Integrated Environmental Monitoring for Sustainability in Asia-Pacific Region



Objectives of IEM

- Establishment of IEM Network
- Assessment of Ecosystem Services for Sustainable Use



Approximately **60%** (15 out of 24) of the ecosystem services evaluated are being degraded or used unsustainable (MA Launching Ceremony, 8 major cities, Mar. 31, 2005)

Ecosystem Services	Status
Air quality regulation	→
Climate regulation	÷
Erosion regulation	÷
Water purification and waste treatment	+
Natural hazard regulation	+
Crops, livestock, aquaculture	Ţ
Capture fisheries, wild foods	\
Timber, cotton, silk	+/
wood fuel	\
Genetic resources	\
Biochemicals, medicines	+
Fresh water	4
Recreation and ecotourism	+/



IEM Progresses

- **1. Establishment of MODIS Observation Network:**
 - High Quality MODIS Dataset, such as Vegetation Index, Surface Temperature, Land Cover, Net Primary Production, etc.
- 2. Advanced Assessment of Ecosystem Services:
 - Water Use Capacity
 - Flood Control Capacity
 - Carbon Fixation Capacity
 - Food Productivity, etc.
- **3.** Cooperative International Network:
 - 3rd IEM Workshop, 9 11 December 2004, Singapore
 - MA Launching Ceremony in Tokyo and Beijing
- 4. Contribution to International Organizations, such as Eco Asia, MA, CSD12, Water Forum, etc.

<u>High Quality Environmental Database</u> (a) Dynamic changes of land-surface temperature



(b) Dynamic Changes of Leaf Area Index



The new algorithm have improved than MODIS product algorithm:

- The view and solar angle information was added as input;
- The more accurately regional land cover map was used;
- Many parameters of the algorithm were measured and validated in Asia;

(c) Dynamic changes of plants and vegetation

Legend

No Data

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Inter-annual change of false color land surface images, vegetation index (NDVI) and leaf area index (LAI)

NDVI2003-001

Assessment of Ecosystem Services (a) Flooded area and water-volume



A case study of Tongting Lake, 2002 (Geographica Sinica, 59 (1): 88-94)





(b) Arable Land Vulnerability



(c) Policy of returning farmland to forest and its effects on prevention of runoff and sediment loads



(d) Carbon fixation by vegetation







Carbon Fixation by Vegetation in Asia-Pacific Derived from MODIS Data



Cooperative International Network

(a) APEIS 3rd Integrated Environmental Monitoring (IEM) Workshop, 9 - 11 December 2004, Singapore

Joint Countries: Australia, Singapore, China, Russia, India, Mongolia, Vietnam **Report Groups: MODIS Network and its Applications** -10 reports **FLUX Network Research Activities** -6 reports Integration of Satellite-based and **Ground-based Systems** -8 reports





(b) Forest Fire in Austrilia and Russia



Forest fire in Australia (Provided by CSIRO Earth Observation Centre)



Typical Fire Danger Map based on MODIS information on May 28, 2004, in which yellow shows the most dangerous areas (Provided by Russian Academy of Sciences, V.N. Sukachev Institute of Forest, Krasnoyarsk, Russia)

(c) Tsunami Disaster - Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia

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Future Plan

- Expanding IEM network
- Sharing common model for detection of environmental change
- Updating and Sharing database and common methodology for assessment of ecosystem services
- Contribution to GEO (Group on Earth Observation)
 - 10 Year Implementation Plan for the "Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)"
 - 9 Societal Benefit: Disasters, Health, Energy, Climate, Water, Weather, Ecosystems, Agriculture, Biodiversity

http://www-basin.nies.go.jp/project/iem/index.html