

# ***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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The authors present a study on the spatiotemporal availability of VHR satellite imagery in Google Earth and Bing Maps, which have been broadly used by Earth scientists. The study gives a good overview of VHR imagery availability and its current coverage limitations. The authors also highlight that commercial image providers should unlock their historical archives, which has a lower market value but is extremely useful for monitoring applications. Please see some minor comments noted in the attached PDF.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

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