



Geospatial and Space Based Solutions on Environmental Issues

The Extreme Weather Events and Climate Change

UN-SPIDER International Workshop
Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction -
Assessing the Unseen Risks

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Current state of space and geo-informatics technology for
extreme disaster monitoring and impact

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Space-Based PM2.5 Monitoring System and Geographic
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Introduction



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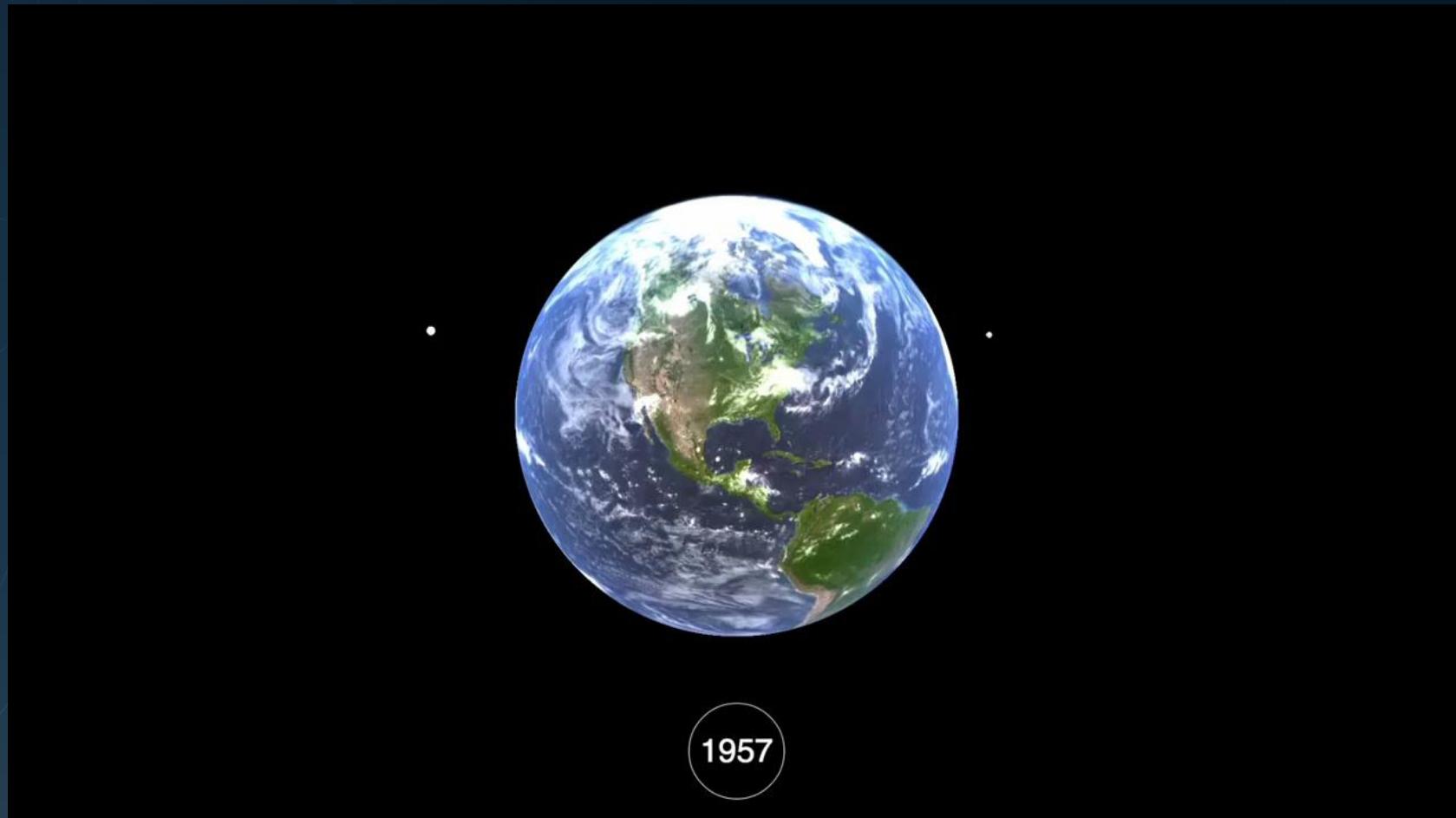
Remote Sensing Technology

The term "remote sensing" is commonly used to describe the science and art of identifying, observing, and measuring an object without coming into direct contact with it



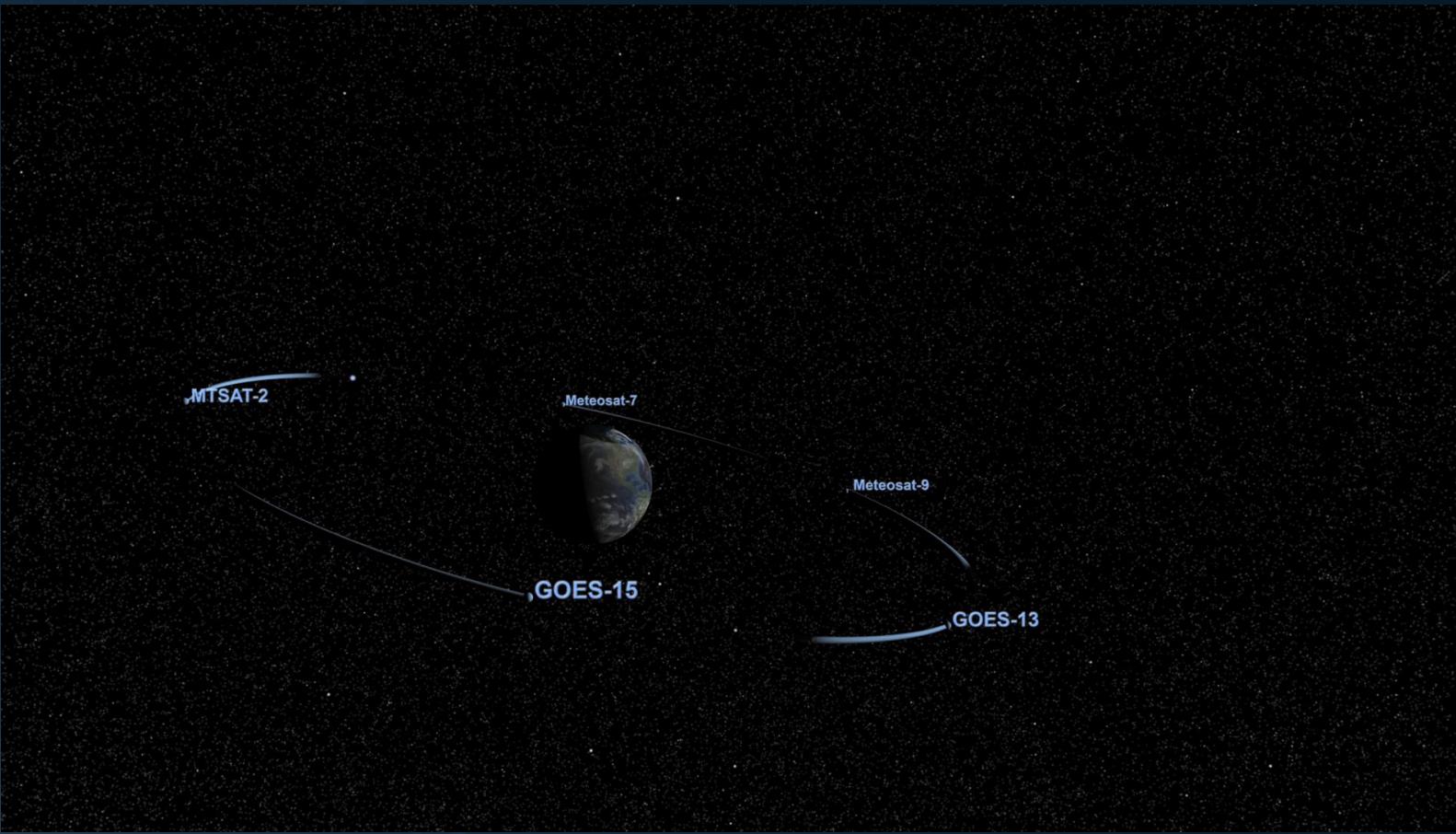
Satellites/ Space technology

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Geostationary

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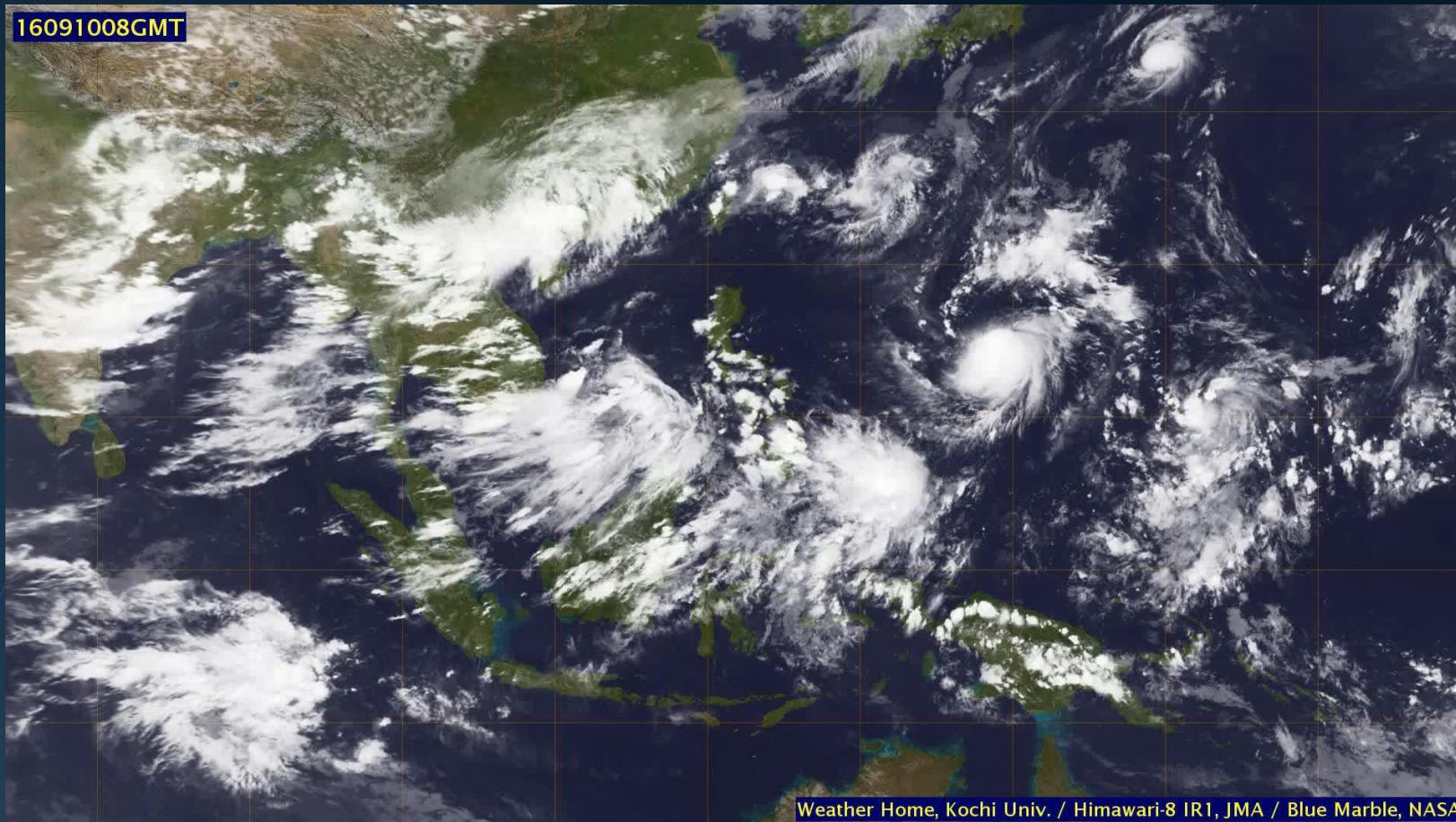


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Climate Change

A-Train Satellites

- Aura (ozone layer, air quality, climate)
- GCOM-W1 (water vapor, aerosol)
- OCO2 (CO2 concentrations)
- OCO3 on board ISS
- PARASOL (radiative and microphysical properties of clouds and aerosols)
- Aqua (MODIS, MISR)

C-Train Satellites

- CloudSat
(Altitude and properties of clouds)
- CALIPSO
(Cloud and aerosol)

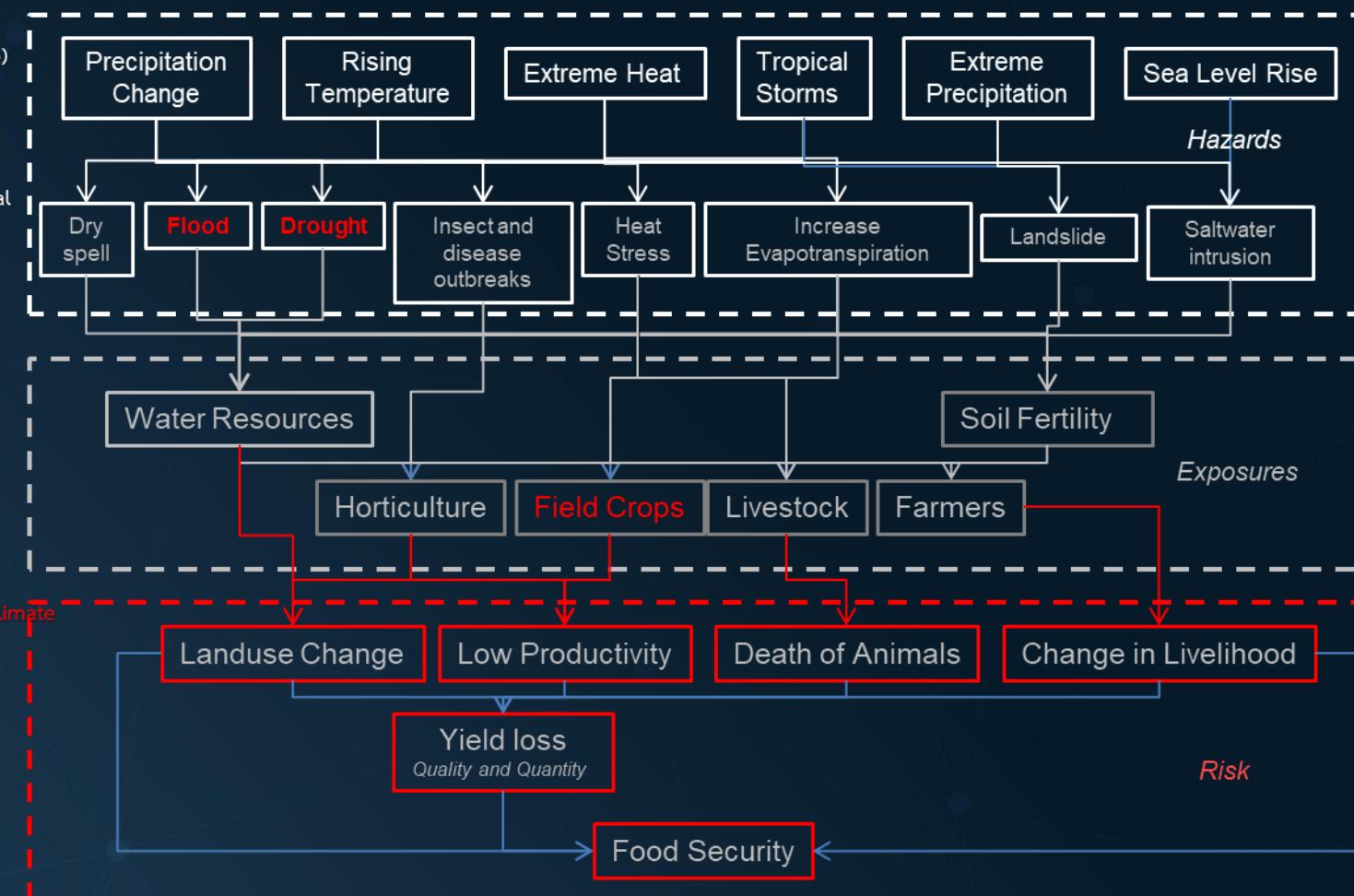
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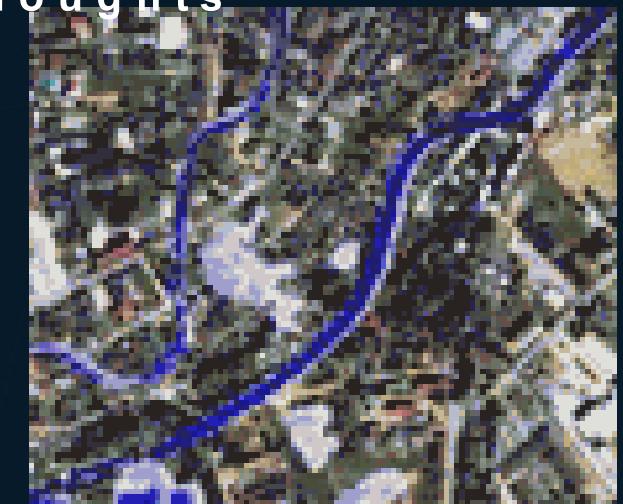
Flood & Drought



Flood and Drought Disaster

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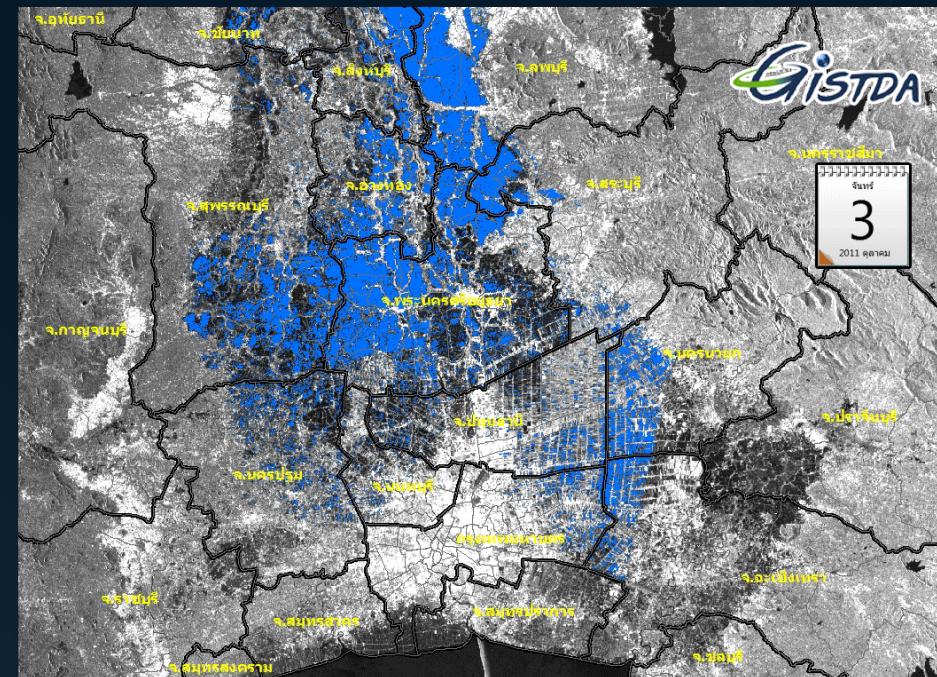
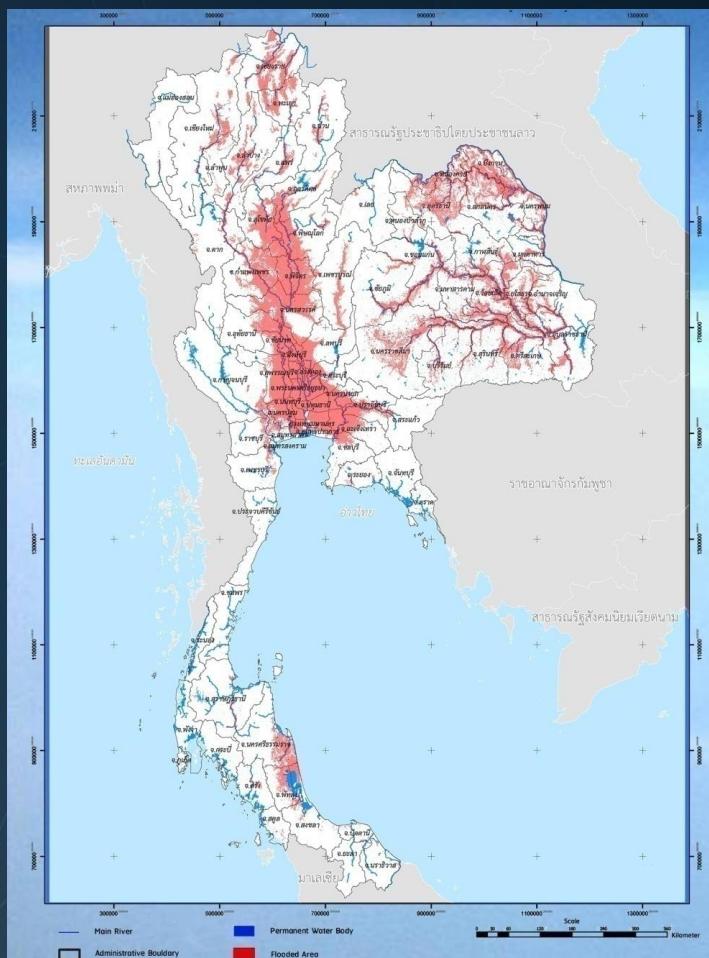
Thailand, an agricultural country and one of the top rice exporters in the world, has been extremely exposed and vulnerable to natural disasters caused by hydro-meteorological hazards particularly floods and droughts



The amount of satellite missions carrying sensors that can be applied for flood and drought management has increased considerably and there is now a general consensus among space agencies and scientists to strengthen the

Thailand Great Flood of 2011

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64 out of its 77 Provinces including Bangkok were flooded

Drought

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El Niño phenomenon leads to severe drought conditions in many parts of the country 14 of Thailand's reservoirs had very small quantities (1% - 20%) of usable



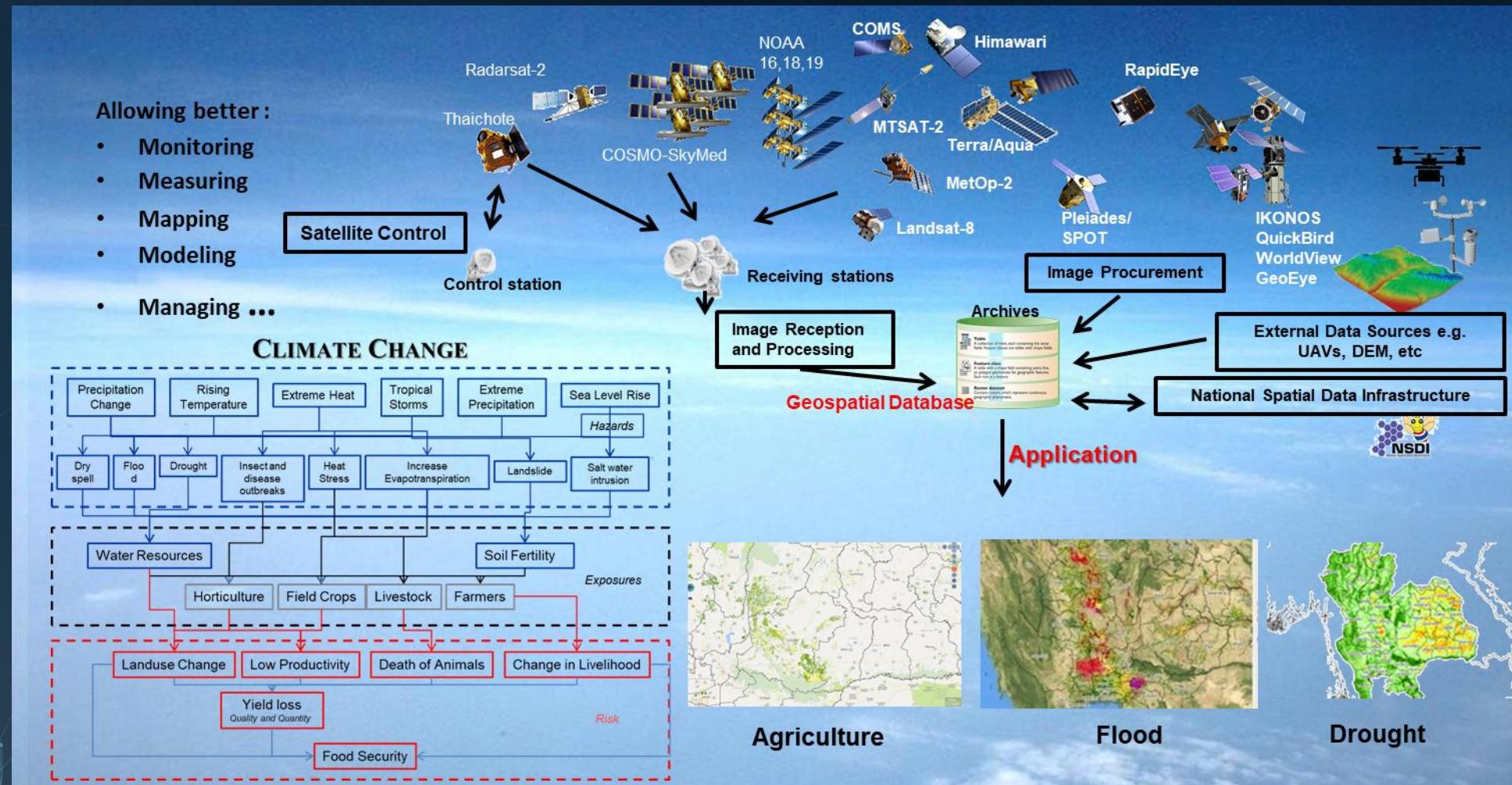
Critical low water levels prevailed throughout the country, with most of the affected provinces located in the northern and northeastern regions of the country. Approximately 160,000 hectares of rice paddies were affected which were about 1.30 percent of Thailand's total rice farm land

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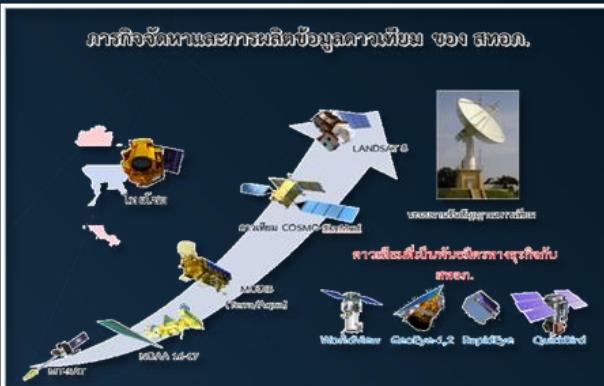
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The rise/role of Remote Sensing



Flood Monitoring

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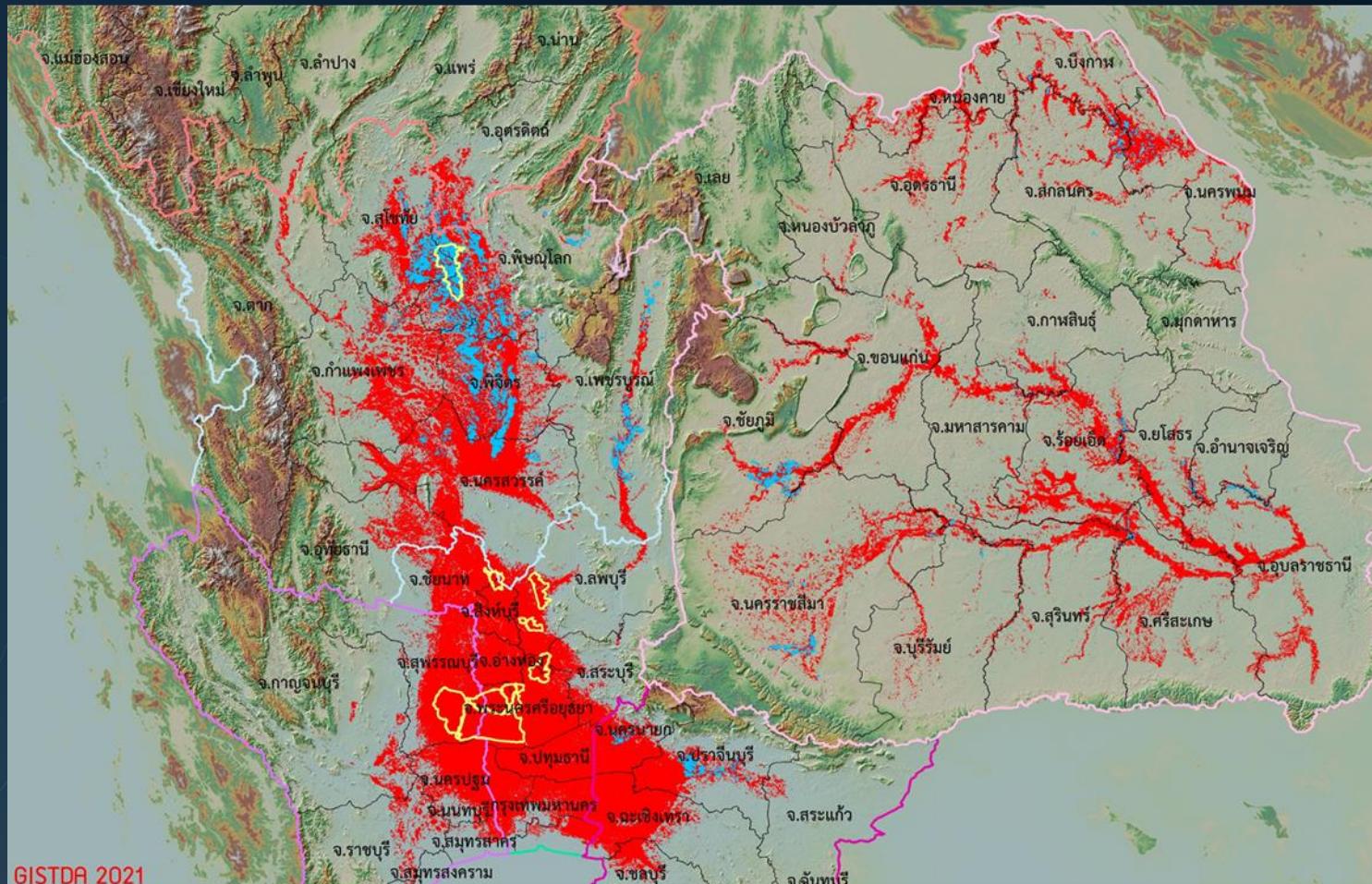


Flood estimated from satellite imagery



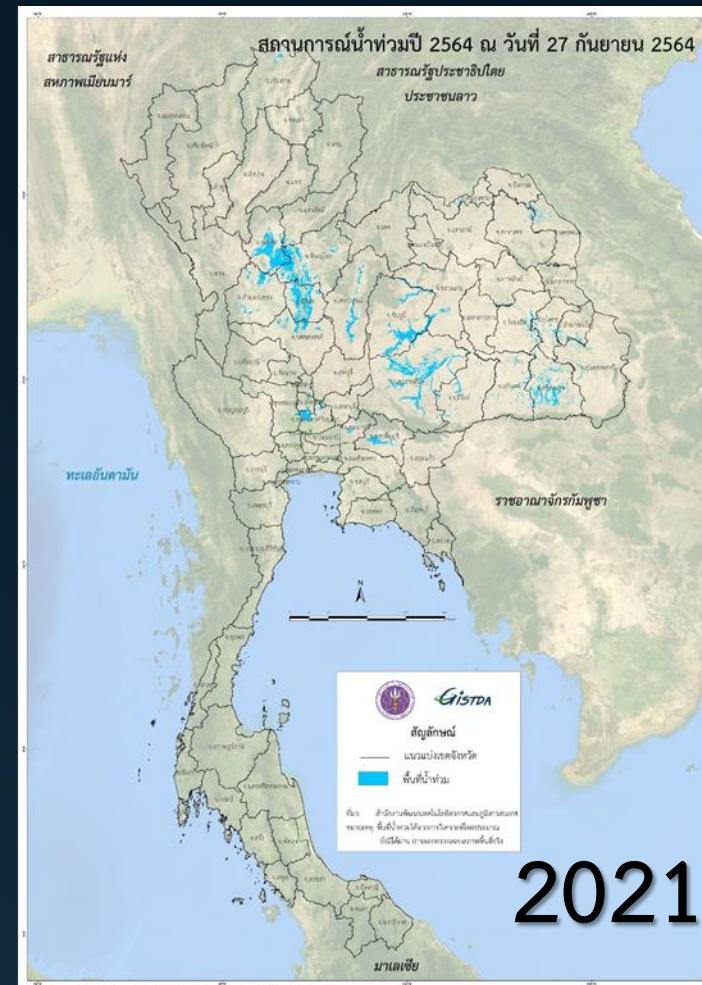
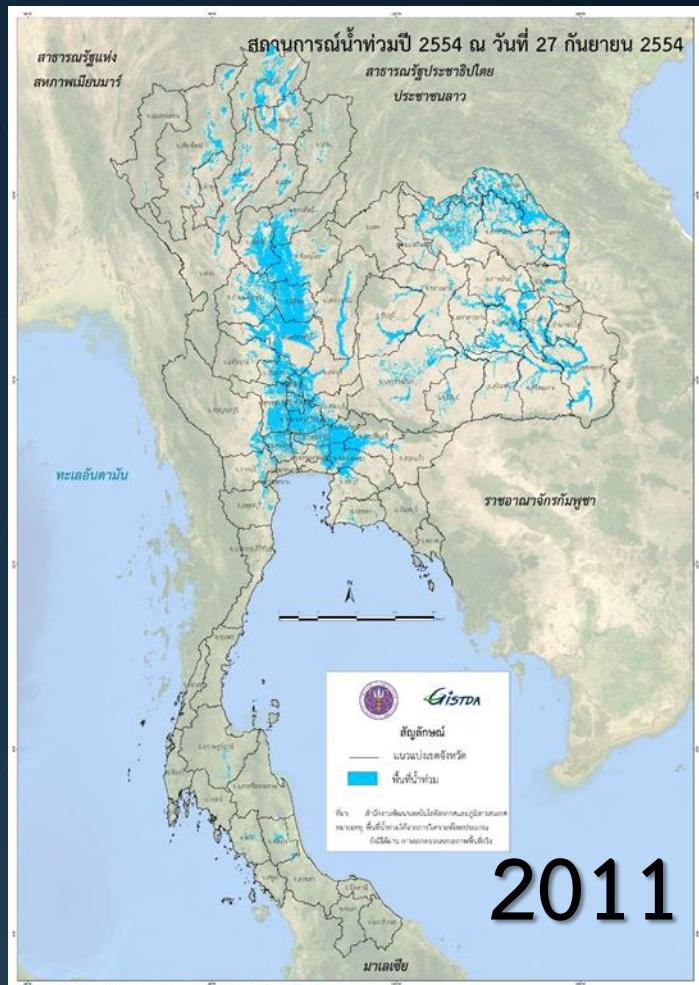
Flood of 2011 and 2021

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2564	17,459
เหนือตอนล่าง	
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ภาคตะวันออกเฉียงเหนือ	
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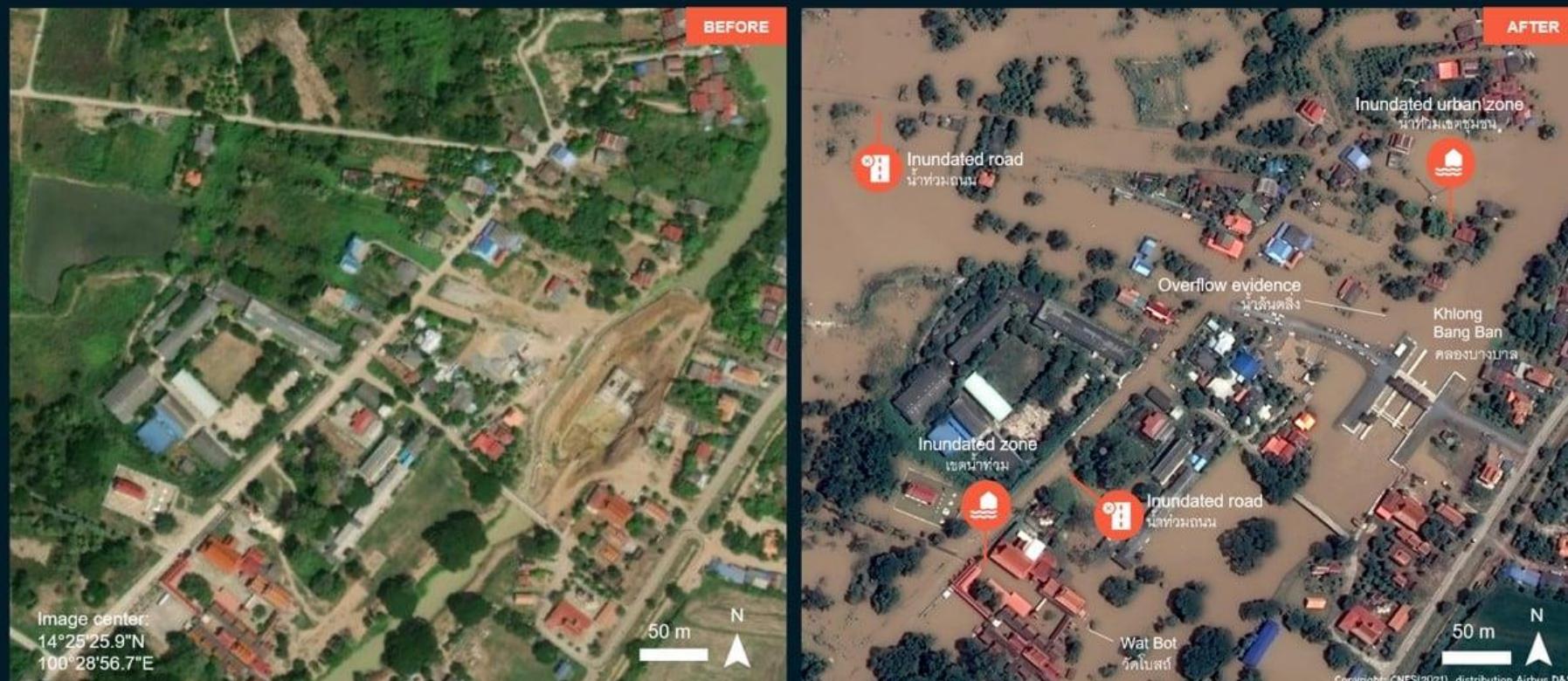
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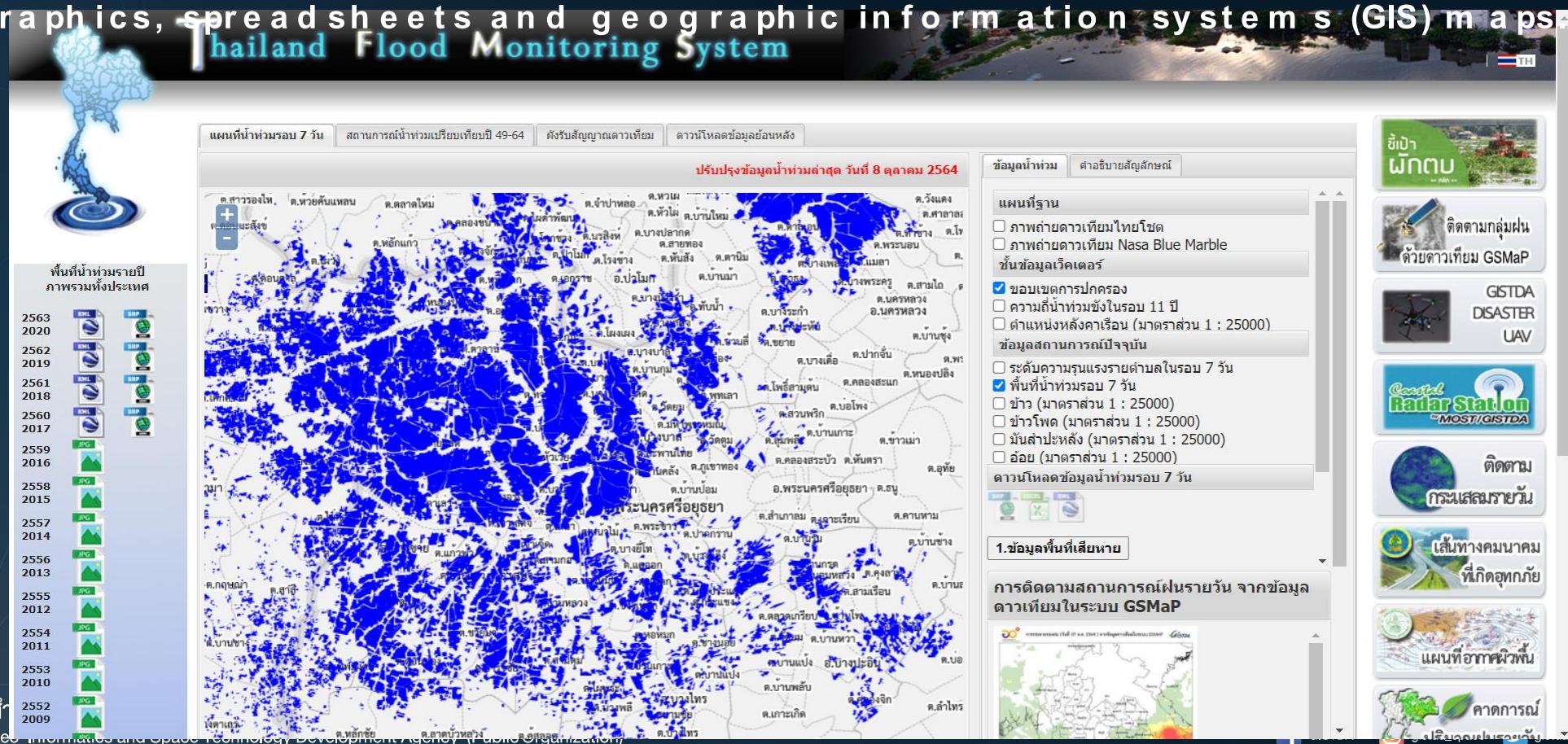
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Flood Monitoring

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Thailand flood monitoring (<http://www.flood.gistda.or.th>) tracks, monitors and archives flood events and makes data available to the public in various formats including graphics, spreadsheets and geographic information systems (GIS) maps.



Drought Monitoring

Type s o f D r o u g h t

- 1) meteorological drought,
- 2) hydrological drought,
- 3) agricultural drought,**
- 4) socioeconomic drought

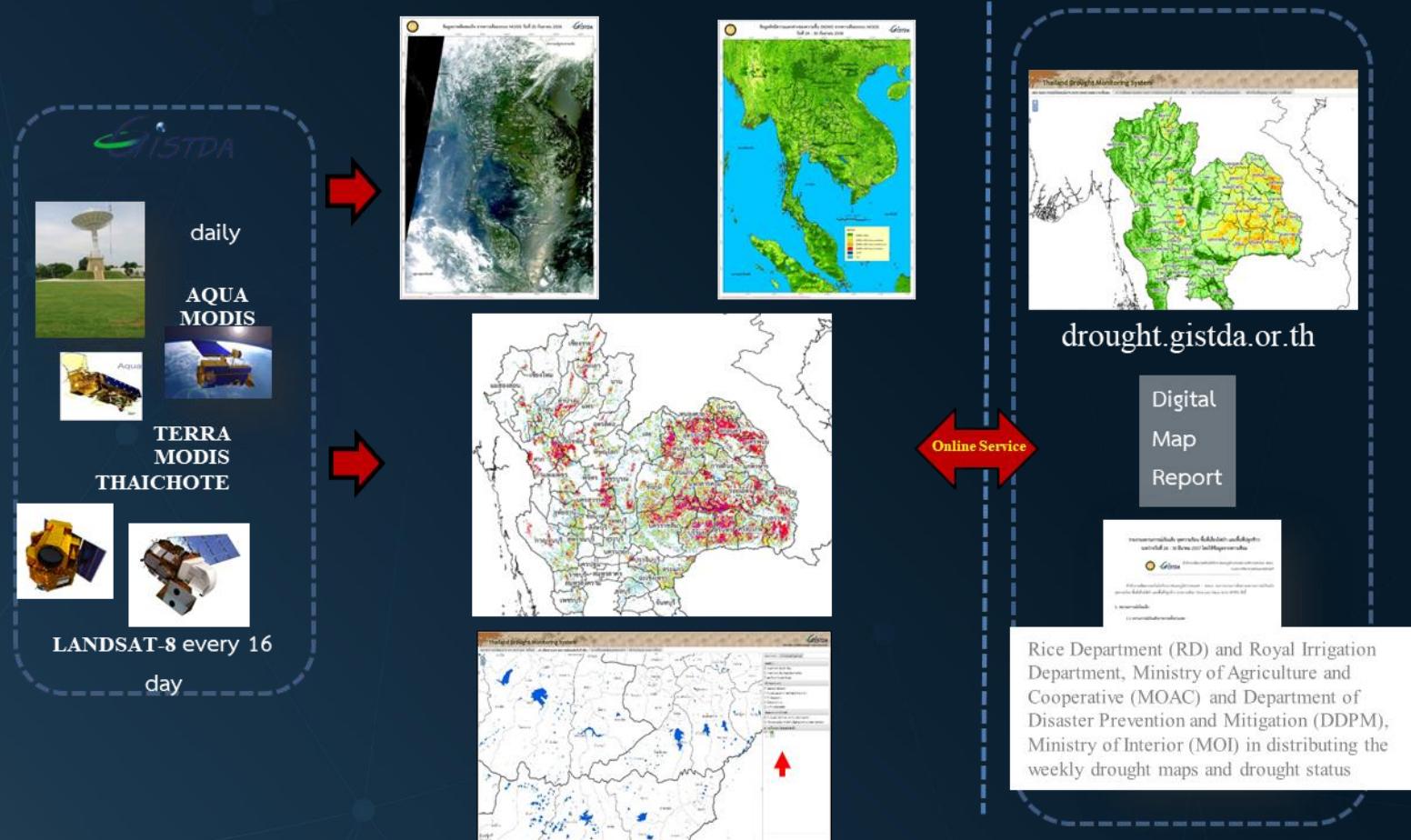


There are three main methods for monitoring drought and guiding early warning and assessment:

1. Using a single indicator or index
2. Using multiple indicators or indices
3. Using composite or hybrid indicators

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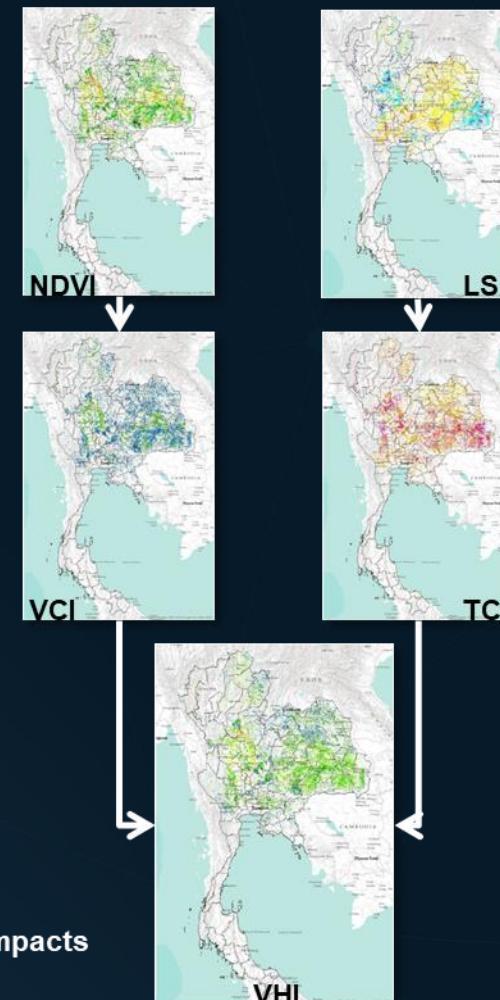
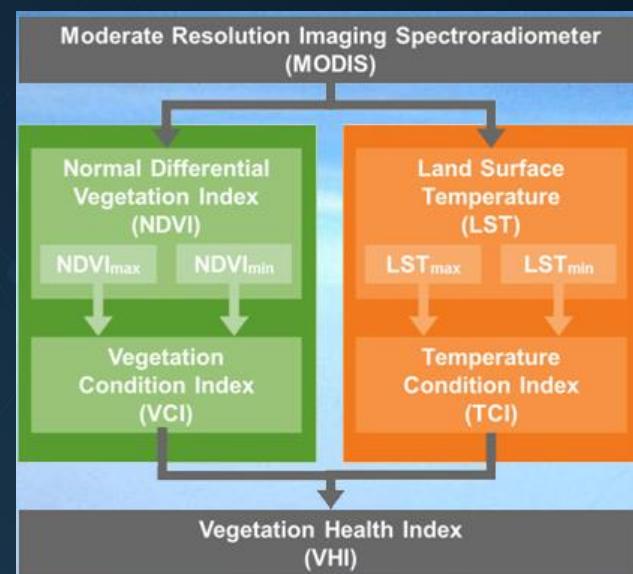
Meteorology	Soil moisture	Hydrology	Composite or modelled
<i>Remote sensing</i>	<i>Ease of use</i>	<i>Input parameters</i>	<i>Additional information</i>
Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI)	Green	Sat	Does not separate drought stress from other stress
Evaporative Stress Index (ESI)	Green	Sat, PET	Does not have a long history as an operational product
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)	Green	Sat	Calculated for most locations
Temperature Condition Index (TCI)	Green	Sat	Usually found along with NDVI calculations
Vegetation Condition Index (VCI)	Green	Sat	Usually found along with NDVI calculations
Vegetation Drought Response Index (VegDRI)	Green	Sat, P, T, AWC, LC, ER	Takes into account many variables to separate drought stress from other vegetation stress
Vegetation Health Index (VHI)	Green	Sat	One of the first attempts to monitor drought using remotely sensed data
Water Requirement Satisfaction Index (WRSI and Geo-spatial WRSI)	Green	Sat, Mod, CC	Operational for many locations
Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) and Land Surface Water Index (LSWI)	Green	Sat	Produced operationally using Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer data
Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index (SAVI)	Red	Sat	Not produced operationally

REMOTE SENSING

AWC = available water content,
 CC = crop coefficient,
 ER = ecoregion,
 ET = evapotranspiration,
 GW = groundwater,
 LC = land cover,
 Mod = modelled,
 P = precipitation,
 PET = potential evapotranspiration,
 Sat = satellite,

Drought Monitoring

EARLY DETECTION OF REGIONAL DROUGHT, BEFORE IT DEVELOPS INTO A DISASTER, IS VERY IMPORTANT



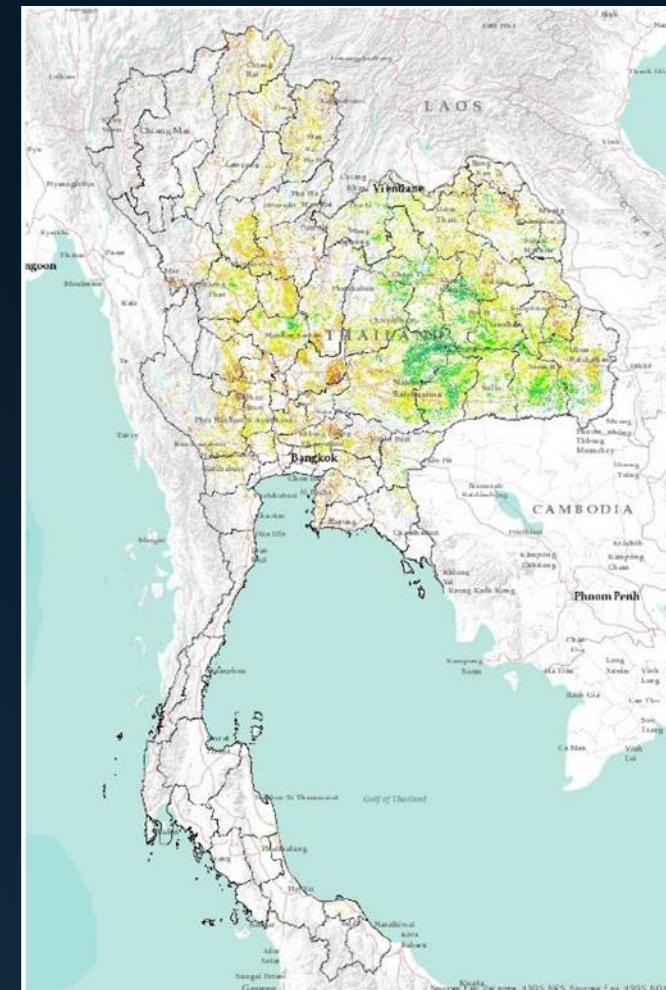
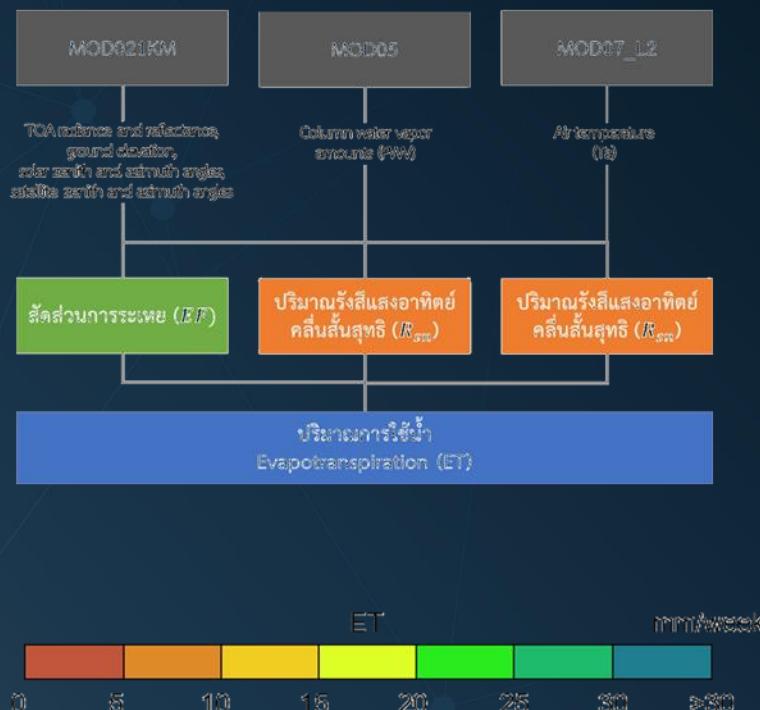
NDVI, VCI, and TCI are used to estimate the VHI. The VHI and all indices are calculated during the dry season on a weekly basis

The VHI monitors and identify drought-related agricultural impacts

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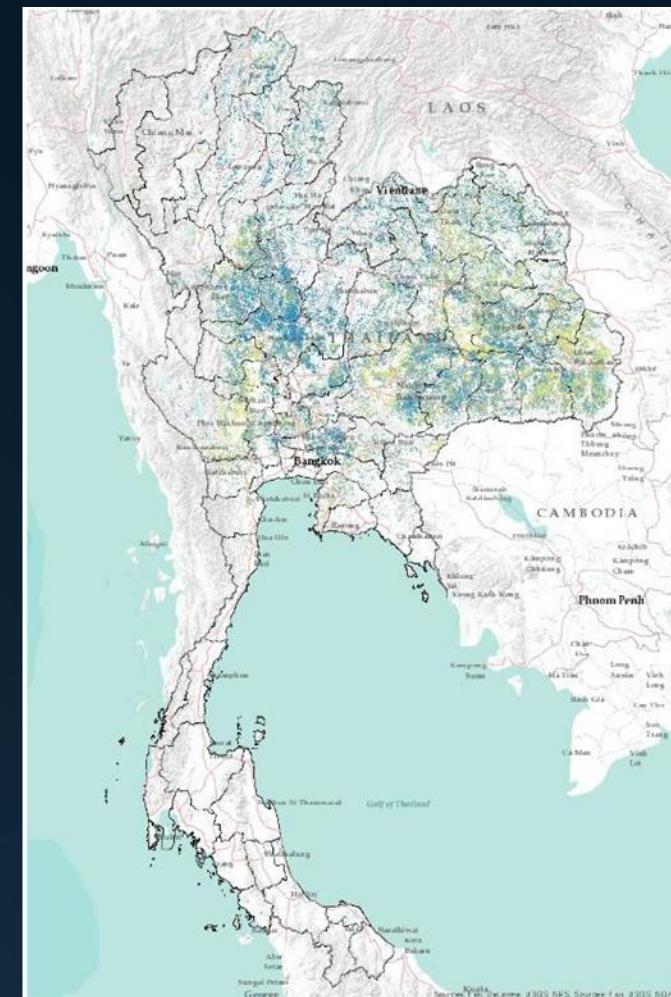
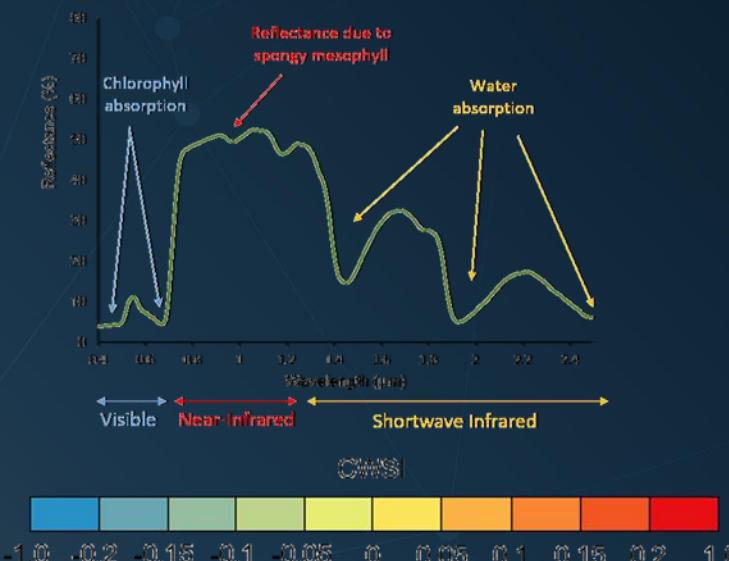


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CROP WATER STRESS

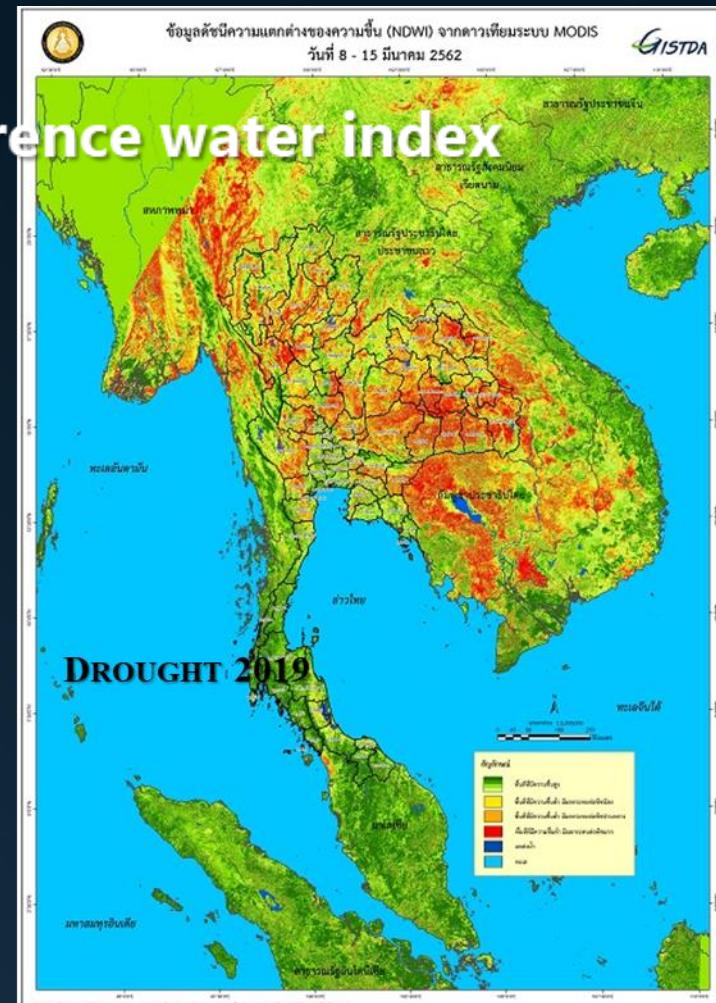
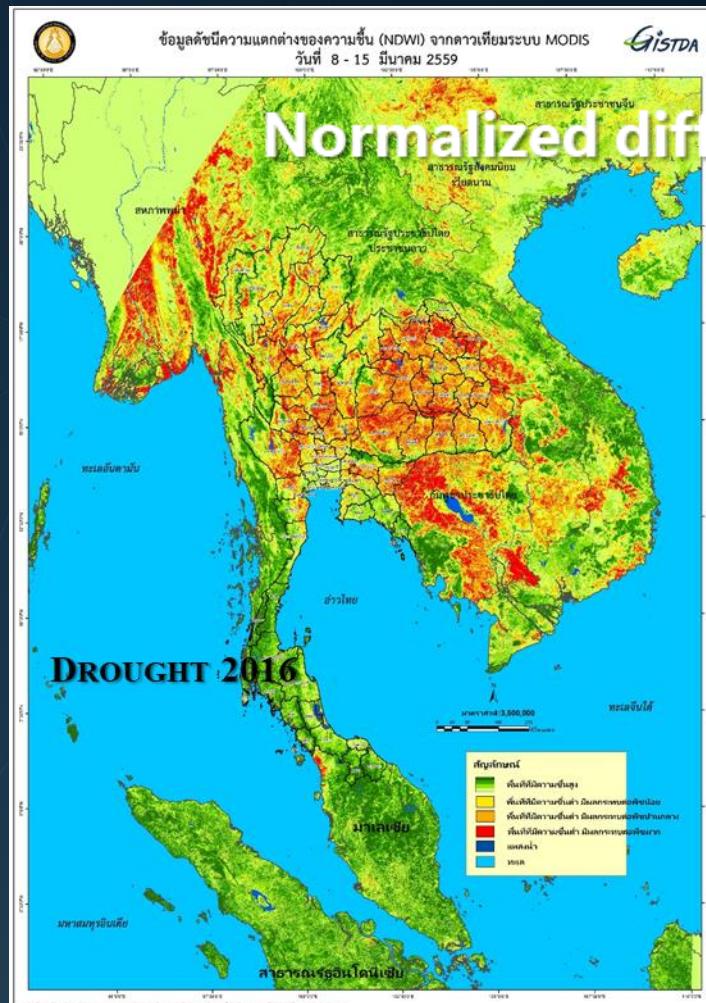
Crop Water Stress Index (CWSI) has also been used for monitoring crop water stress.

$$CWSI = \frac{(\rho_{SWIR} - \rho_{NIR})}{(\rho_{SWIR} + \rho_{NIR})}$$



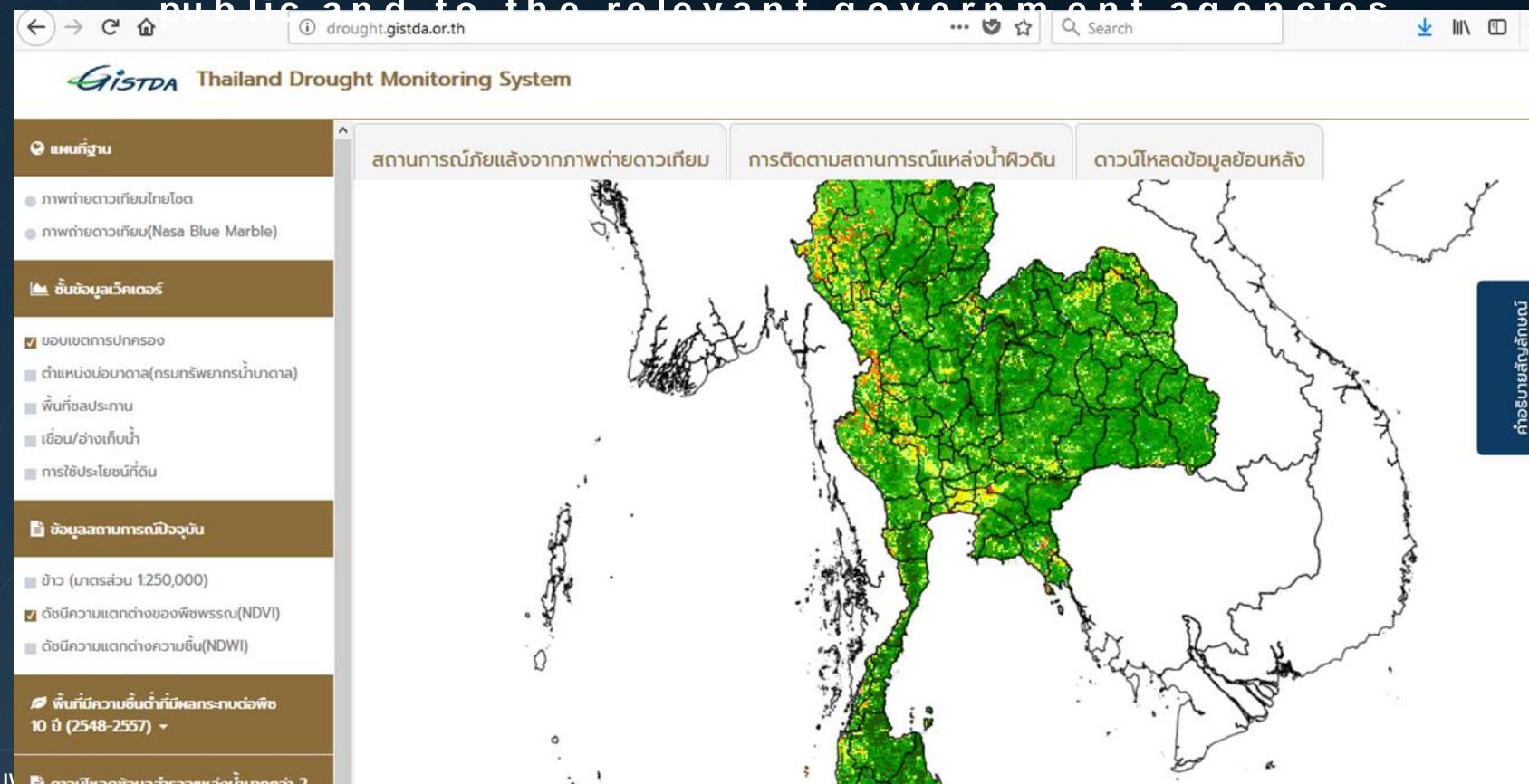
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The TMS drought monitoring (<http://www.drought.gistda.or.th>) analyzes the data and the information to detect and monitor drought events and makes data available to the public and to the relevant government agencies.



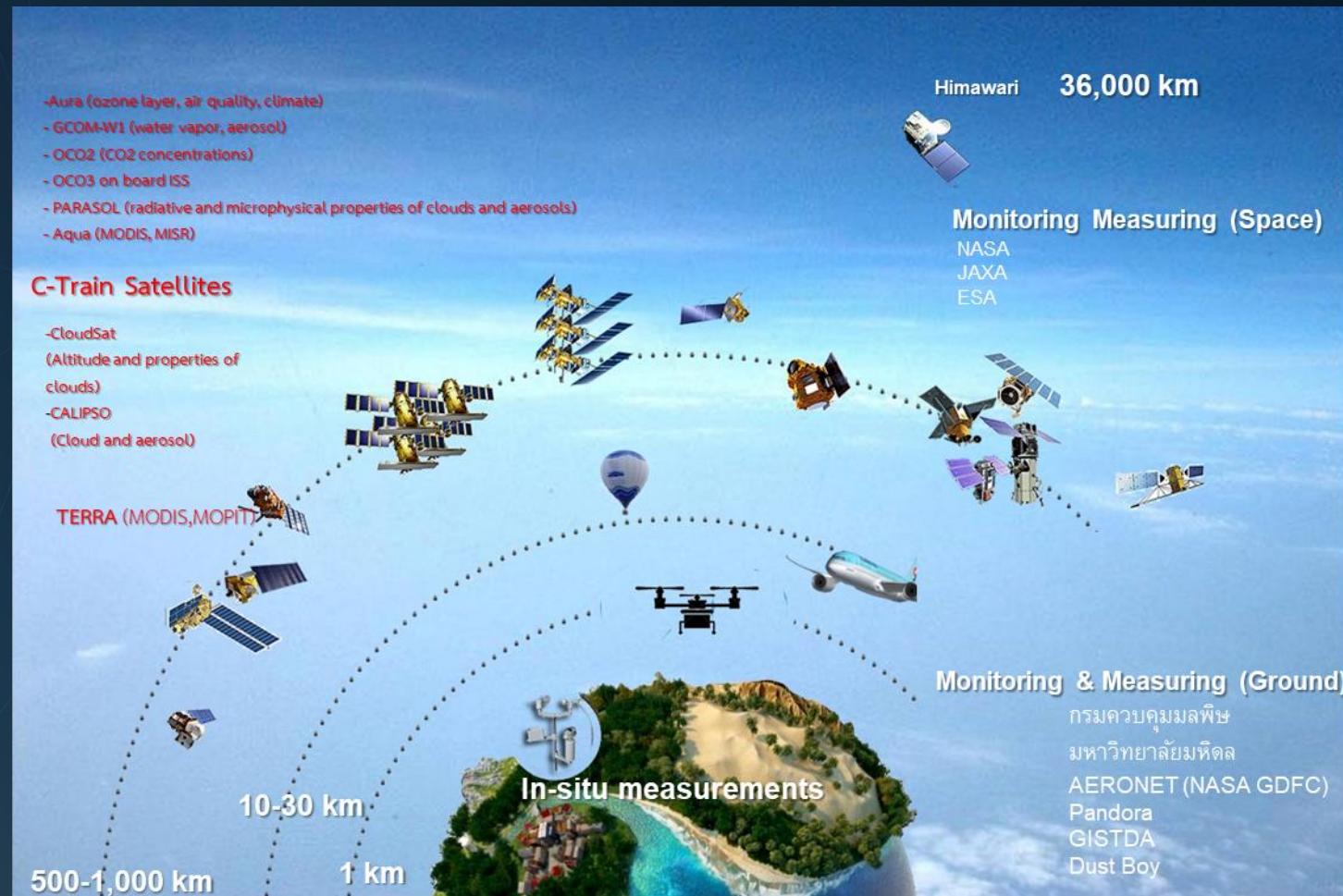
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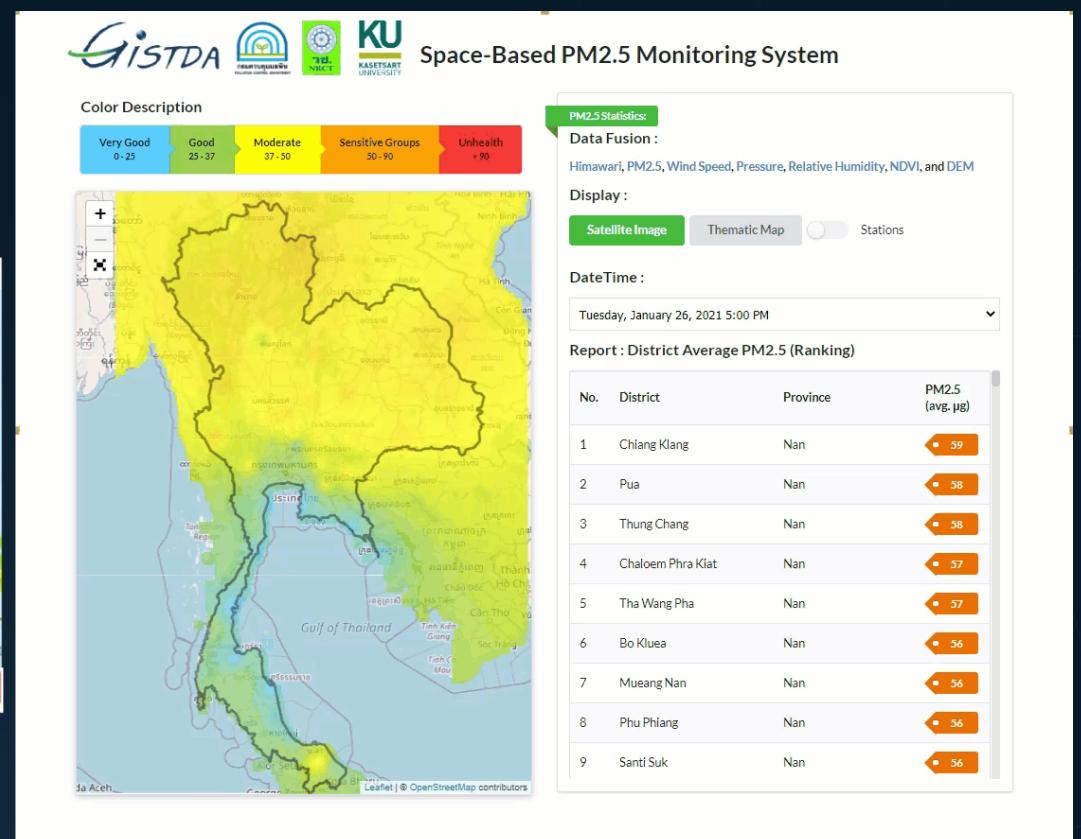
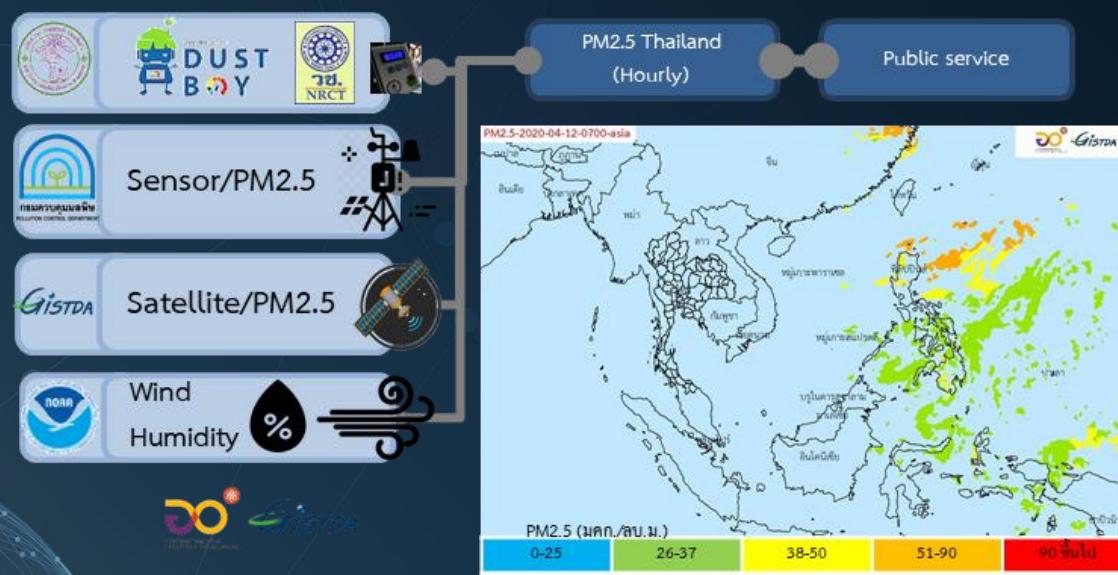
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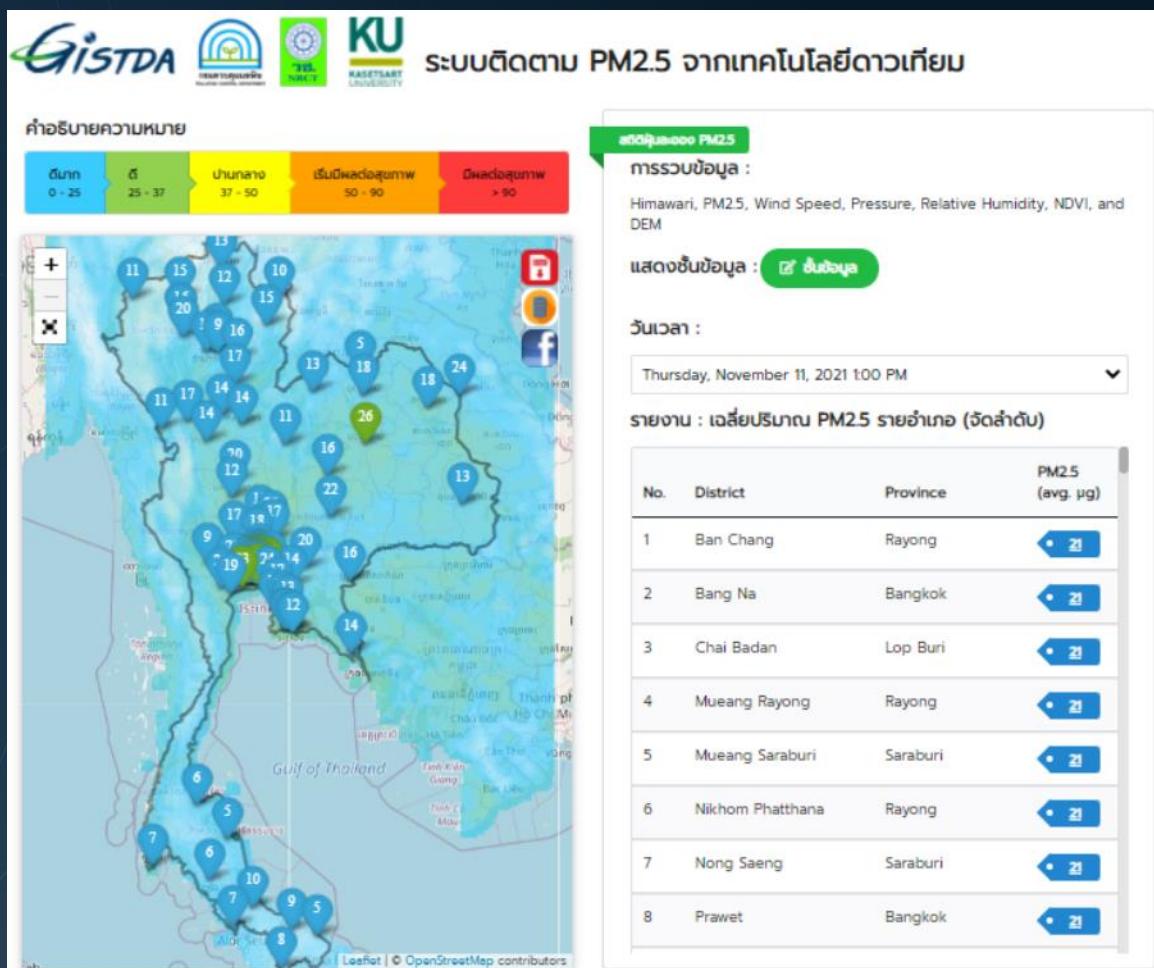
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Satellite-Based Estimation of Hourly PM2.5 Concentrations



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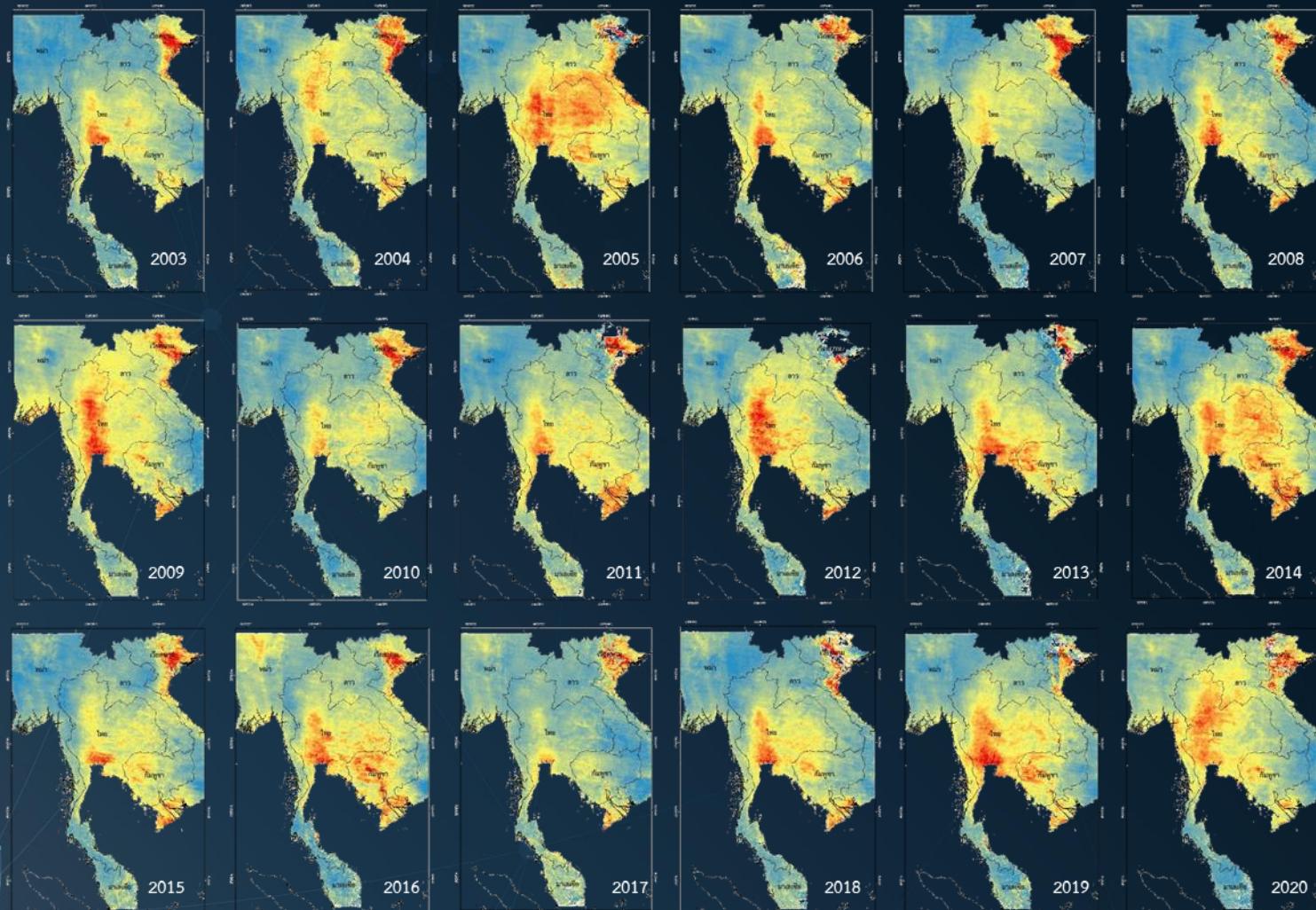


SATELLITE-BASED ESTIMATION OF PM2.5 CONCENTRATIONS



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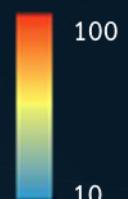
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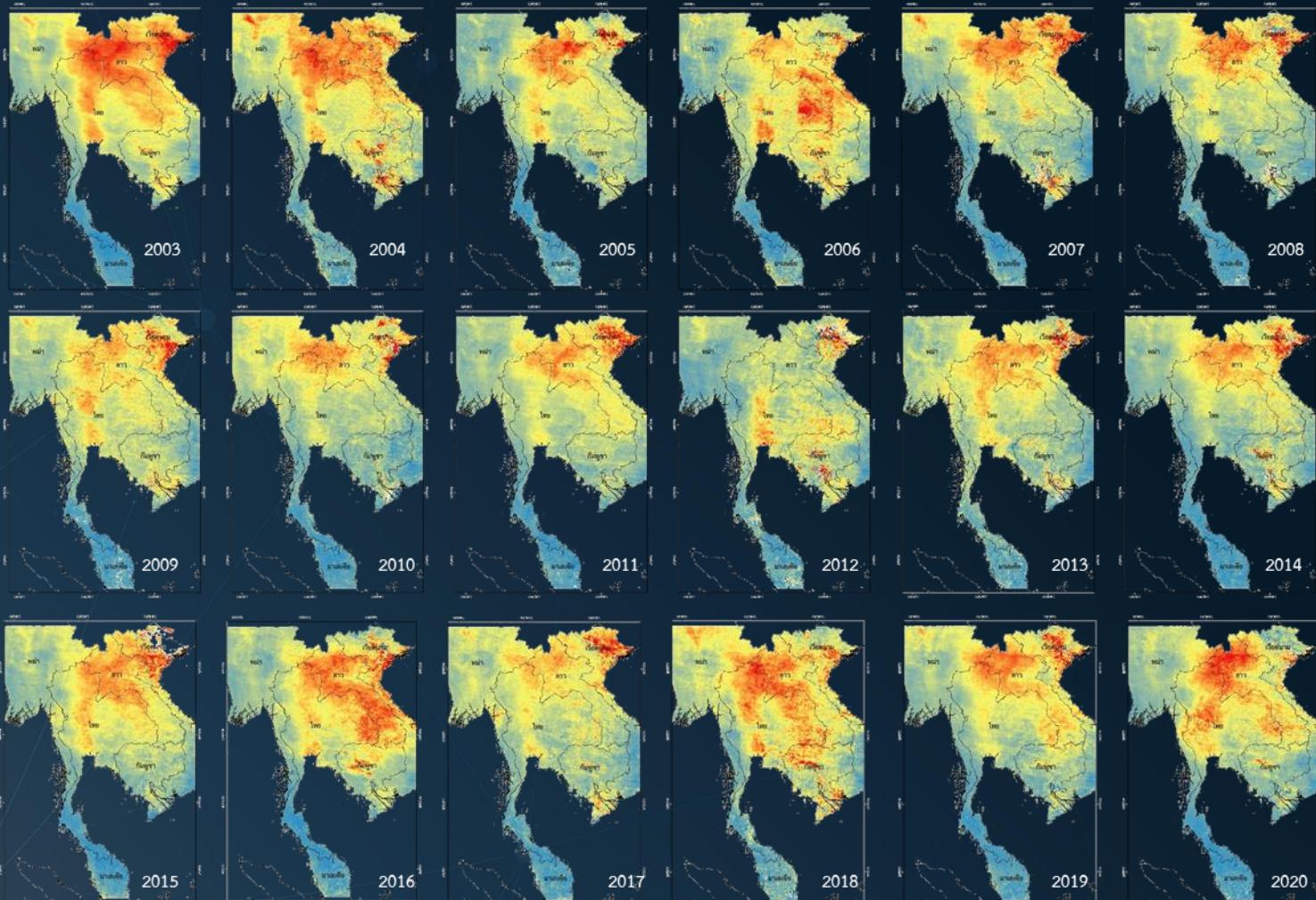


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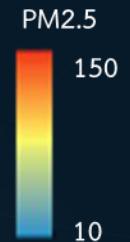


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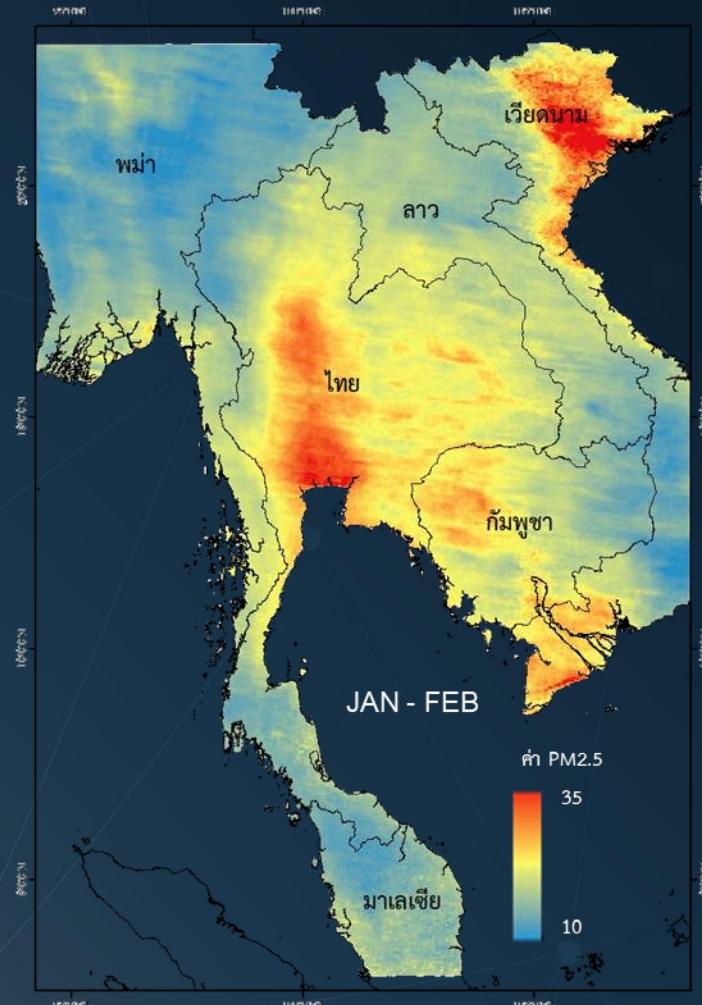


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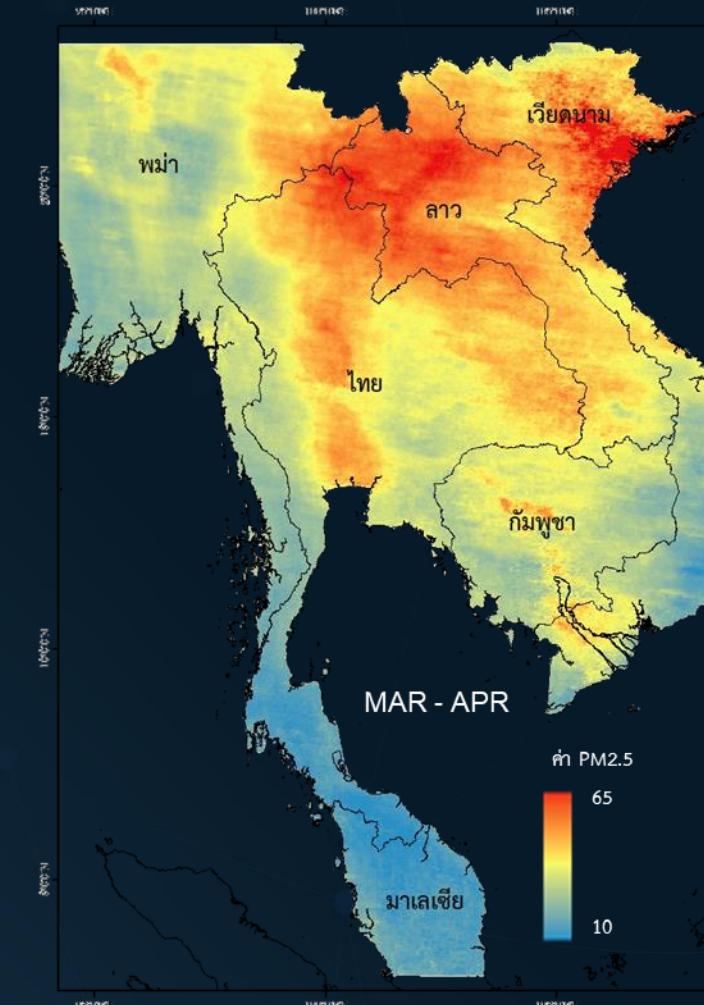


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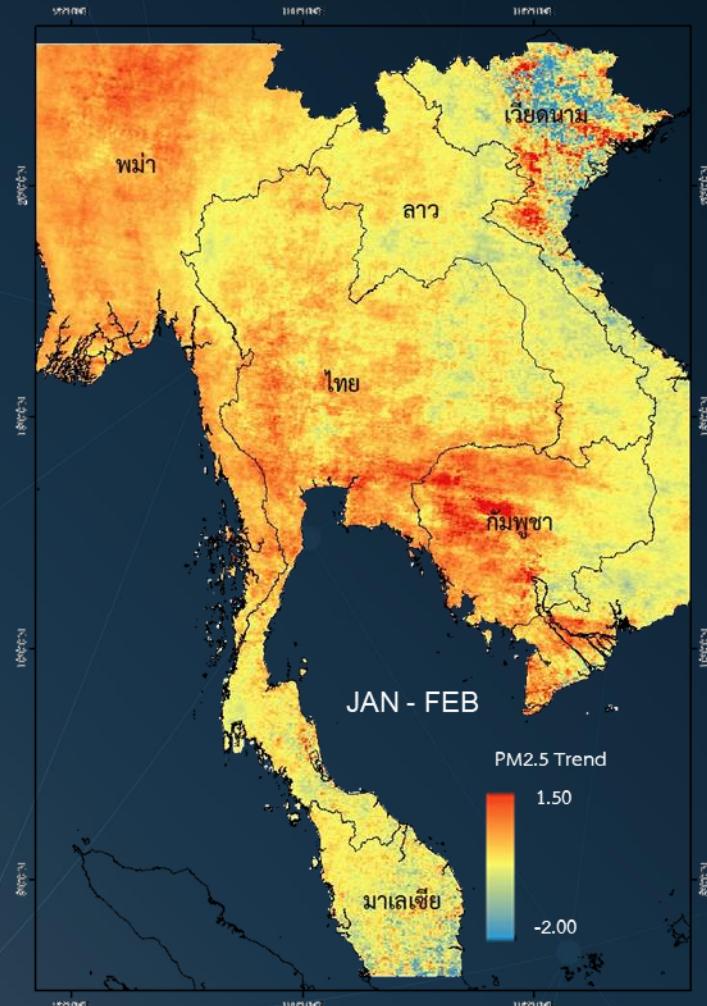


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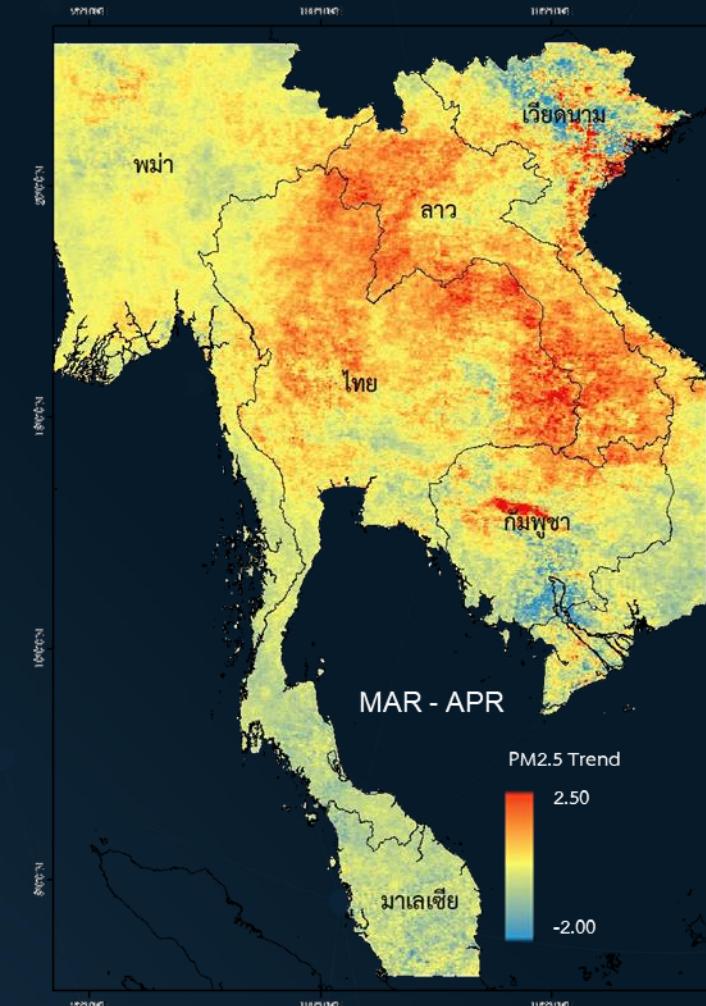


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