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## USER MANUAL

Orthophotomaps creation

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## 1. Purpose of the document

The current User Manual contains information about orthophotomaps creation using *GeoMosaic* program. This program is designed to merge the georeferenced orthorectified imagery and create the orthomosaic from them. The main part of document contains description the technology of mosaic creation in the *GeoMosaic* program.

## 2. About program

### 2.1. Purpose and main definitions

The *GeoMosaic* program (hereinafter is referred to as 'program') is purposed to create the orthomosaic from georeferenced orthorectified aerial and satellite imagery, splitting of created orthomosaic with the capable of saving sheets in popular raster file formats.



The *GeoMosaic* program includes to the full version of PHOTOMOD system and also could be produced separately.



The orthomosaic is the single image, which obtained during the brightness adjustment and merging the multiple georeferenced orthorectified images. The orthoimage is the image, obtained after the transformation from the central projection to the orthogonal projection with automatic removal of distortions, which were caused by the imaging equipment, elevation angle and relief.

The program provides the following features:

- creating the orthomosaic from the source images;
- radiometric images correction (filtration, color balance, brightness, contrast, etc.);
- *pan-sharpening* – process of merging multispectral and panchromatic images (see the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual);
- correction (removing visual defects) of images in the *DustCorrect module*;



The module provides processing for Windows BMP and Stripped SingleScale TIFF without compression images only.

- automatic cutlines creation considering areas without background and cloudiness on images;
- different modes of creation and edition cutlines;
- splitting output mosaic into sheets depending on parameters;
- GCP adding and measurement their coordinates on images;
- tie points adding and measurement their coordinates on images;



- local and global brightness adjustment;
- smoothing areas along cutlines for creating mosaic image;
- import/export of cutlines, sheets borders. ground control points, etc.;
- loading DEM and accuracy control of DTM creation (see the '[Creating DTM](#)' User Manual).

## 2.2. Main conventions and terms

The program uses the following conventions and terms:

- *Orthomosaic* – orthoimage, created from source images during brightness adjustment and merging georeferenced orthoimages;
- throughout this User Manual, the *orthomosaic*, created from the source images, is referred to as 'output mosaic' or 'mosaic';
- *Orthoimage* is a georeferenced image prepared from a perspective photograph or other remotely-sensed data in which displacement of objects due to sensor orientation and terrain relief have been removed;
- *Cutline* is the boundaries of the specified area from the source image, which will be included in the output mosaic. The vector polygons are used for the cutlines creation. The common boundaries of neighbouring cutlines are completely topologically coincide, i.e. the areas of source images, selected using the cutlines, which are the single area without overlaps and 'gaps';
- *Useful area* contains substantial part of image and excludes input background of image;
- *Sheet* – a part of output mosaic, which is saved in individual file with chosen format; edges of sheet are vector polygons;
- *Active sheet* – a sheet, from which the output mosaic file will be create;
- *Inactive sheet* – a sheet, excluded from the output mosaic;
- *Source image* (source image of mosaic project) – source georeferenced orthoimage;
- *Reference image* is the raster image on the same area, but with more accurate georeference, then source images of mosaic project;
- *Pyramid* is a set of resampled copies of image;
- *Global brightness adjustment* means transformation equally applied to all pixels of each source image;

- *Local brightness adjustment* is a transformation applied along cutlines of images that are merged into mosaic with a smoothing going down to the image central point and mosaic edges.

## 2.3. Input data

The sources data for mosaic creation in the *GeoMosaic* program are the orthoimages, referenced to the coordinate system, in the files of following formats:

- Tag Image File Format (TIFF) TIFF и GeoTiff format, included tags for saving of georeferenced information;
- Windows Bitmap File (BMP);
- VectOr Raster Maps (RSW) raster formats of PHOTOMOD VectOr program;
- ERDAS IMAGINE (IMG) ERDAS system raster format;
- NITF (NITF);
- JPEG (JPEG);
- GIF (GIF);
- PNG (PNG);
- USGS DEM (DEM);
- PCIDSK (PIX) raster format with georeference in the heading developed by PCI Geomatics company;
- JPEG2000 (JP2) raster format with jpeg compression and georeference in the heading developed.



the limitation on output file size of JPEG2000 format – no greater then 500 Mb.



The program also provides the ability to load and process of palette images in TIFF, GIF and BMP files format.

The source images can be placed to resources of the active profile as well as to conventional *Windows file system*.

## 2.4. Output data

The program provides the supporting of multiple raster formats to export the output mosaic sheets. The program also provides the output formats to export the georeference data. The cutlines, sheet boundaries and tie points, created in the mosaic project, are

stored in vector files of internal format. The program supports the multiple import/export formats of vector data.

Table 1. Output data

Output data	File formats	File placement
Mosaic project	X-GMOS internal format	in the active profile resources
Cutlines and tie points (vector data)	X-DATA internal vector format	in the active profile resources
External georeferenced data for mosaic sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHOTOMOD GEO</li> <li>• MapInfo TAB</li> <li>• ArcWorld (*.tfw, *.pbw)</li> </ul>	in <i>Windows file system</i>
Mosaic sheets (orthoimages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIFF и GeoTIFF (*.tiff, *.tif)</li> <li>• Windows Bitmap File (*.bmp)</li> <li>• ERDAS IMAGINE (*.img)</li> <li>• NITF (*.nitf)</li> <li>• JPEG (*.jpg, *.jpeg)</li> <li>• PNG (*.png)</li> <li>• Microstation (*.gfn)</li> <li>• JPEG2000 (*.jp2)</li> <li>• PCIDSK (*.pix)</li> <li>• PHOTOMOD MegaTIFF (*.prf)</li> <li>• VectOr Raster Maps (*.rsw)</li> <li>• ECW (*.ecw)</li> </ul>	in <i>Windows file system</i>


### 3. Start of work

Before the beginning work in the program define the folder, in which are placed the sources data. The program allows to place the files with the source data in the folders of *Windows* file system, as well as in the profile resources.

Activate this profile when the source images placing in the profile resources. Supported file formats list of source images see in [Section 2.3](#).

Description of resource system see in the [General Information](#) User Manual.

To start the program perform one of the following:

- choose the **Start › Programs › PHOTOMOD › GeoMosaic**;
- double click the *PHOTOMOD Geomosaic* icon on the desktop;
- in the context menu of *System Monitor module* in (the  icon in the *Windows* system tray) choose **GeoMosaic**;
- start the *PHOTOMOD* system and choose the **Rasters › GeoMosaic**.

## 4. Interface and its elements

### 4.1. Work area interface

The GUI contains the following elements:

- the main menu, which contained the all program functionality (A);
- the main toolbar is used for quick main program functions access (B);
- the additional toolbars is used for quick miscellaneous program functions access (O);



Toolbars could be placed only one-lined, horizontal or vertical.

- the 2D-window, used for data displaying, contains the following elements:
  - the toolbar is used for the 2D-window modes managing (C);



A number/total sheets/images is shown in header of the individual 2D-window.

- the work area is used for viewing and processing with loaded data of mosaic project (F);
- the navigation bar is used for fast moving on the specified block images area of mosaic project (D);



By default on launch of the program layers are not shown in the navigation window. If necessary, click the **Navi** tab and choose layers to display.

- the *Layer manager* is used for managing of mosaic project layers (E);
- the axes direction of project coordinate system (M);
- the status bar is used for viewing current real (ground) and pixel marker coordinates and brightness, contrast and gamma data adjustment in the work area (G, K, L).



When place marker is on the area out of image or on background, brightness is indicated as *NULL*.

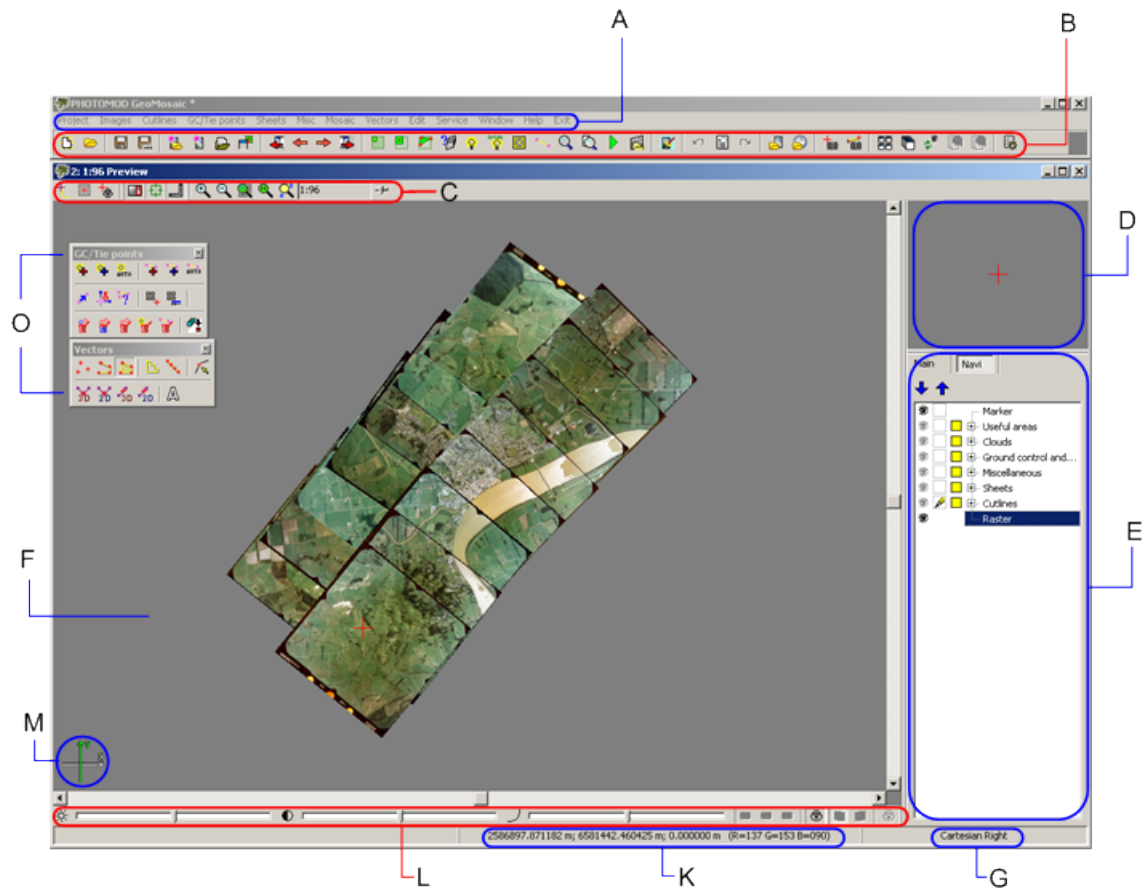


Fig. 1. The GeoMosaic program

## 4.2. Brief description of main menu

The program main menu contains the menu items for mosaic creation, vector data processing, additional applications starting and setting parameters.














Table 2. Main menu


























Menu	Function
<b>Project</b>	allows to create, open and save mosaic project, and also obtain information about project
<b>Images</b>	allows to form images block of mosaic project
<b>Cutlines</b>	purposed for cutlines creation and also provides features for calculating areas without background (useful areas) and cloudiness
<b>GC/tie points</b>	purposed for searching and measurement ground and tie points in the cutlines region to adjust the stitching along the neighbour cutlines

Menu	Function
<b>Sheets</b>	purposed for mosaic splitting and managing active status of sheets
<b>Misc</b>	purposed for additional data retrieving
<b>Mosaic</b>	purposed for defining the output parameters of mosaic and creating the sheets of mosaic with saving in output format files
<b>Vectors</b>	purposed for creating, editing, import/export of vector data (see the menu description in ' <a href="#">Vectorization</a> ' User Manual)
<b>Edit</b>	purposed for modes choosing to select and draw vector objects, to transform curves, repeat/cancel the last operation (see the menu description in ' <a href="#">Vectorization</a> ' User Manual)
<b>Service</b>	purposed for applications launching, additional data loading (e.g., DEM), general parameters setting, coordinate system editing, etc.
<b>Windows</b>	allows to open additional toolbars and windows: new 2D-window, Marker and Measurements windows, Objects attributes window (see the ' <a href="#">General Information</a> ' User Manual)
<b>Help</b>	allows to start the ' <a href="#">Help</a> ' system
<b>Exit</b>	purposed for closing of GeoMosaic program

### 4.3. The main toolbar

Table 3. Brief description of main toolbar

Buttons	Function
	allows to create a new project
	allows to open a mosaic project from active profile resources
	allows to save a mosaic project
	allows to save a mosaic project with new name in active profile resources
	allows to add images out of active profile resources
	allows to add images from active profile resources
	allows to open <a href="#">images list</a>
	allows to open <a href="#">sheets list</a>
	allows to open current and previous images in individual 2D-images
	allows to open next image
	allows to open previous image
	allows to open current and next images in individual 2D-images
	allows to set on a single sheet creation mode

Buttons	Function
	allows to create a sheet around marker
	allows to set on the area to cutlines additional mode which is used for adding new cutline to existed one
	allows to define the output parameters for creation of mosaic
	allows to rebuild brightness adjustment for all block scheme
	allows to set on the Local adjustment of images brightness
	allows to enable using of ground control points
	allows to enable using of tie points
	allows to open the Preview window for all project
	allows to open the Preview window for current sheet
	allows to start the mosaic creation
	allows to load an image from file to the individual raster layer
	allows to launch the <i>DustCorrect module</i> to edit MS-TIFF images (see the <a href="#">Project creation</a> User Manual)
	allows to undo the last action (see the ' <a href="#">General information about system</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to display the list of last actions (see the ' <a href="#">General information about system</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to redo the last undone action (see the ' <a href="#">General information about system</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to load a georeferenced image from file, located in the file system, for <a href="#">more precise correspondence</a> of cutlines area
	allows to load web-map
	allows to open the <b>Marker</b> window (see the menu description in ' <a href="#">Vectorization</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to open the <b>Measurements</b> window (see the menu description in ' <a href="#">Vectorization</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to tile 2D-windows
	allows to stack 2D-windows
	allows to refresh all 2D-windows; to perform re-calculating of brightness adjustment click the button holding the <b>Shift</b> key
	allows to zoom in in all images ( <b>Shift+* [NumPad]</b> )
	allows to zoom out in all images ( <b>Shift+ / [NumPad]</b> )
	allows to open a window of display mode parameters (see <a href="#">Section 14</a> )

## 5. Workflow of mosaic creation

Creation of mosaic implies a number of following actions:

1. Creating of mosaic project (see [Section 6](#)).
2. Loading of images in the mosaic project:
  - images adding;
  - setting of transparency for the background color of source images (see [Section 7.5](#)).
3. Defining of channels set for mosaic.



Use the **Mosaic** tab in the **Mosaic parameters** window to define the channels (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).

4. Defining of the *output* coordinate system for mosaic and using it for storing of vector data (the cutlines, sheets boundaries and tie points).



Use the **Misc** tab to specify the save parameters of vector data in output coordinate system (see [Section 13.2.5](#)). The output coordinate system for mosaic is defined in the **Mosaic parameters** window on the **Mosaic** tab (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).

5. Estimation of work areas for cutlines creation: Creating areas without background and areas with clouds (see [Section 8](#)).
6. Cutlines creation and editing (see [Section 8](#)).



It is not necessary to create cutlines only if block of initial images with joining boundaries, i.e. if images block is without overlaps and 'gaps', is used.

7. [optional] Performing brightness adjustment of mosaic areas: global and local brightness adjustment, seams feathering (see [Section 9.1](#)).
8. [optional] Stitching of the area from the tie points in the cutlines region and using ground control points (see [Section 10](#)). Setup parameters of GC/Tie points measurement (see [Section 13.2.4](#)).
9. Splitting into sheets and selection for creating of output files (see [Section 11](#)).



It is strongly not recommended to create mosaic sheets with size more than 4 GB because of *Windows file system* limitation for image size.







10. Setup the output parameters for mosaic creation: pixel size, map scale, mosaic sheets file format, etc. (see the [Section 13.2.2](#) and [Section 13.2.3](#)).
11. The [mosaic creation](#) with saving of the mosaic sheets in the files of selected format, also in the [distributed processing mode](#).

## 6. Mosaic project creation

### 6.1. Project menu

Table 4. Brief description of 'Project menu'

Menu items	Function
 <b>New</b>	is used for creation of the new mosaic project
 <b>Open</b>	is used to open the saved mosaic project from file with the x-gmos extension in the resources of active profile
<b>Recent</b>	allows to choose and open one of recent projects
<b>Import</b>	allows to import mosaic project from the *.x-gmos file
 <b>Save</b>	allows to save the opened mosaic project in the file with the same name and the x-gmos extension in the resources of active profile
 <b>Save as</b>	allows to save the opened mosaic project in the new file and the x-gmos extension in the resources of active profile
<b>Save work environment</b>	allows to save the project work environment – a set of project opened layers (e.g. vector data, raster images opened to transfer GCPs or DEM) in a file *.x-work in active profile resources
<b>Load work environment</b>	allows to load project work environment data from a file *.x-work saved in active profile resources
<b>Statistic</b>	allows to open the <a href="#">project statistic window</a>

### 6.2. Creating new project

Choose the **Project › New** or click the  button on the main toolbar; The following blank service vector layers are created automatically and displayed in the *Layer manager*:

- *Useful areas*;
- *Clouds*;
- *Ground control and tie points*;
- *Miscellaneous*;

- *Sheets*;
- *Cutlines*.




Service layers couldn't be closed or saved as a separate vector layer.

The name project in the title of main program's window is marked with \*, if the project was changed.

Mosaic project is saved to x-gmos file.

Choose the **Project › Save** to save the mosaic project. All changes in project layers are saved.

Choose the **Project › Save as** to save the mosaic project with new name and define name and path in active profile resources.

Choose the **Project › Open** or click the  button on the main toolbar to open existed mosaic project.

The program provides opportunity to load the following additional data in the project:

- choose the **Misc › Load metadata to current layer** to load images metadata to the current active layer;



*Metadata* – structured information about data in the image file,



It is recommended to choose *Cutlines* or *Miscellaneous* layers to correct load of metadata. Metadata could be load only into a system layer.

- choose the **Misc › Load nadir and central points** to load nadir and central points to the *Miscellaneous* layer.

It is possible to work with project without source raster images (e.g. only to view project parameters or cutlines). In this case images display as a grid in 2D-window.

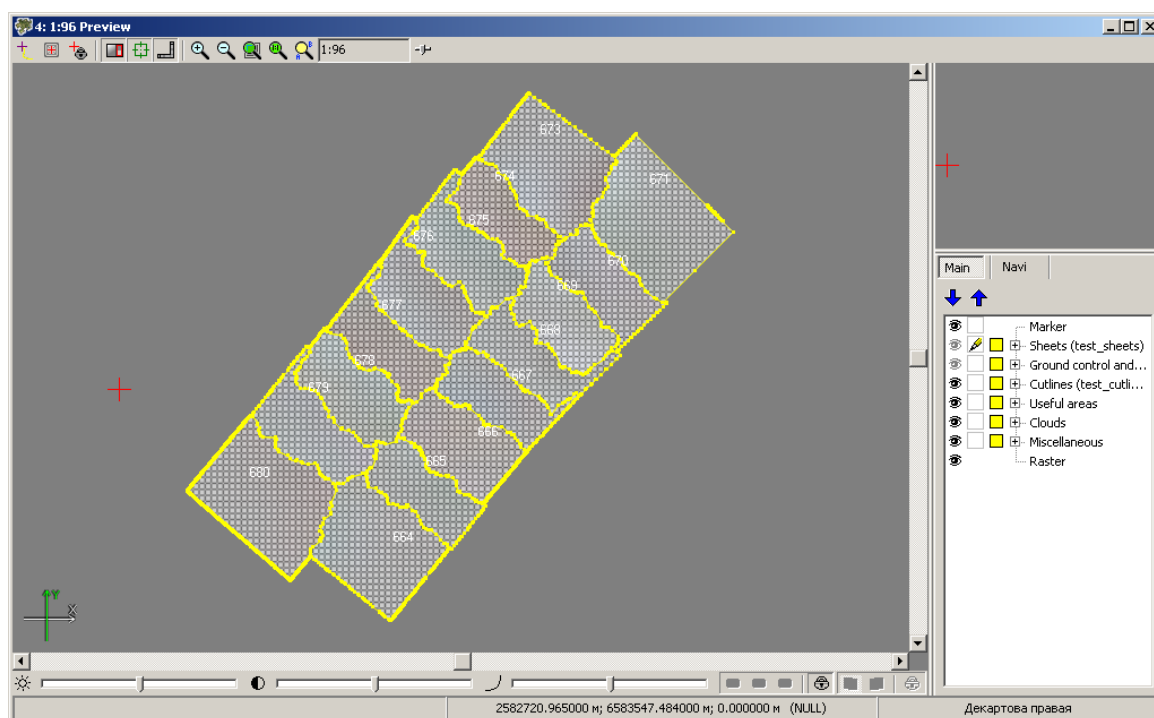


Fig. 2. Project without source images

### 6.3. Mosaic project import

The program allows to import parameters of other project without changing set of source images



During import of parameters or points/cutlines layers При импорте параметров или слоя порезов/точек автоматически учитывается расхождение между размерами пикселей на местности текущего и другого проектов.

To import project parameters to opened project choose the **Project > Import**.

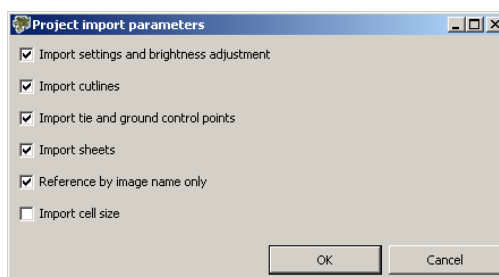


Fig. 3. Mosaic project import parameters

The **Project import parameters** window allows to choose type of the following data to import:

- **Import settings and brightness adjustment** – allows to import parameters of the **Mosaic** tab on the **Mosaic parameters** window, and also parameters of local and global brightness adjustment from the **Brightness adjustment** tab;
- **Import cutlines** – to import cutlines layer, associate these cutlines with images of current project;
- **Import tie and ground control points** – allows to import tie and ground control points and to associate them with images of current project;
- **Import sheets** – allows to import parameters of splitting mosaic into sheets and to allow these parameters for current project;
- **Reference by image name only** – to compare imported cutlines only by image name, not by path;
- **Import cell size** – to import the output mosaic cell size.



All data import to the service layers of project. Layers with imported data are marked in the *Layer manager*.

## 6.4. Project information

To view information about the project choose **Project › Statistic**.

The **Statistic** window, which contains the following information, opens:

- quantity of source images;
- quantity of channels;
- bytes per sample;
- quantity of total/active mosaic sheets;
- mosaic size in megabytes;
- output raster size in pixels.

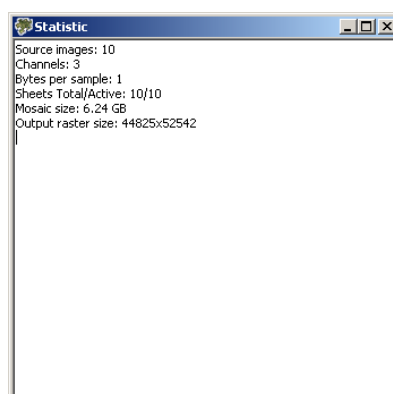





Fig. 4. Project information

## 7. Images block forming

### 7.1. Images menu

Table 5. Brief description of Images menu

Menu items	Function
 <b>Add images from files</b>	is used for the selecting image files, locating in the file system, and adding to mosaic project
 <b>Add images from resources</b>	is used for selecting image files, locating in the resources of active profile, and adding to mosaic project
<b>Add images › From files (from folder)</b>	is used for automatic selection of all images from the specified folder of <i>Windows file system</i>
<b>Add images › From resources (from folder)</b>	is used for automatic selection of all images from the specified folder of active profile and adding to mosaic project
<b>Add images › Add from files list</b>	allows to use the text file, containing the full network paths to the images (useful when the project files are located in different local and network folders), for adding the images to mosaic project
<b>Delete selected images</b>	allows to delete from project the images that are selected using selection of appropriate vector objects, for example, source images boundaries, cut-lines, areas without background
<b>Delete images outside active sheets</b>	allows to delete the images outside active sheets from mosaic (see <a href="#">Section 11</a> )
 <b>The Images list window</b>	allows to open the added images list for editing list, search images by name, view the selected image and its properties; define images background color; show tie points residuals
<b>Open selected images</b>	is used to open in separate 2D-windows those images, with highlighted boundaries (see <a href="#">Section 12</a> )



Menu items	Function
<b>Check source images</b>	is used for the checking of the project images (the file presence, georeferenced data presence, the correct file format); if images were changed, information message is displayed
<b>Create pyramids</b>	allows to create the overview pyramid set for the fast images refreshing on screen (the <i>pyramids</i> are saved in the files with the <i>pyr</i> extension in the <i>Pyramid</i> folder during this process)
<b>Distributed pyramids creation</b>	allows to use distributed processing for pyramid creation of loaded images
<b>Delete pyramids</b>	allows to delete all pyramids, created for loaded images
<b>Transparent background color</b>	contains menu items to set up transparency images background color

## 7.2. Adding images

The step forming of source images block follows after the mosaic project creation. It implies a number of following actions:

1. Loading source images and forming block images of mosaic project.
2. Setting transparency for the background color of source images to exclude the background from the output mosaic.

The program provides the following possibilities to load source images into the project:

- to add source images manually from files
  - in active profile resources – choose the **Images › Add images from resources** or click the  button;
  - in the *Windows* file system folder – choose **Block › Add images from files** or click the  button.



**Shift** and **Ctrl** keys are used to select multiple files.

- to add source images automatically;



Automatic selection is recommended when large number of source raster files are located in the folder along with files of other formats, and/or when source images are located in several subfolders of the selected folder.

- from folder in active profile resources – choose the **Images › Add images › From resources (from folder)**;

- from the *Windows* file system folder – choose the **Images › Add images › From files (from folder)**.



To search raster images in subfolders, set on the **Search in subfolders** checkbox.



It is possible to search and add files only with selected extension. The type of mask like `*.*` is used for this (e.g., `*.tiff`).

- to add set of source images create a text-file with the list of images paths and choose **Images › Add images › Add from files list**.



The text-file should contain list of *full* network paths to source images files.

It is possible to change output channels, if images with channel, that is absent in loaded images, were added to the project.

### 7.3. Image selection

The program allows selection one of group of images in the *Miscellaneous*, *Cutlines* or *Useful areas* layers and also in the window with source image.

The following options are provided for images selection:

- the **Misc › Source images outlines** menu item is used to create image borders as vector polygons on the *Miscellaneous* layer. Images are selected corresponding to selected polygons;




If there are selected objects on the non active *Miscellaneous* layer, will be selected images corresponding to these objects.

- if there are selected polygons on the *Cutlines* or *Useful areas* layers, will be selected images corresponding to selected polygons;
- if there are selected objects on the active 2D-window, will be selected image in this window only.

### 7.4. Images preview

Images block opens automatically in the **Preview** window after adding images to the mosaic project.

To display all images in the **Preview** window, choose the **Mosaic › Preview** or click the  button of the main program toolbar.



Images are displayed in the **Preview** window automatically after adding to the mosaic project. In order to disable automatic displaying of images, set off the checkbox in the **Settings > Preview** window (see [Section 14.2](#)).

Each image of mosaic project is a raster images, insert to a rectangle.

Background without image has defined color. In program it calls *mosaic's background* and each output mosaic file contain it.

By default is used black background color. Background doesn't display in the **Preview** window.



To display output mosaic background in the **Preview** window, set off the **Transparent mosaic background on preview** checkbox in the **Parameters > Preview** window (see [Section 14.2](#)).



The **Background color** parameter on the **Mosaic** tab in the **Mosaic parameters** window allows to chose (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).

Source images in mosaic project also have background, which calls *background color of source images* in the system.



It is recommended to exclude this background from output mosaic. To do this set the transparency of background color (see [Section 7.5](#)).

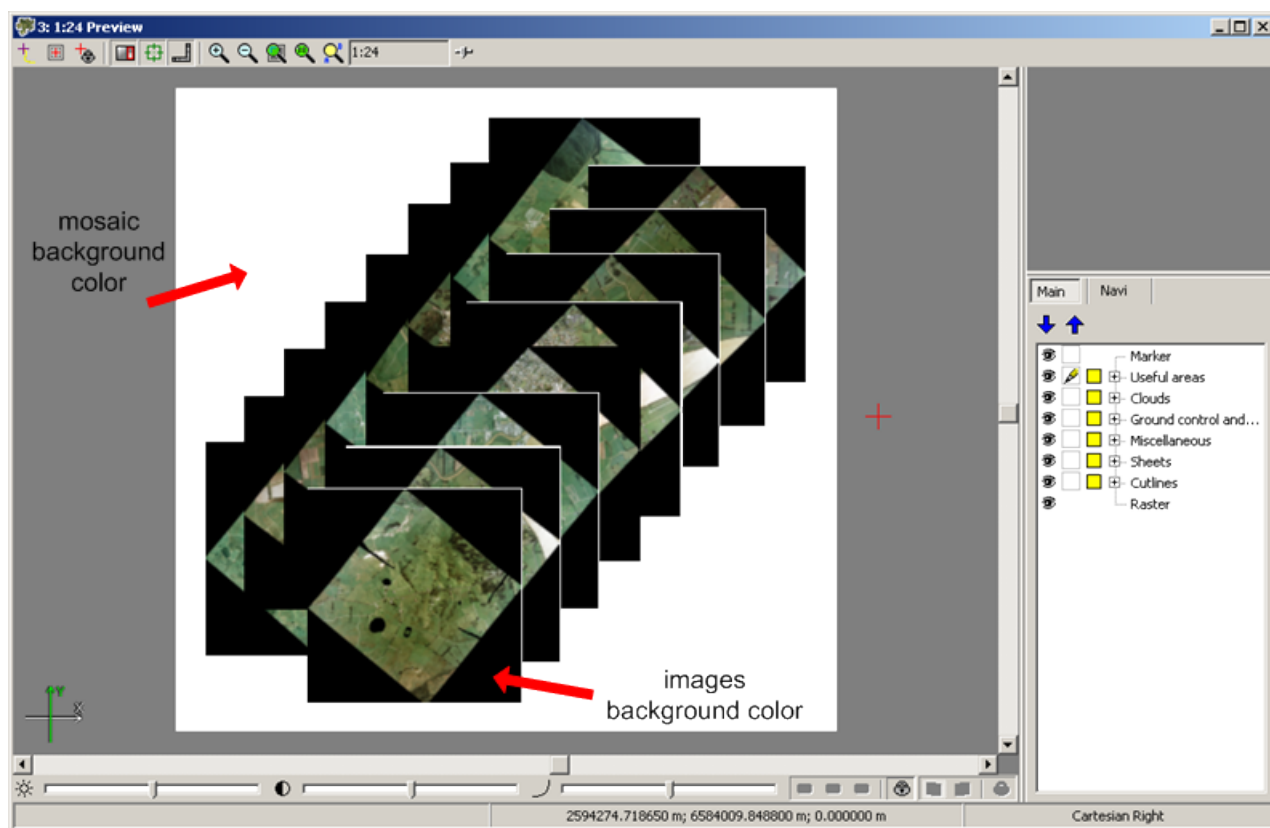



Fig. 5. Mosaic's background and background color of original images (without transparency)



Perform one of the following to open images of mosaic project in separate 2D-windows:

- choose the **Images › Project images list** to open **Images list** window. Select the images in the list and click the  button.





In order to highlight multiple images, press and hold the **Ctrl** or **Shift** key while clicking mouse or use selecting tools in **Images list** window (see [Section 7.8](#)).

- choose the **Misc › Source images outlines** to create image borders as vector polygons. Select borders of images and choose the **Images › Open selected images**.





To select more than one object, stretch the rectangle along with pressed **Shift** key with one of the group selection instruments on **Tools** toolbar.



The following buttons on main toolbar are used to pass to previous or to next image:


-  – to display previous image;
-  – to display next image.



If there is no opened 2D-windows (image) or preview windows, the  button allows to open the last image in the project,  – the first image.

The following buttons on main toolbar are used to pass to previous or to next image:

-  – to display current and previous images in separate 2D-windows;
-  – to display current and next images in separate 2D-windows.

To open any georeferenced orthoimage of [acceptable raster format](#) in separate 2D-window, choose the **Mosaic › Open image** or click the  button on the main toolbar and choose image file.

## 7.5. Setup of image background color

It is recommended to setup of transparency image background color after image loading into mosaic project to create mosaic correctly.



Setup of transparency background color of input image is highly recommended when there are areas inside images with the same color as background and you need to consider these areas in output mosaic as transparent, i.e. to produce mosaic with 'gaps' without fill of input background color or using reference image. The **Transparent background inside cutlines** parameter is used to consider useful areas transparency (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).



Perform one of the following to setup transparency for the background color of source images:



If background is not homogeneous in color, use the **Source rasters background color range** parameters (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).

- in case of white background color of source images, choose the **Images › Transparent background color › White**;
- in case of black background color of source images, choose the **Images › Transparent background color › Black**;
- choose the **Images › Transparent background color › Auto** to assign automatically images background color and set up transparency to all mosaic project images.



Choose the **Images › Project images list** or click the  button on the main toolbar. The **Images list** window opens. Select the images to define the images background color and click the  button (see detailed description in [Section 7.8](#)).

Choose the **Images › Transparent background color › None** to cancel transparency setting for images background color.

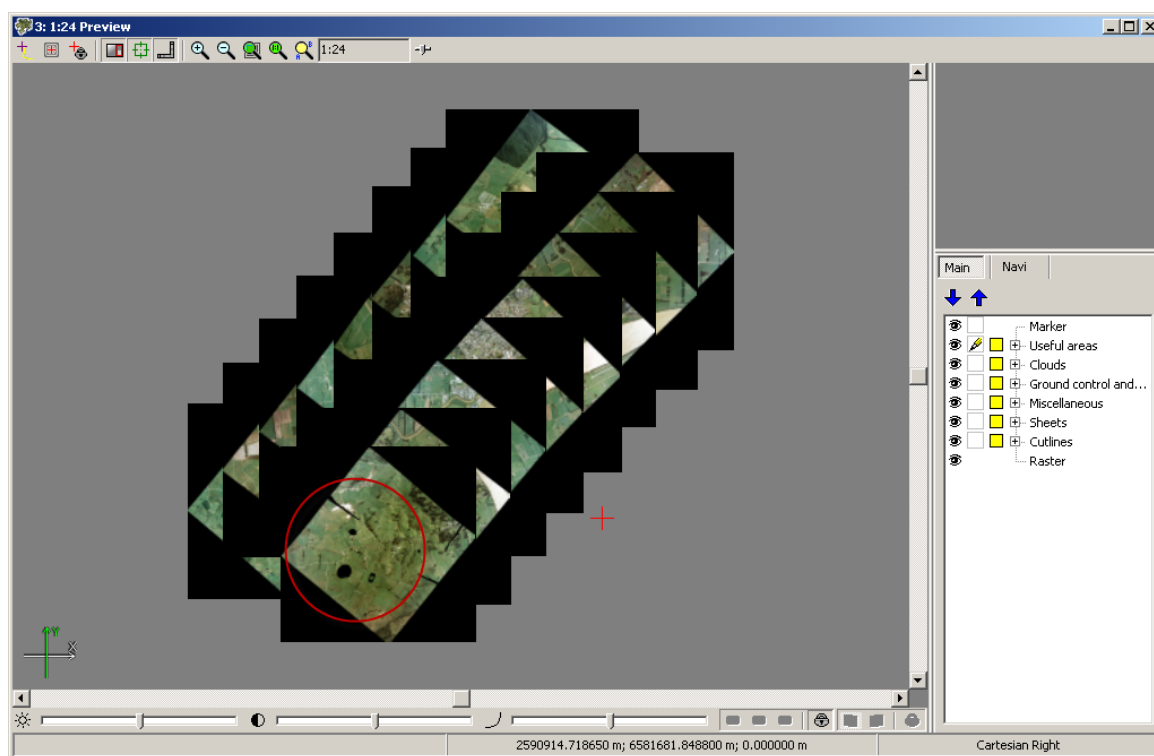


Fig. 6. Black color of images background

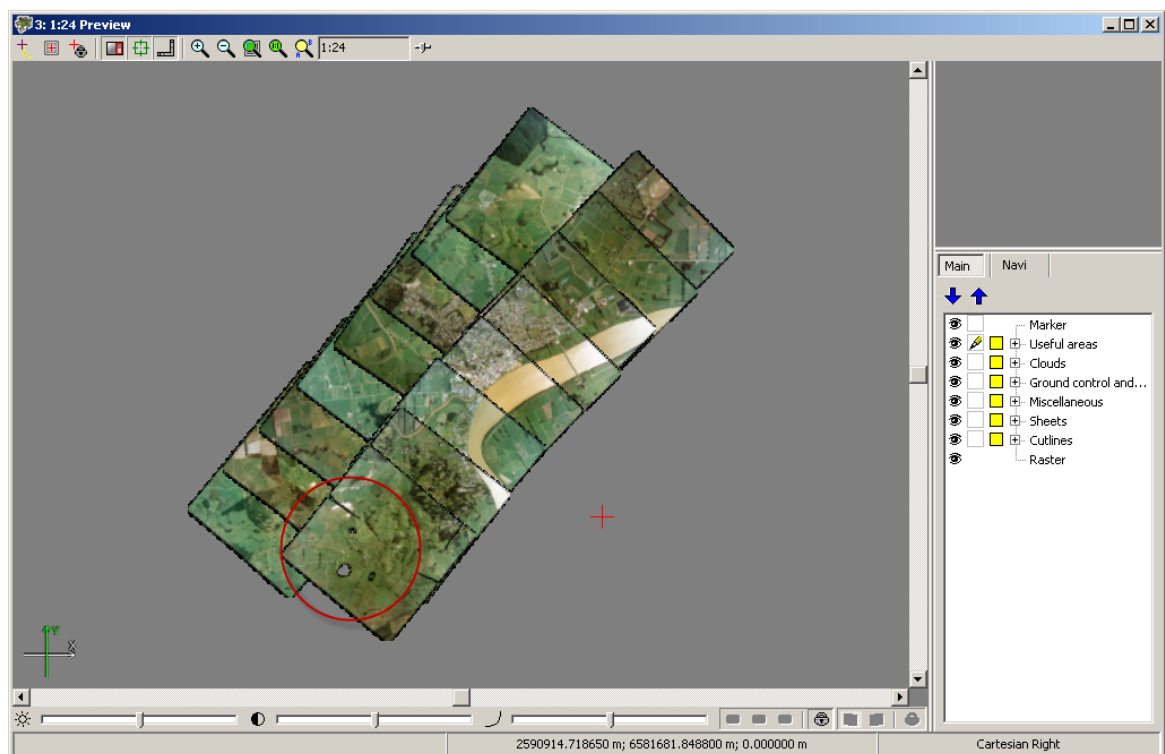


Fig. 7. Transparency setting for black color of images background

## 7.6. Image pyramid creation

To fast images redraw on a screen it is possible to create image pyramid.



*Pyramid* is a set of resampled copies of image.

The pyramids are saved to the files with the pyr extension in the *Pyramid* folder.

Choose the **Images › Create pyramids** for creating the overview pyramid.

In case of large data volumes it is recommended to use distributed processing. Perform the following actions to create pyramids :using distributed processing:

1. [Add images](#) to the project.
2. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual).
3. Choose **Images › Distributed pyramids creation**. The **Create pyramids** window opens.

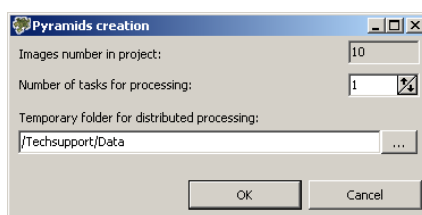


Fig. 8. Pyramid's distributed processing parameters

The total **Number of images in project** displays in the window.

4. Specify **Number of tasks for processing**, which are processed by one computer.




It is recommended to set quantity of tasks in proportion to quantity of used cores, but not more than 25 tasks.

5. Select the **Temporary folder for distributed processing** in the resources of active profile for temporary data storing.
6. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.

## 7.7. Editing of block images


Perform one of the following actions to delete the images from the mosaic project:

- select the image in the **Preview** window and choose the **Images › Delete selected images**;
- choose the **Images › Project images list**. The **Images list** window opens. Select the images in the list and click the  button.

To select multiple images use Shift and Ctrl keys or use selecting tools in **Images list** window (see [Section 7.8](#)).

Also the program provides a possibility to delete images outside of active sheets border (see [Section 11](#)). After sheets creation define the activity of sheets and choose the **Images › Delete images outside active sheets** to do this.

## 7.8. The Images list

The **Images list** window is provided to view and edit the images list of mosaic project. To open the **Image list** window choose the **Images › Project images list** or click the  button of the main program toolbar.

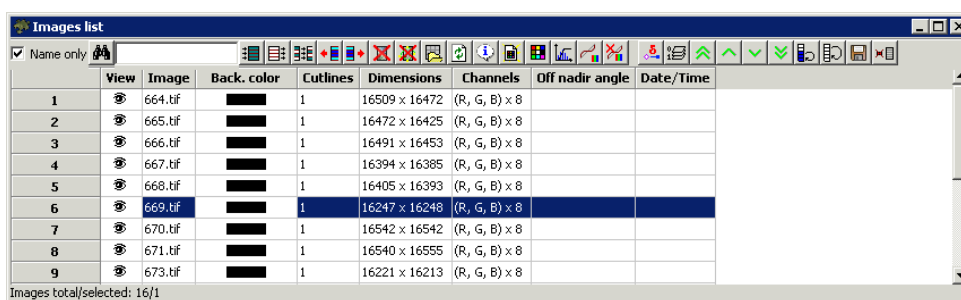


Fig. 9. The Images list window

The main part of the window contains a table of mosaic project images with the following information:

- View – visibility images in the preview window;
- Image – attribute for full path to image file;



Set the **Name only** checkbox on to display image file name only;

- Background color – background color of source images, specified during setting of background color transparency;
- Cutlines – information about presence/absence and quantity of cutlines created for the image;
- Dimensions – image size in pixels;
- Channels – channels number and number of bytes per pixel;
- Off-nadir angle – off-nadir angle (in degrees);
- Date/Time of survey.



Points sorting in columns of the list is performed by mouse click on the column header.

Double click to image name allows to open 2D-window of source image and all data for this image (cutlines, sheets borders, etc.).

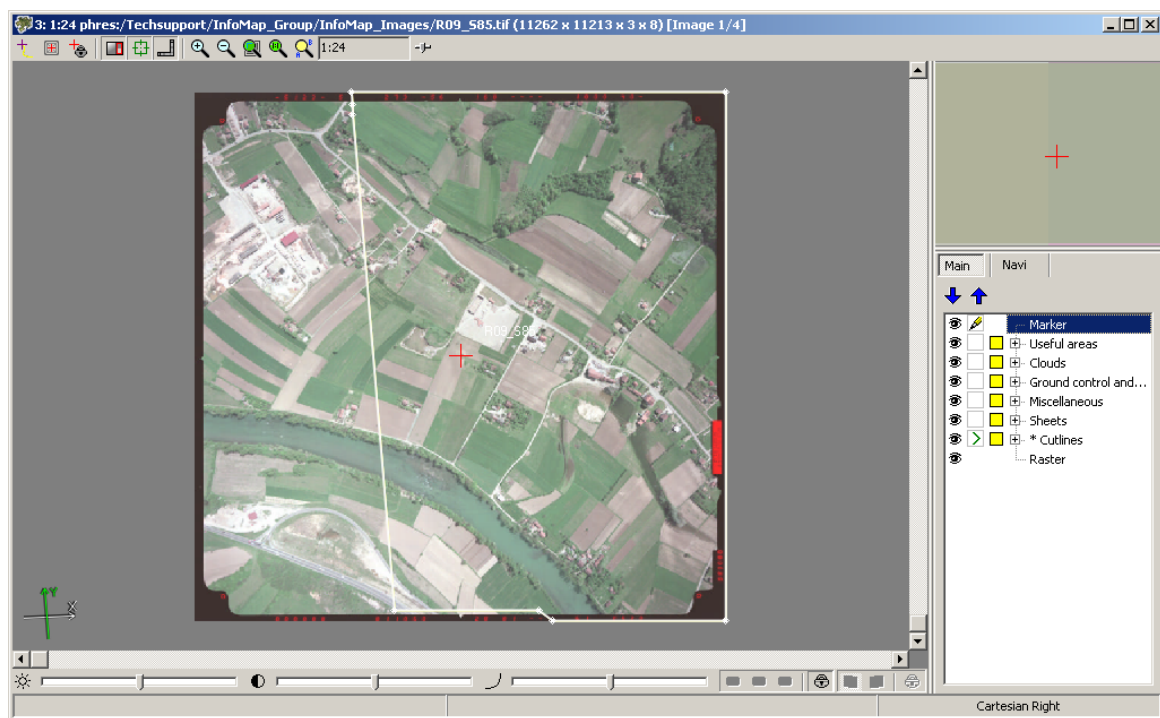
















Fig. 10. Project image

Toolbar and standard selection and searching tools are placed in upper part of window. Number of Images total/selection displays in the status bar of the window.

Table 6. The toolbox of 'Images list' window





Buttons	Function
	is used to search for an image by name (part of name) in the list
	allows to select all images in the table
	allows to unselect all images in the table
	allows to invert selection of images in the table
	allows to highlight images, selected in the table, on active layer
	allows to highlight image, selected in 2D-window, in the table
	allows to remove selected images from project
	allows remove from the project images without cutlines (in the <b>Cutlines</b> column is shown the '-')
	allows to open selected image in 2D-window
	allows to refresh table of images and recalculate quantity of cutlines, which fall into images
	allows to display information about selected image (path, size, channels)
	allows to clear selected images background color



Buttons	Function
	allows to set arbitrary images background for selected images
	allows to apply auto levels to selected images (see the ' <a href="#">General information about system</a> ' User Manual)
	is used to radiometric correction for selected images (see the ' <a href="#">General information about system</a> ' User Manual)
	allows to delete radiometric correction for selected images
	allows to show tie points residuals for current image (see <a href="#">Section 10.5</a> )
	allows to restore the default order of images after changing
	allows to move selected image at the head of the list;
	allows to move selected image up the list;
	allows to move selected image down the list;
	allows to move selected image at the end of the list;
	allows to invert selected images or group of images
	allows to reverse images in the table
	allows to save the list of selected images and their file paths in a text file
	allows to remove each n-th images from project

## 8. Cutlines creation

### 8.1. Cutlines menu

Table 7. Brief description of the Cutlines menu

Menu items	Function
 <b>Clear</b>	allows to delete cutlines, i.e. to clear the <i>Cutlines</i> layer completely (without closing of this layer)
 <b>Open</b>	allows to open cutlines saved earlier in vector file *.x-data in active profile resources
 <b>Save</b>	allows to save vector data file with cutlines
 <b>Save as</b>	allows to save cutlines in vector file *.x-data with new name
<b>Useful areas</b>	allows to calculate useful areas in automatic mode
<b>Clouds</b>	allows to calculate cloudy areas in automatic mode
<b>Build full mosaic</b>	allows to setup parameters of automatic cutlines creation and to start cutlines build operation, also in the distributed processing mode

Menu items	Function
 <b>Area to cutlines addition mode</b>	allows to add areas to cutlines during their editing (see the <a href="#">Section 8.6</a> )
 <b>Parameters</b>	allows to redefine attributes of the <i>Cutlines vector layer</i>
<b>Cutline properties</b>	allows to view and edit attribute values of selected cutline
<b>Check cutlines</b>	allows to check correspondence between cutlines and images of a project in order to find images without cutlines and/or cutlines which are not attached to images
<b>Split cutlines into sheets</b>	allows to split cutlines according to boundaries of created sheets

## 8.2. Requirements of the cutlines creation

The stage of cutlines creation follows after the forming the block images of the mosaic project.

*Cutline* is a vector polygon defining the images area, which will be included in output mosaic.



Combination of automatic and manual cutlines creation, with clouds selection, optional use of DEM, as well as definition of the cutlines type by attributes provide high quality the stitching of the areas during the output mosaic creation. There is no need to create cutlines when you process block of images, which boundaries are docking, i.e. images blocks without overlaps and 'gaps'. In order to create mosaics using such images you should perform the following actions: setup transparency of input background color, split into sheets, setup mosaics parameters and create output mosaics sheets.

Performing the following steps is recommended for the cutlines creation:

1. [optional] Creating areas without background and areas with clouds.
2. [Automatic cutlines creation](#) (also in the distributed processing mode).
3. [Editing cutlines](#): manual editing of vector polygons and their attributes in the *Cutlines* layer.

There are following rules to go by when creating the cutlines for building of the high quality mosaic:

- cutlines should not have intersections and self-intersections. The common boundaries of the neighbour cutlines should be fully correspond;
- I.e. all areas of the source images, outlined by cutlines, form one united coverage without overlaps or gaps;



- It is not recommended to draw cutlines over elevated objects (bridges, buildings, utility poles, etc), otherwise if the **Seams feathering** checkbox in the **Mosaic parameters** window in the **Brightness adjustment** tab is set on, the smearing effect is possible;



It is recommended to cross extended objects at right angle or create cutline not less than 1.5 cell size apart from extended objects border.

- it is recommended to create cutline parallel to brightness edge on enough distance from it.

### 8.3. Creating areas without background (useful areas)

It is recommended to create areas without background before creating cutlines and set the background transparency of source images.

*Useful area* contains substantial part of image and excludes input background of image. Useful areas are vector polygons on the *Useful areas* layer.

Useful areas are used as well as setup of input background color transparency to create cutlines.

There is no need to create useful areas prior to cutlines creation in the following cases:

- there is no background on images;
- manual editing (specification) of useful areas is not required;
- there is no need to select (create) cloudy areas on source images to consider them during cutlines creation.

Useful areas creation may exclude a necessity to setup transparency of input background color.



However, setup of transparency of input background color is *highly recommended* when there are areas inside images with the same color as background and you need to consider these areas in output mosaic as transparent, i.e. to produce mosaic with 'gaps' without fill of input background color or using reference image. Set the **Transparent background inside cutlines** parameter before mosaic creation to consider useful areas transparency (see [Section 13.2.2](#)).

Useful areas along with other information, such as background color, cloudy areas, cutlines are located near files with images. Files with image description have x-feat extension.

For useful areas creation use menu **Cutlines › Useful areas**.

Table 8. Brief description of menu 'Useful areas'

Menu items	Function
<b>Build</b>	allows to define parameters and calculate useful areas automatically as vector polygons on the <i>Useful areas layer</i>
<b>Clear</b>	allows to clear <i>Useful areas</i> layer (without closing of this layer); at that information about useful areas is <i>not</i> deleted from files of images description *.x-feat, that allows to restore created useful areas
<b>Open</b>	allows to restore recently created useful areas if the <i>Useful areas</i> layer was cleared using menu item <b>Cutlines › Useful areas › Clear</b> , and then to display them in the Preview window
<b>Save</b>	allows to save useful areas in files of images description x-feat after drawing them manually or editing areas without background calculated automatically
<b>Delete all</b>	allows to completely clear the <i>Useful areas</i> layer without possibility to restore the useful areas, i.e. to clear the layer along with deleting information in files of images description x-feat
<b>Delete for selected images</b>	allows to delete useful areas, created for selected images, along with information in files with images description x-feat

For automatic calculation of useful areas perform the following actions:

1. Choose **Cutlines › Useful areas › Build**. The **Settings** window opens.

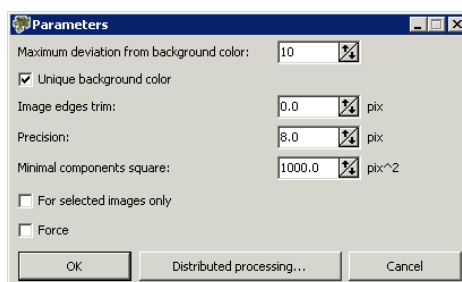


Fig. 11. Useful areas parameters

2. [optional] in case of areas on images with color equal to background color, set on the **Unique background color** checkbox and set the **Maximum deviation from background color** to define a range of color, which presents in background of source images.
3. Set the **Image edges trim** value to setup offset distance from background boundary and the image substantial area (in pixels).

4. Set the **Precision** of calculation of areas boundaries (this value influences on number of nodes in polygon to be created).
5. Set the **Minimal components square** to specify image area value, that will be used as area minimal threshold for useful areas creation.
6. [optional] To calculate useful areas for selected images only, set on the **For selected images only** checkbox.
7. [optional] Set the **Force** checkbox on to *recalculate* already calculated and restore deleted useful areas. At that information in files with images description \*.x-feat also refreshed.
8. Click OK to calculate useful areas.

To use distributed processing in calculation of useful areas, perform the following:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '*General information about system*' User Manual).
2. Click the **Distributed processing** button. The **Distributed processing of useful areas** window opens.

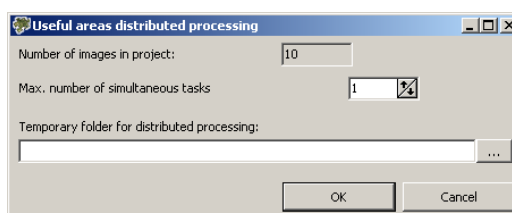


Fig. 12. Creating areas without background (useful areas)

The total **Number of images in project** displays in the window.

3. Define the **Max. number of simultaneous tasks** for tasks number on which the process of useful areas creation will be divided.



It is recommended to set quantity of tasks in proportion to quantity of used cores, but not more than 25 tasks.

4. Select the **Temporary folder for distributed processing** for temporary data storing.
5. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.

There is an example of automatic useful areas calculation:

1. Source image has black input background. There are areas with input background color inside the image.

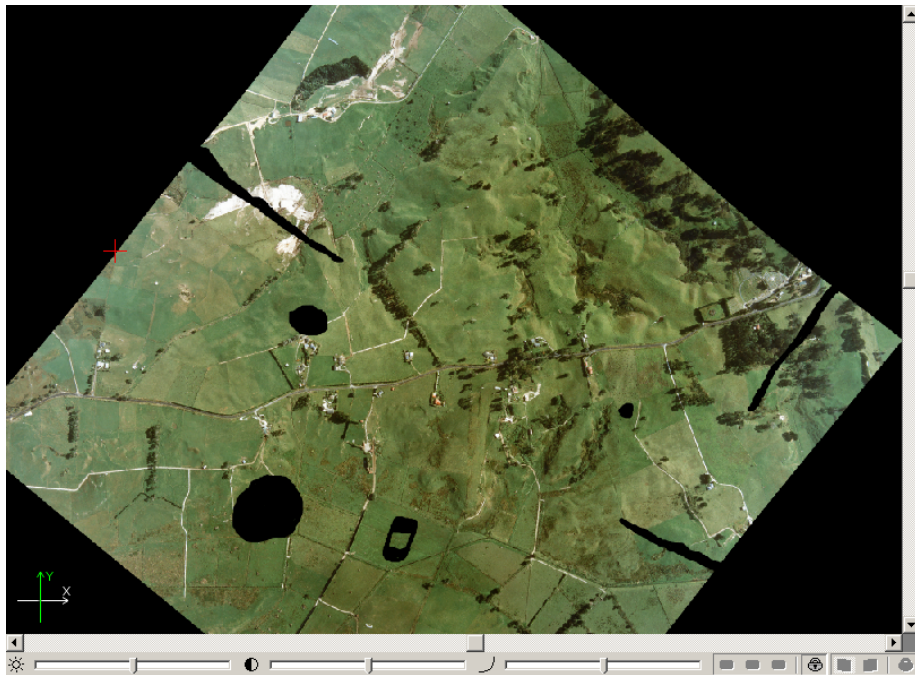


Fig. 13. Source image

2. Check the **Unique background color** checkbox in the **Parameters** window to consider 'insets' during useful areas creation.

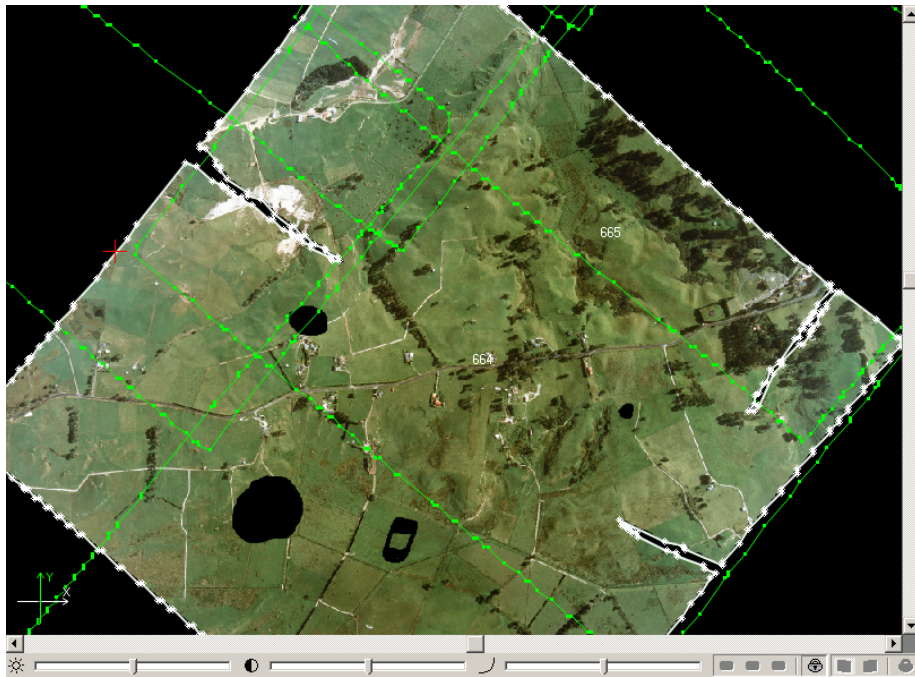


Fig. 14. Useful area in case of unique background color

3. Clear the **Unique background color** checkbox in the **Parameters** window to create useful areas roughly, almost without considering 'insets'. Closed areas of black color inside image are not considered as a background and are included to useful area.

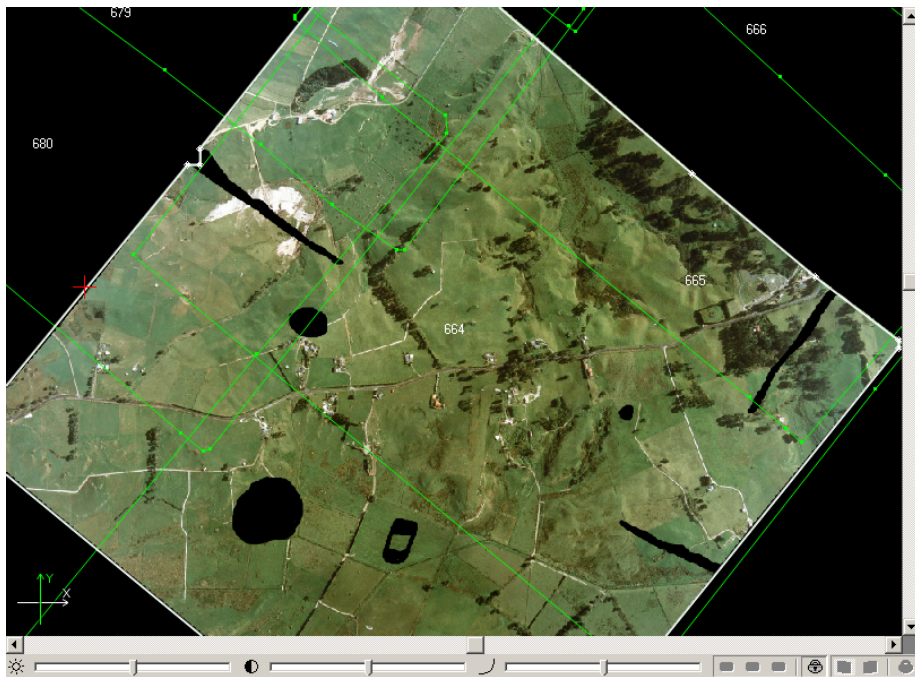


Fig. 15. Useful area in case of non-unique background color



## 8.4. Clouds calculation

In order to calculate cloudy areas and exclude them during cutlines creation the system provides possibility of their automatic recognition and calculation. Cloudy areas are vector polygons on the *Clouds* layer.



It is necessary to create **useful areas** prior to creating of cloudy areas.

The **Cutlines › Clouds** menu is used to create cloudy areas.

Table 9. Brief description of menu 'Clouds'

Menu items	Function
<b>Build</b>	allows to setup parameters and automatically calculate cloudy areas as vector polygons on the <i>Clouds</i> layer
<b>Clear</b>	allows to clear the <i>Clouds</i> layer (without closing the layer); at that information about clouds is <i>not</i> deleted from files of images description *.x-feat, that allows to restore created clouds
<b>Open</b>	allows to restore existing clouds if the <i>Clouds</i> layer was cleared using menu item <b>Cutlines › Clouds › Clear</b> , and to display them in the <b>Preview window</b>
<b>Save</b>	allows to save clouds in files of images description *.x-feat after editing of clouds calculated automatically or after drawing them manually
<b>Save for selected images</b>	allows to save cloudy areas created just for selected images to files of these images description *.x-feat after editing of clouds calculated automatically or after drawing them manually
<b>Delete all</b>	allows to clear the <i>Clouds</i> layer completely without possibility of restoring cloudy areas, i.e. to clear the layer along with information deleting from files of images description *.x-feat
<b>Delete for selected images</b>	allows to delete clouds created for selected images, and to delete information from files of images description *.x-feat

Useful areas along with other information, such as background color, cloudy areas, cutlines are located near files with images. Files with image description have x-feat extension.

Automatic clouds detection principle consists in search on image for bright enough and homogeneous areas, where there is grey color with area not less then specified.

To calculate cloudy areas automatically perform the following actions:

1. Choose **Cutlines > Clouds > Build**. The **Clouds detecting parameters** window is opened.

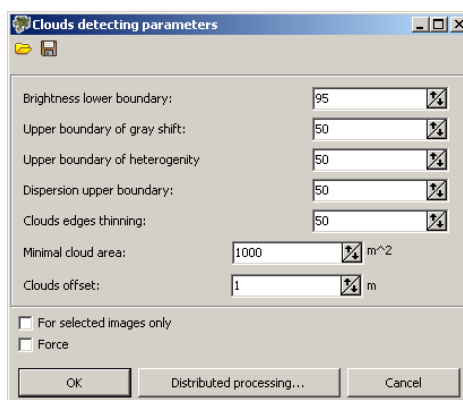




Fig. 16. Parameters of cloudy areas building

2. [optional] To load pre-set of parameters from \*.x-ini file, located in the file system, click the  button and choose a file.
3. Specify the following parameters of automatic clouds detection:
  - **Brightness lower boundary** – allows to define range of brightness for clouds detection – to specify lower brightness threshold (from 0 to 100, where 100 – maximal brightness), if the brightness is more that the threshold it is considered as possible cloud;
  - **Upper boundary of grey shift** – allows to define maximal deviation from grey color that present in clouds (from 0 to 100, where 0 – grey color, when R, G, B values are equal);
  - **Upper boundary of heterogeneity** – allows to define range of heterogeneity in clouds – to specify maximal deviation from homogeneity (from 0 to 100, where 0 – homogeneous area);
  - **Dispersion upper boundary** – allows to define range of dispersion in clouds – to specify upper dispersion threshold (from 0 to 100);
  - **Clouds edges thinning** – allows to define a degree of clouds boundaries thinning (filtering of vector polygons vertices) from 0 to 100, where 0 – boundaries without thinning; 100 – 'rough' maximally filtered boundaries;
  - **Minimal cloud area** – allows to define minimal area of cloud, when this area is not considered as cloud, i.e. clouds of small size will be excluded from selection;
  - **Clouds offset** – allows to setup offset in meters around the cloud detected (to exclude shadow or half-transparent part of cloud).

4. [optional] To calculate cloud areas for selected images only, set on the **For selected images only** checkbox.
5. [optional] Set on the **Force** checkbox to recalculate already calculated and restore deleted cloud areas. At that information in files with images description \*.x-feat also refreshed.
6. [optional] To load pre-set of parameters from \*.x-ini file, located in the file system, click the  button. Input a file name and click **Save**.
7. Click OK to search and calculate cloudy areas.

To use distributed processing in calculation of cloudy areas, perform the following:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '*General information about system*' User Manual).
2. Click the **Distributed processing** button. The **Distributed processing of useful areas** window opens.

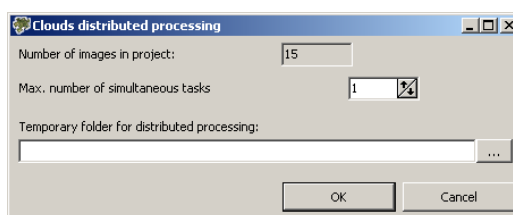


Fig. 17. Creating cloudy areas

The **Number of images in project** field displays the number of source project images.

3. Define the **Max. number of simultaneous tasks** for tasks number on which the process of cloudy areas creation will be divided.



It is recommended to set quantity of tasks in proportion to quantity of used cores, but not more than 25 tasks.

4. Select the **Temporary folder for distributed processing** for temporary data storing.
5. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.



## 8.5. Automatic mode of cutlines creation

The program provides opportunity to create cutlines in automatic mode with one of two algorithms: *Voronoy diagram*, and more *detailed algorithm* which is specially recommended for images with urban or rural building.

Performing the following steps is recommended for the cutlines creation:

1. Use the fast Voronoy diagram method.
2. Estimate the results of cutlines creation.
3. [optional] [Edit the cutlines](#) in vector objects drawing mode, if necessary.
4. If the results are not acceptable apply detailed algorithm of cutlines creation.



In this case cutlines are created bypassing separate objects (houses) and crossing roads at the right angle.

Perform the following actions for automatic cutlines creation:

1. Choose the **Cutlines > Build**. The **Cutlines creation parameters** window opens.

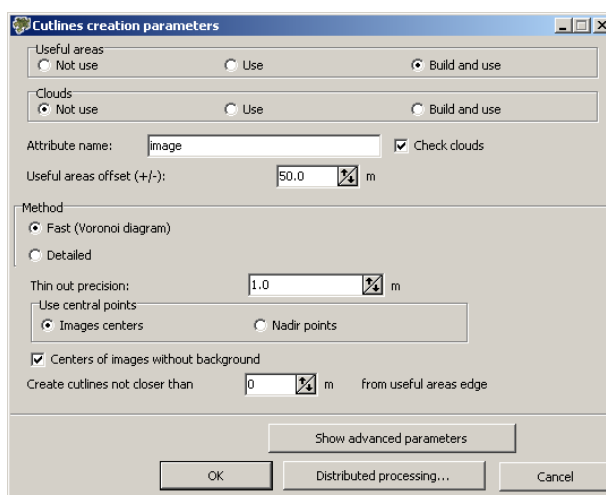


Fig. 18. Parameters of automatic cutlines creation

2. In the **Useful areas** section choose one of the following options of using useful areas during cutlines creation:
  - **Not use** – allows to not use useful areas, when the background is absent on source images;
  - **Use** – is used to use pre-created (automatically or manually) [useful areas](#);



While creating cutlines considering useful areas it is *not recommended* to use orthoimages with JPEG-compression.

- **Build and use** (by default) – allows to calculate useful areas automatically and use these areas for cutlines creation.



Calculated useful areas don't display in 2D-window and don't save on the *Useful areas layer*.



The **Build and use** mode is used by default if the [assign automatically images background color](#) was chosen.

3. In the **Clouds** section choose one of the following options of clouds considering during cutlines creation:

- **Not use** (by default) – allows to not use cloudy areas;
- **Use** – is used to use pre-created (automatically or manually) [cloudy areas](#);
- **Build and use** – allows to calculate clouds automatically and consider them during cutlines building in automatic mode.



Calculated cloudy areas don't display in 2D-window and don't save on the *Clouds layer*.

4. In the **Attribute name** input field specify the attribute name of the *Cutlines* vector layer, where the full path to the image is stored (by default, `image_name`).



It is necessary to specify the attribute to perform automatic matching of the cutlines with images prior to mosaics building, or for preview creation.

5. Check the **Check clouds** checkbox to exclude 'gaps' in created cloudy areas in output mosaic.



The main idea of clouds check is, that the system tries to use reference image to replace a cloud (entirely or partially) if the reference image does not contain the cloud in this place, otherwise, the cloud will stay on the output mosaic.

6. [optional] In the **Useful areas offset** input field specify positive or negative value of distance in meters to crop(-) or add(+) fields of working area, which is defined by created useful areas.



The **Useful areas offset** value should be much less than the **Maximal shift from Voronoy diagram** parameter's value.

7. In the **Method** section choose one of the following methods of automatic cutlines creation:
  - **Fast (Voronoy diagram)** – this method consists in splitting all the area of cutlines creation into polygons based on proximity to nadir points or, if the latter are not given, to image centers;
  - **Detailed** – more 'fine' algorithm for Voronoy diagram building, In this case edges of Voronoi's diagram, belonging to two different images, are replaced by broken lines, which provide optimal images joining.
8. [optional] Click the **Show advanced parameters** button to open parameters of detailed algorithm. The following additional parameters of this method are shown:

Fig. 19. Detailed method cutline creation parameters

- **Maximal shift from Voronoi diagram** – at zero value you will get Voronoy diagram, if the value is one – maximal area is used for cutlines creation. This algorithm allows to calculate estimation function on images. Cutlines are created on lines in such a way, that maximal value of this function on them is minimal among all possible lines (minimax method).

- **Weight of objects outlines** – allows to avoid separate objects (houses) during cutlines creation or to cross them at the right angle (in case of roads);
- **Weight of images heterogeneity** – allows to avoid small cities and settlements during cutlines creation, including also urban blocks, since at certain pixel size settlements look more heterogeneous, comparing with forested areas, agricultural fields, etc;
- **Weight of images correlation** – the bigger the differences in vicinity of point on adjacent images, the bigger this component for each point;
- **Weight of images brightness** – is used for cutlines creation in darkened areas of images, where human eye is less receptive to images inconsistency;
- **Use DEM** – allows to consider terrain relief for cutlines creation.



It is recommended to use DEM when project images contain mountainous areas and you need to create cutlines not on mountains peaks but on lowlands. In case of urban areas it is not recommended to use DEM.

9. [optional] In the **Thin out precision** input field specify thin out coefficient of polylines (in meters).
10. In the **Use central points** section define location of images centers which are used for Voronoy diagram creation:
  - **Nadir points** (recommended if any);
  - **Images centers** considering or not images background.



The **Centers of images without background** checkbox allows not to consider images background when use centers of images.

11. [optional] In the **Create cutlines not closer than [ ] from useful areas edge** input field specify minimal distance in meters from working area boundary to create cutlines, if source images have small overlap.
12. Click OK to start process of cutlines creation.

To create orthoimages in distributed processing mode, perform the following actions:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual).
2. Click the **Distributed processing** button. The **Cutlines distributed processing** window opens.

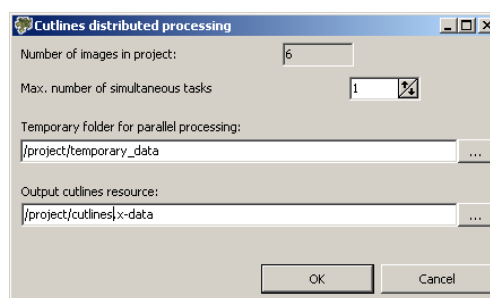


Fig. 20. Cutlines distributed processing parameters

The **Number of images in project** field displays the number of source project images.

3. Define the **Max. number of simultaneous tasks** for tasks number on which the process of cutlines creation will be divided.
4. Select the **Temporary folder for distributed processing** for temporary data storing.
5. Select the **Output cutlines resource** for output vector file for storing cutlines in the resources of active profile.
6. Click OK to create distributed processing tasks.

The vector polygons are created in the *Cutlines* layer after the process completion. Created cutlines are displayed in the **Preview** window.

13. [optional] if necessary, edit parameters and start automatic procedure of cutlines creation and/or [edit cutlines manually](#) considering [recommendations to cutlines creations](#).
14. Choose the **Cutlines** › **Save** to save the created cutlines in the x-data files of the active profile resources.

Choose the **Vectors** › **Export** to export the cutlines into other formats (see the [Vectorization](#) User Manual).

## 8.6. Editing cutlines

The following options are provided for cutlines editing:








- to delete all cutlines, i.e all vector objects from the *Cutlines* layer, choose the **Cutlines** › **Clear**;
- to edit cutlines manually is used the standard tools of **Vectors** menu (see the '[Vectorization](#)' User Manual);



If new cutline creates manually it is assigned that image, the center of which is the closest to the created cutline.

- the **Vectors › Topology › Verify topology** menu item is used for verify topology (see the '[Vectorization](#)' User Manual);
- to create a cutline inside an existing cutline are used modes which could be switched on the **Cutlines type** additional toolbar.

The buttons of the **Cutlines types** additional toolbar are used to choose the type of cutlines:

-  **Image** – to use main image in cutline area;
  -  **Transparent with reference image** – to use reference image in cutline area (by default it is supposed to use a nearby image into the cutline area);
  -  **Background** – to use the output mosaic background color in cutline area, which sets in the **Parameters** window (see the [Section 13.2](#));
  -  **Transparent without filling** – to use transparent without filling in cutline area.
- to add new cutline to existed one (e.g. to edit manually cloudy area) is used the **Cutlines › Area to cutlines addition mode** and the  button of the main program toolbar; To add new cutline into existed one, perform the following:
    1. Choose **Cutlines › Area to cutlines addition mode** or click the  button of the main toolbar.
    2. Choose the type of cutline in the **Cutlines types** additional toolbar.
    3. Make the *Cutlines* layer active.
    4. Create a new polygon (see the '[Vectorization](#)' User Manual).
    5. To display the new cutline area click the  button.
  - the **Cutlines › Split cutline into sheets** menu item allows to split cutlines into polygons by sheets' borders. Polygons are saved in a new vector layer and contain all cutline's attributes.



To use this function it is required to create or load into project both cutlines and sheets.

- The **Cutlines › Check cutlines** menu item is used for checking correspondents between cutlines and images of a project in order to find images without cutlines and/or cutlines which are not attached to images or to remove images.

## 8.7. Cutlines attributes

The attributes of the Cutlines layer extend the capabilities of editing cutlines. Basing on the attributes, the cutline gets the name and type.

In the case, where the imported objects have another attributes, the capability of setting attributes provides the correct import of cutlines, created in third party software.

By default, the *Cutlines* layer has following attributes used to store information about cutlines:

- *image* – attribute for full path to image file;
- *image\_title* – attribute for cutline name (equal to image name – source or reference image);
- *rqn\_type* – the cutline type attribute;
- *ref\_image\_name* – the filename of reference image attribute, used in the cutline area.

For editing the *Cutlines* layer attributes perform the following:

1. Choose the **Cutlines** › **Parameters**. The **Cutlines parameters** window opens.

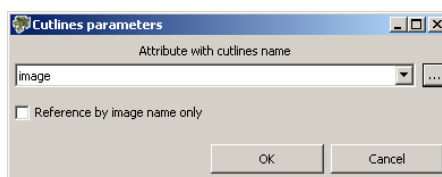



Fig. 21. Cutlines parameters

The default attribute name is displayed in the **Attribute with cutlines name** list.

2. To edit attribute choose attribute name from the list or click the  button to add new attribute. Input the name of new attribute and click OK.
3. [optional] Set on the **Reference by image name only** checkbox to comparison cutlines only by image name, not by path.



Editing of vector layer attributes, including editing of attribute name and attribute deleting are used in cutlines import. Choose the **Vectors** › **Export** to export the cutlines into other formats (see [Vectorization](#) User Manual).

Perform the following actions to view and edit attributes of the *Cutlines* layer and attributes values of selected cutline:

1. Select a cutline in the **Preview** window.

2. Choose the **Window › Object attributes** or click the  button of the **Vectors** additional toolbar. The **Object attributes** window opens.

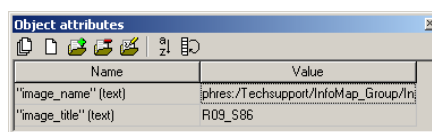









Fig. 22. Cutlines attributes

The following buttons are used to create and edit attributes table:

-  – allows to delete all attributes of selected objects;
-  – allows to delete common attributes of selected objects;
-  – allows to open the **Add attribute** window to define name, type and value of attribute;
-  – allows to delete current field of attribute table;
-  – allows to open the **Edit attribute** window to edit parameters of selected attribute;
-  – allows to sort attributes of selected objects;
-  – allows to invert attributes of selected objects.

Attributes may have the following values:

- for *image* – full path to main image file;
- for *image\_title* – cutline name (is automatically generated from name of file with source image);
- for *rgn\_type* – [cutline type](#):
  - 1 – complies to the **Image** type;
  - 2 – complies to the **Transparent from reference image** type;
  - 3 – complies to the **Background** type;
  - 4 – complies to the **Transparent without filling** type.
- for *ref\_image\_name* – full path to reference image file, providing that the cutline type is the Transparent from reference image, i.e. *rgn\_type* = 2.



3. Double-click the string of the **Value** input field and insert another value for changing of attributes value.
4. Press **Enter** to save or press **Esc** to cancel.

## 8.8. Cutlines info

To view and change information about several cutlines perform the following:

1. Make the *Cutlines* layer active.
2. Select a cutline in the **Preview** windows.
3. Choose **Cutlines > Cutline properties**. The **Cutline info** window opens.

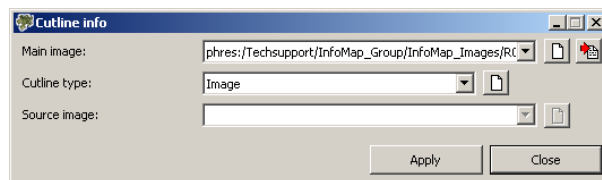


Fig. 23. The information about cutline

4. In the **Main image** field (corresponds to the *image* attribute value) shows full path to file of main image, for which the cutline was created. To edit the field value open the list and select another image of the project.



To return to current main image click the  button. To clear the list click the  button.

5. Choose one of the **Cutline type** from the list corresponds to the *rqn\_type* attribute value):

- **Image** to use main image in area of cutline;
- **Transparent from reference image** to use reference image (fallen into cutline area) in area of cutline specified in the Source image field;
- **Background** to color the cutline area with output mosaic background color (see [Section 13.2.2](#)), that is used for coloring of any terrain objects on images;
- **Transparent without filling** to apply transparency to the cutline area.



To clear the list click the  button.

6. [optional] In the **Source image** (corresponds to the *ref\_image\_name* attribute value) shows full path to file of reference image (fallen into cutline area), if the image is used for the cutline with the **Transparent from reference image** type. In order to select a reference image use a list of project images.



To clear the list click the  button.

7. Click the **Apply** button to apply changes.

## 9. Brightness adjustment

### 9.1. Brightness adjustment parameters

The **Brightness adjustment** tab of the **Mosaic settings** window is used to adjust brightness and contrast features of cutline areas during their merging.

The tab allows to setup the options of global brightness adjustment of output mosaic, to turn on local brightness adjustment, and to feather seams in cutline's areas.

*Global brightness adjustment* means transformation equally applied to all pixels of each source image.

*Local brightness adjustment* is a transformation applied along cutlines of images that are merged into mosaic with a smoothing going down to the image central point and mosaic edges. Processing of each pixel during the local brightness adjustment depends on its coordinates.

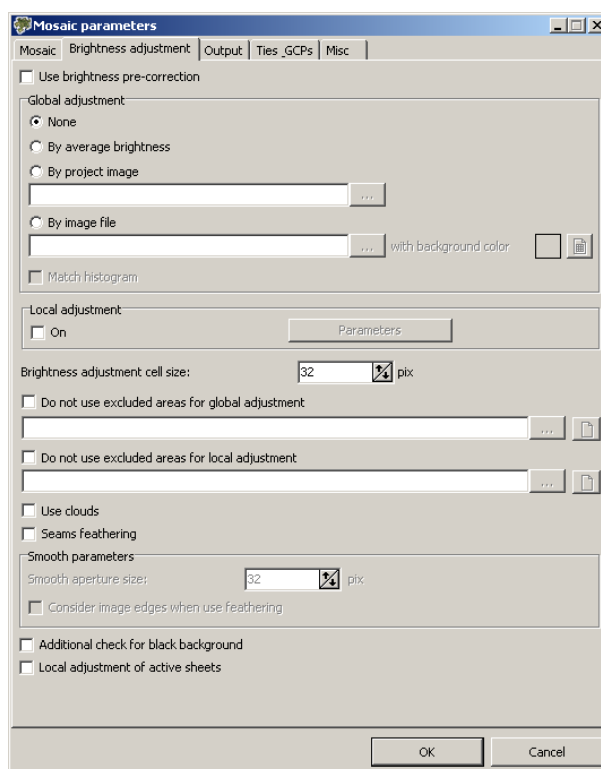


Fig. 24. Brightness adjustment parameters

The **Use brightness pre-correction** checkbox allows to consider preliminary BCG-correction of source images while output mosaic is created.



Brightness pre-correction does not consider in case of any method except **None** was chosen in the **Global adjustment** section.



It is recommended to set on the **Use brightness pre-correction** checkbox if there are a lot of cloud areas on scanner images.

In the **Global brightness adjustment** section choose the way of the brightness adjustment for all block:


- **None** – allows to use images without adjustment;
- **By average brightness** – allows to apply brightness adjustment using average images brightness;



At that brightness and contrast of all images are set to values, found using averaging of brightness and contrast values calculated over all mosaic images. This method is recommended when there are big differences between brightness' of images, but each of them contains relatively smooth scenes.




It should be noted that in case of scenes with sharp different brightness within one image (for example 'sea' and 'coast') this method may produce incorrect brightness adjustment results.

- **By project image** – allows to apply global adjustment by project image: histograms of mosaic images are corrected in accordance with chosen project ('reference') image. To select the reference image is used the  button;



It is recommended to use image located in the middle of images block as a reference. It is not recommended to use this method in case of abnormal local brightness fluctuations ('trends') on images, since in this case you can face a problem of smooth increasing or reducing of the brightness and contrast from the reference image to the block edges right up to complete 'lightening' ('blackening').

- **By image file** – allows to apply global brightness adjustment using brightness from chosen file. Histograms of mosaic images are corrected in accordance with chosen image file. To load image is used the  button.


The **Match histogram** checkbox allows to apply full (non-linear) brightness adjustment with histogram matching. Otherwise only mean of distribution and standard deviation are matched.

Set the **On** checkbox in the **Local adjustment** to apply local brightness adjustment along cutlines of images that are merged into mosaic. If you would like to specify local brightness adjustment parameters click the **Parameters** button (see [Section 9.3](#)).

Also set up the following general parameters of brightness adjustment:


- **Brightness adjustment cell size** – allows to specify a size of a cell (in pixels), which is used for brightness estimation and correction;
- **Do not use excluded areas for global adjustment** – allows to apply global adjustment in mosaic areas, defined by vector polygon's edges;



Vector polygons should be created in file in active profile resources. The  button allows to open file with polygons.

- **Do not use excluded areas for local adjustment** – allows to apply global adjustment in mosaic areas, defined by vector polygon's edges;



Vector polygons should be created in file in active profile resources. The  button to open the file with polygons.

- **Use clouds** – allows to consider areas with clouds in brightness adjustment.

For **seams feathering** set on the checkbox and define the following parameters in the **Smooth parameters** section:

- **Smooth aperture size** – allows to define the size of smoothing zone along cutlines;

- **Consider image edges when use feathering** – allows to smooth seams on the edges of images block, where may be no statistics enough for correct smoothing.

The **Additional check for black background** checkbox allows to consider background of source images.

The **Local adjustment of active sheets** checkbox allows to apply brightness adjustment only to images, located on active mosaic sheets.



Set this checkbox on only if distributed processing without saving adjustment parameters was performed. In this case number of tasks should be equal to number of active sheets.

## 9.2. Global brightness adjustment

*Global brightness adjustment* means transformation equally applied to all pixels of each source image.

To set global brightness adjustment parameters you should perform the following:

1. Select **Mosaic › Parameters**. The **Mosaic parameters** window opens.
2. In **Mosaic parameters** window click the **Brightness adjustment** tab.
3. Set the [brightness adjustment parameters](#) and click OK.

## 9.3. Local brightness adjustment

*Local brightness adjustment* is a transformation applied along cutlines of images that are merged into mosaic with a smoothing going down to the image central point and mosaic edges. Thus during local brightness adjustment each pixel of the image is processed depending on its coordinates. At that the program performs simultaneous change of brightness (additive component) and contrast (multiplicative component) of initial images.

For preliminary estimation of local brightness adjustment choose the **Misc › Local adjustment**. In the **Preview** window you will see a grid of fragments (rectangles), used for statistics collection for local brightness adjustment. The fragments are vector objects located on the *Miscellaneous* layer.

Rectangles have the following colors depending on area, which is used for statistic acquisition:

- green – to obtain statistic between images;
- blue – to obtain statistic between strips;
- red – to obtain statistic on mosaic edges;

- yellow – to obtain statistic inside of separate images.

The program provides possibility to edit grid of fragments as vector objects on the *Miscellaneous* layer (see the '[Vectorization](#)' User Manual).

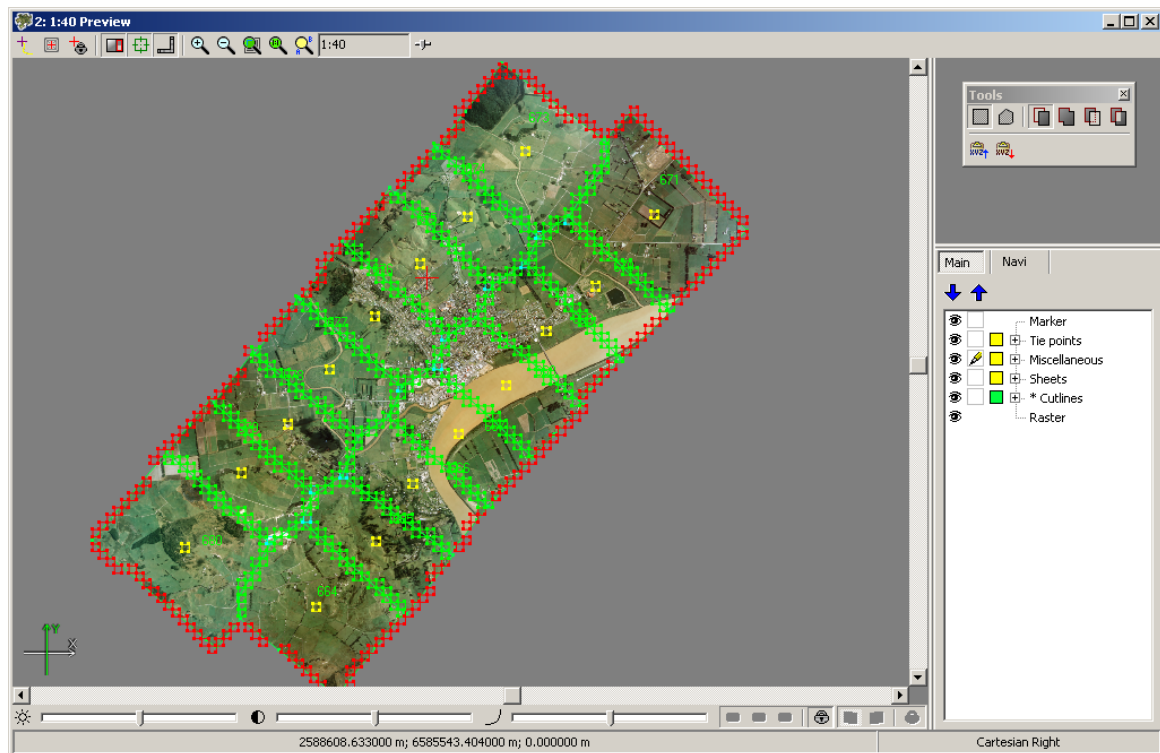


Fig. 25. Preliminary estimation of local brightness adjustment

To apply local brightness adjustment you should perform the following:

1. Choose the **Mosaic > Parameters**. The **Mosaic parameters** window opens.
2. Click the **Brightness adjustment** tab. In the **Local adjustment** panel set the **On** checkbox and then click the **Parameters** button. The **Local adjustment parameters** window opens.

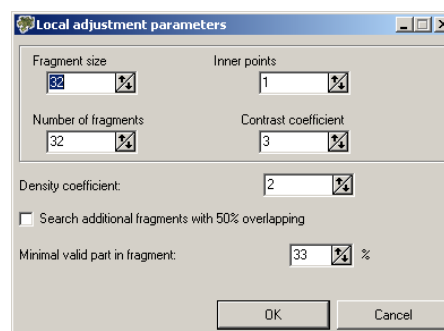


Fig. 26. Local brightness adjustment parameters

3. Define images **Fragment size** used to create a model of local brightness adjustment.
4. Define images **Fragment size** used to create a model of local brightness adjustment.



In case of color difference inside one fragment in nearby images inconspicuous or homogeneous along the cutline, only one fragment is enough to collect statistics.

In case of color difference inside one fragment between images remarkable or heterogeneous, it is necessary to increase number of fragments to consider brightness change.



In case of increasing number of fragments, number of pixels in each fragment hold constant. In this case image from one layer of pyramid is used for brightness adjustment. In case of increasing number of fragments, brightness adjustment perform more precise, but slower.

5. Set the **Inner points** – number of points inside image and on mosaic edges, where brightness should not be changed.



Insufficient quantity of these points leads to creation brightness artefacts while distance from cutlines. Quantity over leads to unacceptable results of local brightness adjustment along cutlines.

6. [optional] If errors in contrast of source images leads to not enough adjustments quality or to errors in local brightness adjustment, increase the **Contrast coefficient** value from 2 to 7 for better results.


7. Set the **Density coefficient** to define part of using ties on edges of mosaic.



Insufficient quantity of these points leads to creation brightness artefacts while distance from cutlines. Quantity over leads to unacceptable results of local brightness adjustment along cutlines.

8. [optional] In case if not enough statistic data for local brightness adjustment, program provides possibility shift of fragment's grid relative to cutlines. For this set on the **Search additional fragments with 50% overlapping** checkbox.

9. [for scanner images with small overlaps] In case of small overlaps, cutline could be located too close to edge of image, so image background is include to cutline area. In this case set the **Minimal valid part in fragment** – minimal part of image in fragment, when statistics data is collected.

10. Click OK. Click the  button to apply local brightness adjustment.



Click the  button once more to disable using of local brightness adjustment.

If after cutlines editing you need to rebuild only local adjustment, choose the **Mosaic › Rebuild local adjustment**.



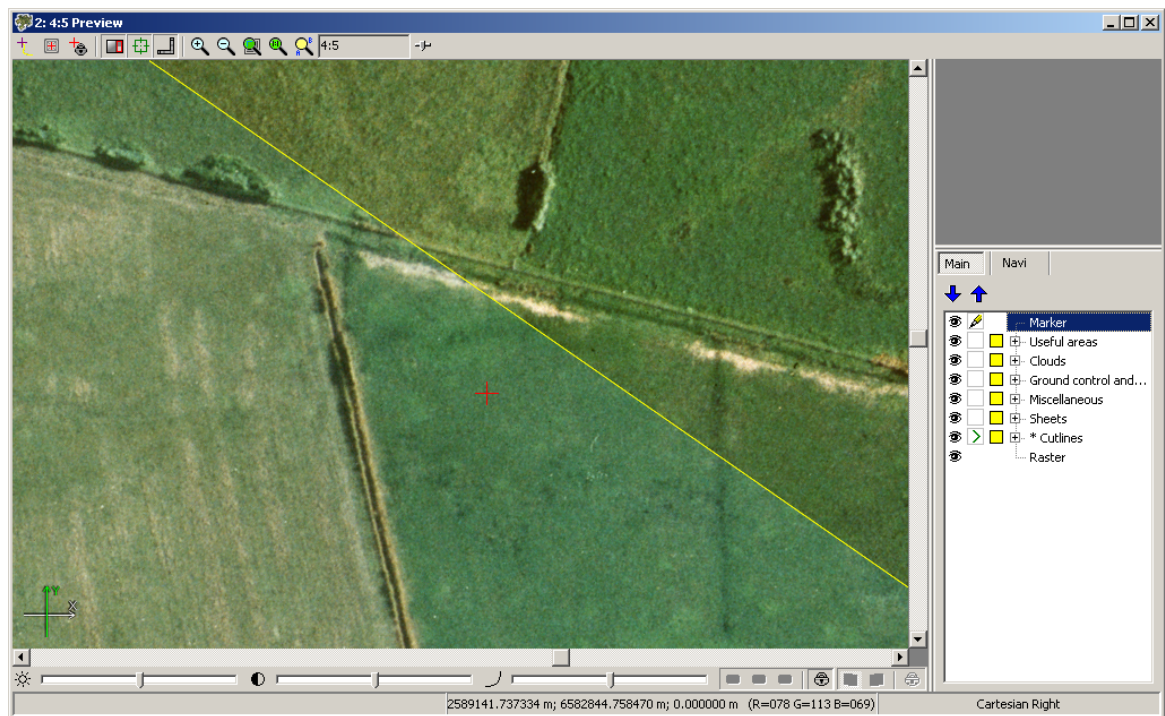


Fig. 27. Area without local adjustment

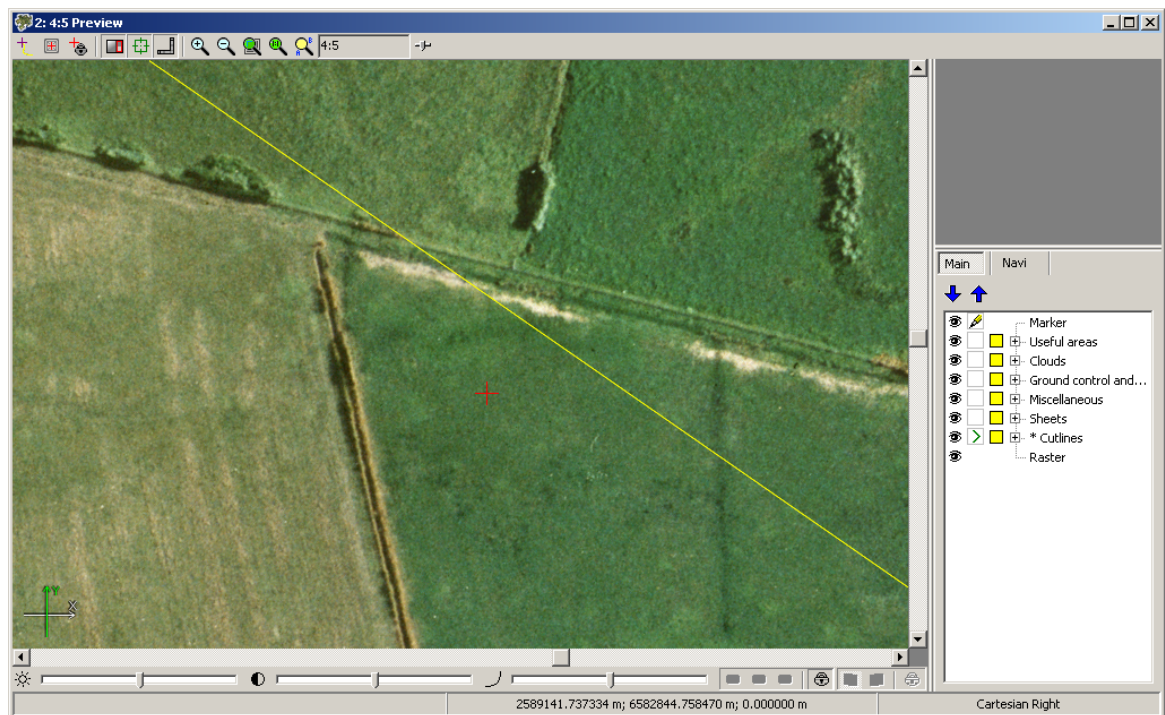





Fig. 28. Area with local adjustment

## 9.4. Dodging

*Dodging* – means brightness adjustment of the *single* image.



To employ this function you should perform the following:

1. Select **Images › Project images list...** or click  button. The **Image List** window opens.
2. Select the image you need to transform in **Image List** window and click the  button. The **Radiometric correction** window opens.
3. Click the  button in **Radiometric correction** window. The **Filters** menu opens.

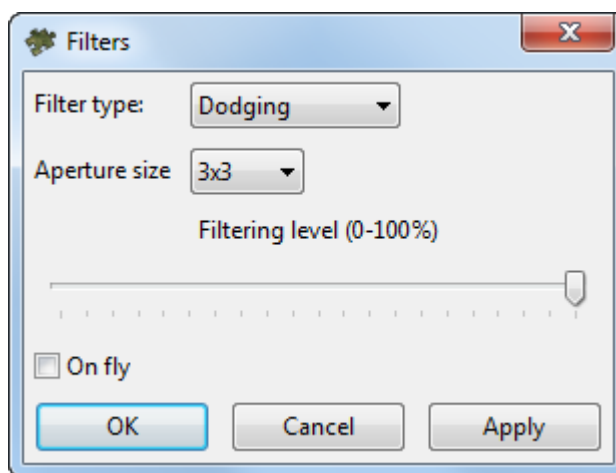


Fig. 29. The filters menu

4. Choose the **Dodging** filter, set aperture size and filtering level. Click OK.






Recommended filtering level – 100%.









## 10. GC/tie points

### 10.1. GC/Tie points menu

The **GC/tie points** menu items, that are partially duplicated by the **GC/tie points** toolbar buttons, are used to measure ground control/tie points.













Table 10. Brief description of the GC/Tie points menu






Menu items	Function
 <b>Clear</b>	allows to delete all tie/gc points from <i>Ground control and tie points</i> layer
 <b>Open</b>	allows to open tie/gc points previously saved in vector file with x-data extension in active profile resources
 <b>Save</b>	allows to save tie/gc points to vector file in active profile resources with the same name and x-data extension

Menu items	Function
 <b>Save as</b>	allows to save tie/gc points to vector file in active profile resources with different name and x-data extension
<b>Add ground control points</b>	opens sub-menu for measurement of GCP in manual, semi-automatic and automatic modes
<b>Add tie points</b>	opens sub-menu for measurement of tie points in manual, semi-automatic and automatic modes
 <b>Remeasure</b>	allows to edit a measurement of selected tie/gc point
 <b>Show windows by marker</b>	opens 2D-windows with initial images, which contain marker position
 <b>Show windows by current point</b>	opens 2D-windows with initial images, which contain selected tie point
 <b>Finish measurement</b>	used to close the 2D-windows with the source images and return to the <b>Preview</b> window for viewing the results of cutlines stitching by measured points
 <b>Show residuals</b>	used to display residuals reveals 'bad' points, having error vectors noticeably different from other points in size and direction
 <b>Delete by maximal residual</b>	used to remove blunders of tie/gc points automatic measurement: allows to reject those points, which measurement value results in shift of images relatively each other at distance more than specified (in meters)
 <b>Parameters</b>	allows to setup correlator parameters used for tie/gc points measurement in semi-automatic or automatic mode
<b>Information about a point</b>	shows brief information about selected tie/gc point

## 10.2. Brief description of the GC/Tie points toolbar buttons

Table 11. Brief description of the GC/Tie points toolbar buttons

Buttons	Function
	allows to measure ground control point in manual mode without correlator
	allows to measure ground point in semi-automatic mode using correlator
	allows to run automatic search and measurement of GCP on the whole images block using correlator
	allows to measure tie point in manual mode without correlator
	allows to measure ground point in semi-automatic mode using correlator
	allows to start operation of tie points automatic search and measurement for the entire images block using correlator
	allows to edit a measurement of selected tie/gc point
	used to display residuals reveals 'bad' points, having error vectors noticeably different from other points in size and direction
	allows to setup correlator parameters used for tie/gc points measurement in semi-automatic or automatic mode
	opens 2D-windows with initial images, which contain marker position
	opens 2D-windows with initial images, which contain selected tie point
	allows to remove selected tie/ground control points

Buttons	Function
	used to remove blunders of tie/gc points automatic measurement: allows to reject those points, which measurement value results in shift of images relatively each other at distance more than specified (in meters)
	allows to remove all tie and ground control points
	allows to remove only ground control points
	allows to remove only tie points
	used to close the 2D-windows with the source images and return to the <b>Preview</b> window for viewing the results of cutlines stitching by measured points

### 10.3. General information

The program provides an option of tie points measurement for more precise correspondence of cutlines area. Adjustment of the project source images is the result of tie points measurement and transforming source images close to cutline.

Measuring ties points consists in defining correspondence between projections of the same terrain point on two or more source images of the mosaic project in the vicinity of cutlines.

Also, the program provides the option of using reference image for measuring GCPs on the source images.

The *reference image* is the raster image on the same area, but with more accurate georeference, then source images of mosaic project. I.e the reference image is used as standard for measuring GCPs, from which is defined the correspondence between the source images. The coordinates of terrain point on the reference image is assigned the same terrain point on the source images.

The *Tie points* vector layer with the attributes for data storing about measured points is provided for storing the GCPs or tie points.

The program provides three modes of tie/GCPs measurement:

- Manual mode measurement of points without correlator;
- Semi-automatic mode measurement of points using correlator;
- Automatic mode measurement of points using correlator.



It is not recommended to measure the tie points far away from the cutlines to avoid the rough transformation of images. Also, it is not recommended measuring points on the extended objects (for example, on the roads), buildings and low-contrast areas.

The correlator parameters are used for measurement ground control/tie points with correlator in semi-automatic or automatic mode. The **GC/tie points › Parameters** menu item is used to view and edit correlator parameters values (see [Section 10.6](#)).

In order to obtain the information about tie/ground control point, select the point on editable layer *Ground control and tie points* and choose the **GC/Tie points › Point info**. In the opened **Statistic** information window you can see the following data:

- point's name (with tie prefix for tie point, and GCP for GCP);
- number of images where the point is measured;
- path to file of each image where the point is measured.

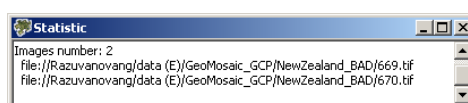


Fig. 30. Information about a point

## 10.4. Measurement of GCPs

### 10.4.1. Adding reference image

In case there is an image (reference image) with more accurate georeferencing covering the same area as source images, this reference image can be used for measuring of ground control points on the source images.


For GCP measurement it is necessary define in advance a type of transformation which will be applied automatically on edges of images block while GCP measurements are accumulating. Perform the following actions to do this:

1. Choose the **Mosaic › Parameters**. The **Mosaic parameters** window opens.
2. Choose the **Mosaic** tab. Set on the **Using of ground control points** checkbox on the Ties GCPs tab.
3. In the **Images edges section** select: **No changing, 2D-Shift, Projective**.
4. [optional] Set on the **Affected area** checkbox to limit influence of ground control point to adjustment and specify the value in meters.



If the **Affected area** checkbox is set of, maximal distance of ground control point influence is image border.

To use georeferenced image perform the following actions:



1. Load georeferenced image into the project by one of the following ways:
  - to load image located out of profile resources system, choose **Service › Load georeferenced images (files)** or click the  button on the main toolbar;
  - to load image located in active profile resources, choose **Service › Load georeferenced images (resource)**.

Define a georeferenced image and click OK. The **Load georeferenced image** window opens.

2. [optional] Set the **Convert coordinate system** checkbox on, if the coordinate system of project is differ from coordinate system of project. Define the source coordinate system of image and output coordinate system in corresponding fields.
3. [optional] Set on the **Transparent background** to specify the background color of source image.
4. Click OK. Image loaded to the mosaic project and in the *Manager* the new layer is shown.

#### 10.4.2. Addition ground control points in manual and semi-automatic modes

Perform the follows for defining correspondence between the source images by control point on reference image in manual or semi-automatic mode:

1. Load reference image in the project.
2. Hide the layer with reference image in the *Layer manager*.
3. Make active the *Ground control and tie points* layer.
4. To add new ground control point perform the following:
  1. In the 2D-window with the source images insert the marker in the place of adding point on the one of the images in the vicinity of cutline.
  2. Choose the **GC/Tie points › Show windows by current point** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar;
  3. Perform one of the following actions to add point:
    - choose the **GC/Tie points| Ground control points › Add without correlation** or click the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar to add point manually;

- choose the **GC/Tie points| Ground control points › Add with correlation** or click the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar to add point in semi-automatic mode.

4. Turn on visibility of the layer with reference image.




The *Ground control and tie points* layer should be upper than layer with georeferenced image in the *Manager* to display added point.

5. Specify the point placement on the reference image corresponding selected terrain point on the source images. For this move the point use the mouse and pressed **Ctrl** key.
6. Press **Enter** to confirm measurement.
7. Hide the layer with reference image in the *Layer manager*.
5. Repeat the 4's step to measure point on the neighbour image. Hence a tie point creates on the source image with coordinates taken from the reference image. The source images in the **Preview** window are refreshed taking into account the stitching by added point.

### 10.4.3. Automatic searching of corresponding points

The program provides opportunity of search and add Ground Control points on the reference and source mosaic project images in the automatic mode.

For automatic searching of corresponding points on the reference image and source images of mosaic project perform the following actions:

1. Load reference image in the project.
2. Choose **Service › Grid › Create** to create grid for the search of ground control points area.
3. Create a work area of the grid (see the '[Creation of DTM](#)' User Manual).
4. Make active the layer with reference image.
5. Choose the **GC/Tie points| Ground control points › Add automatically** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; The **Points measurement parameters** window opens.

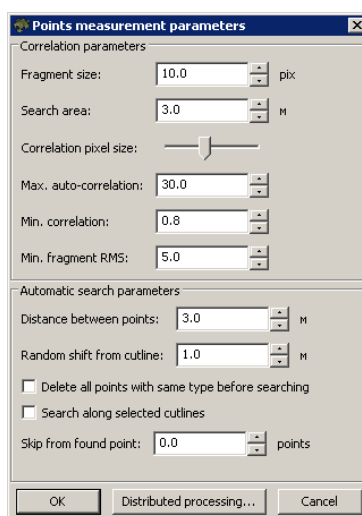


Fig. 31. Points measure parameters window

6. Set the [correlator parameters](#).
7. Click OK to start searching process.

## 10.5. Tie points measurement



### 10.5.1. Manual mode measurement of tie points

Perform the following actions for measuring tie point in manual mode without correlator:


1. [Create cutlines](#).





A pre-requisite for measurement of tie points is the presence of cutlines created.

2. Select the point in the vicinity of cutlines in the **Preview** window set the marker in this place to add the tie point.
3. Choose the **GC/Tie points > Tie points > Add without correlation** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; The 2D-windows with source images are opened. New tie point is added in the specified place.
4. Choose the **GC/Tie points > Remeasure** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar.



After the addition of at least one tie point the  **Using of tie points** mode is set on automatically.

5. For measuring the next point: select the another terrain point on the images in the each of the 2D-windows and click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar. A new point is added as a result.
6. To complete of measuring tie points in 2D-windows and displaying of the stitching results in the **Preview** window, choose the **GC/Tie points › Finish measurement** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar. The areas stitching is performed in the middle of the interval between points in the 2D-windows.

### 10.5.2. Semi-automatic mode measurement of tie points

The semi-automatic mode implies the automatic computing of tie points using correlator in the marker placement.




It is recommended to set the [Correlator parameters](#) before the start working.

Perform the following actions for measuring of tie points in semi-automatic mode:

1. [Create cutlines](#).



A pre-requisite for measurement of tie points is the presence of cutlines created.

2. Select the terrain point in the vicinity of cutlines in the **Preview** window for adjustment of stitching areas and set the marker in this place.
3. Add tie point in the [manual mode](#).
4. Choose the **GC/Tie points › Tie points › Add with correlation** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar;

Tie point may be measured by correlation in one of the following ways:

- In case of successful correlation the tie point is added on the Ground control and tie points layer. The images of the **Preview** window are refreshed taking into account coinciding cutlines areas by the specified tie point.




Correlation coefficient value is specified as an attribute of point.


- Select the another terrains point closer to the cutlines and repeat the 1st and 2nd steps. The message about the point is far away from the cutlines is displayed.
- Change the corresponding correlation parameters, if the message about the low correlation coefficient and/or about high autocorrelator coefficient is shown (see



Section 10.6) or select more contrast point on terrain and repeat the 1st and 2nd steps.



After the addition of at least one tie point the  **Using of tie points** mode is set on automatically.

5. [optional] Repeat the 1-2 steps for measuring new tie point or edit the point (see Section 10.7).
6. Choose the **GC/Tie points › Finish measurement** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; The areas stitching is performed in the middle of the interval between points in the 2D-windows.

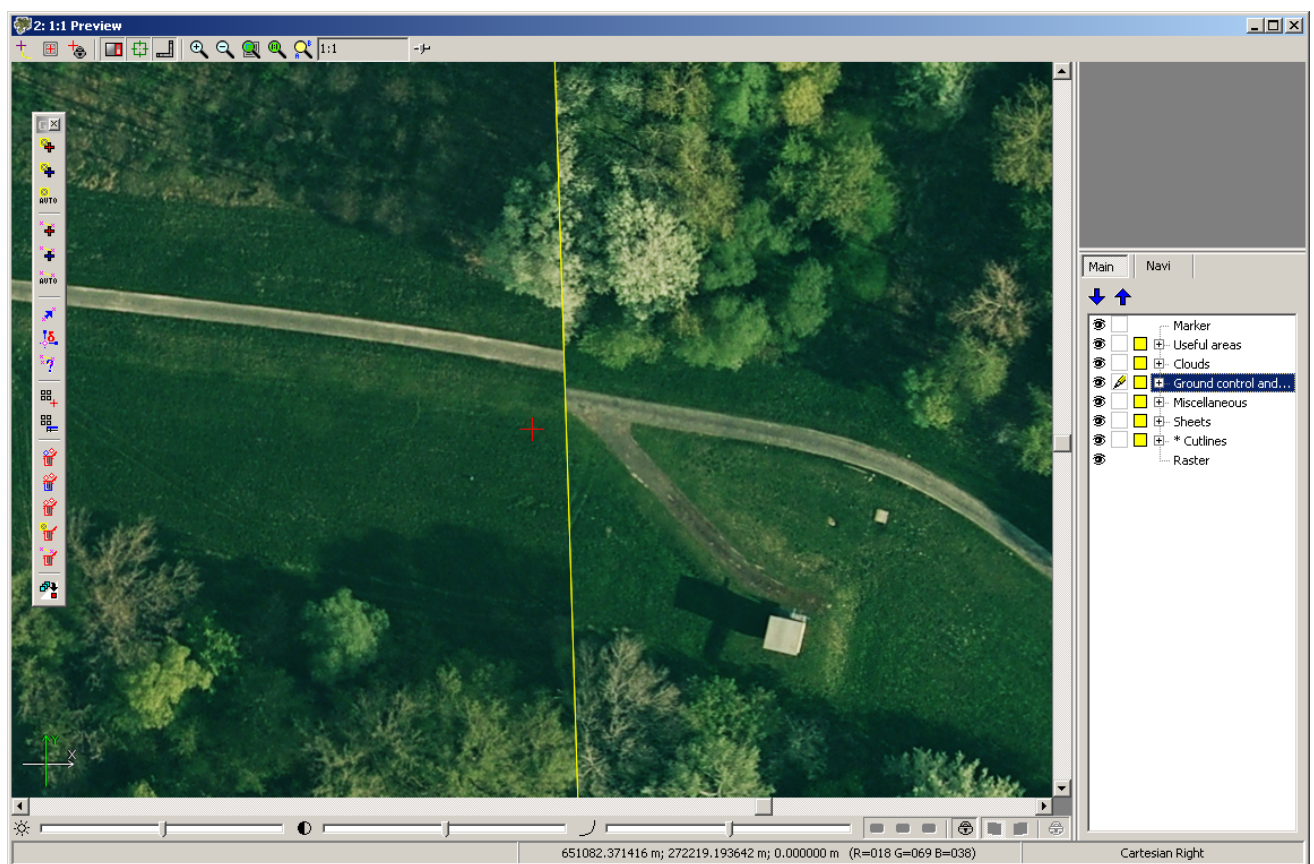


Fig. 32. Coinciding source areas of cutlines

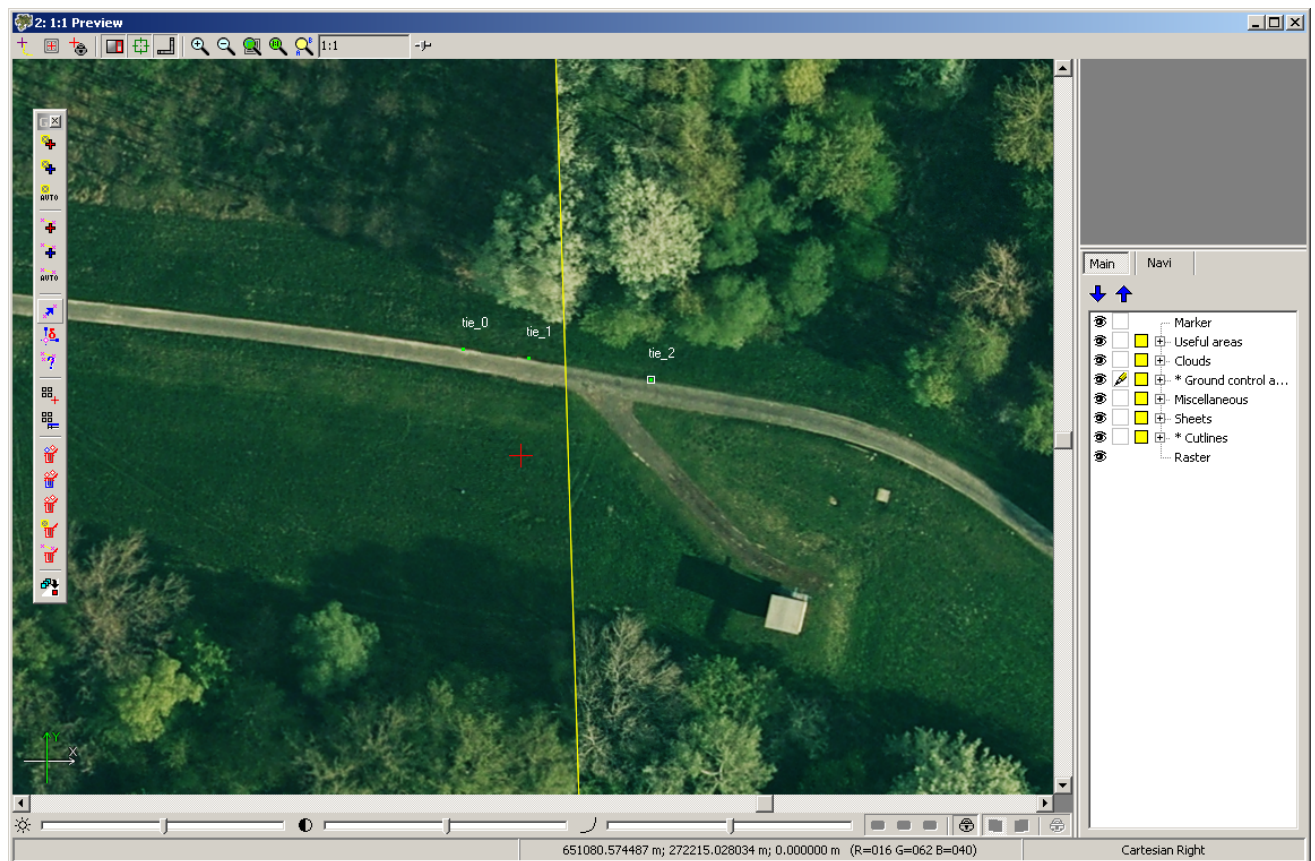


Fig. 33. Stitching areas from two tie points

### 10.5.3. Automatic mode measurement of points

The automatic mode implies the automatic searching of tie points using correlator on all block images of project in the vicinity of cutlines.

Perform the following actions for measuring of tie points in automatic mode:

1. **Create cutlines.**



A pre-requisite for measurement of tie points is the presence of cutlines created in the Cutlines layer. Otherwise, the message about that cutlines must be created is shown. And measuring of tie points is not possible.

2. Choose the **GC/Tie points| Add tie points > Add automatically** for start automatic measuring of tie points or click the **AUTO** button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; **Points measure parameters** window opens.

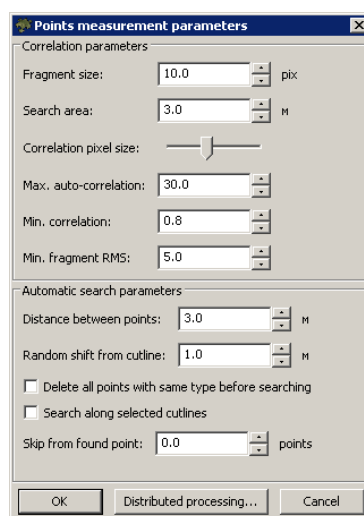



Fig. 34. Points measure parameters window

3. Set the [correlator parameters](#).
4. Click OK to start searching process.



After points measurements the  **Using of tie points** mode is set on automatically.

Perform the following actions for measuring points in the vicinity of cutlines in the distributed processing mode:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual).
2. Click the **Distributed processing** button. The **Ties points distributed processing** windows opens.

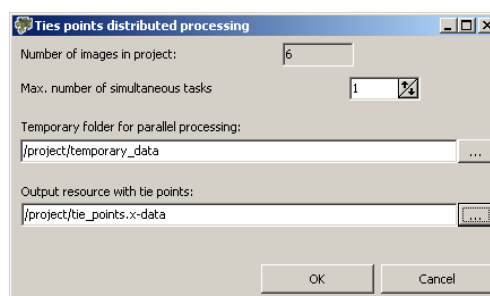


Fig. 35. Parameters of distributed processing for measuring tie points

The **Number of images in project** displays number of created cutlines in the mosaic project.




3. Set the maximum number of simultaneous tasks.
  4. Define the temporary folder in the active profile resources for distributed processing.
  5. Define the output file name and path.
  6. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.
5. Estimate the stitching quality of cutlines in the result of the automatic measuring of tie points in the **Preview** window. If necessary, edit the measurement of added tie points (see [Section 10.7](#)).

## 10.6. Parameters of points measurements

For measuring of tie/ground control points in semi-automatic and automatic mode you can use and adjust the following correlator parameters.

For automatic mode you can use parameters for automatic points search in vicinity of cutlines.

Perform one of the following to setup parameters of points measurements:

- Choose the **GC/Tie points › Remeasure** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar.
- Choose the **GC/Tie points| Add ground control points › Add automatically** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar.
- Choose the **GC/Tie points| Add tie points › Add automatically** for start automatic measuring of tie points or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar.

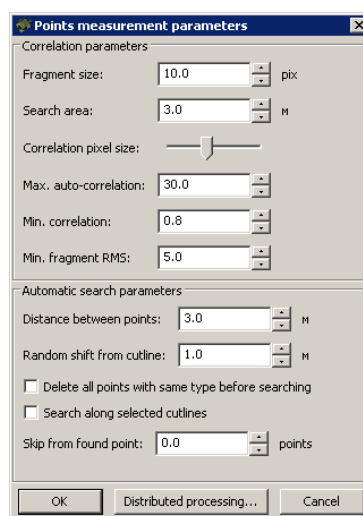


Fig. 36. Points measure parameters

The **Correlation parameters** section allows to specify the following parameters of points measure:

- **Fragment size** – allows to define a size (in pixels) of a fragment which contains the point indicated on one image in vicinity of cutline;
- **Search area** – allows to define a search area (in meters) of appropriate point on another image;
- **Correlation pixel size** – allows to define a value of a pixel size of images, where correlation to be performed, if the images have different pixel size;
- **Max. auto-correlation** – allows to control auto-correlation of a point, i. e. a degree of point's uniqueness in some its vicinity on the left image;



The more the auto-correlation radius value, the less the point's uniqueness and the more probable its incorrect comparison with the right image even when the correlation coefficient is high.

- **Min. correlation** – allows to define minimal acceptable value of correlation coefficient;
- **Min. fragment RMS** – allows to define a brightness value of image fragment. The less the value, the worse the correlation.

The **Automatic search parameters** section allows to set up the following parameters:



- **Distance between points** – allows to define a distance between points searching along the cutline in the automatic mode;





- **Random shift from cutline** – allows to define acceptable deviation from cutline when searching a point in automatic mode;
- **Delete all points with same type before searching** – allows to clear the Ground control and tie points layer from GCP or tie points before start a search of points;
- **Search along selected cutlines** – allows to search points only along selected cutlines. Set the checkbox off to search along all cutlines;
- **Skip from found point** – allows to skip set quantity of points from measured point.

## 10.7. Editing measurements of points

Perform the following actions for editing measurements of point:

1. Make editable the *Ground control and tie points* layer in the *Layer manager*.
2. Select a point in the **Preview** window by mouse clicking.
3. Choose the **GC/Tie points › Show windows by current point** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; They are showing the selected point. The 2D-windows with source images are opened.
4. Insert the marker in another terrains point on the source images in each of the 2D-windows.
5. Choose the **GC/Tie points › Remeasure** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; The tie point will move in new placement and show in the **Preview** window.







If not all images with marker position are opened, when clicking the  button, other windows are opened automatically. To change point's position click the  button once more.



The visual non-conformities of tie points are displayed in the 2D-windows on the source images, because the points are displayed by the data of georeference.




Perform the following actions to delete point:

- the **GC/Tie points › Ground control points › Delete** menu item and the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar for deleting *all* ground control points;
- the **GC/Tie points › Tie points › Delete** menu item and the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar for deleting *all* tie points;
- the **GC/Tie points › Clear** menu item and the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar for deleting *all* measuring points on the Ground control and tie points layer;
- the **Del** key to remove the selected in the Preview window point;


- the **GC/Tie points| Delete by maximal residual** menu item and the  button of the **GC/Tie points** toolbar for rejection the points, the measurement of which causes the noticeable shift of images relative to each other.

The **Objects attributes** window is used for viewing and editing tie points data from attributes (see [Section 10.8](#)).

To view residuals vector of tie point's position perform the following:

1. Choose the **GC/Tie points| Show residuals** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar;
2. Define the **Scale** to show vectors and click OK. Residuals are load to the *Miscellaneous* layer.
3. To display residuals vector perform one of the following:
  - select the tie point on image; choose **GC/Tie points › Show windows by current point** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar;
  - insert the marker near to point; choose the **GC/Tie points › Show windows by marker** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar.


The 2D-windows of images with selected point are opens.

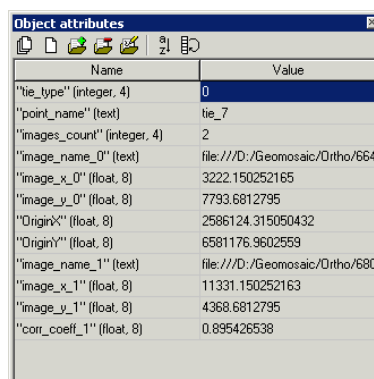
4. Analysis of error vectors reveals. 'Bad' points have error vectors noticeably different from other points in size and direction.
5. Move error point by vector direction to eliminate detected measurement errors and choose **GC/Tie points › Remeasure** or click the  button on the **GC/Tie points** toolbar; Tie points moves to the new position.
6. Repeat the 1st step to view edited residuals vectors.

## 10.8. Attributes of Ground control and tie points layer

After tie/gc point measuring the information about measured point is saved to attributes of the *Ground control and tie points* layer.

To view point's attributes data perform the following actions:

1. Make the *Ground control and tie points* layer editable.
2. Select a point in the **Preview** window by mouse clicking.
3. Choose the **Window › Object attributes** or click the  button of the **Vectors** additional toolbar. The **Object attributes** window is open.



The screenshot shows a window titled 'Object attributes' with a table of point data. The table has two columns: 'Name' and 'Value'. The data is as follows:

Name	Value
"tie_type" (integer, 4)	0
"point_name" (text)	tie_7
"images_count" (integer, 4)	2
"image_name_0" (text)	file:///D:/Geomosaic/Ortho/664
"image_x_0" (float, 8)	3222.150252165
"image_y_0" (float, 8)	7793.6812795
"OriginX" (float, 8)	2586124.315050432
"OriginY" (float, 8)	6581176.9602559
"image_name_1" (text)	file:///D:/Geomosaic/Ortho/680
"image_x_1" (float, 8)	11331.150252163
"image_y_1" (float, 8)	4368.6812795
"corr_coeff_1" (float, 8)	0.895426538

Fig. 37. Point's attributes data

Point's attributes contain the following data:

- *tie\_type* – contains information about type of point (with 0 value for tie point, and 1 for GCP);
- *points\_name* – contains a name of point (with tie prefix for tie point, and GCP for GCP);
- *image\_count* – shows a number of images where the point is measured;
- *image\_name\_image\_number* – contains a path to one of the image files where the point is measured;
- *image\_x\_image\_number* – contains X-coordinate of the point on one of the images;
- *image\_y\_image\_number* – contains Y-coordinate of the point on one of the images;
- [for points found with correlator] *corr\_coeff* – correlation coefficient of point.

## 11. Splitting into sheets


















### 11.1. Sheets menu





The **Sheets** menu is used for splitting mosaic into sheets for saving their in the separate files of selected output format. The sheets boundaries are the vector polygons in the *Sheets* layer.

Items of the **Sheets** menu items are partly duplicate by buttons of the additional **Sheets** toolbar.



Table 12. Brief description of Sheets menu and toolbar

Menu items	Function
 <b>Clear</b>	allows to delete the created sheets boundaries, i.e delete all vector objects from the <i>Sheets</i> layer without closing of this layer
 <b>Open</b>	allows to open sheets boundaries, which were been saved in the vector file with the x-data extension in the resources of active profile
 <b>Save</b>	allows to save the sheets boundaries in the x-data file in the resources of active profile
<b>Save as</b>	allows to save the sheets boundaries in new file with the x-data extension in the resources of active profile
 <b>Sequential splitting</b>	allows to define the sequential splitting parameters of block images area and start the process of sheets boundaries creation by the specified parameters
 <b>Full mosaic sheet</b>	allows to create the single sheet covering all block images
 <b>Split into sheets by images</b>	allows to create the sheets from each image of block
 <b>Single sheet creation mode</b>	allows to create the single sheet with arbitrary boundaries from any part of block images
 <b>Create list around marker</b>	allows to create list with set size relative to marker position
 <b>Project sheets list</b>	allows to display table with information of project sheets
 <b>Create standard orthomap sheet frames</b>	allows to create notations sheets of specified scale
 <b>Create custom orthomap sheet frames</b>	allows to create sheets of several orthomaps, created in local coordinate system, grouped by cutlines and limited by notation frame
 <b>Activate all sheets</b>	allows to make all sheets <i>active</i> (include to the process of mosaic creation)
 <b>Deactivate all sheets</b>	allows to make all sheets <i>inactive</i> (exclude from the process of mosaic creation)
 <b>Activate selected sheets</b>	allows to activate selected sheets for creating mosaic
 <b>Deactivate selected sheets</b>	allows to exclude selected sheets from the mosaic creation
 <b>Set sheets status by rasters</b>	allows to select only sheets containing at least part of block image for creation of output mosaic files (input background color on the images edges is taken into consideration), i.e the value of status attribute will be equal to '1' (active status) for boundaries of non-empty sheets
 <b>Set sheets status by useful areas</b>	allows to select only sheets containing at least part of block image for creation of output mosaic files (input background color on the images edges is taken into consideration), i.e the value of status at-

Menu items	Function
	tribute will be equal to '1' (active status) for boundaries of non-empty sheets
 <b>Invert sheets status</b>	allows to invert the status of all created sheets
 <b>Select active sheets</b>	allows to select on block scheme all <i>active</i> sheets
 <b>Select non active sheets</b>	allows to select on block scheme all <i>inactive</i> sheets
<b>Sheets activation mode</b>	allows to choose sheets <a href="#">activation mode</a>
 <b>Parameters</b>	allows to define the output parameters for creation of output mosaic
<b>Sheet info</b>	allows to obtain and modify information about selected sheet

## 11.2. Requirements of cutting into sheets

The program allows cutting the output mosaic into sheets for saving them in the separate files.



At least one active sheet for all or selected area is required to start mosaic creation.

To display sheets borders is used the *Sheets* layer, which contains attributes of sheet name and activity status. The program provides different ways of splitting mosaic areas into sheets, selecting active sheets for creating output files and setting up output parameters.



It is strongly not recommended to create mosaic sheets with size more than 4 GB because of *Windows file system* limitation for image size.

Throughout this User Manual, the *Active sheet* is referred to as sheet, from which the output mosaic file will be created. The *Inactive sheet* is referred to as sheet, excluded from the output mosaic.


It is recommended to pass the following number of actions during the mosaic sheets creation:

1. Definition of the mosaic output coordinate system (see description of the **Output coordinate system** panel in [Section 13.2.2](#)).
2. Splitting block images into sheets, i.e creating sheets boundaries (the vector objects with the attributes for storing information about sheets in the *Sheets* layer).
3. Editing attribute values and sheets boundaries.
4. Managing sheets status.
5. Setting output parameters of sheets.

6. Creating output sheets of mosaic (see [Section 13.3](#)).

### 11.3. Splitting into sheets by the specified parameters

Perform the following actions for splitting block images into sheets by specified parameters:

1. Choose the **Sheets** > **Sequential splitting** or click the  button in the **Sheets** toolbar. The **Sheets splitting parameters** window opens.

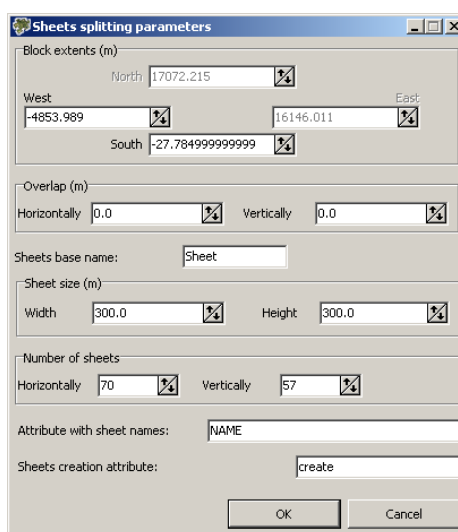


Fig. 38. Parameters of sequential splitting

2. Define the following parameters of splitting:

- **Block extents** – allows to specify the area boundaries (in meters) for splitting;
- **Overlap** – allows to define the overlap size (in meters) by width and/or height;



By default the sheets are created without overlap (dock).

- **Sheets base name** – allows to define the sheets name prefix (by default – *Sheet*);



It contains the serial number of sheets row (upward) and serial number of the sheet in a row (left to right). The rest of the sheet name is generated by program automatically.

- **Sheet size** – allows to specify sheet size (in meters) by width and/or height;



The modifying sheet size leads to recalculation of sheets number in the specified splitting area.

- **Number of sheets** – allows to specify the number of sheets by width and/or height;



The splitting begins from the bottom left corner of the specified splitting area in accordance with specified number of sheets and sheet size. Thus, sheet size not recalculated when the modifying number of sheets.

- **Attribute with sheet names** – allows to define the name of attribute for storing the sheet names;
- **Sheets creation attribute** – allows to define the attribute name for storing information about sheet status. By default the *create* is proposed.

3. Click OK. The process of sheets creation starts. The sheets boundaries are created in the *Sheets* layer and displayed in the **Preview** window.



All sheets, falling within block images, are active.

Active sheet is shown by green outline and has not color filling. Inactive sheet is shown by red outline and red transparent filling, by default.



The **GeoMosaic | Preview** tab of the **Settings** window is used to select color and set up transparency options for inactive sheets (see [Section 14.2](#)).

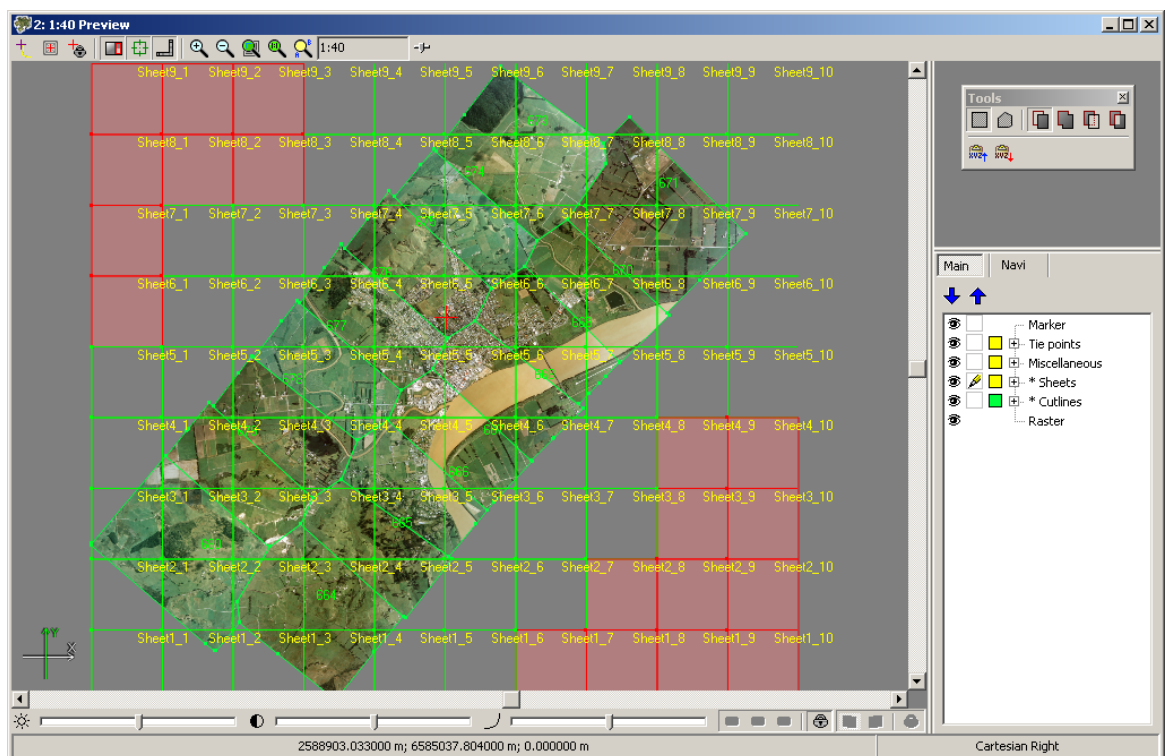


Fig. 39. Sequential splitting


## 11.4. Sheets creation modes


The program provides the following opportunities for sheets creation:

- *full mosaic sheet from all images* – allows to create one sheet including all block images;
- *one sheet with arbitrary boundaries* – allows to create one sheet with arbitrary boundaries from the any part of block images;
- *splitting into sheets by images* – allows to create separate sheet from each image of mosaic project;
- *creating sheet around marker* – allows to create one sheet in the marker region.

Choose the **Sheets** › **Full mosaic sheet** or click the  button in the **Sheets** toolbar.

Perform the following actions for creating the single sheet:

1. Choose the **Sheets** › **single sheet creation mode** or click the  button in the **Sheets** toolbar.
2. Stretch the rectangle in the **Preview** window along with pressed **Shift** key.

Choose the **Sheets** › **Split into sheets by images** or click the  button in the **Sheets** toolbar. The sheet boundaries are created for each image.

Perform the following actions for creating sheet around marker:

1. Set the market in area where mosaic sheet will be created.
2. Choose the **Sheets** › **Create sheet around marker**. The **Sheet creation parameters** window opens.

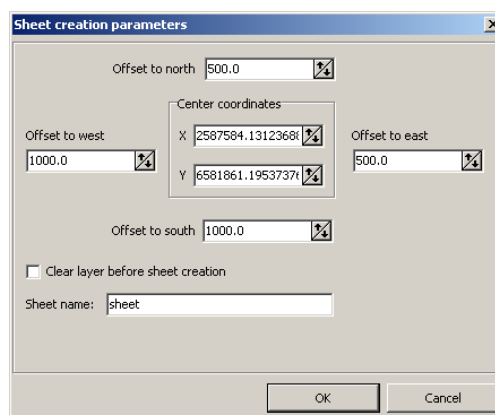


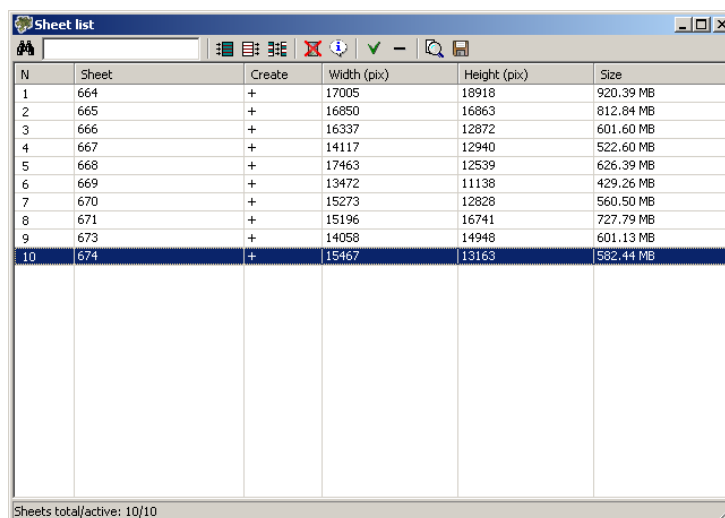
Fig. 40. Sheet creation parameters

3. [optional] Set manually the **Center coordinates** by **X** and **Y**, with respect to which the sheets boundaries will be calculated.
4. Set the distance from sheet center (marker position) to its border in the **Offset to north, south, west and east** fields accordingly.
5. [optional] By default, new sheet is created in the existed *Sheet* layer, not depending on data in this layer. To create sheet around marker in the layer without data, set on the **Clear layer before sheet creation** checkbox.
6. [optional] By default, each new sheet is named as *sheet*. Specify the **Sheet name** to identify sheets, if they are created in the same layer.
7. Click OK to create the mosaic sheet.

## 11.5. Project sheets list

The program provides possibility to view project sheets list and to edit sheets.

To display the sheets list choose the **Sheets › Project sheets list** or click the  button on the main or **Sheets** toolbar.



N	Sheet	Create	Width (pix)	Height (pix)	Size
1	664	+	17005	18918	920.39 MB
2	665	+	16850	16863	812.84 MB
3	666	+	16337	12872	601.60 MB
4	667	+	14117	12940	522.60 MB
5	668	+	17463	12539	626.39 MB
6	669	+	13472	11138	429.26 MB
7	670	+	15273	12828	560.50 MB
8	671	+	15196	16741	727.79 MB
9	673	+	14058	14948	601.13 MB
10	674	+	15467	13163	582.44 MB

Sheets total/active: 10/10

Fig. 41. Project sheets list

The table with information about all project sheets is displayed in the **Sheets list** window. The table contains the following columns:

- **N** – serial number of record;
- **Sheet** – the sheet name;
- **Create** – sheets active status;

- **Width/Height** – linear size of sheet (in pixels);
- **Mosaic size** – estimated size of output sheet in megabytes.



Double click on row in table allows to edit information about selected sheet. It allows to change sheet name or active status.

Table 13. The toolbox of 'Sheets list' window

Buttons	Function
	is used to search for an image by name (part of name) in the list
	allows to select all sheets in the list
	allows to deselect all sheets in the list
	allows to invert selection of sheets in the table
	allows to remove selected sheets
	allows to edit information about selected sheet – name and active status
	allows to make selected sheet active
	allows to make selected sheet non active
	allows to open the Preview window for current sheet
	allows to save the list with names of selected sheets in text file

## 11.6. Generators of splitting into sheets

### 11.6.1. Standard orthomap sheet frames generator

The program provides possibility to split orthomap for notation sheets of chosen scale, which consist of vector polygons.

Generators of splitting into sheets are used to:

- to split orthomaps into sheets by images;
- for further use in the *GeoMosaic* program.

Perform the following to split survey area to notation sheets of chosen scale:

1. Choose **Sheets** › **Create standard orthomap sheet frames**. The **Generate standard sheets** window opens.

Fig. 42. Standard orthomap sheet frames generator parameters

2. In the **Geographic coordinate system** section choose the input coordinate system, which is used to specify splitting into sheets by latitude and longitude.
3. In the **Destination coordinate system** section choose the coordinate system to recalculate coordinate system of sheets during splitting into sheets.
4. [optional] In the **Limits in destination coordinate system** section are specified coordinates of area borders for splitting into sheets. To change area size input coordinates of corners in the **North**, **West**, **East**, **South** fields.
5. Choose the scale of orthomap in the **Scale** section.
6. [optional] In case when 1:5 000 or 1:2 000 scale is chosen, set on the **Create outscribed rectangles for sheet** checkbox.
7. In the **Parameters** section define the following settings:
  1. In the **Attribute with sheet name** specify the name of attribute for the sheet name.
  2. [optional] To clarify map position, located in south hemisphere, set on the **Add '(S)' to sheet name** checkbox.
  3. [optional] Set on the **Zero-pad the 1:100 000 number** checkbox in order to notation of 1:100 000 scale sheets was wrote correctly.



4. [optional] It is possible to choose one of the **Quarters notation** in the appropriate section.
8. Click OK. The splitting orthomaps into sheets with specified notation process start. When the process is completed the **Sheets parameters** window opens.
9. [optional] Change the **attribute names or values** if necessary and click OK.


### 11.6.2. Custom orthomap sheet frames generator

Program provides possibility creating sheets from several orthomaps, merged by cutlines and created in local coordinate system.

Perform the following to split orthomaps by notation sheets in local coordinate system:

1. Choose **Sheets > Create custom orthomap sheet frames**. The **Generate arbitrary sheets** window opens.

Fig. 43. Custom orthomap sheet frames generator parameters

2. [optional] To load parameters from file click the  button.
3. In the **Geographic coordinate system** section choose the input coordinate system, which is used to specify splitting into sheets by latitude and longitude.
4. In the **Destination coordinate system** section choose the coordinate system to recalculate coordinate system of sheets during splitting into sheets.
5. [optional] In the **Limits in destination coordinate system** section are specified coordinates of area borders for splitting into sheets. To change area size input coordinates of corners in the **North, West, East, South** fields.
6. [optional] Choose the **Primary scale only** to use one base sheet.
7. In the **Parameters** section specify the following parameters of primary scale sheet:



In case of using the custom orthomap sheet frames generator it is possible up to 5 levels splitting orthomaps in to sheets: primary and 4 additional scales. Each next level is created by splitting the previous level.

1. In the **Attribute with sheet name** specify the name of attribute for the sheet name.
2. In the **Primary sheet dimension** field specify the primary scale sheet size.
3. In the **Lower-left corner of the origin sheet** input coordinates of the origin sheet.



Choose the reference point lower and left from work area. The coordinates of origins of the others sheets are calculated based on this information.

4. In the **Origin sheet number** input a number of sheet that starts numeration.
5. In the **Sheet name template**:  $\$(0x) - \$(0y) - \$(1) - \$(2) - \$(3) - \$(4)$ , where
  - $\$(0x)$  – number by X on primary scale;
  - $\$(0y)$  – number by Y on primary scale;
  - $\$(1)$ ,  $\$(2)$ ,  $\$(3)$ ,  $\$(4)$  – number on the first and next levels in case if the **Separate numeration for rows and columns** checkbox is set off;
  - $\$(1x)$  – number by X in case if the **Separate numeration for rows and columns** checkbox is set on;
  - $\$(1y)$  – number by Y in case if the **Separate numeration for rows and columns** checkbox is set on.





Notation with all types, except using Roman numerals, could be created.

8. [optional] In the **Parameters** section specify the following parameters of primary scale sheet:
  1. Choose one of the template: **Scale 1**, **Scale 2**, **Scale 3**, **Scale 4**.
  2. Choose the **Origin** of the additional level from the list. By default the top-left corner is set as origin.
  3. Input number of **Rows** and **Columns**.
  4. Input arbitrary symbol (letter or number) as a start sheet number in the **Starting with** fields.







All changes of parameters are shown in the **Sample** table.




9. [optional] To save parameters click the  button. To reset parameters to default click the  button.
10. Click OK. The splitting orthomaps into sheets with specified notation process start. When the process is completed the **Sheets parameters** window opens.
11. [optional] Change the [attribute names or values](#) if necessary and click OK.

## 11.7. Sheets status management

Each sheet has name and active status, specified in the *Sheets* layer.

In the **Sheets** menu and in the **Sheets** toolbar the following facilities provided to change sheets status:



- to make all sheets active choose the **Sheets › Activate all sheets** or click the  button;
- to make all sheets non-active choose the **Sheets › Deactivate all sheets** or click the  button;
- to make selected sheets active choose the **Sheets › Activate selected sheets** or click the  button;
- to make selected sheets non-active choose the **Sheets › Deactivate selected sheets** or click the  button;

- to invert sheets status choose the **Sheets › Invert sheets status** or click the  button;
- to make sheets, which fall into images entirely including their background, active and to simultaneously make the rest of sheets non-active, choose the **Sheets › Set sheets status by rasters** or click the  button;
- to make sheets, which fall into images without their background, active and to simultaneously make the rest of sheets non active, choose the **Sheets › Set sheets status by useful areas** or click the  button.

In order to use provided modes of sheets activation you should activate the Sheets layer and choose in the **Sheets › Sheets activation mode** menu one of three modes:

- **Select for activation** – by default, this mode assumes standard selection of sheets and further assigning them 'active' or 'non-active' status. In order to select sheets drag a rectangle along with pressed **Shift** key, and use one of group selection modes from the **Tools** toolbar;
- **By first sheet** – this mode allows to change sheets status without sheets selection. Drag a rectangle in this mode along with pressed **Shift** key. The sheets that fall into the rectangle, obtain the status of the first sheet of the rectangle created;
- **Use selection mode** – this mode allows to change sheets status without sheets selection too. At that, status of sheets that fall into rectangle created along with pressed **Shift** key, depends on a group selection tool selected in the **Tools** toolbar (see the '[Vectorisation](#)' User Manual)).

To select sheets use the following modes:

- to select 'active' sheets choose the **Sheets › Select active sheets** or click the  button;
- to select 'non-active' sheets choose the **Sheets › Select non-active sheets** or click the  button.

## 11.8. Attributes of sheets

Each sheet is given the name and defined sheet status using the attributes of the Sheets layer. The capability of presetting provides correct import of sheets, which were created in third party software, in case when the imported objects have another names of attributes for storing information about sheet (see the [Vectorization](#) User Manual).

By default the *Sheets* layer contains the following names of attributes:


- *create* – for storing information about sheet status;

- *sheet\_name* – for storing sheet name.

To change the default attributes of the *Sheets* layer perform the following:



After changing attributes it is necessary to rebuild existed sheets.

1. Choose the **Sheets > Parameters** or click the  button in the **Sheets** toolbar. The **Sheets parameters** window opens.

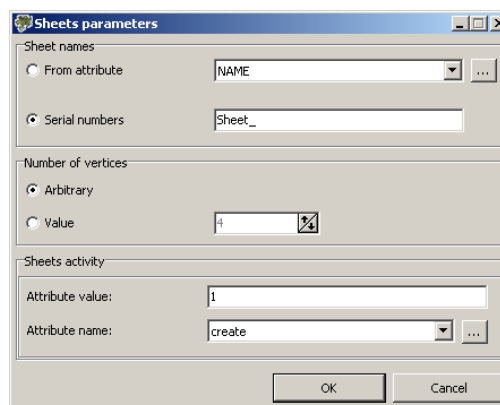




Fig. 44. Setting attributes names

2. Choose the way of creating sheet name in the **Sheet names** section:
  - **From attribute** – define the new name of attribute for storing sheets name: select the name from list or specify it using the  button;
  - **Serial numbers** – specify prefix of sheets names manually.
3. In the **Sheets activity** section define the following settings:
  - in the **Attribute value** field specify the value of attribute, chosen in the list, whereby list is marked as active;
  - choose the **Attribute name** from the list for storing information about sheet status or specify new name using the .
4. Click OK. Thus, after the completion of splitting process, the data about the sheet name and sheet status will be stored in the defined attributes irrespective of splitting mode.

Perform the following actions for obtaining and editing information about a sheet:

1. Select the sheet boundaries by double click in the **Preview** window.
2. Choose the **Sheets > Sheet info**. The **Sheet info** window opens.

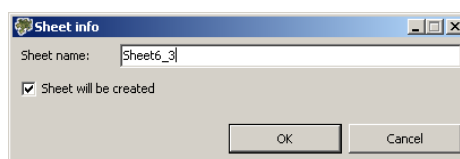



Fig. 45. Values of cutline attribute

Window contains the following information:

- the **Sheet name** field corresponds to the *sheet\_name* attribute value;
- the **Sheet will be created** checkbox corresponds to the sheet status is active.

Perform the following actions to view and edit attributes values of selected sheet:

1. Select the sheet boundaries by double click in the **Preview** window.
2. Choose the **Window > Object attributes** or click the  button of the **Vectors** additional toolbar. The **Object attributes** window opens.

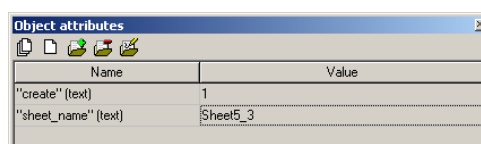









Fig. 46. Values of sheet attributes

The following buttons are used to create and edit attributes table:

-  – allows to delete all attributes of selected objects;
-  – allows to delete common attributes of selected objects;
-  – allows to open the **Add attribute** window to define name, type and value of attribute;
-  – allows to delete current field of attribute table;
-  – allows to open the **Edit attribute** window to edit parameters of selected attribute;
-  – allows to invert attributes of selected object;
-  – allows to sort attributes of selected objects.

Also the window contains the table with at least two rows:

- *create* attribute– the '1' value corresponds to the active sheet status, the '2' value corresponds to the inactive sheet status;

- `sheet_name attribute`– contains the name of selected sheet.



The image name in the attribute is generated automatically and depends on the splitting mode and parameters.


3. Click the string of the **Value** input field and insert another value for changing of attributes value.
4. Press **Enter** to save or press **Esc** to cancel.

There are also other facilities in the program interface that provide fast managing of the sheet activity status (see [Section 11.7](#)).

## 11.9. Setting output parameters

The output parameters allow to define the method of *output files* naming and criteria of selection sheets for creating *output files*.

Perform the following actions to set up output parameters:

1. After splitting part of block images into sheets, editing boundaries and sheets attributes, choose the **Sheets** › **Parameters** or click the  button on the **Sheets** toolbar. The **Sheets parameters** window opens.

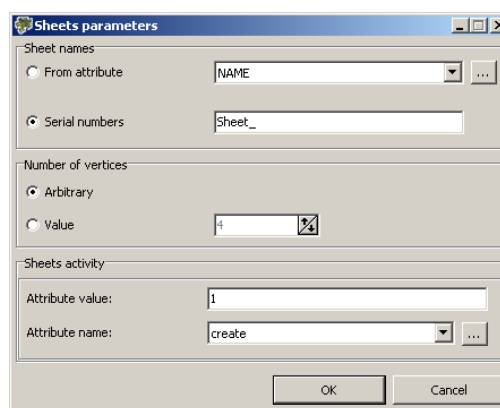


Fig. 47. Sheets parameters

2. Choose the way of creating sheet name in the **Sheet names** section:
  - **From attribute** – allows to use the value of selected attribute;
  - **Serial numbers** – allows to use serial numbers and define the file name prefix.



In this case, while creating mosaic, the sheet names are generated as follows: *Prefix+Sheet serial number*.

3. In the **Number of vertices** section defines criterion of sheets selection for creating output files by number of vertices within sheets boundaries.
  - **Arbitrary** – sheets selection by number of vertices within the boundaries of created sheets is not performed;
  - **Value** – allows to select sheets by number of vertices and specify the number of vertices in the input field.
4. In the **Sheets activity** section perform the selection of sheets for creating output files by the attribute values:
  - define the **Attribute value**, whereby list is marked as active;
  - choose the **Attribute name** which set the sheets activity.
5. Click OK. Sheets activity changes automatically depending on parameters.

## 12. Using auxiliary data

### 12.1. Misc (Miscellaneous) menu

The **Misc** menu is used to show in the **Preview** window an auxiliary data that may be considered during mosaics creation. For auxiliary data (that is vector data) the *Misc* layer is provided.

Table 14. Brief description of Misc menu

Menu items	Function
<b>Clear</b>	allows to delete all vector objects created in the <i>Misc</i> layer
<b>Open</b>	allows to load data from a file saved in active profile resources
<b>Save as</b>	allows to save the <i>Misc</i> layer data to vector file with different name and x-data extension in active profile resources
<b>Local adjustment</b>	allows to show in the <b>Preview</b> window a grid of fragments for preliminary estimation. The grid of fragments is intended for collecting of statistics data of local brightness adjustment (see <a href="#">Section 9.3</a> )
<b>Source images outlines</b>	allows to show in the <b>Preview</b> window boundaries of source images with background
<b>Source images layout</b>	allows to create polygons by images frames with background
<b>Source images useful areas layout</b>	allows to create polygons by images frames without background
<b>Cloudless coverage map</b>	allows to find areas with full cover of clouds



Menu items	Function
<b>Cutlines coverage map</b>	allows to find errors or cutlines creation
<b>Synchronize cutlines selection</b>	allows to select image with selected cutline automatically; it is necessary to display frames of source images before that with the <b>Misc › Source images outlines</b> menu item.
<b>Open images in marker position</b>	allows to open all 2D-windows with marker place
<b>Load metadata to current layer</b>	allows to load images metadata to current active layer
<b>Load nadir and central points</b>	allows to load coordinates of nadir and central points to the <i>Miscellaneous</i> layer
<b>Convert metadata from AUX to X-FEAT</b>	allows to convert orthomap metadata, created in third party software, to the system interior format
<b>Save images borders from metadata to MIF/MID</b>	allows to save images borders as vector objects in the orthophotomap; could be used only for orthophoto created by satellite images

## 12.2. Images layout

The program provides possibility to create polygons by images frames with background or by images edges without background. **Misc › Source images layout** and **Misc › Source images useful areas layout** menu item are used for that.

Choose the **Misc › Source images layout** to create polygons by images frames with background.

The following attributes are assigned to each created polygon:

- *image\_name* – the name of image which is in the polygon, and the path to the image file;
- *bytes\_ps* – bytes per sample;
- *aver\_pix\_size* – average GSD size;
- *img\_width* – image width;
- *img\_height* – image height.

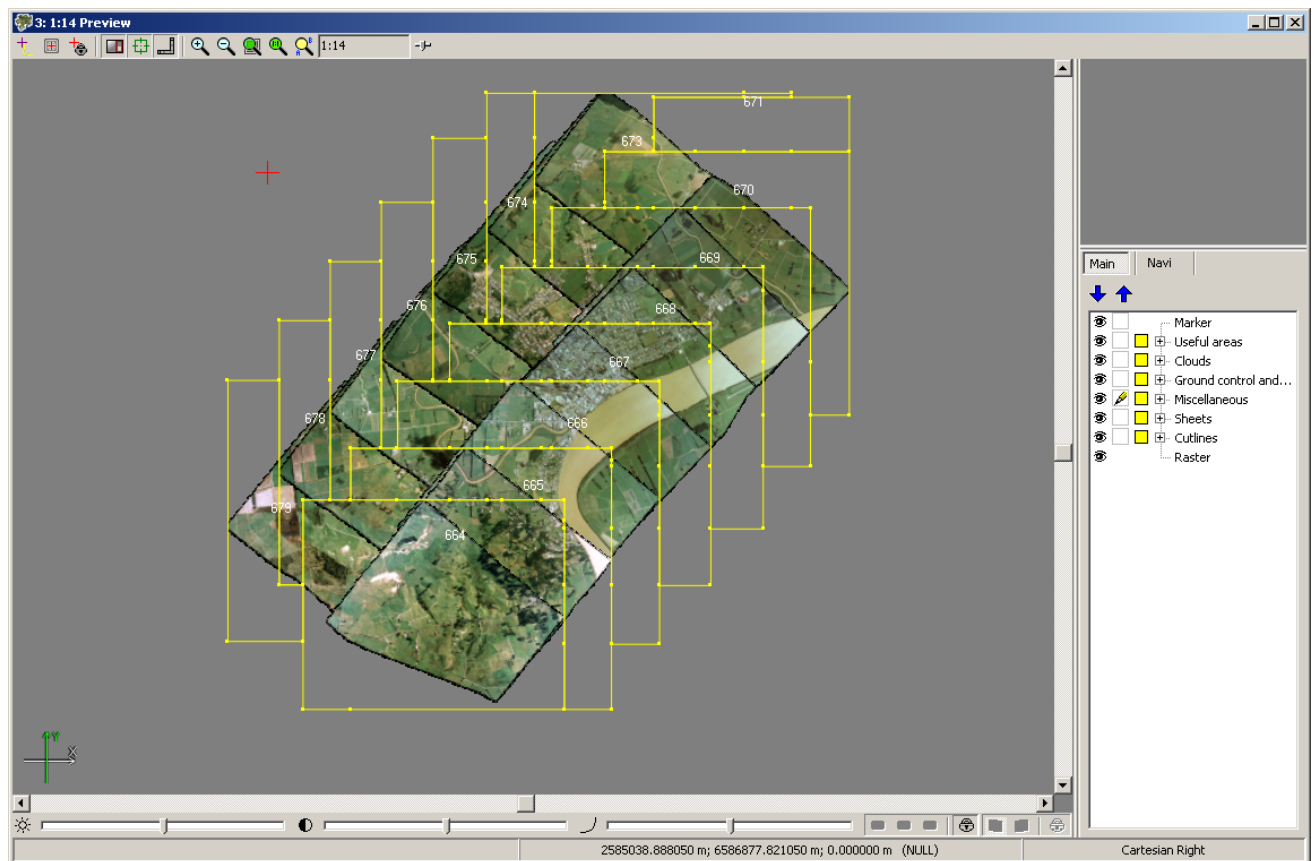


Fig. 48. Creation polygons by images frames with background

Perform the following to create polygons by images frames with background:

1. Choose the **Source images useful areas layout**. The **Parameters** window opens.

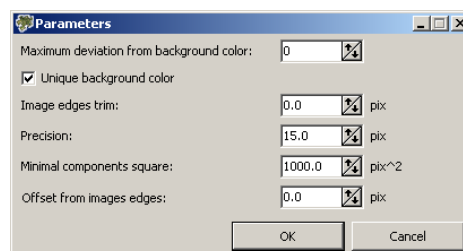


Fig. 49. Parameters of creation polygons by images frames without background

2. [optional] in case of areas on images with color equal to background color, set on the **Unique background color** checkbox and set the **Maximum deviation from background color** to define a range of color, which presents in background of source images.
3. In the **Image edges trim** specify the offset from images border in pixels.

4. Specify the **Precision** of calculation of areas boundaries (this value influences on number of nodes in polygon to be created).
5. In the **Minimal components square** specify the minimal square of the image, below which polygon is not created.
6. [optional] To create polygons not exactly by image frame, but by some distance from it, specify the negative value in the **Offset from images edges** in pixels to create polygons inside frame, or positive value to create them outside.
7. Click OK to start polygons by images frames without background creation.

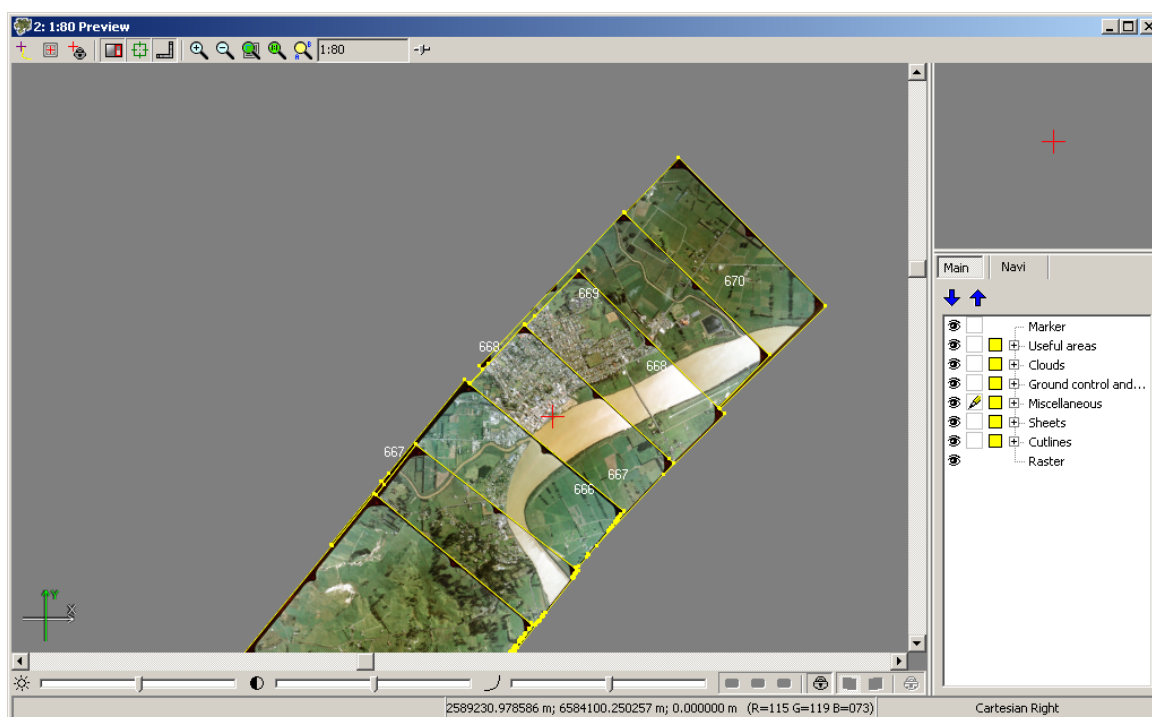


Fig. 50. Creation polygons by images frames without background

## 12.3. Coverage maps

The program provides possibility to display errors of cutlines creation and to find totally cloudy areas in images, what resulting to 'gaps' in mosaic creation. Cutlines and cloudless coverage maps are used for that. These maps are vector layers with polygons

Perform the following to find totally cloudy areas on images:

1. Choose the **Misc > Cloudless coverage map**. The **Cutlines creation parameters** window opens. It allows to create outline of image block.

2. [optional] If there is no data in the *Clouds* layer, the **Cutlines creation parameters** window opens. Choose the **Build and use** in the **Clouds** section and setup the [rest parameters](#) if necessary.
3. Click OK. The system displays information window which includes information about outlines quantity and areas with full cover of clouds. Data is load to the new *Cloudless coverage map* layer. The clouds are highlighted by red color.

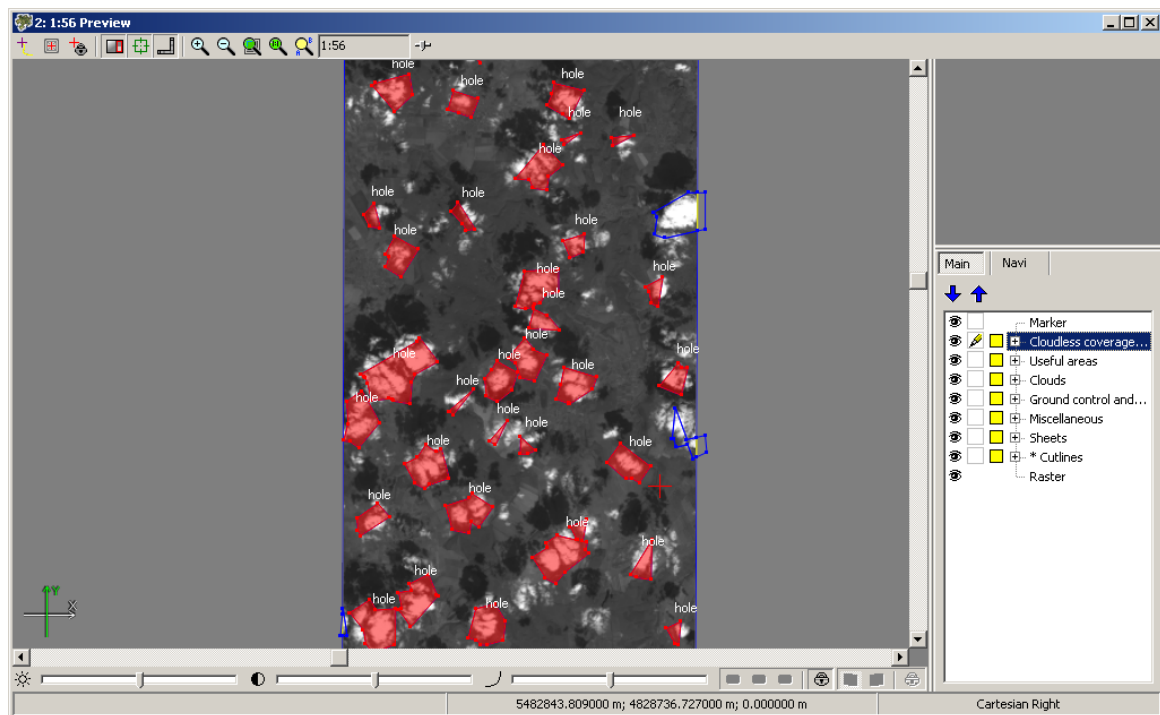


Fig. 51. Totally cloud areas

To find errors in cutlines creation, choose the **Misc > Cutlines coverage maps**. The system displays information window which includes information about outlines quantity and errors in cutlines creation. Polygons from images with cutlines and 'gaps' in cutlines are added in to the *Coverage maps* layer.

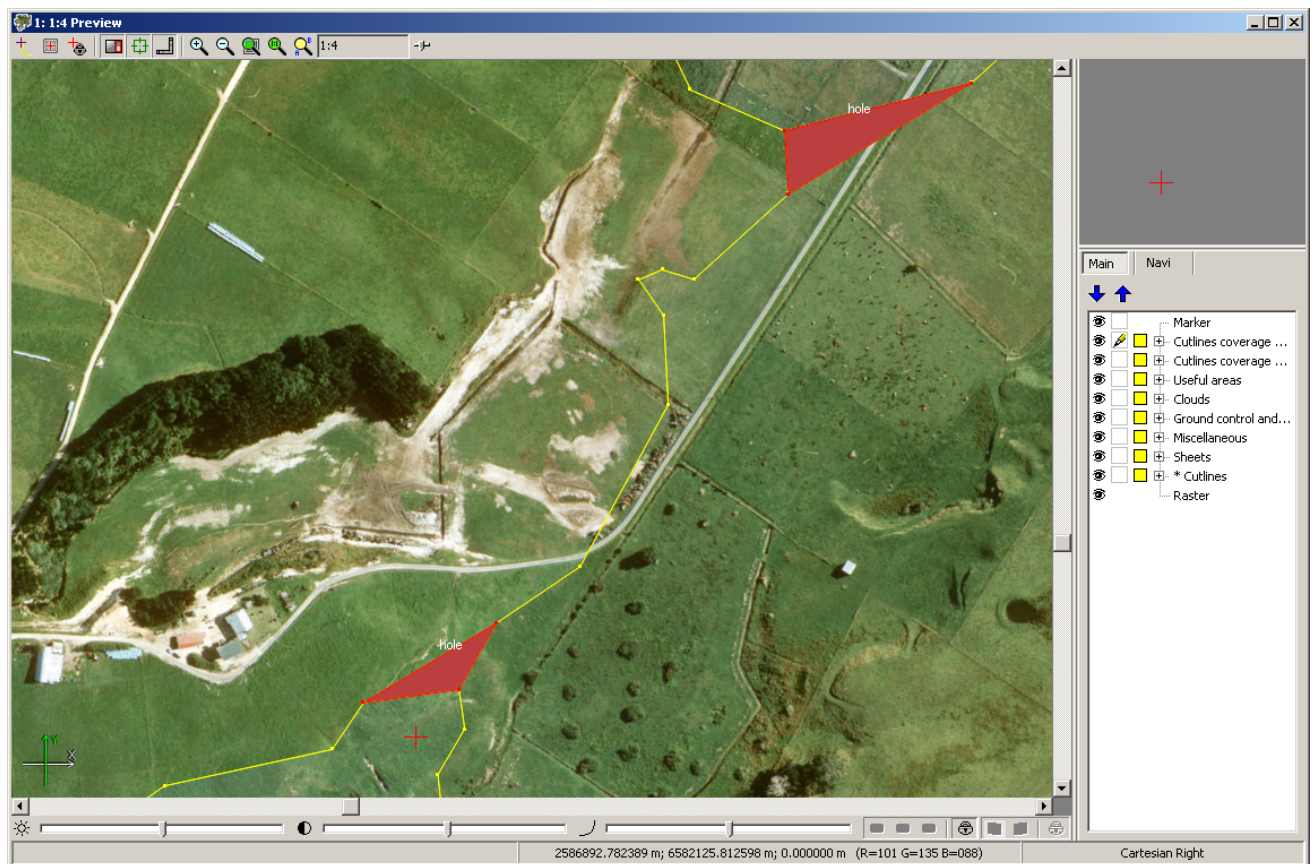









Fig. 52. Errors in cutlines creation

## 13. Mosaic creation

### 13.1. Mosaic menu


Table 15. Brief description of Mosaic menu

Menu items	Function
 <b>Parameters</b>	allows to setup parameters of mosaic preview and creation, as well as brightness adjustment and output data save
 <b>Preview</b>	allows to open Preview window for the entire block of loaded images considering data processing results
 <b>Preview (current sheet)</b>	allows to open Preview window for the selected sheet of mosaic
<b>Clear brightness adjustment</b>	allows to clear all data about brightness adjustment
 <b>Rebuild brightness adjustment</b>	allows to rebuild local adjustment after cutlines change
<b>Distributed global brightness adjustment</b>	allows to use distributed processing to brightness adjustment

Menu items	Function
 <b>Build full mosaic</b>	is used to start mosaic building and creation of output files for selected active sheets
 <b>Build current sheet</b>	is used for start of mosaic building and creation of output file for selected sheet
<b>Distributed processing</b>	allows to start mosaic creation for specified active sheets considering user settings and parameters in distributed processing mode
<b>Distributed processing of PHOTOMOD MegaTIFF</b>	allows to start mosaic creation using distributed processing with splitting of active sheets
 <b>Open image</b>	allows to open any image of acceptable raster format for preview in the application window
<b>Save parameters preferences</b>	allows to save mosaic parameters setting for further use them in other mosaic projects (see a description of the <b>Use saved mosaic settings</b> option in <a href="#">Section 14</a> )

## 13.2. Setup mosaic parameters

### 13.2.1. General information

To setup mosaic building parameters, choose the **Mosaic › Parameters** or click the  button on the main toolbar. The **Mosaic parameters** window opens.

The window contains the following groups of parameters:

- main parameters of mosaic building on the **Mosaic** tab (see [Section 13.2.2](#));
- parameters of local and global brightness adjustment on the **Brightness adjustment** tab (see [Section 9.1](#));
- parameters of output mosaic sheets on the **Output** tab (see [Section 13.2.3](#));
- additional parameters on the **Misc** tab (see [Section 13.2.5](#)).

To save parameters of mosaic creation (for using in other projects), choose the **Mosaic › Save parameters preferences**.

Saved output mosaic settings are load automatically on the program launch. To load default mosaic settings into the **Mosaic parameters** window at the program start, set off the **Use saved mosaic settings** checkbox on the **GeoMosaic** tab in the Settings window (see [Section 14](#)).



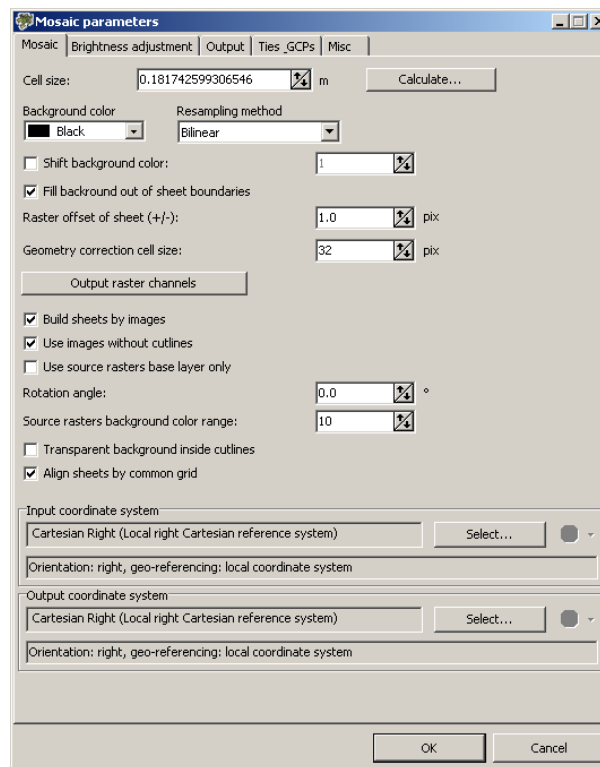


Fig. 53. The 'Mosaic parameters' window

### 13.2.2. Mosaic's main parameters

The **Mosaic** tab of the **Mosaic parameters** window purposes to setup main options of mosaic building.

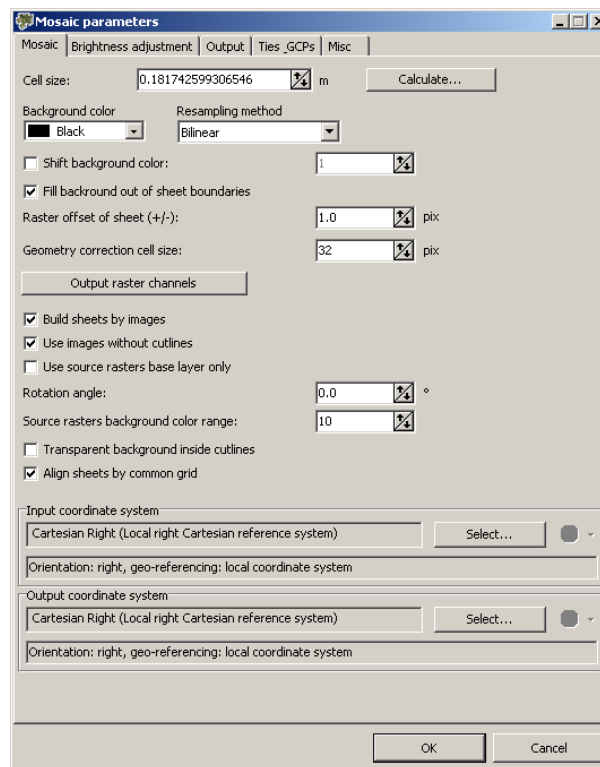


Fig. 54. The 'Mosaic parameters' window

The **Mosaic** tab is used for setting the following parameters of output mosaic:

- **Cell size** – allows to specify the size of output mosaic cell on the terrain. The cell size by default is equal to the cell size of the first image of mosaic project;



The **Calculate** button allows to set a mosaic size in pixels and recalculate its cell size accordingly.

- **Background color** – allows to set a color for mosaic background, since output mosaic always inscribes into a rectangular raster shape;



The **Transparent mosaic background on preview** parameter influences on background color of mosaic in the **Preview** window (see [Section 14.2](#)).

- **Resampling method** – allows to choose the brightness interpolation mode during orthomosaic creation: **bilinear**, **cubic** or **nearest neighbour**;
- **Shift background color** – allows to specify a shift of color on the image if this color coincides with defined color of mosaic's background;
- **Fill background out of sheet boundaries** – allows to specify a type of filling outside of sheet boundaries in the output mosaic. Otherwise, the images of adjacent sheets are used for the filling;



- **Raster offset of sheet** – allows to specify a tolerance distance (in pixels) of raster extend beyond the sheet borders;
- **Geometry correction cell size** – allows to setup a fragment size (in pixels) when creating mosaic using fragments with projective dependence;



The larger the fragment, the faster the mosaic building and the lower the accuracy of output mosaic. The value of 32 pixels is optimal for 'speed-accuracy' ratio.

- **Output raster channels** – opens the window **Output image parameters**, used for specifying the following parameters:



By default quantity and structure of channels are defined by first added image.

- **Use radiometric from RMC-files** – allows to use data of radiometric correction from RMC-file, if correction was done preliminary in the *Raster Converter* module (see the '[General information](#)' User Manual);



If the Monochrome output checkbox is set on, this channel could be use as a channel in output file.



If the checkbox is set on, auto levels or radiometric correction could be applied to selected images.

- **Channels list** – contains list of source (left) and selected for using in orthorectification channels (right);



Quantity and structure of channels are forming with buttons of the **Channels list** section.

- **Data format** – allows to choose format of output image: **8 bit** or **16 bit**;
- **Monochrome output** – allows to create output file with one grayscale channel.



In case of monochrome output it is impossible to choose structure of channels.

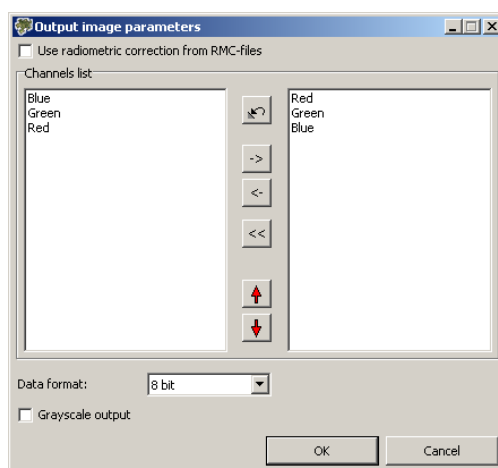


Fig. 55. Output channels parameters

- **Build sheets by images** – defines a content of sheets when creating a mosaic that is [split on sheets by images](#). If the checkbox is set on, each sheet will contain the only image corresponding to the sheet, i.e. the mosaic will be not created. If the checkbox is set off, each sheet will contain all images that fall into this sheet;



The option is used to perform only export of initial images into different coordinate system or export to files of other raster formats.



After splitting of sheets by images, sheets names in attributes of the *Sheets* layer should be the same as images names.



If the **Build sheets by images** checkbox is set on, mosaic is not built.

- **Use images without cutlines** – allows to use images without cutlines for preview and mosaic creation (see also a description of means of images order change when creating mosaic without cutlines in [Section 7.8](#));
- **Use source rasters base layer only** – allows to use a base layer of initial images pyramid if the mosaic is created using docking (not overlapped) images without creating cutlines. If this checkbox is set off the program uses a pyramid layer corresponding to specified resolution, i. e. the pyramid layer is taken based on the **Cell size** parameter value;
- **Rotation angle** – allows to setup a rotation angle (in degrees) of mosaic's images;



Is used if a block of initial images has elongated shape and you need to remove unnecessary background area in rectangular window of created mosaic.

- **Source rasters background color range** – allows to define a deviation from selected background color of initial images, i. e. to specify a range of color, existing in initial images background (see [Section 7.5](#));
- **Transparent background inside cutlines** – allows to use transparency for areas with input background color inside cutlines;



To apply this parameter it must be set transparency for background color of original images (see [Section 7.5](#)).

- **Align sheets by common grid** – allows to define the transformation type which applies on edges of images block automatically while data about measurement of GCP accumulates.

Also the **Mosaic** tab allows to choose **Input** and **Output coordinate system** if they are different to the project's coordinate system.

### 13.2.3. Mosaic output parameters

The **Output** tab of the **Mosaic parameters** window allows to setup options of mosaic output.

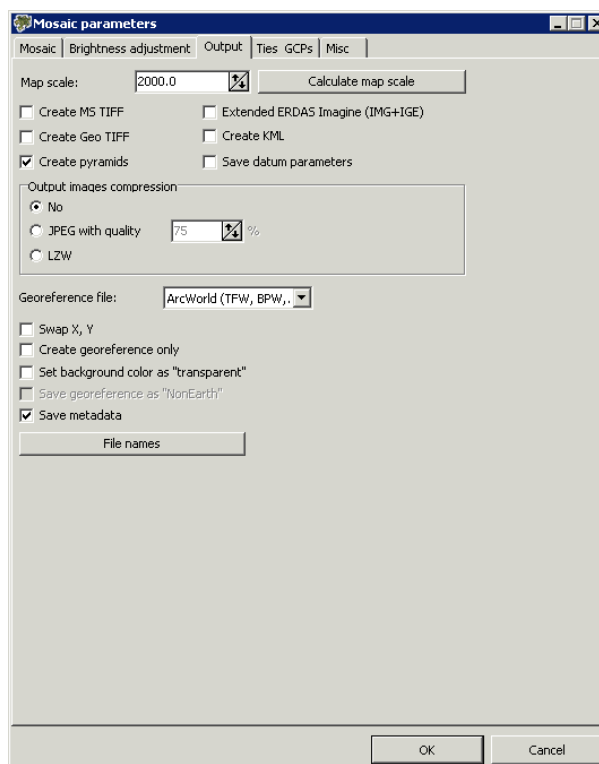


Fig. 56. Mosaic output parameters

The **Map scale** field allows to setup a scale for output mosaic sheet. The **Calculate map scale** button to open the window where you can specify a scale and calculate a map sheet size (in meters) and print resolution.

Output sheets could be created in one or several output formats:

- **Create MS TIFF** – allows to create output mosaic sheets in MS TIFF format with pyramid that helps to redraw images more quickly on a screen, when using systems with MS TIFF format support;
- **Create Geo TIFF** – allows to create output mosaic sheets in Geo TIFF format with pyramid;
- **Create BigTIFF** – allows to create output sheets in the BigTIFF format, if file size is more than 2 Gb;
- **Create pyramids** – allows to create pyramids for output orthoimages in files of internal format;
- **Extended ERDAS Imagine (IMG+IGE)** – allows to create output mosaic sheets in IMG files format for heading and IGM format for image (with no limitations for size);
- **Create KML** – allows to create additional file in KML format, e.g. to show results in the *Google Earth*;



It is necessary to choose global coordinate system as output to create file in KML format.



KML-files are creating both for all block and each image individually.

- **Save datum parameters** – allows to save seven parameters of coordinate system to meta data of TIFF-file.

The **Output images compression** allows to set up the compression parameters of output mosaic sheets:

- **None** – files are created without compression;
- **JPEG with quality .. %** – TIFF-files are creates with set quality of JPEG-compression;



Default compression level is 75 %, that provides the 5-7 times compression of initial image volume.

- **LZW** – TIFF-files are creates with LZW-compression.

Also the **Output** tab allows to set the following parameters of saving files during mosaic creation:

- **Georeferenced file** – allows to select the format of the additional file created;
- **Swap X, Y** – allows to swap X,Y coordinates;
- **Create georeference only** – allows to create just georeference files of sheets without building mosaic sheets (i. e. without files creation);
- **Set background color as 'transparent'** – allows to set the background color which is shown in MapInfo system, as transparent when saving the resulting mosaic in *MapInfo* format;
- **Save georeference as 'NonEarth'** – allows you to save georeference as NonEarth coordinate system, when saving the resulting mosaic in *MapInfo* format;



Used if *MapInfo* system does not support coordinate system of mosaic project.

- **Save metadata** – allows to save images metadata in the \*.x-feat-file: background colour, number of channels and its settings.

The **Output data** button allows to open the **Sheets files** window to select format and target folder of output mosaic sheets (see also a list of output formats in [Section 2.4](#)).

### 13.2.4. Using of GC/Tie points parameters

The **GC/Tie points** tab of the **Mosaic parameters** window purposes to setup options of using ground control and tie points for adjustment.

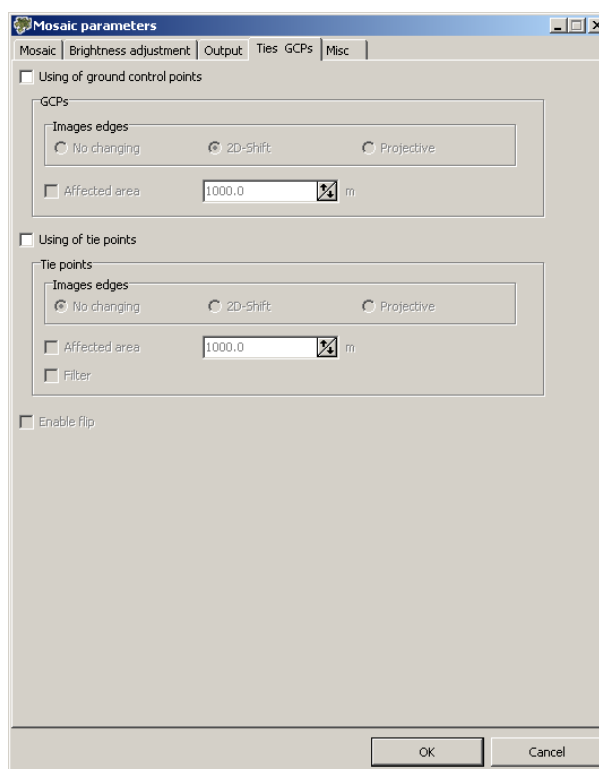


Fig. 57. Using of GC/Tie points parameters

The **Using of ground control points** checkbox allows to use ground control points for more precise correspondence of cutlines area.

The **GCPs** section allows to set the following parameters of using ground control points:

- **Images edges** – allows to choose type of transforming which applies on images edges:
  - **None** – allows not to consider images edges;
  - **2D-Shift** – edges consider by average plane parallel shift;
  - **Projective** – to consider edges is used the projective transformation.
- **Affected area** – allows to define maximal distance of ground control point influence in meters.



If the **Affected area** checkbox is set off, maximal distance of ground control point influence is image border.

The **Using of tie points** checkbox allows to use tie points for more precise correspondence of cutlines area.

The **Tie points** section allows to set the following parameters of using tie points:

- **Images edges** – allows to choose type of transforming which applies on images edges:
  - **None** – allows not to consider images edges;
  - **2D-Shift** – edges consider by average plane parallel shift;
  - **Projective** – to consider edges is used the projective transformation.
- **Affected area** – allows to define maximal distance of tie point influence in meters;



If the **Affected area** checkbox is set off, maximal distance of ground control point influence is image border.

- **Filter** – allows to filter part of points during geometric model creation.

The **Enable flip** checkbox allows to invert direction affect of point.

### 13.2.5. Additional parameters

The **Misc** tab allows to to setup additional options of creating mosaic.

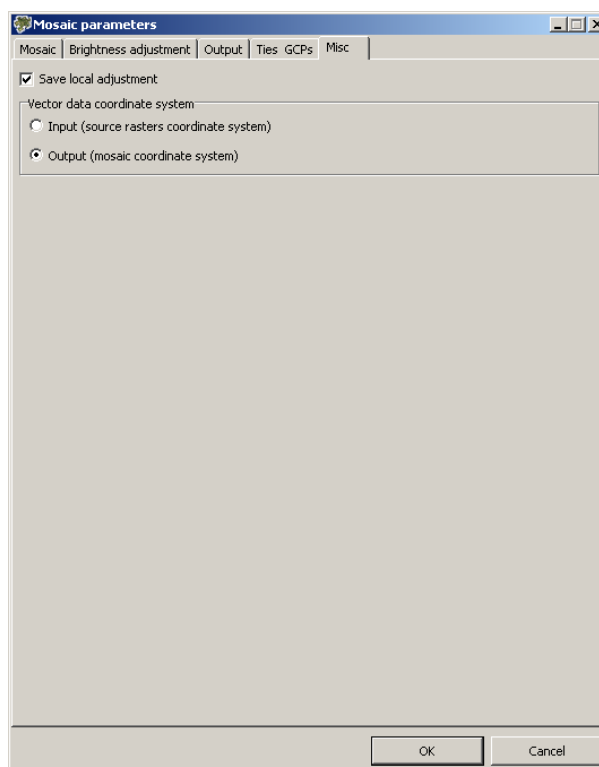


Fig. 58. Additional parameters

The **Save local adjustment** checkbox allows to turn on/off saving of parameters and settings of local brightness adjustment to file of mosaic project.


The **Vector data coordinate system** section allows to select input or output coordinate system of a project for storing of vector data (cutlines, sheets boundaries, tie points etc.).



It is recommended to select output coordinate system (by default), since it is impossible to recalculate coordinate system during sheets creation. Coordinate system of initial images and output mosaic are specified on the **Mosaic** tab.

### 13.3. Creation of output mosaic sheets

For creation of resulting output product – georeference files and sheets of mosaic (orthophotos) in specified coordinate system and scale – perform one of the following actions:

- to create output orthophoto for current sheet perform the following:
  1. On the *Sheets* layer select a border of a sheet, for which the output file will be created.
  2. Choose the **Mosaic › Build current sheet**. The **Save as** window is open, where you can specify name, format and target folder of output file. Default file name is a name of sheet stored in attributes of the *Sheets* layer.
- To create output orthophotos for several mosaic sheets perform the following:
  1. Define active sheets on the *Sheets* layer, for which the output files will be created (see [Section 11](#)).
  2. Choose the **Mosaic › Build full mosaic** or click the  button on the main toolbar. The **Sheets file** window opens. Specify format and target folder for output files.
- To create output mosaic in distributed processing mode choose the **Mosaic › Distributed processing** or the **Mosaic › Distributed processing of PHOTOMOD MegaTIFF** to start mosaic creation using distributed processing with sheets splitting (see the [Section 13.4](#)).

The following files are created with orthophoto:

- mosaic sheets in chosen format;
- reference files;
- the Project\_name.prj file, with information about coordinate system.

### 13.4. Orthoimages creating in distributed processing mode

The system provides possibility of creating orthoimages in distributed processing mode and also to use distributed processing of MegaTIFF.



To create orthoimages in distributed processing mode, perform the following actions:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual).
2. Choose the **Mosaic > Distributed processing**. The **Mosaic distributed processing** window opens.

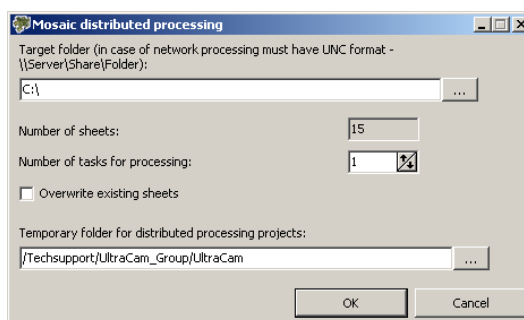


Fig. 59. Mosaic's distributed processing parameters



Save the orthorectification project if it was changed.

3. Define **Target folder** for output orthoimages.



In case of network processing path must have \\Server\Share\Folder format.

4. The **Number of sheets** displays in the window. Set the **Number of tasks for processing** based on one kernel for one task.
5. [optional] By default in distributed processing mode only that sheet are creating that have not created yet. Set on the **Overwrite existing sheets** to overwrite preliminary created orthoimages.
6. Define path for temporary files of distributed processing.
7. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.

To create orthoimages in distributed processing of MegaTIFF mode, perform the following actions:

1. Change settings and run the distributed processing server/client (see the '*Distributed processing*' chapter in the '[General information about system](#)' User Manual).
2. Choose the **Mosaic > Distributed processing of PHOTOMOD MegaTIFF**.



Save the mosaic project if it was changed.

The **Mosaic distributed processing** window opens.

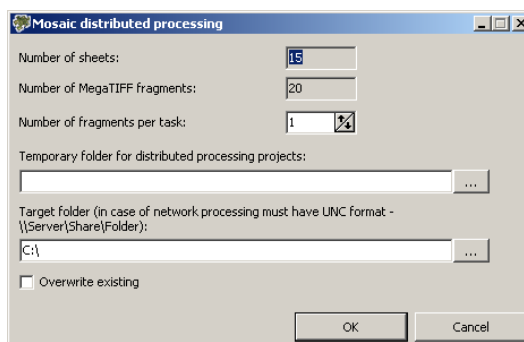


Fig. 60. Mosaic's distributed processing parameters

The total **Number of sheets** and **Number of MegaTIFF fragments** are displays in the window.

3. Set the **Number of tasks for processing** based on one core for one task.
4. Define path for temporary files of distributed processing.
5. Define **Target folder** for output mosaic.




In case of network processing path must have \\Server\Share\Folder format.

6. [optional] By default in distributed processing mode only that sheet are creating that have not created yet. Set on the **Overwrite existing sheets** to overwrite preliminary created mosaic sheets.
7. Click OK. Distributed processing tasks are created and the system shows a message about number of created tasks.

## 14. Program parameters

### 14.1. General parameters

Programs provides possibility to setup general parameters of program and mosaic preview parameters on the **Preview** tab. See the description of general parameters of the program in the '[General system's parameters](#)' User Manual.

To set up common program parameters choose the **Service > Settings** or click the  button on the main toolbar. The **Settings** window opens.

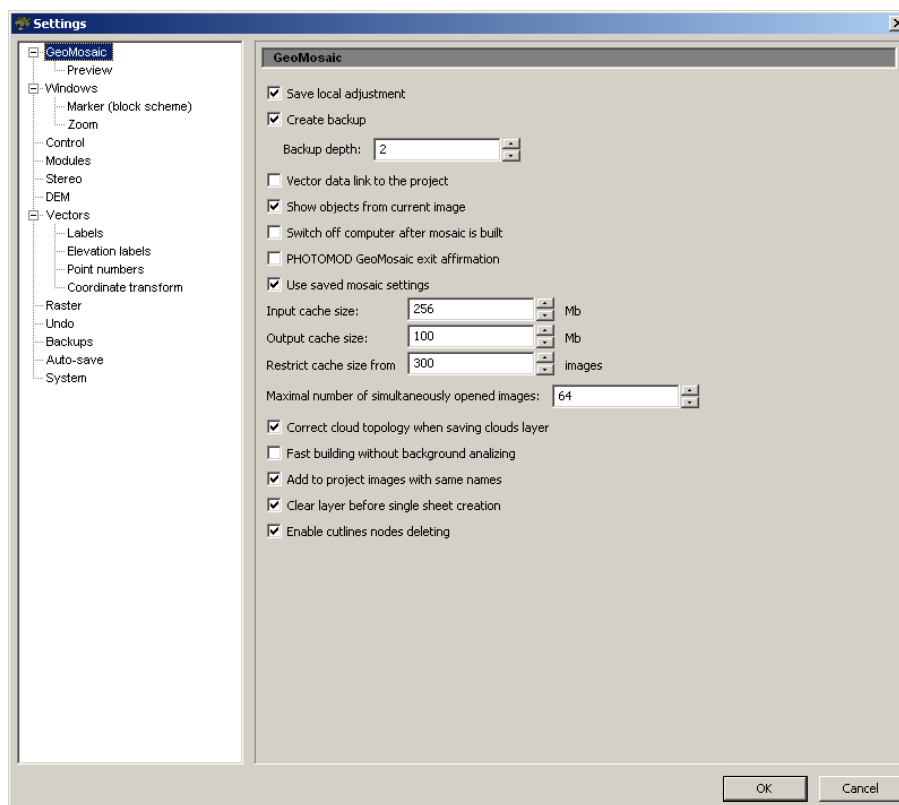


Fig. 61. Common parameters

The **GeoMosaic** tab allows to setup the following general settings:

- **Save local adjustment** – allows to turn on/off saving of parameters and settings of local brightness adjustment to file of mosaic project;
- **Create backup** – allows to setup automatic save of mosaic project backups to active profile resources;



In the **Backup depth** field the number of backup projects copies is displayed.

- **Vector data link to the project** – allows to save (in the first time) all external data with names attached to project name automatically (e.g. project\_name\_sheets.x-data);
- **Show objects from current image** – allows to display vector objects relating only to image opened in the **Images preview** window (see [Section 7.4](#));
- **Switch off computer after mosaic is built** – allows to setup computer automatic switch off after completion of mosaic creation;

- **PHOTOMOD GeoMosaic exit affirmation** – allows to show a prompt on confirmation of exit from the program when user tries to close main program window;
- **Use saved mosaic settings** – allows to load previous mosaic parameters when program starts;
- **Input cache size** – allows to set the limitation of the cache size for reading images (by default 256 Mb);
- **Output cache size** – allows to set the limitation of the cache size for recording images (by default 100 Mb);
- **Restrict cache size from** – allows to set max images number, when cache size is 5 Mb per image, otherwise the cache size has limited to 0.5 Mb per image;
- **Maximal number of simultaneously opened images** – allows to set limit on the opened images number in the formats JPEG, NIFF, IMG, PIX (in the case of a lot of images, it is recommended to convert the images files to the TIFF-format files);
- **Correct cloud topology when saving clouds layer** – allows to correct topology errors of vector polygons automatically on layer *Cloud* while it is saving;
- **Fast building without background analysing** – allows to build fast mosaic without transparency of input background color;
- **Add to project images with same names** – allows to add images with the same names, which store in different folders;
- **Clear layer before single sheet creation** – allows to delete all vector objects from the *Sheets* layer before creation of single sheet;
- **Enable cutlines nodes deleting** – allows to delete node of cutline – point, where three or more cutlines are connected. As a result, points, nearest to deleted node, are connected against each other.

## 14.2. Preview parameters

The **Preview** tab is used to specify display parameters of mosaic.

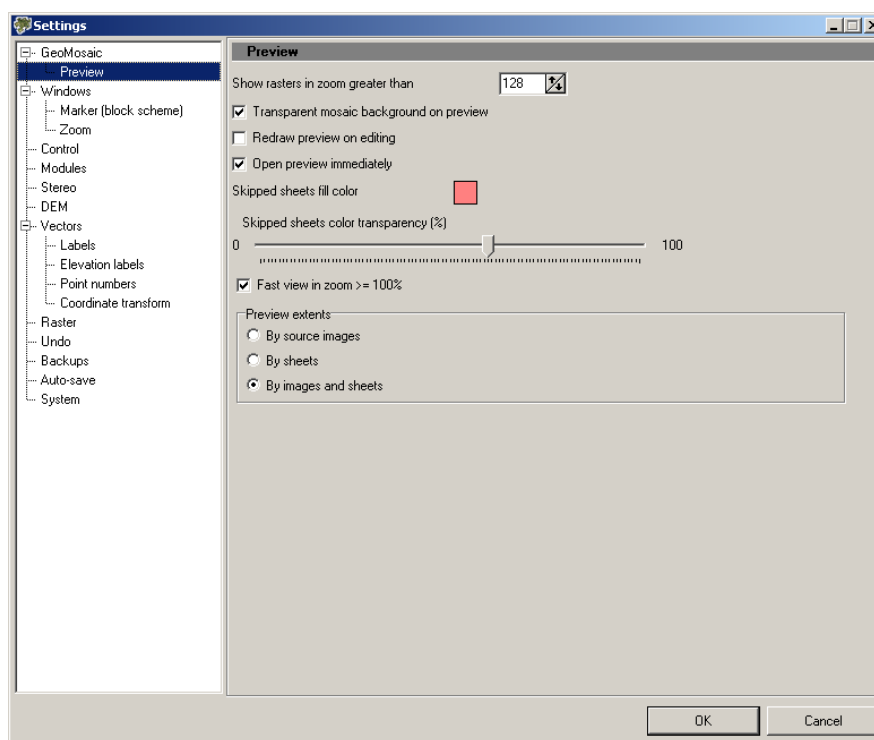


Fig. 62. Preview parameters

The **Preview** tab allows to setup the following mosaic visualization options:

- **Show rasters in zoom greater than** – allows to setup a zoom at which a visualizing of mosaic project images in the **Preview** window begins;
- **Transparent mosaic background on preview** – allows to setup a transparency of output mosaic background visible in the **Preview** window (see [Section 7.4](#));
- **Redraw preview on editing** – allows to set automatic refreshing of mosaic data in the **Preview** window during editing of vector objects – cutlines and change points;
- **Open preview immediately** – allows to show added images in the **Preview** window right away (see [Section 7.4](#));
- **Skipped sheets fill color** – allows to select a fill color to show inactive sheets of mosaic (i.e. sheets excluded from output files creation). To adjust the transparency degree for selected color is used the **Skipped sheets color transparency (%)** slider (see [Section 11.8](#));
- **Fast view in zoom <= 100%** – allows to display images block as a scheme in the **Preview** window when zoom out (is recommended for large images blocks);



It is recommended to set on this parameter while processing of large image blocks.

- **Preview extents** – allows to define extents for displaying content in the **Preview** window:
  - **By source images** – extents by full image;
  - **By sheets** – extents by all created sheets;
  - **By images and sheets** – edges of images and sheets.