

Supplementary Information

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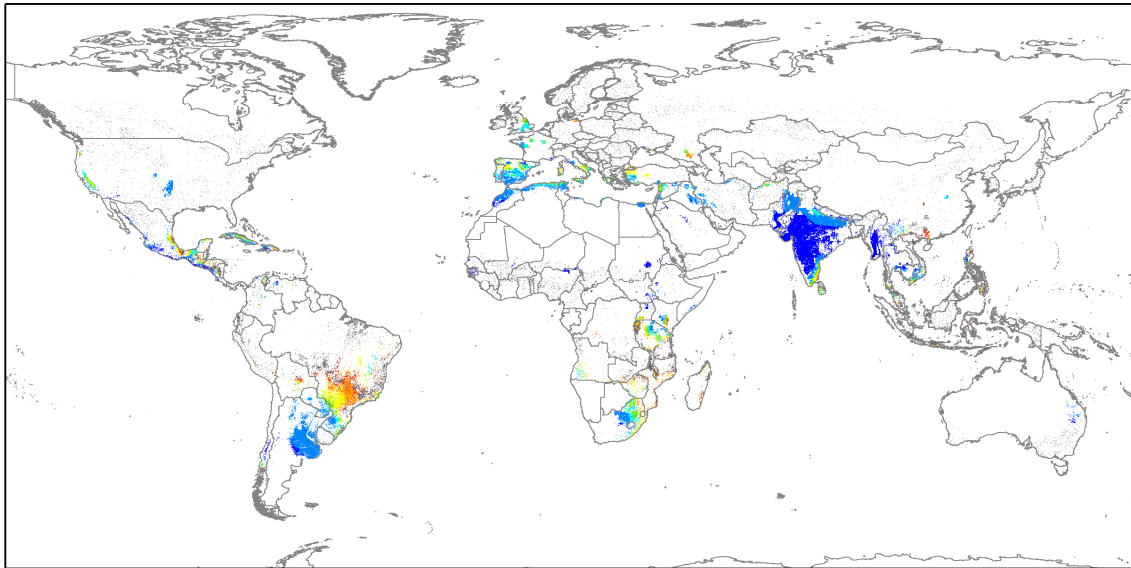
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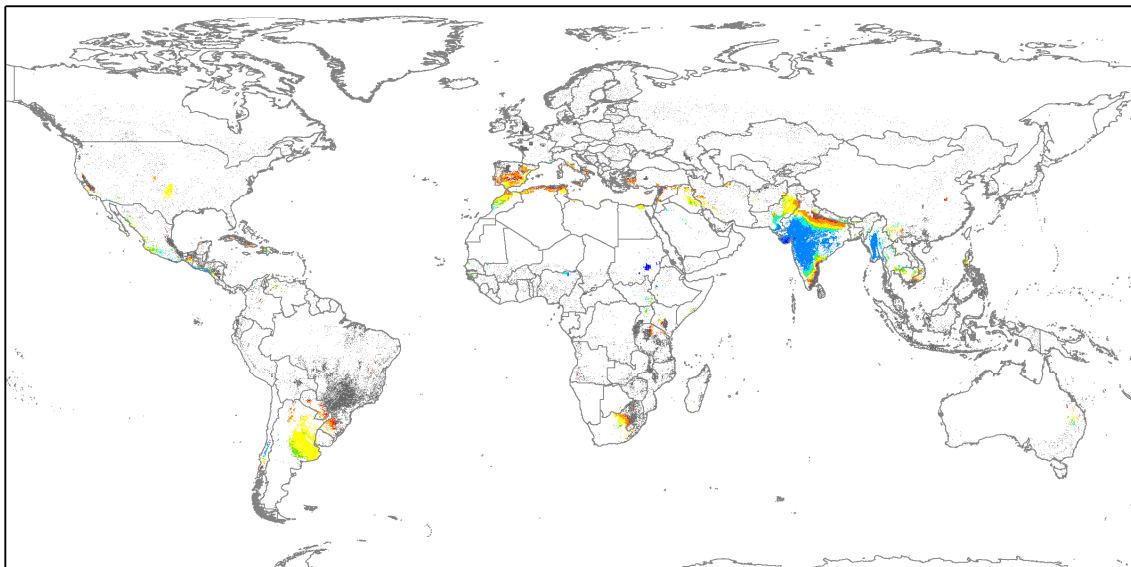
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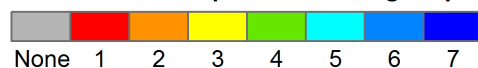
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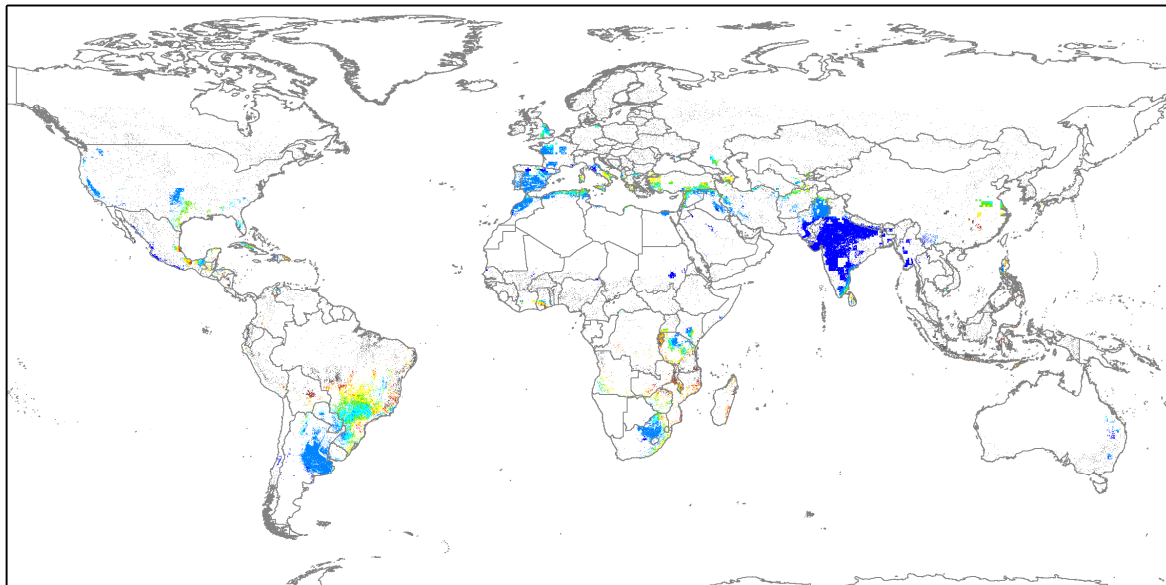
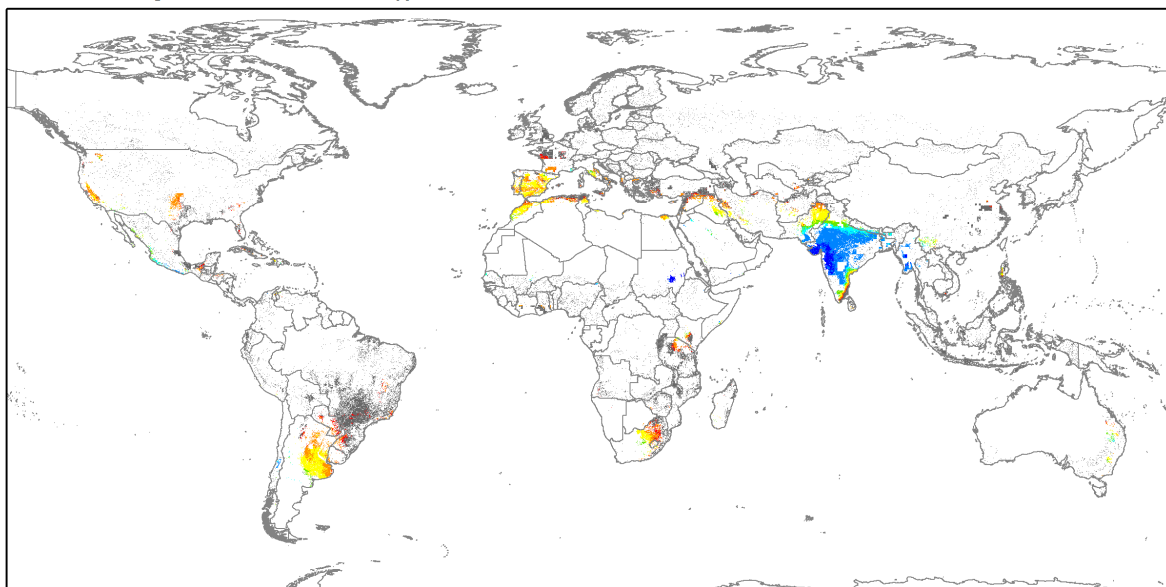
Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency



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Figure S1. During the month of January, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”

February

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Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

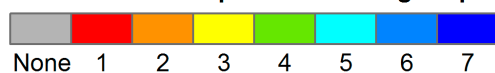
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Figure S2. During the month of February, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in grey, and denoted as “None.”

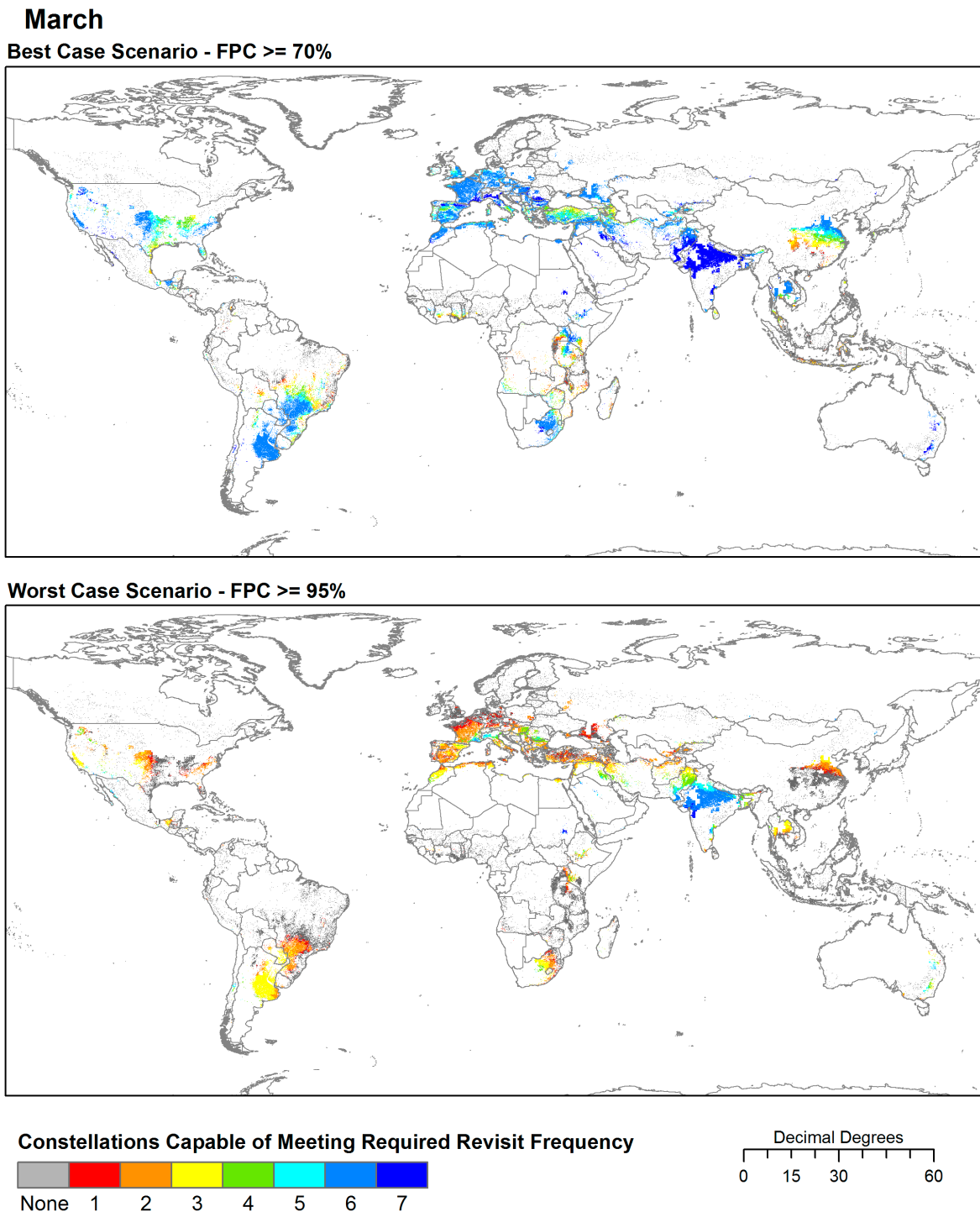
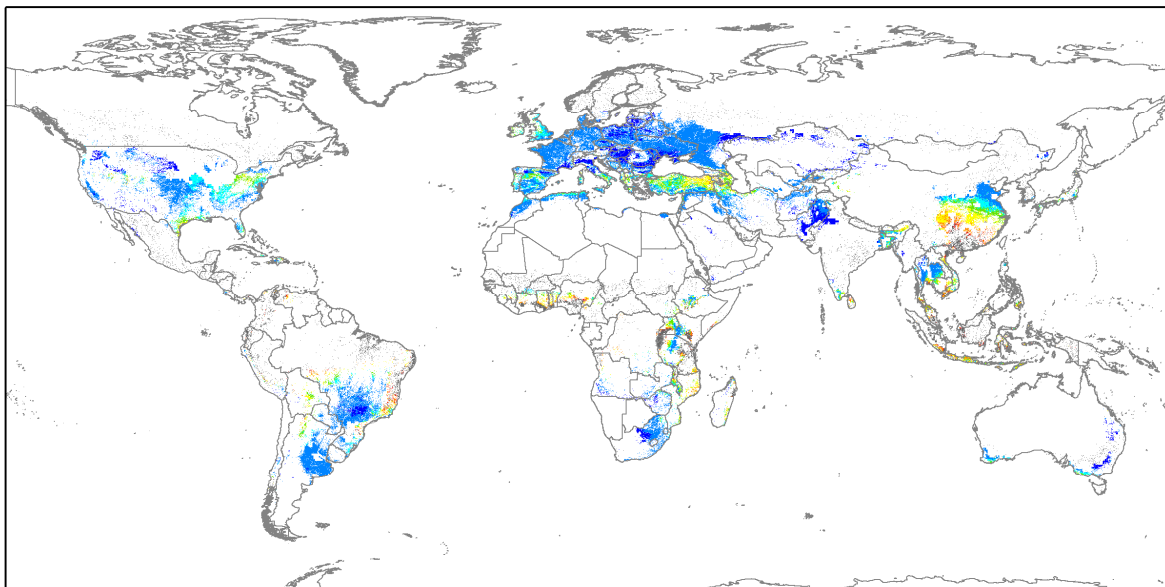


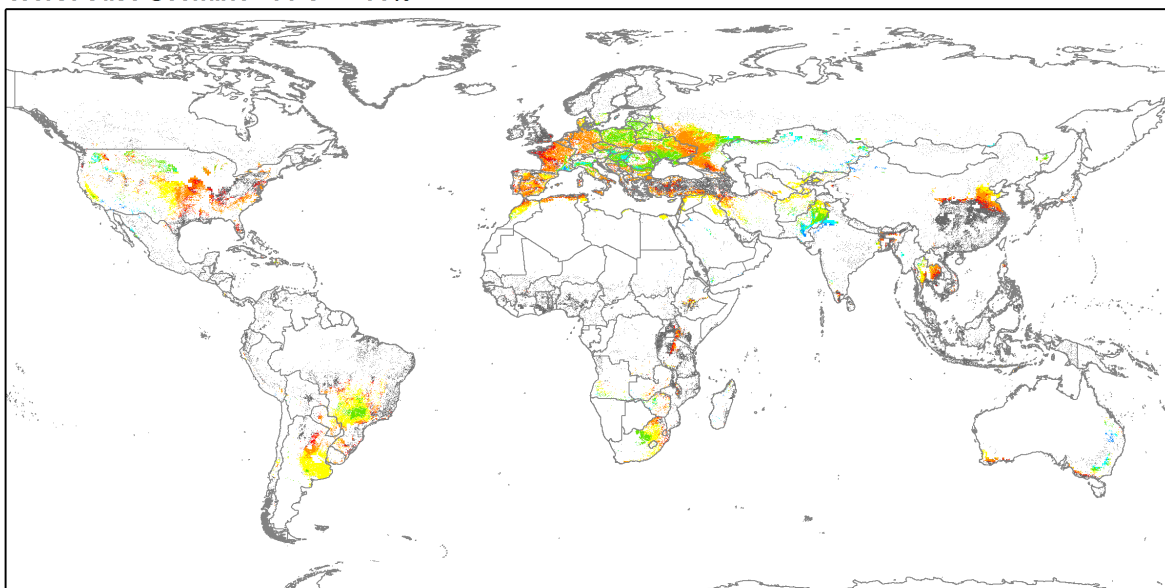
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April

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Worst Case Scenario - FPC \geq 95%



Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

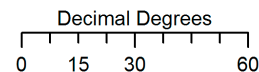
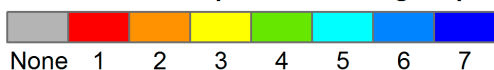
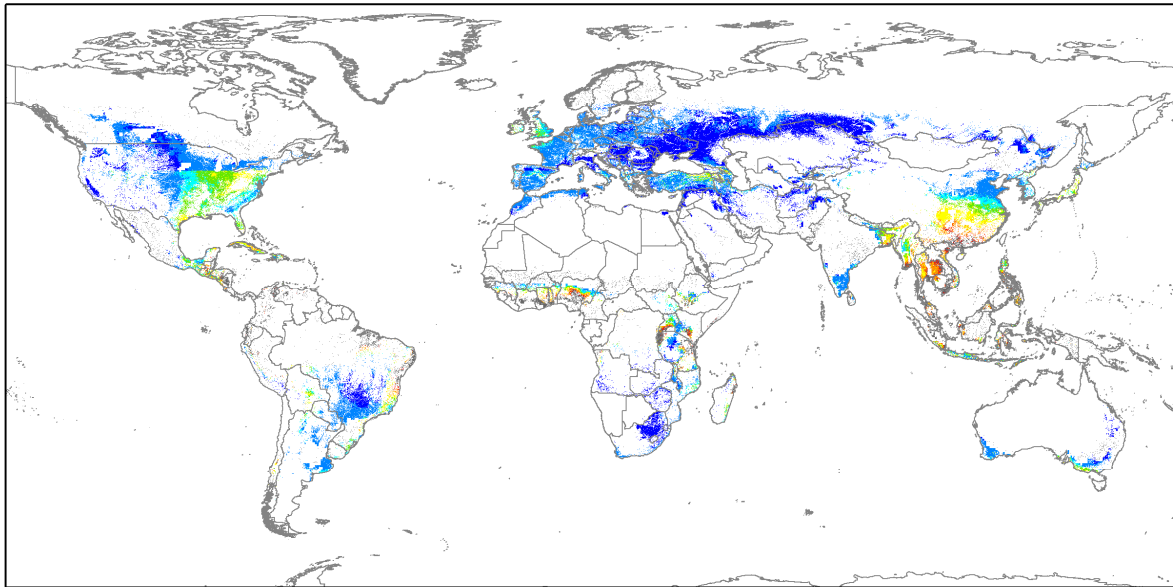


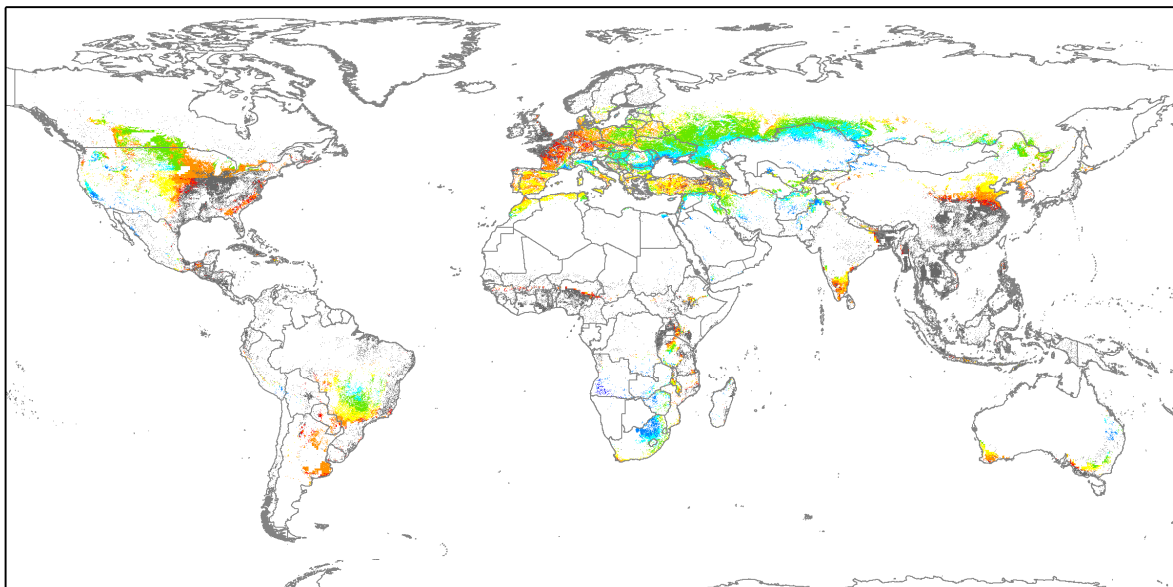
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May

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Worst Case Scenario - FPC \geq 95%



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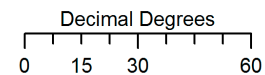
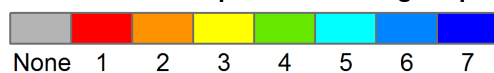
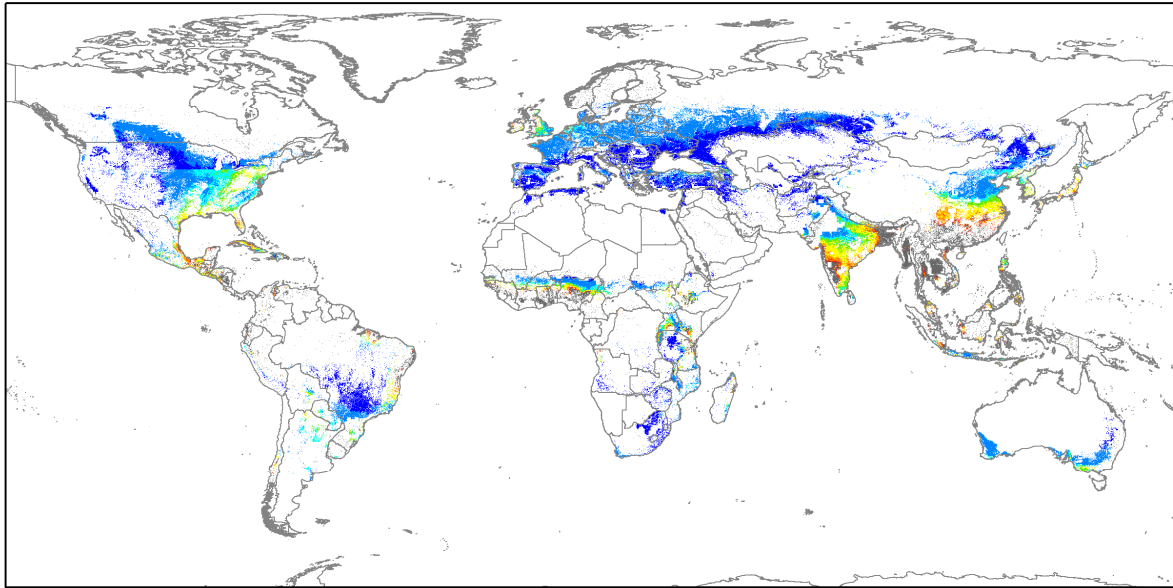
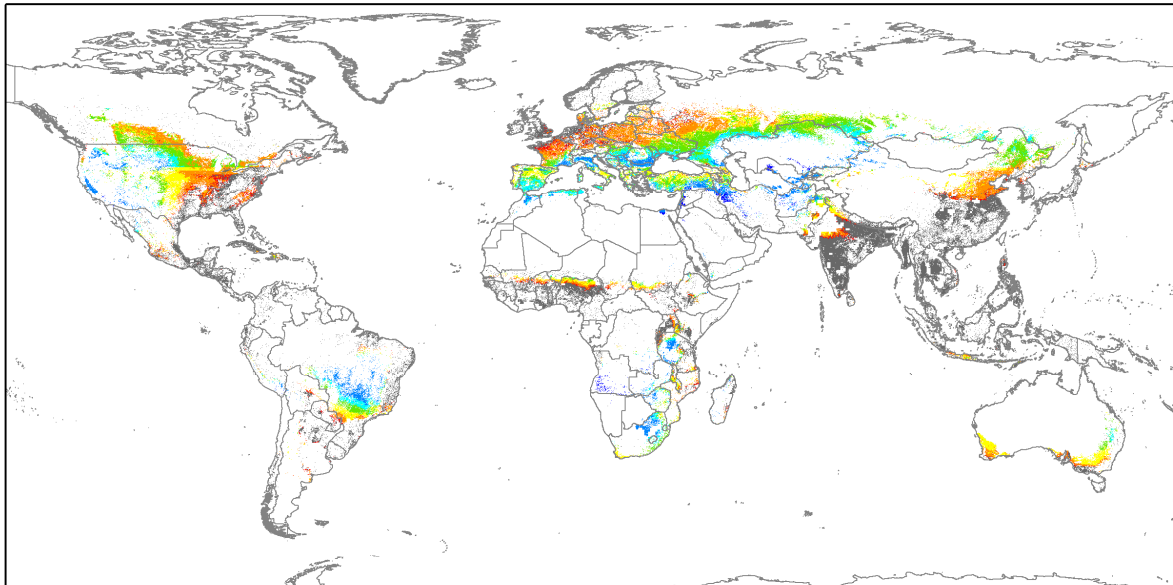


Figure S5. During the month of May, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”

June

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Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

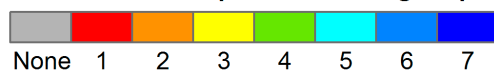
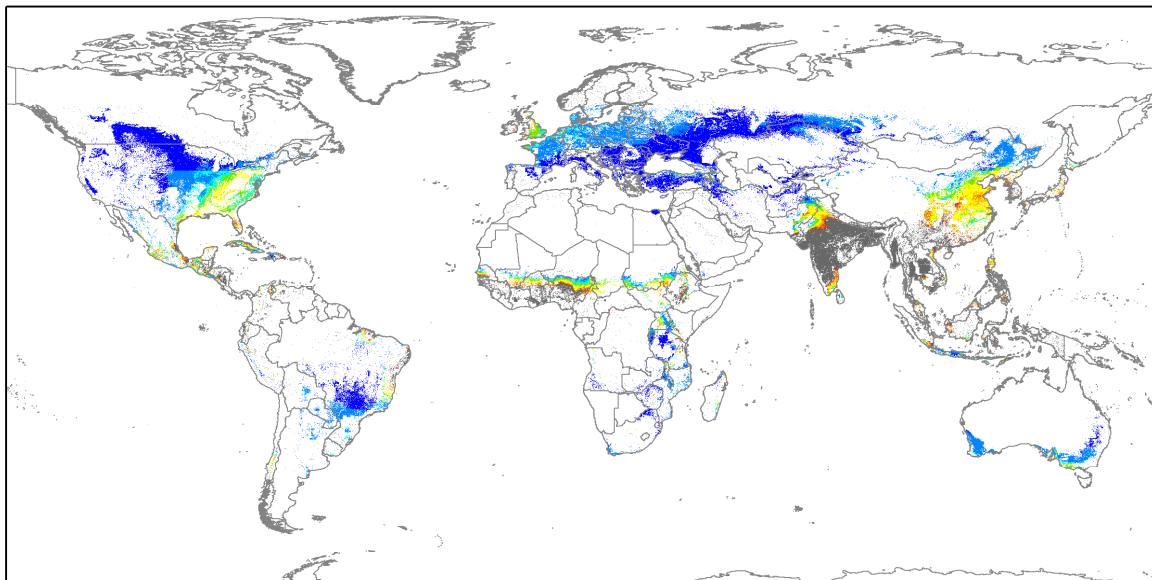
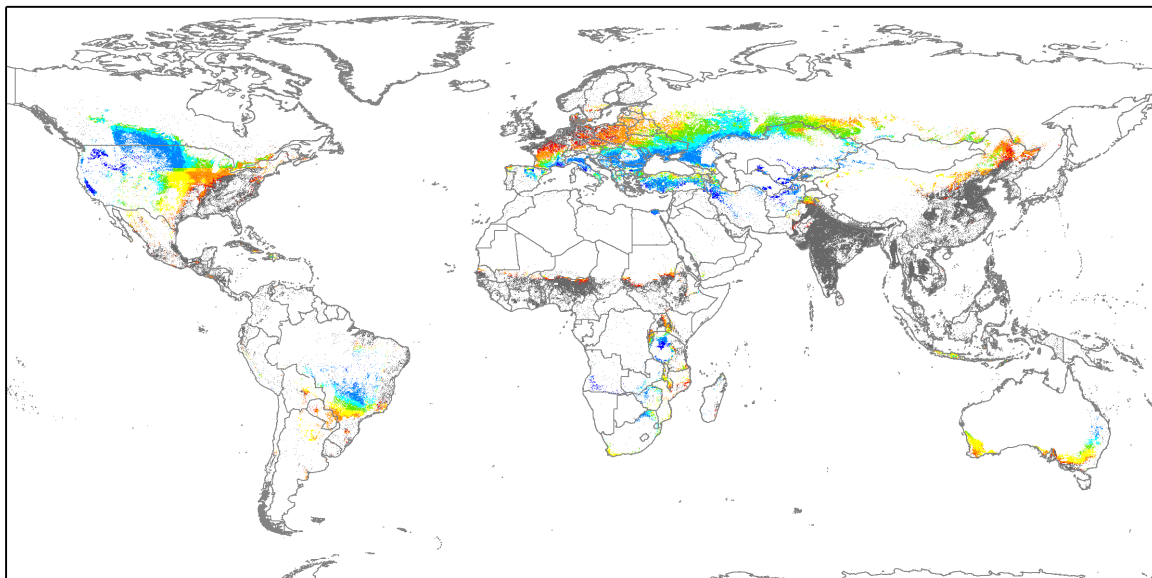
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Figure S6. During the month of June, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”

July

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Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

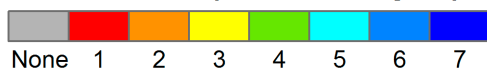
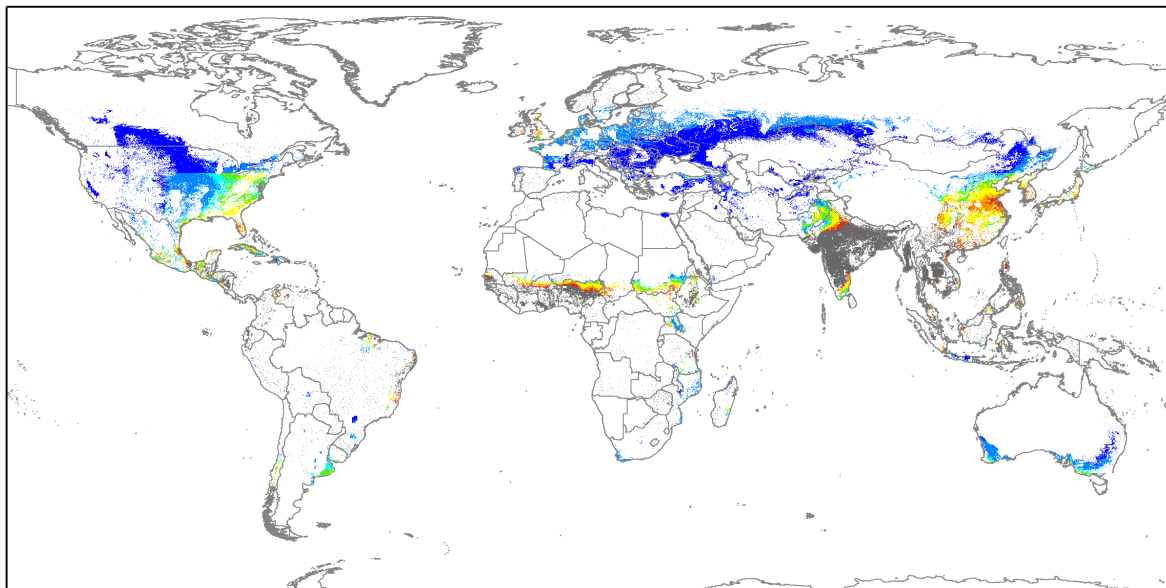

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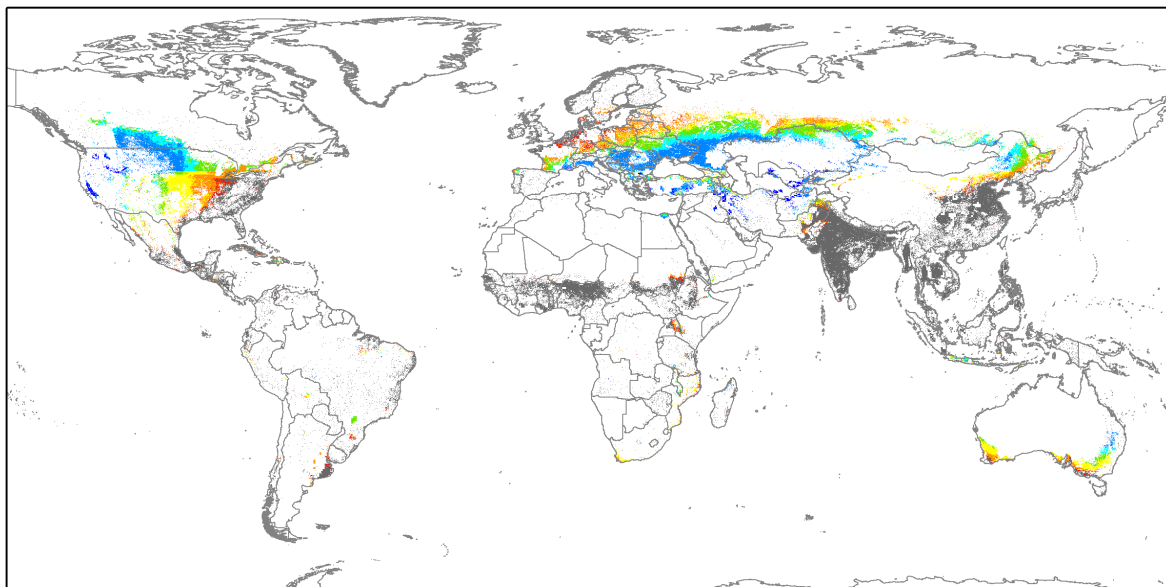
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August

Best Case Scenario - FPC >= 70%



Worst Case Scenario - FPC >= 95%



Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

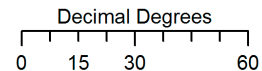
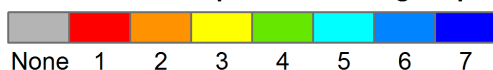
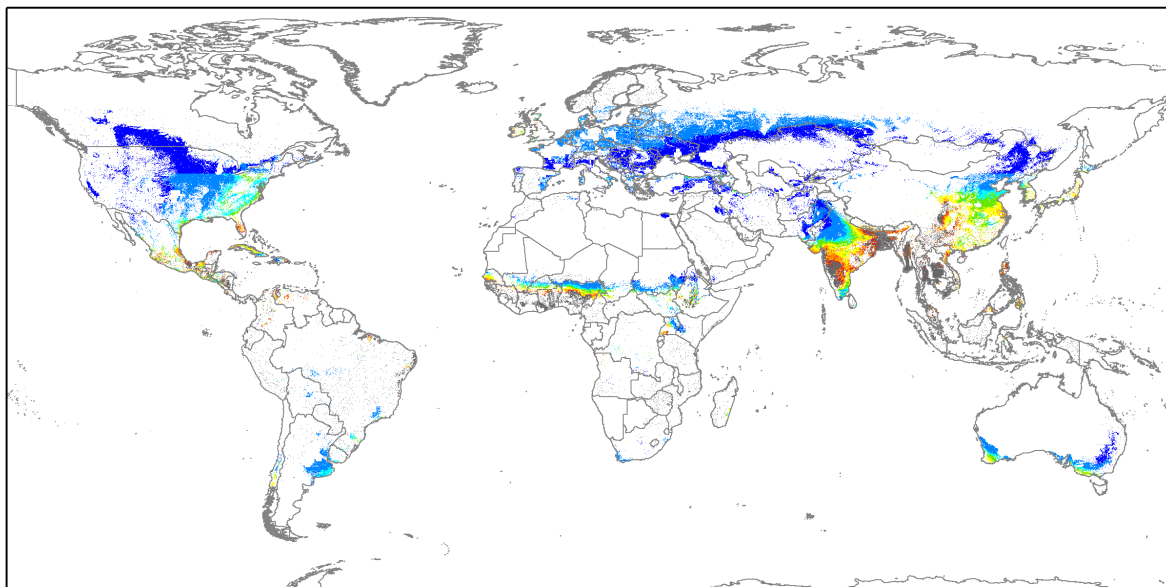


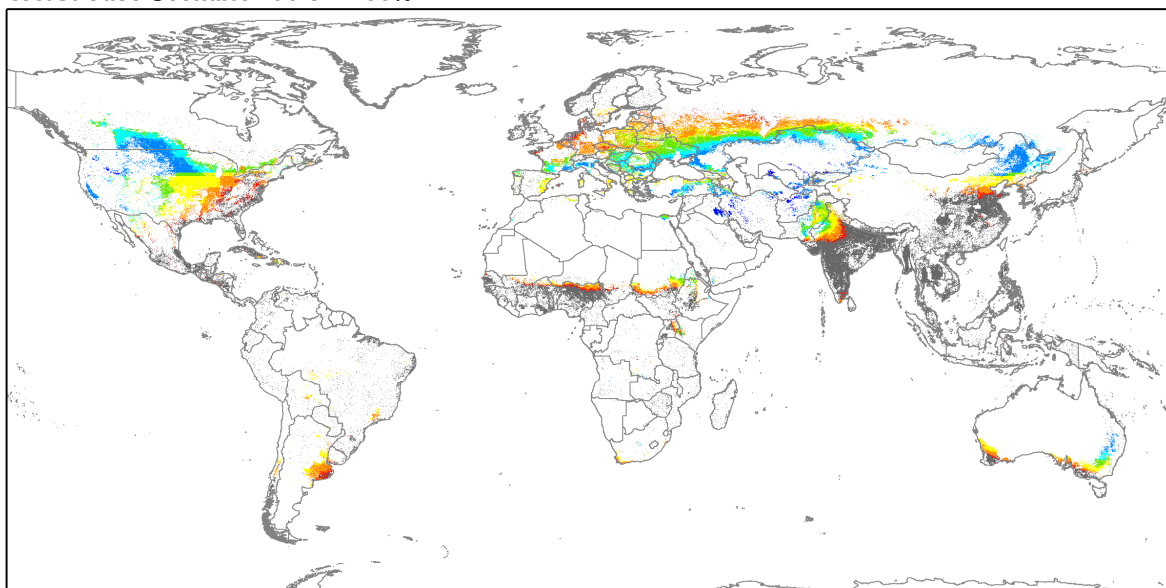
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September

Best Case Scenario - FPC >= 70%



Worst Case Scenario - FPC >= 95%



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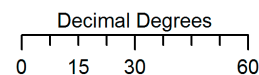
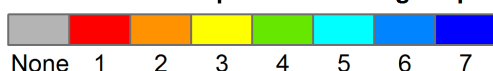
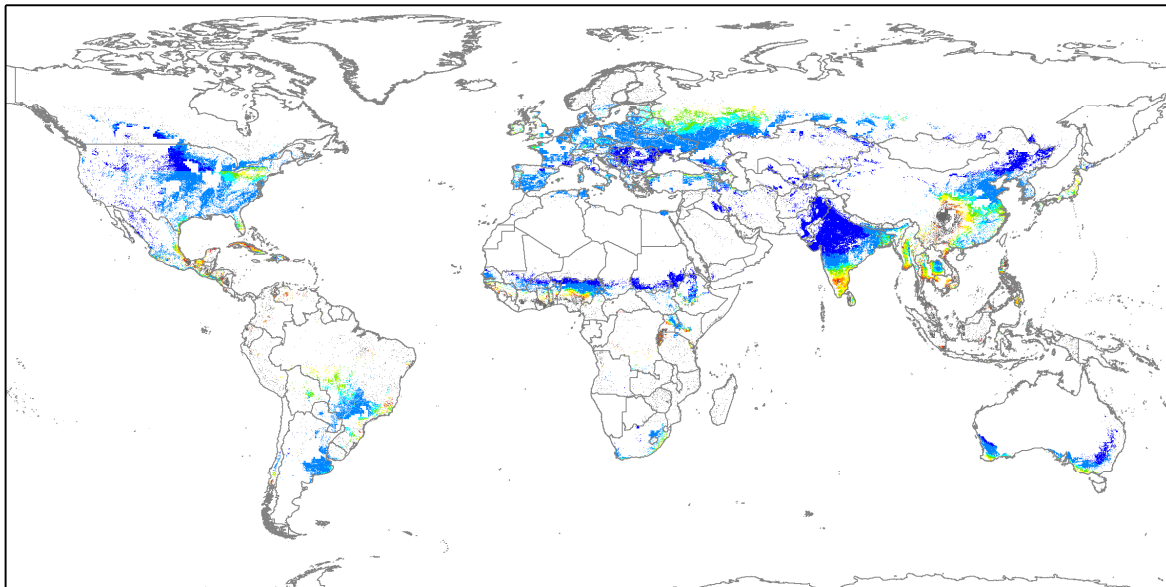
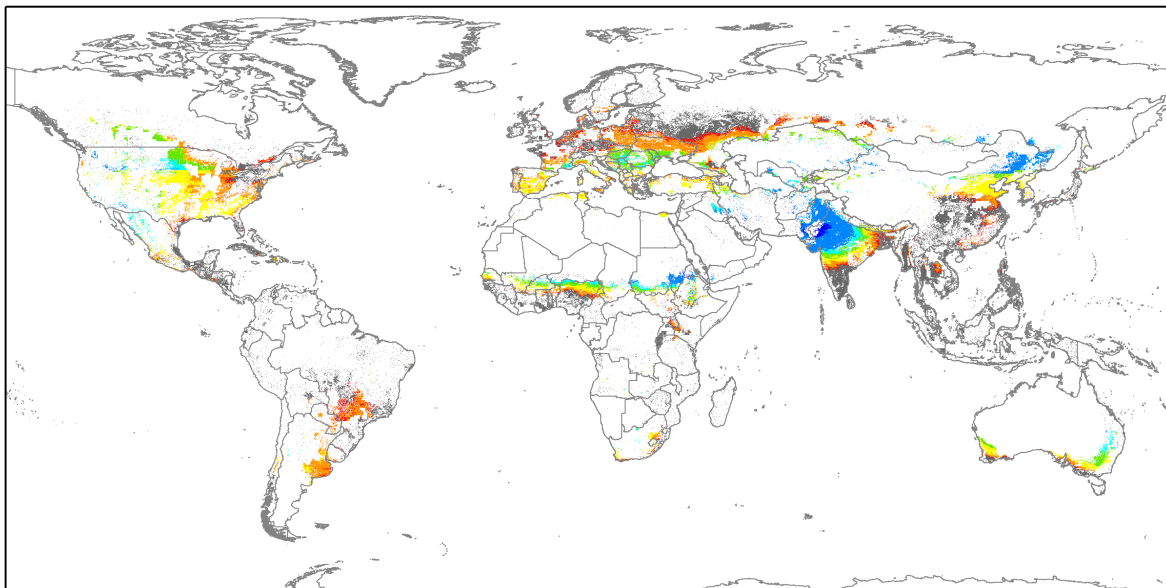


Figure S9. During the month of September, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”

October

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Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency

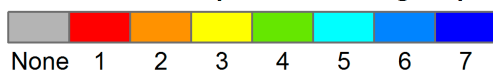
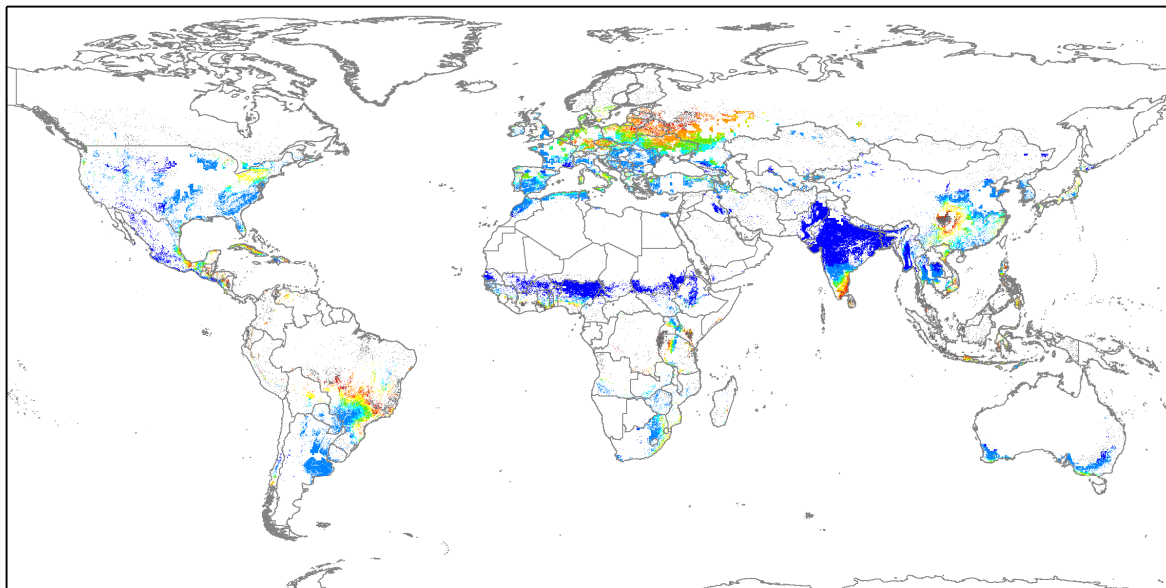
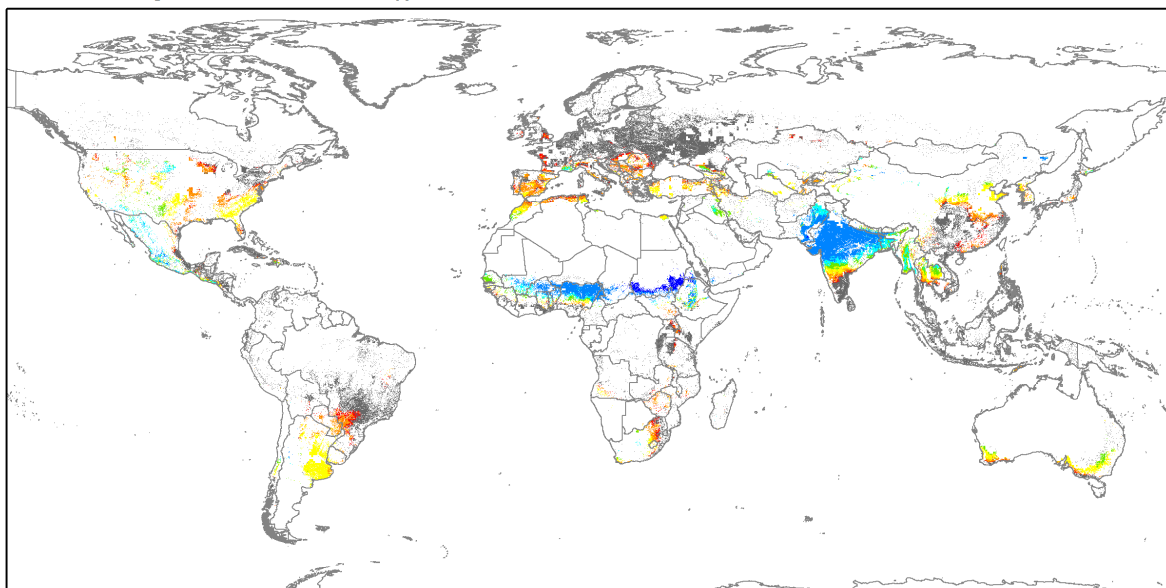
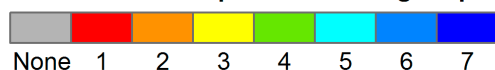
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November**Best Case Scenario - FPC \geq 70%****Worst Case Scenario - FPC \geq 95%****Constellations Capable of Meeting Required Revisit Frequency**

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Figure S11. During the month of November, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”

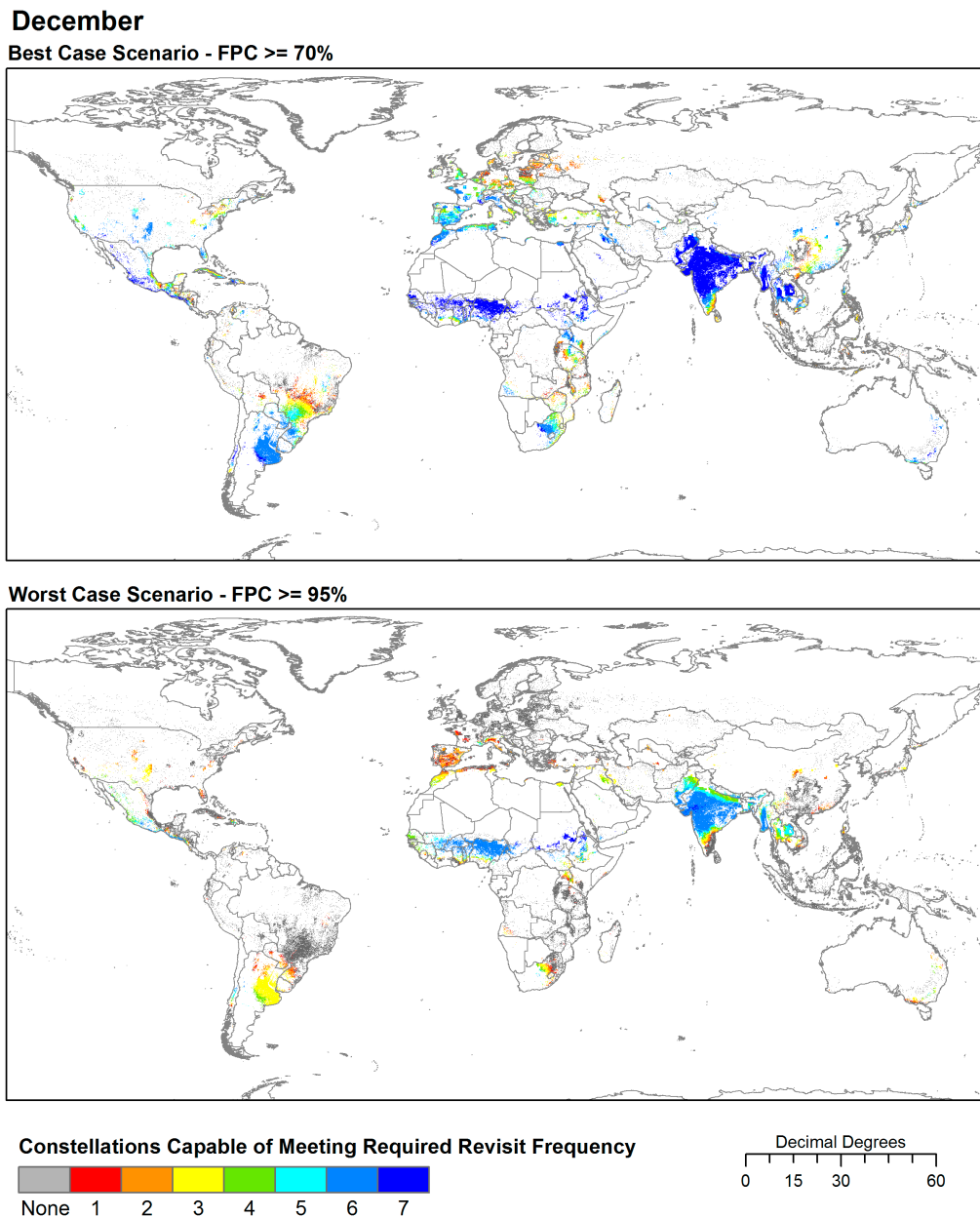


Figure S12. During the month of December, where each constellation is capable of meeting the revisit frequency required to yield a view of in-season croplands that is at least 70% ((**top**), “best case scenario”) or 95% ((**bottom**), “worst case scenario”) clear. In-season croplands have been defined by the growing season calendars from Whitcraft *et al.* (2014) [48] and the cropland mask from Fritz *et al.* (2015) [49]. The missions included in Constellations #1–7 can be found in Table 2. Note that constellation number both identifies the constellation, as well as denotes its rank in terms of revisit frequency (with #1 being capable of the most frequent revisit). Areas requiring a revisit more frequent than any hypothetical constellation analyzed herein are shown in gray, and denoted as “None.”