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#### Satellite remote sensing and recovery:

# the CEOS Recovery Observatory, a short overview Catherine Proy, Steven Hosford, Patrice Benarroche, CNES

Hurricane Katrina 2005



Deepwater Horizon 2009

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Tohoku Tsunami 2011

Indonesian Tsunami 2004



Haiti Earthquake 2010





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# Rapid Assessment vs Recovery Planning and Monitofing



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### Geo-Information in Response & Recovery



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# What will the Recovery Observatory consist in

#### Collection of images and maps at several scales



#### **Overview** area

# Mid-scale products from Sentinel data at 10m resolution

- Change in landcover, open spaces
- Loss of vegetation
- Vegetation re-growth
- Agriculture

**Update frequency**: every 10 days to 6 months

#### **Urban zooms**

Large scale products from very high resolution data

- Buildings
- Infrastructure
- Camps

**Update frequency:** every 2 to 4 months



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# CEOS Recovery Observatory Objectives

- Demonstrate in a high-profile context the value of using satellite Earth Observations to support Recovery from a major disaster:

- near-term (e.g. baseline for recovery); and
- long-term (e.g. major recovery planning and monitoring, estimated to be about 3 years).
- Work with the recovery community to define a sustainable vision for increased use of satellite Earth observations in support of recovery.

- Establish institutional relationships between CEOS and stakeholders from the international recovery community.

- Foster innovation around high-technology applications to support recovery.

# **Recovery Observatory Benefits** esa

- Create an easy to access, interactive forum for recovery users to access data and information products, exchange on results and objectives, and generally better understand how EO can support long-term recovery planning and monitoring;
- Serve as a focal point for satellite image experts and local specialists to better serve the region and answer local needs effectively;
- A source of shared value to foster the development of tailor-made information;
- A link to mobilize public institutions and stakeholders around recovery goals.

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# **Prospective RO Partners**

- National end users (government of affected area with mandate for recovery and reconstruction and other government ministries)
- International humanitarian GOs and NGOs with interest in reconstruction (e.g. IFRC, OCHA)
- International stakeholders with interest in post-disaster needs and recovery/reconstruction financing (e.g. GFDRR, UNDP, EU/ Copernicus EMS Risk and Recovery, UNEP)
- Satellite data providers (CEOS agencies, commercial providers)
- Value-added product generators (academia, research institutes, companies, specialised organisations (e.g. UNOSAT)

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# **Recovery – Inventory of potential Recovery indicators and products** © esa

		Baseline mapping	Monitoring
Building	gs, shelters	<ul> <li>Buildings footprint mapping</li> <li>Building attributes (roof type, height indication, collapsed or partially collapsed)</li> <li>Indicate density of damaged buildings</li> <li>Urban blocks with indication of damage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Building removal and construction</li> <li>Change in urban land use, morphology and density</li> <li>Indicate type of dwelling reconstruction</li> </ul>
Camps		<ul> <li>Location of spontaneous and organized gathering areas</li> <li>Location of temporary dwellings</li> <li>Land use, open spaces</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Camp removal and installation</li> <li>Tent removal and installation</li> <li>New land use / open spaces</li> </ul>
Transpo	ort	<ul> <li>Accurate transport network mapping with detailed metadata (type, damage level)</li> <li>Accessibility analysis</li> <li>Proximity analysis</li> <li>Traffic activity analysis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rebuilt transport facilities</li> <li>New transport facilities</li> <li>Removal of transport facilities</li> <li>Accessibility analysis</li> <li>Proximity analysis</li> <li>Traffic activity analysis</li> </ul>
Infrastr	uctures	<ul> <li>Mapping of utilities and services infrastructures (administration, education, healthcare, power - water - sanitation facilities) with detailed metadata (type, level of damage)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recovered infrastructures</li> <li>Infrastructure removal and construction</li> </ul>
Environ	ment	<ul> <li>Landcover, open spaces</li> <li>Affected landcover (e.g. burn scar with fire damage severity)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change in landcover, open spaces</li> <li>Indicate loss of vegetation</li> <li>Vegetation re-growth</li> </ul>
Topogra	aphy	<ul> <li>Risk analysis (vulnerability to flood, to water run-off risk, to soil erosion)</li> </ul>	• Risk analysis

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### **Recovery Monitoring**

#### Examples of products already delivered within recovery work (SERTIT)



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### **Recovery Observatory Infrastructure**

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#### Data/product selection and metadata display



# **RO** Lifecycle





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# **RO Status Overview**

Recovery Observatory ready for triggering since 1 January, 2015

- collaboration attempted on Cyclone Pam (Vanuatu see Lessons Learned Report), highlighting possible contradictions between Rapid Assessment and Recovery support;
- possible further collaboration (recovery monitoring product demonstration before RO?) early 2016 to establish operational linkages;
- triggering of the RO after a major event (in 2016);
- evaluation at RO + 6 months;
- lessons learned and sustainability strategy after evaluation of 1<sup>st</sup> RO

# High-level conclusions esa

- Significant resources exist within the satellite community to support recovery objectives;
- Some useful applications have already been developed but are not well-known to the User community;
- There is a general lack of awareness of what is possible and how to obtain data and products;
- Perception that satellite work is principally useful for rapid assessments, and lack of understanding of how satellites can contribute over long-term;
- Need for :
  - Improved 'showcasing' of results for uptake within the USERS
  - inclusion of resources in recovery planning activities.

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