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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of the document

This document is a cover for the Climate Research Data Package (CRDP) for the Permafrost project produced in Phase 2 of ESA's Climate Change Initiative CCI+.

1.2 Document Status of the document

This is the second issue of the CRDP document in Phase 2 of the project, reflecting Version 4 of the Climate Research Data Package.

1.3 Preface

Permafrost is an Essential Climate Variable (ECV) within the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS), which is characterized by subsurface temperatures and the depth of the seasonal thaw layer. Complementing ground-based monitoring networks, the Permafrost CCI project is establishing Earth Observation (EO) based products for the permafrost ECV spanning the last two decades. Since ground temperature and thaw depth cannot be directly observed from space-borne sensors, a variety of satellite and reanalysis data are combined in a ground thermal model. The algorithm uses remotely sensed data sets of Land Surface Temperature (MODIS LST/ ESA LST CCI) and landcover (ESA Landcover CCI, ESA Permafrost CCI for tundra) to drive the transient permafrost model CryoGrid 2, which yields thaw depth and ground temperature at various depths, while ground temperature forms the basis for permafrost fraction.

1.4 Temporal coverage

CRDPv4 covers the years from 1997 to 2023, with the data available for each year of the period.

1.5 Spatial Coverage

CRDPv4 pertains Arctic and High-Mountain permafrost environments, extending from 85°N down to 35 °N latitude in the North America and down to 25 °N in Asia as well as Antarctica from 60°S to 85°S.

The projection is in geographic coordinates at 0.01° resolution.

1.6 Data availability and release

CRDPv4 will be made available through the CCI Data Portal (<http://cci.esa.int/data>). At time of writing this document, the Permafrost Team liaises with the CCI Data Portal Team for obtaining the DOI, setup the associated landing pages, and transfer data files to the Data Portal.

1.7 Acronyms

AWI	Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
B.GEOS	b.geos GmbH
CCI	Climate Change Initiative
CRDP	Climate Research Data Package
ECV	Essential Climate Variable
EO	Earth Observation
ESA	European Space Agency
GAMMA	Gamma Remote Sensing
GUIO	Department of Geosciences University of Oslo
SU	Department of Physical Geography Stockholm University
UNIFR	Department of Geosciences University of Fribourg

2 EXAMPLES

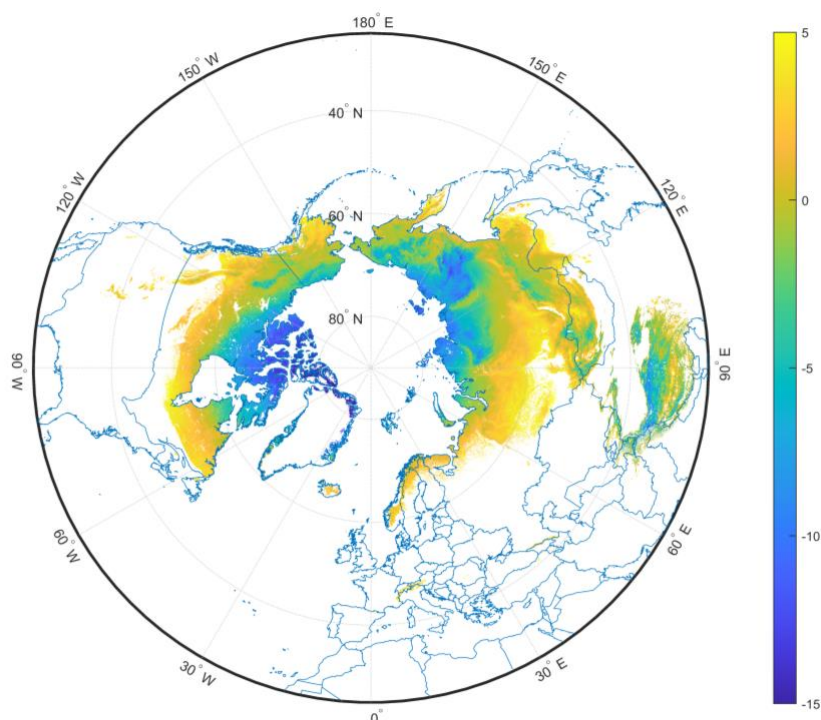


Figure 1: Example of Mean Annual Ground Temperature at 2 m depth in 2019 (in °C, color axis, CRDPv3).

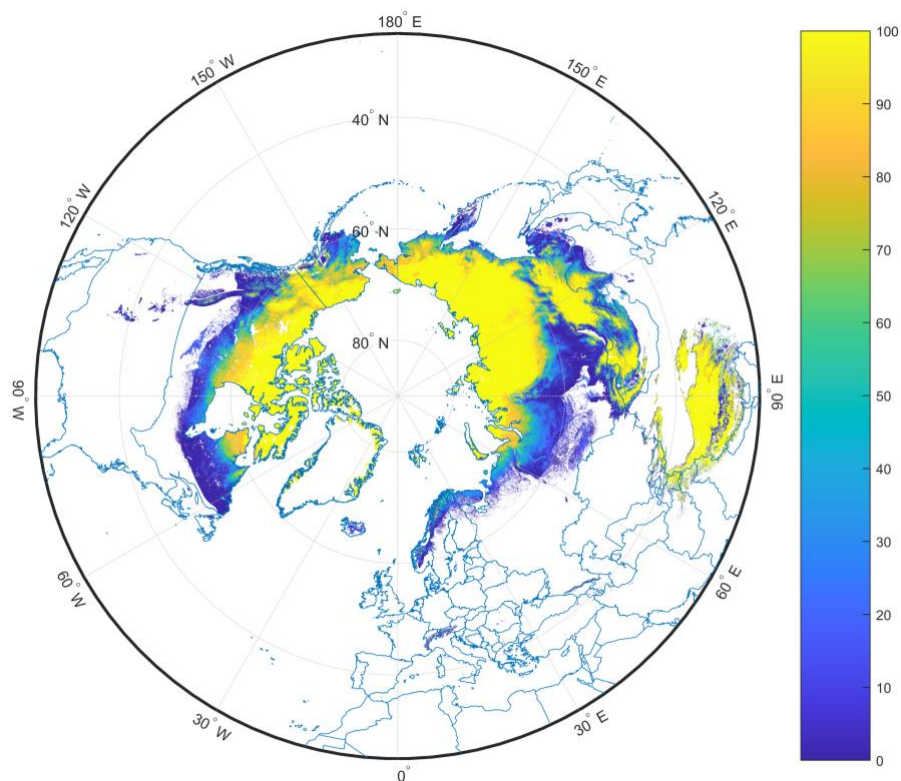


Figure 2: Example of Active Layer Thickness for 2019 (from 0 to 100%, color axis, CRDPv3).

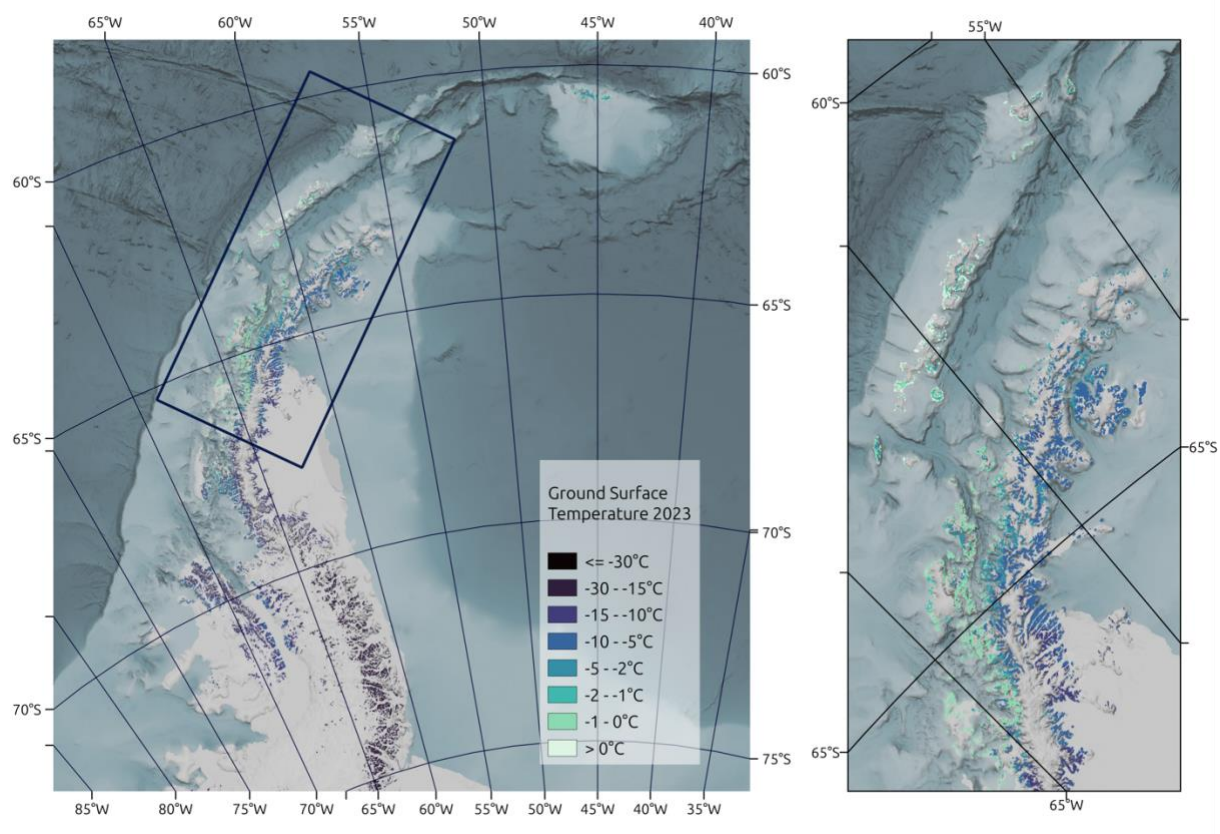


Figure 3: Example of Mean Annual Ground Surface Temperature in 2023 for Antarctica (CRDPv4).