

Remedial actions for improvement of LPIS quality of the Hessian Agricultural Parcel System

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Agricultural Parcel System

Definition Agricultural Parcel:

- · One single crop group
- · One farmer
- · One year
- · Within Hesse State borders

Statistics

- ~20,000 farmers
- ~600,000 Reference Parcels
- ~800,000 ha eligible area
- ~1.3 ha average parcel size
- ~100,000 updates per year





LPIS Update Workflow

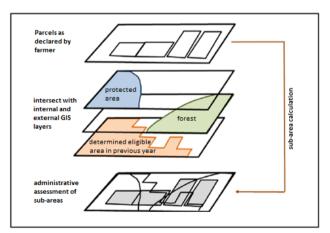
- LPIS is updated yearly in January based on information compiled over the previous year – "Reference"
- · LPIS updates can be triggered by
 - · Farmers' declarations
 - Systematic LPIS update campaigns: 100% visual check in areas with new orthoimagery



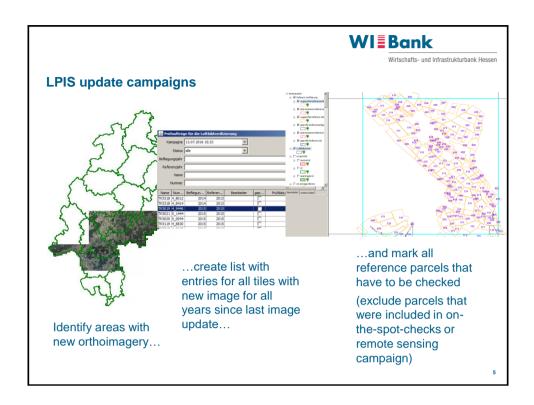
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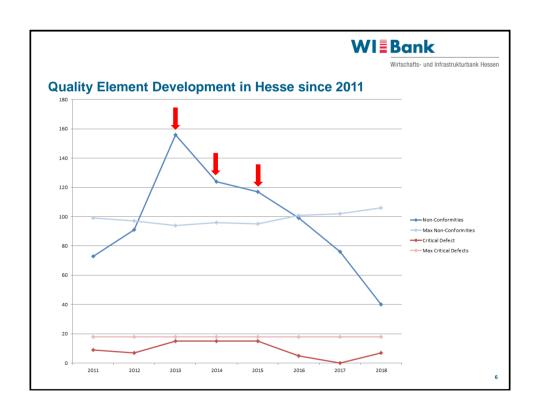
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LPIS updates triggered by farmers' declarations



- · Each sub-area assessed individually
- Sub-areas determined as non eligible are excluded from reference



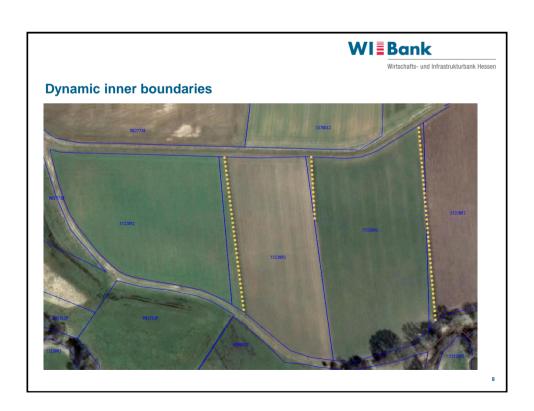


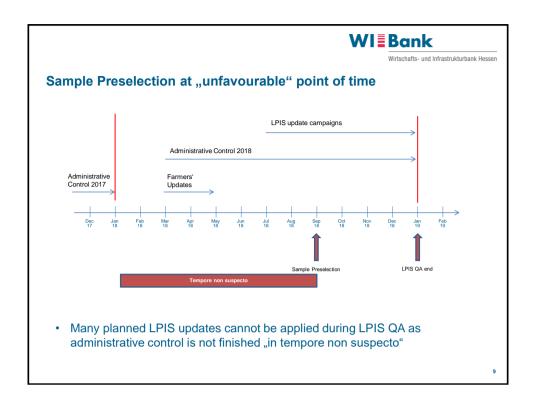


Analysis of LPIS QA results 2013, 2014, 2015

- Analysis of LPIS QA results showed only rare occursion of contamination with ineligible elements
- Majority of non-conformities results from inaccurate delineation of parcels amongst themselves
 - -> Intrinsic problem of the Agricultural Parcel System with its dynamic "inner boundaries". The same constellation would not lead to non-conformities in other reference systems

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Remedial Action Plan 2013, 2014, 2015

Measures defined in 2013 and pursued in 2014 and 2015

- ✓ Improve ortho imagery update rate
- Clear directives for analysts to focus on delineation of parcels amongst themselves during remote sensing controls and LPIS update campaigns
- Include more external GIS layers as additional support for administrative control (e.g. land development plans, town planning schemes)
- ✓ Suppress reference parcel geometry changes without ID change



Conclusion

- · Implemented measures were successful
- · Multiple minor tool and process improvements every year
- · Annual refreshment of LPIS update guidelines and and staff training
- Focus on quality improvement not only in LPIS core team, but also in Controls Unit
- ➤ LPIS quality remains under constant observation irrespective of consistently improved quality measures since 2013

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Thank you for your attention!

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