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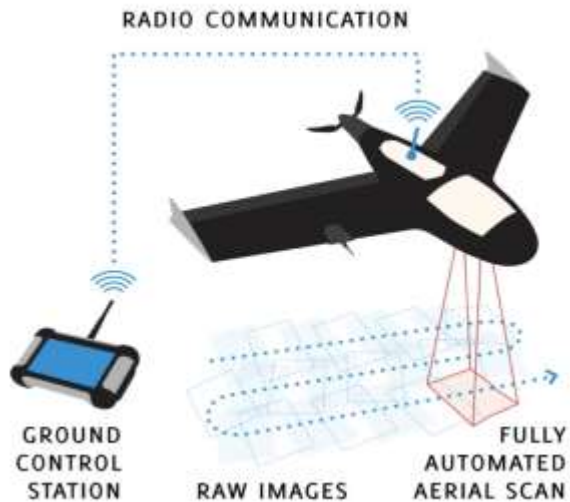
Applying geospatial technology to enable sustainable palm oil production

- The United Nations Development Programme has stated that **16 million jobs in Indonesia depend directly or indirectly on palm oil production**
- As part of **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 the world has committed to responsible consumption and production of resource intensive commodities** such as palm oil
- This session will examine the **role of surveying and geospatial technology in sustainable agriculture**, with a special emphasis on the use of unmanned airborne systems (UAS) and object-based image analysis technology to improve palm oil plantation management.



The goal is to help non-Geospatial professionals make better decisions based on timely and accurate spatial data ...

1 Image acquisition



2 Image processing

Data Processing

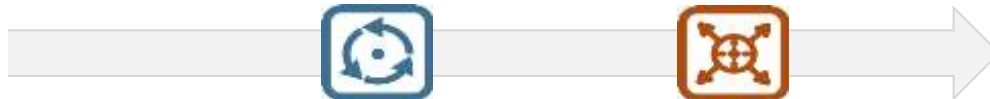


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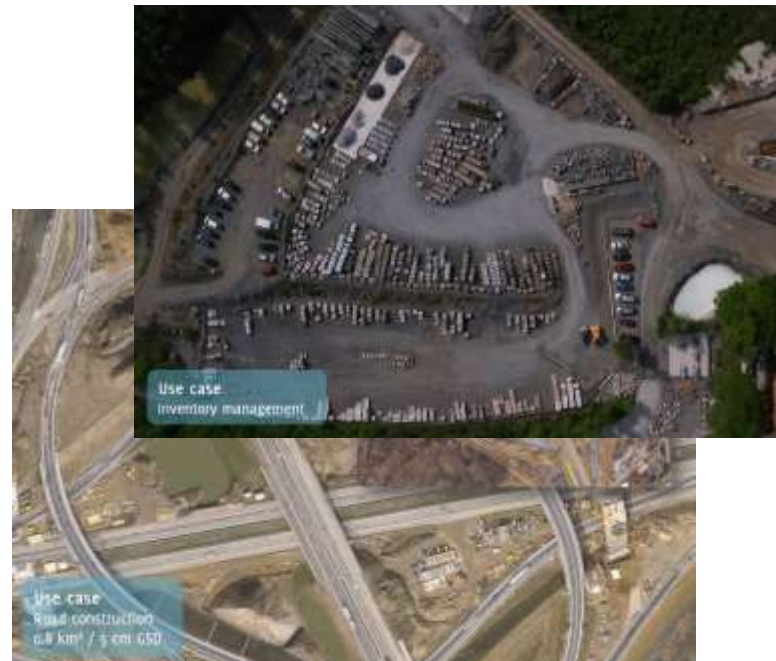
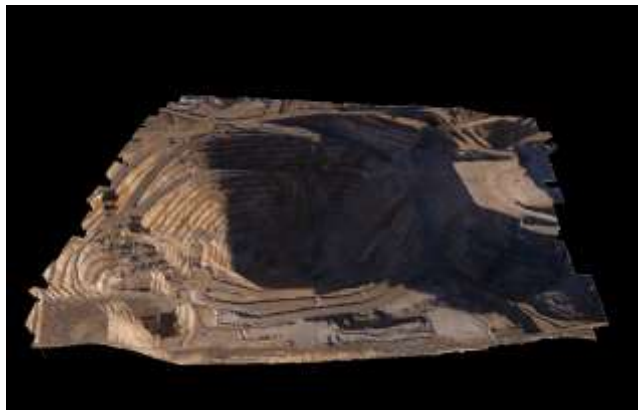


... and the components of the solution to capture and process the data are well known to this audience

**We've used airborne solutions in a variety of applications for decades ...
Most recently with unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)**



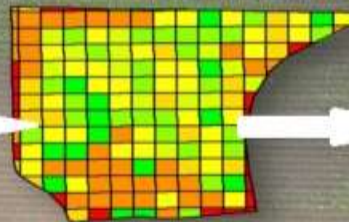
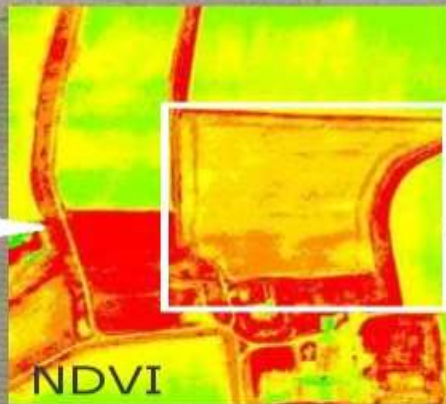
There has been strong adoption of UAS in mining and mapping applications ... With significant interest out of the construction industry





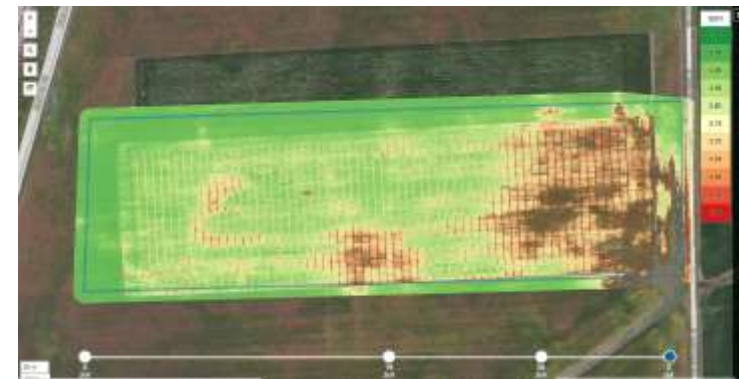
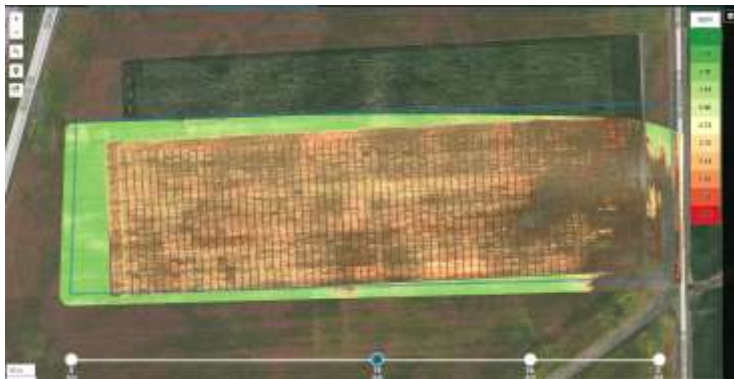
Using imagery to improve farming

UAS in agriculture – using our solutions and knowledge to help increase the productivity of food production, while minimizing the environmental impact

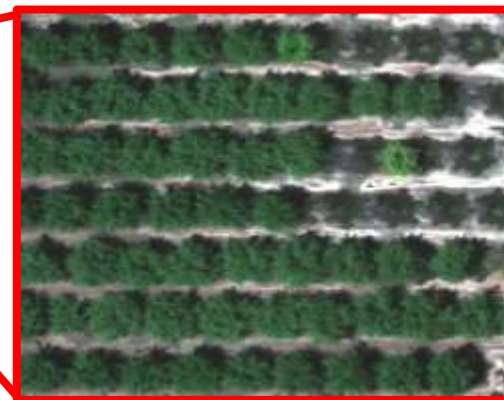


Use case
Precision farming
0.2 km² / 5 cm GSD

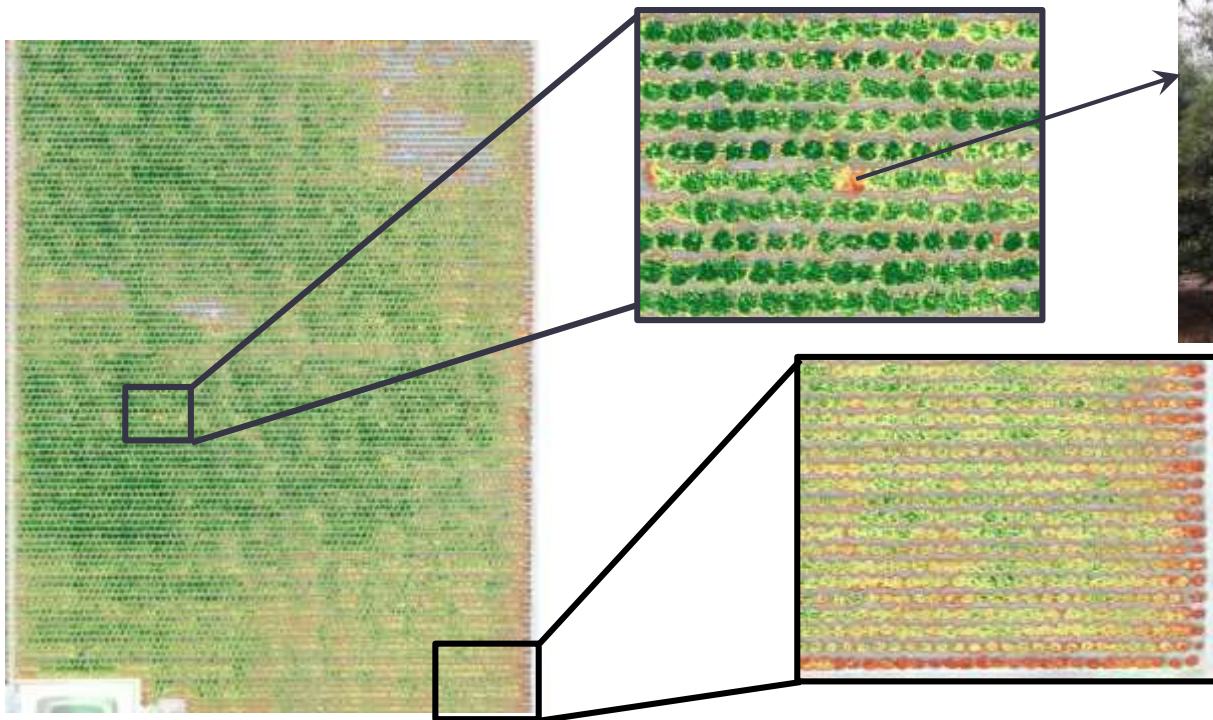
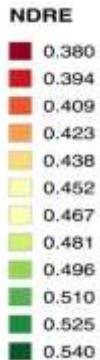
Decision making is improved by providing the farmer with timely, consistent and accurate data



Farmers can identify underperforming areas in high value tree groves (almonds)



Leveraging accurate imagery the farmers can manage at the individual tree level





Case study: palm oil production

Addressing the plantation lifecycle

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Asset Management

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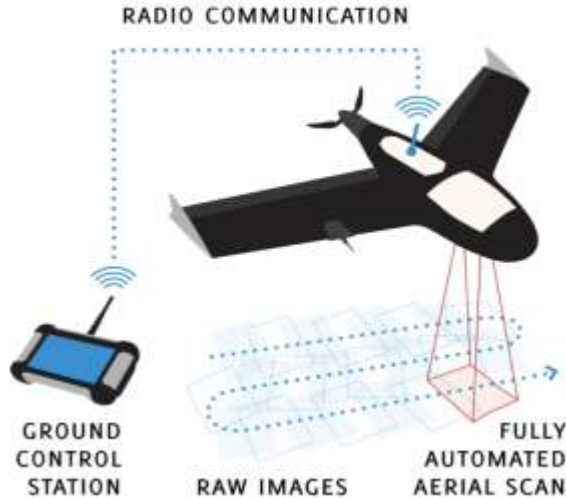
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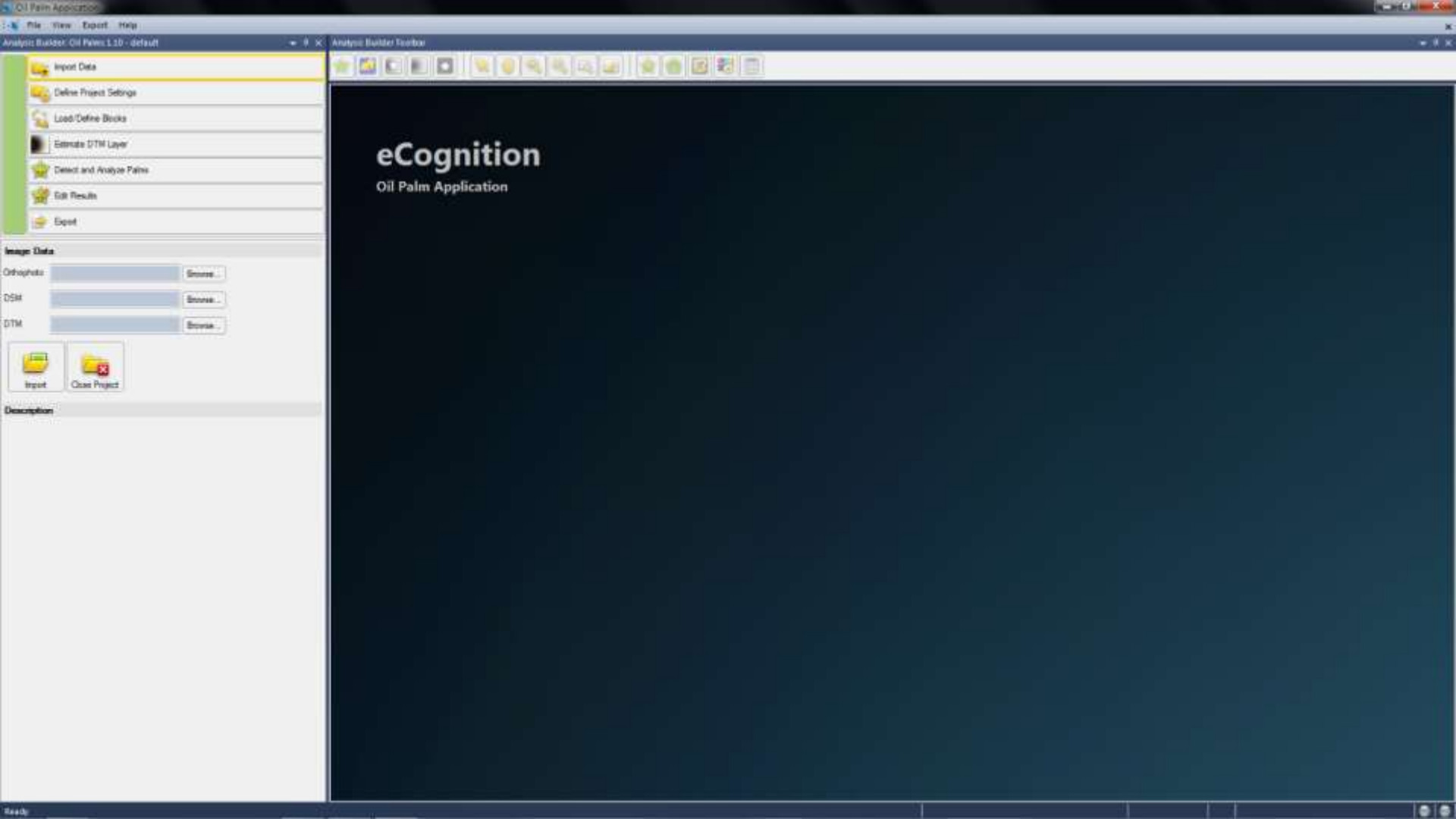
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Image Data

Orthophoto: Browse...

DSM: Browse...

DTM: Browse...

Description

eCognition

Oil Palm Application

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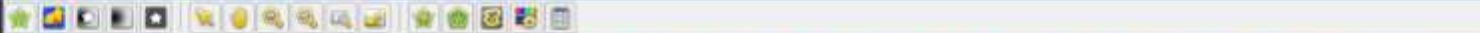
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Ready



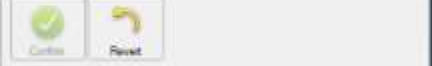
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Settings:

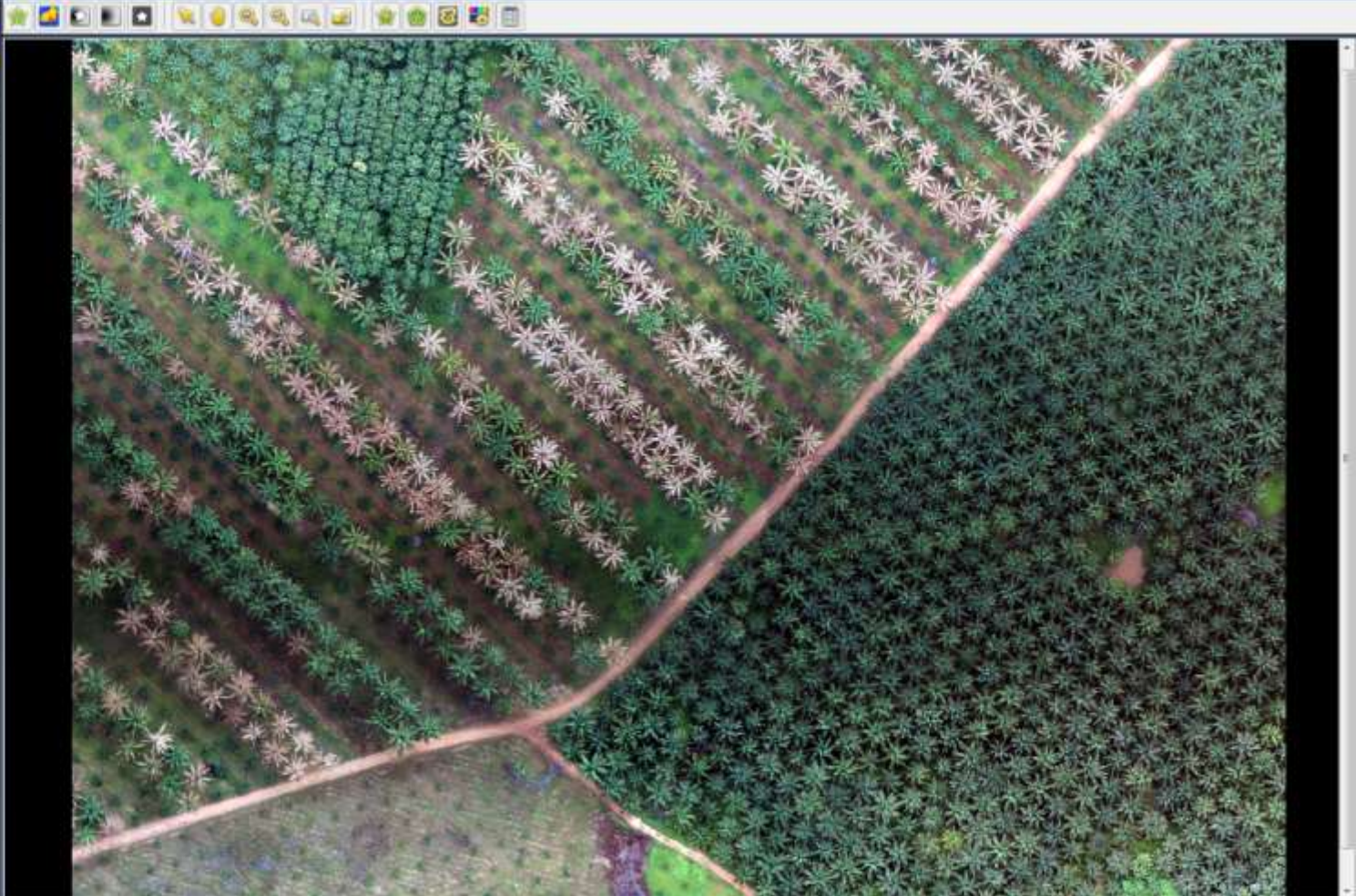
Camera type: RGB camera

Area unit: ha

Save settings:



Description:



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Settings

Mode: Import from shapefile

Select file

Select file: C:\Temp\Communication\Default... Browse

Attribute Column: 0

Save blocks

Save | Filter

Description

Click to save and visualize the blocks.



- Input Data ✓
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Settings - Crown size parameters

Small palms:

Medium palms:

Large palms:

Settings - Anomaly detection

Detect anomaly:

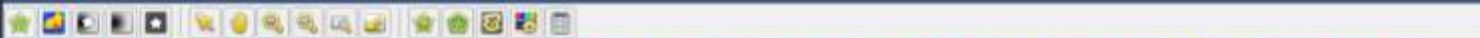
Anomaly index:

Execute

Save results

Description

Click to save palm detection.



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- Edit Results ✓**
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Single line editing



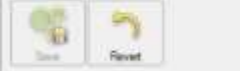
Region based editing



Advanced settings

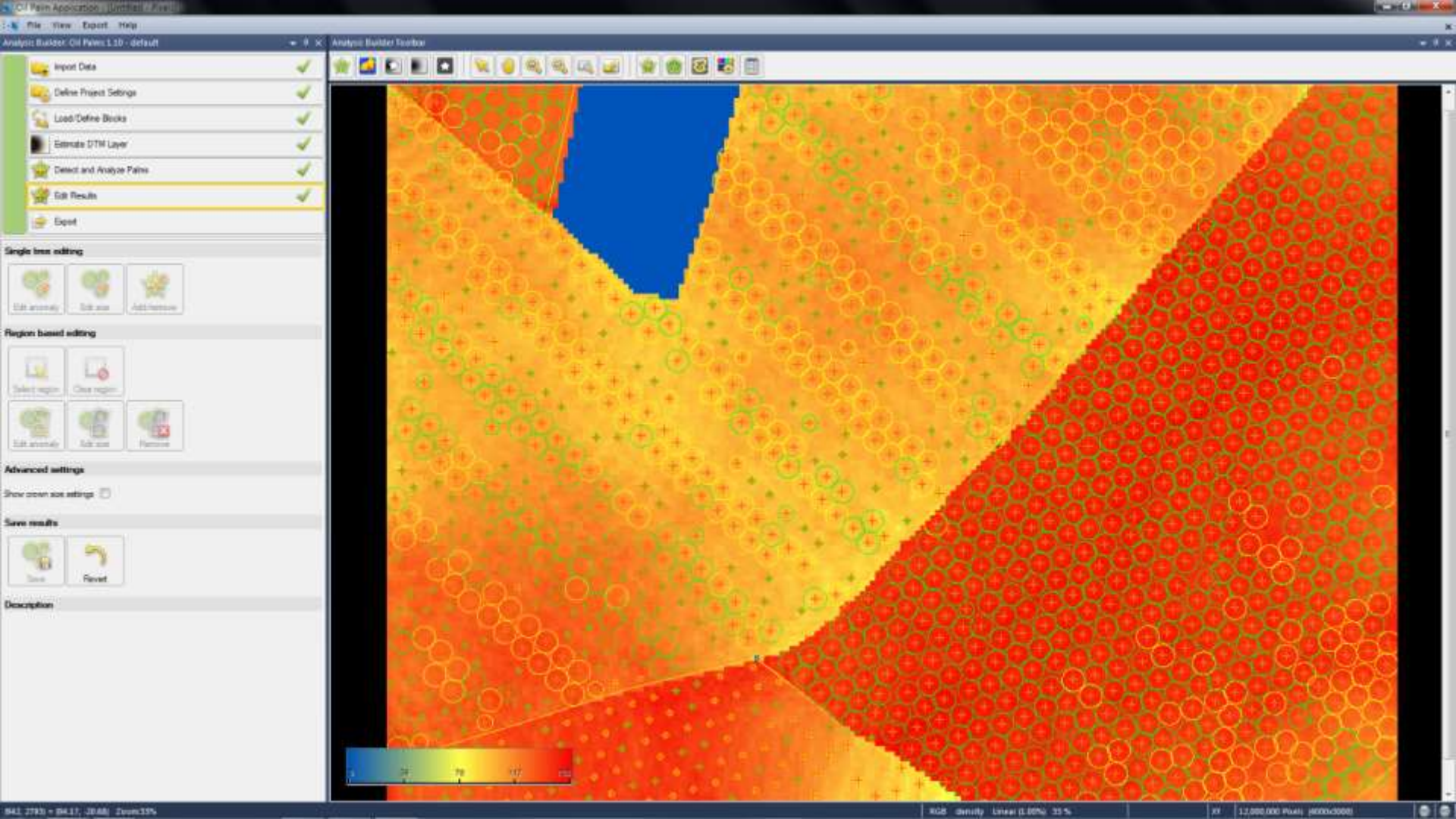
Show crown size settings

Save results



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Single tree editing

Edit anomaly

Edit size

Add tree

Region based editing

Select region

Clear region

Edit anomaly

Edit size

Remove

Advanced settings

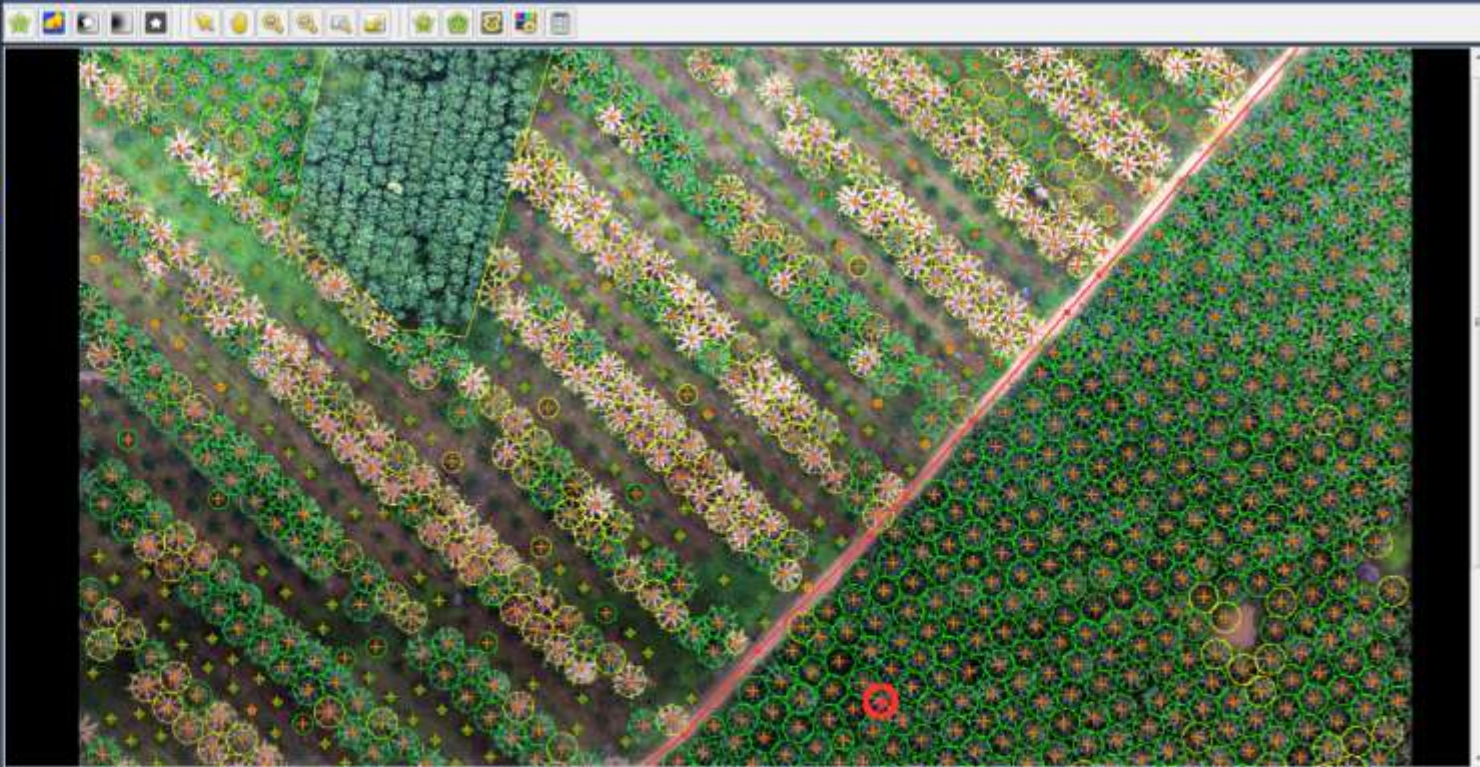
Show crown size settings

Save results

Save

Reset

Description



Thumbnail Layer Attribute Table

Active layer: Trees_Healthy

No.	BLOCK_ID	TREE_ID	Anomaly	Cover	Density	X_Center	Y_Center	Elevation	Height	Comment
858	100	1303	No	large ("3m diameter)	146	273.675	-165.275	54.4	4.0	Approach: manual edit.
860	100	1304	No	large ("3m diameter)	146.2	243.575	-200.375	50.1	7.1	Approach: manual edit.
861	100	1305	No	large ("3m diameter)	146.5	387.575	-88.575	58.4	6.8	Approach: manual edit.
862	100	1306	No	large ("3m diameter)	147.7	396.575	-84.575	57.8	6.2	Approach: manual edit.
863	100	1310	No	large ("3m diameter)	143.4	261.475	-101.675	54.8	8.9	Approach: manual edit.
864	100	1311	No	large ("3m diameter)	133	383.375	-179.375	50.4	9.8	Approach: manual edit.
865	100	1312	No	large ("3m diameter)	134.7	396.275	-152.275	53.5	7.8	Approach: manual edit.

Analysis Builder Toolbar

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Single line editing

Get anomaly Get area Add reference

Region based editing

Select region Clear region

Get anomaly Get area Remove

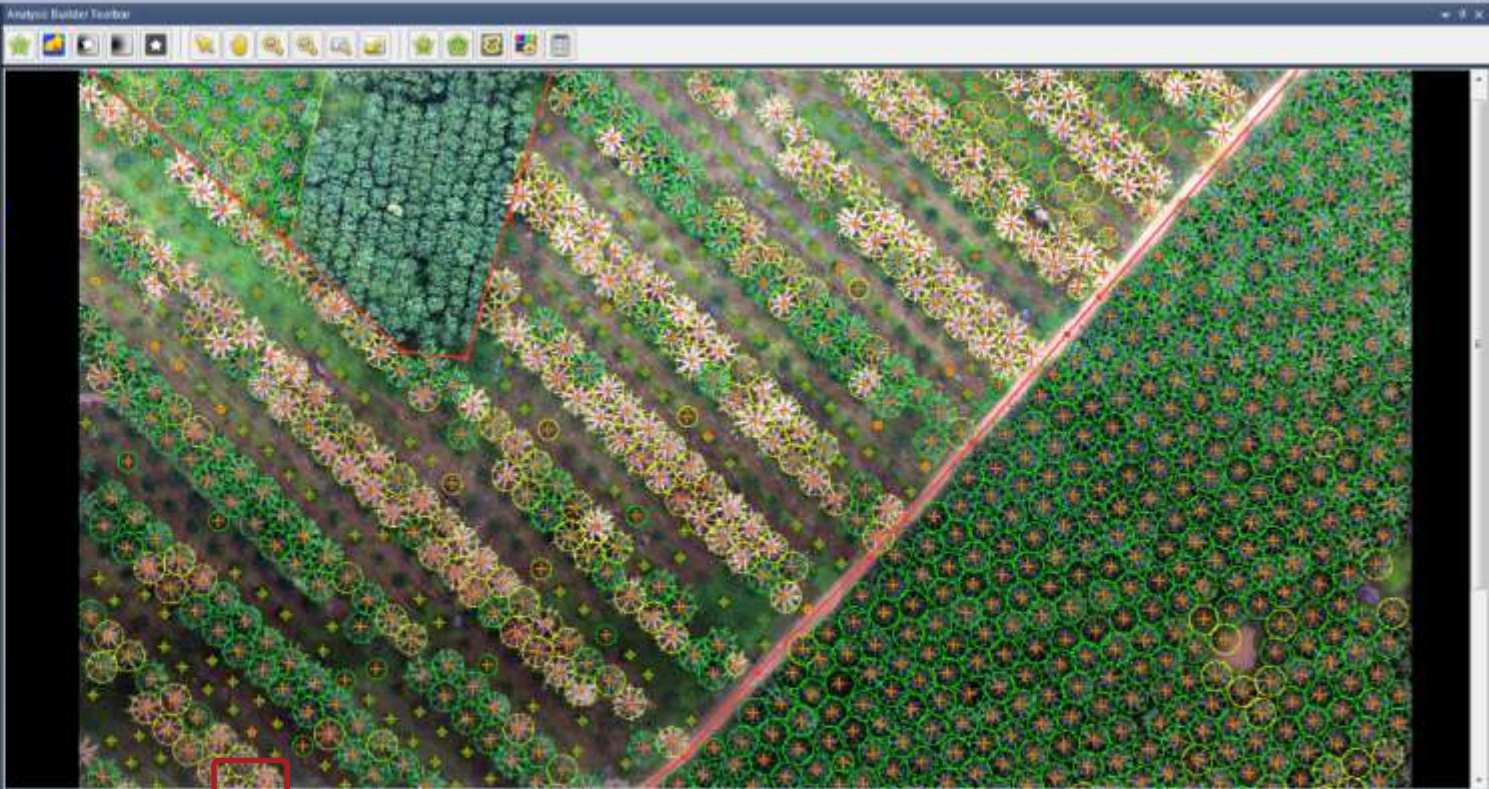
Advanced settings

Show crown size settings

Save results

Save Reset

Description



Thematic Layer Abstract Table

Active layer: Blocks

No.	BLOCK_ID	Area_ha	Palm_no	Palm_ha	No_legs	No_wed_cro	No_small_crown	Ptd_lege_crown	Ptd_wed...	Ptd_small_crown	No_anomaly	Ptd_anomaly
1	100	4.44094317548	582	131	573	6	3	90.4	1	0.5	76	13
2	200	1.03189736994	121	117.2	0	0	121	0	0	100	77	83.5
3	300	0.223158122967	25	129.5	26	3	0	85.8	10.3	0	6	20.5
4	400	5.76794370832	330	105.0	380	17	163	80.5	0.1	38.1	300	45.0

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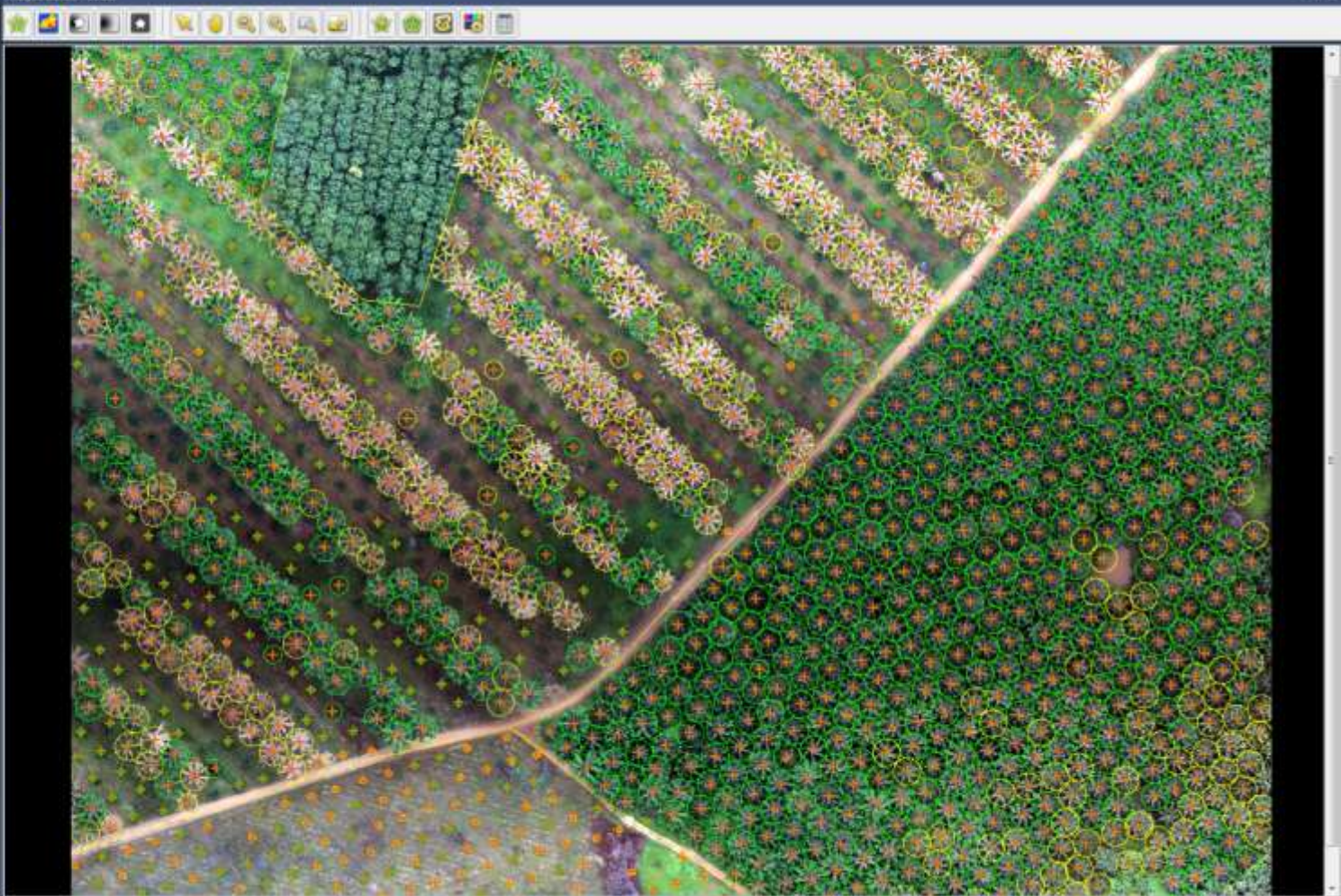
Export

- Tree centers (.shp)
- Tree covers (.shp)
- Blocks (.shp)
- Report (.pdf)
- Results folder: C:\Users\cresal\Desktop\OilPalm\ Browse



Description

Click to execute the export of the selected files.



eCognition-based oil palm solution

Input

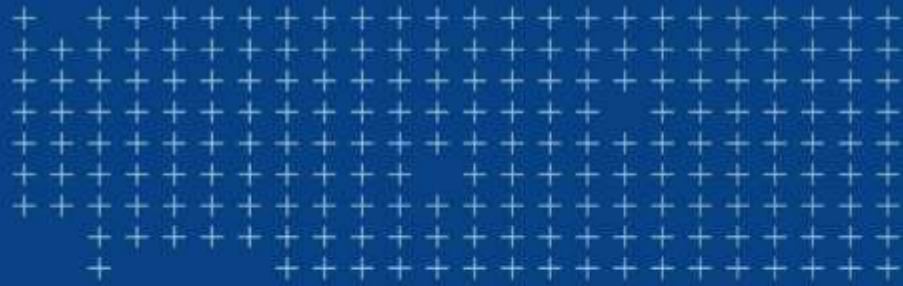
- RGB or CIR orthomosaics
- DSM and DTM elevation data (optional)
- Supported image data types: TIFF, IMG, JP2
- Required GSD (ground sample distance) <10 cm for imagery; <30 cm for DSM/DTM

Output

- Tree Positions: point Shapefile that contains the center points of the detected palm trees and according attributes
- Tree Crowns: polygon Shapefile that represents the crowns as well as all attributes from the tree centers shapefile
- Blocks: polygon Shapefile that contains the defined analysis area (blocks) and all attributes that were evaluated during analysis



This timely and accurate spatial data can then be used by the plantation managers to make better informed decisions, improving productivity and reducing the environmental impact



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Thank you