

Supplementary Materials: Regional Scale Rain-Forest Height Mapping Using Regression-Kriging of Spaceborne and Airborne LiDAR Data: Application on French Guiana. *Remote Sensing* 2016, 8, manuscript ID

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Table S1. Non-exhaustive summary of studies using radar data to estimate canopy heights with PolInSAR (polarimetric interferometric SAR) and tomography techniques.

Technique	Accuracy	Limitations	References
PolInSAR (Spaceborne data)	Errors of 8 and 12.8 m were observed for residual relative and absolute height respectively	Data affected by high sources of errors.	[1]
P-band PolInSAR (Airborne)	2 m RMSE on the canopy height estimates for 2 to 25 m tall stands	Viable for small areas.	[2]
L-band PolInSAR (Airborne)	3 m RMSE 2 m RMSE on the canopy height estimates for 35 m stands	Viable for small areas. Saturation at higher stand heights	[3]
P-band SAR tomography (Airborne)	7.7 m RMSE on the canopy height estimation	Low estimation accuracy	[4]
L-band SAR tomography (Airborne)	10% relative error on canopy height estimates in comparison to LiDAR estimates	Viable for small areas. Low estimation accuracy	[5]

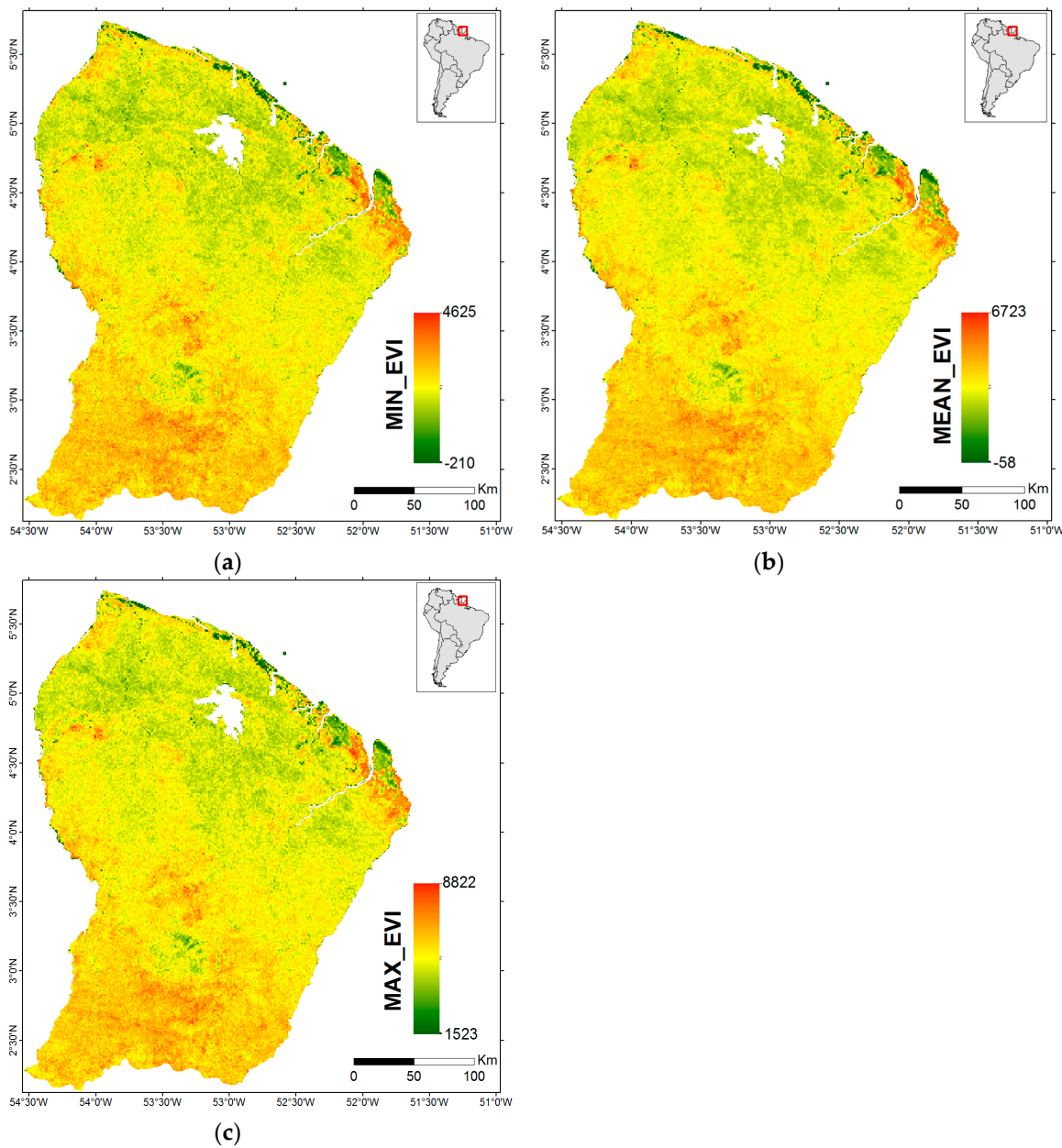


Figure S1. Minimum (a); mean (b); and maximum (c) values of the EVI time series data.

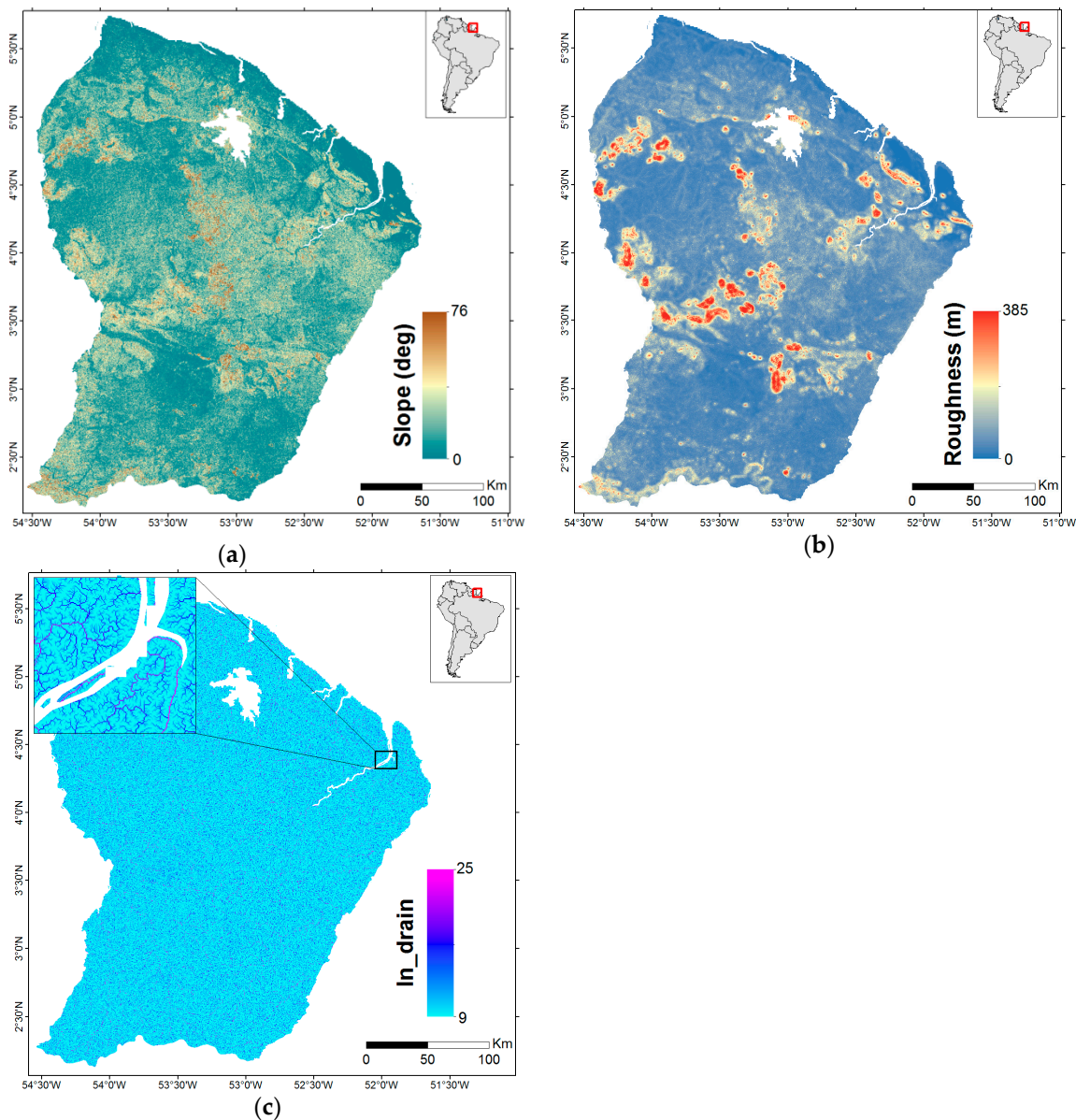


Figure S2. SRTM DEM derived maps: slope map “in degrees” (a); surface roughness map “in m” (b); and drainage surface map (c).

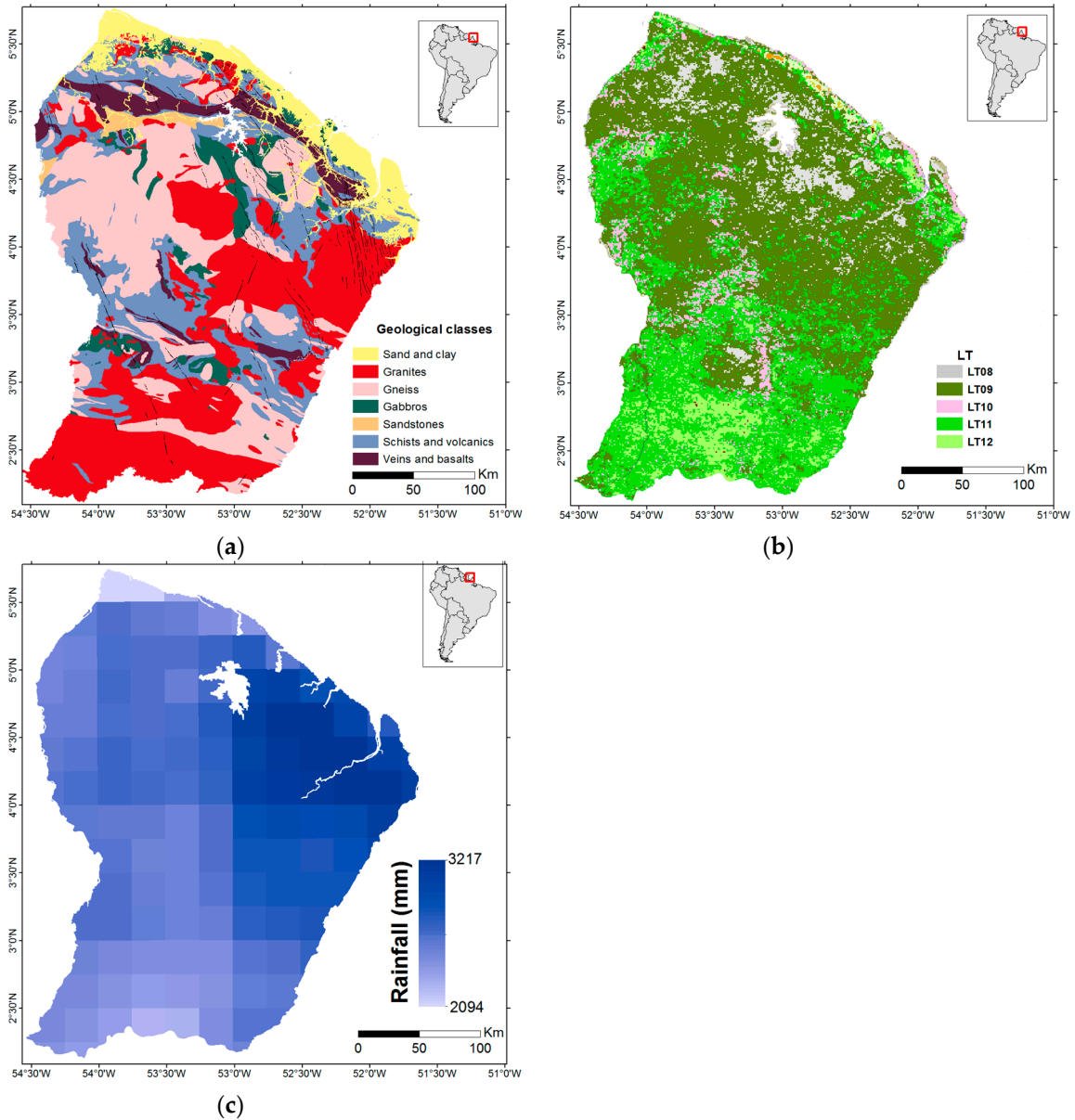


Figure S3. Geological map (a); Forest landscape types map (b); and Average rainfall map (c).

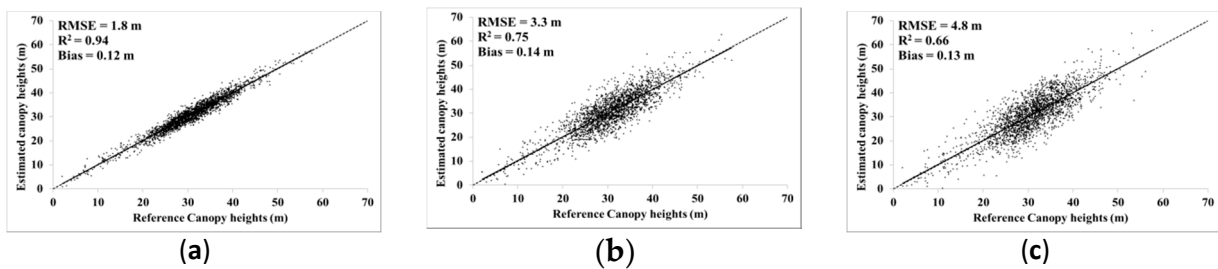


Figure S4. Comparison between reference canopy heights of the validation datasets (LD_val and HD) and canopy height estimates using Random Forest regressions and residual-kriging for (a) LD_5; (b) LD_20; (c) LD_50.

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