



2nd International Workshop on Flood Monitoring and Modelling

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Global Security and Crisis Management

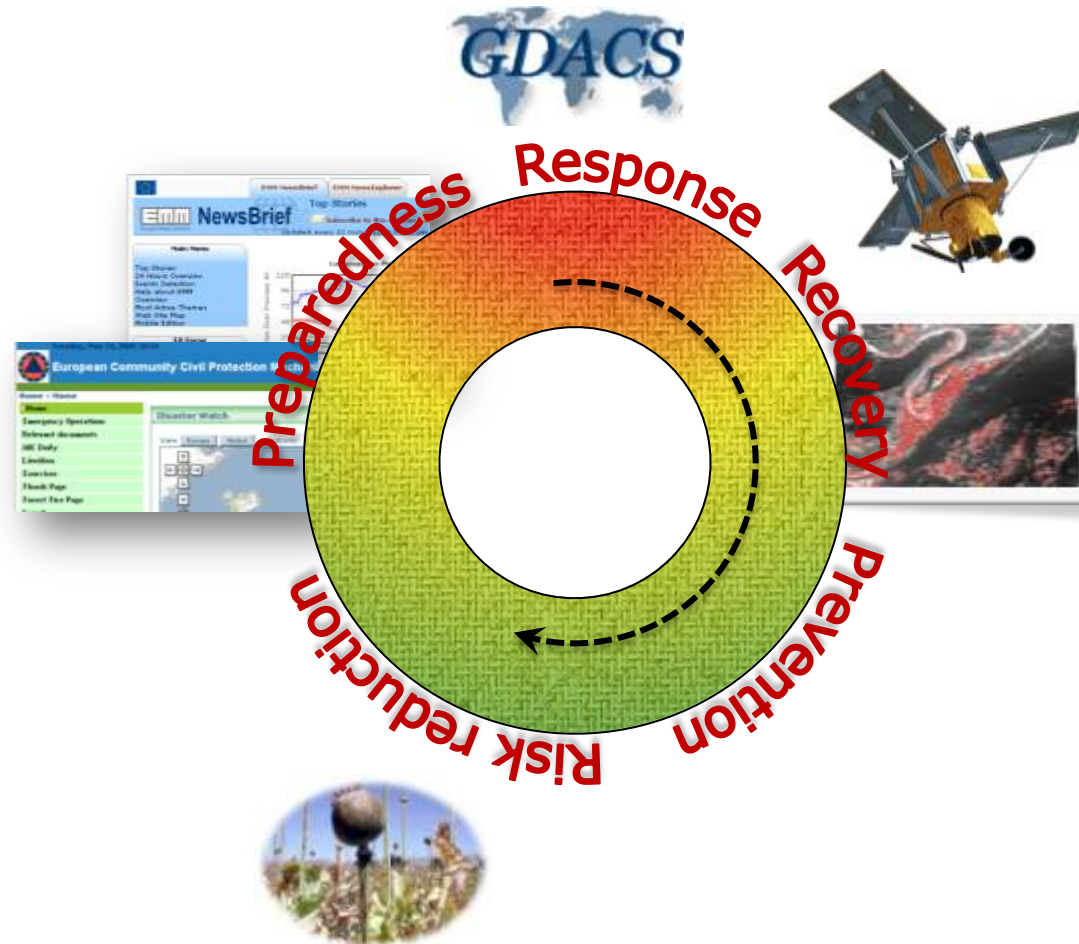


Unit for Global Security and Crisis Management

- Preparedness
- **Response**
- Recovery
- Prevention and risk reduction

Expertise

- Text mining
- Image mining
- Statistics mining
- **Physical and Risk Modelling**
- Crisis information management
 - Hazard impact modelling
 - Early warning and alert
 - Situation rooms





Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS)

- **multi-hazard**
- **real-time**
- **impact assessment**
- **and alerting system**

System of systems

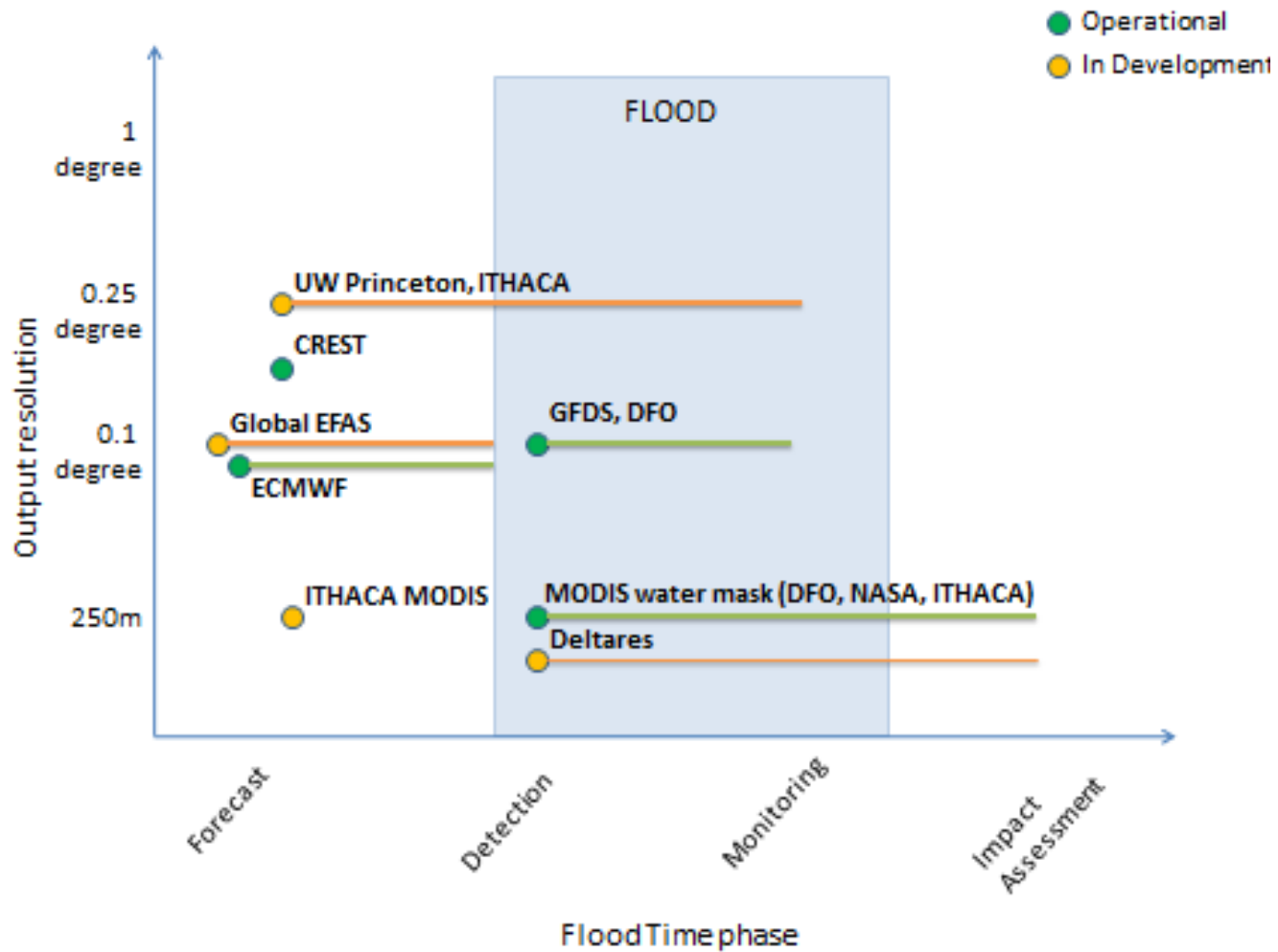
- **Scientific community**
- **Risk community**
- **Response community**

Why are floods challenging?

- **Hazard**
 - Not monitored satisfactorily
- **Impact**
 - Not a single global model
 - Varies per country / society
 - Varies with flood type
- **Alert level**
 - Based on number of killed, as reported in media
 - To be improved: BEFORE flood disaster



Systems map



System matrix



1. Actors and responsibilities in global flood management										2. Flood disaster cycle and timing aspects					
Disaster cycle				Organisation type						Temporal scale			Time phase		
Risk reduction	Preparedness	Response	Recovery	Development agencies	Hydro-meteorological agencies	Civil protection agency	International humanitarian assistance	Post Disaster Needs Assessment	Rapid Mapping	Flash flood	Torrential flood	Seasonal flood	Early Warning	Flood detection	Flood monitoring
	X	X													

3. From proof of concept to global output					4. Local, national, international perspective			5. Interoperability			
Bottlenecks					Management level			GIS	Meteo	Satellite	
Methodological	Related	Technical	Policy related	Operational	Local implementation	National: coordination and funding role	International: supporting role	OGC	GRIB	HDF	Web Service API
						X	X				

NAME	Organisation	Title	Triggering	Output
G. Robert Brakenridge	Colorado University	Measuring River Discharge (AMSR-E)	EO	% water
G. Robert Brakenridge	Colorado University	Mapping Surface Water Change (MODIS) in near real time	EO	water mask
Fritz Policelli	NASA/Goddard Space Flight Centre	Satellite measurements for water surface mapping	EO	water mask

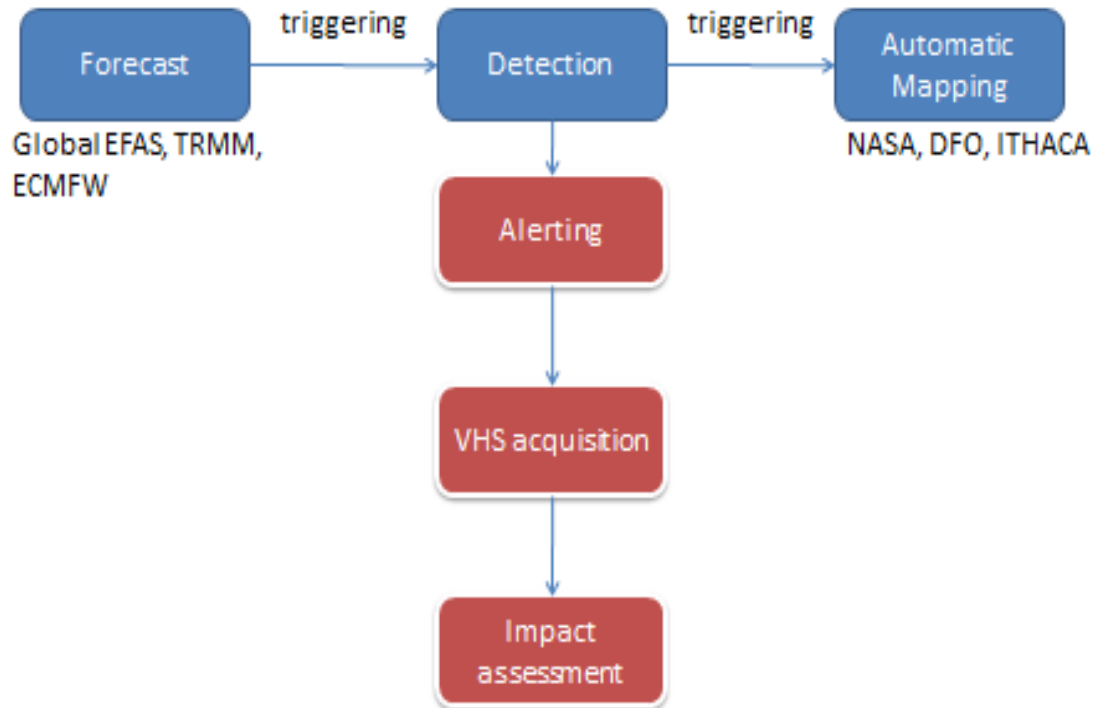
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Integrated map



Standards: **WMS, ArcGIS service, GeoRSS, KML, georeferenced images**

Forecast to impact



Agreed actions



List of presentations

- **On ftp site and on web site**

List of relevant publications

- **On web site**

List of URLs to products; access to restricted products under certain conditions

- **Real-time products; real-time data**
- **Flood scenarios (Swiss Re)**
- **Seasonal and Hazards Calendar WFP**
- **Data archives: Dartmouth Flood Observatory**
- **Data archives: NASA**

Map and grid of systems

- **Part of final outcome document (14 April 2010)**

List of critical data sources

- **On web site**

Publication in Journal of River Basin Management

- **Not achieved...**



Global Flood Monitoring and Forecasting Initiative

- **Web portal: <http://portal.gdacs.org/?tabid=65>**
 - Username: global_floods, Password: initiative
- **global-floods@gdacs.org**



Data agreements

- **WFP – ECMWF** ✓
- DMIS access
- ...

Training

- **JRC/GFDS: WFP, MIC, CEMADEN**
- ...

Bilateral collaboration agreements

- **JRC/PDC (not only on floods)**
- ...

Joint projects and proposals

- **NASA funding**
- ...



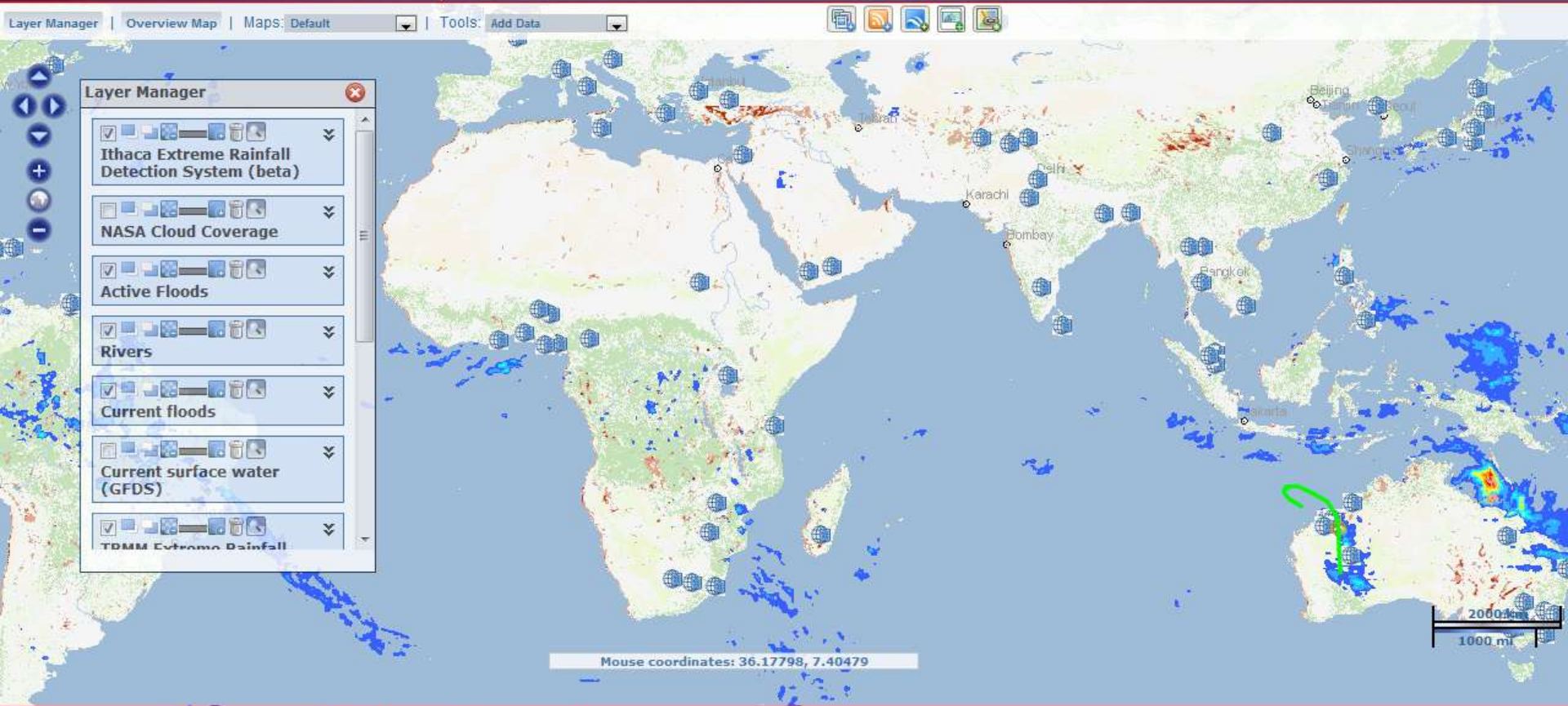
Joint validation exercises

- **Bangladesh, September 2011**
 - GFDS, Glofas, ECMWF, MODIS
 - Not completed → no ground truth, difficulty in interpretation

Operational support

- **Namibia (NASA, JRC → ECHO)**
- **Thailand, Cambodia (JRC → ECHO)**
- **Mozambique (DFO → WFP)**

Progress in 2011 Common data platform





Day 1: Review of 2011 studies and Global flood modeling & forecasting

09:00 Opening & welcome

09:30 Review of 2011 studies

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Session 1: global flood forecasting

- Jutta Thielen (JRC-IES)
- Fredrik Wetterhall (ECMWF)
- **DISCUSSION: Timing and uncertainty**

Lunch 12:30-14:00

14:00 Session 2: global flood forecasting & modelling

- Bart Nijssen
- Tim Fewtrell (Willis), Albrecht Weerts (Deltares)
- **DISCUSSION: International initiatives and forums.**

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Session 3: global flood nowcasting

- Adriana Albanese et al. (Ithaca)
- Bob Adler (U. Maryland)
- **DISCUSSION: Flood locations.**

19:00 Workshop dinner, sponsored by Deltares



Day 2 (March 20): Global flood monitoring using satellite techniques

08:30 Leave hotel (by foot)

09:00 Session 4: Near real-time observation

- Tom De Groeve (JRC)
- Kevin Dobbs (U. Kansas)
- **DISCUSSION:** When is a flood a flood?

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Session 5: Near real-time flood mapping

- John David (SSAI/NASA-GFSC)
- Stuart Fry (NASA-GFSC)
- **DISCUSSION:** Flood mapping.

14:00 Session 5: Near real-time flood mapping (cont'd)

- Rogier Westerhoff (Deltares)
- Bob Brakenridge (Univ. Colorado/DFO)
- **DISCUSSION:** combining systems

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Session 6: on demand very high resolution flood mapping

- Christina Corbane (JRC/GEMMA)
- Wendi Pedersen (UNOSAT)
- **DISCUSSION:** Triggering mechanism.



Day 3 (March 21): Towards an integrated flood monitoring information system

08:30 Leave hotel (by foot)

09:00 Part 1: User points of view and information needs

- Marion Cezard, Lara Prades (WFP)
- Caspar Honegger (Swiss Re)
- André Silveira, Demerval Gonçalves (CEMADEN, Brazil):
- Cristina Brailescu (EU DG ECHO/MIC):

Part 2: Data archiving and sharing

10:30 Coffee break & snack

11:00 Part 3: System integration (Discussion)

14:00 Close of Workshop

Bagged lunch prepared



Discussions



Session 1: global flood forecasting

DISCUSSION: Timing and uncertainty of forecasts.

- **What are operational parameters for flood preparedness and response?**
 - Lead time required?
 - Certainty required?
- **Parameters required?**
 - Location, Duration, Depth
- **Perspectives**
 - Intl. response → prepositioning, team preparation
 - Local response → alerting, evacuation
 - Insurance → damage claims
 - Triggering systems → VHR, crowd-sourcing...



Session 2: global flood forecasting & modelling

DISCUSSION: International initiatives and forums.

- **Are there groups with a similar scope as this one, i.e. integration of semi-operational systems?**
- **Latest developments in**
 - US
 - EU
 - WMO
 - UN IASC



Session 3: global flood nowcasting

DISCUSSION: Flood locations.

- **What is a flood event?**
 - From response point of view
 - From hydrological point of view
- **Should floods be reported by pixel, by river, by basin or by administrative unit?**
- **Methods for spatio-temporal aggregation**
 - Raster to vector: contour lines, observation sites
 - Duration: linking events in time



Session 4: Near real-time observation

DISCUSSION: Flood detection.

- **When is a flood a flood?**
 - When is triggering needed?
 - When is a flood a humanitarian disaster?
 - Response capacity of country?
 - Flood protection and management capabilities?
- **Hydrological versus response criteria.**
 - Number of people affected
 - Extreme event: 10 year, 50 year?



Session 5: Near real-time flood mapping

DISCUSSION: Flood mapping.

- **Classification schemes**
 - Is a flood red or blue?
 - Temporal evolution of a flood (maximum extent, current extent)
- **Mapping standards**
 - Reference water layer
 - Seasonal reference water
 - Reference country borders
- **Map metadata**
 - Current practice at DFO, GMES, SAFER, UNOSAT
 - Icons for purpose and use



Session 5b: Near real-time flood mapping ***DISCUSSION: Global flood mapping,***

- **possibilities for combining systems**
 - Example: see <http://dma.jrc.it/map?application=flood>
 - Utility?
- **mechanisms for sharing data and products**
 - WMS: map service
 - KML: data + symbology
 - Shapefile: data
 - HDF, Tiff: data
- **constraints in sharing data and products**
 - License and copyright
 - Acknowledgements



Session 6: on demand very high resolution flood mapping

DISCUSSION: Triggering mechanism.

- **What are exact parameters needed for accurate and timely triggering?**
 - AOI
 - Timing
 - Cloud cover estimate
- **What systems are currently best suited?**
- **What data exchange format?**
 - GeoRSS?