

# **GNSS Scientific Applications and related projects in Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization**

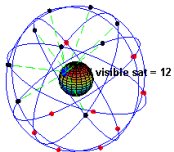
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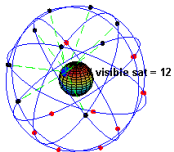


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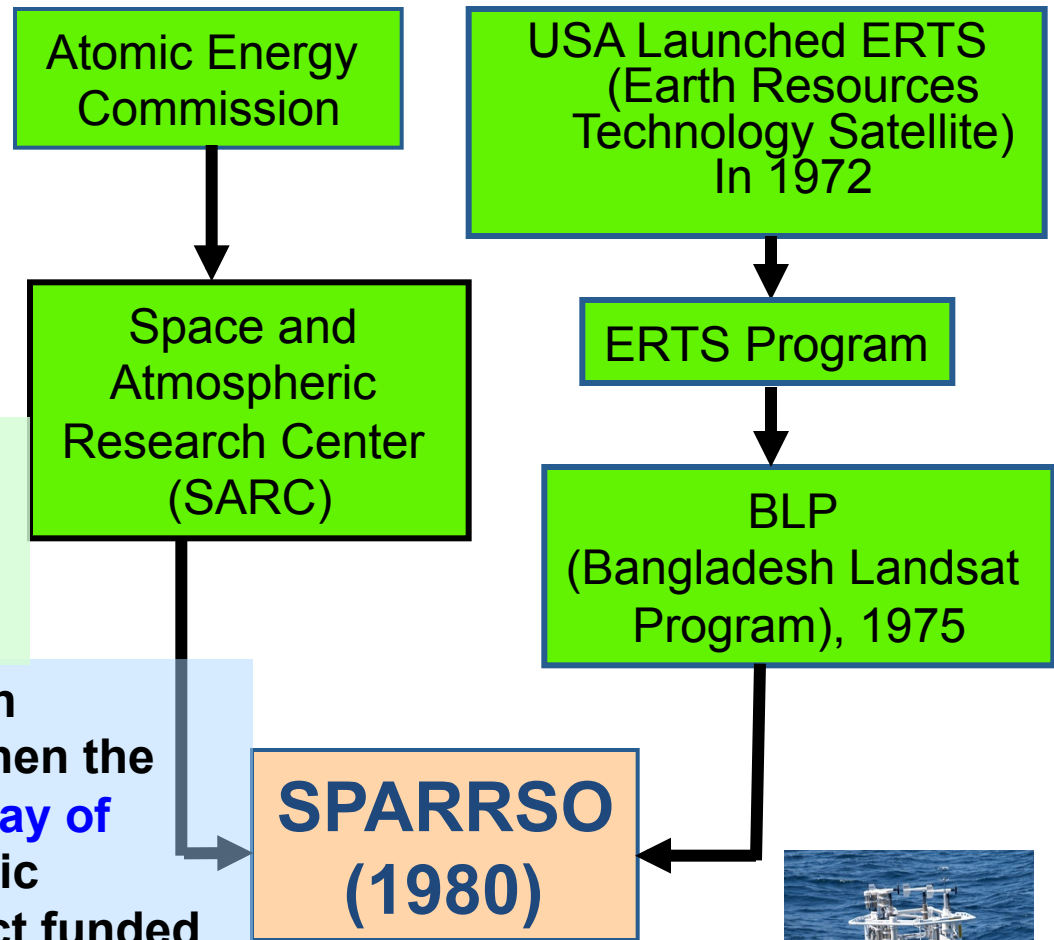
# Overview of RS and GPS at SPARRSO

- The history of RS technology in Bangladesh dates back to **1968** when the first **APT** station was set up.
- Bangladesh **ERTS** program was initiated in **1972**, when NASA launched the ERTS-1 satellite

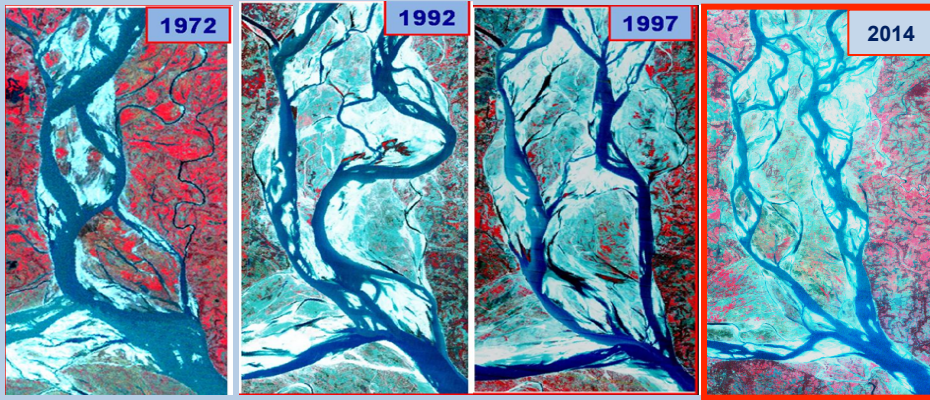
➤ At present SPARRSO receives data from FY-2D/2E, MTSAT, NOAA-AVHRR and Terra/Aqua MODIS.

➤ The history of **GPS** technology in SPARRSO dates back to **1985** when the Buoy station was set up in the **Bay of Bengal** for collecting Atmospheric Information under **ACEMP** project funded by **USAID**. But unfortunately it was missing during devastating **cyclone 1991**.

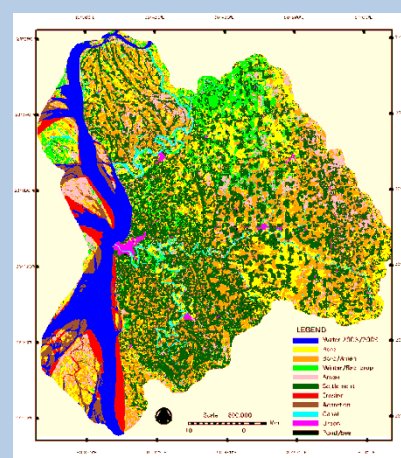
➤ At present SPARRSO has a number of **hand held** GPS sets including **Promax-3 RTK GPS**



Buoy 1985



River Course Monitoring



Land use Zooning

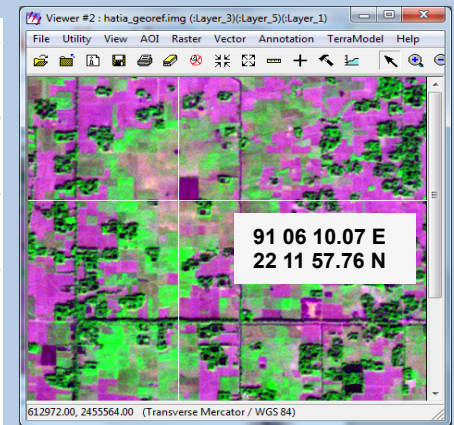
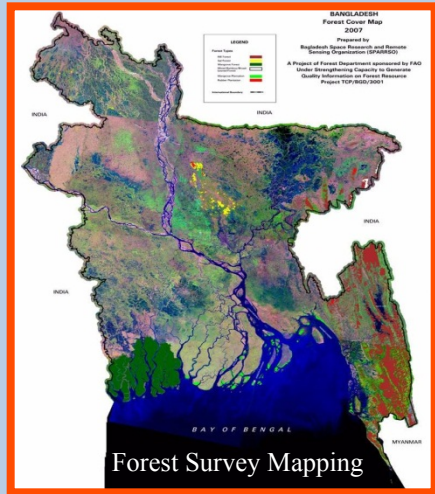


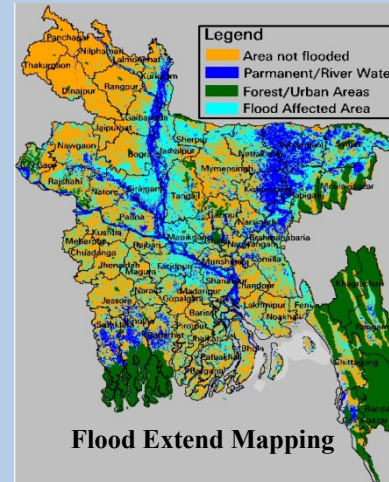
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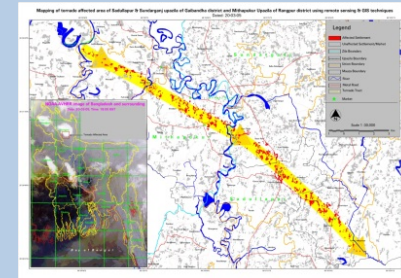
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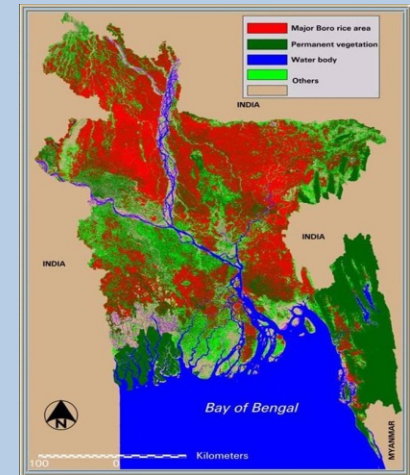
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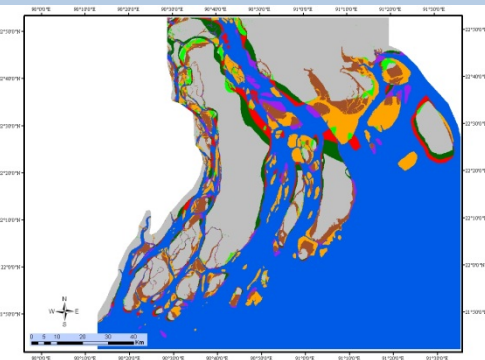
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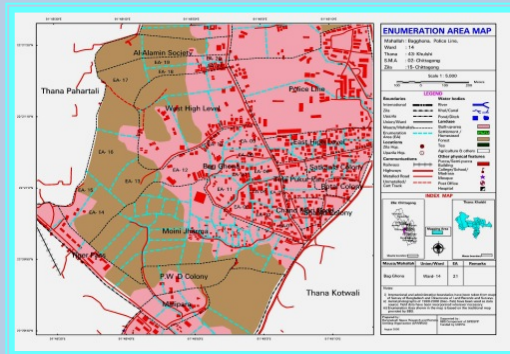
Post Tornado affected area Mapping



Crop Area Estimation



Coastal Zone Management



Enumeration Area (EA) Mapping



Water bodies Management

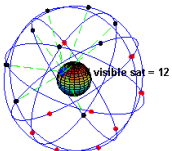
# GNSS in RS Applications

- SPARRSO activities are related to a large number of RS fields like meteorology, forestry, fisheries, agriculture, water resource, oceanography, environment, disasters, etc.

## ✓ **When** and **Why GPS Required for RS Applications?**

Generally, **three** times we used **GPS** during **RS** data generation  
(**data reception to map production**)

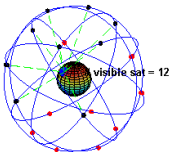
- **GPS required for Image Geo-Referencing by GCP from Ground**
- **Accuracy assessment of Geo-referenced data/image**
- **GPS required for Validation of O/p Products of RS data**



# GNSS in RS Applications

## GPS for Image Geo-Referencing

- Satellite imagery is often a part of the GIS database. In order to **align** the image with other GIS data layers, it must be corrected geometrically and referenced to **ground locations (x,y)**.
- Ground control points (**GCPs**) collected by **GPS** are used to reduce distortion and to place the image pixels in **proper geographic location (x,y)**.



# GNSS in RS Applications

## Collection of GCP

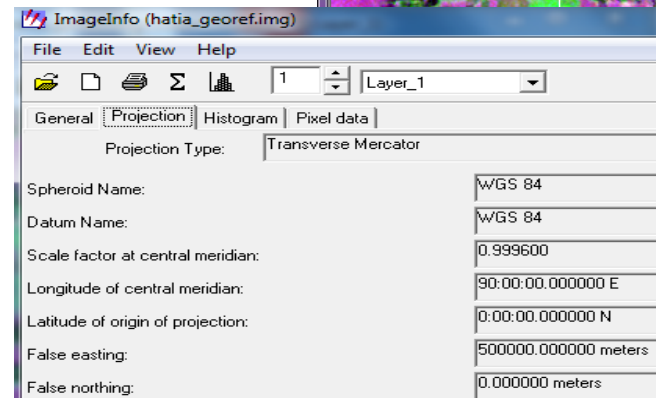
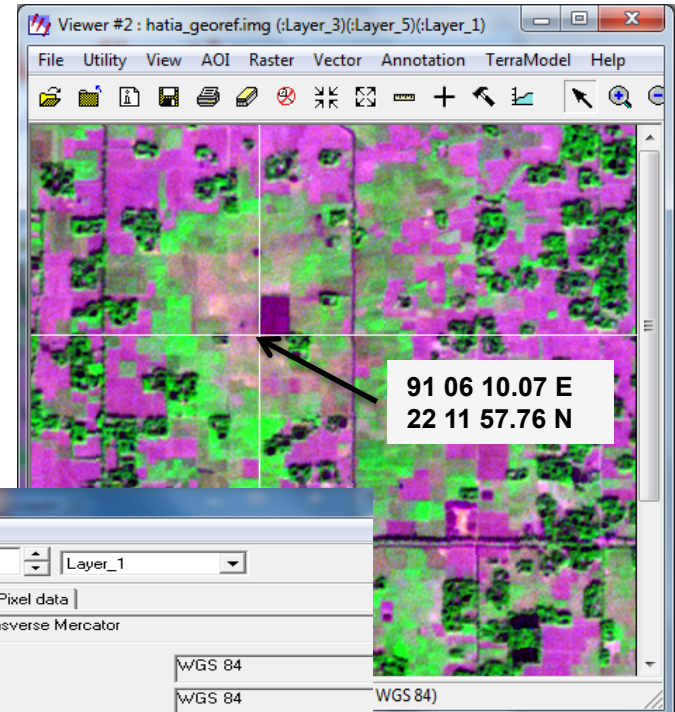
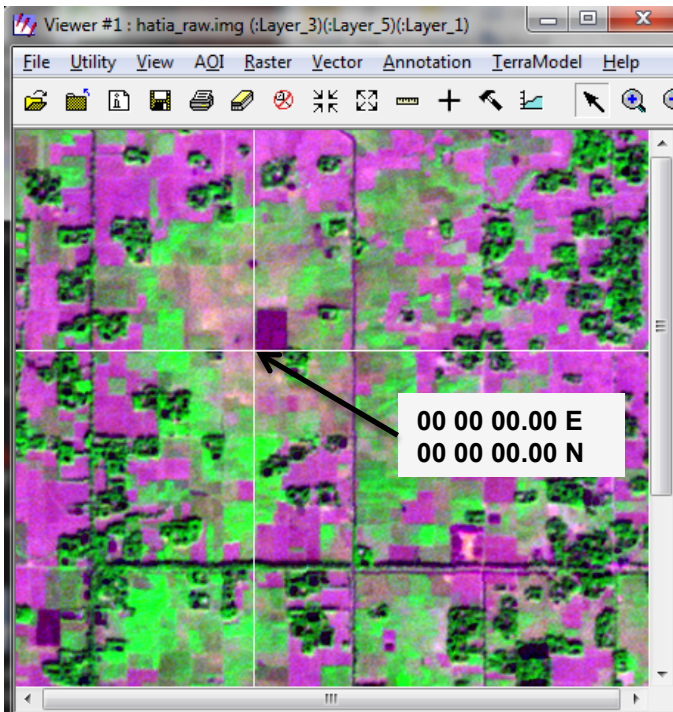
- GCP are coordinates (X,Y) collected at easily identifiable locations. They need to be **visible on the image** and be located in a place where coordinates can be collected.
- Road intersections are a common choice.



# GNSS in RS Applications

## How many Ground Control Points (GCP) required?

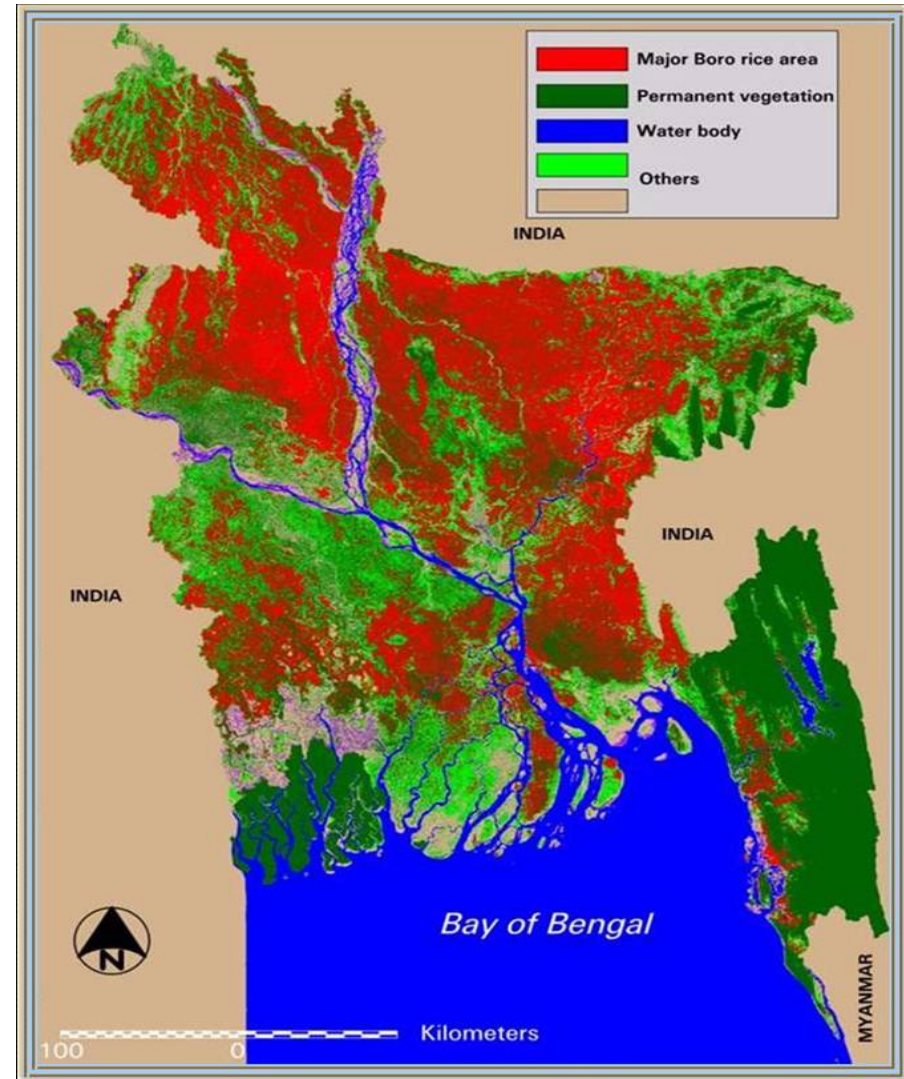
- Three or more **GCPs** and some **software** can be used to establish a geographically corrected grid to which the pixels in the image may be adjusted.
- The **more precise** the GCPs, the **better** the corrections will be.





# GNSS in Agriculture Monitoring

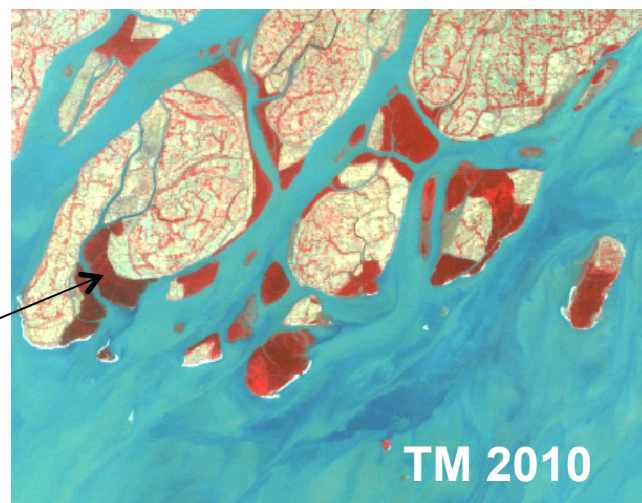
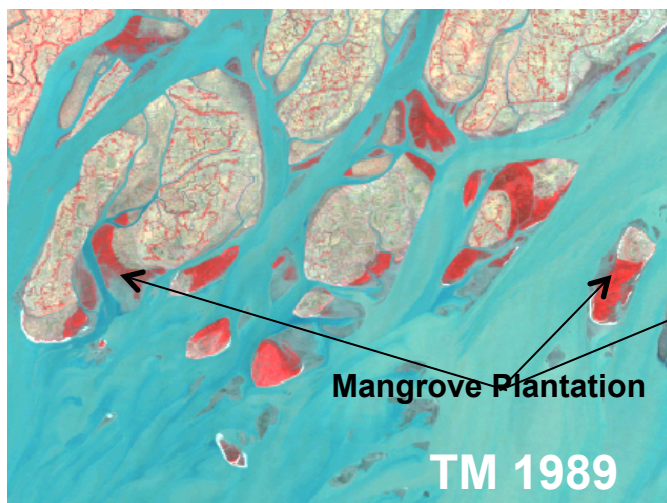
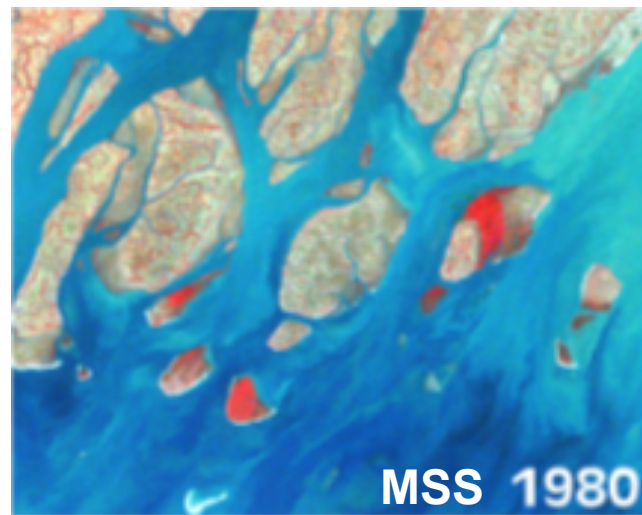
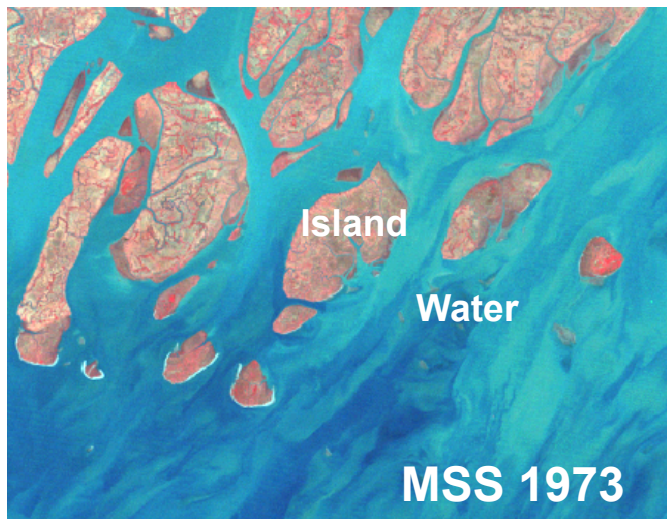
- Bangladesh economy is mainly based on **agriculture**.
- Almost **80%** of the total population depends on agriculture.
- For monitoring the distribution of **crops area in real time basis** we are using **GPS** and **RS** technology since last two decades.
- It is helpful for policy making for **food security**.



# Use of RS and GPS in coastal zone Management

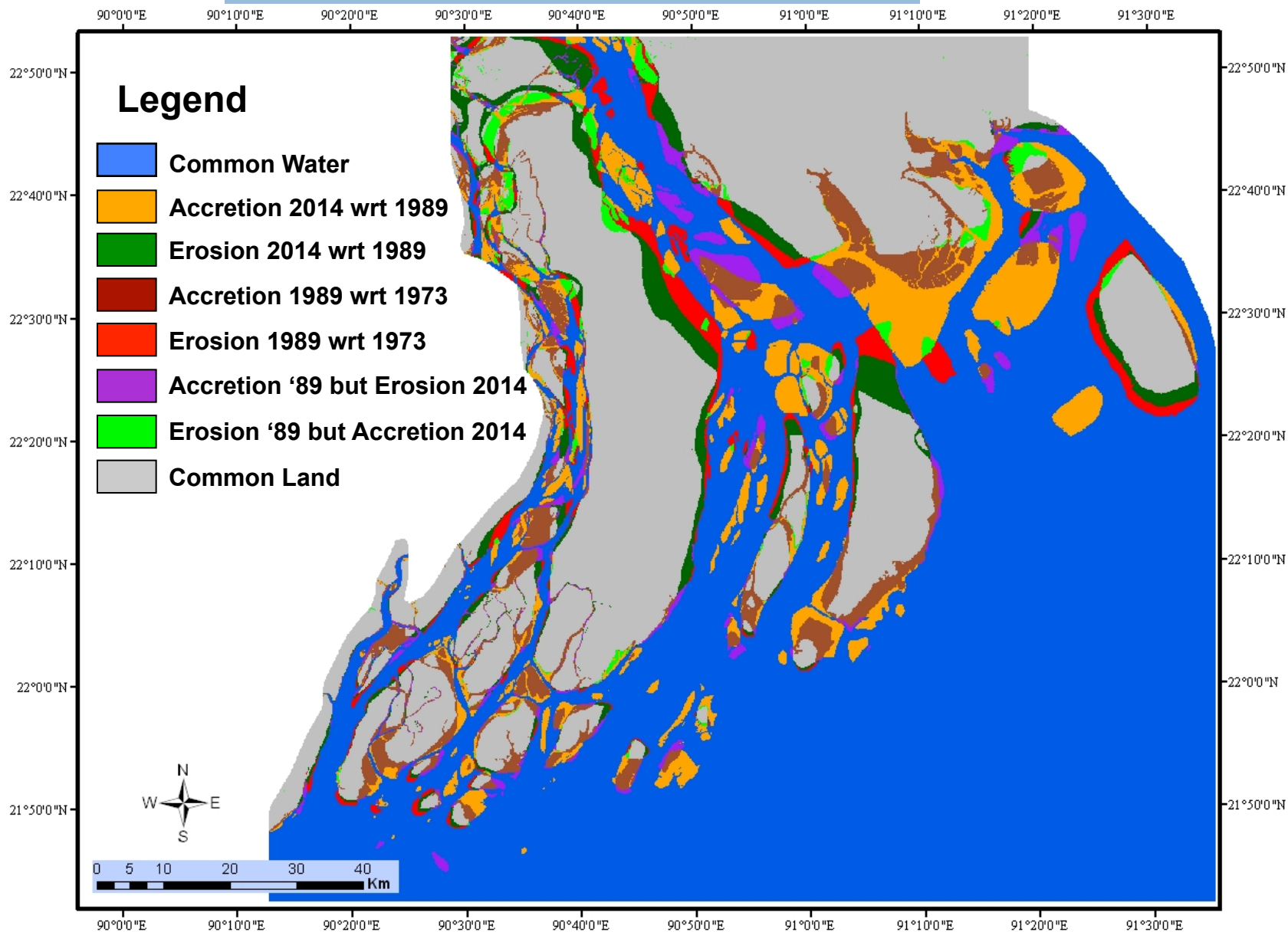
(Expansion of Afforestation Area)

GPS extensively used under **Mangrove afforestation** project (BGD 85-031, 1990) of SPARRSO for reclaim land area.

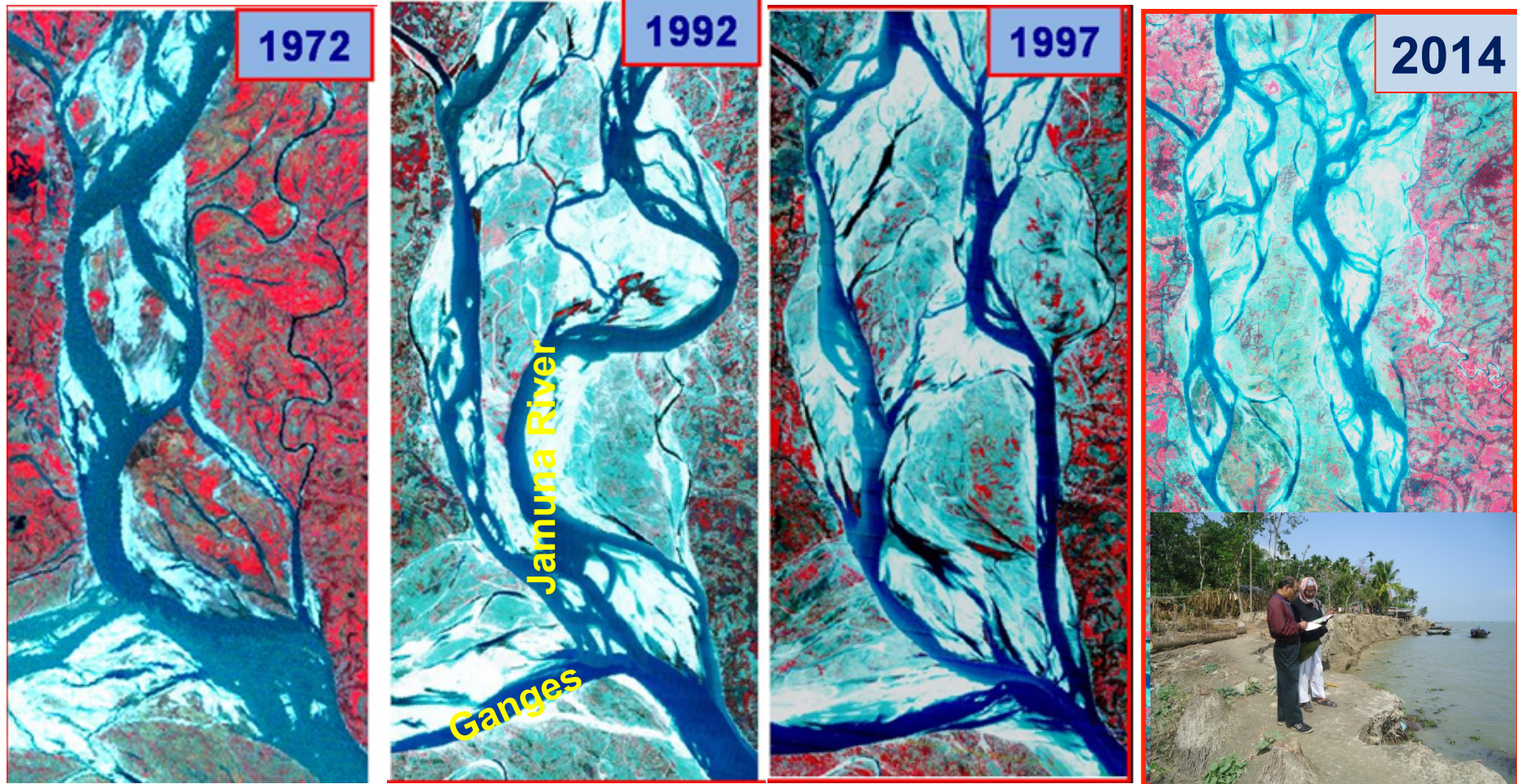


# Use of RS and GPS in coastal zone Management

## Erosion and Accretion during 1973 - 2014



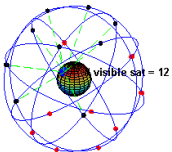
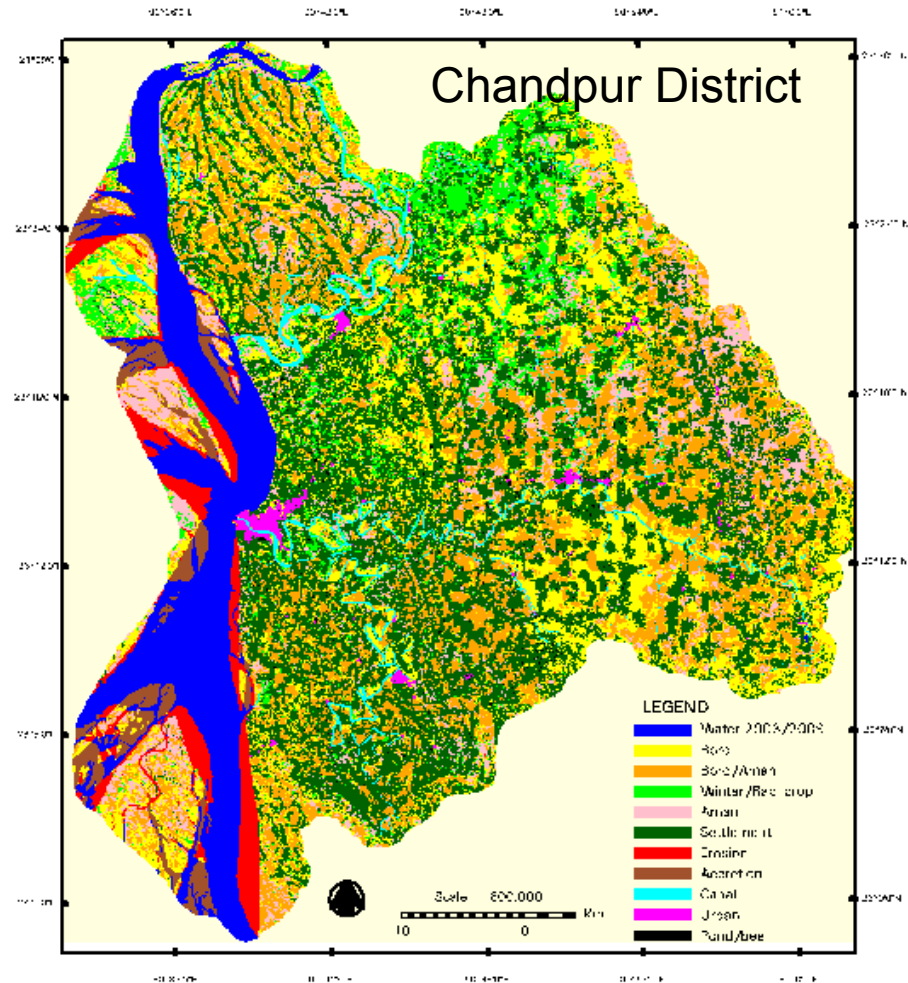
# Geomorphological Changes of River Course Monitoring



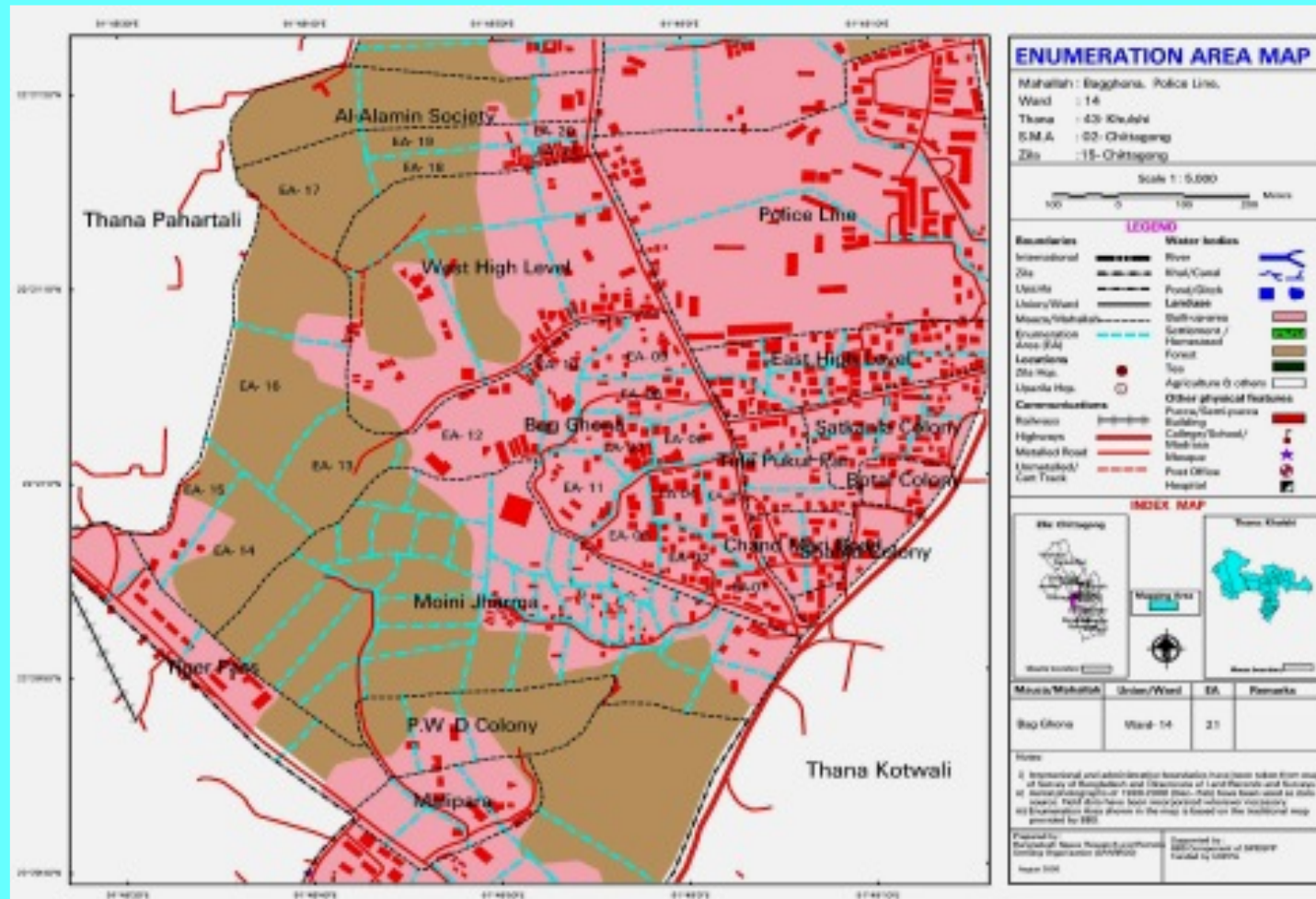
- Maps were prepared showing the morphological changes of river
- **Geo-referenced** of both the data were verified using **GPS** based field survey
- **Real time observation** of River Course could be measure using **GPS**

# RS and GPS used in Land use Zoning

- SPARRSO carried out a project on Coastal Land Zoning under the Ministry of Land for land use classification for coastal area (21 Districts)
- LISS-III 2009 and TM 2007 data have been used
- **Geo-referenced** and **classification** of thematic layers were **verified using GPS based field survey**



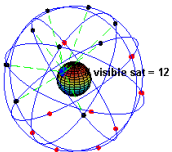
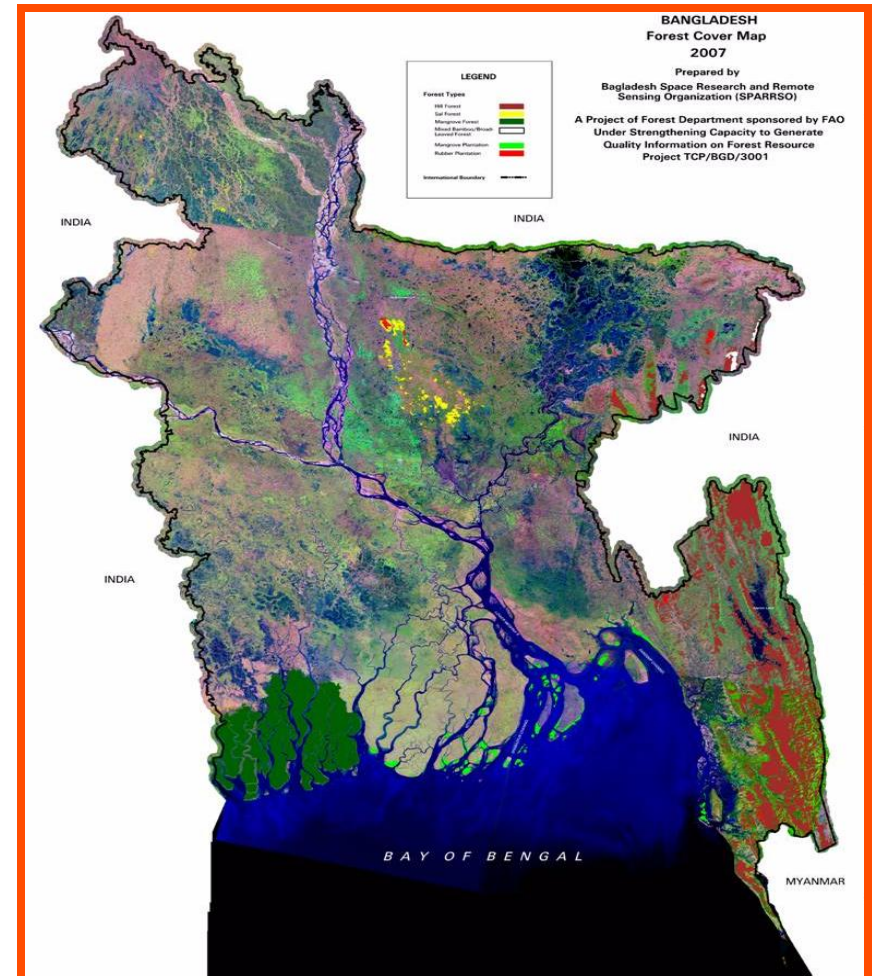
# Enumeration Area (EA) mapping using Air-borne data



- SPARRSO has successfully completed the project “Preparation of Digital EA maps using aerial photographs”, funded by UNFPA for BBS.
- Huge number of aerial photographs has been geo-referenced using ortho software coupled with GCP collected by GPS. Results also verified by GPS.

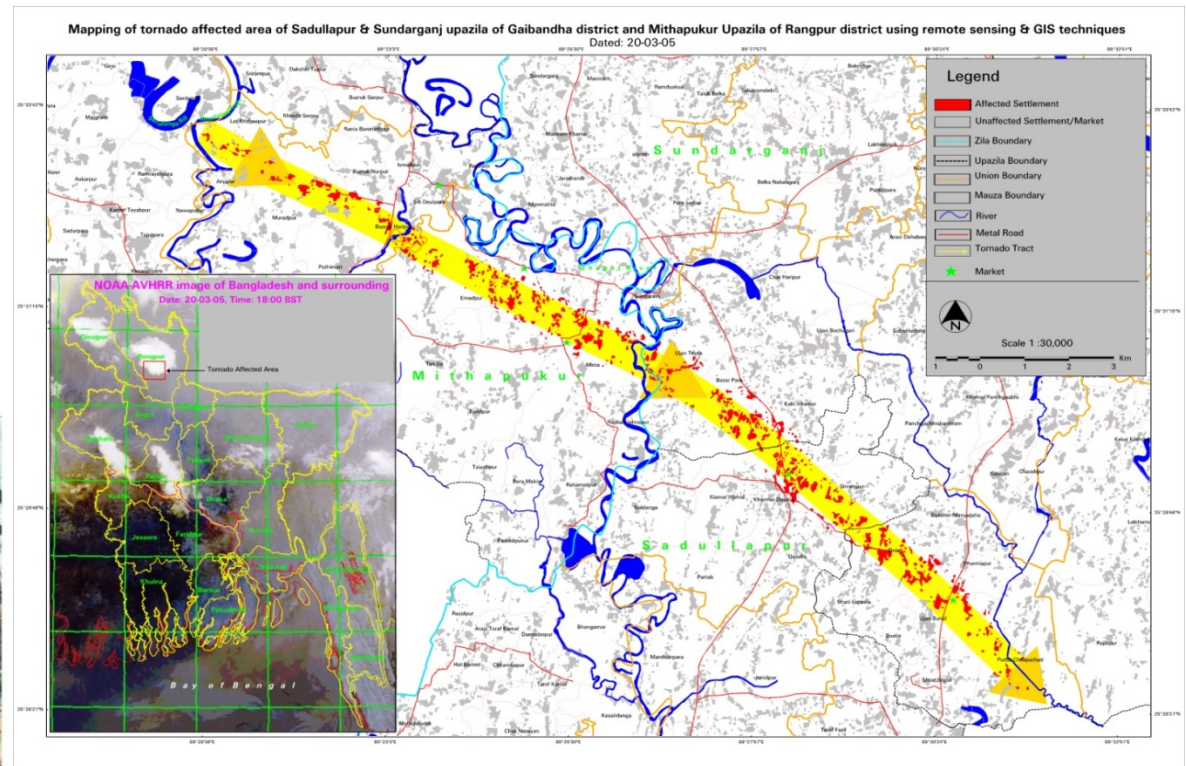
# Forest Area Mapping using RS and GPS

- SPARRSO completed Country-level Forest Cover Mapping using TM Satellite data
- The project was jointly supported by Bangladesh Forest Department and FAO
- Field verification has been done using GPS.



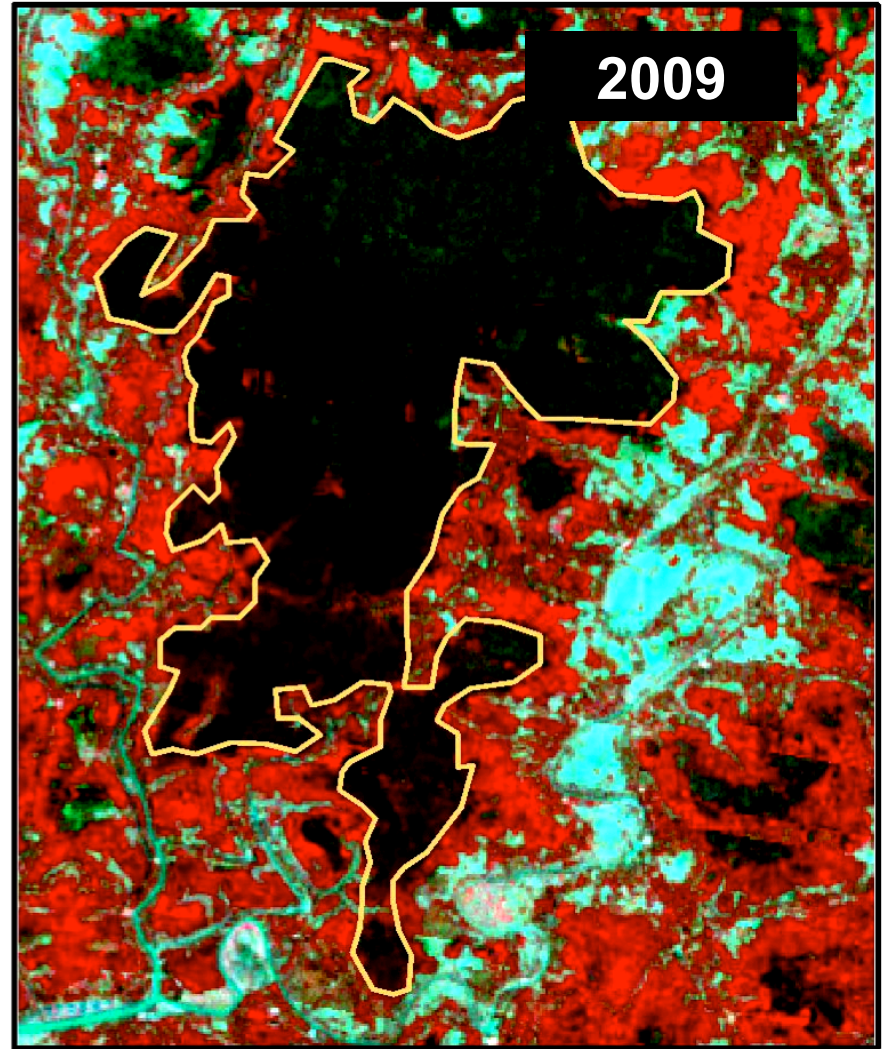
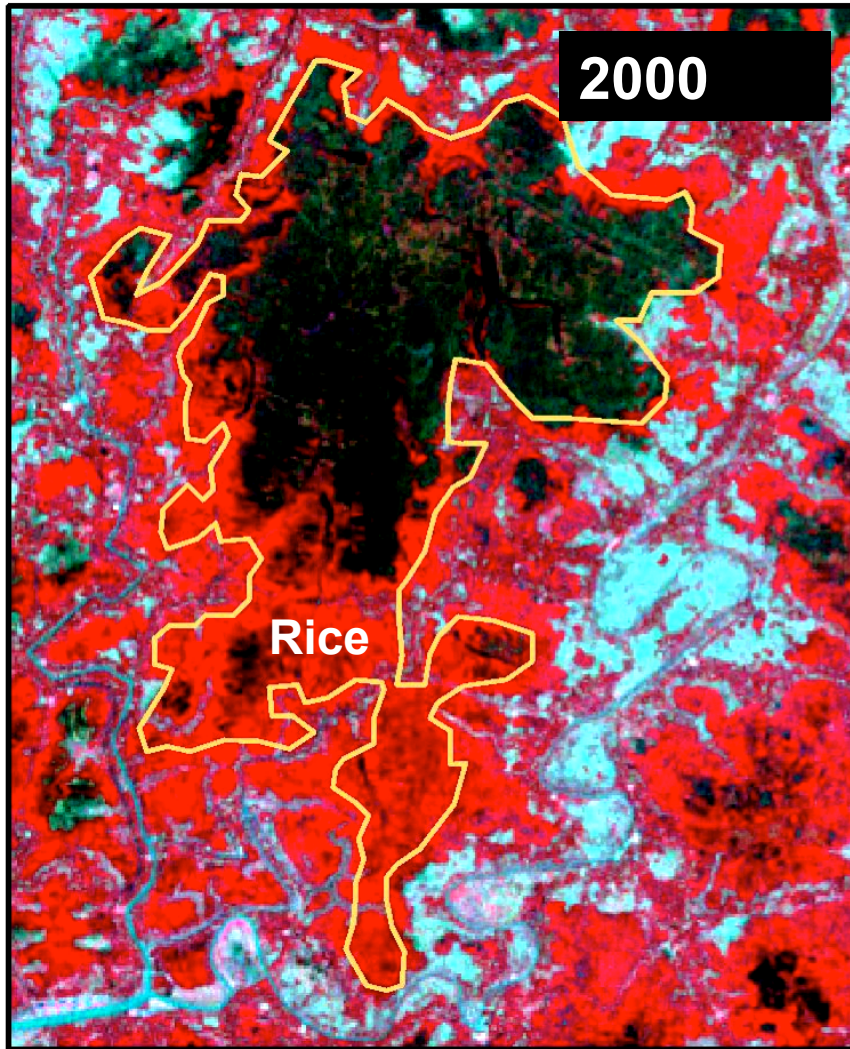
# GPS in Post-Tornado Affected Area Mapping

- Every year country is affected by **tornado** and many **lives and properties** are hampered.
- **GNSS** can help to **mapping tornado affected areas** **timely and accurately**.
- This would be helpful for **decision makers and planners** for **relief and rehabilitation** operations precisely.



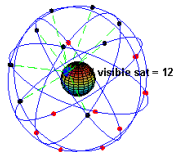
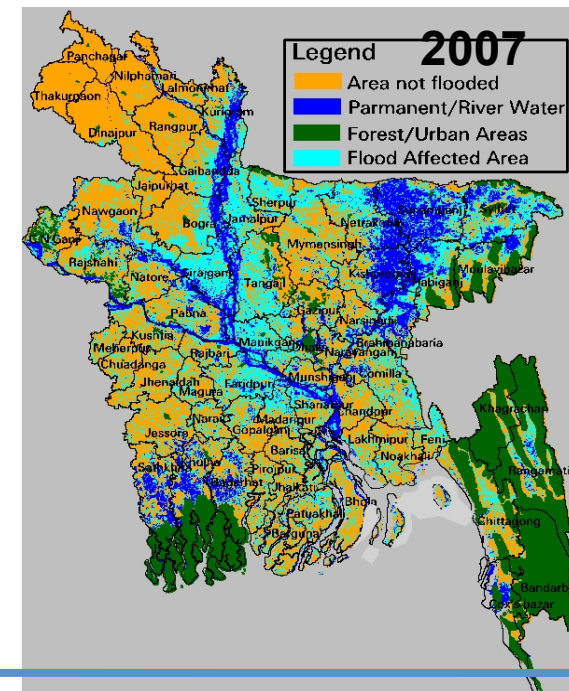
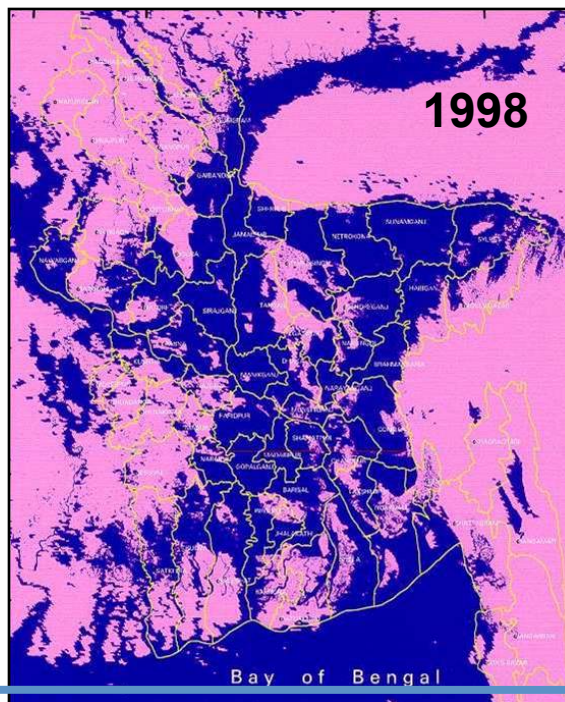


# Monitoring of Water-Logging using RS, GIS and GPS Technique



# GPS in Flood Affected Areas Mapping

- Almost every year Bangladesh is affected by **flood** and **loses lives and properties**.
- Combination of **GPS** and **RS** technology can help in mapping **flood extend**.
- This would help in *relief and rehabilitation* work **precisely**.



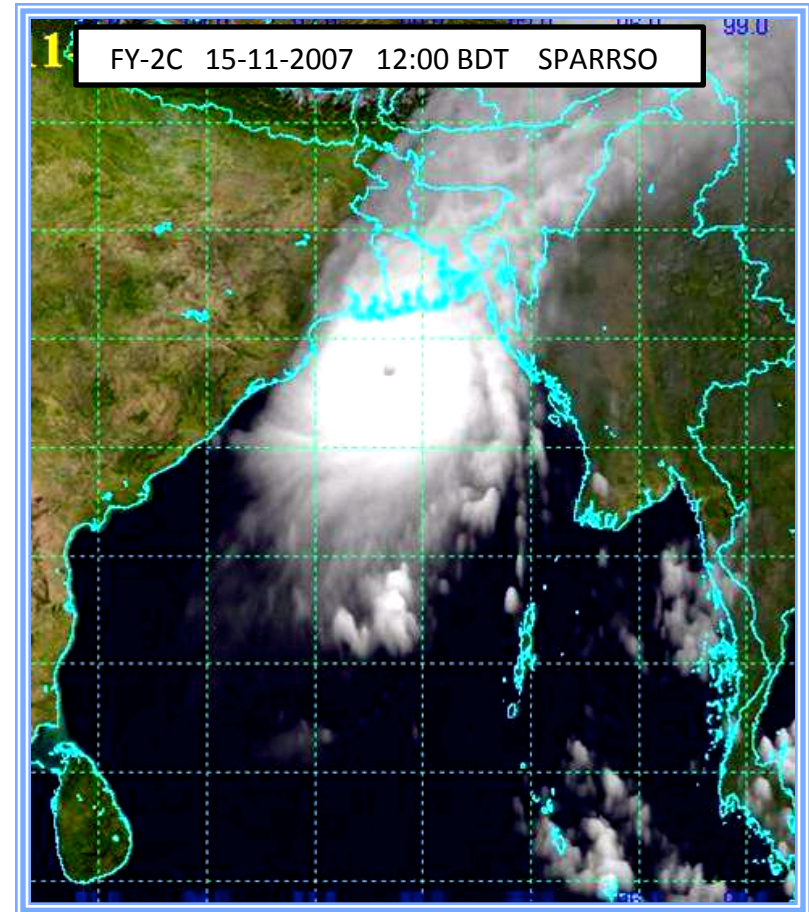
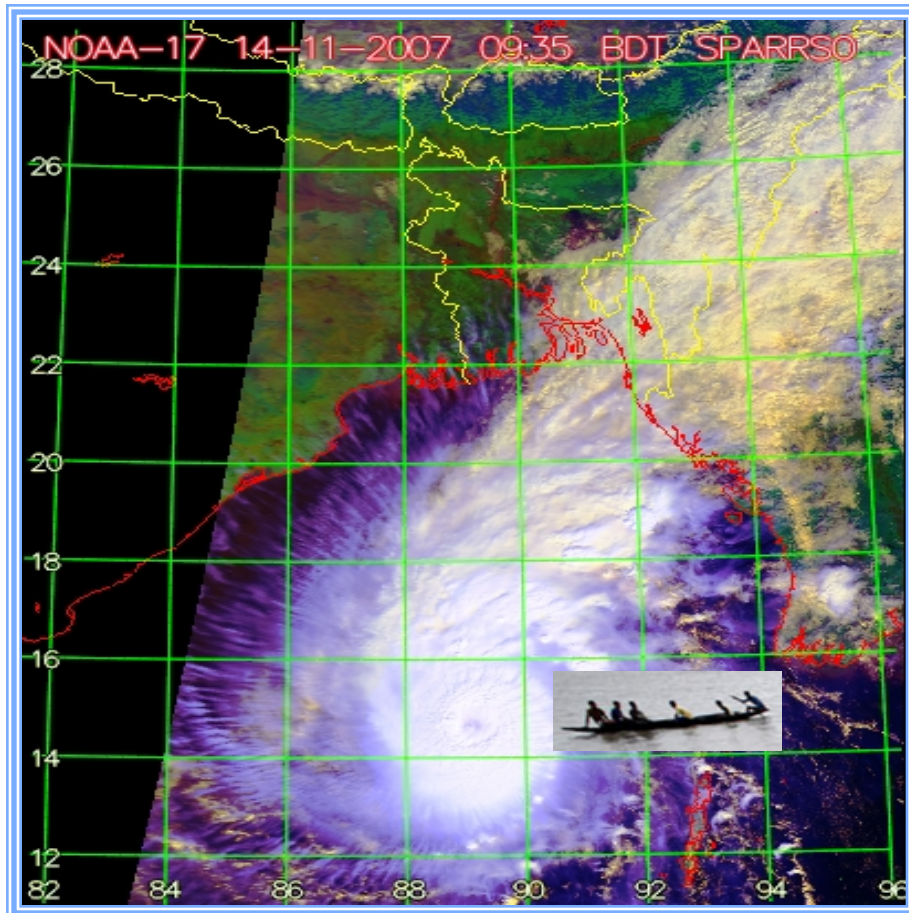
# RS and GPS in Fishery Resource Monitoring

- Remote sensing and **GPS** technology are used for surveying, monitoring and analysis of the **fisheries resources** of the country.
- Maps prepared showing the geographical location of different types of water bodies with infrastructure facilities using **RS** and **GPS**



# GNSS in Fishing Vessel/Boat Monitoring

- Almost every year Bangladesh is visited by **cyclone** and many **fishing boats** have been **missing**.
- **GNSS technology** could be used for search and rescue (SAR) operations and thus save lives and properties.



# RS, GIS and GNSS in Cadastral Mapping

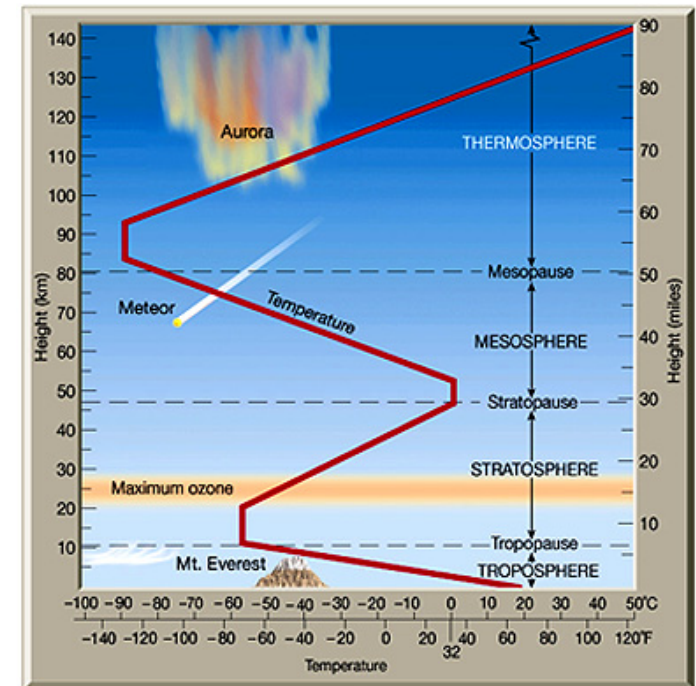
- Preparation of a digital land use (Cadastral) map is one of the agenda of Bangladesh Government.
- Combination of **RS**, **GIS** and **GNSS** technology, we would be able to make an accurate Cadastral map of Bangladesh

QuickBird Image of a village in Bangladesh



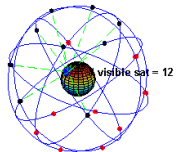
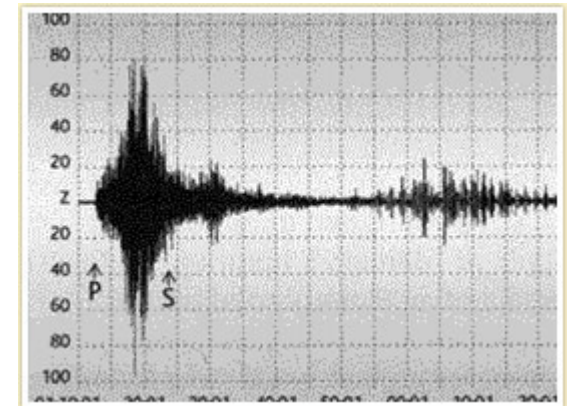
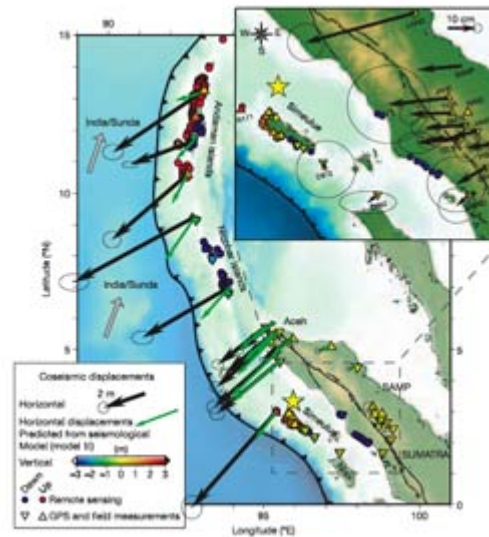
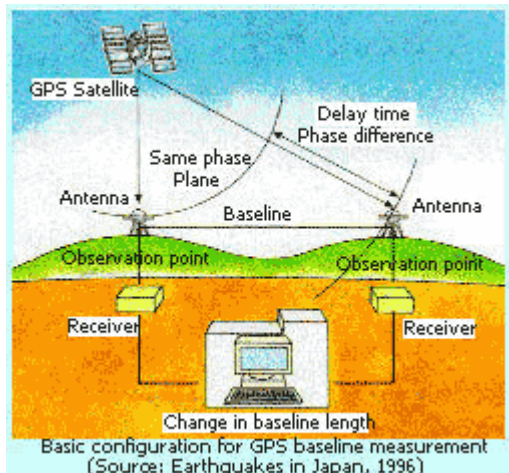
# GNSS in Meteorology

- Using **GNSS** to sense the Earth's atmosphere and measure the **temperature** and **water vapor** content to **improve the accuracy** of weather prediction.



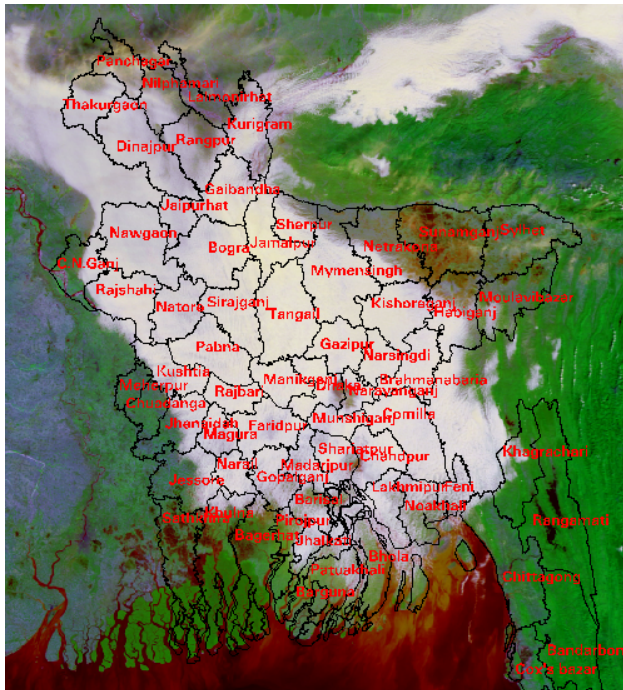
# GPS In Earthquake Monitoring

- GPS can be used to monitor the **crustal movement**. It can also be used for the **earthquake prediction**. But it is only in the **research & theoretical** analysis phase now.



# GPS in Transportation Monitoring

- **Road accidents** are quite a common occurrence in Bangladesh and at least 4,000 deaths per year.
- **Dense fog** in winter season causes noticeable road and river accidents.
- **GNSS** technology can help to monitor the vehicles and minimize the accidents.

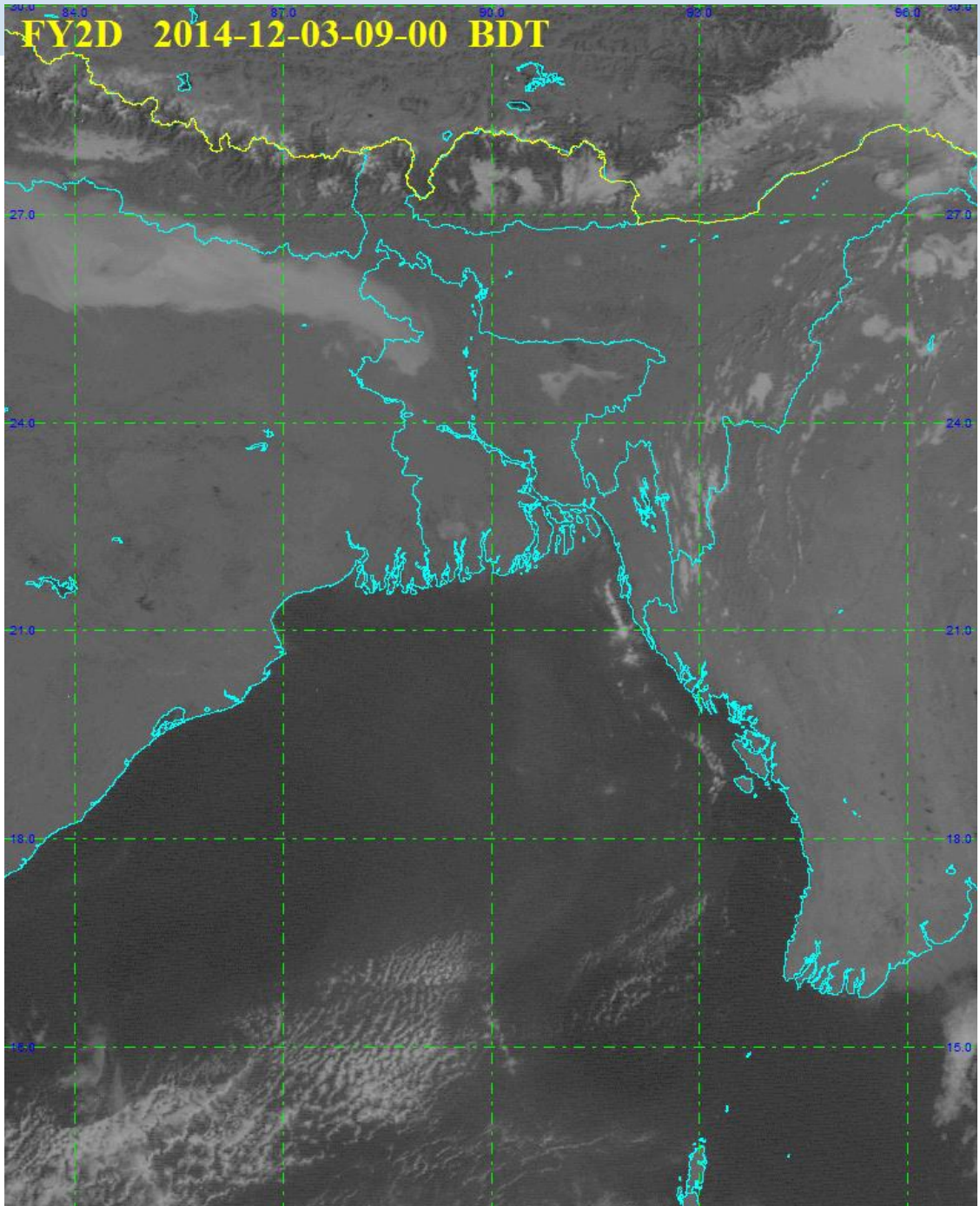


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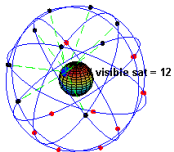




**Today's Picture**

# Organizations using GNSS Technology

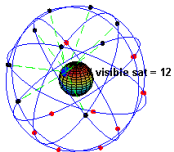
- **The Survey of Bangladesh (SOB)** deals with survey and mapping under the Ministry of Defense. It is the leading organization of aerial photographs and [GNSS Station](#).
- **Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)** deals with technical support to local government bodies for planning and implementation of development program using RS and GPS
- **Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS)** is entrusted with the mandate to carryout periodical cadastral survey and settlement operations for preparing, updating and publishing land records of every piece of land of the country.
- **Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)** uses GPS in flood monitoring, especially in determining location of flood and its extension.
- **Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh** extensively used GNSS for flight navigation
- **BIWTA , NAVY, Air force etc.**
- **Academic Institutions**



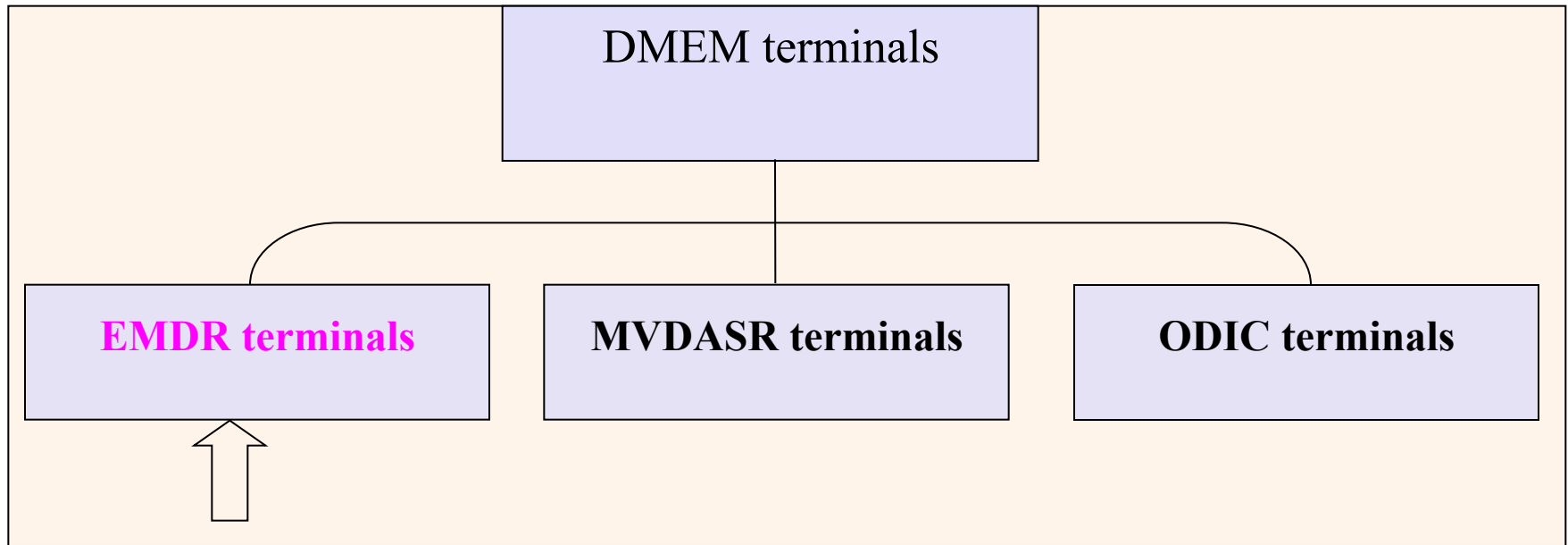
# GNSS Projects undertaken by SPARRSO

## Collaboration of APSCO

SI No	Name of Project	Output	Remarks
1	<b>GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disasters Rescue (EMDR)</b>	Two prototype Terminal will be developed	Feasibility Study has been Completed by Lead country China
2.	<b>Research on Determining of Ionospheric Signature of Earthquake by Ground-based Ionospheric Sounding</b>	Earthquake Research	Feasibility study is under process
3	<b>International GNSS Monitoring and Assessment Service (iGMAS)</b>	Improve the weather Prediction	Feasibility study is under process



# Design and development of the terminals for emergency management and disaster rescue



**DMEM:** Disaster Mitigation and Emergency Management

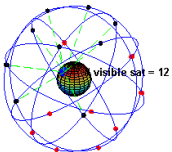
**EMDR:** Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

**MVDASR:** Maritime Vessels Distress Alarm with Search and Rescue

**ODIC:** Ocean Disaster Information Collection (Terminal Based on the Buoy)

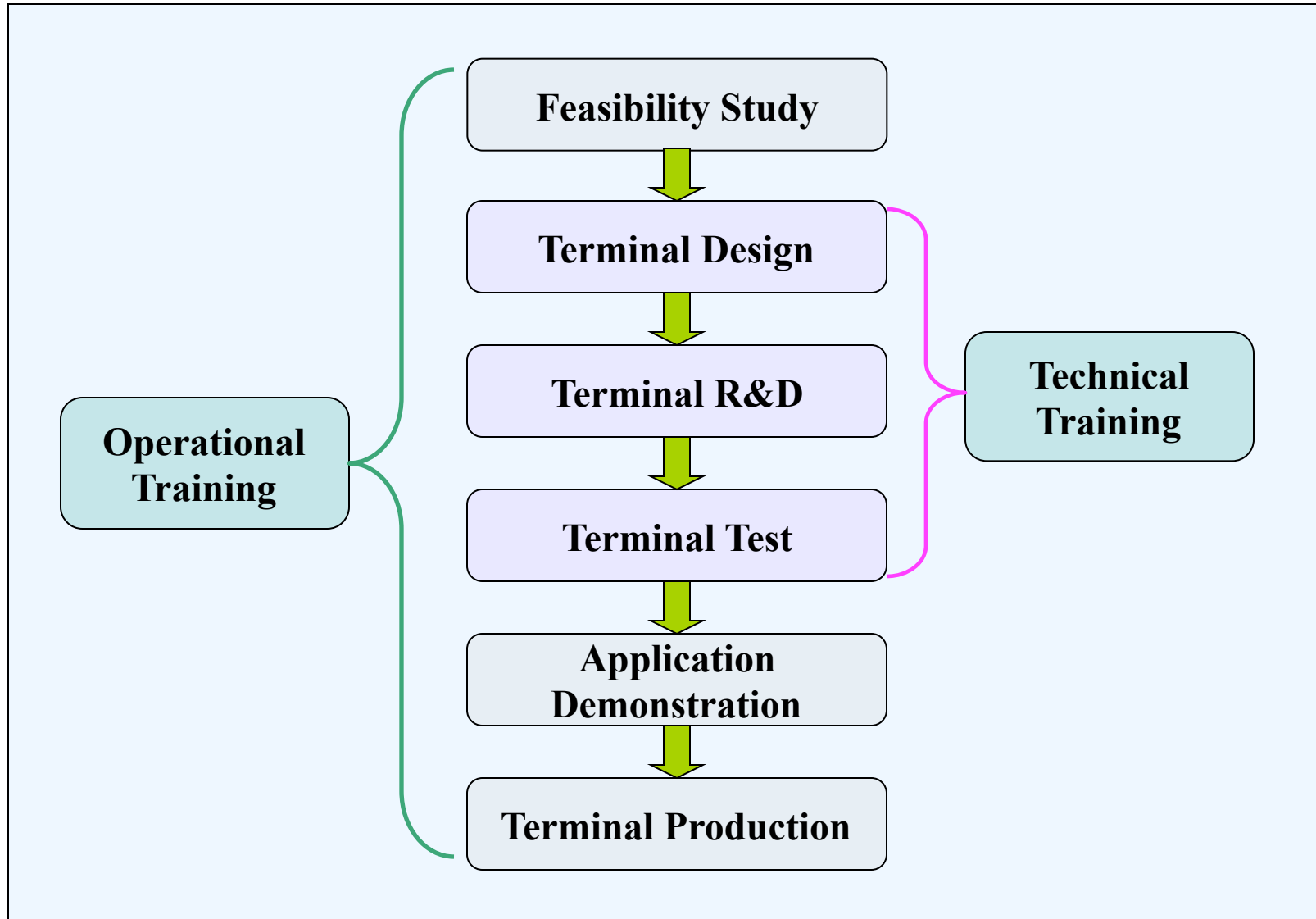
## Project Objectives

- ✓ To **research** and **development** of terminals for disaster and emergency management based on **BeiDou** –compatible system, to make reduction of disaster losses and accidents
- ✓ To promote **personnel training** and **technology** exchanges among APSCO member states.



# GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

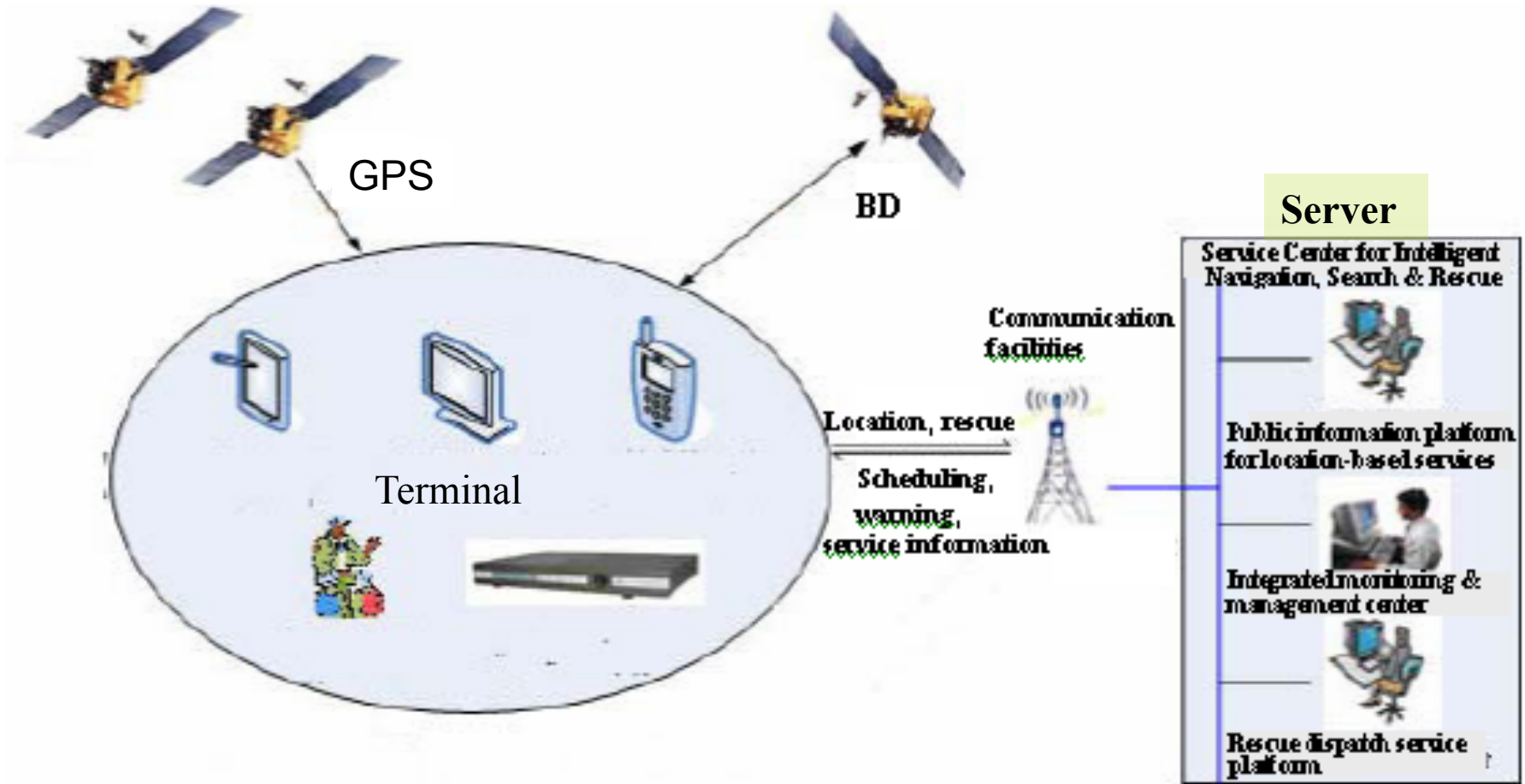
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# GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

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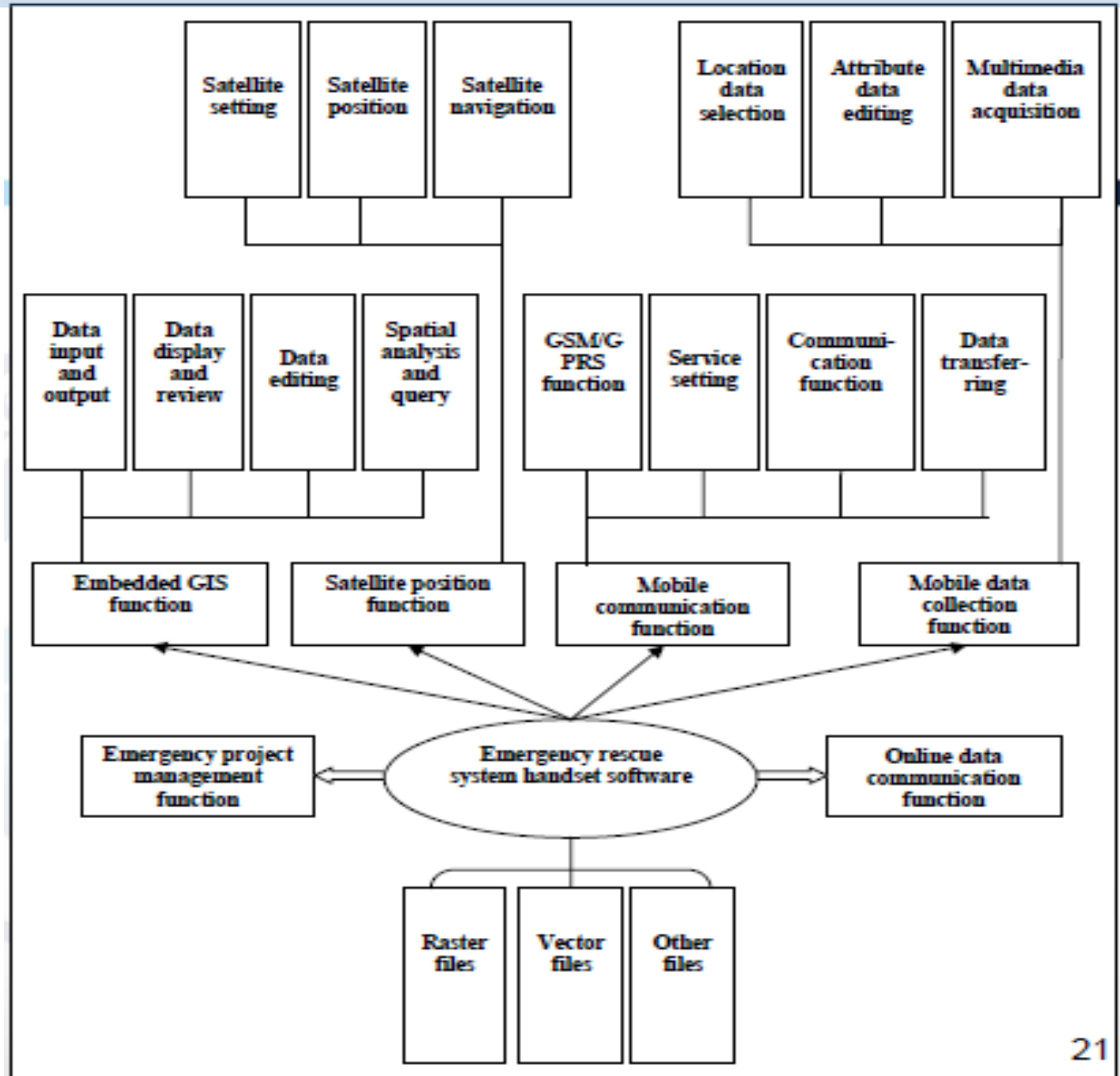


Digital disaster mitigation and emergency management system **architecture**

# GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

*Terminals design and development*

**Software System**

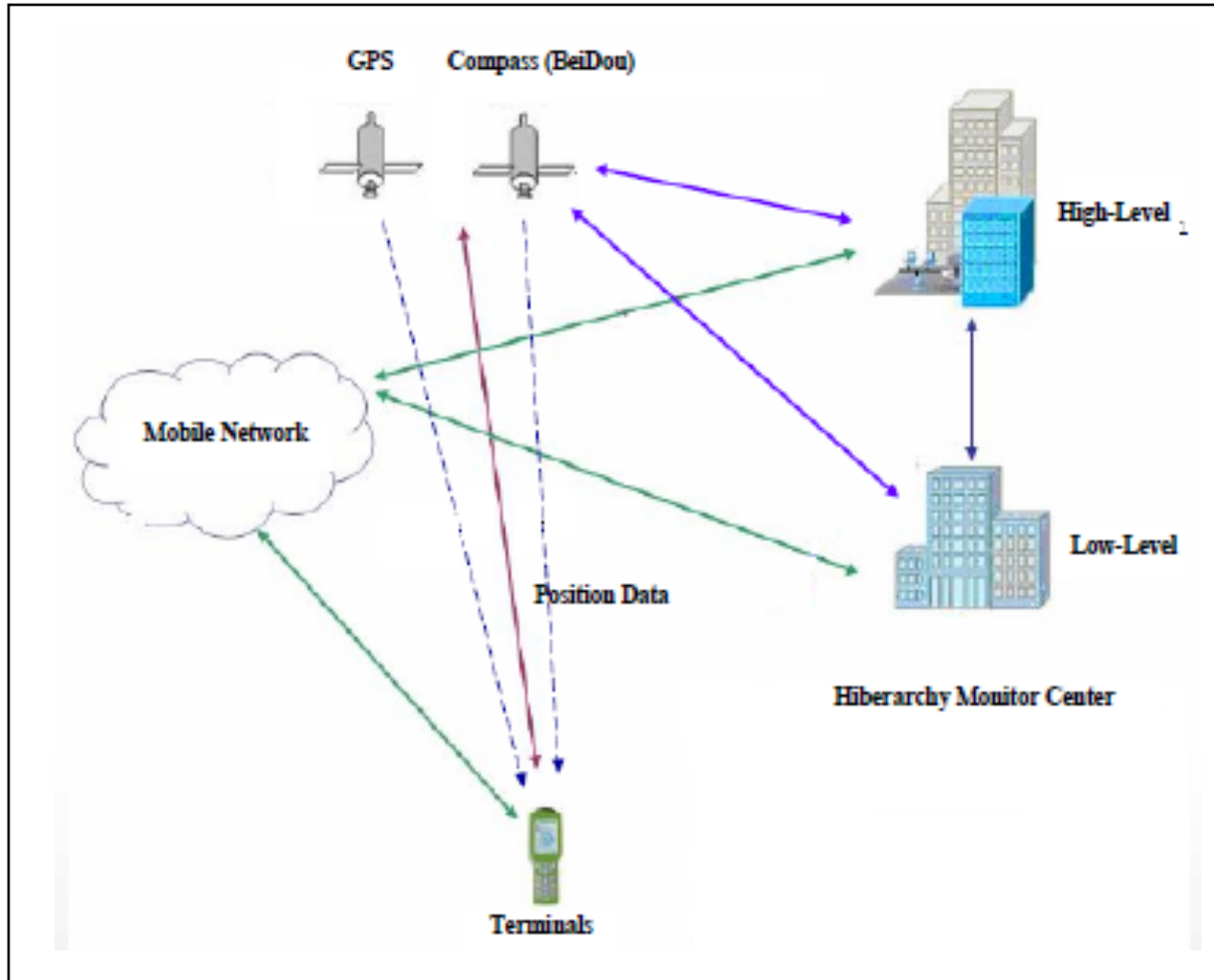




# GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

## Project Contents

### (3) Application demonstration

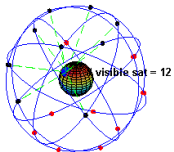


**EMDR application demonstration systems will be set up in areas of which have serious natural disasters in chosen participating APSCO member countries.**

## Project Contents

### (4) *Training and promotion*

- GNSS technology and application training courses will also be organized by Lead Country China for the GNSS related **researchers and engineers of APSCO member states** to promote APSCO GNSS technology and application capabilities



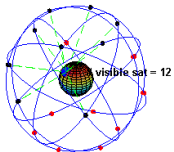
# GNSS Terminals for Emergency Management and Disaster Rescue

## Implementation plan (Master Schedule of Project)

Task name	Duration	2013	2014	2015
<b>Project Management</b>	<b>783d</b>			
Kick-off Mission/System Requirement Analysis System Requirement Review				
<b>Preliminary Design</b>	<b>70d</b>			
System Receiver Communication Server Preliminary Design Review				
<b>Critical Design &amp; Development</b>	<b>322d</b>			
System Receiver Communication Server Test Critical Design Review				
<b>Demonstration</b>	<b>262d</b>			
Demonstration Scenario Definition Demonstration Deployment Result Assessment Market Development Plan System Acceptance Review				
<b>Training</b>	<b>326d</b>			
Technical Operational Operational Readiness Review				

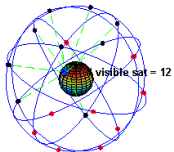
# Conclusion and Recommendation

- GNSS is not **so well-known** technology in Bangladesh. It is therefore essential to create **awareness** of the usefulness of the technology among potential users.
- Such awareness can be created through the arrangement of **workshops/seminars** on the applications of GNSS as well as conduct collaboration **projects/data shearing in various fields.**
- In Bangladesh, as an economically developing country, users should be given an opportunity to access the GNSS technology at an **affordable price**. Therefore, the **cost of the GNSS receiving** systems should be **reduced.**
- GNSS can **do all** but we can't **think all.**

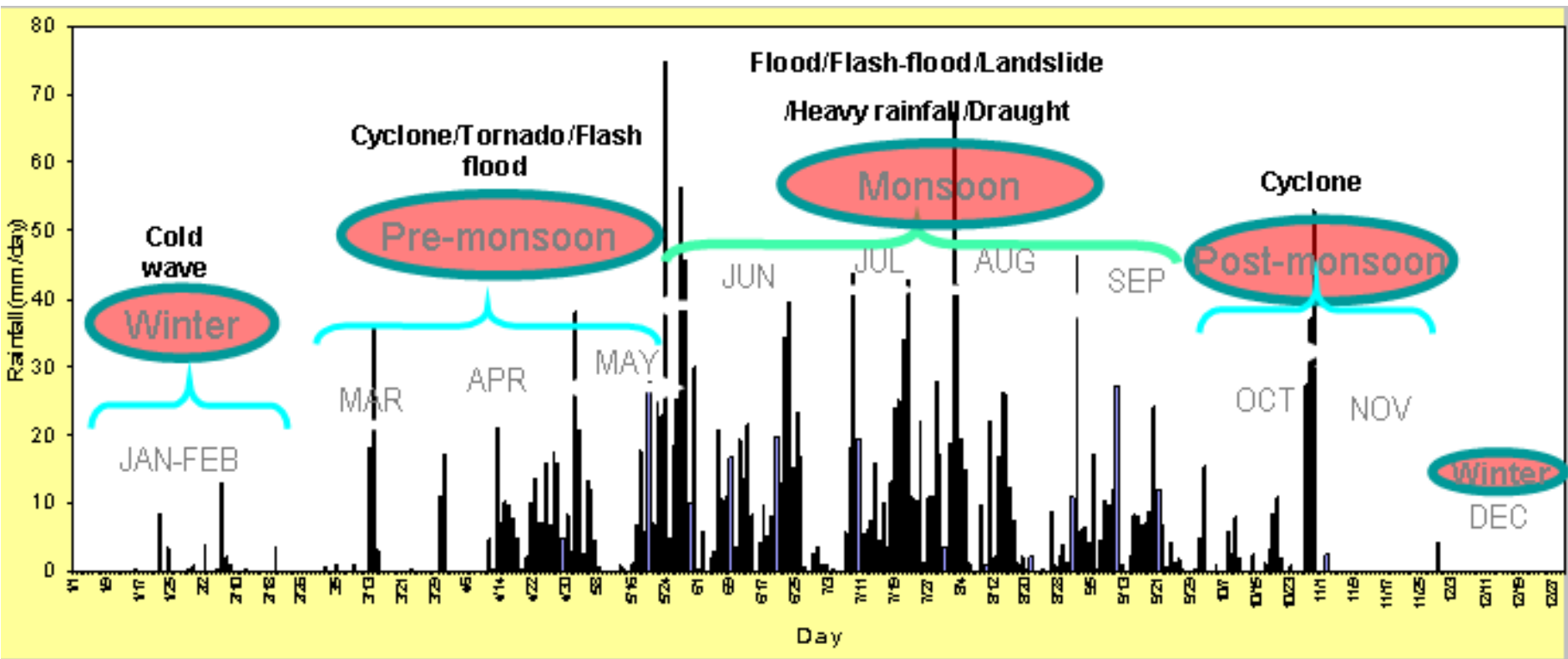


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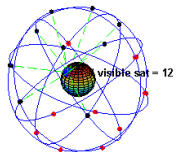
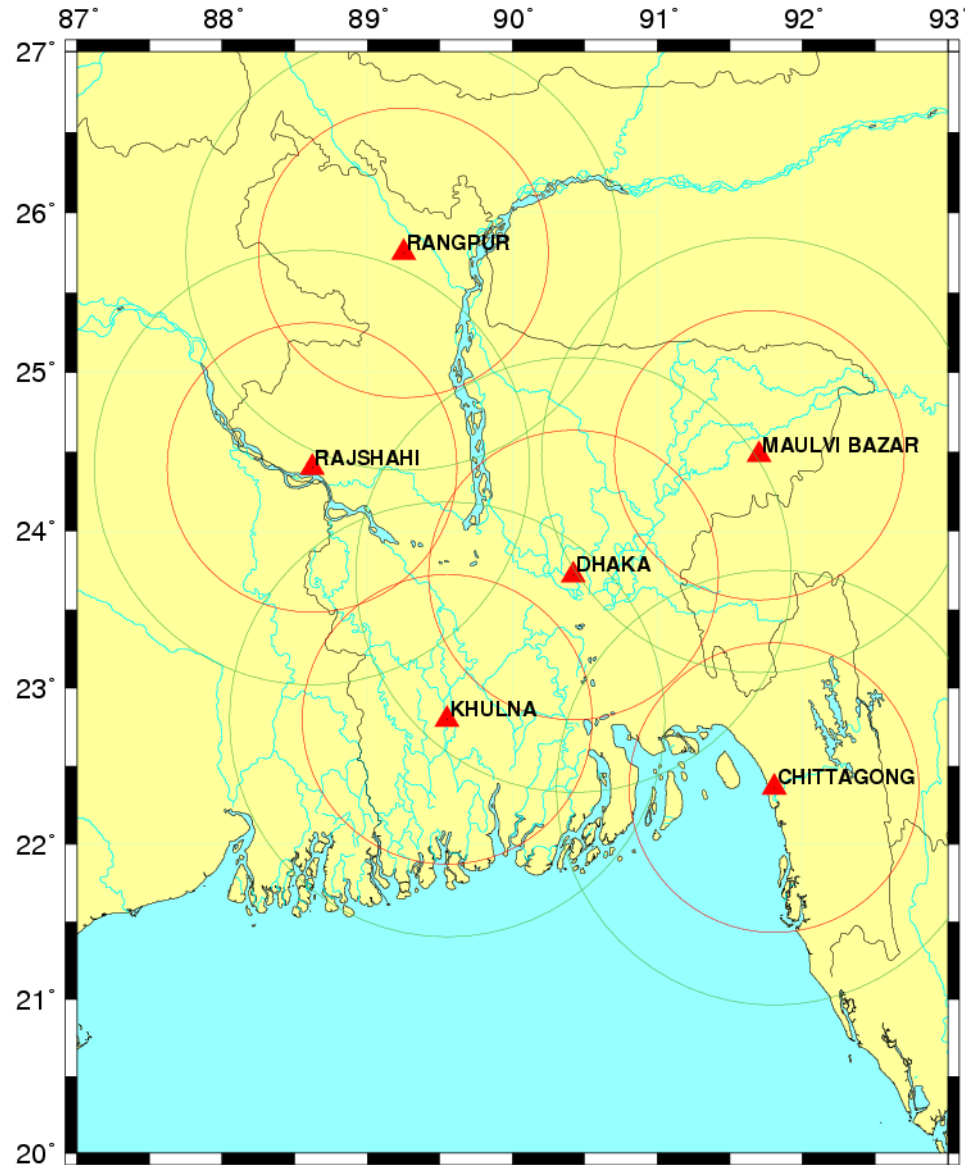
**Climatologically Seasons and its Characteristics**

# PERMANENT GNSS STATION (Continuously Operating Reference Station)

- Established in: **2011**
- **Number of Stations: 6**
- **Data Acquisition Rate: 1 Second**
- **Type of Receiver: Trimble Net R9**
- **Data Transfer from Receiver to Server:**  
**GPRS**
- **RTK Correction: GPRS**



# Location of Six Permanent GNSS Station





# GNSS Receiver for Updating Topographic Map

- SOB produced different kinds of **topographic** maps on various scales
- **Mobile Mapper** and **Hand Held GPS Receiver** are used for collecting topographic data to update the map

