

# **Wild Fire and Carbon Management in Peat-Forest in Indonesia**

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## **WG3: FOREST CARBON TRACKING (FCT)**

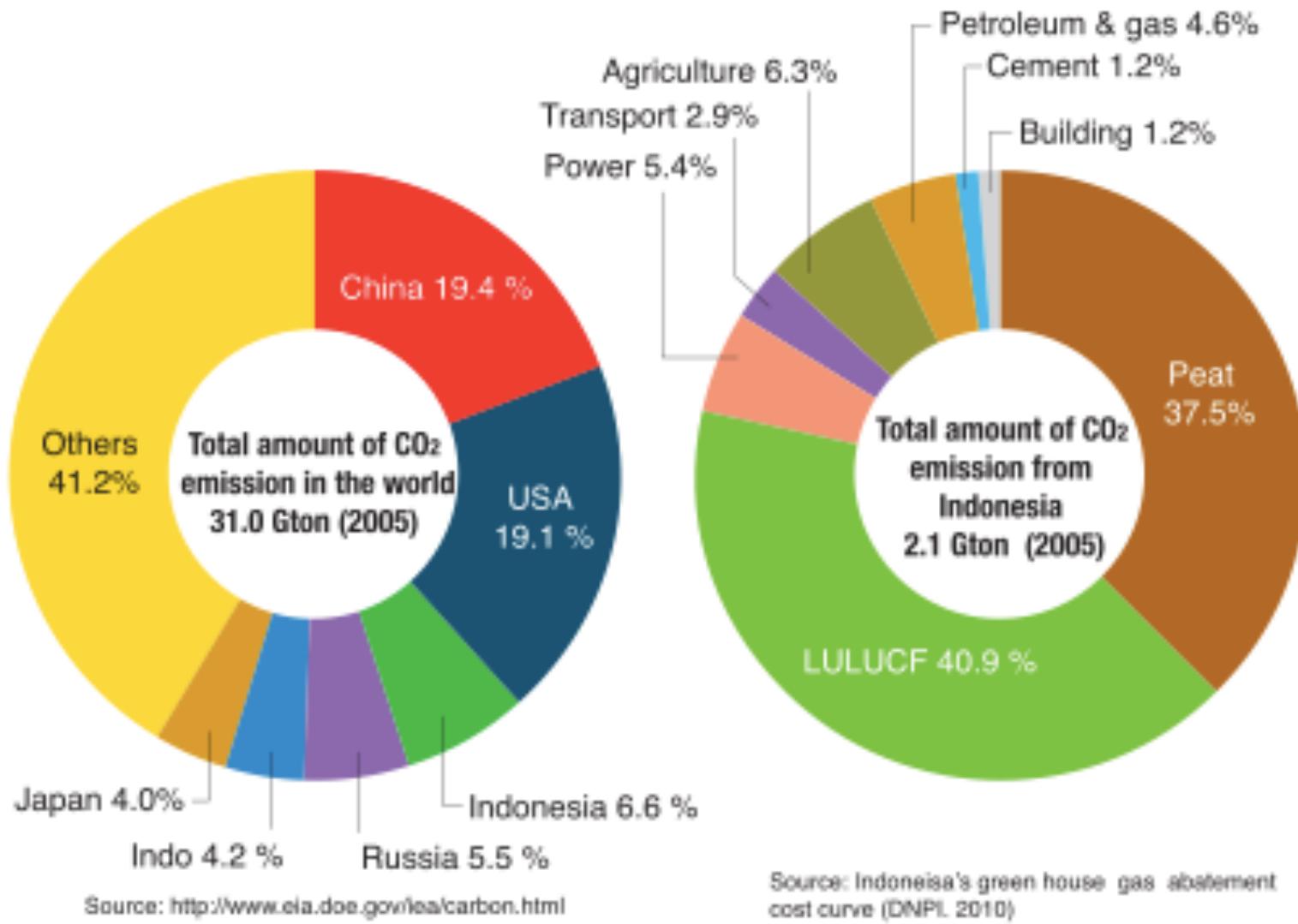
**Estimate on Large Scale Carbon Dynamics in Tropical  
Peatland-Forest**

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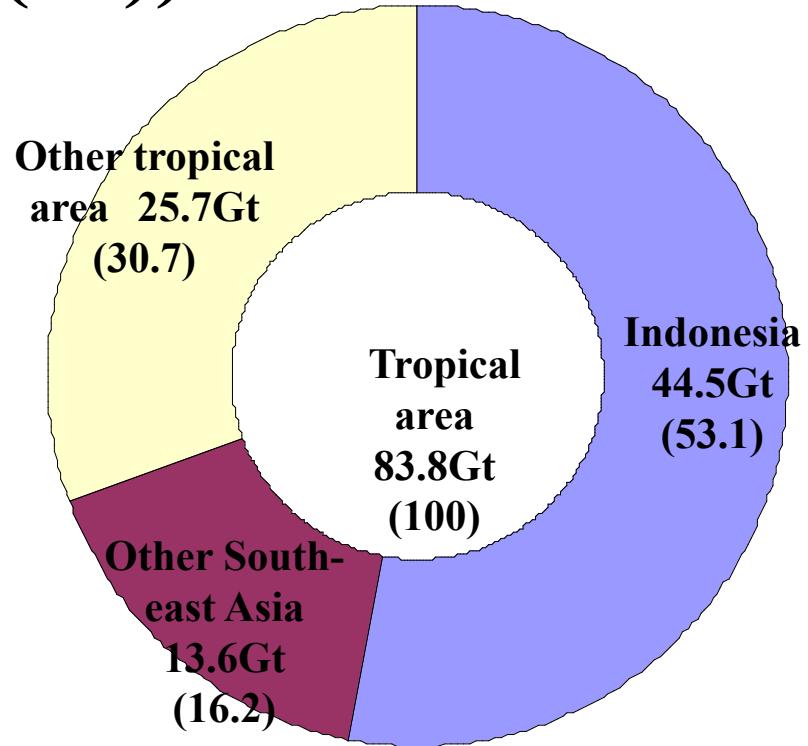
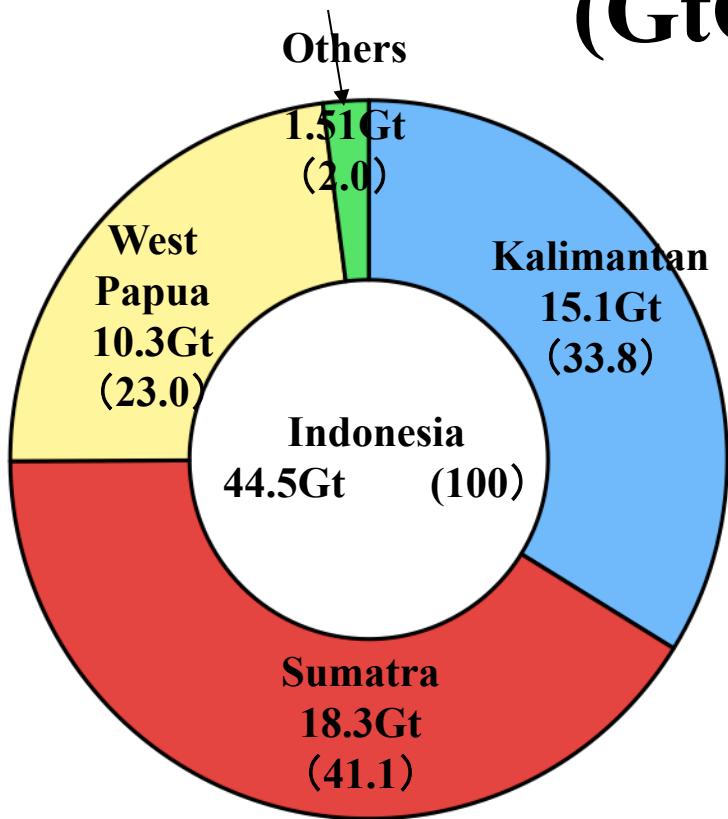
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# Total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emission



# Amount of Carbon in Tropical Peat (GtC (%))



(From Maria Strack ed., 2008: Peatlands and Climate Change. International Peat Society, 223pp.)

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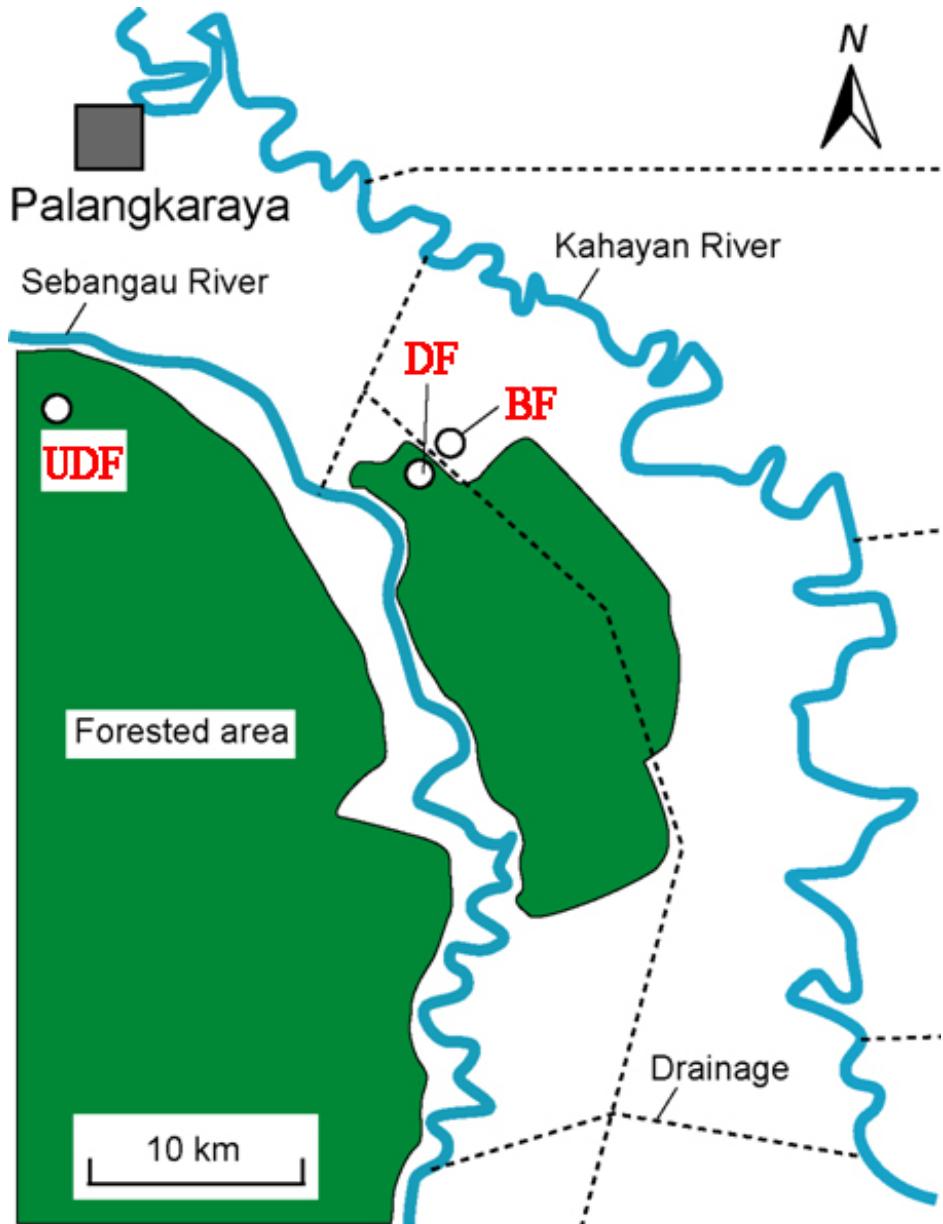
## **(1) Project Introduction**

# Study Site from 1997

- Central Kalimantan, Indonesia
- Peatland
- Mega Rice Project



Palangkaraya



## Study Topics:

- Green House Gasses Flux ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )
- Fire Detection and Protection
- Water Table Monitoring and Management
- Peatland Ecology
- Integrated Farming

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**(2) CO<sub>2</sub> Emission**  
**a) by oxidation of microorganisms**

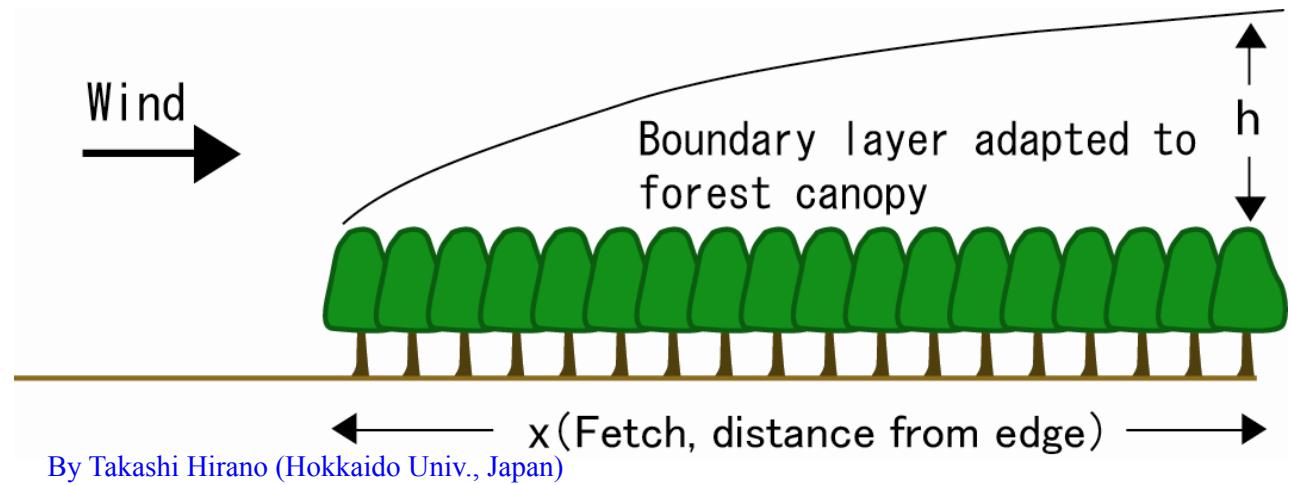
# Eddy covariance technique



CO<sub>2</sub> flux (Net ecosystem CO<sub>2</sub> exchange) is calculated as the covariance of vertical wind speed and CO<sub>2</sub> density.

Within the boundary layer, vertical flux is almost constant.

If flux is measured at an appropriate height within the boundary layer, we can obtain flux averaged spatially over the fetch.



**Undrained forest (UDF)**



**Burnt forest after drainage (BC)**

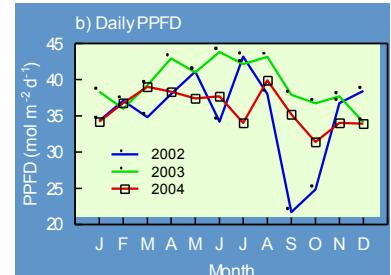
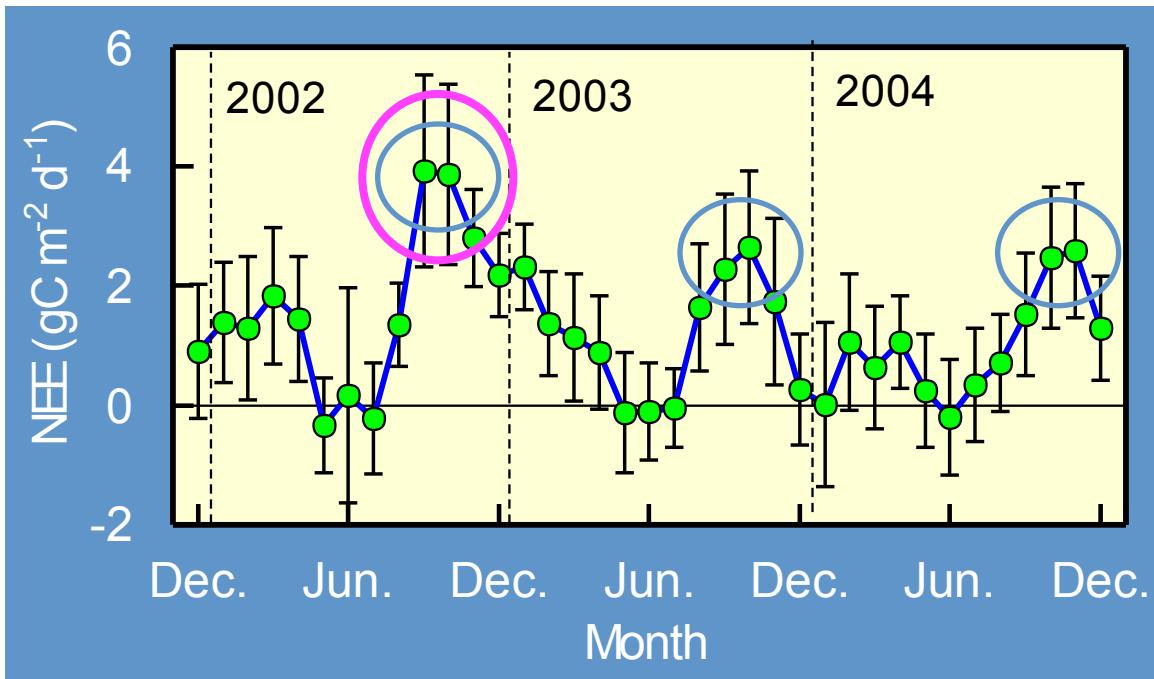


**Drained forest (DF)**



By Takashi Hirano (Hokkaido Univ., Japan) (Unpublished)

# Seasonal variation in NEE (net ecosystem CO<sub>2</sub> exchange) in DF site



CO<sub>2</sub> source  
↑  
↓  
CO<sub>2</sub> sink

- NEE was positive or neutral throughout 3 years (CO<sub>2</sub> source).
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission was the largest in the late dry season, partly due to the shading effect by smoke from farmland fires.
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission was the largest in 2002, an El Niño year, because of dense smoke from large-scale fires.

# Inter-site comparison of annual CO<sub>2</sub> balance

May 2004 to May 2005, Unit: gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

Site	GPP	RE	NEE	Peat decomposition
UDF (undrained)	4000	4103	103	→ -1.4 mm yr <sup>-1</sup>
DF (drained)	3287	3724	437	→ -6.1 mm yr <sup>-1</sup>
BC (burnt & drained)	1075	1899	824	→ -11.6 mm yr <sup>-1</sup>

Positive NEE (CO<sub>2</sub> source strength): BC > DF > UDF

UDF also functioned as a CO<sub>2</sub> source to the atmosphere.

## Results of peat sampling

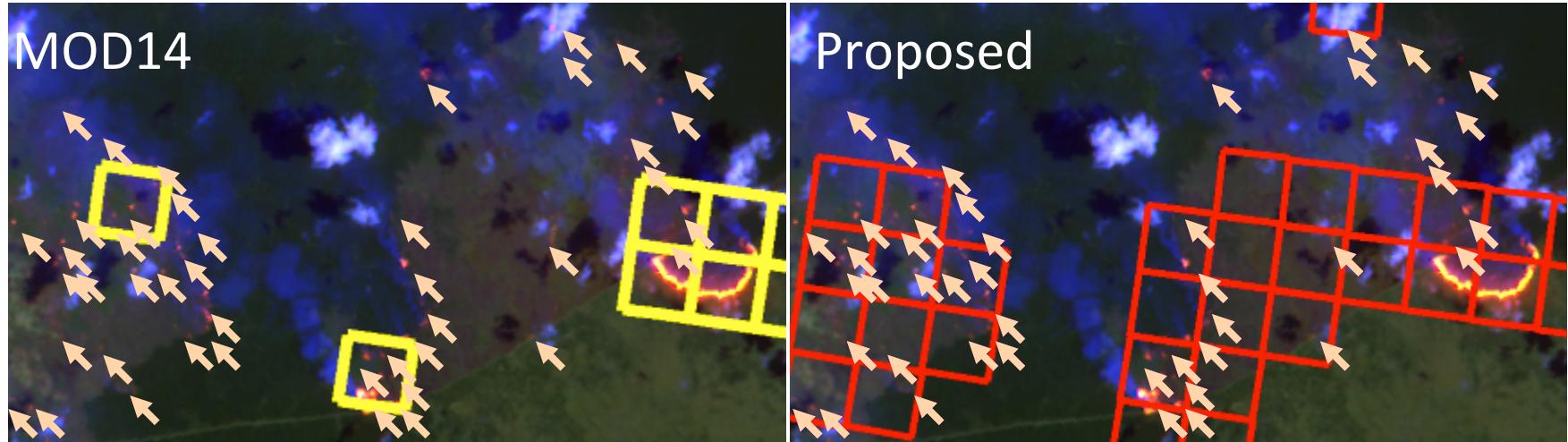
- ◆ Peat growth rate in Indonesia: 1 - 2 mm yr<sup>-1</sup> (Sorensen 1993)
- ◆ Carbon accumulation rate in Palangkaraya: 56 gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (0.8 mm y<sup>-1</sup>) (Page et al. 2004)

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**(2) CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions  
b) by fires**

# Fire Detection

## New Generation Fire Detection



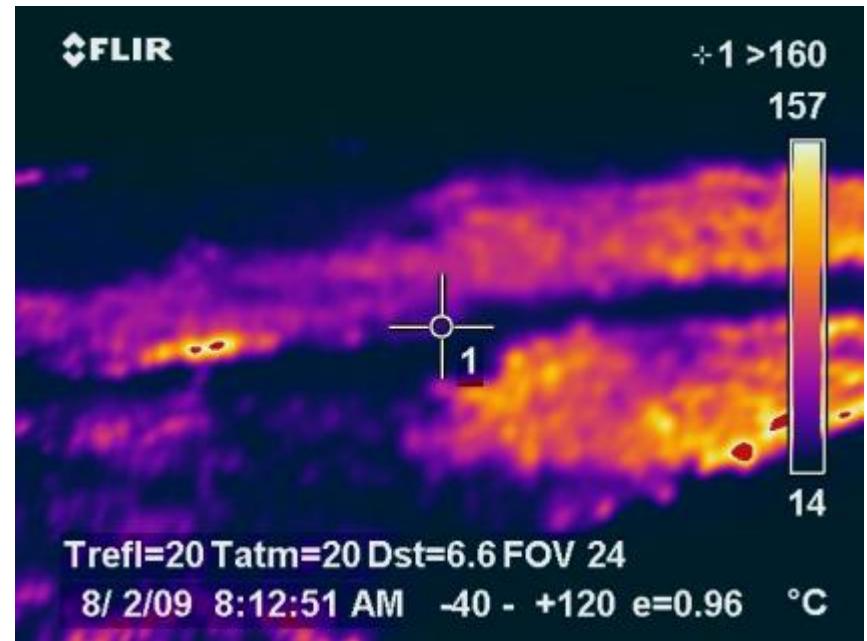
- Doubled S/N ratio (ASTER comparing to MOD14, and Algorism Improvement)
  - **80% more HS** and & **10% less False Alarm**
  - Smoldering, small fire or slush and burn
  - Geographical distribution is completely different
  - **Suitable** to decide firefighting **strategy** and confirm **time**

# Example of Thermograph Image of flight observation

RGB

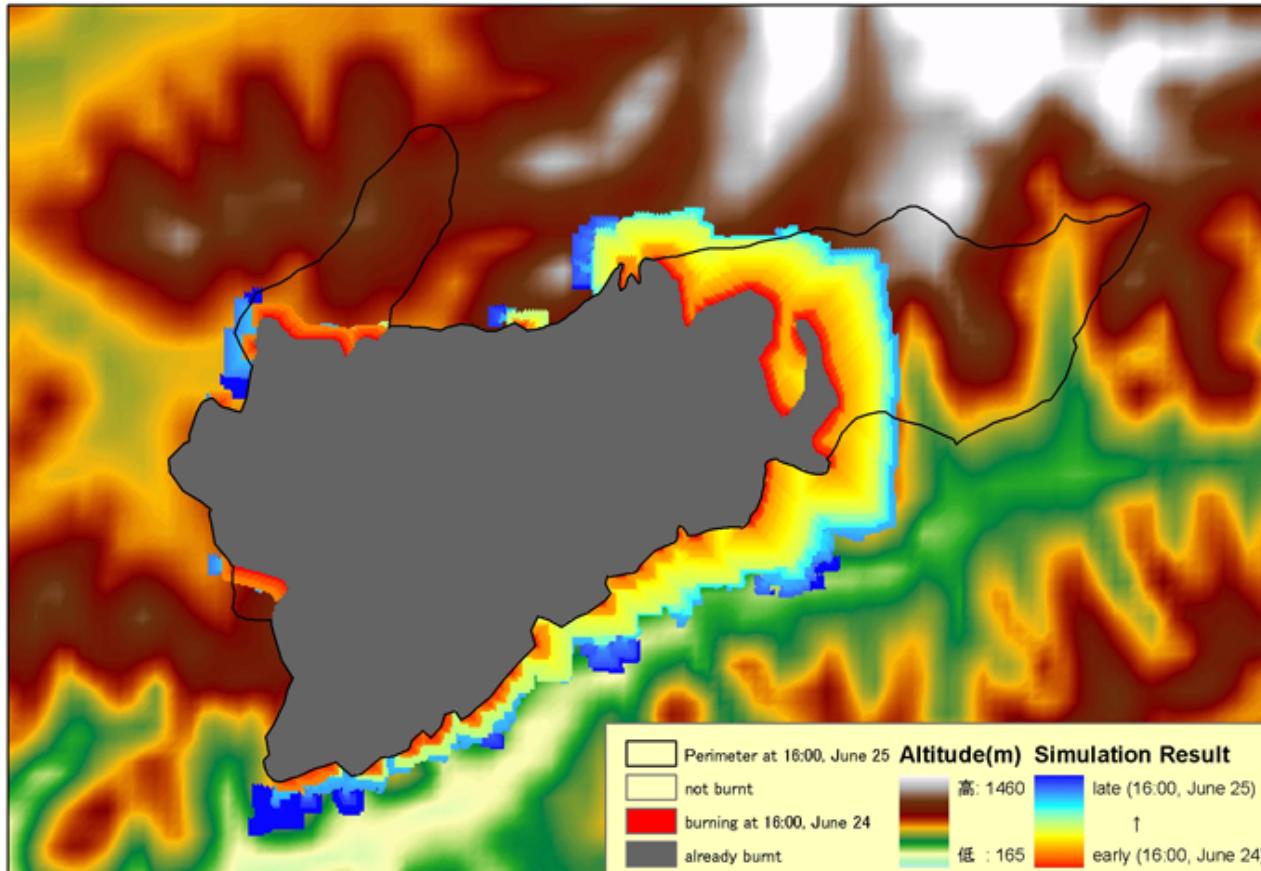


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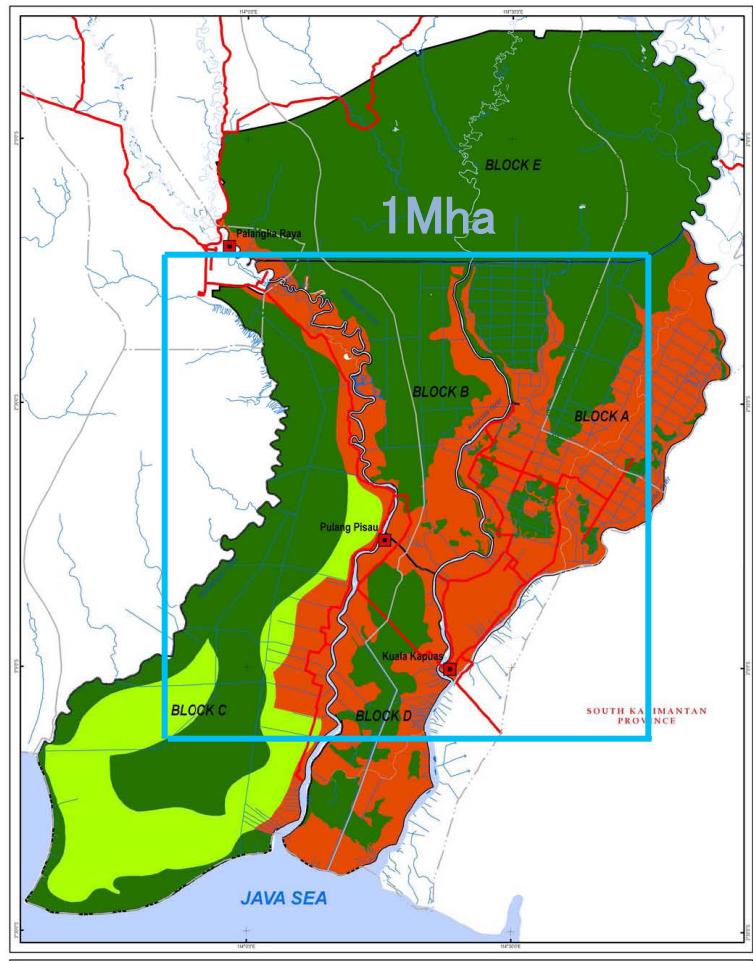
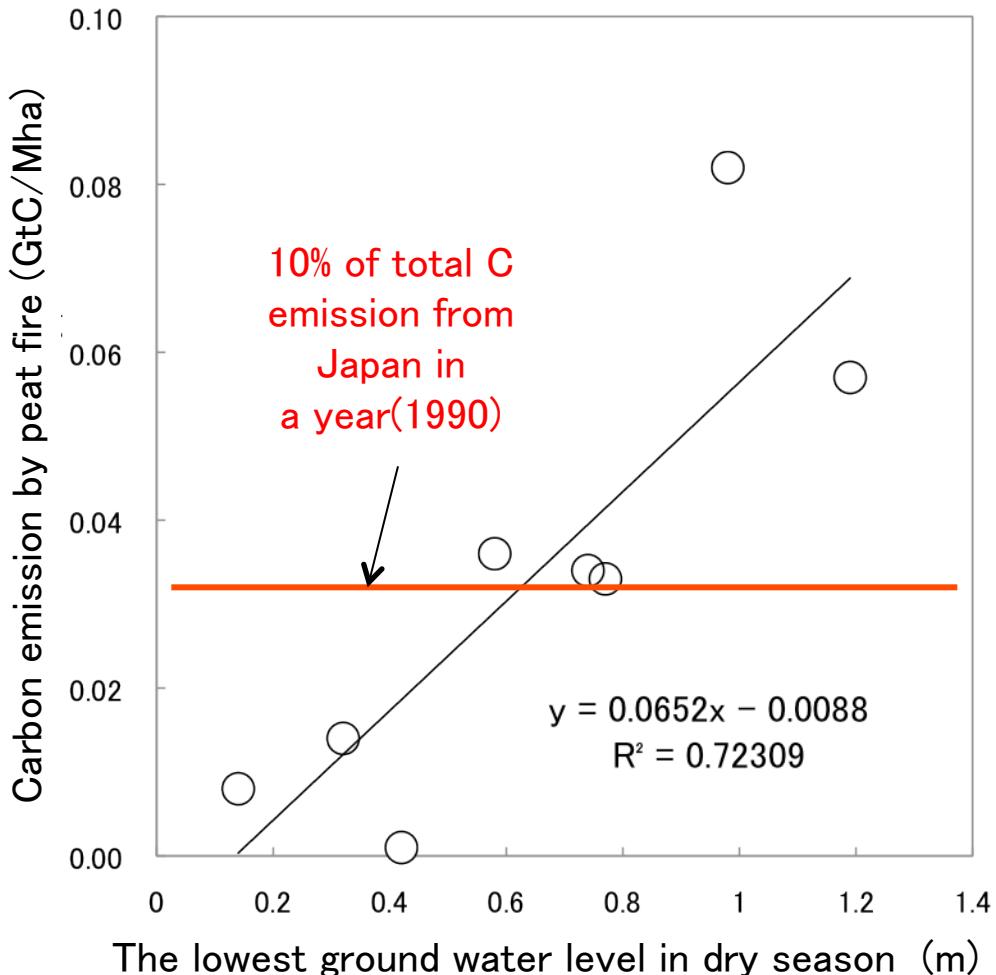
UAV (Unmanned aerial vehicle) flight observation and Wireless Sensor Network are indispensable as well as ground observations.

# Fire Expan. Simulation



- Simulation Result at 16:00, June 25 (after 24 hours run)
- The expansion for the very slow expansion mainly to southward is overestimated.
- The rapid expansion toward eastward is underestimated because of the limit of time step.

Relationship between the lowest ground water level in peatland and total amount of carbon emission in Mega rice project area (Data of carbon emission is offered by Dr. Erianto Indra Putra)



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### **(3) MRV Systems on Water Table Estimation in Peatland**

# What Factors Regulate Carbon in Tropical Peat?

## Deforestation

- Dryness of ground surface
- Decrease water holding capacity

## Ecosystem Change

- Farming/ Vegetation

## Drainage

- Decrease water table

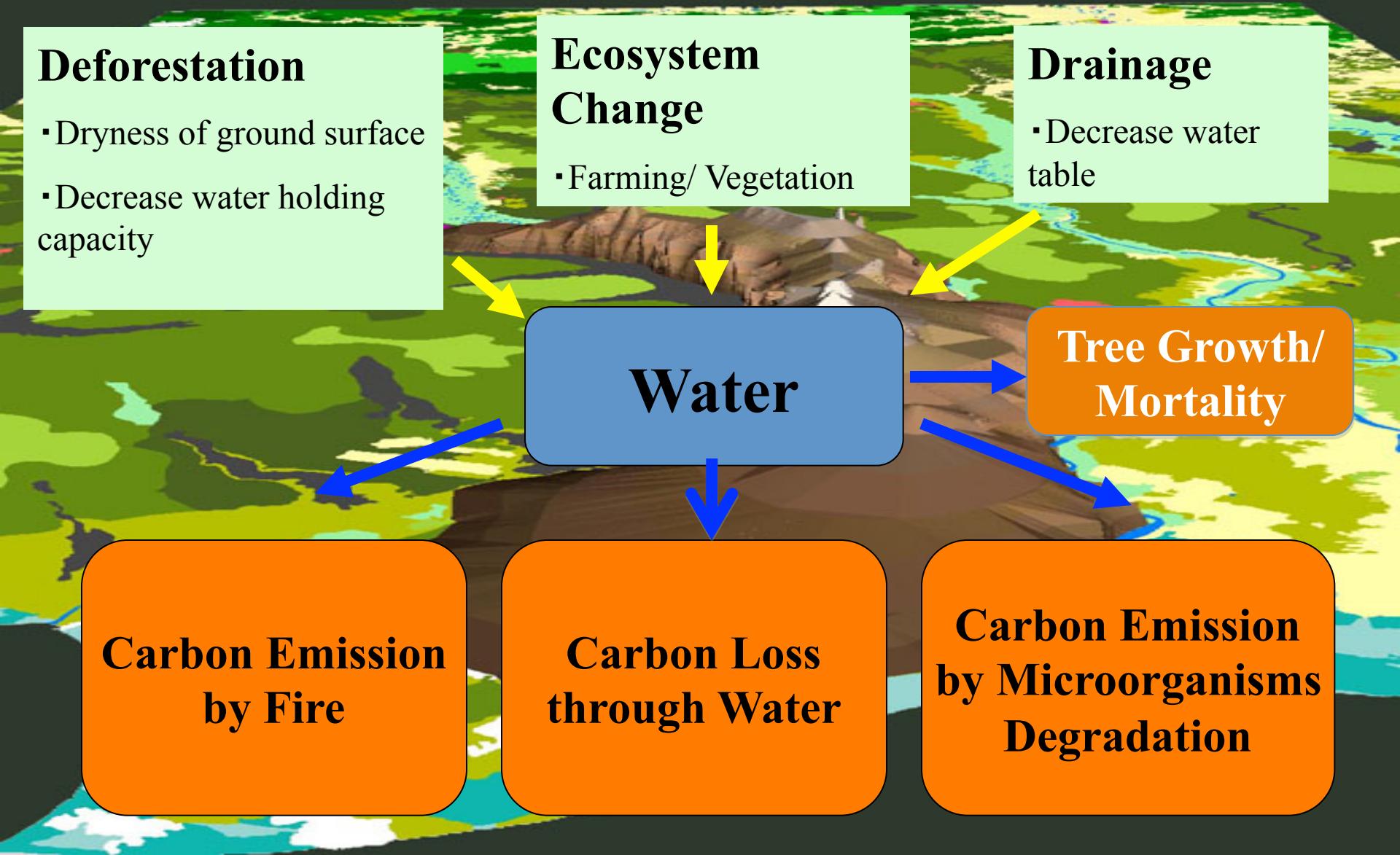
Water

Carbon Emission by Fire

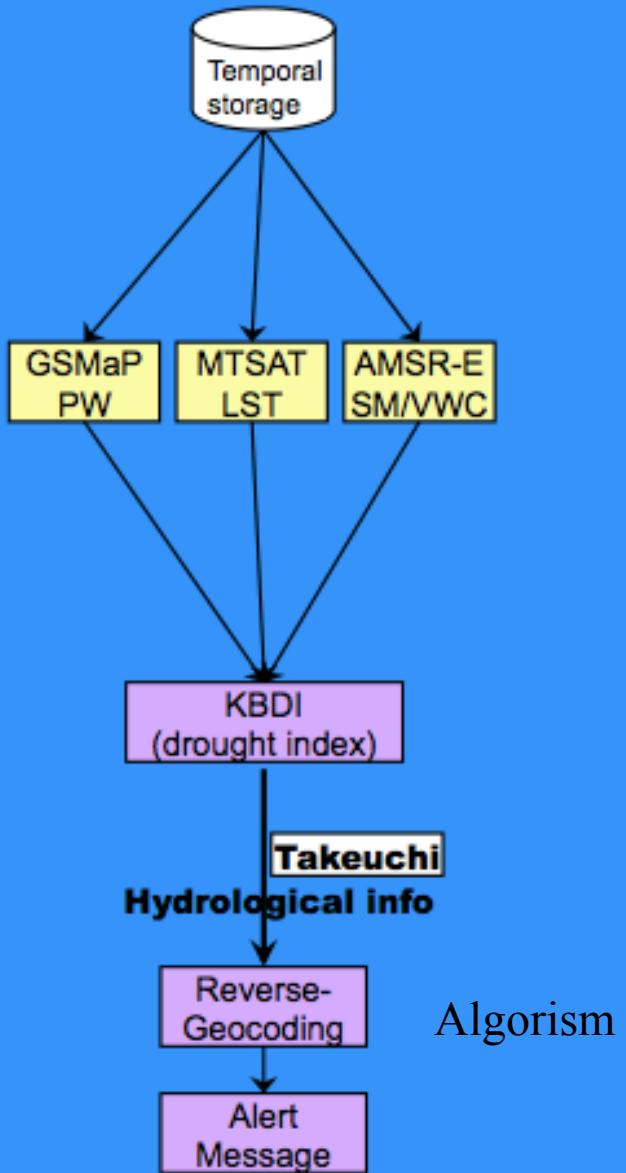
Carbon Loss through Water

Carbon Emission by Microorganisms Degradation

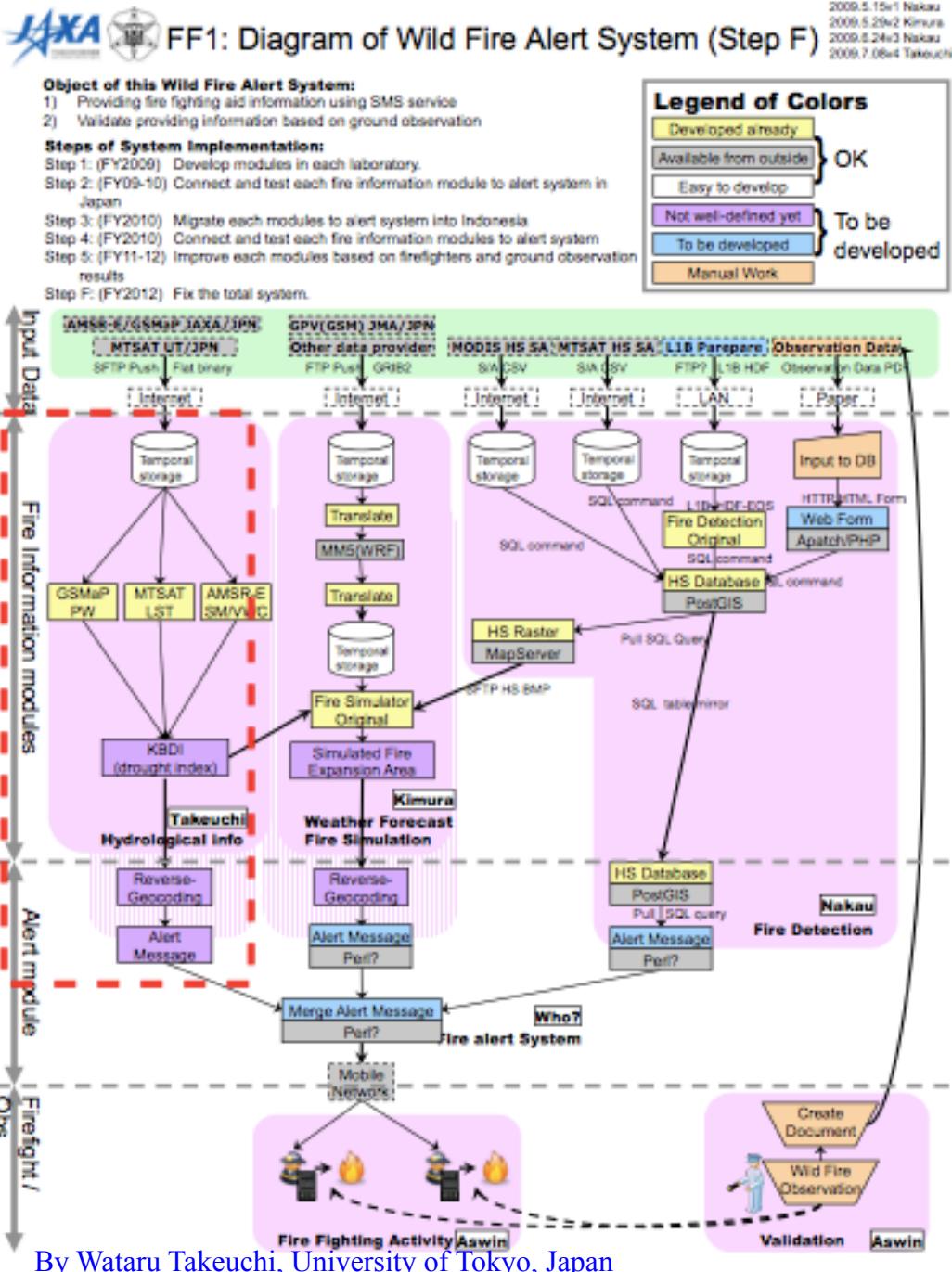
Tree Growth/ Mortality



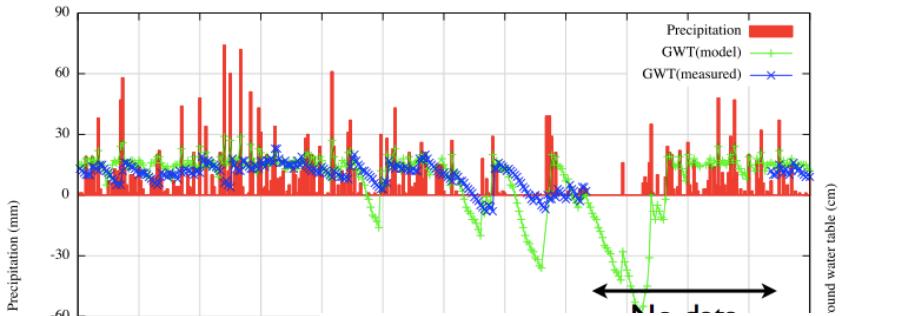
# Peat moisture estimation (U-Tokyo)



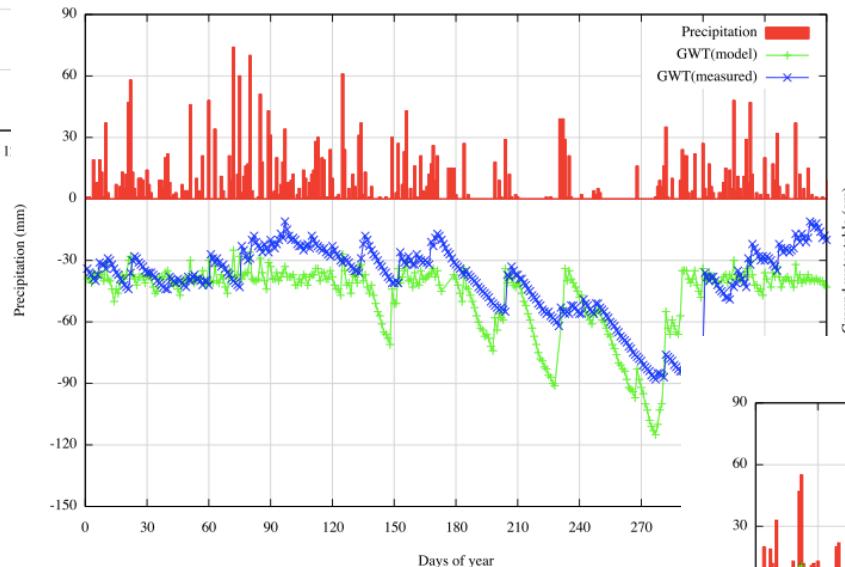
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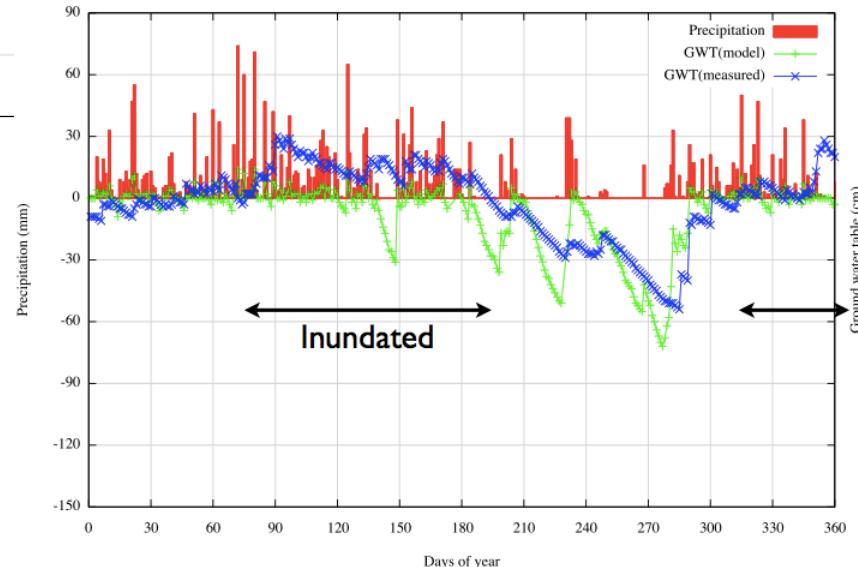
DBF (Drained burnt forest) 2.34S, 114.03E



DF (Drained forest) 2.35S, 114.00E



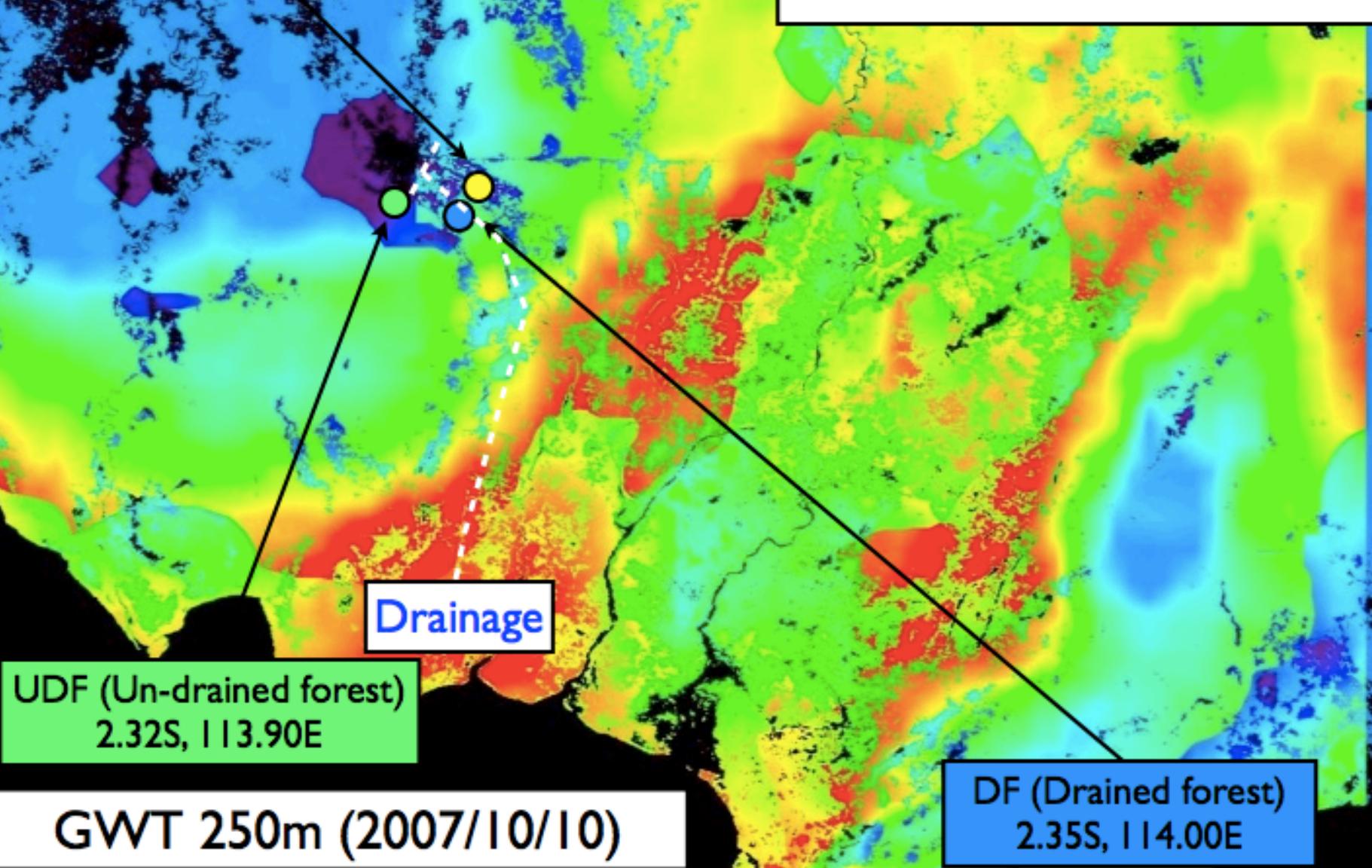
UDF (Un-drained forest) 2.32S, 113.90E



By Wataru Takeuchi, University of Tokyo, Japan

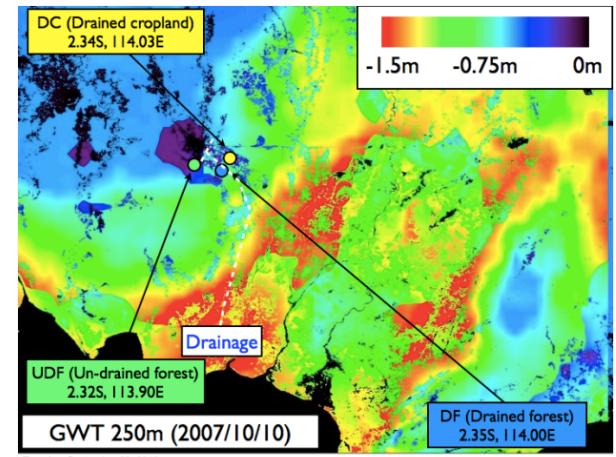
DC (Drained cropland)  
2.34S, 114.03E

-1.5m -0.75m 0m



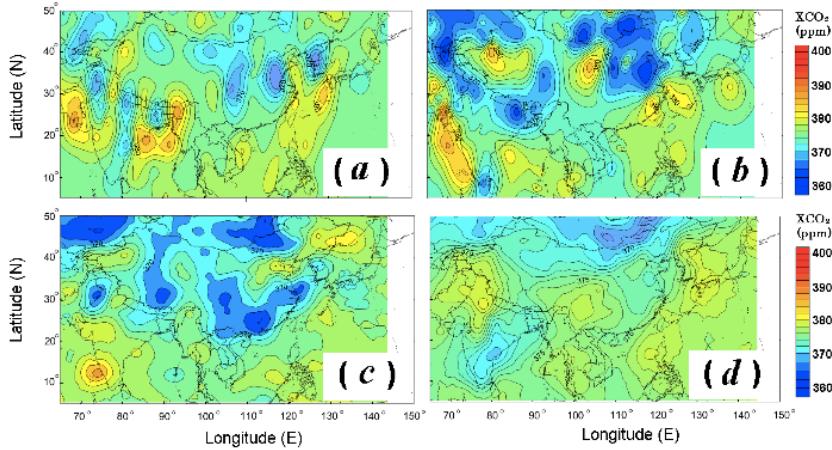
# Water Table is Key for Peatland Ecosystem!!

- 1) Oxidation
- 2) Fire Factors
- 3) Tree growth and Mortality
- 4) DOC



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## **(4) CO<sub>2</sub> Mapping Model**



## CO<sub>2</sub> mapping by GOSAT data

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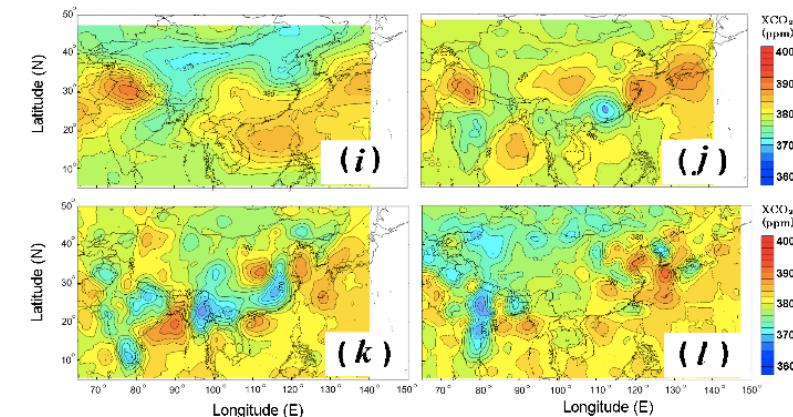
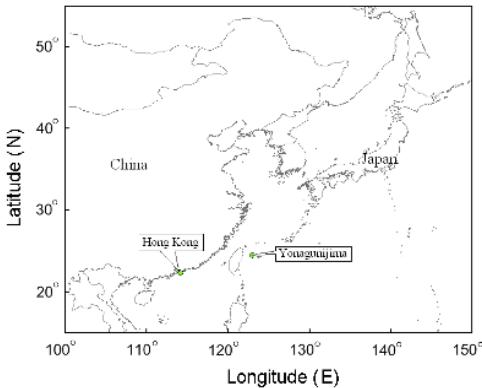
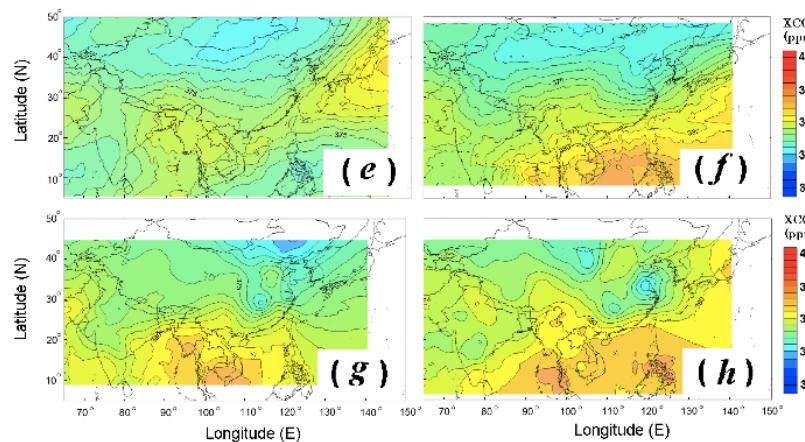
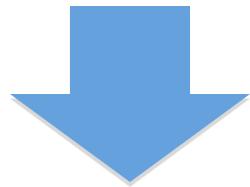


Fig. 4.10 Kriging interpolation map of  $XCO_2$  in four seasons of: summer ((a) June 2009, (b) July 2009, (c) August 2009); autumn ((d) September 2009, (e) October 2009, (f) November 2009); winter ((g) December 2009, (h) January 2010, (i) February 2010) and spring ((j) March 2010, (k) April 2010, (l) May 2010).

Fig. 4.2 Location of WMO WDCGG data in Hong Kong and Yonagunijima station.

## Top-down

- satellite
- airplane
- inverse model

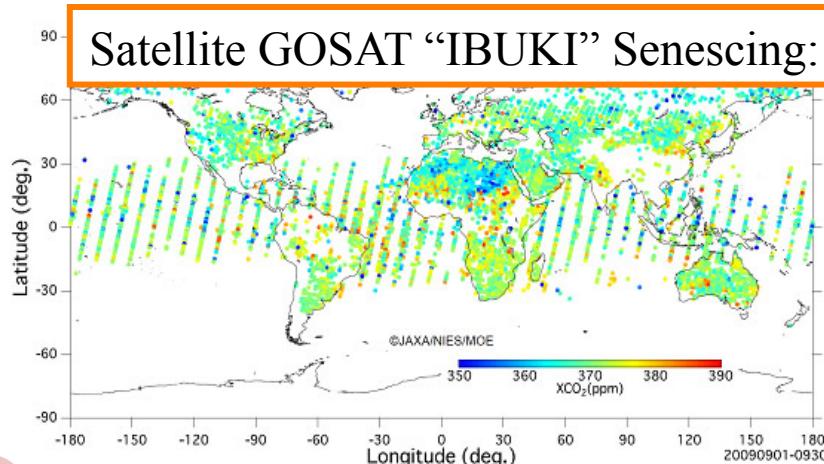


**Integrated,  
practical carbon  
budget map**



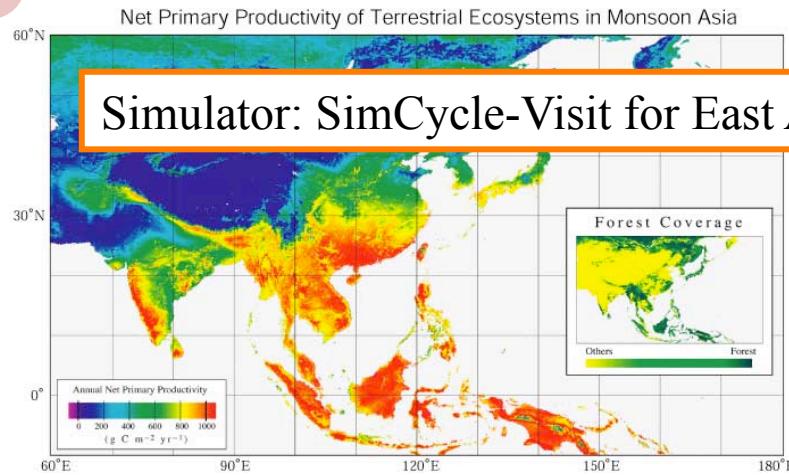
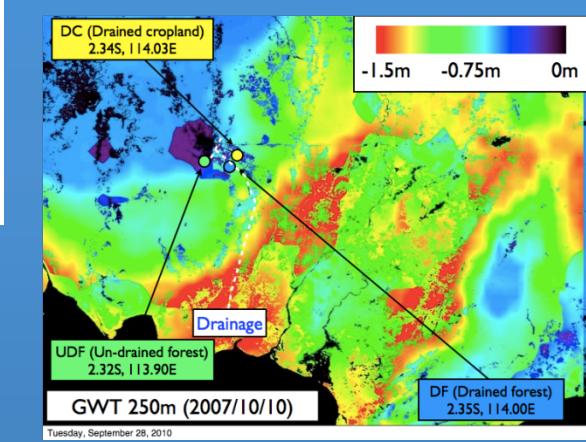
## Bottom-up

- field survey
- flux obs.
- process model



Column averaged dry air mole fraction distribution of carbon dioxide for the month of September, 2009, obtained from IBUKI observation data (unvalidated) By JAXA

**Carbon-Water Simulator**

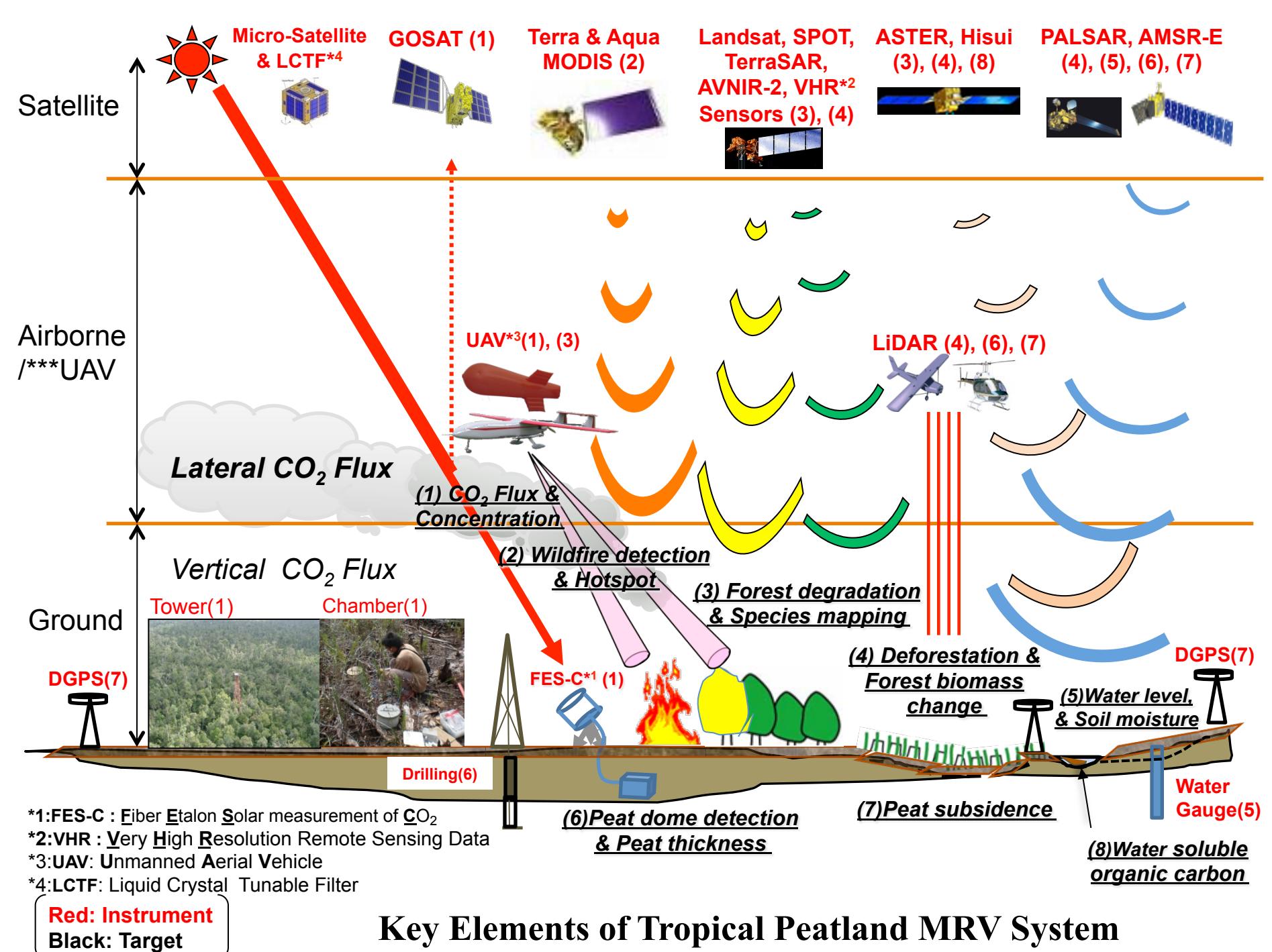


**Simulator: SimCycle-Visit for East Asia**

- Carbon Emission by Fire
- Carbon Loss through Water
- Carbon Emission by Microorganisms Degradation
- Tree Growth/Mortality

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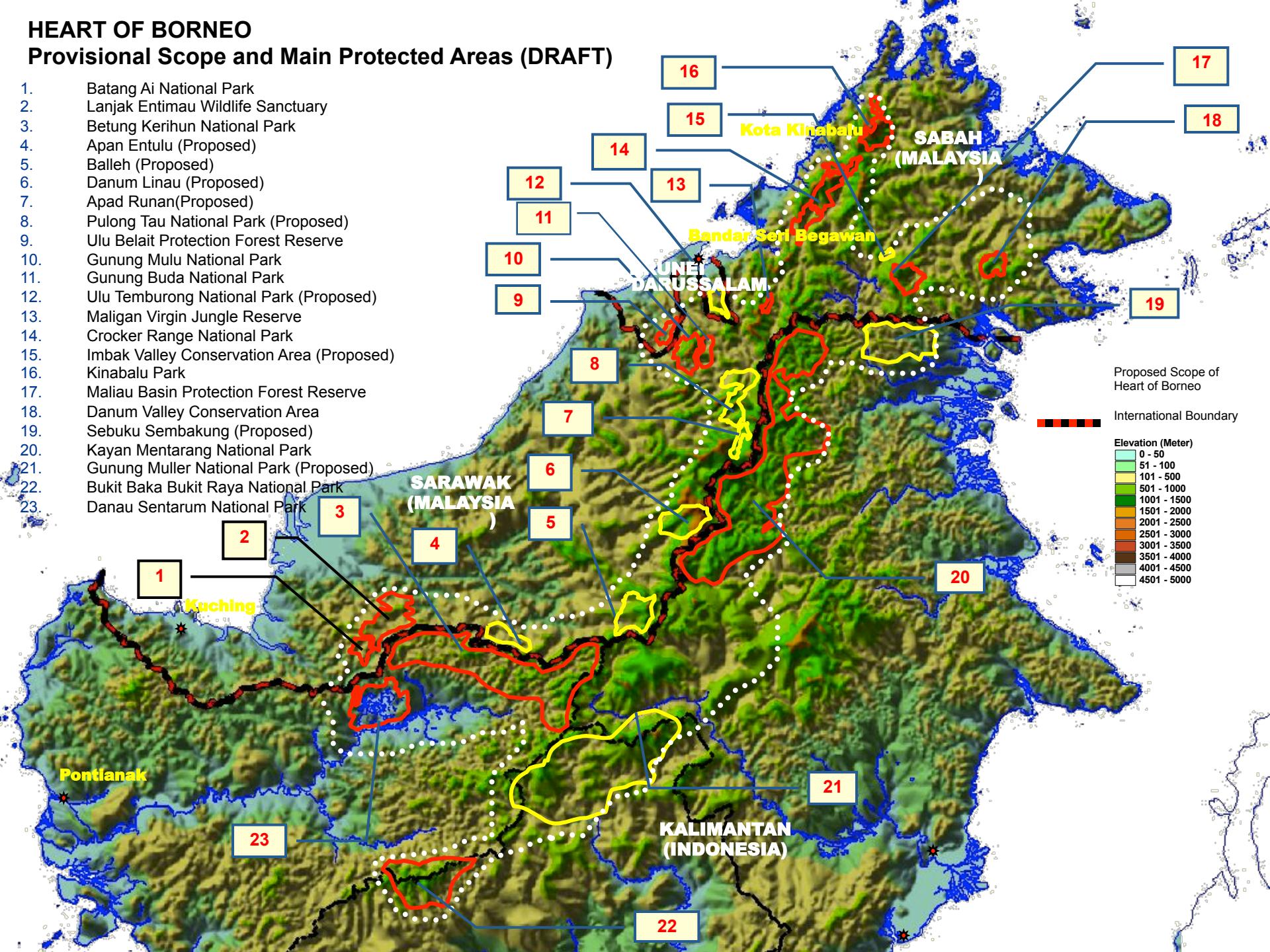
### **(5) Integrated MRV System on Large Scale Ecosystem**



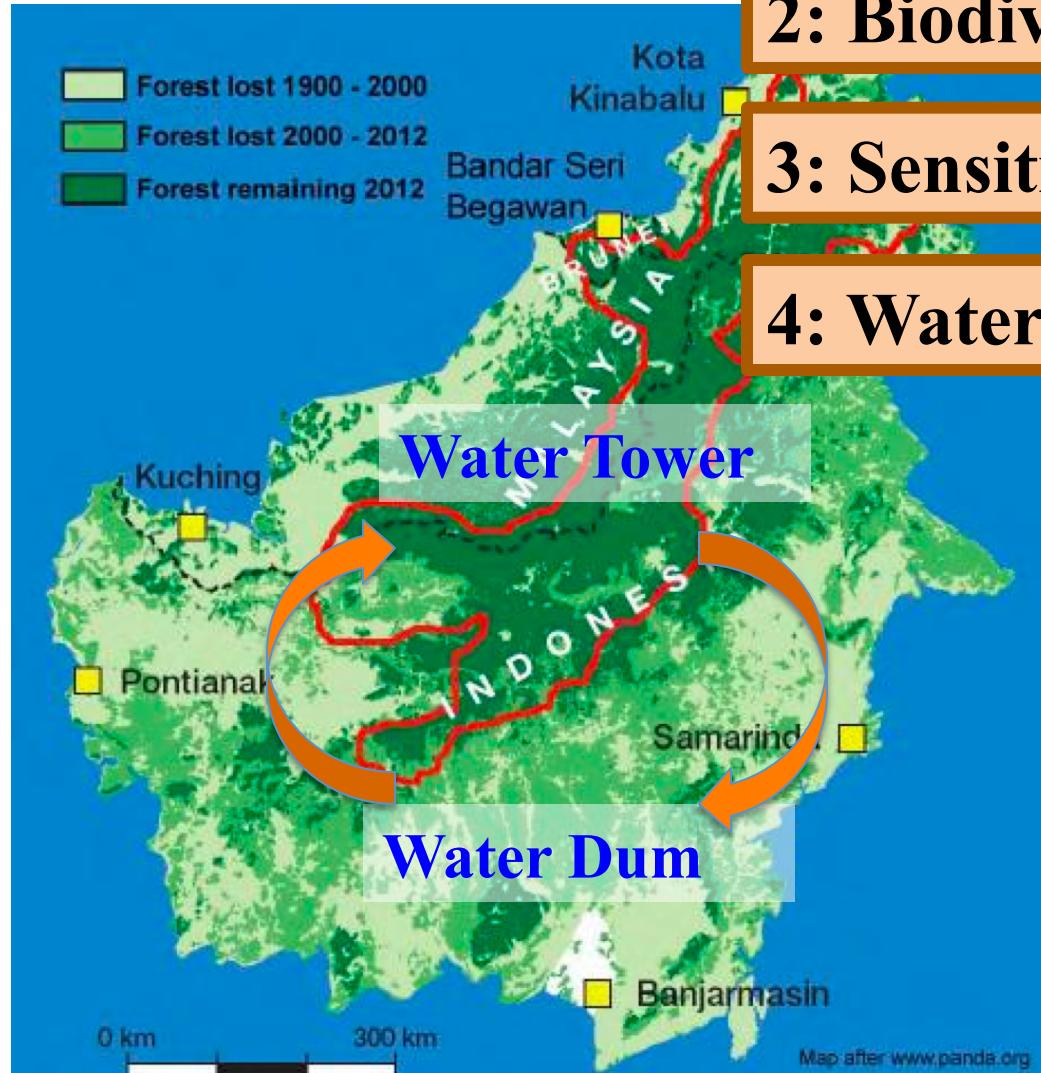
# HEART OF BORNEO

## Provisional Scope and Main Protected Areas (DRAFT)

1. Batang Ai National Park
2. Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Betung Kerihun National Park
4. Apan Entulu (Proposed)
5. Balleh (Proposed)
6. Danum Linau (Proposed)
7. Apad Runan(Proposed)
8. Pulong Tau National Park (Proposed)
9. Ulu Belait Protection Forest Reserve
10. Gunung Mulu National Park
11. Gunung Buda National Park
12. Ulu Temburong National Park (Proposed)
13. Maligan Virgin Jungle Reserve
14. Crocker Range National Park
15. Imbak Valley Conservation Area (Proposed)
16. Kinabalu Park
17. Maliau Basin Protection Forest Reserve
18. Danum Valley Conservation Area
19. Sebuku Sembakung (Proposed)
20. Kayan Mentarang National Park
21. Gunung Muller National Park (Proposed)
22. Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park
23. Danau Sentarum National Park



# Water Tower in Heart of Borneo and Water Dum in Peatland



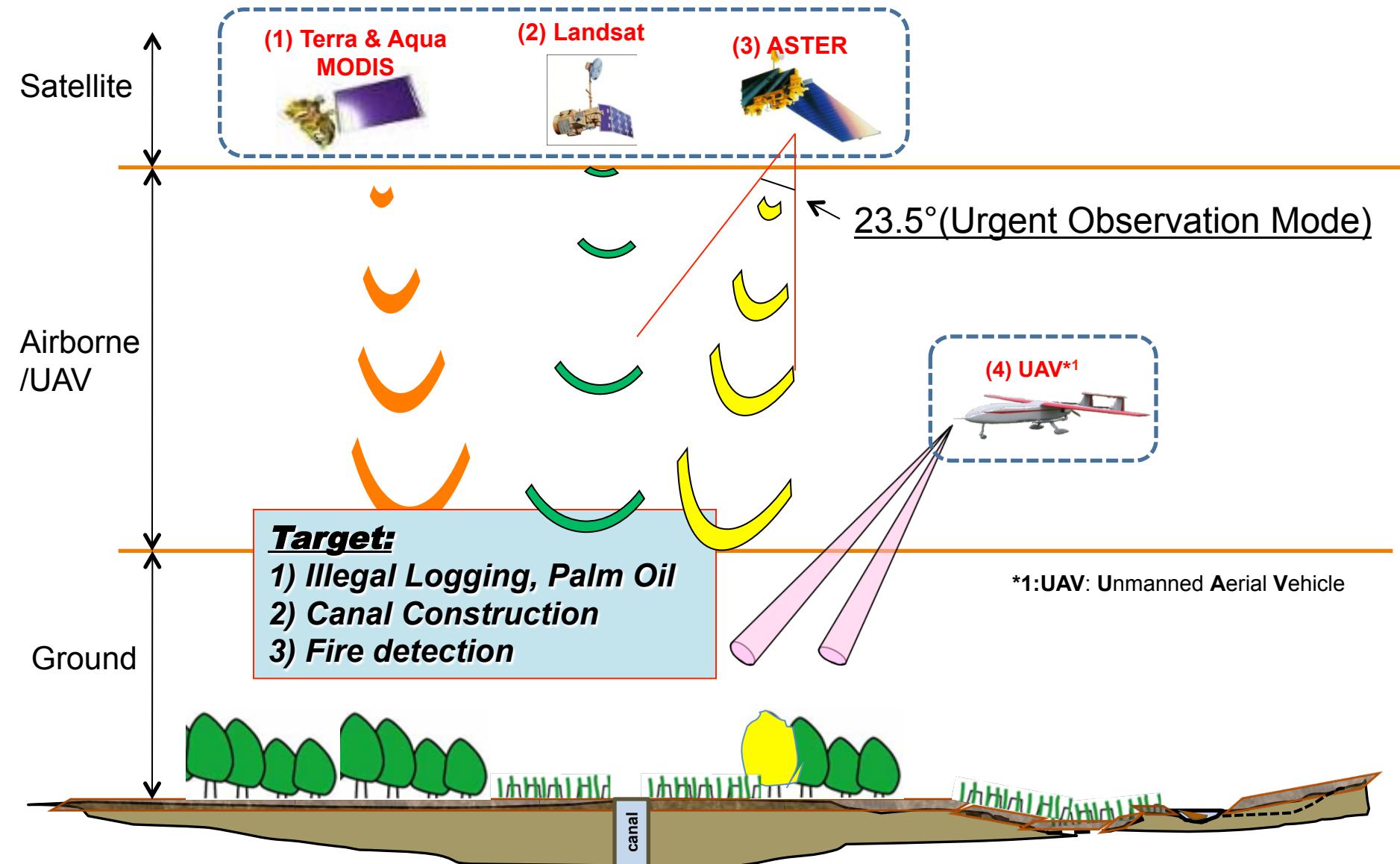
**1: Carbon storage**

**2: Biodiversity**

**3: Sensitive to climate changes**

**4: Water storage**

## Operational Sensors in Jan. 2012



Sub-national/District Level MRV proposed by BAPPEDA, DNPI, JST-JICA

# Summary of Operation

1. National Level → INCAS

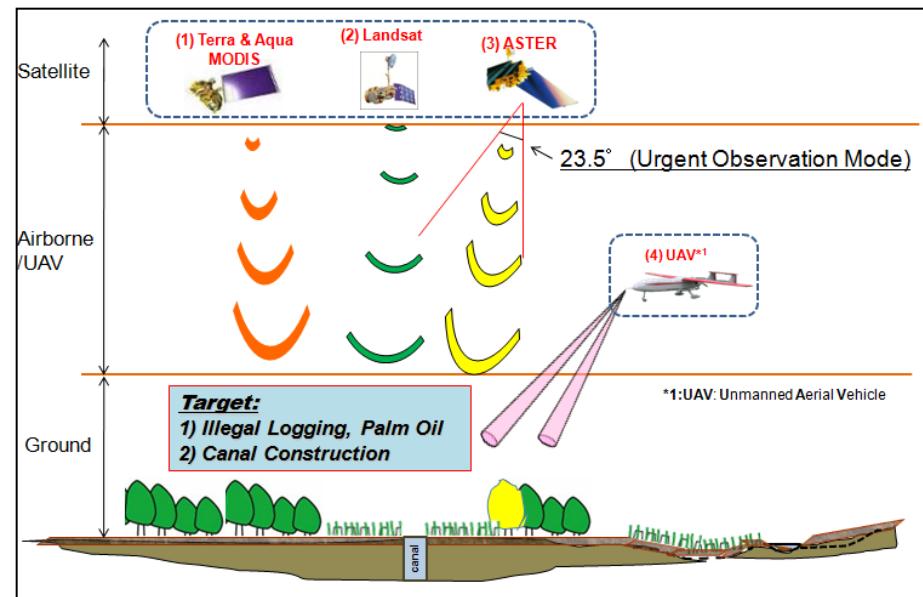


2. Sub-national/District Level → Moratorium Map Assessment

## Requirement

- 1) Frequent observation  
(Near real-time)
- 2) Simple system  
(managed by Indonesia)
- 3) Low-Cost

\*MODIS-Landsat-ASTER-UAV



3. Project Level → JST-JICA (Hokudai), METI F/S, VCS, etc

**Thank you for your attention**

