

UN/IRAN WORKSHOP

# PROBABILISTIC FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT

DR. MUHAMMAD FAROOQ  
SUPARCO/UN-SPIDER PAK-RSO, PAKISTAN

# AGENDA

- About UN-SPIDER, Pak-RSO
- Background
- Flood Frequency Assessment
- Flood Modeling, Calibration and Validation
- Conclusion

# SPACE APPLICATION CENTRE FOR RESPONSE IN EMERGENCY AND DISASTERS (SACRED) UN-SPIDER PAK-RSO

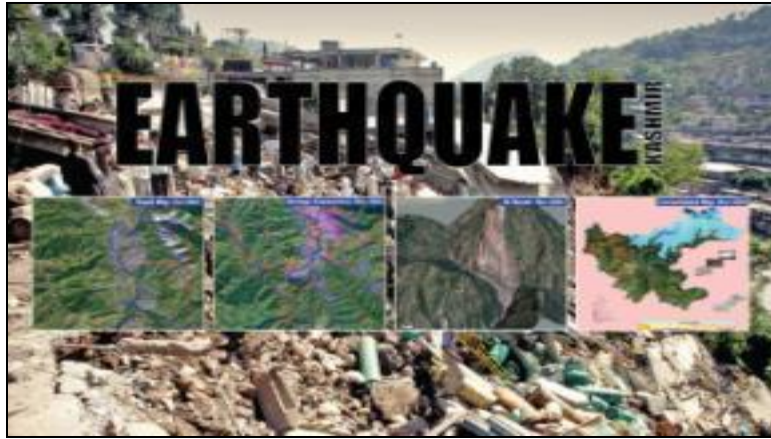


- THE CENTRE PROVIDES SPACE BASED INFORMATION TO NATIONAL / PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCIES TO RAPIDLY ASSESS THE EXTENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND DAMAGES TO HUMAN LIVES, PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
- THE CENTRE ALSO PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL COUNTRIES IN CASE OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

EMAIL: [SACRED@SUPARCO.GOV.PK](mailto:SACRED@SUPARCO.GOV.PK)

WEB: [DISASTERWATCH.SGS-SUPARCO.GOV.PK](http://DISASTERWATCH.SGS-SUPARCO.GOV.PK)

# DISASTER MONITORING – PAST EXPERIENCE

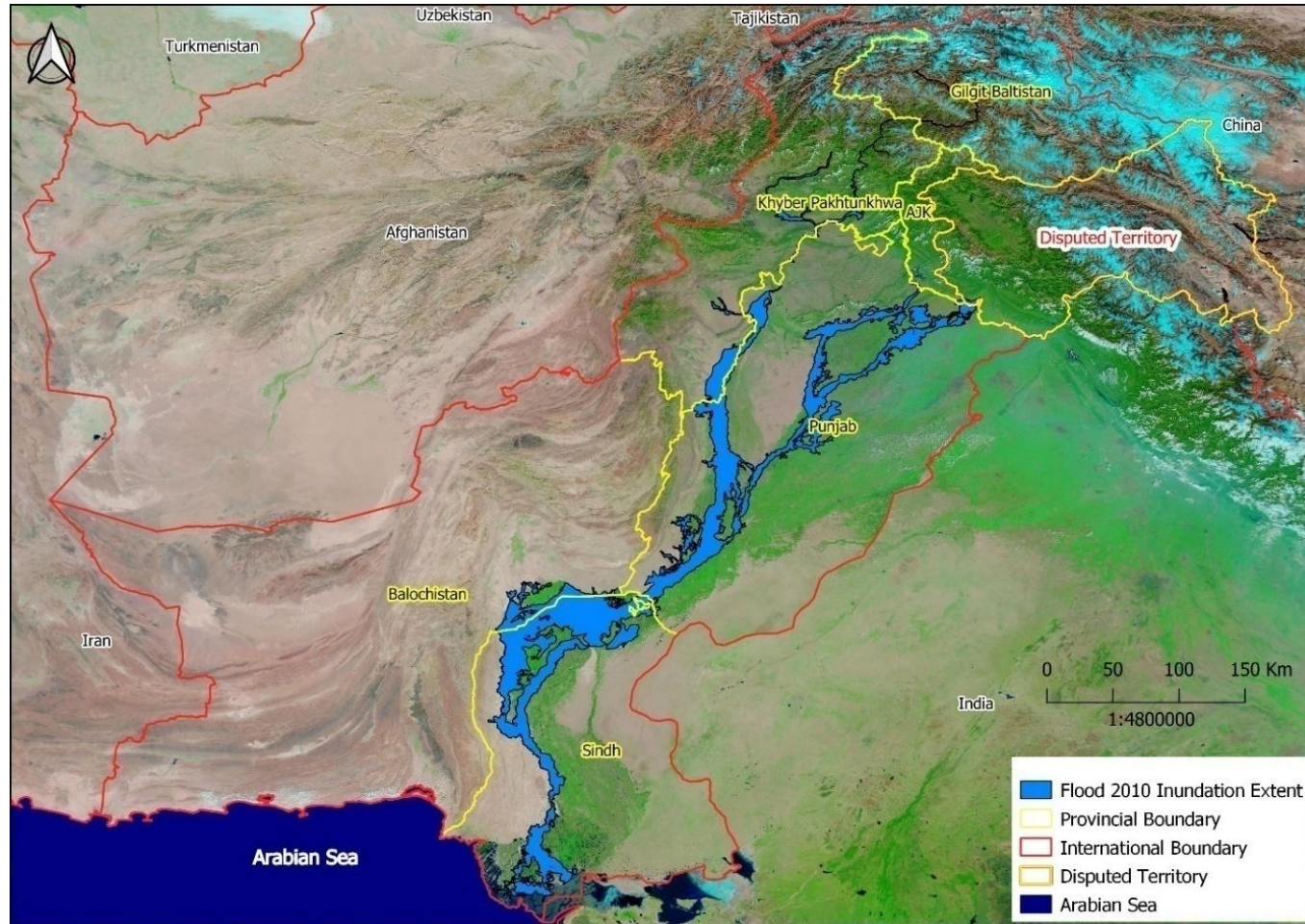


During Natural Disasters, SUPARCO provided technical support to various national Organizations NDMA, PDMAs and International Agencies ICIMOD, UN-FAO etc

# BACKGROUND



# BACKGROUND - FLOOD 2010



**Cumulative Flood Extent**



**Swat Valley**

# BACKGROUND

## *Shifting of focus from Reactive to Proactive Approach*

- ❖ Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 Priorities for action

- 1. Understanding disaster risk;**

- 2. Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk;

- 3. Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience;

- 4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.**

- ❖ Climate Change Agreement (COP21) – **Article 8**

- ❖ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2015-30 – **SDGs 13**

### **SDG13: TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS**

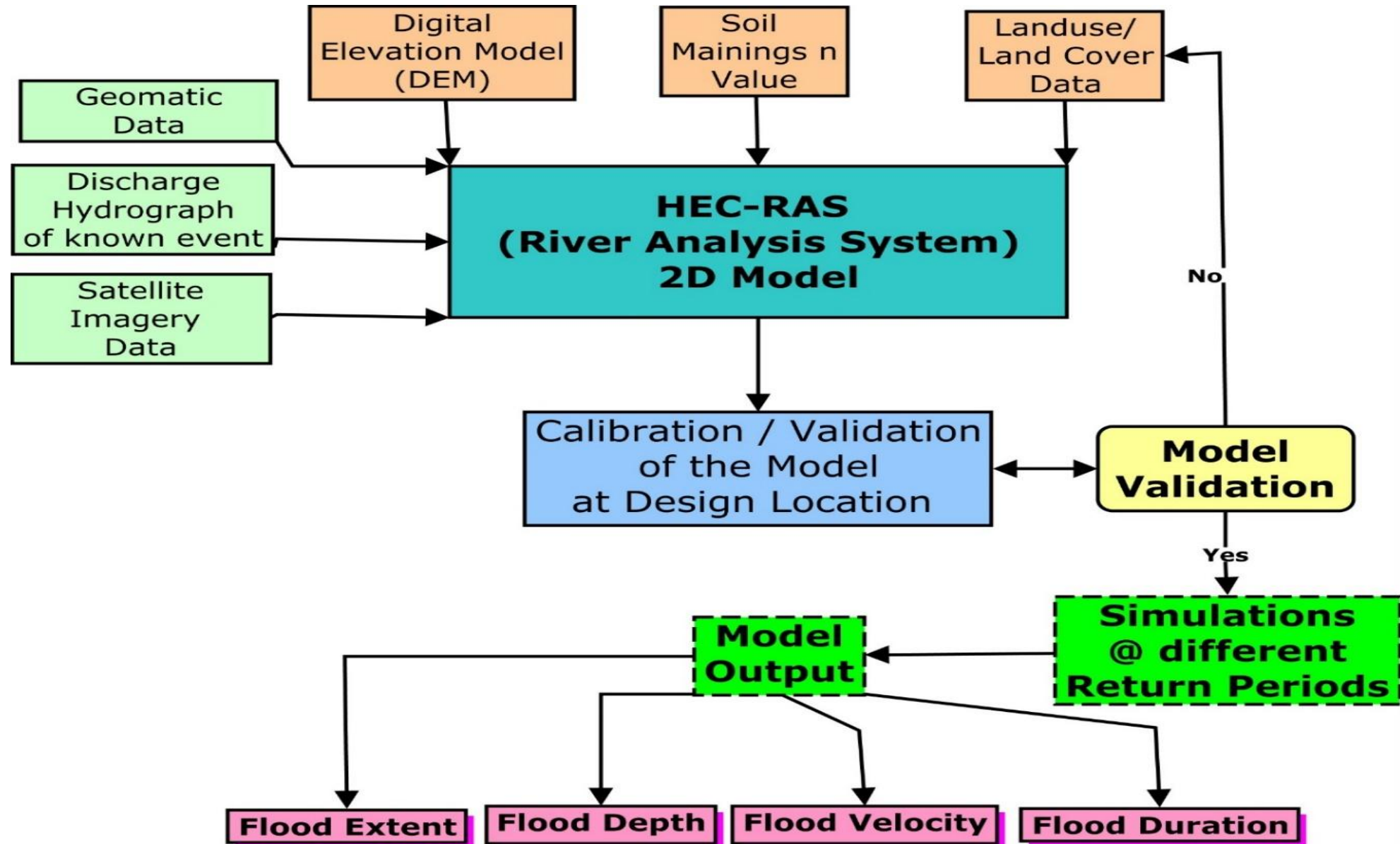
- ❖ National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) Implementation Roadmap 2015-30



# PROBABILISTIC FLOOD CASE STUDY

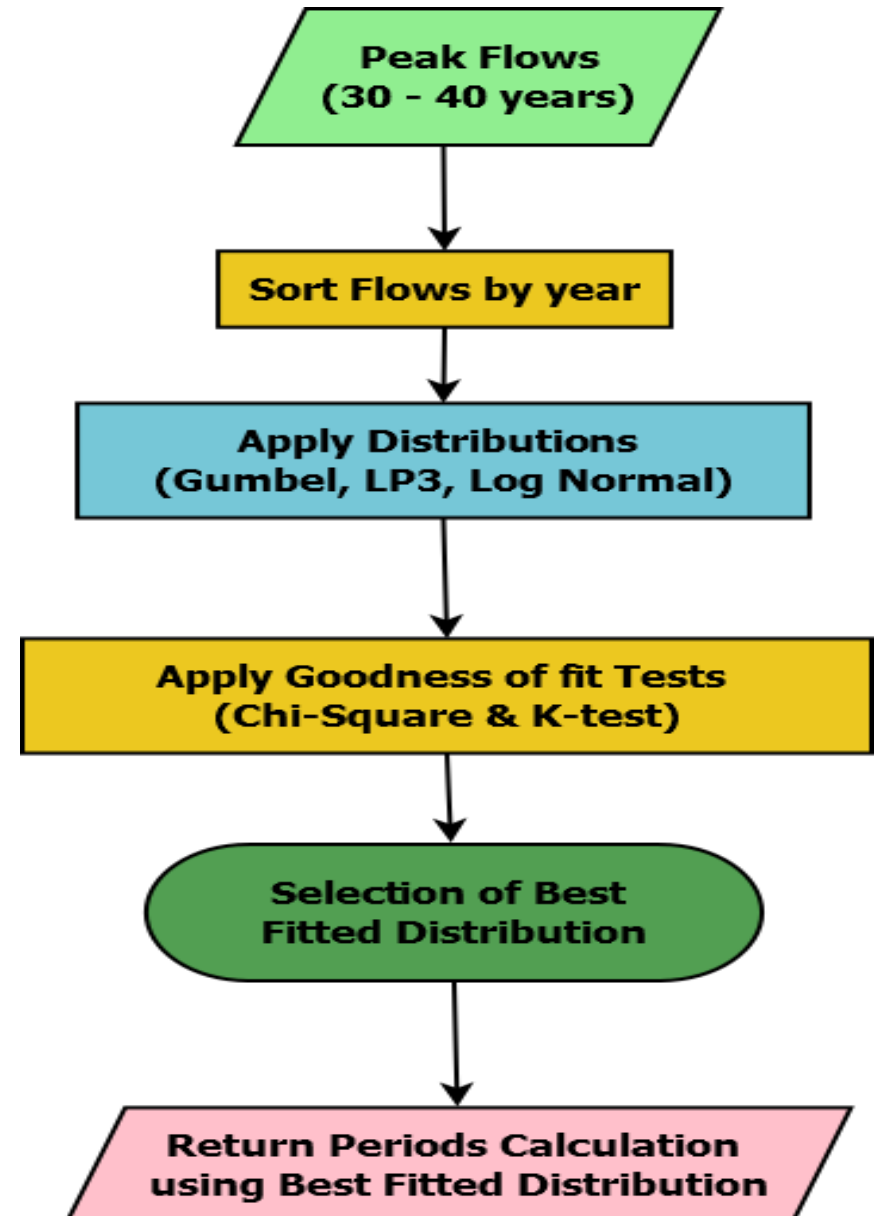


# FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT - OVERALL APPROACH

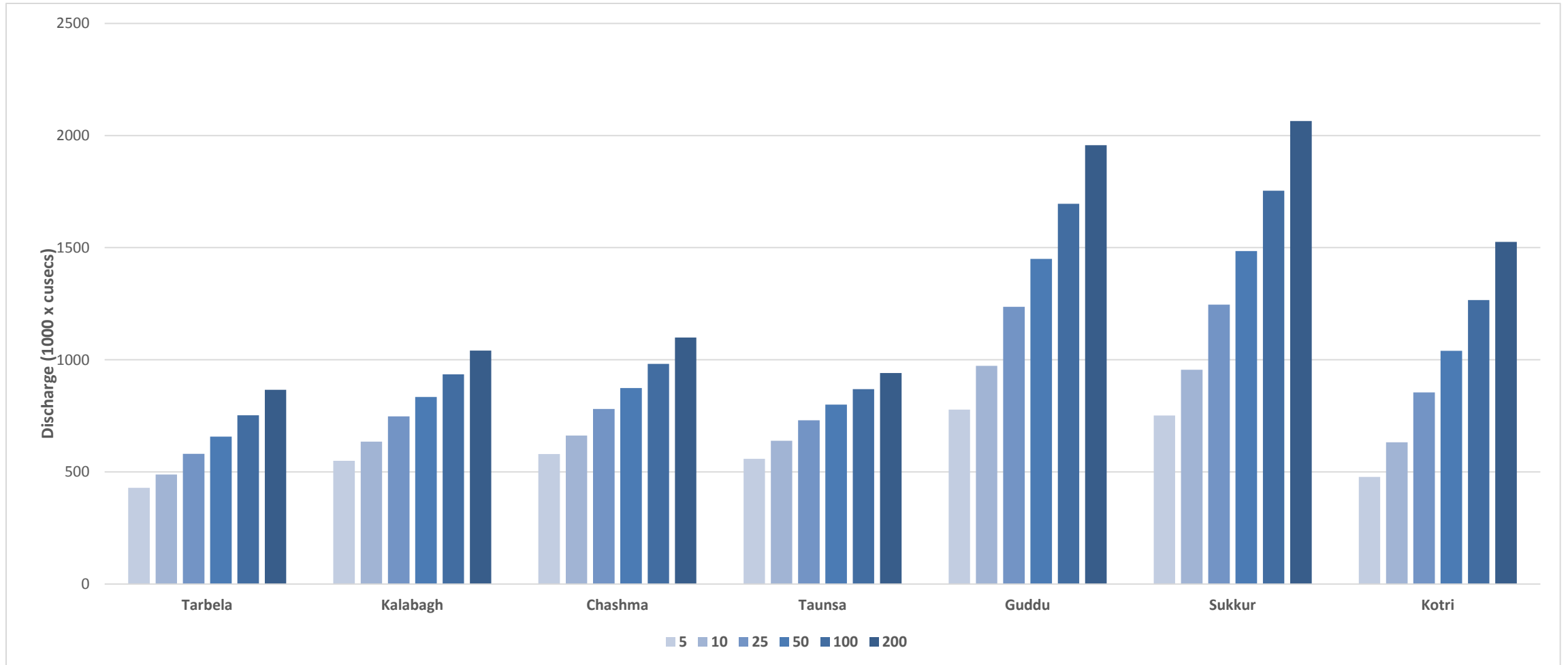


# FLOOD FREQUENCY ASSESSMENT

- **Hydrological Data**
  - Long-term (preferably 30-40 years) Annual Peak Discharge data recorded at gauges stations location in the study area are required for the estimation of the flood return periods.
- **Tools**
  - HEC-SSP
  - EasyFit
  - Excel based Log Pearson-3 calculator
  - Online LP-3, GEV calculator



# RETURN PERIODS – INDUS RIVER



# FLOOD MODELS

- **1D Model**

- 1D model can solve flood problem in river flow direction only and does not have capability to model lateral flows
- Examples: HEC-RAS 1D, MIKE11 etc

- **2D Model**

- 2D model can solve flood problem 2 dimension i.e. along the river and lateral flows
- Examples: HEC-RAS 2D, MIKE21, SOBEK, RRI etc

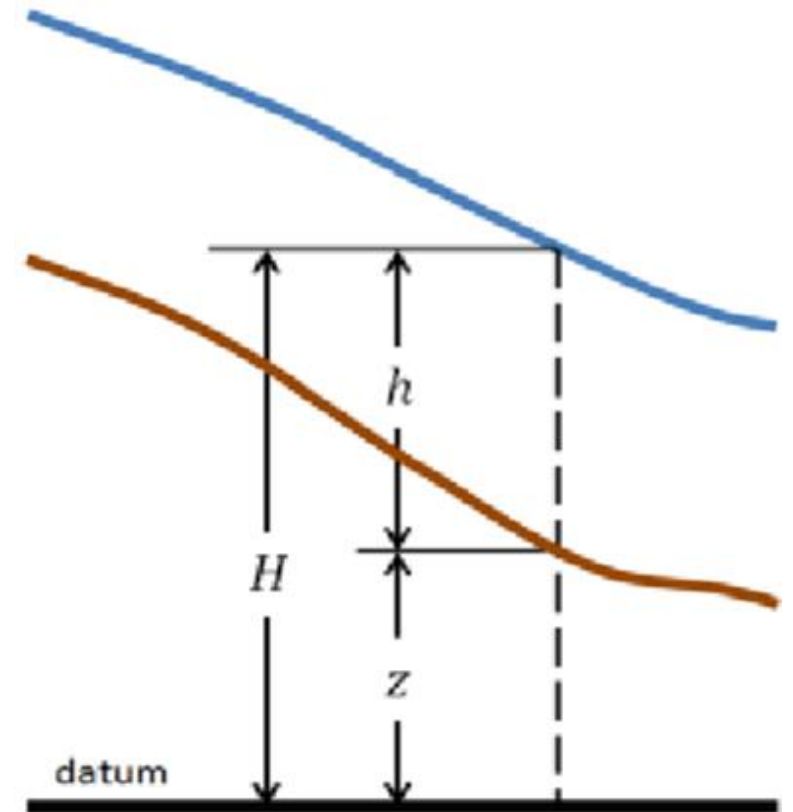
- **1D/2D Model**

- 1D for River while 2D for overland flow
- Examples: HEC-RAS 1D/2D, MIKE21, SOBEK etc



# HEC-RAS 2D FLOOD MODEL

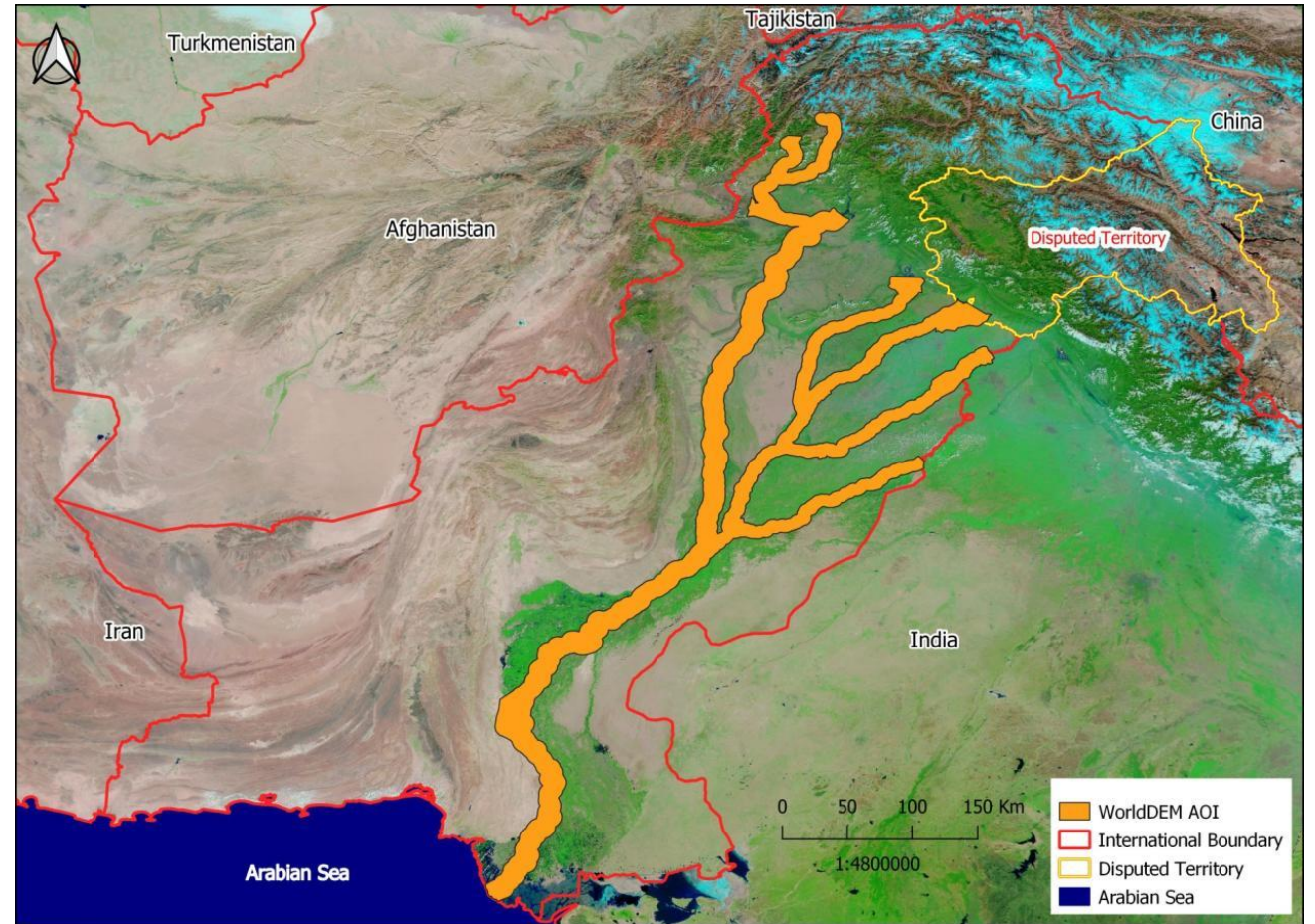
- HEC-RAS model has the capability to perform 1D, 2D and combined 1D/2D unsteady flow routing.
- 2D flow modelling is achieved by including a 2D flow area component into the flood model.
- HEC-RAS flood model uses the 2D Saint Venant equations and the 2D Diffusive Wave equations for flood simulation.



**Water Surface Elevation in HEC-RAS**

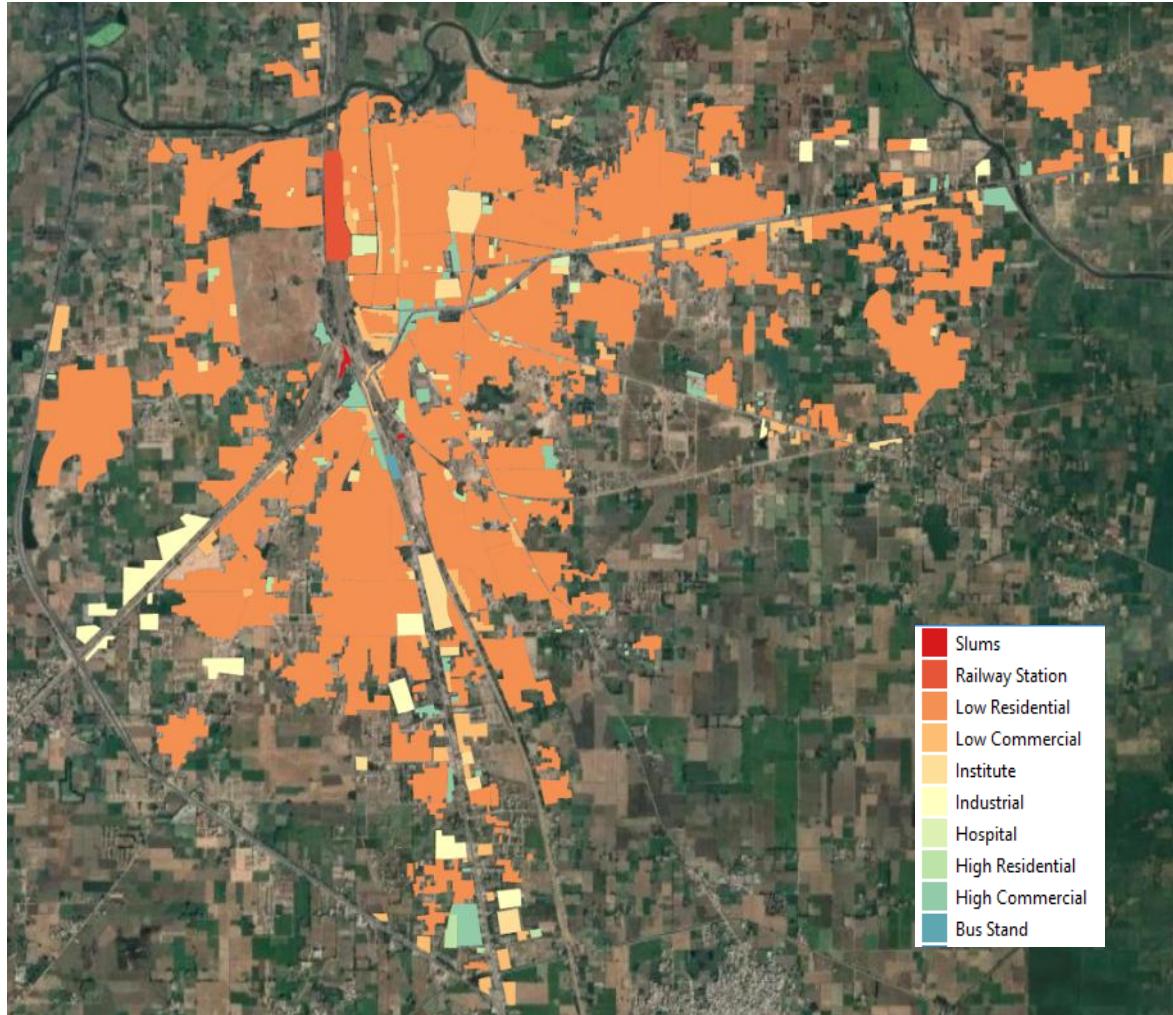
# FLOOD HAZARD MODELLING - DATASETS

- WorldDEM DSM 12m + SRTM
- Satellite Imagery
- Landcover
- Chow, 1959 Manning's  $n$  constants
- Embankments
- Flood discharge hydrographs
- Historical flood extents

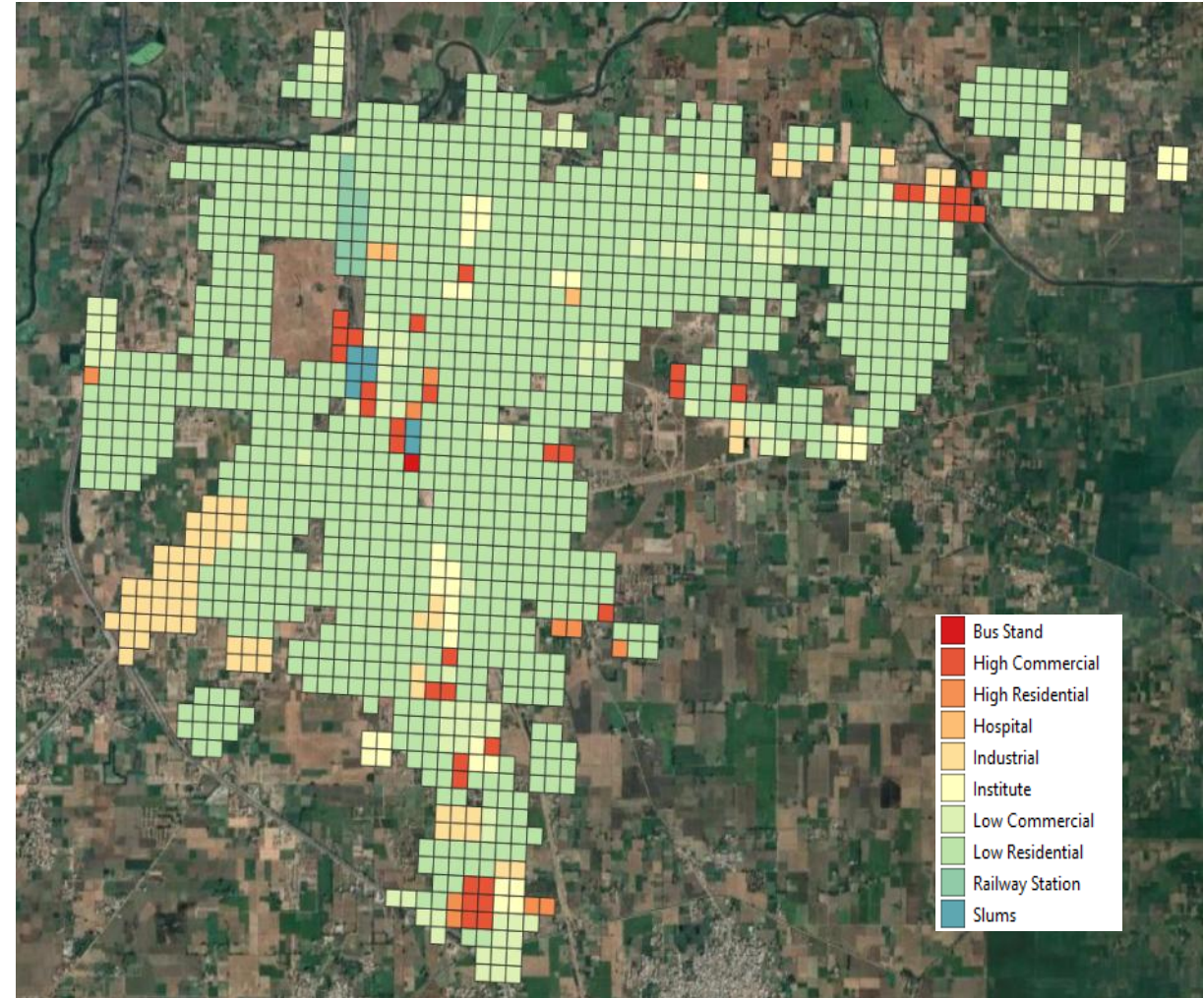




# EXPOSURE DATASETS – LANDCOVER/LANDUSE



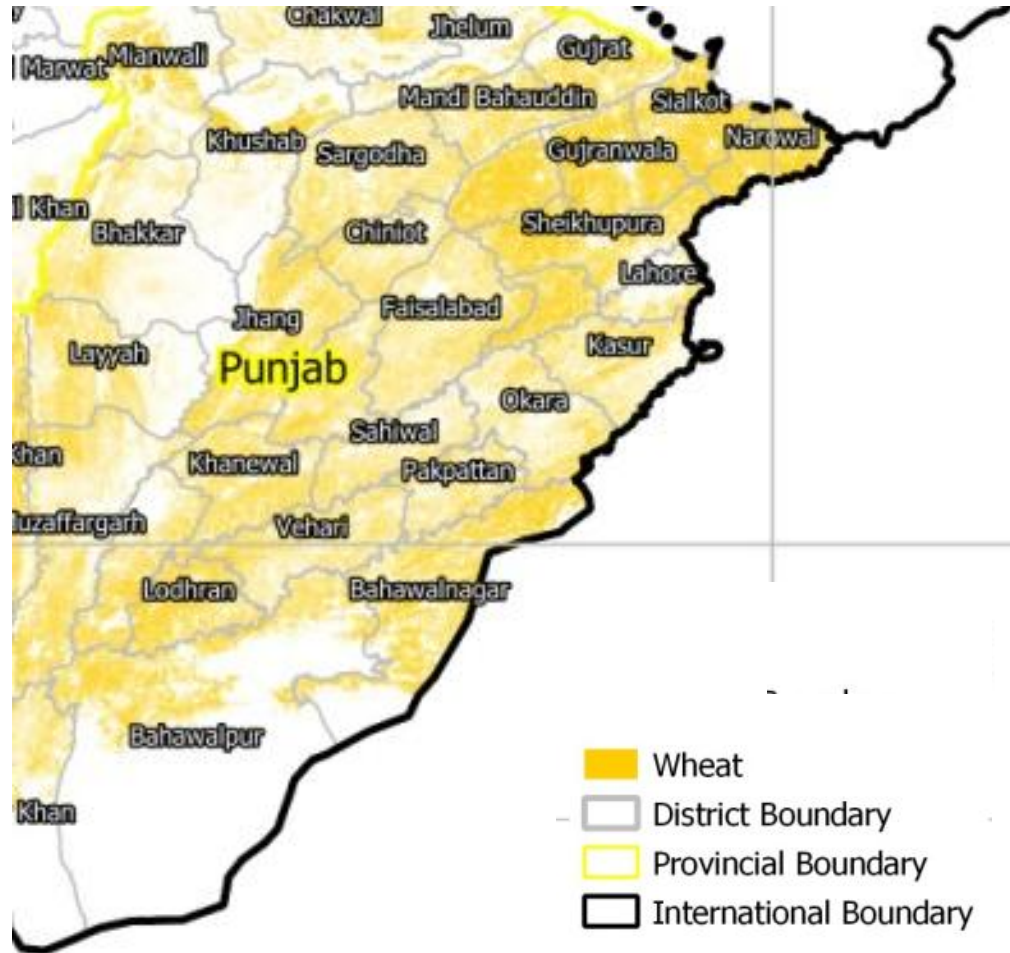
Landuse in Wazirabad city



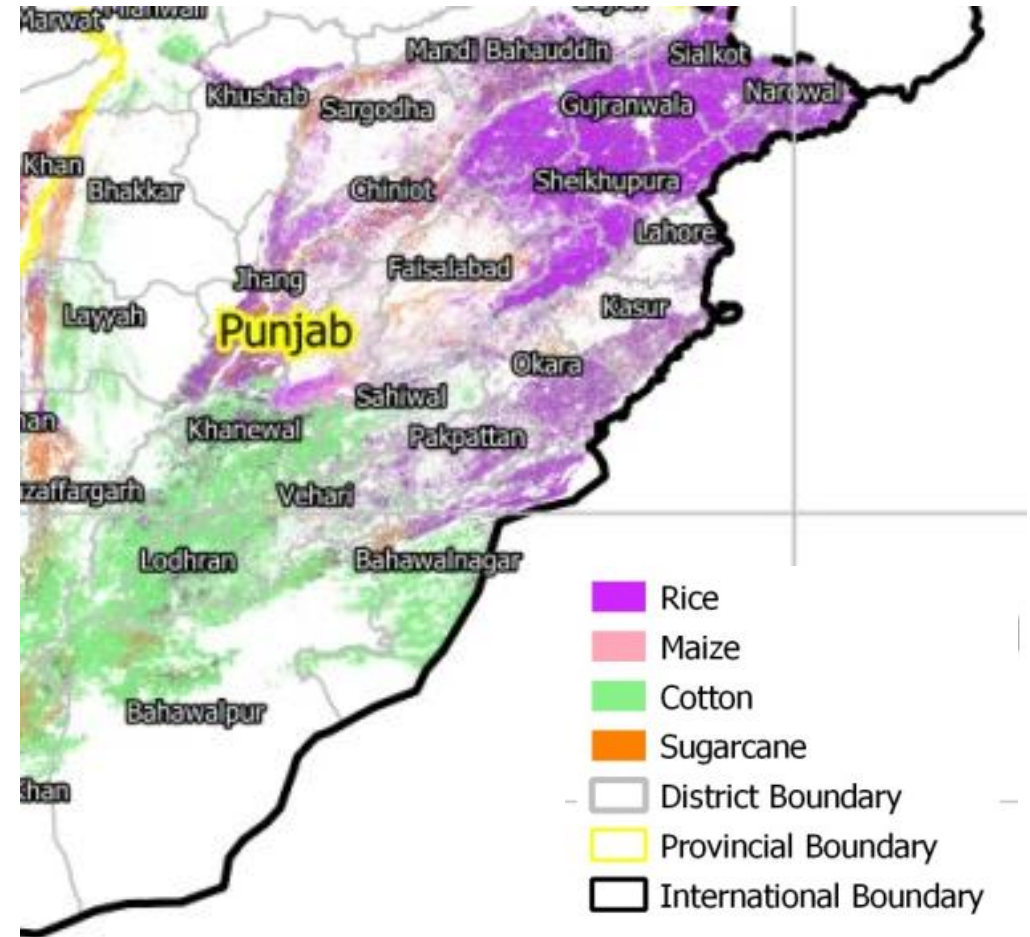
Wazirabad city Landuse - 100mX100m Grid



# EXPOSURE DATASETS – CROP MASK



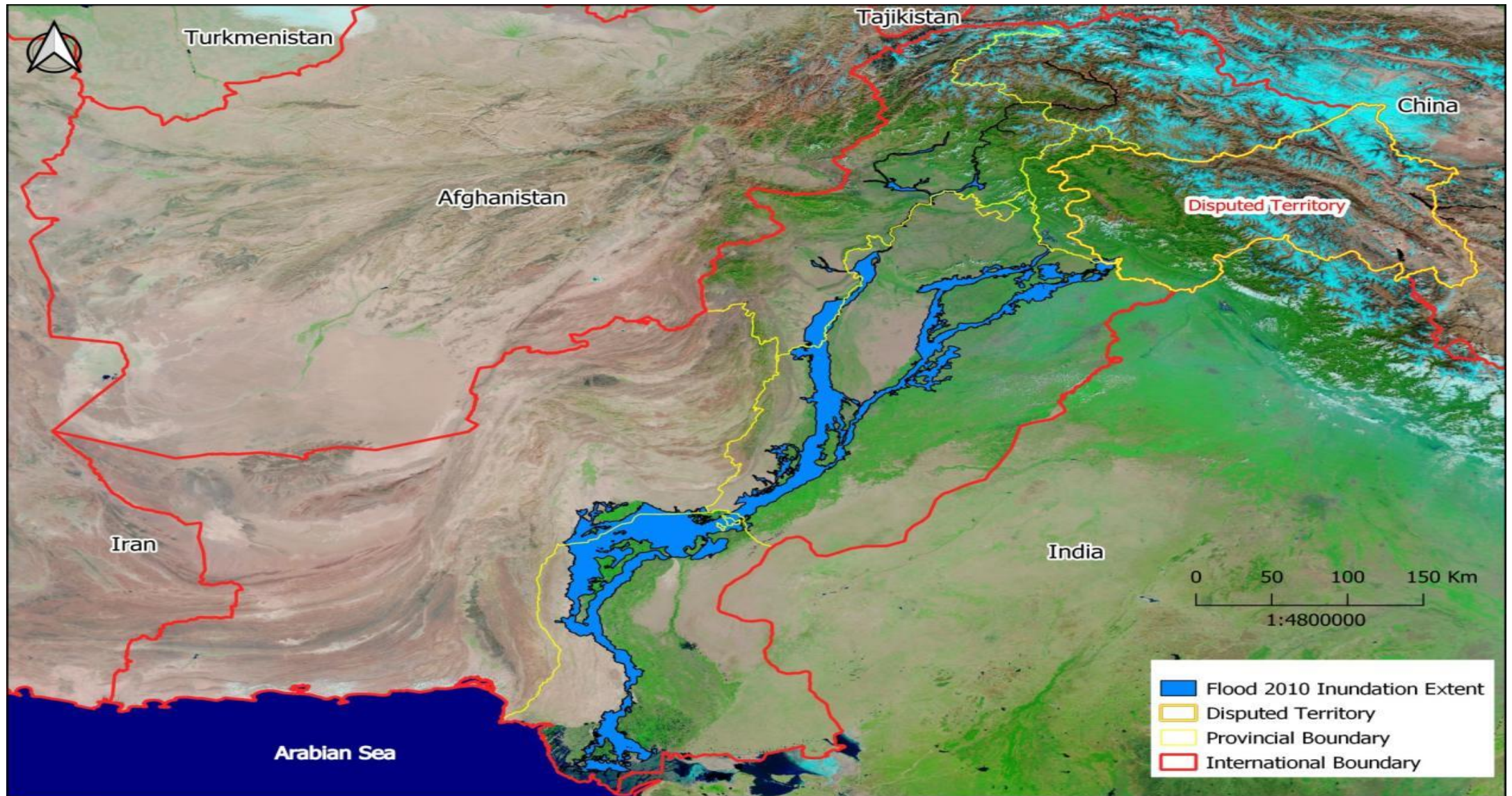
Rabi Crop



Kharif Crop



# HISTORICAL MAXIMUM FLOOD EXTENTS (2010)



# MODEL CALIBRATION AND VALIDATION - MANNING'S N

Manning's n layer is required to account for infiltration component of water channel, floodplain and its surrounding landcover/landuse types in flood model.

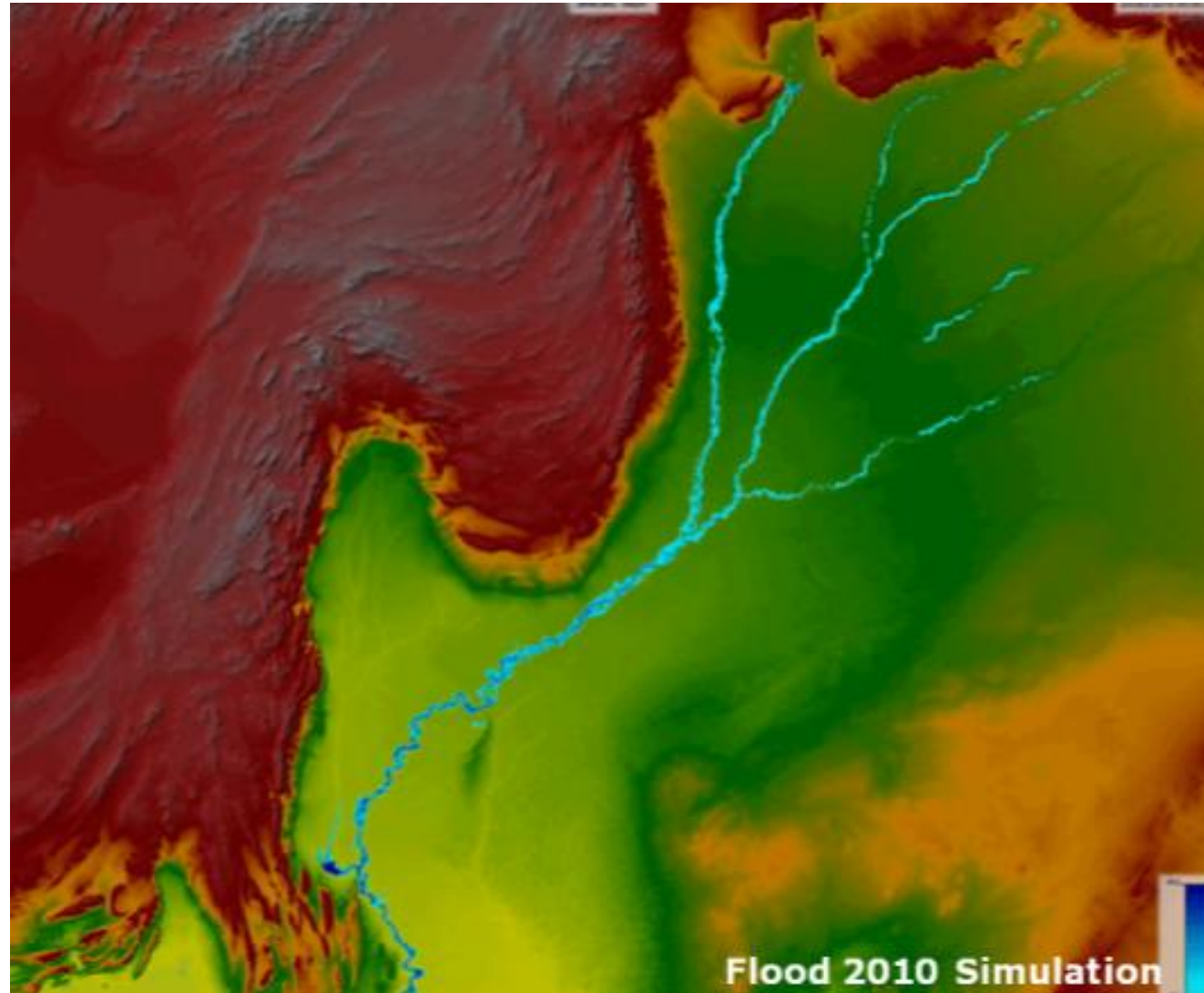
Manning's n values are taken from Chow 1959, Manning's n table.

Landcover Class	Values Range
Built-up	0.020-0.040
Bare Areas	0.020-0.040
Crops/Vegetation	0.030-0.050
Forests/Orchards	0.050-0.080
Snow & Glaciers	0.030-0.040
Wet Areas	0.030-0.040

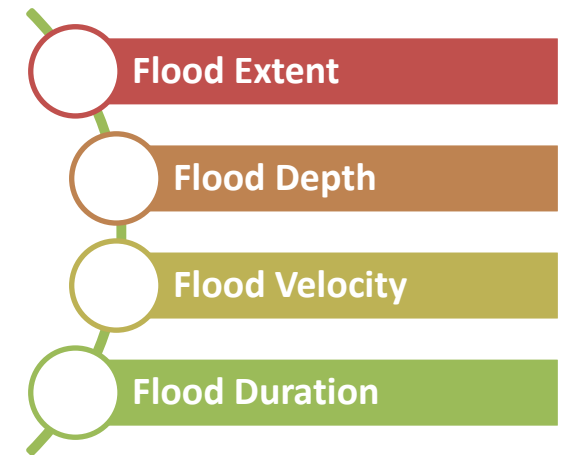


# FLOOD MODEL SIMULATION

Probabilistic Flood  
Assessment against  
5, 10, 25, 50, 100  
and 200 years  
return periods

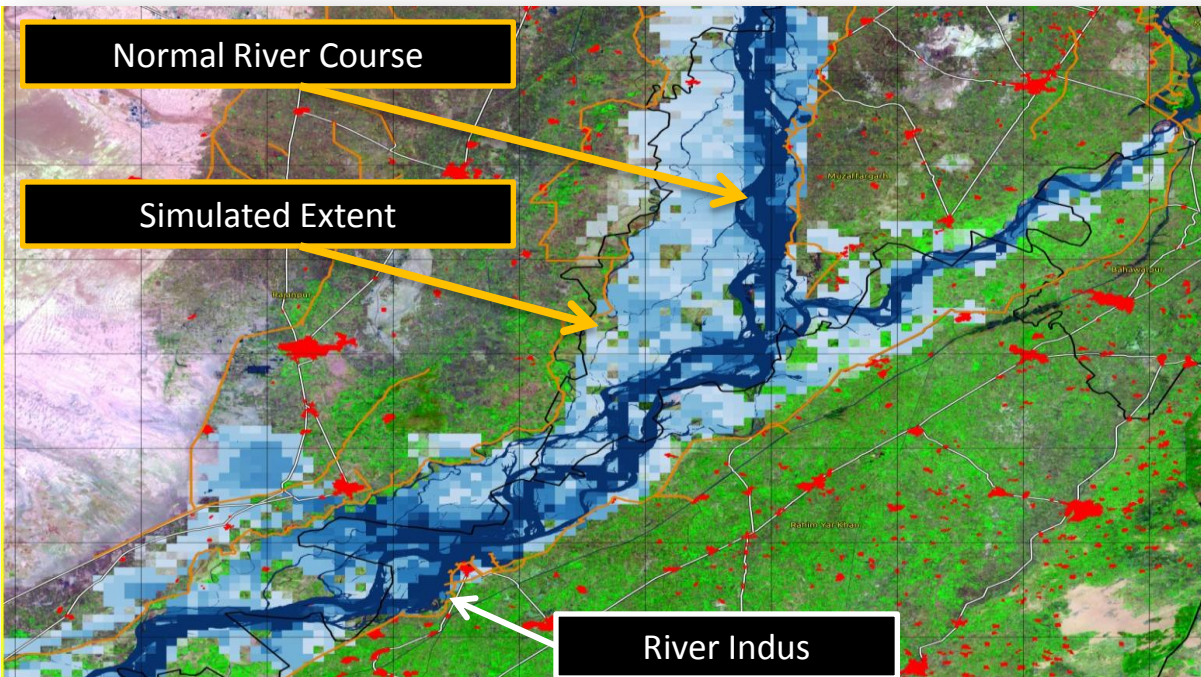


## Model Outputs

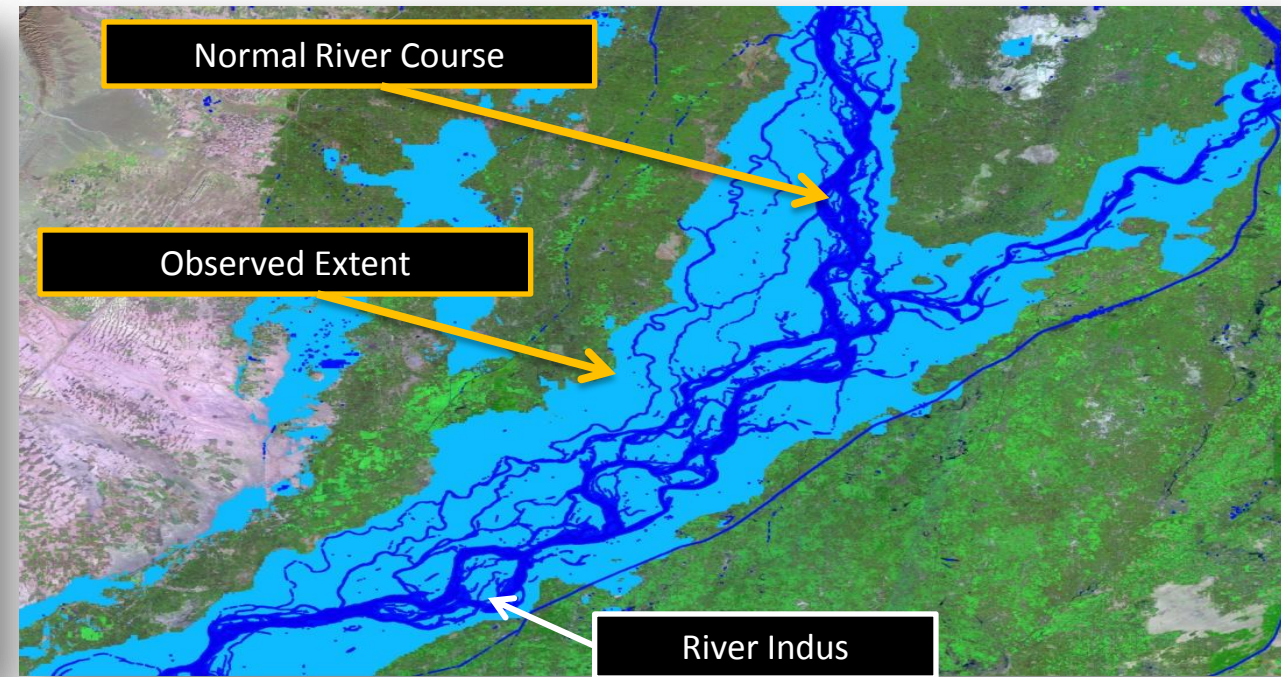


# MODEL CALIBRATION AND VALIDATION - OBSERVED VS SIMULATED FLOOD

*Panjnad Downstream – 2015*



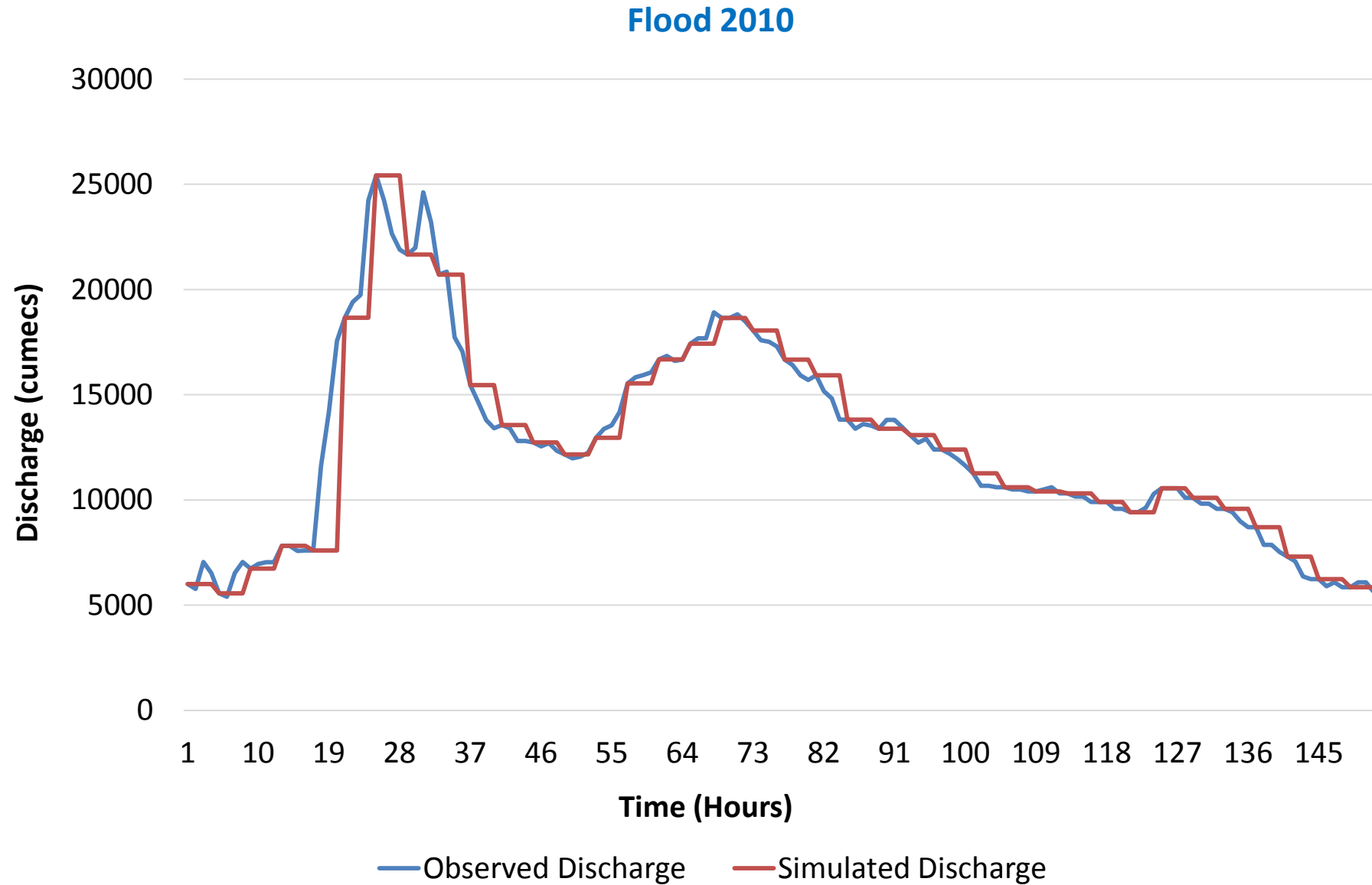
**Maximum simulated inundation**



**Cumulative observed inundation**

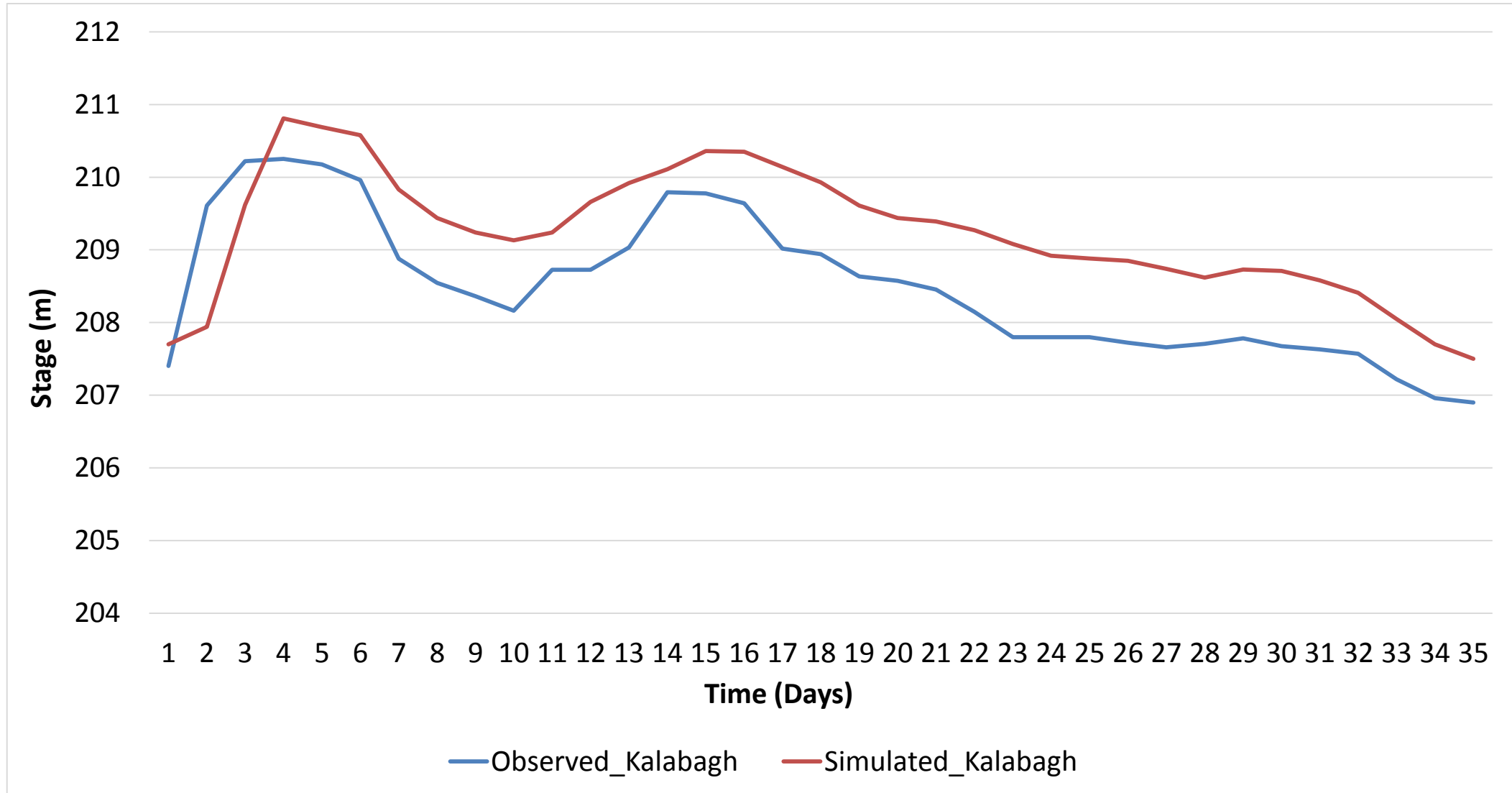


# OBSERVED VS SIMULATED DISCHARGE HYDROGRAPHS - KALABAGH HEADWORK



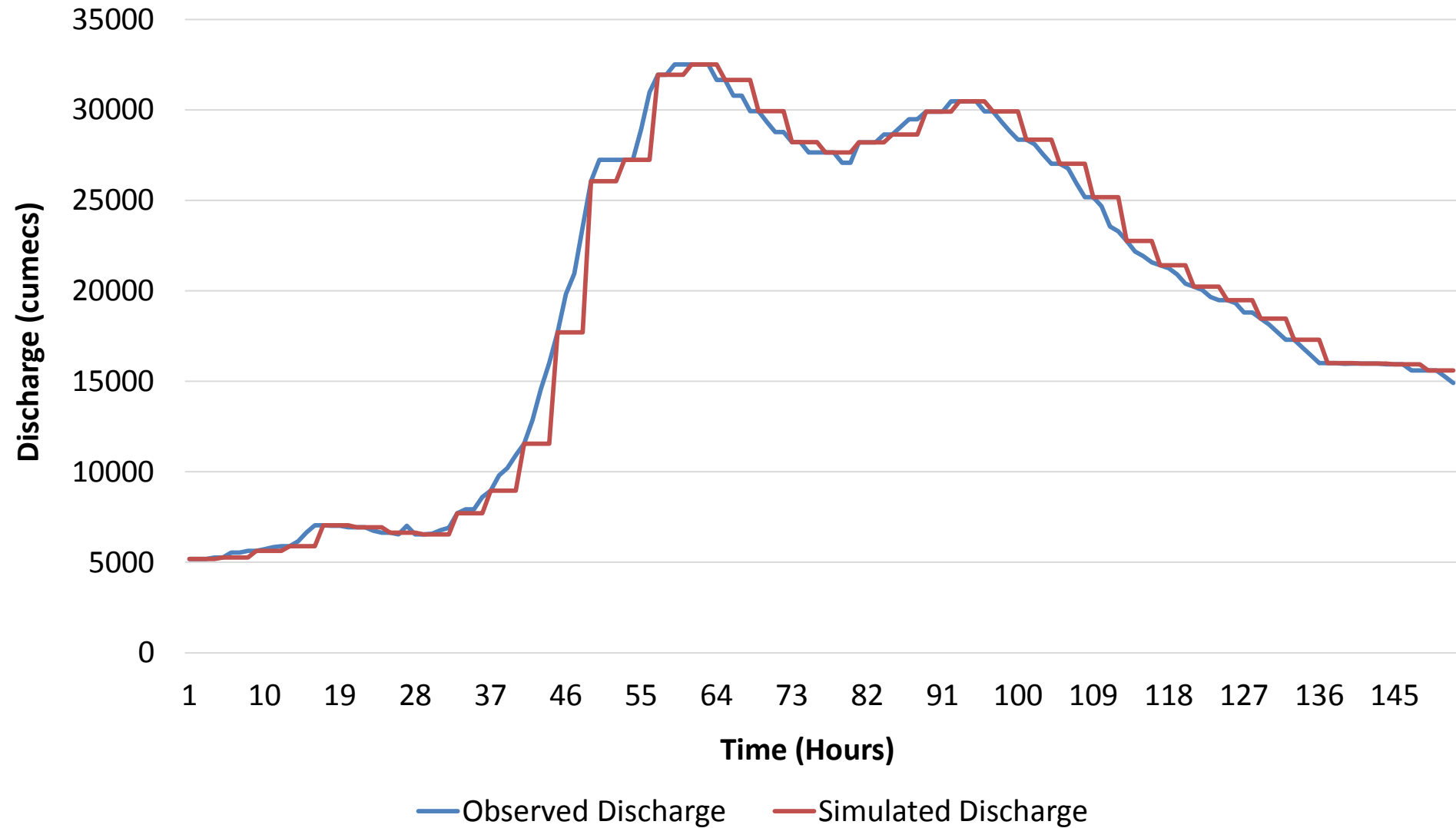
# OBSERVED VS SIMULATED STAGE - KALABAGH HEADWORK

Flood 2010



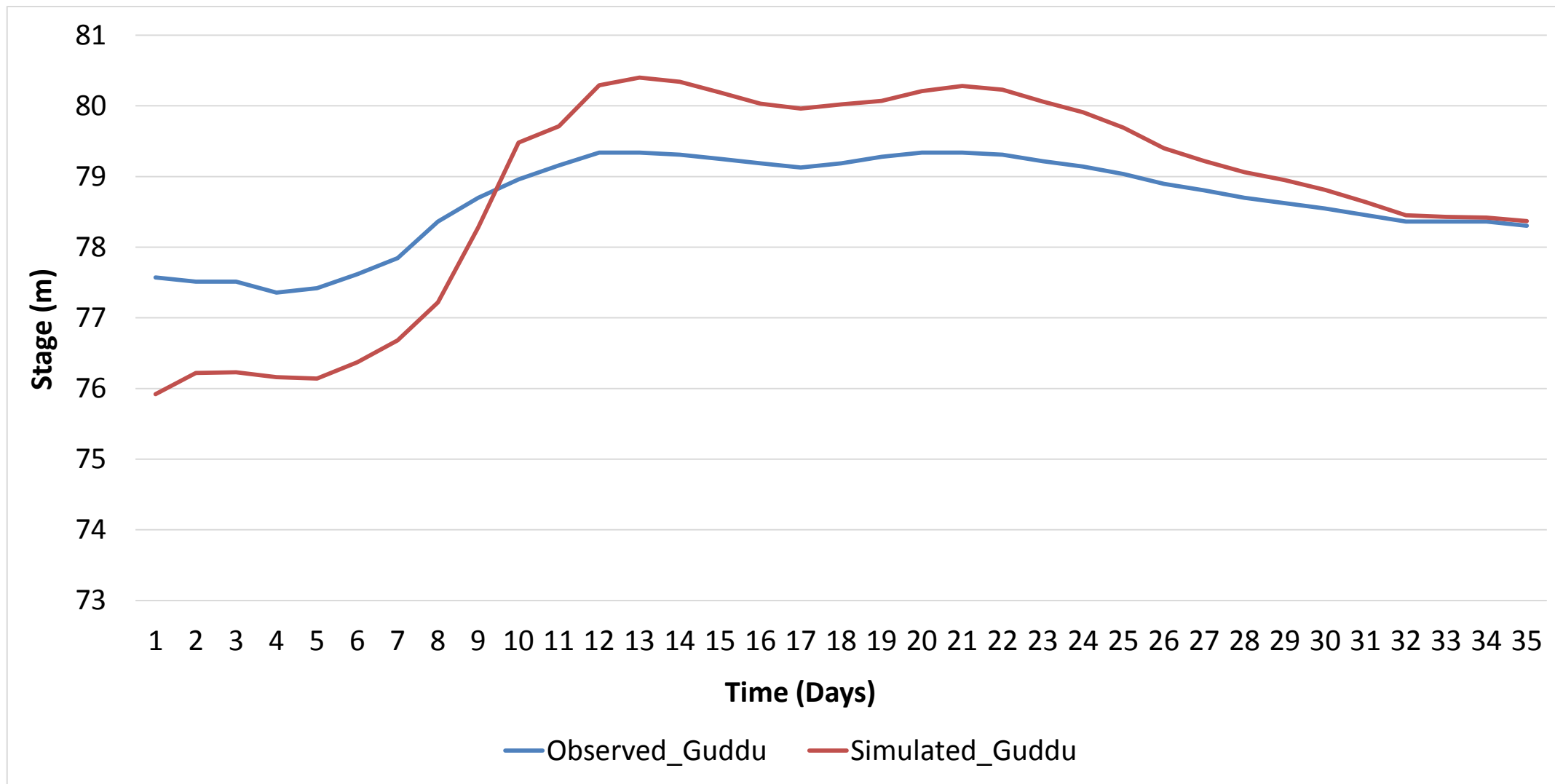
# OBSERVED VS SIMULATED DISCHARGE HYDROGRAPHS - GUDDU BARRAGE

Flood 2010

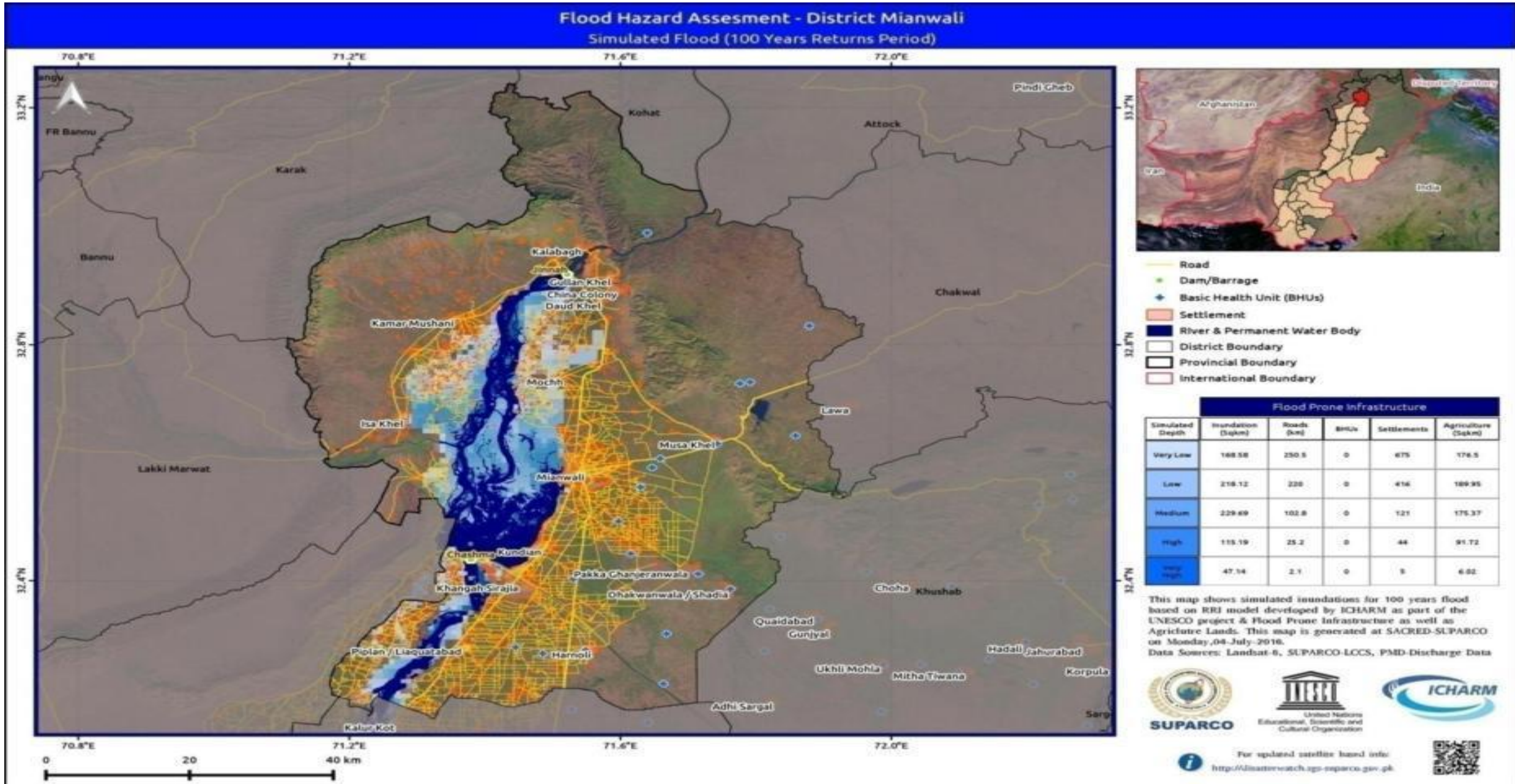


# OBSERVED VS SIMULATED STAGE - GUDDU BARRAGE

*Flood 2010*




# FLOOD HAZARD MAPS





# Recommended Practices for UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal

 UNITED NATIONS  
Office for Outer Space Affairs

EnglishEspañolFrançais

UN-SPIDER KNOWLEDGE PORTAL

Space-based information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response

Search...

HomeSpace ApplicationRisks & DisastersLinks & ResourcesAdvisory SupportNetworkProjectsNews & EventsAbout Us

Flowchart

DEM

HEC-RAS Geometric Data Preparation

Flow Data input


Model Validation

Model Calibration

Simulation Run

Hazard Mapping

## Recommended Practice: Flood Hazard Assessment



Flood hazard assessments are critical to identifying areas at risk and taking relevant preparation and mitigation measures to address the hazard. Using the HEC-RAS 2D model for preparing flood hazard maps, this Recommended Practice explains how to identify flood-prone areas and exposed infrastructure. Through its focus on the prevention and mitigation stages of the disaster management cycle, it complements the Recommended Practice on Flood Mapping and Damage Assessment with Sentinel-2, also developed by SUPARCO.

Step by Step

In Detail

**Objective:**  
The objective of this practice is to carry out a flood hazard assessment, identify potential flood-prone areas and potentially affected infrastructure namely roads, settlements, agriculture and inland areas etc. against a flood hazard of particular return period i.e. 2, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 years. This information can be used by disaster management agencies and other stakeholders to plan flood rescue, relief and mitigation activities.

**Disaster type:**  
Flood

**Disaster Cycle Phase:**  
Mitigation Preparedness


**Test Site:**  
River Indus (Chashma Barrage D/S to Taunsa Barrage U/S).

**Context:**  
The practice was initially applied to the 2010 floods in the Swat River, Pakistan, and was later on used for probabilistic flood hazard assessments in the Swat valley, Pakistan.

**Applicability:**  
This practice can be applied to the two dimensional (2D) riverine flood events having unsteady flow dynamics in any part of the world. However, calibration parameters may vary within country or region due to the river bed and floodplain geomorphology.

Log in to post comments

Recommended by:



Related Practices

Recommended Practice: Flood Mapping and Damage Assessment using Sentinel-2 (S2) Optical Data

Recommended Practice: Use of Digital Elevation Data for Storm Surge Coastal Flood Modelling

Related data

WorldDEM™  
view all


Related Software

HEC-RAS Hydrologic Engineering Centers River Analysis System (US Army Corps of Engineers)  
view all

Share this page

Twitter

LinkedIn Share

 United Nations

Office for Outer Space Affairs  
UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal

Search

HomeAbout UsSpace ApplicationLinks & ResourcesRisks & DisastersAdvisory SupportNetworkProjectsNews & EventsAbout Us

Home / Advisory Support / Recommended Practices / Recommended Practice: Flood Mapping and Damage Assessment using Sentinel-2 (S2) Optical Data

Flowchart

A

1. Data Download "Sentinel-2 (S2) Optical Data"

B

2.1 S2 Data and HEC-RAS model selection

2.2 Pre-processing S2 Data

2.3 HEC-RAS Data Input

2.4 Flood Hazard Assessment

2.5 Flood Hazard Map

2.6 Flood Hazard Assessment

C

3. Flood Hazard Assessment

3.1 Flood Hazard Assessment

3.2 Flood Hazard Assessment

3.3 Flood Hazard Assessment

D


4. Flood Hazard Assessment

4.1 Flood Hazard Assessment

4.2 Flood Hazard Assessment

4.3 Flood Hazard Assessment

## Recommended Practice: Flood Mapping and Damage Assessment using Sentinel-2 (S2) Optical Data



As a means of emergency response after a flooding event or inland inundation, flood mapping helps to estimate the extent of the flood on a large scale. It is a basis of coordinating appropriate recovery activities, rehabilitation and prevention measures for possible upcoming events. This UN-SPIDER Recommended Practice on flood mapping and damage assessment explains the use of Sentinel-2 (S2) optical satellite data from the European Space Agency (ESA), which acquires data in 13 spectral bands. It provides hands-on practice to calculate the Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) to determine the flood extent and it includes damage assessment.

Step by Step

In Detail

**Objective**  
The objective of this practice is to identify the extent of a flood as well as the affected infrastructure such as roads and settlements and impaired areas of interest for example agricultural regions. This information can be used by disaster management agencies and other stakeholders to undertake the rescue and relief activities in affected areas.

**Disaster type**  
Flood


**Disaster Cycle Phase**  
Recovery & Reconstruction  
Relief & Response

**Test Site**  
Fitzroy River at Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

**Context**  
The practice developed by the "Space Application Centre for Response in Emergency and Disaster" of SUPARCO (Pakistan) was initially applied to the flood event in Punjab (Pakistan) in July 2015. Thereafter, it was used annually for river monitoring during monsoon season. The extraction of the flood extent was applied to the river Jhelum upstream of Trimmu Barrage, while the map generation covered the River Indus and its tributaries in Punjab, Pakistan.

For this Recommended Practice the methodology was applied to the Fitzroy River around the city of Rockhampton in Queensland, Australia. In April 2017, the central city of Queensland was inundated by flood waters. The water rose over several days until its peak that was captured by the processed satellite imagery from 8 April 2017.

Recommended by:



Related Practices

Recommended Practice: Flood Hazard Mapping

Recommended Practice: Radar-based Flood Mapping

Related data

Sentinel 2 - Imagery (ESA)  
view all

Related Software

QGIS  
view all

## CONCLUSION

- Probabilistic Flood Hazard Assessment helps in identification of vulnerable communities against flood of varying magnitude and intensity
- Probabilistic flood hazard assessment estimate potential losses (physical) against flood of varying magnitude and intensity
- Probabilistic flood hazard assessment help Decision maker in prioritizing flood mitigation projects
- Probabilistic flood hazard assessment provides base data for insurance industry

**THANK YOU**

## BACKGROUND

### *Shifting of focus from Reactive to Proactive Approach*

#### **SDGS 13: TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS**

Every country in the world is seeing the drastic effects of climate change, some more than others. On average, the annual losses just from earthquakes, tsunamis, tropical cyclones and flooding count in the hundreds of billions of dollars. We can reduce the loss of life and property by helping more vulnerable regions—such as land-locked countries and island states—become more resilient. It is still possible, with the political will and technological measures, to limit the increase in global mean temperature to two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels—and thus avoid the worst effects of climate change. The Sustainable Development Goals lay out a way for countries to work together to meet this urgent challenge.

# BACKGROUND

## *Shifting of focus from Reactive to Proactive Approach*

**COP21 Article 8:** Parties recognize the importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events, and the role of sustainable development in reducing the risk of loss and damage. Accordingly, areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support may include:

- (a) Early warning systems;
- (b) Emergency preparedness;
- (c) Slow onset events;
- (d) Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage;
- (e) Comprehensive risk assessment and management;
- (f) Risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions;
- (g) Non-economic losses; and
- (h) Resilience of communities, livelihoods and ecosystems.

