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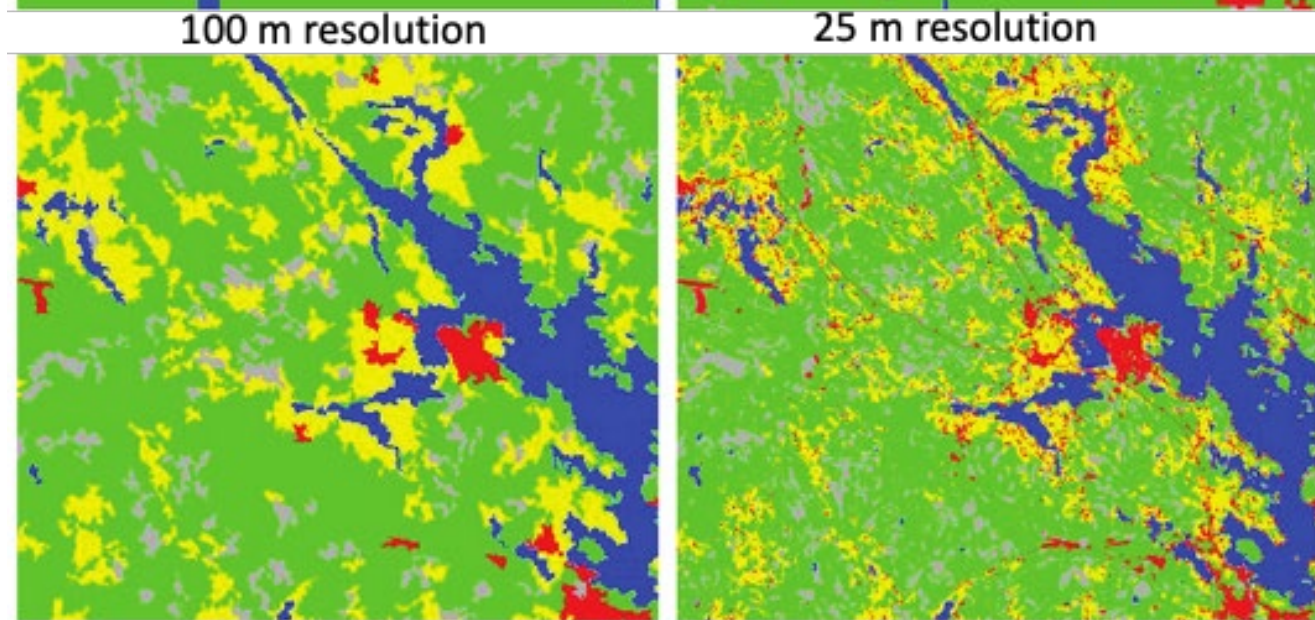
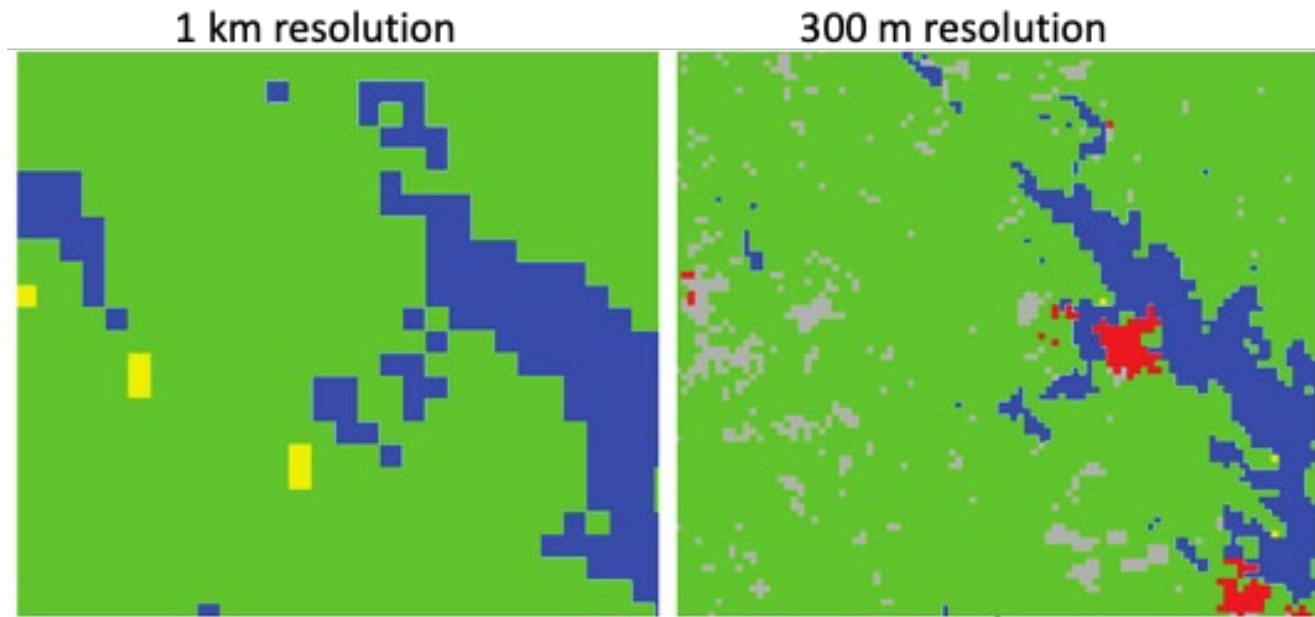


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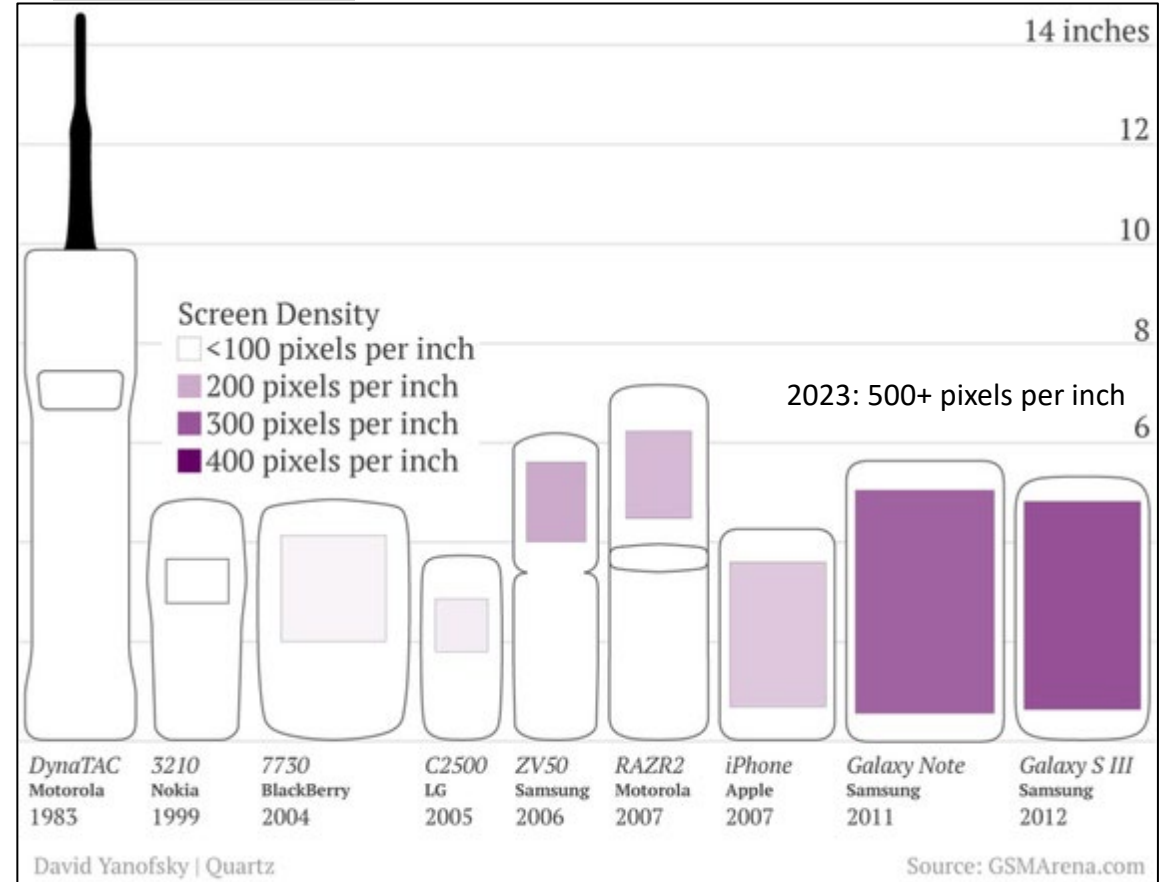




Adopted from Törmä et al., 2015



1973 first prototype mobile phone
Source: The Atlantic



Limitations



DANGER

Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals

Algae Source to Treatment

MANUAL OF WATER SUPPLY PRACTICES

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First Edition



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SECOND EDITION

Toxic Cyanobacteria in Water

A Guide to Their Public Health Consequences,
Monitoring and Management

edited by
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**Strategies for Preventing and Managing Harmful
Cyanobacterial Blooms (HCBs)**

AVAILABLE NOW!





Field sampling



Long term sondes



Satellite



Drones



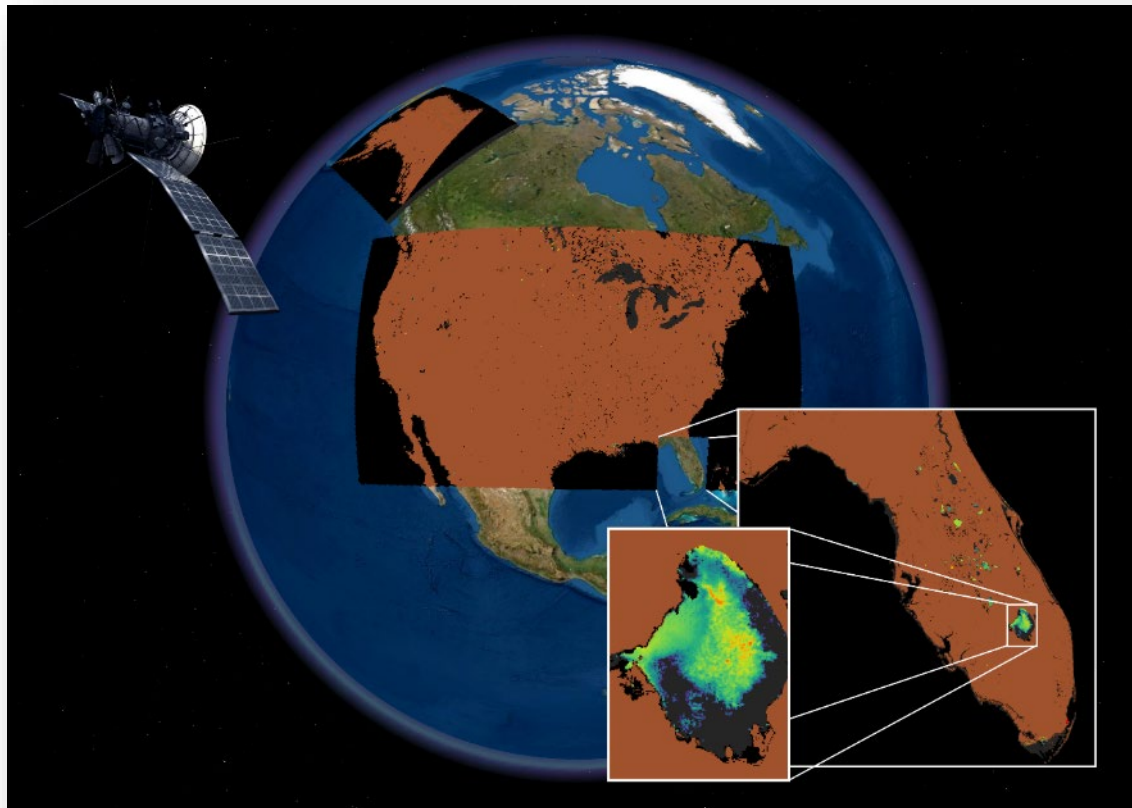
Citizen Science



Toolbox

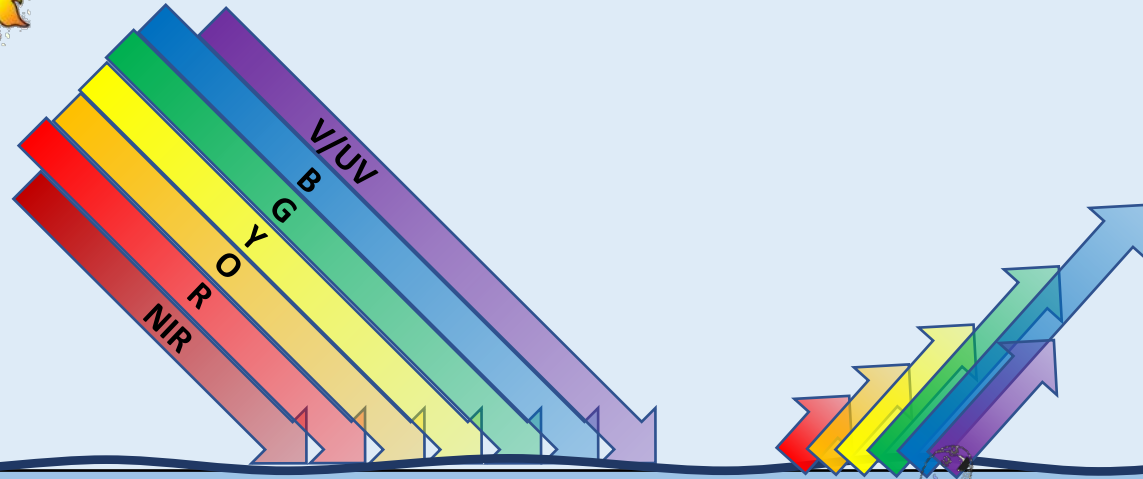
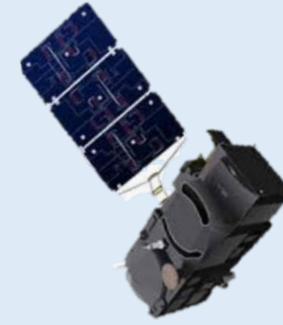
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NASA CyAN website





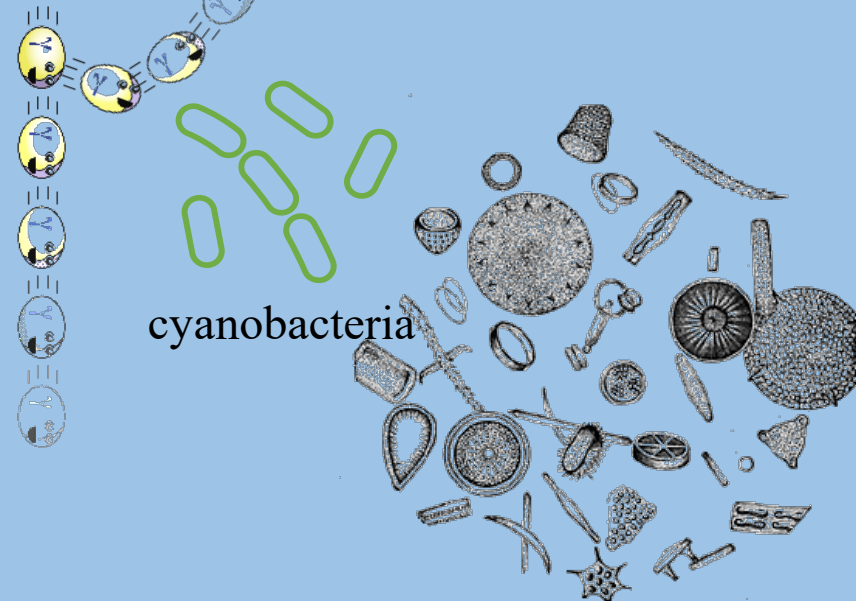
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WATER

Two possible things happen to a photon in water

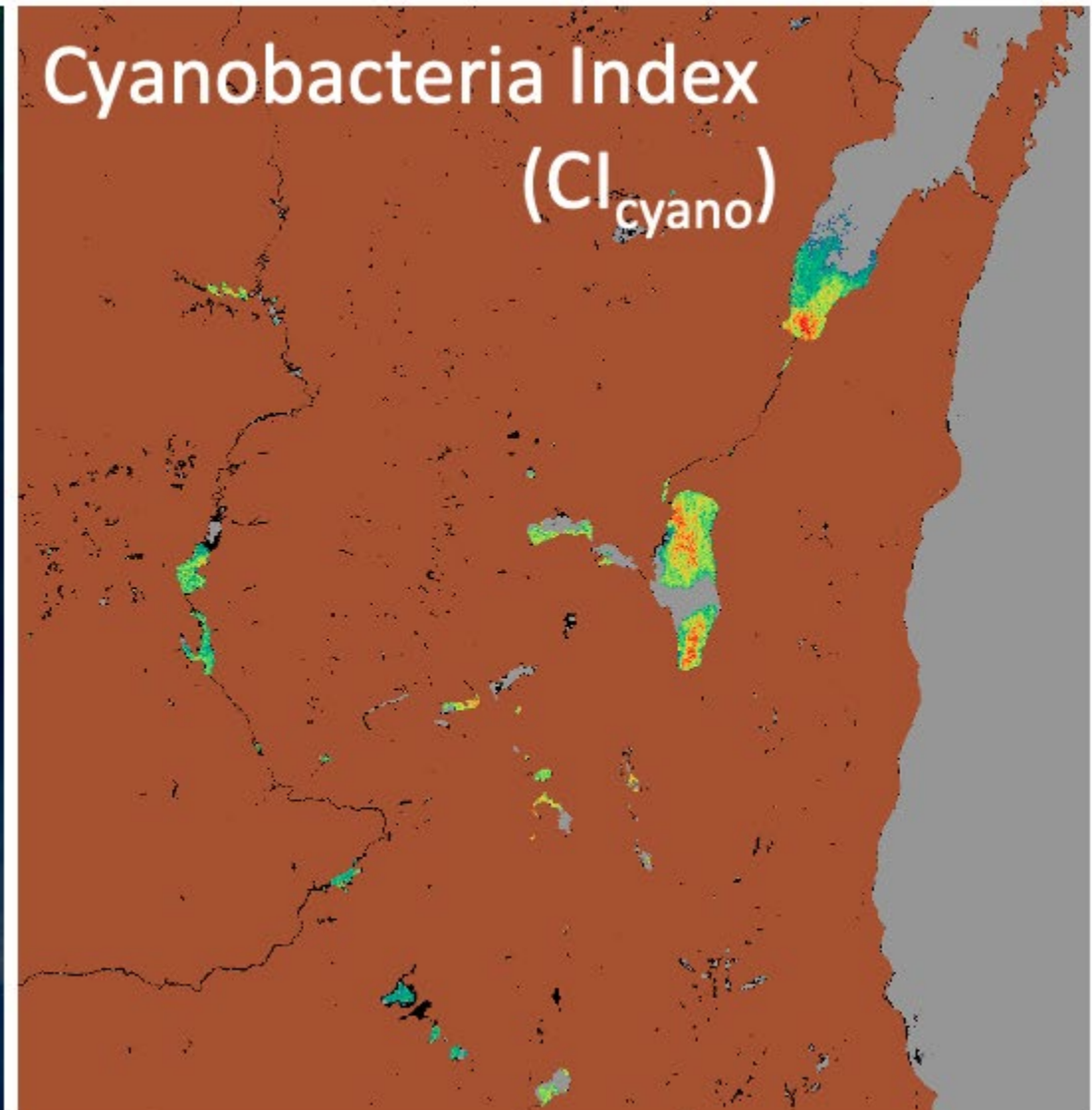
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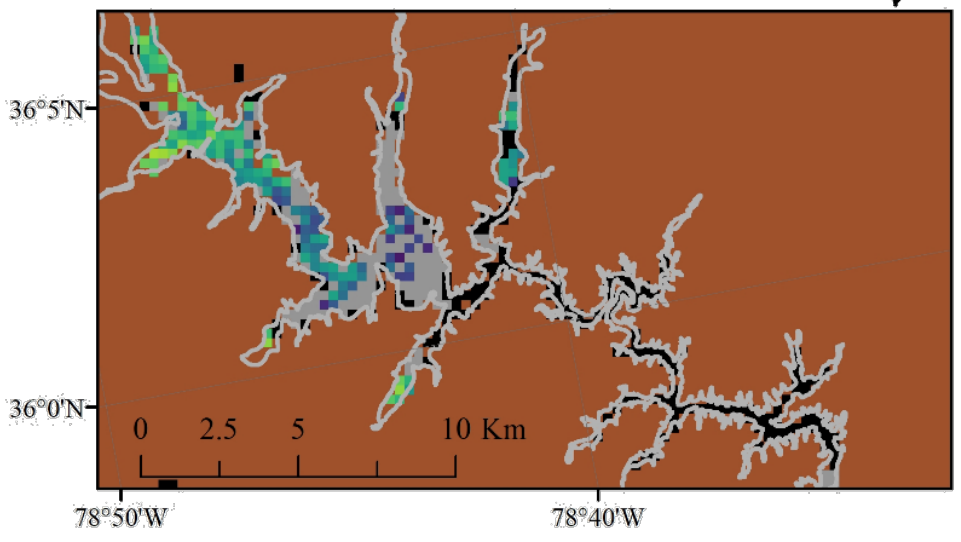
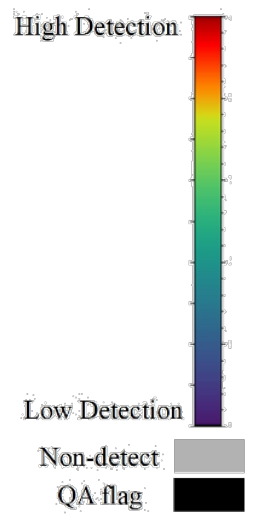
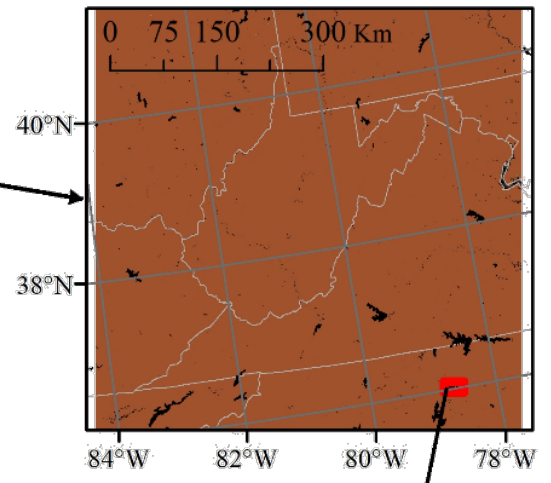
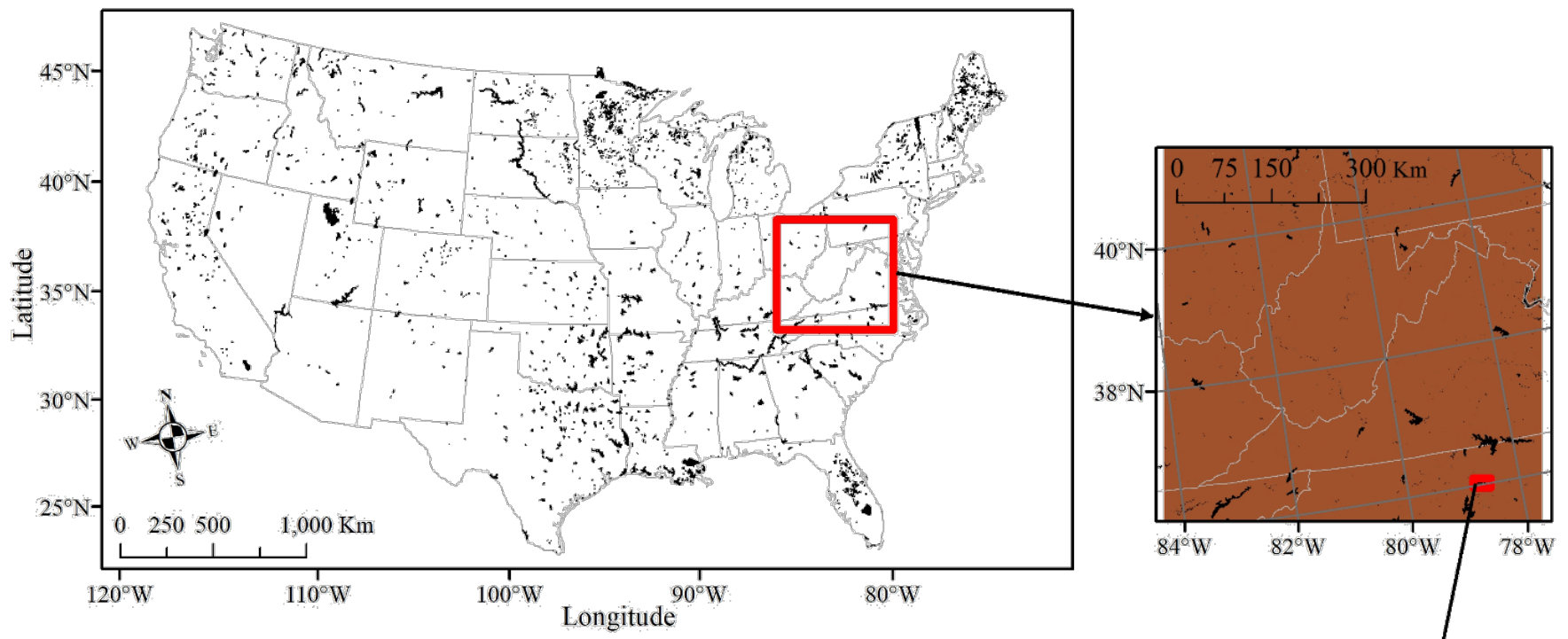
SCATTERING (b_b)



cyanobacteria

Phytoplankton
Organic Matter
Detritus





Utah Lake

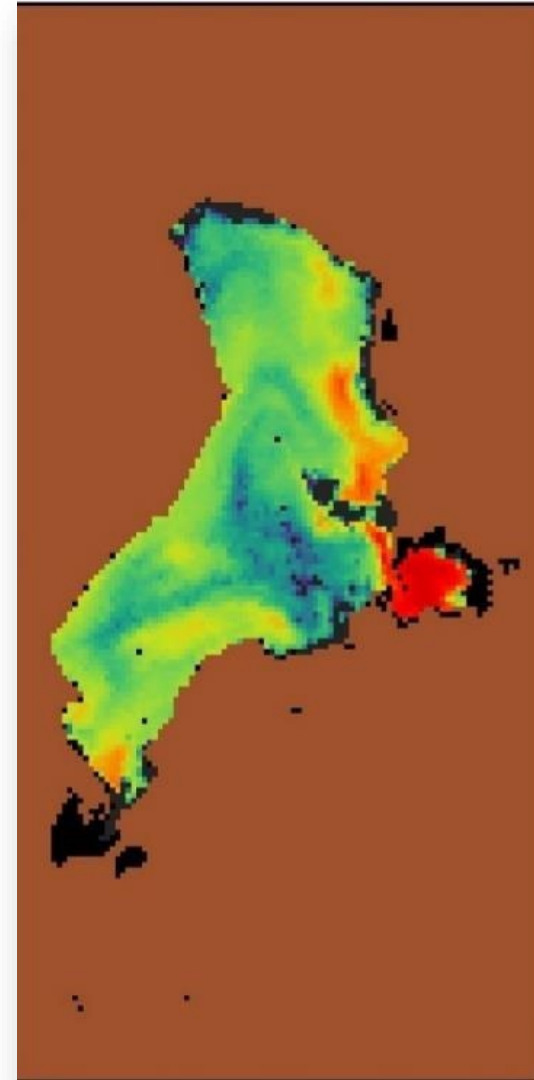
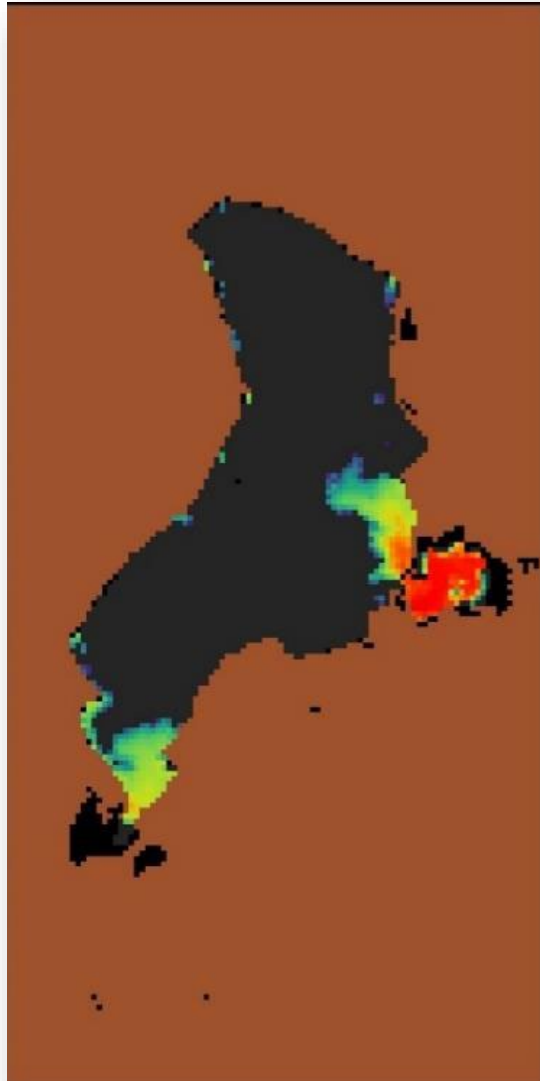


(Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune)

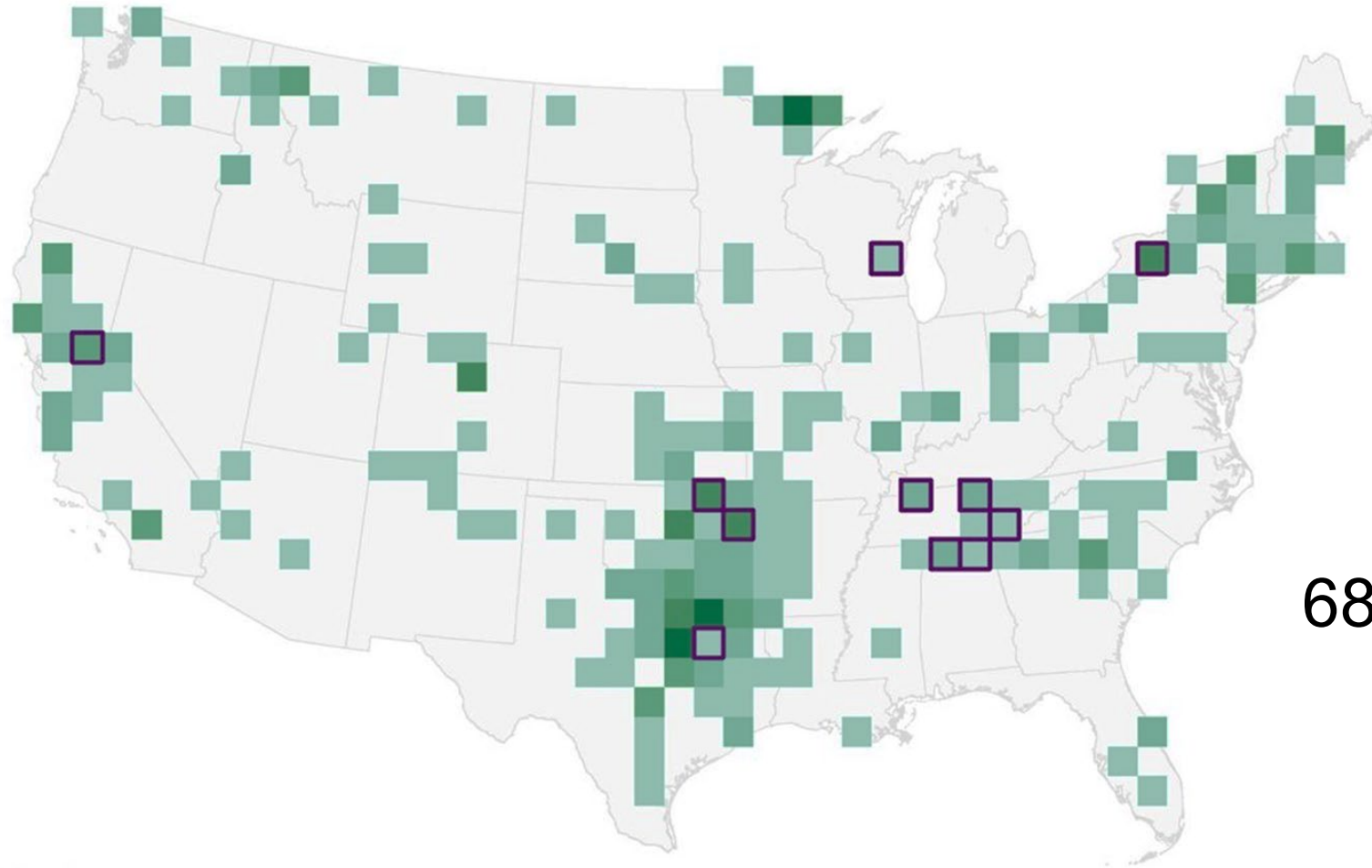


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Utah Lake



UCMR 4: Preceding the finished water sample collection, did you observe an algal bloom in your source waters near the intake?

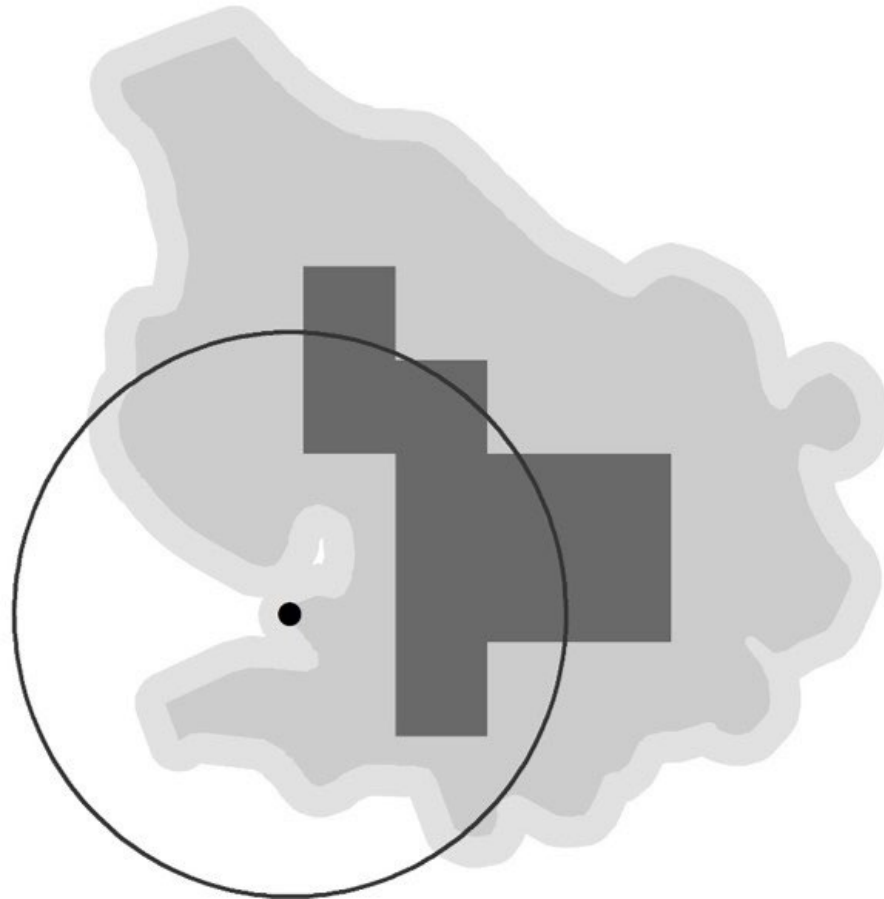


685 resolvable source waters

-  Density of resolvable intakes per 100 km²
-  Resolvable intake with UCMR 4 data

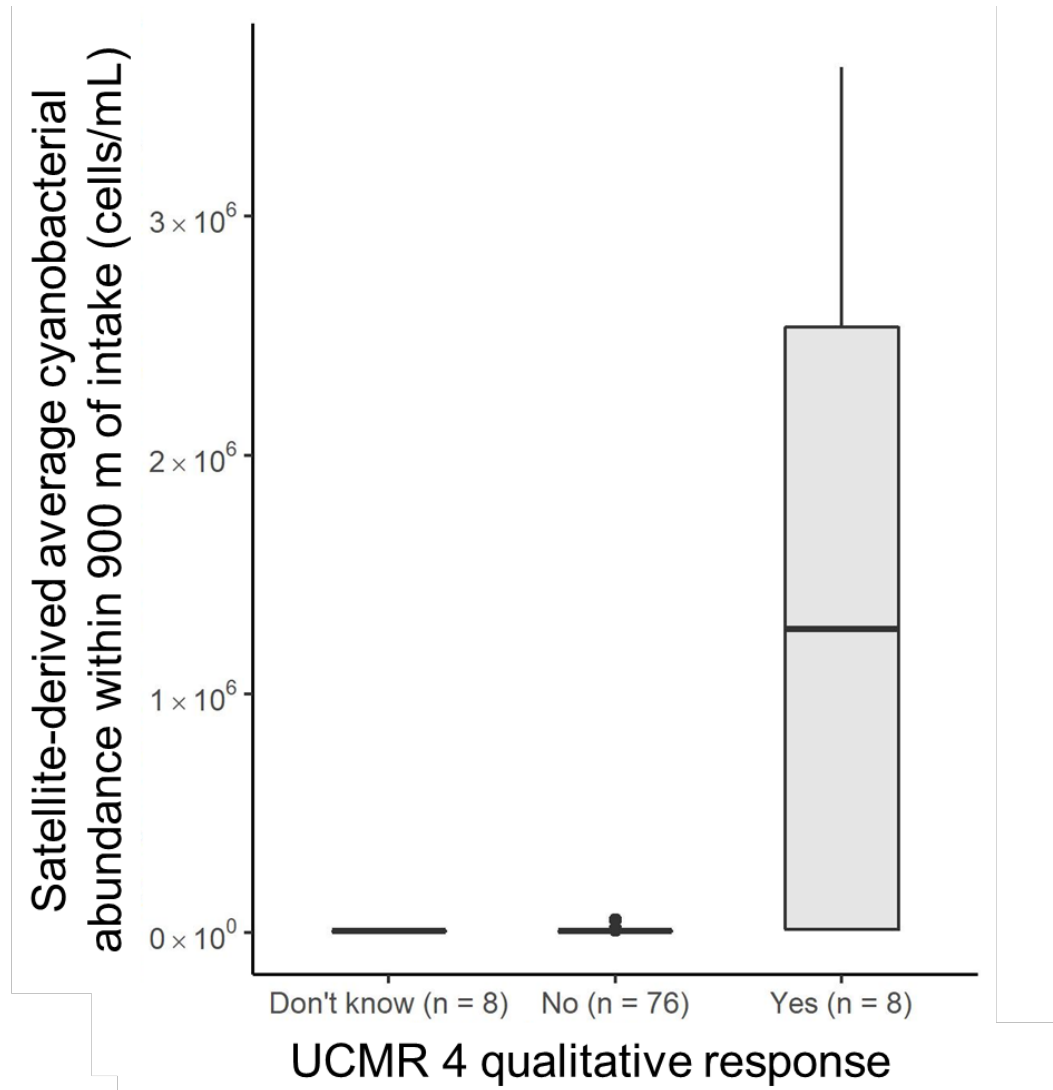
UCMR 4: Preceding the finished water sample collection, did you observe an algal bloom in your source waters near the intake?

Source water characterized by averaging all satellite pixels within 900 m of intake for UCMR 4 data collected within 1 month of satellite overpass



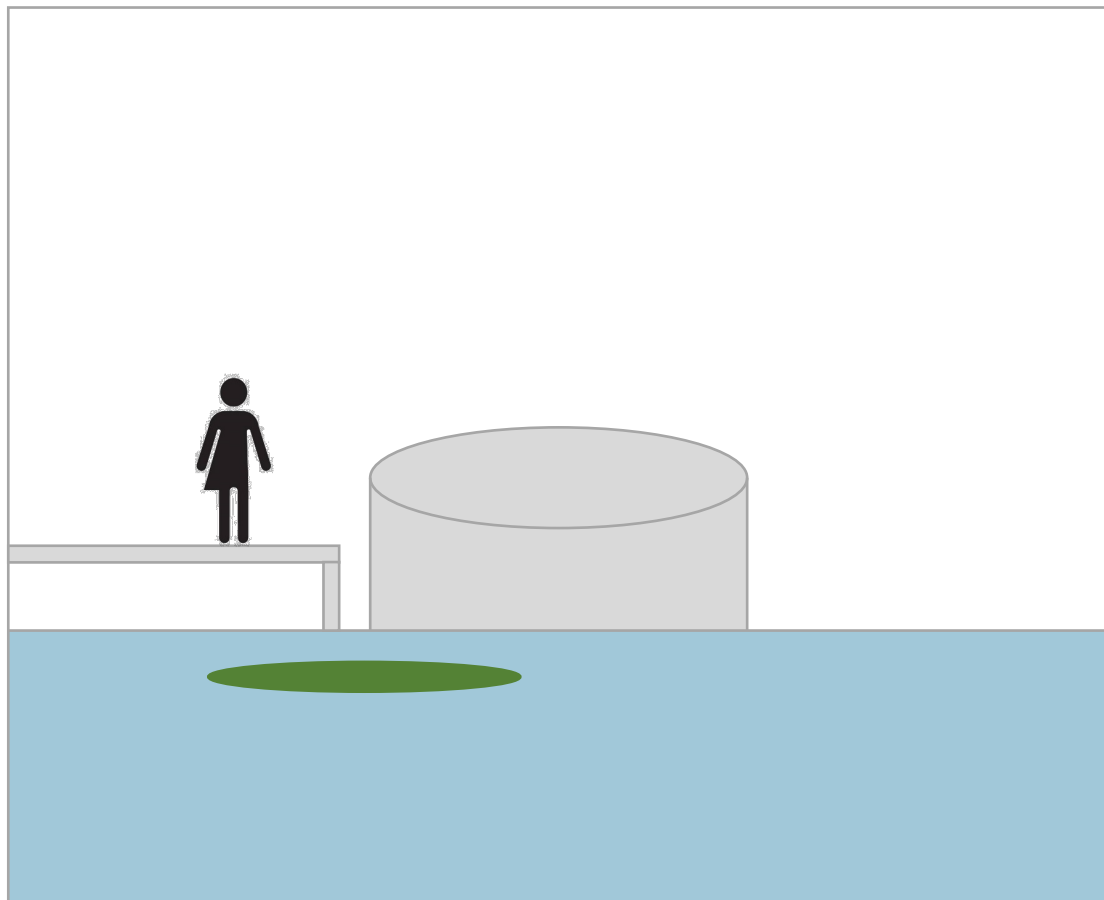
- Lake
- 100 m lake buffer
- Intake
- 900 m intake buffer
- Valid satellite pixel

UCMR 4: Preceding the finished water sample collection, did you observe an algal bloom in your source waters near the intake?



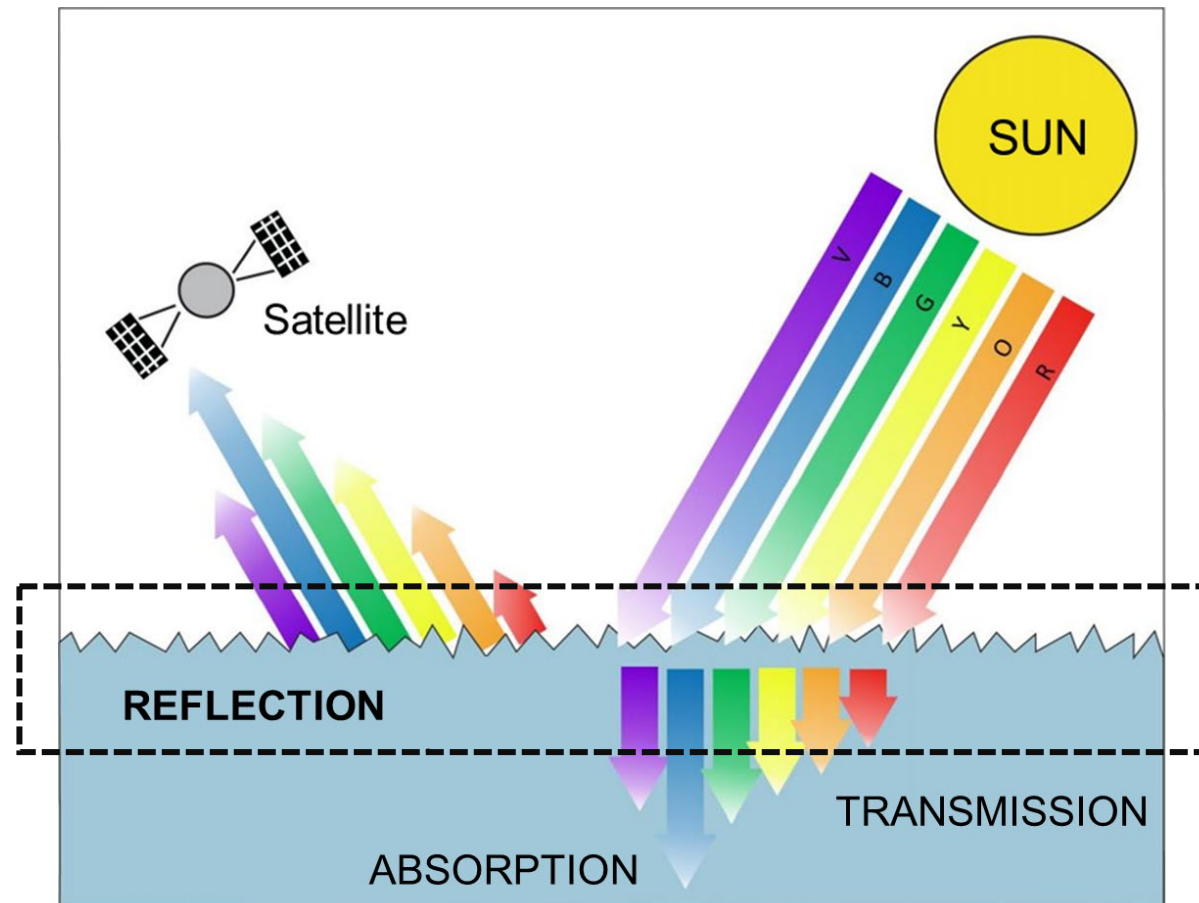
Satellite-derived results and UCMR 4 qualitative responses of “Yes” and “No” were compared using the Mann-Whitney U test and had 94% agreement

UCMR 4 observations



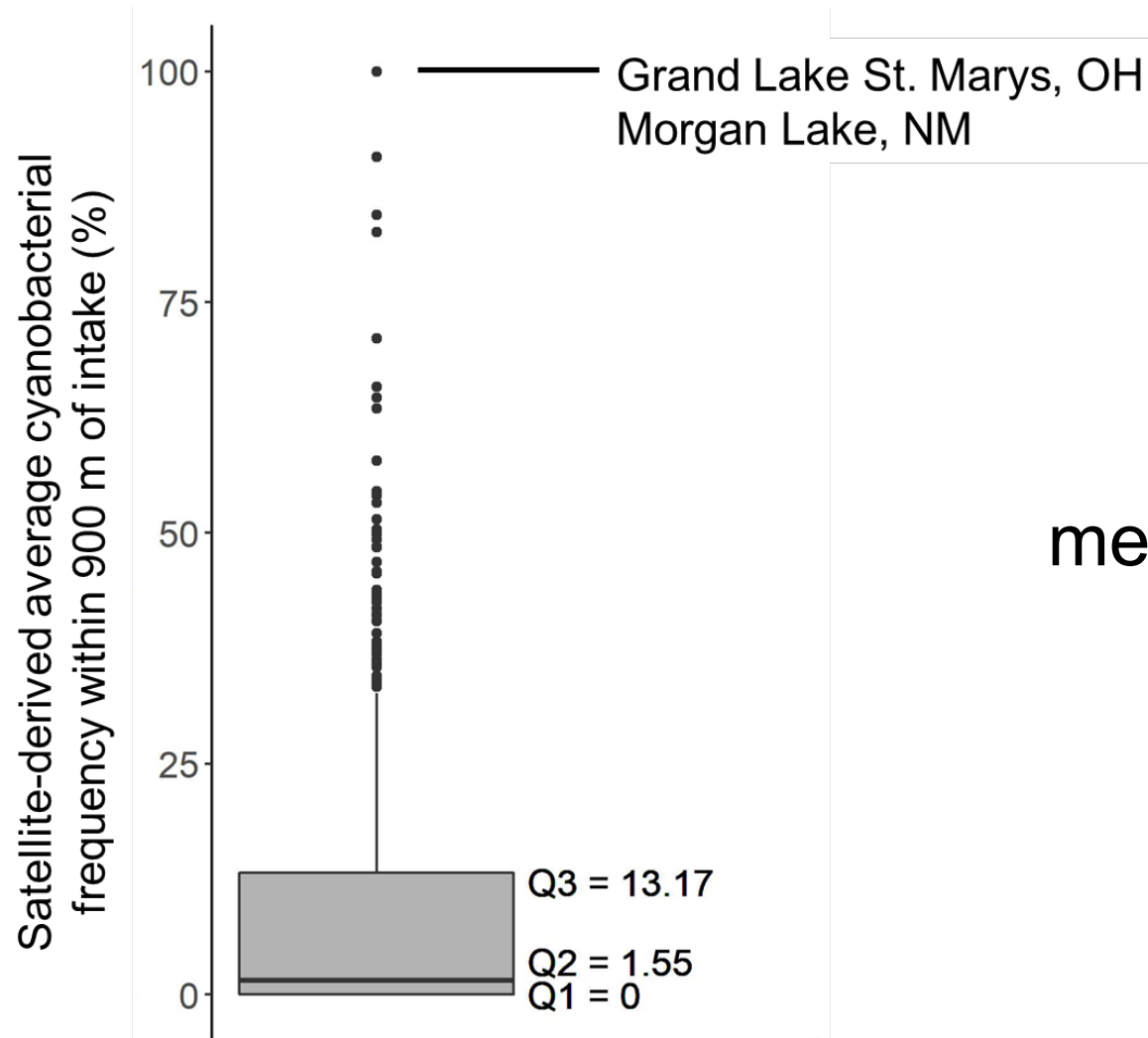
Asked PWS observers if a surface bloom was observed near the intake

Satellite imagery



Primarily characterizes the upper portion of the water column

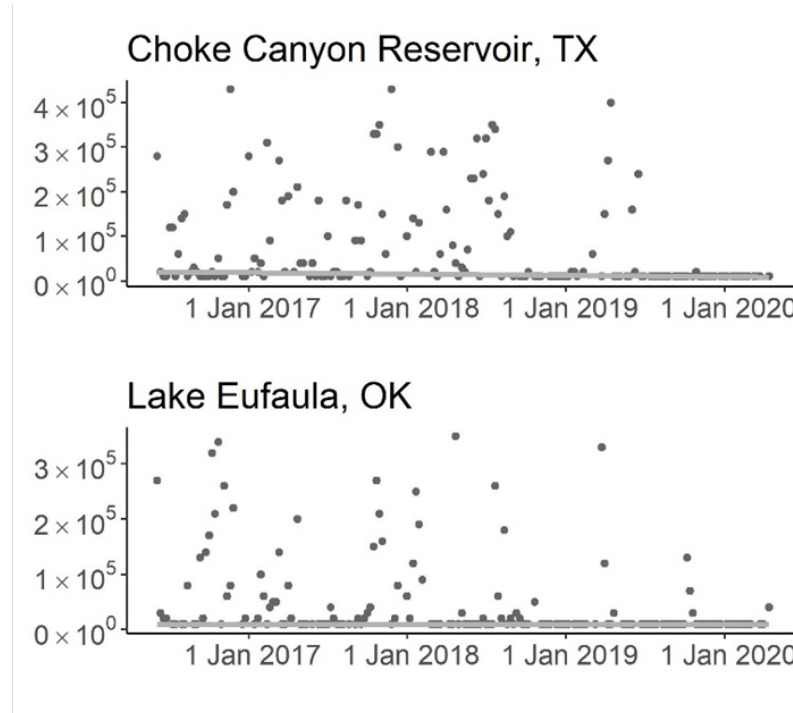
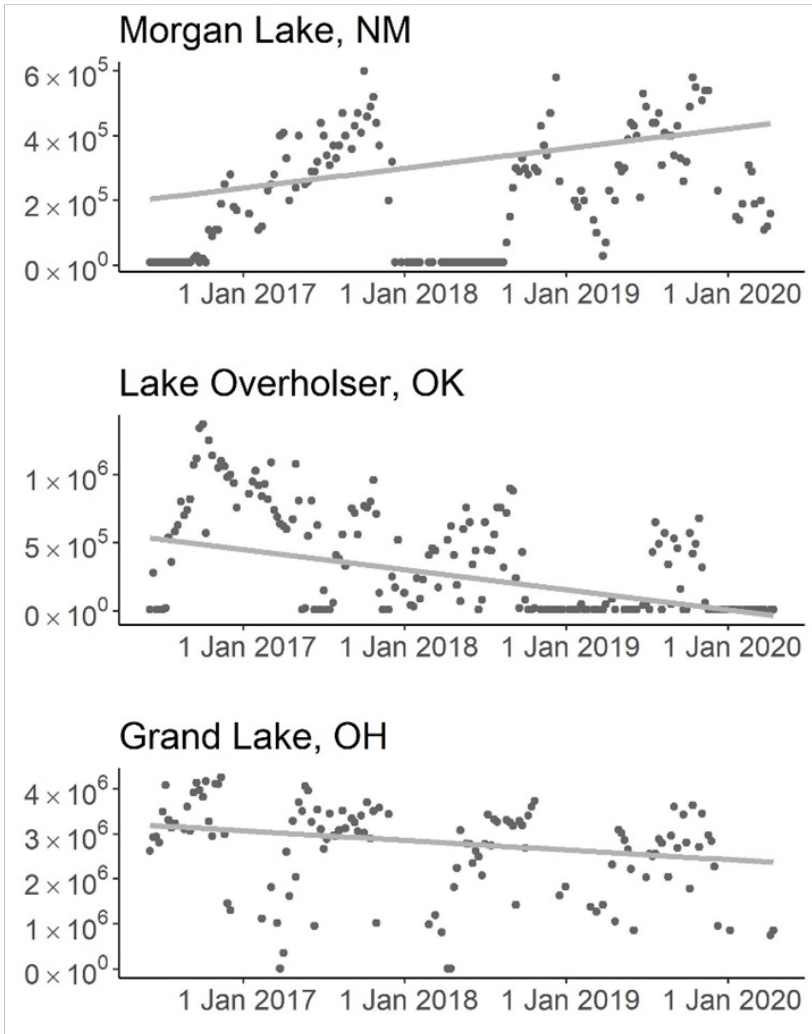
After confirming satellite imagery can be used to monitor source water cyanobacteria, we can assess large-scale patterns



Across all 685 satellite-resolvable source waters in the United States, median cyanobacterial bloom frequency was 2%; Maximum frequency was 100% at two source waters

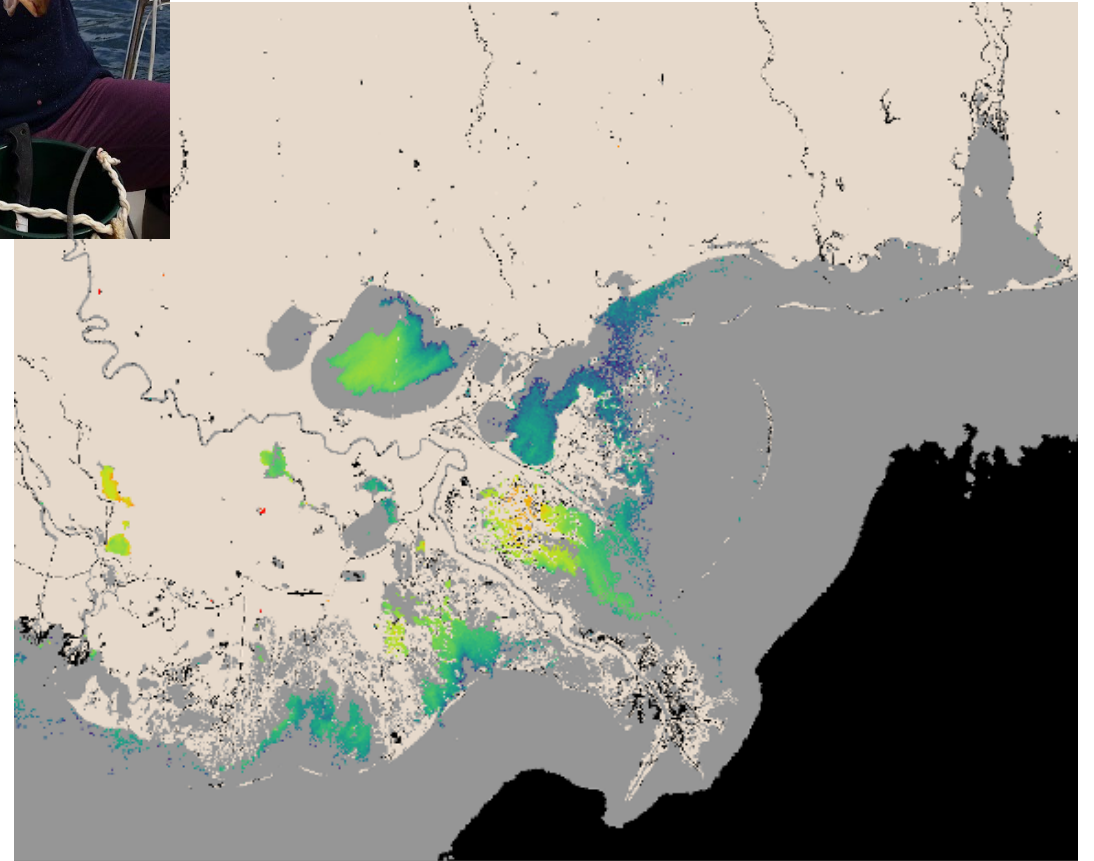
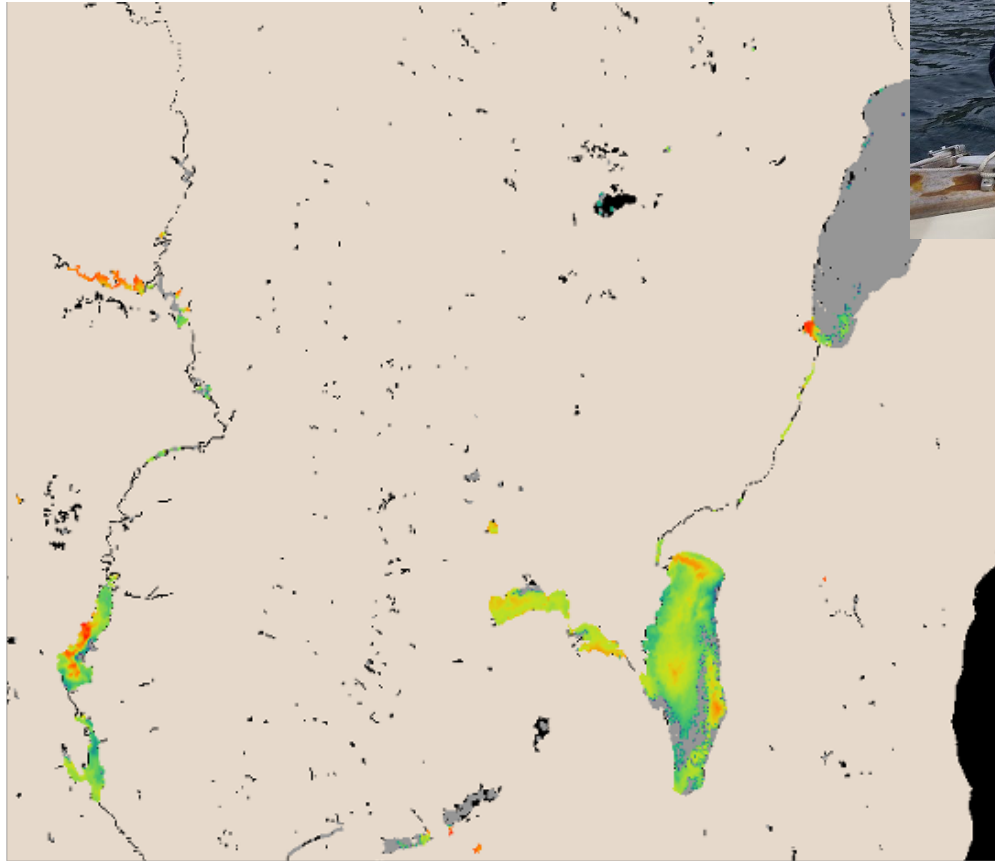
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Average cyanobacterial abundance within 900 m of drinking water intakes (cells/mL)

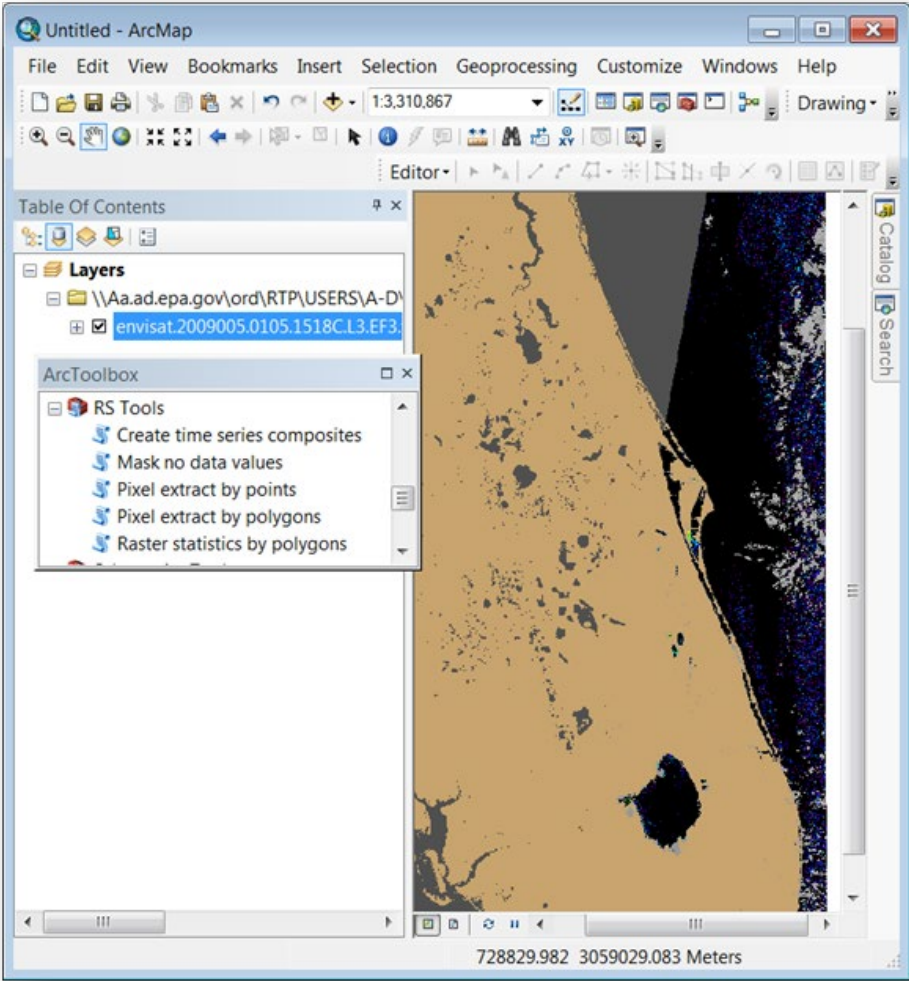
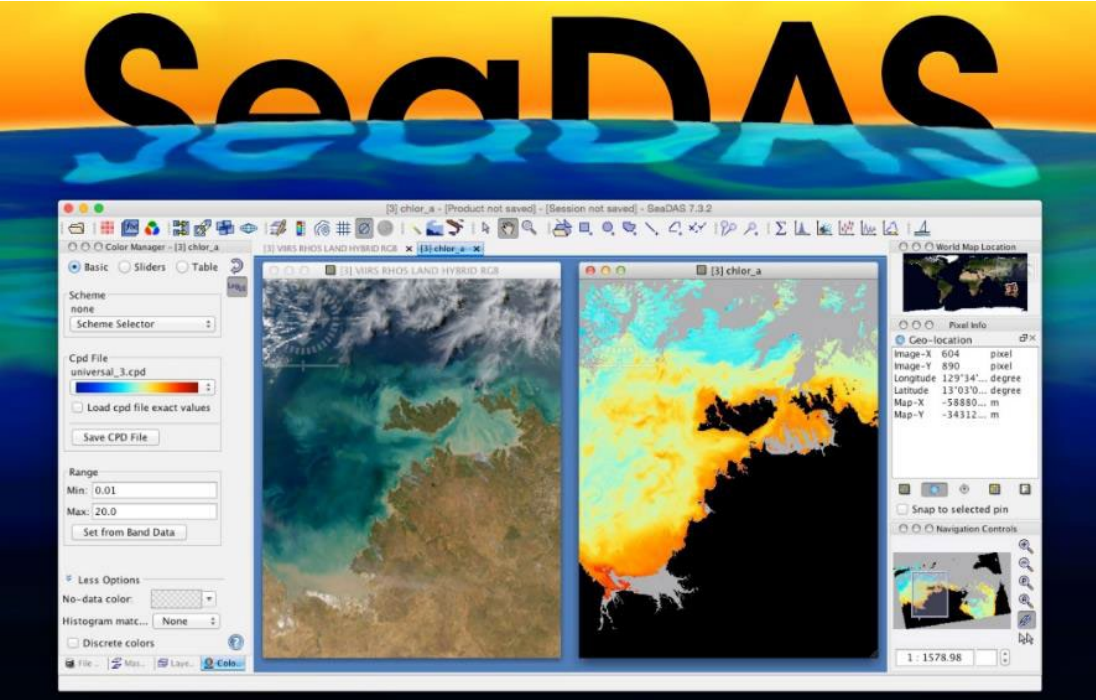


Trend assessment indicates source waters at one intake increased in cyanobacteria abundance from 2016-2020 while 4 source waters decreased

GeoTIFFs



NASA CyAN website



NASA CyAN website

<https://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/about/projects/cyan/>

CYANOBACTERIA ASSESSMENT NETWORK (CYAN)



Version 5 of CyAN data were released on May 22, 2023. [Click here](#) for details.

Introduction

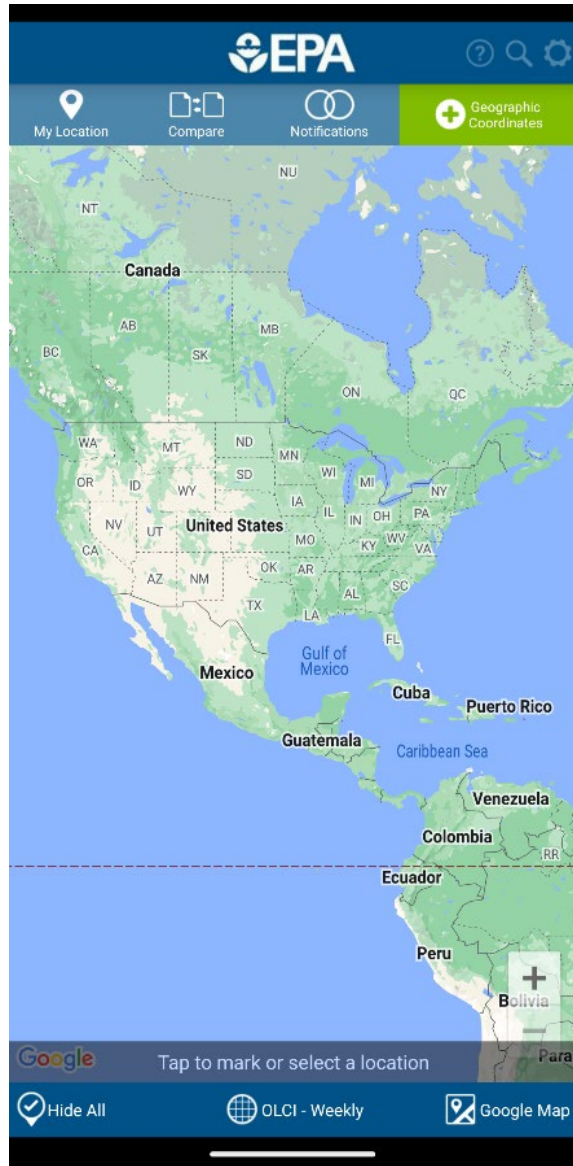
Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN) is a multi-agency project among EPA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to support the environmental management and public use of U.S. lakes and estuaries by providing a capability of



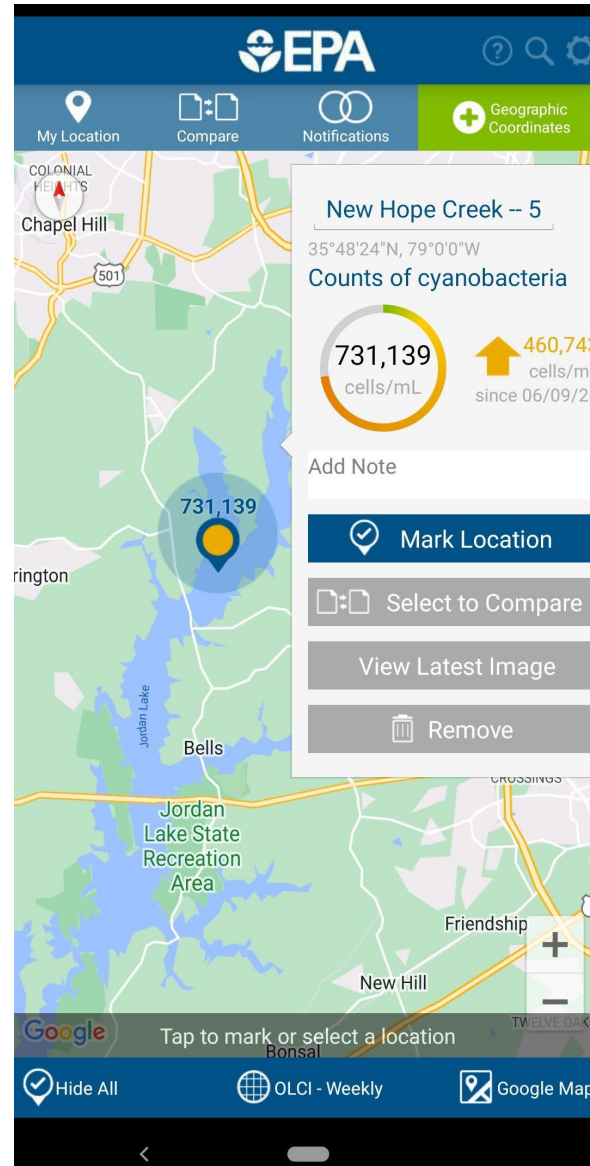
CyAN app demo

www.epa.gov/water-research/cyanobacteria-assessment-network-application-cyan-app

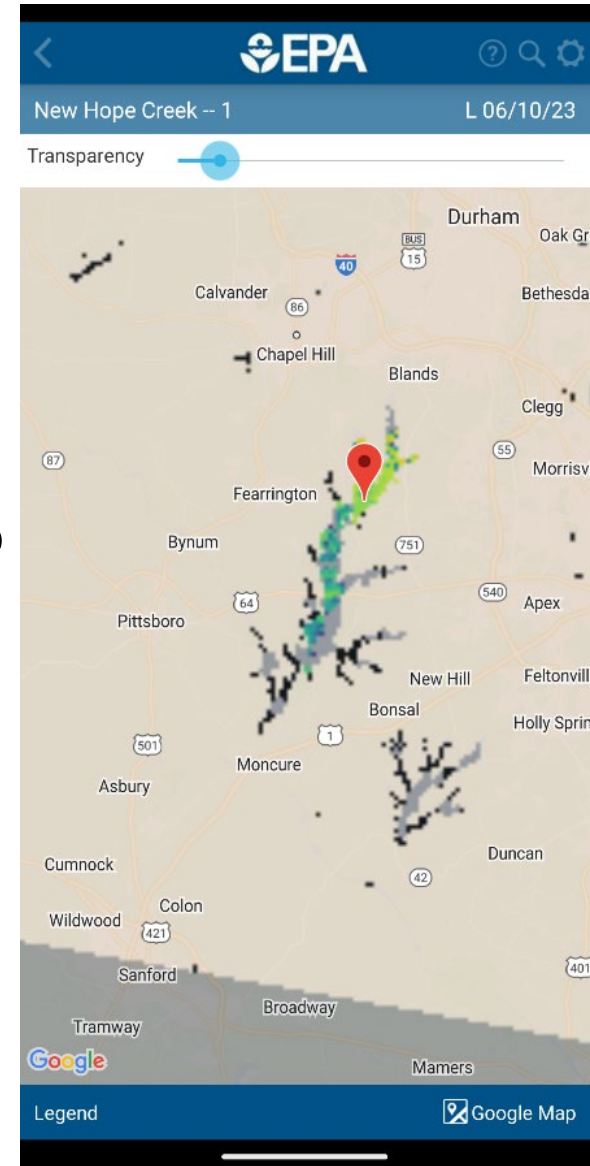
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ASDWA HABS Webinar: CyAN and Potential Satellite Monitoring of Drinking Water Sources

Oregon DEQ

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Dan Sobota, Senior Water Quality Analyst and Harmful Algal Blooms Coordination Team Lead

September 19, 2023

Willamette River at the Hawthorne Bridge 8/15/2023

Photo credit: Multnomah County Health Department

Oregon's Web application using CyAN data



Satellite Estimates of Cyanobacteria in Oregon Lakes and Reservoirs

Reporting Period: Aug. 21, 2023 - Aug. 27, 2023

Introduction

This report provides an update to estimates of cyanobacteria abundance derived from satellite imagery for 49 large Oregon waterbodies. Updates are scheduled to occur weekly from March to October each year. Estimates derive from the [Cyanobacteria Assessment Network \(CyAN\)](#) project. Three levels illustrate cyanobacteria abundance (cells/mL): Low: <20,000, Moderate: 20,000-100,000, and High: >100,000. The levels correspond to the World Health Organization (WHO) exposure guideline values ([WHO, 2003](#)). For more information on Harmful Algal Blooms in Oregon, please visit websites from the [Oregon DEQ](#) and the [Oregon Health Authority](#).

All data presented in this report are provisional and subject to change. Estimates of cyanobacteria from satellite imagery do not imply the presence of cyanotoxins or other water quality impairments and do not have regulatory implications. **Visit the [Oregon Health Authority](#) to learn about recreational use and drinking water advisories related to cyanobacteria blooms.** Additional assessments with imagery from the [Sentinel 2](#) Satellites, local visual assessment, and/or water quality sampling are needed to provide additional information on potential human health and environmental effects of cyanobacteria. Please note that estimates of cyanobacteria abundance presented in this report may be skewed by cloud cover, ice cover, sun glint, water surface roughness, dry lake beds, algal mats, and shoreline effects.

Highlighted Waterbodies

Waterbodies with high cyanobacteria abundance (>100,000 cells/mL) based on the average of daily maximum estimates during the 7-day reporting period (7DADM).

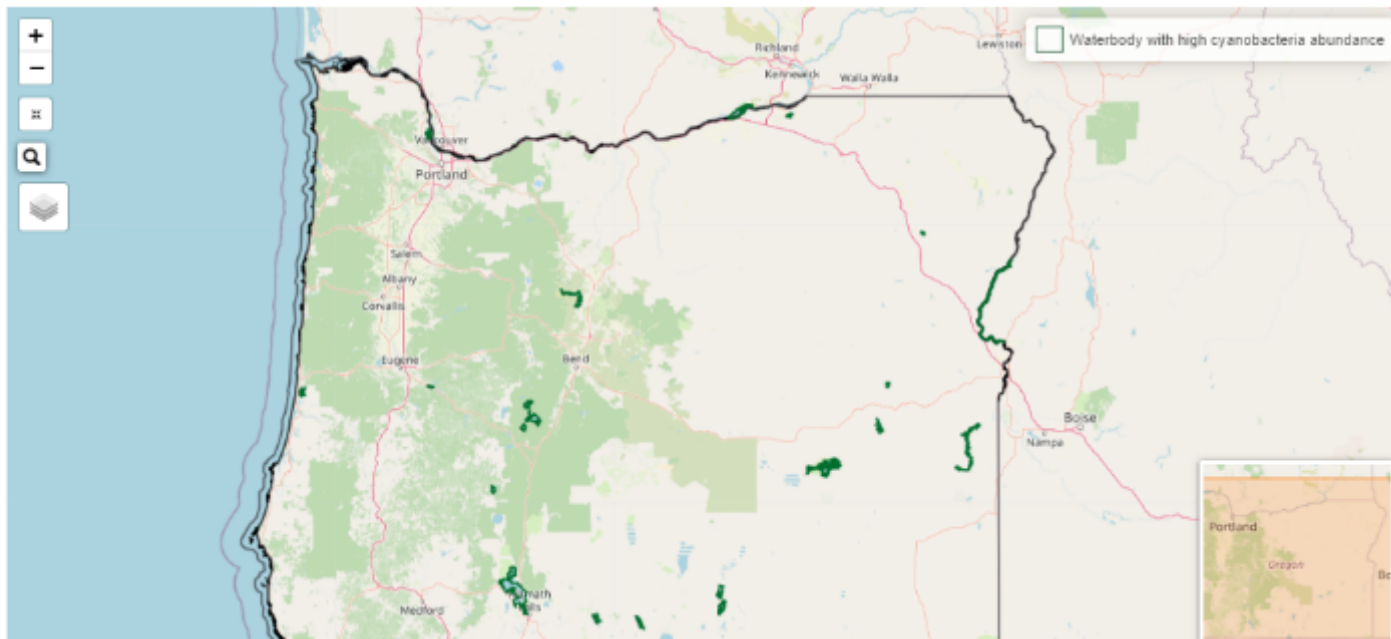
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Search:

Waterbody_GNISID*	Basin	7DADM (cells/mL)	Days of Data
Gerber Reservoir_01121105	Klamath	5,293,102	4
Upper Klamath Lake_01151685	Klamath	4,194,077	4
Drews Reservoir_01141243	Upper Sacramento	3,712,077	5
Malheur Lake_01123710	Oregon Closed Basins	3,524,062	6
Brownlee Reservoir_00378278	Middle Snake-Powder	3,428,273	6
Sturgeon Lake_01127681	Lower Willamette	2,612,943	5
Hart Lake_01121637	Oregon Closed Basins	2,466,300	5
Davis Lake_01140666	Deschutes	2,367,769	5
Renner Lake_00267175	Upper Sacramento	2,112,984	5
Lake Billy Chinook_01138120	Deschutes	1,873,700	4

All All All

Showing 1 to 10 of 22 entries



Maps and time series plot of cyanobacteria estimates for each of the 49 resolvable waterbodies according to the methods outlined in the [CyAN Project](#).

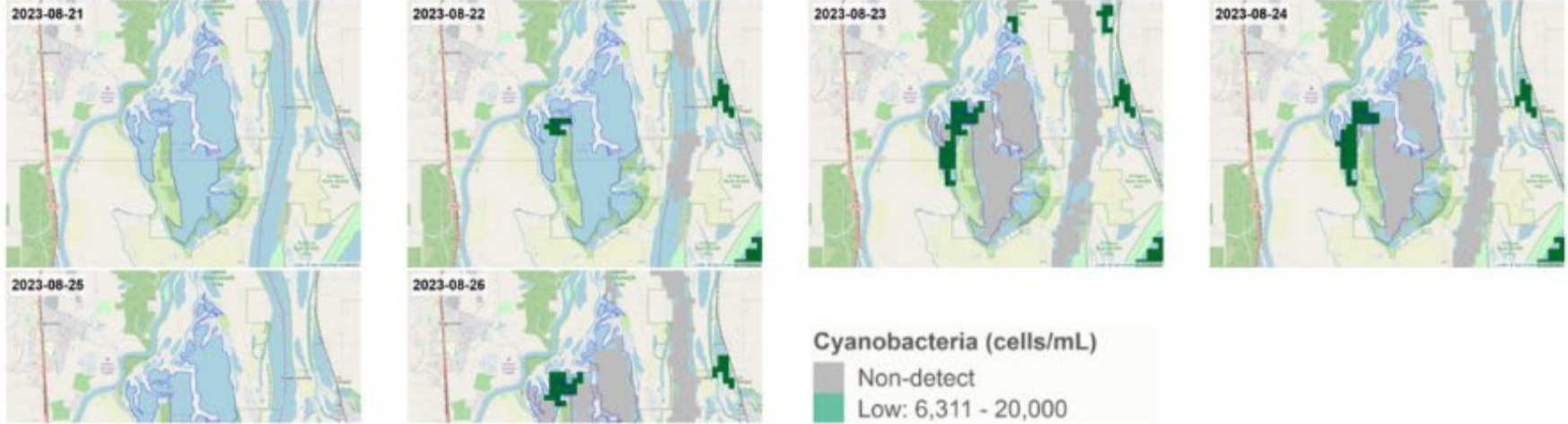
Select a Waterbody:

Sturgeon Lake_01127681

Public Drinking Water Source

Satellite estimates of cyanobacteria abundance from Aug. 21, 2023 to Aug. 27, 2023.

No pixels on the map indicates no data for the lake on that day



Time Series Plot and Data:

Date Range:

- Current Year: 2023
- Select a Date Range

2019-08-07 to 2023-08-27

Data for Sturgeon Lake_01127681 is available since June 14, 2016.

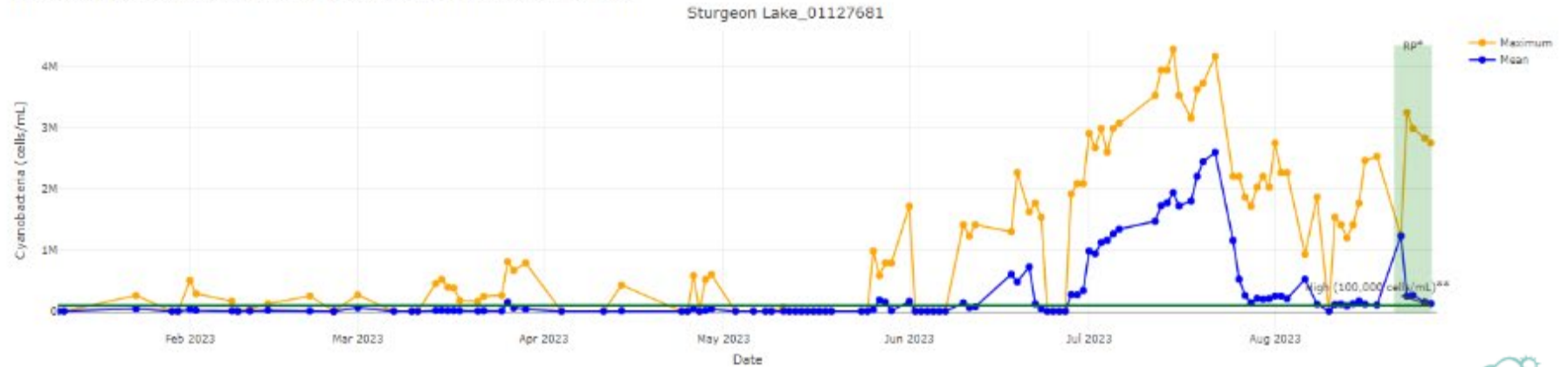
Summary Statistics:

- Maximum
- Mean
- Minimum

y-axis:

- Log Scale

Time series plot of cyanobacteria abundance (cells/mL) of the selected waterbody.



*RP: Reporting period from Aug. 21, 2023 to Aug. 27, 2023.

**High (100,000 cells/mL): World Health Organization (WHO) Recreational Use Value (RUV) Guideline for moderate probability of adverse health effects.

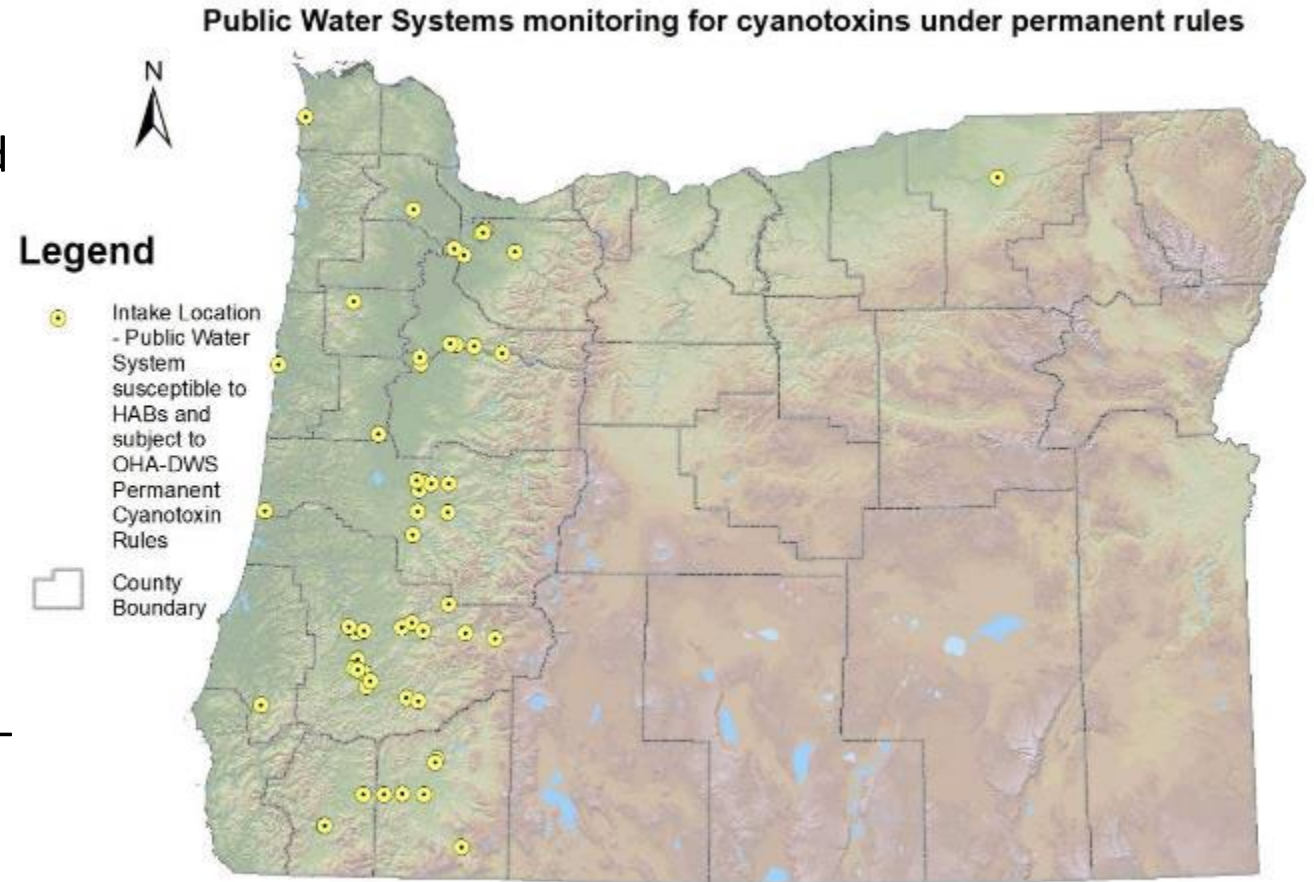
Satellite Estimates of Cyanobacteria in Oregon Lakes and Reservoirs - <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/pages/harmful-algal-blooms.aspx>



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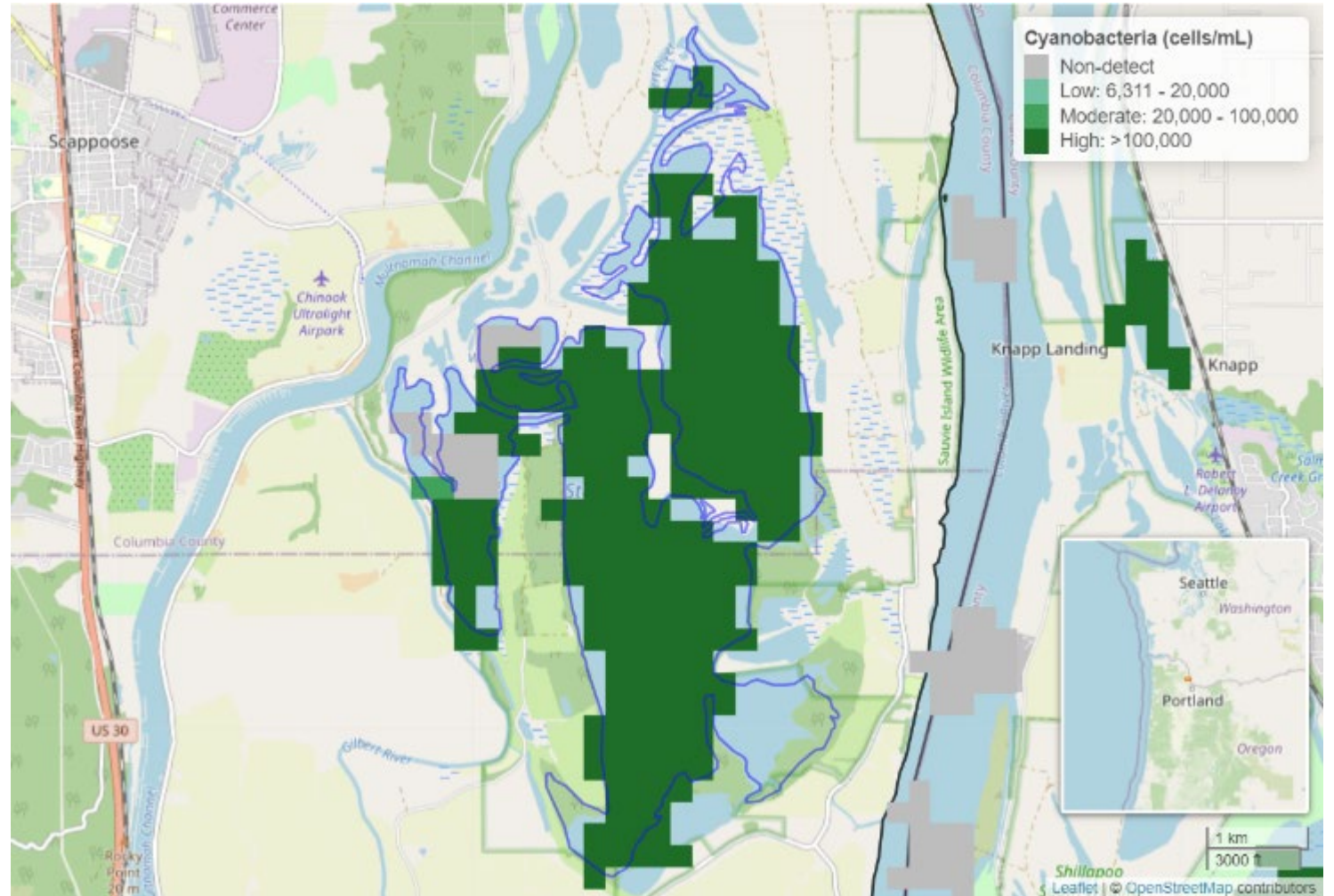
Susceptible Water Systems – OHA Rules (2019)

1. Documented HABs with cyanotoxin detected;
2. Source or upstream waterbody on DEQ 303(d) list for not meeting WQ standards for algae and aquatic weeds;
3. Downstream of source susceptible to HABs or cyanotoxins
4. OHA determination based on characteristics of the source, including, but not limited to, slow moving or stagnant water, temperature, available sources of nutrients, water quality data, satellite imagery, presence of microcystin- or cylindrospermopsin-producing genes, or other relevant information.



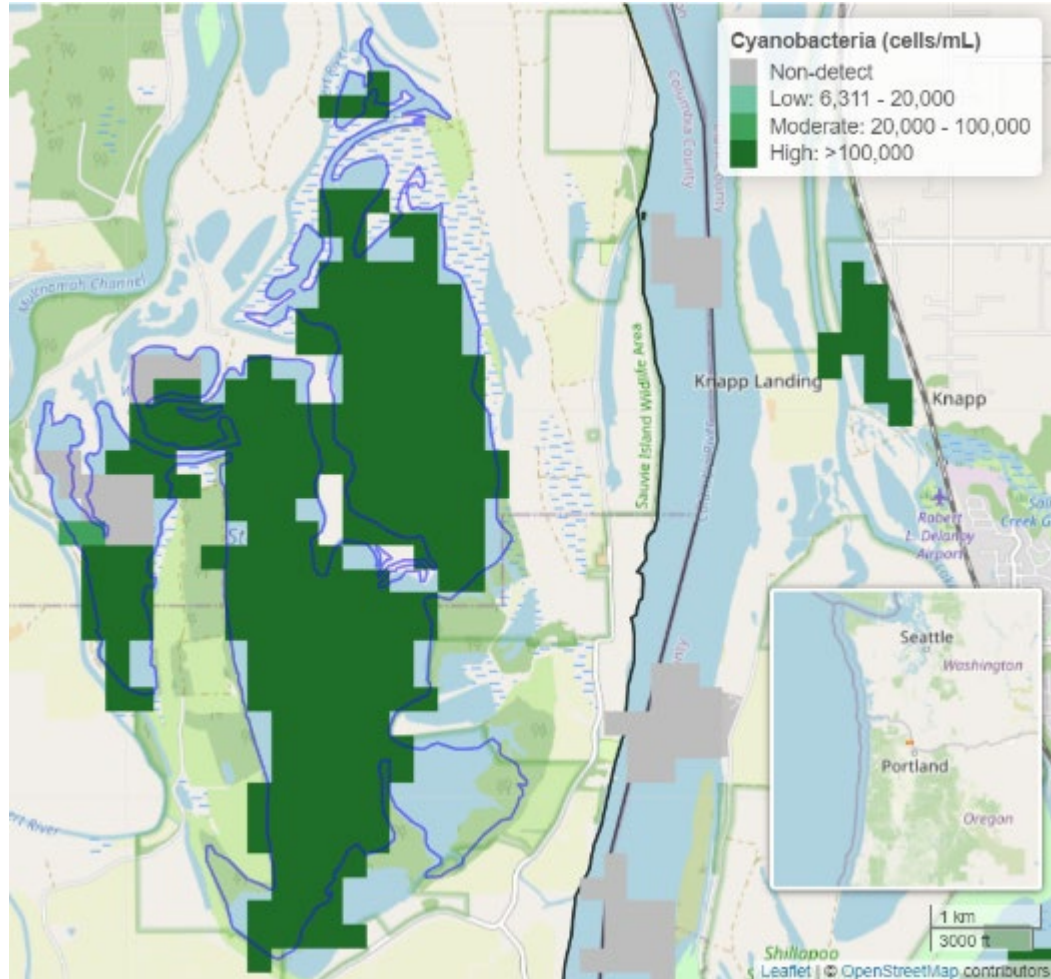
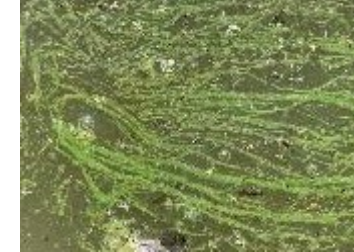
Sturgeon Lake – Sauvie Island, Multnomah County, Oregon 7/21/2023

Photo credit: Oregon DEQ



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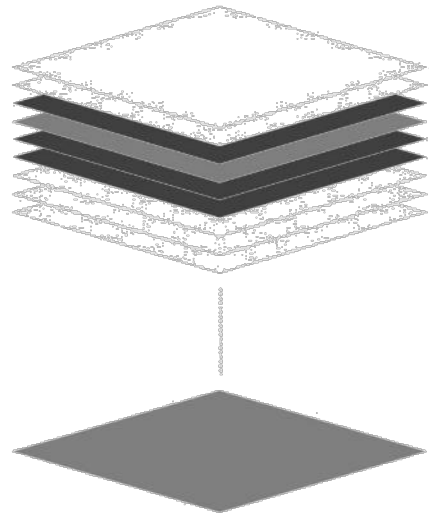
CyAN Satellite Data allows us to screen more places, more frequently to we can prioritize resources for sampling and make decisions that protect public health and the environment



Downstream Drinking Water Intakes

Sauvie Island - Lakes with CHABs

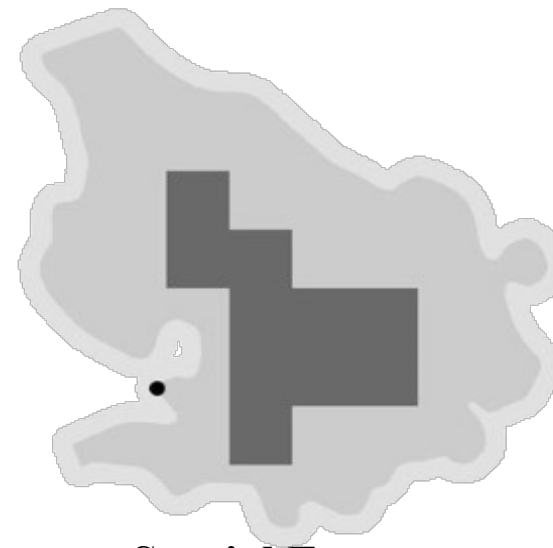




52 weekly composites

- Detect
- Non-detect
- No data

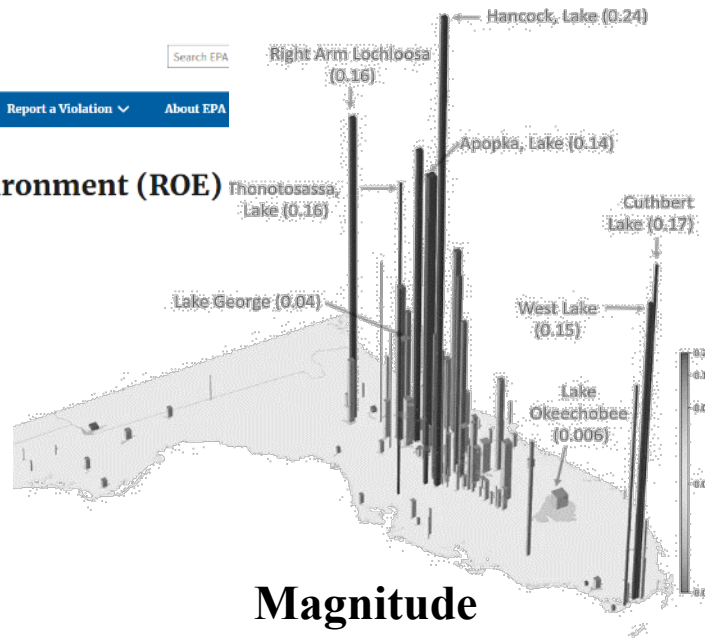
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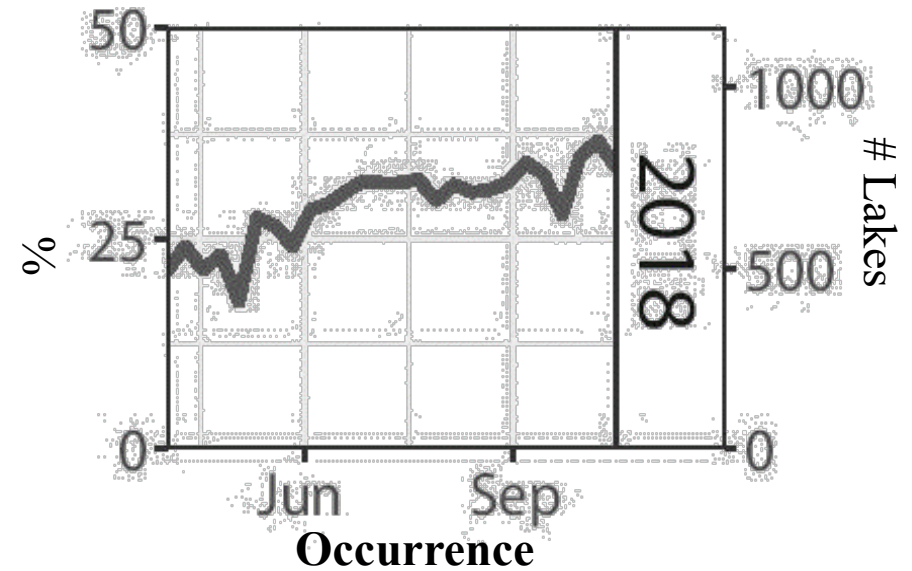
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EPA's Report on the Environment (ROE)



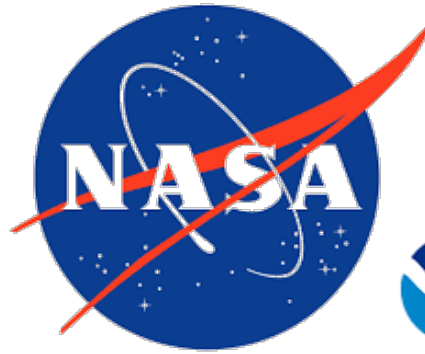
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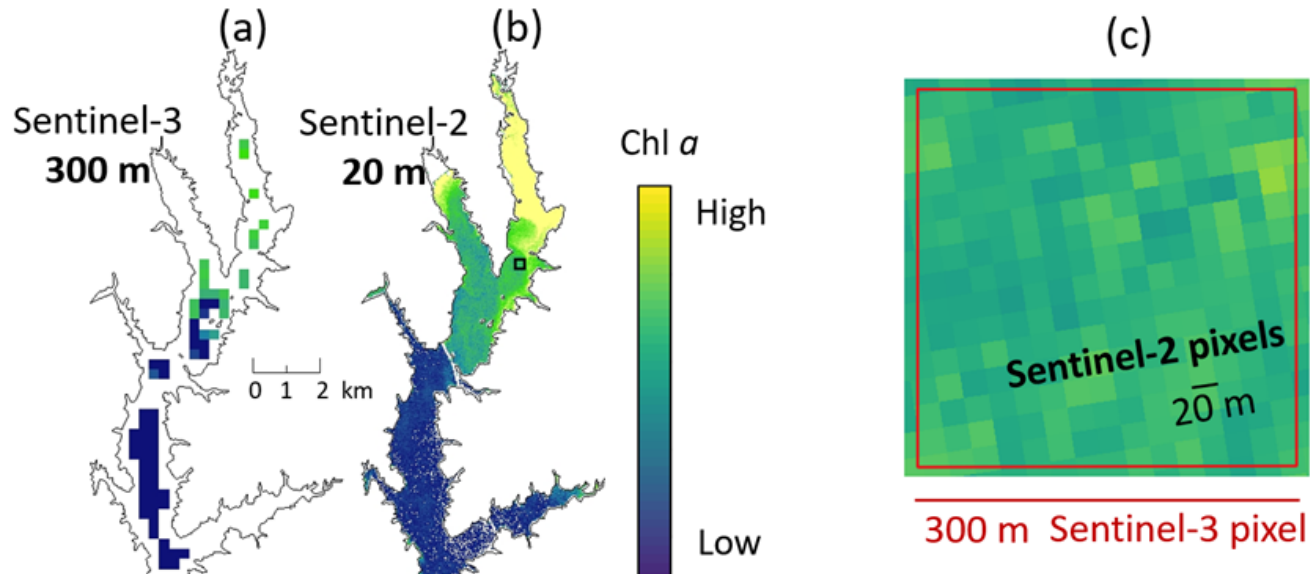
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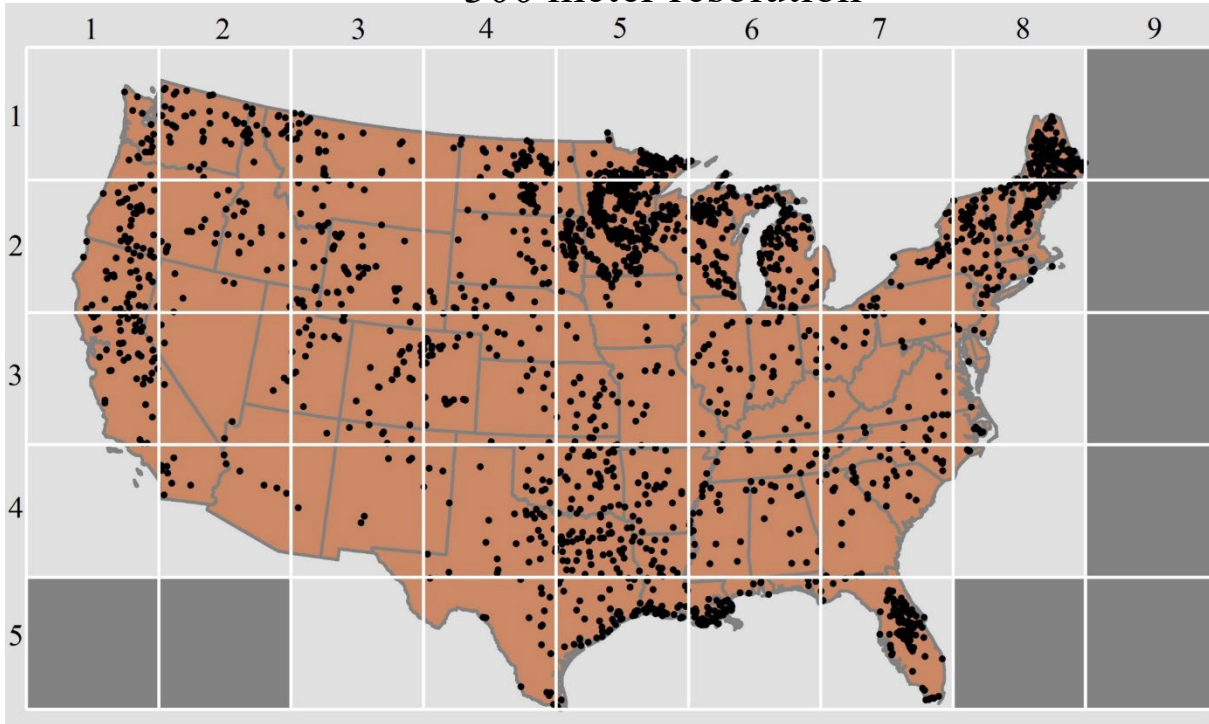
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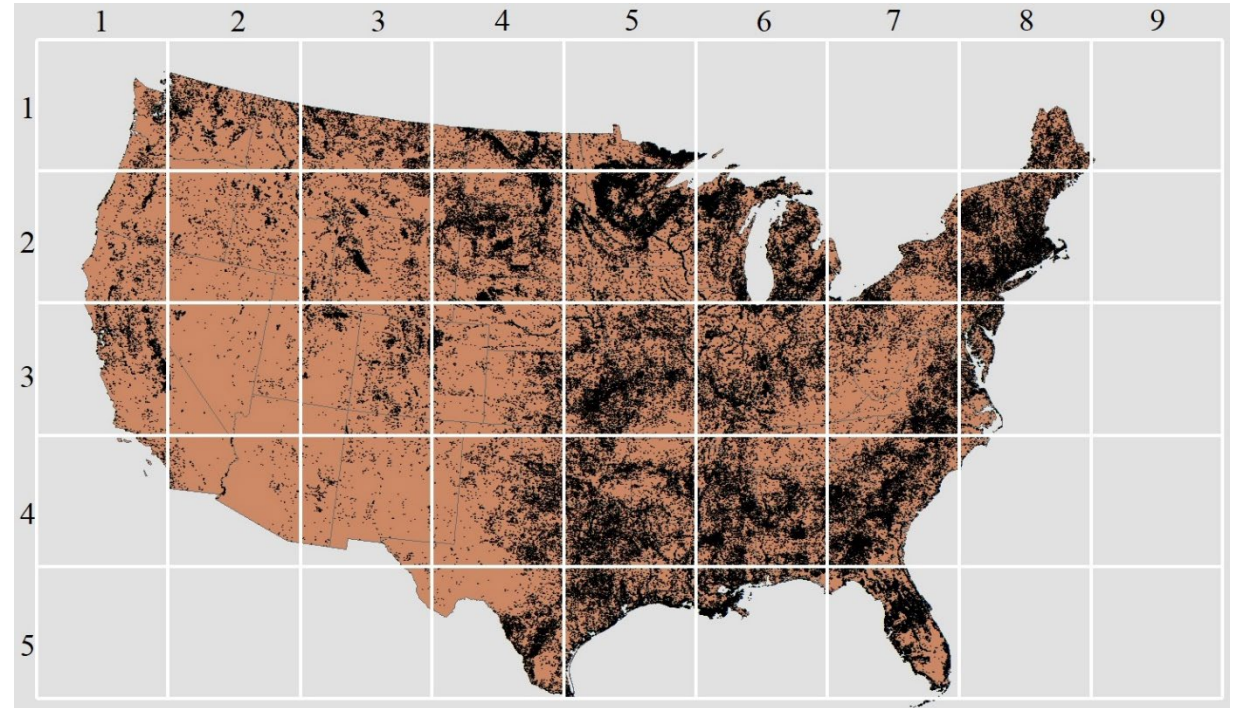
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Original CyAN data
300 meter resolution



CyAN S2.0
10-60 meter resolution



>270,000 (98%) lakes
312 (83%) estuaries & 85 (100%) sub estuaries

Annual potential avoided costs
~\$42 million/year

Sources: Clark et al. 2017. Ecological Indicators;
Papenfus et al. 2020. Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Summary

- Cicyano satellite images available daily and weekly
 - Annual potential avoided costs ~\$5.7 million/year
- Training, software (open source, GIS, Android, web-based)
 - NASA website
 - SeaDAS
 - ArcMAP and ArcPRO RS Tools
 - Android mobile and web-applications
- Demonstrations
 - Utah Lake
 - Surface source waters
 - Oregon DEQ

EPA CyAN website



NASA CyAN website



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