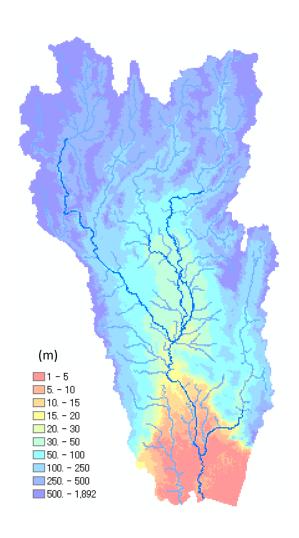
Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation Forecasting in the Chaophraya River

(ICHARM, as of Oct 23)



Topographic Data by HydroSHEDS

- Purpose: Understanding and predicting the flooding in Thailand at the entire Chao Phraya River Basin with RRI (Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation) Model.
- The simulation is conducted with globally available topography and satellite based rainfall data without parameter calibrations; therefore, more detailed analysis is necessary by including effects of reservoirs, tides, embankment, etc.

Simulation Domain: 163,293 km²

Simulation Period:

2011/07/01 0:00 (UTC) - 2011/11/30 0:00 (UTC)

Input Rainfall:

✓ 2011/07/01 0:00 (UTC) – 2011/10/21 0:00 (UTC) 3B42RT (Satellite Based Rainfall)

(Every 3hours, Spatial Resolution: 0.25 deg)

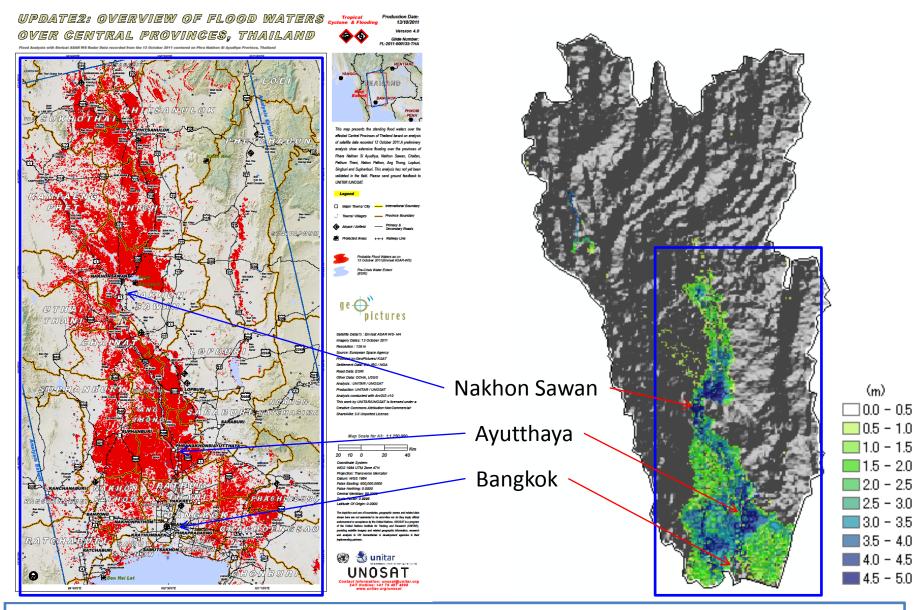
✓ 2011/10/21 0:00 (UTC) – 2011/10/28 12:00 (UTC) JMA- GSM Weekly Weather Forecasting

(Forecasting Lead Time: 8 days, Update every 12 hours)

✓ 2011/10/28 12:00 (UTC) – 2011/11/30 0:00 (UTC)

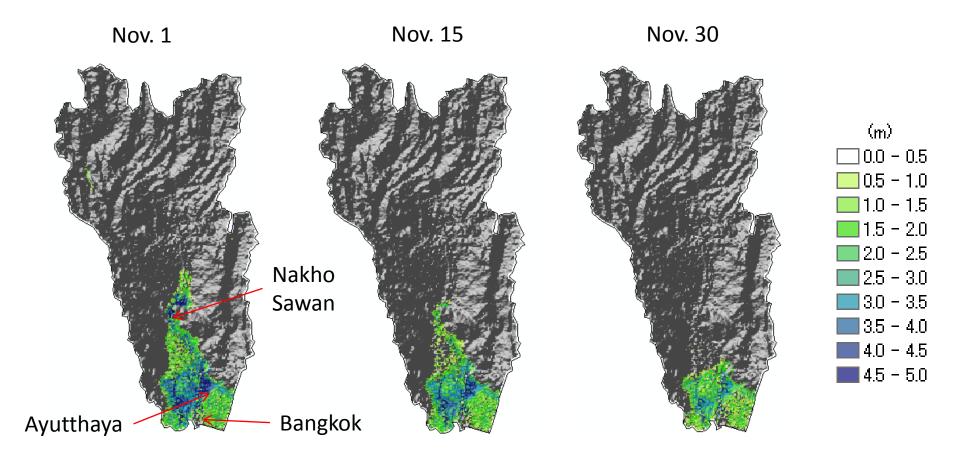
(Last year's 3B42RT rainfall in the same period)

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- The simulated inundation extent roughly agrees with the remote sensing image
- Large degree of uncertainty in the simulation in Bangkok due to no tidal effect consideration

Forecasted Inundation Depths



^{*}The images are based on the simulation results from the RRI model by ICHARM (The inundation depth is simulated based on the rainfall during Oct. 28-Nov.30 in 2011 estimated by using the actual rainfall during the same period in 2010).

^{*}The simulation is not capable of highly accurate reproduction of the inundation, especially, around Bangkok located in the lower Chaophraya River since the effects of dams, levees and estuary tide levels are not taken into consideration.

^{*}The topographic map was created by ICHARM based on HydroSHEDS (USGS).

^{*}There is serious concern for further expansion of the inundation towards Sunday, 30 October, when the next spring tide is expected.