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3. Assessed impact of land use change on ecosystem services using InVEST model approach and statistical analysis. Young scientists have attended training on the model use.
4. Expert consultations have been conducted for comments of the research progress and scenario development of land use changes.
5. Three workshops were held in China, Bangladesh and Indonesia for progress reporting, planning for the next years, and field surveys for better understanding of the research topics.
6. Participation in international conference to disseminate research findings and develop networks.
7. Interviewed by public medias and NGOs in Bangladesh to demonstrate the results and establish relations with those organizations.

Results

1. Developed evaluation methods for assessing impact of land-use change on ecosystem services
2. Established Decision Support Tool, which can be used as reference for land use policy making
3. Capacity building of young scientists and stakeholders in the study areas. About 10 young scientists including post-graduate students have been involved in the research activities and trainings for research methods, and several meetings were held in the survey sites, which are significant for improving their knowledge on ecosystem service and land use policy issues.
4. Networking. Research and collaboration network has been established among the research countries, GLP, IHDP, IGBP, WFP, IUCN and UNEP, as well as NGOs and local governments of the study countries. Relations with institutions in Germany (Leibniz Central for Agricultural Landscape Research, ZALF), UK (Oxford University) and Holland (Wageningen University) have been stressed.
5. Reporting and publications: Final report is prepared, and about nine journal papers are under review or published, which are important for dissemination of the findings.

Relevance to the APN Goals, Science Agenda and to Policy Processes

Land-use changes in the past have resulted in substantial net gains in human well-being and economic development, but also in the degradation of many ES, leading to increased vulnerability of livelihood, especially of the poor. The degradation of ES has accelerated in the last years and is threatened through ongoing global change processes. However, there is a dearth of research and appropriate techniques of linking land-use and ES changes. This project will provide answers both on the methodological and theoretical level to tackle the tasks around sustainable use of land resources and ES. Assessment criteria, methods and techniques to be developed will contribute to technical capabilities of APN nations; provide information needed for wetland decision-making, and increase public awareness of wetland issues for sound management action. The project will develop network with APN, IHDP, GLP, IGBP, WETLANDS and national and international relevant networks, and will strengthen research cooperation and exchange of China, Bangladesh and Indonesia in particular, and APN in general.

Self evaluation

In the study area of China, We had finished this project in line with the objectives and major contents in the proposal. Through literature review, field surveys and data analysis, we have understood the major land use/cover changes and their impact on biodiversity and soil retention in the past 20 years. The results have provided important information about how human activities such as land use policy and ecological restoration activities affect these ecosystem services in Poyang lake wetland of China. In addition, by applying InVEST model, we have simulated biodiversity change tendency in the future under the influence of different policy scenarios, the results will provide scientific basis and support for decision making.

In the study area of Indonesia, wetland ecosystem is the one of the essential ecosystem,

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2.1.2 Giam Siak Biosphere Reserve in Indonesia

2.1.2.1. Data source and collection methods on major land use types and descriptions of each land use type

First hand data collection methods include the followings: Field work, Participatory mapping through PRA, In depth interview: key informants.

Second hand data collection methods include the followings: Questionnaire distribution, Literature studies, Open ended interview.

Focus Group Discussion and questionnaire survey, interview, and literature studies methods were applied for land use change analysis, changes of key ecosystem services affected by the land use change over the past 20 years.

2.1.3 Tanguar haor in Bangladesh

2.1.3.1. Data source and collection methods on major land use types and descriptions of each land use type

The data sources for identification of land use types were the primary and secondary sources. The primary sources were the opinion of the respondents through face to face interview and group meeting and field observations. The secondary sources were the information/statistics collected from the local government and non-government offices. For primary data, three villages (Golabari, Hukumpur and Silon Tahirpur) at the close vicinity of Tanguar haor at Tahirpur Upazila under Sunamganj district were selected. There were 185 households in those three villages, among them 60 households having 20 households from each village were randomly selected and extensively studied through pre-tested interview schedules/questionnaires by face to face interview by the researchers. Five beels of haor at nearby villages were selected and monitored for primary information. For secondary information, researchers went to the respective government offices like agriculture, fisheries and water development board as well as non-government offices and collected relevant information.

The major land use types identified through these methods were: settlement with tree plantations, cropping (both single and double cropping), water bodies (beels and rivers), vegetation (swamp forest) and mudflat. Among those, the largest land use type was water bodies (29.5%) followed by single cropping (25.4%), mudflat (19%), settlement (12.8%) and vegetation /swamp forest (9.5%).

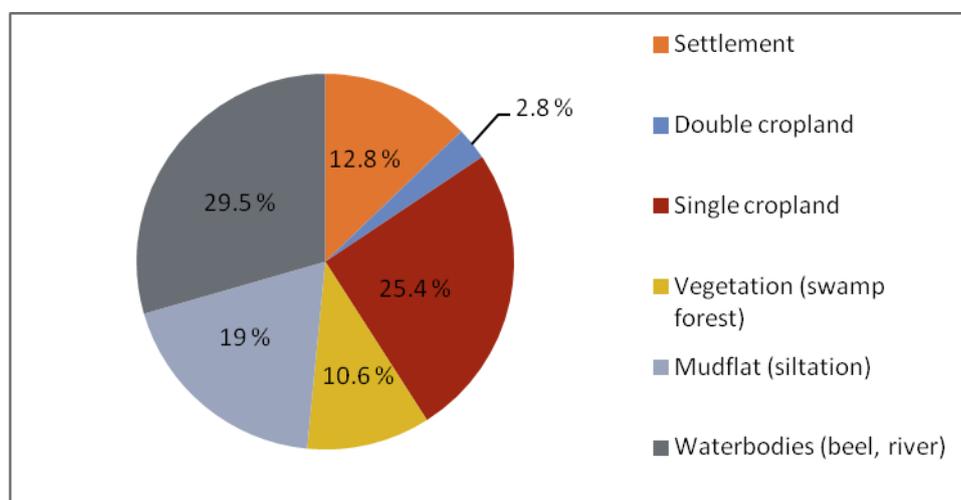


Figure 1 Major land use types in the study area

the haor provide direct income to the local inhabitants as well as to the Government through earning revenue.

(3) Tanguar haor is very rich in biodiversity, providing both tangible and intangible services in the form of crop and fish production, maintenance of swamp forest, reeds etc. It is very rich in fish biodiversity along with other flora and fauna. Tanguar haor is said to have home of 141 varieties of fish, more than half of Bangladesh's 260 freshwater fish species. In addition, 11 amphibians, 34 reptiles, 206 bird species and 31 mammals are found in the area. During the winter months, thousands migratory water flows take shelter in this wetland. These indicate the importance of this haor in maintaining and strengthening biodiversity.

(4) This haor is a large water reservoir areas between levees or banks of large river systems at the foothill of the Meghalayan-Joyanti hill i.e. water is available here round the year, but the most important fact is that water is used in dry season for irrigation and other domestic purposes. This also plays an important role in controlling flood during monsoon as water reservoir.

(5) Swamp forest is one of the most important land use type in Tanguar haor wetland. The forest possesses important soil sedimentation retention function.

2.1.3.5. Data collection method(s) on changes of major ecosystem services as affected by land use changes over past 20 years

The changes of major ecosystem services because of land use change over time were documented through both primary and secondary sources. The primary sources were respondents' opinion through survey and discussion meeting, and the secondary sources were IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) documents and statistics of local government offices. The changes of local and migratory birds, fish resources and biodiversity, crops and cropping were collected from IUCN document, Department of Fisheries (local), and Department of Agriculture, respectively. The data for swamp forest was collected from the Local non-government offices and Department of Forestry.

2.2 Detailed data analysis methods

2.2.1. Poyang lake wetland in China

2.2.1.1. Detailed data analysis methods on land use change and driving forces

For land use/cover data in GIS format, Arcgis tools are used to analysis land use/cover change process and land use/cover conversions. The reasons for each land use change were analyzed using mostly descriptive method. Data and information from PRA were analyzed using qualitative description method. Data from household questionnaire were analyzed by SPSS software.

2.2.1.2. Detailed impact analysis methods on land use change impact on ecosystem services

(InVEST model)

InVEST model was used to analysis the biodiversity and soil retention function of Poyang Lake wetlands and the typical village. Statistical method was used to analyze the migratory bird change along with land use change. And we used the annual bird observation data to reflect the bird change trends. The details of the model are described as below.

(1) InVEST model – analysis of biodiversity:

The InVEST biodiversity model combines information on LULC and threats to biodiversity to produce habitat quality and rarity maps. This approach generates two key sets of information that are useful in making an initial assessment of conservation needs: the relative extent and degradation of different types of habitat types in a region and changes across time. This approach further allows rapid assessment of the status of and change in a proxy for more detailed measures of biodiversity

The d_{xy} means the Euclidean distance between grid x and grid y , d_{rmax} means the max Euclidean distance of threat factor.

W_r is the weight of threat factor r , indicating the degree of damage from threat factor r .

β_x is the level of accessibility of grid x , while 1 means the highest accessibility.

S_{jr} is the sensibility from land use/ cover j to threat factor r , 1 means the highest sensibility.

The parameter k is equal to the D value where $1 - \left(\frac{D_{xj}^z}{(D_{xj}^z + k^z)} = 0.5 \right)$.

H_j is the land suitability of j land use/ cover.

2) InVEST model –analysis of soil retention

Water erosion is the main soil erosion types in Poyang Lake Wetland. In the InVEST Model, the water erosion is assessed by USLE (Universal Soil Loss Equation, USLE), the equation is as follows:

$$USLE_x = R_x \cdot K_x \cdot LS_x \cdot C_x \cdot P_x$$

where $USLE_x$ is the soil erosion amount ($t \cdot hm^{-2} \cdot a^{-1}$) of grid x ; R_x is rainfall erosivity ($MJ \cdot mm \cdot hm^{-2} \cdot h^{-1} a^{-1}$); K_x is soil erodibility ($t \cdot hm^2 \cdot h \cdot hm^{-2} \cdot MJ^{-1} mm^{-1}$); LS_x is slope length and slope steepness factor which is dimensionless; C_x is vegetational cover factor which is dimensionless; P_x is management factor which is dimensionless.

According to the transport path of sediment, each grid will keep some sediment, $SEDR_x$ is the quantity of soil conservation; SE_x is the conservative efficiency; $USLE_y$ is the quantity of soil from the upper slope grid y ; SE_z is the quantity of soil conservation of the upper slope grid.

$$SEDR_x = SE_x \sum_{y=1}^{x-1} USLE_y \prod_{z=y+1}^{x-1} (1 - SE_z)$$

Potential soil conservation quantity ($t \cdot hm^{-2} \cdot a^{-1}$) can be calculated by the equation as follows:

$$SEDRET_{xD} = R_x \cdot K_x \cdot SL_x \cdot (1 - C_x \cdot P_x) + SEDR_x$$

Basic parameter and data:

1) Parameter 1: Land use/ cover data

Source: remote sensing interpretation or others

2) Parameter 2: rainfall erosivity data

$$R = 4.17 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{12} \frac{j_i^2}{J} - 152$$

Source: Fouriner Index,

where j is monthly total precipitation; J is annual total precipitation; i is the number of month.

3) Parameter 3: soil erodibility factor

Source: Soil type model or reference

$$K = \frac{2.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot (12 - O) \cdot M^{1.14} + 3.25 \cdot (S - 2) + 2.5 \cdot (P_j - 3)}{100}$$

where K : soil erodibility factor;

O : organic matter percentage ;

M: Soil grain size distribution parameters;

S: Soil structure hierarchy;

Pj: penetration hierarchy.

4) Parameter 4: ground cover factor (C)

Source: expert consultation or reference

5) Parameter 5: ground cover factor (C)

Source: expert consultation or reference

6) Parameter 6: ground cover factor (C)

Source: sediment blocking efficiency by surface matter

7) Parameter 7: the slope length and slope steepness factor

Source: calculative method is as follows,

The slope factor:

$$S = 10.8 \sin \theta + 0.03 \quad \theta < 5^\circ$$

$$S = 16.8 \sin \theta - 0.5 \quad 5^\circ \leq \theta < 10^\circ$$

$$S = 21.91 \sin \theta - 0.96 \quad \theta \geq 10^\circ$$

θ is slope degree.

The slope length factor: $L = \left(\frac{\lambda}{72.1}\right)^m$

$$m = 0.2 \quad \theta \leq 1\%$$

$$m = 0.3 \quad 1\% < \theta \leq 3\%$$

$$m = 0.4 \quad 3\% < \theta < 5\%$$

$$m = 0.5 \quad \theta \geq 5\%$$

θ is slope degree.

2.2.2. Giam Siak Biosphere Reserve in Indonesia

2.2.2.1 Detailed data analysis methods on land use change and driving forces

Collecting data used a number of techniques during the study period. First is in depth the interview method with the informer, either a key informer as well as a usual informer. In depth interview method is used to know the structure of society and their perspective about the environment. Key informants are bomo or village dukun who has dependency to forest for supply

medicine material, the second is village administrator (head of village, secretary, and other staff) who know common situation about population, land use change, and other village problems. The second is by using Participatory Rural Appraisal method with Focus Group Discussion activity among stakeholders as the key tools. In this activity respondents involved consisted of 20 - 30 persons who represents young people, elder, and village officer (Figure 2). FGD used for making maps of the village related with the changing of land and other ecosystem services. During FGD activity, respondents were separated into 4 groups. Those are: (1) land use change group, (2) village structure and infra-structure group, (3) income and expenditure group, and (4) farming system in the village and other problems group.

The map made is the map of the past, (30 years ago, or more), present and future plan of village management related with the ecosystem. This method is part of visual anthropology who describes the ideas and local perspective on the management of nature. In addition, to know the content of biomass and biodiversity in the forest of Bukit Batu Nature Reserve this research used the techniques of ecology that is counting tree ring, height of trees, and tree density through the plot made. The plot observation is measured in 50x50 meters.

We used GIS Analysis to analyses the land use change in the Giam Siak Biosphere Reserve.

Based on the Land Use Map issued by the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry, attributes map then extracted into a database file that can be processed by Microsoft Excel. The land Use change were analysed during the period of 2000 until 2012.

2.2.2.2. Detailed impact analysis methods on land use change impact on ecosystem services

To know the impact of land Use change to the ecosystem services, the ecosystem services assessment were done in the Temiang and Tasik Betung Villages. The analyses based on the guideline for Undertaking Ecosystem Assessment by the Sub-Global Assessment Network.

2.2.3 Tanguar haor in Bangladesh

2.2.3.1. Detailed data analysis methods on land use change and driving forces

The data of PRA was summarized and then qualitative description was used to analysis data. Data of household questionnaires were placed in spread sheet and then putted in excel software and then were analysis by mathematical statistics/computer program with the help of SPSS.

The image classification was done using ERDAS Imagine 11 and Arc GIS 10. With the help of Land sat imagery 2010, a future scenario of land use change in 2020 has been predicted. The spatial and temporal changes of land use and other resources in the study area were analyzed. Besides, the study focused the subsequent impacts of these changes on plant and bird diversity as well as household dependence in haor ecosystem.

The collected meteorological data (temperatures and rainfall) were collected from the meteorological department and then compiled in an excel spread sheet to formulate regression graph, where linear regression ($Y=a+bx$) as well as regression co-efficient (R^2) value were determined for the proper assessment of long term temperature and rainfall trend in the study area.

Moreover, the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) of the location was calculated using following formula (Edwards and McKee, 1997):

$$SPI = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma}$$

Where, SPI is Standardized Precipitation Index; and σ are ith year precipitation, long-term mean of precipitation and standard deviation of mean, respectively. Results of household questionnaire and second hand data were analysis by mathematical statistics using SPSS software.

2.2.3.2. Detailed impact analysis methods on land use change impact on ecosystem services

Tanguar haor, like all other haor areas is predominantly a rice growing area. For the measurement of the changes of rice varieties over time, rice varieties were categorized into high yielding rice (HYV)

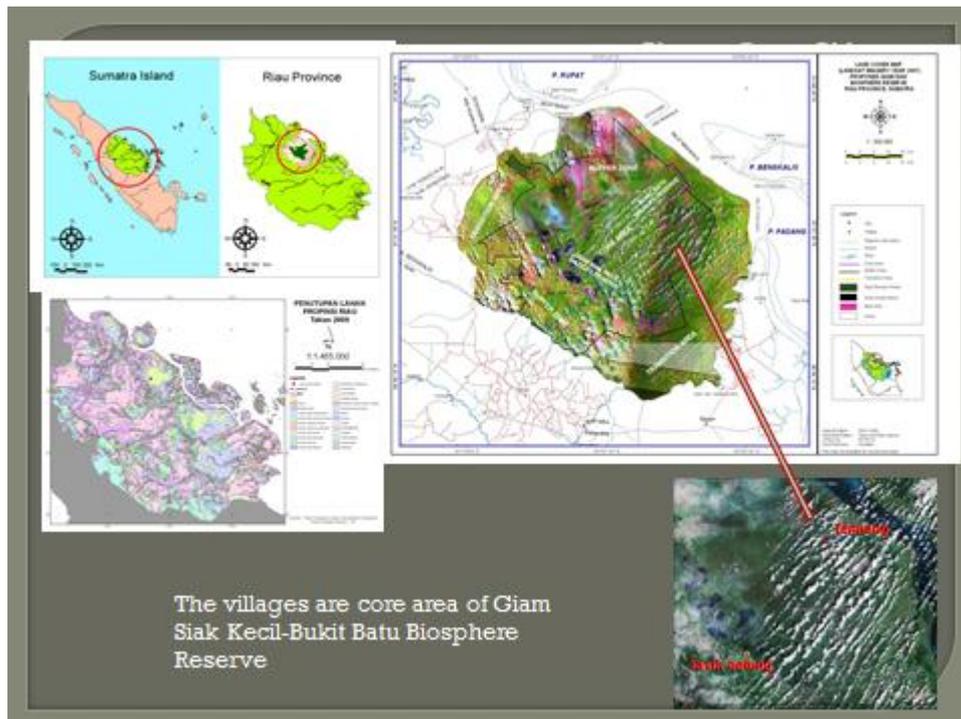


Figure 3 The study site in the Giam Siak Kecil – Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve.

Two villages were selected to study the land use change and their direct and indirect factors, those were Tasik Betung and Temiang Villages.

(1) About village:

Tasik Betung Village :

The research was carried out on 16 – 25 April 2012 in Tasik Betung village, which is belonging to Sungai Mandau District, Siak Regency, Riau Province. This village is in the transition zone of Giam Siak Kecil Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve. Around the village is peat land ecosystem. Melayu ethnic group is the main local people, with Malayu language as daily conversation. The primary livelihood systems are rubber plantation, shifting cultivation, fisheris, and non-timber forest product (honey). Currently, the villager in Tasik Betung starts to cultivate oil palm.

Temiang Village:

Land use change effect and biodiversity studies conducted on July, 2nd to 8th, 2012 in Temiang Village, Biosphere Reserve of Giam-Siak, Riau. Temiang village is one of 14 urban villages in the districts located in Bukit Batu, Bengkalis, Riau. The area is belonging to Bukit Batu biosphere reserves. The central government and the provincial government established Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu in Riau as biosphere reserves. This biosphere reserve is submitted by Sinar Mas Forestry, which allocates 72,255 hectares of forest production for permanent conservation. This area is part of ecological corridors that combines two wildlife reserves, the Giam Siak Kecil (84,967 ha) and Bukit Batu (21,500 ha). The concept of biosphere reserves, an integrated and comprehensive management system, is enabling the sustainable use and community involvement in the management.

Bukit Batu area has not escaped from the land use changes. This area in the recent past (twenty years ago) is still filled with primary or secondary forest. A human need of land is only for fields and rubber gardens while the ownership of land was unbundling and limited.

(2) About local people and traditional knowledge

Soil Types Knowledge:

Temiang traditional knowledge related to natural resource management as the basic guidance for

survival. One of the knowledge is about the classification soil types. This knowledge is useful for them, when they wanted to set up a type of crop that will be cultivated. This knowledge is useful when they choose the area to cultivated rice or rubber.

These are some of the soil types in the Teming village: (1) Pasir bulan is the soil type with the color is white and sandy. This soil is good for cultivate oil palm, rice, and rubber. (2) Redang, the type of peat soil which is only suitable to cultivate rice and rubber. (3) Bencah is a terminology used by the public to refer to peat which has been inundated with water. The term bencah is also used to refer agricultural land to cultivated the rice. And (4) Clay is a type of soil that has a soft texture, yellowish or blackish. Clay is the based material to make bricks. This type of soil is rarely found in the Teming village. Perun is terminology that used for burned of land, so the name of perun is not on the type of soil but on the activities contained therein.

The traditional knowledge of Temiang village community could be developed and used by the government as the basic study, to manage the sustainability of ecosystem for their life. The adoption of traditional wisdom is one way to protect the nature resources from the disturbance, and involving the people in conservation activities as the main factor to support the sustainable of natural resources management.

Temiang villager has some local rice varieties. These are some way they cultivate the rice such as: (1) they cultivated among the rubber trees, while they are waiting to be tapped, (2) in the wetlands, (3) and some planting in the field. Several types of rice were known and some of them were extinct, due to decrease of the rice field. Government introduced the rice varieties, with period of harvest is ones in one year. While for other one, those are shorter and faster to be harvested.

Other types of local rice are planted with various ways. In the past, when the access road is still difficult, the climatic condition is uncertain, they live as in isolation. To that end, food needs must be fulfilled while forest products cannot be the staple food and rubber tree has its annual. While waiting rubber to be tapped or also collected and sold, they planted rice. Local rice varieties known in the community are pucuk rice, kledang rice, telu belalang rice, jintan rice, cenani rice, ramos rice, Payoh rice, black sticky rice, putih rice, and ketiti rice. Rice varieties are planted in different lands. Pucuk rice, for example, is planted on hilly land of clay soil.

Tasik Betung people have local paddy. Unfortunately the local paddies were extinct but still leave on the people's memory. People prefer to plant rubber or oil palm than rice farming, Rice requires more time and effort in planting. For daily need, Tasik Betung people prefer go to town to gets rice rather than self-production. It's one reason why local paddy lost gradually. The local paddy in Tasik Betung area are; 1. Putih paddy, this paddy need 4 months and planted on the hill area. 2, Jambay, the gesture of this paddy is soft and rather long. Planted on swamp area and need 7 month to harvest. People also call this paddy as women paddy and the swamp that planted was call with sawah. 3, Padi kuning, even the name is paddy kuning (yellow paddy) but actually the color of this paddy is red. 4, Padi Komat, the texture is soft and the smell is fragrant. This paddy planted on the hill. 5, Padi Pulut or ketan. It has two kind of pulut paddy; white pulut and black pulut. 6, Paddy ketitir, this paddy more soft than komat, it has fragrant smell, it planted at hill. 7, Paddy bua koeh, it has fragrant smell but the texture is rough and planted at hodang land. 8, Paddy kuku balam, there is no information about this paddy.

Tasik Betung people also have local knowledge about land and its utilization. Where the land is good for settlement, agriculture, plantation, or paddy field. According local people, they know hokat land is good for paddy. The characteristic of hokat land are; the color is yellow, clay and its hill land. Kasang land is the mixed land between soil and sand, the characteristic of the land is hot so it's not good for field but better for settlement. Hodang land is good land for paddy or other agricultural system. Awang land means peat land. Local people was planted paddy in this land.

History of Rubber and Oilpalm Plantation:

Rubber is an integral part of the lives of the people of Riau. They call rubber with getah, the same as the name used in the Malay Peninsula. The development of rubber plantations cannot be separated from the crisis of the tobacco and coffee commodity in Dutch East Indies colonial. Dutch

haor and the study site have been shown in Figure 2 and 3.

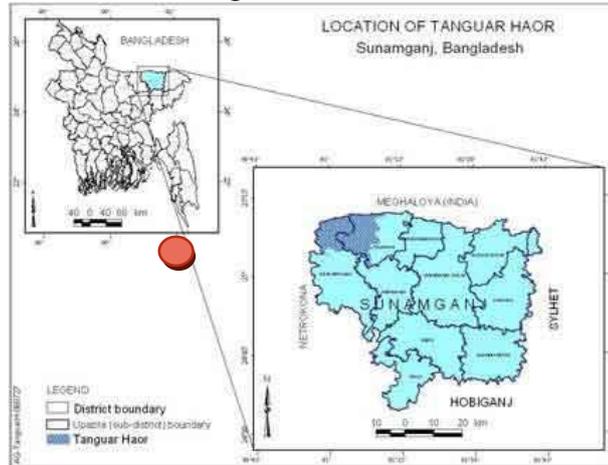


Figure 4 Location of Tanguar Haor wetland showing study site.

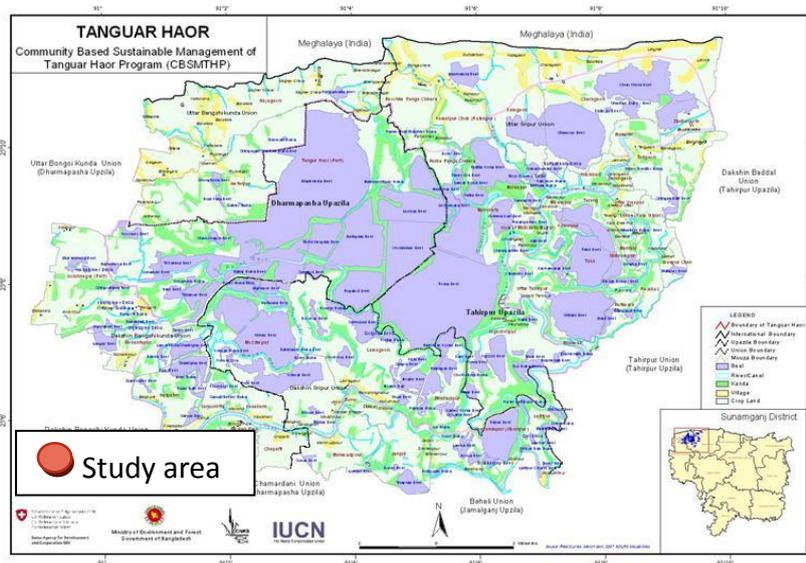


Figure 5 Full Map of Tanguar Haor Area by IUCN Bangladesh office.

(2) Population and Demography

The total number of population in selected three villages (Hkumpur, SilonTahirpur and Golabari) villages was 460 in 2001 which is now increased to 1120 in 2011 (Figure 6). This indicated that population increased 2.43 times during the last years. Among the villages Silon Tahirpur showed the highest population in 2001 followed by Golabari and Hukumpur. On the other hand Hukumpur showed the highest population in 2011 as compared to Silon Tahirpur and Golabari. Despite large-scale migration into the area, the population density of the haor basin is relatively low compared to the rest of the country.

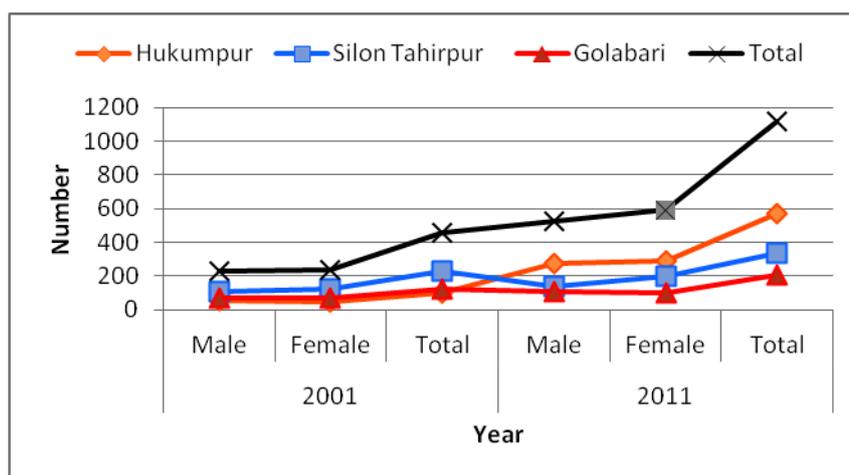


Figure 6 Population distribution in selected three villages of Tanguar haor wetland

The education level of the population of the study sites was low compared to national level while most of them passed the primary level. The average family size of the respondent was 6.28, while about half of the respondents had medium sized family. It revealed that the family size was relatively bigger in the study area than that of the national average family size of 4.50 (BBS, 2011). This might be due to joint family system in the studied community. Regarding farm size, marginal farm size group was dominating followed by small and landless groups. The average farm size was 0.33 ha per family which is almost half of the national average of 0.67 ha (Krishi Dairy, 2012). This information clearly stated that respondent community was the resource poor and mainly depended on common natural resources of haor.

The income level of the respondents revealed that majority of the respondents were extreme poor. The poor income of the respondents was possibly due to shrinkage of livelihood opportunities like resource collection from the haor. In view of occupation types/economic activities, majority of the respondents (90%) were dependent on fishing, closely followed by farming and day laborer. The other minor occupations were small business, duck rearing, sand and coal collection, bird hunting and trading, boatman etc.

3 Results and Discussion

Explain your actual findings, including figures, illustrations and tables. Make comments on the results as they are presented, but save broader generalizations and conclusions for later. Discuss the importance of your findings, in light of the overall study aims. Synthesize what has (and has not) been learned about the problem and identify existing gaps. Recommend areas for further work.

3.1 Analysis of land use change and ecosystem services in the three wetlands

3.1.1 Poyang lake wetland in China

3.1.1.1 Changes of land use in past 20 years

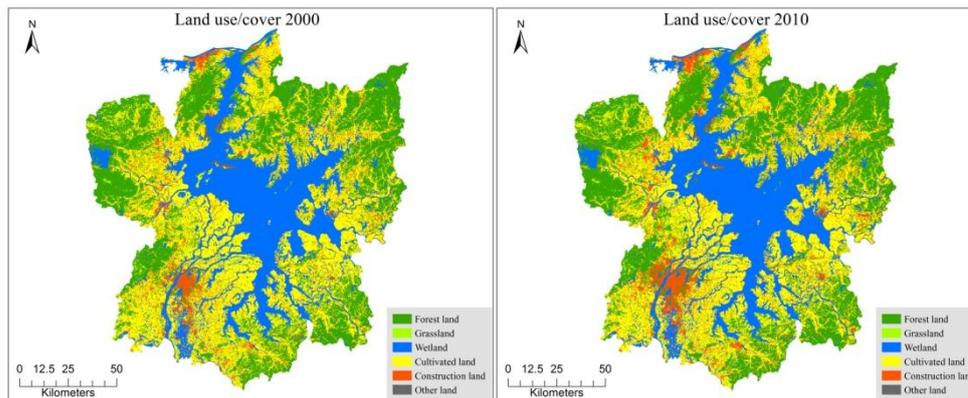
(1) Land use change in the whole wetland:

In 2000, cultivated land covered the largest area of 752614.38 ha or 37.11% of the Poyang lake wetland's total area. The forest and wetland covered the 27.65% and 26.90% of the total area while construction land was 7.32%. Grassland and others cover only 0.53% and 0.49% of the total area respectively. In 2010, cultivated land covered the largest area of this wetland, which was 70499.07 ha or 34.76% of the total area. The forest and wetland covered 28.22% and 26.56% respectively and construction land covered 9.36%. The grassland and others only covered 0.62% and 0.48% respectively.

During 2000 to 2010, the forest area increased sharply, the increase area was 11543.04 ha accounting to 2.06% of the total area. Whereas, the area of wetland presented decrease in a degree, the decrease area was 7008.48 ha or 1.28%. While the grassland increased largely, the increase area was 1755.90 ha accounting to 16.38% of the total area. The cultivated land decreased 6.33% or 47615.31 ha and the others had a slight decrease of 72.45 ha or 0.74%. The construction land sharply increased by 27.88% or 41397.30 ha.

Table 1 Area and proportion of Land use/ coverage at Poyang Lake wetland (2000-2010, ha, %)

Land use/ cover type	Area of 2000	Area of 2010	Area change	Proportion change
Forest	560878.56	572421.60	11543.04	2.06
Grassland	10722.60	12478.50	1755.90	16.38
Wetland	545628.51	538620.03	-7008.48	-1.28
Cultivated land	752614.38	704999.07	-47615.31	-6.33
Construction land	148494.15	189891.45	41397.30	27.88
Others	9852.12	9779.67	-72.45	-0.74



a) 2000

a) 2010

Figure 7 Land use/cover of Poyang Lake wetlands

(2) Land use change in villages surveyed

From land use cover change study of 3 typical villages, we got the conclusion that during 2000—2013: (1) For the reason of ecological conservation projects and cultivated land abandoned, the intensify of land use in Poyang lake wetland had been decreased (average rate was 4%), and the vegetation coverage had been increased (average rate was 10%). (2) Land use/cover change (LUCC), which caused by ecological conservation projects is the main LUCC type in Poyang Lake wetland. And cultivated land abandoned, plant structure adjust is very common in Poyang Lake wetlands. (3) Multiple cropping index of the paddy field had been decreased (average about 15%, data from household questionnaire). And at the same time, household questionnaire analysis result shows that the phenomenon of cultivated land transfer is very common.

Table 2 Change characteristic of Land use/cover change in typical villages(2000—2013; ha, %)

Land use/cover type	Chenlang village			Shuanglong village			Yuanlong village		
	2000	2013	rate of change	2000	2013	rate of change	2000	2013	rate of change
Forest land	54.8	70.6	28.8	36.3	41.9	15.5	130.1	133.5	2.6
Grass land	10.1	32.9	227.7	14.6	32.1	119.5	0.7	22.5	3231.9
Cultivated land	166.9	108.8	-34.8	91.0	63.5	-30.2	94.3	57.4	-39.1
Construction land	12.4	14.9	19.6	20.9	25.2	20.8	15.1	19.8	31.3
Wetland	11.5	11.5	0.0	3.7	3.7	0.0	9.8	15.9	62.7
Unused land	53.0	50.3	-5.1	0.9	0.9	0.0	8.6	8.6	0.0
Intensify of land use	246.2	236.5	-4.0	278.7	267.5	-4.0	248.6	239.1	-3.8
vegetation coverage	20.5	32.8	--	30.4	44.2	--	47.1	56.1	--

3.1.1.2 Driving forces of land use changes

(1) Natural factors

During PRA process, the stakeholders pointed out that precipitation of the study area had been decrease in the past ten or more years, and this can make some wetland loss to some extent. Moreover, according to existing meteorological data of 6 weather station in and around Poyang Lake wetlands, from the year 2000 to 2011, precipitation of almost all of station had experienced a decrease trends (Figure 8). Precipitation decreasing can make some wetland which have low water content to become grassland.

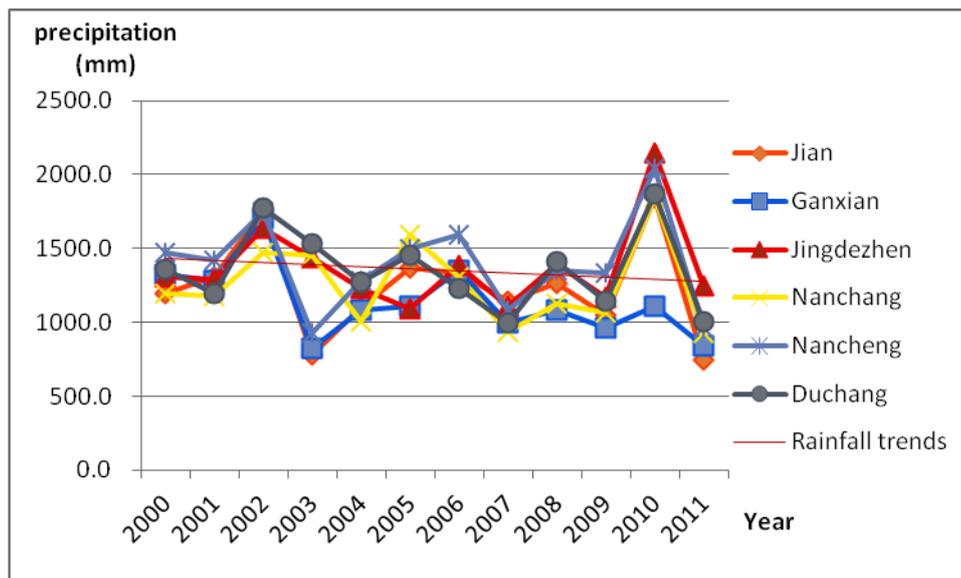


Figure 8 Annual precipitation of from 6 weather station in and around Poyang Lake wetlands (2000—2011, mm)

Extreme weather made extraordinary rainstorm in 1998 in Yangzi river watershed, which made big flood and had caused major personnel and property losses. That natural hazard caused “returning farmland to lake” (RFL) policy into effect, which made remarkable change of land use such as many cultivated land being change into wetlands.

(2) Anthropogenic factor

During the expert consultation meeting of the project kick-off meeting in Dec. 2011 in Beijing, driving forces was summarized in Poyang Lake wetlands, which included policy, industrialization, urbanization and ecological projection.

According to the land use data, from 2000 to 2013, the area of changed land of Chenlang village, Shuanglong village and Yuanlong village is respectively 117.1 hectares, 45.7 hectares and 59.6 hectares, as the 37.05%, 27.30% and 21.45% of total land area, indicating that the extent of land use change over the past 10 years in these villages was fierce. During the land use / cover change (LUCC) process, the main LUCC is caused by newly built homestead, cultivated land abandon, transformation from paddy field into dry land, fish ponds construction and eco-projects which took more than 95% of the total changed area. Among them, the types of LUCC cause by ecology construction project, in which including the afforestation of barren hill, returning farmland to Lake, grain for green, afforestation on wetland under project of returning farmland to Lake, relocation of homestead under project of returning farmland to Lake.

According to land use/cover data of the typical villages, we had calculated out the area of each LUCC type and its proportion of the whole LUCC. Proportion of the LUCC which caused by ecological project is between 20%--35% (Table 3), and ecological project (RFL and RFF) had made much cultivated land change into forest, grassland and wetlands. In the past ten and more years, urbanization had make large number of young labor force in rural area go to cities, which make labor force in rural become less and the phenomenon of dominance of aged people become more serious. From the household questionnaire survey, of the 125 interviewee 75% of them were between ages of 50—70, only 2.8% of the interviewee’s age was between 30—40, and there were no interviewees who were below age of 30 which caused some low quality cultivated land was abandoned due to insufficient labor forces. In the 3 typical villages, proportion of cultivated land abandoned was between 13%-50%. Under the reason of low comparative benefit of agriculture, in recent years, structural readjustment of agriculture had been very common and possess big proportion in the 3 typical villages, its current LUCC type is fish ponds construction and transformation from paddy field into dry land (used for cash crops such as cotton). Besides, income

increasing of the farmers in recent years had made new built homestead increased, and there are more than 2 ha new homestead increasing in the past 10 more years. From above analysis, we can get the conclusion that ecological project, urbanization, low benefit of agriculture, and income increasing of the farmers is the most important LUCC driving forces in Poyang Lake wetlands. In addition, from analysis the PRA, stakeholders show that input more inputs (such as more chemical fertilizer) to the good quality cultivated land had made cultivated land use intensified.

Table 3 Type of LUCC and its proportion of the whole land area in the typical villages

LUCC types	Chenlang Village		Shuanglong Village		Yuanlong Village	
	Area (ha)	proportion (%)	Area (ha)	proportion (%)	Area (ha)	proportion (%)
newly built homestead	2.1	1.8	4.0	8.6	9.0	15.0
cultivation land abandoned	15.5	13.2	26.8	58.6	21.8	36.6
paddy field to dry land	53.0	45.3	4.3	9.5	6.6	11.0
fish ponds construction	20.4	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LUCC caused by ecological project	26.1	22.3	10.2	22.3	20.1	33.7
Including:1.afforestation of barren hill	2.8	2.4	10.2	22.3	0.0	0.0
2. returning farmland to Lake	6.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	6.1	10.3
3. afforestation on wetland	16.7	14.3	0.0	0.0	5.5	9.3
4. relocation of homestead	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	7.0
5. returning farmland to forest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	7.1

Data source: Land use/cover survey of the villages in April of 2013

(3) Changes of major ecosystem services in past 20 years

(3.1) Biodiversity

Based on the calculation of InVEST model, in 2000, the average quality of habitat of the whole Poyang Lake wetland was 0.69, and it went up to 0.72 in 2010 with a growth of 4.53%.

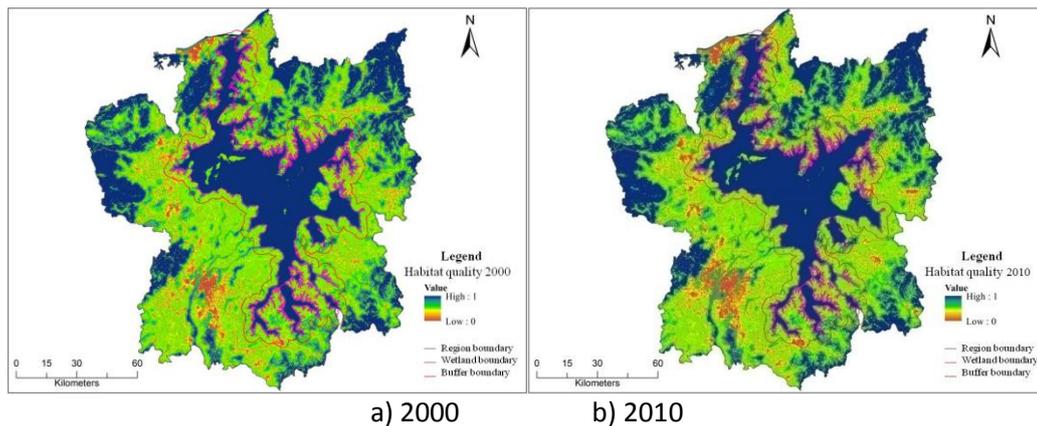


Figure 9 Habitat quality of Poyang Lake wetlands

Recognizing the importance of this wetland habitat, the Chinese government implemented "return farmland to lake" (RFL) and "returning farmland to forest" (RFF) ecosystem restoration projects, which began in 1998 and 2000, respectively, leading to the positive effects on the ecological environment (e.g., Li et al. 2009). In our research work, we present the analysis of changes in the habitat quality for overwintering birds based on surveys around two Poyang Lake wetland villages over a 12-year period. We used the ecosystem services analysis tool InVEST and land-use and cover change data to provide an assessment at the levels of the two villages.

The InVEST model produced habitat quality maps for the study villages in 2000 and 2012 (Figure 5). The InVEST model uses a [0, 1] interval to represent the habitat quality for migratory birds, high number represent high quality. The model's calculations show that the average habitat quality in and around Chenlang in 2000 was 0.48, and that this increased by 18.8% to 0.57 in 2012. This increase in habitat quality can be attributed to the RFL program and discontinuing cultivation of a large area of paddy fields. This resulted in a decrease in the area of habitat with a low score (paddy fields, score = 0.25) and an increase in the area of habitat with a high score (herbaceous wetlands, score = 1). Human activities, such as increasing household and road construction activities, decreased the habitat quality to a certain degree.

For Yuanlong village, the InVEST calculations showed that the average habitat quality increased from 0.44 in 2000 to 0.65 in 2012 (by 47.7%). The increase in habitat area occurred mostly in the northern part of the village (Figure 4), where it was common to discontinue farming, whereas a large increase in habitat quality occurred in the southeastern area, which experienced the effects of the RFL program. This change in habitat quality in the southeast can also be attributed to a change in the human population after 1998. In 1998, the Poyang Lake area suffered from a severe flood, and the government initiated resettlement of the residents. In 2000, households began moving to higher elevations west of the village and the original houses were removed. By the end of 2005, when the project was nearly finished, half of the original settlement had been moved, and this area was covered by trees and grasses. Resettlement moved humans farther from the migratory bird habitat, and the trees and grasses also provided a buffer between human activities and the migratory birds. However, some threats in this area are still being caused by human activities, such as cultivation of dry land and aquaculture, so the quality of the habitat of this area is not much higher than in the northern part (Figure 10).

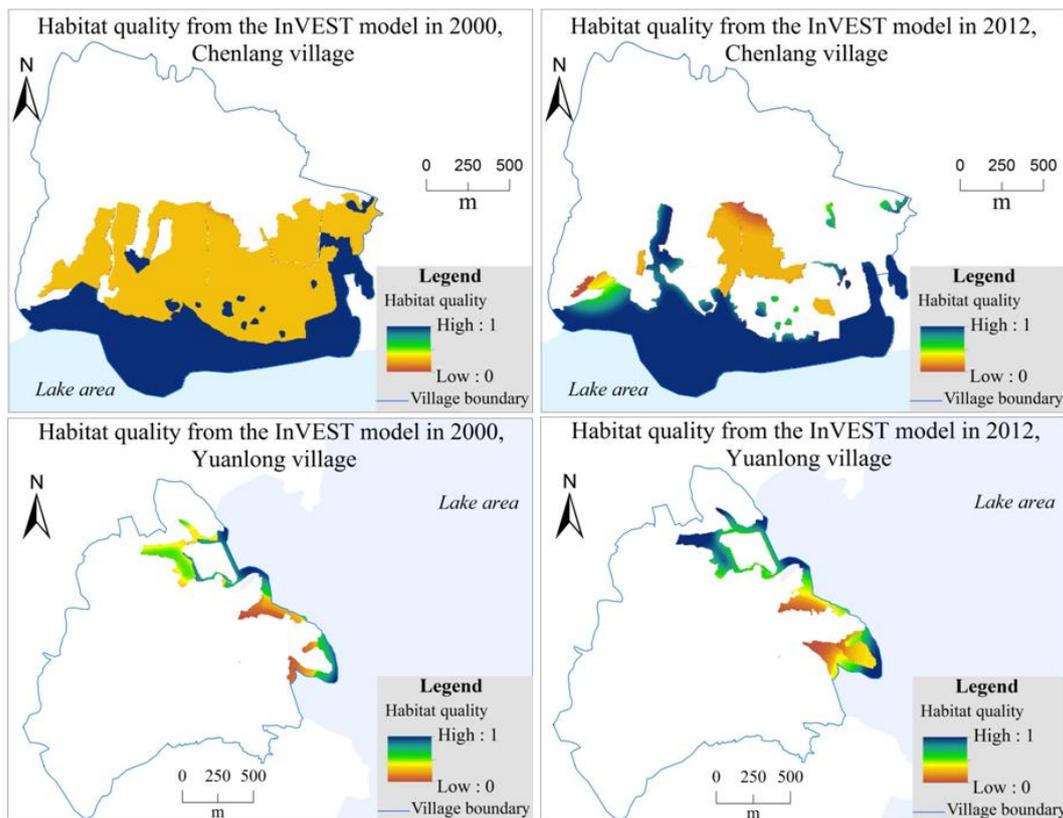


Figure 10 Habitat quality in 2000 and 2012 in and around the two study villages. Higher values mean more suitable habitats.

To show how habitat quality change had affect the species and amount of the migratory birds. We analysis the migratory birds change in Xinmiao Lake (around Chenlang village) and Xihu Lake (around Yuanlong village). Overall, the numbers and percentage of migratory birds that were observed repeatedly or in large numbers near the two villages has increased and the number of some species (e.g., the Eurasian spoonbill, tundra swan, swan goose, and bean goose) has shown an increasing trend (see appendix). However, the number of individuals or the occurrence of a few migratory species has decreased, whereas the numbers and occurrence of the grey heron, greater white-fronted goose, gulls, and other migratory birds have shown no obvious trends. The number of species and population sizes of the migratory birds that were observed in large numbers was higher in Xinmiao Lake (Chenlang) than in Xihu Lake (Yuanlong), and this may be related to the larger total size of the Chenlang area. However, from 2002 to 2012, the numbers and percentages of migratory birds in Xihu Lake were relatively stable, and a variety of birds were regularly observed. The average frequency of the most frequent or abundant migratory birds observed in Xihu Lake was 7.76 times per 10 years, whereas that in Xinmiao Lake was 6.62 times per 10 years. There are two possible explanations for this difference. The first is that habitat quality improved to a greater extent for Xihu Lake during the study period. Second, Xihu Lake has been less affected by human activities than Xinmiao Lake. Especially during the later years, as the ecological environment improved, many critically endangered species, such as the Siberian crane and the oriental white stork, were more regularly observed along the Xihu Lake observation route.

(3.2) Soil retention

On account of the calculation of InVEST model (Table 4), the amount of soil erosion of Poyang Lake wetland decreased from 16.50 Mt in 2000 to 15.45 Mt in 2010 with the amount of 1.05 Mt decreased as 6.39%. According to the equation of soil conservation, the amount of soil erosion is an important parameter to calculate the amount of soil erosion, so the decrease of the amount of soil erosion must lead to the decrease of the amount of soil conservation. Whereas, the amount of soil conservation will be impacted by the land use cover, soil conservation measures and the surface

topography. Comparing the situation between 2000 and 2010, the amount of soil conservation increased 0.28 Mt as 0.02% while the amount of soil erosion decreased which means that the function of soil conservation in Poyang Lake wetland was improved. On the other hand, the sediment output of the Poyang Lake wetland decreased from 1.82 Mt in 2000 to 1.77 Mt in 2010 with a drop of 2.57% which also indicated the improvement of the ability to retain sediment and the strengthen of the function of soil conservation.

Table 4 Changes of the function of soil conservation in Poyang Lake wetland (2000-2010, million ton, %)

	2000	2010	amount change	proportional change
amount of soil erosion	16.50	15.45	-1.05	-6.39
amount of soil conservation	1161.41	1161.70	0.28	0.02
sediment output	1.82	1.77	-0.05	-2.57

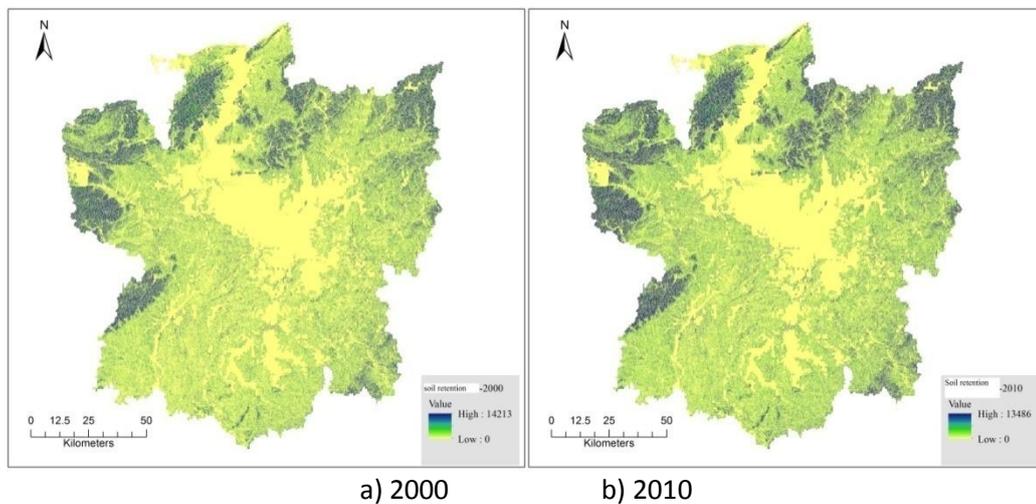


Figure 11 Soli retention of Poyang Lake wetlands (ton/ha)

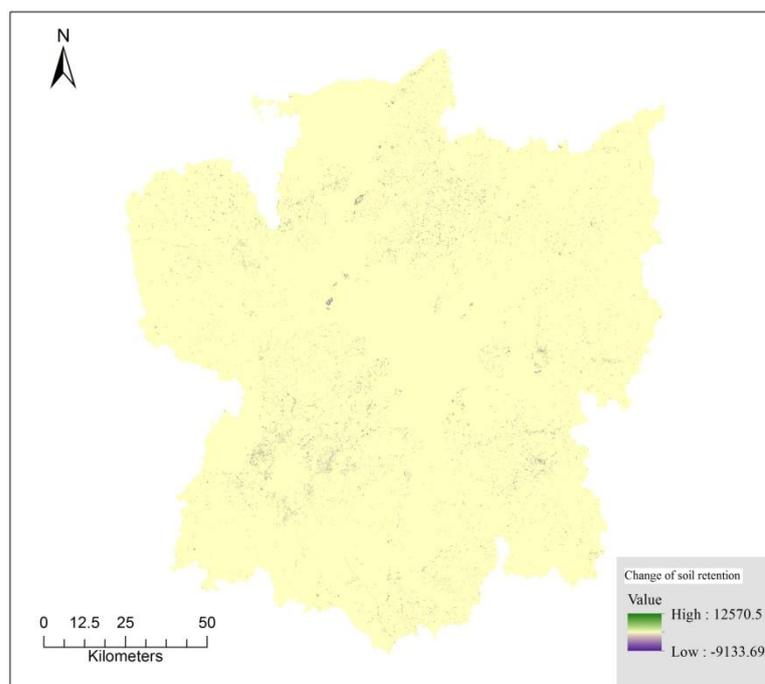


Figure 12 Change of soil retention (2000—2010, ton/ha)

3.1.1.3 Analysis of influence of land use change on ecosystem service change

(1) The effects of land use change on biodiversity

Land has the function to provide habitat. According to experts' weight result on the function of providing habitat from different land type, the forest had the highest weight as 1, and grassland and wetland had the weight of 0.80 and 0.70, while cultivated land and others got relatively low weight as 0.40 and 0.30. The construction land had the lowest weight as 0.

Table 5 The weight of land use/cover support for habitat

	Forest	Grassland	Wetlands	Cultivated land	Construction land	Other land
weight	1.00	0.80	0.70	0.40	0.00	0.30

During 2000 to 2010, the main cause of Poyang Lake wetland habitat quality rise is that, the Returning farmland to forest made the high weight land use types such as forest and grassland area increased largely (growth rate as 2.1% and 16.4%), even if the cultivated land area increased much. The increase of construction land caused by stress strength enhancement mainly in cities, and for the rural and mountainous area, construction land stress degree is not high, while the agricultural activities reduced after Returning farmland to forest. Therefore, on the whole, during 2000-2010, the Poyang Lake wetland habitat showed the tendency of scale reduction and the rise of quality.

Household questionnaire survey showed the result that within a decade, the vegetation coverage of villages which has close relationship with the habitat quality improved a lot. As to the questions about the vegetation coverage of villages, more than 90% the respondents thought it was increased. The reasons for the vegetation coverage rise can be concluded as that: first, the implement of the return farmland to lake project and returning farmland to forest; second, the phenomenon of cultivated land abandon happened a lot; the improvement of living standards, decrease of household labor with the urbanization and the use of alternative energy sources such as power, liquefied gas with the aging.

For the typical villages, the habitat improvement around Yuanlong village (47.7%) was much higher than that around Chenlang village (18.8%). This difference may have resulted from differences in the change of habitat size and in the impact of threat sources under the joint action of restoration programs and human activities in these two villages. First, the proportion of the habitat with a high score around Chenlang village has increased by only 11.7%, versus 208.1% around Yuanlong village. Chenlang village had planted a large area of fast-growing white poplar in the wetlands created by the RFL project, and the good growth and survival of these trees made the habitat unsuitable for migratory birds. Although Yuanlong village also planted white poplar in its wetlands, the survival rate was very poor and it had little effect on habitat quality. From 2000 to 2012, there were many land-use and cover changes around the waterfowl habitats, which increased the intensity of the threat to waterfowl habitat in Chenlang village; these included changes from paddy fields into dry cultivated land, construction of aquaculture ponds, and construction of residences. In contrast, house demolition in Yuanlong village under the RFL project and the conversion of dry cultivated land into forest under the RFF project caused a substantial decrease in the intensity of the threat to waterfowl habitat. Figure 8 summarizes the main impact factors and their effects on waterfowl habitat in our study villages.

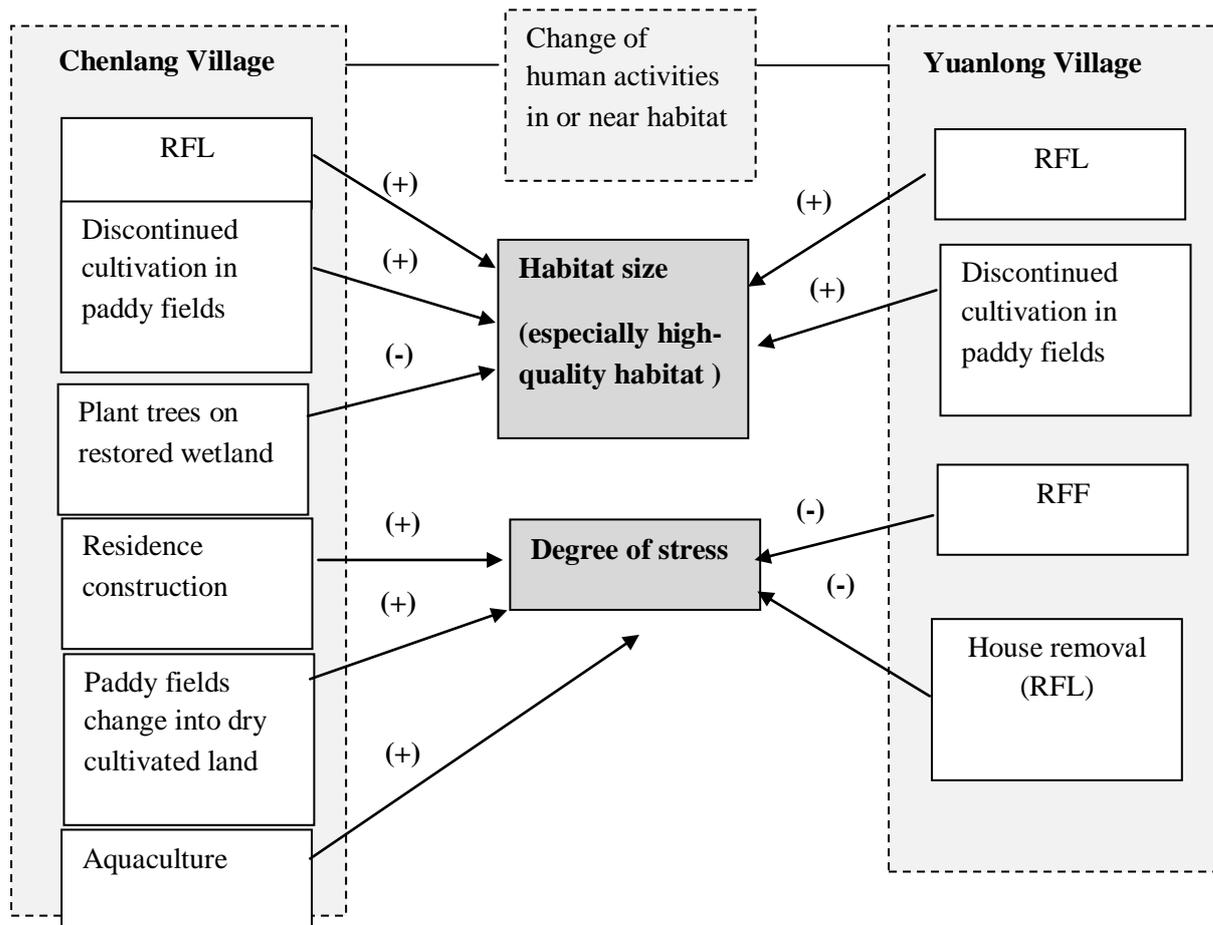


Figure 13 shows the main impact factors that affected waterfowl habitat quality in and near our study villages. Human activities either increased (+) or decreased (-) habitat size, the degree of threat to habitats, and habitat quality. Less important activities are not shown.

(2) The effects of land use change on soil retention

During 2000-2010, because of the implement of returning farmland to forest, the forest with good vegetation coverage and sediment blocking efficiency growth in a large scale (115430.4 ha, 2.1%), and returning farmland to forest, cultivated land abandon and increased area taken by construction land made the relatively low vegetation coverage and sediment blocking cultivated land area decrease sharply (47615.3 ha, 6.3%). Therefore, the soil erosion situation was alleviated and the soil conservation function was reinforced.

3.1.2 Giam Siak Biosphere Reserve in Indonesia

3.1.2.1 Land use change in biosphere reserve

The needs for daily consumption are depend on the ecosystem, and they have to adapt with the environment. In terms of land use change, the villager described that the change of forest, shrub into a rubber plantation are very dominant. Changes in land use are influenced by internal and external factors, namely: (1) the income of farmers from rubber is larger than other sector (2) marketing of products that are easier, (3) experience of crops farming which less profitable, (4) knowledge of farmers on rubber cultivation increased, (5) the suitability of land for rubber trees are very appropriate, (6) labor requirements for rubber farming more efficient, and (7) the cost of production of rubber farming is relatively low, and (8) the risk of failure in production is relatively low. Broadly speaking, the effects of land use change can be seen from the daily life of society, ranging from livelihoods, ecosystem services, the existence of a beneficial plant, to lifestyle changes.

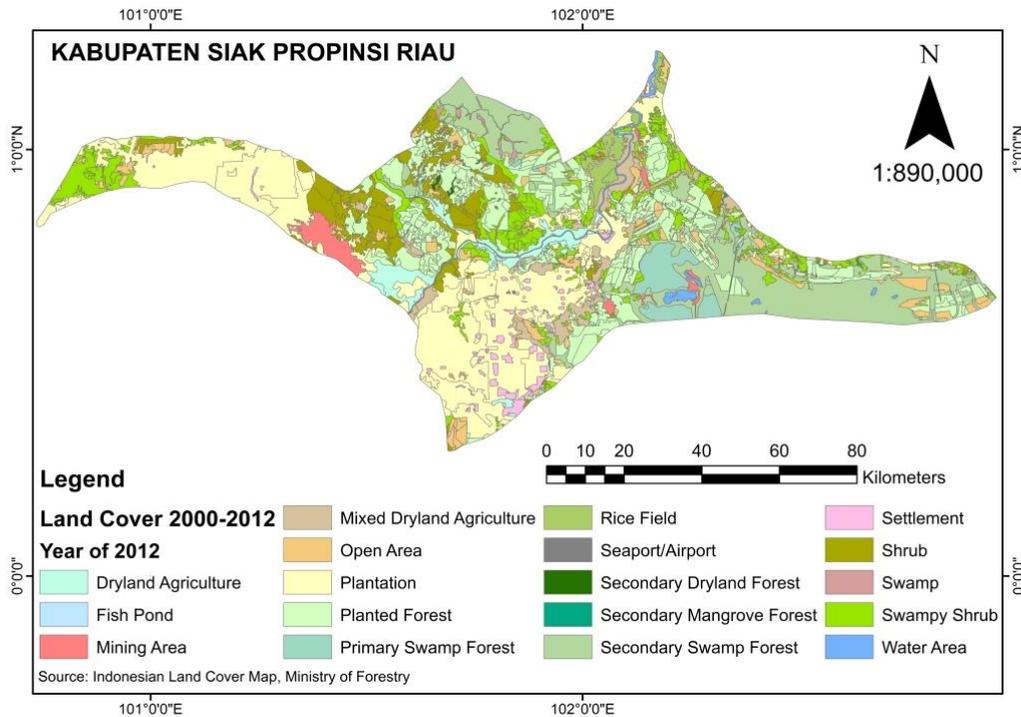


Figure 22 Land Use Area of Kabupaten Siak in 2012

3.1.2.4 Land Use change in the Temiang Village

The figure below are the land use change in Tasik Betung village from 2000 – 2012. This is not easy to make the illustration of the village condition while they were young. From the FGD, There are three schenario of Map: 1980 (Above, left), 2012 (Above, right), and the future map (below map), the map which described the ideal condition for the villager.

(1) Land use in Tasik Betung village

Figure 23. Land Use change in the Temiang village. From the Map those were described by local people, the forest decreased from 1980 to 2012, oilpalm and rubber plantation develop. While in the future, the village condition well organized than 1980 and 2012.

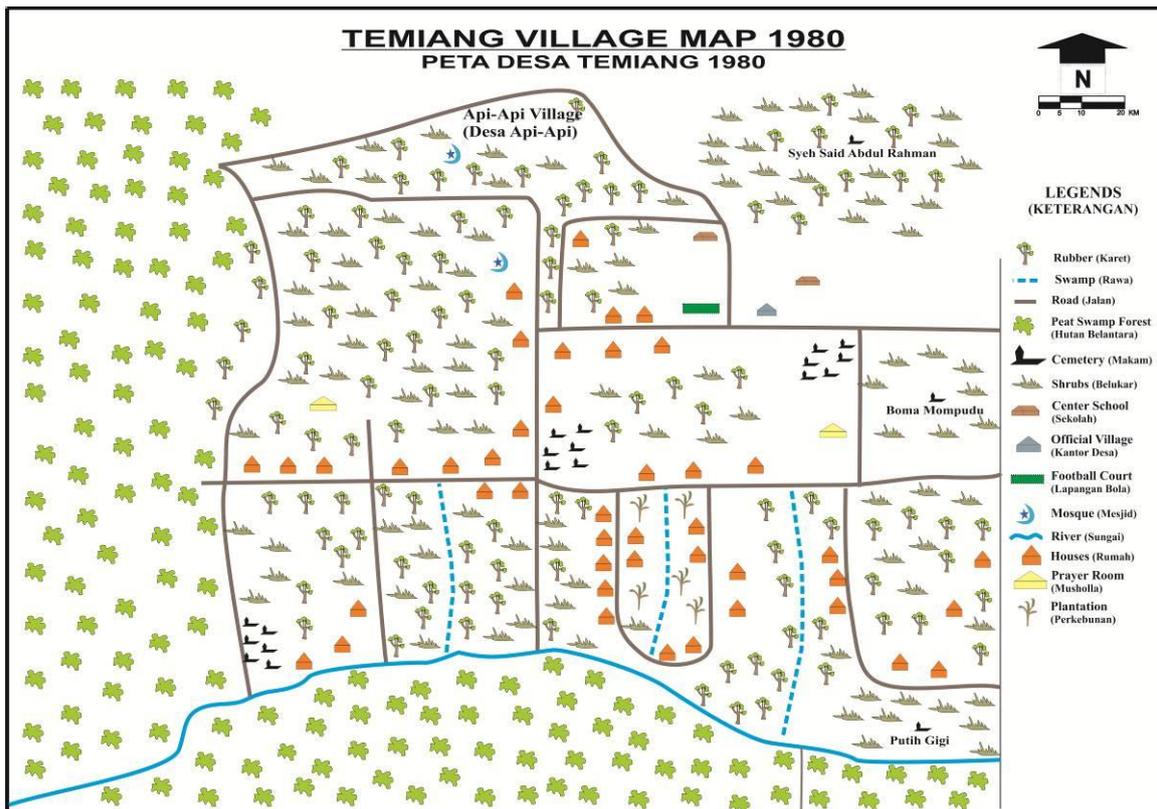


Figure 23 Temiang Village map in 1980

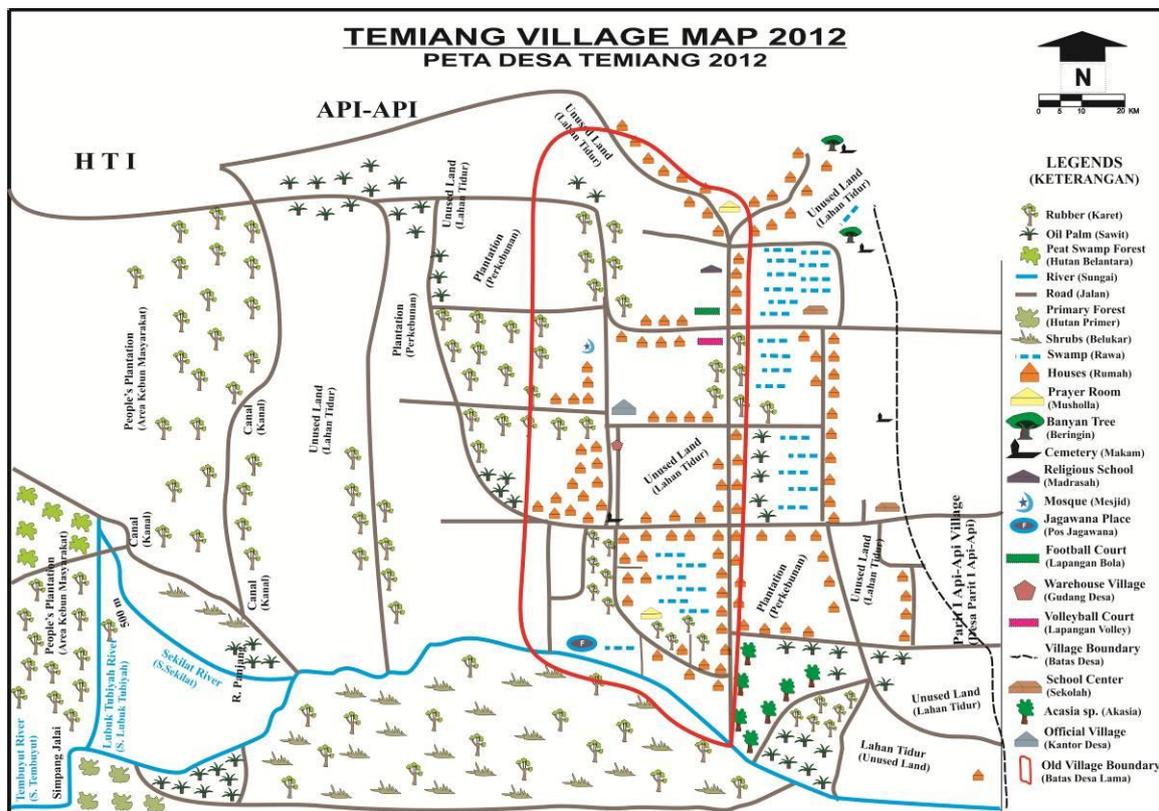


Figure 24 Temiang Village map in 2012

In the future, Temiang people also wants some changes in their village, most of the changes related with the village facilities, such as school for children in early age (PAUD), rice mill, sport building, and more mosques. Also they want have a clean water tower to canalize water to the

processed, while the shrub is filled with a large timber.

According to Temiang people, field can be planted anything, it is different from paddy field that only planted with rice. According to people, garden is land that can be planted with beans and rubber. Unused land is owned by people and has not been processed. This land is fulfilled with shrubs. Besides rubber plantations, people also make changes to the land that became the paddy fields, by shifting cultivation or slash farm. After the land was burned, rice was sown by using a drill that almost does not cause damage to the soil. If firing is successful and it rained quite a lot, they will get good results.

According to Tasik Betung people, settlement is an important thing. The orientation of settlement pattern is close with forest and tasik. It shows that people considerate natural factor. Forest and tasik are always provide all human need and everyone can access. The peat land is used by people for agricultural. In the past, when they should survive, people used the peat land for shifting agriculture. In doing shifting agriculture, people in Tasik Betung chose the land is not far from the settlement. For Tasik Betung people, house is just a place for rest when they work on the fields and a transit for one field to other field. So, the location of settlement is always in the center of the field. People calls the models of settlement is 'tapak lapan' or 'eight of ways their activities'.

(3) Land use change impacting to human life

In Tasik Betung, land use change impact to their access to fresh water, fire wood, and biodiversity. While even have the Sacred forest, this forest was not well function as water resources. The sacred site only providing medicinal plant. Decrease of the forest cover impact to the water and biodiversity lost, subsequently will affect to the people health and income.

Be compared with 20 years before, currently local people is difficult to access fresh water. They should walk more far to meet fount. In food security, after land use change local people depend to the market to get food, 20 years before they still got the food for forest, lake, river, etc.

Land use change also impact to the decreased of fish and another natural product. Currently, local people much more difficult to find medicinal plant. Fortunately, the people in Tasik Betung still have sacred forest those provides medicinal plant. Another impact of the land use change is new kind of disease was found, which was not be found before.

3.1.2.7 Impact of land use change on ecosystem services

(1) Impact on useful Species

There are some species used by Temiang and Tasik Betung people, which served as food, medicine, crafts, and building materials (Table 7 & 8).

Table 7 The list of plant used for food, medicine, craft and wood in Temiang Village

Local Name	Species	Family	Used Part	Uses
Bakung	<i>Hanguana malayana</i> (Jack.) Merr.	Flagariaceae	Leaf	Vegetable
Asau	<i>Pandanus</i> sp.	Pandanaceae	Leaves	Use for making mat
Umbai	undet		Leaves	Use for making mat
Daun nasi	<i>Syzygium antisepticum</i> (Bl.) Merr. & Perry	Myrtaceae	Fruit	Food
Daun putat/brasan	<i>Barringtonia scortechnii</i> King.	Lecythidaceae	Fruit & wood	Food & firewood
Tengek burung	<i>Symplocos conchichinensis</i> (Lour.) Moore	Symplocaceae	Fruit and wood	Bird food and fire wood
Meranti bunga	<i>Shorea</i> sp.	Dipterocarpaceae	Wood	Building material

to 1.96 in 2000 in the study area (Figure 28). This indicated that the species abundance and richness became poor and needs restoration measures.

Table 14 Changing scenario on the relative prevalence of tree species in homestead area during 2000-2010

Name of tree species	Relative prevalence of tree species over time		% Change
	2000	2012	
<i>Forest/woody species</i>			
Acacia (<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>)	0.50	0.60	+20.00
Hijal (<i>Barringtonia acutangula</i>)	4.36	6.23	+42.89
Khair (<i>Acacia catechu</i>)	0.32	0.28	-12.50
Koroch (<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>)	5.27	9.52	+80.65
Koroi (<i>Albizia</i> sp)	0.95	0.44	-53.68
Mehogony (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>)	1.29	0.36	-72.09
Neem (<i>Azadirachta indica</i>)	0.83	0.04	-95.18
Raintree (<i>Samanea saman</i>)	1.98	1.44	-27.27
Shimul (<i>Bombax ceiba</i>)	0.78	0.28	-64.10
<i>Fruit species</i>			
Betel nut (<i>Areca catechu</i>)	1.28	0.48	-62.50
Bilimbi (<i>Averrhoa bilimbi</i>)	0.92	0.04	-95.65
Blackberry (<i>Syzygium cumini</i>)	0.87	0.72	-17.24
Coconut (<i>Cocos nucifera</i>)	1.02	0.16	-84.31
Custard apple (<i>Annona squamosa</i>)	0.36	0.3	-16.67
Guava (<i>Psidium guajava</i>)	1.01	0.72	-28.71
Jackfruit (<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>)	1.46	0.76	-47.95
Jujube (<i>Zizyphus jujube</i>)	1.11	0.24	-78.38
Lemon (<i>Citrus limon</i>)	0.58	0.36	-37.93
Mango (<i>Mangifera indica</i>)	3.56	2.28	-35.96
Olive (<i>Olea europa</i>)	1.45	0.16	-88.97
Sofeda (<i>Manilkara achras</i>)	0.46	0.04	-91.30

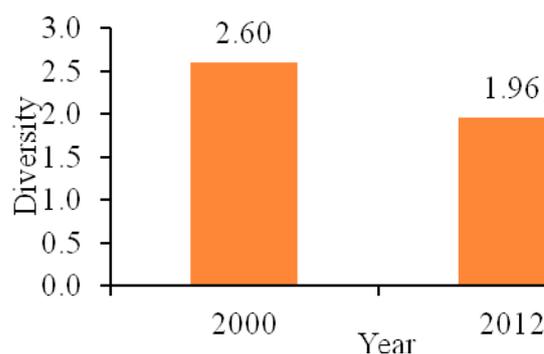


Figure 28 Diversity Index of tree species in the study area. Index note: 0-2 = poor and need restoration measure; 2-3 = abundant and need protection work; and >3 = rich and naturally survived.

(2.3) Changes in swamp forest

Swamp forests are inundated with freshwater either permanently or seasonally. It is normally occurred along the lower reaches of rivers and around freshwater lakes. The forest goes under 7-10 meters water during rainy season. Rest of the year, the water level is about 3 meters deep. This forest is the good shelters of the fishes during rainy season. It is the habitat of different snakes,

monkeys, lizards, insects and birds. The changes of swamp forest both in area and species richness over time in Tanguar haor are illustrated in Table 15. The major swamp forests species recorded in the different locations are *Pongamia pinnata*, *Barringtonia acutangula*, *Crataeva nurvala*, *Sonneratia caseolaris*, *Erythrina variegata*, *Phragmites karka*, *Saccharum spontaneum*, *Ipomoea alba*, *Trewia polycarpa*, *Girardinia heterophylla*, *Typha elephantine*, *Hibiscus tiliaceus*. It is interestingly observed that the swamp forest increased in 7 locations while it decreased in 7 locations also. The increase of swamp forest in several locations was because of various promotion activities primarily the social forestry program implemented by the government and non-government organizations which reflect the development of plant biodiversity. The decreasing trend in several places was possibly because of harvesting of swamp forest and unsuitable for new plantation.

Table 15 Change of swamp forest both in area and species richness over time in Tanguar haor

Location of observation	Area (ha)		%	Species richness		%
	Year 2000	Year 2012		Change	Year 2000	
Alamdaor	12.36	8.77	-41.04	4.66	1.2	-74.25
Bagmara Kanda	8.24	6.48	-27.31	3.13	2.88	-7.99
Binnabon	8.15	6.27	-30.00	5.00	4.83	-3.40
Kailary Kanda	8.34	5.16	-61.73	2.00	1.25	-37.50
Kaillatur	6.62	9.93	+50.00	1.86	2.90	+55.91
Nainder Haor	7.76	11.13	+43.45	1.17	2.00	+71.38
Osakanda	7.62	11.52	+51.06	2.80	5.00	+78.57
Patichula	8.22	10.87	+32.30	3.21	3.87	+20.56
Poilla Beel	13.41	17.20	+28.28	3.00	3.50	+16.67
PuranGaon	13.15	9.78	-34.46	3.00	2.00	-33.33
Rajar Dai	6.27	4.86	-29.17	2.67	1.91	-28.46
Razdaigang	11.38	14.42	+26.66	1.75	3.00	+71.43
Ulush Nagar Kanda	5.75	9.89	+71.87	2.13	2.53	+18.78
Mean	9.02	9.71	+7.65	2.80	2.84	+1.43

(2.4) Changes in fish resources

Fish resources in Tanguar haor declined remarkably during the last decade. In 2000, this wetland ecosystem was the home of 128 varieties of fish which is about half of the freshwater fish varieties in Bangladesh, but recently many of them have been found to extinct. Fish species in the study site was categorized into seven groups according to abundance or availability (Table 16). The high availability of fish species expressed as very common, common and fairly common groups decreased remarkably showing 42.86, 20.00 and 11.54%, reduction, respectively. While less abundance or threatened species in terms of few, very few, occasional and very rare groups were increased manifolds. Therefore it is urgent need of undertaking conservation measures for sustainability of very common fish species. Respondent opinion on the availability of fish resources when compared for present status to 10 years before showed a strongly support of changing fish species over time. More than 50% respondents opined that Darkina (*Rasbora rasbora*), Moha shol (Tor Tor), Chitol (*Chitala chitala*), Boro boal (*Wallago attu*), Boro Rui (*Labeo rohita*), Kali Baush (*Labeo calbasu*), Ayer (*Sperata aor*), Katla (*Catla catla*), Mrigel (*Cirrhinus cirrhosus*), Chanda (*Chanda nama*), Meni (*Labeo ariza*), Baim (*Mastacembelus armatus*), Koi (*Anabas testudineus*) were the abundant fish species in Tanguar haor in 10 years before, but those abundant species were reached to either less abundant or endangered stages.

The important anthropogenic factors were identified through PRA, respondents' survey and consultation with local experienced peoples. The opinions of respondents and others have been summarized in Table 18. The findings showed that a number of factors/driving forces have been influencing on the land use change, depletion of other resources as well as on livelihood opportunities of the local community. Some driving forces were found as severe and some were moderate. The most acute factor was over exploitation of resources (opined by 90% of the respondents). The second topmost important factor was the siltation and sedimentation due to flash flood, land erosion, sand and stone mining (86%), and the third one was increased agricultural activities and over use of agro-chemicals (76%). The fourth force was loss of habitat/food/shelter for birds, fishes and other aquatic animals. The fifth ranking force was over use of water pollution from agrochemicals, oil spills of boat transportation (66%) resulting scarcity of water for irrigation and drinking purposes. Increase population growth and new settlement (60%) were the sixth factor. The next factor was lack of dredging and poor management of resources. The others driving forces i.e., forest concession (40%) and Urbanization (30%).

Table 18 Driving forces of land use change and depletion of other resources in Tanguar haor.

Driving forces of Tanguar Haor wetland	Respondents' opinion		Rank
	Frequency	Percent	
Over exploitation of resources (fishing, hunting birds, collection of reed, aquatic weed etc)	54	90	1
Siltation and sedimentation due to flash flood, land erosion, sand and stone mining	52	86	2
Increase agricultural activities and overuse of agro-chemicals	46	76	3
Loss of habitat/food/shelter for birds, fishes and aquatic animals	43	72	4
Water pollution from agrochemicals, oil spills of boat transportation	40	66	5
Increase population growth and new settlements	36	60	6
Lack of dredging and poor management resources	35	58	7
Forest concession	24	40	9
Urbanization	18	30	10

3.1.2.3. Changes of major ecosystem services in past 10 years

Once the Tanguar haor wetland provided all the major household requirements and other services to the community but these have been remarkably decreased during the last 10 years (Table 19). In 2000, most of all basic needs of the community like fish and food were fulfilled from haor resources, but now their supplies reduced up to 80 and 60%. Out of 80% fuel wood/cooking materials those generally came from reeds, leaves and branches of swamp forest have been reduced to 56.3% from 2000 to 2010. Once the haor was considered as the best safe home of local and migratory birds, but now these safe places have been reduced to 64.3%. About half of the drinking water requirement was met up from haor's water bodies in 2000. Now this source of drinking water reduced 50% because of impurity caused by various anthropogenic activities. However, haor has been using as a major source of irrigation water, although water has been polluted heavily. Conversely, increasing siltation in lakes/beels assumed 30.7% during 2000-2010 which causes frequent overflow of water and flood during rainy season. Use of swamp forest as a source of raw materials for house making reduced drastically for the last 10 years possibly because of alternative raw materials like galvanized steel/metals are available which is affordable for improving economic conditions of the people. In spite of enormous opportunities of the site for recreation and development of tourism, various facilities including communication have not yet developed in the area.

InVEST parameter was collect from score by expert, literature study and InVEST data base. More details please check the output 2: Package of assessment methods and techniques.

(2) Detailed data analysis methods

FoPIA result was analysis by mathematical statistics. Some FoFIA result such as variation trend of land use/cover indicator was used in InVEST model.

3.2.1.2 Research findings

(1) Scenarios of land use change identified for Poyang Lake wetlands

Discussion from FoPIA had defined the scenarios of the future, that is: conservation scenarios, economic development scenarios and baseline scenarios. The driving force of the scenarios (scenarios parameters) is considered as ecological project, agriculture input and farmers’ income level.

(2) Description of each scenario

(2.1) Scenario setting

Definition of three scenarios(table 20): (1)Conservation scenario: On contract of the current reality, the scale of the implement of the return farmland to lake project (primarily increasing the wetland scale) will increase 30% till 2020 while returning the slop cultivated land which is inconvenient to cultivate and has poor quality or on the slop land over 15 degree except that basic agricultural input levels remain the same and per capita net income of farmers increases by 10.8%; (2) Economic scenario: under the impact of market and government measures, farmers realize the economic benefits of land use which leading to the basic agricultural input and per capita net income of farmers increasing at the rate of 15% and 25%; (3) Baseline scenario: the basic agricultural input levels and per capita net income of farmers increases at the rate of 4.4% and 10.8%.

Table 20 Land use scenario and parameters

Scenario Parameters	Conservation	Economic development	Baseline
Return farmland to lake	Increase by 30% in 2020	stop	stop
Returning farmland to forest	Returning cultivated land (slope above 15) to forest	stop	stop
Agriculture input	Maintain the current level	Average annual growth rate by 15%	Average annual growth rate by 4.4%
Net income of farmers	Average annual growth rate by 10.8%	Average annual growth rate by 25%	Average annual growth rate by 10.8%

(2.2) Scenarios assessment:

According to scenario computational formula, the biodiversity value under conservation scenario, economic development scenario, baseline scenario are 20.93, -22.52 and 0.87 respectively. It will be

in high biodiversity level under conservation scenario (table 21).

Table 21 land use/cover indicator weight which impact on biodiversity and the final scenario value

scenarios	Forest		Nature wetlands		Construction land		Agriculture land		scenario value
	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	
Conservation		2.16		0.73		0.08		-0.06	20.93
Economic development	7.5	-0.05	6.5	-1.38	3.8	-0.84	5.3	-1.89	-22.52
Baseline		0.07		0.32		-0.96		0.36	0.87

According to scenario computational formula, the biodiversity value under conservation scenario, economic development scenario, baseline scenario are 19.67, -3.18 and 0.21 respectively. It will be in high soil retention level under conservation scenario (table 22).

Table 22 Indicator weight affecting soil retention and the final scenario value

scenarios	Forest		Soil organic matter		Slope cropland		Multiple crop index		scenario value
	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	weight	Value i	
Conservation		2.2		-0.33		1.2		0.1	19.67
Economic development	6.46	-0.4	4.92	-0.76	5.68	0	2.62	1.2	-3.18
Baseline		0.2		-0.54		0.6		-0.7	0.21

3.2.2 Scenario and land use analysis of change impact on ecosystem services

3.2.2.1 Simulation method

(1) Introduction of InVEST model

The InVEST ecosystem services analysis model was developed by Stanford University in collaboration with other institutions in 2010, and it has since been widely used. InVEST consists of a suite of models that use LU/LC patterns to assess values of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation. Examples of ecosystem services and commodity production that InVEST can model include water quality, water provision for irrigation and hydropower, storm peak mitigation, soil conservation, carbon sequestration, pollination, cultural and spiritual values, recreation and tourism, timber and non-timber forest products, agricultural products, and residential property values.

(2) Detailed data collection methods

By FoPIA discussion, we get 4 land use/cover index which impact on biodiversity of Poyang Lake

wetland. The 4 index are forest land, wetland, construction land and agriculture land. From FoPIA discussion, we also get the tendency of the 4 index under different scenarios, using percentage number to represent the tendency. The future habitat map, Land use/cover map can be shaped by land use/cover change tendency.

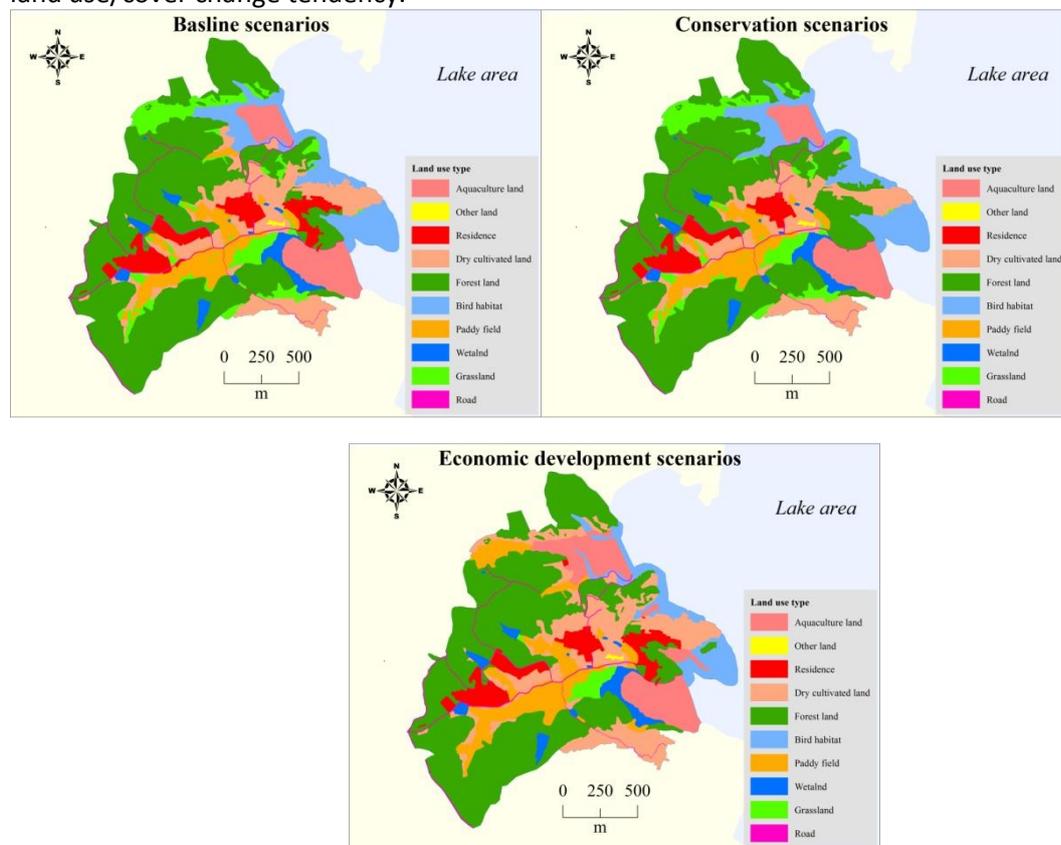


Figure 33 Land use/cover map under different scenario

(3) Detailed data analysis methods

The model considers four parameters: a). Habitat type: Different habitats have different suitabilities for migratory birds; for example, swampland is more suitable than paddy fields for most migratory birds. b). Intensity of threat: Birds are affected differently by different threats. For example, most human settlements are more stressful than vehicle traffic, and the effect of road traffic varies among traffic levels. c). The distance between the habitat and the stressor, and the associated stress pathways (both linear and nonlinear): The effect will decrease with increasing distance, but the decrease may be linear or nonlinear. Because the default for InVEST is a linear rate of change, we chose that option. In future research, it may be worthwhile testing whether a nonlinear trend would be appropriate for some situations. d). Habitat sensitivity: Each habitat varies in its sensitivity to different types of stressor.

The four parameters data can be got from score by expert, literature study and InVEST data base. By input those four parameters, and some spatial data (Land use/cover data, habitat distribution data), and we can get the habitat quality map under different scenario.

3.2.2.2 Findings of ecosystem service changes affected by land use change

(1) Simulation results of impact of land use change on ecosystem services in Poyang Lake wetland

Results as followed: Under the conservation scenario, the average quality of the habitat of Migratory birds was 0.89, 36.9% higher than the current level which was 0.57, 12.3% lower than the current level under the economic scenario, and was 0.66, 1.5% higher than the current level under

the baseline scenario.

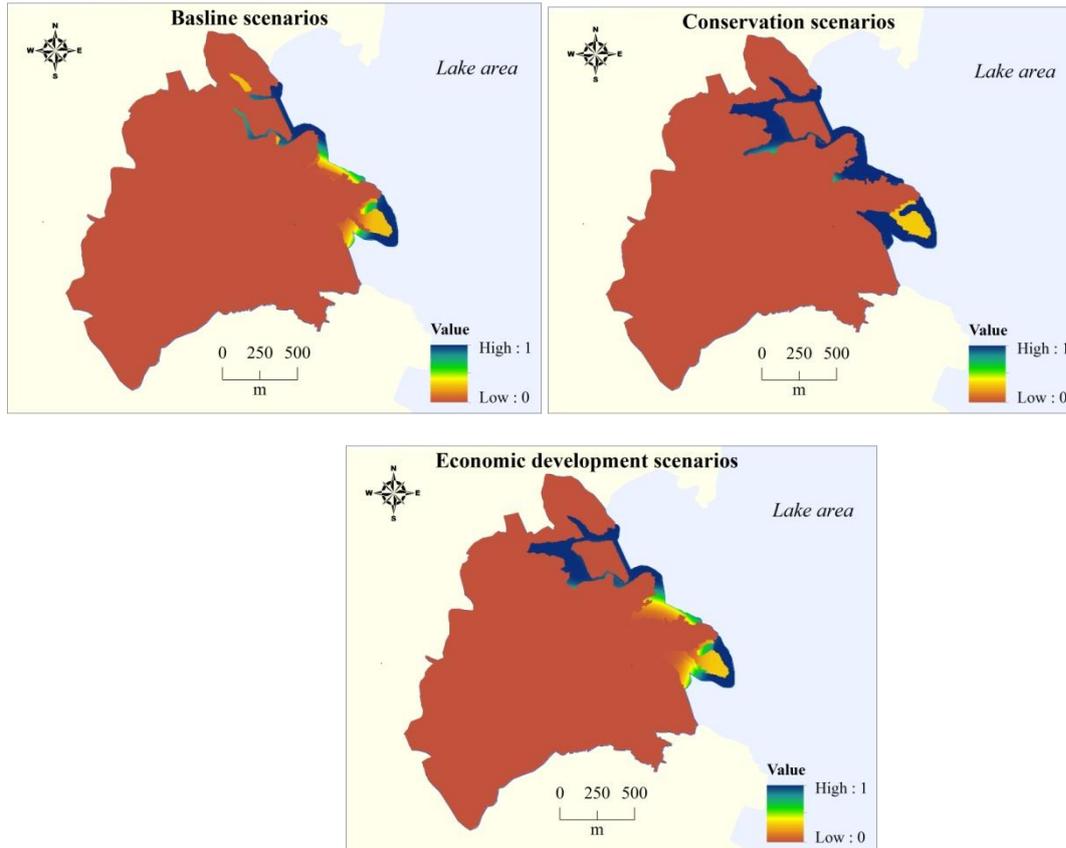


Figure 34 Simulation results of habitat quality of the typical village

(2) Explanations and discussions of the findings

Under scenarios of conservation, the effect of RFL and RFF policy will be continue, and the agriculture input will be maintain by the current status level. Habitat quality of the migratory bird will be 0.80, increasing by 36.9% comparing to current status. Moreover, the nature wetlands which is suitable to migratory bird increased by 24.3%; Under scenarios of economic development, the average quality of the habitat of migratory bird is 0.57, decreasing by 12.3% comparing to current status. In this scenarios, ecological project will be stop, and the agriculture input will be increasing, making agriculture land increase by large amount (by 63.0%). Moreover, the new building house will be increase by 28.0% because of economic development making rural income increase in large amount. The result of agriculture land and residence land increasing make human activities stress on habitat much more intensify. In addition, 46.0% of the current wetland was occupied by aquafarm; Under scenarios of baseline, the average quality of the habitat of migratory bird is 0.66, increasing by 1.5% comparing to current status, there are no ecological project in that scenarios, and cultivated land abandoned phenomenon increasing because of agriculture comparative benefit are very low, but this phenomenon would make human activities stress on habitat become less, and paddy field abandoned cause some nature wetland increasing to some extent (by 4.0%). But then migrant workers go to cities increasing. According to expert introduction, in Poyang Lake wetlands, it is common phenomenon to building house after migrant workers come back from the city. so construction land will be increasing by large amount (32.0%) in that scenarios, which intensify human activities effect on migratory bird habitat. Overall, habitat quality will not increasing obviously.

3.2.3. Synthesis of research findings and development of decision support tool

The decision support tool (DST) shows impact of land use change on ecosystem services in our 3

study area. It is used to integrate the results of this project, and show these to the decision makers with a visualization and friendly interface, supporting them to make more reasonable decision.

Decision support tools are developed by software of Adobe Dreamweaver, computer language as HTML and JavaScript are used to develop tools. It is running on windows platform, using IE browser to open it. These tools consist of 5 parts, including study area, LUCC, assessment of ecosystem services, scenarios (only in Poyang Lake wetlands) and achievement of our project.

Framework of decision support tools is designed as follows:

In the “study area” part: It is the introduction of the study area of the 3 countries. Contents are including geographical positions, nature, social, economic situations of the study areas.

In the “LUCC” part: Firstly, using the form of table and explanatory notes, we show the overall trend of land use/cover change of the 3 study sites in the past 10–20 years, and the driving forces which make land use/cover changes. Secondly, using the form of table, geographical maps and explanatory notes, we show LUCC trends in the past 10–20 years of each study site.

In the “assessment of ecosystem services” part: Firstly, using the form of table, we show the overall change trends of ecosystem services of each site in the past 10–20 years. Secondly, using the form of table, geographical maps and explanatory notes, we show ecosystem services change trends characteristic in the past 10–20 years for each study site.

In the “scenarios” part: We chose Poyang Lake wetlands as the study example. We show scenarios, scenarios parameters and result which get from FoPIA. We also show the habitat map of the migratory bird which get from InVEST model in typical villages.

In the “achievement” part: Showing articles that we have publishes or coming publish, which including articles, master/doctor thesis, progress report base on the project.

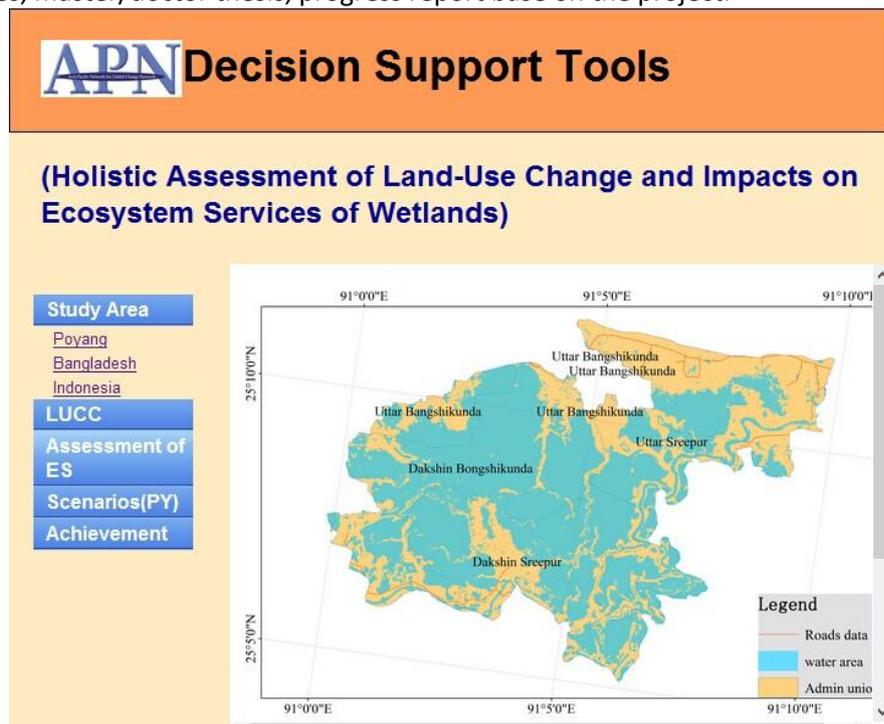


Figure 35 Interface of the Decision support tools

APN Decision Support Tools

(Holistic Assessment of Land-Use Change and Impacts on Ecosystem Services of Wetlands)

Assessment of Ecosystem Services

Study Area
LUCC
Assessment of ES
[Overall](#)
[Poyang_ES](#)
[Bangladesh_ES](#)
[Indonesia_ES](#)
Scenarios(PY)
Achievement

Select ES
Biodiversity_PY

Select Year
2010

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Figure 36 Selecting interface of assessment of ecosystem services.

APN Decision Support Tools

(Holistic Assessment of Land-Use Change and Impacts on Ecosystem Services of Wetlands)

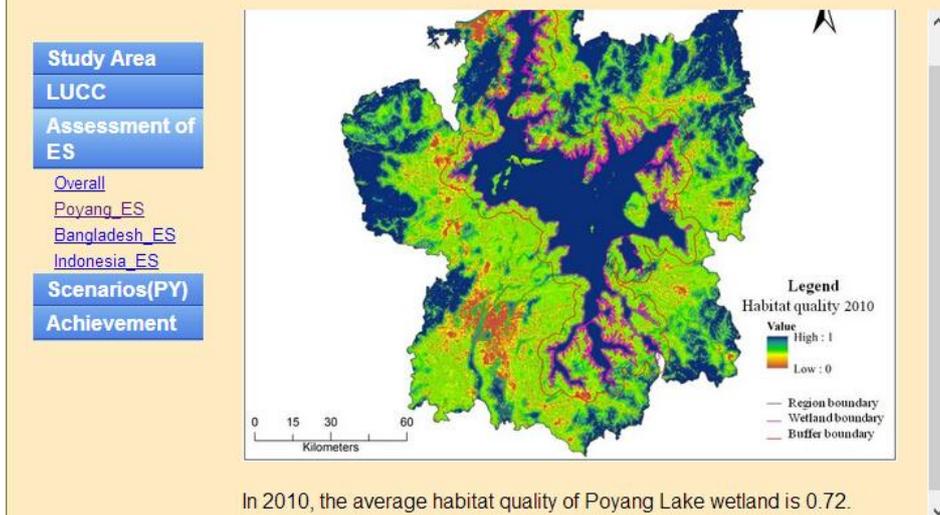


Figure 37 Result of ecosystem services of (Biodiversity in Poyang Lake wetland)

3.3 Discussions

3.3.1 Importance of your findings, in light of the overall study aims

(1) In Poyang lake wetland of China, following aspects are significant for the findings

a) Land use/cover types and changes: Cultivated land, forest and wetland are the most important land use/cover types in Poyang Lake wetland, which covers 34.76%, 28.22% and 26.56% of the

whole area in the year 2010. During 2000 to 2010, forest land increased by 2.06% because of project returning farmland to forest. Whereas, for the reason of reclaim land from a lake, the area of wetland presented decrease in a degree, but project of returning farmland to lake had made things less worse. Cultivated land decreased sharply because of returning farmland to lake, returning farmland to forest and construction occupying.

From the typical village study, we find that intensify of land use in Poyang lake wetland had been decreased (average 4%), and the vegetation coverage had been increased (average 10%). Land use/cover change (LUCC) which caused by ecological conservation projects is the main LUCC type in Poyang Lake wetland. Multiple cropping index of the paddy field had been decreased (average about 15%, data from household questionnaire).

b) Main driving forces of land use change: During the year 2000 to 2011, precipitation had undergone trends of decrease. Precipitation decreasing can make some wetland which have low water content to become grassland. extraordinary rainstorm in 1998 caused "returning farmland to lake" (RFL) policy into effect, which made remarkable change of land use such as many cultivated land being change into wetlands.

From the expert discussing, policy, industrialization, urbanization and dam construction are the main anthropogenic factors of land use change. From the typical village study, the main LUCC is caused by new built homestead, cultivated land abandon, transformation from paddy field into dry land, fish ponds construction and eco-projects, which took more than 95% of the total changed area.

c) Impact of land use change on main ecosystem services in the wetland: On account of the calculation of InVEST Model, in 2000, the average quality of habitat of the whole Poyang Lake wetland was 0.69, and it went up to 0.72 in 2010 with a growth of 4.53%. And from view of two typical villages, the model's calculations show that the average habitat quality in and around Chenlang in 2000 was 0.48, and that this increased by 18.8% to 0.57 in 2012. For Yuanlong village, the InVEST calculations showed that the average habitat quality increased from 0.44 in 2000 to 0.65 in 2012 (by 47.7%). Ecological projects and some other human activities such as cultivated land discounting are the main reason for such changes.

Also on account of the calculation of InVEST model, the amount of soil erosion of Poyang Lake wetland decreased from 16.50 Mt in 2000 to 15.45 Mt in 2010 with the amount of 1.05 Mt decreased as 6.39%. Project of returning farmland to forest had made big construction to this result.

(2) In GSBR of Indonesia, following aspects are significant for the findings

By this research, we know that the needs and biological physical impulses make humans must adapt their self with the environment, by changing the land use due to the economic and physical circumstances. In terms of land use change, land use change patterns of other uses (forest, shrub, open land and fields) into houses, rubber plantation, village facilities are very dominant in some areas, such as Temiang Village and tasik Betung village.

(3) In Tanguar Haor of Bangladesh, following aspects are significant for the findings

This study has intensively assessed the land use changes and their impacts on major ecosystem services of Tanguar haor wetland of Bangladesh. This wetland has local and national importance because of its diversified services and benefits but currently services are being depleted noticeably. This study has identified the major land uses and their changes over time by analysis of satellite images over time and opinion of communities and local experts. Among the changes of different land uses, the main visible change was the change of water bodies where water bodies were transformed to crop land, mudflat, settlement and unproductive swamp forest. Because of the good water bodies, this ecosystem was considered as the treasure house of diversified resources especially fishes and bird habitat as well as drinking water and income of the local people that are being depleted over time. The analysis of satellite image of the study site supported the field records on the changes of land use pattern. The main reasons for these changes were identified as

