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# Geo-Wiki.org Newsletter - March 2014

Welcome to our March edition of Geo-Wiki News!

#### Cropland Capture

Well done everyone! With your help we have verified land-cover data on more than 3,309,852 square kilometres of land, which is the same land cover area as India – the 7th largest country in the world! Unbelievable! Thank you all so much! Keep in playing THE game, let's aim to validate the size of Australia!

As always we are proud to announce last month's weekly winners:

Week 11: Crannogman, burkhard, Stuart

Week 12: nachtfrost, burkhard, Blackburn

Week 13: burkhard, karin1, Blackburn

Week 14: Kuebraaaahoiiiiii, burkhard, karin1

Week 15: nachtfrost, artstich5, burkhard

#### Game Updates

We have both added and removed features in the browser version of Cropland Capture!

Additions: You can now report bad quality images or pictures where there is no land visible. You will find the "Report button" under the land cover image (bottom left). We have also added a 'chat channel' to the game. So you can now freely communicate with other players!

Eliminations: We removed the animations from the game enabling more capacity to collect even more validations. For each validation the animations needed around 300 milliseconds of your time. So now you should be even quicker for making the validations!

#### Game Facts

We have gathered some interesting facts from analysing the validations collected with your help. For example, this month we can reveal that more of you are playing on a Monday and Tuesday and less of you are playing on a Saturday and Sunday?

### **Future Developments**

This month we will first add the chat channel also to the mobile versions of Cropland Capture. We will then add some further mechanics which will make the game more entertaining in the long run! You will actually also learn something while playing Cropland Capture! Next month we will also announce some further prizes which you will be able to win! Stay tuned!

## **Upcoming Events**

19–21 March 2014: Dr Steffen Fritz is giving two presentations at the <u>2nd Global Land Project Open Science Meeting</u> entitled "Improving global land cover, land use and global in–situ datasets" and "Factors determining the persistence of logging roads in the Congo basin".

Until next month.

The Geo-Wiki Team