

Agriculture and Environment –

The role of ICT

ICT and Rural Areas: building the knowledge society at grassroots level

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#### Remote sensing and its potential



- Covers large areas
- Regular coverage
- Objective assessments
- Historical data often available for "retrospective" base lines
- Many data sources
- Cheaper than ground surveys

#### Digitized LPIS and its potential



- Land Parcel Identification System
- The GIS underpinning CAP implementation
- Contains information on field size, ownership, land use and legal classifications
- Use for Agri-Environmental schemes, Cross Compliance controls, etc
- If opened to public access: monitoring, assessment and research, civil society scrutiny, use by nature conservation and other environmental authorities (e.g. Czech Republic, Belgium/Flanders)

#### **Enforcement of Cross Compliance**



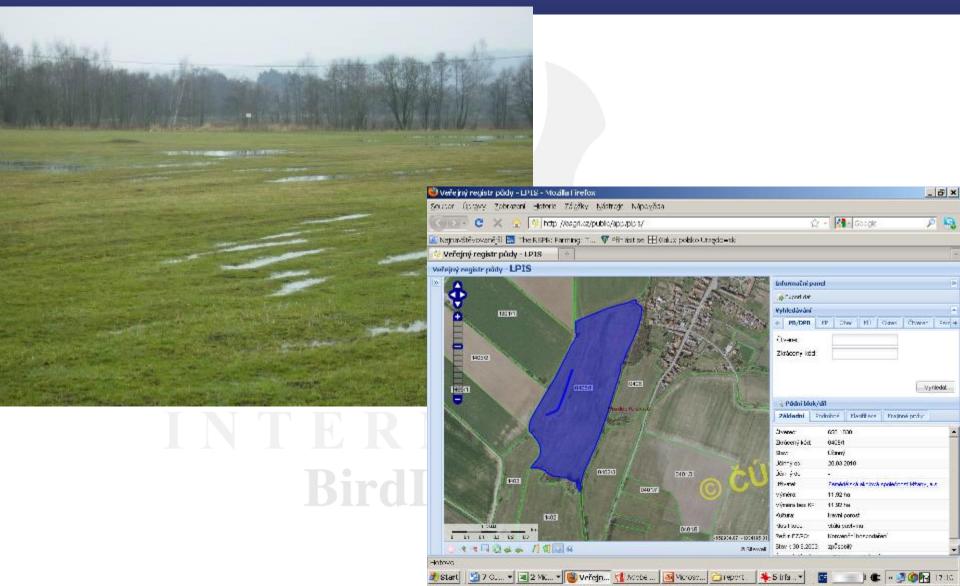


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#### Targeting of AE schemes

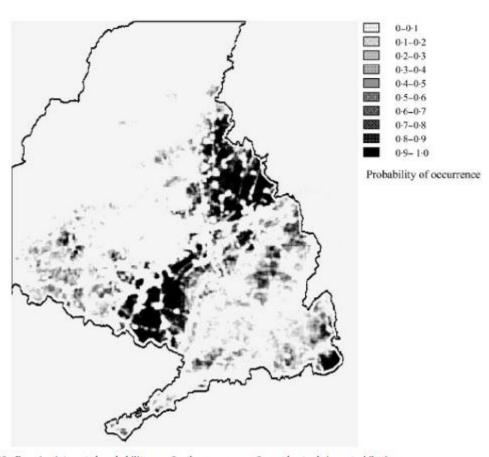




#### Targeting of AE Schemes (2)



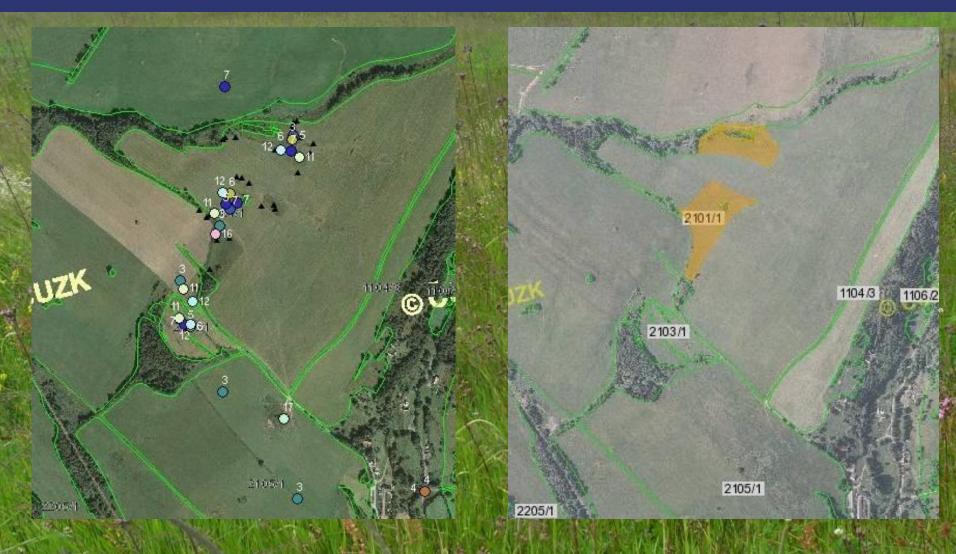
- Species distribution models can be developed that map the potential occurrence of e.g. Species of high conservation concern (e.g. Osborne et al 2001 on great bustard)
- These could be used to target schemes to most appropriate locations.



ig. 10. Bayesian integrated probability map for the occurrence of great bustards in central Spain.

### Monitoring of AE effectiveness





#### HNV grasslands conservation in Slovakia



- Complete survey of semi-natural grasslands on LPIS compatible with GIS
- 1Euro/ha
- Guidance to farmers
- AE targeting
- EIA
- Monitoring

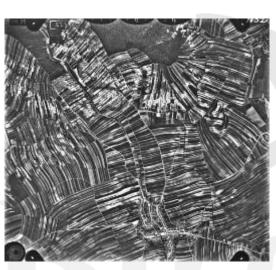


## Monitoring of land use change for policy orientation



#### Example from the Czech Republic













## Agronomic uses with an environmental benefit



GPS guided farm machinery (OTOP reserves, Poland)

Early warning systems for IPM (Sweden, Flanders)

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#### What is the EU doing?



- Remote sensing used for CAP controls
- The JRC's Agricultural Policy Instrument
- CAP subsidies disclosure

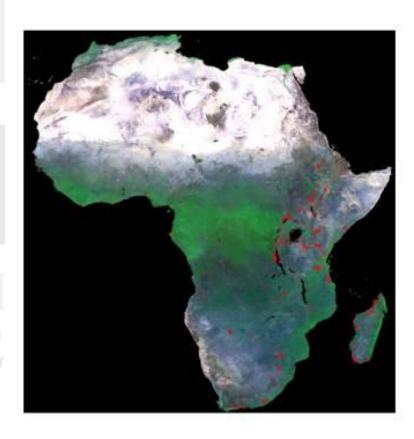
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#### Lessons from abroad?



#### Monitoring IBAs in Africa

- Visual assessment of broad land cover changes
- Simple tool for low capacity situations
- Developed tool with MONDE action at IES
- Trailing on c. 150 sites in Africa



#### Lessons from abroad? (2)



Real time monitoring of deforestation in the Paraguayan Chaco

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