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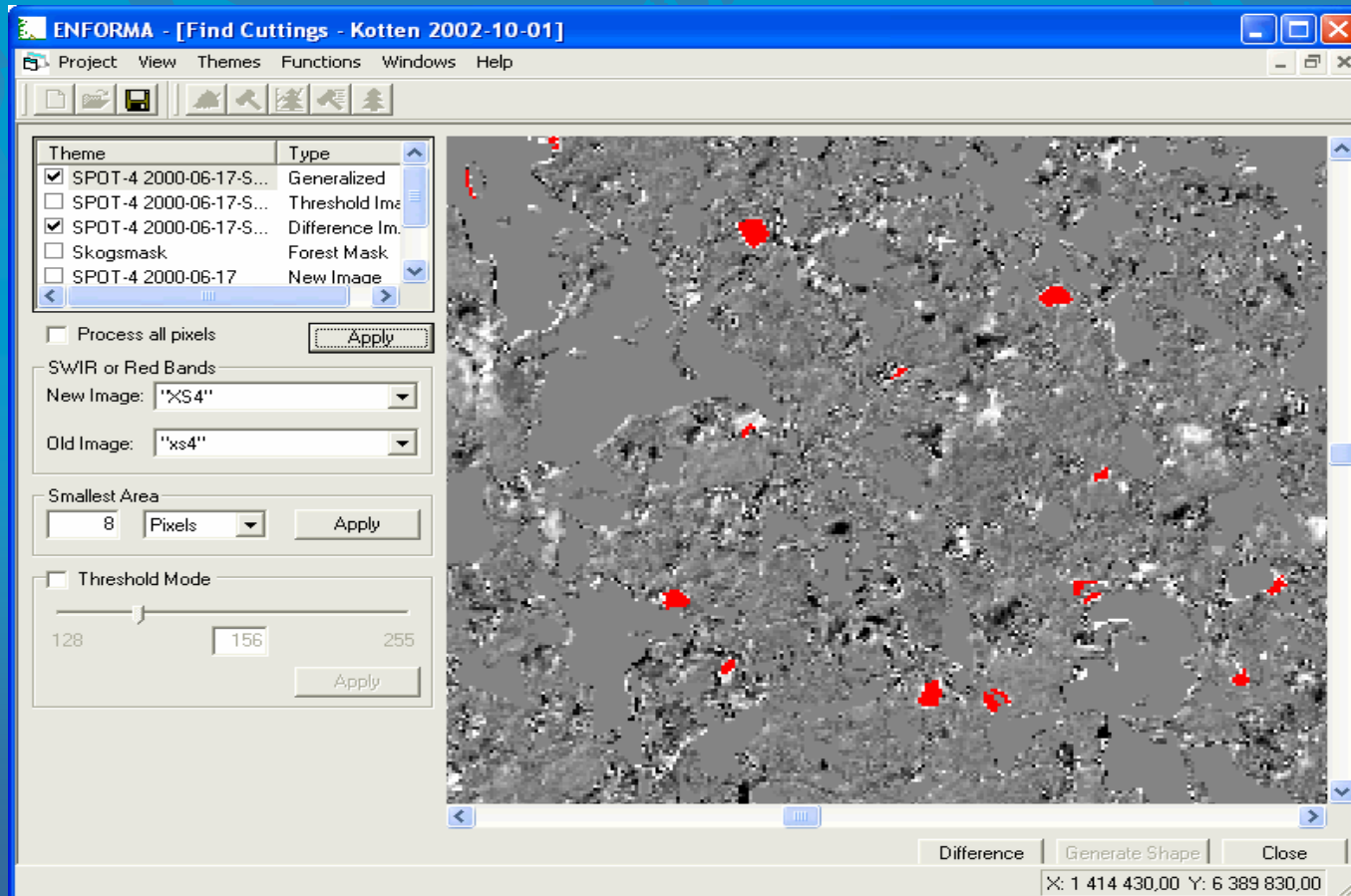
- most forest land managed for wood supply,
- clearfelling after ≈ 100 years.
- stand size $\approx 1 - 10$ ha "many pixels per stand" needed.



-The Swedish Forest Administration is yearly detecting and delineating all clearfelled areas using Landsat TM or SPOT data

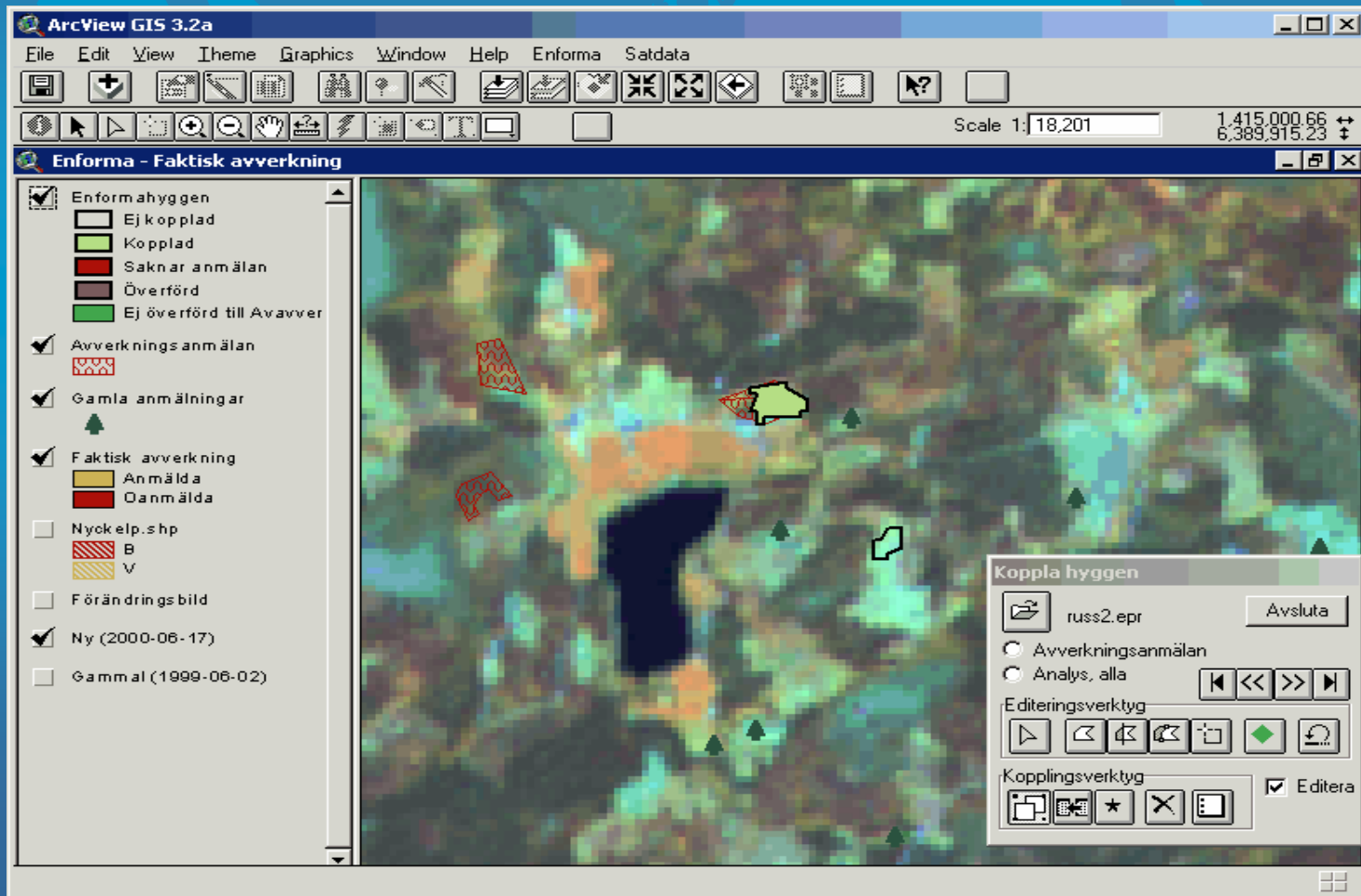
ENFORMA

- stand alone PC software developed by Metria, Stockholm
- change image computed under forest mask
- interactive thresholding, filtering and vectorisation

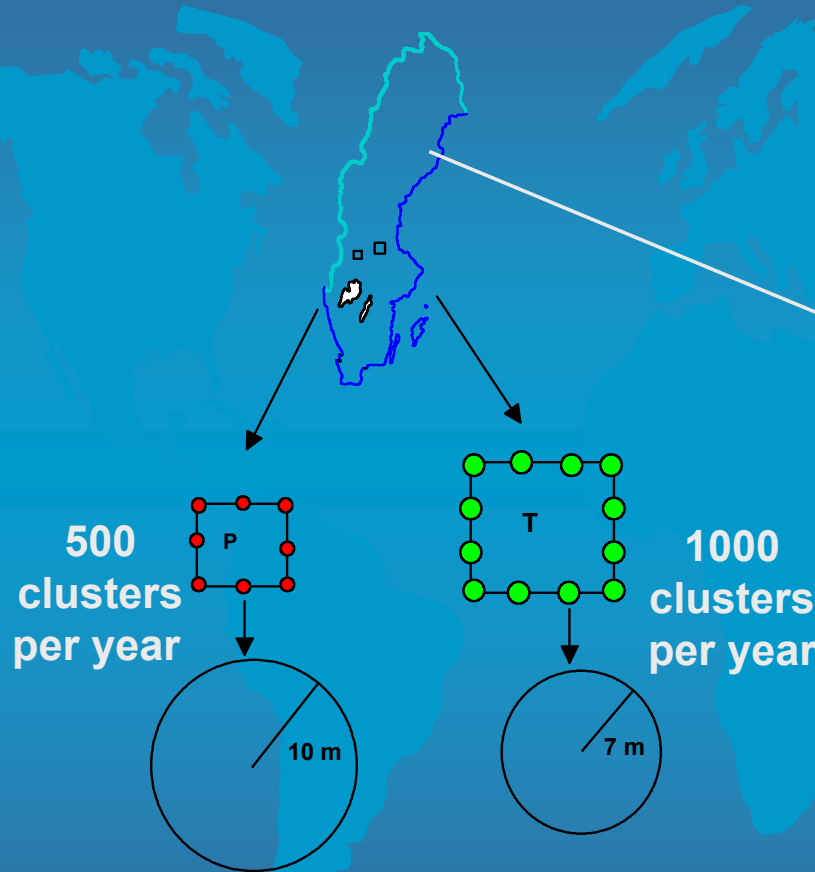


ENFORMA-extension

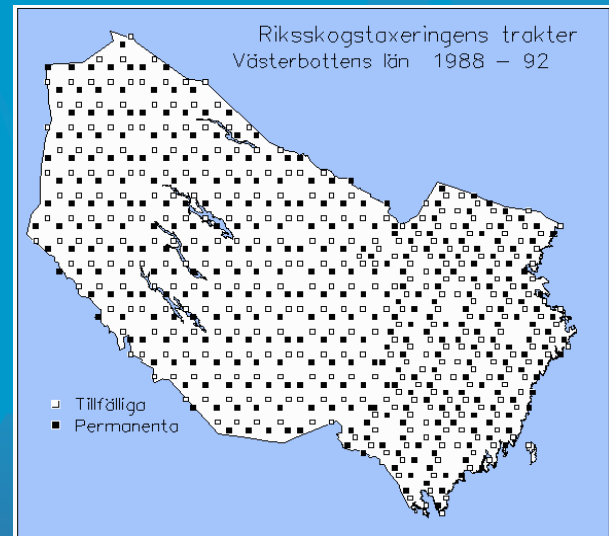
- ArcView extension developed by Swedish Forest Admin (SVO)
- editing and comparing with land owner cutting permits are made nationwide at local level for 50 000 clear fellings yearly.



Swedish National Forest Inventory (NFI)



The plots have GPS positions and about 200 field assessed forest variables



This field sample plot based inventory carried out by SLU will most likely be the basis for the operational Swedish Kyoto reporting



Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
Staff: 3000

Department of Forest Resource Management and Geomatics
Staff: 80 persons + 50 field surveyors

Forest
management
planning

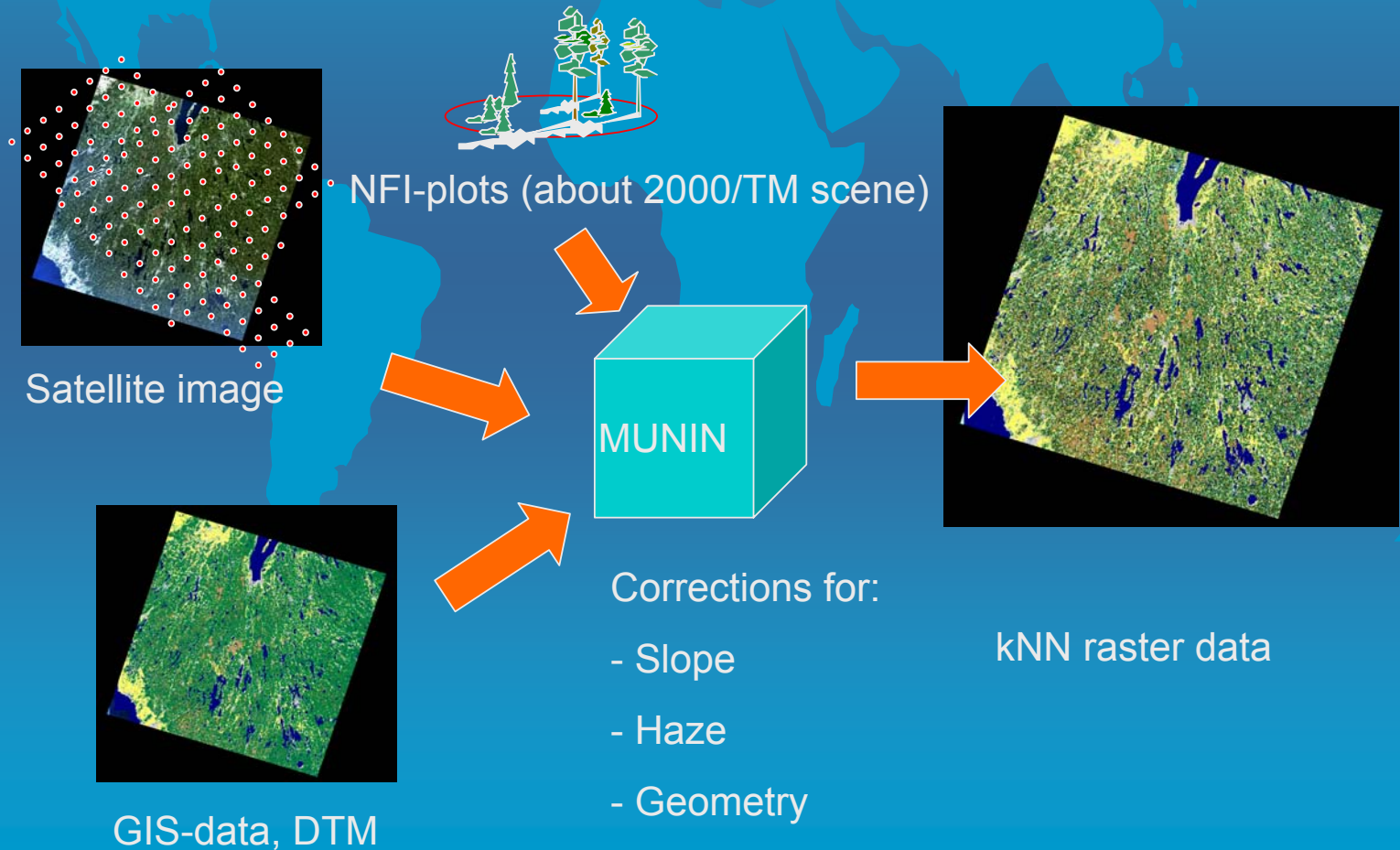
Forest
Resource
Analysis

National
Forest
Inventory

Remote
Sensing
Laboratory
Staff: 20

kNN-nationwide pixelwise imputation of spectrally close field plots, using Landsat ETM+

Automated Forest Mapping at SLU, using National Forest Inventory Plots, Satellite imagery and GIS-data



Operational Kyoto reporting of LULUCF some current thoughts in Sweden

Total and change of carbon in managed forest:

- Use NFI plots only,
- or NFI plots and post stratification with kNN segments

Afforestation and reforestation

- Use NFI plots only (about 24 000 permanent plots/3 years)
- New forest only certainly detected with RS after about 10 years

Kyoto reporting of LULUCF in Sweden, cont.

Deforestation, 3 alternatives:

- 1) Use permanent NFI plots only, (24 000 for a 3 year period)
- 2) Post-stratify change estimate from permanent NFI-plots with remote sensing change product (project just starting)
- 3) - Use satellite data and the ENFORMA system, to find all changes in forest for a sample of map sheet.
 - Visit suspected deforestation patches in field to determine type of change.
 - Obtain carbon stock before change from kNN data

Verification

A possibility to use the products accros nation borders ?

Title: Deforestation reporting in a sampling context

(current working title, tentative)

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Agreement status: Early discussion, needs to be more firm March 2004

Preferred agreement type (individual/institutional): Individual

• Project objective(s):

- In co-operation with other products assess suitable methods for detection and delineation of clearfellings in boreal forest (choice of PALSAR product, geometry issues, season etc).
- Evaluate the detection and delineation accuracy obtained with the change product, for the use of the Swedish Forestry Administration.
- Define how PALSAR change products could be used for operational Kyoto reporting in a **post-stratification framework together with permanent sample plots**
- Define how PALSAR change products could be used for operational Kyoto reporting in a **pre-stratification framework where type of change is assessed in field.**

Deforestation reporting in a sampling context

Prototype Area 1: County of Västerbotten, Sweden (Boreal forest, large patches)

Corresponding observation plan polygon(s):

No. PALSAR paths/coverage: ~12

PALSAR request (Year 1-3): ~48 passes (full coverage 1 summer and 1 winter for 2 years)

Input data (EORC products): PALSAR, TBD (the spatial resolution is critical)

Ancillary data requests: TBD

Prototype Area 2: County of Västra Götaland, Sweden (Hemi-boreal forest, small patches)

Corresponding observation plan polygon(s):

No. PALSAR paths/coverage: ~7 passes

PALSAR request (Year 1-3): ~28 passes (full coverage 1 summer and 1 winter for 2 years)

Input data (EORC products): PALSAR, TBD (the spatial resolution is critical)

Ancillary data requests: TBD

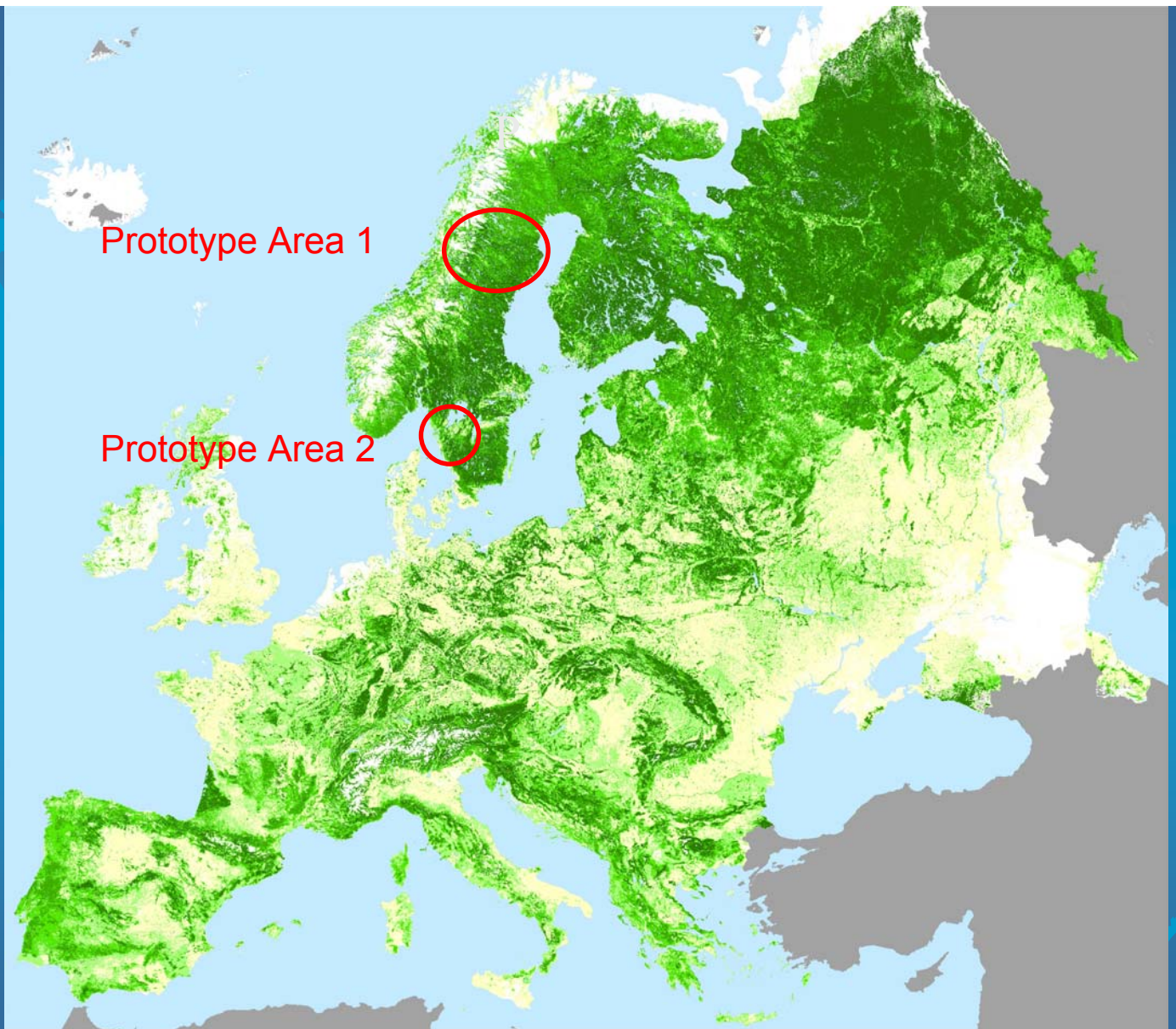
Deforestation reporting in a sampling context

K&C Product Deliverables (before end of Year 3):

- Evaluation of forest change maps over prototype areas
- Framework for using PALSAR change products for poststratification of changes assessed at permanent sample plots
- Framework for using PALSAR change products in a prestratification where the reasons for change of a patch is assessed in field

Prospects for Years 4-6 (assuming agreement extension)

- Example of how a PALSAR change product could be integrated in annual national reporting of deforestation
- Example of use of PALSAR change product for the operational delineation and verifications of clear fellings made by the Swedish Forestry Administration



Prototype Area 1

Prototype Area 2

Project outline

2004: - Planning, proposal writing

2005: - Acquire first year PALSAR

- Investigate SAR methods and algorithms (CTH, SLU)
- Work with JERS (CTH, SLU)
- Work with statistical framework (SLU)

2006: - Acquire second year PALSAR

- Perform PALSAR change detection (CTH, SLU)
- Evaluate change detection (SLU, SVO)

2007: - Reserve year for image data acquisition

- Report about PALSAR feasibility (SLU, CTH, SVO)
- Go / No go decision for nationwide project from 2008

2008 and onwards: Possible nationwide project