

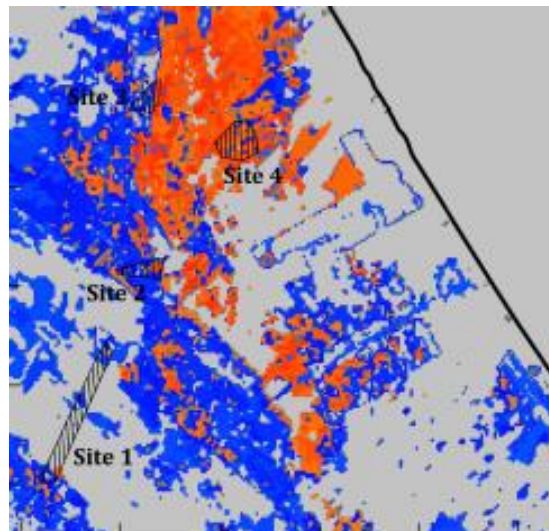


Remote Sensing Applications in Geoscience

Remote sensing for geoscience is remotely monitoring the environment and acquiring data non-intrusively for geological sciences. The field of work is explored by remote sensing researchers as a separate discrete science whereas it is a complementary method to field observation because it allows mapping of geological characteristics of regions without the need of physical contact with the survey region. In geoscience, remote sensing could be used to identify minerals and rocks, soil texture and moisture content, study inaccessible areas, etc. Besides that, the data analysis is primarily performed either with the use of image processing or with the integration with Geo Information Systems (GIS). We focus on application of remote sensing to identify minerals and percentage of availability of those. The team develops methods and algorithms which combine land cover mapping and mineral mapping to achieve the task at hand. Moreover, the analyses of the remotely sensed data are performed using signal and image processing theories and techniques

Key results :

- Detection of Ilmenite in Pulmudai, Sri Lanka and computation of mineral presence likelihood.
- Lithological map generation for Limestone in Jaffna, Sri Lanka using single-target detection method.



Beneficiaries :

- Scholars/ researches working on mineral and lithological mapping using satellite images
- Geological surveyors performing field surveys for lithological mapping

Outcomes :

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