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Landscape fragmentation Effective Mesh Density 2018: major and medium anthropogenic fragmenting elements (FGA2-S), Dec. 2021

This dataset is the new version of the Effective Mesh Density (seff) 2018 dataset with improved input data, for the year 2018. This new dataset uses the 2018 10m Copernicus Imperviousness Density and the TomTom TeleAtlas datasets as fragmenting geometries.

The Effective Mesh Density (seff) is a measure of the degree to which movement between different parts of the landscape is interrupted by a Fragmentation Geometry (FG). FGs are defined as the presence of impervious surfaces and traffic infrastructure, including medium sized roads. The more FGs fragment the landscape, the higher the effective mesh density hence the higher the fragmentation. The geographic coverage of the dataset is EEA39.

An important consequence of landscape fragmentation is the increased isolation of ecosystem patches that breaks the structural connections and decreases resilience and ability of habitats to provide various ecosystem services. Fragmentation also influences human communities, agriculture, recreation and overall quality of life. Monitoring how fragmentation decreases landscape quality and changes the visual perception of landscapes provides information for policy measures that aim at improving ecosystem condition and restoration as well as maintaining the attractiveness of landscapes for recreational activities.

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Statement

The meff index expresses the probability that any two points chosen randomly in an area are connected; that is, not separated by barriers of a Fragmentation Geometry (FG) such as transport routes or built-up areas. Hence, meff is a measure of landscape connectivity, i.e. the degree to which movements between different parts of the landscape are possible. The larger the meff, the more connected the landscape.

The seff value is calculated based on the Effective Mesh Size (meff) index, such as seff=1000 km2/meff. Hence seff is the number of meshes per 1000 km2.

The 10m resolution Copernicus High Resolution Layer - Imperviousness degree (30% of IMD) is the source layer for the build-up area. The TomTom TeleAtlas road network database is the source of the transport infrastructure. The original TeleAtlas dataset is hosted at ESTAT and is not publicly available. Multinet: https://www.adci.com/tomtom/gis/).

The line vectors are buffered according to the road class they represent, resulting in a polygon layer. Buffering is also applied to prevent small topological inconsistencies (e.g. gaps) in data. Buffers applied to the various Tele Atlas classes:

Tele Atlas road class Buffer size [m] Buffer width [m]

motorways, freeways 15 30

	major roads less important than a motorway 10 20 other major roads 7,5 15 secondary roads 5 10 local connecting roads 2,5 5 railroads 2 4 Tunnels are excluded from the dataset. The maping computation steps are: 1) selection of no build-up areas from the HRL imperviousness layer (no build-up areas represent "landscape", fragmented by build-up) 2) selection of transport routes relevant to the fragmentation geometry 3) deleting of tunnels from the transport routes 4) creating of buffers around the transport routes. A buffer size is dependent on the route class 6) erasing of the buffered routes from the "landscape", fragmented by build-up (created as step 1 result) 7) computation of meff values for each reference units For a detailed methodology, please consult the "Landscape fragmentation in Europe" report http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/landscape-fragmentation-in-europe and https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/mobility-and-urbanisation-pressure-on-ecosystems/assessment and https://forum.eionet.europa.eu/etc-urban-land-and-soil-systems/library/c1.-action-plan-2019/1.8.2.3-re-analysis-landscape-fragmentation-time-series/eea-core-set-indicator-landscape-fragmentation-pressure-urban-and-transport/index_html
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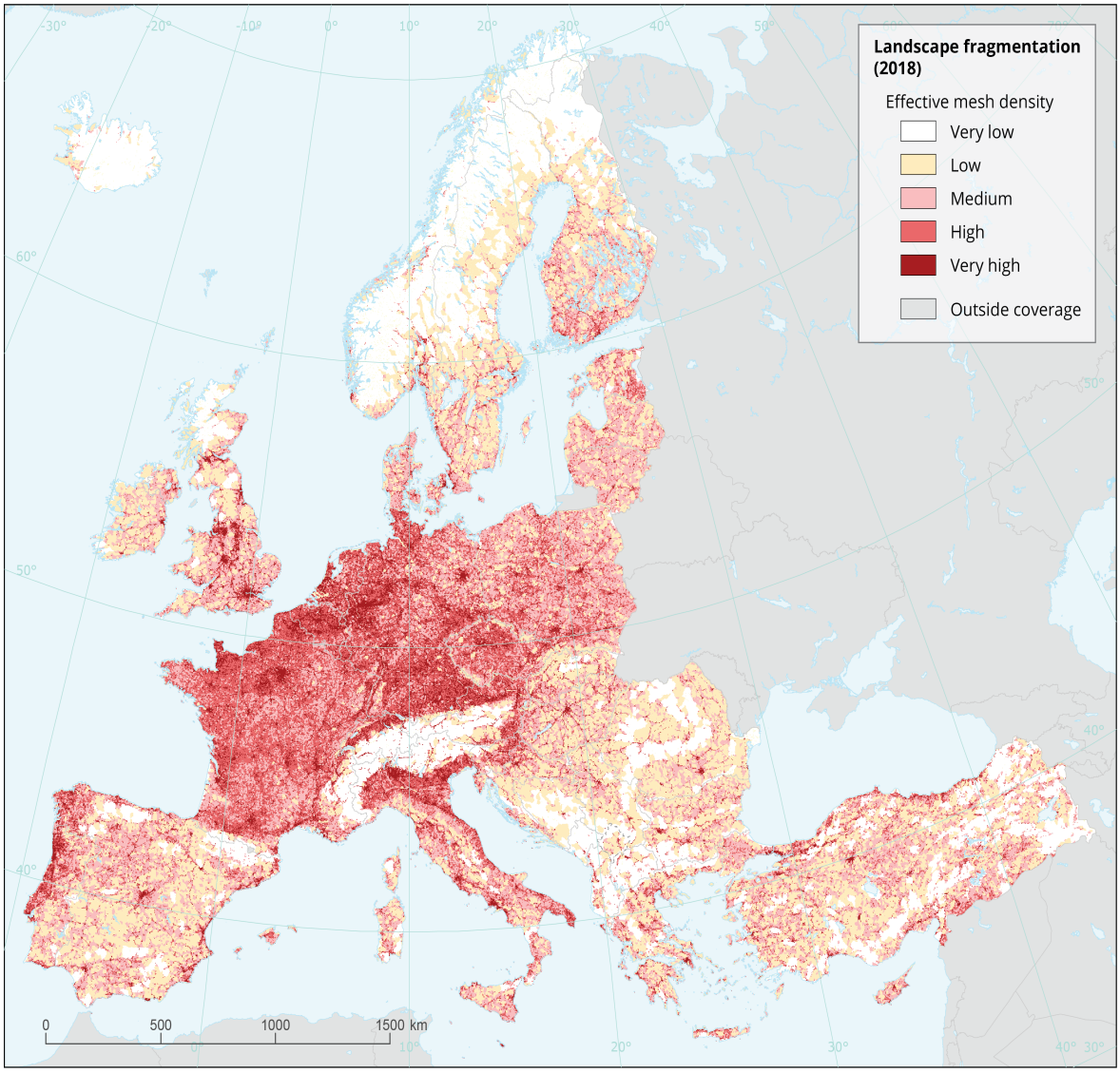

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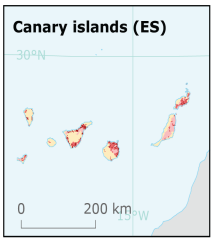

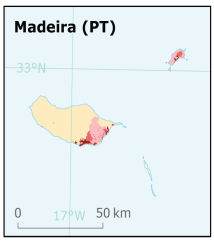

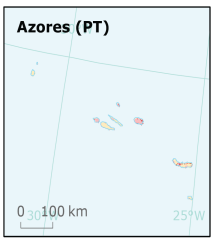

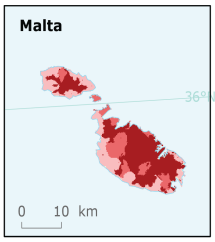

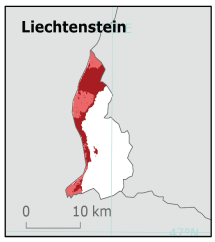

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