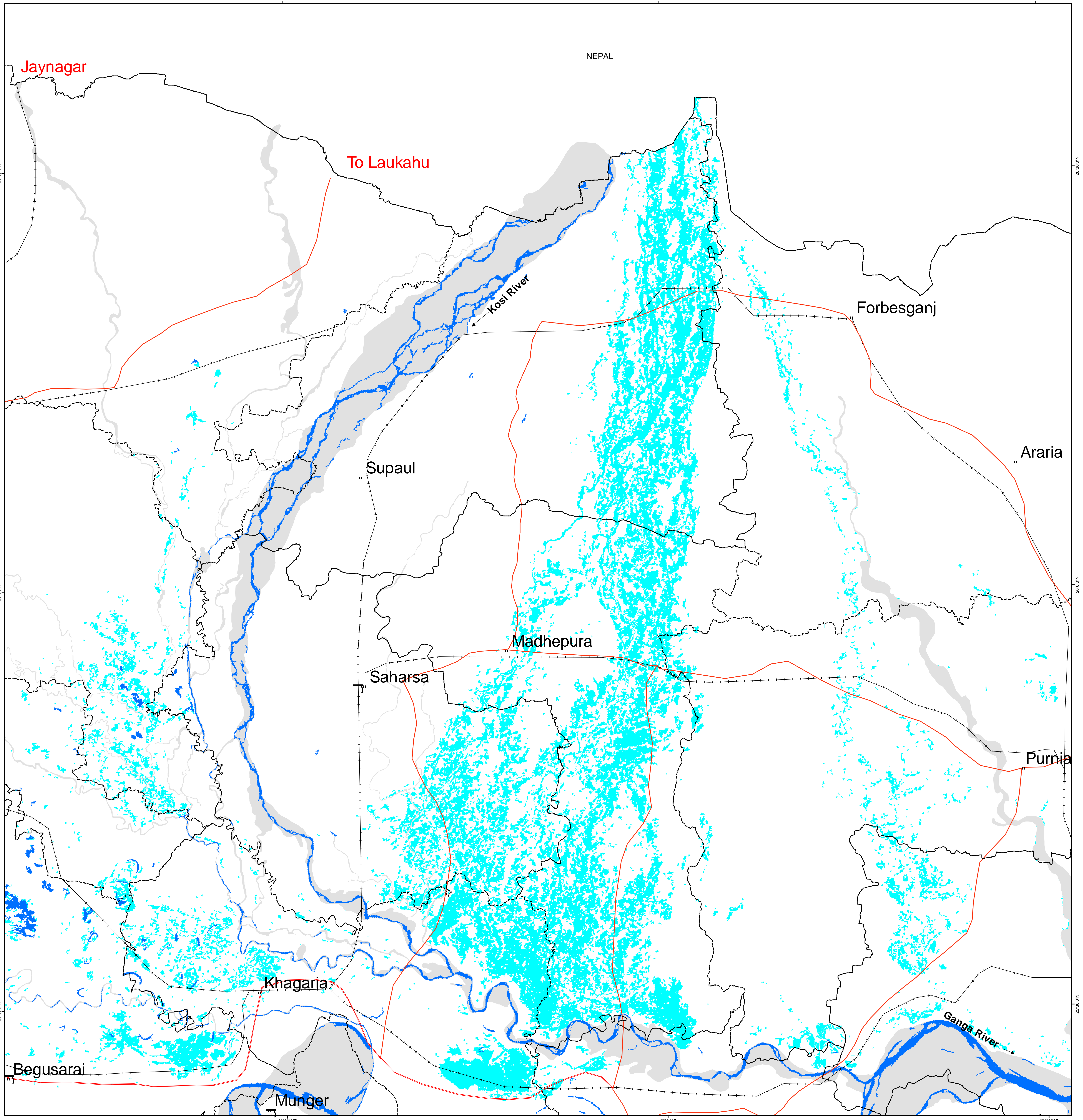


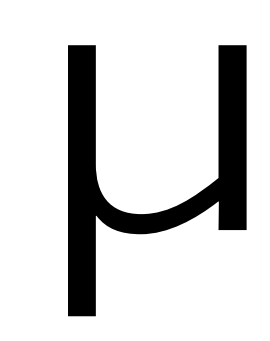
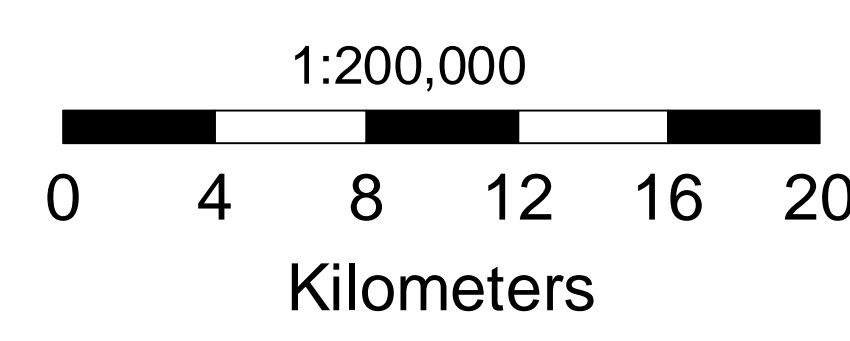
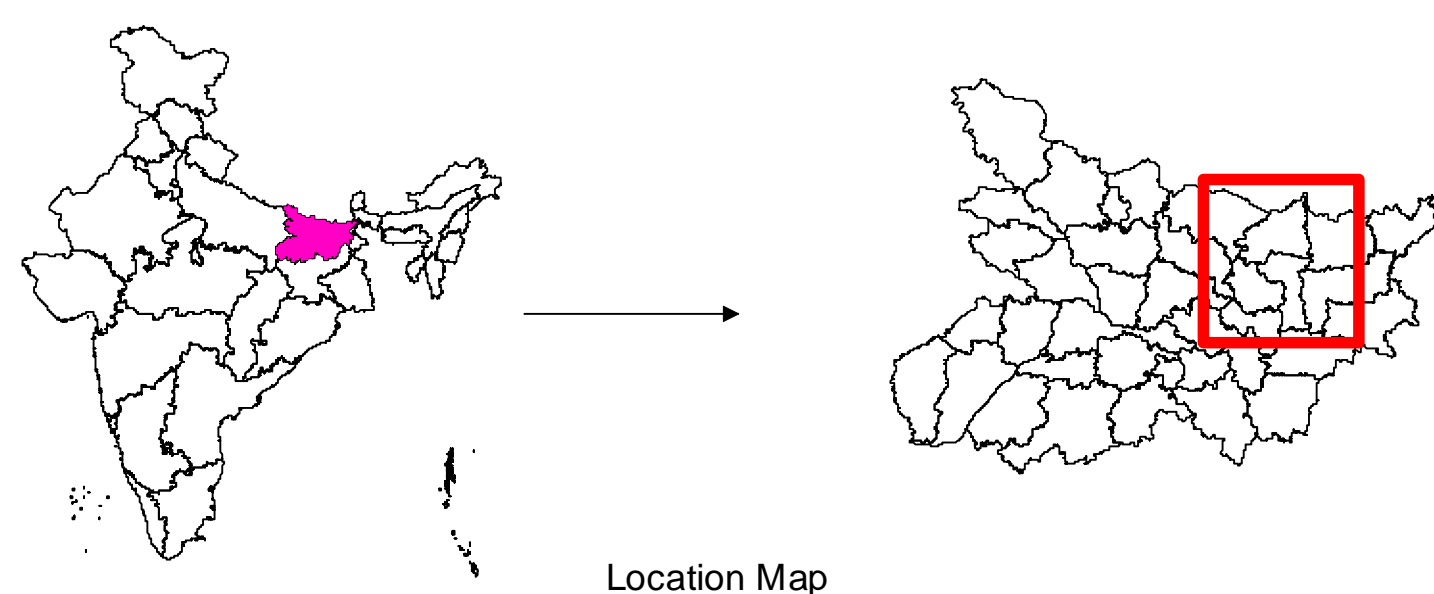
Flood Inundated areas in part of Bihar state

Based on the analysis of Radarsat-2 data of 10-September-2008



Legend

- Airport
- District HQ
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Railway
- International Boundary
- State Boundary
- District Boundary
- River Bank
- Normal river/water bodies
- Flood Inundation



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Dear Sir,

Sub: Bihar Floods - Near Real Time Flood Mapping using satellite data

Please refer to our earlier letter dated 08-Sep-2008 regarding 'Near Real Time Flood Mapping' project using satellite data. So far, we have sent 144 flood maps covering floods in Bihar. In continuation, we have programmed Radarsat-2 data of 10-Sep-2008. The satellite data was analysed and a flood map was composed on 1: 200,000 scale for parts of Bihar state. Further, district and detailed flood maps are being prepared for Supaul, Madhepura, Saharsa and Araria districts. A brief report along with the flood maps are attached herewith containing the statistics.

In addition, the flood layer in GIS ready format and inundation statistics are transmitted to Bihar Remote Sensing Application Centre (BIRSAC) and Flood Management Information System Cell (FMISC), Patna by e-mail for further dissemination to user departments.

We will continue to keep a watch on the flood situation and update the information as and when required. Your support and active interaction is highly appreciated Please provide us the feedback on the flood maps.

Regards

Yours sincerely,
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4. Commissioner & Secretary, Disaster Management Department, Govt of Bihar, Old Secretariat, PATNA-800015 (E-mail and hard copy of the map through BIRSAC also)
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6. Project Director, Bihar Remote Sensing Centre (BIRSAC), Planetarium Complex, Bailey Road, Patna 800001. (With a request to disseminate the information to Shri C.K.Anil, Additional Secretary to Government, Department of Agriculture, Patna and other concerned user depts.)
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Bihar Floods – 2008

1.0 Background

The overall flood situation in Bihar is reported to be grim with major rivers in spate following heavy rains in their catchments and breach in the River Kosi embankment areas. The water level in the flood-hit areas of Supaul, Madhepura, Saharsa, Araria and Purnia districts is slowly receding. (Source: News Media)

2.0 Satellite Data

Flood Disaster Team is keeping a constant watch on the flood situation and checked the satellite data coverage over the flood affected areas. Anticipating cloud cover, Radarsat-2 data of 10-Sep-2008 was programmed, procured and analysed. (Refer Table-1).

Table-1 Satellite Data acquired over Flood Affected Areas of Bihar

S No	Date	Satellite/Sensor	Status
1	21-06-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and a flood map was sent
2	28-06-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and a flood map was sent
3	30-06-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and a flood map was sent
4	07-07-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 3 flood maps were sent
5	17-07-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 7 flood maps were sent
6	22-07-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 9 flood maps were sent
7	24-07-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 5 flood maps were sent
8	03-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 9 flood maps were sent
9	05-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps were sent
10	08-08-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 3 flood maps were sent
11	12-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and a flood map was sent
12	13-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and a flood map was sent
13	17-08-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps were sent
14	20-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 4 flood maps were sent
15	22-08-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 10 flood maps were sent
16	24-08-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 10 flood maps were sent
17	27-08-08	Radarsat-1	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps were sent.
18	29-08-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps were sent.

19	03-09-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 12 flood maps were sent.
20	05-09-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps were sent.
21	07&08-09-08	IRS-P6AWIFS & RADARSAT-2	Procured, analysed and a 12 flood maps were sent.
22	10-09-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 11 flood maps are being sent.

3.0 Data Analysis

Satellite data is rectified and flood inundation layer is extracted. A flood inundation map is composed on 1: 200,000 scale for parts of Bihar state. Further, district and detailed flood maps are being prepared for Supaul, Madhepura and Saharsa districts overlaid with village boundaries. The flood inundation layer is integrated with district boundaries layer, for extracting district-wise flood inundation statistics which are shown in the Table-2.

4.0 Observations

Based on the analysis of satellite data, the following points were observed.

- Satellite data covers part of Bihar state.
- Major flood inundation was observed in Madhepura, Supaul, Katihar and Khagaria districts.
- The inundation due to breach in Kosi is clearly seen in satellite data.

Table-2

S.No	DISTRICT	INUNDATION AREA(HA)
1	Madhepura	48112
2	Supaul	32472
3	Katihar	24499
4	Khagaria	22480
5	Saharsa	18539
6	Darbhangha	11954
7	Begusarai	8015
8	Samastipur*	7446
9	Purnia	6830
10	Araria	4151
11	Muzaffurpur*	3638
12	Bhagalpur	1903
	TOTAL	190040

Note:

- Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas.

**partially covered districts*