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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 22-Jun-2023 regarding mapping and monitoring of flood inundation in Near Real Time in Assam State using RISAT-1A (EOS-4) SAR CRS satellite data. Heavy incessant rains in many regions of Assam during the third week of June , 2023 has led to floods in Assam State. We have analyzed RISAT-1A SAR CRS satellite dataset of 22nd June 2023 (1800 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.nrsdc.gov.in>) and Bhuvan portal (<https://bhuvan-app1.nrsdc.gov.in/disaster/disaster.php?id=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 third week of June, 2023. River Brahmaputra at Dhubri and Jorhat, River Manas at Bongaigaon, River Puthimari at Kamrup, River Pagladiya at Nalbari and River Buridehing at Tinsukia 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 SAR CRS satellite dataset of 22nd June 2023 (1800 Hrs) is acquired & analyzed. (Refer Table-1).

Table-1 Satellite Data acquired over Flood Affected Area

| 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* |

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8 | 21.06.2023 (1800 Hrs) | RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS | Sibsagar, Lakhimpur*, Jorhat |
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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 SAR CRS satellite dataset of 22nd June 2023 (1800 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 Sibsaagar, Lakhimpur* and Jorhat districts.
- The Inundation may include water accumulation in low lying areas due to heavy incessant rainfall.

Table-2:

| S. No. | Districts | Inundated Area (ha) |
|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 | SIBSAGAR | 2702 |
| 2 | LAKHIMPUR* | 2096 |
| 3 | JORHAT | 1544 |
| 4 | DHEMAJI | 1094 |
| 5 | DIBRUGARH | 1029 |
| 6 | TINSUKIA | 350 |
| 7 | MAJULI* | 144 |
| 8 | GOLAGHAT | 127 |
| | Total | 9086 |

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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