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- Manual -

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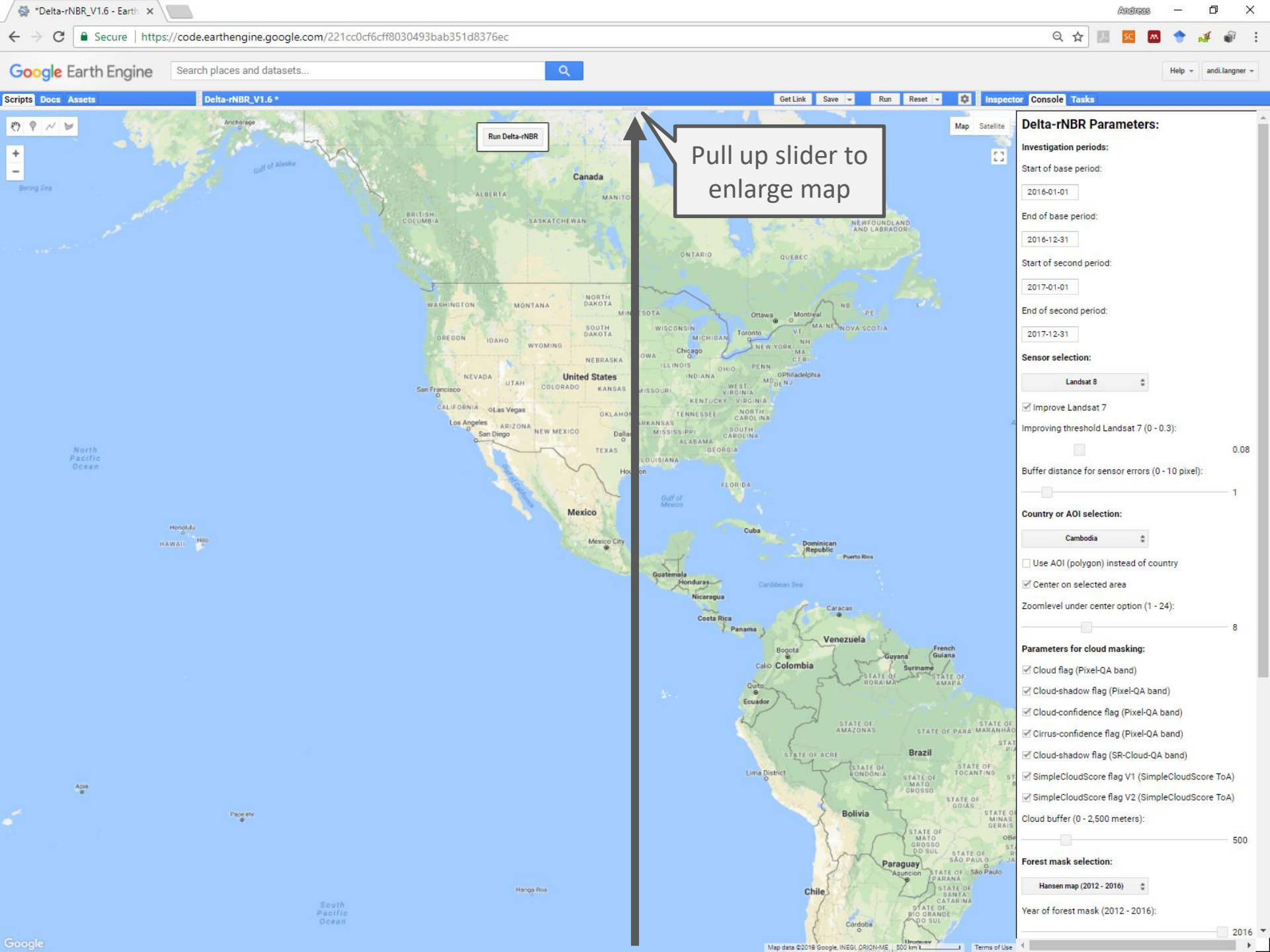
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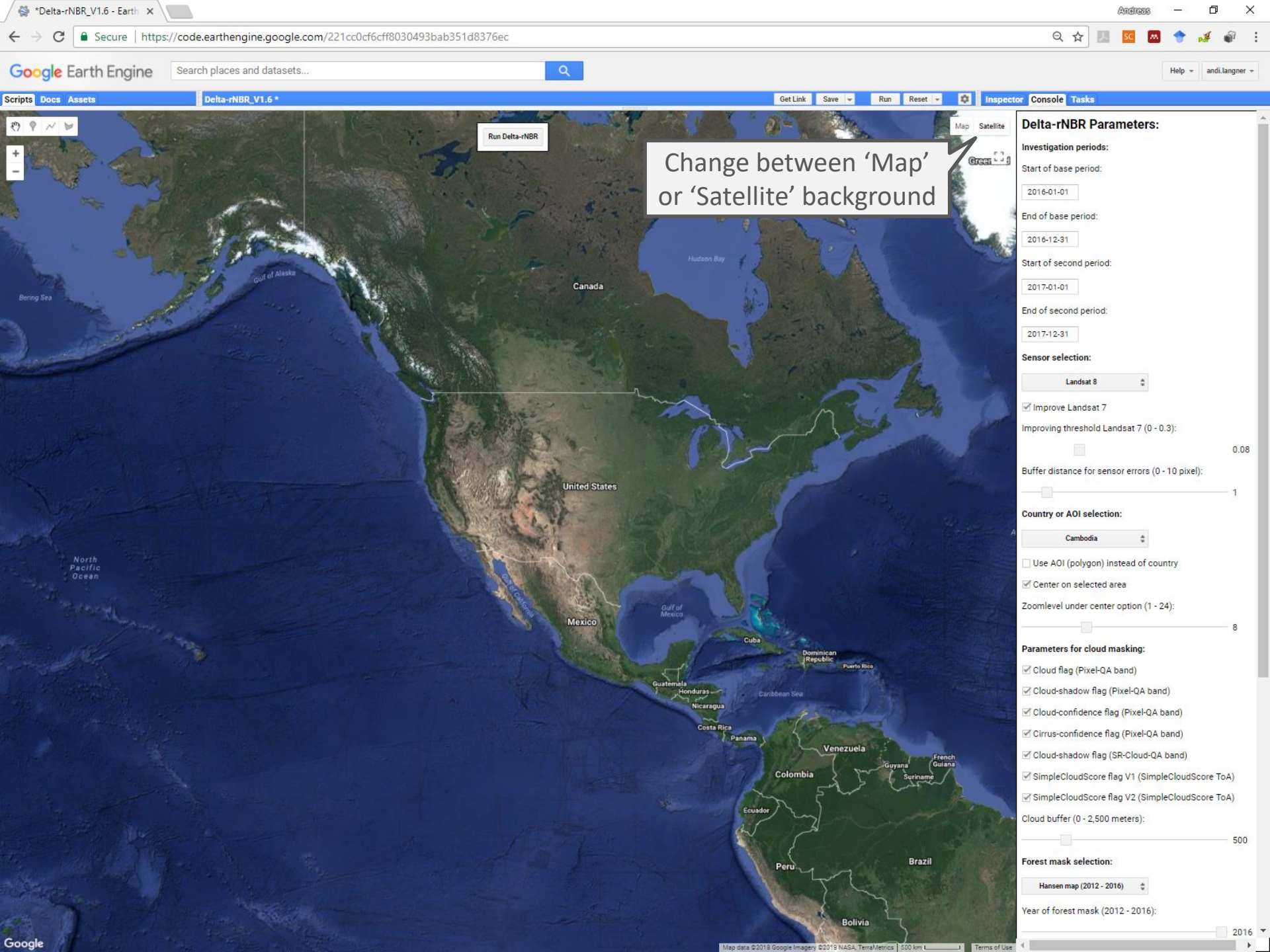
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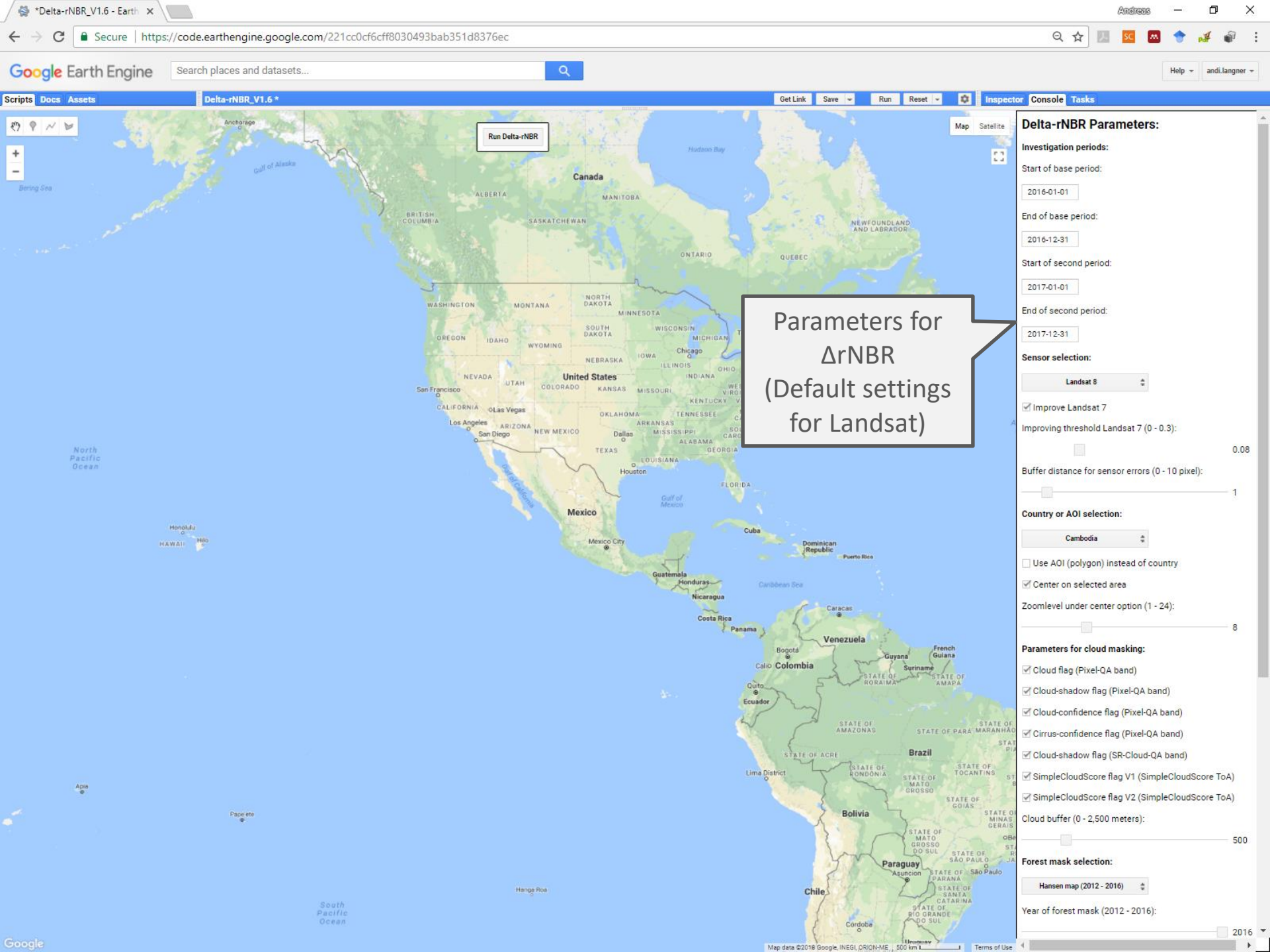
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Run Delta-rNBR

Click 'Run Delta-rNBR' to start processing (with default values)

Default values:

Area: Cambodia

Period: 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017

Sensor: Landsat 8

Forest mask: Global Forest Cover 2016

etc.

Delta-rNBR Parameters:

Investigation periods:

Start of base period: 2016-01-01

End of base period: 2016-12-31

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End of second period: 2017-12-31

Sensor selection:

Landsat 8

☒ Improve Landsat 7

Improving threshold Landsat 7 (0 - 0.3): 0.08

Buffer distance for sensor errors (0 - 10 pixel): 1

Country or AOI selection:

Cambodia

☐ Use AOI (polygon) instead of country

☒ Center on selected area

Zoomlevel under center option (1 - 24): 8

Parameters for cloud masking:

☒ Cloud flag (Pixel-QA band)

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☒ Cirrus-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag (SR-Cloud-QA band)

☒ SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters): 500

Forest mask selection:

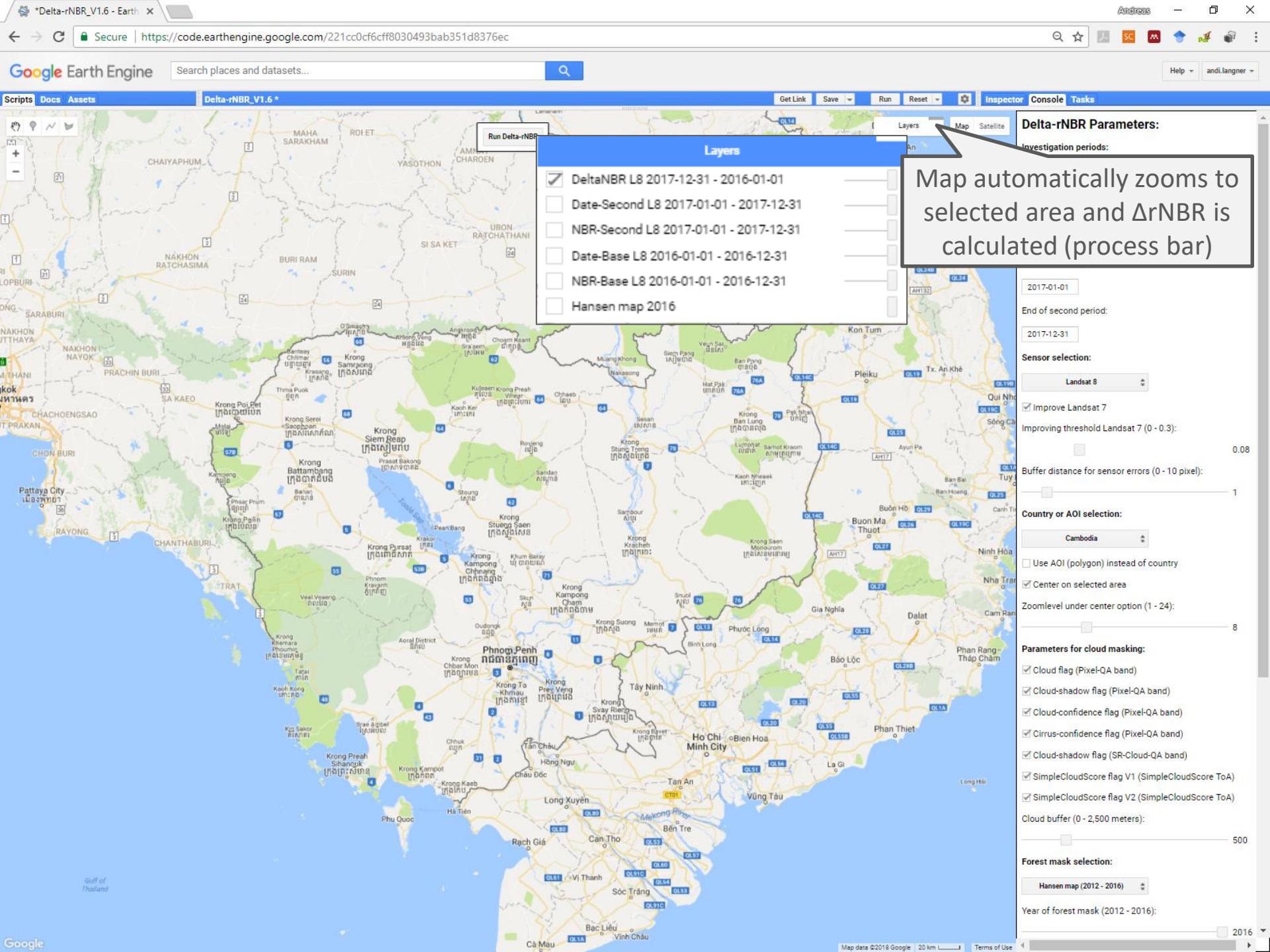
Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

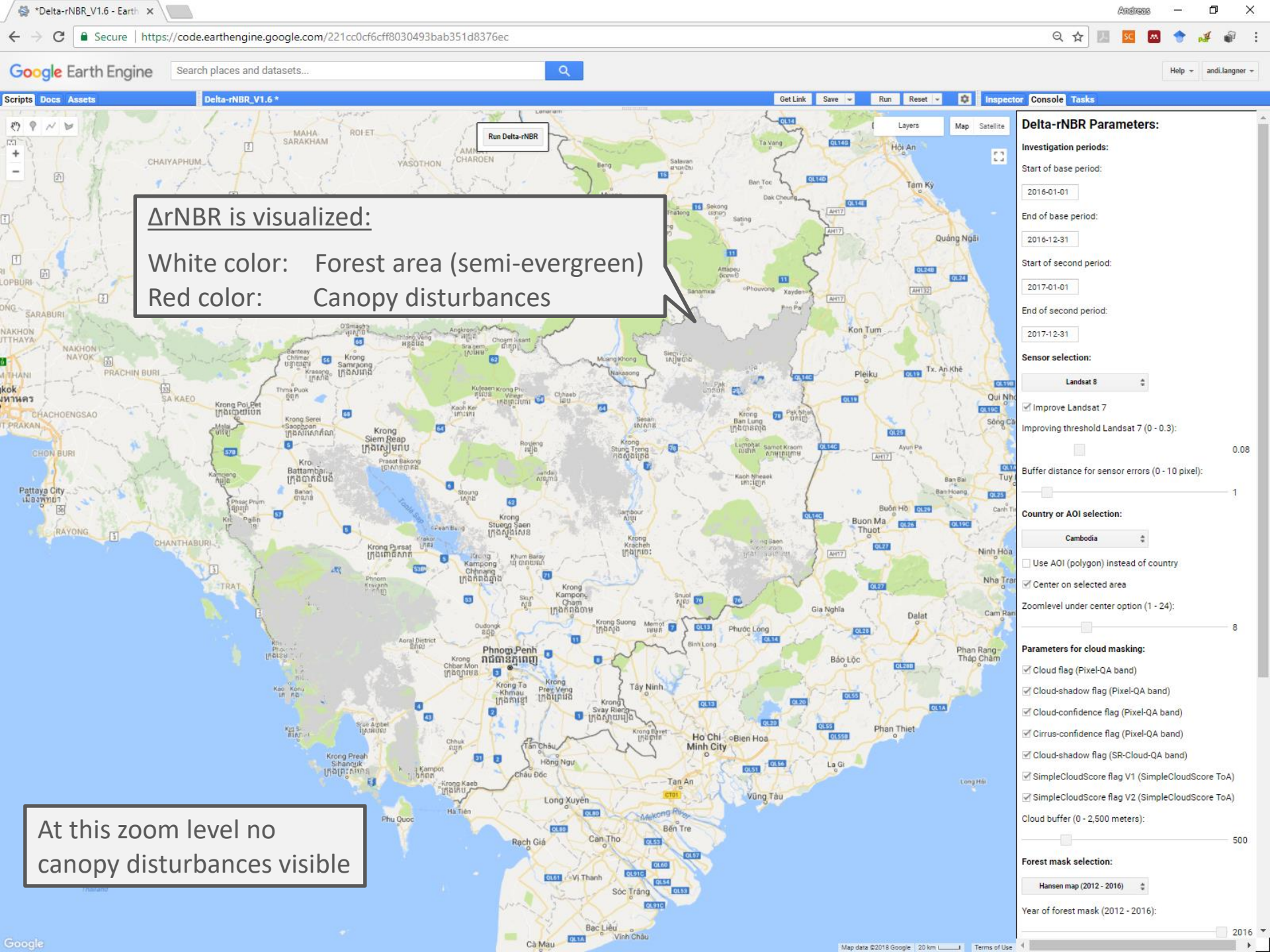
Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016): 2016

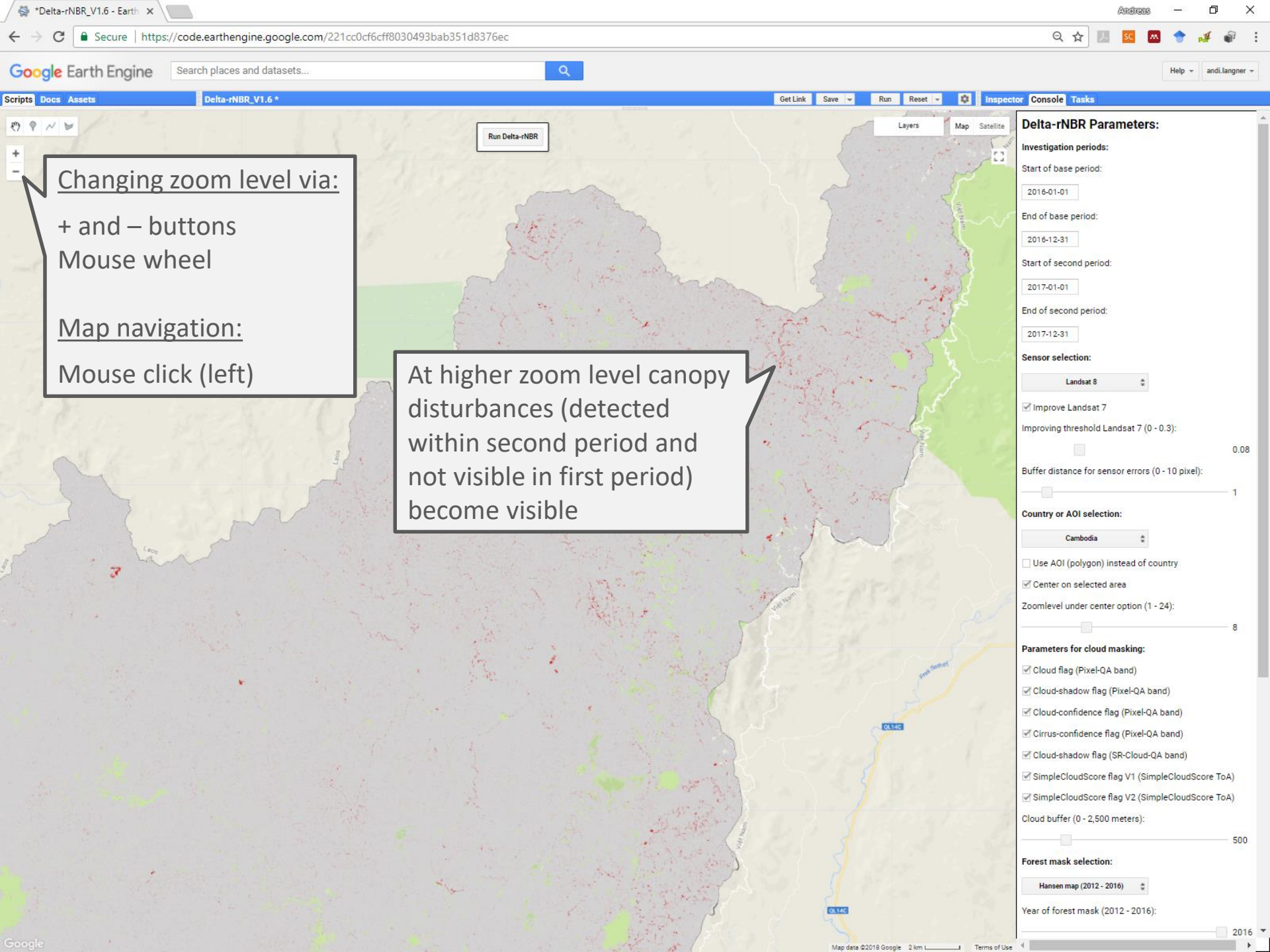
Google

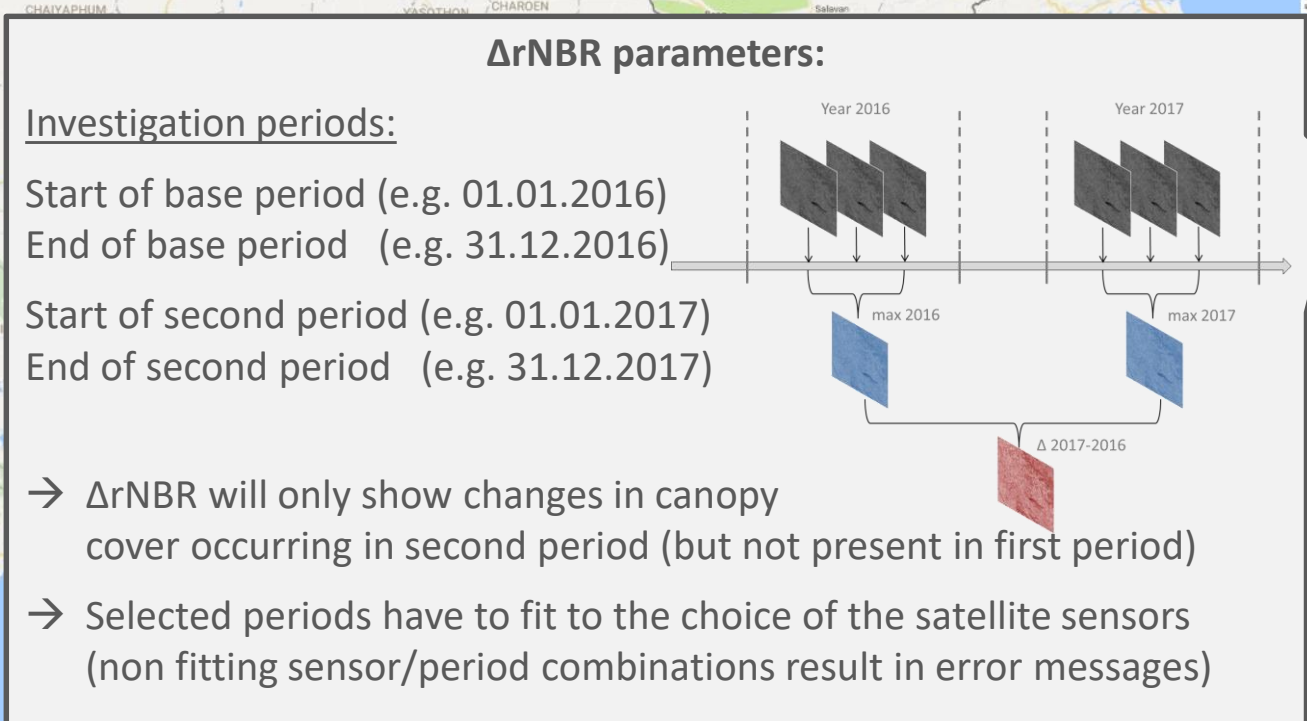
Map data ©2018 Google, INEGI, ORION-ME, 500 km

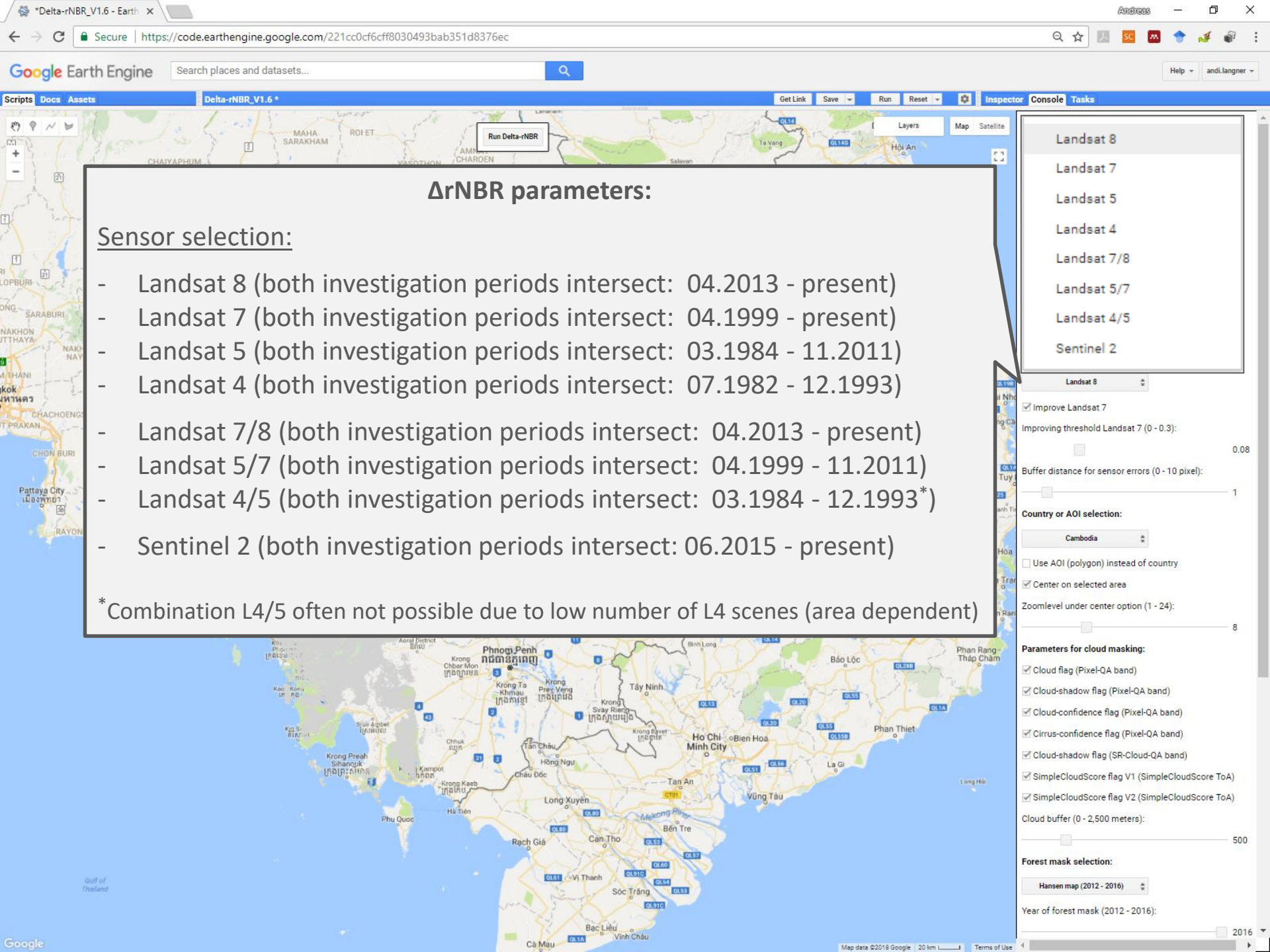
Terms of Use

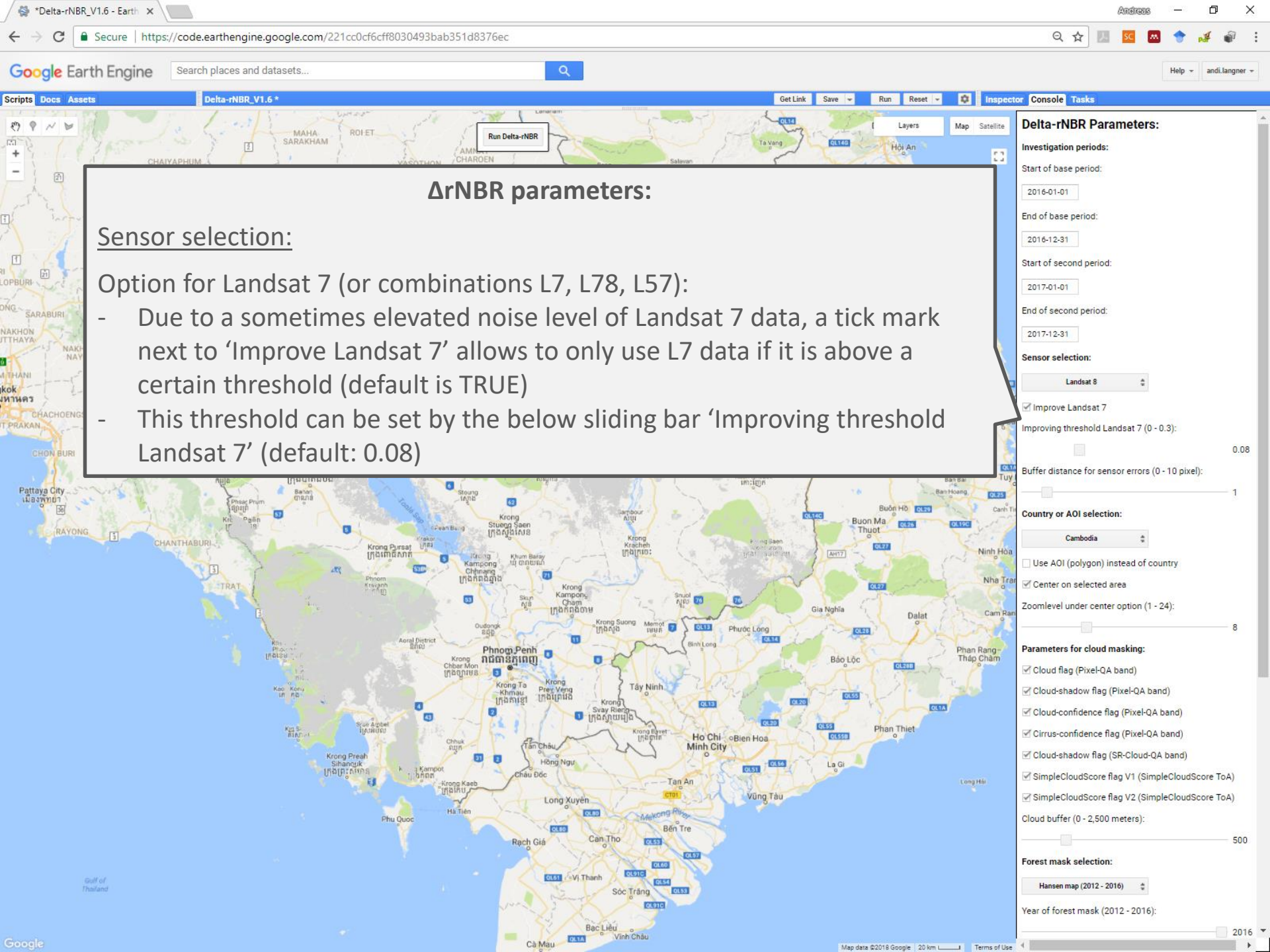












Delta-rNBR parameters:

Sensor selection:

Option for Landsat 7 (or combinations L7, L78, L57):

- Due to a sometimes elevated noise level of Landsat 7 data, a tick mark next to 'Improve Landsat 7' allows to only use L7 data if it is above a certain threshold (default is TRUE)
- This threshold can be set by the below sliding bar 'Improving threshold Landsat 7' (default: 0.08)

Delta-rNBR Parameters:

Investigation periods:

Start of base period:

2016-01-01

End of base period:

2016-12-31

Start of second period:

2017-01-01

End of second period:

2017-12-31

Sensor selection:

Landsat 8

☒ Improve Landsat 7

Improving threshold Landsat 7 (0 - 0.3):

0.08

Buffer distance for sensor errors (0 - 10 pixel):

1

Country or AOI selection:

Cambodia

☐ Use AOI (polygon) instead of country

☒ Center on selected area

Zoomlevel under center option (1 - 24):

8

Parameters for cloud masking:

☒ Cloud flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cirrus-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag (SR-Cloud-QA band)

☒ SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

☒ SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters):

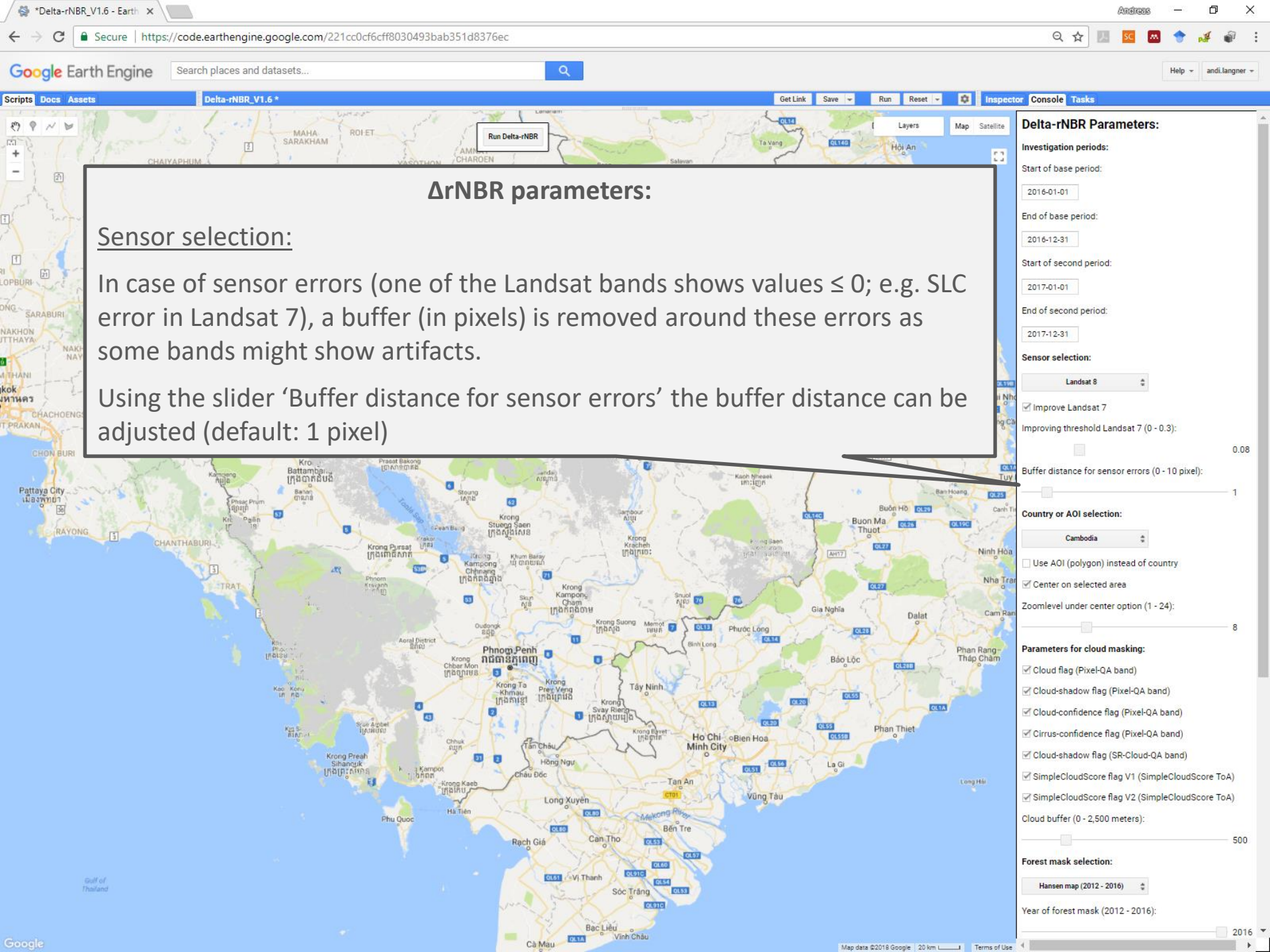
500

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016):

2016

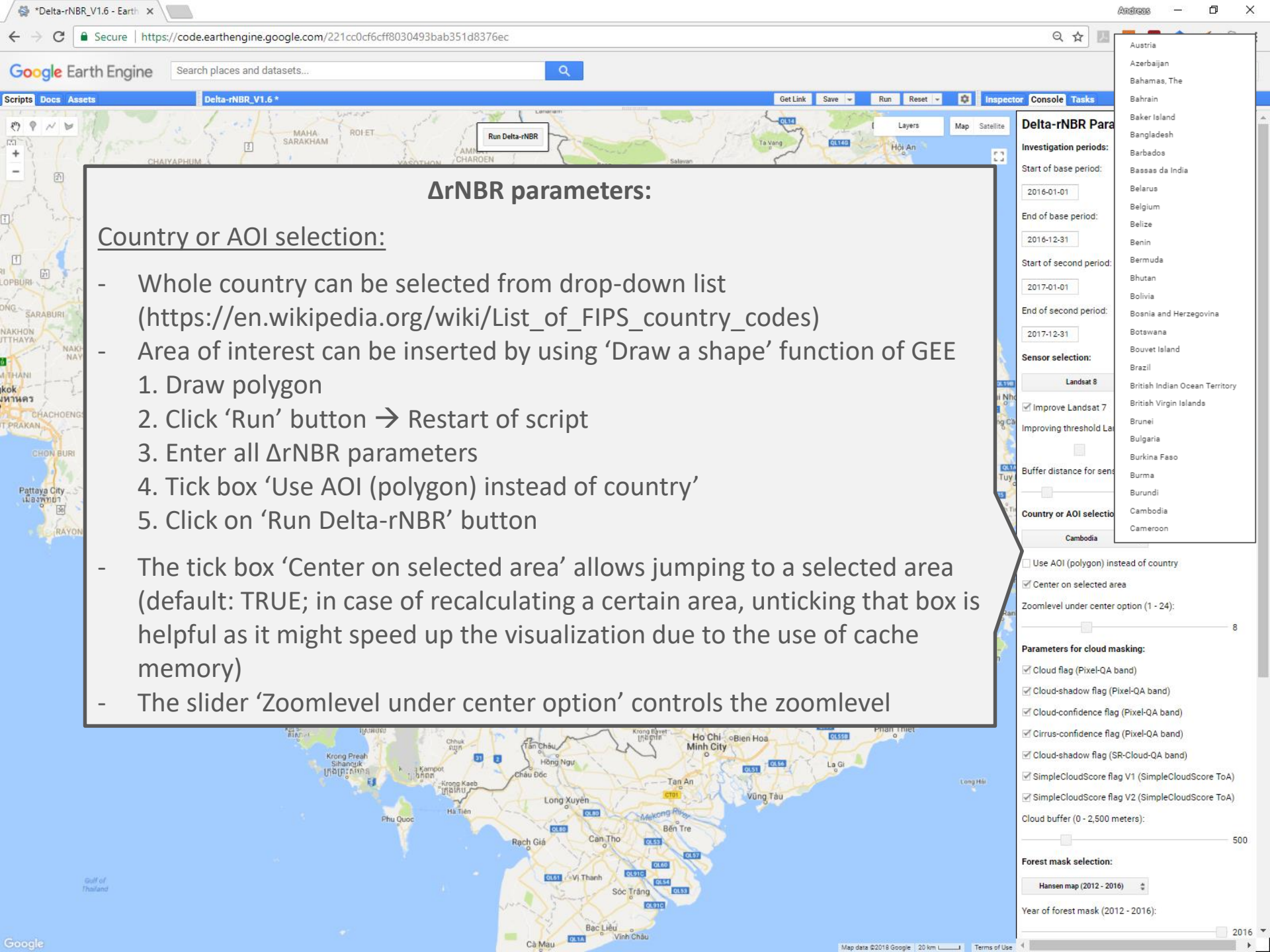


Delta-rNBR parameters:

Sensor selection:

In case of sensor errors (one of the Landsat bands shows values ≤ 0 ; e.g. SLC error in Landsat 7), a buffer (in pixels) is removed around these errors as some bands might show artifacts.

Using the slider 'Buffer distance for sensor errors' the buffer distance can be adjusted (default: 1 pixel)



$\Delta rNBR$ parameters:

Country or AOI selection:

- Whole country can be selected from drop-down list (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_FIPS_country_codes)
- Area of interest can be inserted by using 'Draw a shape' function of GEE
 1. Draw polygon
 2. Click 'Run' button → Restart of script
 3. Enter all $\Delta rNBR$ parameters
 4. Tick box 'Use AOI (polygon) instead of country'
 5. Click on 'Run Delta-rNBR' button
- The tick box 'Center on selected area' allows jumping to a selected area (default: TRUE; in case of recalculating a certain area, unticking that box is helpful as it might speed up the visualization due to the use of cache memory)
- The slider 'Zoomlevel under center option' controls the zoomlevel

Delta-rNBR Parameters

Investigation periods:

Start of base period:

2016-01-01

End of base period:

2016-12-31

Start of second period:

2017-01-01

End of second period:

2017-12-31

Sensor selection:

Landsat 8

☒ Improve Landsat 7

Improving threshold Landsat 7

☐

Buffer distance for sensor

☐

Country or AOI selection

Cambodia

☐ Use AOI (polygon) instead of country

☒ Center on selected area

Zoomlevel under center option (1 - 24):

8

Parameters for cloud masking:

☒ Cloud flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cirrus-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag (SR-Cloud-QA band)

☒ SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

☒ SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters):

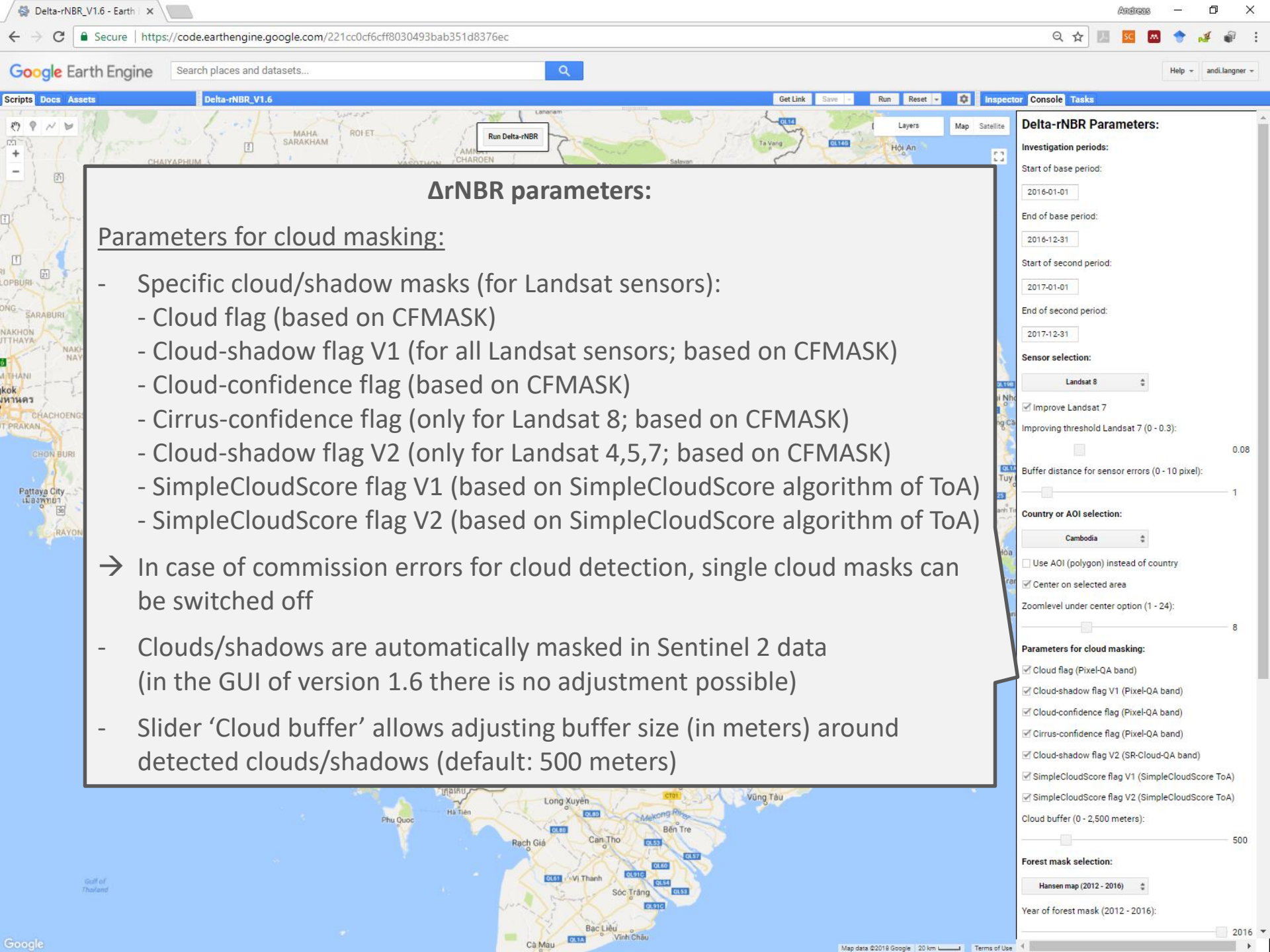
500

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016):

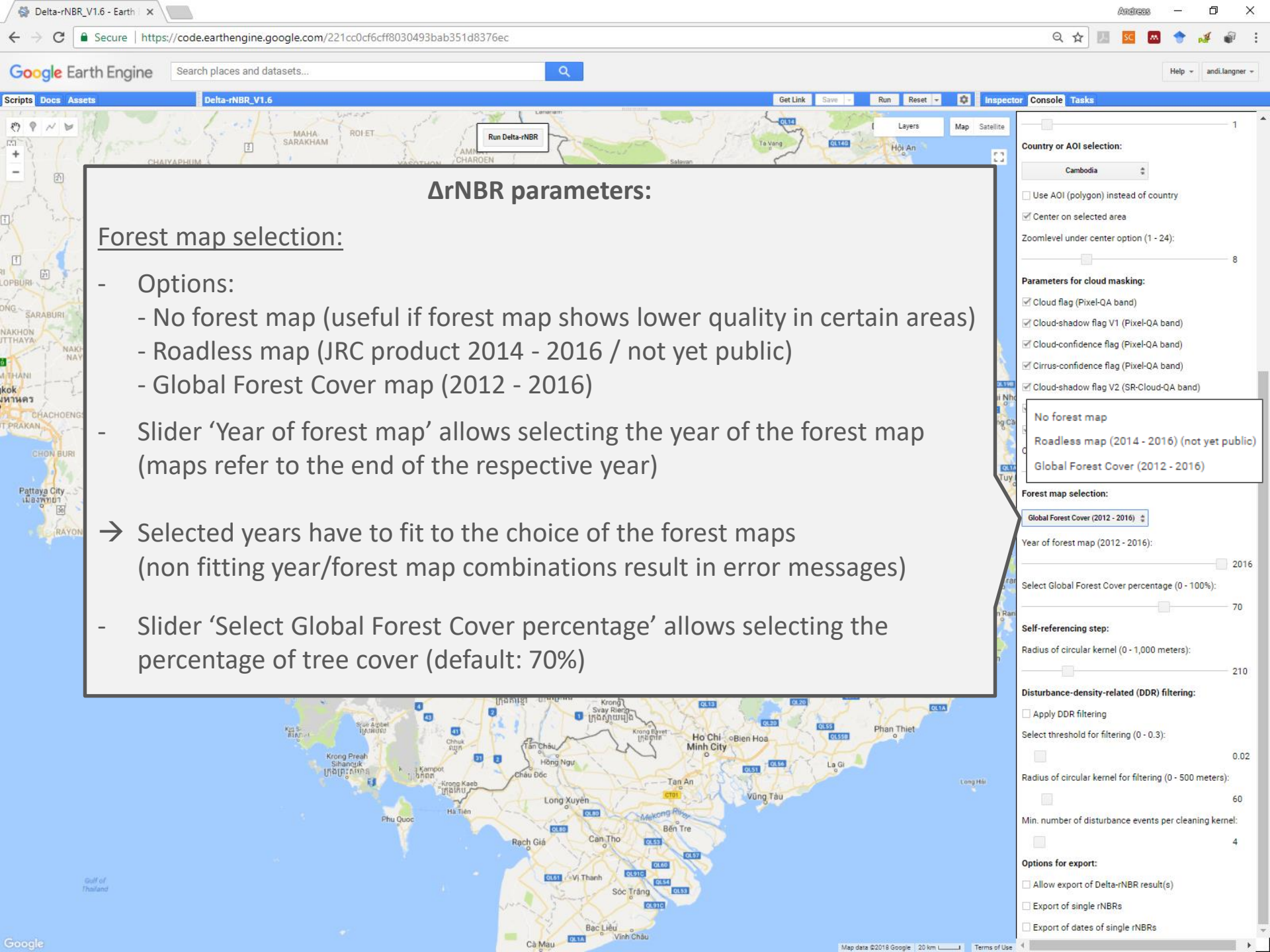
2016



$\Delta rNBR$ parameters:

Parameters for cloud masking:

- Specific cloud/shadow masks (for Landsat sensors):
 - Cloud flag (based on CFMASK)
 - Cloud-shadow flag V1 (for all Landsat sensors; based on CFMASK)
 - Cloud-confidence flag (based on CFMASK)
 - Cirrus-confidence flag (only for Landsat 8; based on CFMASK)
 - Cloud-shadow flag V2 (only for Landsat 4,5,7; based on CFMASK)
 - SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (based on SimpleCloudScore algorithm of ToA)
 - SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (based on SimpleCloudScore algorithm of ToA)
- In case of commission errors for cloud detection, single cloud masks can be switched off
- Clouds/shadows are automatically masked in Sentinel 2 data (in the GUI of version 1.6 there is no adjustment possible)
- Slider 'Cloud buffer' allows adjusting buffer size (in meters) around detected clouds/shadows (default: 500 meters)



Delta-rNBR parameters:

Forest map selection:

- Options:
 - No forest map (useful if forest map shows lower quality in certain areas)
 - Roadless map (JRC product 2014 - 2016 / not yet public)
 - Global Forest Cover map (2012 - 2016)
 - Slider 'Year of forest map' allows selecting the year of the forest map (maps refer to the end of the respective year)
- Selected years have to fit to the choice of the forest maps (non fitting year/forest map combinations result in error messages)
- Slider 'Select Global Forest Cover percentage' allows selecting the percentage of tree cover (default: 70%)

Country or AOI selection:

Cambodia

☐ Use AOI (polygon) instead of country

☒ Center on selected area

Zoomlevel under center option (1 - 24):

8

Parameters for cloud masking:

☒ Cloud flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag V1 (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cirrus-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

☒ Cloud-shadow flag V2 (SR-Cloud-QA band)

No forest map

Roadless map (2014 - 2016) (not yet public)

Global Forest Cover (2012 - 2016)

Forest map selection:

Global Forest Cover (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest map (2012 - 2016):

2016

Select Global Forest Cover percentage (0 - 100%):

70

Self-referencing step:

Radius of circular kernel (0 - 1,000 meters):

210

Disturbance-density-related (DDR) filtering:

☐ Apply DDR filtering

Select threshold for filtering (0 - 0.3):

0.02

Radius of circular kernel for filtering (0 - 500 meters):

60

Min. number of disturbance events per cleaning kernel:

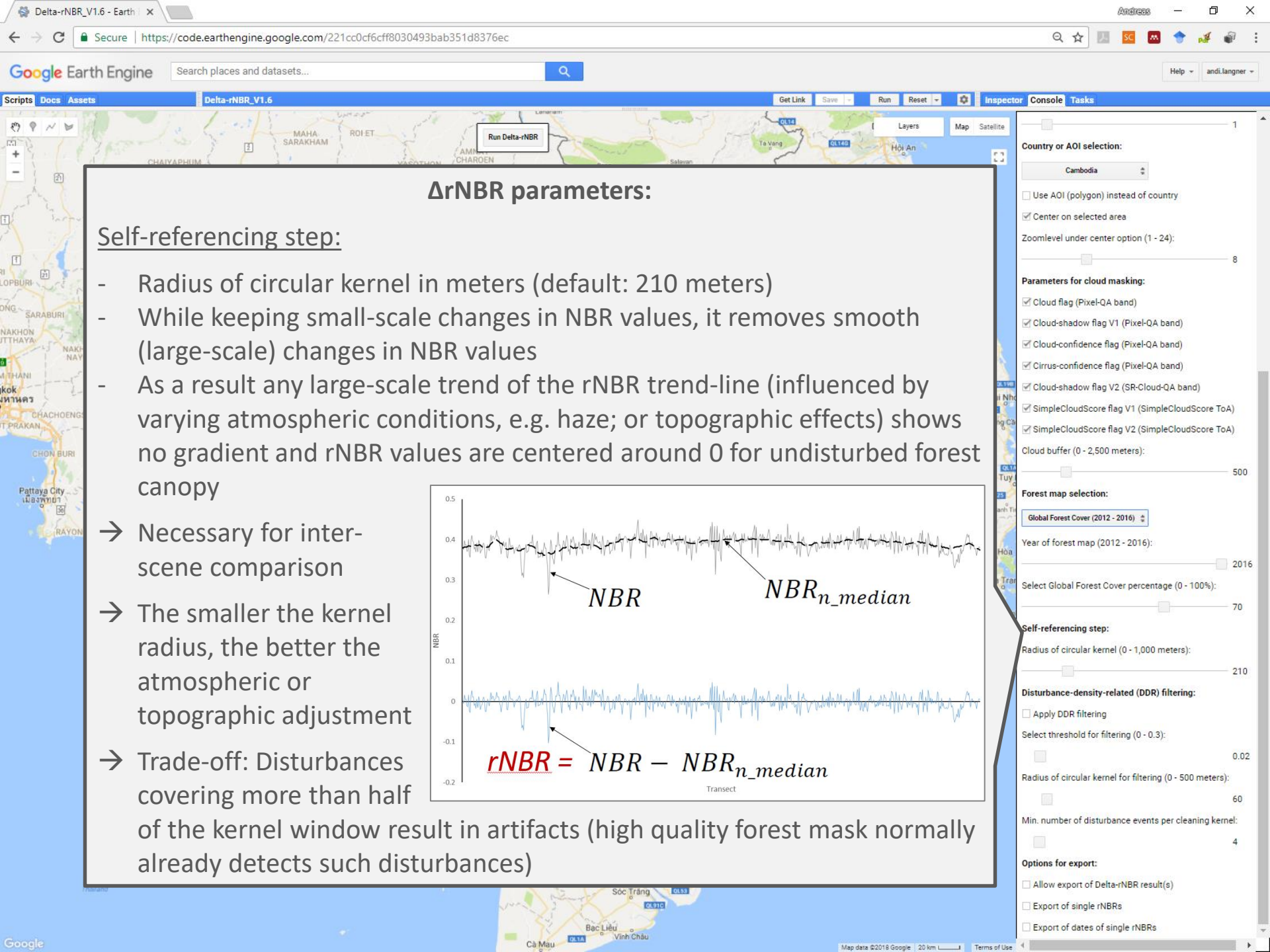
4

Options for export:

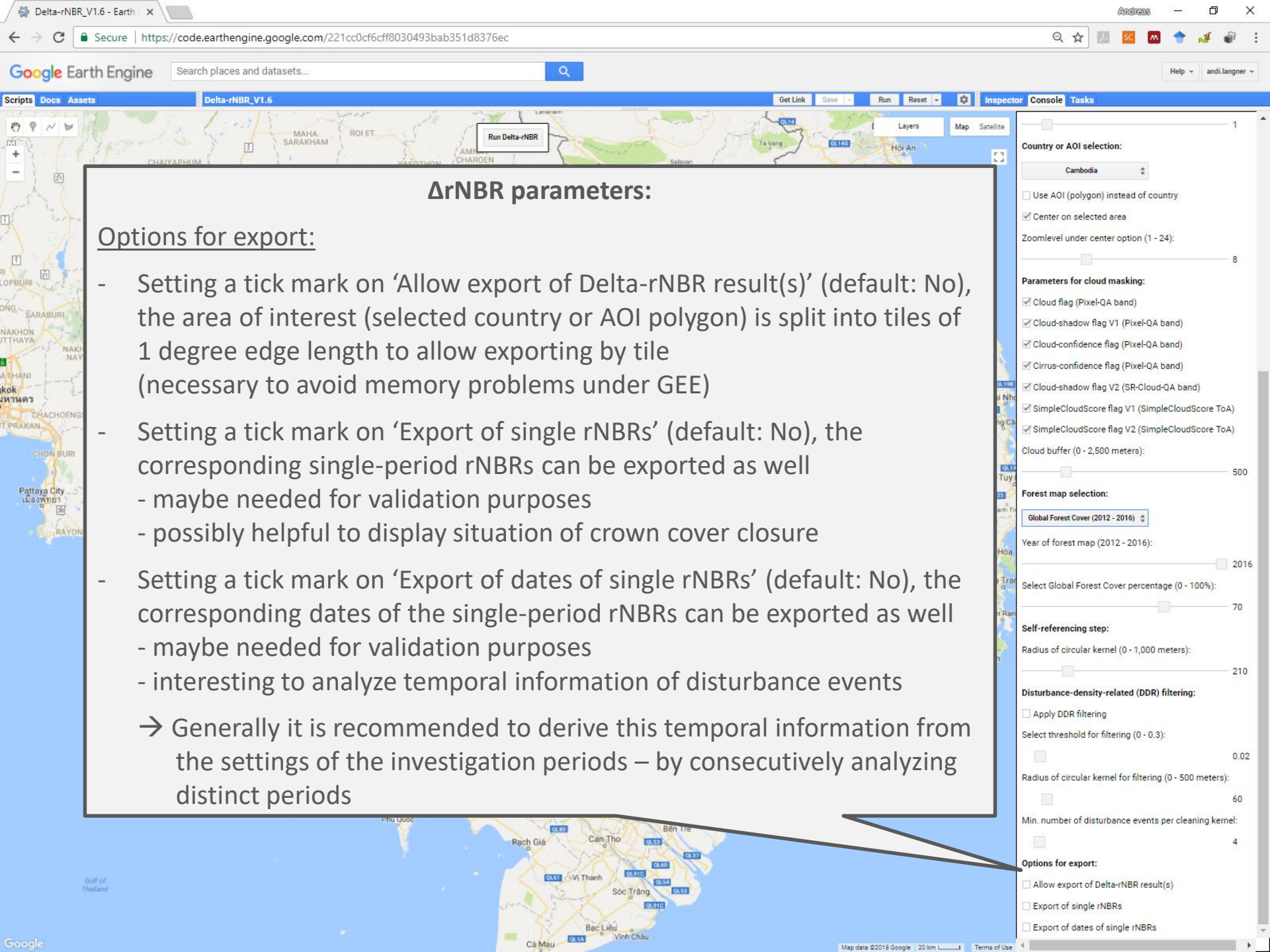
☐ Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)

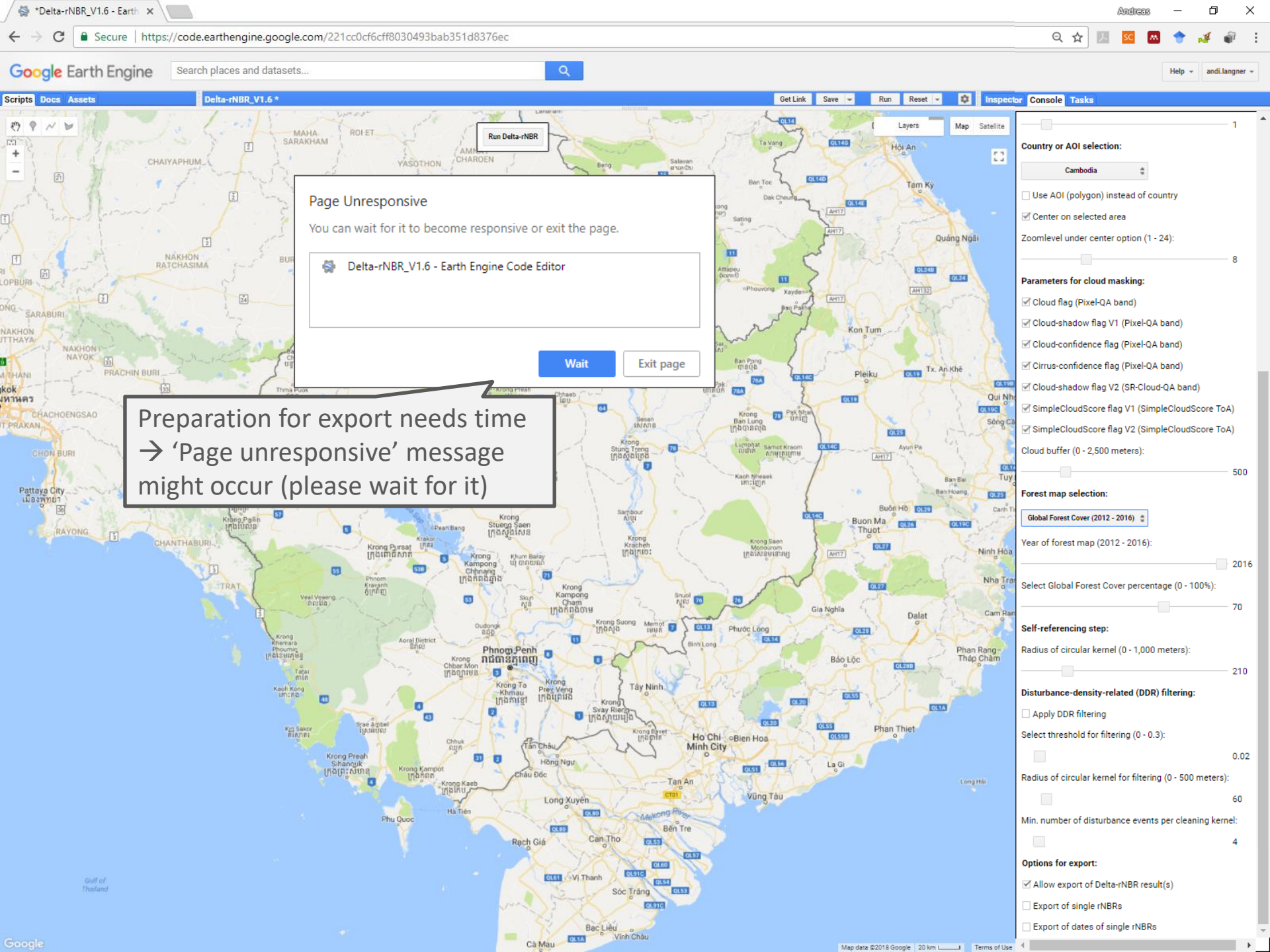
☐ Export of single rNBRs

☐ Export of dates of single rNBRs



☐ Export of dates of single INBRs





Delta-rNBR_V1.6 - Earth Engine

Secure | <https://code.earthengine.google.com/f69d869d6c18ab71bdd58e74bd68fae9>

Google Earth Engine Search places and datasets...

Scripts Docs Assets

Filter scripts... NEW

Owner (1)

- users/andilangner/default
 - GEE-Course
 - Library of various_attempts
 - Operational
 - Delta-rNBR_V1.6
 - Roadless_export
 - Sentinel-2 Explorer
 - Test

Writer

Reader (1)

Examples

Delta-rNBR_V1.6

```
1 //
2 // Delta-rNBR Forest Canopy Disturbance Mapping Approach (Version 1.6)
3 //
4 //
5 // * Project: ReCarEED - JRC of the European Commission
6 //
7 // * Purpose: - Mapping all kind of canopy disturbances (natural or human induced) within
8 //            - Disturbances can be interpreted as forest degradation events (after the
9 //            - In order to separate natural from human disturbances we recommend manual
10 //            - Close to real time monitoring of canopy cover changes possible
11 //
12 // * Info: - SR-TOA Combination (SR data with 'simpleCloudScore' band coming from
13 //          - Basic methodology described in the paper published in the Remote Sensing
14 //          - Updates to the GEE script (development versions and script manual):
15 //          - Updates to the GEE script (latest archived version):
16 //          - Further information and pre-processed data:
17 //
```

Pull up slider down to access 'Tasks' tab on right side

Click 'Run' to export each map tile

Click 'Run' to export .csv report (important for replication of results)

Optionally visualize degree-sized tiles covering study area

Run Delta-rNBR

Layers

- Exportbox_5-5
- Exportbox_5-4
- Exportbox_5-3
- Exportbox_4-5
- Exportbox_4-4
- Exportbox_4-3
- Exportbox_4-2
- Exportbox_4-1
- Exportbox_3-5
- Exportbox_3-4
- Exportbox_3-3
- Exportbox_3-2
- Exportbox_3-1
- Exportbox_2-5
- Exportbox_2-4

Inspector Console Tasks

DeltaNBR_L8_CB_2017-12-31-2016-01-01_1-2

DeltaNBR_L8_CB_2017-12-31-2016-01-01_0-2

DeltaNBR_L8_CB_2017-12-31-2016-01-01_0-1

DeltaNBR_L8_CB_2017-12-31-2016-01-01_0-0

Report_DeltaNBR-session_CB_2017-12-31-2016-01-01

Cloud flag (Pixel-QA band)

Cloud masking:

18 Cloud masking:

19 QB_select: Yes

20 Fmask_select: Yes

21 SimpleCloudScore_select: Yes

22 UnsureCloudScore_select: Yes

23 cloud_buffer: 500

24

25 Forest masks:

26 forest_mask_select: Roadless map

27 roadless_year: 2016 Roadless map

28 hansen_treecover: 70

29

30 Self-referencing:

31 kernel_size: 210

32

33 (Disturbance-density-related) filtering:

34 cleaning_select: Yes

35 threshold_conservative: -0.05

36 kernel_clean_size: 60

37 min_disturbances: 3

Options for export:

- Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)
- Export of single rNBRs
- Export of dates of single rNBRs