

Tasmania seen from Envisat



The Island of Tasmania seen from ENVISAT.

It is an early summer image and one of the seldom cloud free views of Tasmania. The image provides a perfect overview of the vegetation. Due to its humid climate in the mid-southern latitudes the island appears in many shades of green. The yellow brown cover show the harvested fields (barley and wheat) and perhaps dry grassland in the northern and east central part of the island, while the light green represents the grass and pasture land. Dark brown-green stands for shrub and dark green for forest, whereas Eucalyptus appears in a lighter brownish green tone. The western part includes mainly wet forest and shrub in dark green and the button grass moor lands in dark brownish green.

Technical information

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