Cartographic scale and minimum mapping unit influence in LULC Modelling

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What is the scale?



Source: Saura, S. (2002). Effects of minimum mapping unit on land cover data spatial configuration and composition. International Journal of Remote Sensing, 23(22), 4853-4880.

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2 Data Sets

SIOSE

CORINE



Continuous urban fabric Discontinuous urban fabric Industrial or commercial units Road infrastructure Port areas



Construction sites



Scrubland

Beaches

Bare rocks

Marine water

Natural grasslands

- Green urban areas
 Sport and leisure facilities
 Arable land
 Fruit trees
 Pastures
- Complex cultivation patterns
- Land principally occupied by agriculture

3 Study Area







From a description system to a classification System Uncertainty

Uncertainty

SIOSE \rightarrow CORINE clases

translation



CORINE L3 legend simplification







5 Results

Quantity and allocation disagreement



Pattern disagreement

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Continuous urban fabric	44	13	10.7344	3.3967	95.0723	71.0631
Discontinuous urban fabric	79	88	11.9334	16.5856	93.7738	80.4932
Industrial or commercial units	81	42	14.9641	8.1407	95.7527	79.9843
Infrastructures	15	4	14.5344	32.3644	96.4041	92.4082
Mineral extraction sites	35	5	1.9123	3.537	90.3935	72.052
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6 Main Findings

- Input maps play an essential role in the model results. In consequence, it is very important to know their uncertainty and accuracy
- The finer the scale of the model, the bigger the quantity of changes to be simulated and the more complex the model
- The modeller has to find a balance between data detail and model complexity
- The bigger the diference between the Minimum Mapping Unit and the spatial resolution, the bigger the cotrast between input maps pattern and scenarios pattern

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- Validation problem: the model allocates every pixel that change whereas input maps only allocate those pixels that meet the MMU rule
- The flexibility to vary the modelled pattern depend on the scale of the input maps

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