Recent Activities of Sentinel Asia Since 2020

8th Joint Project Team Meeting
September 17, 2023

Deputy Executive Secretariat of Sentinel Asia
Goro Takei
1. Membership Status of Sentinel Asia

In total: **114** organizations. **6** organizations newly joined as below:
- United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) in September 2020
- Kobe University, Japan in April 2021
- National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED) of Japan in May 2021
- Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), Turkey in July 2022
- Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) in January 2023
- Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) in May 2023

(As of September 2023)
MBRSC and CRISP newly registered their satellites, respectively “KhalifaSat” and “TeLEOS-1” as contributing satellites since 2020.
3. Emergency Observation Request by Geographical Distribution

# Number of activations
36 countries/regions
422 disasters
Feb. 2007 - Sep. 2023
✓ JICA requested emergency observation on Volcano Eruption of Mt. Semeru

✓ Thanks to disaster information provided by Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS), Nanyang Technological University and optical satellite data from FORMOSAT-5 TASA on Web-GIS, JICA found potential landslide risk information that was hard to acquire from the field survey.
3.2 Flood in Pakistan in August 2022

✓ Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) of Pakistan requested emergency observation through Asia Institute of Technology (AIT) and Asia Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) activated

✓ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), United Nations World Food Program (UNWFP), a Consultant of a World Bank project, and a disaster response NGO asked for their access to the Web-GIS to monitor the impact of flood in Pakistan
3.2 Flood in Pakistan: Statistic information

✓ JICA expected the statistic information such as affected population to understand the scale of the food impact.

✓ In this regard, JAXA created below affected population information as sample and introduced it to JICA.

- Created by overlaying flood-detected area and world population information provided by UN.
- Color gradation from pale orange to brown indicates increase of affected population.

https://sentinelasia.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=d5ae4fbbad046423892df17cad7da40b3
3.3 Volcano Eruption in Tonga in January 2022

- ADRC requested emergency observation on Volcano Eruption in Tonga
- JICA HQ shared the disaster information provided by Sentinel Asia to JICA Fiji Office, that oversees surrounding islands including Tonga

**EOS-RS Damage Proxy Map: Tonga, Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai volcano, 22 Jan 2022, v0.5**

The Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) created this preliminary Damage Proxy Map (DPM) depicting areas that are likely damaged in Tongatapu and southern Ha’apai islands of Tonga due to the eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai volcano on 15 Jan 2022. This map was derived from synthetic aperture radar (SAR) images acquired by ALOS-2 satellites operated by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) before (9 Mar 2019, 7 Mar 2020) and after (22 Jan 2022) the event.

The image covers an area indicated by the large white polygon. Each pixel measures about 30 meters across. The colour variation from yellow to red indicates increasingly more significant surface change. Preliminary validation was done by comparing with high-resolution optical imagery. This damage proxy map should be used as a guide to identify damaged areas, and may be less reliable over vegetated areas. Scattered pixels over vegetated areas may be false positives, and a lack of coloured pixels over vegetated areas may not mean no damage.

The Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) coordinated with Sentinel Asia to timely task the ALOS-2 satellite. Data was analyzed by the Earth Observatory of Singapore - Remote Sensing Lab (EOS-RS).

More map details and files at: http://eos-rs-products.earthobservatory.sg/EOS-RS_202201_Tonga_HungaTonga_Volcano

EOS-RS Twitter: @eos_rs
3.3 Volcano Eruption in Tonga in January 2022

✓ JICA appreciated the disaster information provided by Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), which indicates the potential impact of the Tsunami and Ash since there was no information from Tonga due to the communication issues.

Disaster information provided by MBRSC
3.4 Earthquake in Turkey in February 2023

- Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD) requested emergency observation
- AFAD, disaster relief team and UNWFP used disaster assessment map to monitor the impact of the earthquake
- 5 organizations provided satellite data and 8 organizations provided analyzed disaster assessment maps
3.4 Earthquake in Turkey in February 2023

Damage Proxy Map by Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS)

Significant damage map by MBRSC

Web-GIS overlaying potentially damaged areas and maps

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/3933d7b09edf4187a2e969e39558aa7f?item=1
3.5 Oil Spill in the Philippines in March 2023

PhilSA requested emergency observation on oil spill, and held media briefing/press conference with estimated extent of oil spill maps provided by Sentinel Asia

✓ In response to this incident, the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Expert Team was dispatched for gathering information on the oil spill situation, checking oil removal and control activities and technical advisory

✓ JDR Expert Team used estimated extent of oil spill maps provided by Sentinel Asia

✓ 4 organizations provided satellite data and 2 organizations provided estimated extent of oil spill maps

PhilSA showed journalists extent of Mindoro oil spill as captured by satellite images

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3.6 Cyclone MOCHA in Myanmar in May 2023

✓ AHA Centre requested emergency observation on Cyclone MOCHA in Myanmar in May 2023

✓ Thanks to disaster information provided by Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS), Nanyang Technological University, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and MBRSC, AHA Centre could monitor the impact of the cyclone

✓ The flood proxy map provided by EOS was introduced on the report of AHA Centre

3.6 Cyclone MOCHA in Myanmar in May 2023

✓ AIT and EOS VAP along with WebGIS was used in the TV News Program in JAPAN. The VAPs were recognized that the area of the flood is easy to grasp to the viewers of the TV program.

Flooded area map by MBRSC

Japanese TV program, “TV Asahi Hodo Station”
4.1 Webinar co-organized by ISRO and IWMI

✓ The first Sentinel Asia Webinar titled “Space Technology for Drought Risk Management” was held in July 2021
✓ 50 experts and practitioners from the Sentinel Asia community participated and acknowledged the new technologies to minimize economic losses by drought
The second Sentinel Asia Webinar titled “Space Technology for Flood Forecast Modelling” was held in October 2021

Engineers and researchers were participated in this webinar

Jointly Organised by
National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO),
International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
under Sentinel Asia
27 – 28 October, 2021
5.1 Establishment of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

✓ In 2021, SOPs for making Emergency Observation Requests (EORs) to Sentinel Asia were established in below countries and regions:
  - Cambodia and Laos
  - Central Asia and Caucasus
  - Pacific Islands

✓ For prompt EORs to Sentinel Asia including escalation to the Charter, the below organizations are to play hub roles in making EORs through close communication with local DMOs:
  - **AHA Centre**: ASEAN countries including Cambodia and Laos
  - **Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG)**: Central Asian/Caucasus countries
  - **Pacific Community (SPC)**: the Pacific Islands

Ex. CAIAG made EOR for Tajikistan Earthquake in July 2021

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5.2 Establishment of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

✓ Institutionalized use of Global Satellite Mapping of Precipitation (GSMaP) as reference information for making EORs

✓ Easy and real-time provision of local information on the disaster via web-based mobile application developed by AIT to calibrate accuracy of disaster information provided by Sentinel Asia

Mobile application developed by AIT
- Web link: https://arcg.is/1HWGWX0
- QR Code:
6. AHA Centre Executive Programme (ACE Programme)

✓ Special session titled “Sentinel Asia for the ASEAN Region” was held in November 2021 during the “Japan Disaster Risk Reduction Online Course” hosted by the AHA Centre and Kobe University

✓ At the session, experts from ADRC, the University of Tokyo, and the JAXA/Sentinel Asia Secretariat gave lectures and hands-on training courses

✓ More than 30 future young leaders from 24 NDMOs as well as AHA Centre staff members attended the session
7. JICA’s Online Training Course

✓ Introduced Sentinel Asia activities in November 2021 during JICA’s online training course titled “Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction in Small Island”
✓ At the course, experts from ADRC, AIT, and Sentinel Asia Secretariat gave lectures
✓ Officials responsible for disaster risk reduction in the central or local governments of Fiji, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu watched the lecture and acknowledged the importance of space technology in disaster risk reduction

Sentinel Asia Step 3 for Asia and the Pacific

Introducing Satellite-based Early Warning Platform

Mapping of Earthquake and Tsunami (2018)
Palu City, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia

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Senior Advisor, Oriental Consultants Global (OCG)
Visiting Professor, Kobe University

Koji Suzuki
8. Sentinel Asia’s Voluntary Commitments to the Sendai Framework

The Sentinel Asia initiative is an international collaboration among space agencies, disaster management agencies, and international agencies for applying remote sensing and Web-GIS technologies to support disaster management in the Asia-Pacific region.

**MAIN FOCAL POINT**
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**IMPLEMENTERS**
Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum

**SCOPE**
Regional - Asia, Oceania

**THEMES AND ISSUES**
- Capacity Development
- Community-based DRR
- Complex Emergency
- Disaster Risk Management
- Early Warning
- GIS and Mapping
- Information Management
- Recovery
- Risk Identification and Assessment
- Science and Technology
- Space and Aerial Technology

**HAZARDS**
- Cyclone
- Earthquake
- Land Slide
- Tsunami
- Wild Fire
- Drought
- Flood
- Tornado
- Volcano

**SENDAI PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**
- **Priority 1**: Understanding disaster risk
- **Priority 4**: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to «Build Back Better»

**SELECTED SENDAI INDICATORS**

E-1 (Compound)  National average score for the adoption and implementation of national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

F-5  Number of international, regional and bilateral programmes and initiatives for the transfer and exchange of science, technology and innovation in disaster risk reduction for developing countries

F-6  Total official international support (ODA plus other official flows) for disaster risk reduction capacity-building

F-7  Number of international, regional and bilateral programmes and initiatives for disaster risk reduction-related capacity-building in developing countries
9. Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference On Disaster Risk Reduction

- Promoted Sentinel Asia’s activities at the exhibition 19 to 22 September 2022 in Brisbane, Australia
- More than 100 participants visited Sentinel Asia booth per day
10. Sentinel Asia Interview articles

✓ 20 interview articles were released since 2020

Mr. Sadhu Zulkifli Janottama
Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer
AHA Centre

Mr. Keith Paolo Landicho
Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer
AHA Centre

Mr. Mohammad Fadli
Pacific Disaster Center
AHA Centre Liaison

Dr. Manzul Kumar Hazarika
Director, Geoinformatics Center

Mr. Syams Nashrullah
Program Officer/Team Leader

Mr. Chathumal Madhuranga
Research Associate

Mr. Hans Guttman,
Executive Director of
the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

Mr. KWOH Leong Keong
Centre for Remote Imaging, Sensing and
Processing (CRISP)

Dr. Raj Kumar
Outstanding Scientist
Director, National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Dr. Giriraj Amarnath
Research Group Leader
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- Engineer -
Remote Sensing Applications
Unit, Remote Sensing Department

Dr. Kuang-Chong Wu
President of National Applied Research Laboratories

Dr. Jong-Shinn Wu
Director General of National Space Organization (NSPO)

https://sentinel-asia.org/interview/interview.html
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Prof. Dr. Ema Sri Adiningtyah, Executive Director of Indonesian Space Agency, National Research and Innovation Agency (INASA-BRIN)

Prof. Dr. M. Rokhis Komarudin, Research Professor of the Remote Sensing Research Center, Research Organization of Aeronautics and Space (ORPA), National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), Indonesia

Mr. Tatiya Chuentragun, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA)

Mr. Hans Guttman, Executive Director of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

Mr. Koji Suzuki, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)

Dr. Arturo Daag, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)

Dr. Sang-Ho Yun, Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS)

Dr. Lal Samarapoon, Former Director of AIT

Mr. Hideaki Matsumoto, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

https://sentinel-asia.org/interview/interview.html
11. Published Sentinel Asia Annual Report
Published annual report in 2019, 2020, and 2021

GISTDA supported the disaster management activities by
1. Provide satellite images in total of 596 images consisting of 171 Multispectral images, 422 Panchromatic Images and 3 Pan sharpened images as followed:

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R&D on applications of large-scale building mapping and nighttime light observation for socioeconomic monitoring
Research and development for data preparedness
(e.g., conference, workshop, meeting, training, EOR, providing satellite data or VAP)
Through the year in 2020

- The University of Tokyo
  - Contribution VAPs for EOR activities
- Yamaguchi University
  - EOR activities
  - Date: August 2020

Yamaguchi University, Center for Research and Application of Satellite Remote Sensing, was established in February 2017. There are 4 missions at this center, (1) to promote world-class research in satellite remote sensing, (2) to cultivate human resources capable of promoting a wide range of research in satellite remote sensing and space technology, (3) to contribute to disaster information analysis and improve public safety and security, and (4) to promote local industry and create new industry-business for space utilization technology.

Yamaguchi University provided VAPs for following EORs in 2020:
- India: Cyclone, May 2020
- Bangladesh: Flood, September 2020
- Philippines: Typhoon (Goni), November 2020

Please click and read them!