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Satellite based grassland mowing detection

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- Main outcome a new system SATIKAS
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Agricultural Registers and Information Board (ARIB)

- State authority in the area of the Ministry of Rural Affairs.
- Established in the summer of 2000 in Tartu.
- Main duties:
 - Maintenance of agricultural registers
 - Administration of agricultural, fishery and rural development support schemes
 - Implementation of EU agricultural market regulation measures

ARIB is a paying agency (PA)

Common Agricultural Policy Funds











National budget **EU2017.EE**





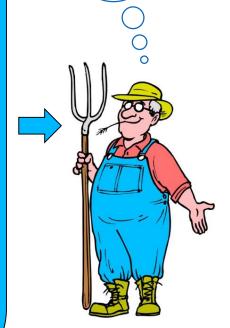
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AGRICULTURAL REGISTERS

AND INFORMATION BOARD

- Land Parcel register (LPIS)
- Animals register
- Clients register

Requirements (!)



BACKGROUND - PROBLEM

- Mowing or grazing of grassland by certain date is one of the most common requirements for all area based supports in Estonia.
- Mowing requirement is quite often violated. This is keeping error rate high.
- On the spot checks are done only for 5-6 % of applicants.
- Cost of on the spot checks is rising every year.
- There is a <u>need to reduce number of on the spot</u> checks and to have better targeted field inspections.
- Preventing errors is better than sanctioning.

BACKGROUND – Pilot Project

- Research and preparatory projects started in 2011 (Tartu Observatory.).
- SAR-based projects: 2011, 2013 and 2015, using TerraSAR-X, RADARSAT-2, COSMO SkyMED and Sentinel-1 data.
- Optical data projects: 2012 and 2013, using VHR and HR satellite data from WorldView, QuickBird and Spot.
- Encouraging satellite based results, well in line with field inspection results!
- Sentinel data became available.
- Funding from EU Structural Funds (2016)

Project: 'Automated satellite based mowing detection'

 Goal: an integrated system that uses Sentinel 1 and 2 images (timeseries) to make country level mowing controls and reports the mowing detection results (mowing dates) to the farmers and paying agency officials.

Scope:

- Additional functionality to existing systems (IACS, e-ARIB, GIS)
- A new system SATIKAS
- Development period: 06.2016 01.2018
- Fully operational starting from 2018.

Investing

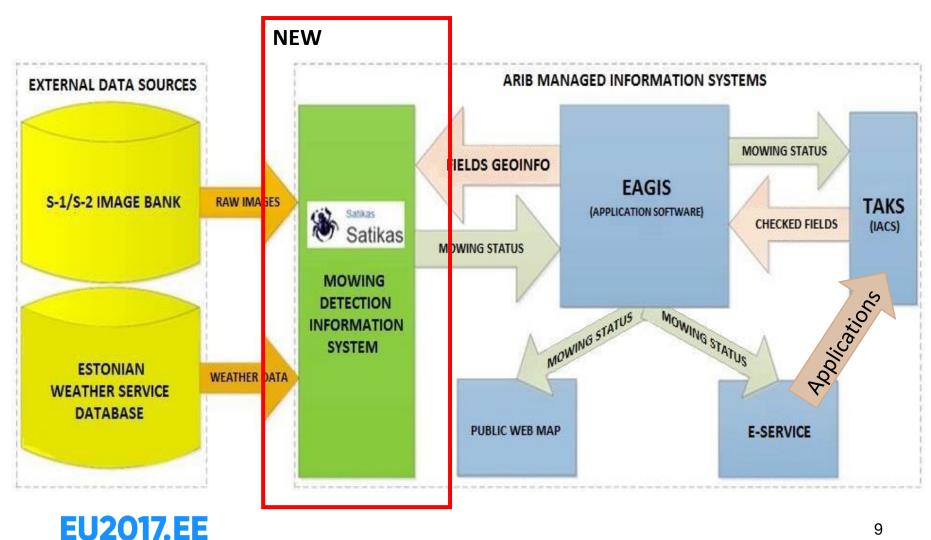
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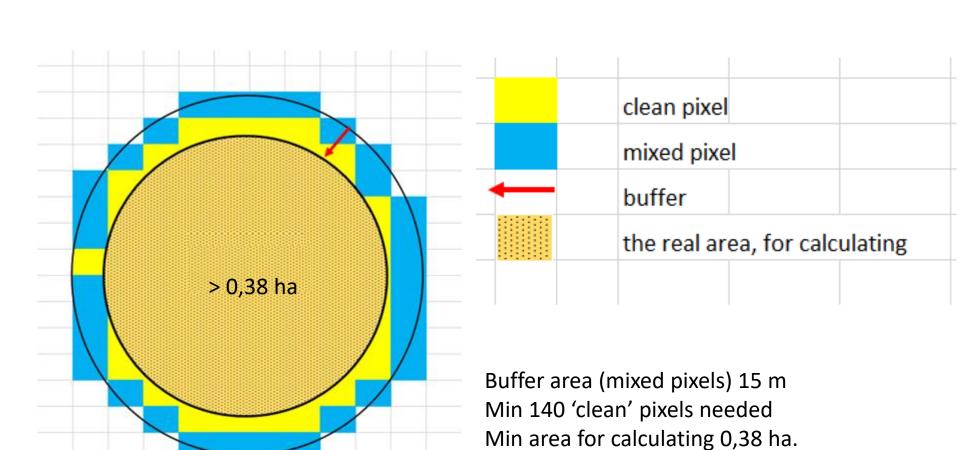
SYSTEM OPERATING PRINCIPLE



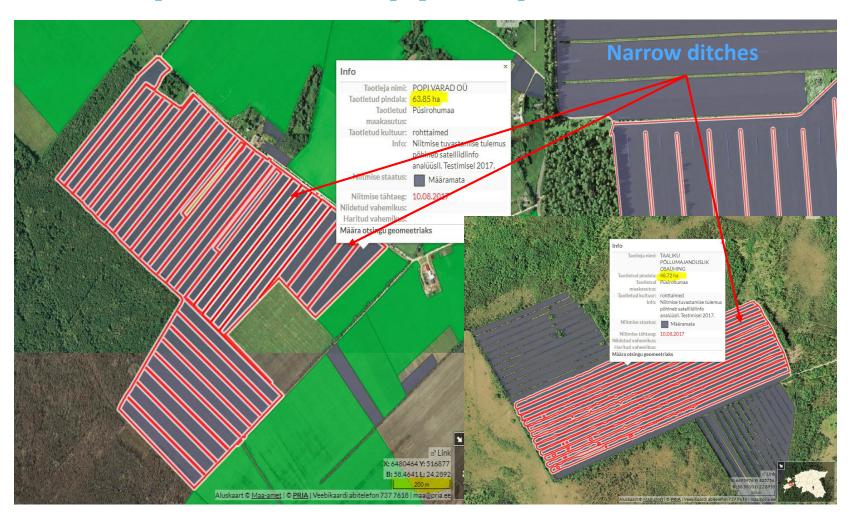
New system "SATIKAS"

- General name: SATellIidi andmete KAsutamise Süsteem 'A system that uses satellite data'. Mowing detection is the first task.
- System uses as input data:
 - Agricultural parcel (grasslands) geometries from aid applications (E-ARIB/IACS/GIS)
 - Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 <u>time series</u> (ESA scihub)
 - Meteorological (rainfall) data (Estonian Weather service)
- Observation periood set in 2017: 01.05 31.10
- Stand alone system with user interface (UI) for administrator and API for exchanging data.
- Cloudy weather independence thanks to Sentinel-1 radar data.
- Input data temporal density: new S1 or S2 image every 2 days.
- Update of "mowing layer" at least every week
- Due to input (Sentinel) data resolution constraints, system covers fields greater than 0.38 ha

VALIDATION OF PARCEL GEOMETRIES



Examples of skipped parcels

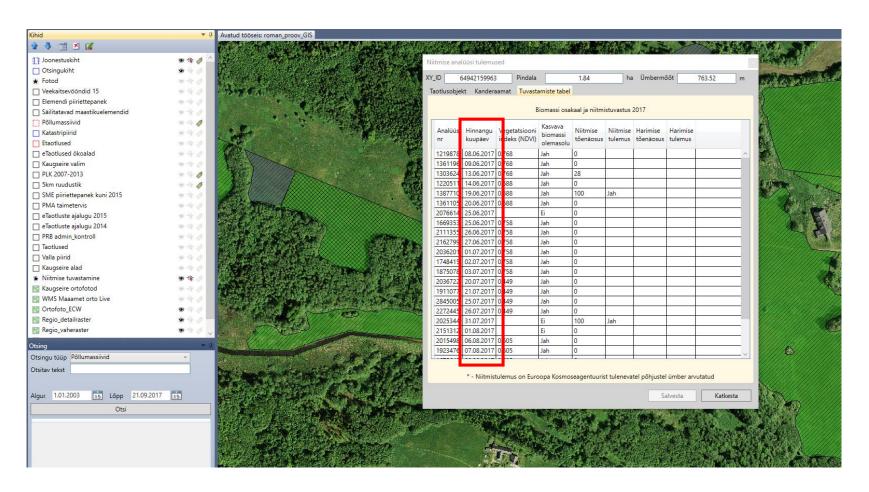




Figures

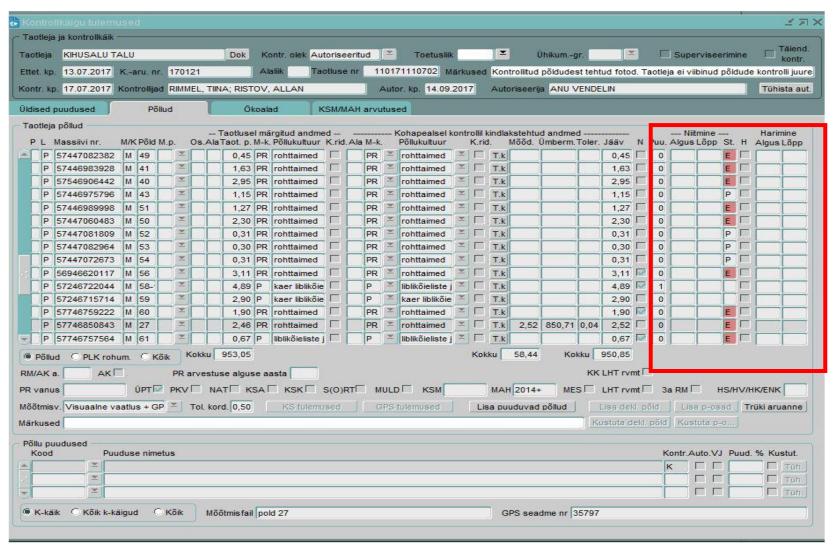
- Agricultural parcels claimed in 2017 (in total) –
 170 672 (965 629,88 ha)
- Agricultural parcels (grasslands) processed by SATIKAS – 100 366 (440 093,64 ha)
- Skipped due to small area or complex shape –
 40 669 (~40%) (43 480,03 ha (~10%))
- Mowing detection error rate by number of parcels – 15 % (of 59 697)
- Validation sample size 1 791 mowing events

RESULTS IN EAGIS (LPIS)

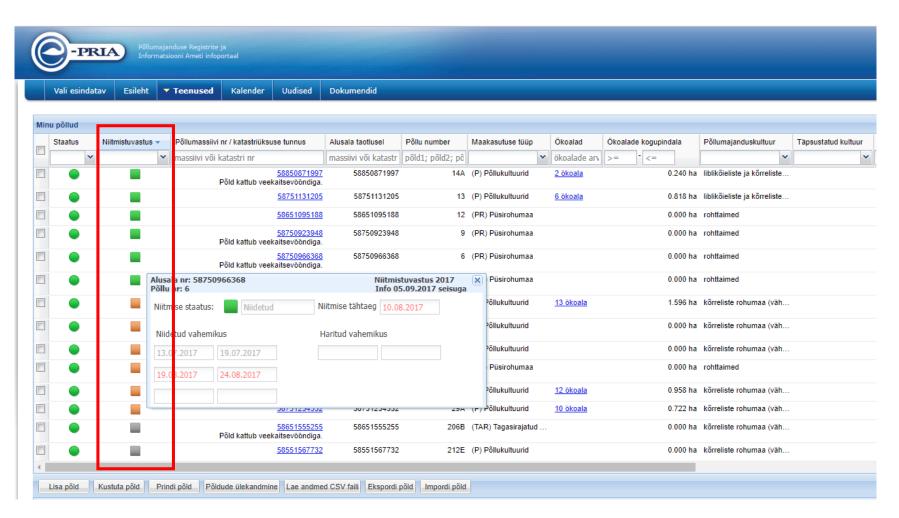


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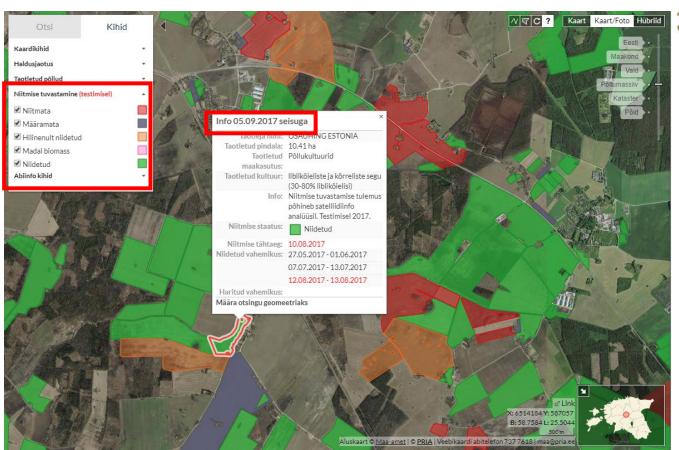
RESULTS IN IACS



RESULTS IN FARMERS PORTAL (e-ARIB)



RESULTS ON PUBLIC WEBMAP https://kls.pria.ee/kaart/





Veebikaardi funktsioonid

Otsingud

Kaardikihid

PRIA avaliku veebikaardi teave

PRIA veebikaart on abivahend, mille abil saab kiiresti leida põllumassiive, poollooduslikke kooslusi, loomakasvatushooneid ning mõõta vahemaid ja pindalasid.

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Allikad:

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Põllumajandusuuringute Keskus: Mullakaardid Muinsuskaitseamet: Arheoloogiamälestised Keskkonnaamet: Karuputkekolooniad

PRIA avaliku veebikaardi valmimist rahastas Euroopa Liit





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CHALLENGES

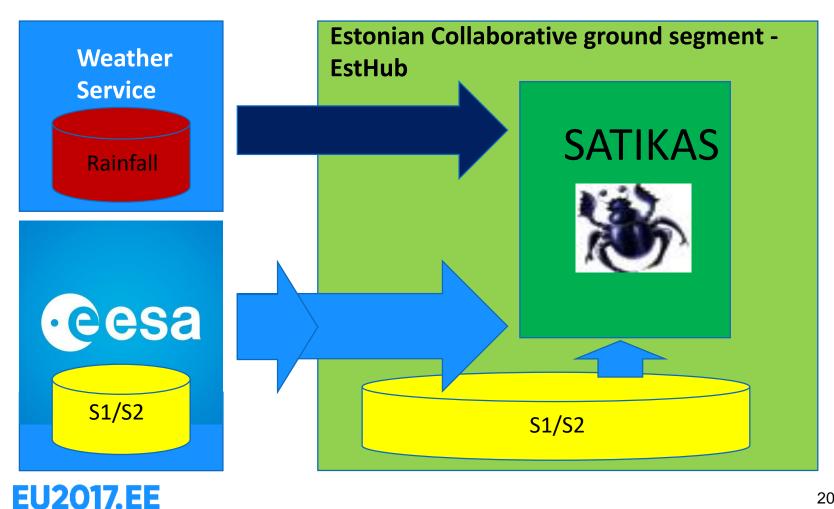
- Local Sentinel data distribution center (EstHUB) is not there yet.
- Weather data services (API) where not there.
- IT development and science has to be done simultaneously.
- BIG(est) DATA amount a single system needs (15 TB per environment) – performance is a key factor
- Every single step of the process is timeconsuming ->testing takes time (a lot).
- SATIKAS has no permanent host yet mobility.

FUTURE PLANS for SATIKAS

- Final results published by the end of 2017.
- Other possible functionalities (and other possible image/data providers) will be assessed:
 - 1. Crop (crop group) detection
 - 2. Detection of nitrogen fixing crops
 - 3. Detection of cultivation of fallow land
 - 4. Hints for changes in LPIS.
- Notification of farmers before deadline of mowing.
- System will be hosted on top of/next to the EstHUB (at KeMIT)



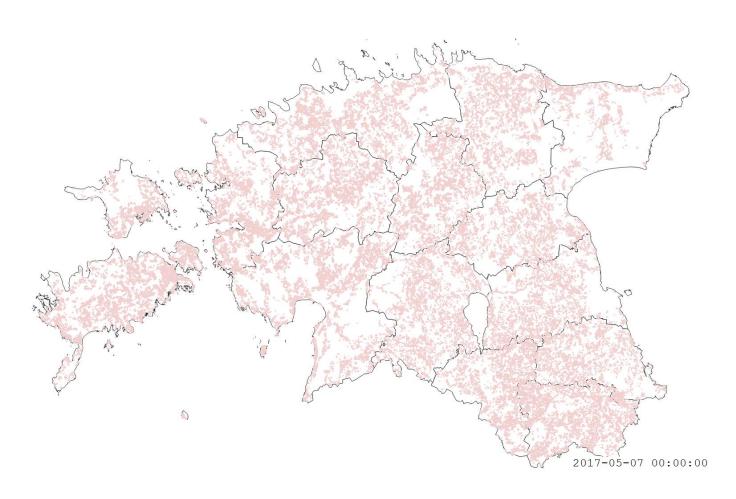
Sentinel data distribution - EstHub



Conclusions

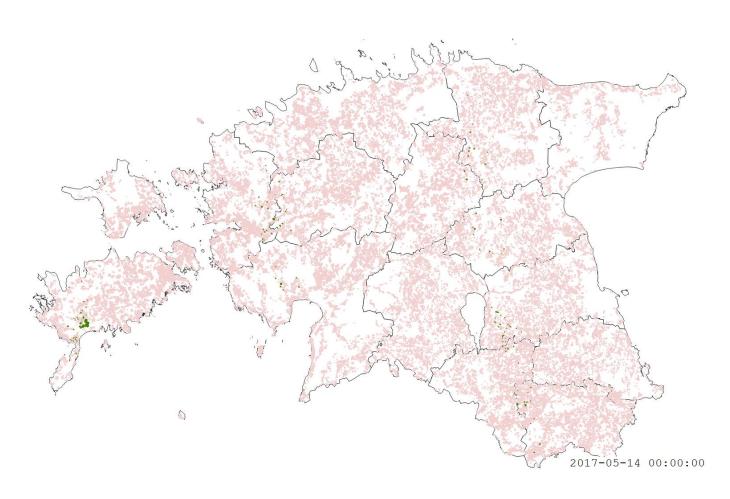
- The results of automated mowing detection can be used in risk analysis and targeted controls, BUT ...
- ... 100% mowing control is not possible using only S1 and S2 images (because of the pixel size and error rate of the system)
- Sentinel images can possibly be used in combination with other datasets (LIDAR, VHR, aerial photos, geotagged photos) and methods as alternatives for OTSC.
- A benefit allready achieved: farmers know that PA knows (ie PA is monitoring)

Mowing before 07.05.2017



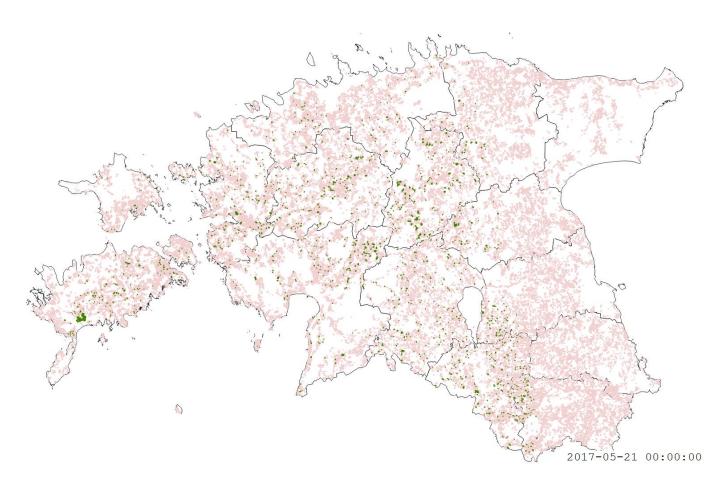


Mowing before 14.05.2017



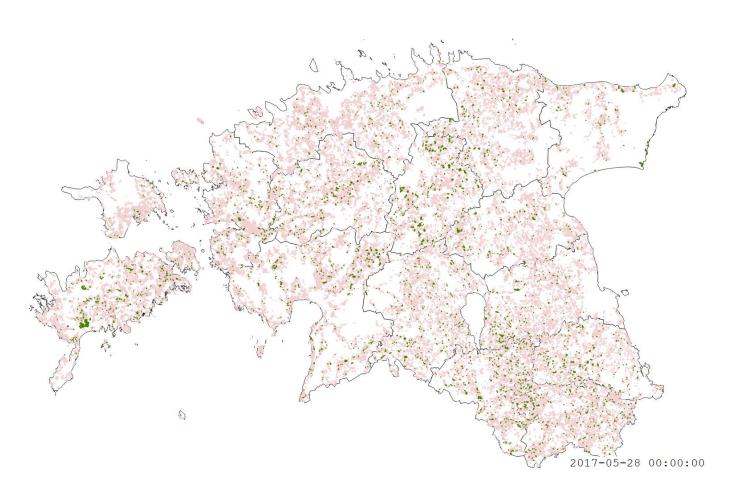


Mowing before 21.05.2017



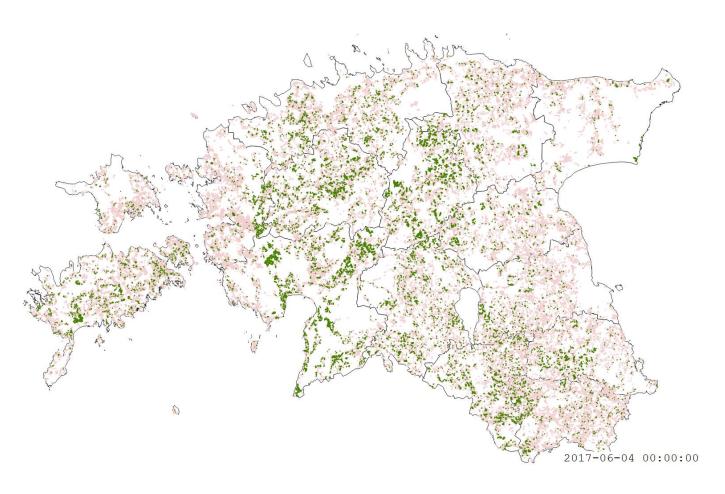


Mowing before 28.05.2017



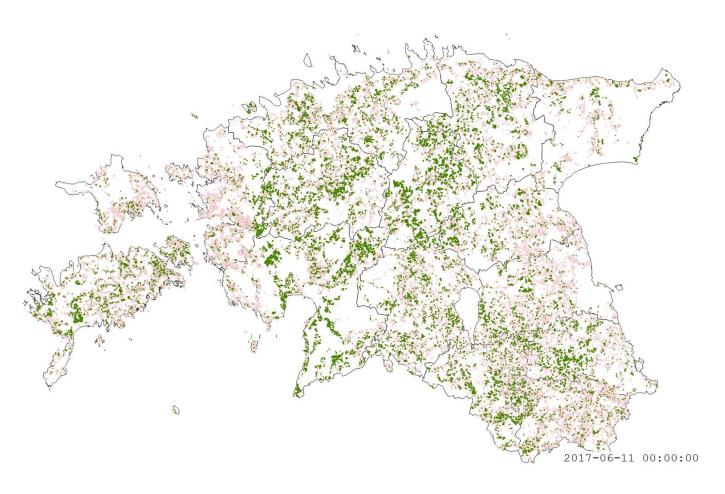


Mowing before 04.06.2017



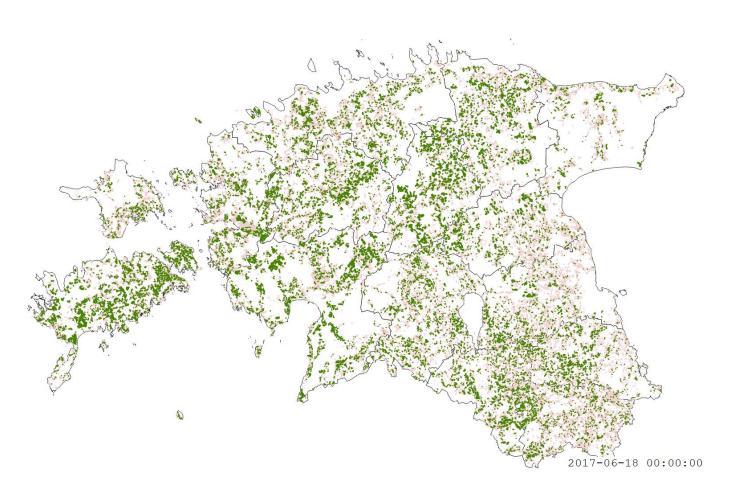


Mowing before 11.06.2017





Mowing before 18.06.2017



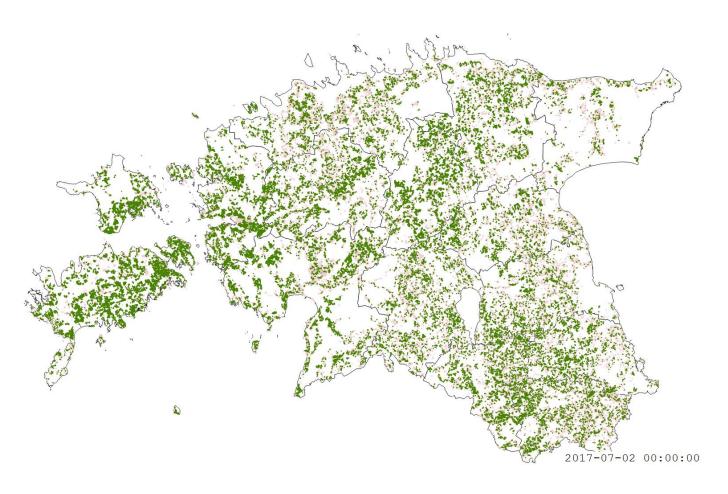


Mowing before 25.06.2017



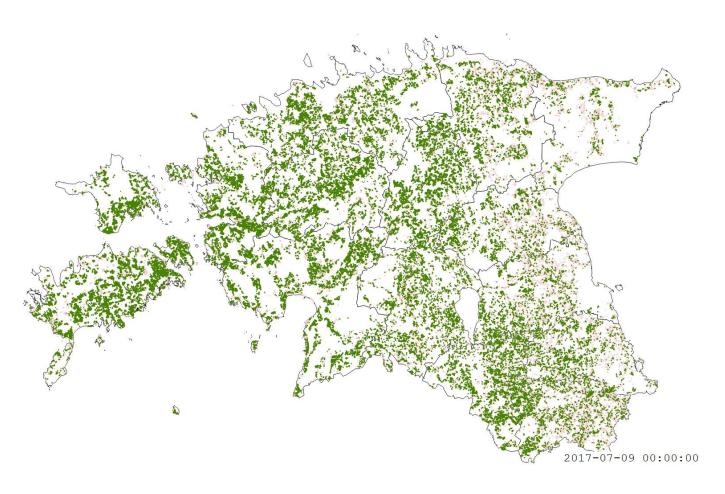


Mowing before 02.07.2017



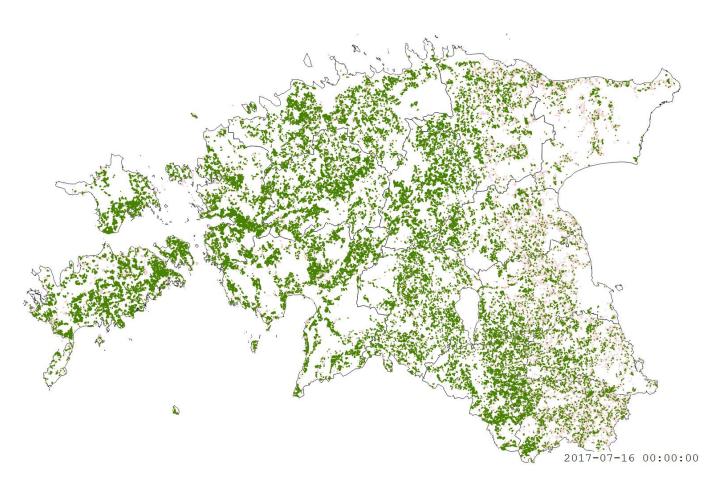


Mowing before 09.07.2017



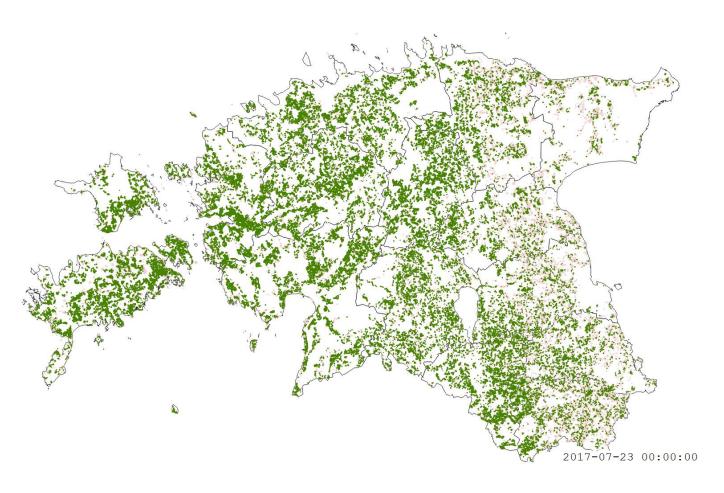


Mowing before 16.07.2017



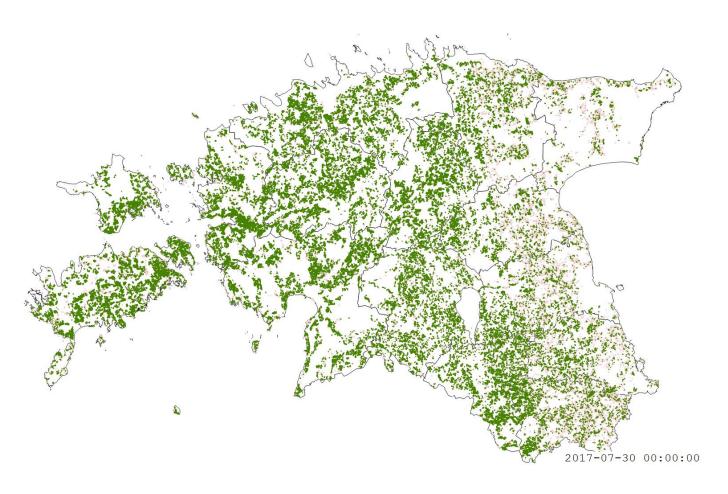


Mowing before 23.07.2017



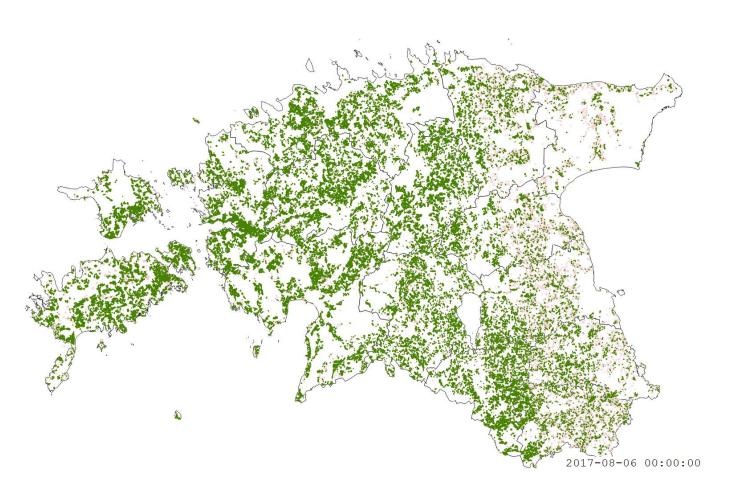


Mowing before 30.07.2017



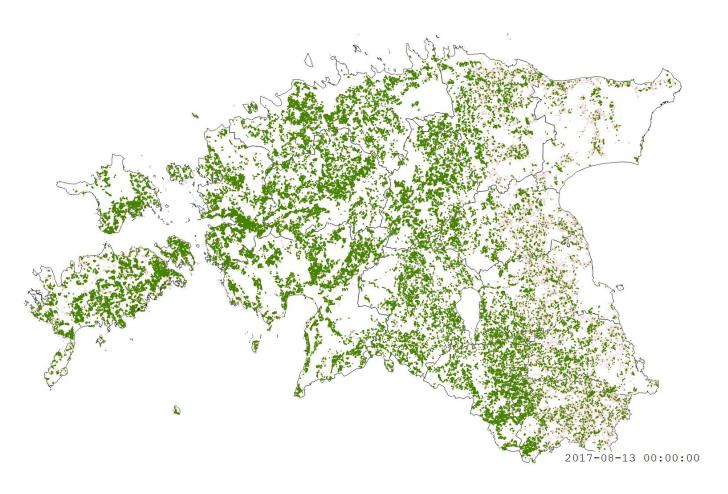


Mowing before 06.08.2017



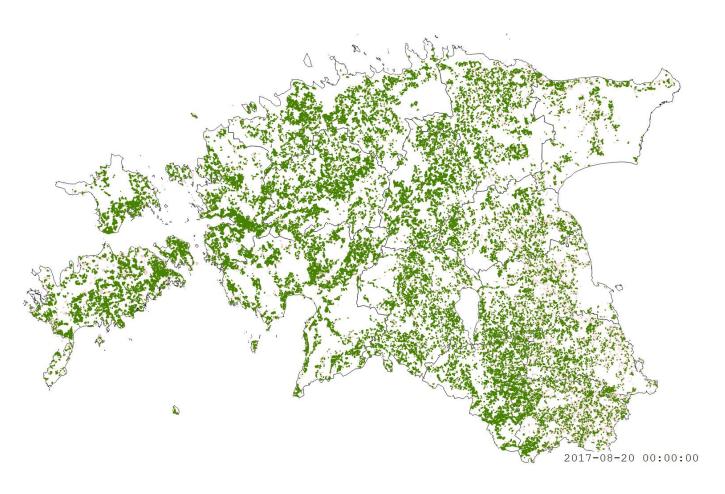


Mowing before 13.08.2017 (10.08!)



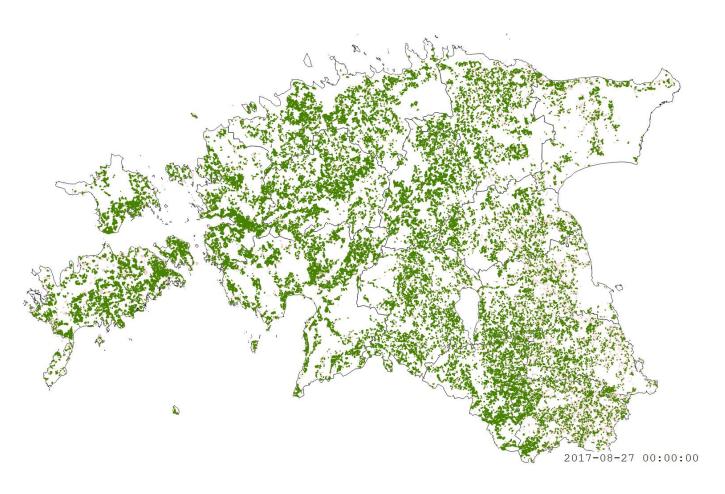


Mowing before 20.08.2017



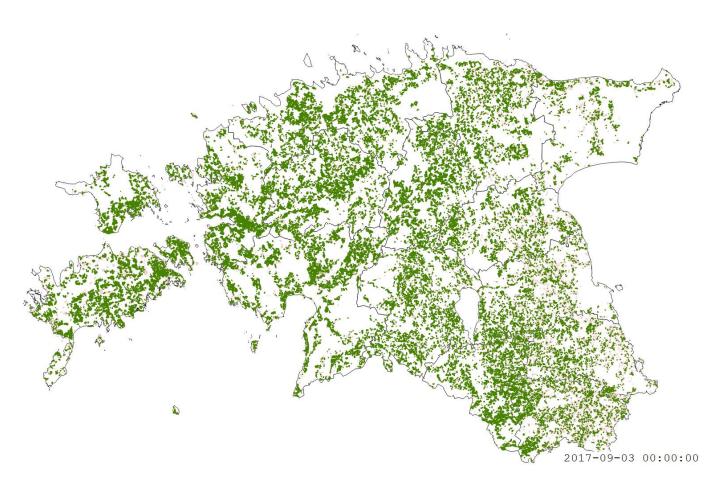


Mowing before 27.08.2017





Mowing before 03.09.2017 (01.09!)





Mowing before 10.09.2017







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