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# Collaborative Using the International Cooperation Space-based Initiatives for Disaster Management

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## Outlines

- Natural disaster and disaster management
- Existing international space-based initiatives for disaster management
- Opportunities and gaps for using existing initiatives
- Recommendations for better collaboration.

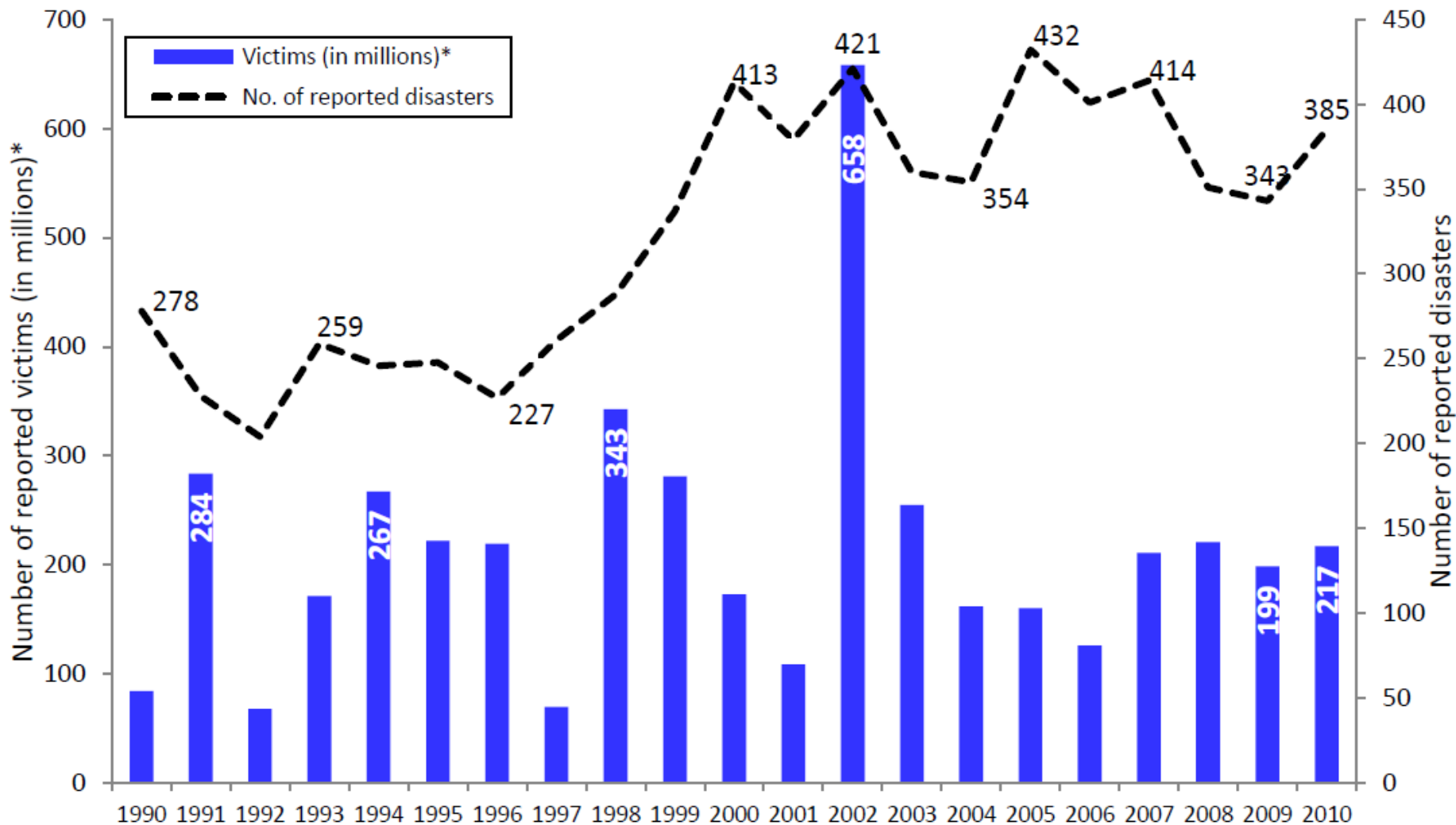


# **Disaster and Disaster Management Information Requirement**



# Disaster occurrence and victims from 1990 to 2010

CRED







## Number of natural disasters by country: 1976-2005

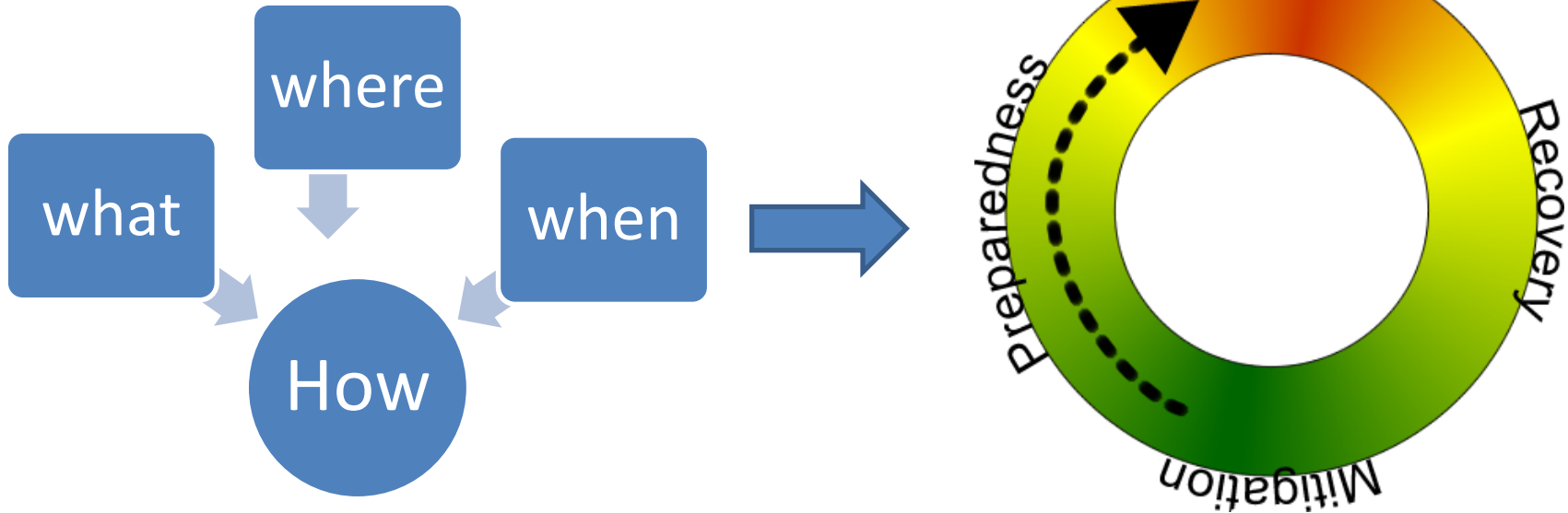


Number of disasters ■ 0 - 29 ■ 30 - 119 ■ >119





# Space-based Information for Disaster Management





## Space-based Information for Disaster Management

**Hazard Monitoring**

**Disaster Early Warning**

**Dynamic Situation  
Monitoring**

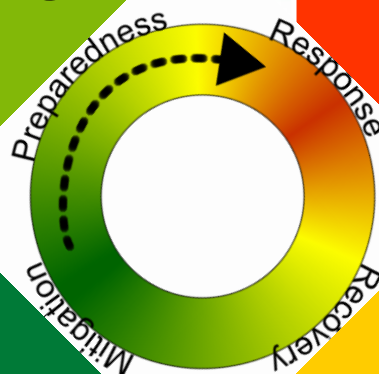
**Dynamic Disaster  
Damage Assessment**

**Risk Assessment**

**Vulnerability  
Assessment**

**Comprehensive Damage  
Assessment**

**Recovery Status  
Monitoring**





# **Existing international space-based cooperation initiatives for disaster management**



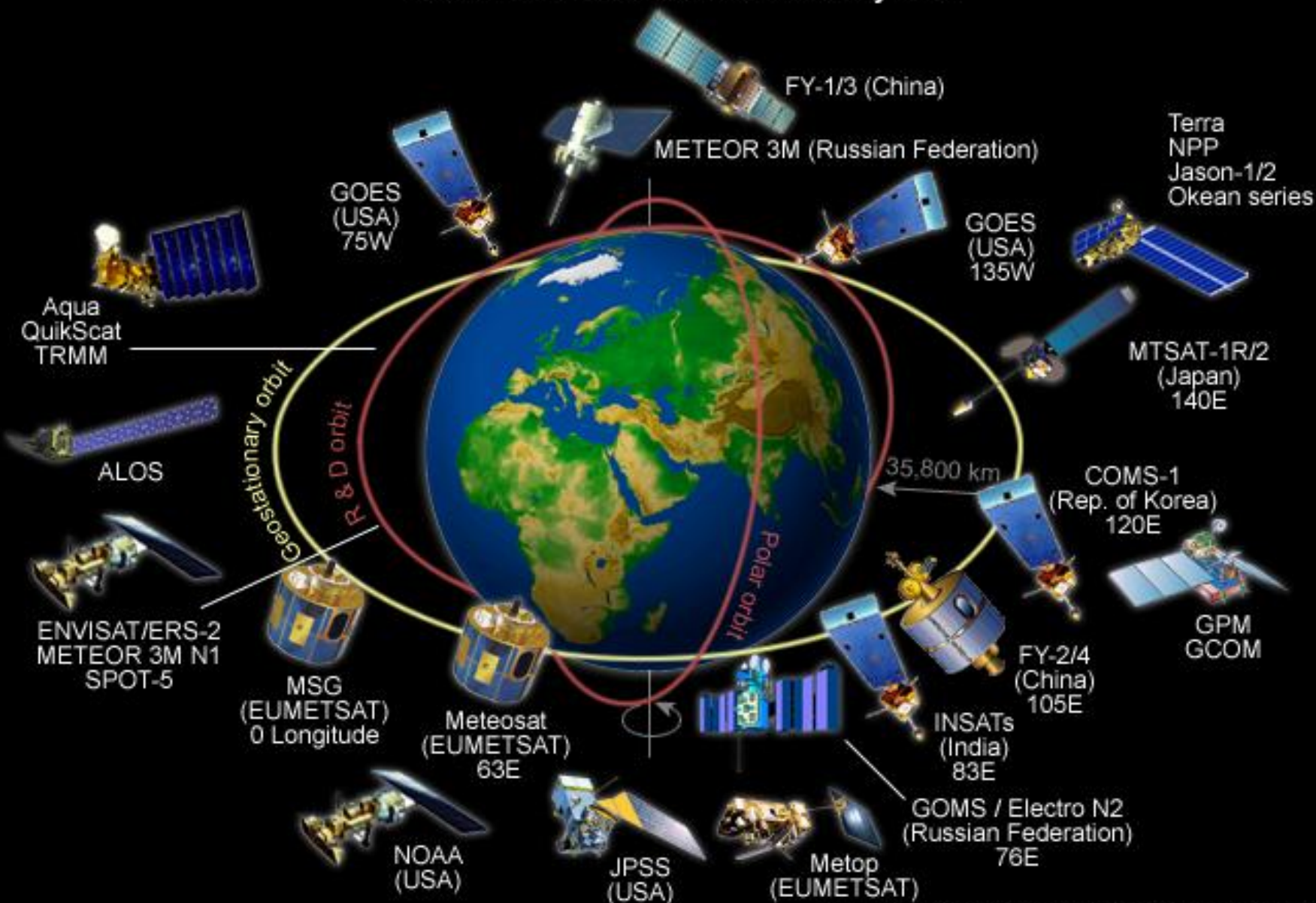


## Why Space-Based Cooperation for Disaster Management?

- Gaps always exist between EO observation capacity ( quantitative) and disaster management requirement(qualitative).
- Disasters occurs in all the countries not only in the countries with space-based resources.
- Even the country with its own space-based resources could not cope with the catastrophe occurs frequently.
- There's no boarder for earth observation coverage and disaster affected area. We are living in the only one earth



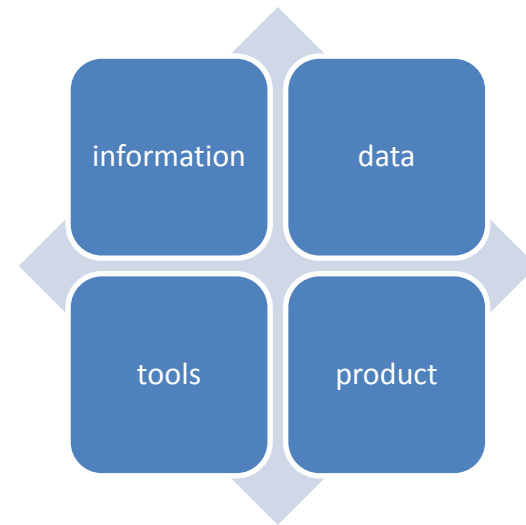
## The Global Satellite Observation System





# Existing Space-based International Initiatives for Disaster Management

- UNOOSA/UN-SPIDER
  - International Charter Space and Major Disasters
- SERVIR
- GMES/SAFER
- Sentinel Asia
- GEO
- Crowdsourcing
- Other efforts







## UN-SPIDER /Knowledge Portal\_ Information

- One of UN-SPIDER’s framework to facilitate fast and efficient access to space-based information for countries, international and regional organizations. This includes all types of information provided by earth observation satellites, communication satellites and global navigation satellite systems.

### UN-SPIDER SpaceAid: space-based information for earthquake in Japan and tsunami in Pacific Region

Processed by natalie epler on Mar 11th 2011 Asia Pacific earthquake Honshu Japan Pacific Tsunami

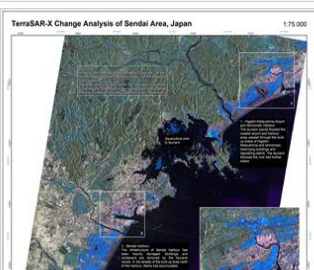
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#### Page content:

1. Emergency Mapping
  - 1.1. Space based rapid mapping products
  - 1.2. Institutional links to further mapping products, geodata, geolinks and databases
2. Space-based Resources
3. Earthquake/Tsunami Warning Centers
4. Emergency Response, Situation Reports
5. Media
6. Coordinates of affected areas (AOI)
7. Contact

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**Japan earthquake overview by German Aerospace Center (DLR), Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information (ZKI) (click for resolution image and KML file)**



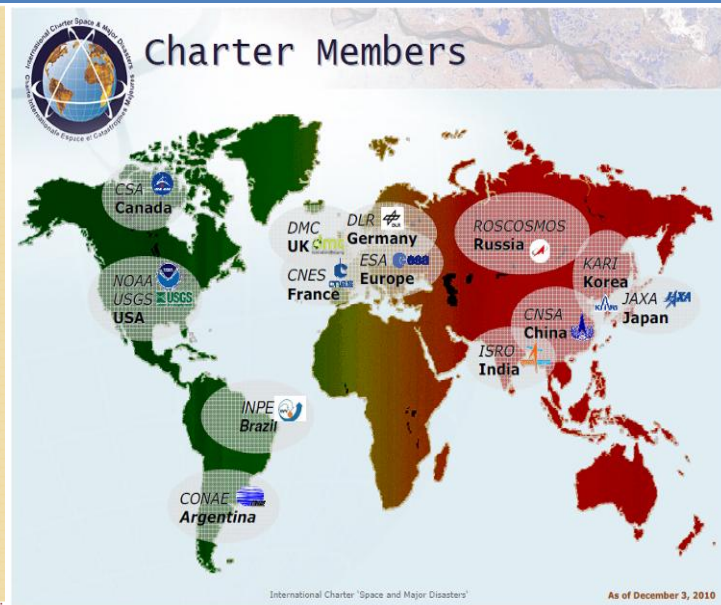
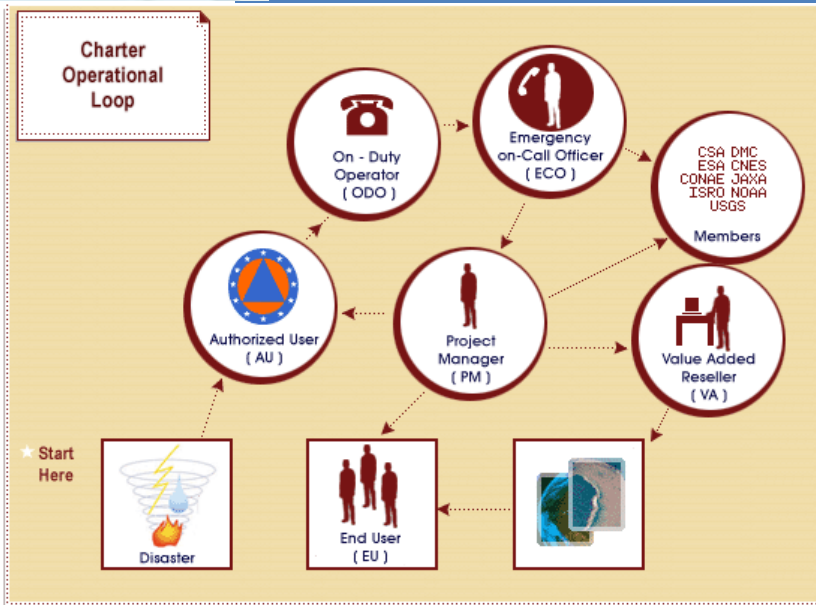
#### 1.2 Institutional links to further mapping products, geodata, geolinks and databases

Mechanism / Institution / Provider	Link	Remarks
Dartmouth Flood Observatory	<a href="http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/SendaiCoast.ppt">http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/SendaiCoast.ppt</a>	PPT download (maps)
	<a href="http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/hydrography/E130N40.html">http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/hydrography/E130N40.html</a>	Maps
ESRI	<a href="http://50.17.221.205/EQJPCOP/index.html">http://50.17.221.205/EQJPCOP/index.html</a>	Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Common Operational Picture
	<a href="http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/japan-earthquake-tsunami-2011-map/index.html">http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/japan-earthquake-tsunami-2011-map/index.html</a>	Japan Incident Map
	<a href="http://maps.unosat.org/JPEQ20110311JPN/UNOSAT_RS_20110312_analysis.zip">http://maps.unosat.org/JPEQ20110311JPN/UNOSAT_RS_20110312_analysis.zip</a>	
Army Geospatial centre	<a href="http://www.agc.army.mil/Japan/index.html">http://www.agc.army.mil/Japan/index.html</a>	Maps (CAC required)
FloodMaps	<a href="http://www.floodmaps.net/ftp/files/522286987_Japan_Tsunami_DamageAssessment_13MAR2011.zzz">http://www.floodmaps.net/ftp/files/522286987_Japan_Tsunami_DamageAssessment_13MAR2011.zzz</a>	Google Earth KMZ files and Shapefile Download
Erdas Apollo	<a href="http://apollopro.erdas.com/apollo-client/">http://apollopro.erdas.com/apollo-client/</a>	Disaster Map
GEMDAS	<a href="http://gemdas.earth.ncku.edu.tw/Japan/Japan.aspx">http://gemdas.earth.ncku.edu.tw/Japan/Japan.aspx</a>	Formosat-2 Mapping Application
GEO	<a href="http://superites.earthobservations.org/sendai.php">http://superites.earthobservations.org/sendai.php</a>	Collection of maps and links
German Aerospace Center (DLR), Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information (ZKI)	<a href="http://www.zki.dlr.de/article/1893">http://www.zki.dlr.de/article/1893</a>	Collection of maps and KMZ files
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Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS)	<a href="http://www.gdacs.org/#EO_104728">http://www.gdacs.org/#EO_104728</a>	Web Mapping and additional maps
Google	<a href="http://mw1.google.com/crisisresponse/2011/sendai_earthquake/google/map/sendai_earthquake_2011.html">http://mw1.google.com/crisisresponse/2011/sendai_earthquake/google/map/sendai_earthquake_2011.html</a>	Web Mapping Application
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# International Charter Space and Major Disasters

- imagery and mapping service



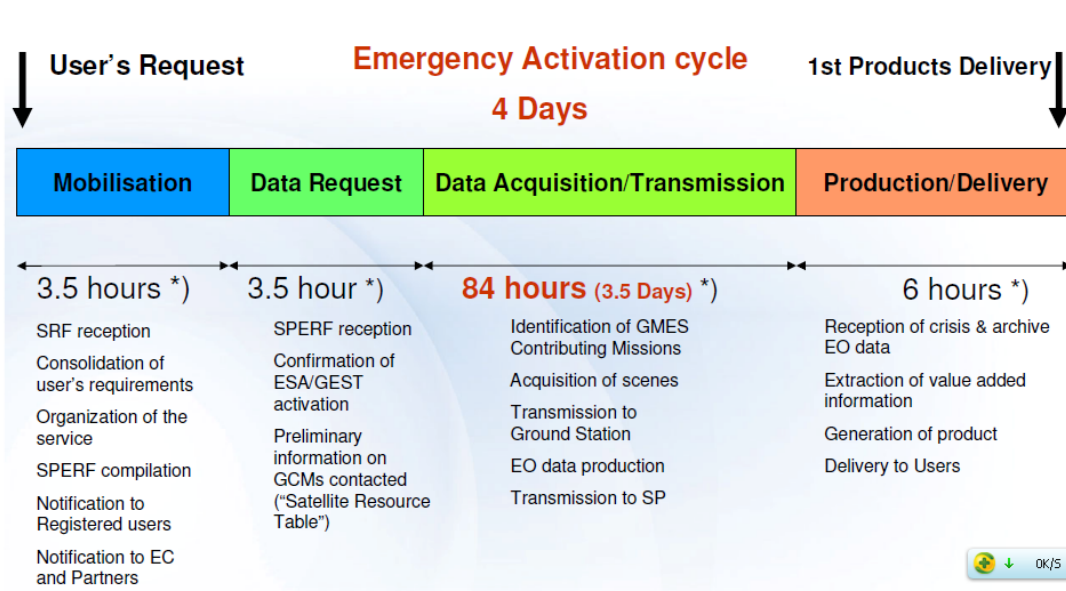
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SPOT , Formosat
RADARSAT
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POES , GOES
SAC-C
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Landsat, Quickbird, GeoEye-1
ALSAT-1, NigeriaSat, BILSAT-1 UK-DMC, TopSat
FY, CBERS
TerraSAR-X, TanDEM-X

- An International agreement among Space Agencies to support with space-based data and information relief efforts in the event of emergencies caused by major disasters.
- Resources access: AU from member countries, via an AU on behalf of a user from a nonmember country ("Sponsor AU"), activation via the UN (UNOOSA, UNOSAT) for UN users, Sentinel Asia and ADRC.



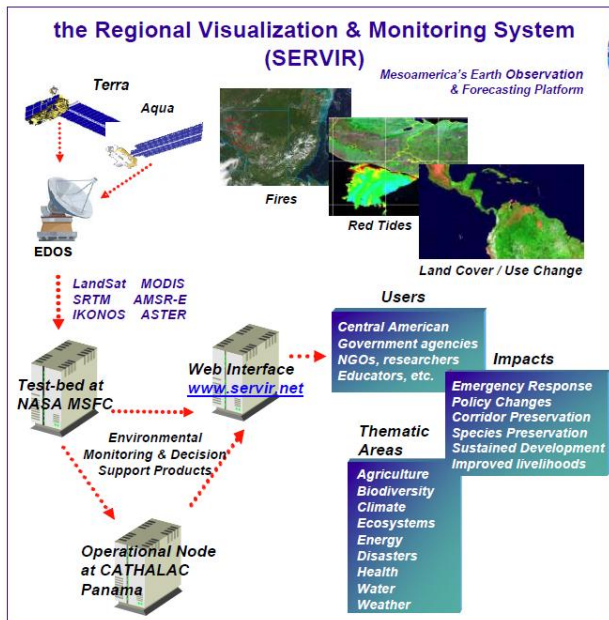
# Service and Applications For Emergency Response -mapping service

- In the frame of the GMES, SAFER project aims at implementing preoperational versions of the Emergency Response Service.
- 3 years project – kick-off in 2009
- 53 partners from 16 countries: 29 private organisations, 24 public organisations
- The main goal is the upgrade of the core service and the validation of its performance with 2 priorities: rapid mapping during the response phase, extend the use of its products to early warning and to reconstruction



Short term and longer term upgrades

- SERVIR is a Regional Visualization and Monitoring System that integrates earth observations and forecast models together with in situ data and knowledge for timely decision- making to benefit society, which initiated in 2005 by NASA and USAID.
- Three regional offices: SERVIR Africa, SERVIR Latin America, SERVIR Himalaya



- provides free and open access to:

- Satellite and Geospatial
- Interactive Online Maps
- Decision Support
- 3D Interactive Visualizations

•Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)



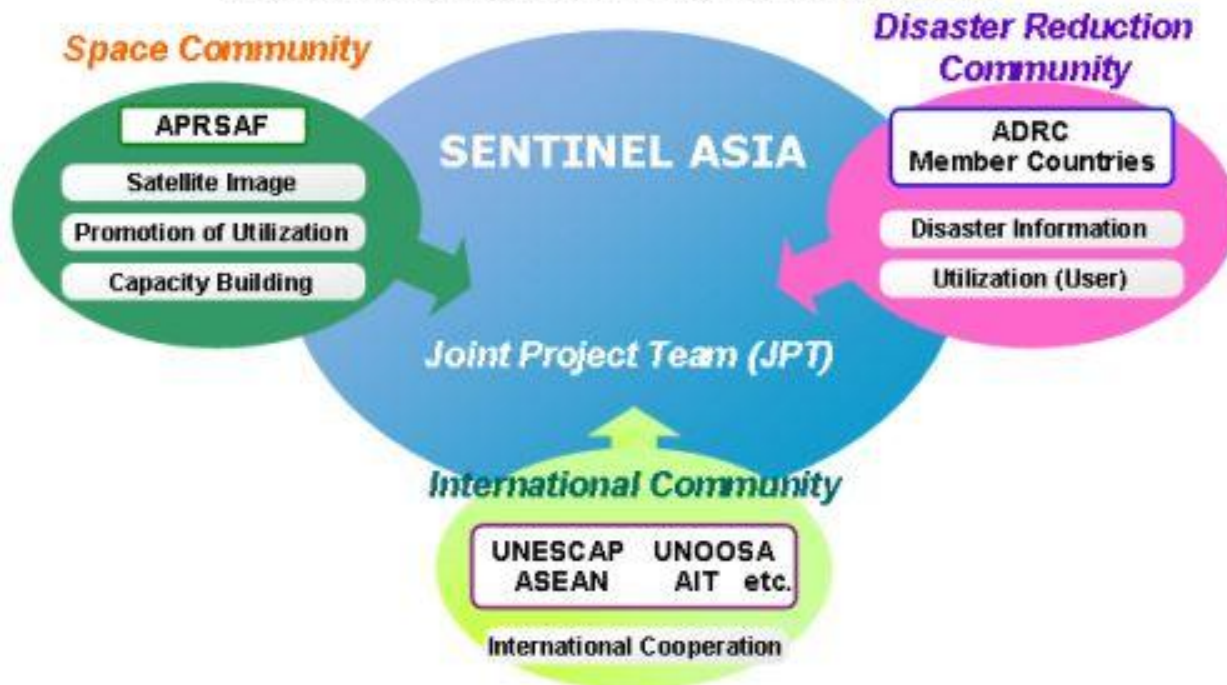
•International Charter on Space and Major Disasters

•Mesoamerican Environmental Information System (SIAM)

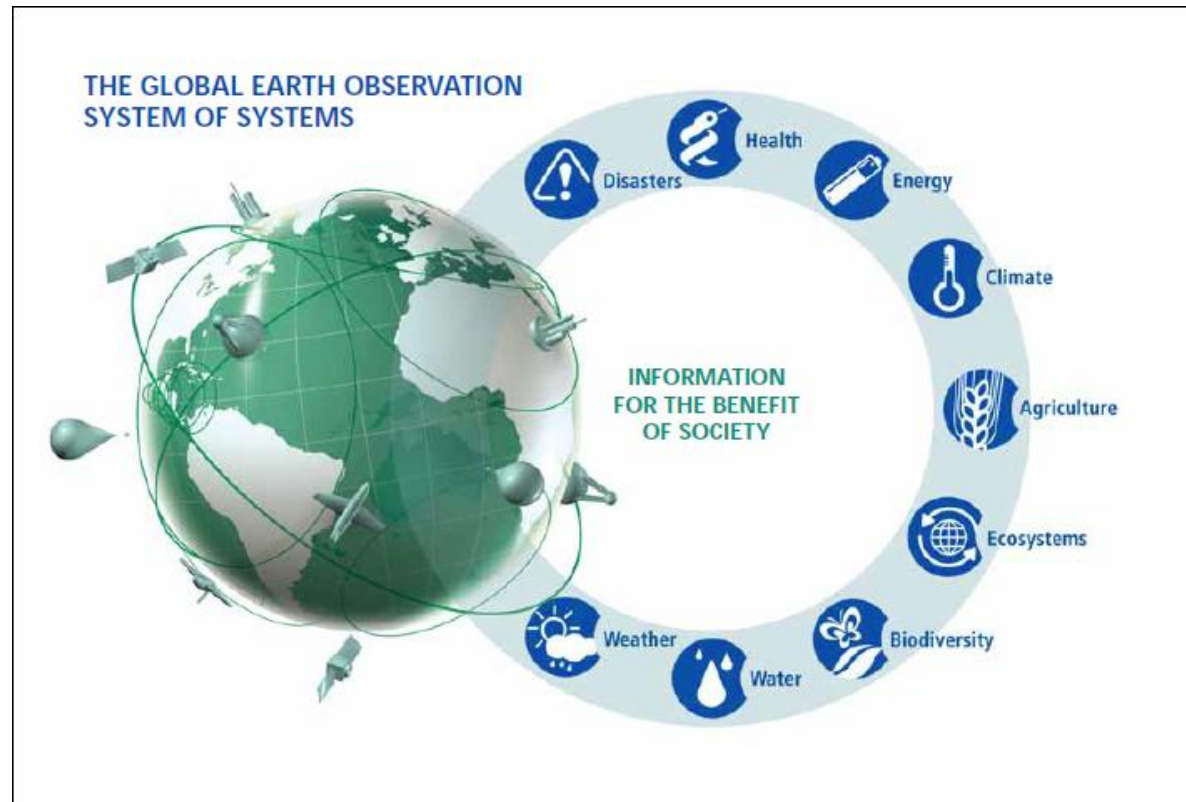
- imagery and mapping service

- The Sentinel Asia is a voluntary basis initiative led by the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) to support disaster management activity in the Asia-Pacific region by applying the WEB-GIS technology and space based technology, such as earth observation satellites data.

## Framework of Sentinel Aisa



- GEO was established in February 2005 after the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Group of Eight leading industrialized countries (G8) and three ministerial Earth Observation Summits.
- Till now, more than 100 governments and leading international organizations have founded GEO to coordinate the construction of a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) by the year 2015.





# Crowdsourcing Mapping Community

– information, tools, mapping

- Advancements in technologies have made it possible for virtual communities such as OpenStreetMap, Ushahidi, Sahana, CrisisMappers, Virtual Disaster Viewer, Google MapMaker and INSTEDD to provide increasing support to disaster preparedness and emergency response efforts.



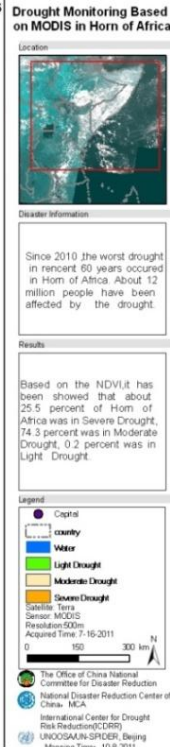
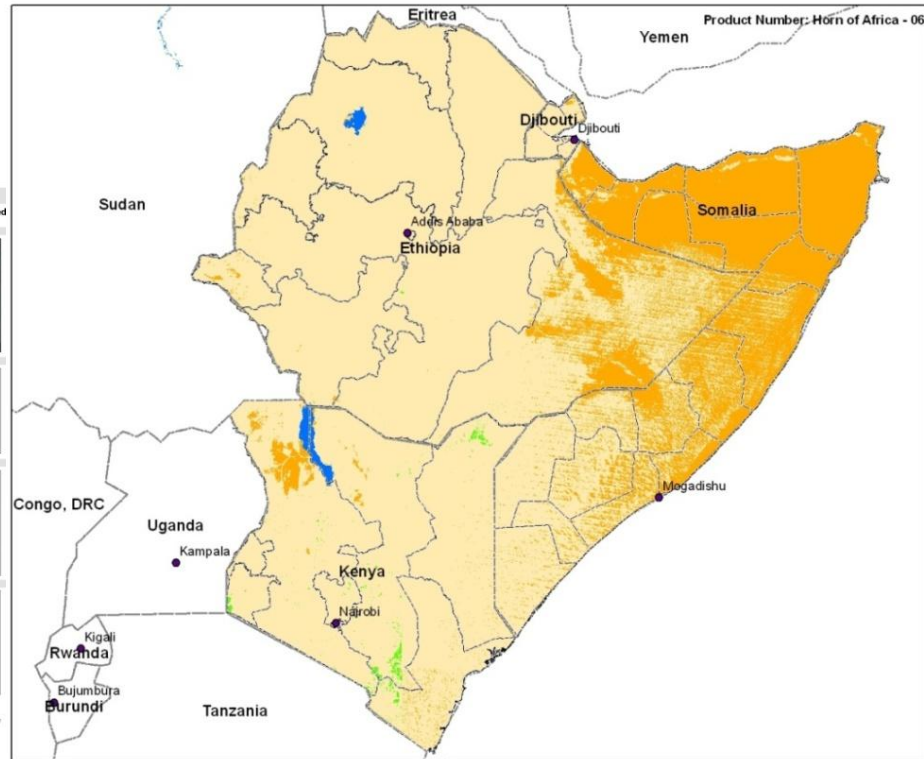
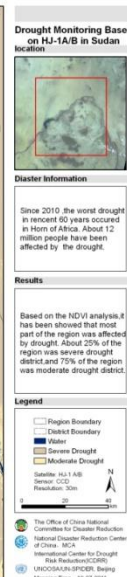
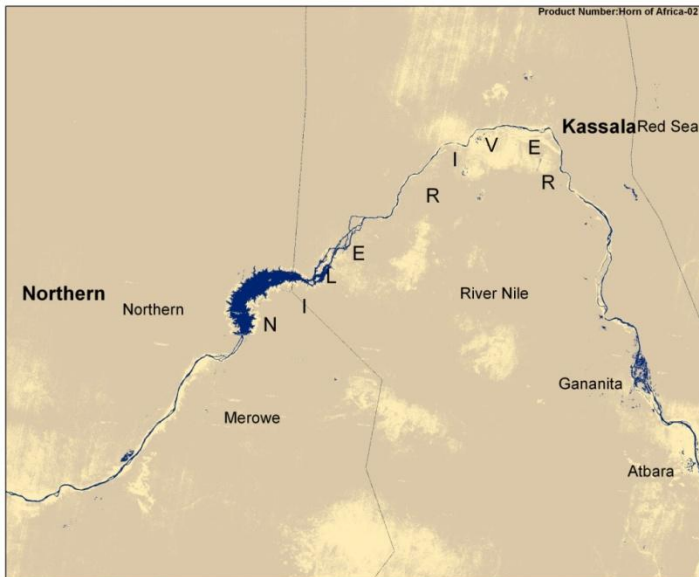
Second UN-SPIDER International Expert Meeting:  
Crowdsourcing Mapping for Preparedness and Emergency Response





# Other Efforts for Space-based Information

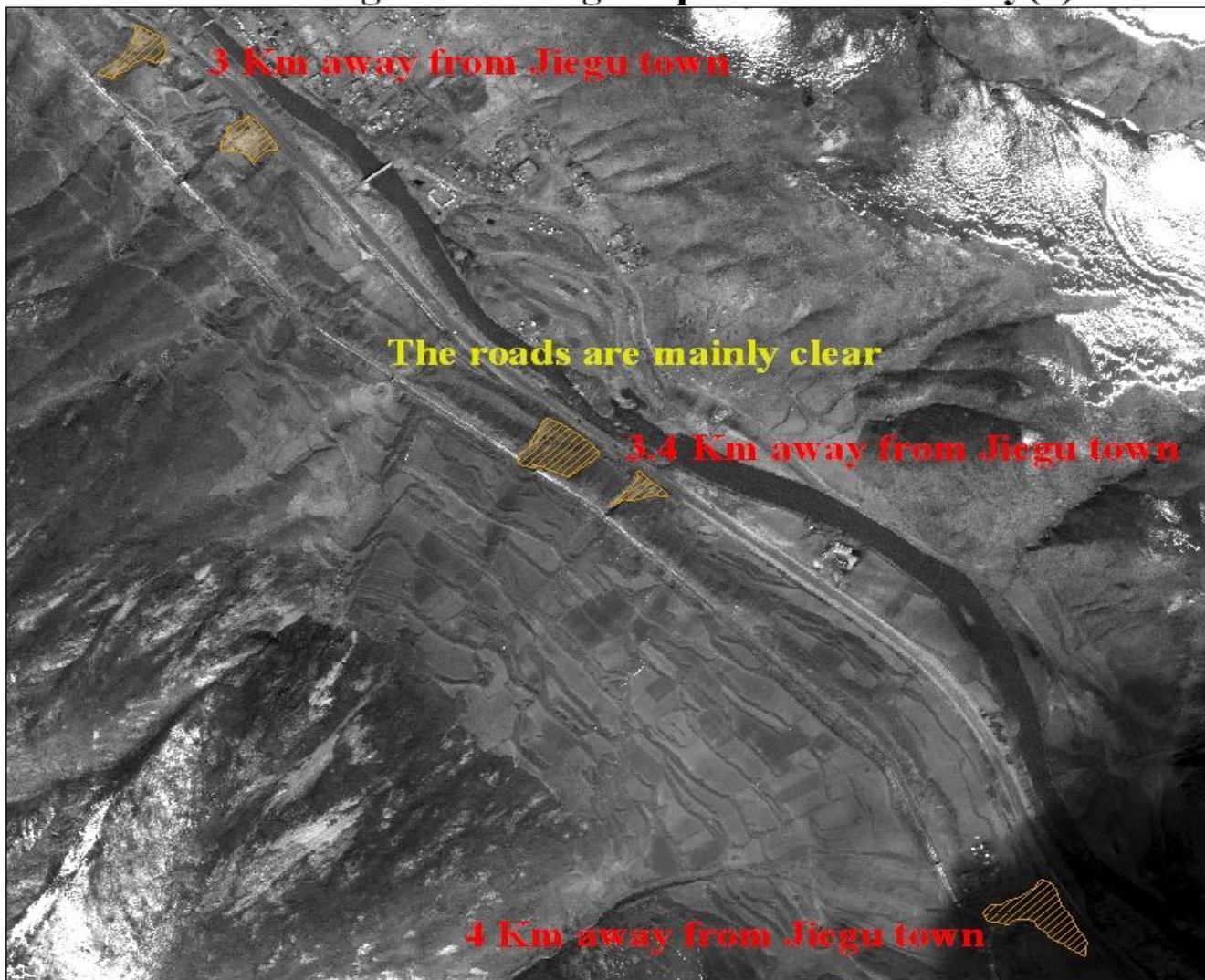
- National agency
- Private sector
- NGO, etc



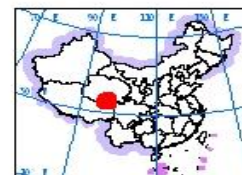




# 青海省玉树县遥感监测图(4) Remote Sensing Monitoring Map in Yushu County(4)



Charter 306号订单-产品编号 04  
Charter Call 306 - Product No. 04



### Legend

Landslide

灾害类型: 地震  
Disaster Type: Earthquake  
时间: 2010年4月  
Date: Apr. 2010

灾害影像 Disaster Image:  
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WORLDVIEW 0.5m acquired 22 Apr.  
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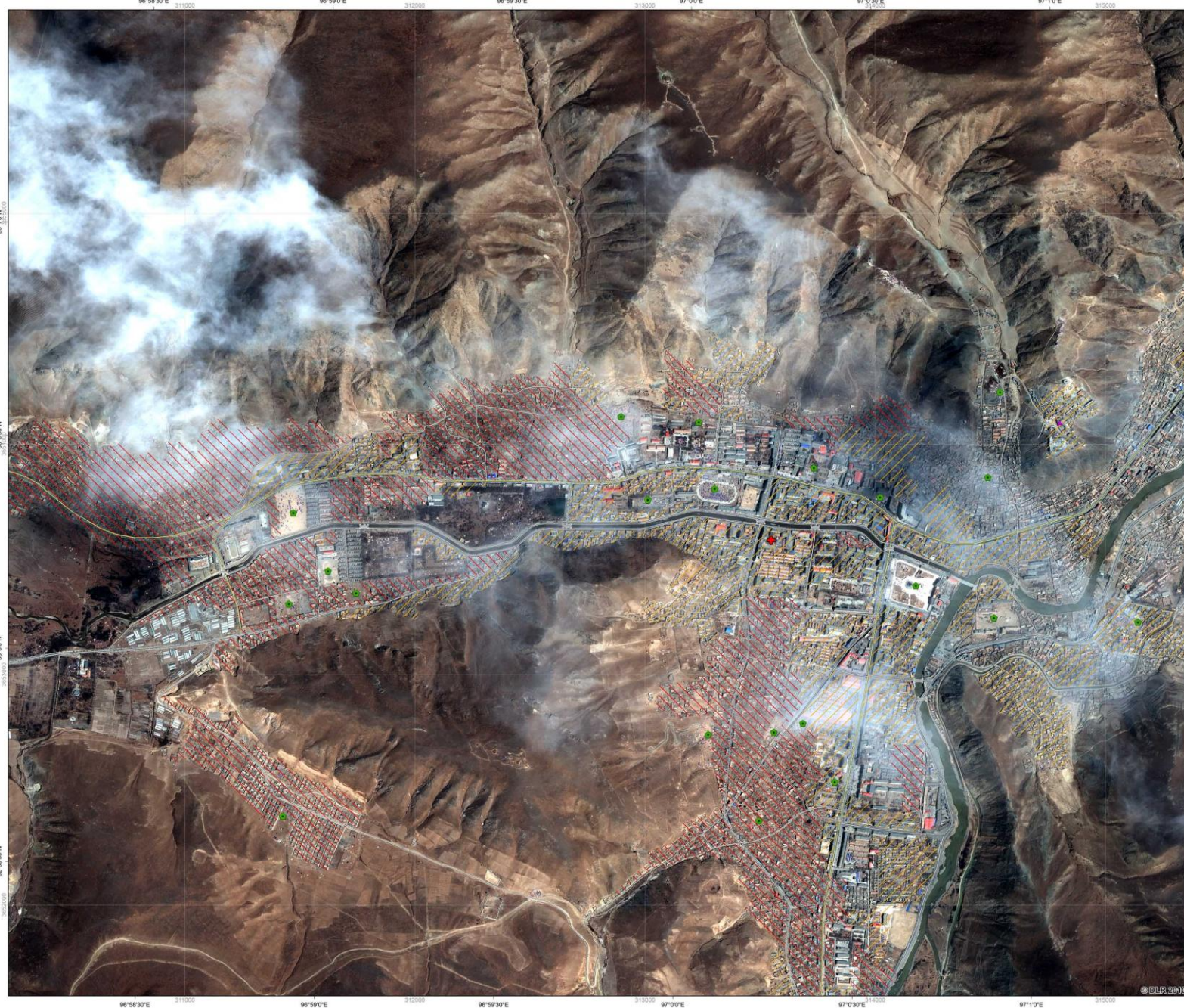
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### CHINA - Yushu Prefecture Earthquake on April 14, 2010

#### Detailed Damage Assessment Map - Gyegu

Scale 1:7,500

Location Diagrams



Legend



*Important to note:* Areas not marked with "damage visible" may still show considerable impact/damage from the earthquake. Due to the resolution of the imagery and viewing geometry of the satellite, the damage assessment is of very coarse character and might considerably differ from actual damages on the ground.

**Interpretation**  
 On April 14, 2010, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 hit the Yushu prefecture in the Qinghai province of China, followed by several aftershocks. Many hundred people were reported dead, injured or missing. Buildings collapsed or were severely damaged. Road network and communication lines were interrupted.

The map shows a post-disaster damage assessment of Gyegu and its suburbs. The damage assessment was derived by a joint analysis of a GeoEye-1 and a QuickBird-2 image, both acquired on April 15th, 2010. The QuickBird-2 image serves as backdrop.

Cartographic Information



Local projection: UTM Zone 47N, Datum: WGS 84  
 Geographic projection: Lat/Lon (DMS), Datum: WGS 84

Scale: 1:7,500 for A1 prints

Data Sources

QuickBird-2 © DigitalGlobe 2010  
 GeoEye-1 © GeoEye 2010  
 Vector Data © DLR 2010  
 Earthquake Information © GDACS 2010

Framework

The products elaborated for this Rapid Mapping Activity are realised to the best of our ability, within a very short time frame, during a crisis, optimising the material available. All geographic information has limitations due to the scale, resolution, date and interpretation of the original source materials. No liability concerning the content or the use thereof is assumed by the producer. The ZKI crisis maps are constantly updated. Please make sure to visit <http://www.zki.dlr.de> for the latest version of this product. Map produced April 16, 2010 by ZKI Updated April 22, 2010 by ZKI © DLR 2010 [zki@dlr.de](http://www.zki.dlr.de)

Reference map, assessment map, thematic map



# Opportunities for Collaboration

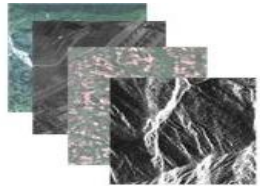
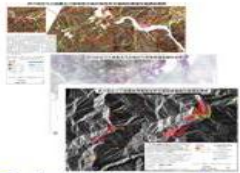


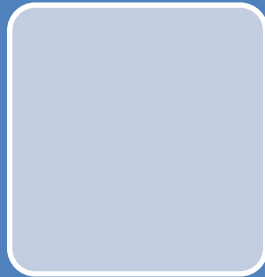
Image Acquisition



Data processing  
& map making

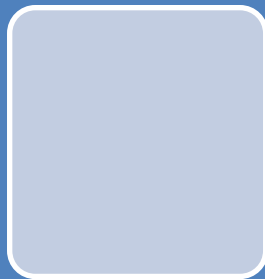


Product Dissemination  
& Service



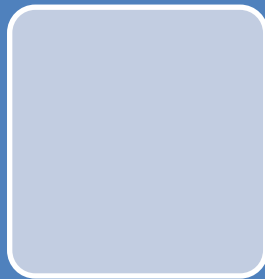
## Space-based Resource access

- Development of EO technology
- More open access resources(geo-base/space based)



## Space based Information analysis

- Advanced technical tools, models,..
- Personnel resources



## Information Service

- Communication development
- Disaster management requirement

# Challenges for Collaboration

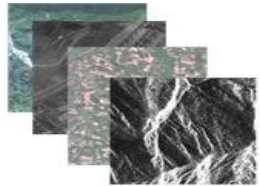
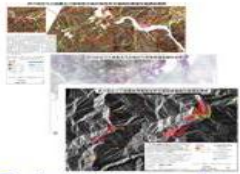


Image Acquisition



Data processing  
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## Space-based Resource access

- Data sharing policy
- Synergy among different satellites and initiatives
- Lack of data for non-emergency stage

## Space based Information analysis

- Standard (data processing and mapping)
- Coordination among different platform

## Information Service

- Specific end user requirement
- Information interpretation capacity





## „Haiti Mapping Disaster“

➤ Within four Weeks 380 maps were posted on UNOCHA/Reliefweb, about half of which were based on satellite data

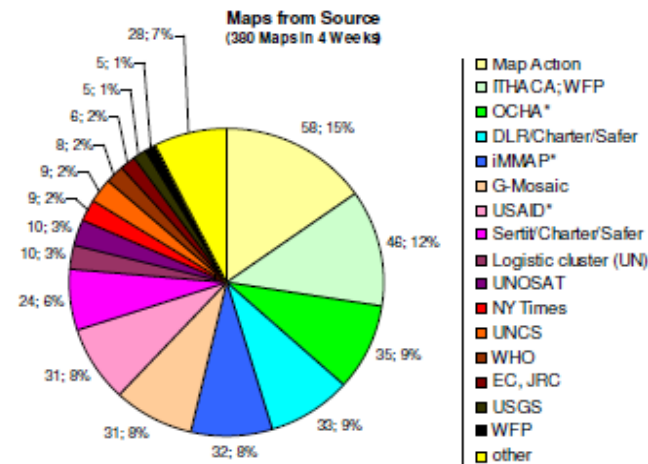
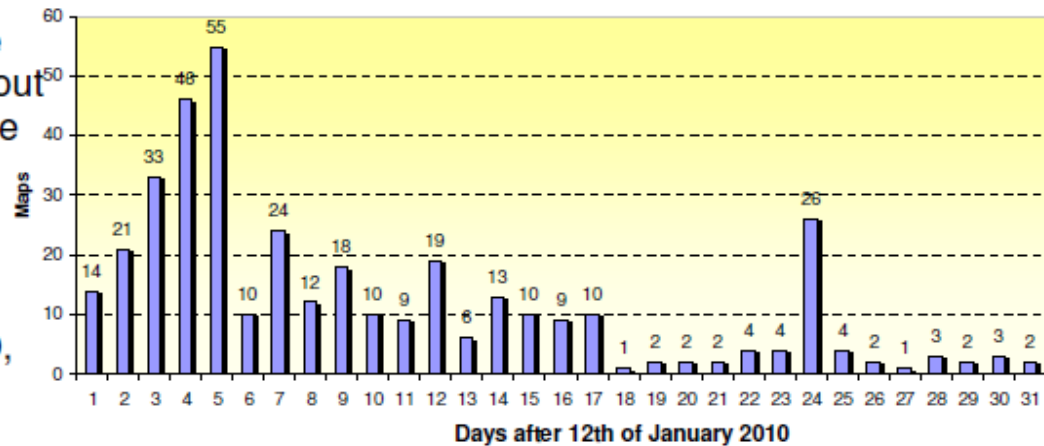
➤ 34 different producers/sources - CartONG, DLR, EC/JRC, ITHACA MapAction, Sertit, UNOSAT, USAID, WHO, WFP, ...

➤ Different type of maps: reference maps, damage assessment, situation maps, overview maps and further specialised maps

➤ Different scales, from 1:5.000-1:500.000

➤ Partially contradicting information

Maps per Day  
(380 Maps in 4 Weeks)





## Further steps for collaboration among the initiatives

- Better understanding and closer linkage among space community, mapping community and disaster management community
- Satellite imagery acquisition synergy to fulfill the requirement and to avoid duplication and redundancy
- Facilitating data sharing policy and standard for imagery and geo-dataset sharing among different initiatives.
- Facilitating the guideline for space-based information analysis for easy collaboration among mapping service agencies and understanding by the disaster management community.
- Improving the awareness raising for disaster manager and capacity building for information support .



“The only tools and information you will use and trust in a crisis are the ones you have been using already”

- David Stevens



谢谢  
Thanks

