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Dear Sir,

Sub: Assam Floods 2018- Near Real Time Flood Mapping using satellite data

Please refer to our earlier mail dated 09th Sep 2018 regarding 'Near Real Time Flood Mapping' project using satellite data. So far we have sent 16 flood maps covering floods in Assam State. Floods were reported due to heavy incessant rains in Assam state during last week of August 2018. We have analyzed Radarsat-2 SAR satellite data of 12th September 2018 (0600Hrs) and a flood map for part of Assam State is prepared. The flood map along with a brief report is enclosed herewith for your kind information. Since the image was acquired during/immediate to the rainfall event, large extents of wet areas were also observed.

Further, we request you to visit flood page in Bhuvan portal (bhuvan-noeda.nrsc.gov.in/disaster/disaster/disaster.php) NDEM portal for better visualization of flood extent in Assam State.

In addition, the flood layer in GIS ready format and inundation statistics are transmitted to Assam State Remote Sensing Application Centre and North Eastern State Application Centre by e-mail for further value addition and dissemination to user departments.

We will continue to keep a watch on the flood situation and update the information as and when required. Your support and active interaction is highly appreciated. Please provide feedback on the information being provided.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,
(K H V Durga Rao)

As per the distribution list enclosed in the report.

Assam Floods – 2018

1.0 Background

Floods were reported in Assam due to heavy incessant rains in parts of Assam state during the last week of August, 2018. According to Central Water Commission (CWC) report, River Brahmaputra at Neamatighat in Jorhat district, and River Dhansiri(South) at Numaligarh in Golaghat district is flowing in severe flood Situation.

(Source: CWC, News Media)

2.0 Satellite Data

Flood Disaster Team is keeping a constant watch on the flood situation and checked the satellite data coverage over the flood affected areas. RADARSAT-2 SAR satellite data of 12th September 2018 was analyzed. (Refer Table-1).

Table-1 Satellite Data acquired over Flood Affected Area

S No	Date	Satellite / Sensor	Status
1	08-06-18	Sentinel-1 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
2	15-06-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
3	16-06-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
4	20-06-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
5	23-06-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
6	27-06-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
7	01-07-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
8	07-07-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
9	16-07-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent.
10	24-07-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
11	31-07-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
12	04-08-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
13	07-08-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
14	14-08-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
15	01-09-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
16	08-09-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
17	12-09-18	RADARSAT-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map is being sent

3.0 Data Analysis

Satellite data is rectified and flood inundation layer is extracted. Further, flood inundation map was composed for part of Assam state based on the analysis of RADARSAT-2 SAR satellite data of 12th September 2018. The flood inundation layer is integrated with district boundary layer, for extracting district-wise flood inundation statistics which are shown in the Table-2.

4.0 Observations

Based on the analysis of satellite data, the following points were observed.

- Satellite data covers part of Assam state.
- Inundation was observed in Cachar, Sivasagar, Dhemaji and Jorhat districts.

Table-2:

S.No.	DISTRICT	Flood Inundated Area (ha)
1	CACHAR	12978
2	SIVASAGAR	10024
3	MARIGAON	9214
4	KARIMGANJ	6703
5	NOWGONG	6636
6	JORHAT	3926
7	DHEMAJI	3422
8	HAILAKANDI	2648
9	EAST KAMRUP	1334
10	BISWANATH	1065
	Total	57951

Note:

- Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas.
- Districts with inundation less than 1000 ha are not included in the statistics.

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3	STATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Additional Chief Secretary & Relief Commissioner, Govt. of Assam, Janatha Bhavan, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, GUWAHATI-781005. (Hard copy of the map through NESAC/ARSAC also).2. Scientific Officer, Assam State Remote Sensing Application Centre (ARSAC) Govt of Assam, Guwahati, Assam Fax: 0361-452455 (with a request to disseminate the information to the concerned user depts.)
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