



Integrating Multispectral Satellite Imagery for Monitoring Land Use and Land Cover Changes in Gatumba Mining Landscape, Rwanda

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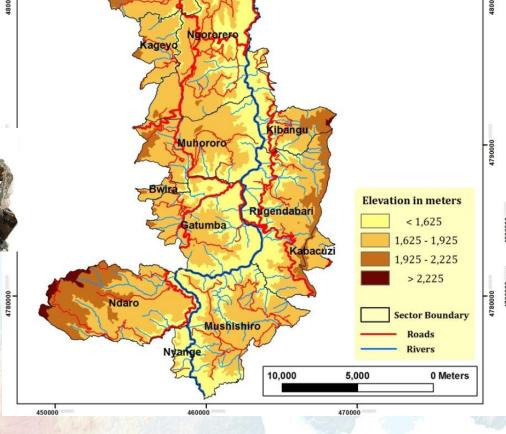




### **Study area**

Location of the study area. It covers 31,243 Hectares

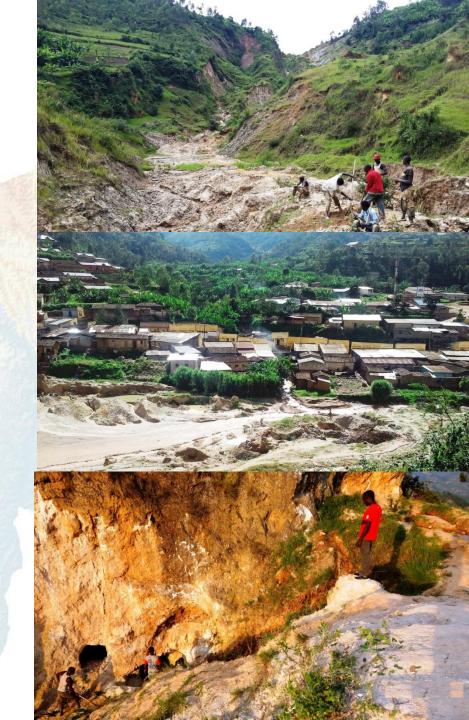




- Area characterised by extensive opencast mining.
- Gatumba region is rich in mineral resources such as coltan, cassiterite, wolfram and gemstones.

### Background and Research problem

- Mining activities in Gatumba region are still inadequately developed and the surrounding environment suffers from artisanal and small scale mining practices.
- Lack of proper environmental protection regulations.
- Soil erosion, barren waste rock dumps, and polluted rivers.



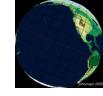
### 2. Research Objectives

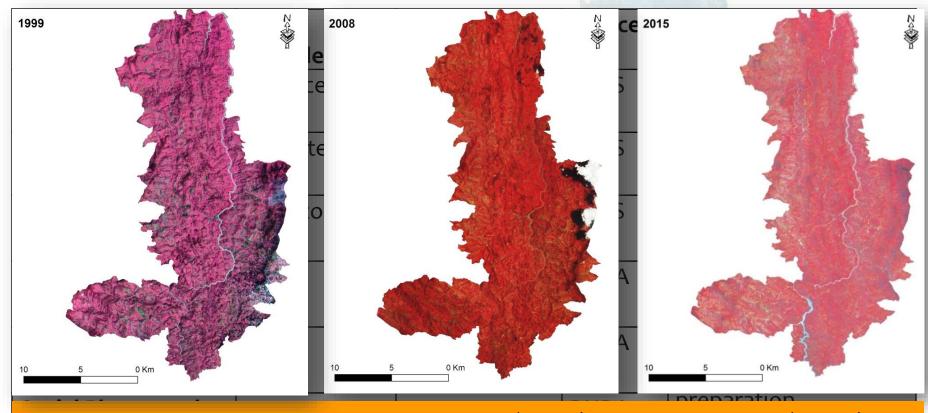
The main objective of this study was to analyse the spatiotemporal pattern of land use/land cover changes by determining the main driving forces behind Gatumba landscape deterioration over the period of 1999 to 2015 using multi-temporal Landsat data and to assess the associated environmental impact using qualitative instruments.

#### The specific research objectives are:

- To analyze the spatial temporal land use/ land cover change induced by mining activities in Gatumba region from 1999 until 2015,
- To determine the driving forces of mining activities and associated land use/ land cover changes in Gatumba region during the period of 1999 until 2015,
- To evaluate environmental impacts of mining activities in Gatumba region.

### 3. Data collected: Remote sensing data

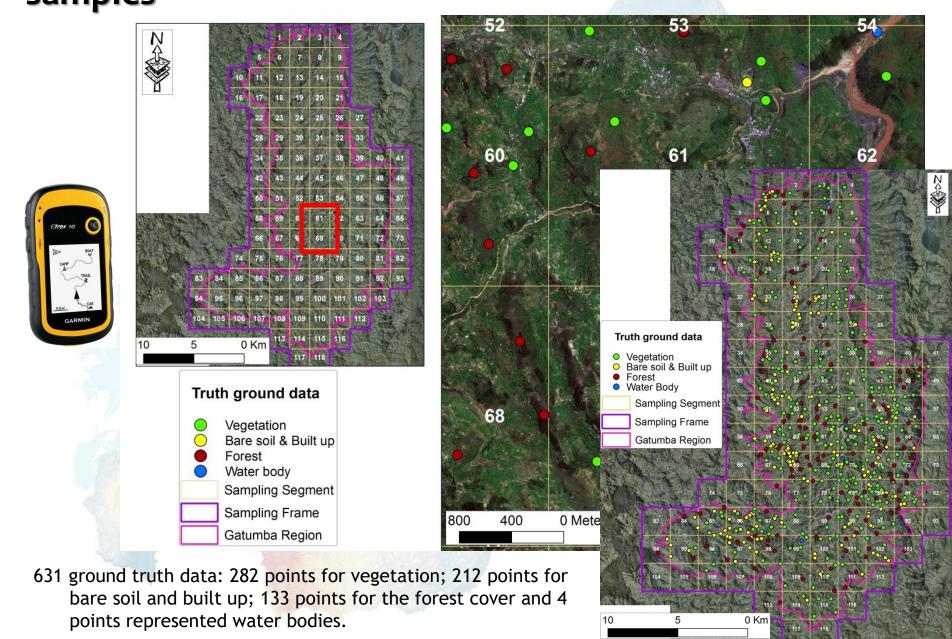


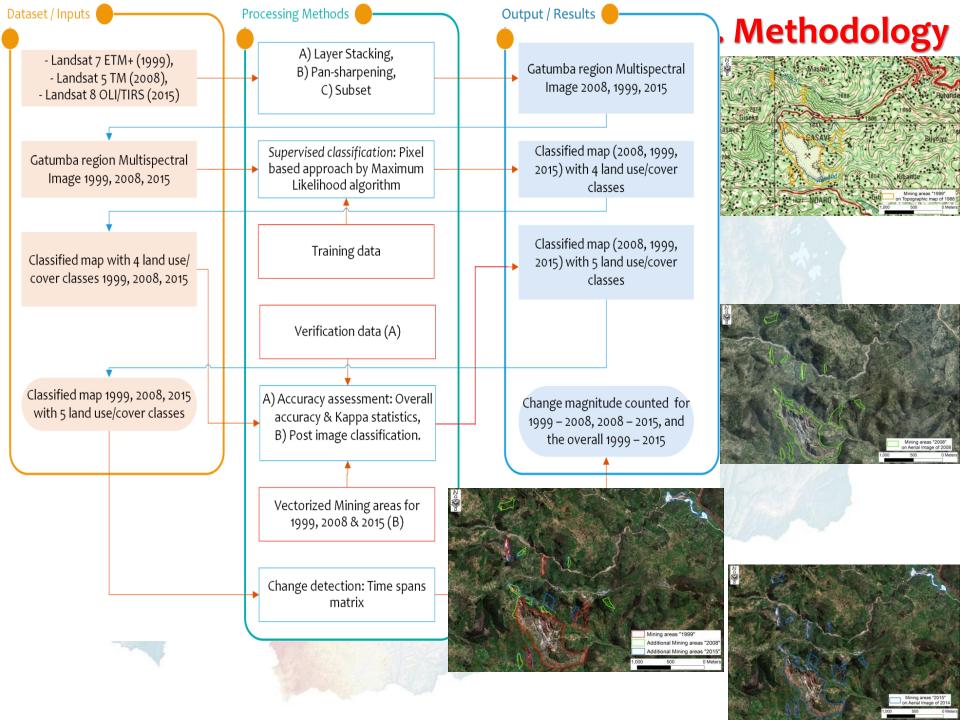


False color composite 432: Landsat TM (1999), Landsat ETM+ (2008) and Landsat OLI (2015) images of Gatumba region.

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Mineral map	1982	1/250,000	RNRA	

# 3. Data collected: truth ground data and training samples



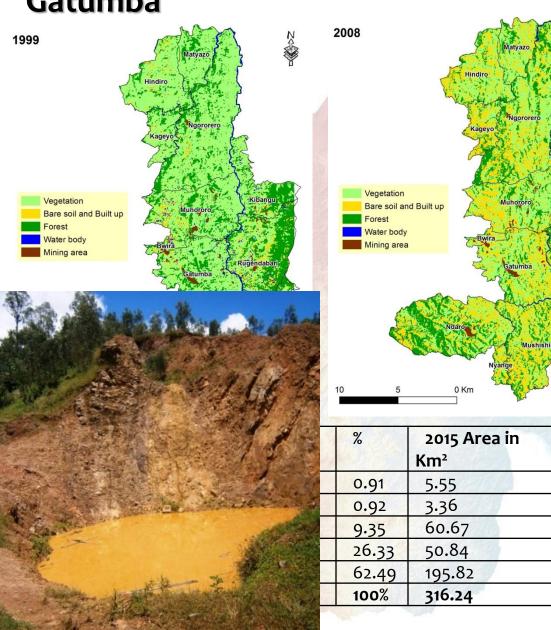


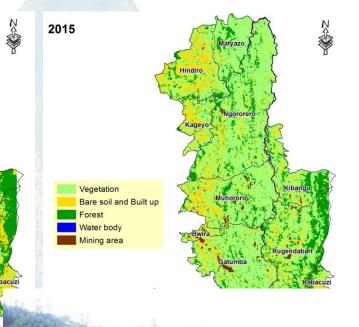
### 3. Data collected: Questionnaire administration

- The field observation and questionnaire survey helped to investigate the driving forces of mining activities and the associated environmental impacts.
- Key informants interview facilitated by a Questionnaire:
  - → Local leaders at the level of Sector and severally Cell,
  - → Elderly people in the area,
  - → Working/actual miners,
  - → High level managers and miners who used to work in Gatumba region before 2015.

4. Results (1): Trends and pattern of land use/cover in



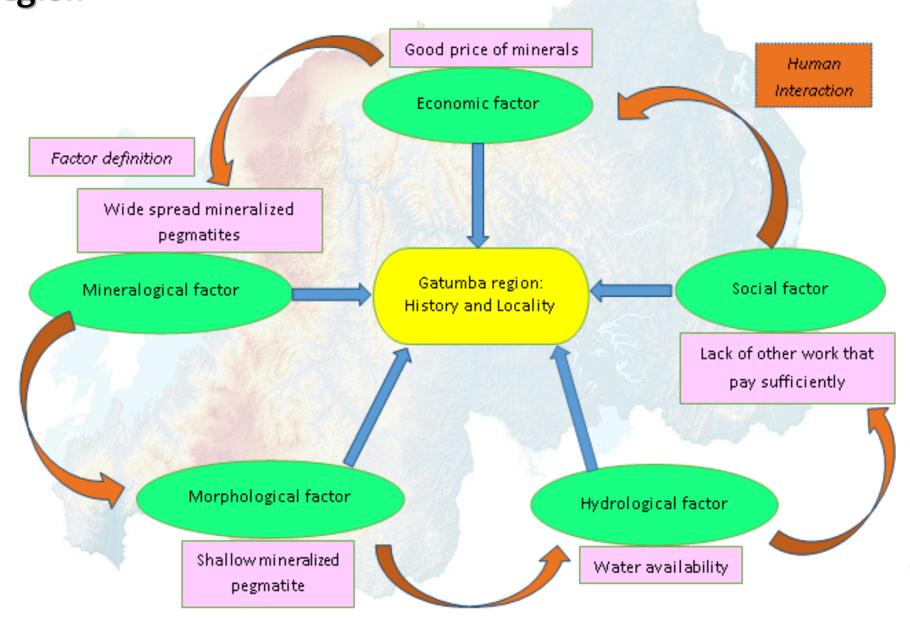






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4. Results (2): Driving forces of mining activities in Gatumba region



### 4. Results (3): Environmental impacts of mining activities at Gatumba







## 4. Results (4): Implications of future mining activities on environment at Gatumba mining landscape

- Already the current environment is damaged primary due to mining activities,
- If no proper and serious measures taken and by which will be monitored to be implemented, the nature will turn in chaotic,
- Rivers will continue to be deviated, polluted more to cause diseases, inundations and soil erosion,
- The magnitude of deforestation will increase to induce crops damages and soil erosion accompanied by landslides.

#### 5. Conclusion

- The study highlighted explore the use of hybrid remote sensing based classification methods strengths to monitor mining landscape degradation.
- \* Results revealed the main driving factors of mining activities, in turn, will form the basis of policy options/ decisions for mining sector.
- The study results also can be taken as validation tool for locating mining sites and environmental protection and policies formulation.



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