

Bambey (Sénégal)

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1. Site description & Project Objectives



 Crop Types: Millet, Groundnuts Location: 20*20 km centered on Dangalma village , near Bambey in Diourbel region (14*43' 42" N - 16*33' 98" E)

STUDY AREA

- Dioduce region (14 45 42 14 15 35 36 E)
 Topography: low slope, 30 m mean elevation
 Soils: Ferruginous tropical sandy soils (Joor 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



SATELLITE DATA

 Optical VHSR : 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)





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3. Methods



4. Results

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We applied a Random Forest classification on data set n⁻¹ 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 mage only, even its very high spatial resolution.

The same classiffication 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, using the same classification parameters as above, the **data** set **n3**, 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.

Global 75,07%

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Data set n°3, composed of one PLEIADES image and 6 LANDSAT-8 images, gives the best result for image classification and permits to obtain a detailed land use map of Bambey study area (12 land use classes).



5. Conclusions and Perspectives

76,59% 63,25% 48,84% 98,65% 39,92% 90,49%

Conclusions

- The study shows that one PLEIADES image acquisition during the growing period is not enough to identify the main crop types in Bambey 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.



