



Monitoring of sea waters in coastal areas

European Directives

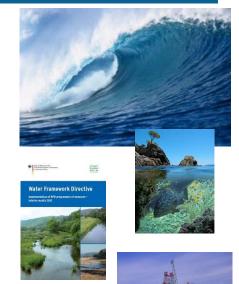
- ✓ Water Framework Directive (WFD)
- ✓ Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- ✓ Recommendation on Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- ✓ Bathing Water, Habitats (Natura 2000), ...

National regulations on productive activities in coastal areas

- ✓ Water waters treatment plants, Desalination plants
- ✓ Building and dredging activities (e.g. oil&gas)
- ✓ Aquaculture, ...

Protect/improve productive activities in coastal areas

- ✓ Aquaculture
- ✓ Desalination plants, ...













Monitoring of coastal areas

Need for monitoring the "water quality" through a set of parameters, which are directly or indirectly referred within regulations.

Current practices mostly based on survey campaigns at sea. Commonly recognized gaps:

- ✓ Very large marine areas to monitor
- ✓ Constant and frequent monitoring required
- ✓ Measurement/sampling costly and time/space limited



Monitoring of coastal areas

Example of relevant parameters for water quality monitoring in coastal areas:

- ✓ Eutrophication (chlorophyll-a, water transparency,...)
- ✓ Aquaculture (chlorophyll-a, turbidity, algae bloom,...)
- ✓ Waste waters treatment plants (chlorophyll-a, suspended matter,...)
- ✓ Dredging activities (turbidity, suspended sediments,...)

Required measurements in proximity of the coast





Remote sensing of Water Quality

20 years of water quality measurements from **Earth Observation (EO)**

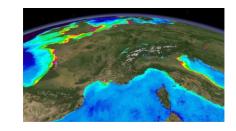
Large area coverage

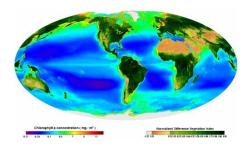
High temporal frequency

Scientific community recognizes its value

Main limitation for coastal areas

Spatial resolution too low (300m-1km) for monitoring in proximity to the coast













High resolution monitoring of Water Quality

Marine Monitoring

Copernicus Sentinel-2



- Covers all the European coastal areas and the whole Mediterranean sea
- Spatial resolution of 10 to 20m
- Repetition frequency of <5 days (full constellation)</p>





Empirical algorithms for high resolution water quality mapping developed for Landsat and/or very high resolution satellites (e.g. Pléiades, Worldview-2/3/4, etc.).

High resolution and high frequency

mapping of water quality parameters like:

- Chlorophyll-a concentration
- Water turbidity



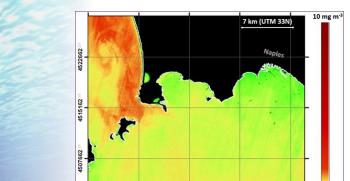




Monitoring

Useful data

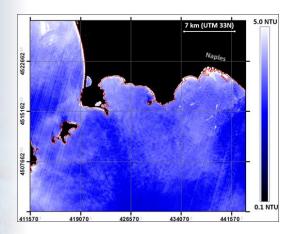
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Chlorophyll-a concentration at 10m

Turbidity at 10m







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Software used:

ESA -SNAP



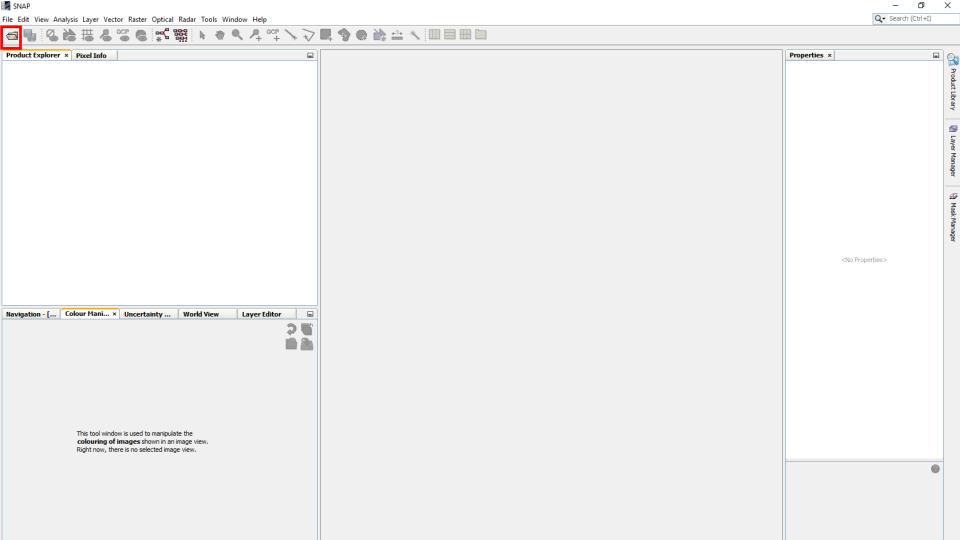


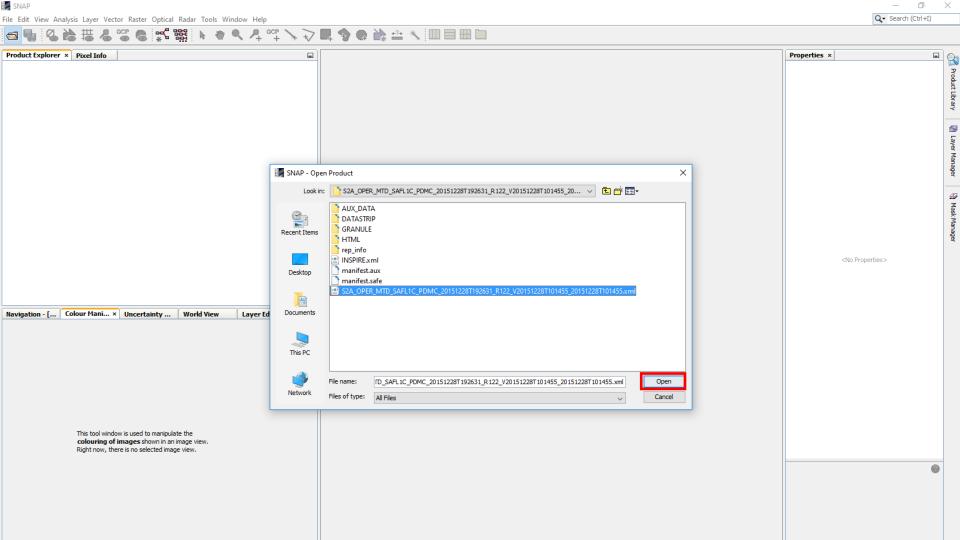


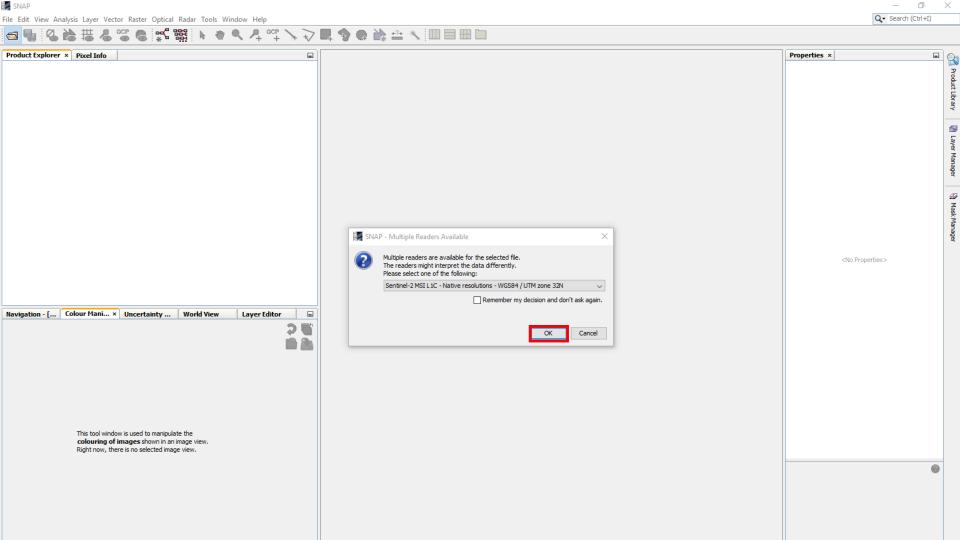
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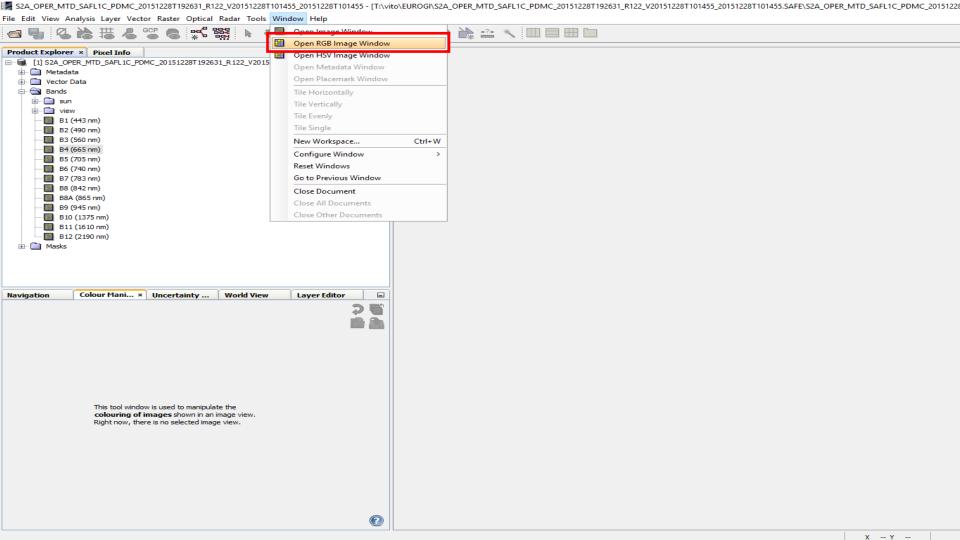
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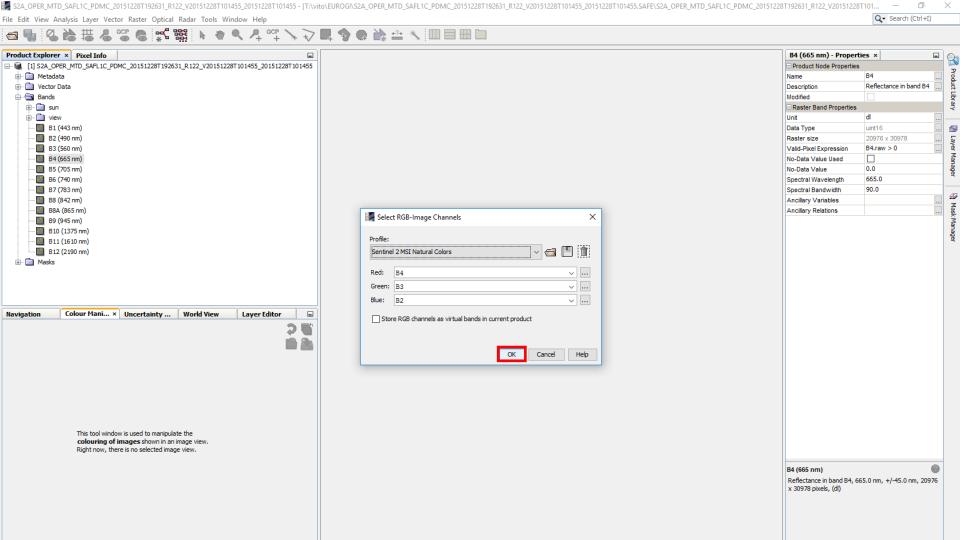
• Sentinel-2 image, acquired the 28th December 2015 on the Italian coast (Tyrrhenian sea)

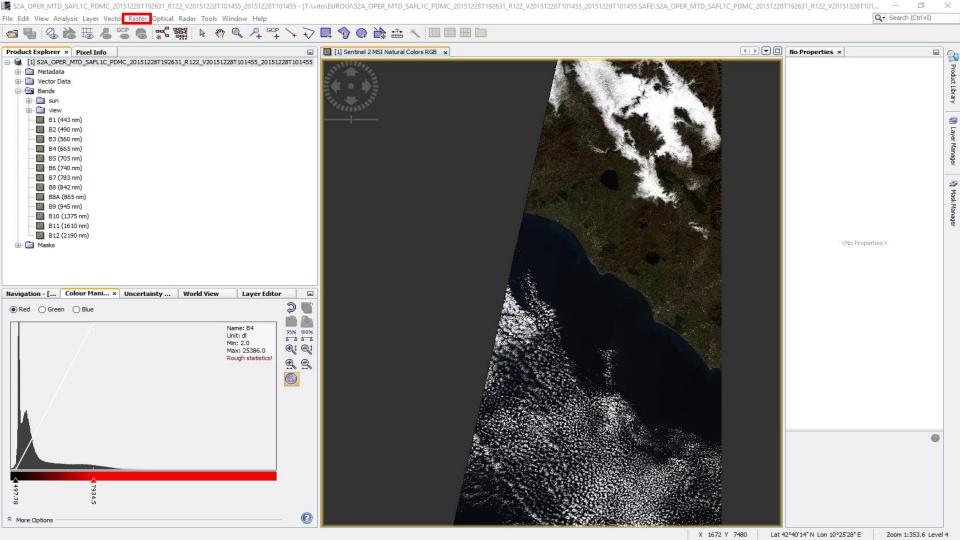


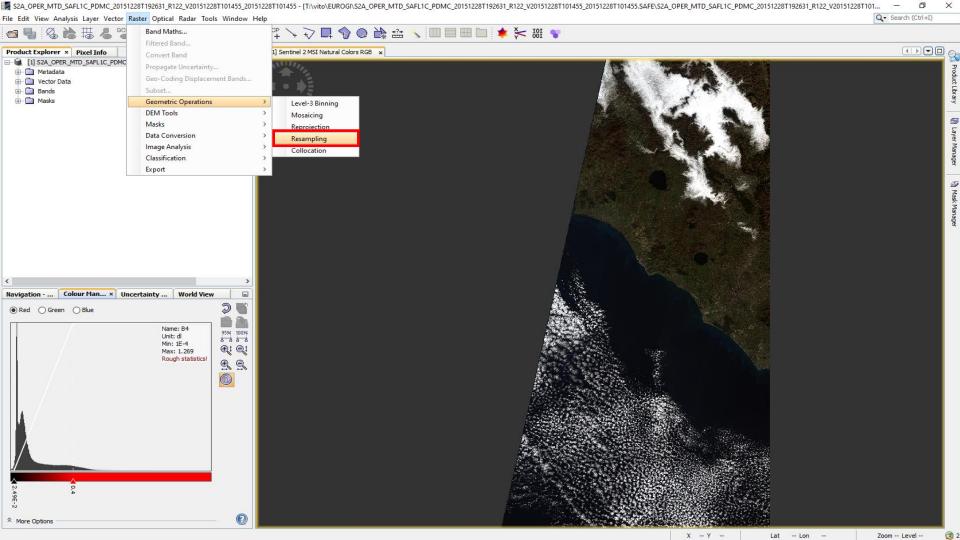


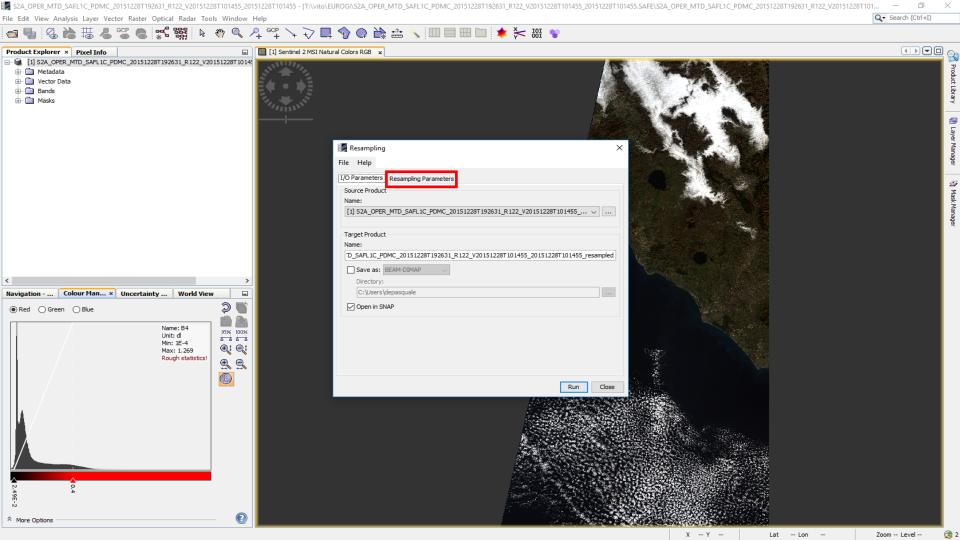


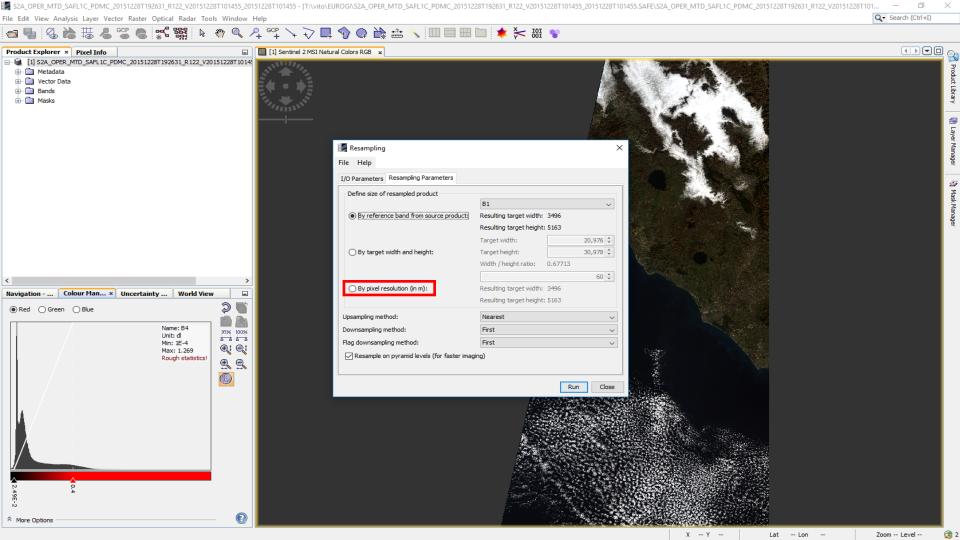


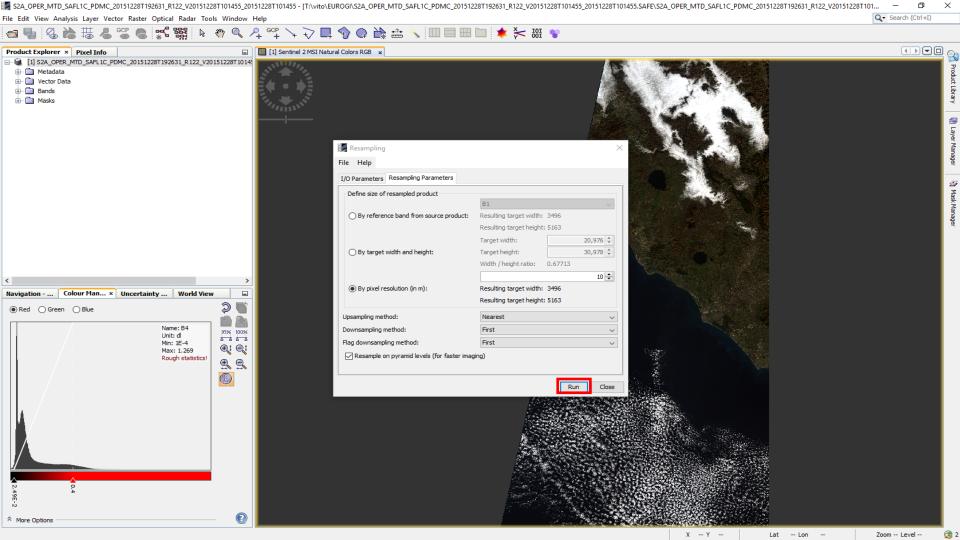


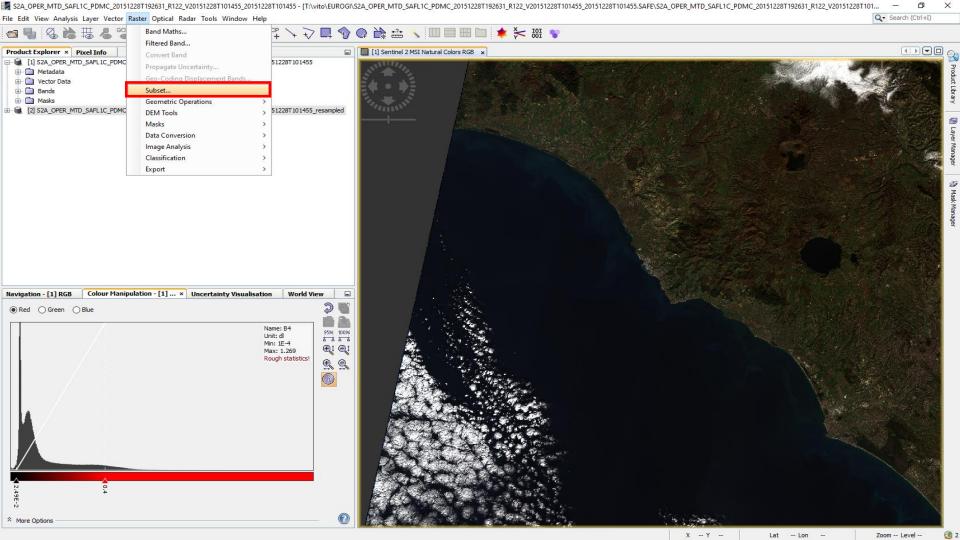


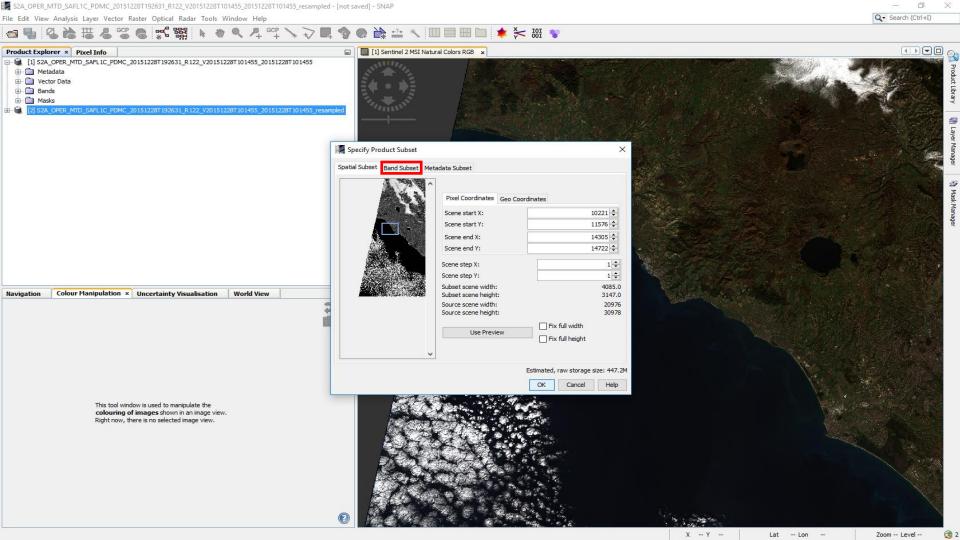


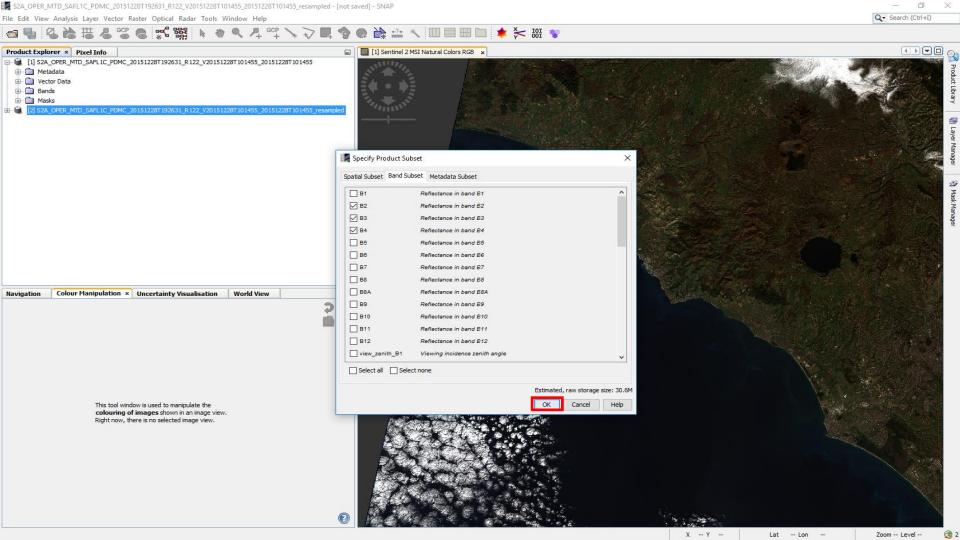


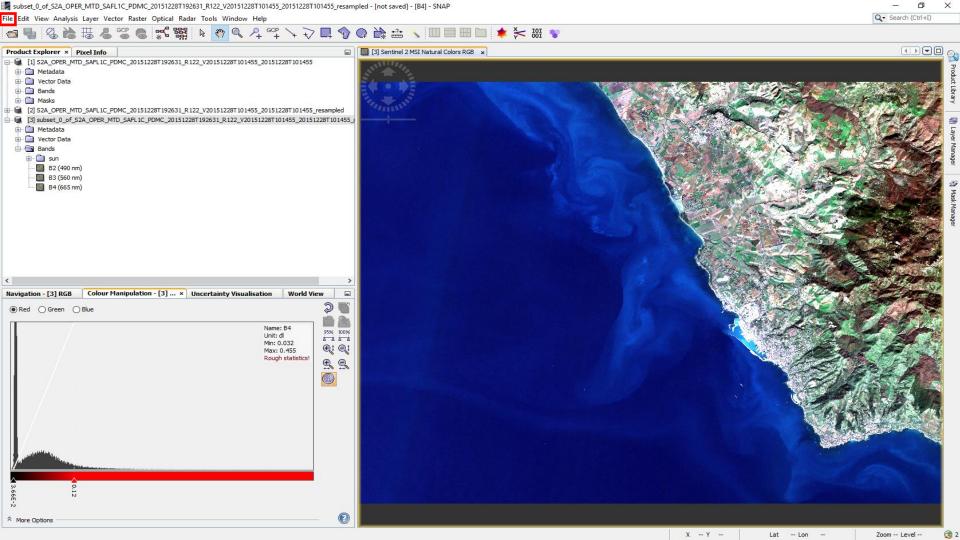


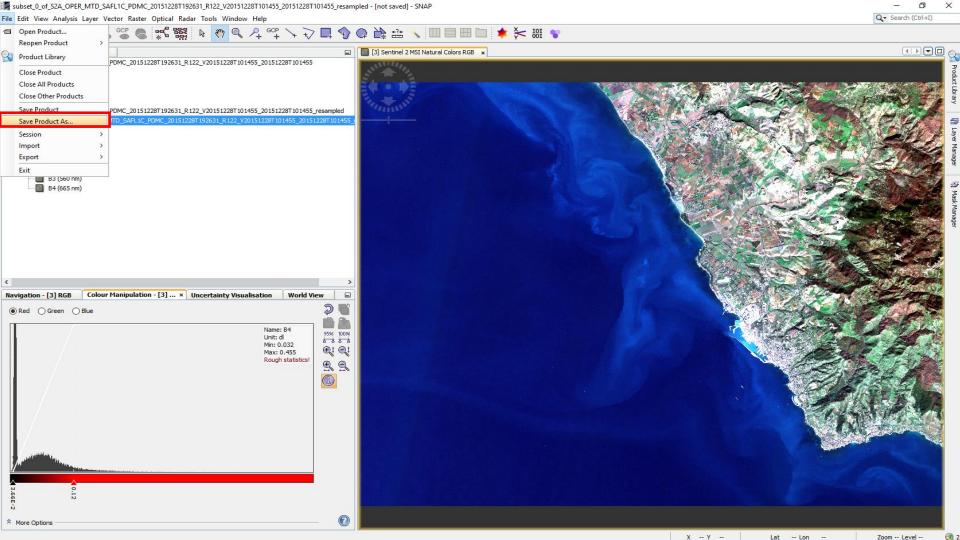


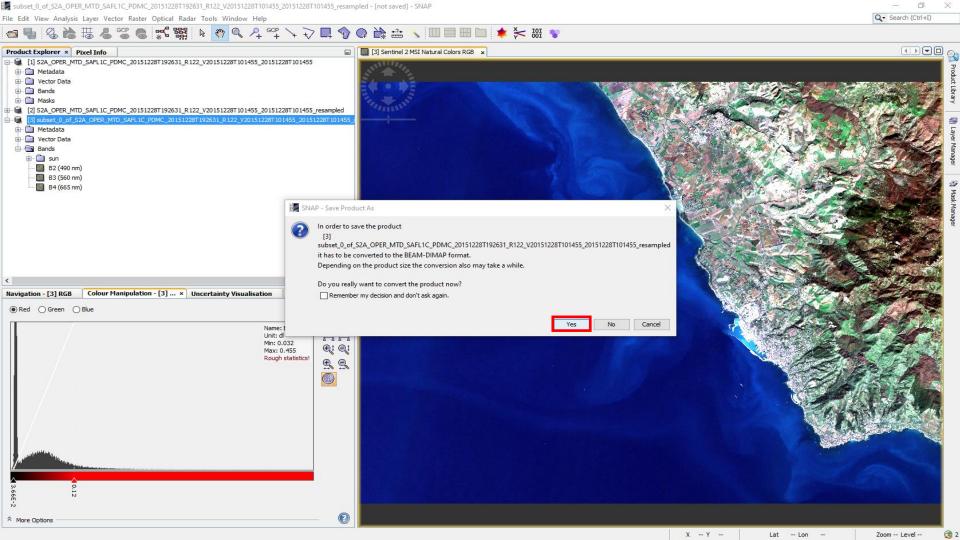


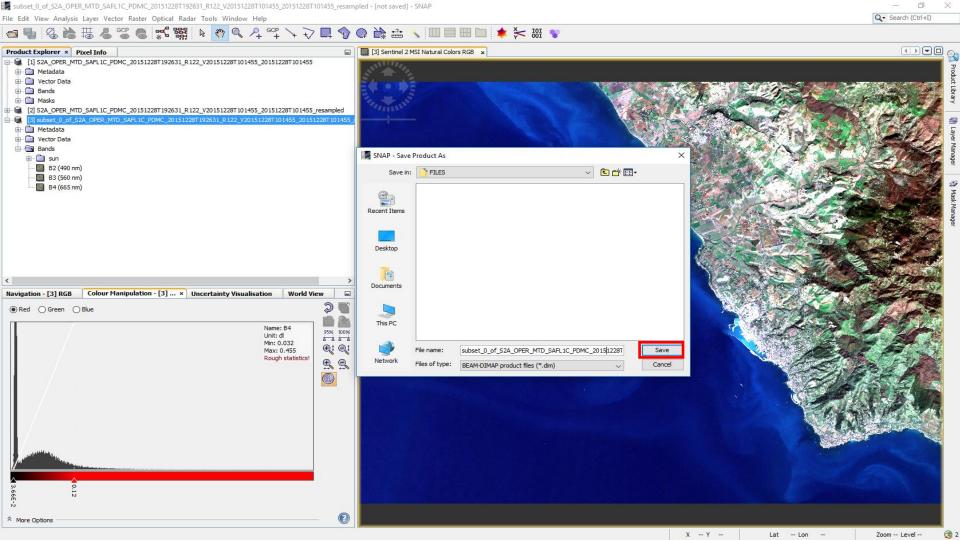












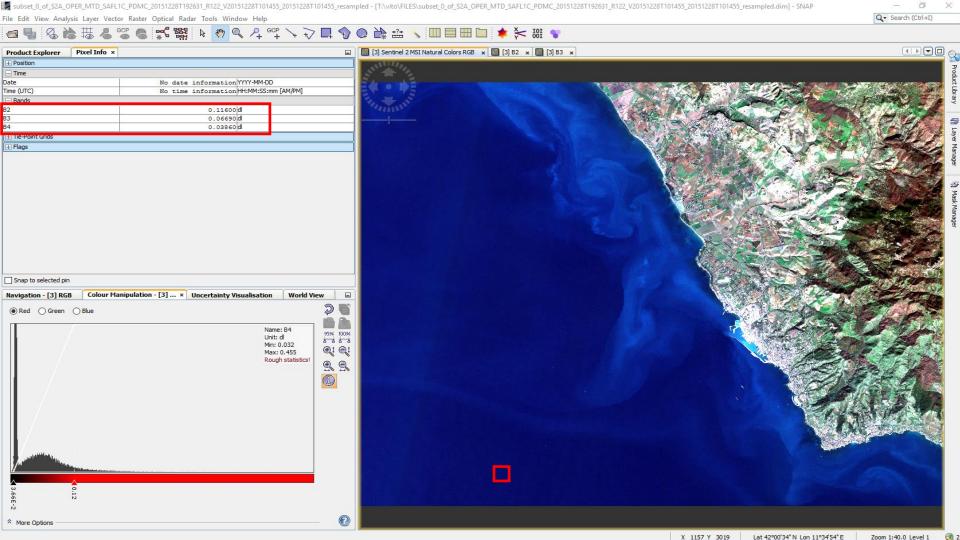
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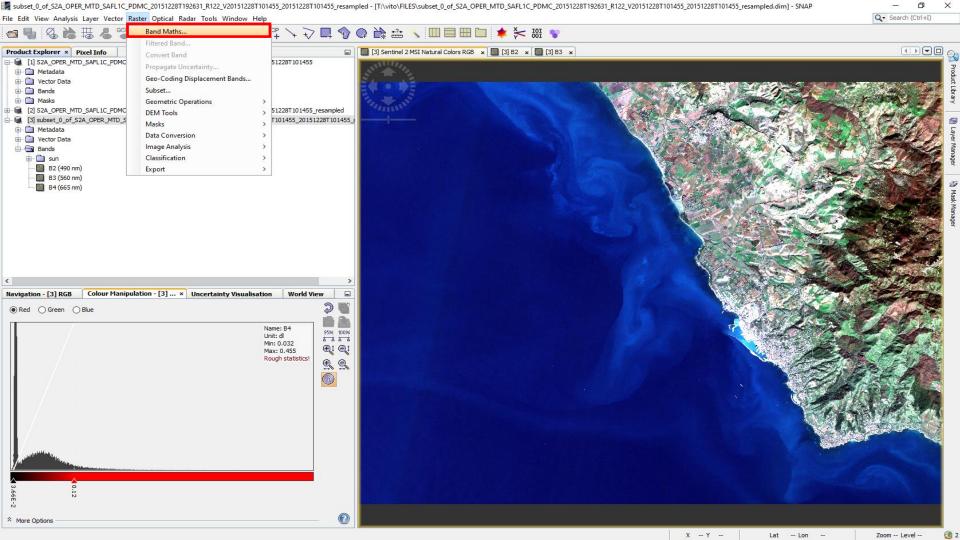
Dark Object Subtraction method

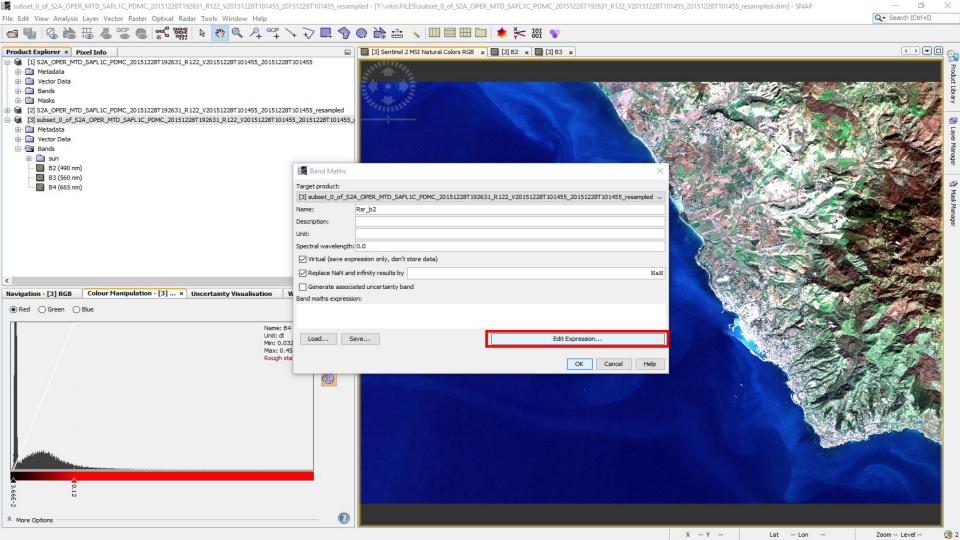
- 1 Select a dark pixel
- 2 Subtract the dark pixel reflectance from image pixels' reflectances (dark is ~ 1% reflectance)
- 3 Transform in remote sensing reflectance

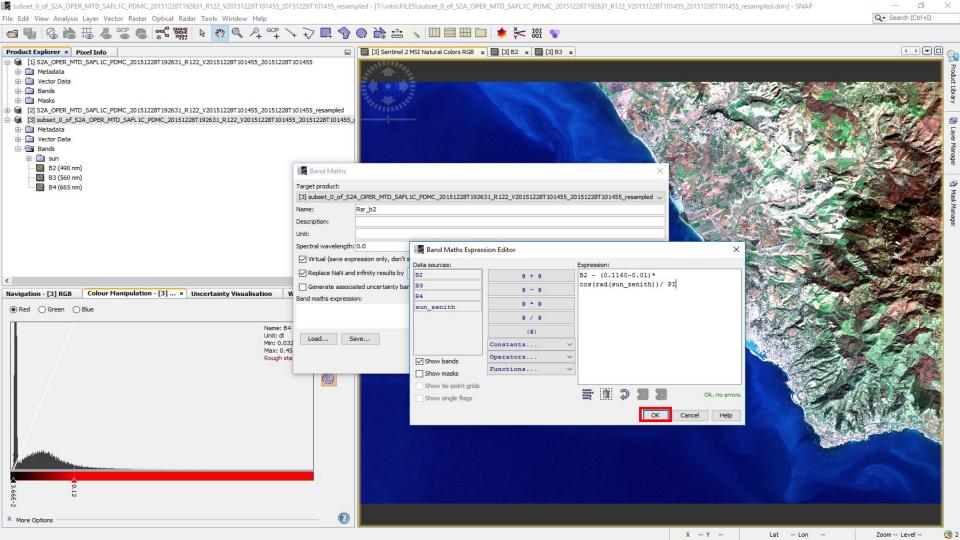
$$R_{rs}^{k} = \frac{\rho_k - (\rho_k^{do} - 0.01)}{\pi}$$

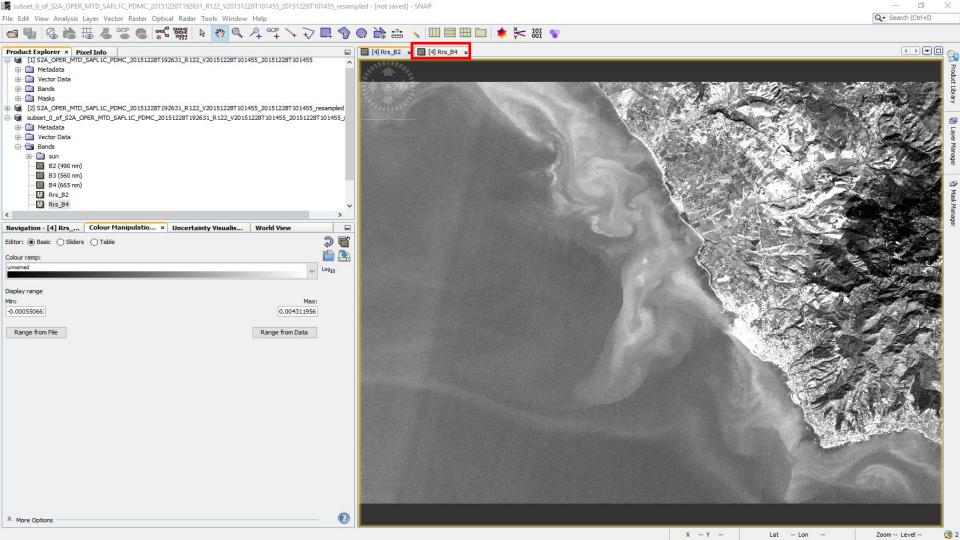


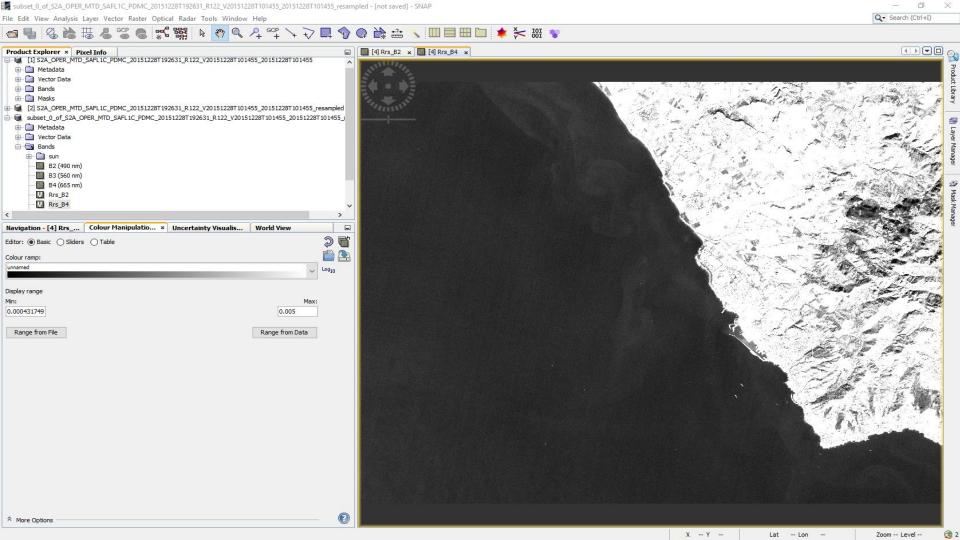












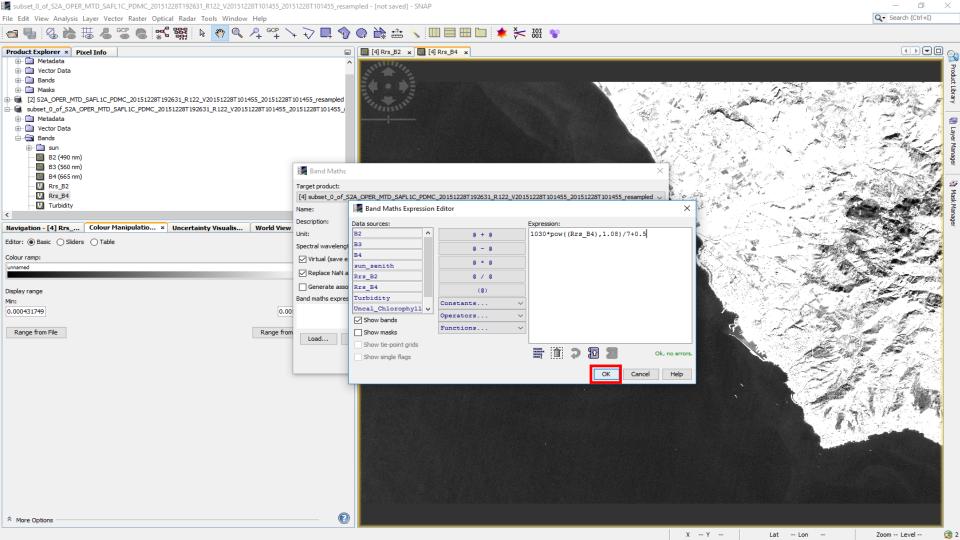


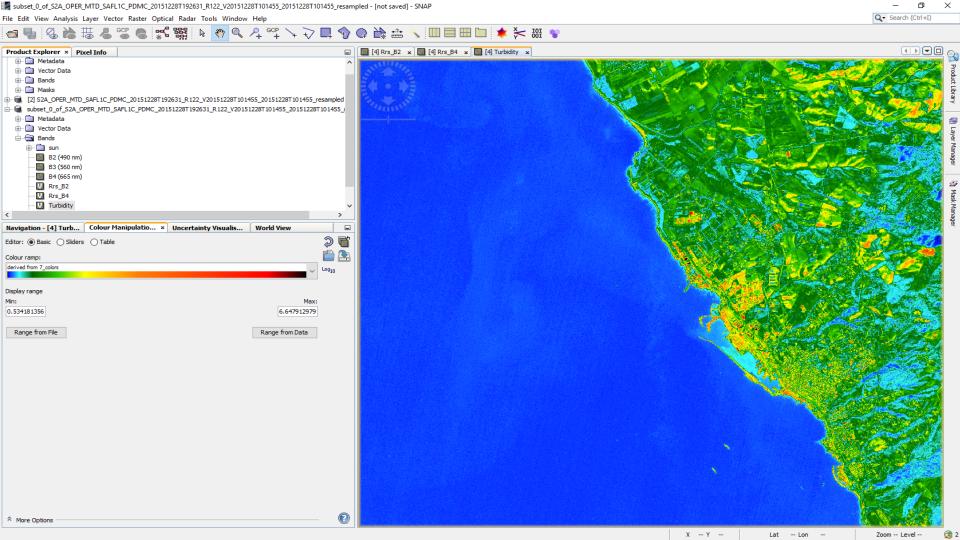
Turbidity

Simple algorithm based on red band (B4)

$$T = \frac{1030 \, R_{rs}^4}{7} + 0.5$$









Turbidity map from Sentinel-2





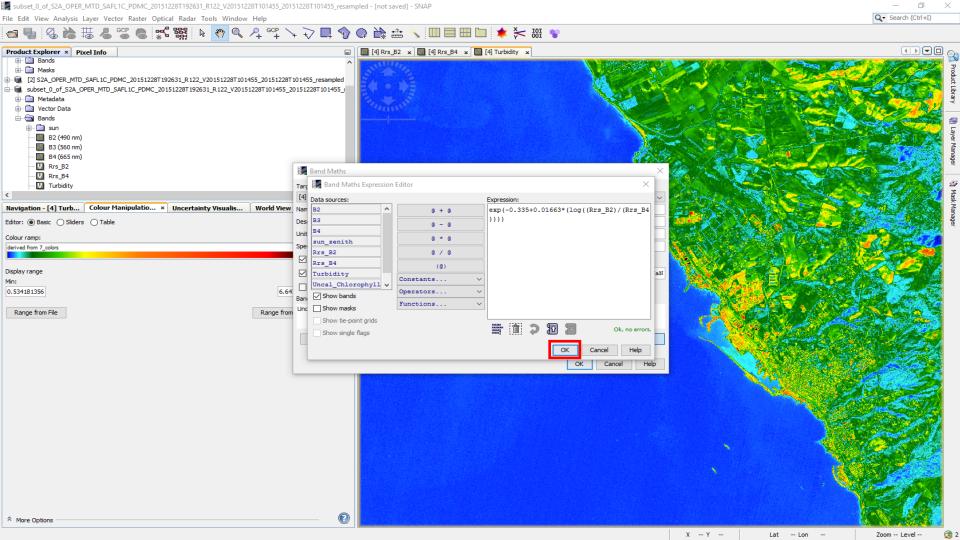
Chlorophy II concentration

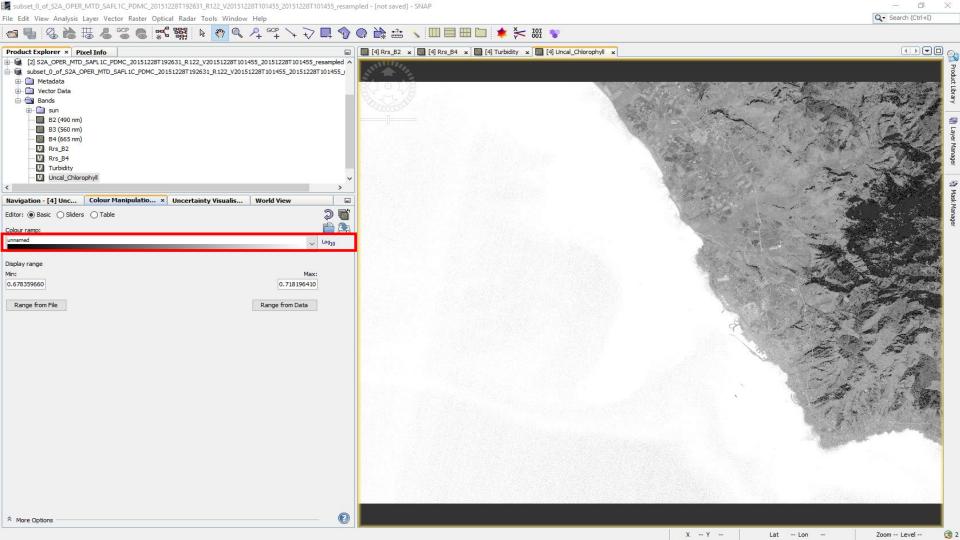
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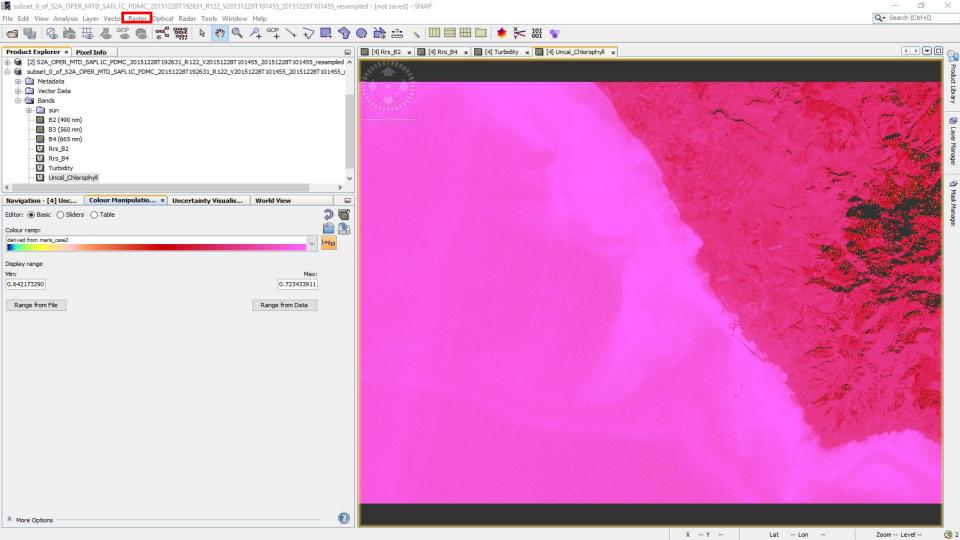
$$Chl = e^{-0.335 + 0.01663 \left(log \frac{R_{rs}^{b2}}{R_{rs}^{b4}}\right)}$$

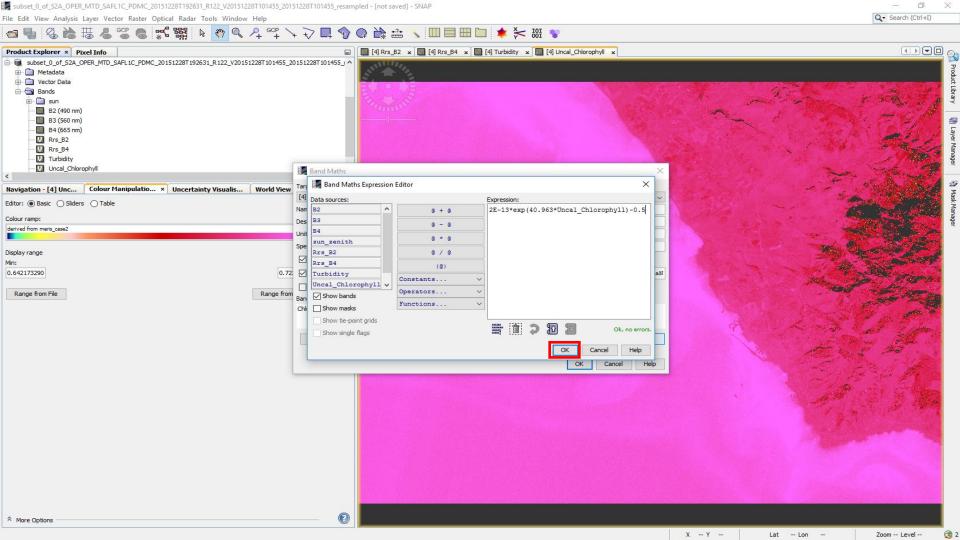
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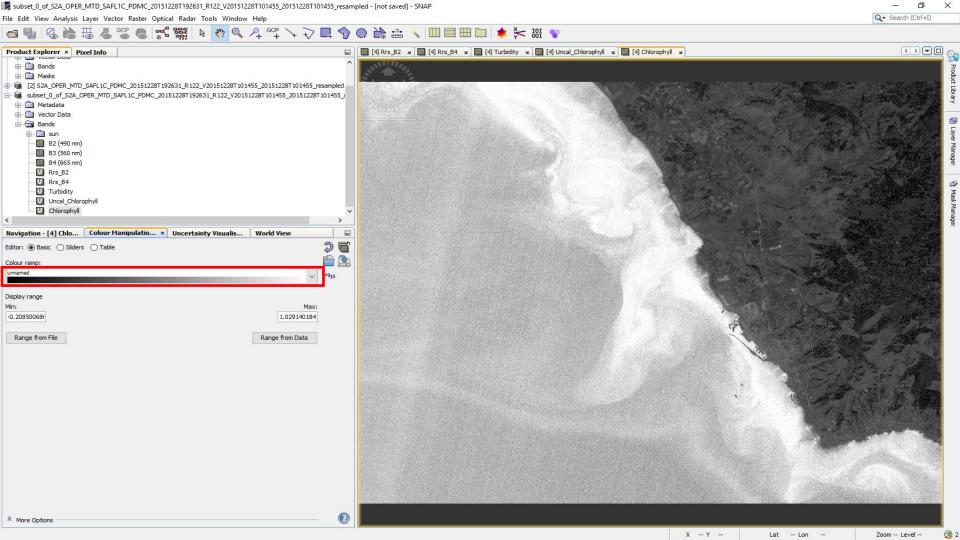
$$Chl_{cal} = 2 * 10^{-13}e^{40.963Chl} - 0.4$$

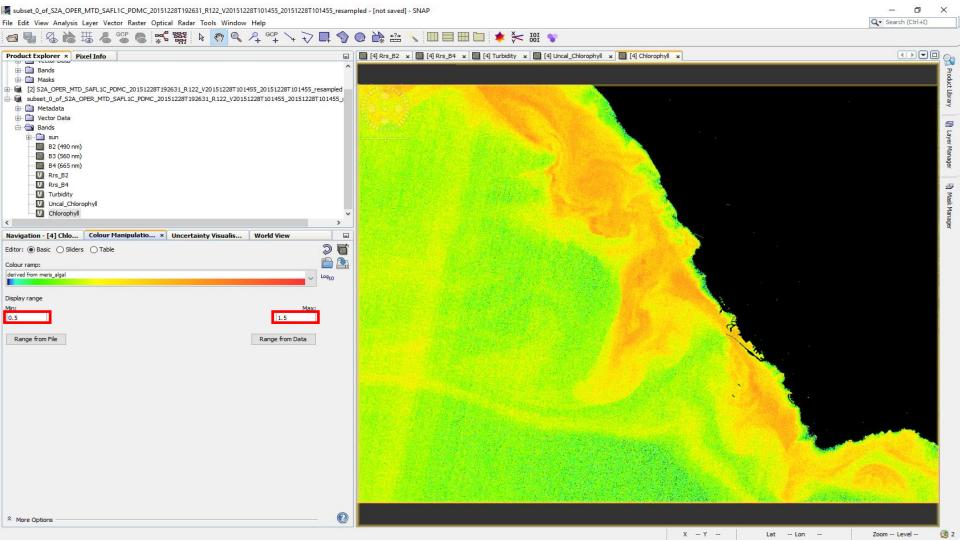


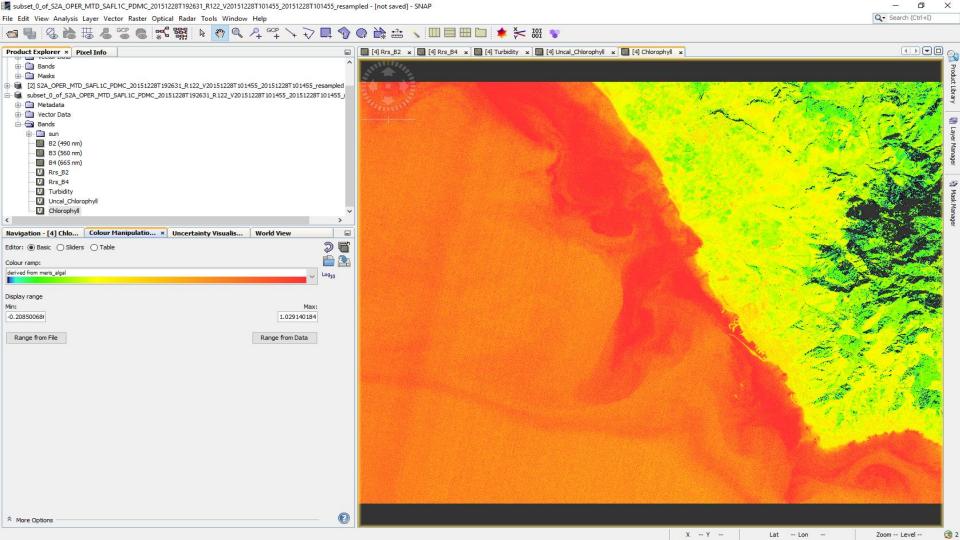






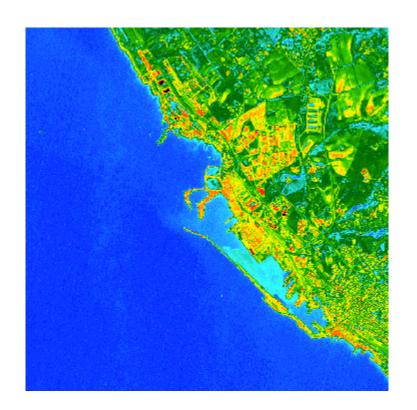


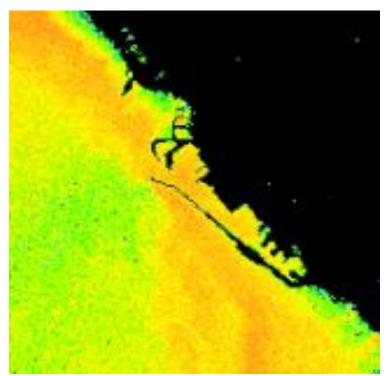






Turbidity and Chlorophyll maps at 10 m







Thank you

