Myanmar Malaria Early Warning System (MMEWS): Multi-sensor satellite data fusion system for monitoring environmental predictors of malaria in the region of emerging artemisinin resistance

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## Good news about malaria

• Clinical cases of malaria have declined globally

### Trends in malaria case incidence globally and by WHO region 2010-2016 (World Malaria Report

0 2010

2011

2012



AFR – Africa AMR – Americas EMR – Eastern Mediterranean SEAR - South-East Asia WPR – Western Pacific

**EMR** 

**SEAR** 

**AMR** 

**WPR** 

2014

2015

2013

2016

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- Malaria-caused death rate has dropped by nearly 30% (since 2010)

#### Trends in malaria death rate globally and by WHO region 2010-2016 (World Malaria Report 2017)



WHO Regions: AFR – Africa AMR – Americas EMR – Eastern Mediterranean SEAR – South-East Asia WPR – Western Pacific



## BUT

In 2015
212 million malaria cases
429 000 malaria deaths

### Estimated malaria cases (millions) by WHO region, 2016 (World Malaria Report 2017)

P. falciparum P. vivax



#### As Malaria Resists Treatment, Experts Warn of Global Crisis





WHO: Venezuela malaria cases jump by 69 percent



 Nearly half a million people killed by malaria in 2016 War on malaria: on the brink of a breakthrough?



### Spread of insecticide resistance could derail malaria prevention

Study comes as the World Health Organisation warns efforts to eradicate malaria have "stalled"



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#### Malaria experts fear disease's resurgence

By Michelle Roberts Health editor, BBC News online

🕚 18 April 2018 📕

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For the first time in 10 years, global malaria cases are no longer falling, sparking concerns about a resurgence of the too often deadly disease.

Number of countries where a reduction (green) or increase (red) of more than 20% in malaria cases has occurred between 2015 and 2016, by WHO region (World Malaria Report 2017)

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## Taking the Battle Against Malaria to the Mekong

By Christopher Plowe

Sept. 26, 2017

Malaria infected more than 200 million people in 2015, and killed more than 400,000, most of them children in Africa. As devastating as those numbers are, they were a major improvement: Deaths fell by 48 percent since 2000. This impressive drop was the result of billions in funding and decades of effort by thousands of people across the globe.

"...We must ramp up quickly; drug resistance is spreading; if it spins out of control, we run the risk of a huge resurgence of malaria in other parts of Asia and especially in Africa."

### Malaria Atlas Country Profile: Myanmar



Not applicable

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Plasmodium vivax

## Premise

As the "malaria lake" is drained, malaria transmission separates into "pools" and then shrinks into "puddles", understanding malaria risk as it varies over time and space becomes essential for effective targeting of interventions. https://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/landsat/news/4oth-top1o-aralsea.html





Gething et al. 2011 – Available via Malaria Atlas Project

Fig 3 shows predictions categorized as:

- low risk light red;
- intermediate risk medium red;
- high risk dark red.



# Scope and objectives of MMEWS

- Support malaria eradication planning and implementation activities
  - Enable spatially-explicit monitoring of current conditions
  - Enable forecasting of potential surges in malaria burden
  - Inform stakeholders through the on-line visualization platform and tabular reports

### Malaria Burden Potential

### Population vulnerability

- Population presence/density:
- urban centers
- rural sites

### **Occupation-related exposure:**

- rice cultivation
- plantation work
- forest harvesting

#### Access to care:

- distance to roads and medical facilities
- political stability

### Subclinical parasitemia:

- *Plasmodium* prevalence
- drug resistance

### Vector abundance

### Standing water

#### Vegetative stress

#### Land surface temperature

Base map development









Year

### Inferring land use patterns from forest cover change







# Multi-year 30m Surface Water Fraction



 All individual Landsat scenes for years 2013-2017











|                          | Prod Acc% | User Acc% |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Water                    | 71.79     | 100       |  |  |  |
| Crop                     | 79.17     | 79.17     |  |  |  |
| Trees                    | 100       | 88.14     |  |  |  |
| Non-tree&bare            | 63.95     | 98.21     |  |  |  |
| Built                    | 9.09      | 3.85      |  |  |  |
| Cloud&shadow             | 100       | 58.62     |  |  |  |
| Overall Acc = 79.7       |           |           |  |  |  |
| Kappa Coefficient = 0.73 |           |           |  |  |  |







Water Crop Trees Non-Tree Veg and Bare Built Cloud and Shadow

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Google Earth



















Mapping population distribution from Landsat

Hoffman-Hall et al. (in prep). Rural Population Mapping at Moderate Spatial Resolutions Using Geospatial Data-Fusion . Remote Sensing .

# Task 2 Monitoring capacity



Update frequency and data source:

<u>8-day update</u>: Landsat OLI, Sentinel 2, Sentinel 1, MODIS, VIIRS

Annual update: Landsat OLI, Sentinel 2, Sentinel 1,

Auxiliary geospatial data , expert opinion, medical studies

### Downscaling meteorological parameters

- MODIS 8-day land surface temperature (MOD/MYD11A2)
- MODIS daily precipitable water (MOD/MYDo5L2)

#### Average day and nighttime temperature of February 7 – 11, 2016



MODIS TERRA Land Surface Temperature (Night Time) <u>1km resolution: 1st January 2014</u>



MODIS TERRA Land Surface Temperature (Night Time) 30m resolution: 1st January 2014



### Downscaled Land surface Temperature change (Day and Night)



### Landsat / MODIS NDVI assessment





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### MONITORING FOREST COVER CHANGE

#### Annual Forest Loss in Ann (ha)



#### Malaria prevalence (all population)



#### Malaria prevalence (men)





#### Malaria prevalence (women)

40% 40% 35% 35% 30% 30% 25% 25% 20% 20% 15% 15% 10% 10% 5% 5% 0% 0% 2 3 5 2 3 5 1 4 1 4 18-40 years ■ 18-40 years ■ >40 years

🗖 2-10 years

11-17 years

#### All malaria prevalence by age group (men)

11-17 years

2-10 years

#### All malaria prevalence by age group (women)

# Task 3 Threat level reporting



Population vulnerability (w = 0.5)

Population presence/density (w = 0.25)

Occupation-related exposure (w = 0.25)

Access to care (w = 0.25)

Subclinical parasitemia (w = 0.25)

Vector abundance (w = 0.5)

Standing water (w = 0.34)

Vegetative stress (w = 0.33)

Land surface temperature (w = 0.33)

## Malaria Burden Potential (MBP)

MBP = 0.5\*(0.34\*SW+0.33\*VS+0.33\*Ts)+0.5\*(0.25\*PD+0.25\*OE+0.25\*AC+0.25\*SP)

|  | Category definitions             |   |   |  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Parameter  | Very Low (1)                     | Low (2)   | Moderate (3)  | High (4)   | Very High (5)   |
| Surface Water  | no water                         | coastal wetlands -<br>low numbers of<br>Anopheles spp.            | deep or running<br>water (3om inward<br>within perennial<br>water bodies) | Shallow water edge<br>(± 30 m buffer from<br>perennial water<br>bodies edge) | shallow stagnant water<br>(water mapped within<br>ephemeral water,<br>depressions, and<br>cropland classes) |
| Vegetative Stress<br>(VS) <sup>1</sup>               | VS > μ+ο.5σ                      | μ - ο.5σ < VS < μ +<br>ο.5σ                                       | μ-1σ < VS < μ-0.5σ  | μ-1.5σ < VS < μ-1σ   | VS < μ-1.5σ   |
| Land surface<br>temperature (Ts) <sup>2</sup>        | 33°C < Ts < 17<br>°C             | 17°C ≤Ts ≤ 20°C   | 30°C ≤ Ts ≤ 33°C  | 20°C <ts 25="" th="" °c<="" ≤=""><th>25 °C &lt; Ts &lt; 30 °C</th></ts>      | 25 °C < Ts < 30 °C  |
| Population<br>presence/ density<br>(PD) <sup>3</sup> | PD ≤ 250<br>people or<br>unknown | 250 people < PD ≤<br>1000 people                                  | 1000 people < PD ≤<br>10,000 people                                       | 10,000 people < PD<br>≤ 100,000 people                                       | PD > 100,000 people   |
| Occupation-related<br>exposure (OE) <sup>4</sup>     | urban areas                      | coastal fisheries –<br>few Anopheles<br>mosquitoes are<br>present | forest-related<br>subsistence<br>activities                               | rice-paddy<br>agriculture  | plantation, logging, and mining <sup>5</sup>  |
| Access to care (AC) <sup>6</sup>                     | expert opinion                   | expert opinion  | expert opinion  | expert opinion   | expert opinion  |
| Subclinical<br>parasitemia (SP) <sup>7</sup>         | expert opinion                   | expert opinion  | expert opinion  | expert opinion   | expert opinion  |
| Malaria Burden<br>Potential (MBP) <sup>8</sup>       | MBP < 1.5                        | 1.5 ≤ MBP < 2.5   | 2.5 ≤ MBP < 3.5   | 3.5 ≤ MBP < 4.5  | MBP ≥ 4.5   |

# MMEWS reporting (8-day update)

### 1. Spatial:

Landscape object-level reporting - maps

2. Non-spatial:

Township –level aggregated – tables

Task 4

Testing, verification, deployment





# Questions?