



EO contributes to integrating Nature into Economic Activities

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Case Study 1: Regional Level

Basin-Wide Assessment on Impacts of Climate Change on Rice production in the Lower Mekong Basin











795,000 km²: **Upper (24%)** LMB (76%)

Population 60.6M (2010) 65 M 92020)







InVEST model input data





Climate Precipitation, PET



Soils Soil depth, PAWC



Land Use/Land Cover Root depth, evapotranspiration coefficient (Kc)





Predicted Water Yield and Changes



Water yield (mm) by pixel change from baseline





Implications: Food security



Suit. class	Baseline (%)	GS45M30 (%)
High (S1)	<mark>36.39</mark>	<mark>33.29</mark>
+irrigation	36.60	33.49
Mod (S2)	<mark>19.57</mark>	<mark>20.81</mark>
	19.41	20.66
Low (L3)	10.43	10.53
	10.44	10.54
N	<mark>33.61</mark>	<mark>35.38</mark>
	33.55	35.31

Rice productions are required to **increase up to 50%** in the next 30 years to meet the demand for a growing population (Cosslett et al., 2018; MRC, 2015)



Case Study 2: Integrated LU planning at 2 small watersheds in northern Thailand







Watershed area

Na Luang sub-watershed = 1,245 ha

- Forest sub-watershed = 251 ha
- Maize sub-watershed = 427 ha

Physical characteristic

Average elevation : 550 msl. Average slope : 31.40%

Climate characteristic

Total rainfall : 1,237.9 mm. Average temperature : 24 °C



Phetcharaburanin (2021)









Economic value

(million baht)

*22-years cultivation (rubber tree)

				PV income*		PV cost*					
		SC	Hydrological services value	Maize	Para rubber	Maize	Para rubber	Net benefit	NPV	B/C ratio	
		SC1	40.7	321.76	9.82	263.45	4.03	23.37	13.74	1.08	
		SC2	6.2	384.13	9.82	314.60	4.03	69.18	15.57	1.21	
		SC3	9.8	202.05	79.46	165.45	32.57	<mark>73.71</mark>	<mark>40.63</mark>	<mark>1.35</mark>	
		SC4	3.9.	321.76	9.82	263.45	4.03	60.17	13.74	1.22	
		SC5	4.7	384.13	9.82	314.60	4.03	70.67	15.57	1.22	
		SC6	2.9	202.05	79.46	165.45	32.57	<mark>82.53</mark>	<mark>40.63</mark>	<mark>1.40</mark>	
LU2016 Trend Sandbox											
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Using multicriteria decision analysis (MCDA) Water supply Soil loss prevention Economic criteria Water supply Dredging NPV for maize

	• NP	V for rubb	er				
Appropriateness	SC1	SC2	SC3	SC4	SC5	SC6	
Appropriate score	10.20	1.22	1.25	0.47	0.47	0.12	
Land use appraisal level	Moderate	High	High	High	High	High	

Baseline (SC1)

Not recommended due to lowest B/C ratio (1.08) and moderate suit.

Trend or BUA (SC2)

is appropriate for maize cropping only because of low investment cost. BUT soil and water conservation is required such as terracing to reduce surface runoff and sediment in wet season.

Sandbox (SC3)

is suitable to generate household income from maize and rubber plantations (B/C ratio = 1.35). In addition, water shortage in dry season and sedimentation is minimal. Scenarios 4, 5, and 6 (RCP 8.5)

More rainfall is expected in wet season (200 mm). BUT water shortage in late dry season is predicted for all scenarios (less severe). Water storage such as pond and check dam are recommended.





Conclusions

EO is an important tool to define direct drivers (e.g., land use, climate change)

Changes in direct drivers will alter nature and biodiversity characteristics at local, national, regional and global scales.

Nature's benefits and economic values can be quantified and smart decisions can be made based on science-policy interface for sustainable development.