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Central America Lightning Detection Network



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- Context
- Network characteristics
- Status
- Next Steps



- Conference of Ibero-American NMHS Directors
- Working and cooperation structure, with annual meetings, aimed to improve institutional and operative capacities and to share experiences
- Active role of WMO
- Permanent Secretariat in AEMET
- Open to Associated NMHS (Curaçao; Aruba)
- Design, approval and implementation of action plans
 - Institutional strengthening and resources mobilization
 - Provision of Weather, Climate and Hydrologic services
 - Education and training





- Iberoamerican Networks
 - Weather and Climate:  imhet
 - Water:  CODIA
 - Climate Change:  riocc
- Common strategies, join and complementary activities
 - Forecasting, watching and monitoring of extreme hydrometeorological events comprehensively addressed
- Support of Spanish International Cooperation Agencies



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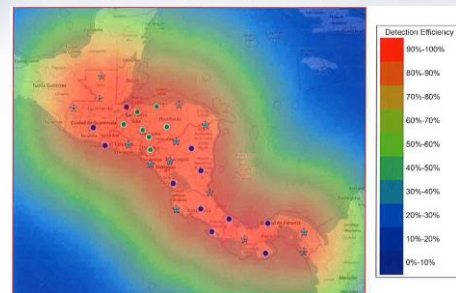
- Observation component of Central America Virtual Center for monitoring and forecast of hydrometeorological events
- Regional network, use in each NMHS
- Agreement by all NMHS concerned
- Funded by EU LAIF, managed by AECID (674.000 EUR)
- Technical support from AEMET



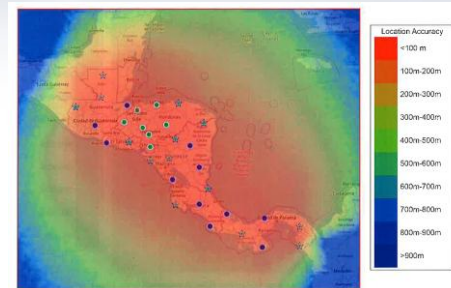
System used: Advanced Lightning Network from TOA Systems, implemented by DTN



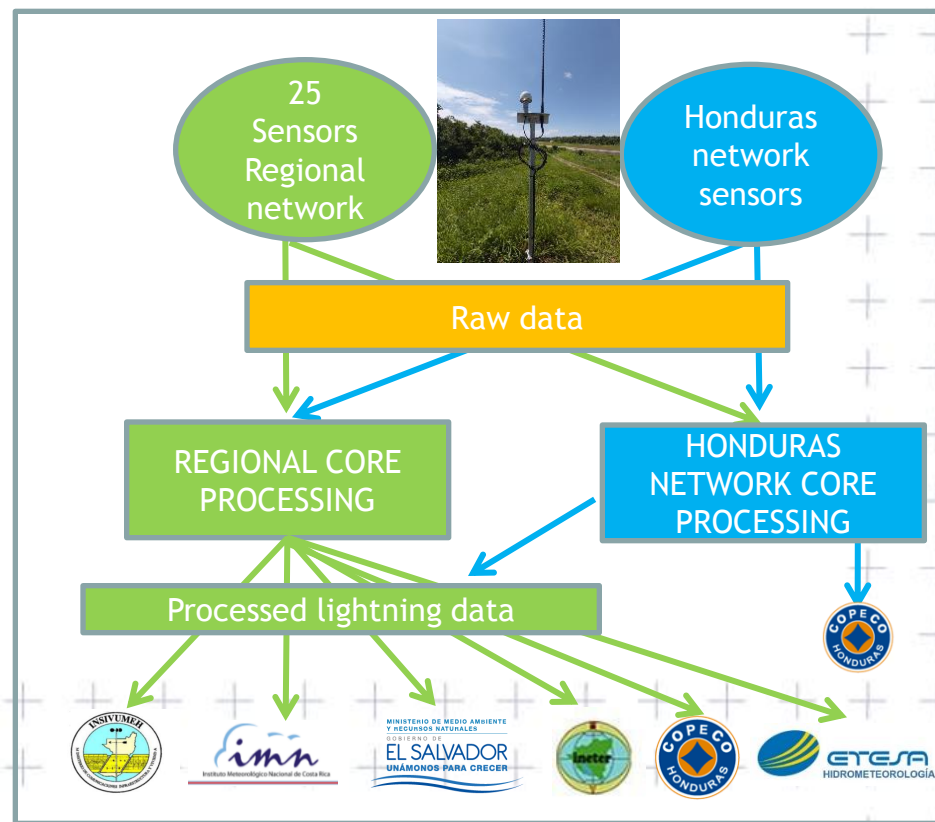
- Detectors (25) distributed by all countries
 - Location accuracy < 100 m in mostly of the area
 - Detection efficiency higher 90%
- A single processing system, based in Hidromet-ETESA (Panama)
- Operating systems (6) in each NMHS
- Include current systems (Honduras network)



Detection efficiency 5kA



Location accuracy





- Provide sites with electricity and internet access and without electric interferences
- Responsible for preventive and corrective maintenance of installed equipment
- Data ownership
 - Raw data: NHMS with detector antenna
 - Localized data: All NMHS
- Products ownership
 - National products produced by each NMHS: Elaborating institution
 - Regional products produced by Processing System: All NMHS



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Implementation problems



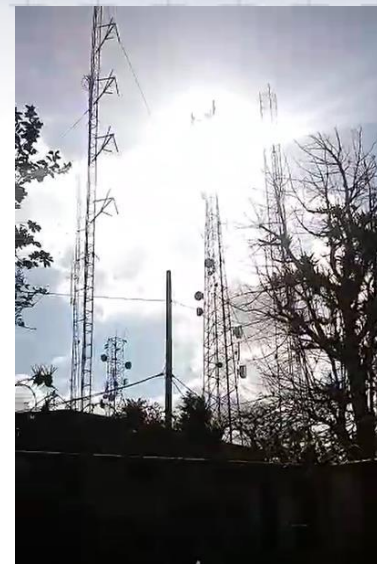
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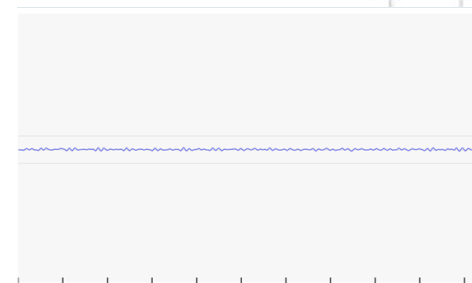
- Sites with noise. Need for alternative locations
- Difficulties in get some suitable sites
- Internet connection difficulties of detectors
- Problems with ETESA firewall to receive data from detectors outside its corporative network



Proposed site



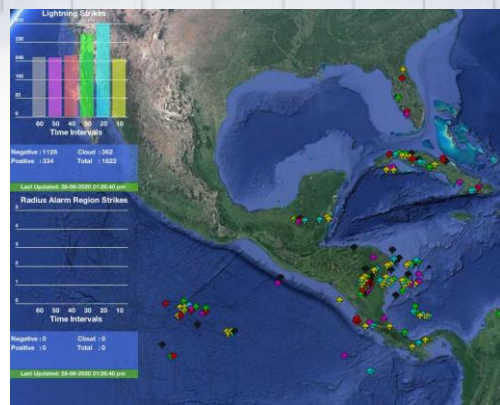
Noise at proposed site



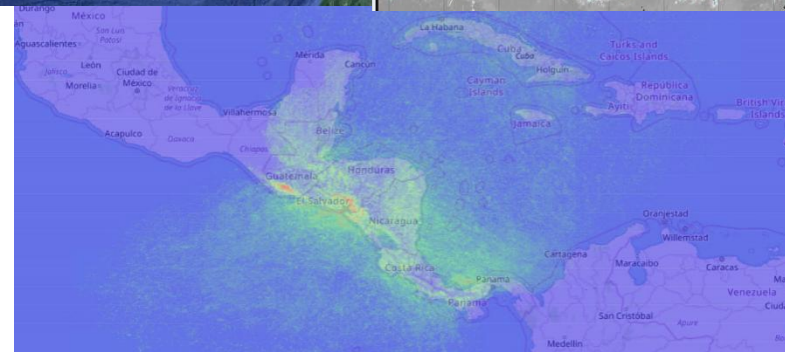
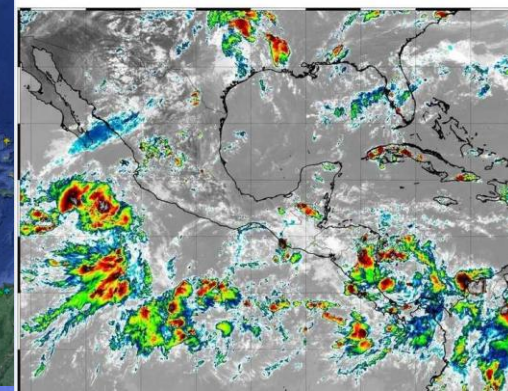
Operational noise



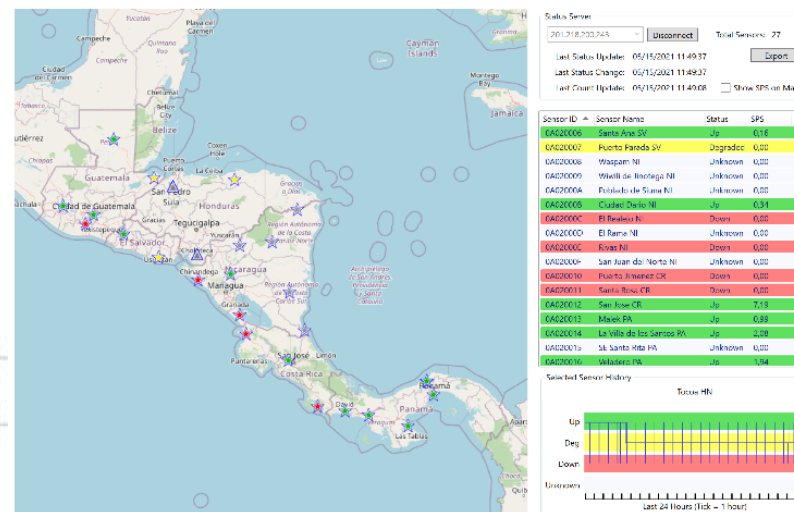
- Operational from September 2019
- Independent Internet connection for the Processing System financed by ETESA
- Six detectors not yet installed
- Some detectors with communications problems
- Trevel restrictions for installation and maintenance due to the pandemic



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TCM System Status Viewer





Next Steps



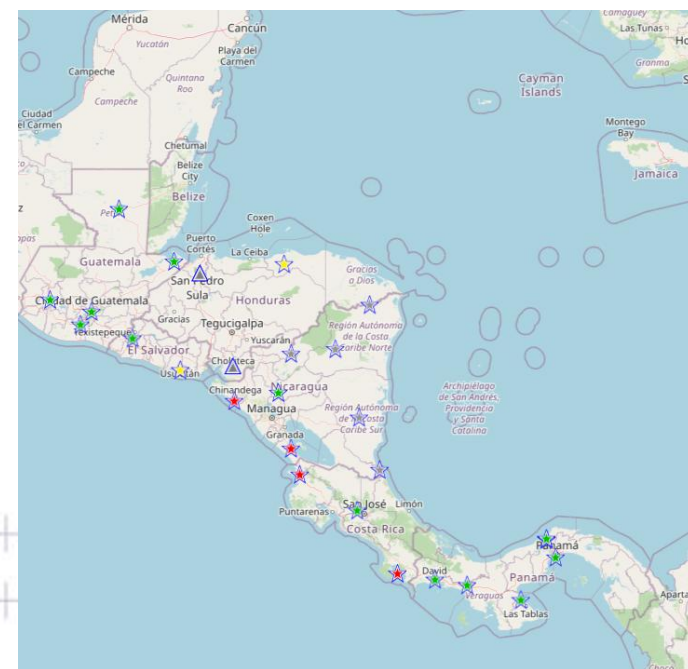
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- Design of a failure notification system, managed from the CRRH
- Installation and operation of all detectors
- Incorporation of 100% of the Honduras lighting detection network (7 detectors)
- Training workshops and Exchange of experiences
- Possible network expansión
 - No practical limit to the number of sensors that can be added to the system
 - Possible incorporation of other NMHS
 - Detectors installation
 - Exploitation system
- Replication in other areas





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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

