Application of Space Based Technologies with Technical Support of JAXA and Current Activities of Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics (DALMS)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics

Technical supporter- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

2. Introduction

- Myanmar is an agricultural country.
- Agriculture sector contributes 22.1% (2014-2015) of GDP, 20% of total export earnings; and employs 61.2% of the labor force.
- Under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics (DALMS) is the sole agency for collection and compilation of crop and land utilization statistics.

2. Statistical System of DALMS

- . DALMS uses complete enumeration method in collecting agricultural statistics based on cadastral/ Kwin maps and their registers.
- . Surveyors have to visit each and every field plot and record type of crops grown, cropping patterns, crop variety, crop failures and other information on demand.
- . DALMS operates through a network of 15 regions/ states, 65 districts and 295 Township Level Offices.
- . Statistical data is aggregated by level by level from Kwins, to Village Tracts, then, to Circles, to Townships, to Districts, to Regions/States offices and submitted to the headquarters in Naypyitaw.

3. Periodicity of data collection

- Myanmar produces a wide range of crops which have different times of sowing, growing and harvesting.
- In other words, there is continuous planting and harvesting of crops throughout the year.
- To cover all the agricultural activities, surveyors of DALMS have to prepare a field program to conduct crop surveys according to the different crop seasons and the different agricultural operations.

4. Current Situation and Difficulties of Data Collecting System

- Work load is overburden for surveyors
- Some Kwin Maps (Cadastral Maps) are out dated
- Data collecting, analyzing and compilation processes are complex and take time
- Staffs from department are trying hard to reach the satisfaction on needs of information in rural/urban development planning and disaster management.

4. SAFE Project with JAXA

- JAXA provide data and support in technical trainings and advisory
- Objectives
 - To innovate the system of rice crop area mapping and yield monitoring through using SAR data
 - To substitute the existing agricultural statistical system with modern space application technologies
 - Study Area of the Project
 - Study Area is Lewe Township near Naypyitaw
 - Located in middle of Myanmar and Semi-Arid Region
 - Project Period
 - January 2016 December 2017

5. Status of the SAFE Project

- Training of ALOS2 and INAHOR applications with SAR data to DALMS staffs
- Conducted field survey and developed rice planted area map with INAHOR
- Analyzing of developed map with ground data
- Studying the ways to incorporate both results

6. Field Survey for INAHOR Tuning and Validation

- Randomly selected 14 sample plots
- Each plot size is 200m x 200m
- Percent of rice-planted area in each plot and phonological stage



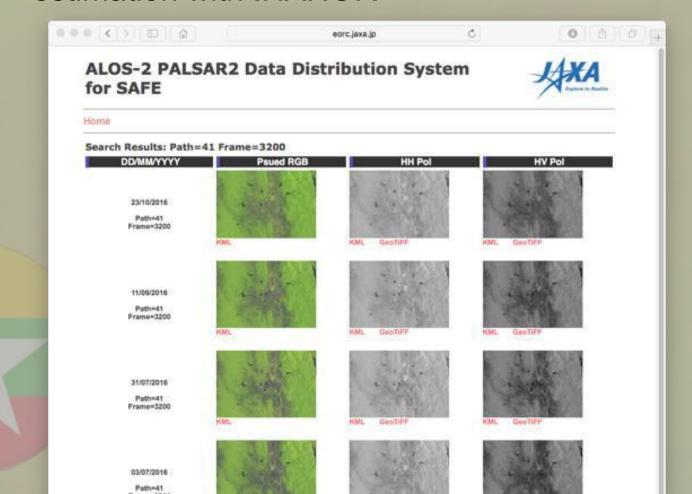




Surveying Sheet

7. ALOS-2 Data

Download the ALOS-2 data for rice-planted area estimation with INAHOR



8. Rice Planted Area Mapping Software (INAHOR) developed by JAXA/RESTEC

 Selecting ALOS-2 images in planting season and wellgrown season



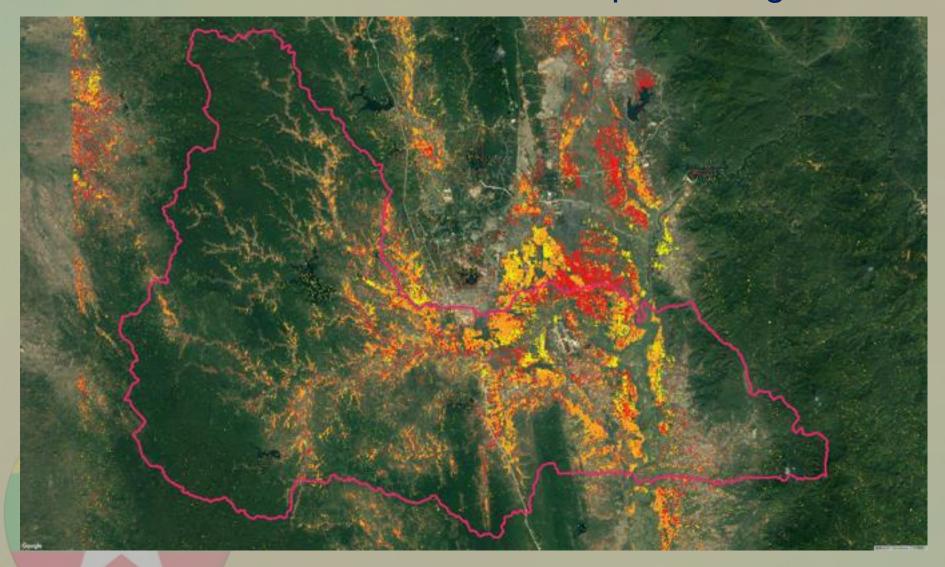
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Identify rice-planted areas



11. Result of Rice-Plated Area Map on Google Earth



Estimated Planting Date

11/09/2016 : 31/07/2016 : 11/09/2016

11. Evaluation of the Result: Statistics

- INAHOR with ALOS-2 derived statistics was highly agree with the DALMS's official statistics.
- But, compensation of overestimation and underestimation areas was found.

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Monsoon rice of Lewe Township in 2016

	Rice-Planted Area (ha)	Rice-Planted Area (acre)				
Official Statistics	-	61,499				
INAHOR Results	25,227	62,338				

Difference (INAHOR-Official): 839 acre Error Ratio (INAHOR/Official): 101.4 %

12. On Going

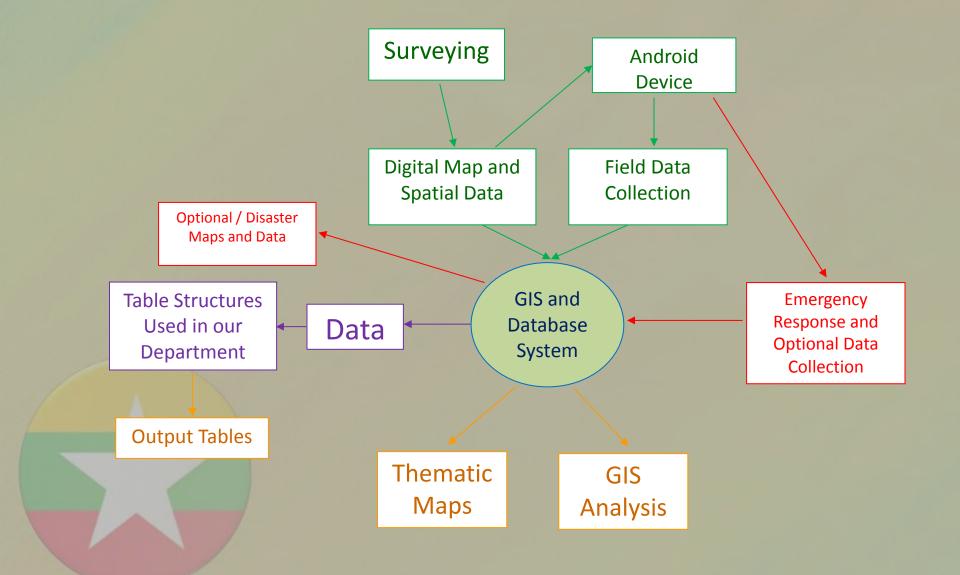
- Additional Field Surveying and Mapping to incorporate the data from remotely sensed images and field records
- Additional Training
- Stake Holders Meeting



Implementing GIS and Database Model for DALMS

- Objectives
 - to replace the old style manual system with automated computer system
 - to get accurate agricultural statistics
 - to monitor the field staffs
 - to development remote sensing technology in future

Work Flow Chart



Android Program for Field Data Collection is Developed





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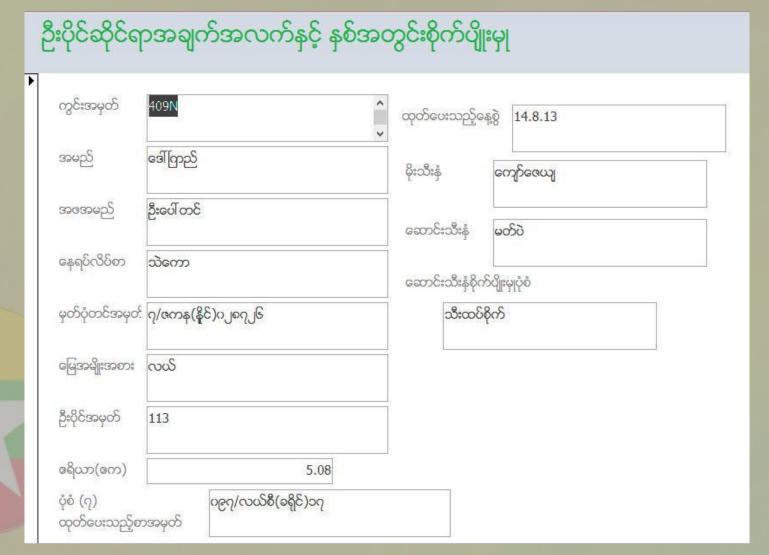
Monitoring of Field Staffs in synchronizing where they collected and when



Database Providing Search Facility for Holding Information of Farmers

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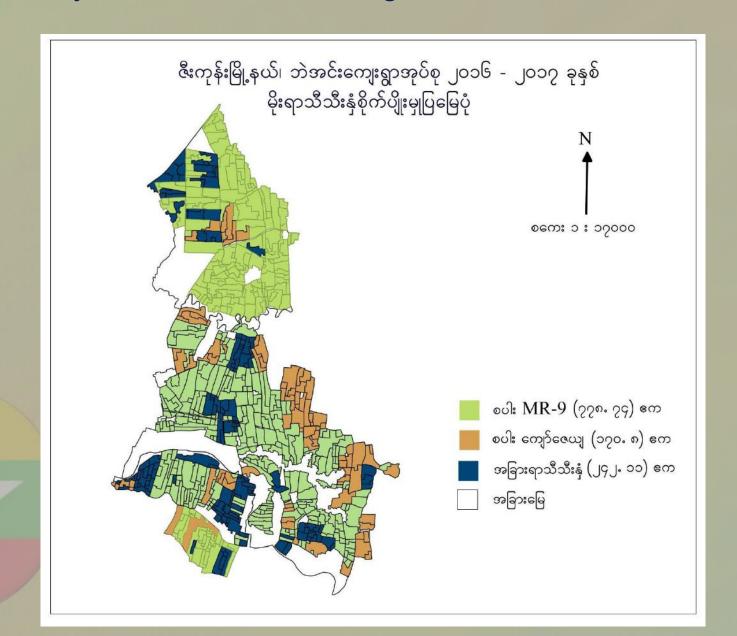
Search Result of Holding Information of a farmer including what crop was planted and planted area within collecting year



Producing Agricultural Statistics with Options of by Kwin/ by Crop/ by Land Type

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Map of Paddy Production of a Village Tract from GIS



On Going

- Set Up in other townships
- Study of the planted area with remotely sensed images along with recorded data
- Study to calculated the planted area with remotely sensed images and recorded data before the field observation to check the validity
- Further development of space based technologies in agricultural sector



Thanks You

