



## Geoinformatics for Environmental Information Collection, Monitoring and Management

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#### Geoinformatics Center Established in 1999 (Self-Funded)









## Sustainable Development Goals

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, world leaders adopted the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030* 

The objective was to produce a set of universally applicable goals that balances the three dimensions of sustainable development:

- ✓ environmental,
- ✓ social,
- ✓ economic.





## Sustainable Development Goals







## Use of Geoinformatics for SDG context ..

- Environmental/Social resource *Management*
- Monitoring & Assessment of SDG Key indicators







- Environmental resource management is the management of the interaction and impact of human societies on the environment,
- It tries to identify factors affected by conflicts that rise between (meeting) needs and (protecting) resources: sustainable development

Needs empowering societies with information, evidence, causes/effects, and importantly, participation of societies/individuals.





## Indicators (Goals): Monitor/Asses/Supported by Geoinformatics

Goal 1: Poverty *Proportion below poverty line Access to basic needs Land Tenure* Goal 2: End Hunger and Achieve Food Security *Productivity % Agriculture lands in sustainable agriculture % Agriculture lands under irrigation* 

Food prices anomalies

Note: The indicators are still being discussed and due to be finalized in March 2016.





Indicators (Goals): Monitor/Asses/Supported by Geoinformatics

**Goal 6: Sustainable Management of Water** Water bodies and water quality Water Use Fresh water ecosystems and changes Goal 9: Sustainable industrialization CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Goal 11: Sustainable Cities % Slum and informal settlements Rate of land consumption rate / population Disaster/Risk and vulnerable communities Particle Matter (PM2.5/PM10) Cities with DRR plans





## Indicators (Goals): Monitor/Asses/Supported by Geoinformatics

Goal 13: Combat Climate Change **Disaster related losses** Climate related indicators Goal 14: Coastal and Marine Development Proportion of fish-stock within sustainable level Sustainable use of fishery Goal 15: Sustainable use of Terrestrial Eco System % Forest Area and changes % Forest cover under Sustainable Management % degraded lands and changes *Biodiversity + ecosystem values in development plans* 





## Geoinformatics in Environment Applications

- Location information (RS/GIS)
- Monitoring Changes (RS)
- Spatial variability (RS/GPS)
- Assessing the impact of Development (GIS)
- Simulation of processes in the development and natural environment (Model+GIS+RS+GPS)



# Potential applications......



### Natural resources management

- Wild life, Forests: assessment, management and protection
- Water resources: management and conservation
- Soil erosion and conservation
- Hazard control
  - Natural hazards : Floods, Drought, Tsunami etc.
  - Manmade hazards : Dam failures, slope failures
- Pollution emissions
  - Airquality moniotoring, Solid waste management
- Ecosystem health
  - Defining, Assessing and monitoring ecosystems
  - Land use planning
  - Fishing and ocean resources
- Climate change
- Water resources monitoring
  - Water quantity, rainfall, water quality,



### **Geoinformatics Application Process**







## Some Satellite Data of Last 50 years





















## Potential Data sources....

Data Source	Type of data	Format	Resolution	Available on
<u>Natural</u> <u>Earth</u>	Cultural / Physical data	Vector Raster	1:10m, 1:50m, 1:110m	http://www.naturalearthdata. com
<u>Global</u> <u>Map</u>	Land cover, elevation, drainage, etc.	Vector	1km	http://www.gsi.go.jp/kankyoc hiri/globalmap_e.html
UNEP Environme ntal Data Explorer	Forest cover, evapotranspira tion, temperature	Geospat ial		http://geodata.grid.unep.ch/
ASTER GDEM	global elevation data	Raster	30m	http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/g dem.asp





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NCAR GIS Climate Change Scenarios	Climate data	Vector Raster	http://gisclimatechange.ucar.edu/	
<u>Atlas of the</u> <u>Biosphere</u>	environmental variables , soil pH, snow depth etc.	Raster	http://www.sage.wisc.edu/atlas/maps.ph p	
<u>GSMaP</u>	Precipitation data	Raster	http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP_crest/	
OpenStreetMap	Crowdsourced data	Vector Raster	http://www.openstreetmap.org/	
<u>Gridded</u> <u>Population of the</u> <u>World (GPW)</u>	Socioeconomic Data	Vector	http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/col lection/gpw-v3	
Land Sat	Satellite imageries	Vector Raster	http://landsat.usgs.gov http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov	
MODIS	Various Products	Raster	http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/datapro d/	
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## **Global Rainfall Map in NRT**



### http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP/index.htm

- Started November 14, 2007.
- hourly global rainfall maps in near real time (about four hours after observation) is available.
- Data:
  - TRMM TMI,
  - Aqua AMSR-E,
  - DMSP SSM/I and
  - GEO IR
- Other Contents:
  - Latest 10 hr Browse images
  - 24hr animation
  - KMZ files (Google Earth)



#### >>Hourly rainfall maps about 4 hours after observation



### HIMAWARI-8, 9

#### HIMAWARI-8

- Operation start ; Jul 7, 2015 ~ present
- Geostationary satellite
- Features:
  - •Multi-Spectral bands :

3bands for VIS, 3bands for NIR and 10bands for IR.

•High Spatial resolution :

0.5-1 [km] for VIS, 1-2 [km] for NIR/IR.

•Frequent observation :

10 [min] for Full disk.

HIMAWARI-9 is scheduled for launch in 2016.





		Hir	MTSAT-1R/2			
Wave length [µm]	Band res number at	Spatial resolution at SSP [km]	Central wave length [µm]		Channel	Spatial resolution
			AHI-8 (Himawari-8)	AHI-9 (Himawari-9)	name	at SSP [km]
0.47	1	1	0.47063	0.47059	-	-
0.51	2	1	0.51000	0.50998	-	-
0.64	з	05	0.63914	0.63972	VIS	1
0.86	4	1	0.85670	0.85668	-	-
1.6	5	2	1.6101	1.6065	-	-
23	6	2	2.2568	2.2570	-	-
39	7	2	3.8853	3.8289	IR4	4
62	8	2	6.2429	6.2479	IR3	4
6.9	9	2	6.9410	6.9555	-	-
73	10	2	7.3467	7.3437	-	-
8.6	11	2	8.5926	8.5936	-	-
9.6	12	2	9.6372	9.6274	-	-
10.4	13	2	10.4073	10.4074	IR1	4
11.2	14	2	11.2395	11.2080	-	-
12.4	15	2	12.3806	12.3648	IR2	4
13.3	16	2	13.2807	13.3107	-	-

Central wavelengths of the AHIs are "Moment center wavelength" (provided by Exelis). SSP : sub satellite point

http://www.jma-net.go.jp/msc/en/





## Sustainable Agriculture

- UN Project that global population will reach 10 billion between 2050 and 2100.
- Food production should raised estimated 60 % over next 40 years
- It's essential for human civilization to conserve Agricultural Land, Water, Soil and Infrastructure.
- In order to do that, agricultural practices must change through technology in order to use less and produce more including biotechnological improvements, use of large machineries, precision agriculture, etc.
- In the process of assessing agricultural resources Remote Sensing and GIS gives unique prospective due to it's ability to manage large spatial extent and ability to observe wide variations of data.



## Texture Change in Paddy Areas







2013-01-15

2013-03-02



These Images of Nueve Ecija, Philippines shows variation of Greenness in the Area within interested time period.

Left side shows RGB image and Right side shows "7-2-1" MODIS composite image which is more sensitive to water, vegetation. Using wavelengths other than RGB, we can observe properties that we can't see from Naked Eyes

2013-05-05









Using this unique pattern, paddy area can be extracted and statistics can be calculated



## Cloud penetration SAR Data



In tropical Regions which, biggest issue is Cloud Cover to continues observations. Microwave Remote Sensing is an ideal solution to overcome this problem.

Microwave backscattering properties also behave in the same way as Optical Vegetation Indices like NDVI, EVI which allow us to use same techniques as Optical Remote Sensing





Normal Transplanted Rice Late Transplanted Rice



Time Series Agricultural Parameters and Anomalies derived from earth observation data which will help to monitor changes, anomalies, and help farmers





#### GMS Satellite-based Agriculture Support System (SASS)







## Sustainable Forestry

- Establishing a robust and transparent system for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of biomass resources and forestry activities are required for the successful implementation of a REDD+.
- It's proven that Remote Sensing can estimate biomass with errors les than 20 % of field estimates (should not exceed 50 mt/ha for a global biomass map at a resolution of 1 ha).









Landsat-5 TM image of 15 June 2005: 20 km x 20 km extract





Forest cover map 10 km x 10km window size Centered at 12°S, 58°W

#### **SIC Bio-Mass Estimation from Microwave Remote Sensing** Data

Ground data

- DBH

-Volume

Basal Area - Species

Allometric equation



#### **Mapping of Carbon Dynamics** in Amazon Forest

#### Approx. Total AGB(t)

Ensemble Mean	1.02E+11
SD	2.27E+09
P05	9.85E+10
P95	1.06E+11
Confidence Intervals	7.46E+09



#### Source: Sawada, 2015

**Biomass Modeling** 

ALOS PALSAR

CEOS

Level 1.5

- Speckle filtering (Lee 5x5) - Multi-looking 3x3 - Reprojection

ackscatter

coefficient

- Export to GEOTIFF

Calibration

NEST



- Light Detection And Ranging (LIDAR) technology uses active sensors Information obtained from lasers to estimate the three-dimensional distribution of vegetation canopies as well as sub canopy topography
- It can be used to estimate tree/stand height, volume, biomass, etc.
- Furthermore, Scientists says that height estimates obtained from LIDAR data have similar or better accuracy than field-based estimates (errors can be even less than 1.0 m for individual tree heights)



C: discrete return scanning LIDAR D: discrete return profiling LIDAR (Wulder et al. 2012)







## **Economic Fish Larvae Mapping and Monitoring** MODIS observed including Chlorophyll-a and Sea Surface Temperature







#### <sup>9</sup> Spatial and Temporal Distribution of "Best" and "Better" Conditions for Fish Larvae (<u>Andaman Sea</u>)





## Conservation Areas and Preferable Areas of Fish Larvae







### **Risk Assessment for** resources planning





Assessing Proximity of Slums with respect to Flood Prone Area which can be used to prioritize relocation effort of slums in Denpasar, Indonesia



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#### Slum Infrastructure Access Analysis - Denpasar, Indonesia





#### ©WorldBank

## Land Subsidence using InSAR

### Ordinary InSAR - Surface displacement information with +/- 1cm accuracy









### Geoinformatics for Coastal Monitoring System for West coast of Sri Lanka (2012)









Satellite images/ Aerial photographs	Spatial resolution/ Scale	Acquisition date	Source
Aerial Photographs	1 : 20,000	1956	Survey Department Sri Lanka
Landsat MSS	60m	1978	USGS
Landsat TM	30m	1988	USGS
ALOS/ AVNIR-2	10m	2006 – 2010	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
ALOS/ PRISM	2.5m	2006 – 2007	JAXA
ALOS/ PALSAR	6.25m/12.5m	2007 - 2010	JAXA
QuickBird	-	2005.09.27	Google Earth







#### INTEGRATED TOURISM RESORT PROJECT GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR INVESTORS

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## **Re-direction of investment plans**



For the urgent decision making, Interim Report of the Project was released on the request of the Sri Lanka Government

Investors in the project area are officially instructed to follow the report for investment planning & EIA studies

Analysis of Coastal Morphology Kalpitiya Window Interim Report Ver. 1.0



Space Segment Climate Change Observation & Monitoring Window (CCOMON) Research & Design Division Coast Conservation Department

> Space Application for Environment (SAFE) Earth Observation Working Group (EOVIC) Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF)

> > January, 2011



## Sustainable Resource Management





### **Transdisciplinary holistic approach** International Forum on Sustainable Future in Asia, 27-28 January 2016, AIT © GIC/AIT





## Concluding

- Geoinformatics has a tremendous potential in evaluating and monitoring environmental changes and key indicators of SDG,
- Space based data can use locally, regionally and globally as an evidence based information system to improve the dialog between all the stakeholders,
- GIC-AIT can contribute to the joint research and applications of the future direction of the forum through research, training and application development using space based technologies and IT services development.