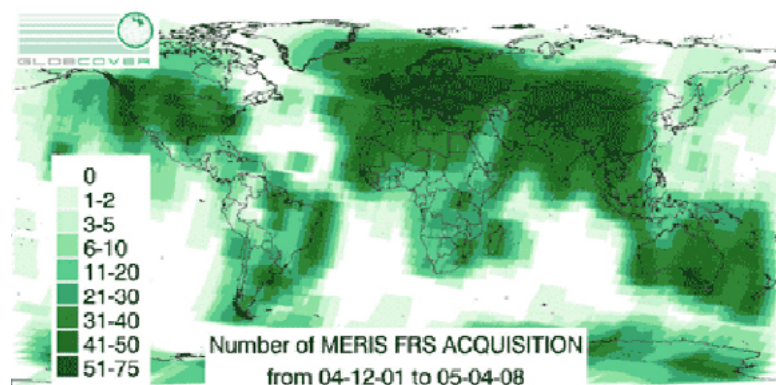




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## GLOBCOVER

GLOBCOVER was launched in 2004 as an initiative of the European Space Agency (ESA) which aims to produce a new global land-cover database based upon fine resolution (300m) images acquired over the full year 2005 by the MERIS sensor on-board the ENVISAT satellite.



### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The GLOBCOVER initiative is conducted by ESA and an international network of partners, in particular: FAO, GOF-C-GOLD, IGBP, JRC and UNEP. The global products will update and complement the other existing comparable global products, such as the global land cover map at 1 km resolution for the year 2000 (GLC2000) produced by the Joint Research Center (JRC). The thematic legend of the final product will be compatible with the FAO-UNEP Land Cover Classification System (LCCS).

ESA, in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, presented in March 2008 at the 2nd GlobCover User Consultation workshop held in Rome, Italy, the preliminary version of the map to scientists. The next version of the GLOBCOVER database is estimated to be available on July 2008.