# Wetlands Indonesia, K&C Initiative

--including New Guinea, Malaysia, i.e. B3 & C1 areas--

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# Mawas area with JERS frame



# SPOT VEGETATION & JERS

1998 08 29
1998 01 21
1997 10 25
1997 09 11
1997 07 29
1997 05 02
1997 03 19
1997 02 03
1996 09 24
1995 07 12
1994 07 25







Released several millions of ton of C within a few months



Concentric zones (in 'ombrogenous' or rain-fed areas) 'Poorer' forest types towards the centre of the 'lens'





Another example of an ombrogenous area

- a- high canopy mixed forestb- lower canopy forest
- c- pole forest
- d- padang forest









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## **Tropical Peat Swamp Forest Carbon Content**

Peat bulk density: $0.1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ Carbon content:57 % $\rightarrow$ 1 m³ contains:57 kg C1 ha, 1 m deep:570 ton C

## Example Mawas Area

Peat layer 10 m deep:	5700 ton C/ha
Above ground undisturbed forest:	250 ton C/ha
Above ground logged forest:	100 ton C/ha



Stocks Area >20 Million ha Average peat depth >2 m → Carbon content >23 Giga ton (Gt)
(Note: in Mawas 0.5 Gt; global stock 63-148 Gt)
Emissions Fires Borneo 1997: release 0.19-0.23 Gt from peat + 0.05 Gt from vegetation
Extrapolated to whole Indonesia 1997: 0.81-2.57 Gt Or 13-40% of mean annual global carbon emission from fossil fuels
Contributed greatly to the largest annual increase since records started in 1957
Fires frequently occur and intensify

Example Indonesia: Stocks and Emissions

Contribute to inventory (global climate change science)

Contribute to environmental and biodiversity protection (operational) (e.g. Mawas: 1 Million ton C credits / large wild orangutan population)

2. Mangroves in intended study area

Contribute to environmental and biodiversity protection

Economic relevance: Fish nursery, coastal protection, shrimp/fish ponds

3. Land cover change monitoring Indonesia (LULUCF Theme)

Provide up-to-date information continuously (likely to become part of larger framework)

### 1. Peat forests in intended study area

#### **Objectives**;

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•Biophysical characterization; I mprove existing maps from 1-2 to  $\pm 7$  vegetation types;

•Peat depth mapping?

#### Approach;

•8 SCANSAR (100 m) observations first year to map flooding dynamics and peat dome (concentric) zones

•Calibration/reference using field research station at Mawas;

•Fieldwork at selected sites; Peat sampling with drills; Trike overflights with digital video system

•Monitoring in each subsequent year of lifetime in dual pol (HH/HV, 20 m) for land cover change

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- •Note: Indonesia has some unique mangrove ecosystems

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•Ombrogenous 'peat swamp' (only rain fed);

- •Topogenous 'fresh water swamp' (seasonal inundation by river);
- •Mangrove (tidal influence, salt and brackish zones);

•River floodplains;

These form very large complexes in coastal regions up to 200 km land inwards, notably in Borneo, Sumatra and New Guinea

Note 1: In Central Kalimantan tidal influence is up to 200 km land inwards, far into the peat swamp areas;

Note 2: When these swamps disappear, because of deforestation and peat fires, the coast line will move 200 km land inwards !

It is intended to map and monitor the swamps and mangrove wetlands by PALSAR and GLI together as parts of a larger complex





Torrain hard to appage (2 km (day).

#### Objectives;

•Provide up-to-date information continuously to support environmental protection, including law enforcement, fast information for governments and donor organizations, carbon offset and biodiversity crediting, etc

#### Approach;

→ LULUCF theme presentation tomorrow

Funding / support

#### Confirmed:

**BOSF**: Remote sensing and GIS processing centre in Balikpapan (my part-time home base!);

+ Field station(s) in Mawas, Trikes, Field staff (botanists, land surveyers, etc), other logistic support (also for guest researchers; You are welcome!)

Wageningen University, dept. Environmental Sciences: Expertise in Hydrology, Soil Physics, Watershed management, hosts Wetlands International, etc (my other part-time home base);

Ministry of Forestry: MoU with BOSF; NFI data;

### T.b.d.:

Int'l donor organizations in Jakarta: Develop joint funding scheme this year?

NASA: All necessary SRTM data?

K&C Initiative: Mosaicking support?; Orthorectification support?



