Use of NASA Satellite Data to Improve Coastal Cypress Forest Management

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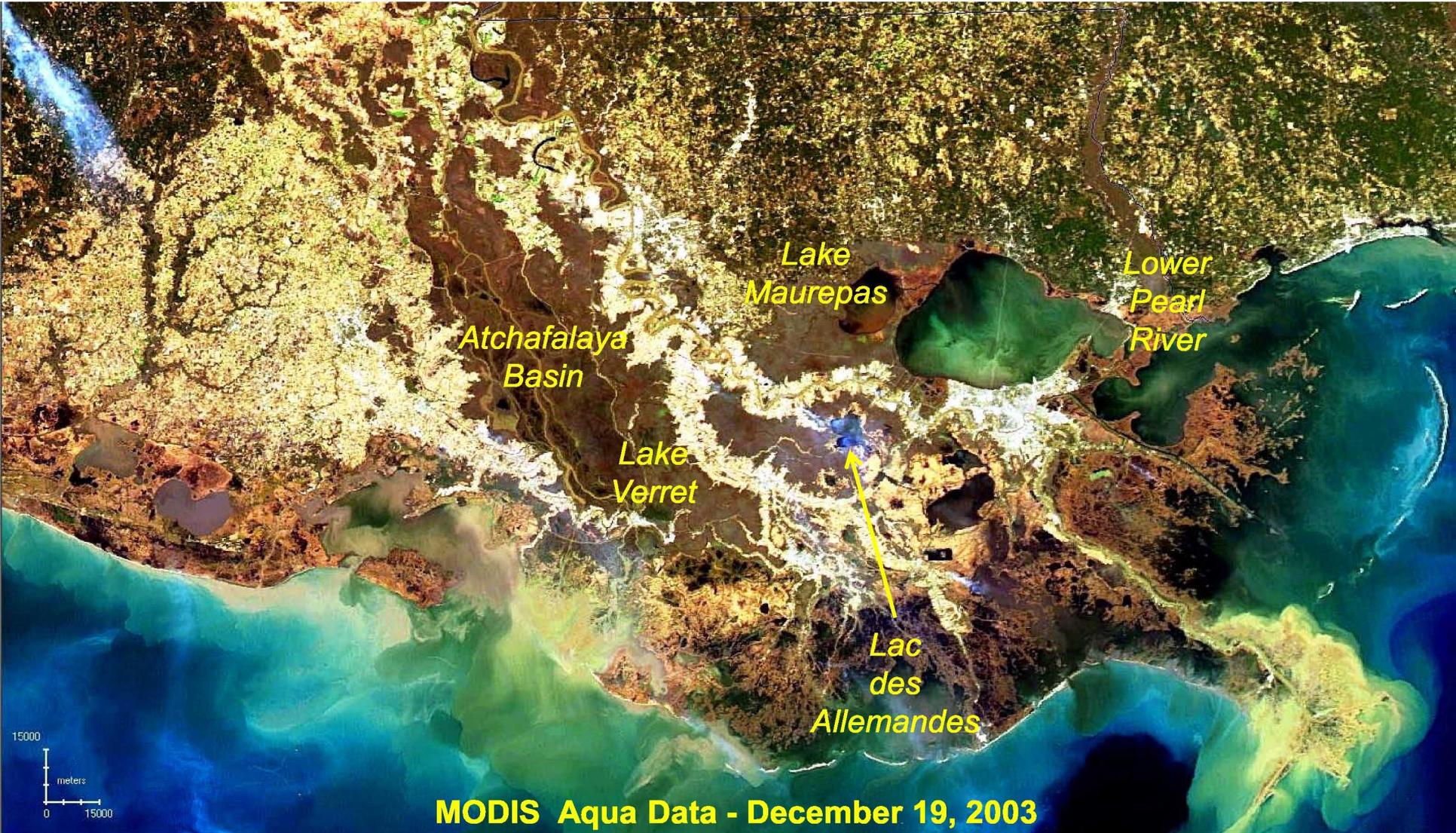
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- # Problem
  - ## Information gaps exist regarding health status and location of cypress forests in coastal Louisiana (LA)
  - ## Such information is needed to aid coastal forest conservation and restoration programs

- # Approach to Issue Mitigation
  - ## Use NASA data to revise cypress forest cover type maps
    - Landsat and ASTER data
  - ## Use NASA data to identify and track cypress forest change
    - Landsat, ASTER, and MODIS data
  - ## Work with partners and end-users to transfer useful products and technology

Lake Maurepas

Lower Pearl River

Atchafalaya Basin

Lake Verret

Lac des Allemandes

15000

meters

0   15000

MODIS Aqua Data - December 19, 2003

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- LA Coastal Forest Conservation Initiative
- LA Coast-wide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)
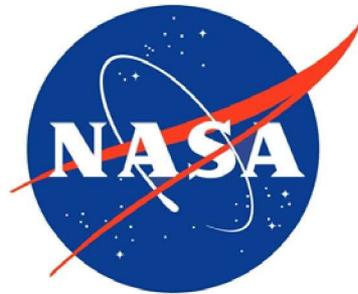- Northern Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Change and Hazard Susceptibility project

Project Partners and End-Users

- **Implementation Team**
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Wetland Research Center (NWRC) Coastal Restoration Field Office
  - LA Department of Natural Resources (LDNR)
  - University of Maine School of Forest Resources

- **End-Users**
  - LDNR
  - USGS NWRC
  - Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program
  - LA Department of Environmental Quality

  Contributed Letters of Support to Proposal

- **Other Potential End Users**
  - U.S. Mineral Management Service
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Forest Service
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Louisiana State University