The LCLUC South/Southeast Asian Research Initiative: Accomplishment and Next Steps

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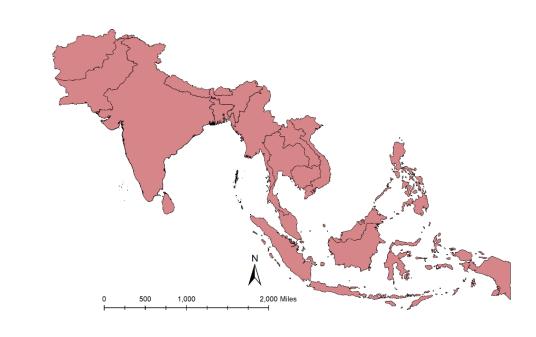






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- Background to the South/Southeast Asia Research Initiative(SARI)
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How SARI started-Strong interest from regional scientists



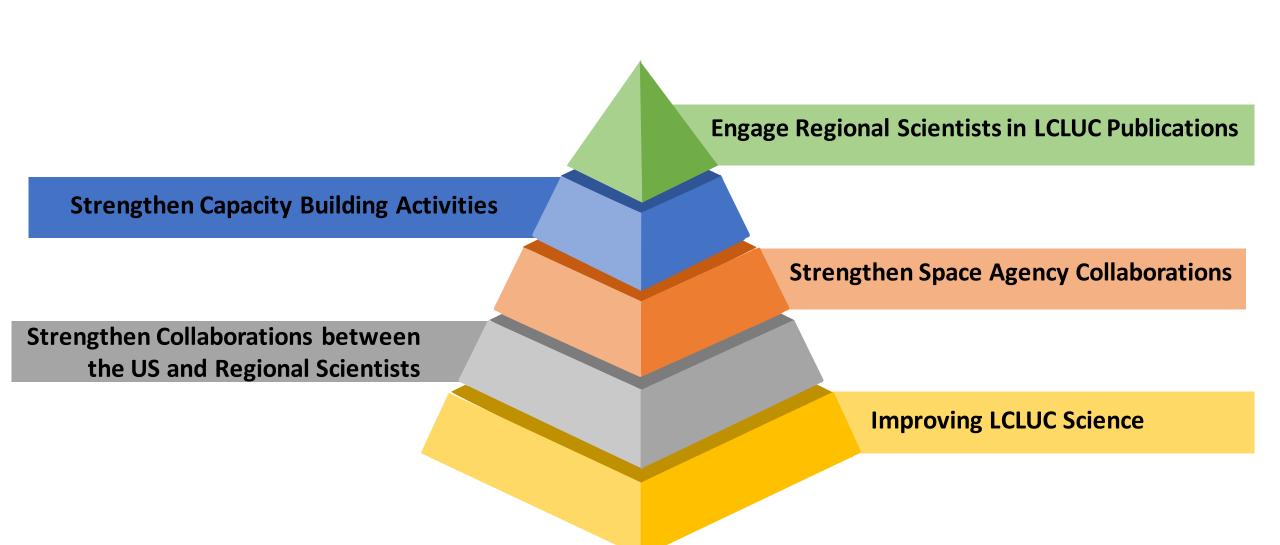
Jan-10-13th, 2013-LCLUC Regional Science Meeting, Coimbatore

Total participants =120

US – 18 researchers; Nepal-3; Srilanka-2; Myanmar-1; Afghanistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh-1 each Pakistan, China invited but could not attend – Visa issues



Needs and Priorities Identified



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Summary of the 2013 NASA Land Cover/Land Use Change Regional Science Meeting, South India

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Introduction

The 2013 NASA Land Cover/Land Use Change (LCLUC) Regional Science Meeting was held in South India and had three components:

- a focused workshop on water resources at the Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), held in Kozhikode.
 Kerala in India, from January 7-8, and a Land Use (LU) Transect Study from Kozhikode, Kerala, to Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, in India', on January 9;
- a NASA international regional meeting, held January 10-13, at Karunya University in Combatore, Jamil Nadu; and
- a training workshop titled Remote Sensing and Geoppatial Technologies for Land Cover and Land Use Change Studies and Applications, held January 14 at Karunya University.

The goal of the meeting was to discuss land cover/land use change (LCLUC) issues and impacts in the South Asia region. The meeting was organized around eight rechain assions:

- 1. Agricultural land-use change;
- LCLUC-related Earth observations (missions, data, and products);
- Atmosphere/land-use interactions (aerosols, greenhouse gases);

1 Kerala and Tamil Nadu are two of the 28 states in India

4. LCLUC and the carbon cycle;

- 5. Forests and LCLUC in mountainous areas;
- 6. Coastal zones and water resources;
- 7. Urban LCLUC; and
- Working towards a Regional Global Observation for Forest and Land Cover Dynamics (GOFC-GOLD) South Asia Regional Information Network (SARIN) (including prospects, opportunities, and challenges).

The meeting was a joint effort of the NASA LCLUC Program; GOFC—GOLD Program; International System for Analysis Research and Training (START) Program; Monsoon Asia Integrated Regional Studies Program (MARISS): University of Maryland College Park (UMD); Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM) in Kozhikode, Kerala; and Karunya University, in Combastore, Tamal Nadu.

NASA LCLUC Workshop on Water Resources and Land Use Transect

Thirty top-level delegates from different institutes and universities in India attended the meeting in addition to twelve researchers from the U.S. Narasimha Prasad [CWRDM], welcomed the participants and highlighted the CWRDM water research activities.

After the welcome, Garik Gutman [NASA Headquarters] addressed the workshop's participants, presenting an overview of LCLUC issues in South Asia, with focus on agricultural land-cover conversion



Water resource-focused workshop participants: Images Credits All phones in this article were taken by author or other members of the LCLUC tra

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Rhosophore mongle, known as the "red mangrove," near Kadalundi bird sanctuary in Ecrala.

forest-cover loss, increasing urbanization, and air pollution. Chris Justice [UMD] stressed that much needs to be done in terms of the underpinning science of LCLUC and the linkages with global climate change in South Asia.

Some highlights from the workshop are summarized here:

- The most important LCLUC issue impacting agriculture in south India is paidsy fields (wetlands) being converted to urban areas and/or left abandoned, with the attendant deficit in rice production.
- This pailely conversion is complex, and crosses economic, ecological, sociocultural, structural, and class dimensions.
- Economic return from paddy cultivation does not tend to encourage conservation—due to labor costs.
- At present, land is seen only as real estate needed for residence status, and is the safest and best investment to maximize profits.
- Coconut farming is shrinking due to the unavailability of skilled labor.
- Pollution and sedimentation from anthropogenic activities seriously affects aquatic systems/wetlands in South India. This requires more-stringent regulations and greater wetland protection.
- The roles of coastal vegetation and mangroves in protecting lives and property require more research to address contamination—possibly due to saline water intrusion, likely from inadequate drainage systems and poor maintenance of the well surroundings.

The CWRDM arranged several field visits to highlight local LCLUC issues and responses, including urban green park and wetlands conservation, mangrove conservation, and coastal and riparian land use management. On January 9, participants departed for a Land Use Tanance Study from Korhlados, Kernla, to Ceimbatone, Tamin Nada, involving local scientists. The processes of urban expansion and forest degradation were quite evident during the transacts study. During the transact, the participants observed forest fires in the mountains, 50 km (-31 mi) away from Coimbatone.





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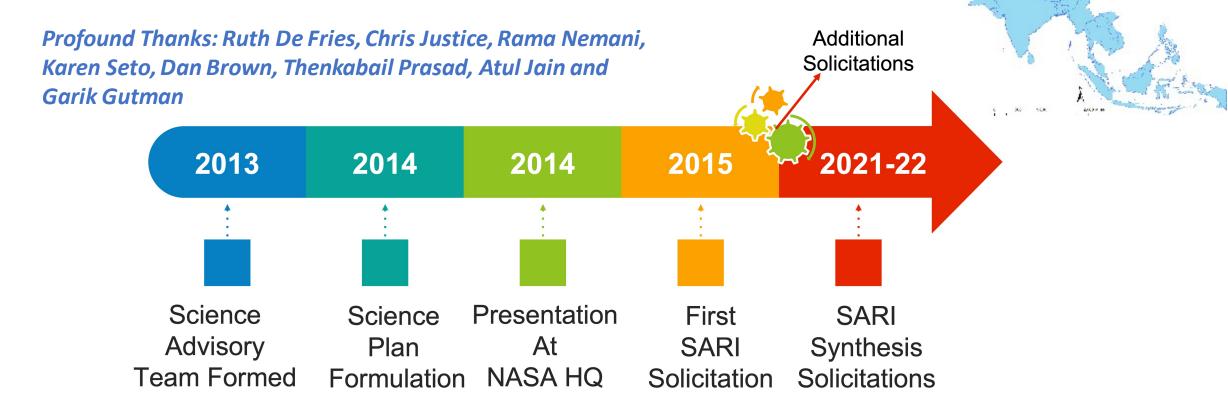


Smoke from fenest fires, Palaklead, Western Ghate, Kerala.



NASA Land Cover/Land Use Change (LCLUC) Program South/Southeast Asia Research Initiative (SARI)

Goal: To develop an innovative research, education, and capacity building program involving state-of-the-art remote sensing, natural sciences, engineering and social sciences to enrich LCLUC science in South/Southeast Asia.



- -Balancing Act
- -Research + outreach activities should be blended to achieve successful science outputs

SARI Projects - ROSES-2015 Selections

S.No	2015	Region	PI	Theme	
	Tropical Deciduous Forests of South Asia: Monitoring Degradation		Ruth De Fries, Columbia	Forest degradation and	
1	and Assessing Impacts of Urbanization	South Asia	University	urbanization	
	Understanding Changes in Agricultural Land Use and Land Cover in				
	the Breadbasket Area of the Ganges Basin 2000-2015: A				
2	Socioeconomic-Ecological Analysis	South Asia	Li Ping Di	Agricultural land use	
	Impacts of Afforestation on Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural		Forrest Fleischman/Texas	Afforestation and	
3	Communities in India	South Asia	A&M University	sustainable livelihoods	
	The Future of Food Security in India: Can Farmers Adapt to		Meha Jain, University of	Food security and	
4	Environmental Change?	South Asia	Michigan	adaptation	
	Complex Forest Landscapes and Sociopolitical Drivers of		Peter		
	Deforestation - The Interplay of Land-use Policies, Armed Conflict,		Leimgruber/Smithsonian	Deforestation, armed	
5	and Human Displacement in	South Asia	Institution	conflicts and policy	
	Understanding the Role of Land Cover/Land Use Nexus in Malaria		Tatiana Loboda/University		
6	Transmission Under Changing Socio-Economic Climate in Myanmar	South Asia	of Maryland	Malaria	
	Urban Growth, Land-Use Change, and Growing Vulnerability in the			Urbanization and	
7	Greater Himalaya Mountain Range Across India, Nepal, and Bhutan	South Asia	Karen Seto/Yale University	vulnerability	
	Landscapes In Flux: The Influence of Demographic Change and		Philip		
	Institutional Mechanisms on Land Cover Change, Climate		Townsend/University of	Food security and	
8	Adaptability and Food Security in Rural India	South Asia	Wisconsin-Madison	adaptation	
	Consequences of Changing Mangrove Forests in South Asia on the		Jeffrey Vincent/Duke	Mangroves and EcosysIten	
9	Provision of Global Ecosystem Goods and Services	South Asia	University	services	
			Randolph Wynne/Virginia		
	Spatiotemporal Drivers of Fine-Scale Forest Plantation		Polytechnic Institute and	Plantations and	
10	Establishment in Village-Based Economies of Andhra Pradesh	South Asia	State University	agricultural transitions	



SARI Projects - ROSES-2016 and 2018 Selections

S.No	2016	Region	PI	Theme
			Varaprasad	
	Agricultural Land Use Change in Central and Northeast Thailand:		Bandaru/University of	
11	Effects on Biomass Emissions, Soil Quality, and Rural Livelihoods	Southeast Asia	Maryland, College Park	Emissions, soil quality
	The Agrarian Transition in Mainland Southeast Asia: Changes in		Jefferson Fox/East West	
12	12 Rice Farming - 1995 to 2018		Center	Rice Farming
	A Cobra in the Forest? Quantifying the Impact of Perverse			
	Incentives from Indonesia's Deforestation Moratorium, 2011 to			Deforestation,
13	2016	Southeast Asia	Matt Hansen, Umd	moratorium policies
	Land-Cover/Land-Use Change in Southern Vietnam Through the		Jessica McCarty, Miami	Land use change, religion
14	Lenses of Conflict, Religion, and Politics, 1980s to Present	Southeast Asia	University	conflicts and policies
	Land Use Status, Change and Impacts in Vietnam, Cambodia and		Son Nghiem/Jet	
15	Laos	Southeast Asia	Propulsion Laboratory	Land use change
	Assessing the Impacts of Dams on the Dynamic Interactions			
	Among Distant Wetlands, Land Use, and Rural Communities in the		Qi, Michigan State	
16	Lower Mekong River Basin	Southeast Asia	University	Water resources

S.No	2018	Region	PI	Theme
			Mark Cochrane/University	
17	Land-Use Transitions in Indonesian Peatlands	Southeast Asia	of Maryland, Cambridge	Peatlands and land use
	Divergent Local Responses to Globalization: Urbanization, Land		Peilei Fan, Michigan State	Urbanization, land use and
18	Transition, and Environmental Changes in Southeast Asia	Southeast Asia	University	pollution
	Sowtime: Climate Adaptive Agriculture in the Eastern Gangetic		Josh Gray, North Carolina	
19	Plains	South Asia	State University	Agriculture and climate
	Shifting Cultivation at a Crossroad: Drivers and Outcomes of		Peter Potapov, University	Shifting cultivation, land
20	Recent Land-Use Changes in Laos PDR	Southeast Asia	of Maryland, College Park	use drivers
	New Transitions in Smallholder Agricultural Systems that Promote		David Skole, Michigan	Small holder agriculture
21	Increased Tree Cover Outside of Forests	South Asia	State University	and Trees outside forests
	Forced and Truncated Agrarian Transitions in Asia Through the		Lin Yan, South Dakota State	Agriculture and field size
22	Lens of Field Size Change	Southeast Asia	University	change



S.No	2020	PI	Theme
		David Roy, Michigan	
2	Where are the Missing Burned Areas? Global Hotspots of Burned Area - A	State U	Burned area mapping
	Multiresolution Analysis		
2	4 Global Hotspots of Change in Mangrove Forests	Marc Simard, JPL	Mangrove mapping
	Multi-Resolution Quantification and Driver Assessment of Hot Spots of	Alexandra Tyukavina,	Forest disturbance
2	5 Global Forest Disturbance	UMD	mapping

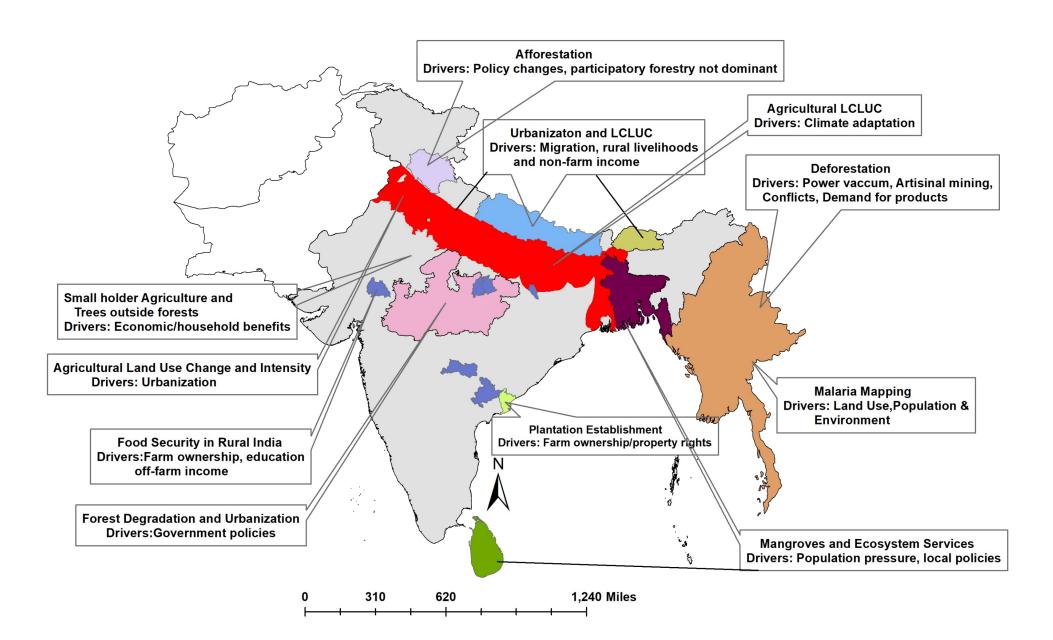
Synthesis Project – South Asian Countries-2022-2026

- South Asian smallholder forests and other tree-based systems: synthesizing LCLUC data and approaches to foster a natural climate solution that improves livelihoods – David Skole (MSU) - Selected
- Southeast Asia Synthesis not selected yet Addendum Solicitation Just Announced – See ROSES-22 Amendment 61: New Opportunity in ROSES-22: A.55 Land-Cover/Land-Use Change Southeast Asia Research Initiative

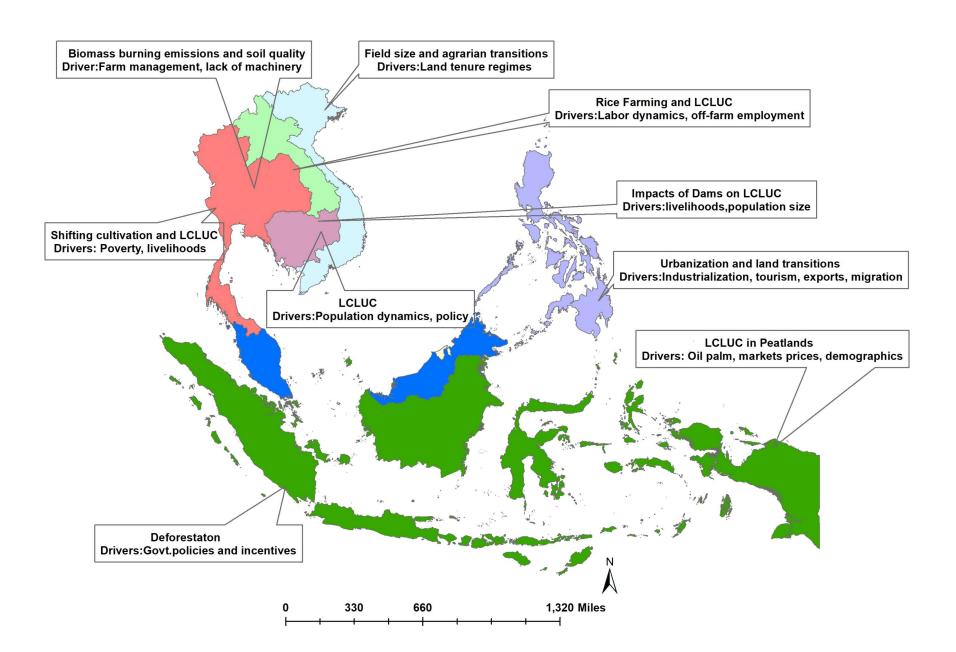
 LCLUC Drivers, Novel Algorithms, Socioeconomic Questions and Policy Relevance, Metadata efforts



South Asia – LCLUC Drivers Identified by SARI Pl's



Southeast Asia – LCLUC Drivers Identified by SARI PI's



Agriculture

Agricultural field size mapping – VHR data and modified Geographic Object Based Image Analysis (GEOBIA) approach

Plantations

Smallholder –
Plantations
mapping - VHR
+ MuSLI in
combination
with Deep
Learning

Urbanization

Urbanization in the Himalayas– Landsat and VHR -Timeseries analysis methods

Deforestation

Deforestation in Indonesia – Landsat and Machine Learning Methods

Built-Up Volume

Urban built-up Volume in Southeast Asia – QuikSAT Scatterometer Dense Sampling studies

SARI Slash and Burn

Slash and burn
agriculture in
Laos— Landsat,
Sentinel and VHR
data, decision
trees and stratified
sampling
approach

Socioeconomic Questions and Policy Relevance

Trees Outside Forests

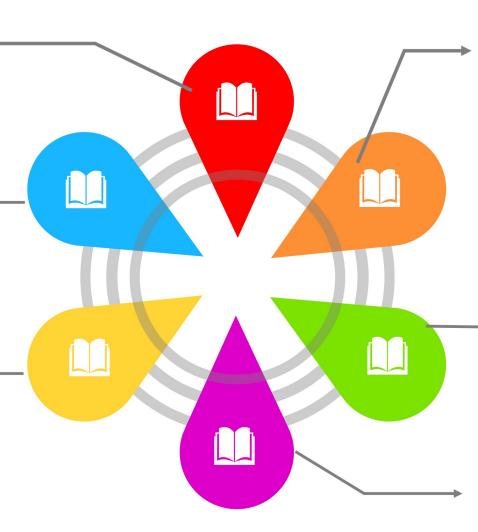
Farmer-promoted capture of ecosystem services value increases carbon sequestration and improves livelihoods.

Migration

Forest degradation maps together with household surveys can aid in policy measures.

Tree Plantation

Plantation programs in rural areas should be through participatory management; otherwise they can harm local livelihoods (pastoralists in Himalayas)



Mekong Delta and Rice Farming

Smallholder farmers are modernizing rapidly; Policy makers need to be aware of these changes and assist them to become more economically productive.

Forests and Peatland Loss in Indonesia

Understanding socioeconomic and ecological drivers of smallholder oil palm expansion is critical for slowing deforestation on Indonesia's peatlands.

Ag.Residue Burning, Thailand

Electricity generation from biomass can be a source of income and employment. Policies promoting the same should be considered.

LCLUC Products and Metadata Efforts

- All data/products are shared through the LCLUC website
- Data includes both remote sensing/non-remote sensing
- Metadata being created for each product with citation
- If already distributed through DAAC's, only weblinks to be provided
- Product sharing being made mandatory through NASA grants (grant award letter)
- 18-different PI's already responded and shared their data/products

LCLUC Website





SARI Meetings



Collaborations are the Key – SARI Meetings Facilitated by Regional and International partners















































































Documenting Regional Research Needs and Priorities - Meeting Summaries

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Summary of the 2019 South/Southeast Asia Research Initiative Land Cover Land Use Change Regional Science Meeting

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Introduction

As a result of growth in South and Southeast Asia (S/SEA), land use/cover change (LUCC) is occurring at a rapid rate, moving from forest to agriculture and from agricultural areas to residential and urban use, with concomitant disruption of water and forest resources. biodiversity, regional climate, biogeochemical cycles, and the atmosphere. To address these issues, NASA's Land Cover/Land Use Change (LCLUC) Program-South/Southeast Asia Research Initiative (SARI, www. sari.umd.edu) in collaboration with other partners organized a meeting, titled Land-Use/Cover Changes, Environment and Emissions in South/Southeast Asia, held July 22-24, 2019, at the Hilton Hotel in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. The University of Technologi, Malaysia (UTM) hosted the meeting. Collaborators included the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan; the international Global Observations of Forest and Land-Use Dynamics (GOFC-GOLD) program; START,1 U.S.; and the international Group on Earth Observations Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEOGLAM) initiative, in addition to fourteen other national and international partners. The meeting aimed to review the availability, potential, and limitations of different satellite data sources and methodologies for monitoring LUCC, and its impact on the environment. Another objective was to strengthen GOFC-GOLD S/SEA regional networks on the latest LUCC science.

¹START (not an acronym) is a core international partner of the U.S. Global Change Research Program that seeks to realize a sustainable future through science (https://start.org). The three-day meeting was attended by 170 participants from 16 countries—see Photo 1 below.

After several opening presentations, the bulk of the meeting was organized into five sessions, including:

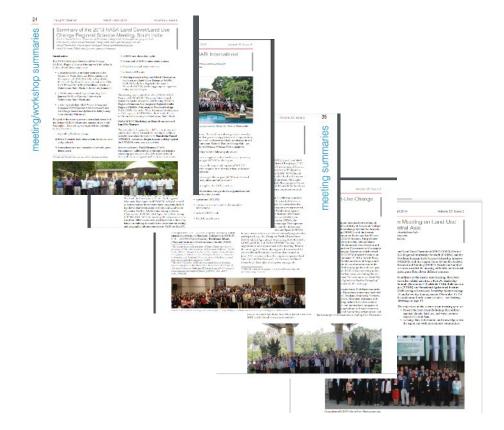
- Updates on Regional Programs and Space Agency Activities;
- · Agricultural LUCC;
- · Land-Atmosphere Interactions and Emissions;
- · Forest LUCC; and
- · Urban LUCC.

In addition, on the final day of the meeting there were three discussion sessions that focused on regional research and priorities for agriculture, atmosphere, and LUCC capacity-building themes.

The remainder of this article is organized by day and presents highlights from each of the sessions and the discussions. It also includes a brief description of a press conference held on the afternoon of the first day, to introduce the local media to the practical applications of LIUCC science, and a three-day, hands-on training event that tools place immediately after the SARI LCLUC meeting, which focused on the use of remote sensing and geographic information systems for LIUCC applications. The reader is directed to https://px.maxi.gom/Sa/NUIK to find more information about the meeting, including the full presentations.



Photo I. SARI LCLUC regional science meeting participants in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Photo credit: University of Technologi Malaysia (UTM) team



Bottom-Up Approach
Inputs to NASA ROSES LCLUC calls

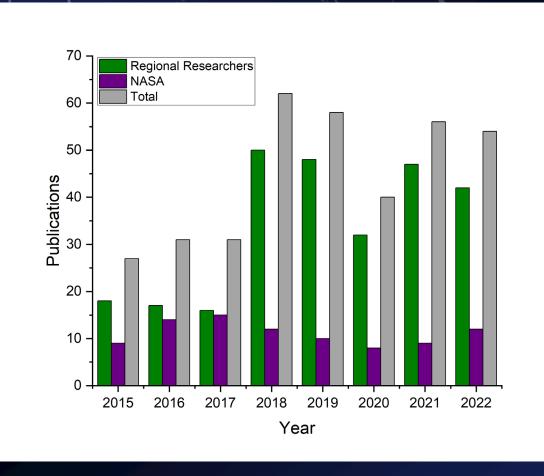


SARI 7 YEARS OF SCIENCE

-25 projects and more being added >300 scientists >200 institutions 14-different Special

Issues in

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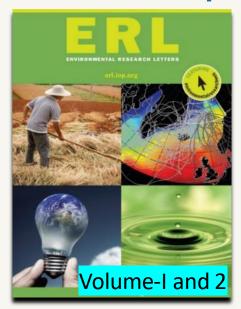


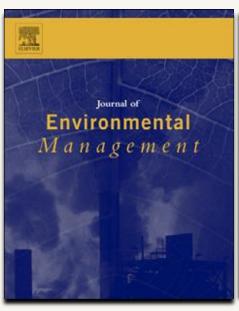
Nearly 350 publications in peer reviewed journals and books

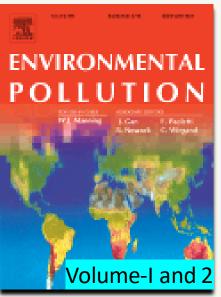
South-Southeast Asia

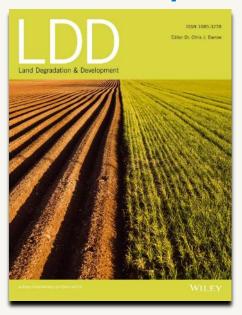
Oct-2013 – India Meeting – SARI idea proposed 2015-SARI First SARI Solicitation

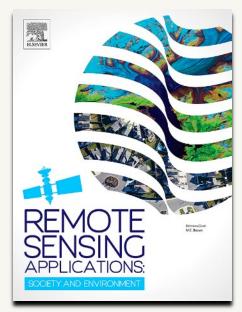
SARI Special Issues Published in Multiple Journals



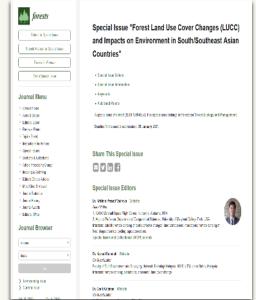


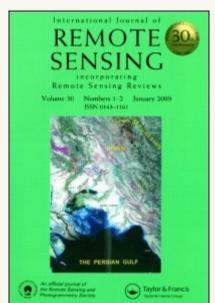


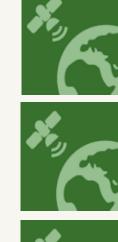














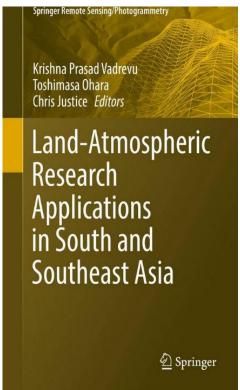




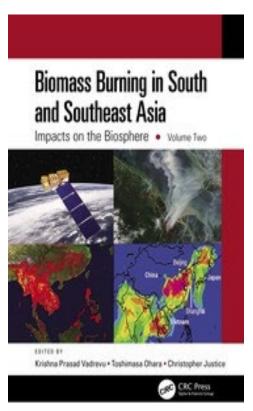
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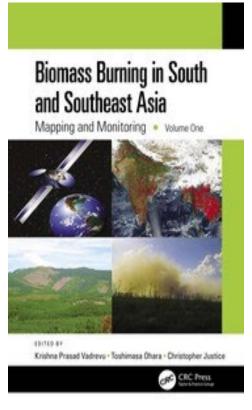
~350 peer reviewed publications in 5-years

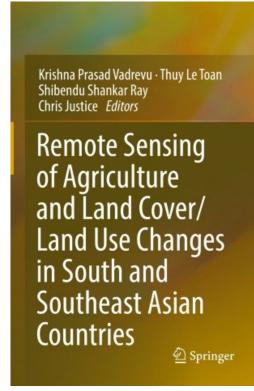
LCLUC/SARI Books



Springer 2018







Air Pollution in Asia

Krishna Vadrevu

Toshimasa Ohara

Chris Justice

Forthcoming January, 2023

Springer

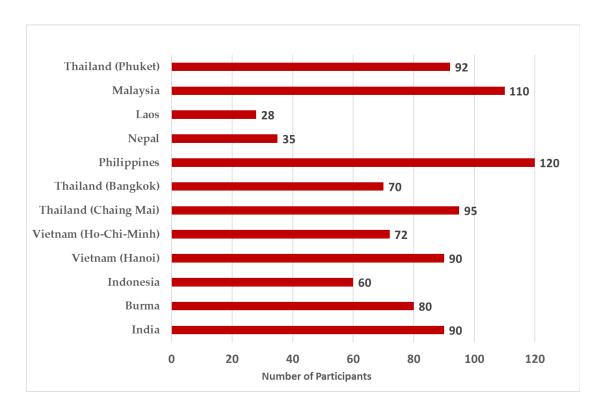
CRC Press, 2021

CRC Press, 2021

Springer, 2022

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SARI – LCLUC Training Events



Promoting Open Source
Tools and Cloud
Computing Platforms For
LCLUC Research (Ex:
GEE)

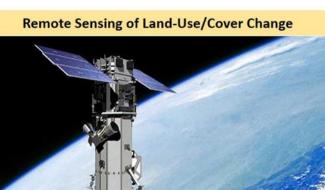




Example on the Integrated SARI Training Event

Remote Sensing of Land-Use/Cover Change and Climate Impacts In Coastal Zone

17-19th December, 2019, Prince Songkla U, Thailand









Involving SARI, SERVIR, Local Universities, Government, Non-Government, International and **Regional Organizations**

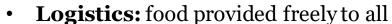


We also made it a WGCapD event. It is mandatory to have at least 2 space agency involvement in WGCapD events. Through effective coordination from SARI, we could bring Trainers from 4different space agencies: NASA + ISRO + GISTDA + JAXA





Total Participants: 92 (university students, govt and participants from non-govt agencies)



- **Training topic:** advanced remote sensing methodologies for Land use/cover change + cloud computing

















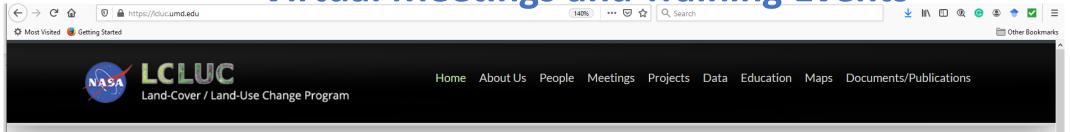


Pre-and post evaluation surveys to get feedback for improving future training events.

COVID Crisis – 2020-2021



Virtual Meetings and Training Events



WELCOME TO LCLUC

Welcome to the NASA Land-Cover and Land-Use Change (LCLUC) Program website. LCLUC is an interdisciplinary science program in the Earth Science Division of the Science Mission Directorate. LCLUC is part of the Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems Focus Area with links to some programs in other Focus Areas.

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Enter terms then hit Search...

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LCLUC Science Team Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
10/19/2021	Bethesda, MD
10/19/2020	Online
07/22/2019	Johor Bahru, Malaysia
04/09/2019	Rockville, MD

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LCLUC - Related Meetings

LCLUC - Related Calendar



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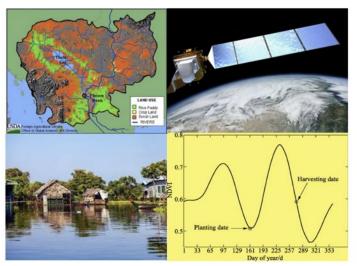
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Featured Project

"Land Use Status, Change and Impacts in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos" Principal Investigator: Son Nghiem

The overall science objective of this research is to quantitatively document the current status and rate of change of

International Workshop On Land Cover/Land Use Changes, Forestry, and Agriculture in South/Southeast Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, August 08-12th, 2022







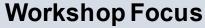




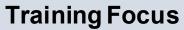








- LCLUC and Forestry (mapping, monitoring, and impacts)
- LCLUC and Agriculture (crop type mapping, crop yields, modeling, and impacts)
- LCLUC and Land Atmospheric Interactions



- Forest Plantations Mapping and Monitoring
- Agricultural Crop Mapping and Monitoring
- SWAT Analysis and Hydrology
- LCLUC Mapping

Open Source Software and GEE

Outputs

- -Special Issue in Remote Sensing Journal
- -EO Article being published
- -CRC Book on SARI solicited













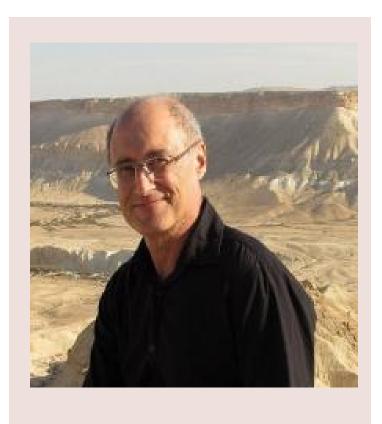


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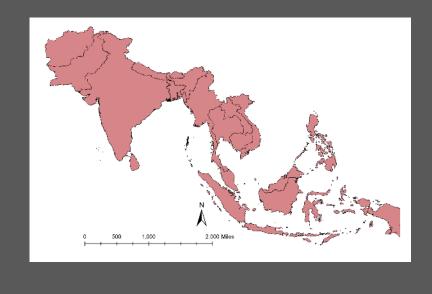


Dr. Gutman (NASA HQ) and Prof. Justice (UMd)





Vision, support and guidance to build the SARI regional science initiative



Questions?