

# Innovations and Challenges in the Use of Open Remote- Sensing Data and Tools



<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/91291/the-ups-and-downs-of-lake-chad> 2017

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**REMOTE SENSING:** The science and art of identifying, observing and measuring an object without coming into direct contact (NASA)

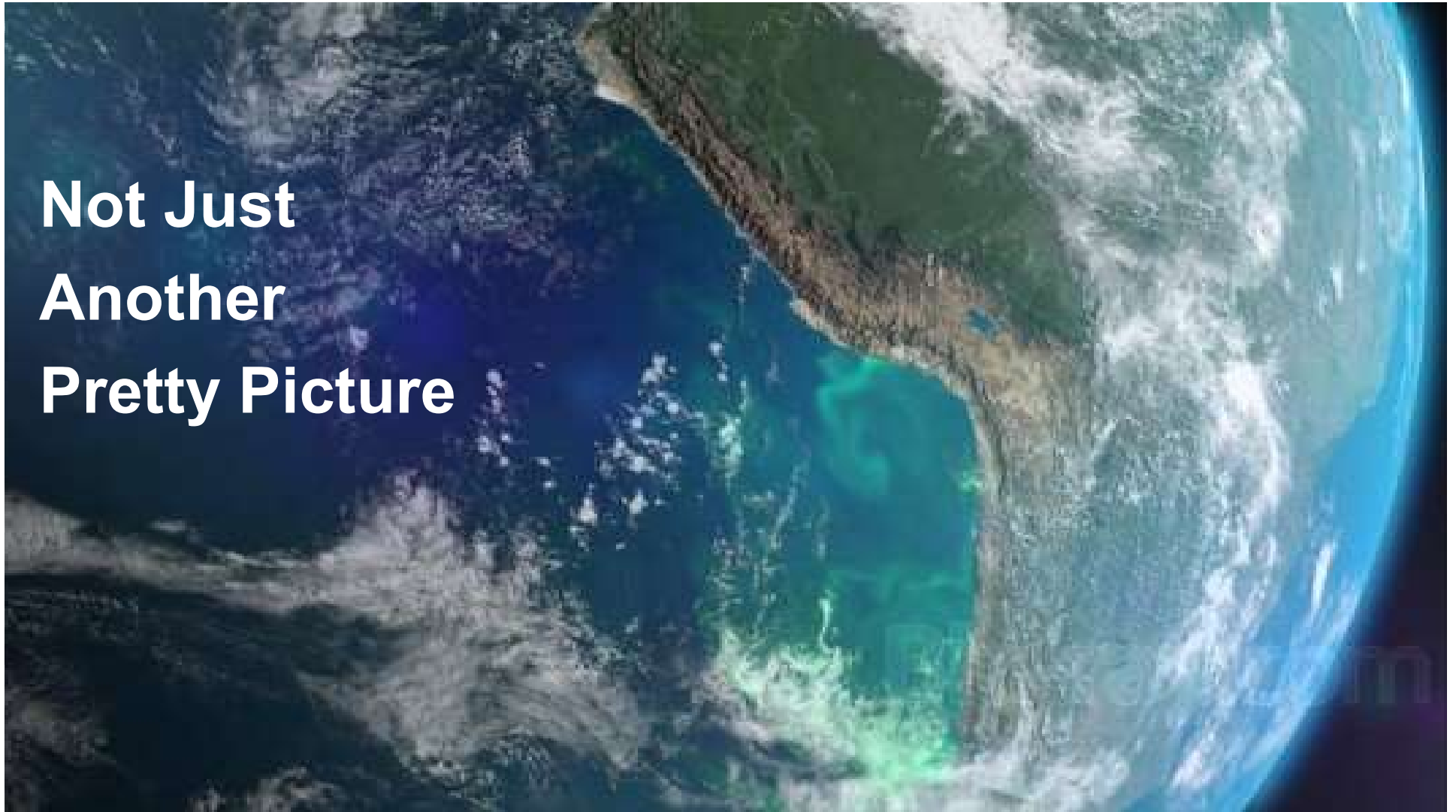


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mercury  
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**Not Just  
Another  
Pretty Picture**

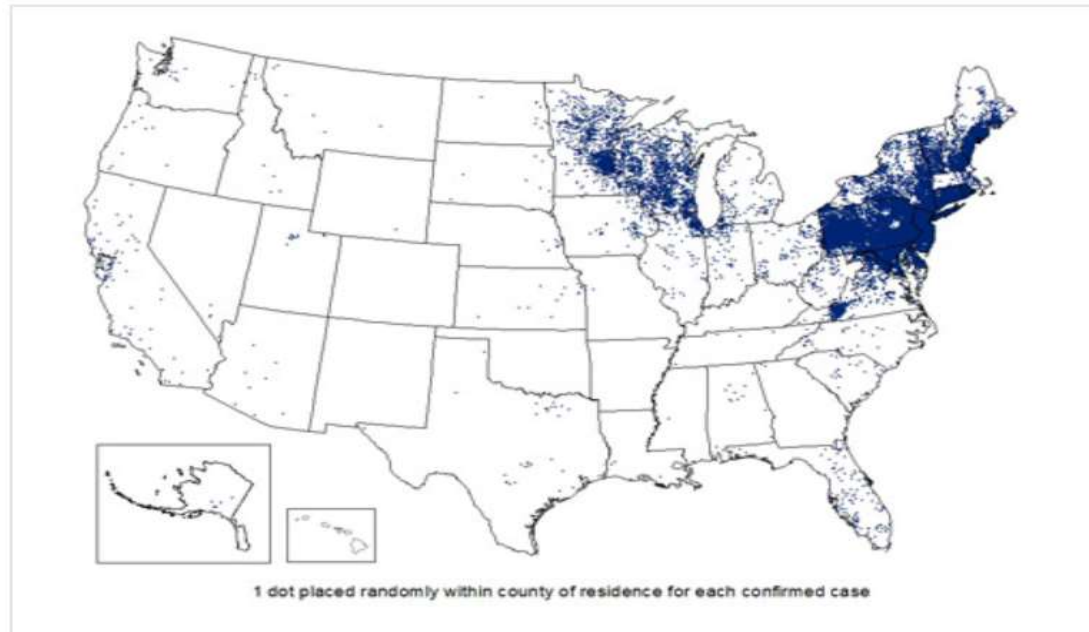




# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

## Reported Cases of Lyme Disease – United States, 2016



# Spatial Resolution

Spatial resolution refers to the pixel size of the satellite image. The lower the number (e.g., 1m) the finer the clarity of image)



**Aqua (MODIS)**  
250m Resolution



**Landsat-8**  
30m Resolution



**Sentinel-2**  
10m Resolution



**PlanetScope (Dove)**  
3m Resolution



**Pleiades**  
0.5m Resolution



**Worldview-4**  
0.3m Resolution

# Temporal Resolution

Varies by satellite and describes the time it takes for an individual satellite to orbit and revisit a specific area.



	(#)	Days between images
Aqua (MODIS)	(1)	■
PlanetScope (Dove)	(172)	■
Worldview-4	(1)	■ (When requested)
Pleiades	(2)	■ (When requested)
Sentinel-2	(2)	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ 5 Days
Landsat-8	(1)	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ 16 Days

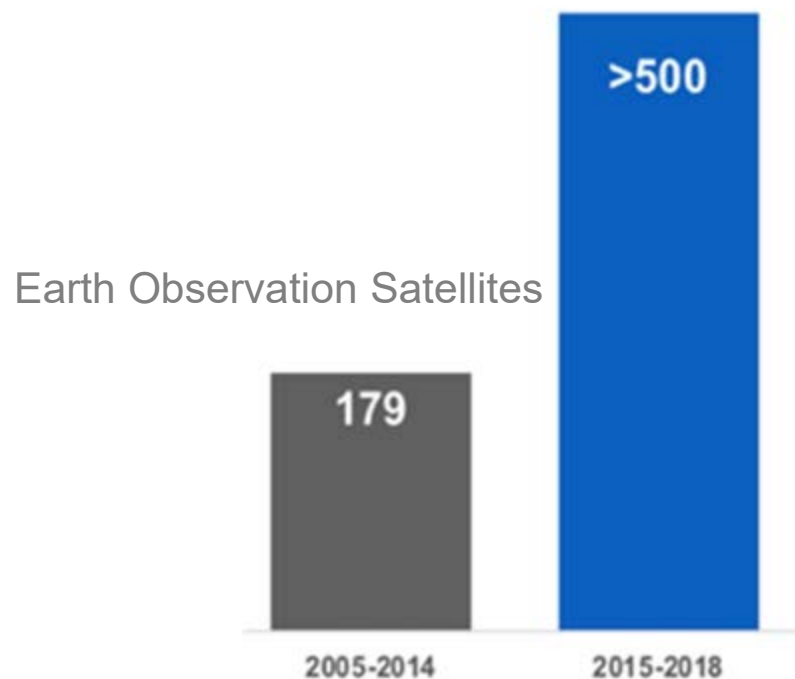
# OPPORTUNITIES



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# Dramatic Increase In Imagery Supply

Earth Observation Satellites



Satellite



Aircraft



Drone

# Internet of Things



**RFID**



**Bluetooth**



**Biosensors**



**Mobiles and  
Tablets**

# New Tools for Processing and Analysis



**Cloud Computing**

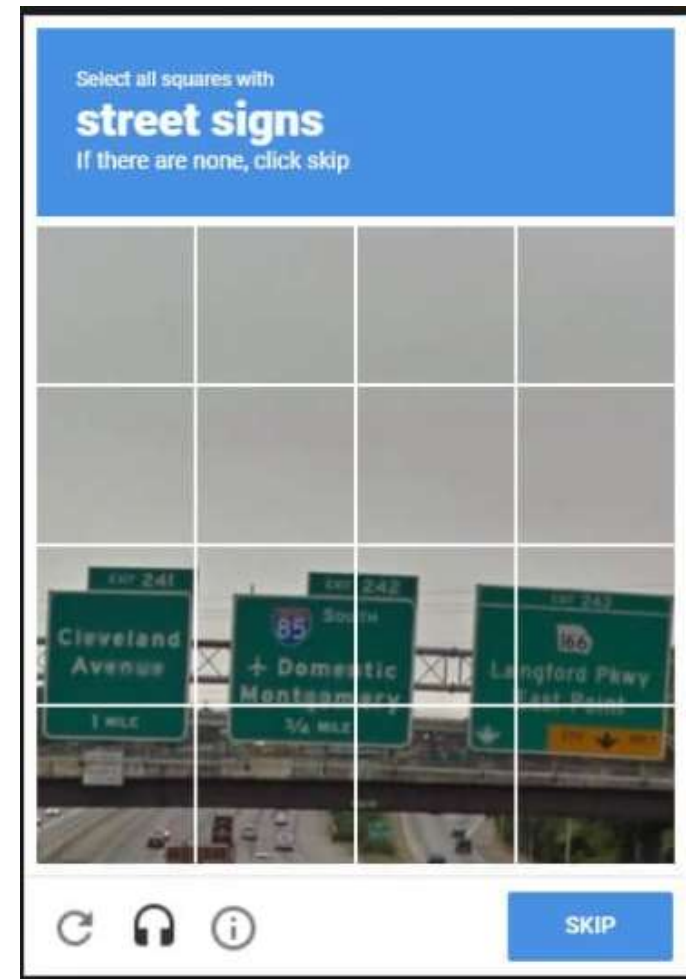


**Machine Learning**

# Computer Vision



✓ I'm not a robot





Open  
Data

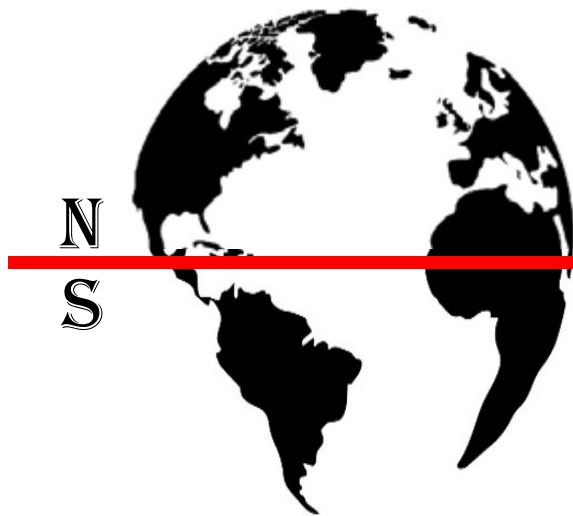


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# CHALLENGES

# The Dual Contexts of Earth Observation



**Data producers vs consumers**

**Widening technology divide**

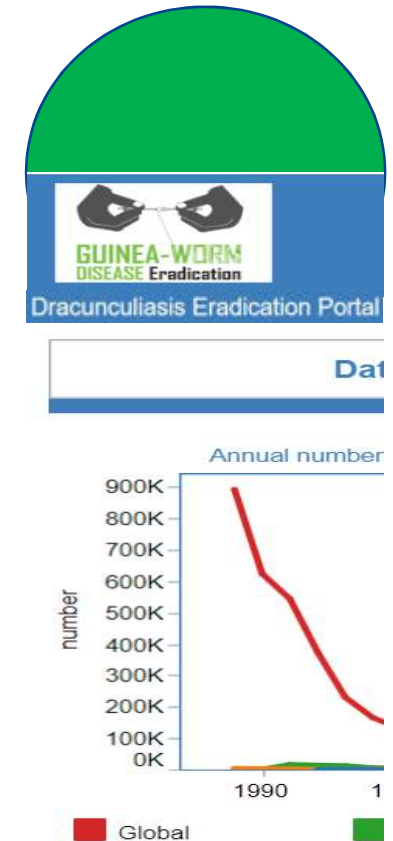
**Differential access despite “open”**

# Data Discovery

- ☐ Innumerable sources of data
  - Velocity and volume
  - Storage space and costs
- ☐ Inherent complexity
  - Data standards
  - Catalogs/tagging
- ☐ Time, software, expertise



# Data Silos



# Ground Truth



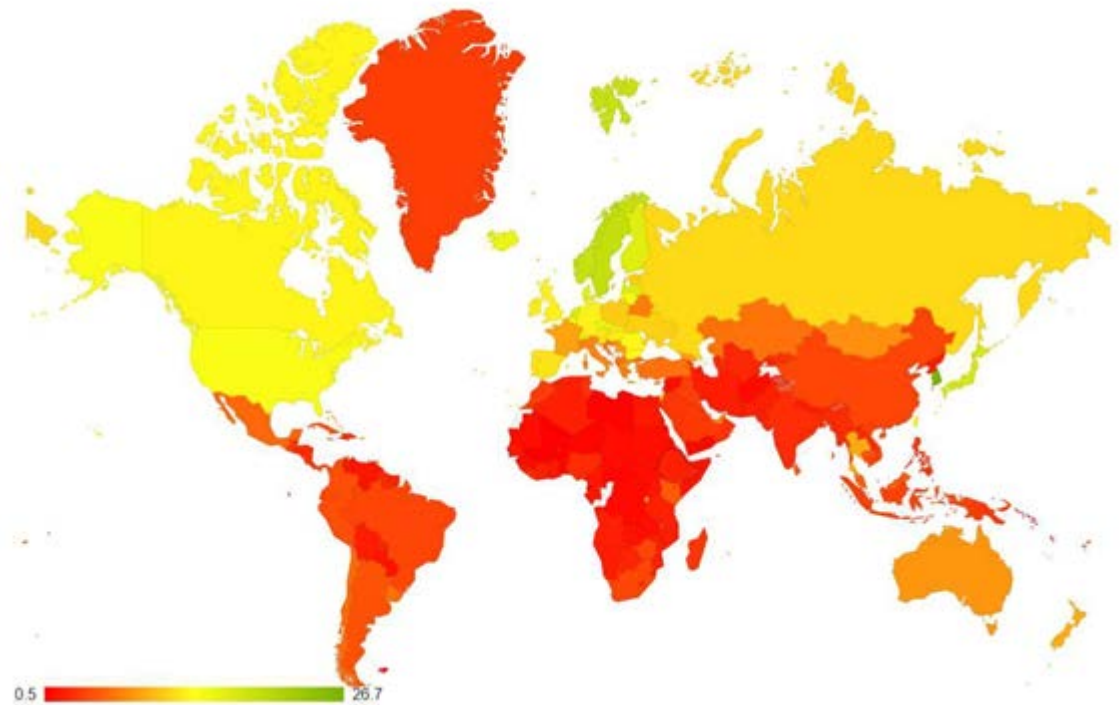
# ICT Infrastructure

Upload/download speeds  
limit cloud computing

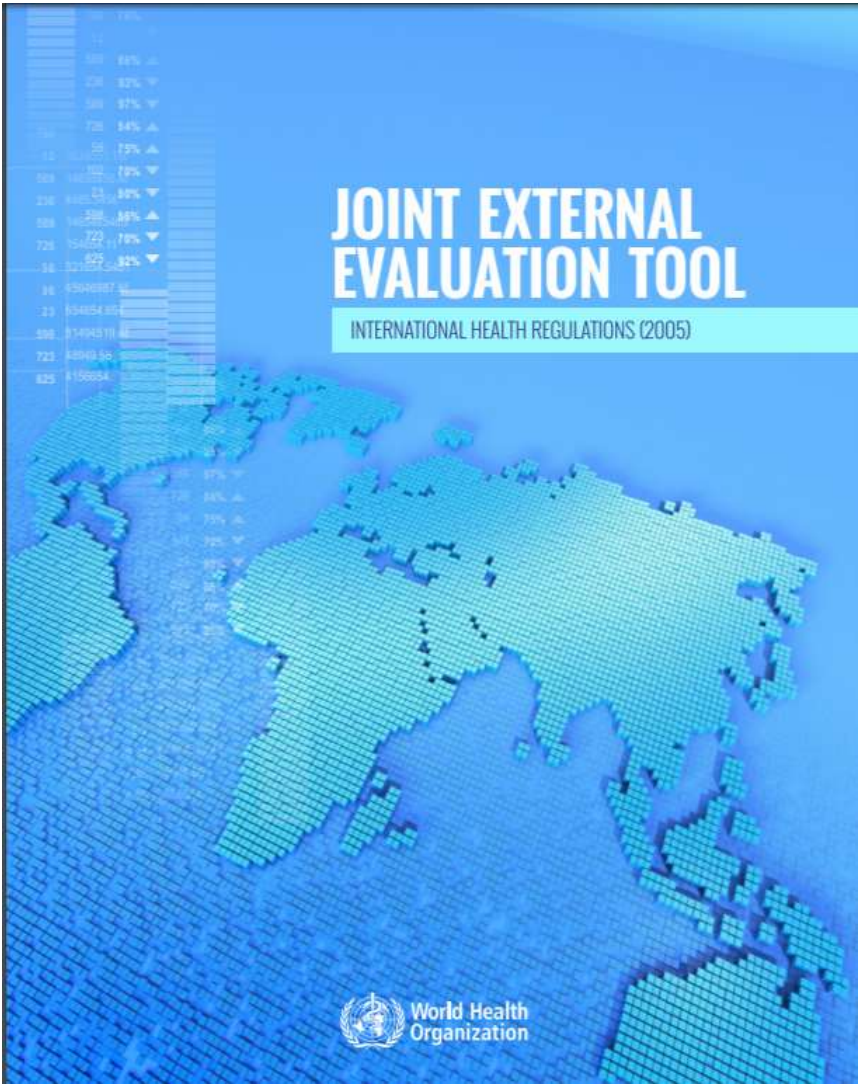
1GB via 14.4 modem ~ 167  
hours

GSDI equally poor or non-  
existent

Top 10 Average Internet Speeds: European, Middle Eastern & African Countries



LEADERS	CHALLENGERS	ASPIRANTS
Advanced NSDI	NSDI focused on collection and aggregation	Basic NSDI, under development or in planning
National Mapping Agency	Thematic layers (cadastral, topography, utilities and transport infrastructure) available every 6-12 months)	Thematic layers of lower resolution; updates lag 3-5 years
Space Agency	EO imagery generally above 3m  Provides general access  Integrated data centers and data clearinghouses	Little or no current EO data



<http://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/204368>

# WHAT NEXT



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# 1 Invest in GDSI.

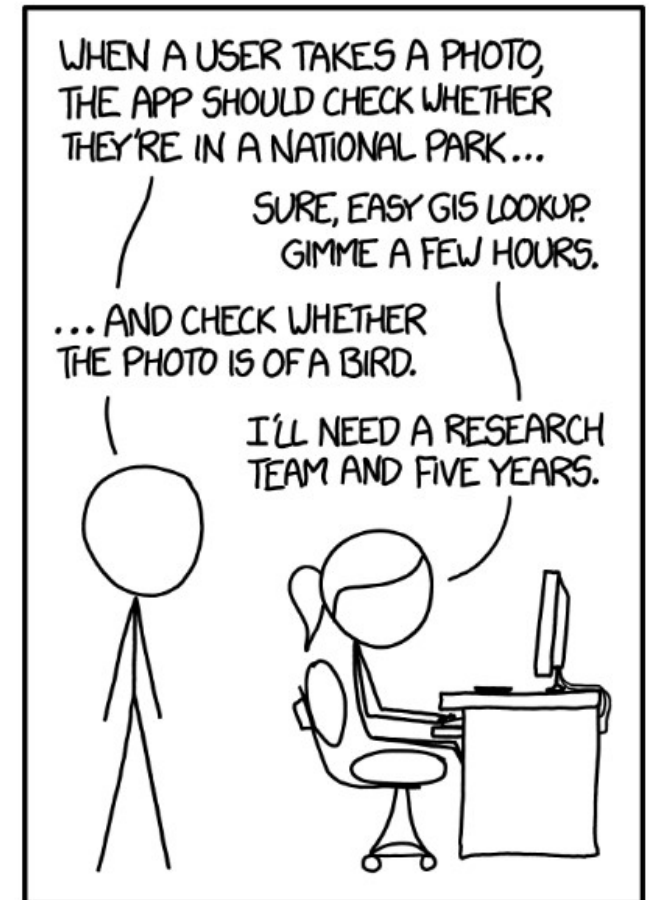
**2 Calculate the return on investment.**

**3 Codify it.**

# 4 Lean further into open data.



# 6 WELCOME FAILURE



IN CS, IT CAN BE HARD TO EXPLAIN  
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EASY  
AND THE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://www.radiant.earth/> ; <http://geopode.world/> ;

Resources for Finding and Using Satellite Images by Toby McIntyre (Global Investigative Journalism Network)  
<https://gijn.org/resources-for-finding-and-using-satellite-images/>

Satellite Journalism: The Big Picture by Mark Corcoran (Reuters) <https://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk/our-research/satellite-journalism-big-picture>



**WORKSHOP : Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, 1145- 1345 hrs. Klimt1**

# Additional Slides, Instructional & Contact Information

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## Webinars and Tutorials



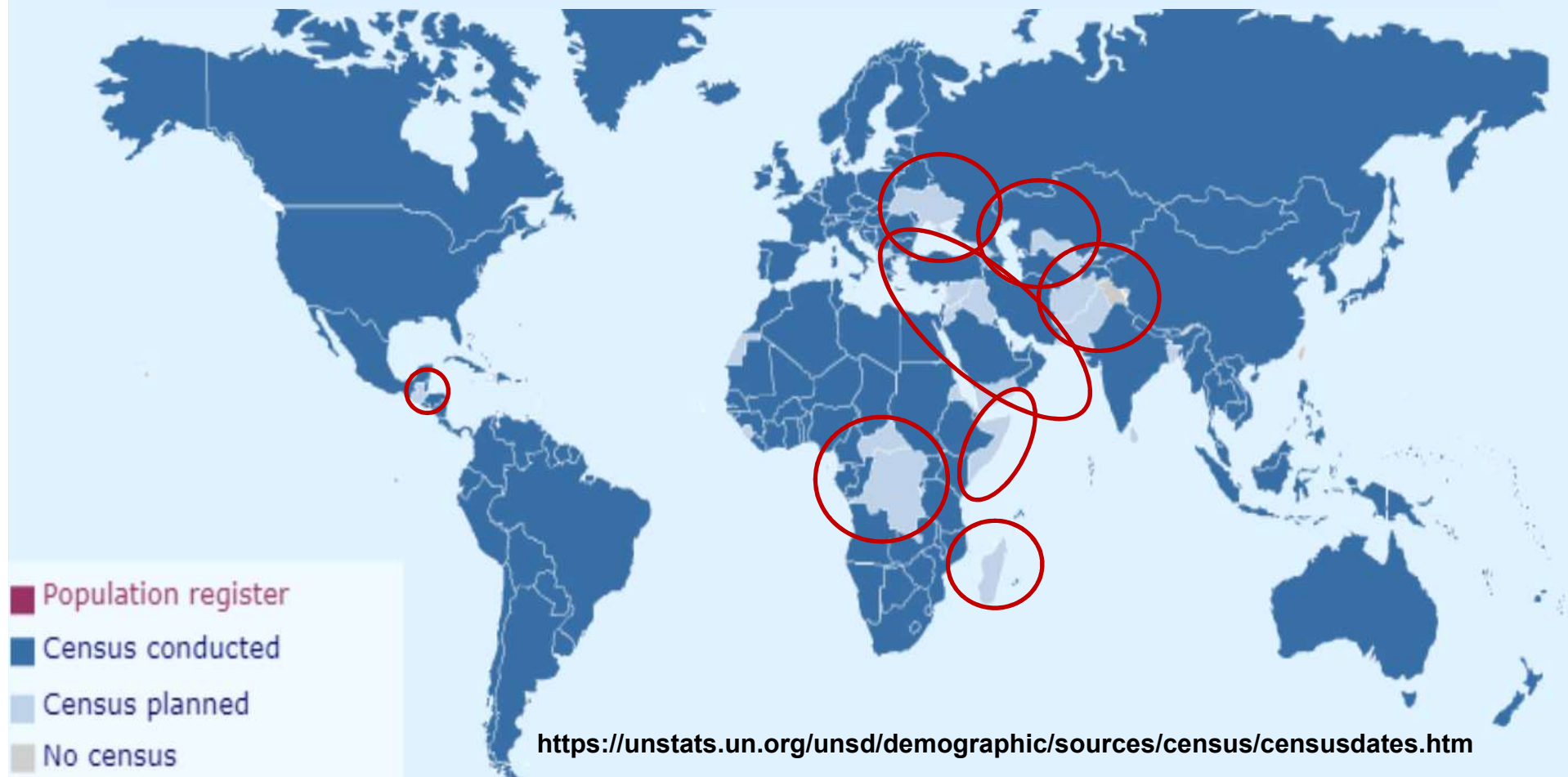
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfEmhf6e\\_yOzvh5FzVDmZPg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfEmhf6e_yOzvh5FzVDmZPg)



<https://www.facebook.com/OurRadiantEarth/>



## Census Conducted Between 2005-2014



# Country Geospatial Readiness Index- Assessment Pillars

