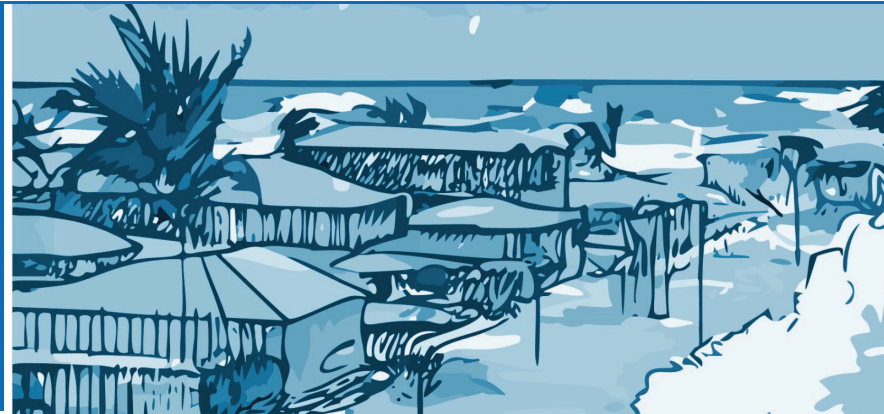


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Lesson #3 Tsunami evacuation routes calculation using graph-based GIS methodology

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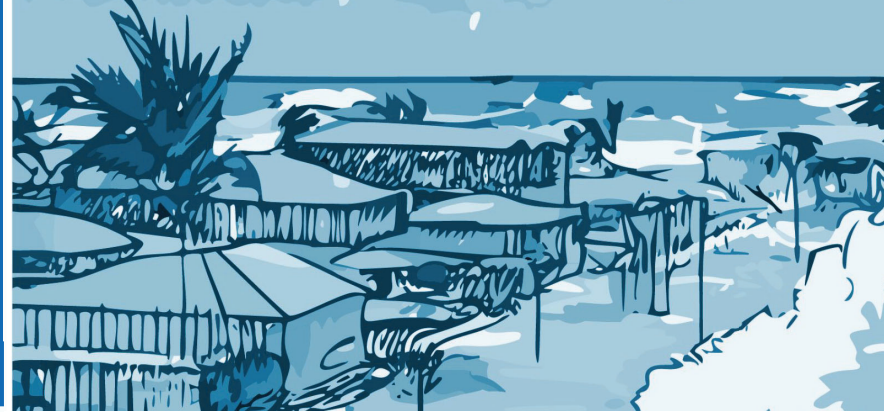
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Thank you to all the workshop participants for this week of knowledge sharing, for your commitment and your good mood during this heatwave !



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Lesson's overview

Use of a DEM to map a “standardized” inland tsunami evacuation zone.

1. Theory

- Cannes area
- Presentation of the selected approach for evacuation area definition in France
- Pro and cons

2. Practice

- Extract the altitude range set from numerical modelisation using DEM and GIS
- Corrections needed for a coherent evacuation zone
- Derivate safe zone

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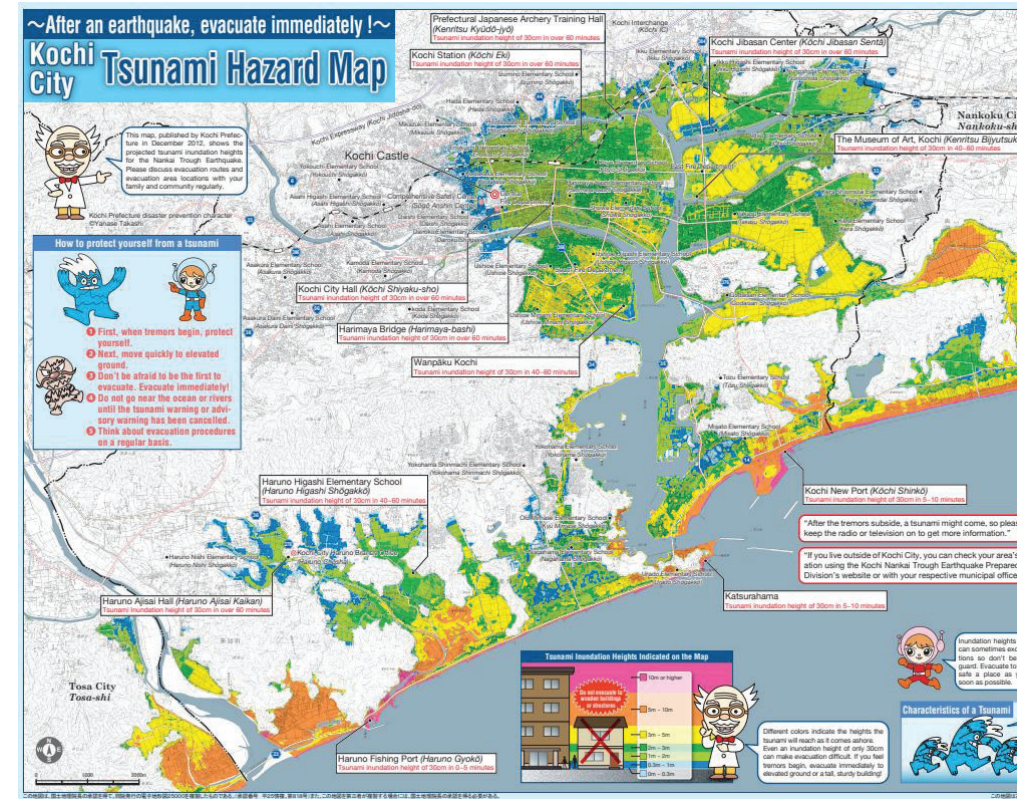
Mapping Tsunami Evacuation Zones: 4 Key Methods

Different methods exist to map tsunami danger zones

The choice depends on data availability, local knowledge, and technical capacity

Methods range from advanced simulations to basic elevation-based approaches

Each method offers trade-offs in precision, effort, and accessibility



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Mapping Tsunami Evacuation Zones - 1. Envelope from Multiple Simulations (deterministic or probabilistic)

Definition

This method combines the results of several validated tsunami simulations to produce a single envelope representing the maximum potential inundation.

Applications

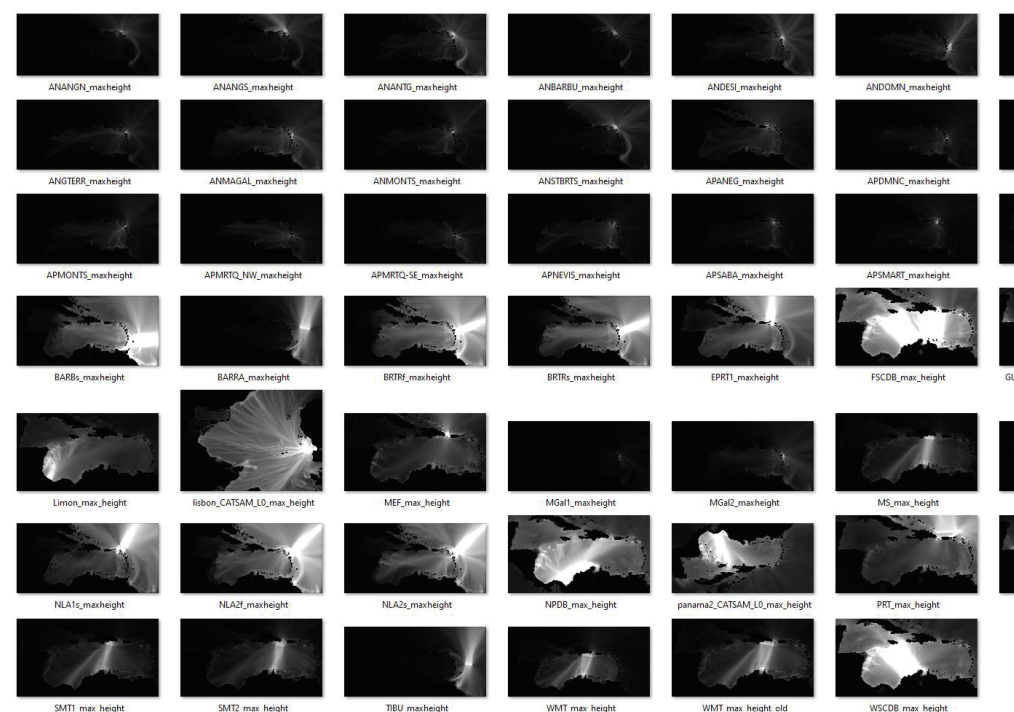
High-exposure coastal zones
Critical infrastructure (ports, airports, energy sites)

Advantages

Conservative and robust
Detailed outputs for maximums : wave arrival time, water depth, flow speed
Integrates uncertainty from different scenarios
Ideal for long-term planning and zoning

Limitations

Requires multiple simulations
High technical and financial cost
Not always feasible for small territories



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irical simulation of tsunami generation, propagation, and inundation for **one predefined scenario** (or one case plausible event).

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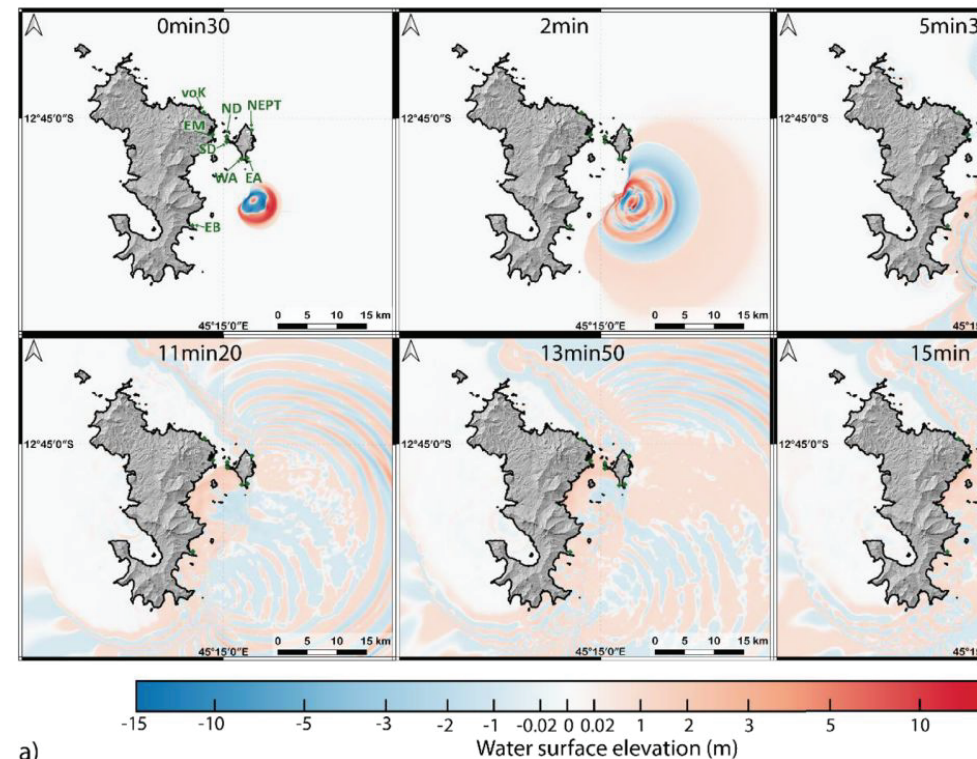
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requires multiple simulations
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Pablo Poulain et al, 2022



Mapping Tsunami Evacuation Zones - 3 : Topographic Projection from Simulated Coastal Heights

Definition

Evacuation zones are derived by **projecting simulated maximum wave heights onto land**, using a Digital Elevation Model (DEM). No inland flood modelling is performed.

Advantages

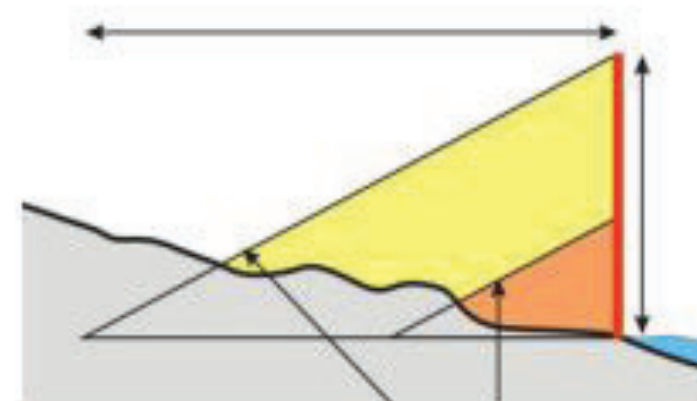
- Territories with access to tsunami simulations but limited modelling capacity
- Easier to generalize over **large coastal areas**
- Suitable for regional-scale evacuation planning

Limitations

- Uses outputs from actual tsunami scenarios
- Faster and less costly than full inundation models
- Requires fewer computational resources

Assumptions

- Still needs accurate input data (DEM, coastal wave heights)
- Doesn't account for local hydrodynamics (flow, obstacles, direction)
- May overestimate or underestimate extent in flat or complex terrain





Mapping Tsunami Evacuation Zones - 4 : Simple Elevation-Based Method ("Bathtub")

Definition

Tsunami danger zones are mapped using a fixed elevation threshold (e.g. 10–15 m), without relying on simulation results. It is also recommended to set a maximum inland penetration distance, to avoid unrealistic inland extent.

Advantages

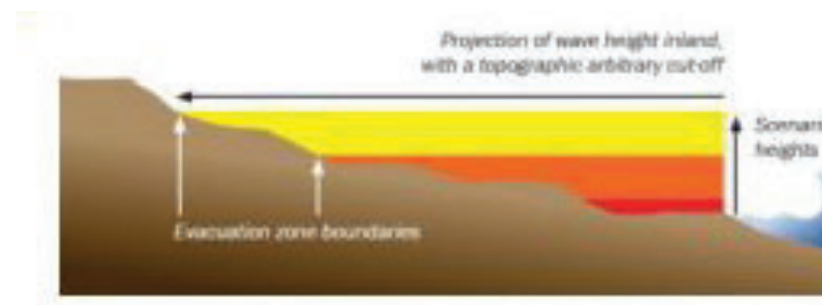
- Territories with no access to tsunami modelling
- Useful for early-stage planning and awareness
- Can be applied using basic topographic data (DEM)

Disadvantages

- Requires no simulation
- Easy to implement and to communicate to the public
- Good starting point for evacuation planning

Limitations

- May overestimate inland extent
- No information on wave dynamics or timing
- Assumptions must be validated by risk management authorities





Common Approach for French Territories

Operational Choice

Evacuation planning in France began with the **Simple Elevation-Based Method (10 m threshold)**

Selected due to the **lack of usable simulation data** and the need for **consistency across territories**

Informed by **international practices, historical runup values, and partial modelling outputs**

Massive National Deployment

Method first used in the **French Antilles (2013–2014)**

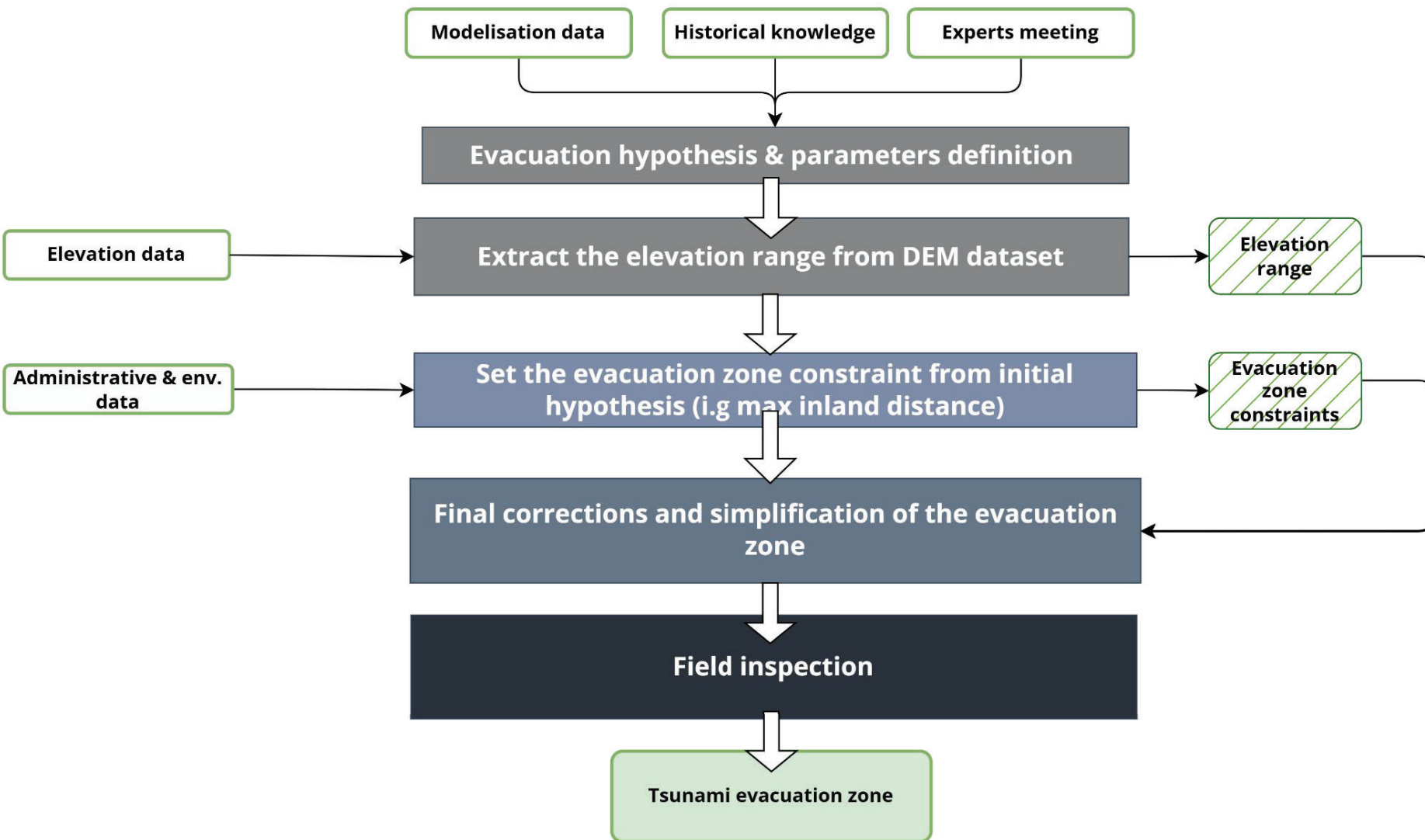
Then **adapted and applied in the Mediterranean (2019)** under the **TASOMA project**

Finally **adopted in Mayotte (2020)** as a starting point for tsunami preparedness

A simple, shared method has enabled nationwide progress in tsunami evacuation planning despite data gaps and regional diversity.



Review of the theoretical stages

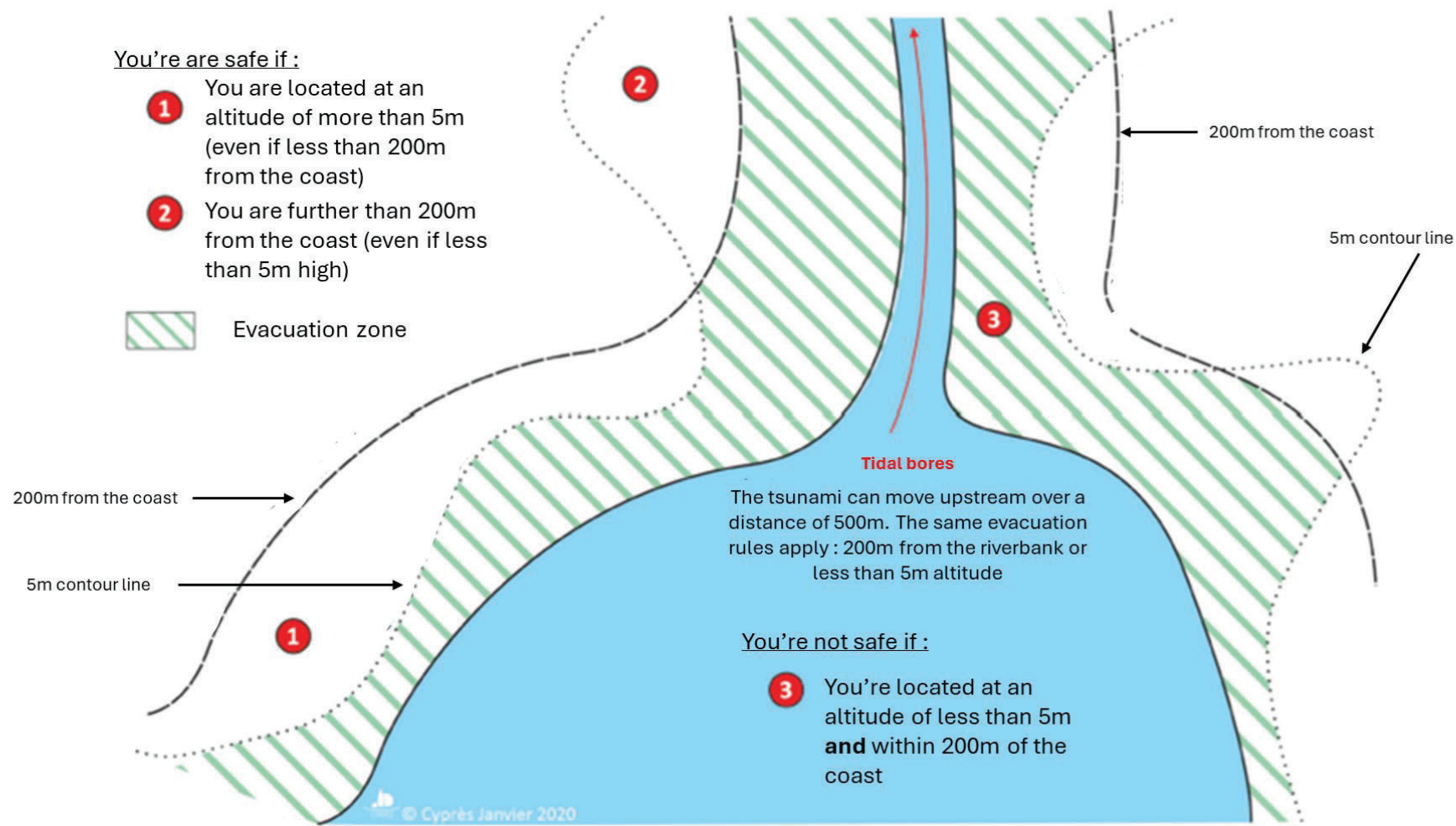


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Tsunami evacuation zone definition for the french mediterranean coast

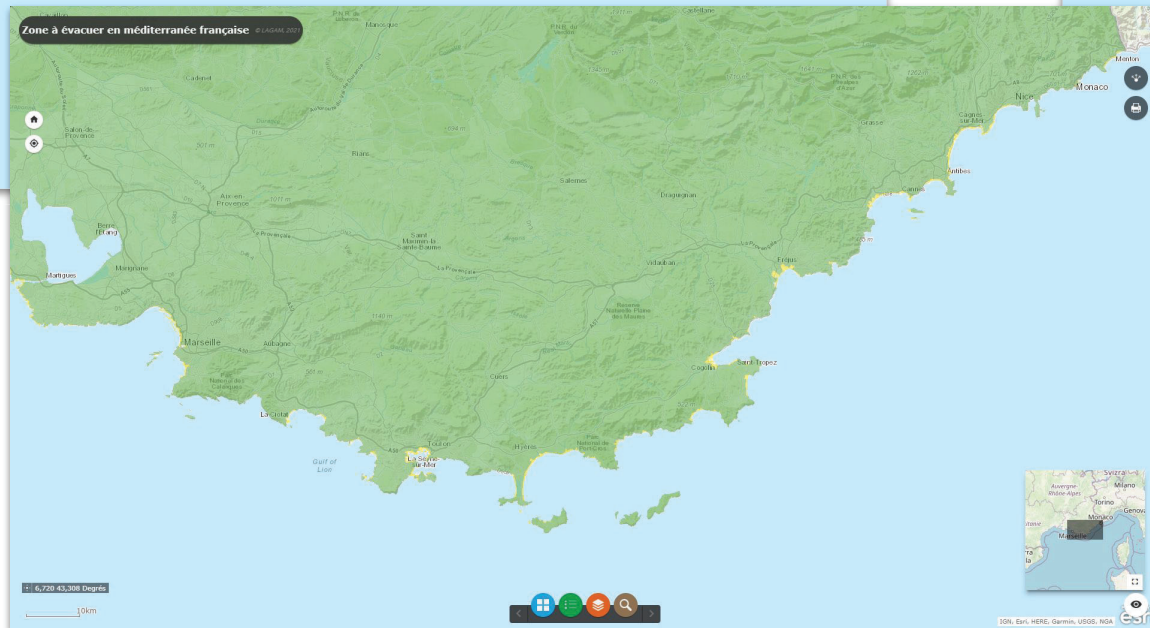
Tsunami on the mediterranean arc : Evacuation zone



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Tsunami evacuation zone definition for the french mediterranean coast



Using this method, we
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TASOMA Project

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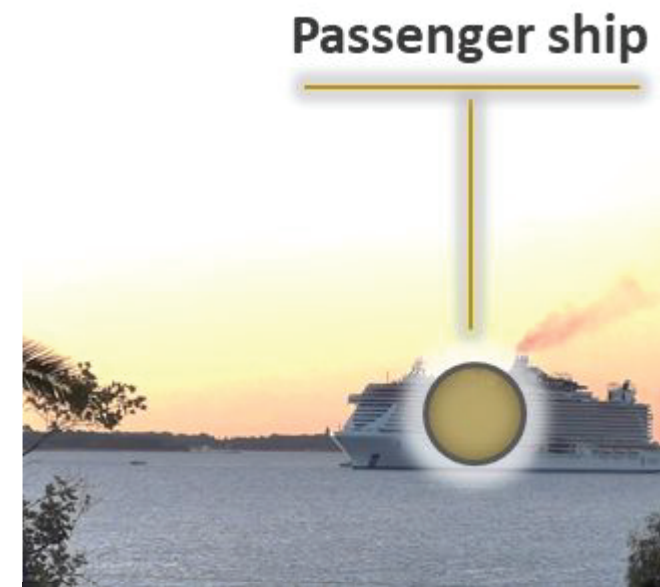


Area presentation



- ✓ Population of 74,686 (INSEE, 2019)
- ✓ 3 million visitors per year
- ✓ 320 cruise passengers in 2017
- ✓ Nearly 130 hotels and 500 restaurants
- ✓ Accommodation capacity of 17,000 people

Cannes evacuation challenges in case of tsunami alert ...



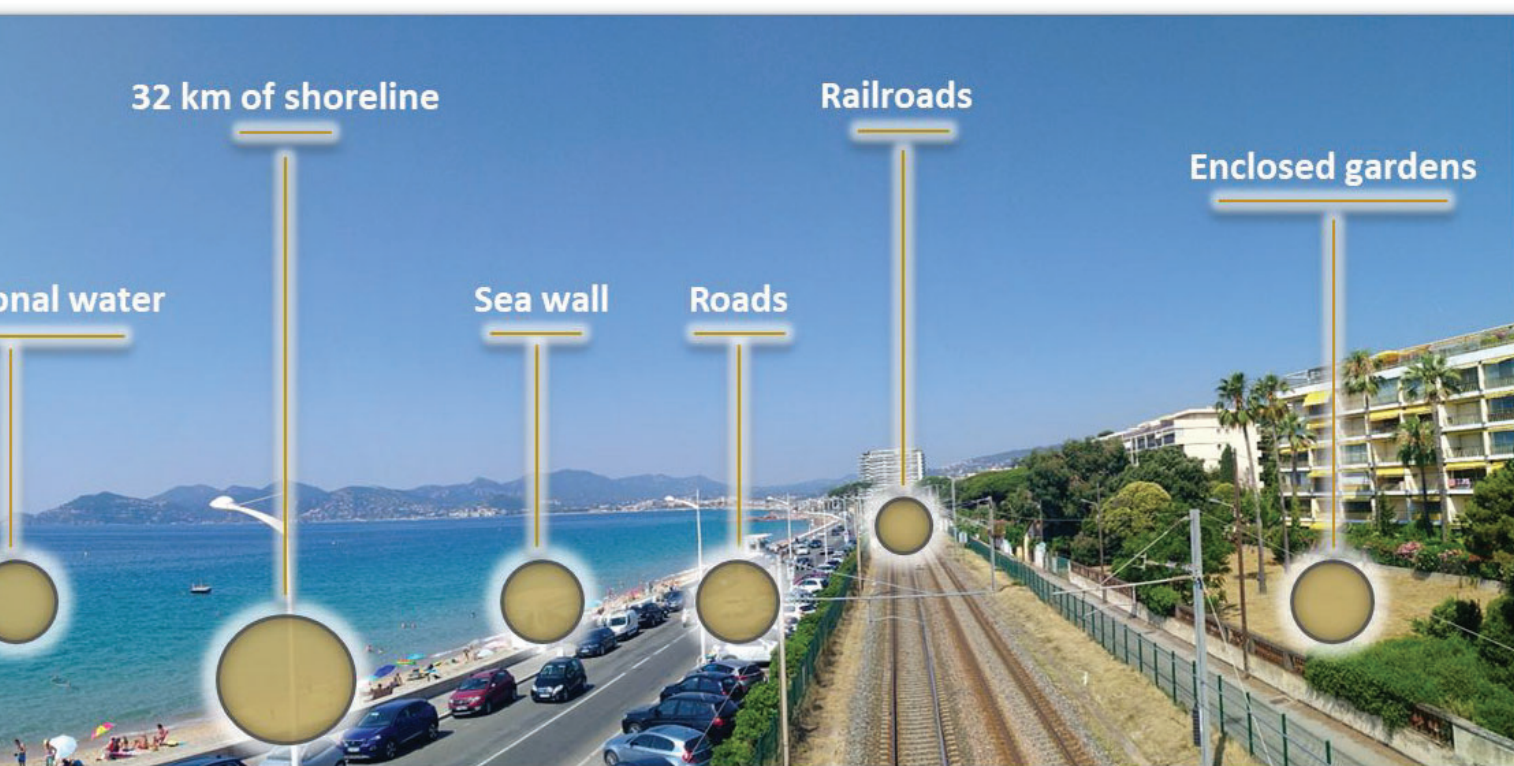
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s area presentation

the past year, awareness-raising activities (public meeting, meeting in schools) have been carried out locally, in particular in collaboration with CENALT and DGSCGC.

Discussions within the national Tsunami working group have led to recommendations that have been validated at the national level. A scientific partnership with the University Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3, has enabled the design of standardised evacuation plans and tsunami signage according to a method already deployed in the French West Indies (Caribbean sea)

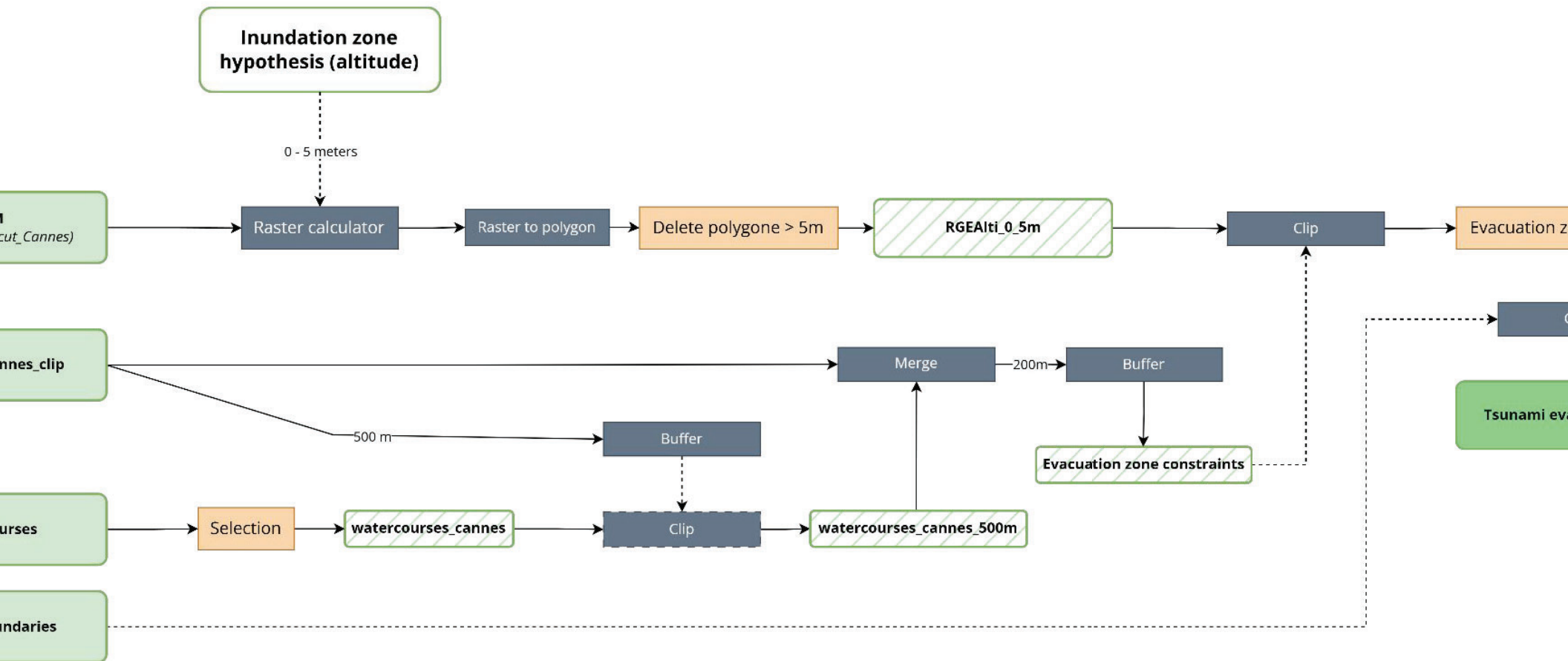


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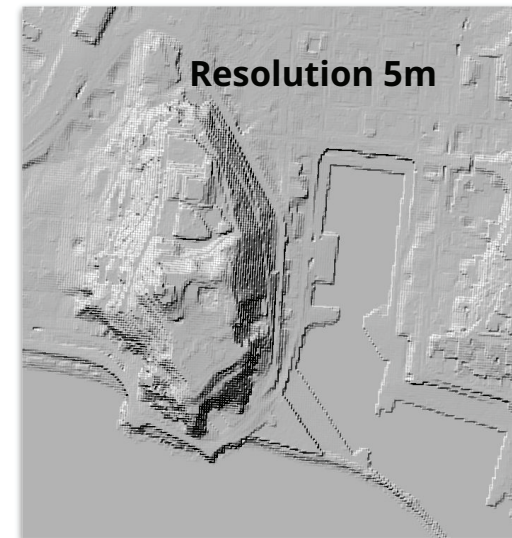


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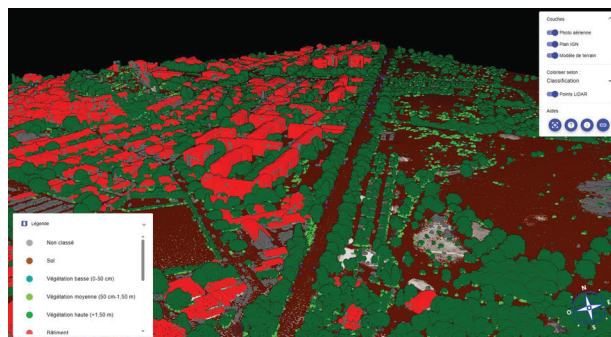
Cons

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- 1m res DEM cannot be used for a whole region on most computer.



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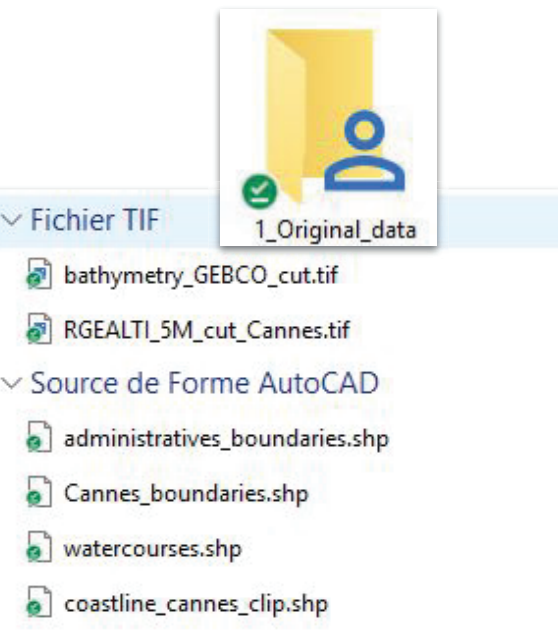
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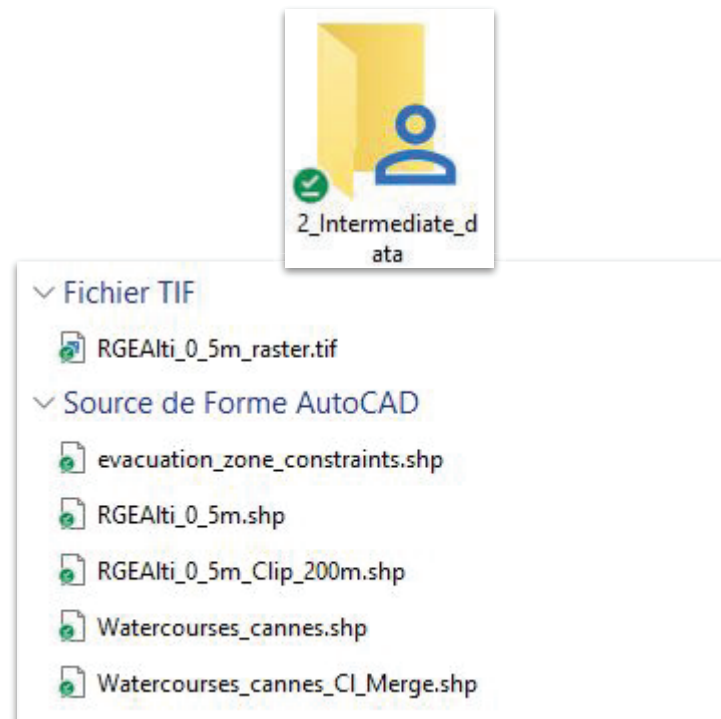
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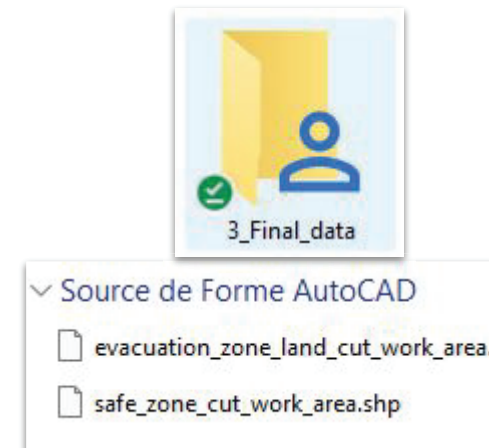
Required data



Required layers for the lesson



Processed layers



Results

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Resolution DEM with a world coverage are largely available in open access.

Small Satellite Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) -

<https://dwtkns.com/srtm30m/>

Copernicus DEM - Global and European Digital Elevation Model

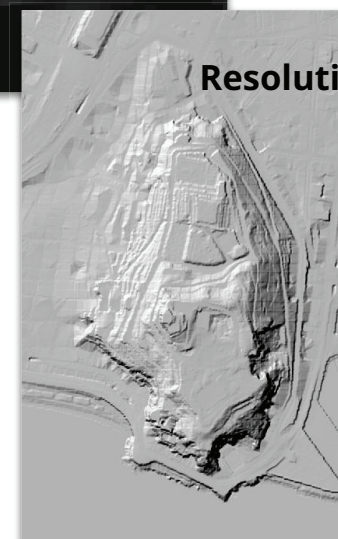
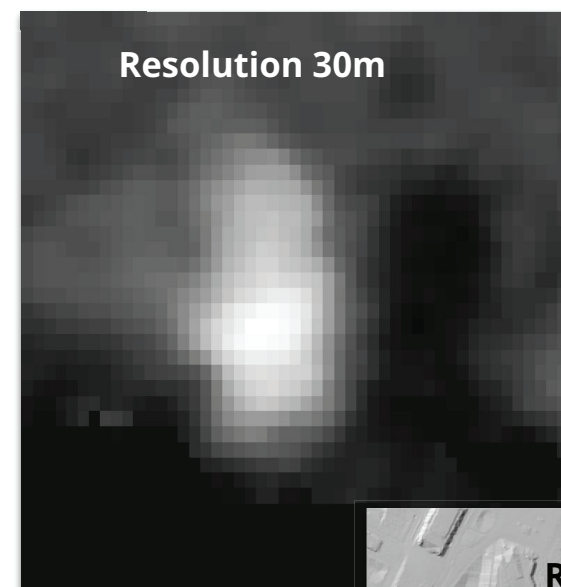
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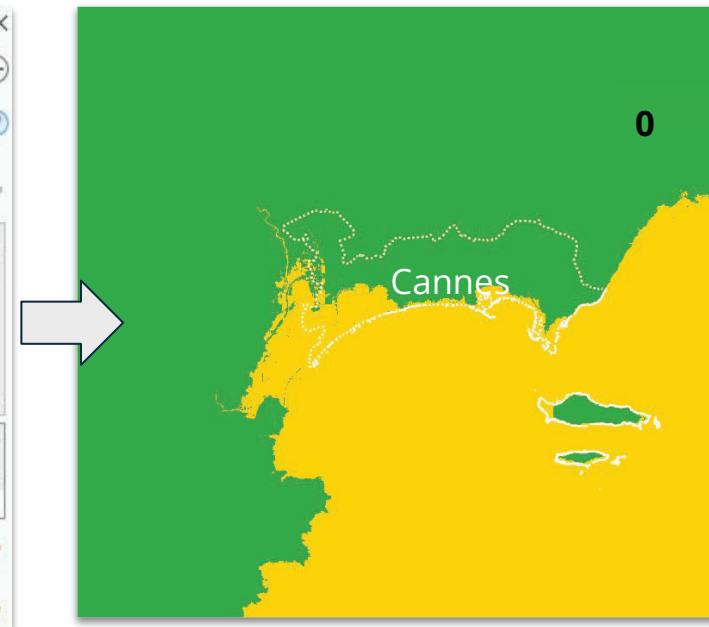
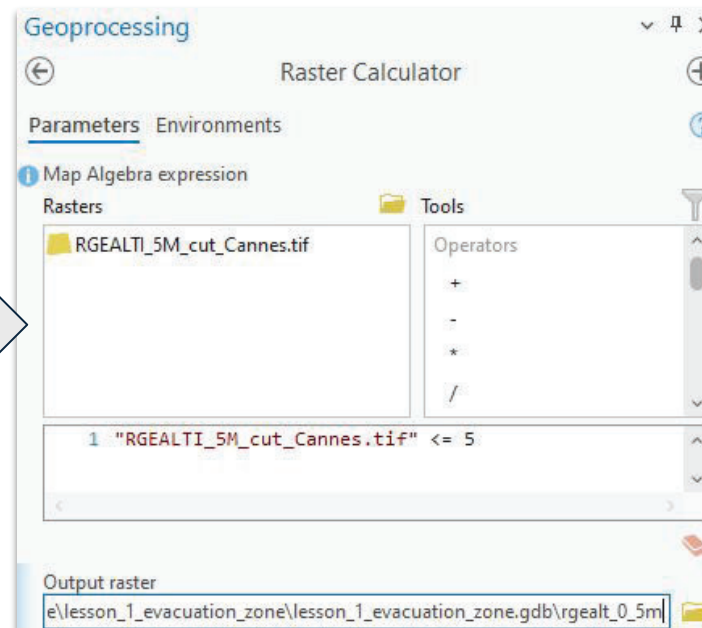
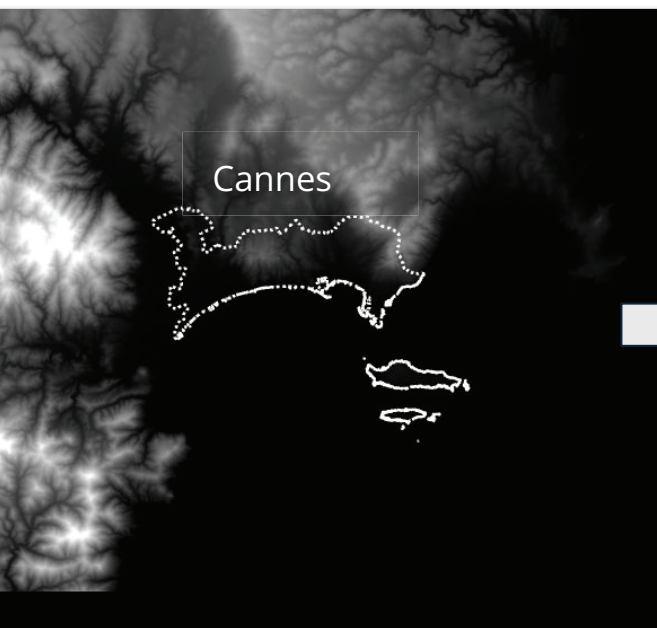
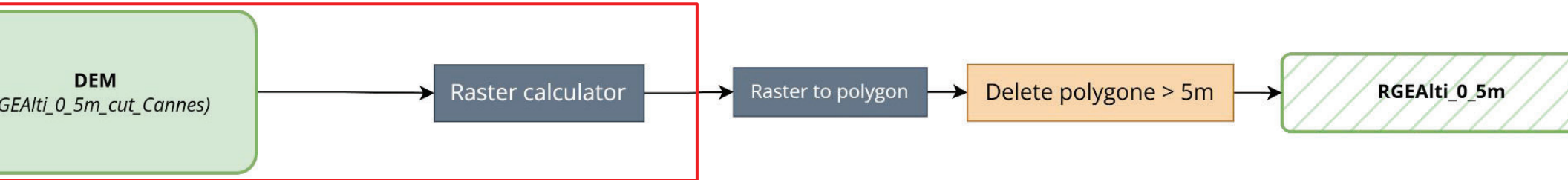
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Suitable for large studie's
area (country)
World coverage

Cons

- Low evacuation zone precision
- Not suitable on terrain with significant altitude variation



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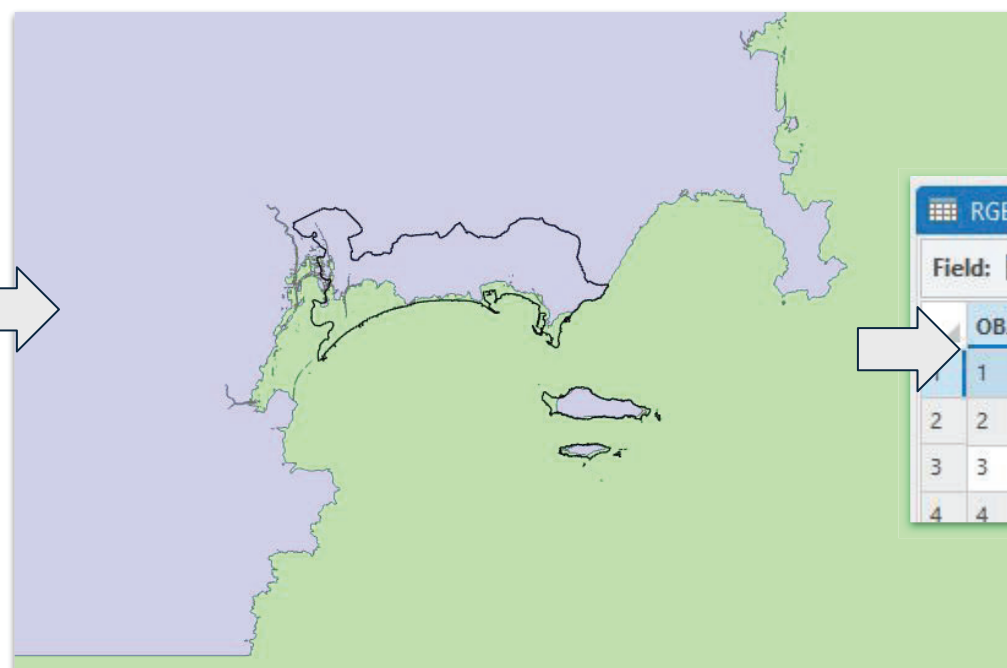
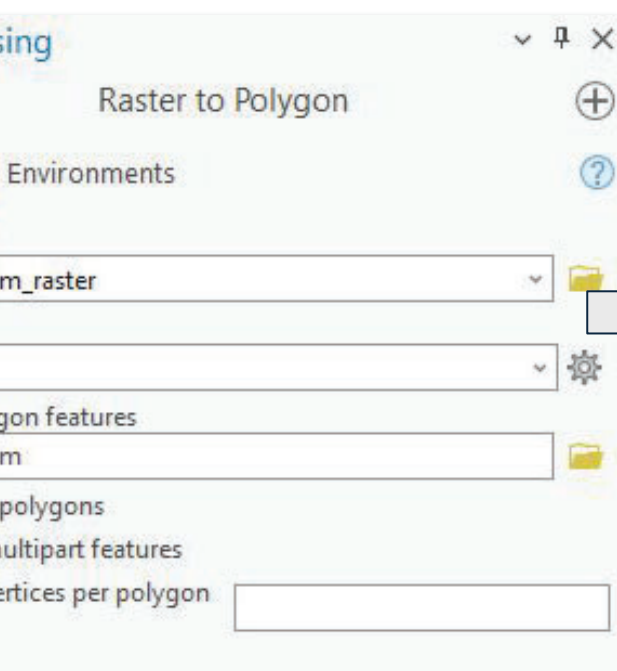
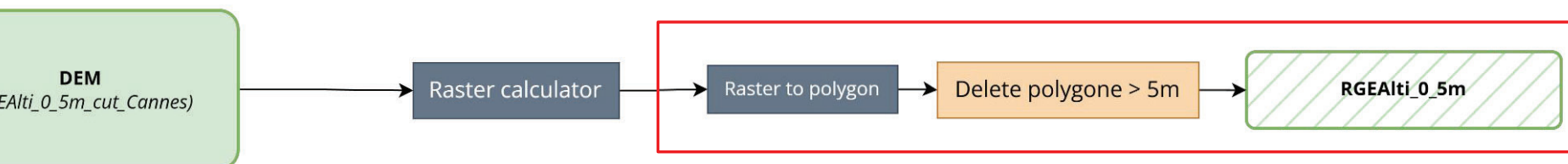


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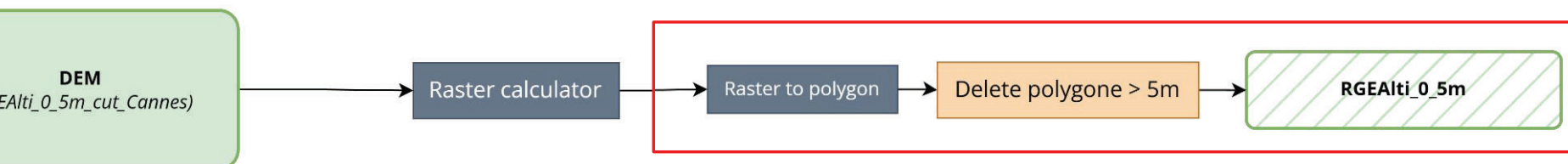
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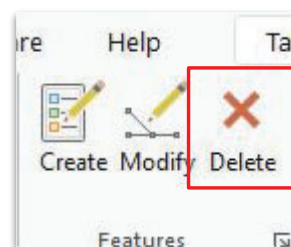
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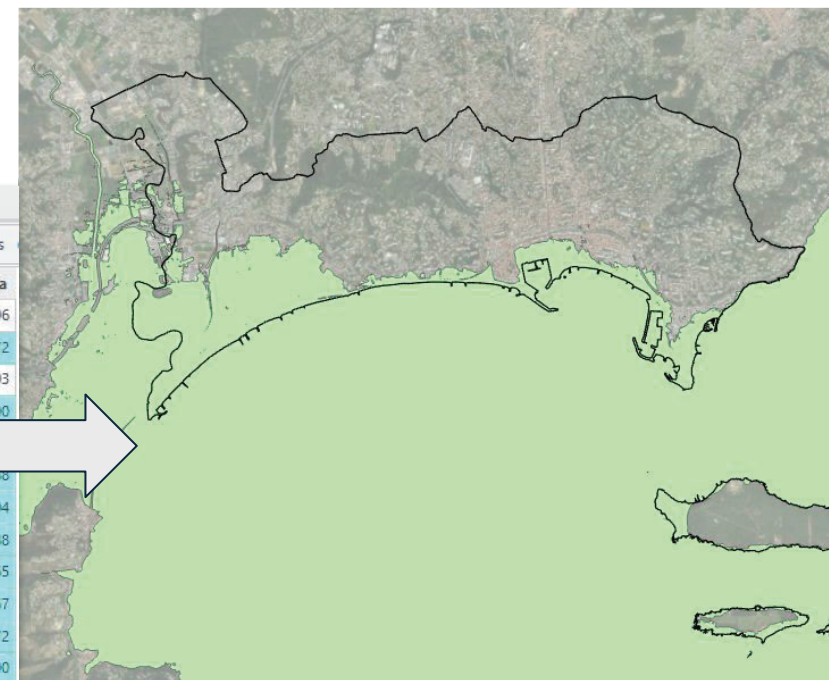
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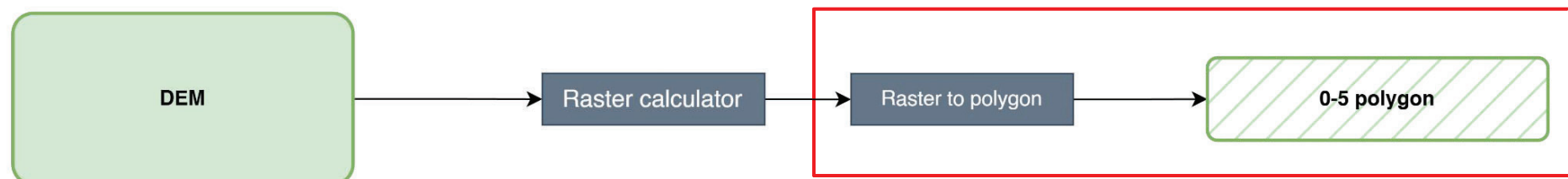
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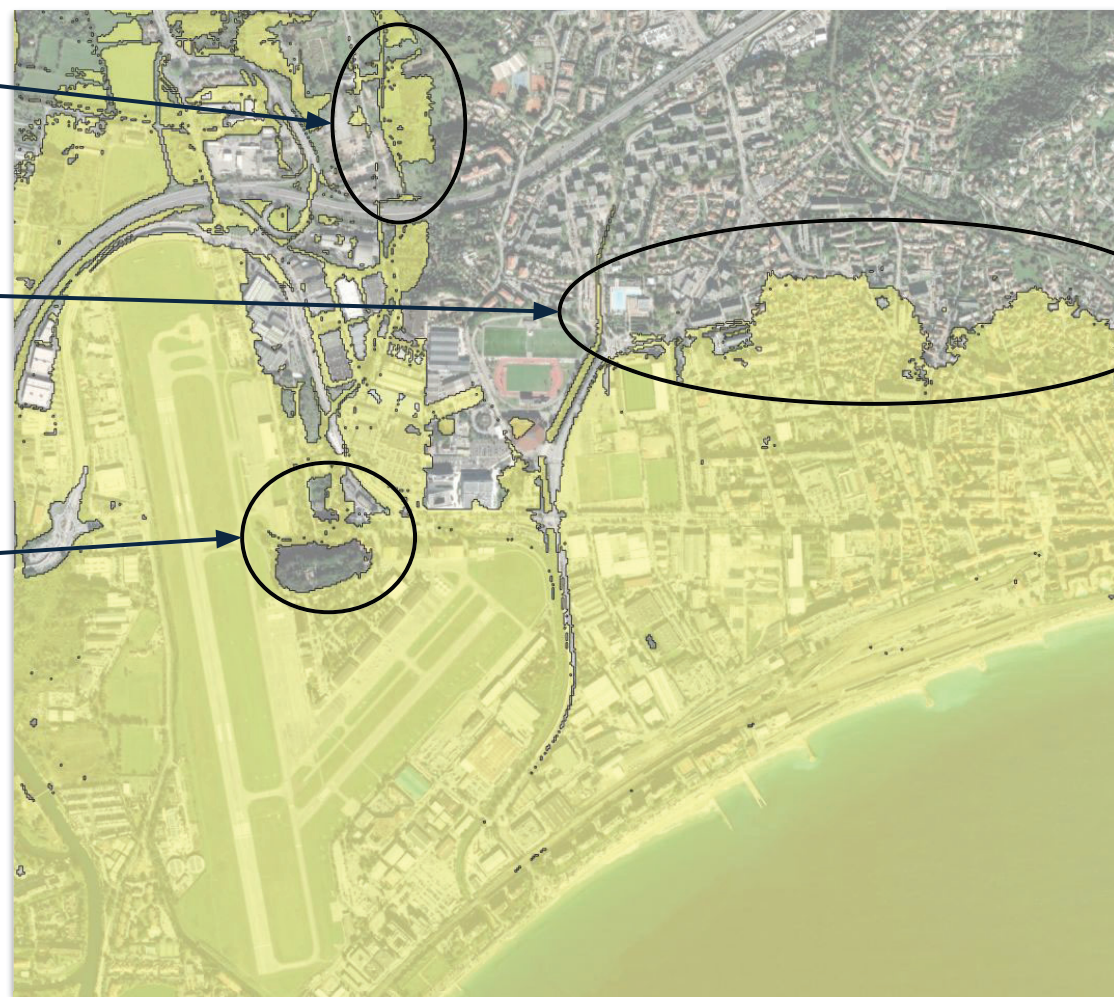


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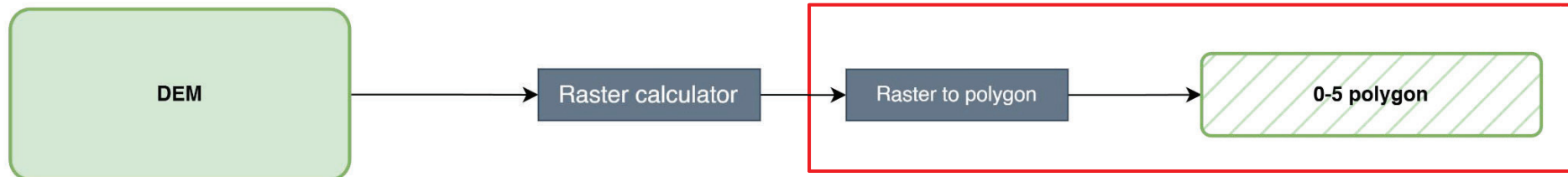
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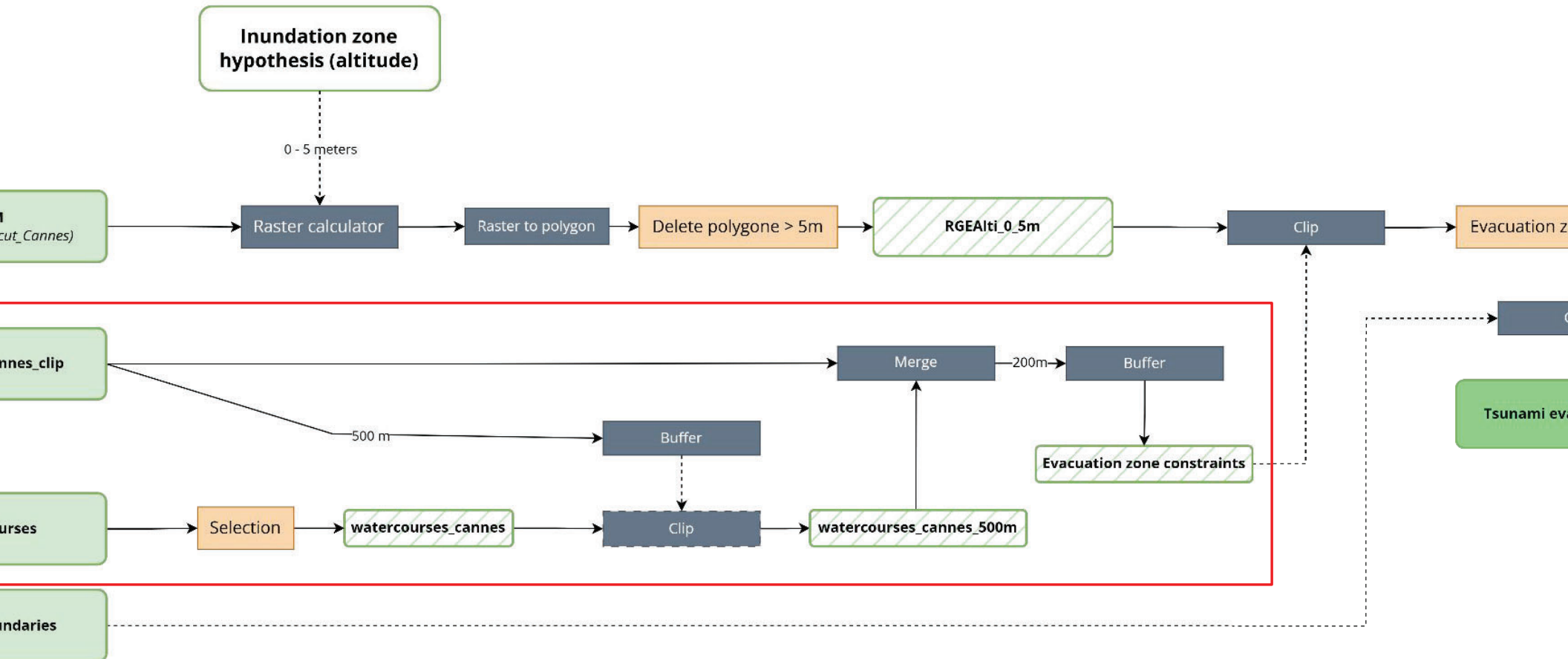
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assumptions regarding **maximum distances**
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Only open-air hydrographic network will be taken into account for the evacuation zone
⇒ During **field mission** or through **aerial image interpretation**



Non cased drainage

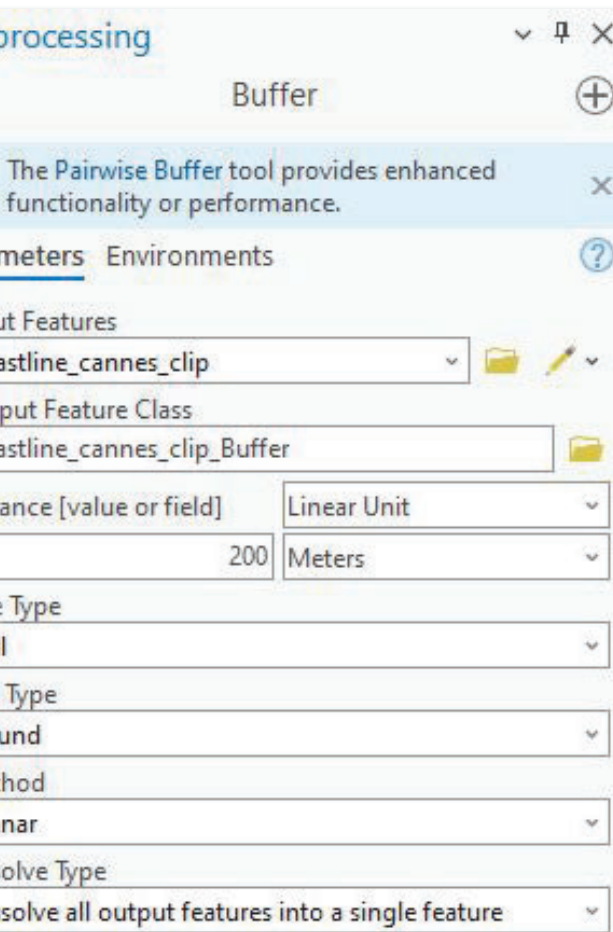


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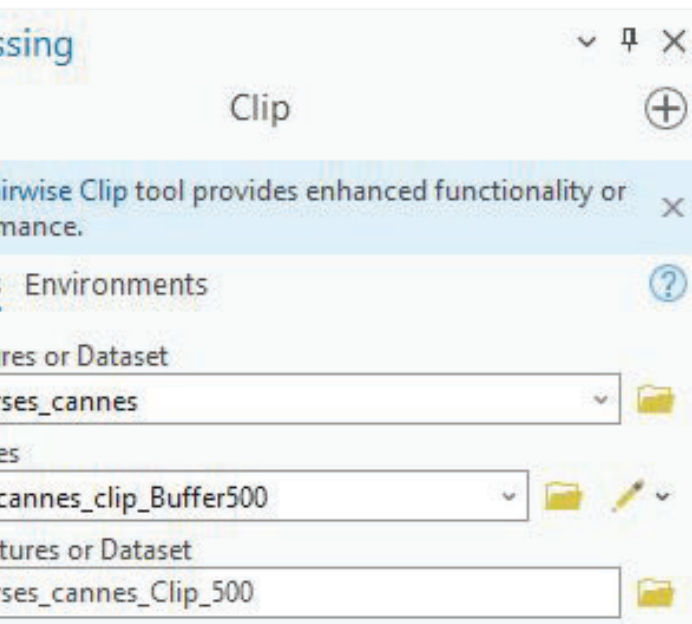


Generate **500 meters buffer** on clipped coastline





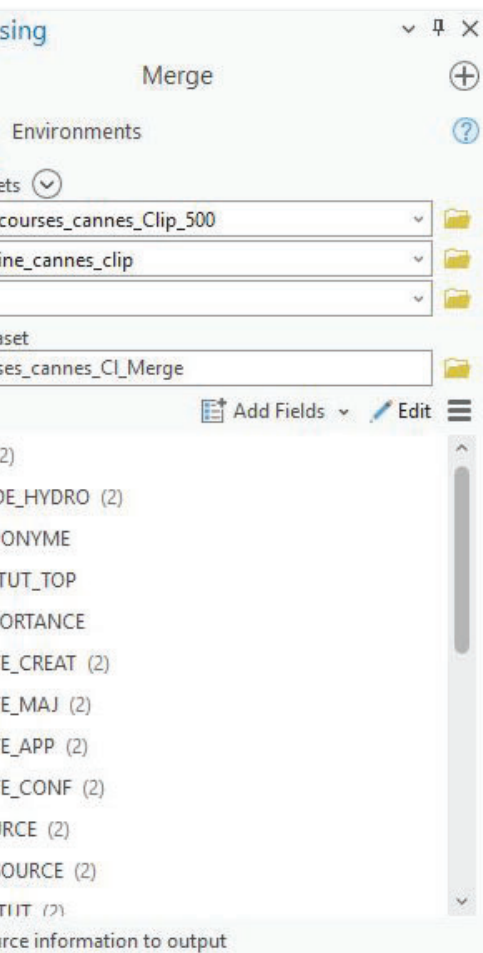
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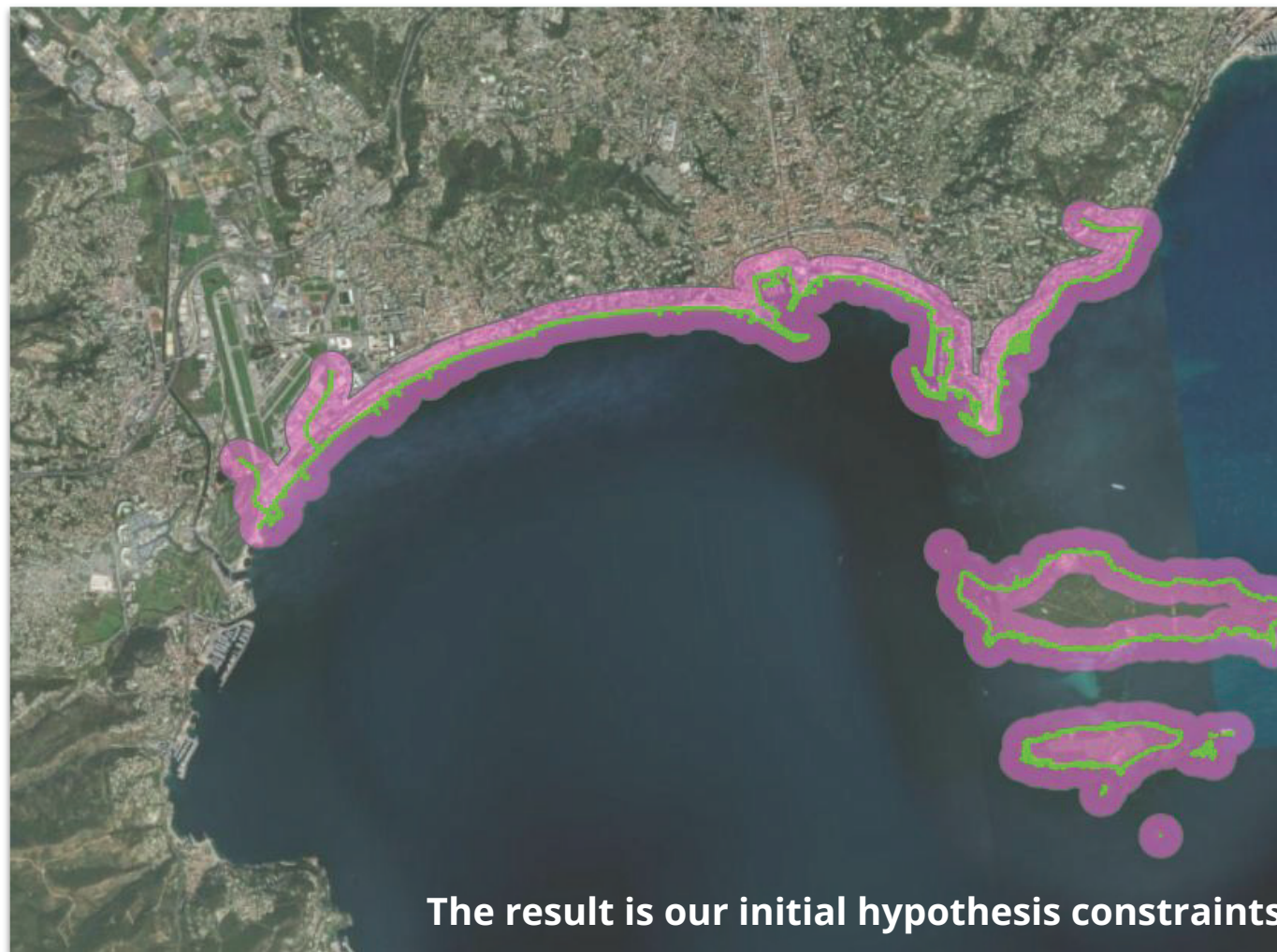
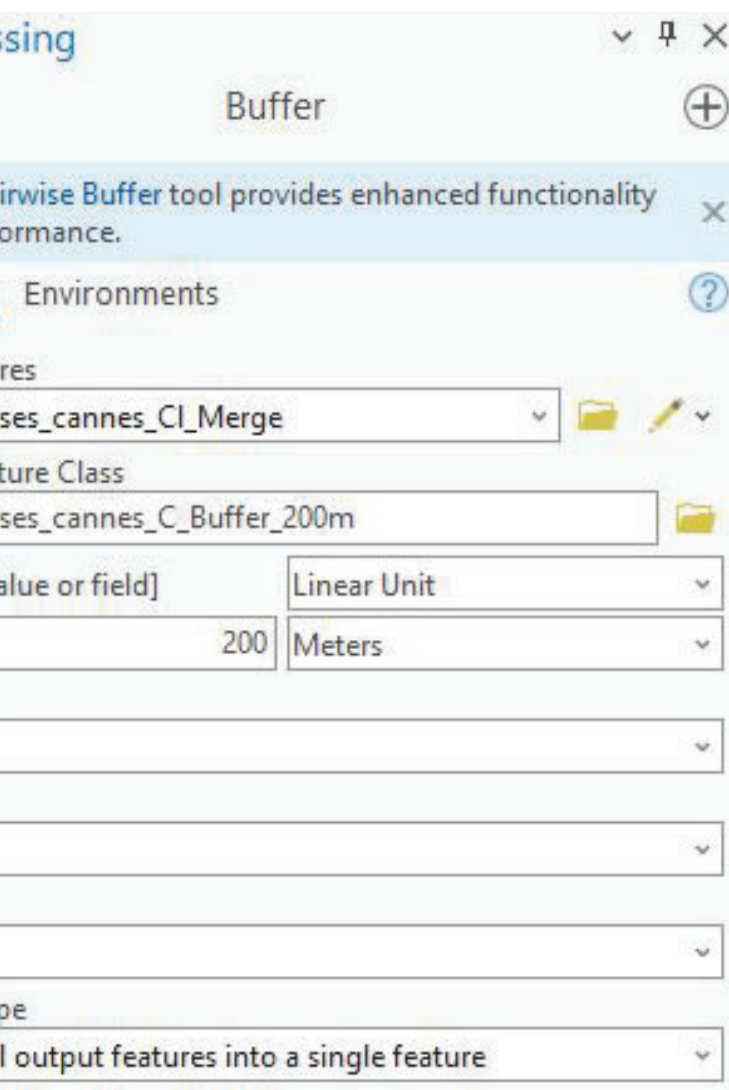
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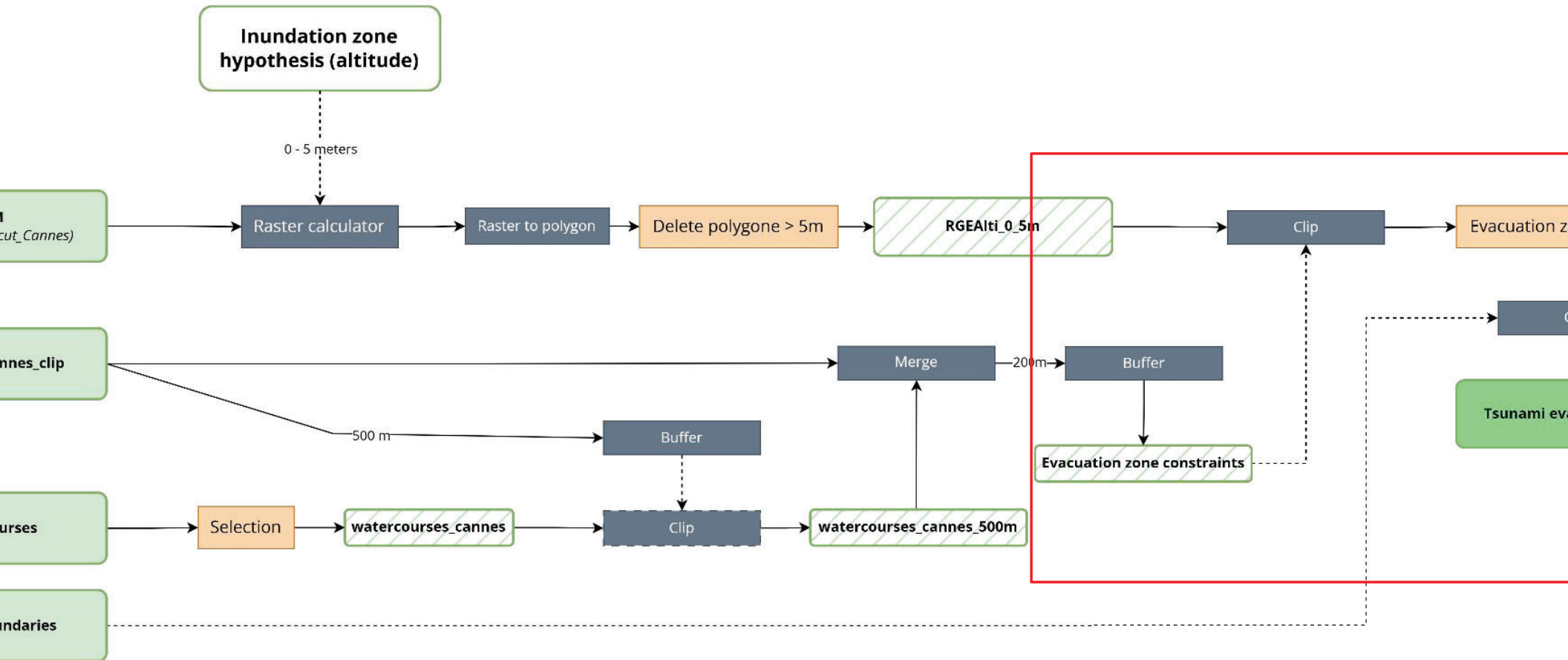
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200 meters buffers with the merged layer and export the result as “**evacuation_zone_constraints**”



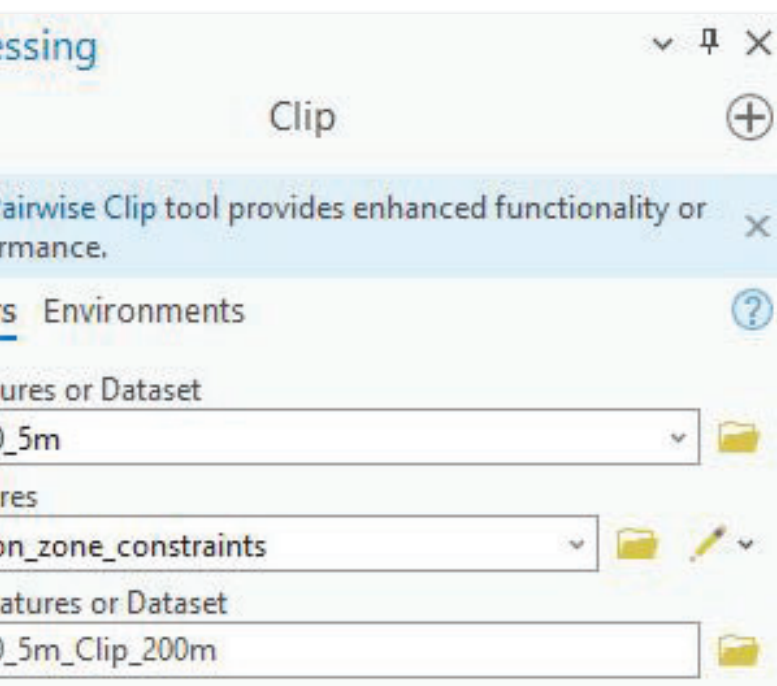
The result is our initial hypothesis constraints



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RGEAlt_0_5m on the **evacuation_zone_constraints** layer.



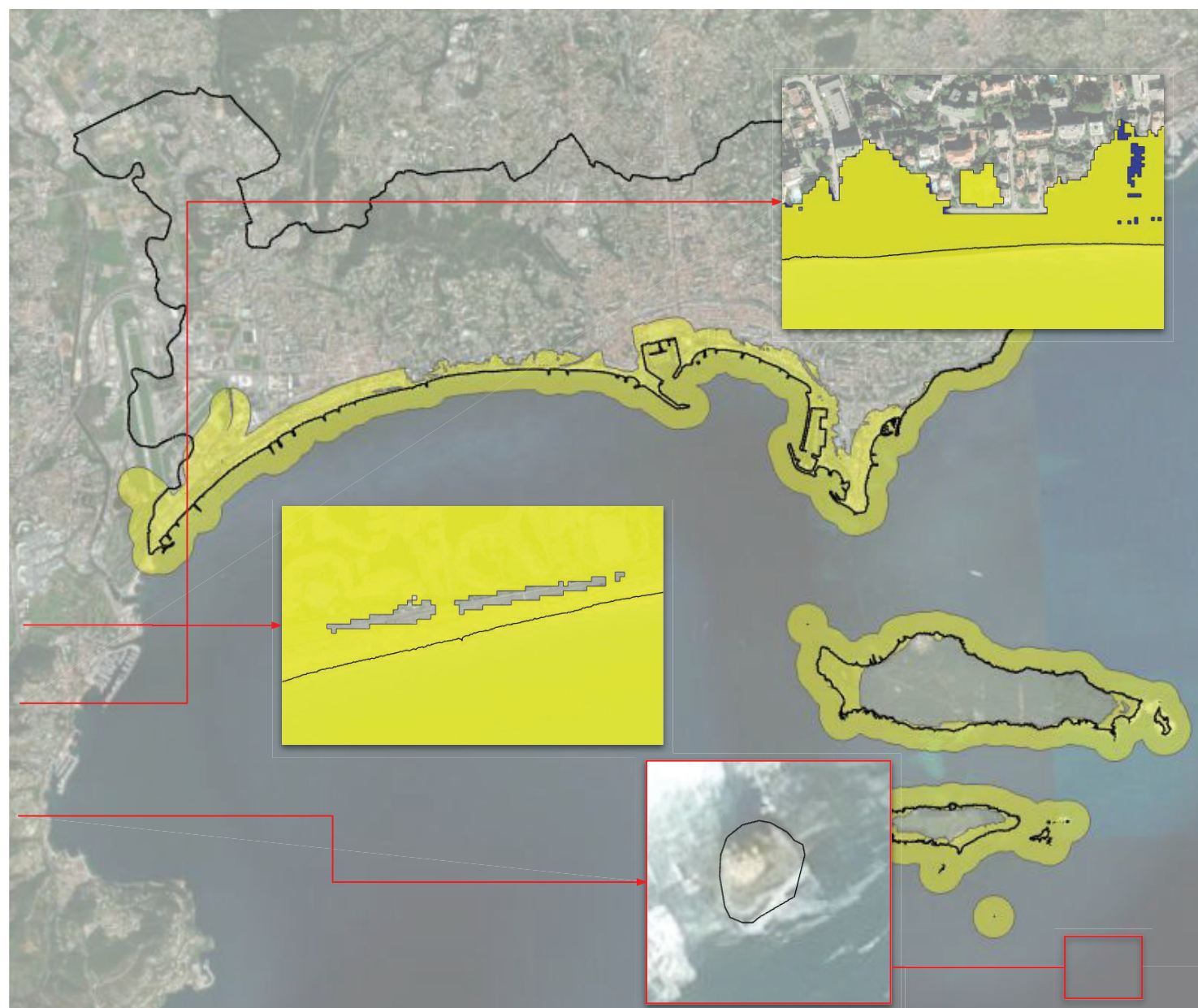
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Geoprocessing

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Parameters Environments

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Method
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Geoprocessing History

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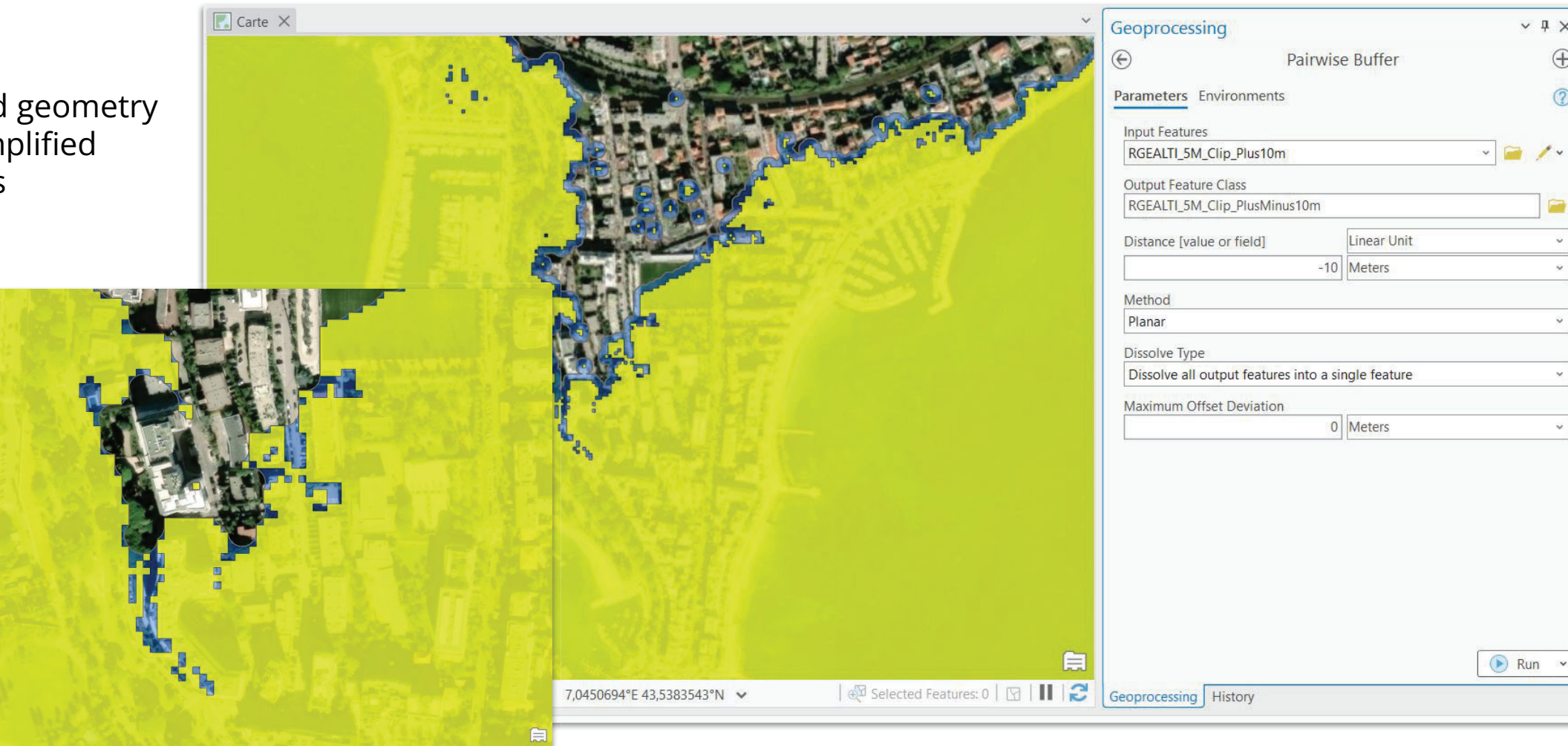
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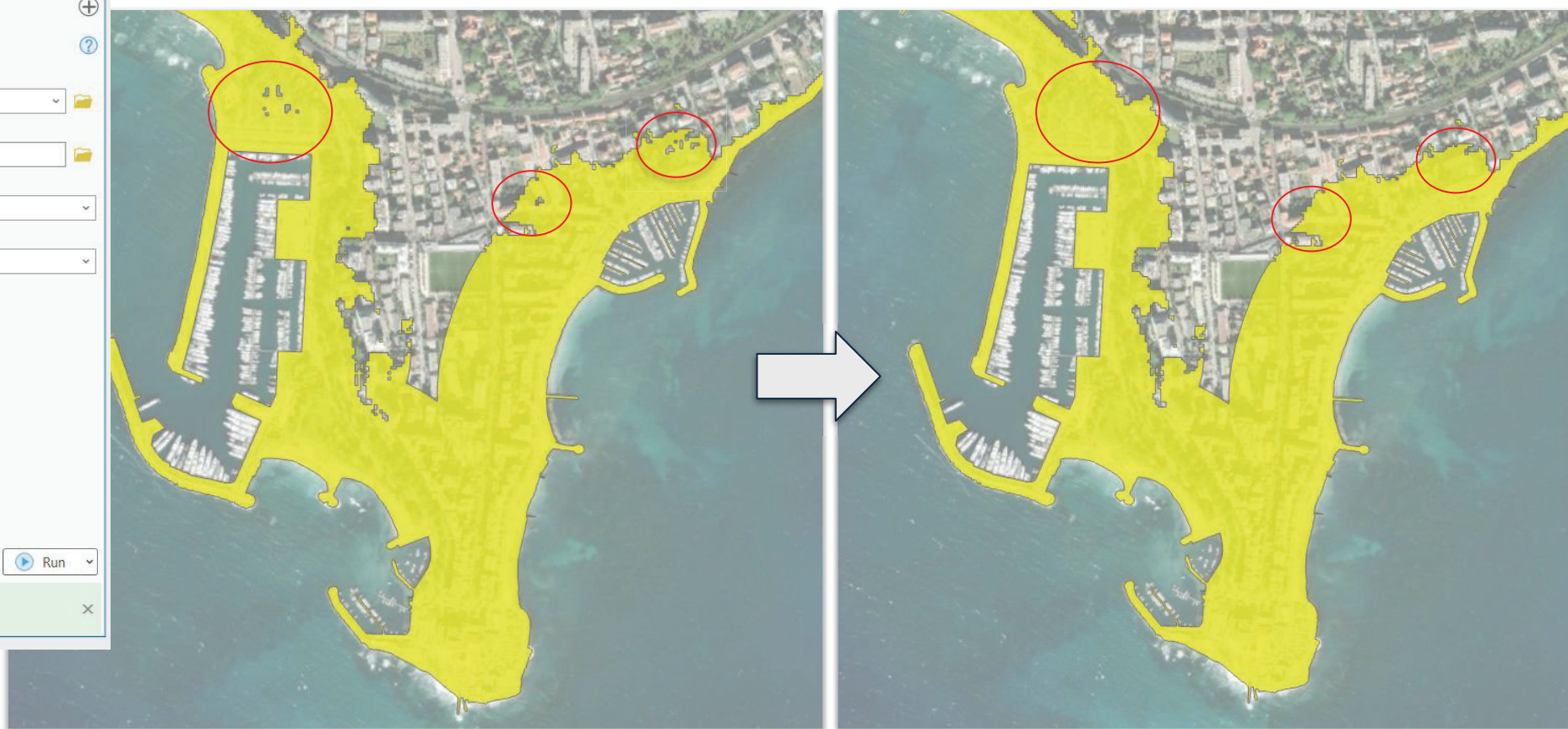
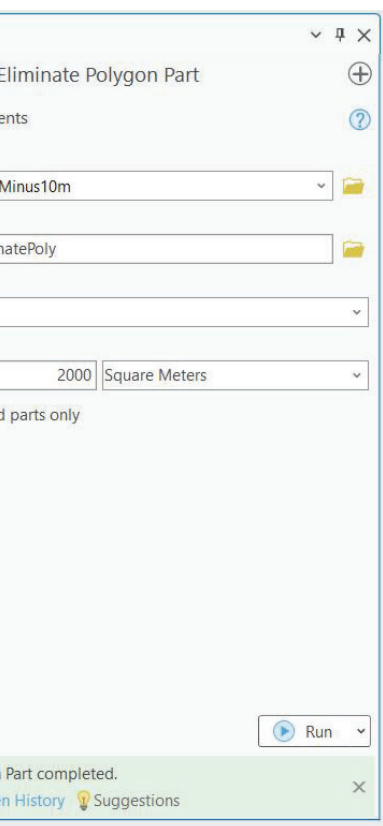
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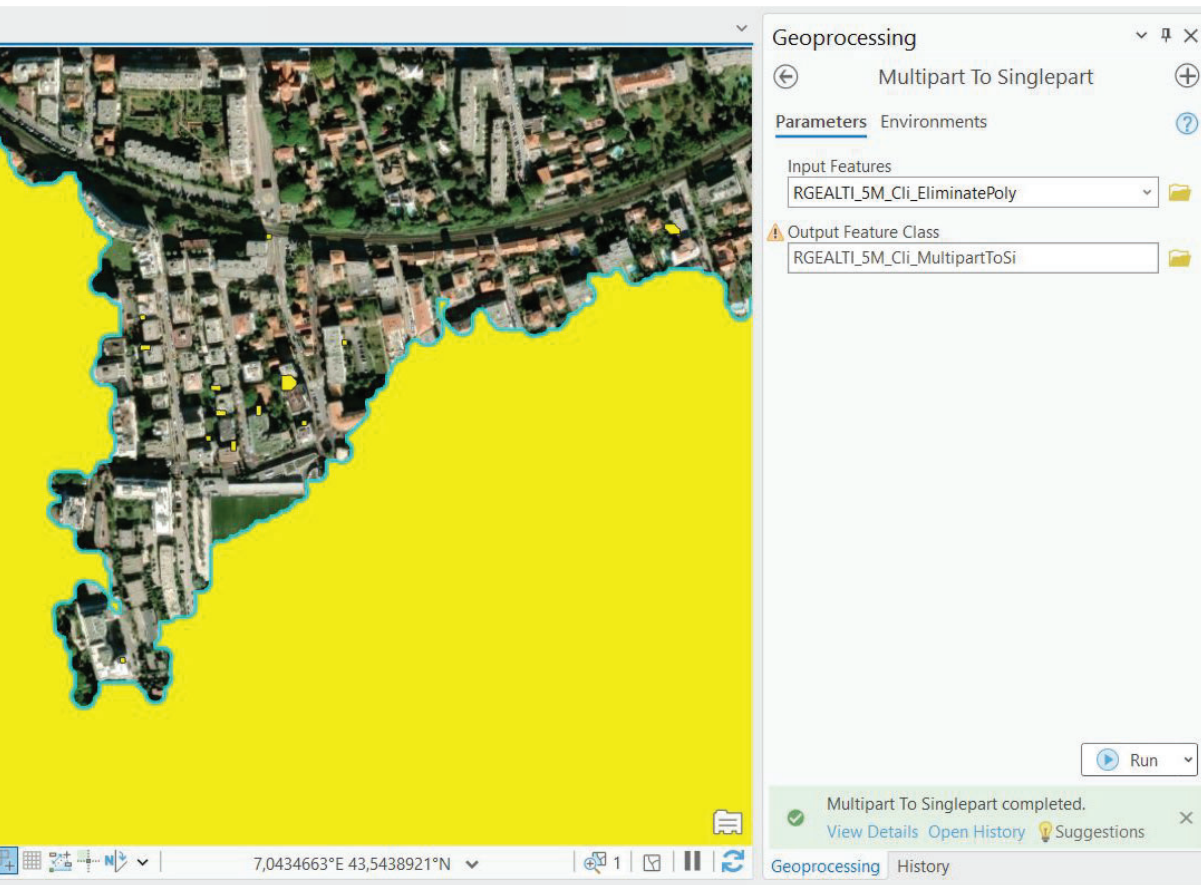


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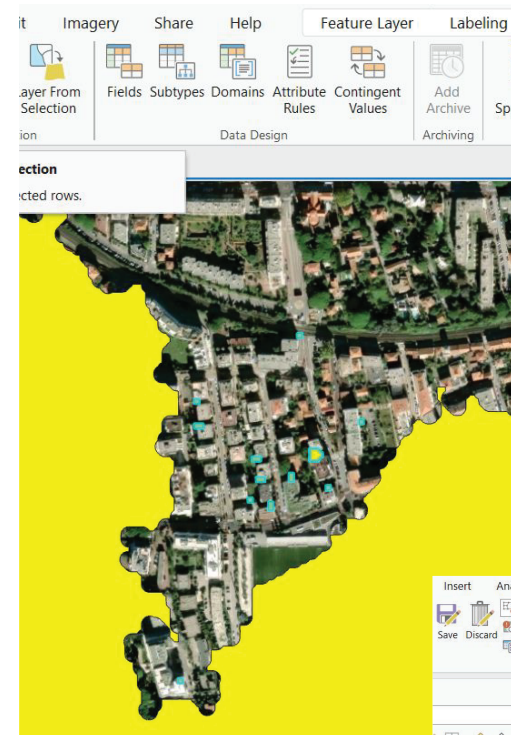


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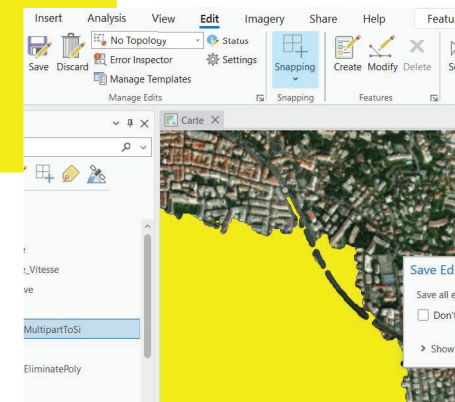
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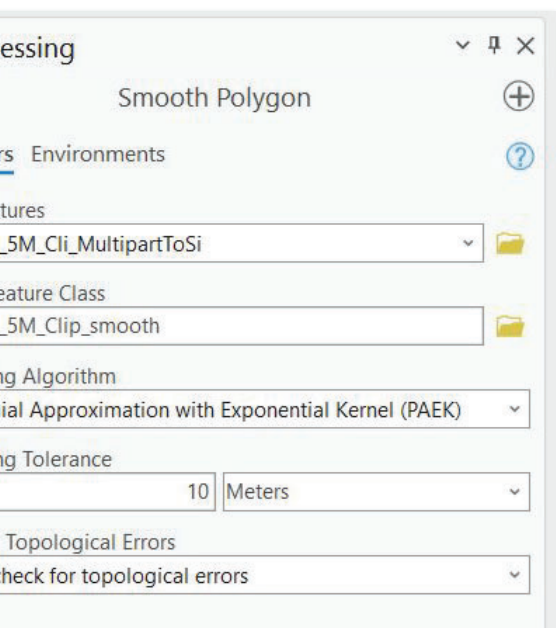


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Smoothing for Clearer Boundaries

With the evacuation_zone
to reduce angular
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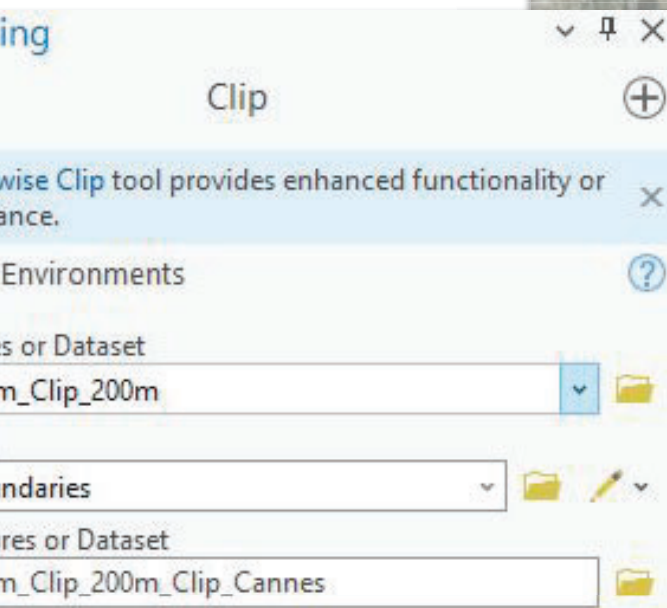




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that the result of the clipping operations is conform to our initial hypothesis (0-5m high & 200m inland or 500m inland for watercourses that are connected to the sea)





Evacuation is mandatory in order to detect the need for local adaptations that are assessed through imagery analysis.

2000, Nice's metropole's largest mall

Due to the large numbers of visitors, the metropole decided to make an exception to the tsunami evacuation instructions for this center : people already in the mall will stay inside.

The project allowed to take into account the newly constructed seafront terrace that was available on satellite imagery at the time of the project.

The evacuation zone along the mall was defined based on the field verification and Lidar data



Lidar's 0-5m range extraction



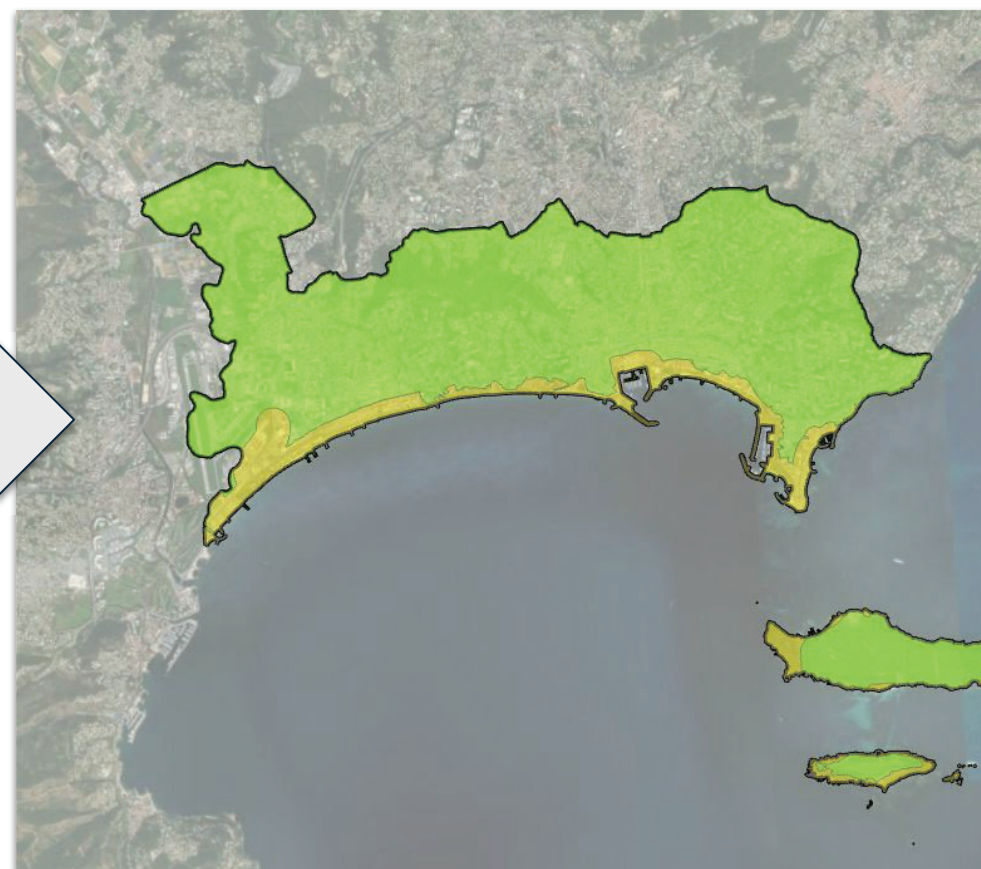
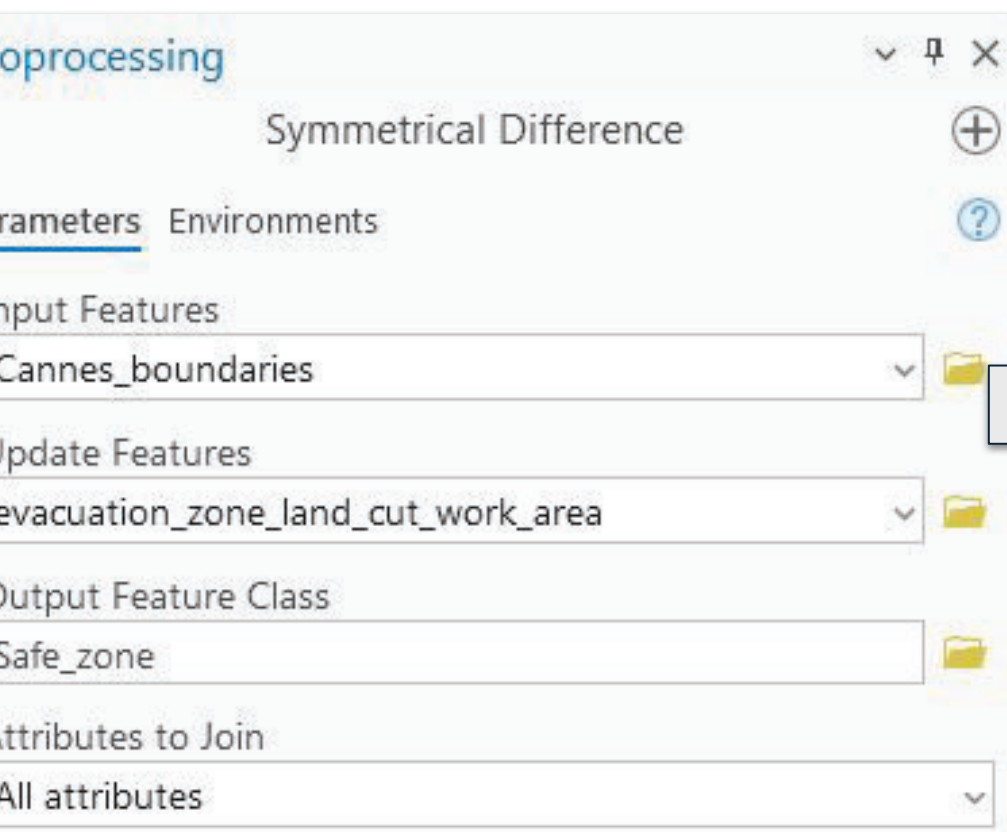


Generate the tsunami safe zone !

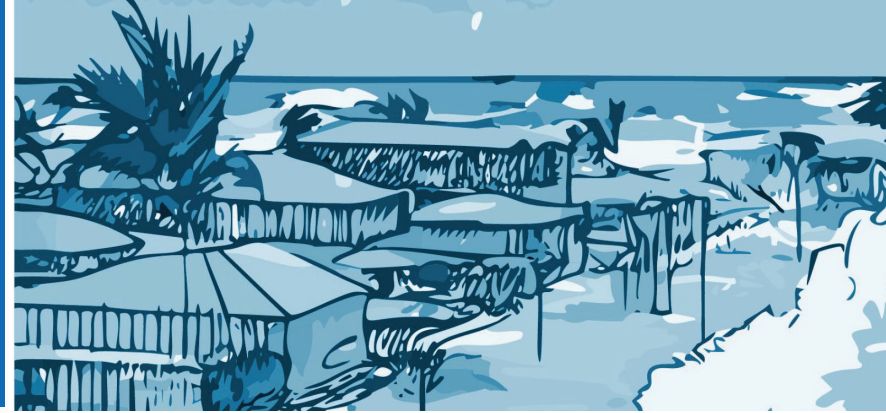
n #1 Tsunami evacuation zone mapping



Use the **Symmetrical difference** tool between the evacuation zone and Cannes boundaries to generate the safe zone



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