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Mapping bauxite mining residues using remote sensing techniques

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Bauxite residuals from abandoned mining sites are both an environmental challenge and possible source of secondary raw materials. Processing of multispectral and hyperspectral images with the best available techniques can help to produce multiscale spatial maps of elements inside and around the mining sites. Authors propose a procedure for mapping elements concentration using multiple data sets at different scale and resolution. A comparison between multispectral Sentinel-2 images and hyperspectral PRISMA processing is performed over some case studies of bauxite residues in Mediterranean area. Specifically, a case study from Italy is composed by artificial canyons created by past artisanal mining activities and by stockpiles of extracted bauxite. Hyperspectral punctual measurements (Spectroradiometer surveys) were taken in various zones of the bauxite site, where also in-field topsoil samples were taken for X-Ray fluorescence chemical analysis. A final concentration maps was estimated by performing geostatistical techniques.