



Project achievements overall review

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Presentation outline

- Context
- i-Sea's vision
- Coastal Erosion cardinal requirements
- S4S team composition
- The project structure and timeline
- Activities performed & Product delivery overview
- Deliverable status
- Main lessons learnt



Anticipate and prevent erosion impacts : a wordwide issue



GIEC, 2014: Changements climatiques 2014: Rapport de synthèse. Contribution des Groupes de travail I, II et III au cinquième Rapport d'évaluation du Groupe d'experts intergouvernemental sur l'évolution du climat [Sous la direction de l'équipe de rédaction principale, R.K. Pachauri et L.A. Meyer]. GIEC, Genève, Suisse, 161 p

Climate change

Sea level rise ⇒ erosion & submersion

- ⇒ 70% of the coastlines will face sea level rise within the average IPCC projections
- ⇒ Geopolitical threats
 - ⇒ Impairing the territorial integrity of island states and countries mainly coastal
 - ⇒ Massive population migration by 2100
- ⇒ Extreme hundred-year events will become annual
- ⇒ Ecological and economical threats: loss of invaluable ecosystems





2200

2250

2300

m) Global mean sea level

2150

2100

year

change relative to 1986-2005

IPCC, 2019: Summary for Policymakers. In: IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate [H.-O. Pörtner, D.C. Roberts, V. Masson-Delmotte, P. Zhai, M. Tignor, E. Poloczanska, K. Mintenbeck, A. Alegría, M. Nicolai, A. Okem, J. Petzold, B. Rama, N.M. Weyer (eds.)].

"For the 21st century, the benefits of protecting against increased coastal flooding and land loss due to submergence and erosion at the global scale are larger than the social and economic costs of inaction"

The cost of inaction ...

- US coastal property loss: 500 M\$ / an (NOAA, 2013)
- West Africa coastal degration: 3 800 M€ & 13 000 victims (WACA Program, World Bank, 2019)
- France worst IPCC projection, removing the protection infrastructures and measures: **47 300** endangered housing, representing a property value of **8 000 M**€ (Cerema, 2020)

... compared with the action cost

- US expenses of the federal government to control erosion: 150 M\$ / an (NOAA, 2013)
- Vietnam coastal adaptation to climate change: 3 000 M\$
- Europe (2001) coastline protection measures: **3 200 M€** (Eurosion, 2004)

France – favorable IPCC projection, maintaining the protection infrastructures and measures: **5000** endangered housing, representing a property value of **800** M€ (Cerema, 2020)

i-Sea's vision

A service platform to support decision making

- For whom ? Public authorities Coastal managers from local to national scale
- Users (e.g. Economic actors)
 The property experies and lead and property experies
 - The property sector and land and property owners
 - The insurance sector
 - The scientists

What for?



- Increase the knowlede and feed the territorial strategies to better prevent the impact of climate change
- Anticipate the crises and support protection and prevention actions ... at a global scale
 - Characterise erosion hasards and contribute to risk analysis
 - Chose and size the erosion adaption measures
- Contribute to the analysis and compensation of losses

How?



- High-frequency monitoring of erosion indicators
- At all scales
- Based on standardized methods



ESA's cardinal requirements



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- Involve final end-users (at least 3 entities from 3 different countries) all along the project
 - Express their requirements
 - Participate in / coorganise demo meetings
 - Assess the products' adequacy and utility
 - Analyse the feasibility of their integration in their working practice
 - Express their willingness to buy, in the future, the service & products

• Make use of freely available – and historical - datasets to the largest possible extent

- Sentinel 1 and Sentinel 2 missions (Develop and demonstrate innovative EO products)
- Combined with ERS-1, ERS-2, Envisat and SPOT archives
- Provide erosion analysis over a minimum of 1000 linear km of coast split into 3 different member states and provide the best products suited to end user requirements over the past 25 year

Space for Shore mantras

- A solution embracing all European Seas
- A monitoring solution for all coastal geomorphologies
- Products prescribed by their final endusers
- Products tested, approved and recommended by the scientific community
- Products for a worldwide resilient coastline





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Space for Shore Team

Prime Contractor & Project management

🌔 i-Sea

Optical remote sensing experts

💿 i-Sea **Regional Coordinator France**





Regional Coord. Greece

SAR remote sensing experts



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Service development



Coastal erosion experts









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TERRASIGNA **Regional Coord. Romania**

Work logic & consortium main strategy

Requirement analysis

- Focus coastal managers & coasta experts
- 22 interviews (FR, RO GR, GE, PT)
- 40 products requested
- 12 high priority erosion indicators selected

Tech Spec

- Include all possible algorithms already at consortium's disposal (including published ones)
- Try several algorithms per product
- Find solutions to use optical and SAR imagery in the production process for each product
- 24 individual algorithms

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POC

- Fulfill end-users' need
- Favor algorithm performance comparison ⇒ start validation phase
- Cross-compare errors achieved in different regions / countries
- Cross-compare errors achieved when using HR and VHR imagery and assess the potential of S1, S2 & image archives

Algorithm dev. & consolidation

- Favor product adoption
- Improve algorithm
 performance
- Develop new approaches to improve SAR-derived products

Large Scale Demo

- Extensive production
- Product validation
- Product suitability assessment for coastal dynamics analysis and erosion monitoring and/or prevention
- Consolidate product usage with the final end-users community

Roll-out analysis

- Analysis of feedbacks from end users and regional coastal experts
- Commercial perspectives and business model definition

Space for Shore - Final Meeting

Project timeline





			Regions of interest								-					
Fai	milv name	Product name	FR	FR	FR	GER	GER	РТ	GR	GR						
	,		AQ	NOR	PACA	ws	BS	NWC	EMT	PEL	RO	National governmental agencies, regional				
		Cliff foot			-							authorities, intermunicipal cooperation and				
	Shoreline	Cliff apex										municipalities, as well as natural site managers				
		Dune foot										inumcipalities, as well as natural site managers,				
		Waterline (sea/land interface)										research centers and coastal observatories				
		Middle of swash zone														
		Maximum swash (or														
		run-up) excursion										High priority				
	Coastal morphological patterns	Sandbar location														
		Beach width										indicators				
		Tidal creeks: number,														
		length, form, form and														
		number of tidal creek														
		Erosion at tidal creek														
		edges														
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	tal	Cliff topography										Liberté · Égalité · Fraternité HELLENIC REPUBLIC				
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	ŭ	Dune topography														
	ed er ing	Intertidal / foreshore										Products				
A ·	eab ove app	type														
	us c	(sandy/rocky/shingle/)										Landesant für Landwirtschaft, Umwelt und ländliche Bäume				
S P	tior	Vertical movement at										Highly promising low-				
N O	hot not	top-of-the-cliff										priority erosion indicator				
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Technical specifications



BATHYMETRY

Indicator Description

Purpose of the Indicator

This indicator is suitable to estimate water depth in shallow near-shore waters with low turbidity and sandy or bright bottoms. Bathymetry depth range is limited to depths of 0 to 10-15 m.

Method

If in-situ data is available, an empirical model is fitted between in-situ depths and satellite image pixel values.

If not, a semi-analytical approach based on a physical model is used representing phenomenon occurring during light transfer through the water column. Bottom albedo and light attenuation coefficient are estimated and considered constant.

Water depth can then be retrieved by applying either the empirical or the semianalytical model to all water pixels.



Regression diagrams between in-situ depths and satellite derived bathymetry using an empirical approach (top) and a semi-analytical approach (bottom

athymetry (m 1 9 2 10



athymetry map derived from a Sentinel-2 data (06/07/2019) using a semi-analytical approach - Saint-Raphael (France) -UTM zone 31 North.

Results Indicator Validation and Limits

The bathymetry computed by empirical and semi-analytical approaches are compared with in-situ data. Both approaches give similar results as shown in the regression diagrams with an average error of 0.28 m and 0.32 m respectively. The empirical approach, as it is based on in-situ data, provides generally more accurate results than the semi-analytical method. But the latter doesn't require any in-situ depths to provide good results.

User Feedback

The knowledge about nearshore bathymetry is of outmost importance to management and economic activities.

Date: 14.11.2019

COASTLINE DETECTION AND CHANGE

Indicator Description

Purpose of the Indicator

The shorelines from different years shows how a coast is evolving and which sections are affected by accretion and erosion. The ndicator is suitable for microtidal coasts that show

Method

The Water-Land Line from optical data is generated by using the band ratio between near Infrared and blue bands from Landsat-8 and Sentinel-2 products. Based on a threshold, the shoreline (1 >= Wet-Dry Line >= 0.9) is extracted. A polygonization of the mask is performed to generate vector data which are used for further analyses. The calculation of the change rate is based on the Net Shoreline Movement (NSM) method using the Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS) tool in ArcGIS.



Extracted coastline overlayed on Google Earth Pro Historic VHR data layers. Closest date is selected.

Authors: Prosper Evadzi, Kerstin Stelzer (Brockmann Consult)



OBSERVED COASTAL CHANCES AT NORTH-SEA SVLT ODDE (2001-2016)

Coastline development and net shoreline movement for southern Sylt (Sylt Odde) between 2001 and 2019.

Results

Indicator Validation

Each single shoreline derived from one satellite image is compared to VHR images available in accale Earth Pro and / or airborne orthophotos. Coastlines are further compared to derived information from airborne Laserscan data. The comparisons showed that the coastline with very similar acquisition dates show very good agreement, but the coast can change within one year depending on water level and impact by anthropogenic influences.

User Feedback

The results look already very promising. Comparison with airborne data provided by the users are satisfactory. Water level should be included as metadata to the products when assessing the results.

References

Orthophotos and Laserscan data are provided by user LKN Landesbetrieb für Küstenschutz, Nationalpark und eeresschutz Schleswig-Holstein).

Date: 02.12.2019

TOP OF THE CLIFF VERTICAL MOVEMENT

Indicator Description

Purpose of the Indicator

'his indicator represents the cliff movement in the .OS (line of sight) of satellite for six years (2014-2019).

Method(s)

A series of Sentinel 1 SLC images from 18,10,2014 to 22.09.2019 were processed and then coregistered to extract points with high temporal coherence which estimate the satellite's line-of-sight (LOS) movement using the interferometric point target analysis (IPTA) method. A series of interferograms were generated using a single reference image (in the middle of time series). Then a reference point was chosen that is oughly equidistant from the AOI's limits, located on geological basement having a height near the area's average values. The interferograms were unwrapped and the atmospheric contribution was filtered out. Then a mask was applied extracting the inal product, a list of points that correspond to the hresholds of standard deviation, spatial coherence, and residual height.



Authors: Konstantina Bantouvaki, Minos Fylaktos, Issaak Parcharidis (HUA)



Top of cliff LOS movement in the area of Erretegia derived from 121 S1 SLC Scenes using GAMMA- IPTA software.

Results

Indicator Validation and Limits

the validation will be performed using the data sources as laser scanning or around base interferometry for each area of interest- if available.

User Feedback

Regional to local authorities defining and enforcing specific mitigation measures, such as reducing the vulnerability by means of structural interventions and planning.

Date: 05.01.2020

Authors: Olivier Regniers (i-SEA)



Technical specifications & POC strategy

Family		Sensor			
name	Product name	Optical	SAR		
	Cliff foot	2 (2 \/110)	1		
	Cliff apex	3 (2 VHR)	T		
ine	Dune foot	5 (3 VHR)	1		
Jorel	Waterline (sea/land interface)	4	1		
S	Middle of swash zone				
	Maximum swash (or run-up) excursion during major storms	5 (1 VHR)			
al	Sandbar location & change	2	Unachievable		
tal logic rns	Beach width	4	1		
Coas orpho patte	Tidal creeks: number, length, form, form and number of tidal creek endings	1	1		
Ē	Erosion at tidal creek edges	1	1		
EMs	Bathymetry	3	1		
tal DE	Cliff topography	2 (VHR)	1		
Coas	Dune topography	2 (VHR)	1		
Seabed cover mapping	Intertidal / foreshore type (sandy/rocky/shingle/)	2	1		
Coastal land vertical motion	Vertical movement at top-of-the-cliff	Unachievable	1		



- ✓ 24 individual algorithms
- ✓ Several algorithms per product
- ✓ All products can be obtained either from optical or SAR data

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- 245 anticipated products in order to showcase ALL high-priority erosion indicators
 - Where the request was formulated by the end-user
 - Focusing simultaneously several countries or region
 - In priority where validation data are available or where experts can qualitatively evaluate the products

Eamily name	Droduct name	Country code / Regions of interest								
ranning name	Product name				GER		PT	GR	GR	RO
		AQ	NOR	PACA	NS	BS	NWC	EMT	PEL	RO
	Cliff foot	10	10			0	0	2	0	
	Cliff apex	8	7			0		2	0	
Sharalina	Dune foot	8	0				5	1		
Shoreline	Waterline (sea/land interface)					27		35		22
	Middle of swash zone			30						0
	Maximum swash excursion during major storms			0						3
Coastal manufalazioal	Sandbar location	0			14		0			8
Coastal morphological	Beach width	3	2							
patterns	Tidal creeks morphology				21					
Coastal DEM	Bathymetry	8	0	11			3	1	0	0
3D Evolution	Top-of-the-cliff vertical movement	2	2							



- 245 anticipated products in order to showcase
 - Massively products based on S1 & S2
 - Products based on lower resolution imagery





- 245 anticipated products in order to showcase
 - Indicators retrieved from SAR and optical data







- 245 anticipated products in order to showcase
 - Short product times series useful to prepare erosion analysis according to end-users requests





Objectives

- Present objectively the accuracy of the produced indicators either based on optical/SAR and on Landsat, SPOT, VHR, Sentinels, ERS/ENVISAT
- Convince the end-users that the products delivered fit their expectations in terms of horizontal and vertical accuracies & move on towards large scale demo
- Drive the development of innovative algorithms
- Improve Technical Specification during phase 2
- Plan the validation experiment for phase 2

What

- 13 algorithms evaluated
- 35 products evaluated



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In terms of horizontal and vertical accuracies, final end-users requests often difficult to reach although the results seem promising and were approved during the MTR by the end-users

- Large scale deployment on a historical basis is secured based on optical data
 - Bathymetry
 - Submerged sandbars
 - Waterline
 - Beach width
- Large scale deployment for the following indicators is promising
 - Dune foot based on optical data
 - Cliff lines
 - Tidal flat and tidal creek morphology
 - Top-of-the-cliff vertical movement
- Innovations are expected
 - Maximum swash zone excursion
 - Middle of swash zone ⇒ Upper swash limit
 - Dune foot detection based on Landsat/SPOT
 - Top-of-the-cliff vertical movement ⇒ PSI and DSAS
 - SAR-derived bathymetry ⇒ wavelet approach
 - SAR-derived cliff lines ⇒ multiple views
 - SAR-derived creek morphology indicators \Rightarrow ERS
 - Algorithms to serve erosion analysis and anticipation

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al data		Cliff foot					
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	Jorel	Waterline (sea/land interface)		X			
	SI	Middle of swash zone ⇒ Upper swash limit	X				
		Maximum swash (or run-up) excursion during major storms	X				
	cal	Sandbar location & change					
	stal Iogi erns	Beach width					
	Coa: norphc patte	Tidal creeks: number, length, form, form and number of tidal creek endings					
	Ľ	Erosion at tidal creek edges					
	EMs	Bathymetry		X			
	stal D	Cliff topography	X	X			
	Coas	Dune topography					
	Seabed cover mapping	Intertidal / foreshore type (sandy/rocky/shingle/)					
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245 anticipated products ⇒ 170 products disseminated

The initial database that will fill the large scale demo



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Family		Sensor				
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	Cliff foot					
	Cliff apex	***	*			
	Dune foot	X				
eline	Waterline (sea/land interface) & creek edge detection	XXX	XX			
Shor	Upper swash limit	×				
	Maximum swash (or run-up) excursion during major storms	×				
	Vegetation limit	×				
tal ologi terns	Sandbar location & change	X				
Coas	Beach width	X				
mc	Erosion at tidal creek edges					
EMs	Bathymetry	×	X X			
ital D	Cliff topography	×	×			
Coas	Dune topography					
Seabed cover mapping	Intertidal / foreshore type (sandy/rocky/shingle/)					
Coastal land vertical motion	Vertical movement at top-of-the-cliff		XX			



15 algorithms left

Tech Spec 2020 : final delivery & demo strategy

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- 1 445 products delivered in total (including 170 POC products)
 - In order to fulfil end-users' requests and ESA's cardinal requirements



Large scale demo in numbers

The total production effort encompasses 2400 linear km of coast split into 5 different member states

More than 3 000 sat images - ½ SAR ½ Optical 1/3 of the final products (about 1500) based on the Sentinels

- Based on the high priority-products requested, coastal dynamics was analysed for 1264 linear km of coast split into 5 different member states
- Based on the products requested, coastal dynamics was quantitatively analysed for 975 linear km of coast split into 3 different member states (FR, GE, RO) & for 7 products:
 - Submerged sandbars (FR, GE, RO)
 - Bathymetry (based on optical data) (FR)
 - Waterline (GE, RO)
 - Upper swash limit (FR)
 - Dune foot (FR Nouvelle Aquitaine & Normandy)
 - Cliff lines (FR Nouvelle Aquitaine & Normandy)
 - Cliff vertical movement (FR Nouvelle Aquitaine & Normandy)

Large scale demo in numbers

- Upon end-users' request, historical databases have been successfully produced encompassing 1 493 linear km of coast split into 4 different countries, 485 linear km if we consider erosion analysis based on long time-series :
 - Submarine sandbars, including a monthly sandbar dynamics analysis over the last 30 years in Romania (140 km)
 - Bathymetry, including seasonal sediment budget analysis over the last 27 years in France (South PACA, 19 km, 15 km²)
 - Tidal channels & tidal creeks, including interannual to annual qualitative assessment of erosion at tidal creek over the last 28 years in Germany (41 km, 240 km²)
 - Waterlines in Greece (900 km), also including monthly shoreline changes analyzed over the last 30 years in Romania (140 km) and interannual to annual dynamics over the last 19 years in Germany (60 km)
 - Beach widths in Greece (63 km)
 - Dune foots, including seasonal to annual dune foot change analysis over the last 33 years in France (Nouvelle Aquitaine, 63 km)
 - Cliff vertical movements, including monthly ground deformation analysis for the last 25 years in France (Nouvelle Aquitaine and Normandy, 30 km)
 - Cliff apex and cliff bottoms, including interannual to annual cliff line dynamics over the last 25 years in France (Normandy and Nouvelle Aquitaine, total demo length: 100 km)



	Bathymetry	DEM	Cliff lines	Dune foot	Submerged sandbars	Tidal flat / tidal creek morph.	Top of the cliff movement	Waterline and Upper swash limit (replace Middle of swash Zone)
FR - Fréjus- St Raphaël	Landsat-8, Sentinel-2, Pléiades							Sentinel-2, Landsat, Pléiades
FR - Camargue	Sentinel-2							Sentinel-2
FR - Corniche Basque		Pléiades	Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2, Pléiades, SPOT					
FR - Erretegia	Sentinel-1	Pléiades	Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2, Pléiades, SPOT					
FR- Nord Médoc				Sentinel-2, SPOT				
FR - Vaches Noires			Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2, SPOT					
FR - Biscarrosse				Sentinel-2				
GE - Kiel Probstei					Sentinel-2			Sentinel-2, Landsat
GE - NS Blauort						Sentinel-2, Landsat		
GE - NS Sylt Odde					Sentinel-2			Sentinel-2, SPOT, Landsat
GE - Fehmarn					Sentinel-2			Sentinel-2, Landsat
RO - Sulina-Sf. Gheorghe					Sentinel-2, Landsat, SPOT, Pléiades			Sentinel-2, SPOT, Pléiades, Landsat Sentinel-1, ERS
GR - Vistonis- Maroneia								Landsat, Sentinel-2, SPOT7
PT - Leiria			Sentinel-2					
PT - Aveiro	Sentinel-1			Pléiades, WorldView, Sentinel-2				
PT - Mondego	Sentinel-1							
PT - Figueira Foz	Sentinel-1							

Regional demo meetings at a glance

9 meetings achieved – October – November 2020 Total: 206 attendees





















Product and service roll-out analysis

Today at 2 pm

With the testimonies of coastal experts and final end-users

- François Sabatier and Stéphanie Oudin, South Region
- Vincent Bawedin , CdC Grands Lacs
- Christian Reimers, LLUR
- Celso Pinto, APA
- Thanasis Nalmpantis, Region of Eastern Macedonia & Thrace

Deliverable status

- Deliverable 1.1 Requirement Baseline
 - 19/04/2019
 - 23/04/2019
- Deliverable 1.2 Technical Specification
 - 12/07/2019
 - 13/08/2019
 - 30/09/2019
 - 15/10/2020
- Deliverable 1.3 Product Validation Plan
 - 7/01/2020
 - 10/01/2020
 - 22/01/2020

- Deliverable 2.1 Product Delivery
 - Half completed: 23/09/2020
 - 75% achieved: 02/10/2020
 - Final delivery: 11/12/2020
- Demo meeting summary
 - 2/12/2020
- Deliverable 2.2 Product Validation Report
 - 4/12/2020
- Deliverable 2.3 Final Report
 - 11/01/2021: Service roll-out analysis completed
 - 13/01/2021: first version of the final report
 - 20/01/2021 : Final report completed



Main lessons leart

- Working for ESA: a great opportunity for a small startup
- Project management ... is time consuming
 - But a great experience with S4S partners!
- Communication is a full-time job supported by a strategy
 - 2 peer-review publications submitted
 - 9 conference papers
 - 2 Newsletters ... and almost nothing else in terms of large scale communication!





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Let's go to session 2

All details about satellite-based Coastal Erosion Products !



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