

Illegal fishing within the territorial waters of Benin



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Sentinel-2 MSI acquired on 18 January 2021 at 10:12:49 UTC

Sentinel-1 CSAR IW acquired on 18 January 2021 at 18:10:03 UTC

Sentinel-1 CSAR IW acquired on 25 January 2021 at 18:01:54 UTC

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Fig. 1 - S1 (18 & 25.01.2021) - Most ships visible here are tankers or container ships located next to the major port of Benin, Togo & Nigeria. [2D view](#)

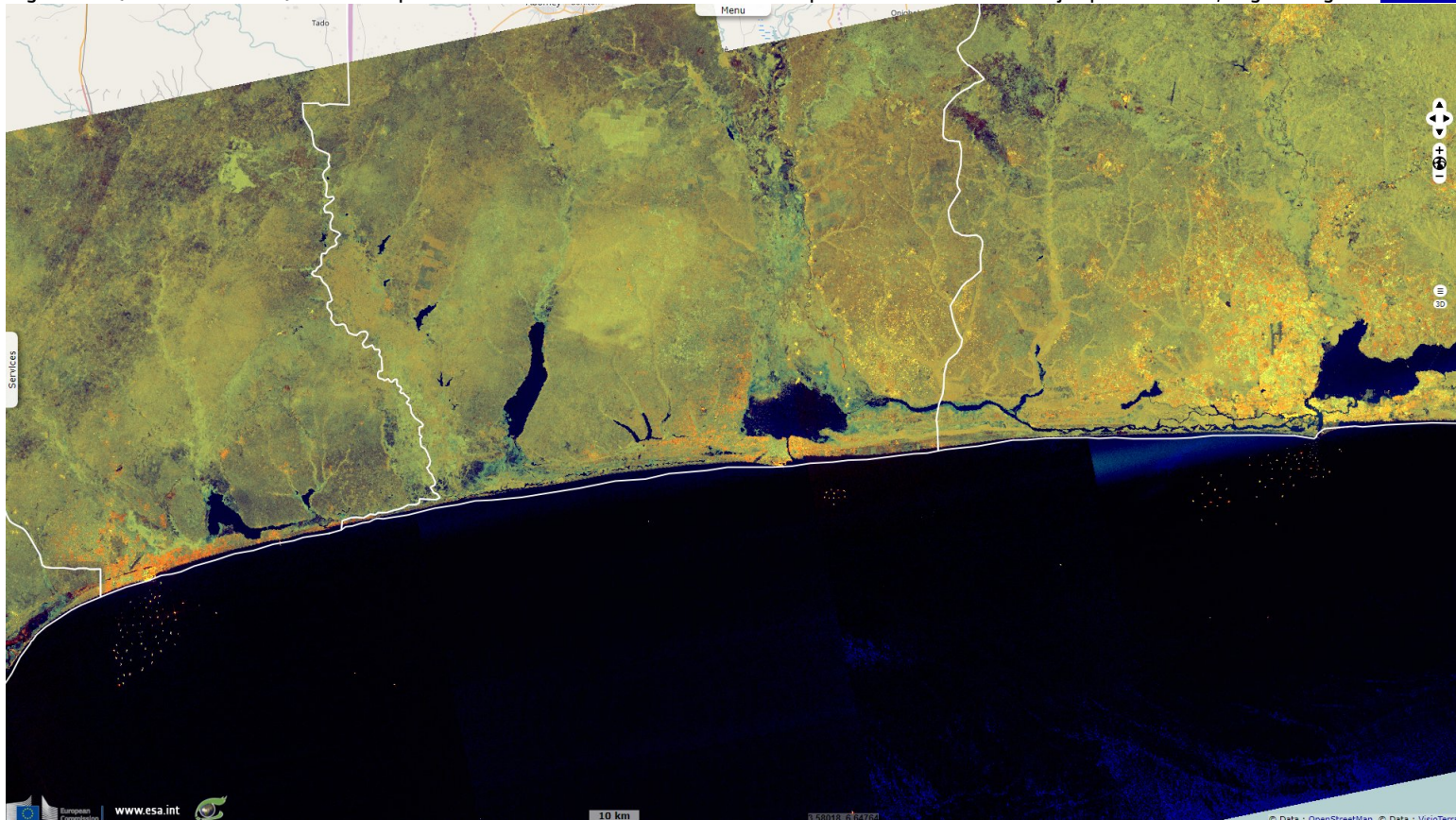


Fig. 2 - S2 (18.01.2021) - Focus on the area next to the port of Lome, the capital of Togo. [3D view](#)



Fig. 3 - S1 (18.01.2021) - Scale comparison of smaller and bigger ships far outside the trade routes but within the territorial waters.

[3D view](#)

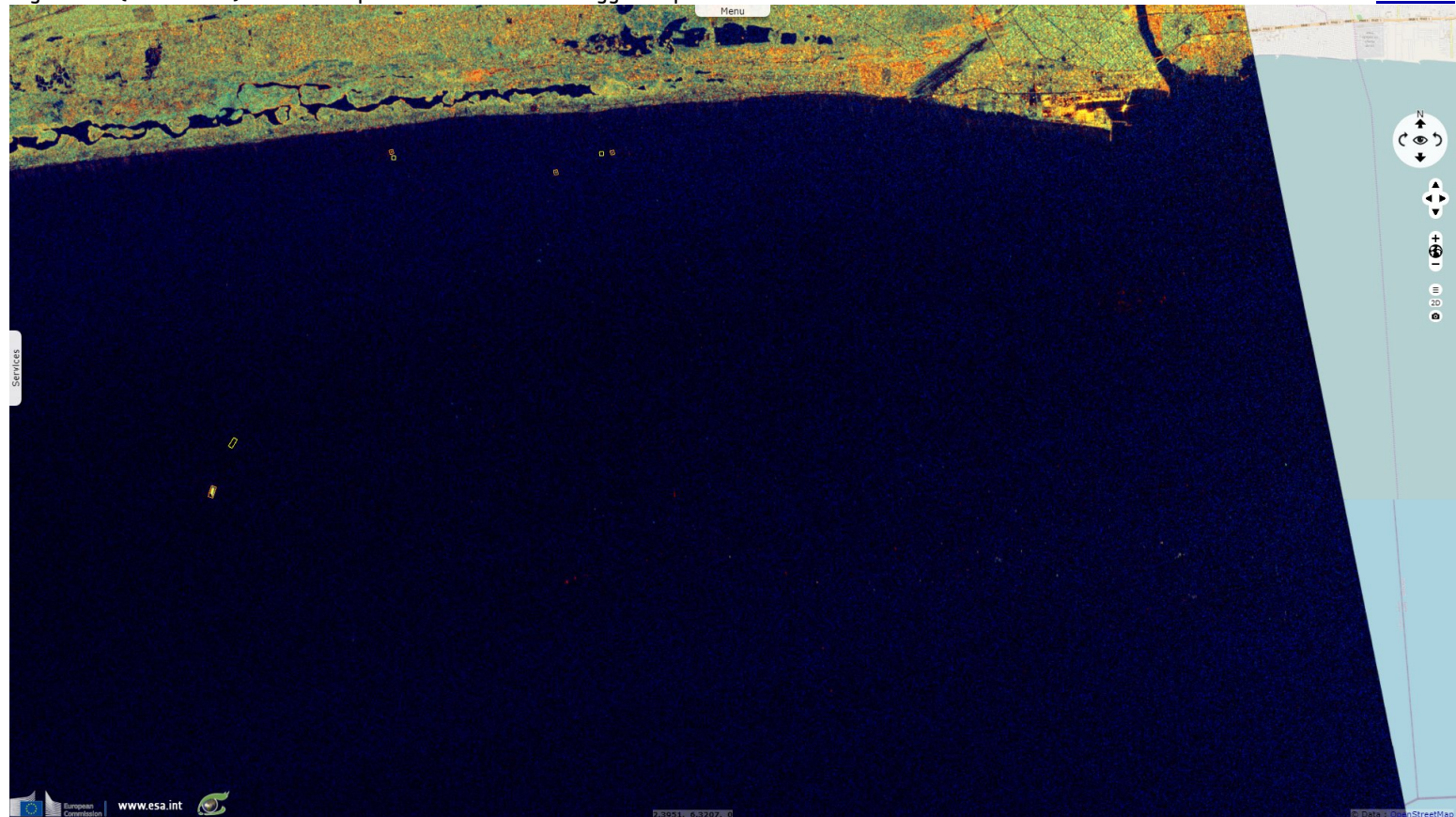


Fig. 4 - S2 (18.01.2021) - The yellow rectangles located small ships visible with Sentinel-2, orange with Sentinel-1 eight hours later, probably local fishermen.

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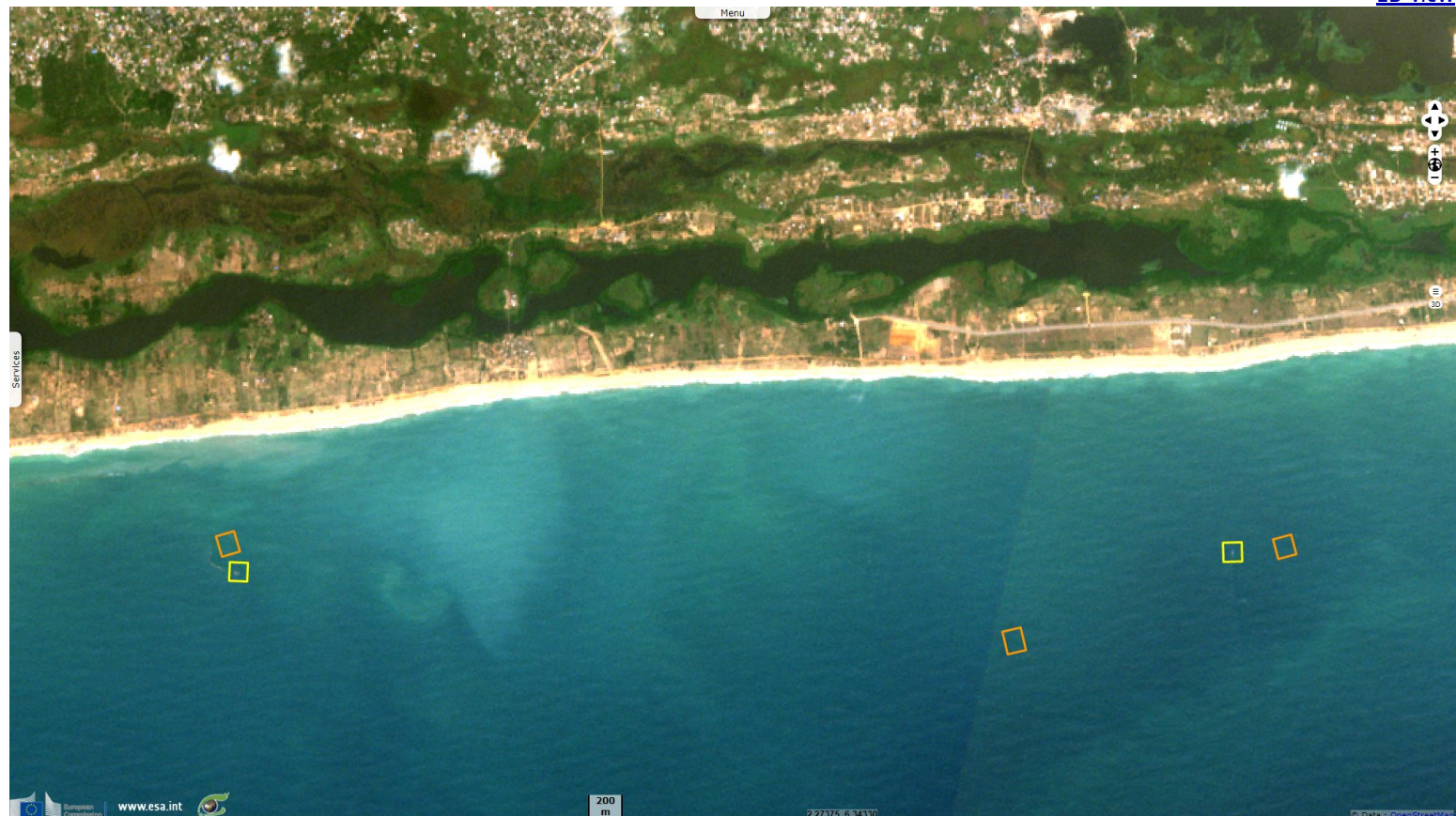


Fig. 5 - S2 (18.01.2021) - This much larger vessel outside fishing routes seems to be dragging a trawl within the territorial waters of Benin. [2D view](#)

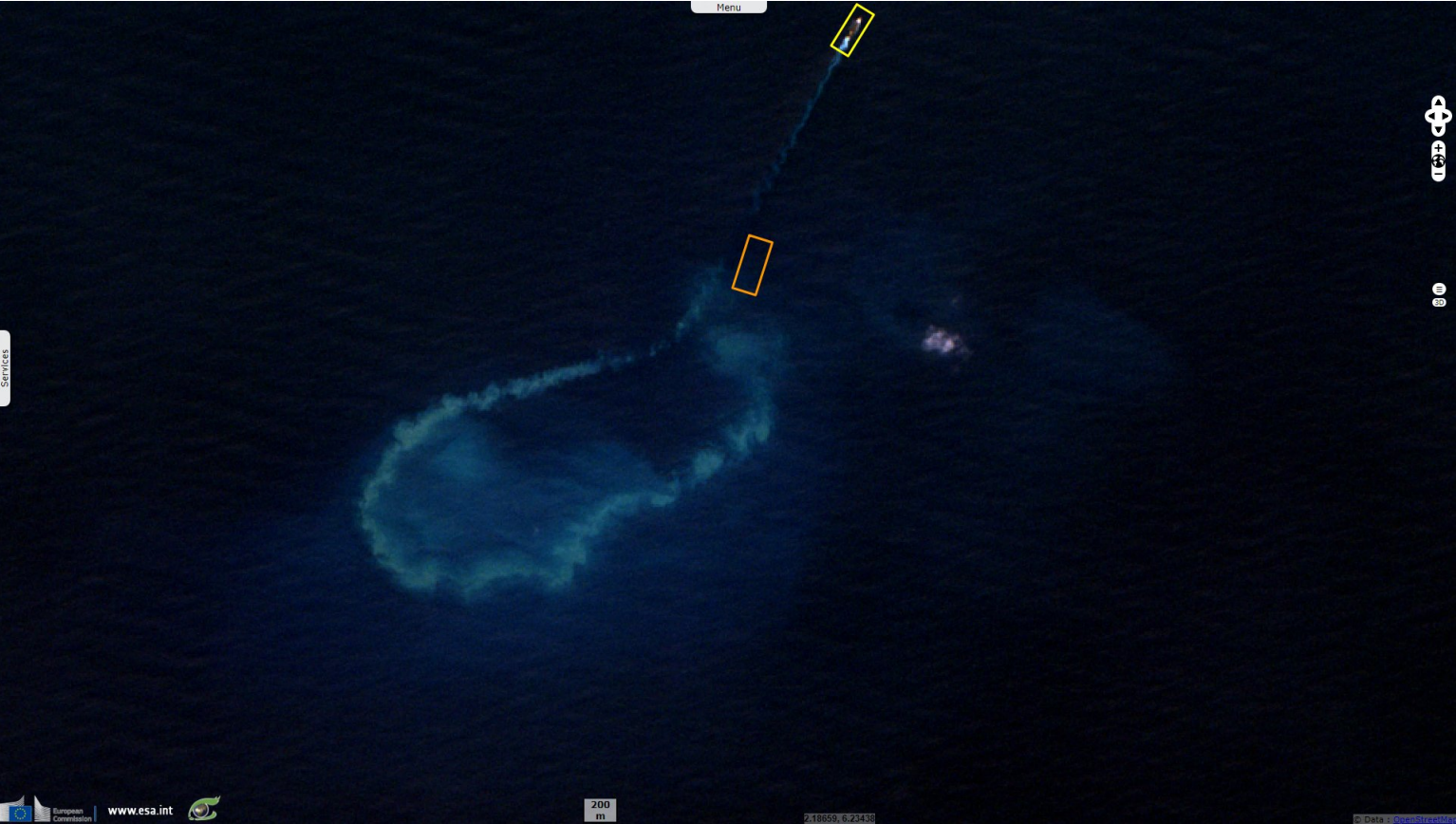
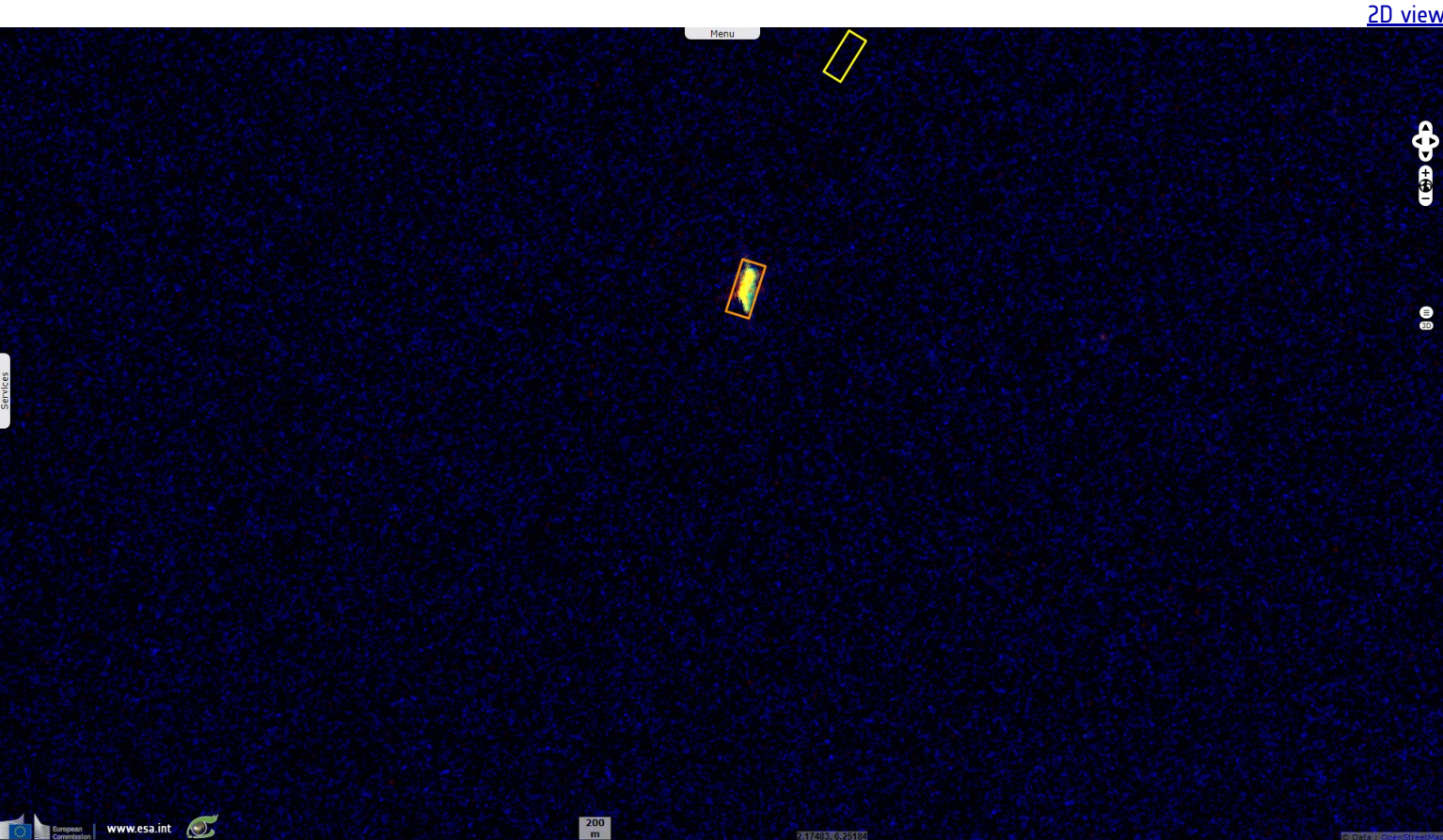














Fig. 6 - S1 (18.01.2021) - Close to 200 m long, it is still visible on this radar image with its a tall metallic structure, it is likely a foreign trawler fishing illegally. [2D view](#)



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