

## ***Interactive comment on “Characterizing the Spatial and Temporal Availability of Very High Resolution Satellite Imagery for Monitoring Applications” by Myroslava Lesiv et al.***

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Earth sciences researchers, at least those that publish wide ranges of data in ESSD, use imagery from Google Earth rarely (see below) and from Microsoft Bing almost never. This manuscript, which counts availability of Google Earth and Microsoft Bing scenes at various terrestrial locations of our planet, has minimal utility and relevance for ESSD readers. Separate from irrelevance, it fails substantially in the quality of its presentation.

If VHR scenes become more available and more useful, readers will need a much more organised, systematic and compelling guide than the one provided here. At best, it seems pre-mature and not up to the quality expected for ESSD.

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:  
<https://www.earth-syst-sci-data-discuss.net/essd-2018-13/essd-2018-13-RC2-supplement.pdf>

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