

IRS data now available free of charge to scientific users

GAF AG provides worldwide high and medium resolution archive and fresh data through ESA's Third Party Mission scheme.

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ESA and GAF AG, the exclusive supplier in Europe of optical Indian remote sensing satellite (IRS) data from several missions, have entered into an agreement that makes the data from several Indian missions available to scientific users via ESA's Third Party Mission (TPM) scheme.

The agreement encompasses European as well as worldwide archive data from the IRS-1C, IRS-1D and Resourcesat-1 missions, as well as archive and fresh data from Resourcesat-2 and Cartosat-1.

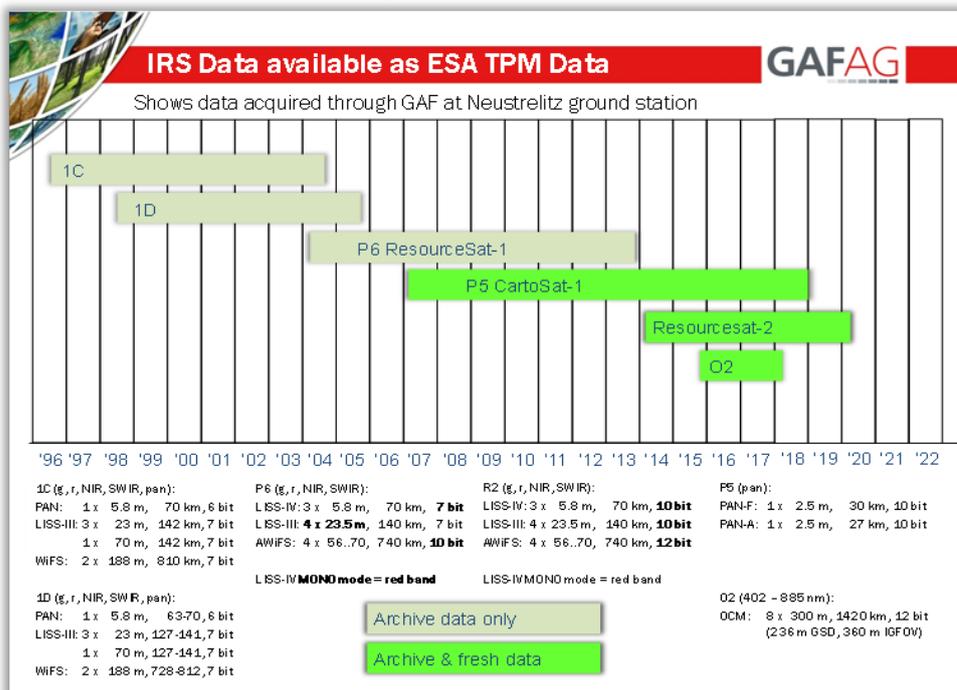
Interested scientists can submit project proposals, together with associated data requirements, to ESA. Depending on the scientific relevance of the proposal, ESA will grant the project a quota for IRS data products.

This allows access at no charge to high-resolution data from the PAN, LISS-IV Mono and LISS-III sensors as well as medium-resolution data from the WiFS and AWiFS sensors, from 1996 until today. Data can be obtained at different processing levels, including Euro-Maps 3D digital surface models (DSMs) with 5 m post spacing.

For more information, please visit <https://earth.esa.int/web/guest/pi-community/apply-for-data/3rd-party> or contact GAF's customer support via tpm@gaf.de.

As a result of an earlier agreement, Oceansat-2 ocean color monitor (OCM) data acquired at the Neustrelitz ground station is also available free of charge to all users worldwide via ESA's EOLI-SA or via the Lite Dissemination Server. See <http://earth.esa.int/web/guest/missions/3rd-party-missions/current-missions/oceansat-2>.

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About ESA / ESRIN: www.esa.int/About_Us/ESRIN

ESRIN, the ESA Centre for Earth Observation, is one of the five ESA specialised centres situated in Europe. Located in Frascati, a small town 20 km south of Rome in Italy, ESRIN was established in 1966 and first began acquiring data from environmental satellites in the 1970s. Since 2004, ESRIN has been the headquarters for ESA's Earth observation activities.

In addition to providing users with data from its own Earth observation satellites, ESA has for many years provided users with access to a number of non-ESA EO missions – so called Third Party Missions (TPM). ESA's TPM scheme has operated for more than 30 years, providing EO data to users in Europe and around the world, and currently includes over 40 instruments on more than 35 missions.

About GAF AG: www.gaf.de

GAF is a leading geo-information company with an international reputation as a skilled provider of data, products and services in the fields of geo-information, spatial IT and consulting for private and public clients. As a result of a merger with its former subsidiary Euromap GmbH, GAF has become the exclusive supplier in Europe of optical Indian remote sensing data from several missions. The company's archives contain systematic coverage of Europe and northern Africa from 1996 and onwards, and include satellite raw data from the high and medium resolution IRS missions IRS 1C, IRS-1D, Resourcesat-1, Resourcesat-2 and Cartosat-1. GAF is also specialised in the production of orthoimage mosaics and digital elevation models from various high and very-high resolution satellite missions. The company is part of the Telespazio Group, which belongs to Leonardo and Thales, two major European technology firms.

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