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### **Using the Flood and Drought Management Tools in Thailand**

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#### **Flood and Drought web portal**



Rainfall data



Vegetation index



Soil Water index

#### **Access near real-time data**

Flood and Drought Indices Climate forecast and climate change data

Satellite	Data	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Resolution	Period
CHIRPS	Rainfall	0.05 deg	daily	1981-present
GPM		0.1 deg	daily	2015-present
CRU		0.5 deg	monthly	1901-2013
PERSIAN		0.04 deg	daily	2000-present
TRMM		0.25 deg	daily	2000-present
MODIS	Temperature	5600 m (resampling from 250m	8 daily	2000-present
	NDVI	5600 m (resampling from 250m	16 days composite	2000-present
	Evapotranspiration	5000 m (resampling from 1000m)	8 day	2000-2014
MeTOP-ASCAT	SWI	0.1 deg	10 daily	2007-present

rainfall, temperature, vegetation index (NDVI), Evapotranspiration, and soil water index (SWI) are provided in the portal. 2

#### Flood and Drought web portal

Indicate drought

status from

precipitation



SPI Index

VHI Index

#### Access near real-time data Flood and Drought Indices

Climate forecast and climate change data

Index	Input	Strengths	Weaknesses
SPI	Rainfall (TRMM)	<ul> <li>Calculate from long term mean precipitation</li> <li>Standard index</li> <li>Simplify and easy to understand</li> <li>Indicate status both of dry and wet in the same way</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can not indicate ground condition</li> <li>Unstable with low precipitation region</li> </ul>
EDI	Rainfall (TRMM)	<ul> <li>Calculate from daily precipitation</li> <li>Current status of drought</li> </ul>	Daily rainfall is unstable data
VHI	NDVI & Temperature	<ul> <li>Indicate ground condition status</li> <li>Monitor dry status and vegetation health</li> </ul>	Precipitation is not include

- Drought Indices are calculated from satellite data and can be used for drought monitoring and planning in Thailand.
- Many indices are suitable to difference drought types. For example
  - SPI and EDI indicate drought from precipitation.
  - VHI relate to drought in agricultural and crop area.
- Total number of index is 8 index both flood and drought

#### Flood and Drought web portal



Rainfall data cover entire Thailand

> Is this hit a real situation?

Rainfall forecast at 06 June 2018



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#### **Challenges in using Seasonal Forecast**

- For better planning and management weather forecast provides location and intensity of future rainfall. it tells the tendency of possible flood or drought.
- Accurate flood & drought risk assessment and mapping with appropriate indicators and climate related data risk area can be identified and monitored in order to prepare better measures or responses.
- Long-term prediction under changing climate vs adaptation technology.
- The Climate Forecast System (CFS) is used for seasonal forecast and provides ensemble forecast with 9 months lead time.

#### **Thailand's Drought Reports**



- Advantages of the report
  - ✓ Present drought current status of Thailand
  - Various water related satellite data are readily available such as Precipitation, Vegetation, Soil Moisture, and combined indicators to generate drought indices
  - Easy to use, semi-automatic report generation tool



Drought report will automatically send to water management organizations to indicate primary drought area.

#### Flood and Drought web portal: Selected data in Drought report



## WHAT HAS WORKED AND WHAT DID NOT WORK?

#### **Drought Indices Validation in 2015**



#### **Rainfall Validation (Wet Year 2011)**

Rainfall observation from satellite (FDMT web portal) vs rain gauge



#### **Rainfall Validation (Dry Year 2015)**

Rainfall observation from satellite (FDMT web portal) vs rain gauge in Chaophraya Basin



#### SWI Validation (Soil moisture content from ground stations)



Jan



Feb

42.4

Mar

41.65

54.36







54.27 0.00 29.47 53.78 0.00 0.00 53.78 0.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50.00 0.00 50



Apr



May

Nov

#### SWI Validation (SWI from FDMT web portal)



#### Upcoming



- 1.Follow up and monitor drought index in dry season (both index and forecasting data)
- 2.Using more applications for upcoming project, e.g.
  - Flood/Drought Assessment Application to estimate risk area and warning to local authorities

1.Correct satellite data with ground stations (bias correction) to improve data quality.

2.Users could add/upload data to web portal.



# THANK YOU

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