Integration of Spatial Information System for Community Based Management of Agricultural Resources: Implications for Deliberative Policy

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Research duration

Phase - I 1 June 2007 – 31 May 2009 (2 year) Phase - II 1 Sept. 2011 – 28 Feb. 2013 (1.5 year)

Watershed Assessment (opinion of stakeholders)



Watershed Assessment (opinion of conservative policy)



Criterion of Ecology



Biomass of Vegetation





Diversity of Vegetation Ratio of Soil Loss & sediment in sub-watershed



Criterion of Agricultural Productivity



Ratio of Agricultural lands in Watershed





Ratio of Irrigated areas to Farming Lands



Risk of Drought in Farming Lands **Risk of Flooding in Farming Lands**

Criterion of Socio-Economic



Population Density





Agricultural Income



Development Level of Communities

Criterion Weighting by Academics, Farmers, and Local Administrators





Ecological Academics





Community Leaders & Farmers

Local Administrators & Officers





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Background / Problems

- Problems of land and forest resources
- Limitation of agricultural occupation
- Problems of water resource
 - > Abrupt flooding in rainy season
 - > Water shortage & severe drought in dry season



Natural disasters in the watershed

Mae Tha, Chiang Mai/Lam Phun

Severe Drought in March 2006



Mae Tha, Chiang Mai/Lam Phun

Extreme Flooding in August 2006

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Extreme Flooding in September 2011



Extreme Flooding in September 2011

Objectives

- To analyze landscape ecology system and socio-economic with the participatory process to make collaboratively understanding in the potentials, opportunities, and weakness of agricultural resources management
- 2) To assess spatial land resources: land uses and land cover changes, soils, water, forest, including risk of natural disasters to support making decision in uses of land and agricultural resources at the watershed level

Objectives

 To synthesize the strategies of sustainable livelihood management for communities under the conditions of environmental changes

 To study the organization patterns appropriately in natural resources management for sustainable agricultural and livelihood development

5) To develop the procedure of public policies building in natural resources management for the sustainable agriculture of communities

Research methodology

1. Spatial Information System; the development & applications

To transfer understanding in potentials and opportunities of uses of land resources, including information of risks of natural disasters in order to support the efficient decision making procedures of communities

Research methodology (cont.)

2. Participatory Action Research

To make the relationship, reliability, knowledge exchange, and collaborative network in order to strengthen the communities in land resources management

Research Collaborative Agencies

- **1. Mae Tha Tambon Administrative Organization (TAO)**
- 2. Tha Kad Nua Tambon (Sub-district) Municipal
- 3. The Hydrological Center of Upper Northern Thailand

Expected Results

- 1. Digital spatial information of physical and geographical features, main watersheds, sub-watersheds, main streams, and sub-streams
- 2. Digital spatial information of present land uses and land resources (focused on agriculture, forest, water source, and urban)
- 3. Digital spatial information of socio-economic and fundamental infrastructure
- 4. Data profile and cross-section of streamlines, and sequential stream-flow data

Expected Results (cont.)

5. Analytical data of soil moisture, soil fertility, and soil OM

6. Scenario maps of flooding and drought risks

 The practical and activity plans of natural resources management and agricultural system at watershed level; such as water conservation, crop practice and management water management by TAO

8. Establishing the public policies in natural resources mgt. particularly water resources for the local admin organization

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