

The NOAA AVHRR NDVI data for the whole African continent for the period of 1980-2008 were freely downloaded in 2009 from <http://www.igskmncnwb015.cr.usgs.gov/adds/>, but these data are not available online anymore because of the replacement of satellite sensors.

The NDVI datasets of the new MODIS sensors are available from 2001. until present at <http://earlywarning.usgs.gov/fews/downloads>. These new data are for separate regions of Africa, and have higher resolution than the previous ones we used.

For the reproduction of our calculations in the need for the 1980-2008 period, NDVI datasets please contact the corresponding author.