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# Using Spatial Information For Natural Hazard Risk Analysis Of A Megacity

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# Overview

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- Engagement on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines
- Risk analysis for the Greater Metro Manila Area
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# What is Geoscience Australia?

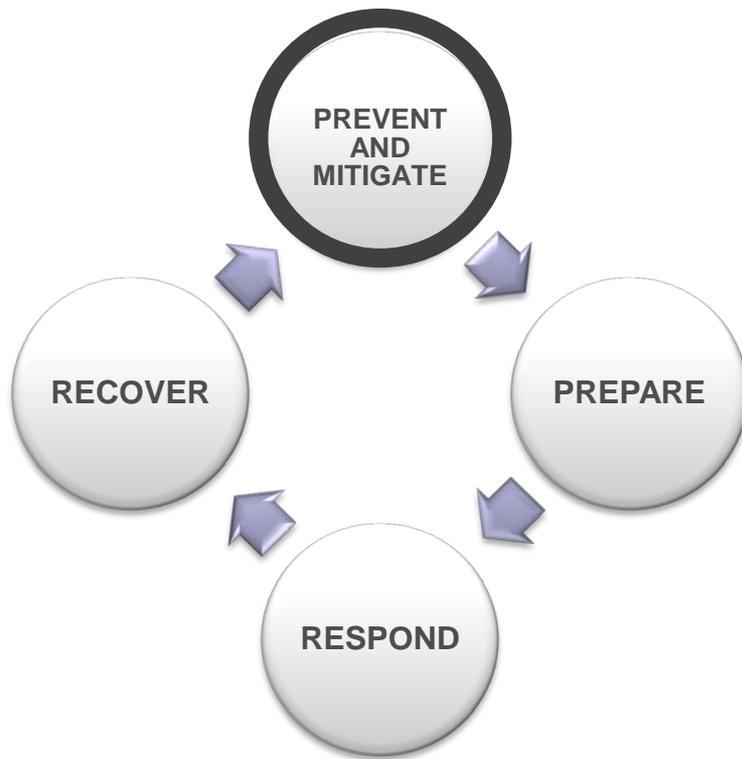
- Australian Government Agency within the Department of Industry
- Use geoscientific information and knowledge for the economic, social and environmental benefit of Australia, with an emphasis on:
  - Future energy and resource base for the economy;
  - Providing geoscience input into a range of environmental issues; and
  - Contributing to community safety through monitoring and research into natural hazards and climate change and their impact on society.
- GA partners with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) – formerly known as AusAID - to bring our capabilities to the Asia-Pacific region through the Regional Risk Section in the Community Safety Group

# What is Geoscience Australia?

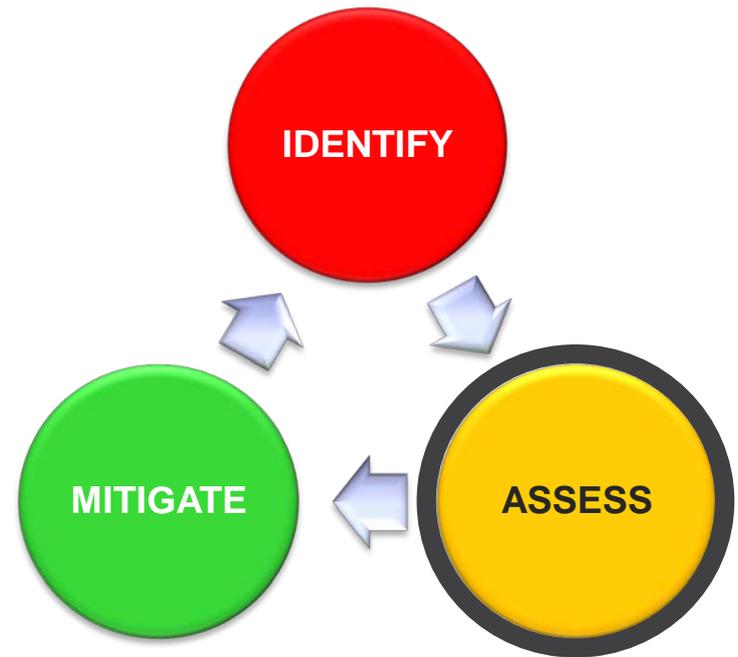
- Regional Risk Section engagements:
  - **The Philippines**
  - Indonesia - The Australia-Indonesia Facility for Disaster Reduction (AIFDR)
  - Papua New Guinea
  - Global Assessment of Risk – UNISDR
  - Global Earthquake Model
  - Natural hazard modelling training workshops (IGC - August 2012)

# What is natural hazard risk analysis?

Emergency Management cycle:



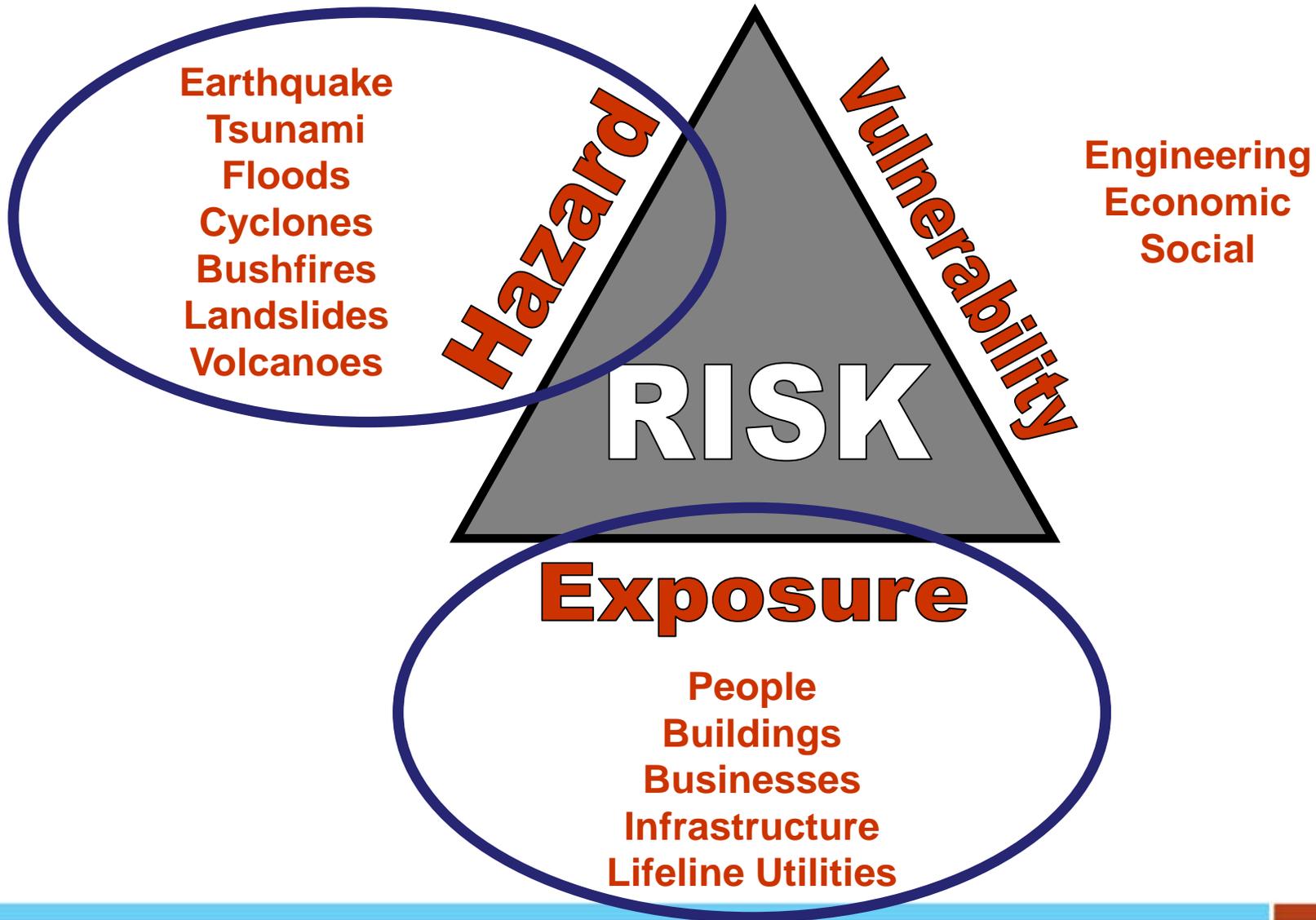
Disaster Risk Reduction:



# What is natural hazard risk analysis?

- Calculation of the **direct** and **indirect effect** of numerous **natural hazard events** on:
  - The built and natural environments
  - People and communities
  - The economy
- Risk can be expressed in terms of:
  - Physical **damage** to buildings and infrastructure
  - Economic **losses** (both direct and indirect)
  - **Casualties** and societal effects
- Risk analysis requires information on:
  - **Hazard**
  - **Exposure**
  - **Vulnerability**

# What is natural hazard risk analysis?



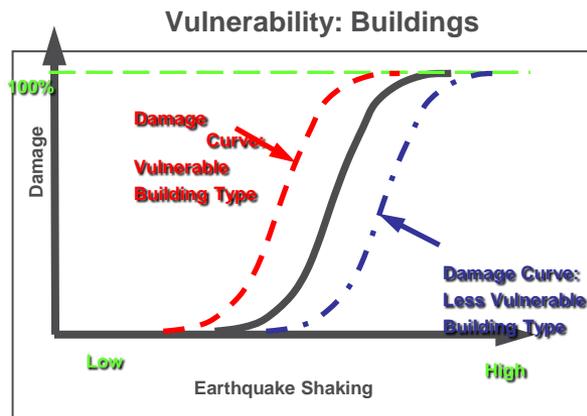
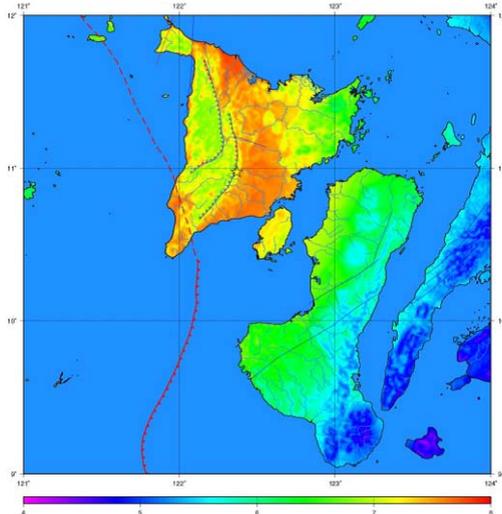
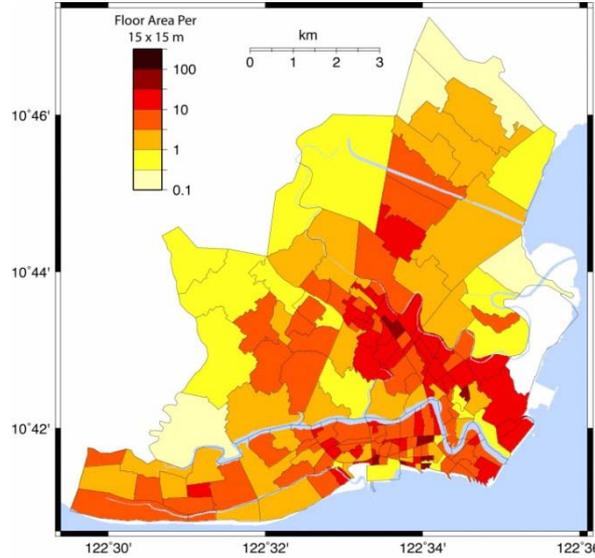
# Engagement on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines



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# Engagement on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines – A Pilot Earthquake Impact Study (Iloilo City)



# Engagement on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines – Typhoon Ondoy



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# Risk analysis for the Greater Metro Manila Area

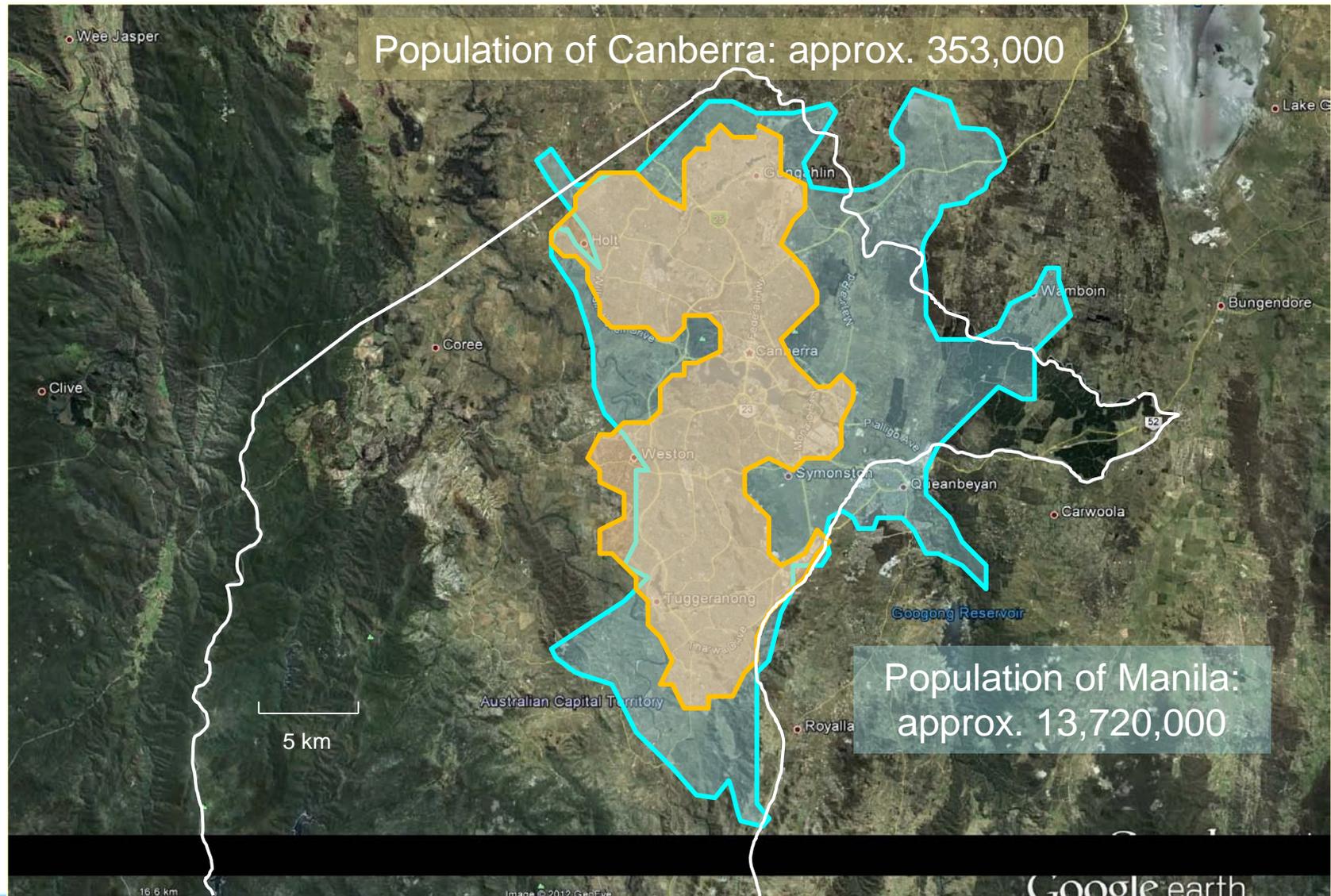
- “Enhancing Risk Analysis Capacities for Flood, Tropical Cyclone Severe Wind and Flood for the Greater Metro Manila Area”
- Collection and management of **high-resolution digital elevation data**
- Development of **exposure information** for the Greater Metro Manila Area
- Development of **hazard models** and associated **risk analyses** for:
  - **Flood** (Pasig-Marikina River Basin)
  - **Tropical Cyclone Severe Wind** (typhoons impacting on GMMA)
  - **Earthquake** (emanating from the West Valley Fault)



# Risk analysis for the Greater Metro Manila Area

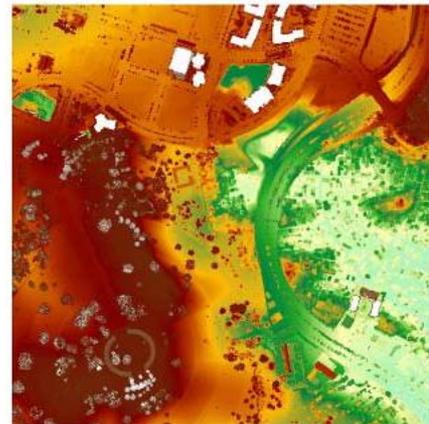


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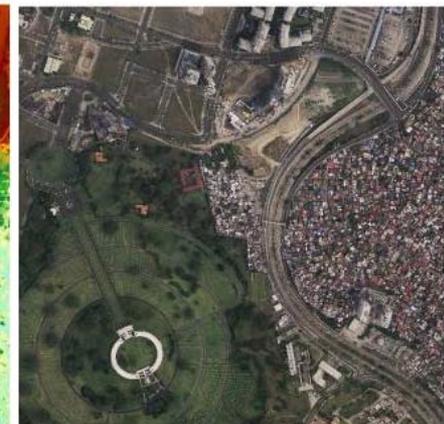


# LiDAR – a foundation dataset

- Pre-2011 elevation data for GMMA:
  - 3" SRTM data
  - Unsuitable for detailed hazard modelling
- Elevation data for GMMA in 2011:
  - LiDAR data collected over area
  - 1 metre resolution DEM and DSM from LiDAR
  - Well suited to detailed hazard modelling and spatial analysis of urban environments
- Imagery for GMMA in 2011:
  - 0.25m aerial imagery
  - Colour + infra-red



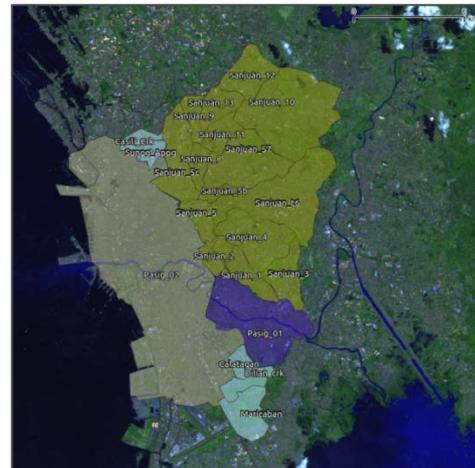
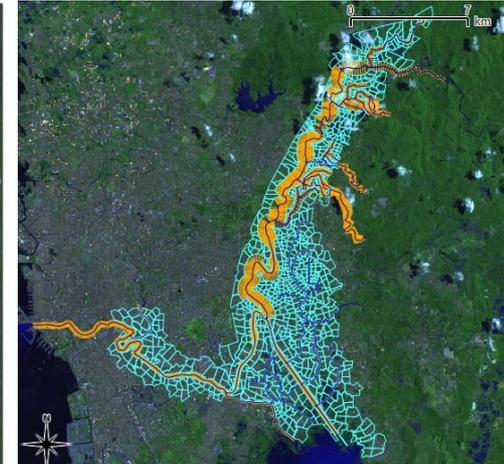
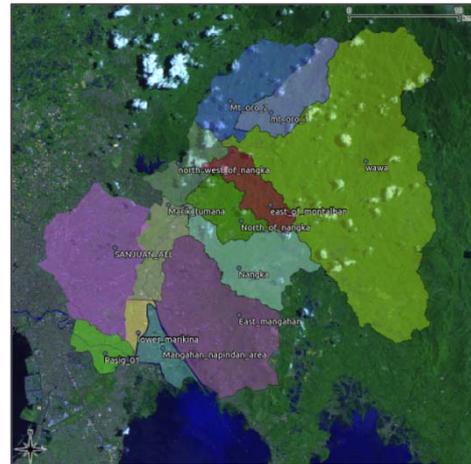
Digital Surface Model



High resolution aerial imagery

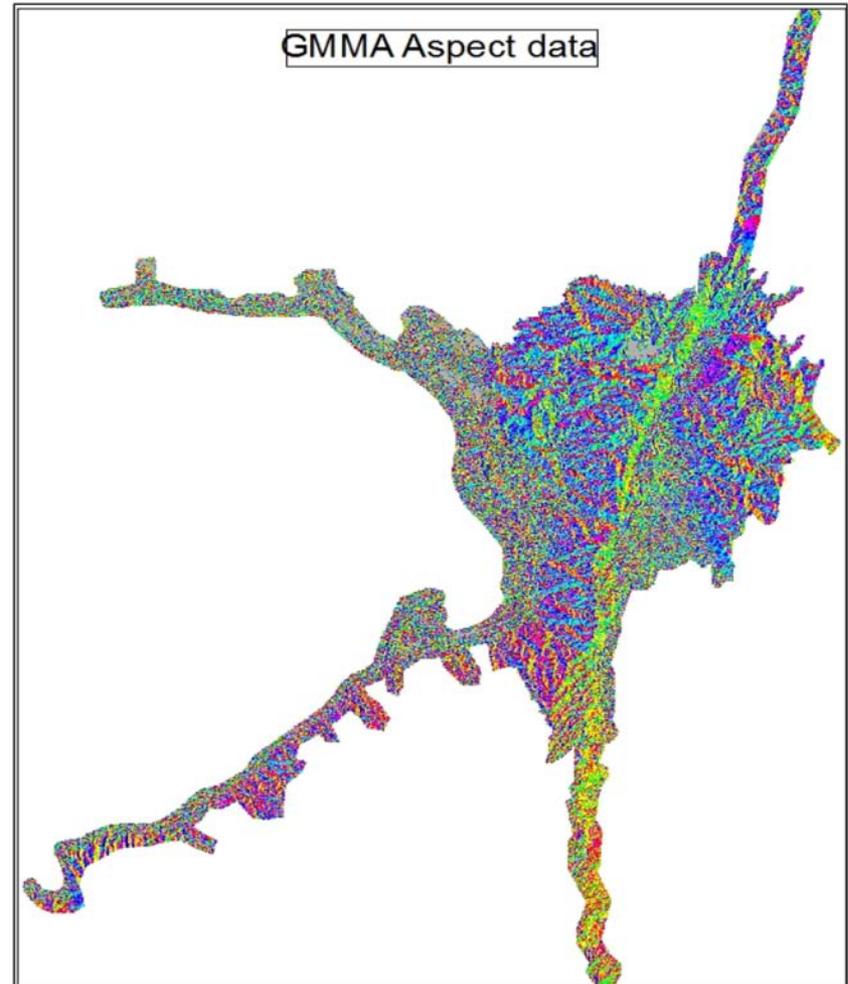
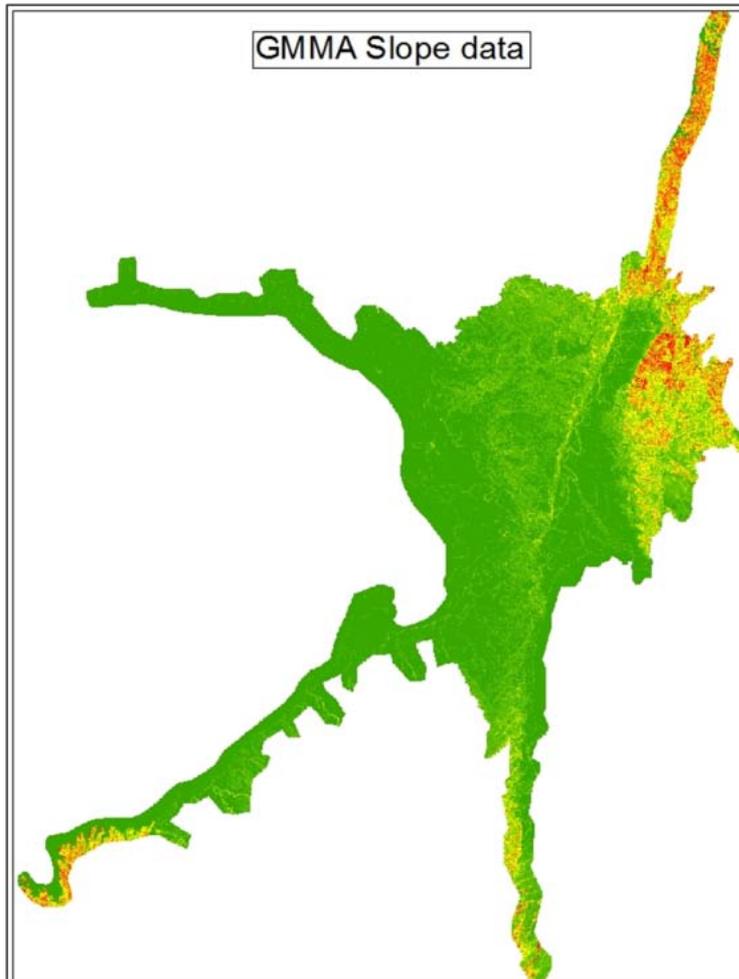
# Spatial data for hazard modelling

- Flood Hazard modelling
  - LiDAR DSM used to determine catchments and sub-catchments
  - Improved accuracy in elevation permits better estimate of depths for various flood events
  - Length and slope of channels measured from LiDAR DEM and imagery
  - Cross section data across waterways used to estimate river bed elevations



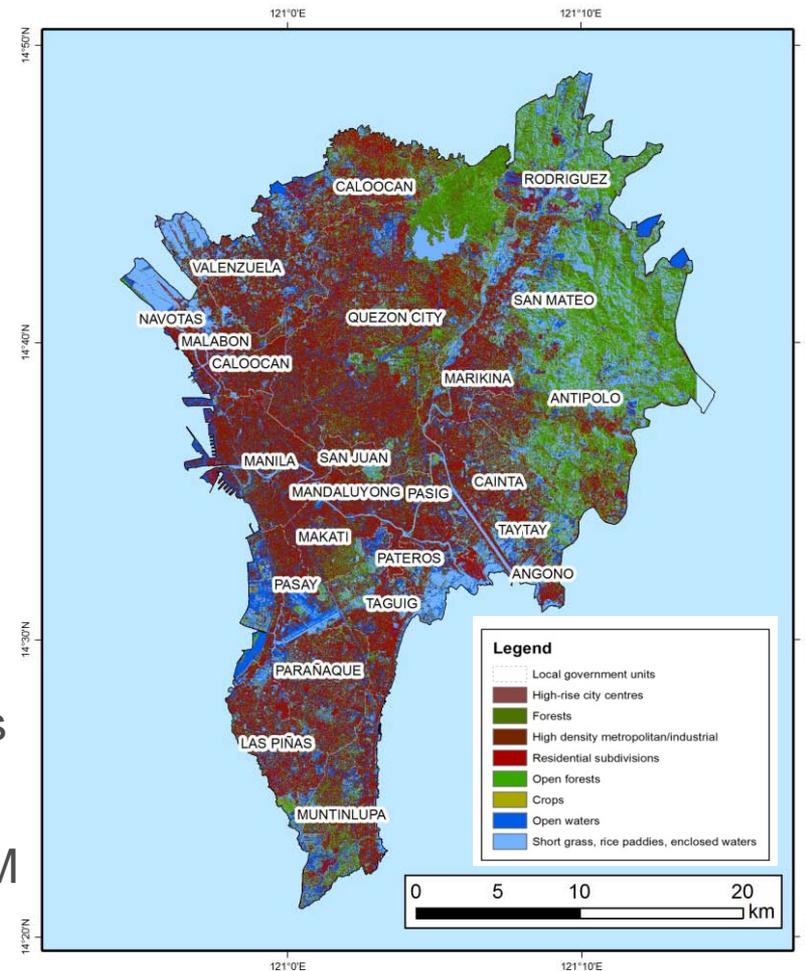
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- Severe Wind Hazard modelling – topographic multiplier



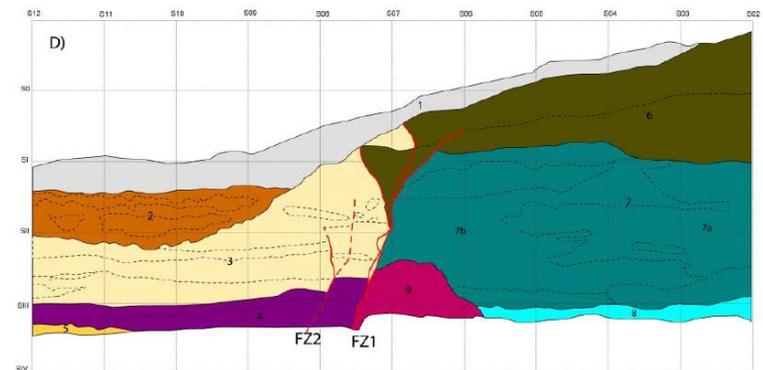
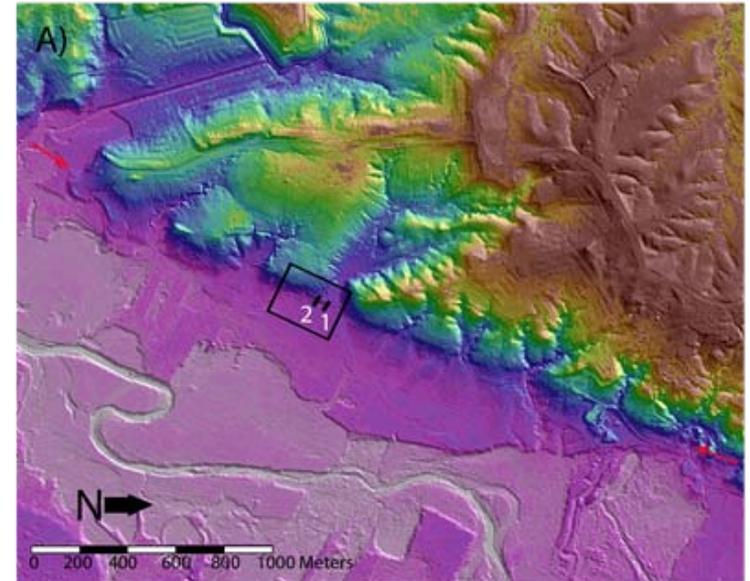
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- Severe Wind Hazard modelling – terrain and shielding multiplier
  - Land cover affects wind speed
  - Traditionally mapped by classification of remotely sensed imagery
  - Used NDVI values to define areas with vegetation
  - DSM from LiDAR used to ‘slice’ vegetation into classes according to height
  - For non-vegetated areas, DSM used to determine classes for built up areas
  - Reclassified rasters combined with polygons of water areas
  - Shielding multiplier derived from LiDAR DSM in built up areas only (tall buildings etc.)



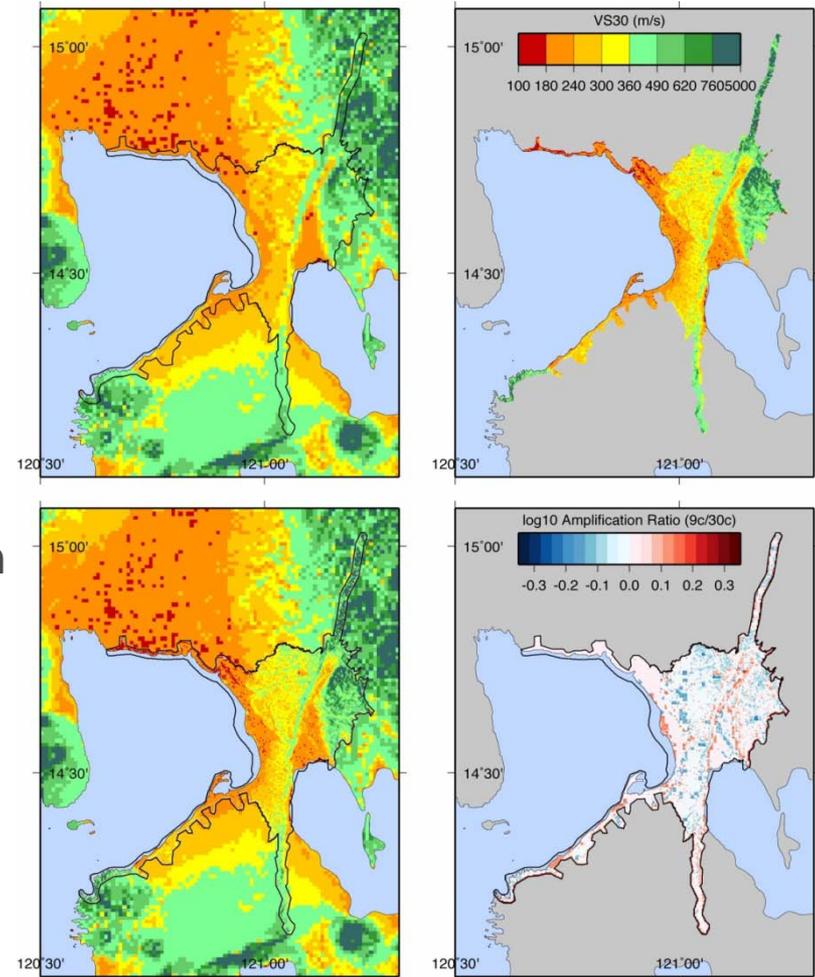
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- Earthquake Hazard modelling – supporting paleoseismic studies
  - Historical movement along a fault can help determine frequency of earthquakes
  - Mapping and analysis of samples (e.g. dating of organic material) across fault profile helps describe movement history
  - High resolution elevation data is helpful for locating a fault and determining suitable sites for opening of trenches
  - Three trenches opened after site determination, aided by interpretation of the LiDAR DEM and DSM



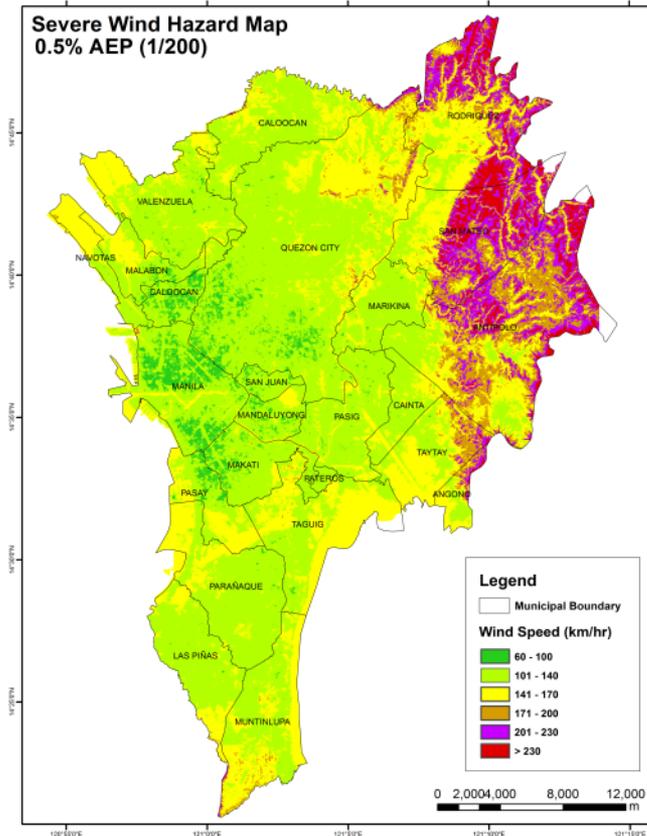
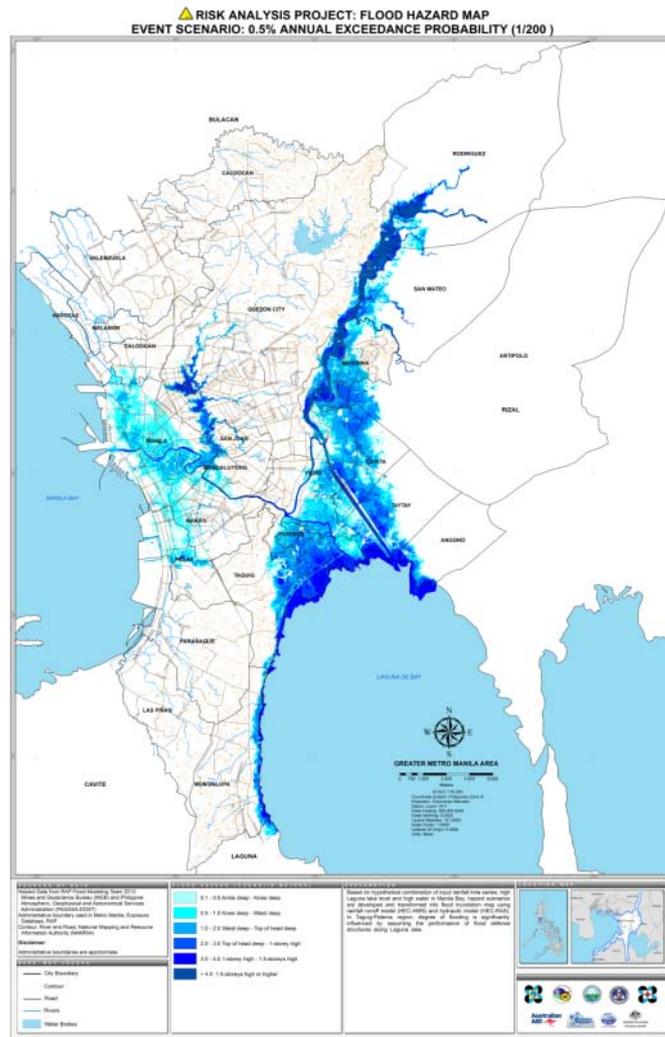
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- Earthquake Hazard modelling – site class
  - Topographic gradient can help to understand seismic site conditions
  - DEM data used to estimate time-averaged shear velocity to 30m depth ( $V_s30$ )
  - LiDAR DEM improved on estimates made from SRTM data
  - Improved definitions of transition between sedimentary basins and steep slopes



# Spatial data for hazard modelling

- Example outputs of hazard modelling



# Spatial data for exposure information development

## MOSTLY SPATIAL

Physical Location, Size and Shape

Administrative Area

Land Ownership

Land Use

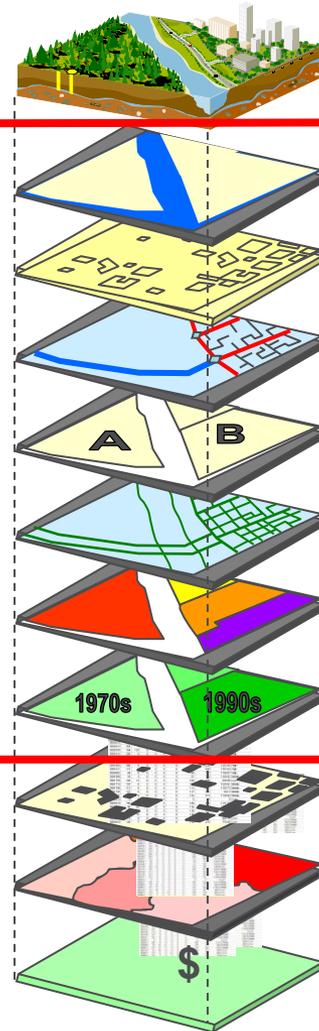
Construction Period

Structural Characteristics

Demographic or Social Characteristics

Economic Characteristics

Building and maintaining an integrated, centralised and *spatially-enabled* database is the most effective way to manage exposure information



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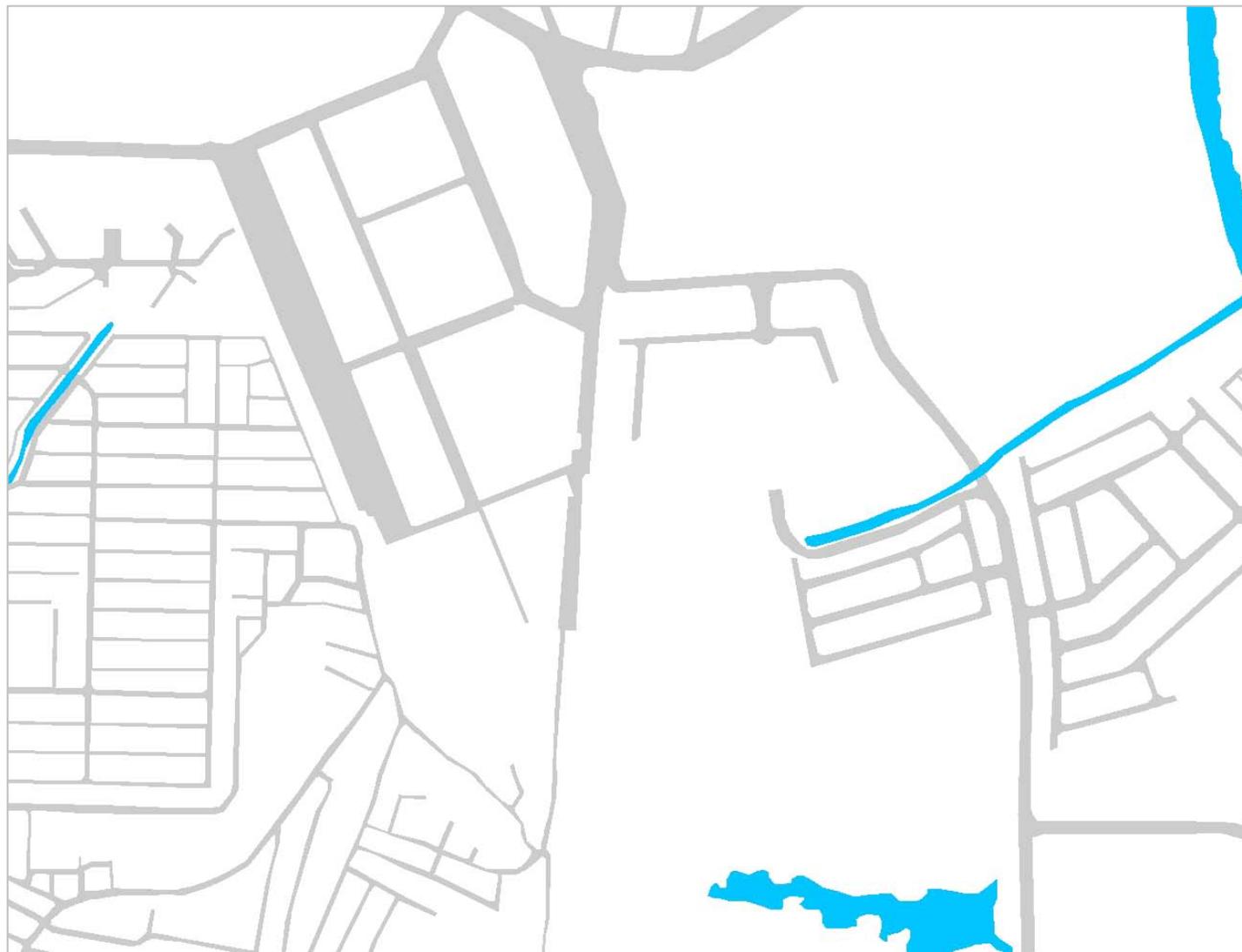
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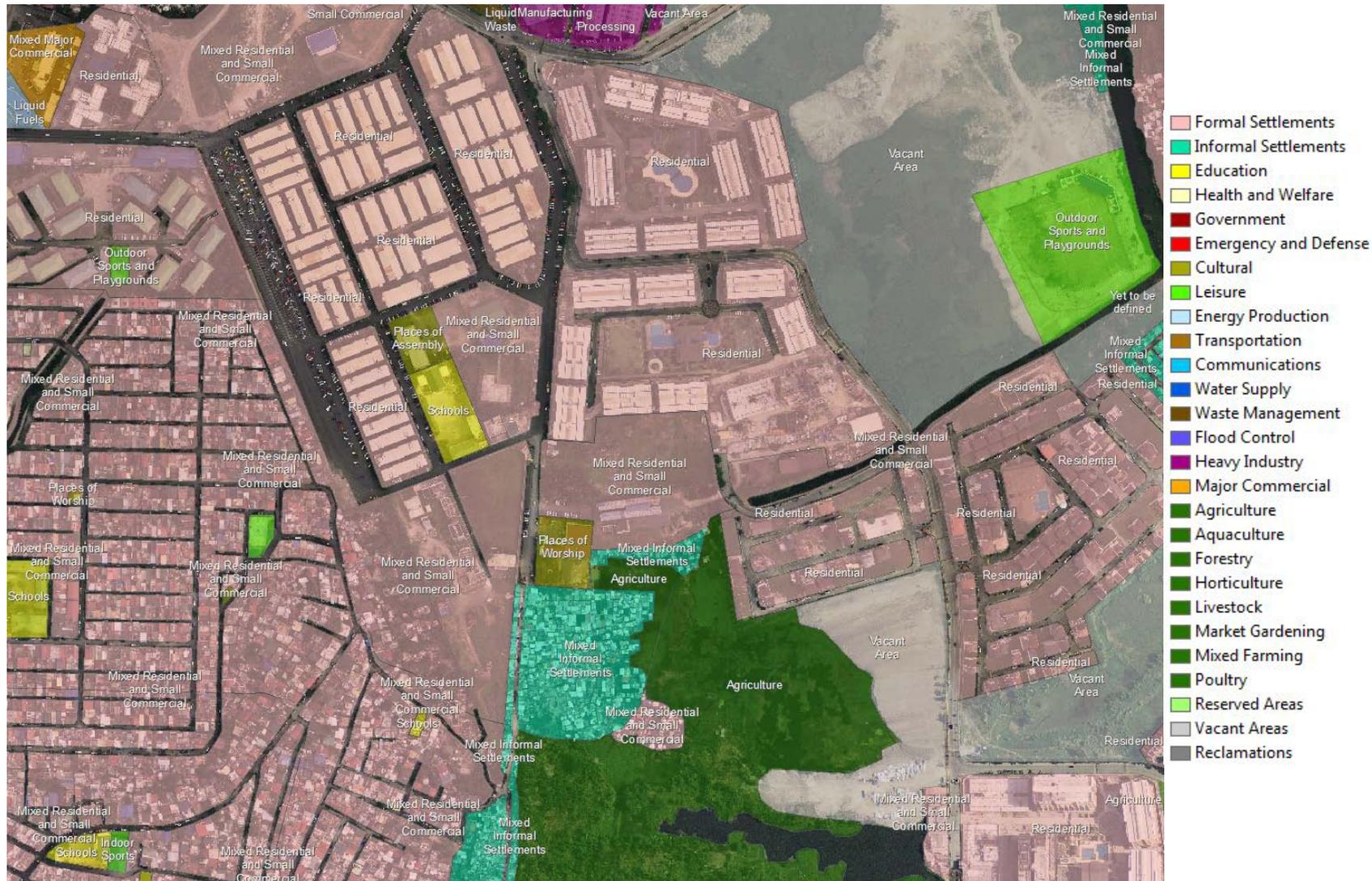
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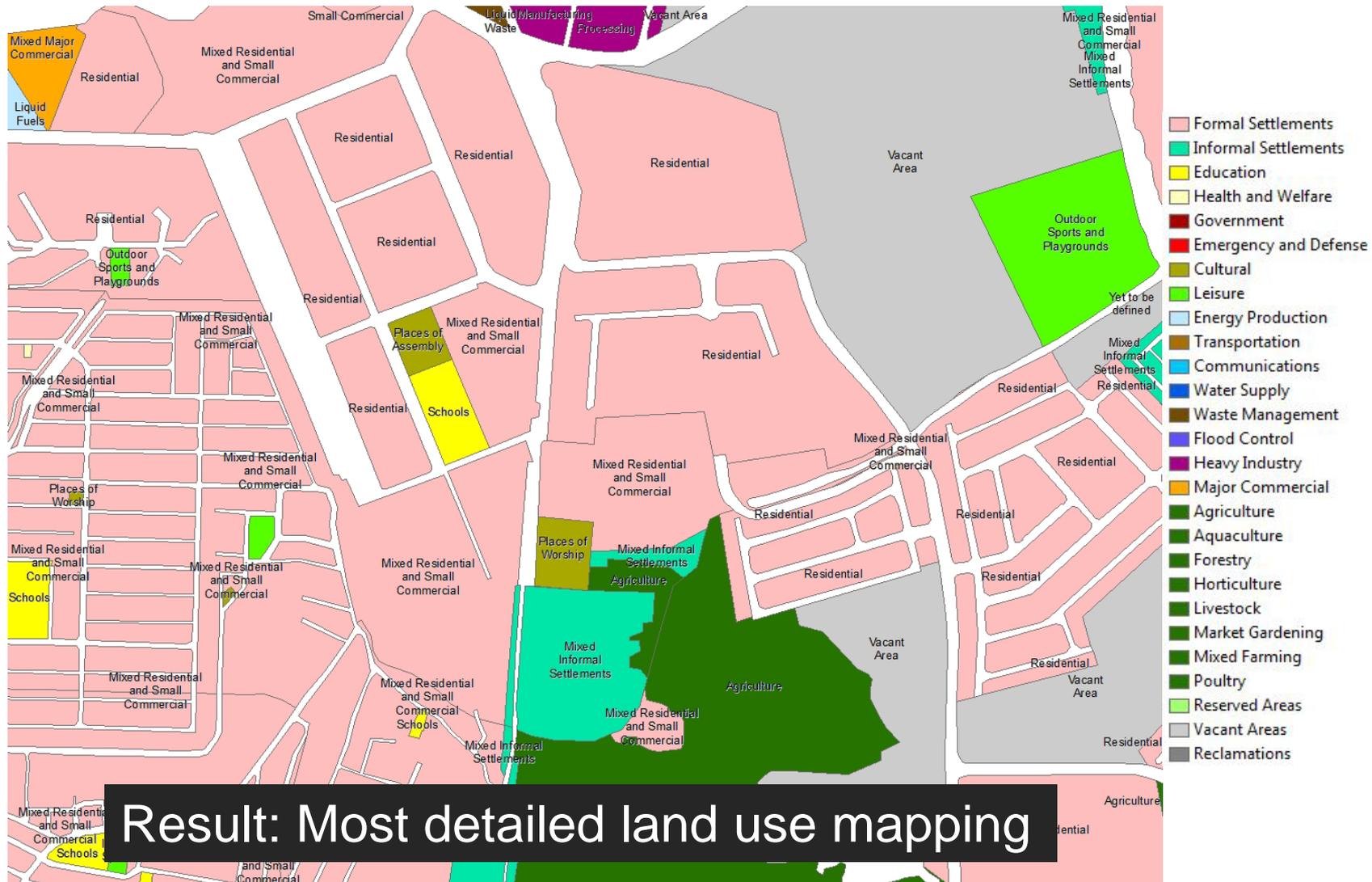
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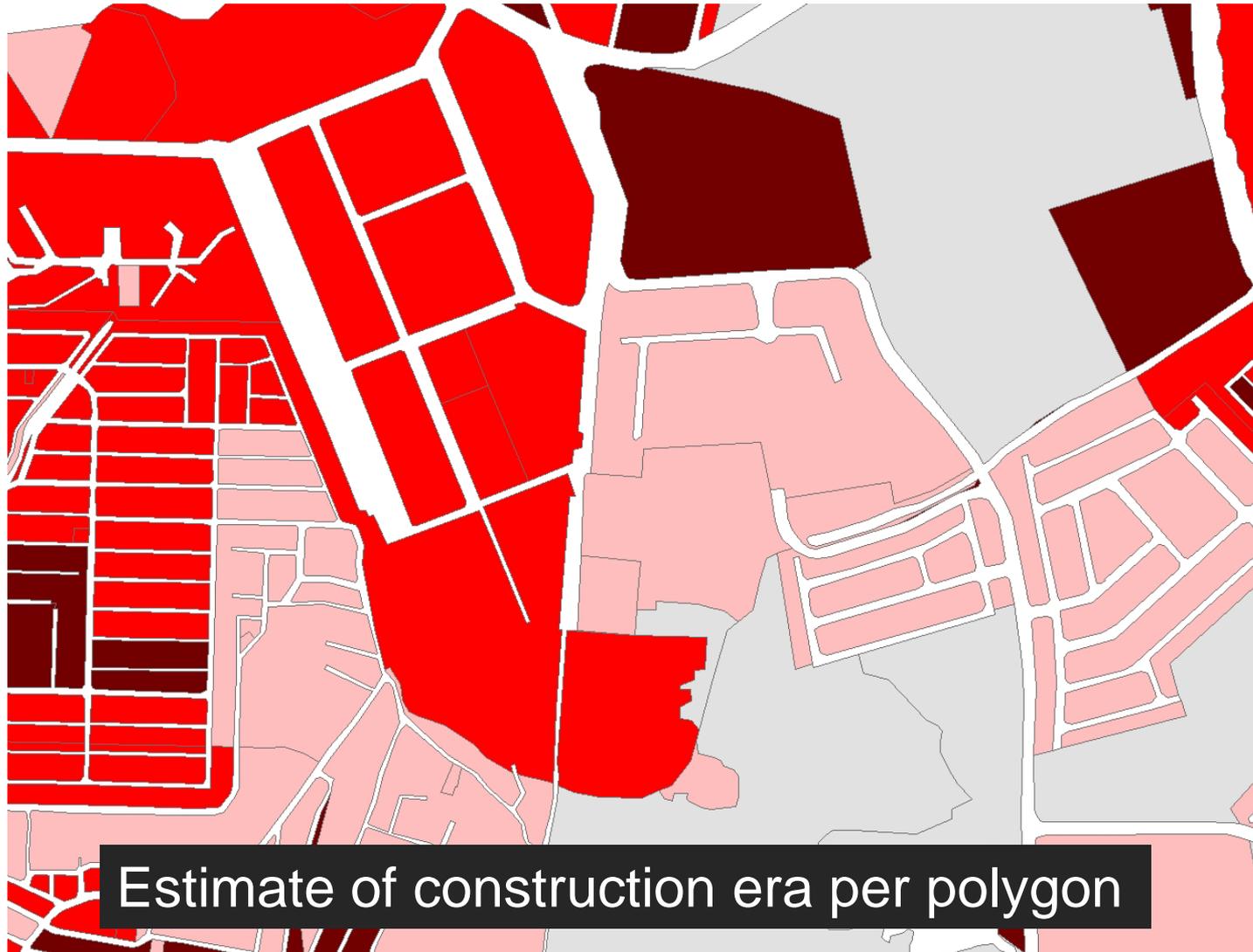


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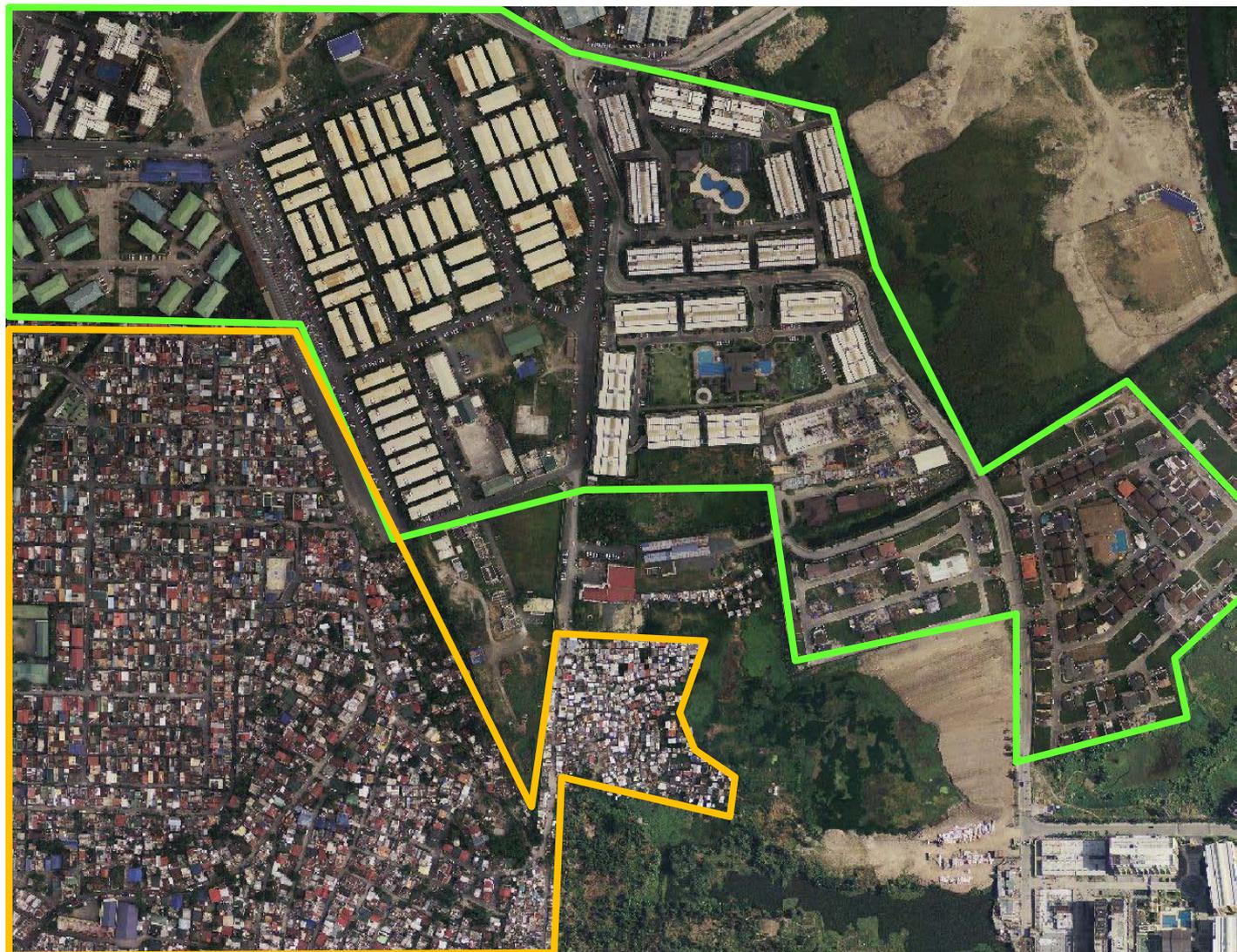
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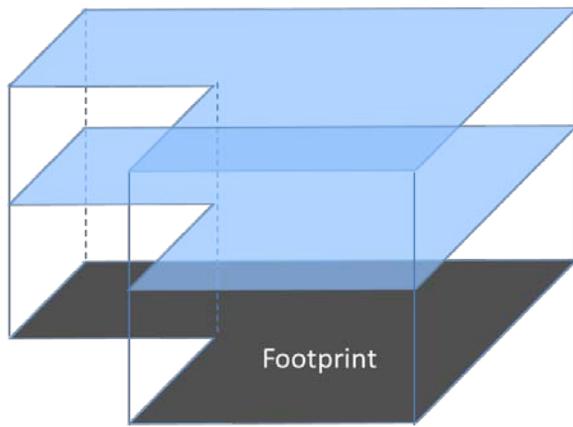
- At this point in the process:
  - Areas capable of supporting development
  - Actual land use
  - Construction vintage
- Challenges of quantifying the buildings:
  - Large number of buildings
  - Limited existing data on building location and size
  - Limited access to records on building construction
- How then to quantify buildings:
  - By count?
  - By Floor Area? – preferred approach for exposure in Australia

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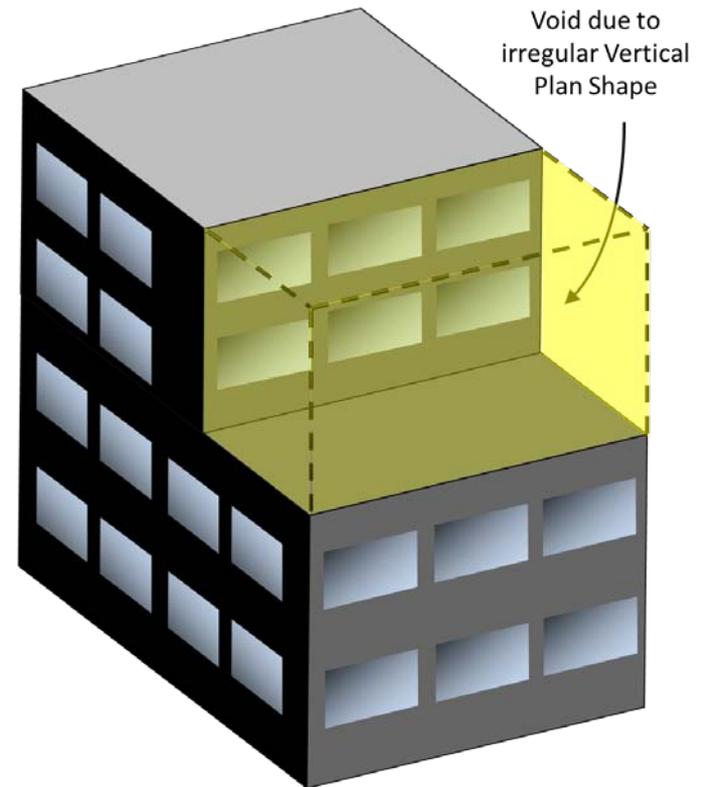
## Calculating floor area



Footprint Area =  $150\text{m}^2$

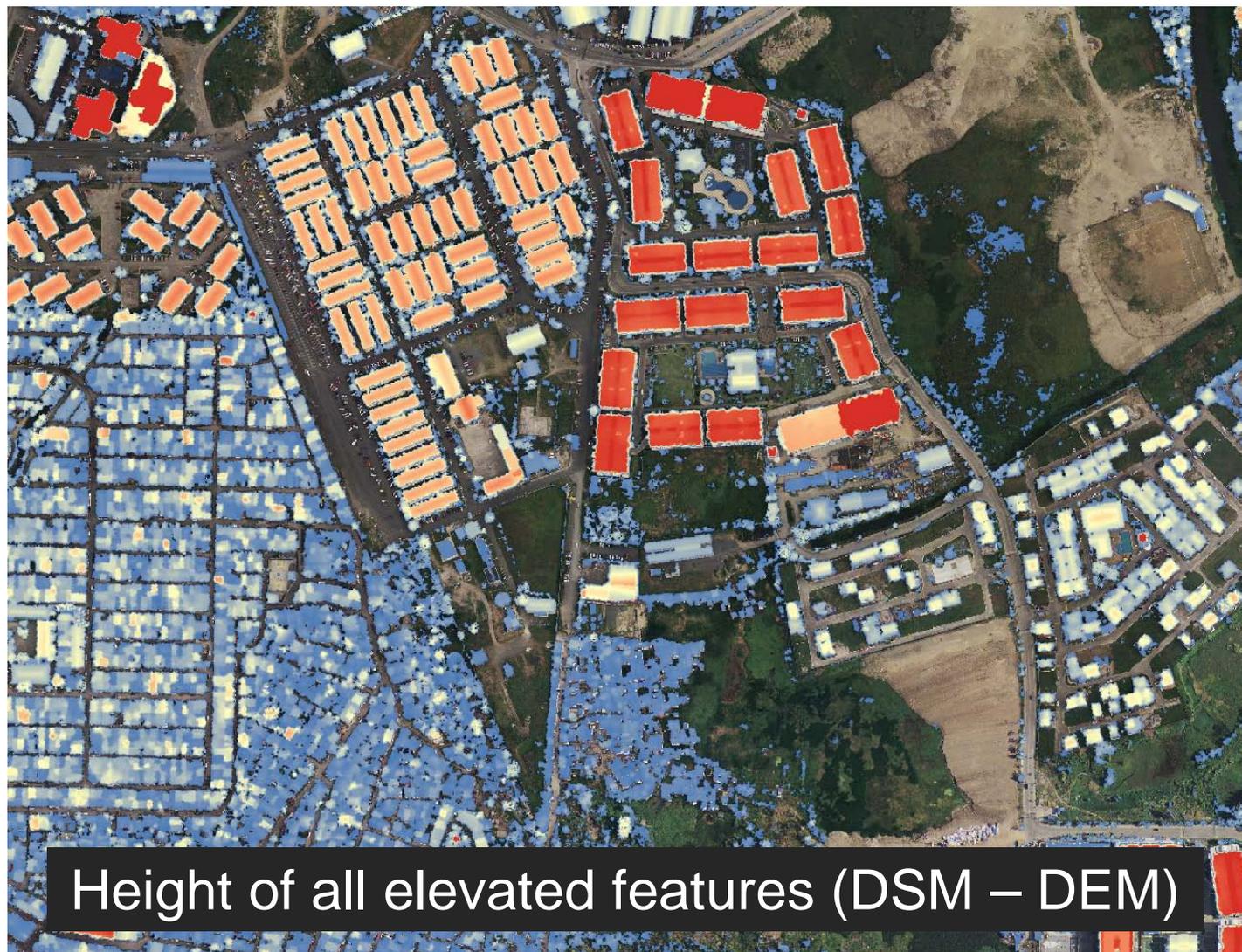
Number of Storeys = 3

Total Floor Area =  $450\text{m}^2$

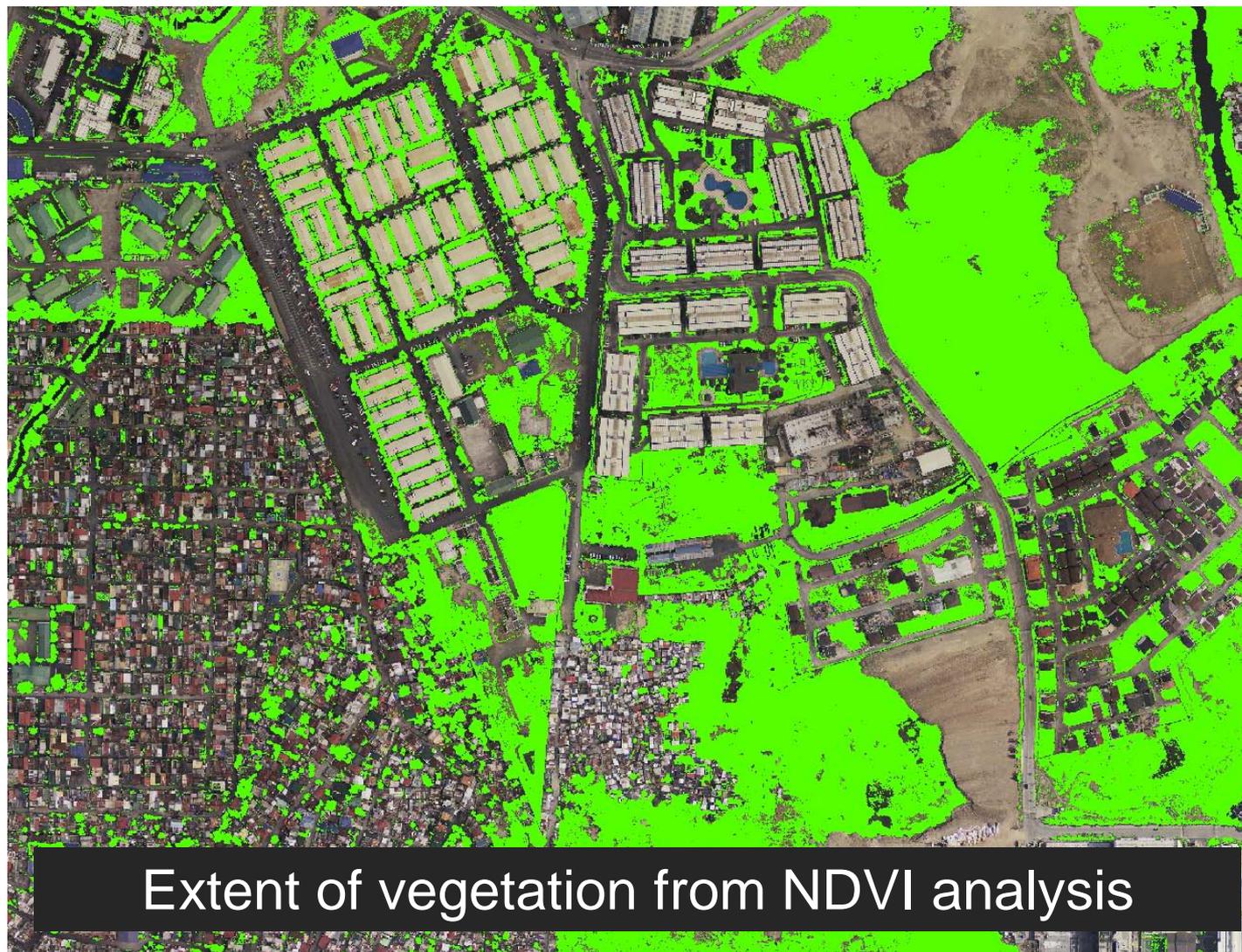


Floor Area  $\neq$  Footprint Area x Number of Storeys

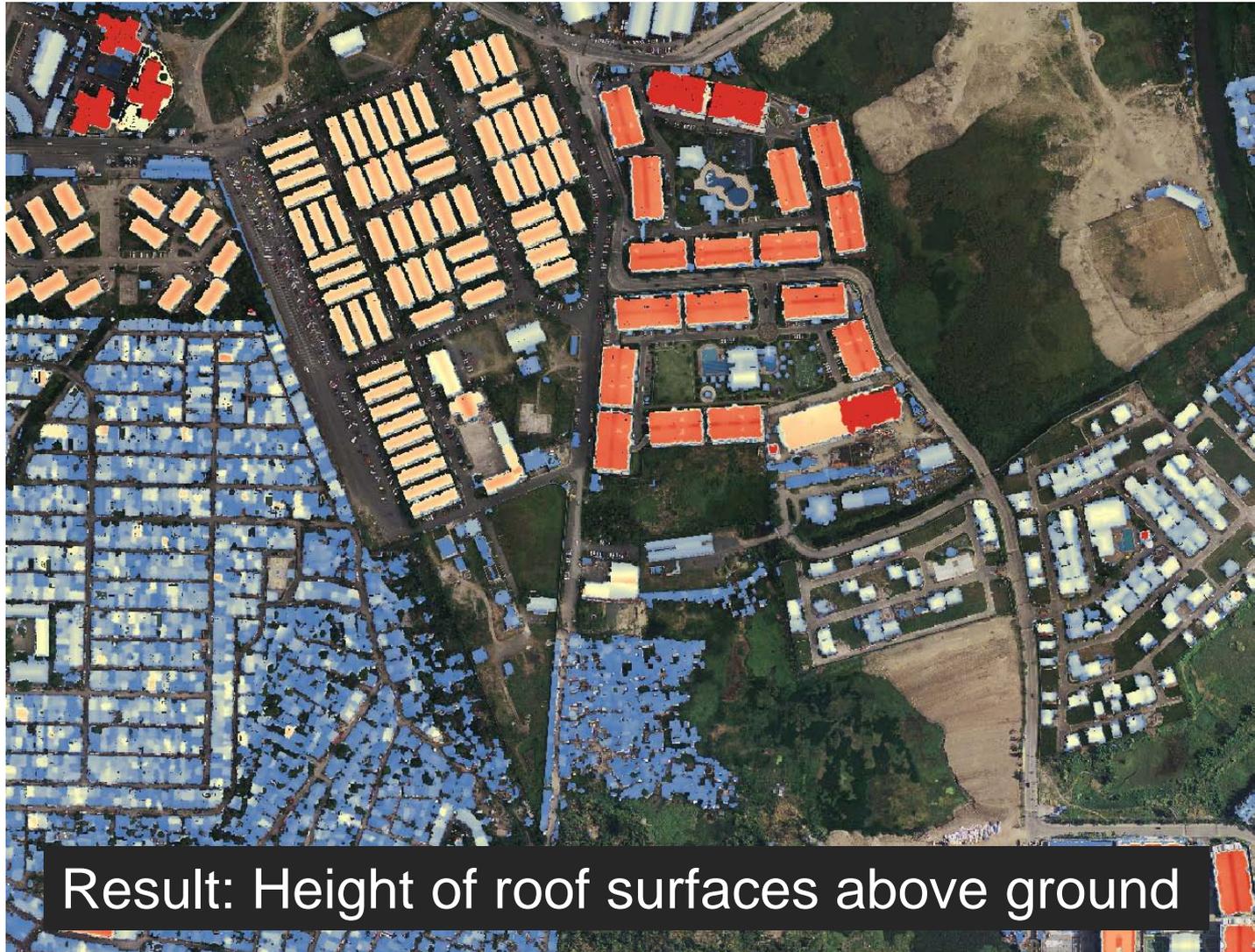
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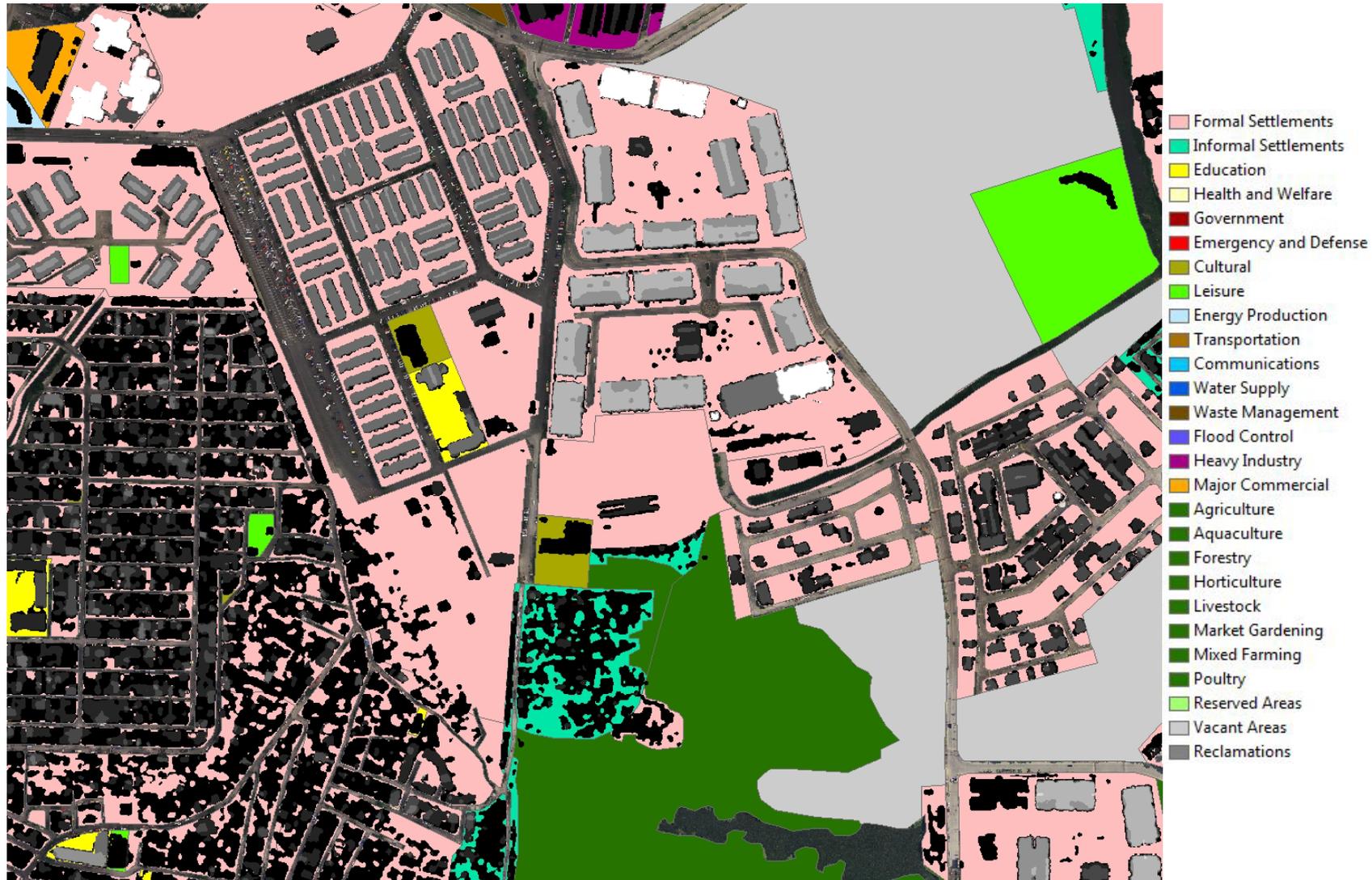
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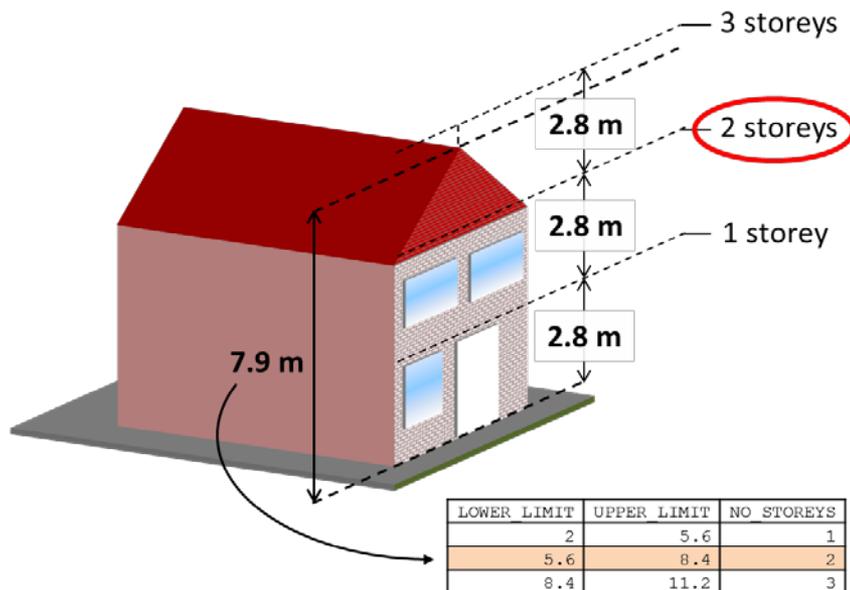
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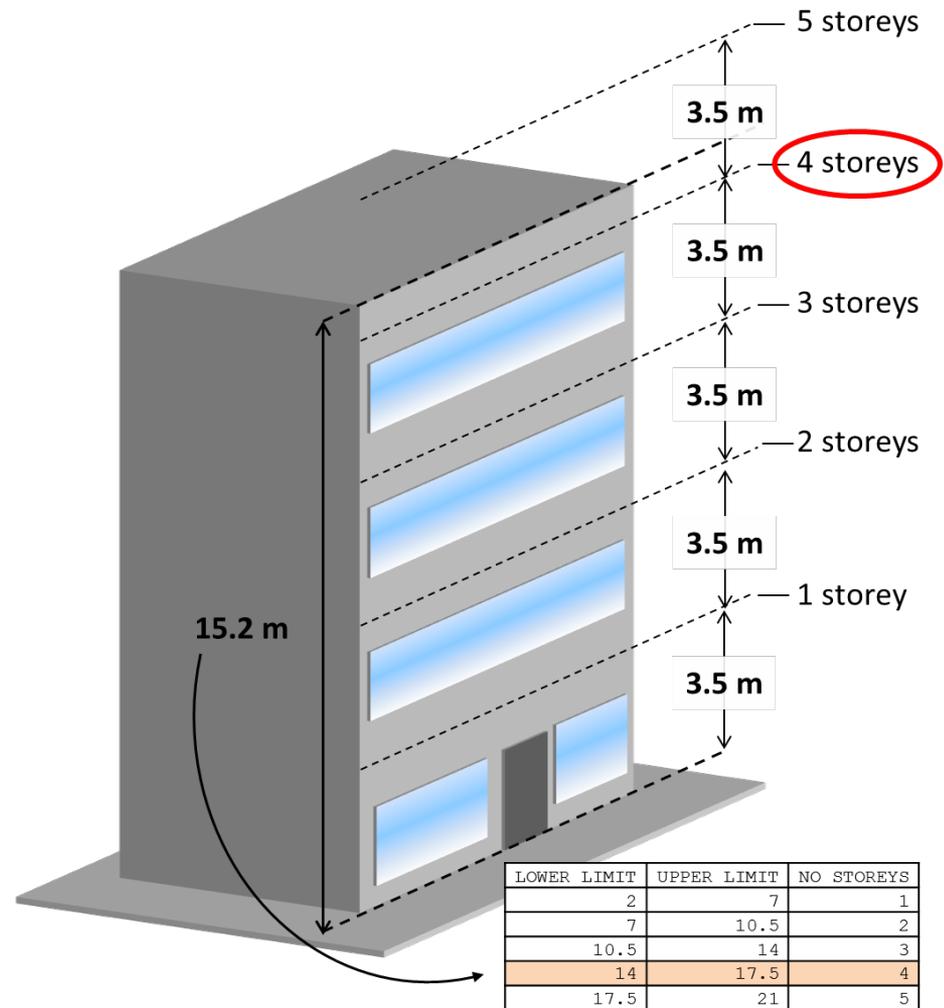
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Inter-Storey Heights:

Converting height values to estimated number of storeys

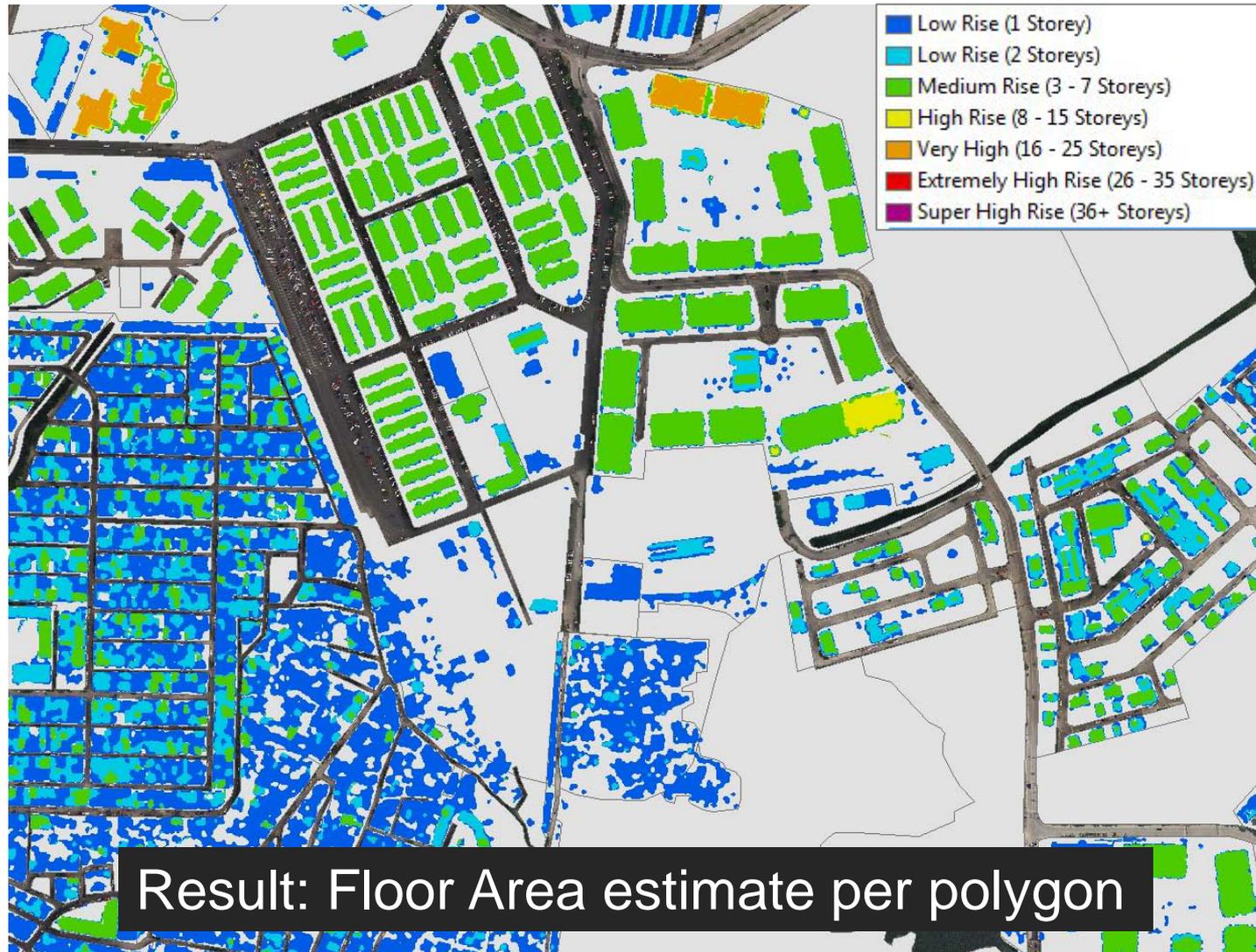


Typical residential building

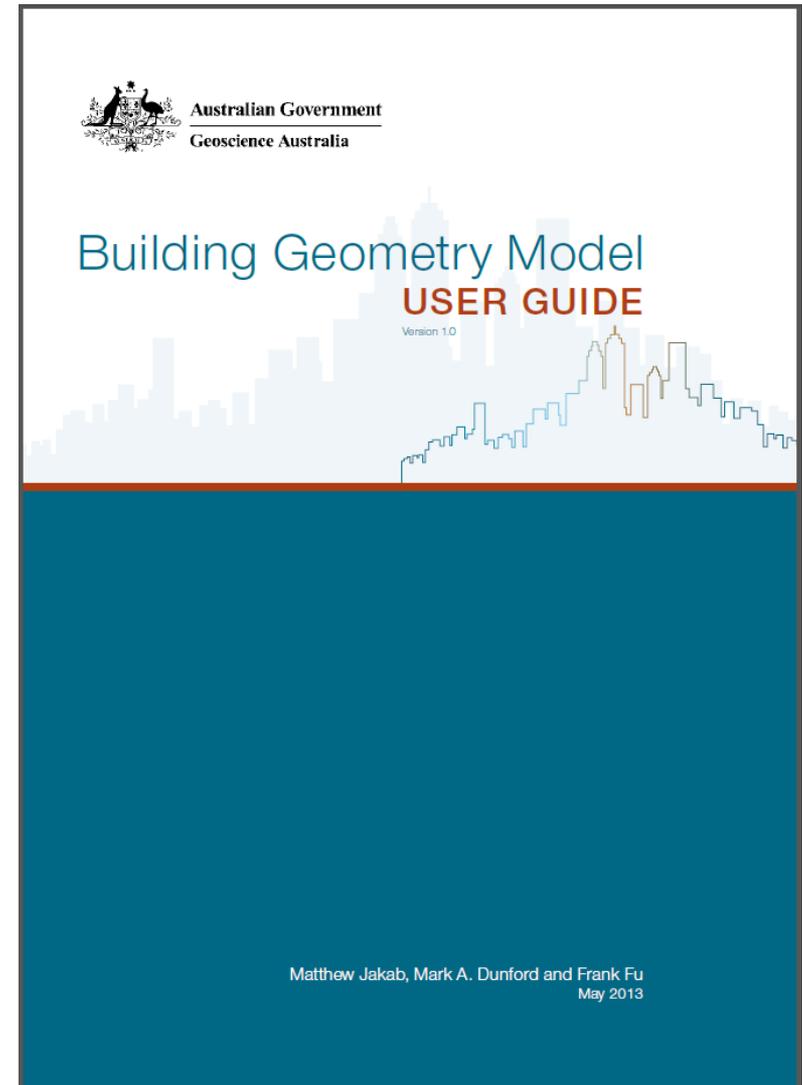
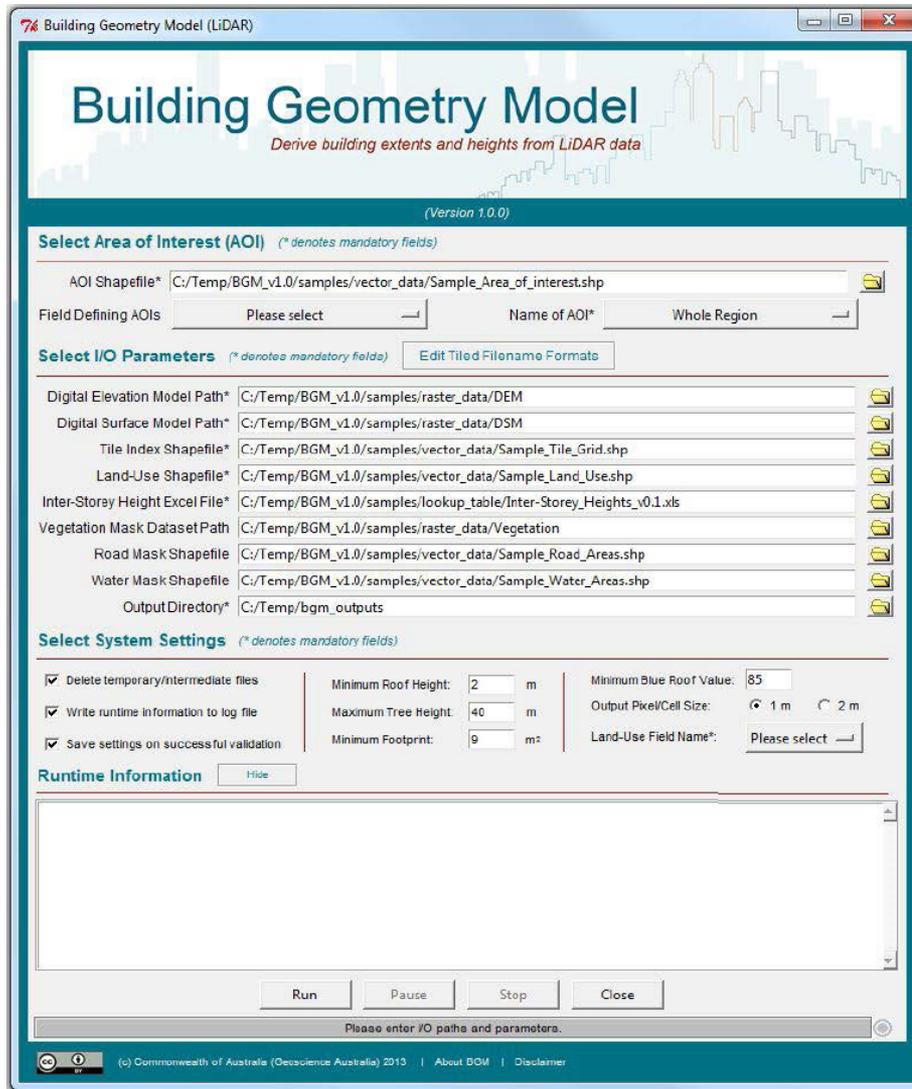


Typical commercial building

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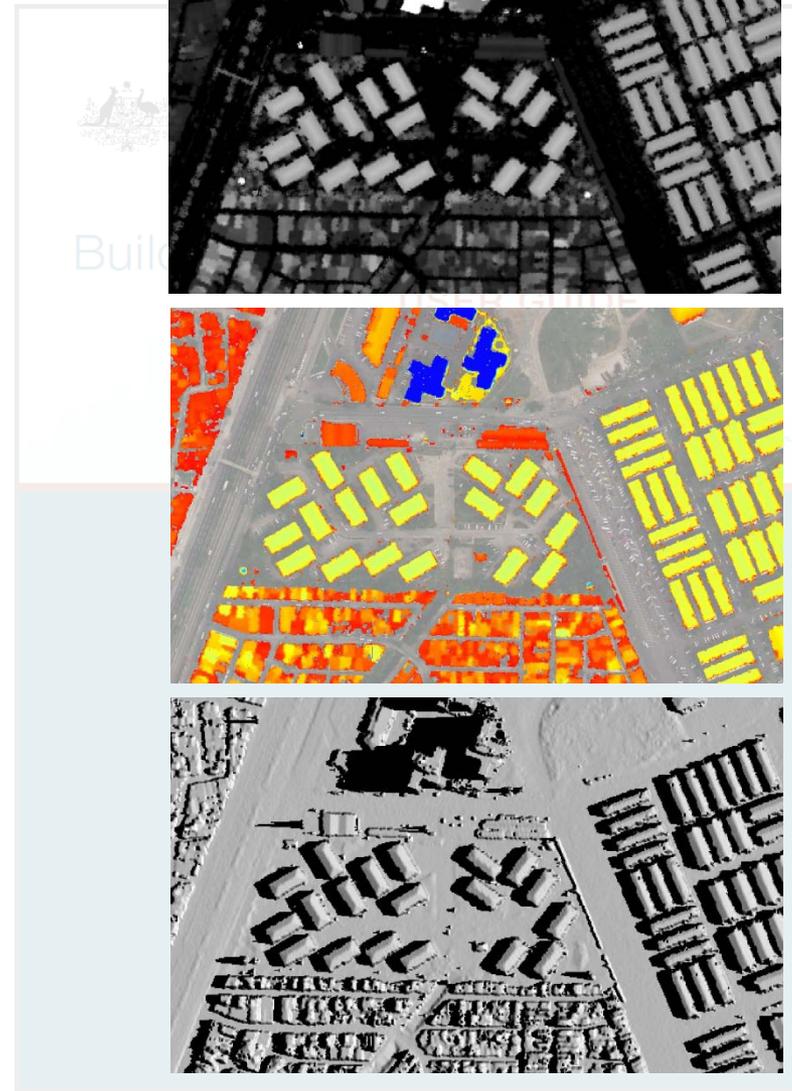
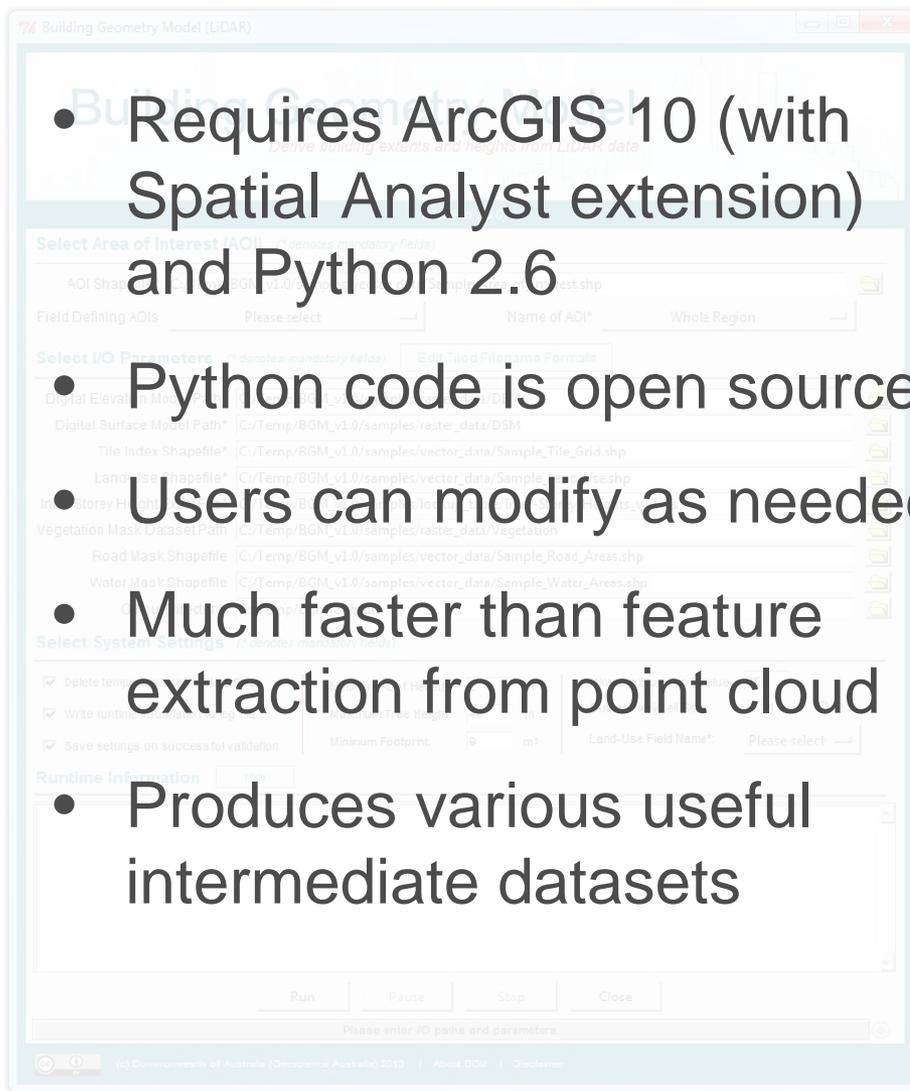


# The Building Geometry Model



# The Building Geometry Model

- Requires ArcGIS 10 (with Spatial Analyst extension) and Python 2.6
- Python code is open source
- Users can modify as needed
- Much faster than feature extraction from point cloud
- Produces various useful intermediate datasets



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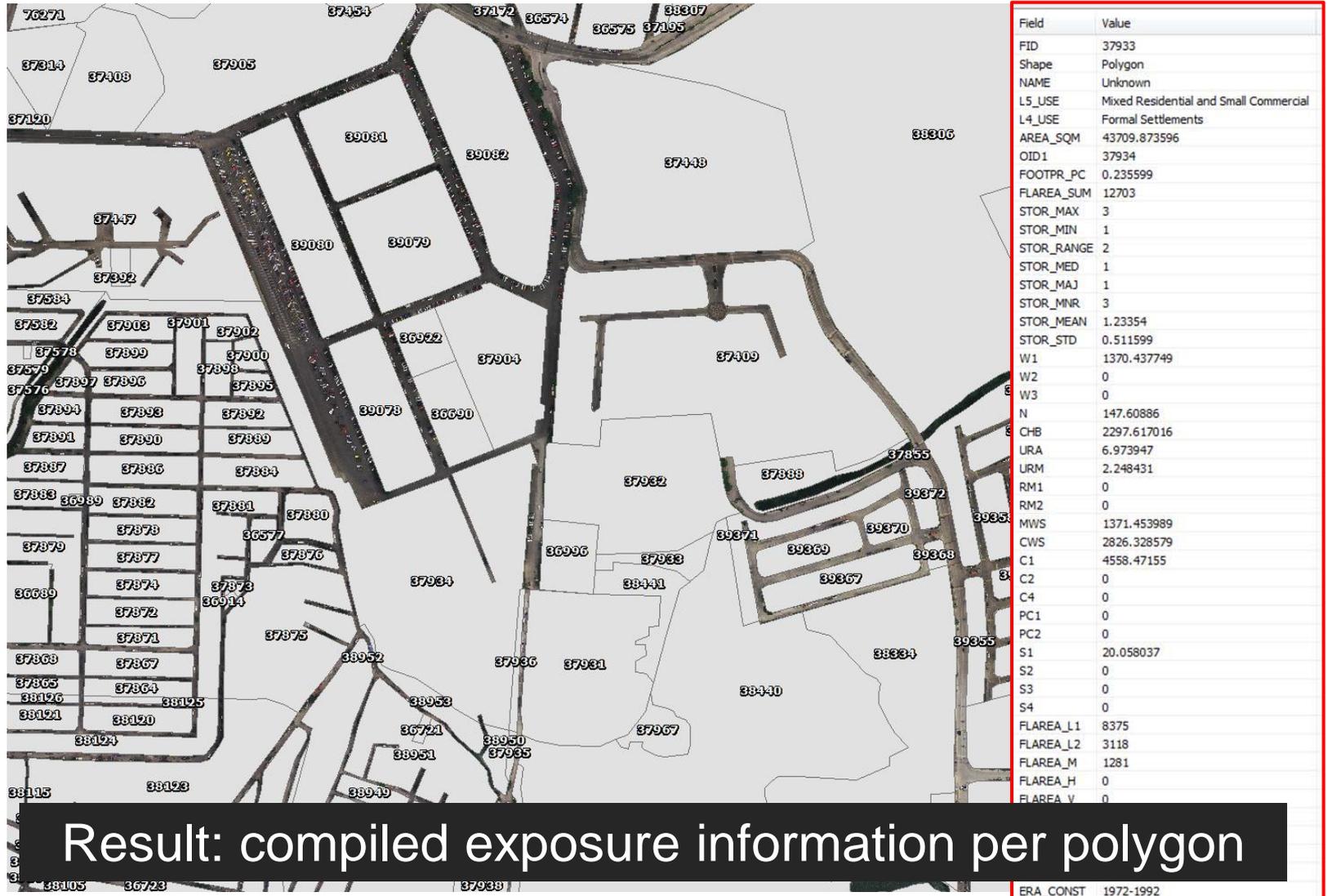
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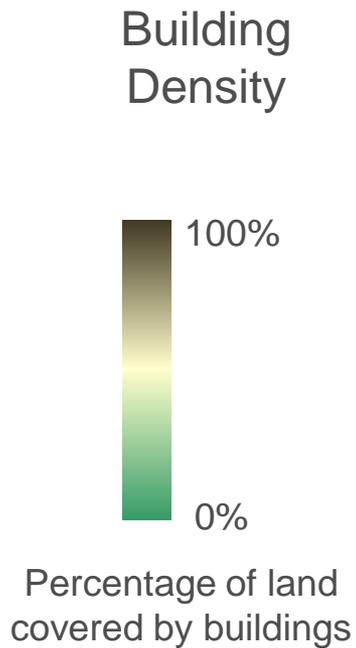
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# Spatial data for exposure information development



Result: compiled exposure information per polygon

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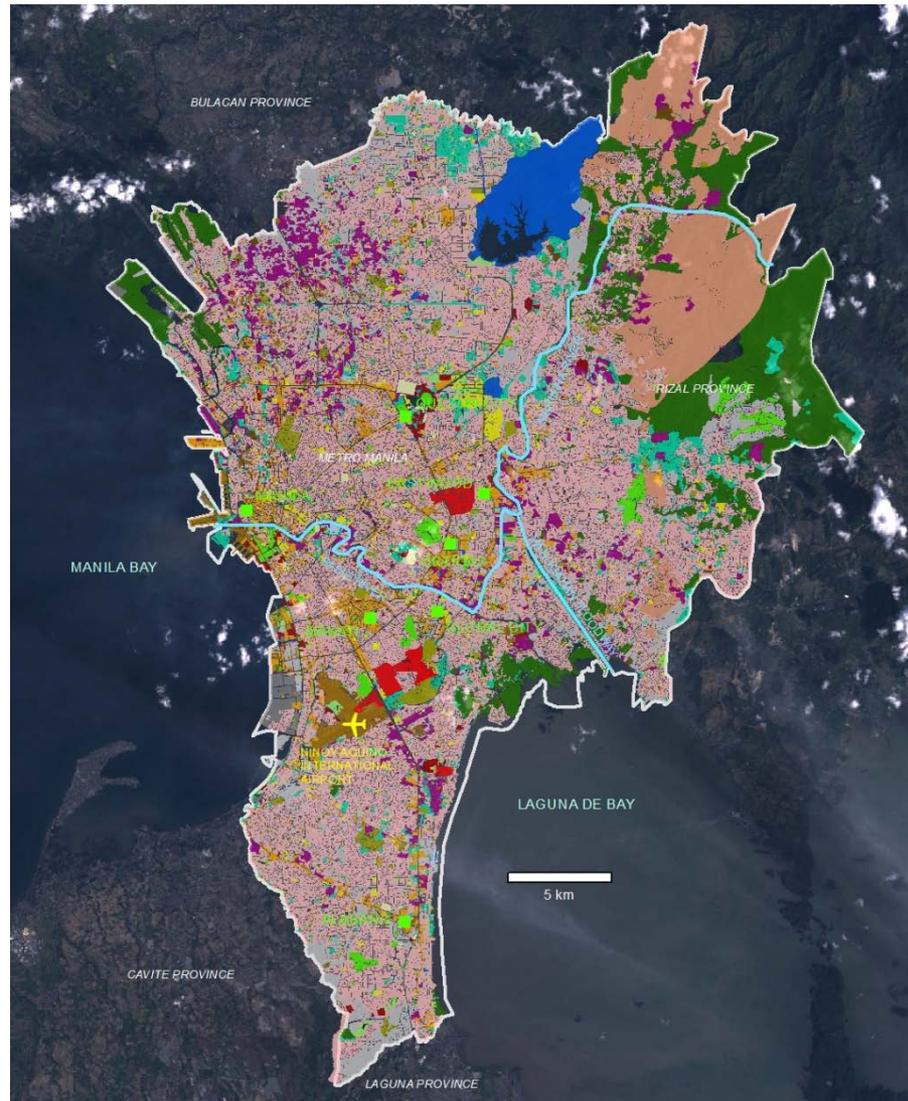
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Building Geometry  
Model

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## Land Use classification

- Formal Settlements
- Informal Settlements
- Education
- Health and Welfare
- Government
- Emergency and Defense
- Cultural
- Leisure
- Energy Production
- Transportation
- Communications
- Water Supply
- Waste Management
- Flood Control
- Heavy Industry
- Major Commercial
- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Livestock
- Market Gardening
- Mixed Farming
- Poultry
- Reserved Areas
- Vacant Areas
- Reclamations



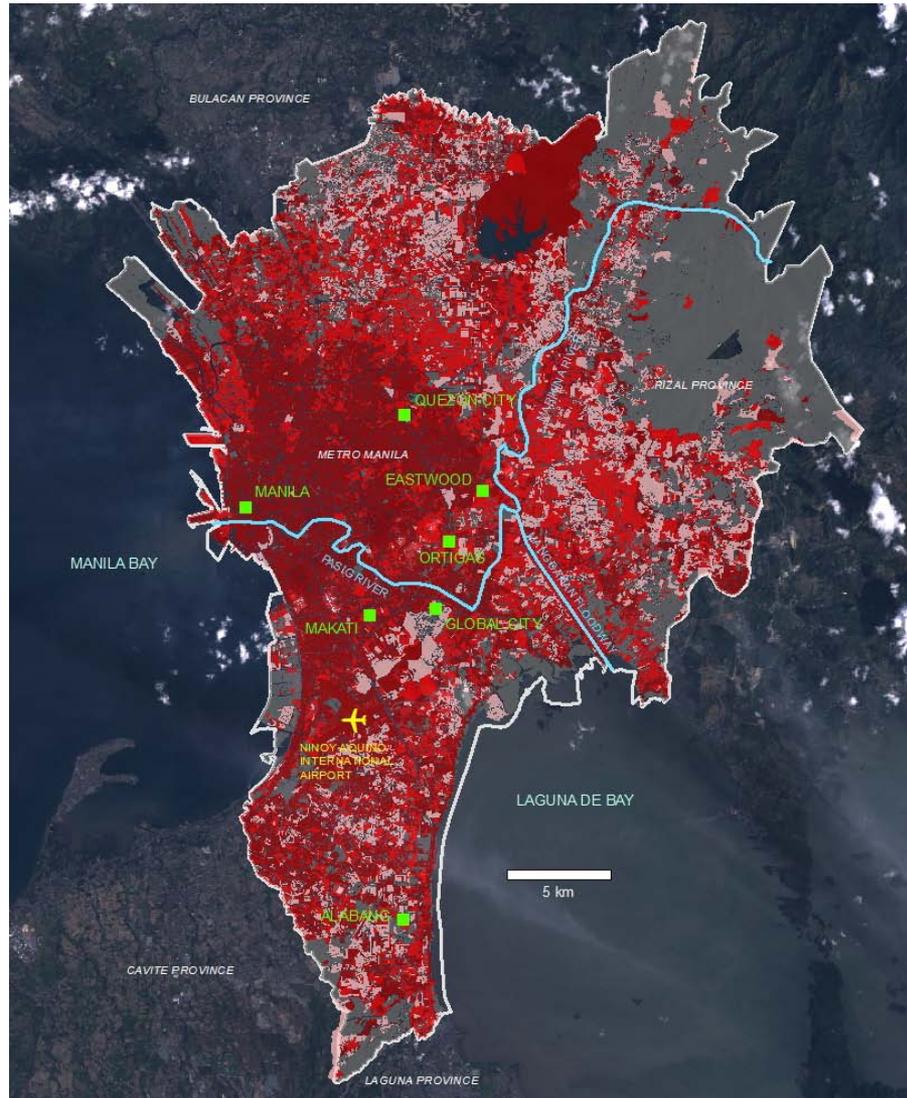
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Era of Construction mapping

- Pre-1972
- 1972-1992
- Post-1992
- No Devt

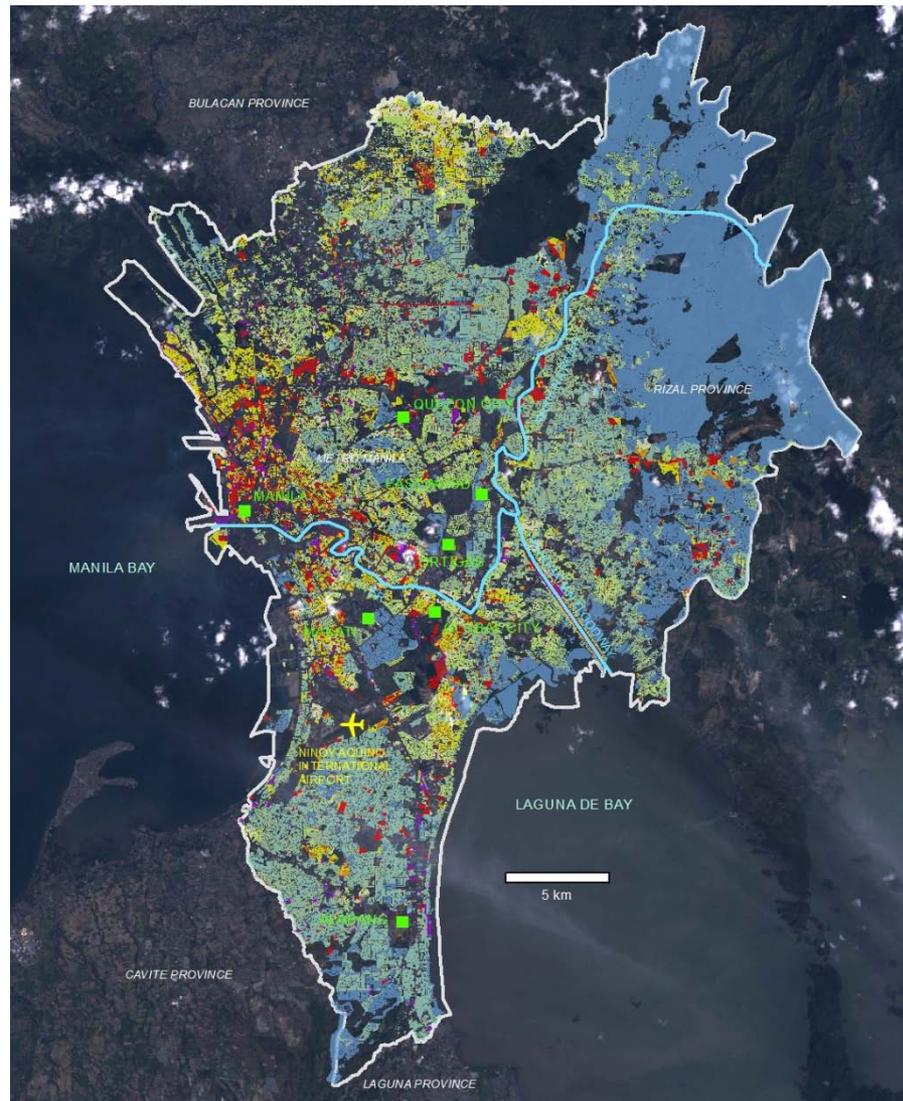
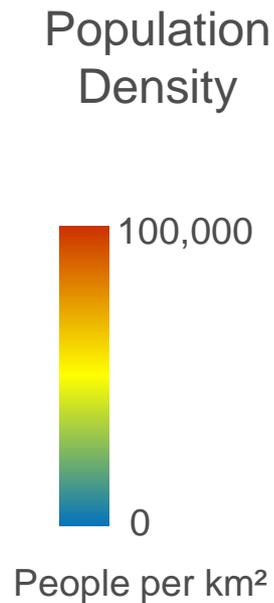


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Landsat Time-Series  
Analysis

Validated with local  
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Determined from estimates of people per m<sup>2</sup> of floor area

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# Summary

- **Foundation spatial data** is a crucial input for modelling natural hazards and development of exposure information
- Many challenges for characterising the elements at risk in a megacity such as the Greater Metro Manila Area
- High resolution elevation data and imagery has had, and will continue to have, significant benefits for risk analysis
- **Open source** analysis methods such as the Building Geometry Model are helpful for rapidly quantifying aspects of the built environment

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#### [Kalgoorlie-Boulder earthquake](#)

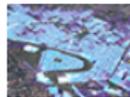
A magnitude 4.6 earthquake shook Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents on the morning of Wednesday 26 February 2014, shaking buildings and parked cars and causing minor damage near the epicentre.



12 February 2014

#### [New building assessment tool supports better risk analysis](#)

Geoscience Australia has released new open source software, produced as part of a recently completed international capacity building project in the Philippines, which can rapidly and remotely assess the geometric properties of buildings.



23 January 2014

#### [International work helps build safer communities in the Philippines](#)

Scientists from Geoscience Australia recently completed a major project working together with technical agencies and local authorities in the Greater Metropolitan Manila Area in the Philippines, to develop Philippine capacity for assessing the impacts of natural hazards.



21 January 2014

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