







REMOTE SENSING DROUGHT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT BASED ON MODIS DATA IN MONGOLIA

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INTRODUCTION

In the recent years, climate change has been one of our major problem.

Furthermore, drought is the single most important weather-related natural disaster.

Therefore, we need to use spatial techniques of Remote Sensing for drought monitoring

BACKGROUND

Mongolia is a landlocked country located in Central Asia. The highland with an area of 1,565,000 km² and a population of 3 million, The country is bordered by Russia to the north and China to the south, east and west.



- ➤ Land locked
- Different Natural zones
- Severe Continental Climate (4 seasons, long winter, short summer)



- Economy based on Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry (> 40 mln livestock, pasture > 90%)
- Less industry (mining)
- Low density of human population
 3. million/1,565 mln sq.km
 50% in capital city (UB)
- Few bigger cities and towns





Mongolia nature and geography

Mongolia has one of the coldest climates in the world, with temperatures dropping below -25°C for several months each year. And but summer is hot and not so long. Therefore Mongolia is known to the world as a country of "Blue Sky" 4

CLIMATE CHANGE IN MONGOLIA

CURRENT SITUATION:



Annual mean Air temperature change trend since 1940 Increased in 2.1degree C



Annual precipitation change trend since 1940 Decreased in 7%

DISASTER SITUATION OF MONGOLIA (MAIN DISASTERS)

Drought

Major Disaster in Mongolia

Drought, Dzud, (Fire)

- x Dzud- harsh winter(cold+heavy snow)
- Drought occurs every year affecting 30 70% of total area=> inadequate pasture, hay and fodder.
- Drought in summer followed by dzud in winter => livestock lossess.

Storms



Dust storm



Wildfire

Dzud (Winter storms)



Winter storms



DROUGHT MONITORING



The intensity, frequency and area of natural hazards/natural disasters are increasing (L.Natsagdorj et al, 2004)

Pasture & Drought monitoring using satellite data

National Remote Sensing Center / – responsible for Satellite data receiving, processing and servicing (Aqua, Terra/MODIS, Soumi-NPP, NOAA, MetOp-B, FY-2).



NDWI Drought index



VCI Drought index

3rd 10 day



VHI Drought index



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Drought statistic by natural zones

Drought mapping was made combined by 3 regions which has more than 50% correlation including forest, steppe, desert steppe. The correlations between RS Drought index and SPI index calculated by meteorological parameter were different in various natural zones separately.



Natural regional made from mapping of land cover classification by MODIS data in 2010.

| | Soil moisture 10cm | AI | SPI |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | VS | VS | VS |
| | RS indices | RS indices | RS indices |
| Forest | r >45 (NDDI, VHI, TCI) | | |
| Steppe | r >45 (VSWI) | r >49 (TCI) | r >46 (TCI, VSWI) |
| Desert Steppe | r >45 (VHI) | r >45 (TCI, VHI) | r >46 (TCI) |

Combined by Drought indices



Reference Scale: 1: 9,000,000

Field measurement



The joint field work.

- 1. Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 2. Meteorological institute of Mongolia

Fixed filed area



150 km*2=300km*2days=600km ¹⁵

FIELD MEASUREMENT

Field work for drought

Before cutting Biomass





Soil moisture









Drought Monitoring system from RADI of CAS China

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Drought Monitoring maps of Mongolia



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