The **Diversity II** project will contribute to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity by assessing biological diversity in two important ecosystems of the Earth, **Inland Waters** and **Drylands** using satellite data.
Diversity II demonstration sites
The final selection of the Diversity II demonstration sites will include 300 large perennial inland waters globally distributed around the world (i.e. most natural lakes and water reservoirs with a size over 500 km² and some natural lakes of biodiversity importance over 100 km²) and over 20 dryland areas with a total surface of 10 million km².

Inland Water test sites
The "Inland Water" retrieval algorithms will be validated at the Critical Design Review on the 10 test sites (blue circles in the figure below) which have been selected for the quality of their lake monitoring programs and because they are representative of the diversity in lake water conditions.

Dryland test sites
The "Drylands" retrieval algorithms will on the 5 test sites (brown areas in the figure below) which have been selected for their representativeness of the drylands biodiversity, principally but not exclusively selected amongst the WWF ecoregions, and for the availability of in-situ observations.

Please visit the project website for more information, http://www.diversity2.info

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