



1 **HR-GLDD: A globally distributed dataset using generalized DL for rapid landslide**
2 **mapping on HR satellite imagery**

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13 **Abstract:**

14 Multiple landslide events occur often across the world which have the potential to cause
15 significant harm to both human life and property. Although a substantial amount of
16 research has been conducted to address mapping of landslides using Earth Observation
17 (EO) data, several gaps and uncertainties remain when developing models to be
18 operational at the global scale. To address this issue, we present the HR-GLDD, a high
19 resolution (HR) dataset for landslide mapping composed of landslide instances from ten
20 different physiographical regions globally: South and South-East Asia, East Asia, South
21 America, and Central America. The dataset contains five rainfall triggered and five
22 earthquake-triggered multiple landslide events that occurred in varying geomorphological
23 and topographical regions. HR-GLDD is one of the first dataset for landslide detection
24 generated by high resolution satellite imagery which can be useful for applications in
25 artificial intelligence for landslide segmentation and detection studies. Five state of the art
26 deep learning models were used to test the transferability and robustness of the HR-
27 GLDD. Moreover, two recent landslide events were used for testing the performance and
28 usability of the dataset to comment on the detection of newly occurring significant landslide
29 events. The deep learning models showed similar results for testing the HR-GLDD in
30 individual test sites thereby indicating the robustness of the dataset for such purposes.
31 The HR-GLDD can be accessed open access and it has the potential to calibrate and
32 develop models to produce reliable inventories using high resolution satellite imagery after
33 the occurrence of new significant landslide events. The HR-GLDD will be updated regularly
34 by integrating data from new landslide events.

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36 1. Introduction

37 With the increasing impacts of climate change, increased urbanization, and anthropogenic
38 pressure in recent years, the risk from hazards to population, infrastructure, and essential life
39 services has exacerbated. Landslides are quite ubiquitous and account for approximately
40 4.9% of all the natural disasters and 1.3% of the fatalities in the world (EM-DAT, 2018).
41 Induced by natural (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, meteorological events) and
42 anthropogenic triggers (slope modifications, mining, landscape engineering), the increase in
43 the stress of slope materials causes landslides, which can harm numerous elements at risk.
44 Landslides occur heterogeneously in many parts of the world including the Central and South
45 Americas, the Caribbean islands, Asia, Turkey, European Alps, and East Africa (Froude &
46 Petley, 2018). In the past 15 years, we have seen a high number of events that have
47 inadvertently led to the failure of thousands of slopes and causing damage to essential linear
48 infrastructures and population. Some recent examples are Wenchuan, China (2008),



49 Kedarnath, India (2013), Kaikoura, New Zealand (2016), Jiuzhaigou, China (2017), Dominica
50 (2017), Pongera, Papua New Guinea (2018), Hokkaido, Japan (2018), Belluno, Italy (2018),
51 Haiti (2021), Sumatra, Indonesia (2022).

52 These examples indicate that landslide occurrences will probably continue to increase in the
53 short and medium term; therefore, an effective capability of rapid mapping is required to map
54 future event-based landslides and reduce expected losses. In recent years, state-of-the-art
55 research has been conducted to better understand the impact of natural hazards such as
56 landslides and the cascading effects on the elements-at-risk. A critical understanding of these
57 complex processes begins with the onset of mapping slope failures. This information about
58 the failed slopes is attributed as records and is documented in a “landslide inventory”.
59 Landslide inventories include information on the spatial location and extent of the landslides
60 and, if available, also crucial information about 1) the time of occurrence, 2) the triggering
61 event that led slopes to fail, 3) the typology of the landslides based on the accepted standard
62 classifications like (Cruden & Varnes, 1996) and (Hung et al., 2014), and 4) the volume of the
63 failure. However, regarding rapid mapping of recently occurred landslides, information about
64 the spatial location, distribution, and intersection with affected elements-at-risk are important.

65 When it comes to detecting and mapping landslides over remotely sensed images, it is safe
66 to say that a lot of the current literature in the past couple of years has devised and spent time
67 employing artificial intelligence (AI) models to map landslides automatically, arguably, with
68 good results. These AI models can classify remote sensing images to denote where the
69 landslides are present in the analysed images. However, the core prerequisite for employing
70 AI models is a reliable dataset to be used for training. Recent studies have only focused on
71 mapping landslides with AI but at scales that are small or regional while also claiming that the
72 proposed models can cater towards rapid mapping of landslides at any given time, location
73 and scale (Liu et al., 2022; Meena et al., 2022a; Nava, Bhuyan, et al., 2022; Nava, Monserrat,
74 et al., 2022; Soares et al., 2022a; Tang et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2022; Yang & Xu, 2022).
75 However, seldom has been the case where truly an approach has been taken to map
76 landslides outside the regions where the models are initially trained on, and also towards
77 actually applying the proposed models in capturing and mapping event-based landslides that
78 has recently occurred. Some recent works at collectively detecting and mapping landslides of
79 different countries have been attempted by (Prakash et al., 2021) and (Ghorbanzadeh et al.,
80 2022), which showcases the power of employing AI at mapping landslides. However, the core
81 of these studies also heavily relies on the availability of quantity and quality data for training
82 an AI model. The accessibility of such data can 1) allow a model to identify landslides that
83 were caused by different types of triggers (logically leading to the detection of different types
84 of landslides), 2) to map landslides in different parts of the world that vary geomorphologically,
85 and 3) the applicability of the model at mapping newly occurring landslides triggered by events
86 in recent times. The contemporary works of the current literature brings about a critical
87 discussion about the availability and accessibility of comprehensive and adequate data to
88 effectively train models to detect landslides. Both (Prakash et al., 2021) and (Ghorbanzadeh
89 et al., 2022) have used open-source Sentinel-2 imageries for multi-site landslide detection
90 however, considering the fact that the spatial resolution is 10 metres, a lot of small landslides
91 are missed out or not accurately captured (Meena et al., 2022b). The latter attempted to design
92 a benchmark data set for landslide model training using moderate resolution sentinel-2 data
93 and combined it with DEM derived data from ALOS-PALSAR. However, they only considered
94 four study areas while training the model on 25% of area and testing the model performances
95 in the remaining 75% area. Furthermore, they had varying non-uniform results for each of the
96 models trained on the dataset. This showcases that a quality dataset is still not available where
97 different models can give consistent results across the board.

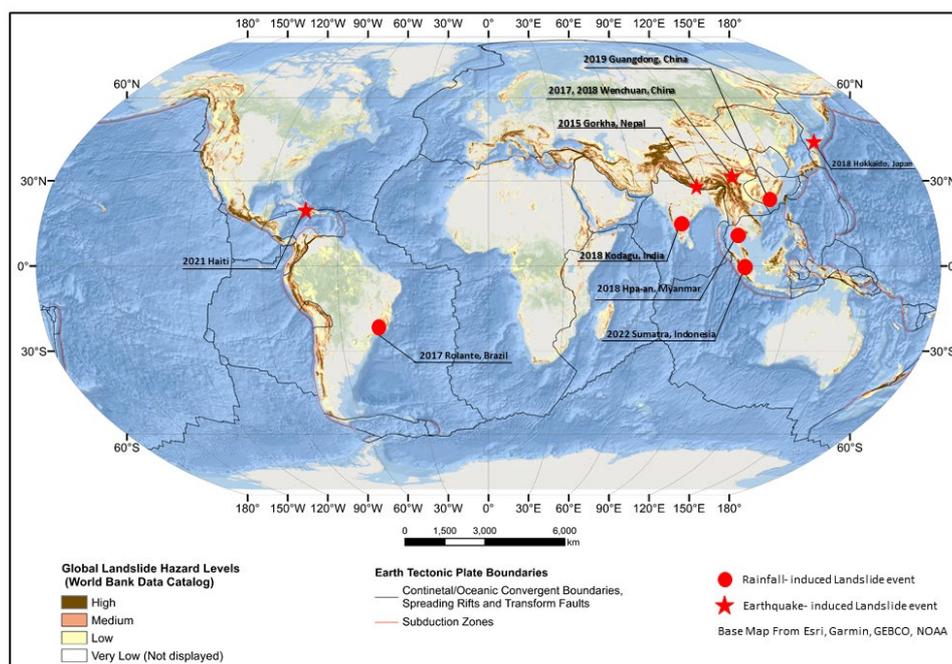


98 To effectively and rapidly map landslides after an event, it is required first to determine the
99 spatial extent of the affected areas. Collecting this data is frequently hazardous since it
100 involves individuals on the ground investigating landslides first hand during or immediately
101 after the event. With the increased availability of satellite imagery, this task has the potential
102 to be completed not only remotely but also automatically through the use of powerful deep
103 learning algorithms. Currently, adequate high-resolution satellite imagery of landslides is not
104 widely available. To depict the complex and dynamic nature of the landslides, significant
105 amounts of images must be provided. To that purpose, we present High resolution Global
106 landslide dataset (HR-GLDD), a large-scale satellite image dataset with produced landslide
107 inventories.

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109 2. Study areas

110 The study areas were chosen based on the variety of triggering events that resulted in the
111 occurrence of the landslides. Because of the availability of VHR archived Planet Scope
112 imageries after 2016, the most significant landslide events were considered. The
113 geomorphological diversity of the study sites results in a collection of complex landslide
114 phenomenon. We selected the imageries based on the availability of cloud-free conditions in
115 the areas and examined globally archived satellite remote sensing imageries from Planet
116 Scope from the years between 2017 and 2022 (Table 1). We selected 8 study sites across the
117 globe to assemble the database (see figure 1). To further test the generalization capabilities of
118 the models trained on the proposed dataset, we choose two recently occurred events: co-
119 seismic landslides in Haiti (August, 2021) and rainfall-induced landslides in Indonesia
120 (February, 2022).



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122 Figure 1: Rainfall and earthquake induced landslide events present in the HR-GLDD.



123 2.1. Study areas

124 2.1.1. Papua New Guinea

125 Papua New Guinea (PNG) is located on the Australian continent and is the eastern half sector
126 of the New Guinea island. The region is characterized by active volcanos, earthquakes,
127 elevations up to ~4.400 m.a.s.l., steep slopes and is part of the 'Ring of Fire' in the Pacific
128 Ocean. Regarding the tectonic and geological elements, the island can be divided into four
129 tectonic belts: Stable platform, Fold Belt, Mobile Belt, and Papuan Fold and Thrust Belt
130 (Tanyaş et al. 2022). The east sector, where PNG is located has the presence of accreted
131 Paleozoic structure of Tasman Orogen (Hill and Hall, 2003). Due to these conditions, the area
132 is frequently affected by landslides associated with the occurrence of earthquakes (Tanyaş et
133 al. 2022). On February 25, 2018, in the southern area of the Papuan Fold and Thrust belt
134 (central highlands of PNG), a severe earthquake occurred, the magnitude hit Mw 7.5. The
135 event was responsible for damage to buildings, and energy structures besides triggering a
136 high number of landslides (Wang et al. 2020). Around 11,600 landslide scars were registered,
137 and more than half had 50,000 m² (Tanyaş et al. 2022), according to Wang et al. 2020, the
138 earthquake hit the highest magnitude in the region in the past 100 years.

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141 2.1.2. Kodagu, India

142 Kodagu district is located in the Karnataka state, Western Ghats, India. The area is
143 characterized by elevations approximately between 50 and 1.750 m a.s.l., metamorphic rocks
144 (e.g., amphibolite, gneiss, and schist), steep slopes, high annual precipitation of about 4000
145 mm, and the presence of croplands (e.g., coffee, rice, and spices) (Jennifer and Saravan,
146 2020; Meena et al. 2021). In August 2018, a rainfall-induced high magnitude mass movement
147 event occurred in Kodagu, the primary landslide type triggered was debris flow (Meena et al.
148 2021). A total of 343 landslides were recorded, including mudflows, rock falls, and debris flows
149 (Meena et al. 2021). The event resulted in several damages to land resources, properties, and
150 loss of human lives (Martha et al. 2018; Jennifer and Saravan, 2020).

151 2.1.3. Rolante, Brazil

152 The Rolante river catchment study area is located in the Rio Grande do Sul state, southern
153 Brazil. The region being part of the Serra Geral geomorphological unit, has elevations up to
154 ~1.000 m.a.s.l. (Uehara et al. 2020). Moreover, is characterized by the presence of basaltic
155 rocks and sandstones, and annual precipitation thresholds between 1700 and 2000 mm
156 (Uehara et al. 2020, Soares et al. 2022). On 5 January 2017, a high magnitude rainfall-induced
157 mass movement event was triggered, and 308 landslides were registered (Gameiro et al.
158 2019; Quevedo et al. 2019), resulting in several damages to the Rolante municipality.

159 2.1.4. Tiburon Peninsula, Haiti

160 The Tiburon Peninsula study area is located in the western part of the Hispaniola island (Haiti)
161 with elevation up to 2300 m. a.s.l. Tiburon Peninsula, mainly consists of volcanic rocks such
162 as basalts and sedimentary rocks, namely limestones (Harp et al., 2016). The annual
163 precipitation of the area is more than 1600 mm (Alpert, 1942; USAID, 2014). On 14 August
164 2021, Tiburon Peninsula was struck by a Mw 7.2 earthquake, which was followed by several
165 aftershocks. The strongest one (Mw 5.7) occurred on 15 August 2021. Two days after the
166 mainshock the area was hit by the intense Tropical Cyclone Grace. The combination of the



167 two events triggered thousands of landslides (Martinez et al., 2021) in the Pic Macaya National
168 Park located in western part of the peninsula.

169 2.1.5. Rasuwa, Nepal

170 The study area is located in the Rasuwa district (central Nepal) in the higher Himalayas with
171 altitudes ranging from 904 to 3267 m. a.s.l and annual average precipitation of 1800-2000 mm
172 (Karki et al., 2016), The geology includes Proterozoic metamorphic rocks such as amphibolite,
173 gneiss, and schist (Tiwari et al., 2017). The area was struck by the Mw 7.8 Gorkha earthquake
174 on 25 April 2015. The intense seismic sequence produced at least 25,000 landslides (Roback
175 et al., 2018).

176 2.1.6. Hokkaido, Japan

177 The Hokkaido study area is in northern Japan and has a high presence of croplands. The area
178 is characterized by elevations between 50 and 500 m a.s.l., the geology is composed of
179 Neogene sedimentary rocks, formed by the accumulation of numerous layers formed by
180 materials ejected by the Tarumai volcano from several events over the years (Yamagishi and
181 Yamazaki, 2018; Zhao et al. 2020; Koi et al. 2022). A severe earthquake hit the Hokkaido
182 Iburi-Tobu area in Japan on September 6th, 2018. The earthquake registered a magnitude of
183 6.7 according to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) and its epicenter was at 42.72° North
184 and 142.0° East (Yamagishi and Yamazaki, 2018), located along the southern frontier of
185 Hokkaido. The event triggered thousands of landslides (~7059) in a concentrated area of 466
186 km² (Zhao et al. 2020) and was responsible for 36 deaths (Yamagishi and Yamazaki, 2018).

187 2.1.7. Wenchuan, China

188 The study area is in the Longmenshan region at the eastern margin of the Tibetan Plateau,
189 China. The location is characterized by high elevations up to 7.500 m a.s.l., the geology
190 consists of lithological units from the Mesozoic, Jurassic, Cretaceous, Paleozoic, Precambrian
191 formations and three types of Quaternary sedimentary units (Qi et al. 2010; Gorum et al.
192 2011). The area is constantly affected by earthquake-induced landslides over the years (e.g.,
193 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021). The 2008 Wenchuan event is one of the most destructive events of
194 mass movements related to earthquakes in the region (Fan et al. 2018). The Wenchuan
195 earthquake hit a magnitude of Mw 7.9. It was responsible for triggering nearly 200.000
196 landslides (Xu et al. 2014), besides missing, injured, and thousands of human fatalities in a
197 total area of 31,686.12 km² (Qi et al. 2010).

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199 2.1.8. Sumatra, Indonesia

200 The investigated area is Mount Talamau (2912 m) which is a compound volcano located in
201 West Pasaman Regency, West Sumatra Province, Indonesia. Geologically, the volcano
202 consists of andesite and basalt rocks belonging to Pleistocene-Holocene age (Fadhilah &
203 Prabowo, 2020; Zulkarnain, 2016). The climate of the area is humid and tropical and the mean
204 annual precipitation in West Pasaman area is between 3500 and 4500 mm/year (Wilis, 2019).
205 The Mw 6.1 earthquake hit West Sumatra on 25 February 2022. This event triggered several
206 landslides in an area of 6 km², along the eastern and north-eastern flank of Talamau volcano.

207 2.1.9. Longchuan, China

208 The study area is located in the vicinity of Mibei village in Longchuan County, Guangdong
209 Province, China with elevations between 180 and 600 m. The area has a subtropical monsoon
210 climate, affected by frequent typhoons and rainstorms from May to October. The average



211 annual precipitation ranges from 1300 to 2500 mm (Bai et al., 2021). The area is composed
 212 of Paleozoic completely weathered granite and Quaternary granite residual soil (Bai et al.,
 213 2021). Between 10 and 13 June 2019, an intense rainfall event, which was characterized by
 214 cumulative rainfall of 270 mm, triggered 327 shallow landslides between 300 and 400 m of
 215 altitudes and slopes ranging from 35 to 45° (Feng et al., 2022).

216 2.1.10. Hpa-An, Myanmar

217 The study area is located in Hpa-An district (central Kayin State, South Myanmar) in a tropical
 218 and monsoon area with a mean annual precipitation between 4500 and 5000 mm (Win Zin &
 219 Rutten, 2017) and elevations up to 1300 meters. The area is part of the Shan Plateau
 220 sequence, which includes low grade metamorphosed Precambrian, Paleozoic and Mesozoic
 221 sedimentary rocks (Jain & Banerjee, 2020). On 28–30 July 2018, Myanmar was hit by an
 222 extreme rainfall event which caused a flood along Bago river basin and triggered 992
 223 landslides only in Kayin State (Amatya et al., 2022).

224 3. Data set description

225 The dataset created in this study consists of images acquired from the PlanetScope satellites
 226 (see table 1) and landslide inventories collected from the literature. For some events,
 227 landslides were manually delineated due to unavailability of existing inventories. PlanetScope
 228 is a constellation of approximately 130 satellites that acquire images of the Earth daily with 3
 229 meters of spatial resolution. The sensors acquire the images with 8 spectral bands: coastal
 230 blue (431 - 552 nm), blue (465 - 515 nm), green (547 - 583 nm), yellow (600 - 620 nm), red
 231 (650 - 680 nm), red-edge (697 - 713 nm) and NIR (845 - 885 nm) (Planet Team, 2019)(Planet
 232 Team, 2019)(Planet Team, 2019)(Planet Team, 2019)(Planet Team, 2019)(Planet Team,
 233 2019)(Planet Team, 2019)(Planet Team, 2019)(Planet Team, 2019). PlanetScope imagery
 234 consists of surface reflectance values and 16 bits images. The images from both sensors are
 235 orthorectified and radiometrically corrected by the providers.

236 The dataset was prepared using only the red, green, blue, and NIR bands. The pre-processing
 237 phase was based on three steps: generation of binary masks, data sampling, and tiles
 238 patching. First, the interpreted landslides polygons from each area were rasterized using the
 239 Rasterio Python library into a binary mask, where “1” represents the landslides and “0” the
 240 background. The satellite imagery, along with the mask was then sampled and patched into a
 241 regular grid that yields patches of dimension 128 x 128 pixels, which correspond to 14.7 km²
 242 per patch. Since the imbalance between background area and landslides is strong, the images
 243 that did not have any landslides pixel labelled were removed. Table 1 shows the number of
 244 tiles created for each area.

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 246 Table 1 - Number of tiles, satellite information and landslide statistics for each study area.

Study Area	Satellite	Number of tiles	Study Area in km ²	Number of landslides	Minimum Landslide area (m ²)	Maximum Landslide area (m ²)	Total Landslide area (km ²)	Source
Kodagu (India) 2018	PlanetScope	530	4033.62	343	276.23	581342.19	5.67	(Meena et al., 2021a)
Rolante (Brazil) 2017	PlanetScope	33	24.62	113	381.76	81277.53	0.67	(Soares et al., 2022b)



Tiburon Peninsula, (Haiti) 2021	PlanetScope	461	130.85	1394	200.74	473696	8.24	This Study
Rasuwa (Nepal) 2017	PlanetScope	222	114.68	184	676.85	115567.96	2.45	(Meena et al., 2022e)
Hokkaido (Japan) 2018	PlanetScope	159	50.17	715	237.76	48524.72	5.29	(Wang et al., 2019)
Wenchuan (China) 2017	PlanetScope	284	58.25	1415	23.78	98467.96	3.19	(Fan et al., 2019)
Wenchuan (China) 2018	PlanetScope	263	58.25	546	110.18	1289210.19	5.54	This study
Sumatra, (Indonesia) 2022	PlanetScope	403	22.56	584	302.26	6206089.32	9.73	This study
Longchuan, (China) 2019	PlanetScope	116	32.22	228	235.21	61163.17	0.73	This study
Hpa-An, (Myanmar) 2018	PlanetScope	108	28.38	540	101.23	88044.20	0.97	This study

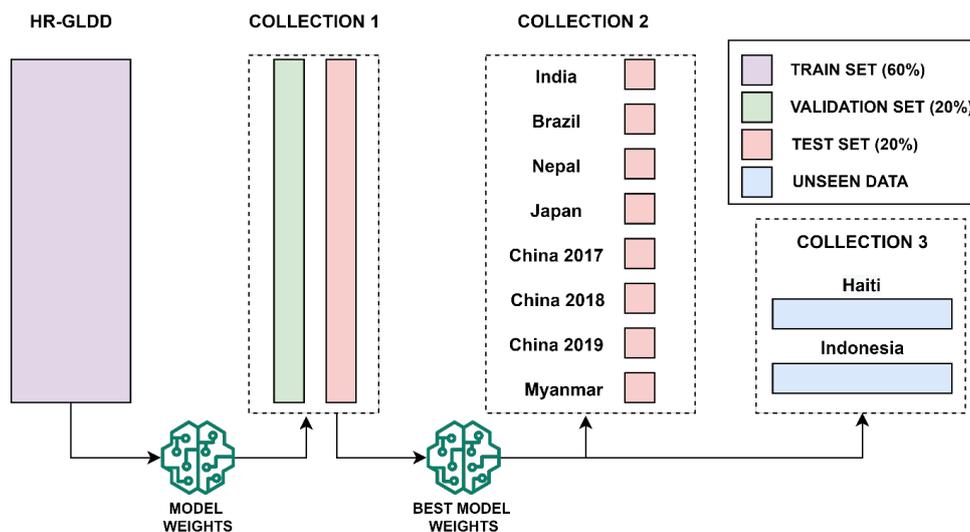
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249 3.1. High-Resolution Global Landslide Detector Database (HR-GLDD) design

250 The performance evaluation of the study sites was carried out using metrics and trained using
 251 five state-of-the-art U-net like models, showcasing the capability and applicability of the High
 252 Resolution Global Landslide Detector Database (HR-GLDD). We used a total of ten
 253 geographically distinct study sites distributed globally, where landslide events were chosen
 254 including different triggering mechanisms such as five earthquakes induced and five rainfall
 255 induced landslide affected sites. We generated image patches for the first 8 sites of Table 1.
 256 For each area we separately divide the patches into 60% for training, 20% for validation, and
 257 20% for testing the model capabilities. All the sets are then mixed to create a unique dataset
 258 composed by equal percentages of patches.

259 We designed three scenarios to train, predict, and evaluate model performances in order to
 260 assess the robustness and applicability of the HR-GLDD. Primarily, we evaluate the model
 261 performances on the individual test sets. Secondly, we evaluate the performances of the
 262 models on the HR-GLDD test set. Moreover, finally, we test on two completely unseen recently
 263 occurred landslide events in Haiti 2021 and Indonesia 2022 (see figure 2).



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265 Figure 2: Schematic representation of the division of different components of HR-GLDD.
266 Collection 1 refers to the test data separated from the HR-GLDD. Collection 2 refers to the
267 test dataset of individual sites. Collection 3 refers to two recent data set for testing purposes.

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269 4. Methodology

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271 4.1. Model Architectures

272 The proposed dataset is evaluated through several state-of-the-art Deep Learning
273 segmentation models. In the past years, the U-Net (Abderrahim et al., 2020) has been used
274 in several landslide detection applications which yield generally the most reliable results
275 (Bhuyan et al., 2022; Meena et al., 2022c; Nava, Bhuyan, et al., 2022). Therefore, we decide
276 to use it as a benchmark model when training on the proposed dataset. Moreover, several
277 improved versions of the same are evaluated. We systematically trained the model using a
278 variety of combinations of the hyper-parameters batch size (8, 16, 32, 64), learning rate (5e-
279 4, 10e-4, 5e-5, 10e-5) and the number of filters (8, 16, 32, 64). A description of the employed
280 architectures is given in this section.

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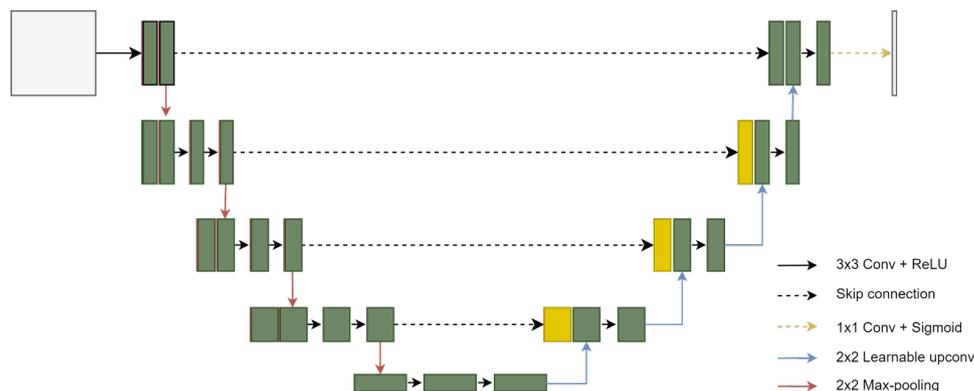
282 4.1.1. U-Net

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284 U-Net has been utilized in various semantic segmentation applications, yielding generally
285 outstanding results (Abderrahim et al., 2020). U-Net was employed initially in biomedical
286 picture segmentation (Ronneberger et al., 2015). Low-level representations are captured by a
287 contracting path (encoder), whereas a decoding path captures high-level representations. The
288 encoding path consists of successive convolution blocks and is equivalent to a traditional CNN
289 structure. Two convolutional layers with a 3 x 3 kernel size and a 2 x 2 max-pooling layer are
290 present within every convolutional block. The rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation function is
291 used to activate each convolutional layer (Fred Agarap, n.d.). A 2 x 2 max-pooling layer is
292 added to the convolutional block's end in the encoder route to conduct non-linear
293 downsampling, whereas, in the decoder path, a 2 x 2 upsampling layer takes its place. The
294 upsampling layer is positioned right after a 3x3 convolutional layer (see figure 3). We refer to
295 this combination as learnable upconvolution.



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Figure 3: Model architecture of U-Net.

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4.1.2. Residual U-Net (Res U-Net)

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Res U-Net (Diakogiannis et al., 2020) follows the same U shape as U-Net, whereas here the above-explained convolutional blocks are replaced by residual blocks. This architecture's goal is to improve the learning capacities of the conventional U-Net as well as mitigate the gradient vanishing effect, especially when dealing with deep neural networks (such as U-Net) (see figure 4).

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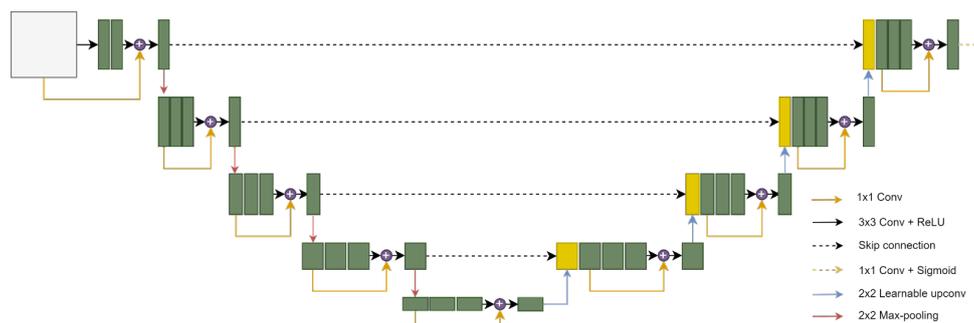
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Figure 4: Model architecture of the Res U-Net.

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4.1.3. Attention U-Net and Attention Res U-Net

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In the conventional U-Net as well as in the Res U-Net, cascading convolutions have been shown to provide false alerts for tiny objects with high form variability (Oktay et al., n.d.). To select pertinent spatial information from low-level maps and therefore alleviate the problem, soft attention gates (AGs) are added (see figure 5). The attention gates are built on skip connections, which actively inhibit activations in unnecessary areas, lowering the number of duplicated features (Abraham & Mefraz Khan, 2018).

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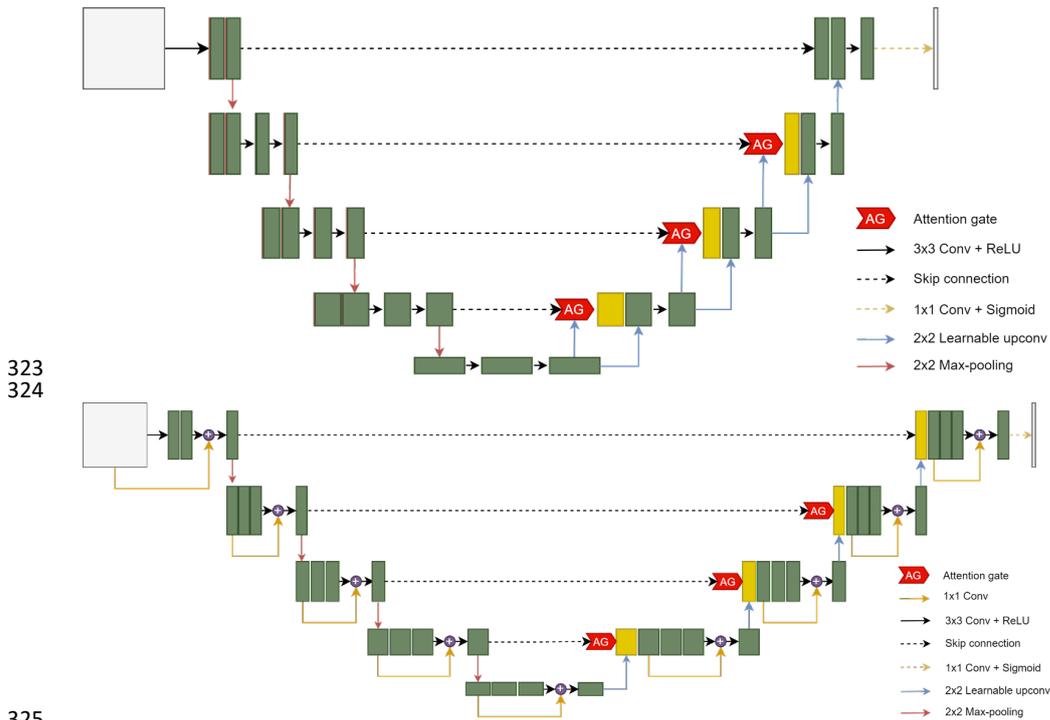
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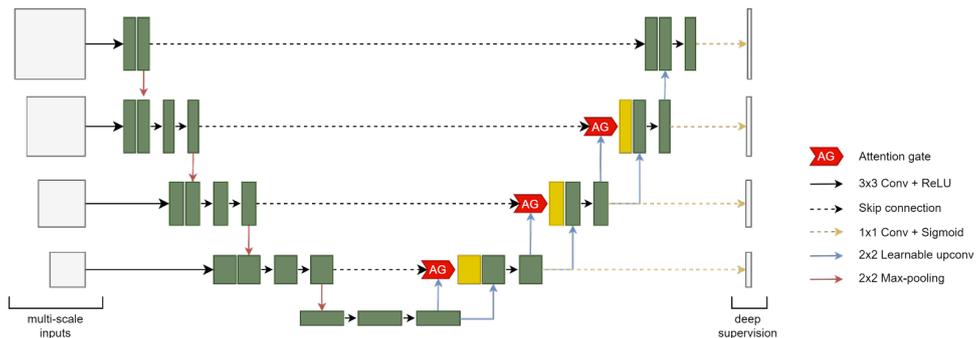
327 Figure 5: Model architecture of the (a) Attention U-Net and (b) Attention Res U-Net.

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330 4.1.4. Attention Deep Supervision Multi-Scale (ADSMS) U-Net

331 This architecture adopts the Attention U-Net structure, while, in addition, multi-scale image
 332 pyramid inputs are fed to the model, and a deep supervision strategy is applied (Abraham &
 333 Mefraz Khan, 2018). In practice, multi-scale inputs enable the model to gather that class data,
 334 which is more readily available at various sizes. This holds true for both background features
 335 and landslides. Lastly, where training data are few and networks are relatively shallow, deep
 336 supervision conducts a potent "regularization". More details about the deep supervision
 337 strategy used are available in the following section (see figure 6).
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341 Figure 6: Model architecture of the Attention Deep Supervision Multi-Scale U-Net.



343 4.2. Models training

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345 To train the DL models, we utilized Dice Loss (Milletari et al., n.d.) as the loss function:

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347 Dice Loss = $c1Ni=1picgic+Ni=1pic+gic$

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349 Equation (1) illustrates a two-class Dice score coefficient (DSC) variation for class c , where
350 gic [0, 1] and pic [0, 1] are the ground truth and predicted labels, respectively. Furthermore,
351 the numerical stability is assured by avoiding division by zero, while N specifies the total
352 number of picture pixels. As an exception, in the ADSMS U-Net model, every high-dimensional
353 feature representation is regulated by Focal Tversky Loss to avoid loss over-suppression,
354 while the final output is controlled by the conventional Tversky Loss. This deep supervision
355 strategy, described in (Lee et al., n.d.), requires intermediate layers to be semantically
356 discriminative at all scales. Furthermore, it contributes to ensuring that the attention unit has
357 the power to change responses to a wide variety of visual foreground material. This strategy
358 is adopted from (Abraham & Mefraz Khan, 2018), who propose it along with the ADSMS U-
359 Net architecture. As the loss function optimizer, for all the models, we used a stochastic
360 gradient descent strategy based on an adaptive estimate of first- and second-order moments
361 (Adam), which is useful in problems with uncertain data and sparse gradients (Kingma & Lei
362 Ba, n.d.). The precision, recall, F1-score, and Intersection Over Union (IOU) score, the most
363 common accuracy evaluation measures for segmentation models, all of which have been
364 utilized in several landslide detection studies, were used to measure how well the applied DL
365 models performed in detecting landslides. The appropriate combinations of hyper-parameters
366 must be used while training such DL models in order to optimize the model and, therefore,
367 output the best results.

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370 5. Results

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372 5.1. HR-GLDD evaluation results

373 The robustness and applicability of the HR-GLDD was tested using the best model weight.
374 We train and calibrate the models using the HR-GLDD. The best weights for each model are
375 selected based on the model performances on the mixed test set of the HR-GLDD dataset.
376 After running the models on test dataset, batch size of 4 and Adam optimiser with learning
377 rate $1e-3$ resulted in best model weight. To further evaluate the efficiency and generalization
378 capabilities of the models, we use the model on two unseen datasets to map landslides in the
379 two different geomorphological areas that were recently affected by multiple landslide events.
380 We chose the most recent events one occurred after Haiti earthquake in August 2021 and
381 another one in Sumatra, Indonesia after a heavy rainfall event of February 2022. A total of 461
382 and 403 unseen image patches were evaluated for Haiti and Indonesia, respectively.

383 Experimental results for landslide detection by utilising the HR-GLDD are presented in Table
384 2. Overall, all the models performed consistently in collections 2 and 3. The F1-score
385 evaluation results for each test case of all the models demonstrate the applicability of the HR-
386 GLDD training dataset for landslide detection results, especially with employing only the
387 optical bands. The F1-score for HR-GLDD test dataset (collection 1) across all the models
388 was around 72%, which is relatively uniform. Furthermore, the same was observed in the
389 individual test sites in collection 2. We also notice that the Recall and Precision are pretty well
390 balanced ranging between 72.15%-76.61% and 68.13%-75.47%, respectively, indicating
391 stable model predictions (see figure 7). In collection 3, the metrics reveal positive outcomes
392 in terms of mapping the landslides following the event, with an average F1-score of 80% for
393 Haiti and 86% for Indonesia. The recall values are higher than precision values for all the
394 models which have a difference of about 3.32% resulting in F1-score of 72.54% (see figure



395 7). Higher values of recall in all models means that the models were able to identify landslide
 396 labelled pixels. However due to the use of only the optical bands, the spectral signatures of
 397 other similar features (such as river beds and flat barren areas) were labelled as landslides
 398 which result in false predictions, thereby, accounting for lower precision.

399 In figure 8 we chose a single image patch to showcase the predictions of the various models
 400 in respect to the referenced ground truth. Despite the differences in the spectral fingerprints
 401 of the satellite images for each study site and the events initiated by an earthquake or rainfall,
 402 the models were still capable of recognizing landslide features (see figure 9 and 10).

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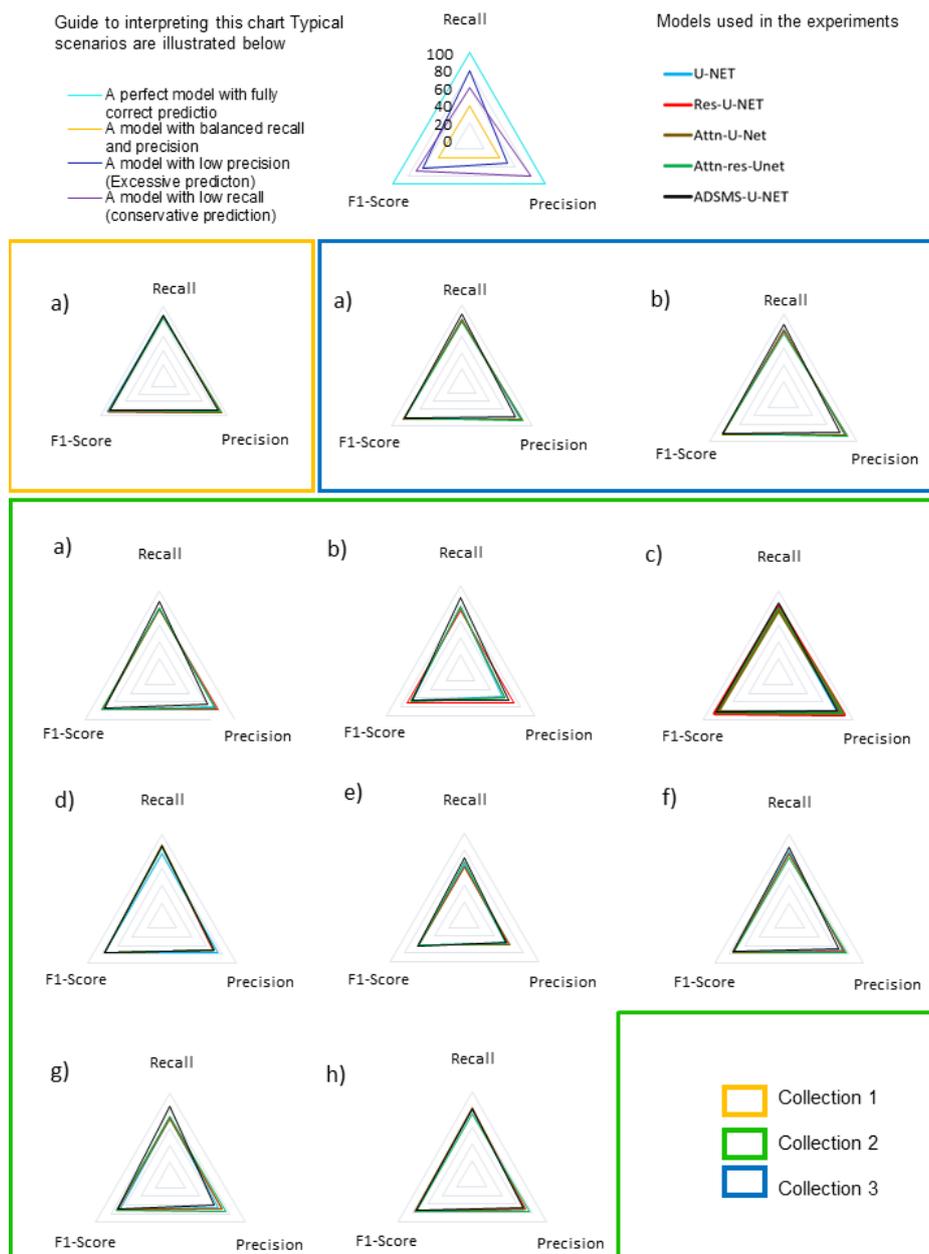
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413 Table 2: F1 scores of different DL models across sites and HR-GLDD test dataset along
 414 with two unseen test sites.

<i>Study sites</i>	<i>U- NET</i>	<i>Res-U-NET</i>	<i>Attn-U- NET</i>	<i>Attn-res- Unet</i>	<i>ADSMS -U-NET</i>	
Collection 1 (HR-GLDD Test)	70.52	72.54	72.33	72.52	72.18	
Collection 2	<i>India</i>	75.89	77.77	76.62	77.15	74.21
	<i>Brazil</i>	64.88	71.73	66.19	67.18	64.94
	<i>Nepal</i>	82.65	84.56	81.99	83.15	81.78
	<i>Japan</i>	76.19	76.78	77.5	76.71	77.53
	<i>China2017</i>	60.46	60.13	61.04	60.98	62.37
	<i>China2018</i>	75.04	75.33	75.97	74.44	74.62
	<i>China2019</i>	67.9	70.62	69.93	73.17	70.26
	<i>Myanmar</i>	74.49	76.67	75.96	75.7	74.59
Collection 3						
<i>Indonesia</i>	88.4	87.86	87.75	85.96	85.94	
<i>Haiti</i>	81.93	82.86	80.28	81.61	82.34	

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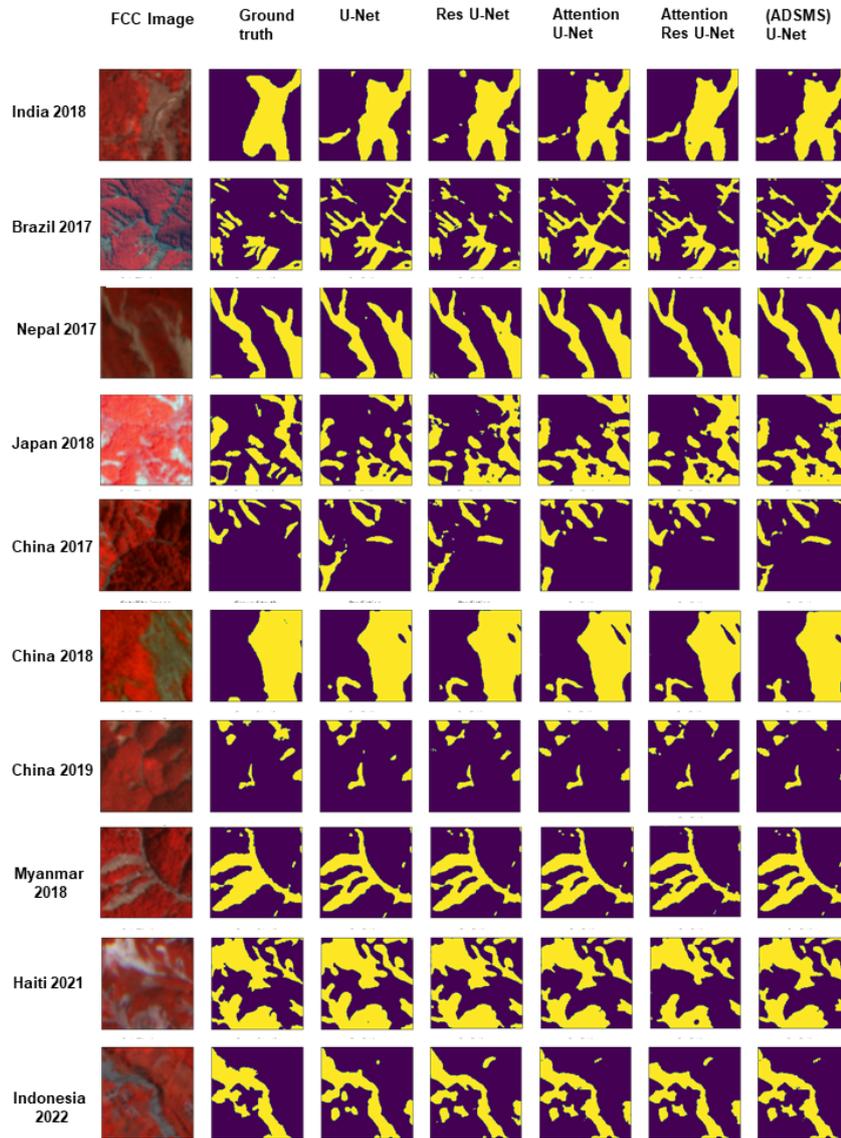
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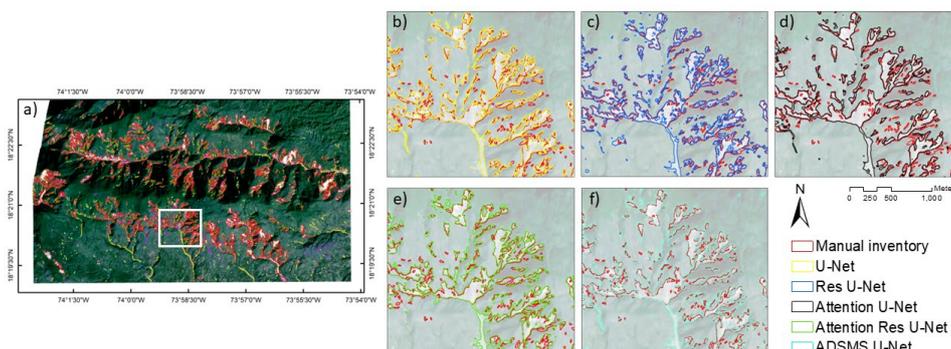
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Figure 7: Radar charts visualising the quantitative performance metrics for the DL models on the three test set collections.



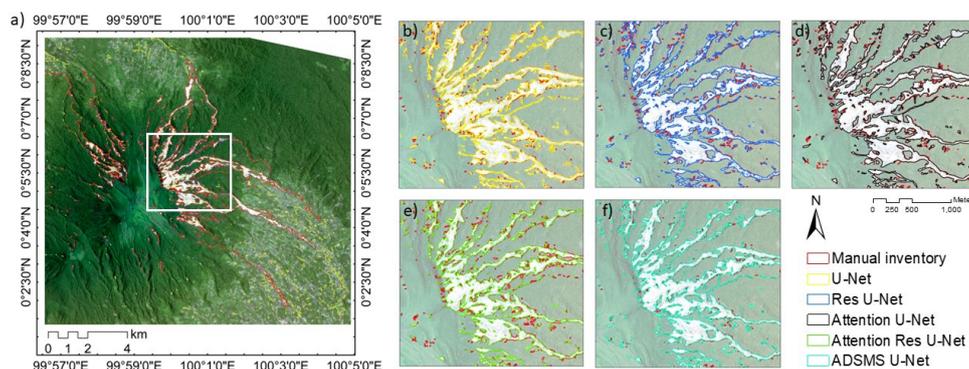
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422 Figure 8: Landslide predictions made by the different DL models against the ground truth. The
423 base image is shown as a false colour composite (FCC).



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425 Figure 9: Comparison of ground truth landslides with predictions from the DL models for the
426 unseen dataset of Haiti.



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428 Figure 10: Comparison of ground truth landslides with predictions from the DL models for the
429 unseen dataset of Indonesia.

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432 6. Discussions

433 6.1. Advantages of using HR images

434 The spatial resolution of Planet Scope imagery enables the detection of small size landslides
435 that open access satellite missions like Sentinel and Landsat frequently miss due to their
436 spatial and temporal resolution (Meena et al., 2021b). Moreover, even though Sentinel-2 has
437 additional spectral bands, the lack of improved spatial resolution inhibits precise boundary
438 delineation and landslide localisation (Meena et al., 2022d). The most prominent features of
439 Planet Scope imagery, in addition to its competitive spatial resolution, are its daily temporal
440 resolution and global coverage. Since the satellites have identical sensors, the imagery
441 are orthorectified and image pre-processing are simplified and more accurate. Because
442 Planet imagery provide global coverage, we may extend our study sites to new locations for
443 generating more quality datasets that allow for a better model generalization.

444 6.2. Quality of HR-GLDD

445 The quality of any ML/DL model depends on the data that it is trained on, and the GLDD aims
446 to meet this fundamental requirement. To our knowledge, no other quality data sets exist that
447 can accommodate the wide range of landslide-triggering events and topographical diversity



448 needed for efficient model training. As the GLDD is a strong collection of various landslide
449 events caused both by rainfall and earthquakes. The GLDD is designed to calibrate models
450 able to map new events that will occur in the future. The models investigated in our study gave
451 promising and consistent results for two unseen datasets generated by completely different
452 events, indicating a well-prepared, dependable, and resilient dataset. However, there are clear
453 limitations with the GLDD that must be considered. These problems primarily stem from issues
454 with manually delineated polygons and various uncertainties caused by satellite imagery. A
455 number of different variables, including the mapping scale, the date, and the quality of the
456 satellite imagery, affect how accurate an inventory is. The radiometric resolution and cloud
457 coverage are additional variables that affect the generation of manual inventories. Additionally,
458 haze effect caused by instrument errors hinders model performances. Subjectivity in the
459 landslide polygon boundaries results from the amalgamation problem, which is caused by
460 elements like the investigators' level of experience and the goal of the study.

461 6.3. Significance of the HR-GLDD

462 A thorough hazard and risk framework is made possible by quality landslide inventories
463 however, the generating such inventories at large scales takes ample amount of time and
464 resources. This is where such automatic pipelines can truly shine at creating inventories which
465 can be used for the successive phases of a hazard and risk. Local, regional, and national
466 stakeholders may include such inventories into their risk reduction efforts thanks to the
467 availability of inventories produced automatically. Furthermore, this information may serve as
468 the foundation for a legal framework that implements landslide risk. A landslide risk reduction
469 plan is now more crucial than ever given the anticipated rise in worldwide landslide activity
470 brought on by climate change. Higher landslide activity is expected in the future due to a
471 number of factors, including an increase in the frequency and intensity of seismic events,
472 anthropogenic events, heavy precipitation events, rising ground water levels, storm surges,
473 and a general rise in relative sea level. Therefore, it is essential to comprehend the underlying
474 mechanisms of landslides better and create practical risk reduction techniques to save
475 people's lives and property.

476 6.4. Automated pipeline for HR-GLDD

477 At the moment, automated techniques are the only viable solution for mapping vast regions
478 with accuracy appropriate for operational objectives. Nonetheless, reliable, reproducible, and
479 accurate processes for automating landslide detection across huge data stacks are still
480 absent. As a result, many landslide-affected regions remain unmapped because 1) they are
481 challenging to map using standard methods, and 2) using high-resolution imagery is costly
482 and labour-intensive, with a substantial part of the mapping process dependent on human
483 judgment. By overcoming these challenges, automated pipelines that address these issues
484 can considerably reduce the requirement for human involvement and pave the way for the
485 development of reliable real-time mapping and monitoring of natural hazards at the continental
486 and global scales. Based on the quality of GLDD, reliability of automated pipelines and rapidly
487 growing availability of HR satellite imagery, we can realistically envision mapping of landslide
488 instances and contribute towards generating and updating landslide inventories at large-
489 scales, spatially and potentially, also temporally (Bhuyan et al., 2022).

490 Providing an expert-based, high-quality, and scientifically validated landslide inventory to
491 scientific communities is essential for frameworks of modelling, landslide prediction, machine
492 learning, and deep learning research. The GLDD dataset has been verified, which increases
493 the availability of much-needed training datasets for automated mapping algorithms. The
494 consistently long time taken to compile landslide inventories manually contrasts with the rise
495 in data accessible for landslide mapping. The development of technologies to successfully



496 automate the procedure is the future direction in landslide inventory mapping. The precedence
497 of quality dataset is noted in where they commented that the need for quality datasets will
498 provide a valuable resource for training and developing algorithms.

499 The current dataset is an excellent resource for training and developing future algorithms for
500 this purpose. Automated mapping methods, particularly when combined with publicly available
501 elevation models, can potentially improve our results in future investigations.

502 7. Conclusions

503 Mapping landslides through space is a challenging endeavour. Automated efforts for the same
504 have been explored to some extent, but a transferrable method based on a robust dataset has
505 not yet been investigated. In this paper, we propose a reliable dataset which can be employed
506 by deep learning algorithms to detect new landslides accurately. The predictive capabilities
507 demonstrate the usefulness and application of the dataset to map landslides at large scales.
508 However, the model's predictability must be investigated further in order to identify particular
509 problems to enhance the findings and predictive capabilities for more complicated landscapes.
510 Overall, despite the limitations, the findings are promising, since it is the first time such a HR
511 dataset has been created that caters to a transferable approach of mapping landslides at so
512 many different geomorphological and geographical locations.

513 Data availability

514 The data, working codes and a document with metadata are freely available at
515 [https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-Landslide-Mapping-Data-](https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-Landslide-Mapping-Data-Repository)
516 [Repository](https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-Landslide-Mapping-Data-Repository) where data in the format of arrays and model configurations in the framework of
517 TensorFlow as can be displayed and used for reproducibility of our results. We also submit
518 the generated landslide inventories in the form of an Environmental Systems Research
519 Institute (ESRI) shapefile. Modules for deep learning can be found at
520 <https://www.tensorflow.org/> and original satellite imageries can be found at
521 <https://www.planet.com/>.

522 Code availability

523 Code used to produce data described in this manuscript, as well as to create figures and
524 tables, can be accessed at [https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-](https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-Landslide-Mapping-Data-Repository)
525 [Landslide-Mapping-Data-Repository](https://github.com/kushanavbhuyan/HR-GLDD-A-Global-Landslide-Mapping-Data-Repository)

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