

Managing Extreme Floods in Pakistan

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Monsoon 2010 : Extreme Rainfall - Flood

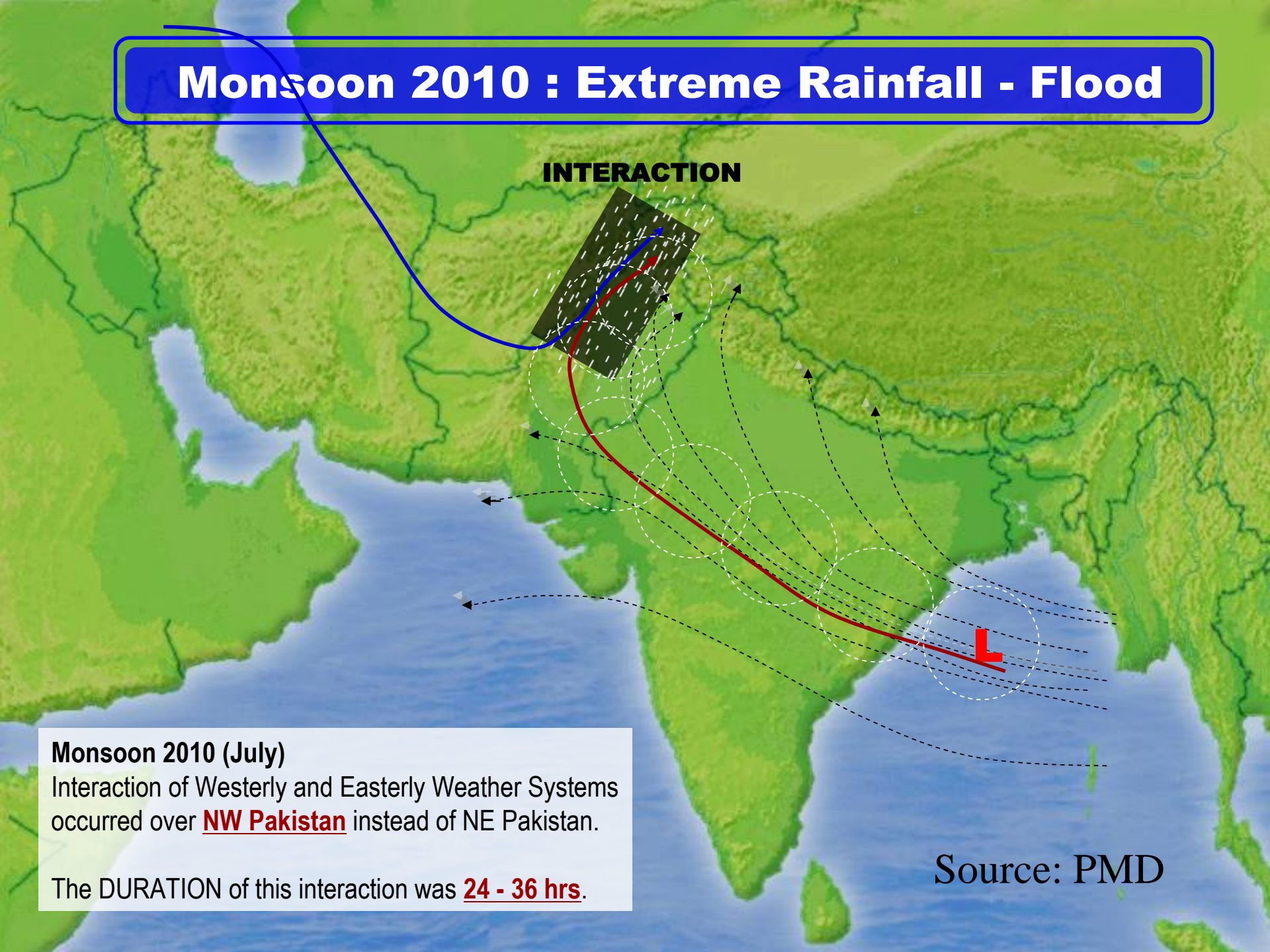
INTERACTION

Monsoon 2010 (July)

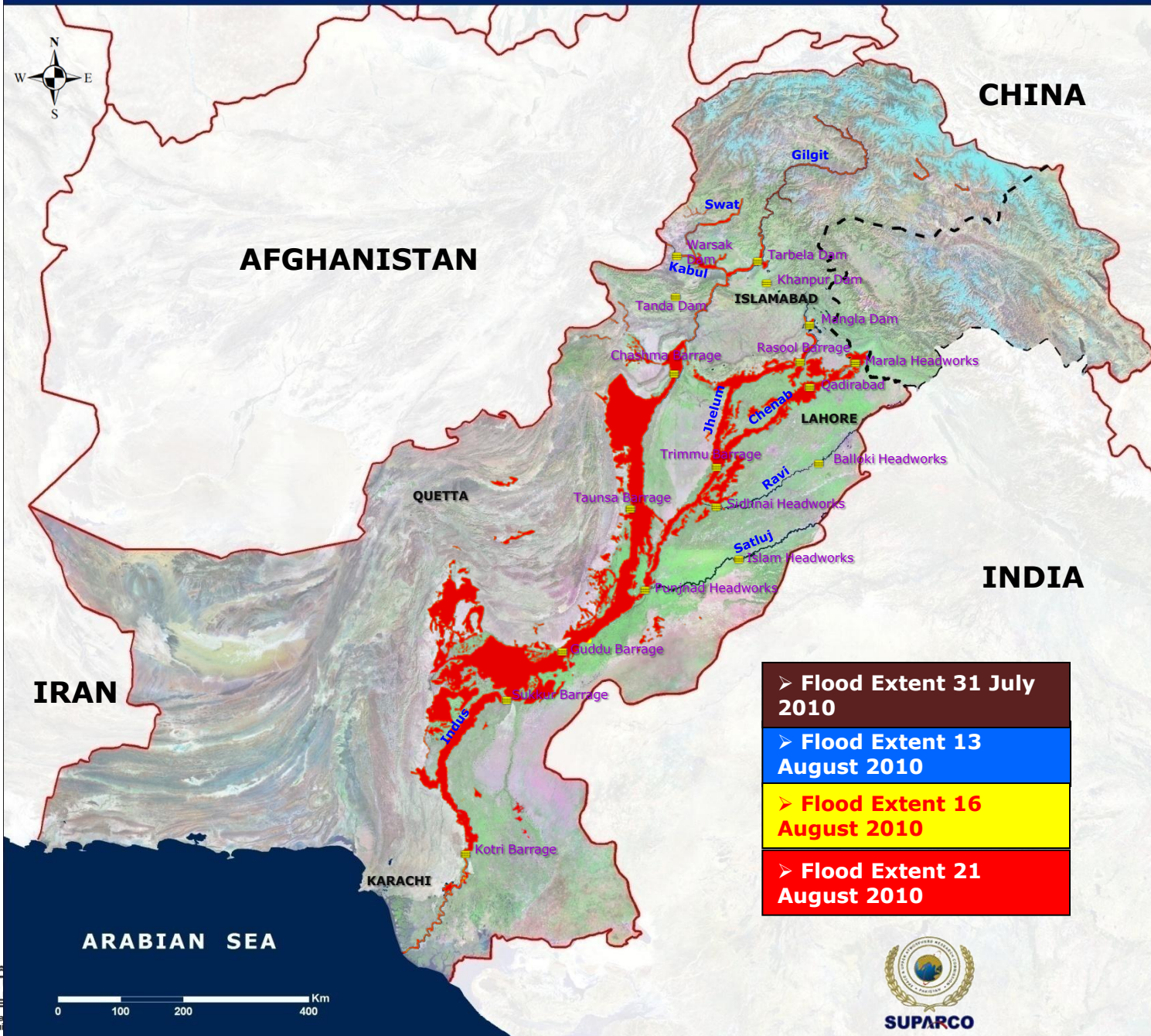
Interaction of Westerly and Easterly Weather Systems occurred over **NW Pakistan** instead of NE Pakistan.

The DURATION of this interaction was **24 - 36 hrs.**

Source: PMD

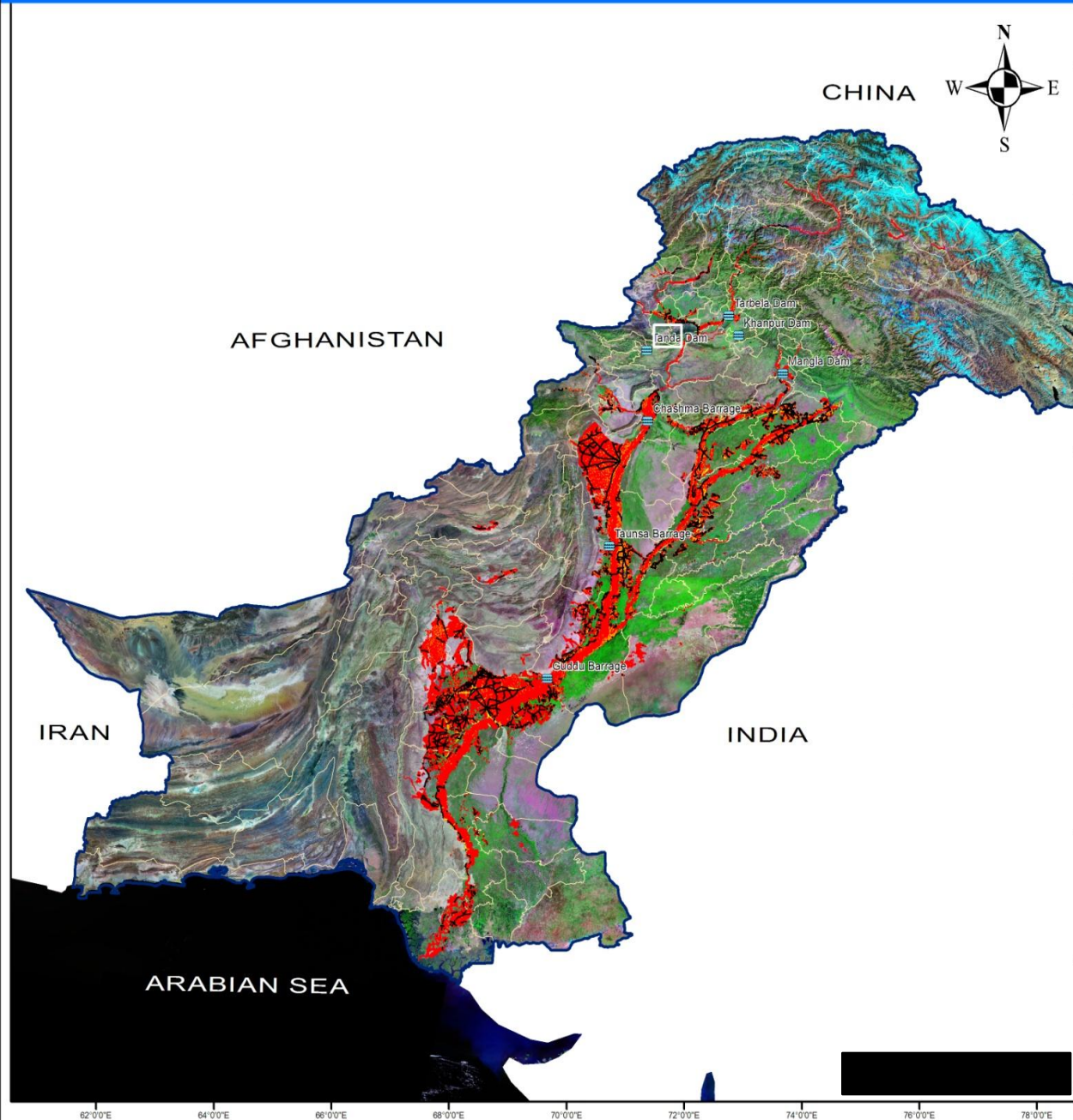


PAKISTAN: FLOOD/RAIN 2010



- Flood Extent 31 July 2010
- Flood Extent 13 August 2010
- Flood Extent 16 August 2010
- Flood Extent 21 August 2010

Pakistan: Flood / Rain 2010

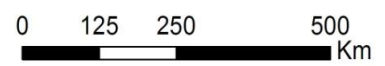


These statistics are outcome of preliminary analysis based on rapid mapping

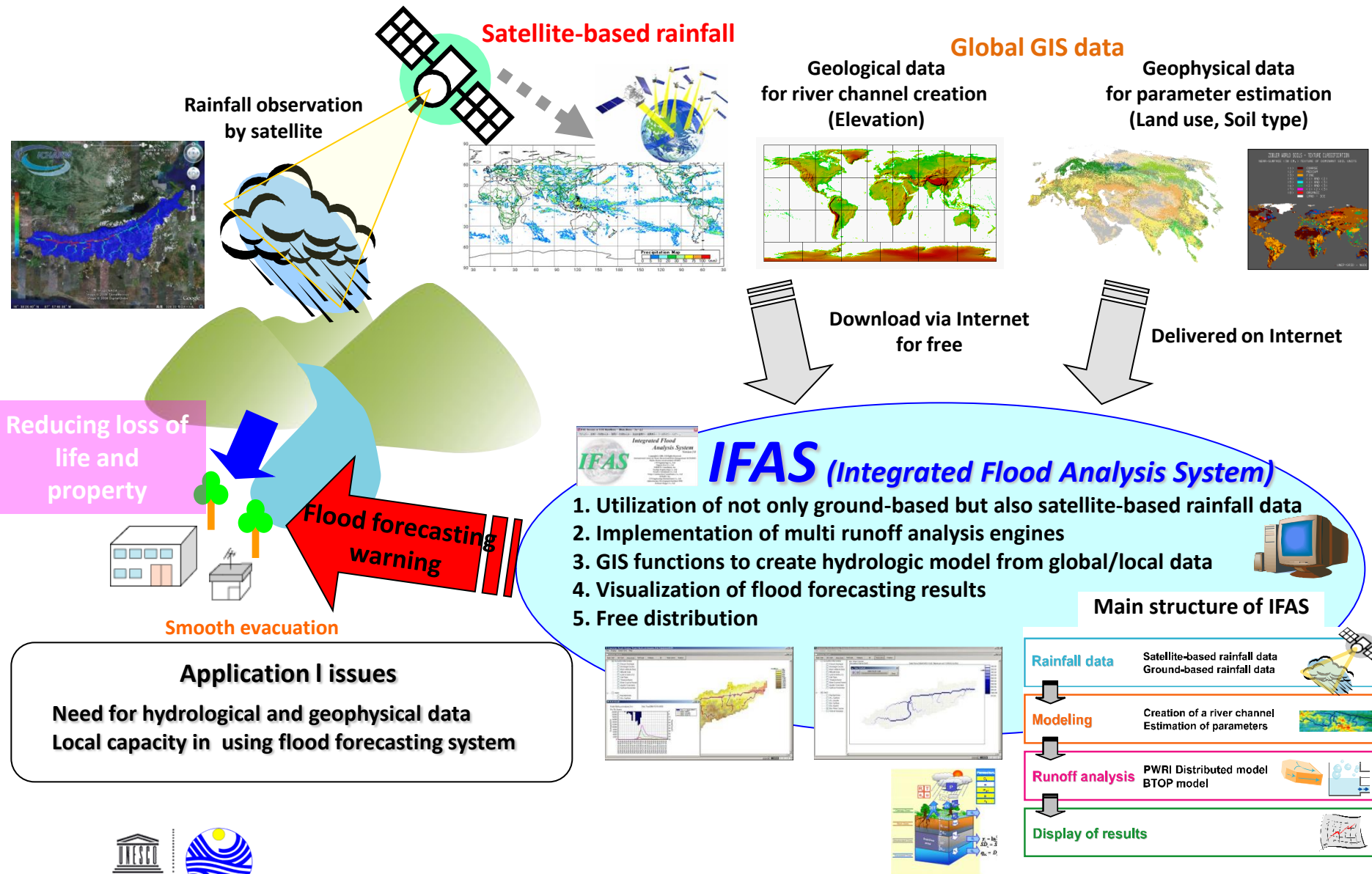


- Dams & Barrages
- Affected Road
- Affected Railway Line
- Affected Settlement
- District Boundary
- Flood Extent

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Total Flooded Area: | 67903 Sq Km |
| Affected Roads: | 10522 Km |
| Affected Railway Line: | 1630 Km |
| Affected Settlement: | 13777 |
| Affected Agriculture Area: | 19409 Sq Km |
| Affected Houses: | 450610 |
| Except Gilgit Baltistan | |

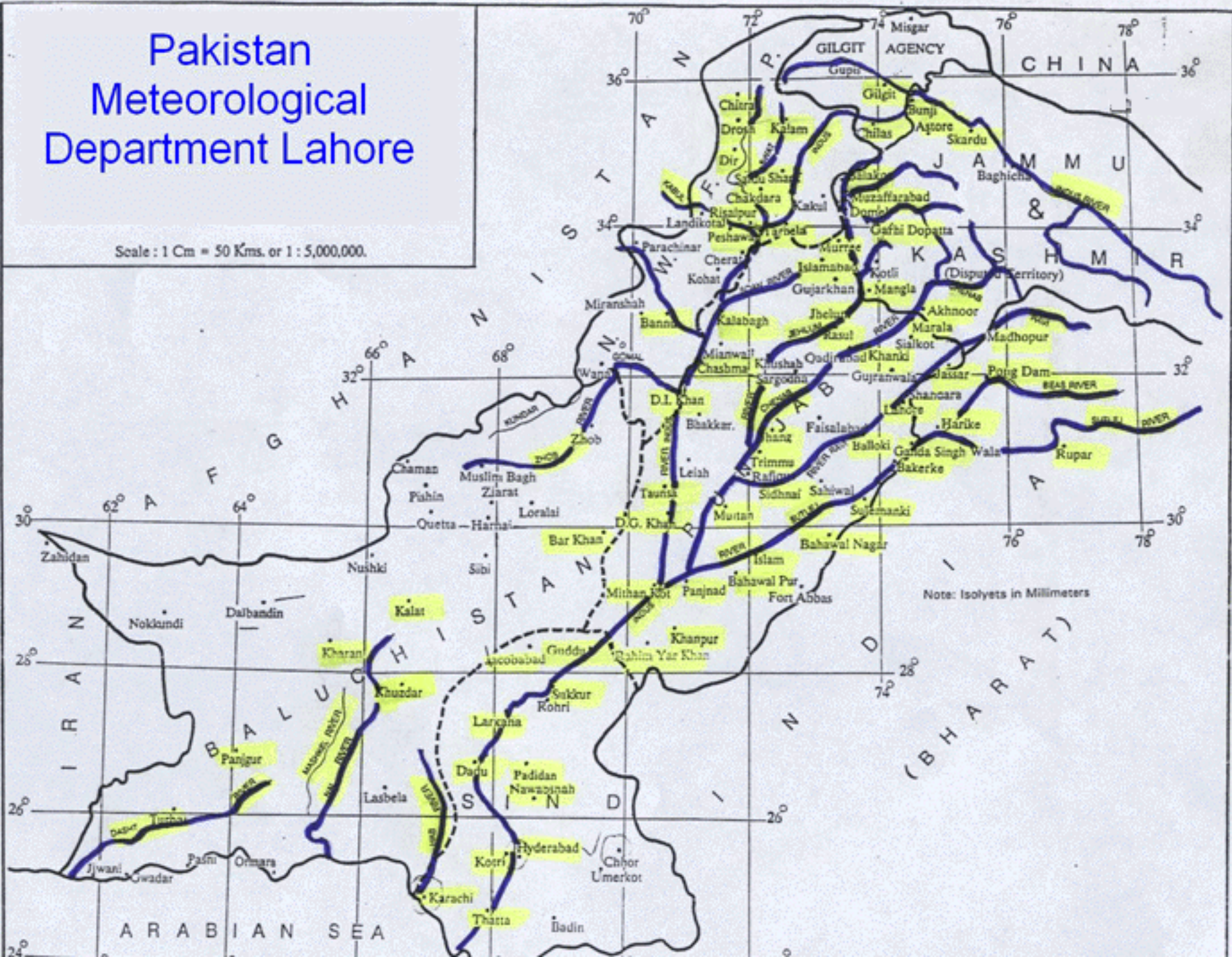


Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System

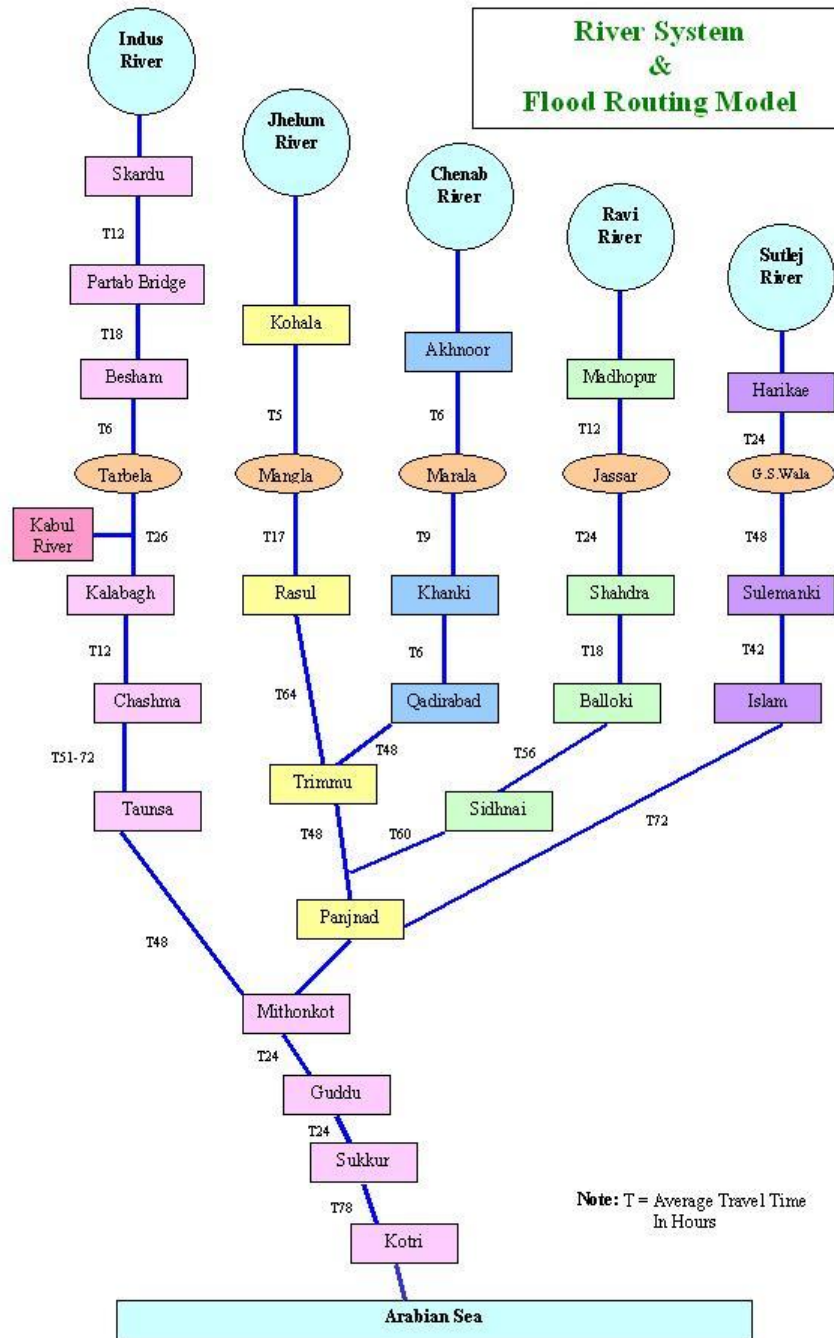


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Scale : 1 Cm = 50 Kms. or 1 : 5,000,000.

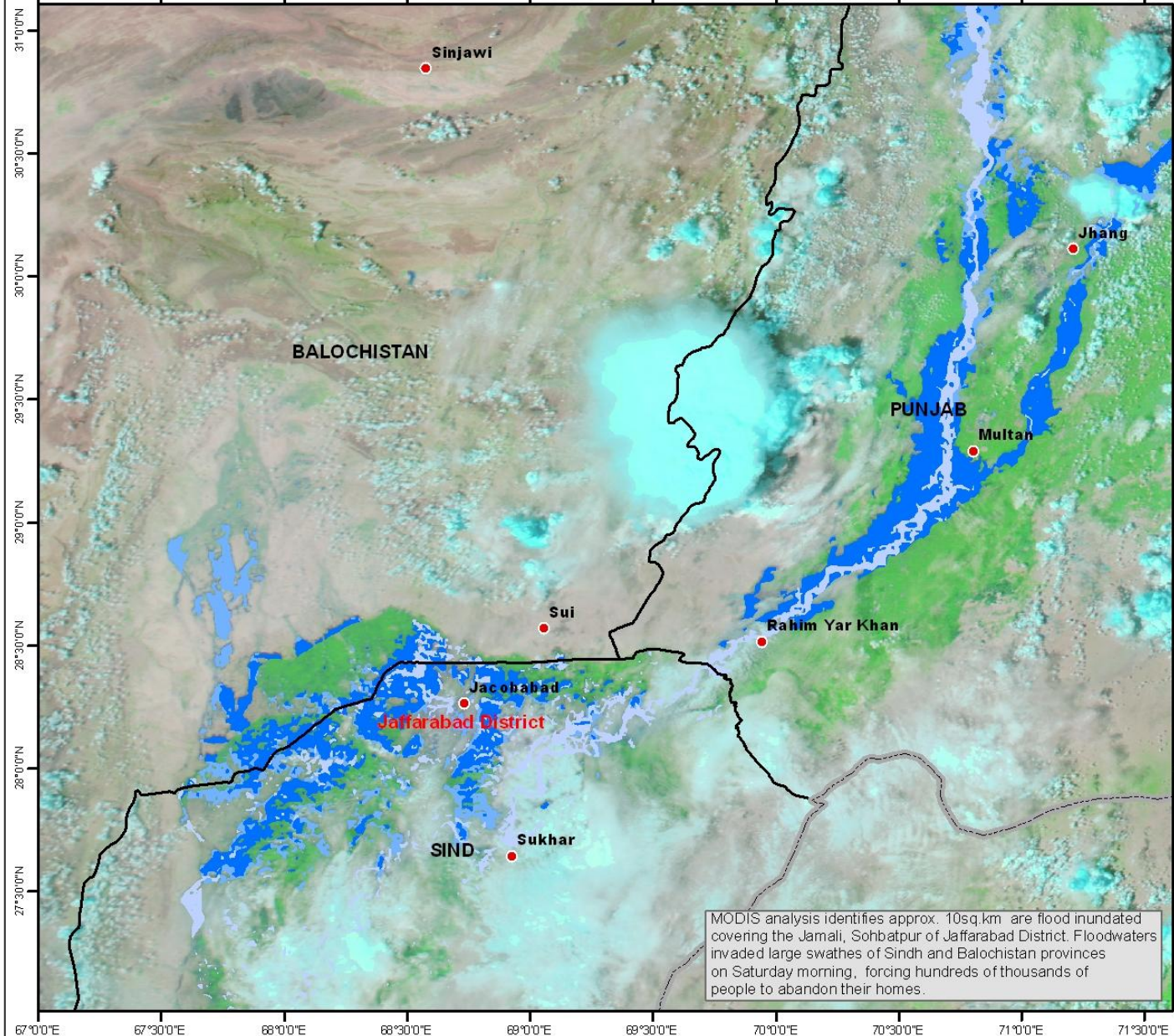


River System & Flood Routing Model



Source: Flood Forecasting Division, Pakistan Meteorological Department

Flood Inundated Areas of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh Provinces, Pakistan (August 14, 2010)



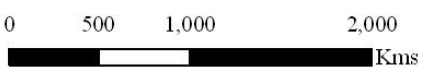
Map showing flood inundated areas of parts of Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh provinces observed on August 14, 2010 using Aqua MODIS Satellite data. Pre-flood water extent is mapped using Aqua MODIS Satellite data of September 17, 2009.

Jacobabad city seems to be under high flood compare to the previous day (Aug 13, 2010)

Legend

MODIS Flood Class

- High Flood Inundated Areas
- Moderate Flood Inundated Areas
- Pre-Flood Water Extent
- Major city
- Province Boundary
- International Boundary



MODIS analysis identifies approx. 10sq.km are flood inundated covering the Jamali, Sohbatpur of Jaffarabad District. Floodwaters invaded large swathes of Sindh and Balochistan provinces on Saturday morning, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to abandon their homes.

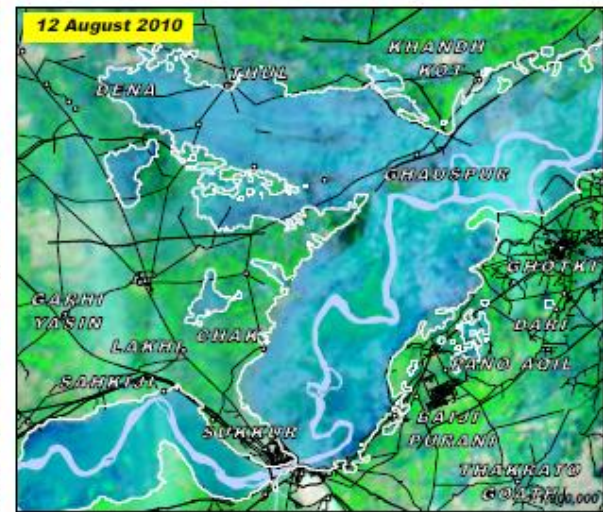
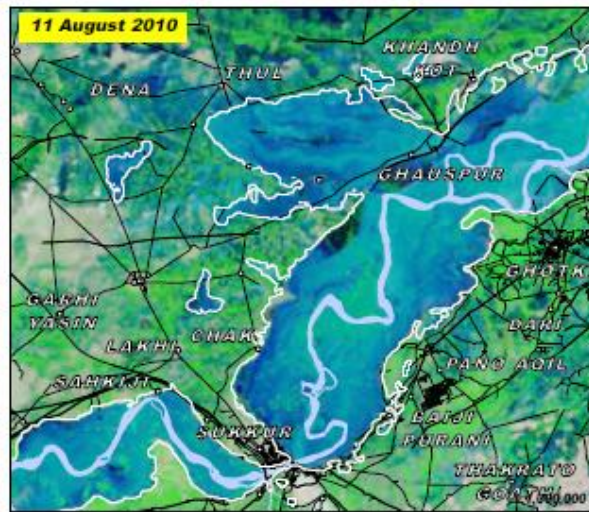
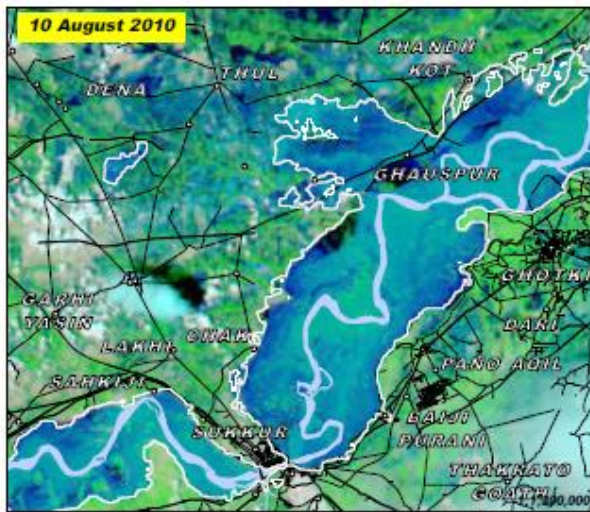
Map Prepared by **ICIMOD** Supported by **USAID**

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UPDATE 1: FLOOD WATERS NEAR SUKKUR BARRAGE, SINDH PROVINCE, PAKISTAN

Flood Analysis Based on Satellite Data Recorded on 8-12 August 2010

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Flood Situation 14 August

Monsoon Rains & Flooding

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Map Scale for A1: 1:500,000
Map frame rotated 45 degrees from North
Map layout designed for modified A1 Printing (297mm x 414mm)

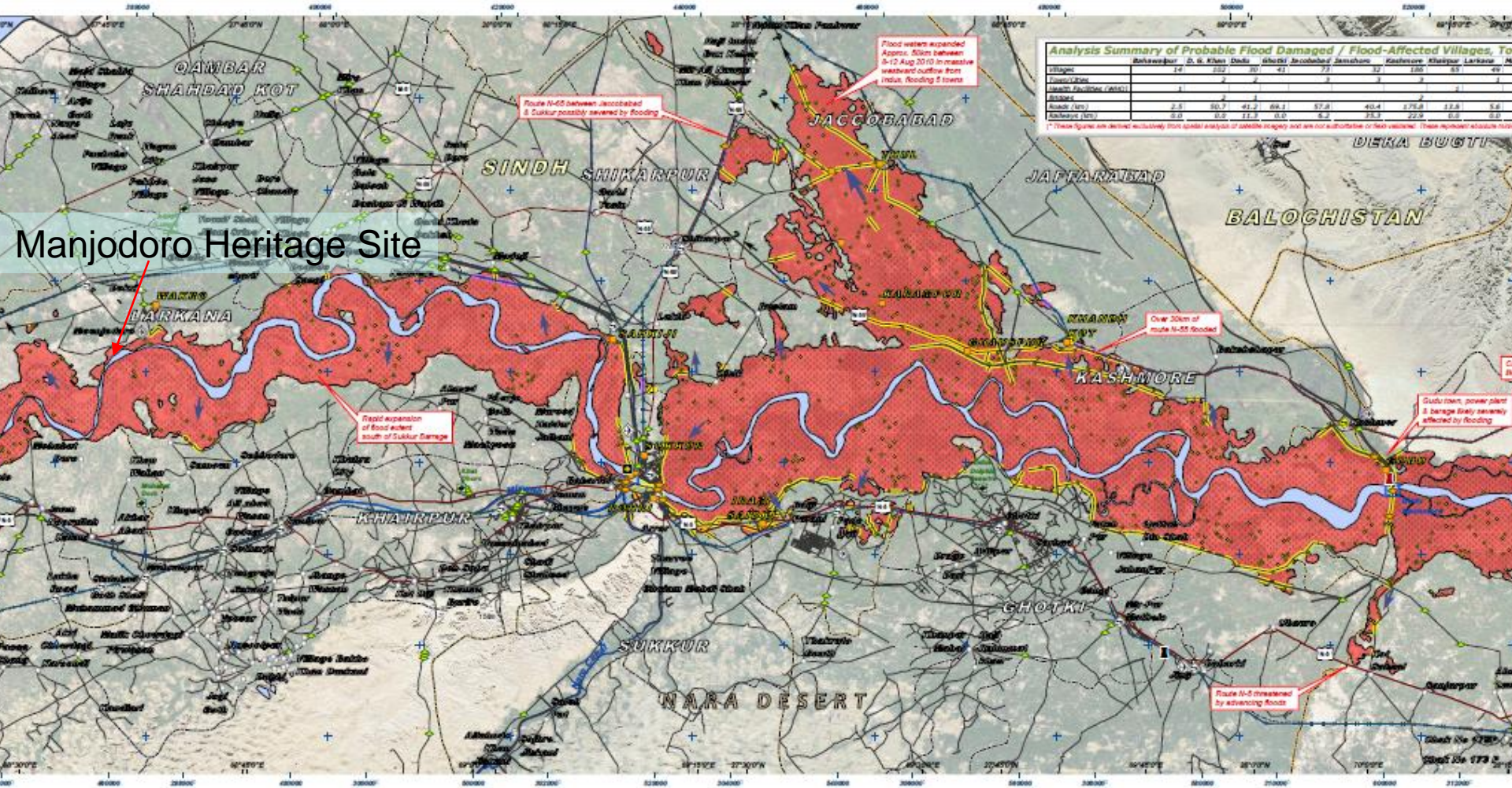
Map Scale: 0 10 20 30 40 50 Kilometers

Crisis Satellite Data (T) MOCO's Aqua & Terra
 Acquisition Date 07-12 August 2010
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 Health Layer: WHO
 Production Date: 14 Aug 2010
 Production Time: 15:30
 Hour Analysis: 15:30
 Projection: UTM Zone 42N
 File Size: 100 MB

This map presents a preliminary analysis of probable flood-affected villages, towns and infrastructure along the Indus River in South and East Punjab, Pakistan, and is based on satellite imagery covering the period from 5 to 12 August 2010. Village, town, and infrastructure sites as well as the length of roads and railway tracks within the checked flood water extent have been identified and quantified by administrative district (see included table). Over 2,000 villages and 43 towns were identified as probably severely affected by the flood waters without open and secondary roads are likely submerged along with about 300km of railway tracks and 13 bridges. In addition to the overall expansion of the flood water extent, there are specific locations of rapid flood water outflow which have advanced up to 50km in distance over the course of four days, inundating a smaller stretch of villages at the outflow path. The approximate direction and distance of these flood outflows have been identified. Please note that the numbers of affected locations presented in this table are not yet been updated in the field. Please send ground feedback to UNHCR / UNOSAT.



Analysis Summary of Probable Flood Damaged / Flood-Affected Villages, Towns and Infrastructure along the Indus River in South and East Punjab, Pakistan

| Village/Town/Infrastructure (km²) | Behawalpur | D. G. Khan | Dadu | Distt. Jacobabad | Jamshoro | Kashmore | Khairpur | Larkana | M. |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----|
| Village | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Town | 2.5 | 30.7 | 41.2 | 69.1 | 57.8 | 40.4 | 176.8 | 12.8 | 5.8 |
| Infrastructure (km) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 35.3 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

* These figures are derived exclusively from spatial analysis of satellite imagery and are not authoritative or field verified. These represent estimates only.

Manjodoro Heritage Site

Route N-65 between Jacobabad & Sukkur possibly severed by flooding

Flood waters expanded approx. 50km between 8-12 Aug 2010 in massive westward outflow from Indus. Flooding 5 towns

Rapid expansion of flood extent south of Sukkur Damage

Over 30km of route N-65 flooded

Grids from power plant at Damage likely severely affected by flooding

Route N-65 threatened by advancing floods

UNESCO Missions to Pakistan

To define areas of cooperation with Pakistani authorities to reinforce the country's capacity in:

- integrated flood and watershed management
- groundwater resources for emergency situations
- landslides and ground instability especially for relocation of affected population.

Time Frame

- Short term (within 1 year)
- Medium term (2 to 3 years)
- Long term (3 to 5 years)

Integrated flood and watershed management

Short term actions

- Identify areas of improvements of hydrological models for flood forecasting – augment local capacity

Integrated flood and watershed management

Medium to long term actions

- Real time flood inundation modeling linked with Flood Early Warning System (FEWS)
- Develop risk and hazard maps
- Enhance flash flood forecasting for pilot areas
- Mapping and modeling snow and ice cover

Integrated flood and watershed management

Medium to long term actions

- Diagnostic analysis of causes of floods
- Evolutionary analysis of river morphology
- Urban planning for flood resilient communities
- Facilitate transboundary data sharing using WMO and UNESCO networks such as Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data (FRIEND) and International Flood Initiative (IFI)
- Enhance radar coverage of the country to be able to forecast flash floods
- Use of remote sensed precipitation data for flood forecasting

Groundwater resources for emergency situations

Short term actions

- Groundwater vulnerability assessment and mapping with special regard to groundwater emergency resources in pilot areas in Mardan and Peshawar Valleys as well as in hydrogeology suitable sites in Baluchistan, Punjab (e.g. Kasur) and Sindh

Groundwater resources for emergency situations

Long term actions

- Assessment of groundwater recharge of aquifers safe to flood disasters
- Assessment of impact of floods on groundwater quality and groundwater related ecosystems
- Groundwater monitoring networks linked with Pakistan meteorological and hydrological networks
- Evaluation of high content of fluoride and arsenic in water in Peshawar area (fluoride) and Kasur District (arsenic)

Landslides and ground instability

Short term actions

- Capacity building in integrated hydrogeology modelling
- Update Policy Guidelines for dealing with geohazards triggered by land slides

Landslides and ground instability

Long term actions

- Improve institutional linkages and knowledge
- Analyse snow avalanche mechanisms
- Launch an integrated ecogeohydrology network using UNESCO networks
- Understanding the hydro-meteorological processes of landslides

Education and Capacity Building

Short term actions

Specialized training for politicians, policy makers and higher level managers in hydrological and related geohazard risk management to deal with uncertainty

Education and Capacity Building

Medium to long term actions

- Specialized education and training of flood forecasting specialists at the tertiary level
- Training of middle level technician and managers of water departments – update curricula of existing institutes in Pakistan
- Review and strengthen community and school education in managing geohazards

Education and Capacity Building

Medium to long term actions

- Map capacity of existing institutes in water education
- Revitalize the UNESCO Centre of Excellence in water management considering hydrological extremes and related geohazards in Pakistan

Management Options

- More storage dams are a must to manage floods from Kabul River
- Proactive scenario modelling on 6 hour basis is a must to decide on controlled flooding and downstream flooding in the Sindh province
- Introduce hydrograph delays using the link canals between Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej. This extra water can be use for artificial aquifer recharge through controlled flooding