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Abstract: Coastal monitoring is an essential feature for the sustainable management of naturally vulnerable areas; however, data acquisition is a tedious task. We aim to identify an efficient method of automatic shoreline monitoring based on high water level detection using very high-resolution Pleiades images and taking as the pilot zone the Mostaganem coastline (Algeria). Through a comparative study between classification methods based on pixel- and object-based image analyses (PBIA and OBIA, respectively), algorithmic development and optimizing was conducted on two machine learning (ML) classifiers: random forest (RF), and support vector machine (SVM), and two segmentation algorithms: multiresolution (MRS) and meanshift (MSS). These classification methods yielded six different shorelines that were validated using an insitu GPS survey shoreline acquired on the same day as the Pleiades image. The results showed that the OBIA generated a shoreline with a 5% to 25% better accuracy than that of PBIA using the same ML algorithm. Within the OBIA approach, MRS generated a shoreline with 20% higher accuracy compared to MSS, suggesting the importance of segmentation possessing. The RF based on MRS was the method that produced the shoreline at the best accuracy, where 55.5% of the extracted shoreline was within 1 pixel of the *in situ* shoreline. This method was successfully shown to be a good alternative for shoreline monitoring of sandy microtidal coasts, offering to coastal managers a reliable tool to complete the data and efficiently manage the coastal erosion.

**Keywords:** Shoreline monitoring; Remote sensing; GPS survey; Machine learning; Pleiades image; Erosion.

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