

# **Application of Remote Sensing and GIS Technology for Disaster Management in Pakistan**

**UN/Germany Expert Meeting on Space  
Technologies for Flood and Drought Risk  
Reduction**

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# Outline

- Brief Introduction to SUPARCO
- Disaster Management Frame Work , Pakistan
- Role of SUPARCO in Disaster Management
- Application of Space Technology for Flood Monitoring and Management
- International Collaboration/Cooperation
- Conclusions



# SUPARCO – National Space Agency



# Mandate

- Enhance indigenous capabilities in space technology and promote peaceful applications of space sciences for socioeconomic development of the country
- Prepare and propose long term as well as short term space programs and plans to the government
- Advise government in all space related matters
- Liaise with national & international agencies





**Proposed** Space & Atmospheric Research Centre (SPARC)

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- Satellite Ground Station
- Space & Atmospheric Research Station
- Geomagnetic Observatory

Space Applications & Research Centre (SPARC)

Paksat Ground Control Station – L

- Satellite Research & Development Center
- TT&C Station for LEO Satellite

Space & Atmospheric Research Facility, Multan

- SUPARCO HQs
- Space Application and Research Wing
- National Center for Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics
- COSPAS-SARSAT
- Geomagnetic Observatory
- Paksat Ground Control Station – K
- SUPARCO Plant
- Space Technology Wing
- Range & Instrumentation Wing
- Satellite Research & Development Center
- SUPARCO Institute of Technical Training

- Flight Test Range (FTR)
- Ionospheric Research Facility

CHINA

AFGHANISTAN

IRAN

INDIA

Gilgit

Peshawar

Islamabad

Jammu & Kashmir

Kalashah Kako

Lahore

Multan

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# Satellite Ground Stations

**Atmosphere Data Processing & Receiving Centre (ADPRC) Karachi**



**Satellite Ground Station (SGS) Islamabad**



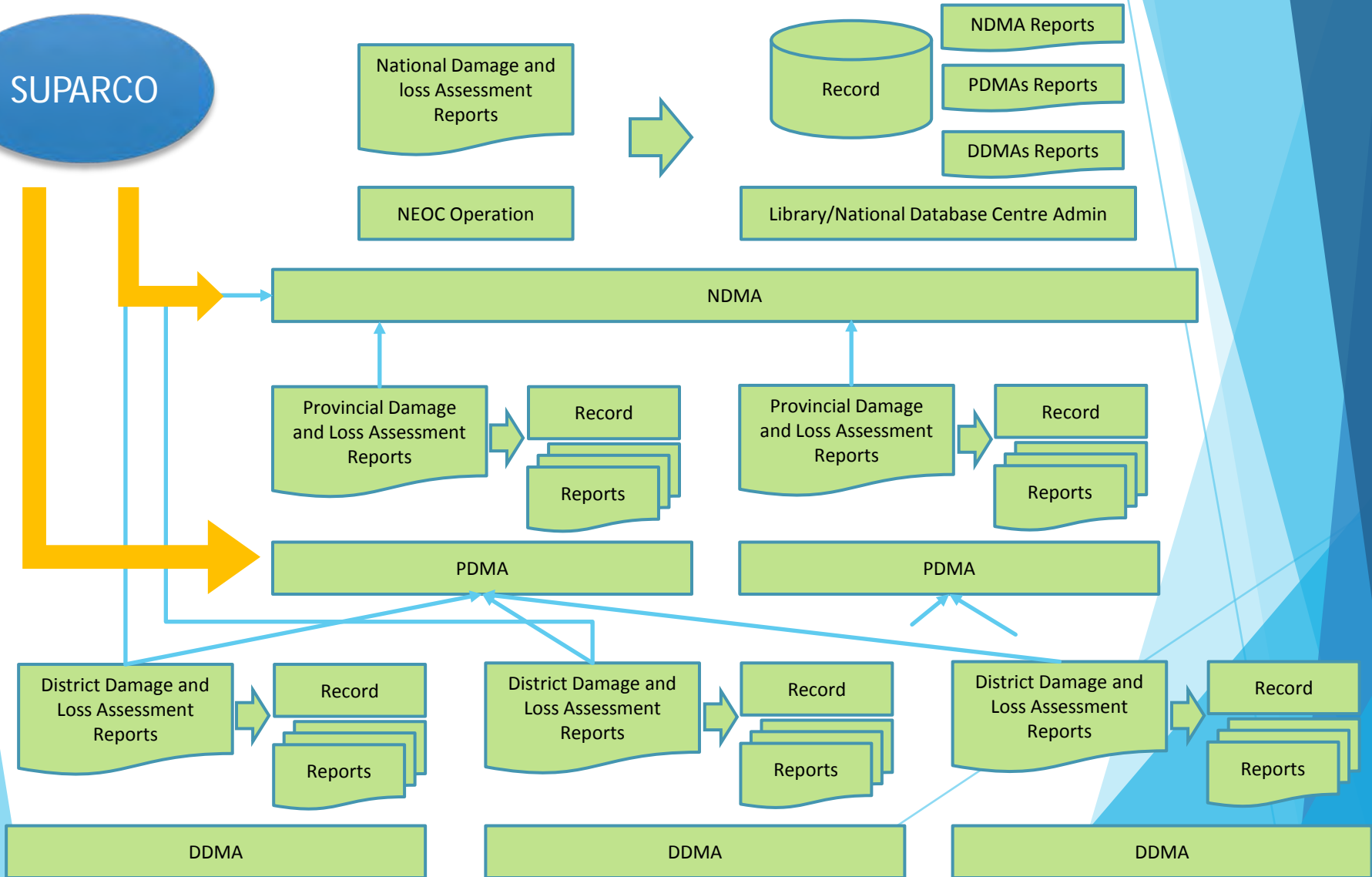
# Space Application Center for Response in Emergency and Disasters (SACRED)

- Serve as focal office for Emergency OPS & Response in case of Natural Disaster
- Coordinate with National/Provincial Disaster Management Authorities and other agencies during all phases of disasters
- Serve as Regional Support Office of UN-SPIDER



# Disaster Management Framework, Pakistan

SUPARCO





# SUPARCO Role in Disaster Management



- **Development of Early Warning System**
- **Hazard mapping**
- **Identification and mapping of evacuation/safe sites**
- **Inventory of population, property, infrastructure, agriculture etc in the hazard prone area**
- **Assist NDMA/PDMAs in Risk Assessment and Risk Reductions efforts/Projects**
- **Preparation of Initial rapid damage assessment reports**
- **Monitoring of breaches in embankments/bunds**
- **Assist NDMA and PDMAs in preparation of Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA)**
- **Monitoring of Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Activities**
- **Monitoring depletion of glaciers/snow cover/melt**



# REMOTE SENSING AND GIS TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION FOR FLOOD MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT



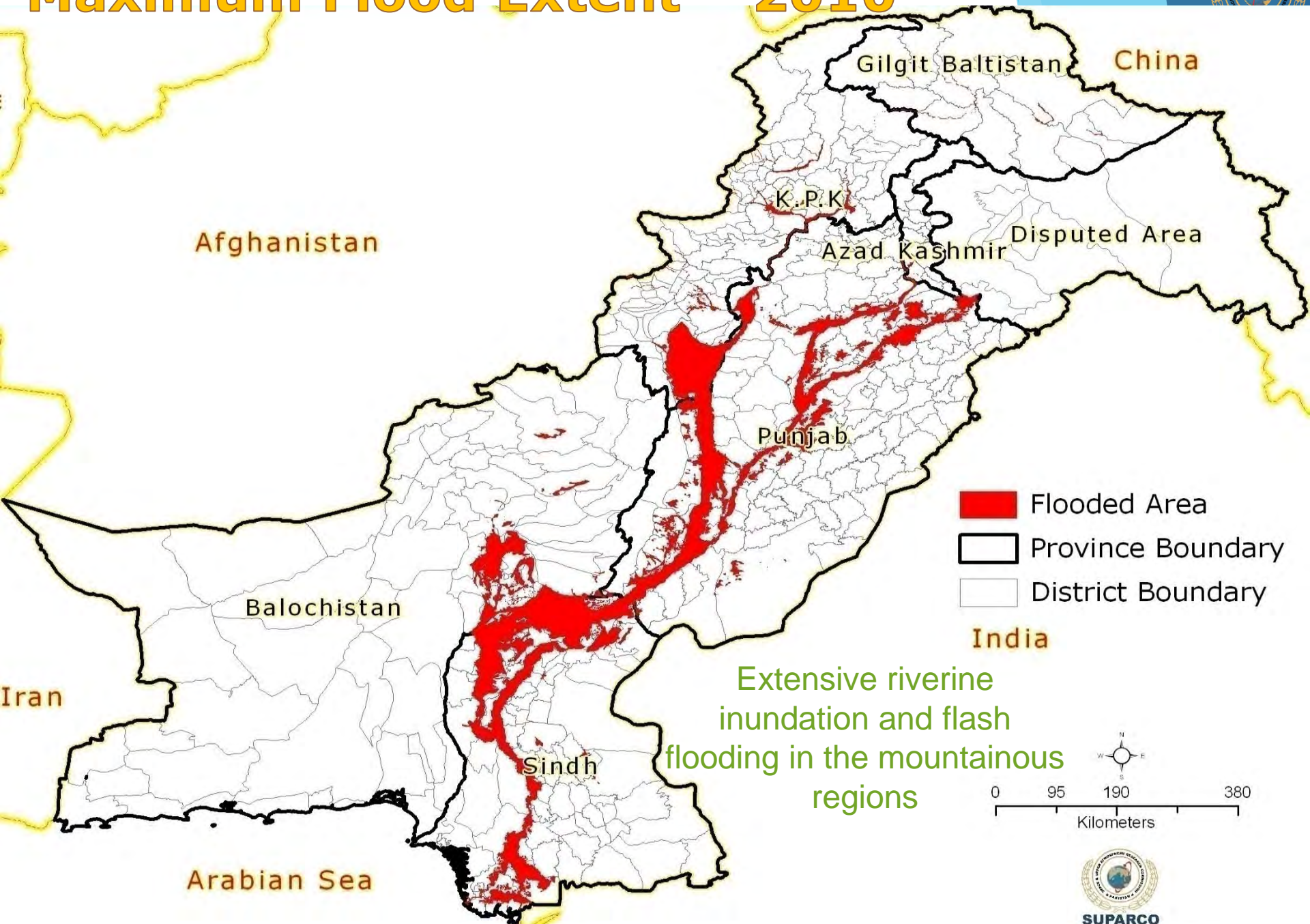


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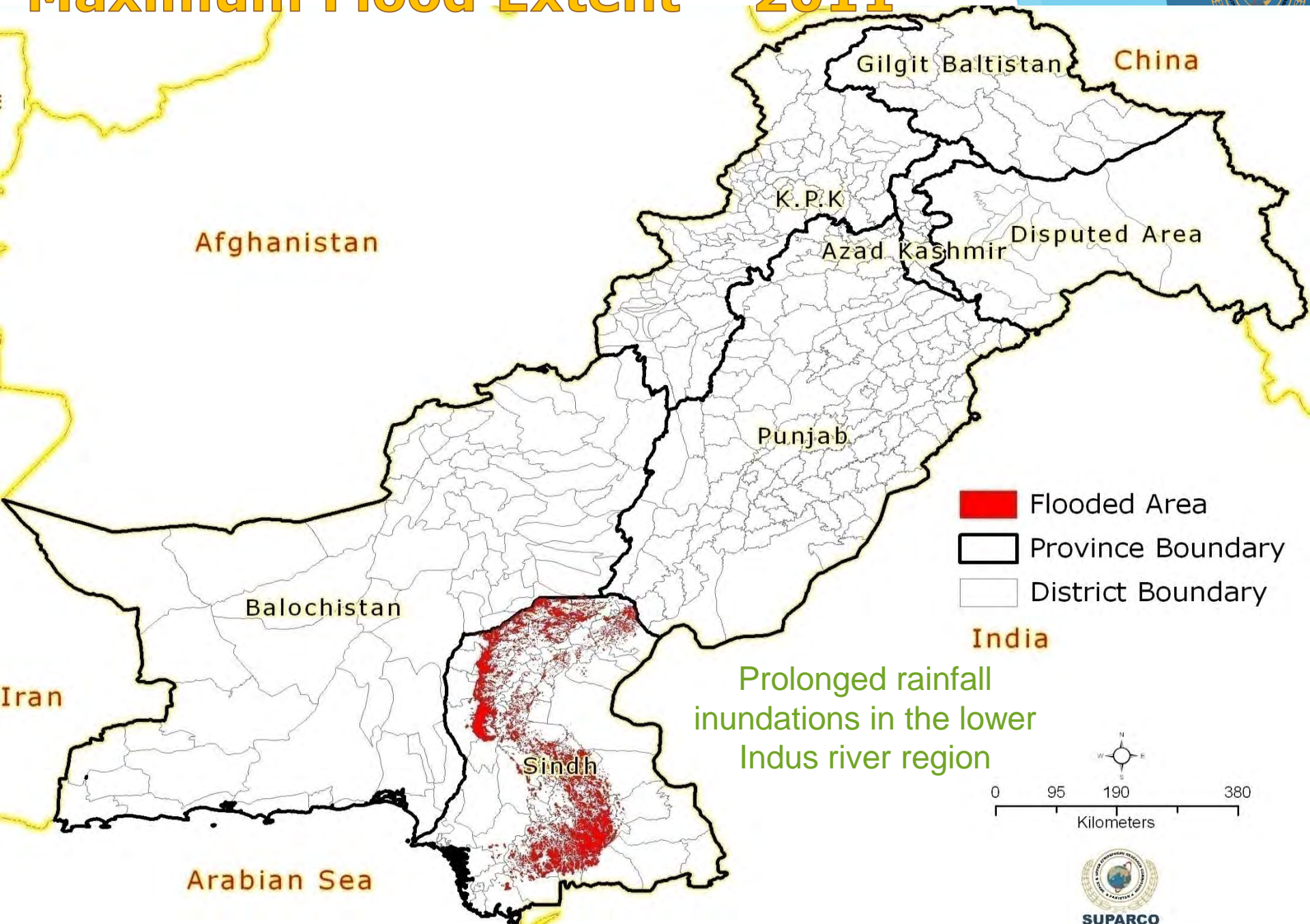





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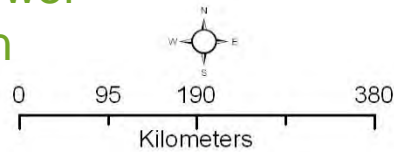


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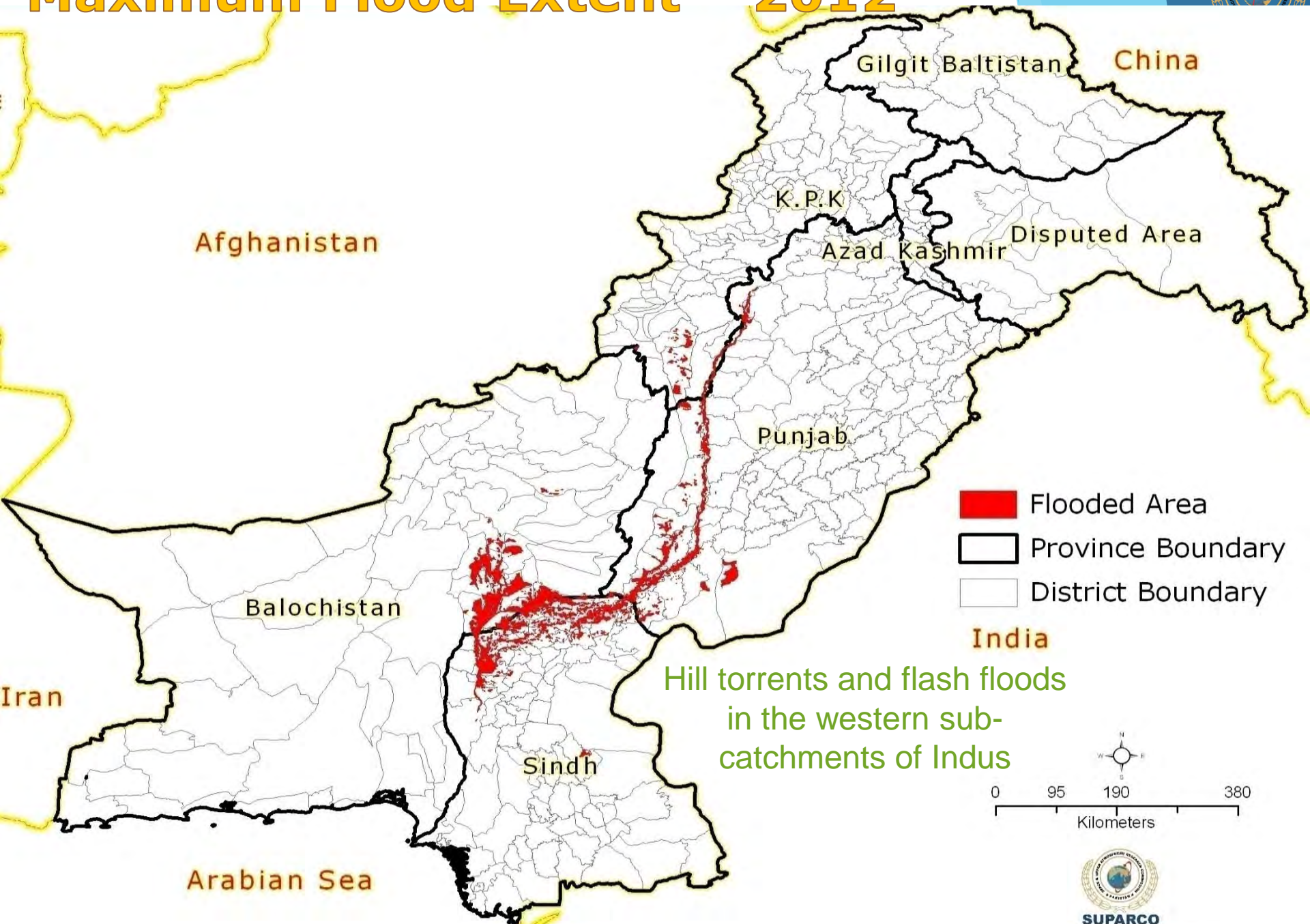


-  Flooded Area
-  Province Boundary
-  District Boundary

Prolonged rainfall  
inundations in the lower  
Indus river region



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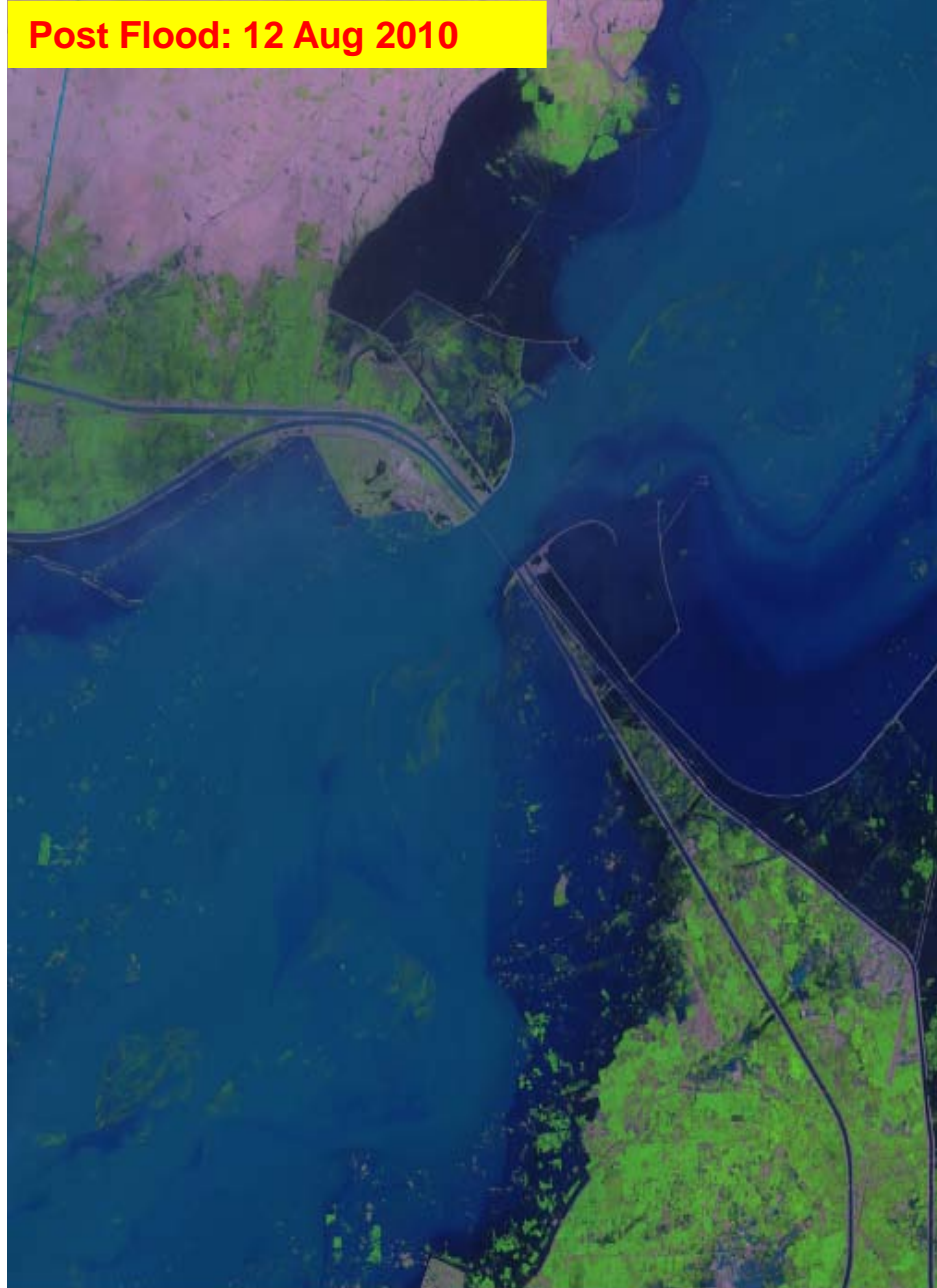
# Guddu Barrage



Pre Flood: 02 June 2010



Post Flood: 12 Aug 2010





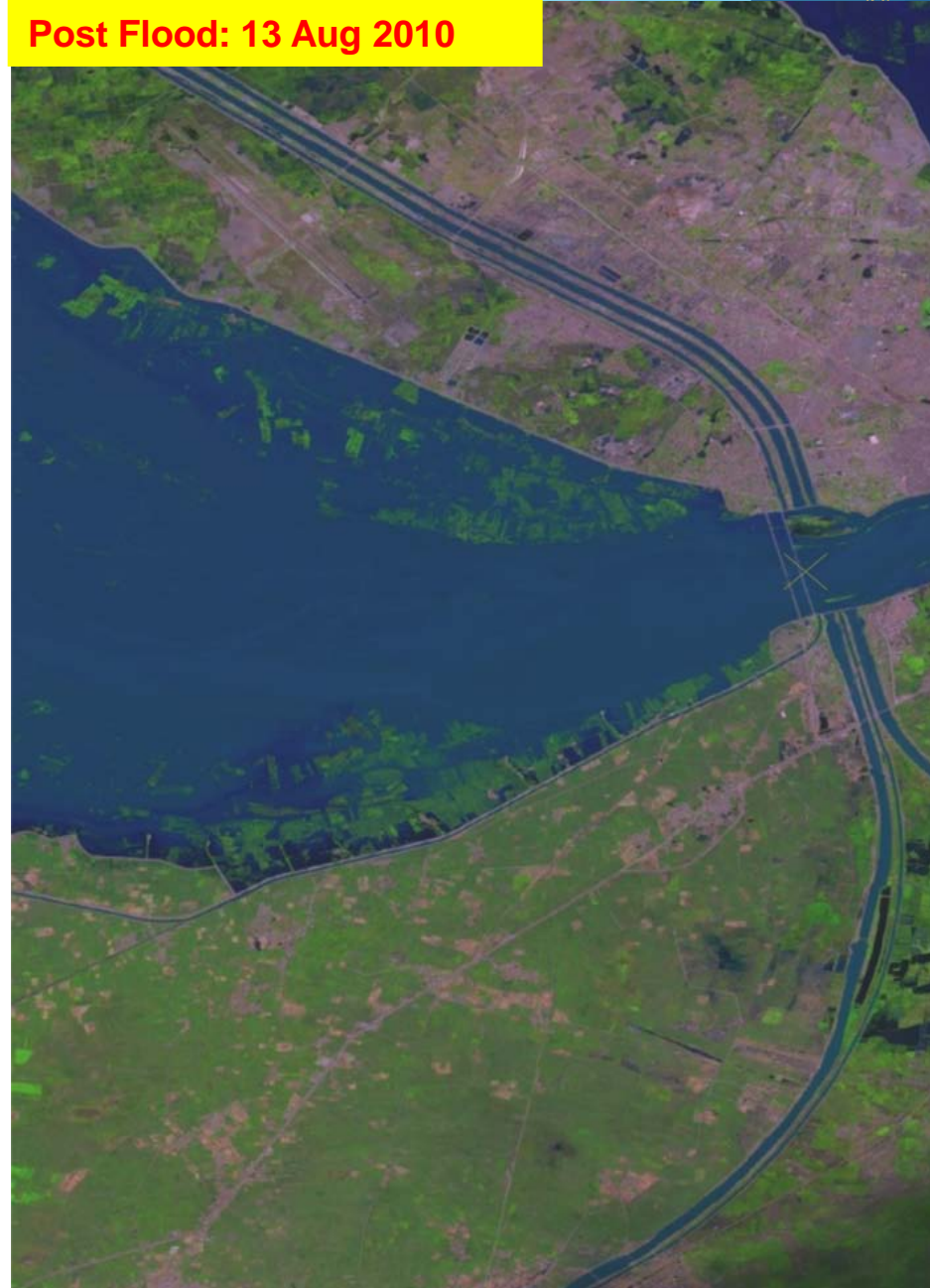
# Sukkur Barrage



Pre Flood: 16 May 2010



Post Flood: 13 Aug 2010





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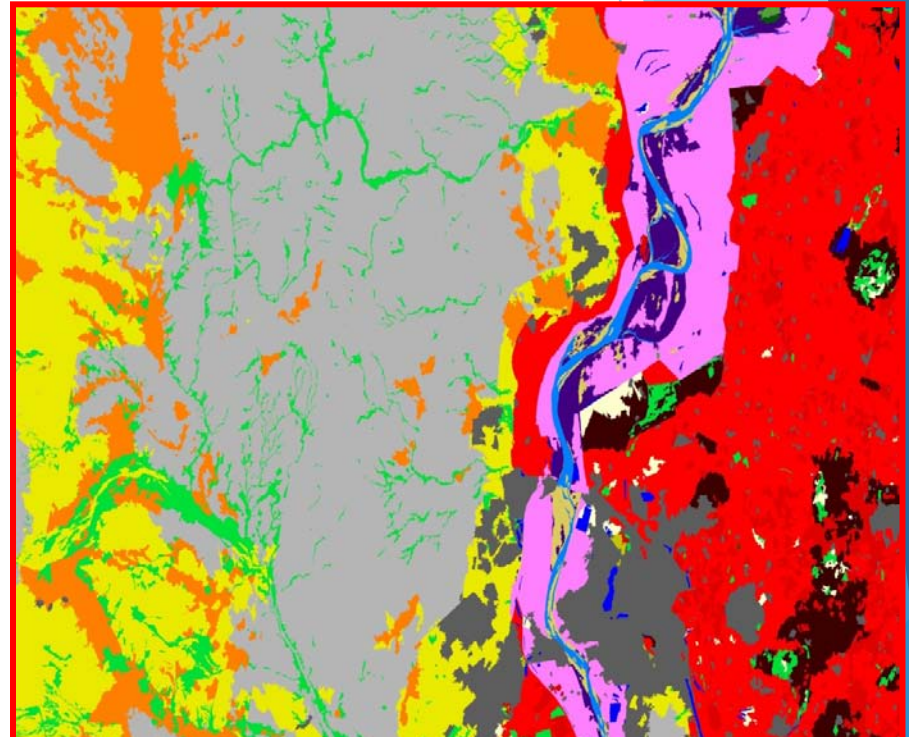
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# Preparation of Baseline Data





- District boundaries
- Road network
- Railroad network
- Settlements
- Population
- Irrigation network
- Water bodies (rivers, streams, canals, lakes)
- Dams/Barrages
- Agriculture Area

# Land Cover Classification System

- Completed for Punjab and Sindh
- Land has been classified into 39 classes
- Very useful for damage assessment of a particular class such as agricultural land, settlements, woodlands

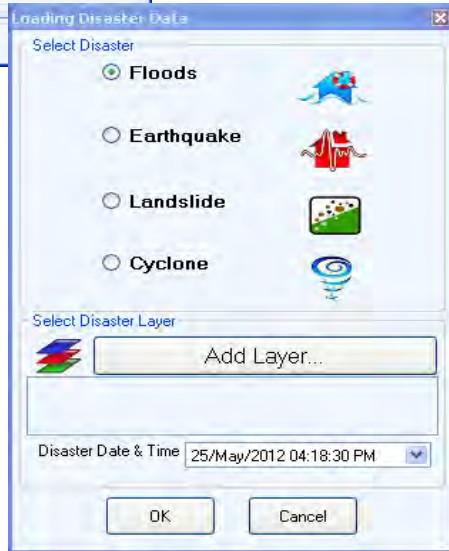
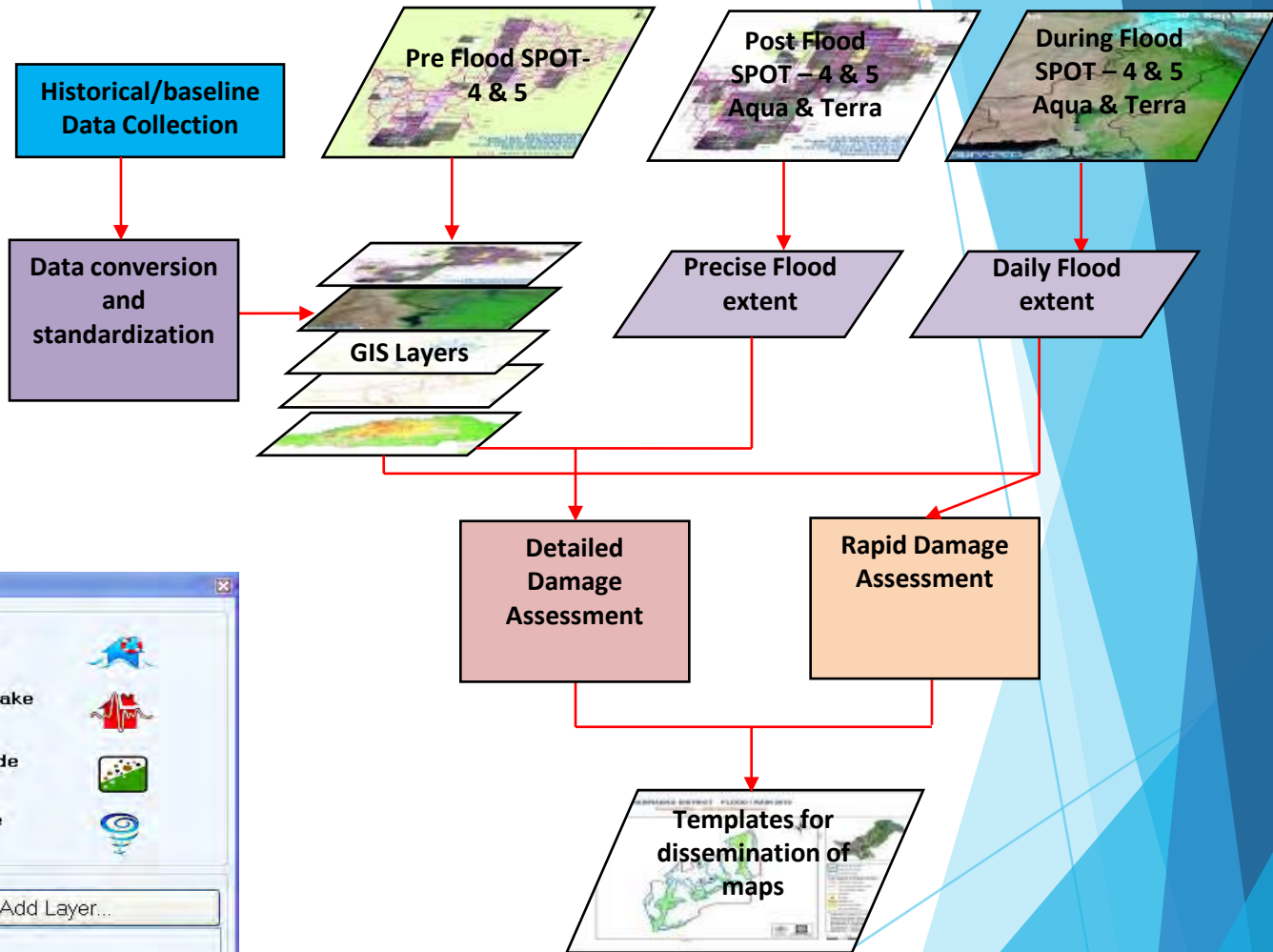


## Legend

 BL - Barren Land (with Shrubs Sparse)	 Rp - River Perennial
 BRSV - Bare Rocks (with Sparse Vegetation)	 SA - Saline Area (with Shrubs Sparse)
 BU - Built-up Area	 SNcoW - Shrubs Closed to Open in Wetland
 HClr - Herbaceous Crop Irrigated	 SNO - Shrubs Open (with trees Sparse)
 HClrS - Herbaceous Crop Irrigated-Saline Fields	 TCir - Tree Orchards
 HCRf - Herbaceous Crop Rain fed	 TNc - Trees Close
 HCpf - Herbaceous Crop Post Flooding	 TNo - Trees Open
 HNco - Herbaceous Closed to Open (with trees/or Shrubs Sparse)	 WB - Water Bodies
 RB - River Bank	 WLBA - Water Logged Bare Area



# Damage Assessment (Rapid)

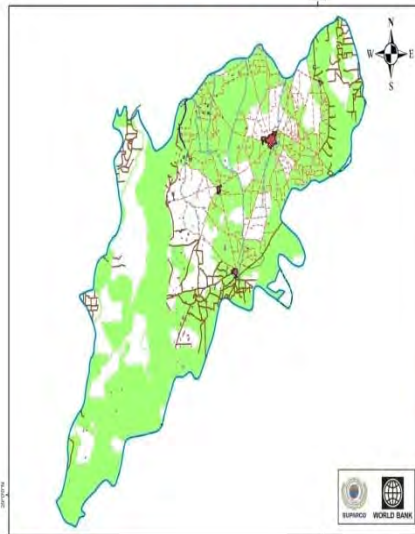


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## RAPID MAPPING

ALI PUR TEHSIL FLOOD / RAIN 2010

Thematic Map - Affected Infrastructure



Quick Response to Disaster  
Automatic map generation through Custom Developed Software  
MODIS, SPOT 4, SPOT 5, Vector data

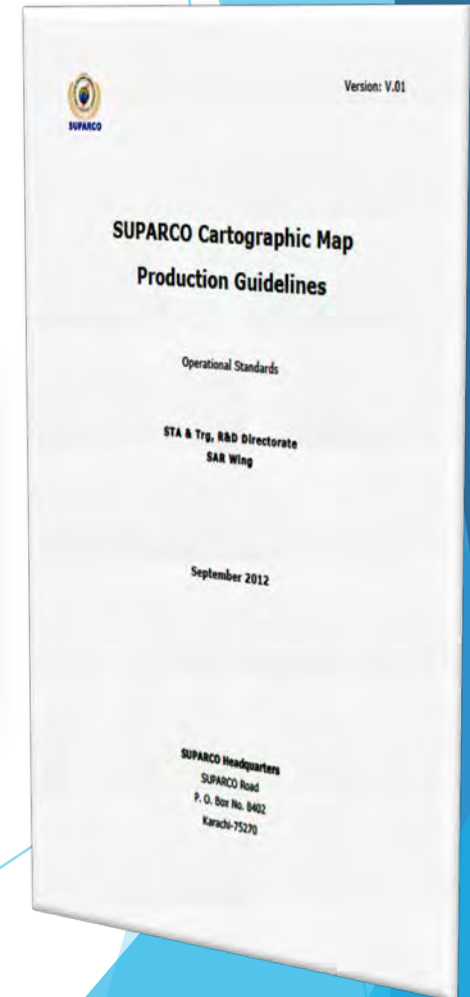
## DETAILED ASSESSMENT

District	Total District Area (sq. km)	Total Affected Area (sq. km)	31-Jul	5-Aug	10-Aug	15-Aug	20-Aug	25-Aug	30-Aug
BOLAN	8646	3034			↑100%	↓19%		↓60%	↓48%
JAFARABAD	2487	1926			↑73%	↓58%	↑42%	↑1%	↑5%
NASIRABAD	3222	1264			↑85%	↑58%	↑15%	↑1%	↑3%
JHAL MAGSI	3859	929			↑60%	↑14%	↑6%	↓3%	
LORALAI	9955	286			↑100%	↓100%			
SIBI	4963	250			↑100%	↓100%			
DERA BUGTI	10286	229			↑99%		↑1%		
QILLA SAIFULLAH	12446	229			↑100%	↓100%			
D. I. KHAN	9466	6014	↑66%	↓43%	↑69%	↓44%	↑2%	↓2%	
TANK	3167	1108	↑58%	↓15%	↑42%	↓20%	↓5%	↓2%	
LAKKI MARWAT	3126	316			↑100%	↓100%			
NOWSHERA	1806	287	↑78%	↑22%			↓82%	↓2%	
SWABI	1474	241	↑75%	↑25%		↓37%		↓1%	
HARIPUR	2113	220			↑100%	↓100%			
CHARSADDA	1091	215	↑57%	↑43%	↓100%				
LOWER DIR	1697	149			↑100%	↓100%			
KOHAT	3495	147	↑78%			↓47%	↓22%	↓9%	↓100%
MUZAFFARGARH	8412	4783	↑16%	↑11%	↑64%	↓31%	↑9%	↓15%	
RAJANPUR	12372	3772	↑10%	↓9%	↑83%	↓32%	↑9%	↓7%	↓1%
JHANG	6189	3003	↑20%	↑31%	↑49%	↓54%	↓5%	↓5%	

Ground surveys for Damage Analysis for Infrastructure, Agriculture, Household etc.  
Detailed Reports

# Standards for Map Production

- Cartographic standards have been prepared for map production
- Colour-coded Templates for Disaster maps:
  - Earthquake
  - Flood
  - Cyclone
  - Fire
  - Landslide
  - Drought
  - Avalanche



# Strategic Strengthening of Flood Warning and Management Capacity of Pakistan

- **Project Associates**

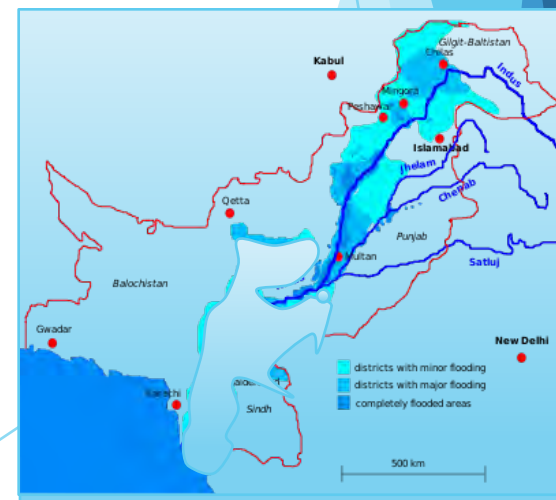
- SUPARCO/PMD/UNESCO/JAXA

- **Objectives**

- Development of Indus-Integrated Flood Analysis System (IFAS)
- Flood modelling & hazard mapping
- Test operation in 2014



Geographic area to be covered by Indus-IFAS (enclosed by dotted lines)



Proposed Flood Hazard Mapping Area

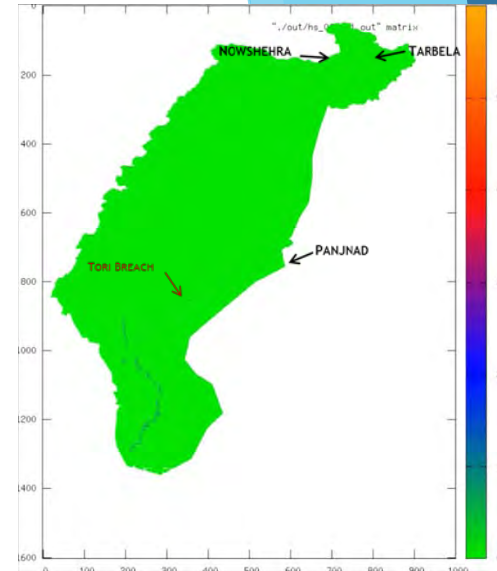
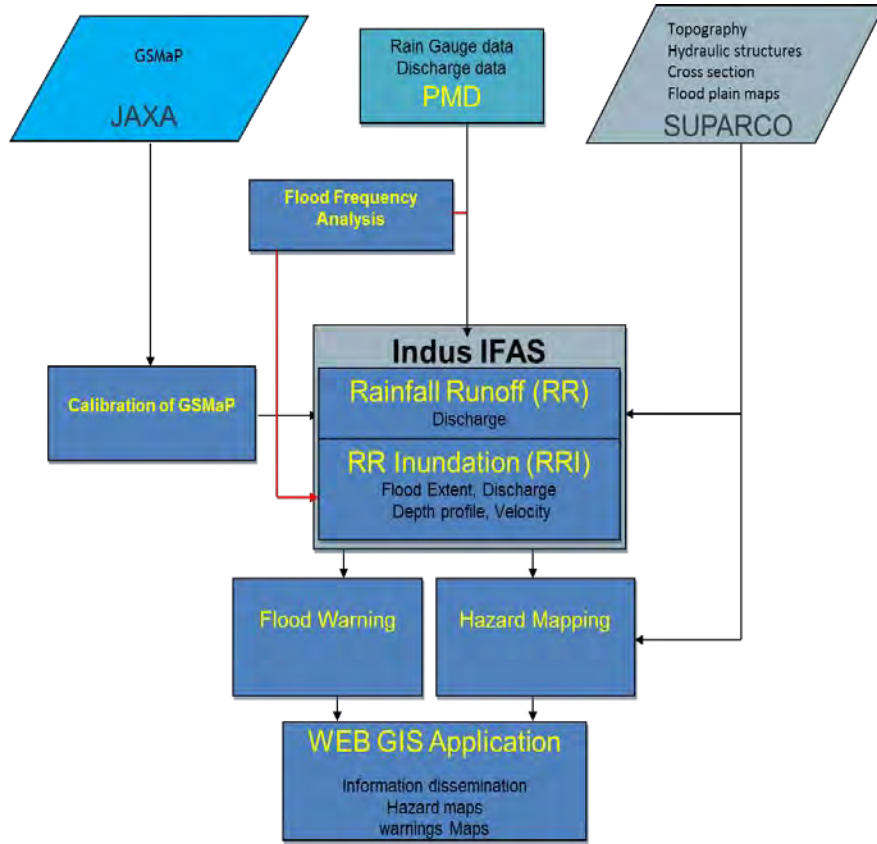


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INUNDATION SIMULATION FOR 2010 FLOODS



## PROJECT FLOW CHART



## TRAININGS & CAPACITY BUILDING

04 nominated PMD officials have been enrolled in the 2-year Masters in Geoinformatics program at NCRG, SUPARCO HQ, Karachi.

120 officials from PMD, NDMA, WAPDA, IRSA, FFC, PDMAs, Provincial Irrigation departments and other local organizations were invited for the workshops "Flood Risk Mapping using Spatial Technologies" from 10 - 15 December, 2012 and "Safe, Connected communities against floods through RS&GIS tools" from 10-13 March, 2014.

06 Trainings for officers of stakeholder organizations.



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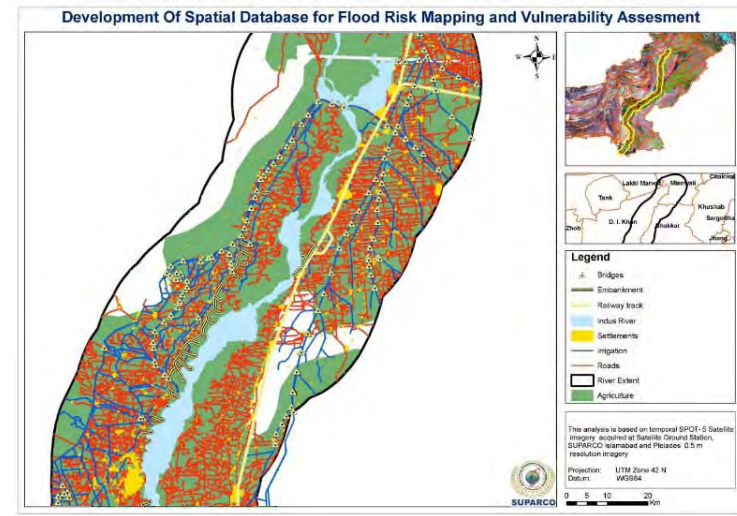
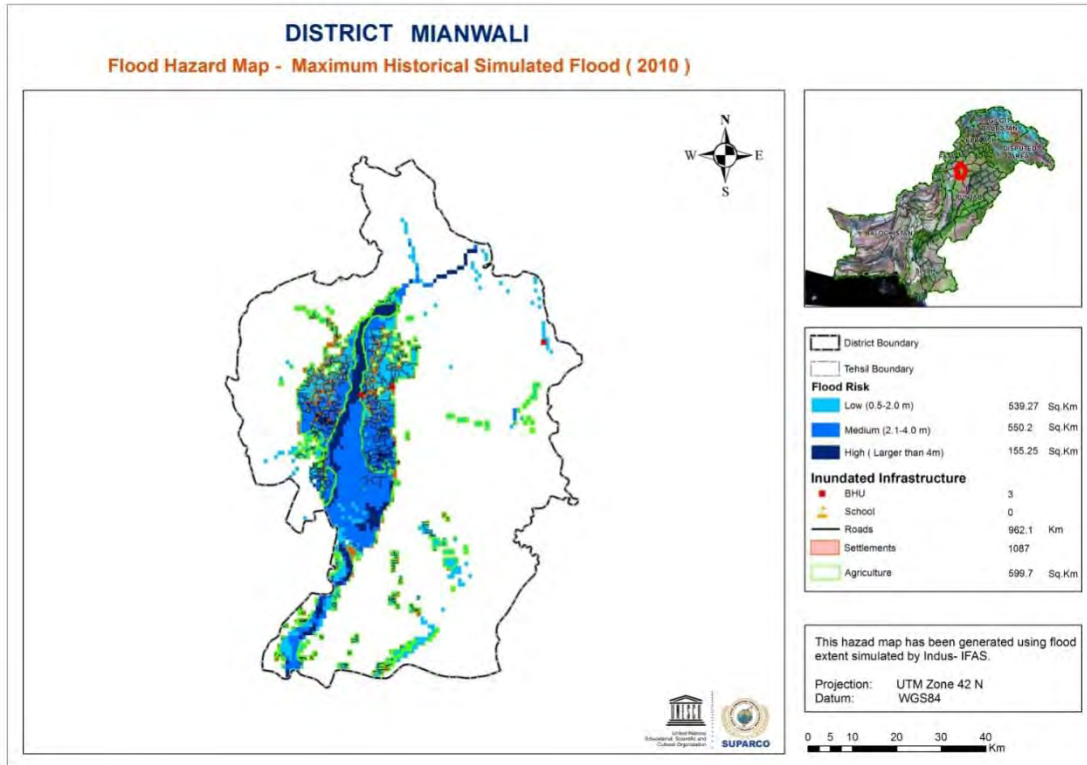
Opening Address during "Safe, Connected communities against floods through RS&GIS tools"

Chief Guest and speakers during workshop opening session. 14 Dec

A view of the participants during technical workshop sessions. 14 Dec

Use simulated flood model output for hazard mapping of floodplains. Disseminate maps to federal / provincial flood managers, local administrations and communities.

### SPATIAL DATABASE FOR FLOOD HAZARD & RISK



- Following GIS layers were prepared in a buffer of 20km across the Indus River from Kalabagh to Indus River Delta.
- Settlements
- Roads
- Embankments
- Bridges
- Irrigation channels
- Agriculture land

### FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING VISUALIZATION TOOL



FIELD VALIDATION EXERCISES FOR FLOODPLAIN MAPPING



# Phase II: Strategic Strengthening of Flood Warning and Management Capacity of Pakistan



TARGET AREA - PHASE I

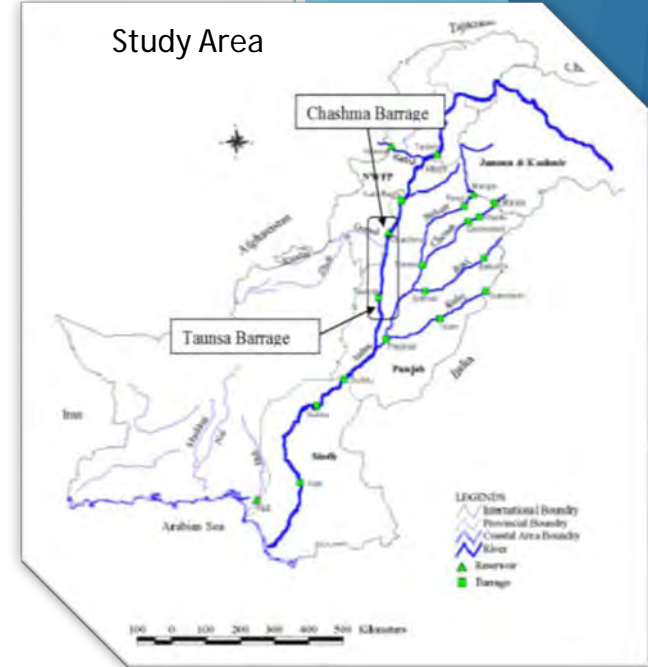


TARGET AREA - PHASE II




# Flood/Erosion Modelling & Impacts on Agriculture on the Indus River

- **Project Associates**
  - FAO/SUPARCO/WAPDA/University of Southampton-UK
- **Objectives**
  - Bank erosion modeling of the Indus River( Chashma to Taunsa)
  - Impacts of Flood and bank erosion on agriculture on Indus River
  - Production of an atlas of the spatial and temporal impacts of flood and bank erosion on the River Indus
  - Capacity development of SUPARCO officials





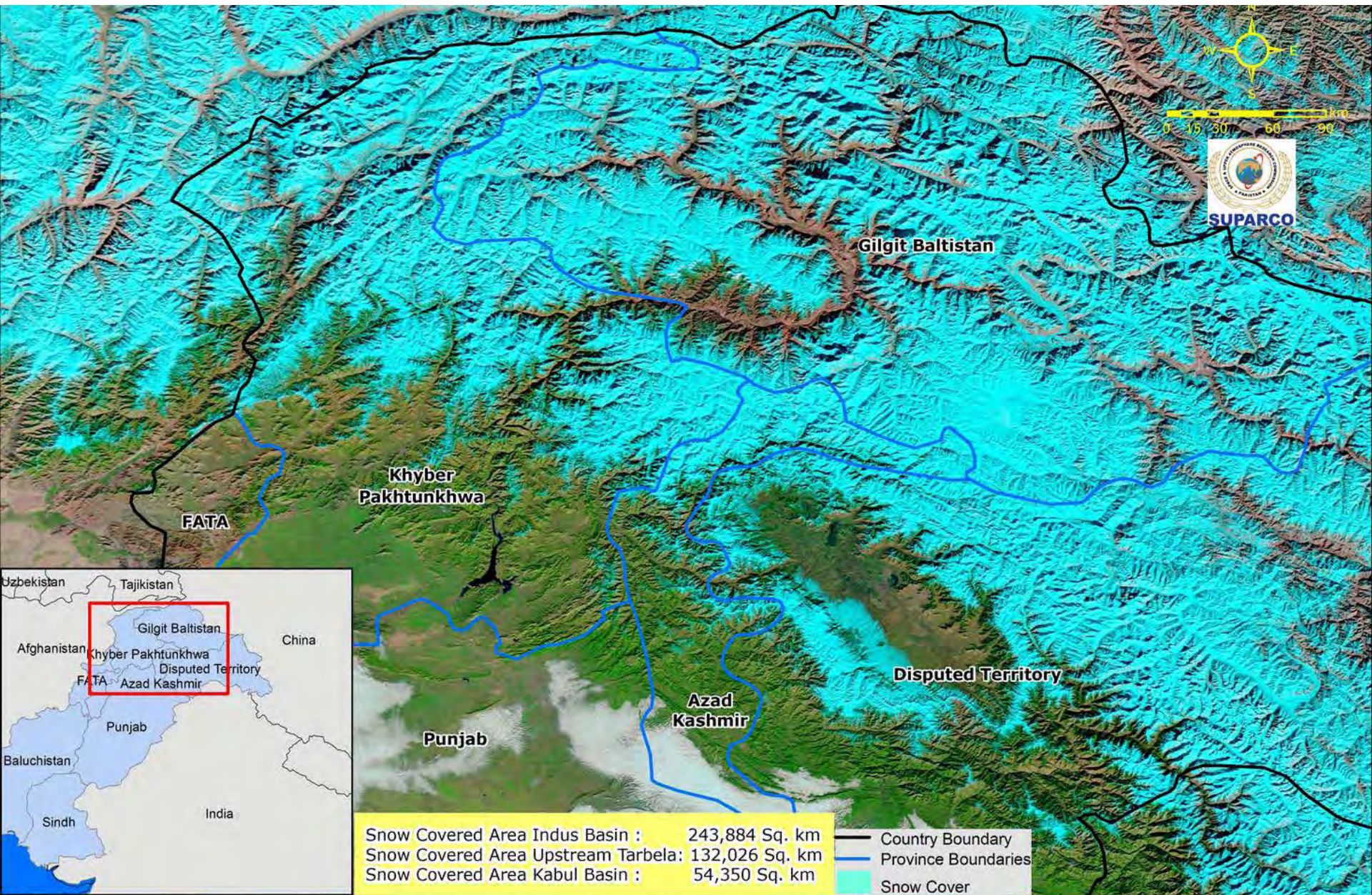




**Estimation of Snow Cover During  
2008-2013  
(Indus Basin)**

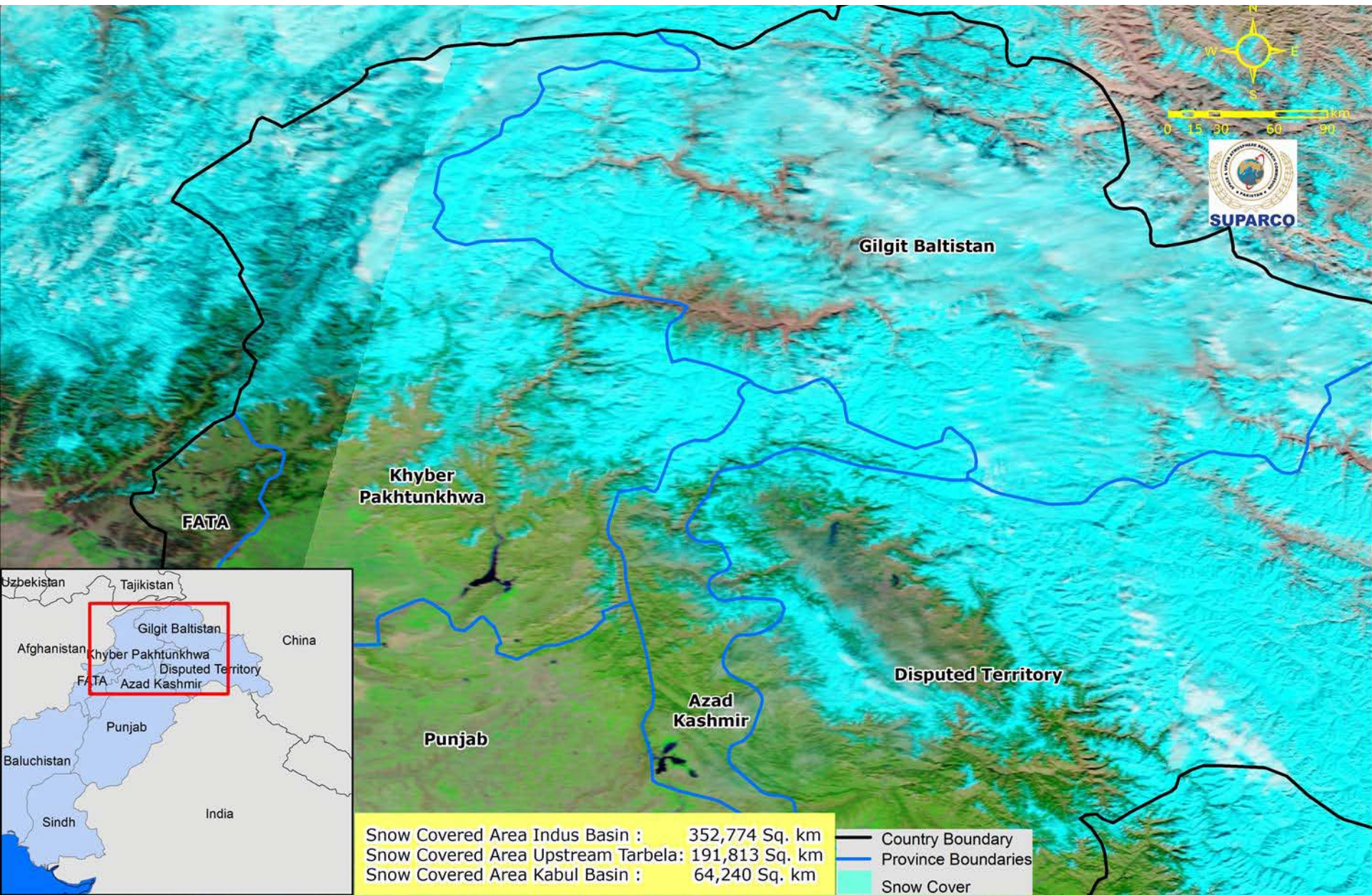


# Snow Cover Extent – 02 Jan 2013



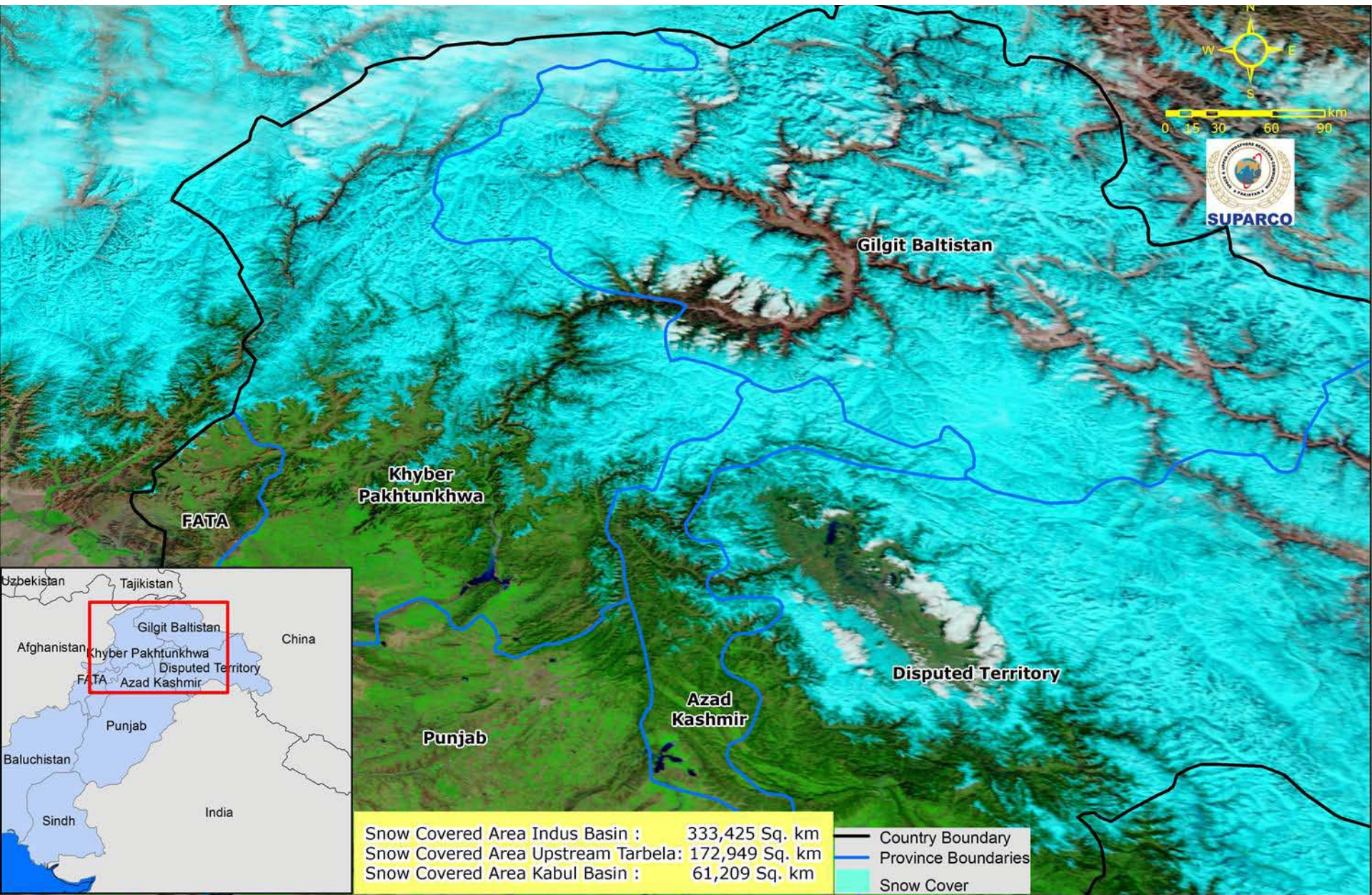


# Snow Cover Extent – 09 Feb 2013



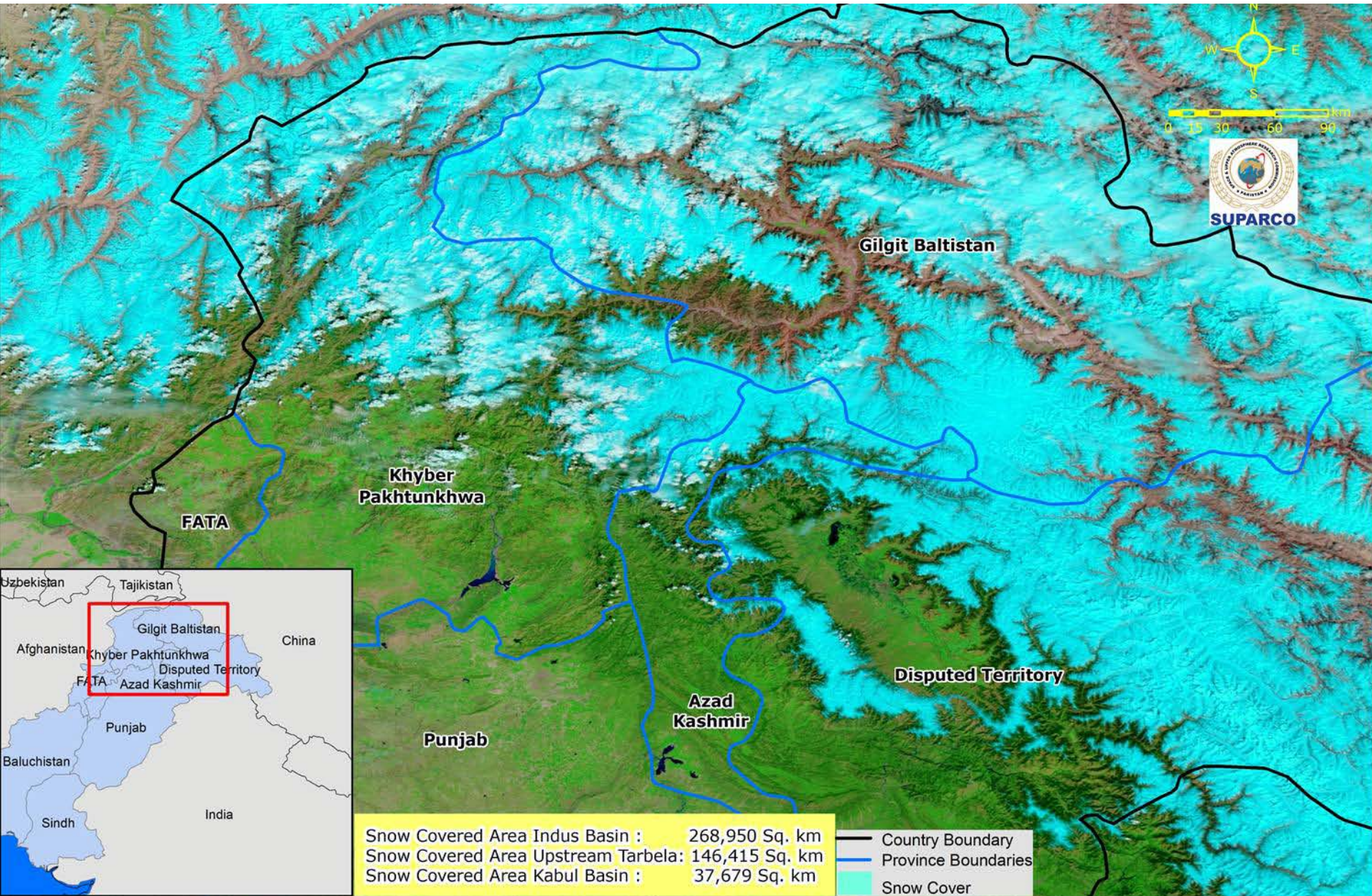


# Snow Cover Extent – 01 Mar 2013



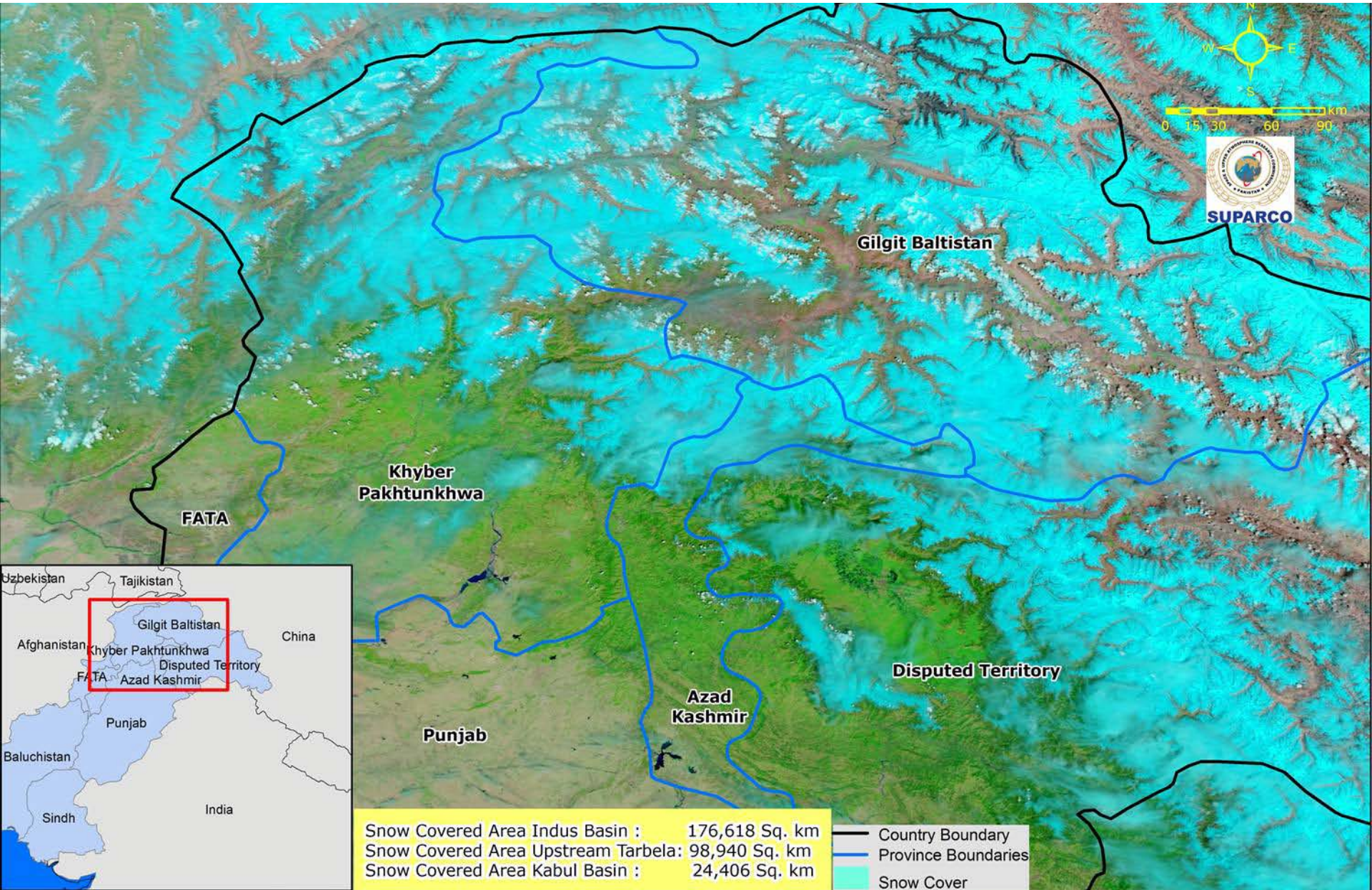


# Snow Cover Extent – 06 Apr 2013



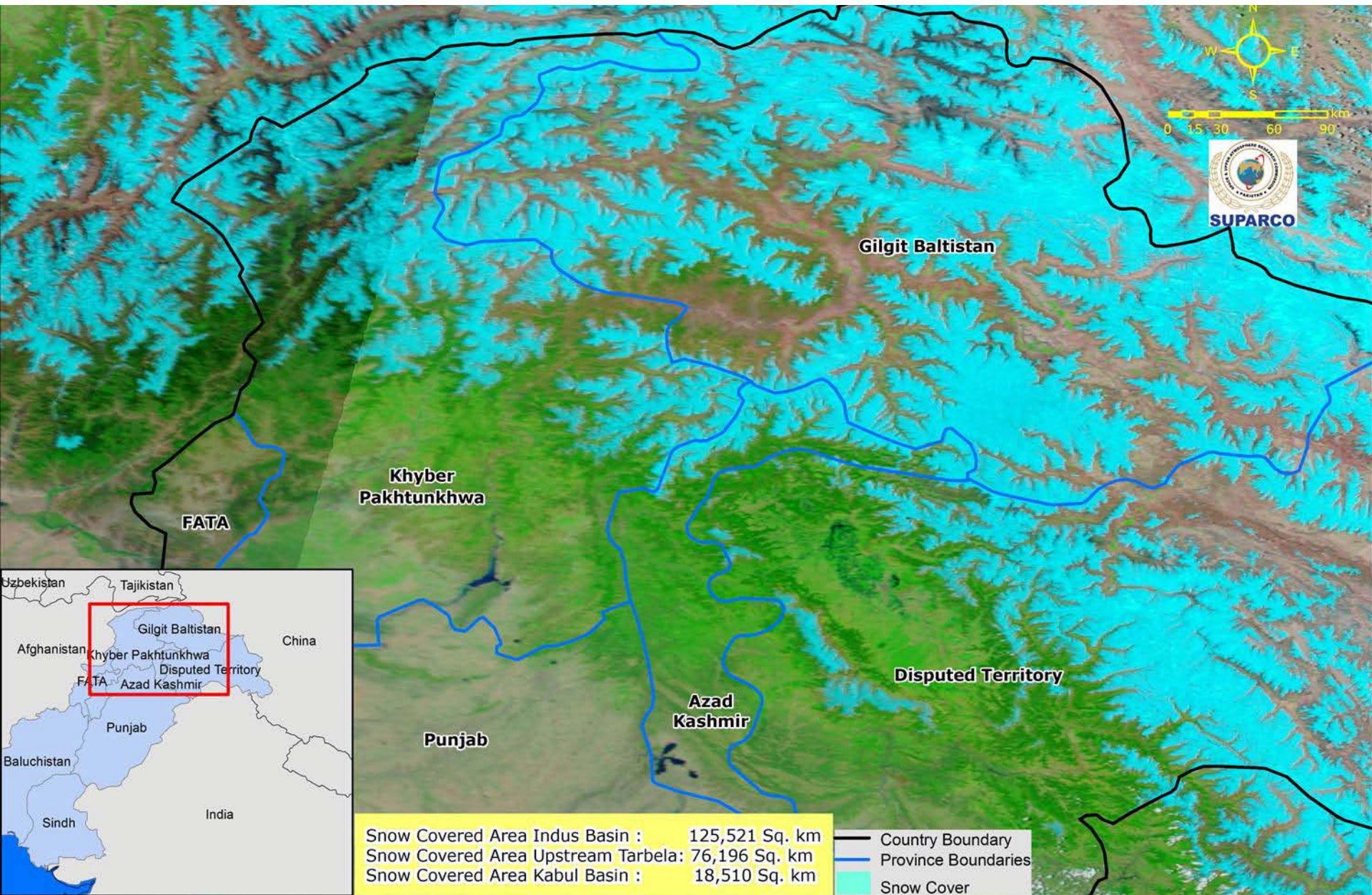


# Snow Cover Extent – 10 May 2013





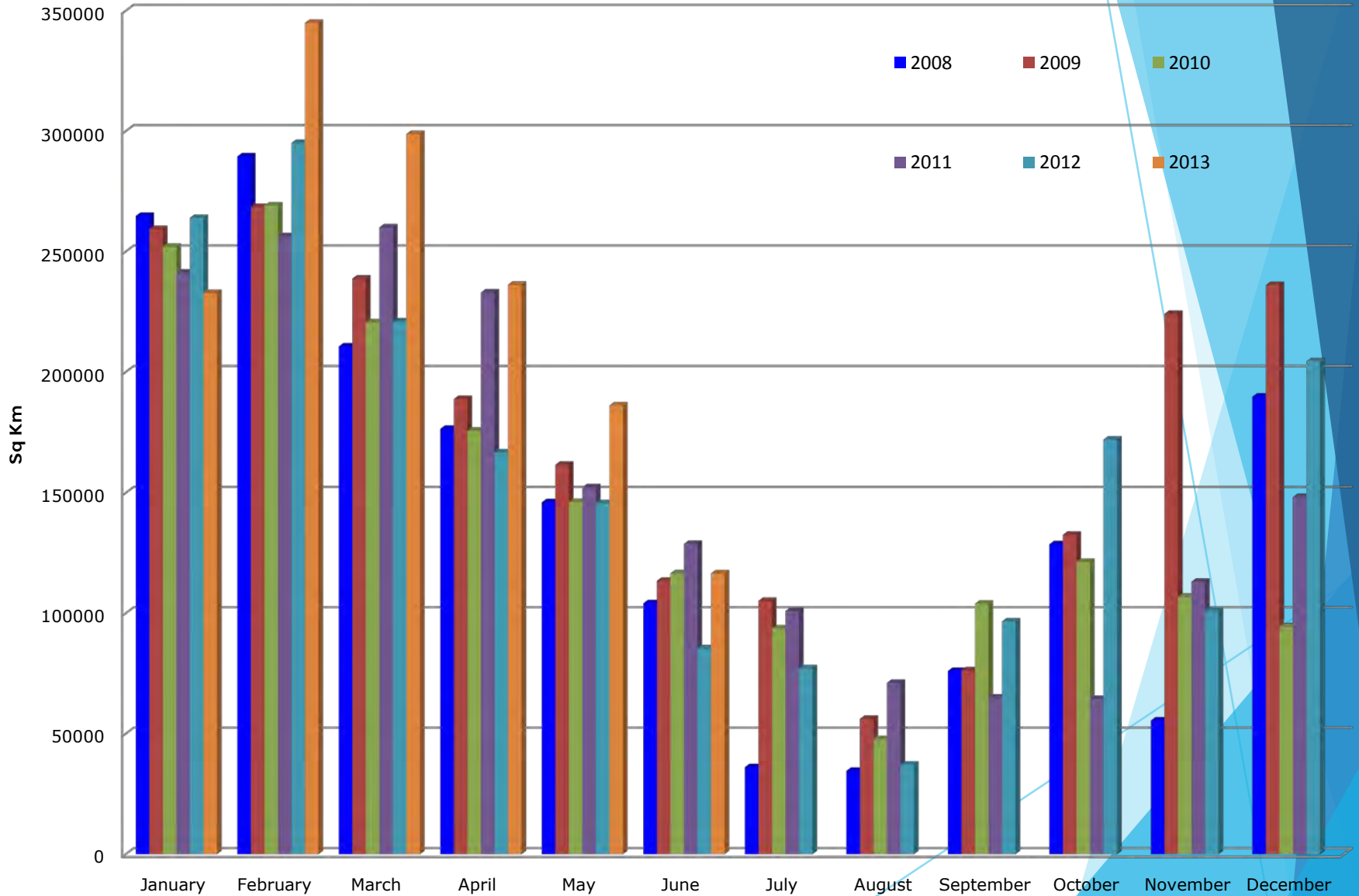
# Snow Cover Extent – 01 Jun 2013



Snow Covered Area Indus Basin :	125,521 Sq. km	Country Boundary
Snow Covered Area Upstream Tarbela:	76,196 Sq. km	Province Boundaries
Snow Covered Area Kabul Basin :	18,510 Sq. km	Snow Cover

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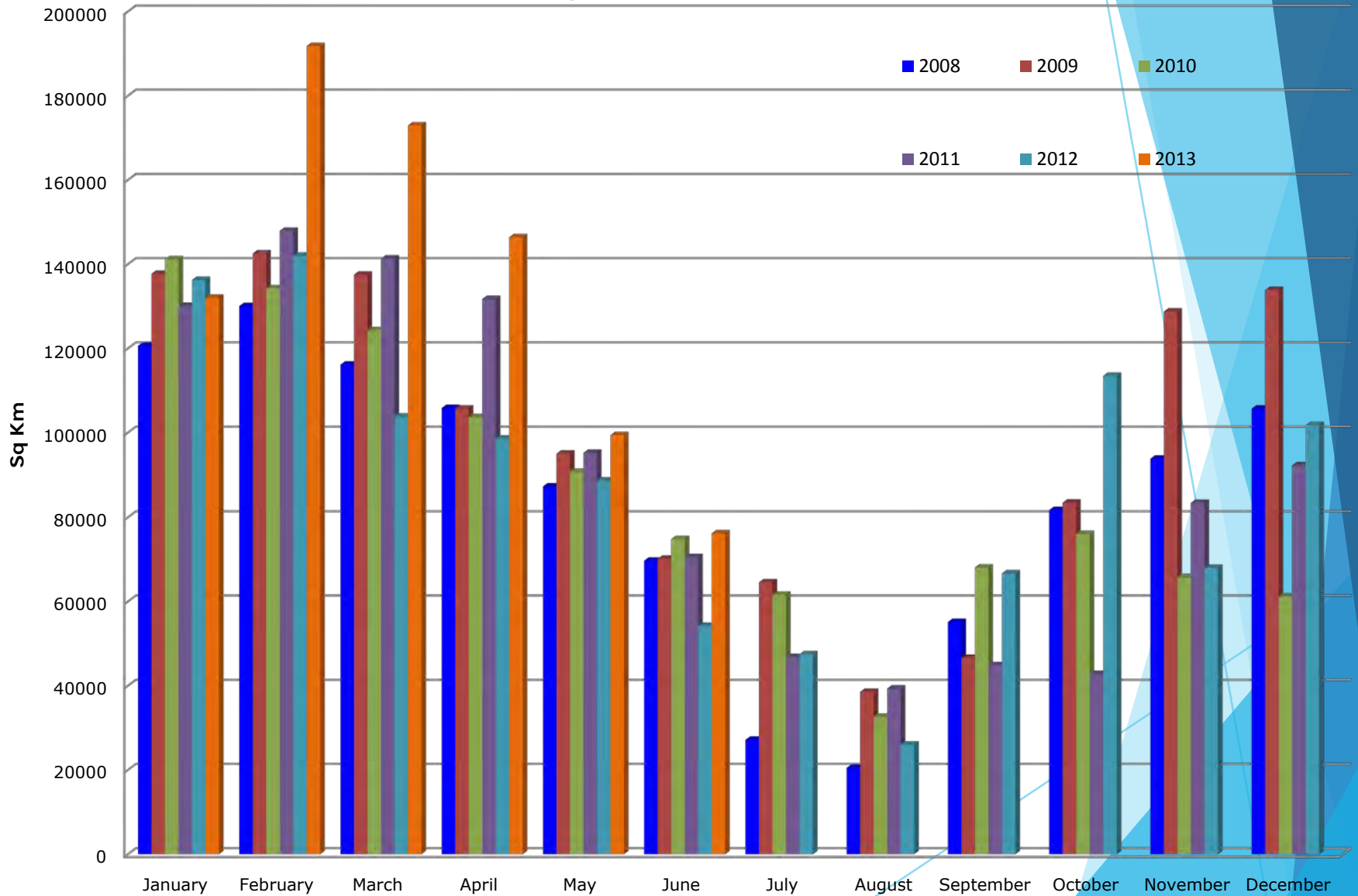
Monthly Average Snow Cover (Sq km) During 2008-2013  
Entire Indus Basin





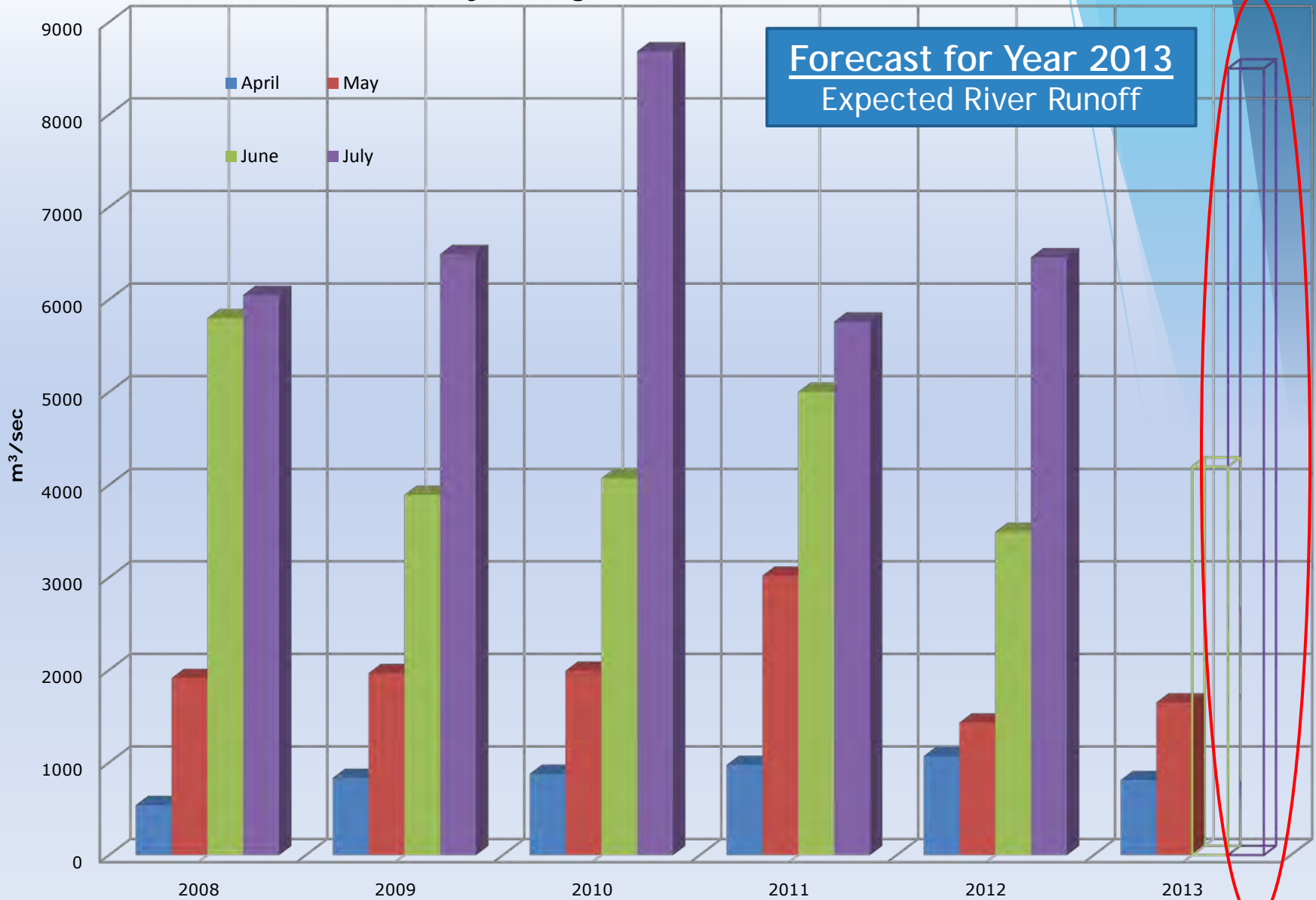
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# Snow Cover

Indus River Monthly Average Flows (m<sup>3</sup> / sec) above Terbela Dam



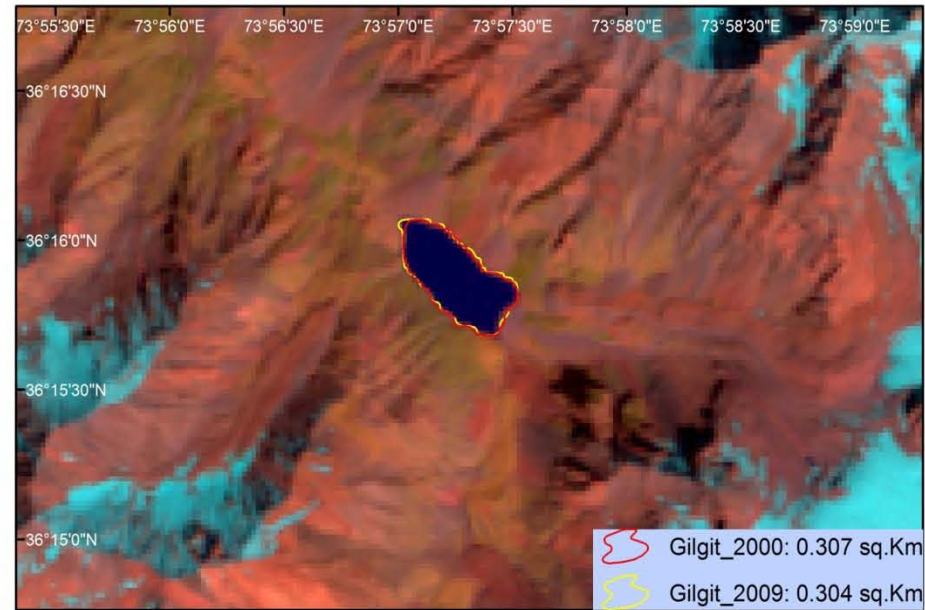
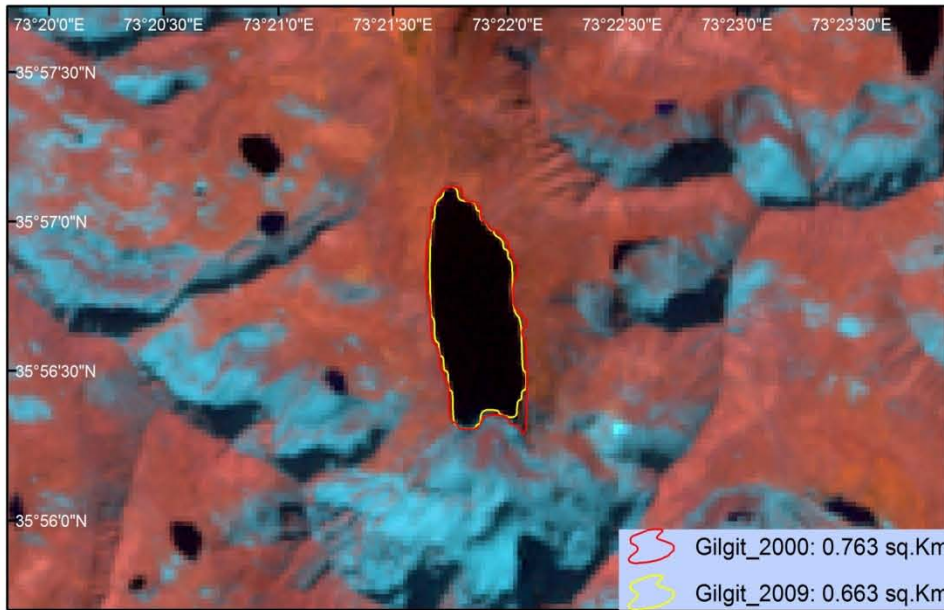


# Glaciers and Glacial Lakes Study



- ✓ Development of a digital database/inventory of glacial lakes using the satellite data
- ✓ Inventory of Glacial Lakes
- ✓ There are more than 5218 Glaciers in HKH and 2400 *plus* Glacial Lakes
- ✓ Identification of existing hot spots and potentially vulnerable glacial lakes
- ✓ Identification of areas prone to glacial lake formation

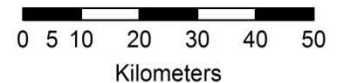
# Glacial Lakes of Gilgit River Basin (Sept 2000 & 2009)



Map Scale  
1:30,000



Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission





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# Multi-Sector Initial Rapid Assessment Tool



## MIRA Process & Timeframe

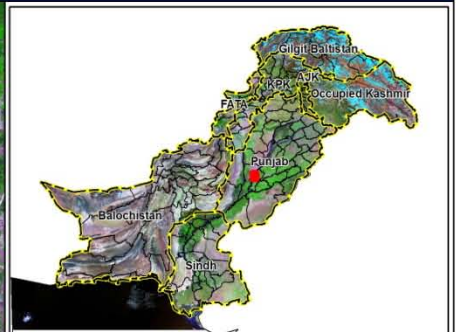
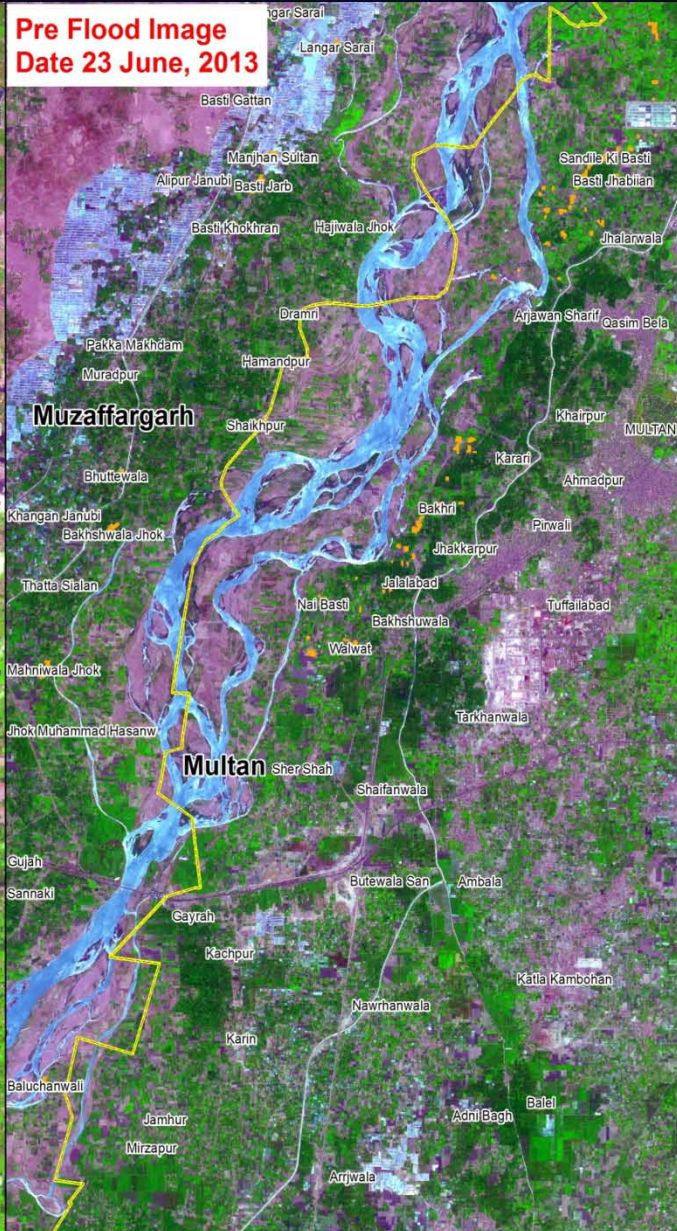
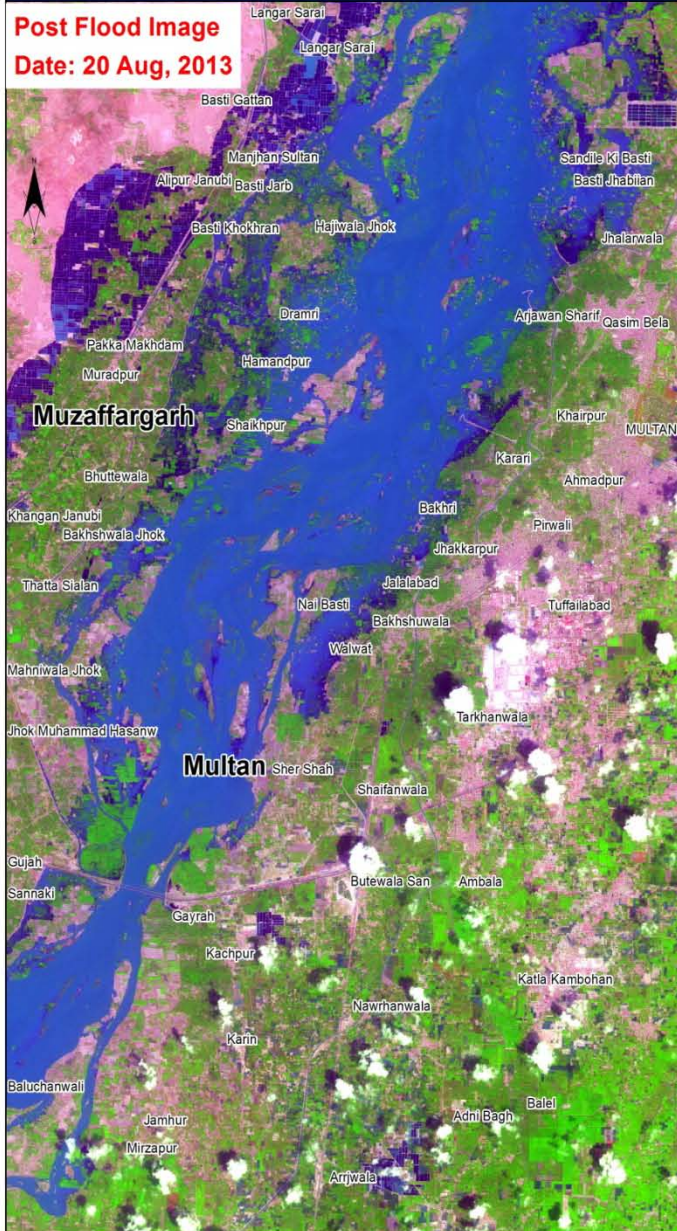
- ❖ Secondary Data - within 72 hours
  - ❖ Situation overview
    - Satellite imagery and maps showing extent of damages -UNOSAT, SUPARCO
    - District Profiles available - Govt. Data
    - **District Baseline data and MIRA District Checklist - Govt.**
- ❖ Primary Field Assessment - within 1 week
  - ❖ Community level assessment - **KI questionnaire and Direct Observation checklist**
  - ❖ Identify needs
  - ❖ Priority areas (affected )
  - ❖ Vulnerable population







# EXTENT OF RIVER CHENAB AS ON AUGUST 20, 2013

**Post Flood Image**  
Date: 20 Aug, 2013

**Pre Flood Image**  
Date 23 June, 2013



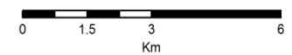
-  District Boundary
-  Affected Settlement 89
-  Rice Fields in Pre Flood Images
-  Inundated Area

This map shows extent of River Chenab on August 20, 2013 as compared to June 23, 2013

This analysis is based on pre & post disaster satellite imagery collected by SPOT sensors at Satellite Ground Station, SUPARCO Islamabad. This analysis has yet to be validated in the field.

Projection: UTM Zone 42 N  
Datum: WGS84

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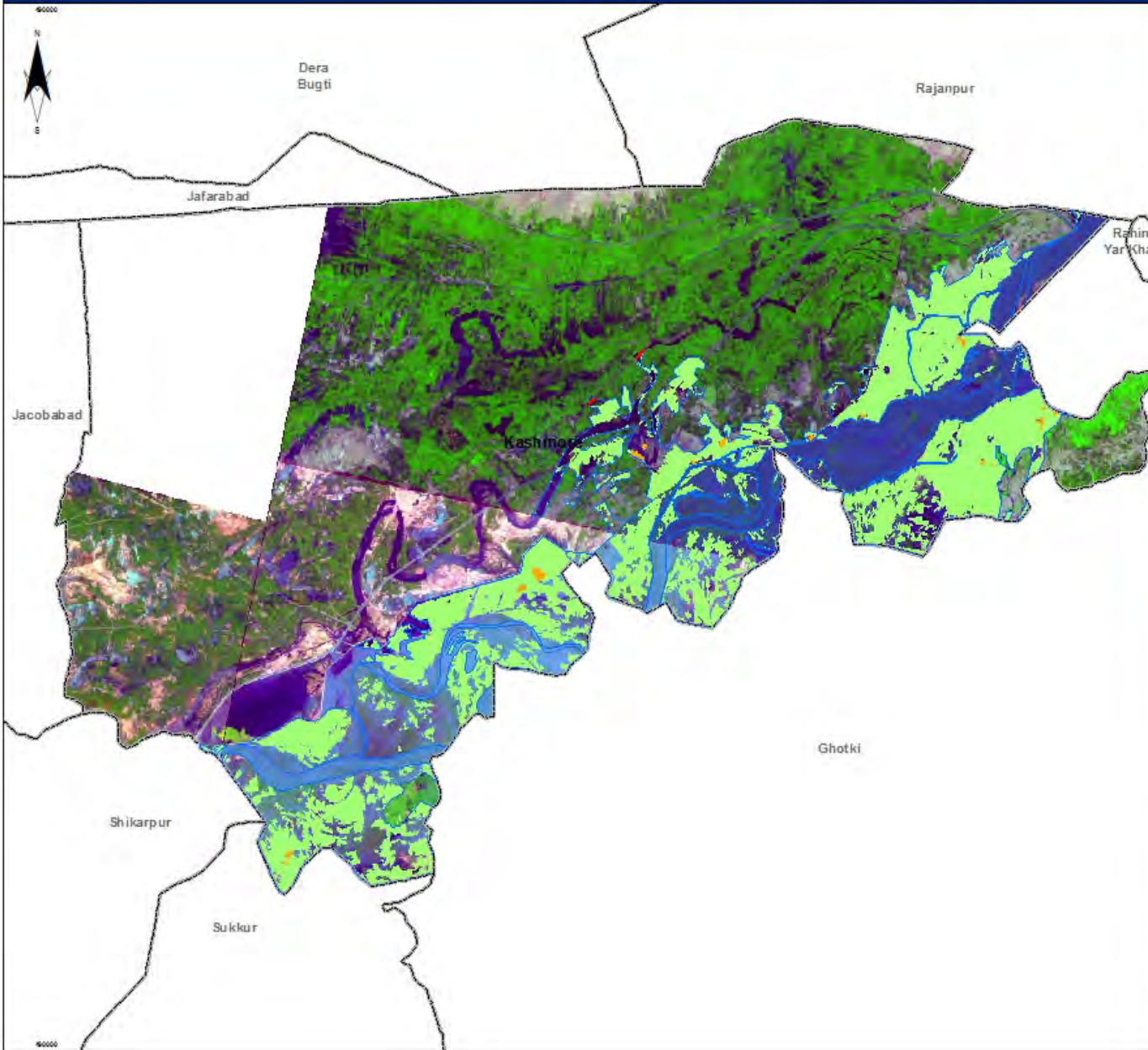


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# KASHMIRE DISTRICT FLOOD/RAIN 2013

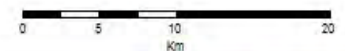
## Thematic Map - Affected Infrastructure



	District Boundary		
	Flooded Area	623	Sq Km
<b>Inundated Infrastructure</b>			
	National Highway	1	Km
	Provincial/District Road	5.4	Km
	Kacha/Paka Road	234.6	Km
	Railway	1.5	Km
	Bridge	0	
	Settlement	48	
	Agriculture Area	362	Sq Km

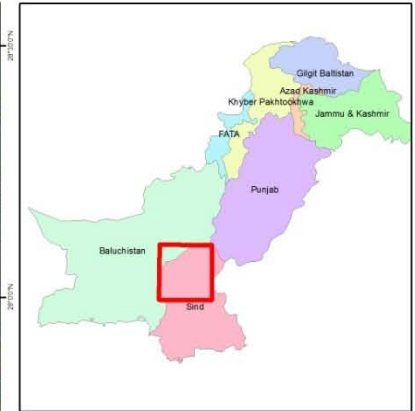
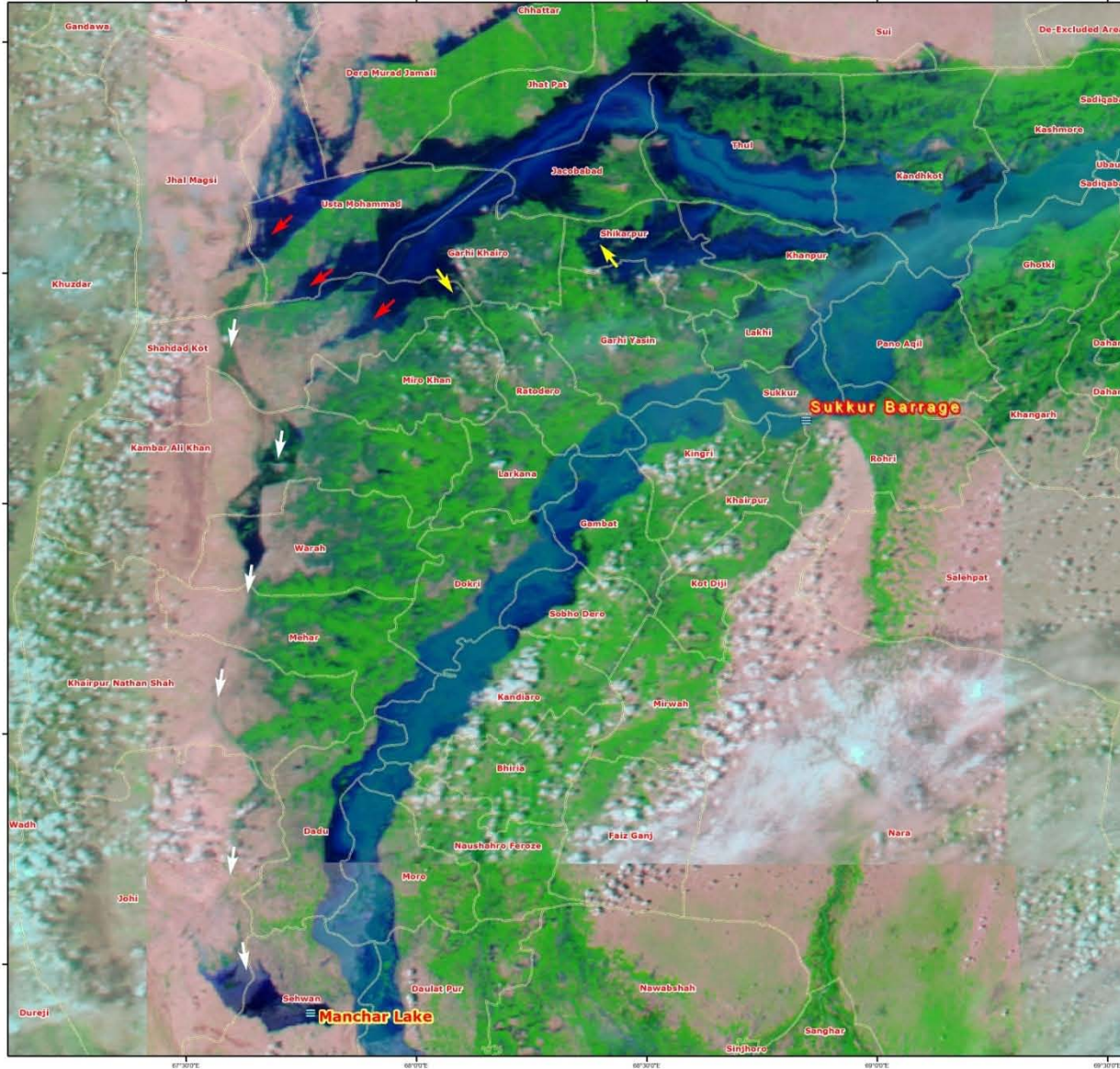
This map presents preliminary analysis of flood affected areas. This analysis is based on post-disaster satellite imagery collected by SPOT sensors on 20-08-13 at Satellite Ground Station, SUPARCO Islamabad. This analysis has yet to be validated in the field. SUPARCO is host to UN-SPIDER Regional Support Office in Pakistan.

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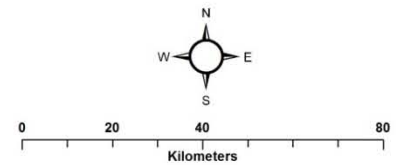
# Flood Flow Monitoring (Flood 2010)



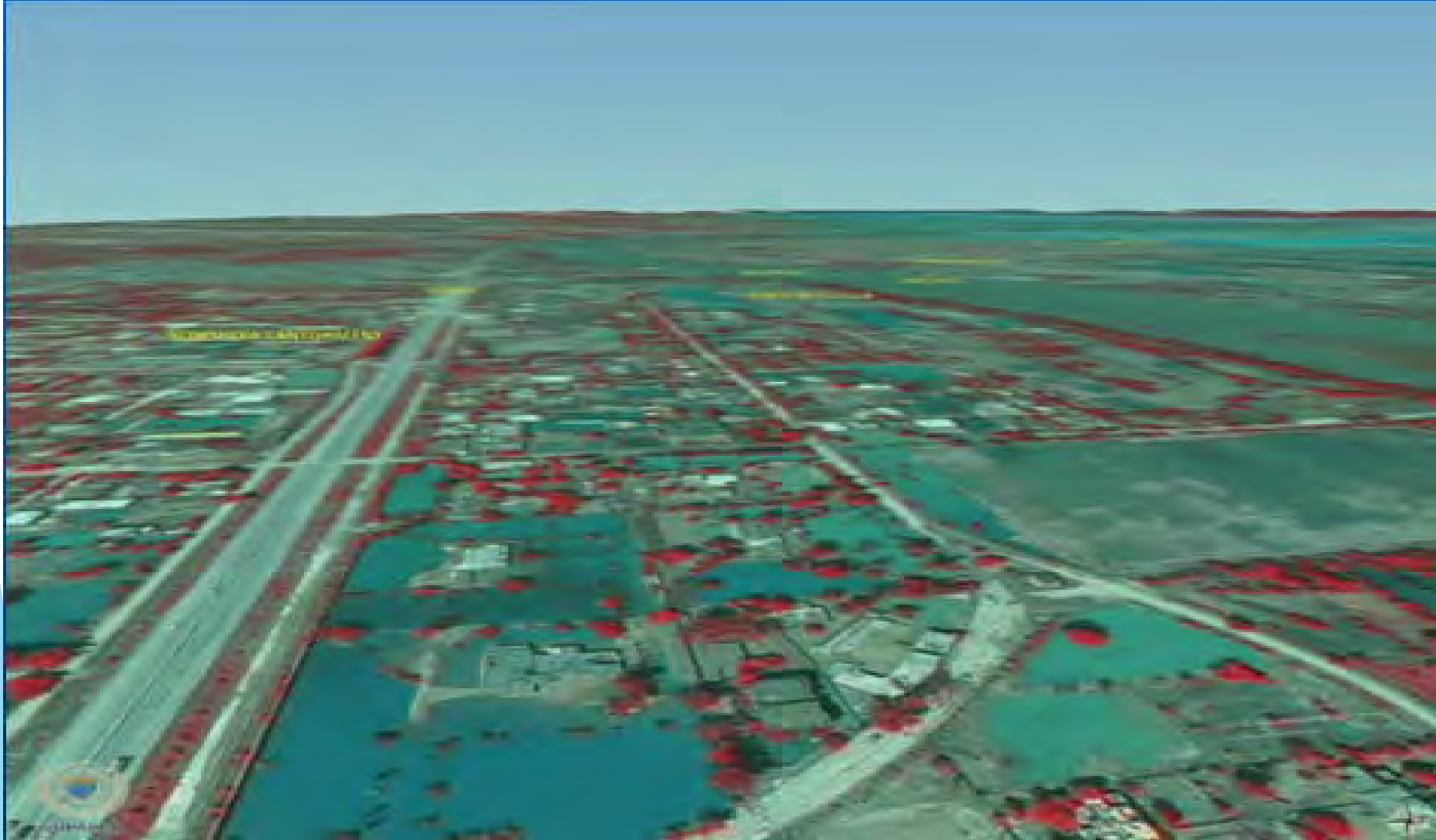
## Legend

-  Dam / Barrage
-  Tehsil Boundary
-  Fast Movement
-  Slow Movement
-  Potential Movement

PRODUCED ON 21 AUGUST 2010



# Visualization





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# Damage and Need Assessment



- Detail Damage Assessment are carried out and reports are provided to NDMA/PDMAs for planning reconstruction and rehabilitation activities and Preparation of PDNAs
- In the wake of 2010 super flood, the World Bank and Asian Development Bank led the Damage and Need Assessment (DNA) exercise
- SUPARCO was requested by the World Bank for providing an analysis of flood related damages using satellite imagery and mapping of affected regions
- Sectors covered were housing, roads, bridges, rail, airports, agriculture and irrigation



# Collaboration with Food & Agriculture Organization, FAO, UN



**FAO, UN in collaboration with SUPARCO undertook rapid crop damage assessment in the flood affected districts. This included:**

- Flooded area breakdown by crop and district
- Date of inundation of affected districts and recession
- Displaced population in the affected districts and food needs
- District-wise crops damage statistics were prepared and provided

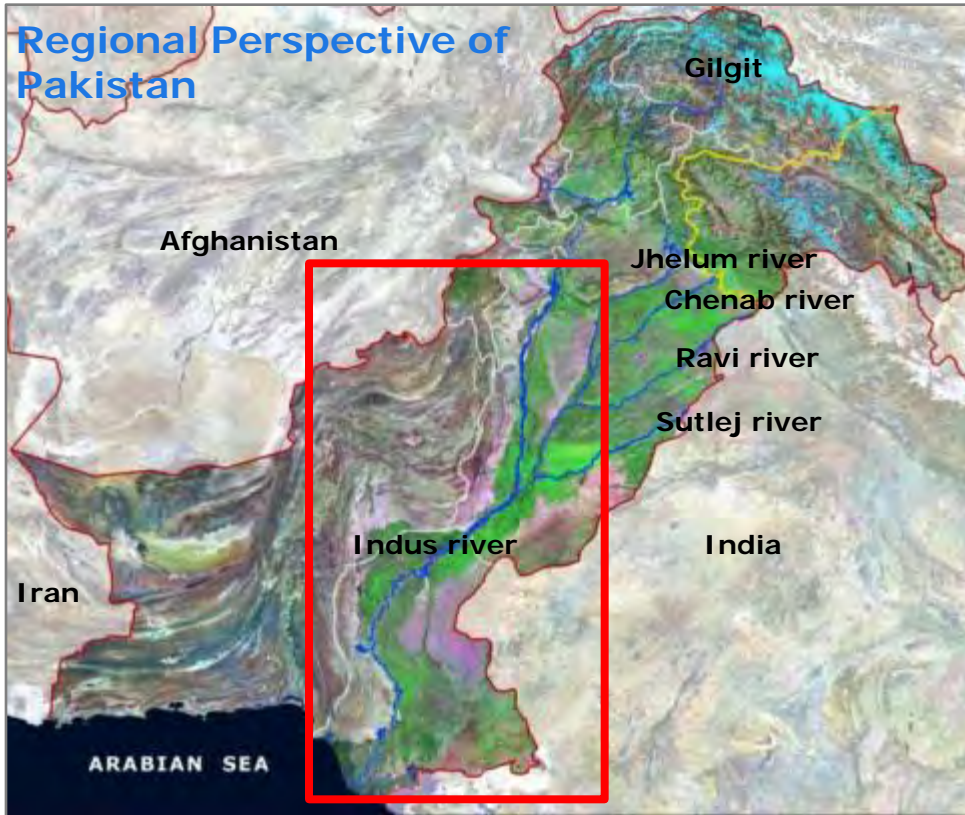
# Damage Assessment Reports





# **Mitigating the Effects and Beneficial Utilization of Flood Water (A Case Study – 2010 Flood)**

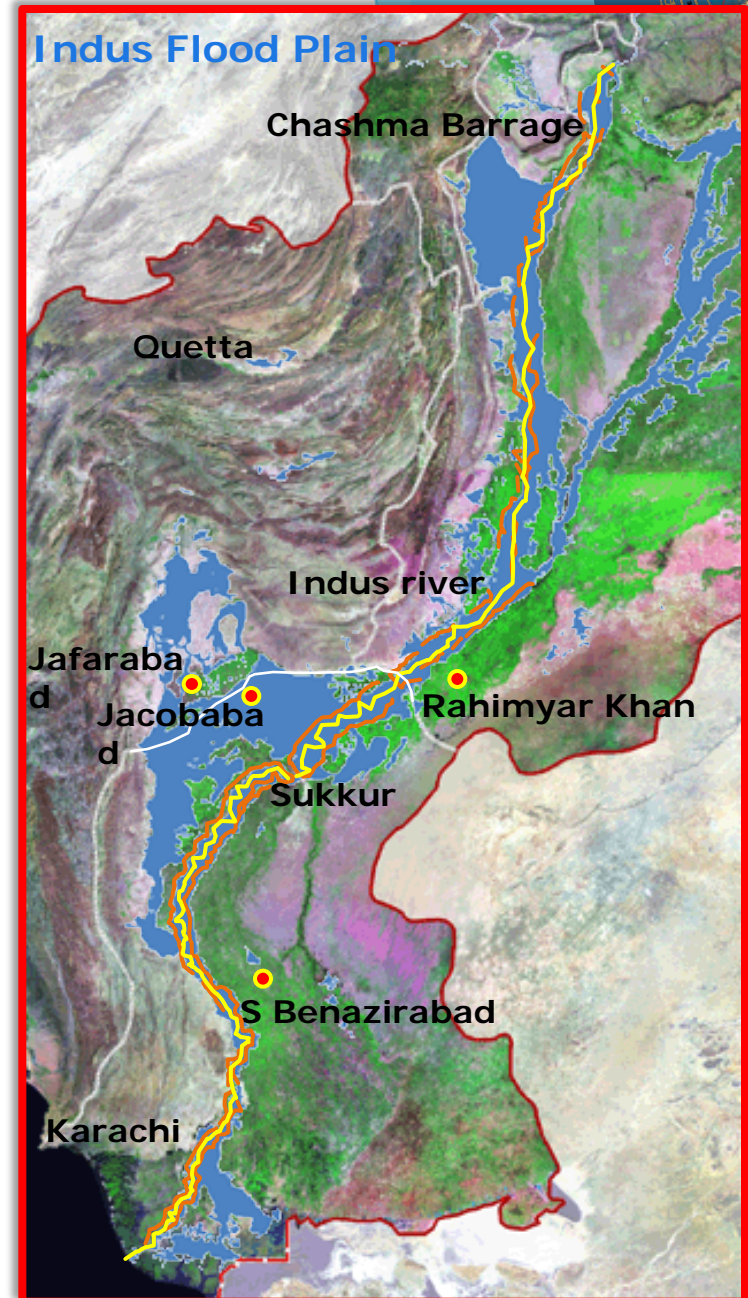
# Flood Situation 2010



Normal flow

Embankments

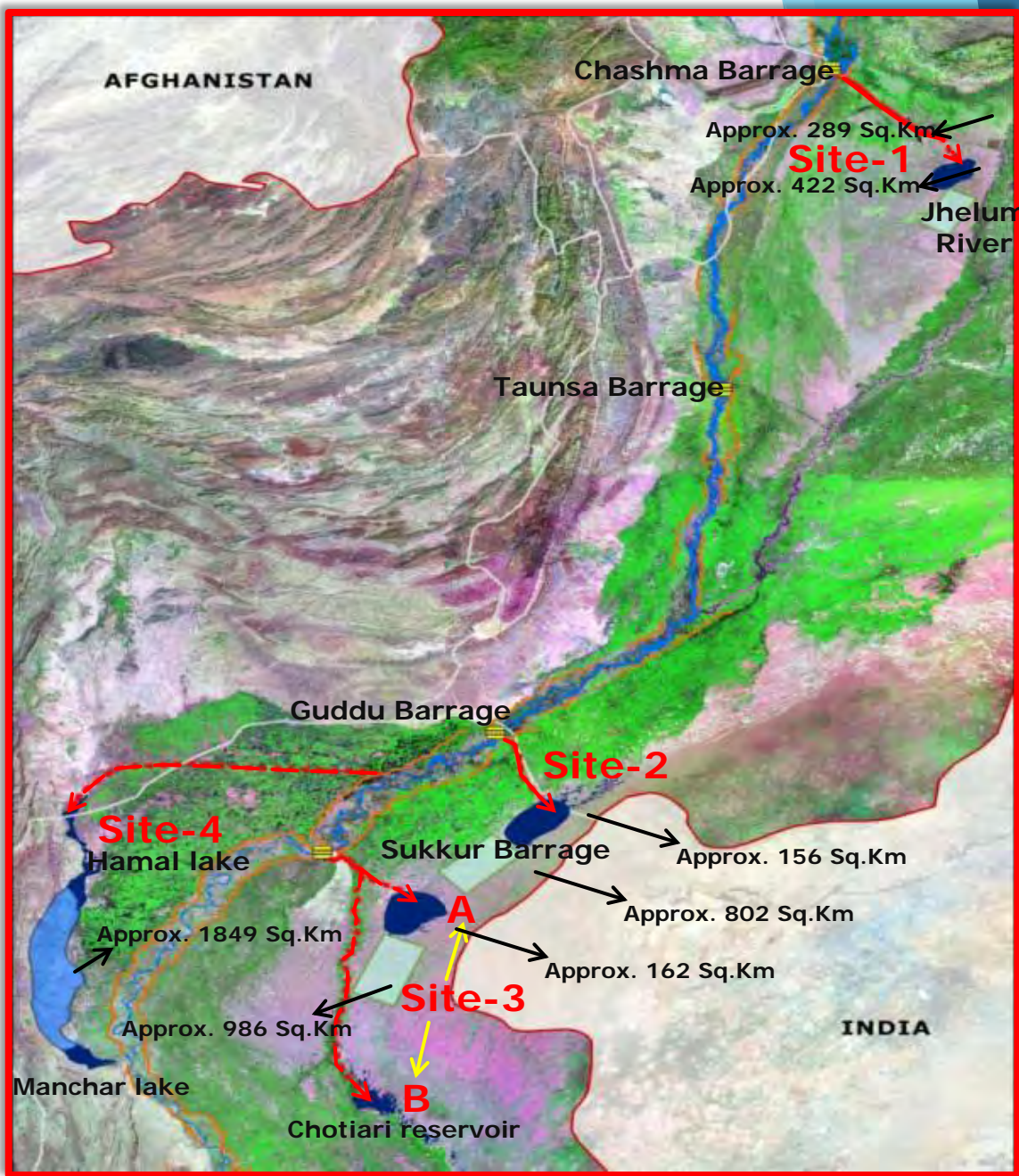
Flood / Rain water extent - 2010





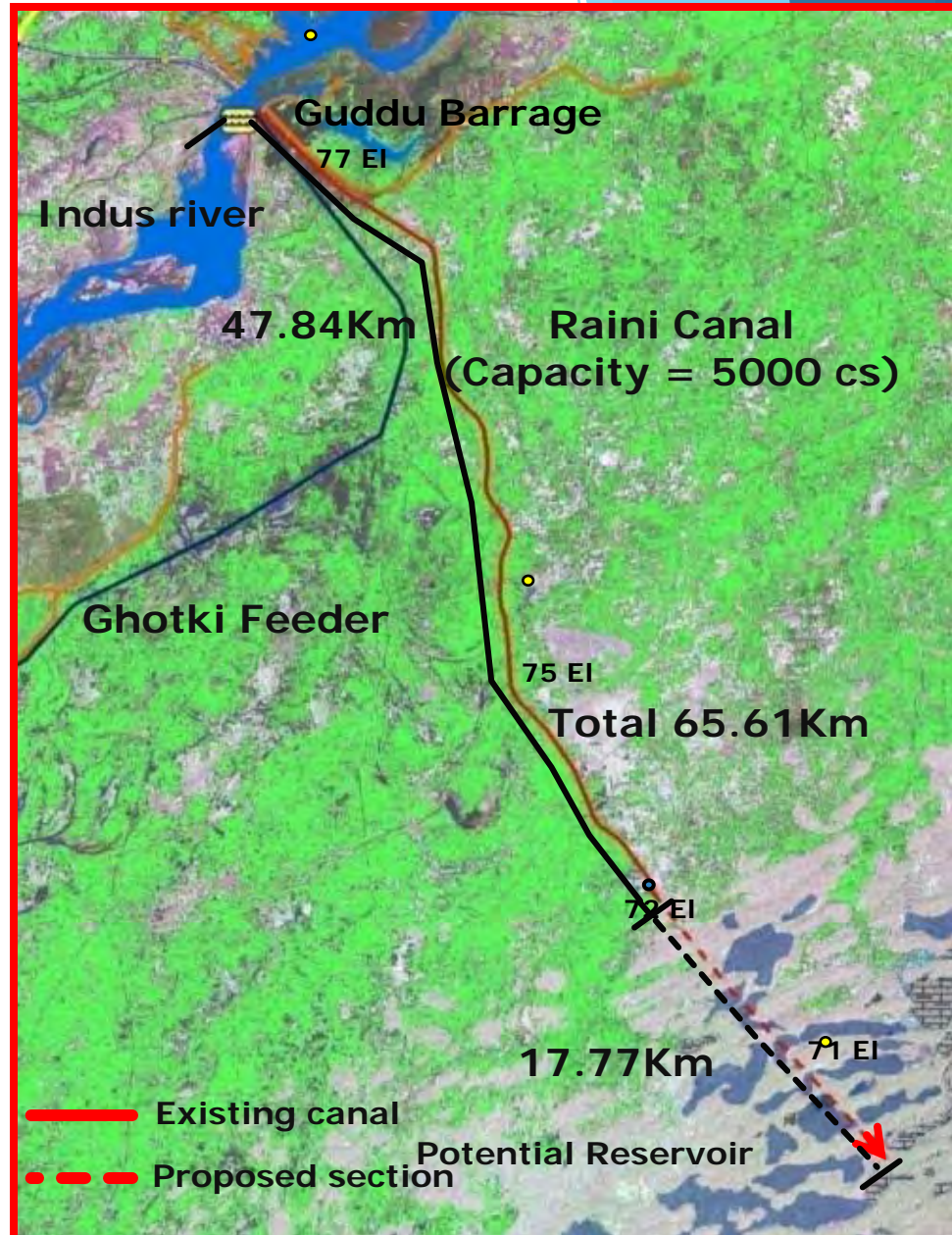
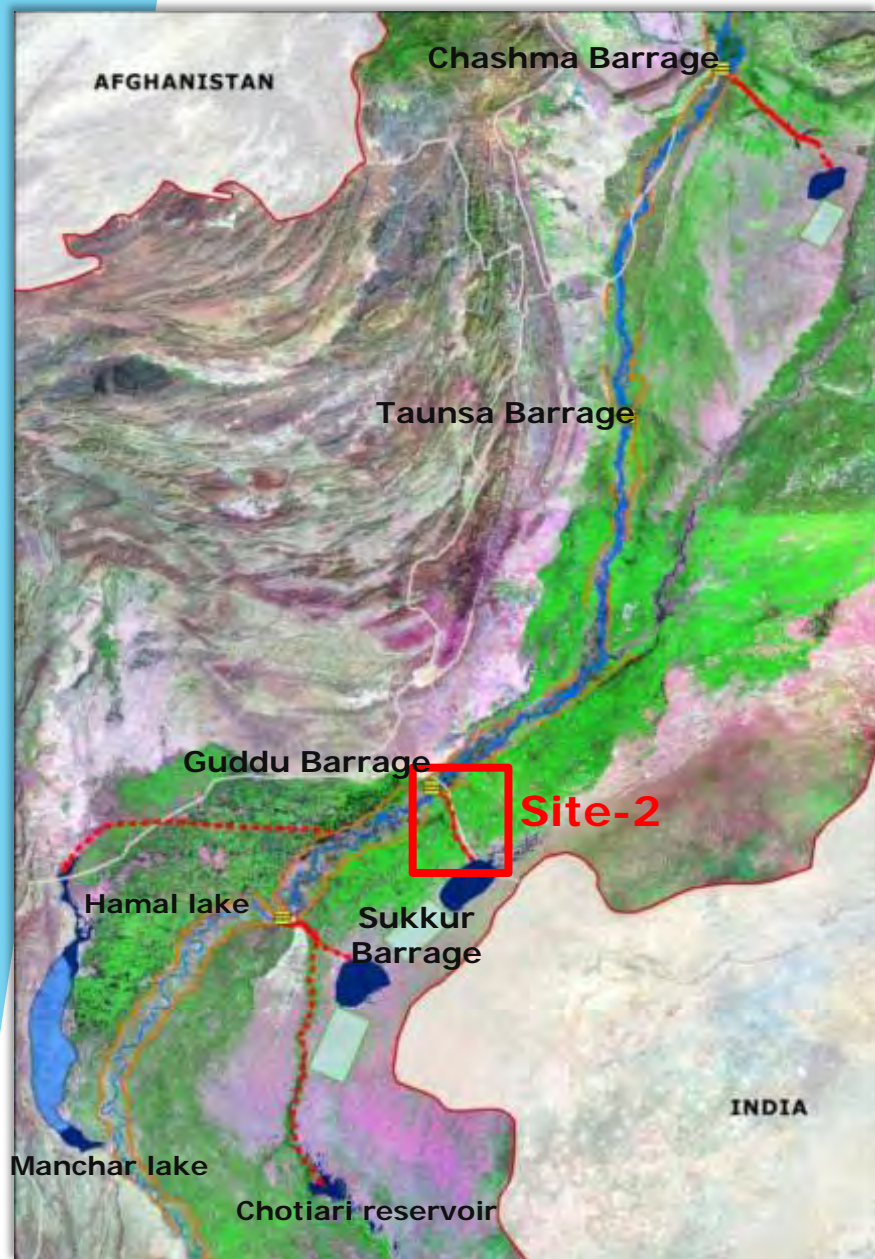
# Diversion of Water

# Flood and Torrential Water Storage Sites



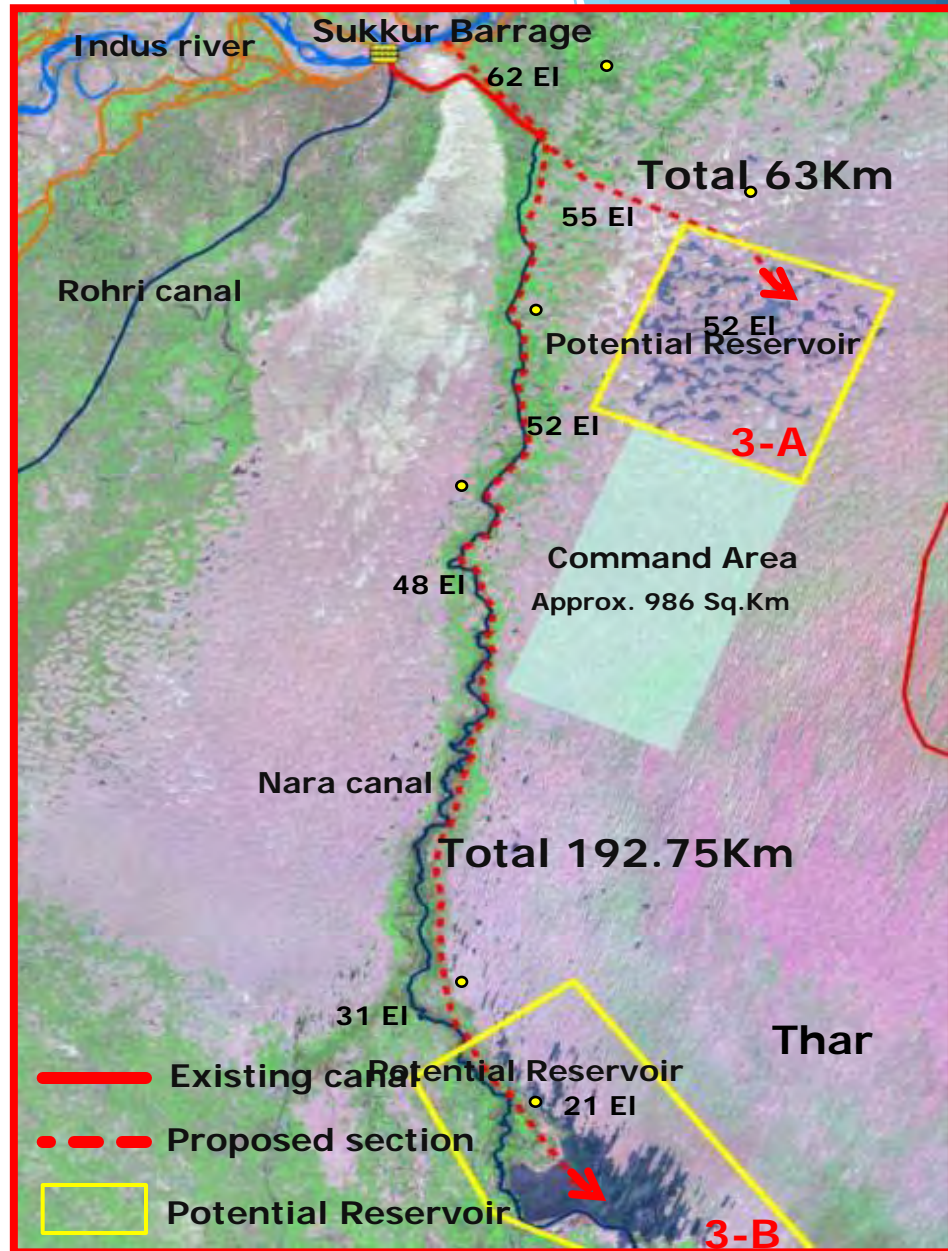
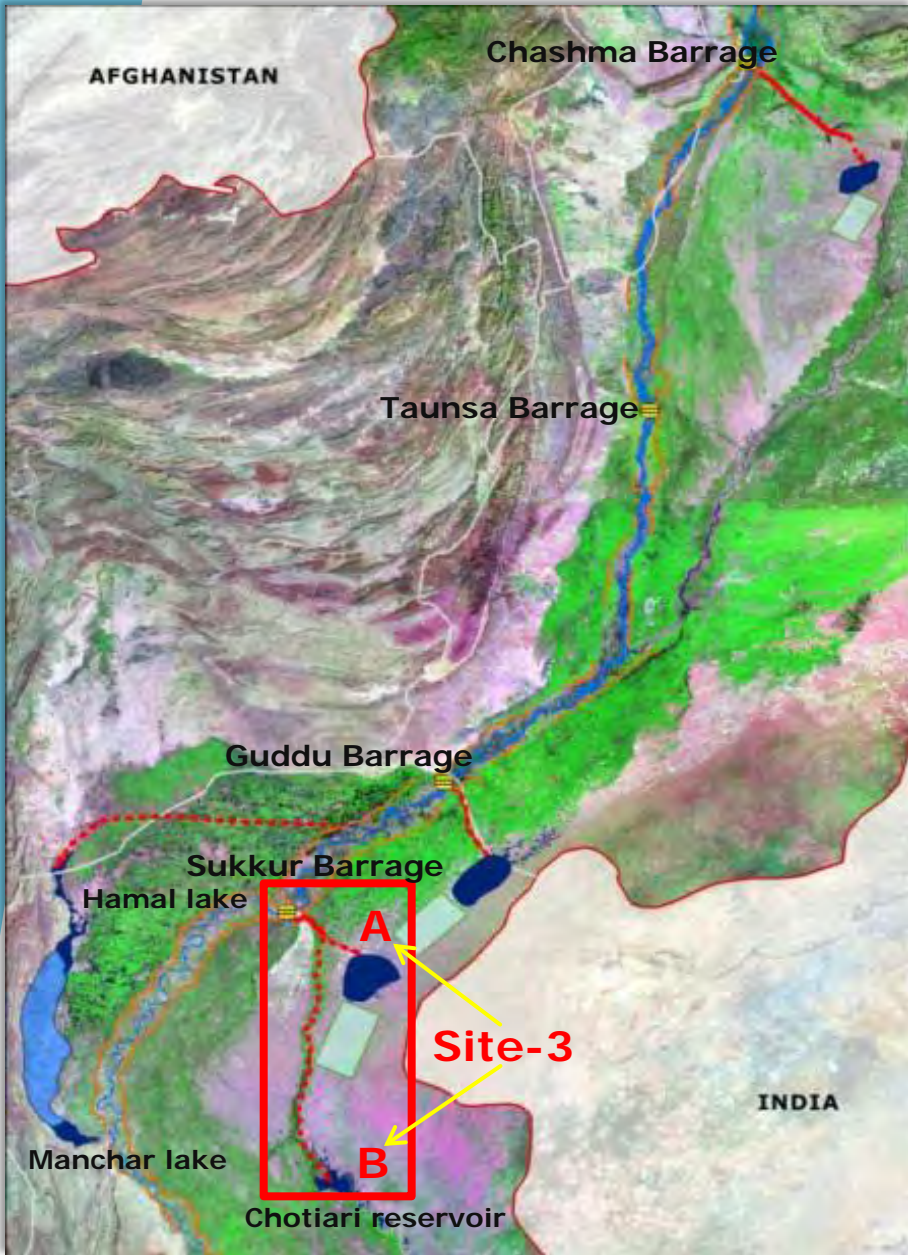


# Proposed Site – 2: Guddu Barrage





# Proposed Site - 3: Sukkue Barrage







# Future Plans

- **Preparation of inventory of Landslides for the north part of the country**
- **Identification and mapping of Landslide prone areas**
- **Identification and mapping of Earthquake Prone areas**
- **Preparation of Guide maps for Vulnerable Communities of the disaster prone areas**
- **Development of Flood model for eastern rivers of the country**
- **Preparation and Production of Risk Maps**
- **Capacity Development of NDMA and PDMAs for application of space technology for disaster management**



# International Cooperation in Disaster Management

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## International Charter Space and Major Disasters

- On Behalf of NDMA, SUPARCO has been registered with Charter as Authorized user
- SUPARCO is host to UN-SPIDER Regional Support office in Pakistan
- SUPARCO is the Member of JPT-3 of Sentinel Asia. Applied for Registration as DANs

# Conclusion

- Due to consecutive floods for the last four years, we have developed expertise to mitigate the affects of floods using Remote Sensing and GIS Technology. However, we are looking forward to learn from the experiences and best practices of other countries/ organizations to improve our systems.
- We have no considerable expertise/experience in application of Space Technology for Drought monitoring or early warning and looking forward to learn from Tomorrow's sessions on the subject.
- International/bilateral cooperation among countries, regional and international organizations needs to be enhanced to better manage natural disaster mitigation and relief efforts using space technology.
- SUPARCO shall keep to support all regional and international efforts initiated for minimizing the damages and sufferings face by mankind in the event of natural disasters



An aerial photograph of a village completely inundated with floodwater. The water is a muddy, brownish color. In the foreground, numerous small, rectangular buildings with flat roofs are scattered across the landscape, many partially submerged. Palm trees and other greenery are also visible, some standing in the water. The background shows a vast expanse of water stretching towards a distant, hazy horizon under a clear blue sky. The text "Thank You" is superimposed in the center of the image in a large, bold, black font with a white outline.

**Thank You**