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PRELIMINARY SATELLITE DERIVED ASSESSMENT



Nyiragongo volcanic eruption, Democratic Republic of The Congo & Rwanda

Status: New lava flow observed





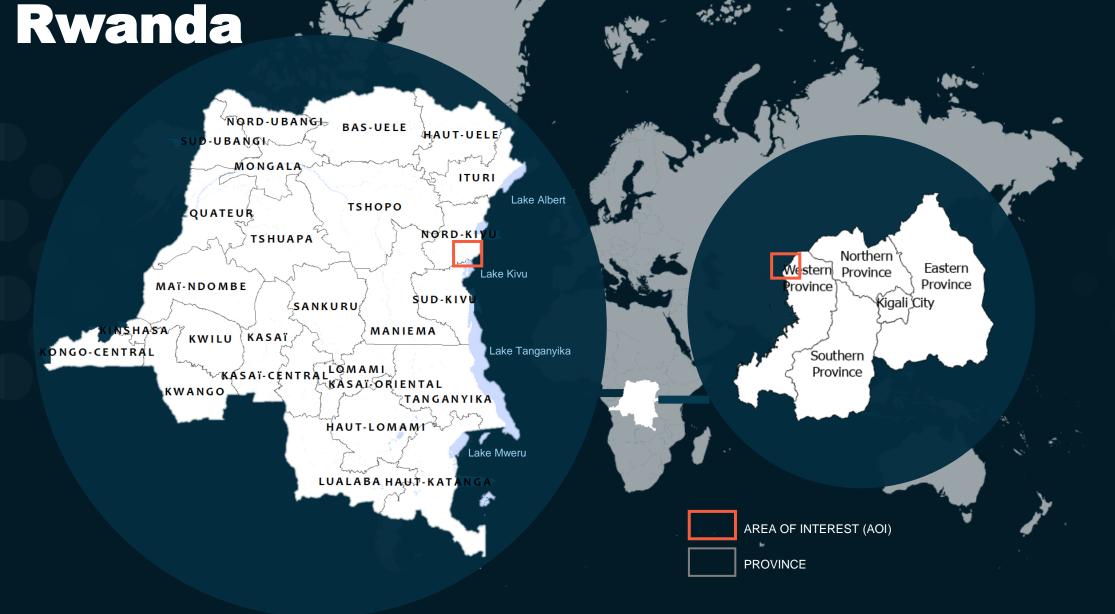


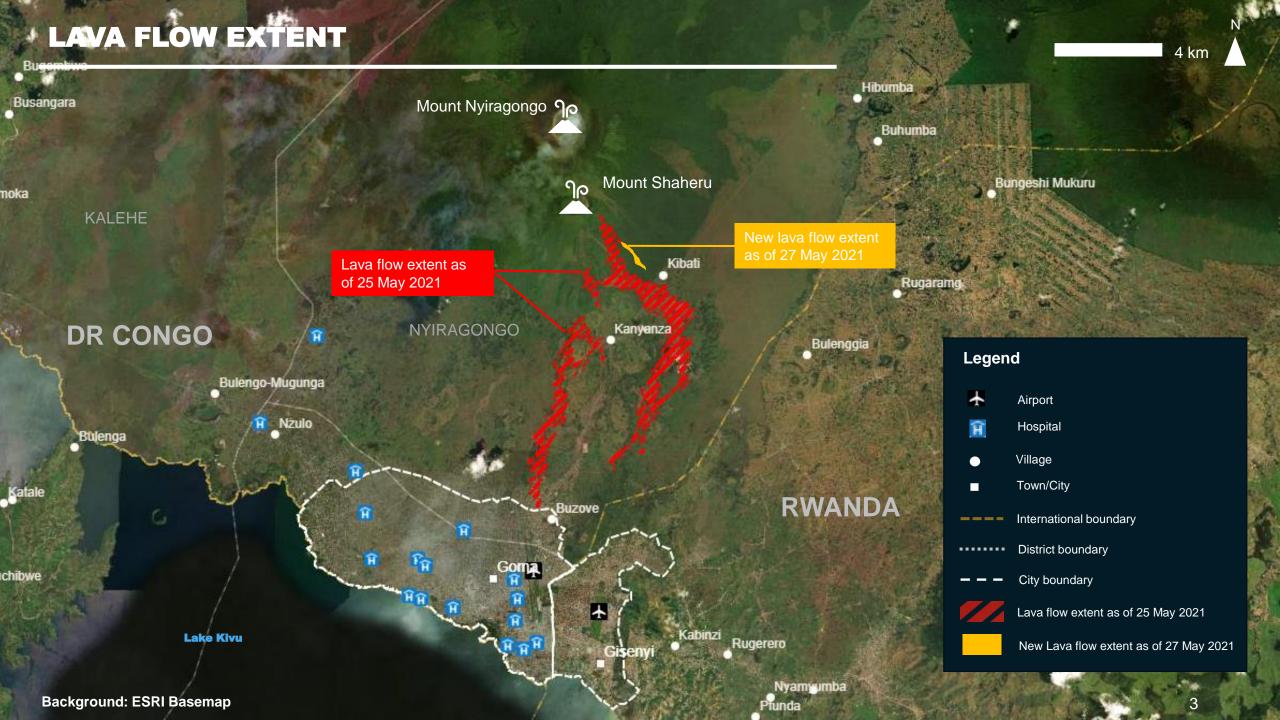


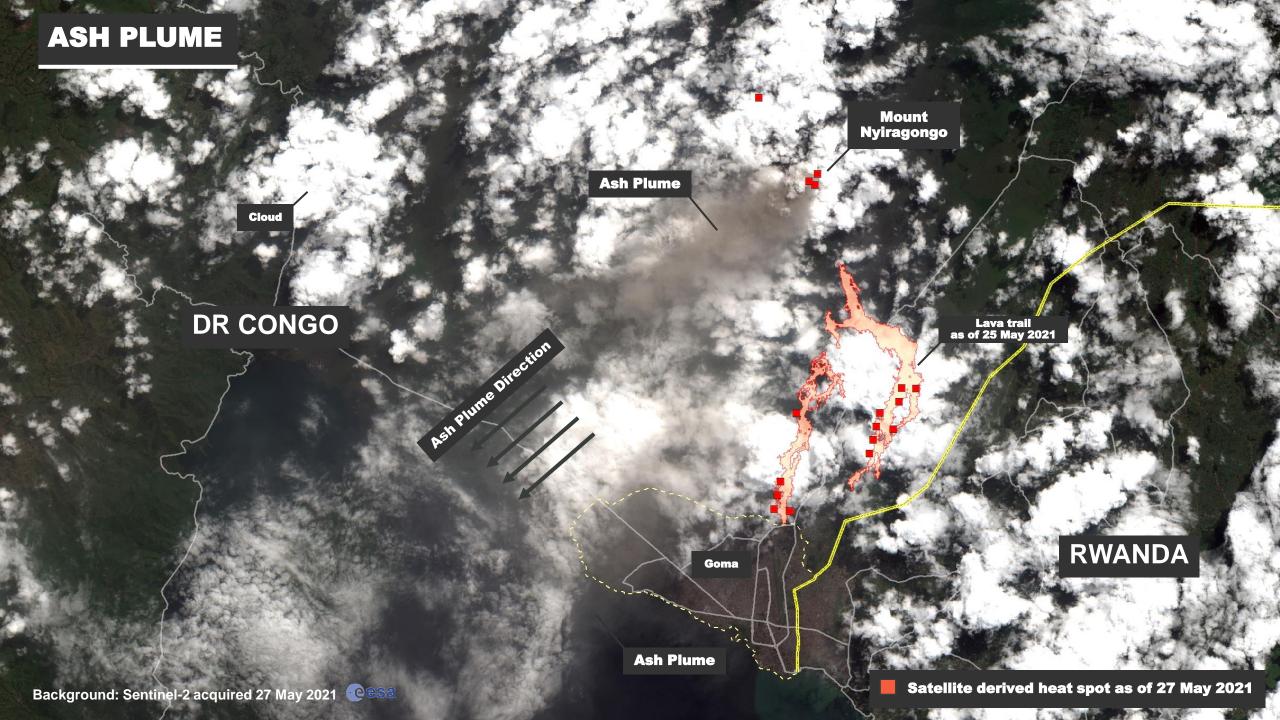


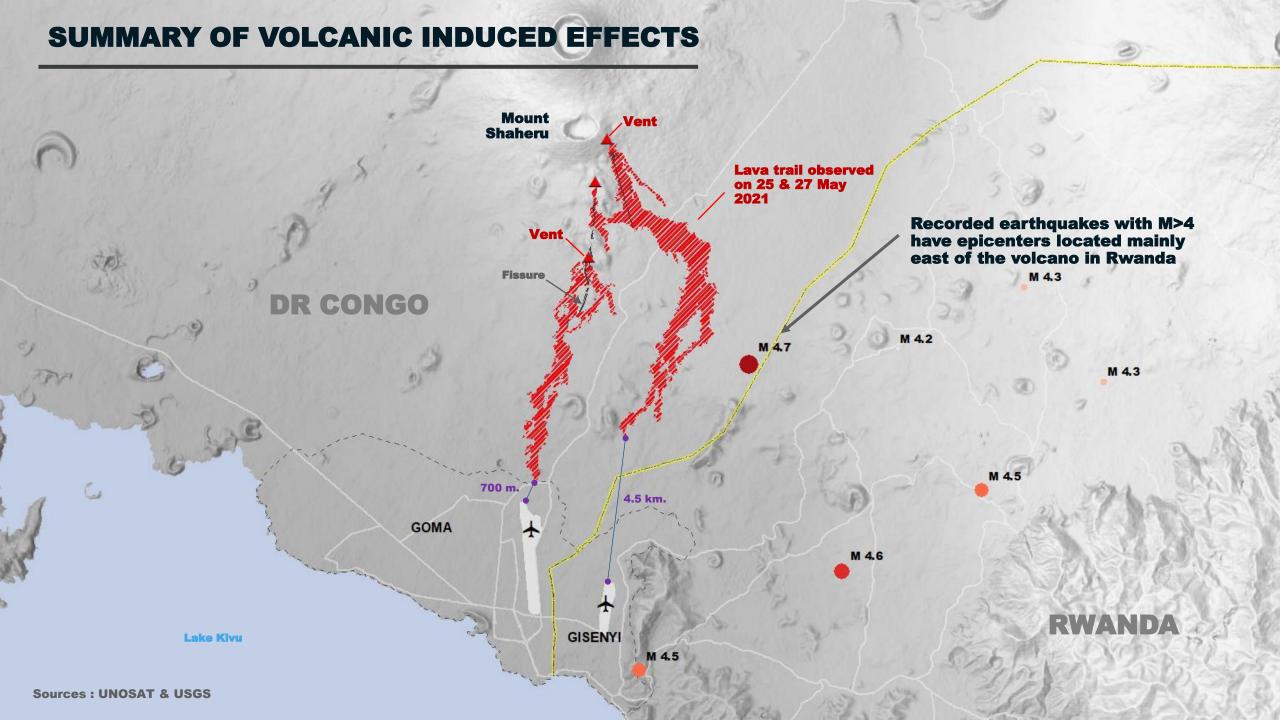


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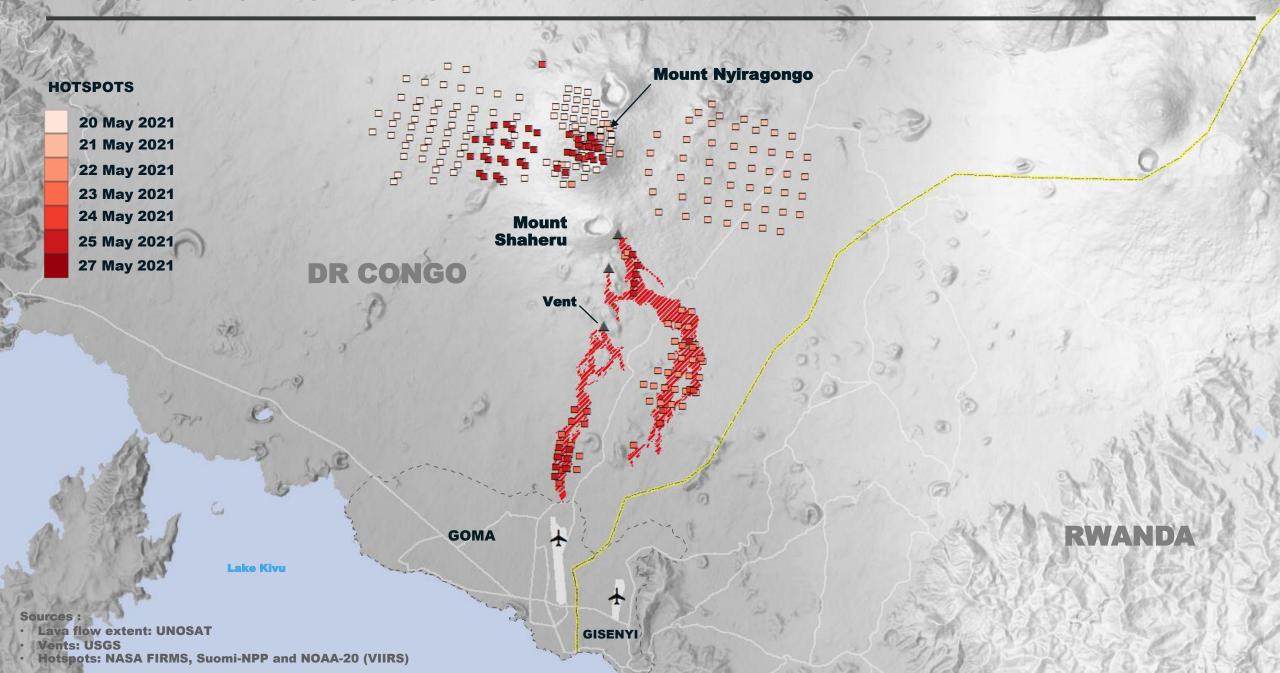








EVOLUTION OF HOTSPOTS BETWEEN 20 - 27 MAY 2021



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS



- New lava flow trail detected northwest of Kibati village as of 27 May 2021;
- Ash plume coming from Mount Nyiragongo moving towards the south-west as of 27 May 2021;
- The lava flow has stopped 700m from Goma airport (DRC) and 4.5km from Gisenyi airport (Rwanda) as of 27 May 2021;
- 3 vents identified south of Nyiragongo caldera.

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Data sources:

(1) Satellite Data (Post):

Sentinel-2/27 May 2021

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SAOCOM-1A/27 May 2021

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Source: ESA

(2) Other data:

Lava flow extents: UNITAR-UNOSAT

Hotspots: NASA FIRMS, Suomi-NPP and NOAA-20 (VIIRS)

Epicenters : EMSC

Vents and fissures: USGS

Background: ALOS Global DSM, Esri Basemap and Sentinel2 (27 May 2021)

(3) Ancillary data:

Administrative boundaries: OCHA Congo District town boundaries: WikiMapia

Populated place: OpenStreetMap

Analysis: UNITAR-UNOSAT Production: UNITAR-UNOSAT







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