

Seizing the Opportunities in Asia and the Pacific: Bridging the Science and Digital Innovation Divide through AI Geo Use Cases for Disaster Risk Reduction



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What are our mandates?

Exploring digitally-driven innovations as requested by countries through UN resolutions

How did SatGPT evolve?

Integrating traditional applications of space-based technologies with artificial intelligence to support decision-making and disaster risk management

What are the key use cases and actions done?

Building institutional capacity for validation to improve and customize the tools for location-specific applications at country level

What is next?

Expand SatGPT applications for mapping diverse disaster hotspots

SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE
OUTCOME DOCUMENTS
September 2024

Pact for the Future,
Global Digital Compact,
and Declaration on Future
Generations

AI and SDGs

- ✓ In the Pact for the Future (Annex on **Global Digital Compact**), AI is recognized as a transformative tool capable of accelerating progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ The **Declaration on Future Generations**, underscores the transformative potential of AI in achieving the SDGs.
- ✓ UN Resolution (A/RES/78/265): Seizing the opportunities of **safe, secure and trustworthy** artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development.
- ✓ UN Resolution (A/RES/78/311): Enhancing international cooperation on **capacity-building of artificial intelligence**.

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Leveraging innovative digital applications



Engaging end users in multiple sectors



Managing data and information more effectively



Enhancing partnerships



Supporting Countries by
Leveraging AI and Digital
Innovations in Geospatial
Applications

Mandates at the Regional Level

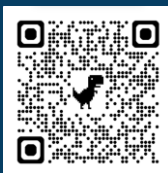


The Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific





80th Commission
Session



Enhancing Regional
Cooperation in Digital
Innovations for the SDGs



Mandates at the Regional Level

Theme topic of the 80th Session of the Commission



Resolution 80/1. Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

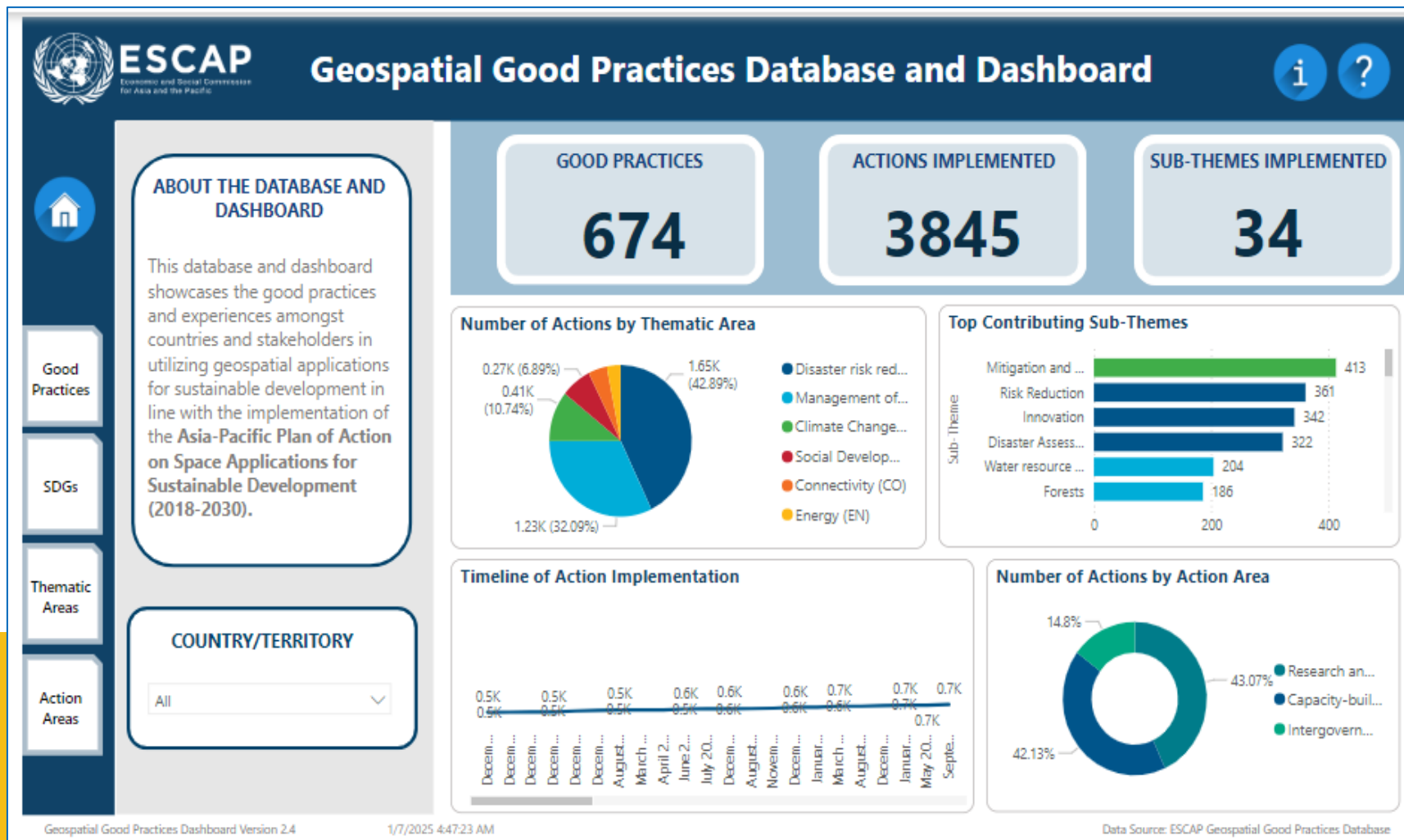
GEOSPATIAL PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AND NORTH-EAST ASIA 2024



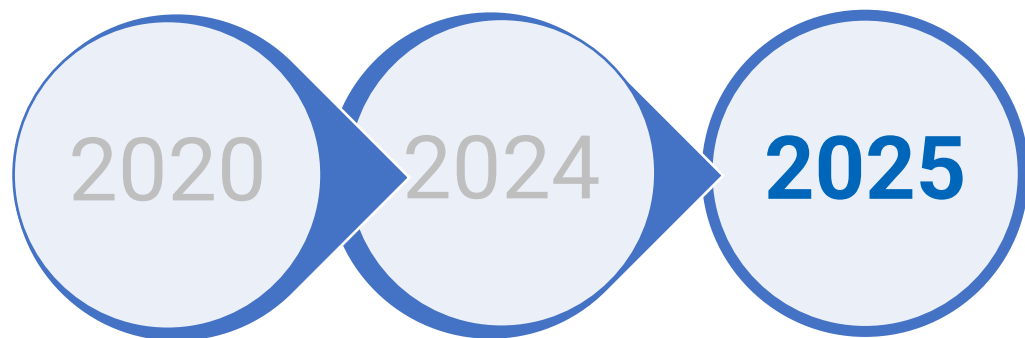
A Compendium



Actions Taken



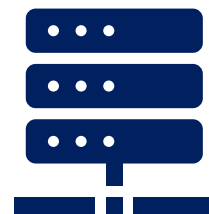
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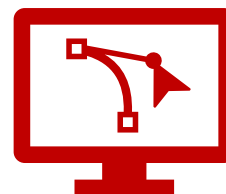
SatGPT: a **web-based quantitative tool** that allows a user to *spatially map any flood event* from **1984 to present** in near-real time, using cloud computing, big Earth data and large language models



- **Google Earth Engine** is used as the cloud computing platform



- Access to a **massive data catalog** of Earth observation data

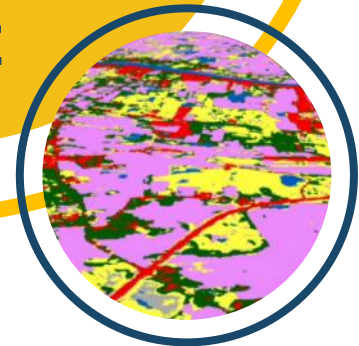


- **Large language models** generate the **code** to *process data in less than 1 minute* to generate a **single flood map**

SatGPT for Flood Hotspot Mapping

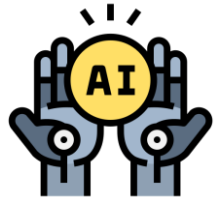
- Flooding has affected **over 3 billion people** and caused over **\$900 billion in losses** in the past 30 years in the **Asia and the Pacific**.
- SatGPT is a flood mapping expert accessible to every user in the region.

**Historical
flood maps
in less than
1 minute at
a minimal
cost**



SATGPT

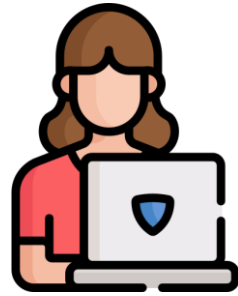
How SatGPT Works



Ethical AI



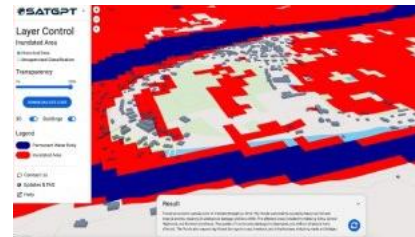
Participatory
AI Modelling



End User



Customized UI



ChatGPT Query to
Generate Code



Computing on
GEE



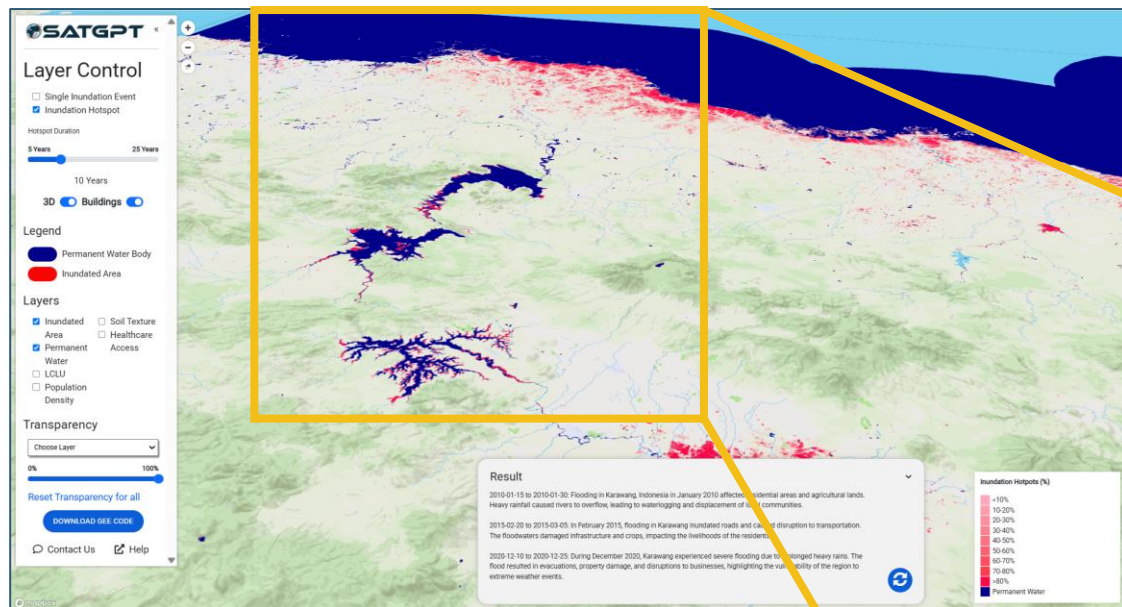
Infrastructure

SATGPT

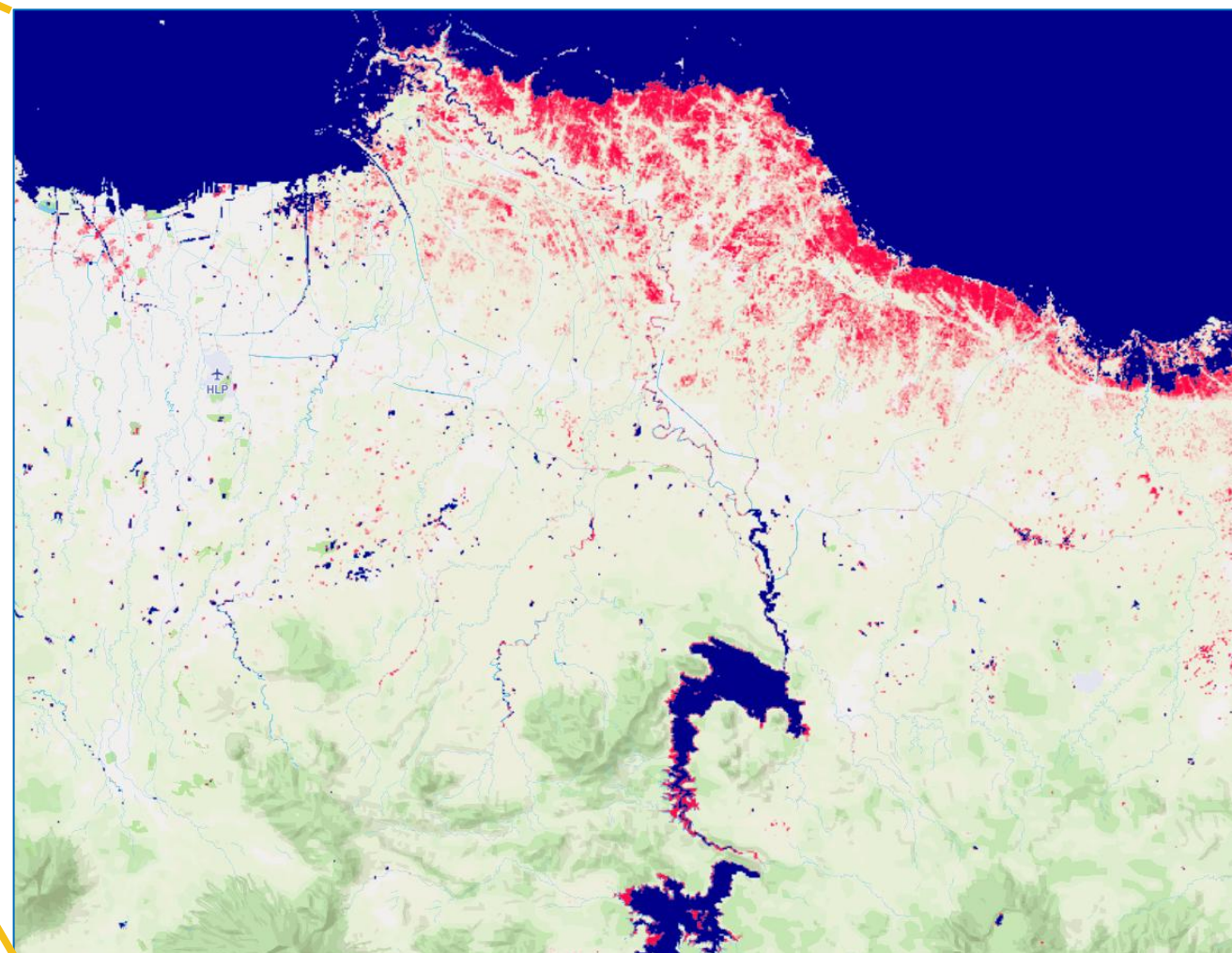


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SatGPT Interface



"Map the flooding in Karawang, Indonesia from 2010 to 2020"



Finalist
2024 ITU SDG Digital
GameChangers Awards



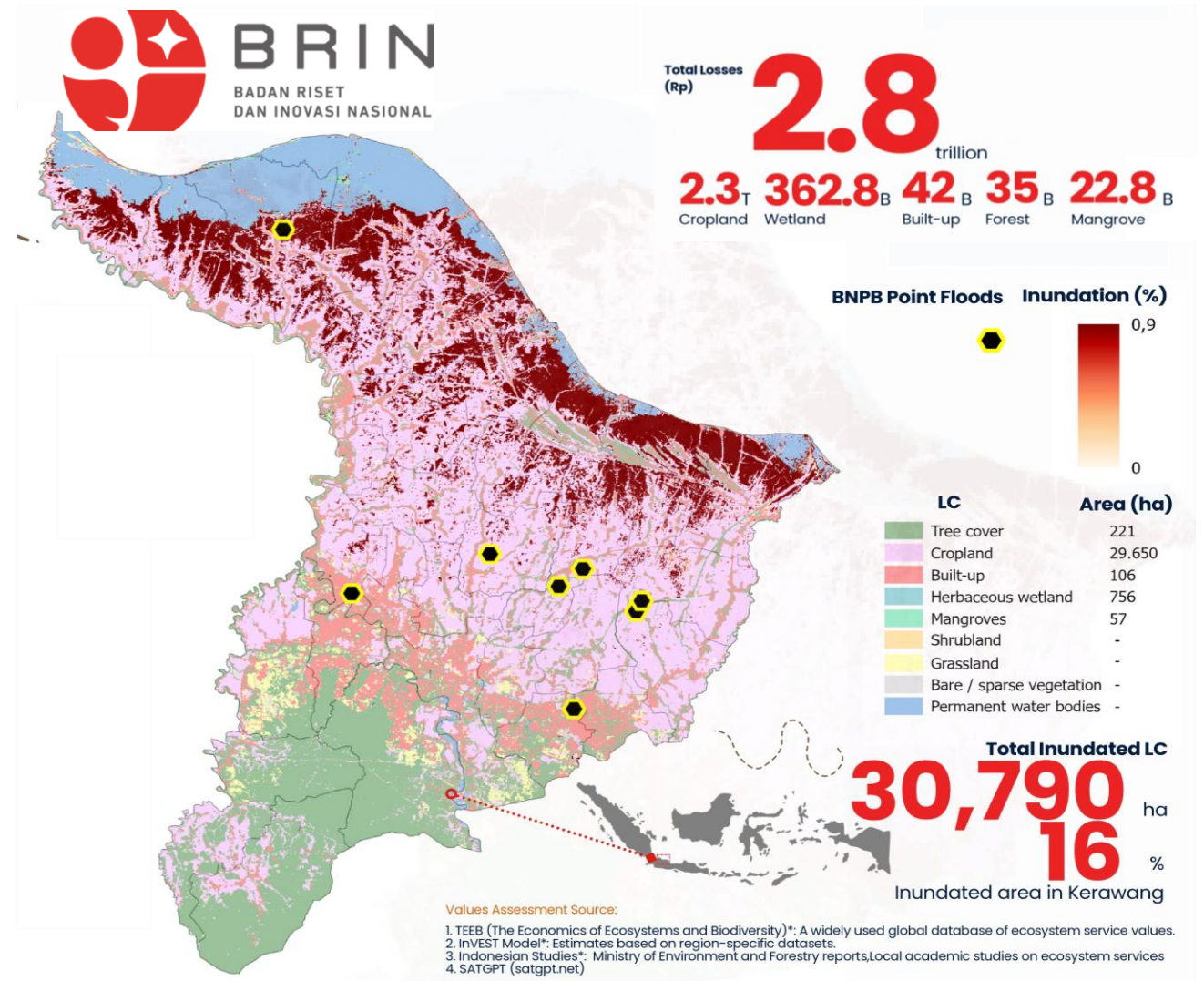
SatGPT Use Case

Country's practice: SatGPT analysis with socioeconomic data for estimating economic losses in Indonesia.

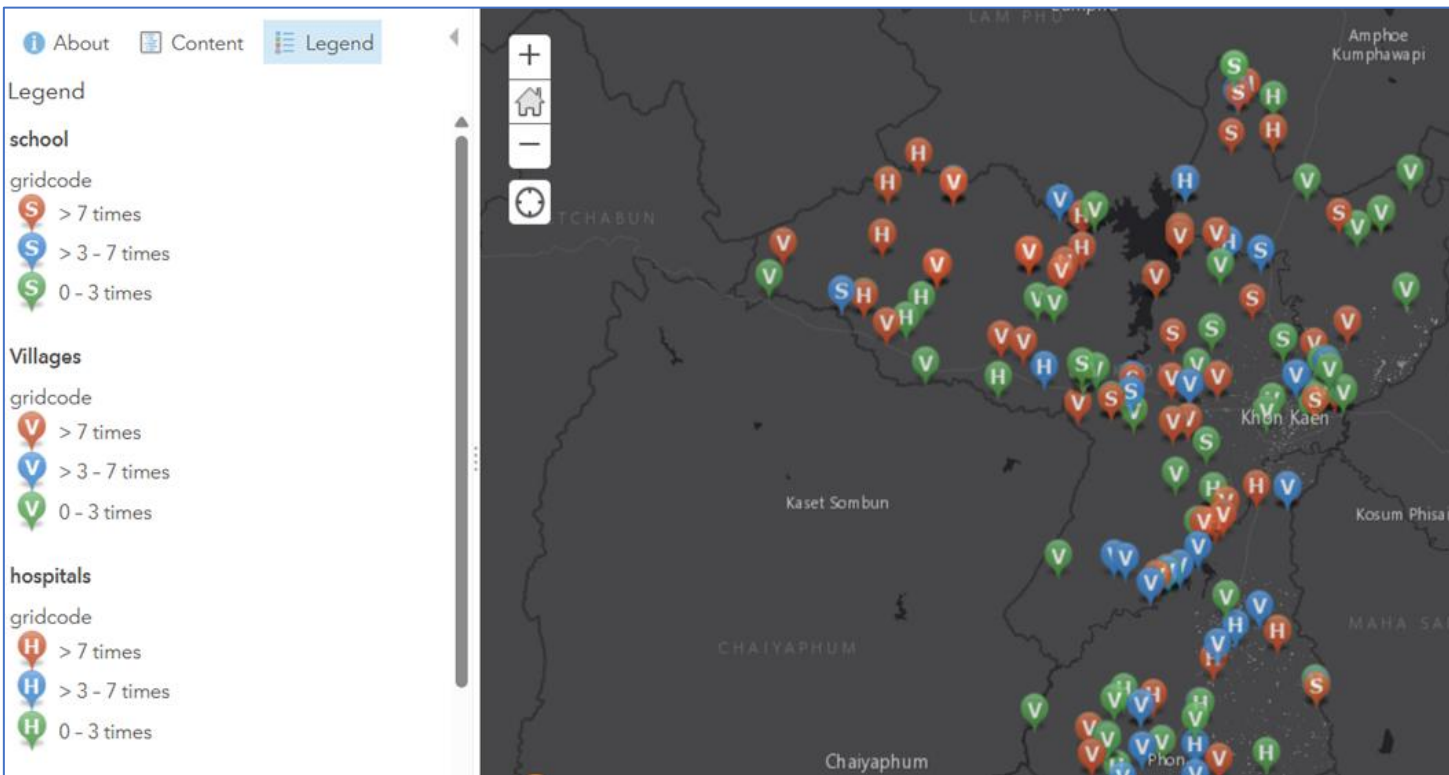
2024 Best Paper Award of the IEEE Aerospace & Electronics Systems and Geoscience and Remote Sensing Joint Chapter

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Flood Impact Analysis:
Karawang, Indonesia



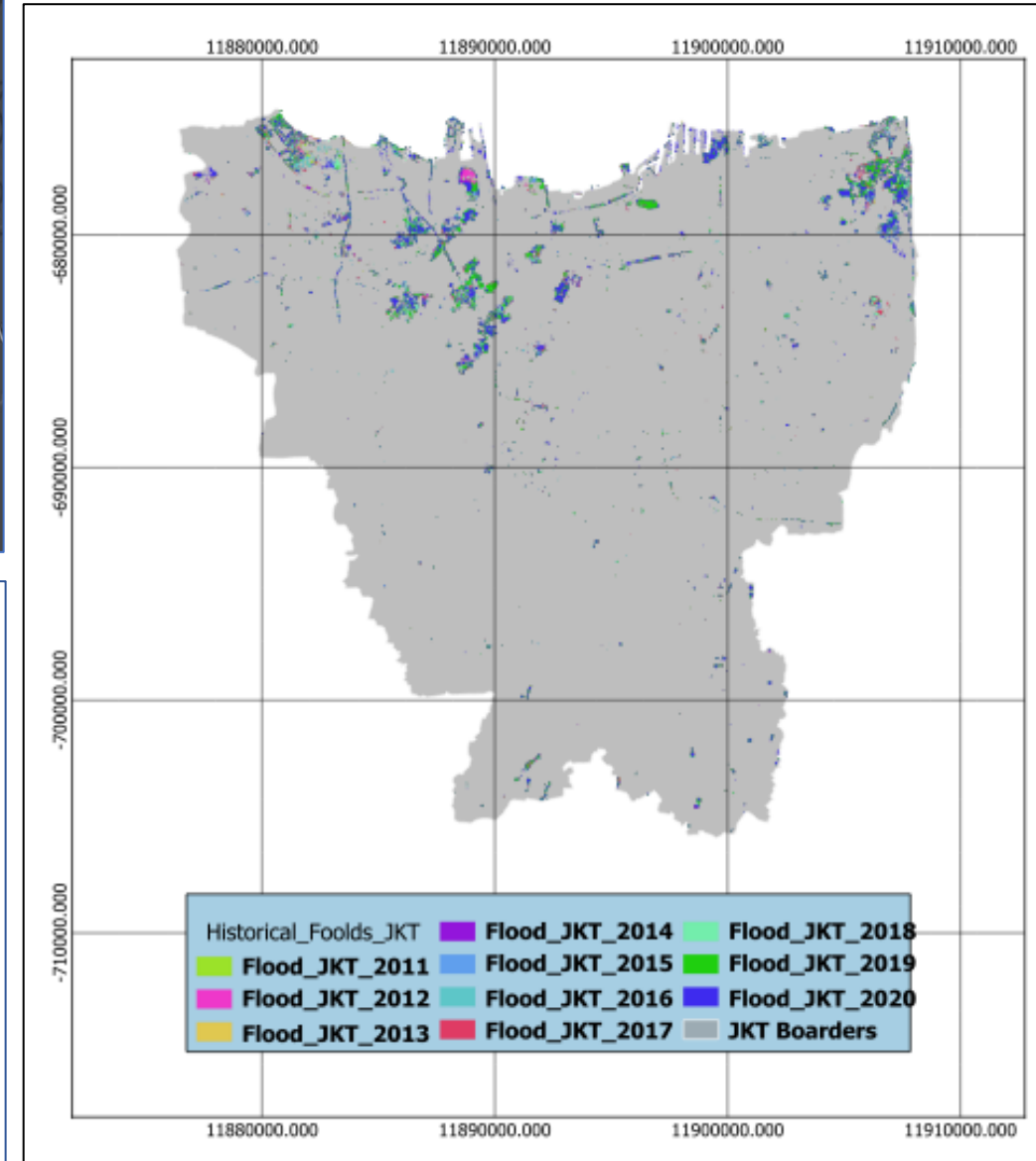
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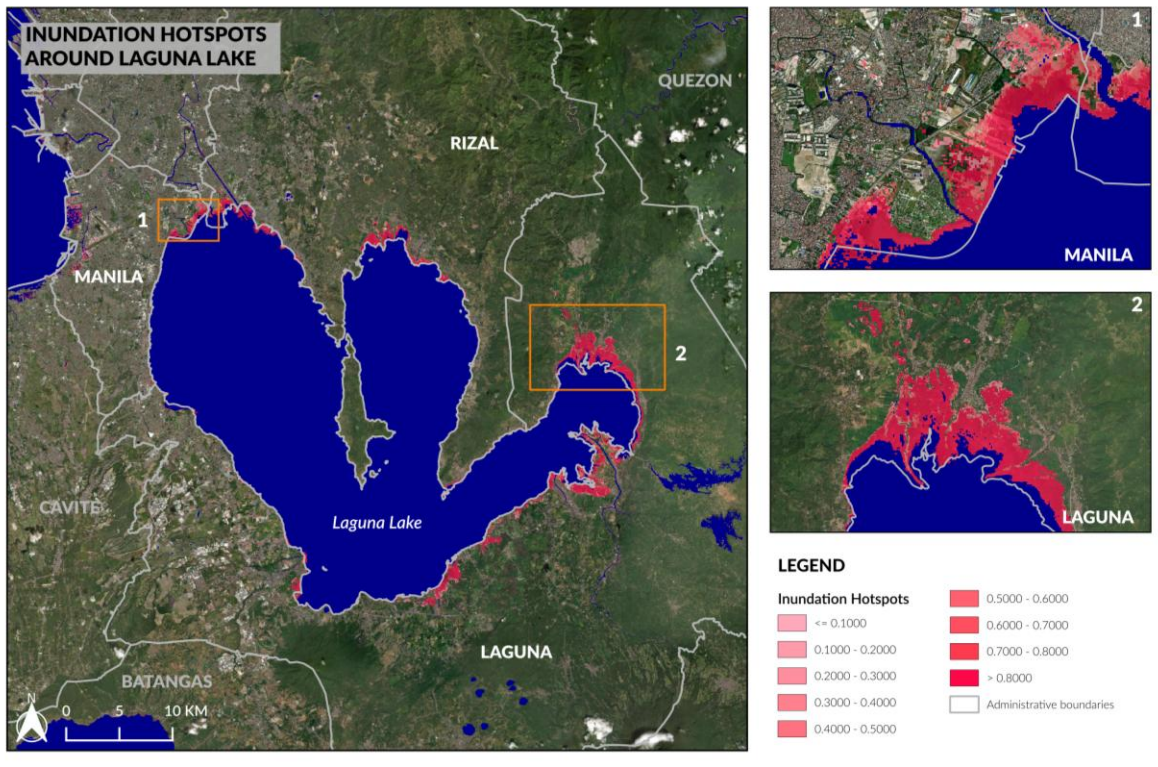
▲ SatGPT inundation hotspot data can help in **identifying villages, schools, and critical infrastructure** that can support disaster preparedness and recovery.

► SatGPT can help map annual historical flooding and determine its relationship with weather related events. It also allows the identification of healthcare facilities that are frequently affected by floods.

**Urban Flooding:
Khon Kaen, Thailand and
Jakarta, Indonesia**

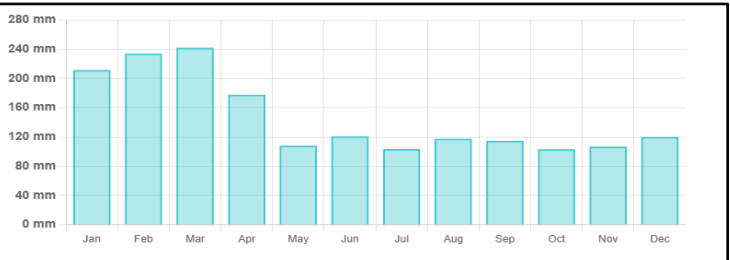
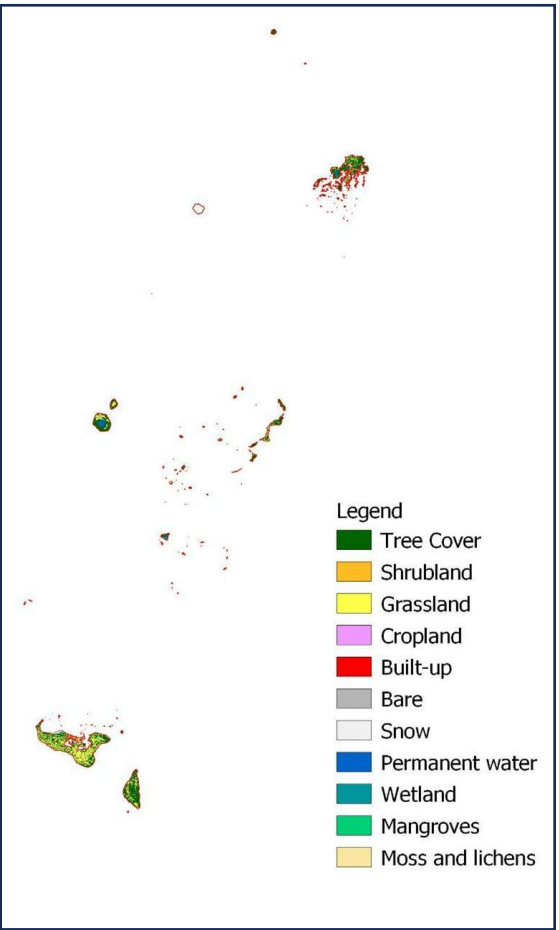


SatGPT Use Case



▲ Mapping inundation hotspots around **Laguna Lake (2010–2020)** with SatGPT helps inform spatial planning and infrastructure development.

Effect of Flooding in Land Use and Land Cover: Laguna Lake, Philippines and Tonga



▲ Using the inundation hotspot generated by SatGPT, the impact of heavy rainfall events in poorly drained lowland and urban areas can be determined.

Map hotspots across a range of disasters



Develop SatGPT for forest fires, coastal ecosystem monitoring (mangroves, sea level rise), crop, and urban areas

Training and Validation



Conduct training and country-level validation on AI applications in geospatial analytics, with a specific emphasis on SatGPT

Partnerships and Collaborations



Strengthen partnerships in UN system, interested research entities, policy think tanks with objective of enabling integration of AI solutions, particularly SatGPT, into existing systems for disaster risk management and resource monitoring

Engage the Youth



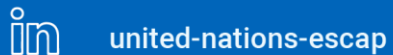
Inspire the youth through knowledge exchanges to promote the independent usage of SatGPT



Drawing from various United Nations documents

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