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**“Use of CHRIS imagery for Monitoring Ecological Water Quality in smallest Mediterranean Reservoirs integrated in the Intercalibration Exercise of WFD Implementation Process. Final report.” (AO 3123)**

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*Topic/subtopic : Ecological Water Quality. Photosynthetic pigments. Remote sensing*





CEDEX proposed CHRIS activities for 2005. through two AO Projects (AO 2830 since 2004 and AO 3123 new for 2005) in the frame of a Project funded by the Spanish Environment Ministry.

for Monitoring the Water Quality. specifically Chlorophyll-a mean summer concentration assessment. in reservoirs included in the

Geographic Intercalibration Group for Mediterranean Lakes. leaded by Spain. in the *Common Implementation Strategy of European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD)*.





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establishing a **framework**

the field of **water policy**



#### 1.4.1. Comparability of biological monitoring results

- (i) Member States shall establish monitoring systems for the purpose of estimating the values of the biological quality elements specified for each surface water category or for heavily modified and artificial bodies of surface water. In applying the procedure set out below to heavily modified or artificial water bodies, references to ecological status should be construed as references to ecological potential. Such systems may utilise particular species or groups of species which are representative of the quality element as a whole.
- (ii) In order to ensure comparability of such monitoring systems, the results of the systems operated by each Member State shall be expressed as ecological quality ratios for the purposes of classification of ecological status. These ratios shall represent the relationship between the values of the biological parameters observed for a given body of surface water and the values for these parameters in the reference conditions applicable to that body. The ratio shall be expressed as a numerical value between zero and one, with high ecological status represented by values close to one and bad ecological status by values close to zero.
- (iii) Each Member State shall divide the ecological quality ratio scale for their monitoring system for each surface water category into five classes ranging from high to bad ecological status, as defined in Section 1.2, by assigning a numerical value to each of the boundaries between the classes. The value for the boundary between the classes of high and good status, and the value for the boundary between good and moderate status shall be established through the intercalibration exercise described below.





The purpose of the Intercalibration exercise is

to ensure comparable ecological quality assessment systems and harmonised ecological quality criteria for surface waters in the Member States.

This ensures a harmonised approach to define one of the main environmental objectives of the WFD. the “*good ecological status*” by establishing:

- Agreed ecological quality criteria for good quality sites. setting the targets for protection and restoration
- Agreed numerical Ecological Quality Ratio (EQR) values for two quality class boundaries (high/good and good/moderate)





## *Geographical Intercalibration Groups (GIG)*

The intercalibration network must be confined to “ecoregions”.

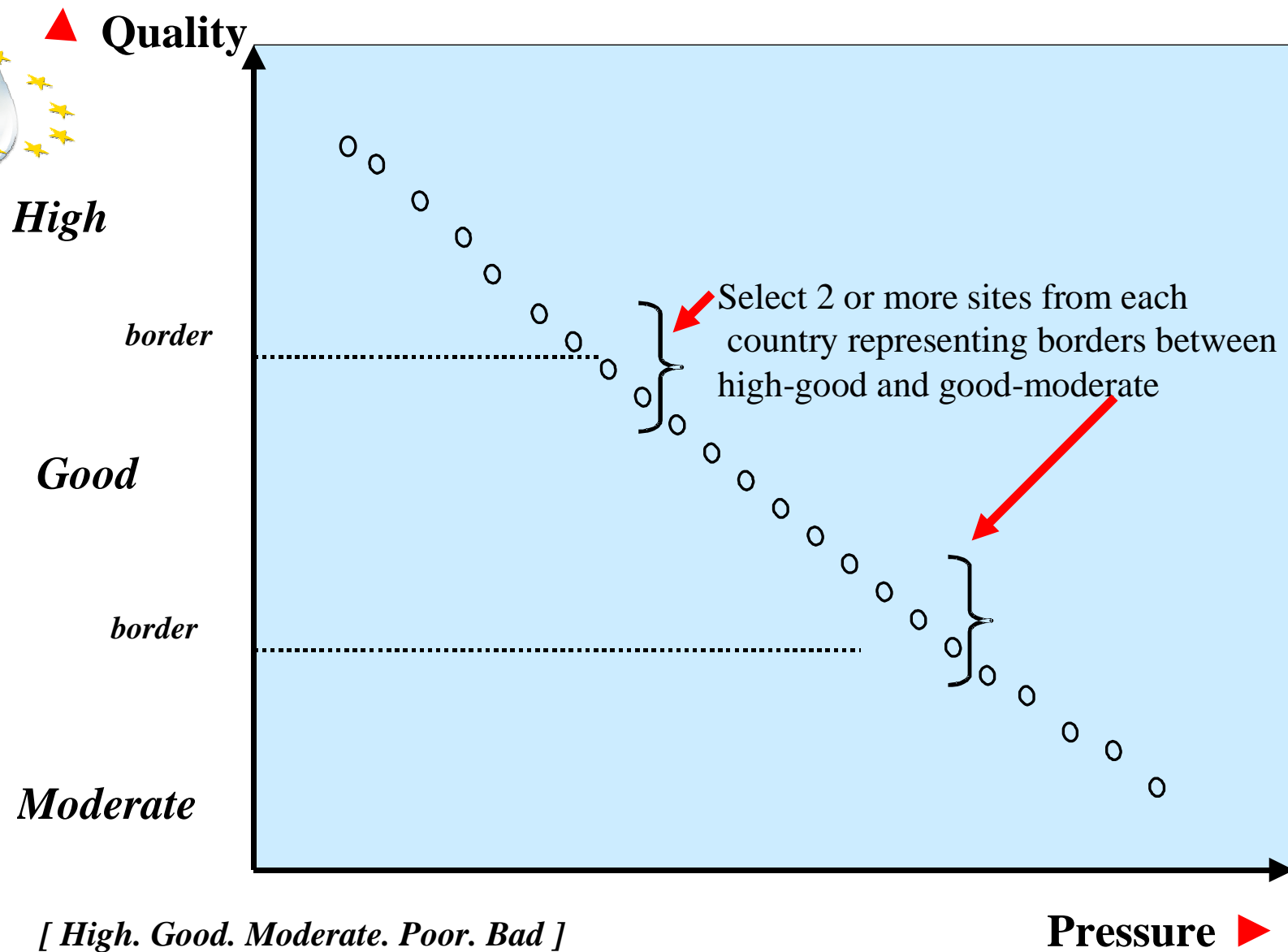
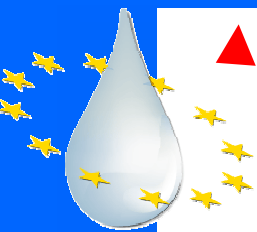
“Ecoregions” can either be interpreted as those specified in Annex XI of the Directive (the Illies ecoregions for lakes and rivers, and much wider regions for coastal and transitional waters), or can be defined in a wider sense.

- For *lakes*: five intercalibration groups (Northern. Atlantic. Central. Alpine. *Mediterranean*).

*GIG LM :*

*Spain (leader). Portugal. France. Italy. Greece. Cyprus and Romania*









common “WFD assessment method” in the GIG.

In the L-M GIG, the common method comes to be the assessment of **chlorophyll concentration** from a sample collected at, or immediately below, the water surface, once in summer season.

... as an interim common method for IC purposes until a more sufficient method is implemented, in search of a more reliable outcome. More specifically, an improved chlorophyll assessment method could be agreed among the GIG countries, increasing somewhat the annual number of samples and adopting a common sampling strategy.

As an alternative approach to increased sampling, or in addition to it, satellite remote sensing imagery may provide a valuable tool in monitoring the variability of algal biomass and assessing the mean summer values of chlorophyll concentration at water surface.







# European Union Water Framework Directive (EU WFD) Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) Intercalibration Exercise Geographic Intercalibration Group



LM – Mediterranean Lakes and Reservoirs (ES leader. PT. FR. IT. GR. CY. RO)  
50 reservoirs included in this process



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Chlorophyll-a fit equation:

$$[\text{Chla}] = 9.981 e^{5.6743 (W14-W12)/(W14+W12)} \quad R^2 = 0.8003$$

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Phycocyanin fit equation:

$$[\text{Phyc}] = 46.478 e^{5.1864 (W14-W9)/(W14+W9)} \quad R^2 = 0.9211$$

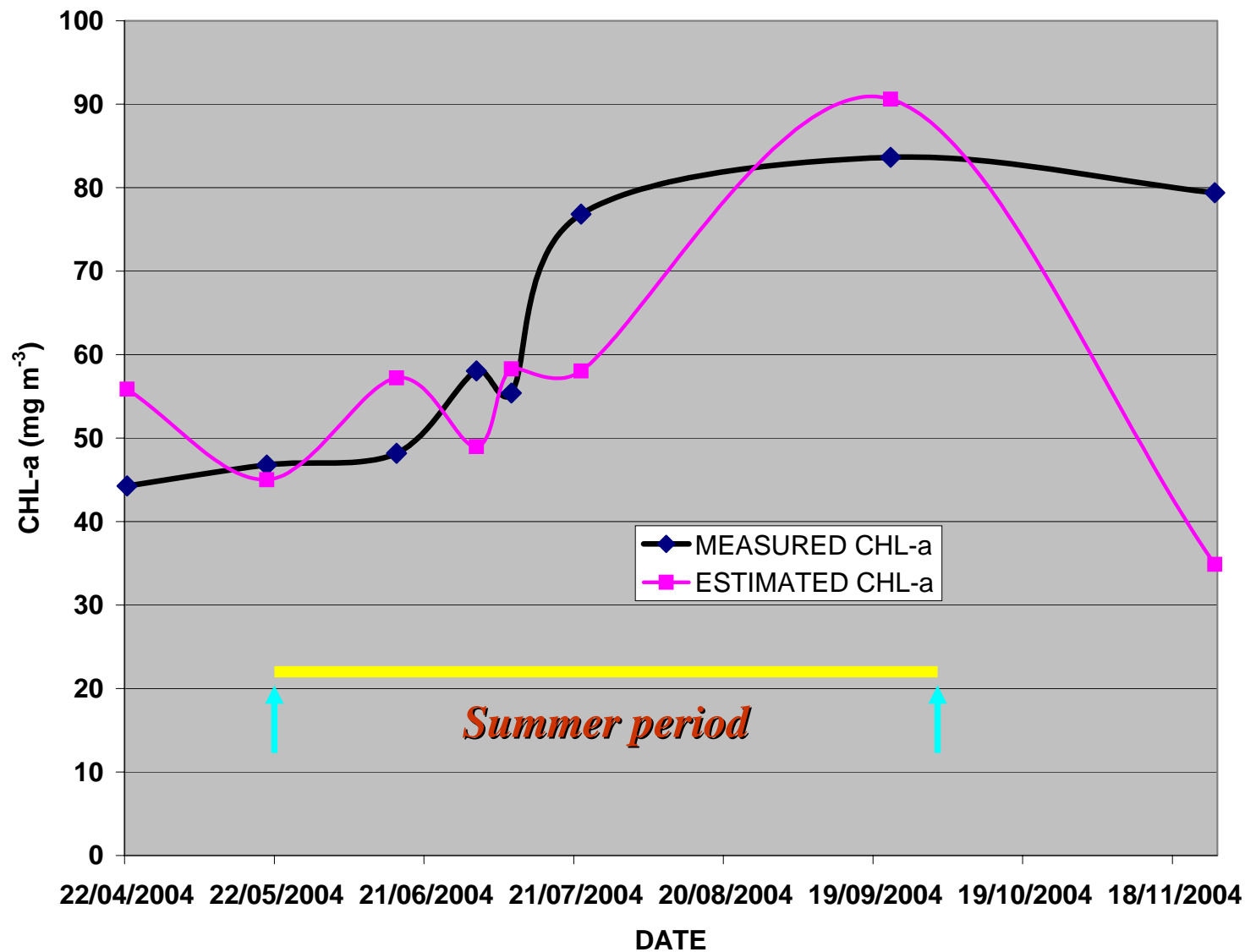
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(W14 center corresponding with MERIS 9)

(W9 center corresponding with MERIS 6)



# EVOLUTION OF MEASURED AND ESTIMATED CHLOROPHYLL-A (SAMPLING POINT B)





## Ground campaigns tasks:

- Monthly in summer period from May 2005 until October 2005 (adapted to CHRIS-Proba calendar). measuring: Phytoplankton taxonomic composition and biomass; Chlorophyll-a and other Phytoplankton pigment composition; Nutrient concentration; Secchi disk depth transparency; Physicochemical parameters assessment.

[Member State Water Authorities Scientific Branch. responsible any case of Ecological Water Quality Assessment]

## Imagery needs:

- Quantity: desirable 1 image per month. preferably may-october.
- Type: Water bands. Mode 2. Full Swath. High Resolution. Multiangular (5 angles)





## Proposal AO 3123

The Area of work includes:

-Kouris reservoir and

Asprokremmos reservoir. in *Cyprus*;

-Sacele reservoir and

Bezid reservoir. in *Romania*;

-Punta Gennarta reservoir and

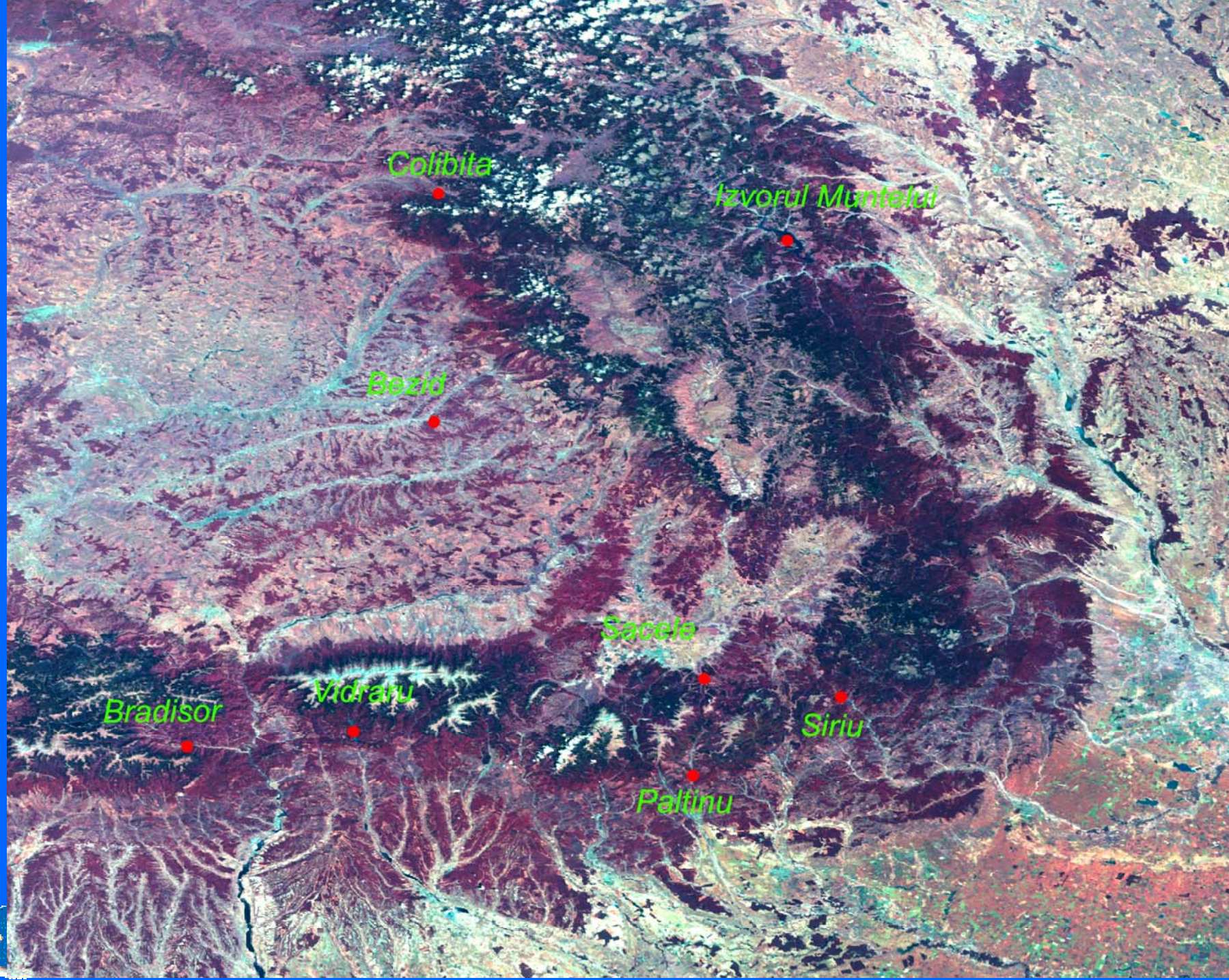
Cucchinadorza reservoir. in *Sardegna Island. Italy*



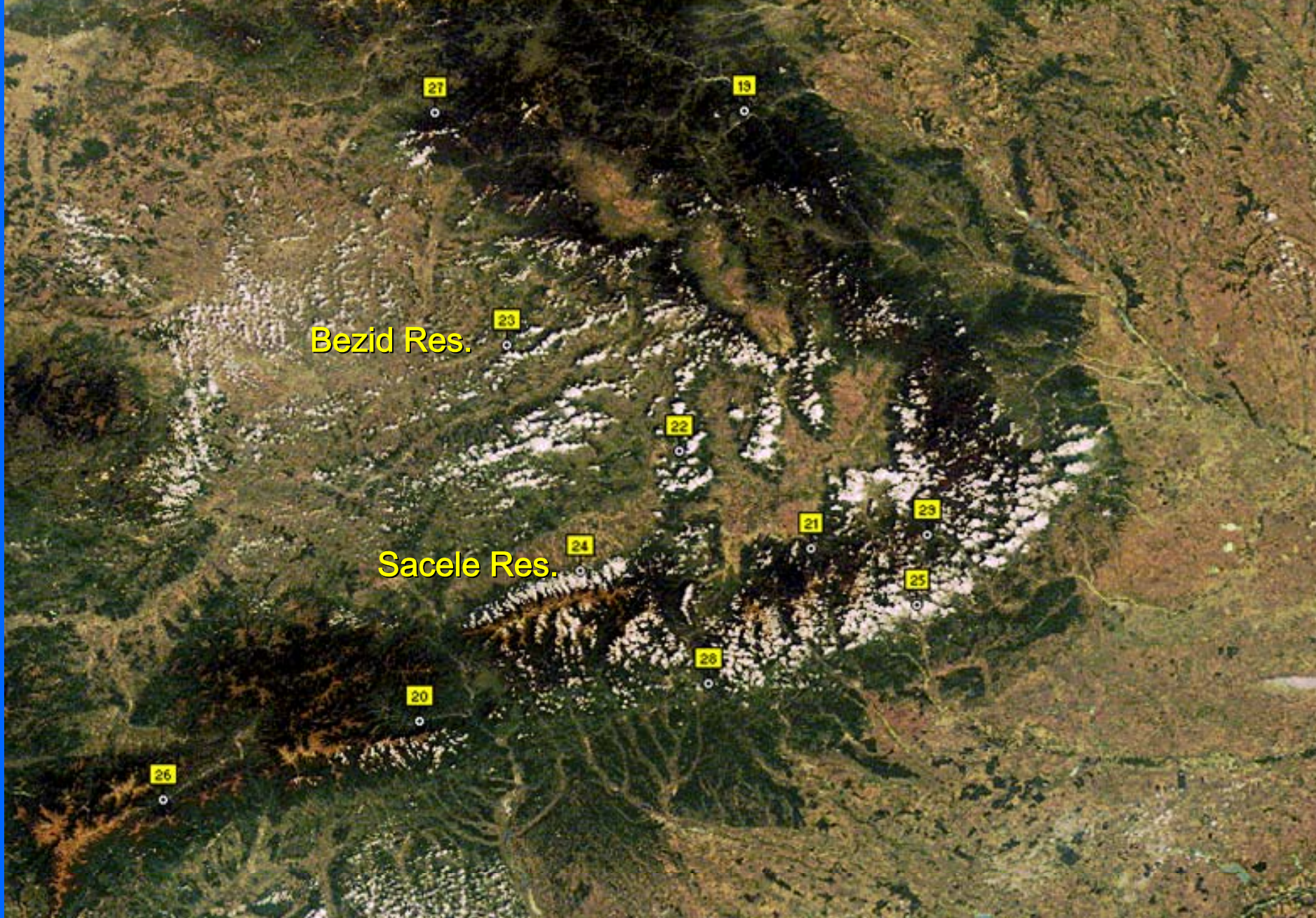








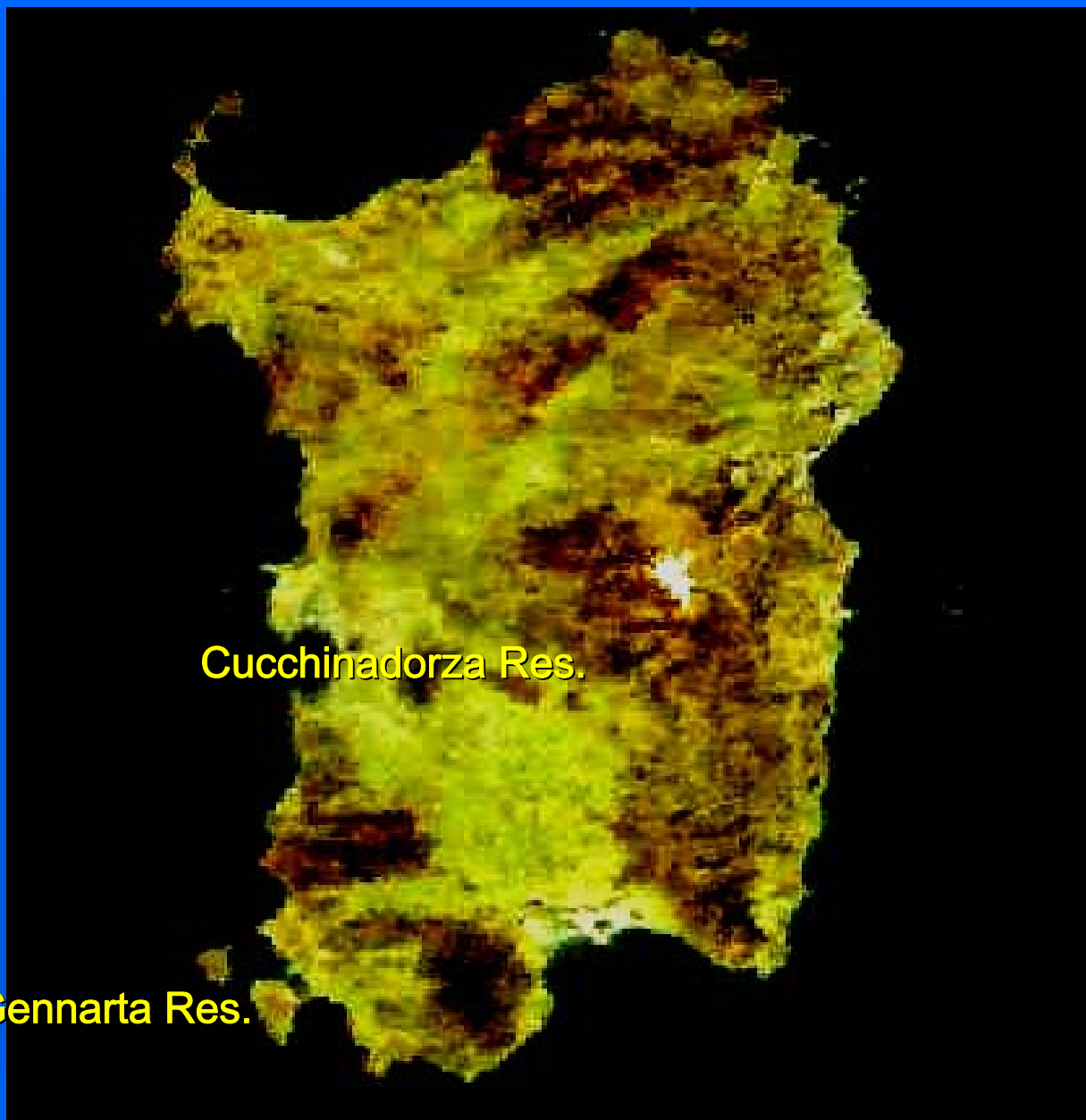




Bezid Res.

Sacele Res.





Cucchinadorza Res.

Punta Gennarta Res.



# Final proposal **ACCEPTED**

## CHRIS / Proba Revised acquisition request for 2005

<i>AO-ID *</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Nº Image Sets</i>	<i>Period</i>
2830	Rosarito	8	abr-nov
3123	Kouris	5	may-oct
3123	Asprokremmos	5	may-oct
3123	Sacele	5	may-oct
3123	Bezid	5	may-oct
3123	Cucchinadorza	5	may-oct
3123	Punta Gennarta	5	may-oct

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## RESULTS FROM THE DATA ACQUISITION IN SOME GIG-LM RESERVOIRS BY SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING





## From 1999 to 2005 CEDEX developed the ESA Project AOE-594 . “Development of an Operational System for direct Thematic Mapping of Photosynthetic Pigments in Lakes using MERIS. Application to the Spanish reservoirs”.

In the working plan was included many field activities in order to built an comprehensive data bank of many spanish reservoirs integrating radiometric information on water optics. in situ profiling of several pigment and other parameters and integrated sampling in the 1<sup>st</sup> optical layer to analysis by HPLC method 19 pigments.

After CEDEX was developed *reflectivity models* to assess Chlorophyll a and other pigment concentration in water bodies to applied to MERIS imagery and to any other multi or hyperspectral images of reservoirs.

In that campaigns was used some *device* to assure the same conditions in the radiometric measurements by the field *spectro-radiometer* . In addition has used a *probe CTD and multiflorimeter* for pigments. (in the next slides)





**Sensor CHRIS / Proba satellite : 17 m spatial resolution; 5 angles image set; 15 km frame; 18 spectral bands in the mode 2 water.**

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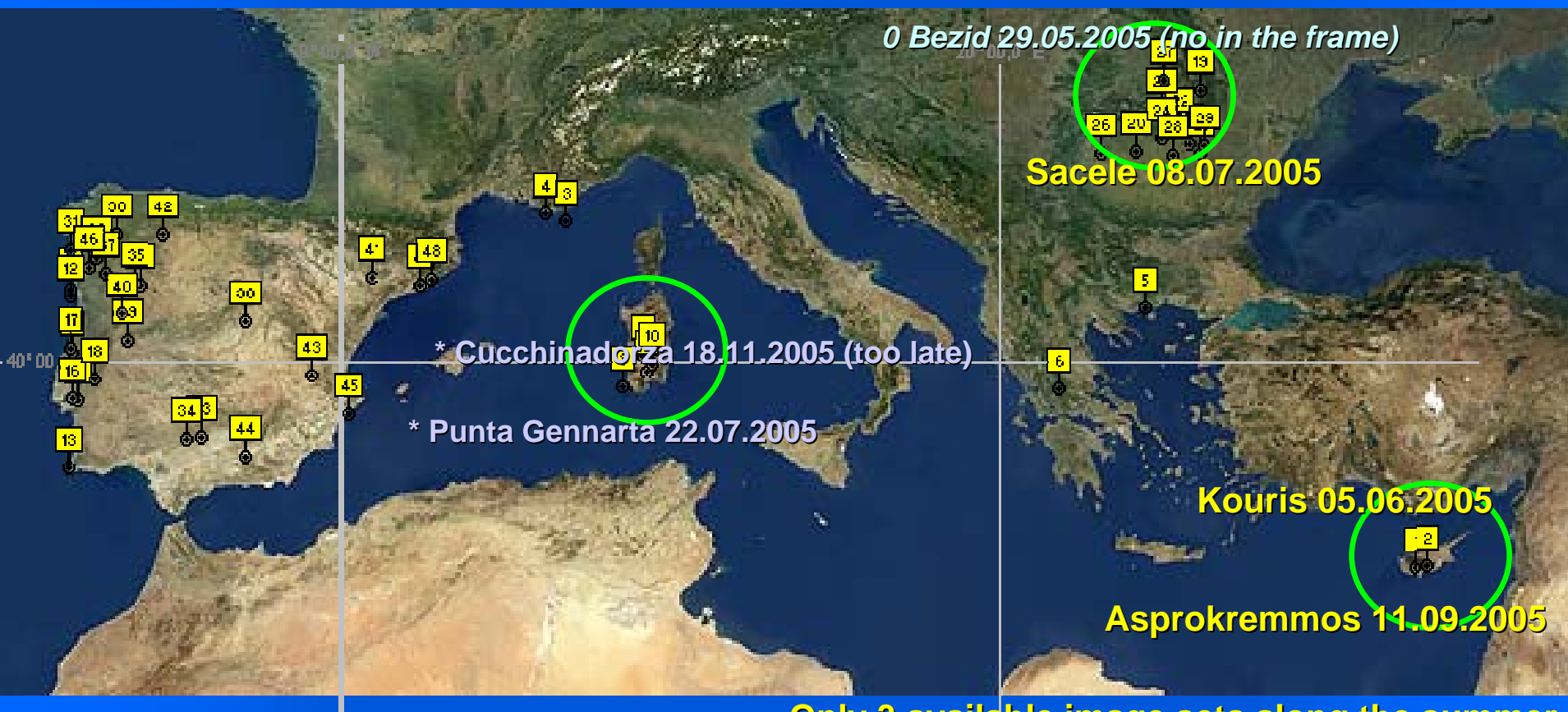






## 2005 CHRIS/Proba image set acquisition

Sensor CHRIS / Proba satellite : 17 m spatial resolution; 5 angles image set; 15 km frame; 18 spectral bands in the mode 2 water.



\* Finally no included in the IC process

Only 3 available image sets along the summer

Then, to cover the summer season has been necessary to use with its limitations. ...

0 No image

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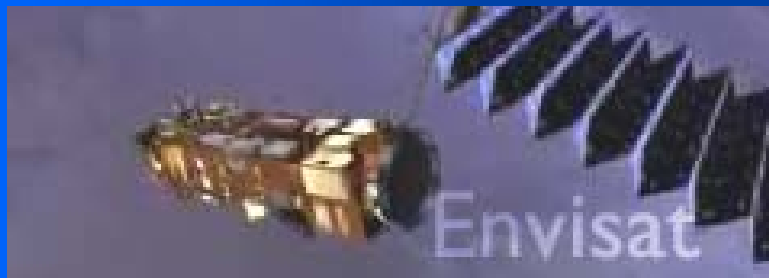
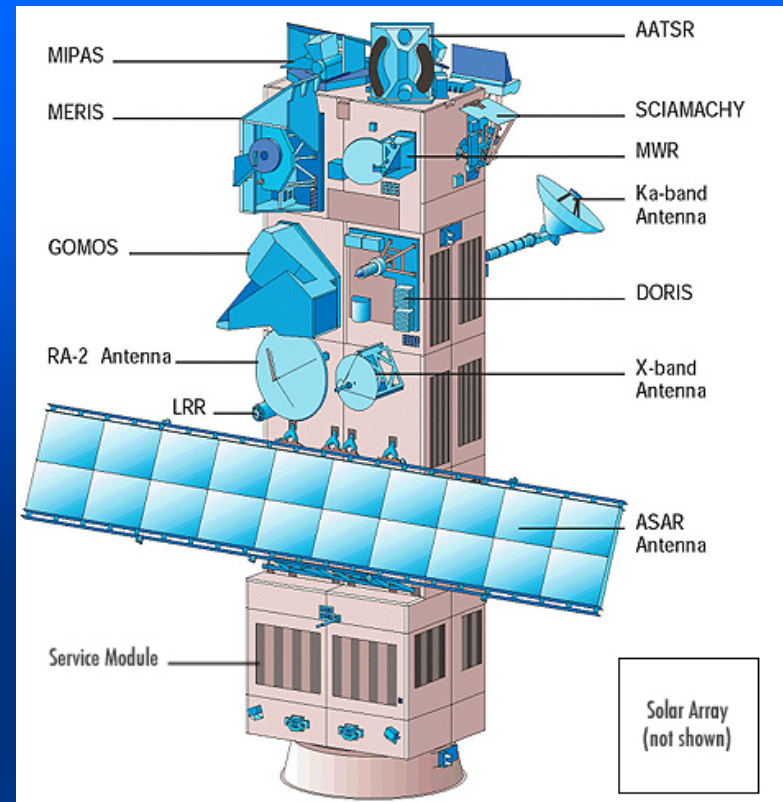
## The Sensor MERIS / ENVISAT satellite :

**300 m spatial resolution;**

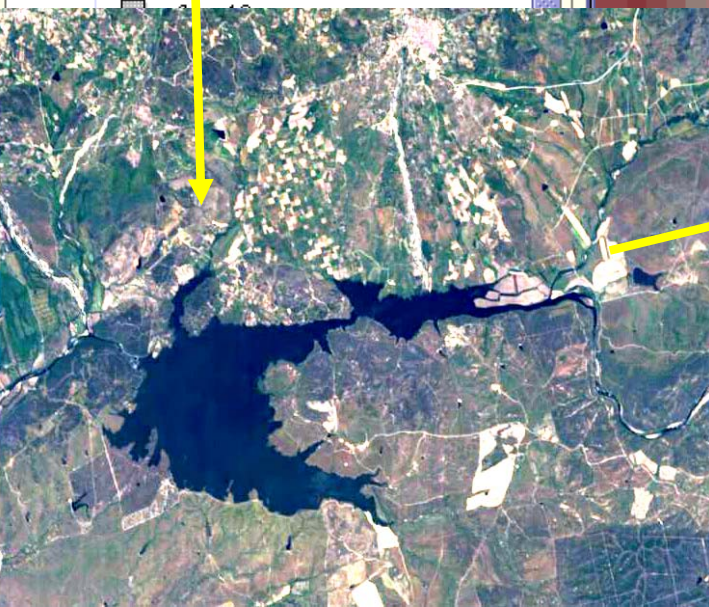
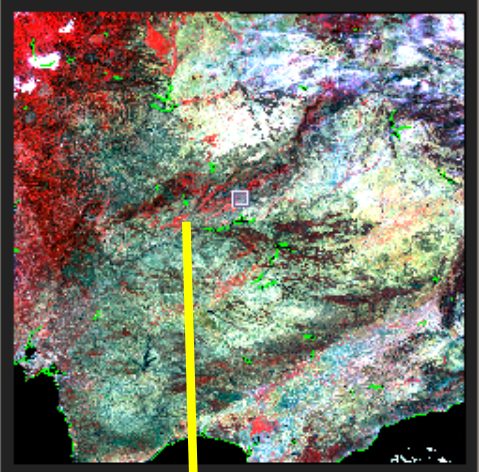
**1050 km frame;**

**16 spectral bands in the visible spectrum specially focused on ocean colour and environmental applications.**

## High radiometric quality



**ENVISAT-1**  
**operational satellite :**  
**10 sensors;**  
**weight 8500 kg;**  
**ESA Earth Observation mission**



[1] RGB

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Considering the small size of reservoirs included in the IC exercise

Only some pixels of water without influence of shoreline pixels.

Then is possible obtain the water surface layer Chlorophyll-a mean value for each date along the summer period.

# Satellite images orders (received **R**)

MERIS / ENVISAT-1 images

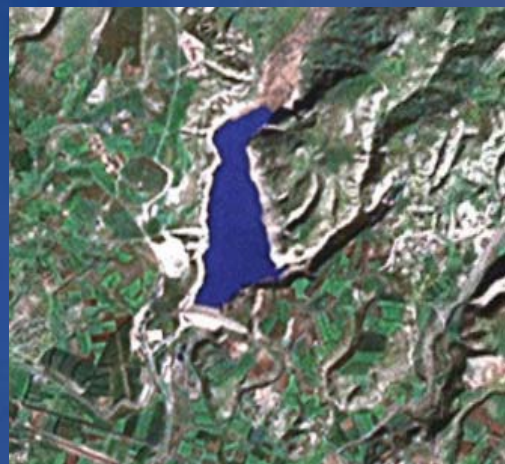
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02	30.07	A	02	17.05	R	06	21.06	R
03	27.07	R	03 * <sub>2</sub>	05.06	R	07	24.06	R
04	26.06	R	04 * <sub>8</sub>	08.06	R	08	01.07	R
05	17.06	R	05	18.06	R	09	04.07	R
06	04.06	R	06	24.06	R	10	07.07	R
07	22.06	R	07* <sub>6,7</sub>	07.07	R	11	20.07	R
08	22.08	R	08	20.07	R	12	23.07	R
08b	22.08	R	09	11.08	R	13	26.07	R
08-22g	22.08	R	10	14.08	R	14	08.08	R
09-29g	29.08	F	11	29.08	A	15	14.08	R
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			17	18.09	R			
			18	04.10	A			
SP-TTS 4 +TTS 5								





Reservoir	C.	Sensor	Image dates	Sampling date	Chl-a (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
<u>Colibita</u>	RO	ME	04.06.05 17.06.05 22.06.05 26.06.05 27.07.05 31.07.05 22.08.05	08.06.05    19.07.05  23.08.05	1.16    2.22  3.71	6.75    3.20  3.50
<u>Izvorul Montelui</u>	RO	ME	04.06.05 17.06.05 22.06.05 26.06.05 27.07.05 31.07.05 22.08.05	10.06.05    18.07.05  22.08.05	2.06    1.26  0.86	3.30    2.50  1.70
<u>Bezid</u>	RO	ME	04.06.05 17.06.05 22.06.05 26.06.05 27.07.05 31.07.05 22.08.05	06.06.05    20.07.05  24.08.05	2.07    1.76  1.26	2.00    1.50  1.50
<u>Sacele</u>	RO	ME  CH ME	04.06.05 17.06.05 22.06.05 26.06.05 08.07.05 27.07.05 31.07.05 22.08.05 22.08.05 <	17.06.05    08.07.05   19.08.05	0.28    0.91   0.44	1.90    1.70   4.00



**Asprokremmos**



**Papavuno**

**Kouris**



**Lefkara**



**Koryf**

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Asprokremmos

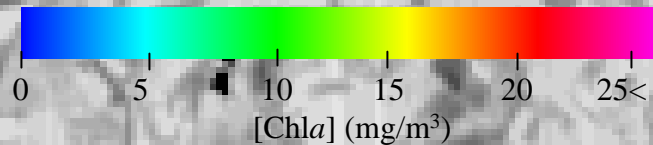




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[Chl a] (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
○ 4.45426  
Mean value: 5.0379

Asprokremmos




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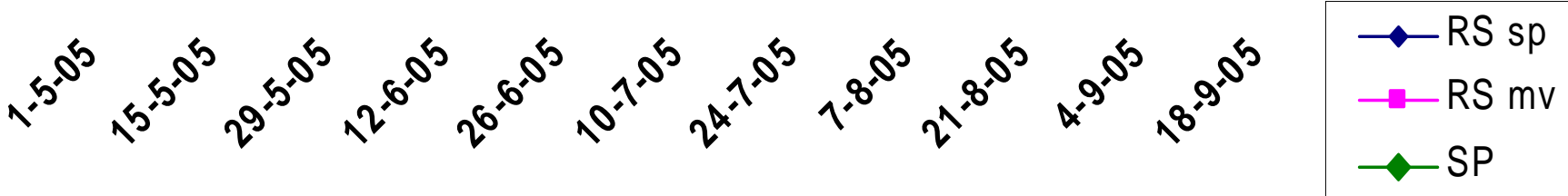
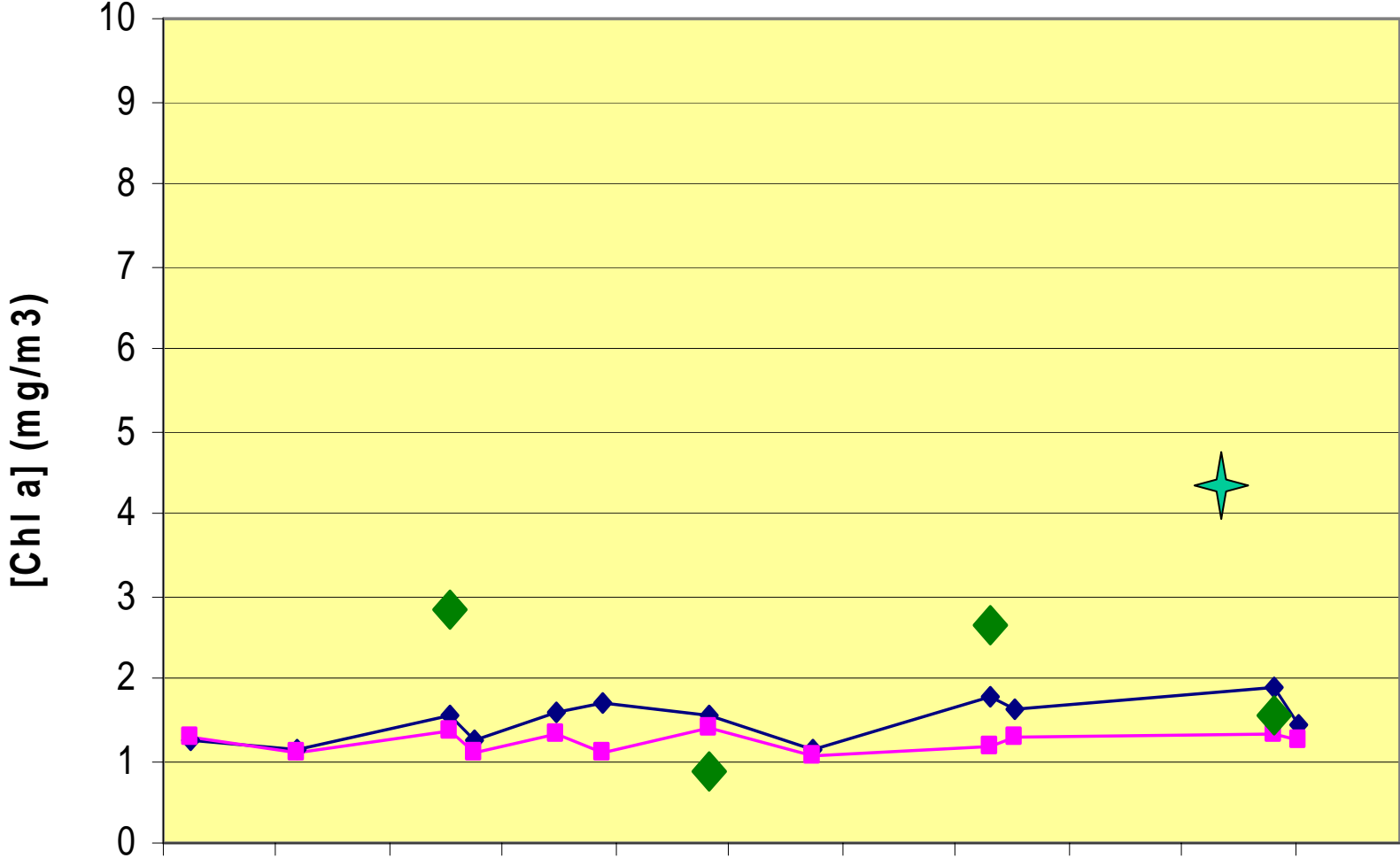
CHRIS (11.09.05)

4.45426 

Mean value: 5.0379

# ASPROKREMMOS Evolution

RS sp mean	1.490
RS mv mean	1.220
Photic I. mean	1.980



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Kouris



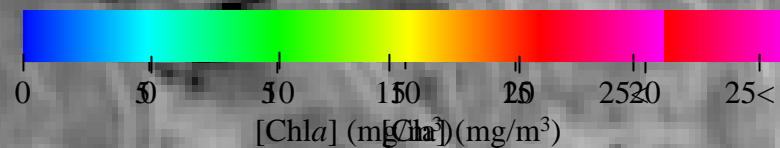
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[Chl a] (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

○ 2.3256

Mean value: 1.8619

Kouris



CHRIS/Proba  
Italy)



04-05-2005  
cloudy

17-05-2005

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MERIS



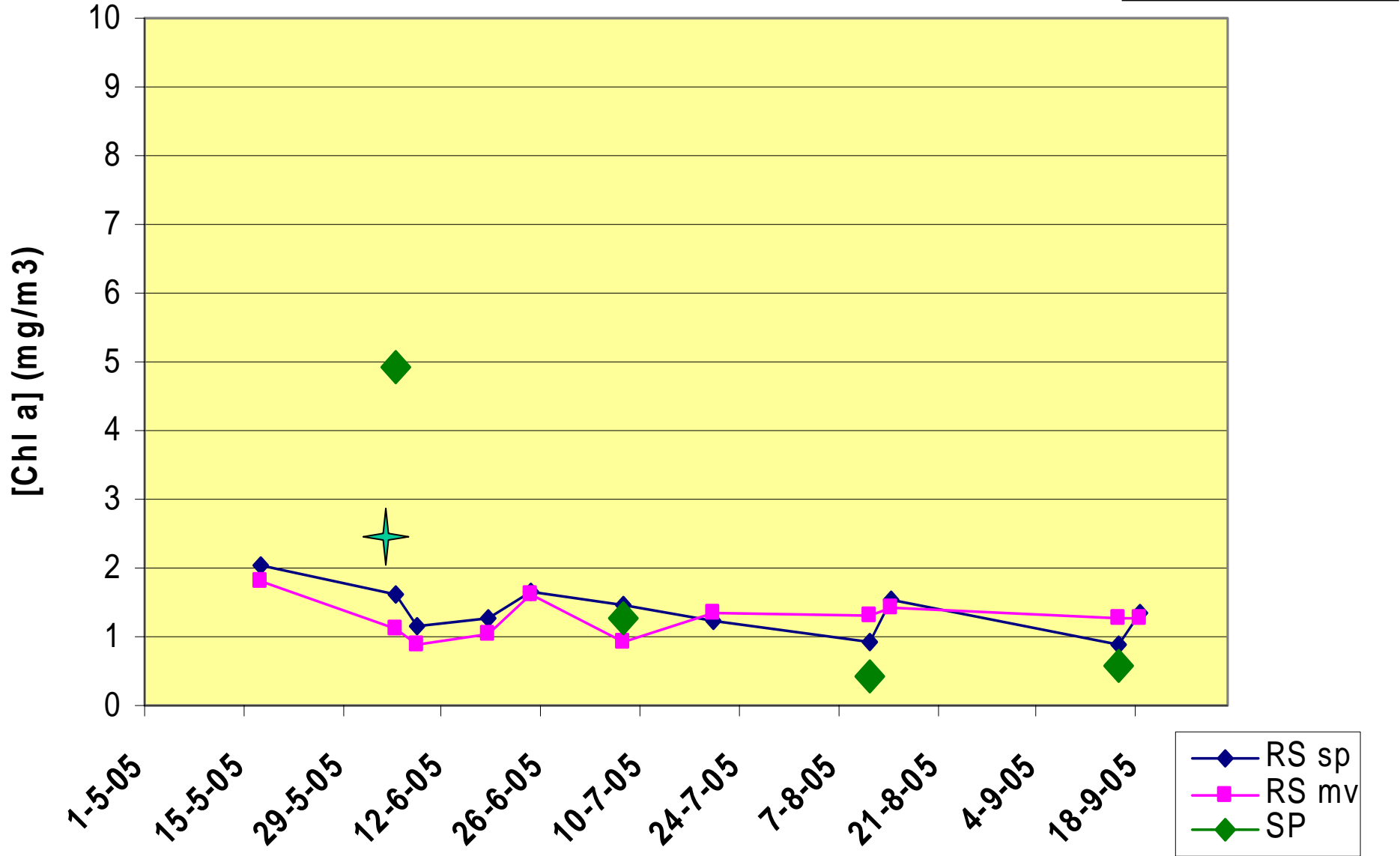
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2.3256

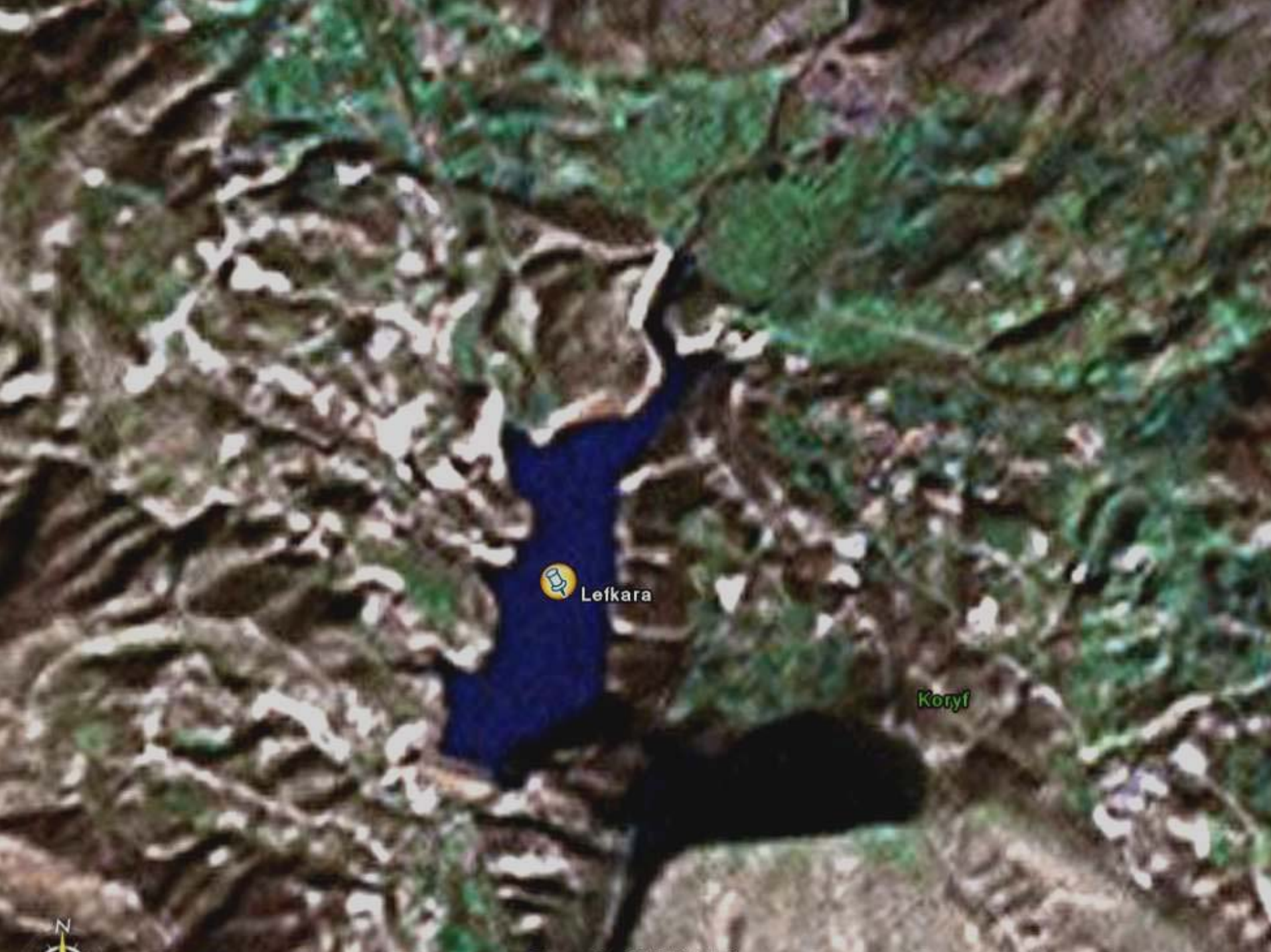
Mean value: 1.8619

# KOURIS Evolution

RS sp mean	1.367
RS mv mean	1.272
Photic I. mean	1.800







Lefkara

Koryf



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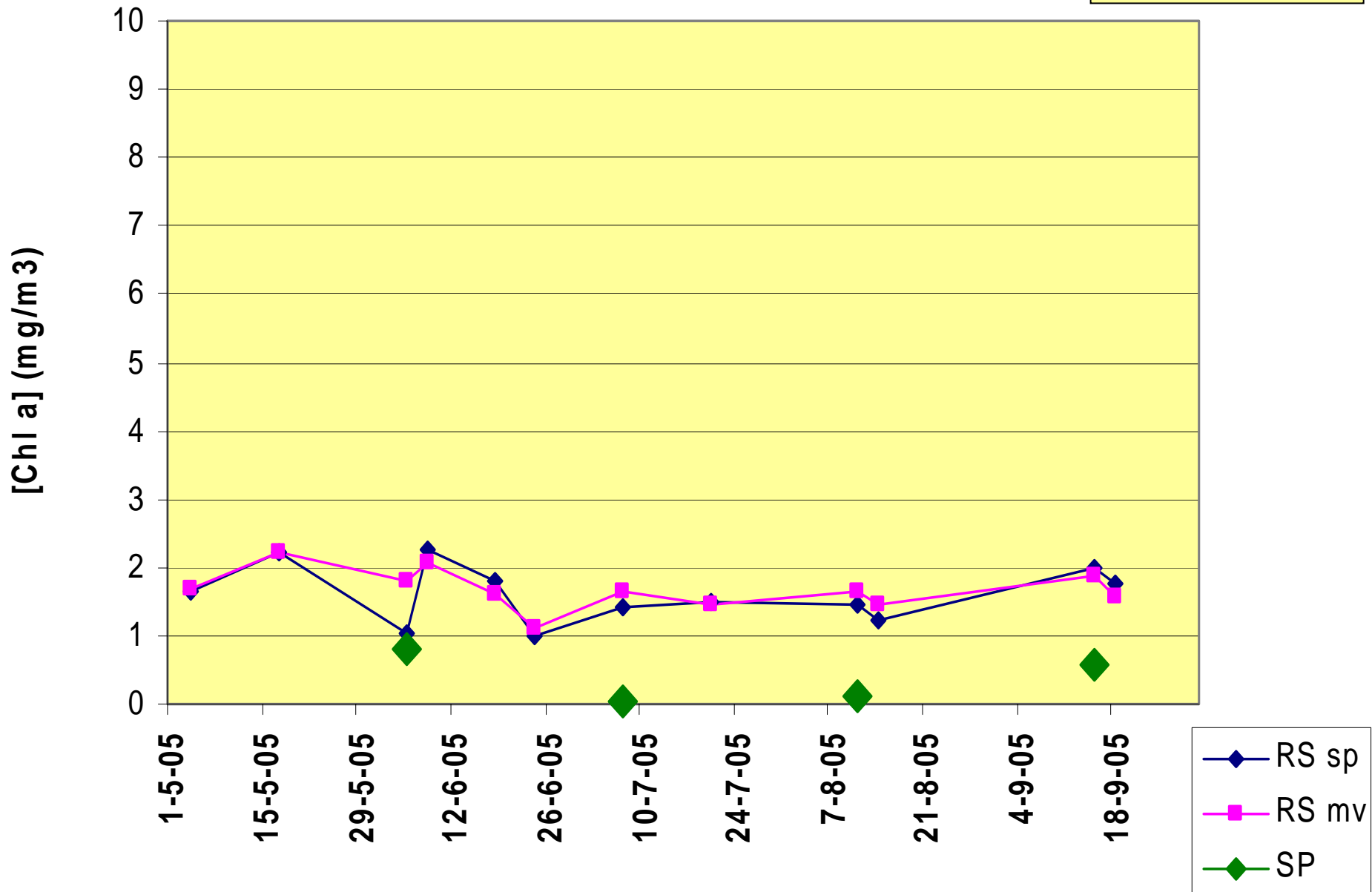


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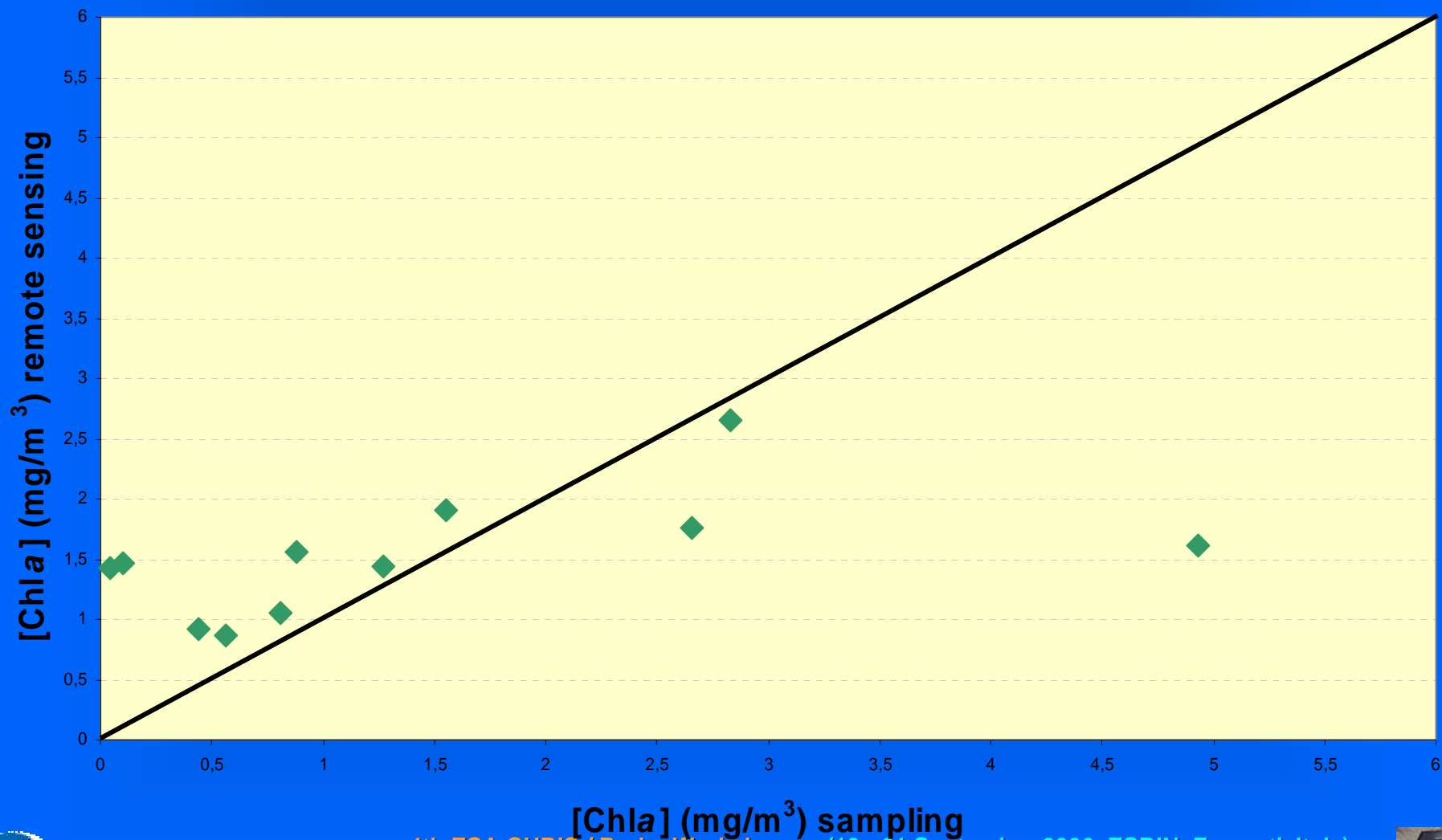
# LEFKARA Evolution

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RS mv mean	1.677
Photic I. mean	0.383



# Cyprus Reservoirs

## [Chla] sampling data vs. [Chla] remote sensing data

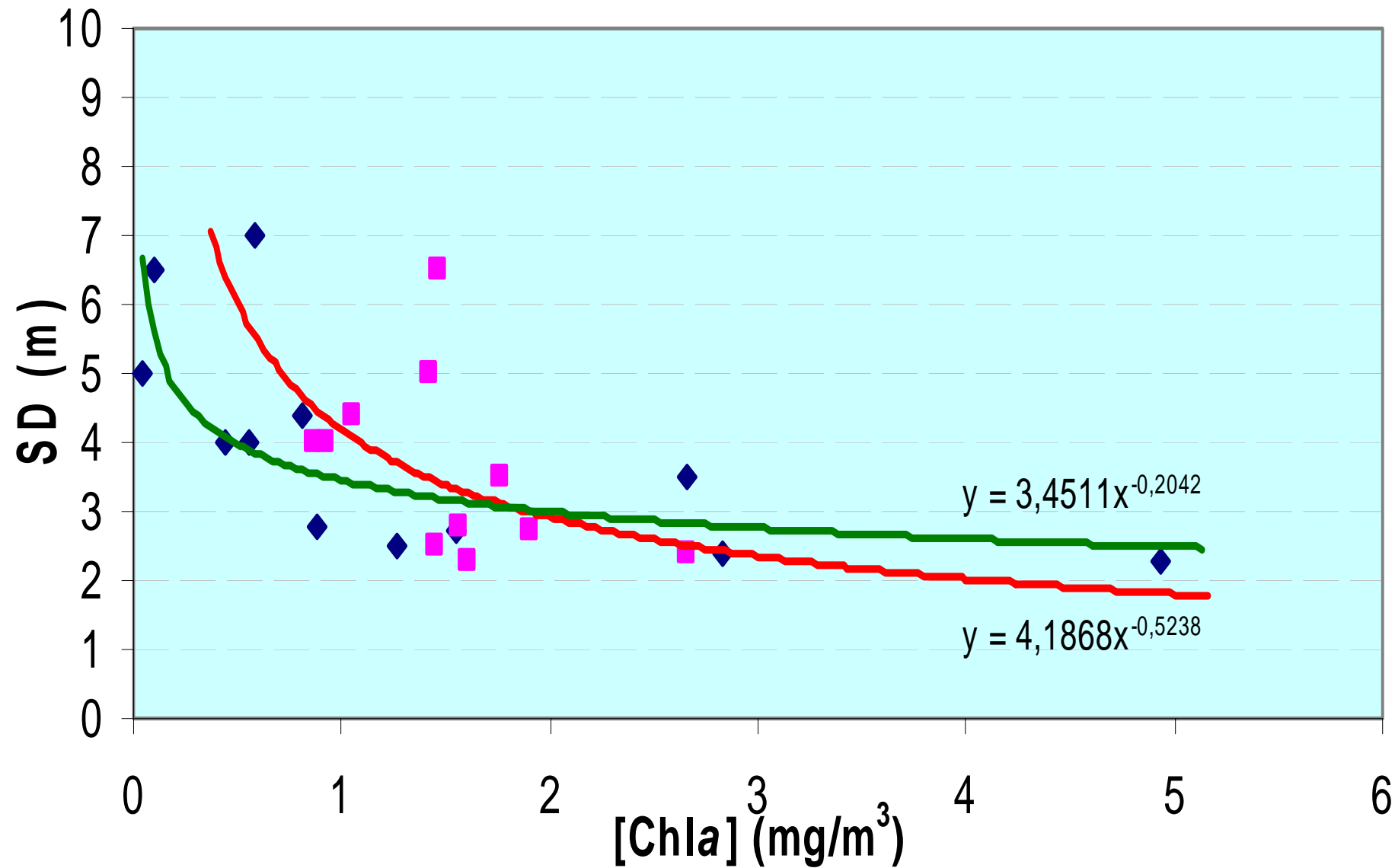


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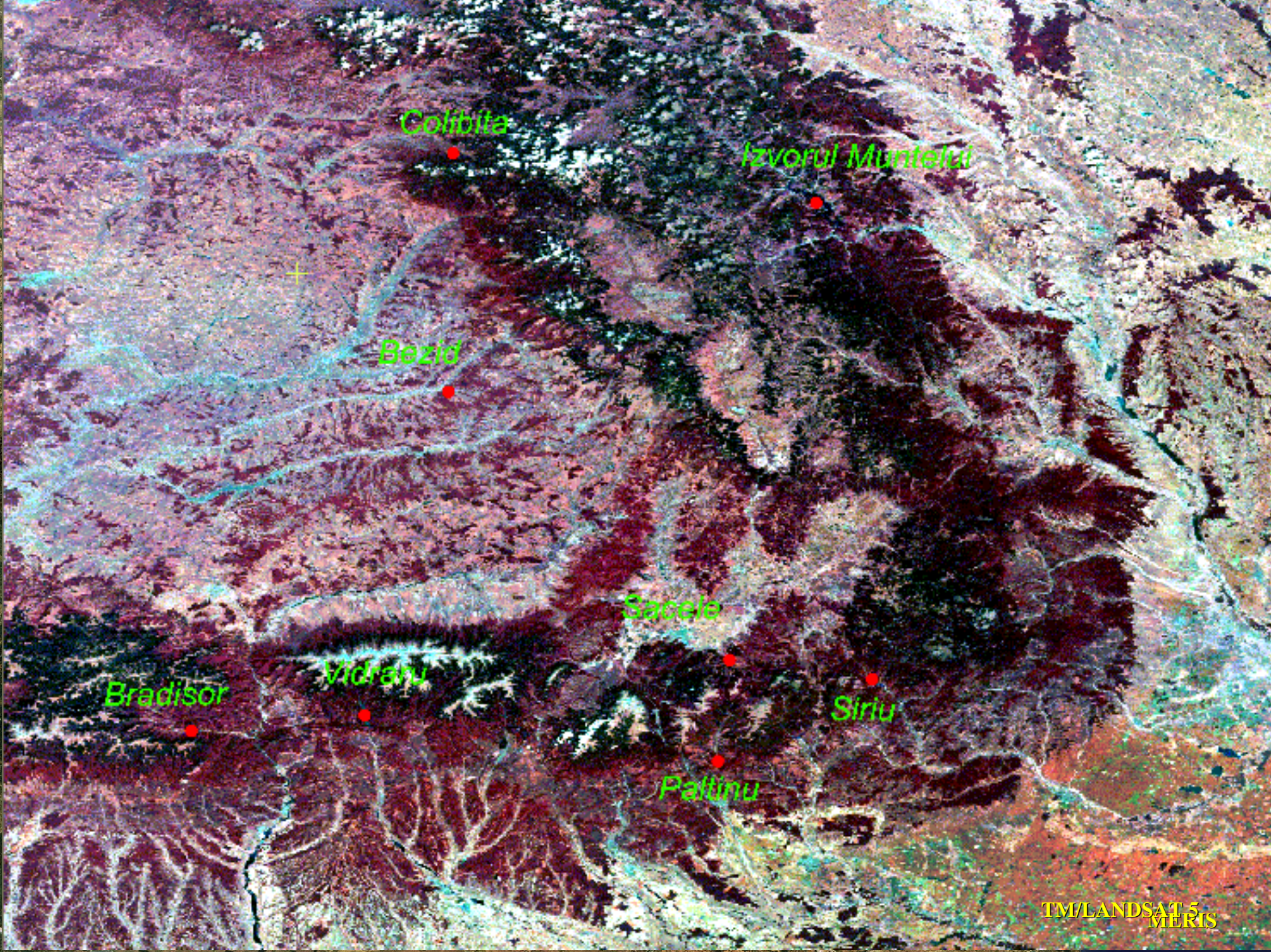
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# SD vs. Chla Sampling --- R. Sensing







Colibita

Izvorul Muntelui

Bezid

Sacele

Bradisor

Vidranu

Paltinu

Siriu

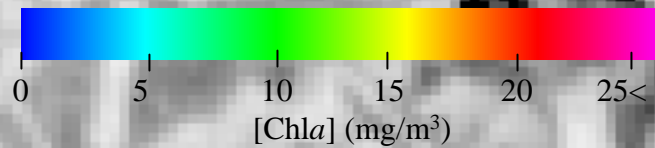




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**[Chl a] (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)**  
○ 1.299  
Mean value: 0.8227

Sacele



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CHRIS (08.07.05)

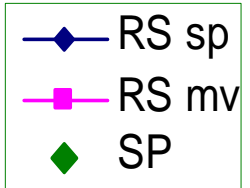
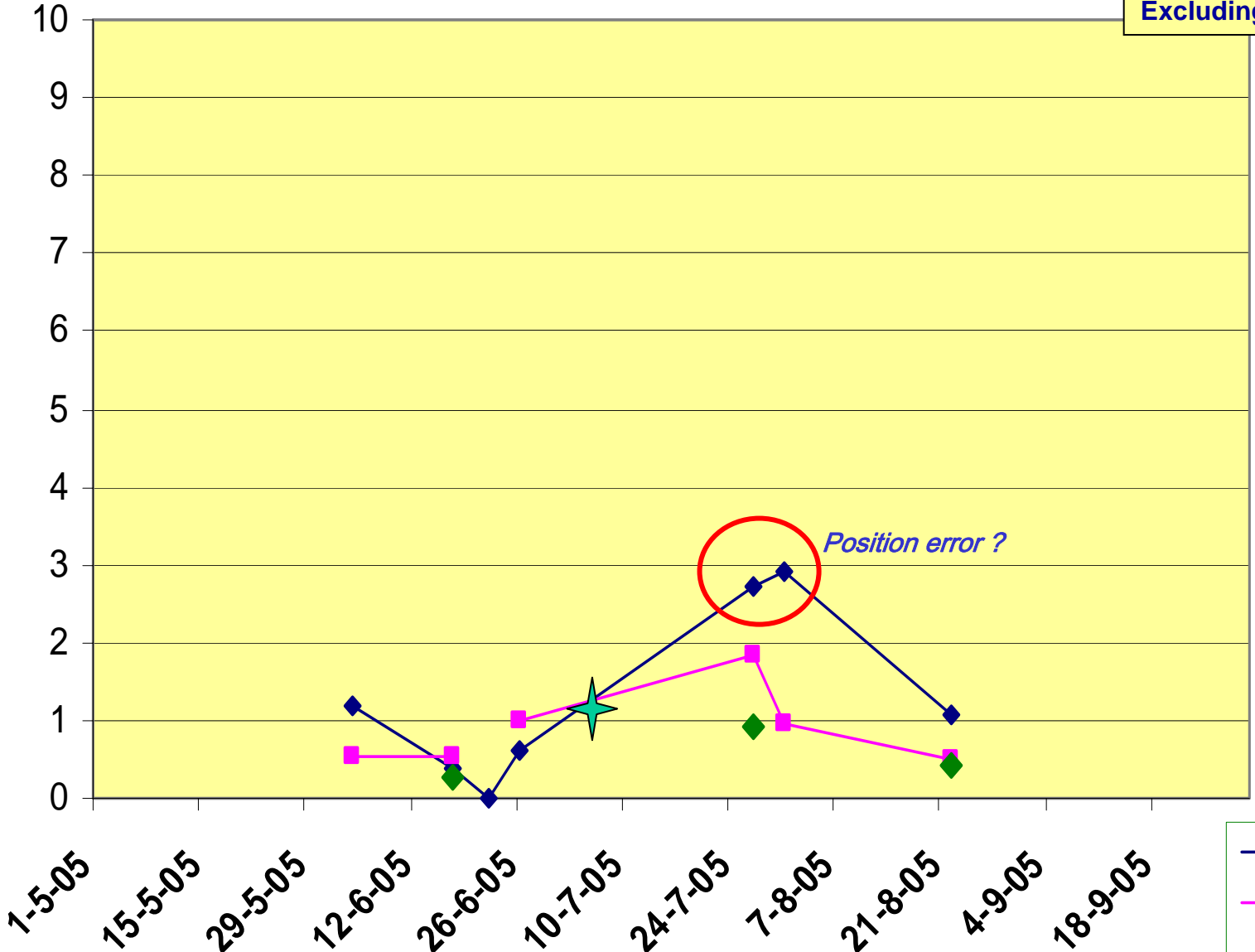
○ 1.299 

Mean value: 0.8227

# Sacele evolution

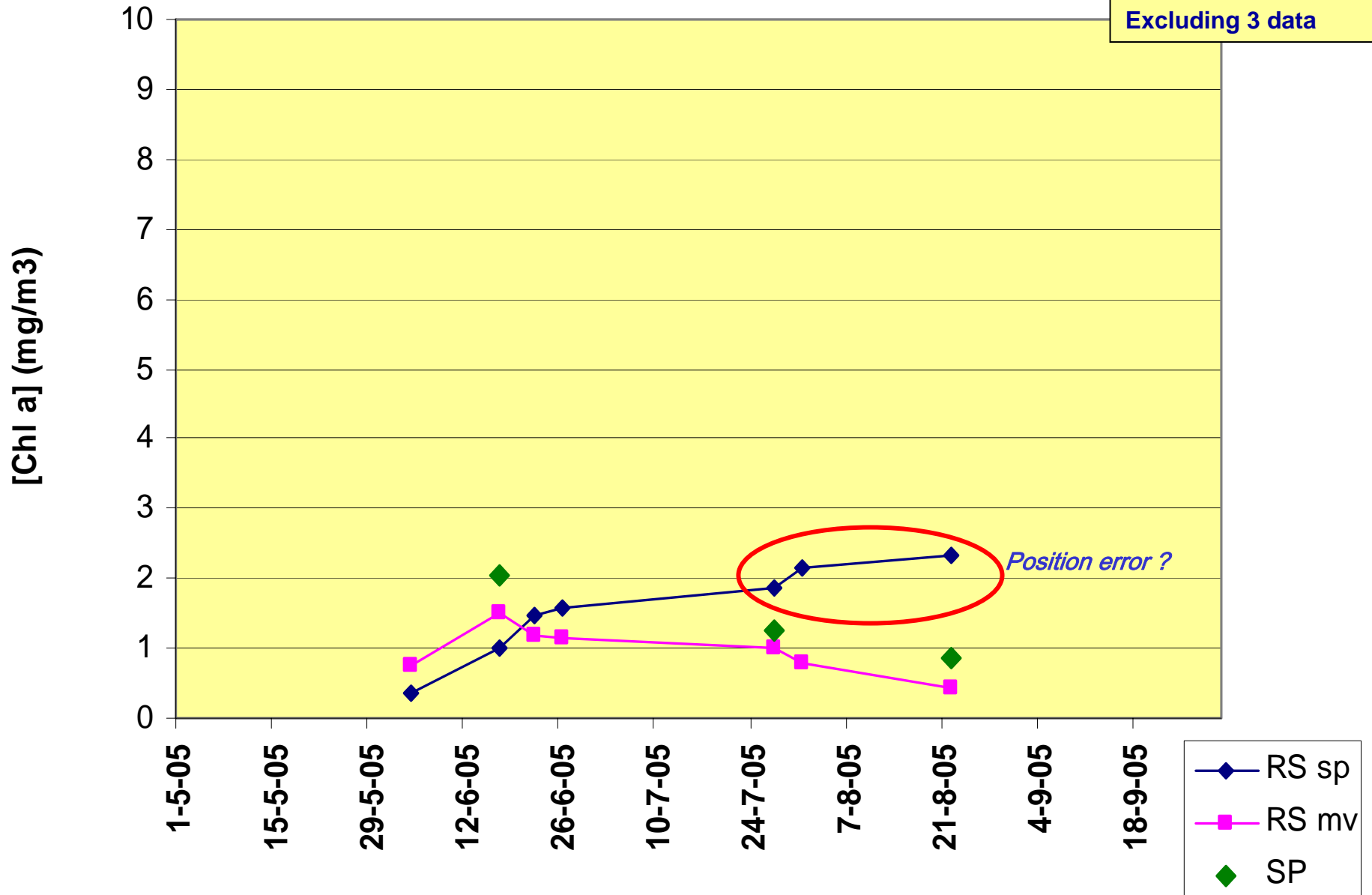
RS sp mean	1.010
RS mv mean	0.886
Photic I. mean	0.543
Excluding 2 data	

[Chl a] (mg/m3)



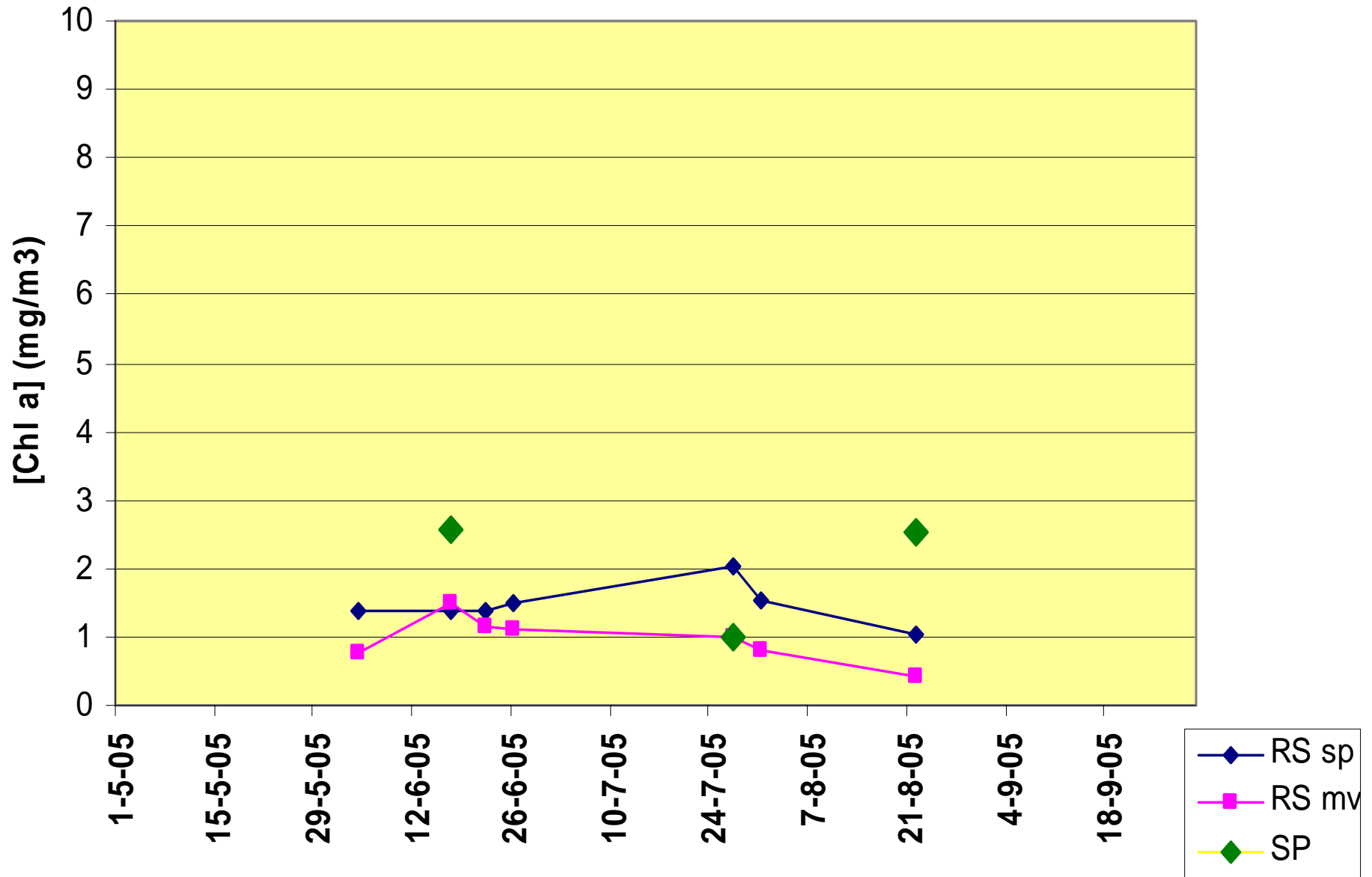
# Izvorul Montelui evolution

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Photic I. mean	1.393
Excluding 3 data	



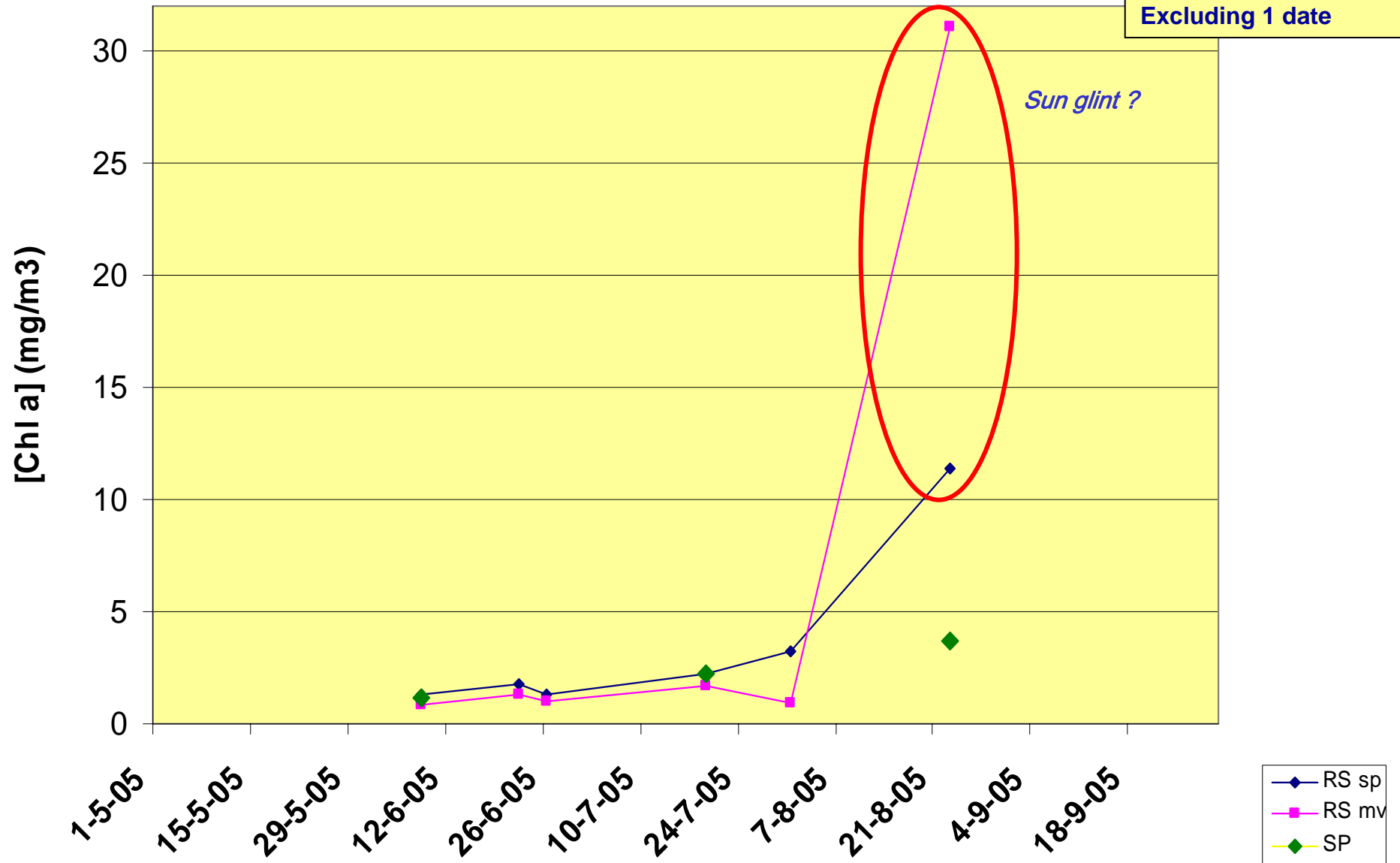
# Siriu evolution

RS sp mean	1.467
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Photic I. mean	2.027



# Colibita evolution

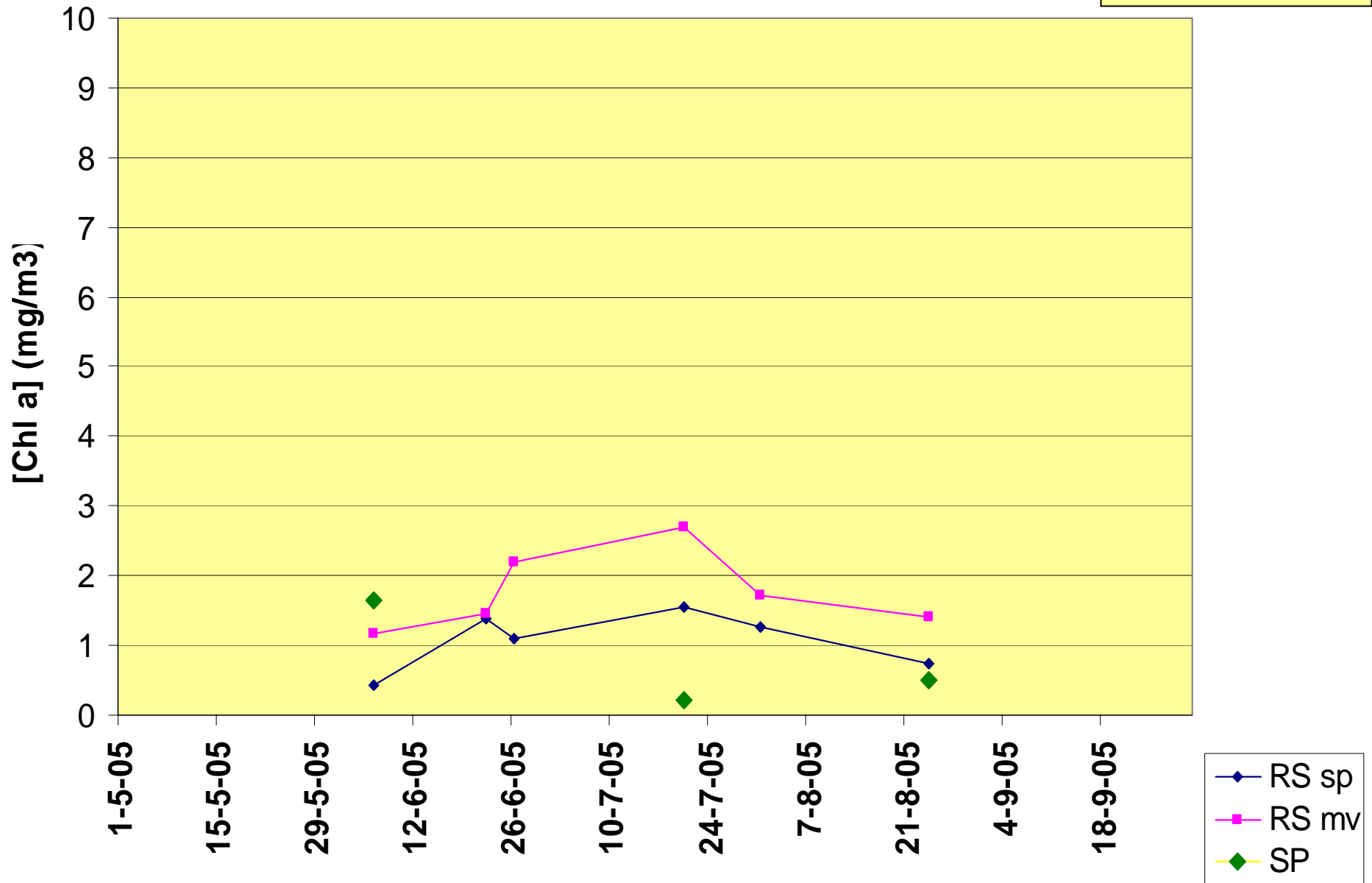
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Excluding 1 date	





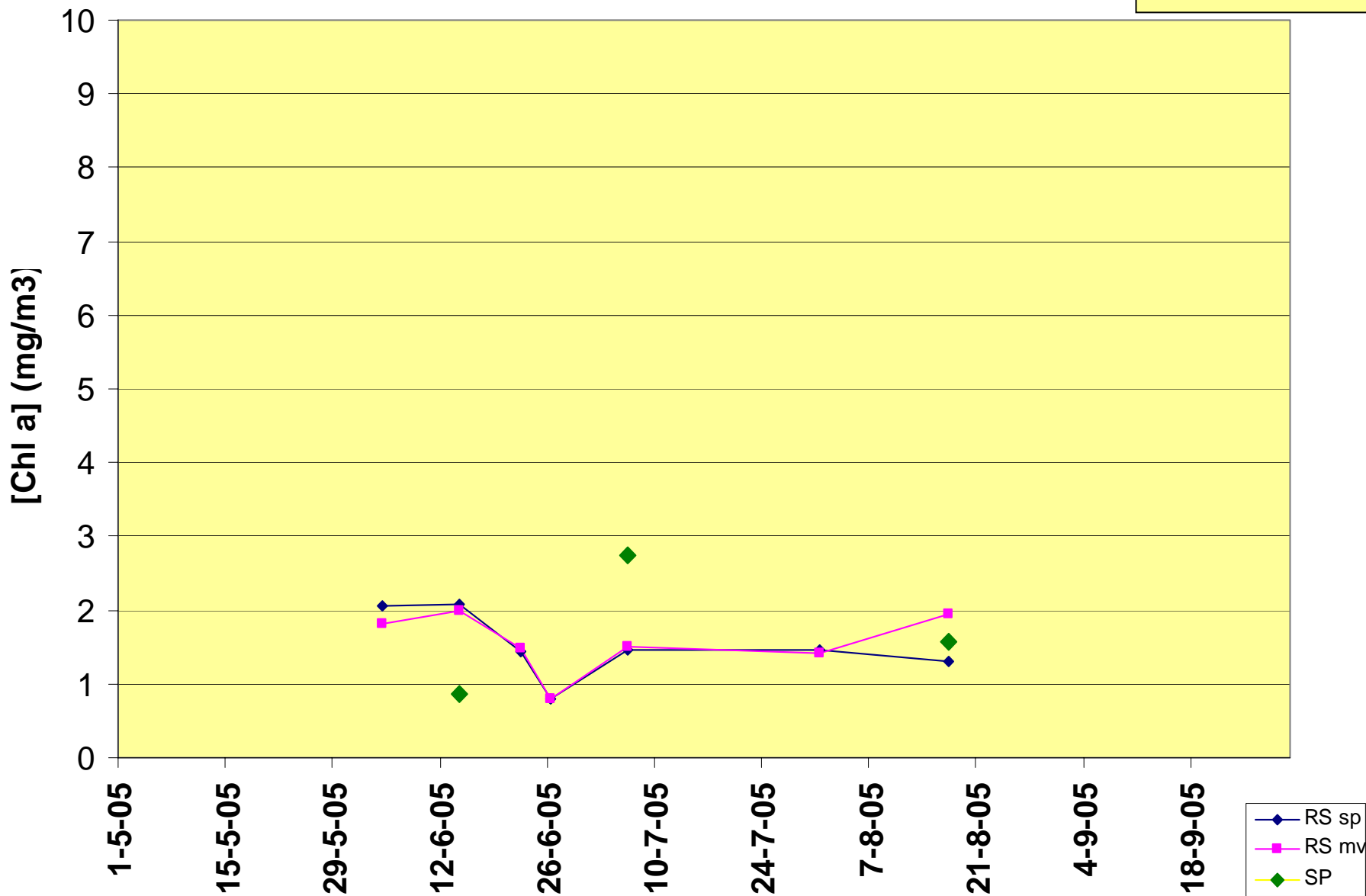
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Photic l. mean	0.787



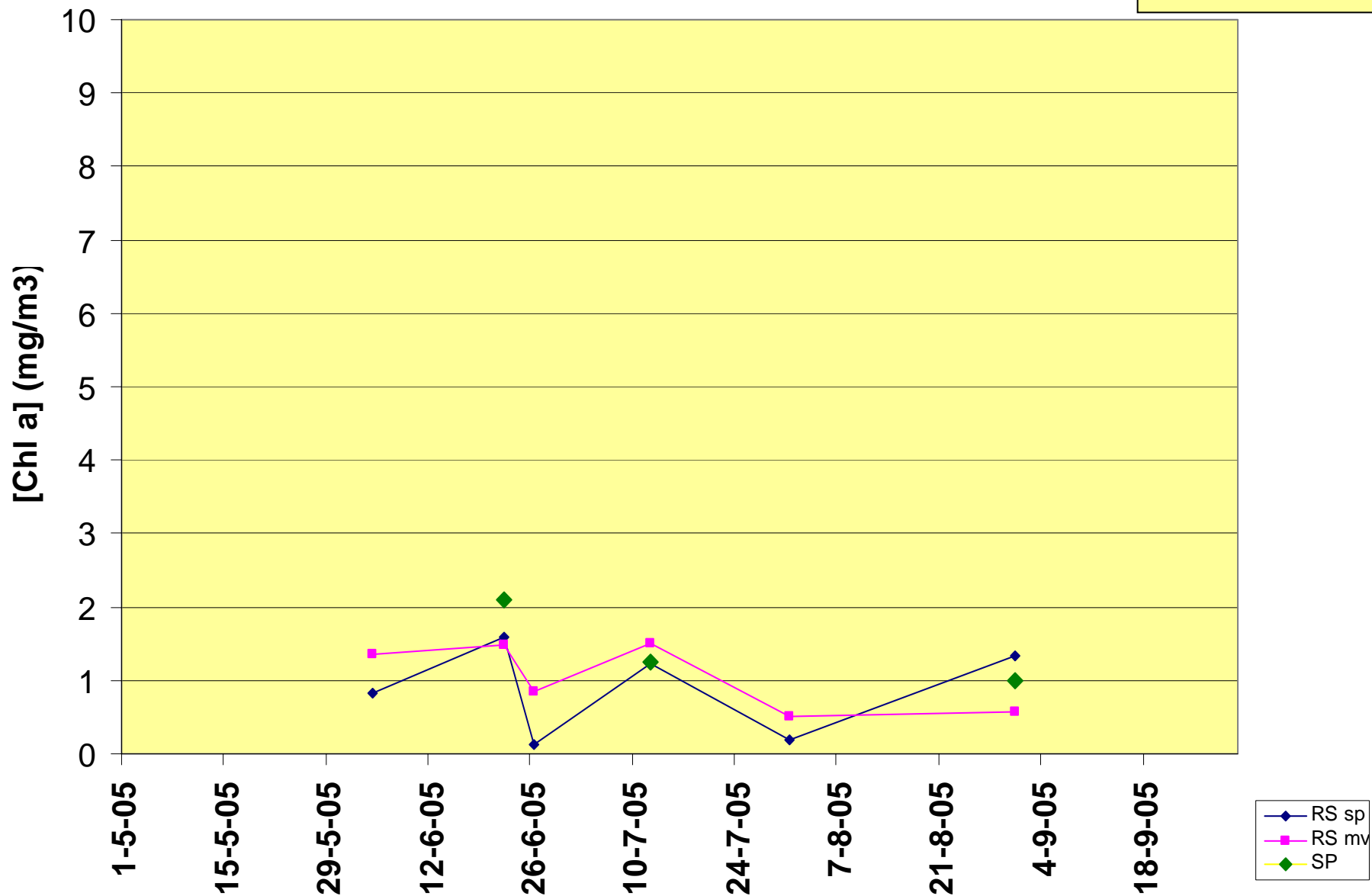
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Photic I. mean	0.543



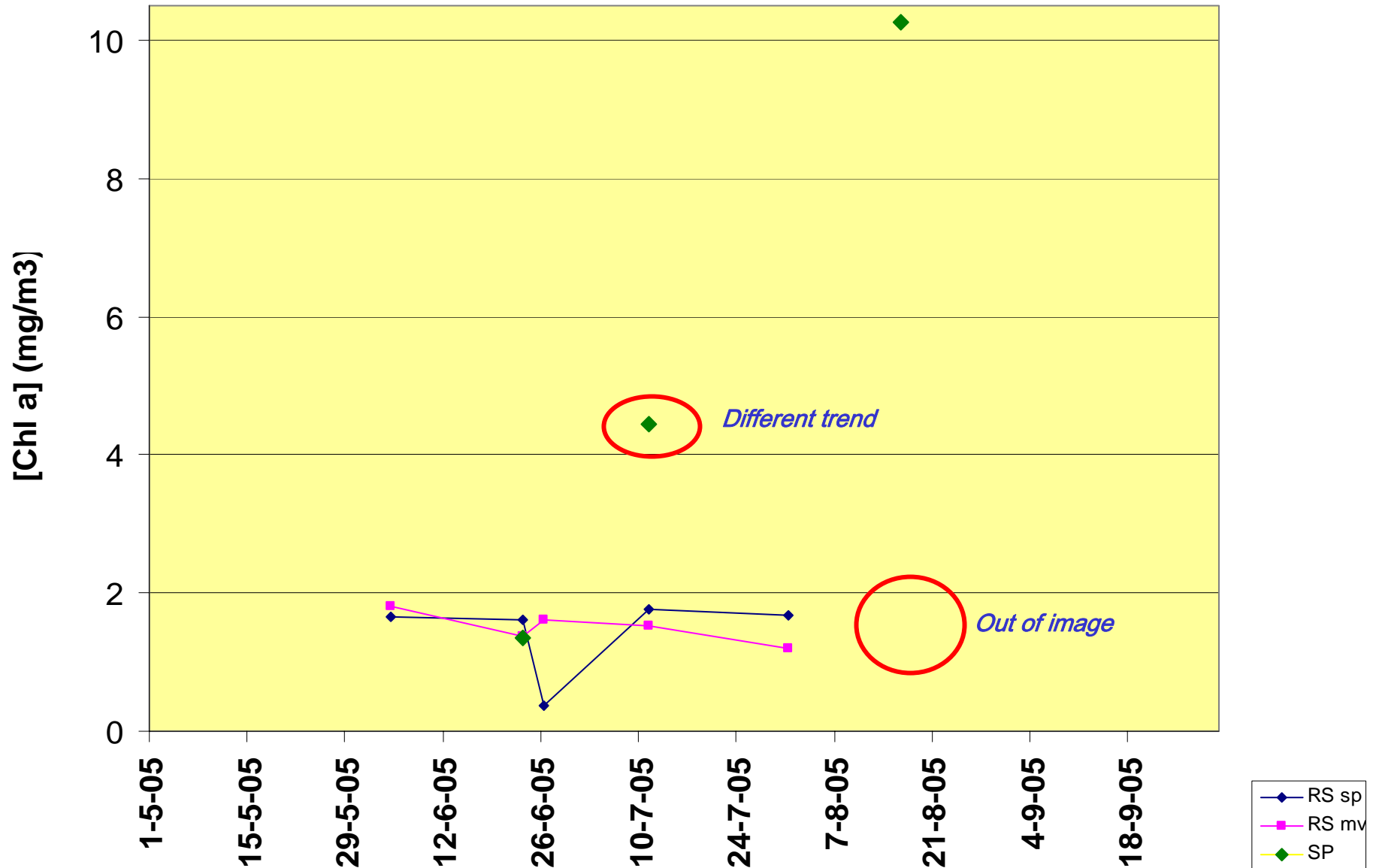
# Vidraru evolution

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Photic I. mean	1.453



# Bradisor evolution

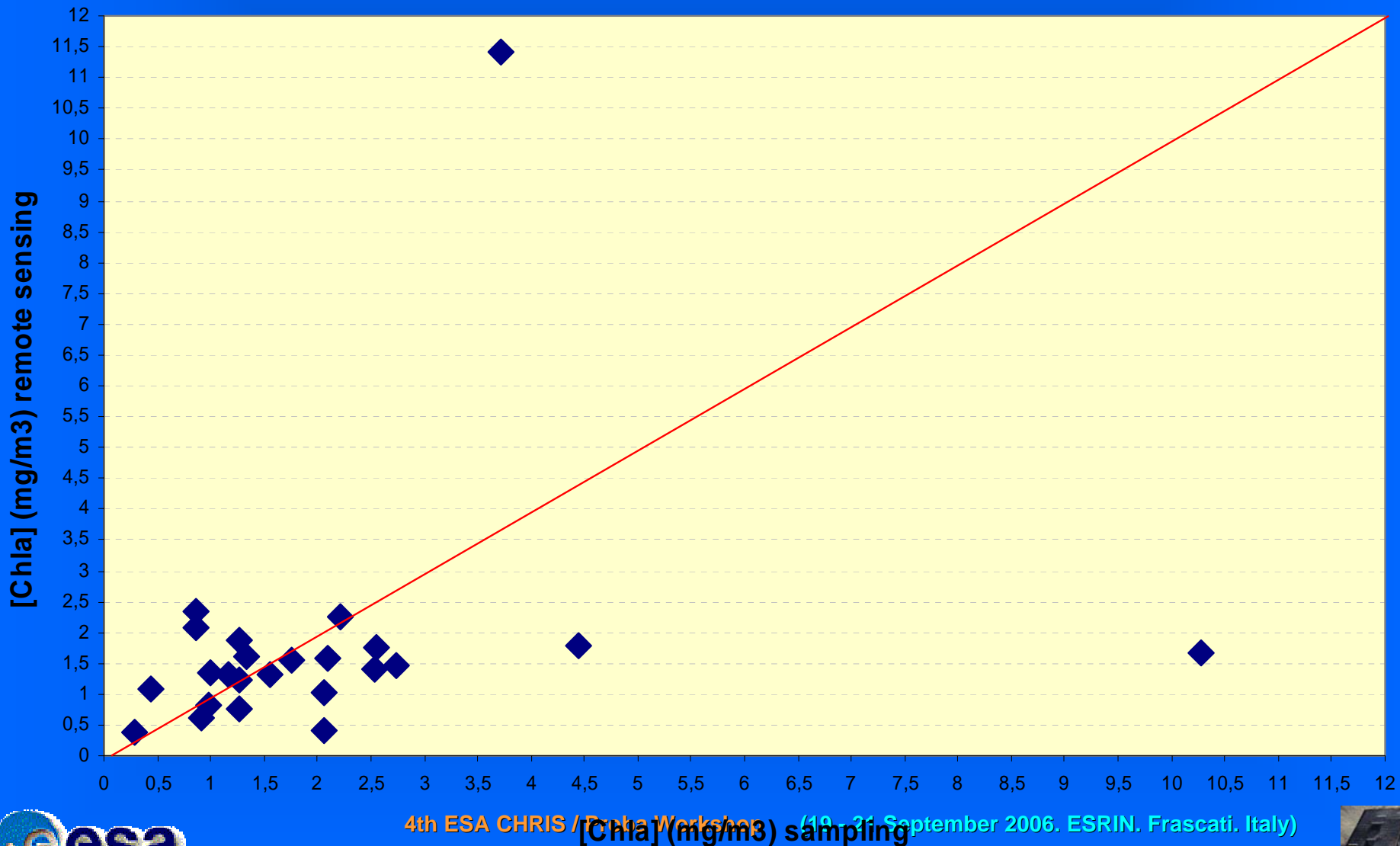
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# Romania Reservoirs

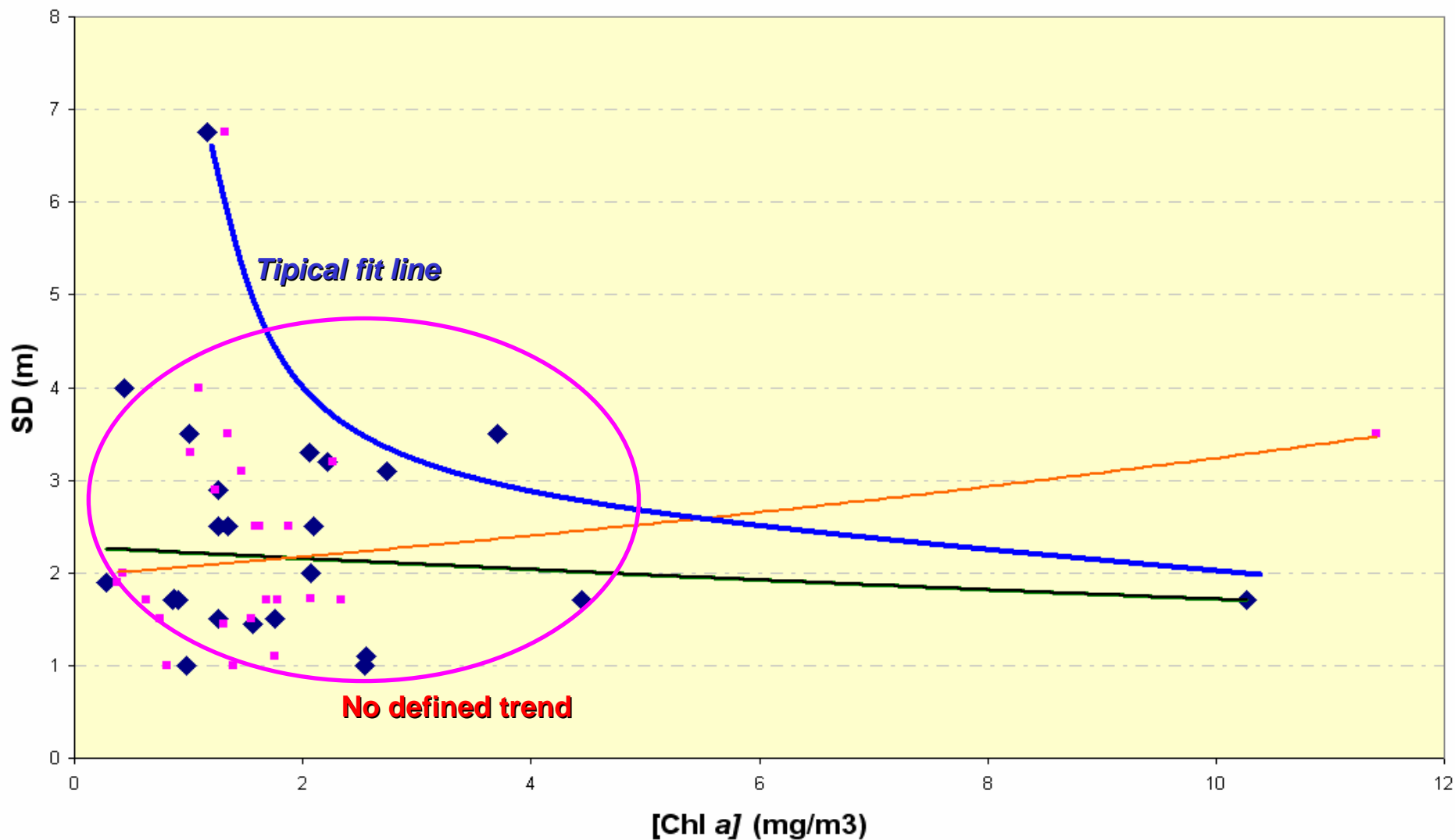
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# SD vs. Chl a Sampling --- R. Sensing ---





MERIS

Italy)





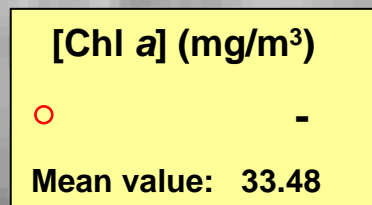
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## Punta Gennarta



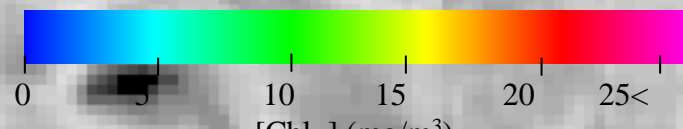


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*Most of water pixels invalidated by sun glint effect*

Punta Gennarta



CHRIS/Proba



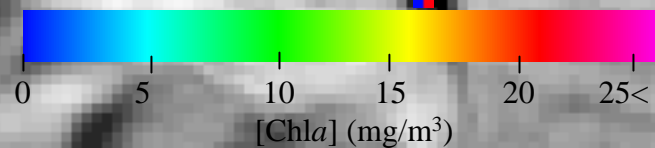
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[Chl *a*] (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

○ 1.0985

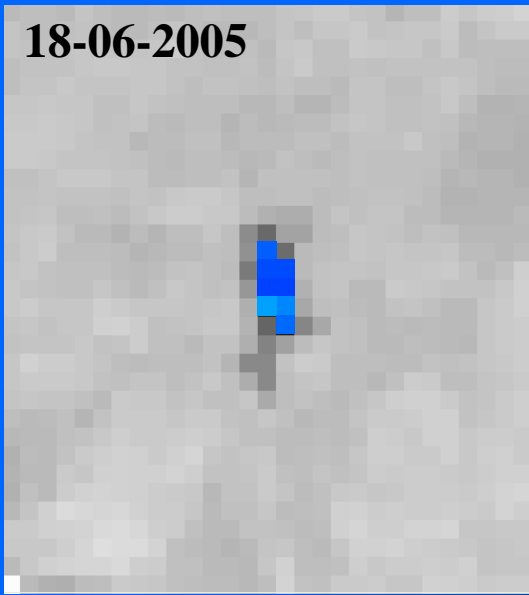
Mean value: 4.4891

Cucchinadorza

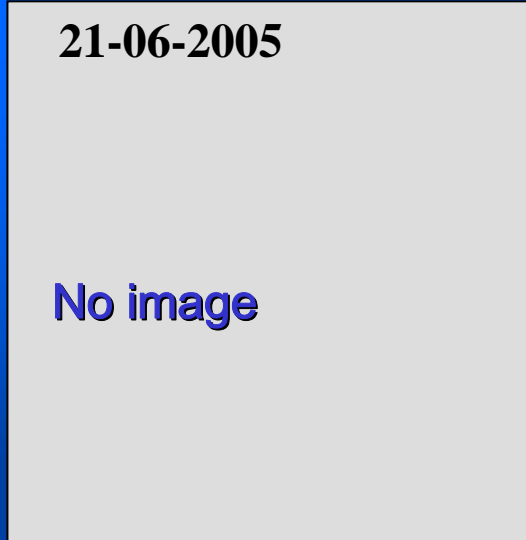


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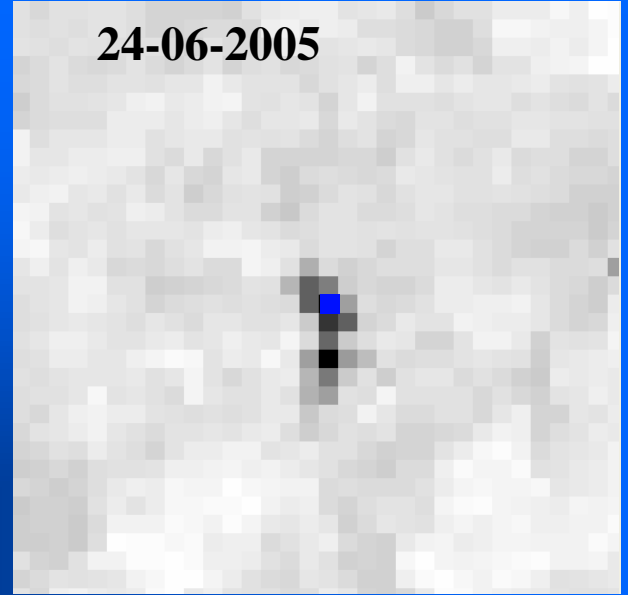
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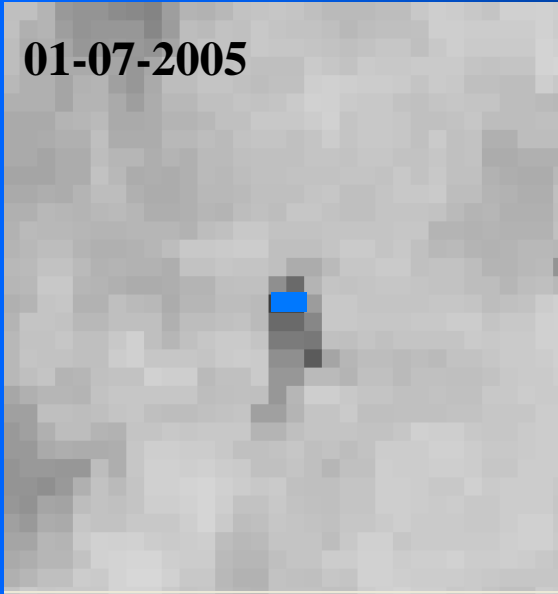
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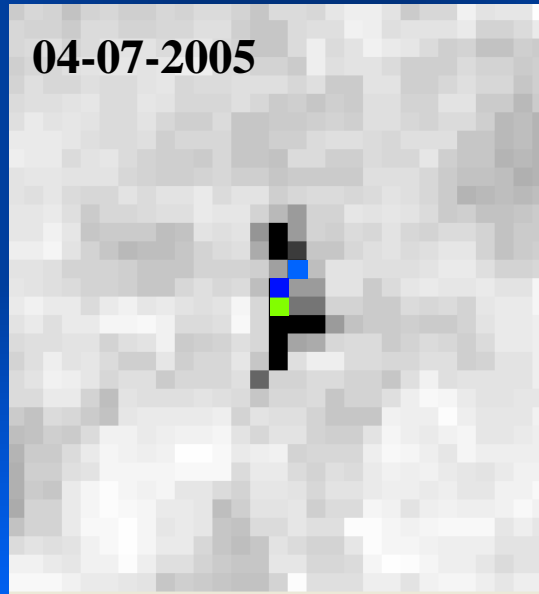
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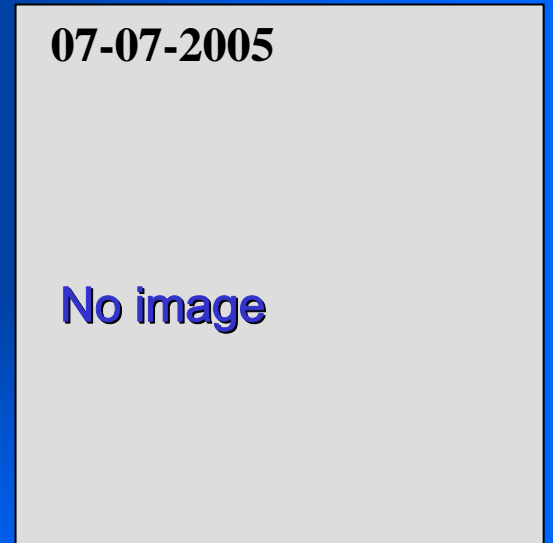
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Cucchinadorza



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MERIS



# Cucchinadorza evolution

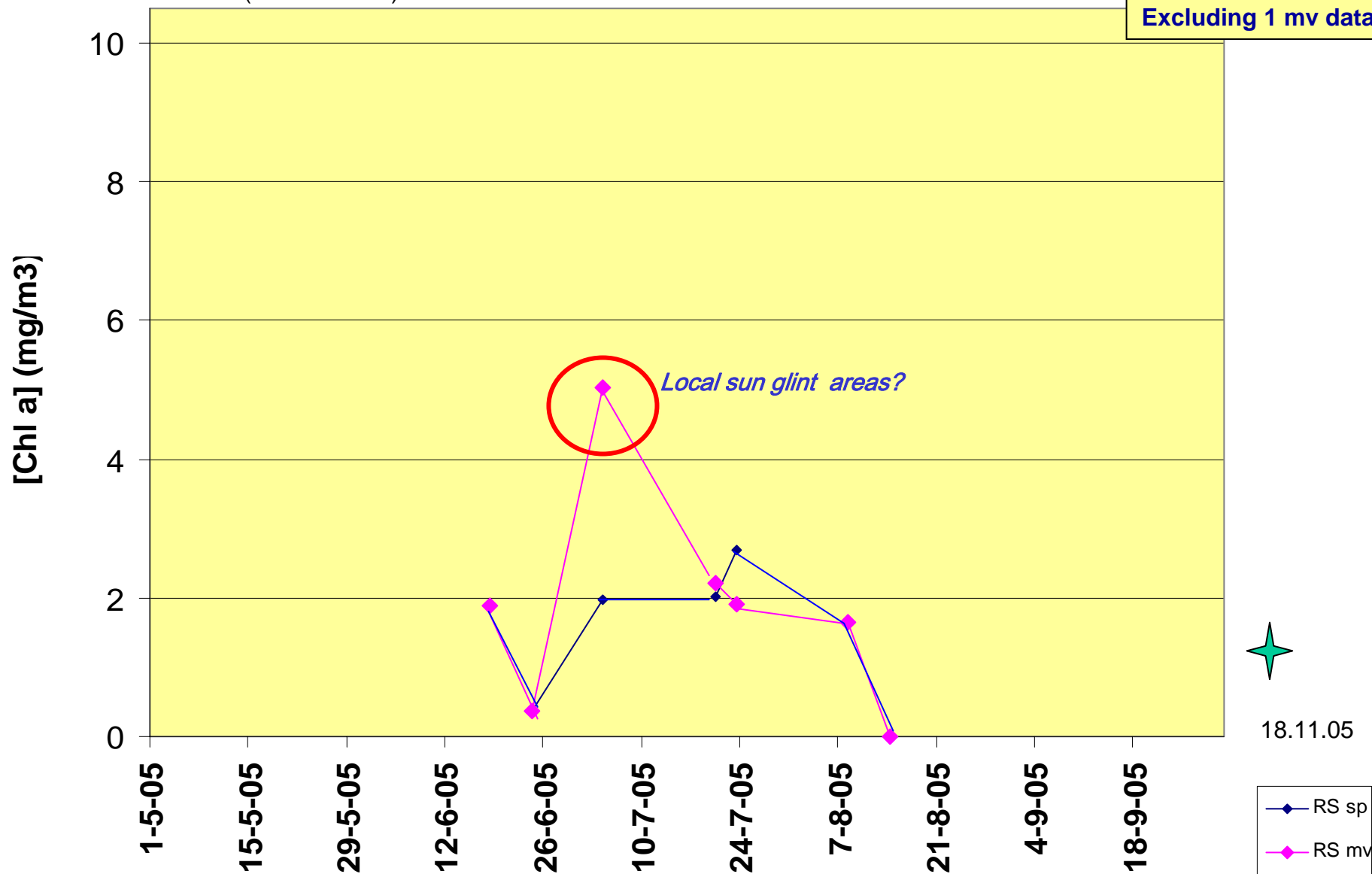
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CHRIS 1.0985 (mean 4.4891)

RS sp mean	1.847
RS mv mean	1.730
Photic I. mean	-.---
Excluding 1 mv data	





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Medio Flumendosa

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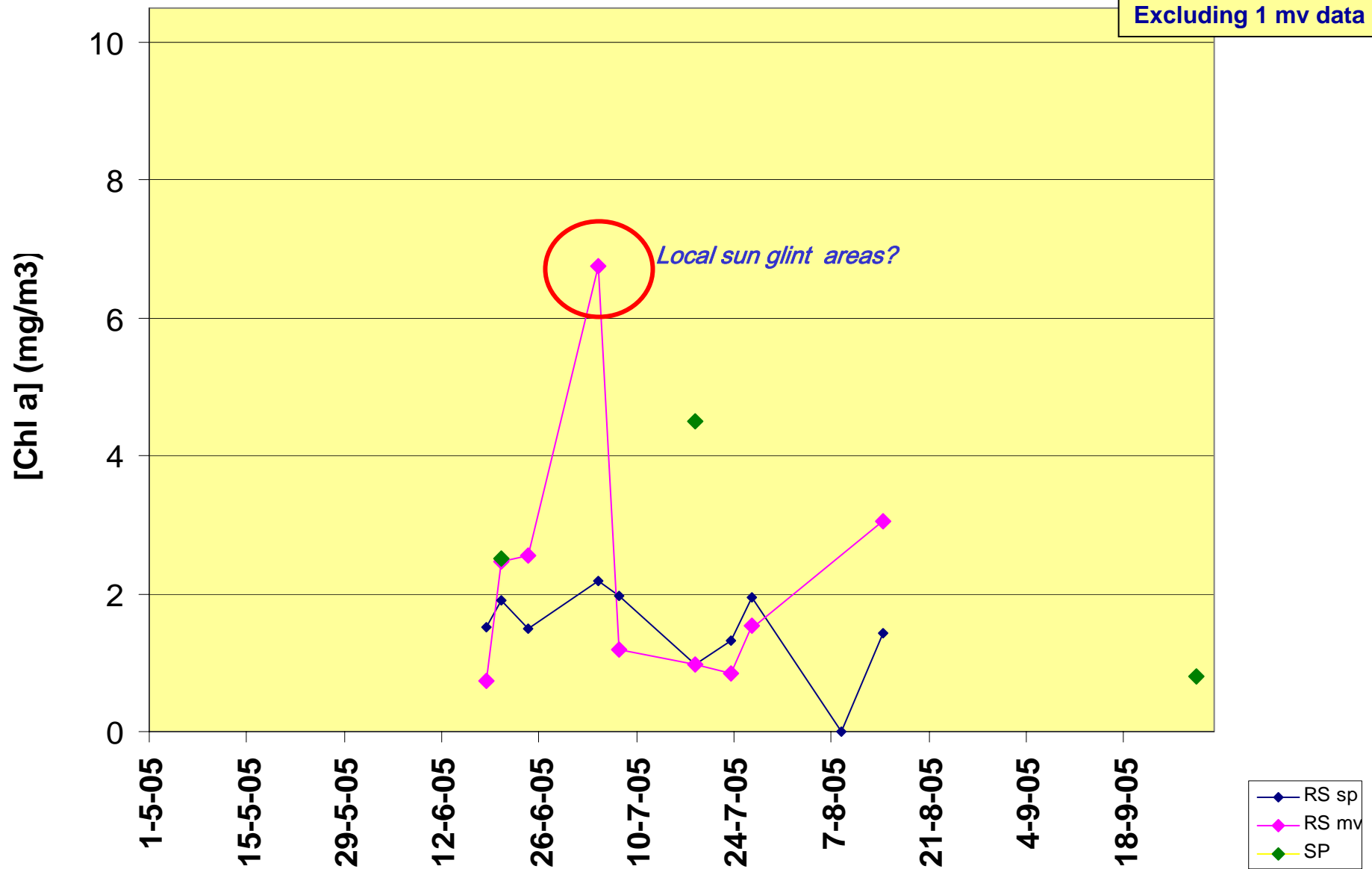


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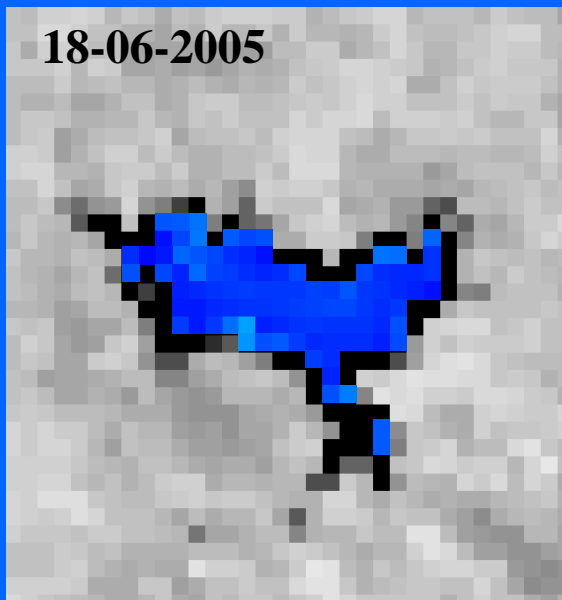


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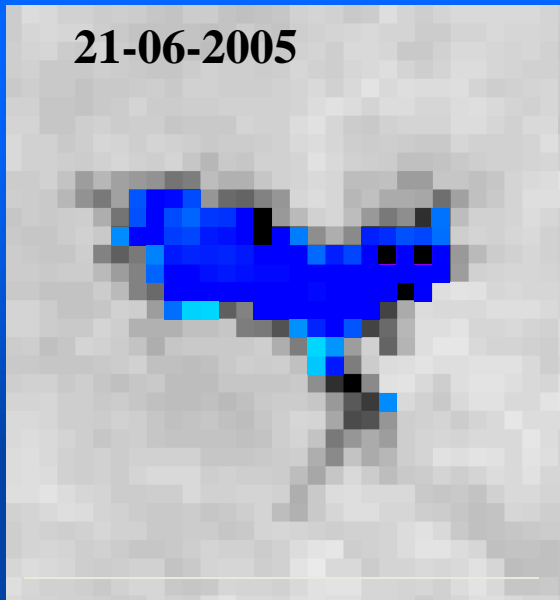
RS sp mean	1.635
RS mv mean	1.580
Photic I. mean	2.600
Excluding 1 mv data	



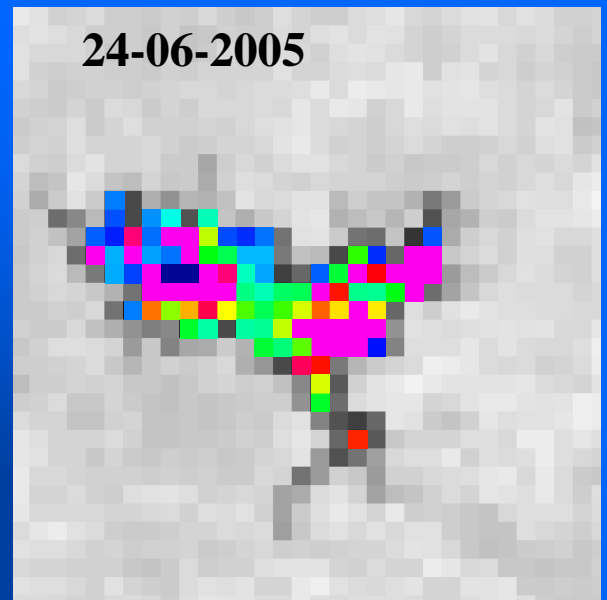
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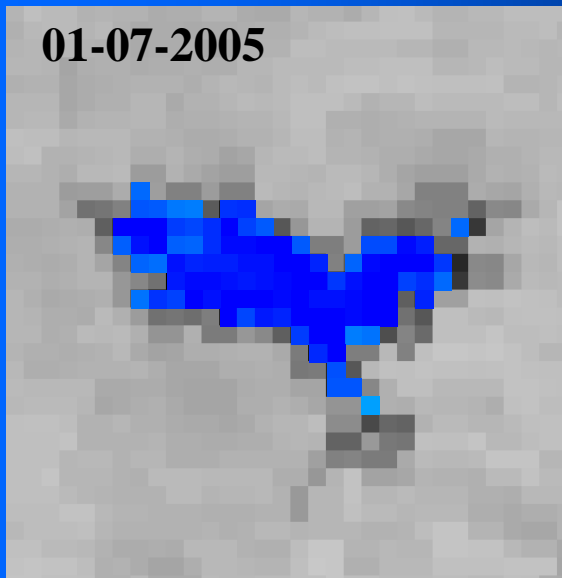
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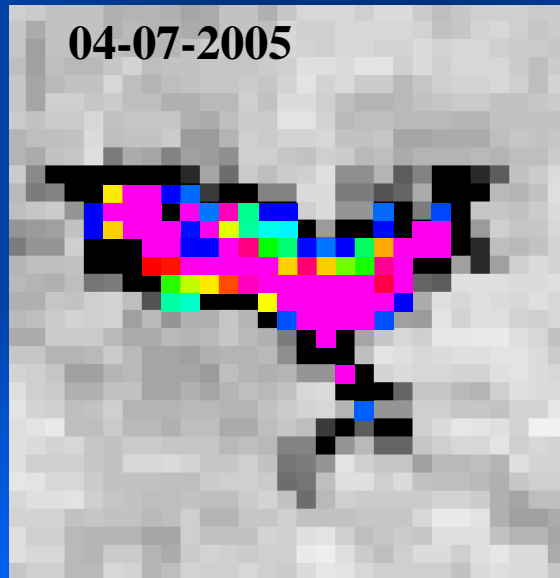
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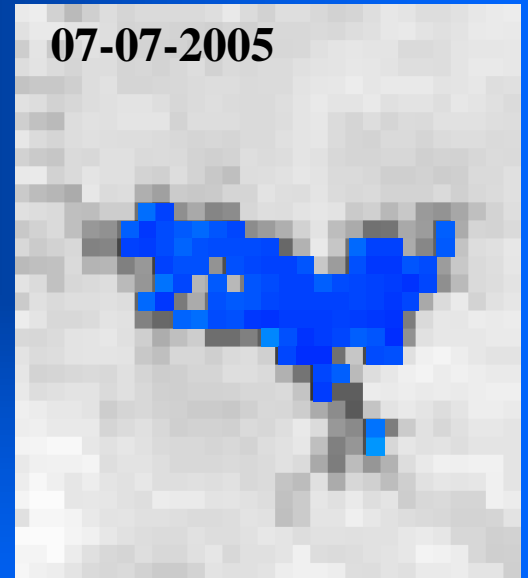
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Mulargia



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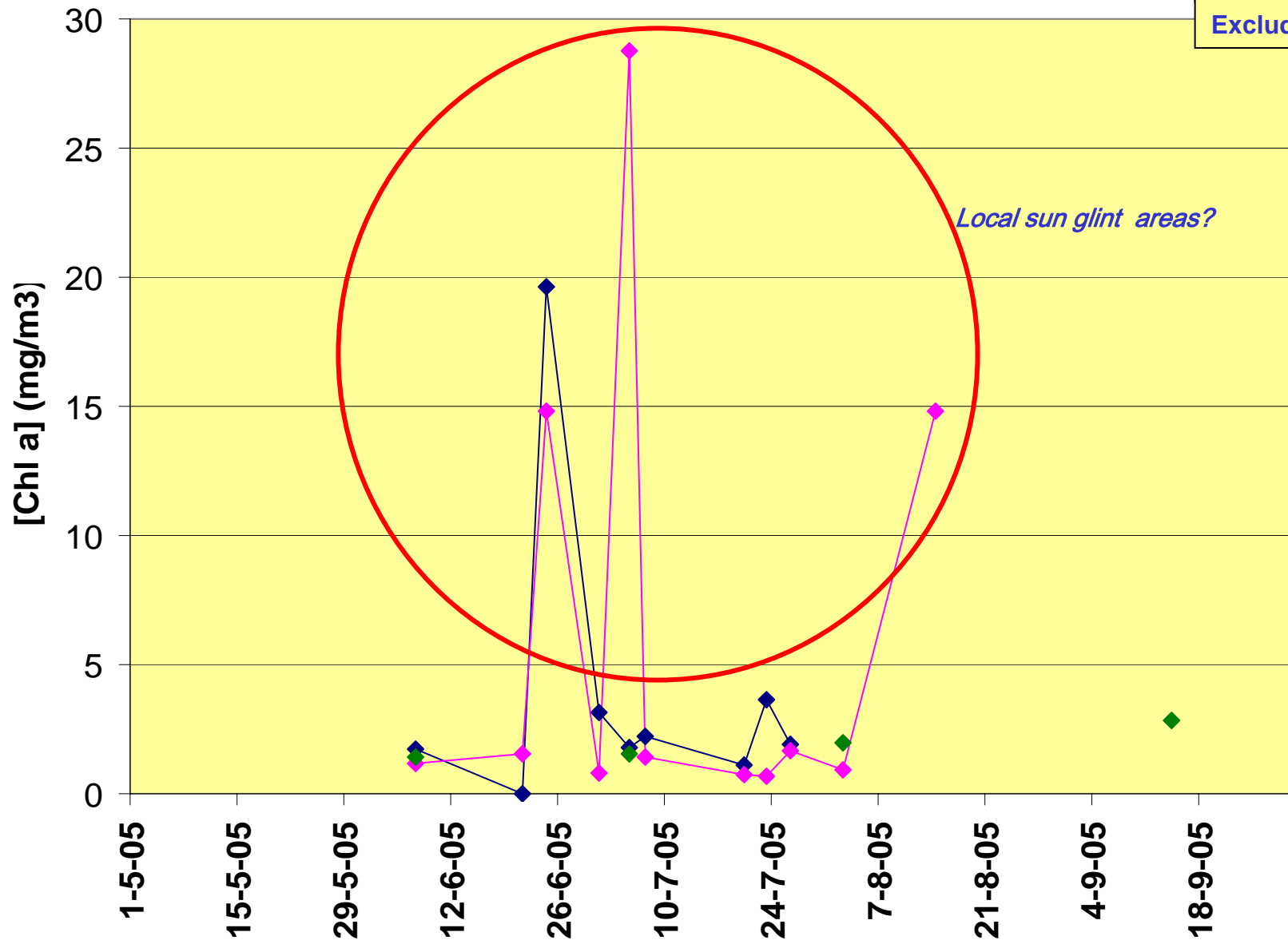


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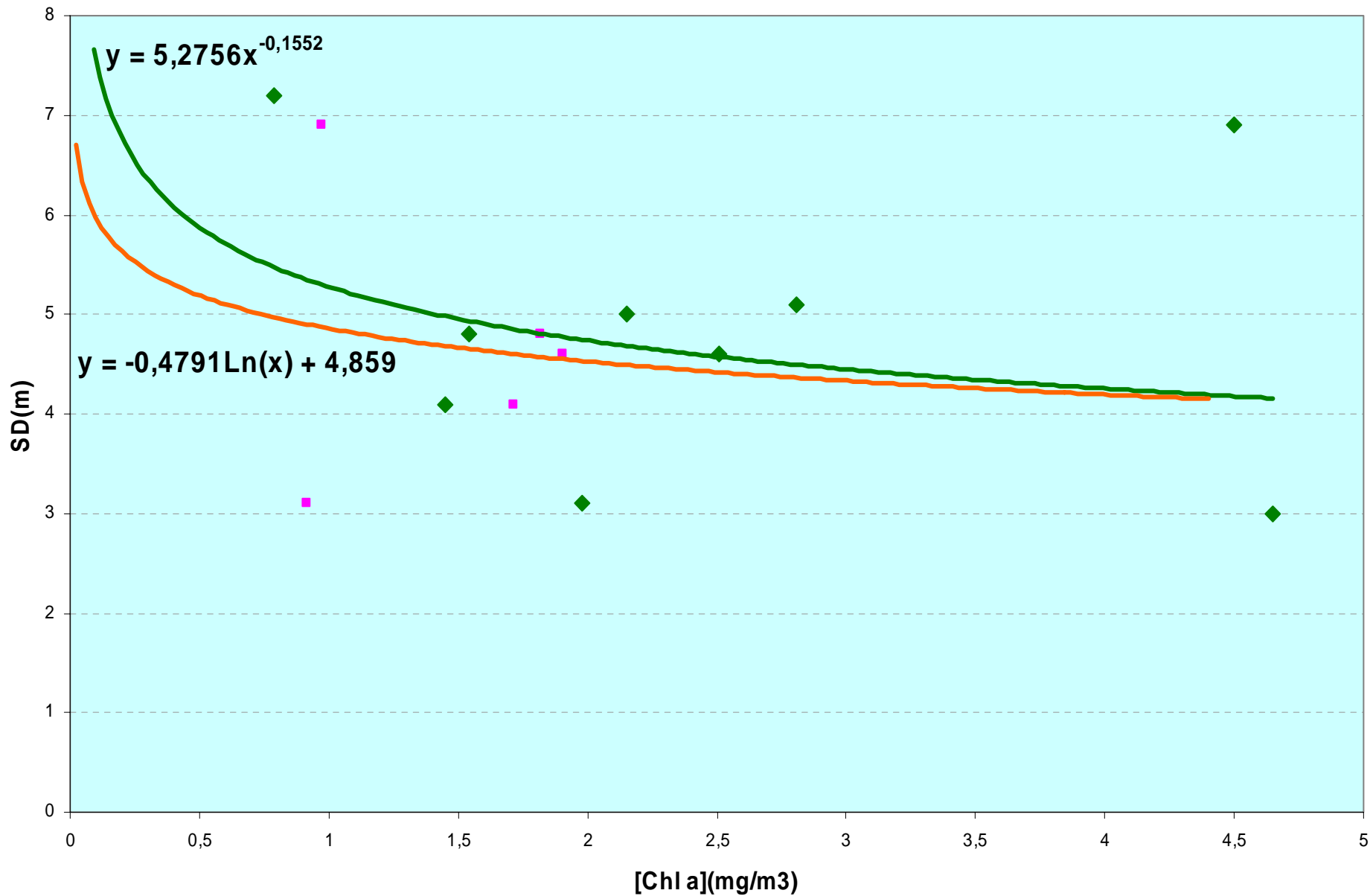


# Mulargia evolution

RS sp mean	1.808
RS mv mean	1.067
Photic I. mean	1.938
Excluding 3 dates	



# SD vs Chl a --- R. Sensing / Sampling ---





Type	Country	Reservoir name	Chlorophyll-a (mg/m3)				
			Sampling #	RS sp	RS mv	CH sp	CH mv
LM8	CYPRUS	<b>Asprokremmos</b>	1.979	1.490	1.220	<b>4.454</b>	<b>5.038</b>
LM8	CYPRUS	<b>Kouris</b>	1.800	1.367	1.272	<b>2.326</b>	<b>1.862</b>
LM8 RC	CYPRUS	Lefkara	0.381	1.607	1.677		
LM8	ITALY	Medio Flumendosa	2.600	1.635	1.580		
LM8	ITALY	Mulargia	1.853	1.808	1.067		
LM7	ITALY	Sos Canales	3.395	-	-		
LM8	ROMANIA	Bezid	1.699	1.081	1.775		
LM7	ROMANIA	Bradisor	5.353	1.420	1.502 *		
LM7	ROMANIA	Colibita	2.365	1.978	1.147		
LM8	ROMANIA	Izvorul Muntelui	1.392	0.952	0.969		
LM8	ROMANIA	Paltinu	1.721	1.487	0.886		
LM8	ROMANIA	<b>Sacele</b>	0.542	1.010	0.886	<b>1.299</b>	<b>0.823</b>
LM8	ROMANIA	Siriu	2.024	1.467	0.969		
LM7	ROMANIA	Vidraru	1.678	0.885	1.049		

\* till 31.07.05

**CH : CHRIS/Proba**

# [summer photic layer mean concentration]

## Conclusions:

This application of remote sensing using satellite imagery CHRIS and MERIS to complement and expand the monitoring effort, showed the possibility to assess the values and trend of the Chlorophyll-a in any period, and at any water body.

- The remote sensing techniques can reduce the monitoring needs in terms of number of sampling points and number of dates.

- In the operational phase of WFD implementation, remote sensing can provide an useful tool to assess the Ecological Quality/Potential of entire water bodies, integrated in the water districts. This allows to check for the efficiency achieved in the programs of measures.

- Is very important for the scientific and water management community to can use a satellite as Proba with a sensor as CHRIS, but operational, in order to complement and improve the information on ecological quality/potential of water bodies, following the objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive.





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