

# Spectral Characteristics and Mapping of Rice Fields using Multi-Temporal Landsat and MODIS Data: A Case of District Narowal

Dr. Farooq Ahmad<sup>1</sup> and Dr. Farooq Ahmad<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Geography, University of the Punjab, Lahore

*Received: 10 December 2013 Accepted: 5 January 2014 Published: 15 January 2014*

---

## Abstract

Availability of remote sensed data provides powerful access to the spatial and temporal information of the earth surface. Real-time earth observation data acquired during a cropping season can assist in assessing crop growth and development performance. As remote sensed data is generally available at large scale, rather than at field-plot level, use of this information would help to improve crop management at broad-scale. Utilizing the Landsat TM/ETM+ ISODATA clustering algorithm and MODIS (Terra) the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI), and enhanced vegetation index (EVI) datasets allowed the capturing of relevant rice cropping differences. In this study, we tried to analyze the MODIS (Terra) EVI/NDVI (February, 2000 to February, 2013) datasets for rice fractional yield estimation in Narowal, Punjab province of Pakistan. For large scale applications, time integrated series of EVI/NDVI, 250-m spatial resolution offer a practical approach to measure crop production as they relate to the overall plant vigor and photosynthetic activity during the growing season. The required data preparation for the integration of MODIS data into GIS is described with a focus on the projection from the MODIS/Sinusoidal to the national coordinate systems. However, its low spatial resolution has been an impediment to researchers pursuing more accurate classification results and will support environmental planning to develop sustainable land-use practices. These results have important implications for parameterization of land surface process models using biophysical variables estimated from remotely sensed data and assist for forthcoming rice fractional yield assessment.

---

*Index terms*— EVI, Landsat TM/ETM+, land-use, multitemporal, multi-spectral, NDVI, Pakistan.

## 1 Introduction

Remote sensing dataset offers unique possibilities for spatial and temporal characterization of the changes. The fundamental requirement is the availability of different dates of satellite imagery which permits continuous monitoring of change and environmental developments over time (Lu et al., 2004; Nasr and Helmy, 2009; Ahmad, 2012b; . RS sensor is a key device that captures data about an object or scene remotely. Since objects have their unique spectral features, they can be identified from RS imagery according to their unique spectral characteristics (Xie, 2008; Ahmad and Shafique, 2013; . A good case in vegetation mapping by using RS technology is the spectral radiances in the red and near-infrared (NIR) regions, in addition to others . The radiances in these regions could be incorporated into the spectral vegetation indices (VI) that are directly related to the intercepted fraction of photosynthetically active radiation (Asrar et al., 1984; Galio et al., 1985; Xie, 2008; Ahmad and Shafique, 2013; . The spectral signatures of photosynthetically and nonphotosynthetically active vegetation showed obvious

# 1 INTRODUCTION

---

41 difference and could be utilized to estimate forage quantity and quality of grass prairie (Beeri et al., 2007;Xie,  
42 2008;.

43 RS is the technology that can give an unbiased view of large areas, with spatially explicit information  
44 distribution and time repetition, and has thus been widely used to estimate crop yield and offers great potential  
45 for monitoring production, yet the uncertainties associated with large-scale crop yield (Quarmby et al., 1993;Báez-  
46 González et al., 2002;Doraiswamy et al., 2003;Ruecker et al., 2007;Ahmad and Shafique, 2013a) estimates are  
47 rarely addressed .

48 RS dataset of better resolution at different time interval helps in analyzing the rate of changes as well  
49 as the causal factors or drivers of changes (Dai and Khorram, 1999;Ramachandra and Kumar, 2004;Ahmad,  
50 2012b). Hence, it has a significant role in planning at different spatial and temporal scales. Change  
51 detection in agricultural planning helped in enhancing the capacity of local governments to implement sound  
52 environmental management (Prenzel and Treitz, 2004;Ramachandra and Kumar, 2004;Ahmad, 2012b). This  
53 involves development of spatial and temporal database and analysis techniques. Efficiency of the techniques  
54 depends on several factors such as classification schemes, modelling, spatial and (Ramachandra and Kumar,  
55 2004;Ahmad, 2012b). Natural resources in the arid environment are declining in productivity and require special  
56 attention, and if the ecological condition persists, a further decline in resources may result in land degradation  
57 (Babu et al., 2011).

58 Preprocessing of satellite datasets prior to vegetation extraction is essential to remove noise (Schowengerdt,  
59 1983; and increase the interpretability of image data (Campbell, 1987;Schowengerdt, 2006;. The ideal result  
60 of image preprocessing is that all images after image preprocessing should appear as if they were acquired  
61 from the same sensor (Hall et al., 1991;Xie, 2008;. Image preprocessing commonly comprises a series of  
62 operations, including but not limited to bad lines replacement, radiometric correction, geometric correction, image  
63 enhancement and masking although variations may exist for images acquired by different sensors (Schowengerdt,  
64 1983;Campbell, 1987;Xie, 2008;. Long-term observations of remotely sensed vegetation dynamics have held an  
65 increasingly prominent role in the study of terrestrial ecology (Budde et al., 2004;Prasad et al., 2007;Ouyang et  
66 al., 2012;Ahmad, 2012a).

67 The development of long-term data records from multi-satellites/multi-sensors is a key requirement to improve  
68 our understanding of natural and humaninduced changes on the Earth and their implications (NRC, 2007; Miura  
69 et al., 2008;Ahmad, 2012c). A major limitation of such studies is the limited availability of sufficiently consistent  
70 data derived from long-term RS (Ouyang et al., 2012;Ahmad, 2012a;. The benefit obtained from a RS sensor,  
71 largely depends on its spectral resolution (Jensen, 2005;Ahmad, 2012a;, which determines the sensor's capability  
72 to resolve spectral features of land surfaces (Fontana, 2009;Ahmad, 2012a;. One of the key factors in assessing  
73 vegetation dynamics and its response to climate change is the ability to make frequent and consistent observations  
74 (Thomas and Leason, 2005;Ouyang et al., 2012;Ahmad, 2012a;.

75 Landsat ETM+ has shown great potential in agricultural mapping and monitoring due to its advantages over  
76 traditional procedures in terms of cost effectiveness and timeliness in availability of information over larger areas  
77 (Murthy et al., 1998;Rahman et al., 2004;Adia and Rabi, 2008;Ahmad, 2012d) and ingredient the temporal  
78 dependence of multi-temporal image data to identify the changing pattern of vegetation cover and consequently  
79 enhance the interpretation capabilities. Integration of multi-sensor and multitemporal satellite data effectively  
80 improves the temporal attribute and the accuracy of results (Adia and Rabi, 2008;Ahmad, 2012d).

81 The MODIS (Terra) NDVI (Rouse et al., 1973) and EVI (Liu and Huete, 1995;Justice et al., 1998;Huete et  
82 al., 1999) datasets provide unique opportunities for monitoring terrestrial vegetation conditions at regional and  
83 global scales (Yang et al., 1997;Piao et al., 2006;Ahmad, 2012a;, and has widely been used in research areas of  
84 net primary production (Potter et al., 1993;Paruelo et al., 1997 Multi-year time series of EVI/NDVI can reliably  
85 measure yearly-changes in the timing of the availability of high-quality vegetation. The biological significance of  
86 NDVI indices should be assessed in various habitat types before they can be widely used in ecological studies  
87 (Hamel et al., 2009;Ahmad, 2012a). The premise is that the NDVI is an indicator of vegetation health, because  
88 degradation of ecosystem vegetation, or a decrease in green, would be reflected in a decrease in NDVI value  
89 (Hamel et al., 2009;Meneses-Tovar, 2011;Ahmad, 2012a). The NDVI has the potential ability to signal the  
90 vegetation features of different eco-regions and provides valuable information as a RS tool in studying vegetation  
91 phenology cycles at a regional scale (Guo, 2003;Ahmad, 2012a).

92 The NDVI is established to be highly correlated to green-leaf density and can be viewed as a proxy for  
93 above-ground biomass (Tucker and Sellers, 1986;Ahmad, 2012e). The NDVI is the most commonly used index  
94 of greenness derived from multispectral RS data (USGS, 2010; Ahmad, 2012e), and is used in several studies  
95 on vegetation, since it has been proven to be positively correlated with density of green matter (Townshend et  
96 al., 1991;Huete et al., 1997;Huete et al., 2002;Debien et al., 2010;Ahmad, 2012e). The NDVI provides useful  
97 information for detecting and interpreting vegetation land cover it has been widely used in RS studies (Dorman  
98 and Sellers, 1989;Myneni and Asrar, 1994;Gao, 1996 The District Narowal (Figure 1; 2) lies in the Punjab province  
99 of Pakistan from 31° 55' to 32° 30' North latitude and 74° 35' to 75° 21' East longitude. The district is bounded  
100 on the north-west by Sialkot district, on the north by Jammu State, on the east by Gurdaspur district (India)  
101 and on the south by Amritsar district (India) and Sheikhpura district ??GOP, 2000). The general aspect of  
102 the district is a plain slopping down from the uplands at the base of the Himalayas to the level country to the  
103 south-west (Figure 3), and the general altitude is 266 meters above sea level ??GOP, 2000;Shah, 2007).

---

104 Bounded on the south-east by the river Ravi, the district is fringed on the either side by a line of fresh alluvial  
105 soil, about which rise the low banks that form the limits of the river bed. At about a distance of 24 km from  
106 Ravi, another stream, the Dake which rises in the Jammu hills traverses the district. The district is practically a  
107 level plain. Its north-eastern boundary is at a distance of about 32 km from the outer line of the Himalayas, but  
108 the foot-hills stop short of the district and its surface is level plain broken only by the river Ravi, by more than  
109 drainage channels. The general slope as indicated by the lines of drainage is from north-east to south-west (GOP,  
110 2000). inclusion into a categorization algorithm as an input feature (Ozdogan et al., 2010). Using dataset from  
111 multiple time periods, the prejudice procedure is based on the different spectral responses of crops according to  
112 their phenological evolution (Abuzar et al., 2001;Ozdogan et al., 2010). A number of studies have established  
113 that using spectral information from two successive seasons in a crop-year is sufficient to identify the paddy/rice  
114 fields. However, for each season, the estimates require multiple datasets (Abuzar et al., 2001;Ozdogan et al.,  
115 2006;Ozdogan et al., 2010). This is because single-date analysis in visible cropping intensity often does not take  
116 into account planting dates that vary from year to year. Therefore, multi-temporal analysis has greater potential  
117 to define paddy/rice fields (Akbari et al., 2006;Ozdogan et al., 2010). Eventually, the results of classification are  
118 restricted upon the temporal and spatial variability of the spectral signature of the land cover type in question,  
119 so suitable datasets The use of the NDVI would comprise direct II.

## 120 2 Research Design and Methods

121 must be available for the temporal approach to provide a complete inventory of all crops (Ozdogan et al., 2010).

122 RS studies of vegetation normally use specific wavelengths selected to provide information about the vegetation  
123 present in the area from which the radiance data emanated. These wavelength regions are selected because they  
124 provide a strong signal from the vegetation and also have a spectral contrast from most background resources  
125 (Tucker and Sellers, 1986). The wavelength region located in the VIS-NIR transition has been shown to have  
126 high information content for vegetation spectra (Collins, 1978;Horler et al., 1983;Broge and Leblanc, 2000). The  
127 spectral reflectance of vegetation in this region is characterized by very low reflectance in the red part of the  
128 spectrum followed by an abrupt increase in reflectance at 700-740 nm wavelengths (Broge and Leblanc, 2000).  
129 This spectral reflectance pattern of vegetation is generally referred to as the 'red edge'. The red edge position is  
130 likewise well correlated with biophysical parameters at the canopy level, but less sensitive to spectral noise caused  
131 by the soil background and by atmospheric effects Demetriades-Shah et al., 1990;Guyot et al., 1992;Mauser and  
132 Bach, 1994;Broge and Leblanc, 2000).

133 Leaf water content governs the reflectance properties beyond 1000 nm, but has practically no effect on the  
134 spectral properties in the VIS and NIR regions (Broge and Leblanc, 2000). In fact, chlorophyll concentration was  
135 sufficient to absorb nearly all of the blue and red radiation. Reflectance in the green (550 nm) and red-edge (715  
136 nm) bands increase significantly as chlorophyll concentration decrease (Daughtry et al., 2000). Variations of leaf  
137 dry matter content affects canopy reflectance by increasing or decreasing the multiple intercellular scattering of  
138 the NIR rays. However, for practical RS applications, this effect can be assumed to be negligible, because within-  
139 crop variations of leaf dry matter content is very stable (Broge and Leblanc, 2000). Soil compaction negatively  
140 affects crop growth characteristics (Lowery and Schuler, 1991 The MODIS has been supplying a continuous data  
141 stream since 2000, lending to comprehensive time series analysis of the global terrestrial environment (Grogan  
142 and Fensholt, 2013). Of the available POES datasets, the MODIS reflectance products are favored among many  
143 in the research community with a focus on monitoring regional to global vegetation dynamics. The MODIS has a  
144 number of advantages when compared to other moderate-to-course resolution sensors, including superior spatial  
145 resolution, a broad spectral range (visible to mid-infrared), and superior geolocational accuracy ??Wolfe et

## 146 3 III.

## 147 4 Results

148 The vegetation phenology is important for predicting ecosystem carbon, nitrogen, and water fluxes ??Baldocchi  
149 et The NDVI has been widely used for vegetation monitoring primarily for its simplicity. It is conceived as  
150 the normalized difference between the minimum peak of reflectance in the red wavelength and the maximum  
151 reflectance in the NIR domain: the higher the index value the better the vegetation conditions in terms of both  
152 biomass amount and vegetation health (Daughtry et al., 2000;Haboudane et al., 2002;Stroppiana et al., 2006).

153 Vegetation extraction from satellite imagery is the process of extracting vegetation information by interpreting  
154 satellite images based on the interpretation elements and association information (Xie, 2008 2.

155 Figure ?? shows classified NDVI 2010, Narowal. After rectification, the NDVI model was applied upon Landsat  
156 TM image acquired on 2 nd November, 2010. ArcGIS symbology tool was used to develop NDVI classes and  
157 recognize the paddy cropped areas in Narowal. Maximum NDVI, minimum NDVI, mean NDVI and standard  
158 deviation is given in Table 2. Figure 8 shows image difference or change detection (2001-2010) at Narowal. The  
159 findings showed that decreased was 1254.83 km<sup>2</sup> (48.73%), some decrease 840.27 km<sup>2</sup> (32.64%), unchanged was  
160 133.95 km<sup>2</sup> (5.20%), some increase 336.37 km<sup>2</sup> (13.06%) while increased was 9.58 km<sup>2</sup> (0.37%). Decreased  
161 and some decrease in vegetation cover was much higher as compared to some increase and increased. Accuracy  
162 assessment is given in the Table 5.

163 Detection of change is the measure of the distinct data framework and thematic change information that can  
164 direct to more tangible insights into underlying process involving land cover and land-use changes (Singh et al.,  
165 2013;. Monitoring the locations and distributions of land cover changes is important for establishing links between  
166 policy decisions, regulatory actions and subsequent land-use activities (Lunetta et al., 2006; Volume XIV Issue  
167 VI Version I 6; Figure 21) to investigate the general trend. Linear forecast trendline showed that fractional yield  
168 at Naina Kot was smooth during the entire period. The findings showed that January 2003 was the driest month  
169 during the entire period; February 2000 to February 2013. Heavy amount of fertilizer was used for crop growth  
170 and soil productivity.

171 IV.

## 172 5 Discussion and Conclusions

173 RS datasets and techniques have already proven to be relevant to many requirements of crop inventory and  
174 monitoring (Haboudane et al., 2002). At the present, there is an increased interest in precision farming and  
175 the development of smart systems for agricultural resource management; these relatively new approaches aim  
176 to increase the productivity, optimize the profitability, and protect the environment. In this context, image-  
177 based RS technology is seen as a key tool to provide valuable information that is still lacking or inappropriate  
178 to the achievement of sustainable and efficient agricultural practices (Moran et al., 1997; Daughtry et al.,  
179 2000; Haboudane et al., 2002).

180 RS provides a key means of measuring and monitoring phenology at continental to global scales and vegetation  
181 indices derived from satellite data are now commonly used for this purpose (Nightingale et al., 2008; Tan et al.,  
182 2008; Ahmad, 2012a; 2012f). The study also identified several data acquisition and processing issues that warrant  
183 further investigation. Studies are under way to assess the importance of coordinating and timing field data  
184 collection and image acquisition dates as a means of improving the strength of the relationships between image  
185 and land condition trend analysis (Senseman et al., 1996; Ahmad, 2012c) ground-truth data. Recent literature has  
186 shown that the narrow bands may be crucial for providing additional information with significant improvements  
187 over broad bands in quantifying biophysical characteristics of paddy/rice crop (Thenkabail et al., 2000).

188 RS of agricultural resources is based on the measurement of the electromagnetic energy reflected or emitted  
189 from the Earth surface as a result of the energy matter interaction. RS data interpretation and processing aim  
190 to derive vegetation biophysical properties from its spectral properties (Stroppiana et al., 2006).

191 Spectral-based change detection techniques have tended to be performance limited in biologically complex  
192 ecosystems due, in larger part, to phenology-induced errors (Lunetta et al., 2002; Lunetta et al., 2002a; Lunetta  
193 et al., 2006;). An important consideration for land cover change detection is the nominal temporal frequency of  
194 remote sensor data acquisitions required to adequately characterize change events (Lunetta et al., 2004; Lunetta  
195 et al., 2006;). Ecosystem-specific regeneration rates are important considerations for determining the required  
196 frequency of data collections to minimize errors. As part of the natural processes associated with vegetation  
197 dynamics, plants undergo intra-annual cycles. During different stages of vegetation growth, plants' structure and  
198 associated pigment assemblages can vary significantly (Lunetta et al., 2006;).

199 Validation is a key issue in RS based studies of phenology over large areas (Huete, 1999; Schwartz and Reed,  
200 1999; Zhang et al., 2003; Ahmad, 2012d). While a variety of field programs for monitoring phenology have been  
201 initiated (Schwartz, 1999; Zhang et al., 2003; Ahmad, 2012d), these programs provide data that is typically specie-  
202 specific and which is collected at scales that are not compatible with coarse resolution RS observations.

203 <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup>© 2014 Global Journals Inc. (US)

<sup>2</sup>Spectral Characteristics and Mapping of Rice Fields using Multi-Temporal Landsat and MODIS Data: A Case of District Narowal



Figure 1: Figure 1 :



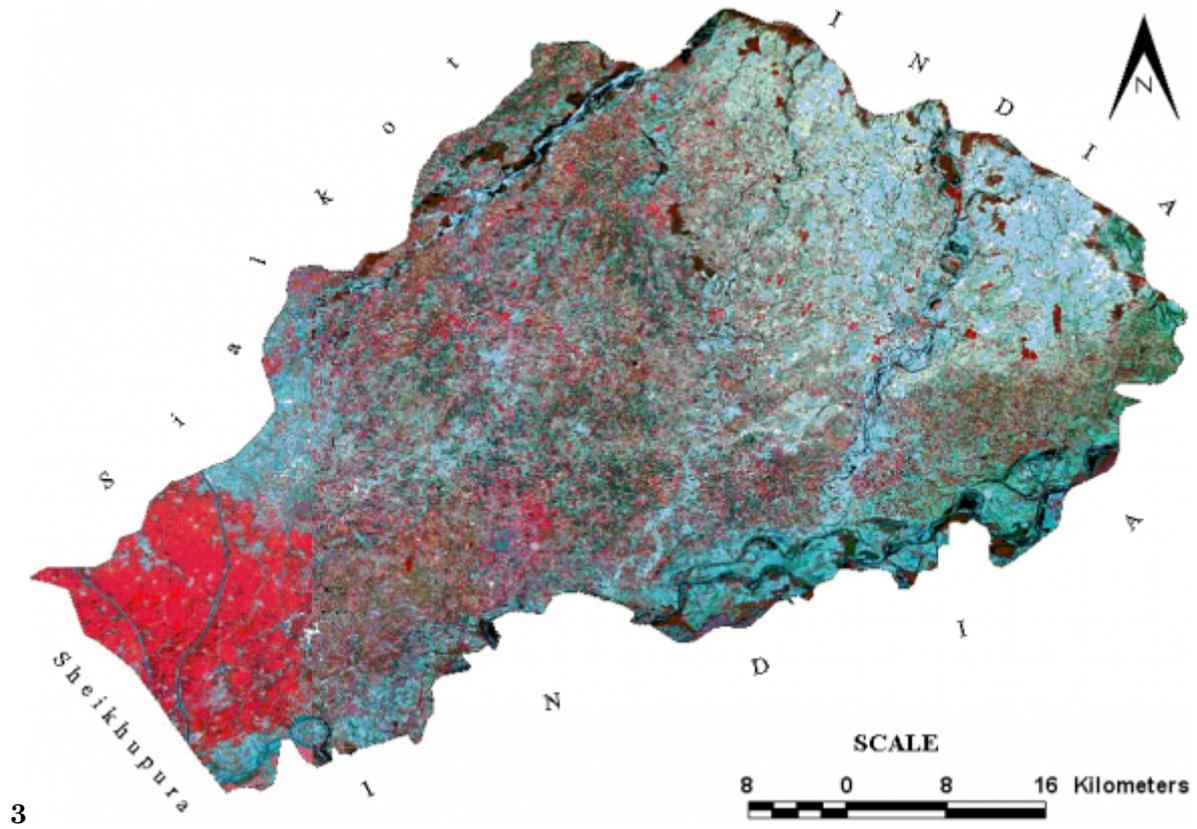


Figure 3: Figure 3 :

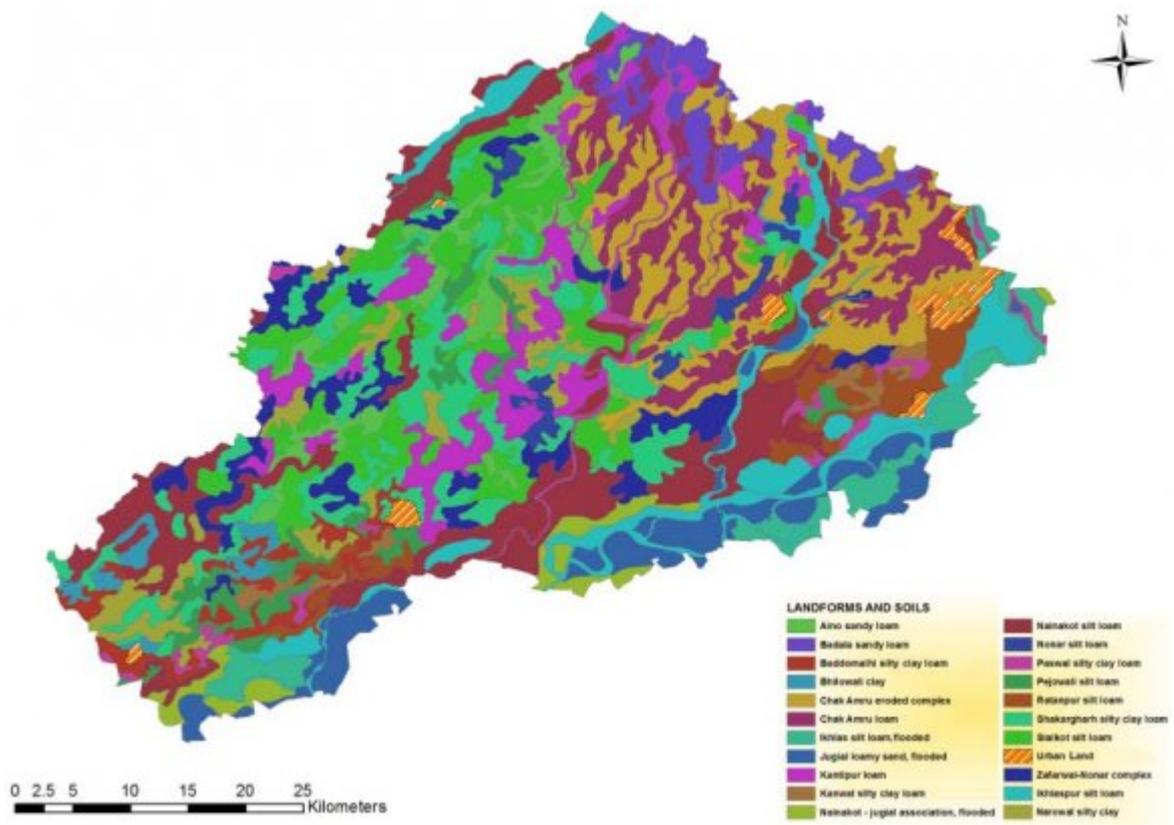


Figure 4:

$$NDVI = \frac{\rho_{NIR} - \rho_{Red}}{\rho_{NIR} + \rho_{Red}}$$

Figure 5:

$$EVI = G \times \frac{(NIR - RED)}{(NIR + C1 \times RED - C2 \times Blue + L)}$$

Figure 6: Figure 4

$$Fractional\ Yield = \frac{Actual\ Yield}{Theoretical\ Yield} \times 100$$

Figure 7: Figure 4 :Figure 5 :

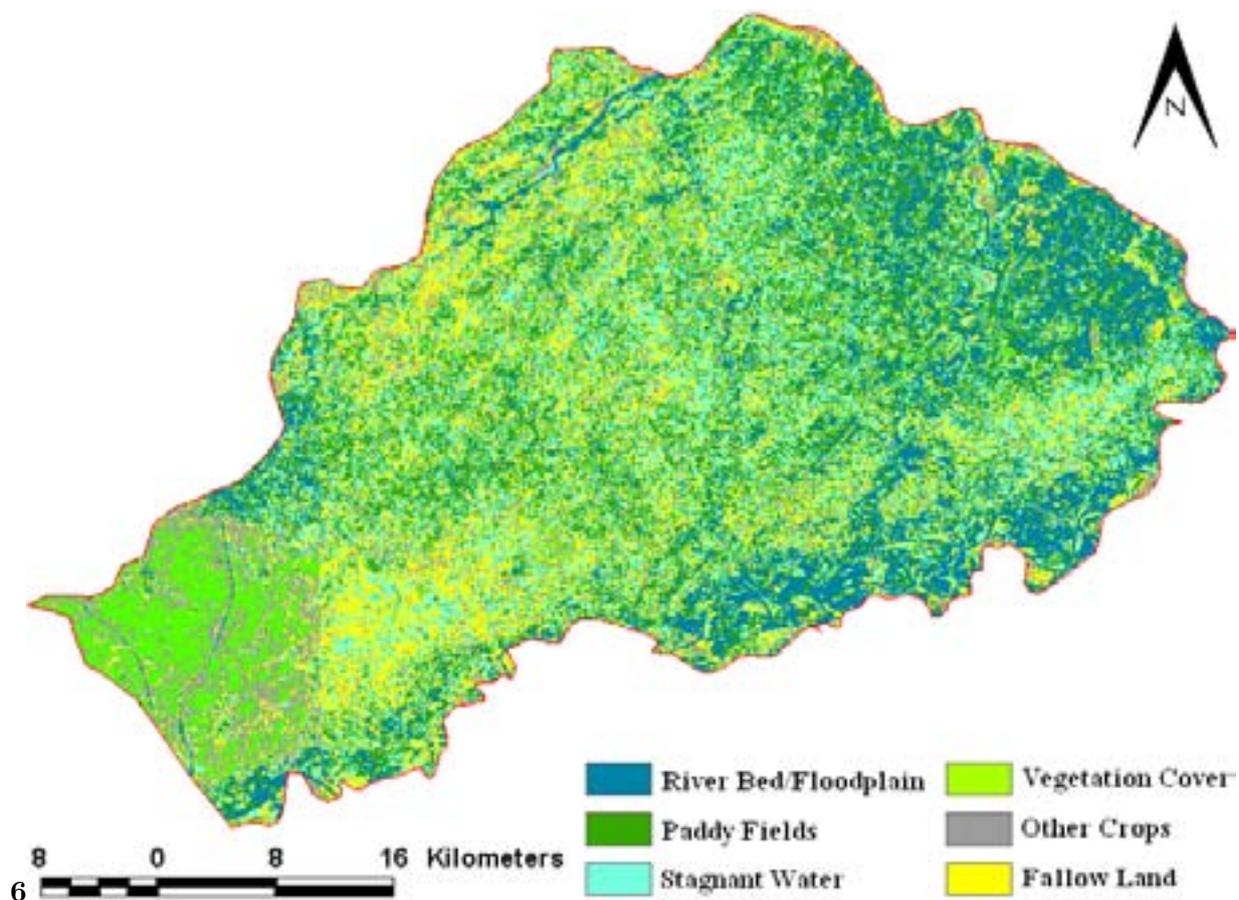


Figure 8: Figure 6 :

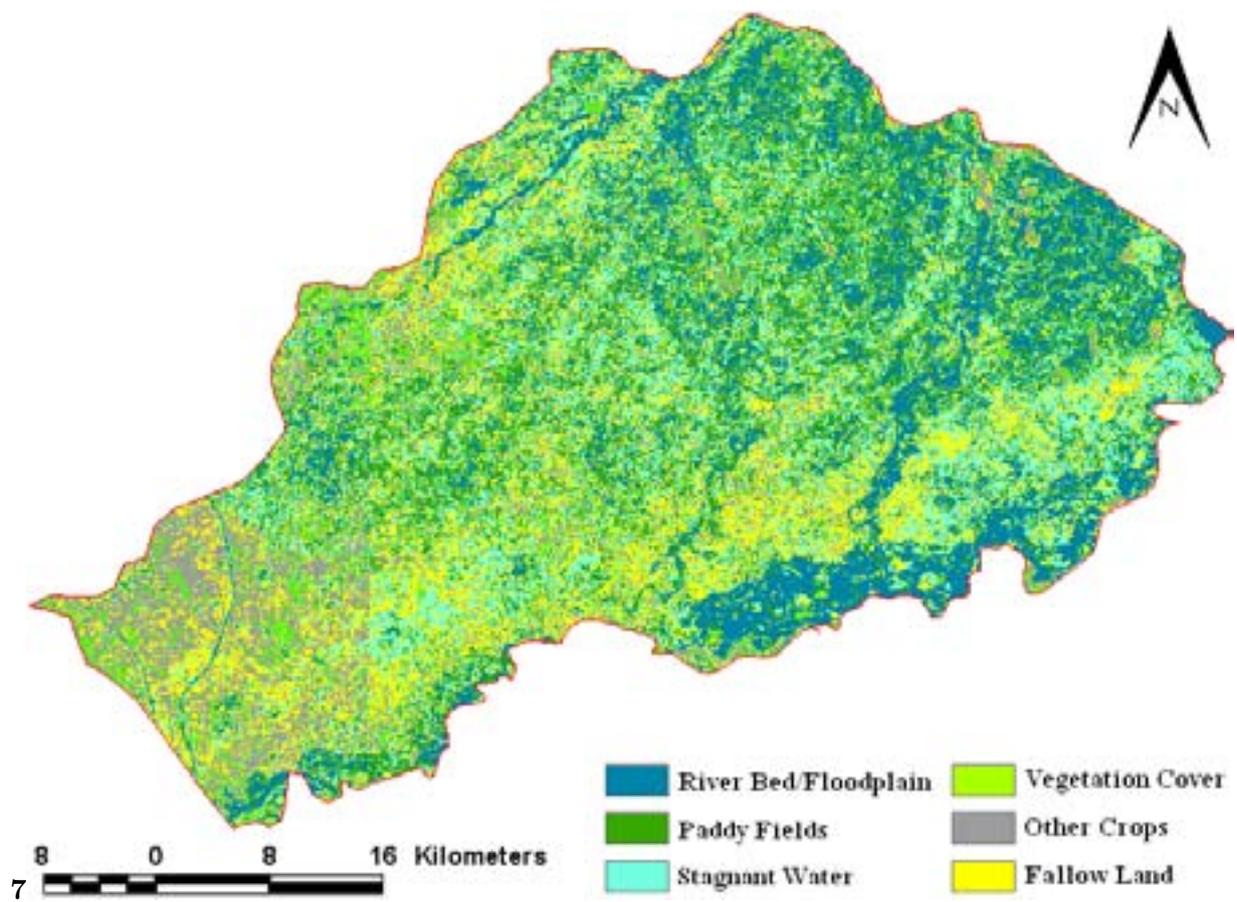


Figure 9: Figure 7

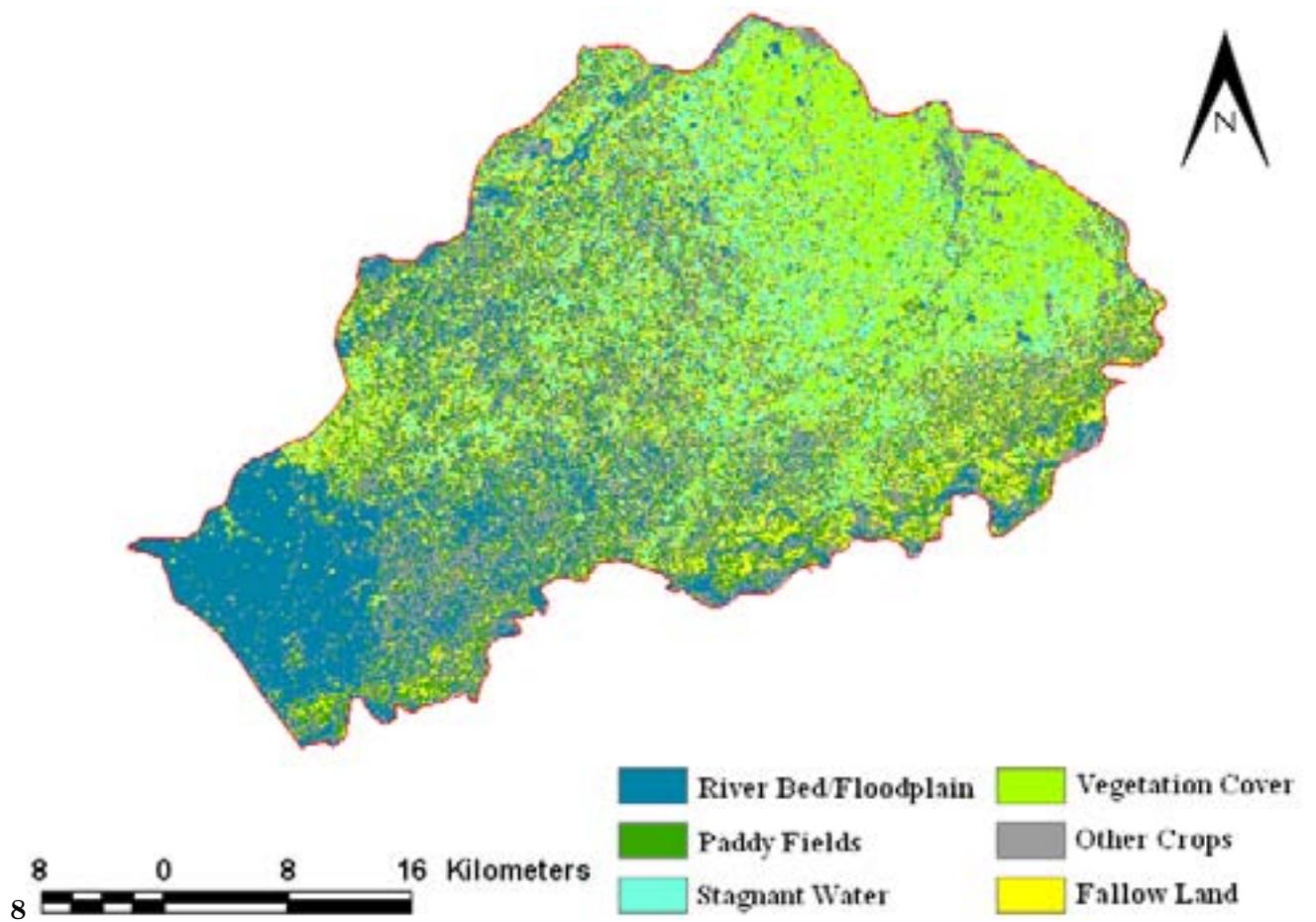


Figure 10: Figure 8 :

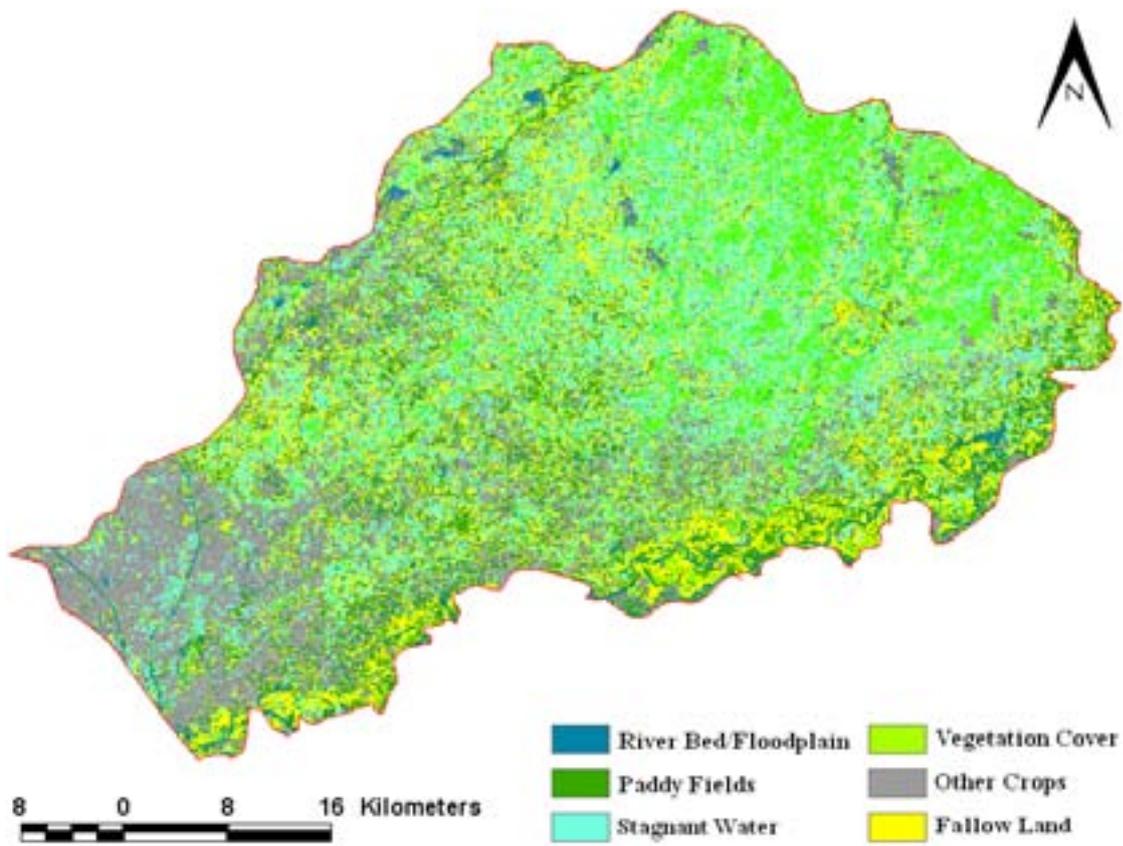


Figure 11:

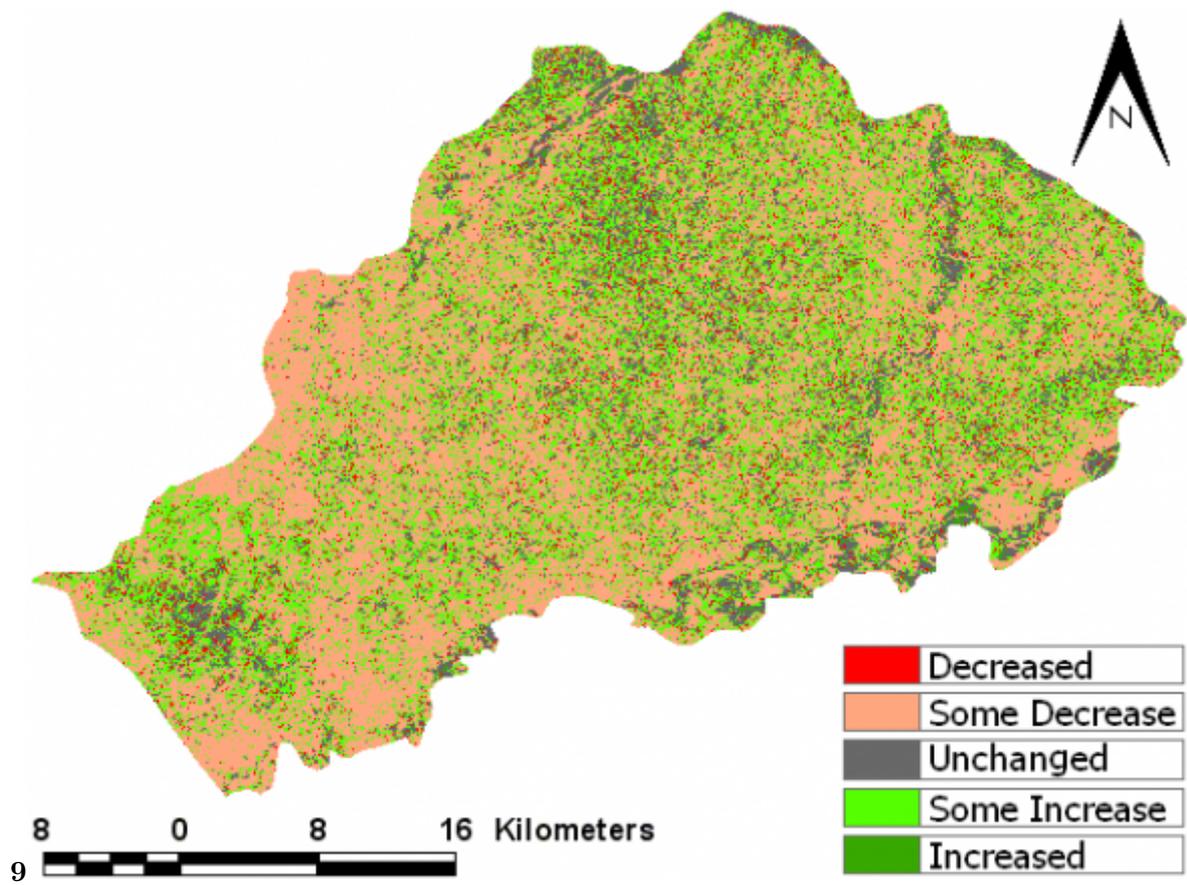


Figure 12: Figure 9 :

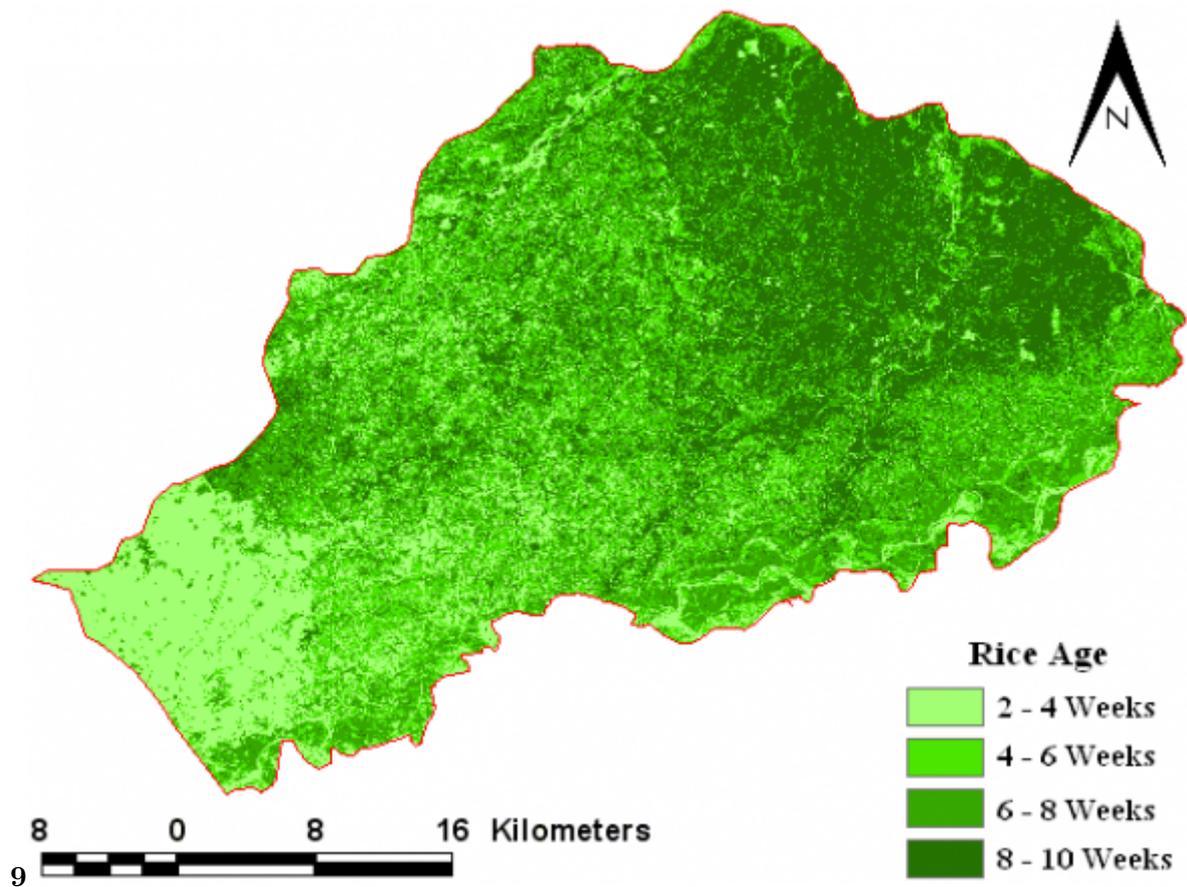


Figure 13: Figure 9

$$RGVI = \frac{(B4+B5+B7) - (B1+B3)}{(B4+B5+B7)}$$

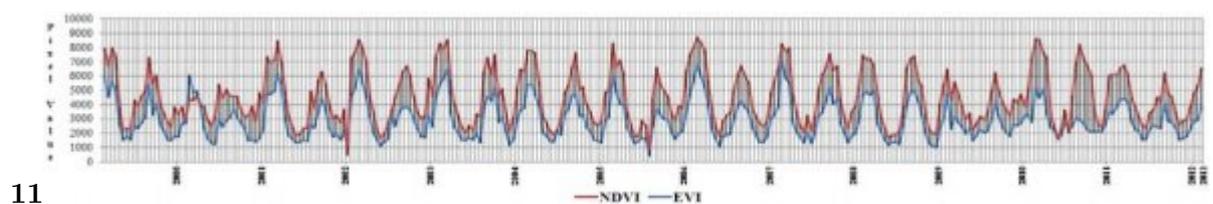
10

Figure 14: Figure 10

$$RGVI = 1 - \frac{(B1+B3)}{(B4+B5+B7)}$$

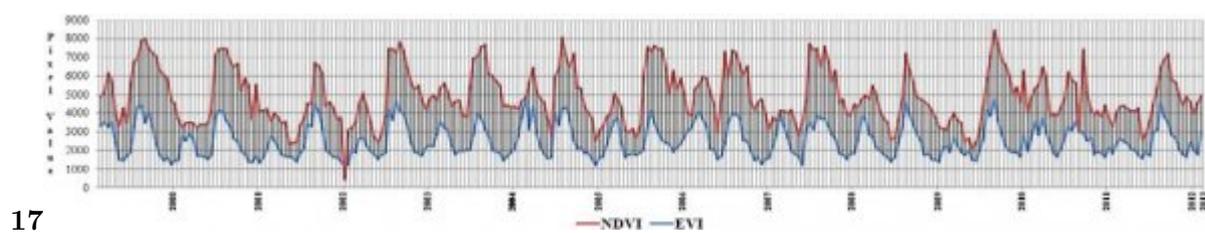
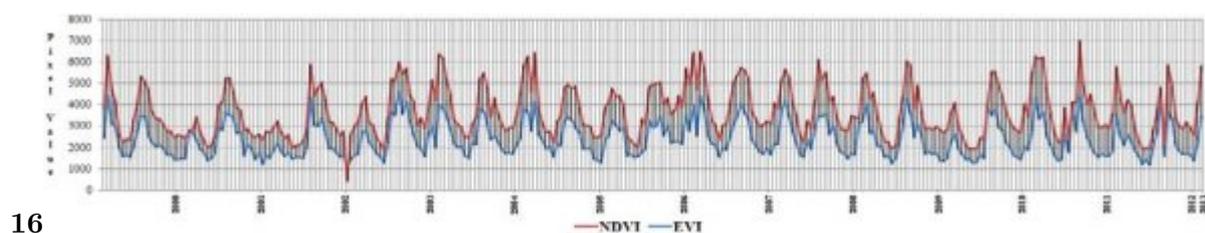
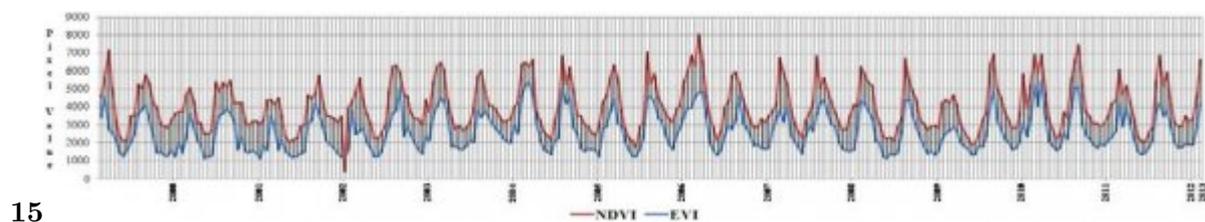
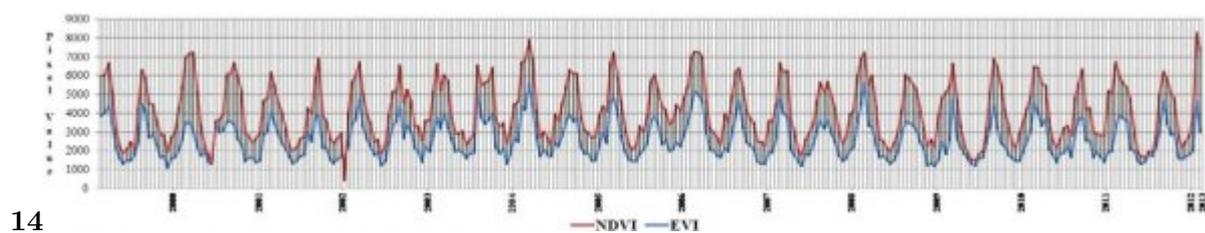
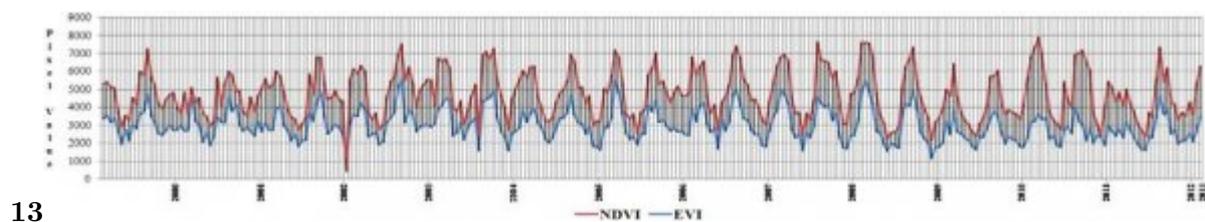
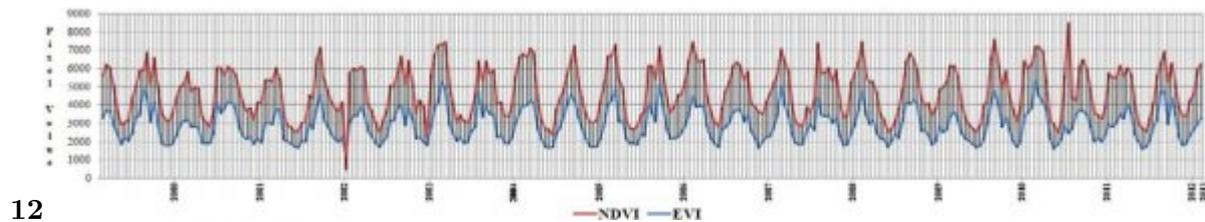
10

Figure 15: Figure 10 :



11

Figure 16: Figure 11 :



18

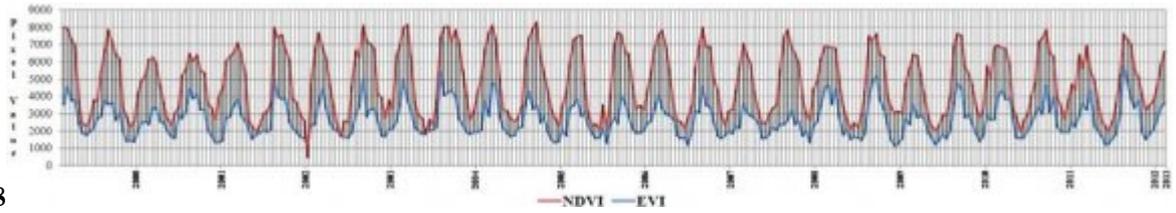


Figure 23: Figure 18 :

19

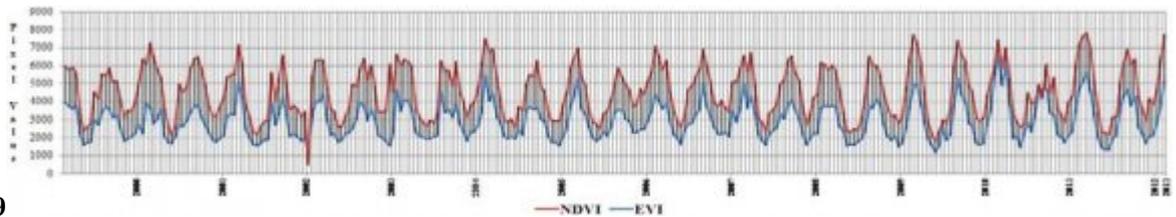


Figure 24: Figure 19 :

20

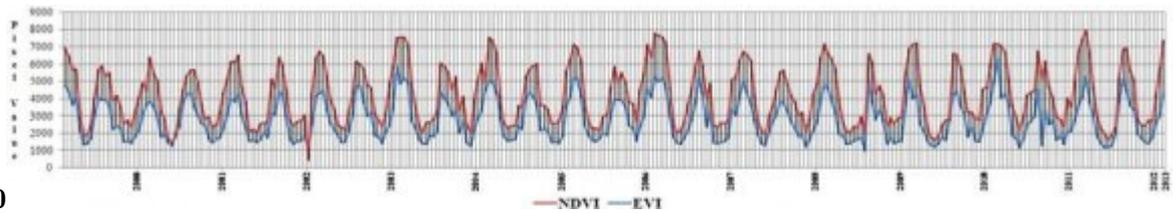


Figure 25: Figure 20 :

21

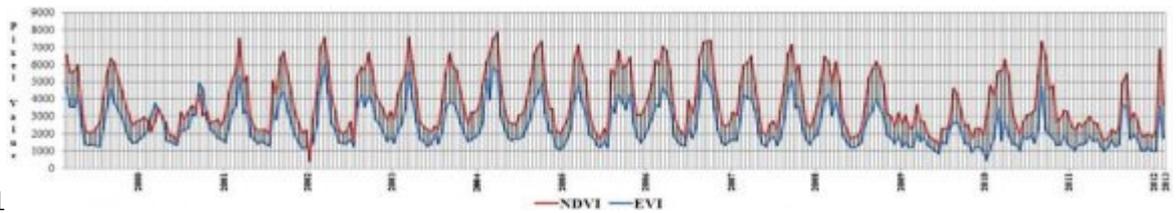


Figure 26: Figure 21 :

Figure 27:

; Sesnie et al., 2008;  
Karaburun, 2010; Ahmad, 2012f; Ahmad and Shafique,  
2013a; Ahmad et al., 2013).  
The NDVI is chlorophyll sensitive; the EVI (Liu  
and Huete, 1995;

Figure 28:

1

The MODIS (Terra) EVI/NDVI (MOD13Q1) data products for research area were acquired, in this case data were downloaded from the Land Processes Distributed Active Archive Center (LPDAAC). Tile number covering this area is h24v05, reprojected from the Integerized Sinusoidal projection to a Geographic Lat/Lon projection, and Datum WGS84 (GSFC/NASA, 2003; Ahmad, 2012a; 2012b; Ahmad et al., 2013). A gapless time series of MODIS (Terra) EVI/NDVI composite raster data from February, 2000 to February, 2013 with a spatial resolution of 250 m (Table 1) was utilized for calculation of the rice fractional yield. The datasets provide frequent information at the spatial scale at which the majority of human-driven land cover changes occur (Townshend and Justice, 1988; Verbesselt et al., 2010; Ahmad, 2012a; Ahmad et al., 2013). MODIS products are designed to provide consistent spatial and temporal comparisons between different global vegetation conditions that can be used to monitor photosynthetic activity and forecast crop yields (Vazifedoust et al., 2009; Cheng and Wu, 2011; Ahmad et al., 2013). Details documenting the MODIS (Terra) EVI/NDVI compositing process and Quality Assessment Science Data Sets can be found at NASA's MODIS web site (MODIS, 1999; USGS, 2008; Ahmad et al., 2013). This study explored the suitability of the MODIS (Terra) EVI/NDVI (MOD13Q1) pixels obtained from a paddy/rice cultivated area, Naina Kot over thirteen years (February, 2000 to February, 2013), to explore rice fractional yield (Mulianga et al., 2013).

Figure 29: Table 1 :

The application of the NDVI (Rouse et al., 1973; Tucker, 1979; Ahmad, 2012a) in ecological studies has enabled quantification and mapping of green vegetation with the goal of estimating above ground net primary productivity and other landscape-level fluxes (Wang et al., 2003; Pettorelli et al., 2005; Aguilar et al., 2012; Ahmad, 2012a).

Figure 30:

2

Image Acquisition Date	Maximum NDVI	Minimum NDVI	Mean NDVI	Standard Deviation
30 th September, 2001 (Landsat ETM+)	0.56	-0.42	0.05	0.11
2 nd November, 2010 (Landsat TM)	0.65	-0.40	0.13	0.11

Figure 31: Table 2 :

3

Image Acquisition Date	Classes	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area (%)	Accuracy Assessment (%)
30 th September, 2001 (Landsat ETM+)	River	498.69	19.37	87.42
	Bed/Floodplain			
	Paddy Fields	430.88	16.73	85.44
	Stagnant Water	382.97	14.87	87.08
	Vegetation Cover	294.12	11.42	88.45
	Other Crops	565.24	21.95	92.20
	Fallow Land	403.10	15.66	87.29
	SUM	2575	100	-

Figure 6 shows supervised classification 2001, Narowal. The classification was applied upon Landsat ETM+ image acquired on 30 th September, 2001. The findings showed that the river bed/floodplain covered the area of 498.69 km<sup>2</sup> (19.37%), paddy fields 430.88 km<sup>2</sup> (16.73%), stagnant water 382.97 km<sup>2</sup> (14.87%), vegetation cover 294.12 km<sup>2</sup> (11.42%), fallow land 403.10 km<sup>2</sup> (15.66%) while other crops covered the area of 565.24 km<sup>2</sup> (21.95%). Accuracy assessment in the

Figure 32: Table 3 :

3

Year 2014  
42  
( B )  
Global Journal of Human Social Science

[Note: © 2014 Global Journals Inc. (US) km<sup>2</sup> (16.73%), stagnant water 382.97 km<sup>2</sup> (14.87%),]

Figure 33: Table 3 .

4

Image Acquisition Date	Classes	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area (%)	Accuracy Assessment (%)
2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2010 (Landsat TM)	River Bed/Floodplain	481.90	18.71	87.02
	Paddy Fields	400.14	15.53	88.04
	Stagnant Water Vegetation Cover	359.31	13.95	92.04
	Other Crops	320.48	12.45	85.42
	Fallow Land	467.01	18.14	90.20
	Fallow Land	546.16	21.22	87.09
	SUM	2575	100	-

Figure 34: Table 4 :

5

Classes	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	During 2001 to 2010 Area (%)	Accuracy Assessment (%)
Decreased	1254.83	48.73	87.31
Some Decrease	840.27	32.64	90.19
Unchanged	133.95	5.20	87.22
Some Increase	336.37	13.06	85.79
Increased	9.58	0.37	92.14
SUM	2575	100	-

Figure 35: Table 5 :

## 6

Image Acquisition (Month/Year)	EVI Pixel Value	NDVI Pixel Value	Fractional Yield (%)	Image Acquisition (Month/Year)	EVI Pixel Value	NDVI Pixel Value	Fractional Yield (%)
Feb. 2000	3524	8008	44.01	Feb. 2007	4061	7586	53.53
May 2000	1775	2289	77.54	May 2007	1590	2557	62.18
Aug. 2000	3516	7839	44.85	Aug. 2007	4531	7971	56.84
Nov. 2000	1411	2874	49.10	Nov. 2007	1585	3025	52.40
Feb. 2001	2363	6118	38.62	Feb. 2008	3564	7055	50.52
May 2001	1677	2332	71.91	May 2008	1602	2447	65.47
Aug. 2001	3847	6021	63.89	Aug. 2008	2607	7832	33.29
Nov. 2001	1687	3317	50.86	Nov. 2008	1984	3079	64.44
Feb. 2002	3415	6524	52.35	Feb. 2009	4595	6857	67.01
May 2002	1782	1957	91.06	May 2009	1491	2121	70.30
Aug. 2002	3988	7373	54.09	Aug. 2009	4786	7202	66.45
Nov. 2002	1904	3596	52.95	Nov. 2009	1485	3416	43.47
Feb. 2003	3506	7671	45.70	Feb. 2010	3510	6422	54.66
May 2003	1669	1707	98.12	May 2010	1205	2068	58.27
Aug. 2003	4981	8101	61.49	Aug. 2010	4740	7610	62.29
Nov. 2003	1699	3922	43.32	Nov. 2010	1816	3405	53.33
Feb. 2004	4858	7968	60.97	Feb. 2011	3994	6968	57.32
May 2004	2133	1792	119.03	May 2011	1602	1961	81.70
Aug. 2004	4214	8057	52.30	Aug. 2011	2929	7303	40.08
Nov. 2004	1937	4090	47.36	Nov. 2011	1951	3409	57.23
Feb. 2005	2863	7701	37.18	Feb. 2012	3559	5639	63.11
May 2005	1684	2324	61.82	May 2012	1206	2283	52.83
Aug. 2005	3252	7920	41.06	Aug. 2012	4804	7263	66.14
Nov. 2005	1497	3240	46.20	Nov. 2012	1500	3205	46.80
Feb. 2006	3481	7309	47.63	Feb. 2013	3576	6584	54.31
May 2006	1578	2434	64.83				
Aug. 2006	2441	7710	31.66				
Nov. 2006	1907	3292	57.93				

Figure 36: Table 6 :



- 204 [Springer] , Netherlands Springer . *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* 119 (1-3) p. .
- 205 [Remote Sensing of Environment] , *Remote Sensing of Environment* 59 p. .
- 206 [Reed et al. ()] , B C Reed , J F Brown , D Vanderzee , T R Loveland , J W Merchant , D O Ohlen . 1994.
- 207 [El-Magd and Tanton ()] , I A El-Magd , T W Tanton . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2003. 24 p. .
- 208 [Baugh and Groeneveld ()] , W M Baugh , D P Groeneveld . *Journal of Remote Sensing* 2006. 27 (21) p. .
- 209 [Nightingale et al. ()] , J M Nightingale , W E Esaias , R E Wolfe , J E Nickeson , J A Pedelty . 2008.
- 210 [(2008)] , 10.1109/IGARSS.2008.4779447. July, 2008. Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A..
- 211 [Lyon et al. ()] ‘A change detection experiment using vegetation indices’. J G Lyon , D Yuan , R S Lunetta , C  
212 D Elvidge . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1998. 64 (2) p. .
- 213 [Verhoef et al. ()] ‘A colour composite of NOAA-AVHRR NDVI based on time series analysis (1981-1992)’. W  
214 Verhoef , M Meneti , S Azzali . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1996. 17 (2) p. .
- 215 [Huete et al. ()] *A comparison of vegetation indices over a global set of TM images for EOS-MODIS*, A R Huete  
216 , H Q Liu , K Batchily , Van W Leeuwen . 1997.
- 217 [Liu and Huete ()] ‘A feedback based modification of the NDVI to minimize canopy background and atmospheric  
218 noise’. H Q Liu , A R Huete . *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing* 1995. 33 (2) p. .
- 219 [Jolly et al. ()] ‘A generalized, bioclimatic index to predict foliar phenology in response to climate’. W M Jolly ,  
220 R Nemani , S W Running . *Global Change Biology* 2005. 11 p. .
- 221 [Solano et al. ()] ‘A global 1 o by 1 o NDVI data set for climate studies, Part 2: The adjustment of the NDVI  
222 and generation of global fields of terrestrial biophysical parameters’. R Solano , K Didan , A Jacobson , A R  
223 Huete , P J Sellers , C J Tucker , G J Collatz , S Los , C O Justice , D A Dazlich , D A Randall . *International  
224 Journal of Remote Sensing* 2010. 1994. 15 p. . (MODIS vegetation index User’s Guide. Collection 5, Vegetation  
225 Index and 176)
- 226 [Dorman and Sellers ()] ‘A Global climatology of albedo, roughness length and stomatal resistance for atmo-  
227 spheric general circulation models as represented by the simple biosphere model (SiB)’. J L Dorman , P J  
228 Sellers . *Journal of Applied Meteorology* 1989. 28 p. .
- 229 [Botta et al. ()] ‘A global prognostic scheme of leaf onset using satellite data’. A Botta , N Viovy , P Ciais , P  
230 Friedlingstein , P Monfray . *Global Change Biology* 2000. 6 (7) p. .
- 231 [Myneni et al. ()] ‘A large carbon sink in the woody biomass of Northern forests’. R B Myneni , J Dong , C J  
232 Tucker , R K Kaufmann , P E Kauppi , J Liski , L Zhou , V Alexeyev , M K Hughes . *Proceedings of the  
233 National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 2001. 98 p. .
- 234 [Los et al. ()] ‘A method to convert AVHRR normalized difference vegetation index time series to a standard  
235 viewing and illumination geometry’. S O Los , P R J North , W M F Grey , M J Barnsley . *Remote Sensing  
236 of Environment* 2005. 99 (4) p. .
- 237 [Ozdogan and Gutman ()] ‘A new methodology to map irrigated areas using multitemporal MODIS and ancillary  
238 data: An application example in the continental US’. M Ozdogan , G Gutman . *Remote Sensing of  
239 Environment* 2008. 112 p. .
- 240 [Lloyd ()] ‘A phenological classification of terrestrial vegetation cover using shortwave vegetation index imagery’.  
241 D Lloyd . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1990. 11 (12) p. .
- 242 [Macleod and Congalton ()] ‘A quantitative comparison of change detection algorithms for monitoring eelgrass  
243 from remotely sensed data’. R D Macleod , R G Congalton . *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote  
244 Sensing* 1998. 64 (3) p. .
- 245 [Ahmad ()] ‘A review of remote sensing data change detection: Comparison of Faisalabad and Multan Districts’.  
246 F Ahmad . *Journal of Geography and Regional Planning* 2012b. 5 (9) p. .
- 247 [Huete ()] *A soil adjusted vegetation index (SAVI)*, A R Huete . 1988. 25 p. . (Remote Sensing of Environment)
- 248 [Gillies et al. ()] ‘A verification of the ‘triangle’ method for obtaining surface soil water content and energy  
249 fluxes from remote measurements of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and surface radiant  
250 temperature’. R R Gillies , T N Carlson , J Cui , W O Kustas , K S Humes . *International Journal of Remote  
251 Sensing* 1997. 18 p. .
- 252 [Wolfe et al. ()] ‘Achieving sub-pixel geolocation accuracy in support of MODIS land science’. R E Wolfe , M  
253 Nishihama , A J Fleig , J A Kuyper , D P Roy , J C Storey , F S Patt . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
254 2002. 83 (1-2) p. .
- 255 [Schwartz ()] ‘Advancing to full bloom: Planning phenological research for the 21st century’. M D Schwartz .  
256 *International Journal of Biometeorology* 1999. 42 (3) p. .
- 257 [Grau et al. ()] ‘Agriculture expansion and deforestation in seasonally dry forests of north-west Argentina’. H R  
258 Grau , N I Gasparri , T M Aide . *Environmental Conservation* 2005. 32 p. .

## 5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

---

- 259 [Yang et al. ()] 'An assessment of AVHRR/NDVI-ecoclimatological relations in'. Y Yang , L Yang , J W Merchant  
260 . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1997. 18 (10) p. .
- 261 [Lunetta et al. ()] 'An assessment of NALC/Mexico land-cover mapping results: Implications for assessing  
262 landscape change'. R S Lunetta , R Alvarez , C M Edmonds , J G Lyon , C D Elvidge , R Bonifaz .  
263 *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2002. 23 (16) p. .
- 264 [Huete and Liu ()] 'An error and sensitivity analysis of the atmospheric-and soilcorrecting variants of the NDVI  
265 for the MODIS-EOS'. A R Huete , H Q Liu . *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing* 1994.  
266 32 p. .
- 267 [Justice et al. ()] 'Analysis of the phenology of global vegetation using meteorological satellite data'. C O Justice  
268 , J R G Townshend , B N Holben , C J Tucker . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1985. 6 p. .
- 269 [Paruelo et al. ()] 'ANPP estimates from NDVI for the Central Grassland Region of the United States'. J M  
270 Paruelo , H E Epstein , W K Lauenroth , I C Burke . *Ecology* 1997. 78 (3) p. .
- 271 [Budde et al. ()] 'Assessing land cover performance in Senegal, West Africa using 1-km integrated NDVI and  
272 local variance analysis'. M E Budde , G Tappan , J Rowland , J Lewis , L L Tieszen . *Journal of Arid*  
273 *Environments* 2004. 59 (3) p. .
- 274 [Assessing the effect of climate change on honey bees using scale hive records and satellite derived vegetation phenology products  
275 *Assessing the effect of climate change on honey bees using scale hive records and satellite derived vegetation*  
276 *phenology products*, <http://www.igarss08.org/Abstracts/pdfs/2282.pdf> 2011. 10.
- 277 [Chen et al. ()] *Assessment of MODIS-EVI, MODIS-NDVI and VEGETATION-NDVI composite data using*  
278 *agricultural measurements: An example at corn fields in western Mexico*, P Y Chen , G Fedosejevs , M  
279 Tiscareño-López , J G Arnold . 2006.
- 280 [Chen et al. ()] 'Assessment of NDVI composite using merged NOAA-14 and NOAA-15 AVHRR data'. P Y Chen  
281 , R Srinivasan , G Fedosejevs , A D Báez-González , P Gong . *Geographic Information Sciences* 2002. 8 (1)  
282 p. .
- 283 [Vazifedoust et al. ()] 'Assimilation of satellite data into agrohydrological models to improve crop yield forecasts'.  
284 M Vazifedoust , J C Van Dam , W G M Bastiaanssen , R A Feddes . *International Journal of Remote Sensing*  
285 2009. 30 (10) p. .
- 286 [Myneni and Asrar ()] 'Atmospheric effects and spectral vegetation indices'. R B Myneni , G Asrar . *Remote*  
287 *Sensing of Environment* 1994. 47 p. .
- 288 [Eckhardt et al. ()] 'Automated update of an irrigated lands GIS using SPOT HRV imagery'. D W Eckhardt , J  
289 P Verdin , G R Lyford . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1990. 56 p. .
- 290 [Hoffer ()] 'Biological and physical considerations in applying computer-aided analysis techniques to remote  
291 sensor data'. R M Hoffer . *Remote Sensing: The quantitative approach*, P H Swam, S M Davis (ed.) (McGraw-  
292 Hill, USA) 1978. p. .
- 293 [Woomer et al. ()] 'Carbon stocks in Senegal's Sahel transition zone'. P L Woomer , A Touré , M Sall . *Journal*  
294 *of Arid Environments* 2004. 59 (3) p. .
- 295 [Lambin ()] 'Change detection at multiple temporal scales -seasonal and annual variations in landscape variables'.  
296 E F Lambin . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1996. 62 (8) p. .
- 297 [Singh (ed.) ()] *Change detection in the tropical forest environment of northeastern India using Landsat remote*  
298 *sensing and tropical land management: Remote Sensing and*, A Singh . Tropical Land Management. Eden,  
299 M.J. and Perry, J.T. (ed.) 1986. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. p. .
- 300 [Adia and Rabi (2008)] 'Change detection of vegetation cover, using multitemporal remote sensing data and  
301 GIS techniques'. S O Adia , A B Rabi . [http://gisdevelopment.net/application/environment/](http://gisdevelopment.net/application/environment/ffm/adia.htm)  
302 [ffm/adia.htm](http://gisdevelopment.net/application/environment/ffm/adia.htm). *Proceedings of Map India*, (Map India) 2008. 6-8 February 2008. 2011. 16. (Accessed on  
303 September)
- 304 [Rahman et al. ()] 'Change detection of winter crop coverage and the use of Landsat data with GIS'. Md R  
305 Rahman , A H M H Islam , Md S Hassan . *The Journal of Geo-Environment* 2004. 4 p. .
- 306 [Lu et al. ()] 'Change detection techniques'. D Lu , P Mausel , E Brondizios , E Moran . *International Journal*  
307 *of Remote Sensing* 2004. 25 (12) p. .
- 308 [Ozdogan et al. ()] 'Changes in summer irrigated crop area and water use in southeastern Turkey from 1993 to  
309 2002: Implications for current and future water resources'. M Ozdogan , C E Woodcock , G D Salvucci , H  
310 Demir . *Water Resources Management* 2006. 20 p. .
- 311 [Abuzar et al. ()] 'Classification of seasonal images for monitoring irrigated crops in a salinity-affected area of  
312 Australia'. M Abuzar , A Mcallister , M Morris . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2001. 22 (5) p. .
- 313 [Zhang et al. ()] 'Climate controls on vegetation phenological patterns in northern mid-and high latitudes  
314 inferred from MODIS data'. X Zhang , M A Friedl , C B Schaaf , A H Strahler . *Global Change Biology*  
315 2004. 10 p. .

- 316 [Zoran and Stefan (2006)] 'Climatic changes effects on spectral vegetation indices for forested areas analysis from  
317 satellite data'. M Zoran , S Stefan . *Proceedings of the 2 nd Environmental Physics Conference*, (the 2 nd  
318 Environmental Physics Conference Alexandria, Egypt) 2006. 18-22 February 2006. p. .
- 319 [Lucht et al. ()] 'Climatic control of the high-latitude vegetation greening trend and Pinatubo effect'. W Lucht ,  
320 I C Prentice , R B Myneni , S Sitch , P Friedlingstein , W Cramer , P Bousquet , W Buermann , B Smith .  
321 *Science* 2002. 296 (5573) p. .
- 322 [Broge and Leblanc ()] 'Comparing prediction power and stability of broadband and hyperspectral vegetation  
323 indices for estimation of density'. N H Broge , E Leblanc . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2000. 76 (2) p. .
- 324 [Senseman et al. ()] 'Correlation of rangeland cover measures to satellite-imagery-derived vegetation indices'. G  
325 M Senseman , C F Bagley , S A Tweddale . *Geocarto International* 1996. 11 (3) p. .
- 326 [Ruecker et al. (2007)] *Cotton yield estimation in Uzbekistan integrating MODIS, Landsat ETM+ and field data*,  
327 G R Ruecker , Z Shi , M Mueller , C Conrad , N Ibragimov , J P A Lamers , C Martius , G Strunz , S W  
328 Dech . [http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/XXXVI/8-W48/123\\_XXXVI-8-W48.pdf](http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/XXXVI/8-W48/123_XXXVI-8-W48.pdf) 2007. January  
329 20. 2013. p. .
- 330 [Akbari et al. ()] 'Crop and land cover classification in Iran using Landsat 7 imagery'. M Akbari , A R  
331 Mamanpoush , A Gieske , M Miranzadeh , M Torabi , H R Salemi . *International Journal of Remote  
332 Sensing* 2006. 27 (19) p. .
- 333 [Doraiswamy et al. ()] 'Crop conditions and yield simulations using Landsat and MODIS'. P C Doraiswamy , J  
334 L Hatfield , T J Jackson , B Akhmedov , J Prueger , A Stern . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2003. 92 p. .
- 335 [Jakubauskas et al. ()] 'Crop identification using harmonic analysis of time-series AVHRR NDVI data'. M E  
336 Jakubauskas , R David , J H Kastens . *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture* 2002. 37 (1-3) p. .
- 337 [Fearnside ()] 'Deforestation in Brazilian Amazonia: History, rates, and consequences'. P M Fearnside .  
338 *Conservation Biology* 2005. 19 p. .
- 339 [Epiphanio and Huete ()] 'Dependence of NDVI and SAVI on sun/sensor geometry and its effect on fPAR  
340 relationships in Alfalfa'. J C N Epiphanio , A R Huete . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1995. 51 p. .
- 341 [Jenkins et al. ()] 'Detecting and predicting spatial and interannual patterns of temperate forest springtime  
342 phenology in the eastern U'. J P Jenkins , B H Braswell , S E Frolking , J D Aber . *S. Geophysical Research  
343 Letters* 2002. 29 (24) p. .
- 344 [Frank and Menz (2003)] 'Detecting seasonal changes in a semi-arid environment using hyperspectral vegetation  
345 indices'. M Frank , G Menz . *Proceedings of 3rd EARSel Workshop on Imaging Spectroscopy*, (3rd EARSel  
346 Workshop on Imaging Spectroscopy Hirschingen, Germany) 2003. May 2003. p. .
- 347 [Ahmad and Shafique ()] 'Detection of change in vegetation cover using multi-spectral and multi-temporal  
348 information for District Sargodha'. F Ahmad , K Shafique . *Global Journal of Human Social Sciences:  
349 Geography & Environmental Geo-Sciences* 2013. 13 (1) p. .
- 350 [Singh ()] 'Digital change detection techniques using remotely sensed data'. A Singh . *International Journal of  
351 Remote Sensing* 1989. 10 (6) p. .
- 352 [Mahmoodzadeh ()] 'Digital change detection using remotely sensed data for monitoring green space destruction  
353 in Tabriz'. H Mahmoodzadeh . *International Journal of Environmental Research* 2007. 1 (1) p. .
- 354 [Thomas and Leason ()] 'Dunefield activity response to climate variability in the southwest Kalahari'. D S G  
355 Thomas , H C Leason . *Geomorphology* 2005. 64 (1-2) p. .
- 356 [Fensholt ()] 'Earth observation of vegetation status in the Sahelian and Sudanian West Africa: Comparison of  
357 Terra MODIS and NOAA AVHRR satellite data'. R Fensholt . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2004.  
358 10 p. .
- 359 [Earth Resources Observation and Science Center USGS (2008)] 'Earth Resources Observation and Science  
360 Center'. <http://glovis.usgs.gov> USGS 2008. September 09. 2013.
- 361 [Earth Science and Applications from Space: National Imperatives for the Next Decade and Beyond. National Research Council of  
362 'Earth Science and Applications from Space: National Imperatives for the Next Decade and Beyond. National  
363 Research Council of the National Academies'. [http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record\\_id=11820&page=428](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11820&page=428). NRC 2007. 2011. The National Academies Press. 17 p. 428. (Accessed on September)  
364 11820&page=428. NRC 2007. 2011. The National Academies Press. 17 p. 428. (Accessed on September)
- 365 [Asrar et al. ()] 'Estimating absorbed photosynthetic radiation and leaf area index from spectral reflectance in  
366 wheat'. G Asrar , M Fuch , E T Kanemasu . *Agronomy Journal* 1984. 76 p. .
- 367 [Daughtry et al. ()] 'Estimating corn leaf chlorophyll concentration from leaf and canopy reflectance'. C S T  
368 Daughtry , C L Walthall , M S Kim , E B Colstoun , Iii McMurtrey , JE . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
369 2000. 74 (2) p. .
- 370 [Beeri et al. ()] 'Estimating forage quantity and quality using aerial hyperspectral imagery for northern mixed-  
371 grass prairie'. O Beeri , R Phillips , J Hendrickson . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2007. 110 p. .

## 5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

---

- 372 [Heller and Johnson ()] ‘Estimating irrigated land acreage from Landsat imagery’. R C Heller , K A Johnson .  
373 *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1979. 45 p. .
- 374 [Karaburun ()] ‘Estimation of C factor for soil erosion modeling using NDVI in Büyükçekmece watershed’. A  
375 Karaburun . *Ozean Journal of Applied Sciences* 2010. 3 (1) p. .
- 376 [Chen et al. ()] ‘Evaluating different NDVI composite techniques using NOAA-14 AVHRR data’. P Y Chen , R  
377 Srinivasan , G Fedosejevs , J R Kiniry . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2003. 24 p. .
- 378 [Hashemi ()] ‘Evaluating phenological events of shrubs land by AVHRR data’. S A Hashemi . *American Journal*  
379 *of Scientific Research* 2010. (12) p. .
- 380 [Moran et al. ()] ‘Evaluation of simplified procedures for retrieval of land surface reflectance factors from satellite  
381 sensor output’. M S Moran , R D Jackson , P N Slater , P M Teillet . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1992.  
382 41 (2-3) p. .
- 383 [Miura et al. ()] ‘Evaluation of spectral vegetation index translation equations for the development of long-term  
384 data records’. T Miura , H Yoshioka , T Suzuki . *Proceedings of IEEE International Geoscience & Remote*  
385 *Sensing Symposium*, (IEEE International Geoscience & Remote Sensing Symposium) 2008. p. .
- 386 [Tucker et al. ()] ‘Expansion and contraction of the Sahara Desert from 1980 to’. C J Tucker , H E Dregne , W  
387 W Newcomb . *Science* 1991. 1990. 253 p. .
- 388 [Grogan and Fensholt ()] ‘Exploring patterns and effects of aerosol quantity flag anomalies in MODIS surface  
389 reflectance products in the tropics’. K Grogan , R Fensholt . *Remote Sensing* 2013. 5 p. .
- 390 [Mulianga et al. ()] ‘Forecasting regional sugarcane yield based on time integral and spatial aggregation of  
391 MODIS NDVI’. B Mulianga , A Bégué , M Simoes , P Todoroff . *Remote Sensing* 2013. 5 p. .
- 392 [Sader et al. ()] ‘Forest change monitoring of a remote biosphere reserve’. S A Sader , D J Hayes , J A Hepinstall  
393 , M Coan , C Soza . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2001. 22 (10) p. .
- 394 [Shinners and Binversie ()] ‘Fractional yield and moisture of corn stover biomass produced in the Northern US  
395 Corn Belt’. K J Shinners , B N Binversie . *Biomass and Bioenergy* 2007. 31 p. .
- 396 [Fontana ()] *From single pixel to continental scale: using AVHRR and MODIS to study land surface parameters*  
397 *in mountain regions*, F M A Fontana . [http://www.climatestudies.unibe.ch/students/theses/](http://www.climatestudies.unibe.ch/students/theses/phd/31.pdf)  
398 [phd/31.pdf](http://www.climatestudies.unibe.ch/students/theses/phd/31.pdf). (Accessed on October 15 2009. 2012. Switzerland. Institute of Geography, University of Bern  
399 (Ph.D. dissertation)
- 400 [Milich and Weiss ()] ‘GAC NDVI interannual coefficient of variation (CoV) images: Ground truth sampling of  
401 the Sahel along northsouth transects’. L Milich , E Weiss . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2000. 21  
402 p. .
- 403 [Thenkabail et al. ()] ‘Ganges and Indus river basin land use/land cover (LULC) and irrigated area mapping  
404 using continuous streams of MODIS data’. P S Thenkabail , M Schull , H Turrall . *Remote Sensing of*  
405 *Environment* 2005. 95 p. .
- 406 [Babu et al. ()] ‘Generation of action plans for sustainable agriculture development for rain shadow regions using  
407 GIS technology’. D B S Babu , P K Tummalapalli , V M Rao , I V Muralikrishna . *International Journal of*  
408 *Earth Sciences and Engineering* 2011. 4 (6) p. .
- 409 [Ramachandra and Kumar (2004)] ‘Geographic resources decision support system for land use, land cover  
410 dynamics analysis’. T V Ramachandra , U Kumar . [http://www.ces.iisc.ernet.in/energy/paper/](http://www.ces.iisc.ernet.in/energy/paper/grdss/viewpaper.pdf)  
411 [grdss/viewpaper.pdf](http://www.ces.iisc.ernet.in/energy/paper/grdss/viewpaper.pdf). *Proceedings of the FOSS/GRASS Users Conference*, (the FOSS/GRASS Users  
412 Conference Bangkok, Thailand) 2004. September 2004. 2013. 29 p. . (Accessed on September)
- 413 [Defries et al. ()] ‘Global discrimination of land cover types from metrics derived from AVHRR pathfinder data’.  
414 R S Defries , M Hansen , J R G Townshend . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1995. 54 (3) p. .
- 415 [Los et al. ()] ‘Global interannual variations in sea surface temperature and land surface vegetation, air  
416 temperature, and precipitation’. S O Los , G J Collatz , L Bounoua , P J Sellers , C J Tucker . *Journal*  
417 *of Climate* 2001. 14 p. .
- 418 [Townshend et al. ()] ‘Global land cover classification by remote sensing: present capabilities and future  
419 possibilities’. J R G Townshend , C O Justice , W Li , C Gurney , J Mcmanus . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
420 1991. 35 (2-3) p. .
- 421 [Defries et al. ()] ‘Global land cover classifications at 8 km spatial resolution: the use of training data derived  
422 from Landsat imagery in decision tree classifiers’. R S Defries , M Hansen , J R G Townshend , R Sohlberg .  
423 *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1998. 19 p. .
- 424 [Moulin et al. ()] ‘Global scale assessment of vegetation phenology using NOAA/AVHRR satellite measurements’.  
425 S Moulin , L Kergoat , N Viovy , G Dedieu . *Journal of Climate* 1997. 10 p. .
- 426 [Huete (2005)] ‘Global variability of terrestrial surface properties derived from MODIS visible to thermal-infrared  
427 measurements’. A R Huete . <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/iel5/10226/32601/01526> *Proceedings*  
428 *of IGARSS 05 Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium*, (IGARSS 05 Geoscience and Remote Sensing  
429 Symposium) 2005. July 2005. p. .

- 430 [Tarpley et al. ()] ‘Global vegetation indices from NOAA-7 meteorological satellite’. J D Tarpley , S R Schnieder  
431 , R L Money . *Journal of Climate and Applied Meteorology* 1984. 23 p. .
- 432 [Gsf/Nasa (2003)] Gsf/Nasa . <http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/about/specs.html> *MODIS technical*  
433 *specifications*, 2003. September 05, 2011.
- 434 [Jakubauskas et al. ()] ‘Harmonic analysis of time-series AVHRR NDVI data’. M E Jakubauskas , D R Legates  
435 , J H Kastens . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 2001. 67 (4) p. .
- 436 [Demetriades-Shah et al. ()] ‘High resolution derivative spectra in remote sensing’. T H Demetriades-Shah , M  
437 D Steven , J A Clark . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1990. 33 (1) p. .
- 438 [Tucker et al. ()] ‘Higher northern latitude normalized difference vegetation index and growing season trends  
439 from 1982 to 1999’. C J Tucker , D A Slayback , J E Pinzon , S O Los , R B Myneni , M G Taylor .  
440 *International Journal of Biometeorology* 2001. 45 (4) p. .
- 441 [Nicandrou (2010)] ‘Hydrological assessment and modelling of the river Fani catchment’. A Nicandrou . <http://dspace1.isd.glam.ac.uk/dspace/handle/10265/461> *Albania. Faculty of Advanced Technology*  
442 2010. November 11. 2012. University of Glamorgan  
443
- 444 [Mcgwire et al. ()] ‘Hyperspectral mixture modeling for quantifying sparse vegetation cover in arid environments’.  
445 K Mcgwire , T Minor , L Fenstermaker . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2000. 72 (3) p. .
- 446 [Thenkabail et al. ()] ‘Hyperspectral vegetation indices and their relationships with agricultural crop charac-  
447 teristics’. P S Thenkabail , R B Smith , E Pauw , De . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2000. 71 (2) p.  
448 .
- 449 [Guyot et al. ()] ‘Imaging spectroscopy for vegetation studies’. G Guyot , F Baret , S Jacquemoud . *Imaging*  
450 *spectroscopy: Fundamentals and prospective applications*, F Toselli, J Bodechtel (ed.) (Dordrecht) 1992.  
451 Kluwer Academic Press. p. .
- 452 [Mauser and Bach (ed.) ()] *Imaging spectroscopy in hydrology and agriculture determination of model parameters*,  
453 W Mauser , H Bach . Hill, J. and Mégier, J. (ed.) 1994. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Press. p. . (Imaging  
454 spectrometry -a tool for environmental observations)
- 455 [Lunetta et al. ()] ‘Impacts of imagery temporal frequency on land-cover change detection monitoring’. R L  
456 Lunetta , D M Johnson , J G Lyon , J Crotwell . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2004. 89 (4) p. .
- 457 [Lunetta et al. ()] ‘Impacts of vegetation dynamics on the identification of landcover change in a biologically  
458 complex community in North Carolina USA’. R S Lunetta , J Ediriwickrema , D M Johnson , J G Lyon , A  
459 Mckerrow . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2002a. 82 p. .
- 460 [Townshend (1992)] ‘Improved global data for land applications: A proposal for a new high resolution data  
461 set’. J R G Townshend . <http://library.wur.nl/WebQuery/clc/916308>. (Accessed on *International*  
462 *Geosphere-Biosphere Program* 1992. June 04. 2012. 20. (Report)
- 463 [Zhao et al. ()] ‘Improvements of the MODIS terrestrial gross and net primary production global data set’. M  
464 Zhao , F A Heinsch , R R Nemani , S Running . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2005. 95 p. .
- 465 [Myneni et al. ()] ‘Increased plant growth in the northern high latitudes from 1981-1991’. R B Myneni , C D  
466 Keeling , C J Tucker , G Asrar , R R Nemani . *Nature* 1997. 386 p. .
- 467 [Debien et al. ()] ‘Influence of satellite-derived rainfall patterns on plague occurrence in northeast Tanzania’. A  
468 Debien , S Neerinckx , D Kimaro , H Gulinck . *International Journal of Health Geographics* 2010. 9 p. .
- 469 [Richardson et al. ()] ‘Influence of spring phenology on seasonal and annual carbon balance in two contrasting  
470 New England forests’. A D Richardson , D Y Hollinger , D B Dail , J T Lee , J W Munger , J O’keefe . *Tree*  
471 *Physiology* 2009. 29 (3) p. .
- 472 [Haboudane et al. ()] ‘Integrated narrow-band vegetation indices for prediction of crop chlorophyll content for  
473 application to precision agriculture’. D Haboudane , J R Miller , N Tremblay , P J Zarco-Tejada , L Dextrae  
474 . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2002. 81 (2-3) p. .
- 475 [Sesnie et al. ()] ‘Integrating Landsat TM and SRTM-DEM derived variables with decision trees for habitat  
476 classification and change detection in complex neotropical environments’. S E Sesnie , P E Gessler , B Finegan  
477 , S Thessler . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2008. 112 p. .
- 478 [Ayman and Ashraf ()] ‘Integration of Mirsat-1 and SPOT-2 data for quantitative change detection applica-  
479 tions’. H N Ayman , K H Ashraf . *ICGST-GVIP Journal* 2009. 9 (5) p. .
- 480 [Nasr and Helmy ()] ‘Integration of Mirsat-1 and SPOT-2 data for quantitative change detection applications’.  
481 A H Nasr , A K Helmy . [http://www.icgst.com/gvip/volume9/Issue5/GVIP\\_V9\\_I5.pdf](http://www.icgst.com/gvip/volume9/Issue5/GVIP_V9_I5.pdf). *ICGST-*  
482 *GVIP Journal* 2009. 2011. 9 (5) p. . (Accessed on November 04)
- 483 [Ouyang et al. ()] ‘Integration of multi-sensor data to assess grassland dynamics in a Yellow River subwatershed’.  
484 W Ouyang , F H Hao , A K Skidmore , T A Groen , A G Toxopeus , T Wang . *Ecological Indicators* 2012.  
485 18 p. .

## 5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

---

- 486 [Prasad et al. ()] 'Inter-annual variability of vegetation cover and rainfall over India'. A K Prasad , S Sudipta ,  
487 R P Singh , M Kafatos . *Advances in Space Research* 2007. 39 (1) p. .
- 488 [Piao et al. ()] 'Interannual variations of monthly and seasonal NDVI in China from 1982 to 1999'. S L Piao , J  
489 Y Fang , L M Zhou , Q H Guo , M Henderson , W Ji , Y Li , S Tao . *Journal of Geophysical Research* 2003.  
490 108 (D14) p. .
- 491 [Campbell ()] *Introduction to remote sensing*, J B Campbell . 1987. New York: The Guilford Press. p. 281.
- 492 [Jensen ()] *Introductory digital image processing: A remote sensing perspective*, J R Jensen . 2005. (3rd)
- 493 [Thenkabail et al. ()] 'Irrigated area maps and statistics of India using remote sensing and national statistics'. P  
494 S Thenkabail , V Dheeravath , C M Biradar , O R P Gangalakunta , P Noojipady , C Gurappa , M Velpuri  
495 , M Gumma , Y Li . *Remote Sensing* 2009. 1 p. .
- 496 [Manavalan et al. ()] 'Irrigated crops monitoring through seasons using digital change detection analysis of IRS-  
497 LISS 2 data'. P Manavalan , K Kesavasamy , S Adiga . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1995. 16 (4)  
498 p. .
- 499 [Ahmad and Shafique ()] 'Land degradation pattern using geo-information technology for Kot Addu'. F Ahmad  
500 , K Shafique . *Global Journal of Human Social Sciences: Geography & Environmental Geo-Sciences* 2013a.  
501 13 (1) p. . (Version 1.0)
- 502 [Shah ()] *Land resource inventory and agricultural land use plan of Narowal district. National Agricultural Land*  
503 *use Plan (Project), Soil Survey of Pakistan*, A H Shah . 2007. Lahore, Pakistan.
- 504 [Singh et al. ()] 'Land use and land cover change detection: a comparative approach using post classification  
505 change matrix and discriminate function change detection methodology of Allahabad city'. A Singh , S Singh  
506 , P K Garg , K Khanduri . *International Journal of Current Engineering and Technology* 2013. 3 (1) p. .
- 507 [Baldi and Paruelo (2008)] 'Land use and land cover dynamics in South American temperate Grasslands'. G Baldi  
508 , J M Paruelo . <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol13/iss2/art6/> (Accessed on *Ecology and*  
509 *Society* 2008. January 11. 2012. 13 (2) .
- 510 [Lunetta et al. ()] 'Land-cover change detection using multi-temporal MODIS NDVI data'. R S Lunetta , J F  
511 Knight , J Ediriwickrema , J G Lyon , L D Worthy . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2006. 105 (2) p. .
- 512 [Ahmad ()] 'Landsat ETM+ and MODIS EVI/NDVI data products for climatic variation and agricultural  
513 measurements in Cholistan Desert'. F Ahmad . *Global Journal of Human Social Science: Geography &*  
514 *Environmental Geo-Sciences* 2012d. 12 (13) p. .
- 515 [Villalba et al. ()] 'Large-scale temperature changes across the southern Andes: 20th century variations in the  
516 context of the past 400 years'. R Villalba , A Lara , J A Boninsegna , M Masiokas , S Delgado , J C Aravena  
517 , F A Roig , A Schmelter , A Wolodarsky , A Ripalta . *Climatic Change* 2003. 59 p. .
- 518 [Begue ()] 'Leaf area index, intercepted photosynthetically active radiation, and spectral vegetation indices: A  
519 sensitivity analysis for regular-clumped canopies'. A Begue . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1993. 46 p. .
- 520 [Baldi et al. ()] 'Longterm satellite NDVI datasets: Evaluating their ability to detect ecosystem functional  
521 changes in South America'. G Baldi , M D Noretto , R Aragón , F Aversa , J M Paruelo , E G Jobbágy .  
522 *Sensors* 2008. 8 p. .
- 523 [Alexandridis et al. ()] 'Mapping irrigated area in Mediterranean basins using low cost satellite Earth Observa-  
524 tion'. T K Alexandridis , G C Zalidis , N G Silleos . *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture* 2008. 64 (2) p.  
525 .
- 526 [Thelin and Heimes ()] 'Mapping irrigated cropland from Landsat data for determination of water use from the  
527 high plains aquifer in parts of Colorado'. G P Thelin , F J Heimes . US Geological Survey Professional Paper  
528 1987.
- 529 [Cheng and Wu ()] 'Mapping paddy rice yield in Zhejiang Province using MODIS spectral index'. Q Cheng , X  
530 Wu . *Turkish Journal of Agriculture & Forestry* 2011. 35 (6) p. .
- 531 [Keene and Conley ()] 'Measurement of irrigated acreage in Western Kansas from LANDSAT images'. K M Keene  
532 , C D Conley . *Environmental Geology* 1980. 3 (2) p. .
- 533 [Measuring phenological variability from satellite imagery Journal of Vegetation Science] 'Measuring phenologi-  
534 cal variability from satellite imagery'. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 5 (5) p. .
- 535 [Meneses-Tovar ()] C L Meneses-Tovar . *NDVI as indicator of degradation. Unasylva*, 2011. 62 p. .
- 536 [Baret et al. ()] 'Modeled analysis of the biophysical nature of spectral shifts and comparison with information  
537 content of broad bands'. F Baret , S Jacquemoud , G Guyot , C Leprieur . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
538 1992. 41 (2-3) p. .
- 539 [Propastin and Kappas ()] 'Modeling net ecosystem exchange for grassland in central Kazakhstan by combining  
540 remote sensing and field data'. P Propastin , M Kappas . *Remote Sensing* 2009. 1 p. .

- 
- 541 [Gao and Mas (2008)] *MODIS EVI as an ancillary data for an object-based image analysis with multi-spectral*  
542 *MODIS data*, Y Gao , J F Mas . [http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/XXXVIII/4-C1/Sessions/](http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/XXXVIII/4-C1/Sessions/Session5/6590_YGao_Proc_poster.pdf)  
543 [Session5/6590\\_YGao\\_Proc\\_poster.pdf](http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/XXXVIII/4-C1/Sessions/Session5/6590_YGao_Proc_poster.pdf) 2008. September 07. 2011.
- 544 [Vermote et al. ()] *MODIS surface reflectance User's Guide. MODIS Land Surface Reflectance Science Comput-*  
545 *ing Facility*, E F Vermote , S Y Kotchenova , J P Ray . 2011. NASA, College Park, MD, USA. p. .
- 546 [Huete et al. ()] *MODIS vegetation index (MOD 13) algorithm theoretical basis document version 3*, A R Huete  
547 , C O Justice , Van W Leeuwen . [http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/atbd/atbd\\_mod13.pdf](http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/atbd/atbd_mod13.pdf) 1999.  
548 2011. 17. (Accessed on September)
- 549 [MODIS Vegetation Index (MOD 13): Algorithm theoretical basis document pp MODIS ()] 'MODIS Vegeta-  
550 tion Index (MOD 13): Algorithm theoretical basis document pp'. [http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/](http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/atbd/atbd_mod13.pdf)  
551 [atbd/atbd\\_mod13.pdf](http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/atbd/atbd_mod13.pdf). *MODIS* 1999. 2008. (3) p. . (Accessed on December 04)
- 552 [Stow (ed.) ()] *Monitoring ecosystem response to global change: Multitemporal remote sensing analyses*, D Stow  
553 . Moreno, J. and Oechel, W. (ed.) 1995. New York: Springer-Verlag. p. . (Anticipated Effects of a Changing  
554 Global Environment in Mediterranean Type Ecosystems)
- 555 [Mas ()] 'Monitoring land-cover changes: a comparison of change detection techniques'. J-F Mas . *International*  
556 *Journal of Remote Sensing* 1999. 20 (1) p. .
- 557 [Tucker et al. ()] 'Monitoring large scale vegetation dynamics in the Nile delta and river valley from NOAA  
558 AVHRR data'. C J Tucker , J Gatlin , S R Schnieder , M A Kuchinos . *Proceedings of the Conference on*  
559 *Remote Sensing of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands*, (the Conference on Remote Sensing of Arid and Semi-Arid  
560 LandsCairo, Egypt) 1982. p. .
- 561 [Starbuck and Tamayo ()] 'Monitoring vegetation change in Abu Dhabi Emirate from 1996 to 2000 and 2004  
562 using Landsat satellite imagery'. M J Starbuck , J Tamayo . *Arab Gulf Journal of Scientific Research* 2007.  
563 25 (1-2) p. .
- 564 [Rouse et al. (1973)] *Monitoring vegetation systems in the Great Plains with ERTS. 3rd ERTS Symposium, NASA*  
565 *SP-351 I*, J W Rouse , R H Haas , J A Schell , D W Deering . [http://geol.hu/data/online\\_help/](http://geol.hu/data/online_help/Vegetation_Indices.html)  
566 [Vegetation\\_Indices.html](http://geol.hu/data/online_help/Vegetation_Indices.html) 1973. January 10. 2012. p. .
- 567 [Pauchard et al. ()] 'Multiple effects of urbanization on the biodiversity of developing countries: The case of a  
568 fast-growing metropolitan area'. A Pauchard , M Aguayo , E Peña , R Urrutia . *Biological Conservation* 2006.  
569 127 p. .
- 570 [Barnes et al. (1996)] 'Multispectral remote sensing and site-specific agriculture: Examples of current technology  
571 and future possibilities'. E M Barnes , M S Moran , Jr P J Pinter , T R Clarke . *Proceedings of the*  
572 *3rd International Conference on Precision Agriculture*, (the 3rd International Conference on Precision  
573 AgricultureMinneapolis, Minnesota, USA) 1996. June 1996. p. .
- 574 [Aguilar et al. ()] 'NDVI as an indicator for changes in water availability to woody vegetation'. C Aguilar , J C  
575 Zinnert , M J Polo , D R Young . *Ecological Indicators* 2012. 23 p. .
- 576 [Piao et al. ()] 'NDVI-based increase in growth of temperate grasslands and its responses to climate changes in  
577 China'. S L Piao , A Mohammat , J Y Fang , Q Cai , J Feng . *Global Environmental Change* 2006. 16 (4) p. .
- 578 [Gao ()] 'NDWI -A normalized difference water index for remote sensing of vegetation liquid water from space'.  
579 B-C Gao . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1996. 58 (3) p. .
- 580 [Ahmad ()] 'NOAA AVHRR NDVI/MODIS NDVI predicts potential to forest resource management in Çatalca  
581 district of Turkey'. F Ahmad . *Global Journal of Science Frontier Research: Environment & Earth Sciences*  
582 2012e. 12 (3) p. .
- 583 [Ahmad ()] 'NOAA AVHRR satellite data for evaluation of climatic variation and vegetation change in the  
584 Punjab Province'. F Ahmad . *Pakistan. Journal of Food, Agriculture & Environment* 2012f. 10 (2) p. .
- 585 [Moran et al. ()] 'Opportunities and limitations for image-based remote sensing in precision crop management'.  
586 M S Moran , Y Inoue , E M Barnes . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1997. 61 (3) p. .
- 587 [Gao et al. ()] 'Optical-biophysical relationships of vegetation spectra without background contamination'. X  
588 Gao , A R Huete , W Ni , T Miura . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2000. 74 (3) p. .
- 589 [Rondeaux et al. ()] 'Optimization of soil-adjusted vegetation indices'. G Rondeaux , M Steven , F Baret . *Remote*  
590 *Sensing of Environment* 1996. 55 p. .
- 591 [Huete et al. ()] 'Overview of the radiometric and biophysical performance of the MODIS vegetation indices'. A  
592 R Huete , K Didan , T Miura , E P Rodriguez , X Gao , L G Ferreira . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2002.  
593 83 (1-2) p. .
- 594 [Taylor and Gardner ()] 'Penetration of cotton seedlings tap roots as influenced by bulk density, moisture content  
595 and strength of soil'. H M Taylor , H R Gardner . *Soil Science* 1963. 96 p. .

## 5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

---

- 596 [Verbesselt et al. ()] ‘Phenological change detection while accounting for abrupt and gradual trends in satellite  
597 image time series’. J Verbesselt , R Hyndman , A Zeileis , D Culvenor . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2010.  
598 114 (12) p. .
- 599 [Ahmad ()] ‘Phenologically-tuned MODIS NDVI-based time series’. F Ahmad . *Global Journal of Human Social*  
600 *Science: Geography & Environmental Geo-Sciences* 2012a. 2000-2012. 12 (13) p. .
- 601 [Ahmad ()] ‘Pixel Purity Index algorithm and n-Dimensional Visualization for ETM+ image analysis: A case of  
602 District Vehari’. F Ahmad . *Global Journal of Human Social Science: Arts and Humanities* 2012. 12 (15) p. .
- 603 [Population Census Organization, Statistic Division, Government of Pakistan GOP ()] ‘Population Census Or-  
604 ganization, Statistic Division, Government of Pakistan’. *GOP* 2000. 1998. p. . (District census report of  
605 Narowal)
- 606 [Baret and Guyot ()] ‘Potentials and limits of vegetation indices for LAI and APAR assessment’. F Baret , G  
607 Guyot . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1991. 35 p. .
- 608 [Aber et al. ()] ‘Predicting the effects of climate change on water yield and forest production in the northeastern  
609 United States’. J D Aber , S V Ollinger , C A Federer , P B Reich , M L Goulden , D W Kicklighter , J M  
610 Melillo , R G Lathrop . *Climate Research* 1995. 5 p. .
- 611 [Baldocchi et al. ()] ‘Predicting the onset of net carbon uptake by deciduous forests with soil temperature and  
612 climate data: a synthesis of FLUXNET data’. D D Baldocchi , T A Black , P S Curtis , E Falge , J D Fuentes  
613 , A Granier , L Gu , A Knohl , K Pilegaard , H P Schmid , R Valentini , K Wilson , S Wofsy , L Xu , S  
614 Yamamoto . *International Journal of Biometeorology* 2005. 49 p. .
- 615 [Hall et al. ()] ‘Radiometric rectification: Toward a common radiometric response among multi-date, multi-  
616 sensor images’. F G Hall , D E Strebel , J E Nickeson , S J Goetz . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1991. 35  
617 p. .
- 618 [Huang et al. ()] ‘Rapid loss of Paraguay’s Atlantic forest and the status of protected areas: A Landsat  
619 assessment’. C Huang , S Kim , A Altstatt , J R G Townshend , P Davis , K Song , C J Tucker , O  
620 Rodas , A Yanosky , R Clay , J Musinsky . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2007. 106 p. .
- 621 [Tucker ()] ‘Red and photographic infrared linear combinations for monitoring vegetation’. C J Tucker . *Remote*  
622 *Sensing of Environment* 1979. 8 (2) p. .
- 623 [Running and Nemani ()] ‘Regional hydrologic and carbon balance responses of forests resulting from potential  
624 climate change’. S W Running , R R Nemani . *Climatic Change* 1991. 19 p. .
- 625 [Zhou et al. ()] ‘Relation between interannual variations in satellite measures of northern forest greenness and  
626 climate between 1982 and 1999’. L M Zhou , R K Kaufmann , Y Tian , R B Myneni , C J Tucker . *Journal*  
627 *of Geophysical Research* 2003. 108 (D1) p. p.
- 628 [Glenn et al. ()] ‘Relationship between remotelysensed vegetation indices, canopy attributes and plant physio-  
629 logical processes: What vegetation indices can and cannot tell us about the landscape’. E P Glenn , A R  
630 Huete , P L Nagler , S G Nelson . *Sensors* 2008. 8 p. .
- 631 [Choudhury ()] ‘Relationship between vegetation indices, radiation absorption, and net photosynthesis evaluated  
632 by sensitivity analysis’. B J Choudhury . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 1987. 22 p. .
- 633 [Guo ()] ‘Relationships between NDVI and climatological variability in the Prairie ecozone of Canada’. X Guo .  
634 *Prairie Perspectives* 2003. 6 p. .
- 635 [Lillesand and Kiefer ()] *Remote Sensing and Image Interpretation*, T M Lillesand , R W Kiefer . 1994. New  
636 York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. p. . (3rd Edition)
- 637 [Prenzel and Treitz ()] ‘Remote sensing change detection for a watershed in north Sulawesi’. B Prenzel , P Treitz  
638 . *Indonesia. Progress in Planning* 2004. 61 p. .
- 639 [Haack et al. ()] ‘Remote sensing change detection of irrigated agriculture in Afghanistan’. B Haack , J Wolf , R  
640 English . *Geocarto International* 1998. 13 (2) p. .
- 641 [Dong et al. ()] ‘Remote sensing estimates of boreal and temperate forest woody biomass, carbon pools, sources  
642 and sinks’. J Dong , R K Kaufmann , R B Myneni , C J Tucker , P E Kauppi , J Liski , W Buermann , V  
643 Alexeyev , M K Hughes . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2003. 84 p. .
- 644 [Xie ()] ‘Remote sensing imagery in vegetation mapping: A review’. Y Xie . *Journal of Plant Ecology* 2008. 1 (1)  
645 p. .
- 646 [Collins ()] ‘Remote sensing of crop type and maturity’. W Collins . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote*  
647 *Sensing* 1978. 44 p. .
- 648 [Ozdogan et al. ()] ‘Remote sensing of irrigated agriculture: Opportunities and challenges’. M Ozdogan , Y Yang  
649 , G Allez , C Cervantes . *Remote Sensing* 2010. 2 p. .
- 650 [Lobell et al. ()] ‘Remote sensing of regional crop production in the Yaqui Valley, Mexico: Estimates and  
651 uncertainties. Agriculture’. D B Lobell , G P Asner , J I Ortiz-Monasterio , T L Benning . *Ecosystems*  
652 *and Environment* 2003. 94 p. .

- 653 [Niel and Mcvicar (2001)] *Remote sensing of rice-based irrigated agriculture: A review*, T G V Niel , T  
654 R Mcvicar . [http://prijiapati.library.usyd.edu.au/bitstream/2123/175/1/P1105TR01-01.](http://prijiapati.library.usyd.edu.au/bitstream/2123/175/1/P1105TR01-01.pdf)  
655 pdf 2001. January 23. 2014.
- 656 [Hobbs ()] ‘Remote sensing of spatial and temporal dynamics of vegetation’. R J Hobbs . *Remote Sensing of*  
657 *Biosphere Functioning*, R J Hobbs, H A Mooney (ed.) (New York) 1989. Springer-Verlag. p. .
- 658 [Schowengerdt ()] *Remote Sensing: Models and methods for image processing*, R A Schowengerdt . 2006. (3rd)
- 659 [Dai and Khorram ()] ‘Remotely sensed change detection based on artificial neural networks’. X L Dai , S  
660 Khorram . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1999. 65 (10) p. .
- 661 [Stroppiana et al. ()] ‘Remotely sensed estimation of rice nitrogen concentration for forcing crop growth models’.  
662 D Stroppiana , M Boschetti , P A Brivio , S Bocchi . *Italian Journal of Agrometeorology* 2006. 3 p. .
- 663 [Wessels et al. ()] ‘Remotely sensed vegetation phenology for describing and predicting the biomes of South  
664 Africa’. K J Wessels , K Steenkamp , G Maltitz , S Archibald . *Applied Vegetation Science* 2011. 14 (1) p. .
- 665 [Karnieli and Dall’olmo ()] ‘Remotesensing monitoring of desertification, phenology, and droughts’. A Karnieli ,  
666 G Dall’olmo . *An International Journal* 2003. 14 (1) p. . (Management of Environmental Quality)
- 667 [Kumar et al. ()] ‘Review of hyperspectral remote sensing and vegetation science’. L Kumar , K S Schmidt , S  
668 Dury , A K Skidmore . *Imaging spectrometry: Basic Principles and Prospective Applications*, Meer, F D Van  
669 Der, S M Jong (ed.) (Dordrecht) 2001. Kluwer Academic Press. p. .
- 670 [Shao et al. ()] ‘Rice monitoring and production estimation using multitemporal RADARSAT’. Y Shao , X Fan  
671 , H Liu , J Xiao , S Ross , B Brisco , R Brown , G Staples . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2001. 76 (3) p. .
- 672 [Romero and Ordenes ()] H Romero , F Ordenes . *Emerging urbanization in the Southern Andes: and*  
673 *Development*, 2004. 24 p. .
- 674 [Murthy et al. ()] ‘Satellite derived crop calendar for canal operation schedule in Bhadra project command area’.  
675 C S Murthy , P V Raju , S Jonna , K A Hakeem , S Thiruvengadachari . *India. International Journal of*  
676 *Remote Sensing* 1998. 19 (15) p. .
- 677 [Tucker and Sellers ()] ‘Satellite remote sensing of primary production’. C J Tucker , P J Sellers . *International*  
678 *Journal of Remote Sensing* 1986.
- 679 [Thiruvengadachari ()] ‘Satellite sensing of irrigation patterns in semiarid areas: An Indian study’. S Thiruvengadachari . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1981. 47 p. .
- 681 [Townshend and Justice ()] ‘Selecting the spatial-resolution of satellite sensors required for global monitoring of  
682 land transformations’. J R G Townshend , C O Justice . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1988. 9 (2)  
683 p. .
- 684 [Zhang et al. ()] ‘Short communication: Monitoring vegetation phenology using MODIS’. X Zhang , M A Friedl  
685 , C B Schaaf , A H Strahler , J C F Hodges , F Gao , B C Reed , A R Huete . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
686 2003. 84 (3) p. .
- 687 [Unger and Kasper ()] ‘Soil compaction and root growth: A review’. P W Unger , T C Kasper . *Agronomy*  
688 *Journal* 1994. 86 (5) p. .
- 689 [Johnson et al. ()] ‘Soybean growth and yield as affected by surface and subsoil compaction’. J F Johnson , W  
690 B Voorhees , W W Nelson , G W Randall . *Agronomy Journal* 1990. 82 (5) p. .
- 691 [Asrar et al. ()] ‘Spatial heterogeneity in vegetation canopies and remote sensing of absorbed photosynthetically  
692 active radiation: A modeling study’. G Asrar , R B Myneni , B J Choudhury . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
693 1992. 41 p. .
- 694 [Nuarsa et al. ()] ‘Spectral characteristics and mapping of rice plants using multi-temporal Landsat data’. I W  
695 Nuarsa , F Nishio , C Hongo . *Journal of Agricultural Science* 2011. 3 (1) p. .
- 696 [Nuarsa et al. ()] ‘Spectral characterization of rice field using multi-temporal Landsat ETM+ data’. I W Nuarsa  
697 , S Kanno , Y Sugimori , F Nishio . *International Journal of Remote Sensing and Earth Sciences* 2005. 2 p. .
- 698 [Galio et al. ()] ‘Spectral estimation of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation in corn canopies’. K P Galio  
699 , C S T Daughtry , M E Bauer . *Agronomy Journal* 1985. 78 p. .
- 700 [Kulkarni and Bajwa ()] ‘Spectral response of cotton canopy to soil compaction’. S S Kulkarni , S G Bajwa .  
701 *Paper Number: 051066, The Society for engineering in agricultural, food, and biological systems, (USA)* 2005.  
702 p. .
- 703 [Ahmad ()] ‘Spectral vegetation indices performance evaluated for Cholistan Desert’. F Ahmad . *Journal of*  
704 *Geography and Regional Planning* 2012c. 5 (6) p. .
- 705 [Hamel et al. ()] ‘Spring Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) predicts annual variation in timing of  
706 peak faecal crude protein in mountain ungulates’. S Hamel , M Garel , M Festa-Bianchet , J-M Gaillard , S  
707 D Côté . *Journal of Applied Ecology* 2009. 46 p. .

## 5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

---

- 708 [Schwartz and Reed ( )] ‘Surface phenology and satellite sensor-derived onset of greenness: An initial comparison’.  
709 M D Schwartz , B C Reed . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 1999. 20 (17) p. .
- 710 [Schowengerdt ( )] *Techniques for image processing and classifications in remote sensing*, R A Schowengerdt .  
711 1983. USA: Academic Press. p. . (1st Edition)
- 712 [Lowery and Schuler ( )] ‘Temporal effects of subsoil compaction on soil strength and plant growth’. B Lowery ,  
713 R T Schuler . *Soil Science Society of America Journal* 1991. 55 (1) p. .
- 714 [Wang et al. ( )] ‘Temporal responses of NDVI to precipitation and temperature in the central Great Plains,  
715 USA’. J Wang , P M Rich , K P Price . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2003. 24 p. .
- 716 [Potter et al. ( )] ‘Terrestrial ecosystem production, a process model based on global satellite and surface data’.  
717 C S Potter , J T Randerson , C B Field , P A Matson , P M Vitousek , H A Mooney , S A Klooster . *Global*  
718 *Biogeochemical Cycles* 1993. 7 p. .
- 719 [Thiam ( )] ‘The causes and spatial pattern of land degradation risk in southern Mauritania using multitemporal  
720 AVHRR-NDVI imagery and field data’. A Thiam . *Land Degradation & Development* 2003. 14 p. .
- 721 [Dennison and Roberts ( )] ‘The effects of vegetation phenology on endmember selection and species mapping in  
722 southern California chaparral’. P E Dennison , D A Roberts . *Remote Sensing of Environment* 2003. 87 (2-3)  
723 p. .
- 724 [Kolm and Case ( )] ‘The identification of irrigated crop types and estimation of acreages from Landsat imagery’.  
725 K E Kolm , H L Case . *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* 1984. 50 p. .
- 726 [Canziani et al. ( )] ‘The influence of climate and dam construction on the Iberá wetlands’. G A Canziani , R M  
727 Ferrati , C Rossi , D Ruiz-Moreno . *Argentina. Regional Environmental Change* 2006. 6 p. .
- 728 [Justice et al. ( )] ‘The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS): Land remote sensing for  
729 global change research’. C O Justice , E Vermote , J R G Townshend , R S Defries , D P Roy , D K  
730 Hall , V V Salomonson , J Privette , G Riggs , A Strahler , W Lucht , R Myneni , Y Knjazihhin , S Running  
731 , R Nemani , Z Wan , A R Huete , W Leeuwen , R E Wolfe , L Giglio , J.-P Muller , P Lewis , M Barnsley .  
732 *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing* 1998. 36 (4) p. .
- 733 [Horler et al. ( )] ‘The red edge of plant leaf reflectance’. D N H Horler , M Dockray , J Barber . *International*  
734 *Journal of Remote Sensing* 1983. 4 (2) p. .
- 735 [Pax-Lenney et al. ( )] ‘The status of agricultural lands in Egypt: The use of multitemporal NDVI features derived  
736 from Landsat TM’. M Pax-Lenney , C E Woodcock , J B Collins , H Hamdi . *Remote Sensing of Environment*  
737 1996. 56 p. .
- 738 [Kauth and Thomas (1976)] ‘The tasseled cap -A graphic description of the spectral-temporal development of  
739 agricultural crops as seen by Landsat’. R J Kauth , G S Thomas . *Proceedings of the Symposium on Machine*  
740 *Processing of Remotely Sensed Data*, (the Symposium on Machine Processing of Remotely Sensed Data West  
741 Lafayette, IN, USA) 1976. 29 June to 01 July, 1976. p. .
- 742 [Quarmby et al. ( )] ‘The use of multi-temporal NDVI measurements from AVHRR data for crop yield estimation  
743 and prediction’. N A Quarmby , M Milnes , T L Hindle , N Silleos . *International Journal of Remote Sensing*  
744 1993. 14 p. .
- 745 [Al-Awadhi et al. ( )] *The use of remote sensing & geographical information systems to identify vegetation:*  
746 *The case of Dhofar Governorate*, T Al-Awadhi , A Al-Shukili , Q Al-Amri . <http://www.isprs.org/proceedings/2011/ISRSE-34/211104015Final00239.pdf>. 2011. 2011. Oman. 10. (Assessed on  
747 September)
- 749 [Ahmad et al. ( )] ‘The utilization of MODIS and Landsat TM/ETM+ for cotton fractional yield estimation in  
750 Burewala’. F Ahmad , K Shafique , S R Ahmad , S.-Ur Rehman , R M A Khan , A Raoof . *Global Journal*  
751 *of Human Social Science: Geography, Geo-Sciences, Environmental Disaster Management* 2013. 13 (7) p. .
- 752 [Villalba et al. ( )] ‘Tree-ring evidence for long-term precipitation changes in subtropical South America’. R  
753 Villalba , H R Grau , J A Boninsegna , G C Jacoby , A Ripalta . *International Journal of Climatology*  
754 1998. 18 p. .
- 755 [Báez-González et al. ( )] ‘Using satellite and field data with crop growth modeling to monitor and estimate corn  
756 yield in Mexico’. A D Báez-González , P Y Chen , M Tiscareño-López , R Srinivasan . *Crop Science* 2002. 42  
757 (6) p. .
- 758 [Pettorelli et al. ( )] ‘Using the satellite-derived NDVI to assess ecological responses to environmental change’. N  
759 Pettoelli , J O Vik , A Mysterud , J M Gaillard , C J Tucker , N C Stenseth . *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*  
760 2005. 20 (9) p. .
- 761 [Chandola et al. (2010)] ‘Using time series segmentation for deriving vegetation phenology indices from MODIS  
762 NDVI data’. V Chandola , D Hui , L Gu , B Bhaduri , R R Vatsavai . *IEEE International Conference on*  
763 *Data Mining Workshops*, (Sydney, Australia) 2010. 13th December 2010. p. .

- 
- 764 [Nuarsa et al. ()] 'Using variance analysis of multitemporal MODIS images for rice field mapping in Bali  
765 Province'. I W Nuarsa , F Nishio , C Hongo , I G Mahardika . *Indonesia. International Journal of Remote*  
766 *Sensing* 2012. 33 (17) p. .
- 767 [Zhou et al. ()] 'Variations in northern vegetation activity inferred from satellite data of vegetation index during  
768 1981 to 1999'. L M Zhou , C J Tucker , R K Kaufmann , D Slayback , N V Shabanov , R B Myneni . *Journal*  
769 *of Geophysical Research* 2001. 106 p. .
- 770 [Singh et al. ()] 'Vegetation and temperature condition indices from NOAA AVHRR data for drought monitoring  
771 over India'. R P Singh , S Roy , F Kogan . *International Journal of Remote Sensing* 2003. 24 (22) p. .
- 772 [Cyr et al. ()] 'Vegetation indices derived from remote sensing for an estimation of soil protection against water  
773 erosion'. L Cyr , F Bonn , A Pesant . *Ecological Modelling* 1995. 79 (1-3) p. .
- 774 [Hufkens et al. ()] *Vegetation phenology from MODIS/AVHRR/ PhenoCam: Scaling and validation possibilities,*  
775 *K Hufkens , M A Friedl , A D Richardson , T Milliman , M Migliavacca . [http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/sci\\_team/meetings/201001/presentations/posters/land/hufkens.pdf](http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/sci_team/meetings/201001/presentations/posters/land/hufkens.pdf) 2010. 2011. 10.*
- 777 [Tan et al. ()] *Vegetation phenology metrics derived from temporally smoothed and gap-filled MODIS data,* B  
778 *Tan , J T Morisette , R E Wolfe , F Gao , G A Ederer , J M Nightingale , J A Pedelty . URL :*  
779 *[www.igarss08.org/Abstracts/pdfs/2347.pdf](http://www.igarss08.org/Abstracts/pdfs/2347.pdf). 2008. 2011. 10. (Accessed on November)*
- 780 [What is NDVI? United States Geological Survey Science for Changing World (2010)] 'What is NDVI? United  
781 States Geological Survey'. [http://ivm.cr.usgs.gov/ Science for Changing World](http://ivm.cr.usgs.gov/Science%20for%20Changing%20World) 2010. Accessed on  
782 September 10, 2011. (USGS)
- 783 [Shippert (2004)] *Why use hyperspectral imagery? Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing,*  
784 *P Shippert . [http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~mignotte/IFT6150/ComplementCours/](http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~mignotte/IFT6150/ComplementCours/HyperspectralImagery.pdf)*  
785 *HyperspectralImagery.pdf. (Accessed on 2004. November 20. 2011. p. .*