Regional training workshop for satellite crop monitoring using the CropWatch system

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Introduction to CropWatch Explore

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- **What’s the CropWatch Explorer**
- Special products within CropWatch Explorer
- Information at MPZ level
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- Information at Countries level
- Customize information for special Country
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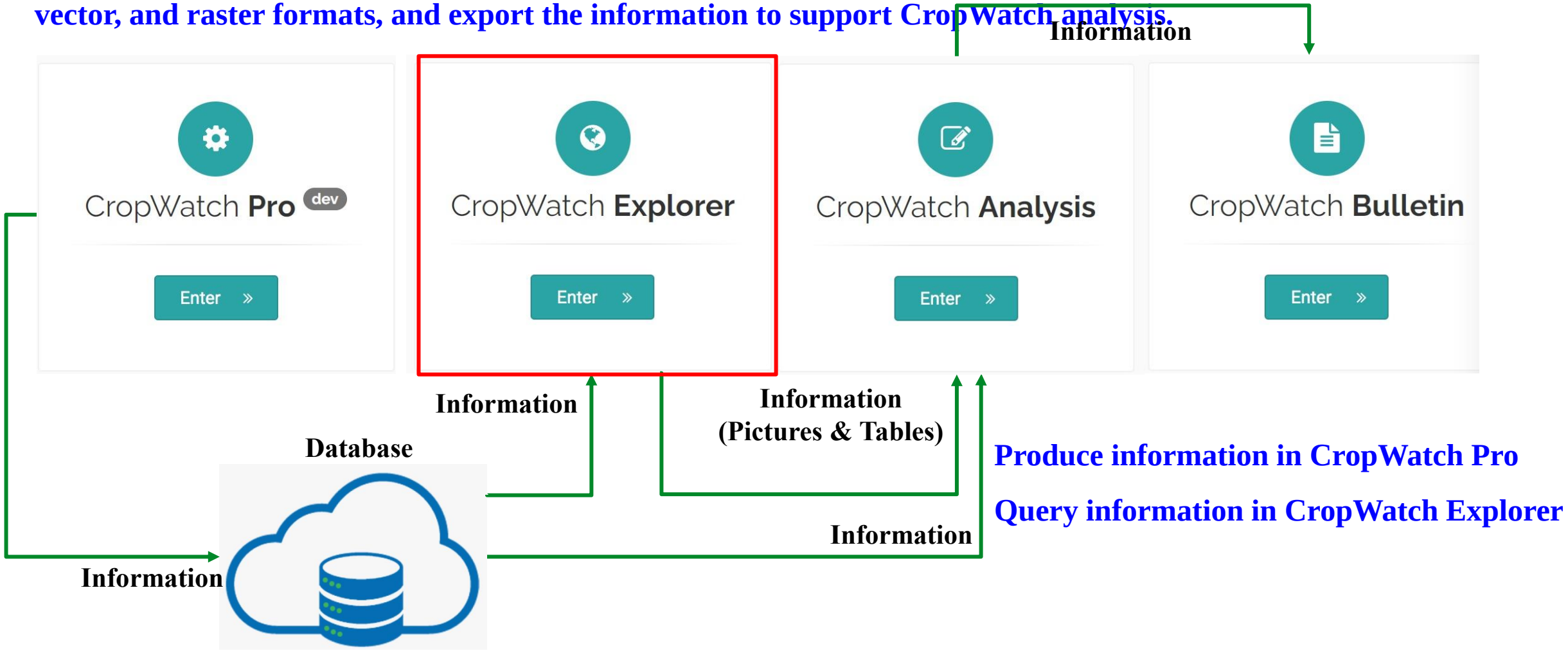
CropWatch Explorer

- CropWatch Explorer is an agricultural information display and query system based on Web-GIS technology.
- Users can use CropWatch Explorer to read the information generated by CropWatch Pro, display it in tabular, vector, and raster formats, and export the information to support CropWatch analysis.



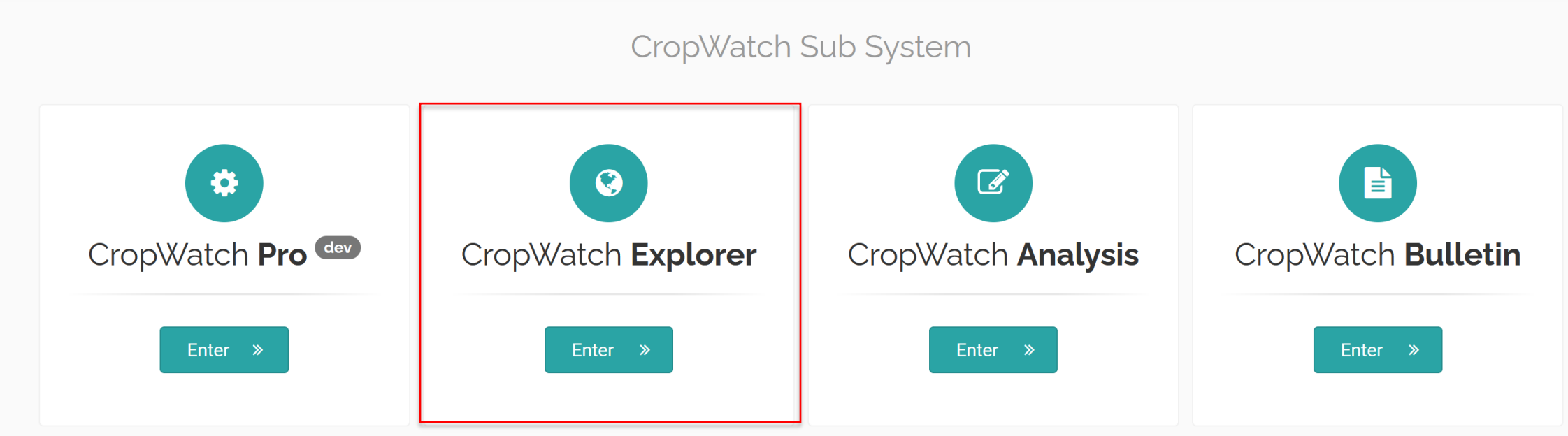
CropExplorer's mission

1. Provide data-based service for agricultural analysis of CropWatch Bulletins
2. Provide customized agricultural information (information + knowledge) for users' decision making
3. Change from information provider to food security solution provider

CropWatch Explorer

- **Visiting address[Training Course]**

  http://cloud.cropwatch.com.cn/



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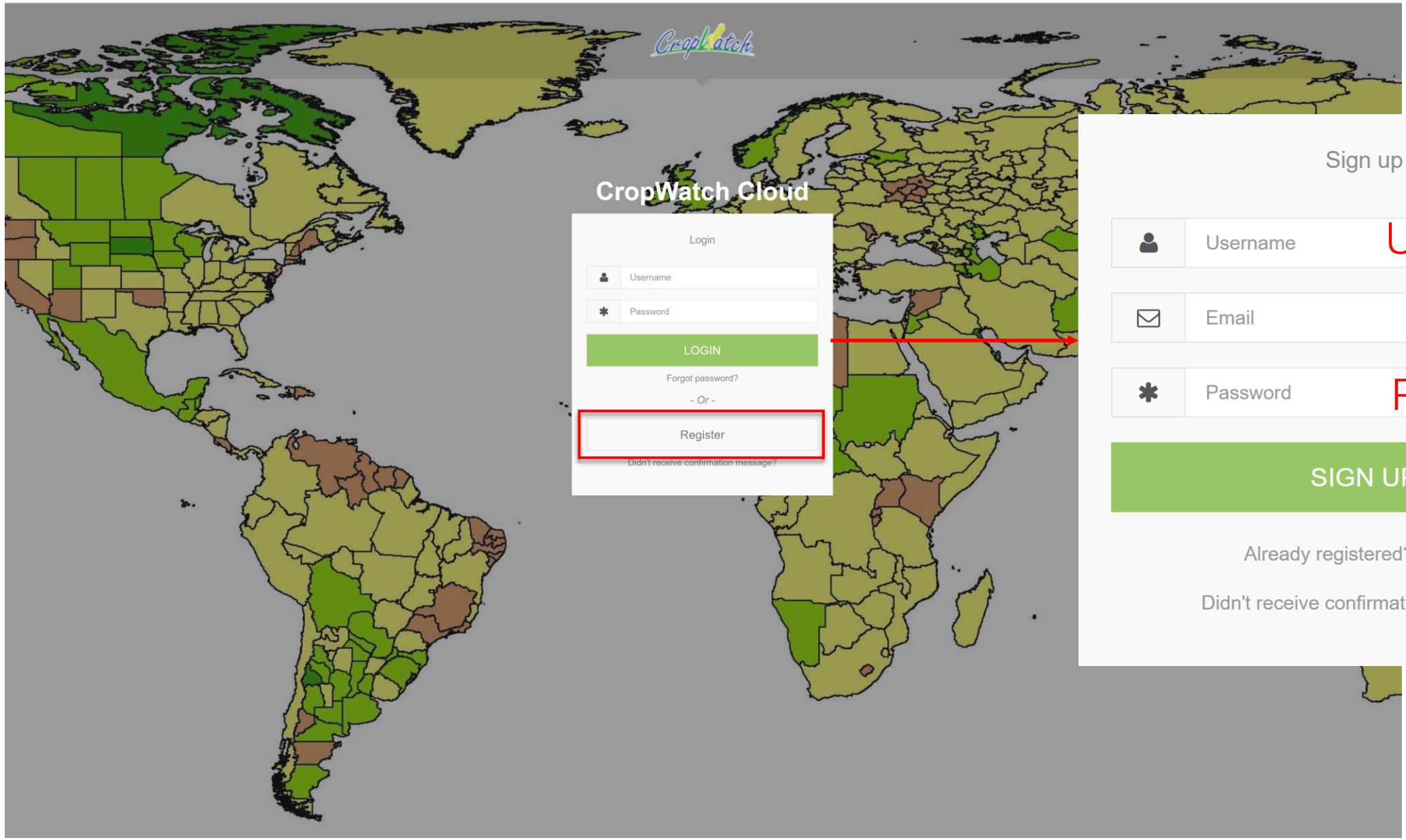

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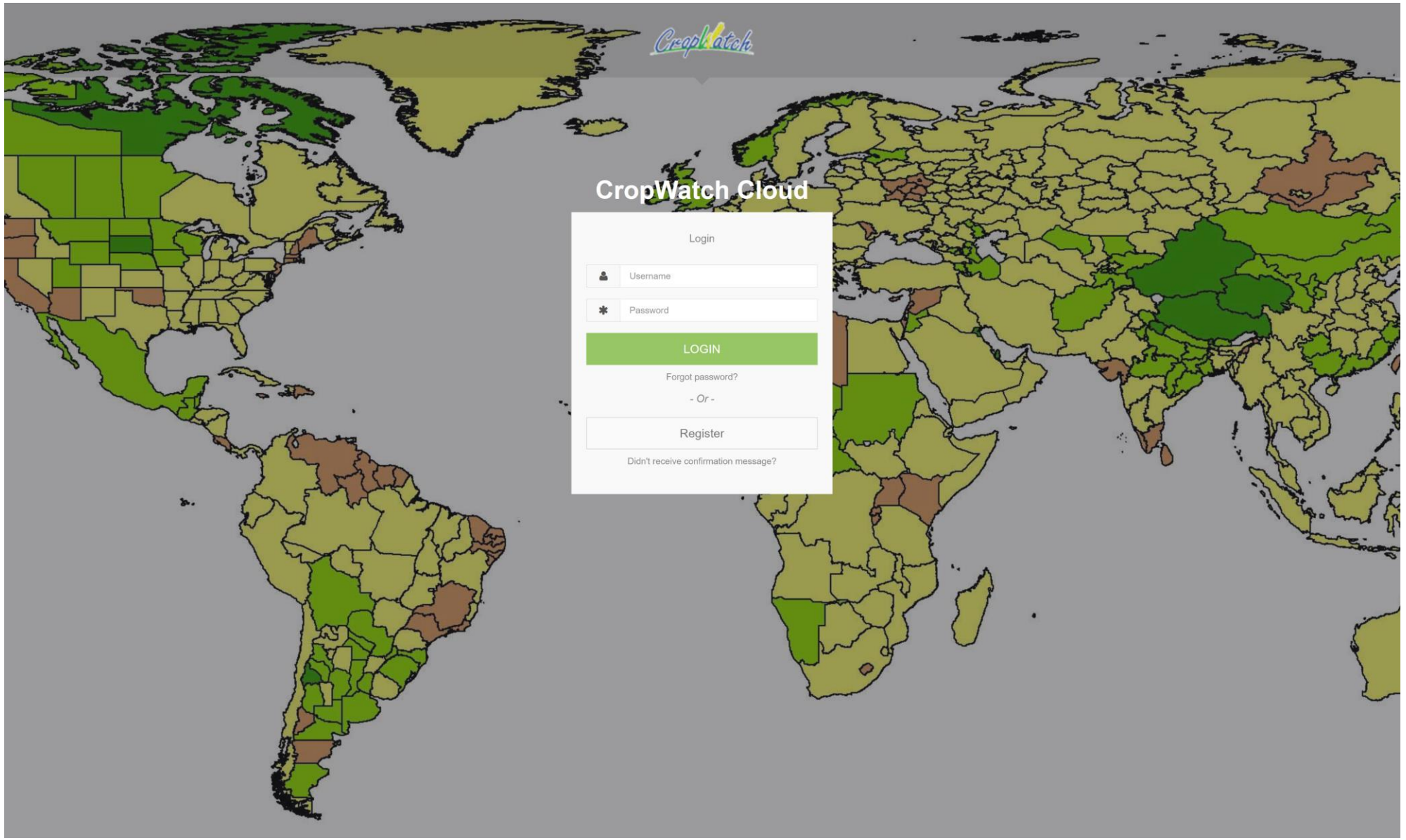

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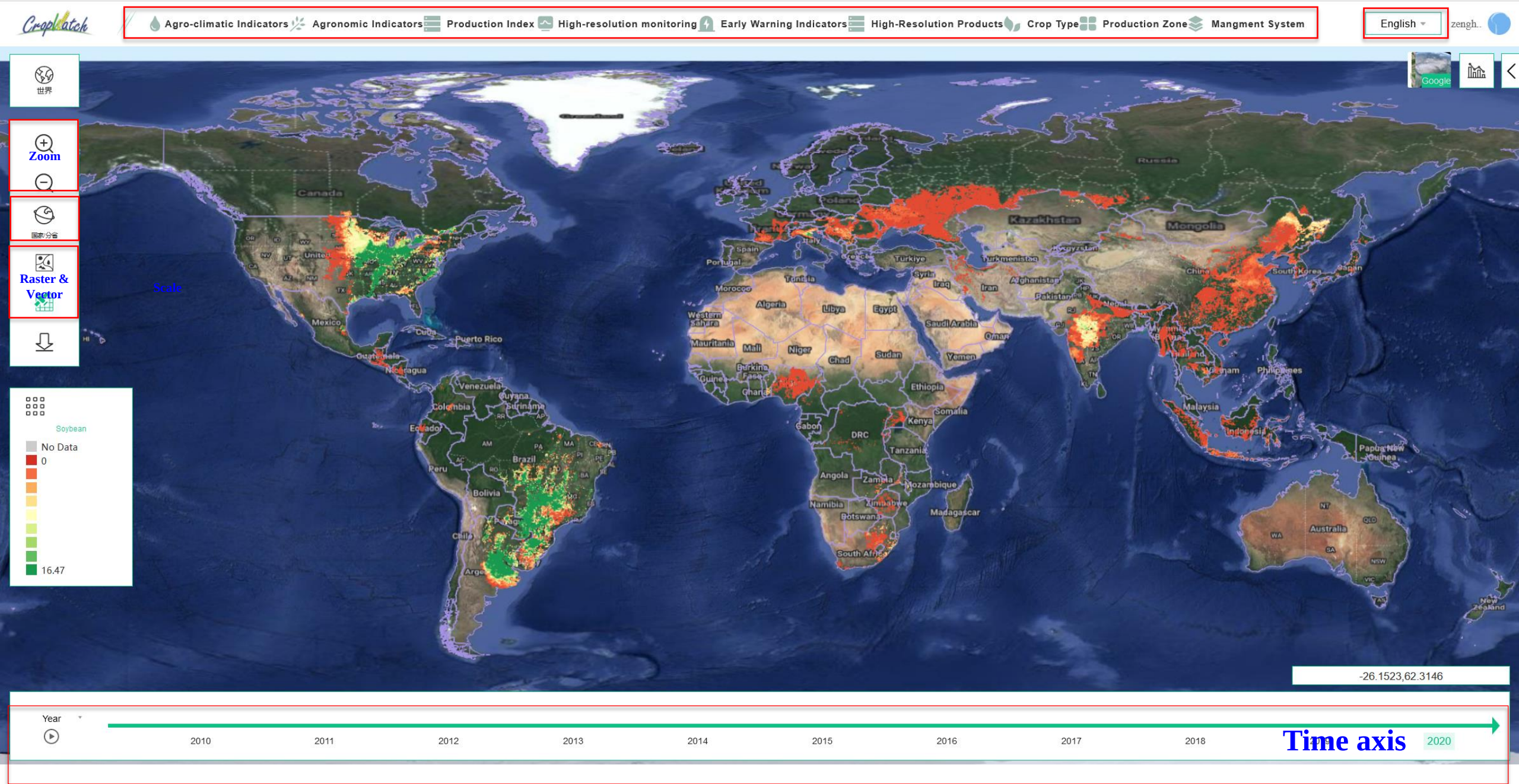
CropWatch Explorer-Main Interface

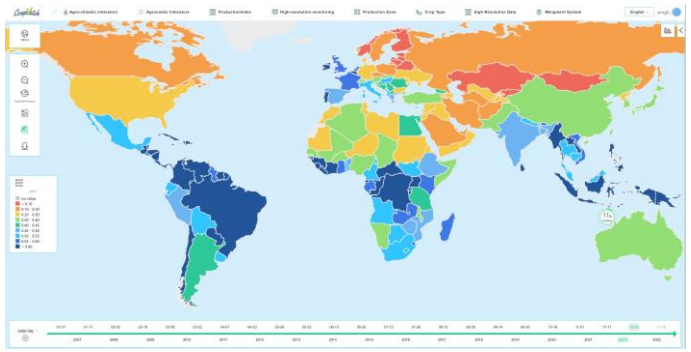


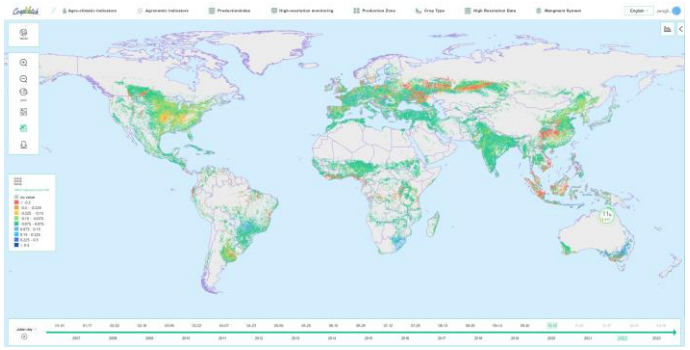
Information types of CropWatch-Explorer

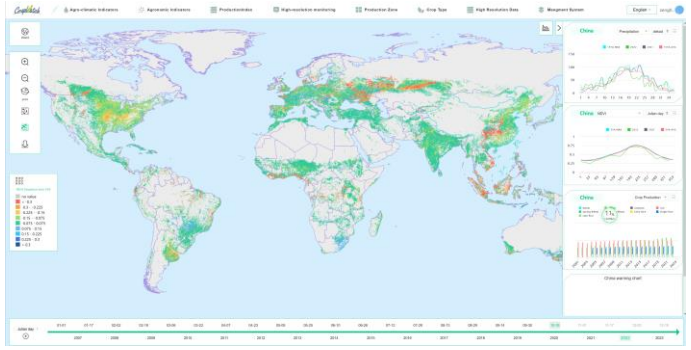
Information categories: agri-climatic, agronomic, production

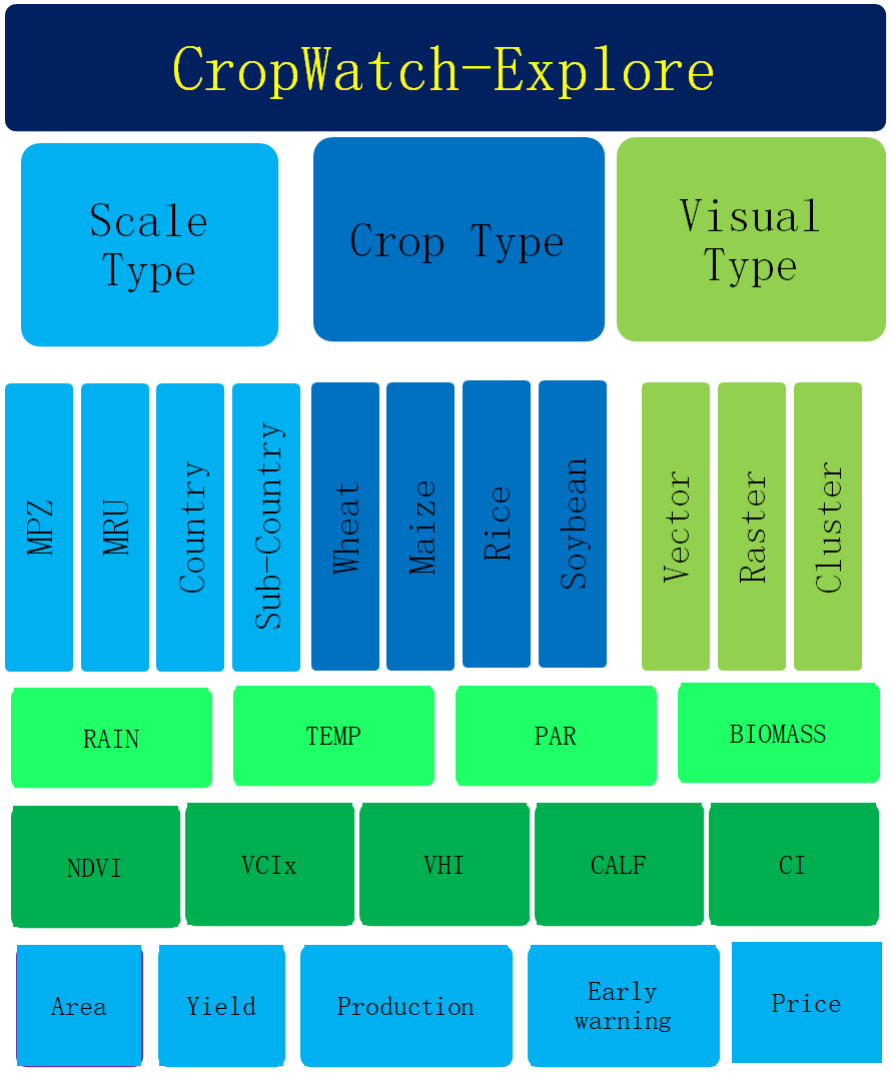
Type of information visualization: vector, raster, cluster

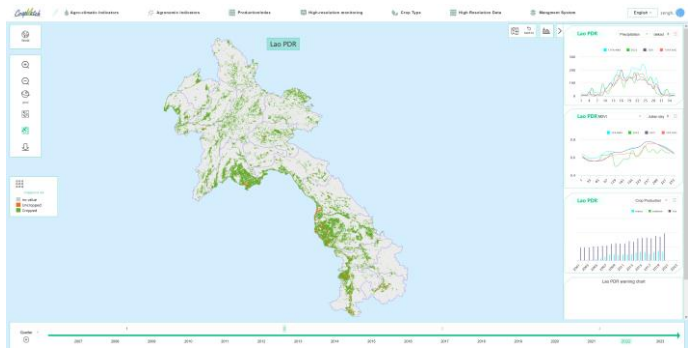
4 spatial scale: major production zones, map reporting unit, countries, sub-countries

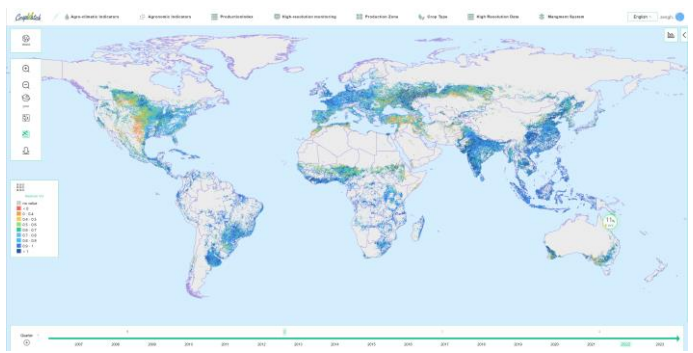


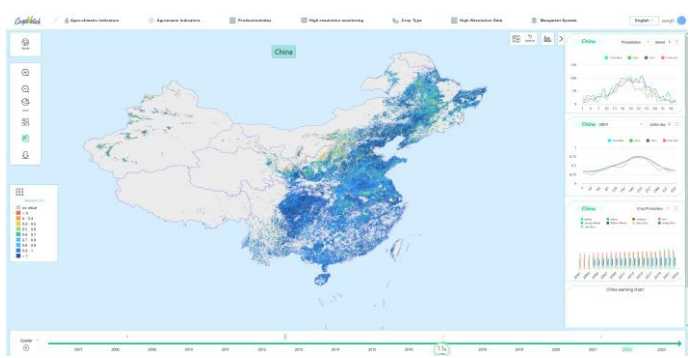












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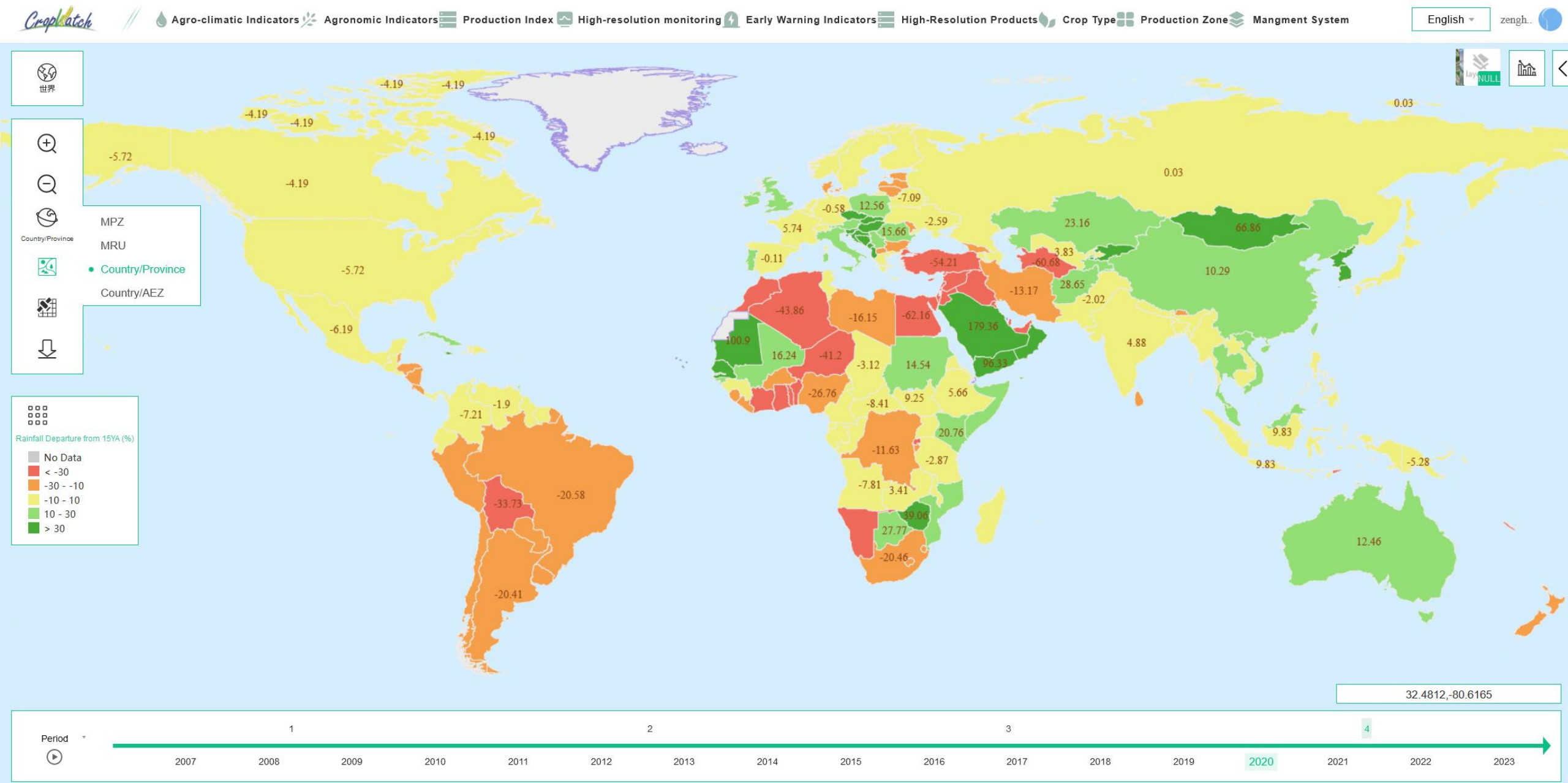

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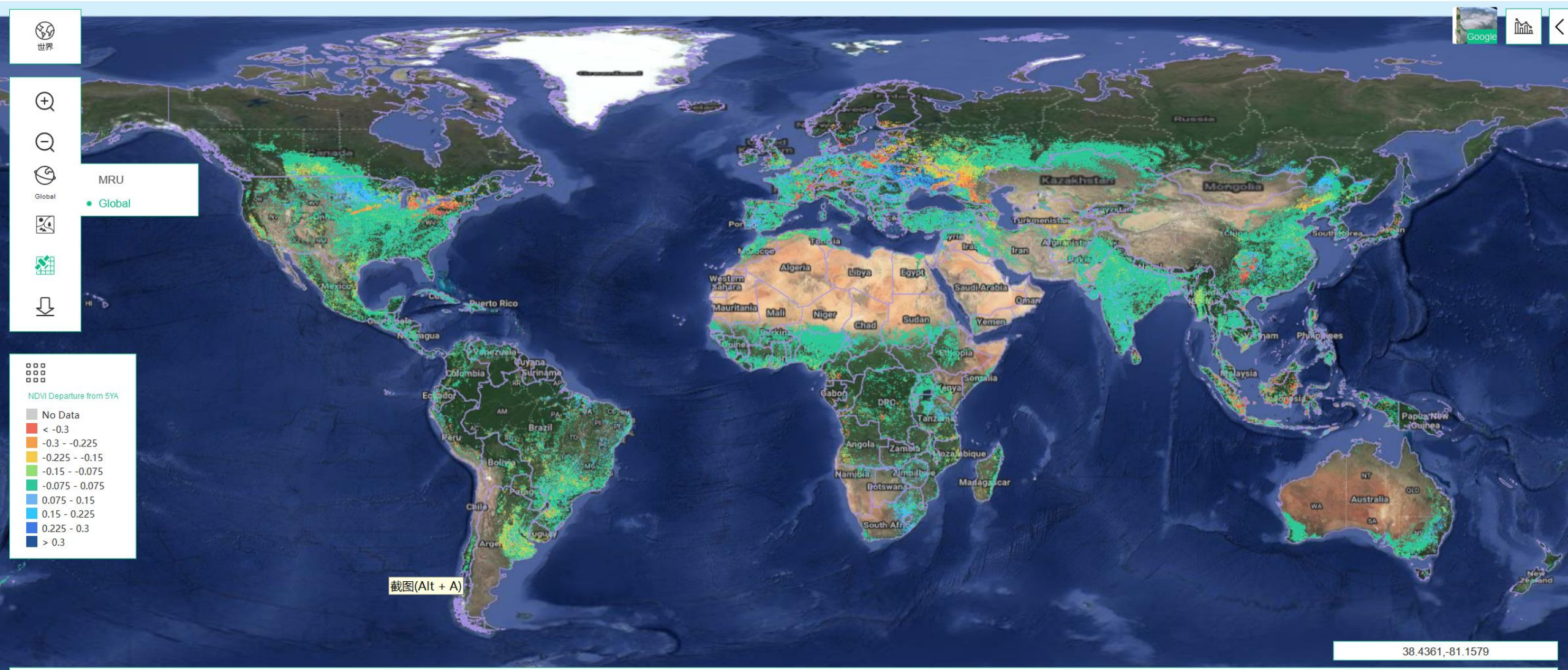

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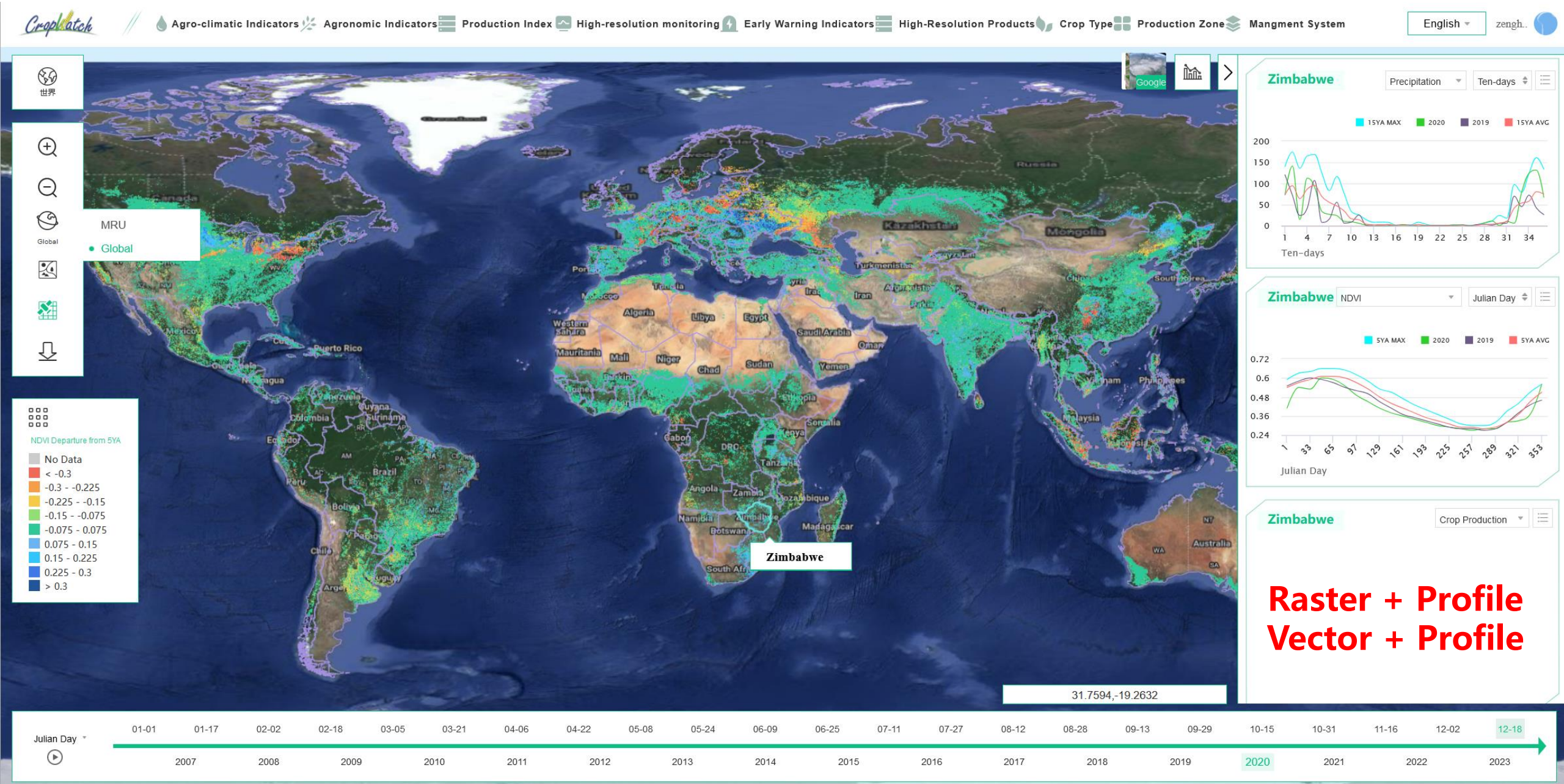
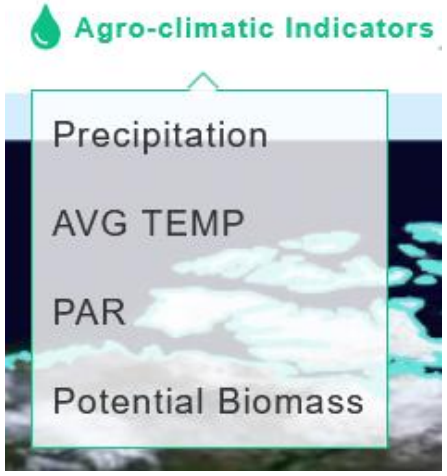
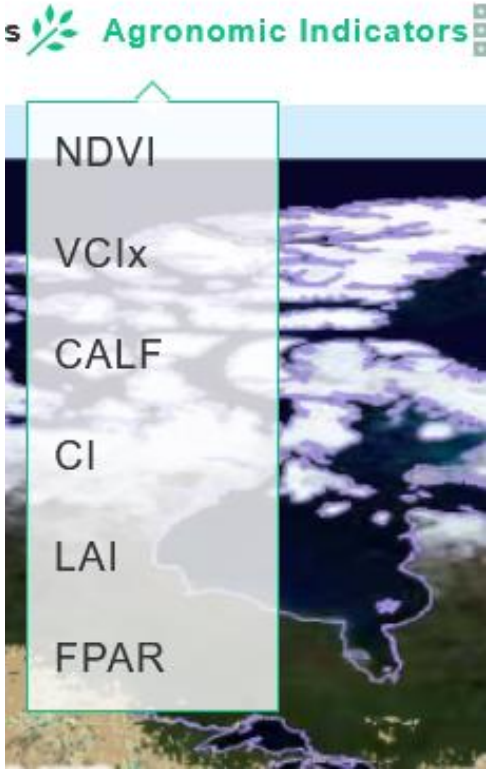
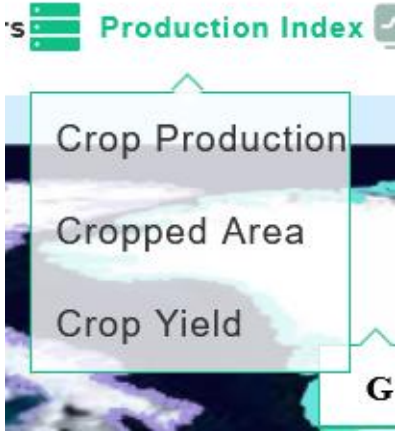


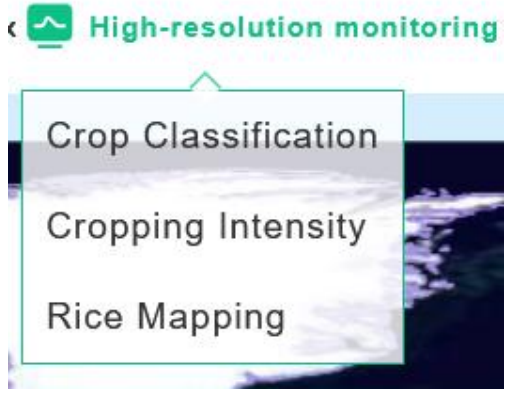
Summary of Indicators

- Agri-climatic Indicators: RAIN, TEMP, PAR, BIOMASS
- Agronomic Indicators: NDVI, VCIx, CALF, CI, LAI, FPAR
- Production Index: Crop production, cropped area, crop yield
- Early Warning Indicators: CPI
- High-resolution monitoring: crop classification, cropping intensity, rice mapping









Agri-climatic indicators

RAIN: accumulated rain within reporting period, departure of the rain is percent departure of the value for the reporting period compared to the recent 15 years average.

- Departure > 10%, meaning wet condition
- Departure < 10%, meaning dry condition
- Departure is between -10% and 10%, meaning close to normal

$$Rain_{Dep} = \frac{Rain_{cur\_season} - Rain_{15years\_avg}}{Rain_{15years\_avg}} \times 100\%$$

TEMP: average temperature (℃) within reporting period, departure of temp is the difference between TEMP value over the reporting period compared with the average of the recent 15 years average.

- Departure > 0.5℃, meaning heat stress
- Departure < 0.5℃, meaning cold stress
- Departure is between -0.5℃ and 0.5℃, meaning abnormal

$$TEMP_{Dep} = TEMP_{cur\_season} - TEMP_{15years\_avg}$$

RADPAR : accumulated PAR within reporting period (W/m^2,) departure of PAR is the percent departure of the RADPAR value for the reporting period compared to the recent 15 years average. [ENERGY stress]

$$PAR_{Dep} = \frac{PAR_{cur\_season} - PAR_{15years\_avg}}{PAR_{15years\_avg}} \times 100\%$$

Biomass: accumulated Biomass (dry gram, g/m^2), is shown as the percent departure of the Biomass value for the reporting period compared to the recent 15 years average.

$$BIO_{Dep} = \frac{BIO_{cur\_season} - BIO_{15years\_avg}}{BIO_{15years\_avg}} \times 100\%$$

Agronomic indicators

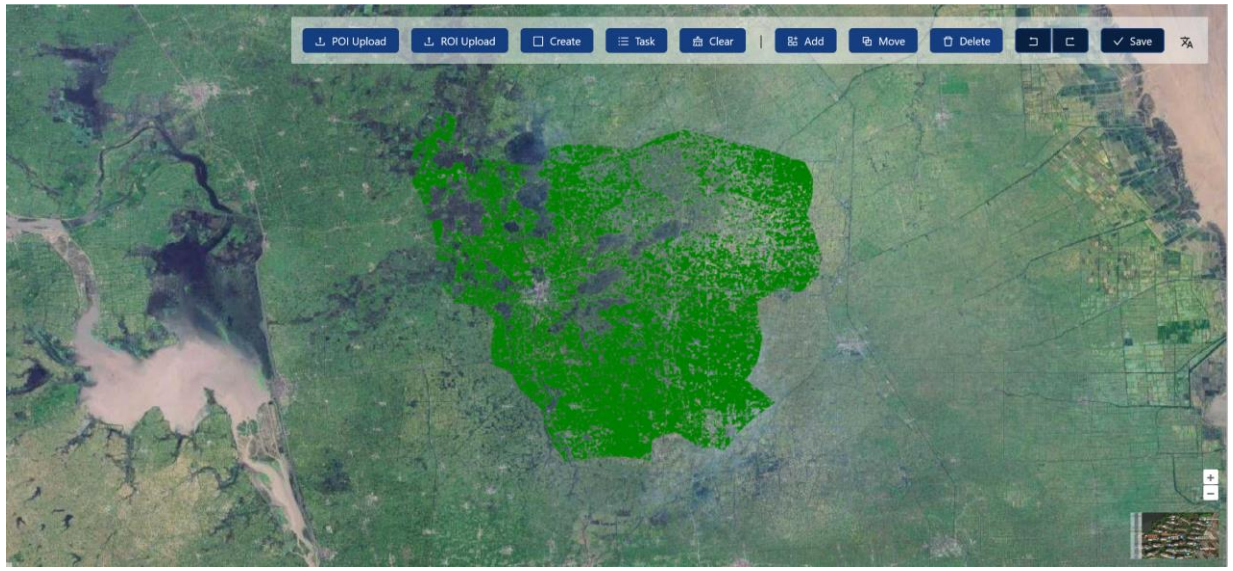
- **Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI):** An estimate of the density of living green biomass, it is widely used as indicator for crop condition.
- **Maximum Vegetation Condition Index (VCIx):** Vegetation condition of the current season compared with historical data. Values usually are [0, 1], where 0.5 is "NDVI as bad as the average" and 1 is "NDVI as good as the best recent year."
- **Cropped Arable Land Fraction (CALF):** The area of cropped arable land as fraction of total (cropped and uncropped) arable land. Whether a pixel is cropped or not is decided based on NDVI.
- **Cropping Intensity (CI):** CI describes the extent to which arable land is used over a year. It is the ratio of the total crop area of all planting seasons in a year to the total area of arable land.
- **Leaf area index (LAI) :** LAI is a dimensionless quantity that characterizes plant canopies. It is defined as the one-sided green leaf area per unit ground surface area (LAI = leaf area / ground area, m2 / m2) in broadleaf canopies.
- **The fraction of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation (FAPAR):** FAPAR is the fraction of the incoming solar radiation in the photosynthetically active radiation spectral region that is absorbed by a photosynthetic organism, typically describing the light absorption across an integrated plant canopy.

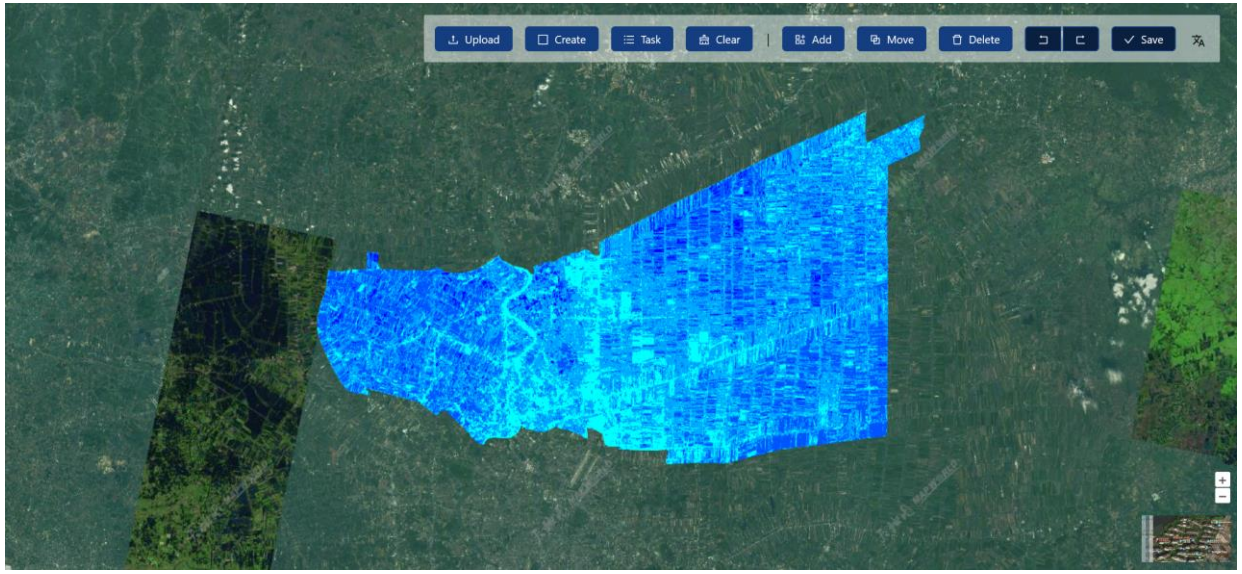
Production Index & Early Warning indicator

- **Cropped area:** It is a surface of land on which a crop is grown
- **Crop yield:** Crop yield is a standard measurement of the amount of agricultural production harvested—yield of a crop—per unit of land area.
- **Crop production:** the result of cropped area multiply crop yield.
- **CPI:** The average crop production situation for the same period in the past five years was used as a benchmark to make an overall estimate of the current season's agricultural production situation. A value of 1.0 represents the basic normal crop production situation in the current period for the spatial unit, and the higher the value, the better the crop production situation in the current period. Conversely, the lower the value, the worse the crop production situation for the spatial unit in the current period.

Indicators of High-resolution monitoring

- **Crop classification**
- **Cropping intensity**
- **Rice mapping**





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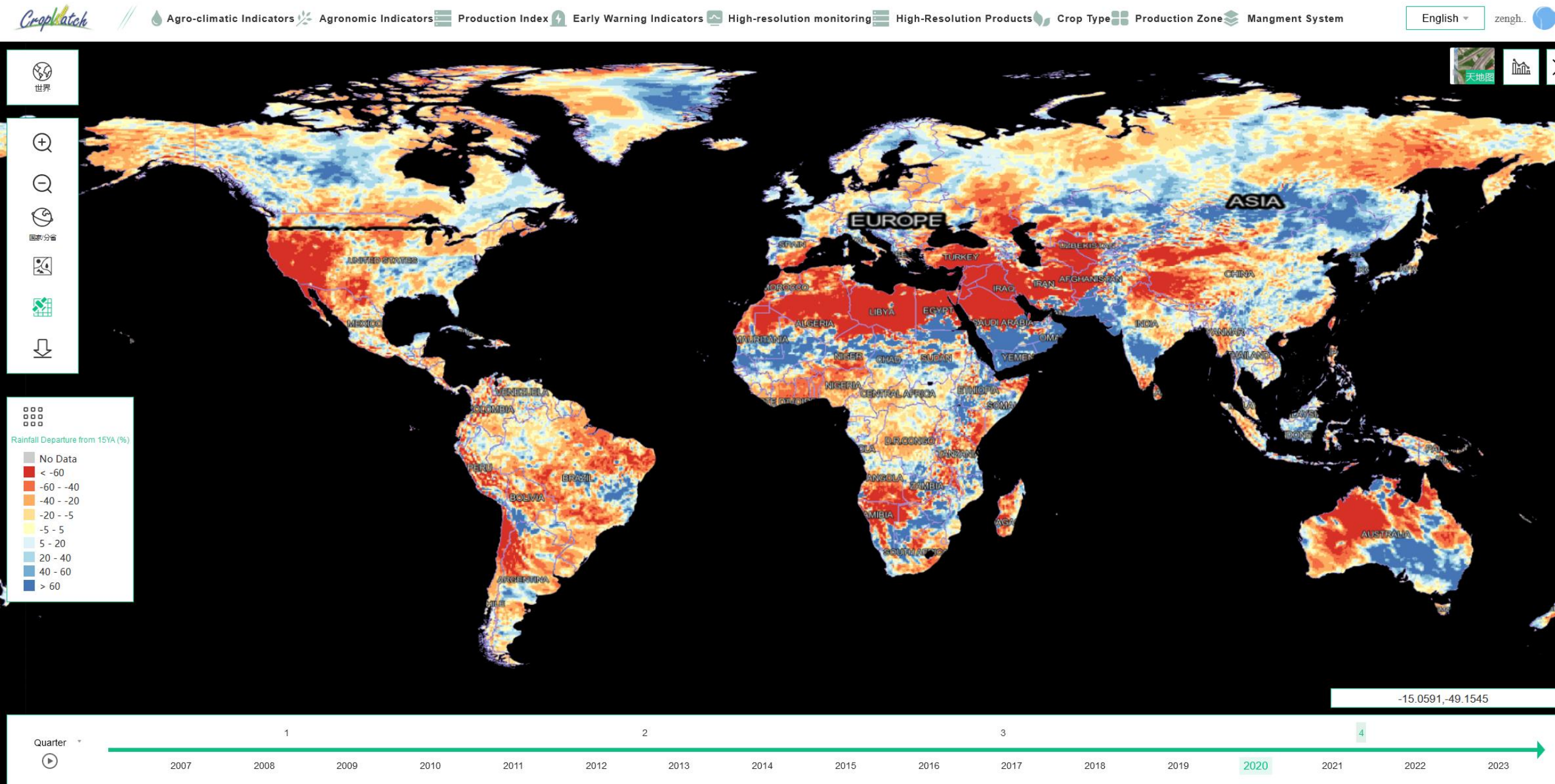

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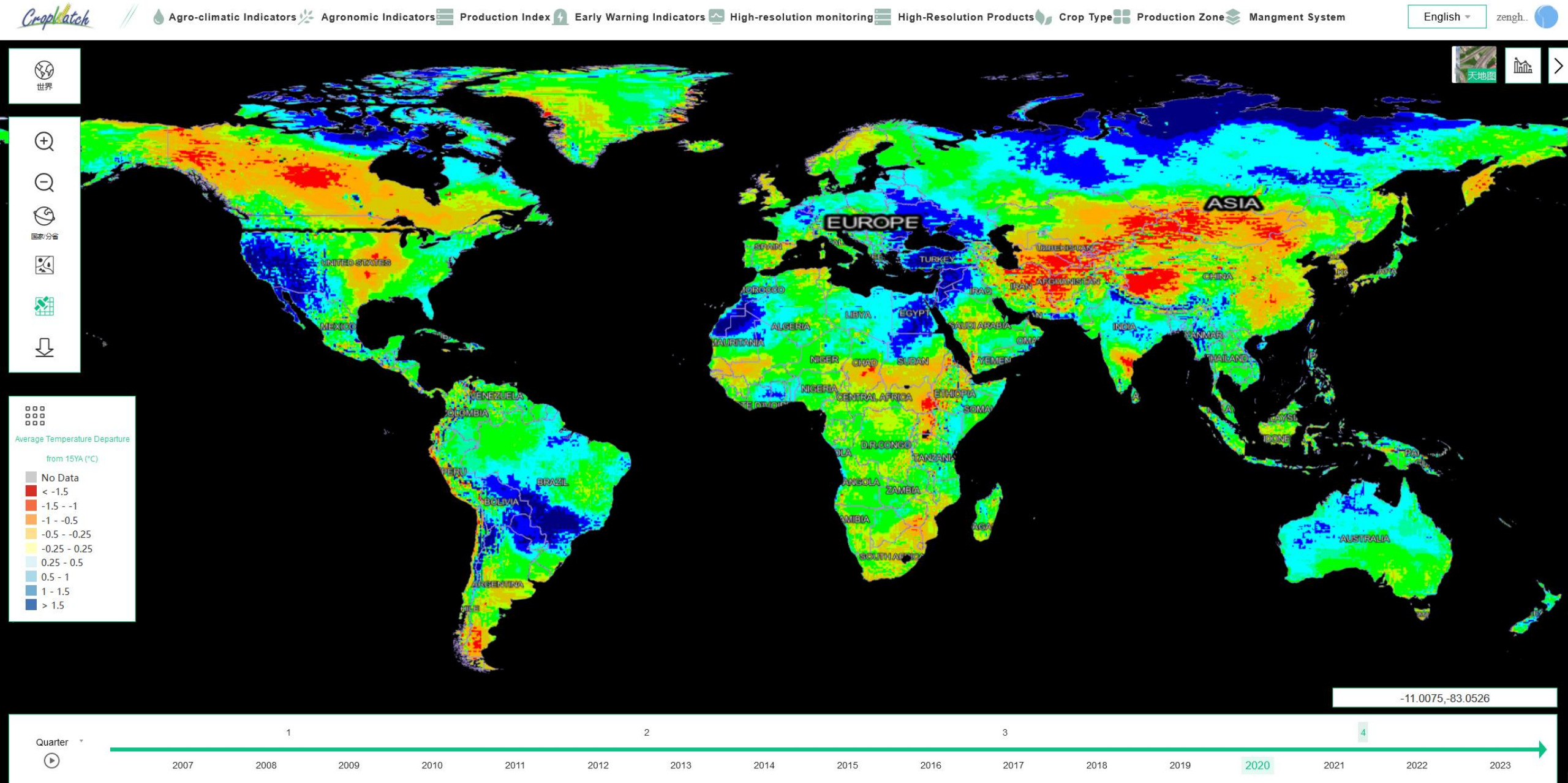

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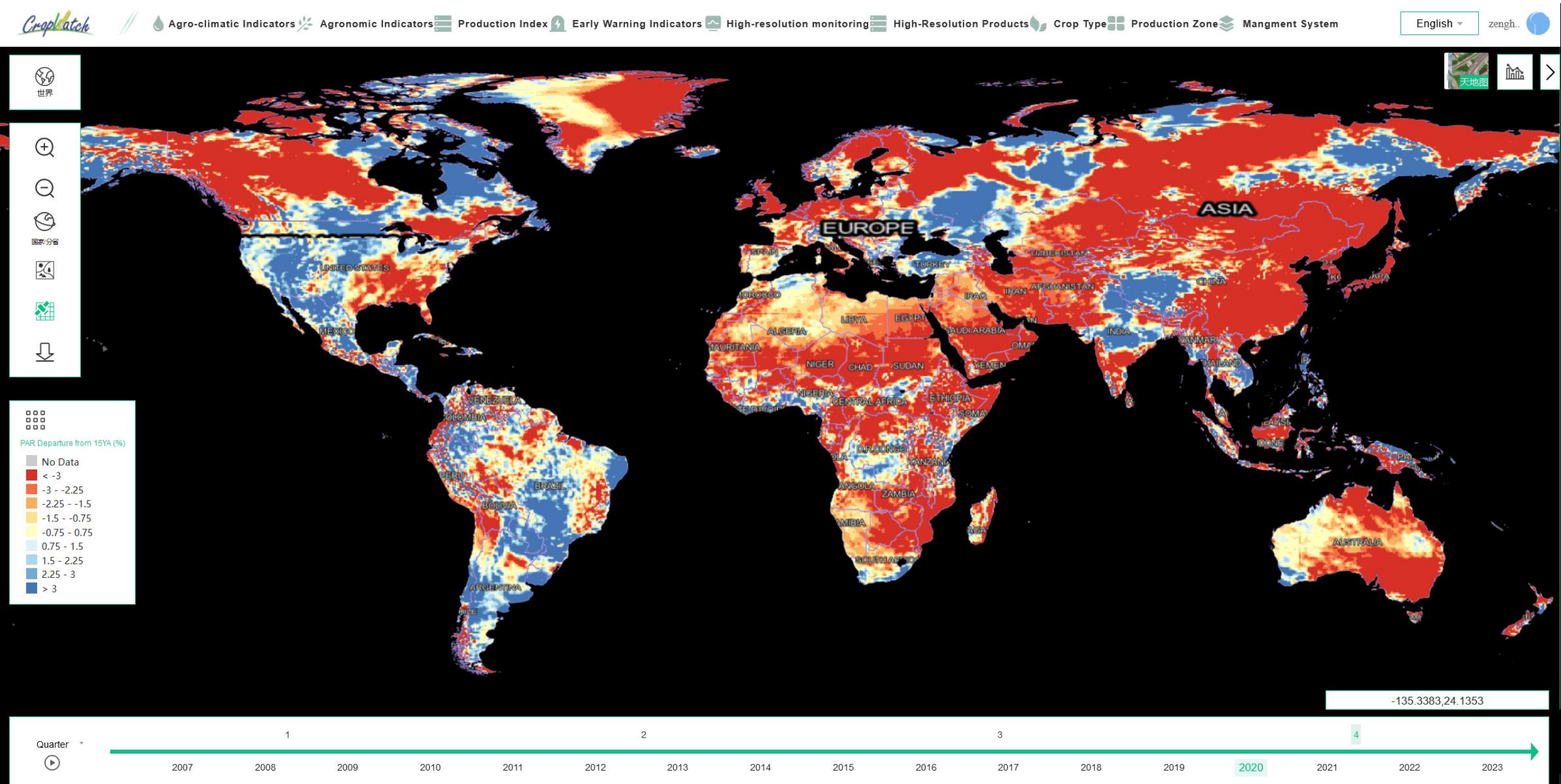

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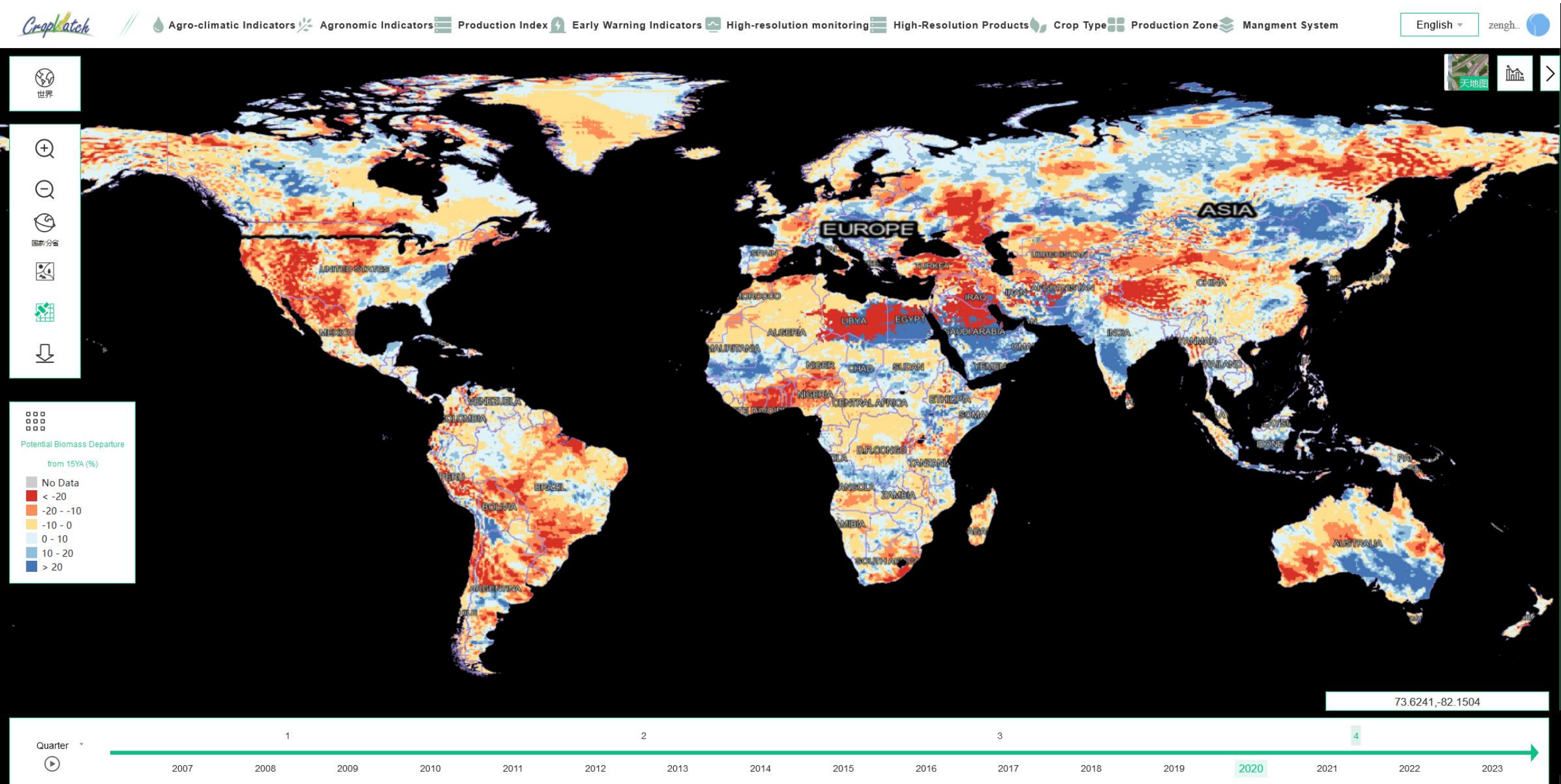

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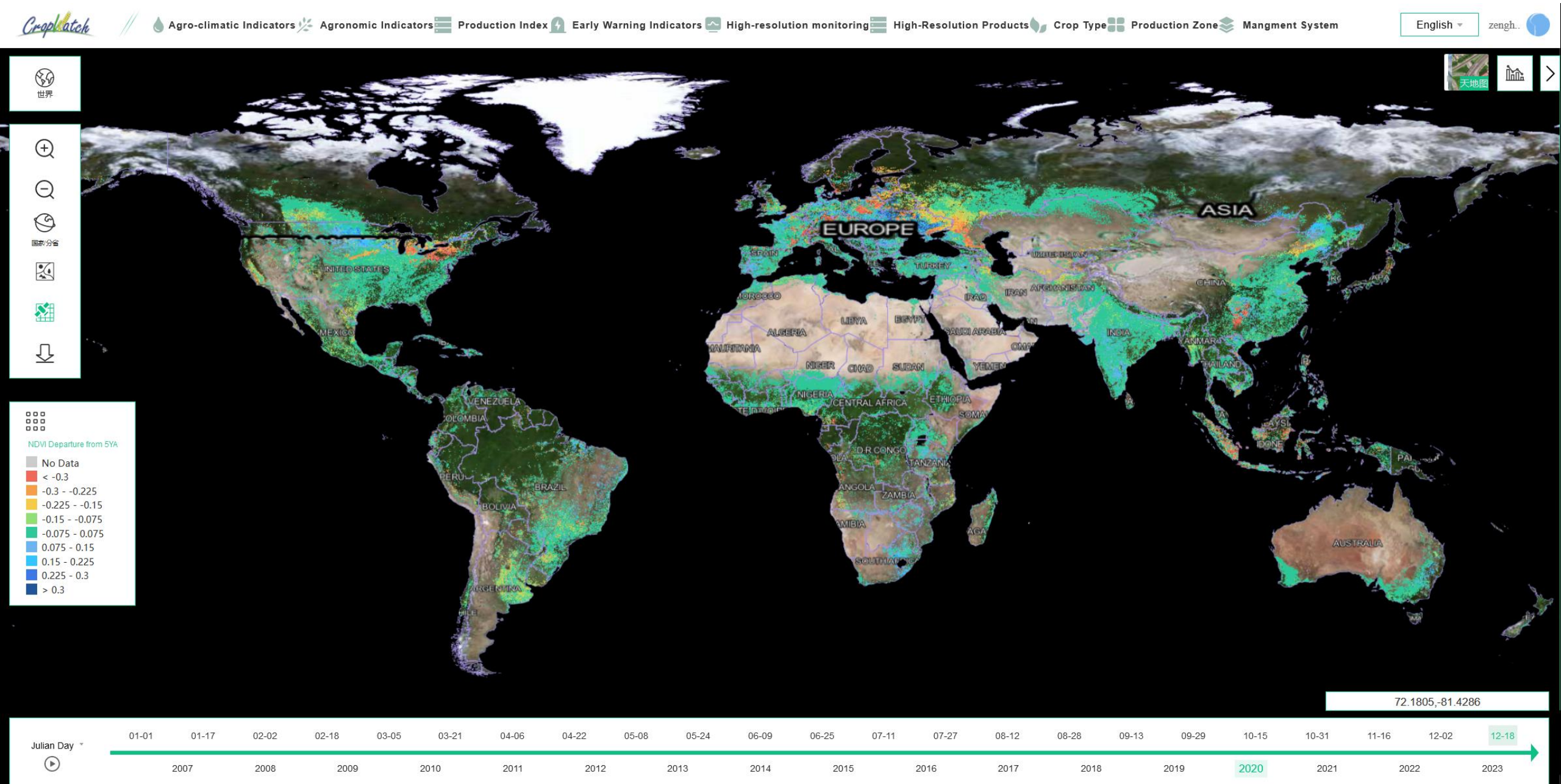

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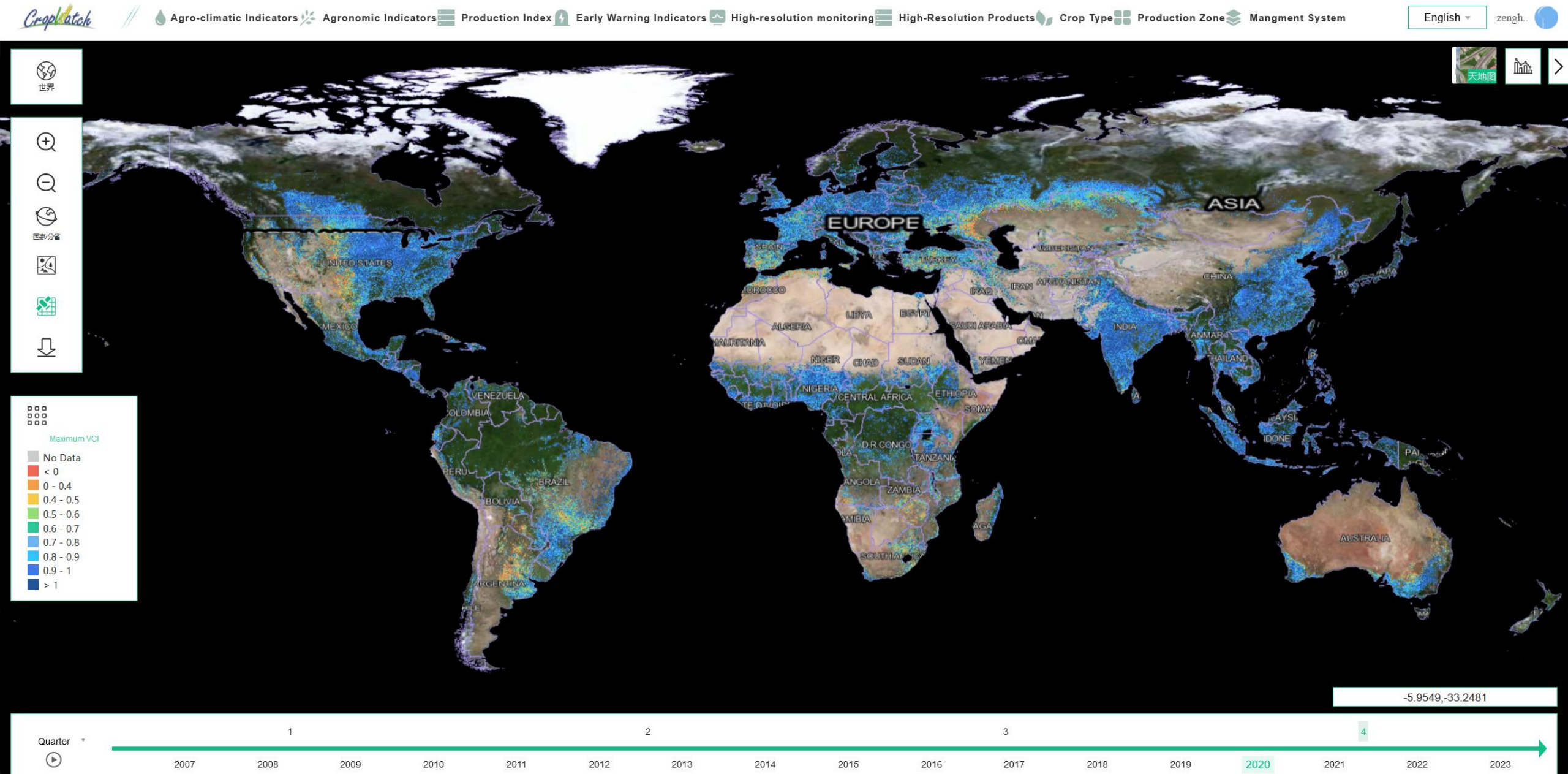

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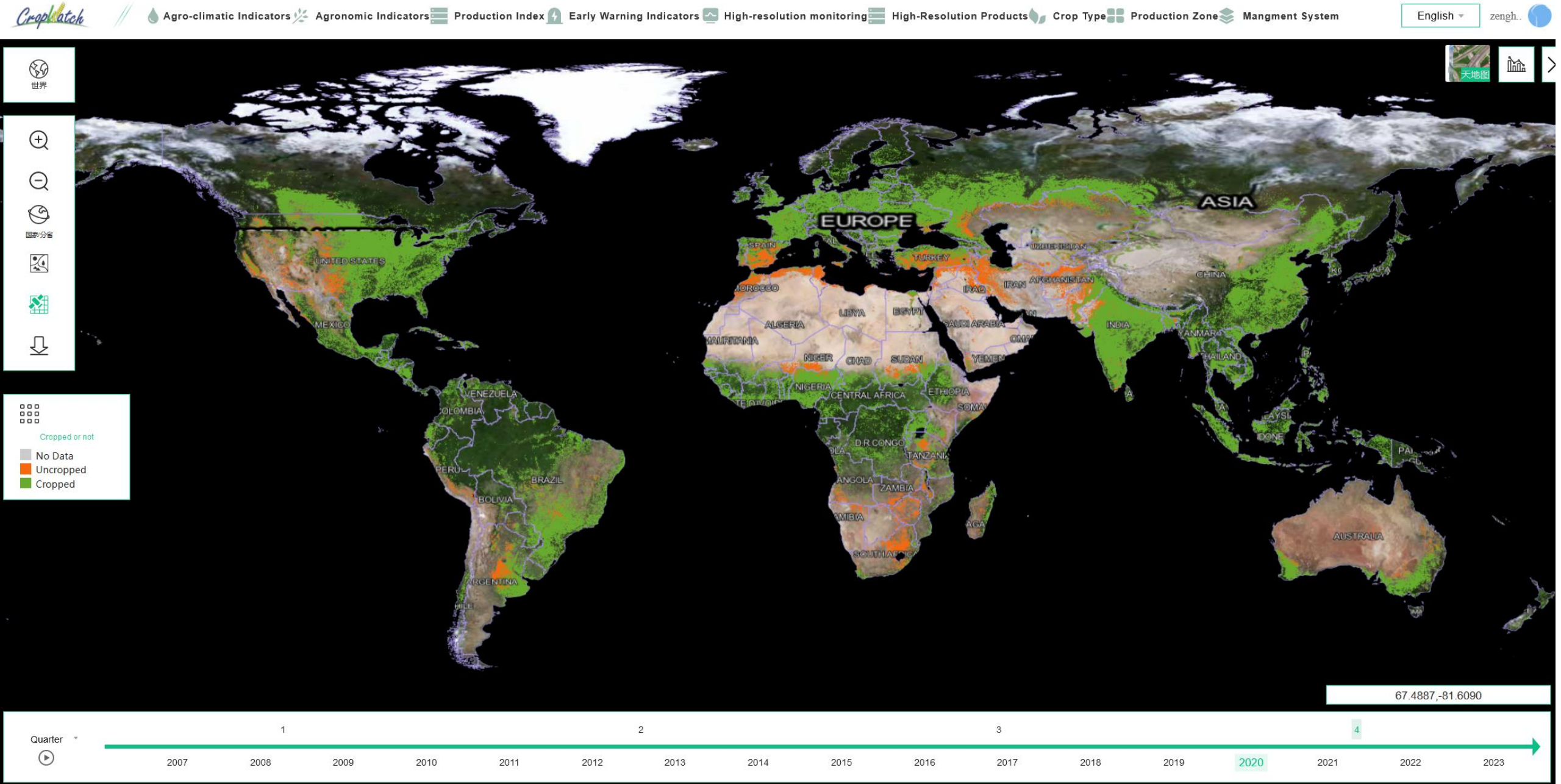

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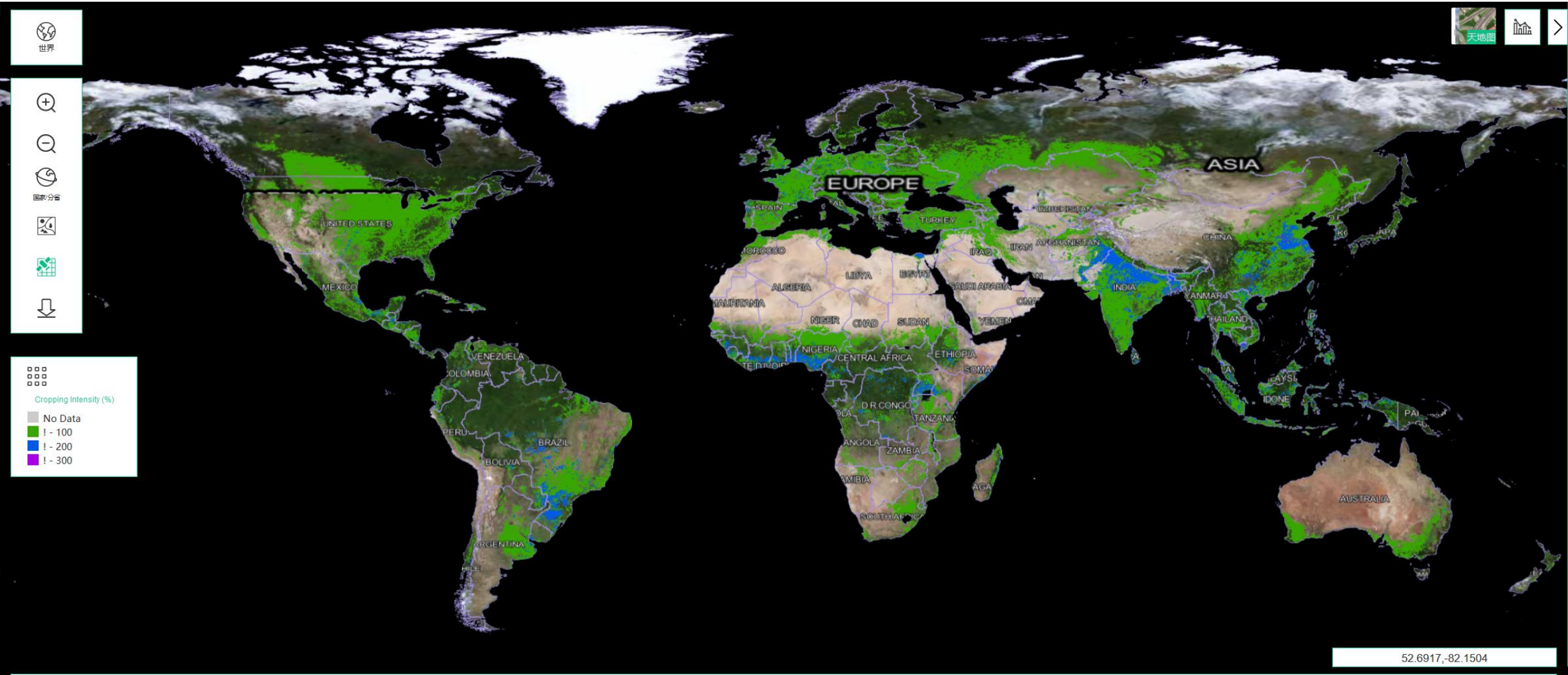

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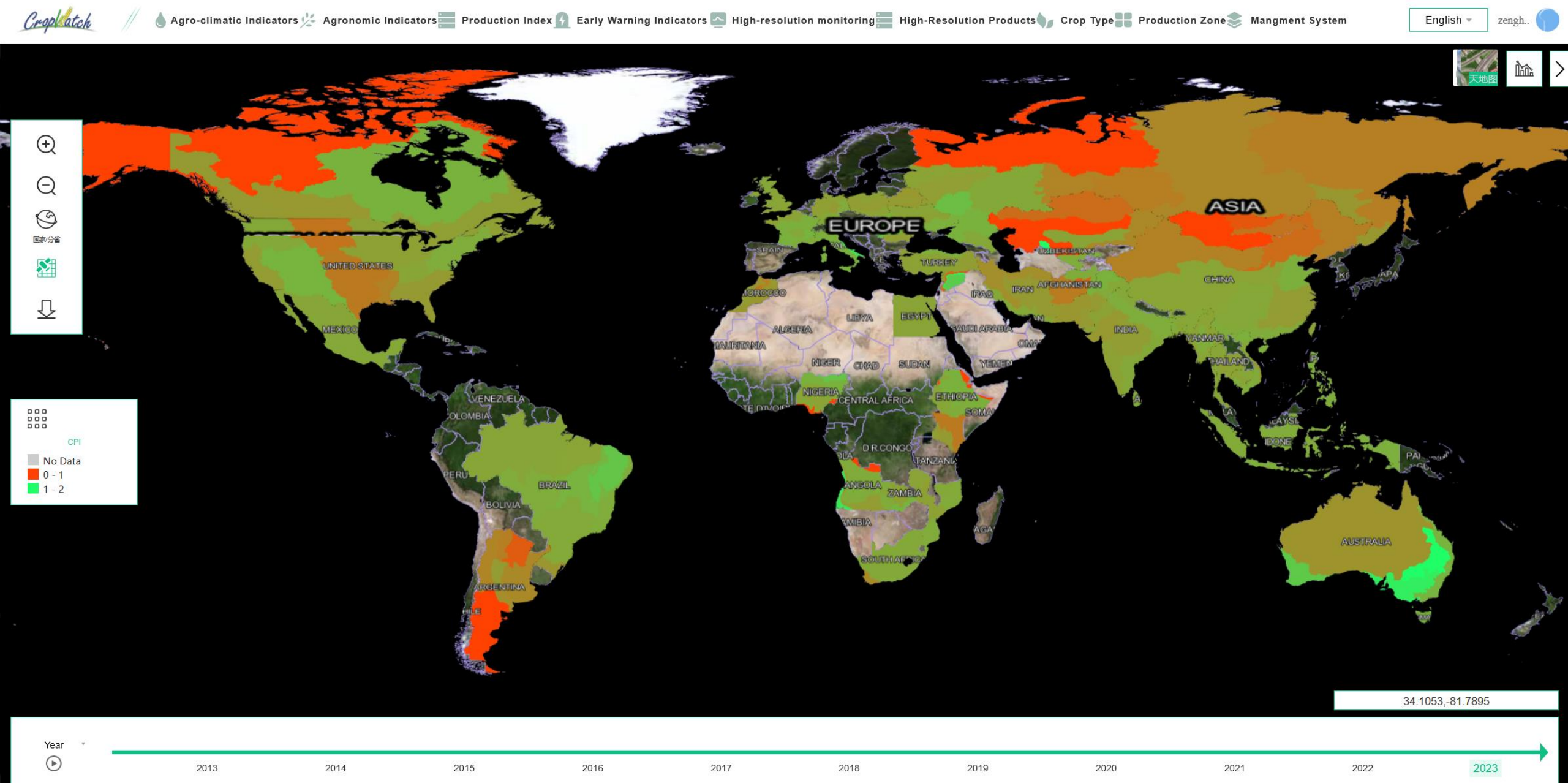
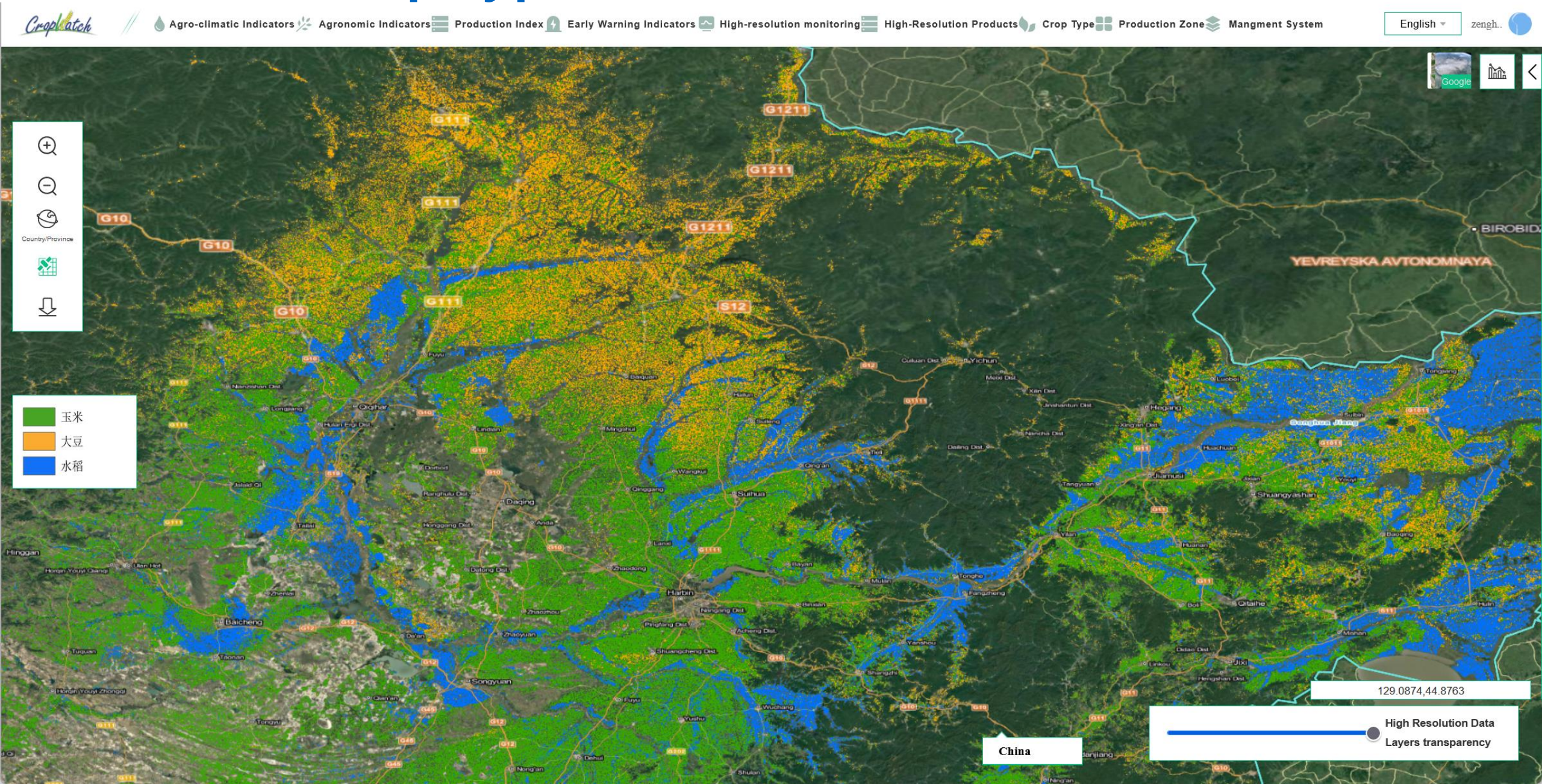


Products-Crop types in the Northeast China(2022)



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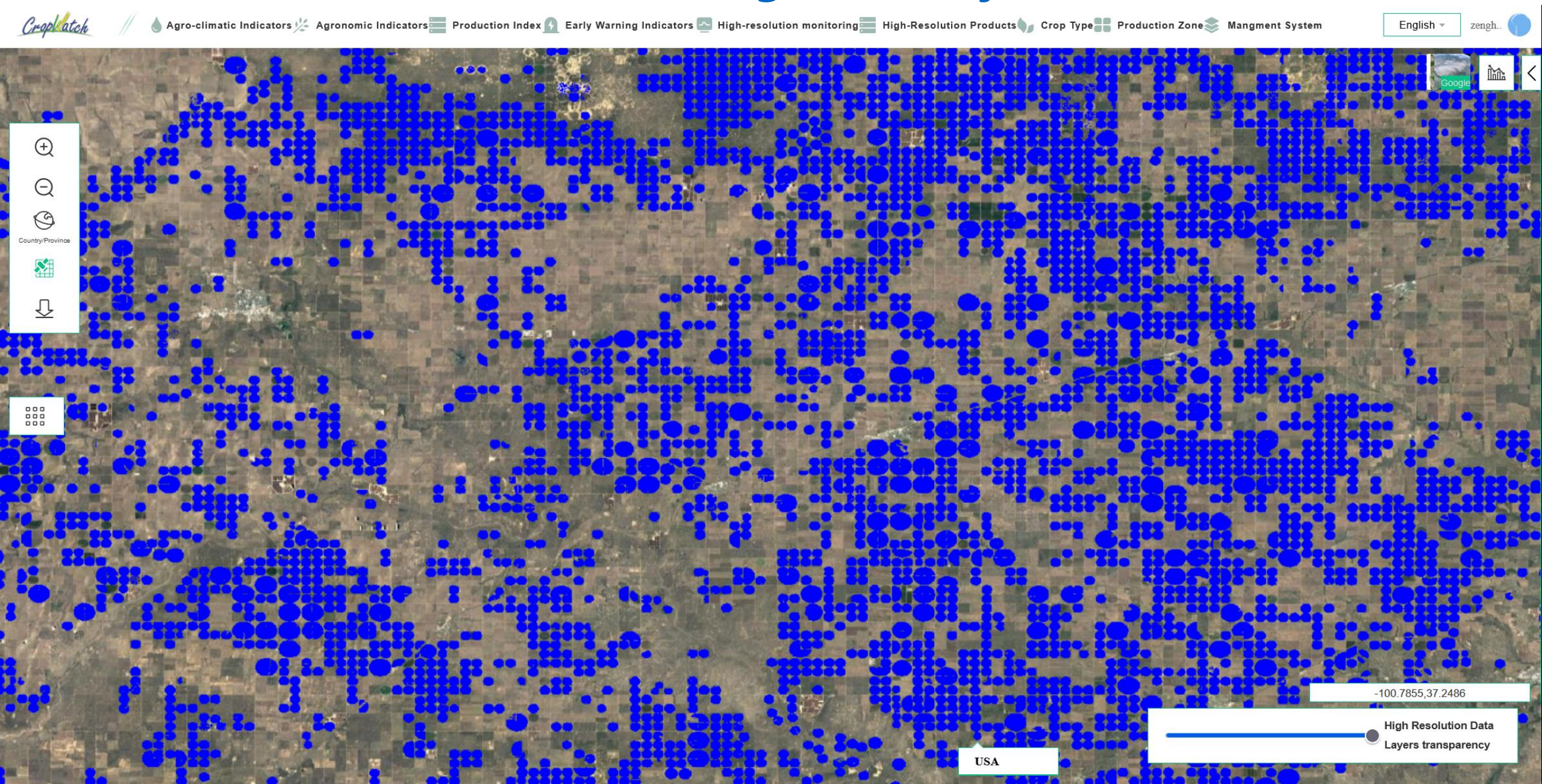

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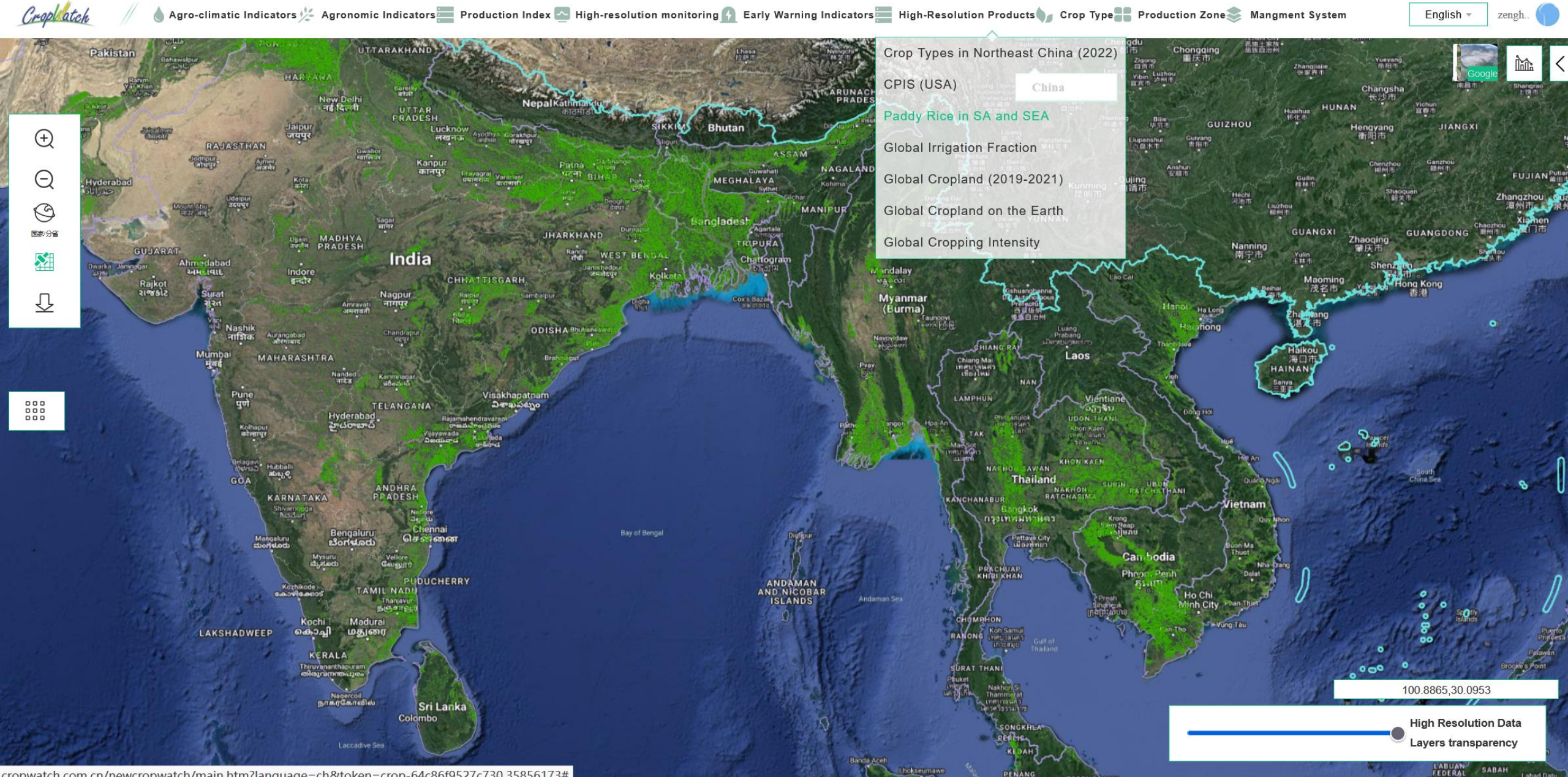

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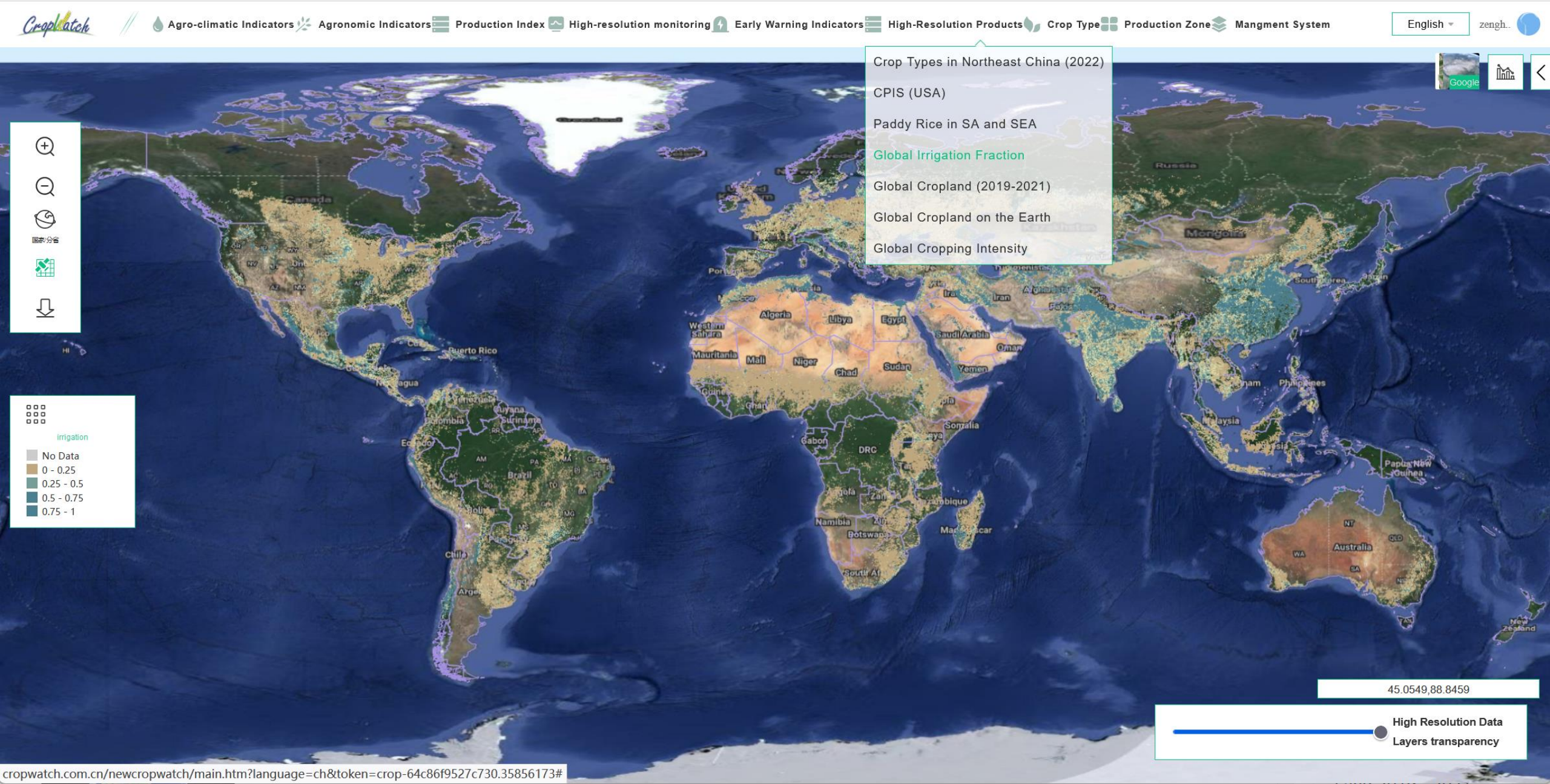
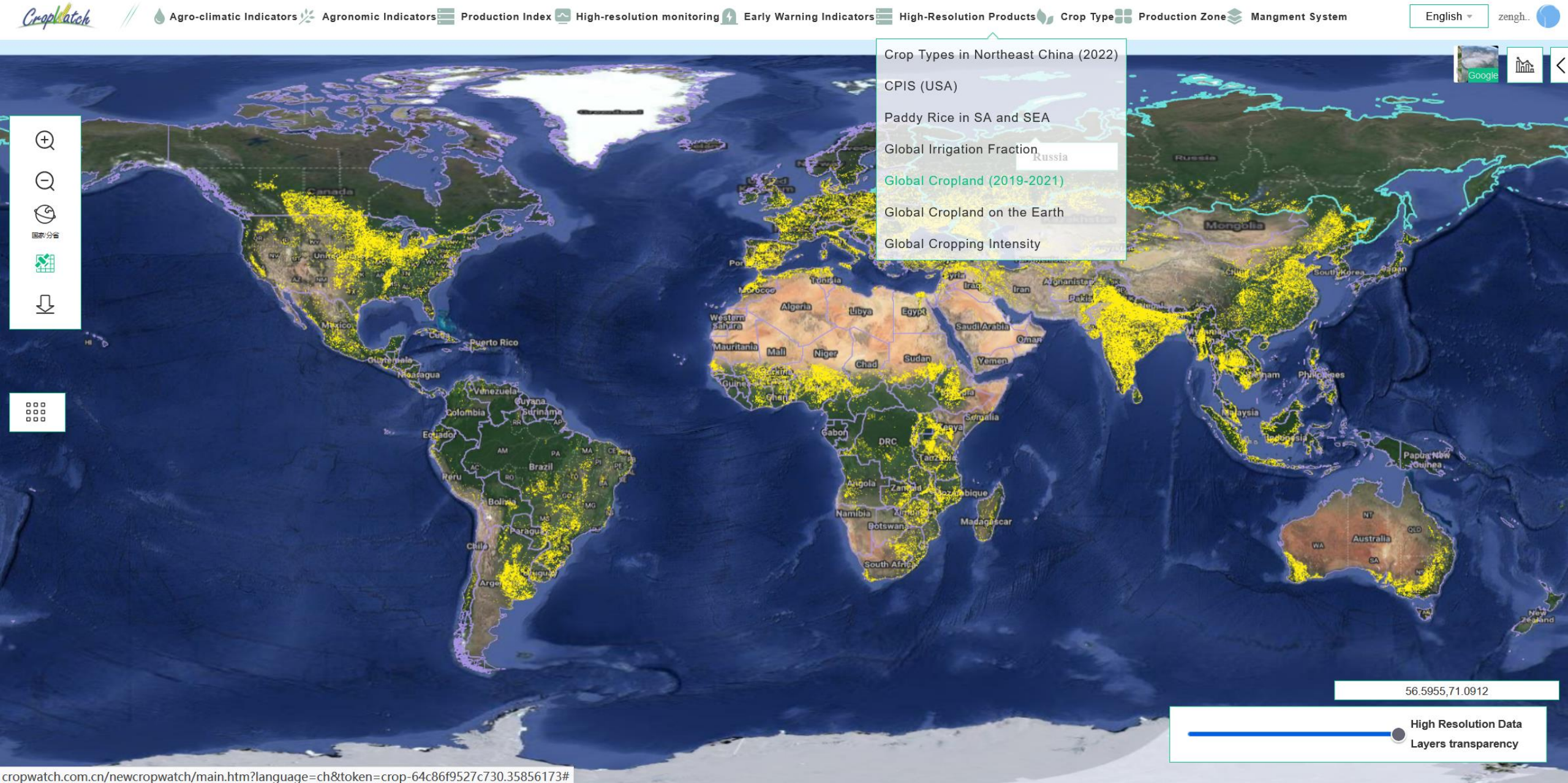
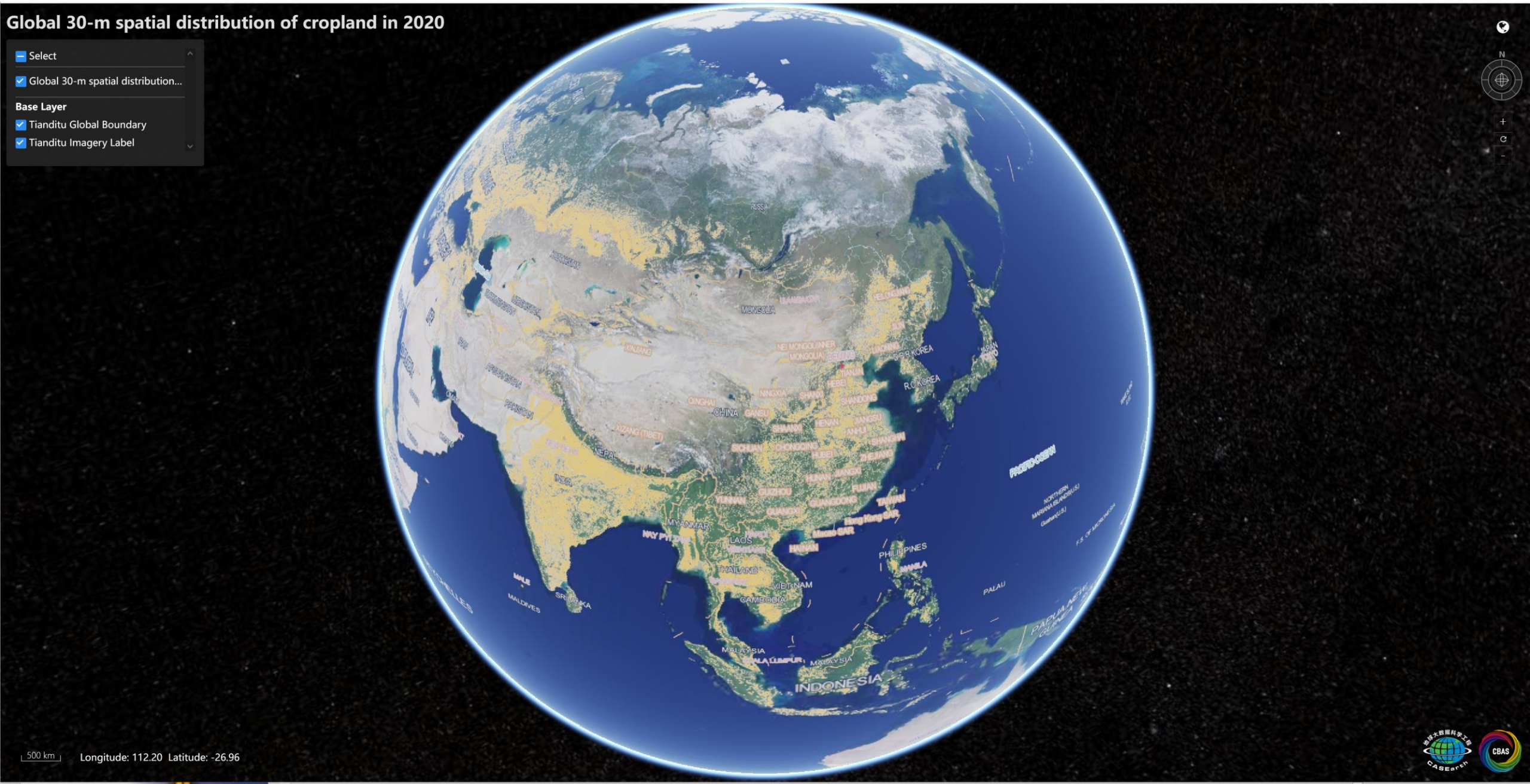
Products-Global Irrigation Fraction



Products-Global Cropland (2019-2021)

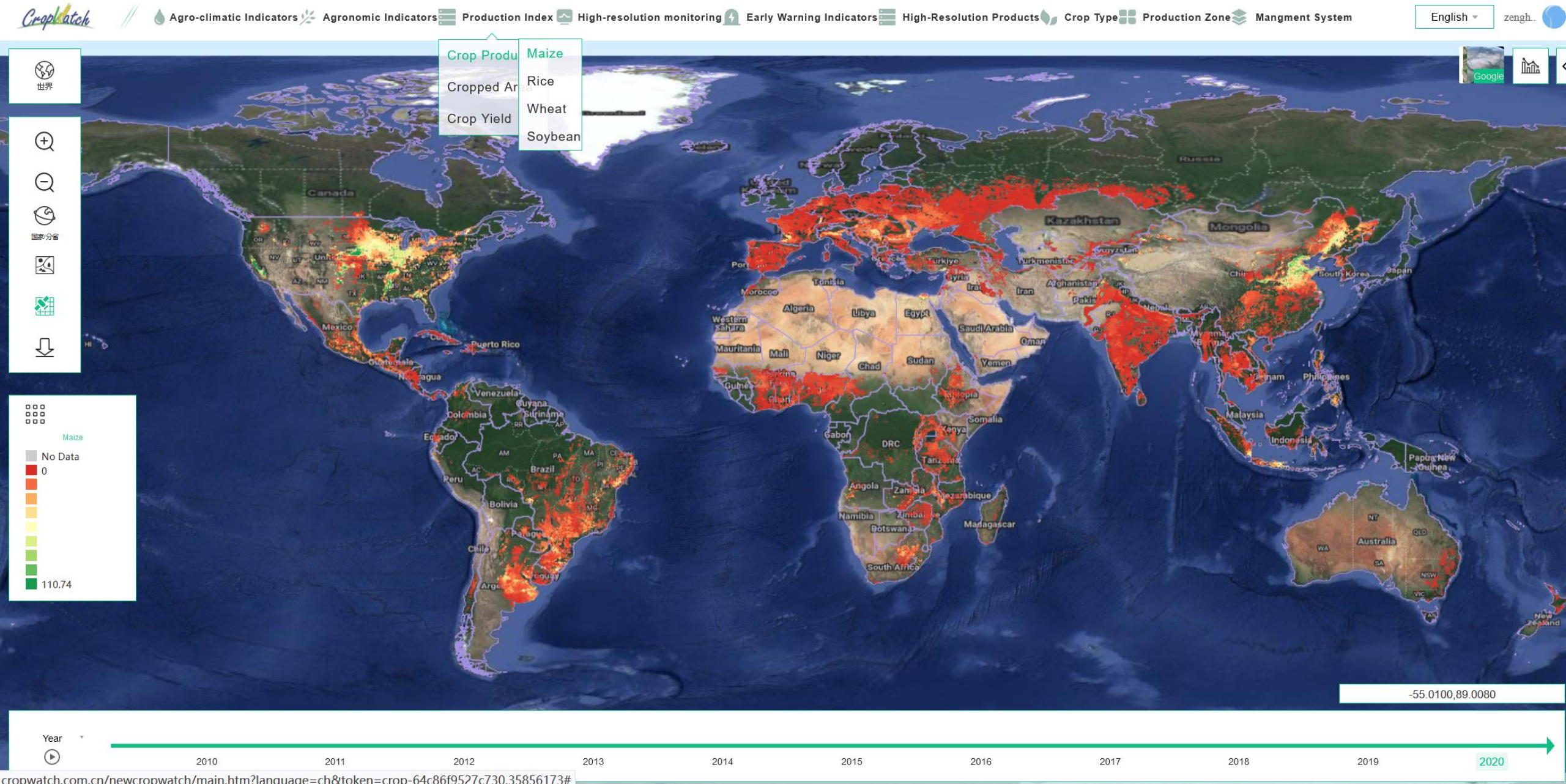


CropWatch-Cropland on the Earth



CropWatch-Cropping Intensity on the Earth

Grid Products-Production of Maize



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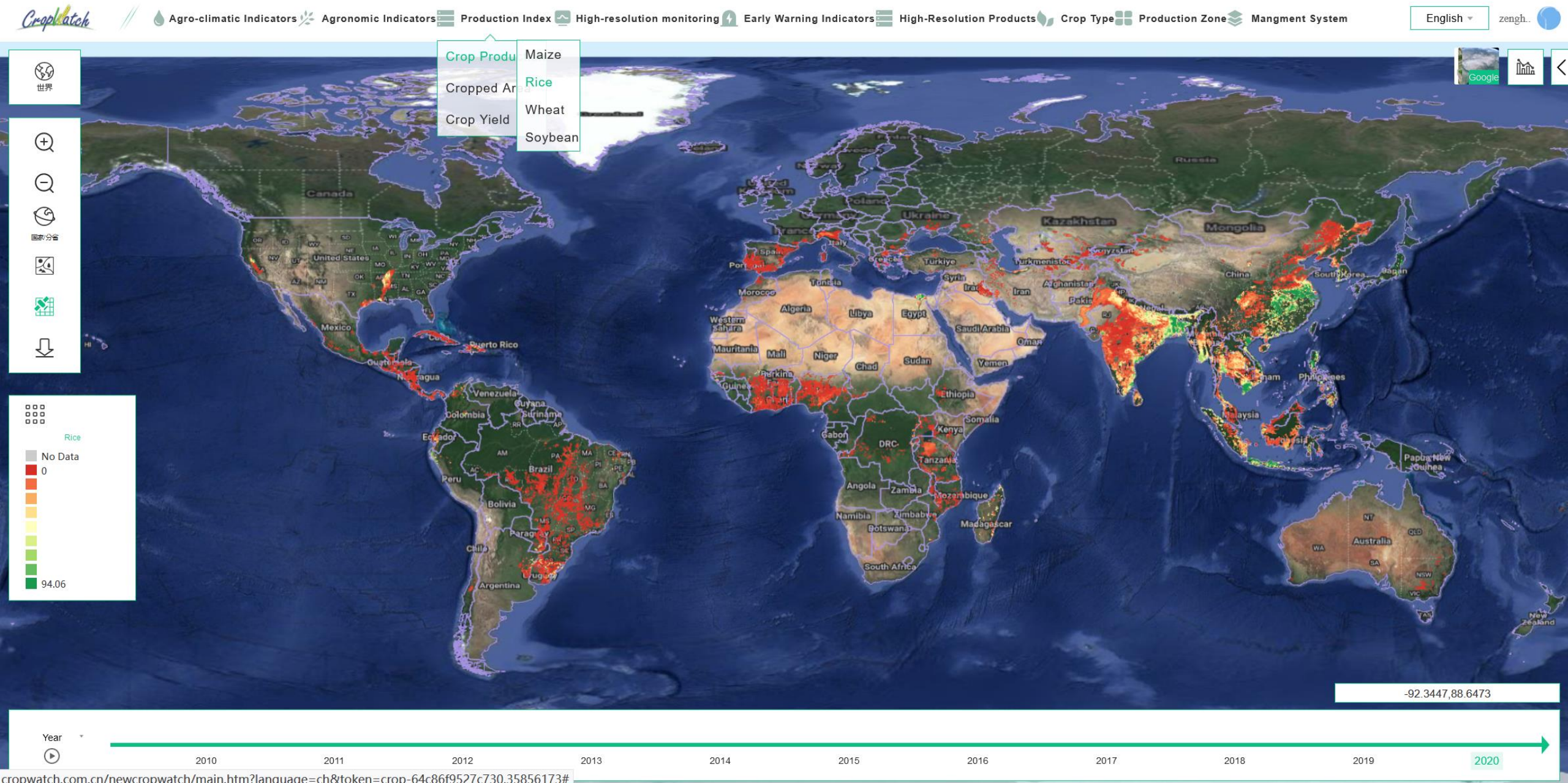

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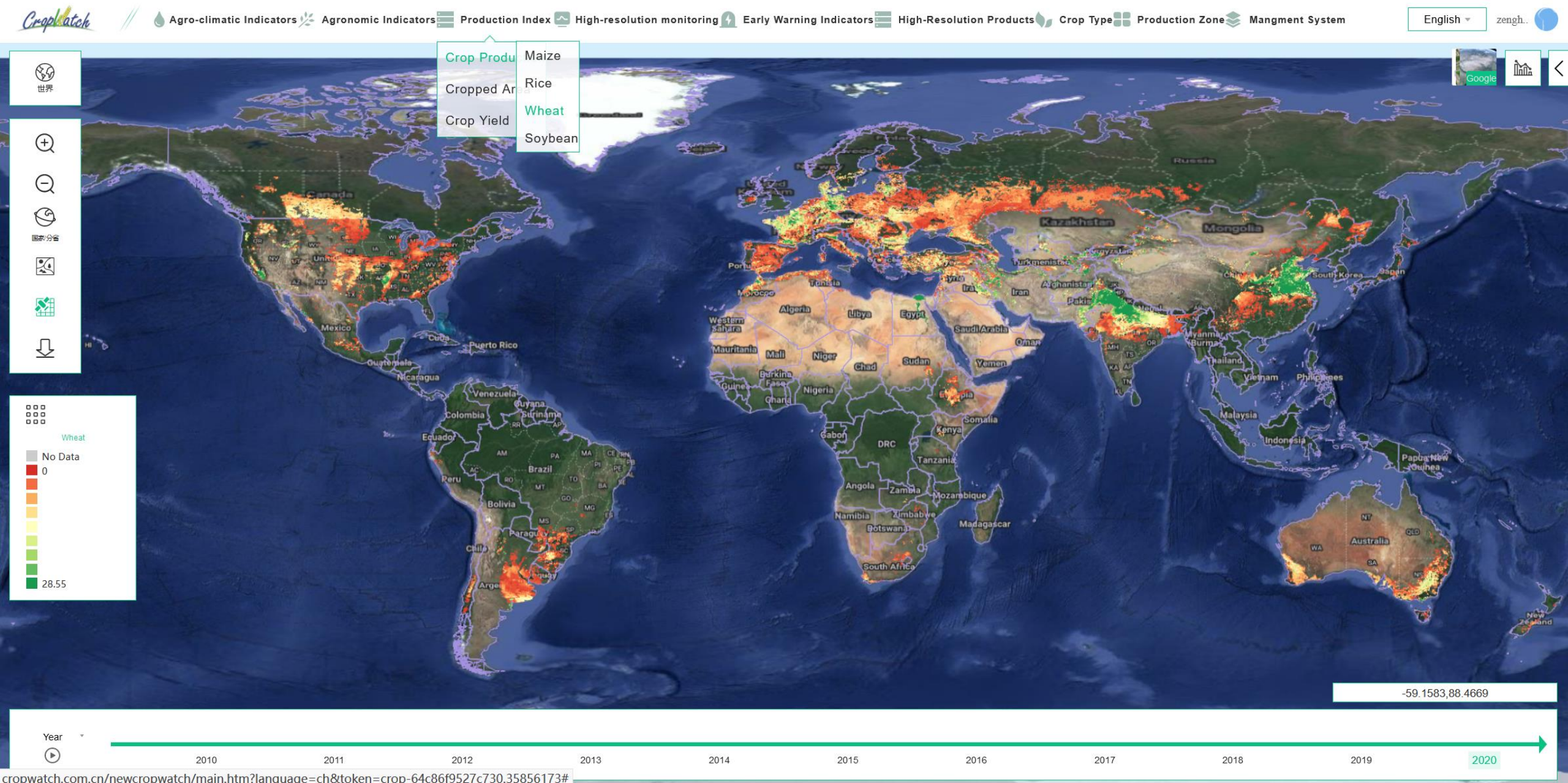

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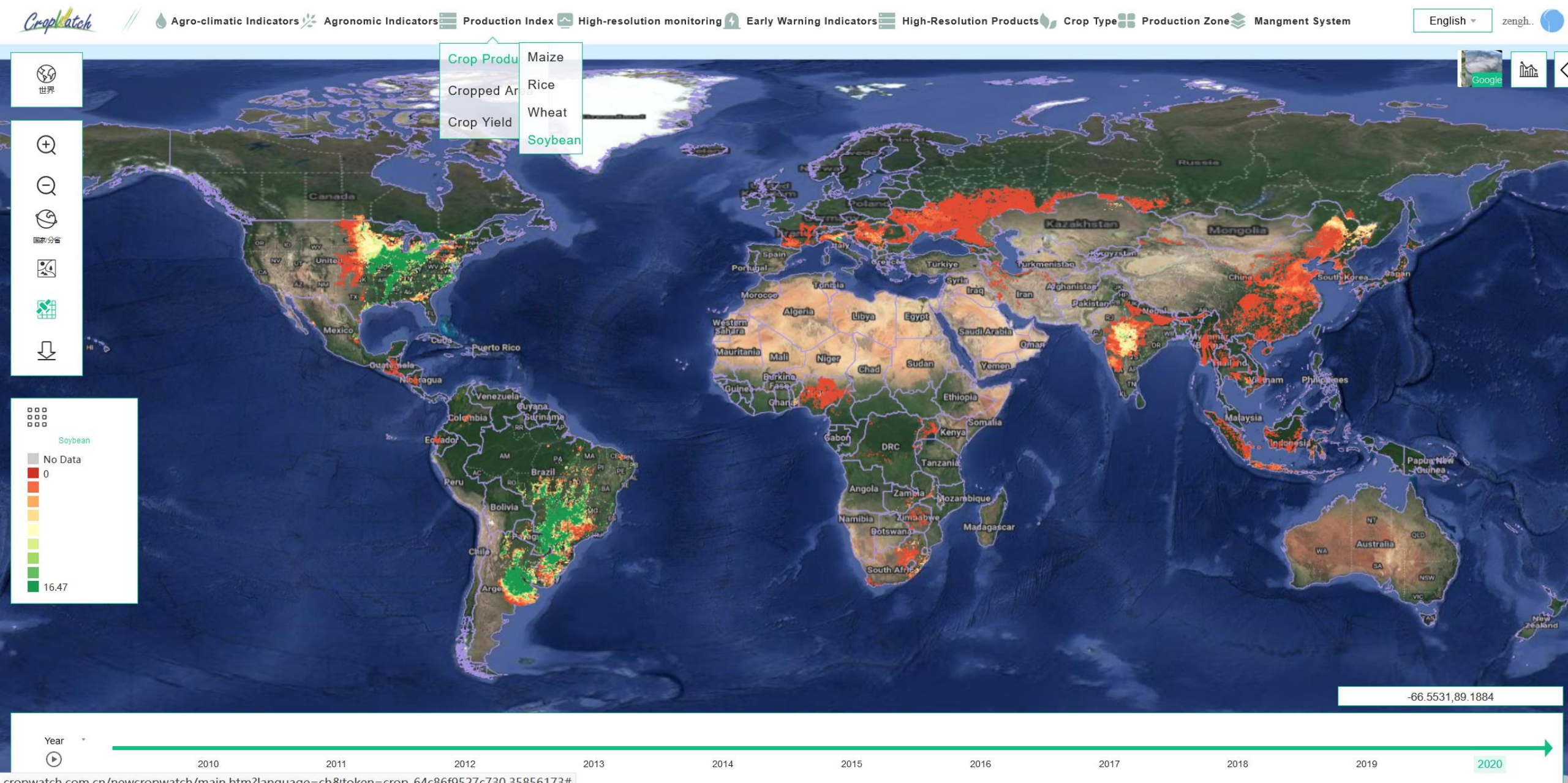
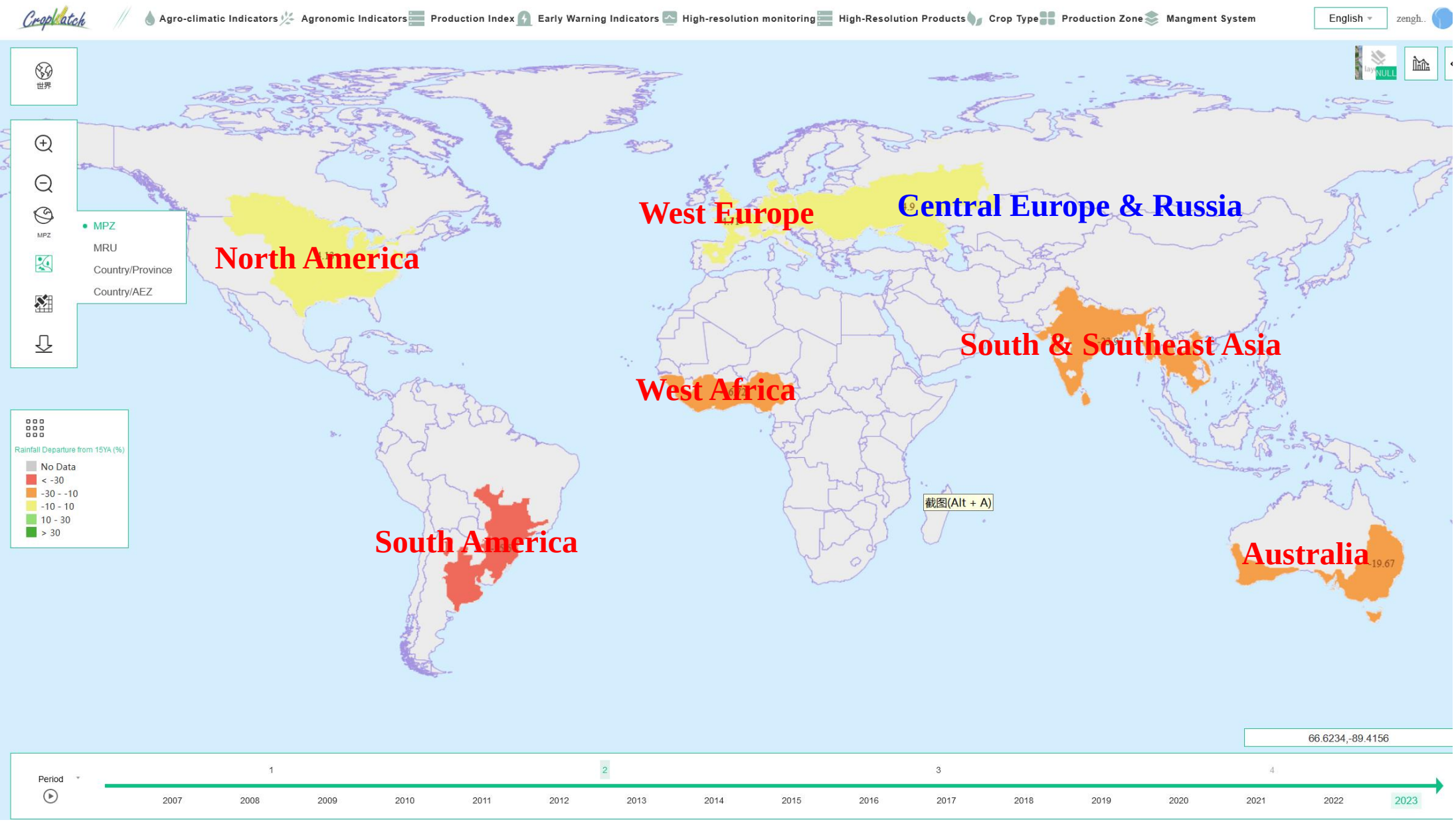


Information at MPZ level

7 MPZ: Agro-climatic information



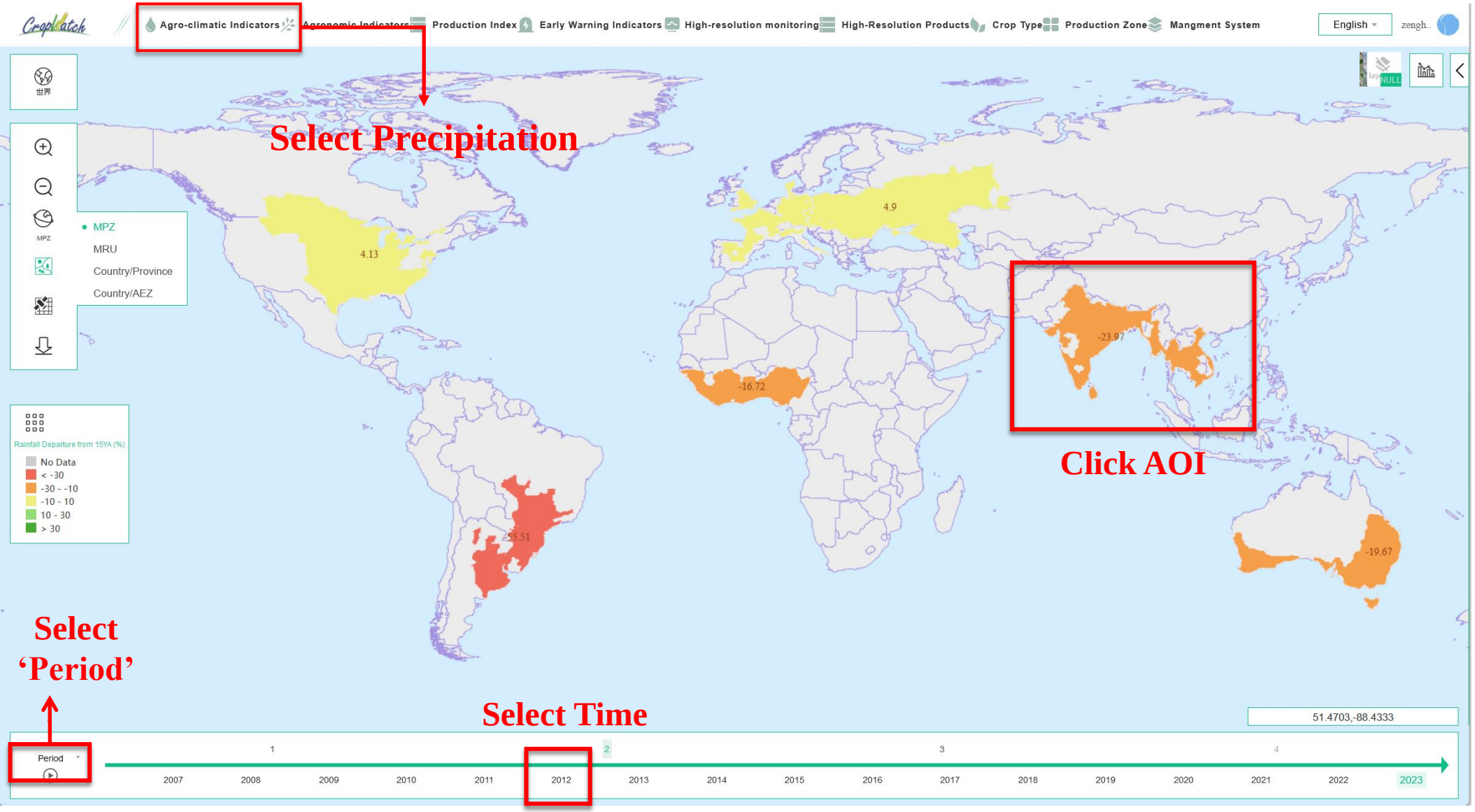
Agro-climatic

- Rainfall
- Avg. Temp
- PAR
- Potential Biomass

Agronomic

- NDVI
- VCIx
- CALF
- CI
- LAI
- FPAR

Rainfall-period



CropWatch divides each year into 4 periods, including 1st , 2nd , 3rd, and 4th period.

1st : Oct. – Jan.
2nd: Jan. – April
3rd: April – Jul.
4th: Jul. – Oct.

Meaning of result: rainfall departure from 15 YA(%)

Departure: Current Value/Ave. Value of last 15 years×100%

Rainfall-period

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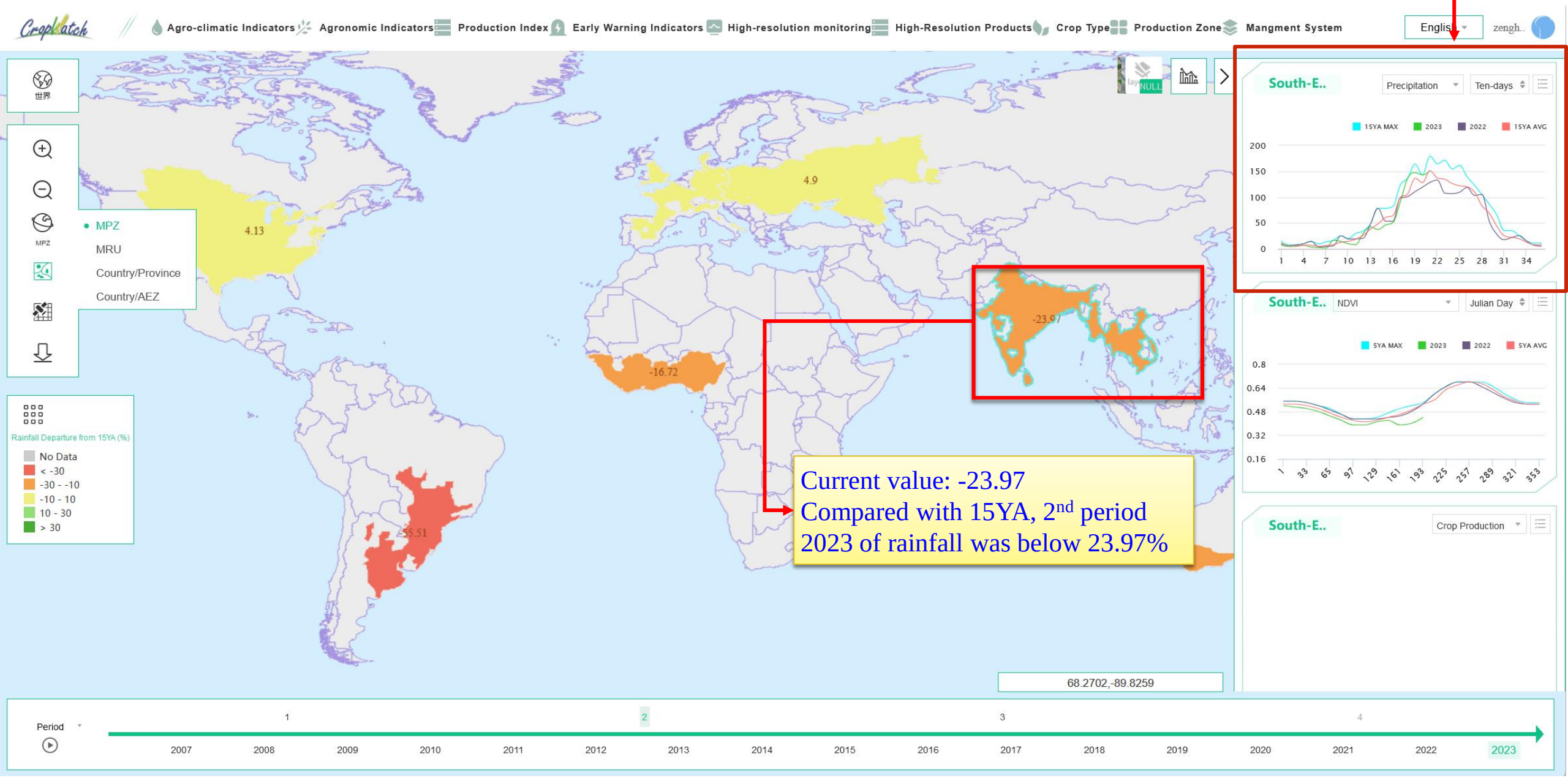

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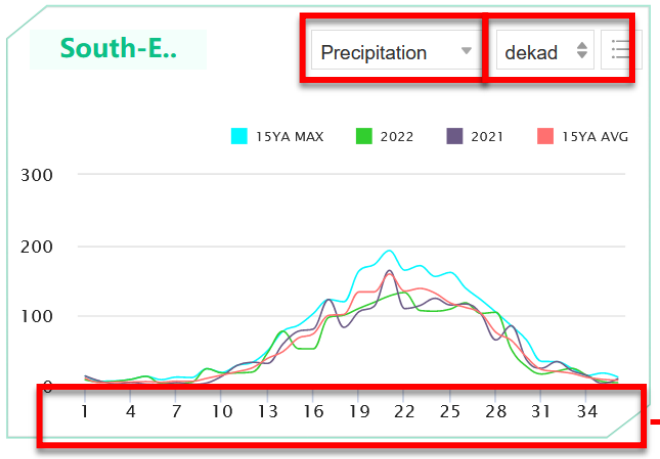

This box shows precipitation information in current year, last year, maximum and average value of last 5 years

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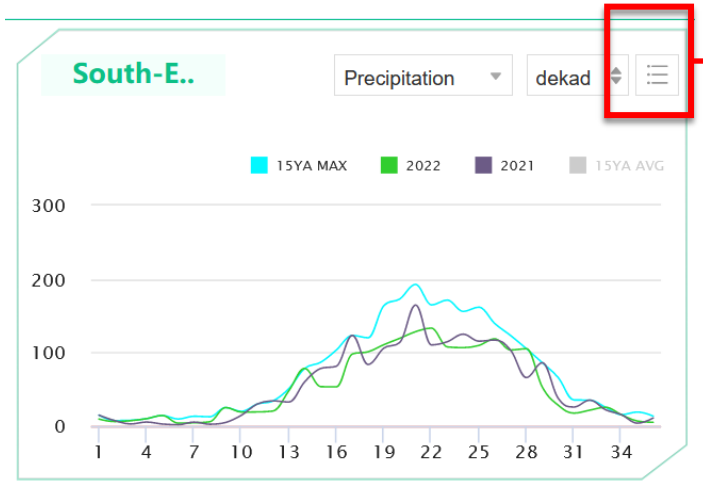

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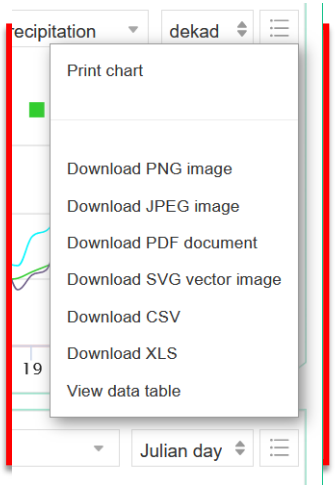

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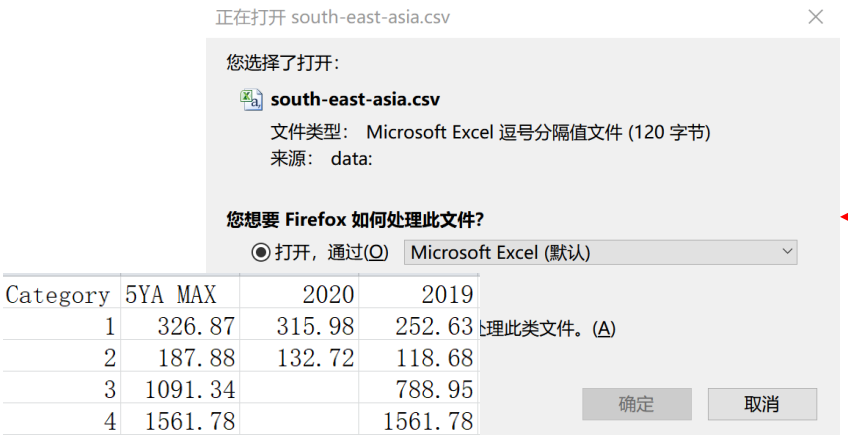

Category	5YA MAX	2020	2019
1	326.87	315.98	252.63
2	187.88	132.72	118.68
3	1091.34		788.95
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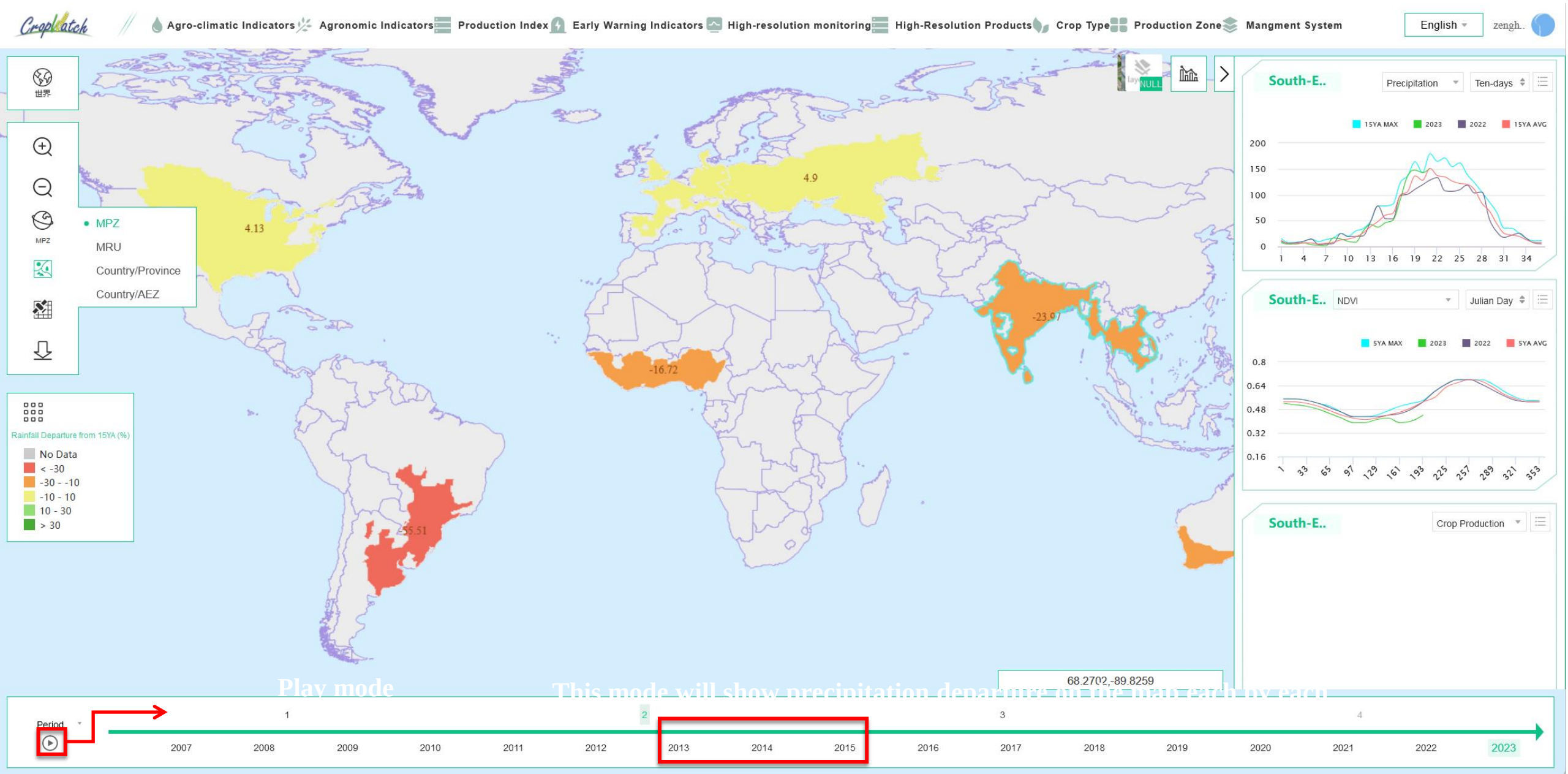
Rainfall-period



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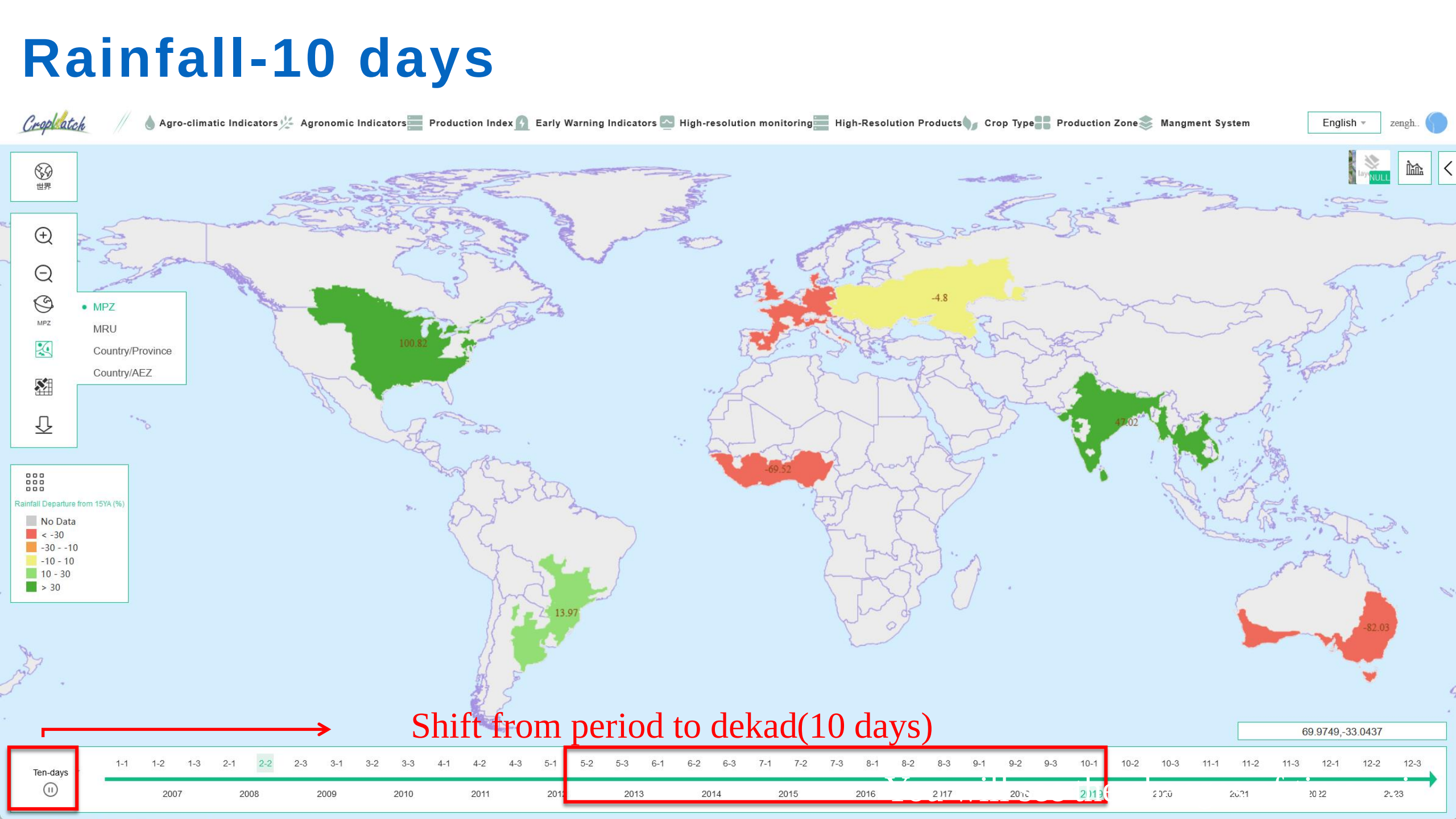

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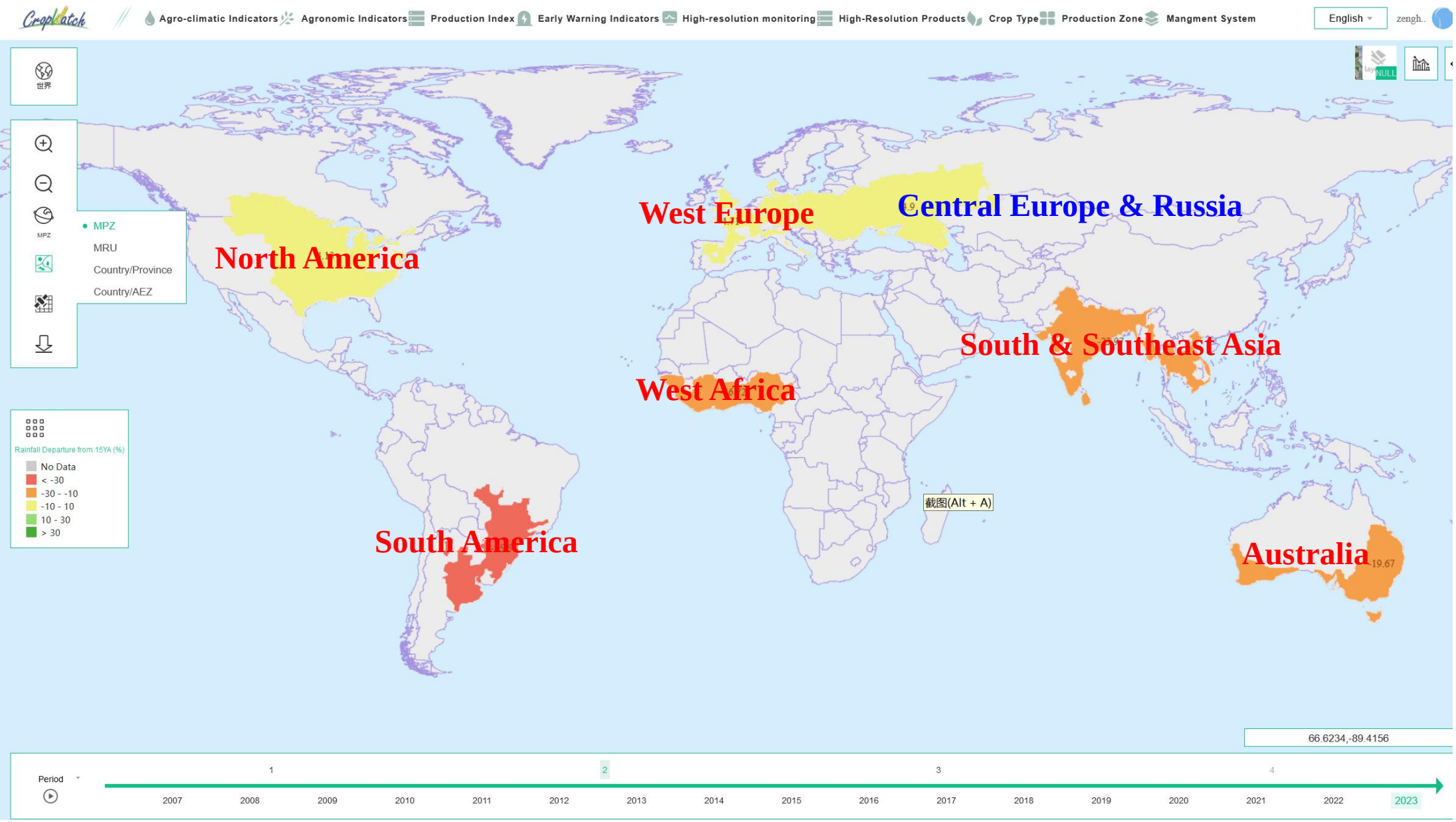

Agro-climatic

- Rainfall
- Avg. Temp
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Agronomic

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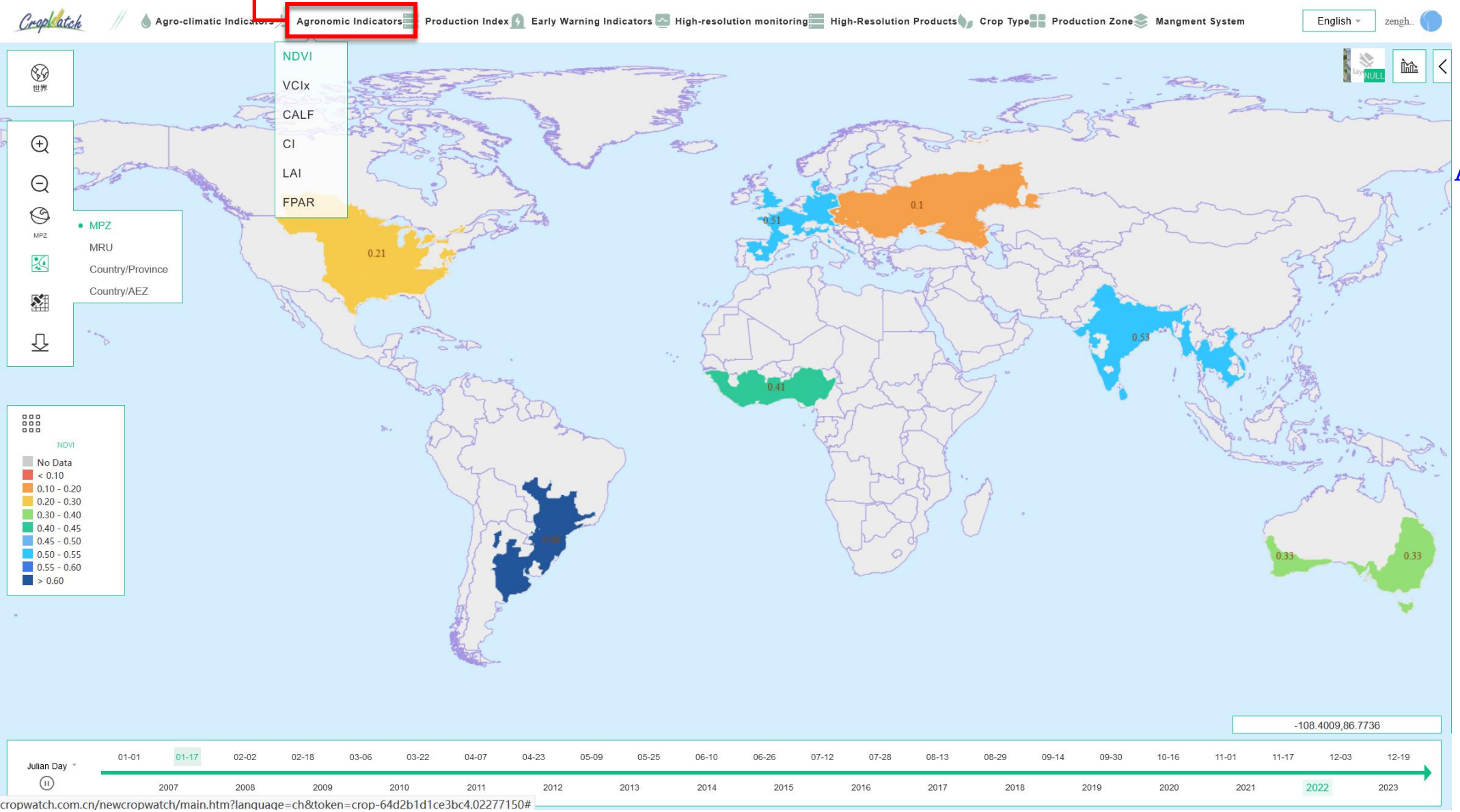
- FPAR

Agronomic-NDVI

Select NDVI

The crop condition can be described by NDVI



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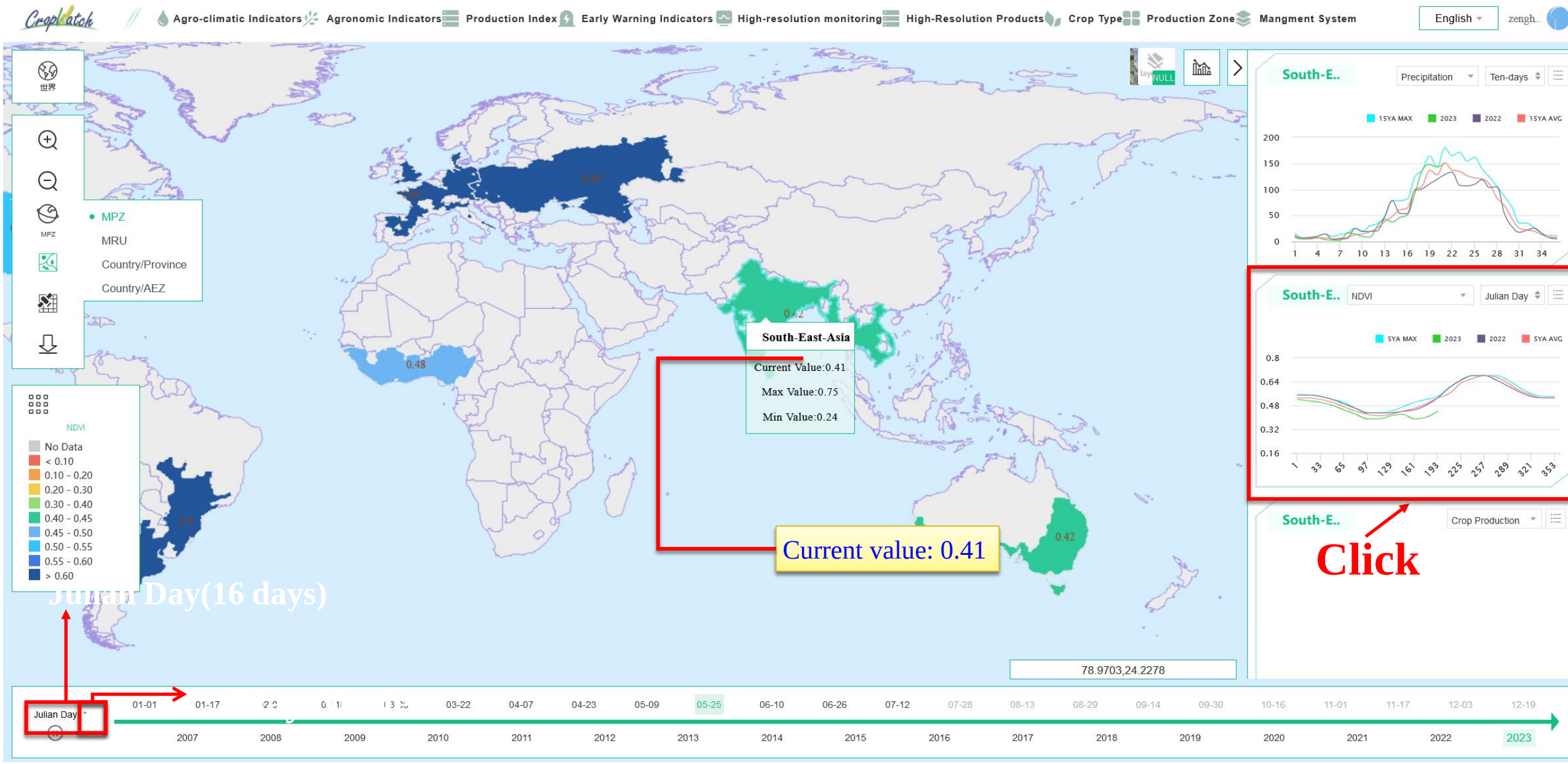

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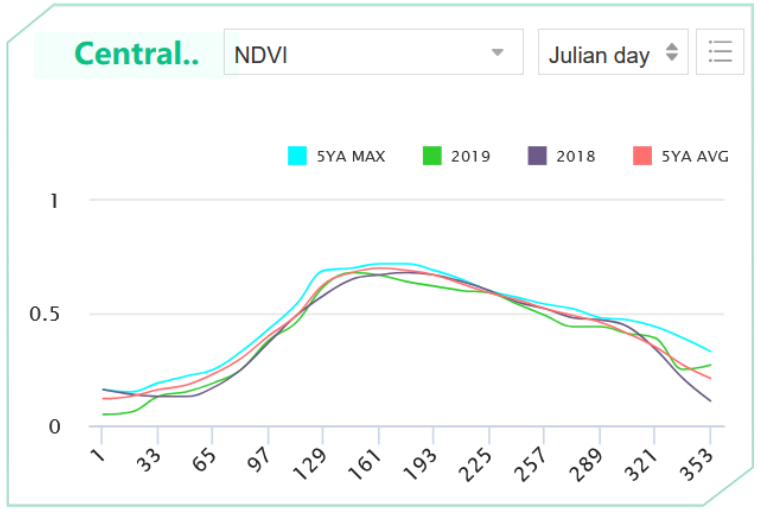
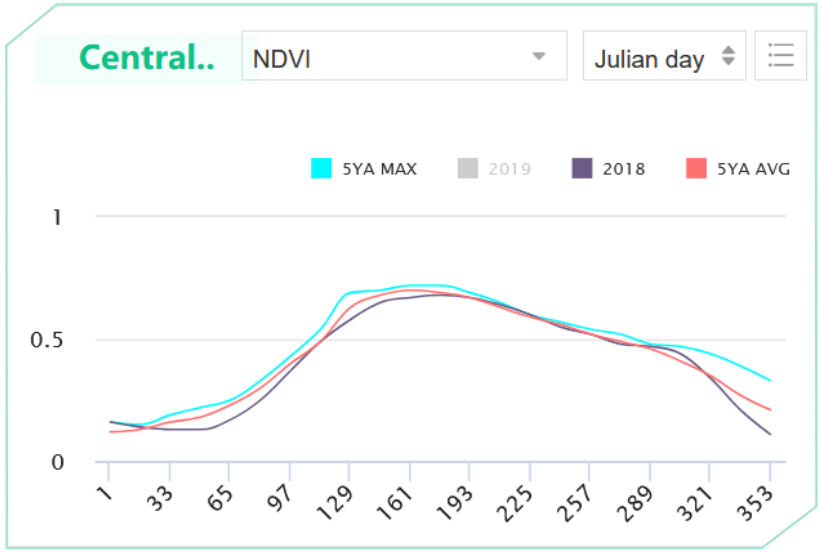


In general, compared the current NDVI value with the same time of last year, last 5 year's average, and last 5 year's maximum value, the users can assess crop condition easily

Users can close or open the value series of special group through clicking any icon



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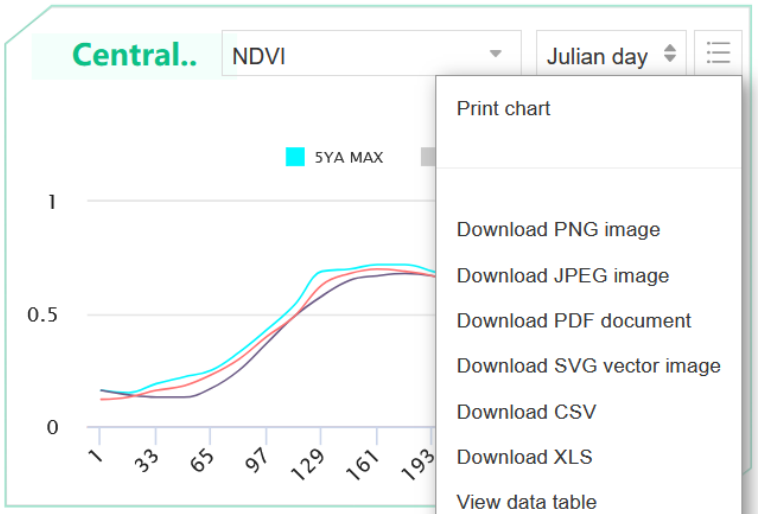

User can print the chart or download and save the time series to your computer as pictures(PNG, JPEG, PDF, SVG) or table(XLS, CSV) format

Category	5YA MAX	2020	5YA AVG
1.00	0.54	0.52	0.51
17.00	0.55	0.53	0.51
33.00	0.49	0.51	0.48
49.00	0.48	0.50	0.47
65.00	0.45	0.48	0.44
81.00	0.42	0.43	0.41
97.00	0.40	0.40	0.38
113.00	0.39	0.40	0.37
129.00	0.40	0.40	0.38
145.00	0.41	0.39	0.40
161.00	0.43	0.42	0.42
177.00	0.45	0.44	0.44
193.00	0.50	0.49	0.47
209.00	0.55		0.52
225.00	0.60		0.58
241.00	0.66		0.64
257.00	0.67		0.66
273.00	0.68		0.65
289.00	0.65		0.61
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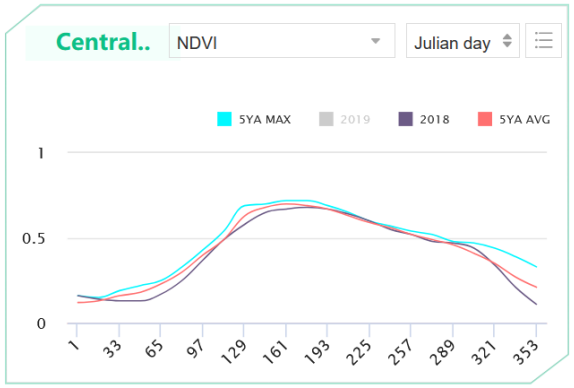
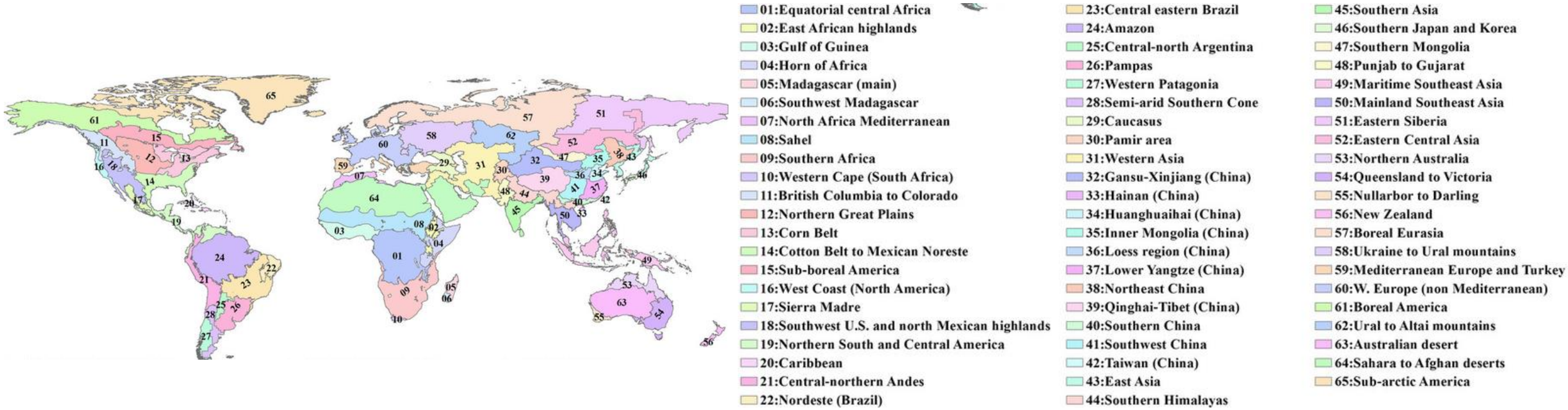


Information at MRU Level

What’s meaning of MRU

- CropWatch divided the global into 65 agri-climatic zones based on climate, terrain, agricultural activities, etc.
- The purpose of designing MRUs is to provide more detail agricultural information to users and help them understanding agricultural information patterns change.



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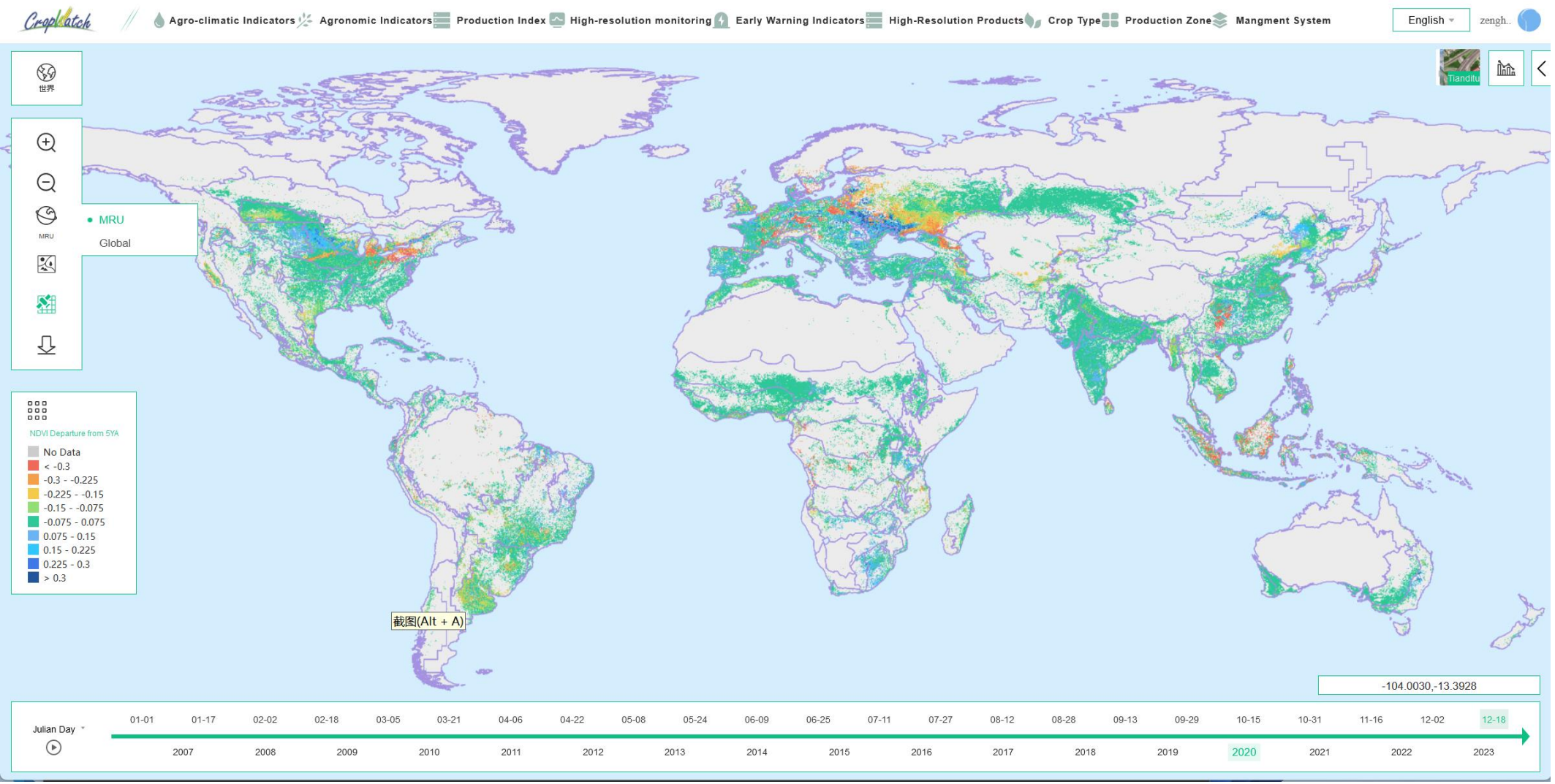
Information can be showed at MRU level



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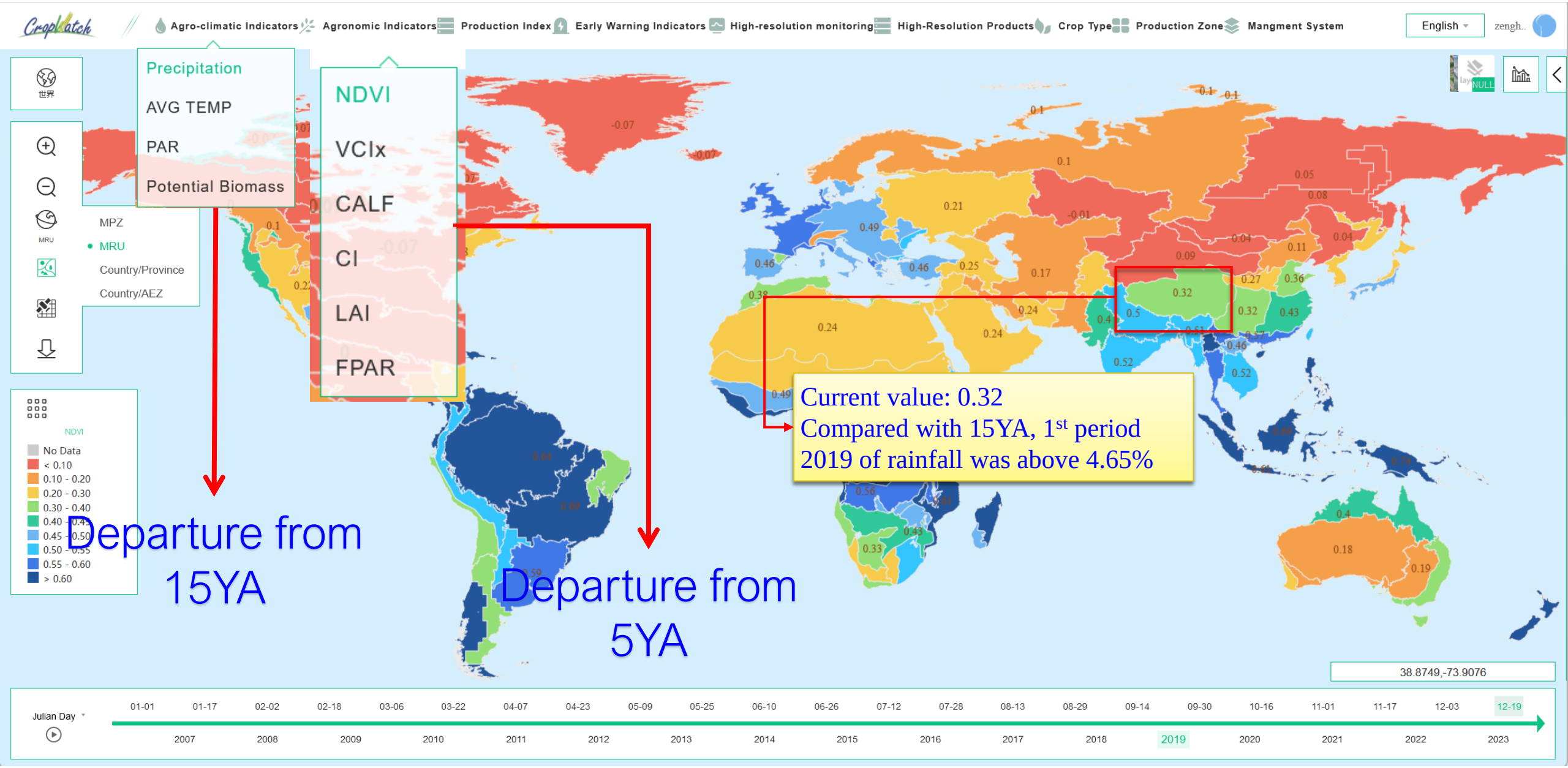
Information Search at MRUs

Users can select different indices
User can export time series of different indices

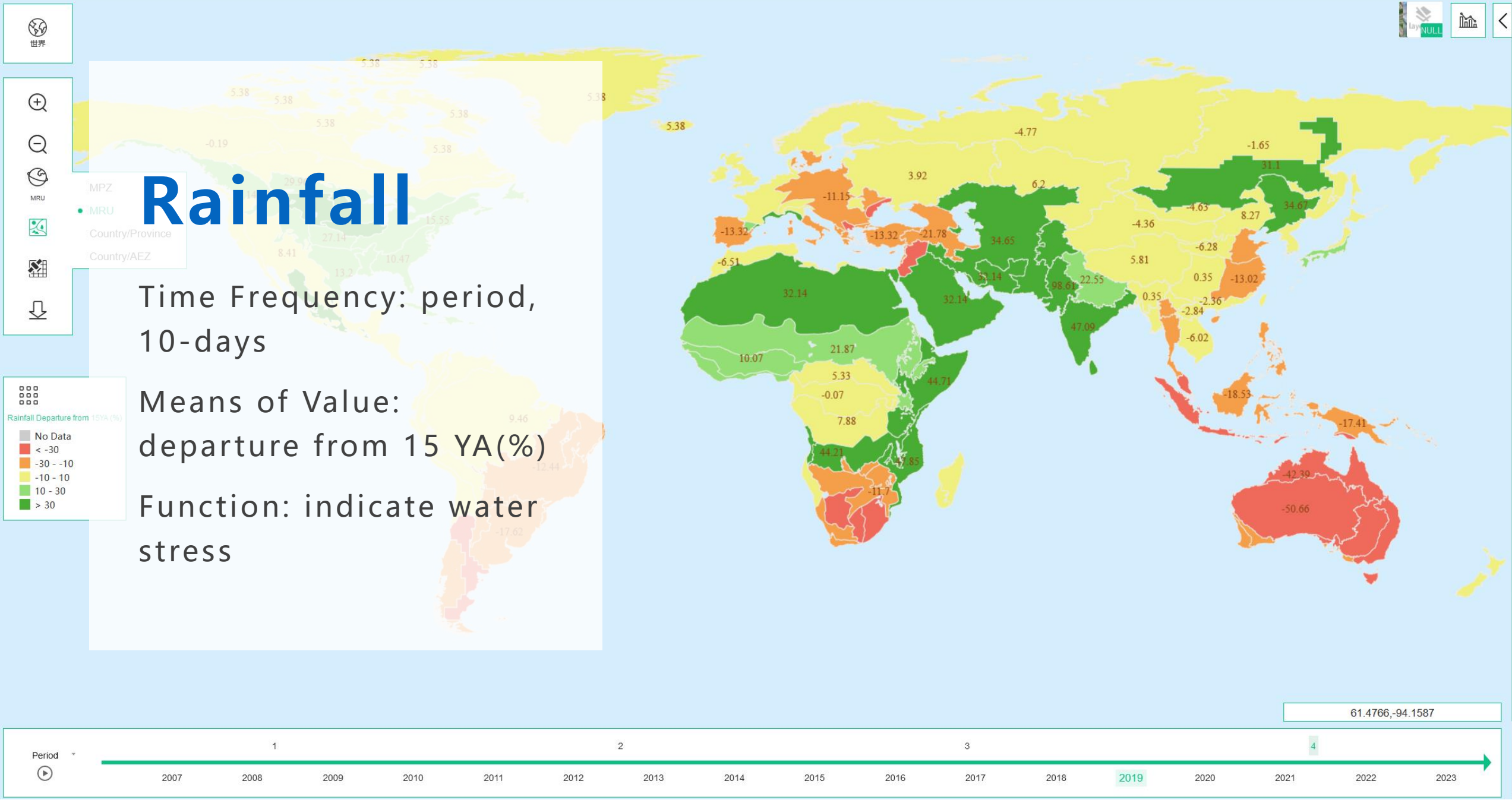


Rainfall

Time Frequency: period, 10-days

Means of Value: departure from 15 YA(%)

Function: indicate water stress

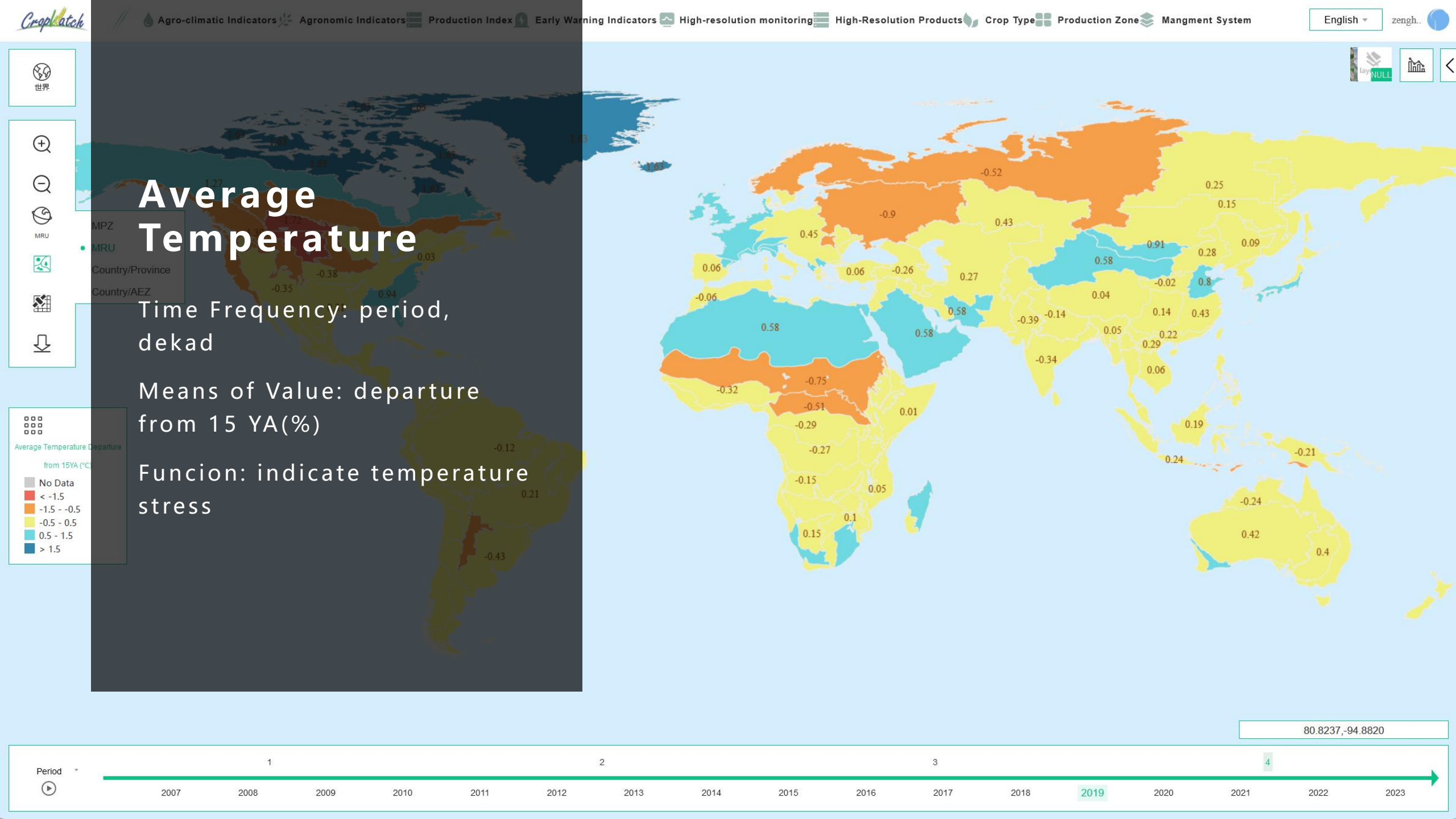


Average Temperature

Time Frequency: period, dekad

Means of Value: departure from 15 YA(%)

Funcion: indicate temperature stress

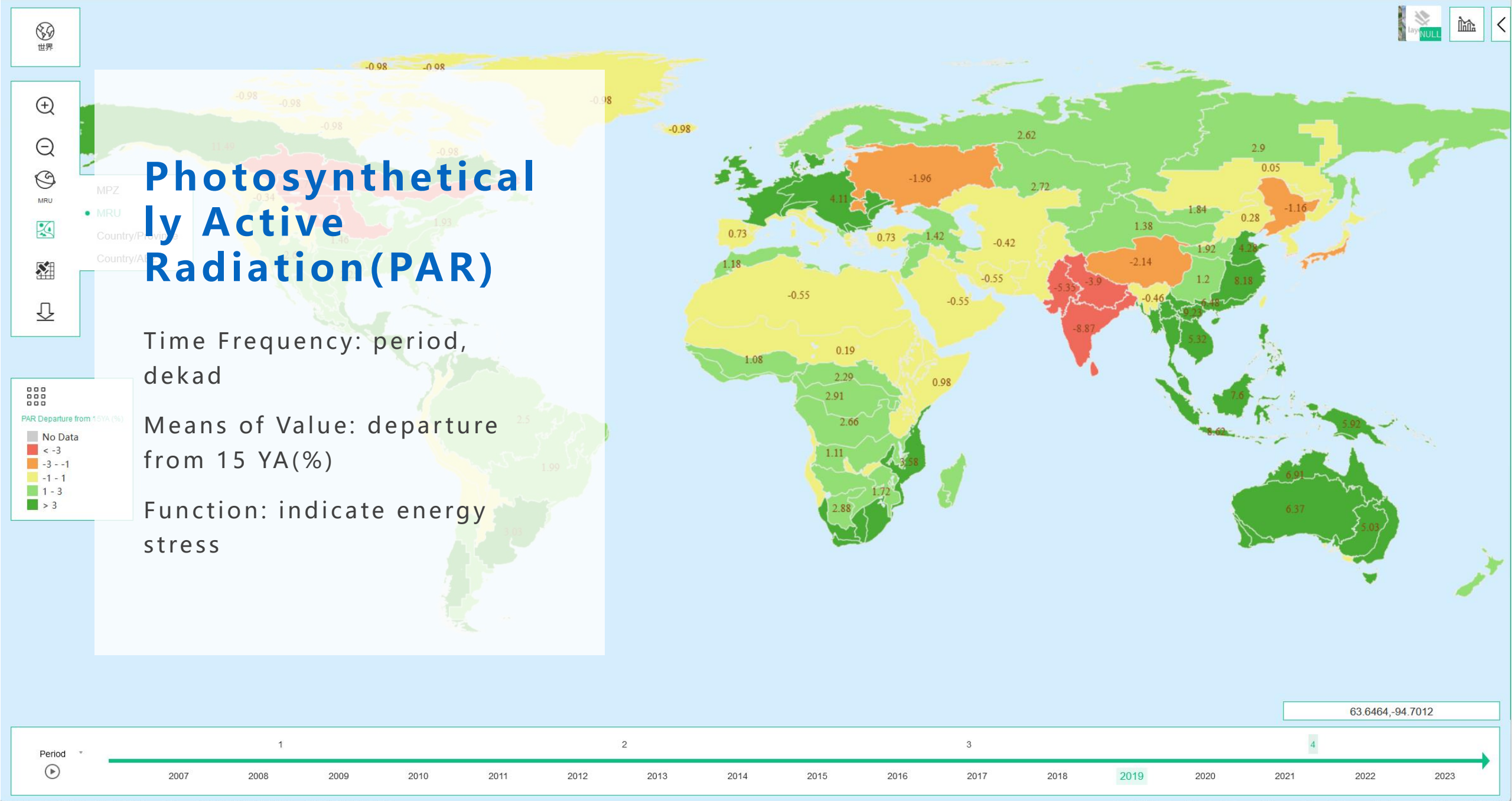


Photosynthetically Active Radiation(PAR)

Time Frequency: period, dekad

Means of Value: departure from 15 YA(%)

Function: indicate energy stress

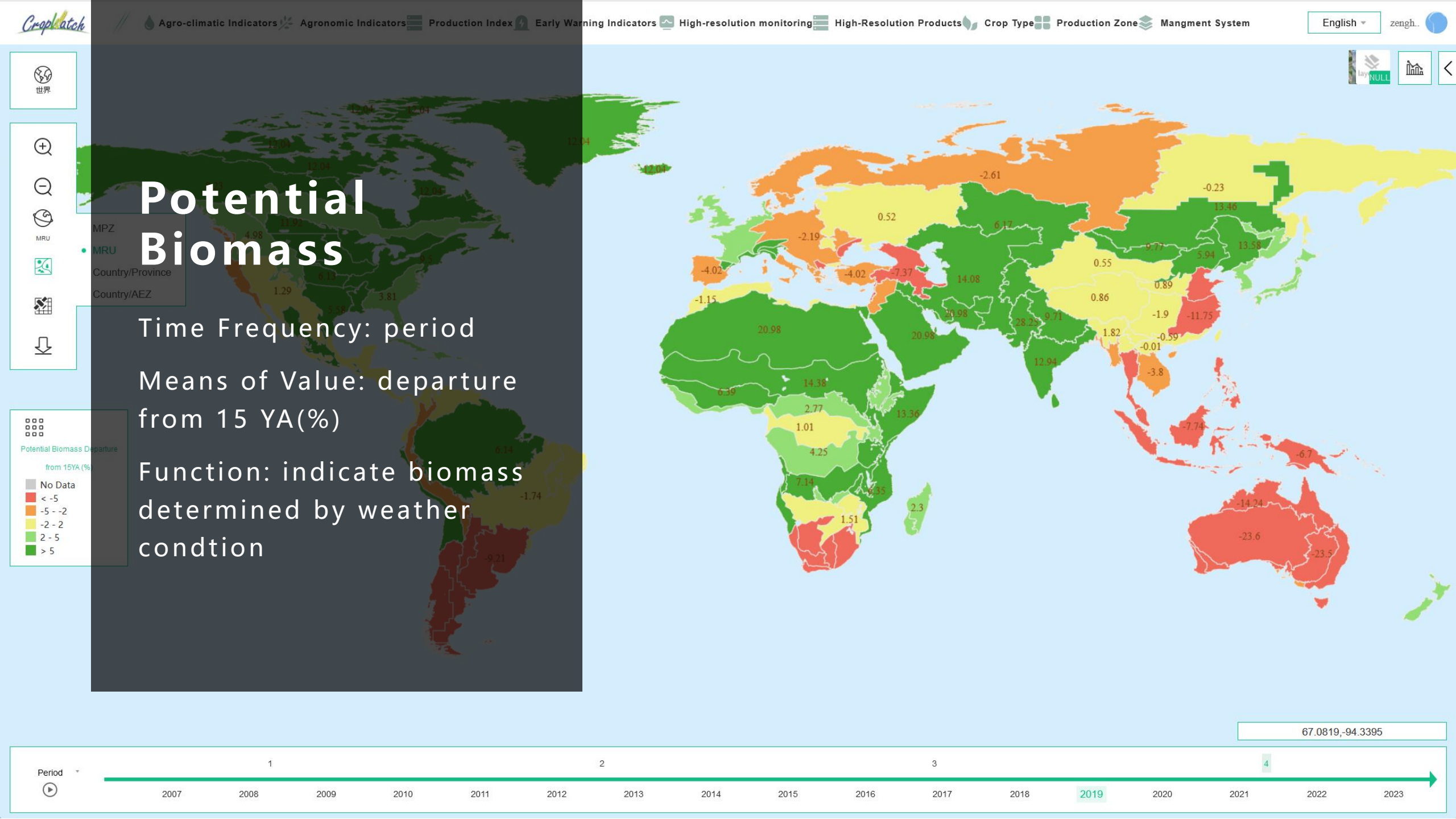


Potential Biomass

Time Frequency: period

Means of Value: departure from 15 YA(%)

Function: indicate biomass determined by weather condtion



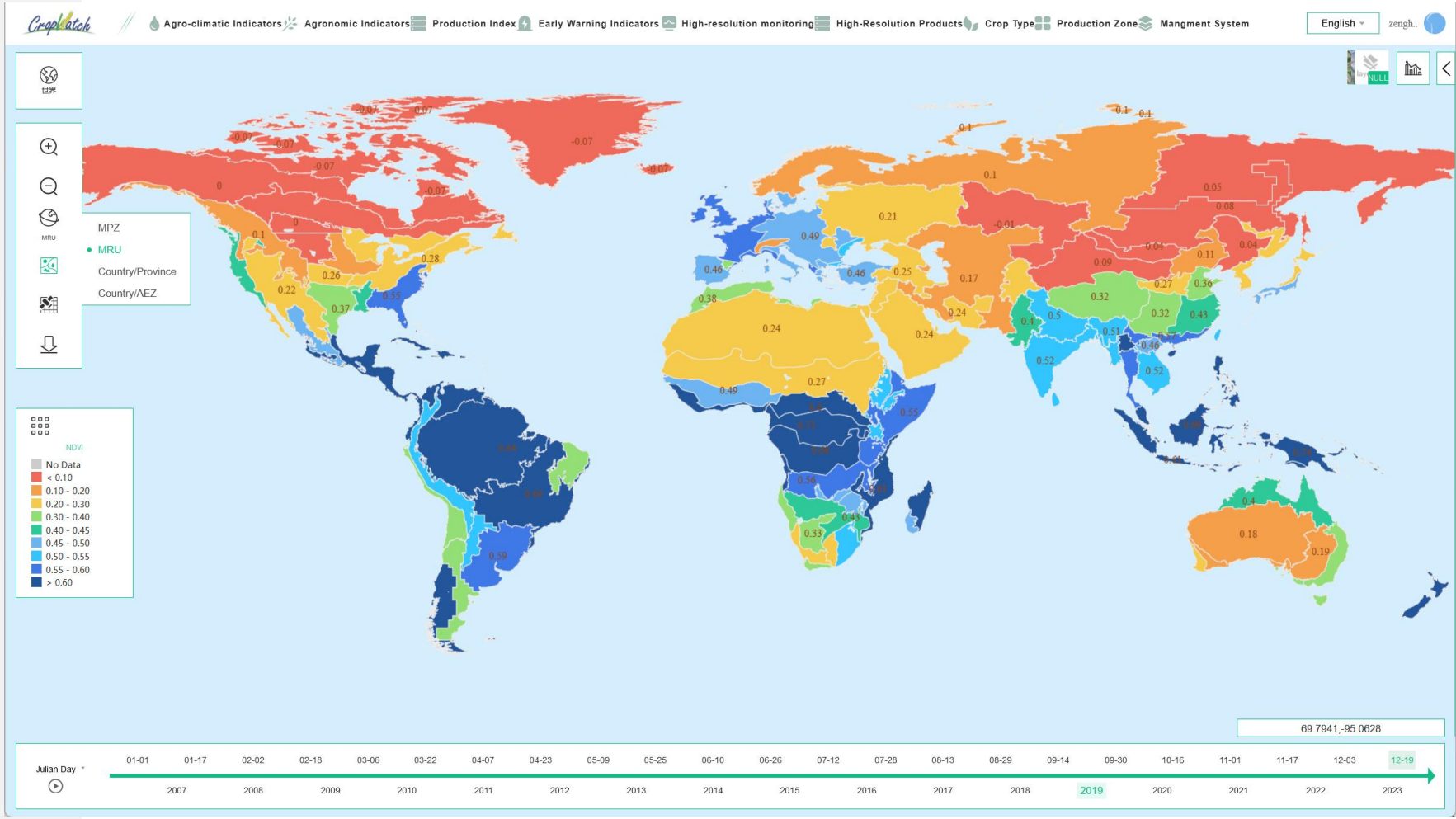
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index(NDVI)

Time Frequency: Julian day(16)

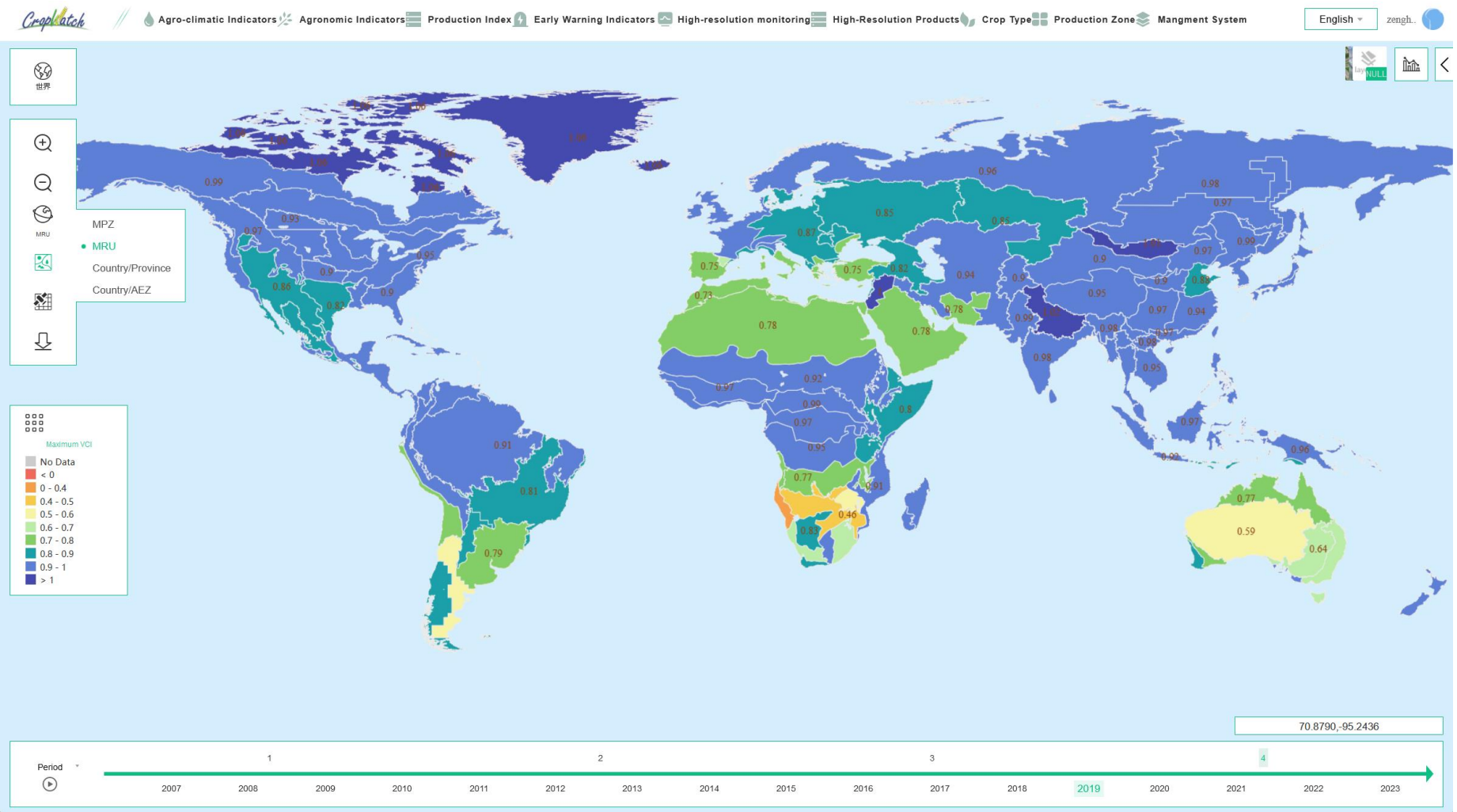
Means of Value: absolute value of NDVI

Function: indicate crop condition at different crop growing stage.

- Same crop in the field, more higher NDVI, means better condition, otherwise, worse condition

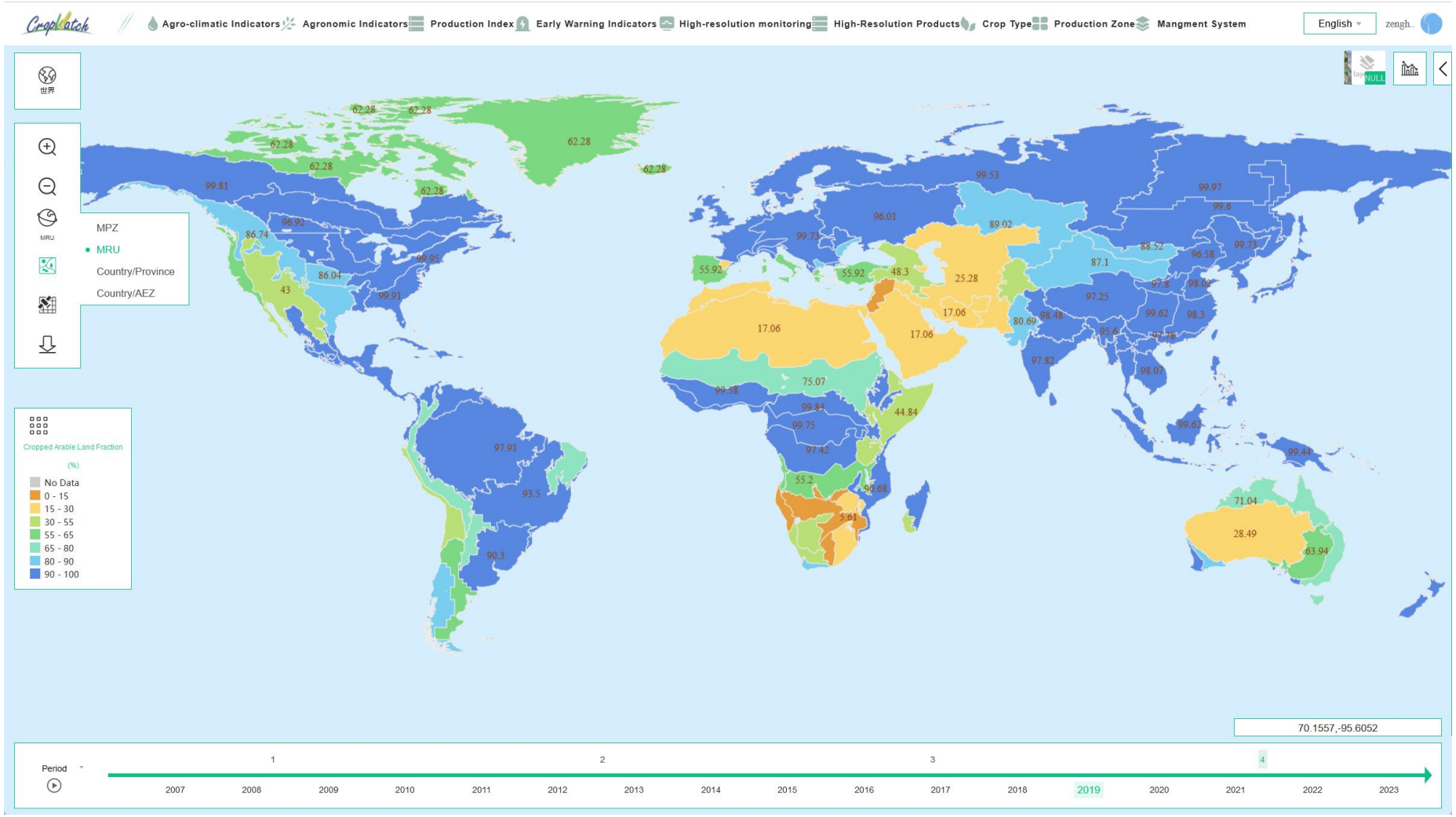


Maximum Vegetation Index(VCIx)



- Time Frequency: period, dekad
- Means of Value: compare with last 5YA, what's is the NDVI level
- Function: indicating the crop condition at different crop growing stage compared to last 5 year’s average
  - Worse crop condition: < 0.5
  - Favorable crop condition: > 1

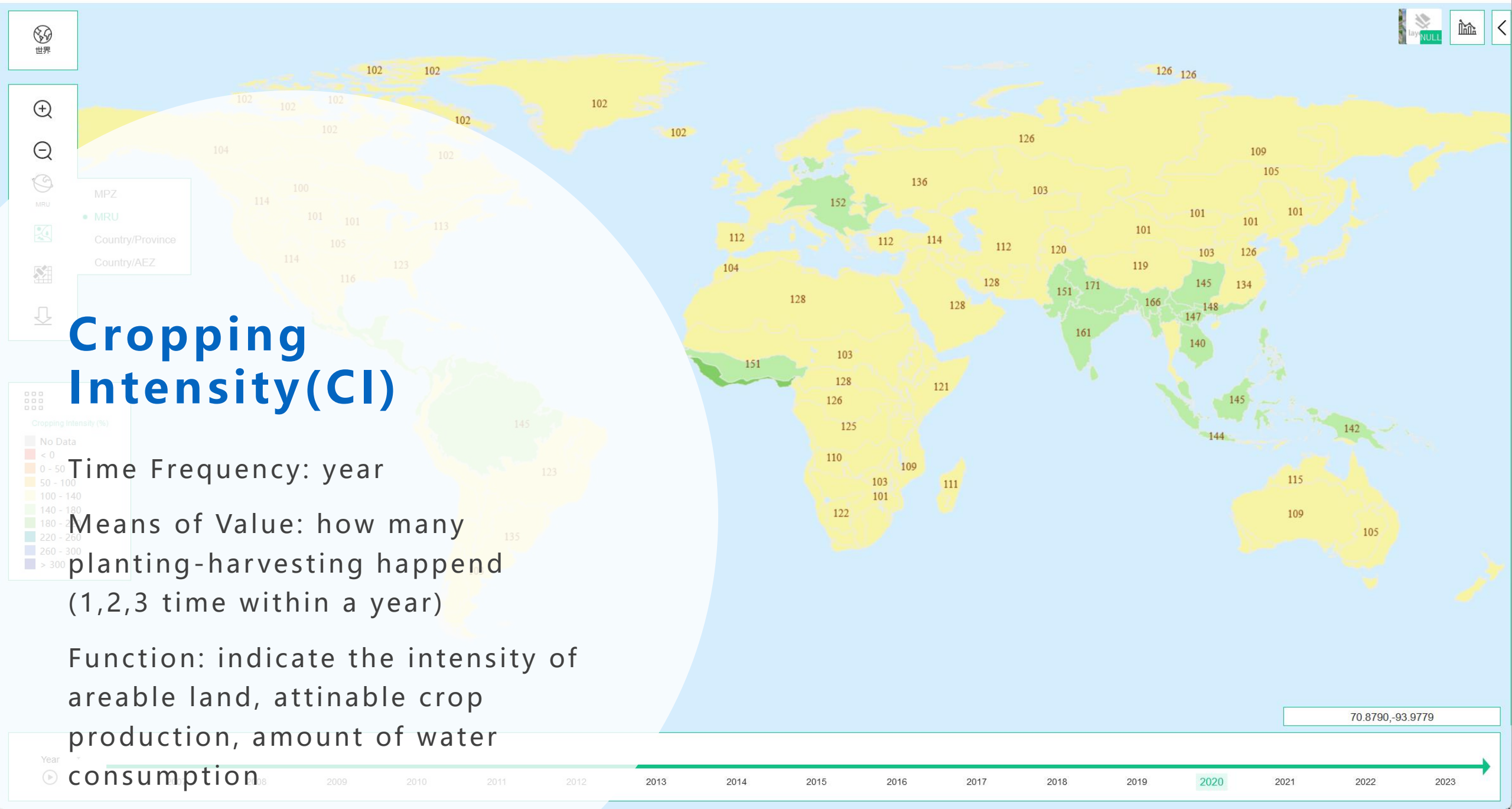
CALF(Cropped Arable Land Fraction)



Time Frequency: period

Means of Value: fraction of cropped land account for area of interest

Function: indicate the progress of sowing, harvesting,or early warning of crop production

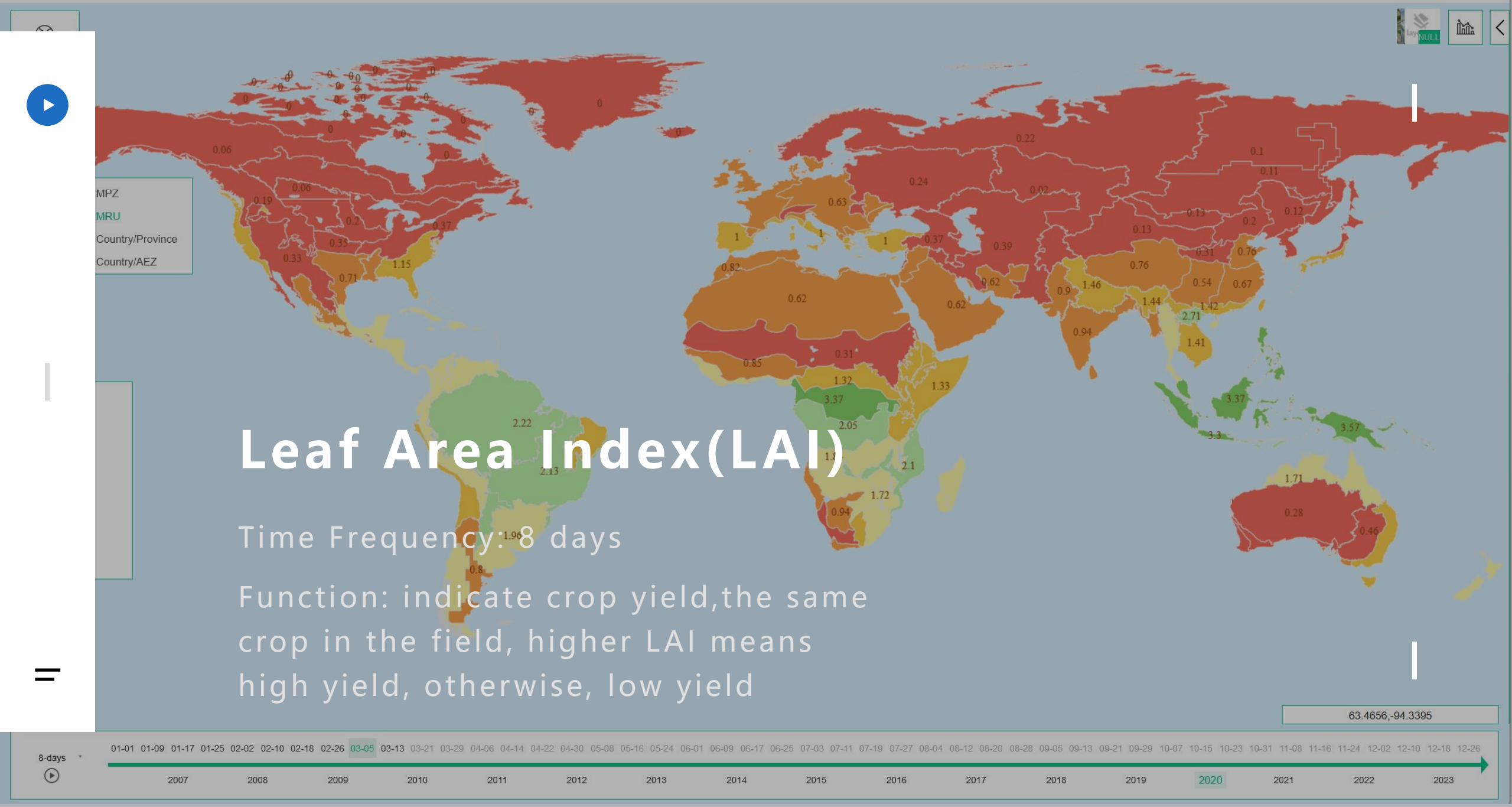


Cropping Intensity(CI)

Time Frequency: year

Means of Value: how many planting-harvesting happend (1,2,3 time within a year)

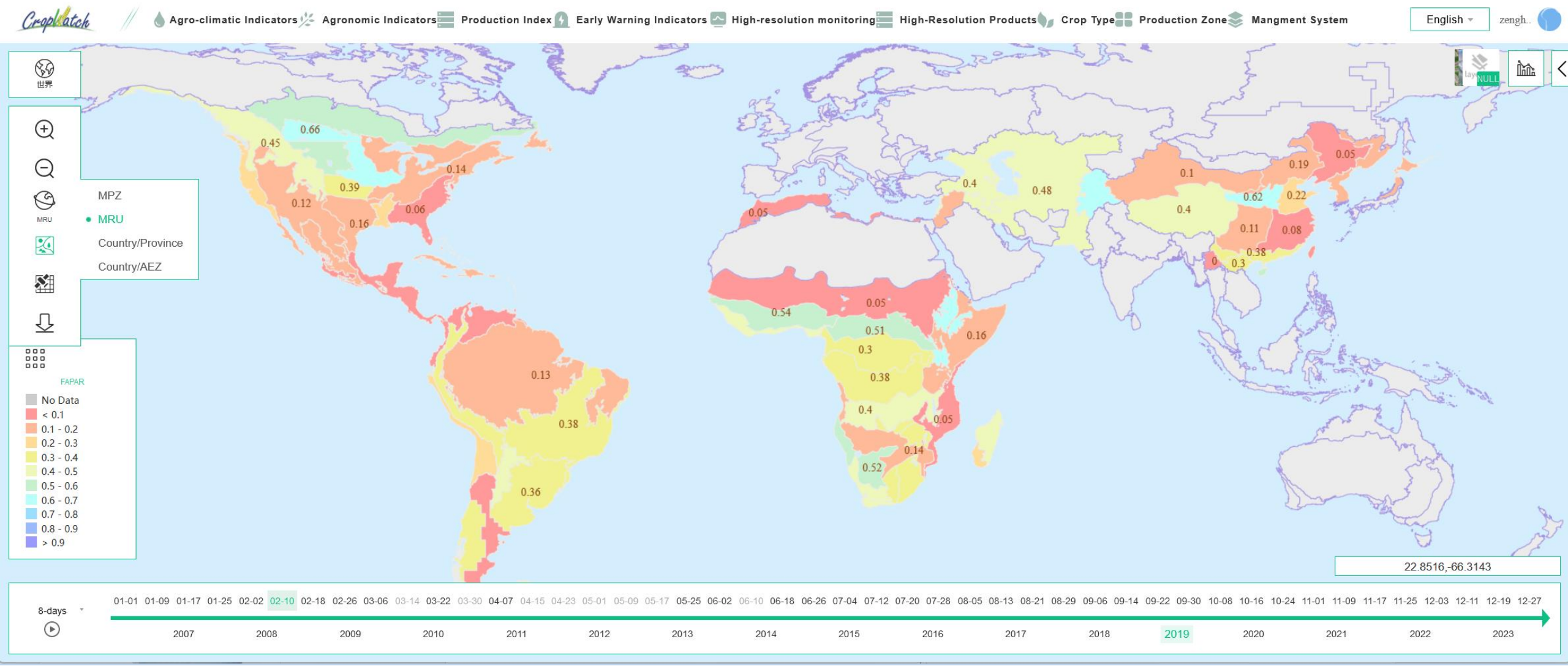
Function: indicate the intensity of areable land, attinable crop production, amount of water consumption



Leaf Area Index(LAI)

Time Frequency: 8 days

Function: indicate crop yield,the same crop in the field, higher LAI means high yield, otherwise, low yield



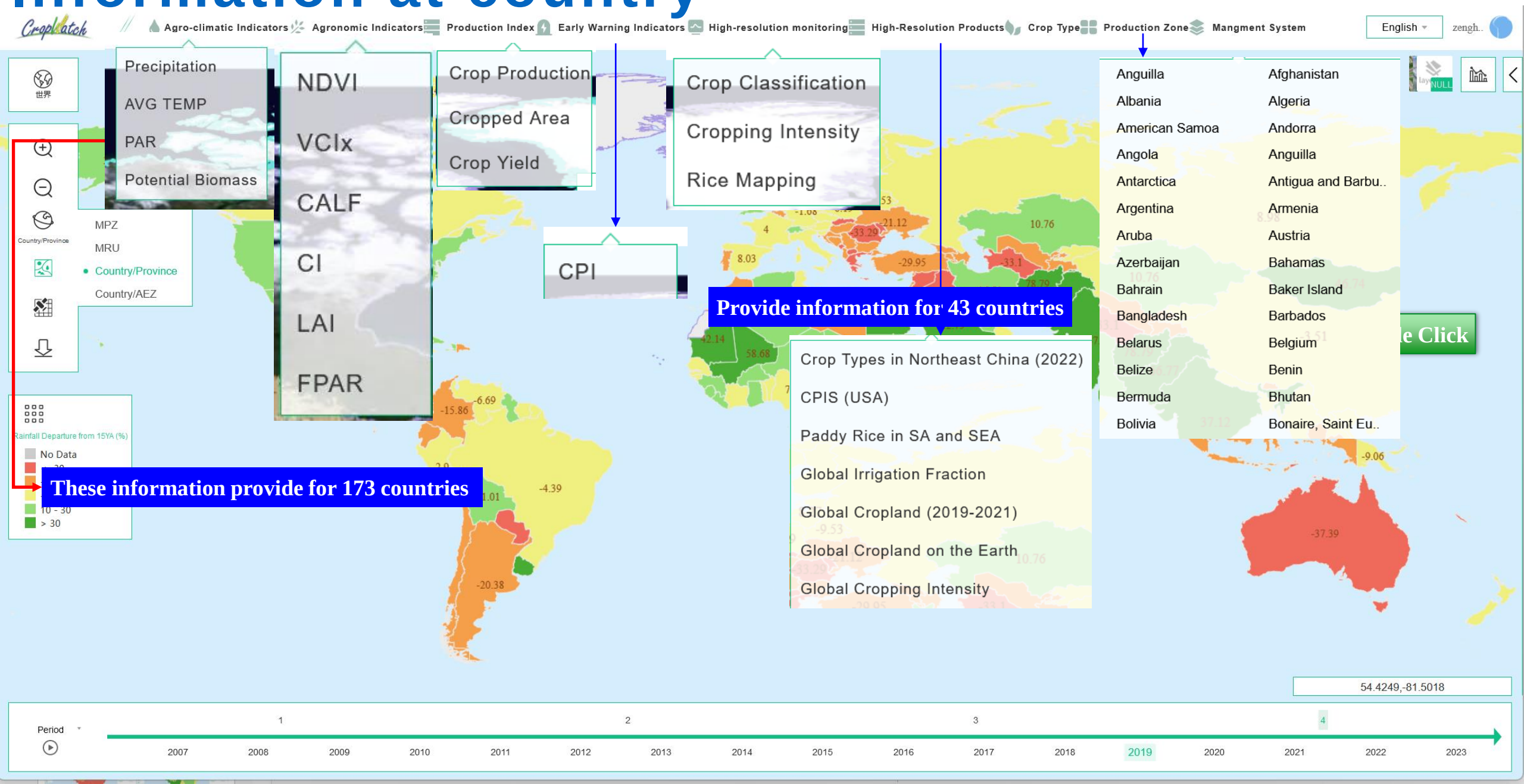
Time Frequency: 8 days

Function: indicates capacity of energy absorbtion by crop

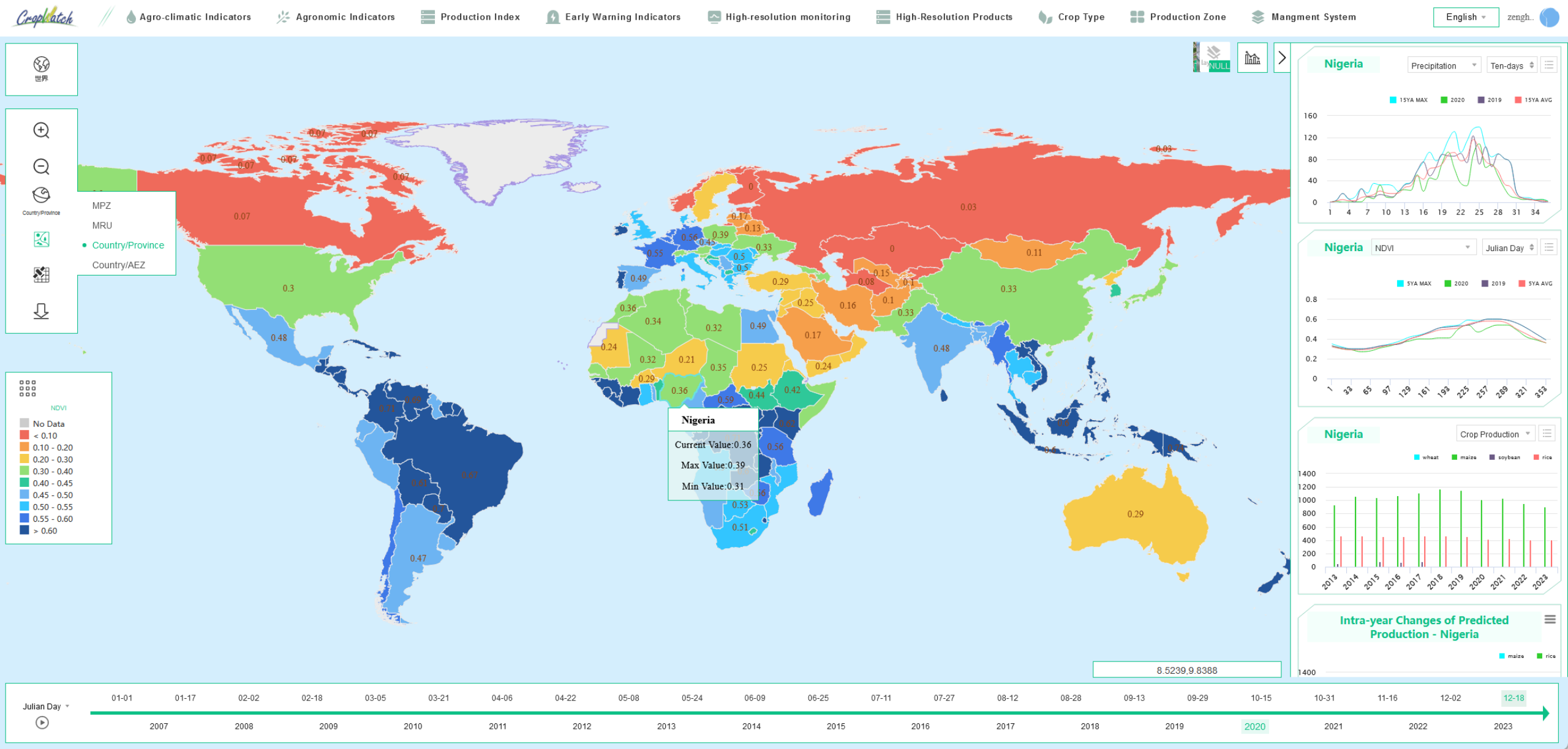
Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation(FPAR)

Information at Country Level(Province)

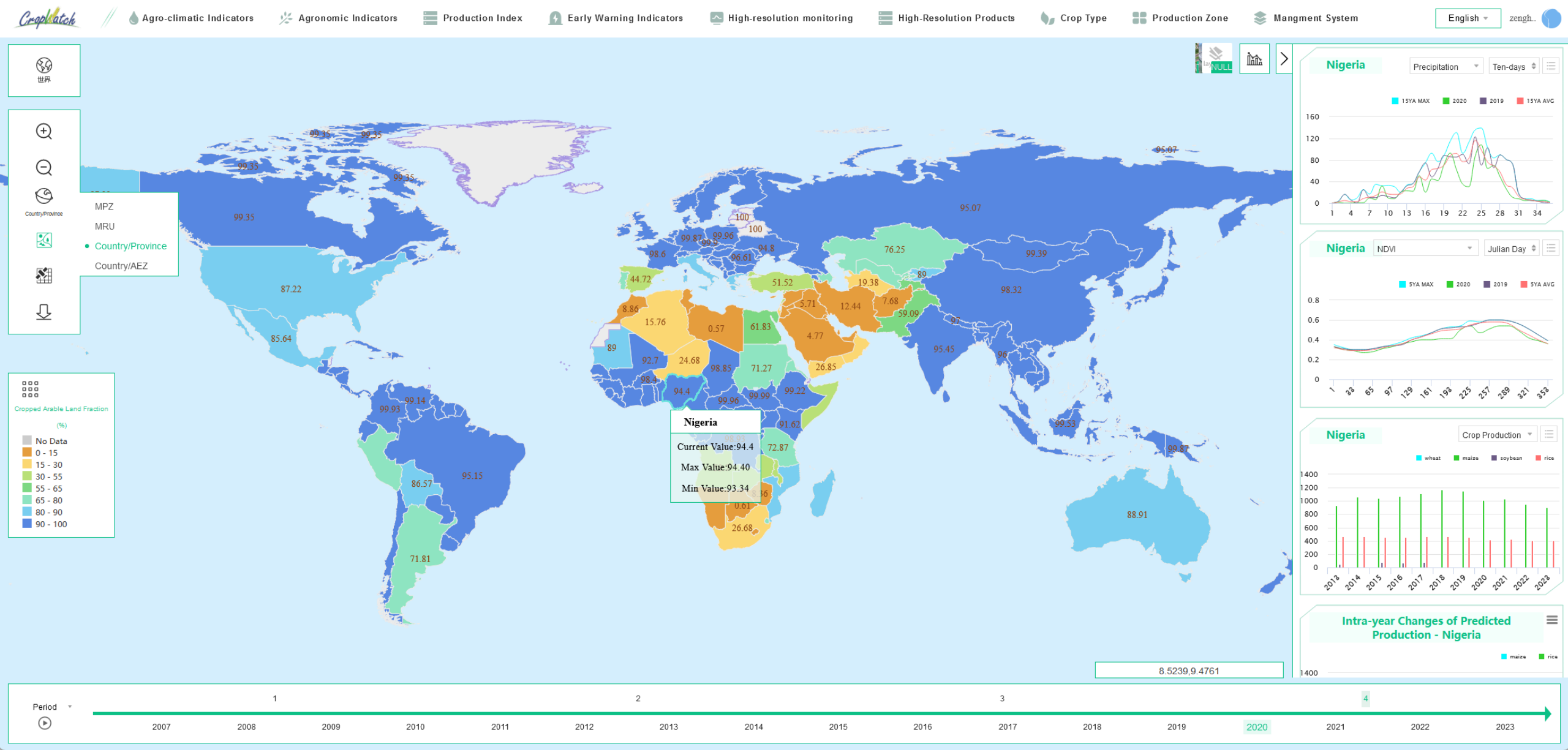
Information at country



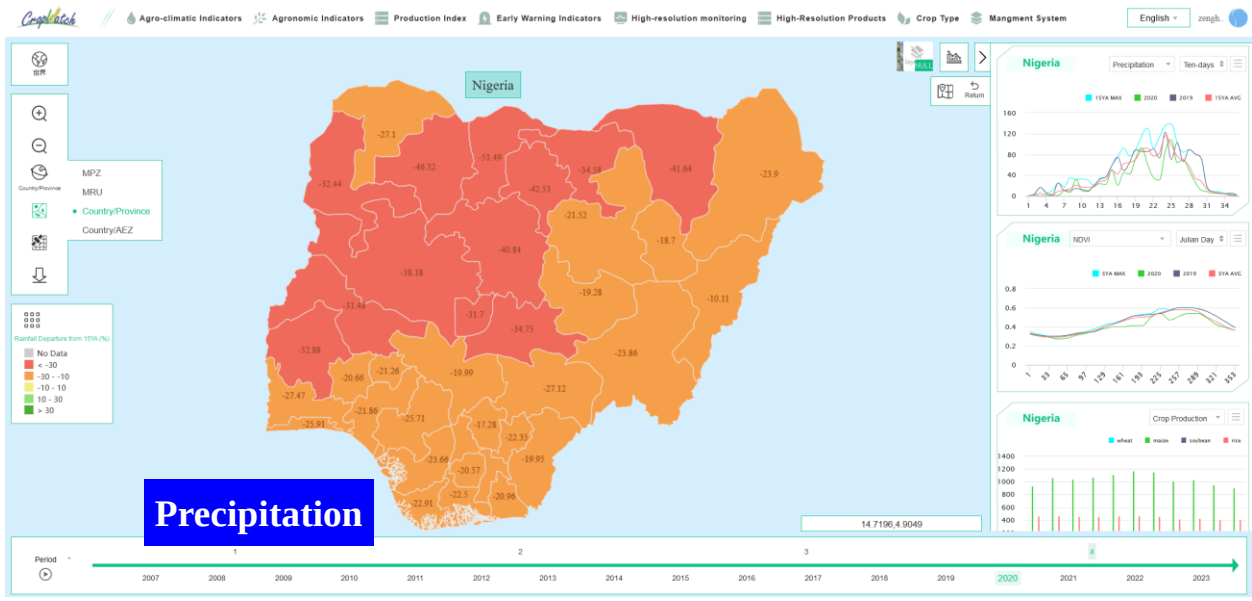
Information at country- Nigeria

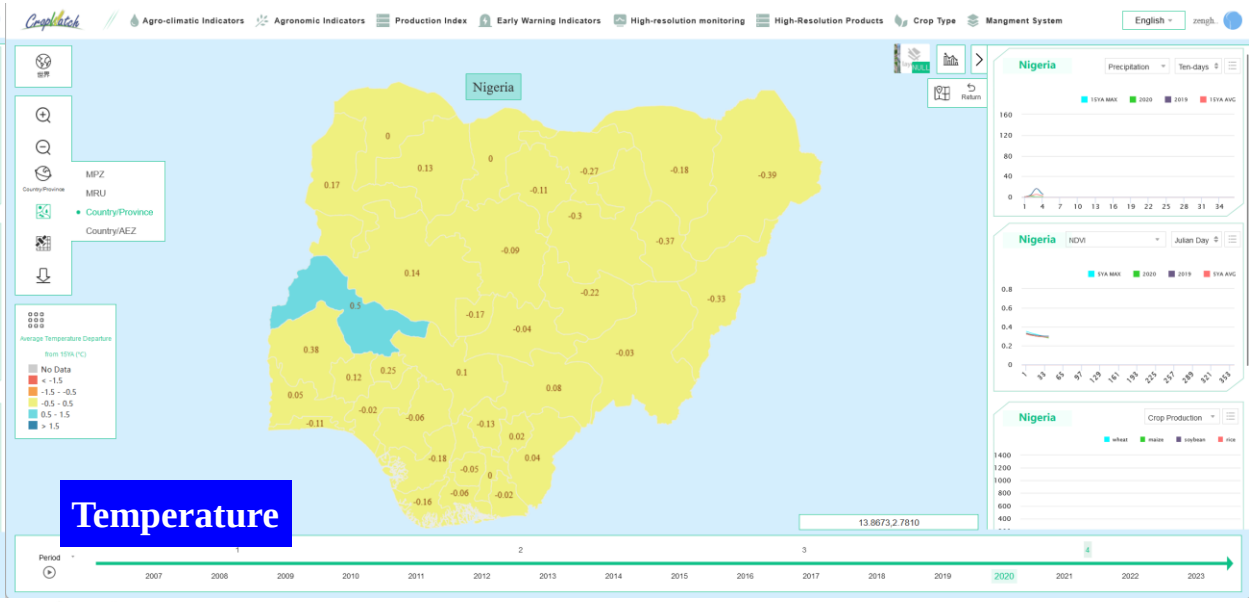


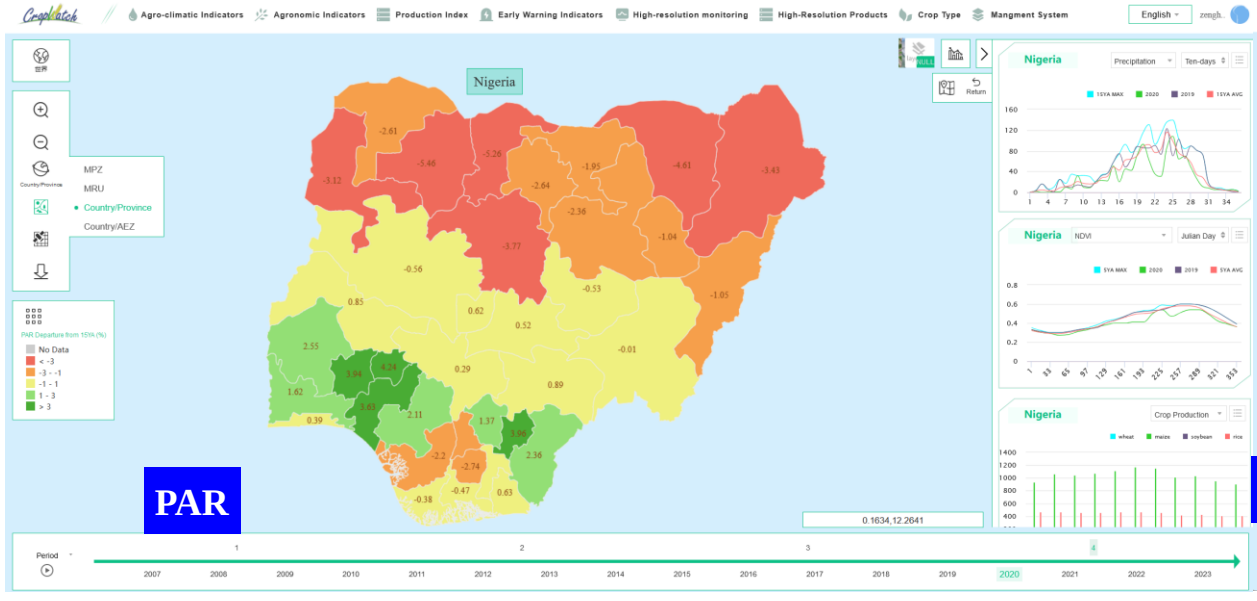
Provide province's information for 173 countries

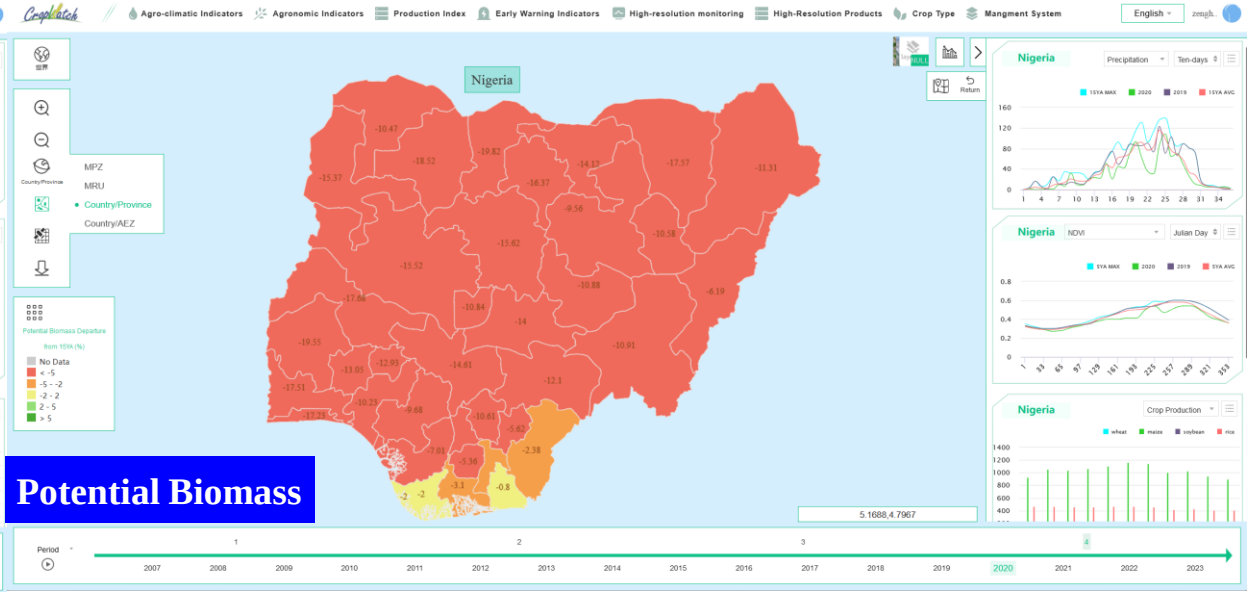


Agro-climatic information at province level of Nigeria

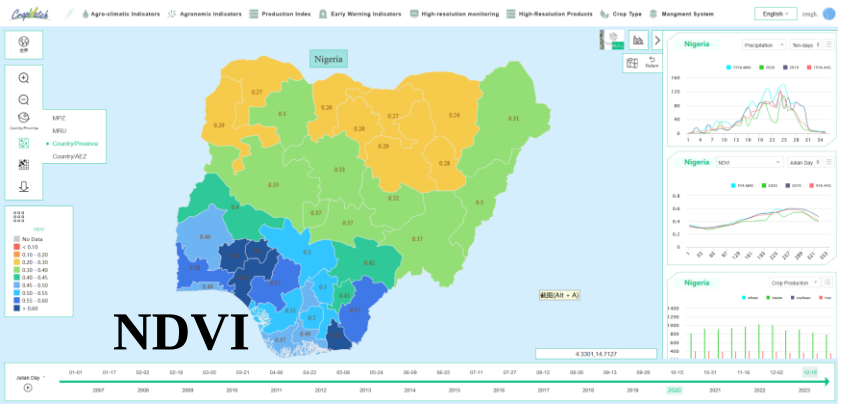


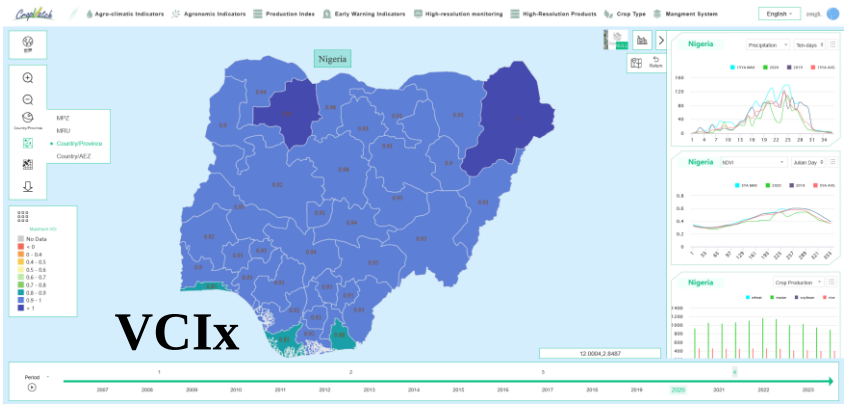


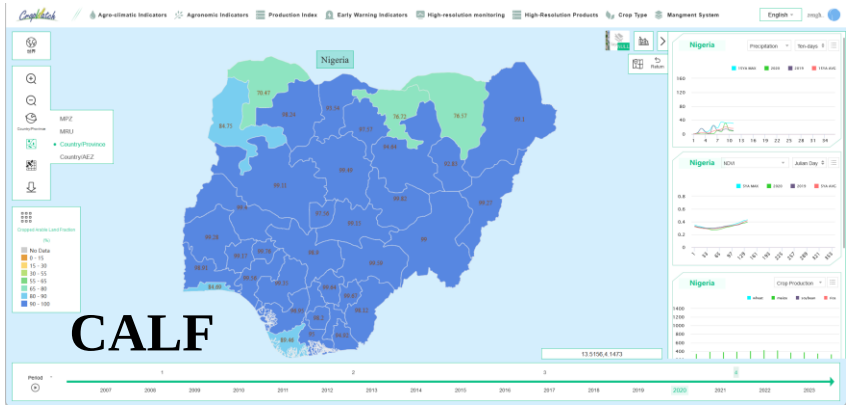


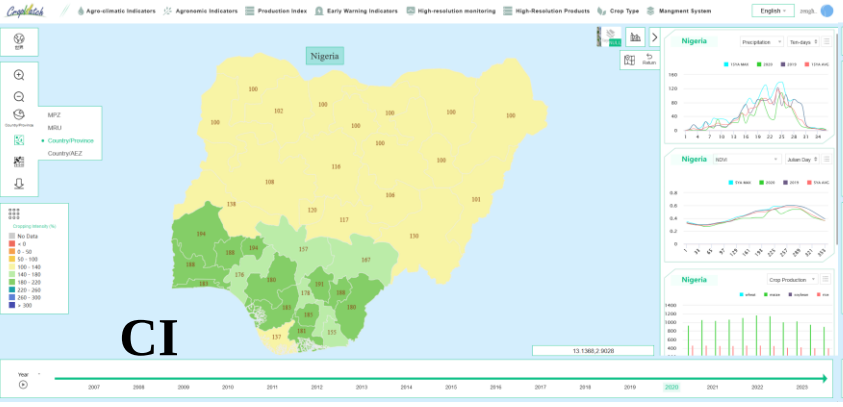


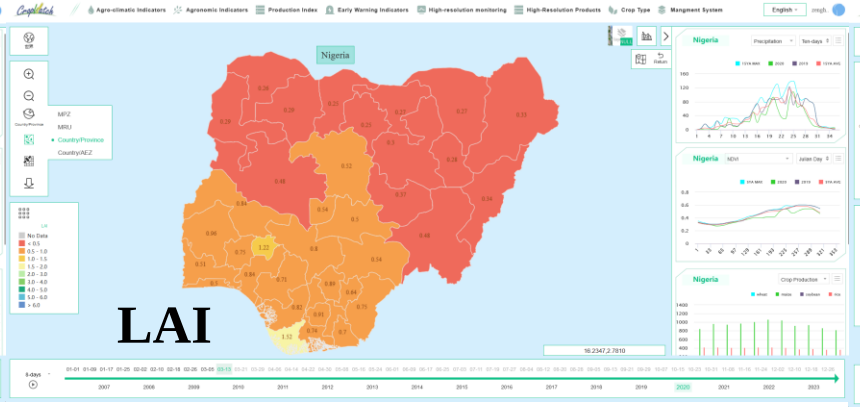
Agronomic information at province

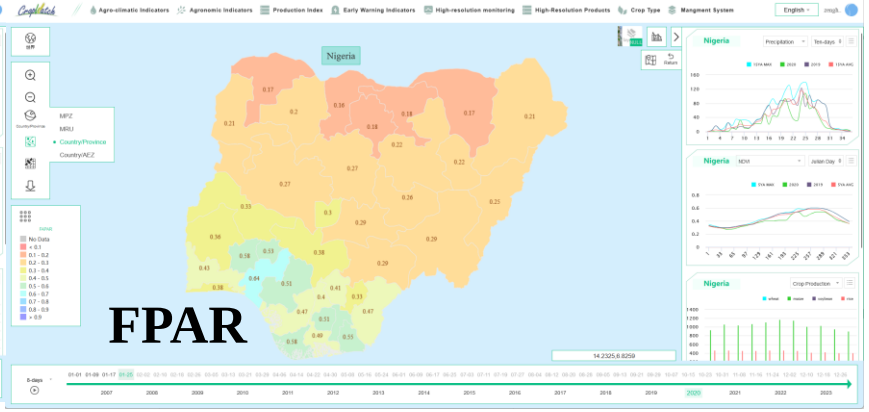












Information exports

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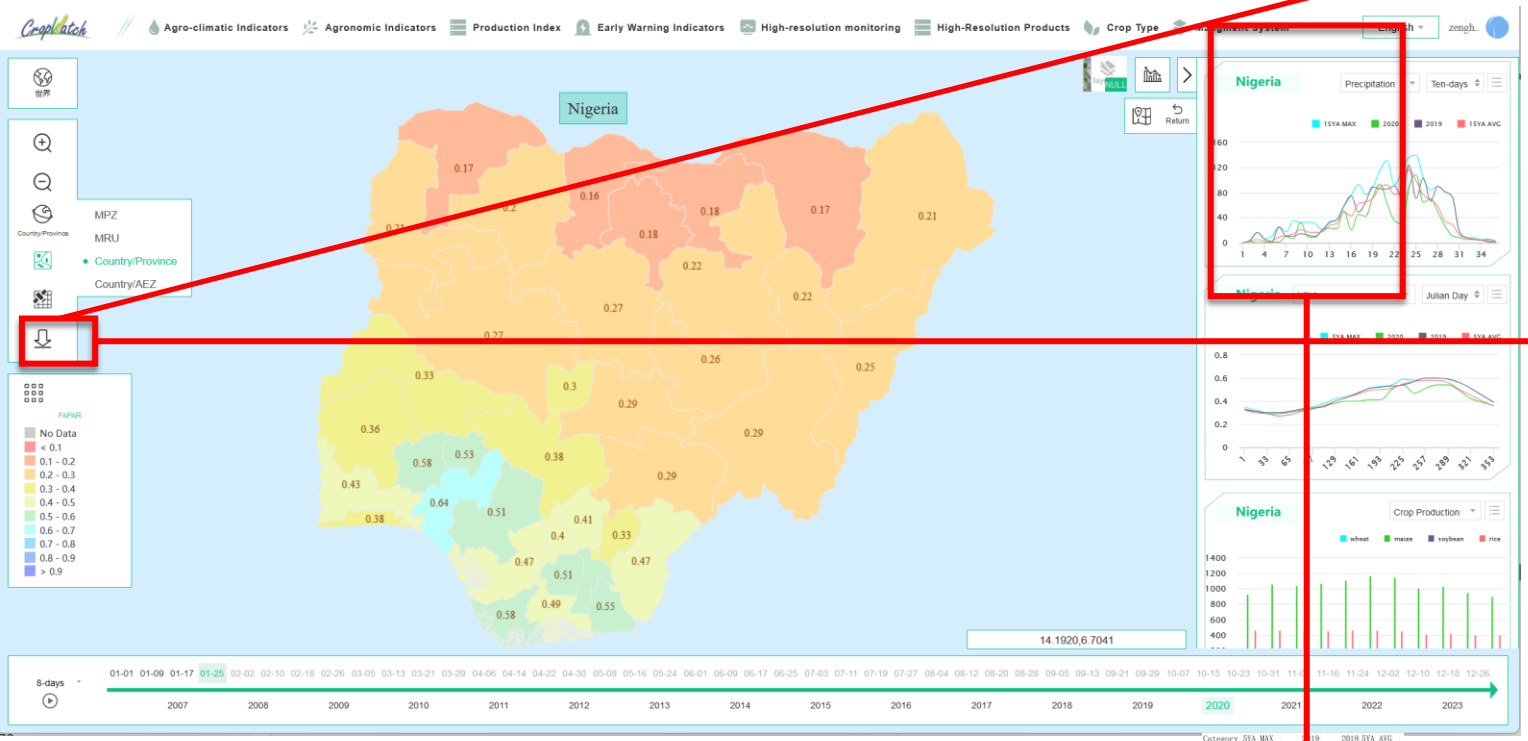
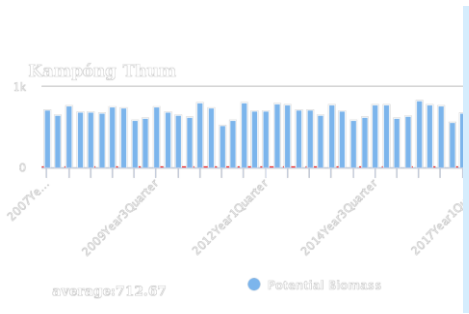
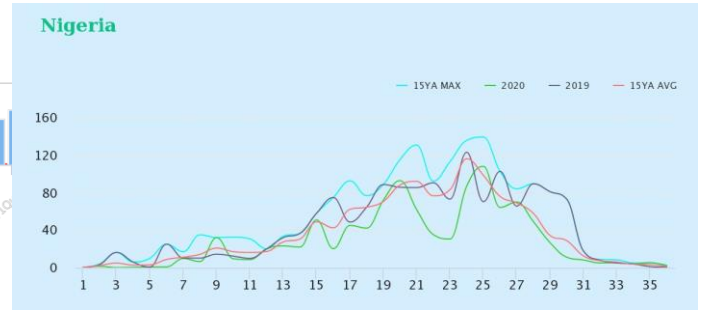
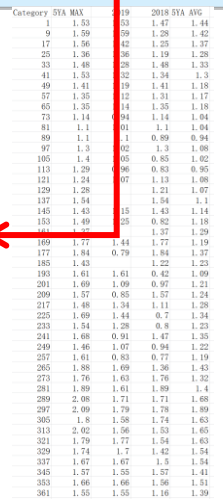
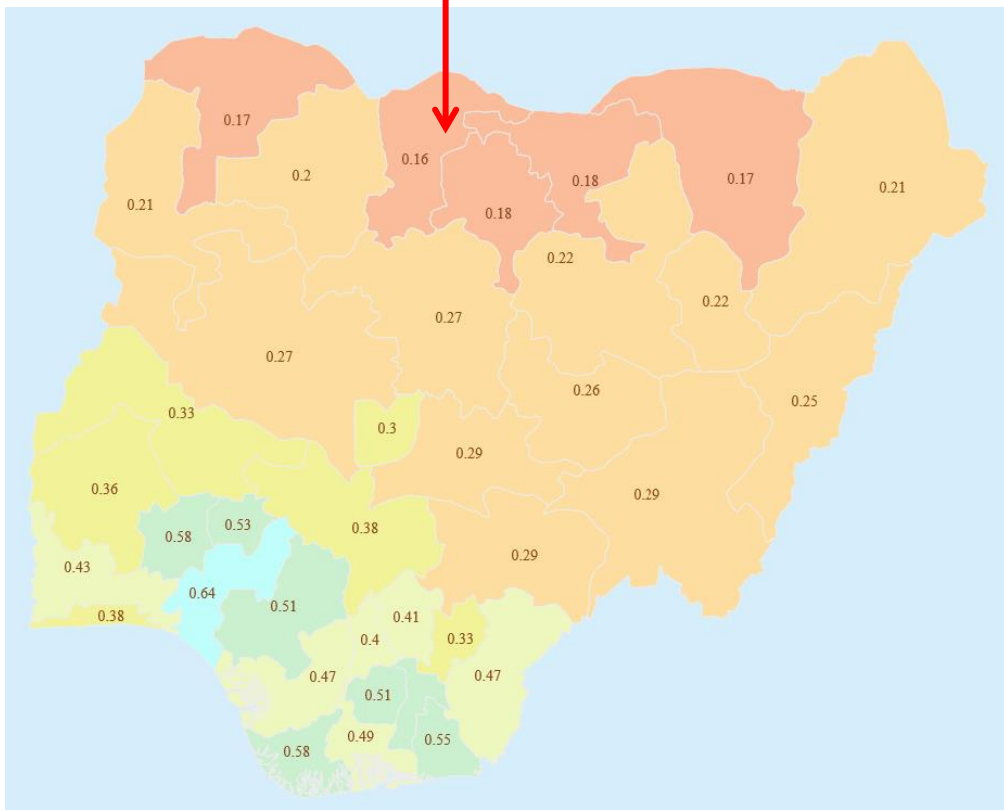
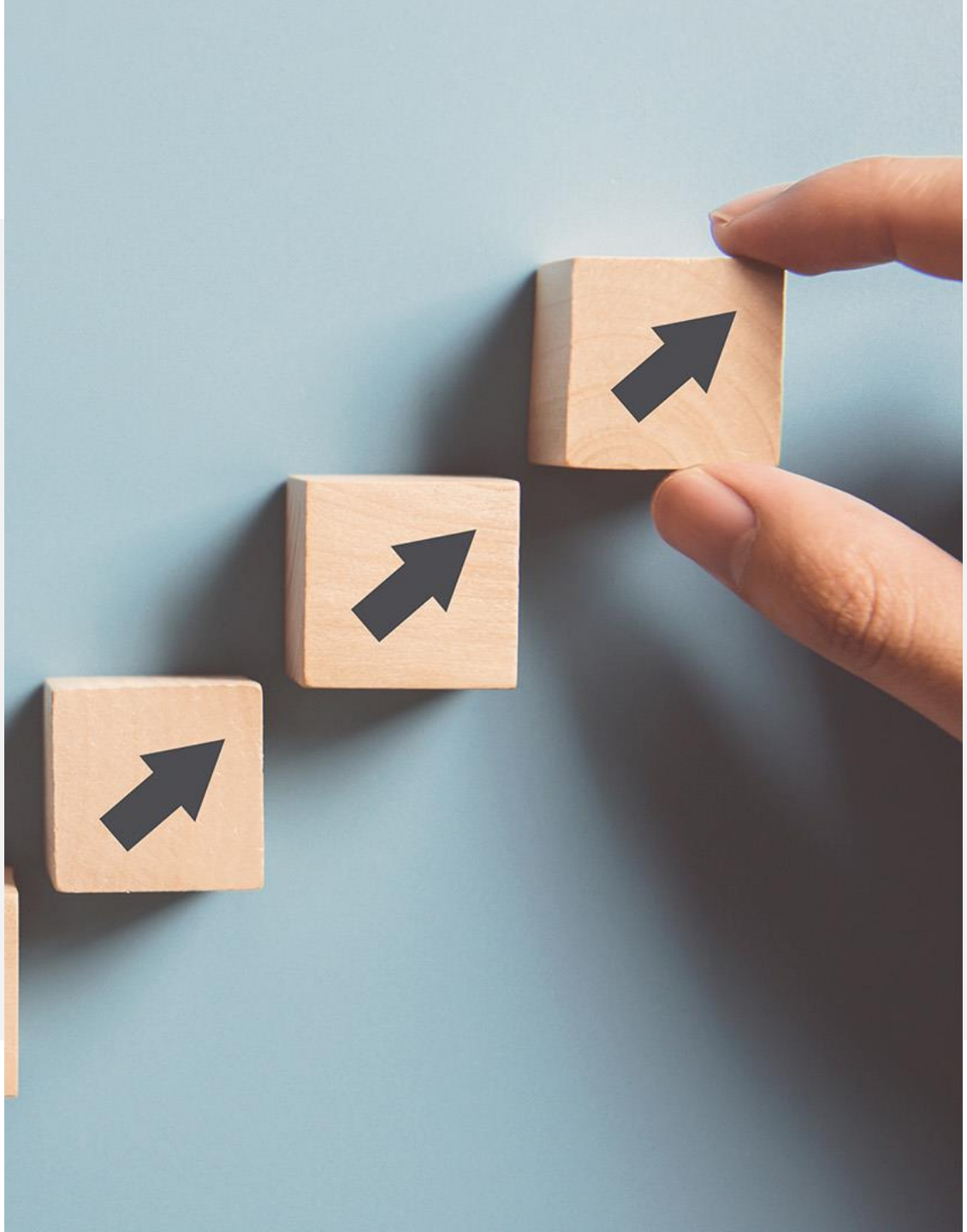






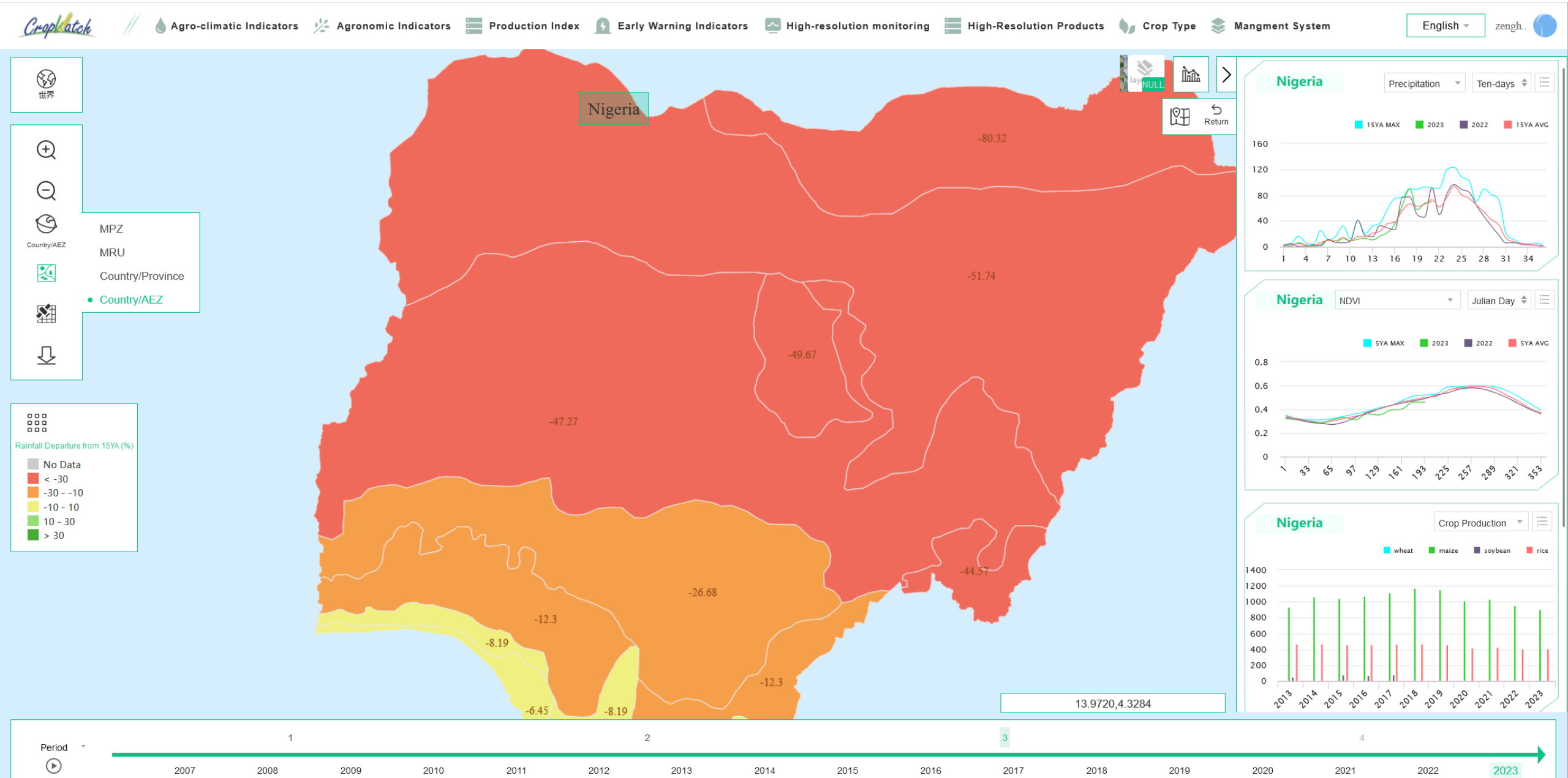






Information at country Level(AEZ)

Information at the country Level(AEZ)-Agroclimatic Info.



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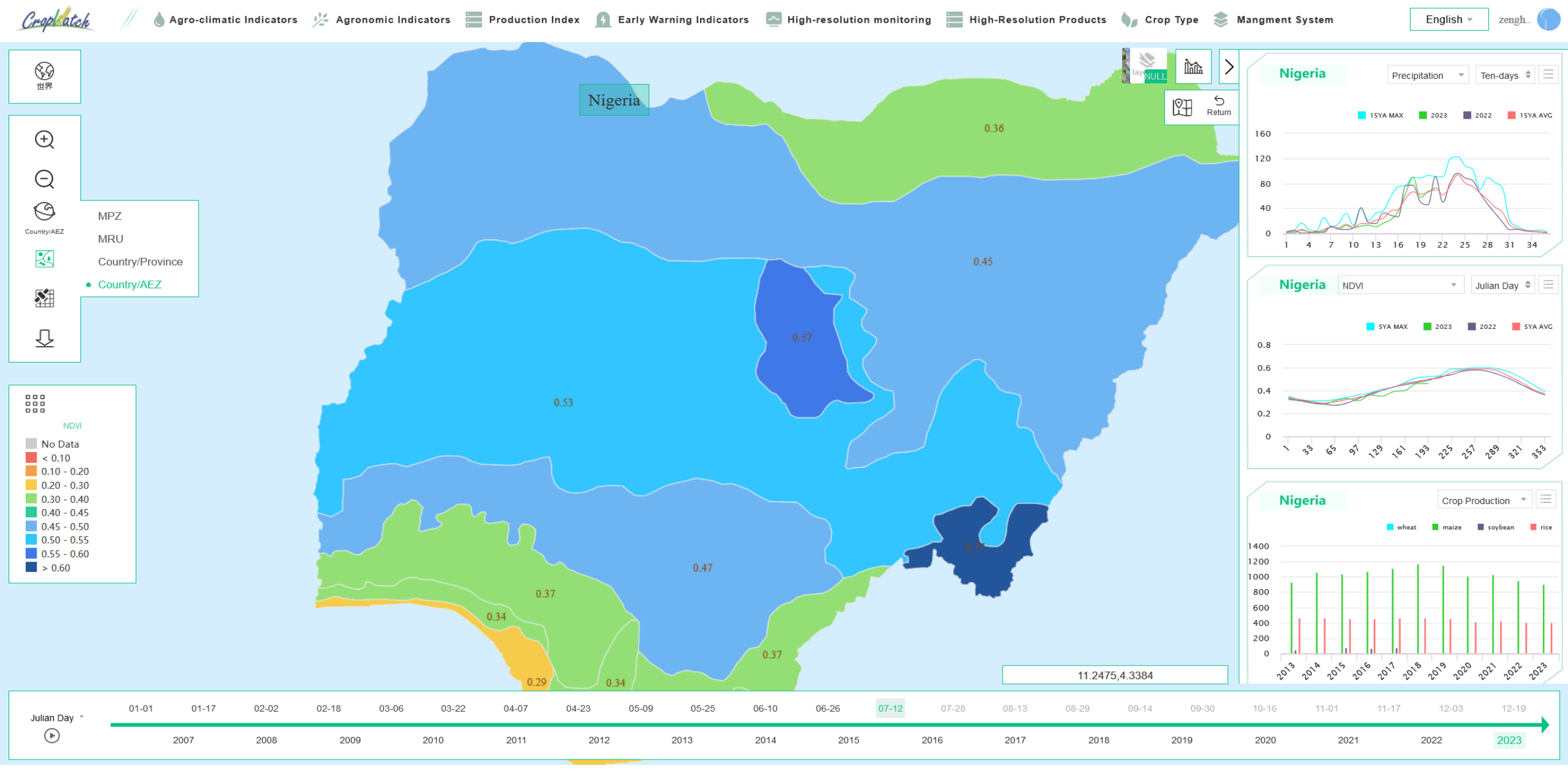
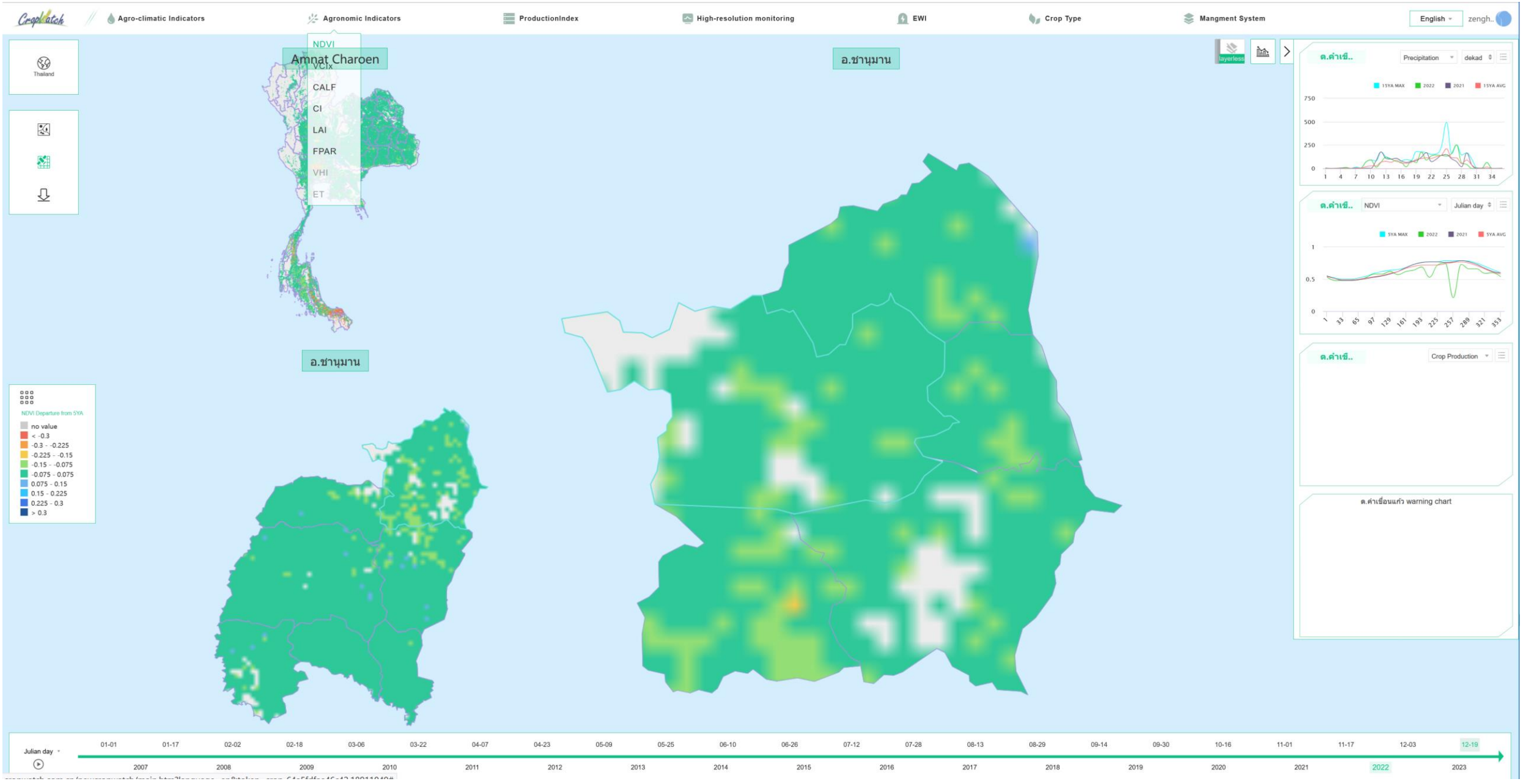


Information for special country

Interface of CropWatch for Thailand-NDVI



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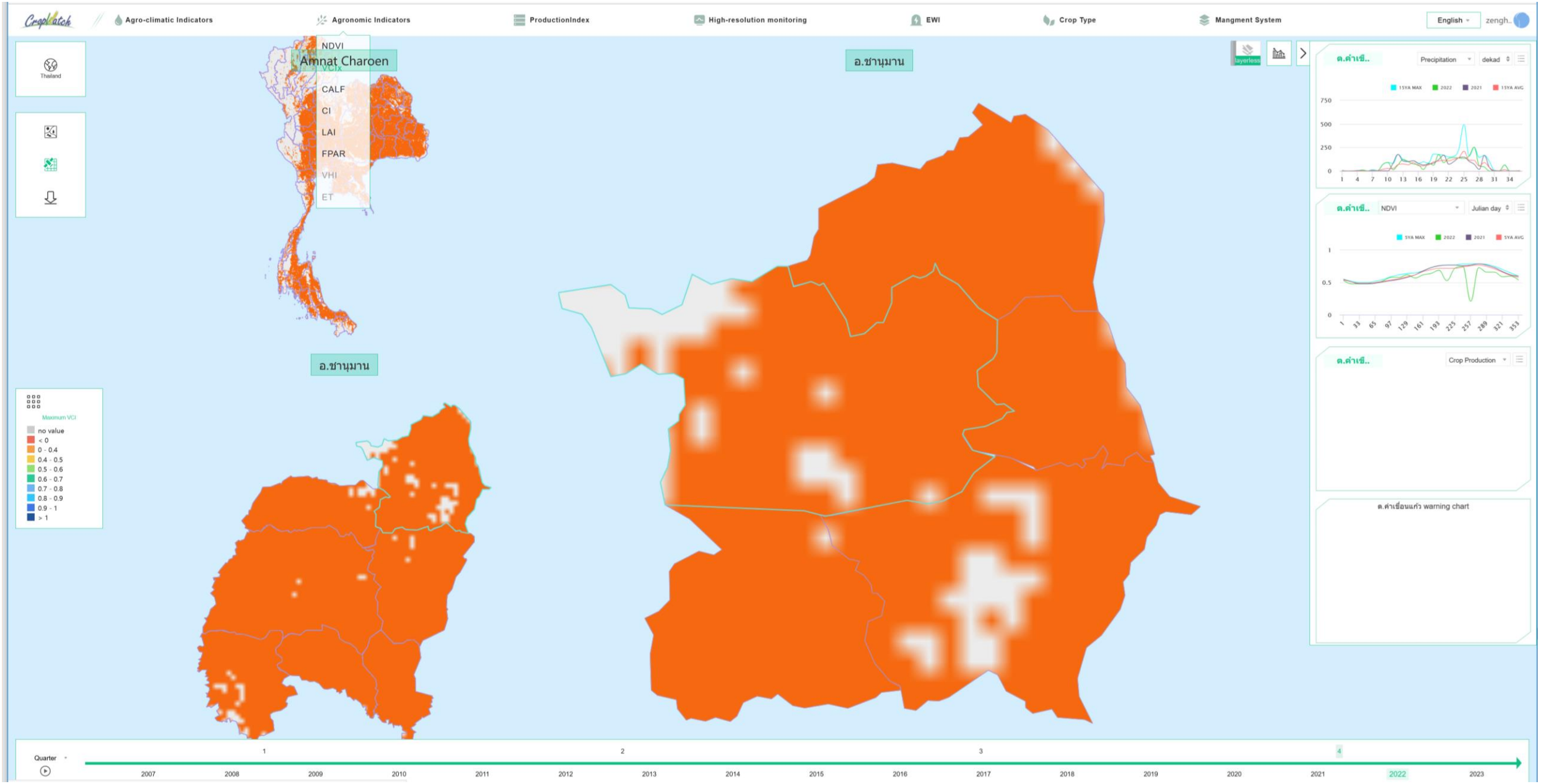

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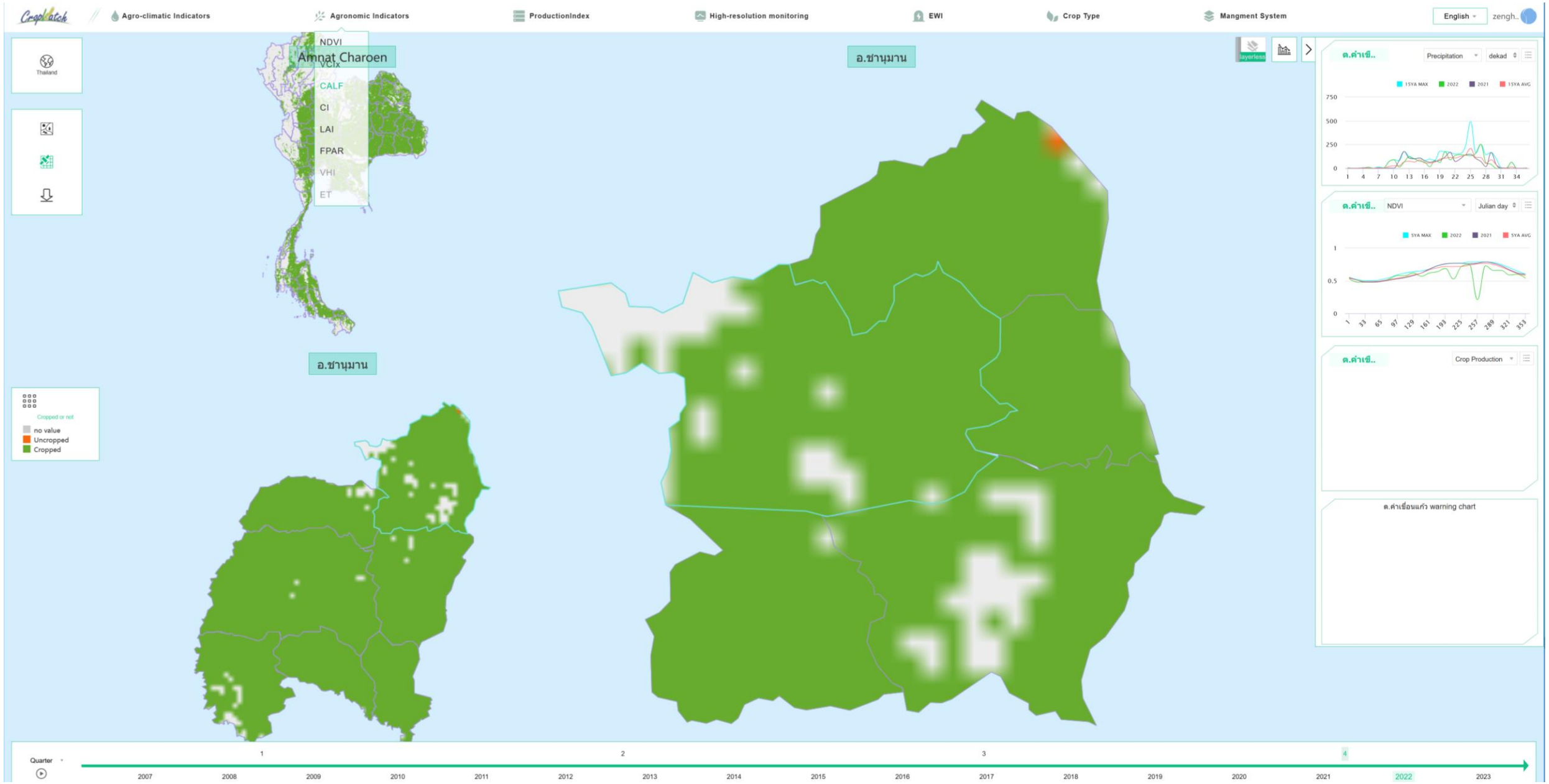

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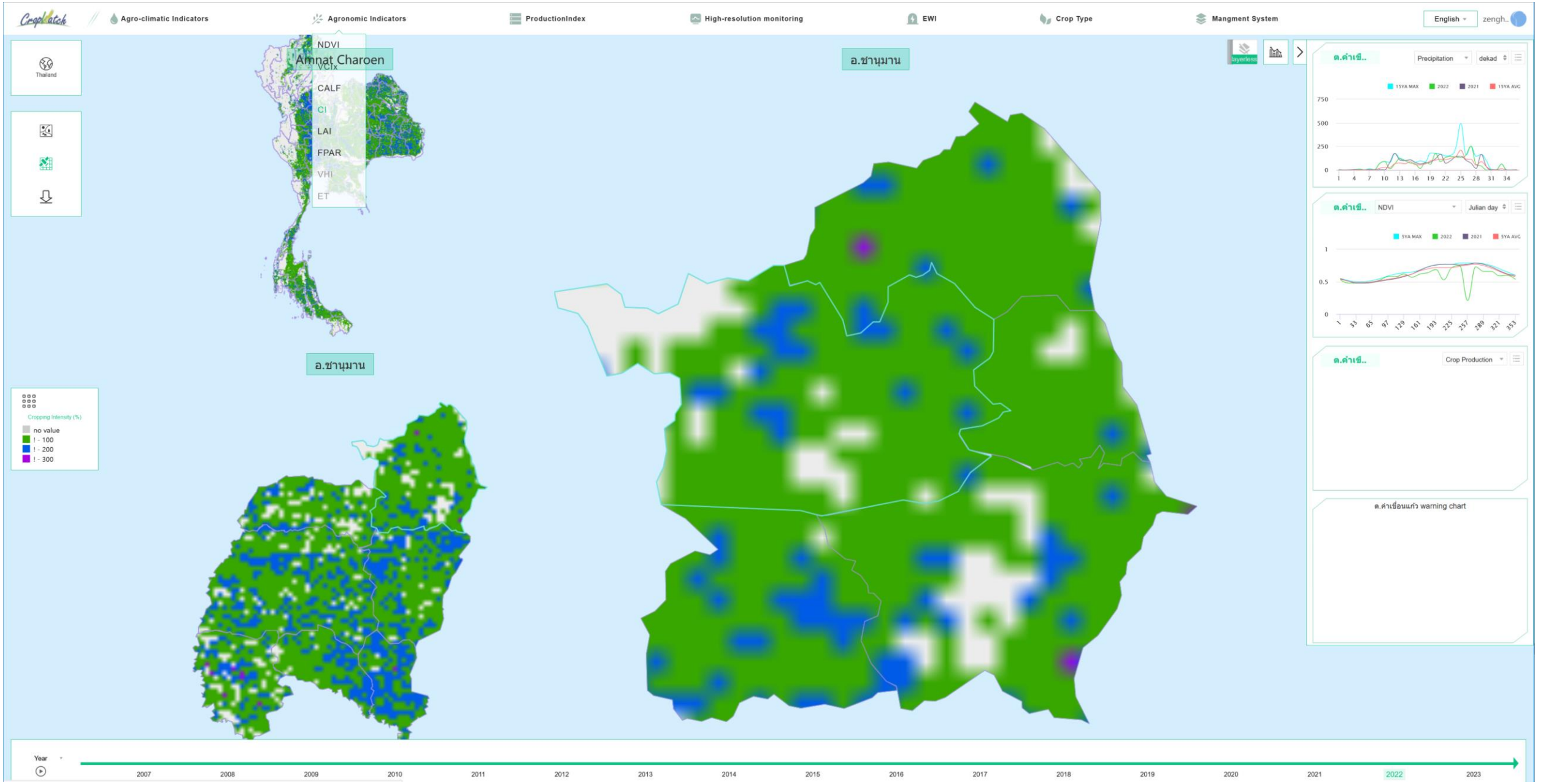


How to provide information for specific countries

Identify information needs

Provide basic data: borders, crop masks, etc.

Training courses: basic skills

Conclusion and Outlook

Conclusion

This presentation introduces the functions of CropWatch Explorer and how to use it to search and download information (images and tables) at MPZ, MRU, national and provincial (AEZ) level, and details of special countries.

We hope that every colleague will understand and master this function.

Outlook

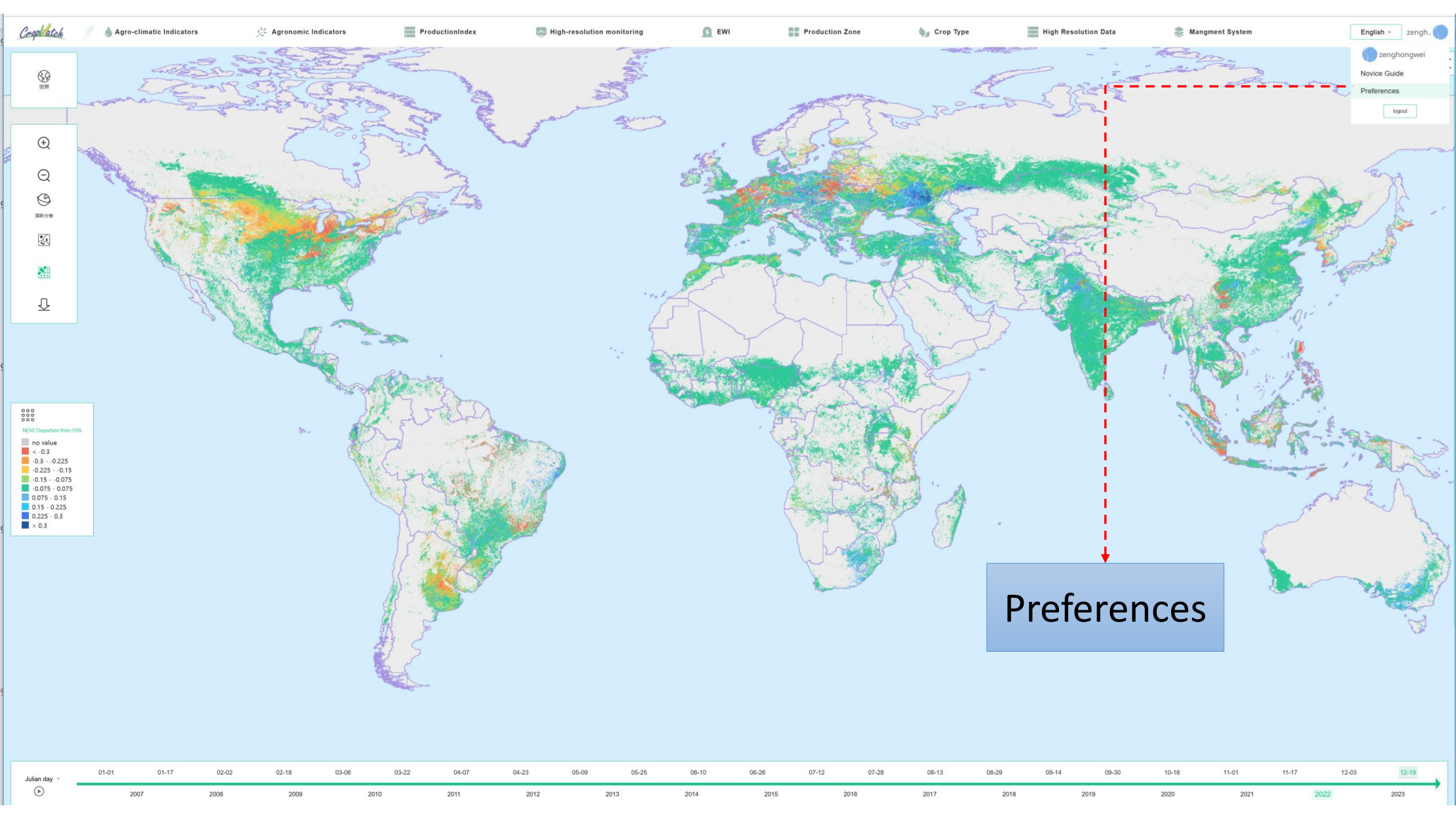
01. All information generated by CropWatch Pro will be displayed in CropWatch Explorer, including raster information.

02. CropWatch Explorer will provide information personalised to the specific needs of the user (any region, any time, anyone).

Practices

More&Practise

Interface configuration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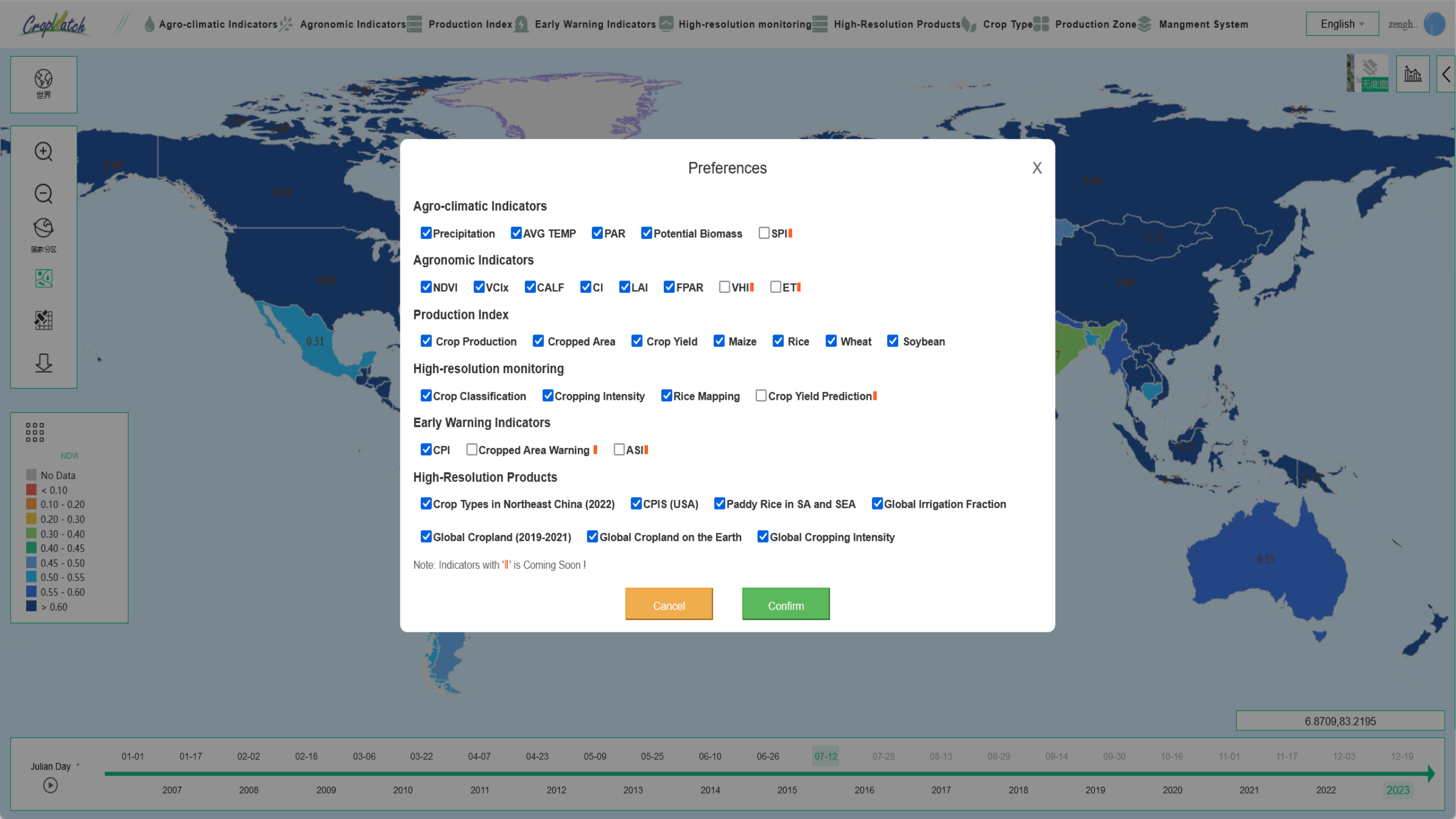
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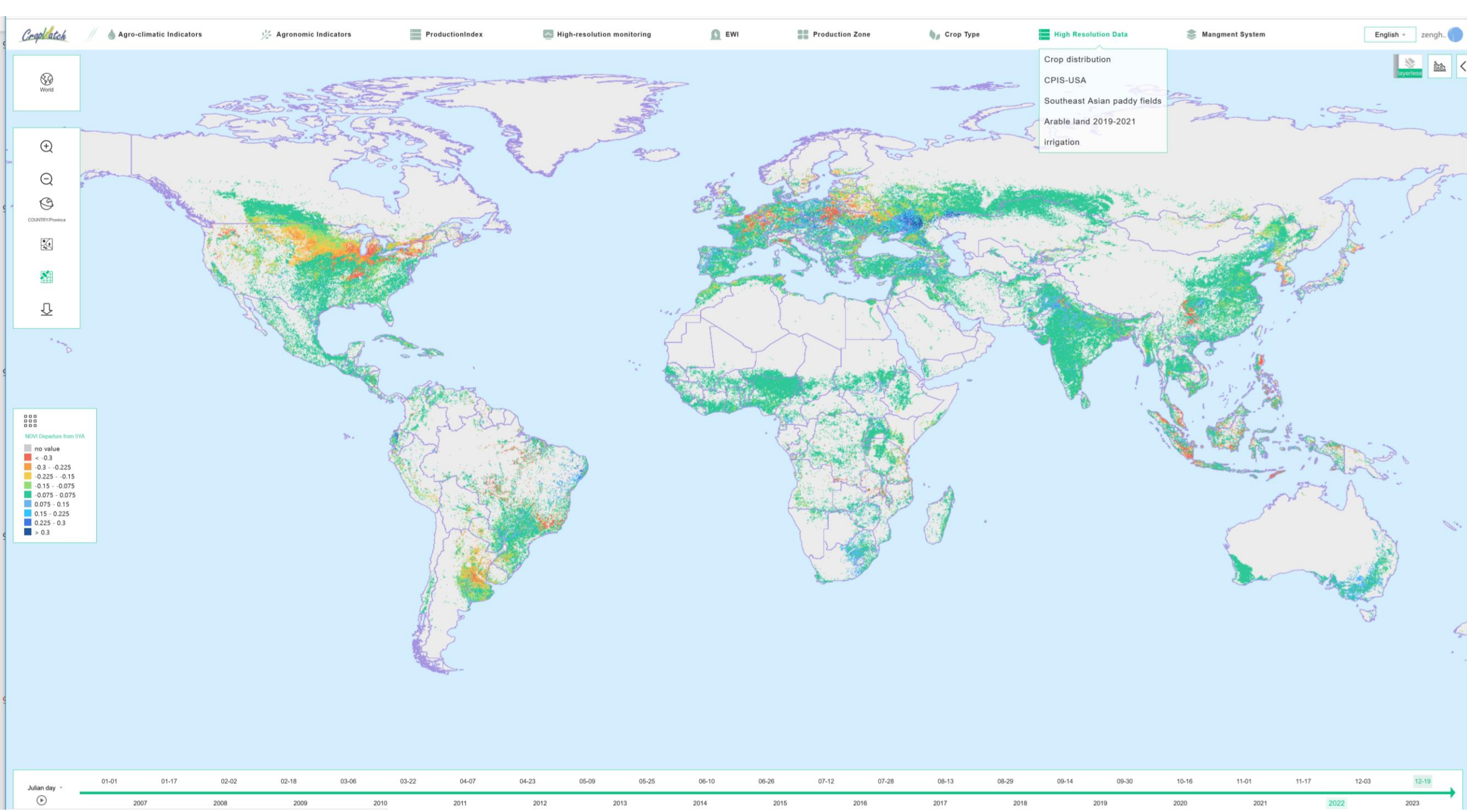
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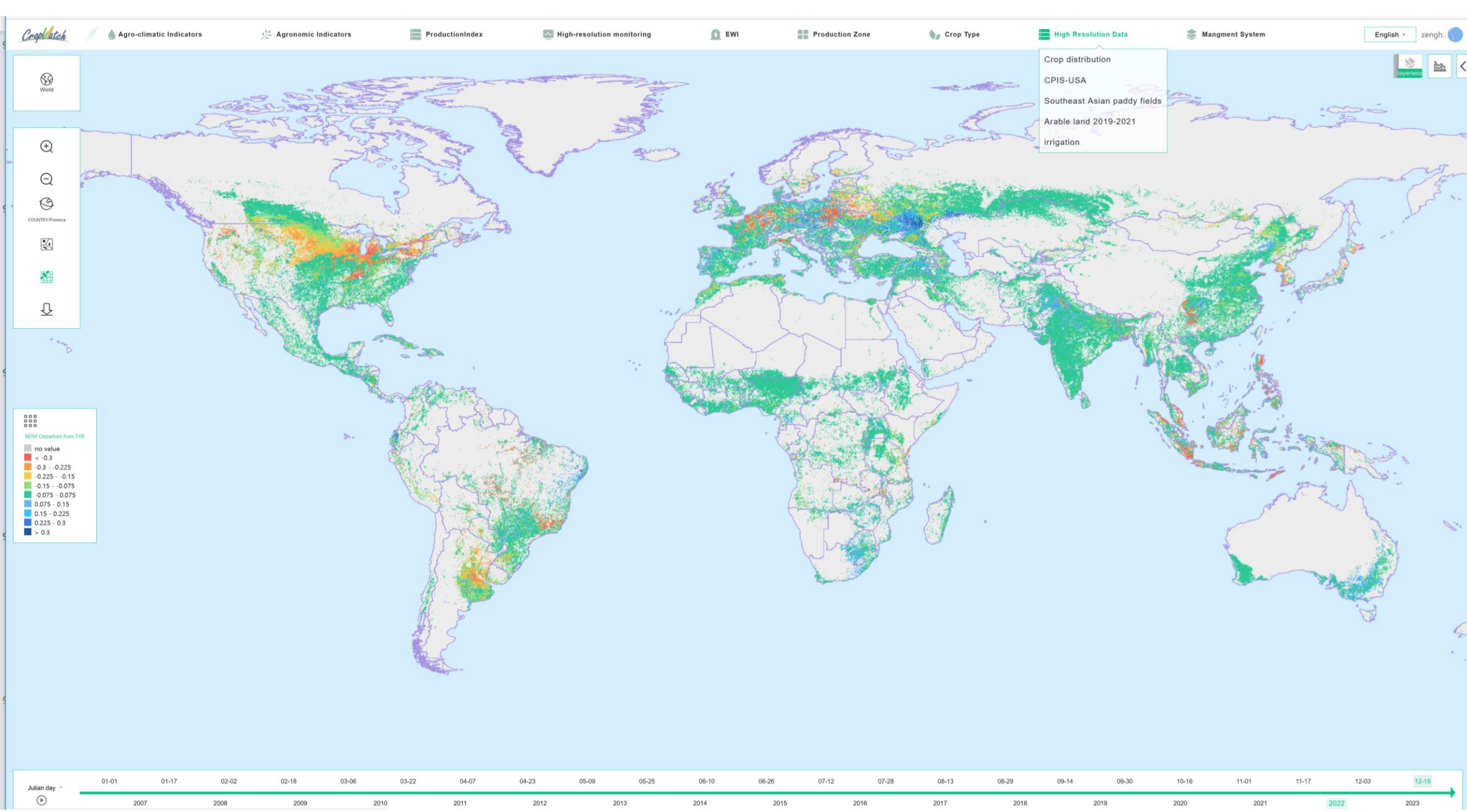
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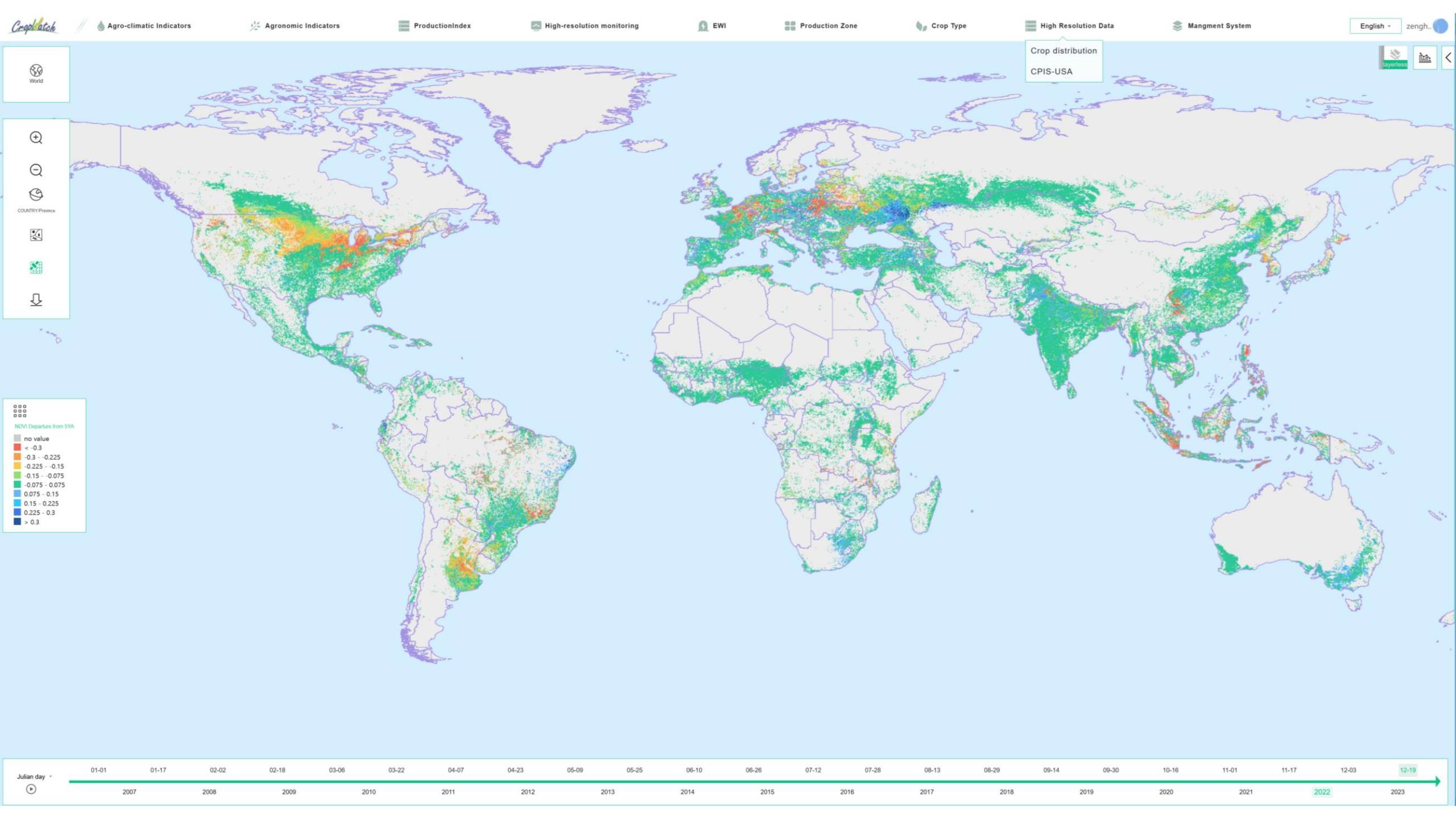
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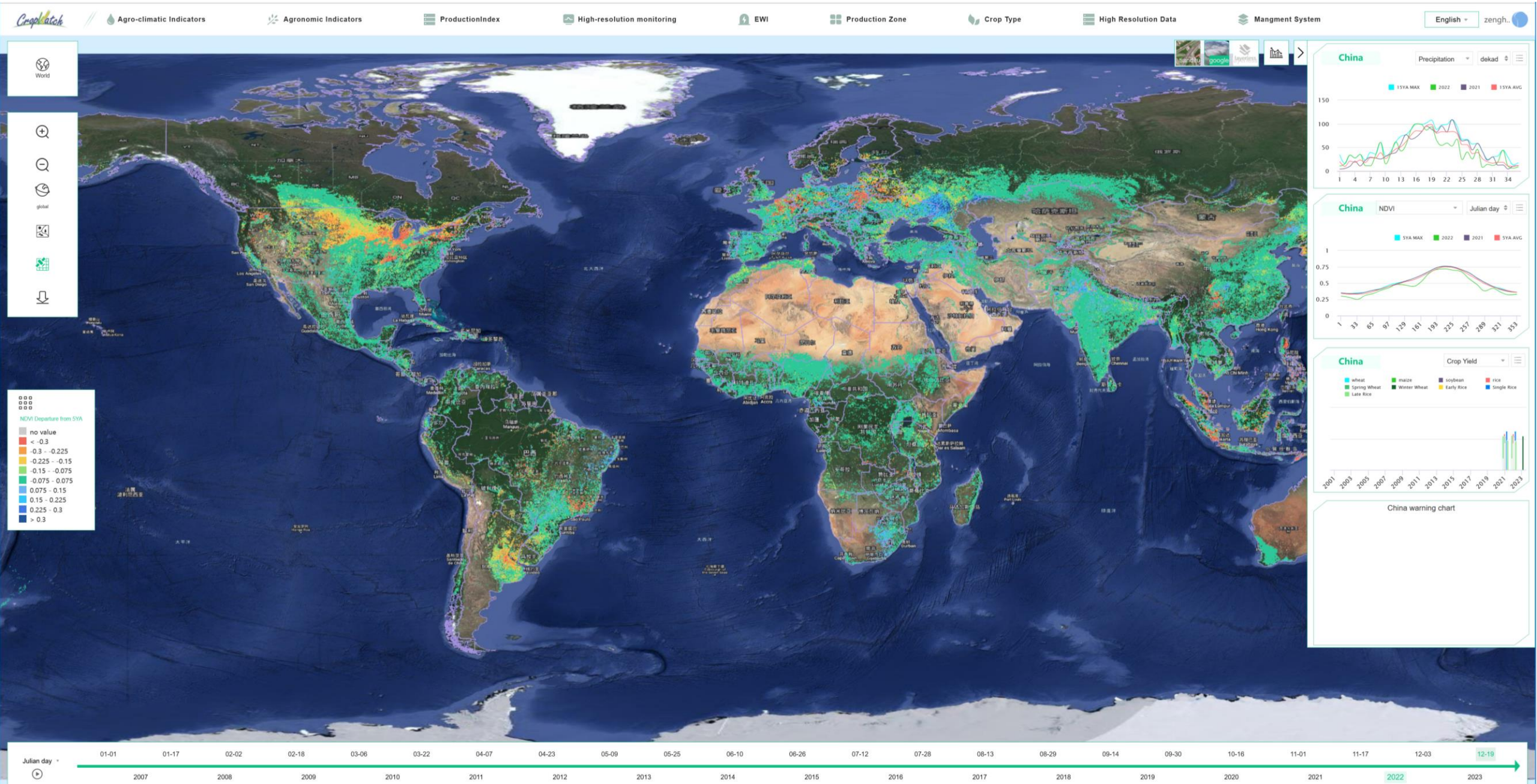

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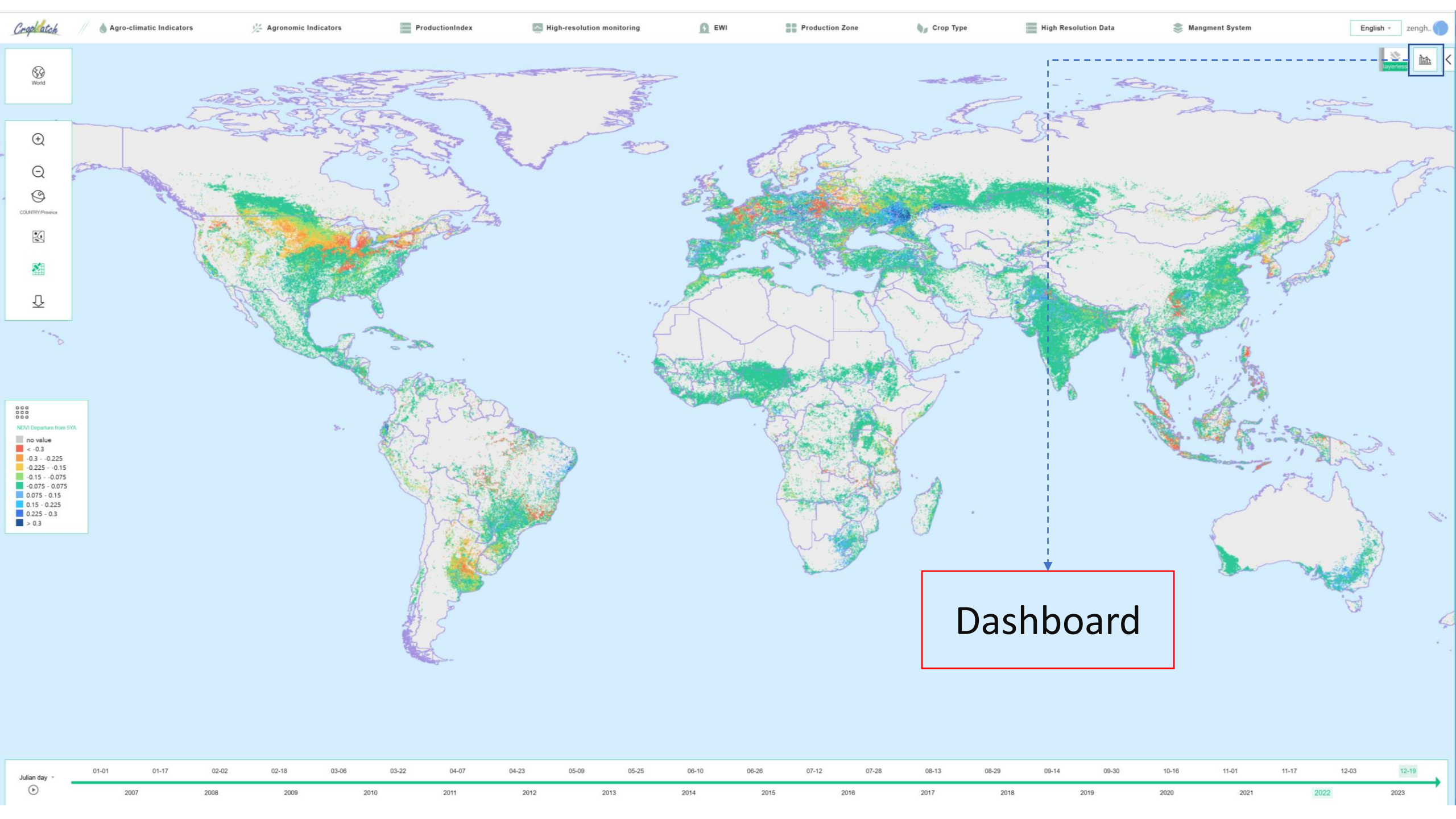
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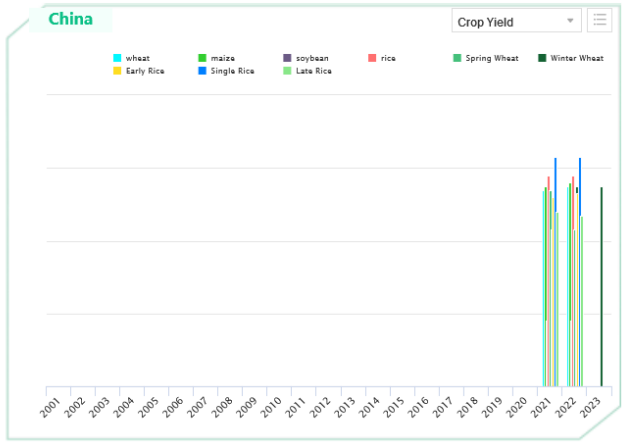
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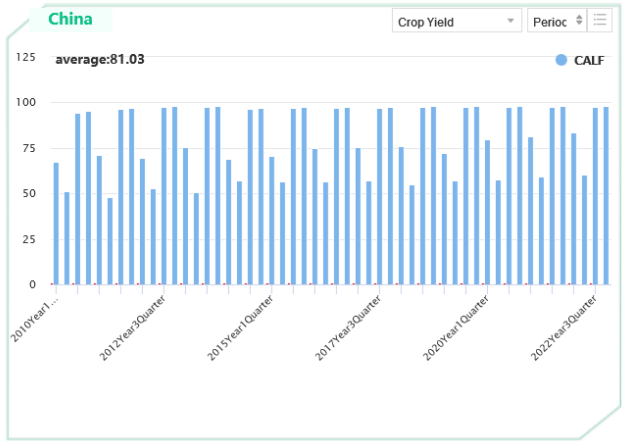
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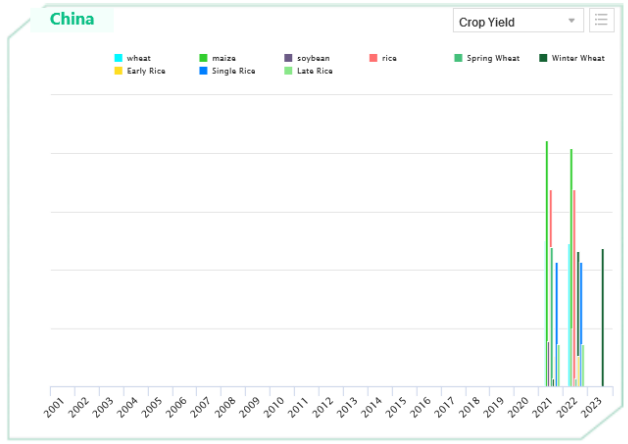
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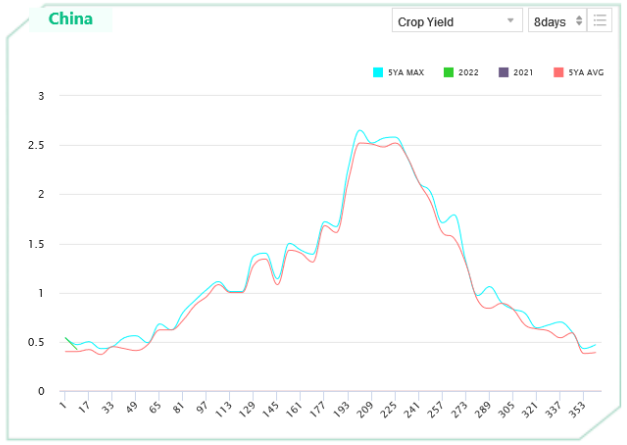
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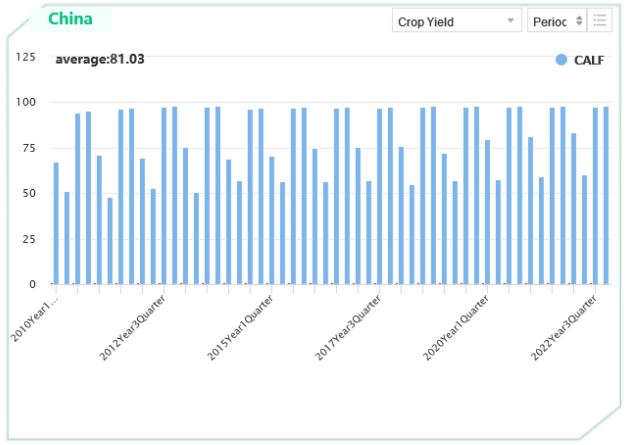
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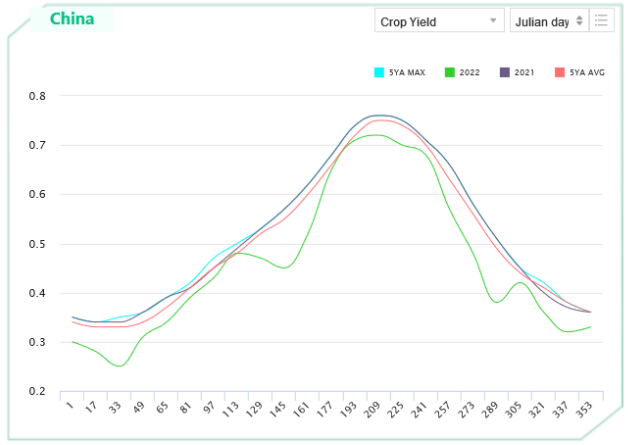
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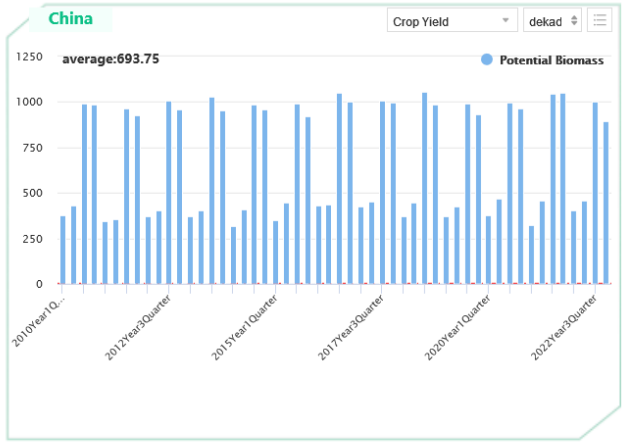
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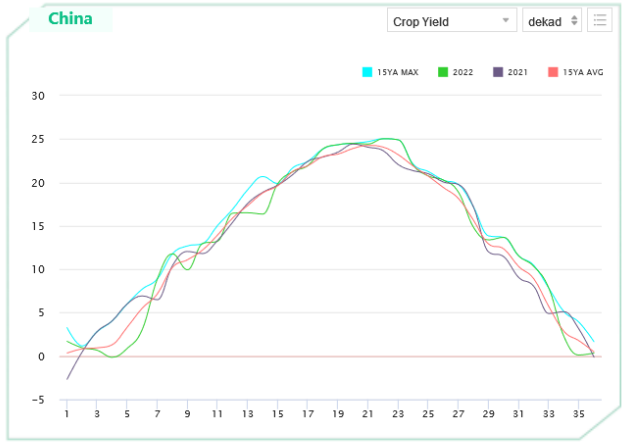
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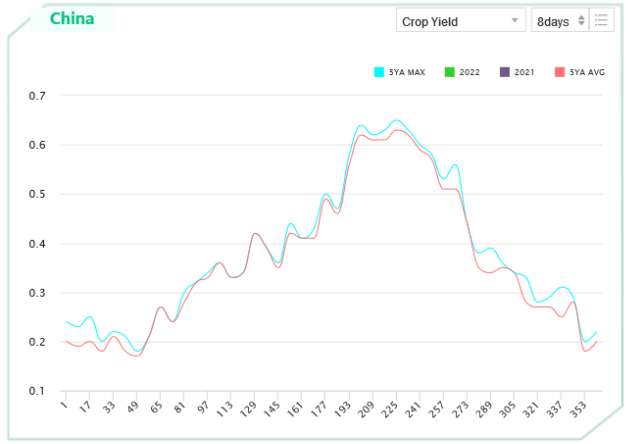
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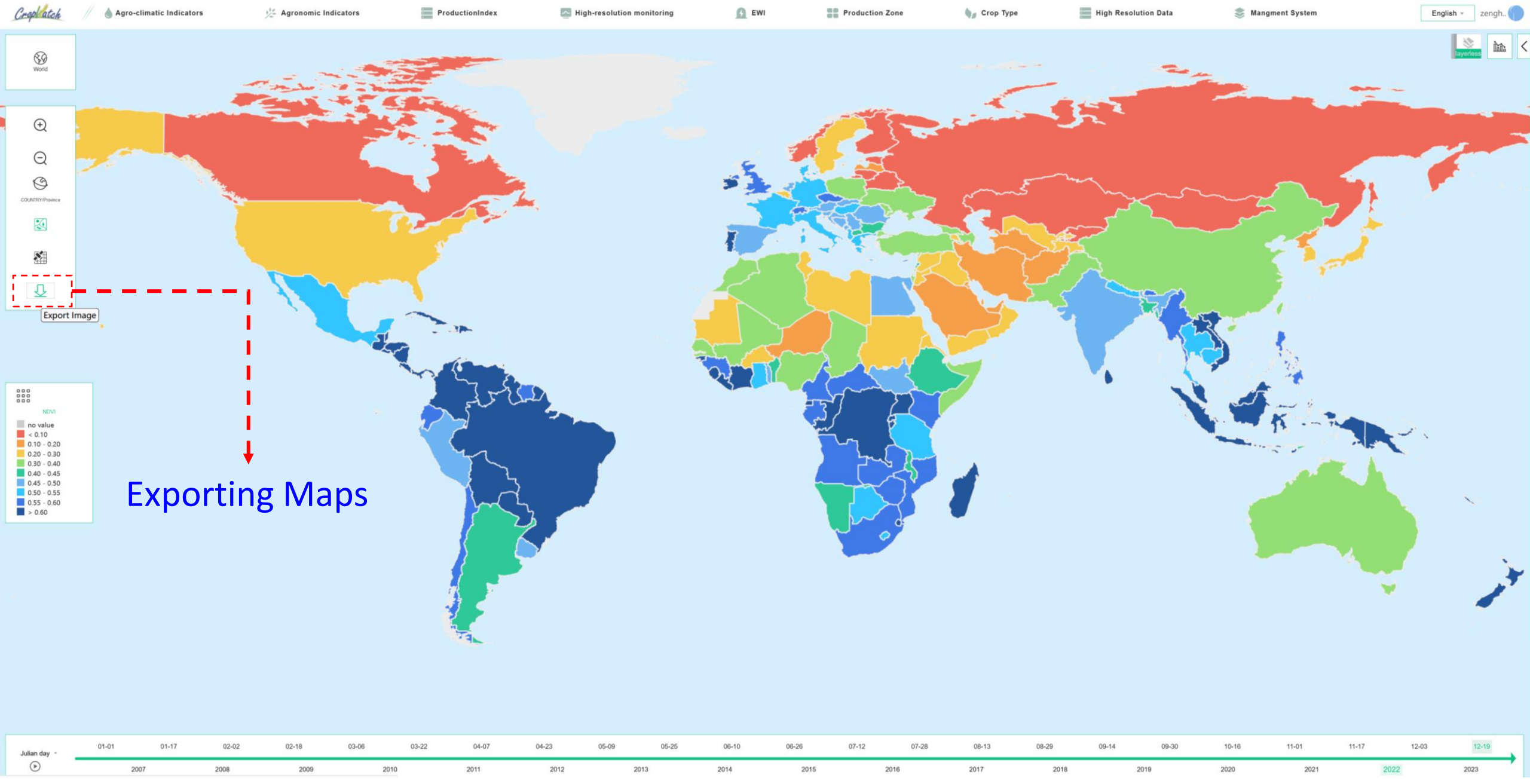

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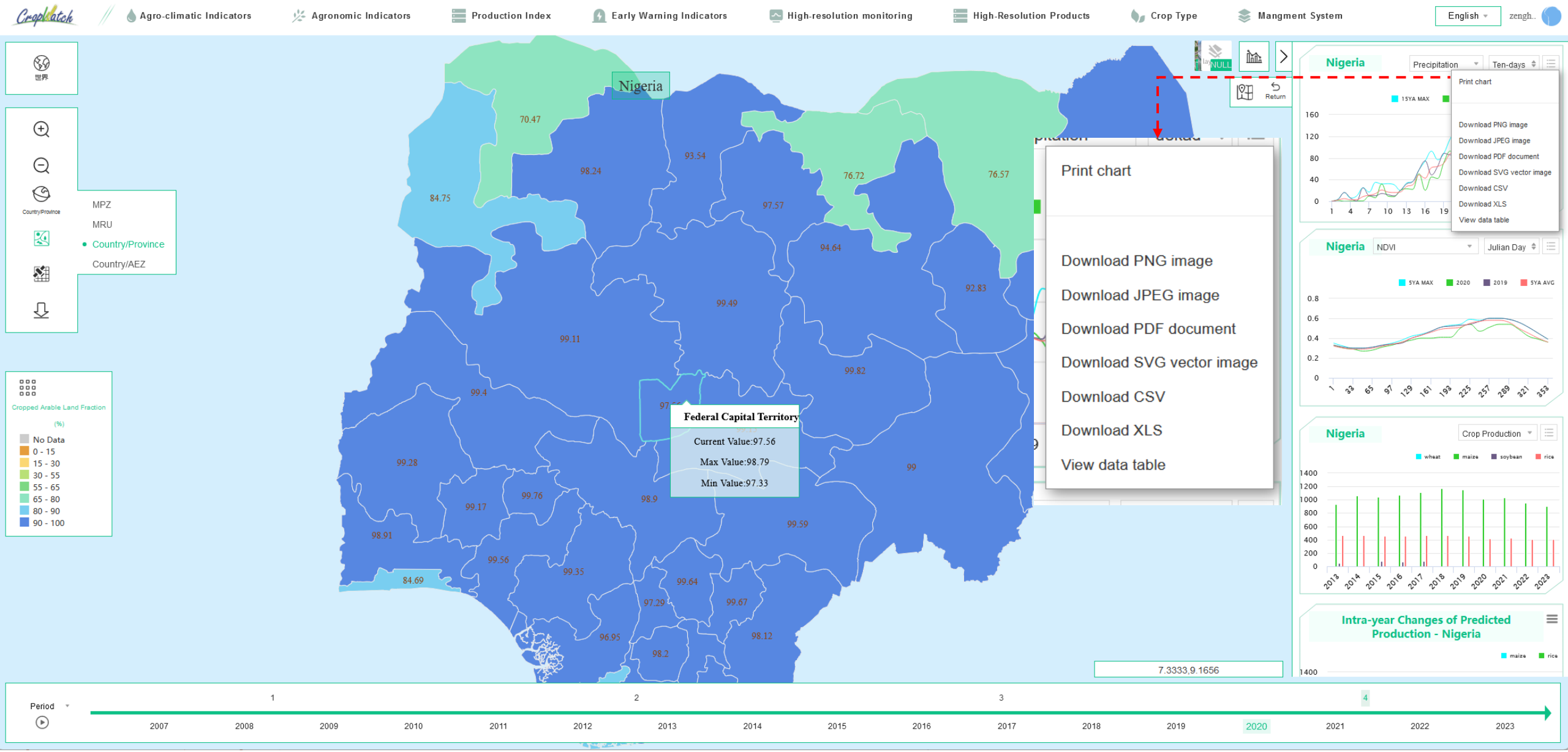

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