

NPA Satellite Mapping

Proactive satellite monitoring for enhanced offshore situational awareness

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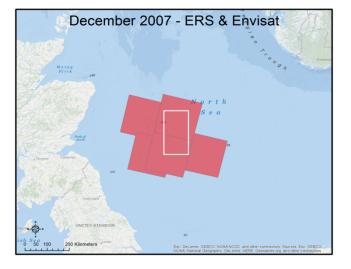
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The current situation

- Range of scenarios currently in existence
 - 1. No routine satellite observation
 - 2. Government sponsored observation
 - 3. Regulations requiring operators to monitor
- Some operators are being proactive

Can the situation improve?

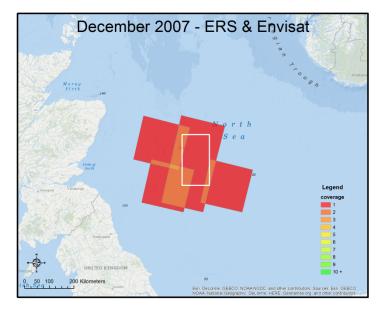
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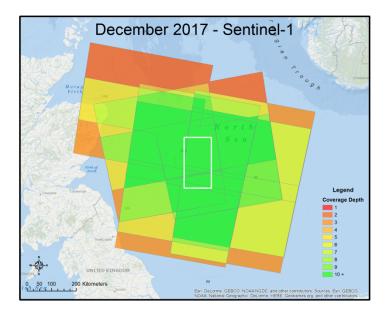






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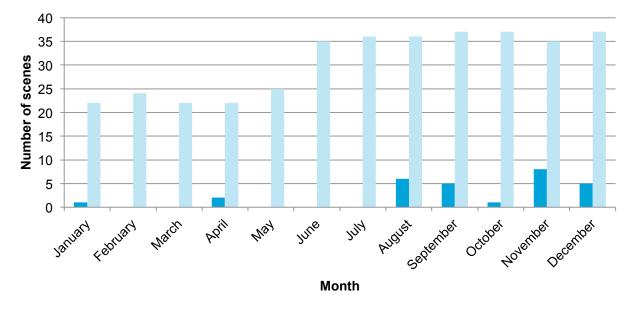






Large data volume increases

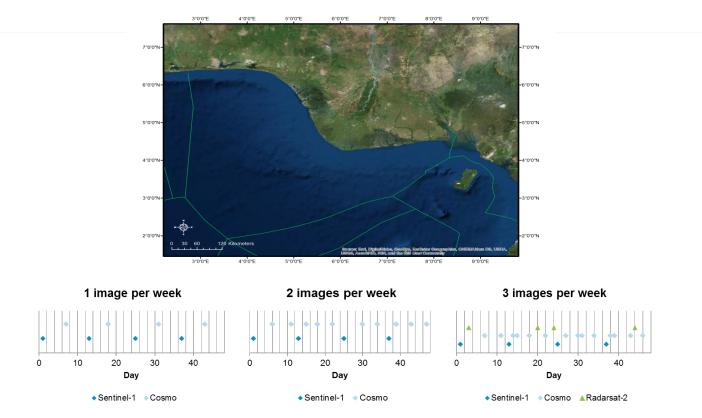
Comparison of data acquisition between 2007 and 2017



2007 (ERS1&2 and Envisat I2 mode) 2017 (Sentinel-1)



Multiple satellites provide improved coverage





Technological advancements

- Sentinel-1
 - -250km swath
 - –~20m spatial resolution –FREE!
- Microsatellites
 - -High temporal revisit
 - -e.g. ICEYE
 - -18 satellite constellation
 - -3 hour revisit

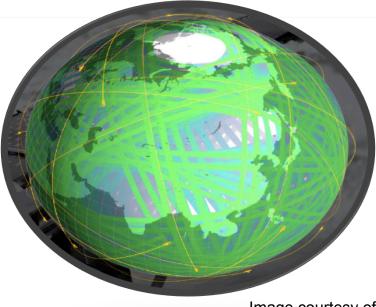
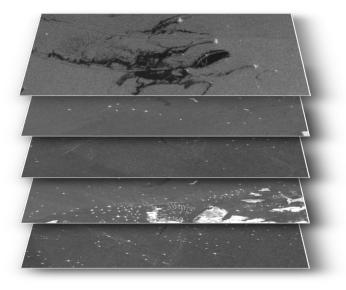


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Routine monitoring

- The new norm
- Low cost imagery available
- Sentinel is FREE
- Plan ahead identify a suitable plan – buy imagery at a lower cost
- Provide/Enhance situational awareness
- Data collection over:
 - Offshore infrastructure
 - Environmentally sensitive areas





Value of routine satellite imagery

- Environmental benchmarking
- Evidence of good practice
- Enhanced situational awareness
- Flag technical problems
- Identify incidents caused by third parties
- Reduce human presence in remote and hazardous locations
- Monitoring offshore operations
- What happens when operations cease?





Conclusions

- Scope for using EO satellites for routine monitoring is expanding
- Improved systems (acquisition, processing etc.)
- Proactive monitoring supports emergency tasking
- Enhanced situational awareness
- Establish an evidence base



One final thought - Decommissioning

- The process of decommissioning
- Well pressures neutralised but what will happen in the future
- Who is liable?
- Put safeguards in place
- U.S. looking into old abandoned wells thought to be leaking
- How is this monitored?



Image: North Sea facilities





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