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Dear Sir,

Sub: Kerala Floods 2018- Near Real Time Inundation Mapping using satellite data

Please refer to our earlier mail dated 15th August 2018 regarding 'Near Real Time Flood Mapping' project using satellite data. So far we have sent SIX flood maps covering floods in Kerala State. Inundation is reported in parts of Kerala State due to heavy incessant rains during second week of August. We have analyzed ALOS 2 PALSAR 2 data of 17th August 2018 and a flood map for part of Kerala state is prepared. The flood map along with a brief report is enclosed here with for your information. Since the image was acquired during/immediate to the rainfall event, 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.php) NDEM portal for better visualization of flood extent in Kerala State.

In addition, the flood layer in GIS ready format and inundation statistics are transmitted to KSDMA by e-mail for further value addition and dissemination to concerned user departments.

We will continue to keep a watch on the inundation 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,

(Dr. KHV Durga Rao)

As per the distribution list enclosed in the report.

Kerala Floods – 2018

1.0 Background

Heavy incessant rains were reported in Kerala state during the second and third week of August 2018, as a result of which shutters of as many as 22 dams across the state have been opened, including all 5 of Idukki dam for the first time in 40 years for a few days. Several districts are reported to be inundated due to heavy rains.

Source: (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. ALOS 2 PALSAR 2 satellite data of 17th August 2018 (1530 Hrs) was analyzed. (Refer Table-1).

Table-1 Satellite Data acquired over Flood Affected Area

S No	Date	Satellite/ Sensor	Status
1	16-07-18	Sentinel-1 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
2	21-07-18	Radarsat-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
3	9-08-18	Sentinel-1 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
4	11-08-18	Radarsat-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
5	14-08-18	Radarsat-2 SAR	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
5	14-08-18	Radarsat-2 and ALOS-2 PALSAR-2	Analyzed and 1 flood map was sent
6	17-08-18	ALOS-2 PALSAR-2	Analyzed and 1 flood map is being sent.

3.0 Data Analysis

Satellite data is rectified and inundation layer is extracted. Further, flood inundation map was composed for Kerala state based on the analysis of ALOS 2 PALSAR 2 satellite data of 17th August 2018 (1530 Hrs).The inundation layer is integrated with District boundary layer, for extracting district-wise inundation statistics shown in the Table-2.

4.0 Observations

- Satellite data covers part of Kerala state.
- Major Flood inundation is observed in Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Pattanamtitta and Kollam districts.

- The inundation has observed to increased significantly when compared to inundation as observed on Aug 14,2018.

Table-2

S.No	District	Flood Inundated Area (ha)
1	ALAPPUZHA	24948
2	KOTTAYAM*	14006
3	ERNAKULAM*	4607
4	PATTANAMTITTA*	3532
5	KOLLAM*	2910
6	TRISHSHUR*	116
7	Total	50119

Disclaimer :

- Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas.
- Districts with inundation less than 100 ha are not included in the statistics.
- Due to dense forest cover some area under the flood may not have been captured
- * partially covered in satellite data

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