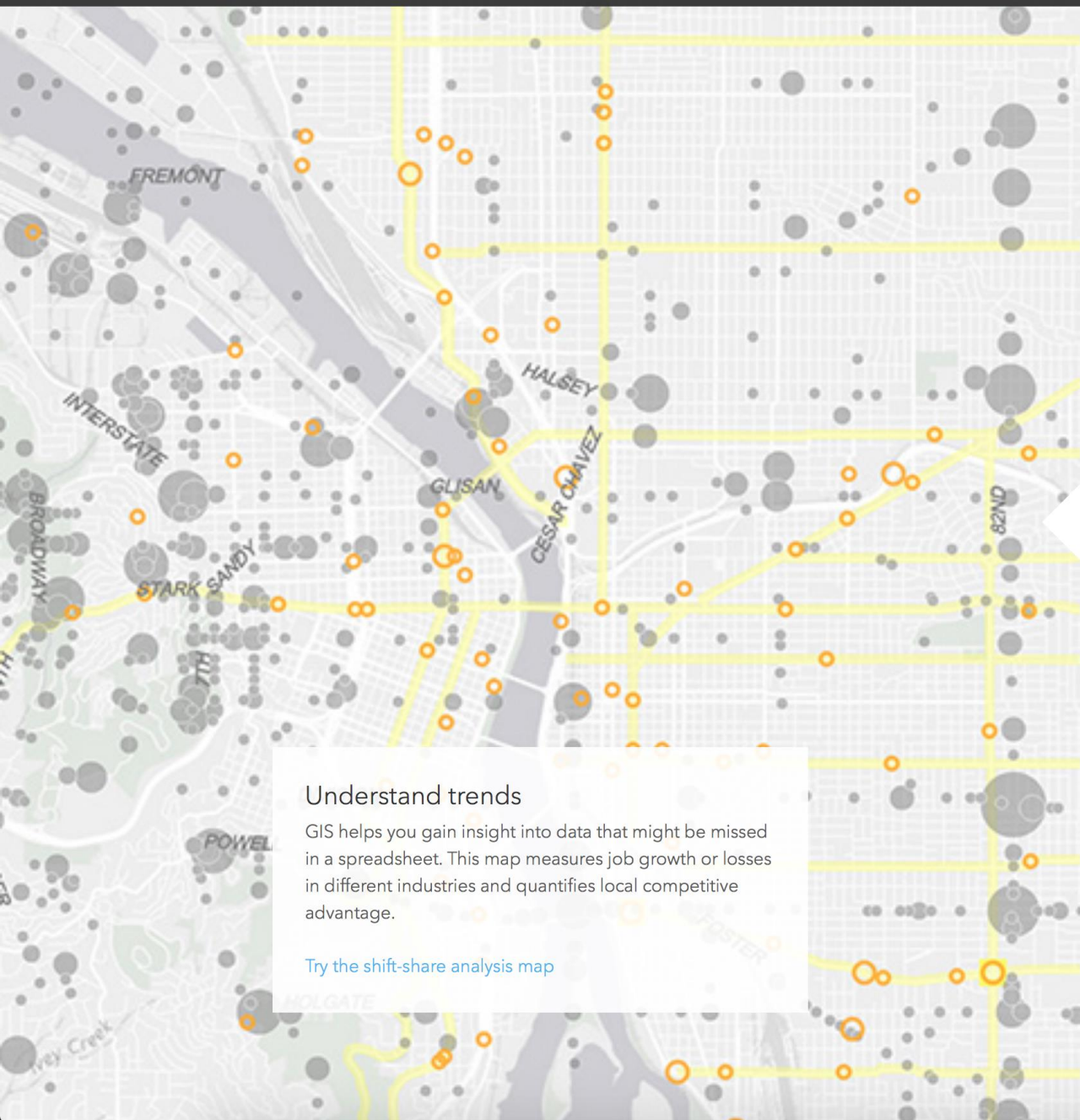


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W. Edwards Deming

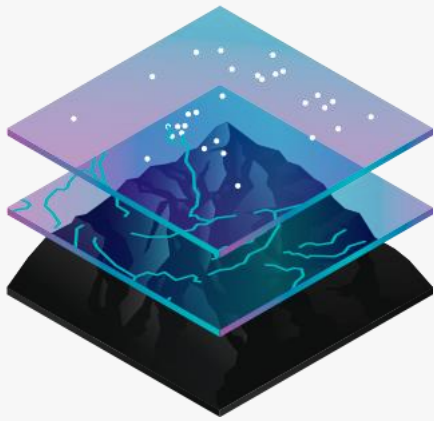
In God we  
**TRUST;**  
All others,  
**MUST** bring  
**DATA.**



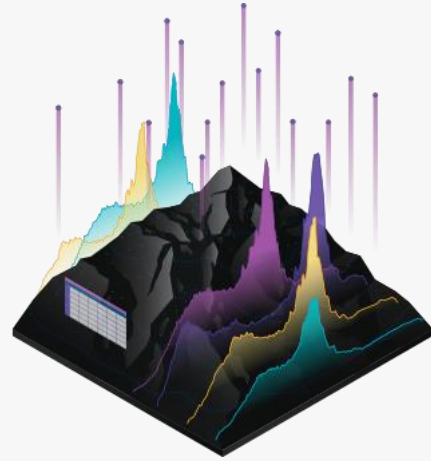


# How GIS Works

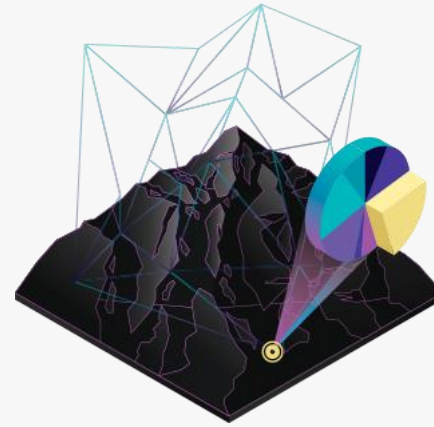
GIS technology applies geographic science with tools for understanding and collaboration. It helps people reach a common goal: to gain actionable intelligence from all types of data.



Maps



Data



Analysis



Apps

# Web GIS Is the Modern GIS Architecture

Helping Everyone Do Their Work Better





*Web GIS Provides the Means . .*



*. . For Creating  
Federated Systems*

# A Network of Collaboration Is Emerging

Connecting Organizations and Individuals

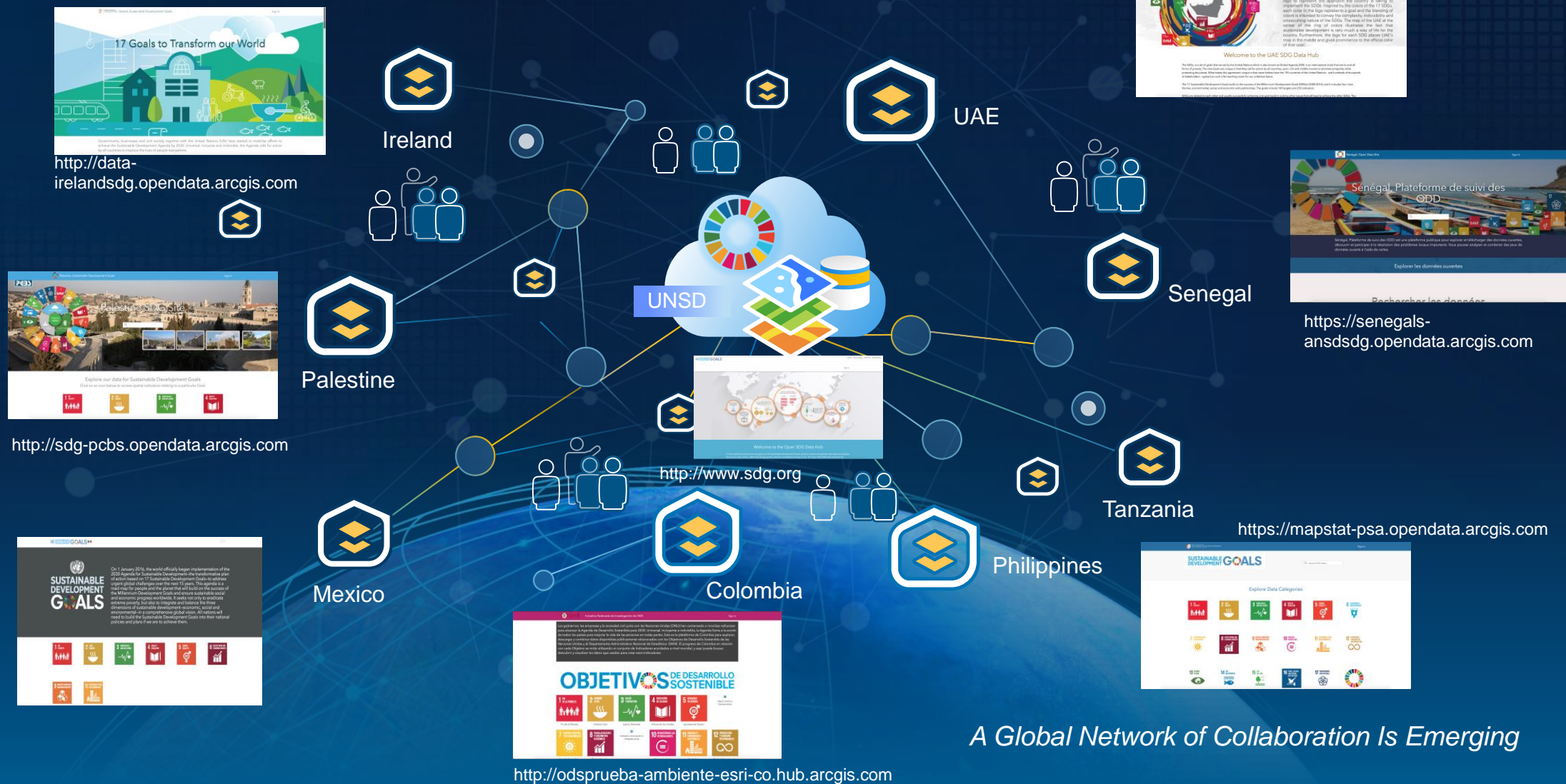


*A Global Network of Collaboration Is Emerging*



# A Network of Collaboration Is Emerging

## Connecting Organizations and Individuals



# Open SDG Data Hubs

Are enabling in-country collaboration and action



Sub-national Data Reporting National  
OPEN SDGs Standards Based Implementation Enabling  
Country Led Collaboration Aggregation  
Geospatial Interoperability Country Owned  
Statistical Integration Dis-aggregation  
GIS Monitoring  
Global



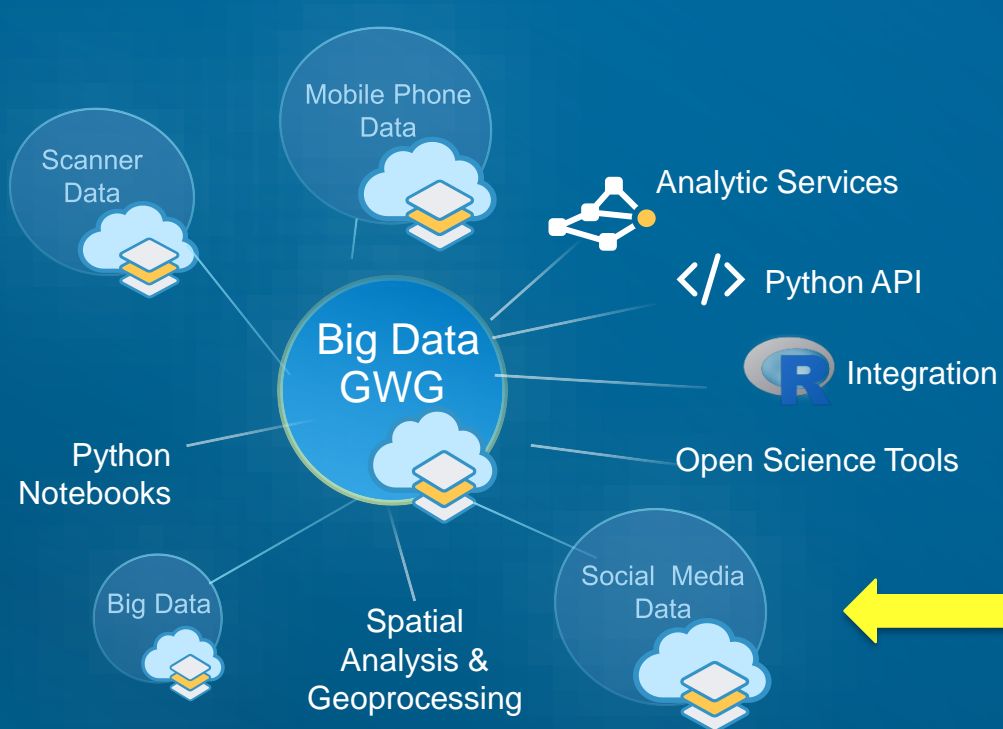
# Esri Commitment



- **To support the sustainable scale-up of this work:**
  - **Donation of software bundle for the first 3 years to developing countries and those in need**
  - **After 3 years until 2030, Esri will provide a discount of 85% of ongoing annual cost**
  - **Ongoing Support**
    - **Learn lessons and other online training resources**
    - **Story Map templates**
    - **Data – Living Atlas, Imagery, OSM**
    - **Africa Geoportal**
    - **Multi-lingual capabilities**
    - **Git-hub repo**

# Supporting Statistical Capacity Building

## UN Big Data Global Working Group



## UNSD Federated Information System for the SDGs



Create ... Publish ... Share



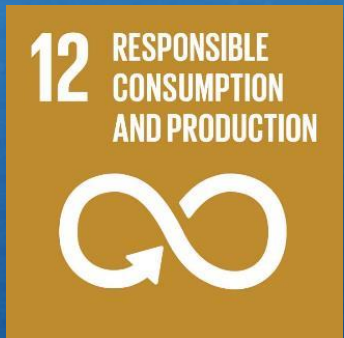
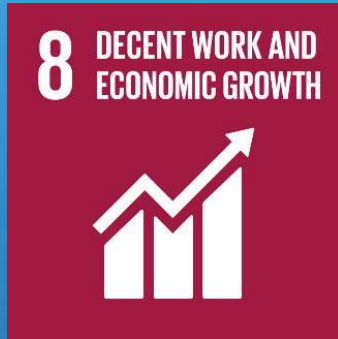
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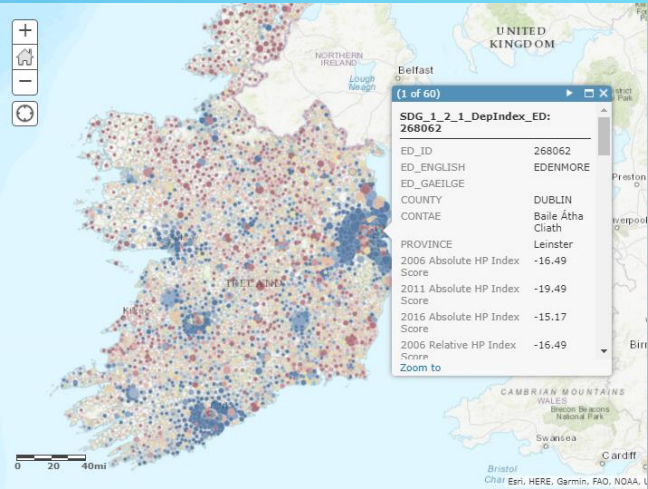
**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development

Target Contribute to progress on the Target, not necessarily the Indicator									Goal	Indicator Direct measure or indirect support to the Indicator					
							1.4	1.5	1 No poverty	1.4.2					
							2.3	2.4	2.c	2 Zero hunger	2.4.1				
						3.3	3.4	3.9	3.d	3 Good health and well-being	3.9.1				
										4 Quality education					
									5.a	5 Gender equality	5.a.1				
		6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.a	6.b	6 Clean water and sanitation	6.3.1	6.3.2	6.4.2	6.5.1	6.6.1	
						7.2	7.3	7.a	7.b	7 Affordable and clean energy	7.1.1				
									8.4	8 Decent work and economic growth					
						9.1	9.4	9.5	9.a	9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure	9.1.1	9.4.1			
							10.6	10.7	10.a	10 Reduced inequalities					
	11.1	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.b	11.c	11 Sustainable cities and communities	11.1.1	11.2.1	11.3.1	11.6.2	11.7.1	
					12.2	12.4	12.8	12.a	12.b	12 Responsible consumption and production	12.a.1				
						13.1	13.2	13.3	13.b	13 Climate action	13.1.1				
		14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.a	14 Life below water	14.3.1	14.4.1	14.5.1			
	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.5	15.7	15.8	15.9	15 Life on land	15.1.1	15.2.1	15.3.1	15.4.1	15.4.2	
									16.8	16 Peace, justice and strong institutions					
17.2	17.3	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.16	17.17	17.18	17 Partnerships for the goals	17.6.1	17.18.1				

**EARTH OBSERVATION AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION  
LINKAGES TO SDG GOALS, TARGETS AND INDICATORS**



# Population Below Poverty Line



Ireland

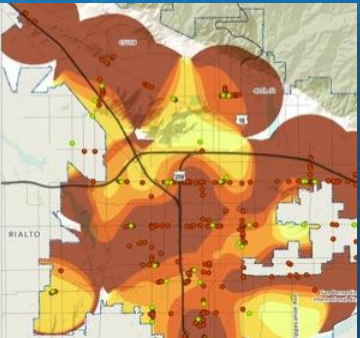


# Crop Rotation



USA

# Healthy Food Access



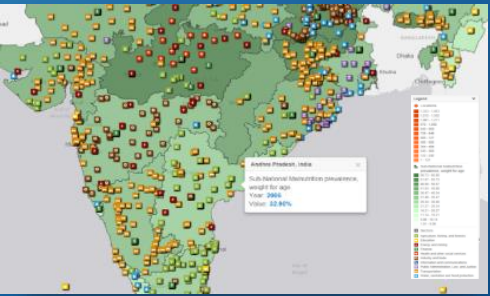
California

# Food Supply



UN-Yemen

# Malnutrition



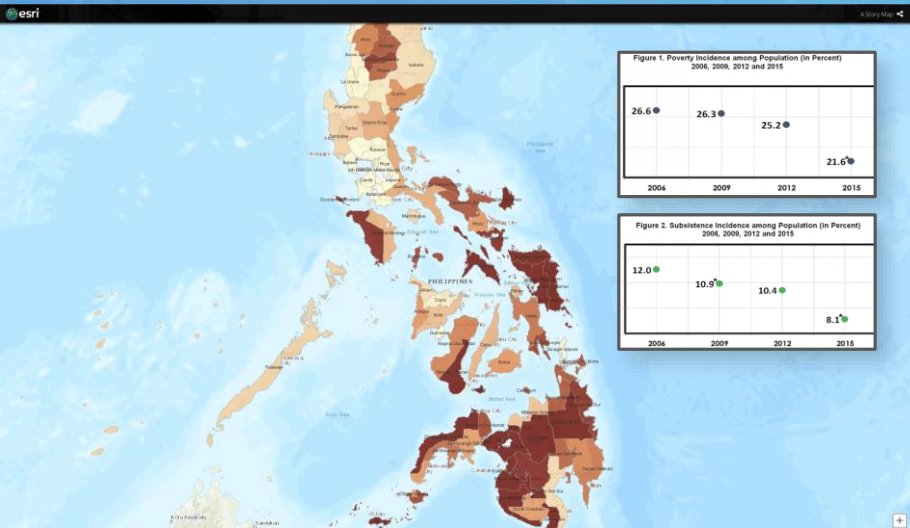
World

# Precision Agriculture



New Zealand

# Poverty Incidence



Philippines



2 ZERO  
HUNGER



## Machine Learning using Drone Data

- **Captured images for two study areas**
  - Animal Farms
  - Crop Farms
- **Use Esri Artificial Intelligence tools**
  - Multi-spectral image analysis
  - Auto-detect features
- **Focus on-site inspections to farms that have regulatory issues**



*Animal Farms*



*3 cm resolution*





Edit x

## Animal and Crop Farms Imagery Analysis

HUNGER

No issues detected x

## Animal and Crop Farms Receiving Monetary Subsidies

The farms colored green are receiving monetary subsidies.

The farms colored red are not receiving monetary subsidies.

### Animal Farms Crop Farms

Click on the links below to see the farms receiving monetary subsidies but the drone imagery shows there are no animals or crops present. Inspectors can be dispatched to these farms for review.

### Animal farms receiving monetary subsidies with no animals

### Crop farms receiving monetary subsidies with no crops

## Animal Farms Receiving Fodder Subsidies





# Land Cover Distribution

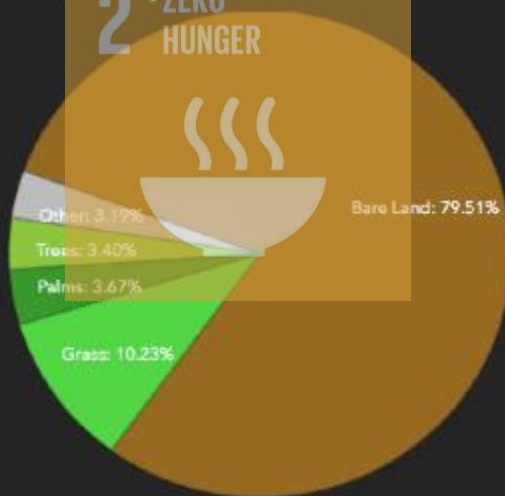


Animals in Farm(s) "Turn on Animals in Plots Layer"

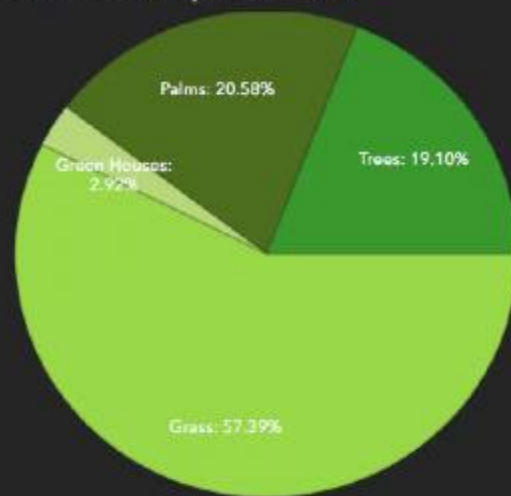
Camels Cattle Goats None Sheep



## Land Cover per Farm(s)



## Green Cover per Farm(s)



Farms Count

**35**

Area  
**61.2**  
Hectares

Open Water Storage

**2.3k**  
Cubic meters

Goats Count

**258**

Cattle Count

**0**

Grass

**6.3**  
Hectares

Impervious Structures

**11.9k**  
Square meters

Camels Count

**0**

Sheep Count

**165**

Grass



Impervious Structures



Palms Count

**2,456**

Oxygen Production

**634.8**  
Cubic meters

Total Oxyge...



The information shown in the dashboard describes all the farms in the current map extent. To show information of specific farm(s), use the select tool.

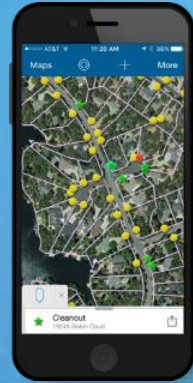
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# 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

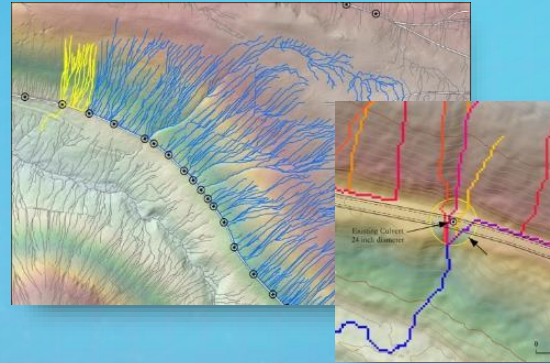


## Sanitation Cleanout Locations



California

## Drainage Network Modeling



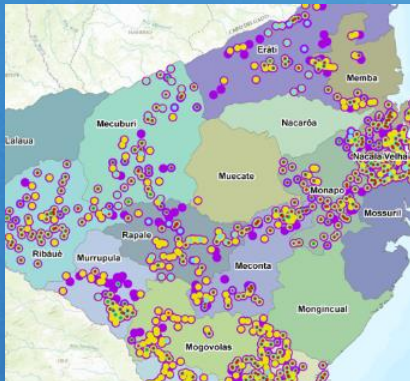
Washington

## Water Quality Monitoring



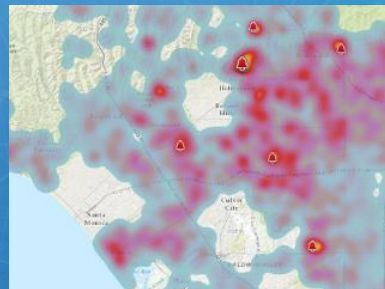
China

## Water and Sanitation Projects



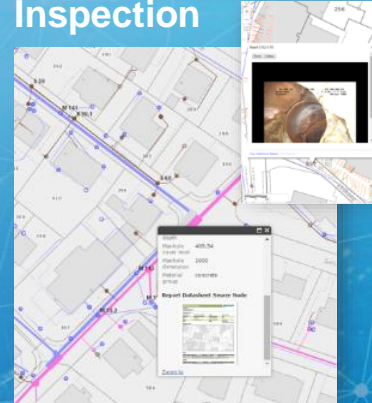
Mozambique

## Water Monitoring



Los Angeles

## Sewer Inspection



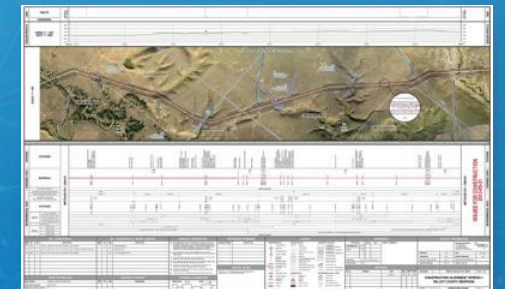
Switzerland

## Work Order Management



New Jersey

## Pipeline Alignment



Montana



## 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



### Rooftop Solar Potential



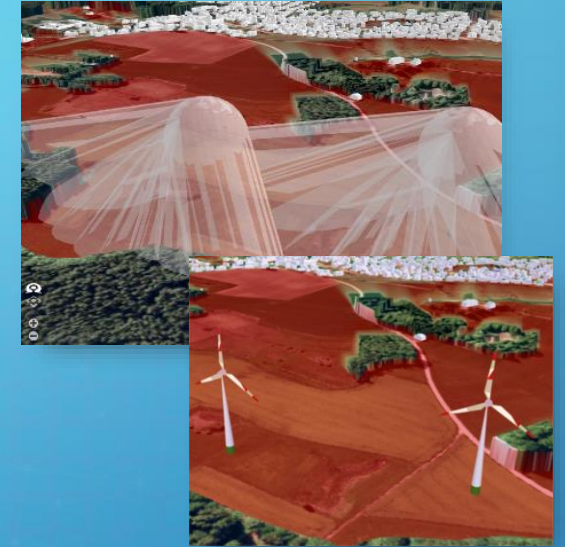
Massachusetts

### Solar Potential



Singapore

### Wind Farm Design



Bavaria, Germany

### Renewable Energy Monitoring



China

### Solar and Wind Energy



Philippines

### Renewable Energy Connection Network



Southern California

### Wind Resources



England



# 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

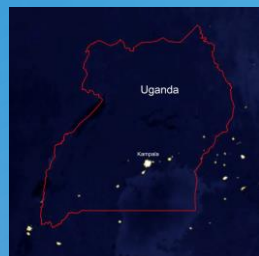


## Electricity Consumption per Capita:

- Uganda (2016): 71 kWh/Capita
- Germany (2014): 7,035 kWh/Capita
- EU (2014): 5,909 kWh/Capita
- World (2014): 3,128 kWh/Capita



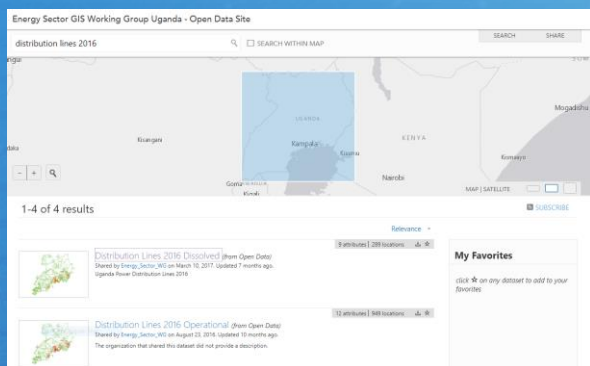
Solar Containers for rural communities



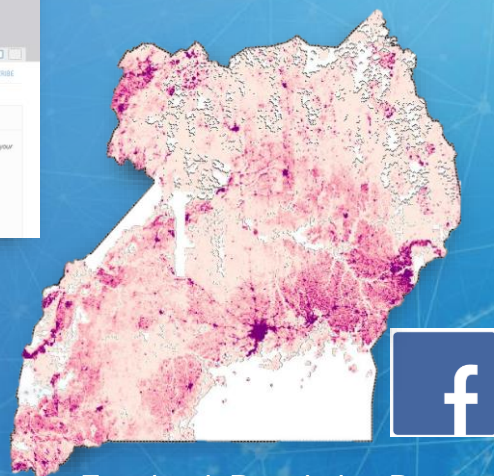
## Goal:

Developing a GIS based decision support Model to decide whether it is more economical to electrify a village using Solar Home Systems, Mini-Grid or On-Grid Solutions

## Data:



Energy Sector GIS Working Group Uganda Open Data Site



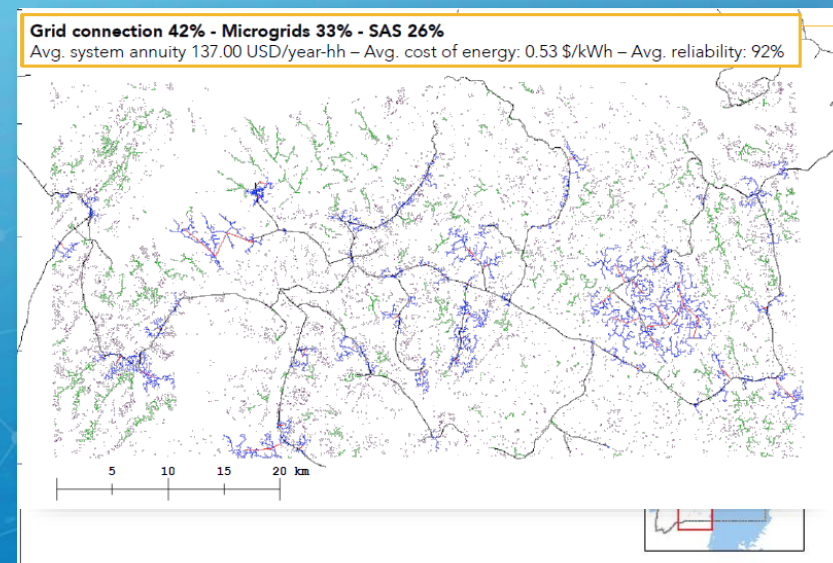
Facebook Population Data  
<https://ciesin.columbia.edu/data/hrs/>

Building Extraction from Satellite Images

Cluster Buildings to Settlements

Load Transformer and Distribution Line Data as well as Electrification Status Estimates

Creating buffer around distribution lines and transformers according to economic data



Create a Ranking of Villages/Trading Centres to be electrified first

Sharing this information with investors



# 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



## Urban Planning



Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Vertical Intensification



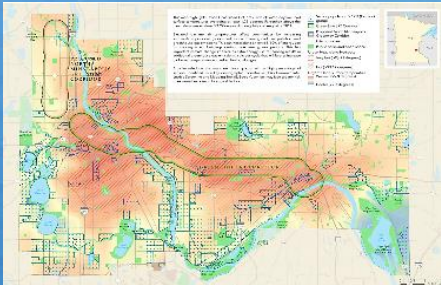
Toronto, Canada

## Urban Design



California

## Urban Heat Islands

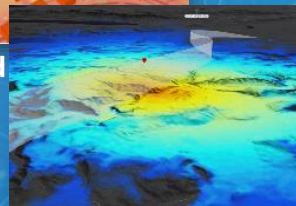


Minneapolis

## Noise Pollution

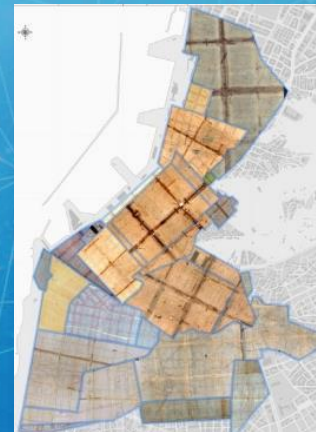


Switzerland



Switzerland

## Neighborhood



Greece

## Zoning



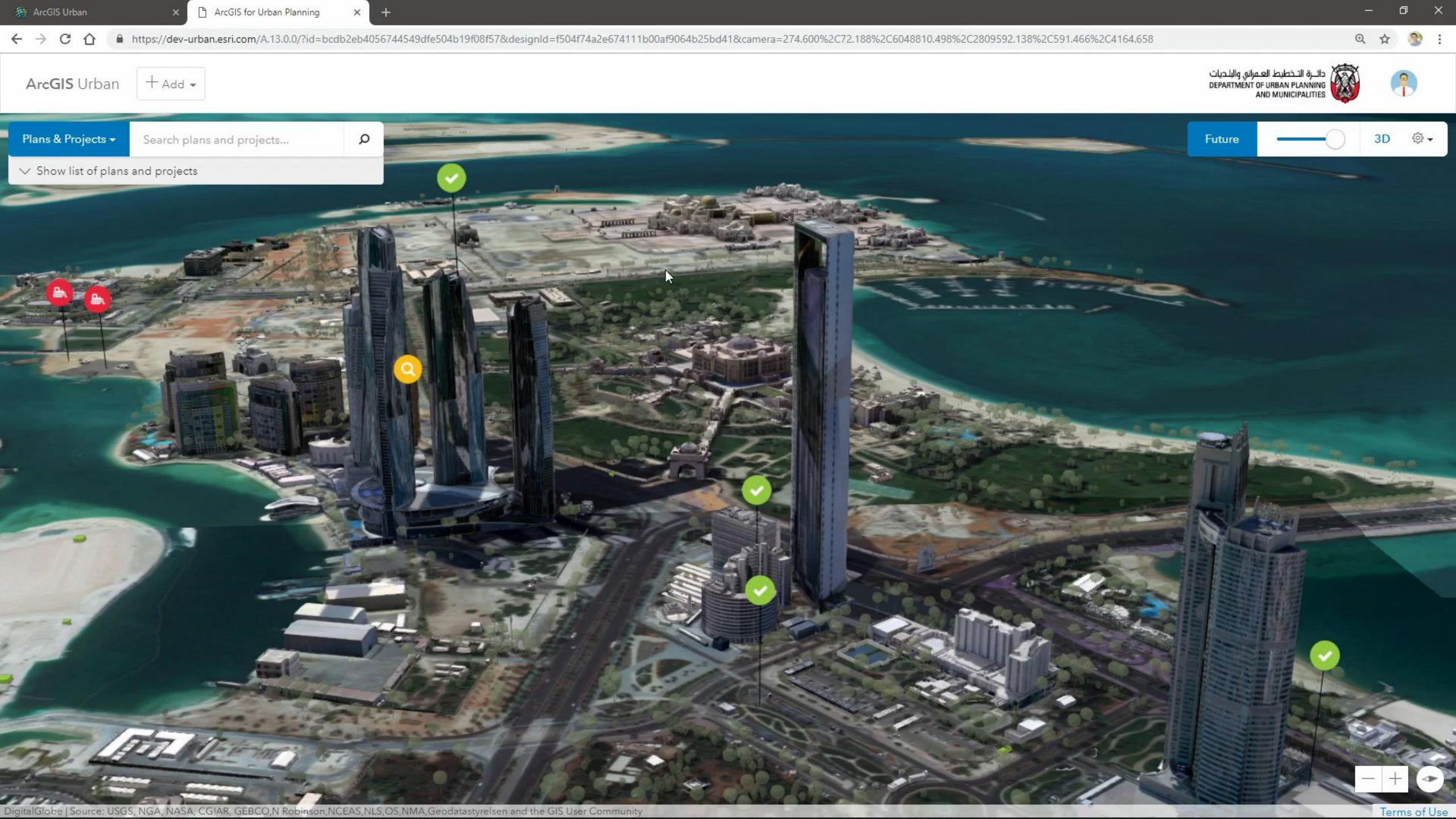
Honolulu

## Land Use



Miami-Dade



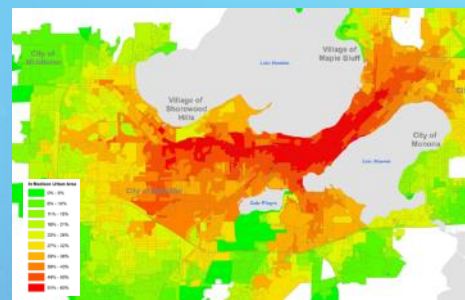




# 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



## Walking and Transit Model



Wisconsin

## Traffic Management



Germany

## Public Transit



Washington

## Recycling Communications

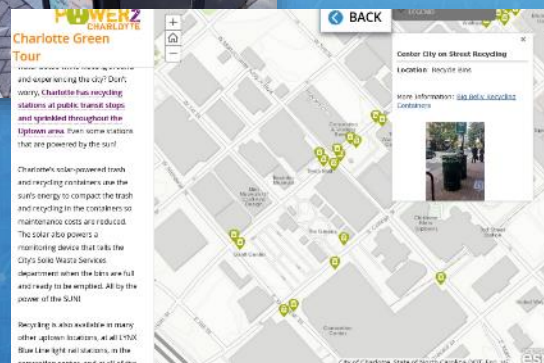
### POWER2 Charlotte Green Tour

#### Recycling

Stand up with a pack of a plastic water bottle while walking around and experiencing the city! Every morning, Charlotte has recycling stations at public transit stops and sprinkled throughout the city area. From some stations that are powered by the sun!

Charlotte's solar-powered trash and recycling containers use the sun's energy to compact the trash and recycling in the containers so maintenance costs are reduced. The solar also powers a monitoring device that tells the City's Solid Waste Services department when the bins are full and ready to be emptied. All by the power of the SUN!

Recycling is also available in many other locations, at all 1500 Blue Line light rail stations, in the transportation center, and at all of the



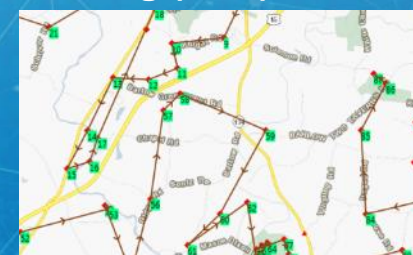
Charlotte

## Rail Status Monitoring



USA

## Smart Routing (UPS)



Pennsylvania

## Postal Delivery



Los Angeles



5,815,109 people movements in total

Mode of transport

Number of movements by mode of transport.



Time of day

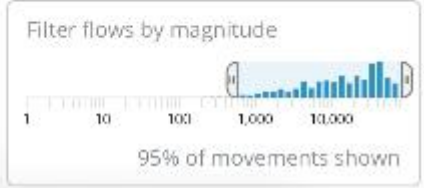
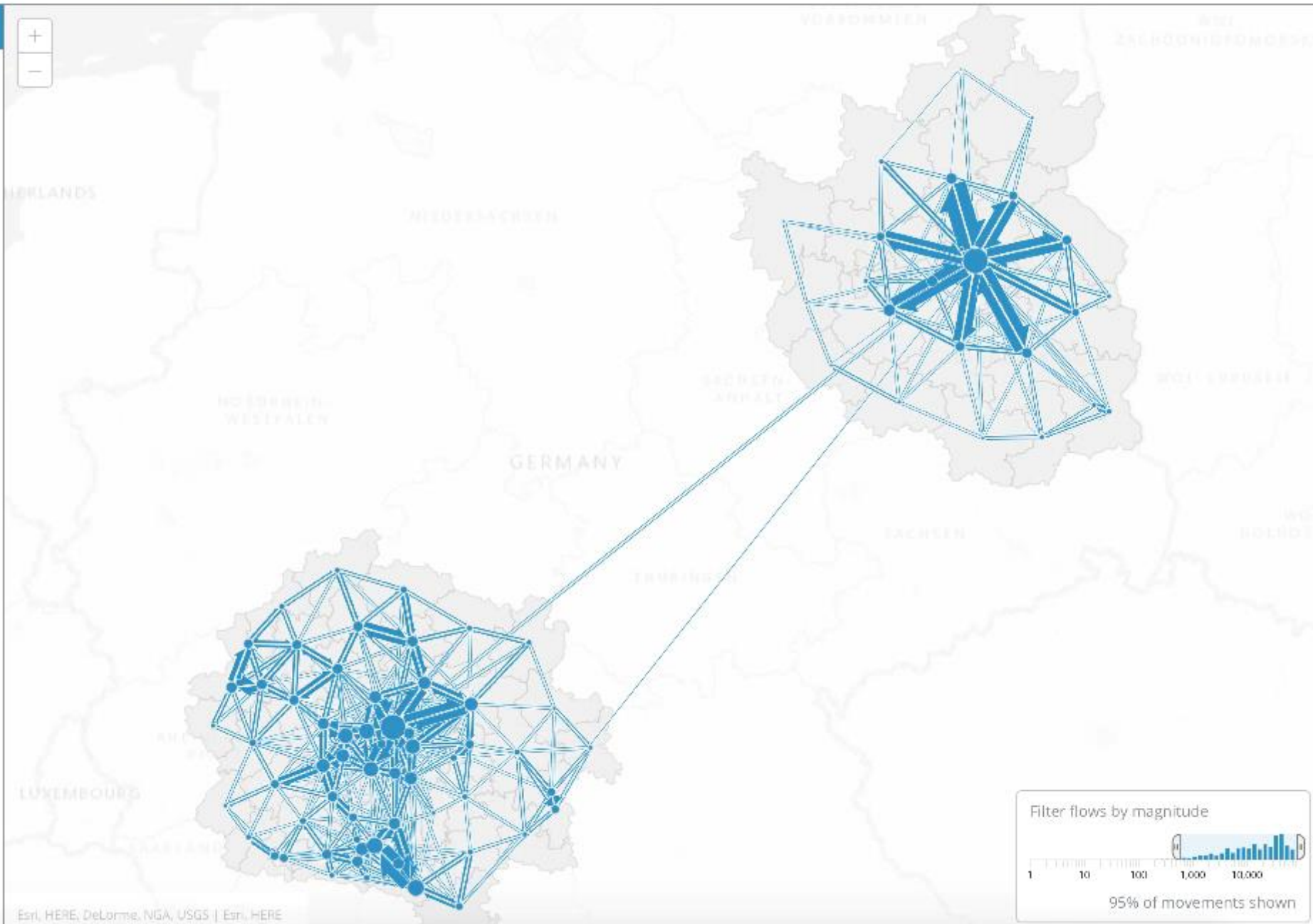
Number of movements by time of day.



Distance

Top Flows

Top Origins





# 13 CLIMATE ACTION



## Glacial Melt



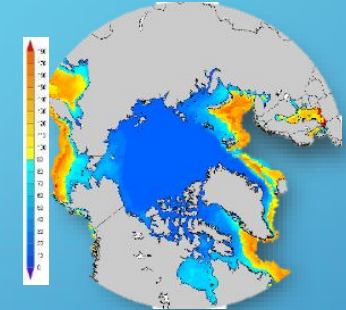
Bhutan (ICIMOD)

## Desertification Survey

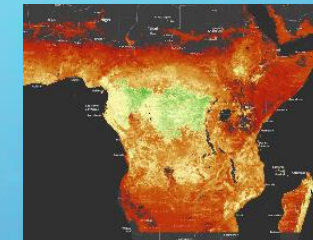


Turkey

## Calculating First Ice Freeze



## Biomass Assessment



Africa

## Monitoring Drought



NOAA

## Sea Level Rise



South Carolina

## Forest Carbon Reserves



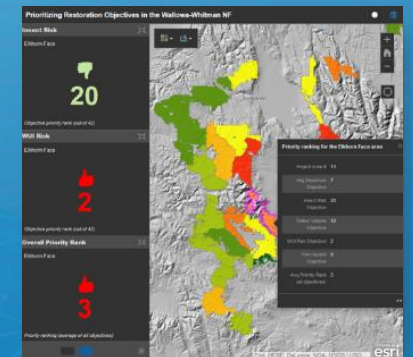
South America

## Groundwater Change

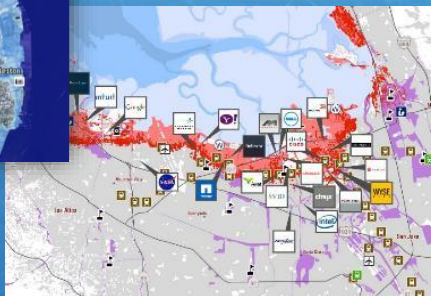


California

## Forest Restoration



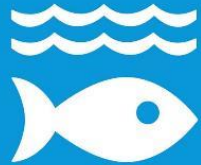
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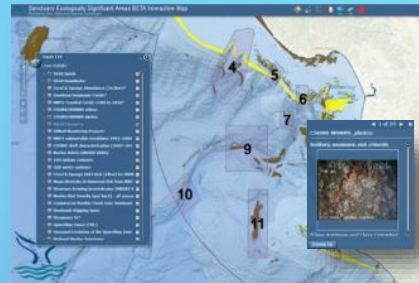
San Francisco



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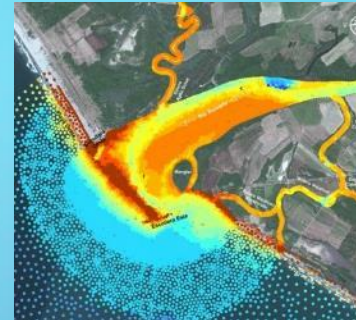


## Ecologically Significant Areas



NOAA—Monterey Bay

## Sediment Change



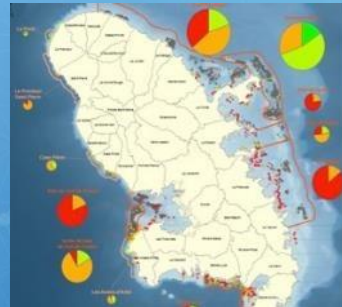
Mexico

## Marine Sanctuary



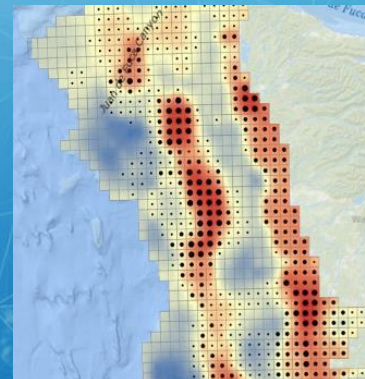
California

## Coral Communities



Martinique

## Ocean Modeling



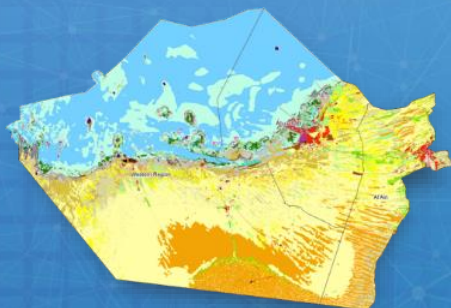
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## Biodiversity



Philippines

## Marine and Terrestrial Habitat



Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Reef Health



Cook Islands

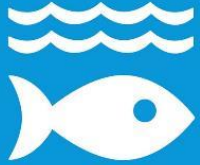
## Marine Protection Planning



Australia



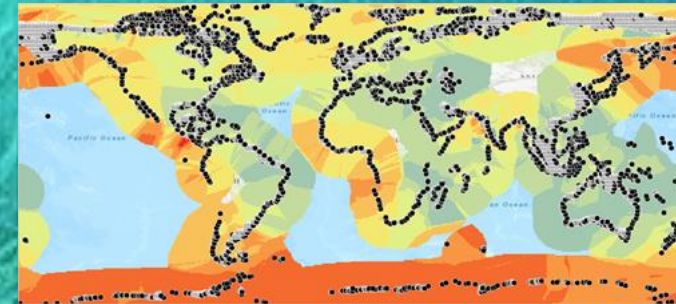
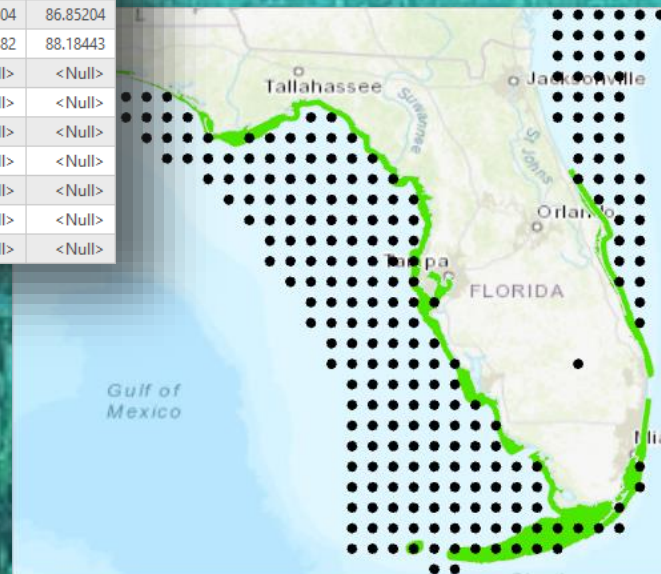
# 14 LIFE BELOW WATER



## Predicting Environmental Phenomena

Where Seagrasses Grows, Empirical Bayesian Kriging (EBK), Random Forest classifier

OBJECTID	SHAPE	pointid	temp	salinity	appO2ut	dissO2	nitrate	percO2sat
11	Point Z	24	-1.433144	34.18222	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>
13	Point Z	26	-1.439945	34.17537	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>
118	Point Z	307	-1.387401	34.32391	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>
753	Point Z	1739	-1.600642	34.03786	1.110779	7.211782	22.96304	86.85204
754	Point Z	1740	-1.56238	34.02853	0.997919	7.310482	21.98382	88.18443
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Empirical Bayesian Kriging

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
import numpy as NUM
import arcpy as ARCPY
import arcpy.da as DA
import pandas as PD
import seaborn as SEA
import matplotlib.pyplot as PLOT
import arcgisscripting as ARC
import SSUtilities as UTILS import os as OS
```

## Where does Seagrass grow?

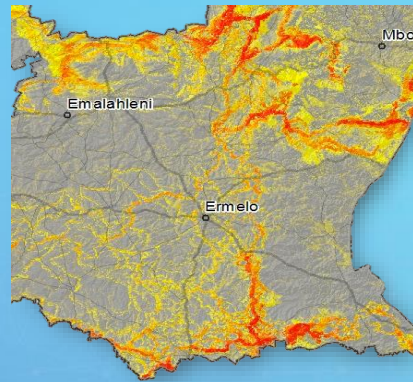
Prediction Variables:

- Temperature
- Salinity
- Phosphate
- Silicate
- Nitrate
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Type of Ecological Marine Unit





## Wildlife Conservation



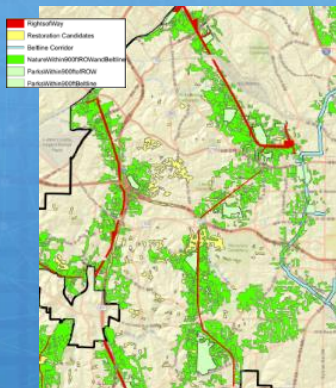
South Africa

## Wilderness Tour



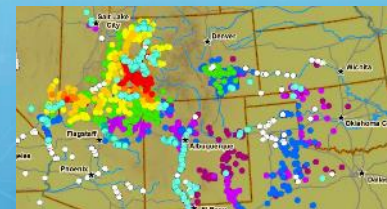
Steens Mountain Wilderness, Oregon

## Habitat Corridors



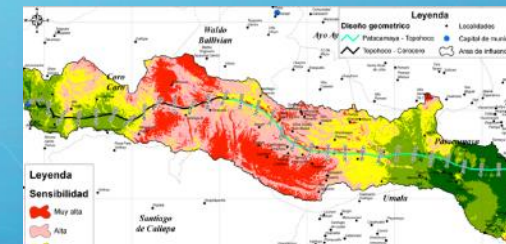
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## Invasive Species



Southwest, USA

## Ecosystem Sensitivity



Bolivia

## Green Infrastructure



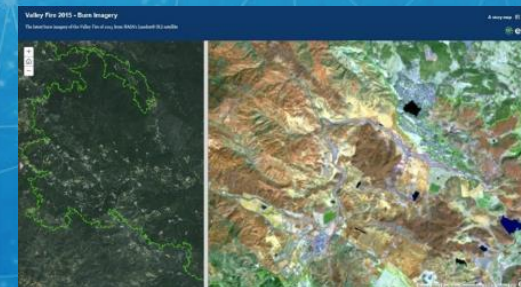
New Jersey

## Watershed



Alaska

## Wildlife Imagery



California

## Habitat Monitoring



USA



15 LIFE  
ON LAND



## Using Deep Learning to Assess Palm Tree Health

- Harnessing drone real-time capabilities of **monitoring** of crops and plants (e.g. Palm Trees)
- Inferring presence of **fungal & bacterial** diseases using image classification enabling an immediate response to identify containment zones & to contain contaminations
- **Benefits:**
  - Supervised Classification for autonomous systems
  - Real-Time Detection & Accelerated Response



Leaf Spots and Leaf  
Blights of Palm



Bud Rot of Palm



Graphiola Leaf Spot  
(False Smut) of Palm

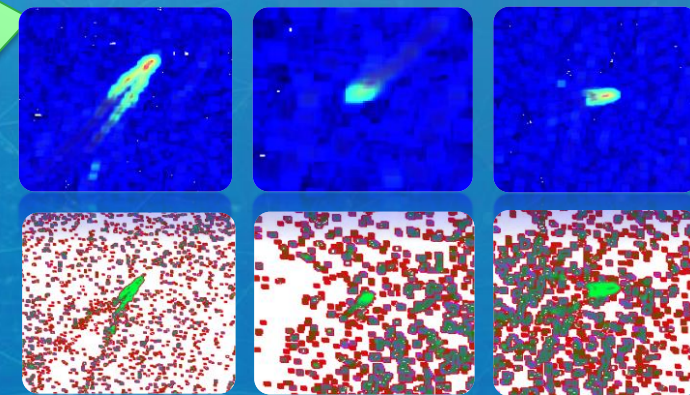


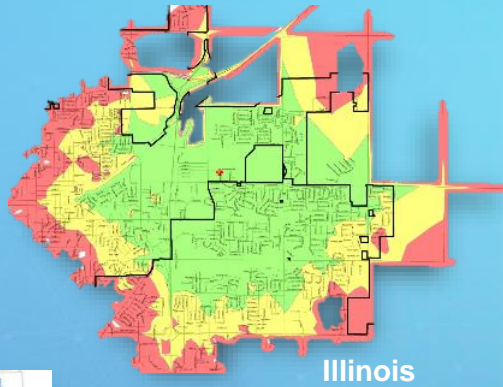
Image Classification to help Infer  
presence of contamination



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## Fire Response Times



## Fire Station Location/Allocation



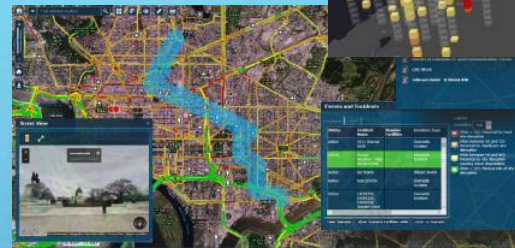
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## EMS Resources



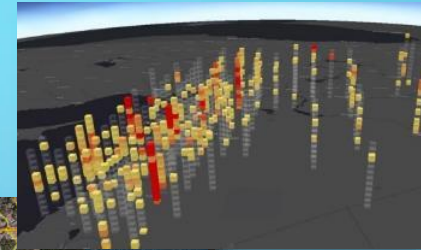
Tel Aviv, Israel

## Infrastructure Protection

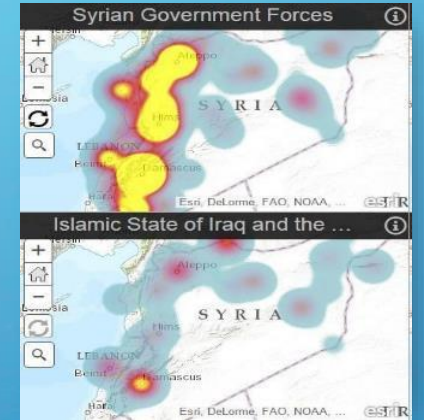


DHS

## Acts of Terrorism



## Violence Hot Spots



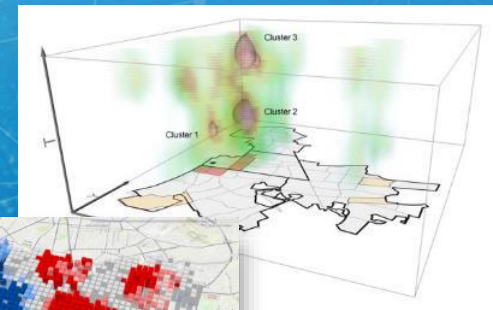
Syria

## Marathon Viewshed



London, England

## Spatiotemporal Crime Patterns

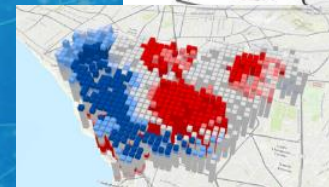


Louisiana

## Officer Involved Shootings



Texas



Peru



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## City in Motion

Geography-Wide  
Monitoring



### CRM

Demographics,  
Visitor Lines



Signaling Network  
Movement, Roaming



Analytics  
Home/Work  
Locations



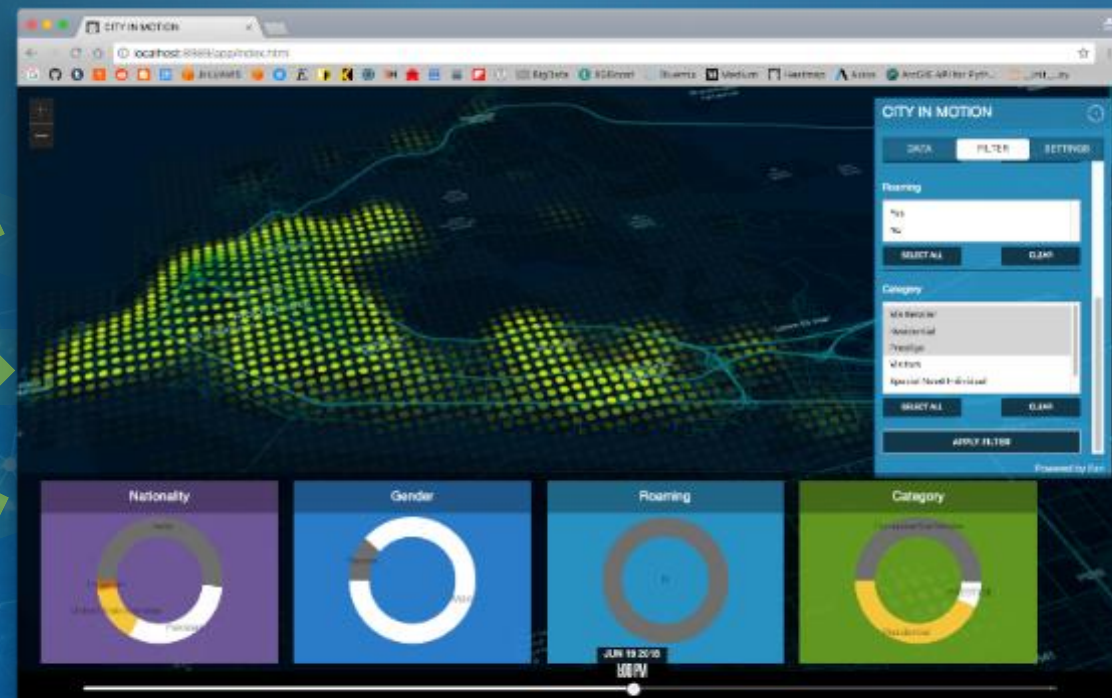
Data Packet  
Inspection DPI  
Web Activity



1 Billion  
Records Daily



200 GB  
Daily





# City In Motion Application

One Application .... Serves different industries & different tailored use cases



EPIDEMIC DISEASE  
SPREAD



TOURIST  
MOVEMENT POI



TRAFFIC IN/  
OUT FLOW



CROWD  
INTELLIGENCE



CRISES  
MANAGEMENT



One single Application that can serve all



Signaling  
Data



Analytic  
Models



CRM Data



Internet  
Data



IOT Data



Sky  
Data

Processing more than 1.5 billion records  
on daily bases and 3TB of data.



AI GEO Spatial  
GIS Map

HEALTH



TRANSPORT



UTILITIES



POLICE



MORE



INGESTING, ANALYZING and AND VISUALIZING UP TO BILLIONS OF SIGNALS PER SECOND



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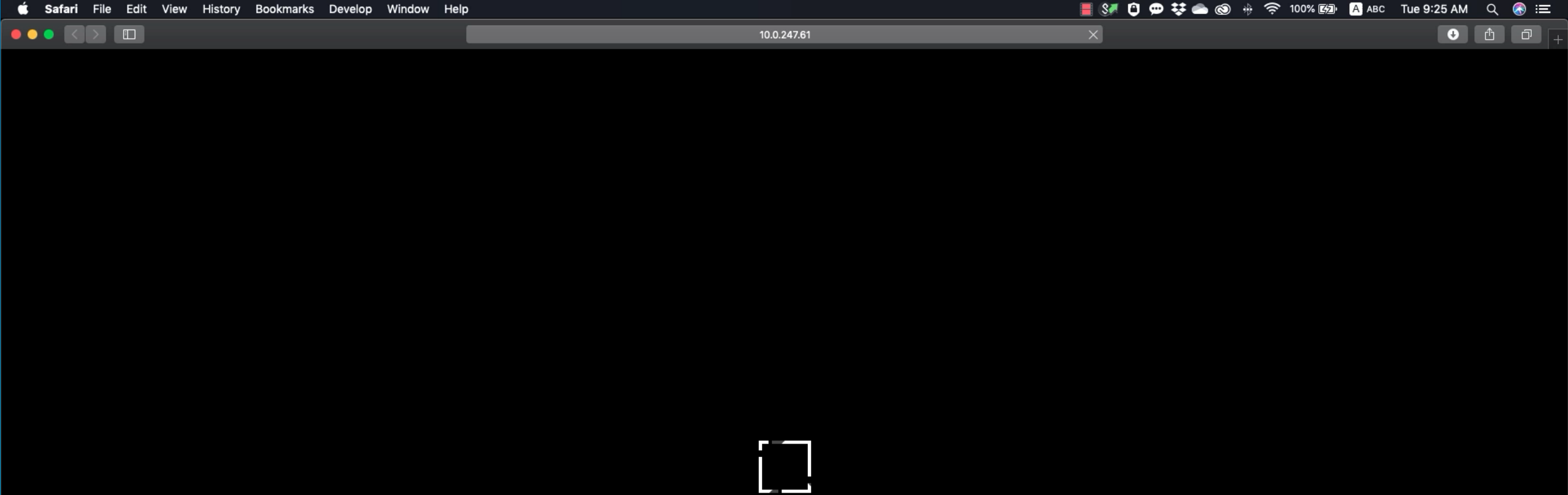


## Welcome to City In Motion

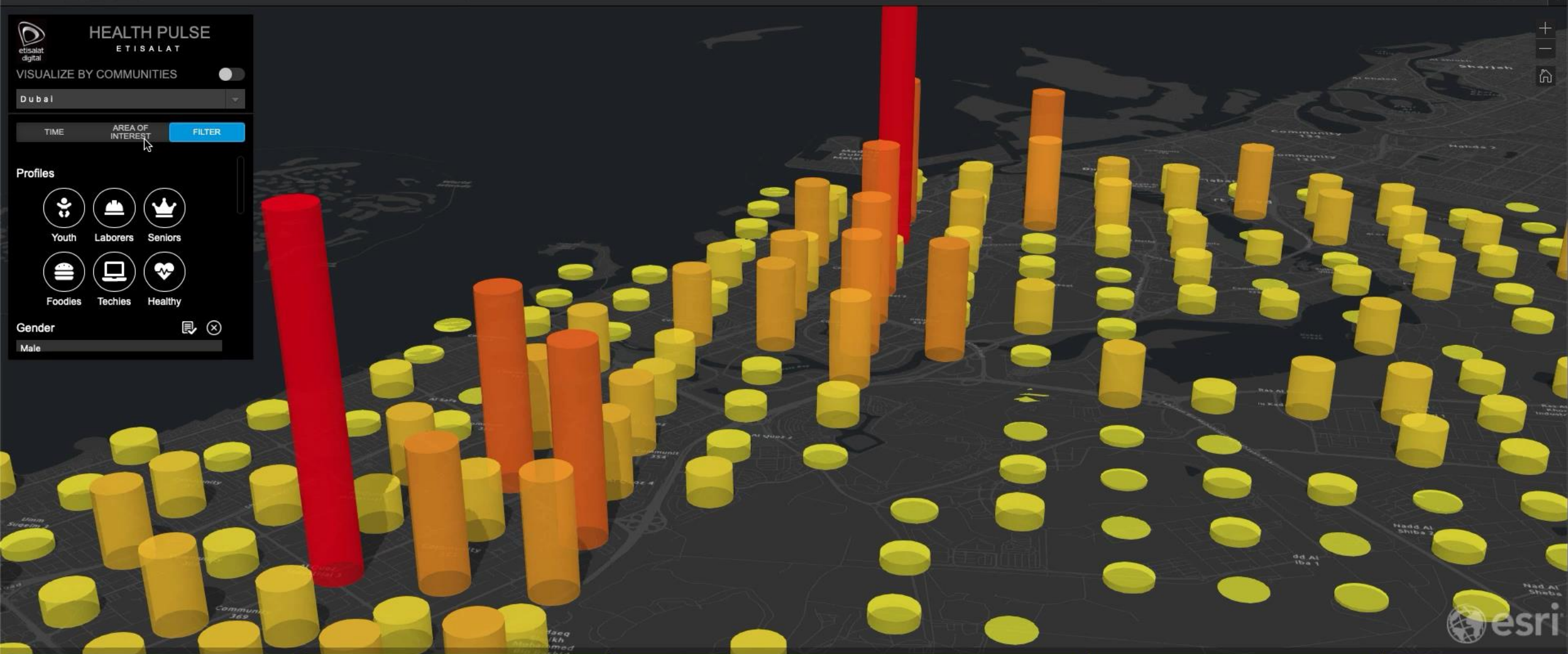
[City In Motion Application](#)

[City Population Density Application](#)









HEALTH PULSE  
ETISALAT

VISUALIZE BY COMMUNITIES ☐

Dubai

TIME AREA OF INTEREST FILTER

Profiles

Youth

Laborers

Seniors

Foodies

Techies

Healthy

Gender

Male

TOP COMMUNITIES	
JEBEL ALI INDUSTRIAL AREA	19.2%
AL QUOZ INDUSTRIAL	12%
JEBEL ALI INDUSTRIAL AREA	11.3%
DUBAI INVESTMENT PARK SECOND	8.7%
MUHAISANAH SECOND	7.5%
DUBAI DESERT	6.6%

GENDER		
	28.6%	2.7%
MALE	FEMALE	UNKNOWN

AGE				
	6.3%	16%	15.7%	7.4%
< 20 YRS	20-34 YRS	35-49 YRS	50-60 YRS	60+ YRS

TOP NATIONALITIES	
South Asian	41.8%
South Asian	25.2%
South East Asian	11.3%
South East Asian	6.6%
Other Arab & Iranian	5.1%
Gulf Arab	4.6%

PURCHASING POWER	
31.7%	22%
LOW	MED

# AI4SDG – roadmap to a Global Data Commons to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (1/2)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
الوزارة الاقتصادية  
المجلس التنفيذي  
للمناطق الحرة

Strategic support by:

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We invited global technology leaders to submit their views on what it would take to make Global Data Commons a reality

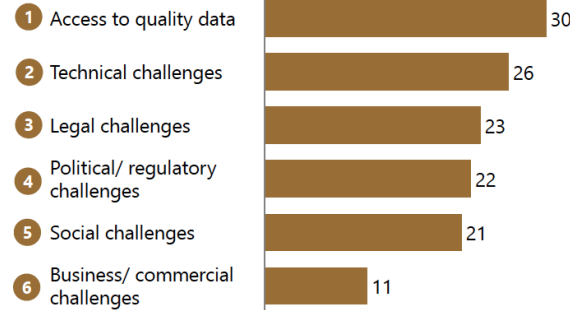


The Global Data Commons aims to deploy AI to help achieve the SDGs



- Capitalizing on the immense volume of data available and use AI to tackle the world's greatest challenges
- Detect, present and help scale-up use cases for AI enabling the 17 SDGs
- The use of AI for Sustainable Development Goals will allow us to:
  - Monitor progress towards the achievement of SDG
  - Simulate implications
  - Predict outcomes of measures taken
  - Provide recommendations for policy makers

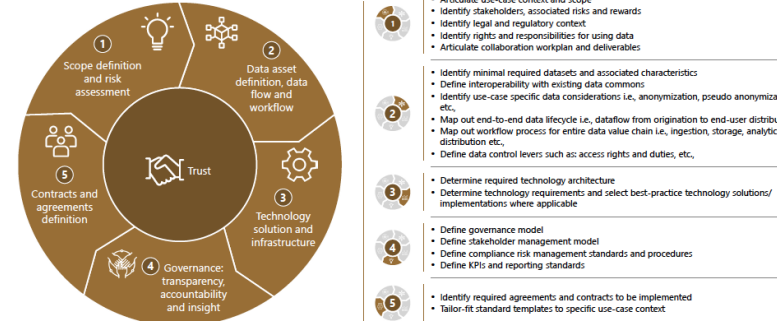
The position papers discuss several challenges that prevent the implementation of a GDC



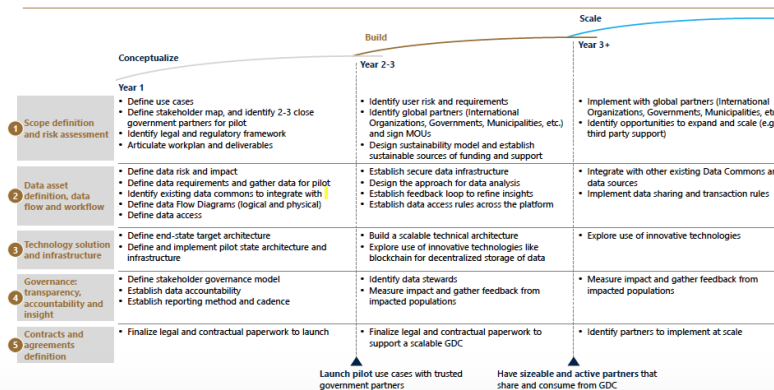
## Example quotes from position papers

- "...we are faced with a daunting task of both mining all this data and applying it effectively in ways that could be beneficial beyond singular applications." – Xprize, 2019
- "Data commons present one way to increase the diversity and accessibility of data through facilitating both public and secure collaborations across industries and disciplines, lowering barriers to data collection and sharing." – Berkman Klein Center, 2019
- "Even though every day, huge amount of data is captured from citizens, the fact is that 80% of this data is locked within proprietary data repositories of huge technology companies." – LTI, 2019
- "Developing countries [...] should benefit from a special ethical attention in this context and gain capacity to develop their own sustainable science capacities together with new capacities on processing big data and producing their own solutions based on artificial intelligence." – IQ2, 2019
- "A plethora of legal regimes around the world govern the collection and use of data, which some might consider too restrictive." – Paul Hastings, 2019
- "[...] data security obligations tend to be rather high-level and can be difficult to navigate, as they often require entities to implement 'reasonable' or 'appropriate' security mechanisms, without specifying what mechanisms satisfy such requirements." – Covington, 2019
- "[...] consumers fear they are losing control over their personal data and becoming increasingly vulnerable to privacy rights violations." – Bennett AI, 2019
- "Global governance system for emerging intelligent technologies and systems must [...] accommodate cultural differences." – IEEE, 2019
- "Need to 'assess current state and commercial viability of techniques to establish a good data encryption framework that works for data owners requiring privacy preservation techniques for data sharing in the GDC'." – AI Singapore, 2019
- "The proliferation of actionable data for business, governments and civil society demands new set of methodologies of data accumulation, data verification, and conclusion to ensure data are fit-for-purpose." – ADEC Innovations, 2019

Our review of the position papers indicates that we can follow an iterative and systematic approach to creating the Global Data Commons



- Articulate use-case context and scope
  - Identify stakeholders, associated risks and rewards
  - Identify legal and regulatory context
  - Identify rights and responsibilities for using data
  - Articulate collaboration workplan and deliverables
- Identify minimal required datasets and associated characteristics
  - Define interoperability with existing data commons
  - Identify use-case specific data considerations i.e., anonymization, pseudo anonymization, etc.
  - Map out end-to-end data lifecycle i.e., dataflow from origination to end-user distribution
  - Map out workflow process for entire data value chain i.e., ingestion, storage, analytics, distribution, etc.
  - Define data control levers such as: access rights and duties, etc.
- Determine required technology architecture
  - Determine technology requirements and select best-practice technology solutions/ implementations where applicable
- Define governance model
  - Define stakeholder management model
  - Define compliance risk management standards and procedures
  - Define KPIs and reporting standards
- Identify required agreements and contracts to be implemented
  - Tailor-fit standard templates to specific use-case context





A hand holding a camera lens with a colorful ring of segments, set against a cityscape background with geometric overlays.

# Vision

## GIS

Is Enabling a  
Sustainable World



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THE  
SCIENCE  
OF  
WHERE