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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 24-Jun-2023 regarding mapping and monitoring of flood inundation in Near Real Time in Assam State using Sentinel-1A SAR 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 Sentinel-1A SAR satellite dataset of 25<sup>th</sup> 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.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 third week of June, 2023. (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 Sentinel-1A SAR satellite dataset of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (1800 Hrs) is 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*
8	22.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	RISAT-1A (EOS-4)- CRS	Sibsagar, Lakhimpur*, Jorhat

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

9	23.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	Sentinel-1A SAR	Barpeta*, Kamrup Rural, Darrang, Cachar, Nalbari, Nagaon, Karimganj, Baksa*, Marigaon*, Sonitpur*, Udalguri*, Hojai, Goalpara*, Hailakhandi, Bongaigaon*
10	25.06.2023 (1800 Hrs)	Sentinel-1A SAR	Sibsagar*, Dibrugarh

## 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 Sentinel-1A SAR satellite dataset of 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Sibsagar\* and Dibrugarh districts.
- The Inundation may include water accumulation in low lying areas due to heavy incessant rainfall.

S. No.	District	Inundated Area (ha)
1	SIBSAGAR*	11461
2	DIBRUGARH	10501
3	CHARAIDEO	2450
4	TINSUKIA	2359
5	DHEMAJI*	2312
6	LAKHIMPUR*	619
TOTAL		29702

#### Table-2:

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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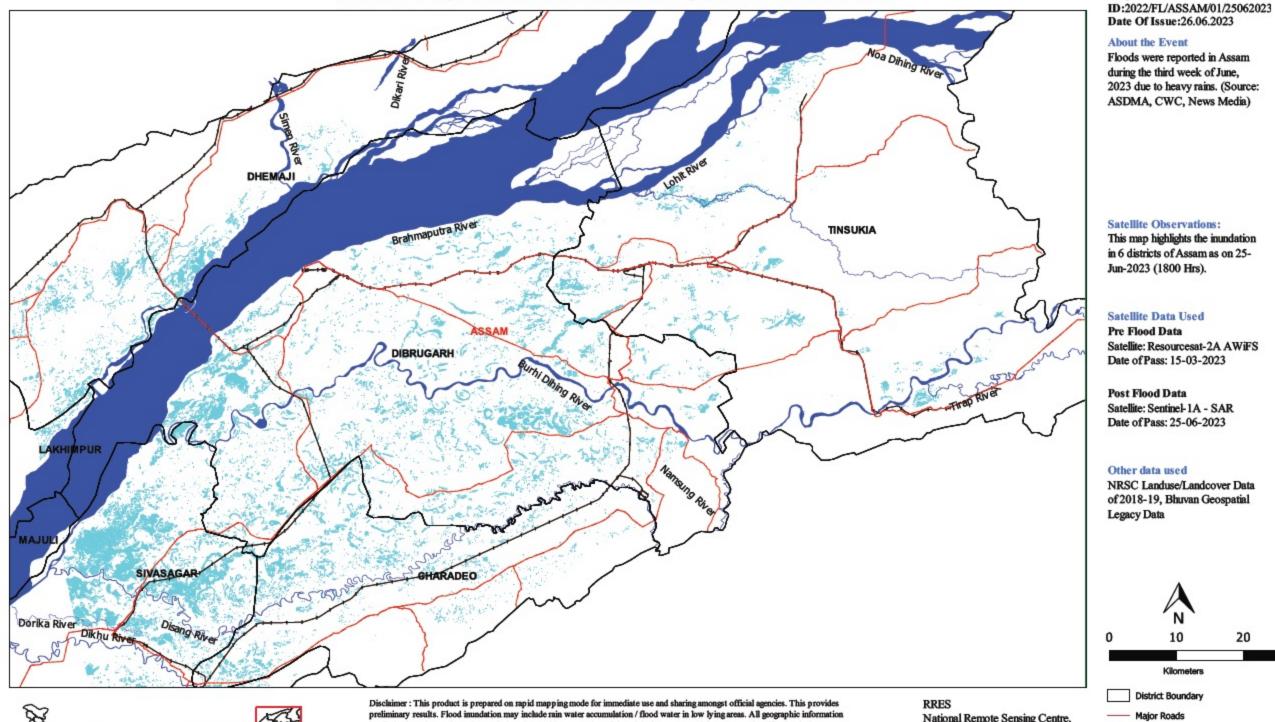
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#### Based on the analysis of Sentinel-1A - SAR Satellite Image of 25-06-2023 (1800 Hrs IST)



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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 25-06-2023)' dated 2023 Map no :

2022/FL/ASSAM/01/25062023, NRSC/ISRO, Hyderabad

Satellite Observations:

This map highlights the inundation in 6 districts of Assam as on 25-Jun-2023 (1800 Hrs).

#### Satellite Data Used

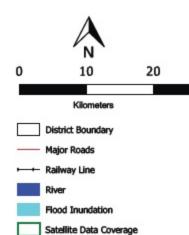
Pre Flood Data Satellite: Resourcesat-2A AWiFS Date of Pass: 15-03-2023

## Post Flood Data

Satellite: Sentinel-1A - SAR Date of Pass: 25-06-2023

#### Other data used

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



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