Demonstration Basin Activities in Pakistan



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Demonstration Basin in Pakistan Swat River Basins



Background

- Increasing water scarcity and pollution, environmental degradation including desertification are increasing seriously
- Possible impacts of the global climate change on fresh water resources of glaciers and snow cover
- Present and future water scarcity in the country has overwhelming economical and political implications
- Integrated temporal and spatial water resources modeling is required for decision making and longterm planning

Objectives

- Water resources assessment using Remote Sensing data
- Temporal mapping and database development of Cryosphere based on Remote Sensing data and field validation
- Impact of climate change on snow cover and glacier resources
- Impact of land use system changes in response to climate change
- Water resources management both for operational use and scenario based assessments for planning purposes

Swat River Basin



Digital Elevation Model (Swat River)







Characteristics

- > Area (sq. km) 5894
- > Maximum elevation (m) 5644
- Upper part mostly covered by snow in winter
- Few Glaciers
- Meteorological stations = 4

ISSUES

- Water scarcity
- > Deforestation
- Snowmelt floods/flash floods
- Soil erosion
- Sedimentation
- Water quality
- > Monitoring at high altitude

Observation System

	Number		Normalisa		
SURFACE	Number	HYDROLOGICAL	Number		
Air Temperature	4	Streamflow	2		
Humidity	4	Reservoir (Water level, Outflow)			
Wind	4	Groundwater Table			
Pressure	4	Evapolation	3		
Precipitation	4	Soil Temperature			
Snow Depth	1	Soil Moisture			
Skin Temperature		Atmosphere	Number		
Upward Shortwave Radiation		Planetary Boundary Layer Tower			
Downward Shortwave Radiation	1	Pilot Baloon	1		
Upward Longwave Radiation		Radiosonde	1		
Downward Longwave Radiation		Radar	1		
Net Radiation		Water Quality	Number		
Sensible Heat Flux		Groundwater quality indicators			
Latent Heat Flux		Surface water quality indicators	2		
Ground Heat Flux		Others	Number		
CO2 Flux					

Glaciers of Upper Indus Basins



Source: WRRI, NARC (2005) " Inventory of glaciers"



The upper reaches of the Kohistan-Swat ranges are mostly covered with snow and glaciers. Glacier area is about 223.55 sq. km. Less information are available about glacier mass balance and snowcover extent.

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Glacial lakes = 255 Glacial lakes area of more than 15. 86 sq. km . Glacial lakes are distributed in the north-central parts of the basin Two potentially dangerous lakes.

Implementation Schedule of the Demonstration Project

ACTIVITIES	2008/I	2008/II	2009/I	2009/II	2010/I	2010/II	2011/I	2011/II
Hydro-meteorological & water quality monitoring								+
Data integration system (input data preparation, quality check)								
Improvement of in-situ observation network system								
Setting-up a Distributed Hydrological Model (optional LSS)								
Scenario Studies: Land use change analysis, dry periods, etc.								•
Capacity building on Floods, Droughts & Water Quality								•
Parallel testing of the system at operational stage								
IWRM plan development of floods, droughts & water quality								

Capacity Building Requirements/Programs

- Flood & Drought Forecasting and Warning
- Flood and Drought Risk Map
- Climate Change Scenario
- RS Date Availability

Collaborative Institutes

Pakistan Meteorological Department

Climate Change Impact Study Center





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