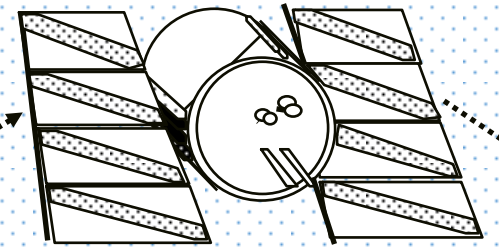
Forest Fire Monitoring



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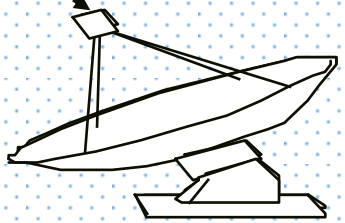

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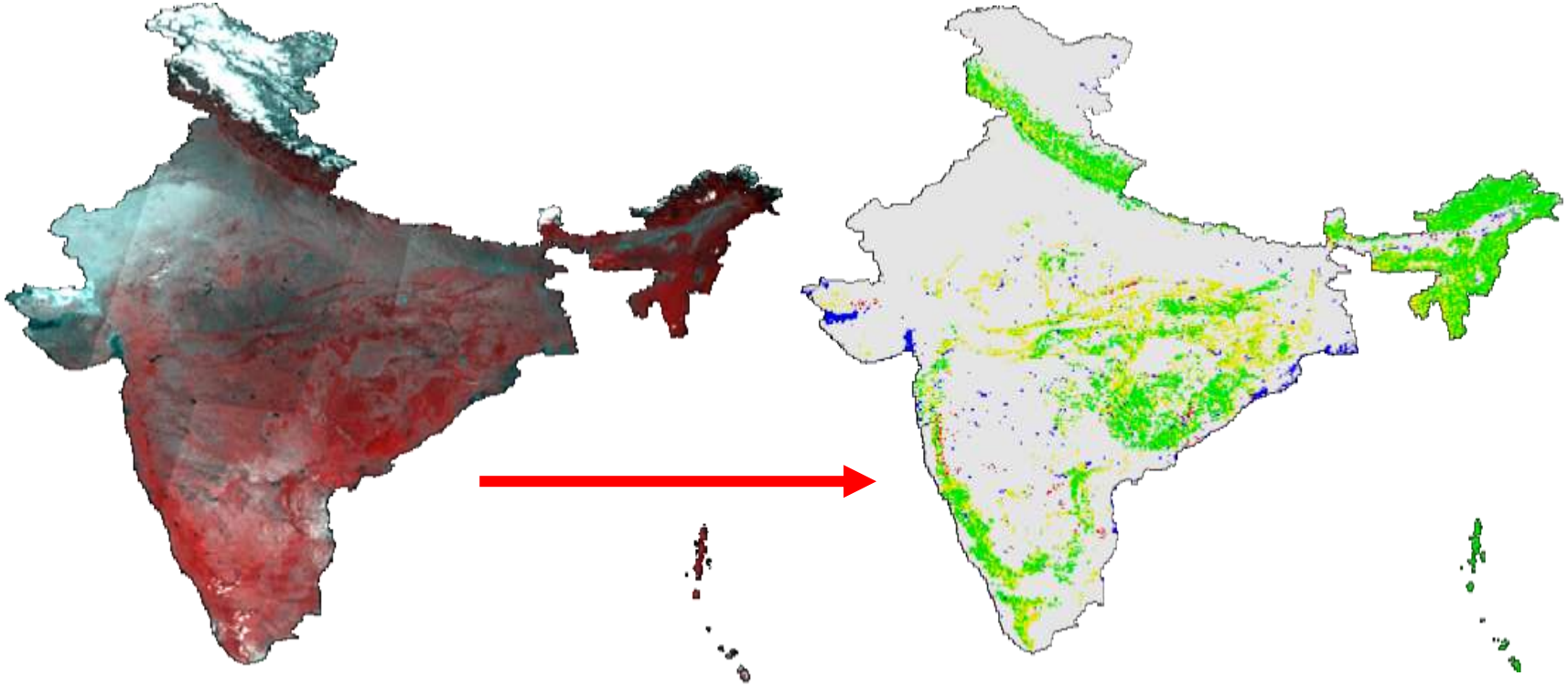
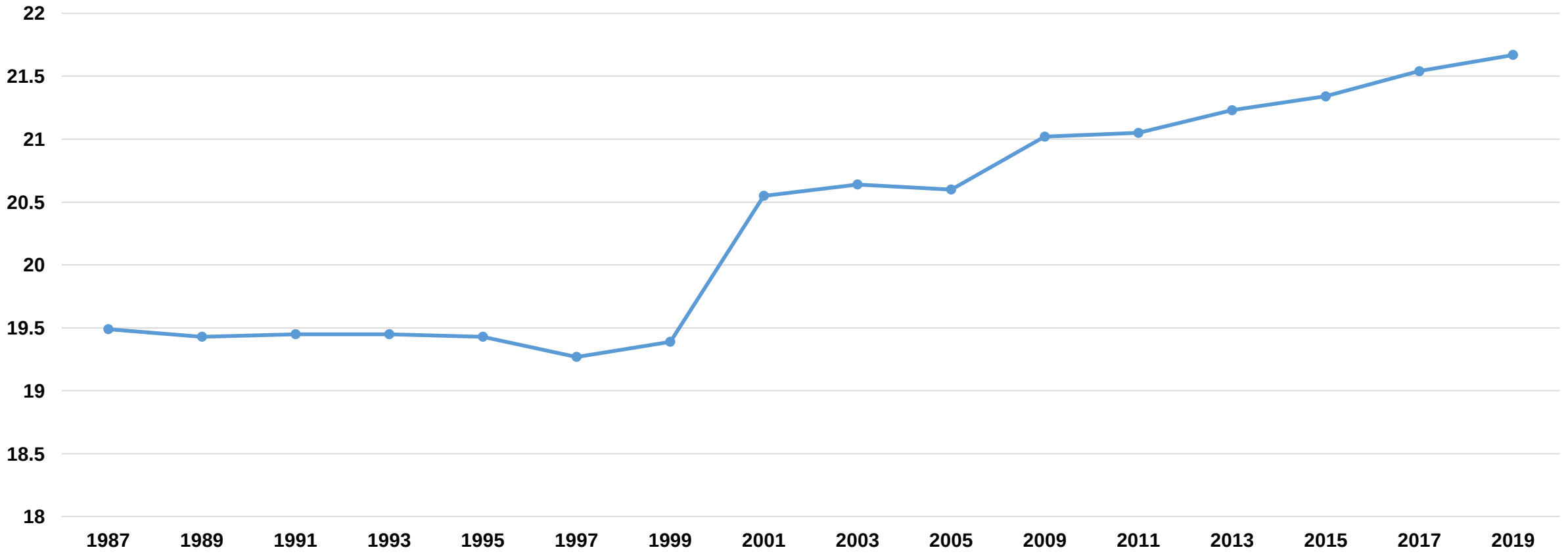


Satellite Image

Forest Cover Map based on the interpretation of Satellite Image

Forest Cover Situation in the Country since 1987

Year	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019
Forest Cover %age	19.49	19.43	19.45	19.45	19.43	19.27	19.39	20.55	20.64	20.6	21.02	21.05	21.23	21.34	21.54	21.67



Forest Fires

- One of the major cause of forest degradation
- 3.73 million ha forest areas affected annually
- Loss of valuable timber resources
- Loss of bio-diversity and extinction of rare plants and animals species
- Loss of wild-life habitat and depletion of wild-life
- Loss of natural regeneration and reduction in forest cover
- Global warming
- Soil erosion affecting productivity of soils and production

Some of the Impacts of Forest Fires

- Ozone layer depletion
- Health problems leading to diseases
- Loss of livelihood for the tribals and rural poor

Forest Fires in India- Some Facts

- According to the India State of Forest Report,2019 the estimated fire prone area under extremely, very high, highly and moderately fire prone is 3.89%, 6.01% and 11.50% and 14.70% respectively.

- Total forest fire prone area within the recorded forest area in the above category is 36.10%.

- The extent of forest area annually experiencing surface fire which affects ground flora and organic matter is estimated to be 3.69 % of the recorded forest area.(ISFR 2013)

Forest Fires in India- Some Facts…

- Separate Studies carried out have shown that 54.7% of India's forests are prone to forest fire of which 9.2% are affected by frequent fires whereas 45.5% by occasional fires-study by MoEF&CC

- Further, about 2.3% of the total forest of the country is found to be affected by forest fire annually-FSI

In one of the study carried out by FSI in year 1999, about 22.6% of the total forest in Uttarakhand was affected by forest fires

- **There is a necessity for measures to curtail the impacts of forest fires…?**

Methods could be :

- **Real Time Monitoring of forest fires**
- **Pre- warning for forest regions/ Early-warning**
- **Burnt Area Impact Assessment**

Forest Fire Scenario in India

- Most fires are man-made (intentional and unintentional)
- NTFP collection, pasture burning, shifting cultivation, encroachment
- Most are ground fires affecting the ground vegetation and lower storey
- Lack of modern fire fighting methods; put out by state forest departments with the help of locals
- Many areas are annually affected in Western Himalayas, North Eastern States, Central highlands
- Pine Forests and deciduous forest types are mostly affected

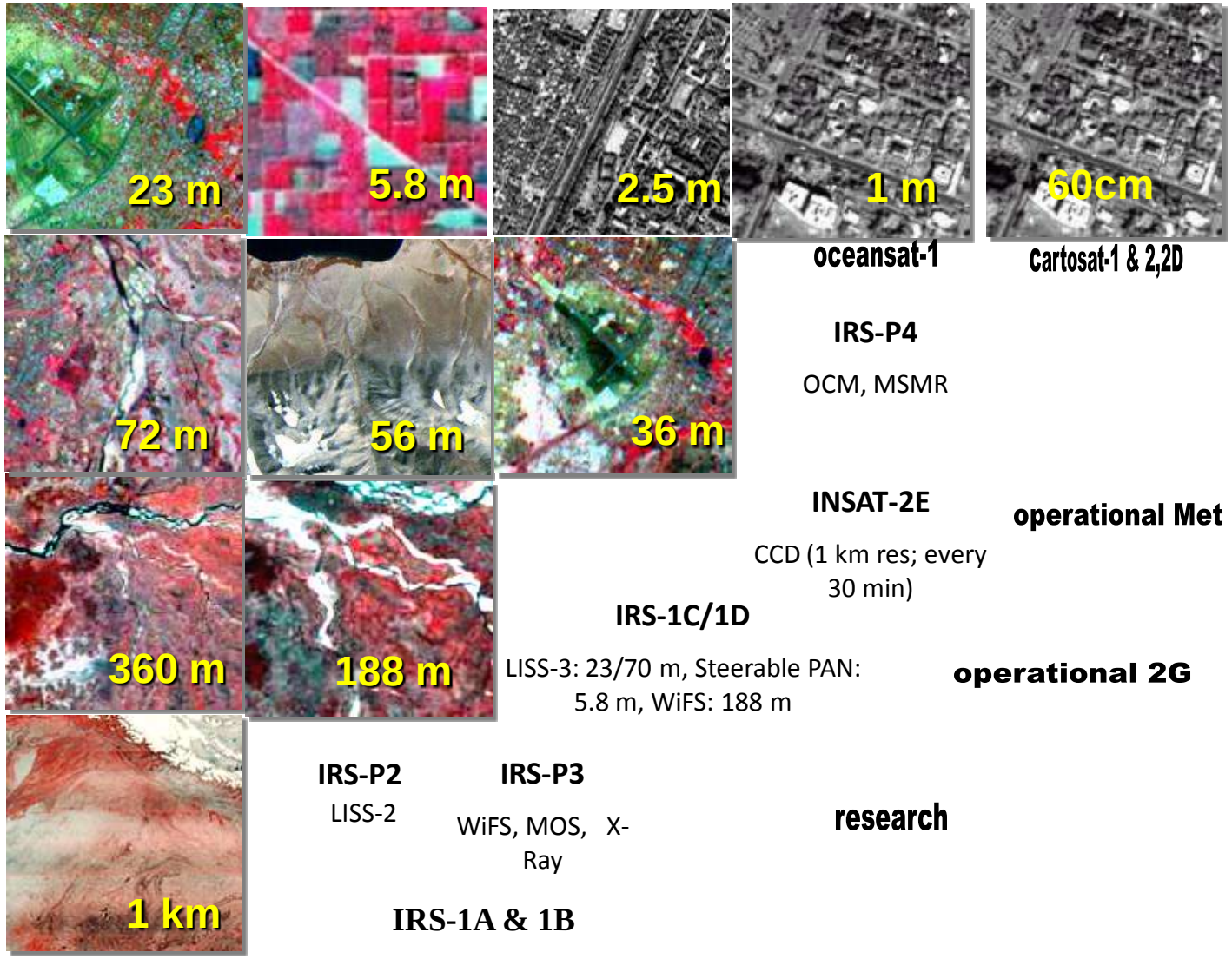
Forest Fire Statistics

1995 - 8.90% heavily affected; 44.2% mildly affected;

2015 - 9.89% heavily affected; 54.40% mildly affected;

~ 20,000 sq kms area burnt under severe forest fire

INDIAN SATELLITE IMAGING SYSTEMS – EVOLUTION



RS-D1
experimental
BHASKARA 1 /2

IRS-1A & 1B

LISS-1&2: 72/36 m, 4 Bands, VIS & NIR

operational-1G

IRS-P2
LISS-2

IRS-P3
WiFS, MOS, X-Ray

research

IRS-1C/1D

LISS-3: 23/70 m, Steerable PAN: 5.8 m, WiFS: 188 m

operational 2G

INSAT-2E

CCD (1 km res; every 30 min)

operational Met

IRS-P4

OCM, MSMR

oceansat-1

Cartosat-1 & 2,2D

resourcesat-1

IRS-P5

PAN : 2.5 m Fore +26° Aft: -5°

IRS-P6

LISS-3: 23 m, 4 XS, LISS-4: 5.8 m, 3-XS, AWiFS: 56 m, 4-XS

Data at different spatial resolutions in identical spectral bands

High Repetivity/Revisit

Specific narrow bands (High S/N)

High Spatial Resolution (PAN) & Stereo Capability

Observations over land, ocean and atmosphere

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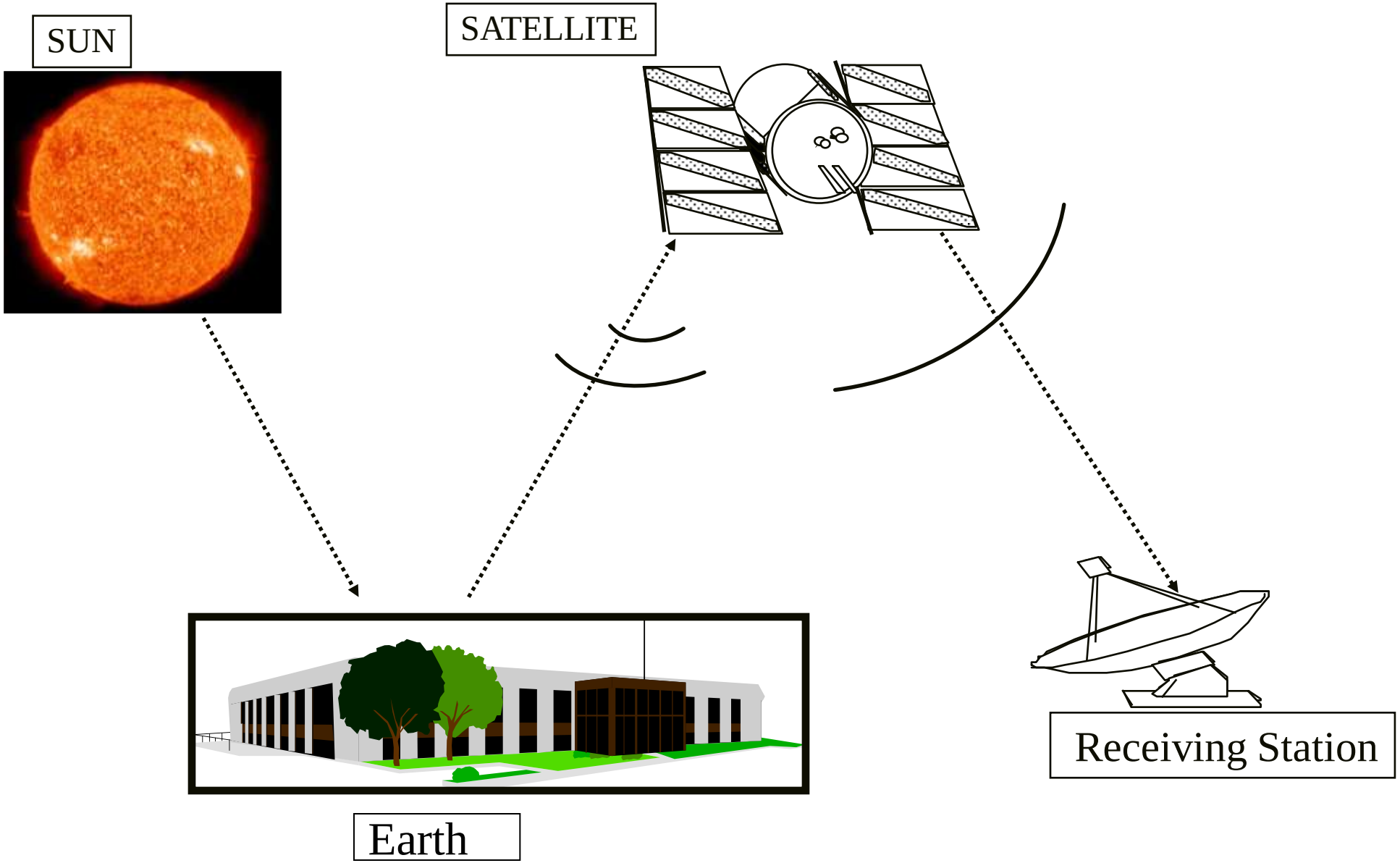
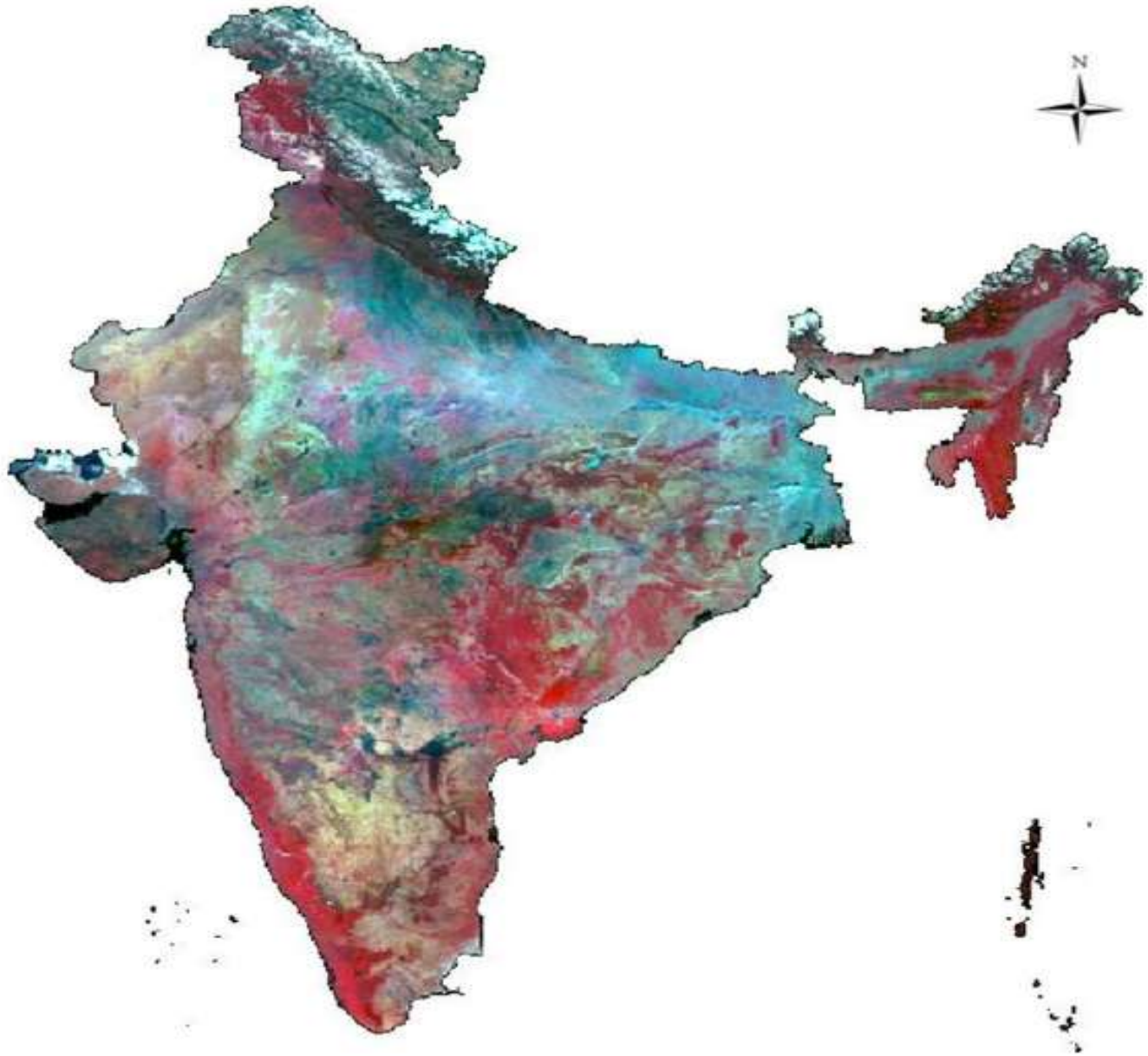
REMOTE SENSING

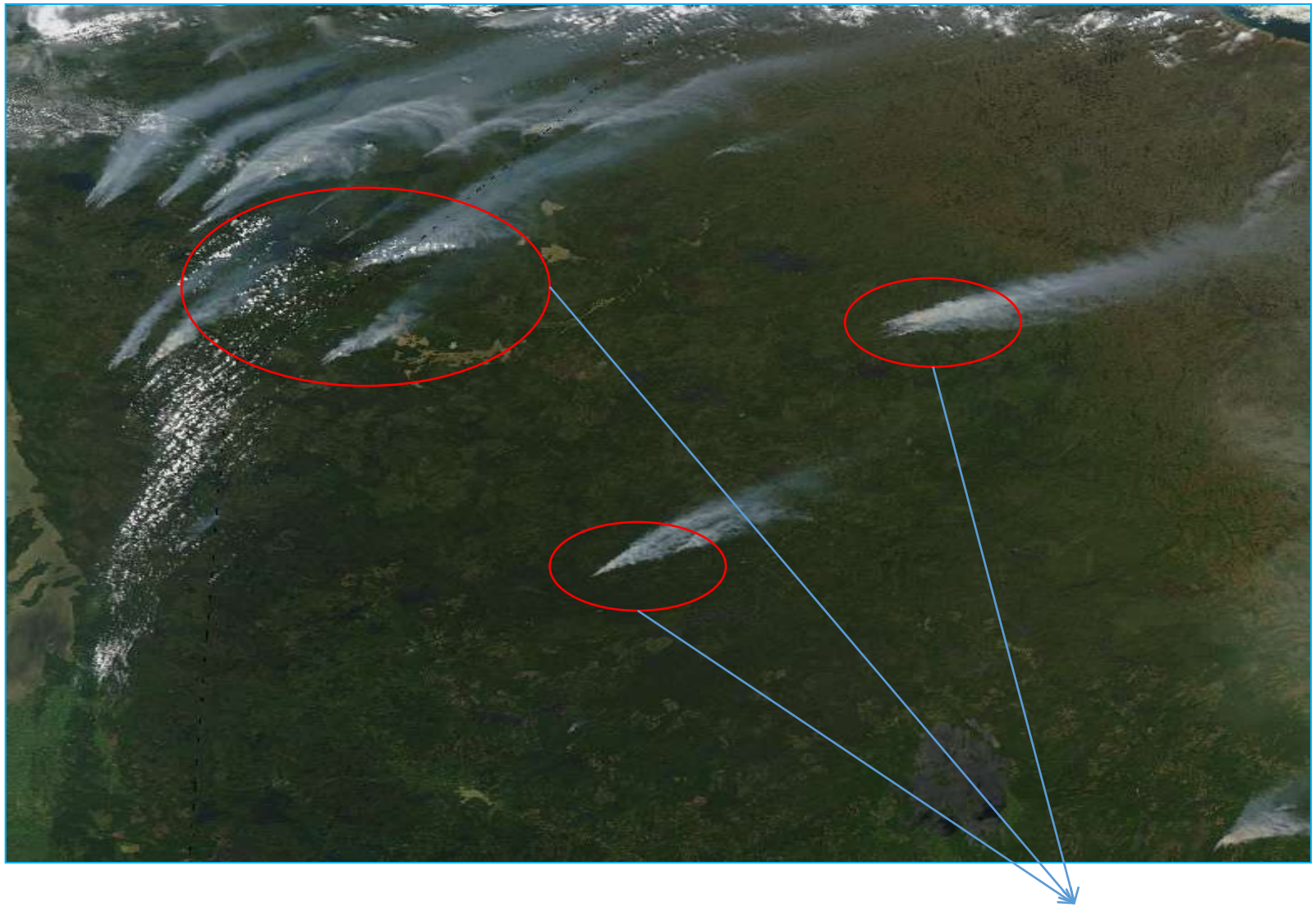




India as viewed from satellite
(False Color Composite image from AWiFS)

Satellite Remote Sensing in Forest Fire Management- some examples

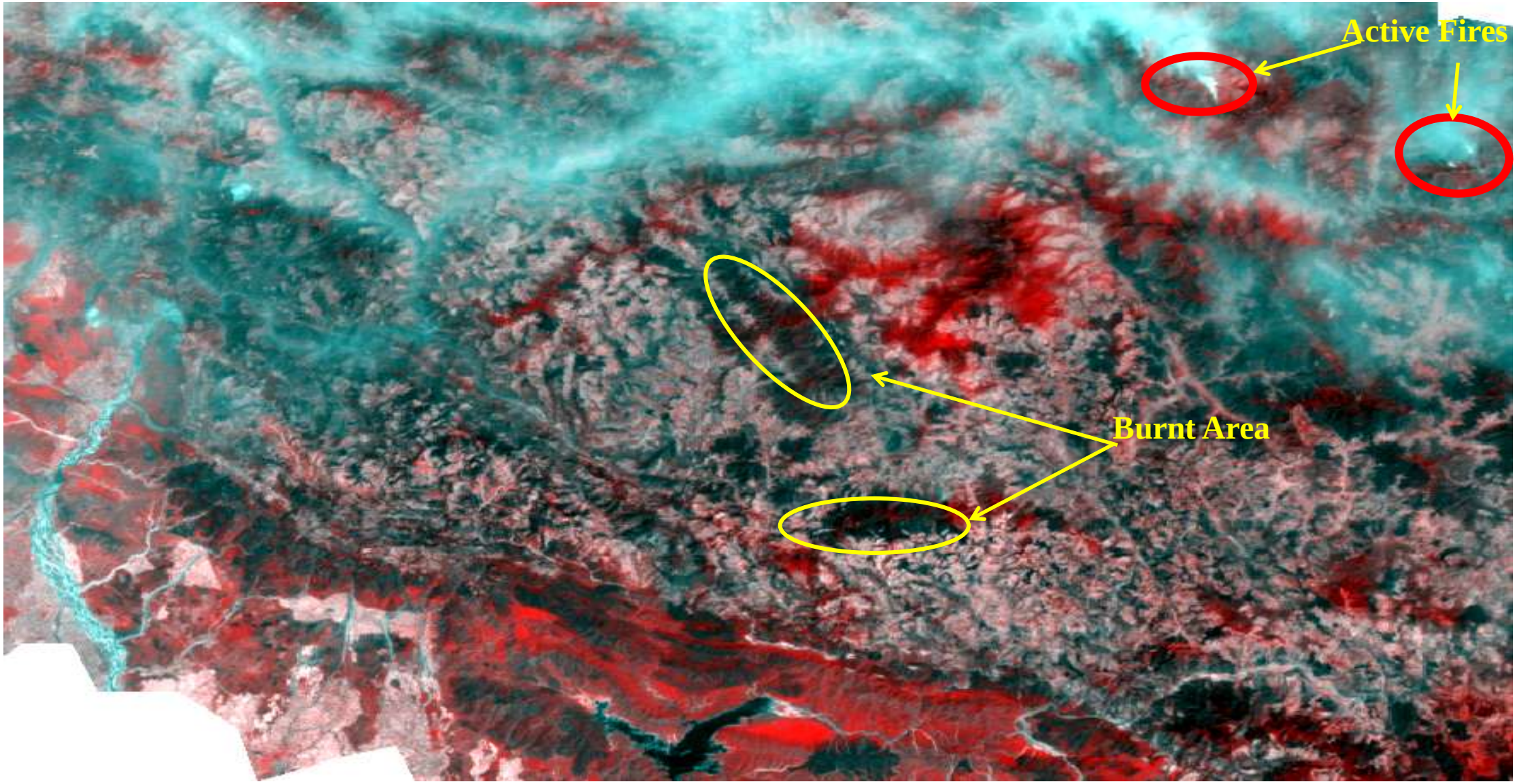
Active Forest Fires Seen on MODIS Image



Particulars Of MODIS

MODIS (or Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) is a key instrument on-board the Terra (EOS AM) and Aqua (EOS PM) satellites providing data for the major part of the country every six(6) hours

Fire Affected Area- Monitoring using Indian Remote Sening Satellite-AWiFS



FIRE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Role of Technology in Fire Management

Forest fire studies- some initiatives in FSI

- Burnt area assessment for Uttarakhand during state the wild fires of years - 1995 and 1999
- Near Real Time Monitoring of Forest Fires (Nov 2004-2011)
- Real time forest fire monitoring (2012 onwards) in collaboration with NRSC/ISRO
- Forest fire vulnerability assessment at country level using fire points, and other parameters including forest cover and forest types, rainfall, poverty index(2012)
- Burnt area assessment for Maharashtra(2014)
- Pre warning alert system for forest fires(2016)
- Burnt area assessment for the country for 2015 and 2016
- Large Fire Monitoring Programme(2019)
- Creation of a Forest Fire Portal(Van Agni)
- Target mapping of extent and damages caused by large forest fires(In collaboration with ICFRE on pilot basis)

Role of Technology in Forest Fire Management

- Pre-Warning Alert System for Forest Fires
- Real time Monitoring of Forest Fires
- Near Real Time Burnt Area Assessment
- Fire Risk Zonation Mapping
- Vulnerability Assessment of India's Forest to Fires
- Hazard Zonation Modeling and Mapping
- Large Forest Fire Monitoring System

Near Real Time Monitoring of Forest Fires

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Alerts to Fire fighters

Feedback to SFD's and FSI

Signals Transmitted to Earth Station

Data Receiving Station (NRSC)

Data Processing Centre

FAST 3.0

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Dissemination

ArcGIS

Automated Processing

FSI van Agni Geo-portal

Near Real Time

Large Forest Fire

EMAIL

SMS

Email Alerts to states nodal officers

SMS alerts to Subscriber

Information Dissemination at Beat Level

FOREST FILTER MECHANISM

Sl No	State	Recorded Forest Area (RFA)/Forest Cover Map(FCM)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	RFA
2	GOA	RFA
3	HARYANA	RFA
4	MADHYA PRADESH	RFA
5	TAMIL NADU	RFA
6	TELANGANA	RFA
7	WEST BENGAL	RFA
8	CHHATTISGARH	RFA+FCM
9	ODISHA	RFA+FCM
10	UTTARAKHAND	RFA+FCM
11	BIHAR	FCM
12	GUJARAT	FCM
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	FCM
14	JHARKHAND	FCM
15	KARNATAKA	FCM
16	KERALA	FCM
17	MAHARASHTRA	FCM
18	MANIPUR	FCM
19	MEGHALAYA	FCM
20	MIZORAM	FCM
21	PUNJAB	FCM
22	TRIPURA	FCM

SMS Subscription Details

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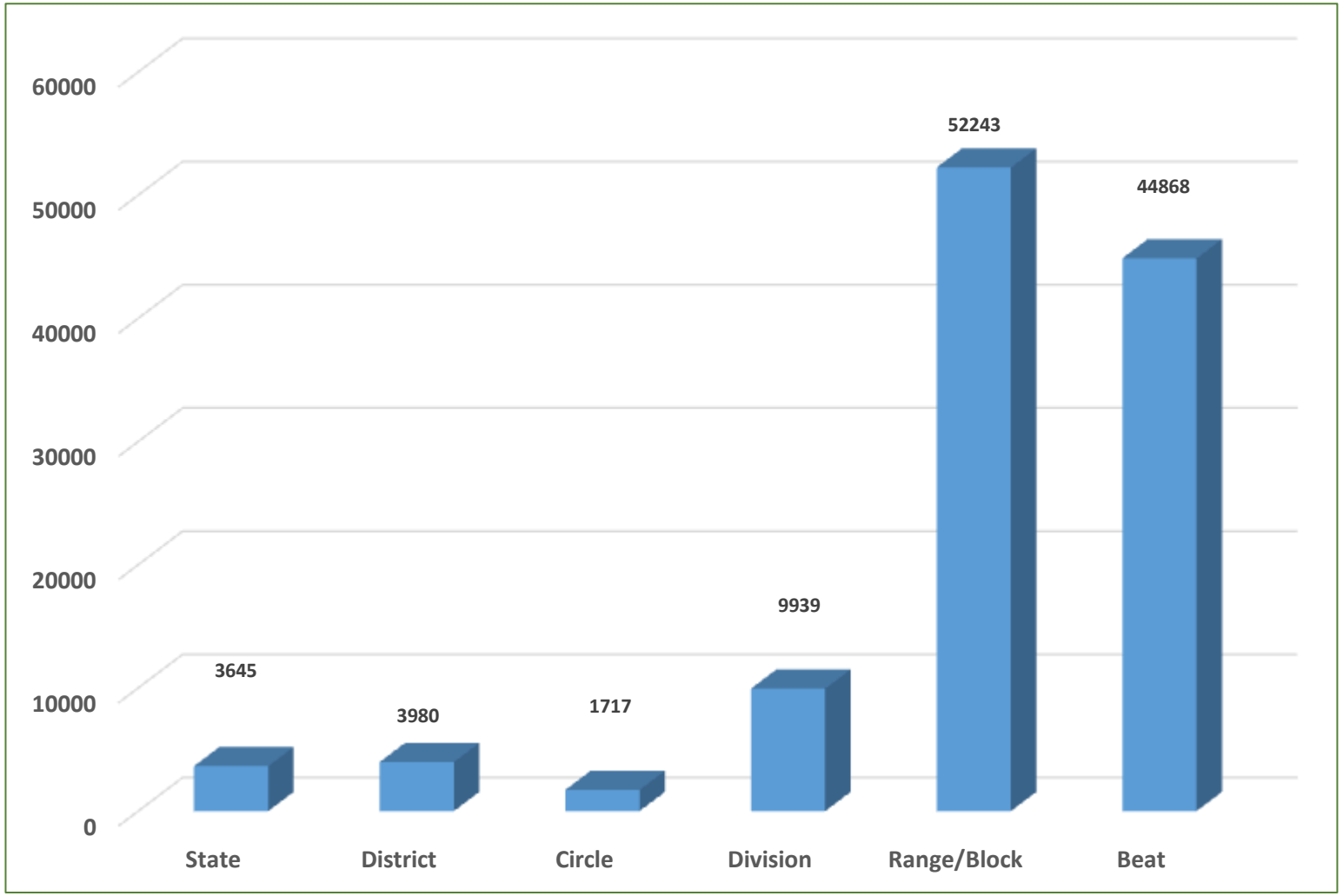
Circle	1717
Division	9939
Range/Block	52243
Beat	44868
Total	116392



EXAMPLE OF EMAIL ALERT

KMZ & CSV FILE OF FOREST FIRE POLYGONS OF SNPP__20190222_1334_CHHATISGARH.csv', 'SNPP__20190222_1334_CHHATISGARH.kmz

forestfiremonitoring@gmail.com 3:14 PM (1 hour ago)

to draboaz, maniiyer1958, dfonpur1, abhishek.choudhery23

Sir/Madam,
Please find enclosed the fire polygons of CHHATISGARH as a KMZ file attachment.
KMZ file is google earth compatible and would be uploaded automatically on google earth.
The CSV file with details such as Latitude, Longitude of centroid of fire pixel along with available administrative attributes are also attached.

With Regards,
Forest Fire Monitoring Team,
Forest Survey of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun- 248195.
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2 Attachments

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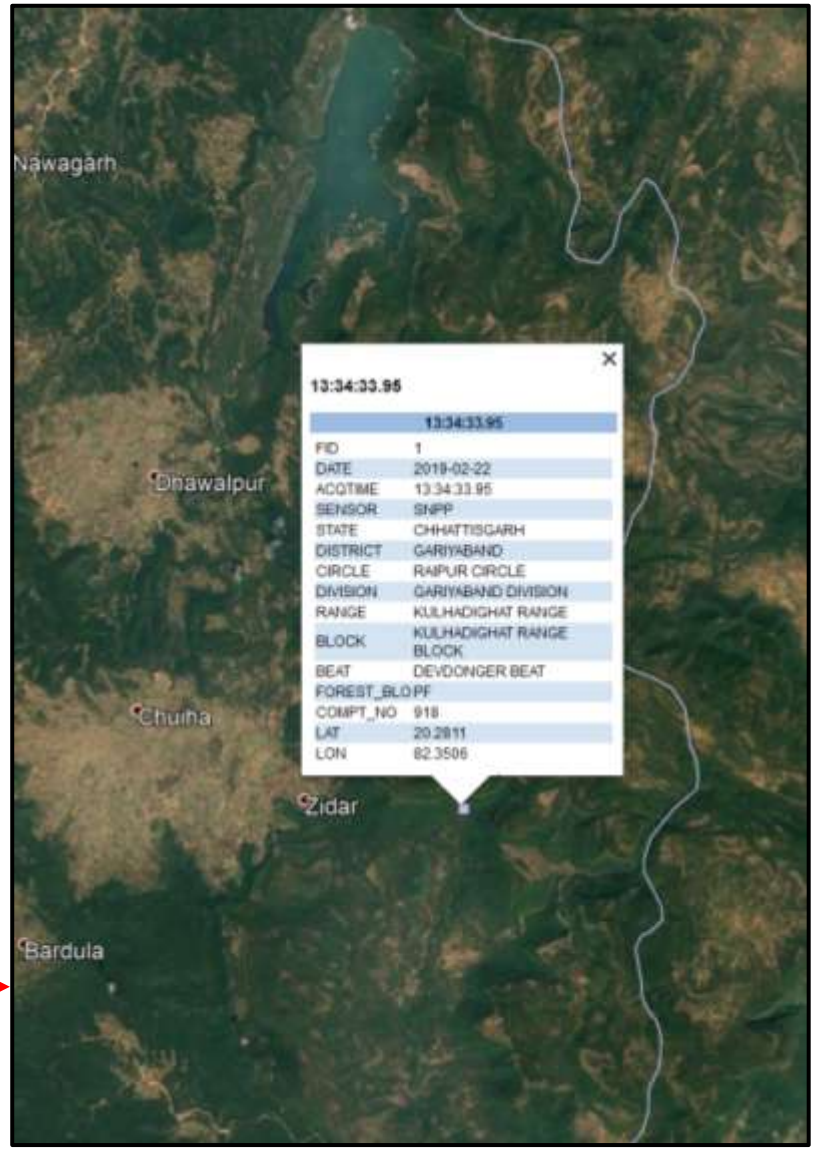

DATE	ACQTIME	SENSOR	LON (DD)	LAT (DD)	LON (DD MM SS)	LAT (DD MM SS)	STATE	DISTRICT	CIRCLE	DIVISION	RANGE	BLOCK	BEAT	FOREST BLOCK	COMPT NO
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22-02-2019	13:34:33	SNPP	82.3506	20.2811	82° 21' 02"E	20° 16' 51"N	CHHATTISGARH	GARIYABAND	RAIPUR CIRCLE	GARIYABAND DIVISION	KULHADIGHAT RANGE	KULHADIGHAT RANGE BLOCK	DEVDONGER BEAT	PF	918
22-02-2019	13:34:33	SNPP	83.1022	21.5517	83° 06' 07"E	21° 33' 06"N	CHHATTISGARH	RAIGARH	BILASPUR CIRCLE	RAIGARH DIVISION	SARANGGARH GOMARDA RANGE	SARANGGARH GOMARDA RANGE BLOCK	KAWLAJHAR BEAT	PF	886
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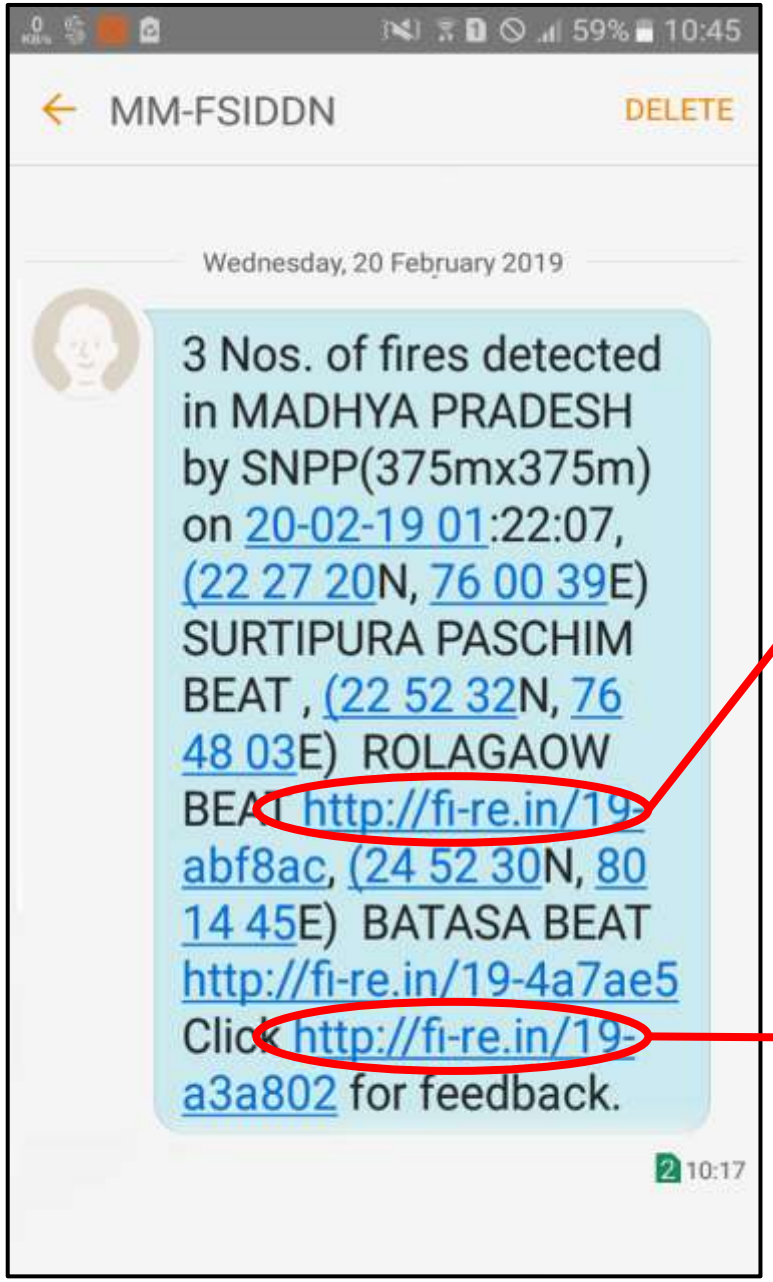

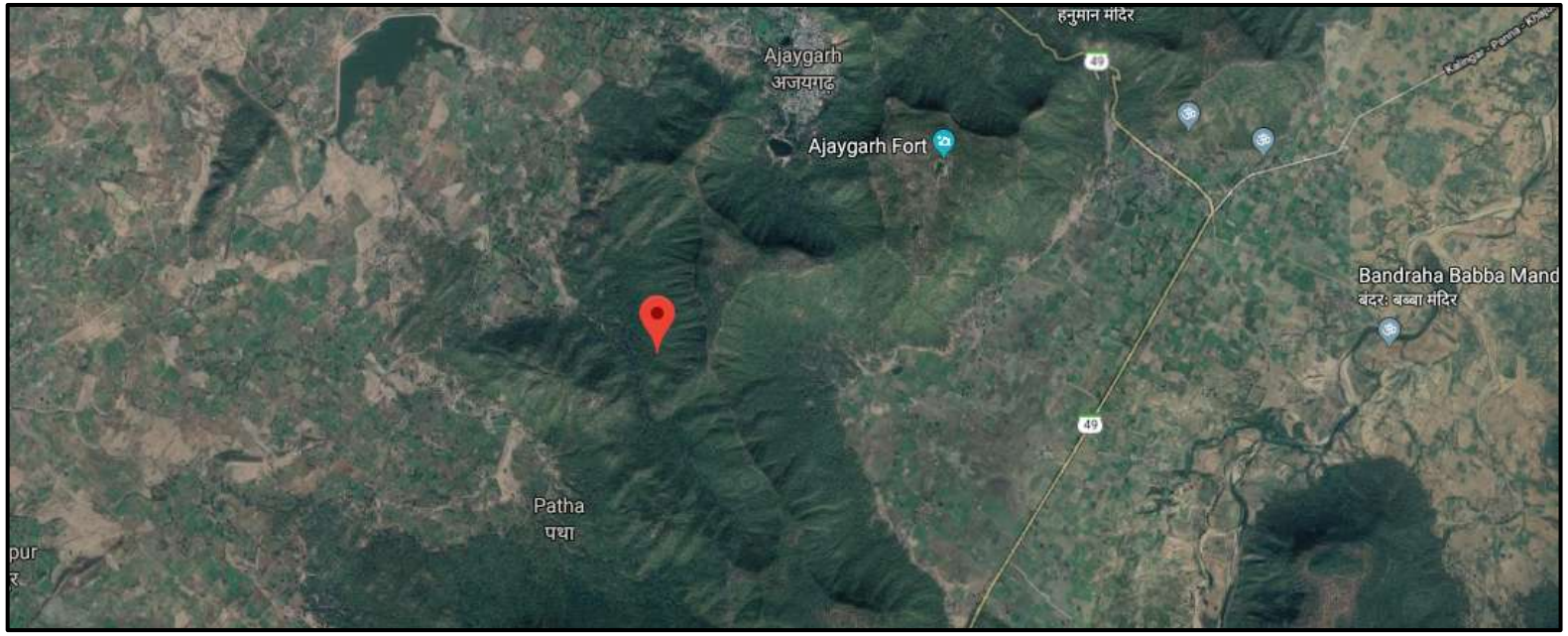

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2	22 52 32 N / 76 48 03 E State: MADHYA PRADESH District: SEHORE Circle: BHOPAL CIRCLE Division: SEHORE DIVISION Range: ASHTA RANGE Block: ASHTA RANGE BLOCK Beat: ROLAGAOW BEAT Compt. No.: 169 Source: SNPP	Yes	Forest Land Ground Fire	Agriculture	Area in Hectres Remarks

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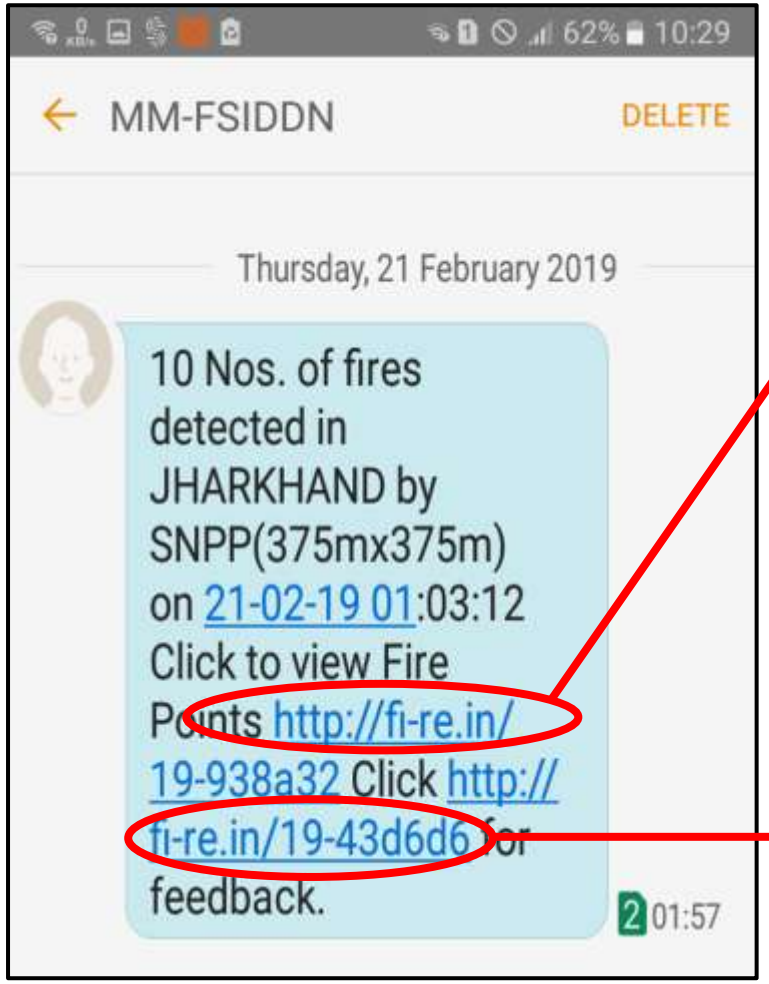

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4.	21-02-2019	01:03:12	24 03 38 N	87 04 16 E	SNPP	JHARKHAND	JAMTARA	DEOGHAR CIRCLE Division: JAMTARA DIVISION Range: KUNDHIT RANGE Block: KUNDHIT RANGE Beat: DHASANIYA BEAT
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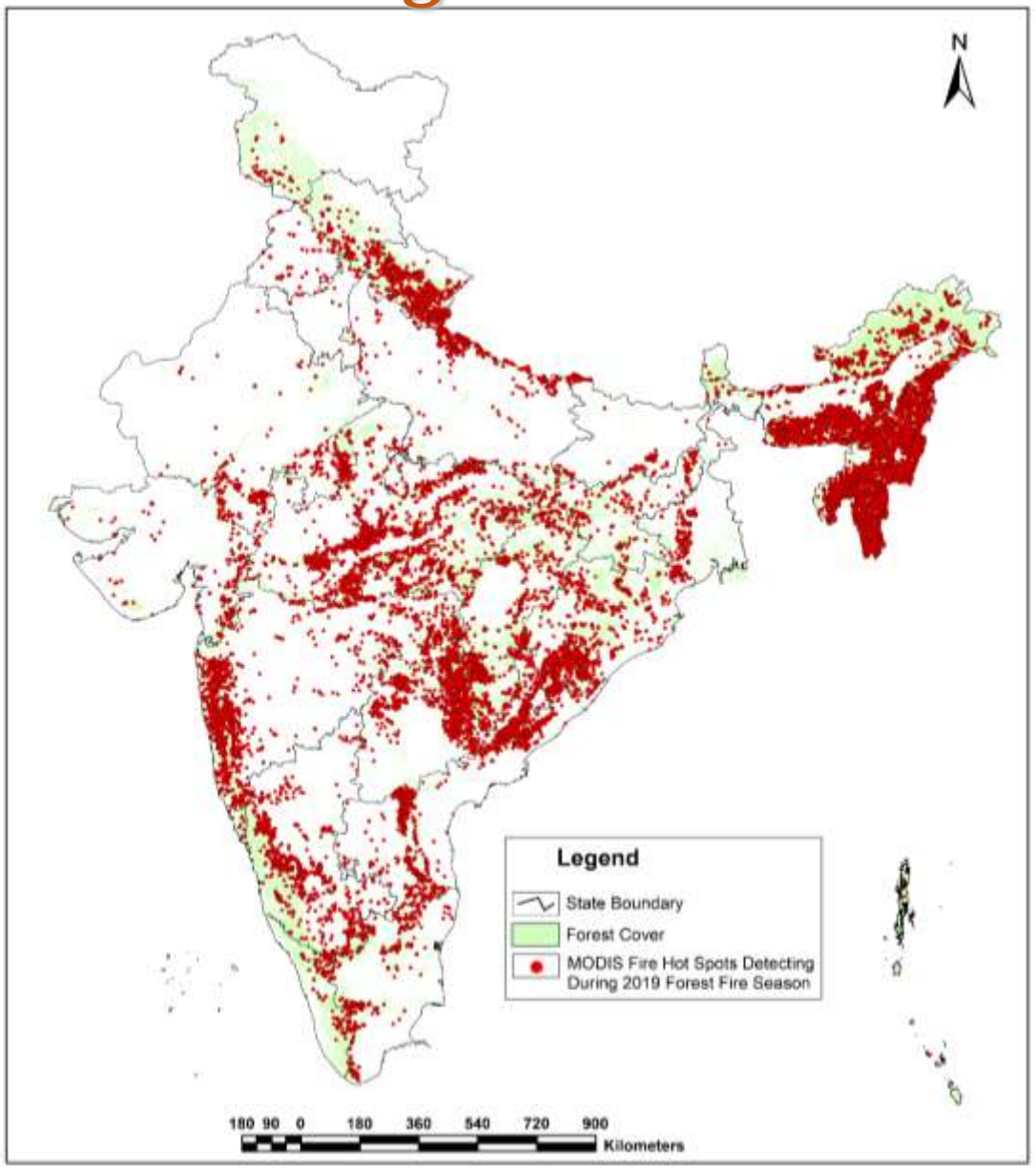
Map showing MODIS Forest Fire detections by Forest Survey of India During 2019 Forest fire season



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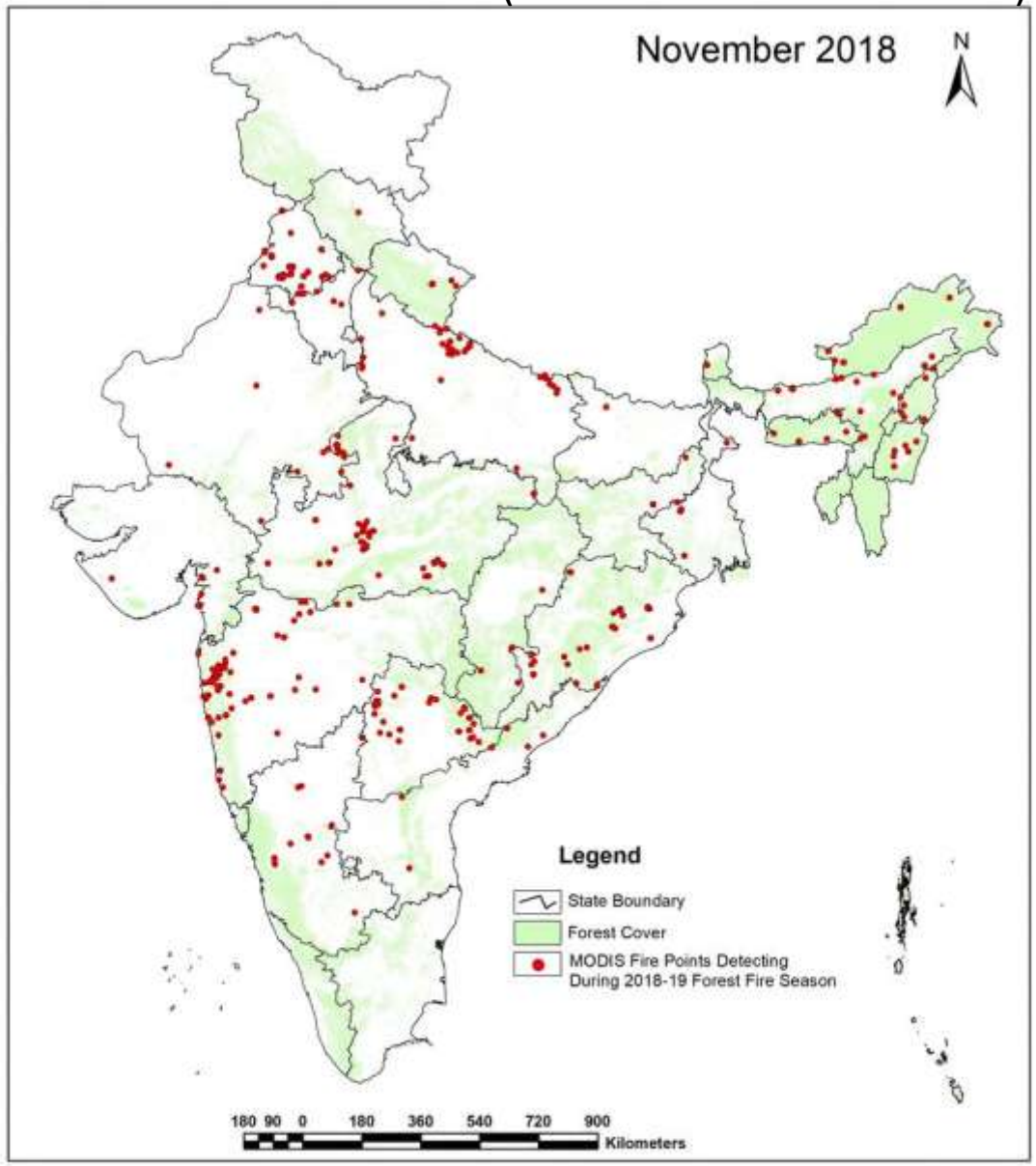

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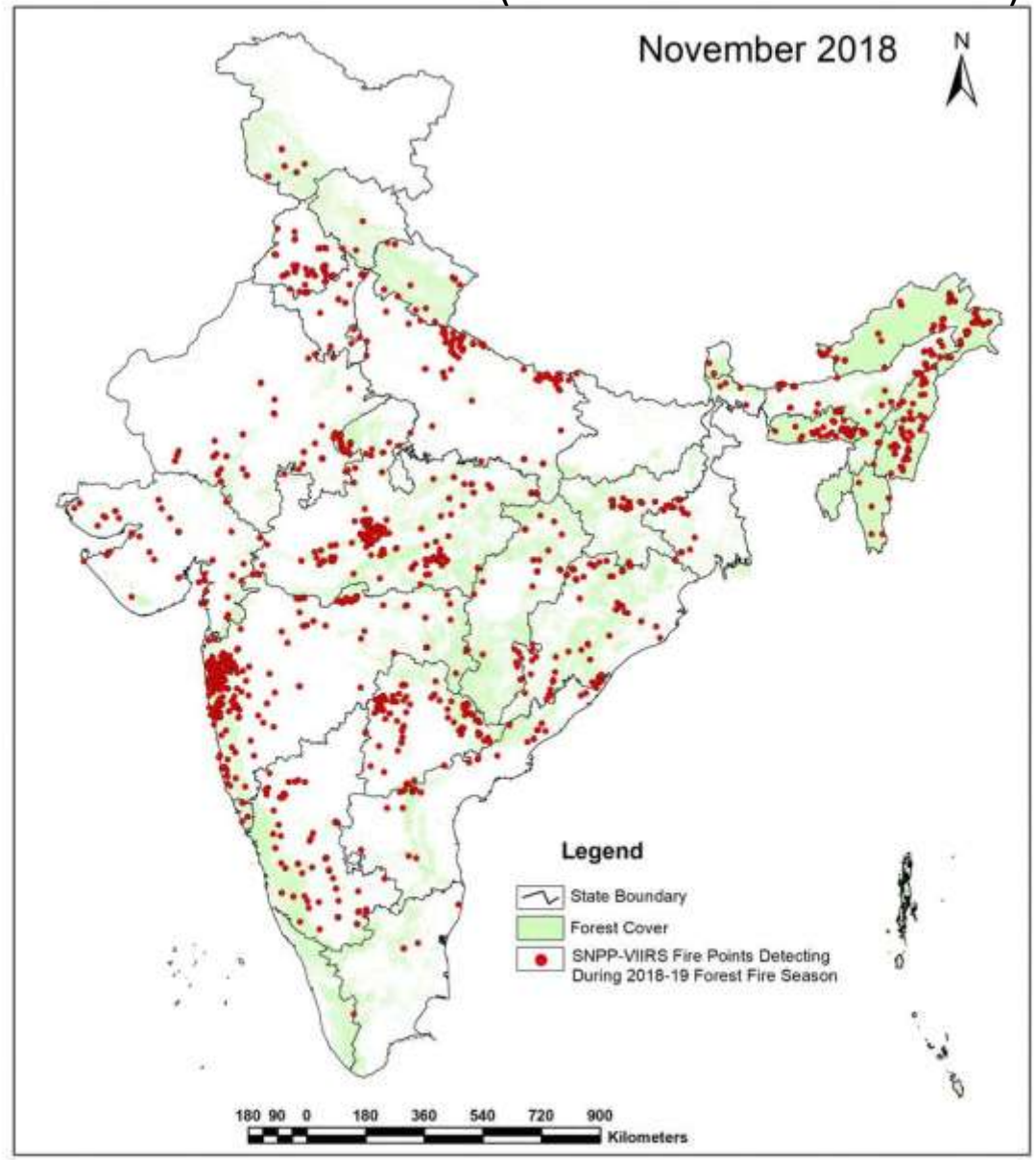

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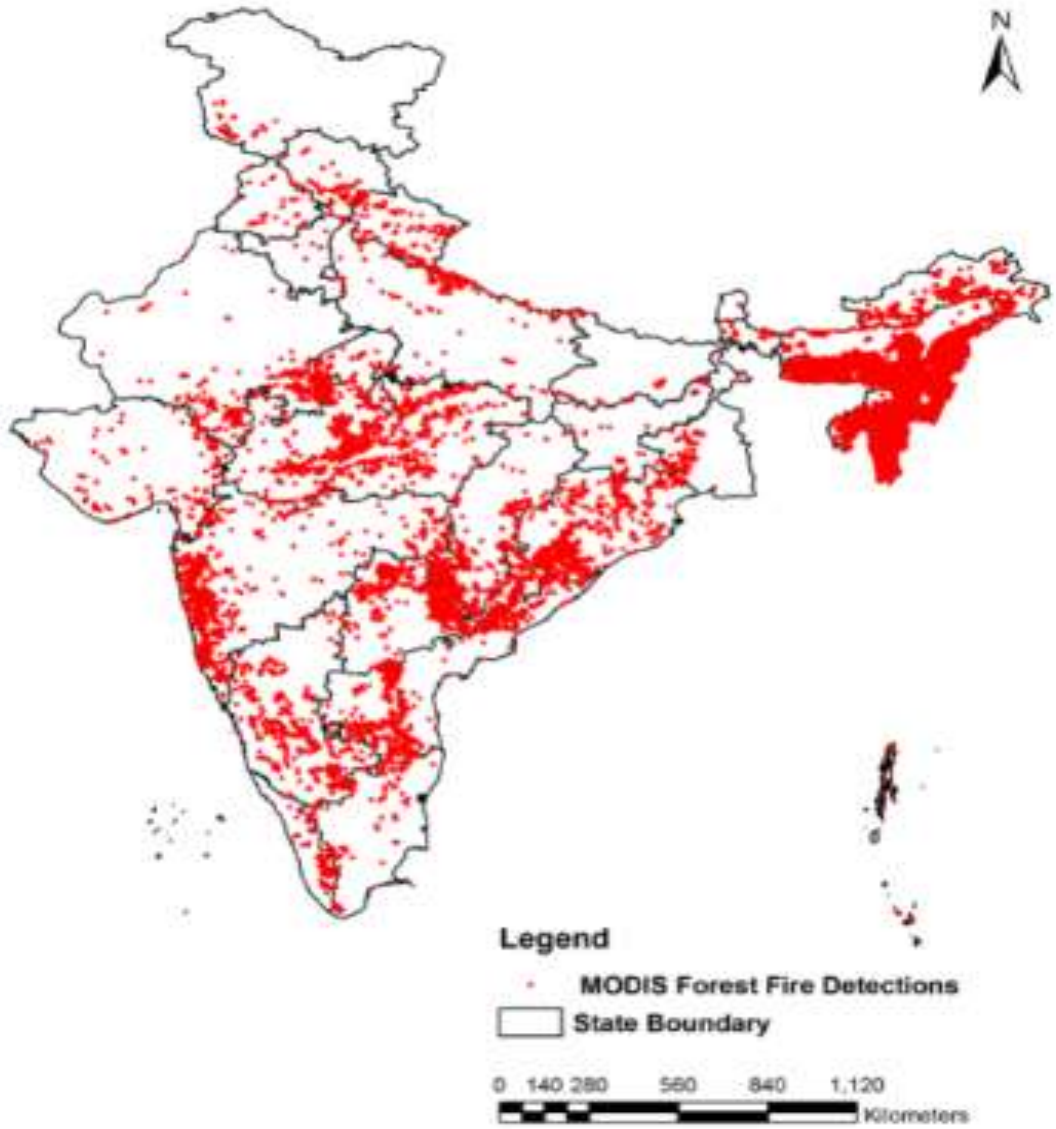

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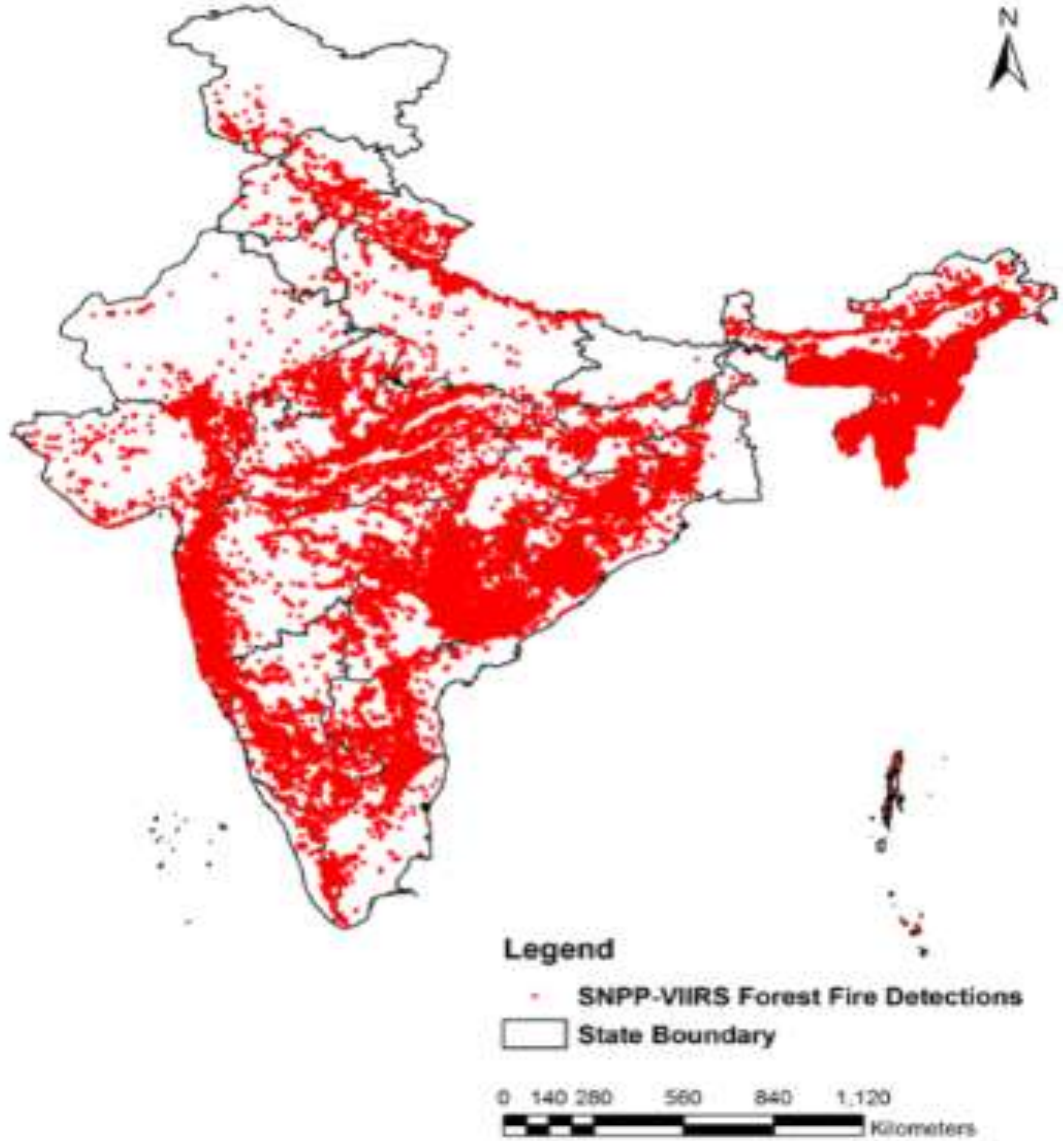

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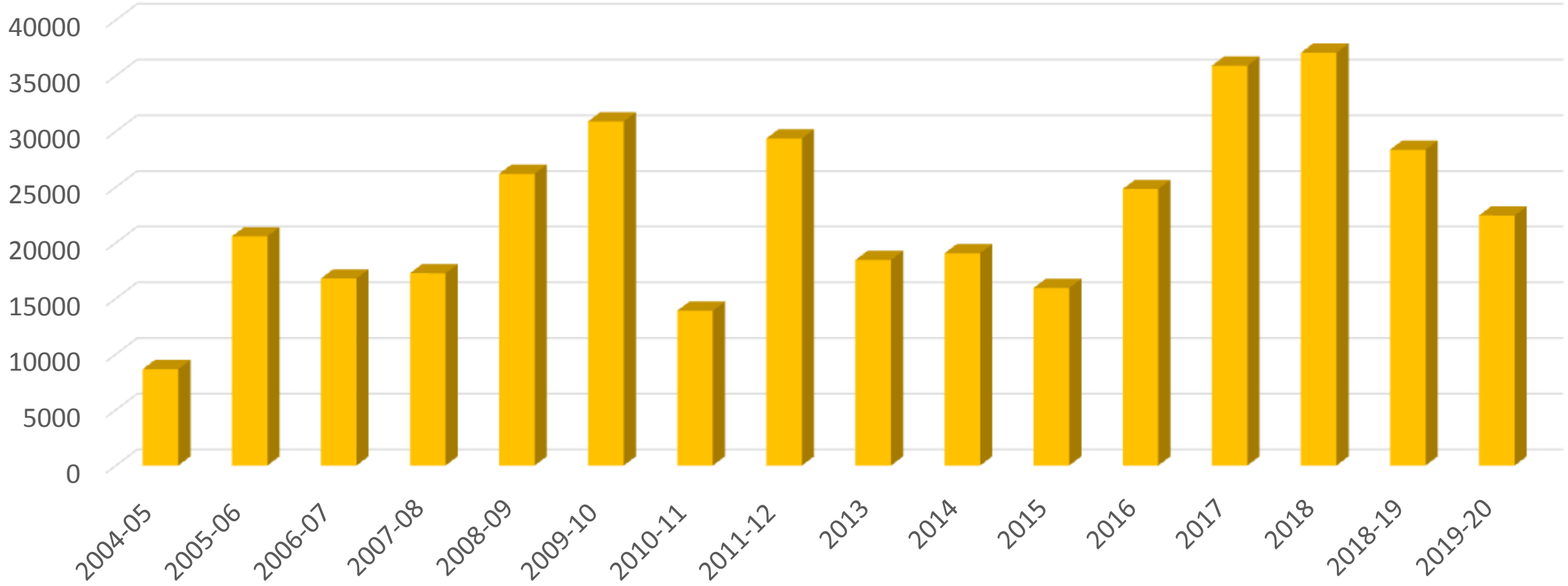

Near Real time of Detection of Forest Fire Using MODIS Data: Since 2004

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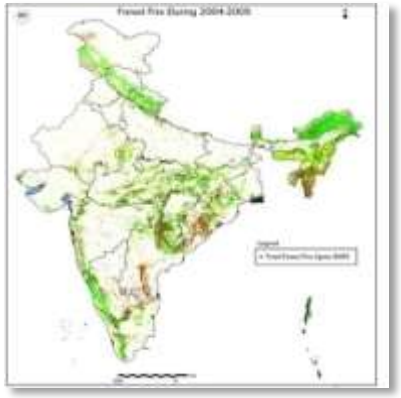

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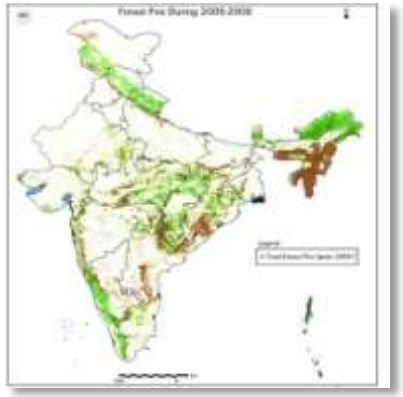
Year - 2005-2006



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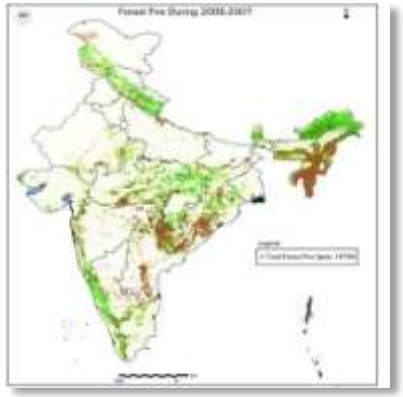

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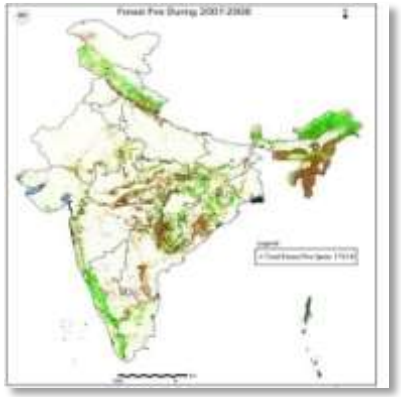

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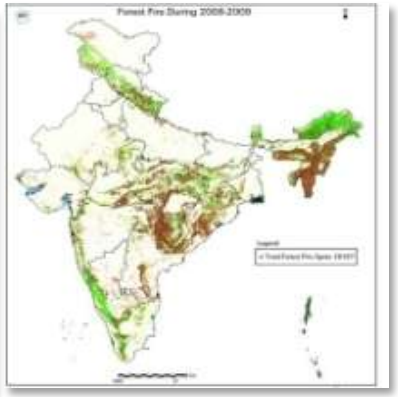

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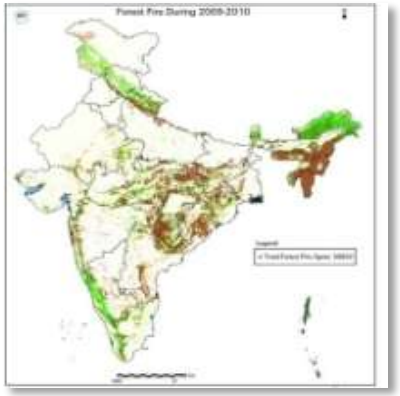

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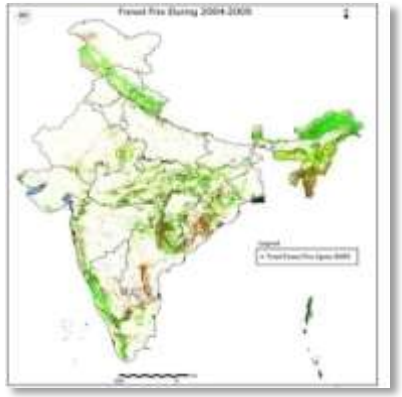

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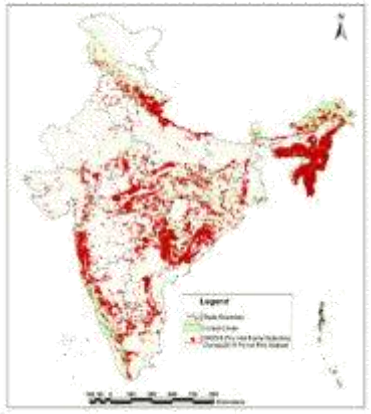

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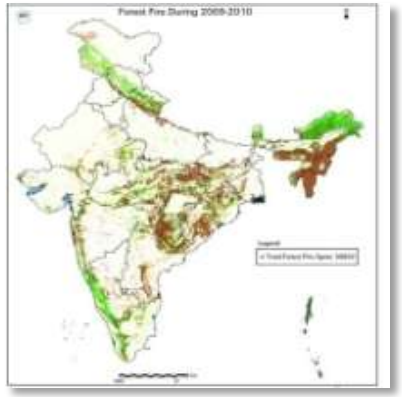

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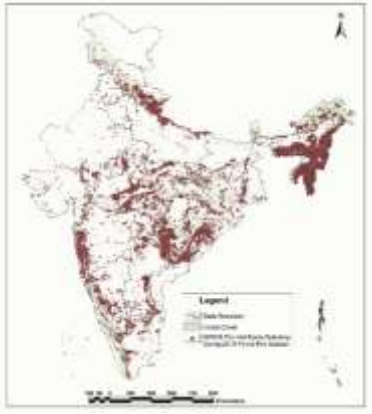

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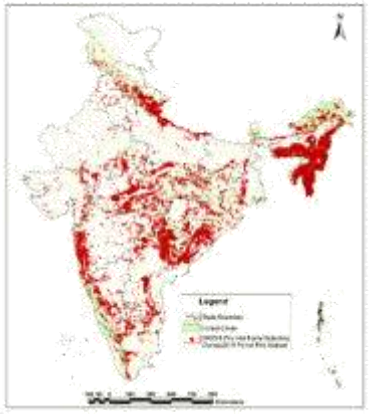

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Near Real time of Detection of Forest Fire Using MODIS Data: Since 2004 …

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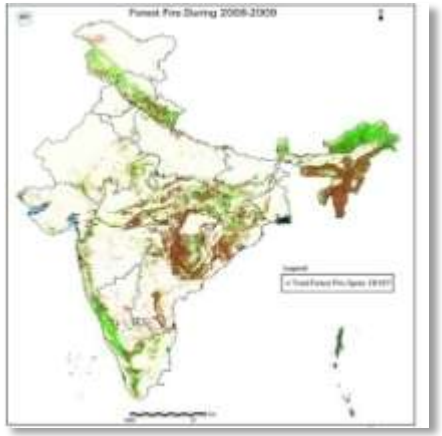

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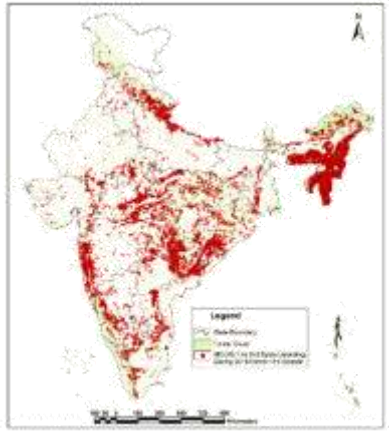

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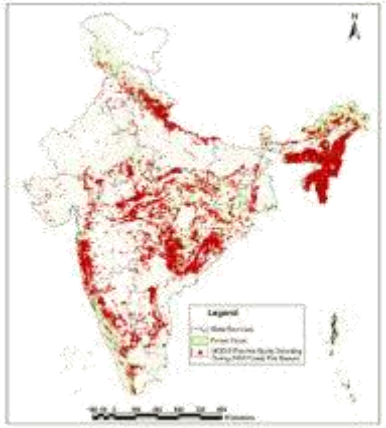

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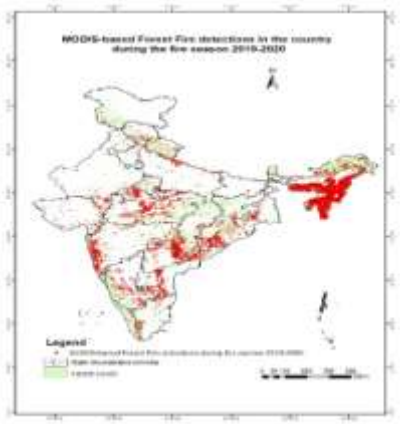

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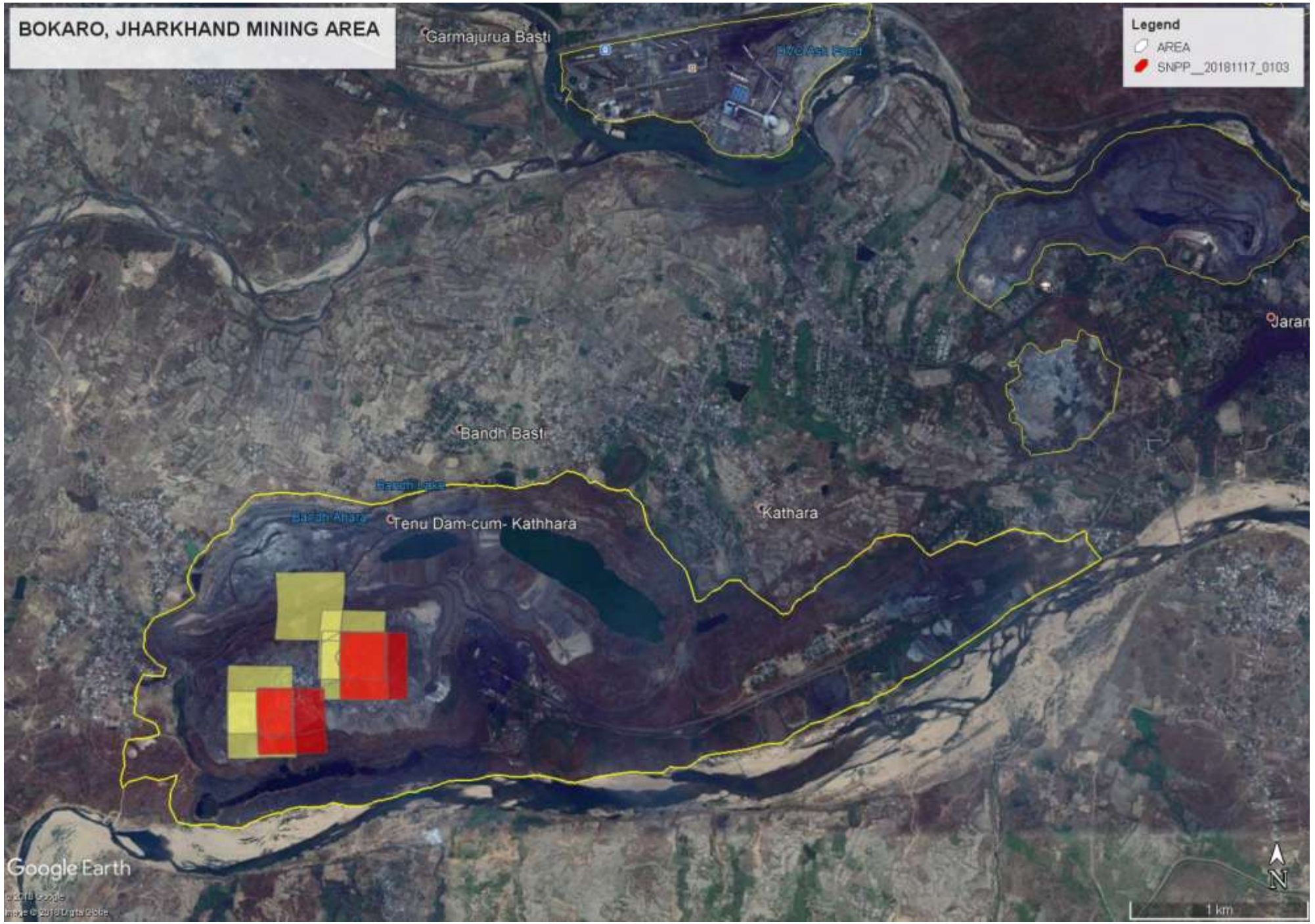
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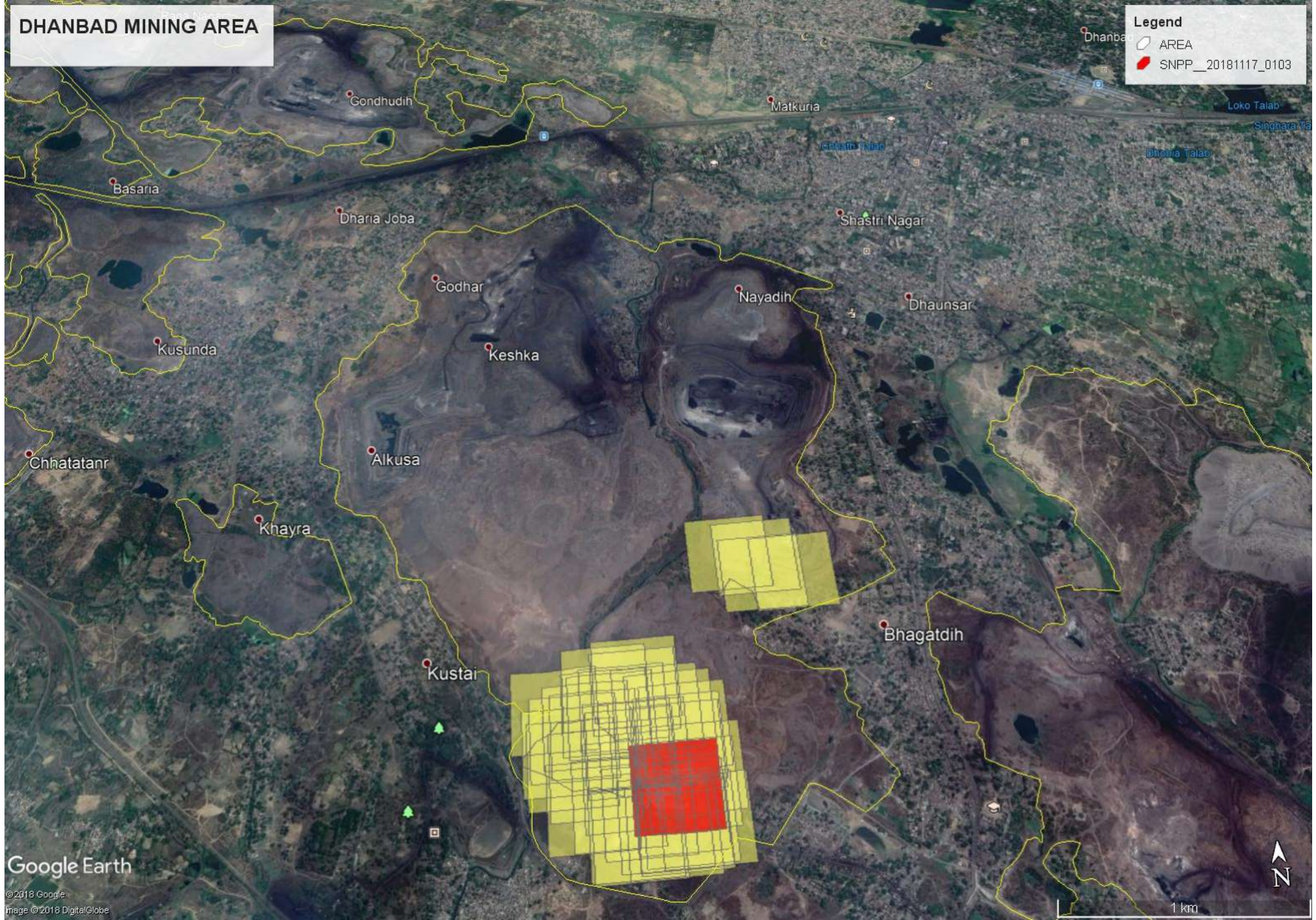
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STATE WISE MINING, INDUSTRIAL & VOLCANIC ACTIVITIES LOCATED BY SNPP-VIIRS 375m

STATE NAME	MINING AREA	INDUSTRIAL AREA	VOLCANIC ACTIVITY
JHARKHAND	42	4	
ODISHA	9	16	
MADHYA PRADESH	2	6	
CHHATTISGARH	2	12	
UTTAR PRADESH	3	5	
MAHARASHTRA	4	4	
TAMIL NADU	2	0	
TELANGANA	3	1	
GUJARAT	0	6	
KARNATAKA	0	1	
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	1	
WEST BENGAL	2	10	
ANDHRA PRADESH	0	1	
ASSAM	0	5	
RAJASTHAN	0	1	
KERALA	0	2	
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND (UT)	0	0	1

Feedback System

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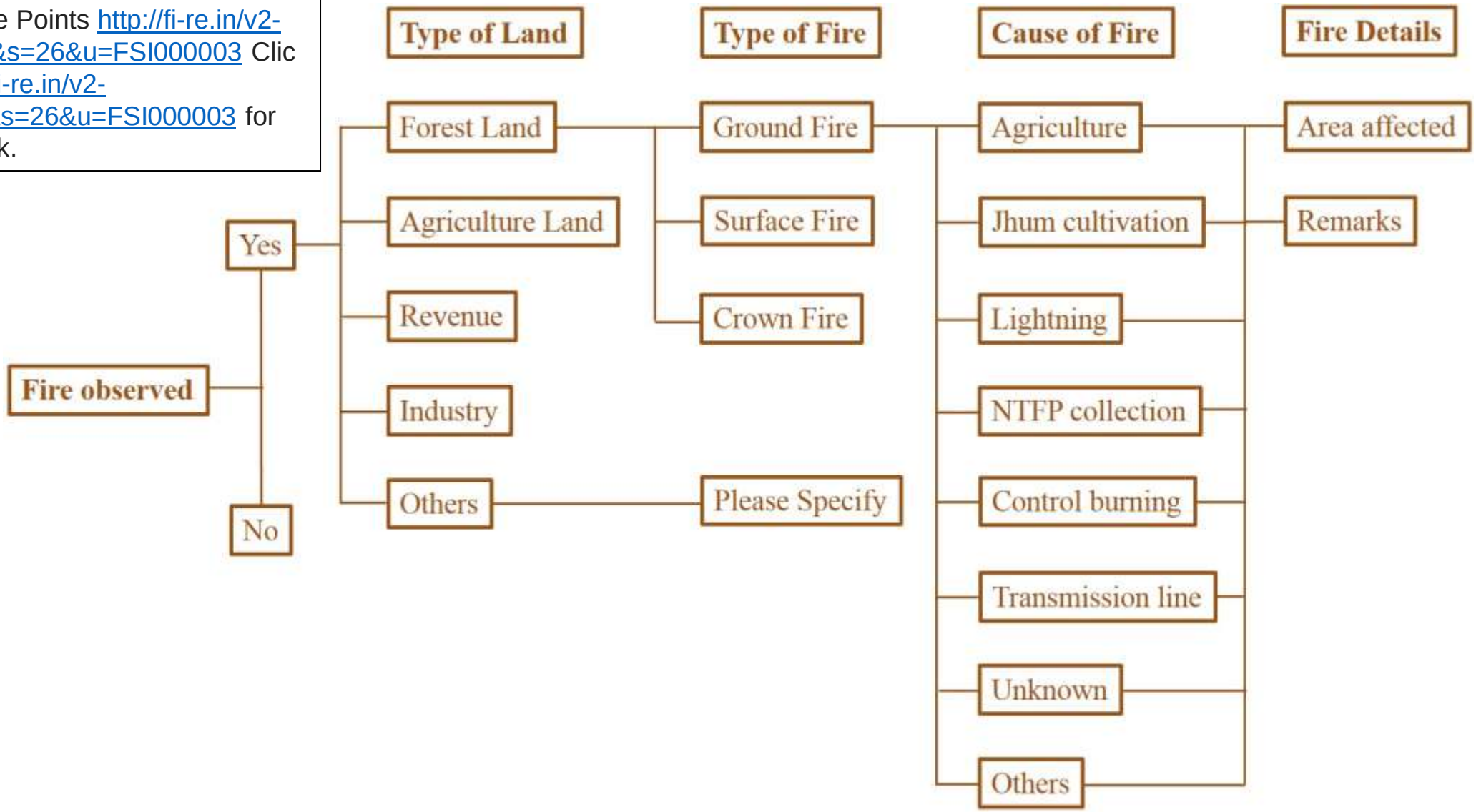
Feedback System



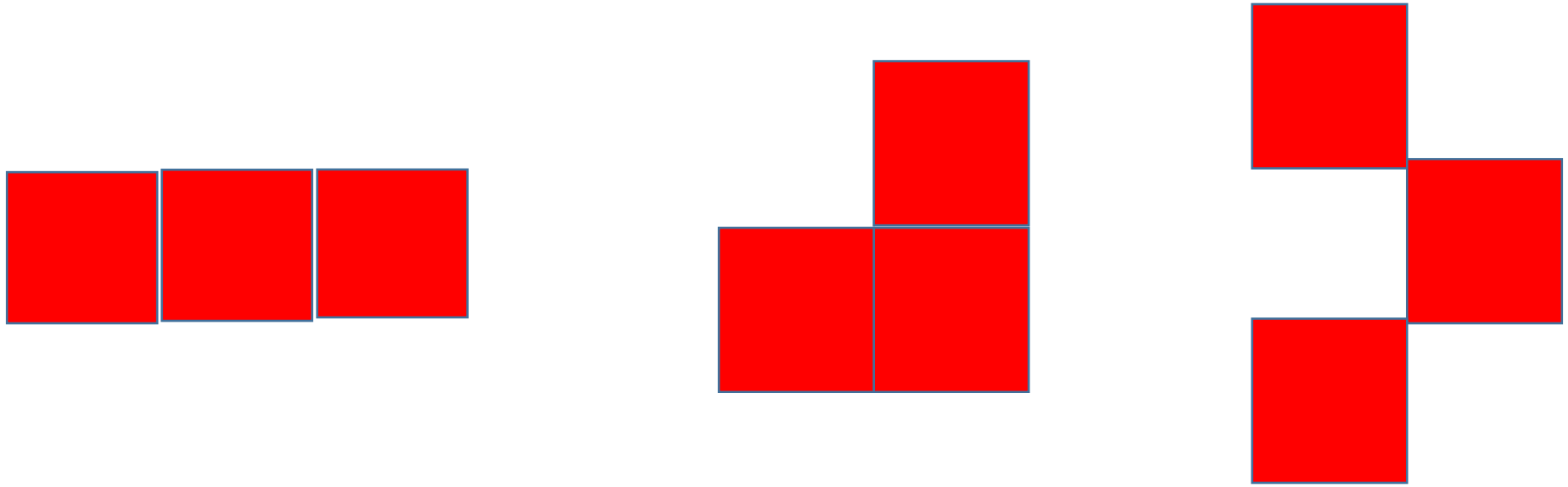
Large Forest Fire Monitoring System

Objectives

- To enable SFDs to monitor large forest fire events and provide special emphasis in fire control of these events
- To provide disaster escalation support in order to bring in timely additional support from other agencies such as District Administration, SDMA, NDMA, Armed forces etc
- National Large Forest Fire Database would help in future planning especially in development of State Crisis Management Plans, Working Plans
- To support rehabilitation of fire affected areas

Definition & Objectives

- A fire event comprising of at least 3 proximate VIIRS pixels



CANDIDATE LARGE FIRES

Example of
Large Forest Fires 2018

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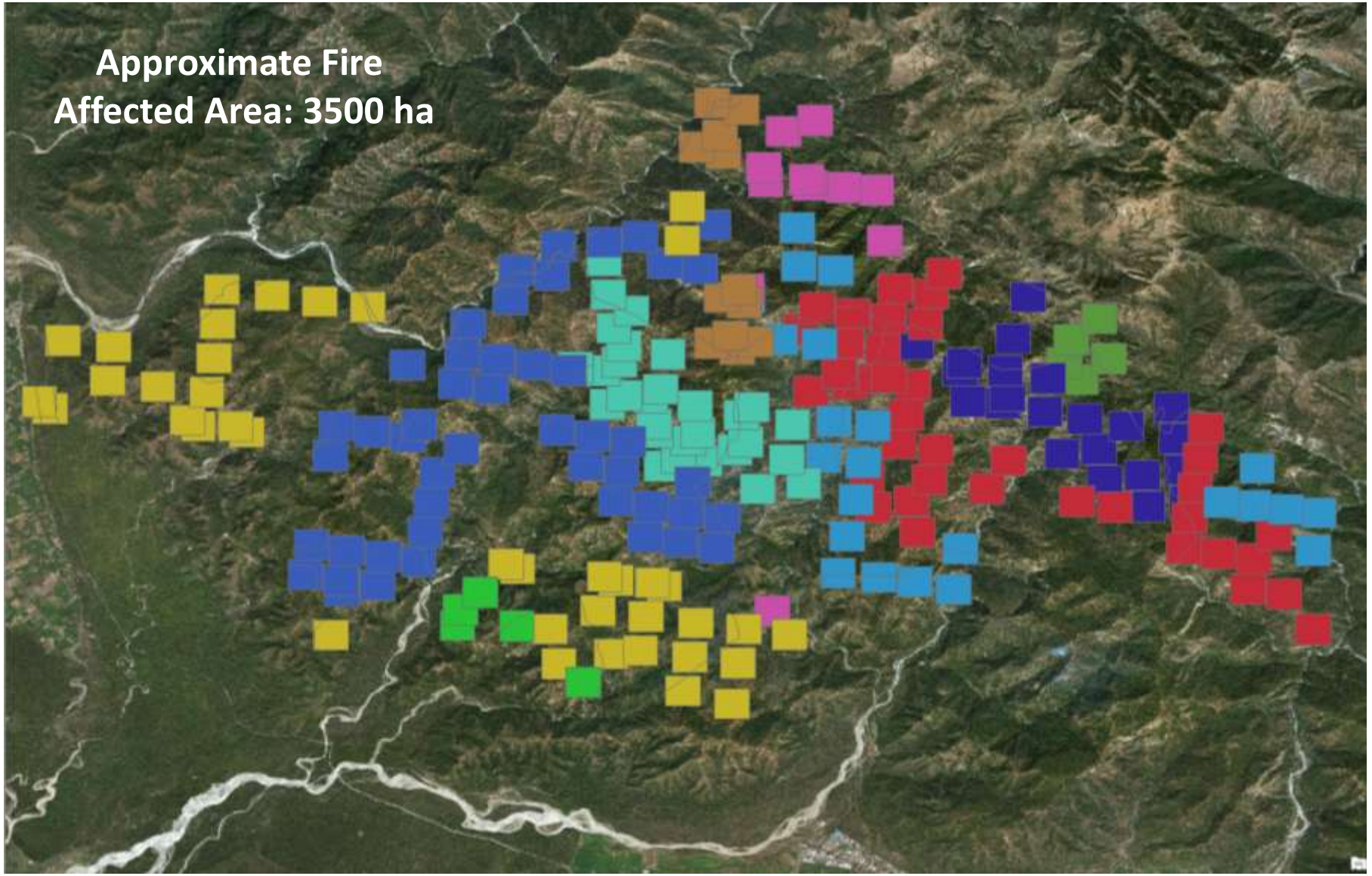

STATE	UTTARAKHAND
DISTRICT	PAURI GARHWAL
CIRCLE	SHIVALIK CIRCLE
DIVISION	LANSDOWNE FOREST DIVISION
RANGE	KOTDWAR RANGE, LALDANG RANGE

Satellite Image Validation By Google Earth Engine

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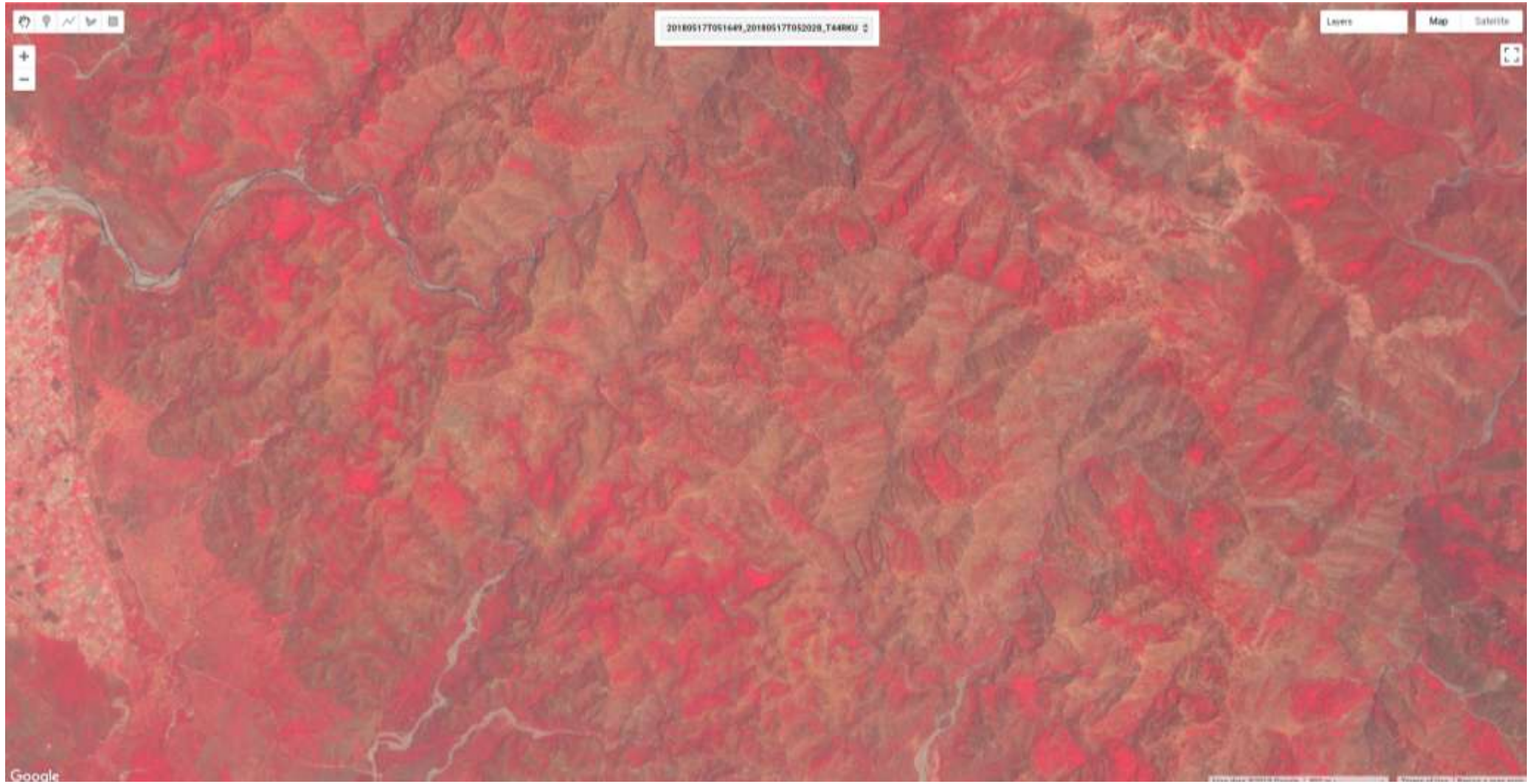

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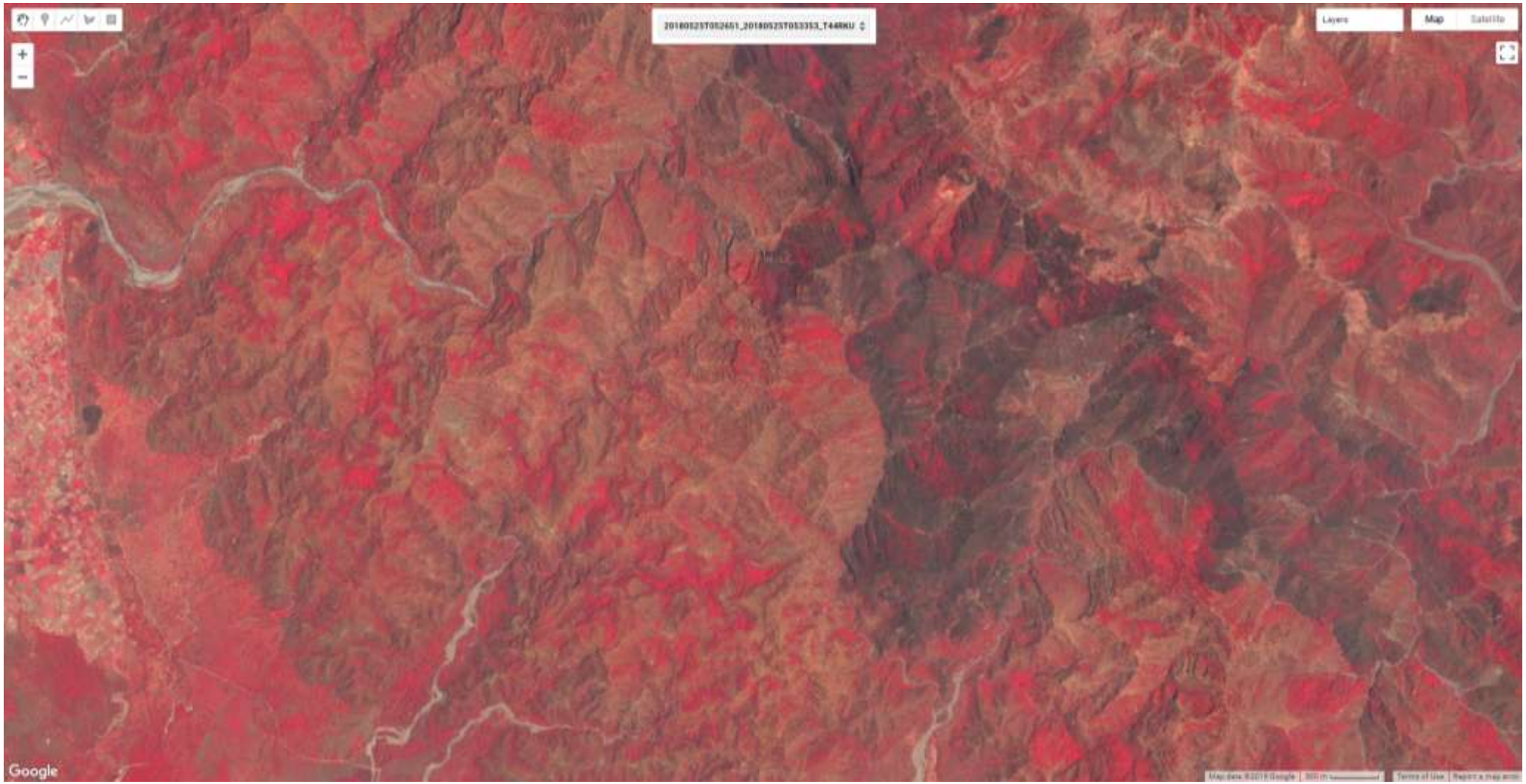

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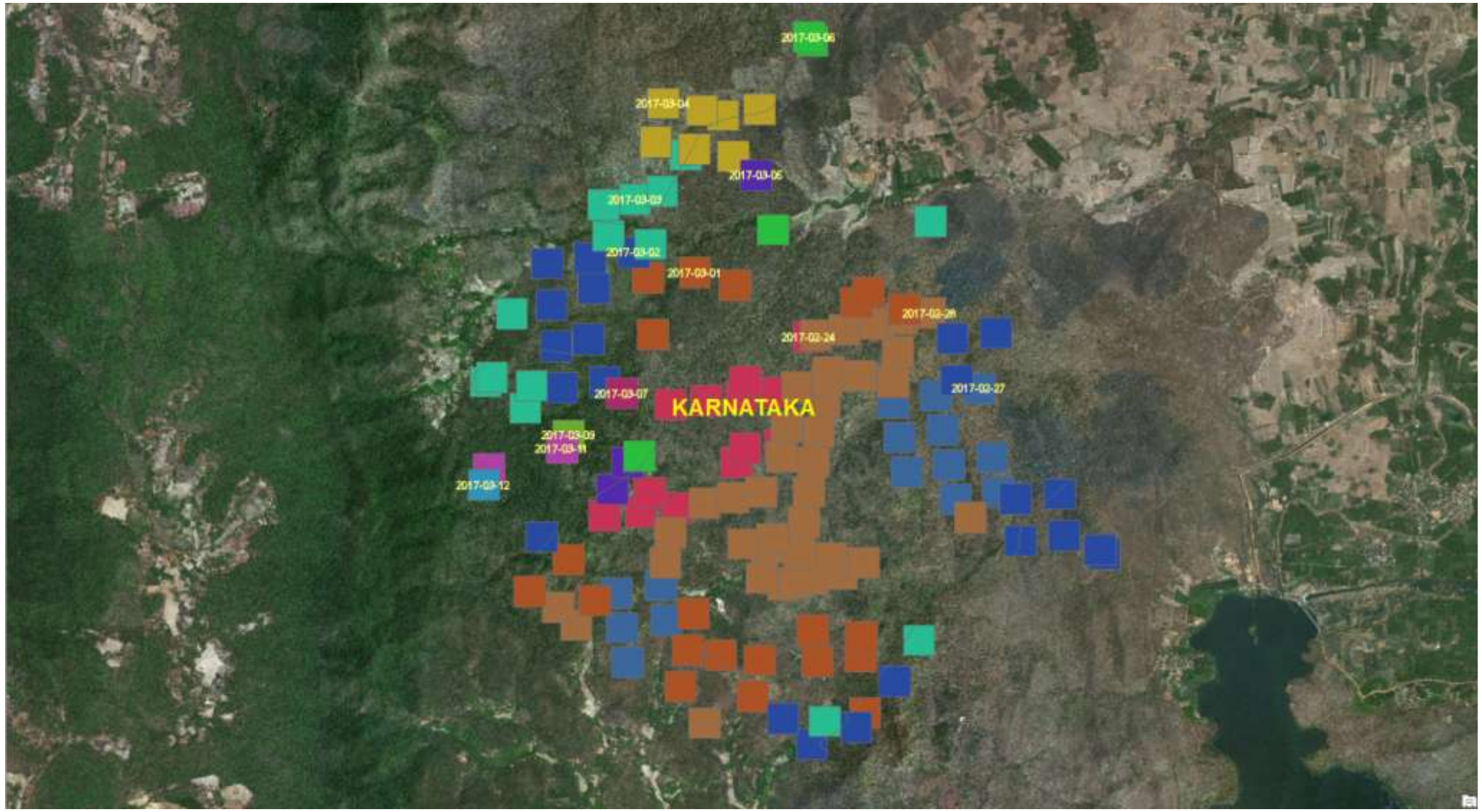

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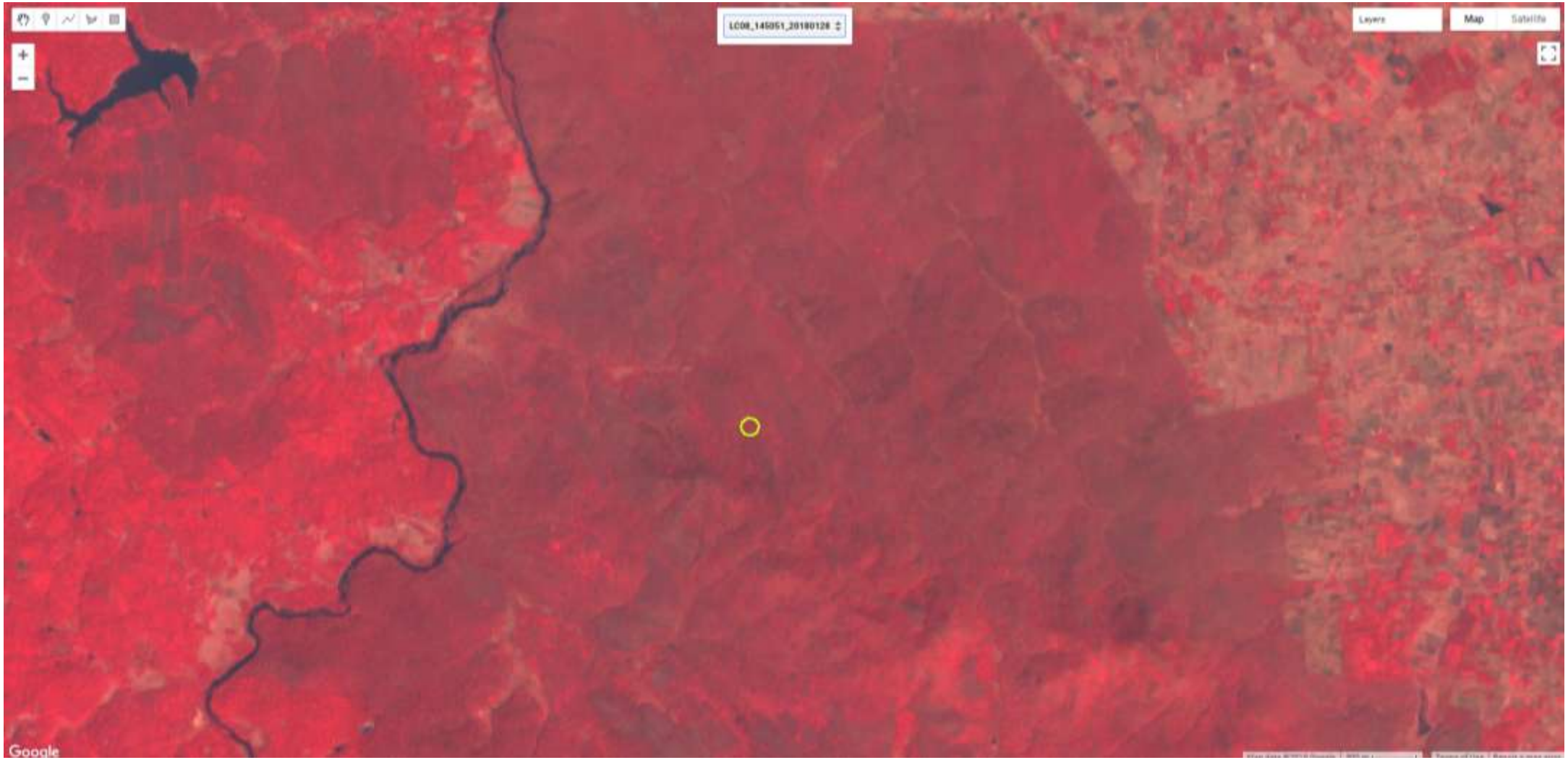

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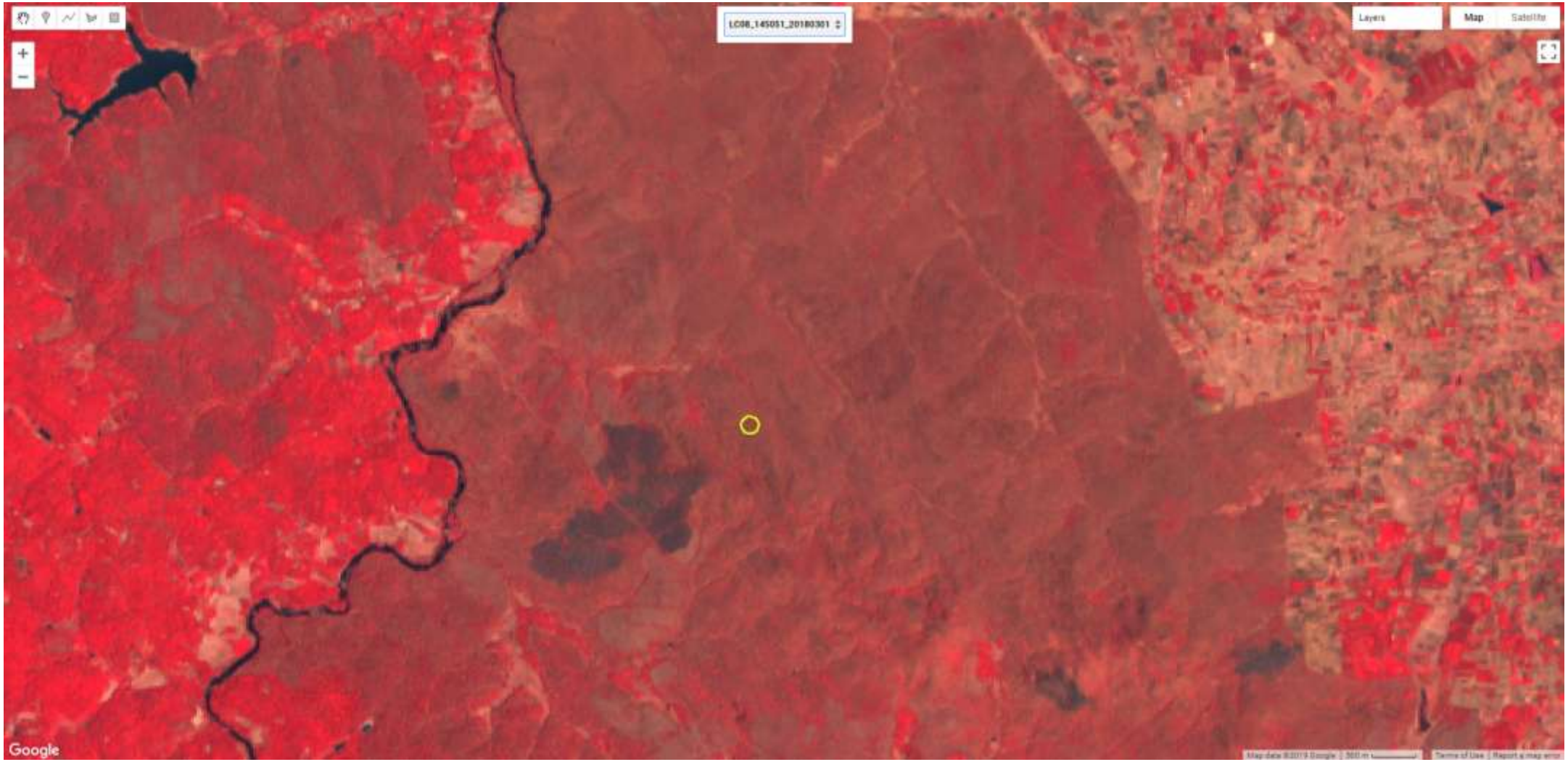

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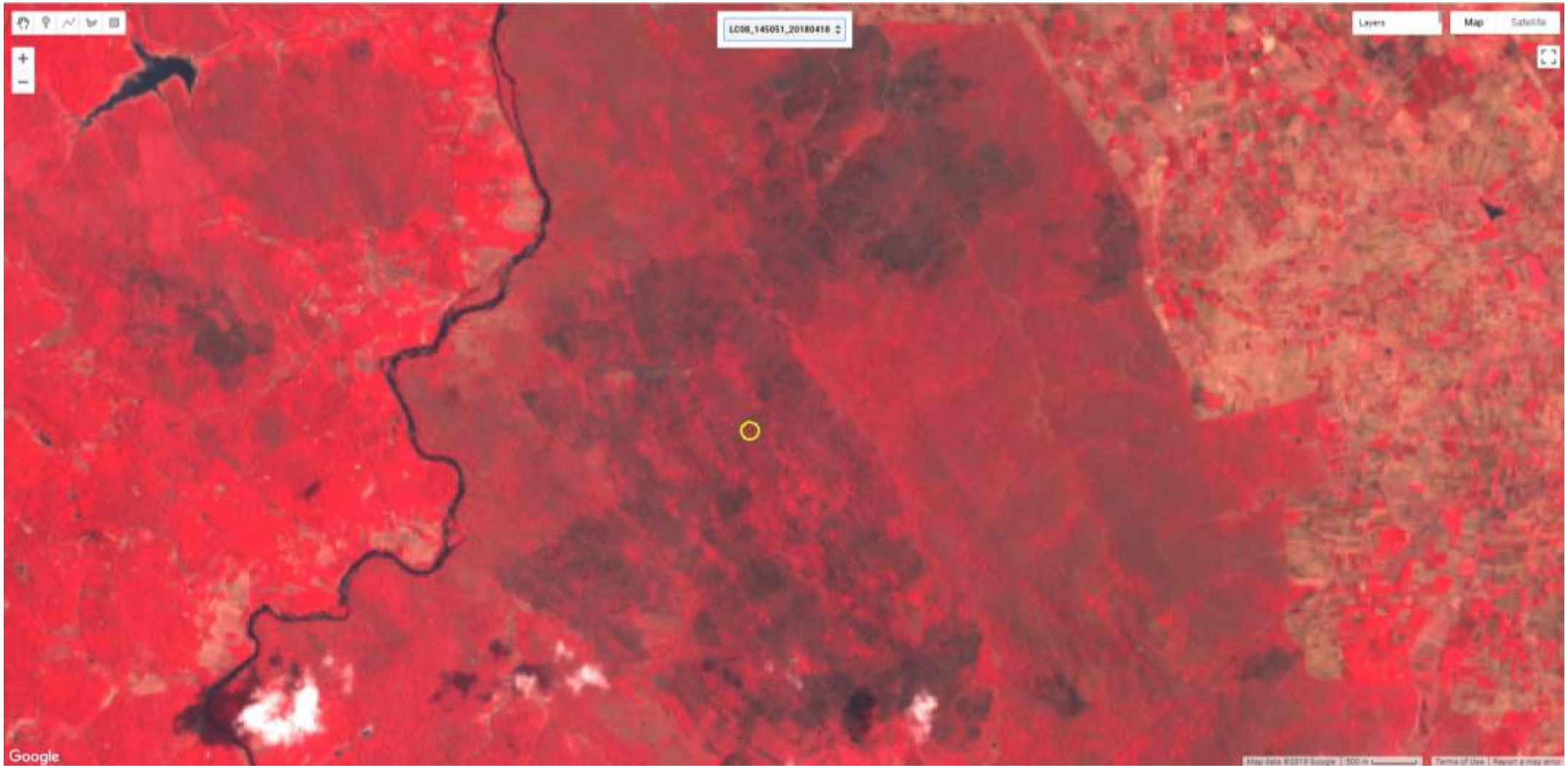

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EXAMPLE OF EMAIL ALERT OF LARGE FOREST FIRE

KMZ & CSV FILE OF 2 ACTIVE LARGE FOREST FIRES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH DETECTED IN SNPP__20190528_1353

Office/FSI_CSV ×

fsilargeforestfire2018@gmail.com 2:59 PM (1 hour ago)

to ccffpfc, apnagar, apnagar, biswastapas007, anupampal88, harshijn18, gk7shatty7, me, abhishek.choudhery23, evforester

Sir/Madam,

It is to bring to your attention that 2 of LARGE FOREST FIRES are currently active in HIMACHAL PRADESH as per the recent satellite data pertaining to SNPP__20190528_1353.

Forest Survey of India is currently testing the LARGE FOREST FIRE MONITORING PROGRAMME using near real time SNPP-VIIRS data.
Herein, FSI will disseminate Large Forest Fire alerts with the objective to identify,track and report serious forest fire incidents so as to help monitor such fires at senior level in the State Forest Department and also seek timely additional assistance that may be required to contain such fires.

Please find enclosed the Large Forest Fire polygons of HIMACHAL PRADESH as a KMZ file attachment.
- KMZ file is google earth compatible and would be uploaded automatically on google earth.
- Kindly click on the fire pixels for detailed administrative information as well as time-span of the fire.
- For a particular large-fire, Active fire pixels are depicted in color RED in contrast with Previous fire pixels in a single kmz file to track its spread, extents and time-span.

Please find enclosed CSV file for the Large Forest Fire polygons detailed of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

We would really appreciate if you could share your feedback on this new initiative which will help us to improve and provide useful information to the decision makers.
You may revert to us for queries or feedback.

With Regards,
Forest Fire Monitoring Team,
Forest Survey of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
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2 Attachments

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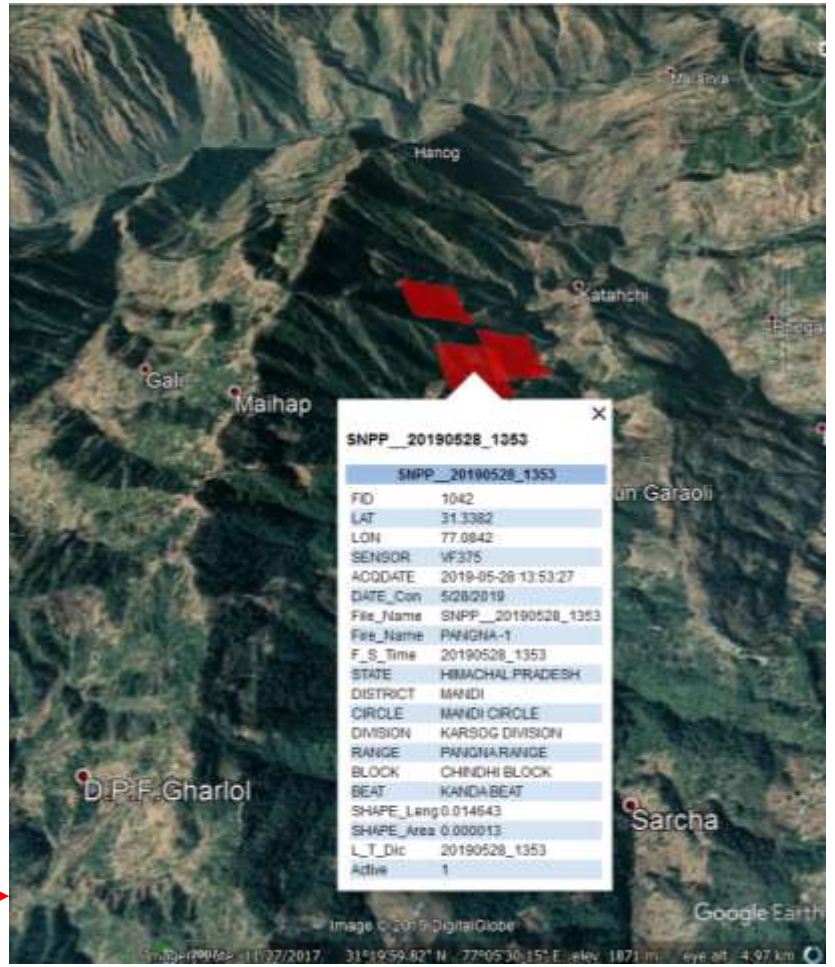

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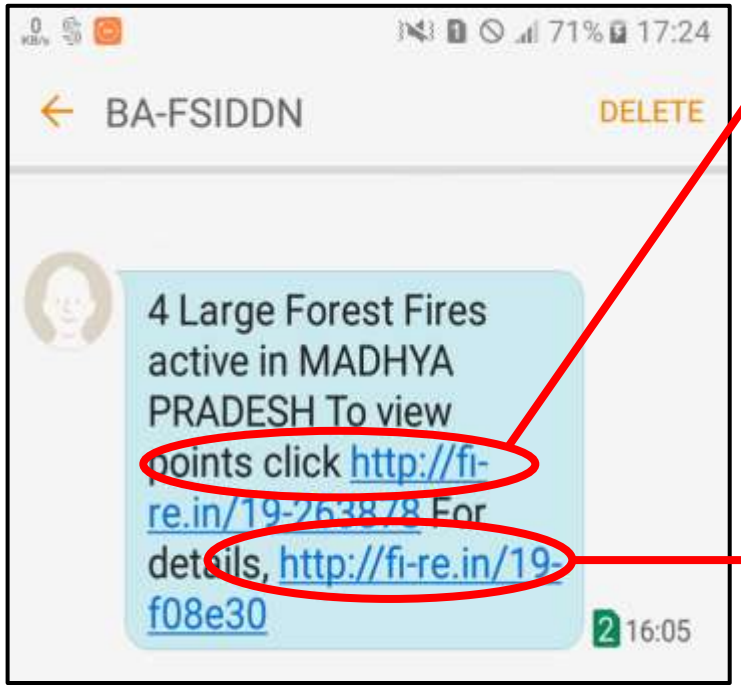
EXAMPLE OF LARGE FIRE SMS ALERT



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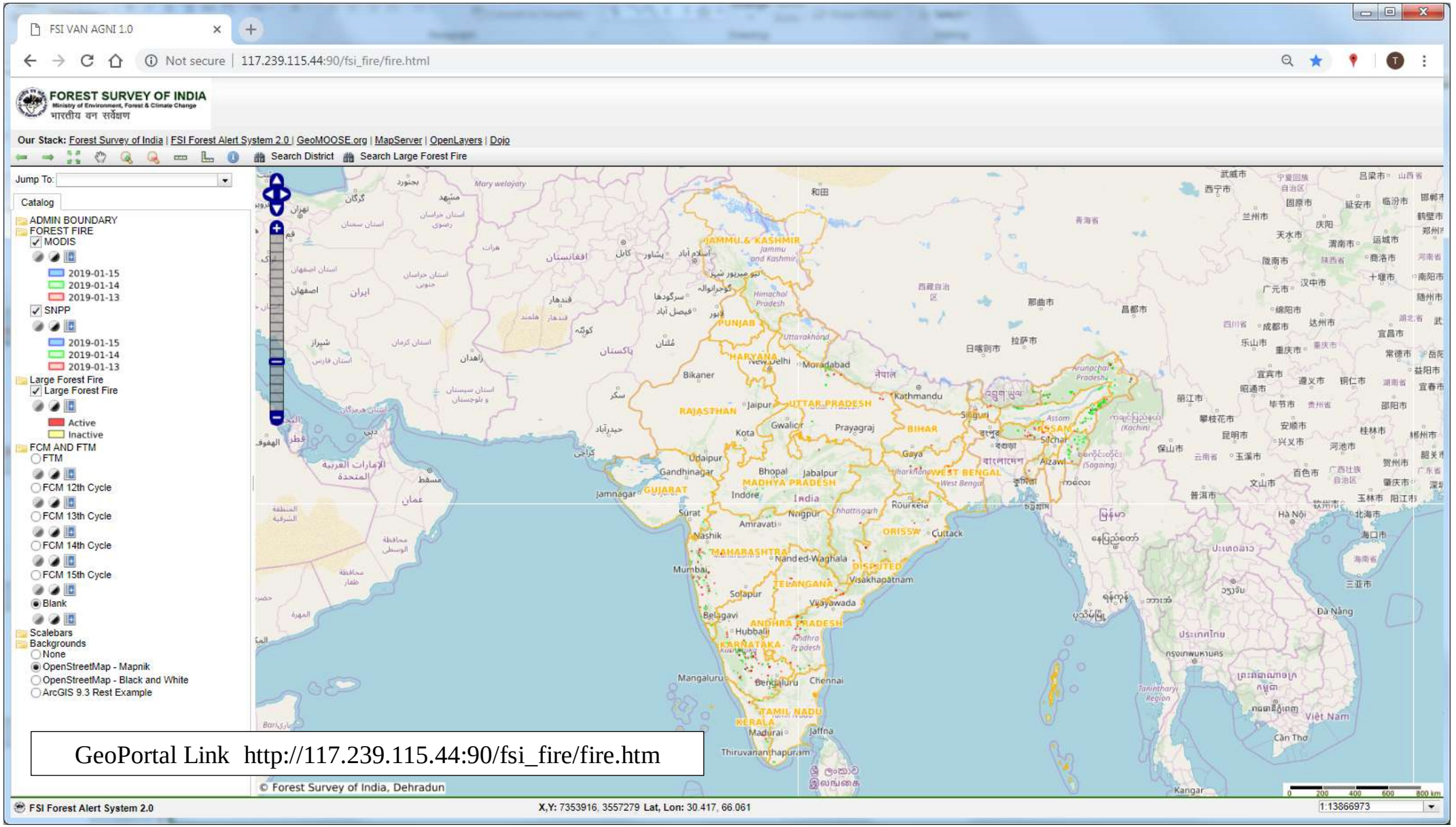
2.	CHURNA (BHAURA) -1 First Detection: 21-02-2019 13:53	State: MADHYA PRADESH District: HOSHANGABAD Circle: SATPUDA TIGER RESERVE CIRCLE Division: SATPUDA TIGER RESERVE DIVISION Range: CHURNA (BHAURA) RANGE Block: CHURNA (BHAURA) RANGE BLOCK Beat: BANGLAPURA JAL BEAT	7	7	Download KMZ	View	View	Active
3.	GARHI -1 First Detection: 21-02-2019 13:53	State: MADHYA PRADESH District: RAISEN Circle: BHOPAL CIRCLE Division: RAISEN DIVISION Range: GARHI RANGE Block: GARHI RANGE BLOCK Beat: MAHALPURPATHA BEAT	3	3	Download KMZ	View	View	Active

FSI Forest Fire Geo-Portal
Van Agni

Features in Geoportal

- Created using Opensource Software (MapServer 7.0.7 & GeoMOOSE 2.9)
- Latest Web GIS Technology
- Compatible with OGC standards
- Automated integration of Near Real Time Forest Fire Data & Large Forest Fire Data
- Easy to use simple tools
- Integration of Forest Cover and Forest Type Data in background
- Integration of Open Source Open Street Map Data
- Advance Searching capability

FSI GEOPORTAL



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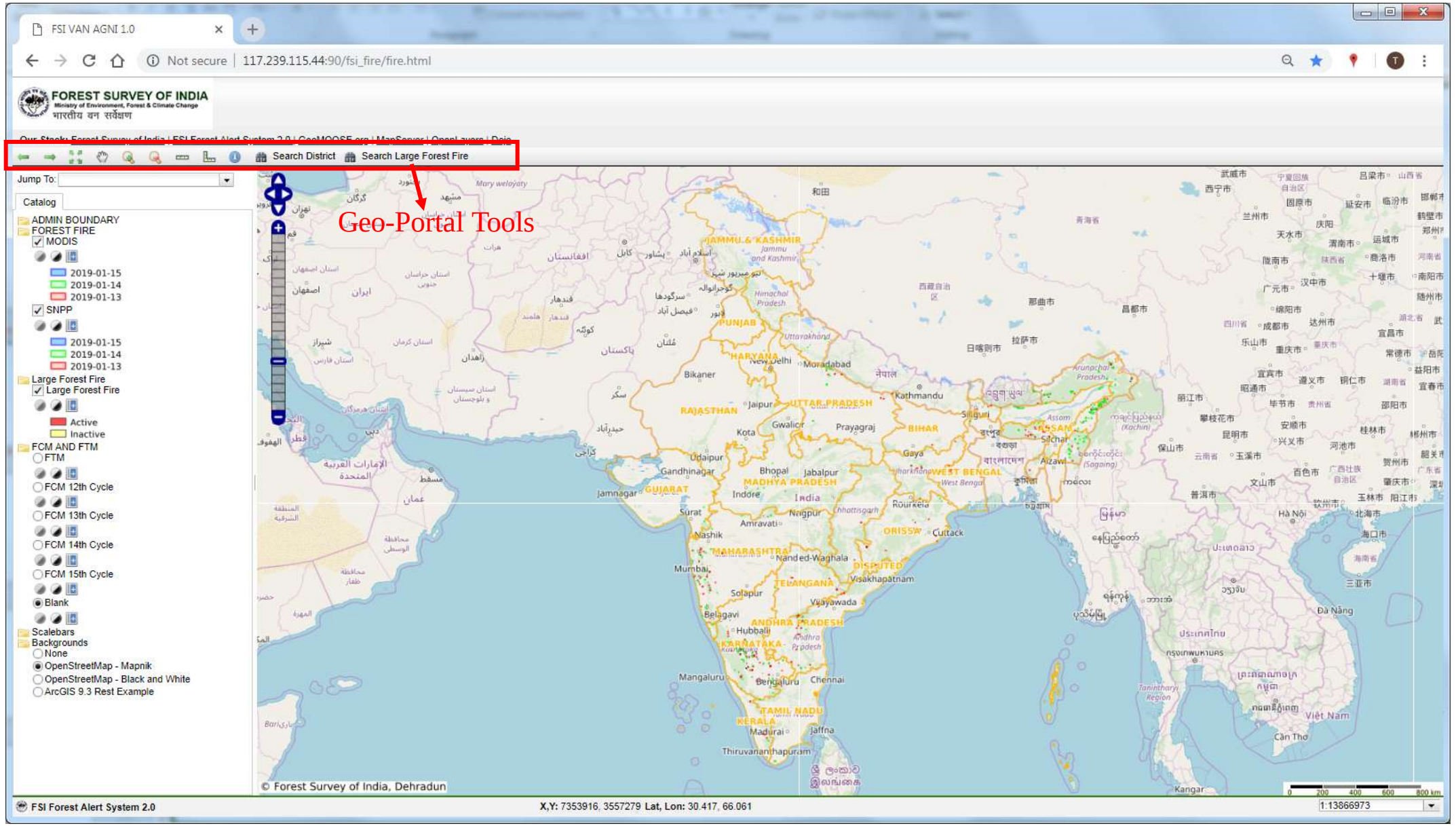

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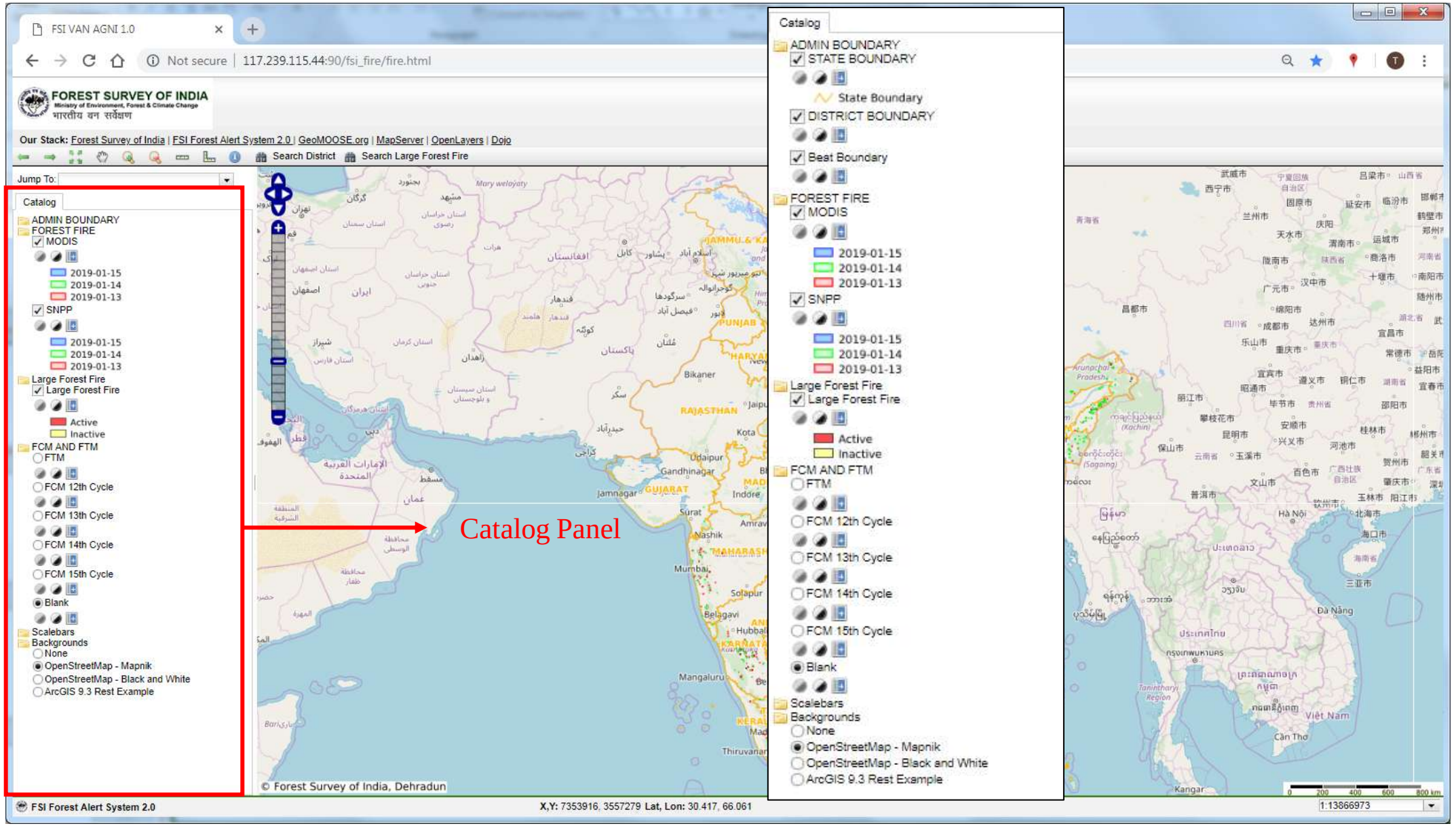

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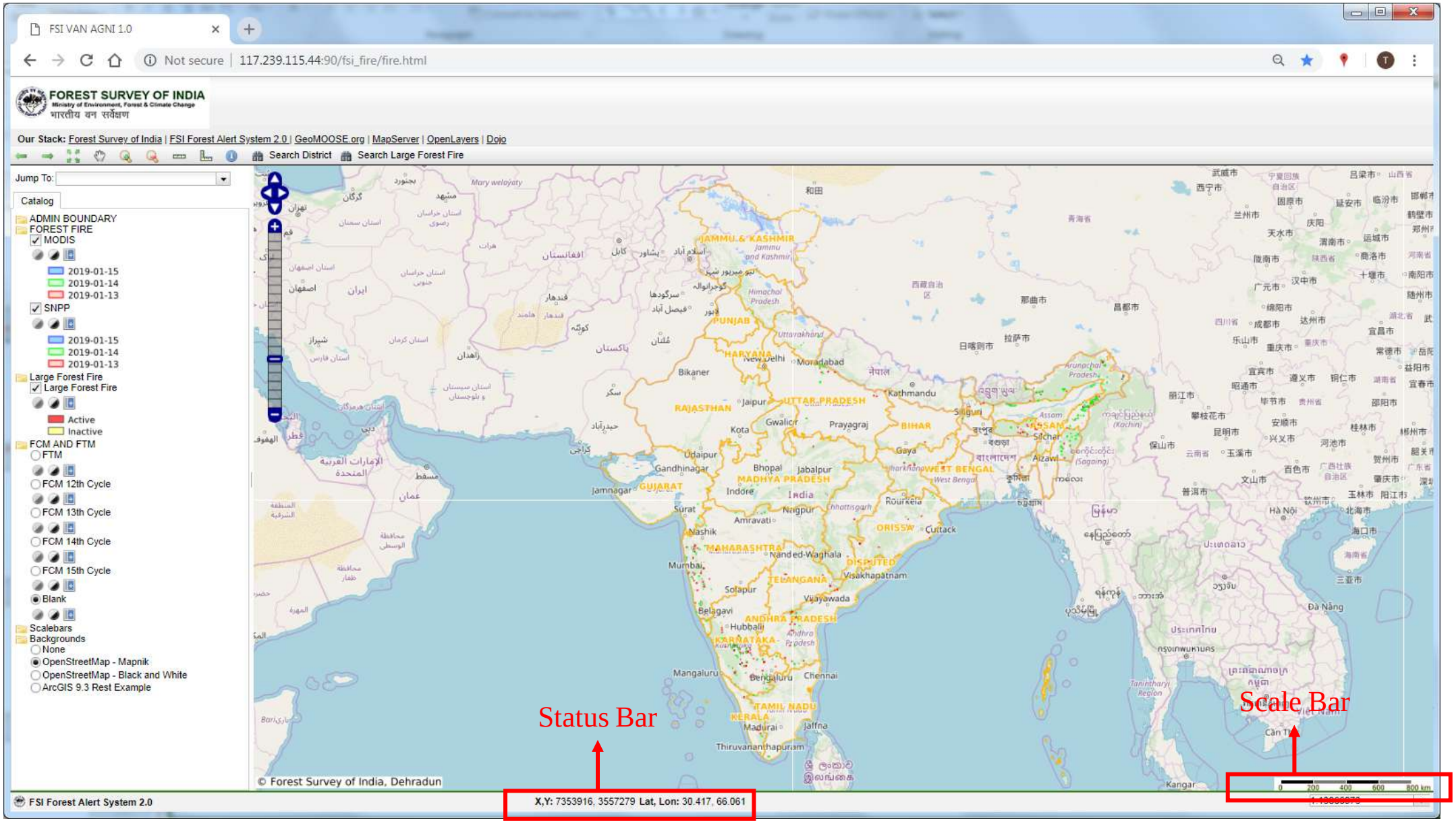

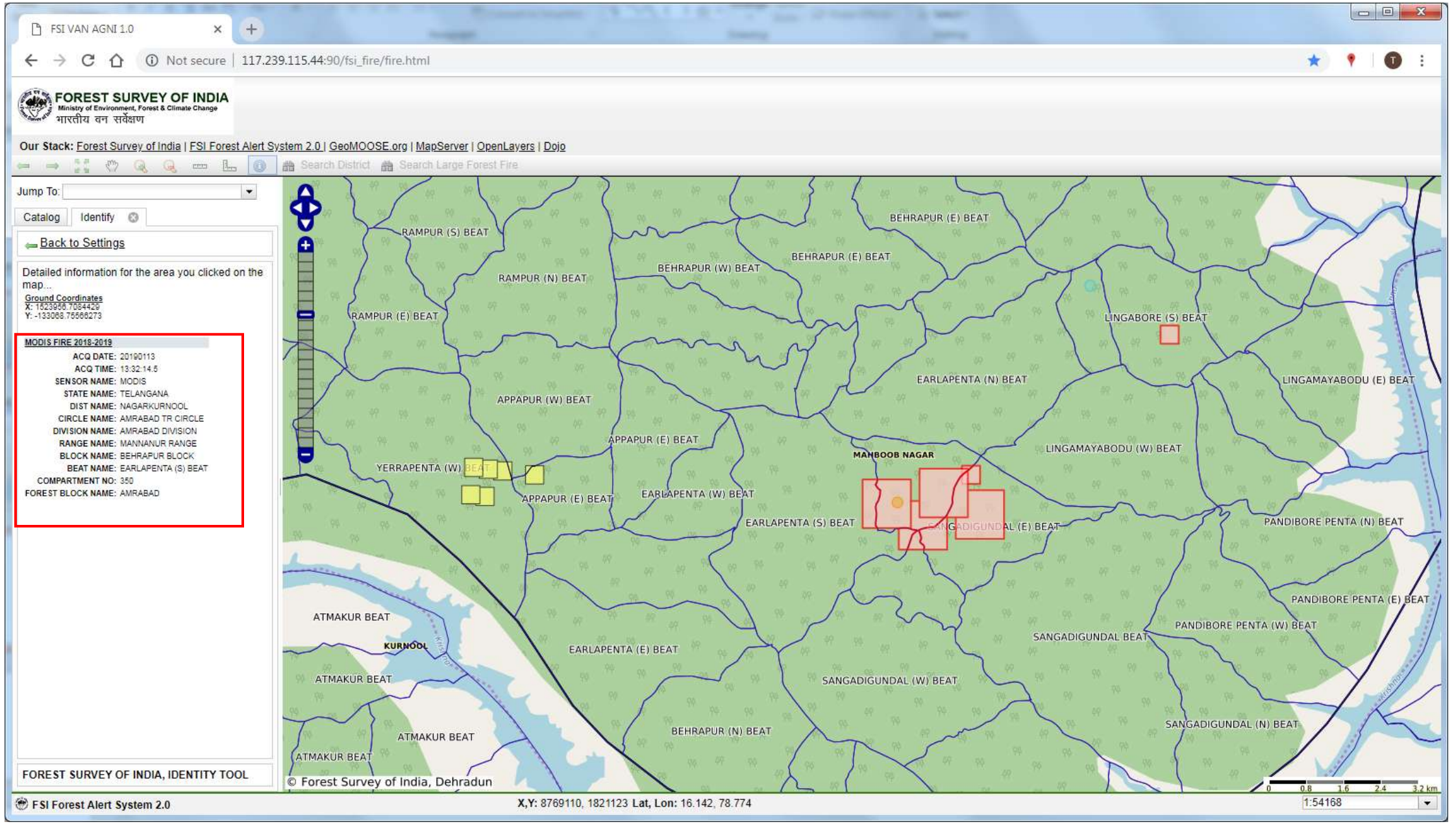
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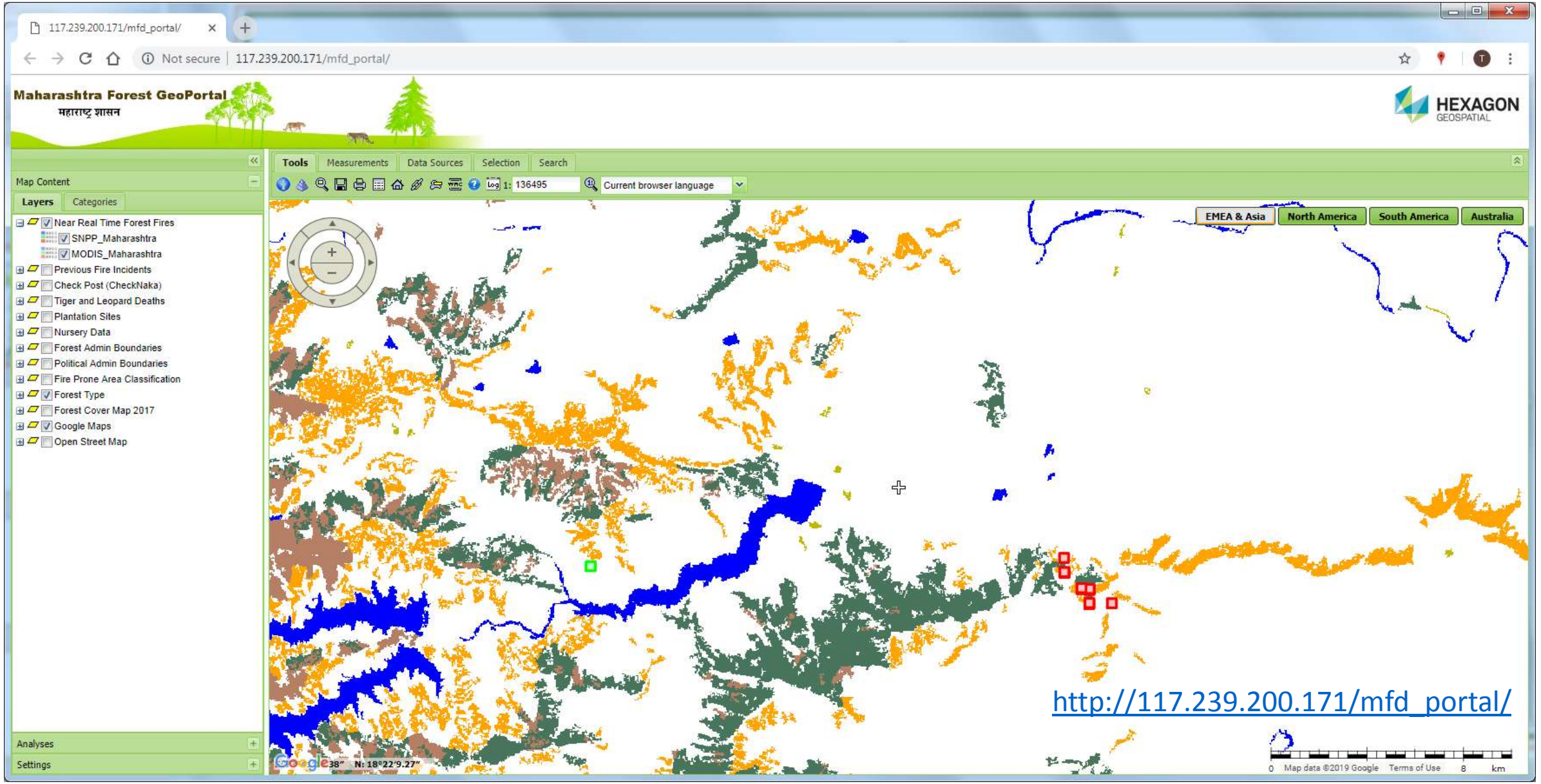
Real Time WMS & WFS Service to State

Real Time WMS Service in Maharashtra Forest Geo-Portal



Early-Warning Alert System for Forest Fire

Primary Objectives of Early-Warning Alert System

Identify vulnerable areas on the ground for-

- **Alerting State Forest Department and other agencies**
- **Resource allocation and mobilisation**
- **Risk reduction and mitigation**
- **Develop a scientific approach for identification of highly fire prone areas**
- **Inputs for future planning**

Forest Fire
Pre-Warning Alert System

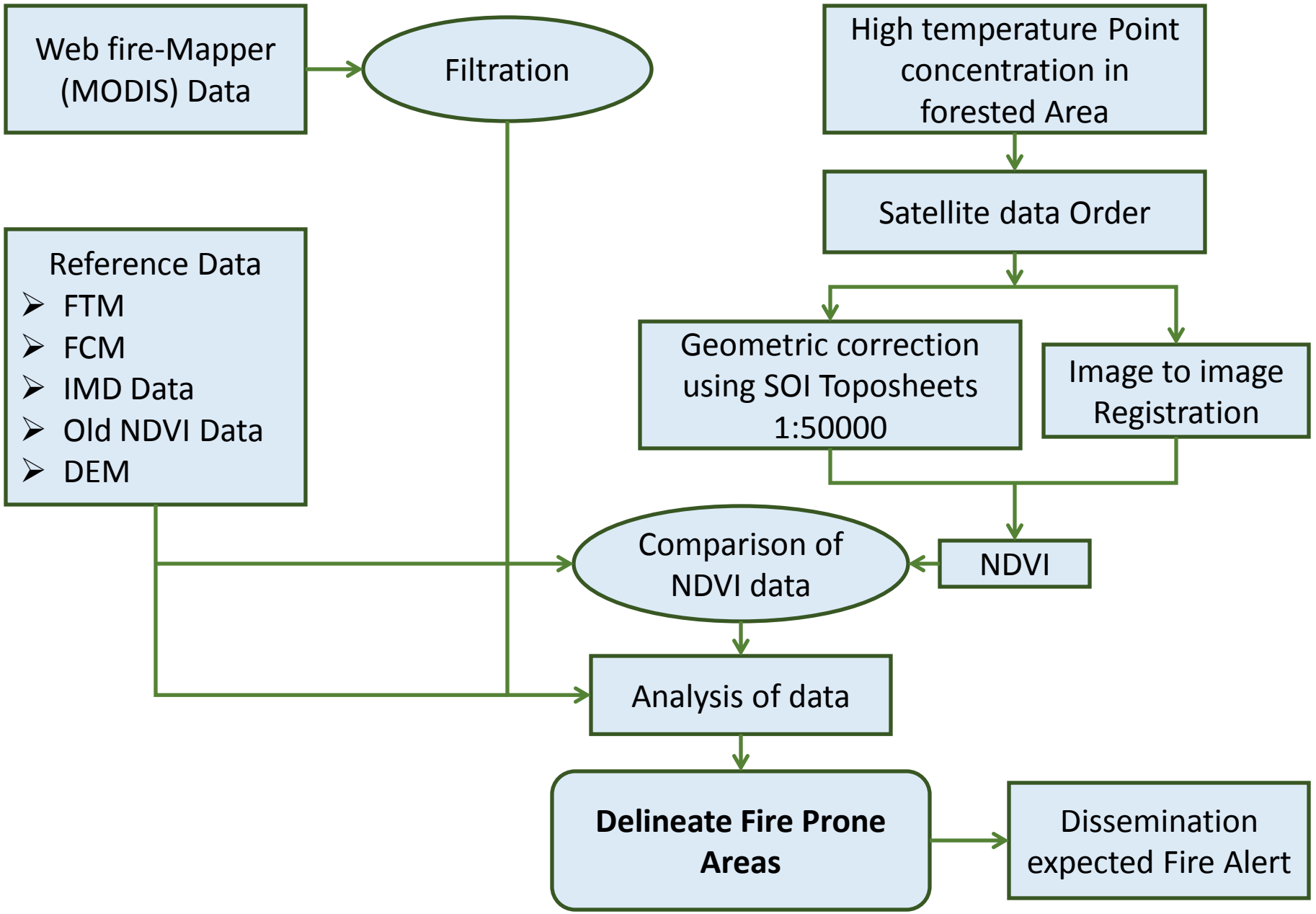
An important component of the study would be to issue alerts in respect of regions where there are enhanced conditions of forest fire outbreaks in terms of the following:

- **Increase in atmospheric temperature leading to leaf stress, yellowing of leaves and lead shedding ultimately resulting in increased dry biomass/fuel load for burning**
- **Dry spells with no rains causing early yellowing of leaves and lead fall**
- **Loss in soil moisture leading to fast spread of ground fires during the outbreaks**

Data used

- Fire Data (from NRSC/ Web Fire Mapper)
- Forest Type Map (FTM)
- Temperature Data (From IMD)

Methodology for Pre-warning Alert system



Work Flow for Pre-Warning Alert System for Forest Fire

MODIS Sensor

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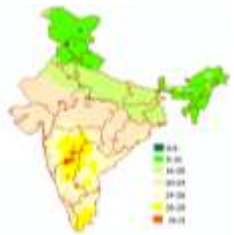


Temperature Map

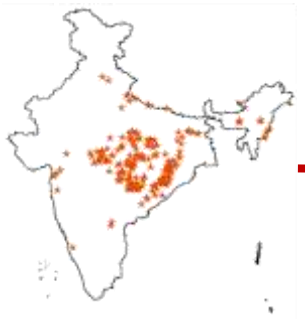
Forest Type Map

Forest Cover Map

Admin Boundaries

Signals Received at Earth Station

Intersect



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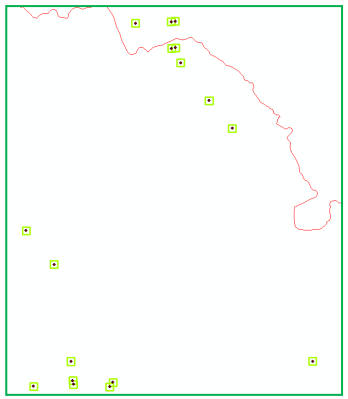

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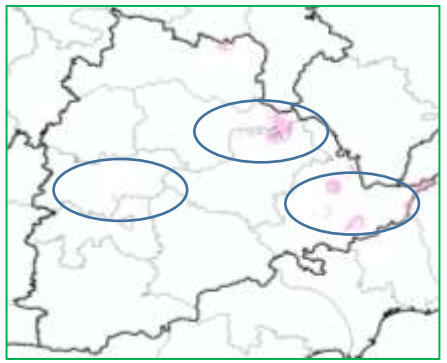
Analysis & Creation of Pre-Warning Alert Polygons

Pre-Warning Polygons



Fire point of 06 Feb. 2016 overlaid on India state boundary

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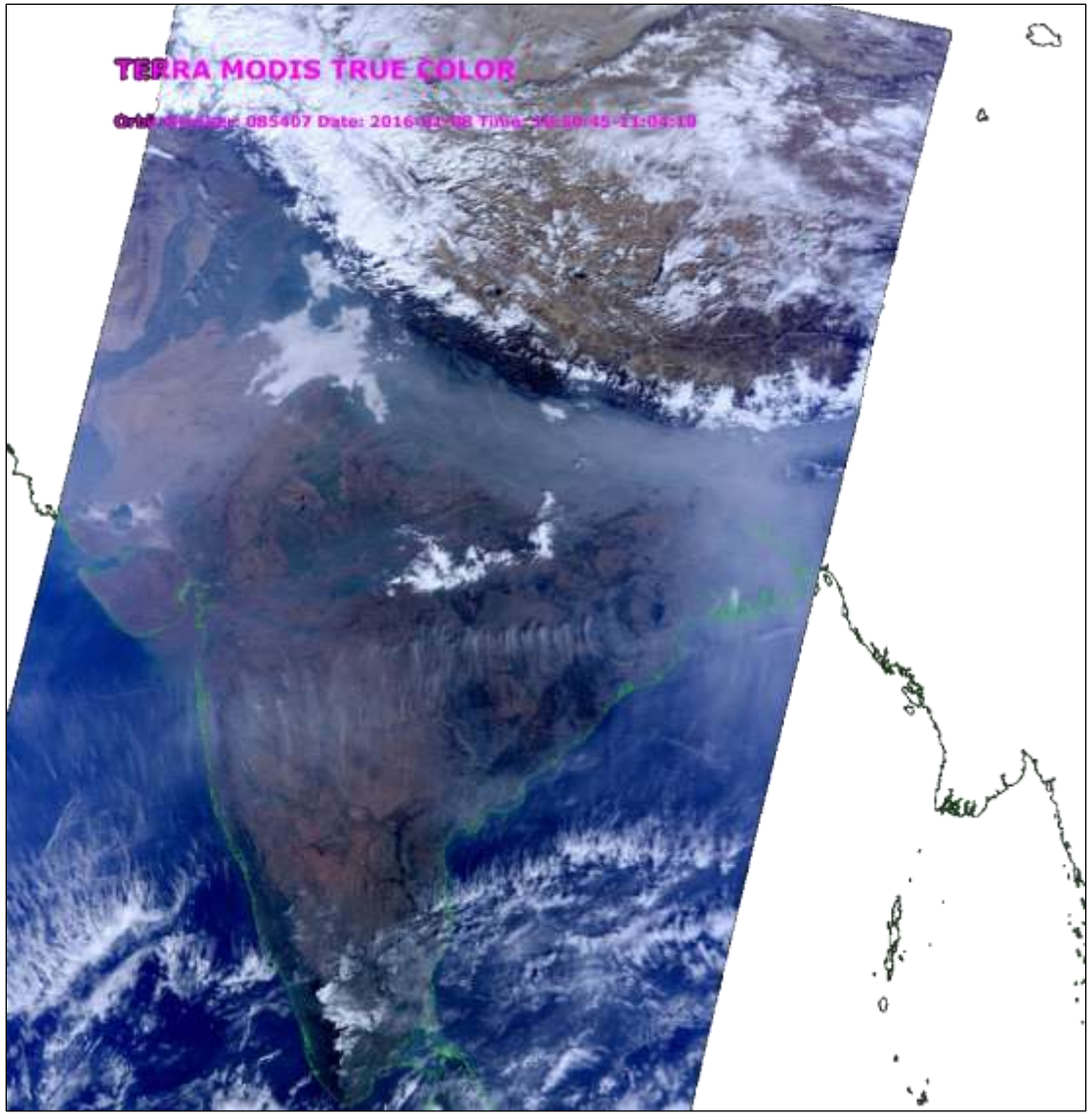

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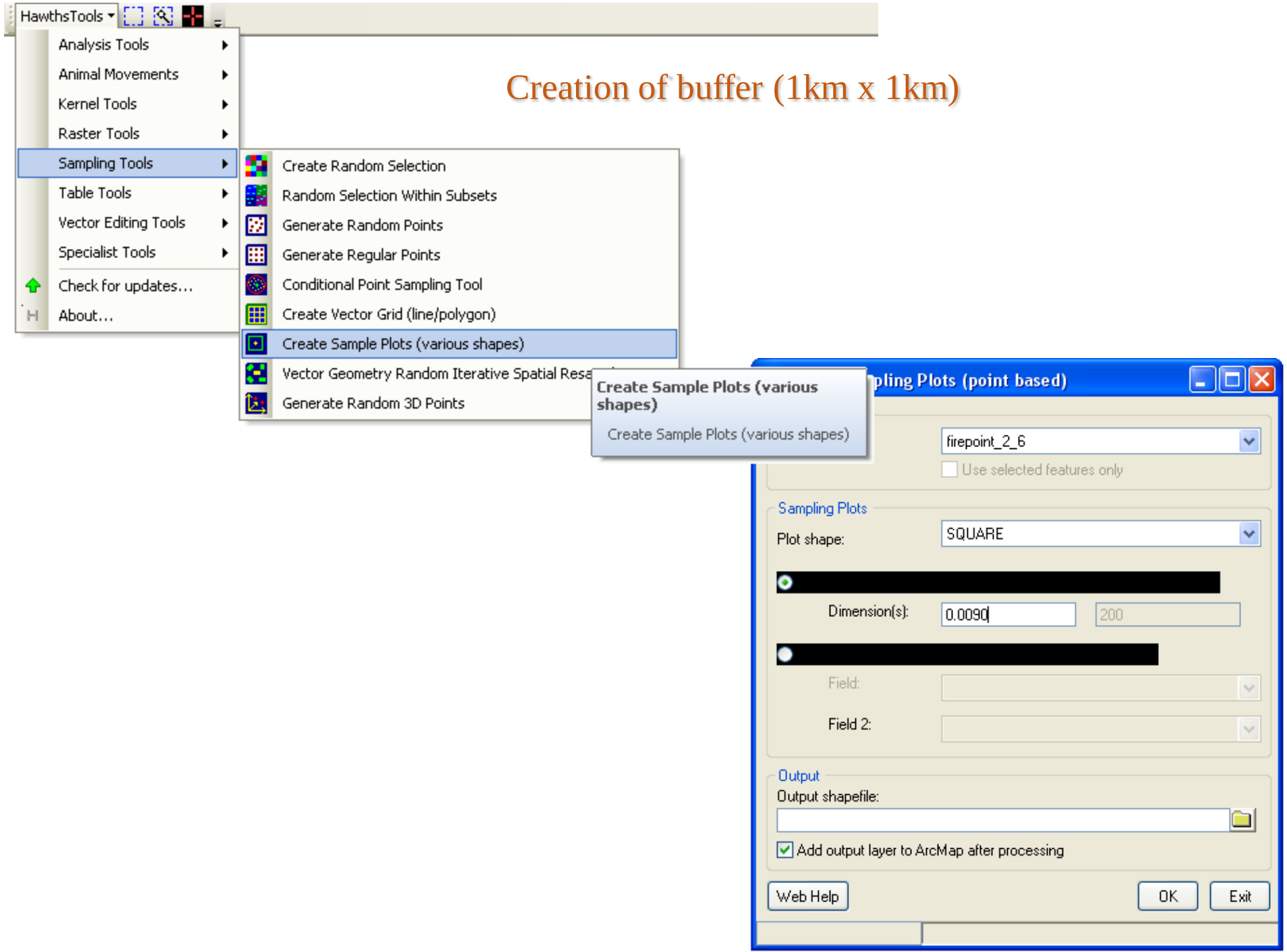

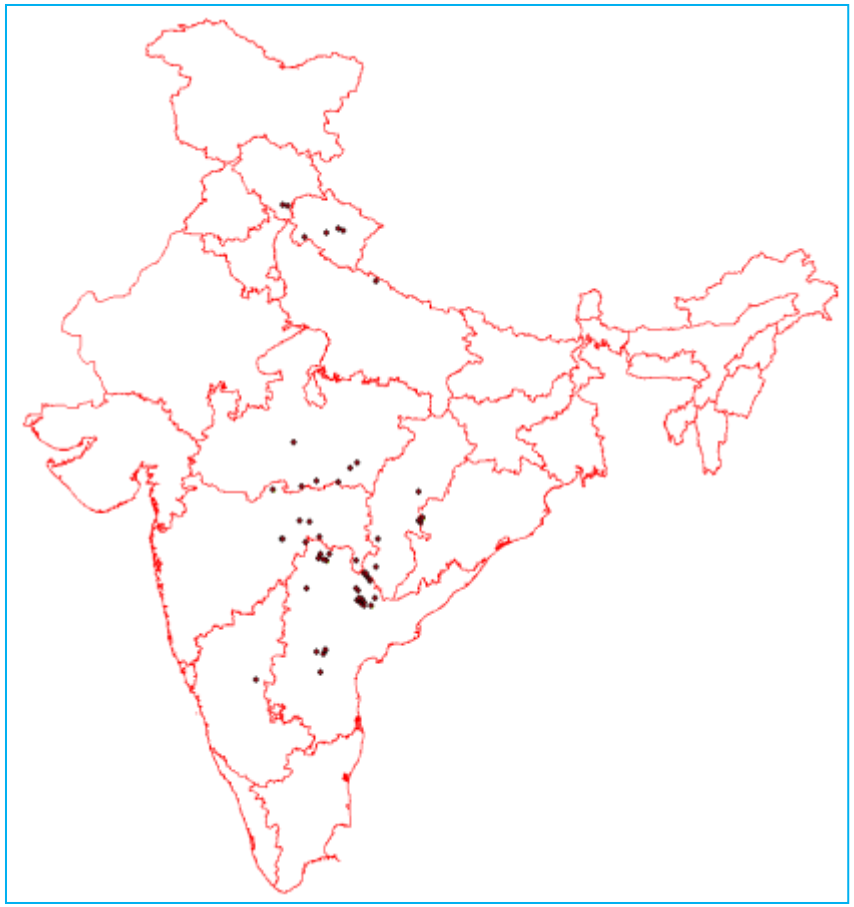

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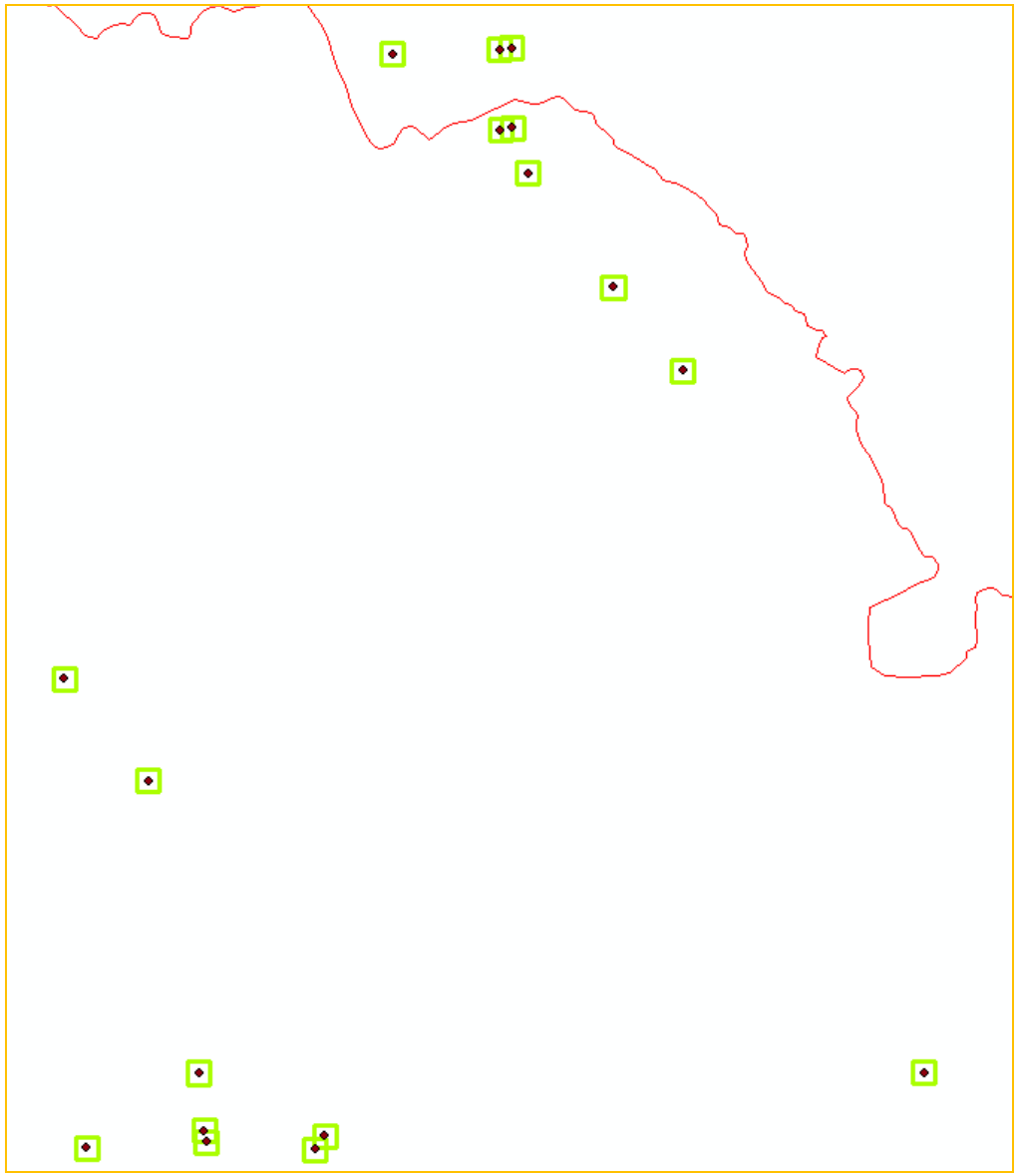
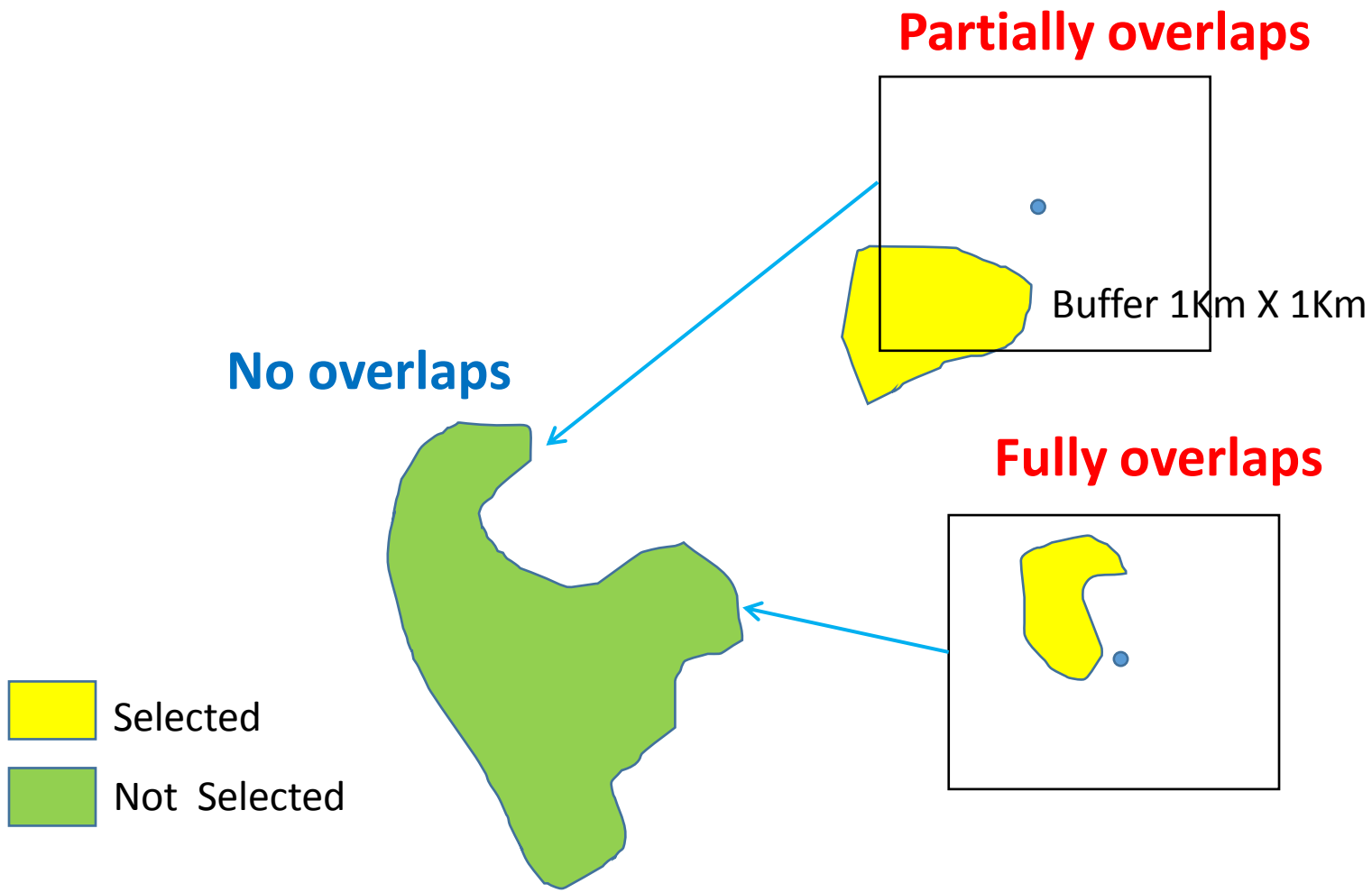


Selection of Forest Types

- ✓ Selection of Forest types based on intersect
- ✓ Intersect returns any feature that either full or partially overlaps the source features



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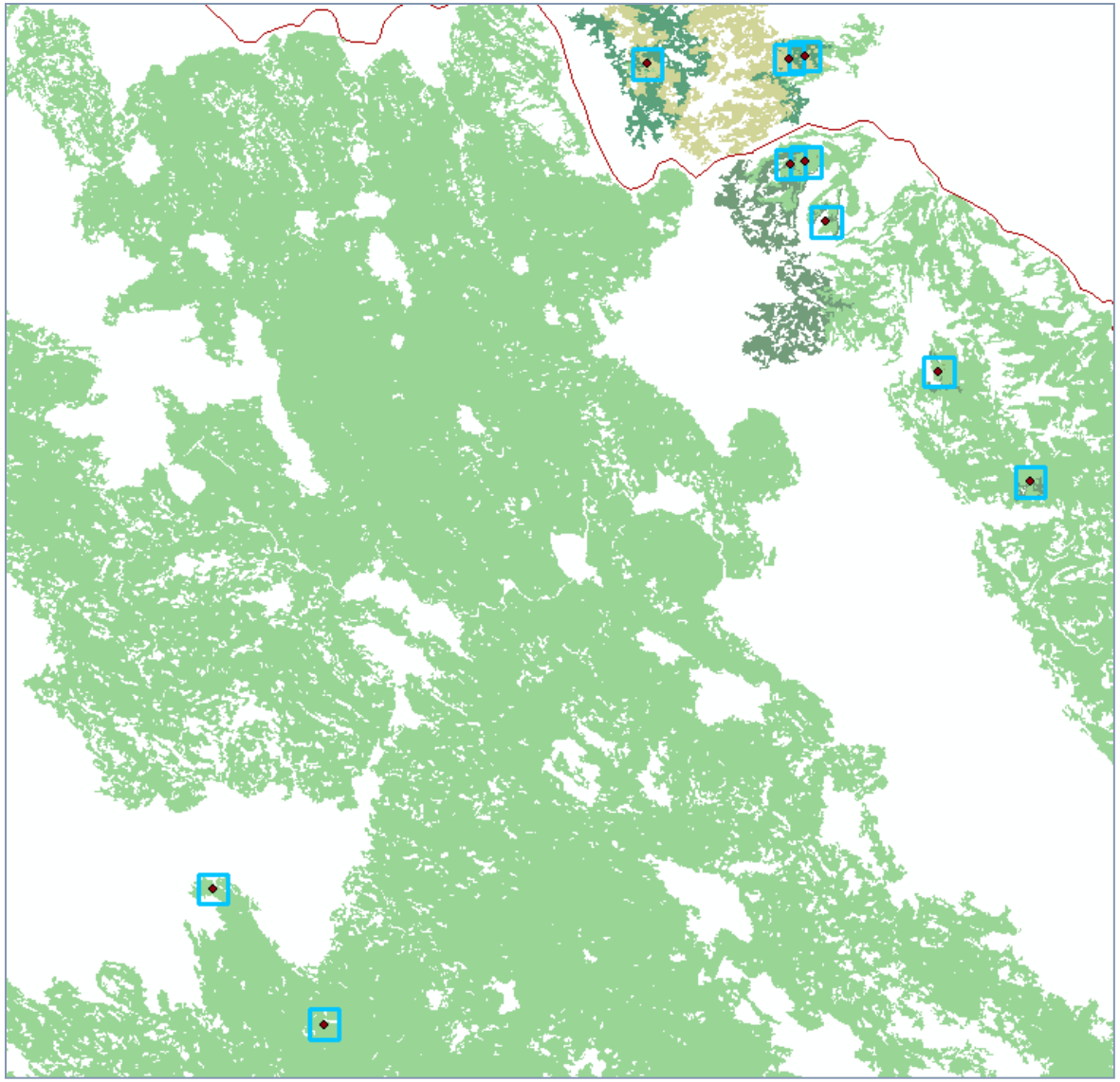
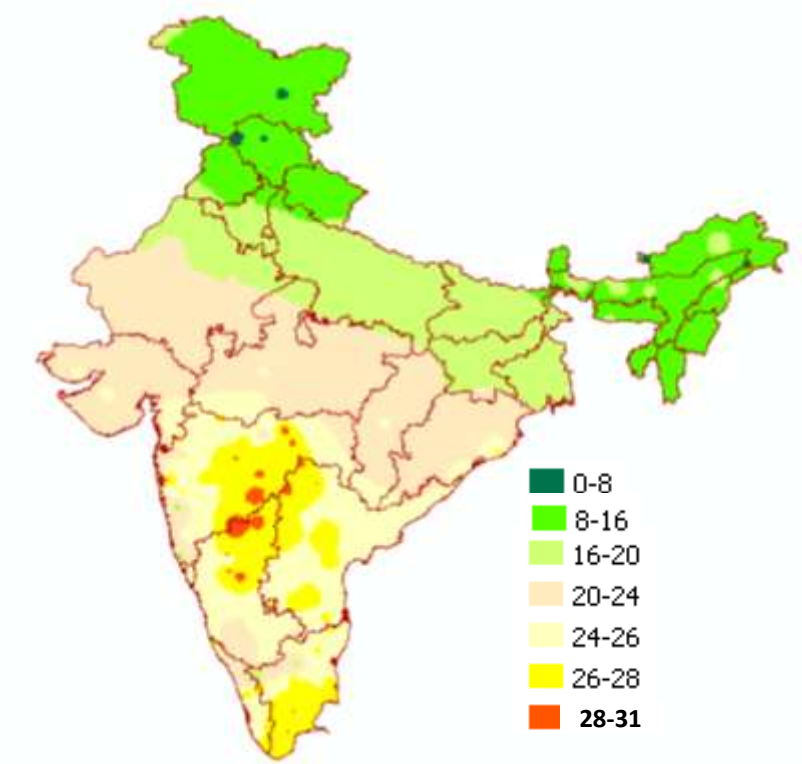


Near real time Temperature
&
Rainfall data from Indian Meteorological Department

SR.NO.	STATION NAME	DATE	TIME	LATITUDE[N]	LONGITUDE[E]	SLP[hPa]	MSLP	RAINFALL[mm]	TEMPERATURE [Deg C]	POINT DEW [Deg C]	WIND SPEED [Kt]	WIND DIR [Deg]
1	VEDASANDUR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	10.5	78	986.5	1010.3 hpa	0	26.8	26.8	2	100
2	UTTAR_KASHI	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	30.4	79.4	885.6	1545.3 gpm	0	13		0	60
3	TAWANG	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	27.6	91.9	716.5	3192.6 gpm	0	0.2		1	60
4	TAVANUR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	10.8	75	1008.8	1011.4 hpa	2	27.9	26.8	1	0
5	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	8.5	77		----	0	28.8		6	320
6	TIRUMALLA	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	13.7	79.4	970.1	1926.9 gpm	0	9.2		1	80
7	THOOTHUKUDI PORT	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	8.8	78.2	1009.8	1010.2 hpa	0	28.6		5	350
8	TIRUCHENDUR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	8.5	78.1	1009.5	1010 hpa	3	29.3	29.3	6	20
9	SHAR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	13.7	80.2	1011.5	1012.2 hpa	0	27.4		2	70
10	SAGAR_ISLAND	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	21.8	88	1013.3	1013.6 hpa	0	21.1	21.1	1	350
11	MUMBAI_SANTA_CRUZ	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	19.1	72.8	1007.3	----	0			2	340
12	RAIPUR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	21.2	81.7	982.5	1016 hpa	0	24.1	8.9		200
13	RAHURI	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	19.4	74.6	951.3	1008.1 hpa	0	29.9		1	0
14	RAJGURUNAGAR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	18.5	73.8	943.4	1007.4 hpa	0	33.4		5	310
15	PUNE(CAGMO)	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	18.5	73.8	949.6	1010.5 hpa	0	29.6	18.8	2	340
16	PEDDAPURAM	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	17.1	82.2	1007.1	1012.4 hpa	0	25.8	25.8	2	140
17	NEYYOOR	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	8.2	77.3	1005	1010.9 hpa	2	27.3	27.3	1	70
18	NAWAPARA	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	20.8	82.6		----	0	24.6		1	90
19	NASIK	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	20	73.7	944.5	1012.1 hpa	0	26	17.9	2	310
20	NIMAPARA	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	20	86.1	1012.3	1013.9 hpa	0	26.4	26.4	2	80
21	MATHURA	15-Dec-15	12:00:00	27.5	77.7	995.3	1015.6 hpa	0	19		0	

Data Source: IMD Pune, AWS Lab.

Temperature Map interpolated from IMD Data of 06th February 2016



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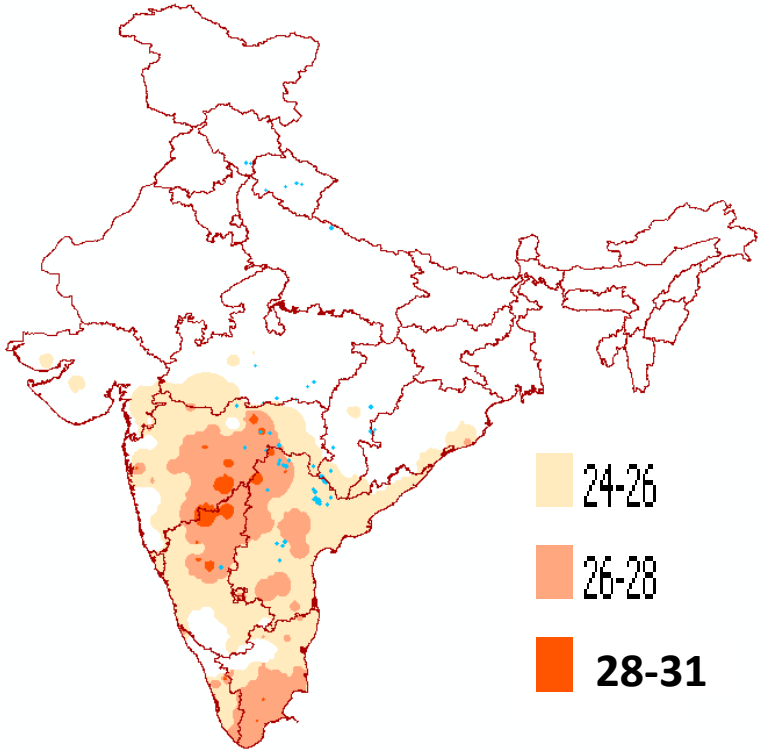
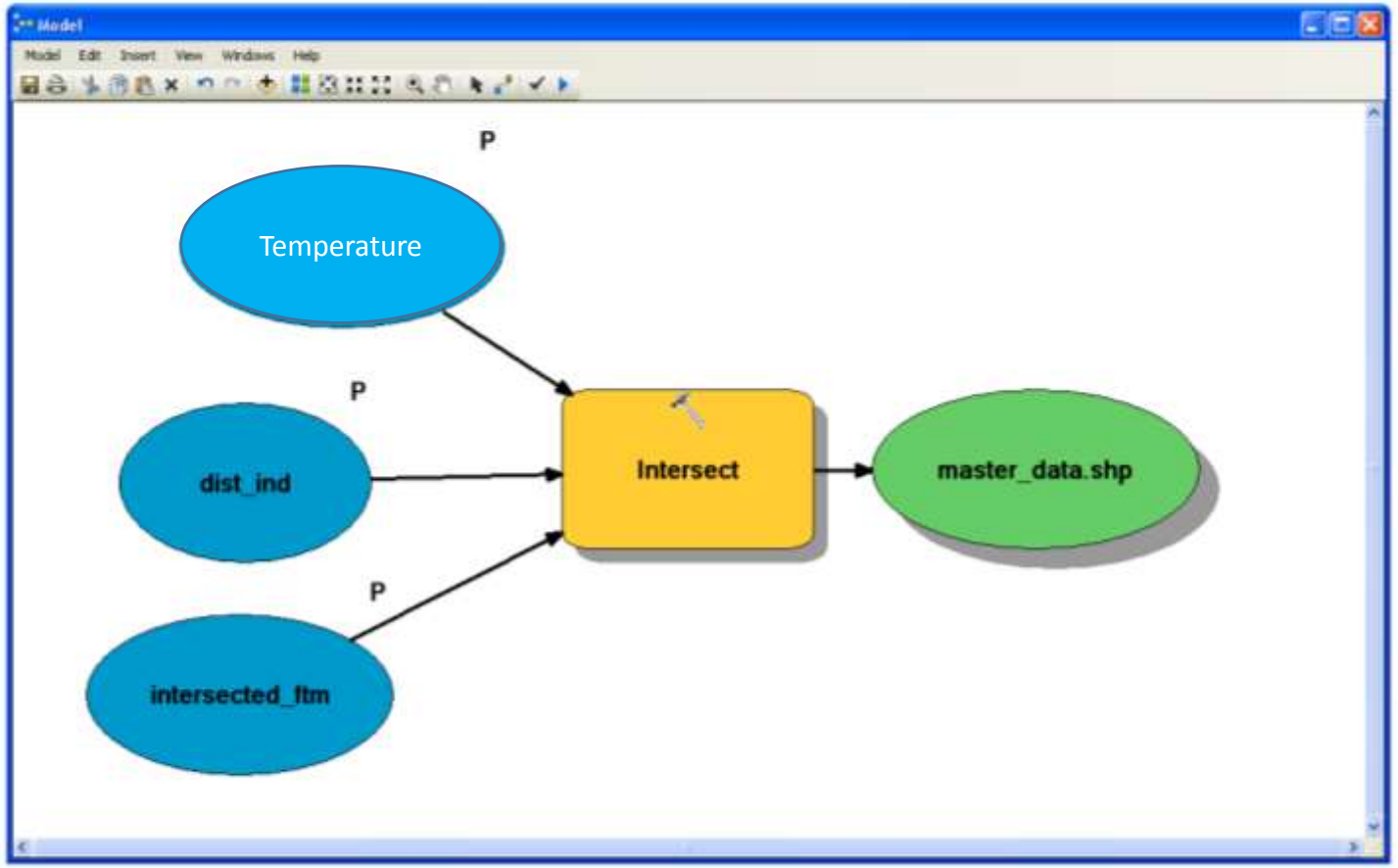


Intersect

- Computes a geometric intersection of the input features(Temperature, District Boundary , and Forest Types)

- Feature or portion of feature which overlap in all layers and /or feature classes will be written to the output feature



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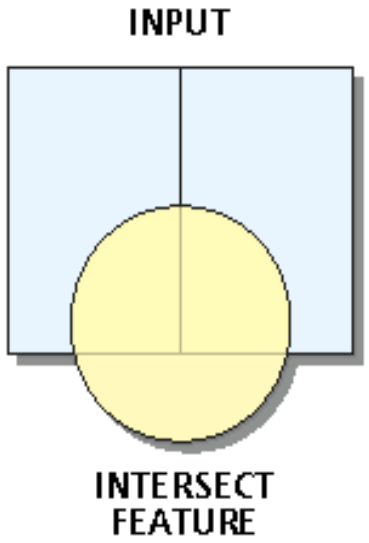

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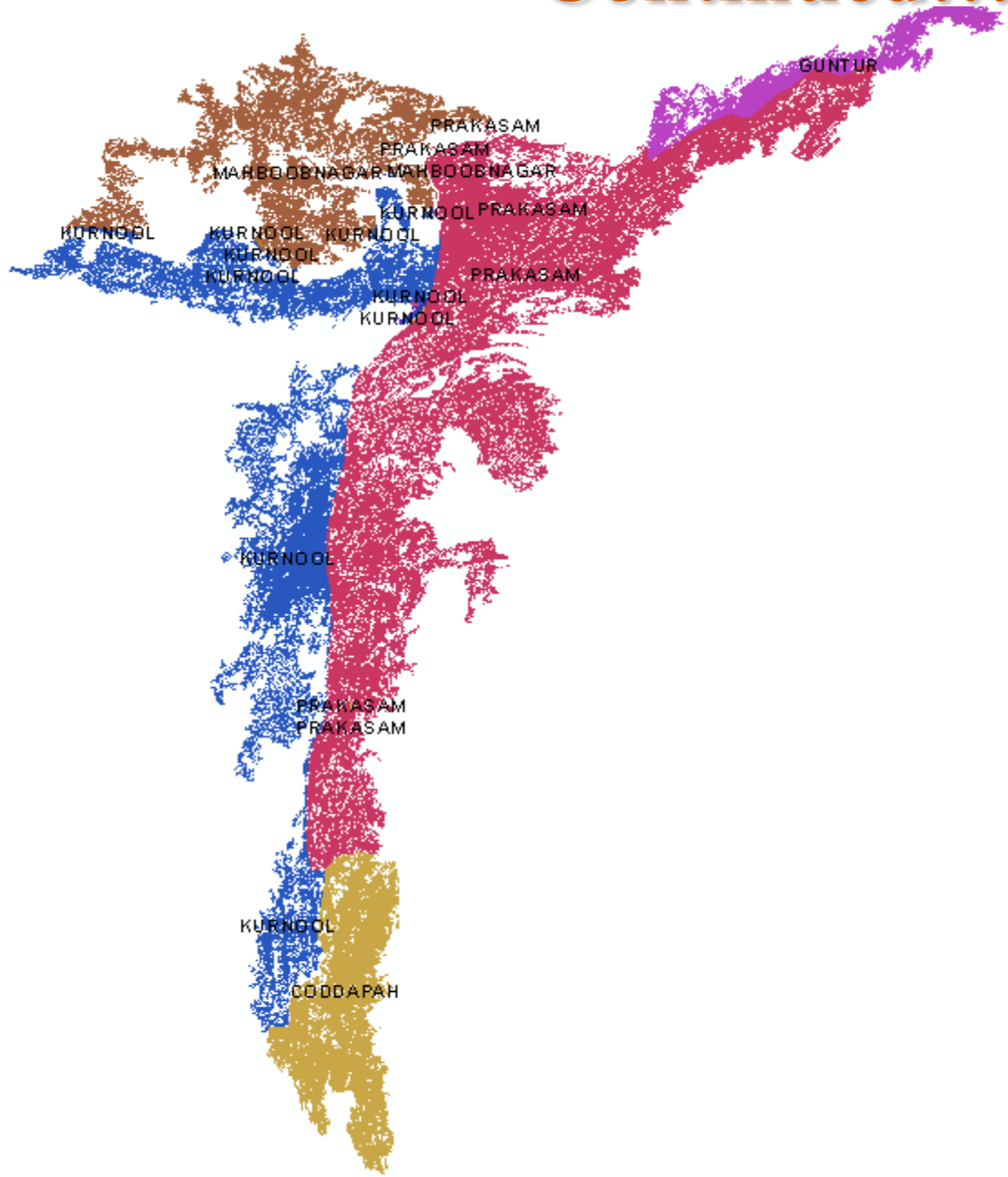

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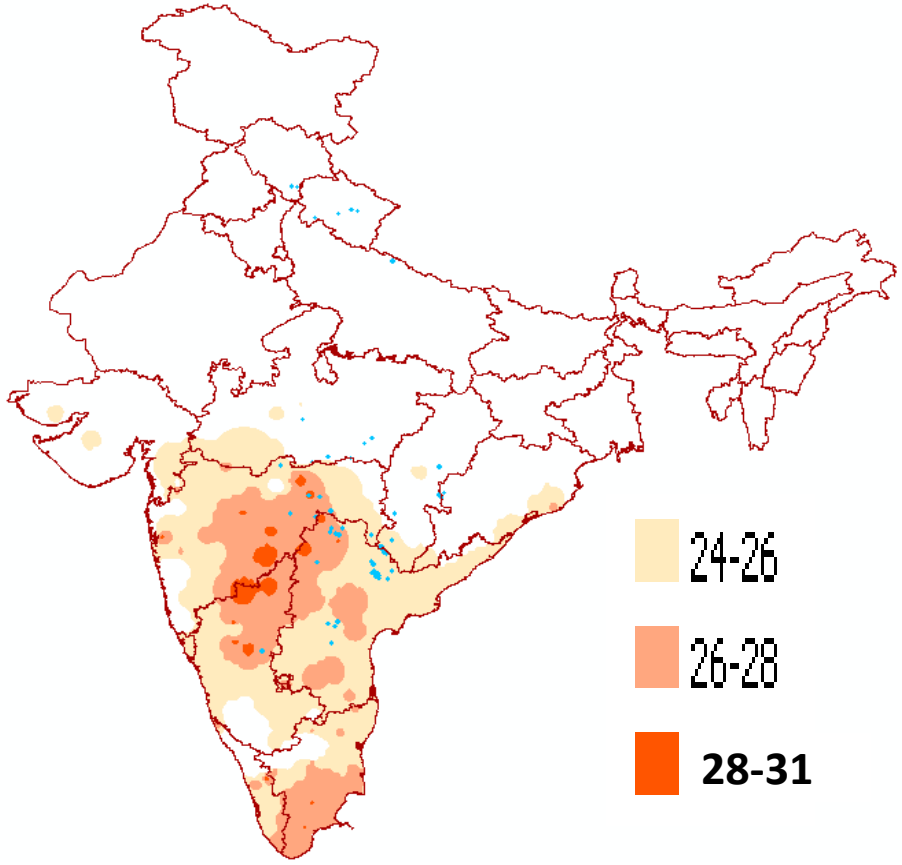

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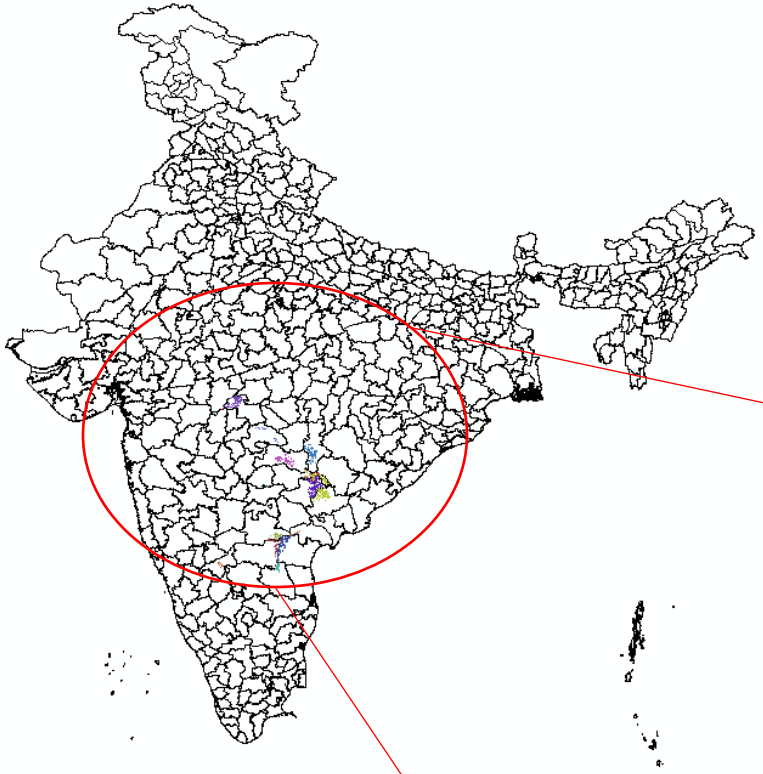

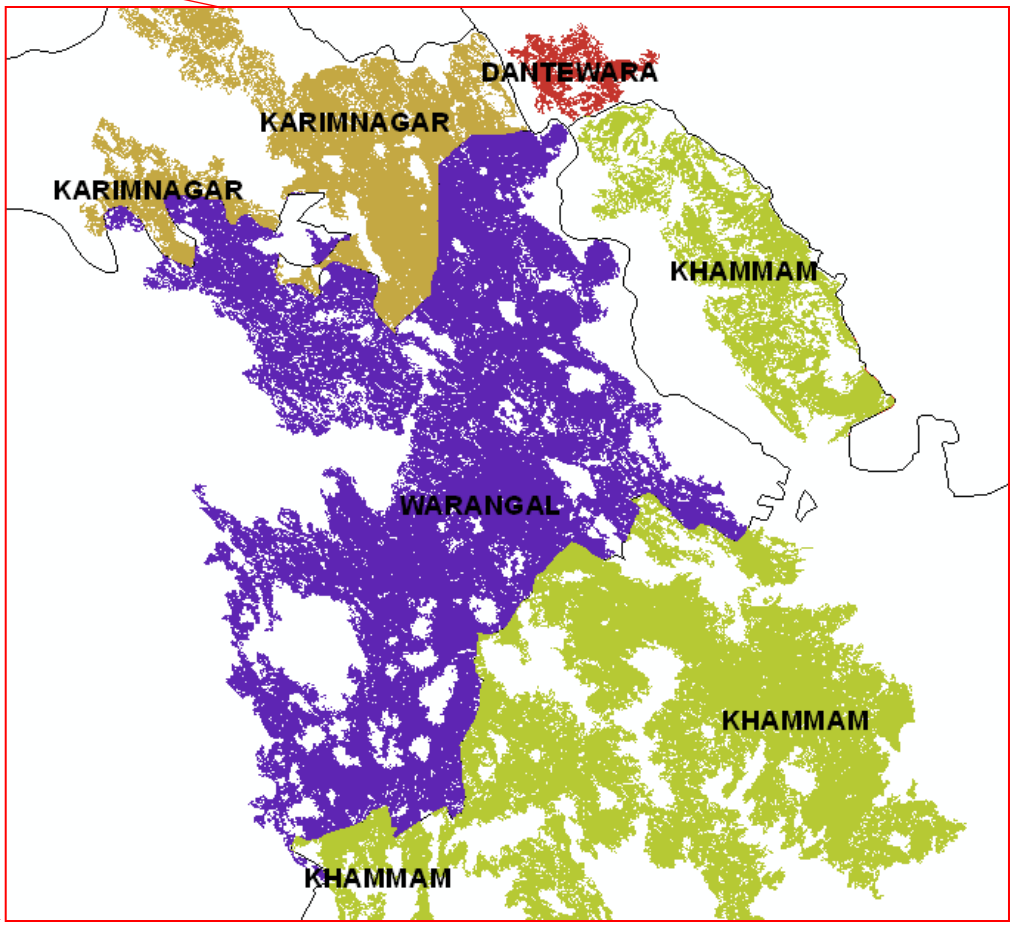

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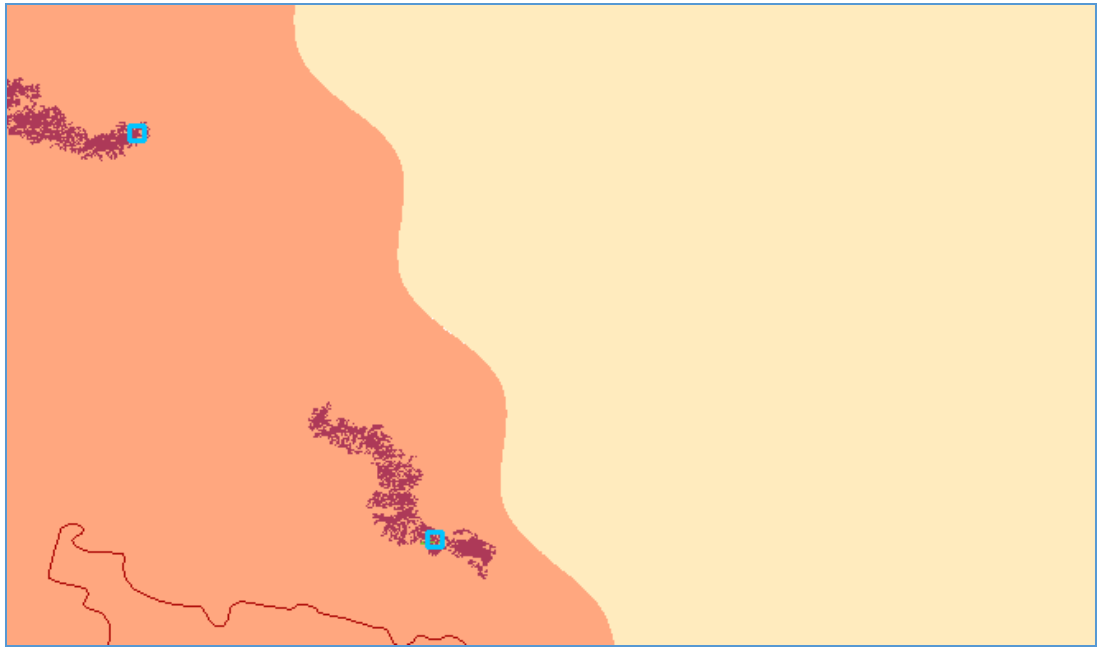

- 24-26 °C
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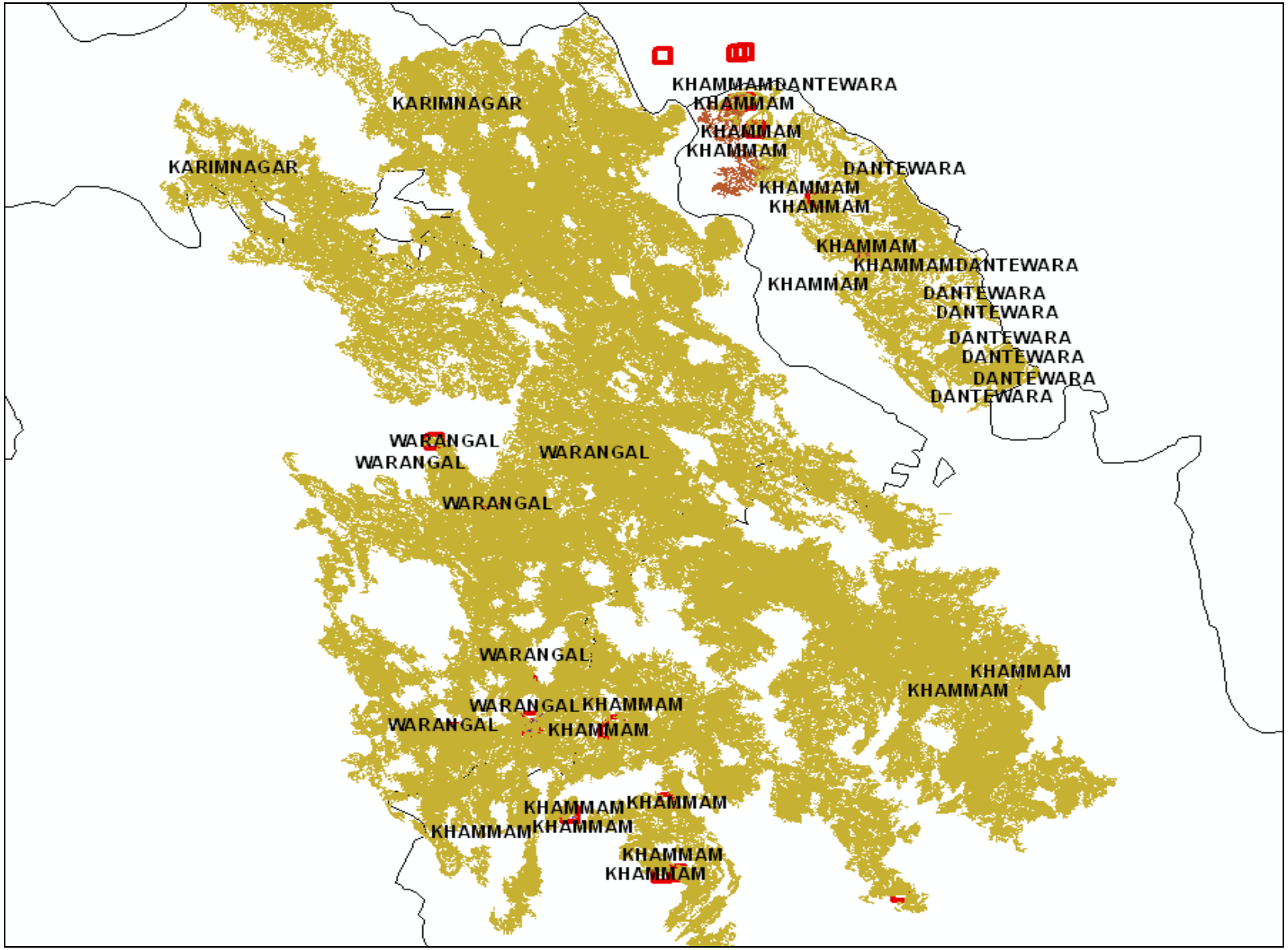
Forest type wise Distribution



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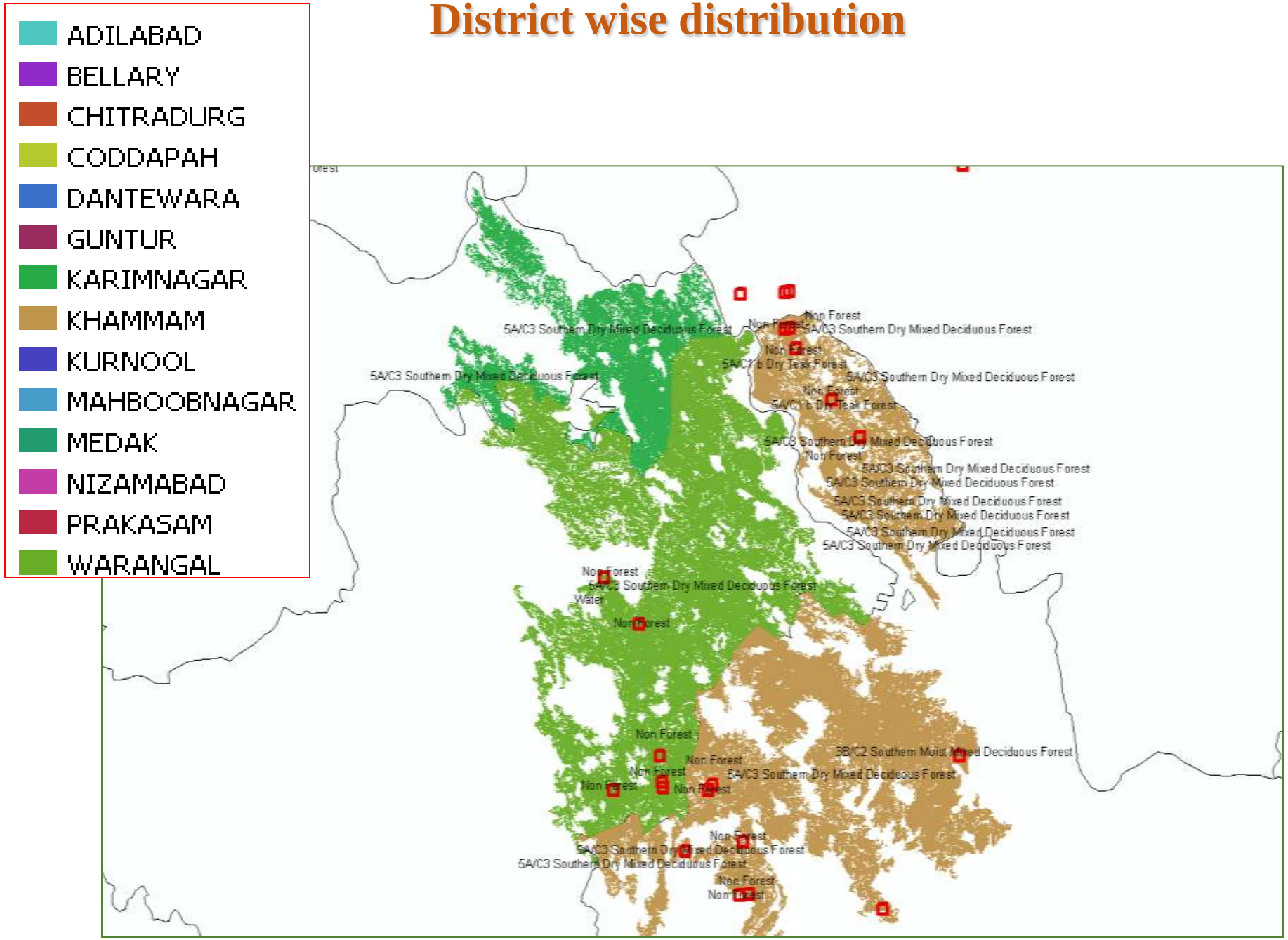

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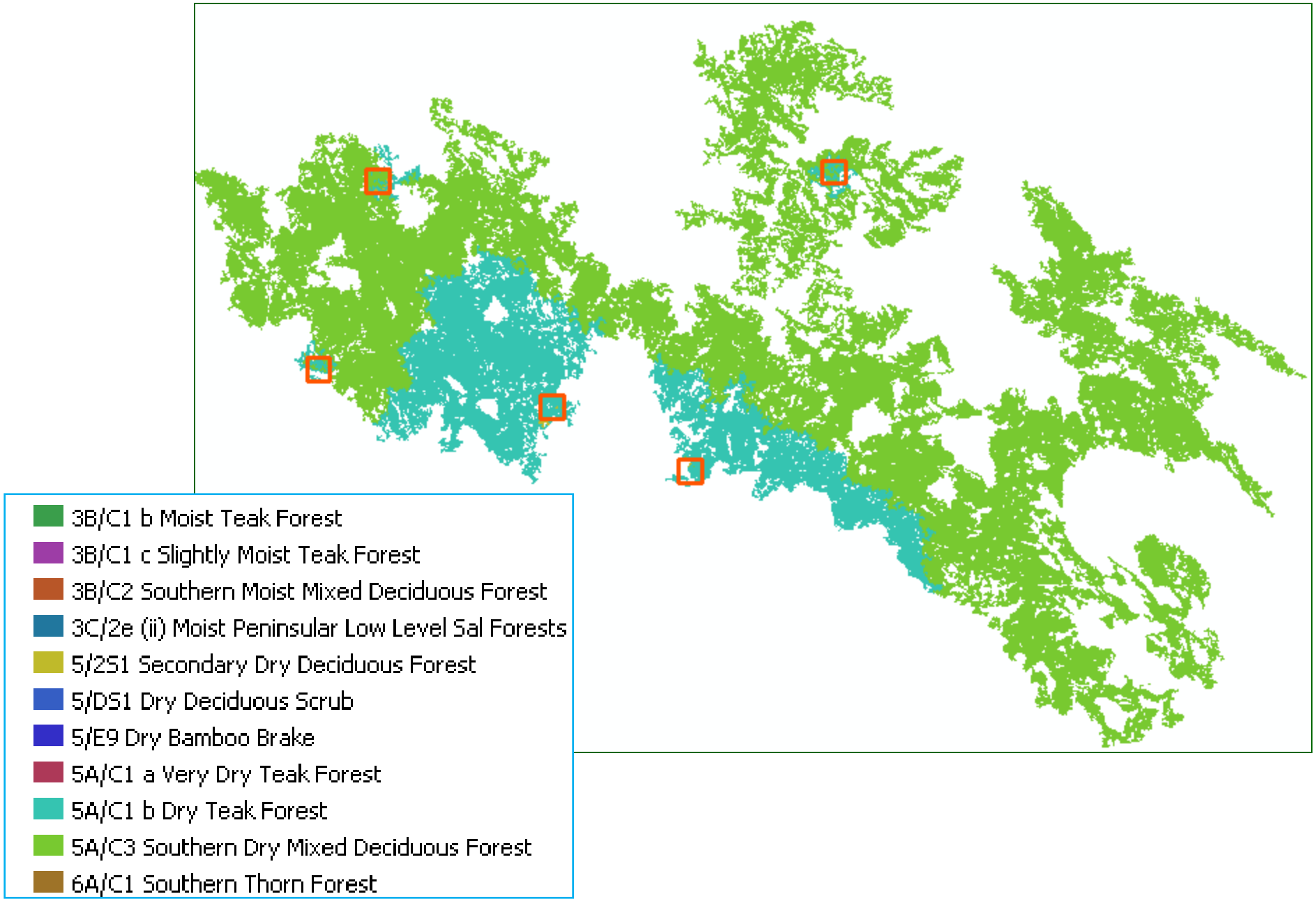
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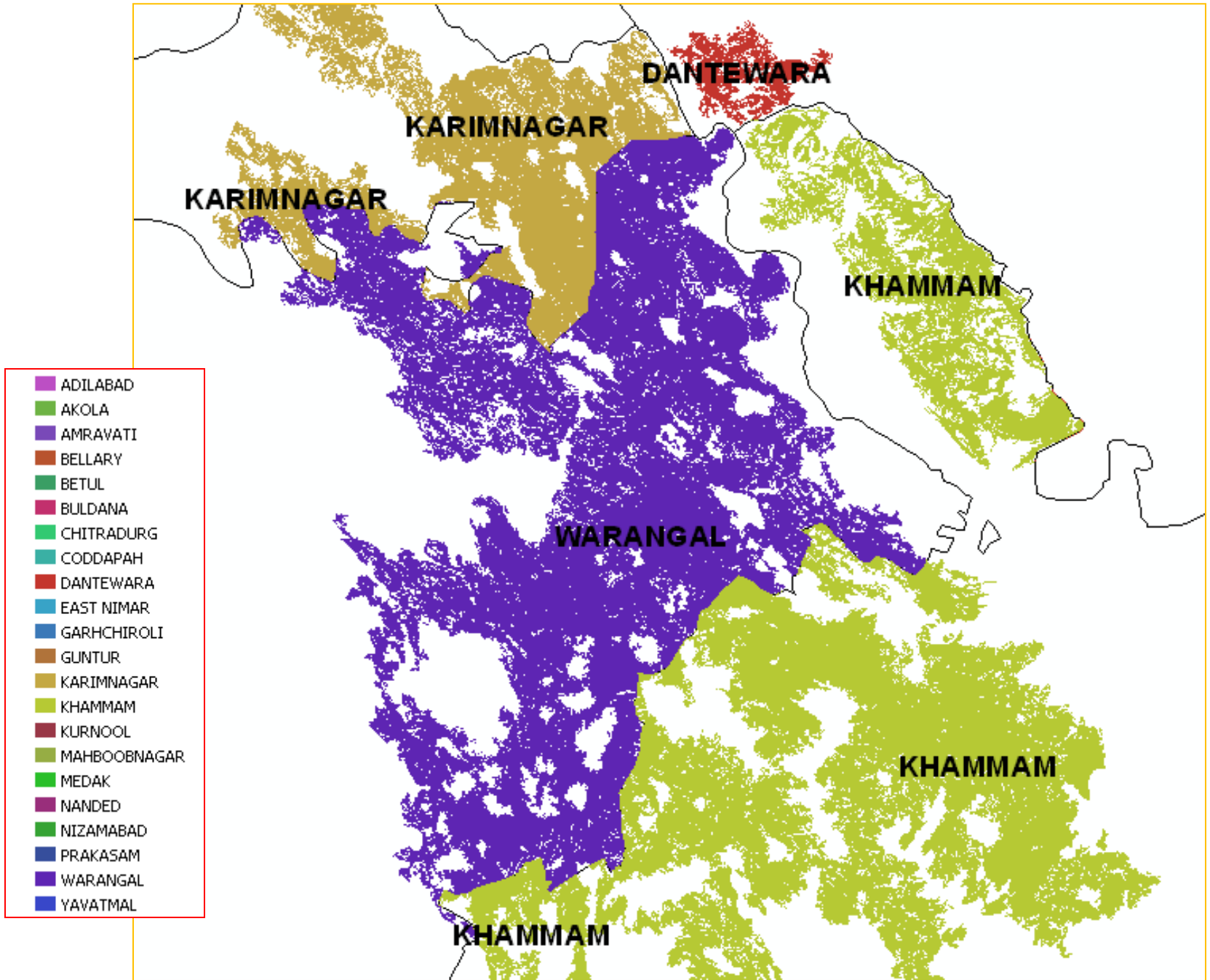
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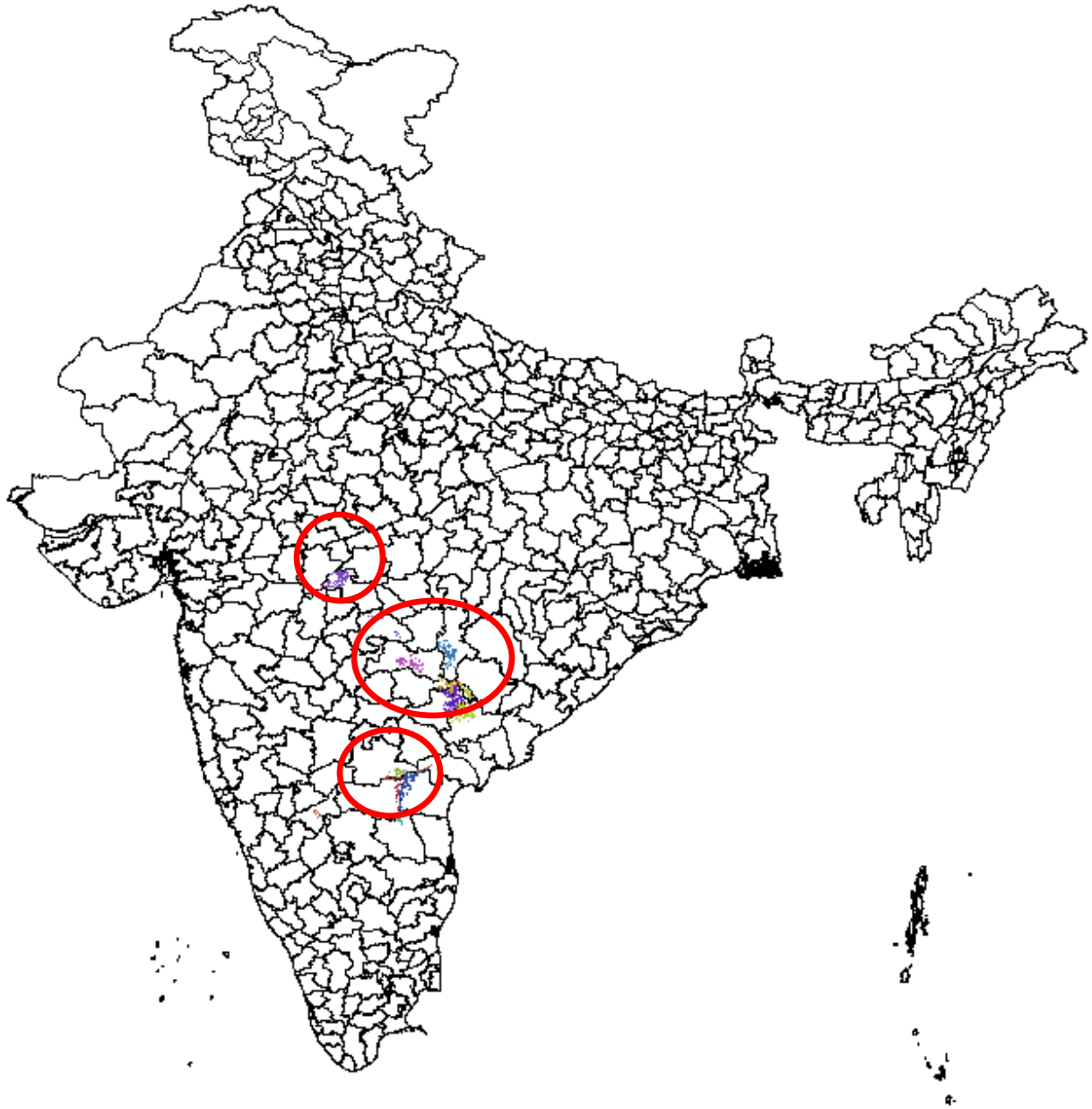
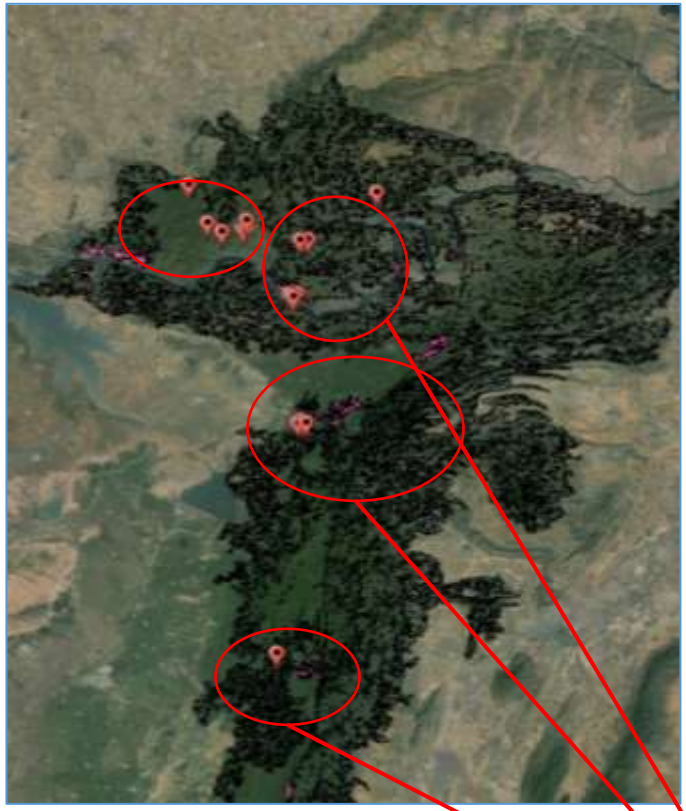
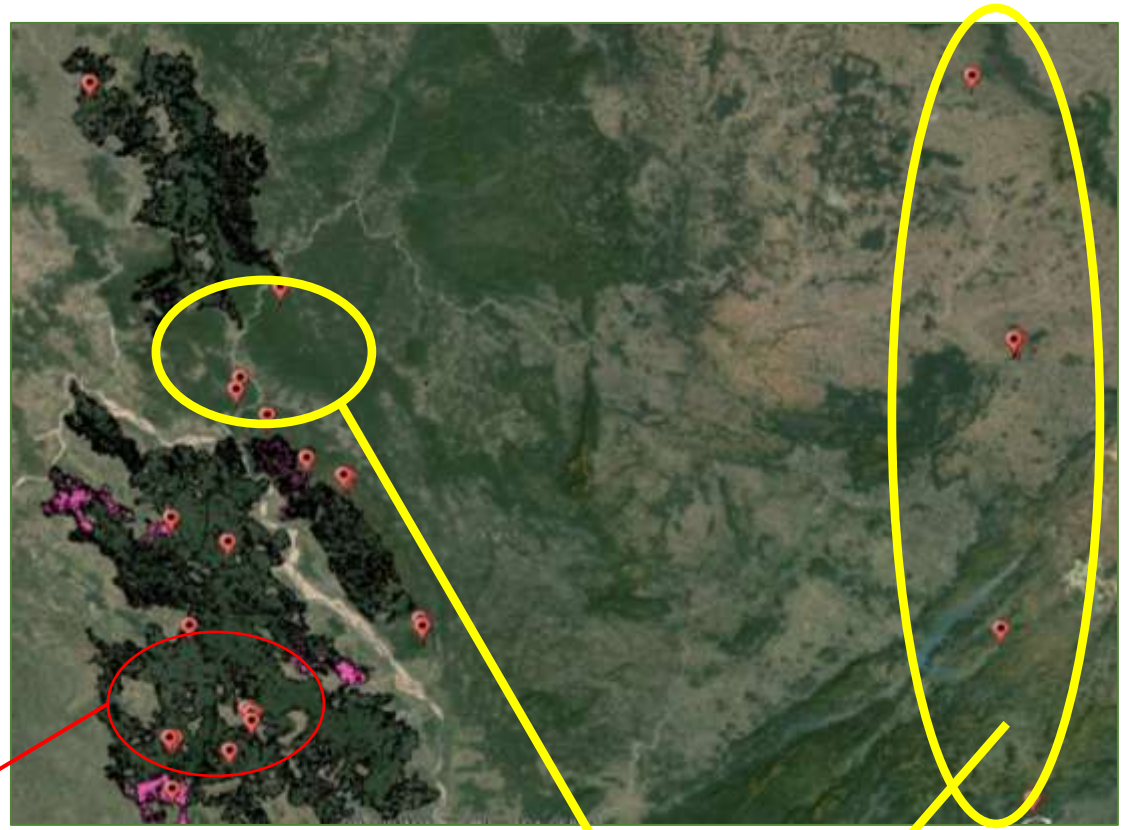
Regions selected for Pre-Warning Alerts



Fire Points overlaid on previous day Pre-Warning Alert layer (Visualised on Google Earth)

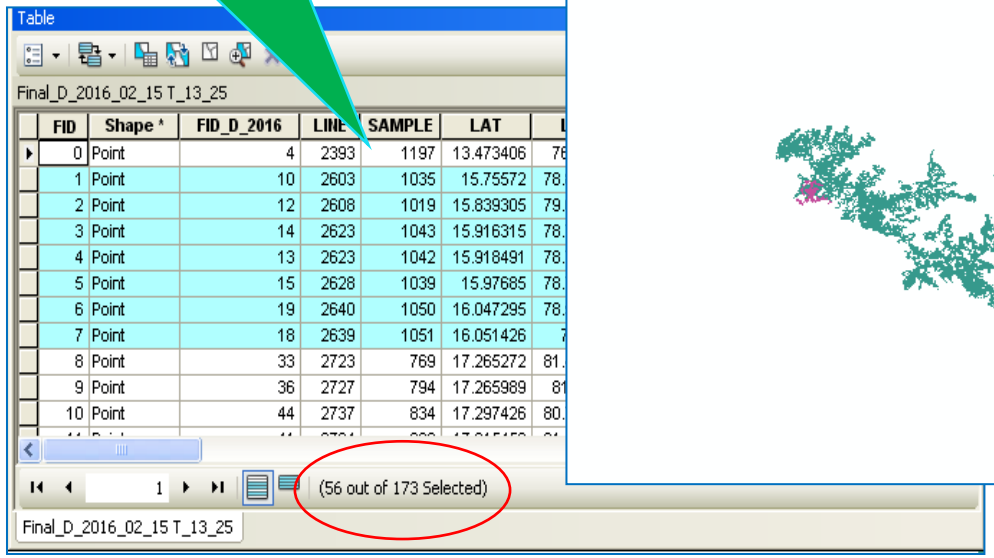


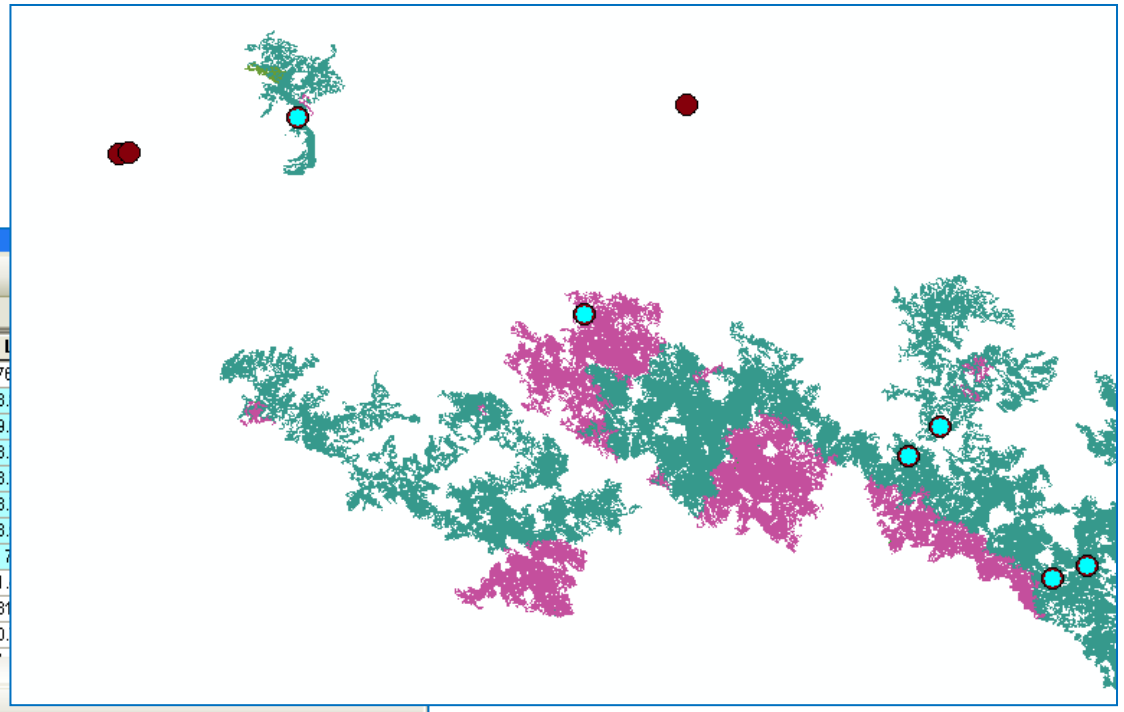


Inside

Out side

56 points out of 173 fall within the pre-warning alert region





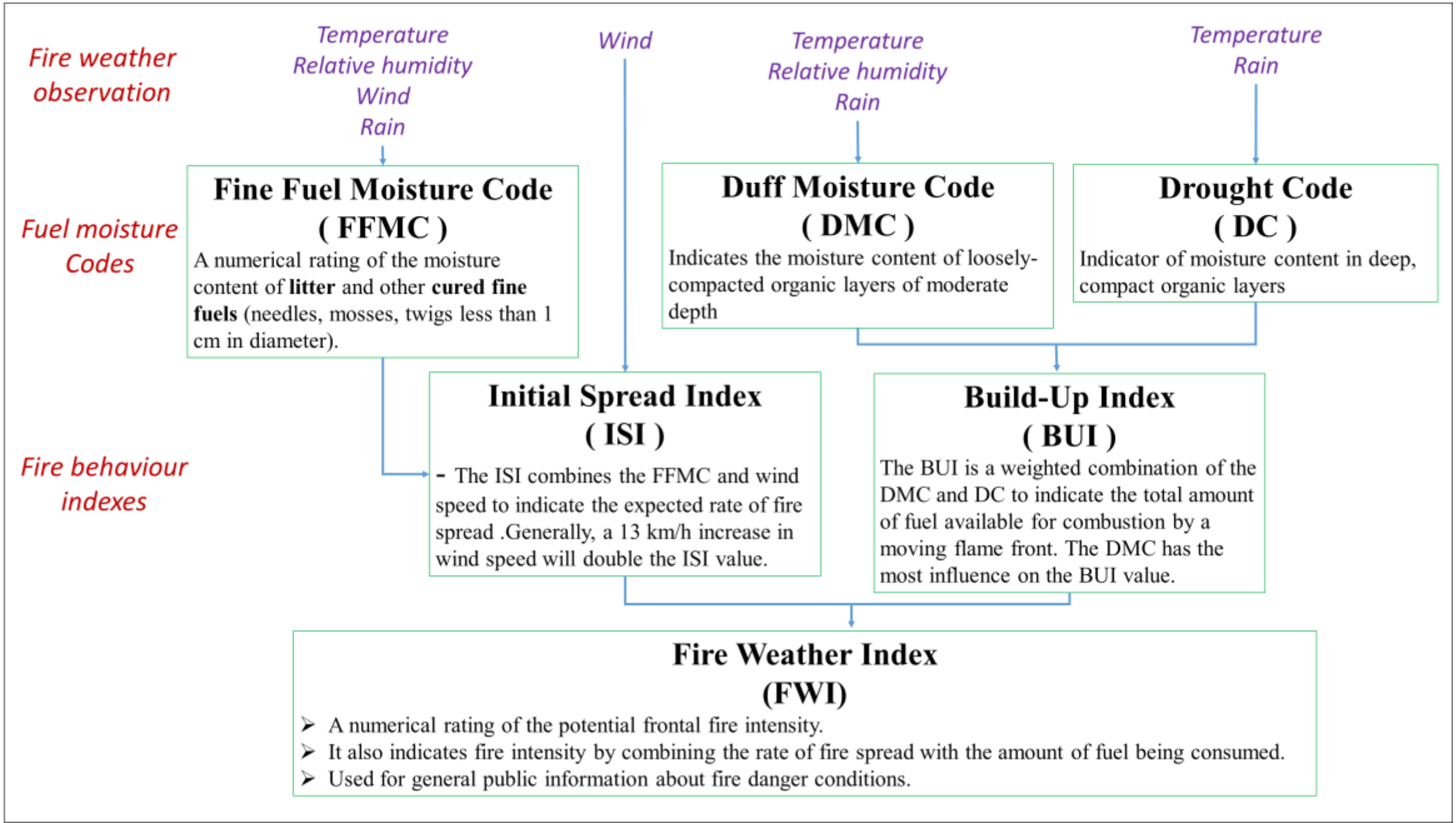
- Forest fire points falling within pre-warning alert region for forest fire layer disseminated on 15th February

- Forest fire points falling outside pre-warning alert region for forest fire layer disseminated on 15th February

Results of Pre-warning Alert

- ✓ **Based on the analysis, around 33% of the forest fire points fall over the Pre-Warning alert layer**
- ✓ **Warning for 49 districts falling in 9 states and comprising 17,837 sq km area have been alerted for pre-warning of forest fires**
- ✓ **Most of the fires have been observed within the RFA boundaries provided by the states**

Over view of fire weather index



FWI calculation model an example

LATITUDE	23
MONTH	01

Today's 12:00 Weather

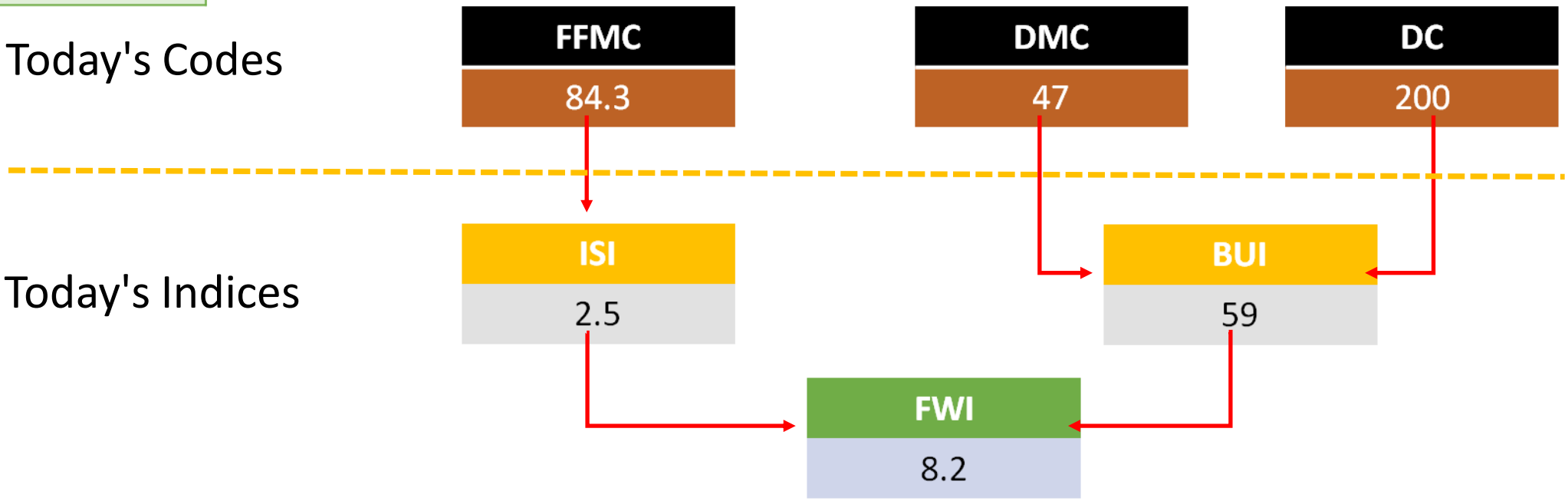
TEMP	30.0
WIND	5.0
RH	60.0
24 hr RAIN	1.0

Yesterday's Moisture Codes

FFMC	85
DMC	45
DC	195

Today's Codes

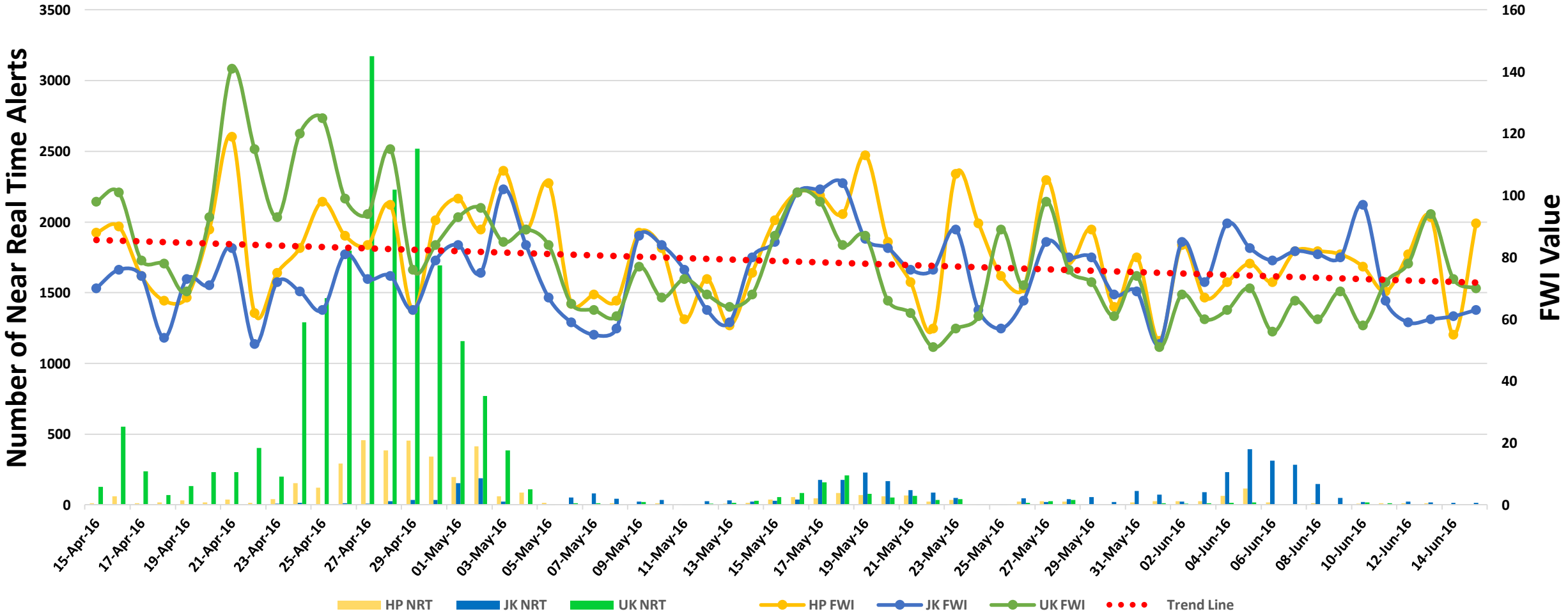
Today's Indices



Customised Fire Danger Rating System (FDRS) based on Fire Weather Index (FWI) for Pilot States of India

Western Himalayan States

1 Himachal Pradesh(HP) 2 Jammu and Kashmir(JK) 3 Uttarakhand(UK)



Western Himalaya

FDRS
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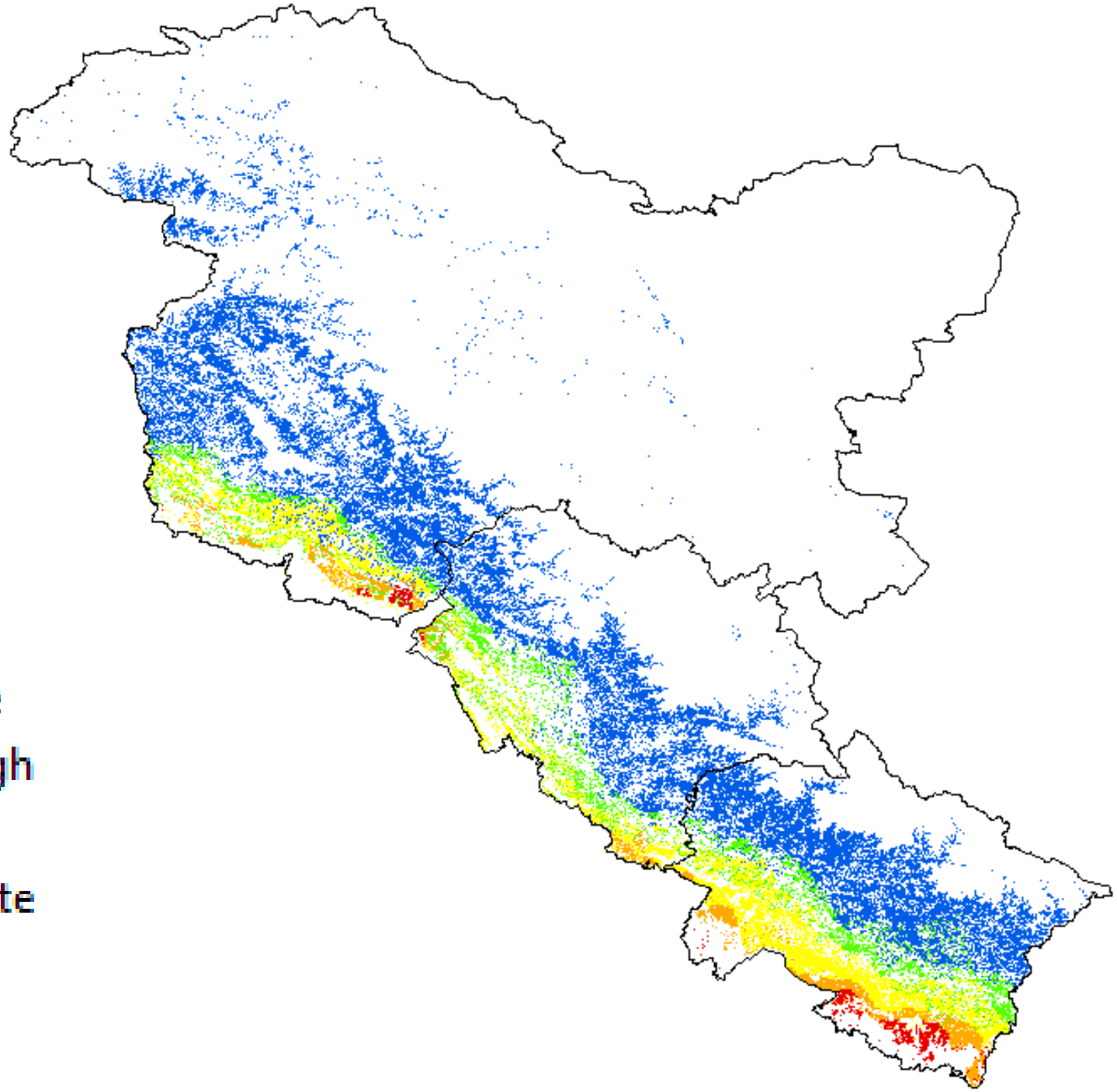
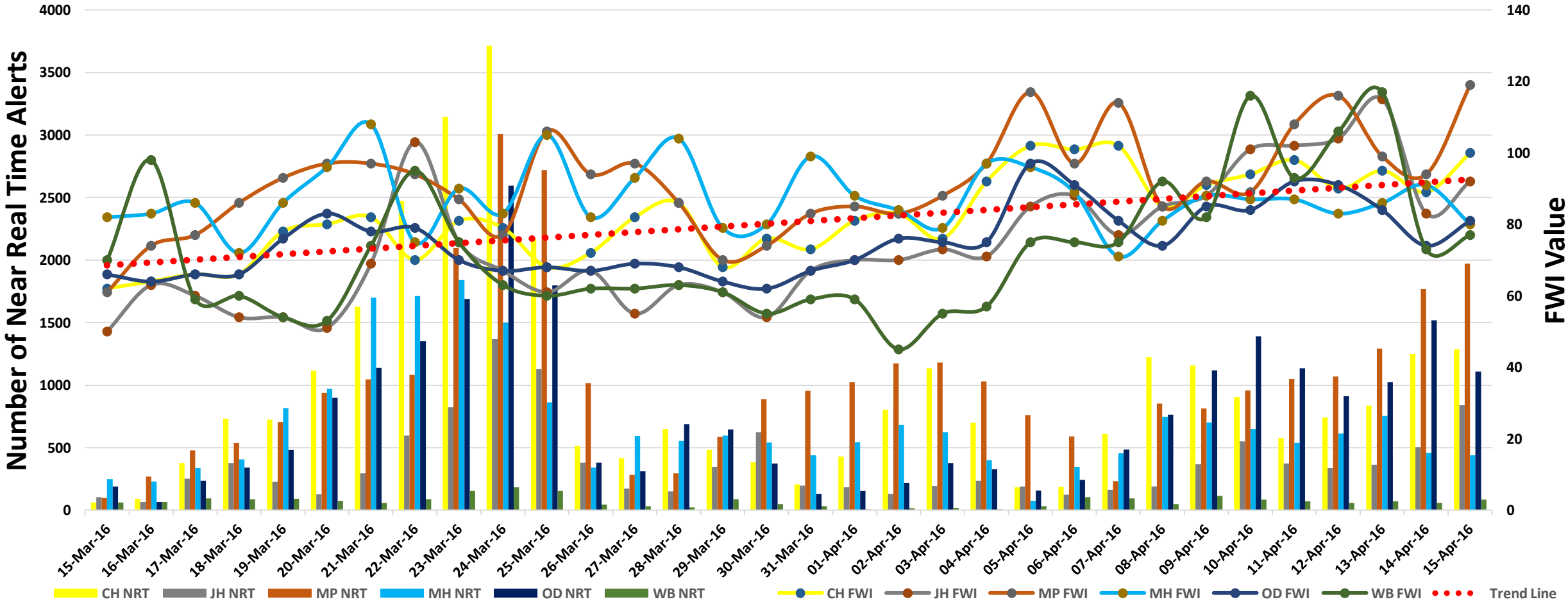


Central Indian States

1 Chhattisgarh 2 Jharkhand 3 Madhya Pradesh 4 Maharashtra

5 Odisha 6 West Bengal



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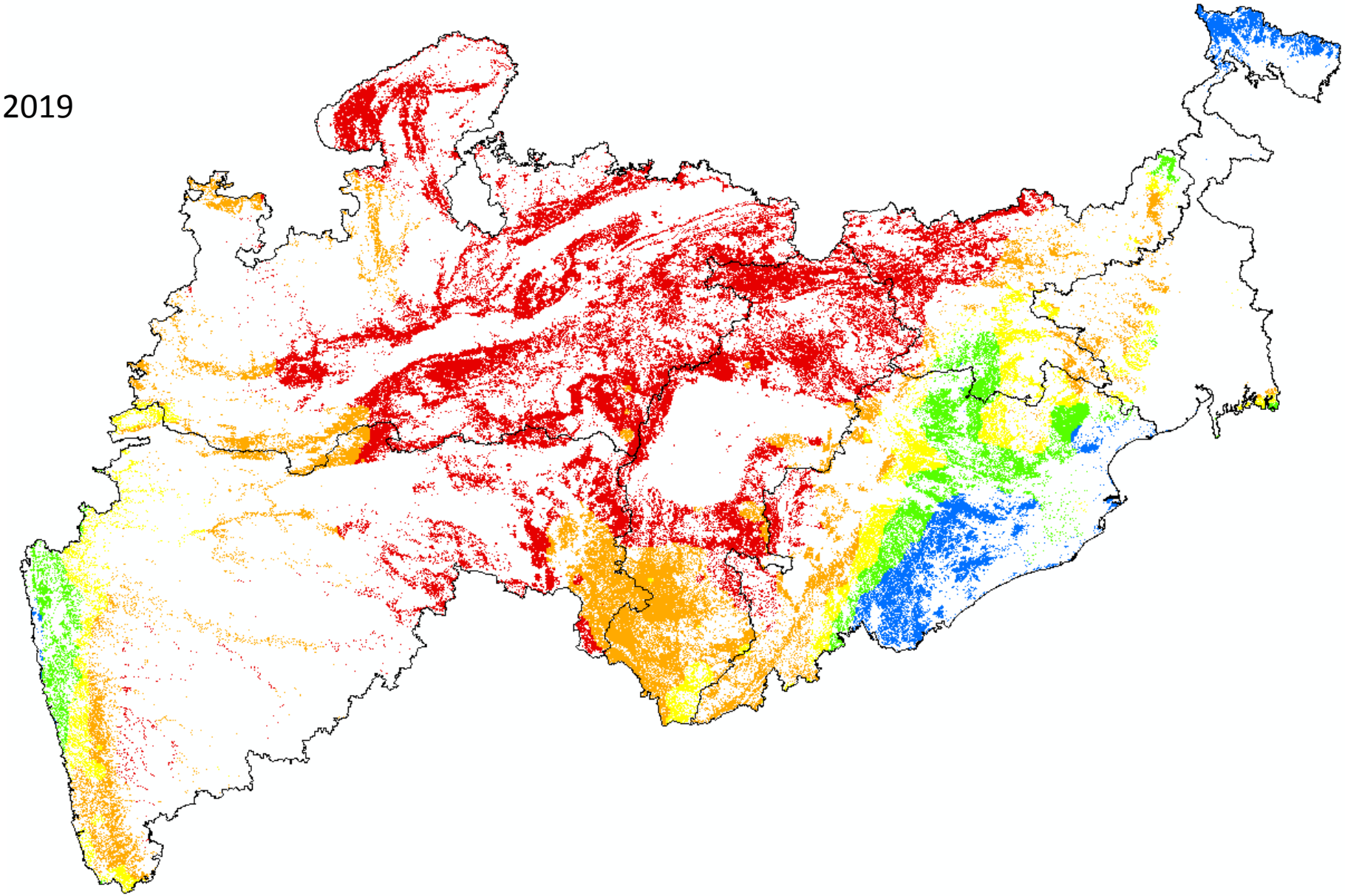

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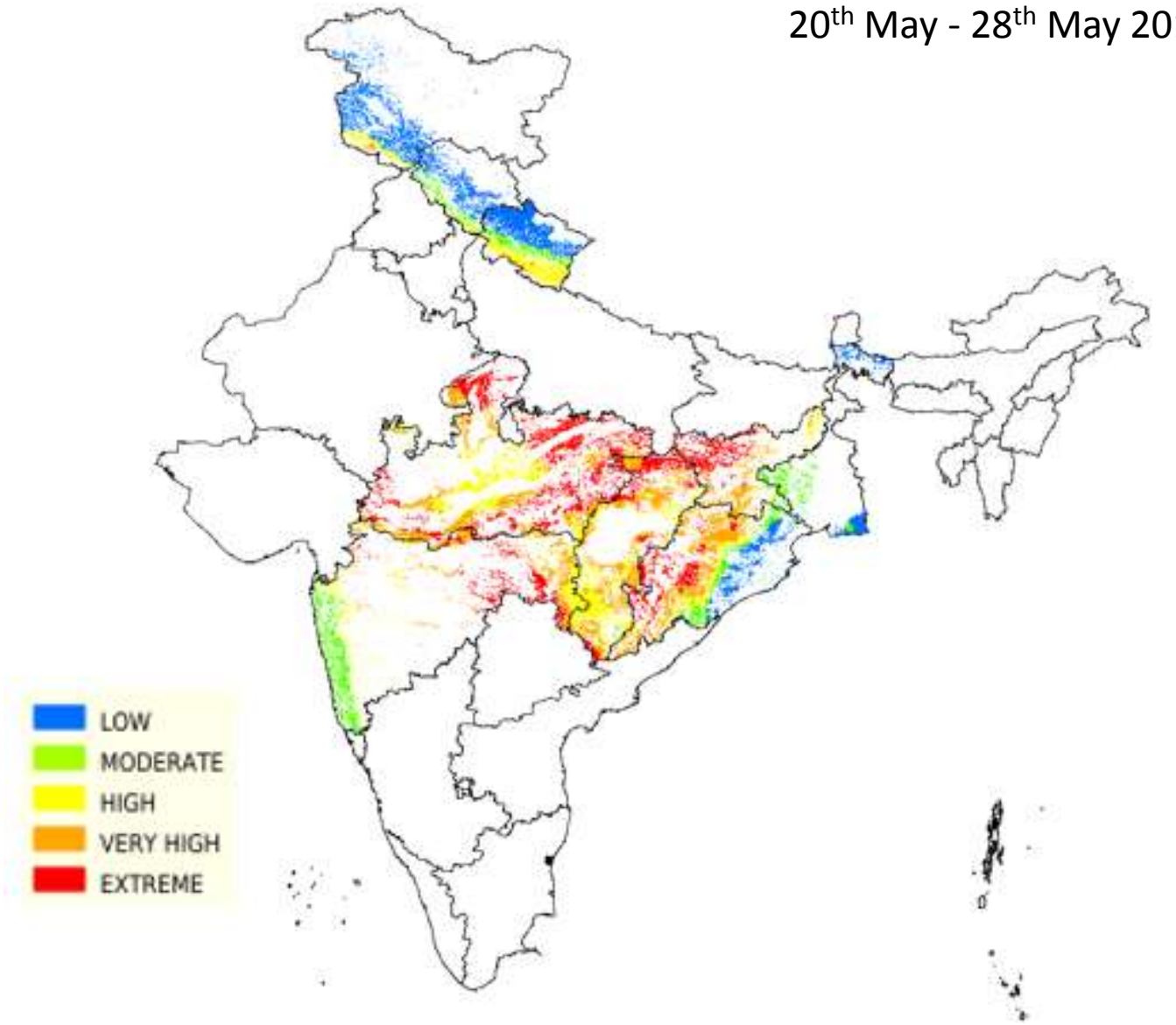

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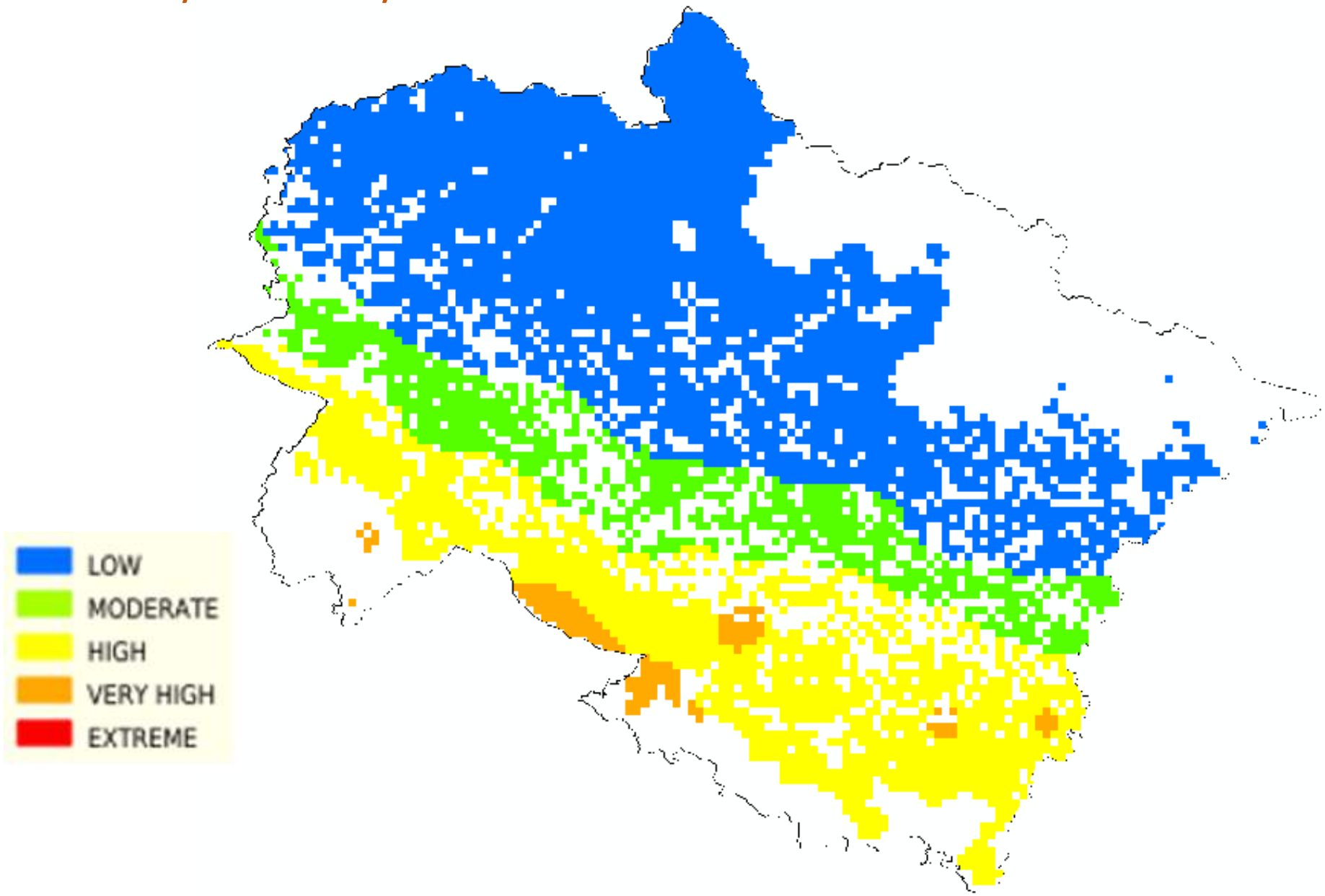

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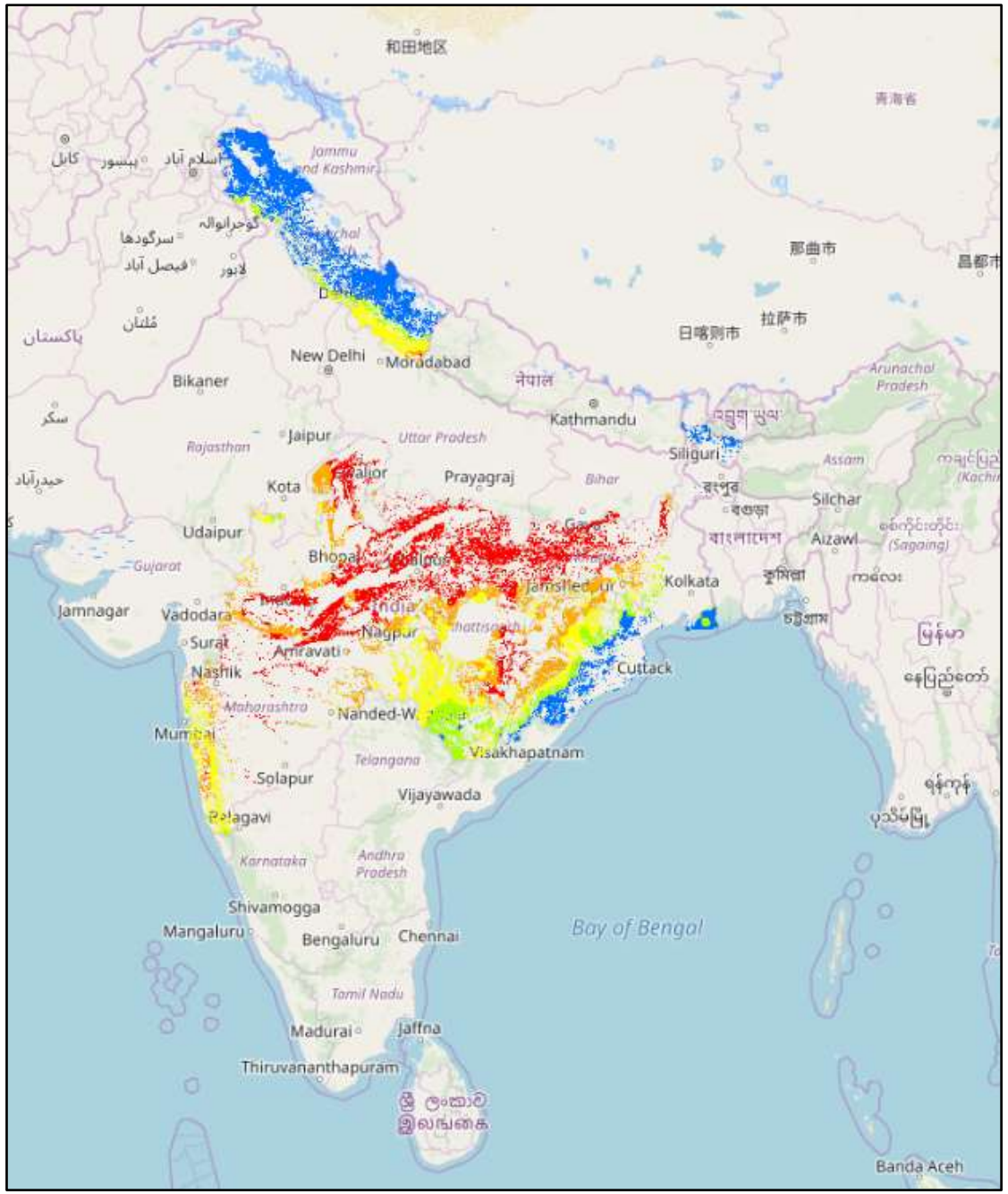

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Forest Fire Vulnerability Assessment

Specific Objectives

1. Study the forest fire vulnerability using the time series data and other causative factors.
2. Study the vulnerability based on the forest types and forest density classes.
3. Identify and categorized the grids/district based on the degree of severity.
4. Study the socioeconomic parameters and relate the vulnerable area with these parameters.

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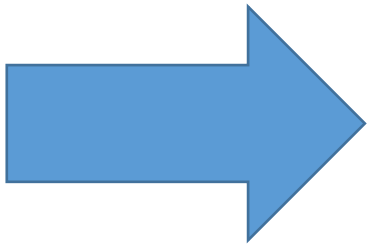
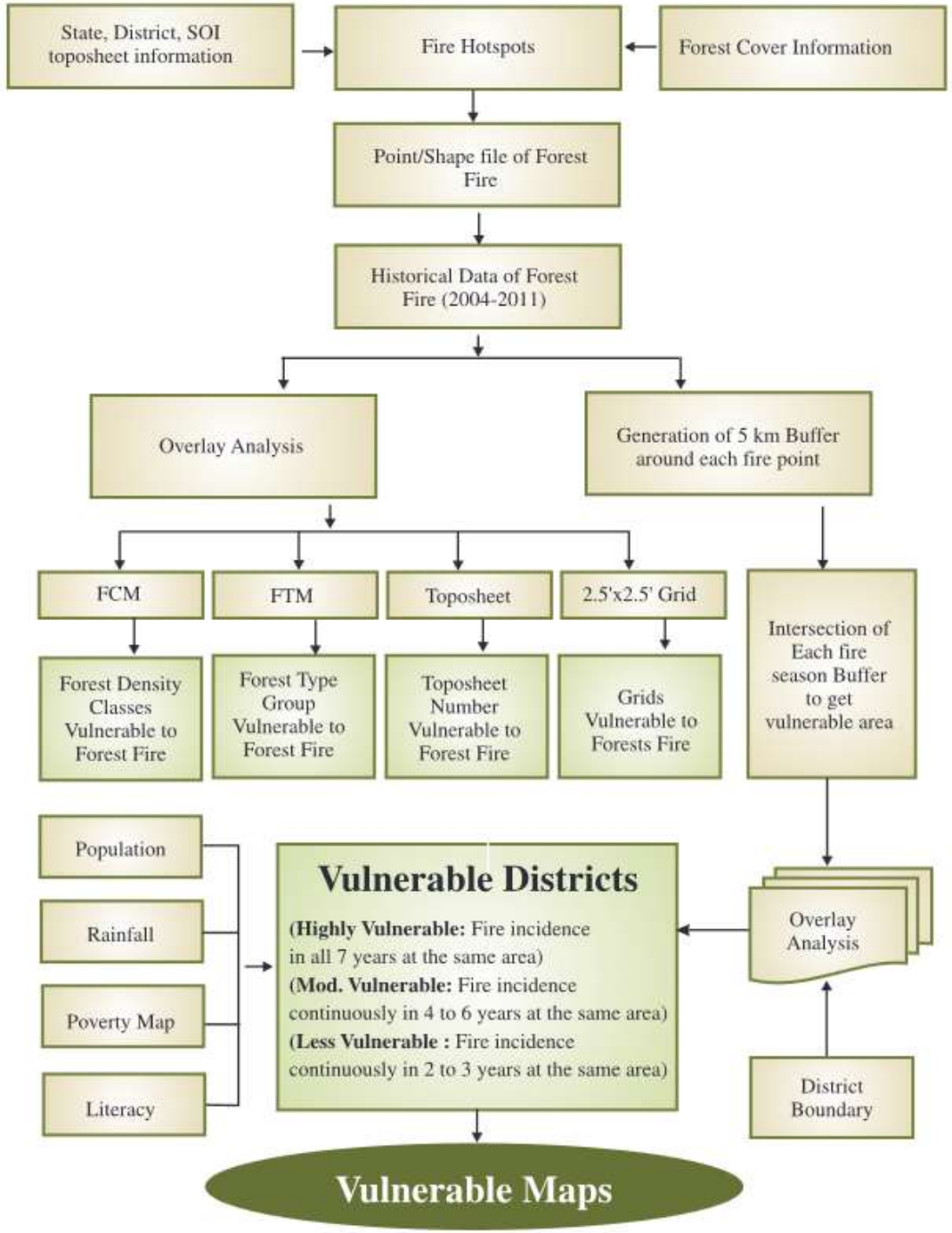
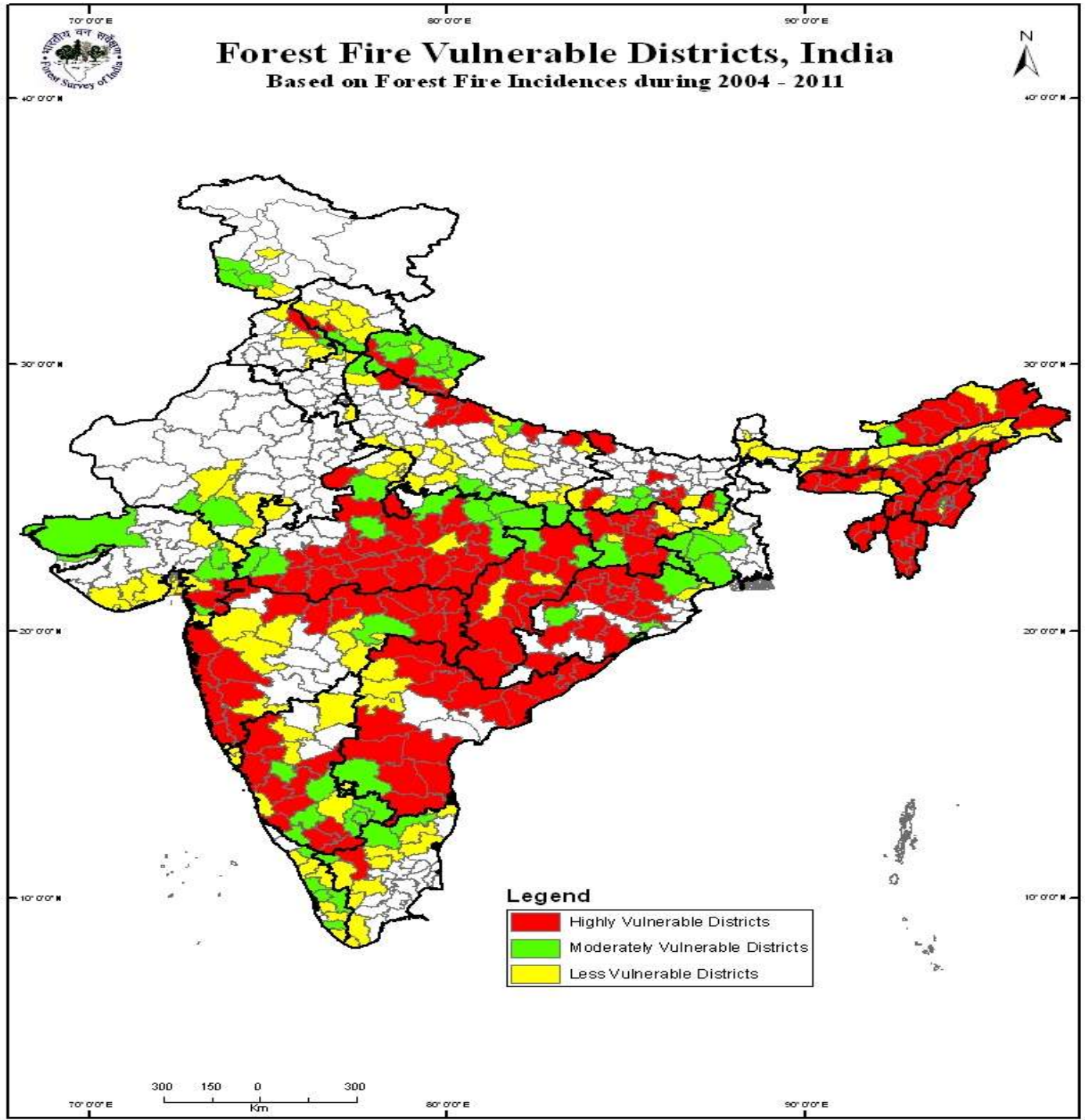
Methodology



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Highly Vulnerable Districts
Moderately Vulnerable Districts
Less Vulnerable Districts
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States having Vulnerable Districts

S.No	State	No. of Districts
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	15
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8
3	ASSAM	12
4	BIHAR	5
5	CHHATTISGARH	10
6	GUJARAT	3
7	JHARKHAND	5
8	KARNATAKA	10
9	MADHYA PRADESH	22
10	MAHARASHTRA	16
11	MANIPUR	9
12	MEGHALAYA	5
13	MIZORAM	6
14	NAGALAND	8
15	ORISSA	10
16	TAMIL NADU	1
17	TRIPURA	3
18	UTTAR PRADESH	7
19	UTTARAKHAND	3
	Total	**158**

Salient Features

1. Forest fire vulnerability has been estimated in terms of forest cover, forest type 2.5 ' × 2.5 ', Toposheets, time periods.
2. Attempt has been made to correlate the vulnerability with different factors such as socioeconomic, anthropogenic, climatological etc.
3. Vulnerability in terms of spatial extent has been assessed.
4. It has been further studied to find the state level crucial period of fire occurrences.

Findings

1. A total of 8645 forest fire incidences have been reported during 2004-2005; 20567 during 2005-2006; 16779 during 2006-2007; 17264 during 2007-2008; 26180 during 2008-2009; 30892 during 2009-2010; and 13898 during 2010-11 respectively.
2. A total of 57063 forest fire incidence were observed in moderately dense forest which is total 43% of the total fire incidences. A total of 53779 forest fire incidence have been observed in open forest which is total 40% of the total fire incidences. However, only 9% fire incidences have been reported in very dense forest during the last 7 years.
3. The maximum forest fire incidences have been reported in dry deciduous forest followed by tropical moist deciduous forest and tropical semi-evergreen forests.

Major Findings

1. **Subtropical pine forest is the 5th forest type vulnerable to forest fires. Although the % of this forest type group is 2.63% in the country yet total forest fire incidences reported in this type group during past 7 years is 2062.**
2. **In north-eastern part of the country a total of 1057, 1032 and 999 fire incidences have been reported following in toposheet numbers 84B09, 84A05 and 84A12 respectively, whereas in other parts of the country 702,667 and 608 forest fire incidences have been reported in 65A15,65E03 and 65A14 toposheets respectively during the past 7 years.**
3. **Most of the vulnerable areas have been observed in the border district of the states of central and southern central India viz., Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.**

Major Findings

4. 29 out of 35 states and UTs have been reported with the continuous forest fire in two or more consecutive years. 348 district of the country are vulnerable to forest fire out of which 168 districts are highly vulnerable, 96 are moderately vulnerable whereas 111 are less vulnerable.
5. As per analysis carried out in every 2.5' × 2.5' grid, 15% area of the country is vulnerable to forest fire.
6. States such as Delhi and the UTs except Dadra and Nagar Haveli, repetition of forest fire in the same area in the consecutive years have not been reported.
7. In the north-eastern states main reason for the larger being vulnerable may be attributed to the general practice of shifting cultivation.

Major Findings

8. At country level, the state of Madhya Pradesh is having highest number of highly vulnerable districts followed by Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.
9. Out of 348 identified vulnerable districts of the country, 83 districts are having literacy rate less than 60%.
10. 32 districts of the central India area highly prone to forest fire with average poverty level between 41-80% (Census of India -2011). This districts comprise 35.16% forest cover area of the total geographical area of these districts.

Forest fire incidences in different forest density classes of forest cover map

Forest Density	Year 2004-05	Year 2005-06	Year 2006-07	Year 2007-08	Year 2008-09	Year 2009-10	Year 2010-11	Total
Very Dense Forest	827	1139	1456	1563	2574	2804	1105	**11468**
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Open Forest	3032	8910	6675	6758	10008	12711	5685	**53779**
Scrub	82	137	77	61	84	100	39	**580**
Non Forest	1058	2241	1398	1312	2017	2081	1228	**11335**
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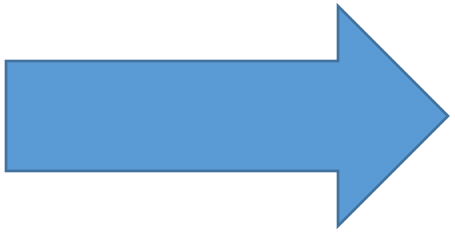
States with No. of districts under different vulnerability zones



Sl. No.	State	No. of Highly Vulnerable District	No. of Moderately Vulnerable District	No. of Less Vulnerable District	Total No. of Vulnerable District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15	1	3	19
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	1	3	13
3.	Assam	12	0	9	21
4.	Bihar	5	3	3	11
5.	Chhattisgarh	11	2	2	15
6.	Gujarat	3	4	7	14
7.	Goa	0	0	2	2
9.	Haryana	0	1	1	2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1	2	5	8
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	2	4	6
12.	Jharkhand	8	5	4	17
13.	Karnataka	11	7	5	23
14.	Kerala	0	5	6	11
15.	Madhya Pradesh	24	9	5	38
16.	Maharashtra	18	1	7	26
17.	Manipur	7	1	1	9
18.	Meghalaya	5	0	2	7
19.	Mizoram	6	0	0	6
20.	Nagaland	8	0	0	8
22	Odisha	9	3	1	13
23	Punjab	1	1	4	6
24.	Rajasthan	0	2	4	6
25.	Sikkim	0	0	1	1

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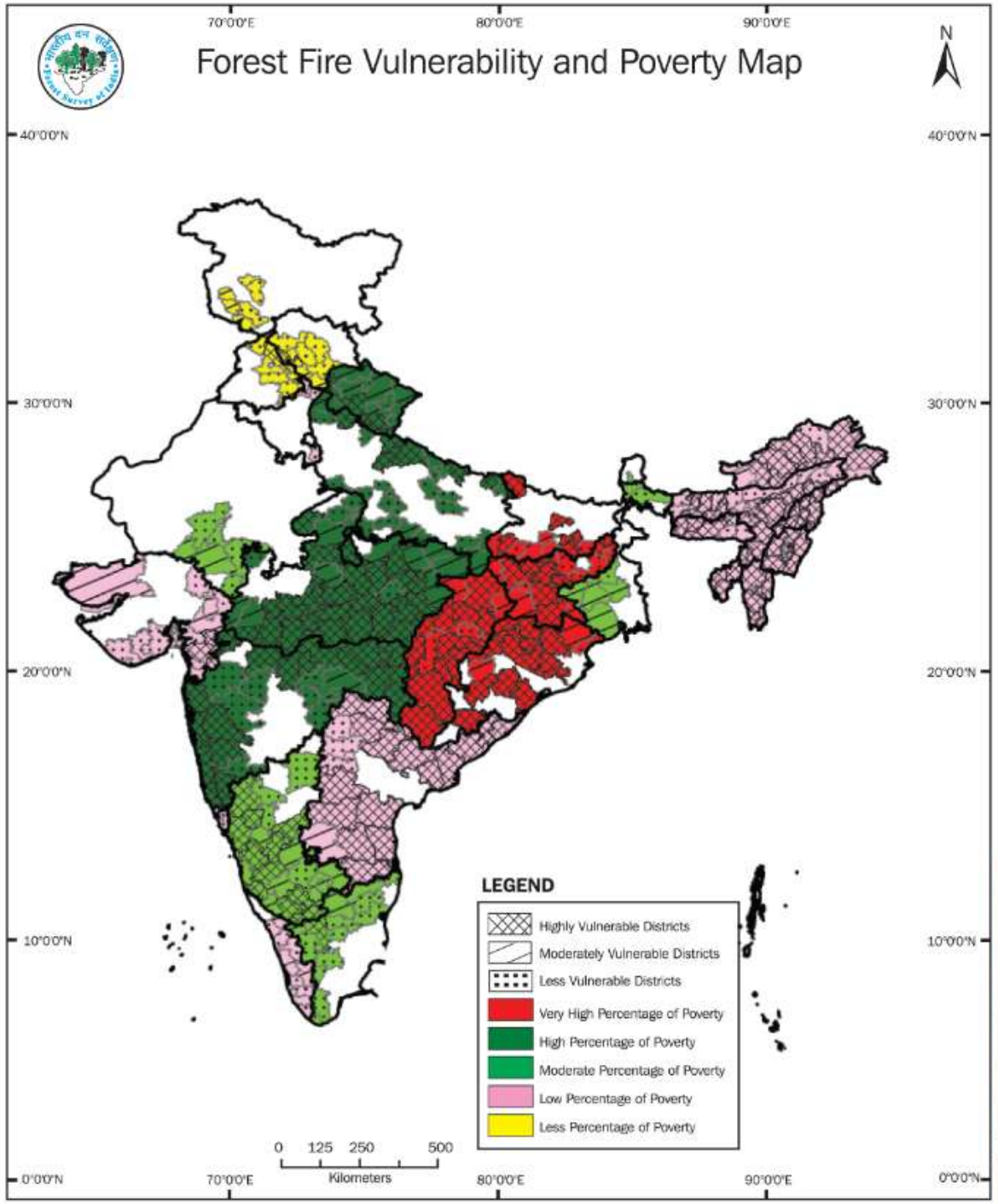

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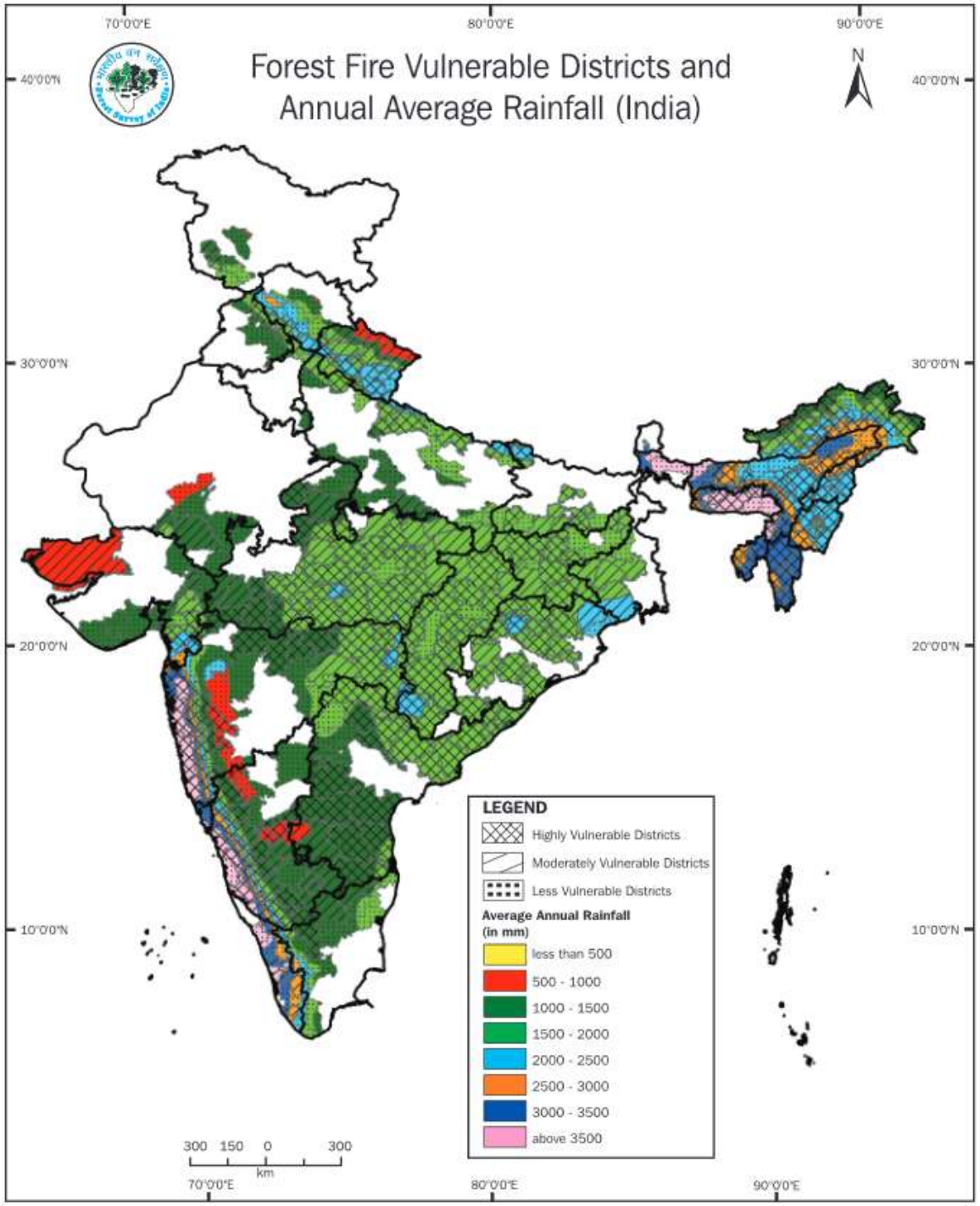

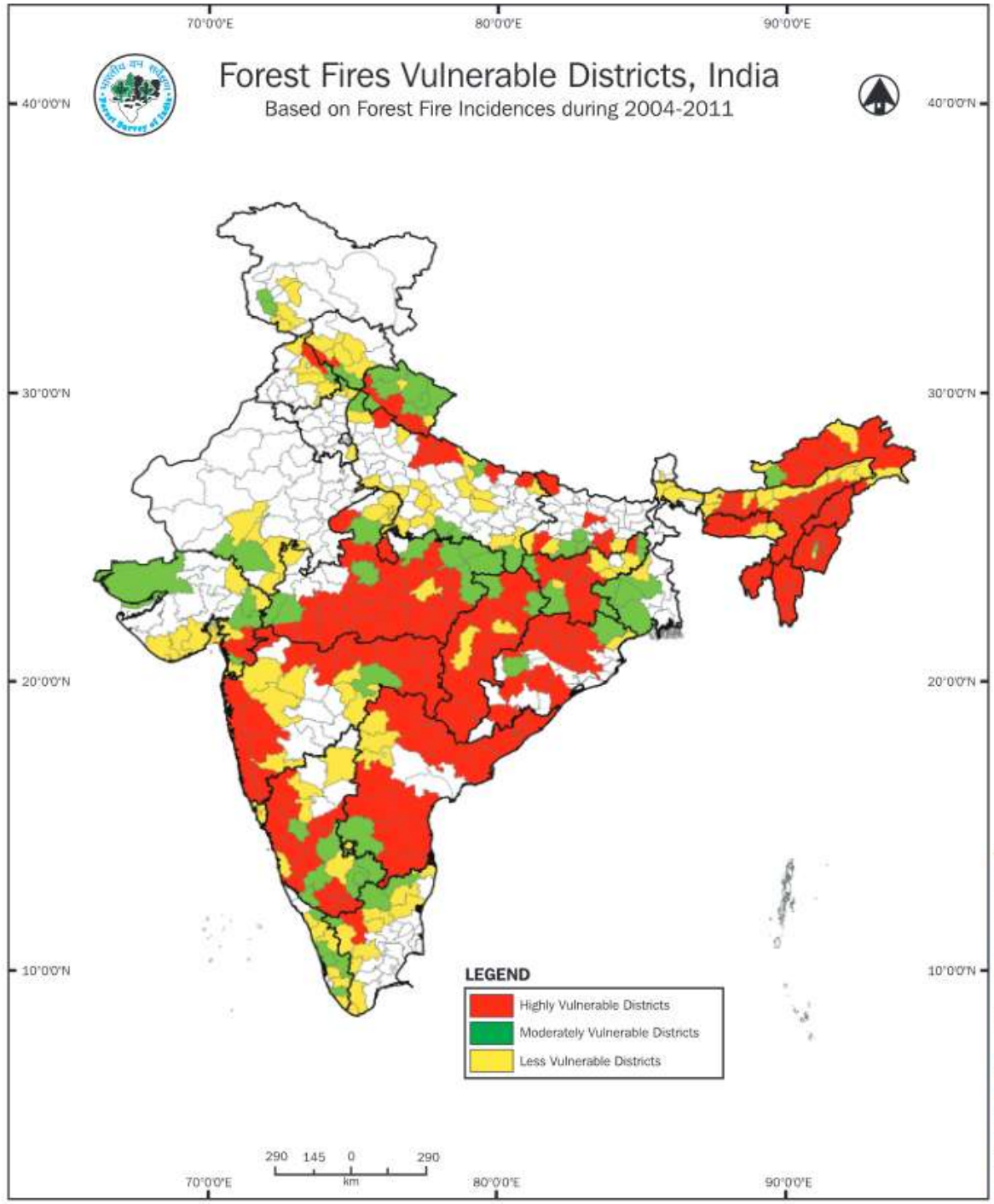
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Highly Vulnerable Districts
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States With The Districts Under Different Vulnerability Zones

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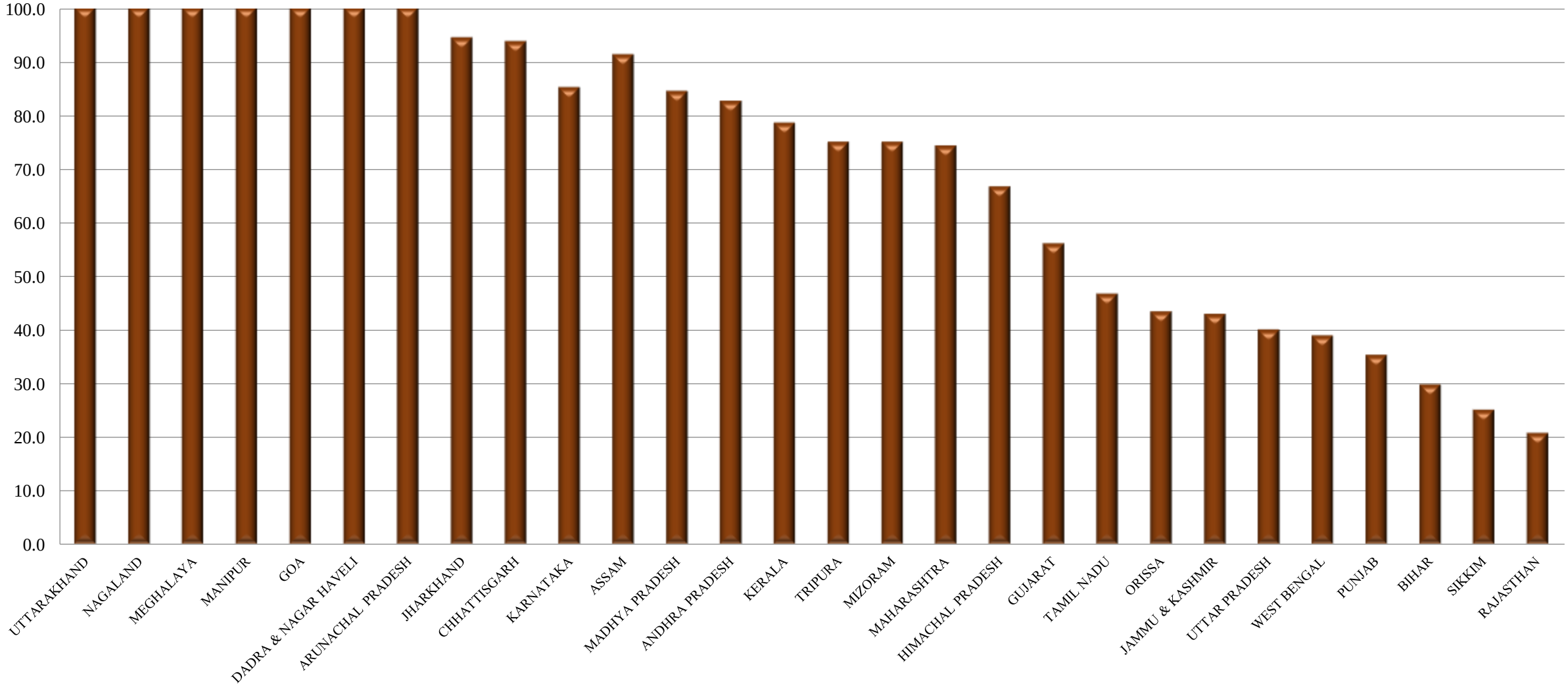
Andhra Pradesh	15	1	3	19
Arunachal Pradesh	9	1	3	13
Assam	12	0	9	21
Bihar	5	3	3	11
Chhattisgarh	11	2	2	15
Gujarat	3	4	7	14
Goa	0	0	2	2
Haryana	0	1	1	2
Himachal Pradesh	1	2	5	8
Jammu & Kashmir	0	3	3	6
Jharkhand	8	5	4	17
Karnataka	11	7	5	23
Kerala	0	5	6	11
Madhya Pradesh	24	9	5	38
Maharashtra	18	1	7	26
Manipur	7	1	1	9
Meghalaya	5	0	2	7
Mizoram	6	0	0	6
Nagaland	8	0	0	8
Orissa	9	3	1	13
Punjab	1	1	4	6
Rajasthan	0	2	4	6
Sikkim	0	0	1	1
Tamil Nadu	1	3	10	14
Tripura	3	0	0	3
Uttar Pradesh	7	5	16	28
Uttarakhand	4	7	2	13
West Bengal	0	4	3	7
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	1
Total	**168**	**70**	**110**	**348**

Percentage of Vulnerable Districts in the State



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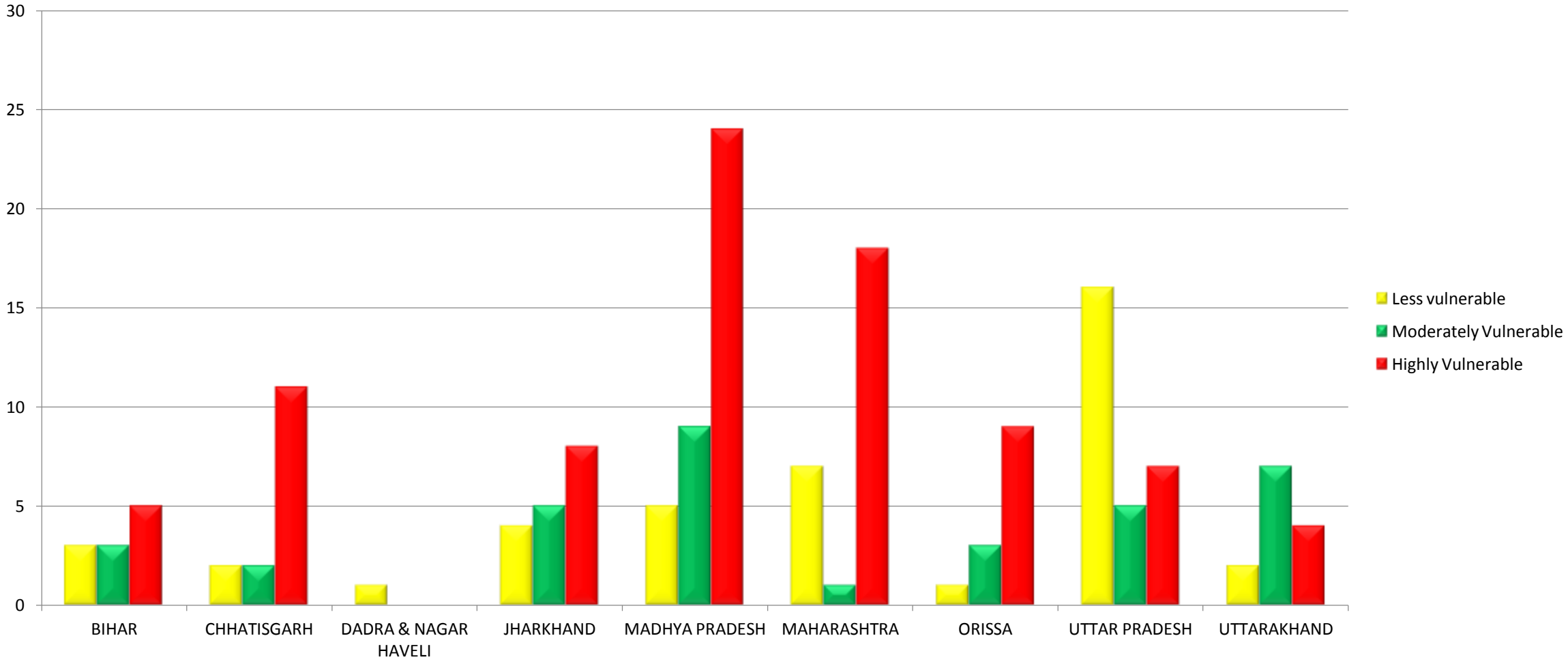

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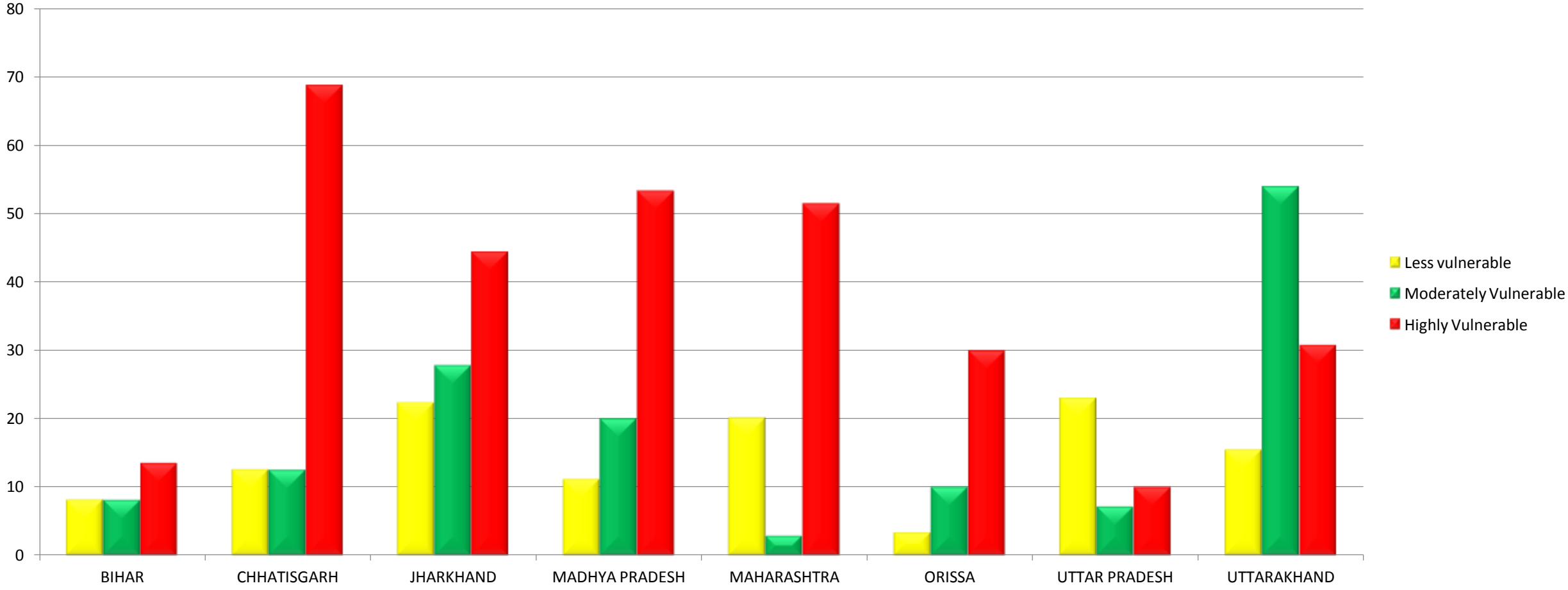

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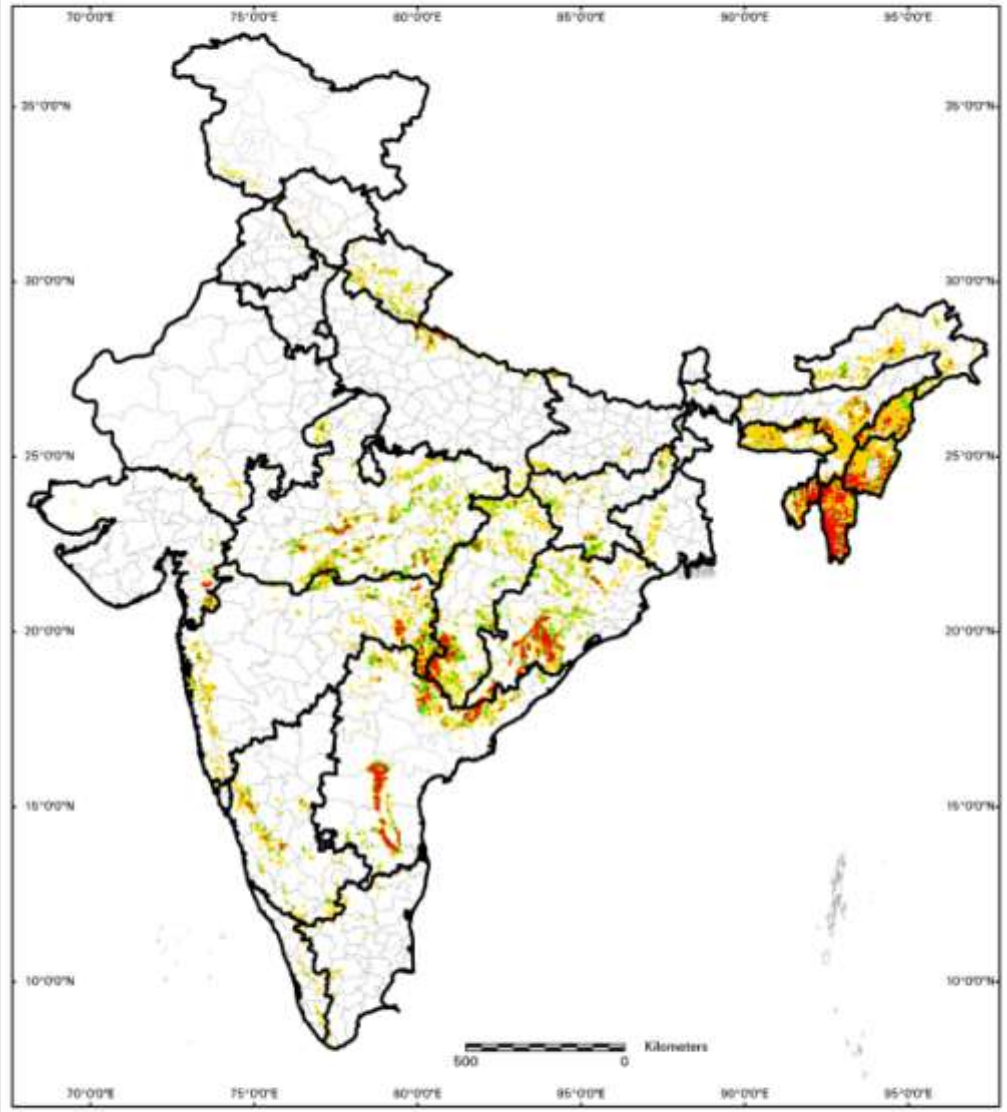

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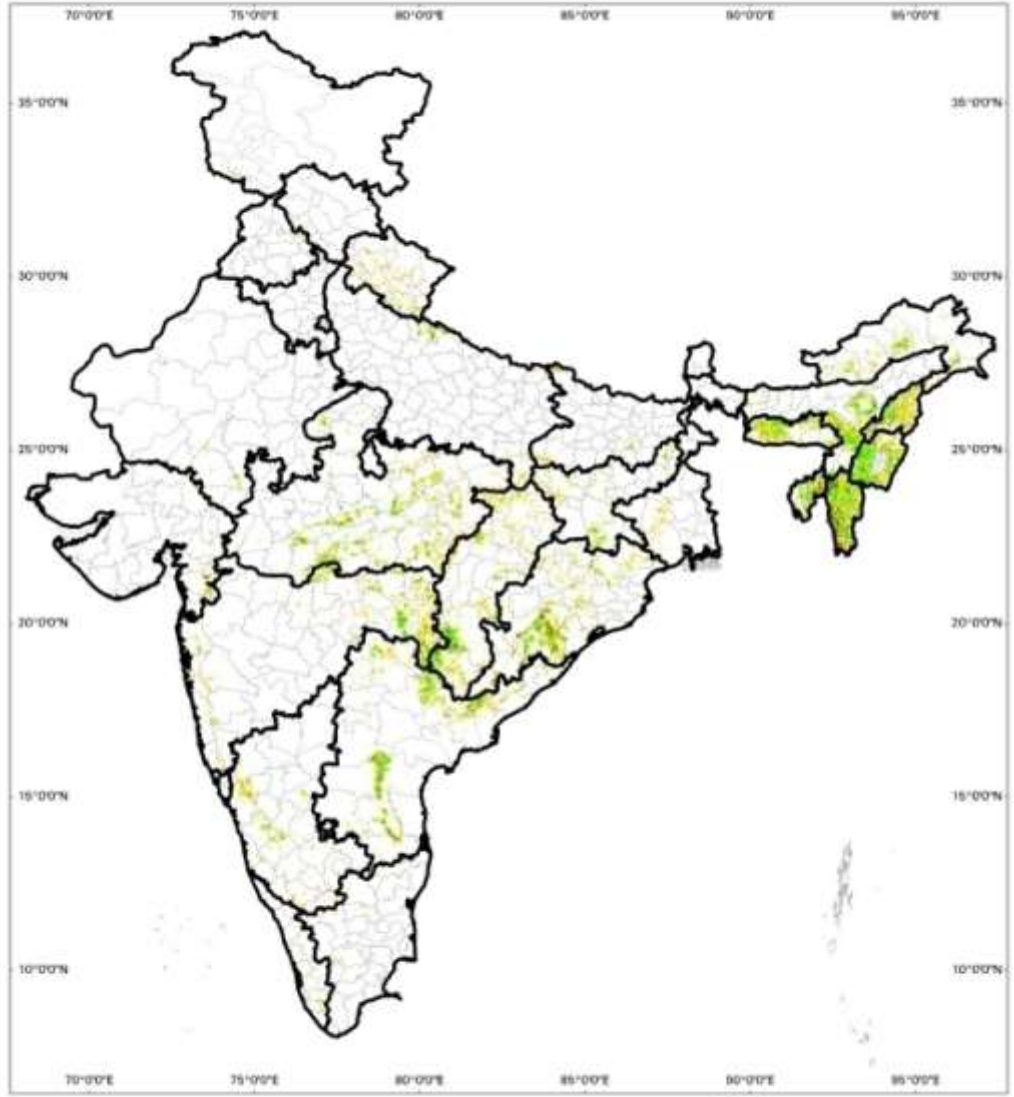

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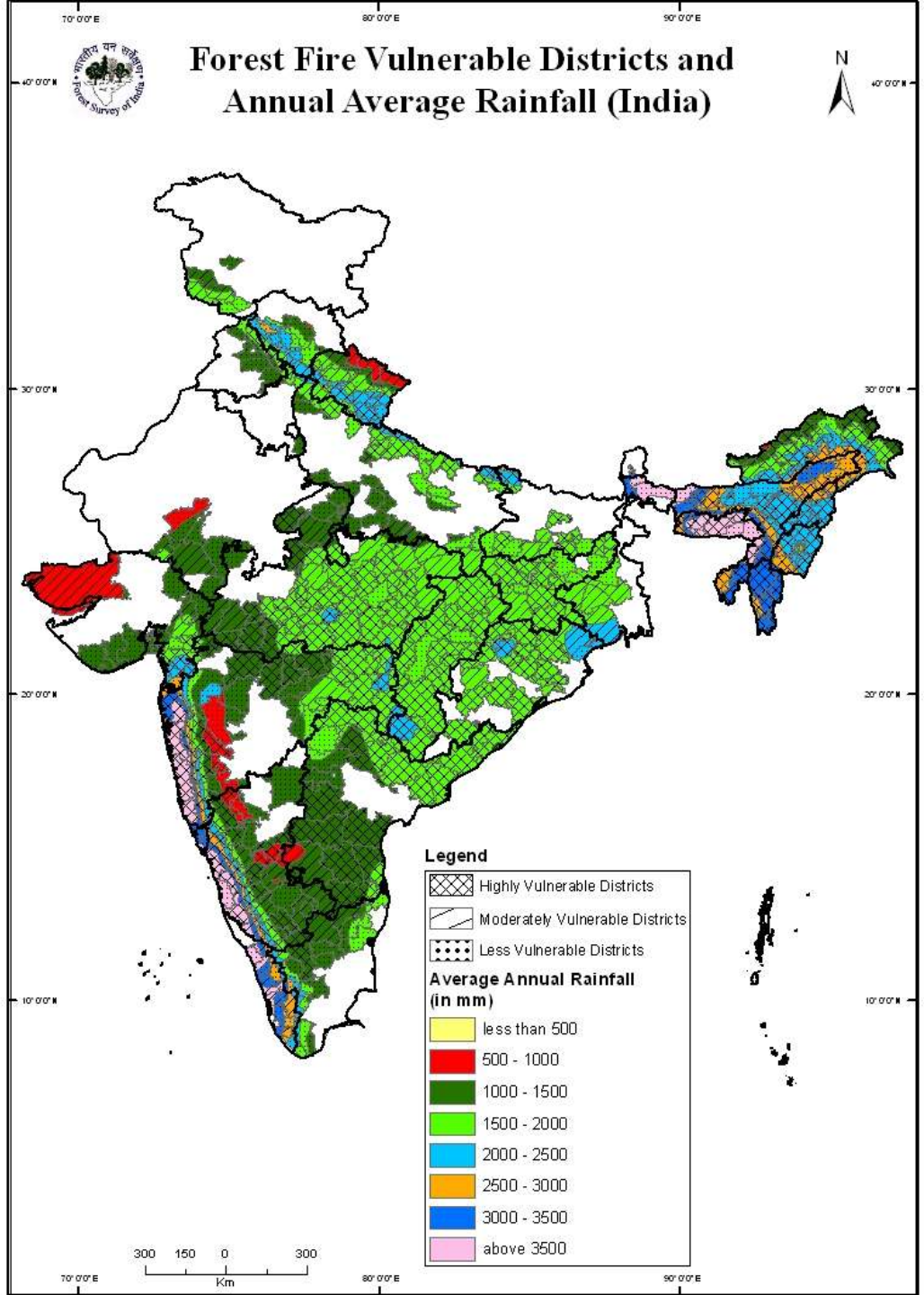

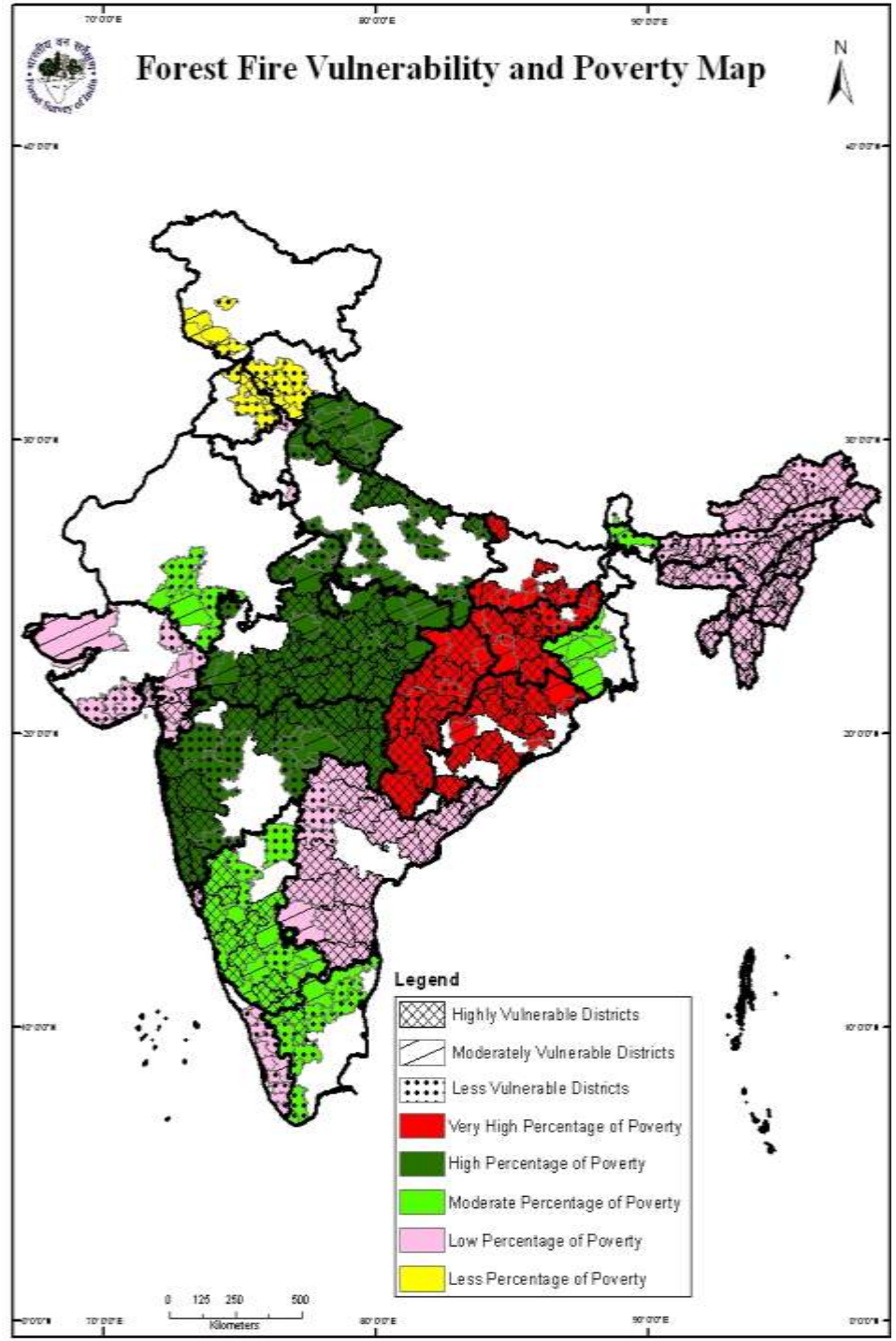
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Forest Fire Incidences Communicated To State Forest Department During Different Fire Seasons

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
Andaman & Nicobar	0	7	1	0	6	1	0	**15**
Andhra Pradesh	1119	1837	2442	1454	1931	1569	1108	**11460**
Arunachal Pradesh	485	576	786	349	627	514	97	**3434**
Assam	1321	2511	1901	1020	902	1369	210	**9234**
Bihar	81	397	143	84	84	126	67	**982**
Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Chhattisgarh	1074	2835	2849	1389	1762	848	784	**11541**
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	**4**
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Delhi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Goa	3	0	2	0	1	9	6	**21**
Gujarat	101	179	182	131	100	208	140	**1041**
Haryana	5	29	21	75	14	11	7	**162**
Himachal Pradesh	6	125	168	104	48	12	9	**472**
Jammu & Kashmir	7	30	117	54	92	81	29	**410**
Jharkhand	192	1314	430	394	140	548	151	**3169**
Karnataka	370	428	604	275	414	631	417	**3139**
Kerala	10	106	166	19	130	51	90	**572**
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Madhya Pradesh	1451	2386	2894	2705	871	1101	900	**12308**
Maharashtra	882	1789	2257	1426	1243	1009	534	**9140**
Manipur	1275	2487	1477	1415	1223	1666	295	**9838**
Meghalaya	879	1743	1010	699	504	1285	69	**6189**
Mizoram	1691	4675	3434	2095	2733	4479	1513	**20620**
Nagaland	919	1654	984	568	851	1200	131	**6307**
Odisha	780	2515	2080	1184	1587	1646	1127	**10919**
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Punjab	10	56	41	147	18	33	21	**326**
Rajasthan	87	117	96	118	53	47	14	**532**
Sikkim	1	5	1	0	0	7	0	**14**
Tamil Nadu	34	148	276	40	123	109	193	**923**
Tripura	634	1127	717	358	788	1421	324	**5369**
Uttar Pradesh	198	737	370	379	305	253	235	**2477**
Uttarakhand	85	855	631	717	222	165	143	**2818**
West Bengal	197	224	100	62	6	168	31	**788**
Total	**13898**	**30892**	**26180**	**17264**	**16779**	**20567**	**8645**	**134225**

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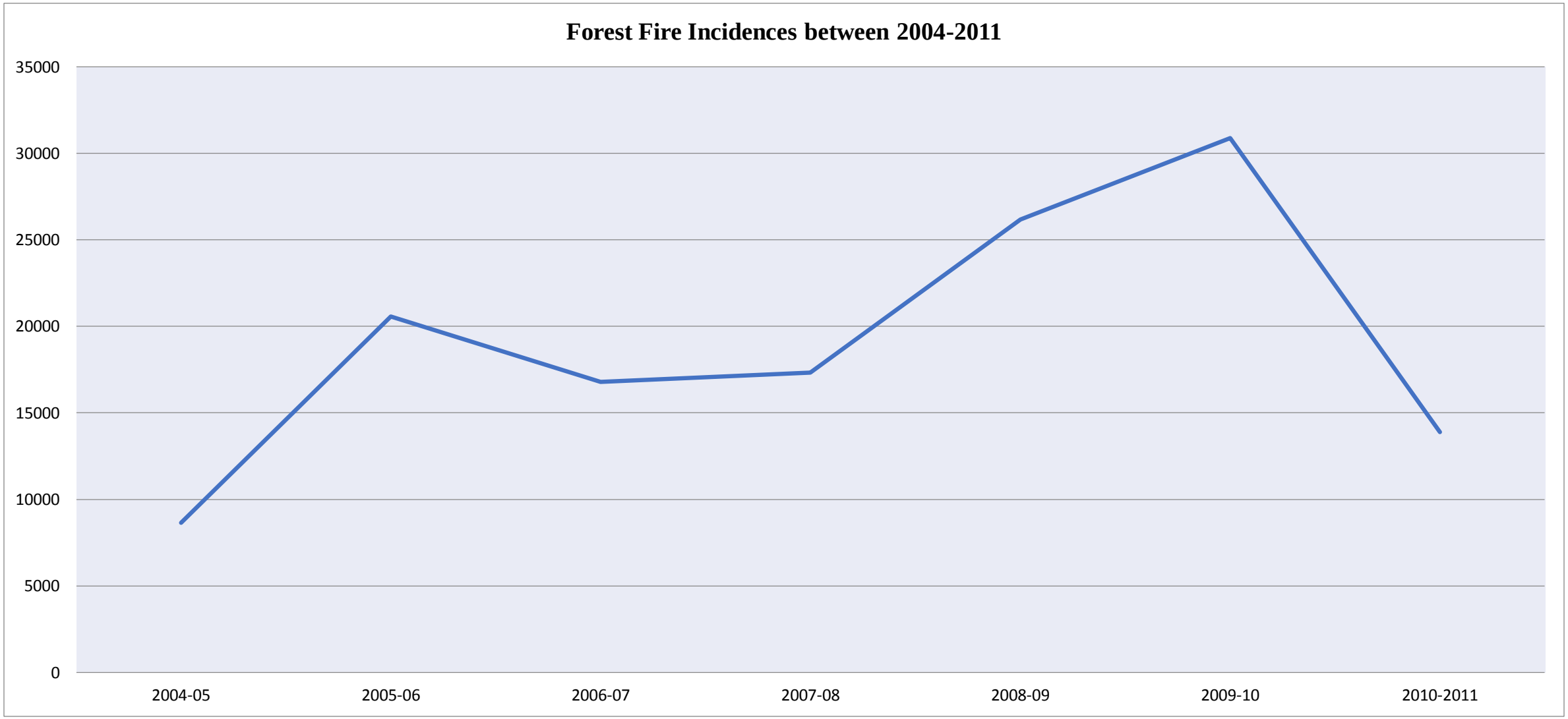

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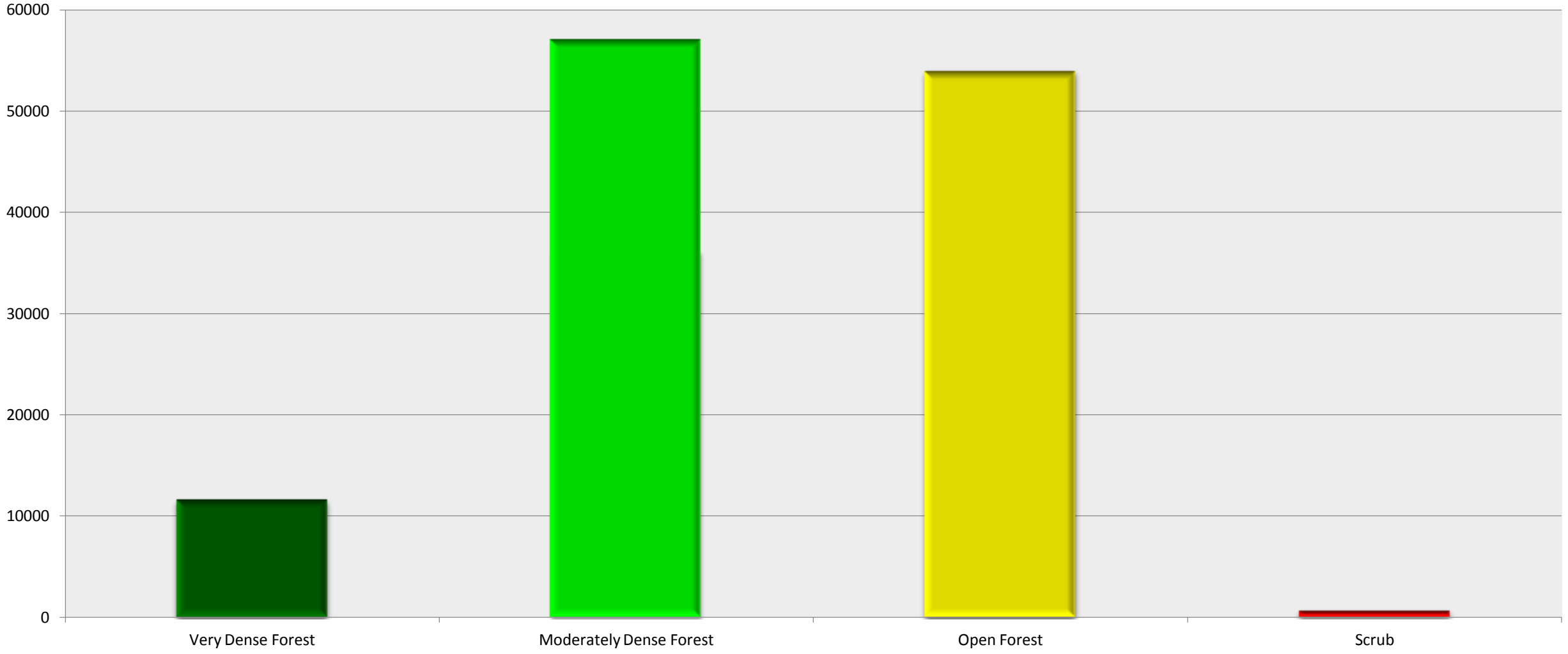

Forest Fire Incidences In Different Forest Type Groups During Period 2004-11 (Year Wise) As Per Champion And Seth's Classification

Type Group	No of fire incidence							
	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	Total
1 Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests	32	144	93	50	182	184	107	**792**
2 Tropical Semi-evergreen Forests	1447	5274	3705	3007	5121	6324	2999	**27877**
3 Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests	2316	6079	5239	4367	7113	9514	3997	**38625**
4 Littoral & Swamp Forests	8	9	3	11	18	16	1	**66**
5 Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests	3281	5111	5116	6700	9120	9583	4260	**43171**
6 Tropical Thorn Forests	70	109	96	75	90	81	71	**592**
7 Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests	5	6	10	2	9	7	0	**39**
8 Subtropical Broadleaved Hill Forests	167	1093	773	822	987	1633	780	**6255**
9 Subtropical Pine Forests	64	272	247	325	479	531	144	**2062**
10 Subtropical Dry Evergreen Forests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
11 Montane Wet Temperate Forests	8	139	79	96	132	227	109	**790**
12 Himalayan Moist Temperate Forests	53	48	113	136	410	156	64	**980**
13 Himalayan Dry Temperate Forests	0	0	1	13	12	4	1	**31**
14 Sub-Alpine Forests	0	18	16	14	35	23	17	**123**
15 Moist Alpine Scrub	0	2	0	3	6	3	0	**14**
16 Dry Alpine Scrub	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	**5**
Plantation	28	50	35	64	64	93	30	**364**
Non Forest	1166	2213	1252	1576	2401	2513	1318	**12439**
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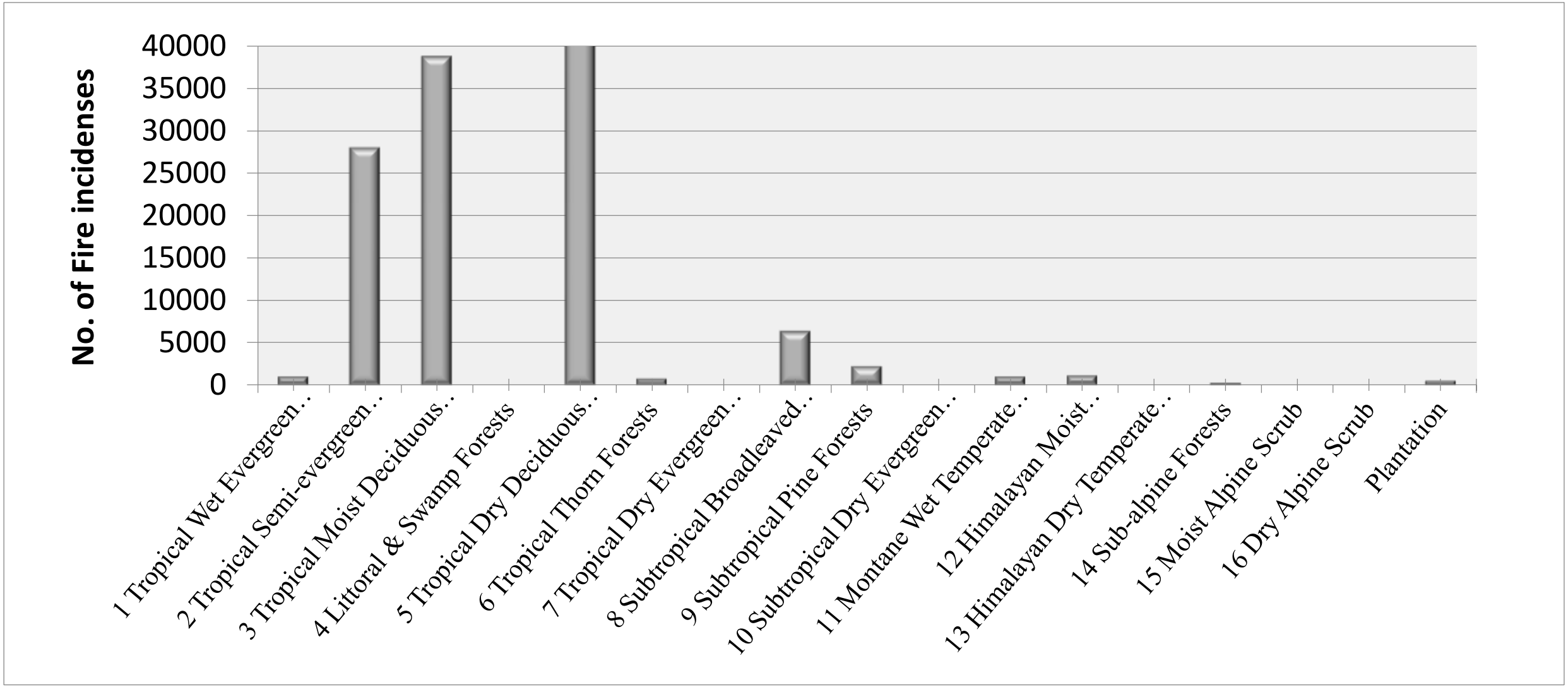
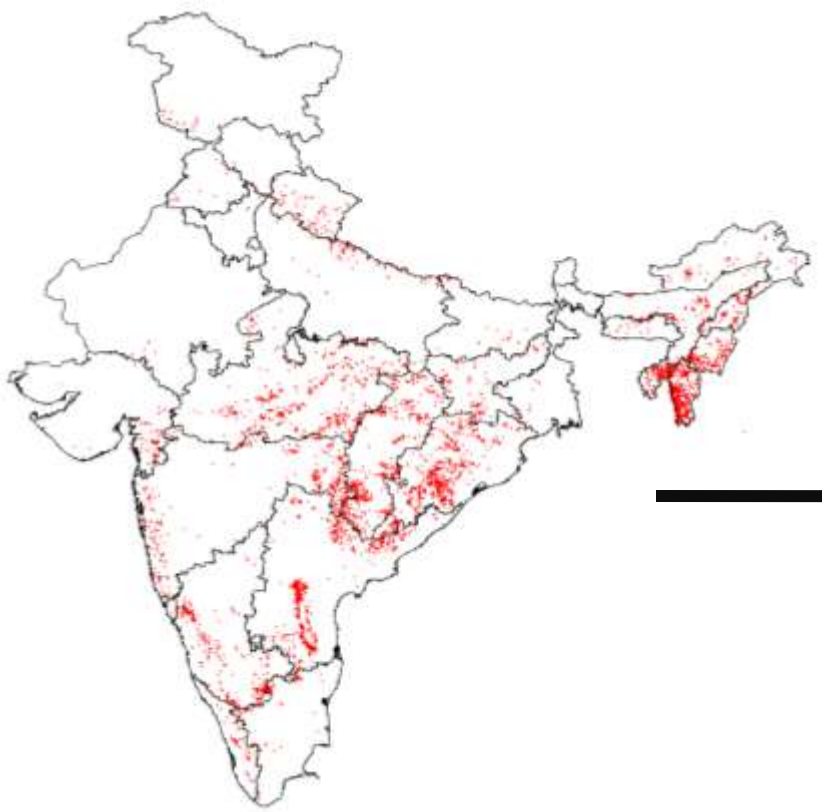
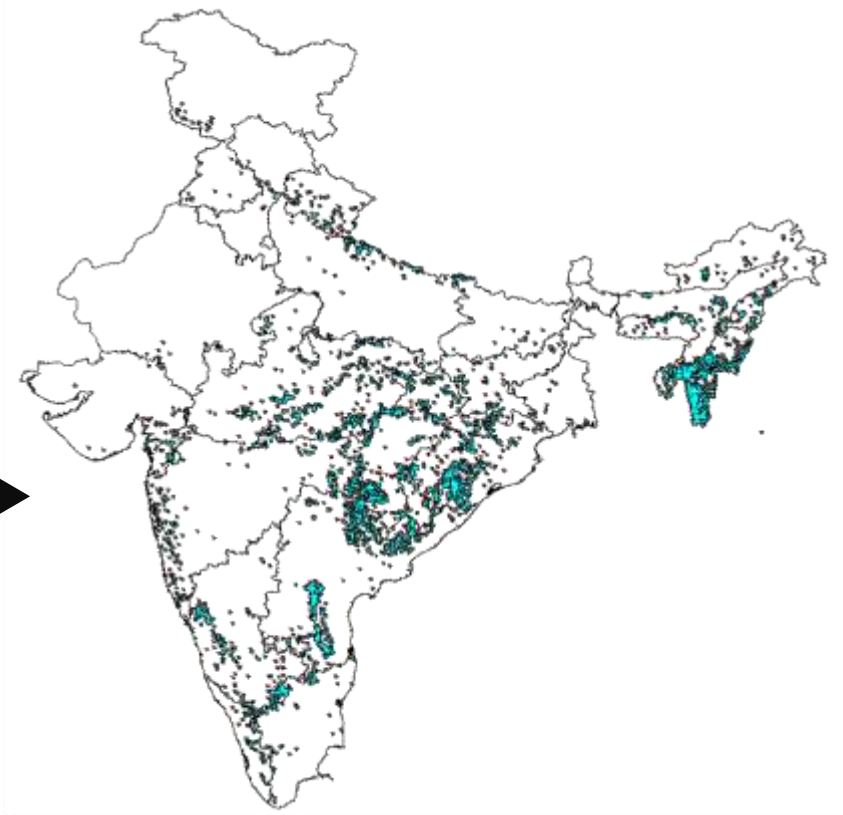


Vulnerability Mapping

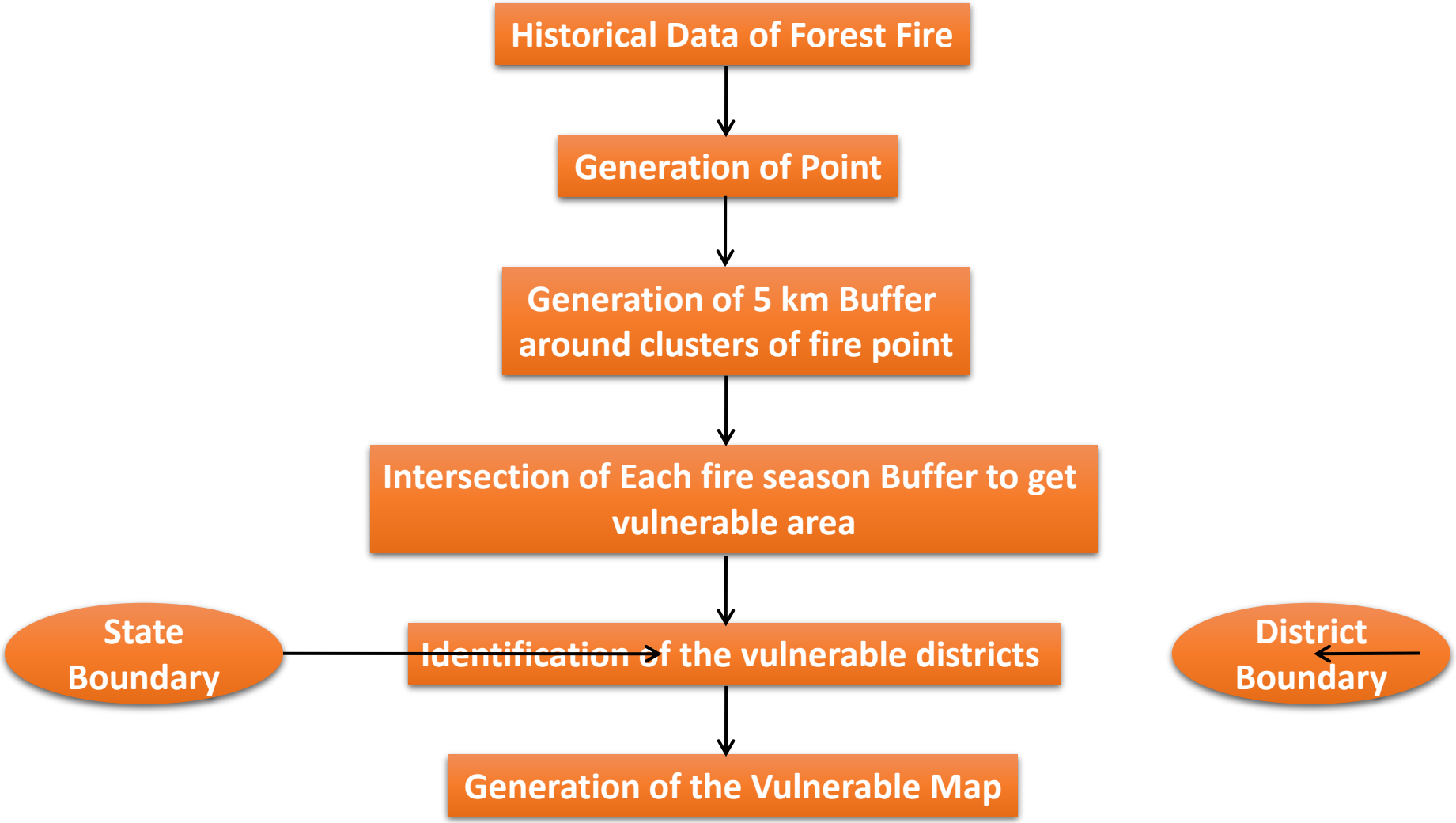




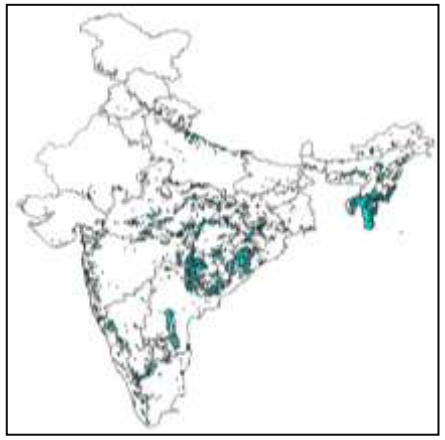
Point Location of Forest Fire incidence

5km Buffer Area around cluster of fire locations

Flow chart for creation of Vulnerability Map



Buffer of Each Fire Season



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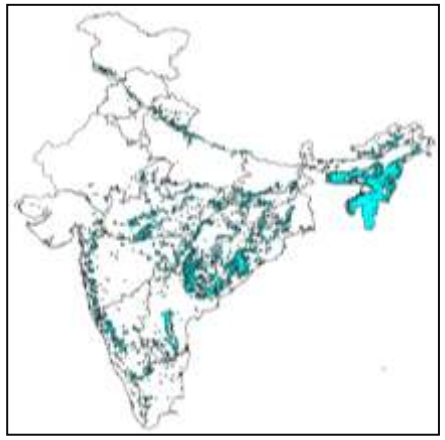

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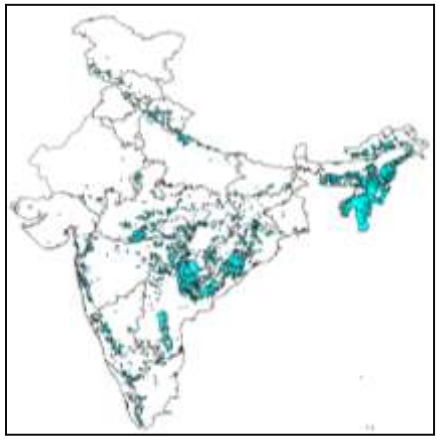

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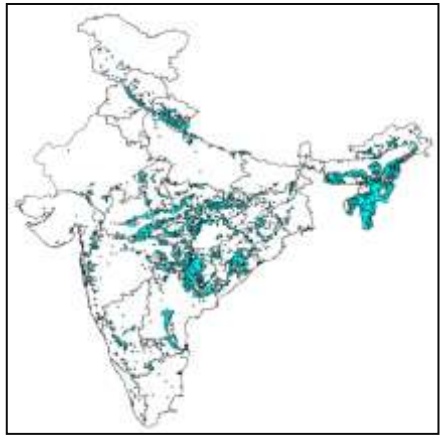

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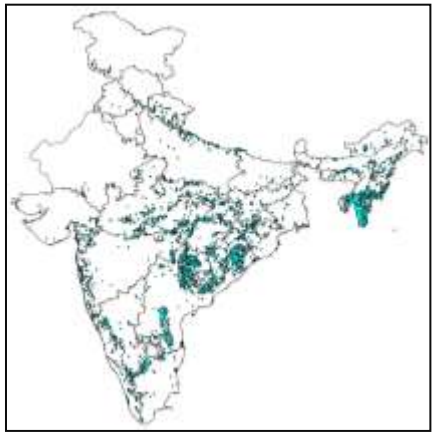

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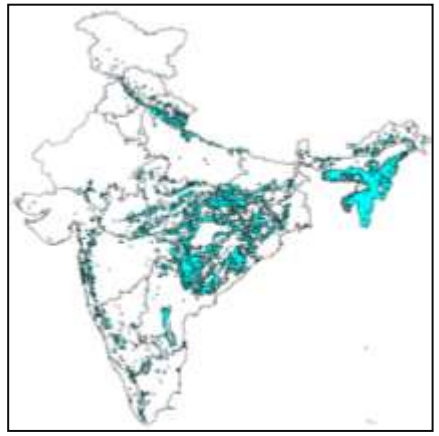

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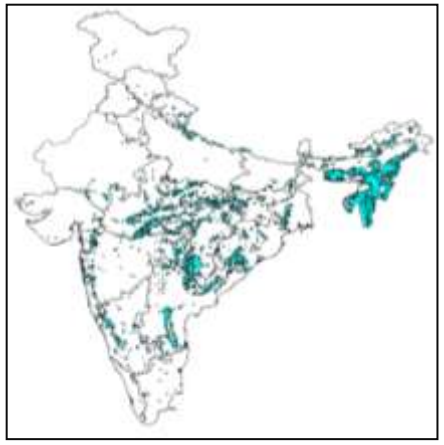

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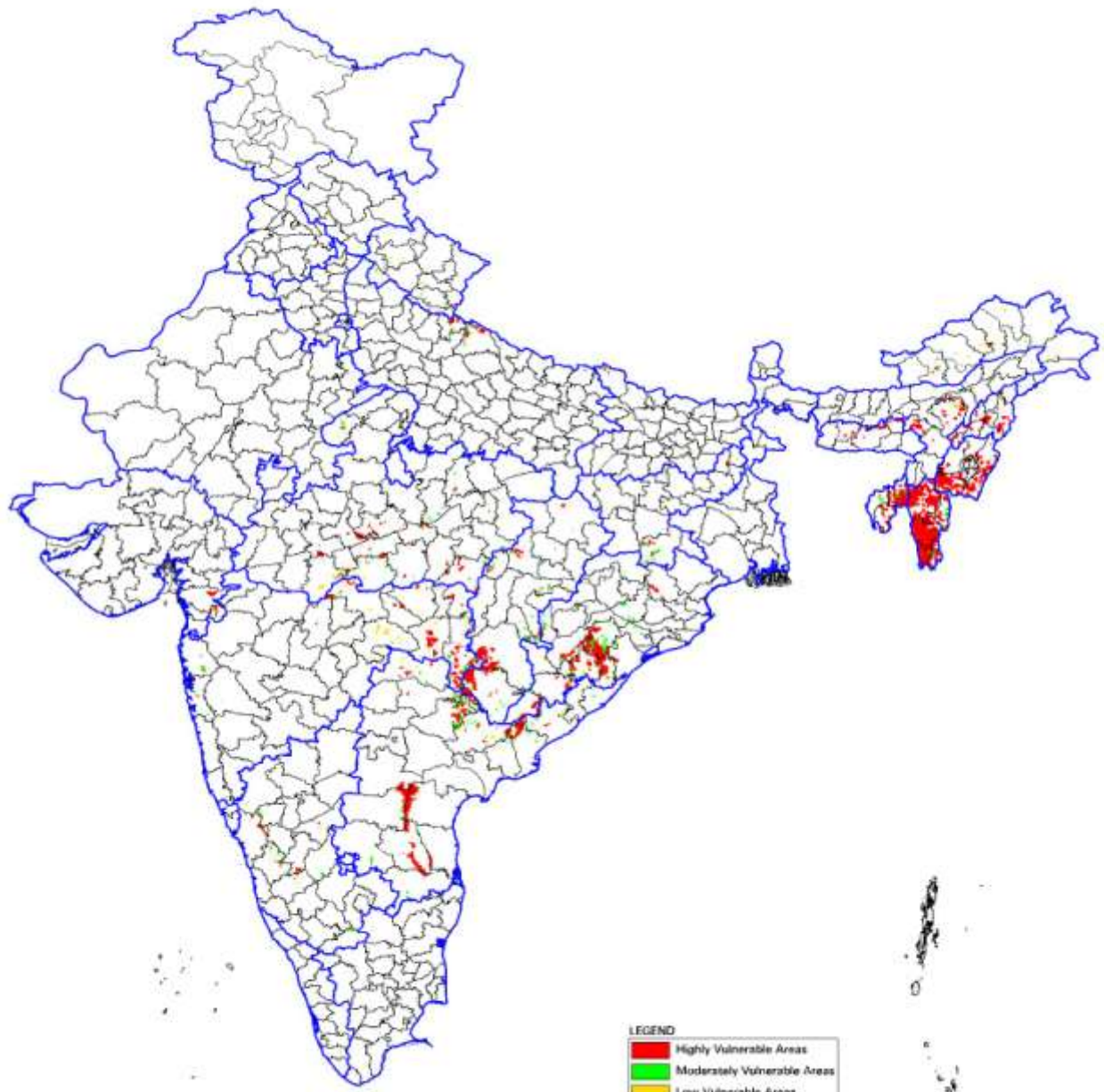
Forest Fires Vulnerable Areas



Forest Fire Burnt Scar Assessment

Methodology and Materials Used

Materials used

- ✓IRS Resourcesat-2/P6- AWiFS Satellite data(Resolution-56mts)
- ✓Digital data on fire occurrences
- ✓Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
- ✓Forest Type Map (FTM)
- ✓Forest Cover Map (FCM)
- ✓Historical forest Fire Archival data
- ✓GPS
- ✓SOI-toposheets
- ✓Monthly Temperature Data from IMD

Methodology Used

Reference Data

- Forest Cover Map
- Forest Type Map
- Archival forest fire points
- Monthly Temperature Data
- Digital Elevation model (DEM)

Satellite Data

Geometric correction using SOI Toposheets (1:50,000)

Image to Image Registration

Image Interpretation using Ratio indices and contextual approach (assigning burnt severity classes)

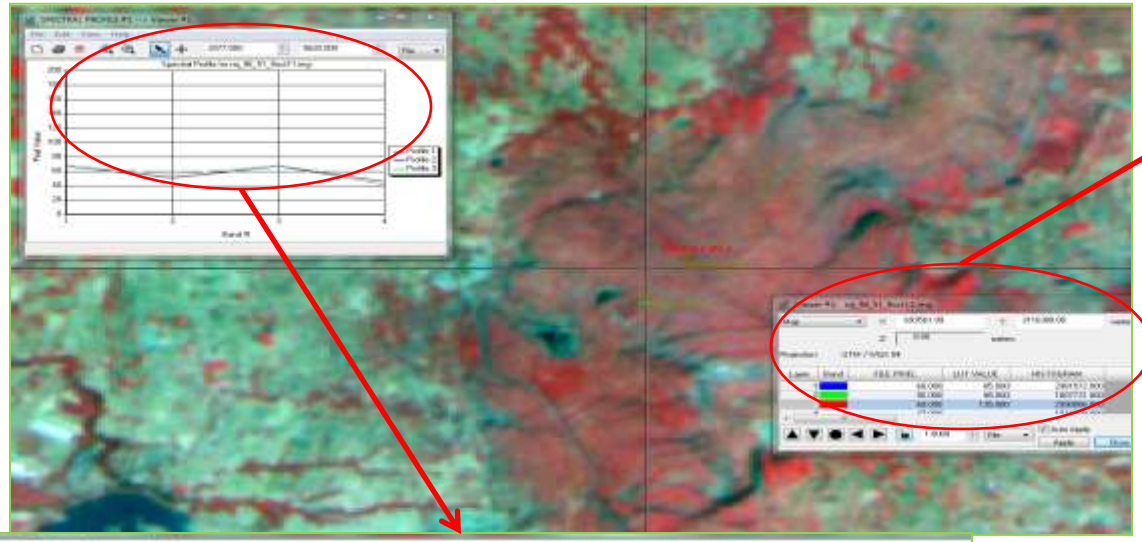
Extraction of geo-coordinates from the center of the polygon

Value addition of attributes (State, District, SOI Toposheet, Area burnt, Severity class)

Map composition and Report writing

Dissemination of the polygons for ground verification

Area calculation under different severity classes



Map X: 693561.99 Y: 3116388.06 Z: 0.00 meters

Projection: UTM / WGS 84

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2		56.000	98.000	1007731.000
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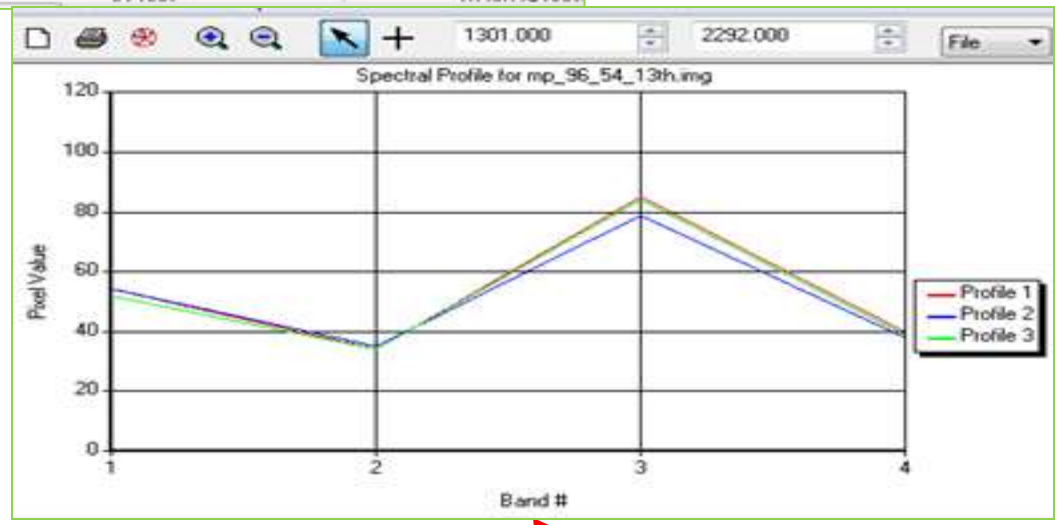

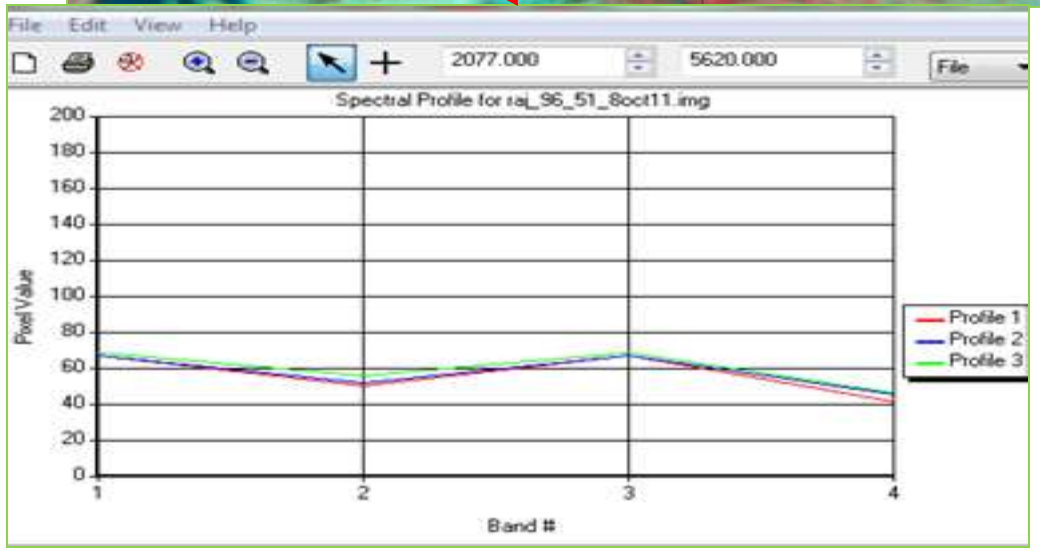

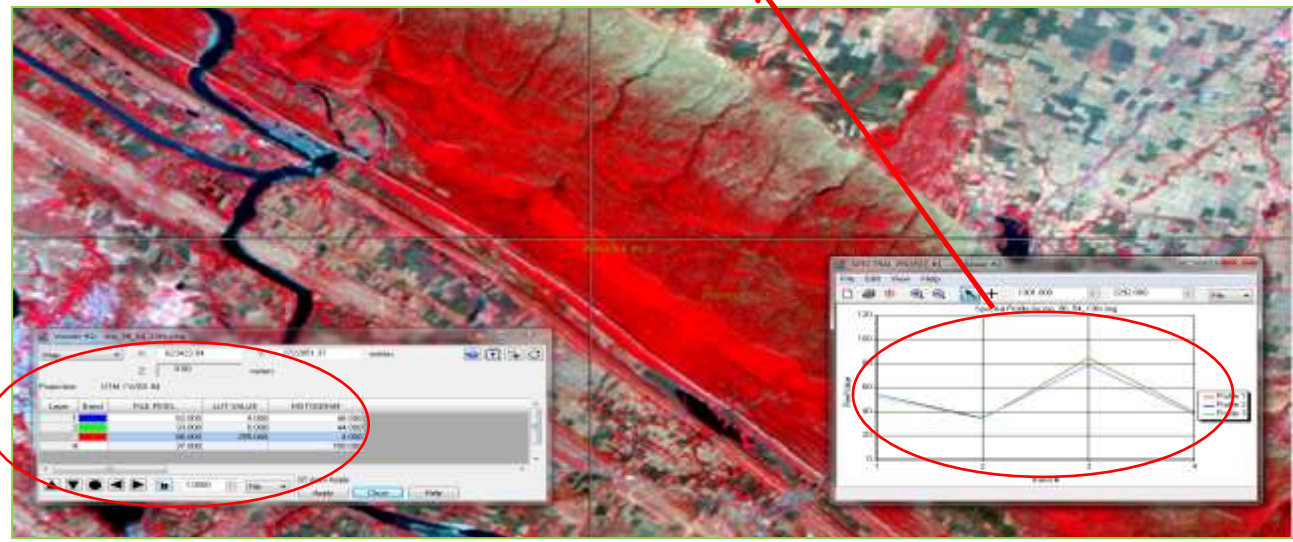

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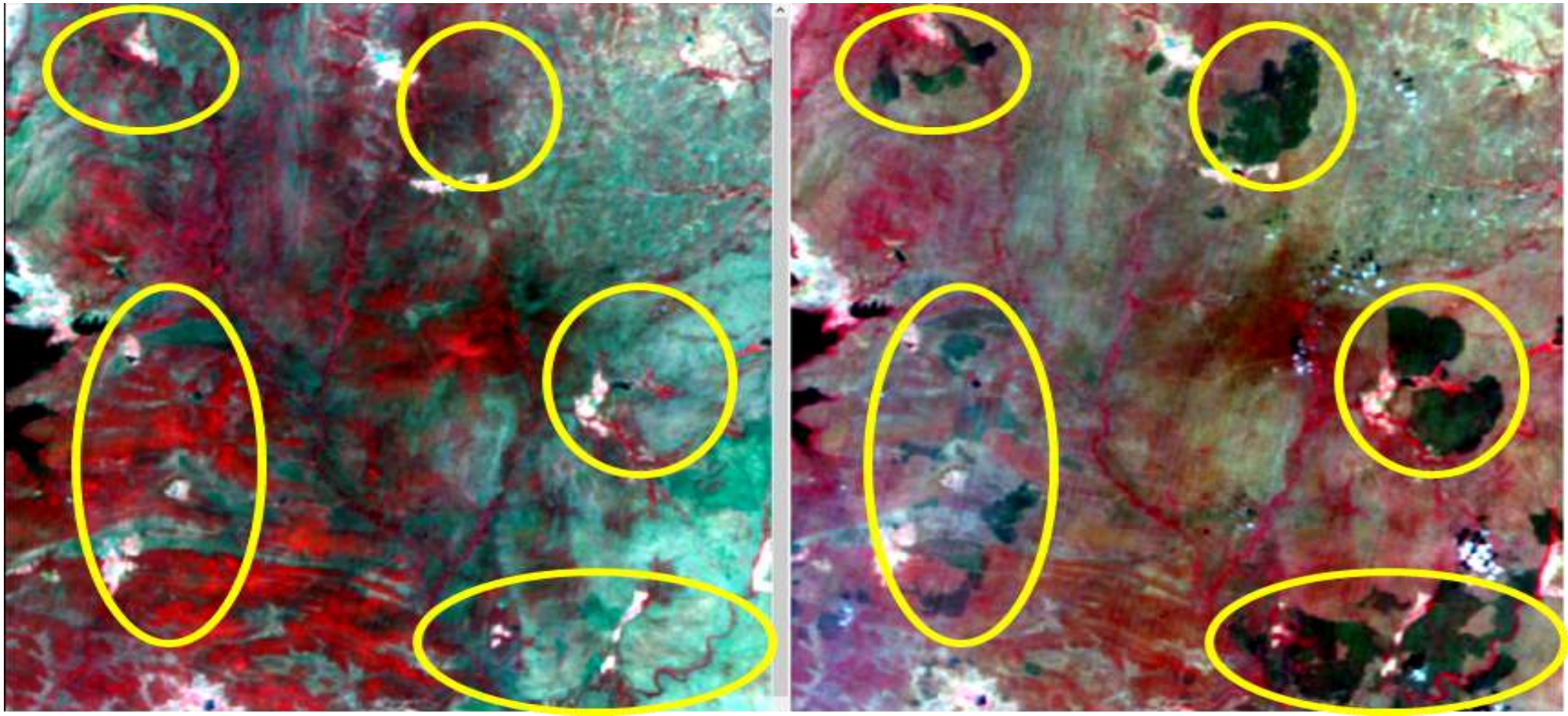
2		33.000	0.000	44.000
		86.000	255.000	4.000
4		37.000		700.000

IRS-AWiFS data of pre and post fire season

AWiFS data of 26 February 2016
(Pre-Fire Date)

AWiFS data of 01 April 2016
(Post-Fire Date)



Burnt Area Index (BAI)

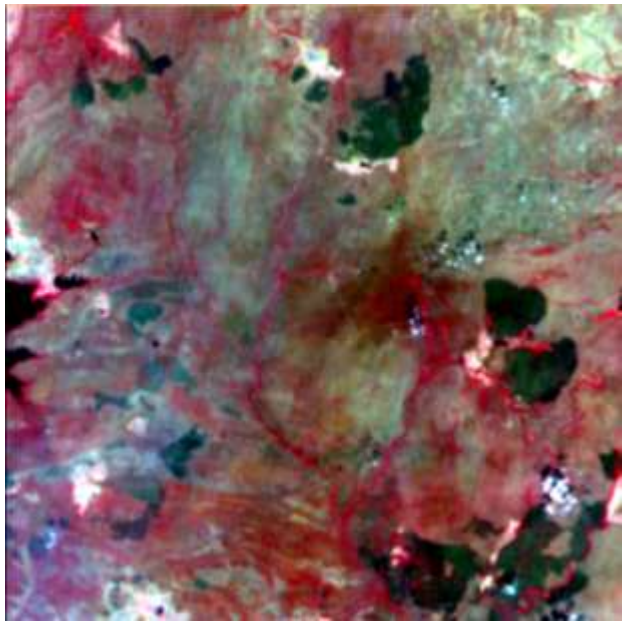
$$BAI = \frac{1}{(\rho cNIR - \rho NIR)^2 + (\rho cSWIR - \rho SWIR)^2}$$

Where $\rho cNIR$ = Reference Reflectance in NIR Band

$\rho cSWIR$ = Reference Reflectance in SWIR Band

ρNIR = Reflectance in NIR Band

$\rho SWIR$ = Reflectance in SWIR Band



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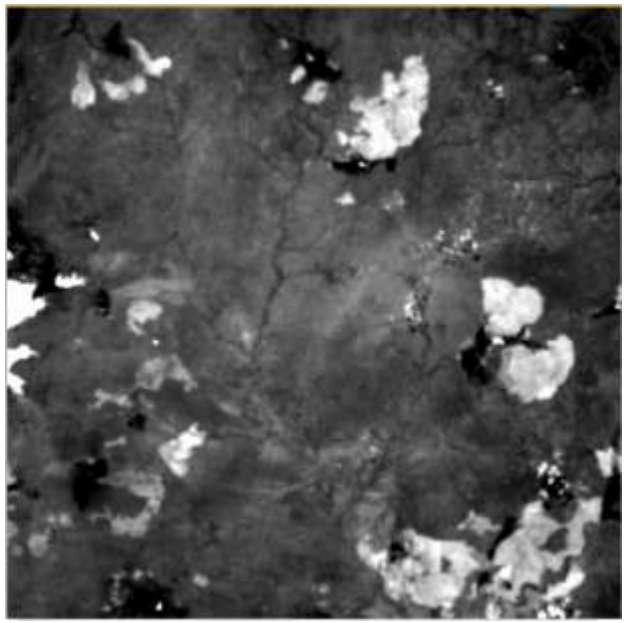

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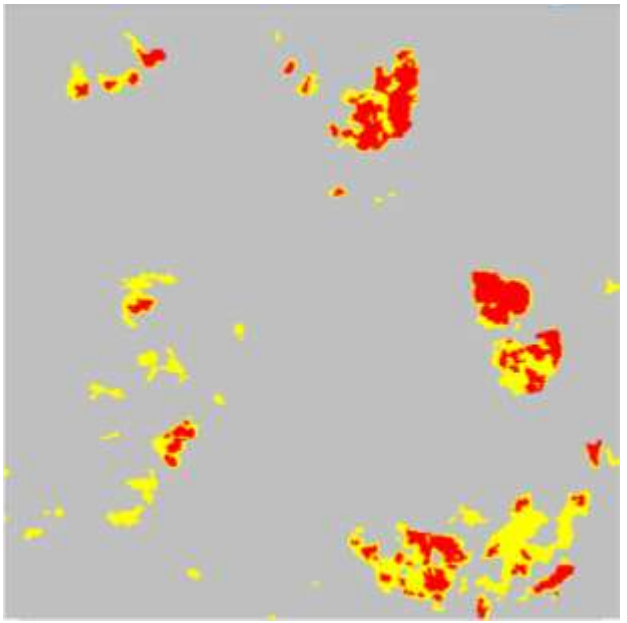
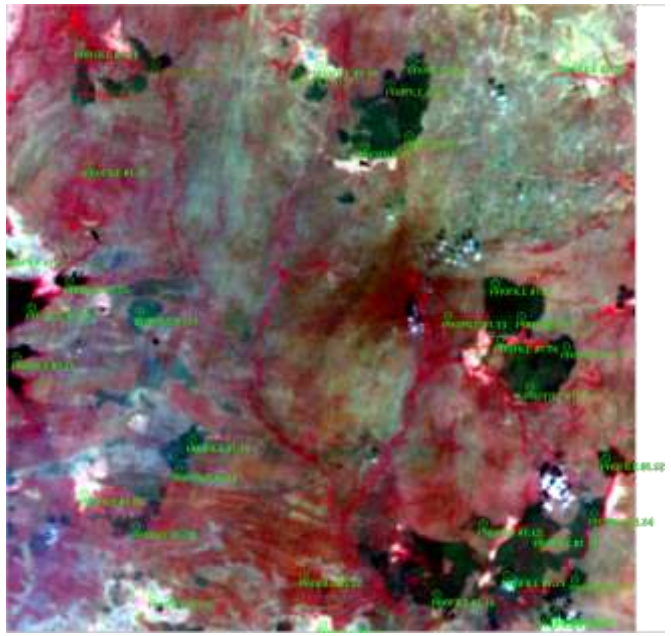
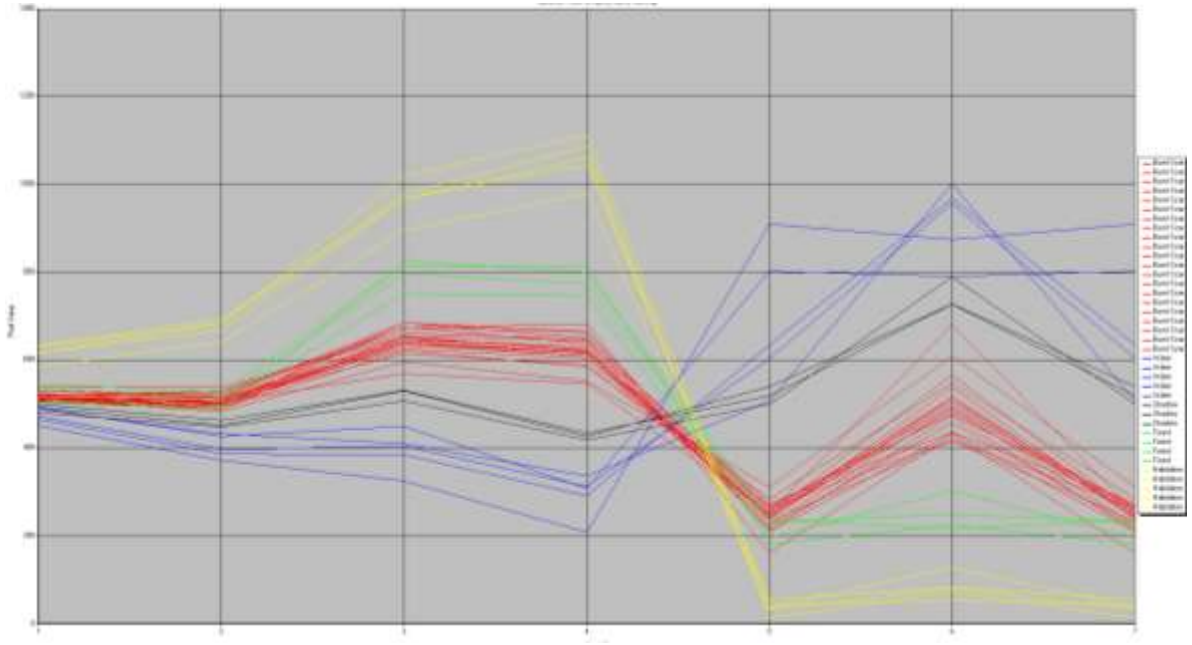


Classified BAI

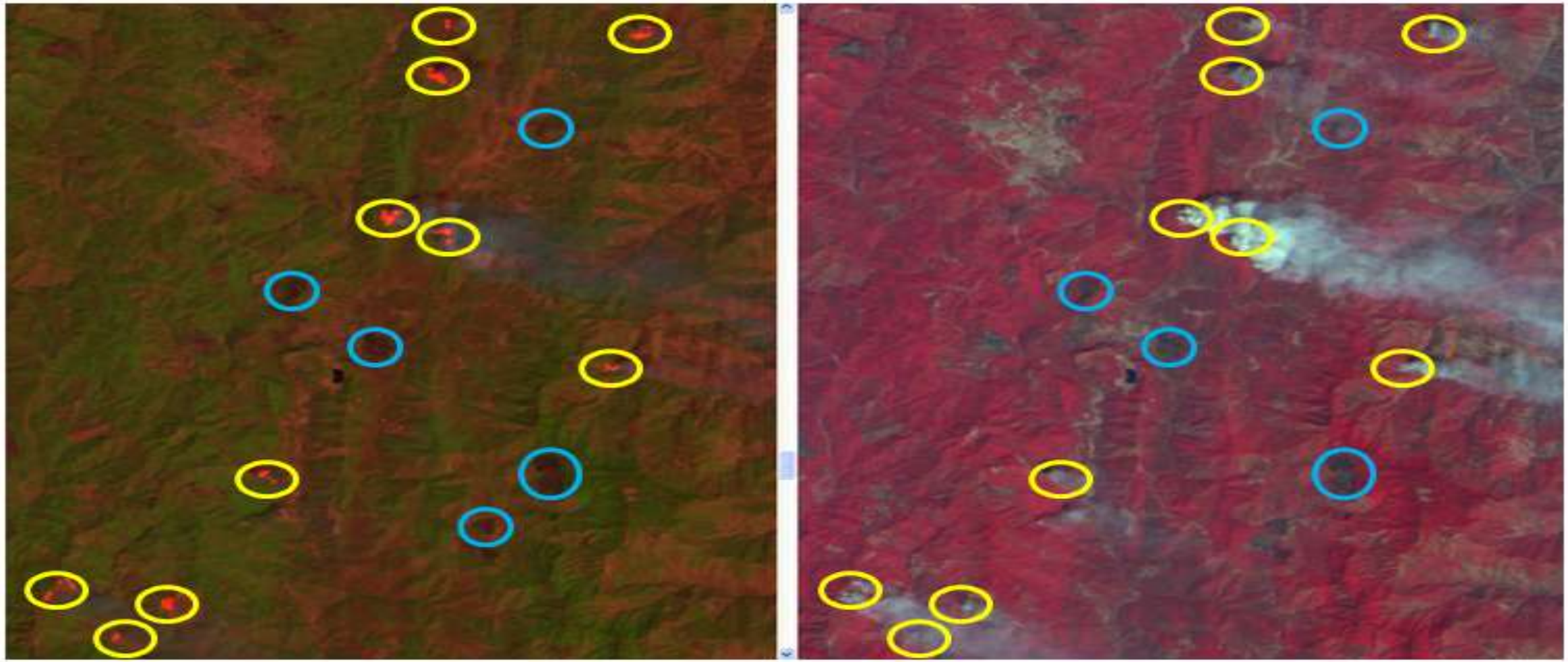
Spectral curve of the different classes





- Spectral Curve of Habitation
- Spectral Curve of Forest
- Spectral Curve of Burnt Scar
- Spectral Curve of Shadow
- Spectral Curve of Water

AWiFS Image Showing Active fire Locations and Burnt Scars using Different Band Combinations



FCC Band Combination 432

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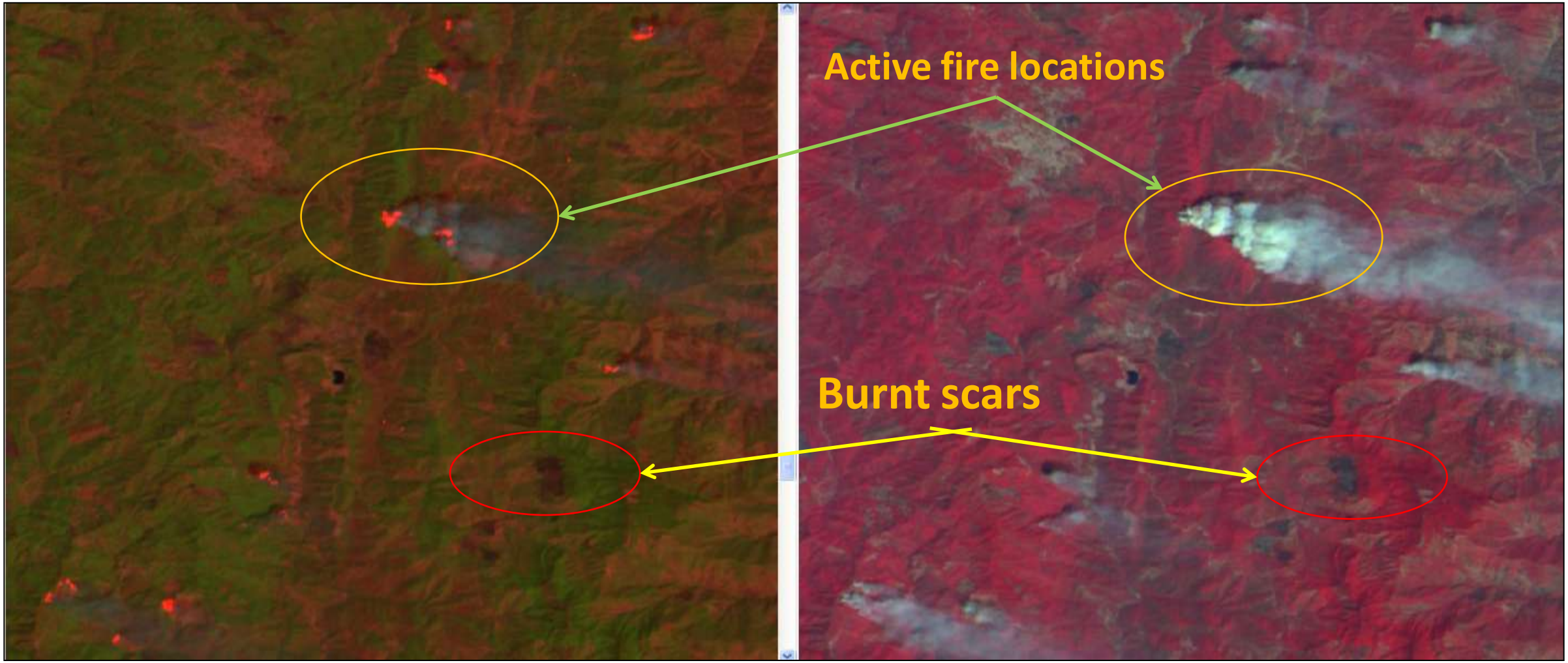
Active Fire Locations

Burnt Scar

AWiFS Imagery of 17 March 2015



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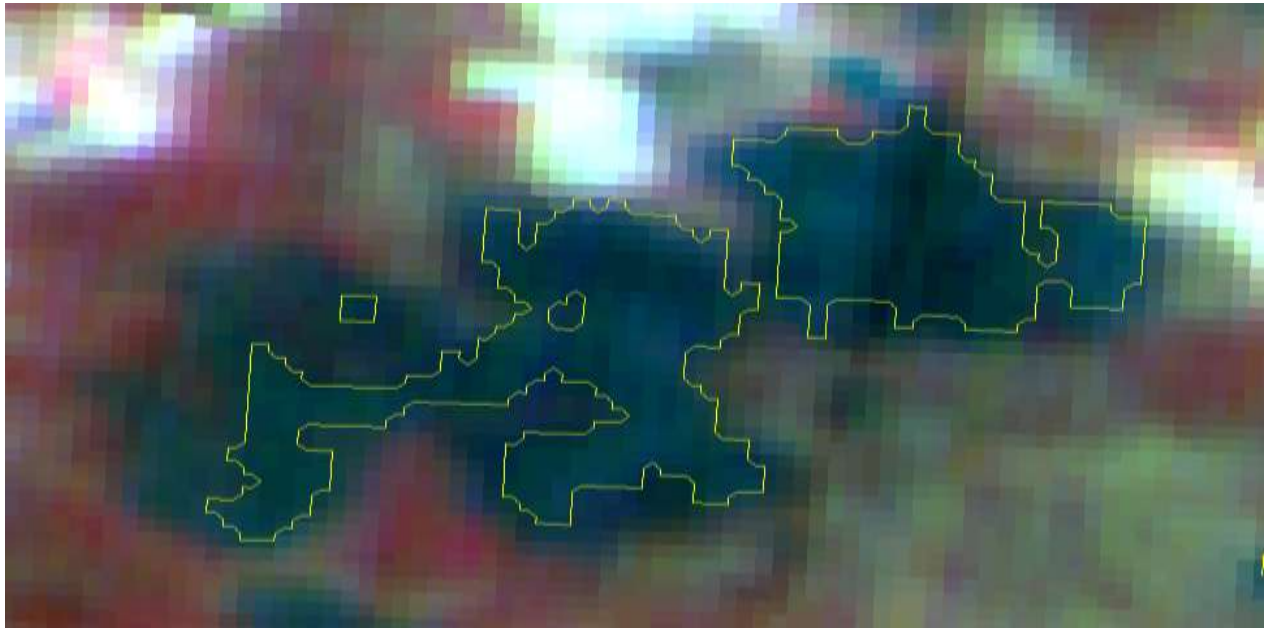
Burnt Area Polygon as KML overlaid on Google Earth

Burnt Area Polygon as Shape File overlaid on AWiFS Image

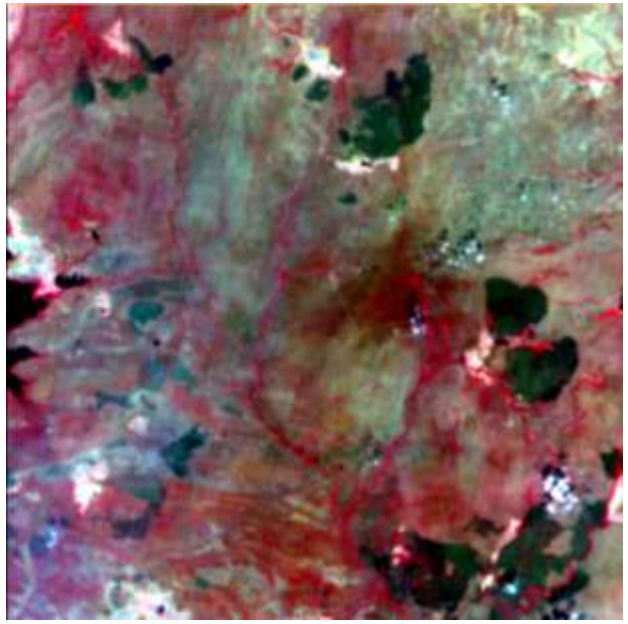


Normalized Differential Vegetation Index (NDVI)

$$NDVI = \frac{\rho NIR - \rho R}{\rho NIR + \rho R}$$

Where ρNIR = Reflectance in NIR Band

ρR = Reflectance in RED Band



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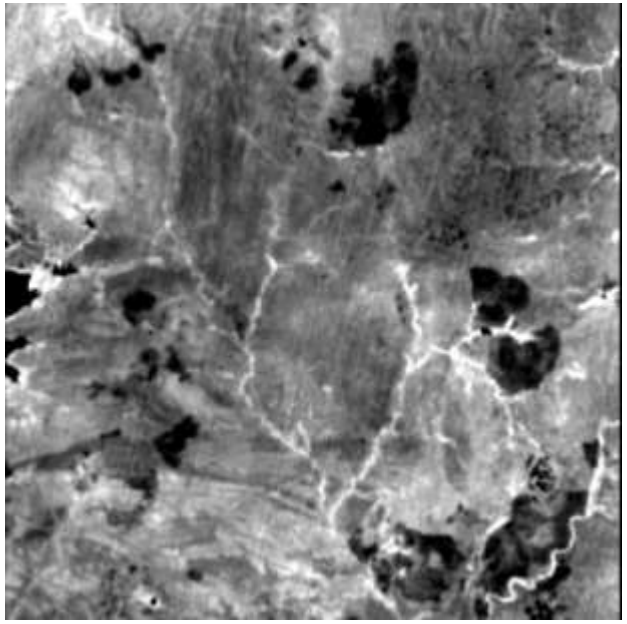

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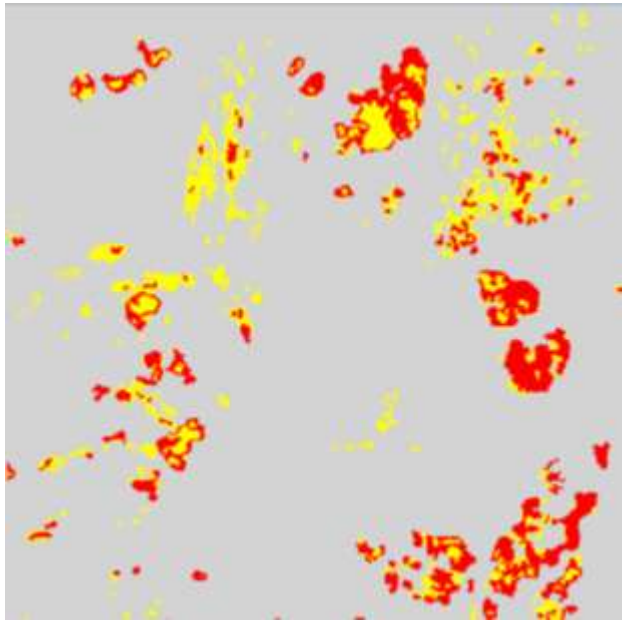
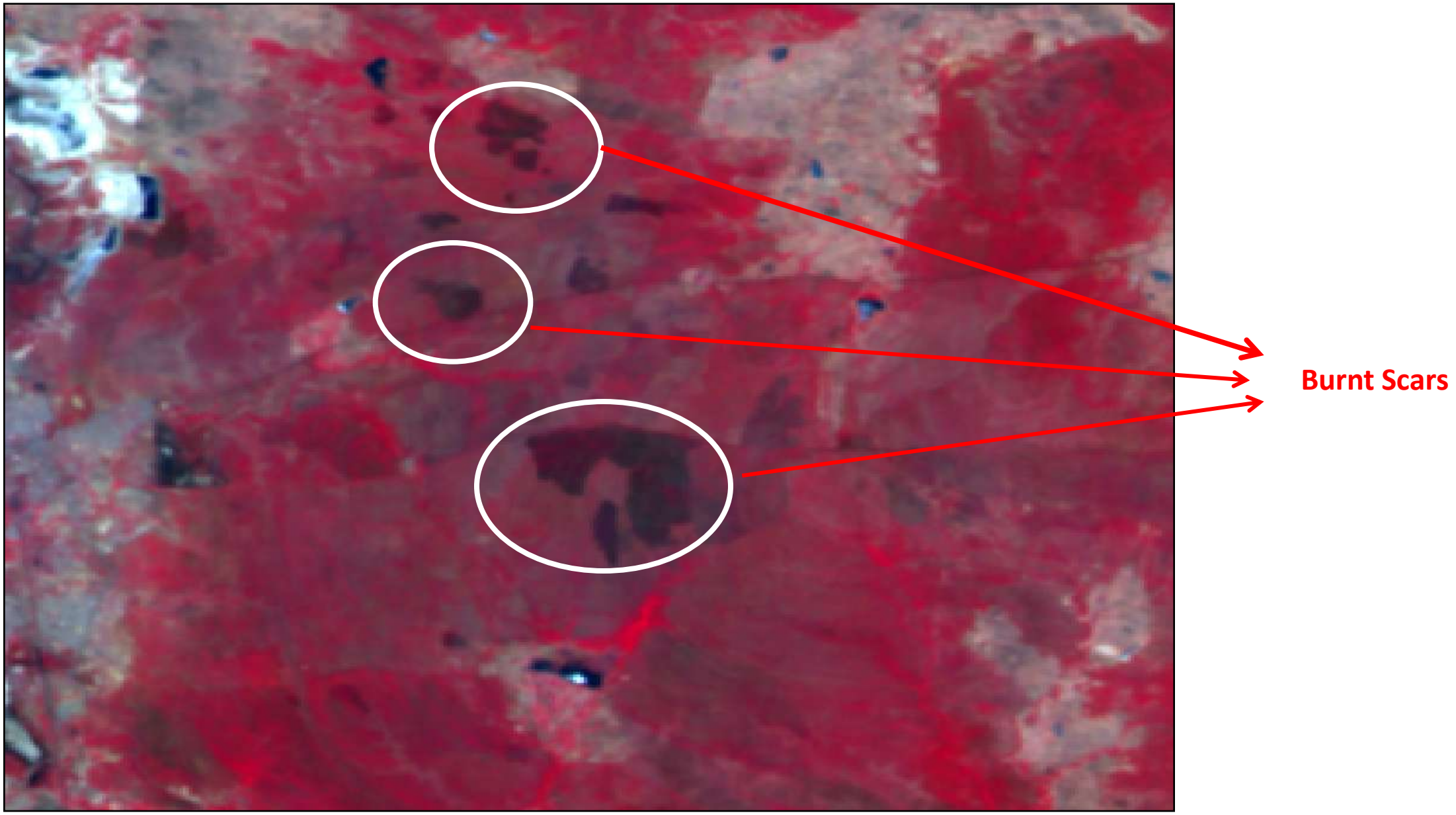


Classified NDVI

Burnt scars observed using AWiFS scene of Maharashtra on 28 May 2014



Conclusion

- Forest Fire is a natural calaimity and requires holistics efforts by Government and People
- Satellite Technology can play an important role in managment and mitigation of forest fires
- Factors from local to regional scale needs to be identified using suitable statistical methods
- Suitable algorithms with image classifiers can be effectively used in monitoring , generation of pre-warning alerts and assessment of damage

Thank you

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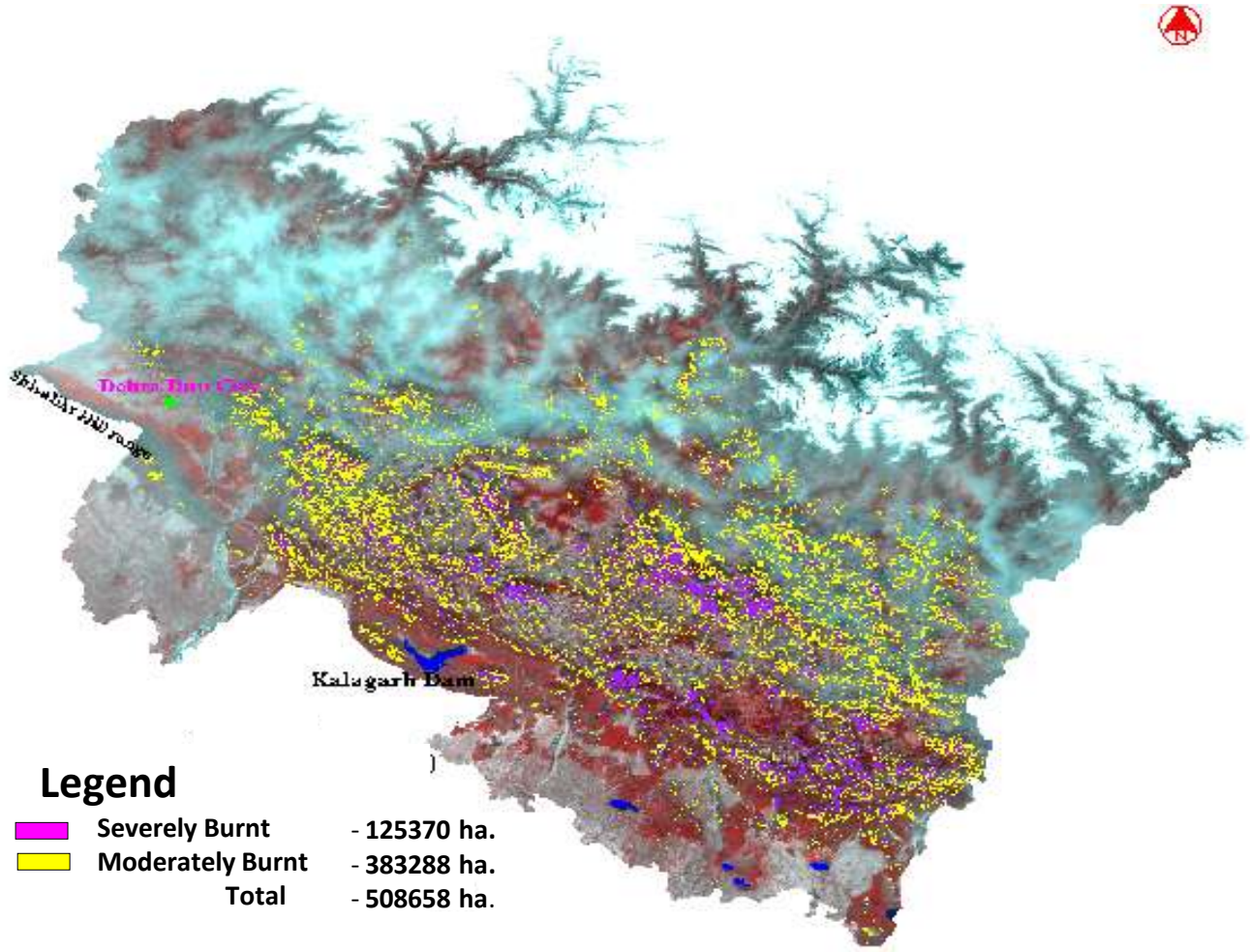
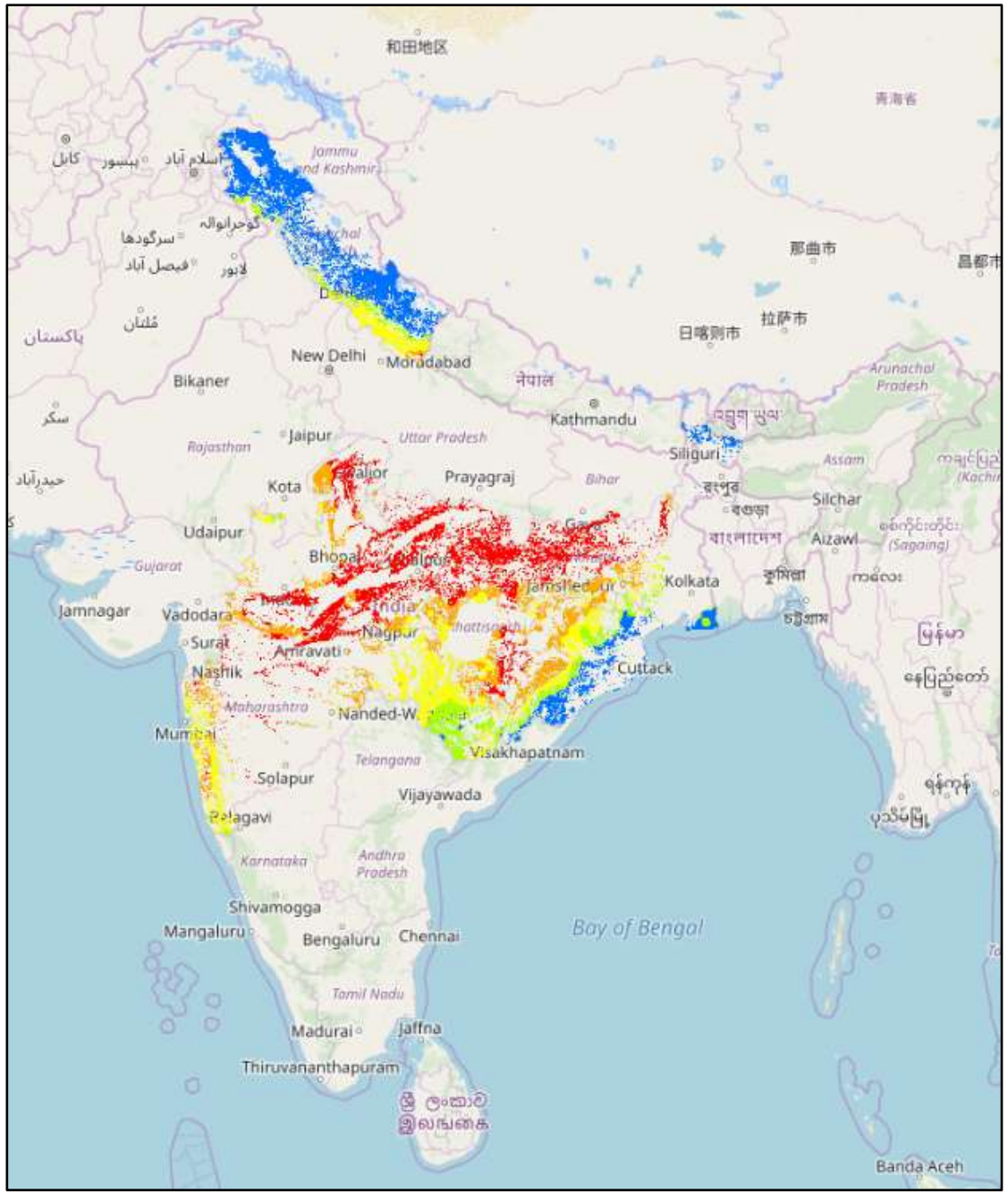


Early-warning

FW Based Early-warning Uploaded on FSI Van Agni-geo Portal two times in a week

Van-Agni Geo portal of FSI



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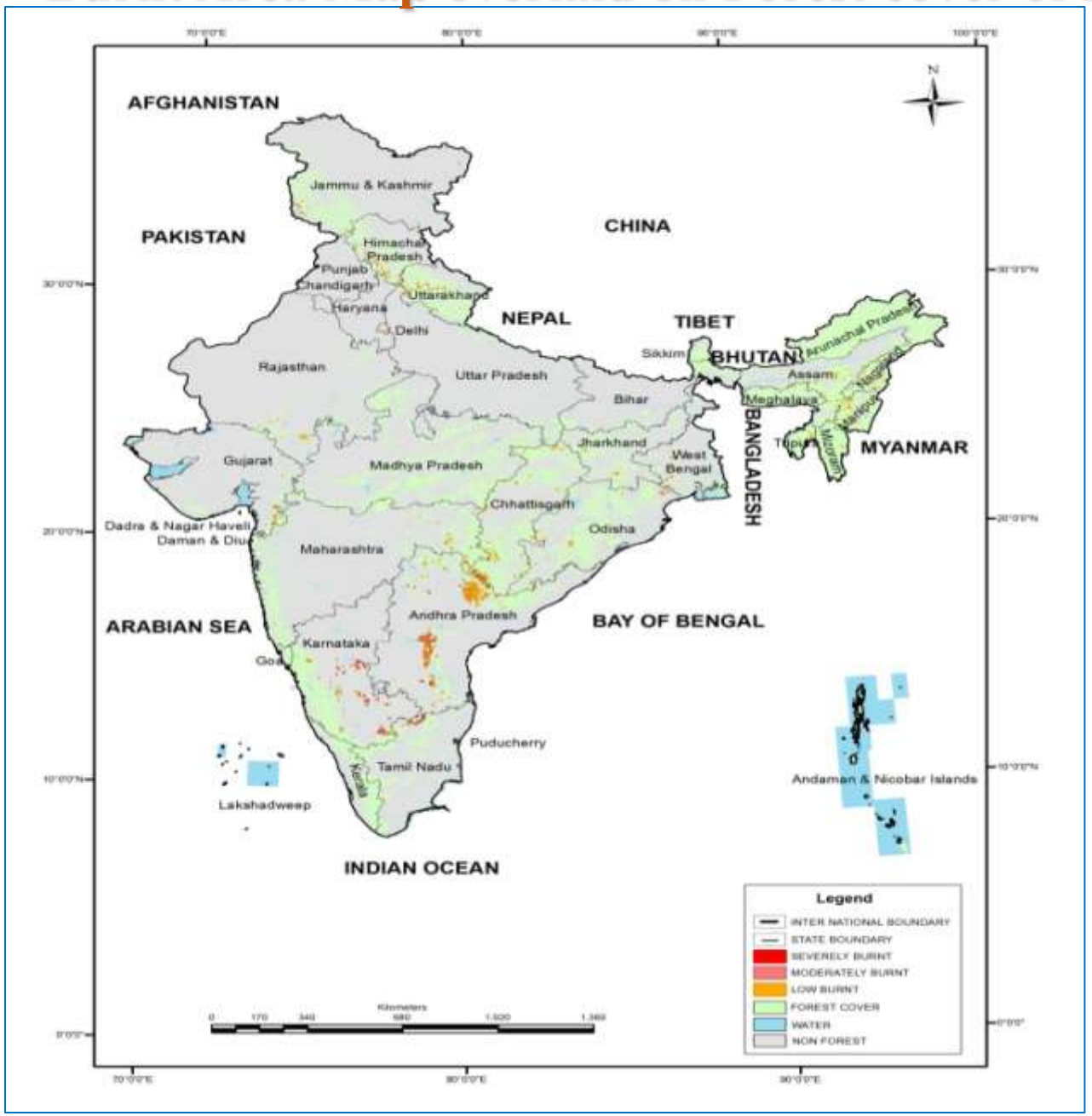

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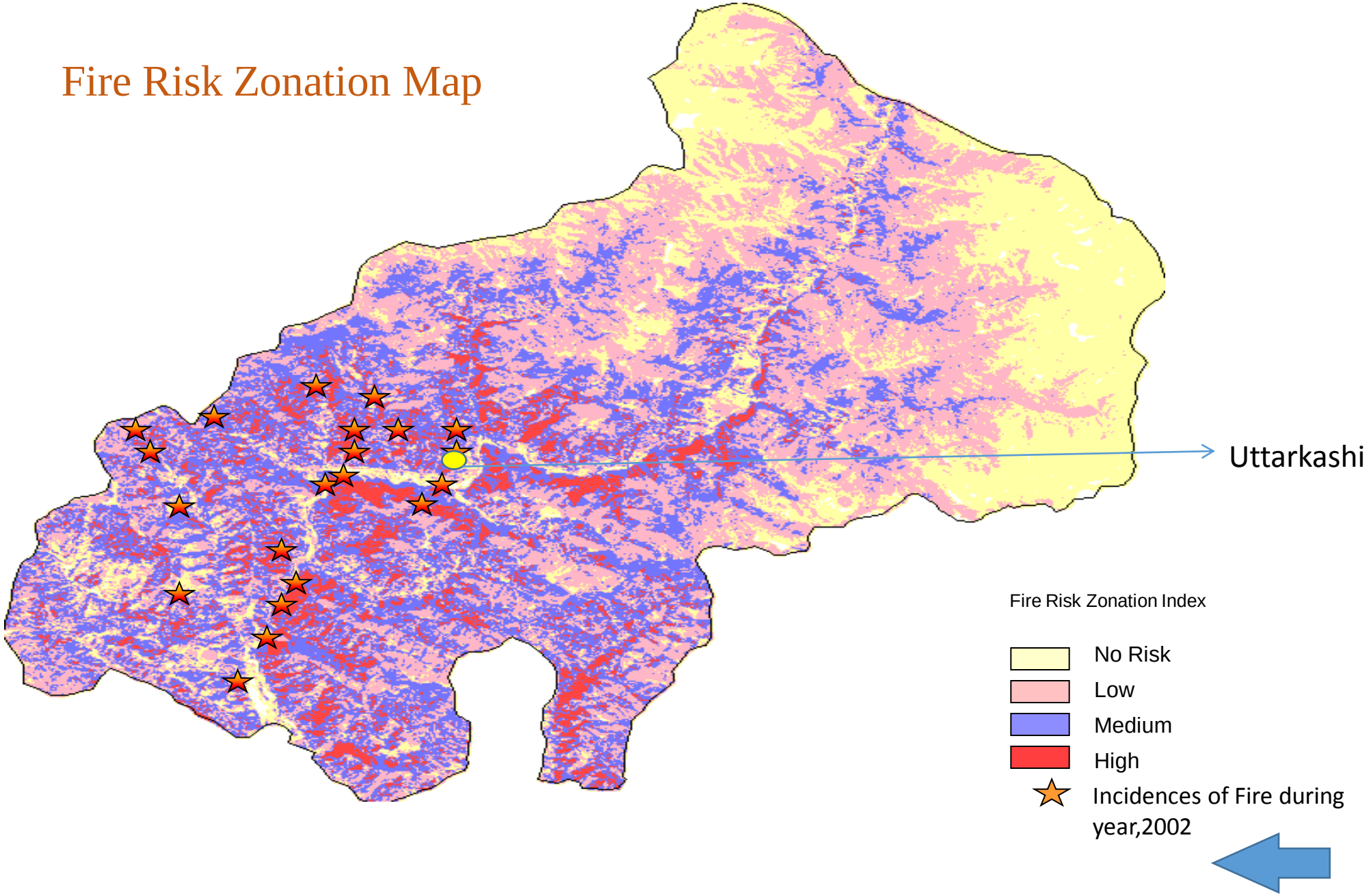

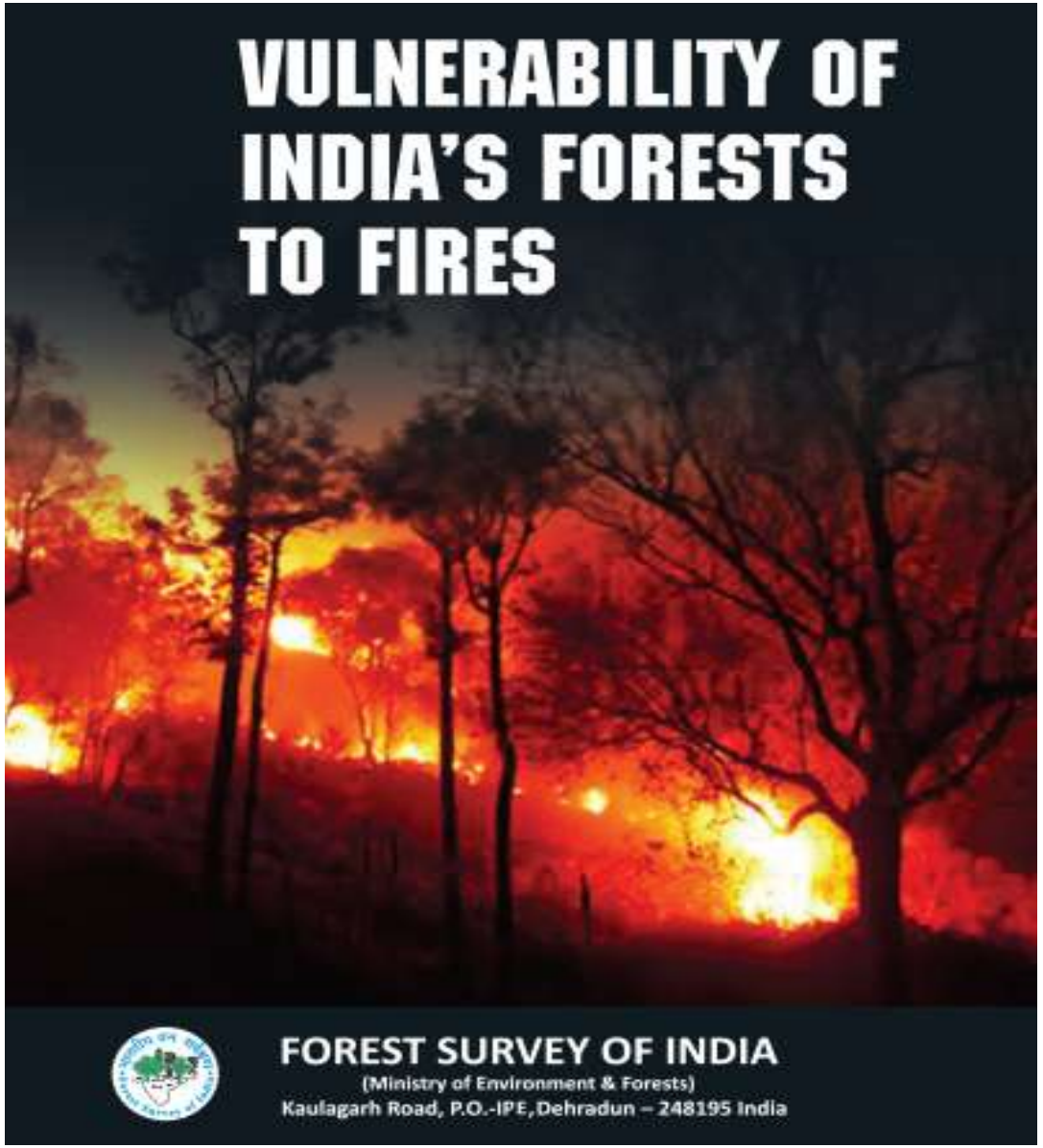
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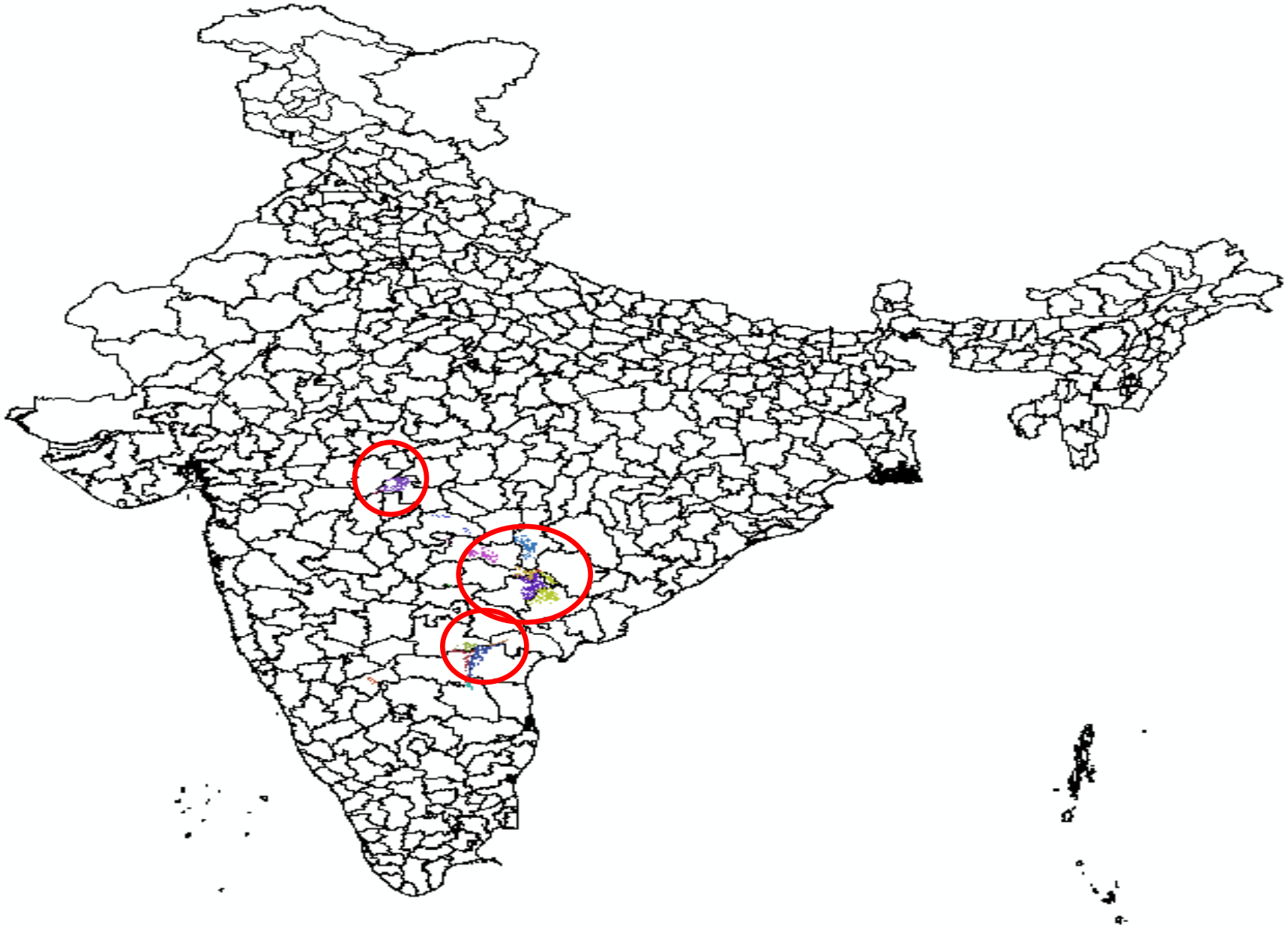
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