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Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation Simulation for Basin-wide Flood Hazard Mapping at the Batanghari River in Sumatra, Indonesia

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The Batanghari River Basin





The Batanghari River Basin (42,960 km²)

A Regional Flood Hazard Map





Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation (RRI) Model





Sayama, T. et al. Hydrological Sciences Journal, 2012.

RRI Model is freely available from ICHARM webpage.

RRI Model Builder





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RRI Model Viewer





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Landscapes in the Batanghari RB



Tropical Forest in Sumatra







Peatland Area in the Downstream











Land Cover and Hydrologic Cycle





- 1. In Sumatra, **50 % of primary forest has been deforested** in the last 25 years (1985-2009)
- 2. The deforestation has impacted to the increase of CO₂ emission and **change in the hydrologic cycle**, causing flood and drought disasters, soil erosion and drying lands.
- 3. In the downstream part of the river basin, where large **peatland** exists, the change in river flow regime as well as artificial drainage system for creating new farmland has dried the area, leading to frequent fire in the peatland area and haze issue.

Land-cover land-use Change (LC)





Courtesy by Dr Apip

Impact of Land Cover Change on Flooding



- Based on BNPB data, during the period of 1995 until 2014, the frequency of flooding in Jambi province had increased steadily. The most probable reason was forest cover change and the expansion of plantation crops (Tarigan, 2016).
- Deforestation increases the frequency of flooding.
- Scientific Questions
 - What are actual changes in hydrologic processes induced by the land cover changes?
 - In humid tropical rainforest / plantation croplands, what is a dominant runoff process during storm events? (overland flow / quick subsurface flow?)
 - How to assess the impact with hydrologic models?

Three Conditions of Surface / Subsurface Flow in RRI





In case of Japanese Forest





Soil depths: 60 – 100 cm Underlain by granite bedrock (Kiryu Experimental Watershed)







Peter Kienzler, ETH Zurich



Chris Graham PhD thesis



Thick Soil Depths in Tropical Climate



Forest mountainous hillslope





Soil depths = 5 m



Effects of Soil Depths on G.W. Recharge





Well drilling and GW Monitoring











Date in 2017

——SK3_Dep (max: 2.77 m)

— Rainfall

-SK2_Dep (max: 6.16 m)

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-SK1_Dep (max: 5.71 m)



Summary



- Clear understanding of rainfall-runoff processes in humid tropical forest mountains is required for assessing the impact of land cover change on flooding.
- In our experimental hillslope, the soil depth at the slope foot was about 5 m and the mountainous groundwater exist in the depths of 3 to 4 m.
- The groundwater table increase by about 1.5 m during some storm events and then decrease gradually.
- Further studies are needed. Hope to develop a physically-sound element model incorporated into the Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation (RRI) model.





b) If the soil is characterized by clay, the G.W. recharge may have high temporal variabilities





Research Projects

- DPRI-KU
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 - Since FY2015
 - WP4: Disaster Research Group
 - Collaborative Research between DPRI, KU and Research Center for Limnology, LIPI
- MEXT KAKENHI (B)
 - Since FY2016
 - "Assessing the Impact of Deforestation in Tropical Forest in Sumatra, Indonesia, on Hydrologic Cycle at the River Basin Scale including Lower Wetland Area" (PI: T. Sayama)
- TOUGOU Project: Integrated Research Program for Advancing Climate Models
 - Since FY2017
 - Area Theme D: Integrated Hazard Prediction (PI: Prof. Nakakita, KU)
 - Hazard Assessment in Asian and Pacific Countries and International Cooperation