

# ESTIMATION OF EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN MINAS GERAIS STATE, BRAZIL

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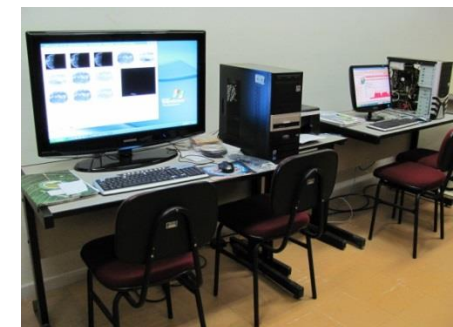
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Minas Gerais State, Brazil

21°13' 43.98" S, 44°58' 30.30" W, 921 m



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## Introduction

Evapotranspiration (ET) is the term used to describe the amount of water which is effectively lost from the earth surface to the atmosphere by soil surface evaporation and plant transpiration.

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ET is mainly:

- an important component of the water cycle
- necessary for calculation of the soil water balance,
- input variable in crop yield models or study of ecosystem or study of regional climate, among others.

There are 3,789 center pivots in Minas Gerais State until 2011.

The estimation of evapotranspiration from data obtained by remote sensing is an alternative in the determination of water required by crops, especially for large areas, since the traditional methods using data collected using meteorological ground observations, represents only points in geographic space.

## Objective of the application

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The objective of this application is to estimate daily Evapotranspiration (ET) using the Surface Energy Balance System (SEBS) Model to know the ET pattern over irrigated areas by center pivots, in MG State, Brazil using ILWIS and the GEONETCast Toolbox with data obtained through GEONETCast and DevCoCast. Since the Land Surface Analysis Satellite Application Facility (LSA SAF) also provides an ET product (SAF ET), the estimated ET calculated using the SEBS model and the SAF ET product are also compared.

## Methodology

The SEBS model (Su 2002) was developed to estimate surface energy fluxes and the evaporative fraction using remotely sensed data in combination with meteorological information at scales that are dependent on the forcing data.

SEBS consists of several separate modules to estimate the net radiation and soil heat flux and to partition the available energy ( $=R_n - G_0$ ) into sensible and latent heat fluxes, as presented the equation :

$$R_n - G_0 = H + \lambda E$$

Where:  $R_n$ : the net radiation;

$G_0$ : the soil heat flux;

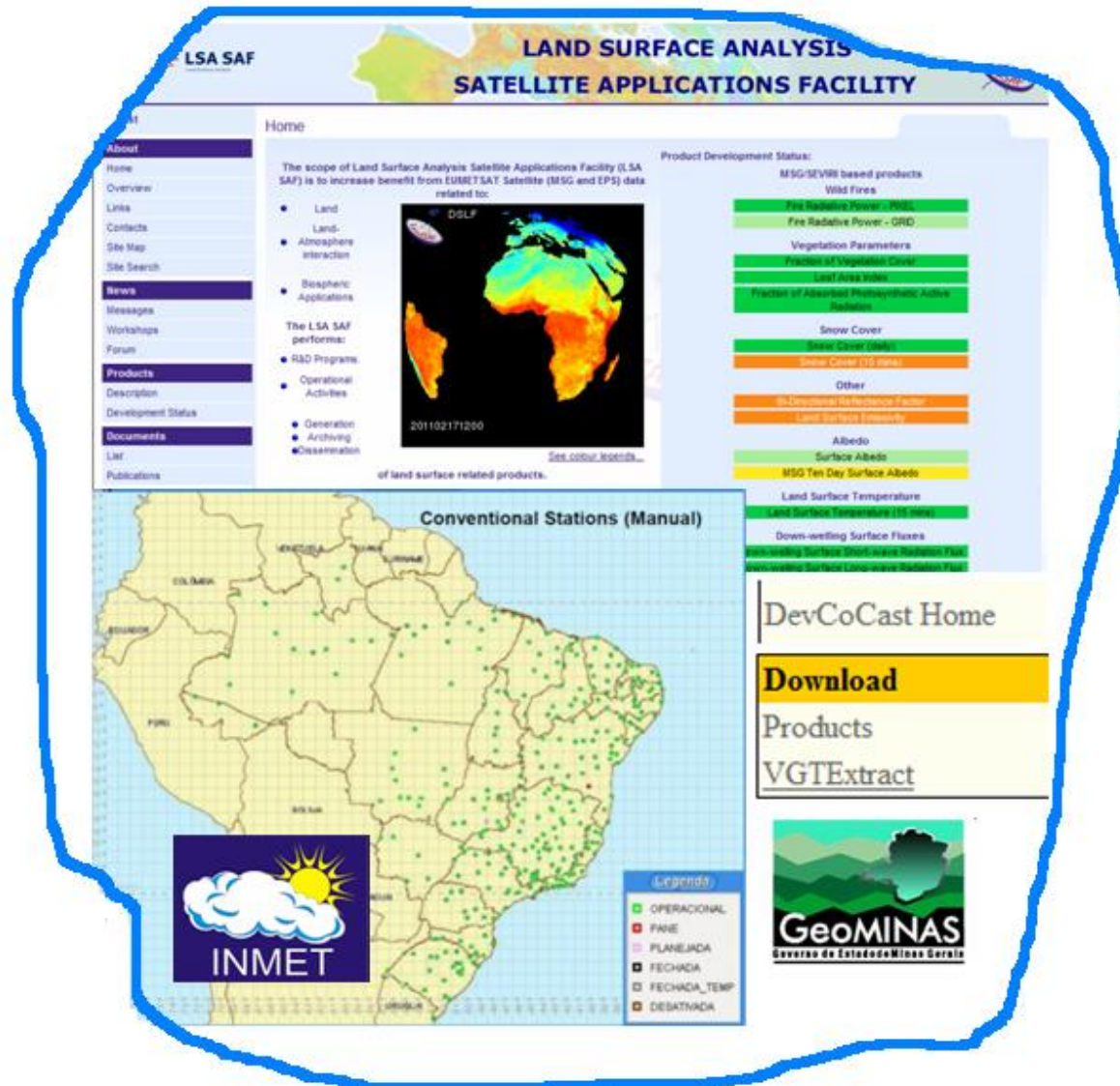
$H$ : the sensible heat flux;

$\lambda E$ : the latent heat flux.

SEBS estimates the net radiation based on the radiative energy balance.



## Input data



## Local / regional (in-situ) data

DEM ([http://eros.usgs.gov/#/Find\\_Data/Products\\_and\\_Data\\_Available/gtopo30\\_info](http://eros.usgs.gov/#/Find_Data/Products_and_Data_Available/gtopo30_info))

Data of Climatological Ground Stations of MG State (<https://www.inmet.gov.br>)

Boundary (ILWIS map layer) (<http://www.geominas.mg.gov.br/>)

Municipalities (ILWIS map layer) (<http://www.geominas.mg.gov.br/>)

pivots\_MG (ILWIS map layer) (made by the authors of this application)

## Data from GEONETCast-DevCoCast

**Landsaf products** (<https://landsaf.meteo.pt/>):

S-LSA\_-HDF5\_LSASAF\_MSG\_ALBEDO\_SAmE\_201005020000.bz2

S-LSA\_-HDF5\_LSASAF\_MSG\_FVC\_SAmE\_201005020000.bz2

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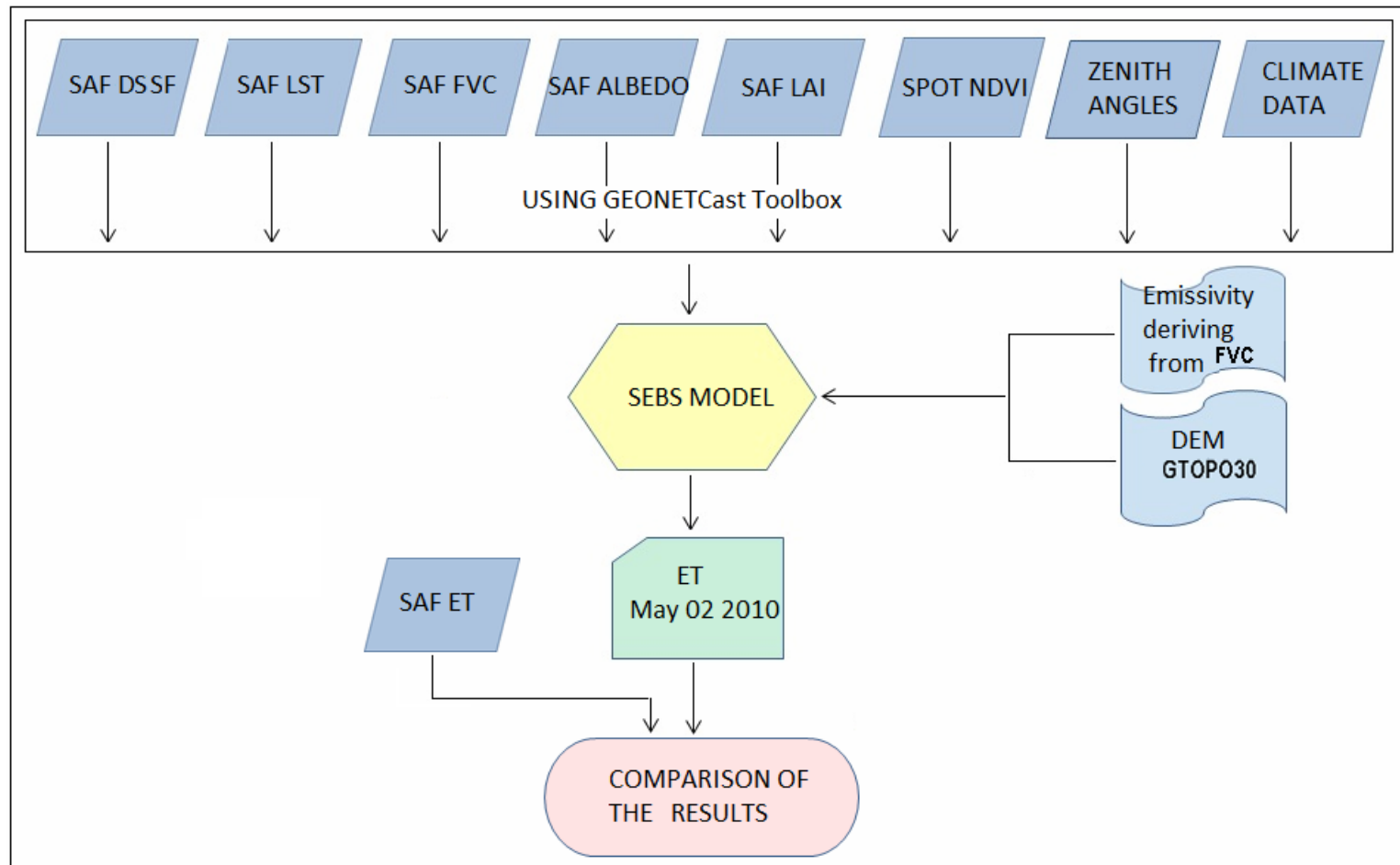
ET\_Minas\_geo (ILWIS map layer)

**SPOT Vegetation product** (<http://www.devcocast.eu/>):

V2KRNS10\_\_20100501\_NDVI\_\_S-America.ZIP



## The flowchart



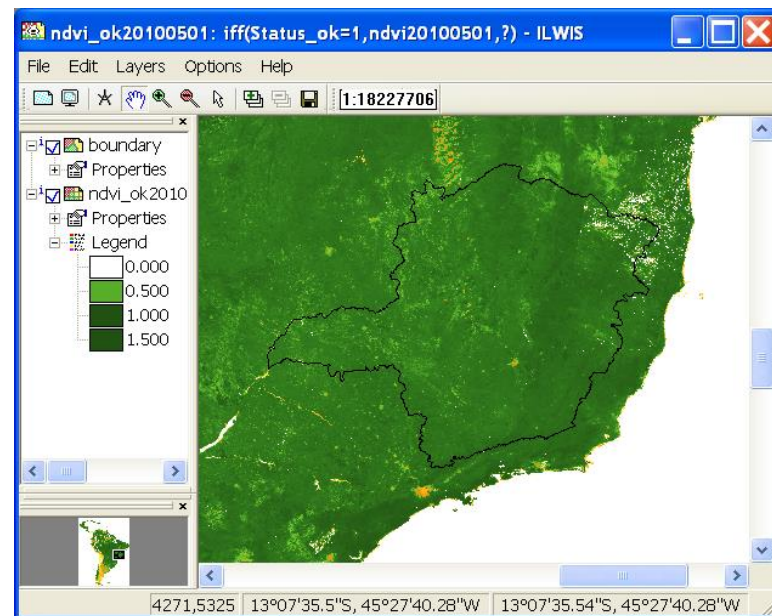
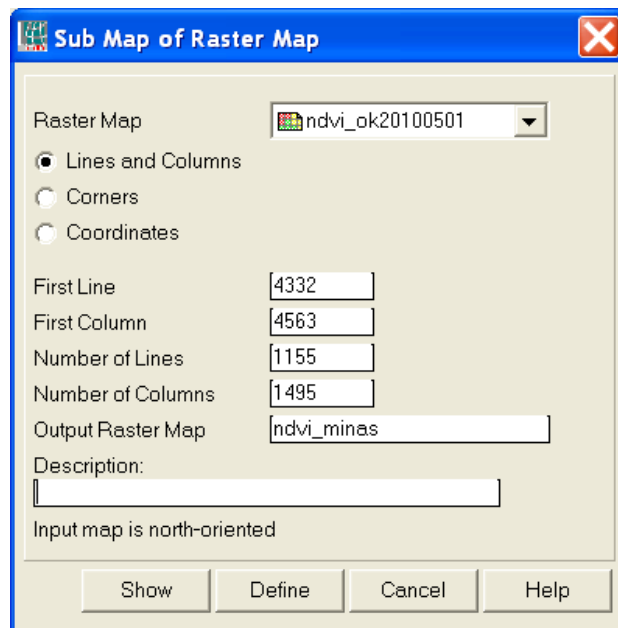
## Data analysis

Data pre-processing steps required

Import LSA SAF products

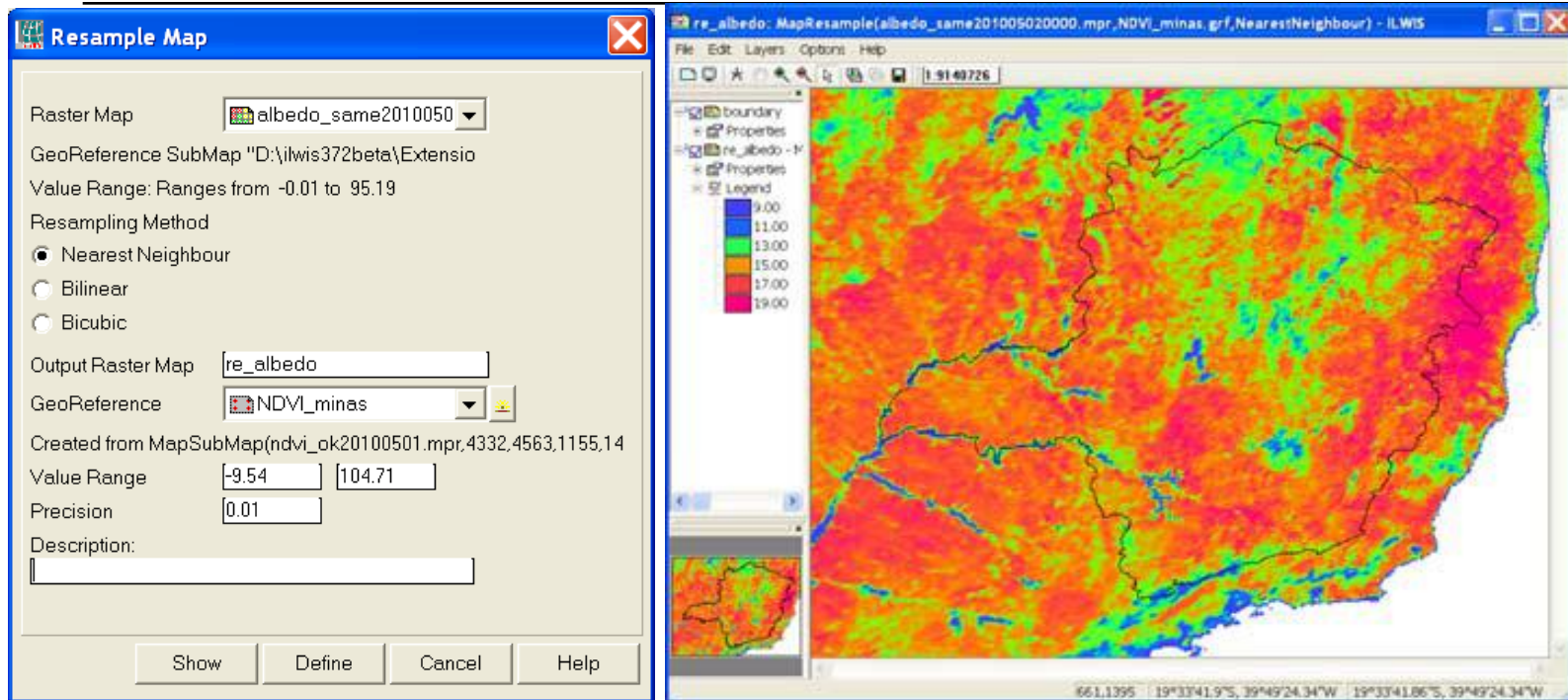
Import Spot Vegetation products

Submap of the Minas Gerais State and  
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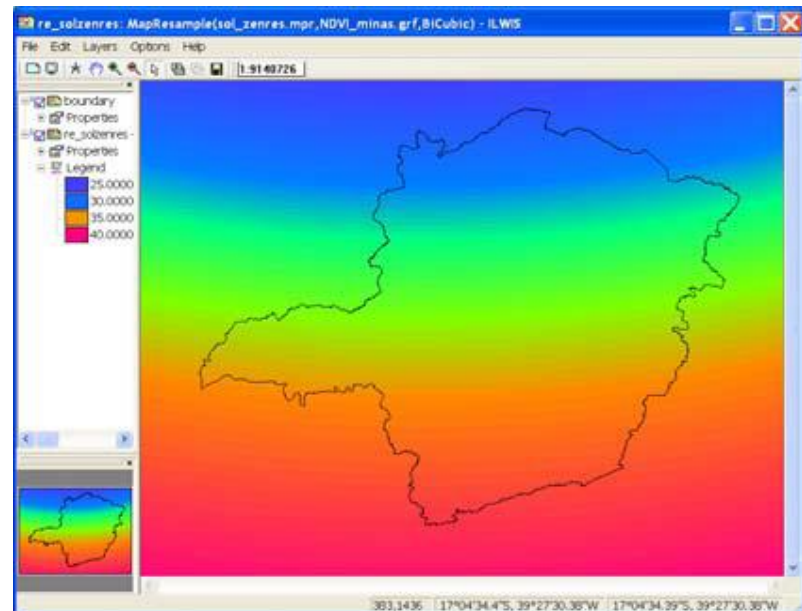
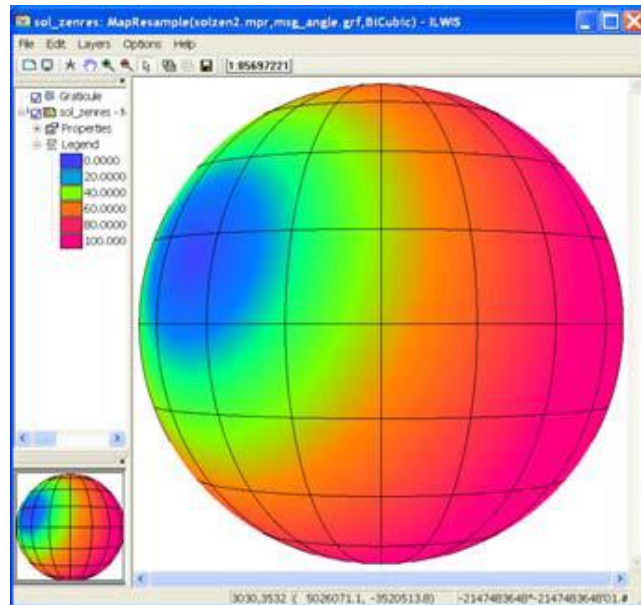
Creating a sub map of SPOT VGT4 NDVI for MG State and sub map details

#### 4.5.1.4. Change of units for LST and ALBEDO of the Minas Gerais Sub Maps



Resampling settings and the resulting Albedo sub map

## Calculate Emissivity, Solar Zenith Angle, derive downward solar radiation and Julian day number



Solar zenith angle of MSG for the full disk and resampled to the Minas Gerais georeference

## Table with “in-situ” data of meteorological ground stations for Minas Gerais

	Y	X	Temp	HumidityRel	Pressure	Mix_ratio	Ins_hrs	Windspeed
1	-16.83	-42.05	22.8	72.3	98000	0.013	5.92	1.00
2	-19.60	-46.93	18.7	77.3	90230	0.012	7.43	1.96
3	-20.03	-46.00	18.2	83.2	93870	0.012	7.27	1.10
4	-21.25	-43.76	16.3	82.1	89100	0.011	6.25	1.36
5	-19.93	-43.93	19.6	72.5	91870	0.011	7.65	1.36
6	-21.91	-46.38	15.9	81.3	88340	0.010	6.74	1.48
7	-21.85	-45.30	17.3	71.4	91200	0.010	7.63	0.68
8	-18.71	-49.55	21.5	77.5	94560	0.013	8.12	1.00
9	-19.80	-42.15	19.4	83.3	94830	0.012	6.55	2.13
10	-21.38	-42.68	21.1	78.8	99650	0.012	6.39	1.02
11	-19.01	-43.43	18.6	80.3	94120	0.011	6.20	0.65
12	-21.56	-43.25	19.3	80.8	96840	0.012	5.89	0.92
13	-18.75	-44.45	20.9	69.6	93900	0.011	7.22	0.71
14	-18.25	-43.60	16.9	78.4	87280	0.011	6.87	1.20
15	-14.91	-42.85	23.5	59.6	94940	0.011	7.97	2.07
16	-19.88	-44.41	17.7	74.7	93110	0.010	7.46	2.34
17	-18.85	-41.93	22.3	76.0	99170	0.013	5.88	0.82
18	-20.01	-44.05	18.2	78.4	92530	0.011	6.48	1.27
19	-17.01	-42.85	18.4	81.4	89710	0.012	5.93	1.53
20	-15.85	-44.36	23.0	67.8	96040	0.012	8.17	1.90
21	-19.45	-43.11	19.0	81.9	91990	0.012	6.06	0.97
22	-17.83	-46.16	21.7	69.4	93000	0.012	8.39	1.73
23	-21.70	-43.35	17.6	83.3	91240	0.011	5.46	2.46
24	-21.76	-45.00	17.4	77.4	91530	0.010	7.17	1.68
25	-21.75	-45.90	17.5	74.5	91900	0.010	6.34	1.10
26	-16.65	-43.83	21.1	65.3	94290	0.011	7.68	1.74
27	-20.63	-44.81	17.9	78.2	91050	0.011	7.82	1.13
28	-22.38	-44.96	16.2	76.3	91630	0.010	7.55	1.80
29	-18.51	-46.43	19.4	69.1	90910	0.011	7.78	1.37
30	-16.00	-41.28	21.4	76.2	94000	0.013	6.42	1.98
31	-17.35	-44.91	21.5	74.6	95740	0.012	8.69	1.76
32	-19.21	-45.00	20.1	78.4	93780	0.012	7.23	1.09
33	-16.16	-42.30	21.4	74.8	96060	0.012	5.34	1.51
34	-21.30	-44.26	17.4	74.7	91260	0.010	6.52	1.37
35	-22.10	-45.01	16.2	79.9	91900	0.010	6.46	0.47
36	-19.40	-44.25	19.0	72.3	93090	0.011	8.33	1.20
37	-17.85	-41.50	21.6	81.3	97590	0.013	5.66	0.62
38	-19.73	-47.95	19.8	74.6	93290	0.012	8.15	1.50
39	-20.75	-42.85	17.2	83.3	93820	0.011	6.69	1.15
Min	-22.38	-49.55	15.9	59.6	87280	0.010	5.34	0.47
Max	-14.91	-41.28	23.5	83.3	99650	0.013	8.69	2.46
Avg	-19.38	-44.28	19.3	76.2	93266	0.011	6.97	1.36
Std	2.00	1.77	2.1	5.4	2798	0.001	0.90	0.49
Sum	-755.88	-1726.77	753.0	2972.2	3637360	0.445	271.76	53.13

Column "Windspeed"

## Import table and processing of in situ data

**Import Table Wizard - Edit Column Details**

Specify the properties of all columns:

Column Name	Width	New Domain	Domain Type	Domain
Y	0	No	value	value
X	0	No	value	value
Temp	0	No	value	value
Column4	0	No	value	value
Column5	0	No	value	value
Column6	0	No	value	value

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## Import table and processing of in situ data

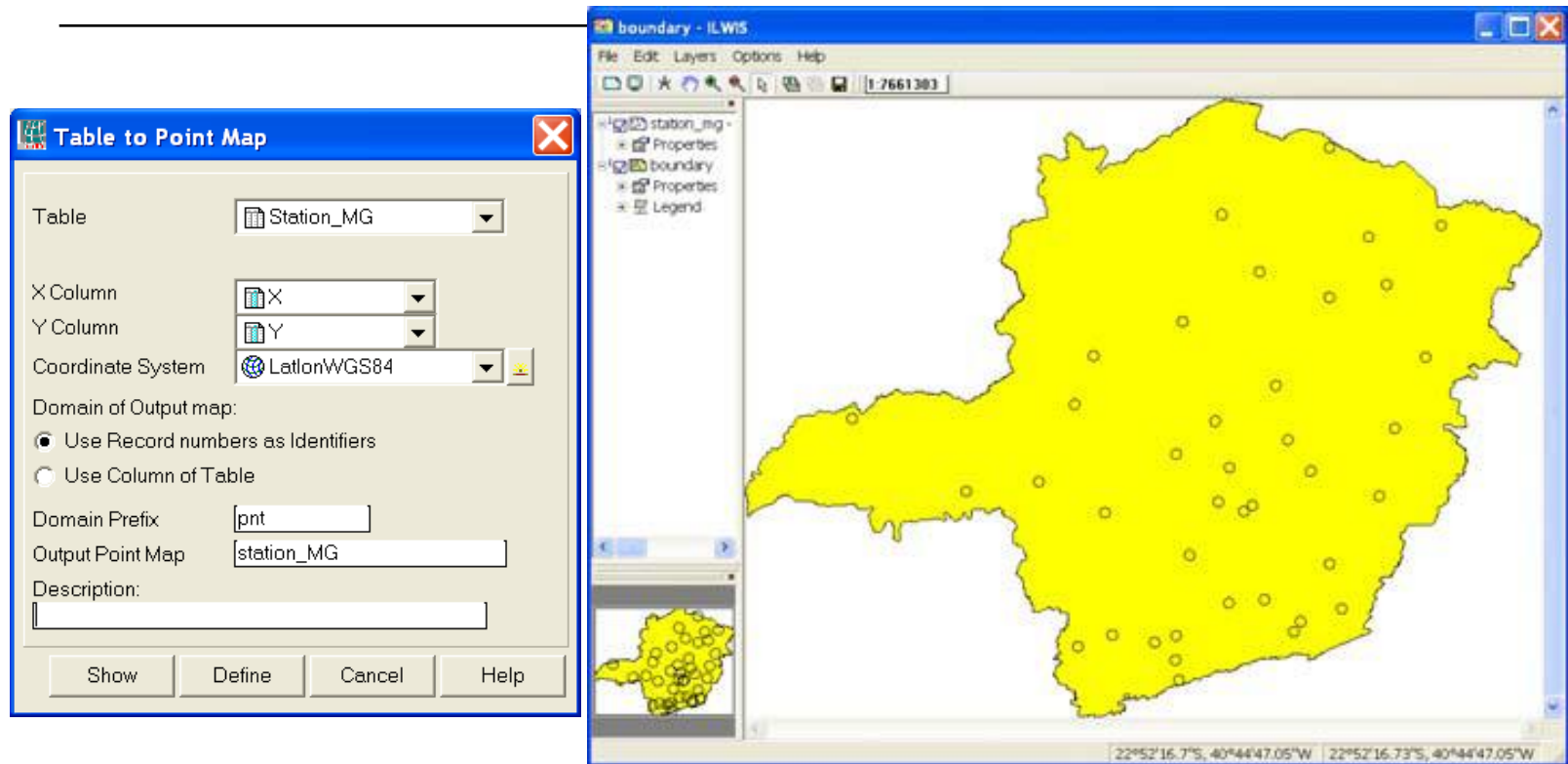


Table to point map conversion and INMET ground stations distribution

## Running SEBS in ILWIS

**Surface Energy Balance System (SEBS)**

Land Surface Temperature	re_lst_kelvin	<b>Land use map with associated surface parameters</b>
Emissivity	re_ernis	<input type="checkbox"/> Canopy height map [m]
Land Surface Albedo	re_albedo_ratio	<input type="checkbox"/> Displacement height map [m]
NDVI	ndvi_minas	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface roughness map [m]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Fraction (Fc)	re_fvc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julian day number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leaf Area Index	re_lai	Reference Height (m)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Inst. downward solar radiation map(Watts/m <sup>2</sup> )		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind speed map (m/s)
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pressure at reference height map (Pa)
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Mean daily air temperature map (Celsius)
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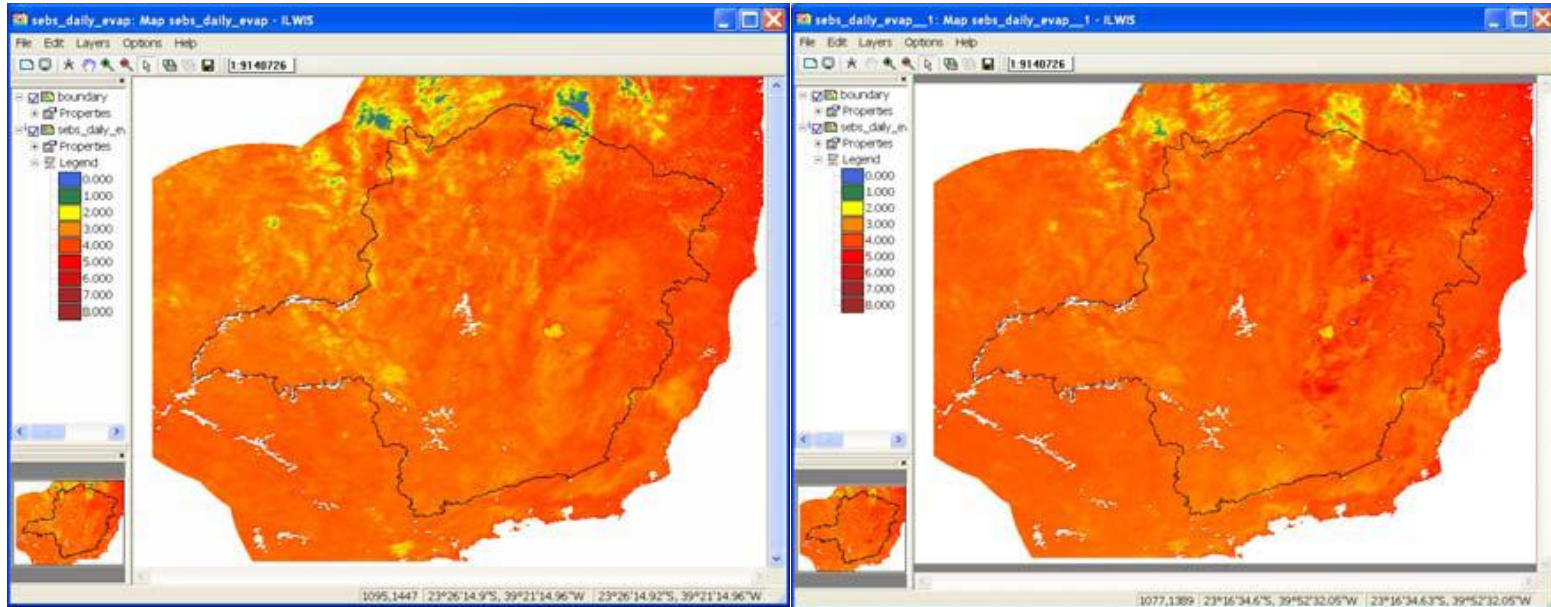
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SEBS data entry form in ILWIS

## Running SEBS in ILWIS

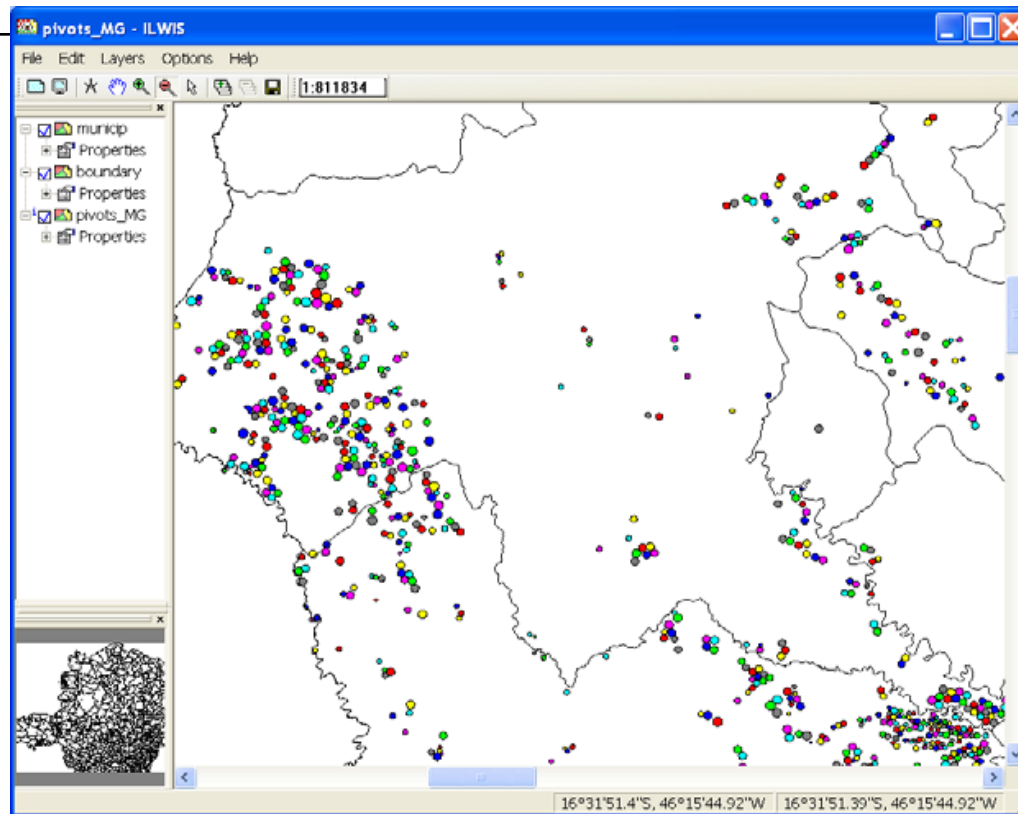
SEBS daily ET (mm/day)



Using single downward solar radiation value

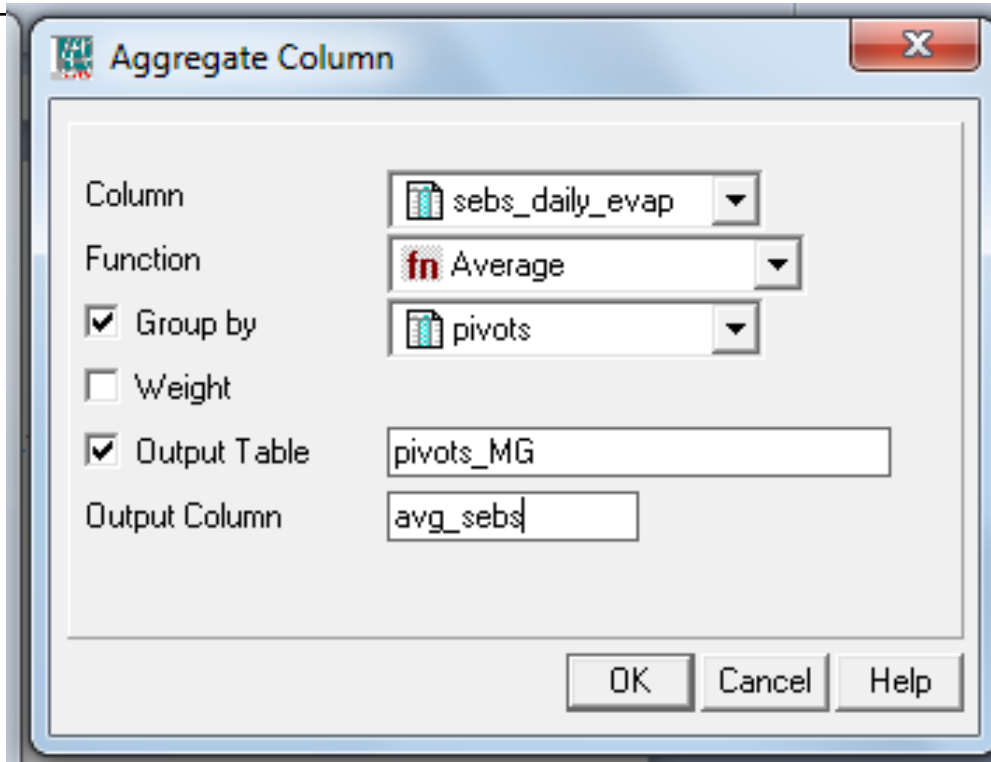
Using LSA SAF DSSF map

## Derive statistical information aggregating Minas Gerais State and center pivot area



Map detail showing various vector layers of irrigated areas by center pivots

## Derive statistical information aggregating Minas Gerais State and center pivot area



**Aggregate Column**

Column: sebs\_daily\_evap

Function: Average

☒ Group by: pivots

☐ Weight

☒ Output Table: pivots\_MG

Output Column: avg\_sebs

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Aggregating the daily evapotranspiration from SEBS to pivots areas

## Conclusions

The SEBS model was used to estimate the daily evapotranspiration for the 2nd of May 2010. The results show an ET ranging from 2.063 to 4.321 mm/day in the Minas Gerais State using a single instantaneous solar downward radiation value and an ET ranging from 2.633 to 4.560 mm/day using the LSA SAF DSSF product (using 0.5 % cutoff interval).

More detailed statistics, like mean, standard deviation and median reveal that the overall results look quite comparable despite the fact that the last ET estimation is slightly higher as a single time step noon image (local time) was used. The daily aggregated ET LSA SAF product gives ET values in the range of 0.01 to 4.21 mm/day, showing a larger difference between the SEBS ET estimation (both runs) and the one obtained from the LSA SAF.

Considering that for the SEBS model runs a lot of local climatological - meteorological in situ input data was used, we consider that ET estimated using SEBS are more realistic compared to those from the ET LSA SAF and that the last one is slightly underestimating the ET. Further validation is required using local in situ ET observations. It is important to consider that a number of input layers used in the SEBS model are actually derived from other LSA SAF products, also used in the computation of the ET LSA SAF product.



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