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$\Delta rNBR$ **(Google Earth Engine)** **- Manual -**

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Andi1974/Forest-degradation-monitoring: Delta-rNBR Forest Canopy Disturbance Mapping Approach

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- Bug fix within country selection
- Adding option to process user-defined polygons

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Open 'Delta-rNBR.txt' file and copy all script

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Paste script into code editor of Google Earth Engine

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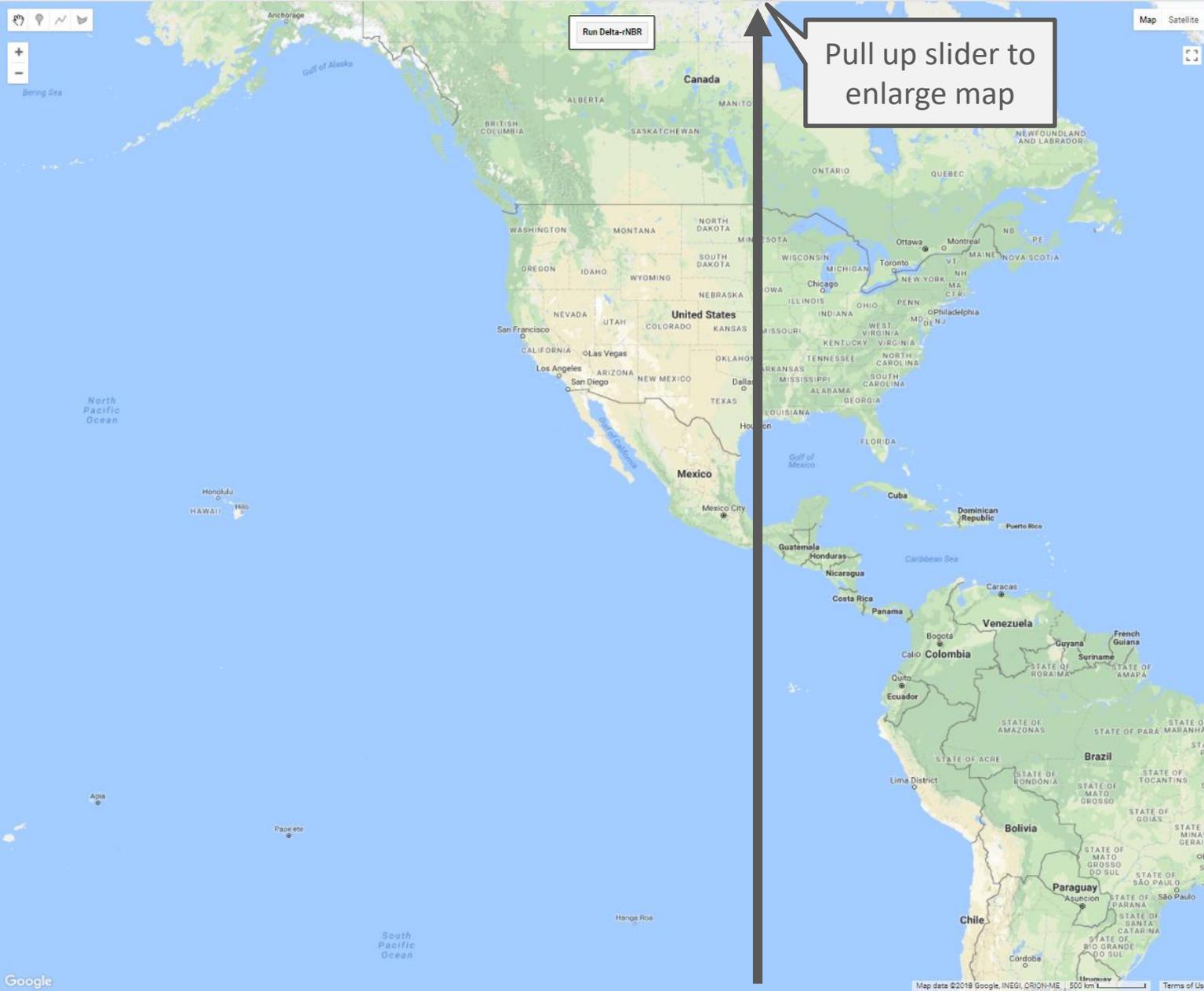
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Click 'Run' to start script

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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)

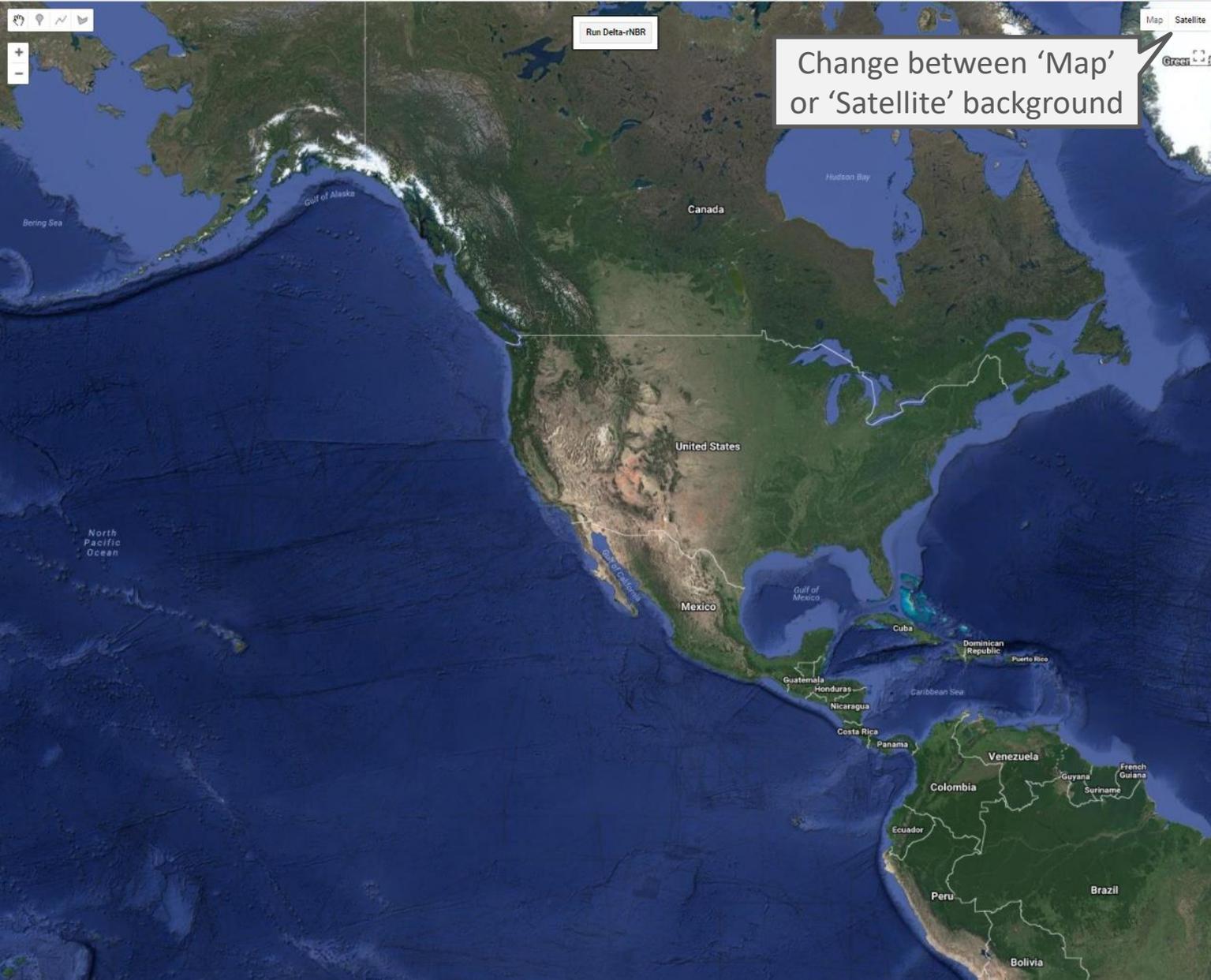
SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016): 2016



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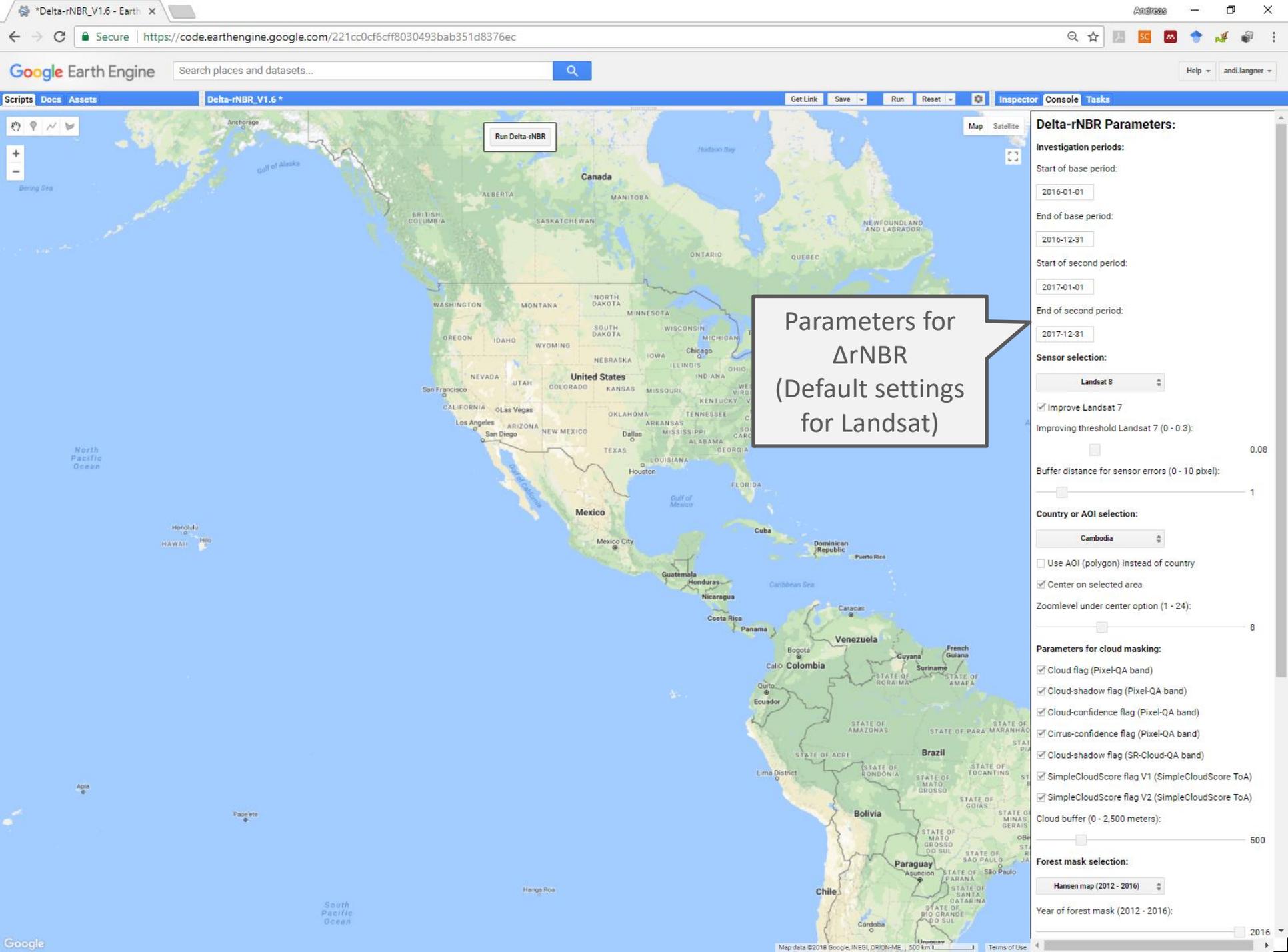
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Parameters for $\Delta rNBR$ (Default settings for Landsat)

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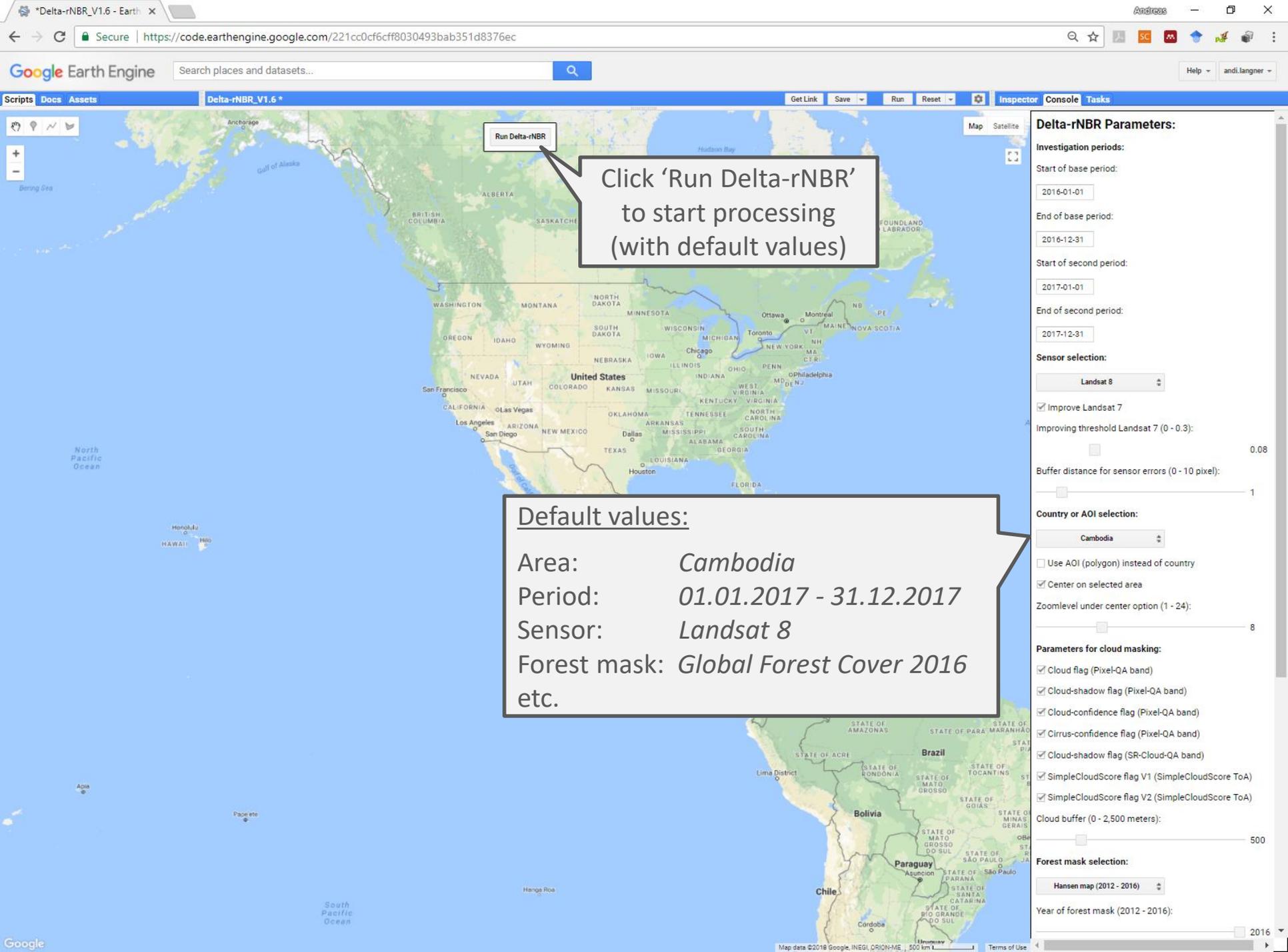
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Run Delta-rNBR

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:

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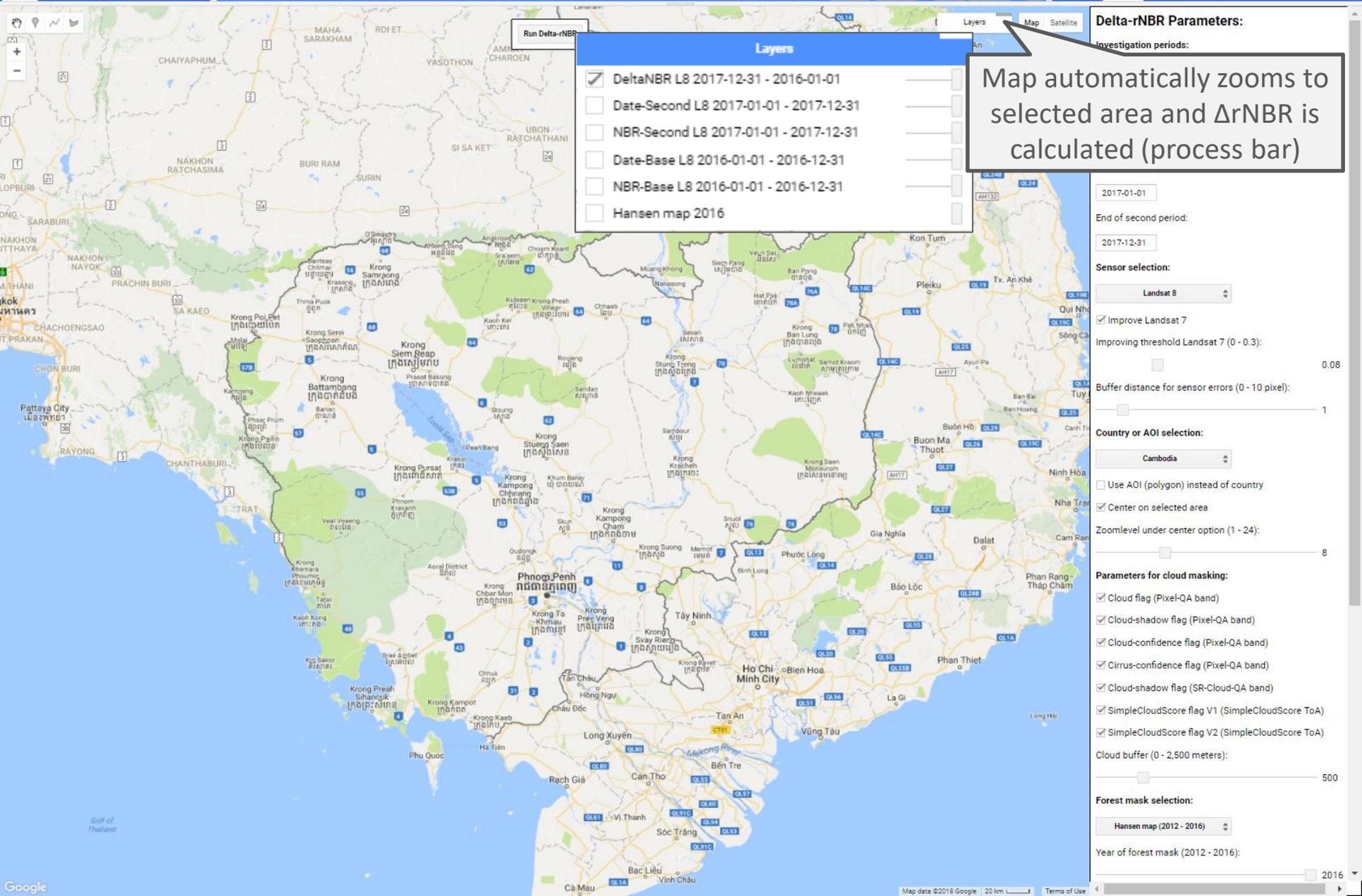
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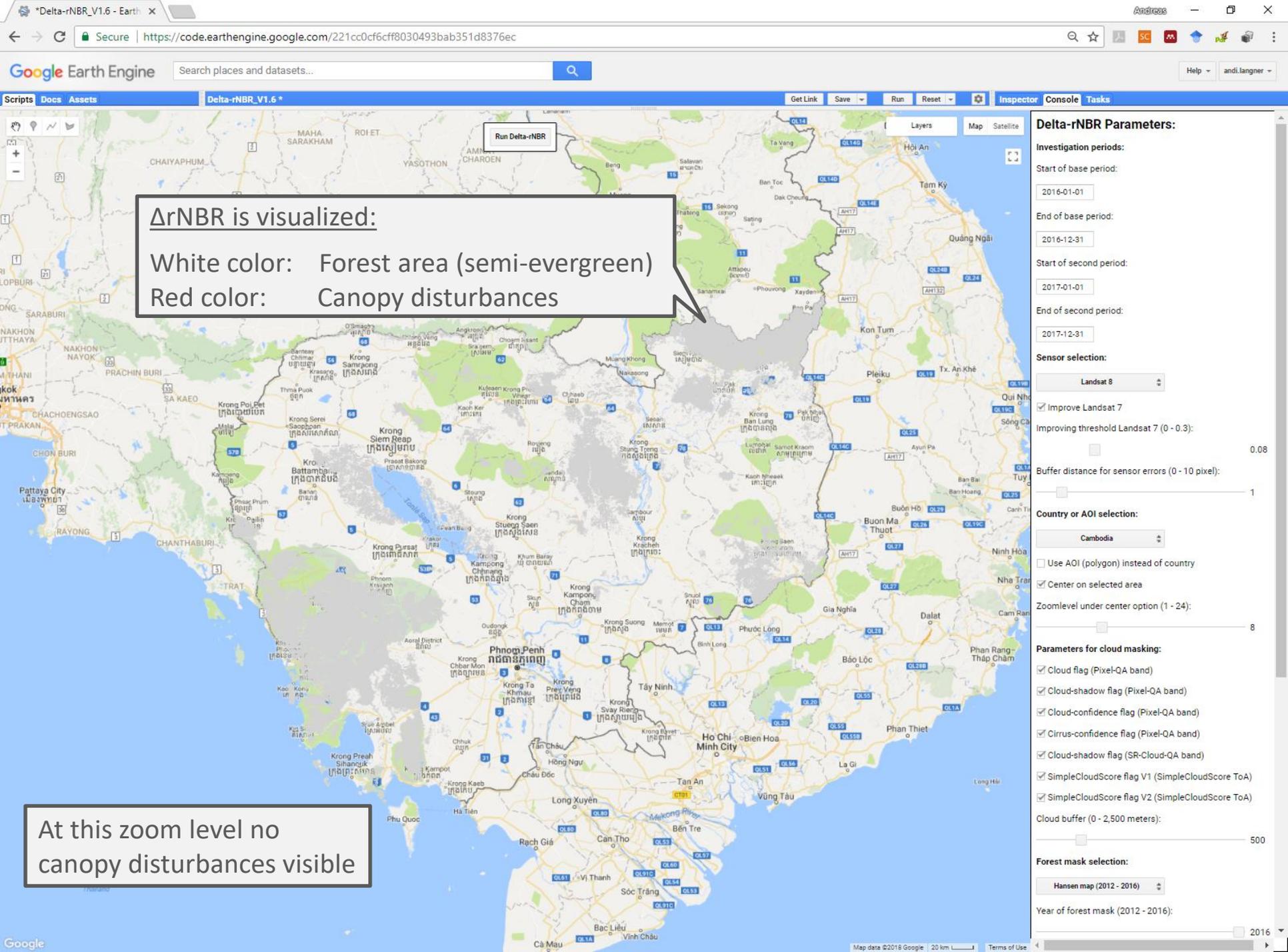
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Map automatically zooms to selected area and $\Delta rNBR$ is calculated (process bar)



$\Delta rNBR$ is visualized:

White color: Forest area (semi-evergreen)

Red color: Canopy disturbances

At this zoom level no canopy disturbances visible

Delta-rNBR Parameters:

Investigation periods:

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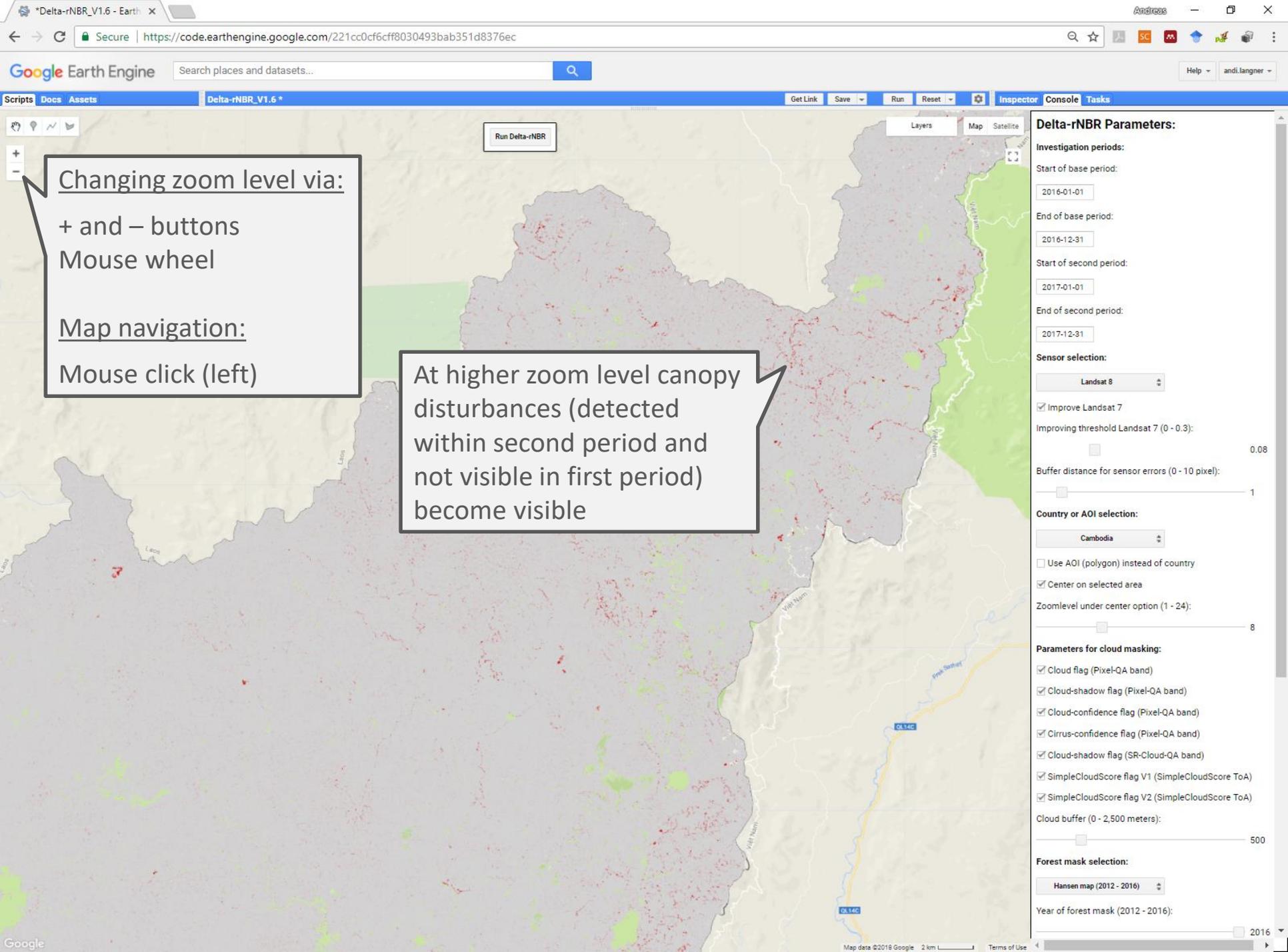
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Changing zoom level via:

+ and - buttons
Mouse wheel

Map navigation:

Mouse click (left)

At higher zoom level canopy disturbances (detected within second period and not visible in first period) become visible

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Run Delta-rNBR

Layers Map Satellite

ΔrNBR parameters:

Investigation periods:

Start of base period (e.g. 01.01.2016)
 End of base period (e.g. 31.12.2016)
 Start of second period (e.g. 01.01.2017)
 End of second period (e.g. 31.12.2017)

→ ΔrNBR will only show changes in canopy cover occurring in second period (but not present in first period)

→ Selected periods have to fit to the choice of the satellite sensors (non fitting sensor/period combinations result in error messages)

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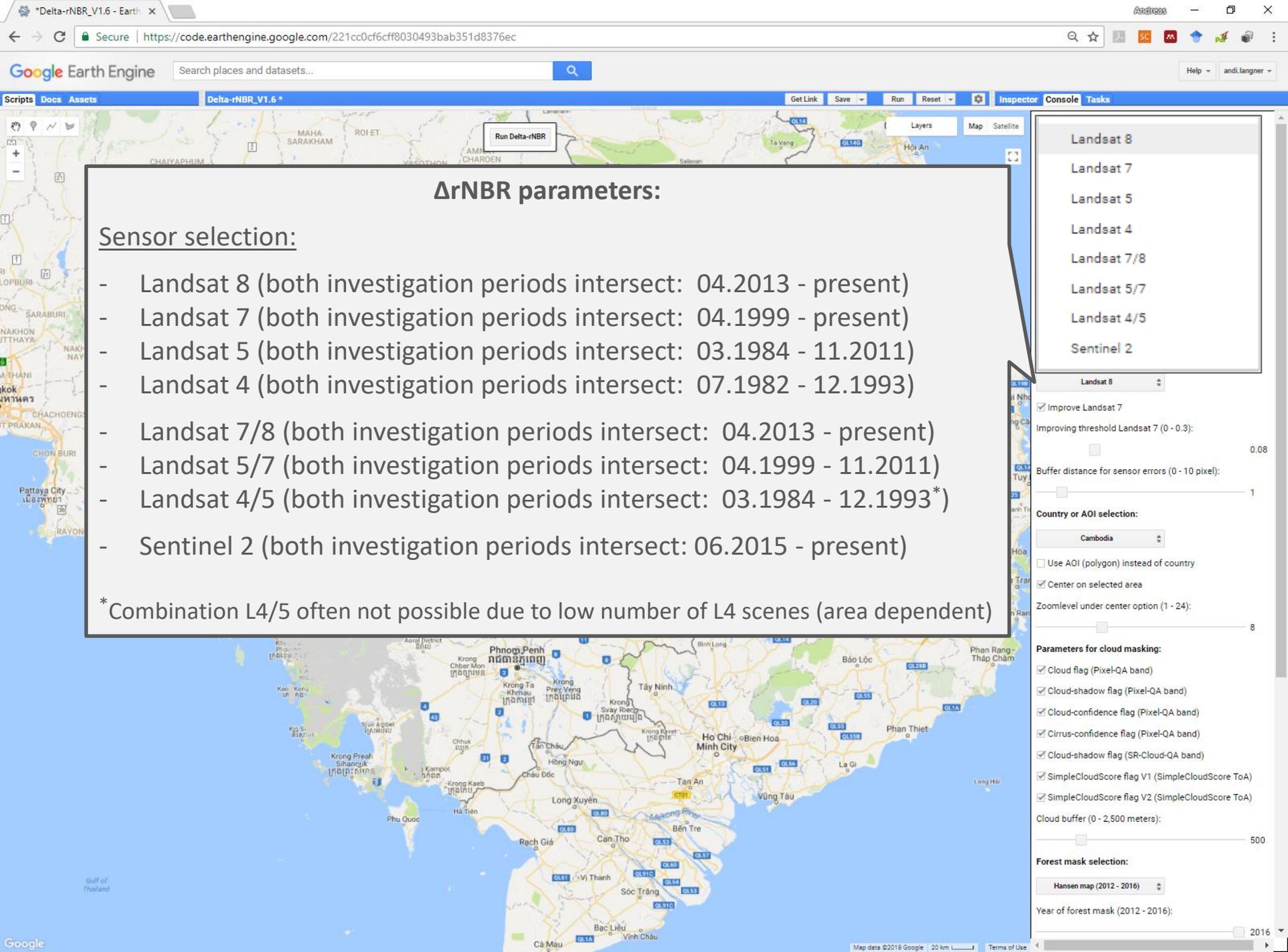
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Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016): 2016

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Delta-rNBR parameters:

Sensor selection:

- Landsat 8 (both investigation periods intersect: 04.2013 - present)
- Landsat 7 (both investigation periods intersect: 04.1999 - present)
- Landsat 5 (both investigation periods intersect: 03.1984 - 11.2011)
- Landsat 4 (both investigation periods intersect: 07.1982 - 12.1993)
- Landsat 7/8 (both investigation periods intersect: 04.2013 - present)
- Landsat 5/7 (both investigation periods intersect: 04.1999 - 11.2011)
- Landsat 4/5 (both investigation periods intersect: 03.1984 - 12.1993*)
- Sentinel 2 (both investigation periods intersect: 06.2015 - present)

*Combination L4/5 often not possible due to low number of L4 scenes (area dependent)

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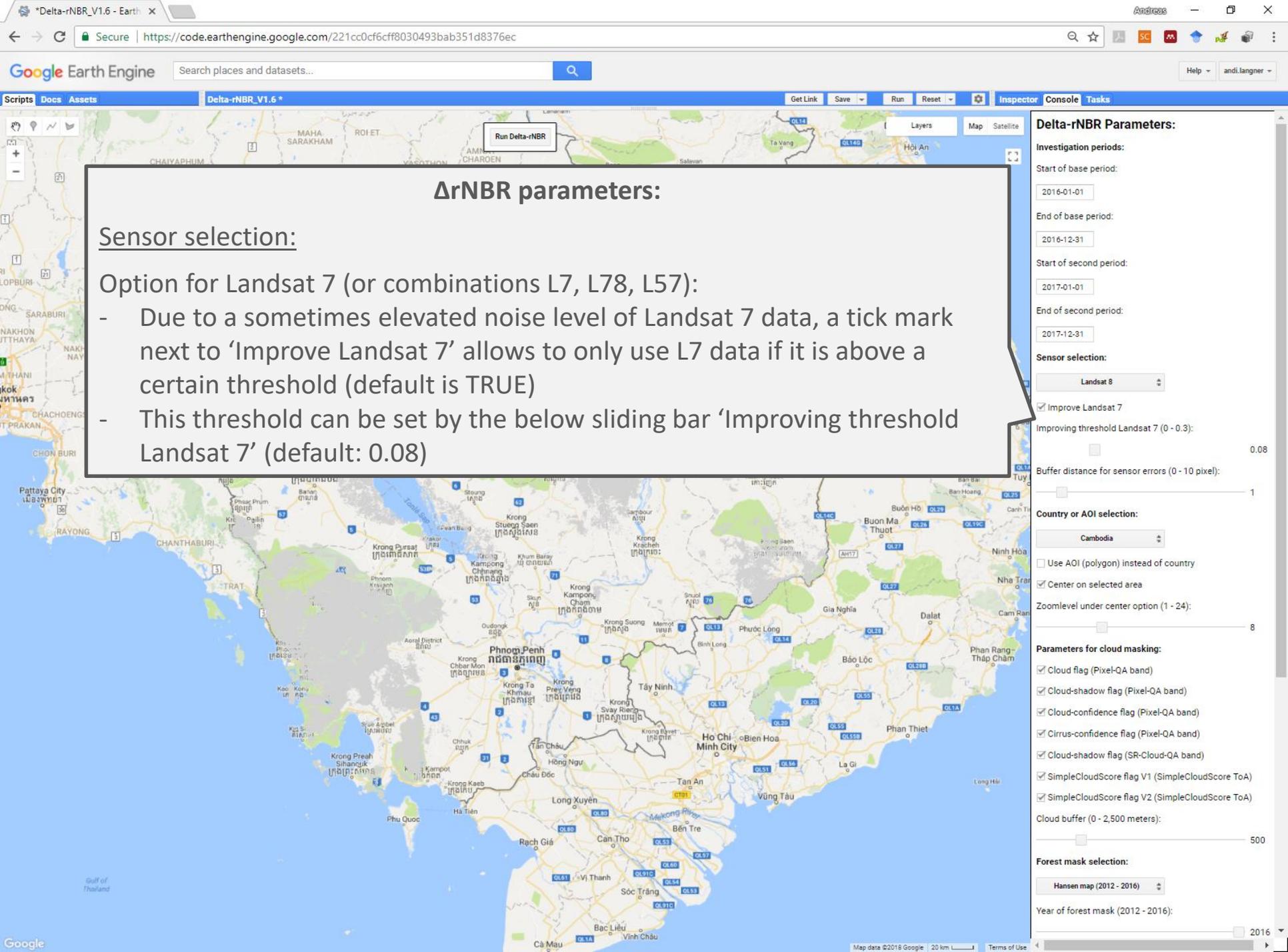
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Sensor selection:

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)

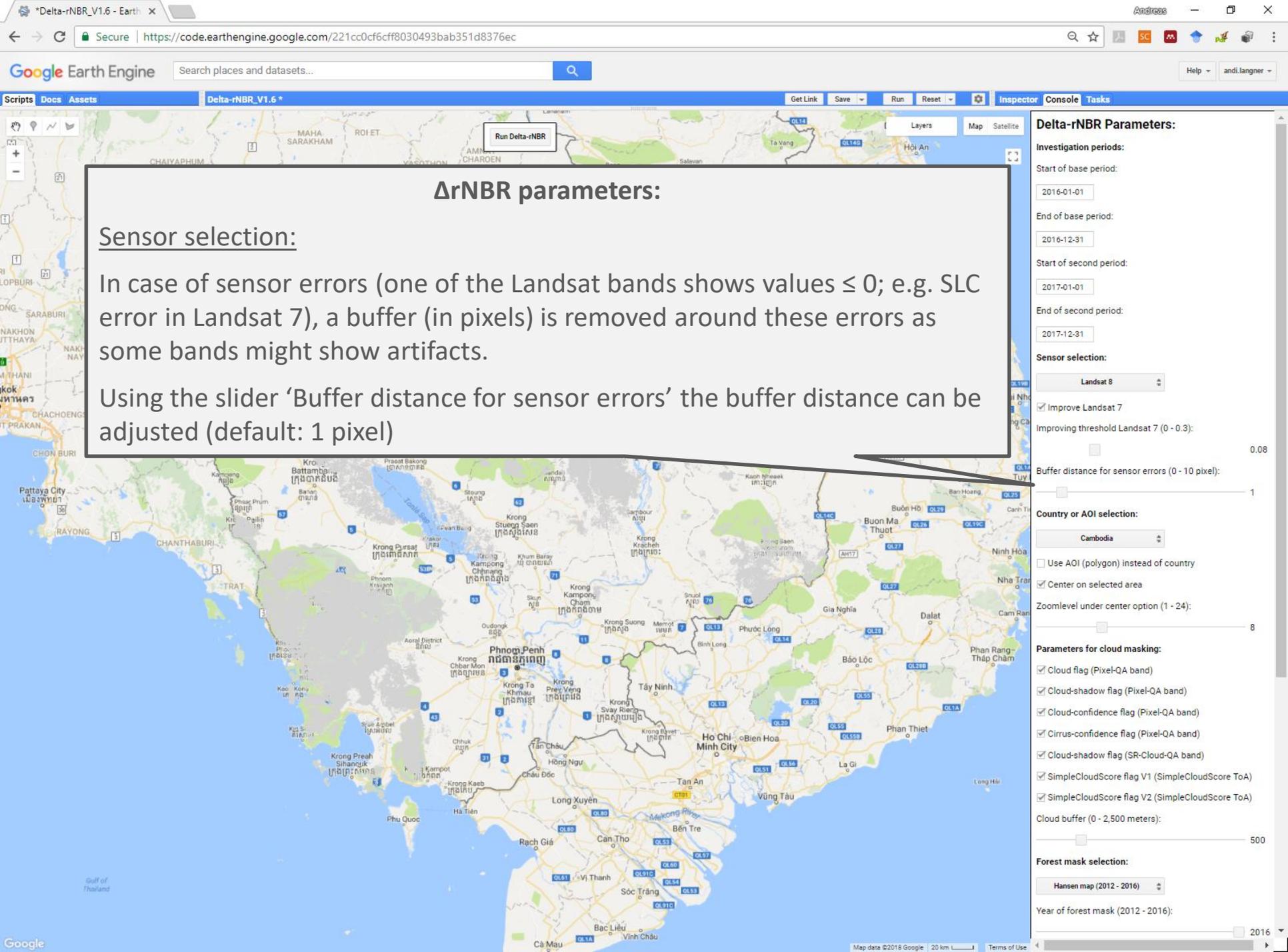
SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016): 2016

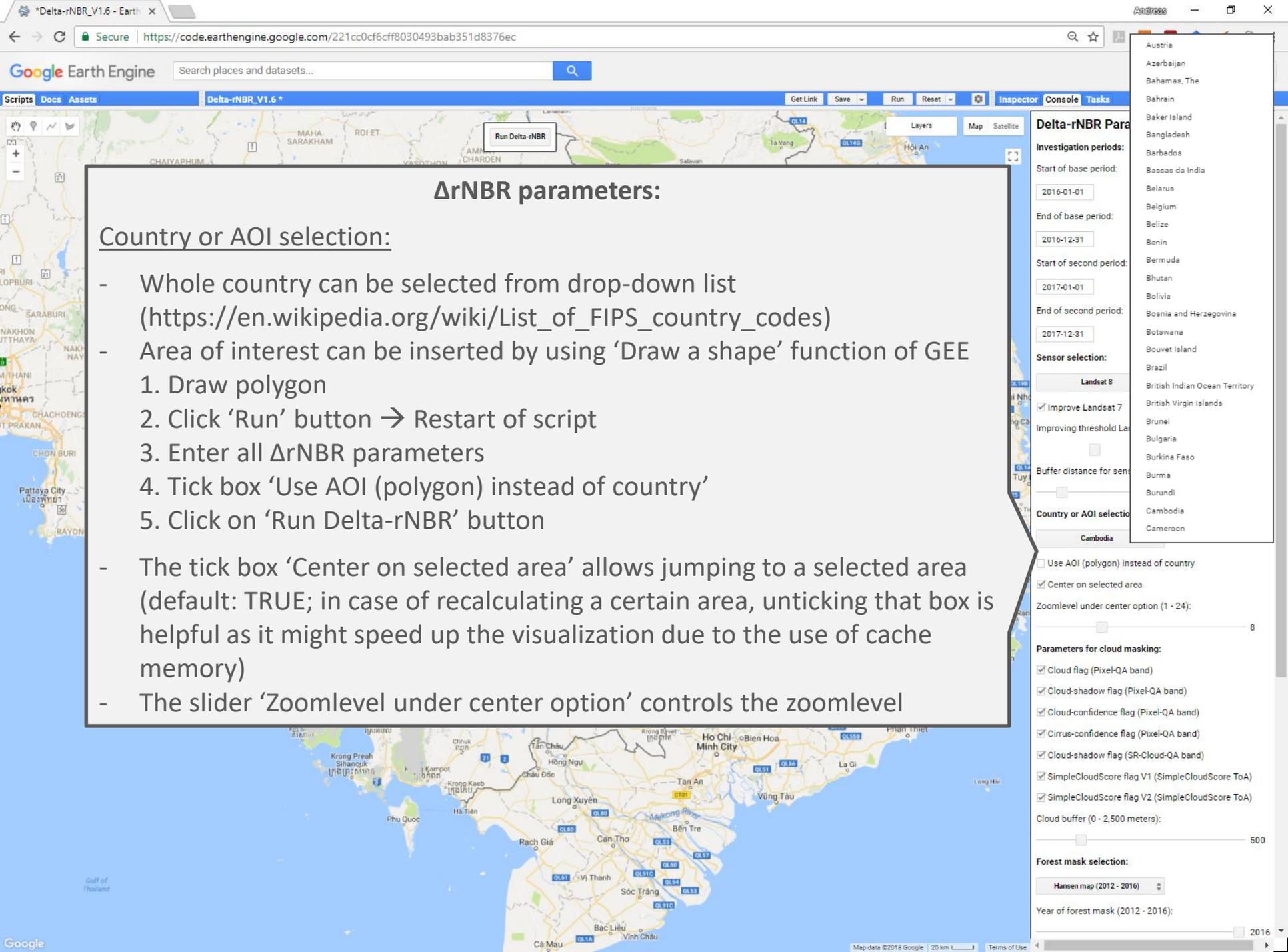


Delta-rNBR parameters:

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)



ΔrNBR 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 ΔrNBR 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, unchecking 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):

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)

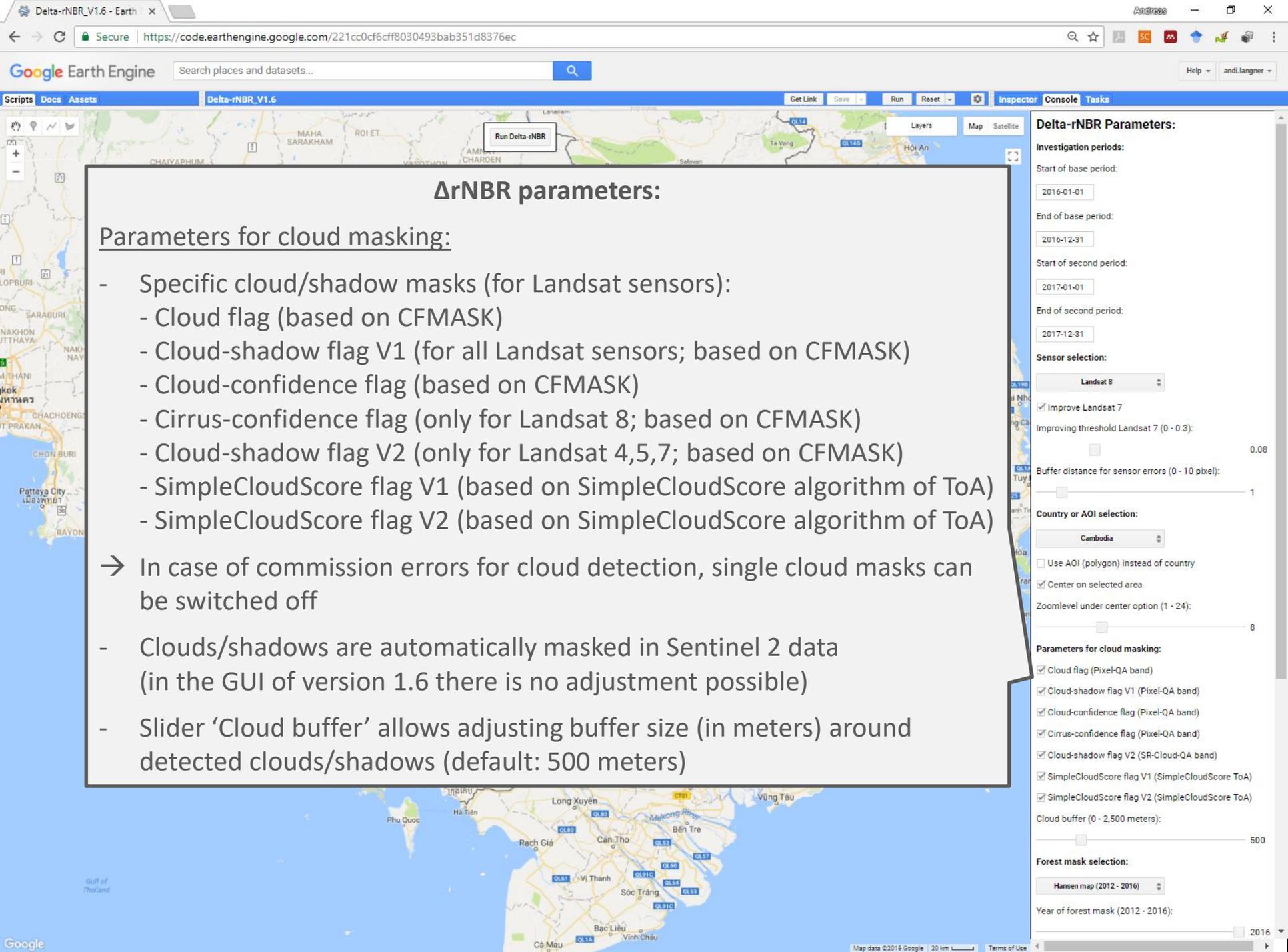
SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters):

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 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:

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 V1 (Pixel-QA band)

Cloud-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

Cirrus-confidence flag (Pixel-QA band)

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

SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

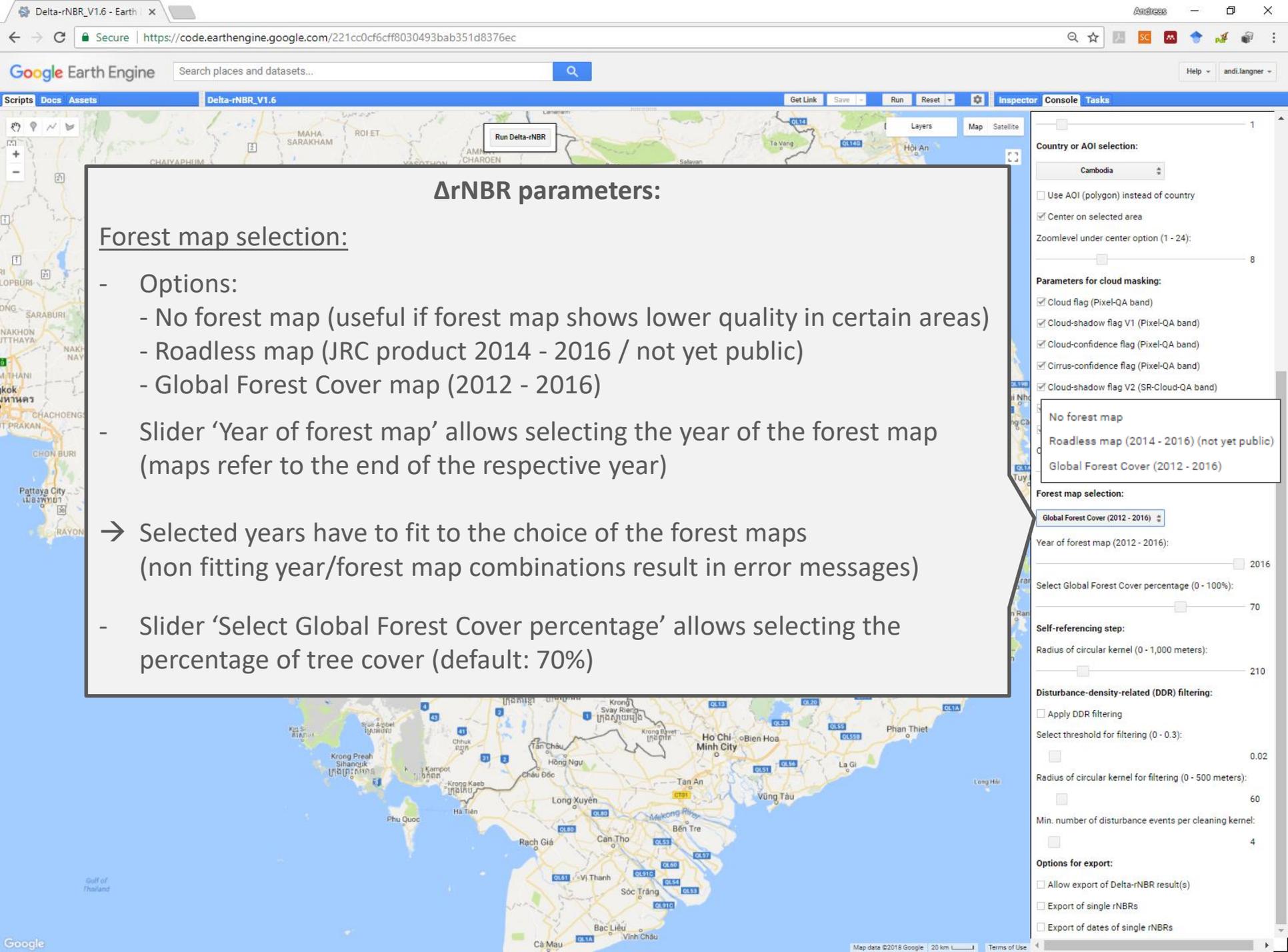
SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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

Forest mask selection:

Hansen map (2012 - 2016)

Year of forest mask (2012 - 2016): 2016



ΔrNBR 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

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Run Delta-rNBR

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)

SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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

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

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Min. number of disturbance events per cleaning kernel: 4

Options for export:

Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)

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ΔrNBR parameters:

Self-referencing step:

- Radius of circular kernel in meters (default: 210 meters)
- While keeping small-scale changes in NBR values, it removes smooth (large-scale) changes in NBR values
- As a result any large-scale trend of the rNBR trend-line (influenced by varying atmospheric conditions, e.g. haze; or topographic effects) shows no gradient and rNBR values are centered around 0 for undisturbed forest canopy

→ Necessary for inter-scene comparison

→ The smaller the kernel radius, the better the atmospheric or topographic adjustment

→ Trade-off: Disturbances covering more than half of the kernel window result in artifacts (high quality forest mask normally already detects such disturbances)

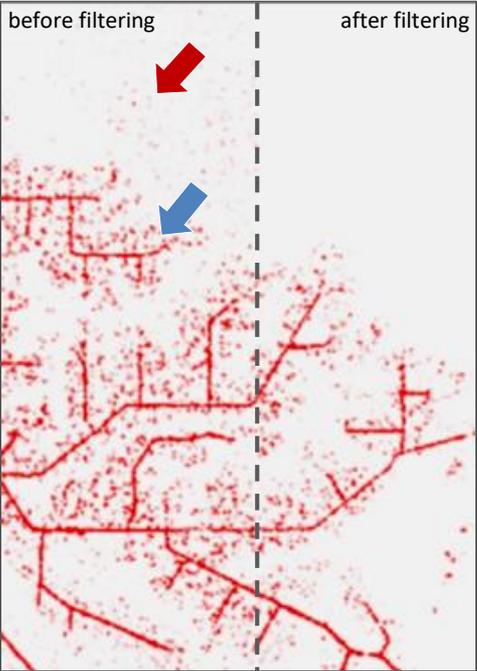
$$rNBR = NBR - NBR_{n_median}$$

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Google Earth Engine | Search places and datasets... | Run Delta-rNBR | Inspector Console Tasks

ΔrNBR parameters:

Disturbance-density-related (DDR) filtering:

- Setting a tick mark on 'Apply DDR filtering' (default: No), it is possible to remove noise (e.g. signals stemming from single trees shedding their leaves, etc.)
- For that purpose the user has to analyze the signal/noise (ideally by exporting a non-filtered map to a GIS):
 - Strength of the signal of interest? (red arrow)
 - Strength of the noise signal? (blue arrow)
(Problem: often similar strength, so application of simple threshold not feasible)
 - Average density of the signal of interest?
 - Average density of the noise signal?
- Using above information, the user can modify the three sliders:
 - 'Select threshold for filtering' (threshold to define potential signal)
 - 'Radius of circular kernel for filtering' (kernel in which signals are density analyzed)
 - 'Min. number of disturbance events' (all signals/kernel are kept if condition is met)



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)

SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

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

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

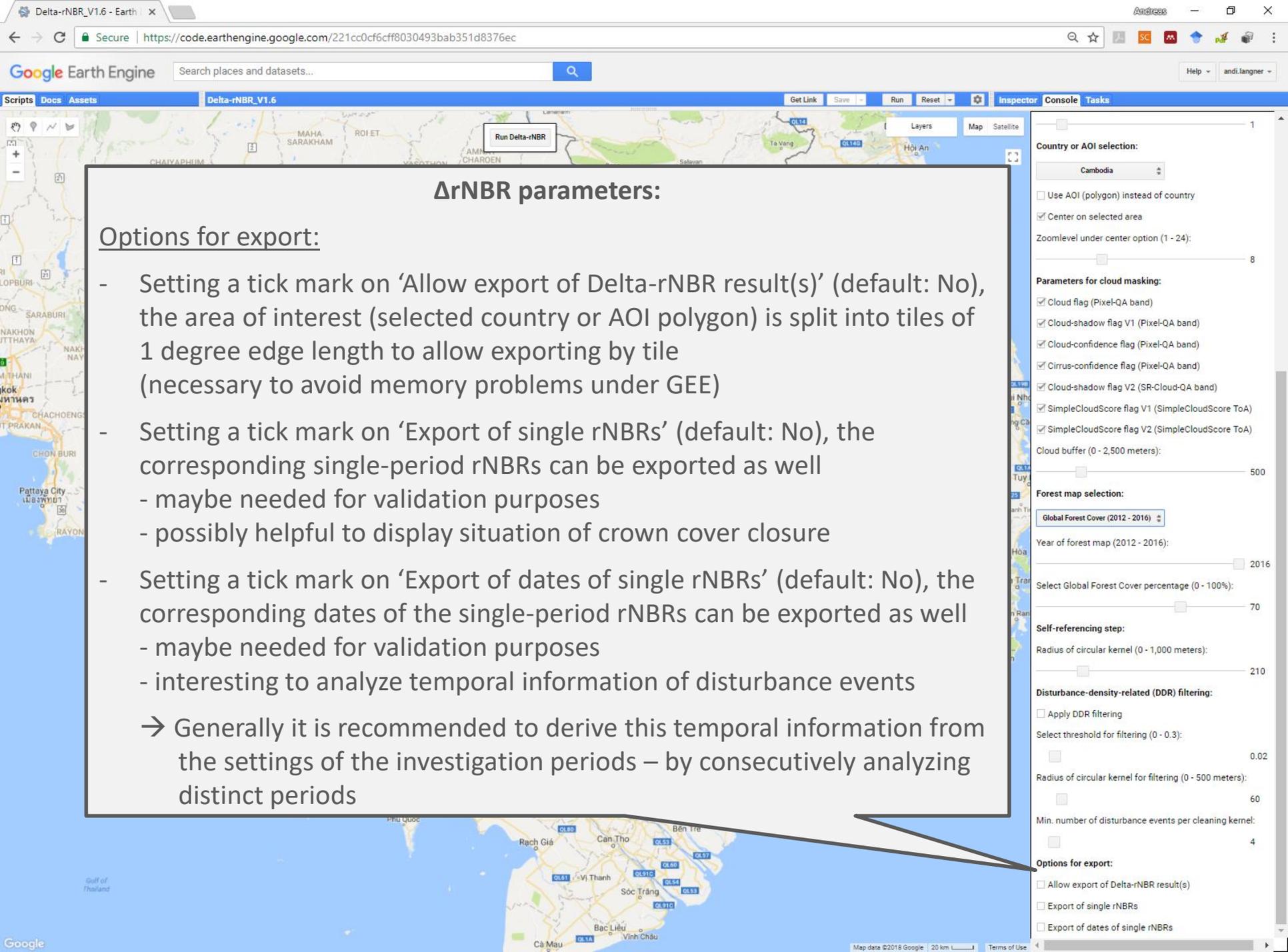
Min. number of disturbance events per cleaning kernel: 4

Options for export:

Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)

Export of single rNBRs

Export of dates of single rNBRs



Delta-rNBR parameters:

Options for export:

- Setting a tick mark on 'Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)' (default: No), the area of interest (selected country or AOI polygon) is split into tiles of 1 degree edge length to allow exporting by tile (necessary to avoid memory problems under GEE)
 - Setting a tick mark on 'Export of single rNBRs' (default: No), the corresponding single-period rNBRs can be exported as well
 - maybe needed for validation purposes
 - possibly helpful to display situation of crown cover closure
 - Setting a tick mark on 'Export of dates of single rNBRs' (default: No), the corresponding dates of the single-period rNBRs can be exported as well
 - maybe needed for validation purposes
 - interesting to analyze temporal information of disturbance events
- Generally it is recommended to derive this temporal information from the settings of the investigation periods – by consecutively analyzing distinct periods

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)

SimpleCloudScore flag V1 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

SimpleCloudScore flag V2 (SimpleCloudScore ToA)

Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters):

500

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:

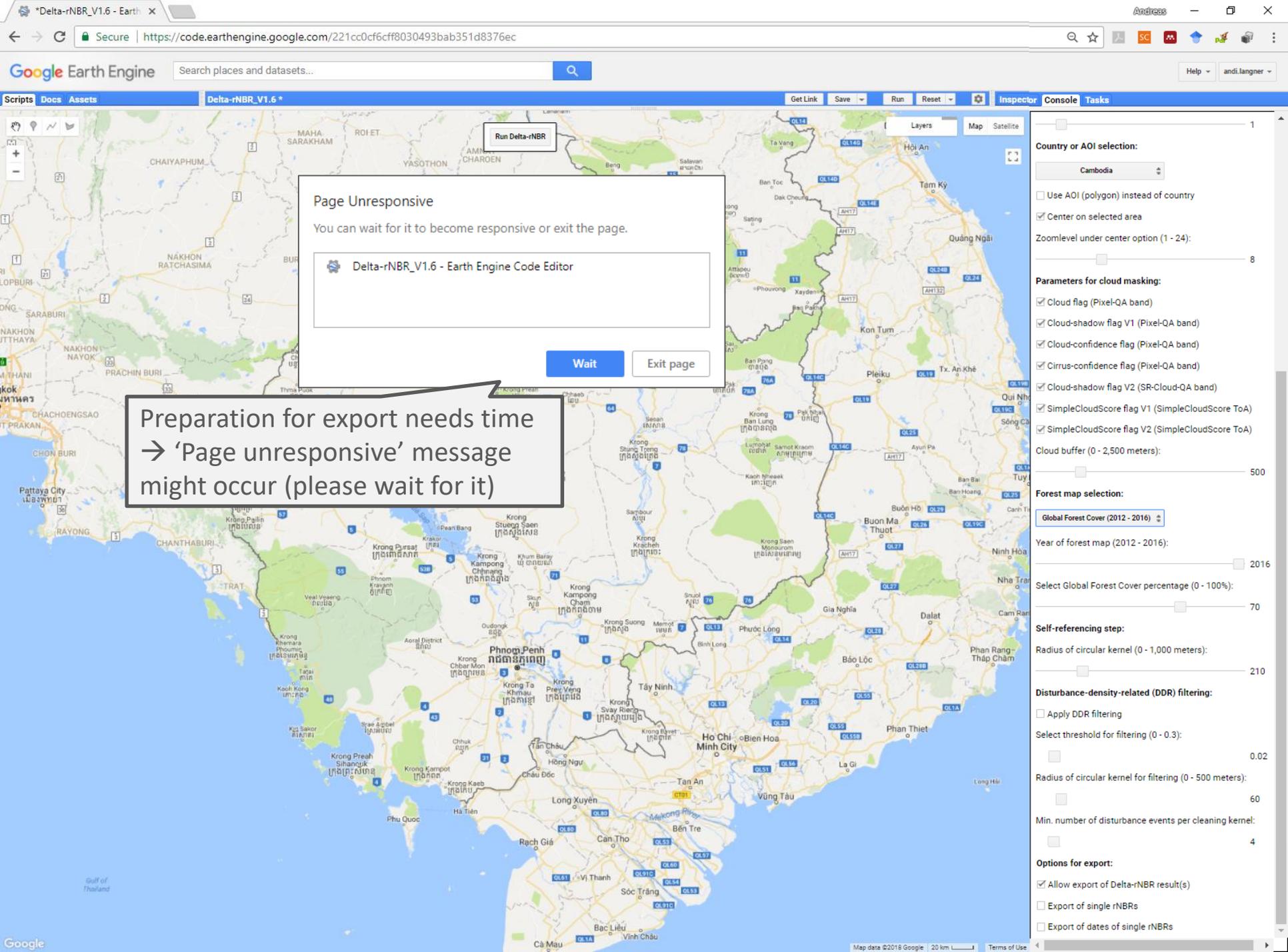
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Options for export:

Allow export of Delta-rNBR result(s)

Export of single rNBRs

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Wait Exit page

Preparation for export needs time
→ 'Page unresponsive' message
might occur (please wait for it)

Country or AOI selection:

Cambodia

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Zoomlevel under center option (1 - 24):

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Cloud buffer (0 - 2,500 meters):

500

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:

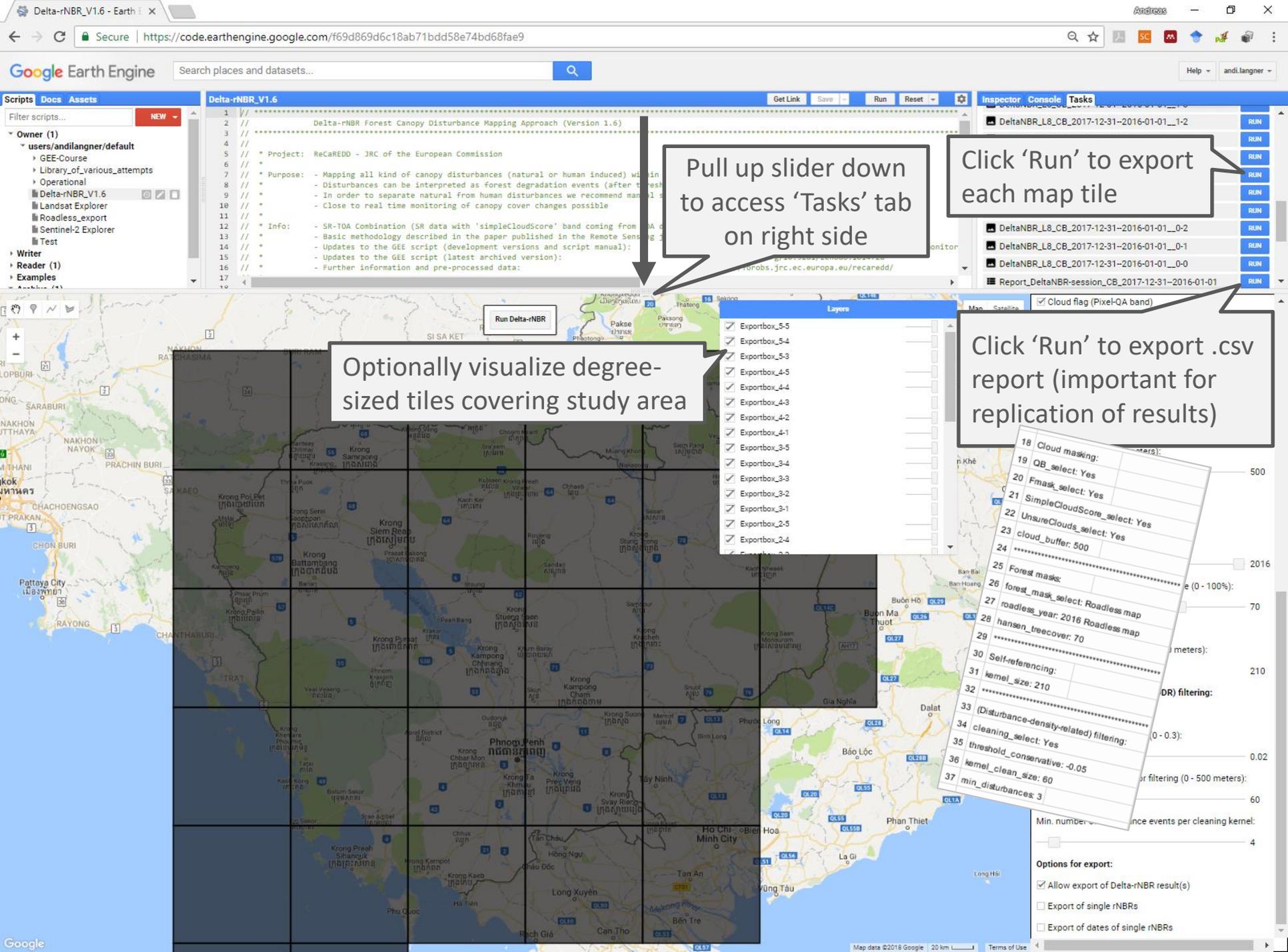
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Options for export:

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

Click 'Run' to export each map tile

Optionally visualize degree-sized tiles covering study area

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

18	Cloud masking:	
19	OB_select:	Yes
20	Fmask_select:	Yes
21	SimpleCloudScore_select:	Yes
22	UnsafeCloudScore_select:	Yes
23	cloud_buffer:	500
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25	Forest masks:	
26	forest_mask_select:	Roadless map
27	roadless_year:	2016 Roadless map
28	hansen_treecover:	70
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30	Self-referencing:	
31	kernel_size:	210
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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)
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