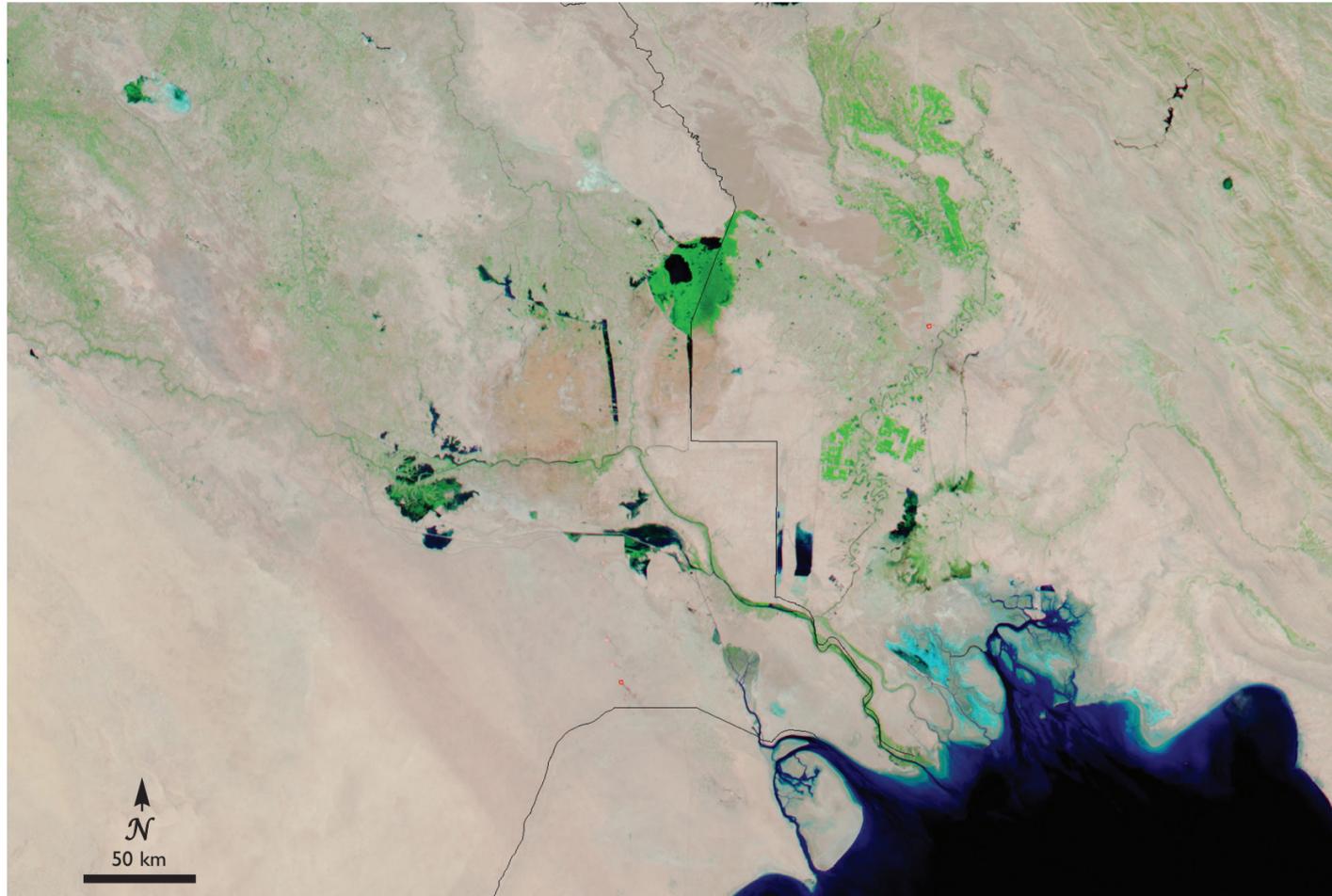
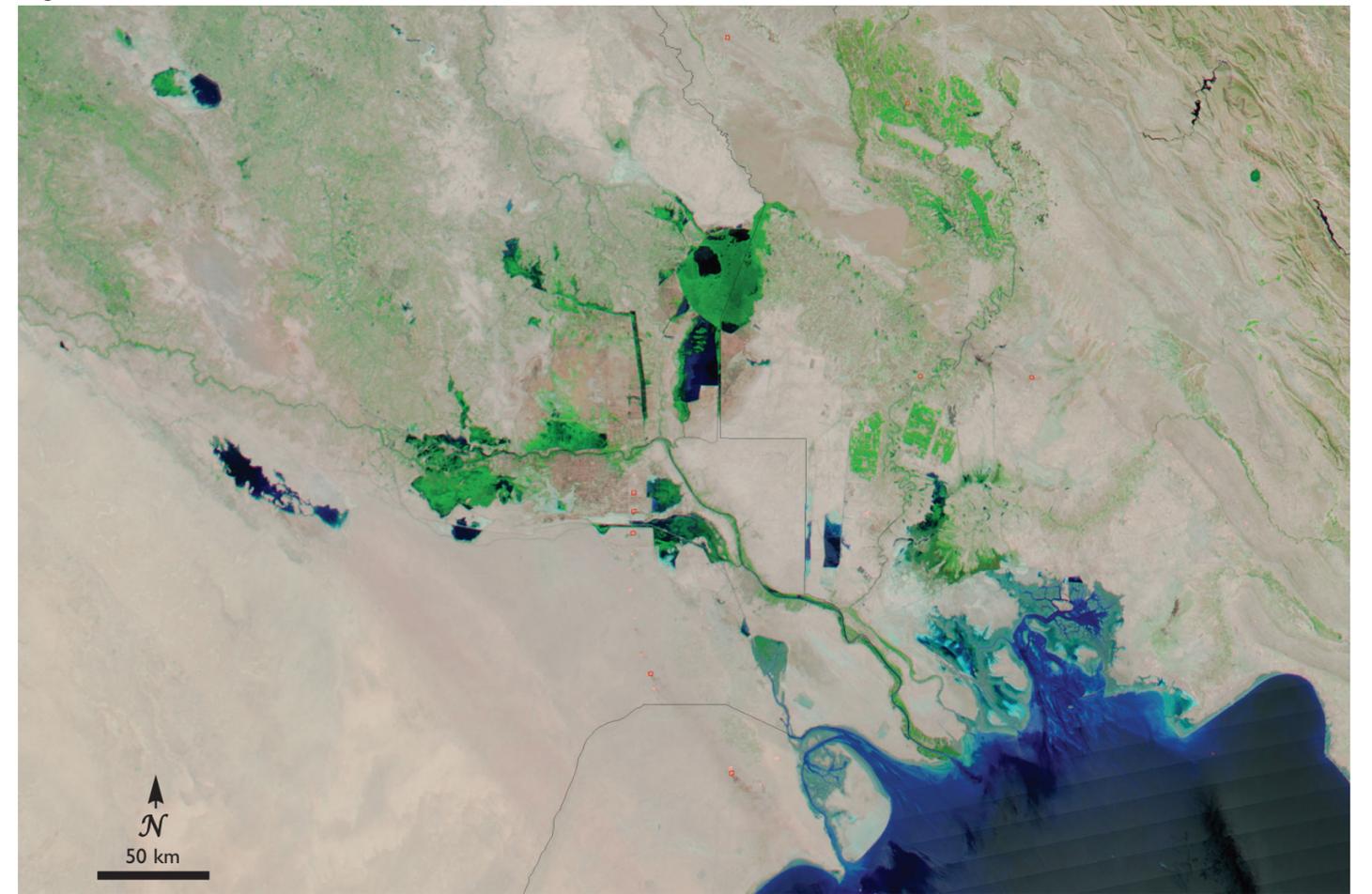


August 25, 2003



August 25, 2005



Rebounding of the Iraqi marshlands between August 25, 2003 (above) and August 25, 2005 (facing page). In these satellite images, water is blue or black, vegetation is green, and desert sand is pale tan or pink. Efforts to restore the marshlands have yielded visible results, with considerably more water and vegetation apparent in the 2005 image than in the 2003 image. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Aqua satellite.)