

# UN International Expert Meeting on Crowdsource Mapping for Disaster Risk Management & Emergency Response Vienna, Austria



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The Secure World Foundation (SWF)
is a private operating foundation
dedicated to the secure
and sustainable
use of space
for the benefit of Earth
and all its peoples



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**Engages** with academics, policy makers, scientists and advocates in the space and international affairs communities to support steps that strengthen global space security.

**Promotes** the development of cooperative and effective uses of space for the protection of the Earth's environment and human security.

**Acts** as a research body, convener and facilitator to advocate for key space security and other space related topics and to examine their influence on governance and international development.

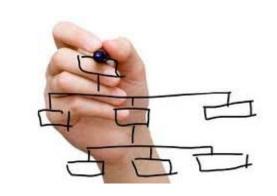


# **Basic Facts**

- Non-profit operating foundation founded in 2004
- Funding comes from a private endowment
- Offices in Colorado, Washington DC and Brussels
- 4 focus areas: space sustainability, space policy, NEO and HES



# **OUTLINE**



- Space Applications Systems
- International Response to Natural Disasters
- Crowdsourcing
- Community Remote Sensing
- Legal issues/ Data policy





# **DISASTER MANAGEMENT CYCLE**





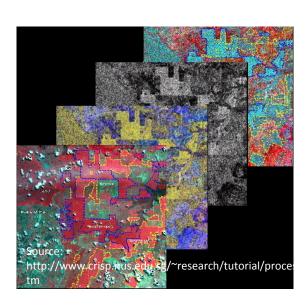
# SPACE APPLICATIONS SYSTEMS



# **REMOTE SENSING SYSTEMS**

(weather, land, ocean)

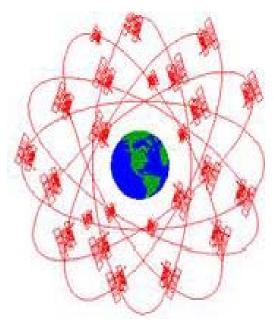
- Electro optical multispectral images
  - Affected by cloud cover
  - Not effective at night
  - Analysis techniques broadly known
- Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)
  - Unaffected by cloud cover
  - Analysis tricky; requires special analytic skills





# GLOBAL POSITION, NAVIGATION & TIMING (GNSS)

- Global Positioning System (GPS)—U.S.
- GLONASS –RUSSIA
- COMPASS CHINA
- Galileo (in development)—EUROPE
- Provide accurate positions for map making
- Accurate positions of victims, areas of major destruction, rescue personnel

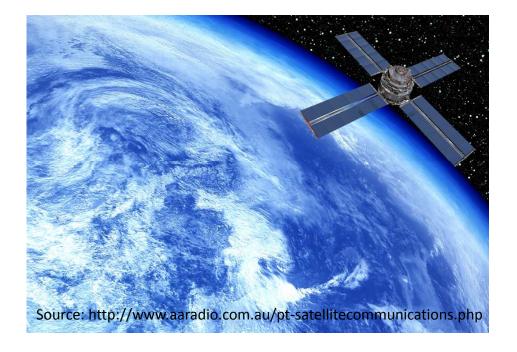


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# SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

- Individual satellite phones
- Base stations connectivity through satellites
- Satellite broadband





# INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS



# INTERNATIONAL CHARTER: SPACE & NATURAL DISASTERS (1/2)

- Started: 2000
- Scope: To coordinate satellite data providers' response to major disasters
- 14 Members: ESA, Argentina, Britain, Canada, China, France, India, Japan, USA, Japan, Brazil, Germany, Korea, EUMETSAT
- Activation: 353 times / 2012: 34 times
- Problems: Timely delivery in smaller disasters and limited budget



# **ACTIVATION OF THE CHARTER (2/2)**

Identification that
disaster has
happened & that
the charter can
help

24/7 operational activities to respond to request for support quickly

Technical competence to handle space data & turn into useful maps

Direct link to user/response community who will use the maps

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#### Ocean Storm, State of New York and New Jersey



Type of Event

Location of Event

United States of America - States of New York and New Jersey

Date of Charter Activation

Charter Requestor

USGS on behalf of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Project Management

Florida Division of Emergency Management

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#### Description of the Event

Hurricane Sandy - the largest Atlantic tropical storm system on record - made landfall just south of Atlantic City, New Jersey, bringing winds up to 90 mph (150 kph), and pushing a massive storm surge onto beaches and shorelines. At least 50 deaths have been reported.

Millions across the Eastern Seaboard are now without power, and even more are struggling with rising floodwater.

Sandy continues northward, now downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone, and those affected are now assessing the damage.

Images and/or Image product Delivered under the Charter will be published here as soon as they become available



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### SPACE AND MAJOR DISASTERS



#### Flood in England



Flood
England, United Kingdom
27 November 2012
Environment Agency (of England and Wales)
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#### Description of the Event

There has been widespread flooding across a number of regions within England during the last 5 days and the event is still ongoing.

#### Environment Agency - BBC News

Over 900 properties have been flooded and two deaths have been reported. In addition to the flooded properties there has been widespread inundation of agricultural land on floodplains.

Among the affected areas are: Somerset levels, Oxford, Tewkesbury, Darlington to York, Nene Washlands, and Nottingham.

As of 29 November 2012, there have been 1650 flooded properties in total and one further fatality (3 deaths in total).



## **UNSPIDER**

UNITED NATIONS PLATFORM FOR SPACE-BASED INFORMATION FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Established by Resolution 61/110 of the General Assembly in 2006 within the U. N. Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- Provides access to all countries and all relevant international and regional organizations to all types of space-based information and services relevant to disaster management to support the full disaster management cycle, including capacity building



### **Promoting Cooperative Solutions for Space Sustainability**

Source: EC, DG ENTR, GMES unit

#### **GMES** (1/3) **USERS** Private, **Policy makers** What is their need? **Public** commercial **Examples provided** Ice Air quality **Farming Surveillance Climate Change** Flood monitoring **Information services** Land **Marine Atmospher Emergency** Security **Climate Space** in-situ **Sustainable information** Infrastructure Infrastructure

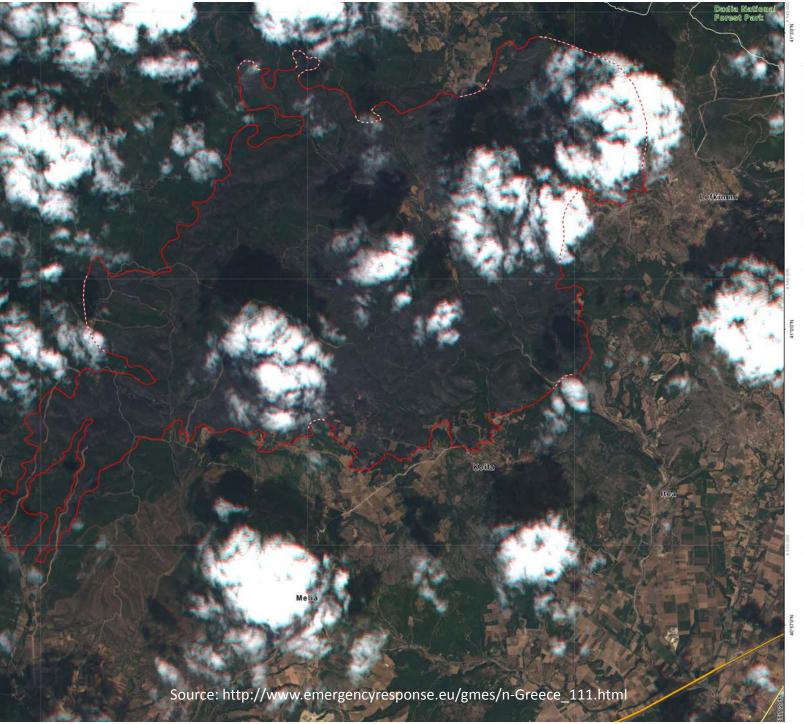
**OBSERVATION** 



# GMES (2/3)

GMES Service: Emergency Management Service (EMS)

- The first operational service of the European GMES programme
- Successor to SAFER and linkER activities
- kick-off per 1 April 2012, for 3 years
- Covers: Floods, Earthquakes, Landslides, Severe Storms, Fires, Technological disasters, Volcanic eruptions, Humanitarian crises, Tsunamis
- Activation: Authorised Users may activate the service by completing the relevant Service Request Form (National Focal Points in EU MS, EC Services (DGs))



#### **Greece - EVROS** Burnt areas extent map Detail

Situation the 27th of August 2011

**Location Diagrams** 



# Limit of burnt areas Potential limit of burnt areas Agricultural area

#### Interpretation

Greece declared a state of emergency Thursday Aug 25, 20 as fires became uncontrollable. High winds are fanning 1 wildfres and hampering operations to extinguish the blaze many fronts in the Evros region, NE Greece. Many peoper were evacuated as the fire swept through the forested ru area. Otherwise, a natural reserve known for its bio-diversithe Dadia National Forest Park, is at risk. This map shows 1 loose limits of burn scars on the forest. Due to a large clo coverage and associated shadows, the fire line preser uncertainty limits. In addition, a few older burn scars occurr sooner in the season can have been included inside the limit

#### Cartographic Information



Local projection: UTM Zone 35N, Datum: WGS 84 Geographic projection: Lat/Lon (DMS), Datum: WGS 84 Scale: 1:25 000 for A1 prints

Potentially fire affected areas extracted from : RapidEye image (6.5m) acquired the 27th of August 2011 © SERTIT 2011

Background layer Natural colors RapidEye image (6.5m) acquired the 27th of Aug 2011 © RapidEye AG 2011

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## **RESPONSE SPEED + ACCURACY = CRUCIAL**

- Many hours, even days can pass before map products are available
- Problems in getting maps to end users in the impact areas
- We MUST be able to do near real time data acquisition, analysis, and

dissemination to end users





# FILLING THE GAPS



## **CROWDSOURCING**

- Using the power of the "crowd" to achieve a task quickly and efficiently
- Examples:
  - Rapid processing of satellite data (Haiti, Burma)
  - classifying galaxies in the Galaxy Zoo project
  - "Fold it" project public input to protein folding





# **COMMUNITY REMOTE SENSING**

 "A new field that combines remote sensing with citizen science, social networks, and crowd-sourcing to enhance the data obtained from traditional sources

It includes the collection, calibration, analysis, communication, or application of remotely sensed information by these community means







# Google Earth forms a convenient platform for CRS inputs



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# **LEGAL ISSUES**

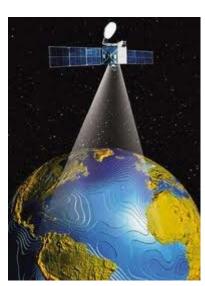


## THE LEGAL ISSUES BECOME MORE COMPLEX

Spatial Law is the set of legal issues associated with collection and use of spatial data and spatial technology

### Issues include:

- Privacy
- Data Ownership
- National Security
- Data Quality/Liability
- Complexity impacts ability/willingness to share





## **CRS-POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUES**

- Intellectual Property Rights in Spatial Data
- Spatial products/services frequently include a mixture
  - Terms and restrictions are not always clear or evident
- Wide Variety of Legal Restrictions on Use
- No copyright
  - State and local governments
- Variety of laws regarding use
  - Copying, commercial use, derivative products,
  - Proprietary Sources





# **CONCLUSIONS**

- Increased effort on training
  - Building capacity among ALL communities to carry out their own analysis of satellite data
  - Training to response teams in using spacederived maps
- Much greater international sharing of spacederived data, such as CBERS & Landsat
- Foster use of crowdsource and CRS methodologies
  - Develop methods & standards
  - Explore legal aspects of these methods





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