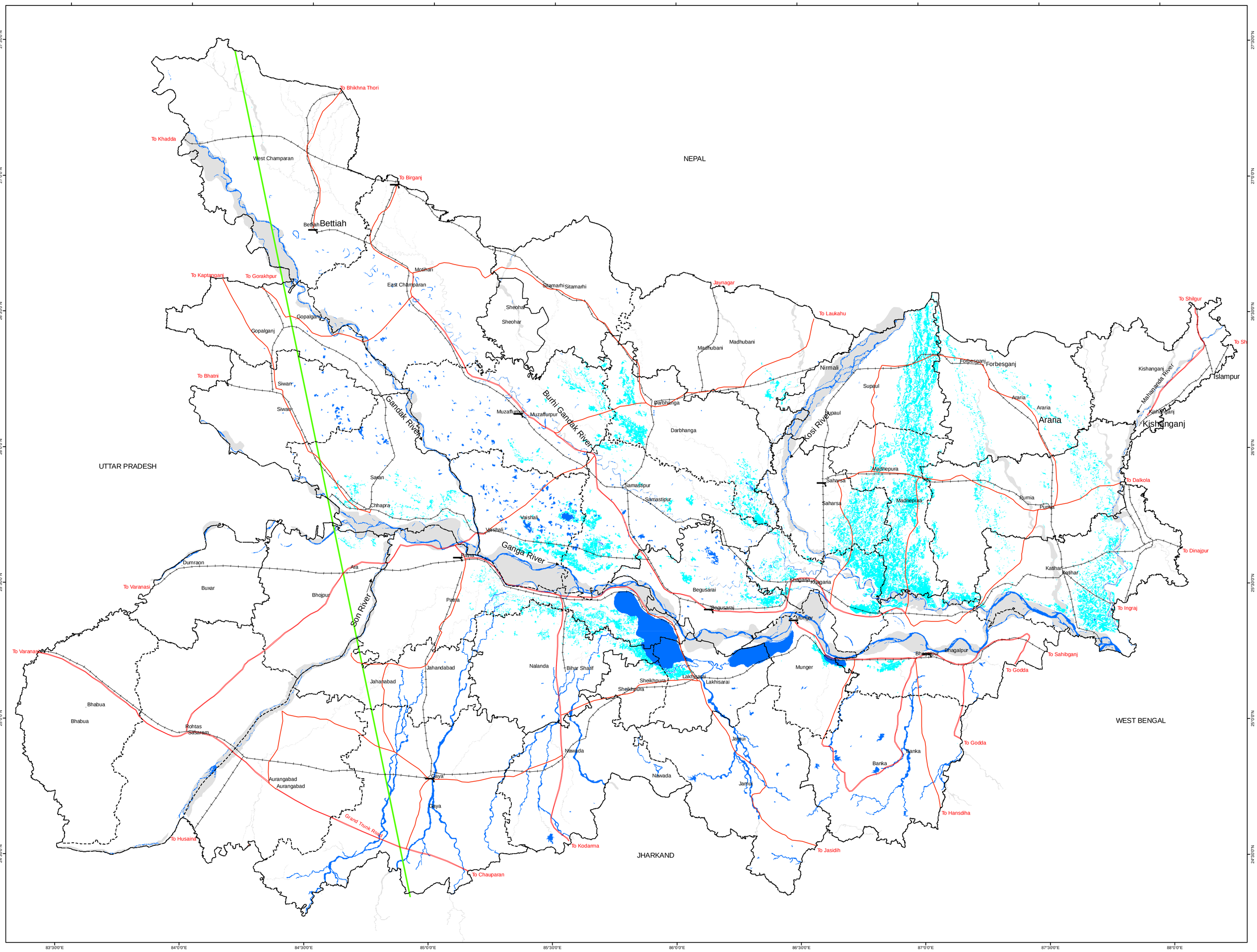
Flood Inundated areas in Bihar state

Based on the analysis of Radarsat-2 data of 03-September-2008



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- Airport
- District HQ
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Railway
- International Boundary
- State Boundary
- District Boundary

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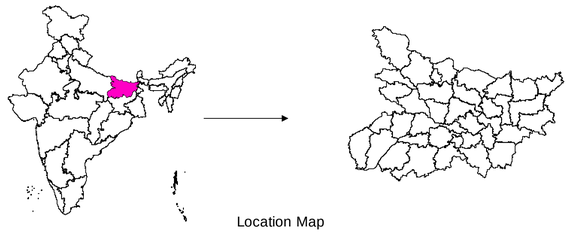
- River Bank
- Normal river/water bodies
- Flood Inundation



Location Map

Scale: 1:600,000

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Kilometers

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Dear Sir,

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

Please refer to our earlier letter dated 29-Aug-2008 regarding 'Near Real Time Flood Mapping' project using satellite data. So far, we have sent 109 flood maps covering floods in Bihar. In continuation, we have programmed Radarsat data of 3-Sep-2008. The satellite data was analysed and 2 flood map were composed on 1: 600,000 and 1: 200,000 scale for parts of Bihar state. Further, district and detailed flood maps are being prepared for Supaul, Madhepura and Saharsa 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,
(V BHANU MURTHY)

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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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Bihar Floods – 2008

1.0 Background

The flood situation in Bihar showed signs of improvement with the water level receding in five north-eastern districts following reduction in discharge of Kosi river. (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 data of 3-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	3-09-08	Radarsat-2	Procured, analysed and 2 flood maps are being sent.

2.0 Data Analysis

Satellite data is rectified and flood inundation layer is extracted. A flood inundation map is composed on 1: 600,000 and 1: 200,000 scale for parts of Bihar state. Further, for Supaul, Madhepura and Saharsa districts, which were affected by floods due to breach in Kosi river, district and detailed flood maps are being prepared with village boundaries overlaid. 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 major part of Bihar state.
- Major flood inundation was observed in Madhepura, Supaul, Katihar and Khagaria districts.

S.No	DISTRICT	INUNDATION AREA (HA)
1	Madhepura	46480
2	Supaul	26708
3	Katihar	22915
4	Khagaria	21600
5	Saharsa	17084
6	Darbhanga	16353
7	Samastipur	16184
8	Purnia	12303
9	Patna	10732
10	Bhagalpur	8881
11	Nalanda	8523
12	Vaishali	7856
13	Araria	7557
14	Muzaffurpur	5645
15	Begusarai	5418
16	Saran*	5014
17	Lakhisarai	3110
18	Madhubani	1756
19	Munger	1701
20	Sheikhpura	1366
	TOTAL	**2,47,186**

**partially covered*

Note:

- Flood inundation may include rain water accumulation / flood water in low lying areas.
- Inundation less than 1000 ha is not included in the statistics.