



## FRENCH LAND USE CHANGE MONITORING

Moving from a statistical approach to a spatially explicit multi-source approach

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## 1. Context : Current approach - approach 2

- statistical sampling, field survey : "Teruti"
- Land cover and land use information
- False positives and artifacts



# From approach 2 to approach 3 : main objectives

- Create consistent land cover time series (1990-2021), with relevant thematic resolutions for carbon calculations.
- Focus on accuracy of land use changes
- Take advantage of the best available products within a multi-source model while ensuring the temporal/spatial consistency of the result.
- Meet LULUCF regulation requirements.

## General concept of the spatially explicit inventory



#### PHASE 1: CREATION OF LAND COVER TIME SERIES

## Basic mapping unit : 0,25 ha grid



- Each cell (and thus each centroid) is characterized by a unique identifier: IDU (e.g.: D21\_0000001)
- For the metropolitan territory : around <u>220 million cells (= 54.9 M°ha)</u>.

## Architecture of the modules





## Cartographic products used : both status maps + change maps

Data	Data producer	Product year	Perimeter	Pertinent use	Continuous or discontinuous	Change product ? /	
BD Forêt	IGN	variable	National	Forests	only covers forest lands		
RPG (LPIS)	IGN	2010 to 2020	National	Agricultural lands	only covers agricultural lands	/	
Urban Atlas	EEA/ Copernicus	2006-2012, 2012- 2018 (& annual : 2018)	European Settlements Continuous, but only available for urban areas		Continuous, but only available for urban areas	Yes	
Corine Land Cover	EEA/ Copernicus	1990-2000, 2000- 2006, 2006-2012, 2012-2018	European	all	Continuous	Yes	
Natura 2000	EEA/ Copernicus	2006-2012, 2012- 2018 (& annual : 2018)	European	Natural areas	Continuous, but only available for specific areas	Yes	
BDcarto	IGN	2018	National	all	Continuous	/	

#### All vector products

## Cartographic products used





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Closed forest without tree cover

Closed mixed hardwood forest



Discontinus and highly pertinent product for forest land use : 'BD Forest' (French national forest inventory)



Discontinus and highly relevant for agricultural land use : 'RPG' (used for CAP declarations)



Continus products (Copernicus : Urban Atlas, Natura 2000 -when available on the area-, Corine Land Cover) ; Bdcarto (French generalist product) for settlements and the remaining unfilled areas

## **General** approach

**Step 1**: Intersection of centroids with products to collect land use information

**Step 2**: Assignation of a reference use for each centroid, based on available information, and a hierarchy established between products

**Step 3 :** Land use change application by period for the relevant centroïds thanks to :

a. Change products (Urban Atlas, Natura2000, CLC) (general model : A)

b. Additional afforestation/deforestation dynamics (module B)
c. Additional module for artificialization dynamics (module C)
d. Agricultural rotation (module D)

## Intersections

Acquisition of land use data for all centroids, from all products and all available years for each product.

#### Intersection of centroids and products



i. Creation of the grids



ii. Pre-processing of cartographic products



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Centroid identifier

Product land use code

## Selection of reference use per centroid

Products are ranked in a hierarchy. The reference land use of the centroid is set as the highest ranked product usage available for the centroid. Other information is not kept.

Bdcarto (2018)

Product hierarchy



## Selection of reference use per centroid

1-



1- Not subject to any change.

#### **Product hierarchy**

Urban Atlas change product Natura2000 change product Corine Land Cover change product

> BDF RPG (LPIS) Urban Atlas Natura2000 BDcarto

## Selection of reference use per centroid



1- Not subject to any change.



2- 'BD Forest' : no info given for this centroid

#### **Product hierarchy**

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#### **Product hierarchy**

Change products Urban Atlas change product Natura2000 change product 1-Corine Land Cover change product

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3- 'RPG' (LPIS) : available  $\rightarrow$  selected for the reference use of the centroid



## **Detection of changes by change products**

**Case n°1 :** The centroid has a reference land use that does <u>not come from a change product</u>.

⇒ This means that there was no change signal at this location (otherwise the change product at the top of the product hierarchy would have been chosen).

Then the reference land use category is extended to the entire time series.



There is no land use change for this zone

## **Detection of changes by change products**

**Case n°2 :** The centroid's reference land use category comes from <u>a change product</u> : then the changes will be applied.



CLCch : Corine Land Cover change product UAch : Urban Atlas change product N2Kch : Natura2000 change product

4 possible change periods : 1990-2000 2000-2006 2006-2012 2012-2018



## **Detection of changes by change products**

**Case n°2 :** The centroid's reference land use category comes from <u>a change product</u> : then the changes will be applied.



- The initial and final use are filled in the centroid time series.
- A change year is randomly selected, years are completed before and after the change.
- Compatibility check with the rest of the time series to ensure consistency.
- The same process is repeated for each period.

For the last 2 periods, 3 change products can cover the same location, specific rules have been established (change product reconciliation algorithm)

## Addition of afforestation and deforestation dynamics

- Afforestation and deforestation dynamics are not well detected  $\rightarrow$  additionnal module

#### Concept :

- Compare two editions of the French Forest map (IGN's 'BDForêt')
- Rules are added to limit false changes detection.



#### Ex : Detection of additional afforestation (red dots)

 Blue dots / yellow dots : not actually a real afforestation, just a difference of resolutions between the two editions of the forest maps => filtered

# Addition of artificialization dynamics (land converted to settlements)

Same observation than for forest dynamics :

- Low change detection with the general model, particulary in 1990-2006  $\rightarrow$  additional module

#### Concept :

- Draw urban patches from a building layer by using spatial buffers.
- Use the <u>date of appearance</u> of the buildings to create a dated dynamic of artificialization.





## Addition of artificialization dynamics



# Changes within the agricultural category (crop rotations)

- Agricultural dynamics with land cover maps can lead to wrong conclusions regarding land-use (e.g. grassland vs temporary grassland/fallows...)

- Additionnal module based on LPIS typical rotations known for 2015-2020
- Reconstruction of probable historical crop rotations for the past (Markov Chains) under the constraint of historical statistical areas by crop type.
- Includes perennial cropland

## **Carbon Calculations**



## Carbon fluxes calculation per cell - land use changes

- Reference Stocks values (tC/ha) for each C pool will be attributed to each land use category. They can be modulated for specific regions/ pedoclimatic zone...

- Land use change will cause a stock variation, calculated for each year of the transition period, per cell. This transition can be interrupted by another land use change.
- This stock transition can be interrupted by another land use change : stock variation starts from the current estimated stock.



## Carbon fluxes calculation per cell - other fluxes

- Forest remaining forest
  - Reliable data already used from NFI not spatially explicit
  - Spatial disaggregation of regional NFI outputs with simple or more complex hypothesis
- Cropland and grassland remaining
  - Currently simple tier 1 applied at national level
  - Possibility for spatially explicit tier 2 ... or tier 3 per cell

## Thank you for your attention ! Merci !