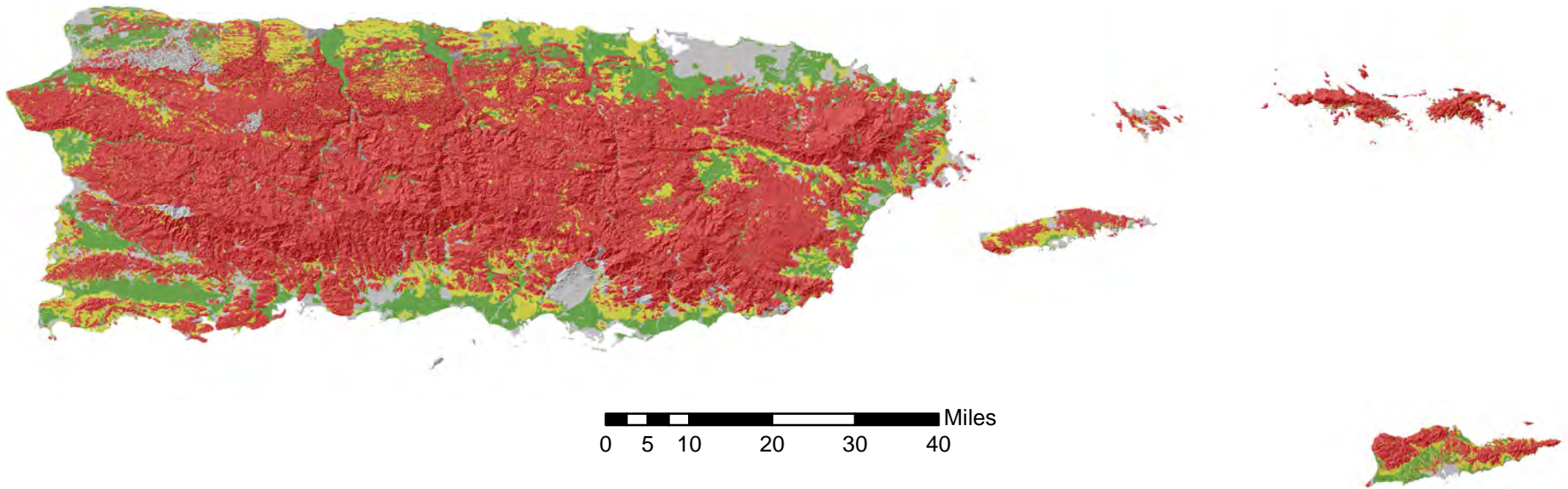




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





## Summary

This layer represents the spatial distribution of Highly Erodible Land map units for the Arecibo, El Yunque, Humacao, Mayaguez, Ponce, San German, San Juan and US Virgin Islands Soil Survey Areas. A highly erodible soil, or soil map unit, has a maximum potential for erosion that equals, or exceeds, eight times the tolerable erosion rate. Soils are classified based on their erodibility index. The erodibility index of each soil map unit in a field is used as the basis for identifying Highly Erodible Land (HEL) for Food Security Act compliance.

## Legend

### class

-  NOT RATED - Miscellaneous Areas and Urban Land
-  HEL - Highly Erodible Land
-  PHEL - Potentially Highly Erodible Land
-  NHEL - Non Highly Erodible Land

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