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The Alpine Space through the Bird's Eye:

Harmonized Technical Specifications for Alpine Aerial Images



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Workpackage 5

Census and Orthorectification of Colour Infrared Aerial Photographs



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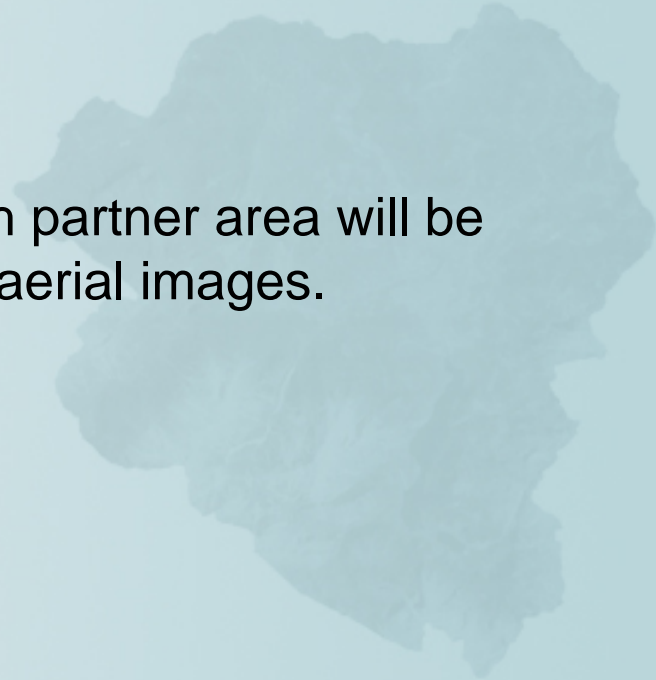
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Aim of the Workpackage

- Application form:
 - After successful WP implementation each partner area will be covered by a set of colour infrared (CIR) aerial images.



Objectives

- Define **harmonized flight definitions** for all flights
- Define common quality requirements based on the use of aerial images and the derived data within and beyond Habitalp.
- Support the less experienced project partners during the task.
- **Ensure the communication** between the different national groups.
- **Deliver congenerous** aerial images and ortho photos for delineation and interpretation

Method

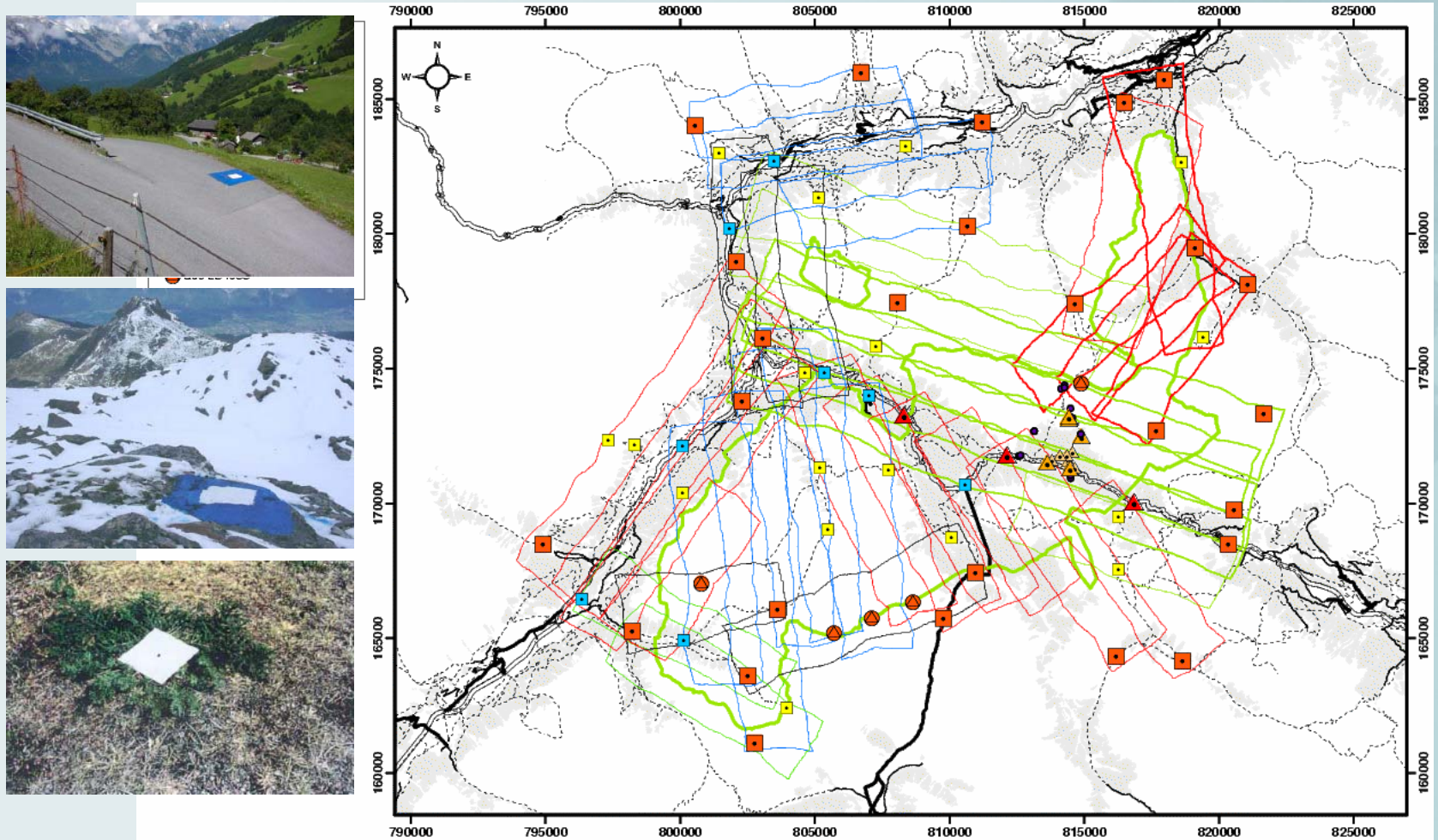
Aerial photographs provide replicable and standardized methods for landscape surveillance

- Remote sensing based on colour infrared (CIR) images should be used.
- The investigated area should be mapped all over the available area of the images.

Planned actions

- **Existing images** in the involved areas should be listed and evaluated
- Aerial image flights were tendered and conducted.
- Subcontracted companies should execute the aero triangulation and the calculation of the orthophotos.
- All results should be delivered to the specific partner and the transnational data base.

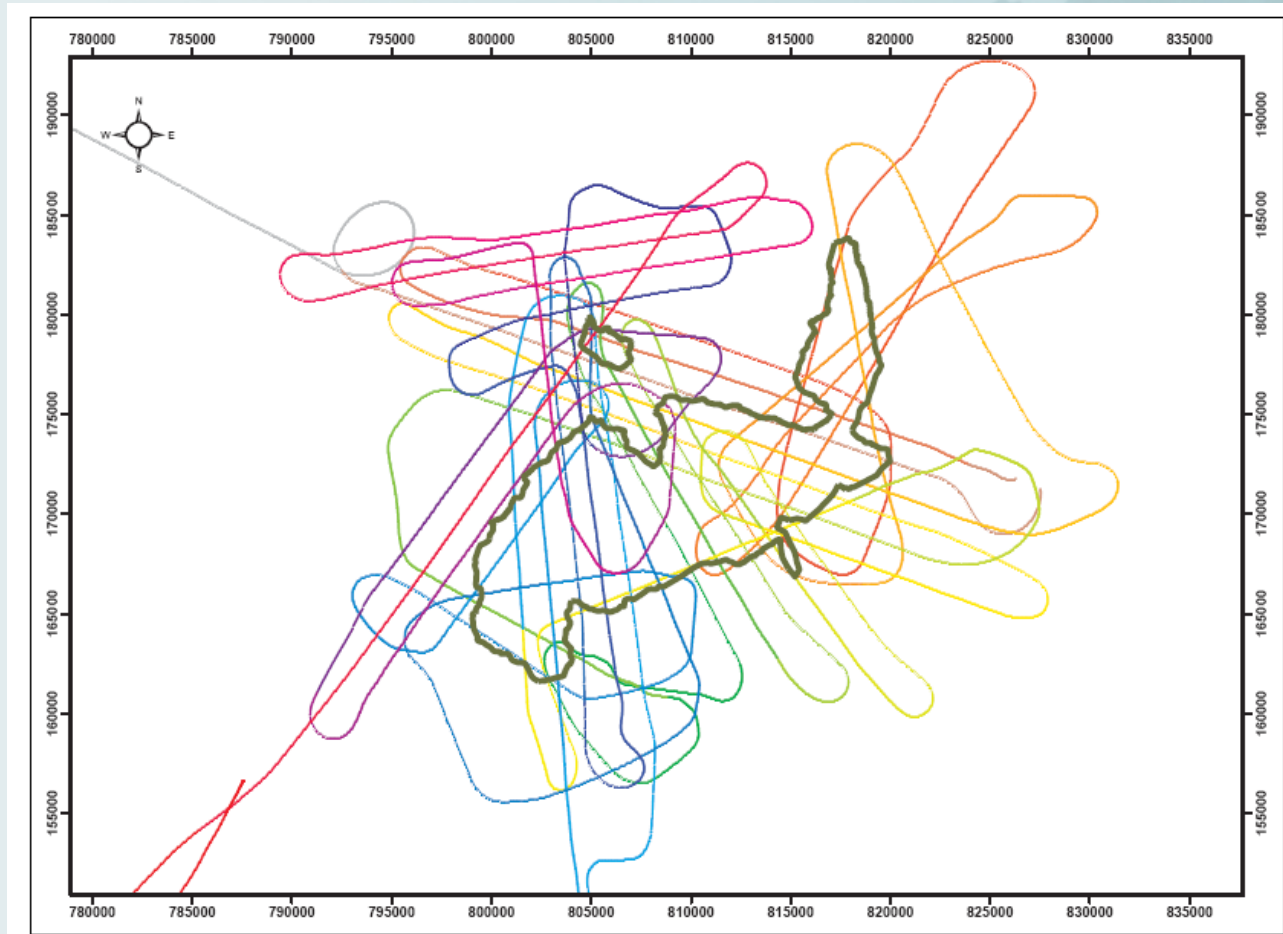
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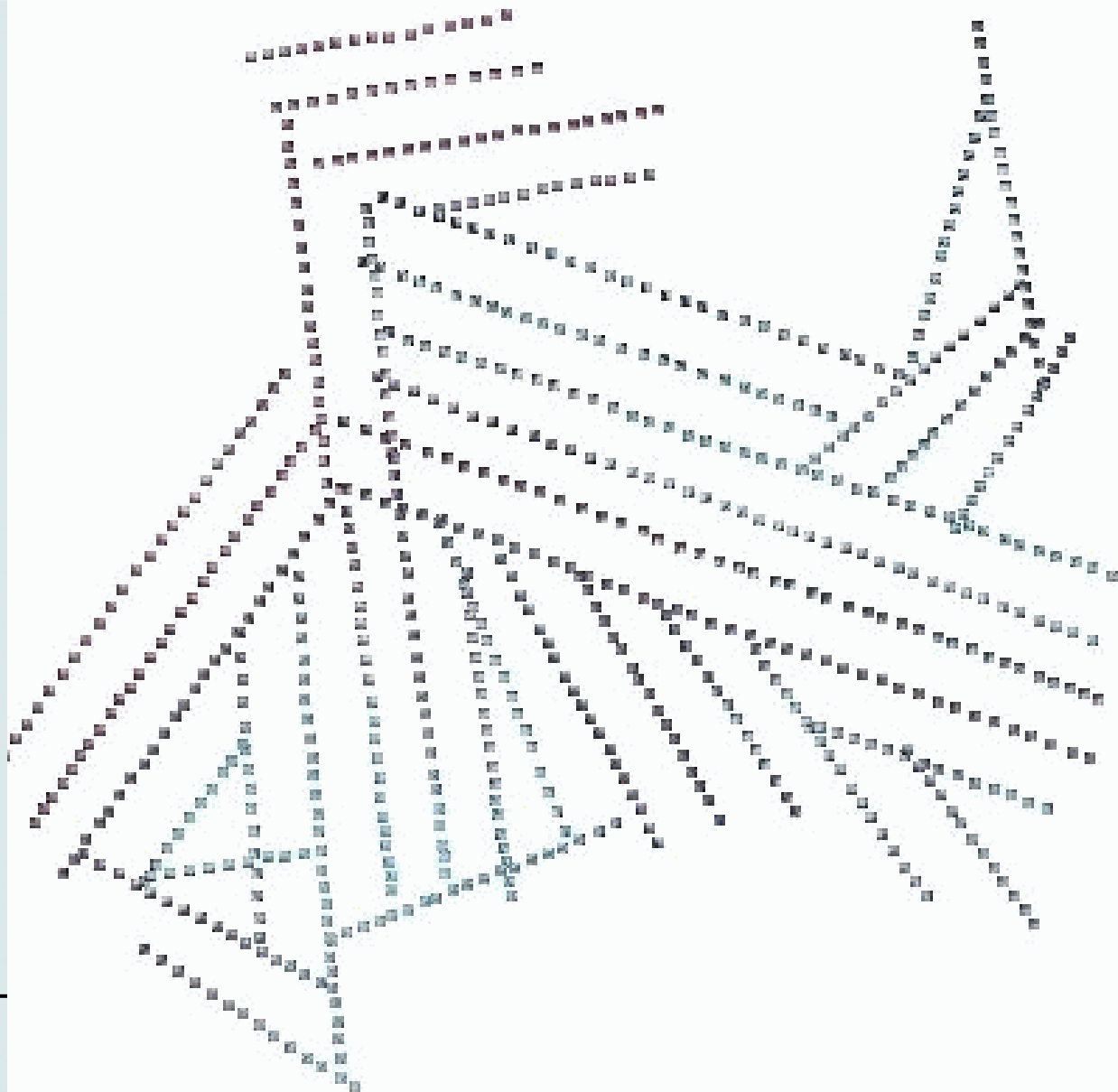
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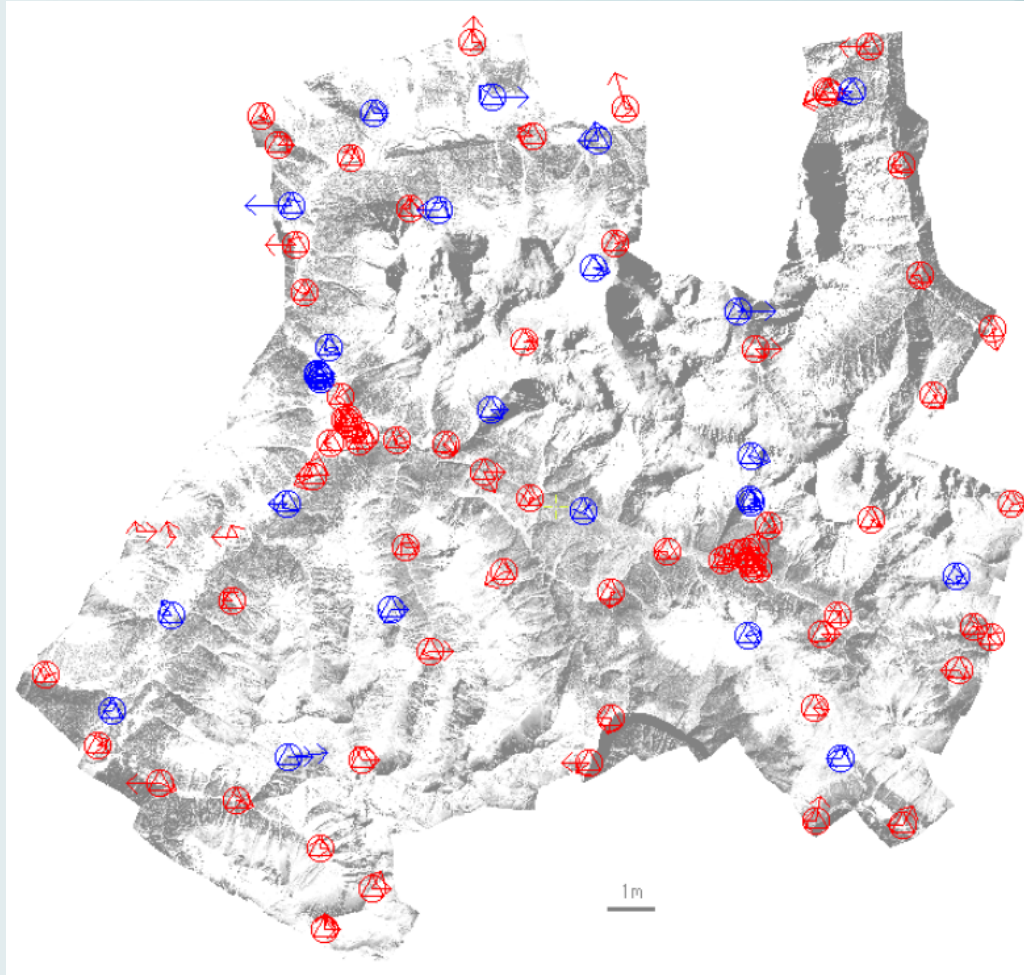
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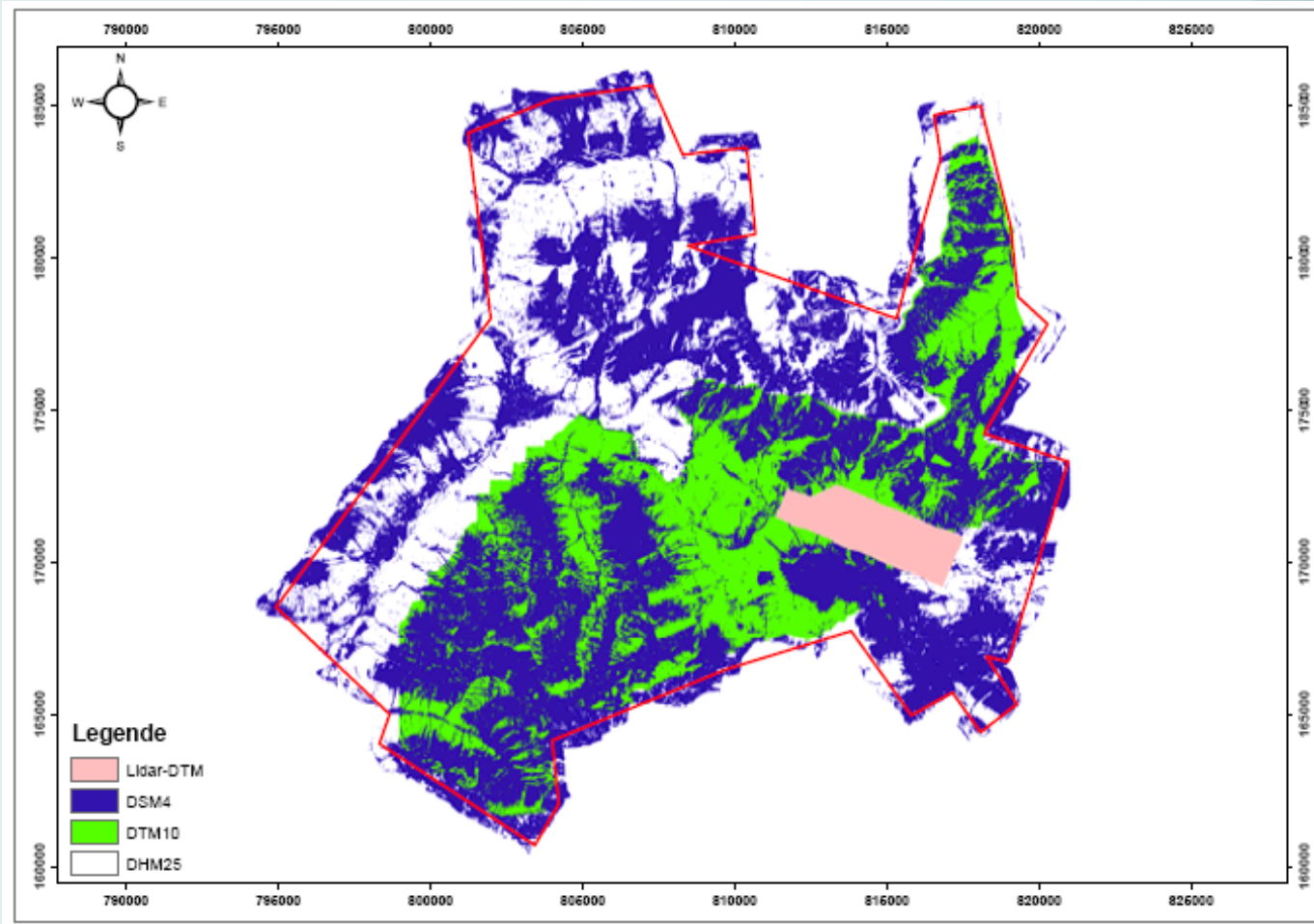
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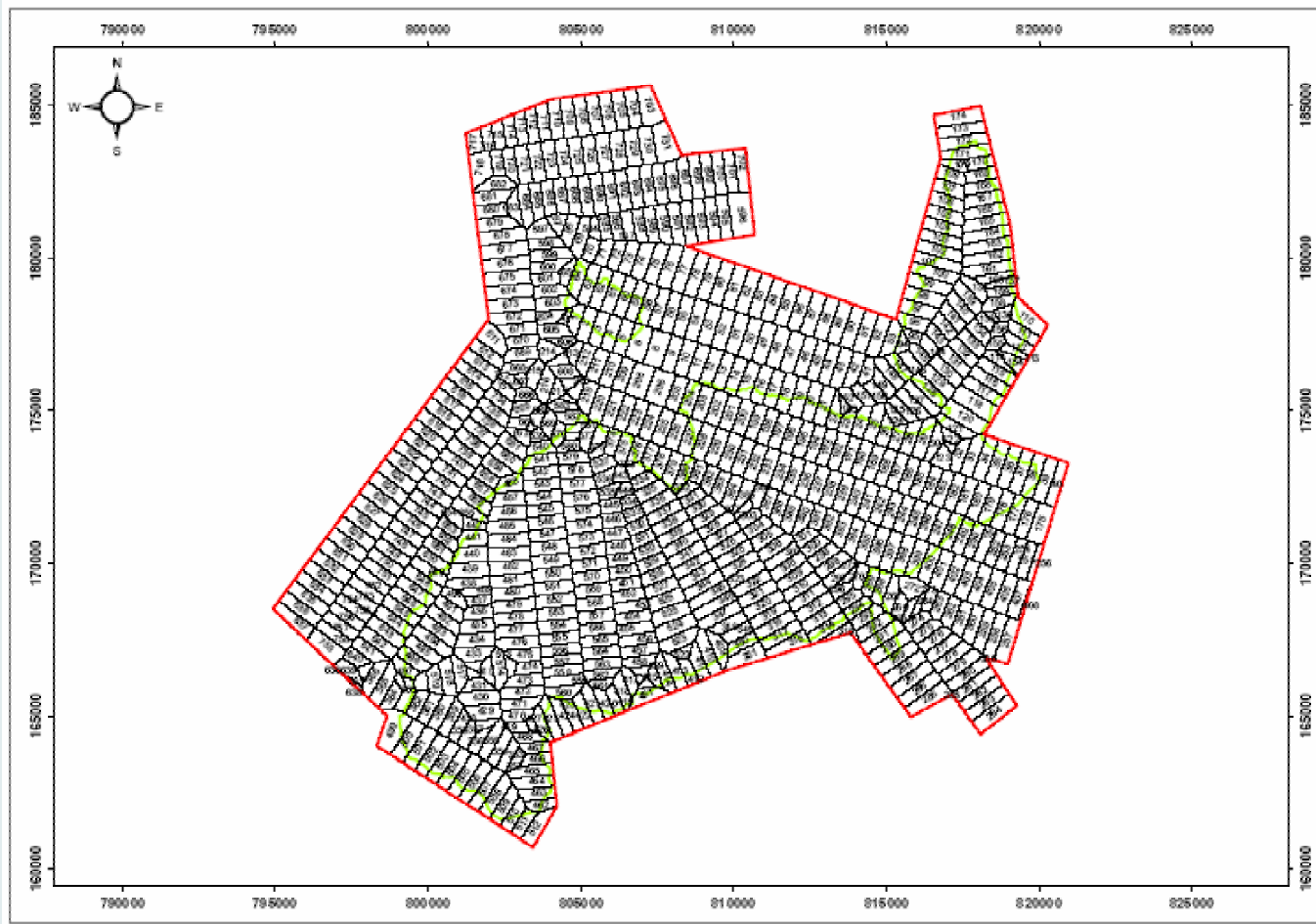
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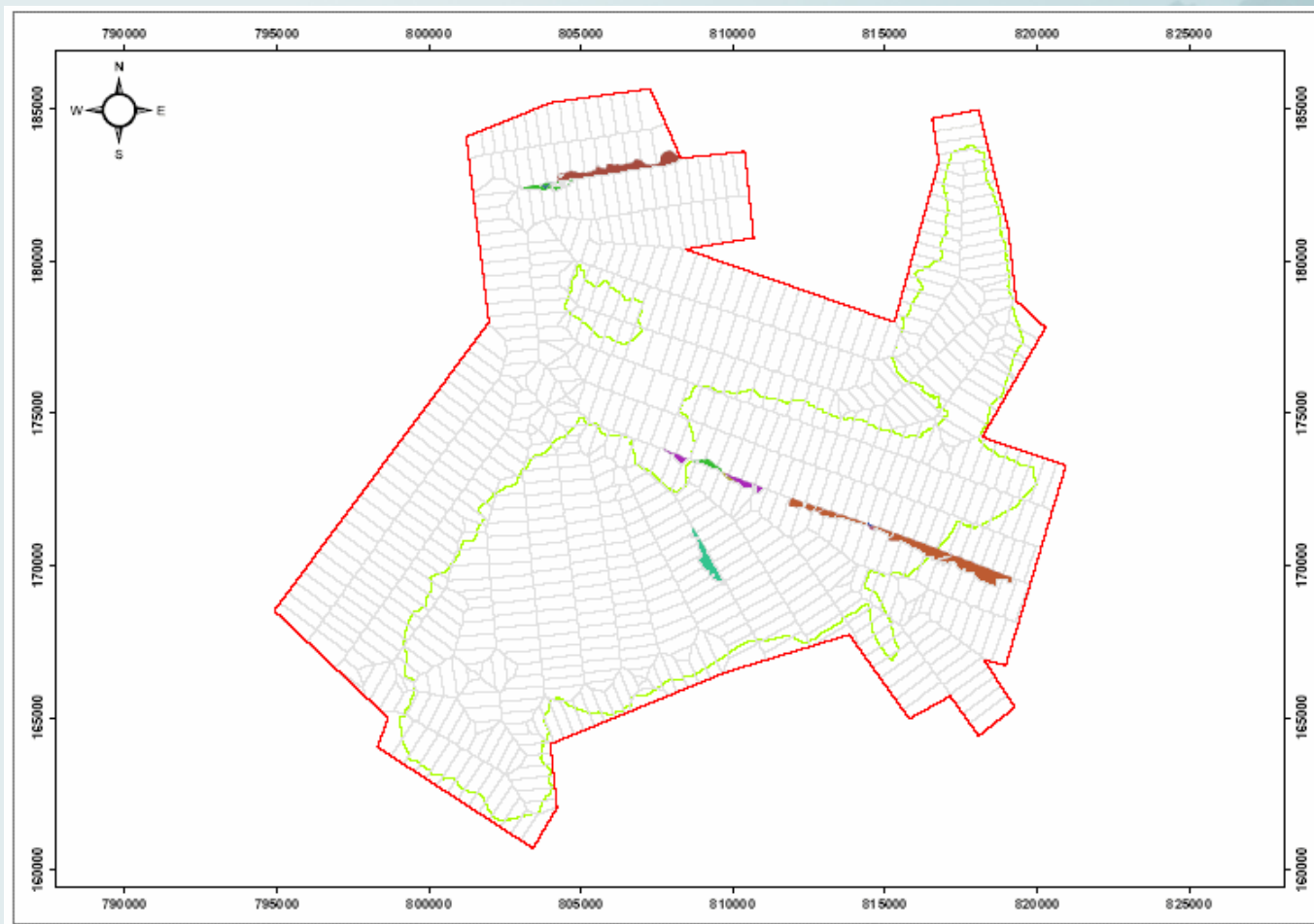
Orthorectification



Orthorectification



Radiometric correction



Data delivery and documentation

Schweizerischer Nationalpark - Luftbildbefliegung 2000 (IR)

Bild-Orientierung und Orthophotoerstellung

Technischer Bericht



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Titel / Caption

Interreg III B Projekt - HABITALP

Untertitel / Subhead

CIR-Bildflug und Scannen
Digitale Aerotriangulation
DHM und Orthophoto-Erstellung

Thema / Subject

Existing images

Project partner	recent aerial images available	year(s) of census	data availability: analog (photo) or digital ?	DEM available - resolution - date - data source	CIR orthoimage (= rectified aerial CIR photo) available	covered image area in km ²	scale	
NPB	yes	1997	digital	YES - 10 m - 1997 - digitized from photogrammetric maps	YES	470	1:11.000 for 1400 m above sea level	
		1990	analogue	NO	NO	470	1:10.000 for 1400 m above sealevel	
		1980	analogue	NO	NO	470	1:10.000 for 1400 m above sealevel	
ASTERS	yes	1998	Digital, but no originals available for stereoscopic view	YES- 20m but no full rights of use	YES	All the area		
APB	yes	1991	analogue	YES - 10m - 1999 - digitized from maps	NO	30	1:22.000-25.000	
CPNS	yes	1991	analogue	yes - 10m - 1999 digitized from maps	NO	30		
		1991 ?? ???	analogue					
NPHT	yes	1998	Digital RGB only CIR analogue	YES - 25 m	NO	~ 2.000	1:16.000 for 2200 m above sea level	
		1998	analogue	YES - 25 m	NO	~ 2.000	1:11.000 for 2200 m above sea level	
		1998	analogue	YES - 25 m	NO	~ 2.000	1:11.000 for 2200 m above sea level	
PNV	Yes	1996	analogue	YES - 50 m - 2002 - IGN	NO	about 550	about 1:20 000 (ordered : 1:17 000)	
PN Écrins	yes	1993	analogue	NO	NO	700		
PNMA	no							
PNDDB	-							
PNGP	no							
SNP	yes	2000	digital	YES - 20 m with break lines, inside SNP	NO (Yes for test area)	ca. 380	aprox. 1:10'000	
				YES - 25 m without break lines				
		1988	analogue	NO	NO	ca. 170	aprox. 1.9'000	

Technical specifications for the flight

- Camera: should allow an adequate quality of the orthophotos, 300 mm objective
- System: DGPS and FMC (Forward Motion Compensation)
- Average scale 1:10 000
- Overlapping in flight direction: 60%
- Overlapping across the flight direction: 30%
- Flights between the 1st of July and 31st of August
- Film: Kodachrome III Infrared 1443

Technical specifications for the aerotriangulation

- Orientation in the local geodetic systems
- RMSE of aerotriangulation < 20 cm



Technical specifications for the orthophotos

- Ground pixel resolution 15 – 20 cm
- Overall accuracy of the images < 1m



The tender procedures

- National groups
- France
 - Tender on European Level
 - Leadership PNE
 - PNV decided to announce the flight over the total area with **additional financing outside the HABITALP project.**
 - ASTERS announced 27 000 ha (more than 100% of the protected areas)
 - Tender was submitted in March 2003
 - Offer evaluation 6th of May
 - AEROSCAN s.a.r.l. from Tomblaine (F) get the mandate

The tender procedures

- Italy
 - Leadership CPNS
 - National tenders evaluated in April 2003
 - **The offers were almost 800% higher than expected**
 - Start of a Europea tender procedure at June 2003
 - 1st of August 2003, the Italian PP accepted the offer from AVT ZT-GmbH (A) and terra bildmessflug GmbH & Co (D)
- Germany
 - Offer of terra bildmessflug GmbH & Co accepted by NPB

Problems, deviations and solutions

- Delay of the flights due to
 - Contract delay
 - Extraordinary summer 2003
 - Few days for a flight according to the specifications in summer 2004
 - End of 2004: NPB ok, France 40%, Italy 29%
- Prolongation of the project (1 year)
- Optimizing agreement between the involved partner
 - willingness for a tight time plan for WP5 to WP7 (interpretation)
 - Improvement of the communication (weather, vegetation), 7*24
- 2005:
 - Flights in PNGP and PNMA
 - Habitalp parts CPNS, ASTERS, PNV
 - No flights in PNDB due to military restrictions

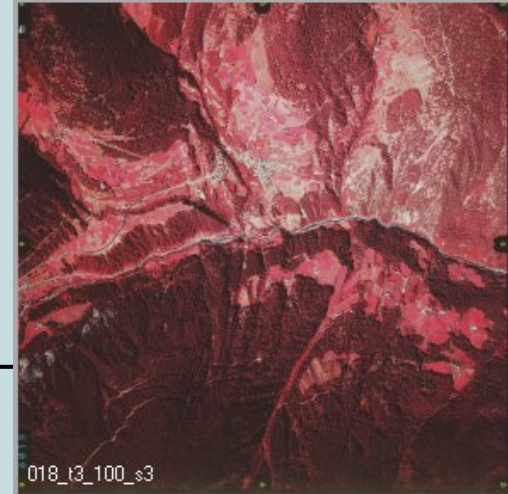
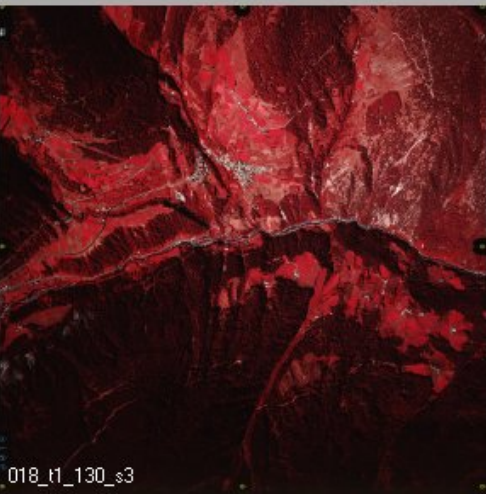
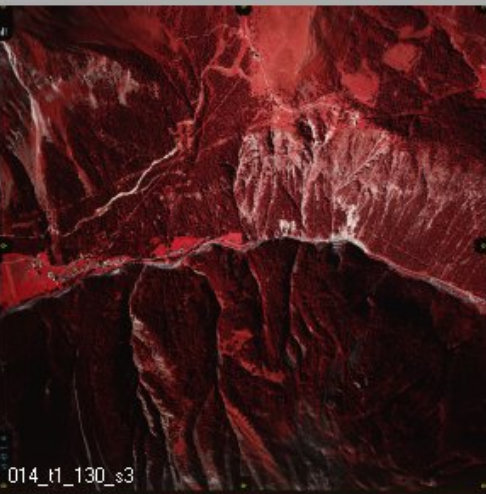
Small problems and solutions

- PNMA: Some images were damaged during the developing process
 - Solution: Images were accepted, the flight company offered a price reduction.



Maximizing image information

- CPNS: Defining the scan parameters for the images
 - Solution: t1 (left)



Successful implementation of accuracy requirements

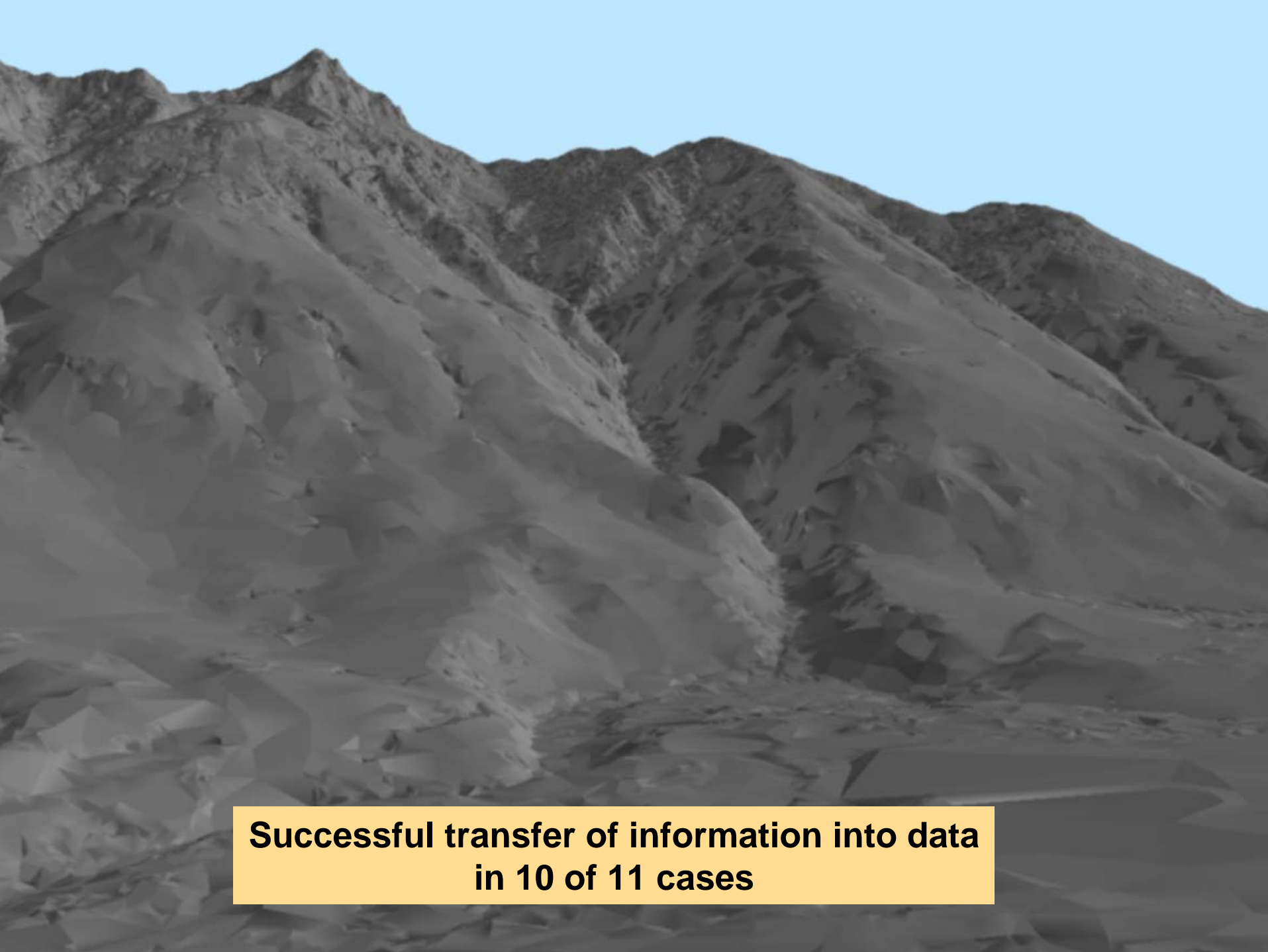
Tested 0.59 metres horizontal accuracy at 95% confidence level.

- The positions in the dataset will have an error with respect to the true ground position that is equal to or smaller than the reported accuracy value of 0.59 m.
- This value corresponds to the radius of a circle of uncertainty, where the true of theoretical location of the point falls within that circle 95% of the time.





**Successful transfer of information into data
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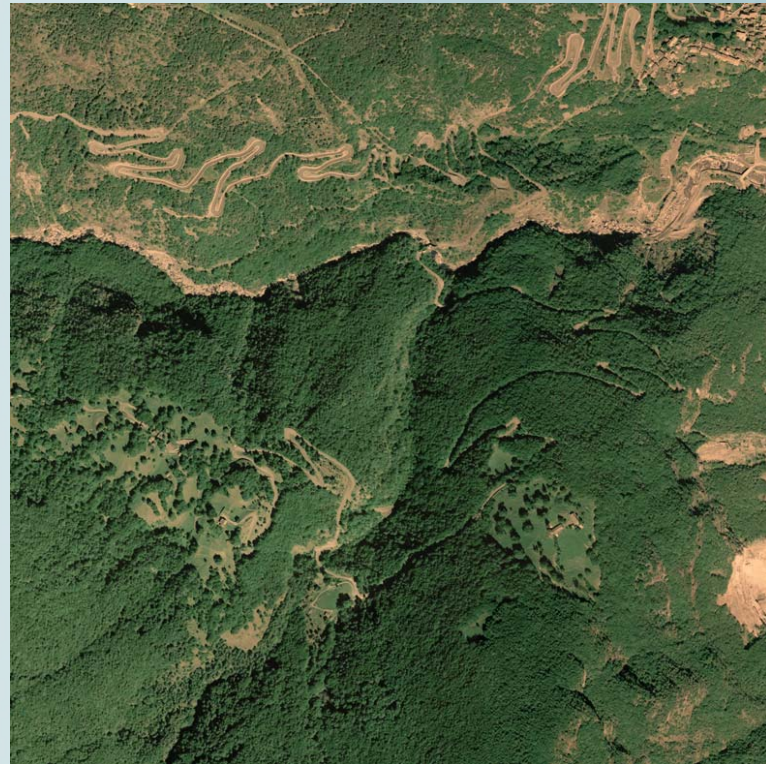
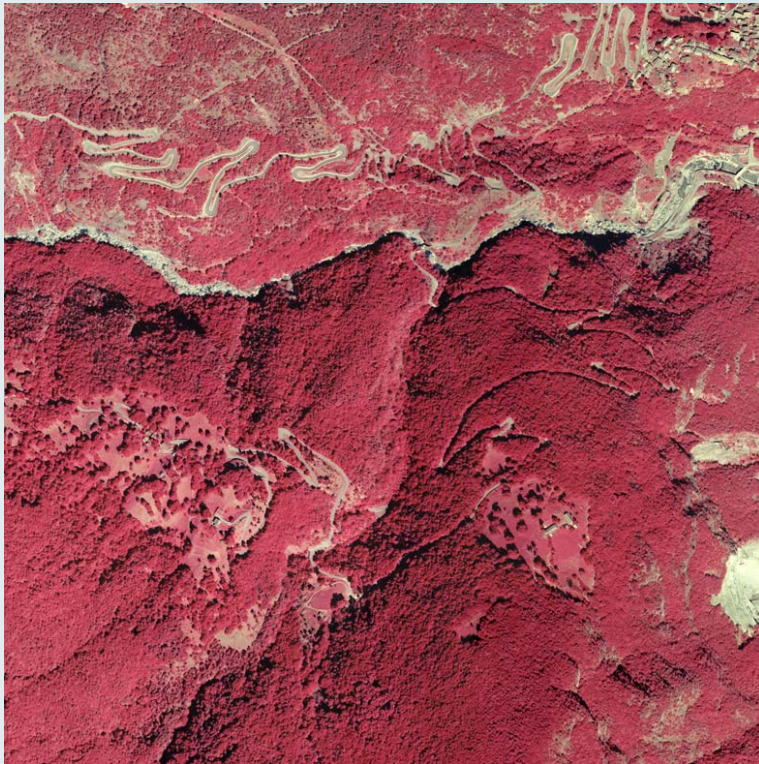
Operational success of flight campaigns

- 10 of 11 Partners had images and therefore the base for the mapping (7680 km²)
- For 8 Partners the images were produced during the HABITALP project (4710 km²)
- 7 partners were able to cover the whole area (with additional funds and efforts), 1 partner could only cover the inevitable parts
- 2 partners had existing images of the required quality
- For the 8 flights, 2 companies were assigned
- 1 company delivered proper quality, the other one had to repeat some parts of the flights.

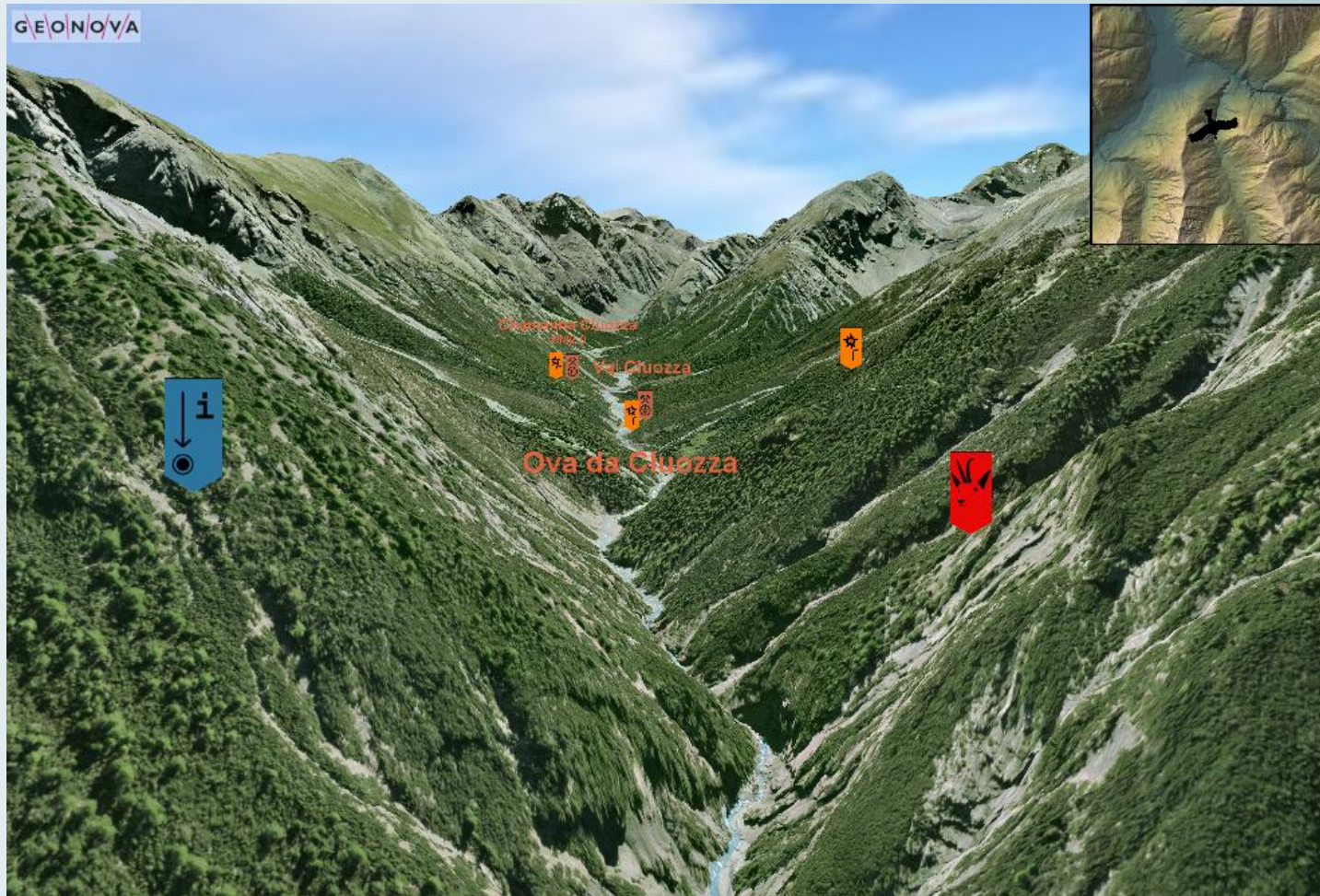
Results

	NPB	NPHT	APB	CPNS	SNP	PNMA	PNGP	PNV	ASTERS	PNE
Camera	Zeiss RMK TOP 30	Zeiss RMK Top 30/23	RMK TOP 30	RMK TOP 30	Leica RC 30	Zeiss RMK TOP 30	Zeiss RMK TOP 30	ZEISS LMK 2000	ZEISS LMK 2000	ZEISS LMK 2000
Lens focal length	305,084 mm	Topar A3 Objektiv	305 mm	305 mm	303 mm	305,083 mm	305,083 mm	304 mm	304 mm	304 mm
Film type	Kodak Aerochrome III Infrared 1443	Kodak Aerochrome II Infrared 2443	Kodak Aerochrome IR 1443	Kodak Aerochrome IR 1443	Kodak Aerochrome Infrared II 2443	Kodak Aerochrome III IR 1443	Kodak Aerochrome III IR 1443	Kodak Aerochrome III Infrared 1443	Kodak Aerochrome III Infrared 1443	Kodak Aerochrome III Infrared 1443
Resolution	63 l/mm	63 l/mm	63 l/mm	63 l/mm	Ca 63 l/mm	63 l/mm	63 l/mm	Ca 63 l/mm	Ca 63 l/mm	Ca 63 l/mm
Scan Resolution	12,5 µm		12.5 µm	12.5 µm	14 µm	12,5 µm	12,5 µm	14 µm	14 µm	14 µm
Medium scale	1:11'000	1:16.000	1:13'000	1:13'000	1:10'000	1:13'000	1:13'000	1:10'000	1:10'000	1:10'000
Planned overlap in flight direction	65%	60%	62%	60%	75%	60%	60%	75%	75%	75%
Planned overlap across the flight direction	40%	40%	30%	30%	ca. 35%	20%	20%	ca. 35%	ca. 35%	ca. 35%
Planned flight area (ha)	47000	260000	13800	110000	aprox. 37000	aprox. 7900	aprox. 40'000	aprox. 200000	aprox. 27000	aprox 24350
ha	47000	260000	13800	110000	37000	8900	40000	200000	27000	24350
Date of the flight	16.07.2003	9.08.1998 – 12.08.1998	18.09.2004	18.09.2004 3.7.2005 15.09.2005	24.08.2000	05.08.2005	05.08.2005	15. August 2004, 08. August 2005, 09. August 2005	11.08.2003	01.08.2003
Number of images	436	920	120		760	48	276	897, 608, 792	378	305
Flight company	Terra Bildmessflug GmbH & Co, Marbach	Hansa Luftbild, Münster: Photogrammetrie GmbH, München	TERRA – Bildmessflug GmbH & CO	TERRA – Bildmessflug GmbH & CO	L+T, Flugdienst / KSL	TERRA – Bildmessflug GmbH & CO	TERRA – Bildmessflug GmbH & CO	AEROSCAN sarl	AEROSCAN sarl	AEROSCAN sarl
Ortho image area (ha)	47000	260 000 RGB	13700	35500	aprox. 36400	aprox. 7900	aprox. 40'000	aprox. 36 600	aprox. 27 000	aprox. 24350
Pixel ground resolution	20 cm	50 cm	15 cm	15 cm	20 cm	15 cm	15 cm	15 cm	15 cm	15 cm

Added values



The birds eye look



Conclusions

- The use of a well established technique seemed to be the best way to avoid surprises and delays.
- A timely delivery of a the required quality remains the critical point
 - The dependency on climatic factors (weather, snow) remains high.
 - The possible timespan for flights is very short
- The number of companies with experiences and a well established quality management is small
- Nevertheless, aerial image flights have the advantage to be adjustable

Conclusions

- The improvement of the communication after 1 year of experience was a key to success finally
 - Better information for flight company
 - Better understanding of restrictions and limits of the flight by the park managers
 - Better instruction of local people for control point setting
- Knowledge transfer is depending on the willingness of both sides and requires available human resources on the PP side.

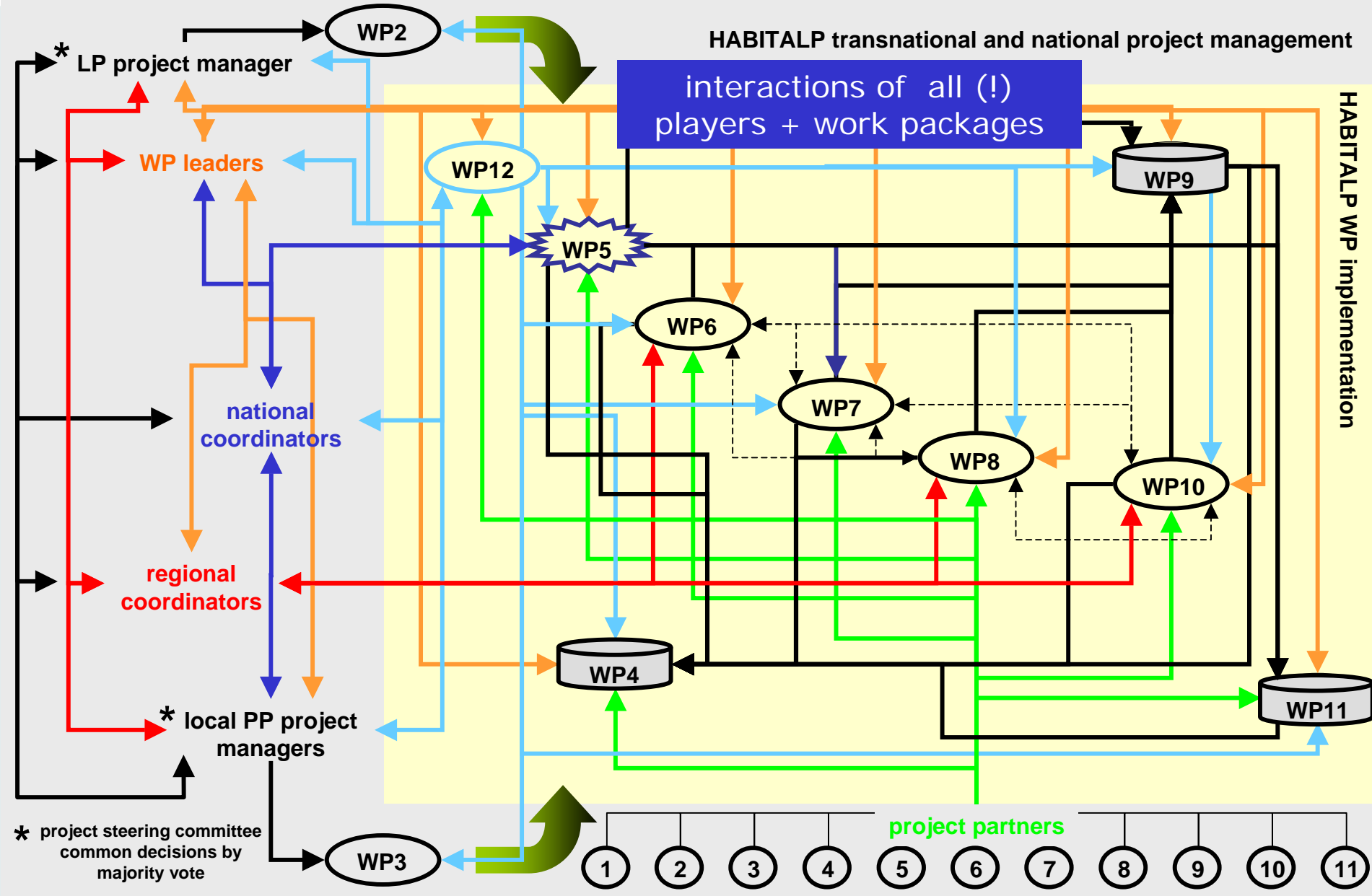
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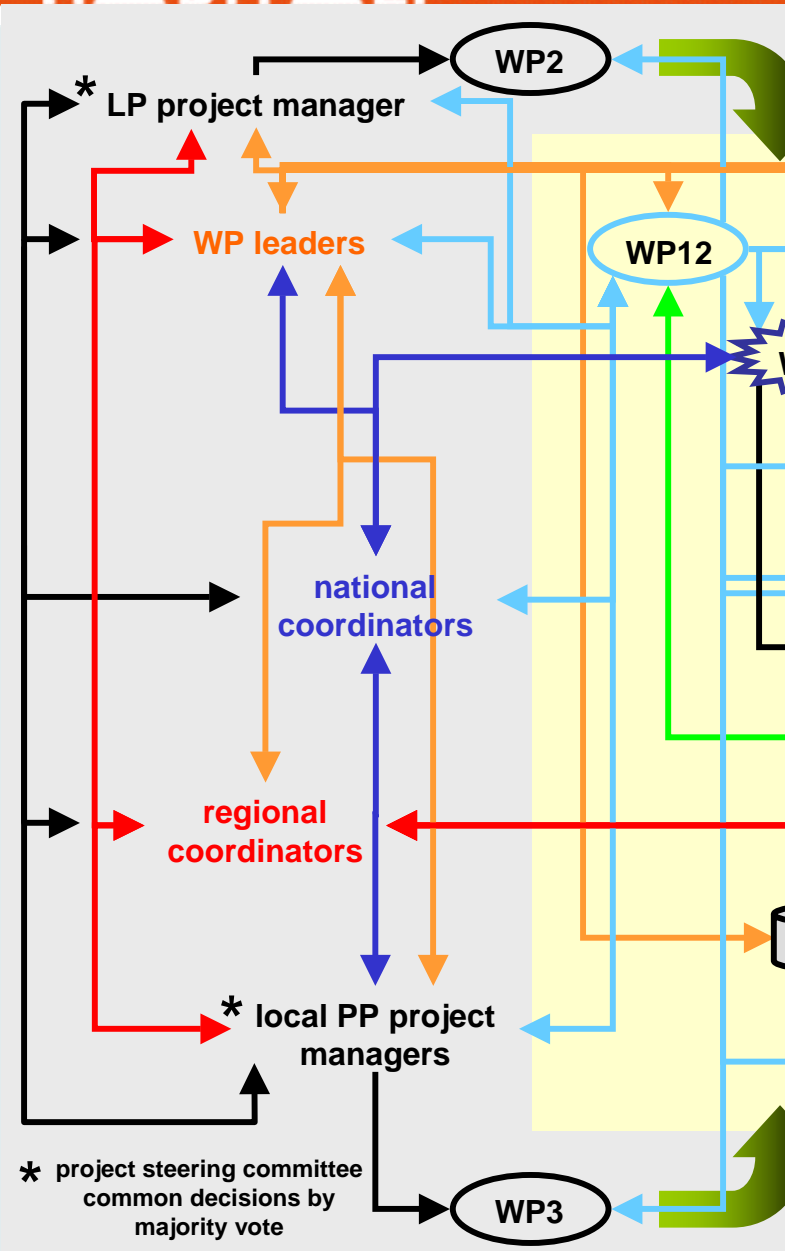
- The network is established within the Réseau Alpin: New flights could be arranged easier.
- New technologies have to be carefully evaluated in terms of the long term goal of a landscape monitoring: **the detection of changes.**
 - Comparability with older images have to be guaranteed
 - High resolution needed due to slow spatial processes of change
 - The fully operational production and following usage of the images/data has to be guaranteed to avoid technical oriented methodological approaches instead of ecological objectives.

HABITALP transnational and national project management

interactions of all (!) players + work packages

HABITALP WP implementation





Thank you very much for your attention!



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