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ALOS

K&C Initiative
An international science collaboration led by JAXA

K&C Phase 3

JAXA Forest Theme objectives

Background

ALOS 2011: A Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

Full implications of the PPP still not clear, but it is certain to be stricter rules on PALSAR data distribution – data should primarily be made available through commercial channels.

Despite the PPP shift, JAXA management has approved a “new” K&C project – very much thanks to the excellent results and visibility provided by the K&C Team in 2010: (Phase-1 reports, K&C booklet, J-STARS much appreciated by JAXA management) – with a modified structure and new key objectives that are in line with the recent changes at JAXA.

Some points to keep in mind...

- We must assure that the K&C Initiative is not seen as a covert PI/AO programme or a data opportunity, where the role of JAXA is as a mere data provider (← contradictory to PPP)
- Need to shift from individual, independent projects focus, to a joint scientific effort with common goals and output products.
- To justify its existence, we must assure that K&C provides feed-back to JAXA and results on a continuous basis.
Visibility is important for both the K&C and for JAXA.

Phase 3 – an opportunity

JAXA and the K&C have the opportunity to step up and take the initiative in the **generation of a number of global-scale key products** and the **development of SAR methodology standards** to be made available to the international science community, national governments and NGO's.

P3 Forest Theme goals – product development

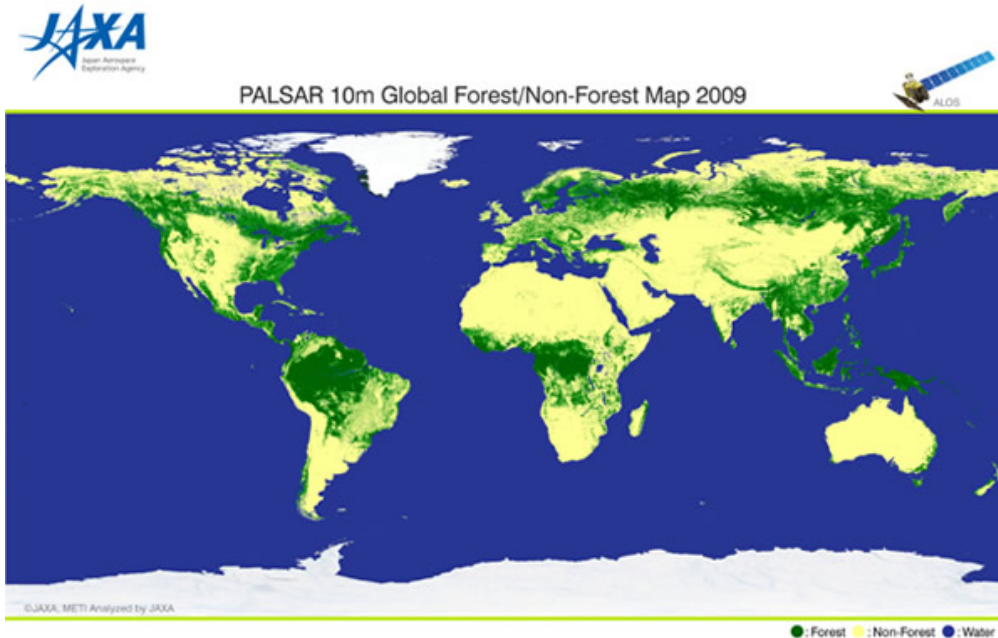
A joint effort to improve and validate the PALSAR global forest/non-forest map, and ensuing, generation of annual/bi-annual forest change maps and stratified biomass-type maps.

Each Phase 3 K&C Science Team member group will be tasked to take the responsibility for a certain region or country where they have local knowledge and in-situ data and work together with JAXA to improve and validate that part of the map.

Sharing of satellite and in-situ data between JAXA and the K&C teams is a key issue.

Progress should be reported at the K&C science team meetings twice per year.

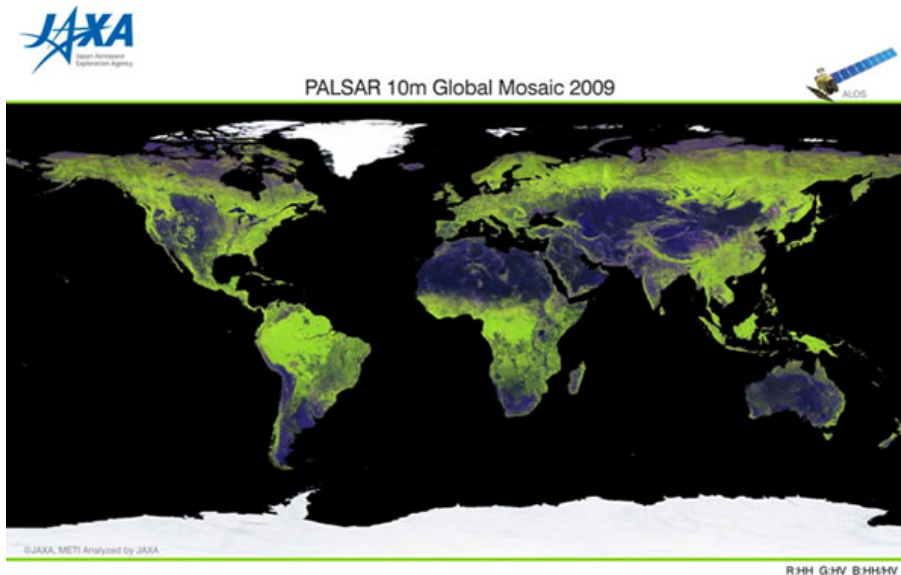
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First version global FNF map, derived using decision tree classifier with -14 dB threshold (eCog).

Potential K&C task 1: Refinement of methodology and adaption to regional forest types and definitions. Validation through the use of K&C member local knowledge and in-situ information. Generation of “K&C certified” global forest cover map.

P3 Forest Theme goals – product development



PALSAR global mosaics at 10m pixel spacing for 2007 and 2009 completed.

25 m global mosaics for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 to be completed during spring 2011.

Potential K&C task 2: Generation of annual/bi-annual maps of global forest cover change.

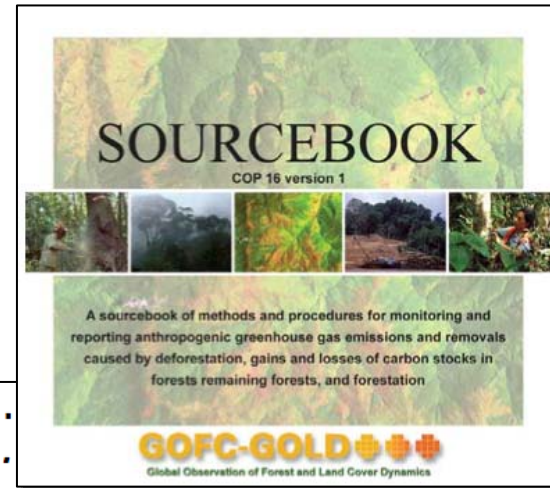
Potential K&C task 3: Generation of global/regional maps of above-ground biomass.

P3 Forest Theme goals – methodology development

Potential K&C task 4: Development of *methodology standards* for the generation of forest information products from spaceborne SAR data, (inevitable focus on L-band, but should comprise all data sources - LCX-band as well as SAR/optical synergy)

Can/should be closely linked to the methodology guidelines effort of the GEO-FCT and possibly the GOFC-GOLD Sourcebook.

GOFC-GOLD Sourcebook
COP16 version recently released
SAR still listed as "evolving technology".



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Contribution to GEO-FCT (GFOI) objectives development of methodology standards and guidelines for generation of forest information products

P3 Forest Theme goals – K&C continuation

In addition to the new Phase 3 goals, the continuation – and new establishment – of projects by the K&C Science Team is a natural component of K&C Phase 3 (stimulates PALSAR application development, critical for K&C members to obtain necessary funding, etc.).

As before, the individual K&C projects should comply with the original objectives of the K&C:

- development of regional-scale applications
- support to the 3 C's – Carbon, Conventions and
Conservation

P3 Forest Theme goals – K&C continuation

In addition (in addition...)

Scientific support to JAXA with ALOS-2 mission development – including definition of ALOS-2 systematic acquisition scenario

Main data sources

Due to PPP, stricter rules on data distribution.

- 25 m PALSAR FBD mosaics (annual/multi-annual 2007+)
- 25 m JERS-1 SAR mosaics (\sim 1995)
- Full resolution data via AUIG (50 scenes/year)
- ScanSAR (discussion point)
- 50 m strip data

NOTE: EORC processing capacity for 50 m strip data reduced. Special justification required for provision.

Members and Themes

- # Themes 4 → 2
- Focus on Forest and Wetlands
- Mosaic Theme – continue?
- Desert Theme – discontinued

- Change in member composition. New members invited, not all old members to continue.
- Proposals for Phase 3 required in all cases. Support to at least one of the new K&C objectives, sharing of satellite/in-situ data required.

Schedule

- Submission of Phase 2 reports (deadline 31 Dec...)
- Consolidation of Phase 3 goals with Science Team (KC#15)
- Proposals for Phase 3 (old & new members)
 - Submission deadline February 25, 2011
 - Phase 2 report compulsory (old members)
- Proposal evaluation and notification – March 2011
- Target for Phase 3 contracts – April 1, 2011

- Contract duration 4 years (2011-2014) – overlap with ALOS-2 launch (mid 2013)

Summary – P3

Objective 1:

Contribution to generation/validation/improvement of one or more of the following:

- KC global forest cover map
- KC global forest cover change map
- KC global biomass maps
- Methodology guideline development (aim for GOFC-GOLD Source Book)

Objective 2:

Regional scale applications - KC team members' "own" projects'

In addition, in addition... ALOS-2 mission scientific support

Timing of Phase 3 Science Team meetings

Chilly winter/humid summer vs. cherry blossom/autumn leaf

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