

# Irrigated croplands in Saudi Arabia



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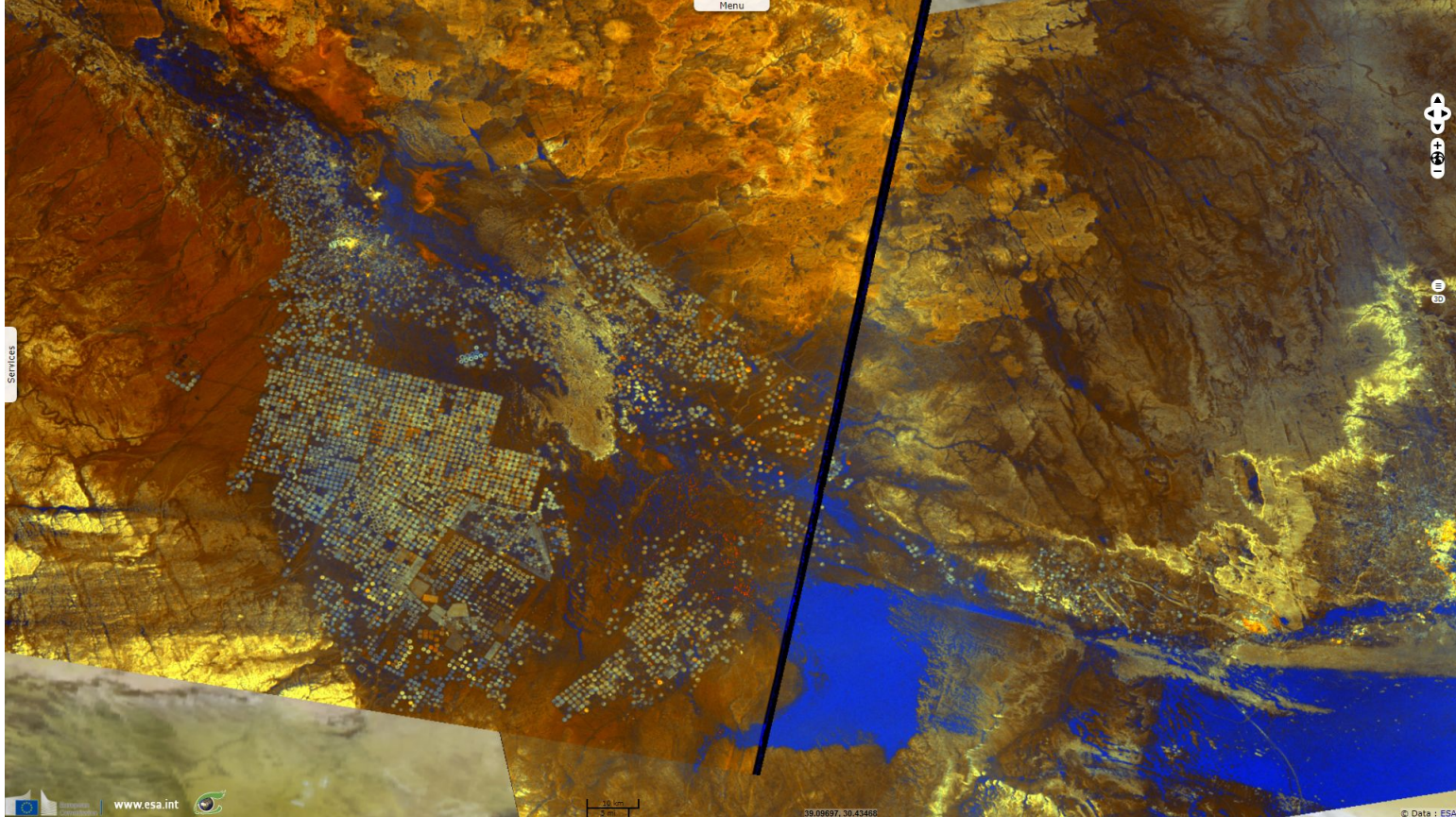
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Fig. 1 - S1 (06.06.2017 & 11.06.2017) - vv,vh,ndi(vh,vv) composite - Juxtaposition of well ordered and misaligned cropland. [2D view](#) [2D animation](#)



On these S1 images, regs & mountains show in yellow / brown, water bodies & ergs in blue, cities in bright yellow / orange.

Fig. 2 - S3 OLCI - 18,10,3 composite - S. Arabia offered subsidies & low-cost water to encourage growing wheat in the desert. [2D view](#) [2D animation](#)

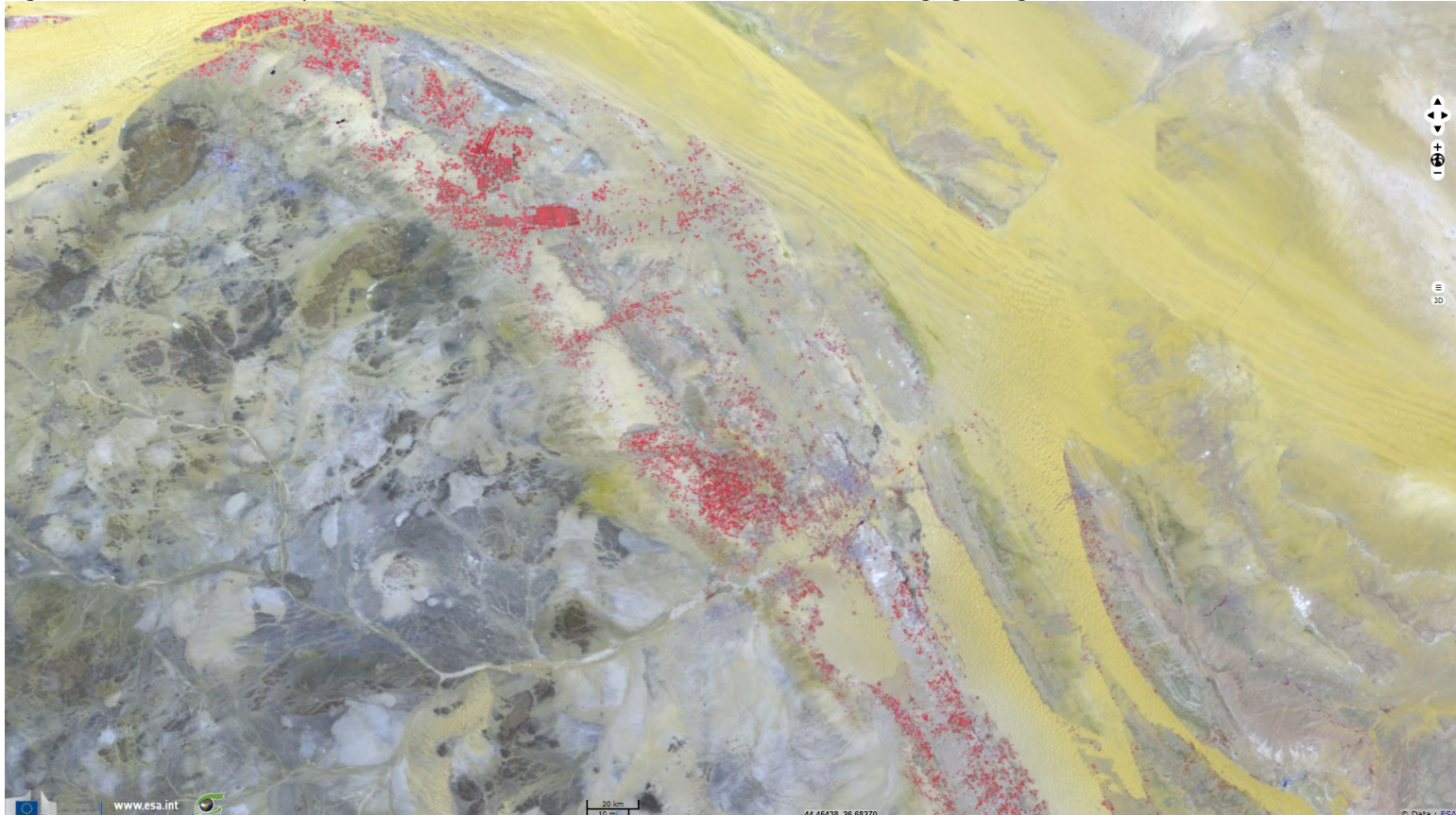
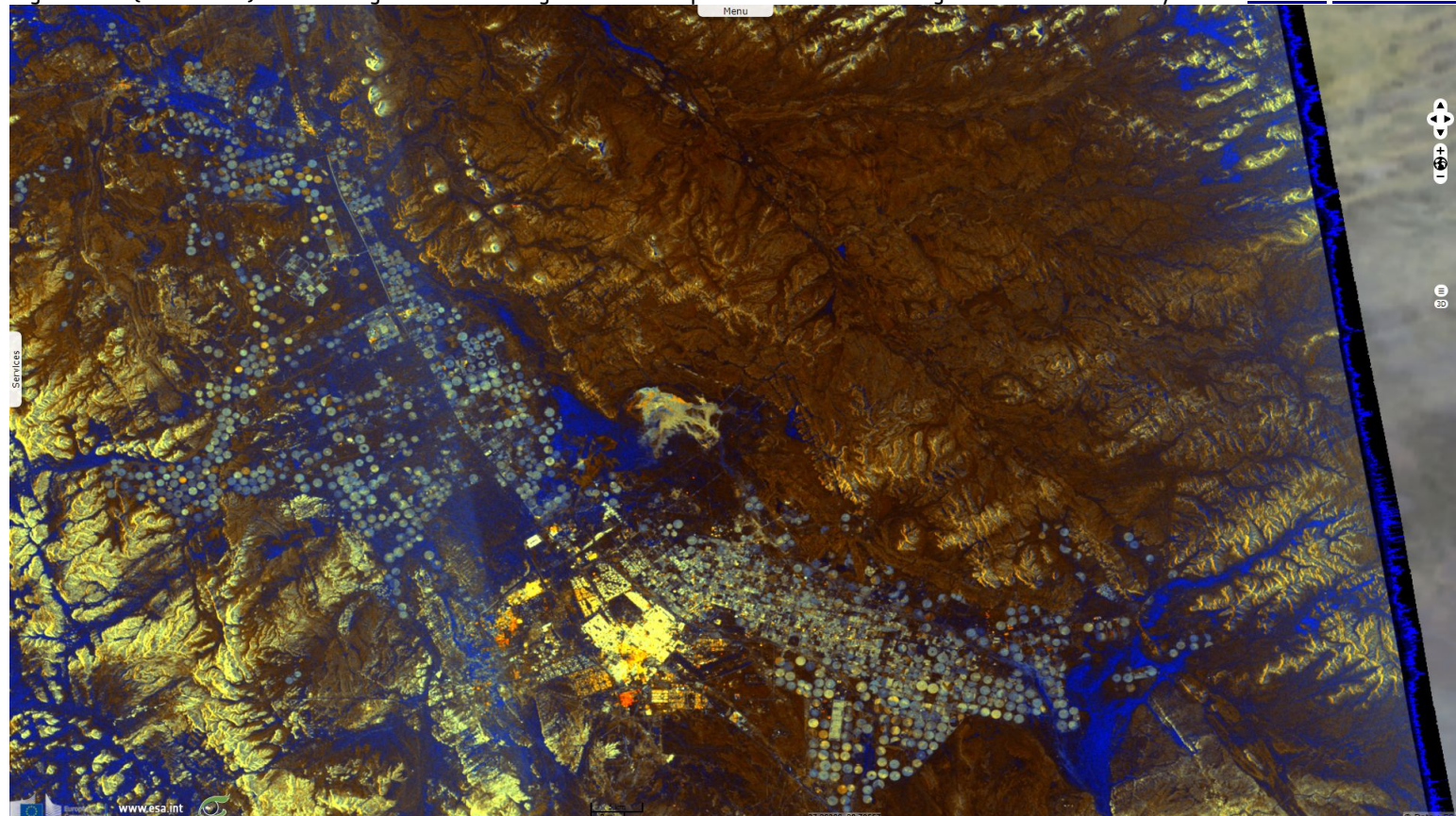


Fig. 3 - S3 OLCI - NDI(17,8) with rainbow LUT - Cropland grew, using 80% of S.A. water, mostly non-renewable or desalinated [2D view](#) [2D animation](#)



Fig. 4 - S1A (16.05.2017) - Consuming non-renewable groundwater depleted ~80% of its total groundwater reserves by 2012. [2D view](#) [2D animation](#)



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