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Dear Sir,

Sub: Assam Heavy Rains 2023- Near Real Time Flood Mapping using satellite data

Please refer to our earlier mail dated 08-July-2023 regarding mapping and monitoring of flood inundation in Near Real Time in Assam State using RISAT-1A (EOS-4) MRS SAR dataset. Heavy incessant rains in many regions of Assam during the second week of July , 2023 has led to floods in Assam State. We have analyzed RISAT-1A (EOS-4) MRS SAR satellite dataset of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (0600 Hrs) and an inundation flood inundation map for part of Assam State is prepared. The 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 NDEM portal (https://ndem.nrsc.gov.in ) and Bhuvan portal (https://bhuvan-app1.nrsc.gov.in/disaster/disaster.php?ld=flood) 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,

(A V SURESH BABU)

## As per the distribution list enclosed in the report.

# Mapping and Monitoring of Flood situation in Assam State during 2023

#### 1.0 Background

Floods were reported in Assam due to heavy rains followed by rise in water levels of Brahmaputra & its tributaries during the second week of July, 2023. River Desang at Nanglamoraghat, River Brahmaputra at Neamatighat and River Dikhaw at Sivasagar were reported to be flowing above danger level.

(Source: CWC, News media, ASDMA-Assam)

## 2.0 Satellite Data

Flood Disaster Team is keeping a constant watch on the flood situation and checked the satellite data coverage over the affected areas RISAT-1A (EOS-4) MRS SAR dataset of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (0600 Hrs) are acquired & analyzed. (Refer Table-1).

S No	Date	Satellite / Sensor	Districts affected
1	16.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	Sentinel-1A SAR	Goalpara,Dhubri,Bongaigaon,Barpeta*, Kokrajhar,Kamrup Rural*, Chirang, Baksa,South Salmara Mancachar
2	17.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- MRS	Dhemaji, Tinsukia, Sibsagar, Charaideo, Dibrugarh
3	18.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Golaghat, Cachar, Biswanath*, Lakhimpur, Karimganj, Sonitpur, Jorhat*, Nagaon
4	16.06.2023 to 18.06.2023	Multi Satellite/ Sensor Data	Golaghat, Cachar, Goalpara, Biswanath, Dibrugarh*, Dhubri, Lakhimpur, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Barpeta*, Karimganj, Sonitpur, Jorhat*, Nagaon
5	19.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Dibrugarh, Sibsagar, Tinsukia
6	20.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Barpeta, Kamrup Rural, Baksa, Cachar*, Karimganj, Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Goalpara*, Darrang, Marigaon
7	21.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Cachar, Kamrup Rural*, Darrang, Karimganj, Nagaon, Baksa*

## Table-1 Satellite Data acquired over Flood Affected Area

8	22.06.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Sibsagar, Lakhimpur*, Jorhat
	(1800 Hrs)		
9	23.06.2023	Sentinel-1A SAR	Barpeta*, Kamrup Rural, Darrang,
	(1800 Hrs)		Cachar, Nalbari, Nagaon, Karimganj, Baksa*, Marigaon*, Sonitpur*, Udalguri*, Hojai, Goalpara*, Hailakhandi, Bongaigaon*
10	25.06.2023	Sentinel-1A SAR	Sibsagar*, Dibrugarh
	(1800 Hrs)		
11	26.06.2023	Sentinel-1A SAR	Kamrup Rural*, Darrang, Marigaon,
	(0600 Hrs)		Nalbari, Cachar, Karimganj, Nagaon
12	26.06.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4) CRS SAR	Jorhat, Golaghat, Sibsagar*, Biswanath
	(1800 Hrs)		
13	27.06.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4) CRS SAR	Sibsagar, Jorhat
	(1800 Hrs)		
14	29.06.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)	Kamrup Rural, Karimganj*, Cachar,
	(1800 Hrs)	CRS SAR	Darrang
15	07.07.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)	Sibsagar*, Barpeta, Dhubri, Kamrup
	(1800 Hrs)	CRS SAR & Sentinel-1A SAR	Rural, Dibrugarh, Dhemaji*, Charaideo
16	12.07.2023	RISAT-1A (EOS-4) MRS SAR	Sibsagar, Lakhimpur, Biswanth, Jorhat,
	(0600 Hrs)		Golaghat and Dhemaji*

## 3.0 Satellite 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 RISAT-1A (EOS-4) MRS SAR satellite datasets of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (0600 Hrs). The cumulative 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 from Satellite Images

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

- Satellite data covers part of Assam State
- Major inundation was observed in Sibsagar, Lakhimpur, Biswanth, Jorhat, Golaghat and Dhemaji\* districts.

- The Inundation may include water accumulation in low lying areas due to heavy incessant rainfall.

#### Table-2:

S. No.	District	Inundated Area (ha)
1	SIBSAGAR	8810
2	LAKHIMPUR	8393
3	BISWANATH	8046
4	JORHAT	5068
5	GOLAGHAT	4460
6	DHEMAJI*	3597
7	MAJULI	1448
8	NAGAON*	1441
9 KARBI ANGLONG*		951
10	DIBRUGARH	484
	TOTAL	42698

#### Note:

- Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas/ swampy areas.
- Districts with inundation less than 100 ha are not included in the statistics
- \* Partially covered in satellite data.

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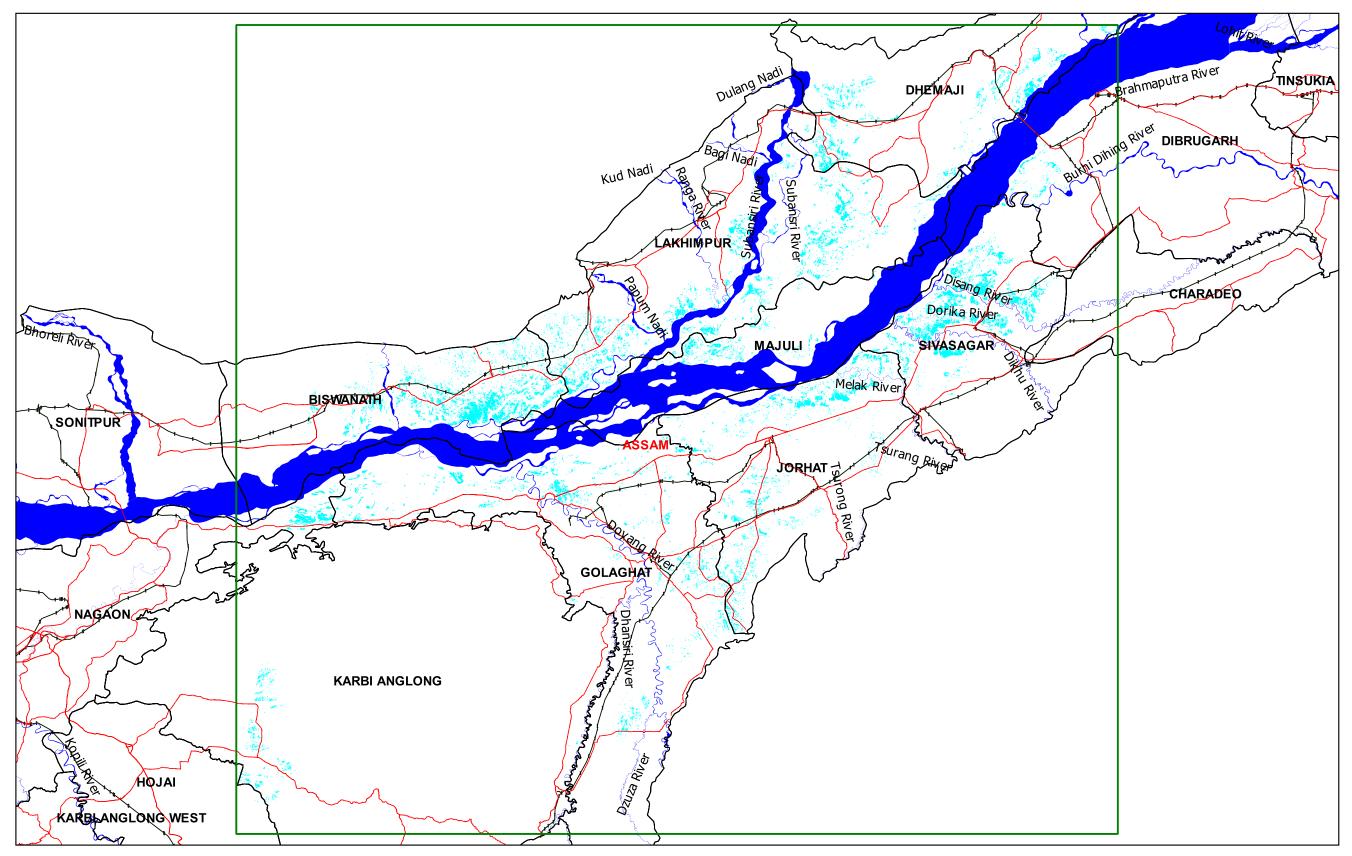
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Flood Inundation Areas in Part of ASSAM State

# Based on the analysis of RISAT1A-MRS-SAR Satellite Image of 12-07-2023 (0600 Hrs IST)





Location Map

Disclaimer : This product is prepared on rapid mapping mode for immediate use and sharing amongst official agencies. This provides preliminary results. Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas. All geographic information has limitations due to the scale, resolution, date and interpretation of the original source materials. No ground verification is done

Citation 'NRSC (2023) - Flood Inundated areas in Part of assam State (as on 12-07-2023)' dated 2023 Map no : 2023/FL/AS/16/12072023, NRSC/ISRO, Hyderabad

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# Map

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#### About the Event

Floods were reported in parts of Assam due to heavy rains during second week of July 2023. (Source: ASDMA, CWC, News media)

# Satellite Observations:

This map highlights the flood inundation in 10 districts of Assam as on 12.07.2023 (0600 Hrs)

#### Satellite Data Used

**Pre Flood Data** Satellite: Resourcesat-2A AWiFS Date of Pass: 15-03-2023

## **Post Flood Data**

Satellite: RISAT1A-MRS-SAR Date of Pass: 12-07-2023

#### Other data used

NRSC Landuse/Landcover Data of 2018-19, Bhuvan Geospatial Legacy Data

