

Update information Version 1

The following describes the differences between the Beta Version (Methodology described in EUR report) and Version 1.

1. Areas North of 75 degrees have been mapped using MODIS data (up to 80 degrees), and areas between 80 and 90 degrees have been mapped using AVHRR data.
2. A number of Islands (South Georgia, Malta, Barbados, St. Vincent, Santa Lucia, Martinique, further Solomon Islands, Aleutian Islands, Kerguelen Island) have been mapped.
3. The area in the Middle East (see EUR Report page 8/9) has been entirely re-mapped due to insufficient quality of this part.

The classification of the areas described above was based on ISO clustering of different cloud free mosaics (Spot4 Vegetation, MODIS and AVHRR). The labelling of the clusters was based on a number of reference maps and recent LANDSAT Thematic Mapper data.