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RESUMEN

El presente documento surge como resultado de un curso avanzado y específico de entrenamiento, realizado durante dos semanas dentro del marco del proyecto DevCoCast, en la Facultad del ITC de la Universidad de Twente, en Enschede, Países Bajos, en febrero de 2011.

Más de 30 investigadores de diversas universidades africanas, latinoamericanas y europeas, de centros de entrenamiento e investigación sobre el espacio y de proyectos de colaboración internacionales entre Europa y África participaron en el curso. La mayoría de los participantes ya había asistido a talleres y cursos de entrenamiento previos, también realizados dentro del marco del proyecto DevCoCast en África, algunos en conjunto con AMESD, y en América Latina. El principal objetivo del curso fue, luego de que los participantes hubieran adquirido un robusto conocimiento práctico, desarrollar aplicaciones que permitan demostrar el uso de la información diseminada a través de GEONETCast, un sistema de diseminación que utiliza satélites de telecomunicación (transmisión), y más específicamente, de aquella información diseminada a través del canal DevCoCast, dentro de dicho sistema.

Luego de un capítulo introductorio que describe el sistema GEONETCast y el rol del proyecto DevCoCast, en los siguientes capítulos se destacan aplicaciones desarrolladas por los participantes durante el curso, utilizando observaciones in situ en los casos que fuera posible y asociando las mismas al análisis y procesamiento de diversas imágenes satelitales y productos derivados. Los campos de aplicación incluyen la evaluación de vegetación, biomasa y prácticas agrícolas, conservación de hábitats, monitoreo de insectos plaga, estimaciones de precipitación y evapotranspiración, detección de focos de incendios, monitoreo de sequías e incluso, algunas aplicaciones en ambientes marinos. Las áreas de estudio seleccionadas pertenecen a Sudamérica y a las zonas sur y este de África.

El objetivo general del presente manual es, además de demostrar las ventajas de usar datos de distribución libre diseminados a través del sistema GEONETCast, el cual es confiable y económico, hacer disponible una serie de ejercicios que pueden ser usados en institutos de educación superior, dentro del contenido curricular de diversas disciplinas, o por personas interesadas en el tema.

Los capítulos describen de forma estructurada los diferentes pasos de (pre) procesamiento y análisis, siguiendo una metodología descripta claramente para los distintos dominios de aplicación, cuyo orden se decidió al azar. De manera de profundizar la metodología descripta e ilustrar los resultados de los ejercicios, se encuentran disponibles presentaciones en Powerpoint. Para realizar los ejercicios, es necesario instalar ILWIS372 y el agregado (plug-in) llamado “GEONETCast toolbox”. Ambas utilidades pueden obtenerse gratuitamente y ser descargadas de <http://52north.org>, junto con un manual del usuario para su instalación y primer uso.

Todo el material relacionado (manual completo, presentaciones suplementarias en powerpoint y datos de exemplificación) pueden descargarse libremente y en forma comprimida de ftp://ftp.itc.nl/pub/52n/gnc_devcocast_applications/.

Esperamos que este documento y los ejercicios que contiene sean de utilidad para integrar en la práctica diaria de la comunidad de usuarios la información provista a través de GEONETCast y DevCoCast. Si usted estuviera interesado en entregar un nuevo ejercicio relativo a su propio dominio de aplicación, por favor no dude en contactarse con los editores del presente manual de aplicaciones.

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