

1. Site description & Project Objectives



Fig. 1 *Faidherbia Albida* parkland mixed with groundnuts and millet crops

STUDY AREA

- **Crop Types:** Millet, Groundnuts
- **Location:** 20°20' km centered on Dungalma village , near Bambeby in Diourbel region (14° 43' 42" N – 16° 33' 98" E)
- **Topography:** low slope, 30 m mean elevation
- **Soils:** Ferruginous tropical sandy soils (loor and Deck soils)
- **Drainage class / Irrigation:** Very poorly drained; No irrigation
- **Crop calendar:** July - October
- **Field size:** 0.1 ha
- **Climate and weather:** sub-Saharan climate with a wet season from July to November and a dry season from December to June.
- **Agricultural methods used:** low level mechanization dominated by drought animal and manual labour

OBJECTIVE → **CROP TYPE IDENTIFICATION IN A SUB-SAHARAN ENVIRONMENT**

2. Data (2014 growing season)

SATELLITE DATA

- **Optical VHRS:** PLEIADES image (0.5 m, 4 bands: B,G,R,NIR) – 1 tile (Figure2) acquired on October 19, 2014.
- **Optical HSR time series:** LANDSAT 8 (15 or 30 m, 11 spectral bands) – 12 scenes acquired from 29/05/2014 to 21/11/2014 during the growing season (16-days frequency).

GROUND DATA (collected over 400 km²)

Missions	Number of fields	Number of trees
February 2013	397	427
February 2014	400	356
October 2014	458	758
Total	1255	1541

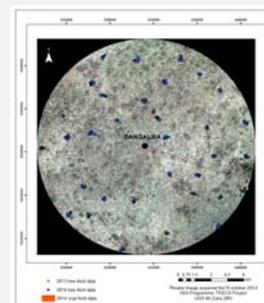


Fig. 2 GPS points on land use for 2014 growing season

3. Methods

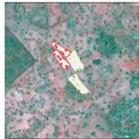
Step 1: Pre-processing data

Satellite image data correction

- TOA reflectance processing
- Orthorectification
- Cloud masking
- Tree and house masking using Touzi algorithm (Touzi et al. 1988) on VHRS PLEIADES NIR and panchromatic bands

Field data preparation

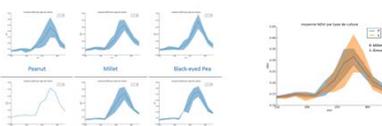
- Field data importation in a GIS software
- Field and trees boundaries digitalization
- GIS field data base construction



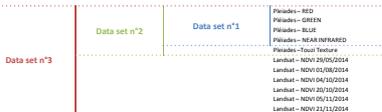
Touzi R., LOPES Armend and BOUSQUET P. 1988. A statistical and geometrical edge detector for SAR images. IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 26(6):764-773.

Step 2: Attribute selection

Spectral analysis



Radiometric and textural properties selection



Step 3: Image classification

Random forest classification

- **Segmentation** of the whole study area based on VHRS PLEIADES imagery
- **Extraction** of the optimal volume of variables per feature
- **Classifications** were performed on the data sets n° 1, n°2 and n°3 using a random forest algorithm

Validation

- **Classification accuracy** was evaluated using 50% of the ground truth data not used in the classification process.
- **The quality of the classification** was measured through the overall accuracy coefficient and the Kappa.

4. Results

File 1: PLEIADES (R,G,B,NIR)

Product	House	Peanut	Tree	Hibiscus	Road	Fallow land	Millet	Black-eyed pea	Pasture	Bare soil	Sorghum	Total	Producer precision	Error commission
Peanut	1	3603	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3603	100%	0%
Tree	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Hibiscus	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Road	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Fallow land	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Millet	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Black-eyed pea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	100%	0%
Bare soil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	100%	0%
Sorghum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	100%	0%
Total	1	3603	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3643	98.18%	0%
Producer precision	47.12%	97.23%	5.12%	16.30%	10.54%	79.35%	34.81%	14.04%	44.38%	4.94%	0%	100%	98.18%	0%
Error commission	52.83%	2.76%	94.88%	83.64%	89.46%	20.70%	65.17%	85.96%	55.62%	95.06%	100%	100%	98.18%	0%

File 2: PLEIADES (R,G,B,NIR + Touzi Texture)

Product	House	Peanut	Tree	Hibiscus	Road	Fallow land	Millet	Black-eyed pea	Pasture	Bare soil	Sorghum	Total	Producer precision	Error commission
Peanut	1	3603	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3603	100%	0%
Tree	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Hibiscus	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Road	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Fallow land	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Millet	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Black-eyed pea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	100%	0%
Bare soil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	100%	0%
Sorghum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	100%	0%
Total	1	3603	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3643	100%	0%
Producer precision	48.17%	97.23%	5.12%	16.30%	10.54%	79.35%	34.81%	14.04%	44.38%	4.94%	0%	100%	98.18%	0%
Error commission	51.8%	2.76%	94.88%	83.64%	89.46%	20.70%	65.17%	85.96%	55.62%	95.06%	100%	100%	98.18%	0%

File 3: PLEIADES (R,G,B,NIR + Touzi Texture) + 12 Landsat-8 images (NDVI)

Product	House	Peanut	Tree	Hibiscus	Road	Fallow land	Millet	Black-eyed pea	Pasture	Bare soil	Sorghum	Total	Producer precision	Error commission
Peanut	1	3600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3600	100%	0%
Tree	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Hibiscus	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Road	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Fallow land	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Millet	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Black-eyed pea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	100%	0%
Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	100%	0%
Bare soil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	100%	0%
Sorghum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	100%	0%
Total	1	3600	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3640	100%	0%
Producer precision	76.9%	93.29%	48.8%	88.6%	89.2%	89.4%	88.8%	84.72%	81.1%	85.1%	84.3%	100%	75.07%	0%
Error commission	24.4%	6.7%	51.2%	11.4%	10.8%	10.6%	11.2%	15.3%	18.9%	14.9%	15.7%	100%	75.07%	0%

We applied a Random Forest classification on *data set n°3* with the proposed default parameters, and a maximal depth value fitted to 10.

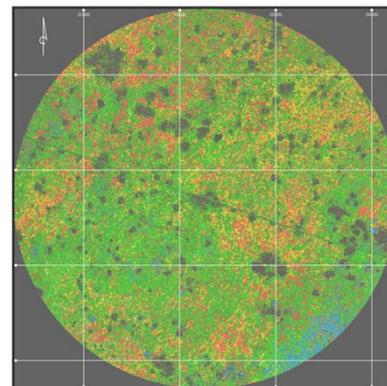
The overall accuracy is low with 38 % well classified classes. This result highlights the difficulty in characterizing the crop types with one image only, even its very high spatial resolution.

The same classification parameters were applied on *data set n°2*. The overall accuracy is slightly better with 45 % of well classified pixels showing the input of the Touzi texture neo-canal. Nevertheless, confusions between the different cultures remain high.

Finally, with the same classification parameters as above, the *data set n°3*, composed of the PLEIADES image and the 12 Landsat images, shows better results. With an overall accuracy of 76 %, the crop types (groundnuts, millet, sorghum, black-eyed pea, etc.) are well classified.

Land use map Bambeby area

- House
- Peanut
- Tree
- Hibiscus
- Road
- Fallow land
- Millet
- Black-eyed pea
- Pasture
- Bare soil
- Sorghum
- No data



5. Conclusions and Perspectives

Conclusions

- The study shows that one PLEIADES image acquisition during the growing period is not enough to identify the main crop types in Bambeby area. Indeed, the sub-metric spatial resolution of PLEIADES allows to underline the field boundaries, but the four spectral bands do not permit to identify the field content.
- The joint use of the PLEIADES image and a Landsat-8 time series improved considerably the land use map, in particular the crop type identification, even if there is no image acquisition during two consecutive months, at the peak of the rainy season.

Perspectives

- Reinforced by the results obtained in this study, we believe that the use of multi-source images (optical and microwave) will improve the crop type identification. In particular, we have high expectations on the joint use of Sentinel1 and Sentinel2 image time series, that will be tested in 2016-2017.