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# Climate Change, Biomass Burning and Biogenic Emissions Impact on Surface Ozone and Particulate Matter in Southeast Asia



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## Project Overview

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<b>Project Duration</b>	: 3 Years (Aug 2017-July 2020) + 1-year extension (Aug 2020 – Aug 2021)
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## Project Summary

The first main task of this project is to investigate climate change in Southeast Asia using WRF Model at a higher resolution project, with aim of developing climate change scenarios (RCP4.5, 6.0, and 8.5) for the region. The output would help to identify which areas in the region that potentially important in assessing climate vulnerability for adaptation purposes. The second task is to develop biomass burning emission inventory for the whole of Southeast Asia. This region is prone to forest fire especially the tropical forest over Borneo Island, Sumatera Island as well as savannah forest over continental Southeast Asia (Indochina). For this investigation the year 2013 was selected as it was considered a neutral year. The inventory of biomass emission is important as an input for the air quality model of the region. The third task is developing the biogenic emission inventory for Southeast Asia. The main compound in the investigation was isoprene as it is very reactive and important in atmospheric chemistry, particularly on ozone chemistry and secondary aerosol formation. The last task was to investigate the regional air quality (ozone and other pollutants) under climate change scenarios. Four workshops and research meetings were organised as part of the commitment to disseminate information on the research focus to the collaborating countries.

**Keywords:** *Biogenic Emission, Biomass Burning, Climate Change, Southeast Asia, Surface Ozone*

## **Project outputs and outcomes**

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## **Key facts/figures**

- Developed climate change scenarios (RCP4.5, RCP6.0, and RCP8.5) for Southeast Asia – warming the atmosphere over Southeast Asia in the future especially towards the end of the century
- Biomass emissions were found to be higher in Southeast Asia particularly particulate matter from biomass burning
- Biogenic Emissions (isoprene) in Southeast Asia are influenced greatly by climate change. High emission of biogenic over Borneo Island, Papua New Guinea, and Sumatera Island.
- Great variability of surface ozone and other air pollutants parameter under climate change scenarios over part of Southeast Asia region (Malaysia)

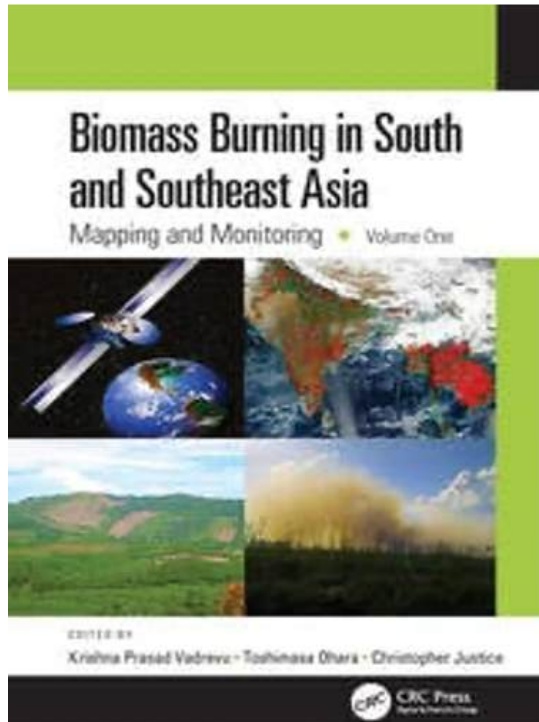
## Potential for further work

Over the Southeast Asia domain, the current works focused on the development of climate change scenarios, biomass emission inventory, biogenic emission inventory, and regional air quality. How climate change affects regional biogenic emissions and air quality were also explored. Due to the wide scope of the study, coupled with the limited access to the computing system during the pandemic period in 2020 and 2021, a few work details warrant further investigation to understand the intricate relationship between climate-biomass emission-biogenic emissions-air quality. Relevant to the current scope of investigations, potential works for future investigation are:

- a) We have a reasonably good understanding of regional climate change over Southeast Asia. Future works on the enhancement of the spatial resolution and the investigation of inter-model comparison and higher spatial resolution using the latest climate scenarios could further enhance the understanding of the regional climate change variability. Consideration under extreme climate for the impacts, vulnerability, and adaptations investigation will enhance the understanding of future climate scenarios and their impacts on various issues.
- b) With a limited understanding of the future ozone response to future climate change scenarios, further investigation could be expanded on how climate change, biomass, and biogenic emissions affect the regional oxidising capacity. The unexpected role of biomass burning in terms of tropospheric ozone formation potential (OFP) when including the large contributions of VOCs of biomass burning such as aldehydes, biomass burning could significantly enhance the regional atmospheric oxidizing capacity, in addition to the well-recognised contributions of primary pollutants, which should be seriously considered in the future works that will employ atmospheric chemistry models.
- c) A large scale of biomass burning over the tropics generates large amounts of atmospheric pollutants yearly. The development of an emissions inventory of biomass burning is very challenging, especially when performing modelling of regional air quality. This study has employed remote sensing techniques in developing regional biomass inventory. However further evaluation on the generated datasets needs to be performed by comparing them with other available techniques. In this case, the Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel Emissions (SMOKE) could be considered to produce a spatial distribution of the forest fire emissions in the region. Future air quality modelling at a local level could apply the results and the methodology of this study. The biomass burning emissions could add a better performance of the results and more knowledge on the effect of this source.
- d) Current investigation on the future biogenic emissions is based on the current landcover, To improve the future biogenic emission inventory, apart from the future climate forcing, the assumption on possible future landcover forcing can be explored to investigate the combined effects of climate and landcover forcing on future biogenic emissions. This is particularly true for areas that are considered biogenic emission hot-spot areas such as Borneo Island, Papua New Guinea, and Sumatera Island, where large tropical rainforests are still to be found.
- e) Biomass emissions in the Southeast Asia region may not only on the long-range transport of pollutants issue but may resulting effects on atmospheric chemistry along with determining the potential effects of these changes on atmospheric processes and the resulting impacts on society. The analysis of satellite and other measurement datasets and use of the higher resolution of regional models such as WRF-CHEM and CMAQ or an ultra-high-resolution, fully-particle-resolve aerosol model (PartMC) can be explored.

## Publications

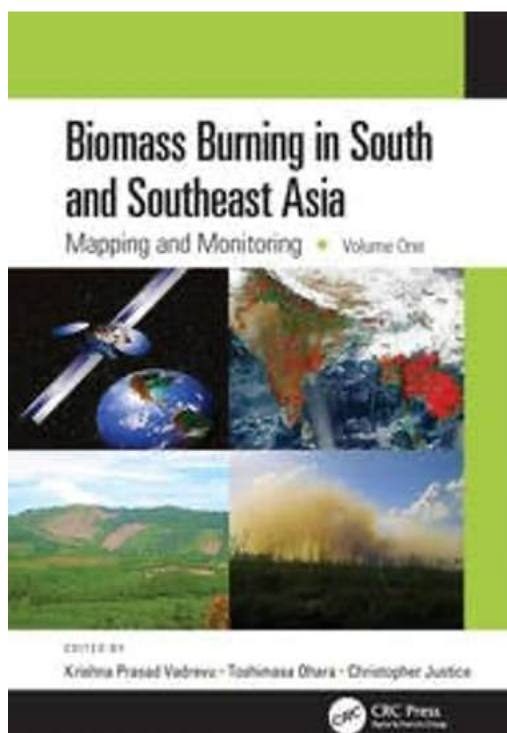
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**ABSTRACT**

The increased prevalence of severe biomass burning due to forest fires in Southeast ASEAN countries (Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore, and Timor-Leste) is strongly linked with human-induced land-use changes, primarily related to agricultural expansion, mainly conversion of forests to oil palm plantations. Large-scale biomass burning that recurs almost annually in this region plays a vital role in regional climate change. Biomass burning emissions are recognized as an essential source of greenhouse gases and atmospheric pollutants. In Malaysia, most biomass burning emissions are due to Indonesia's transboundary pollution, mostly between July and October. Seasonal monsoons and transboundary pollution greatly influence the spatial and temporal variations of long-term air quality in Malaysia. Extreme weather conditions in Malaysia are always associated with long periods of a dry atmosphere, which frequently occurs during El Niño events, though the strength of El Niño was not the primary factor for the large and intense biomass burning in Southeast ASEAN. In this study, we review the impact of biomass burning on the local environment in Malaysia, including air pollution and haze, atmospheric acidity and neutralization, and plant productivity, including respiratory and health issues.

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### INTRODUCTION

Swidden agriculture started about 12,000 years ago when humans stopped hunting and gathering and decided to stay put where they are and began to grow crops and domesticate animals. Among the motivations is the hesitance to leave an ideal location that, at the same time, is endowed with a perfect climate. By swidden agriculture, we mean the conversion of forest and grassland to open land suitable for farming. It is sometimes referred to as "slash-and-burn agriculture," and it is called the *kamigin* system in the Philippines. The strategy is to clear up an area by cutting down the vegetation, allowing it to dry, and then setting it on fire to produce

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## **Awards and honours**

During the project period, the following research collaborators were promoted to Associates Professors. Congratulations!

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## **Pull Quote**

“The main key issues have been raised and brought out in this research for Southeast Asia on Biomass Burning and Biogenic Emission that could be one of the important platforms to move forward for the next steps, especially cooperation from both sides of the Governments to tackle the climate change. It is time for all relevant parties to talk to each other and understand what is happening to their communities, understand the problem, and make a difference in the climate crisis for the future of our young generation”

*Assoc. Prof. Carolyn Melissa Payus, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia*

“The APN has opened a wider networking opportunity for me, with my fellow young scientist in southeast Asia. Because of the APN Project, I was able to interact with SEA scientists, and understand that their air pollution situation is both unique and ubiquitous to our region. Unique because the sources of emissions are of particular fingerprint based on the type of biogenic emissions in each country. Ubiquitous because the biogenic emissions, once in the atmosphere, has a potential of being transported and shared within the Southeast Asian region. I was also able to share these learnings to our local students, who have gained interest in long-range transported emissions. Aside from the recently published works, we are writing a book chapter on characterizing long-range transported emissions during a SEA Haze event in 2019. This would not be possible if not through the help of this APN Project”

*Assoc. Prof. Mylene G. Cayetano, University of the Philippines Diliman*

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## **1 Introduction**

The Southeast Asian region was identified by IPCC (2007) as one of the most vulnerable regions due to climate change and its already posing a physical risk to the people, as it only getting worse. Without proper adaptation and commitment for mitigation for further decarbonization, the society and economies of SEA people will become increasingly vulnerable to climate change impact. What's more, this region has also one of the highest rates of landcover changes through deforestation and conversion into large oil palm plantations. Recent studies have shown that by magnitude, oil palm trees have the potential to emit biogenic emission larger than the tropical evergreen forest, particularly isoprene, which is playing important role in atmospheric chemistry that eventually affect ozone formation since it is a greenhouse gas as well as a secondary pollutant.

Climate change and air pollution are like “two sides of the same coin”. Climate change and air pollution issues converge in the increasing background concentrations of ozone, which the ozone itself is the third most important greenhouse gas (IPCC, 2013) and a pollutant that brings adverse effects on human health, crop, and natural ecosystem (Leung and Gutherson, 2005). Other atmospheric pollutants such as atmospheric aerosols have received increasing attention in the region, simply because of their role not only as a pollutant but also significantly affect the radiation balance of the atmosphere. Climate change on the other hand may cause feedback in terms of changes in emission (increase biogenic emission, which is greatly dependent on temperature) and emissions patterns (affect the frequency and intensity of forest fires).

Several studies have shown that climate change has a significant impact on future air quality notably surface ozone and secondary aerosol (Sentian et al, 2015; Forkel and Knoche, 2006; Murazaki and Hess, 2006). Using the previous SRES A2 emission scenario of the IPCC into the high resolution (45 km) regional climate model PRECIS, and employing a simple box model (CiTTyCAT) for the air quality simulation, the increase of surface temperature is responsible for the increase of surface ozone in Malaysian urban areas and the decrease in rural areas both during the wet season (winter monsoon) and dry season (summer monsoon) (Sentian et al., 2015). On a global scale, several recent investigations have found large variability of ozone responses to climate change. The surface ozone simulation by GCM-CTM coupled model using the new RCPs scenarios has shown that the global surface ozone concentration would increase under the RCP 8.5 scenario, and decrease under RCP 2.6, RCP 4.5, and RCP 6.0 scenarios at the end of this century (Lamarque et al., 2011; Cionni et al., 2011; Kawase et al., 2011; Gao et al., 2013; Young et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2015).

Increased surface temperature due to climate change also was responsible for the increase of biogenic emissions (i.e isoprene and monoterpene) (He et al., 2016). Sentian et al. (2011) has observed an

increase in isoprene emission due to climate change in Southeast Asia. Similar responses were also observed in other investigations (see Chatani et al., 2015; Zare et al., 2014; Pyle et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2008). Ozone and secondary aerosol formation in the atmosphere are sensitive to biogenically emitted volatile organic compounds (BVOC emissions) which are strongly dependent on weather and land cover changes (see more in; Geddes et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2014; Jacob & Winner, 2009; Guenther et al., 2006). An increase in future surface temperature was found to be responsible for the increase of isoprene and monoterpene emissions, thus causing the average surface ozone to increase (Penrod et al., 2014; Dawson et al., 2009).

In the northern hemisphere, the biogenic emission can contribute to the increment of surface ozone between 4-30 ppbv (Zara et al., 2014). The increase of biogenic emission was also observed to cause the particulate matter to increase by up to 15% over the United States and suggested that about 90% of particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) reduction in the future was contributed by the biogenic emission reduction, and the climate penalty only caused around 10% (Lam et al., 2011). A combined effect of climate change and biogenic emission on the increase of atmospheric secondary aerosol formation was also observed in several investigations (see Chatani et al., 2015; Lam et al., 2011). Thus, BVOCs emissions inventories are a very important database when exploring surface ozone and particulate matter as pollutants and at the same time support the establishment of appropriate regulatory control strategies for air pollution (e.g., Chatani et al., 2015). However, BVOC emissions inventories were poorly developed in Southeast Asia (Woo & Kim, 2015).

The multifaceted impact of climate change on biogenic emissions as well as the combined impact of climate forcing and biogenic forcing on the regional air quality, particularly surface ozone and secondary aerosol is relatively unexplored in the Southeast Asia region. This region is one of the most vulnerable regions in the world due to climate change (IPCC, 2007) and also one of the largest contributors to the biogenic emission mainly from the rainforest and huge area of oil palm plantation (Mitszal et al., 2010). A rapid change in landcover mainly due to agricultural expansion such as oil palm plantation is equally important as this will affect the spatial distribution of biogenic emission, which is important in ozone chemistry. An increase in biogenic emissions from sources that are associated with the conversion of forest into oil palm and other land uses was found to be significant over Southeast Asia (Pyle et al., 2011; Skiba et al., 2012; Sentian et al., 2011). Therefore, the future status of regional air quality will not be only associated with the increase of surface temperature due to climate change, increase in biogenic emissions, and increase kinetic reaction in the atmospheric chemistry reaction but also affected by emissions from biomass burning and other anthropogenic sources.

In USA, the surface concentration of particulates (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) decreased over most of the domain area by up to 40% due to surface warming (Zhang et al., 2008). Other factors that contributed to this observation were the decrease in gaseous precursors, primary particulate emission, and an increase in

precipitation in winter (Penrod et al., 2014). Biomass burning and anthropogenic emissions from transportation activities are the main sources of ozone precursors in atmospheric chemistry reactions in the region, which are relatively stronger effects than the climate change on ozone-aerosol production (Wang et al., 2013). High aerosols region of Southeast Asia that is triggered by biomass burning results in low UV radiation, the low photochemical activity causing low ozone production (Deng et al. 2008). Lin et al. (2013) and Cristofanelli et al. (2013). suggested that biomass burning could enhance ozone production, which is probably due to the local meteorological condition and photochemistry.

The quest for much higher resolution of climate change, improved biomass, and biogenic emission inventories, and high temporal and spatial resolution of air quality model is crucial and a necessity for the improvement of understanding on the individual and combined impact of climate change, biomass, and biogenic emissions to the regional air quality. Therefore, the objectives of this project are:

1. To develop and assess climate change for Southeast Asia based on multi-climate RCPs scenarios
2. To develop biomass burning emission inventory for Southeast Asia
3. To develop and assess biogenic emission for Southeast Asia under multi-climate RCPs scenarios
4. To simulate and assess the regional air quality (surface ozone and other pollutants) under the influence of climate change, biomass burning emission, and biogenic emission

Understanding the future climate impacts on air quality and its feedbacks on exposure and vulnerability of future human health is crucial particularly in the Southeast Asia region, where its economic activities are highly dependent on natural resources utilisation, large conversion of forest into other agriculture and frequently experiencing extreme trans-boundary air pollution. The development of multi-climate change scenarios for Southeast Asia provides a platform to employ high resolutions climate change output as a driver for the projection of future regional biogenic emissions and air quality. The outcomes of this project will provide a better insight for the policymakers in reviewing, strengthening, and formulating relevant policy on a wide range of issues that link to a climate-air quality relationship. The most notable one would be related to greenhouse gases emissions and climate change; biogenic emissions and landcover changes; biomass burning emissions and forests; and air quality and health.

A policy that jointly addresses climate change and sustainability in the region is highly sought and more effective when consistently embedded within broader designed strategies for sustainable development. This is particularly true as the impact of climate variability and change made complicated by the socio-economic development in the region affects the ability of countries to achieve sustainable goals. The consequence outcome policies from this project that encompass various issues can be translated into strategy and action plans, and eventually on specific programmes and activities. To support the country's sustainable goals, formulated strategies and action plans need to be implemented and

monitored efficiently, alongside actions in mainstreaming mitigations and adaptations of climate change impacts into their local planning and policy development process.

Apart from the respective country's policy, this project undoubtedly contributes significantly to the national and regional scientific capacity development in the areas of developing regional high-resolution climate scenarios; developing and improving regional biomass burning and biogenic emissions inventories; and simulating regional air quality under climate and biogenic emissions scenarios. Active participation of each collaborative country at various levels of planning, execution, analysis, and interpretation will provide direct opportunities for enhancing national/regional scientific capacity development. In addition, there are opportunities for other young scientists from the collaborative countries to be involved in the project implementation and discussion of the project outcomes through a series of workshops and a conference. This project is in line with the IPCC programme, which is emphasising communicating information to the global community and supporting the implementation of the WCRP Strategic Framework. The outcome of this project will be eventually shared with WCRP global secretariat via WCRP's Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) and other initiatives such as PROVIA (Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation).

## **2 Methodology**

### **2.1 Regional Climate Modelling**

#### **2.1.1 Climate Model Description: Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model**

The Weather Research Forecast (WRF) is a specific computer program that can be used in either in weather forecast or climatic research purpose. The model is developed under collaborative effort including National Centre of Environmental Prediction (NOAA/NCEP), the NOAA earth Systems Research Laboratory Global Systems Division (NOAA/ESRL/GSD), National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Mesoscale Microscale Meteorology Division (MMM), the Department of Defense's Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and also a number of institute and university in United States (Dodla et al., 2011). The WRF model is the state-of-science mesoscale model framework.

There are two types of WRF which divided according to the two different dynamics cores such as Non-hydrostatic Mesoscale Model (NMM) and Advanced Research Model (ARW) (NCAR, 2006; NOAA, 2007). NMM is developed under support of NCEP while ARW is developed by NCAR (Skamarock et al., 2008). In this project, ARW was used as it is created to be flexible and state of art atmospheric model. The WRF-ARW with scales ranging from meters to thousands of kilometres can be used in several applications such as idealized simulations, regional and global applications, parameterization research, data assimilation research, real-time NWP, forecast research, coupled-model

applications, hurricane research and teaching purpose (WRF-ARW, 2012). The WRF-ARW was developed based on few components as shown in Figure 2.1.1. The modelling system component including Advanced Research WRF (ARW) dynamic solver, WRF Pre-processing System (WPS) and also WRF Data Assimilation (WRF-DA) system.

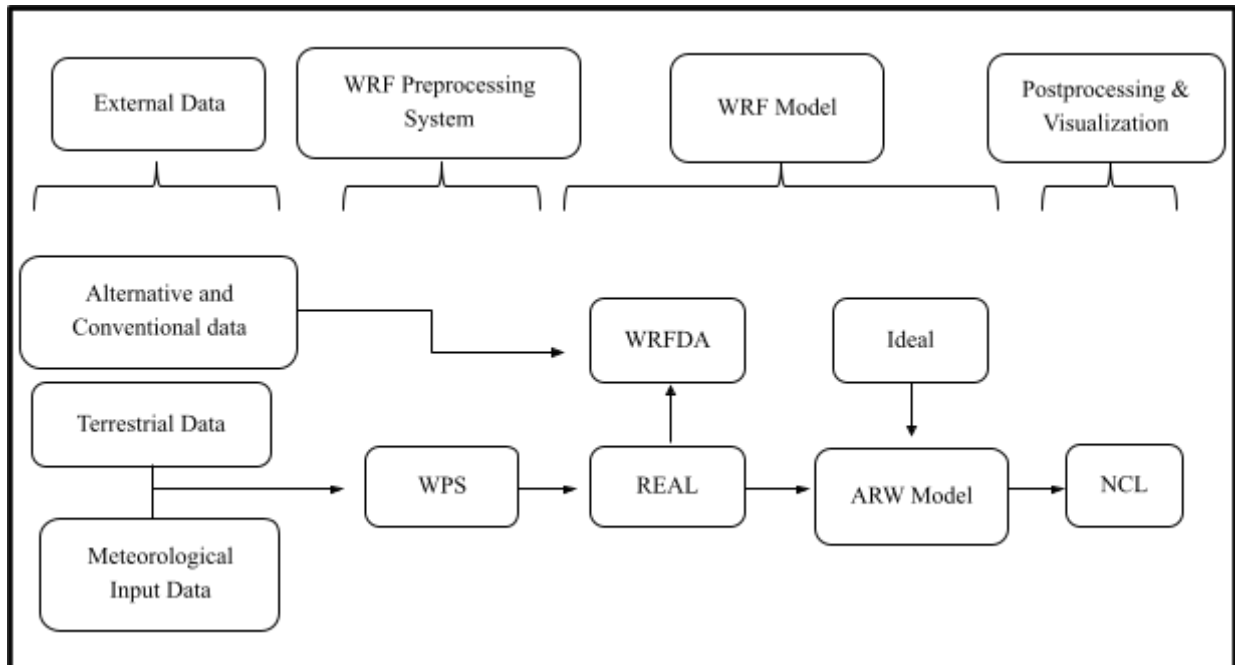


Figure 2.1.1: Framework of the WRF-ARW modelling system. ARW consists of four major programs such as WPS, WRF-DA, ARW solver and post-processing and visualization.

### 2.1.2 Data Input

There are two types of input data: static terrestrial data database and time dependent meteorological fields. Both data can be downloaded in WRF Official Website and it is stored in grid binary format GRIB. The model required initial, lateral and boundary conditions data as input data. WRF Pre-processing System contain geogrid program which function as defining model domains and interpolates static geographical data to grids (Figure 2.1.2). Besides, the GRIB files that contain meteorological data which read by a program called “ungrid” to identify the variables and level in GRIB files. Then, the intermediate data file of meteorology field is interpolated onto simulation domain produced by geogrid program. The metgrid output then becomes real program for WRF model and it is converted into NetCDF format.

### 2.1.3 Model Setup and Experimental Design

One-way nesting WRF model was used in this study, where the simulations were carried out in one nested horizontal domain (Figure 2.1.3). The domain covered the whole Southeast Asia region with 30 km

resolution. Table 2.1.1 shows the summary of model setup and all the selected option features. The year of 2013 was selected as the base year of the present-day simulation, and the future projections are in the year of 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100. The projection for January (to represent winter monsoon) was selected between 0000 UTC 31 December and ended at 0000 UTC 01 February for both present-day and future projections (2013, 2030, 2050, 2070, 2100). Meanwhile, the simulations for July (to represent summer monsoon) were run from 0000 UTC 31 June and ended at 0000 UTC 01 August for both present-day and future projection.

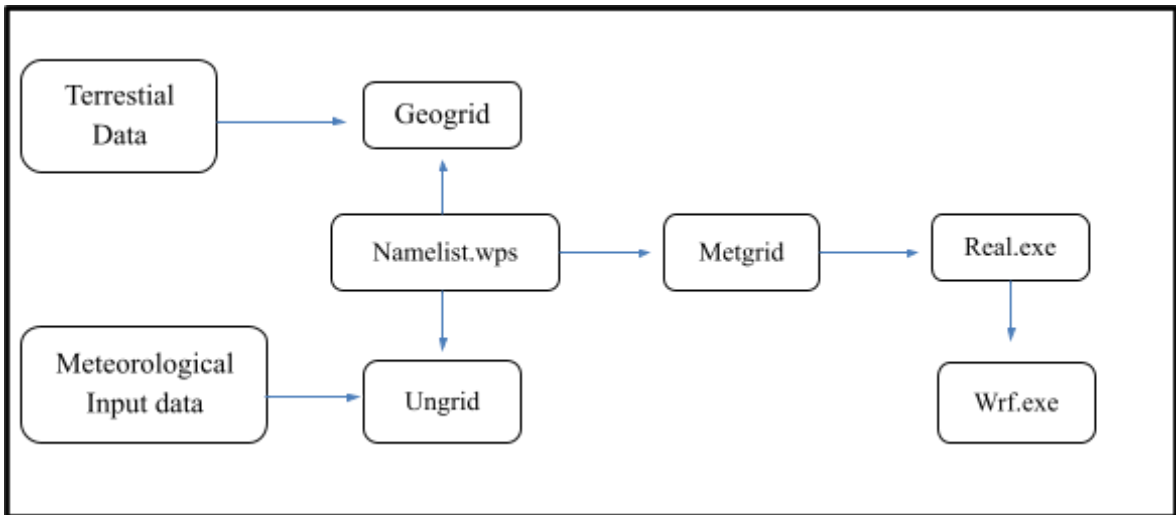


Figure 2.1.2: Framework of WRF Pre-processing System (WPS), which consists of three major programs such as geogrid, ungrid and metgrid.

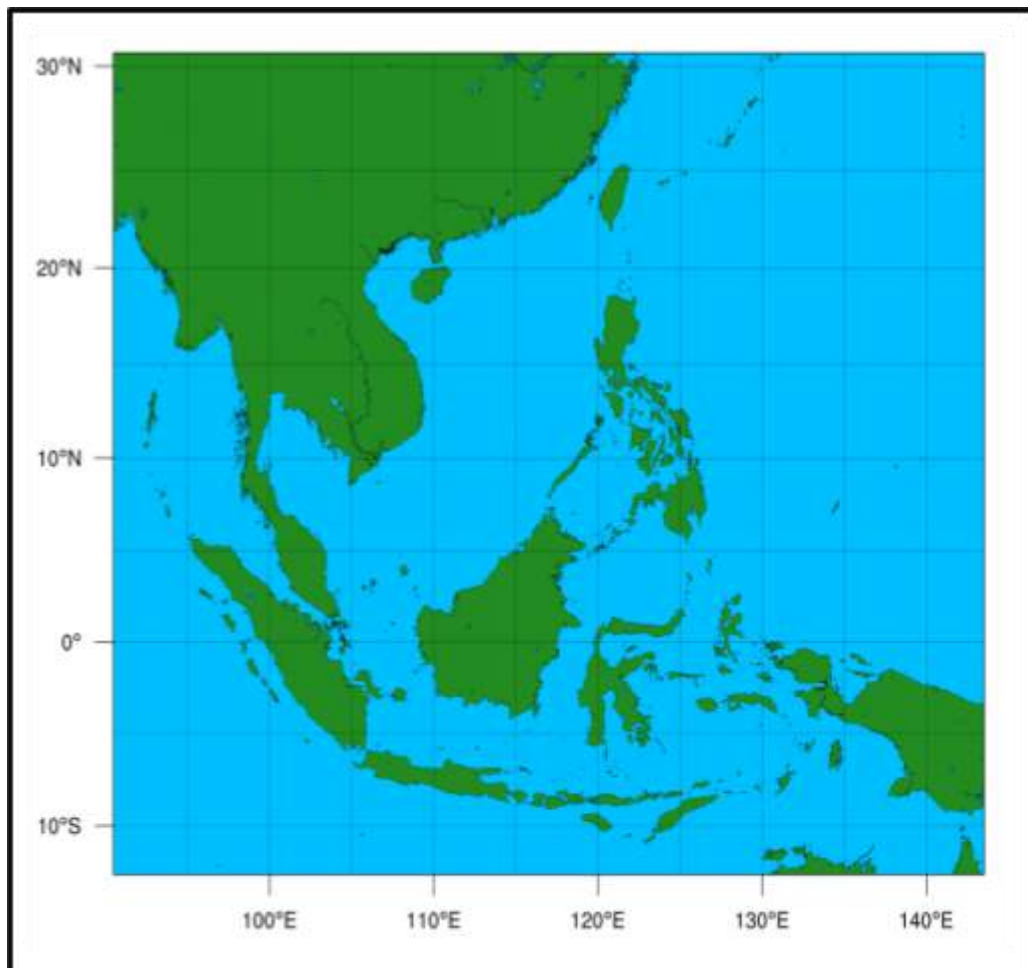


Figure 2.1.3: Research domain (Southeast Asia) for the climate change modelling

Table 2.1.1: Summary of the model setup and features used in the model.

<b>Model Setup</b>	<b>Option</b>
Map projection	Lambert
Temporal resolution	1 hours
Spatial resolution	30 km
Vertical levels	27
Dynamic core	ARW
Surface layer scheme	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov Scheme
Land surface scheme	Noah Land Surface Model (LSM)
Microphysics parameterizations	Thompson Aerosol-Aware Scheme (initialized by 2001-2007 GOCART Climatology)
Long wave radiation physics	Rapid Radiative Transfer Model (RRTM)
Short wave radiation physics	Dudhia Shortwave Scheme
Boundary layer	Mellor-Yamada-Janjic Scheme
Urban surface	3-category Urban Canopy Model (roofs, walls and streets)

#### 2.1.4 Climate Scenarios

Previous regional climate model research used A1, A2, B1 and B2 scenarios (IPCC, 2007). Nowadays, the Intergovernmental on Climate Change Fifth Assessment (IPCC, 2013) has developed new scenarios, the Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) scenarios is in the support of Coupled Model Intercomparison Experiment Phase 5 (CMIP5) (Taylor et al., 2012). The new developed scenarios provided a more comprehensive of external forcing, more types of scenarios and higher resolution compared to CMIP3 from IPCC AR4 (Knutti and Sedlacek, 2013).

The Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) database aims at documenting the emissions, concentrations, and land-cover change projections. It is based on the selected scenarios which are from four modelling teams/models (NIES/AIM, IIASA/MESSAGE, PNNL/MiniCAM, and PBL/IMAGE) (Van Vuuren et al., 2011a). The RCPs are meant to serve as input for climate and atmospheric chemistry modelling as part of the preparatory phase for the development of new scenarios for the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report and beyond. The four RCPs reflect the range of year 2100 greenhouse gas radiative

forcing values from 2.6 to 8.5 W m<sup>2</sup> (Nazarenko et al., 2015) (Table 2.2). The lowest forcing level scenario RCP2.6 (Van Vuuren et al., 2011b), two median range or stabilization scenarios RCP4.5 (Thomson et al., 2011) and RCP6.0 (Masui et al., 2011), and the high-end or business as-usual scenario RCP8.5 (Riahi et al., 2011).

For the climate change assessment, the present day (2013) and future (2030, 2050, 2070, 2100) simulation scenarios are analysed, and present based on Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) emission scenarios of RCP4.5, RCP6.0 and RCP8.5. The future scenario of RCP4.5 is a low-to-moderate emission scenario, where the greenhouse gases (GHGs) radiative forcing will reach 4.5 Wm<sup>-2</sup> by the year 2100 (Thomson et al., 2011). It represents a scenario where variety of adaptive policy has applied to limit the radiative forcing. Besides, medium range RCP6.0 will be stabilizing without overshoot pathway to 6 W/m<sup>2</sup> at stabilization after 2100 (Hijioka et al., 2008). While RCP8.5 indicates a high emission scenario with GHGs radiative forcing that will reach 8.5 Wm by year 2100 (Riahi et al., 2011).

Table 2.1.2 Representative Concentration Pathway Descriptions (Source: IPCC, 2017)

RCP	Description	IA Model	Publication (IA Model)
RCP2.6	Peak in radiative forcing at ~ 3 W/m <sup>2</sup> before 2100 and decline	IMAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>van Vuuren et al. (2006; 2007)</li> </ul>
RCP4.5	Stabilization without overshoot pathway to 4.5 W/m <sup>2</sup> at stabilization after 2100	GCAM (MiniCAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smith and Wigley (2006)</li> <li>Clarke et al. (2007)</li> <li>Wise et al. (2009)</li> </ul>
RCP6.0	Stabilization without overshoot pathway to 6 W/m <sup>2</sup> at stabilization after 2100	AIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fujino et al. (2006)</li> <li>Hijioka et al. (2008)</li> </ul>
RCP8.5	Rising radiative forcing pathway leading to 8.5 W/m <sup>2</sup> in 2100.	MESSAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riahi et al. (2007)</li> <li>Rao and Riahi (2006)</li> </ul>

### 2.1.5 Climate Model Input Dataset

The present study applied two types of time dependent meteorological fields as initial and boundary condition for WRF model, namely NCEP FNL (Final) Operational Global Analysis data and NCAR's Community Earth System Model. Both datasets used the same model setup and design to isolate the effect physical scheme of the model itself. The time series and domain setup were also remaining the same for both simulations. Meanwhile, one type of observation dataset was applied for the purpose of model evaluation and assessment.

NCEP FNL (Final) Operational Global Analysis data which obtained from the Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS) was one of the lateral boundary conditions that used in this study. Global

Telecommunications System (GTS) and few sources continuously provides observational data to GDAS. The dataset is in gridded format with 1-degree resolution grids and updated every six hours. The NCEP data consists of surface information with 26 mandatory levels (1000 millibars – 10 millibars) of surface boundary level. The meteorological parameters included temperature, sea surface temperature, sea level pressure, geopotential height, relative humidity, ice cover, vertical motion, vorticity, ozone, u and v winds. The continuous time series is updated and extended to a close-present date (NCEP, 2015).

The operational analyses from global bias corrected climate model output files (version 1) of NCAR's Community Earth System Model (CESM) (Hurrell et al., 2013) were used as initial and boundary conditions for WRF model simulation. The spatial resolution of the data was 1 degree resolution grid. Meanwhile, the temporal resolution was 6 hours of time-step, with the sequence of 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC. The simulation of meteorological parameters was generated using Bias-corrected Community Earth System Model (CESM) version 1 as initial and boundary conditions (Gent et al., 2011; Hurrell et al., 2013). CESM is the coupled global climate model that constructed by four component model such as atmosphere, land use, sea-ice and ocean. In the support of Coupled Model Intercomparison Experiment Phase 5 (CMIP5) (Taylor et al., 2012) and the Intergovernmental on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report (IPCC, 2013), the CESM simulations were utilized to produce present-day dataset.

### **2.1.6 Climate Model Evaluation and Assessment**

Dynamical downscaling by RCMs from GCMs is being apply by most of the climate change research. This is due to the inconsistency that embedded within the GCMs (IPCC, 2001). Moreover, the error of GCMs with large scale resolution can be transmitted to the RCM (Noguer et al., 1998). As a result, the validation or evaluation process is necessary for RCM, downscaled from GCMs before using it for the climate projection. The model evaluation was statistically performed between WRF climate model and Reanalysis datasets (WRF\_NCEP). This project used statistical measures of FB (Fractional Bias), NMSE (Normalised Mean Square Error), and Fa2 (Factor of 2) (Ojha and Kumar, 2010), and NMB (Normalised Mean Bias) (Penrod et al., 2011; Chung et al., 2011) for the model evaluation.

When the value of bias less than zero, the model is underestimated the mean, while if the bias more than zero, the model is overestimated the mean. The Fa2 statistical analysis method lies between +2 and -2 and has a value of zero for an ideal model. Mean Square Error (MSE) was used to estimate the typical difference between observations and the model predictions. The value of zero gives a perfect forecast. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) is the variant of MSE. It means the expected error of simulations. While Normalised Mean Square Error (NMSE) is another variance. It is used to compare the relative efficiency between on observations and simulation. The Factor of two (Fa2) is a method presented in percentage and the predictions with a factor of two of the observed values.

$$\text{Normalized Mean Bias (NMB)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Sim} - \text{Obs})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Obs})} \times 100\% \quad (\text{Eq 2.1.1})$$

$$\text{Fractional Bias (FB)} = 2 \times \left( \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Sim} - \text{Obs})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Sim} + \text{Obs})} \right) \quad (\text{Eq 2.1.2})$$

$$\text{Normalised Mean Square Error (NMSE)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i P_i)} \quad (\text{Eq 2.1.3})$$

Factor of Two (Fa2) = Fraction of data which  $0.5 \leq P/O \leq + 2.0$

(Eq 2.1.4)

## 2.2 Biomass Burning Emission Inventory in Southeast Asia

### 2.2.1 Study Areas

For the investigation of biomass burning emission in Southeast Asia, due to distinctive landcover type, as well as the climatological conditions, the region was divided into two sub-regions namely north ASEAN (Mynamar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam) and south ASEAN (Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and Timor Leste). The physical geography of mainland northern ASEAN spreads interchangeably, which includes forests, mountains, valleys, rivers, deltas and coastlines, but is mainly mountainous. Stretching from Tibetan plateau, Himalayan foothills give very distinct geography to northern ASEAN from the rest of the places in continental Asia (Frederick and Leinbach, 2018). Southeast Asia is influenced by two tropical monsoons namely southwest monsoon (May-September) and northeast monsoon (October-March). In general, vegetation in Southeast Asia is classified into tropical rainforest or tropical evergreen rainforest, which can be grouped into wet evergreen forest, semi-evergreen forest, freshwater swamp forest and evergreen montane forests. However, though under the same classification, there are forests with very distinctive characteristics between these two sub-regions.

### 2.2.2 Research Framework and Approach

The general flow for the research on biomass burning emission for SEA is illustrated in Figure 2.2.1. Remote sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS) were mainly applied in this research to generate maps and to collect relevant data on burned mass of biomass and land cover type. The data was discussed by each country. Pollutants included in this study are CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM, NMVOC, SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and carbonaceous aerosols which are major precursors of air pollution from biomass burning. A map of land cover across Southeast Asia (two sub-regions) was first produced using GIS system and was digitized using ArcGIS into raster data for overlaying of maps later.

Moderate Resolution Image Spectroradiometer (MODIS) was then used to obtain land cover data (MCD12Q1) and burned area (MCD64A1). MODIS provides twice-daily image frequency and has surface reflectance correction applied to land (McCullough et al., 2013), which is sufficient to provide data needed for this study, in accordance with the performance of available processing tools. The processes involved in producing inventory are processing activity data and related parameters, determination of emission factors (EF), decision on spatial and temporal distribution and speciation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NMVOCs. In this study, only open burning of biomass was included, involving both anthropogenic and natural sources, but not domestic burning.

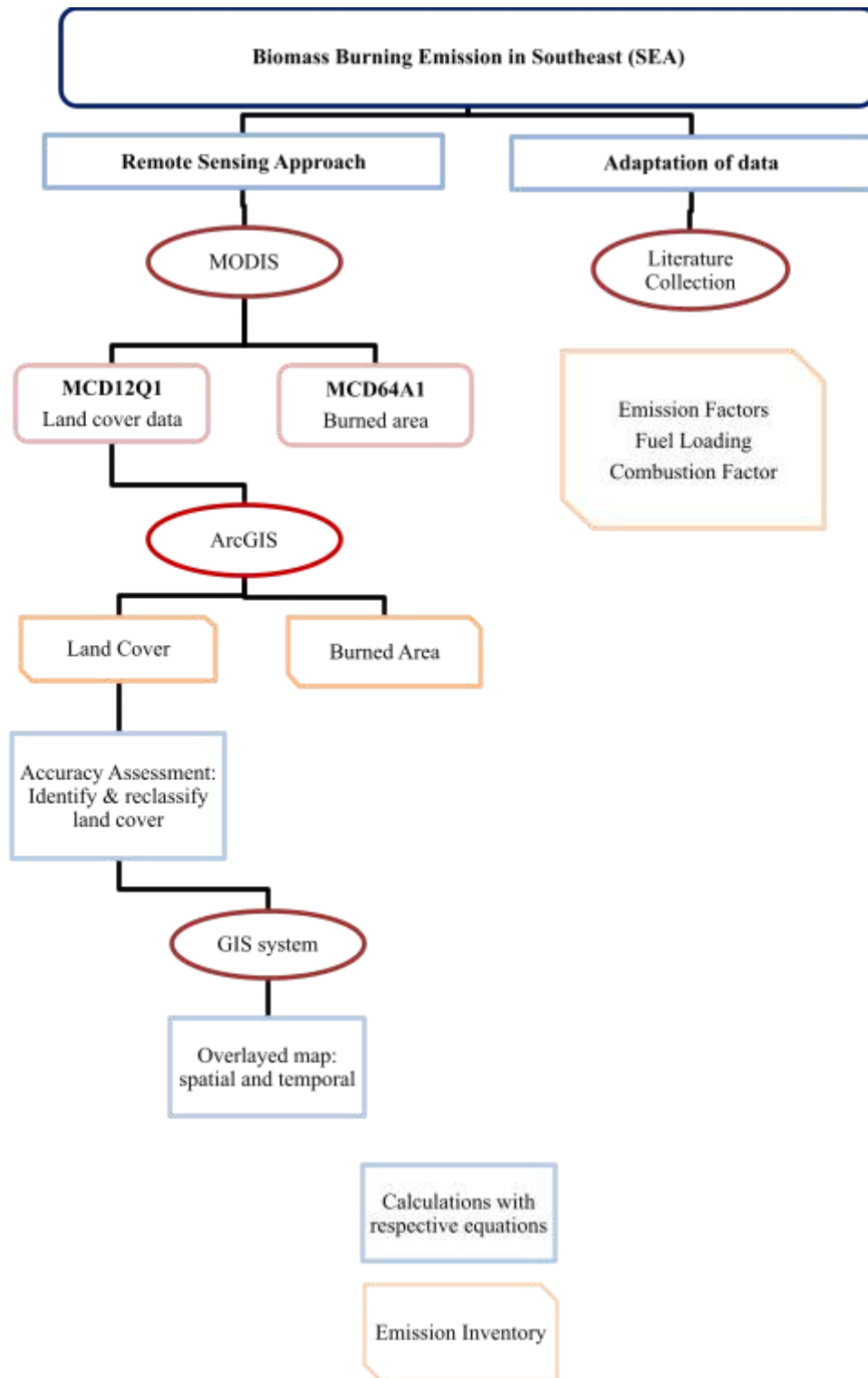


Figure 2.2.1: Framework of Biomass Burning Emission Inventory in SEA

### 2.2.3 Land Cover of SEA

Land cover data is important in this study in order to detect and determine burned area sources. The process of data collection is based on the procedure by (Sulla-Menashe and Friedl, 2018). Data in MCD12Q1 are of spatial resolution of 500m x 500m, which were then digitized into raster data of 25m x 25m using ArcGIS. Meanwhile, land cover classification is essential to identify the bio-physical characteristics of land cover, which vegetation index and biomass are useful in this study (Lam, 2008). In this study, IGBP was used as it provides highest quality of remote-sensing data as compared to other primary global land cover databases (Thenkabail, 2018). MCD12Q1, which is a product of MODIS, combines the Aqua and Terra supervised classification data providing a high-quality global land data (Friedl and Sulla-Menashe, 2019). In MCD12Q1 legacy classification of IGBP, there are 17 types of land cover, however, since different regions have different land cover type, therefore reclassification of land cover is required, adapting from the actual 17 classes, while considering the eligibility in describing the land cover to prevent misclassification of land. The reclassification of IGBP land classes for the suitability of SEA is shown in Table 2.2.1.

#### 2.2.4 Accuracy Assessment

Classification of land cover is an important part in emission inventory, and although ground truthing can be done in field, it will be very time consuming and less cost efficient. Therefore, ground truth data is often obtained from interpretation of existing high-resolution data. However, thematic mapping often contain difference, and which affects the accuracy and precision of map, causing them less reliable (Foody, 2002). Accuracy assessment is an important part in classification studies, which compares data of classified image with another source which is believed to be ground truth data to determine the classification errors as well as to ensure the reliability of data. In this study, considering the two sub-regions of SEA, a few hundred points were randomly selected using stratified random sampling method which can be done using ArcGIS tools. The accuracy assessment flow for this study is shown in Figure 2.2.2. There are three types of sampling methods, which are random, stratified random and equalized stratified random (Table 2.2.2).

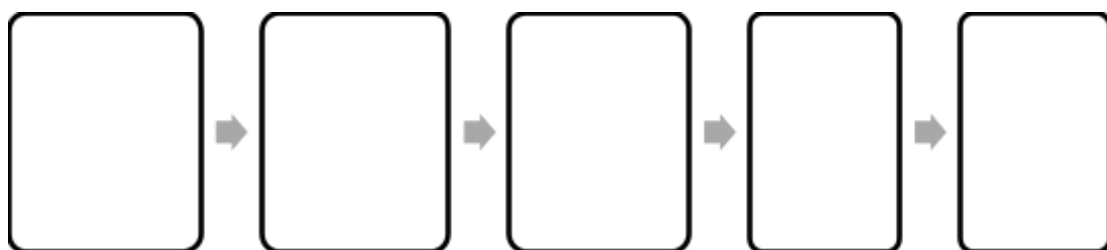


Figure 2.2.2 Accuracy Assessment Flow

Table 2.2.1 Reclassification of IGBP Legends and Land Classes

Class	Land Cover	Value	Description
Evergreen Forests	Evergreen Needleleaf Forests	1	Dominated by evergreen conifer trees (canopy >2m). Tree cover >60%.
	Evergreen Broadleaf Forests	2	Dominated by evergreen broadleaf and palmate trees (canopy >2m). Tree cover >60%.
Deciduous Forests	Deciduous Needleleaf Forests	3	Dominated by deciduous needleleaf (larch) trees (canopy >2m). Tree cover >60%.
	Deciduous Broadleaf Forests	4	Dominated by deciduous broadleaf trees (canopy >2m). Tree cover >60%.
Mixed Forests	-	5	Dominated by neither deciduous nor evergreen (40-60% of each) tree type (canopy >2m). Tree cover >60%
Shrublands	Closed Shrublands	6	Dominated by woody perennials (1-2m height) >60% cover
	Open Shrublands	7	Dominated by woody perennials (1-2m height) 10-60% cover.
	Woody Savannas	8	Tree cover 30-60% (canopy >2m).
Savannas	Savannas	9	Tree cover 10-30% (canopy >2m).
	Grasslands	10	Dominated by herbaceous annuals (<2m).
Wetlands	Permanent Wetlands	11	Permanently inundated lands with 30-60% water cover and >10% vegetated cover.
Croplands	Croplands	12	At least 60% of area is cultivated cropland.
	Cropland/Natural Vegetation Mosaics	14	Mosaics of small-scale cultivation 40-60% with natural tree, shrub, or herbaceous vegetation.
Others	Urban/Built-up Lands	13	At least 30% impervious surface area including building materials, asphalt, and vehicles.
	Barren	16	At least 60% of area is non-vegetated barren (sand, rock, soil) areas with less than 10% vegetation.
	Water Bodies	17	At least 60% of area is covered by permanent water bodies.
	Unclassified	255	Has not received a map label because of missing inputs.

Source: (Sulla-Menashe and Friedl, 2018)

Table 2.2.2 Accuracy Assessment Points with Different Sampling Methods

Sampling Methods	Accuracy Assessment Points
Random	Points are distributed randomly across whole input dataset.
Stratified random	Number of points selected are proportional to the area of each class.
Equalized stratified random	Number of points selected are equal in each land class.

Source: (Esri, 2019)

In selection of accuracy assessment points however, due to coarse spatial resolution and large number of mixed pixels, selection of pixels can be challenging (Lin et al., 2019). The process of determining accuracy level of classified and misclassified land cover, classification of land cover was done by per pixel approach. For the process of accuracy assessment, 408 points (for each sub-region region) were chosen using stratified random method from user's classified data and was compared with ground truth data. Stratified random sampling points created in ArcGIS were imported into Google Earth Pro, and the land cover type can be observed point by point in Google Earth Pro. An attribute table with

user's classified data and ground truth data of land cover types was produced, and a confusion matrix was created from the accuracy assessment table.

Confusion matrix is a table which shows true classes of land in column and classified land in row (Congalton, 2008; Esri, 2019). The accuracy was determined from this matrix, which shows proportions of true and error classifications. The diagonal matrix shows correctly classified pixels, and the remaining matrix shows the wrongly classified pixels. The overall accuracy of land classification was then calculated with Kappa coefficient, which is the result of accuracy assessment. The misclassified pixels were then validated using Google Earth Pro which has high resolution data as ground truthing reference. Kappa analysis was first brought into remote sensing accuracy assessment in 1981, and has then become a standard (Congalton, 2008). The proportions are shown in Kappa's coefficient, which will then imply the reliability of land data (Table 2.2.3).

Table 2.2.3 Interpretation of Kappa's Value

<b>Kappa's value</b>	<b>Reliability of Land Cover</b>
0.0	None
0.01-0.20	Minimal
0.21-0.40	Weak
0.41-0.60	Moderate
0.61-0.80	Strong
0.8-1.0	Almost perfect

Source: (McHugh, 2012)

### 2.2.5 Biomass Burning Emission Inventory Calculation

In this study of biomass burning emission inventory, only open burning from both natural and anthropogenic sources were taken into consideration, domestic burning was not included. To produce emission inventory, MODIS MCD64A1 was utilized in mapping the burned area as it was improved to be able to detect small fires of all regions better, which has been used in various research and is a main source of datasets in Global Fire Emissions Database (Giglio et al., 2018). MCD64A1 provides data in 500 x 500m<sup>2</sup> grids that has burned area in per pixel data (Yin et al., 2019). Temporal resolution chosen is throughout year 2013, and spatial resolution is 500m x 500m. A bottom-up approach was used to develop the emission inventory which processes data from smaller information, progressing upwards, as this method is able to provide more accurate reflection of the local conditions (Nicholls et al., 2015). For the calculation of concentration of pollutants emitted, annual amount of dry biomass burned (A) and Emission factor (EF) were determined beforehand (Zhou et al., 2017). The calculation of biomass burning emission (E<sub>i</sub>) was then calculated with Eq. 2.2.1 extracted from (Zhou et al., 2017).

$$E_i = \sum (A_j \times EF_{i,j}) / 1000 \quad (\text{Eq 2.2.1})$$

Where,

- E: annual typical pollutant emission (Mg/year)
- i: type of pollutant
- j: biomass burning source
- A: annual amount of dry biomass burned (Mg/year)
- EF: Emission factor (g/kg)

### 2.2.5.1 Annual amount of dry biomass burned (A)

To calculate the estimated biomass burning emission, the activity data (magnitude of anthropogenic activities affecting burned area and biomass burned) has to be determined. In this study, the main activity data was focused on forest and grassland. The annual amount of biomass burned (A) is affected by burned area, fuel loading, combustion factor and land cover type. The equation for calculation of (A) was done using Eq. 2.2.2 retrieved from (Zhou et al, 2017).

$$A = [\sum (BA_{x,j} \times FL_{x,j} \times CF_j)] \times 10^{-6} \quad (\text{Eq.2.2.2})$$

Where,

- j: land cover type
- x: location
- $BA_{x,j}$ : burned area ( $\text{m}^2$  /year) of land cover type j at x
- $FL_{x,j}$ : fuel loading of land cover type j at x ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ )
- $CF_j$ : combustion factor of land cover type j

There are two methods in obtaining estimation of burned area (BA), which are burn scar approach and active fire method. Burn scar area approach was used in this study as it is more efficient in estimating total emission from biomass burning but it is less detail in terms of temporal data (Yue, 2016). Burn scar approach estimates burned area by comparing the before and after changes of land surface caused by fire, which was done by comparing data obtained from MODIS, specifically MCD64A1 which was retrieved from (MCD64A1: <https://earthdata.nasa.gov>). For fuel loading (FL), the value of each land class was extracted as follow (Table 2.2.4)

Table 2.2.4 Fuel Loading (FL) of Respective Land Cover

Land Cover	Fuel Loading ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ )
Forests	7184.80 <sup>a</sup>
Shrublands	2196.16 <sup>a</sup>
Savannas	133.87 <sup>a</sup>
Wetlands	1100 <sup>b</sup>
Croplands	60 <sup>b</sup>

Source: <sup>a</sup>(Michel, 2005); <sup>b</sup>(Song et al., 2009)

On the other hand, combustion factor (CF), or burning efficiency is the ratio of available fuel which is exposed to the fire and the part where the fuel is burned (Table 2.2.5). The CF obtained for each land cover are forests 0.25, closed shrublands 0.50, open shrublands 0.85, woody savannas 0.40, savannas 0.95, wetlands 0.30, and croplands 0.6 (Michel, 2005; Song et al., 2009). Since closed shrublands, open shrublands and woody savanna are classified under one land class, the mean of the CF was derived through calculation  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{n}$ , where  $\bar{x}$  is the mean CF,  $f$  is the number of pixels of each class and  $x$  is the CF obtained from literature collection.

Table 2.2.5 Combustion Factor (CF) of Respective Land Cover

Land Cover	Combustion Factor
Forests	0.25 <sup>a</sup>
Shrublands	0.40 <sup>a</sup>
Savannas	0.95 <sup>a</sup>
Wetlands	0.30 <sup>b</sup>
Croplands	0.60 <sup>b</sup>

Source: <sup>a</sup>(Michel, 2005); <sup>b</sup>(Song et al., 2009)

### 2.2.5.2 Emission Factor (EF)

Emission factor represents the amount of pollutant released per kilogram of biomass burning (Akagi et al., 2011). EF is expressed in g/kg, which comes from the mass of pollutant divided by the mass of biomass burned. According to Amaral et al. (2016), the value of EF was obtained from the average of all adequate data. The value of EF varies with types of land cover or biomass sources as well as species of pollutant. Therefore, to ensure accuracy of estimated emission, appropriate EF for respective pollutants is essential. Selection of EF considered of the types and sources of biomass, which values were obtained from literature and was averaged. In this study, EF values as shown in Table 2.2.6 are derived from several literature collections.

Table 2.2.6 Emission Factors (g/kg) from Different Biomass Sources

Land Cover	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	1643 <sup>a</sup>	92 <sup>a</sup>	5.1 <sup>a</sup>	2.6 <sup>a</sup>	0.76 <sup>a</sup>	0.45 <sup>a</sup>	12.8 <sup>c</sup>	10.2 <sup>c</sup>	0.5 <sup>a</sup>	4.7 <sup>a</sup>	24 <sup>a</sup>
Deciduous Forests	1630 <sup>a</sup>	102 <sup>a</sup>	5 <sup>a</sup>	1.3 <sup>a</sup>	1.5 <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup>	12.8 <sup>c</sup>	12.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.6 <sup>a</sup>	9.2 <sup>a</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>
Mixed Forests	1630 <sup>a</sup>	102 <sup>a</sup>	5 <sup>a</sup>	1.3 <sup>a</sup>	1.5 <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup>	12.8 <sup>c</sup>	12.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.6 <sup>a</sup>	9.2 <sup>a</sup>	14 <sup>a</sup>
Shrublands	1716 <sup>a</sup>	68 <sup>a</sup>	2.6 <sup>a</sup>	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	1.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.68 <sup>a</sup>	8.5 <sup>c</sup>	7.9 <sup>c</sup>	0.5 <sup>d</sup>	6.6 <sup>d</sup>	4.8 <sup>a</sup>

<b>Savannas</b>	1692 <sup>a</sup>	59 <sup>a</sup>	1.5 <sup>a</sup>	2.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.68 <sup>a</sup>	9.9 <sup>c</sup>	6.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.4 <sup>a</sup>	2.6 <sup>a</sup>	9.3 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Wetlands</b>	1765.5 <sup>c</sup>	94 <sup>c</sup>	1.5 <sup>c</sup>	2.1 <sup>c</sup>	0.6 <sup>c</sup>	0.8 <sup>c</sup>	12.5 <sup>c</sup>	11.2 <sup>c</sup>	0.52 <sup>c</sup>	6.3 <sup>c</sup>	6.8 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Croplands</b>	1353.5 <sup>c</sup>	76.1 <sup>c</sup>	2.8 <sup>c</sup>	2.9 <sup>c</sup>	1.4 <sup>c</sup>	0.4 <sup>c</sup>	6.3 <sup>c</sup>	5 <sup>c</sup>	0.63 <sup>c</sup>	2 <sup>c</sup>	9.8 <sup>c</sup>

Sources: <sup>a</sup>(Akagi et al., 2011); <sup>b</sup>(Andreae & Merlet, 2001); <sup>c</sup>(Song et al., 2009); <sup>d</sup>(McMeeking, 2008)

### 2.2.5.3 Burned Area of SEA

In biomass burning emission inventory, land cover type and amount of biomass burned significantly affect the types of pollutants emitted. Burn scar approach was used in this study to estimate the total emission of biomass burning, therefore burned area in MSEA was an important element for calculation and evaluation of biomass burning emission. There are two products of MODIS providing global fire data, but MCD64A1(C6) was used in this study as the improved algorithm has reduced error due to data gap, and is able to detect small fires better, and new improvement of MCD45A1 will no longer be done. The detection and measurements of burned area was done by retrieving data from MCD64A1 collection 6, which uses daily surface reflectance and active fire input data to generate detection. MCD64A1 is in Hierarchical Data Format (HDF) format, which allows it to store and organize large amount of data. MCD64A1 has five layers of raster data as shown in Table 2.2.7 and are stored in Scientific Data Set (SDS) (Giglio et al., 2016; Giglio et al., 2018).

### 2.2.6 Spatial Distribution

The spatial distribution has a spatial resolution of 500m x 500m. Remote sensing approach was used to produce land data, using MODIS product MCD12Q1, and the allocation of data into grid cells was done by using GIS system, and ArcGIS software was also used to produce spatial distribution of burned area. The burned areas were expressed in the form of polygons on the map, which helped to classify the characteristics of land cover type and burned area.

Table 2.2.7 Data Layers of MCD64A1

<b>Data Layer</b>	<b>Information stored</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Data Type</b>
Burn Date	Day of burning	Day	16-bit signed integer
Burn Date Uncertainty	Estimated uncertainty in day of burning	Day	8-bit unsigned integer
QA	Quality Assurance Indicator	Bit field	8-bit unsigned integer
First Day	First day of year of reliable change detection	Day	16-bit signed integer
Last Day	Last day of year of reliable change detection	Day	16-bit signed integer

Source: (Giglio et al., 2016)

### 2.2.7 Temporal Distribution

The temporal distribution of this study is a year throughout 2013, with a temporal resolution of monthly emission of biomass burning (Zhou et al., 2017). The specific fire points of biomass burning were observed using Julian days. Unlike solar day which considers the position of the sun, Julian day is a uniform count of days in a year, 365.25 days, and does not have a leap year. Julian day starts from noon instead of midnight (Curtis, 2020). The annual emission data is allocated into monthly resolution, which data was collected at daily resolution to detect more subtle changes of land cover and emission from the annual data. The year 2013 was chosen as it was a neutral year with no weather extremes, and there was Southeast Asian haze crisis in 2013, which had created large-scale air pollution due to transboundary pollution.

## **2.3 Biogenic Emission in Southeast Asia**

### **2.3.1 Model Description: Model of Emission Gases and Aerosols from Nature (MEGAN)**

MEGAN is built to model the net emission of gases and aerosols from terrestrial ecosystems into the atmosphere (Guenther et al., 2006). It is designed for both global and regional emissions modelling with lowest spatial resolution of 1 km<sup>2</sup> or less. MEGAN is a semi-mechanistic model that accounts for the major known processes controlling biogenic emissions. MEGAN estimates only emissions of known compounds and includes additional compounds whenever they are identified as being of interest for the atmosphere. The emissions of 150 chemical species are included in the MEGAN2.1 and the model can output individual compounds or categories associated with various atmospheric chemistry schemes. These 150 compounds are lumped into 20 categories based on how emissions vary in response to changes in environmental conditions. Emission variations are first estimated for the 20 categories and then speciated into the 150 compounds or output in chemical categories associated with common atmospheric chemistry schemes (e.g. CB4, CB5, CB6, SAPRC99, and MOZART). Also, the driving variables are including land cover, weather, and atmospheric chemical composition. Overall model components and driving variables are summarised in Figure 2.3.1.

In order to quantify the net emission rate (mg compound m<sup>-2</sup> earth surface h<sup>-1</sup>) of biogenic emission between the atmosphere and terrestrial ecosystem at a specific location and time, parameterization has considered the impact of temperature, radiation, leaf age, soil moisture and canopy loss as (Eq 2.3.1):

$$\text{Emission} = [\varepsilon][\gamma][\rho] \quad (\text{Eq 2.3.1})$$

where  $\varepsilon$  (mgm<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) is an emission factor which represents the emission of a compound into the canopy at standard conditions,  $\gamma$  (normalized ratio) is an emission activity factor that accounts for emission changes due to deviations from standard conditions and  $\rho$  (normalized ratio) is a factor that accounts for production and loss within plant canopies. The emission factor incorporated in the model was developed

for the canopy-scale model, though it was extrapolated from the leaf and branch-scale environment model. Table 2.3.1 shows the standard conditions for MEGAN canopy-scale emission factor.

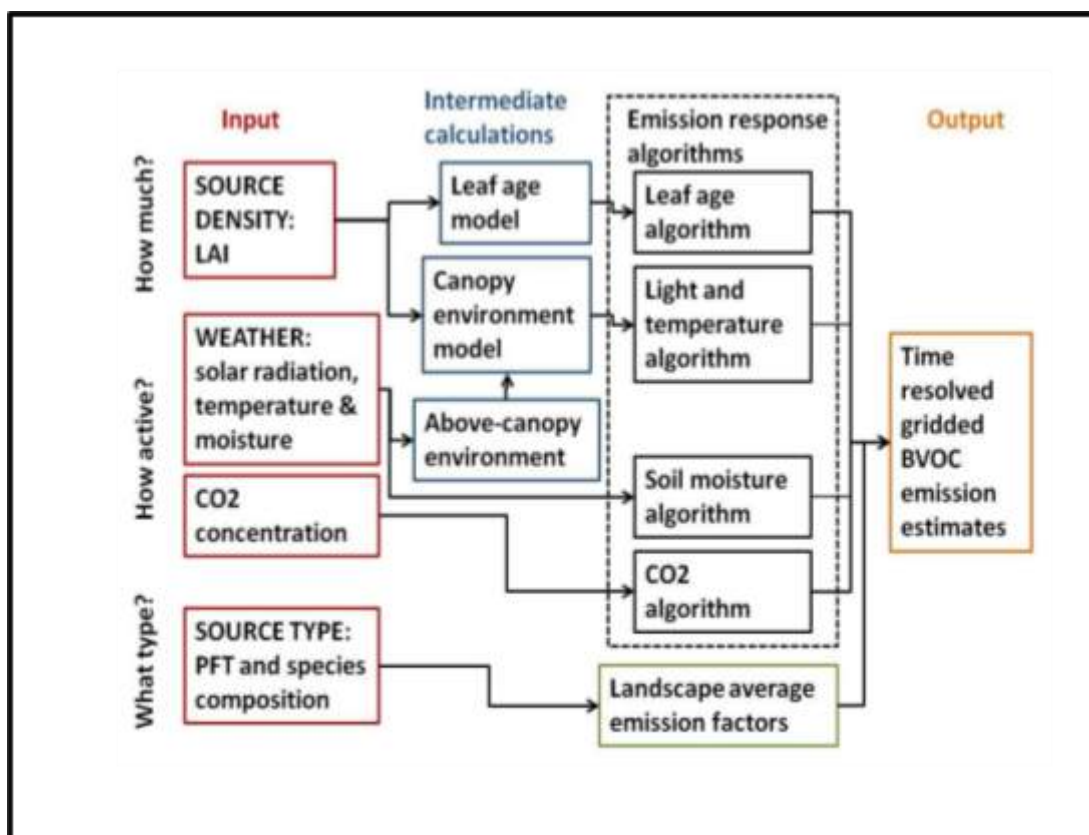


Figure 2.3.1: Schematic of MEGAN2.1 model components and driving variables (Guenther et al., 2012).

Table 2.3.1: Standard condition for MEGAN emission factors at the canopy-scale

Model's Parameter	Standard Conditions
Leaf Area Index (LAI)	5
Canopy	- 80% mature - 10% Growing - 10% foliage
Solar angle	60 degrees
Photosynthetic photon flux density transmission (PPFD)	0.6
Air temperature	303 K
Humidity	14 g kg <sup>-1</sup>
Wind speed	3 ms <sup>-1</sup>
Soil moisture	0.3 m <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
Average canopy environmental condition of the past 24 to 240 hour: • Leaf temperature	- 297 K

• PPFD (sun leaves)	- 200 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
• PPFD (shade leaves)	- 50 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

(Source: Guenther et al., 2006; Sentian et al., 2011).

### 2.3.1.1 Emission Factor at the Canopy-Scale ( $\epsilon$ )

Land cover changes due to either natural or anthropogenic activities could affect the ecosystem in terms of vegetation composition, distribution, and the canopy structure, which are important factor for biogenic emission. Woody type of vegetation, particularly the board leaf trees are known to generally emit higher isoprene levels that non-woody plants. Board leaf trees isoprene emission factors were found to be closer to the global average of 12.6  $\text{mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  in most regions. However, needle deciduous tree emission was observed to be even lower, for example grasslands in Austria ( $\sim 0.004 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) (Kirstine et al., 1998) and grasslands in China ( $\sim 0.004 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) (Bai et al., 2004). In some regions, crops are known to be a major source of isoprenes emissions, for example the emission factors were found in the range from 3 to 28  $\text{mgC g}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  for oil palm and from 25 to 130  $\text{mgC g}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  for mango (*Mangifera indica*) (Geron et al., 2006).

In MEGAN, PFTs are classified into a number of schemes, whose applications are dependent on the purpose of simulation. For the global simulation, MEGAN use the standard PFT-5 for version 2.1 which includes five general PFTs namely: broadleaf trees, needle leaf trees, grass, crops and shrubs. Meanwhile, for the regional simulation, the PFT-REG scheme is normally used, which includes the details of the plant genera in the region of interest.

### 2.3.1.2 Emission Activity Factor at the Canopy-Scale ( $\gamma$ )

The emission activity factor describes variations due to the physiological and phonological processes that drive the biogenic emissions rate changes. In BVOC, the total of the emission factor die to these processes is estimated based on the product of a set of non-dimensional emission activity factors that are each equal to 1 in standard conditions, as described by Guenther et al. (2006) in the following equation.

$$\gamma = \gamma_{CE} \times \gamma_{age} \times \gamma_{SM} \quad (\text{Eq 2.3.2})$$

Where  $\gamma_{CE}$  describes variation due to Leaf Area Index (LAI) and light, temperature, humidity and wind conditions within the canopy environment,  $\gamma_{age}$  makes adjustments for effects of leaf age, and  $\gamma_{SM}$  accounts for direct change in  $\gamma$  due to changes in soil moisture. The calculation of each of these factors is described in the study of Guenther et al. (2006). Local climatic conditions, which affect the incident PPFD and leaf temperature, are known to control the biogenic emission such as isoprene from short periods (seconds to minutes) to longer periods (hours to weeks) of time scales (Guenther et al., 1993; Monson et al., 1994; Geron et al., 2000; Petron et al., 2001; Sharkey et al., 2001).

Studies have also shown that a leaf's ability to emit isoprene is influenced by leaf phenology. The young leaves of isoprene-emitting species do not emit isoprene, while the mature leaves emit at the highest capacity and the old leaves lose their ability to photosynthesize and produce isoprene (Guenther et al., 1991; 2006). Thus, the model will take account for leaf age in the BVOC model, the parameterization for the leaf age factor as described by Guenther et al. (1991), Monson et al. (1994), Golstein et al. (1998), Petron et al. (2001) and Karl et al. (2004) and was adopted from Guenther et al. (2006).

In addition, soil moisture was also observed to play an important role in biogenic emissions through an indirect effect on stomatal conductance, which influences the leaf temperature. Studies by Pegoraro et al. (2004;2005) have found that at low levels of soil moisture the isoprene emissions began to drop and eventually became negligible when plants are exposed to extended severe drought. The emission activity factor that is dependent on soil moisture has been also included in the model parametrization (see more on; Guenther et al., 2006 and Pegoraro et al. 2004). The emission of soil moisture for any soil depth to be used to drive the PFT dependent approach (Zeng, 2001) in order to determine the fraction of roots within each soil layer and applies the weighted average of emission activity factor for each soil layer (Guenther et al., 2006). Other factors such as the availability of soil nutrients, ambient carbon dioxide concentration (Possell et al., 2004; 2005), CO<sub>2</sub> (Buckley, 2001; Rosenstiel et al., 2003), ozone (Velikova et al., 2005), nitrogen availability (Harley et al., 1994), and physical stress (Alessio et al., 2004) are also known to affect the biogenic emissions particularly isoprene from the plants.

### **2.3.1.3 Production and Loss within Canopy ( $\rho$ )**

At the canopy level, the production of biogenic chemicals is emitted into the atmosphere above the canopy and at the same time there are losses through the involvement of biological, chemical and physical processes within the canopy atmosphere, vegetation surfaces and on soil. The canopy production and loss factor of these chemicals ( $\rho$ ) has been taken into account in the MEGAN as net canopy emission (Guenther et al., 2006), which is important in model simulation of the impact of biogenic emission such as isoprene on atmospheric chemistry. The net canopy emission is parameterized as function of canopy depth, friction velocity and chemical lifetime, which is based on measured isoprene emission profiles and turbulence profiles in recent studies in the tropical forest (Karl et al., 2004) and temperate forest (Stround et al., 2005).

## **2.3.2 Model Set-up**

### **2.3.2.1 Compiler and Resources**

In this study, the MEGAN2.1 was installed from UCA BAI official website (<https://bai.ess.uci.edu/megan>). The PGI compiler was used to compile the model. This biogenic model is developed under 64bit Linux Operation System (Ubuntu version 18.04). There are few programming

libraries are required in the system, such as I/O API, NetCDF library, MCIP and HDF in order to run the MEGAN model. The MEGAN input files are available with no cost. MEGAN ver. 2.1 accepts Plant Functional Type (PFT), Leaf Area Index (LAI) and Emission Factor (EF) map data in ASCII format and meteorological data in NetCDF or I/O API format. Hence, the native outputs are in NetCDF format.

#### **2.3.2.2. Dataset Input**

There are two types of input data: climate data and land cover data. In this study, the climate data are obtained from WRF Model for present and future simulation (Section 3.1) under the same climate scenarios. While the global land cover data used in this study is adopted from the study of Ooi, et al., (2020).

#### **2.3.2.3 Meteorology-Chemistry Interface Processor (MCIP)**

Meteorology – Chemistry Interface Processor (MCIP) is used to ingest the output from the WRF model to prepare meteorology files that are used within other modelling system (Otte and Pleim, 2010). In this study, MCIP version 4.3 is used as a conversion of NetCDF format into I/O API format for MEGAN model. Hence, MCIP extract and conversion of the meteorological information that are required for MEGAN. Since the domain for MEGAN is smaller than WRF model, MCIP will extract the domain by removing the boundary or part of the WRF domain.

#### **2.3.2.4 I/O API**

The Models-3/EDSS Input/Output Applications Programming Interface (I/O API) provides the environmental model developer with programming library for data storage and access, available from both Fortran and C. In this research, I/O API version 3.2 was downloaded to convert text files to I/O API format (.ncf). The raw dataset of land use, including leaf area index (LAI), plant functional types (PFTs), and emission factors (EFs) are in text file format. These datasets then converted into I/O API format which compatible with MEGAN model.

#### **2.3.2.5 Developing Isoprene Emission**

There are 3 major steps in developing isoprene emissions in MEGAN model, namely MET2MGN, EMPROC and MGN2MECH. The final output will be in NetCDF format and can be view using post-processing – visualization tool such as NCL. The first process is MET2MGN, which involves the process of converting meteorological data into format that readable by MEGAN. Meteorological data provided from the climate change simulation and using the same three scenario mentioned. During this process, the output each of WRF RCPs simulations are converted, and from MCIP, it will be used as input

data for MET2MGN. Second process is EMPROC, which is the process of calculating emissions using the climate information and PFT distribution. MGN2MECH is the final step where it convert the gas species result into common chemical reaction schemes used in atmospheric modelling. The final isoprene emission therefore will consist of three different emission scenario (following climate change simulation of RCPs) of the year of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070, and 2100 for both period of January and July respectively.

## **2.4 Climate Change Impact on Regional Air Quality**

### **2.4.1 Air Quality Modelling System**

Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) System is a third-generation air quality model. The model was developed by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1990s. According to Forley et al. (2010), the system continues to evolve and enhance. CMAQ is designed for applications ranging from regulatory and policy analysis to understanding the complex interactions of atmospheric chemistry and physics. It is a 3D Eulerian (i.e., gridded) atmospheric chemistry and transport modelling system that simulates ozone, particulate matter (PM), toxic airborne pollutants, visibility, and acidic and nutrient pollutant species throughout the troposphere. The CMAQ is a “one-atmosphere” model that addresses the complex couplings among several air quality issues simultaneously across spatial scales ranging from local to hemispheric. The meteorological information and emission rates from sources of emissions that affect air quality act as two primary inputs for CMAQ as a framework for simulating the interactions of multiple complex atmospheric processes.

Generally, meteorological models cannot be utilised for air quality simulation purpose. This is because meteorological models do not have same map projection, coordinate system, and grid format, and layer structure as air quality model. Hence, Meteorology-Chemistry Interface Processor or MCIP is developed to overcome this problem. MCIP acts as bridge to fill the gap by providing meteorology input data for CMAQ. The conversions involve are unit conversion, format conversion, vertical grid resolution related interpolation. The calculation conversion also includes creating additional diagnostic variables that are required by CMAQ but not available in meteorology model.

The WRF-ARW model has been employed to generate meteorological fields for EPA Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) because the WRF-ARW meteorological model is comparable with CMAQ like MM5 before (Yu et al., 2012). The emission model, Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel Emissions (SMOKE) model (IE, 2008) are available for computing emissions inputs to CMAQ from annual, county-level emissions inventories. These emissions inputs must be on the same horizontal and vertical spatial scales and cover the same period as are used in the air quality model simulation.

### **2.4.2 Chemistry-Transport Model Conceptual Formulation**

The chemistry-transport model (CTM) is the final program to be run in the CMAQ modelling sequence. The four main programs: ICON, BCON, JPROC, and MCIP prepared input data for CMAQ CTM. A conceptual formulation of CMAQ and Eulerian air quality modelling is presented in form of framework. The coupled ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are applied to predict changes in pollutant concentrations throughout a three-dimensional grid that is fixed in space. The changes in the predicted concentrations in each grid cell can be affected by the several processes including emissions sources, horizontal and vertical advection, horizontal and vertical diffusion, chemical transformations, and deposition. The continuity equation is used to relate the processes with the concentration change in each grid cell over time ( $\partial C/\partial t$ ) as shown below in Eq 2.4.1:

$$\partial C/\partial t = Adv + Diff + Rc + Ec - Sc \quad (\text{Eq 2.4.1})$$

where

Adv = advection

Diff = diffusion

Rc = chemical transformation of species c

Ec = emissions of species c

Sc = loss processes for species c

The advection and emissions terms are calculated based on input files generated by the meteorology and emissions models in CMAQ. Besides that, the diffusion, chemical transformation, and deposition terms are calculated within CCTM. The Eulerian represent the area to be modelled, which is a series of contiguous grid cells that form a limited-area modelling domain on a subset of the globe. The boundary conditions should be established within limited-area domain. This is important to account for advection of pollutants and other chemical species into the modelling domain from areas outside it. Currently, CMAQ accounts for advection into the domain only from the horizontal such as lateral boundaries. It is assumed that there is no exchange through the top boundary of the domain such as vertical exchange.

The boundary conditions processor, BCON is used to estimate the spatial lateral boundary conditions. The initial conditions processor, ICON establishes temporal boundary condition that estimates the chemical conditions in the first-time step of a CMAQ model simulation. The program JPROC calculates clear-sky photolysis rates at various latitude bands and hours based on solar hour angles too model incoming solar radiation, which provides the energy source for photolysis reactions. At the end, the required input data for running CCTM is obtained from output of the three CMAQ programs, the emissions, and meteorological models and other CMAQ pre-processors (CMAQ version 5.0, 2012).

### 2.4.3 CMAQ Set-up

The Fortran 90 program is needed to operate CMAQ system. There are five main components: initial conditions processor (ICON), boundary conditions processor (BCON), The clear-sky photolysis rate calculator (JPROC), Meteorology-Chemistry Interface Processor (MCIP) and CMAQ Chemistry-Transport Model (CCTM) . In addition, there are also a few ancillary support programs with CMAQ such as the code builder/manager (Bldmake), the chemical mechanism compiler (CHEMMECH) and the process analysis preprocessor (PROCAN) (Refer CMAQ version 5.0, 2012).

#### **2.4.3.1 Initial Conditions Processor (ICON)**

For the first hour of a simulation, ICON generates a gridded binary netCDF file of the chemical conditions in the modelling domain. An ASCII file of vertically resolved concentration profiles (distributed with CMAQ) or existing CCTM output file is responsible in producing these initial conditions. ICON will interpolate the data to a vertical structure consistent with CCTM's if the profiles in an ASCII file do not have the same vertical structure as the CCTM configuration. The existing CCTM output file may be able to generate initial conditions when extrapolating initial conditions from a coarse to a fine grid simulation. The situation may occur when setting up nested simulations. The nested simulations refer to simulations with finer-resolution grids that cover part of coarser-resolution grids. The configuration options for ICON include selecting the chemical mechanism to model, defining the horizontal and vertical grids, and choosing whether the initial conditions are generated from an ASCII profile or from an existing CCTM output file (CMAQ version 5.0, 2012).

#### **2.4.3.2 Boundary Conditions Processor (BCON)**

The function of BCON is to generate a gridded binary netCDF file of the chemical conditions along the horizontal boundaries of the modelling domain. Same as ICON, an ASCII file of vertically resolved concentration profiles or from an existing CCTM output file to generate boundary conditions. In addition, BCON will interpolate the data in ASCII profiles into a vertical resolution which consistent with the CCTM configuration. BCON generates time-varying dynamic boundary conditions which extracted either from CCTM outputs from or from a CCTM simulation using a global-scale model. The ASCII input profiles also used to create dynamic boundary conditions (static data only). This options for BCON include selecting the chemical mechanism to model, defining the horizontal and vertical grids, and choosing whether the boundary conditions are generated from an ASCII profile or from an existing CCTM output file.

#### **2.4.3.3 Meteorology-Chemistry Interface Processor (MCIP)**

Modelling Output files from the MM5 or WRF meteorological models are used by MCIP to create netCDF as input meteorology data that are used by SMOKE (the emissions processor that computes

emissions inputs to CMAQ) and by CMAQ. All the meteorological fields that are required for SMOKE and CCTM are prepared and diagnosed by MCIP and to uniformly trim cells off the horizontal boundary of the domain defined by the meteorological model. The vertical resolution of the meteorological data can be decreased by “layer collapsing.” The configuration options for MCIP include horizontal and vertical grid definitions, the time periods over which to extract data from the meteorological model output files, and selections for calculating dry deposition velocities and integrating satellite cloud observations into MCIP output.

#### **2.4.3.4 CMAQ Chemistry-Transport Model (CCTM)**

CCTM integrates the output from the pre-processing programs such as JPROC, BCON, ICON, MCIP and CMAQ-ready emissions inputs which are output from SMOKE. As result, the continuous atmospheric chemical conditions are simulated. The output files of CCTM are all binary netCDF files of gridded and temporally resolved air pollutant information, such as gas- and aerosol-phase species mixing ratios, hourly wet and dry deposition values, visibility metrics, and integral-averaged concentrations. The input meteorology information dictated the spatial and temporal coverage of CCTM. The science configuration is specific to each application of the model and can be adjusted to optimize model performance both computationally and in the numerical reproduction of observed air quality trends.

#### **2.4.3.5 Photolysis Rate Processor (JPROC)**

The chemical-mechanism-specific clear-sky photolysis rates at fixed altitudes, solar hour angles, and latitude bands from tabulated absorption cross section and quantum yield (CSQY) data calculated by JPROC. These will support the default chemical mechanisms, updating or adding new CSQY data is straightforward. The selection of the chemical mechanism to use in the modelling is the only configuration option. The JPROC output is an ASCII look-up table of photolysis rates.

### **2.4.4 CMAQ Chemistry-Transport Model Science Modules**

CMAQ modelling system used the meteorological model, emissions model, and analysis package (Byun and Ching, 1999) to simulate air quality. CCTM simulates each of the atmospheric processes by using state-of-the-science techniques that affect the transport, transformation, and removal of ozone, particulate matter, and other pollutants by using this information.

#### **2.4.4.1 Gas-Phase Chemistry Solvers**

In CMAQ version 5.0, gas-phase chemistry can be simulated with the CB05, SAPRC-07, or SAPRC-99 photochemical mechanisms. Difference equations governing chemical reaction kinetics and species

conservation used to solve and to compute time-varying species concentrations (including their rate of formation or depletion) but only CB05 considered in this project. Currently, CCTM contains three options for solving gas-phase chemical transformations: the Rosenbrock (ROS3) solver (Sandu et al., 1997), the Euler Backward Iterative (EBI) solver (Hertel et al., 1993), and the Sparse Matrix Vectorized GEAR (SMVGEAR) solver (Jacobson and Turco, 1994). The simulation of the chemistry of chlorine, mercury, and other toxic compounds in a multipollutant (mp) version of the CB05 also included within CMAQ version 5.0, 2012.

#### **2.4.4.2 Photolysis**

Most of the chemical reactions in the atmosphere are initiated by photolysis or photo dissociation of trace gases by using the energy from sunlight. Photolysis is involved in the formation of smog, an air pollution problem that affects human, animal, and plant health. The performance of air quality model is strongly influenced by simulating photochemical reactions. State-of-the-science techniques are used within CMAQ to simulate photolytic reactions is the PHOT module which determines the photolysis reactions and their rates of reaction thus quantify how much reactant is produced from a photolytic reaction within a period.

The rate of photolysis is a function as the amount of solar radiation or actinic flux. It varies based on the time of day, season, latitude, and terrestrial features. The total amount of cloudiness and by aerosol absorption and scattering in the atmosphere determined the amount of solar radiation. Besides that, the photolysis rate also depends on species-specific molecular properties such as absorption cross section. An absorption cross section is the effective molecular area of a particular species when absorbing solar radiation, which results in a shadow region behind the particle. Another property is called quantum yield or the number of molecules that dissociate for each light photon incident on the atmosphere. The estimation of photolysis rate is complicated by these temperature and wavelength dependencies.

An advanced photolysis model (JPROC) is included within the CMAQ modeling system. The function is to calculate temporally varying photolysis rates for use in simulating photolysis in CCTM. The CMAQ contains an in-line photolysis module (Binkowski et al., 2007) start with version 4.7. The in-line photolysis calculations account for the presence of ambient PM and ozone predicted by CMAQ and uses these estimates to adjust the actinic flux (CMAQ version 5.0, 2012). It should be noted that the in-line photolysis method does not need to be run if JPROC module is used. The photolysis rates are calculated internally by CCTM. Hence, there is no need for the clear-sky look-up tables produced by JPROC by in-line configuration.

#### **2.4.4.3 Advection and Diffusion**

The advection and sub-grid-scale diffusion define pollutant transport model. Advection is related to mean wind fields which, the plume can travel a long distance without changes in concentration pollutants. On

the other hand, diffusion is related to sub-grid-scale turbulent mixing of pollutants. By diffusion process, the pollutants will mix more quickly and nearer to the source. This will then result in substantial changes to pollutant concentrations. Both advection and diffusion can be divided into horizontal advection, vertical advection, horizontal diffusion, and vertical diffusion.

#### **2.4.4.4 Particulate Matter (PM)**

The CCTM uses three lognormal sub-distributions or modes to represent PM.  $PM_{2.5}$  can be represented by Aitken and accumulation mode. Then,  $PM_{10}$  is the sum of the  $PM_{2.5}$  and coarse-mode PM. The coarse-mode PM represents the PM with diameter greater than 2.5 micron and equal or less than 10 microns. Besides that, CMAQ also model the wet and dry deposition. The wet deposition transfer PM by rainfall and is calculated within CMAQ's cloud module. The turbulent air motion and direct gravitational sedimentation of larger particles are the two processes in dry deposition. The aerosol size distribution, meteorological and land use information can be used to calculate the deposition velocity for particles. The size distribution can be calculated from the mass and number concentration for each of the three modes. The velocity of dry deposition is then calculated (CMAQ version 5.0, 2012).

#### **2.4.4.5 Clouds and Aqueous-phase Chemistry**

Clouds play an important role in aqueous chemical reactions, vertical mixing of pollutants and removal of pollutants by wet deposition. Clouds can alter the solar radiation and indirectly affect pollutant concentrations like ozone and the flux of biogenic emissions. There are three types of clouds modelled in CMAQ: sub-grid convective precipitating clouds, sub-grid non-precipitating clouds, and grid-resolved clouds.

#### **2.4.5 Experimental Design**

The focus of this project is to simulate surface ozone and the corresponding precursors using CMAQ version 5.0 under climate change scenario. The model was ran based on one-way nesting technique where the input meteorological element and emission inventory was insert into the modelling system. The Simulation for the first domain with 45km horizontal grid resolution covered the entire East Asia, while the second domain with 15km resolution covered the Malaysia domain that utilized the initial and boundary condition from the first domain. Simulations of CMAQ were performed in 15 vertical layers from surface to 10mb. However, the analysis was focus on the surface layer of the earth. Moreover, a spin-up for 5 days was also performed to reduce the effect of initial condition on the model results. Gas phase chemistry is represented as Carbon Bond V (CB05) chemical mechanism with the aerosol module (AEROS).

In order to reflect the relationship between climate change scenario and tropospheric chemistry scenarios, the critical concentrations is determined by using WRF-RCM meteorological output datasets from a number of climate scenarios. This step is to answer one of the objectives studies, which is to investigate the impacts of climate change on regional surface O<sub>3</sub> and its precursors. Both climate and air quality model contain two modes: off-line mode and on-line mode. Since there are a few disadvantages of off-line mode, off-line mode is utilized within this study. The on-line mode coupling can be difficult to achieve because the configuration of both climate model and air-quality model are very complex. A longer simulation times are needed for the interactions. In addition, online-mode only use very simplified representations of chemistry and aerosols for climate- change simulations (Giorgi and Meleux, 2007).

In this study, the hourly (or finer temporal resolution) gridded meteorological data from WRF model and hourly gridded emission inventory from MISC-Asia used as input to CMAQ. As in line with the simulations in climate change modelling investigation, the tropospheric chemistry baseline scenario or present day tropospheric ozone is run following the same simulations though only RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 will be the prime investigation. As coherent with the time variables of emission inventory, the year of 2013 was selected as the base year of the simulation.

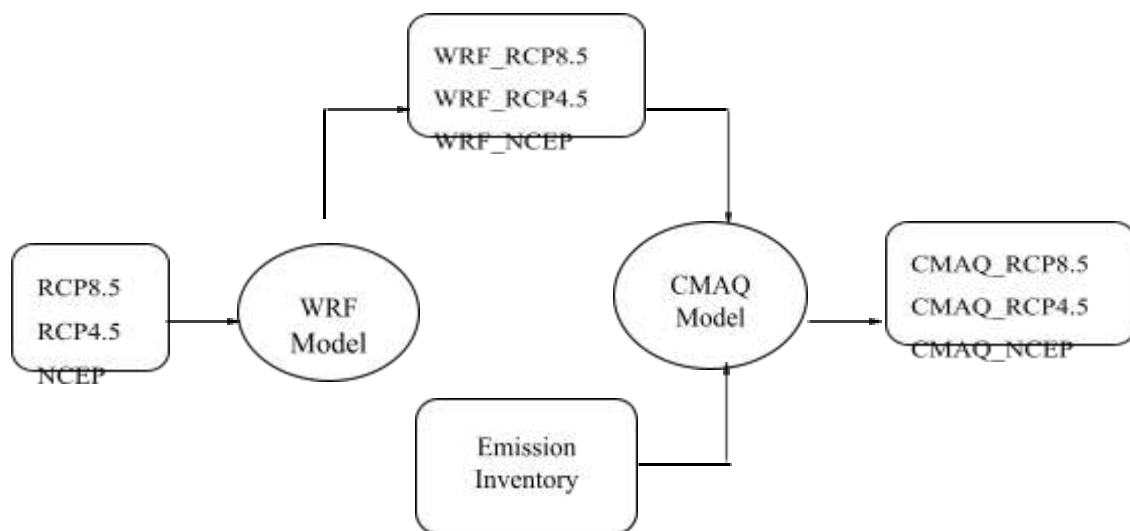


Figure 2.4.1: Experimental design for simulation climate change impact on air quality

#### 2.4.6 Air Quality Observation Dataset

Using the meteorological input data simulated from WRF model (see Chapter 3 in detail), a present year (2013) as well as January and July for ozone and the precursors mixing ratios were simulated by applying CMAQ modelling system with also the emission inventory prepared by Model Inter-Comparison Study for Asia (MICS-Asia) Phase III. The modelling evaluation was performed by comparing the modelling output with the measurement dataset provided by Department of Environment (DOE Malaysia). This section utilised several statistical formulae to evaluate the model results which include normalized mean

bias (NMB), fractional bias (FB), normalized mean square error (NMSE) and factor of two (Fa2) to evaluate the model's behaviour.

#### **2.4.6.1 Model Inter-Comparison Study for Asia (MICS-Asia) Phase III**

MICS-Asia III is an anthropogenic inventory Asia developed for the year 2010 in-cooperated of Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (TF HTAP) projects which developed based on a mosaic of the latest regional emission inventories (Li et al., 2015). The mosaic inventory is incorporated by five emission inventories selected including REAS inventory version 2.1 covering whole Asia (Kurokawa et al., 2013), the Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China (MEIC) constructed by Tsinghua University (<http://www.meicmodel.org>), a NH<sub>3</sub> emission inventory created by Peking University (Huang *et al.*, 2012), an Indian emission inventory developed by Argonne National Laboratory (Lu et al., 2011; Lu and Streets, 2012) and the official Korean emission inventory from the Clean Air Policy Support System (Lee et al., 2011).

Emission inventory provided anthropogenic pollutants covers 30 countries and regions with greenhouse gas emissions data such as sulphur dioxides (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), NMVOC (volatile organic compounds), particulate matter with diameter less than or equal to 10 µm (PM<sub>10</sub>), particulate matter with diameter less than or equal to 2.5 µm (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), black carbon (BC), organic carbon (OC), and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Two chemical mechanisms such as CB05 (the Carbon Bond mechanism, Yarwood et al., 2005) and SAPRC-99 (the State Air Pollution Research Centre 1999 version, Carter, 2000) were inserted with NMVOC emissions. The inventory consists of five emission sectors: agriculture, industry, power, residential and transportation, and developed at 0.25×0.25 resolution (Li et al., 2015).

#### **2.4.6.2 Air Quality Measurement Dataset**

The observed air concentrations, available since 1996 until 2011 were obtained from Department of Environment (DOE) in Malaysia. There are 94 air quality monitoring stations distributed across the region. The selection of observation sites was in random way as the evaluation of model output with the observation data is to provide as a context or idea about the level of agreements between the projected and observed quantities (Zhang et al., 2008). The comparison between both datasets is to clarify the downscaling skill of air quality projection, and not to study the air quality variation. Therefore, a qualitative evaluation of CMAQ air concentration predictions for current climate in January and July was conducted to assess the model in representing the observed air quality. Five observation stations in urban areas were obtained from DOE for the evaluation purpose. Three stations were selected from Malaysian Peninsula (Kuala Lumpur - representing central area; Ipoh – representing northern part; and Seremban –

representing Southern area. Meanwhile in Malaysian Borneo, Kuching in Sarawak State, and Kota Kinabalu in Sabah State.

### 3 Results & Discussion

This section will present the four main research subjects of the project. The research subject will be presented in sequence using the following subsections and headings:

- 3.1 Climate Change in Southeast Asia
- 3.2 Biomass Emission Inventory in Southeast Asia
- 3.3 Biogenic Emission Inventory in Southeast Asia
- 3.3 Air Quality in Southeast Asia Under Climate Change Scenarios

#### 3.1 Climate Change in Southeast Asia

##### 3.1.1 Climate Change Evaluation

Table 3.1.1 shows the evaluation and assessment of WRF modelling system under all RCPs scenarios as relative to NCEP reanalysis dataset. These NCEP FNL (Final) Operational Global Analysis dataset is from the Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS), which collects observational data from the Global Telecommunications System (GTS) and other sources on a continuous basis to allow for the utilisation from climate observational dataset (Rife *et al.*, 2014). The evaluation result of all RCPs simulation is almost similar with DOE dataset evaluation during January period, but a slight lower bias is observed during July period.

Table 3.1.1: Comparison of surface temperature in January and July under RCP4.5, RCP6.0 and RCP8.5 as relative to NCEP for normalized mean bias (NMB), fractional bias (FB), normalized mean square error (NMSE), and factor of two (Fa2).

Variable	Temperature (°C)		NMB	FB	NMSE	Fa2
	Model	NCEP				
<b>January</b>						
<b>RCP 4.5</b>	25.81	26.80	-3.69	-0.04	0.0010	0.96
<b>RCP 6.0</b>	25.04	26.80	-6.57	-0.07	0.0050	0.93
<b>RCP 8.5</b>	25.56	26.80	-4.63	-0.05	0.0020	0.95
<b>July</b>						
<b>RCP 4.5</b>	27.41	26.88	1.97	0.02	0.0004	1.02
<b>RCP 6.0</b>	27.22	26.88	1.26	0.01	0.0002	1.01
<b>RCP 8.5</b>	27.55	26.88	2.49	0.02	0.0006	1.02

Similarly, for RCP6.0 scenario, the model under has underestimated the NCEP reanalysis data with slightly higher cold bias of 6.57% during January but overestimated the reanalysis with a warm bias of 1.26% during July period. That being said, the model simulated surface temperature with 25.04°C during January and 27.22°C compared to 26.80°C and 26.88 under NCEP reanalysis for both periods accordingly. It can be observed that both FB and NMSE has value of insignificance difference from zero while Fa2 equal to 1 thus leaving an impression of paralleling observational surface temperature dataset.

For RCP8.5, the model also has underestimated the NCEP reanalysis dataset with cold bias of 4.63% during January and despite overestimated the NCEP dataset with warm bias of 2.49%. Not the less, the model has simulated surface temperature of 25.56°C during January and 27.55°C for July while NCEP giving a value of 26.80°C and 26.88°C correlatively. In agreement with RCP4.5 and RCP6.0, both FB and NMSE has value of insignificance difference from zero while Fa2 equal to ranging from 0.96 – 1.02 thus indicating an exceptional homogenous surface temperature data from climate simulation output.

### 3.1.1 Surface Temperature

#### 3.1.2.1 RCP4.5 Scenario

Under RCP4.5 the simulated mean surface temperature in SEA region for January of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 are 22.88°C, 22.51°C, 23.48°C, 23.25°C and 23.70°C respectively. Whereas in July, the mean surface temperature for the same time slice is 26.66°C, 26.88°C, 27.43°C, 27.18°C and 27.59°C respectively (Table 3.1.2). Though the mean surface temperature is simulated to be cooler during January 2030 period (with reduction of 0.37°C), warmer climate is expected from the result of the rest simulation period. It is also worthy to highlight that the mean surface temperature for both January and July of 2070 are lower than what been observed in 2050 and 2100.

Table 3.1.2: Mean surface temperature of SEA under RCP4.5

Year	Month	Surface Temperature (°C)	Changes (°C)	Percentage of Increment (%)
2013	January	22.88	-	-
	July	26.66	-	-
2030	January	22.51	-0.37	-1.62
	July	26.88	0.22	0.83
2050	January	23.48	0.60	2.62
	July	27.43	0.77	2.89
2070	January	23.25	0.37	1.62
	July	27.18	0.52	1.95
2100	January	23.70	0.82	3.58

	<b>July</b>	27.59	0.93	3.49
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As RCP4.5 is based on a progressive stabilization of GHG emissions after the middle of the 21st century, this finding carries the expectation that there is a decrease in energy demand during winter season and progressive stabilization of greenhouse gases over that period (Thomson et al., 2011; IPCC, 2014). The cumulative function of simulated mean surface temperature under RCP4.5 over SEA region for the period of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 of January and July was shown in the figure 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 respectively. The result from figures 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 also suggest that there is overall a less significant increase of surface temperature at about 2 °C from the period of 2050 until end of century especially in the maritime continent of SEA.

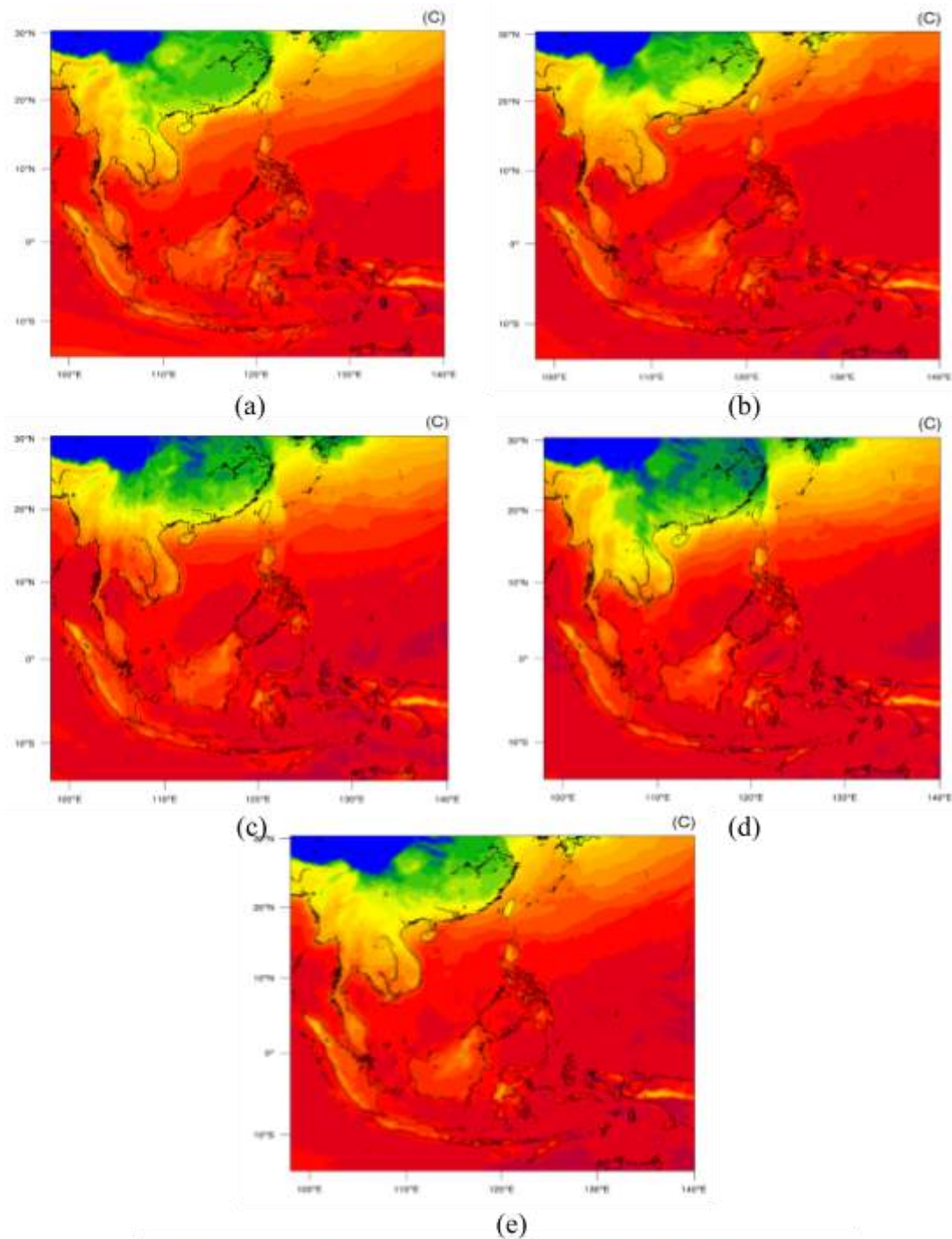


Figure 3.1.1: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP4.5 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

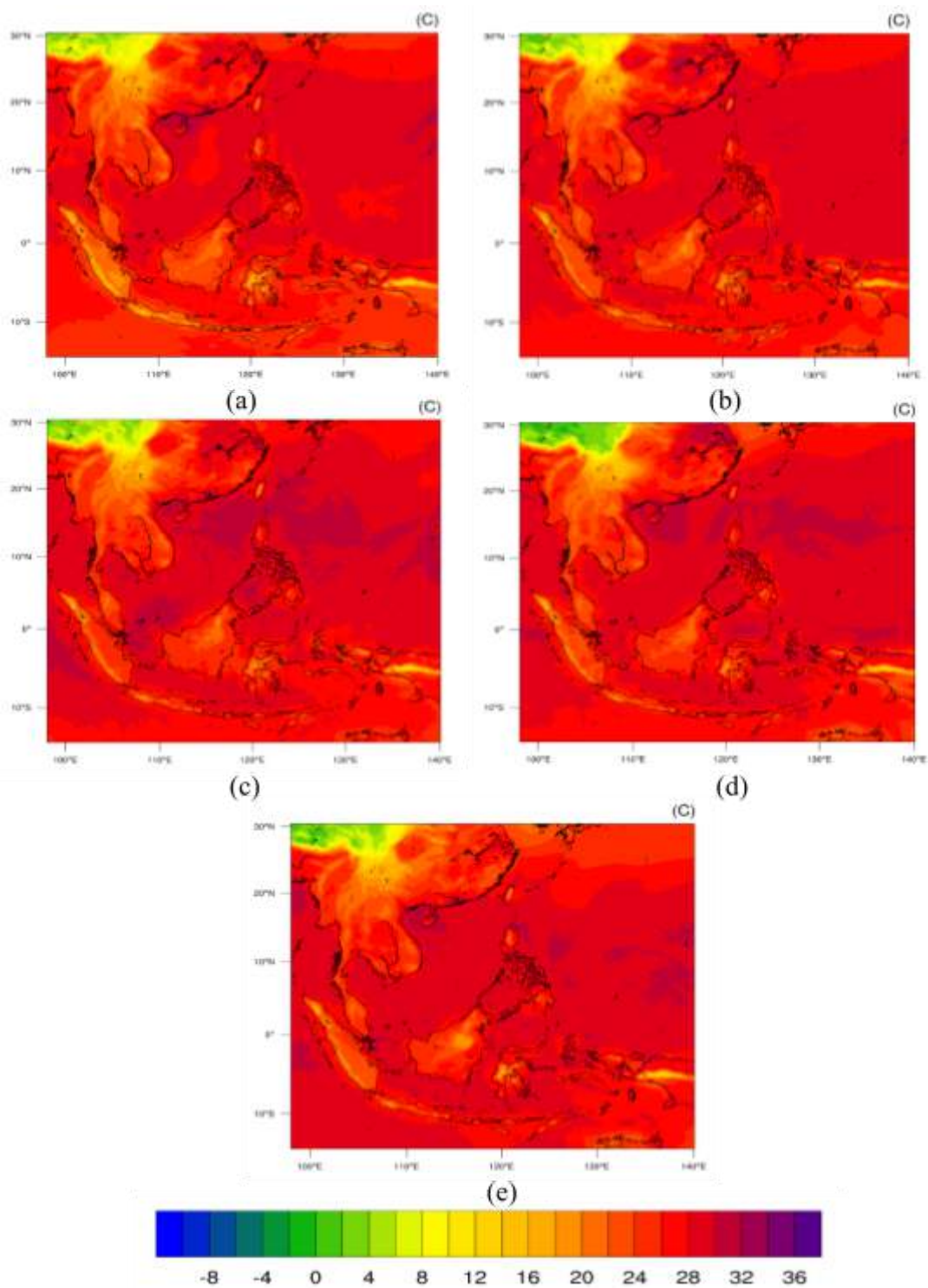


Figure 3.1.2: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP4.5 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

For January of mid-century, Cambodia and Thailand set the highest temperature increment with 4.6°C (from 28.24°C to 32.96°C) and 4.7°C (from 22.08°C to 26.29°C) respectively. Both Myanmar and Laos experience less significant warming of 0.89°C (from 16.24°C to 17.14) and 2.86 °C (from 22.83°C to 26.84°C) during the mid-century, before expected to become colder at the end of century with reduction temperature anomaly of -5.17°C and -5.14°C respectively. The mean average surface temperature anomaly toward the end of century are less pronounced at other countries of SEA except Thailand which expected to become cooler by 4.49°C.

Additionally, the result from RCP4.5 also suggest that the surface temperature in mainland SEA is more variable during January compared to July for the entire simulation period. The climate of mainland SEA has a tropical maritime forcing thus there is not much surface temperature difference during dry season (Nguyen et al., 2019). The maritime continent of in SEA particularly Borneo Island, Sulawesi and the Philippines relatively has higher temperature, high relative humidity and higher precipitation rate due to the effect of tropical rain belt, and the seasonal shifting (Christensen et al., 2013). More details on regional surface temperature projection under RCP4.5 scenario can be found on Appendix 3.1.1A.

### 3.1.2.2 RCP 6.0 Scenario

Under RCP6.0 the average mean surface temperature over SEA for January of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070, and 2100 are 22.41°C, 23.18°C, 24.05°C, 23.45°C and 24.06°C respectively. Whereas in July, the mean surface temperature are 26.46°C, 26.76°C, 27.40°C, 27.73°C and 28.20°C (Table. 3.1.3). The increase in projected average surface temperature anomalies for the future period indicates a level of steady increase in emissions by the year 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 under RCP6.0 and similar in the findings of Gupta et al., (2021). Overall, the future mean surface temperature in SEA region is projected to increase two times higher than RCP4.5 of about 0.77 °C to 1.66 °C for January period and 0.31 °C to 1.74 °C (Table 3.1.3).

That being said, the mainland of SEA (from figure 3.1.3) particularly Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar will experience warmer climate during the mid-century with increment of 12.68°C (from 14.64°C to 27.33°C), 12.27°C (from 14.64°C to 26.87°C), 10.43°C (from 22.54°C to 30.28°C), 8.8°C (from 16.66°C to 23.02°C) and 5.43°C (from 11.72°C to 17.16°C) respectively compared to the baseline period (refer to Appendix 3.1.1B). Toward the end of century, the simulated mean surface temperature over Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam is most pronounced compared to other regions where it increases by 10.90°C (from 14.64°C to 25.55°C), 10.17°C (from 22.54°C to 32.71°C), 9.26°C (from 14.60°C to 23.87°C), and 9.25°C (from 16.66°C to 25.92°C) respectively.

Simulated surface temperature increment for July (figure 3.1.4) comparatively lower than January for SEA countries with the highest increment of 4.35°C for Myanmar (from 21.41°C to 25.77°C) and the lowest of 0.83°C (from 28.76°C to 29.58°C) for Malaysia. The projected surface temperature increment also pronounced in Thailand with 3.03°C (from 25.96°C to 28.99°C) temperature increment during mid of century while 2.69°C (from 26.98°C to 29.67°C) and 2.29°C (from 27.83°C to 30.13°C) for Laos and Vietnam. Towards the end of century, the whole region except Thailand and Laos will experienced surface temperature increment ranging from 1.93 to 3.69 which is less pronounced during in the mid-century.

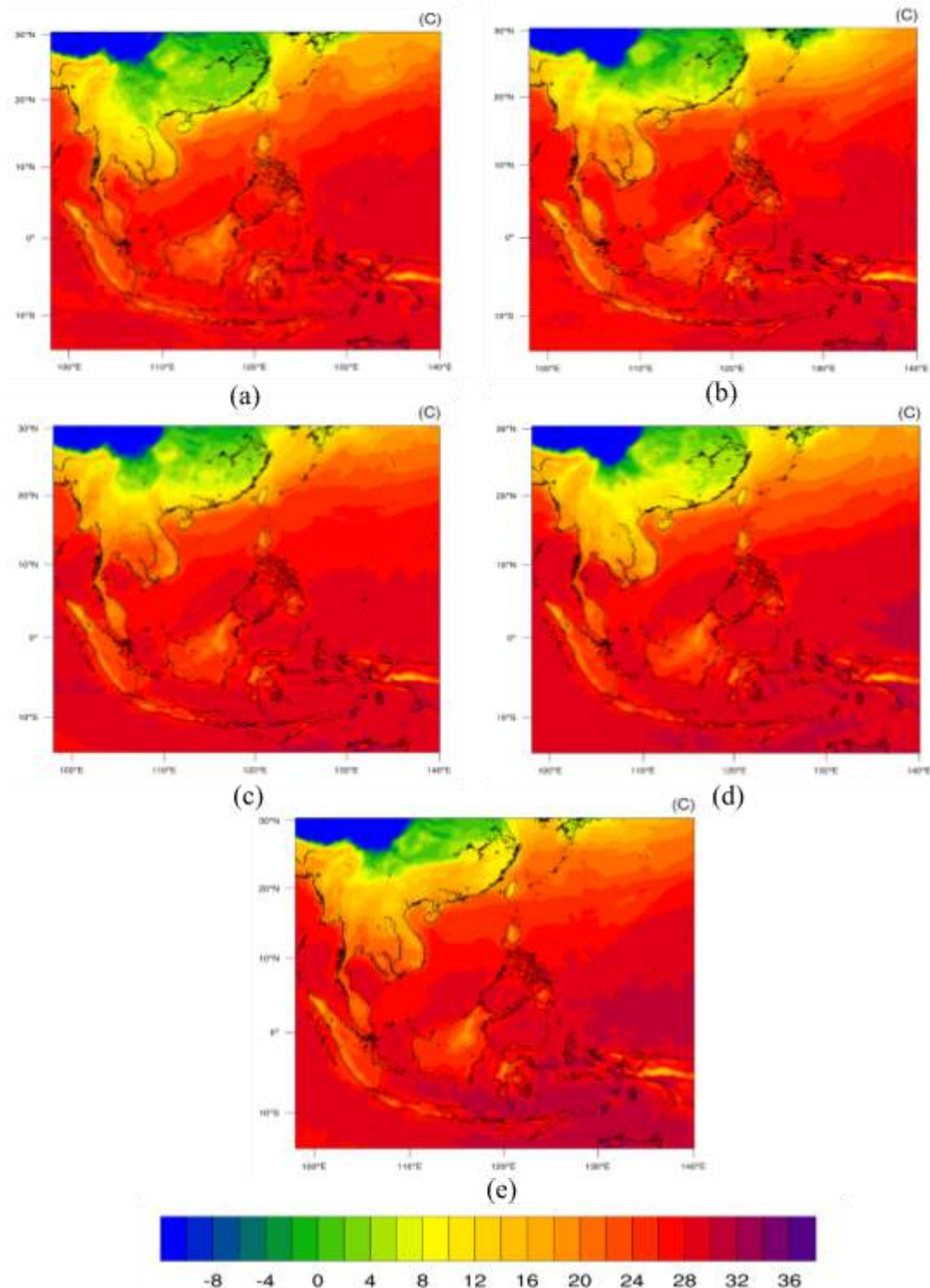


Figure 3.1.3: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP6.0 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

As RCP6.0 has higher CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in 2050 than RCP4.5 which the energy consumption reaches the peak during 2080 and start to decline afterward (IPCC, 2013). Therefore, higher surface temperature associated with higher forcing scenario during the mid- century. Moreover, RCP6.0 is a scenario of long-term, global emissions of GHGs, land-use and land-cover change which stabilizes radiative forcing at 6.0 Wm<sup>-2</sup> in the year 2100 (Masui et al., 2011). This corresponding well with the result in which higher surface temperature change during mid-century in the mainland might be due to the increase of agricultural activities and land cover conversion has been observed in China previously (Dong et al., 2019).

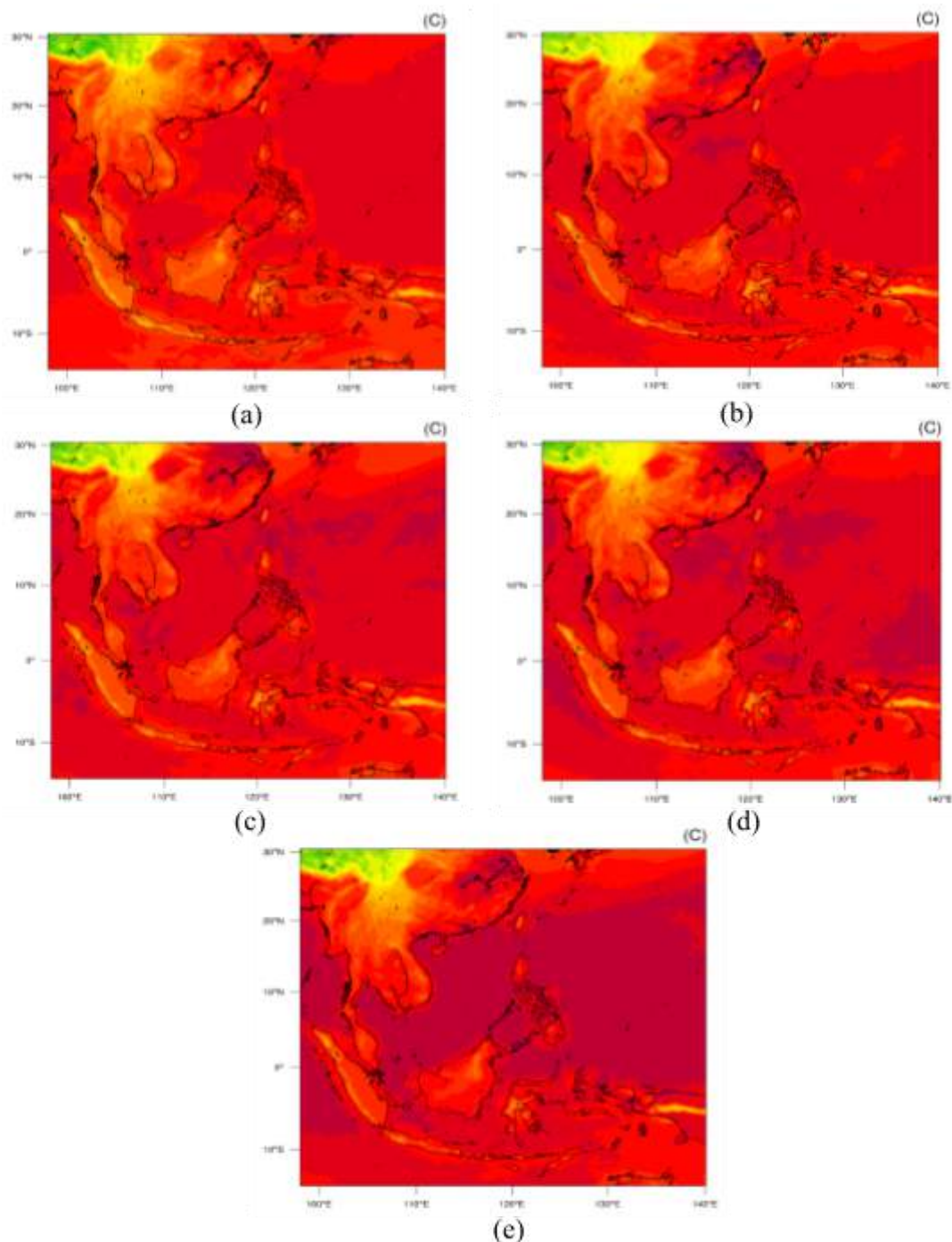


Figure 3.1.4: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP6.0 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

Table 3.1.3: Mean surface temperature of SEA under RCP6.0

Year	Month	Surface Temperature (°C)	Changes (°C)	Percentage of Increment (%)
2013	January	22.41	-	-
	July	26.46	-	-
2030	January	23.18	0.77	3.45
	July	26.76	0.31	1.15
2050	January	24.05	1.64	7.33
	July	27.40	0.94	3.55
2070	January	23.45	1.05	4.67
	July	27.73	1.27	4.80
2100	January	24.06	1.66	7.40
	July	28.20	1.74	6.58

### 3.1.2.3 RCP 8.5 Scenario

The mean surface temperature in both January and July for SEA under RCP 8.5 scenario were found to be the highest compared to RCP4.5 and RCP6.0 scenarios. The average mean surface temperature for January of year 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 are 23.29°C, 22.95°C, 23.09°C, 24.65°C, 25.40°C respectively. While in July the mean surface temperature for the respective same year are 26.63°C, 27.39°C, 27.62°C, 28.51°C and 29.13°C respectively (Table 3.1.4). Similar to RCP4.5 and RCP6.0 scenarios, surface temperature projection under RCP8.5 shows a drop in temperature during January period with decrement of -0.34°C in 2030 and -0.20°C in 2050.

Table 3.1.4: Mean surface temperature of SEA under RCP8.5

Year	Month	Surface Temperature (°C)	Changes (°C)	Percentage of Increment (%)
2013	January	23.29	-	-
	July	26.63	-	-

<b>2030</b>	<b>January</b>	22.95	-0.34	-1.45
	<b>July</b>	27.39	0.76	2.85
<b>2050</b>	<b>January</b>	23.09	-0.20	-0.86
	<b>July</b>	27.62	0.99	3.72
<b>2070</b>	<b>January</b>	24.65	1.36	5.83
	<b>July</b>	28.51	1.87	7.03
<b>2100</b>	<b>January</b>	25.40	2.11	9.05
	<b>July</b>	29.13	2.50	9.37

The spatial distribution of surface temperature simulation under RCP8.5 are shown in figure 3.1.5 for January and figure 3.1.6 for July respectively. The results depict that during January an increment of surface temperature concentrate over SEA mainland region during mid-century. Laos recorded highest temperature increment with 5.74°C (from 21.84°C – 27.60°C) followed by Vietnam with 4.29°C (from 22.87°C – 27.16°C), Thailand 4.18°C (from 25.46°C – 21.28°C) and Cambodia 3.25°C (from 28.27 – 31.52°C). However, toward the end of century, the mainland of SEA become more colder while the maritime continent become warmer. More information on RCP8.5 regional surface temperature projection is shown on Appendix 3.1.1C

On the other hand, the maritime continent of SEA is simulated to have higher temperature increment over the end of century with 2.45 °C over Indonesia, 2.16°C in Singapore, 1.98°C over Philippines and 1.63 over Malaysia during January period (figure 3.1.5). This temperature anomaly during mid-century and end of century can be contributed by seasonal monsoon changed which has been discussed in the study of Loo et al., (2014). The ocean-atmosphere interaction can be a source of climate variability and shaping the dynamic of regional monsoon system therefore influence changes in atmosphere temperature (Zhou et al., 2009).

Whereas in July (figure 3.1.6), there is no notable increase of mean surface temperature in SEA countries but the result of RCP8.5 simulation expected that it will be colder in mid-century with temperature anomalies of -3.50°C in Thailand (from 28.90 – 25.40), -3.32°C in Laos (from 30.97°C – 27.65°C), and -2.15°C over Vietnam (from 31.36°C – 29.21°C). Towards the end of century, the result of RCP8.5 simulations projected that Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Myanmar will experience warmer temperature ranging from 1.75°C to 2.28°C (from 29.72°C – 31.47 over Malaysia, 29.01°C – 30.83°C over Philippines, 28.90°C – 30.88°C over Thailand, and 24.65°C – 26.93°C in Myanmar respectively).

The southeast Asian countries especially Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Philippines and Thailand influenced by the large-scale seasonal reversals of wind regime (Serreze and Barry, 2010). The two regimes of monsoon are the Southeast Asian summer monsoon (10°–20°N) and the western North Pacific summer monsoon (10°–20°N, 130°–150°E), which separated by the South China Sea (Kripalani and Kulkarni, 1997). During winter, the tilting of the Earth allows less solar radiation at the northern

hemisphere. This results in rapid cooling followed by pressure decrease in the atmosphere (Loo et al., 2015). Anti-cyclones develop over Siberia and the cold north-easterly air reaches the coastal waters of China before heading towards Southeast Asia (MMD, 2012).

RCP8.5 climate scenario also referred as baseline scenario which does not include any specific mitigation target (Riahi et al., 2011). Higher temperature is expected at the end of century as the region has undergone rapid economic development and GHG emission considerably high over time leading to a forcing of  $8.5 \text{ W/m}^2$  (IPCC, 2013). Thus, temperature changes might be as well induced by land use changes under RCP8.5 which suggesting larger land-cover conversion (Dong et al., 2019) over Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Myanmar. Difference between landcover background would contribute difference between temperature as GHG emission warms the whole atmospheric temperature while evaporations from vegetation promote cooling effect (Zeng et al., 2017).

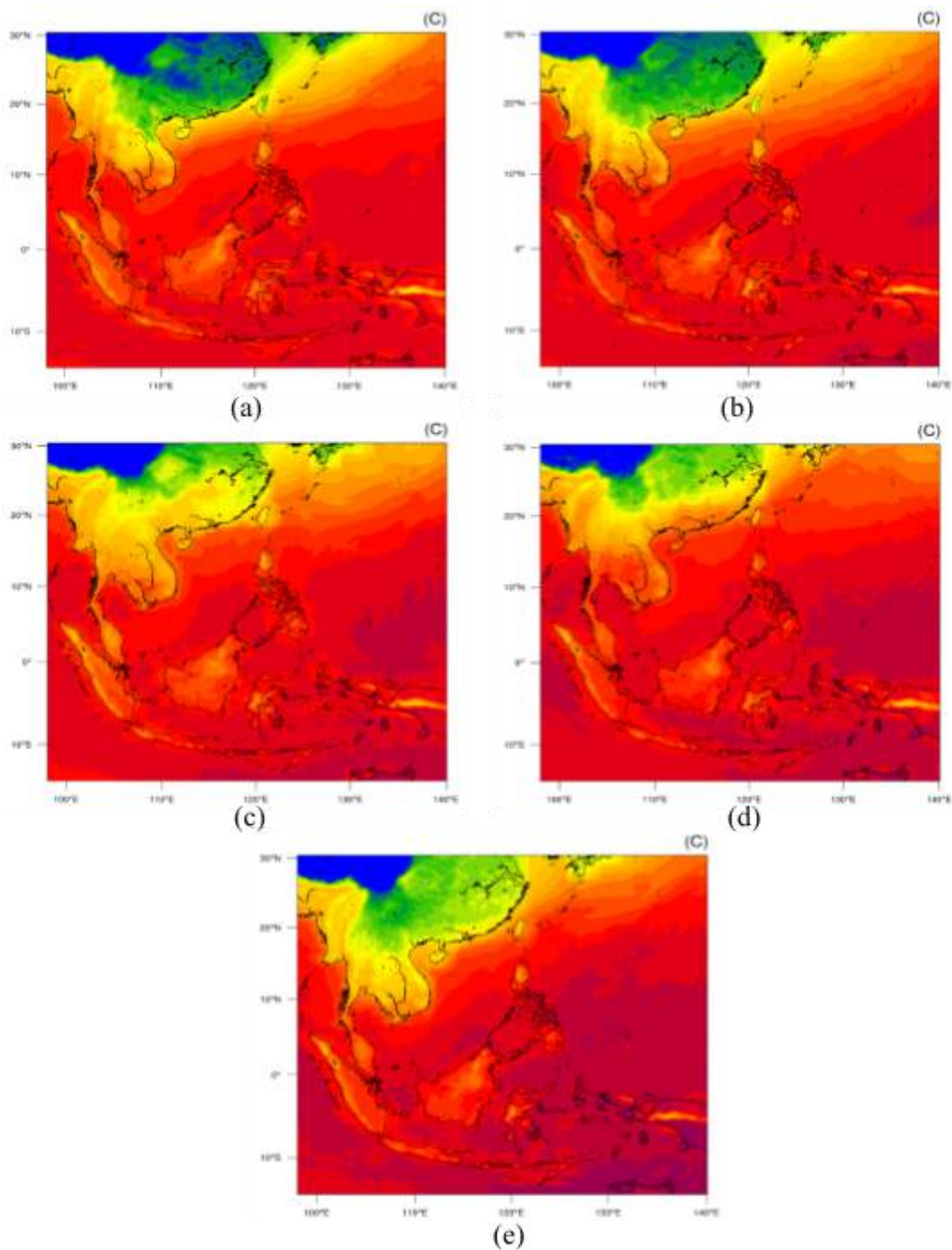


Figure 3.1.5: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP8.5 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

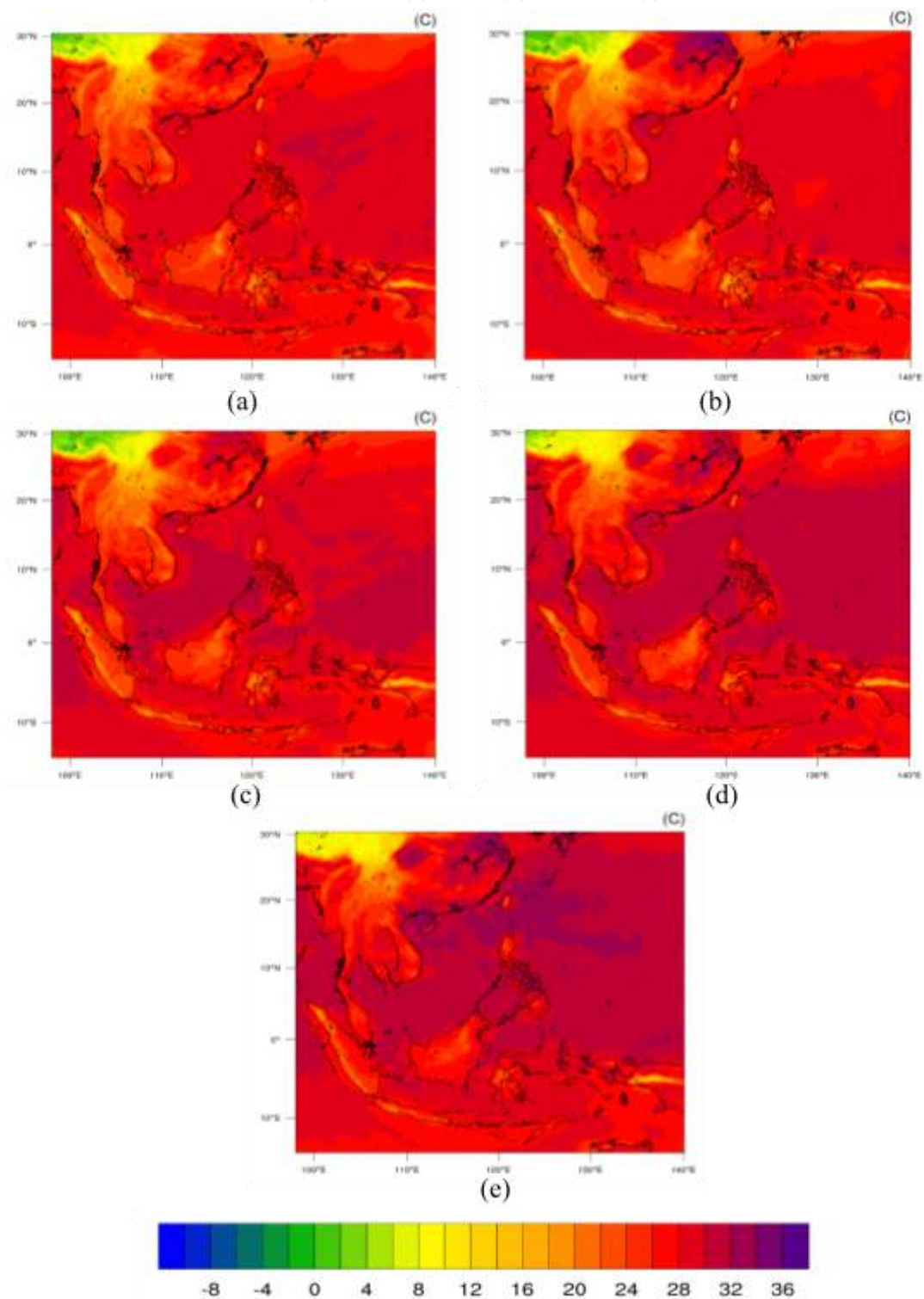


Figure 3.1.6: Mean surface temperature for SEA region under RCP8.5 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

### 3.1.3 Total Precipitation

#### 3.1.3.1 RCP4.5

The total mean precipitation projected in WRF model under RCP4.5 scenario in the year of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 are 0.92, 96.76, 5.61, 9.61 and 90.02 inches/day during January (Table 3.1.5). The mean of total precipitation was highest in 2030 (with 95.84 inches/day), followed 2100 (89.10 inches/day), 2070 (8.69 inches/day) and 2050 (5.61 inches/day) as relative to baseline scenario (2013), which represent an increment of total precipitation between 5.09% to 96.86%. The increase of rainfall over this region might be caused by increase of overall temperature. As highlighted in the study of Ge et al. (2021), the tropical region was also projected with an increase of precipitation and the changes is caused by their sensitivity of global warming drives by the GHGs emission.

Table 3.1.5: Total Precipitation of SEA under RCP4.5

Year	Month	Total Precipitation (inches/day)	Changes (Inches)	Changes rate (x 100%)
2013	January	0.92	-	-
	July	8.80	-	-
2030	January	96.76	95.84	104.17
	July	5.42	- 3.37	- 0.38
2050	January	5.61	4.69	5.09
	July	15.27	6.48	1.73
2070	January	9.61	8.69	9.44
	July	134.88	126.09	14.32
2100	January	90.02	89.10	96.84
	July	105.72	96.93	11.01

The future distribution of total precipitation during January can be observed with a higher rate of rainfall in Malaysia and Indonesia over the rest of SEA countries (figure 3.1.7). The highest total precipitation increment during January was projected in Indonesia with a range of 1.93 to 205.74

inches/day (with 105.60% increment on January 2030 period) within the projection time slice. Then, continued by Malaysia with a range of 0.27 to 164.95 inches/day (over 600% rate of increment) inches during the same period. Besides, the increment of total precipitation from 1.43 to 59.16 inches/day (of 40.37%) over Philippines under the same period is worthy to be highlighted. While the mainland SEA countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam revealed a lower total precipitation change with a range from 0 to 10.32 inches. More details on total precipitation projection under this RCP is shown on Appendix 3.1.1D.

Simulated total mean precipitation increment for July (figure 3.1.8) comparatively less pronounced than January for SEA countries with the highest increment of 1.73% and 11.01% on the mid-century and end of century respectively. The projected temperature increment is most pronounced in Indonesia with 23.06 increment (from 0.30 inches/day to 7.22 inches/day) for mid of century. Towards the end of century, the maritime continental of Malaysia and Indonesia experiencing significant increment amount of rainfall with over 52.59% in Malaysia and 100.46% in Indonesia compared to the baseline period. The result is not in parallel with the finding of Tangang et al., (2020) which suggest that the changes are the significant and robust mean rainfall reductions of 10–30% over Indonesia and Malaysia.

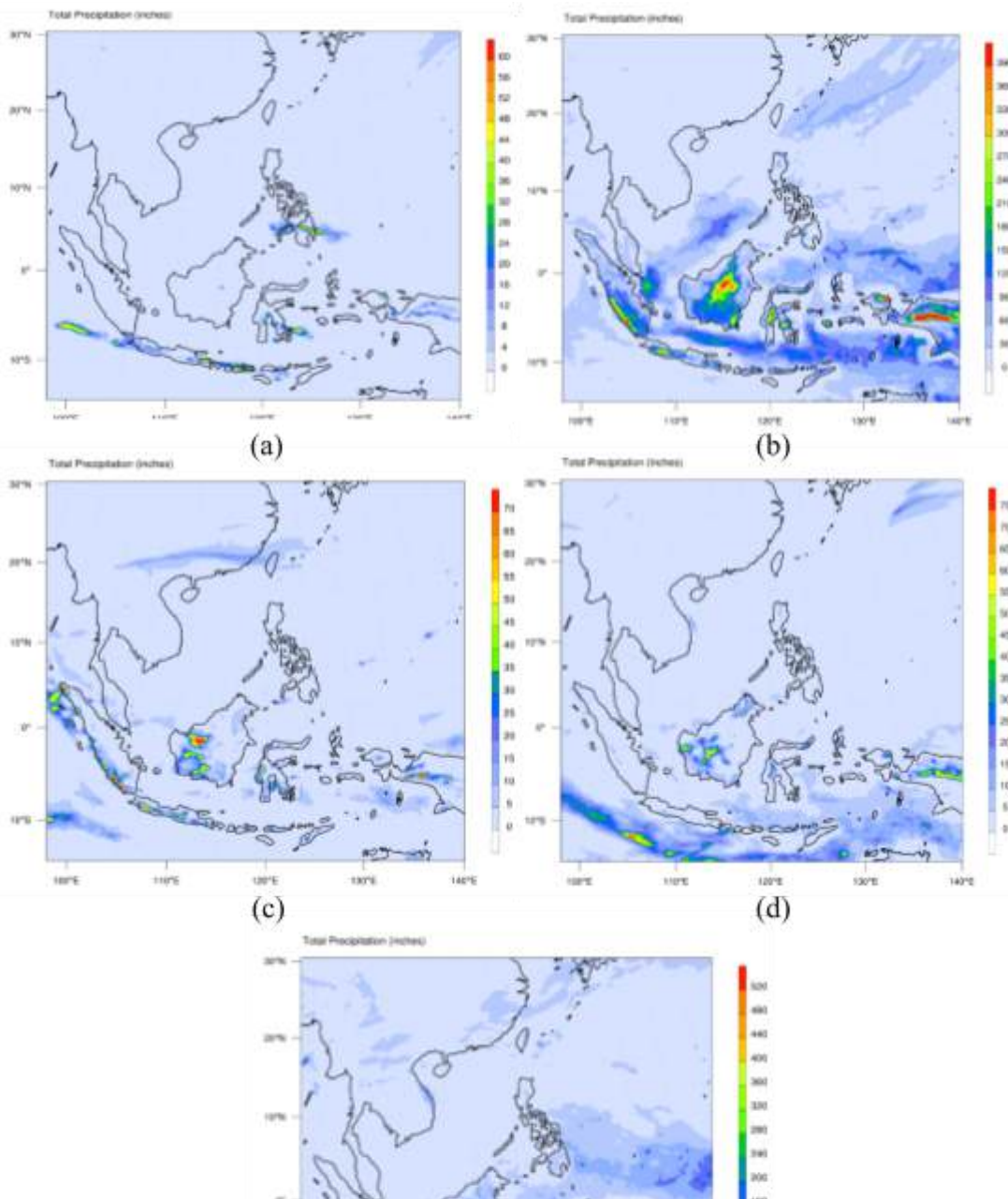


Figure 3.1.7: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP4.5 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

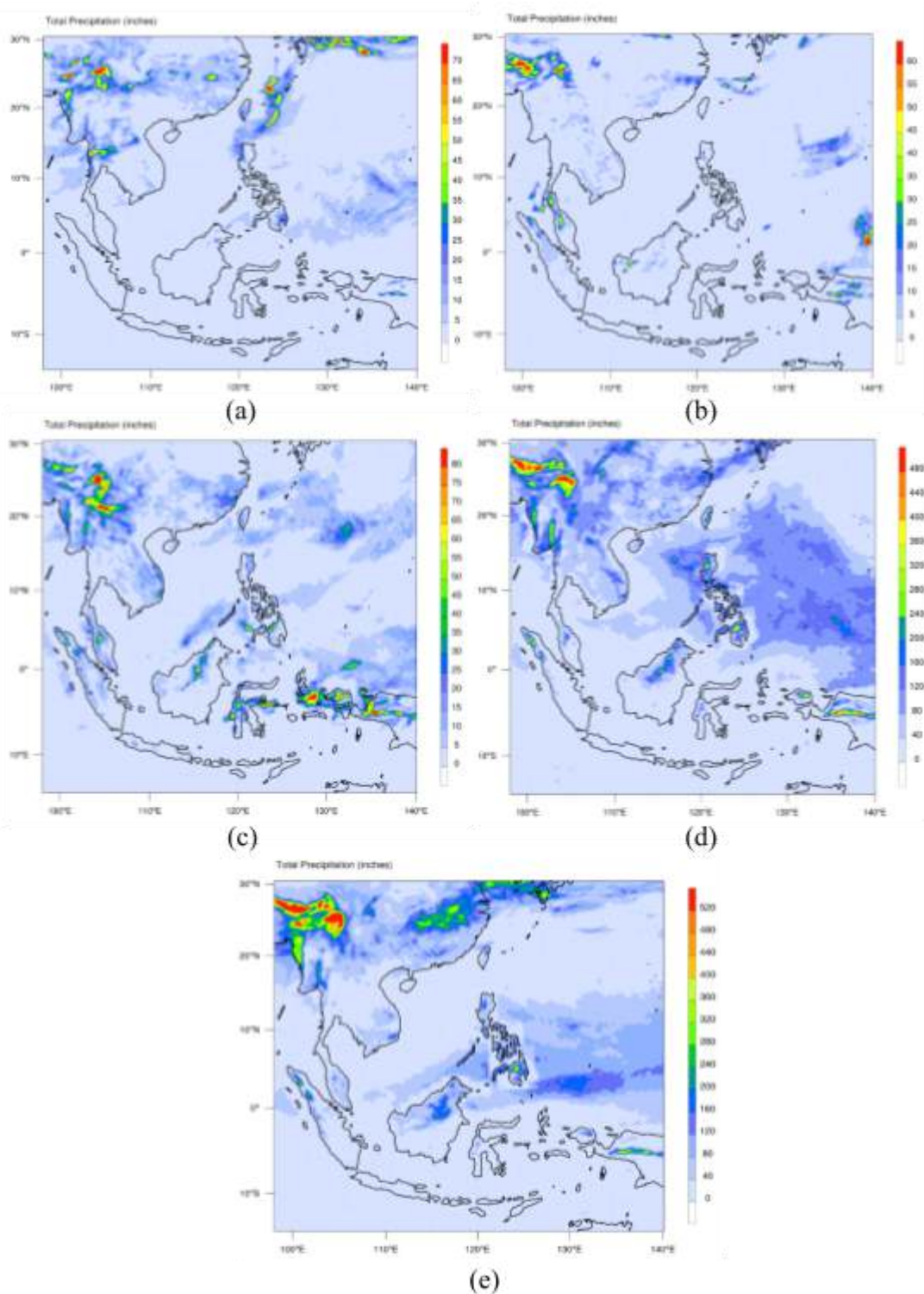


Figure 3.1.8: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP4.5 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

The high projected total precipitation during July most notably distributed over Myanmar with total precipitation of 18.86 inches/day during the baseline period increase to 30.60 (0.62%) and 196.61 (9.42%) inches/day for the mid-century and end of century respectively. While the projected total precipitation for the rest of MSEA shows a value ranging from 6.32 – 11.92 inches/day on baseline period, 20.72 – 31.47 inches/day during mid-century and 86.09 to 145.69 inches/day over the end of century. This projected total precipitation over MSEA however only consistent in Myanmar with the finding of Tangang et al., (2020) who also suggesting an increment between 4-8 % over the same region. The inconsistency and uncertainty in the simulations are difficult to reduce and can be attributed to the shortcomings in the parameterization and boundary condition of WRF model.

### 3.1.3.2 RCP6.0

The total mean precipitation over SEA region under RCP6.0 during January and July is shown on Table 3.1.6 and it was projected the overall mean total precipitation for January over the whole region is 3.14 inches/day for baseline period (2013) and increase up to 61.32 inches/day in 2030, decrease to 4.72 and 6.96 inches/day during mid-century and 2070 before increase again to 52.72 inches/day over the end of century. This result indicates that there will be a shift in seasonal precipitation over the SEA region during 2030 and 2100. Whereas in July, the projected total mean precipitation increases and consistently high over the future period as relative to baseline period, and the projected total precipitation recorder are 8.50, 112.26, 126.53, 103.64, and 131.79 inches/day for all respective time slices.

Table 3.1.6: Total Precipitation of SEA under RCP6.0

Year	Month	Total Precipitation (inches/day)	Changes (Inches)	Changes rate (x 100%)
2013	January	3.14	-	-
	July	8.50	-	-
2030	January	61.32	58.17	18.52
	July	112.26	103.77	12.20
2050	January	4.72	1.58	0.50
	July	126.53	118.04	13.88
2070	January	6.96	3.82	1.21

	<b>July</b>	103.64	95.14	11.19
<b>2100</b>	<b>January</b>	52.72	49.57	15.78
	<b>July</b>	131.79	123.29	14.50

Figure 3.1.9 shows that the insular region of SEA has a higher rate of total precipitation in January period, especially in 2030 and 2100. Similar to RCP4.5 scenario, January period shows a lower rate of total precipitation in mainland SEA which has the range between 0 to 8.76 inches/day under this scenario. While in the year of 2030, Indonesia, Philippines, and Malaysia were found at the highest rate of total precipitation at 92.87, 41.19 and 31.66 inches/day. During the end of the century, the insular region of SEA shows the highest rate of 108.75 inches/day in Indonesia, and 70.74 inches/day in Malaysia, except for Philippines as it has a moderate rate in 2100 (with 27.58 inches/day) but the highest rate was in 2030 (with 41.19 inches/day). Details on this total precipitation under RCP6.0 are shown in Appendix 3.1.1E.

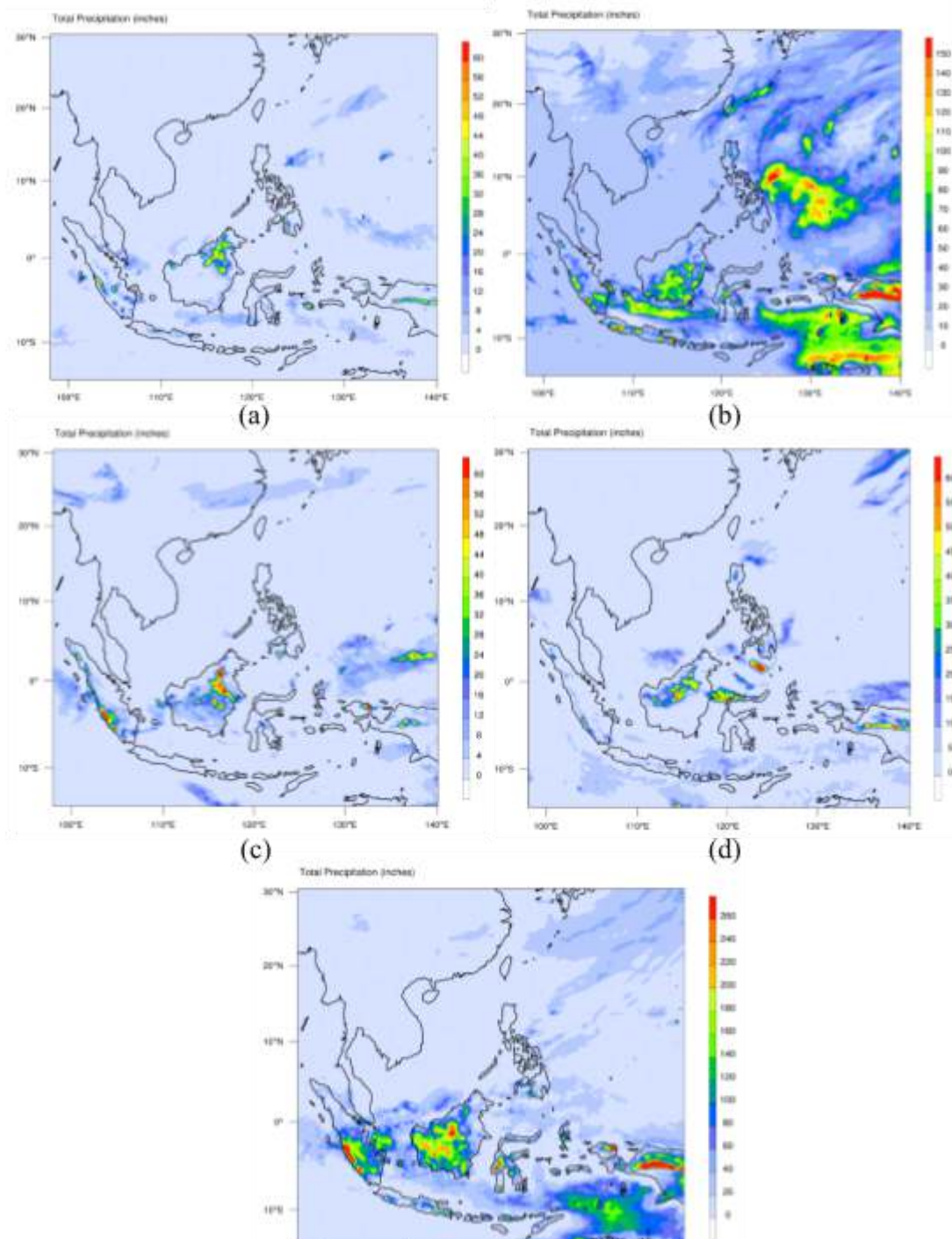


Figure 3.1.9: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP6.0 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

Nevertheless, the projected total precipitation over SEA shows a higher value in July compared to January as shown in figure 3.1.10. During the end of the century, RCP6.0 scenario projected higher rate of total precipitation in all SEA countries by comparing to RCP4.5 scenario, with a range between 40.26 to 406.66 inches/day in July period. The higher precipitation rate is distributed on the upper domain area and

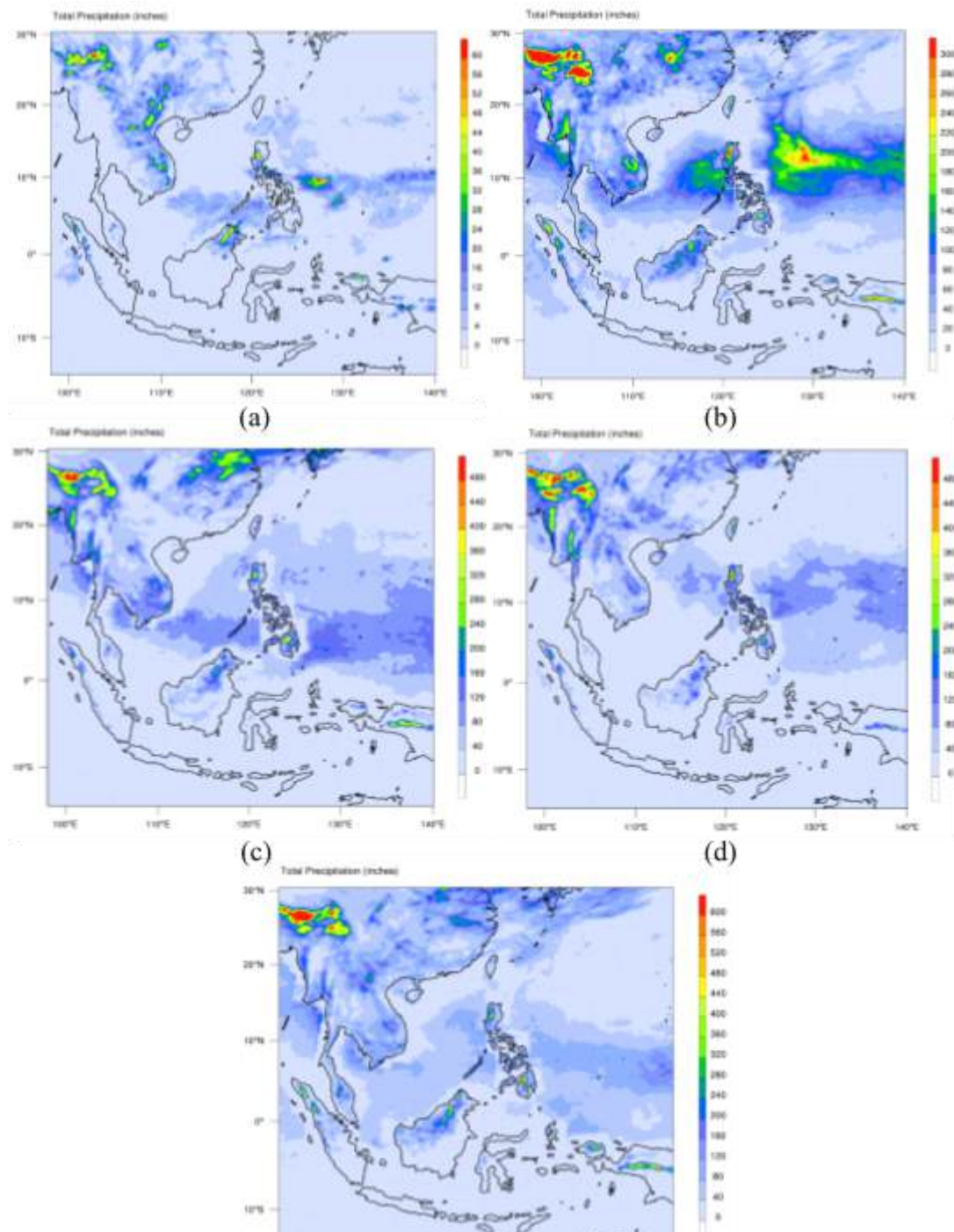


Figure 3.1.10: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP6.0 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b)2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

scattered over the ocean. More rainfall over sea area as compared to the land area can be associated with warm surface water, and eventually trigger the local process such as convection. Similar to RCP45, the highest projected total precipitation during July most notably distributed over Myanmar with total precipitation of 7.04 inches/day during the baseline period, before increase to 197.37 (27.01%) and 205.04 (28.10%) inches for the mid-century and end of century respectively.

A study by Serreze and Barry (2010) suggests that SEA region influenced by the monsoon which has a large-scale seasonal reversal of the wind regime. Also, the projected total precipitation in SEA projected in this study revealed a higher rate in July compared to January, which can be explained by the monsoon system in SEA as the monsoonal areas receive summer rainfall maximums (Serreze and Barry, 2010). In term of seasonal monsoon in SEA, it is largely characterized by the asymmetric seasonal march of maximum convection from the northern parts of the region during the summer monsoon to the southern parts of SEA during the winter monsoon (Chang et al. 2005; Robertson et al. 2011). Therefore, mainland SEA has the maximum rainfall summer monsoon (July) insular region of SEA experience maximum rainfall during winter monsoon (January) (Chang et al. 2005)

### 3.1.3.3 RCP8.5

Under RCP8.5 scenario, the projected total precipitation in SEA was found at 5.49, 126.28, 108.02, 4.28 and 63.75 inches/day in 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 during January (Table 3.1.7). Relative to baseline period (2013), the mean total precipitation was increased by 18.67% and 10.61% during mid and end of century. The pattern of the total precipitation projected in SEA was not consistent with other climate scenario used in this study during the projected period and the high variability of total precipitation could also probably due to climate forcing used during simulation, ENSO phenomenon (Hidayat and Kizu 2010; van der Linden et al. 2016; Birch et al. 2016; Kim et al. 2017; Xavier et al. 2020) and distribution and also number of tropical cyclone (Chatomonsal et al., 2011) which are not resolved in the model.

In early (2030) to mid of century of January, the insular region of SEA will experienced high increase of rainfall (figure 3.1.11) with increment rate of 15.74% (from 8.04 to 134.77 inches/day) and

15.85% (to 135.67 inches/day) for Malaysia, while increment rate of 26.49% (from 9.75 to 268.24 inches/day) and 14.57% (to 160.70 inches/day) in Indonesia, and increment rate of 22.19% (from 3.35 to 77.75 inches/day) and 30.87% (to 106.84 inches/day) over Philippines for 2030 and 2050 respectively. However, toward the end of century these insular regions only experienced a slight increment amount of rainfall with 2.37% increment (from 8.04 to 27.20 inches/day) in Malaysia, 8.10% (from 9.75 to 88.86 inches/day) over Indonesia and 9.12% (from 3.35 to 33.95 inches/day) over Philippines respectively.

Table 3.1.7: Total Precipitation of SEA under RCP8.5

Year	Month	Total Precipitation (inches/day)	Changes (Inches)	Changes rate (x 100%)
2013	January	5.49	-	-
	July	131.59	-	-
2030	January	126.28	120.79	22.01
	July	129.12	-2.47	- 0.01
2050	January	108.02	102.53	18.67
	July	138.79	7.20	0.05
2070	January	4.28	-1.21	- 0.22
	July	119.88	-11.72	- 0.08
2100	January	63.75	58.26	10.61
	July	49.66	-81.94	- 0.64

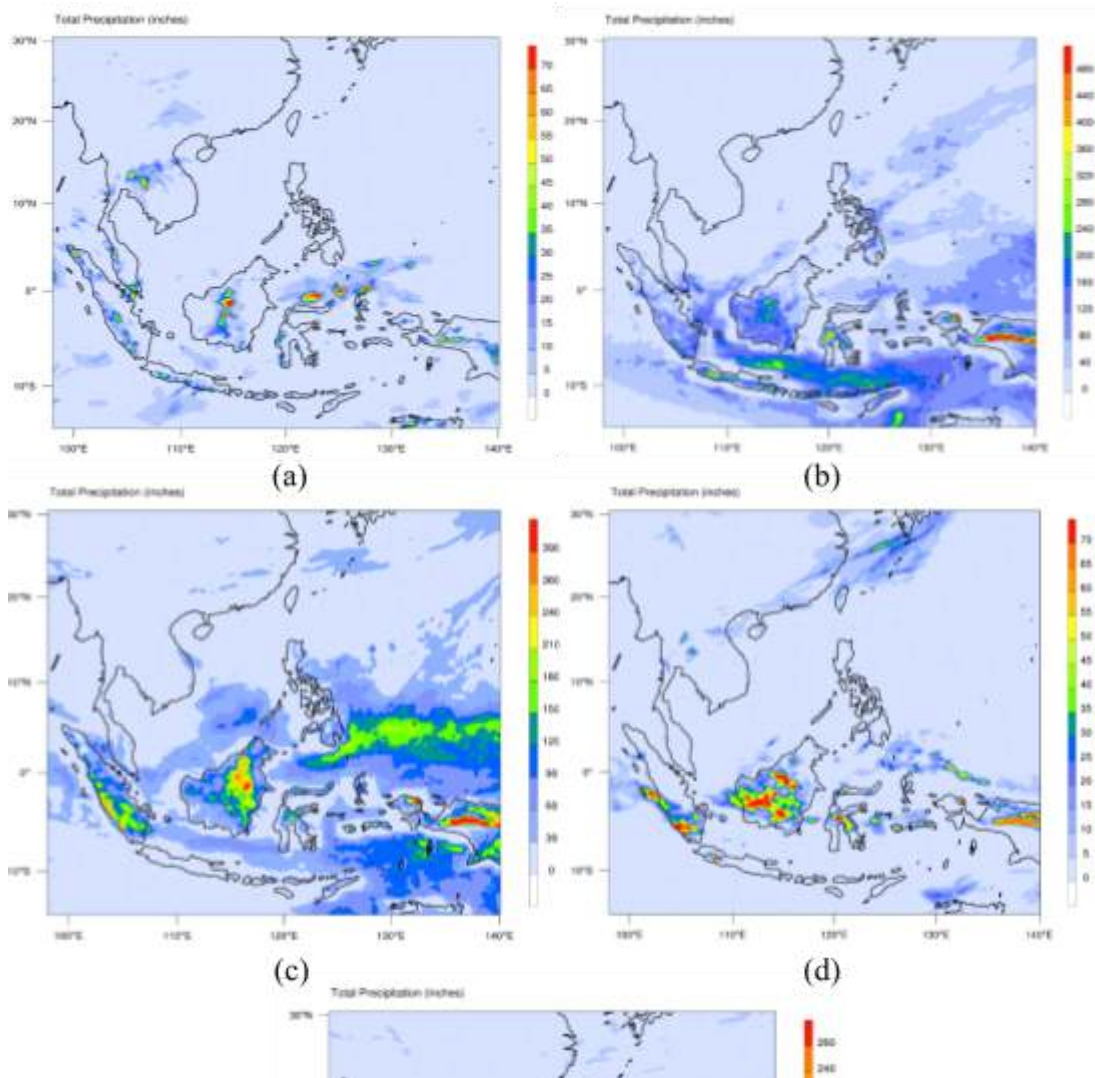


Figure 3.1.11: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP8.5 during January of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

Whereas in July (figure 3.1.12), the projected simulation of RCP8.5 estimated a higher consistently amount of total precipitation in SEA compared to January period, with total projected precipitation in 2013, 2030, 2050 and 2070 of 131.59, 129.12, 138.79, 119.88 inches/day respectively. Yet,

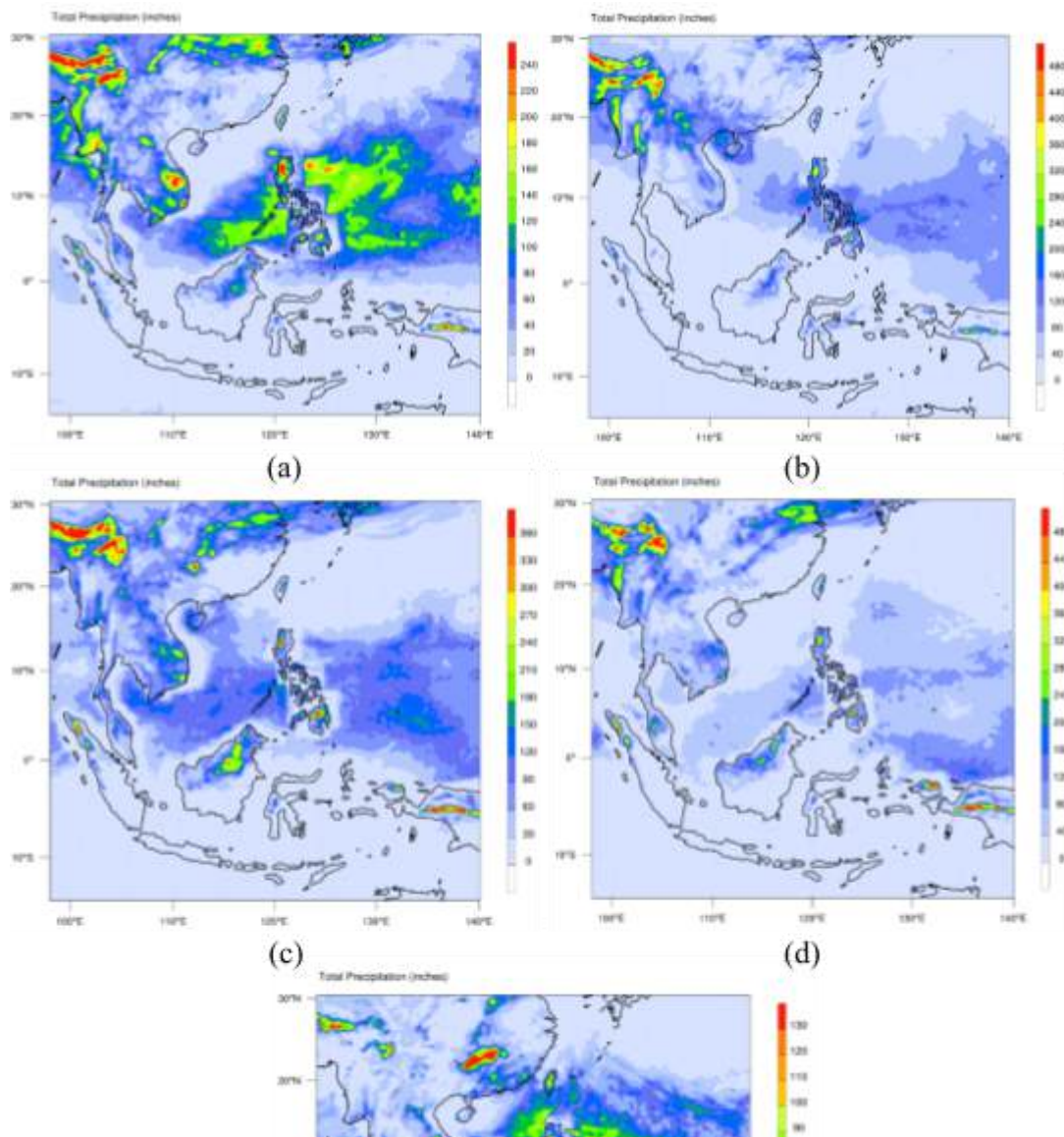


Figure 3.1.12: Total precipitation for SEA region under RCP8.5 during July of 2013 (a), 2030 (b), 2050 (c), 2070 (d) and 2100 (e).

at the end of century, the total mean precipitation reduced notably by -0.64% (from 131.59 to 49.66 inches/day). It is speculated that the reduced amount of rainfall in SEA during July might be due to the increased dry spell length which probably related back to the reduction of cloudiness (Marengo et al., 2009). The reduction of total projected precipitation during July under this RCP8.5 was consistent with the finding of Tangang et al., (2020) which also highlighted a reduction of mean precipitation by 10-30% over this region.

As shown in 3.1.12, the overall total high projected precipitation over SEA region in July period also distributed over mainland SEA and at the centre of the domain. Cambodia was expected to receive highest amount of rainfall with 299.06 inches/day during baseline period, 342.36 inches/day during mid-century (with increment rate of 0.14%) and reduced to 108.50 inches/day (reduction rate of - 0.63%) over the end of century. The trend was similar, but the change was smaller in other part of MSEA (see Appendix 3.1.1F for more details). The changes in total precipitation in Philippines was also to be highlighted with total projected precipitation of 295.67 inches/day on baseline period, to 223.13 inches/day (decrease by - 0.24%) in mid-century and 113.45 inches/day (decrease by - 0.61%) towards the end of century.

However, in Indonesia, though it was projected with the lowest rate of total precipitation among the SEA countries under RCP8.5 scenario with 19.95 inches/day on 2013, the mean total precipitation was expected to increase at 0.38% (to 27.61 inches/day) before decrease by - 0.81% (to 3.77 inches/day) toward the mid and end of century. Recent study of (Tangang et al., 2020) revealed that the decrement in total precipitation in Indonesia during this period was brought by the increasing drying condition. Thus, by the end of century, the projected total precipitation during July over SEA region were slightly lower

than previous period, which might be related to the reduction in thick cloud cover, soil moisture content, water availability and evaporation rate (Held and Soden, 2006; Donat et al., 2016;2019; Norris et al., 2019).

### 3.1.4 Climate Change Over Borneo Island

Borneo is one of the regions in Southeast Asia that vulnerable regions to climate change and contributing significantly to the world greenhouse gas emissions Generally long coastlines (the third largest island in the world) and heavily populated in low-lying areas make this island extremely vulnerable to weather extremes and rising sea levels associated with global warming. A global warming increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius will cause rising seas, dangerous flooding, and changing rain patterns leading to violent typhoons and drought (IPCC, 2018). The first major assessment from climate experts (IPCC, 2013) in nearly a decade predicts no end to rising temperatures before 2050 unless greenhouse gas emissions are slashed. Therefore, Borneo Island needs to mount stronger climate defences.

This Borneo Island could shift to a “new climate regime” by the end of the century, when the coolest months would be warmer than the hottest summer months (ADB, 2017). The island of Borneo is projected to be severely affected by climate change - increased risk of floods and forest fires activity (ADB, 2016). Between 1970 and 2013, Malaysian Borneo (Sabah and Sarawak) regions experienced surface mean temperature increase of 0.14°C–0.25°C per decade and expected to rise under future climate change scenarios. In this part, the climate change projections in term of surface temperature and total precipitation for Borneo Island are presented based on RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 climate scenarios. The climate change scenarios were analysed for the year of 2013 (baseline), 2050, and 2100.

The average monthly variations of surface temperatures and temperature changes projection over Borneo Island under climate change scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) are shown in Table 3.1.8. While figure 3.1.13 shows the spatial distribution of monthly average of surface temperature over Borneo Island under RCP4.5 and RCP 8.5 scenarios, while Figure 3.1.14 shows the surface temperature changes (°C) over the region. Spatially, higher means surface temperature over the coastal waters than over the land in both scenarios, with much higher changes under RCP8.5 and more pronounced at the end of the century. At the mid- and end of the century the temperature changes are in the range of -1.1 -2.1 °C and 0.2 – 4.17°C, respectively.

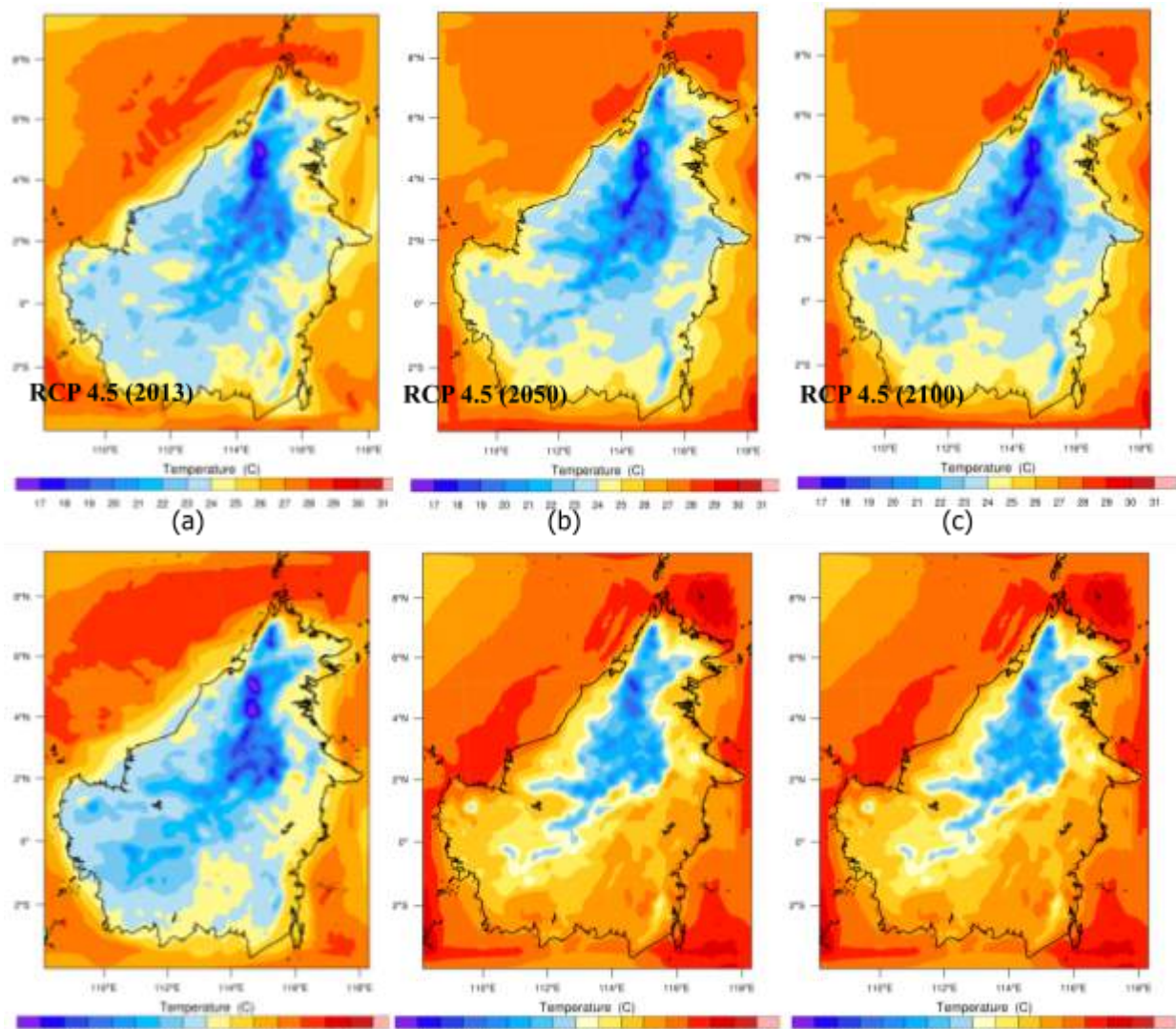
Table 3.1.8 Average monthly variation of surface temperature (°C) and changes projections over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5 and RCP8.5 for the year 2050 and 2100

Year	RCP4.5	Changes	RCP8.5	Changes
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2013	25.14 – 27.74	Baseline	25.94 – 27.76	Baseline
2050	25.88 – 28.82	-0.5 – 1.6	25.80 – 28.92	-1.1 – 2.1
2100	25.94 – 29.59	-0.8 – 2.3	26.47 – 30.47	0.2 – 4.17

In term of precipitation, the average monthly variation of total precipitation (mm/day) and precipitation changes (mm/day) projection over Borneo Island under climate change scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) are shown in Table 3.1.9. Meanwhile, the figure 3.1.15 depicts the spatial distribution of total precipitation over Borneo Island under RCP4.5 and RCP 8.5 scenarios, and the figure 3.1.16 shows the total precipitation changes (mm/day) over the region as relative to the baseline. Spatially, higher variability of total precipitation over the region was observed and comparatively more pronounced at the end of the century under RCP8.5.

Spatially, both RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 projection show that the total projected precipitation will decrease over time. The reduction is noticeable during the mid of century in RCP8.5 projection and as much as 55% of total precipitation reduction was simulated during the mid-century while 67% during the end of century respectively. The reduction of total projected precipitation over Borneo region however is less pronounced under RCP4.5 scenario with simulated of 7% reduction during mid of century and 50% at the end of century respectively. The reduction of total precipitation is parallel with the increase of overall surface temperature over this region.



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Figure 3.1.13 The spatial distribution of monthly average of surface temperature (°C) over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5; (a) 2013, (b) 2050, (c) 2100 and RCP8.5; (d) 2013, (e) 2050, (f) 2100.

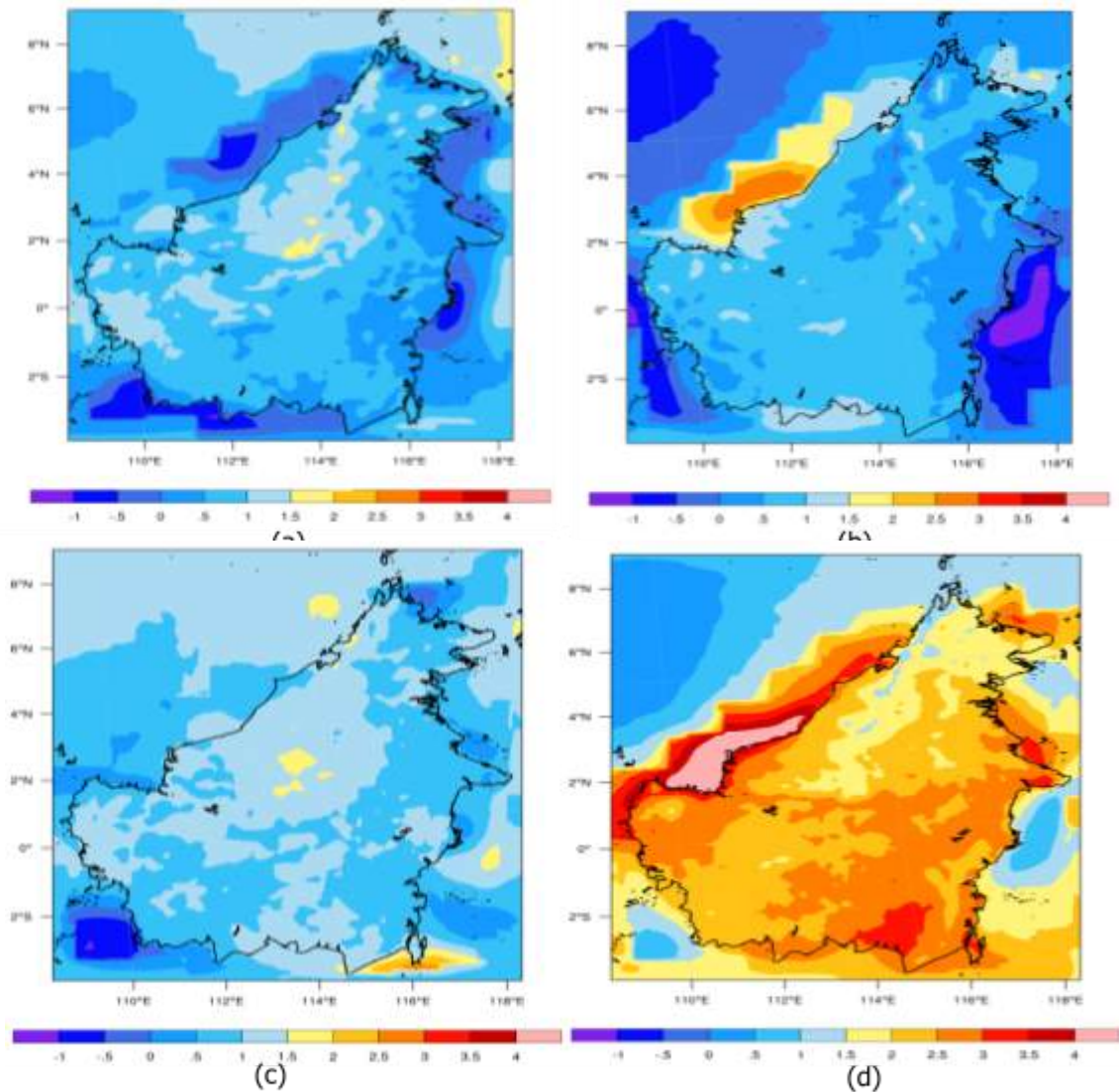


Figure 3.1.14 Spatial distribution of monthly average of surface temperature changes (°C) over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5 and RCP8.5; (a) and (b) for the year 2050, (c) and (d) for the year of 2100

Table 3.1.9 Average monthly variation of total precipitation (mm/day) and changes projections over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5 and RCP8.5 for the year 2050 and 2100

Year	RCP4.5	Changes	RCP8.5	Changes
2013	2.39 – 33.46	Baseline	3.79 – 35.67	Baseline
2050	2.58 – 65.87	0.19 – 32.41	1.70 – 40.70	-2.09 – 5.03
2100	1.11 – 42.40	-1.28 – 8.94	1.25 – 70.95	-2.54 – 35.28

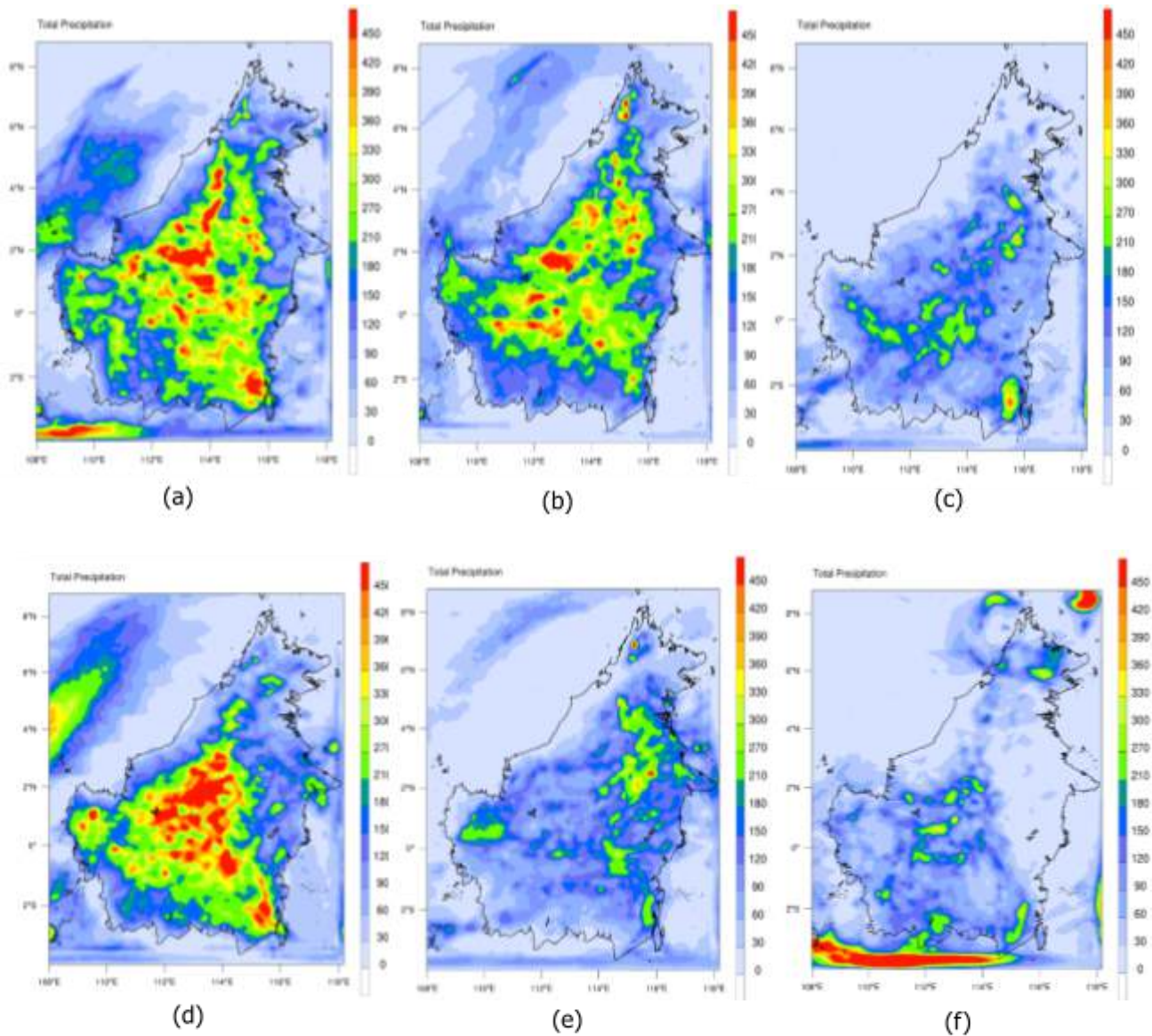
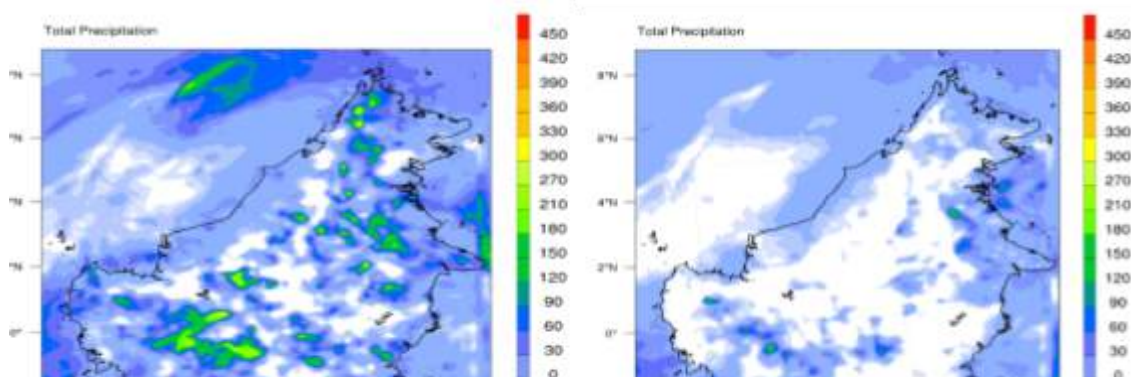


Figure 3.1.15 The spatial distribution of monthly average of total precipitation (mm/day) over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5; (a) 2013, (b) 2050, (c) 2100 and RCP8.5; (d) 2013, (e) 2050, (f) 2100.



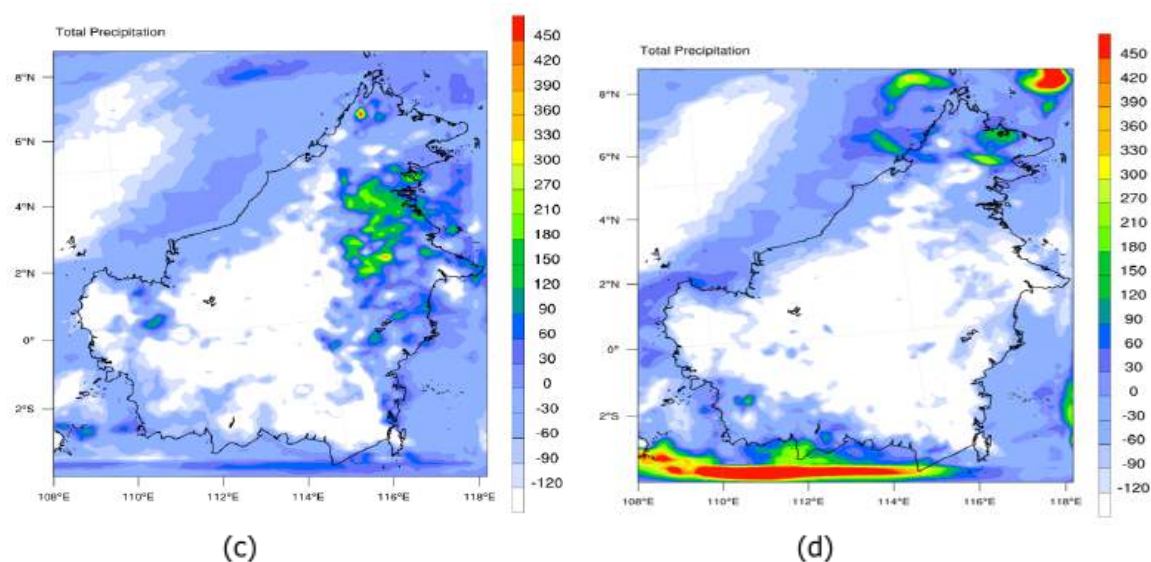


Figure 3.1.16 Spatial distribution of monthly average of total precipitation changes (mm/day) over Borneo Island under RCP 4.5 and RCP8.5; (a) and (b) for the year 2050, (c) and (d) for the year of 2100.

### 3.2 Biomass Burning Emissions in Southeast Asia

#### 3.2.1 Indochina (Mainland SEA-MSEA)

##### 3.2.1.1 Land Cover Classification of MSEA

Land cover is the physical and biological characteristics of Earth's cover, which includes the distribution of vegetation, water, soil and some other physical components (Kaul and Sopan, 2012; Roy P. and Roy A., 2010). The land cover of MSEA in 2013 was obtained from MODIS Land Cover Satellite, MCD12Q1, classified under IGBP legends (Figure 3.2.1), which were then reclassified from the 17 land classes in IGBP into eight classes as shown in Table 3.2.1.

Table 3.2.1: Area of each land cover class in Indochina in 2013

Land cover	Division (km <sup>2</sup> )					Total	Percentage (%)
	Cambodia	Laos	Myanmar	Thailand	Vietnam		
Evergreen Forests	40488.5	135190.45	218219.45	90089.91	84685.72	568674.03	29.51

<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	10177.5	2068.97	36302.34	16888.41	1520.52	66957.74	3.48
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	4007.98	2143.43	81729.37	4879.03	1597.16	94356.97	4.90
<b>Shrublands</b>	13596.1	53238.3	111294.31	85537.29	65696.81	329362.81	17.09
<b>Savannas</b>	58870.9	32721.62	71258.00	92710.17	87489.36	343050.05	17.80
<b>Wetlands</b>	1942.44	442.5	7508.88	5621.01	12011.89	27526.72	1.43
<b>Croplands</b>	48718.7	3739.74	137252.47	211513.3	67872.86	469097.07	24.35
<b>Others</b>	4173.64	1034.33	6394.96	8195.06	7999.35	27797.34	1.44
<b>Total</b>	181975.76	230579.34	669959.79	515434.17	328873.67	1926822.7	100

Indochina is mainly covered by evergreen forests, croplands, savannas and shrublands. 568 674 km<sup>2</sup> of land is covered by evergreen forests, which is 29.5% of the MSEA land. Croplands made up 24.35% of MSEA land cover, followed by savannas 17.8%, and shrublands 17.09%. Evergreen forests are forests with green leaves all year long, in contrast with deciduous forests which change leaves colour or falling leaves (Dreiss & Volin, 2014). Cropland is a major land cover in MSEA, as agricultural production is the main contributor to economic growth in Southeast Asia, and extensive growth of agricultural sector had happened especially in 1900s to 2010, corresponding to increase of food demand associated to population growth (Booth, 2018). Croplands cover 41.04% of land in Thailand, which is the largest land cover class, 20.49% in Myanmar and 26.77% in Cambodia, which is third largest land class in these countries. In Vietnam, 20.64% of lands are croplands.

In Cambodia and Vietnam, savanna has the highest area of land cover, which in Cambodia covers 32.35% and Vietnam 26%, while in Thailand and Laos, savanna comes second and third respectively, dominating 17% of Thailand and 14% of Laos. Savannas are thought to be extensive grasslands with sporadic trees (Ratnam et al., 2016), but they can be ranging from grasslands with sporadic trees to thick open canopy forests with grassy forest floor ( Hirota et al., 2011; Staver et al., 2011; Lehmann et al., 2014). Savannas are known to be formed due to forest degradation associated with human mismanagement (Veldman, 2016). Logging activities since 19<sup>th</sup> century and associated forest fires, shifting cultivation with short fallow time since thousands of years ago and anthropogenic fires for vegetations were the main activities contributing to forest degradation into savanna (Miettinen et al., 2014).

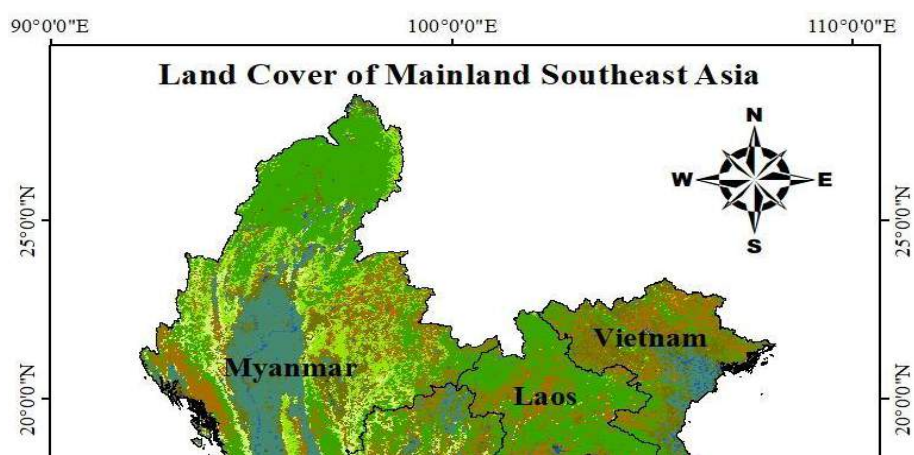
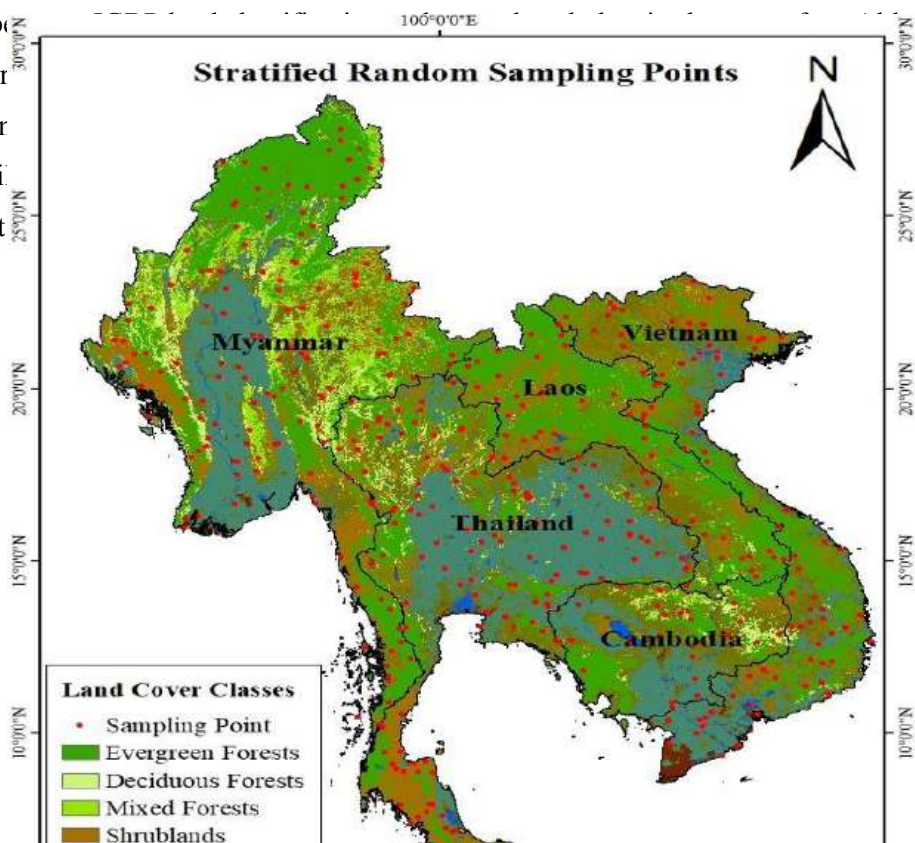


Figure 3.2.1: Land Cover of Indochina in 2013 from MODIS MCD12Q1

### 3.2.2.2 Accuracy Assessment

To determine the reliability of IGBP land cover classification data obtained from MCD12Q1, an accuracy assessment was conducted using confusion matrix to obtain an overall accuracy and Kappa's value through comparison of the 408 stratified random sampling points generated from ArcGIS with Google Earth Pro historical imagery of year 2013. The overall accuracy obtained is shown in Table 3.2.2, and the Kappa analysis is shown in Appendix 3.2.1A. The overall accuracy obtained is 86.55%, while Kappa coefficient obtained is 0.83, both showing strong reliability of data. From (Appendix 3.2.1A), the level of agreement between the two data sets is high, indicating that the data is reliable and can be used for further analysis.

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Figure 3.2.2: Stratified Random Sampling Points

Table 3.2.2: Overall Accuracy of Land Cover Classification of MSEA in 2013

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>User's Accuracy (%)</b>	<b>Producer's Accuracy (%)</b>	<b>Overall Accuracy (%)</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	97.46	94.26	86.55
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	100.00	100.00	
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	100.00	100.00	
<b>Shrublands</b>	82.61	77.03	
<b>Savannas</b>	70.42	92.59	
<b>Wetlands</b>	90.00	75.00	
<b>Croplands</b>	86.60	89.36	
<b>Others</b>	50.00	26.31	

From Google Earth Pro imagery, evergreen forests and deciduous forests can be identified by shifting the timeline, as evergreen forests are green and denser as compared to deciduous forests which is less dense and lose their leaves in cold and dry season (Givnish, 2002). A mix forest is a forest with two or more types of species, consisting of both coniferous and deciduous broadleaf forests (Bravo-Oviedo et al., 2013). Overall, there were no specific class consistently being misclassified. Land class 8 has the highest proportion of misclassified land, as most of the points were at the border of land class type. Some croplands were misclassified into wetlands, and some shrublands were found to be misclassified as savannas. Most of the wetlands were found to be located near the coastal lagoons and bays. On the other hand, shrublands have denser trees as compared to savannas. According to Afrin et al. (2019), land cover is an important tool in managing environmental issue, and although MODIS with unrestricted access and corrected with fine quality is one of the commonly applied satellite data, regional studies have lower accuracy due to its coarser resolution of 250m.

### 3.2.2.3 Total Emission in MSEA

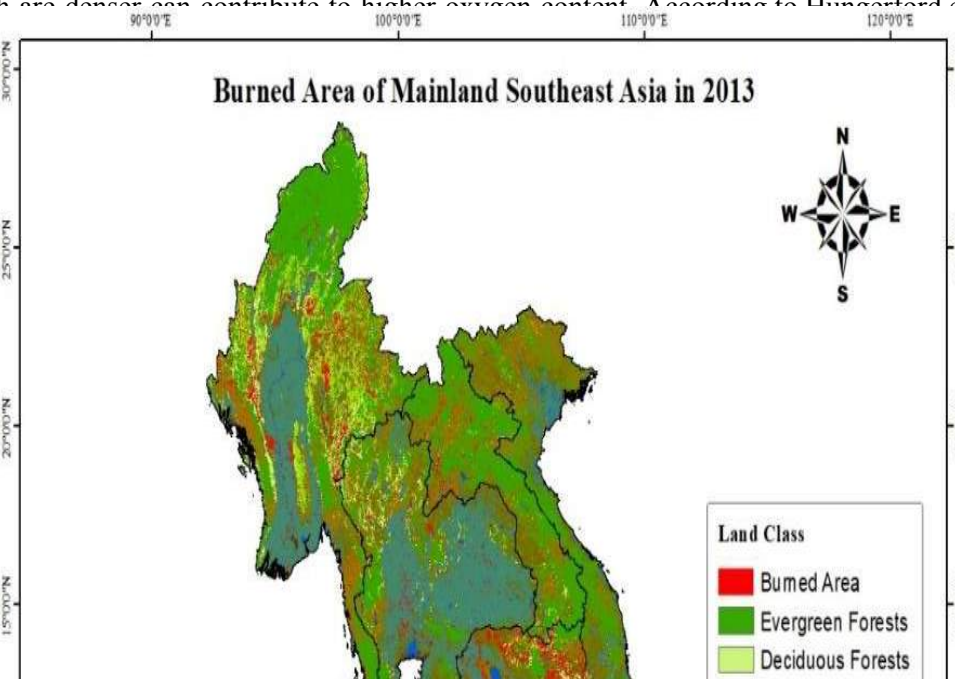
#### a) Burned Area in MSEA

Biomass burning in Indochina for 2013 was derived from MODIS land cover type, MCD12Q1 version 6 product, which has temporal resolution of one-year, spatial resolution of 500m x 500m, and burned area product, MCD64A1 with temporal resolution of one month, and spatial resolution of 500m. MCD64A1 is produced from satellite through surface reflectance, daily fire detections as well as land cover in order to label burn cells with burn data to portray burned areas (Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014). Burned area with respective land cover type (Figure 3.2.3) was obtained from the estimation and calculation using ArcGIS, which is important in determining the annual dry biomass burned.

Annual dry biomass burned on the other hand, is the result from multiplication of burned area, combustion efficiency and fuel loading relevant for each land cover type. Figure 3.2.3 and Figure 3.2.4 provides a visual of burned area and land cover type. While, Table 3.2.3 shows the burned area and annual dry biomass burned for each land cover type for the whole MSEA. Savanna land has the largest area burned in 2013, followed by croplands and deciduous forests. However, deciduous forests have the highest mass burned in 2013 of about 22477.35 Gg/year followed by mixed forests with 8146.96 km<sup>2</sup>, and evergreen forests. Although large area of savannas was burned, the annual dry mass burned was third lowest, and croplands with second highest area burned has second lowest dry mass burned. More details for each country can be referred in Appendix 3.2.2A-E and Appendix 3.2.5A.

Larger burned area does not depict more biomass burned, as mass of dry biomass burned is influenced by fuel loading and combustion factor or combustion efficiency. Fuel load is the accessible fuel during biomass burning, or the available biomass density above ground surface, while combustion factor is the fraction of burned fuel, or in this case, biomass above ground surface (Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014; Zhou et al., 2017). Although savannas have high combustion factor, the fuel loading is low as compared, which explains the low burned mass of savannas. Besides, although evergreen forests land type has second lowest burned area and has low combustion factor, it has very much higher fuel loading, therefore higher dry mass burned. Forests contains abundant amount of oxygen, especially evergreen forests which are denser can contribute to higher oxygen content. According to Hangerford et al. (1990),

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Figure 3.2.3: Burned Area and Land Cover Types of Continental SEA in 2013

**Table 3.2.3: Annual Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in 2013**

Land Cover Types	Burned Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Annual Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)
Evergreen Forests	7682.20	13798.77
Deciduous Forests	12513.84	22477.35
Mixed Forests	8146.96	14633.58
Shrublands	11647.33	10231.76
Savannas	20659.72	2627.43
Wetlands	69.77	23.02
Croplands	16612.36	598.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>77332.18</b>	<b>64389.95</b>

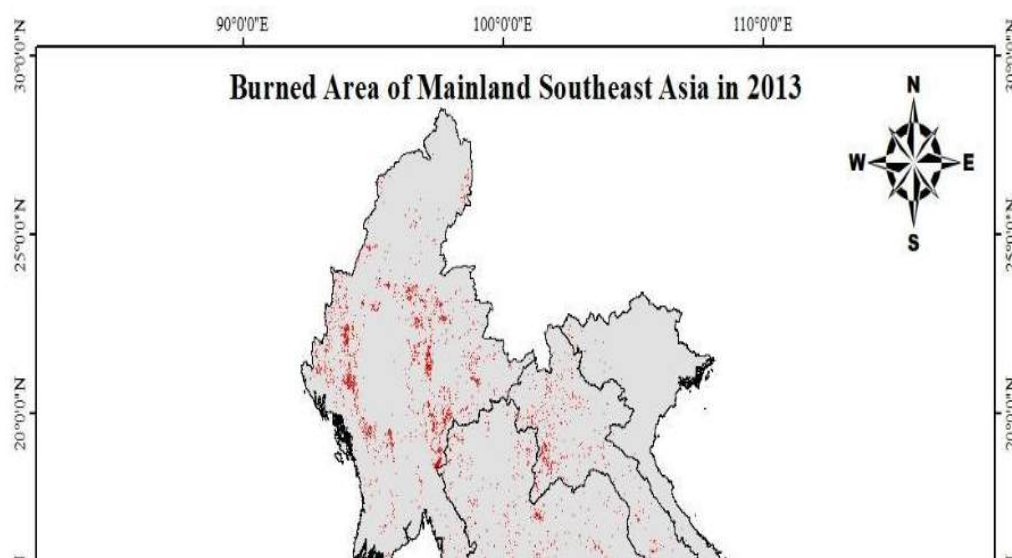


Figure 3.2.4: Total Burned Area of Continental SEA in 2013

**b) Sources of Biomass Burning Emission**

The emissions of biomass burning of continental SEA in 2013 are shown in Table 3.2.4, and the annual typical pollutant emission from different land cover sources in 2013 is shown in Figure 3.2.5, while the contribution of different land cover sources to annual biomass burning emissions are shown in Figure 3.2.6. The annual emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, EC, OC and NMVOC were 106067.53 Gg, 5952.61 Gg, 288.16 Gg, 133.14 Gg, 80.59 Gg, 52.34 Gg, 768.60 Gg, 697.78 Gg, 35.74 Gg, 481.95 Gg and 862.76 Gg respectively. The highest contribution of annual biomass burning emission in 2013 is from deciduous forests, followed by mixed forests, evergreen forests and shrublands.

Table 3.2.4 Annual biomass Burning Emission Inventory (Gg) by countries in MSEA for 2013

Country	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
<b>Cambodia</b>	27607.03	1565.46	74.58	31.10	21.47	14.54	202.91	184.84	9.37	129.52	209.39
<b>Laos</b>	13538.31	689.56	34.56	23.47	7.75	4.67	92.86	78.00	4.12	45.72	136.70
<b>Myanmar</b>	54059.80	3115.91	151.59	62.71	43.51	28.27	398.33	368.87	18.63	262.64	431.92
<b>Thailand</b>	8043.10	434.4	20.56	11.28	5.96	3.76	55.80	50.21	2.68	34.53	60.28
<b>Vietnam</b>	2819.29	147.28	6.87	4.59	1.89	1.10	18.70	15.86	0.93	9.54	24.48
<b>Total</b>	106067.53	5952.61	288.16	133.14	80.59	52.34	768.60	697.78	35.74	481.95	862.76

For all land cover types, CO<sub>2</sub> is the highest concentration of emitted pollutant, followed by CO. Carbon of biomass react with oxygen to produce CO<sub>2</sub> in a complete combustion, other than releasing a proportionate amount of sequestered CO<sub>2</sub> in biomass from photosynthesis (Cherubini et al., 2011). Besides, since biomass is an organic matter which contains high amount of C, and during an incomplete combustion, CO is produced. Figure 3.2.5 shows that deciduous forests is the largest contributor to most of the pollutants emitted (except for NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC) of which is CO<sub>2</sub> (35%), CO (38%), CH<sub>4</sub> (39%), NH<sub>3</sub> (42%), SO<sub>2</sub> (43%), PM<sub>10</sub> (38%), PM<sub>2.5</sub> (40%), EC (38%) and OC (43%). Meanwhile, shrublands contribute to highest NO<sub>x</sub> emission of 30%, and evergreen forests contribute to highest NMVOC of 38%.

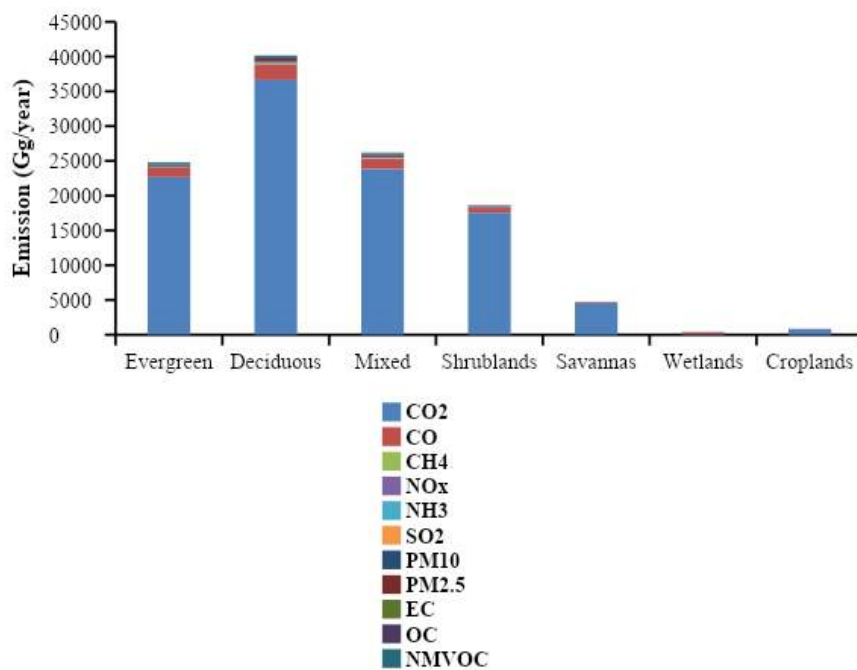


Figure 3.2.5: Annual Typical Pollutant Emission from Different Land Cover Sources in 2013

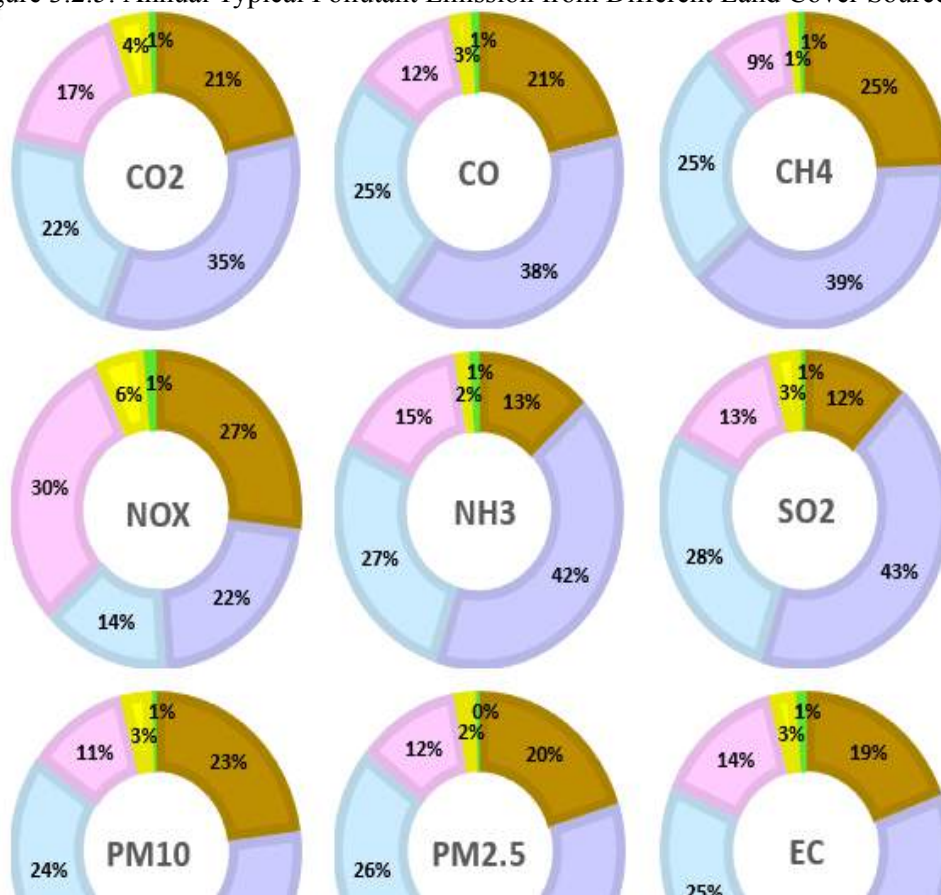




Figure 3.2.6: Contribution of Different Land Cover Type to Annual Biomass Burning Emissions in Indochina in 2013

### c) Comparisons of Biomass Burning Emission of MSEA

The landscape in MSEA is characterized by mountainous areas, and swidden agriculture is a consistent threat to indigenous forests. Most BB in mainland SEA is attributed to slash-and-burn agriculture and land clearing, especially during the dry season. Though the distribution of BB in MSEA is inhomogeneous, Myanmar has the highest burned area of 27103.05 km<sup>2</sup>, followed by Cambodia 23562.70 km<sup>2</sup>, Thailand 9826.15 km<sup>2</sup>, Vietnam 9551.57 km<sup>2</sup> and Laos 7283.34 km<sup>2</sup> (Table 3.2.6 – Table 3.2.10). Based on calculation of burned area with total land area of each country, Cambodia has the highest percentage of burned area, 12.95%, followed by Myanmar, 4.05%, Laos 3.15%, Vietnam 2.90% and Thailand 1.91%.

Table 3.2.5 – Table 3.2.9 below shows that forests are the main contributor of biomass burning emission in Cambodia, mainly deciduous forests although deciduous forests cover only 5.59% of the land. 4610.28 km<sup>2</sup> of deciduous forests were burned, covering 19.57% of total burned area. Savanna has the largest burned area in Cambodia, covering 12592.31 km<sup>2</sup> out of total 23562.70 km<sup>2</sup>, which is 53.44% of burned area, but less significant contribution of emissions due to the remarkably lower FL of savannas. For Laos, the main sources of biomass burning emissions are evergreen forests and shrublands. Shrublands has the highest burned area of 2823.38 km<sup>2</sup>, followed by

evergreen forests 2654.10 km<sup>2</sup> and savannas 1356.72 km<sup>2</sup>. Similarly, contribution of savannas to emitted pollutants is less significant, due to low FL.

In Myanmar, forests contributed the highest emission of pollutants in Myanmar, where 56.60% of the 27103.05 km<sup>2</sup> of burned area are forests, followed by shrublands (19.87%), savannas (13.88%) and croplands 9.57%. Meanwhile, Thailand has only 1.91% of total burned area. Croplands have contributed 48.84% of total burned area followed by savannas (19%), and forests (18.88%). In term of emissions, shrublands have the highest emissions after forests although the burned area is less due to high FL and EF. Vietnam has the lowest biomass burning emissions as compared to all other countries in MSEA, although it has larger land area than Cambodia and Laos. Biomass burning emissions are dominated by forests, specifically evergreen and deciduous forests, with small portion by mixed forests, as well as shrublands, savannas and croplands. However, in term of burned area, croplands have the largest burned area of about 78.69% of the total burned area (7515.68 km<sup>2</sup>) followed by forests (5.77%) and shrublands (4.08%).

#### **d) Spatial Variations of Biomass Burning Emission**

Gridded emission data is beneficial in presenting disaggregated emissions of each pollutant from their point sources in the region, which can better represent the situation of emissions (Oda et al., 2019). Since all the pollutants emissions show similar trend of gridded distribution, PM<sub>2.5</sub> is taken as example for discussion as PM<sub>2.5</sub> is a fundamental indicator for air pollution, and main contribution of atmospheric PM is anthropogenic sources, besides posing negative impacts to both human health as well as climate change (Sirignano et al., 2019). Details for other species emission sources are shown in Appendix 3.2.4A-L and Appendix 3.2.5A-B.

Table 3.2.5: Typical Pollutant Emission of Cambodia in 2013 (Gg/year)

Land Cover Types	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	3540.31	198.24	10.99	5.60	1.64	0.97	27.58	21.98	1.08	10.13	51.72
Deciduous Forests	13498.0	844.66	41.40	10.77	12.42	8.28	106.0	101.86	4.97	76.19	91.09
Mixed Forests	5084.51	318.17	15.60	4.06	4.68	3.12	39.93	38.37	1.87	28.70	43.67
Shrublands	2645.91	104.85	4.01	6.01	1.85	1.051	13.11	12.18	0.77	10.18	7.40
Savannas	2748.08	94.49	2.40	4.48	0.80	1.09	15.85	10.09	0.64	4.16	14.89
Wetlands	9.73	150.54	2.40	3.36	0.96	1.28	20.02	17.94	0.83	10.09	10.89
Croplands	80.49	4.53	0.17	0.17	0.08	0.02	0.37	0.30	0.04	0.12	0.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>27607.03</b>	<b>1715.48</b>	<b>76.97</b>	<b>34.45</b>	<b>22.43</b>	<b>15.811</b>	<b>222.86</b>	<b>202.72</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>139.57</b>	<b>220.24</b>

Table 3.2.6: Typical Pollutant Emission of Laos in 2013 (Gg/year)

Land Cover Types	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	7832.66	438.59	24.31	12.39	3.62	2.15	61.02	48.63	2.38	22.41	114.42
Deciduous Forests	614.67	38.46	1.89	0.49	0.57	0.377	4.83	4.64	0.23	3.47	4.15
Mixed Forests	533.91	33.41	1.64	0.43	0.49	0.33	4.19	4.03	0.20	3.01	4.59
Shrublands	4256.09	168.66	6.45	9.67	2.98	1.69	21.08	19.59	1.24	16.37	11.91
Savannas	296.08	10.18	0.26	0.48	0.09	0.12	1.71	1.09	0.07	0.45	1.60
Wetlands	2.33	16.22	0.26	0.36	0.10	0.14	2.16	1.93	0.09	1.09	1.17
Croplands	2.57	0.14	0.0053	0.0055	0.0027	0.00076	0.012	0.0095	0.0012	0.0038	0.019
<b>Total</b>	<b>13538.31</b>	<b>705.66</b>	<b>34.82</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>4.81</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>79.92</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>46.80</b>	<b>137.86</b>

Table 3.2.7: Typical Pollutant Emission of Myanmar in 2013 (Gg/year)

Land Cover Types	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	8601.37	481.63	26.70	13.61	3.98	2.36	67.01	53.40	2.62	24.61	125.64
Deciduous Forests	18644.25	1166.70	57.19	14.87	17.16	11.44	146.41	140.69	6.86	105.23	125.82
Mixed Forests	17736.58	1109.90	54.41	14.15	16.32	10.88	139.28	133.84	6.53	100.11	152.34
Shrublands	8117.62	321.68	12.30	18.45	5.68	3.22	40.21	37.37	2.37	31.22	22.71
Savannas	821.26	28.24	0.72	1.34	0.24	0.33	4.74	3.02	0.19	1.24	4.45
Wetlands	12.37	44.99	0.72	1.01	0.29	0.38	5.98	5.36	0.25	3.02	3.25
Croplands	126.35	7.10	0.26	0.27	0.13	0.037	0.59	0.47	0.0599	0.19	0.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>54059.80</b>	<b>3160.24</b>	<b>152.30</b>	<b>63.70</b>	<b>43.80</b>	<b>28.65</b>	<b>404.22</b>	<b>374.15</b>	<b>18.88</b>	<b>265.62</b>	<b>435.12</b>

Table 3.2.8: Typical Pollutant Emission of Thailand in 2013 (Gg/year)

Land Cover Types	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	1689.30	94.59	5.24	2.67	0.78	0.46	13.16	10.49	0.51	4.83	24.68
Deciduous Forests	3280.42	205.28	10.06	2.62	3.02	2.01	25.76	24.75	1.21	18.52	22.14
Mixed Forests	475.91	29.78	1.46	0.38	0.44	0.29	3.74	3.59	0.18	2.69	4.09
Shrublands	1950.04	77.27	2.95	4.43	1.36	0.77	9.66	8.98	0.57	7.50	5.45
Savannas	407.70	14.02	0.36	0.67	0.12	0.16	2.35	1.50	0.10	0.62	2.21
Wetlands	5.90	22.33	0.36	0.50	0.14	0.19	2.97	2.66	0.12	1.50	1.62
Croplands	233.83	13.15	0.48	0.50	0.24	0.069	1.09	0.86	0.11	0.35	1.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>8043.10</b>	<b>456.42</b>	<b>20.91</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>52.83</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>36.01</b>	<b>61.88</b>

Table 3.2.9: Typical Pollutant Emission of Vietnam in 2013 (Gg/year)

<b>Land Cover Types</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	1004.95	56.27	3.12	1.59	0.46	0.28	7.83	6.24	0.31	2.87	14.68
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	597.51	37.39	1.83	0.48	0.55	0.37	4.69	4.51	0.22	3.37	4.03
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	18.40	1.15	0.056	0.015	0.017	0.011	0.14	0.14	0.0068	0.10	0.16
<b>Shrublands</b>	586.90	23.26	0.89	1.33	0.41	0.23	2.91	2.70	0.17	2.26	1.64
<b>Savannas</b>	235.40	8.09	0.21	0.38	0.069	0.093	1.36	0.86	0.055	0.36	1.28
<b>Wetlands</b>	9.92	12.89	0.21	0.29	0.082	0.11	1.71	1.54	0.071	0.86	0.93
<b>Croplands</b>	366.21	20.59	0.76	0.78	0.38	0.11	1.70	1.35	0.17	0.54	2.65
<b>Total</b>	2819.29	159.64	7.08	4.87	1.97	1.20	20.34	17.34	1.00	10.36	25.37

In Figure 3.2.7, most of the areas emitted  $PM_{2.5}$  at concentration range of 0 to 30 Gg per year, except several areas in Cambodia and Myanmar which have moderately higher emissions, and some high emissions in Myanmar. Higher emissions of pollutant in Myanmar and Cambodia mainly occur in forested area. Emissions of pollutants are mainly distributed at areas with high agricultural activities, dense population with lower income, as well as high cultivation and forest resources (Zhou et al., 2017; Reddington et al., 2021). Although gridded emission can better present point source emissions of pollutants, several errors can occur due to uncertainties, spatial scale, bias in spatial disaggregation and model sensitivity (Oda et al., 2019; Dai et al., 2020; Ojha et al., 2021).

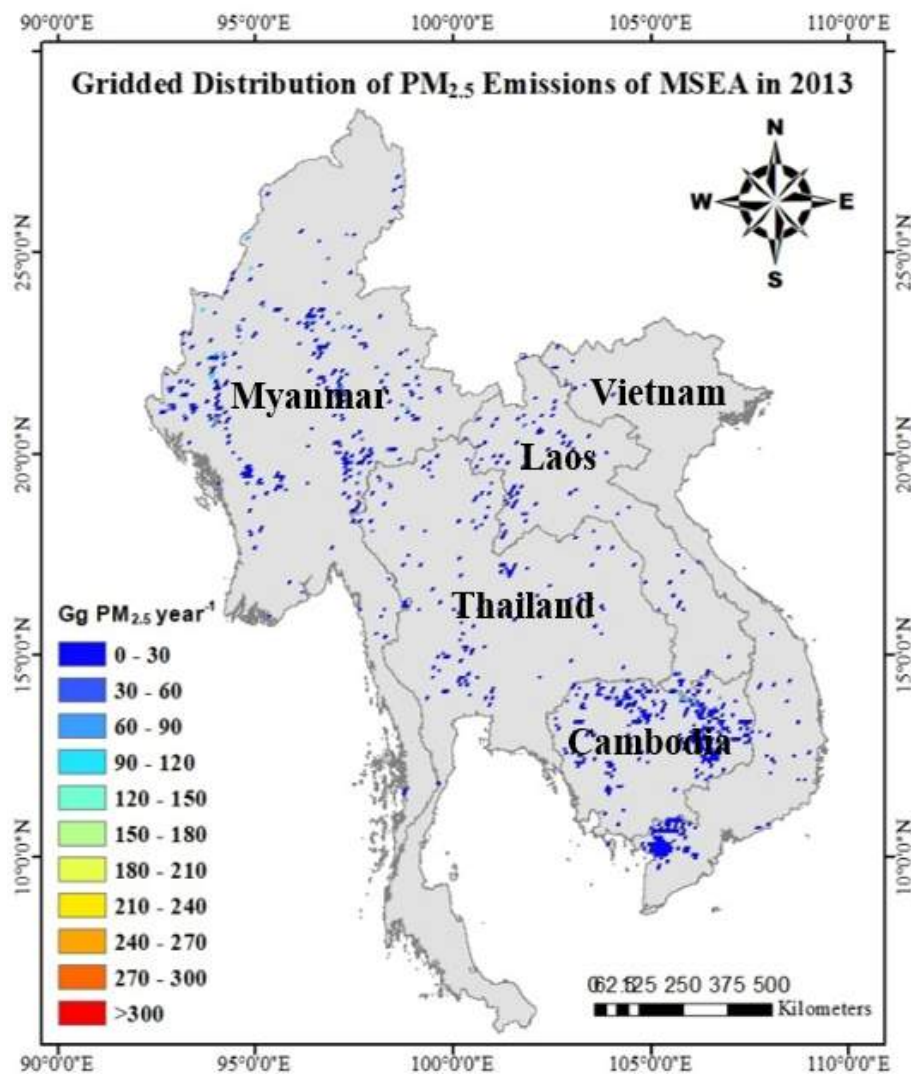


Figure 3.2.7: Gridded Distribution of  $PM_{2.5}$  Emissions of MSEA in 2013

e) **Temporal Variations of Biomass Burning Emission**

Figure 3.2.8 shows the monthly burned area of MSEA in 2013, and Figure 3.2.9 shows the variations of 11 emitted pollutant species over 12 months in 2013. The main fire type observed is forest fire, while

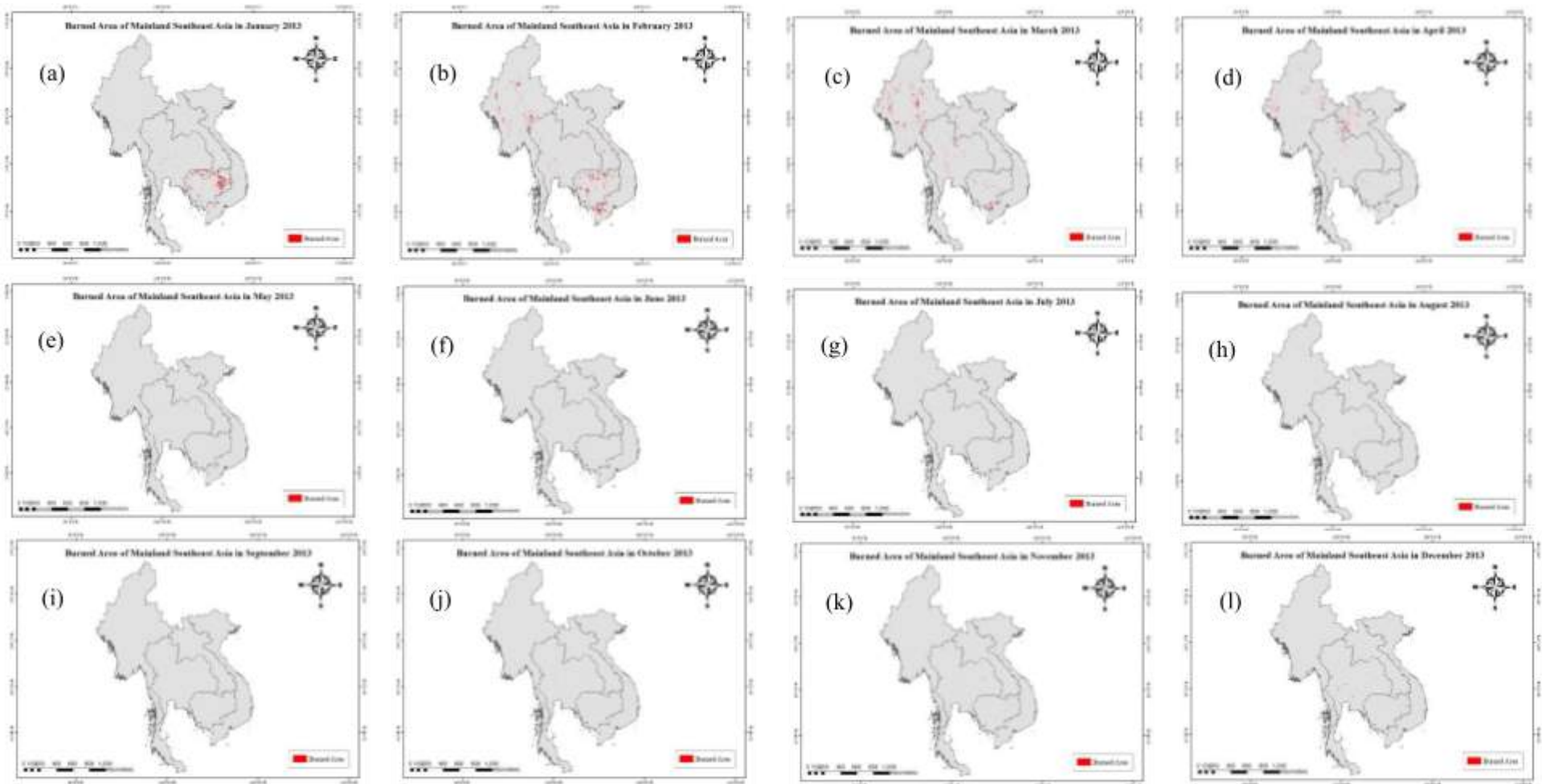


Figure 3.2.8: Monthly Variations of Biomass Burning Area of MSEA in 2013; (a) January (b) February (c) March (d) April (e) May (f) June (g) July (h) August (i) September (j) October (k) November (l) December

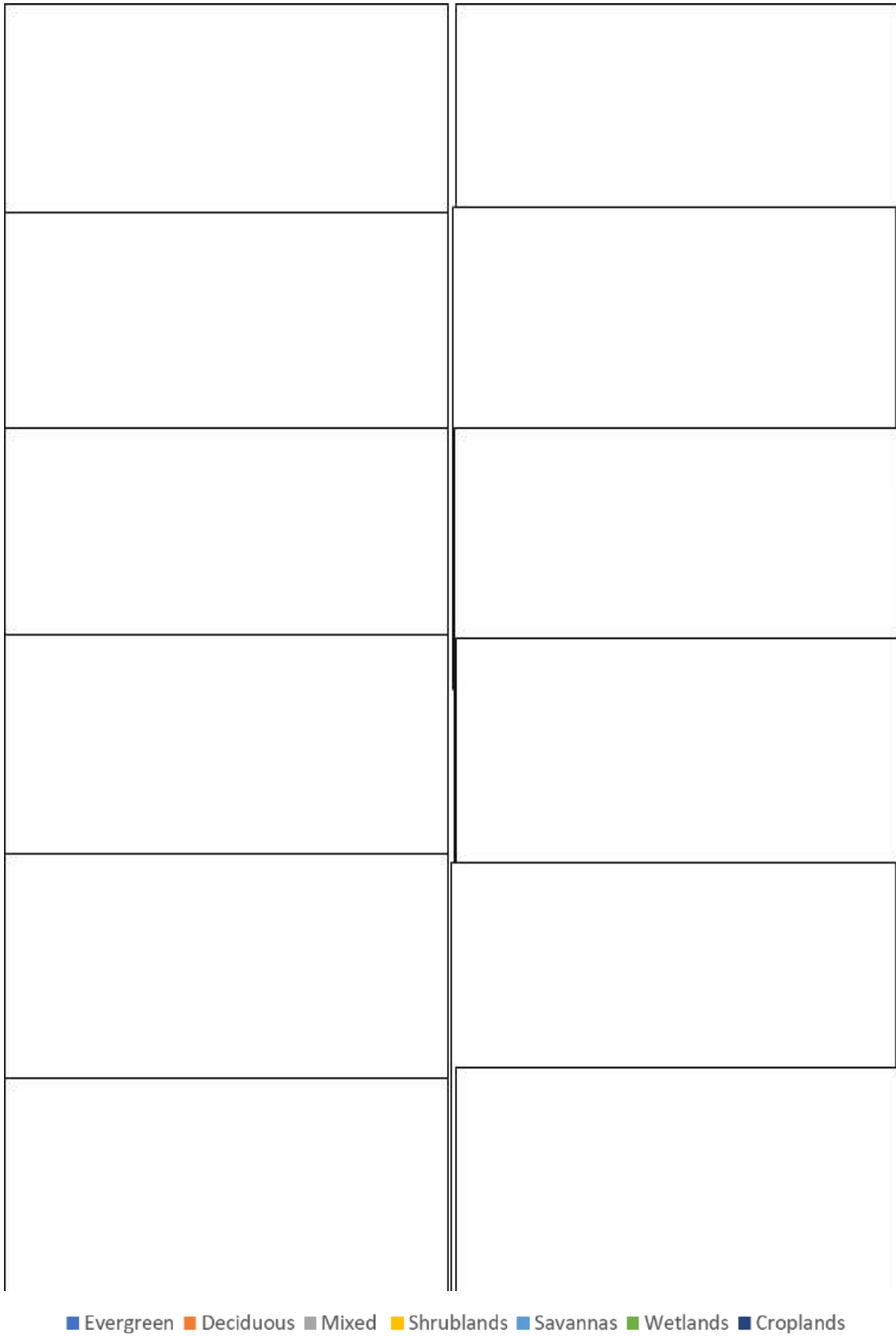


Figure 3.2.9: Monthly Variations of Biomass Burning Emission Species for 2013: (a) January (b) February (c) March (d) April (e) May (f) June (g) July (h) August (i) September (j) October (k) November (l) December

shrublands, savannas and croplands were found to contribute a smaller portion of the emissions. The biomass burning peaks in February and gradually decreases until April, with slight burning in the remaining months and start increasing again in December. Over 12 months (Figure 3.2.9), NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC showed different trend from other pollutants, which have relatively higher emissions in April probably due to the dominated emissions from evergreen forests. Relatively, pollutants emitted from biomass burning showed large monthly variations. For all the emitted pollutants, forests are the main contributors, with exception to NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC. More comprehensive information for temporal variation of BB emission in MSEA is shown in Appendix 3.2.4A – Appendix 3.2.4L.

Biomass burning activity in MSEA occurs mainly during pre-monsoonal season, after harvesting, to prepare for sowing season during summer monsoonal season which is more suitable for cultivation due to weather and precipitation (Huang et al., 2016). Clearing of plantation through biomass burning to enhance soil fertility, as well as replenish soil nutrient (Zhou et al., 2017). During biomass burning, the temperature of soil increases, increasing soil microbial activity, subsequently increasing nutrient circulation from decomposition of plant materials which are used as fertilizers (Shi & Yamaguchi, 2014; Winkler et al., 2019). During pre-monsoonal season, a winter monsoon starting from December to January, regional air becomes dry and stagnant, biomass burning in MSEA begins from south (Zhu et al., 2016), starting from Cambodia in December and January, and burning activities gradually propagate northwards, creating burning peaks from February to April, and at the end of April, summer monsoon onset bringing increased precipitation, reducing biomass burning until the next dry season (Huang et al., 2016; 2019; Reddington et al., 2021).

### **3.2.3 Biomass Burning Inventory in South ASEAN and Borneo**

#### **3.2.3.1 Land Cover Map of South ASEAN and Borneo in 2013**

The land cover distribution of South ASEAN and Borneo in 2013 is shown in Figure 3.2.10 and Figure 3.2.11 respectively. Meanwhile the coverage area (in km<sup>2</sup>) of each type of land cover for Borneo is shown in Table 3.2.10. Borneo Island was mainly covered with broadleaf forest followed by open forest/oil palm plantation in 2013; both, occupied up to 71.3% and 23% of total land cover as presented. Wetland and grassland are the second and third largest land cover, followed by cropland, which covered 2.2%, 2%, and 0.8% from total coverage, with area 15144.26 km<sup>2</sup>, 16246.18 km<sup>2</sup>, and 5897.228 km<sup>2</sup>, respectively. Shrubland has the lowest coverage, which covered 0.03% in Borneo, with only 205.94 km<sup>2</sup>.

Kalimantan showed that the broadleaf forest had the greatest coverage area, which accounted for 371055.75 km<sup>2</sup> from the total area. The central part of Borneo, where large areas were unexplored and thus covered with thick and dense forested areas (> 60% of tree cover). The rapid development of

the oil palm industry in Borneo, especially in Kalimantan, has led to a significant expansion of oil palm plantations over the years (Tarigan et al., 2016; Langston et al., 2017). Shrubland is one of the major land sources for new plantation areas, as reported by Gunarso et al., (2013) and Langston et al., (2017). Previous studies (Tarigan et al., 2016; Purnomo et al., 2020) also revealed that the rapid decline of shrubland was primarily attributed to the expansion of the oil palm industry as most of the oil palm concessions from 1988 to 2013 were developed in shrubland. Based on Gunarso et al. (2013), approximately 48% of shrublands in Kalimantan were cleared from 1990 to 2010 for palm oil cultivation, resulting in the highest proportion of oil palm plantation in Kalimantan, with an area 134736.71 km<sup>2</sup>

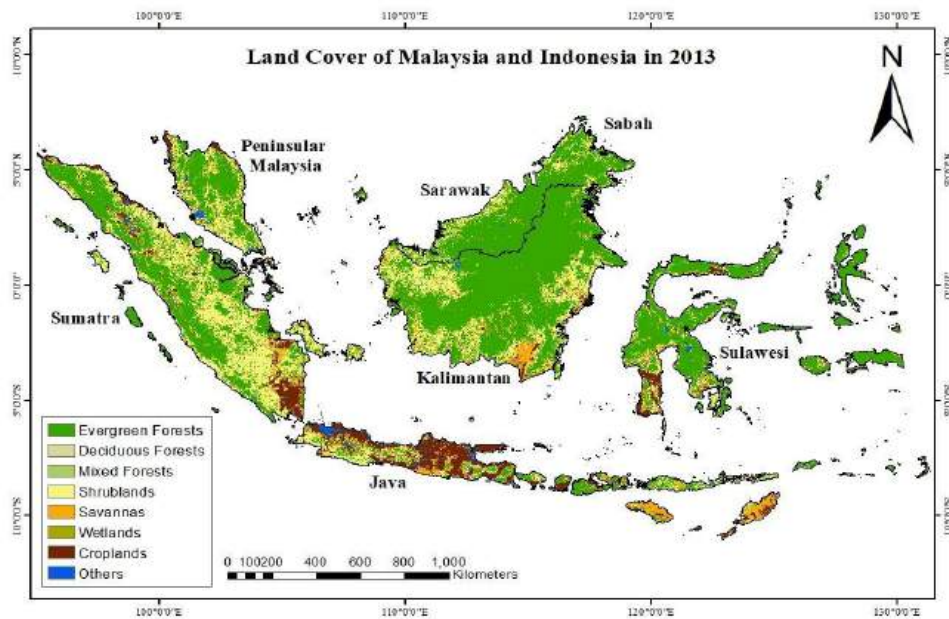


Figure 3.2.10: Land Cover of South ASEAN in 2013 from MODIS MCD12Q1

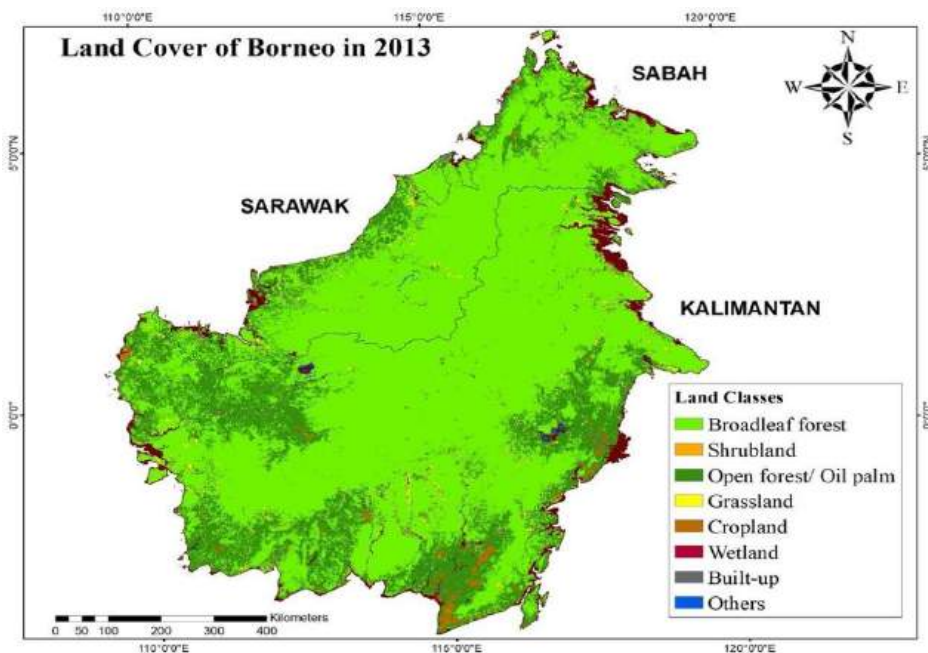


Figure 3.2.11: Land cover classification for Borneo in 2013 from MODIS MCD12Q1

These oil palm plantations in Borneo were mainly dominated in the western and southern parts of Kalimantan. Overall, the distribution of land cover helps assess the spatial variation of aboveground biomass distribution that serves as important variables for emission estimation. The insignificance of shrubland may also be attributed to confusion errors in which errors arose from the classification process by performing visualization algorithms (Tharwat, 2021). Thus, an accuracy assessment was carried out to evaluate the current land classification's confidence levels and were discussed in this following section.

Table 3.2.10: Land cover area of Borneo in 2013.

Land Cover Types	Division (km <sup>2</sup> )			Total	Percentage (%)
	East Malaysia	Kalimantan Indonesia	Brunei		
Broadleaf Forest	152221.22	371055.75	4854.14	528131.1	71.3
Shrubland	14.37	191.57	0.00	205.9357	0.03
Open Forest/ Oil Palm	34984.32	134736.71	422.61	170143.6	23.0
Grassland	4671.09	10359.33	113.85	15144.26	2.0
Cropland	286.07	5611.15	0.00	5897.228	0.80
Wetland	4997.38	11077.84	170.96	16246.18	2.20
Built-up	656.67	871.31	223.90	1751.874	0.24
Others	526.77	2604.59	10.47	3141.836	0.42

### 3.2.3.2 Accuracy Assessment of Borneo Land Classification

The accuracy evaluation of each land class is shown in Table 3.2.11 below. In terms of user's and producer's accuracies, all land classes exceeded an accuracy level of 70%, except for Shrubland. Overall, the classification system used in this study was considered reliable for analysis. "Broadleaf Forest" showed the highest user's and producer's accuracies, followed by Wetland and Grassland. Ambiguous classes primarily exist between land covers with similar spectral and phenological characteristics (Lu et al., 2014) which cause lower accuracy for other types of land cover. Details analysis for accuracy assessment can be found in Appendix 3.2.1B.

Table 3.2.11: Accuracy assessment of Borneo land classification

Land Cover Types	User's Accuracy (%)	Producer's Accuracy (%)	Overall Accuracy (%)
Evergreen Forests	0.93	0.91	85.0
Deciduous Forests	0.90	0.69	
Mixed Forests	0.74	0.79	

<b>Shrublands</b>	0.82	0.81	
<b>Savannas</b>	0.75	0.75	
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.88	0.88	
<b>Croplands</b>	0.77	0.89	
<b>Others</b>	0.85	0.75	

### 3.2.3.3 Total Emission in South ASEAN and Borneo

#### a) Burned area in South ASEAN and Borneo

The spatial distribution of monthly burned area for South ASEAN is shown in Figure 3.2.12a, while the total burned area in 2013 is shown in Figure 3.2.12b respectively. The figure shows that the forest and shrubland fires predominately occurred in eastern Sumatra and peaked from June to August of 2013 with less significant total burned area (which accounted only less than 5%). Figure 3.2.12a and 3.2.12b also illustrates that there was hardly any detectable BB for the rest of period in 2013 over South ASEAN region expect for Borneo. The finding of this study was similar to what highlighted in the study of Yin (2020) which further pointed that the increase of shrubland fire rate over this region was likely related to the dramatic land cover change induced by the local swidden agriculture.

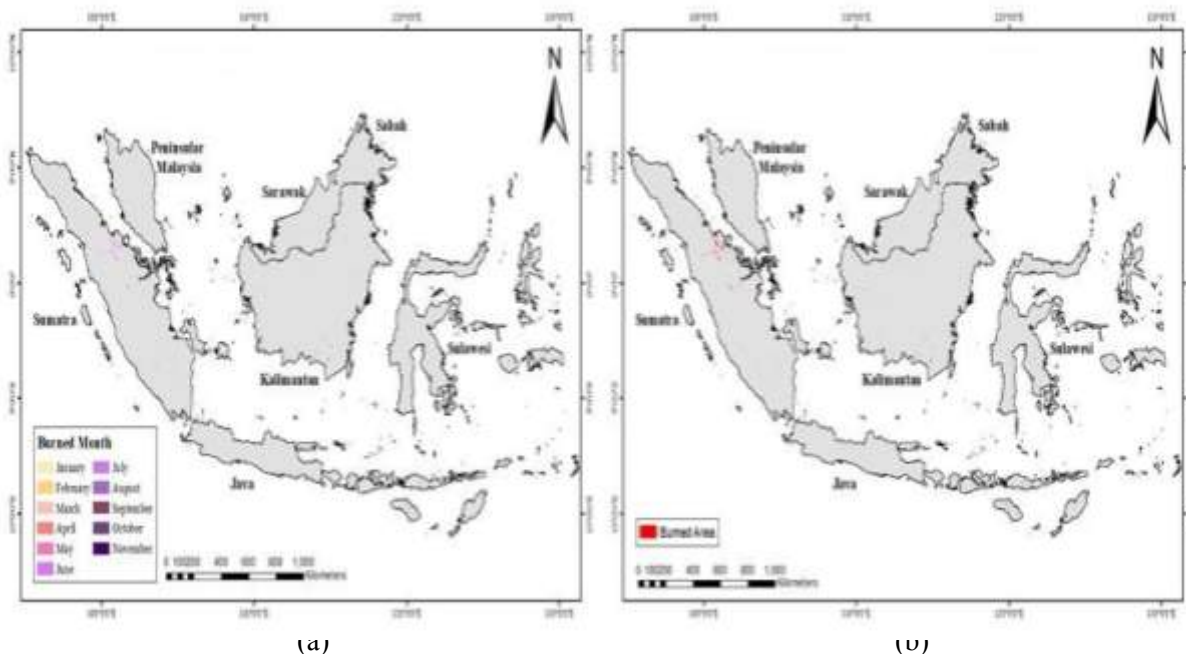


Figure 3.2.12: Monthly Variations of Biomass Burning (a) and Total Burned Area of South ASEAN (b) in 2013.

Peatland fires in Indonesia are usually caused by humans in order to clear land and create ash for fertiliser (Moran et al., 2019; Vadrevu et al., 2019). The increased need for arable land, particularly for oil palm plantations, has accelerated deforestation and draining of Indonesia's peat swamp forests. The link between fire and deforestation has also been shown in other SEA regions including the

MSEA (Reddington et al., 2020) and Indonesia (Adrianto et al., 2019, 2020). Peatlands were thus more vulnerable to BB during the dry season, which ran from April to October. However, the annual BB for in South ASEAN are less than what been observed in MSEA (Huang et al., 2016). The annual BB are less scattered and only concentrated over eastern part of Sumatra and lower part of Borneo region. Moreover, the BB is hardly observed during wet season and almost none for sub-region other than Sumatra and Borneo.

For Borneo, the monthly variations of burned area in 2013 are shown Figure 3.2.13. The monthly spatial for Borneo burned area distributions were predominantly concentrated in Kalimantan, and no burning was detected in Brunei. According to Langner and Siengert (2009), forest fire activity in Kalimantan was much stronger than in Malaysia and Brunei, with only 0.3-0.4% of forest area affected in Malaysia and Brunei even during the El Niño year. The first burning in 2013 was detected in West Kalimantan in January. These fires continued to burn until March, as about the same region was seen in following months. In tropical areas, the peak fire season usually occurred later in the year during the August–October period (Yin, 2020). In Kalimantan, fires that recorded from January to May and November to December were comparatively rare. During the dry season, June to October, fires began to spread throughout the region of Kalimantan, resulting in a drastic increase of burning spots in Borneo. The tremendous increase of Kalimantan fire spots was mainly associated with prolonged dry season coupled with human activities (Jayachandran., 2009). whereby uncontrolled forest fires likely to occur from June to September every year in both Malaysia and Indonesia (Adrianto et al., 2020; Bruni Zani et al., 2020).

Dryer conditions associated with the southwest monsoon can be favourable for forest or any vegetation burning (Liu et al., 2018); thus, the risk of fire occurrence would be high (Yin, 2020). On the other hand, the most severe burning region in Borneo was detected in Kalimantan as several large burning spots were detected in Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan. Similar results were also obtained by Spessa et al. (2010), who reported burning across Borneo predominated in South Kalimantan, as most also the forest fires occurred overwhelmingly in South Kalimantan. While in Malaysian Borneo (Sarawak and Sabah), burning spots were scattered around the regions, one can observe that these fires were mainly concentrated in Sarawak from April to October. However, fire activity observed in Sarawak and Sabah, and central Borneo was less significant compared to Kalimantan in 2013.

The estimated burned areas (in km<sup>2</sup>) by land classes in 2013 for Borneo are shown in Table 3.2.12. Over half of Borneo's biomass loss in Borneo was attributed to broadleaf forest burning, which accounted for 88% of total biomass burned in 2013. The results also revealed that 11% of biomass burned was made up by open forest/oil palm burning. Conversely, biomass loss from grassland, wetlands, and croplands, collectively, is negligible in which only occupying 0.5%, 0.15%, and 0.00007%, respectively, from total biomass burned. Broadleaf forest, open forest/oil palm,

grassland, cropland and wetland, were five out of eight land classes relatively susceptible to burning in Borneo.

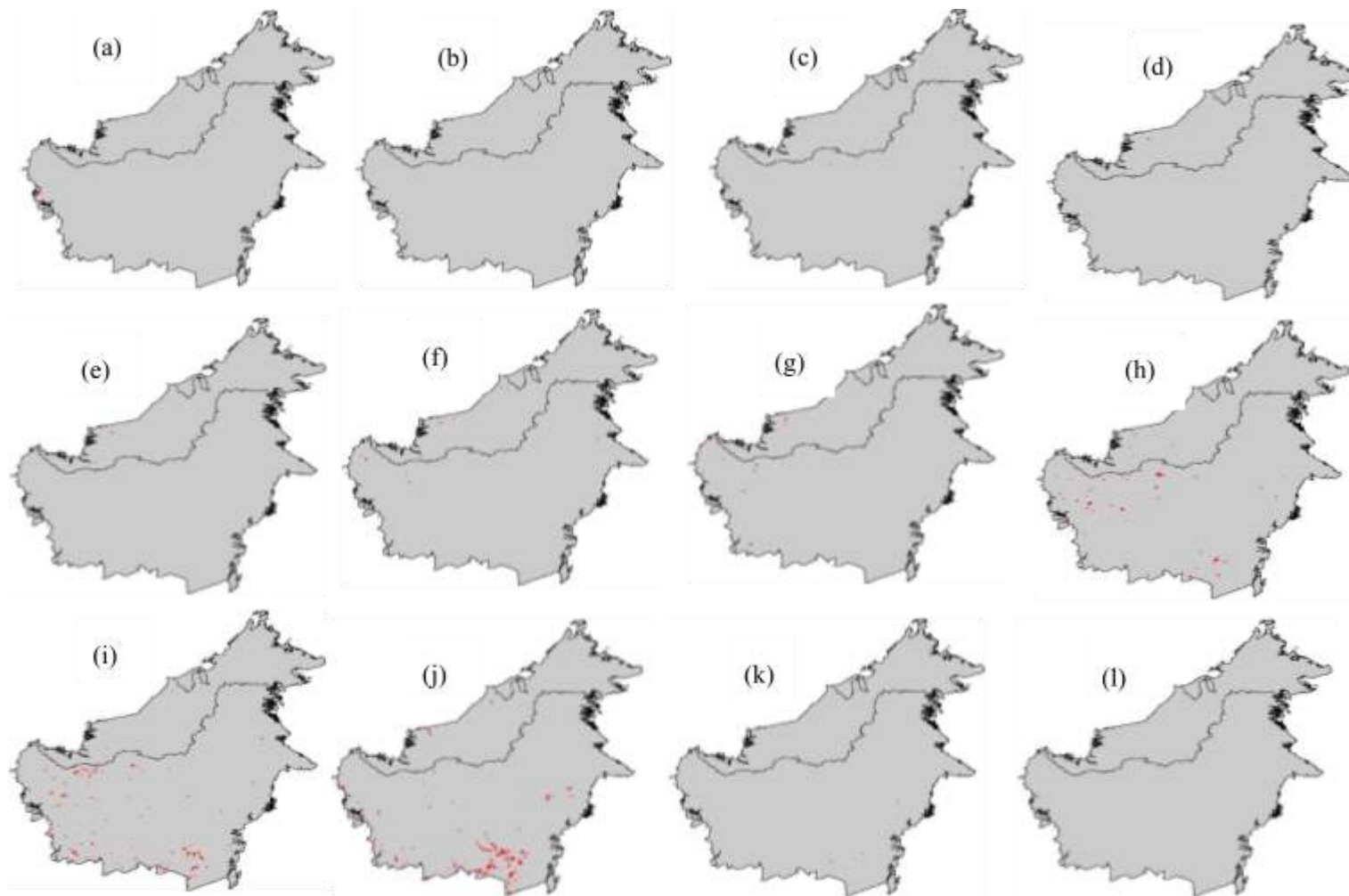


Figure 3.2.13: Monthly Variations of Biomass Burning Area of Borneo in 2013; (a) January (b) February (c) March (d) April (e) May (f) June (g) July (h) August (i) September (j) October (k) November (l) December

Table 3.2.12: Annual Amount of Dry Biomass Burned in 2013

Land Cover Types	Burned area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Annual Dry Biomass Burned (Mg/year)
<b>Broadleaf Forest</b>	344.35	618521.47
<b>Open Forest/ Oil Palm</b>	627.33	79781.63
<b>Grassland</b>	27.95	3554.58
<b>Cropland</b>	13.46	0.48
<b>Wetland</b>	3.26	1075.8

The MODIS algorithm estimated, approximately 1016.36 km<sup>2</sup> area were burned in 2013, 70.62 km<sup>2</sup> from Sabah and Sarawak, and 945.74 km<sup>2</sup> from Kalimantan (refer Appendix 3.2.5B). There was no burned area detected in Brunei. Fire incidence in Brunei can be challenging to detect due to insufficient radiation for satellite detection. Agriculture fire is the dominant biomass fire in Brunei as reported by Kim Oanh et al. (2018). These fires were usually small and did not emit sufficient radiation to penetrate dense canopies or cloud cover, making it difficult to distinguish from the non-fire background by using MODIS algorithms (Wang et al., 2014; Randerson et al., 2012). Based on the result, the most severely fire-damaged land cover in Borneo were open forest/oil palm, with 627.33 km<sup>2</sup> of the burned area, followed by broadleaf forest with 344.35 km<sup>2</sup> area burned, grassland and cropland come after with area 27.95 km<sup>2</sup> and 13.46 km<sup>2</sup> respectively.

Wetland showed the lowest severity with 3.26 km<sup>2</sup> of burned area was estimated. Overall, most of the Borneo's burning spots were detected in Kalimantan which made up over half of the burned area in 2013. Among the land classes, the burning of open forest/oil palm was the most prominent in Kalimantan, followed by broadleaf forest, with an estimated area of 599.29 km<sup>2</sup> and 312.17 km<sup>2</sup> were burned, respectively. The burning activity detected from other land classes (wetland, cropland, and grassland) was less significant and no burning was detected from shrubland in 2013. The burning spots detected in East Malaysia mainly from broadleaf forests with 32.18 km<sup>2</sup> of area burned (Appendix 3.2.2F). However, the total burned area in East Malaysia was comparatively insignificant as compared to Kalimantan.

The fire activity in Kalimantan mainly occurred in August, September, and October, and was dominated by open forest/oil palm burning mainly in October. On the other hand, fires observed in East Malaysia were more frequent, however with lower severity than Kalimantan. No fires were detected in January, February, November, and December in East Malaysia. The most severe burning was recorded in March and dominated by open forest/oil palm burning. Overall, the burning in Borneo reached its peak in October and declined in the following months.

**b) Source of Emission of Biomass Burning in South ASEAN**

The fire intensity and biomass consumed during the burning activity were significantly affected by the land covers characteristics (Ivanova et al., 2020; Yin, 2020). In this study, the biomass consumed (Gg/year) in 2013 was calculated as the burned area (km<sup>2</sup>), fuel loads, and combustion factor. Both fuel loading and combustion factors for respective land covers were retrieved from Michel et al. (2005), Song et al. (2009), and Zhou et al. (2017). The emissions of biomass burning of South Asean in 2013 are shown in Table 3.2.13, and the annual typical pollutant emission from different land cover sources in 2013 is shown in Figure 3.2.13. The annual emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, EC, OC and NMVOC were 5201.98 Gg, 254.43 Gg, 11.48 Gg, 10.38 Gg, 3.11 Gg, 1.90 Gg, 33.94 Gg, 28.8 Gg, 1.60 Gg, 18.13 Gg and 42.26 Gg respectively.

Table 3.2.13: Annual biomass Burning Emission Inventory (Gg) in South ASEAN for 2013

Land Cover	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVO C
Evergreen	2200.77	123.2 3	6.83	3.48	1.02	0.6	17.1 5	13.66	0.67	6.3	32.15
Deciduous	22.52	1.41	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.18	0.17	0.00 1	0.13	0.15
Mixed	1.58	0.1	0.01	0.00 1	0.00 1	0.00 1	0.01	0.01	0.00 1	0.01	0.01
Shrublands	2711.7	107.4 6	4.11	6.16	1.9	1.08	13.4 3	12.48	0.79	10.4 3	7.59
Savannas	236.16	8.12	0.21	0.39	0.07	0.09	1.36	0.87	0.06	0.36	1.28
Wetlands	9.35	12.94	0.21	0.29	0.08	0.11	1.72	1.54	0.07	0.87	0.94
Croplands	19.9	1.12	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.14
<b>Total</b>	5201.98	254.3 8	11.4 8	10.3 8	3.11	1.90	33.9 4	28.8	1.60	18.1 3	42.26

Similar to what has been observed over MSEA, CO<sub>2</sub> is the highest concentration of emitted pollutant, followed by CO for all land cover types in South ASEAN region. Carbon of biomass react with oxygen to produce CO<sub>2</sub> in a complete combustion, other than releasing a proportionate amount of sequestered CO<sub>2</sub> in biomass from photosynthesis (Cherubini et al., 2011). The high CO<sub>2</sub> emission is contributed by Shrublands and Evergreen Forest and in agreement with the finding of Yin (2020), which highlighted that shrubland fire is dominant and increasing along the SEA region while forest fire is decreasing. Yin (2020), further added that Shrubland fire was principal form of BB emission in Equatorial SEA such in Malaysia Borneo and Sumatra, Indonesia.

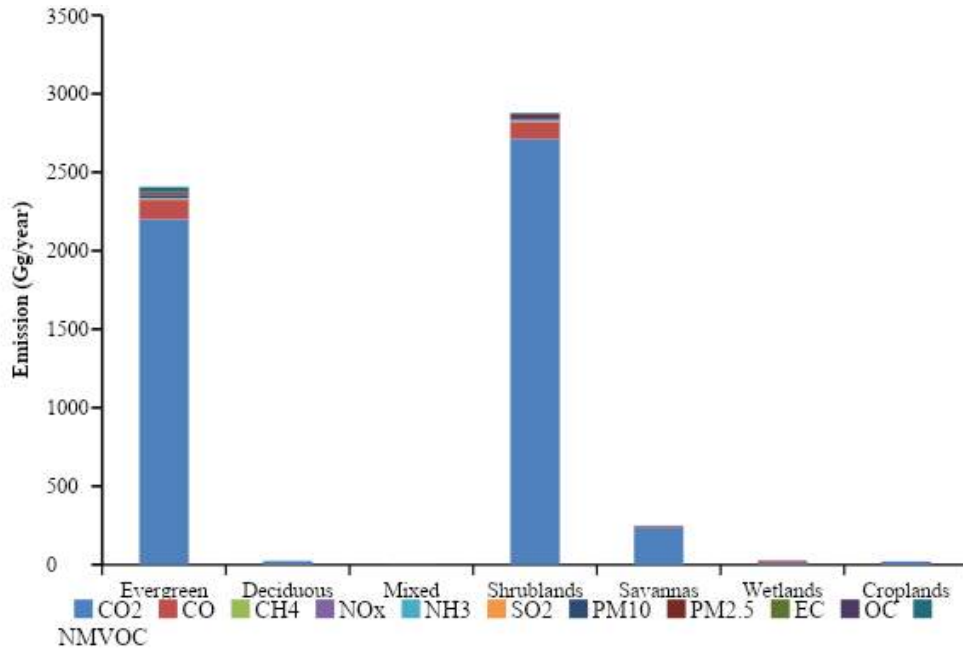


Figure 3.2.14: Contribution (%) of different land cover type to annual biomass burning emissions in South ASEAN for 2013

### c) Source of Biomass Burning Emission of Borneo

Table 3.2.14 summarises the total BB emission (Gg/year) from various land covers. Lowland forests and plantations were burned annually, especially during the dry seasons (Engling et al., 2014). Biomass burning in Borneo was mainly dominated by forest fire (broadleaf forest and open forest/oil palm), contributing mostly half of the biomass burned in 2013. Based on the estimation, broadleaf forest contributed to 618521.47 Mg/year of biomass burned while open forest/ oil palm contributed to 79781.63 Mg/year (Table 3.2.13). By contrast, grassland, cropland, and wetland, collectively, showed a minor proportion of biomass burned in 2013. However, biomass loss from grassland and wetland were relatively higher compared to cropland, with an estimate of 3554.58 Mg/year and 1075.8 Mg/year, respectively. As Lasslop and Kloster (2015) studied, burned area is one of the measures to quantify the consumption of biomass fuel from vegetation fires.

The total emissions of 11 typical pollutants, namely CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, EC, OC and NMVOC are 1160.102 Gg/yr, 62.900 Gg/yr, 3.306 Gg/yr, 1.857 Gg/yr, 0.983 Gg/yr, 0.305 Gg/yr, 8.751 Gg/yr, 6.229 Gg/yr, 0.360 Gg/yr, 3.296 Gg/yr, and 16.684 Gg/yr. Overall, CO<sub>2</sub> and CO were two of the dominant species recorded during biomass burning in 2013. A similar result was also obtained from other studies (Van der Werf et al., 2006; Carlson et al., 2012; Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014; Ponette-Gonzales et al., 2016). Over decades, high carbon emission was often recorded from forest burning (Huang et al., 2016; Adrianto et al., 2020), especially in SEA (Shi and

Yamaguchi, 2014; Reddington et al., 2020). This result was different from the finding of Shi and Yamaguchi (2014), who reported most of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission from East SEA was majorly from the burning of peatland.

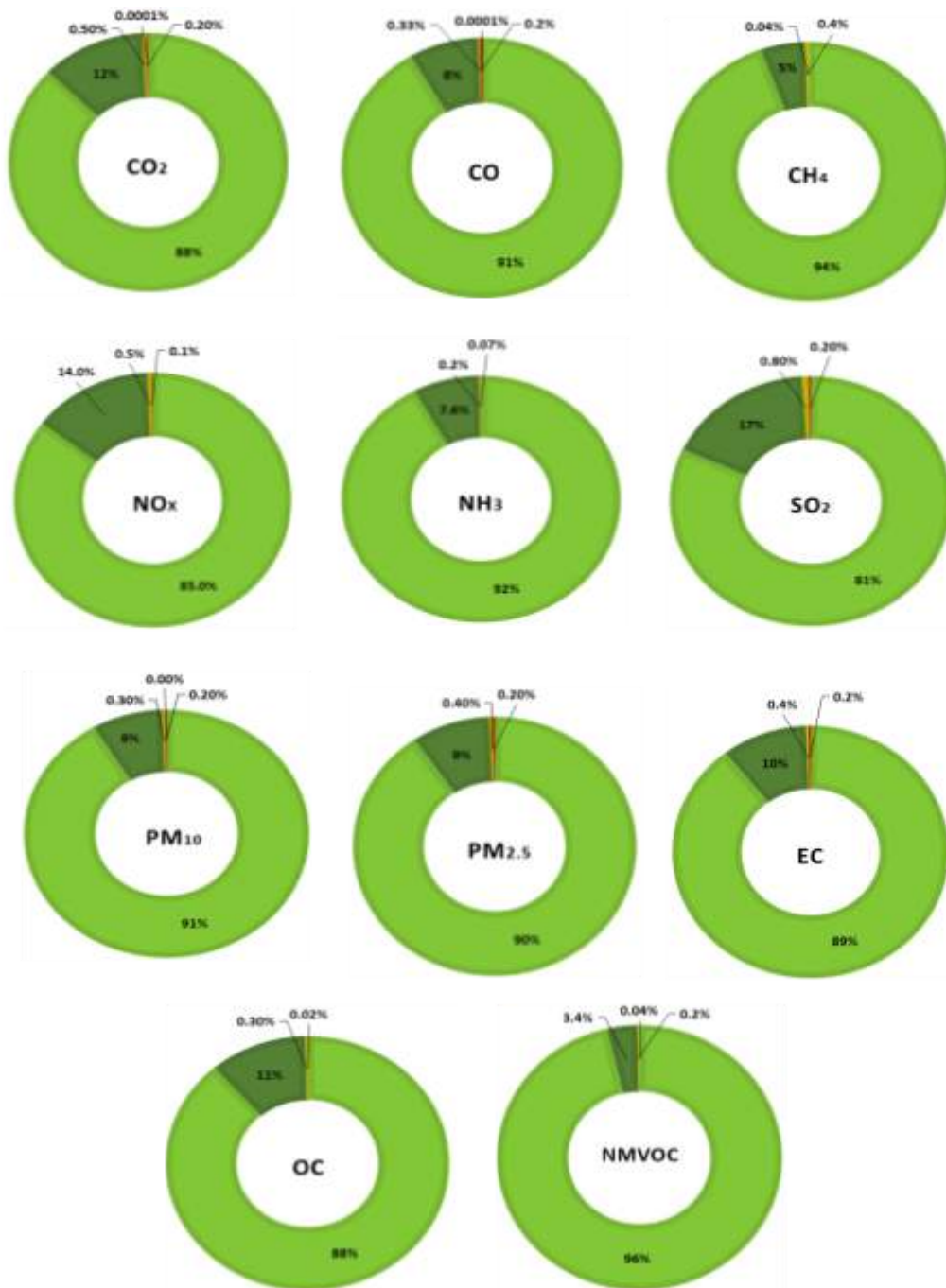
Table 3.2.14: Annual biomass Burning Emission Inventory (Gg) in Borneo for 2013

Land Cover	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
<b>Broadleaf Forest</b>	1016.23 6	57.52 3	3.13 6	1.57 7	0.82 3	0.24 7	7.91 7	5.629	0.32 2	2.91 3	16.082
<b>Open Forest/ Oil Palm</b>	135.949	5.066	0.16 4	0.26 7	0.06 8	0.05 4	0.79 0	0.566	0.03 6	0.36 7	0.562
<b>Grassland</b>	6.015	0.210	0.00 5	0.01 0	0.00 2	0.00 2	0.03 0	0.022	0.00 1	0.00 9	0.033
<b>Cropland</b>	0.001	0.000	0.00 0	0.00 0	0.00 0	0.00 0	0.00 0	0.000	0.00 0	0.00 0	0.000
<b>Wetland</b>	1.901	0.101	0.00 2	0.00 2	0.00 1	0.00 1	0.01 3	0.012	0.00 1	0.00 7	0.007
<b>Total</b>	1160.10 2	62.90 0	3.30 6	1.85 7	0.89 3	0.30 5	8.75 1	6.229	0.36 0	3.29 6	16.684

The emission of otCO<sub>2</sub> and CO species are less significant for other land cover types. Furthermore, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, EC and OC are relatively insignificant with total emission less than 4 Gg/yr. The insignificance can be associated with low associated species contents and emission factors, which consequently result in a low emission rate (Chang and Song, 2010). The emission of OC and EC were closely related and mostly came from the same source. However, as reported by several studies (Wu et al., 2019), the proportion of EC and OC vary significantly in different combustion sources. A high OC/EC ratio has been found in response to biomass burning. In most cases, the OC's emission factor is often higher than EC typically during the smouldering phase of fire burning, which explained the higher OC emission than EC from all sources in this study. While the emission of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> suggests that the PM emitted from burning activity mostly belonged to coarse particles.

In general, the result suggested broadleaf forest burning showed the most significant biomass emissions, while open forest/oil palm was the second largest contributor of biomass emission in Borneo for the period of 2013. By comparison, the emissions from the remaining land cover types were relatively small and nearly negligible from cropland and similar finding highlighted in the study of Vadrevu et al., (2019). Biomass burning from broadleaf forest contributed up to 80% of total

emission in 2013, with 81% of SO<sub>2</sub>, 85% of NO<sub>x</sub>, 88% of CO<sub>2</sub>, 96% OF NMVOC, 94% of CH<sub>4</sub>, 89% of EC, 88% of OC, 90% of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, 91% of PM<sub>10</sub>, 93% of NH<sub>3</sub> and 91% of CO (Figure 3.2.15). On the other hand, the burning of open forest/oil palm occupied a range of 5-14% of biomass emission. The emissions from others were less significant and almost negligible with less than 1% for all pollutants.



■ Shrublands ■ Broadleaf Forest ■ Open Forest/ Oil Palm ■ Grasslands ■ Croplands ■ Wetlands

Figure 3.2.15: Contribution of Different Land Cover Type to Annual Biomass Burning Emissions in Borneo in 2013

Over decades, broadleaf forest burning in Borneo, typically in Kalimantan, was often linked to land clearing and deforestation for crop cultivation and to fulfil timber demand (Jua´rez-Orozco et al., 2017; Purnomo et al. 2017; Adrianto et al., 2019). Indonesia’s high deforestation rate increases rainforest’s vulnerability to fires (Van Der Werf, 2014). The burning of forests poses significant threats to the environment and destroys the important sink for atmospheric carbon dioxide when burned (Varner et al., 2015; Wehmas, 2018; Roland et al., 2019). The recurrence of fires in tropical broadleaf forests can modify the microclimatic conditions and plant composition, thereby creating positive feedback to the fire regime (Wehmas, 2018). The positive changes in fire regimes and forest structure potentially released the stored carbon dioxide of yearlong, resulting in a high emission load of pollutants (Wehmas, 2018; Adrianto et al., 2020), typically CO<sub>2</sub> and CO as observed in this study.

Likewise, the emission result from open forest/oil palm burning can be attributed to agricultural practices to boost soil fertility (Alam et al., 2015; Jua´rez-Orozco et al., 2017). Burned biomass or residues serve as potential nutrient sources for the soil. Therefore, fires were widely used to burn oil palm waste, either for expanding the new plantation area or circulating the nutrients (Adrianto et al., 2019,2020). However, the value of the emission factor of oil palm trees needed to be studied. In this case, the emission factors are under-represented from the surface reflectance from the remote sensing technique. Wetland burning contributed significantly to a range of nearly 0% to 0.4% of biomass emission, even with the smallest area burned (3.26 km<sup>2</sup>).

As compared to cropland, with the greater burned area than wetland but negligible emission from all species. The significance of this emission was supported by Shi and Yamaguchi (2014), who reported the emission from wetland burning in SEA from 2001-2010 contributed to a range of 8-24% of emission but with only 7% of total burned area. Like this study, the smallest burned area was detected with significant biomass burned and emission load. Various studies (Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014; Adrianto et al., 2020) claimed that wetland has a relatively higher density of biomass than forest on average; however, the emission and biomass consumption resulting from the underground biomass burning was not considered in this study.

#### **d) Spatial Variations of Biomass Burning Emission**

Overall, the average annual biomass burning emissions of all species across South Asean is concentrated more in Sumatra and Borneo. Though the emission magnitude is similar in gridded information, CO<sub>2</sub> is taken as a focus as it is the main pollutants and have significant different grid information particularly over Borneo region (Figure 3.2.16). In the extend, the most dominant

emission species, CO<sub>2</sub> was notably spotted in Kalimantan (South Kalimantan and West Kalimantan) (Figure 3.2.17a and 3.2.17b respectively) are discussed. As mentioned, these areas were found to have more intense fire activity, resulting in increased emission density. The emission spots in South Kalimantan were mainly concentrated in the open forest/oil palm region, and a minor proportion was also found in West Kalimantan. While in East Malaysia, the emissions mostly originated from Sarawak and relatively low in Sabah, while no emissions were detected from Brunei. As reported by several studies (Chang and Song, 2010; Lamsal et al., 2012; Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014; Ponette-Gonzalez et al., 2016), fires in Indonesia are mainly used for deforestation and agriculture practices (Adrianto et al., 2020 and reference therein).

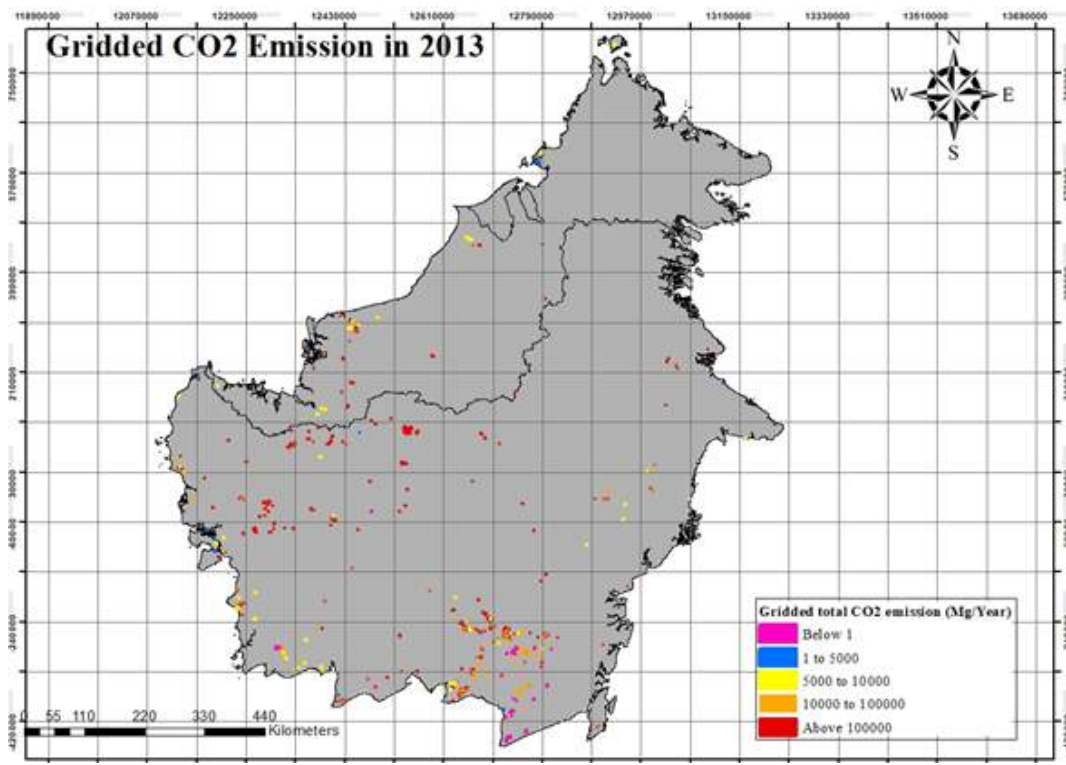


Figure 3.2.16: Gridded Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions of Borneo in 2013

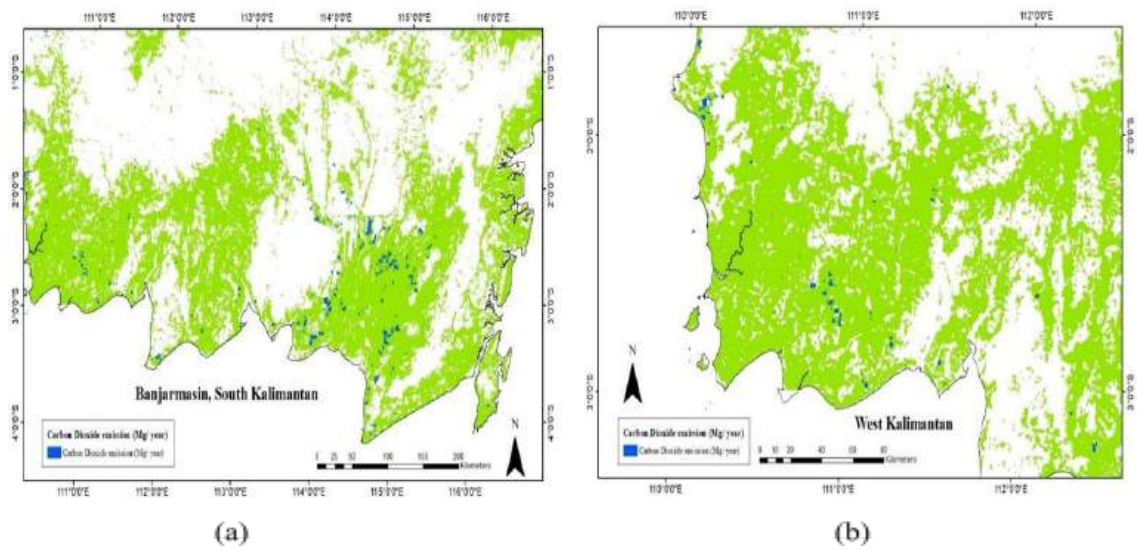


Figure 3.2.17: CO<sub>2</sub> emission results from open forest/oil palm burning in (a) South and (b) West Kalimantan

In this case, biomass emission in this region mostly from land cultivation and residue burning to facilitate planting (Field et al., 2008; Shi and Yamaguchi, 2014), which normally occurred in Kalimantan and Sumatra over the years (Field et al., 2009; Yin, 2020). However, results obtained in this study revealed that broadleaf forest burning was the largest emission source in 2013. More details information for other emission species are shown in Appendix 3.2.5C and Appendix 3.2.5D. The emission result from broadleaf burning was not concentrated in certain regions; instead, it scattered across the study area and showed the most extensive coverage area in Borneo. There is less to be argued since evidence suggests that fire regimes in Sumatra and Kalimantan are changing; large severe fires can occur following brief dry spells and during non-ENSO years (Pittman et al., 2013, Gaveau et al., 2014; Ponette-González et al., 2016).

### 3.3 Biogenic Emission in Southeast Asia

Anthropogenic and biogenic sources volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are crucial in the tropospheric chemistry. Anthropogenic VOCs (AVOCs) including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene isomers (BTEX) are dominant in the urban atmosphere while biogenic VOCs (BVOCs) such as isoprene and monoterpene are released by plant and vegetation (Carlsen et al., 2018). BVOC emitted from vegetation are widely recognized for their importance in atmospheric chemistry and climate (Arneth et al., 2008). Their significance in the climate system arises from the large quantity emitted annually and from their fast reactivity with tropospheric oxidants (Atkinson, 2000).

It was estimated that the global isoprene emission in the early 90s was between the range of 454 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> to 601 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> (see Arneth et al., 2008 and reference therein). terrestrial plant and vegetation are thought to be the main source of atmospheric isoprene which contributed to more than 90% of the global isoprene (Guenther et al., 2006). Minor sources of isoprene include microbes, animals (including humans) and aquatic organisms (Wagner et al., 1999). Both isoprene and monoterpene oxidation products are important precursors for photochemical O<sub>3</sub> production when NO<sub>x</sub> levels are high (von Schneidmesser et al., 2015; Fitzky et al., 2019). O<sub>3</sub> is a potent GHG with an anthropogenic radiative forcing that is equivalent with CH<sub>4</sub> (Forster et al., 2007).

BVOCs thus recognised as an important precursor of O<sub>3</sub> and known as secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation (Hauglustaine et al., 2004; Claeys et al., 2004). The transformation of BVOCs to SOA through the gas-to-particle partitioning and forming cloud condensation nuclei (Carslaw et al., 2010)) consequently affecting earth's radiation budget as it scatters the incoming solar radiation (Haywood and Boucher, 2000). Prior studies of (Griffin et al., 1999) has demonstrated that

less volatile BVOC species especially isoprene, monoterpene and sesquiterpenes can exquisitely produce oxidized compound that eventually transform into SOA.

Though BVOCs are important in regulating growth and reproduction of plants, while resisting from environmental stress, and to prevent harm from animals and insects (Klinger et al., 2002; Lun et al., 2020). However, depending of plant species, much of BVOCs emission are controlled by the environmental factors such as humidity (Caser et al., 2019; Saunier et al 2017), temperature (Jiang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2021), solar radiation (Meeningen et al., 2017). Thus, biogenic emission is liable to climate and vegetation distribution change (Lathiere et al., 2005). With the warming of the planet, the future biogenic emission is remained uncertain and challenging to be estimated.

### 3.3.1 Biogenic Emissions Under Climate Change Scenarios

#### 3.3.1.1 RCP4.5 Scenario

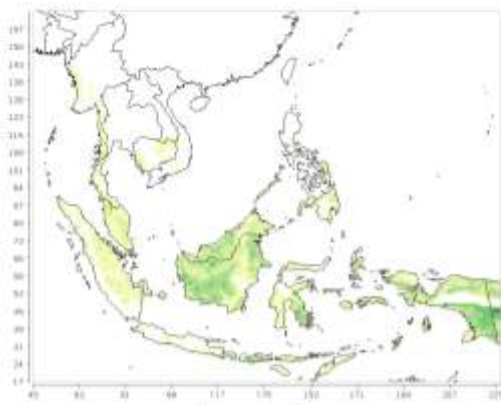
The projected isoprene emissions in SEA under RCP4.5 for 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 are summarized in Table 3.3.1. Figure 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, In the scenario mentioned, the projected isoprene emissions in January are found at 8.08 tons/hr in 2013, 8.29 tons/hr in 2030, 8.65 tons/hr in 2050, 8.69 tons/hr in 2070 and 9.46 tons/hr in 2100, respectively. Besides, the results show increment in isoprene emissions at 0.21 tons/hr (2.60%), 0.57 tons/hr (7.05%) and 0.61 tons/hr (7.55%) during mid-century (2030, 2050, 2070), and 1.38 tons/hr (17.08%) during the end of century (2100). Hence, the results reveal the emissions rate of isoprene in SEA region are projected in increasing trend from 2013 to 2100 during January.

Indonesia has recorded the highest isoprene emissions within the projected years (in January at 8.08 to 8.95 tons/hr, continued with Malaysia and Brunei at 7.13 to 7.93 tons/hr, Thailand at 3.92 to 6.57 tons/hr, Cambodia at 3.25 to 5.47 tons/hr, Philippines at 3.79 to 4.88 tons/hr, Vietnam at 2.69 to 4.31 tons/hr, Laos at 2.10 to 5.01 tons/hr, Myanmar at 1.73 to 3.35 tons/hr, and Singapore at 1.47 to 3.08 tons/hr, respectively (Appendix 3.3.1A). Furthermore, Malaysia and Indonesia are the main oil palm producers in SEA (Uning et al., 2020) with isoprene emissions of five times greater than primary tropical forest landscapes (Hewitt et al., 2009). Thus, the projected results reveal the emissions of isoprene in Malaysia and Indonesia are significantly higher than other countries within SEA region.

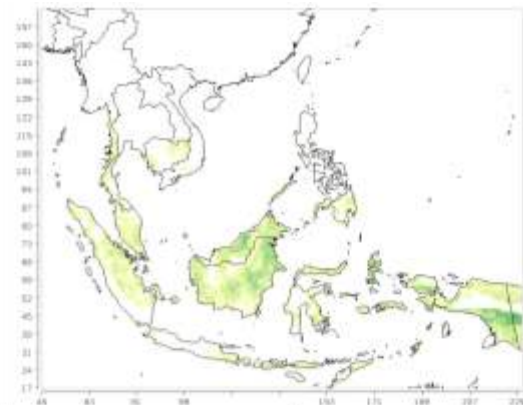
Table 3.3.1: Total Isoprene emissions in Southeast Asia under RCP4.5.

Year	Month	Isoprene Emissions (tons/hr)	Changes (tons/hr)	Percentage in Increment (%)
2013	January	8.08	-	-
	July	7.56	-	-
2030	January	8.29	0.21	2.60
	July	7.72	0.16	2.12

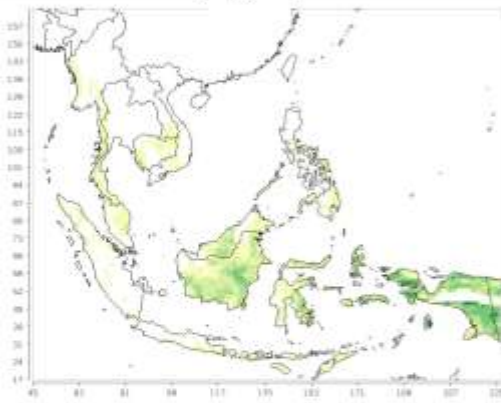
2050	January	8.65	0.57	7.05
	July	8.21	0.65	8.60
2070	January	8.69	0.61	7.55
	July	7.94	0.38	5.03
2100	January	9.46	1.38	17.08
	July	8.57	1.01	13.36



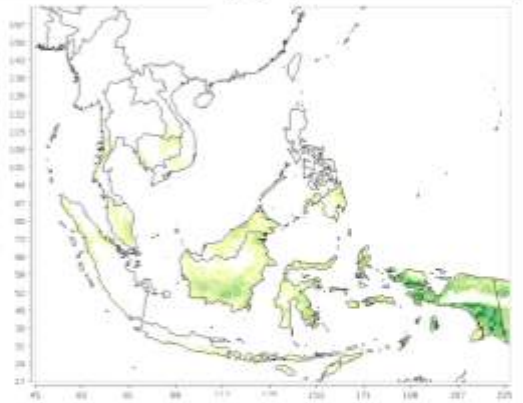
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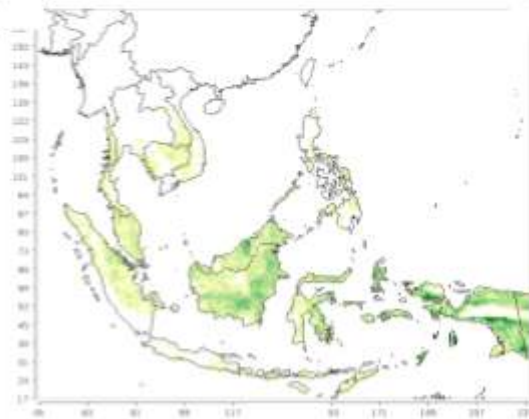
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Figure 3.3.1: Total isoprene emissions for January in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP4.5 scenario.

As shown in Figure 3.2.1, the projected simulation in January shows the higher isoprene emitter are within Borneo, Sulawesi and Papua Island while the lowest emitters are within the mainland of SEA, such as Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam, which may be due to the lowest temperature that could inhibits the emission of isoprene (Oku et al., 2014; Mutanda et al., 2016). However, during the end of century, Papua Island can be observed with the highest isoprene emissions among the region, and both Sumatra and West Malaysia show an increment in emission of isoprene. The finding in West Malaysia is similar with Hamid et al. (2019).

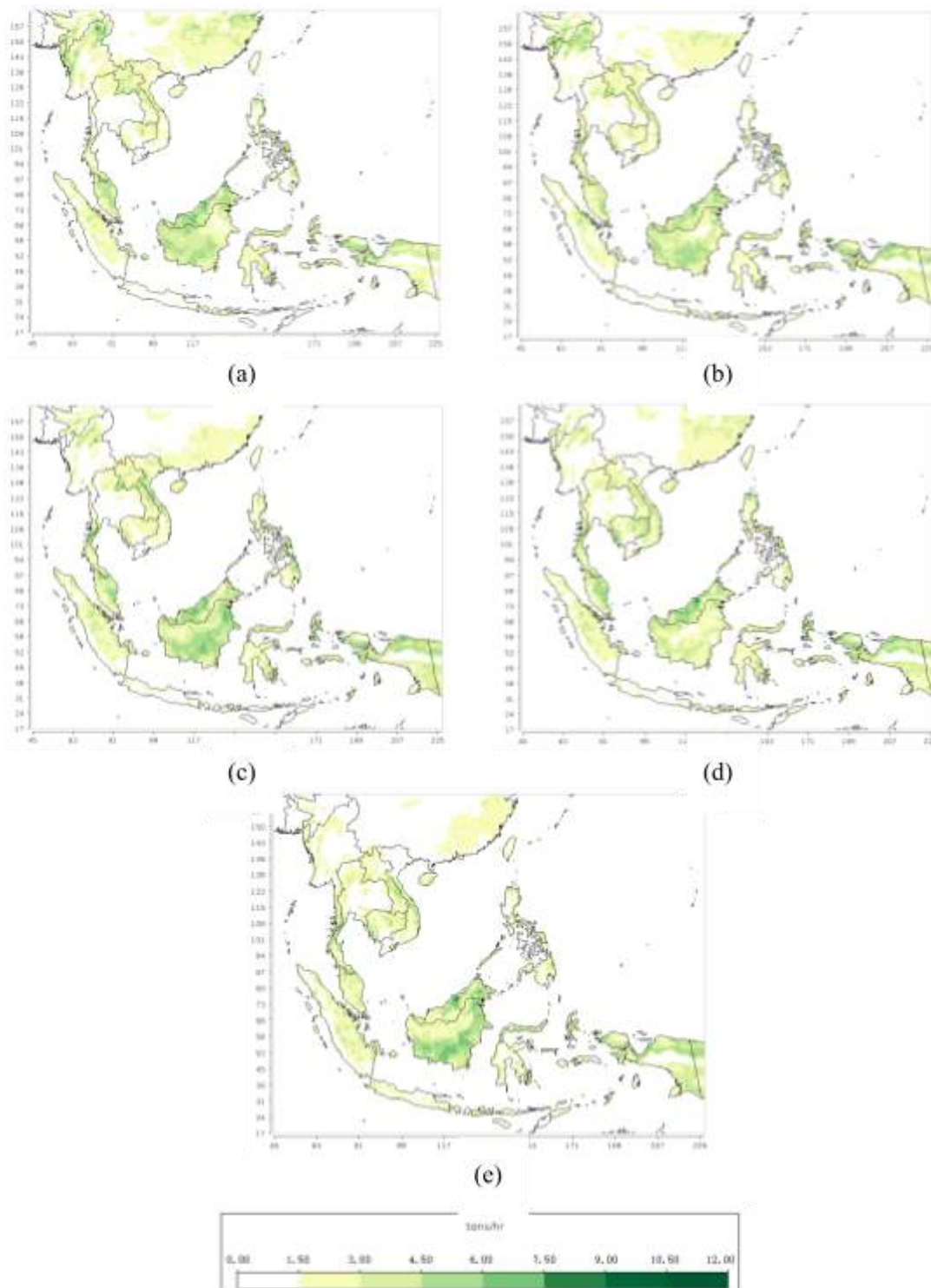


Figure 3.3.2: Total isoprene emissions for July in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP4.5 scenario.

In July (figure 3.3.2), the highest isoprene emission is 8.57 tons/hr in 2100, and continued by 8.21 tons/hr in 2050, 7.94 tons/hr in 2070, 7.72 tons/hr in 2030 and 7.56 tons/hr in 2013 respectively. In comparison with the baseline (2013), the total isoprene emissions increased by 0.16 tons/hr (2.12%), 0.65 tons/hr (8.60%), 0.38 tons/hr (5.03%) and 1.01 tons/hr (13.36%) in 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100. The emissions were increasing through the year of 2030, 2050 but decreasing in 2070, however, the emission rate increase much more in 2100. Similar to the projected temperature in, the temperature trend over SEA in July is also decreasing during 2070 hence it supports that the isoprene emissions are influenced by the changing of temperature.

Furthermore, mainland SEA in July shows an increment of isoprene emissions within the projected years (2013, 2030, 2050, 2070, 2100) at 5.97 to 8.39 tons/hr in Vietnam, 4.63 to 8.39 tons/hr in Laos, 5.86 to 7.18 tons/hr in Thailand, 4.10 to 7.11 tons/hr in Cambodia, and 3.11 to 5.77 in Myanmar, by comparing to January. However, Malaysia and Brunei reveal the highest emission of isoprene at 5.95 to 8.50 tons/hr during July, while Indonesia was the second highest among the countries at 6.96 to 7.64 tons/hr, then continued by Philippines at 5.93 to 7.93 tons/hr, and the lowest is in Singapore at 1.43 to 3.47 tons/hr. A study by Seco et al. (2015) supports that broadleaved mixed forest (which largely found in tropical region) was observed with a relative high isoprene emission during the July.

The projected simulation in July shows a lower isoprene emission rate compares to January. In 2013, Papua Island was the largest isoprene emitter, while Borneo Island are predicted the highest isoprene emitter during 2050 and 2100 as well. Obviously, SEA mainland shows an increment of isoprene emissions in July compared to January, as the temperature in July are higher within the region. It may be caused by the drought stress which decline plant's photosynthesis rate, stomata conductance and transpiration rate (De Swaef and Steppe, 2010; Zhou et al., 2014), that results plant undergo stress, then enhance isoprene emissions to overcome the stress (Jiang et al., 2018). Nevertheless, Jawa Indonesia remains lower emission of isoprene in both January and July, while Sulawesi Indonesia shows higher isoprene emissions in January than July.

### 3.3.1.2 RCP6.0 Scenario

In RCP6.0 scenario, the projected isoprene emissions are expected higher than RCP4.5 scenario, as the RCP6.0 is a medium range of emission scenario. Based on projected results Table 3.3.2, the highest value of isoprene emissions in January is projected at 10.48 tons/hr in 2100, and continued by 8.92 tons/hr in 2070, 8.65 tons/hr in 2030, 8.59 tons/hr in 2050 and 8.37 tons/hr in 2013 respectively. Also, the increment of isoprene emission in SEA was recorded as 0.28 tons/hr (3.35%), 0.22 tons/hr (2.63%), 0.55 tons/hr (6.57%), 2.11 tons/hr (25.21%) in 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100. During the end of century, the total emission of isoprene was predicted at the highest rate among the years, hence, it suggests that more secondary organic aerosols will be produced through the chemistry reactions with the emissions in the atmosphere (Hallquist et al., 2009).

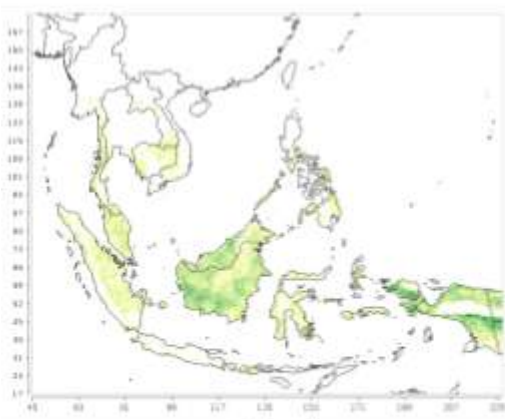
Among the SEA countries, Indonesia is the top emitter of isoprene emission in January with an average emission from 8.61 to 15.86 tons/hr within 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100. While Malaysia and Brunei are the second highest emitter after Indonesia with an emission range of 1.41 to 8.37 tons/hr. Besides, the other countries have an average of isoprene emissions not more than 6.31 tons/hr – Philippines (4.02 to 4.96 tons/hr), Thailand (0.22 to 6.31 tons/hr), Cambodia (0.33 to 5.53 tons/hr), Vietnam (0.34 to 5.19 tons/hr), Laos (0.23 to 5.19 tons/hr), Singapore (0.35 to 2.45 tons/hr) and Myanmar (0 to 2.85 tons/hr) (Appendix 3.3.1B). Hence, the projected results show that mainland of SEA and Singapore has a lower emission, as the predicted temperature in mainland SEA were lower in January and Singapore is a small Island which has a limited vegetation area.

The projected simulations in January in the current scenario (Figure 3.3.3) show a higher emission of isoprene at the region of Borneo, Sulawesi, and Papua Island among all. Similar with RCP4.5 scenario, the mainland SEA and Indonesia (Sumatra, Java, Timor-Leste) region has the lowest emission rate in January. Several studies suggest that isoprene emissions could be inhibited either by increasing CO<sub>2</sub> (long-term) or decreasing isoprene synthase activities (Monson et al., 2007; Possell and Hewitt, 2011). By the end of century, the isoprene emissions in Borneo, Sulawesi and Papua Island are observed with the highest rate which indicates that these regions may be strongly influent by the environmental factors, which may suffer a huge O<sub>3</sub> production due the higher isoprene emission.

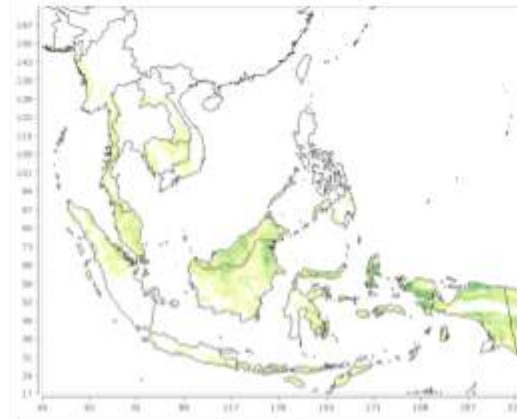
Meanwhile, the isoprene emissions in July (Figure 3.3.4) for the year of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 were in increasing trend by 7.08 tons/hr, 7.74 tons/hr, 8.00 tons/hr, 8.63 tons/hr and 9.28 tons/hr respectively. Moreover, the increment in July was higher as compared to January with 0.66 tons/hr (9.32%) in 2030, 0.92 tons/hr (12.99%) in 2050, 1.55 tons/hr (21.89%) in 2070 and 2.20 tons/hr (31.07%) in 2100. Similar to RCP4.5, the isoprene emissions under RCP6.0 in January are much higher than the emission rate in July. Therefore, the projected results suggest that the temperature range in January is most affecting to the appearance of isoprene emission in SEA region compared to July.

Table 3.3.2: Total Isoprene emissions in Southeast Asia under RCP6.0.

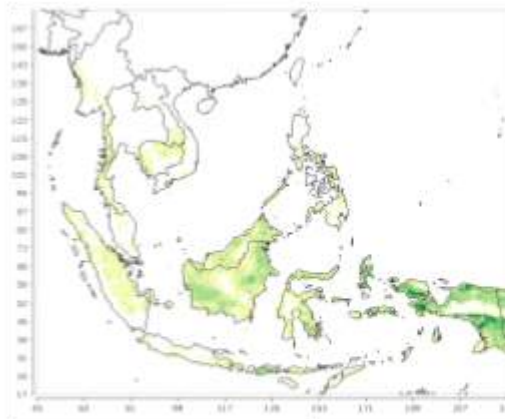
Year	Month	Isoprene Emissions (tons/hr)	Changes (tons/hr)	Percentage in Increment (%)
2013	January	8.37	-	-
	July	7.08	-	-
2030	January	8.65	0.28	3.35
	July	7.74	0.66	9.32
2050	January	8.59	0.22	2.63
	July	8.00	0.92	12.99
2070	January	8.92	0.55	6.57
	July	8.63	1.55	21.89
2100	January	10.48	2.11	25.21
	July	9.28	2.20	31.07



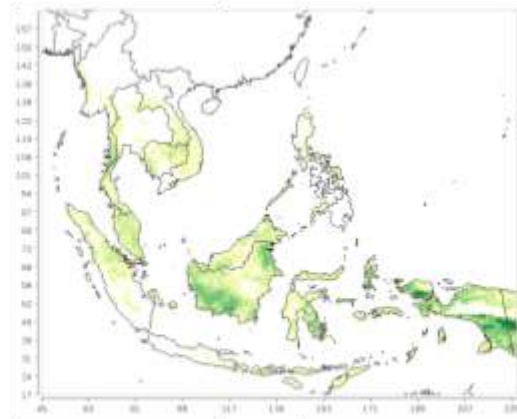
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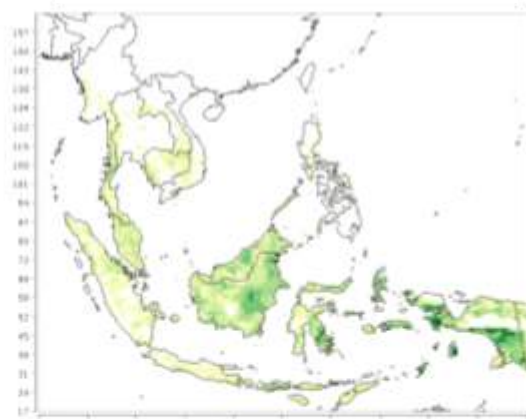
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Figure 3.3.3: Total isoprene emissions for January in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP6.0 scenario.

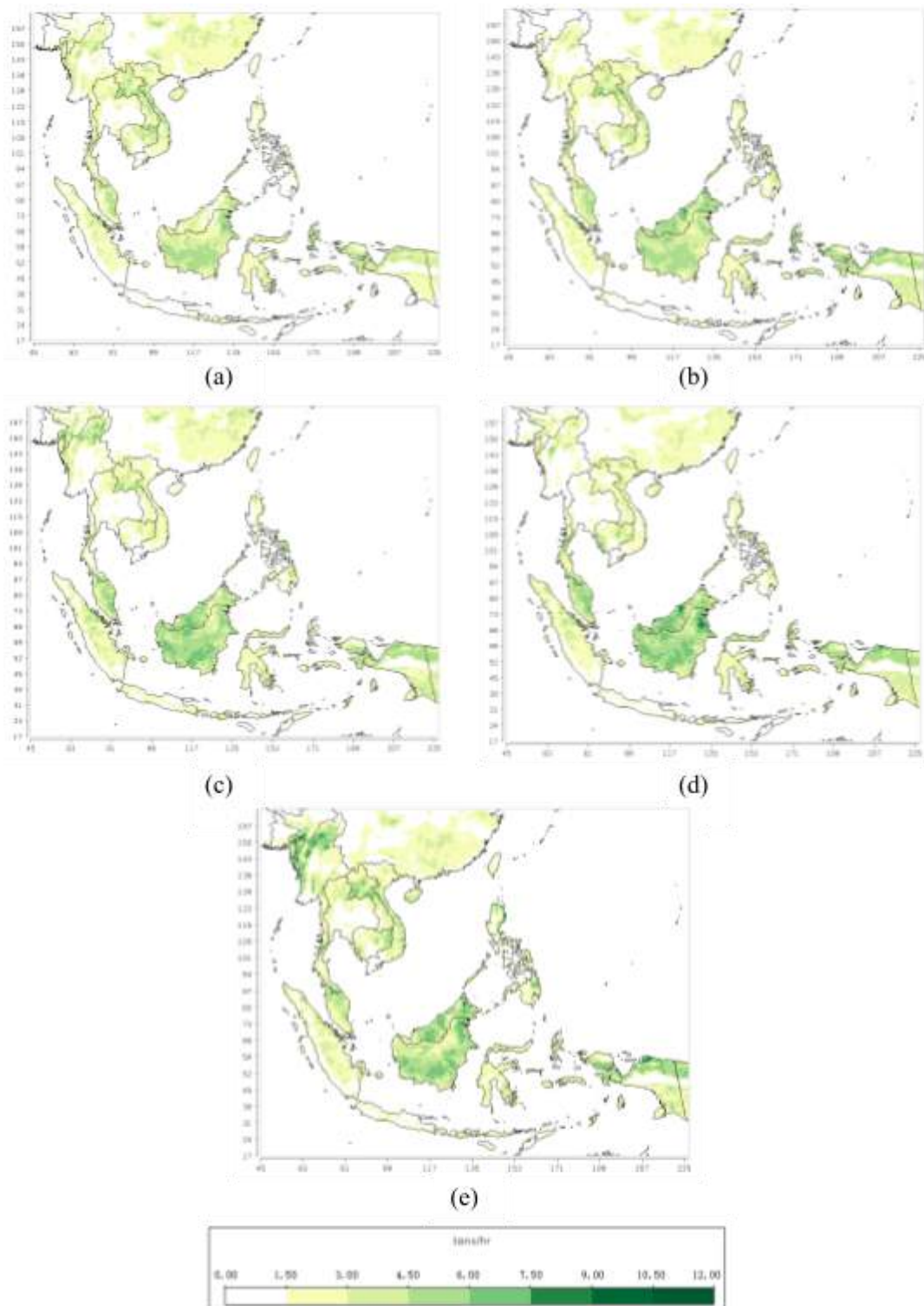


Figure 3.3.4: Total isoprene emissions for July in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP6.0 scenario.

Moreover, the top isoprene emitter in SEA is within Malaysia and Brunei with the highest emission rate which is up to 10.77 tons/hr in July by the end of century. While Indonesia shows the second highest isoprene emitter (similar with RCP4.5 – July) with a highest emission in 2100 at 9.74 tons/hr. Compared to January, Thailand indicates an increment of isoprene emission in July with a highest rate at 7.87 tons/hr, then followed by Philippines at 7.56 tons/hr, Myanmar at 7.18, Cambodia at 7.14 tons/hr, Vietnam at 6.39 tons/hr, Laos at 5.91 tons/hr, and Singapore at 3.82 tons/hr. Studies support that the total isoprene emissions was found higher in tropical and sub-tropical zones, due to the higher temperature and light flux that stimulate high leaf emission rates (Alves et al., 2014; Chang et al. 2014; Jardine et al., 2014, 2016).

As depicted in Figure 3.3.4, the projected simulation of isoprene emissions in July reveals a higher appearance of isoprene emissions in the whole SEA region than January, which has the lowest emissions in mainland SEA, particularly in Myanmar. Obviously, besides Borneo Island, the model projected higher rate of isoprene emitted in Mainland SEA – Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam in July, especially during the end of century. Hence, it may be caused by the high O<sub>3</sub> concentration that influence the synthesis and emissions of terpenoids (Yang et al., 2021), thus, plant emits more isoprene emission due to their defence mechanisms to protect itself (Harrison et al., 2013; Li and Xie 2014; Hantson et al. 2017).

### 3.3.5.3 RCP8.5 Scenario

The RCP8.5 scenario is classified by increasing greenhouse gas emissions over time and represents scenarios in the literature that result in high levels of greenhouse gas concentration (Riahi et al., 2008). Under RCP8.5 scenario, the total isoprene emissions are projected with increasing trend in both January and July. The highest value of isoprene emissions in January is found at 12.41 tons/hr in 2100, then 11.24 tons/hr in 2070, 8.82 tons/hr in 2050, 8.27 tons/hr in 2030 and 7.86 tons/hr in 2013. Refer to Table 3.3.3, the future projection of total isoprene emissions as relative to baseline period was recorded as 0.41 tons/hr (5.22%), 0.96 tons/hr (12.21%), 3.38 tons/hr (43%), 4.55 tons/hr (57.89%) in 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 respectively.

Table 3.3.3: Total Isoprene emissions in Southeast Asia under RCP8.5.

Year	Month	Isoprene Emissions (tons/hr)	Changes (tons/hr)	Percentage in Increment (%)
2013	January	7.86	-	-

	<b>July</b>	7.80	-	-
<b>2030</b>	<b>January</b>	8.27	0.41	5.22
	<b>July</b>	7.87	0.07	0.90
<b>2050</b>	<b>January</b>	8.82	0.96	12.21
	<b>July</b>	8.34	0.54	6.92
<b>2070</b>	<b>January</b>	11.24	3.38	43.00
	<b>July</b>	9.05	1.25	16.03
<b>2100</b>	<b>January</b>	12.41	4.55	57.89
	<b>July</b>	10.15	2.35	30.13

Under the projected simulation, Indonesia shows the highest emitter of isoprene with increasing trend in January at 7.76 tons/hr (2013), 8.59 tons/hr (2030), 8.66 tons/hr (2050), 10.70 tons/hr (2070) and 15.35 tons/hr (2100). Besides, Malaysia and Brunei were estimated the second highest isoprene emitter among SEA region with an emission range at 5.95 to 8.834 tons/hr (Brunei) and 6.86 to 8.83 tons/hr (Malaysia) throughout the projected years. While the rest reveals a decreasing trend during the end of century by projected an emission at 5.26 tons/hr in Philippines, 4.52 tons/hr in Thailand, 3.37 tons/hr in Cambodia, 3.02 tons/hr in Vietnam, 2.98 tons/hr in Laos, 1.72 tons/hr in Myanmar, and 0.97 tons/hr in Singapore (Appendix 3.3.1AC).

Furthermore, Figure 3.3.5 reveals that Papua Island has the highest amount of isoprene emissions in January in the period of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100. While Borneo Island was at the second highest isoprene emitter throughout the projected years and notable during 2030 and 2100, except in 2070 which suggest a decrement of isoprene emission. Sulawesi Indonesia can be observed with a medium rate of isoprene emission after Borneo and Papua Island, especially during the of the century. On the other hand, mainland of SEA (including Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia) suggests lesser amount of isoprene emissions but higher in 2100. Also, both Java Indonesia and Philippines show a lower emission of isoprene during January.

Moreover, the projected isoprene emissions in July (figure 3.3.6) for the year of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 were 7.80 tons/hr, 7.87 tons/hr, 8.34 tons/hr, 9.05 tons/hr and 10.15 tons/hr, respectively. However, the increment of isoprene emissions in July is smaller than January in this scenario, with 0.07 tons/hr (0.90%) in 2030, 0.54 tons/hr (6.92%) in 2050, 1.25 tons/hr (16.03%) in 2070 and 2.35 tons/hr (30.13%) in 2100. Compared to January, the isoprene emissions in SEA region during July is projected with a lower emission, and most notable in 2070 and 2100 by the changes of 2.19 tons/hr (2070) and 2.26 tons/hr (2100).

Although the emissions of isoprene in SEA region during July were lower than January, however, Indonesia shows a large increment during the end of century with a total amount of 17.92 tons/hr, which has the highest emission record than January. Nevertheless, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Thailand, and Myanmar were projected with 11.87, 11.06, 8.64, 8.95, 7.60 tons/hr by the

end of century, and thus reveal a higher emission in July compared to January. Also, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are projected a higher isoprene in July during the year of 2070 at 8.79, 8.95, 8.40 tons/hr but then decrease by the end of century. Similarly, Singapore is projected the least isoprene emission within SEA region and suggests a decreasing trend at total emission of 1.05 tons/hr in 2100.

Projected isoprene simulation in July (Figure 3.3.6) depicts a continuous trend of increasing isoprene emission from 2013 to 2100. Obviously, the highest rate of the isoprene emissions was emitted from Borneo and Papua Island and most notable during the end of century. Besides, mainland SEA such as Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia suggest an increasing trend during the projected years, except in 2030 – Cambodia shows a lower appearance of isoprene emissions through the year. In addition, West Malaysia and Sumatra Indonesia were also notable with higher isoprene emission in July and increase in emission rate throughout the projected years.

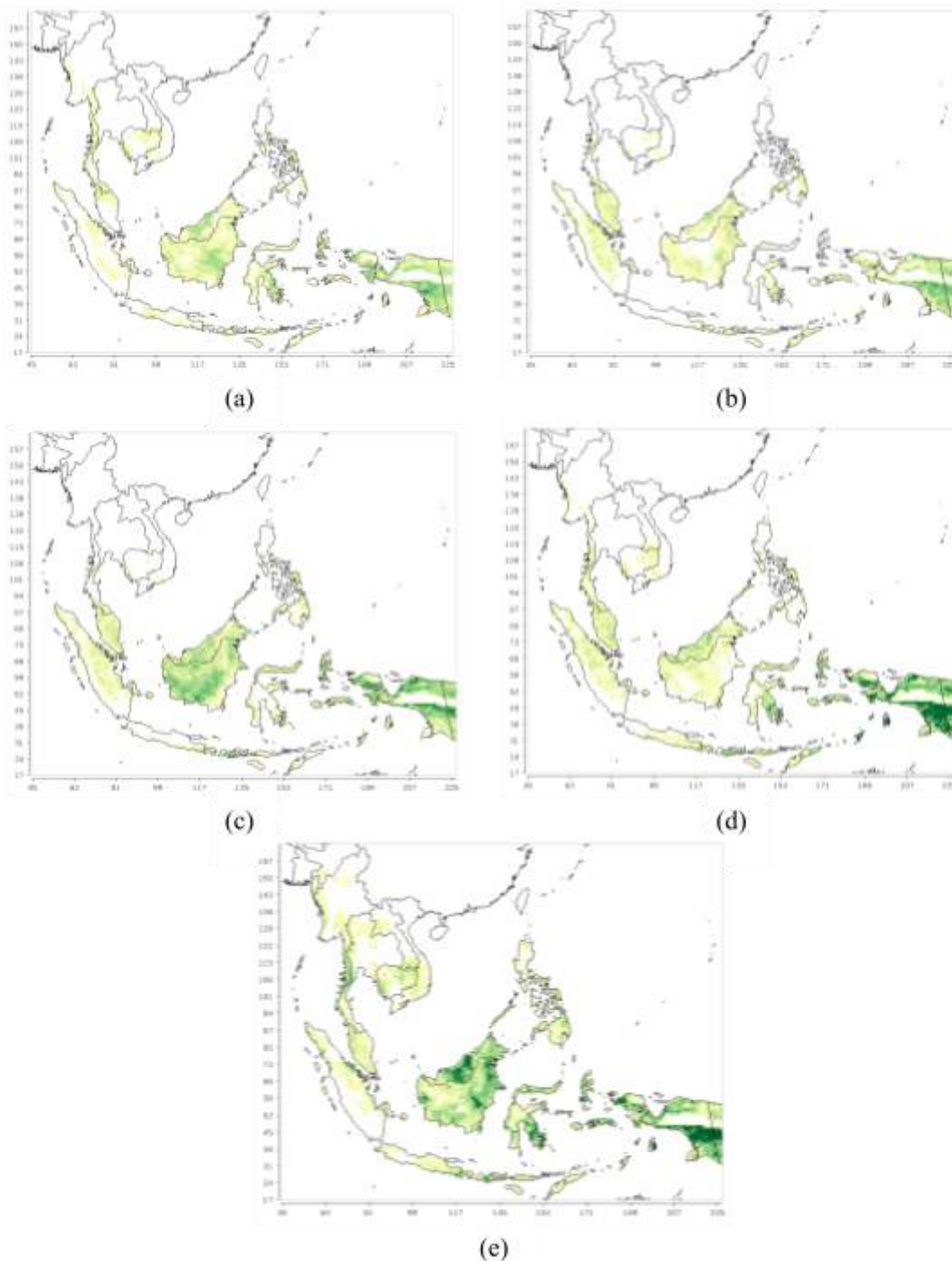


Figure 3.3.5: Total isoprene emissions for January in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP scenario

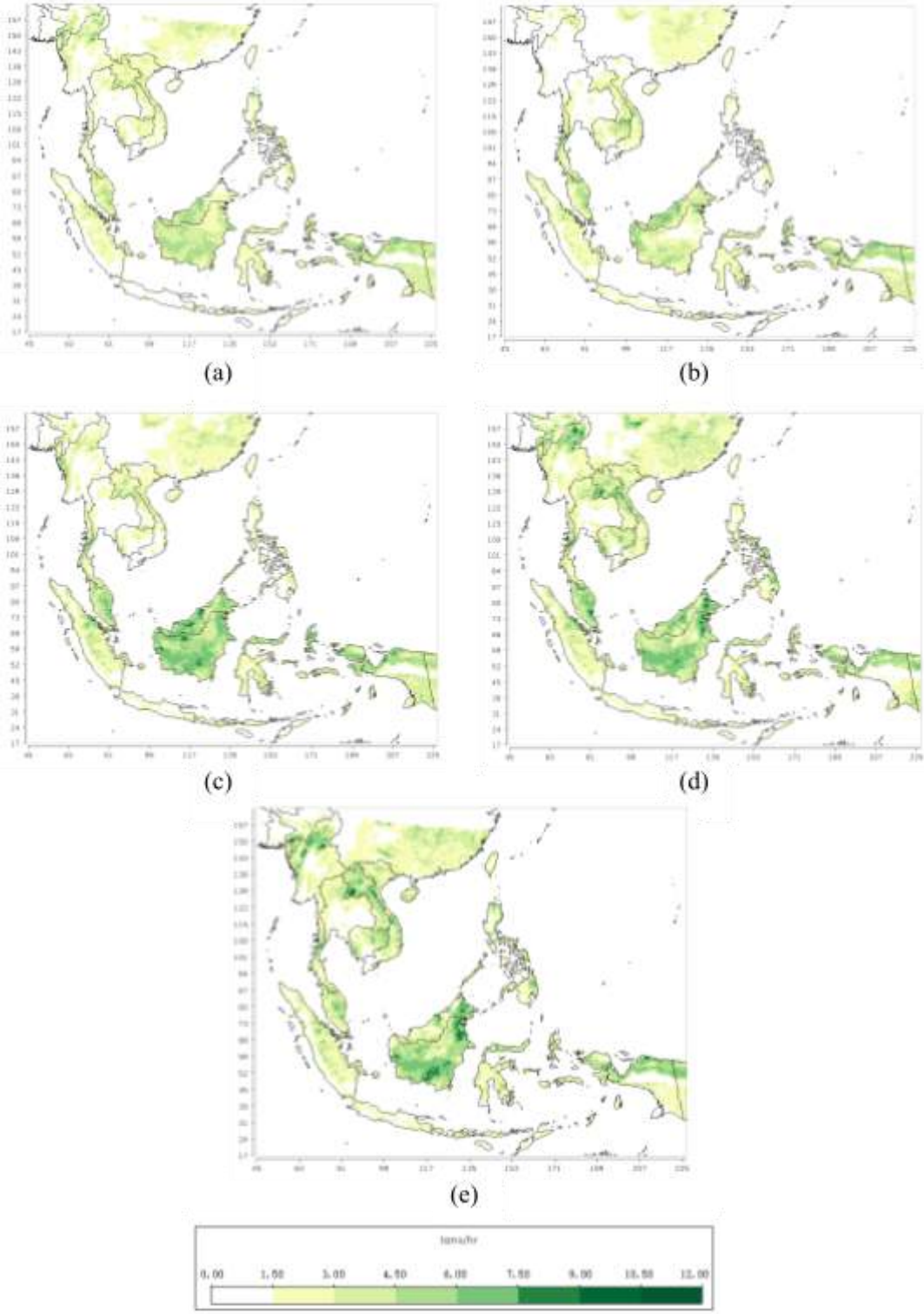


Figure 3.3.6: Total isoprene emissions for July in (a) 2013, (b) 2030, (c) 2050, (d) 2070 and (e) 2100 under RCP8.5 scenario

Overall, the projected isoprene emissions in January are higher compared to July due to the vegetation – plant species (Meeningen et al., 2016) and various climatic conditions (Jiang et al., 2018), including ambient ozone, water stress, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and drought, especially temperature and light (Pacifico et al., 2009; Hu, 2015). Besides, Mainland SEA were predicted with lower temperature range in January which may inhibits the emission of isoprene at temperature below 10 to 20 °C (Oku et al., 2014; Mutanda et al., 2016). Also, SEA considered as tropical region that consists one of the largest tropical forests (Kanakidou et al., 2005) which release isoprene emission from the 20% of the tropical species (Loreto and Fineschi, 2015).

### 3.3.2 Biogenic Emission Hot-Spot Areas

Most studies revealed that isoprene emission rates are controlled by the environmental factors (Grote and Biinemets, 2008; Niinemets et al., 2010; Guenther et al., 2012; Monson et al., 2012; Jiang et al., 2018), which highly vulnerable to temperature (Monson et al., 2012; Pacifico et al., 2012; Unger et al., 2013; Grote et al., 2014; Holopainen et al., 2018; Feng et al., 2019). To further investigate the regulation mechanism of isoprene emission under climate change (temperature), different correlations among isoprene emission and temperature in January and July during 2013 and 2100 were observed and analysed under RCP4.5 and 8.5 scenarios. To get the efficiency of the relationship between temperature and isoprene, three areas have been selected within Southeast Asia region – Borneo Island, Papua Island and the region of West Malaysia and Sumatra, Indonesia (Figure 3.3.7).

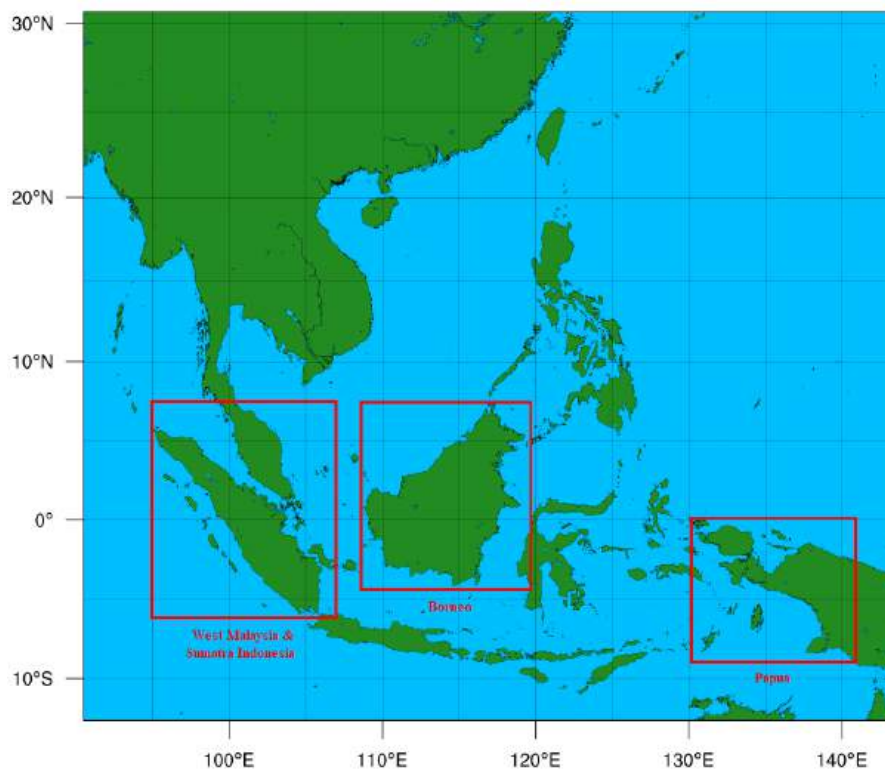


Figure 3.3.7: Three selected areas (Borneo, Papua, and West Malaysia & Sumatra Indonesia) within Southeast Asia Region.

### 3.3.2.1 Borneo Island

Based on the projected simulations (section 3.1 and 3.3), Borneo Island was found to have a higher value of both temperature and isoprene. As expected, the emission of isoprene in Borneo Island was found to be highly correlated with temperature at r value of 0.763 in January and 0.867 in July during the year of 2013, and r value of 0.715 in January and 0.648 in July during the end of century under RCP4.5 scenario, respectively (Table 3.3.4). Both 2013 and 2100 also indicates that the most favourable conditions for isoprene emission appear to be in the temperature range of 27.42 to 28.86°C and 28.48 to 29.74 °C in January; and 27.96 to 29.86 °C and 29.12 to 30.43 °C in July. Besides, the rate of isoprene emissions was found at 5.49 to 7.88 tons/hr in January and 5.59 to 8.52 tons/hr in July during 2013 and 2100 within this region.

In RCP8.5 scenario, the correlation between isoprene emission and temperature in Borneo Island is also show a good relationship at r value of 0.712 and 0.895 in January and July during 2013, where the emission of isoprene can be found at the temperature range of 27.57 to 28.81 °C in January and 28.09 to 30.21 °C in July, respectively. However, there is a moderate correlation at r value of 0.460 in January, but a strong correlation at r value of 0.825 in July during the end of century. The isoprene emission can be observed at the range of temperature between 29.35 and 31.31 °C in January, 30.44 and 32.17 °C in July. The emission rate of isoprene in the year of 2013 and 2100 were found between 5 to 10.59 tons/hr in January and 5.26 to 11.77 tons/hr.

Table 3.3.4: Correlation Coefficient between Surface Temperature and Isoprene Emission in Borneo, Papua Island, and West Malaysia and Sumatra Indonesia during 2013 (baseline) and 2100 (end of century) under RCP4.5 and 8.5 scenarios

Scenarios	Area	Correlation Coefficient			
		2013		2100	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
RCP45	Borneo Island	0.763	0.876	0.715	0.648
	Papua Island	0.754	0.662	0.816	0.853
	West Malaysia & Sumatra Indonesia	0.813	0.711	0.451	0.739

<b>RCP85</b>	Borneo Island	0.712	0.895	0.460	0.825
	Papua Island	0.615	0.797	0.831	0.690
	West Malaysia & Sumatra Indonesia	0.282	0.948	0.270	0.195

RCP4.5 scenario shows a strong relationship between isoprene and temperature in Borneo Island at r value above 0.6, where the isoprene emission was highly dependent on temperature with optimum range between 20 to 40°C (Guenther et al., 2012; Egigu et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2018). Compared to RCP4.5 scenario, the temperature and isoprene emission analyzed in Borneo Island were much higher under RCP8.5 scenario due to the high assumption of RCP8.5 in future emission (Riahi et al., 2008). Besides, a finding of Mishra and Sinha (2020) reveals a strong correlation of isoprene emission and temperature during the monsoon and summer seasons in India. Also, Mishra and Sinha (2020) support that the preferred condition for biogenic emissions to be appear during temperature range below 40°C and soil moisture was limited.

In addition, Borneo Island is the largest oil palm's production (Gaveau et al., 2016), where the oil palm emits greater amount compared to tropical forest landscapes (Hewit et al., 2009), and it is predicted to be increase in the future due to the high demand of palm oil (Corley, 2009; Malins, 2017). Hence, this explained that higher rate of isoprene emission in Borneo Island may be due to the larger area of oil palm's plantation. Moreover, since Borneo Island is located in tropical area, the isoprene emissions can be largely found within the Borneo Island, as the emission are higher in tropical habitats (Exton et al., 2015).

### 3.3.2.2 Papua Island

Papua Island is one of the top isoprene emitters among the Southeast Asia region beside Borneo Island, which can be observed from the projected simulations. In RCP4.5 scenario, the projected isoprene emission found to be highly correlated with temperature at r value of 0.754 and 0.662 in January and July during 2013, while much higher during 2100 at r value of 0.816 in January and 0.853 in July, respectively (Table 3.3.4). Hence, the temperature range between 27.10 to 28.48°C and 25.56 to 26.74°C are spotted with the presence of isoprene emissions for both January and July during 2013 at the emissions rate from 5.24 to 8.92 tons/hr. At the end of century, isoprene emissions rate between 6.09 to 11.52 tons/hr are spotted at the range of temperature at 27.53 to 29.66 °C in January and 26.94 to 27.77 °C in July.

In RCP8.5 scenario, both year of 2013 and 2100 show a good correlation between isoprene emission and temperature at the value r above 0.5, which are 0.615 (2013) and 0.831 (2100) during January while 0.797 (2013) and 0.690 (2100) during July, respectively. The isoprene emissions are likely to appears in temperature between 27.10 to 28.05 °C in January and 26.13 to 27.24 °C in July

with an emission rate between 5.90 to 8.55 tons/hr but less likely to appear at the temperature above 27.24°C during the year of 2013. While the isoprene emission rate at 7.45 to 15.77 tons/hr can be observed at the temperature range between 30.25 to 31.65 °C in January and 27.72 to 29.14 °C in July during 2100.

Both RCP4.5 and 8.5 scenarios show a satisfactory correlation between isoprene emission and temperature with value  $r$  above 0.6 during 2013 and 2100. Compared to Borneo Island, Papua Island has the highest rate of isoprene emission that reached 15.77 tons/hr in January 2100 under RCP8.5 scenario. Besides, Guenther et al. (1995) and Pugh et al. (2013) also support the product of isoprene is increasing exponentially with temperature as it is driven by light and temperature. In general, isoprene emissions are produced in the photosynthesis process and controlled by temperature and hours of light presence (Dani et al., 2017), and study by Hrebien et al. (2021) also reveals a higher temperature and increased of hours of light are the main factors affecting the production of isoprene in the tropics.

### **3.3.2.3 West Malaysia and Sumatra Indonesia**

The region of West Malaysia and Sumatra Indonesia can be observed in the projected simulations with a moderate isoprene emission rate, but higher emission rate during certain year especially in July. Under RCP4.5 scenario, the correlation of isoprene and temperature in the year of 2013 shows a positive relationship with  $r$  value of 0.813 in January and 0.711 in July (Table 3.3.4). While in the year of 2100, the relationship between isoprene and temperature shows a moderate correlation with  $r$  value of 0.451 in January, but a good correlation at  $r$  of 0.739 in July. Hence, it reveals a moderate dependent of isoprene emission to temperature in January but higher in July. The emissions rate of isoprene within this region was at the range from 3.12 – 7.11 tons/hr, with the range of temperature at 26.34 to 29.17 °C in January and 28.20 to 30.22°C in July during both year of 2013 and 2100.

In RCP8.5 scenario, the projected isoprene found to be weak correlated with temperature at  $r$  value of 0.282 in January, but very high correlated at  $r$  value of 0.948 in July during 2013. The temperature range between 27.03 to 28.02°C and 28.45 to 29.79°C are spotted with the presence of isoprene emissions at 3.76 to 7.03 tons/hr for both January and July during 2013. However, at the end of the century, both January and July show a weak correlation between isoprene emission and temperature with  $r$  values of 0.270 and 0.195. The emissions of isoprene were observed during the temperature between 28.37 to 30.30°C in January and 30.27 to 31.41°C in July during 2100, with the emission rate from 5.26 to 9.16 tons/hr. Hence, this indicates that the isoprene emissions are not influenced by the changing of temperature within this region during the end of the century.

The heating effect is likely to suppress the effect of higher CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations as the temperatures rise in the future (Tingey et al., 2007; Lahr et al., 2015) and could lead to the increase emissions of BVOCs in urban areas (Norton et al., 2015). However, some studies revealed that

increasing of CO<sub>2</sub> could lead to the declining of isoprene emission (Sharkey and Monson, 2014; Monson et al., 2016; Rasulov et al., 2018; Lantz et al., 2019). Also, Potosnak et al. (2014) found that a high CO<sub>2</sub> concentration could reduce isoprene emissions by increasing leaf temperature at 20-35°C.

### 3.4 Climate Change Impact on Air Quality in Southeast Asia

#### 3.4.1 CMAQ Model Evaluation

For performance evaluation of the coupled model, the results from the baseline scenarios were evaluated against the measurements for the same period at the respective sites. The air concentrations were maximum daily average 1-hour surface ozone (Max 1-hr O<sub>3</sub>). Both hourly average CO and NO<sub>x</sub> were also considered as they were the precursors of O<sub>3</sub>. For this analysis, the comparison between observed and measured values focused on a period of January and July during the year 2013. Due to the limitation of data availability in Southeast Asia, and air quality evaluation was made based on the daily surface observation dataset in Malaysia. The simulation for air quality based on RCP baseline scenarios was also being compared with the reanalysis dataset. In general, the model performance was carried out based on 4 separated ways as shown below:

- a. CMAQ\_RCP85 and observation (DOE)
- b. CMAQ\_RCP85 and CMAQ\_NCEP
- c. CMAQ\_RCP45 and observation (DOE)
- d. CMAQ\_RCP45 and CMAQ\_NCEP

##### 3.4.1.1 Evaluation of CMAQ\_RCP85

Table 3.4.1 shows the seasonal statistical performance of CMAQ, induced by WRF\_RCP8.5 meteorological data and MIC\_Asia emission inventory during January and July 2013. In January, the projection of maximum 1-hour average ozone over the 5 cities compares well with observation data, with NMB and Fa2 around 28.0% and 1.2 value respectively. However, a slightly overestimated was found during the July season with a bias of 38.3% and Fa2 of 1.3 value. As shown in Table 3.4.2, 24-hour average CO was highly overestimated in January period with values value recorded as -69.1% (NMB) and 0.3 (Fa2). Meanwhile, the projection of 24-hour average NO<sub>x</sub> during January also underestimated of -92.3% (NMB) and 0.076 (Fa2) as relative to observe dataset. In July, underestimation was slightly lower with NMB and Fa2 around -86.7% and 0.13 value respectively.

Table 3.4.1: Statistical Performance between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and observation for surface ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Variable	Projection	DOE	NMB	FB	NMSE	Fa2
<b>January</b>						

<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	50.5	39.4	28.0	0.24	0.062	1.2
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	1.22	15.8	-92.3	-1.71	11.0	0.076
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	142.4	461.1	-69.1	-1.05	1.5	0.30
<b>July</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	52.7	38.1	38.3	0.32	0.10	1.3
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	2.0	15.0	-86.7	-1.5	5.6	0.13
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	151.5	489.6	-69.0	-1.05	1.5	0.30

NMB: Normalized Mean Bias, FB: Fractional Bias, NMSE: Normalized Mean Square Error, Fa2: Factor of Two.

The NMB for maximum daily average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP was 10.9% and 11.6% during January and July respectively (Table 3.4.2). The model performed with slightly over-estimation and 1.1 value of Fa2 for both periods. The monthly variation and spatial distribution of the average simulated max 1-h ozone by CMAQ\_RCP8.5 were comparable agree to the NCEP reanalysis dataset (Figure 3.4.1). Both models have projected that the average surface O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio in July was higher compared to January. Meanwhile, a higher O<sub>3</sub> was observed over Malaysian Peninsula than Malaysian Borneo. The CMAQ model projections were overestimated over NCEP reanalysis data across most of the domain in January (Figure 3.4.2). In July, the max 1-h ozone was found overestimated over the north Malaysian Peninsula but highly underestimated over the south.

The overestimation of O<sub>3</sub> might be caused by the overestimation and underestimation of O<sub>3</sub> precursor in the model chemistry. Similar overestimations of other primary emitted species of NO<sub>x</sub> and CO have been seen in the study of Appel et al., (2015). A part of this, is due to the WRF model's tendency to underestimate overnight mixing in urban areas (Appel et al., 2013), as either the PBL heights are too low and the minimum eddy diffusivity is too small, resulting in an over estimation of pollutants near the surface and high model biases. Diurnal variations of precursor with the present of photochemical activity are important as it dominate the process of production and emission of precursor continuous throughout the day and night (Appel et al., 2013; Appel et al., 2015). As such, those elements would tend to cause overestimation during projecting O<sub>3</sub> due to bias mixing in the model (Querol et al., 2017).

Table 3.4.2: Statistical Performance between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and NCEP for surface O<sub>3</sub>, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>, and HNO<sub>3</sub> with CMAQ\_NCEP

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>CMAQ_NCEP</b>	<b>NMB</b>	<b>FB</b>	<b>NMSE</b>	<b>Fa2</b>
<b>January</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	47.8	42.8	11.6	0.11	0.012	1.1
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.53	0.52	1.9	0.019	0.00036	1.0

<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	125	102.7	21.7	0.19	0.038	1.2
<b>Hourly average OH (ppm)</b>	0.059	0.053	11.3	0.10	0.011	1.1
<b>Hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.47	0.25	88.0	0.61	0.42	1.8
<b>July</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	43.4	39.1	10.9	0.10	0.010	1.1
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.59	0.6	-1.6	-0.016	0.00028	0.98
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	112.4	96.1	16.9	0.15	0.024	1.1
<b>Hourly average OH (ppm)</b>	0.044	0.035	25.7	0.22	0.052	1.2
<b>Hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.36	0.37	-2.7	-0.027	0.00075	0.97

NMB: Normalized Mean Bias, FB: Fractional Bias, NMSE: Normalized Mean Square Error, Fa2: Factor of Two.

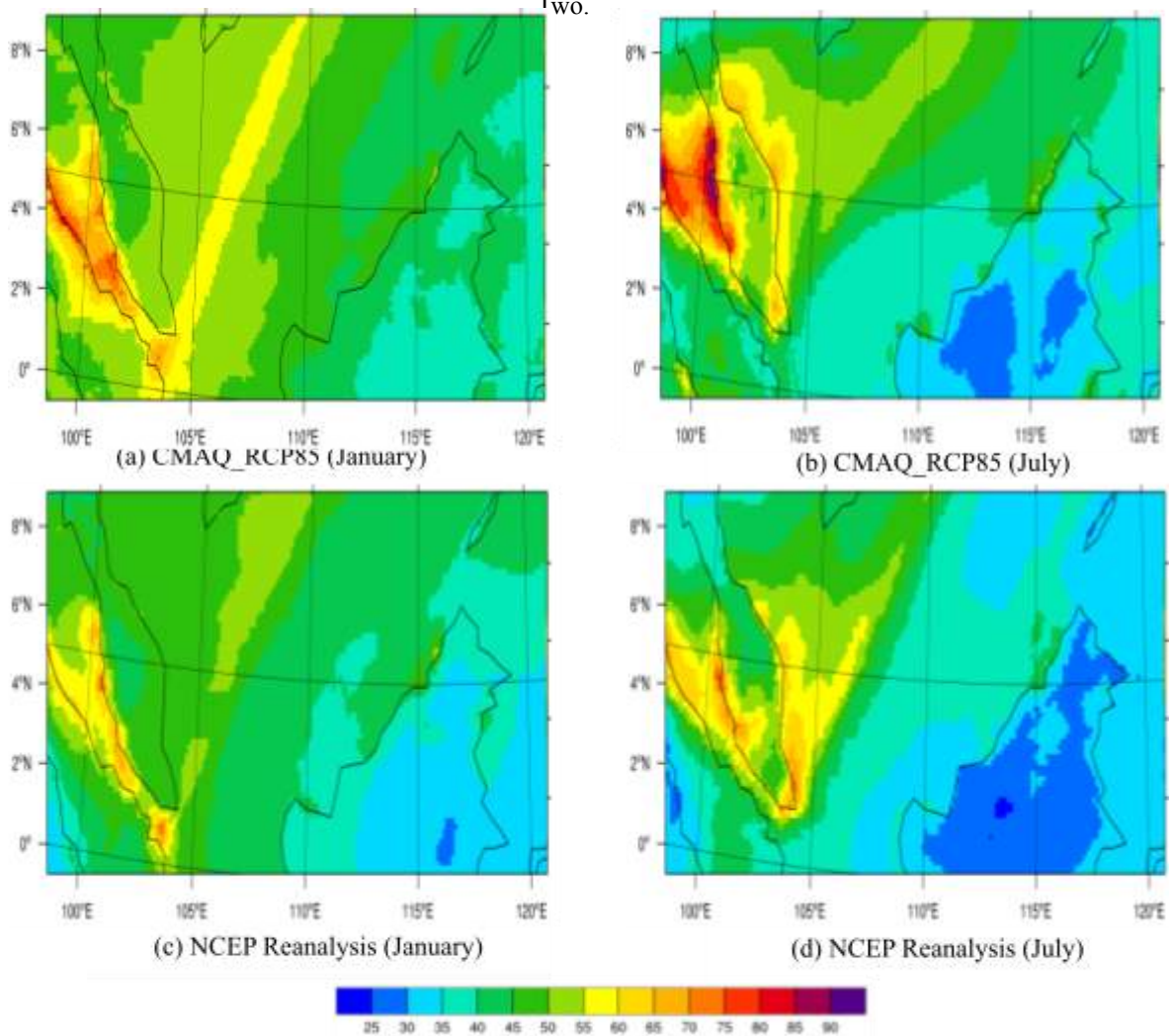


Figure 3.4.1: M1-hour daily average 1-hour surface ozone (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

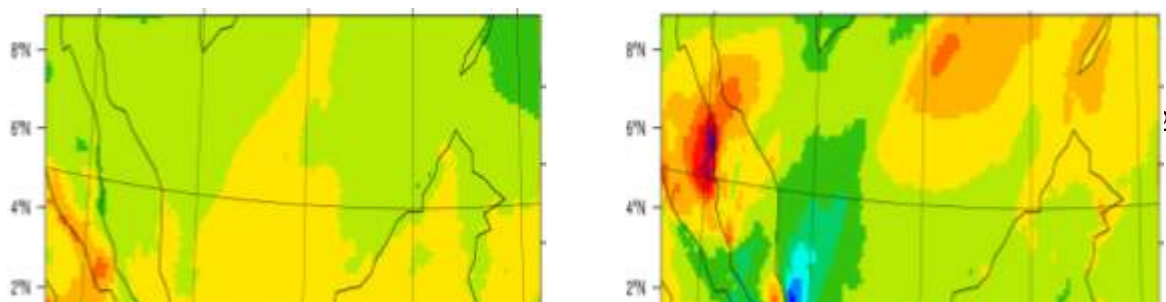


Figure 3.4.2: Changes of Maximum daily average 1-hour surface O<sub>3</sub> (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013

Figure 3.4.3 shows the simulated of 1 hour average NO<sub>x</sub> for CMAQ\_RCP8.5 compared to CMAQ\_NCEP. The NMB was 1.9% and -1.6% during January and July period respectively showing a very close estimation between both datasets (Table 3.4.2). Moreover, the Fa2 for both seasons was nearly 1.0 value. Meanwhile, both datasets indicated that the NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio was high over certain areas of the Malaysian Peninsula and the South China Sea for both seasons. As shown in Figure 3.4.4, CMAQ\_RCP8.5 agreed well with CMAQ\_NCEP across most of the research domain except the small part of the southern Malaysian Peninsula underestimation was found (Figure 3.4.4).

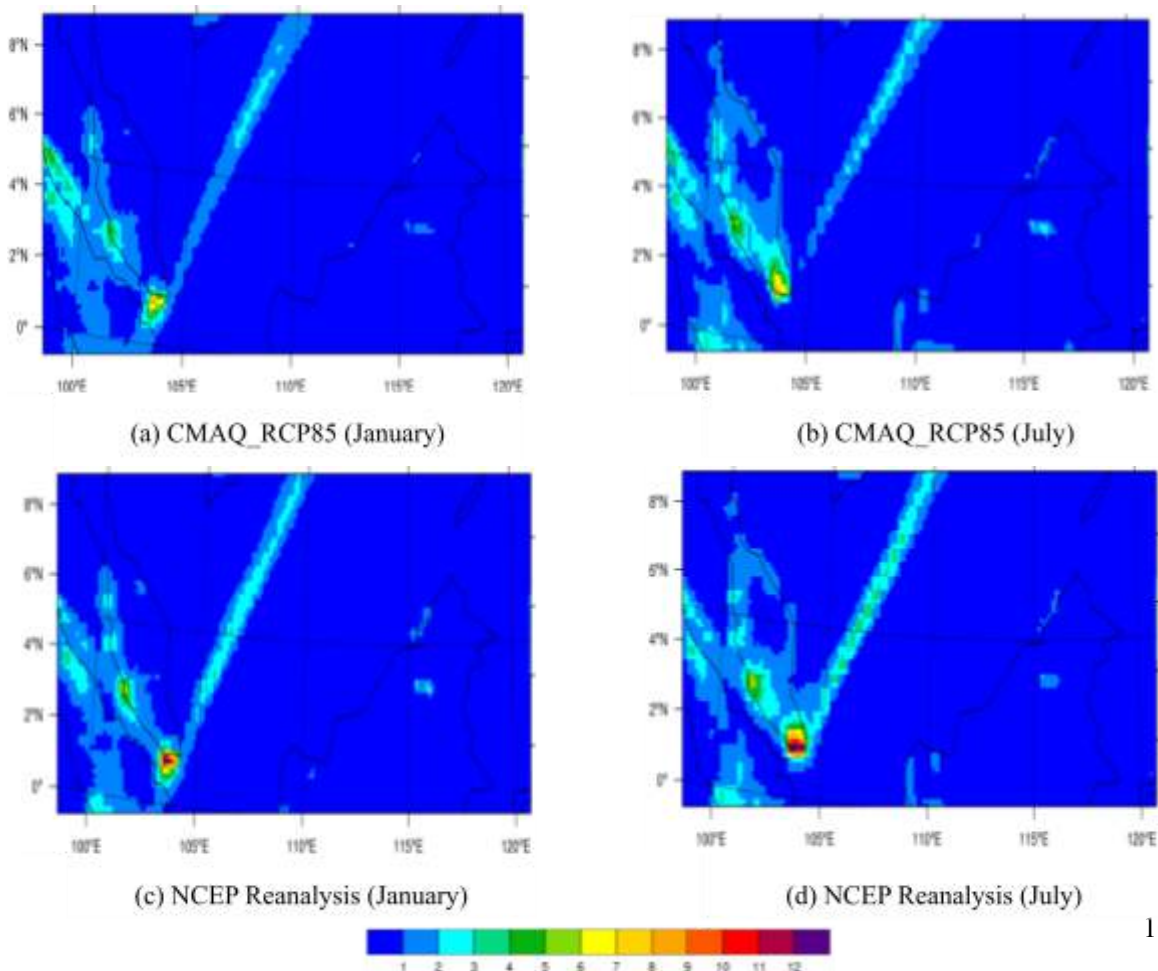


Figure 3.4.3: Hourly average of  $\text{NO}_x$  (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

The simulation of CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP of hourly average carbon monoxide (CO) over the country are shown in Figure 3.4.5. The CO mixing ratio bias was relatively small by 21.7% in January and 16.9% in July. The small values of NMSE indicate performance CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulation. Meanwhile, the nearly 1.0 value of Fa2 shows an almost ideal model in projecting the CO mixing ratio. Figure 3.4.5 shows that the CO mixing ratio was higher over the west coast of the Malaysian Peninsula as compared to the other region for both seasons. The CMAQ\_RCP8.5 overestimated CMAQ\_NCEP by 22.3ppb (January) and 16.3ppb (July) as shown in Figure 3.4.6. The CO mixing ratio was largely overestimated by CMAQ\_RCP8.5 over the northern part of the Malaysian Peninsula (> 80ppb), under-predicted across the southern region (< -20ppb) in July.

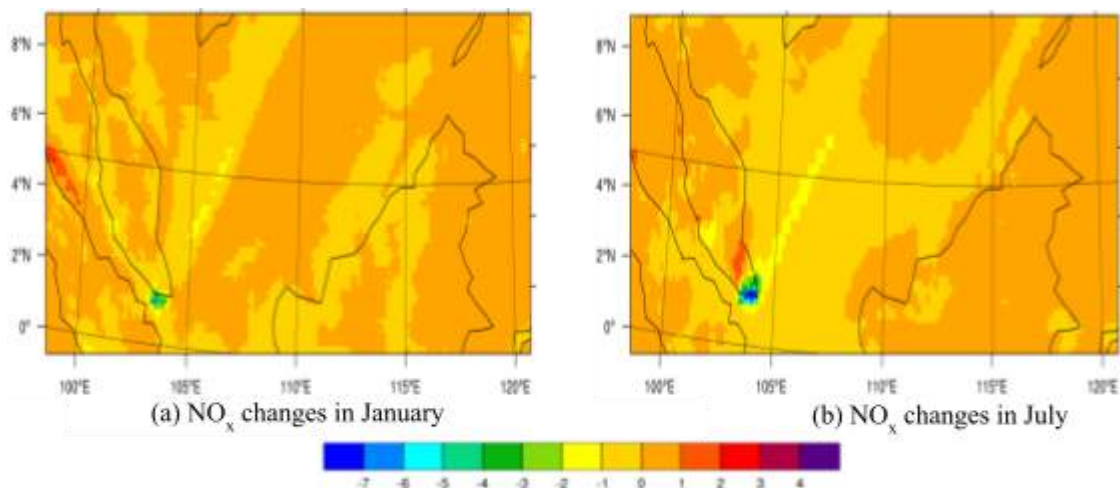
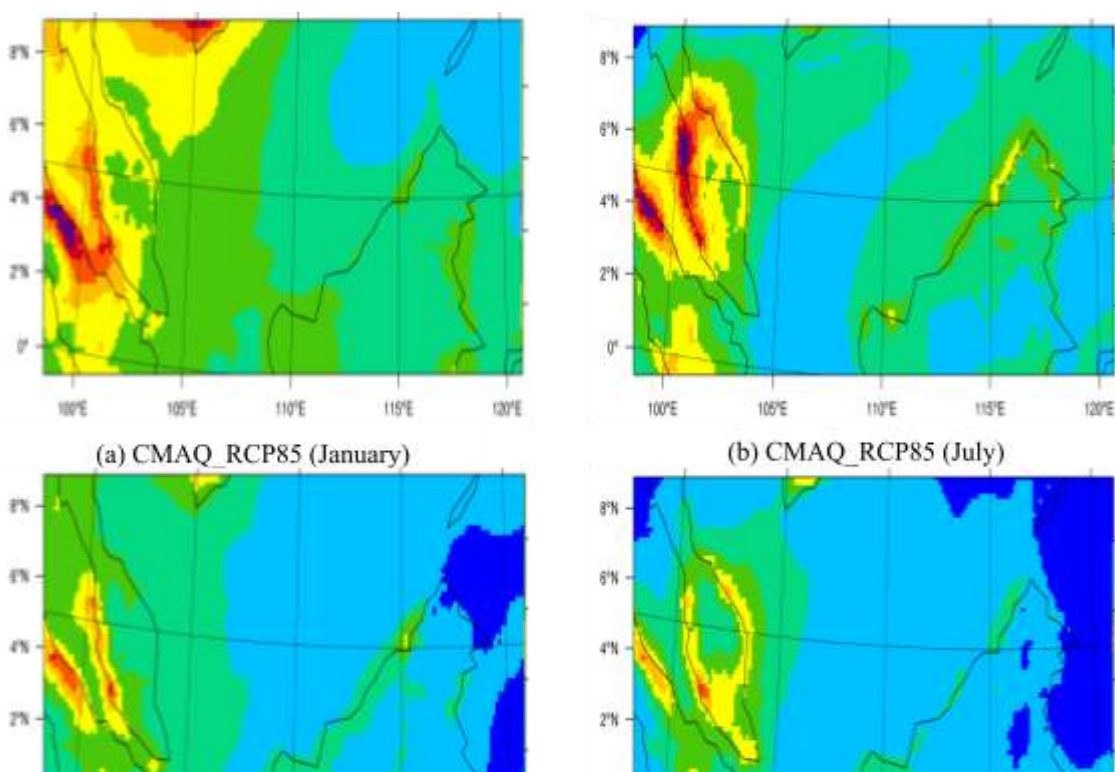


Figure 3.4.4: Hourly average changes of  $\text{NO}_x$  (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.



(a) CMAQ\_RCP85 (January)

(b) CMAQ\_RCP85 (July)

Figure 3.4.5: Hourly average of CO (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

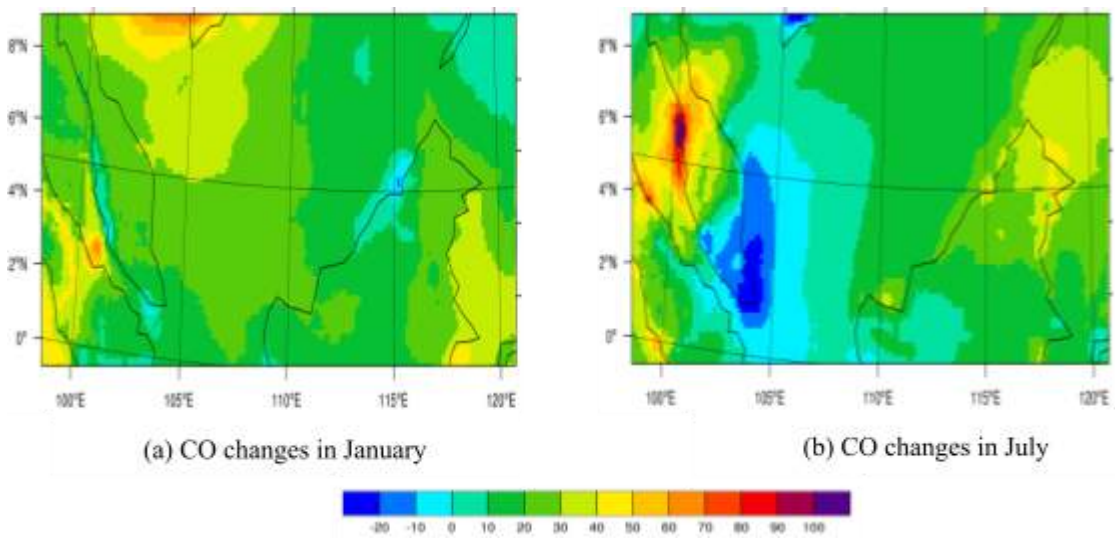
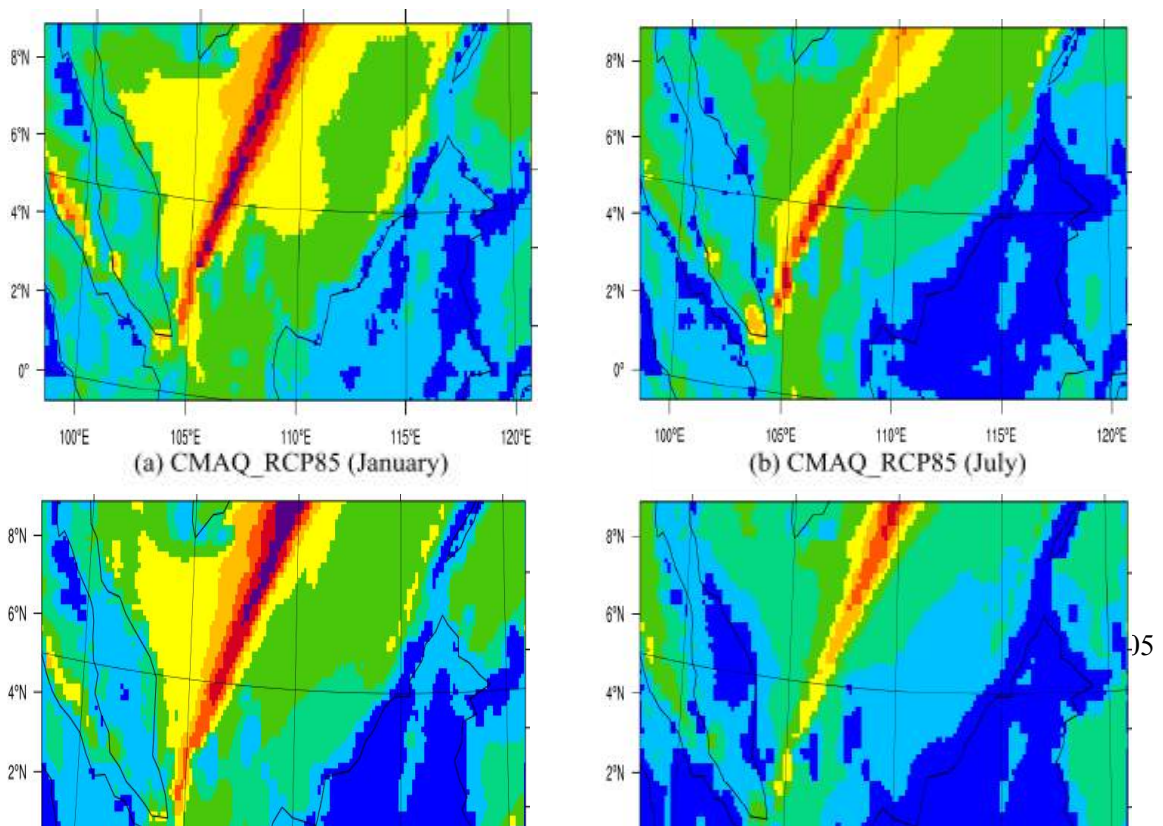


Figure 3.4.6: Hourly average changes of CO (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.



(c) NCEP Reanalysis (January)

(d) NCEP Reanalysis (July)

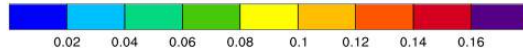


Figure 3.4.7: Hourly average of OH (ppm) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

The NMB of OH mixing ratio between both was overestimated by 11.3% and 25.7% in January and July respectively (Figure 3.4.7). The Fa2 between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP were relatively ideal by 1.1 during January and 1.2 during July. Both the WRF\_RCP85 and NCEP reanalysis data suggested that the OH mixing ratio is highly distributed over the South China Sea. Based on Figure 3.4.8, the CMAQ\_RCP8.5 simulated well with CMAQ\_NCEP over most of the research domain in January. In July, high overestimation was found over a certain area of the South China Sea.

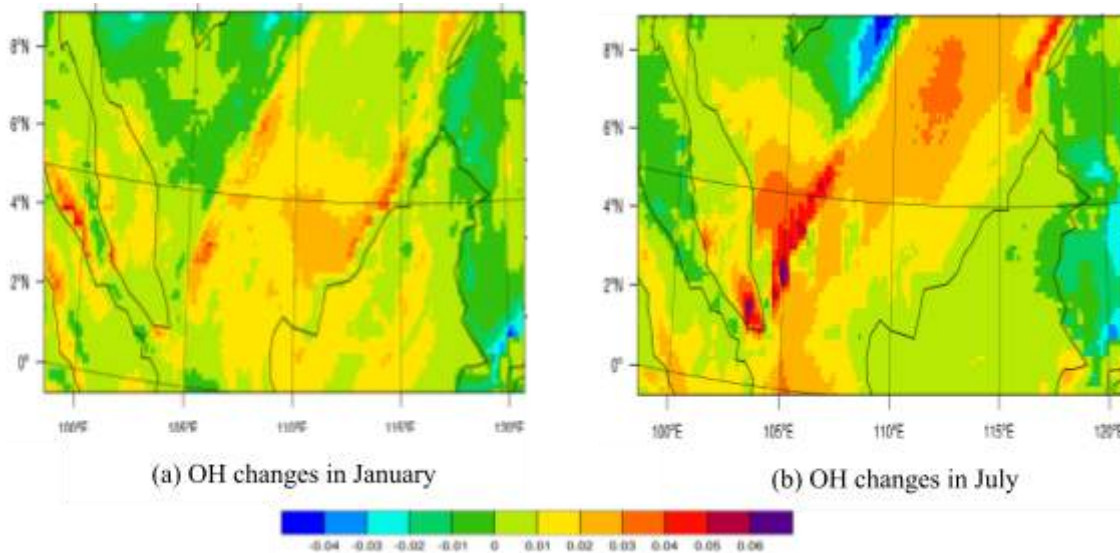


Figure 3.4.8: Hourly average changes of OH (ppm) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

The projection of CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP of hourly average  $\text{HNO}_3$  over the country are shown in Figure 3.4.9. The  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio bias was very high by 88% in January and relatively smaller by -2.7% in July. The Fa2 showed a value of 1.8 indicating a high estimation in January and a low estimation in July. The results show that the  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio was higher over the

Malacca Straits and the South China Sea as compared to the other region for both seasons. During January, the CMAQ\_RCP8.5 overestimated CMAQ\_NCEP over the whole domain as shown in Figure 3.4.10. Meanwhile, the  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio was overestimated by CMAQ\_RCP8.5 over the northern part of the Malaysian Peninsula ( $> 0.8$  ppb) and underestimated across the southern region ( $< -1.2$  ppb) in July.

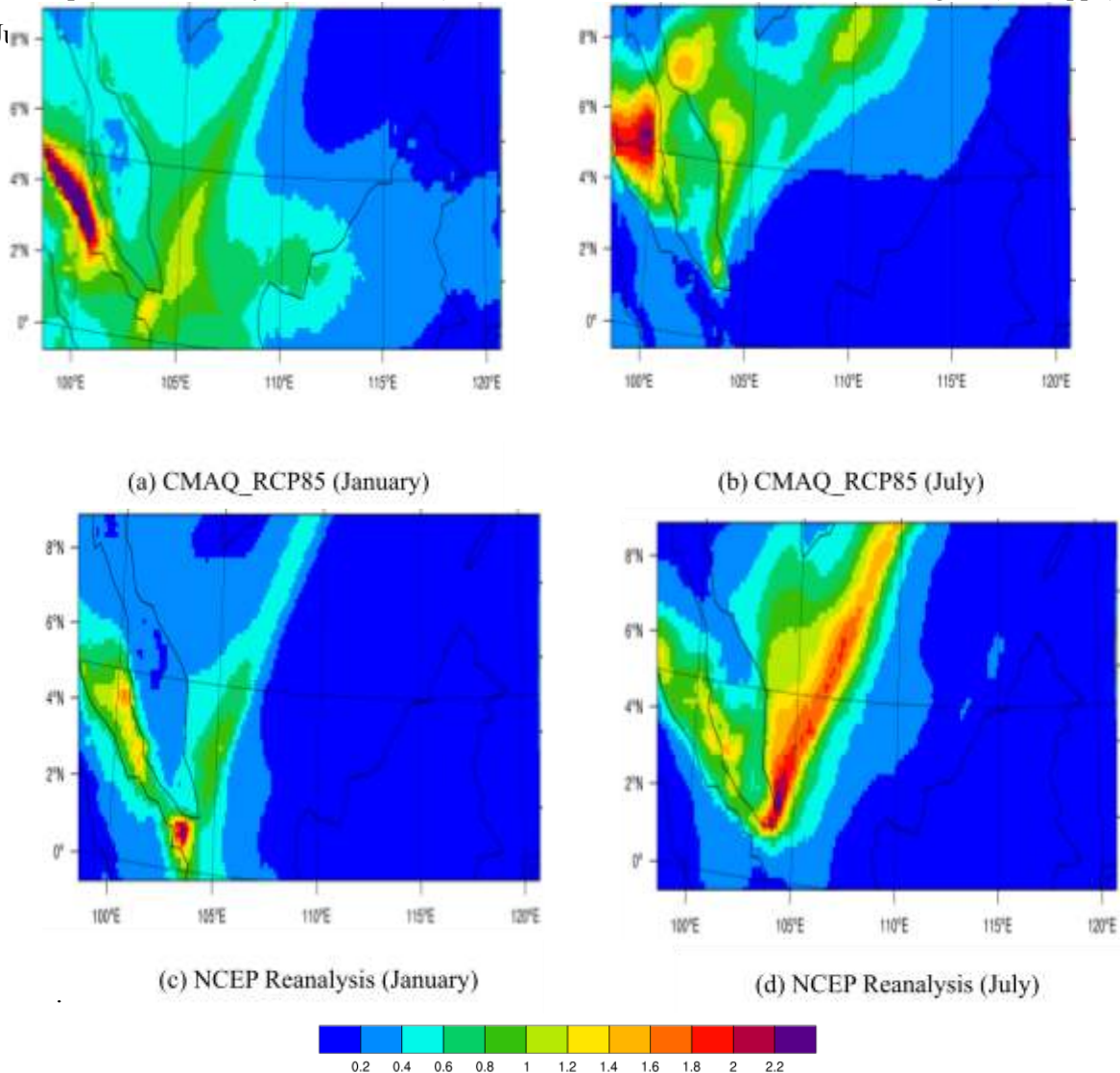
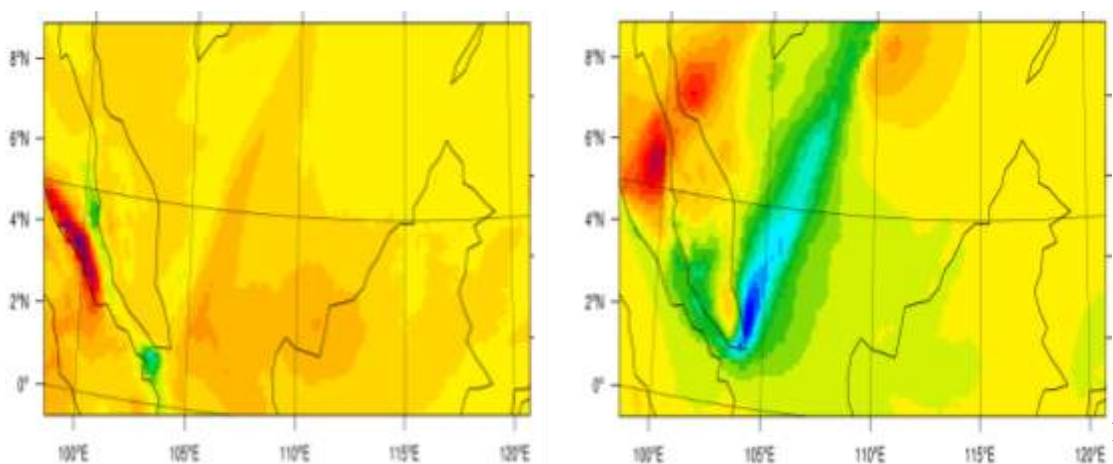


Figure 3.4.9: Hourly average changes of  $\text{HNO}_3$  (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.



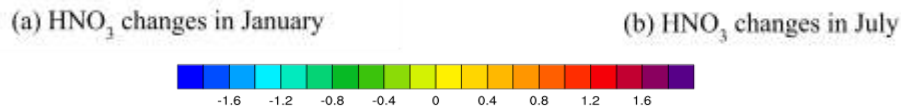
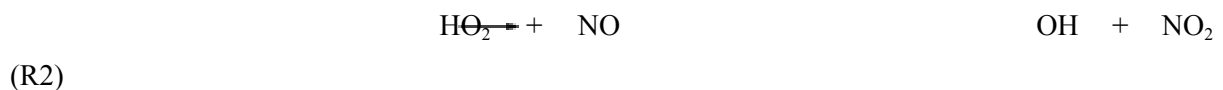
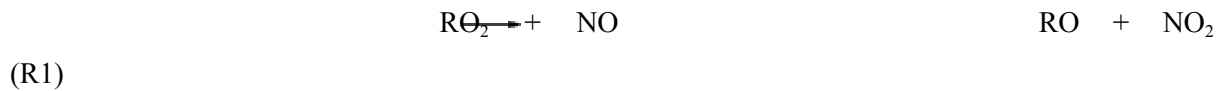


Figure 3.4.10: Hourly average changes of HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

Uncertainties occur between the model output and observation in the present study ozone projection can be largely due to the uncertainties in the emission precursors especially the underestimation of CO and NO<sub>x</sub> (NO+NO<sub>2</sub>) and imprecision of meteorological variables as mentioned by Dentenel et al, (2006), Wang and Zhang (2012) and Ashley et al. (2015). The underestimation of CMAQ\_RCP8.5 in projecting observed CO can be caused by overestimation in CO dry deposition, where more CO in the atmosphere falls back to the earth's surface. As shown in the chemical reaction of R1 and R2, the underestimation of NO can be the main reason for underestimation of NO<sub>x</sub>.



Besides the emission factor, the overestimation of the modelled ozone can also be related to the uncertainty of RCM in simulating the surface temperature and solar radiation. In Section 3.1 (Climate Change), the WRF\_RCP8.5 slightly underestimated the observed surface temperature (at least over the whole Malaysia region). The underestimation of surface temperature may be associated with the underestimation of modelled short-wave radiation from the sun. This is because the low surface temperature causes more cooling, and this happened when the earth's surface receives less radiation. As shown in R3, the destruction of surface ozone in the troposphere happened when the sunlight splits the ozone into molecule oxygen and atomic oxygen again. Therefore, more ozone can be created with less exposure to solar radiation.



Generally, the performance between the model output and reanalysis data for ozone, CO, and NO<sub>x</sub> was much better than the performance between the modelled and observed. Since the reanalysis data was processed through the same version of the CMAQ model, with the same WRF output data and emission inventory as CMAQ\_RCP8.5, the uncertainty of inherent model physics and chemistry can be eliminated. Meanwhile, such good agreement between CMAQ\_RCP8.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for ozone simulation was related to the good agreement of both datasets in simulating CO and NO<sub>x</sub>, with

the range of bias between -1.6% to 21.7%, since both pollutants are the precursors of the ozone (Drechsler, 2004; Steiner et al., 2006; Ahrens, 2013).

Besides the reasons of emission and meteorological effect, lack of seasonal cycle in anthropogenic emission or consideration of the stratospheric influx of O<sub>3</sub> might cause the overestimation of O<sub>3</sub> (Stevenson et al., 2006), which was not simulated in the study. In addition, the coarse resolution of the model in 15km × 15km might not be sufficient to simulate the meteorological phenomena and chemical composition (Ashley et al., 2015). Some limitations existed in the present study that leads to the uncertainties. Land use, land cover, vegetation, and emission inventory were kept constant throughout the whole research. Meanwhile, model biases could also be due to the model exclusion on the emission of dust and lightning NO<sub>x</sub>. Other limitations such as the limited length of simulation, applying a single RCM and air quality model, and also the use of the offline coupled model (Ashley et al., 2015), was also noted.

### 3.4.1.2 Evaluation of CMAQ\_RCP45

The seasonal statistical performance of CMAQ, induced by WRF\_RCP4.5 meteorological data and emission inventory during winter and summer 2013 is shown in Table 3.4.3. The simulation of maximum 1-hour average ozone during the winter season projected well with observation data by 38.0% (NMB) and 1.3 value (Fa2). In the summertime, a slightly higher maximum daily average of 1 hour of over-projection was observed by 41.6% as compared to the winter season. The model suggested that the ozone precursors such as CO and NO<sub>x</sub> appeared to be underestimated relative to monitoring data. For instance, the hourly average CO under-projected the observed data by -69.1% (NMB) and 0.30 value (Fa2) in the winter seasons. The model also underestimated the NO<sub>x</sub> by -91.5% (NMB) and 0.084 value (Fa2) for the season mentioned. In the summer season, the simulation showed under projection as compared with observed data, but with lower magnitude than the bias in the winter season.

Table 3.4.3: Statistical Performance between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and observation for surface ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Variable	Projection	DOE	NMB	FB	NMSE	Fa2
<b>January</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	46.2	39.4	17.2	0.15	0.025	1.1
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	1.3	15.8	-91.8	-1.7	10.2	0.082
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	131.3	461.1	-71.5	-1.1	1.8	0.28
<b>July</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	54.0	38.1	41.6	0.34	0.12	1.4

<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	2.3	15.0	-84.0	-1.4	4.6	0.15
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	152.7	489.6	-62.3	-0.93	1.5	0.37

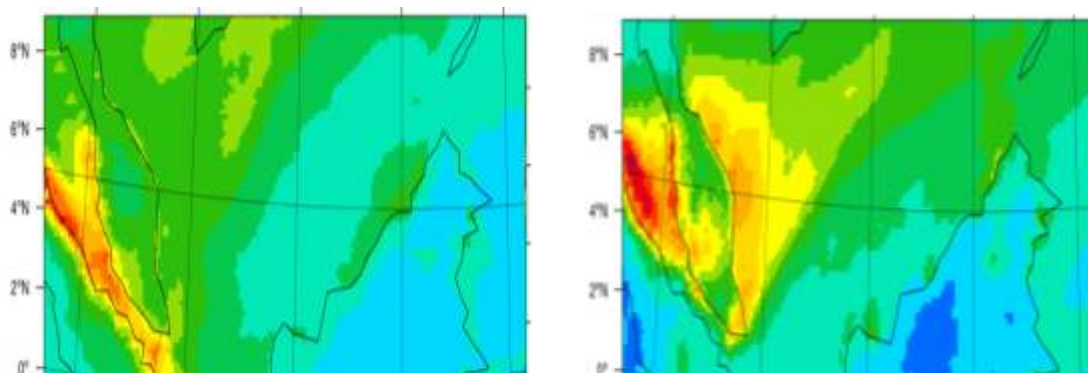
NMB: Normalized Mean Bias, FB: Fractional Bias, NMSE: Normalized Mean Square Error, Fa2:Factor of Two.

The model projection between the CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP simulation is shown in Table 3.4.4. The maximum daily average 1-hour ozone mixing ratio between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP was small by -0.93% and 12.0% during January and July respectively. The performance of the model was good by slightly under-estimation by 0.99 value of Fa2 for January and over-estimation by 1.1 value for July. The seasonal variation and spatial distribution of the average simulated max 1-h ozone by CMAQ\_RCP4.5 were similar to the NCEP reanalysis dataset (Figure 3.4.11). The surface ozone mixing ratio in July was higher compared to the surface ozone in January. In general, the ozone mixing ratio over Malaysian Borneo was lower than the ozone over Malaysian Peninsula. The simulation performed well with CMAQ\_NCEP in January except for overestimation distributed over a certain area of Malacca Straits. In July, high over projection was found over the upper part of Malacca Straits and the larger part of the South China Sea (Figure 3.4.12).

Table 3.4.4 Statistical Performance between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and NCEP for surface O<sub>3</sub>, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>, and HNO<sub>3</sub> with CMAQ\_NCEP

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>CMAQ_NCEP</b>	<b>NMB</b>	<b>FB</b>	<b>NMSE</b>	<b>Fa2</b>
<b>January</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	42.4	42.8	-0.93	-0.0093	0.000008	0.99
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.57	0.52	9.6	0.091	0.0084	1.0
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	118.6	102.7	15.4	0.14	0.020	1.1
<b>Hourly average OH (ppm)</b>	0.05	0.053	-5.6	-0.058	0.0033	0.94
<b>Hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.28	0.25	12	0.11	0.012	1.1
<b>July</b>						
<b>Max 1-h O<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	43.8	39.1	12.0	0.11	0.012	1.1
<b>Hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.65	0.6	8.3	0.08	0.0064	1.0
<b>Hourly average CO (ppb)</b>	109.8	96.1	14.2	0.13	0.017	1.1
<b>Hourly average OH (ppm)</b>	0.043	0.035	22.8	0.20	0.042	1.2
<b>Hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb)</b>	0.35	0.37	-5.4	-0.055	0.0031	0.94

NMB: Normalized Mean Bias, FB: Fractional Bias, NMSE: Normalized Mean Square Error, Fa2:Factor of Two.



(a) CMAQ\_RCP85 (January)

(b) CMAQ\_RCP85 (July)

(c) NCEP Reanalysis (January)

(d) NCEP Reanalysis (July)

Figure 3.4.11: M1-hour daily average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub> (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP4.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

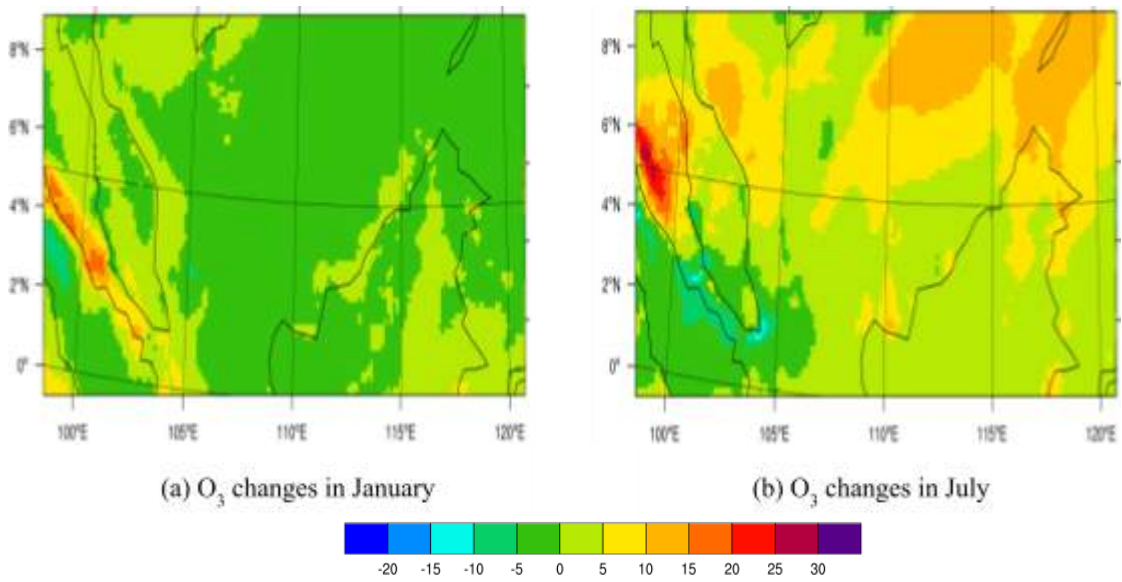
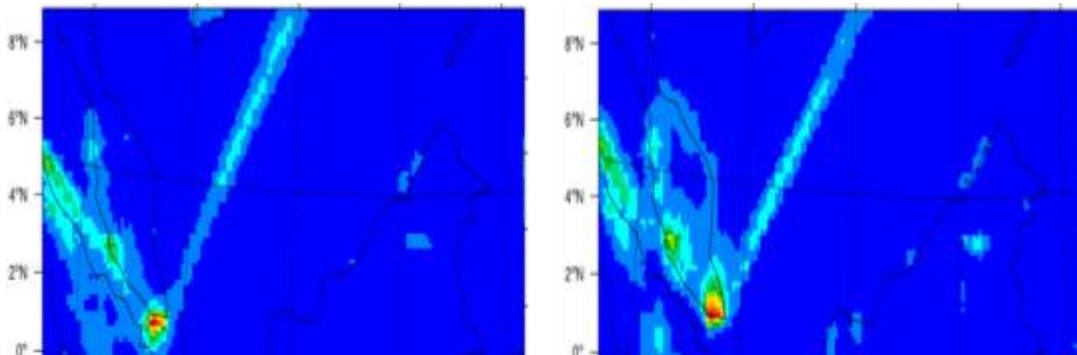


Figure 3.4.12: Hourly average changes of O<sub>3</sub> (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.



(a) CMAQ\_RCP85 (January)

(b) CMAQ\_RCP85 (July)

(c) NCEP Reanalysis (January)

(d) NCEP Reanalysis (July)



Figure 3.4.13: Hourly average of NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP4.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

The projected 24 hours average NO<sub>x</sub> for CMAQ\_RCP4.5 compared to CMAQ\_NCEP is shown in Figure 3.4.13. The NMB was between 8.3% and 9.6%, and a nearly 0 value for Fa2. In addition, both datasets suggest that the NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio during both seasons was high over certain areas of the Malaysian Peninsula and the South China Sea. The simulation of CMAQ\_RCP4.5 agreed well with CMAQ\_NCEP across the research domain except a small part of the southern Malaysian Peninsula in July of 2013, with a small bias of between -1ppb and 1ppb was observed (Figure 3.4.14).

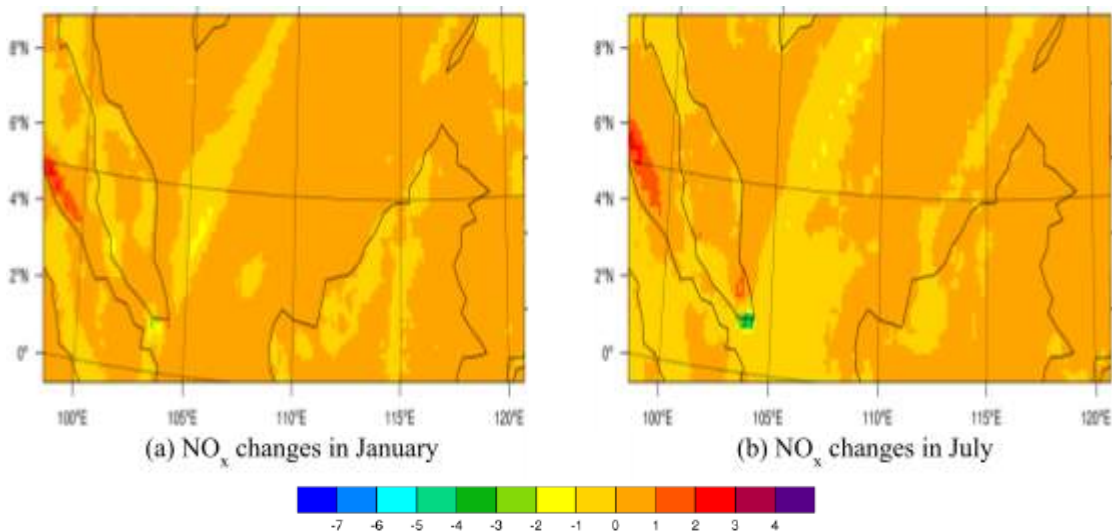


Figure 3.4.14: Hourly average changes of NOx (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

The simulation of CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP of hourly average carbon monoxide over the region are shown in Figure 3.4.15. In general, the NMB of CO mixing ratios were small around 15.4% in January and 14.2% in July. The nearly 1.0 value of Fa2 shows an almost ideal model in projecting the CO mixing ratio. The CO mixing ratio was higher over the west coast of the Malaysian Peninsula as compared to other regions for both seasons. The CO mixing ratio was largely under-predicted by CMAQ\_RCP4.5 over the western part of the Malaysian Peninsula (< -20ppb) during the winter season (Figure 3.4.16). During the summer monsoon, a similar magnitude of underestimation was found over the southern part of the Malaysian Peninsula.

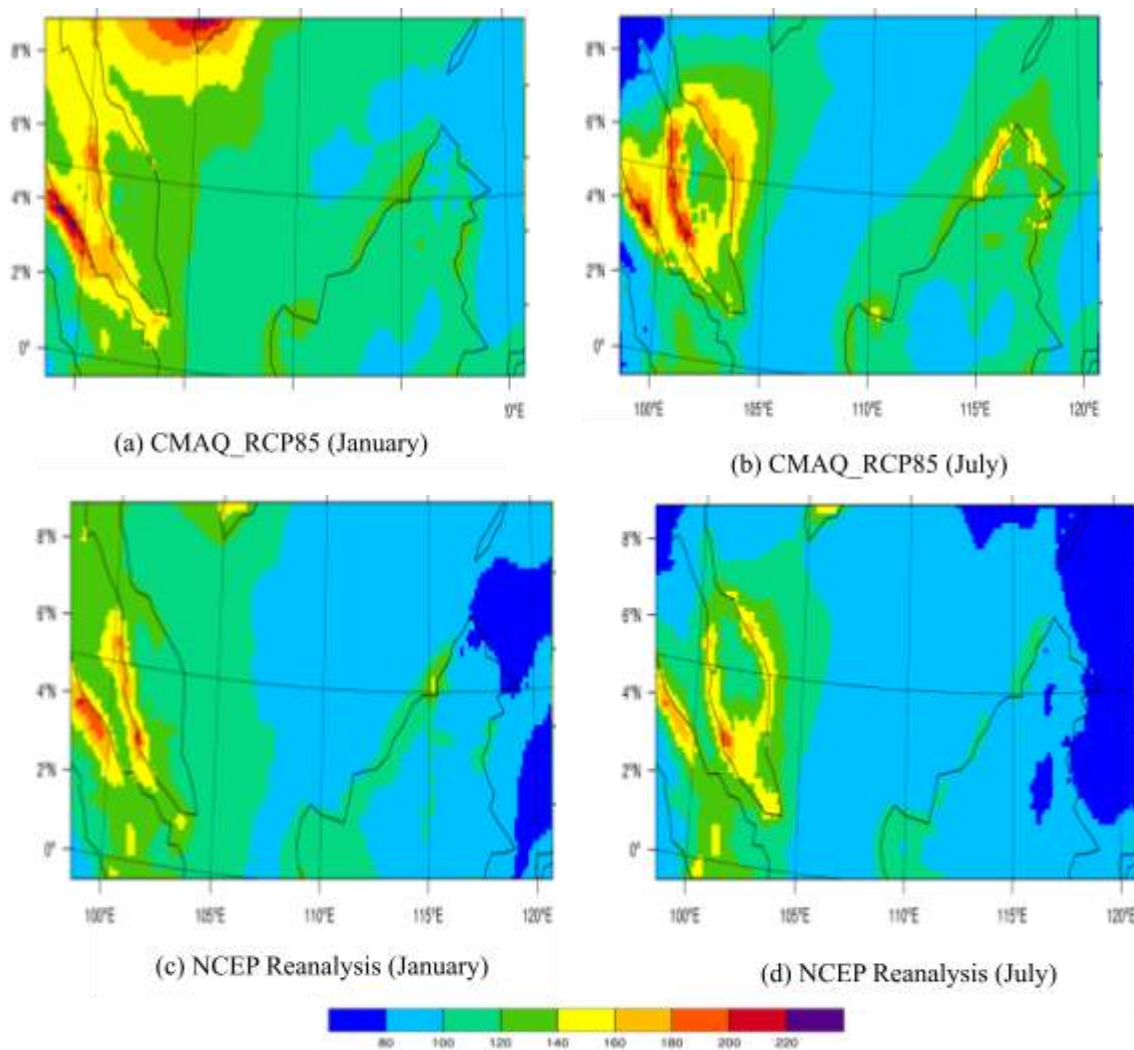
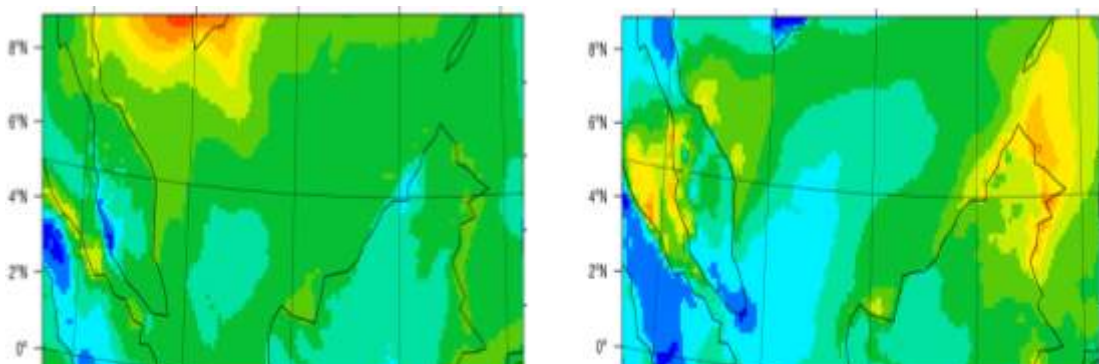


Figure 3.4.15: Hourly average of CO (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP4.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.



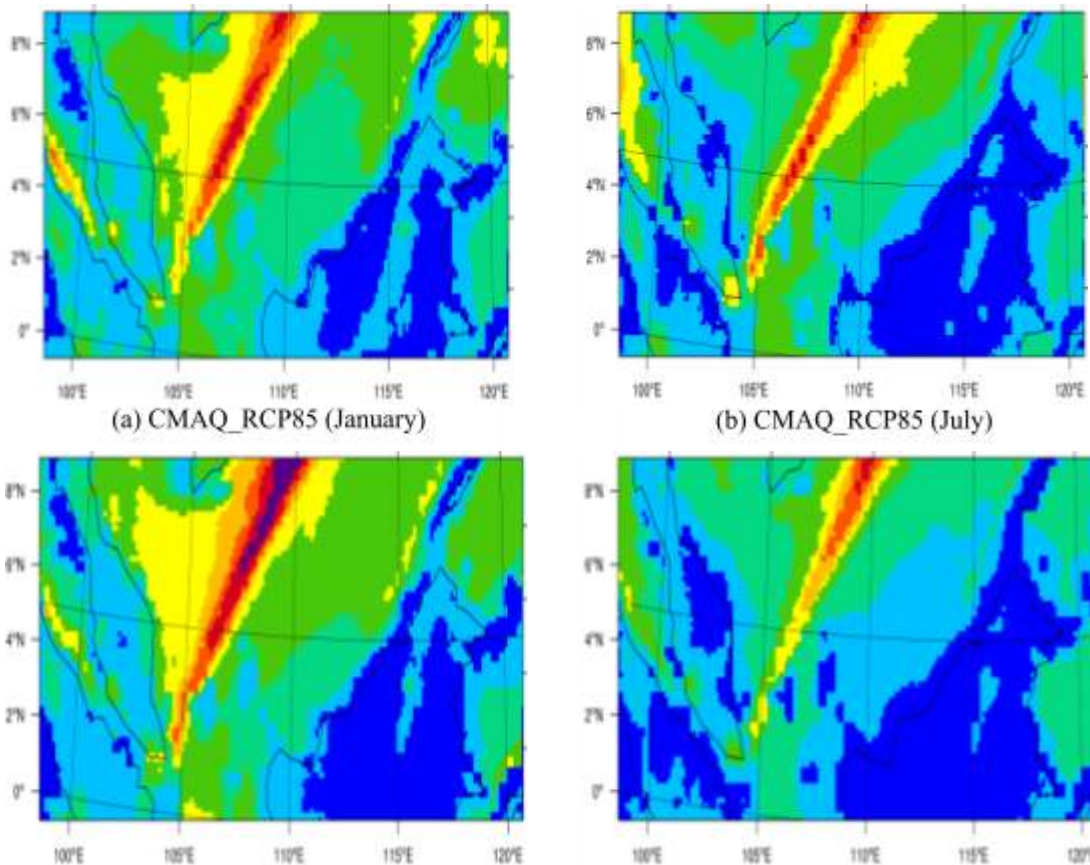
(a) CO changes in January

(b) CO changes in July



Figure 3.4.16: Hourly average changes of CO (ppb) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

For the hourly average OH mixing ratio, the NMB between CMAQ\_RCP45 and CMAQ\_NCEP was -5.6% in January and 22.8% in July (Figure 3.4.17). Meanwhile, the Fa2 values were relatively small of 0.94 and 1.2 during January and July respectively. Both CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and NCEP reanalysis data suggested that OH mixing ratios were highly distributed over the South China Sea. Figure 3.4.18 shows that the CMAQ\_RCP4.5 simulated well with CMAQ\_NCEP over most of the research domain in January, with a bias of between -0.01ppm and 0.01ppm. High overestimation was found over certain areas of the South China Sea in July 2013.



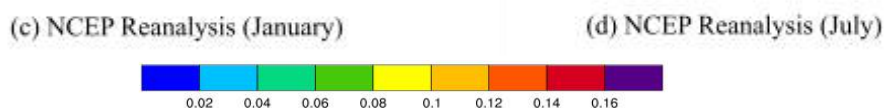


Figure 3.4.17: Hourly average changes of OH (ppm) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

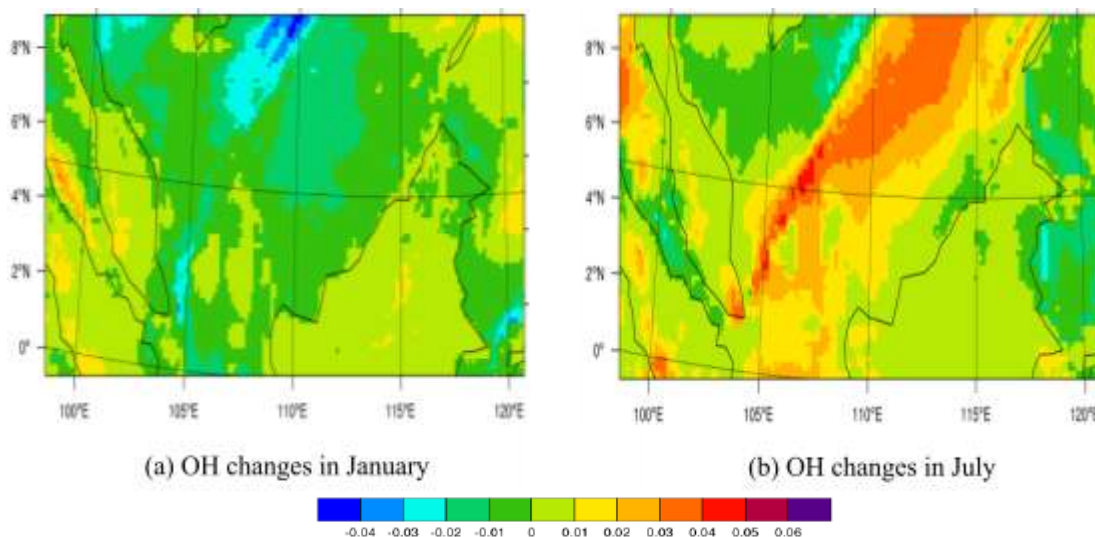
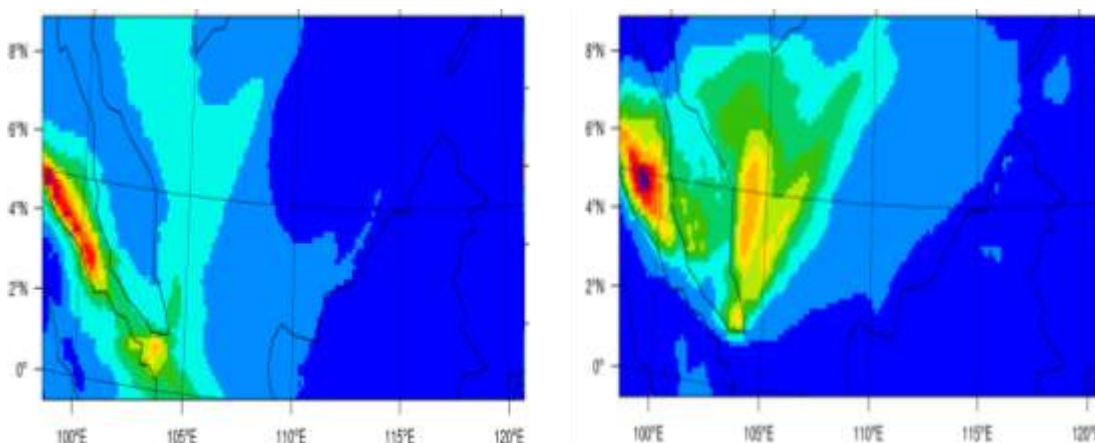


Figure 3.4.18: Hourly average changes of OH (ppm) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

The simulation of CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP of hourly average  $\text{HNO}_3$  over the region is shown in Figure 3.4.19. The model has simulated well the  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio with NMB of about 12% and -5.4% in January and July respectively. The Fa2 shows values of 1.1 (January) and 0.94 (July), indicating a good projection by the model. During both seasons, the  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratios were higher over the Malacca Straits and the South China Sea as compared to the other regions. The CMAQ\_RCP45 overestimated CMAQ\_NCEP over most domains especially over the Malacca Straits is shown in Figure 3.4.20. Meanwhile, underestimation was found over certain parts of the South China Sea with the highest magnitude in July.



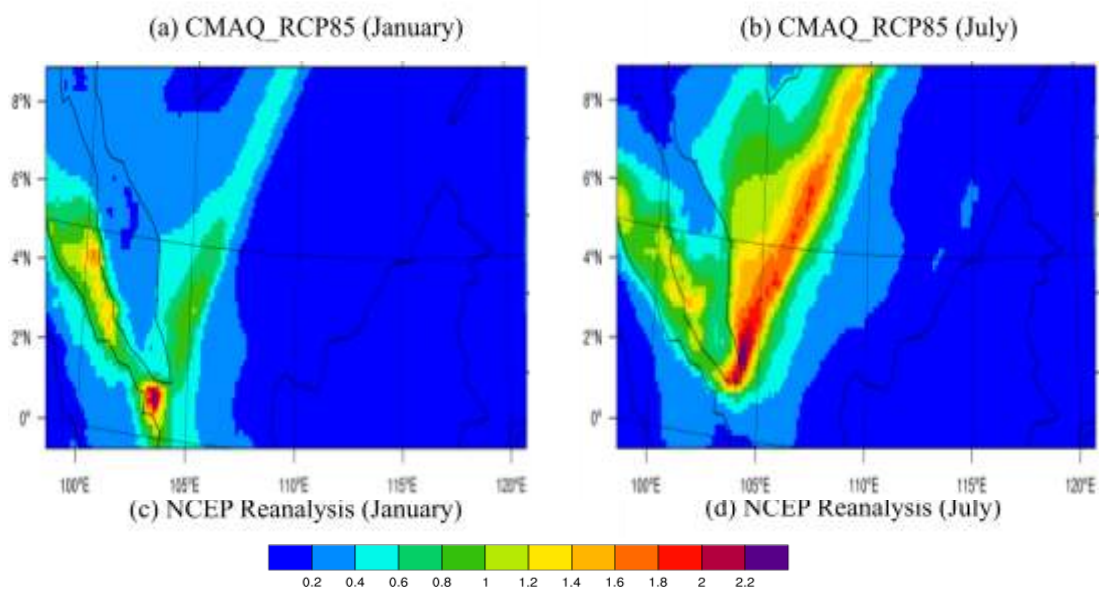


Figure 3.4.19: Hourly average of HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppb) for (a)-(b) January and July in CMAQ\_RCP4.5 simulation and CMAQ\_NCEP for (c)-(d) January and July by 2013.

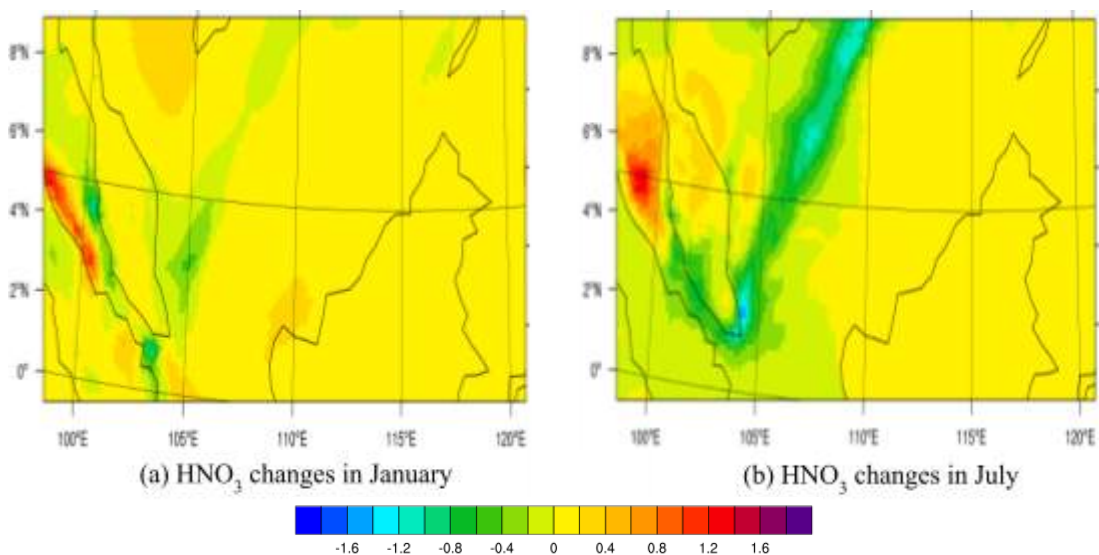


Figure 3.4.20: Hourly average changes of HNO<sub>3</sub> (ppm) between CMAQ\_RCP4.5 and CMAQ\_NCEP for January (a) and July (b) in 2013.

In general, the evaluation performance results for the ozone mixing ratio during the current year between observed DOE and CMAQ\_4.5 ozone were similar as with CMAQ\_RCP8.5 ozone. Both datasets suggested an underestimation of the ozone precursors such as CO and NO<sub>x</sub>. However, the almost perfect performance of CMAQ\_4.5 in ozone projection by -0.93% could be due to good agreement of RCM in temperature and precipitation projection, with NMB of 0.91% and 5% respectively. A stable behaviour of the climate model could lead towards a stable performance of the air quality model.

This analysis has revealed a complicated spatiotemporal pattern of forecasting O<sub>3</sub> concentrations across the study area. The complex pattern arises from the model sensitivity to input uncertainty, which demonstrating that the most efficient technique for boosting prediction accuracy varies substantially depending on time and location. Although more accurate climate simulation may enhance background O<sub>3</sub> predictions; however, during O<sub>3</sub> pollution episode especially in metropolitan areas, this will have little influence, thus improved precursor emissions and response rate data will be of more useful (Querol et al., 2017). Photolysis processes are among the most significant; therefore, effective modelling of solar radiation and cloud cover will also aid in improving projections.

### **3.4.2 Climate Change Impact on Regional Air Quality**

#### **3.4.2.1 Maximum Daily 1-hour Average Ozone**

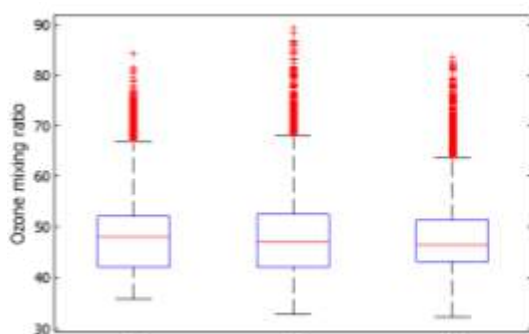
This section projected the concentration of maximum 1-hour average ozone mixing ratio over the Malaysian region, with 2013 as a baseline year, 2050 as the mid-century, and 2100 as the end-century. Figure 3.4.21 shows the box-and-whisper plot of the maximum average 1-hour surface ozone in the Malaysia region for the year of 2013, 2050, and 2100 simulations. The concentration of surface O<sub>3</sub> in 2013 (48.1 ppb) has a slightly higher median than the O<sub>3</sub> in 2050 (47.1 ppb) during January (Figure 3.4.21(a)) under the RCP8.5 scenario. Meanwhile, a similar inter-quartile range of 42-52 ppb in both simulations indicates the consistency of the dataset itself. In 2100, the median ozone concentration was slightly lower than the ozone concentration in 2013, with 46.5 ppb, and consists of a lower inter-quartile range by 43.3-51.4 ppb show more consistent data than the O<sub>3</sub> in 2013 and 2050. In July, the median of surface O<sub>3</sub> under RCP8.5 for both 2013 and 2050 was similar with a value of around 41 ppb. However, a low value of median was found in 2100 by 35.8 ppb as relative to 2013.

As shown in Figure 3.4.21(c), the median O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio during the January period was similar in 2013 (40.6 ppb) and 2050 (40.8 ppb) respectively under the RCP4.5 scenario. In 2100, the simulation produced a higher median by 44.1 ppb as compared to 2013 and 2050. This indicated that 50% of grid cells have a future O<sub>3</sub> ozone concentration above 44.1 ppb, whereas 50% of grid cells in the present year were above 40.6 ppb. During the July period, 41.9 ppb of median O<sub>3</sub> concentration was found in July of 2013 under the RCP45 scenario (Figure 3.4.21(d)). Meanwhile, the O<sub>3</sub> mixing

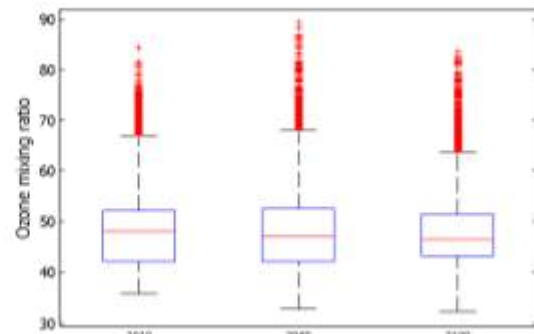
ratio was lower in 2050 and 2100 by 37.2 ppb and 30.8 ppb respectively. The inter-quartile range in a future year was much narrower as compared to the present period (36.7-49 ppb), with 33.3-41.2 ppb (the year 2050) and 28.5-35.0 ppb (2100) respectively. This means that the data of future simulation was less varied.

A comparison between the cumulative distribution function of the maximum daily average 1-hour over the Malaysian region in 2013, 2050, and 2100 simulations respectively as shown in Figure 3.4.21(e)-(h). It is noted that the distributions are close between each other in January under the RCP8.5 scenario (Figure 3.4.21(e)). The result suggests that the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio is not significantly different between the present and future simulations for this particular month. In July, significant surface O<sub>3</sub> reduction above 5ppb is seen over the whole Malaysia domain above the 20th percentile for 2100 and 2013 simulations under RCP8.5 (Figure 3.4.21(f)). Meanwhile, the surface O<sub>3</sub> reduction was statistically significant at most of the CDF in July of 2100 under the RCP4.5 scenario. In 2050, the O<sub>3</sub> decreased more than 5ppb only at 50 percentiles in July.

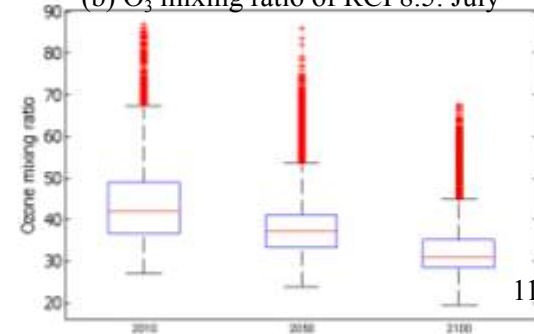
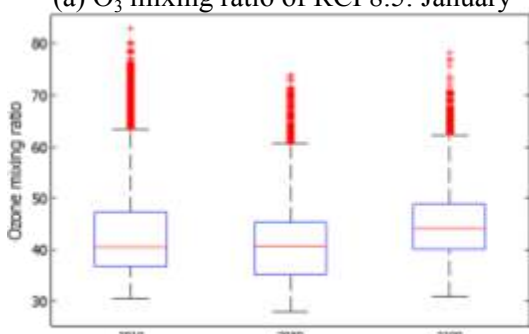
Under the RCP8.5, the mean simulated maximum 1-hour average O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was 47.7 ppb in 2050 and 47.5 ppb in 2100 for January (Table 3.4.5). Relative to the baseline period, the maximum 1-hour average ozone mixing ratio decreased about 0.42 ppb (1.0%) and 0.68 ppb (1.4%) in the year 2050 and 2100 respectively under the RCP8.5 scenario (Table 3.4.6). Figure 3.4.22 shows the spatial distribution of the maximum O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio under the RCP8.5 scenario. In general, the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was higher across the Malaysian Peninsula as compared to the Malaysian Borneo. A higher value of O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio with more than 70 ppb was observed over the Malacca Straits, west coast of the Malaysian Peninsula, certain areas of the South China Sea, and coastal area of the northern Malaysian Borneo.



(a) O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio of RCP8.5: January



(b) O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio of RCP8.5: July



(c) O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio of RCP4.5: January

(d) O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio of RCP4.5: July

(e) O<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP8.5: January

(f) O<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP8.5: July

(g) O<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP4.5: January

(h) O<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP4.5: July

Figure 3.4.21: Box and whisker plots of the maximum daily average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio (ppb) for 2013(1st box), 2050(2nd box), and 2100(3rd box) under RCP8.5 scenario (a)-(b) and under RCP4.5 scenario (c)-(d). The cumulative distribution function of the maximum daily average 1-hour ozone mixing ratio (ppb) for 2013(red line), 2050(blue dot line), and 2100(green dash line) under RCP8.5 scenario (e)-(f) and under RCP4.5 scenario (g)-(h). The left panel indicates the January period and the right panel as the July period.

During the July, the maximum 1-hour average O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was lower as compared to the mixing ratio during January under the RCP8.5 scenario (Figure 3.4.22). The simulated O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratios were 43.1 ppb and 36.9 ppb in 2050 and 2100 respectively. Similarly, in January, the ozone mixing ratio was higher across the Malaysian Peninsula as compared to the Malaysian Borneo, with the highest mean value over the west coast of the Malaysian Peninsula (>70 ppb) in July.

Meanwhile, the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio reduced to about 0.39 ppb (0.9%) in 2050, which was similar to in January, but highly reduced in 2100 by about -6.6 ppb (-15.2%). In July of the mid-century, most of the land area experienced an increase in ozone mixing ratio, with the largest O<sub>3</sub> increase of more than 10.0ppb over the sea area of the southern Malaysian Peninsula. However, the northern part of the Malaysian Peninsula was found to undergo a large decrease in O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio with a concentration of less than 10.0ppb. In 2100, the ozone mixing ratio decreased over the whole research domain with the

largest decrease over the northern part of the Malaysian Peninsula and the South China Sea. High increases in precipitation can be related to the O<sub>3</sub> increment since rainfall plays an important role in wet deposition over this region.

Under RCP4.5 scenario, the January period simulated maximum 1-hour average O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was lower compared to the mean value under the RCP8.5 scenario, which was recorded at 0.9 ppb in 2050 and 44.3 ppb in 2100 (Table 3.4.5). Similar to the RCP8.5 scenario in January, there is a higher concentration of O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio over the Malaysian Peninsula than the Malaysian Borneo (Figure 3.4.23). Under the RCP4.5, the ozone mixing ratio decreased by 1.6 ppb (3.8%) in 2050 but increased by 1.9 ppb (4.5%) in 2100. In 2050, the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio decreased over the whole Malaysia domain with the largest decrease over the Malacca Straits, the southern part of the Malaysia Peninsula, and the sea area around during January period. However, the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio across the region decreased with a lower concentration in 2100.

In January, the simulated maximum 1-hour average O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was lesser than the O<sub>3</sub> concentration during July period, with 38.4ppb in 2050 and 32.4 ppb in 2100 (Table 3.4.5, Figure 3.4.23). A higher concentrations O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was observed over the Malaysian Peninsula than the Malaysian Borneo. Relative to the baseline period, the mean ozone was highly decreased by 5.4 ppb (12.3%) and 11.3 ppb (25.8%) in 2050 and 2100 respectively. Figure 3.4.22 shows that the O<sub>3</sub> decreased across the whole research domain in both 2050 and 2100. In 2050, there was an exceptional over the southern part of the Malacca Straits, where the ozone concentration was increased (>10ppb) as compared to the baseline period. The O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio decreased with more than -10ppb along the area above 2°N latitude.

The control of air quality is necessary to protect human health and the environment. Hence, the Department of Environment (DOE) Malaysia has set up the recommended Malaysian Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (MAAQG) as minimum requirements for outdoor air quality (DOE, 2011). Based on the MAAQG (DOE, 2012), the standard of hourly average ozone was 100 ppb. Table 3.4.5 shows the hourly average O<sub>3</sub>mixing ratio during the present and future periods. Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh at the Malaysian Peninsula were categorised as urban areas, while Kapit and Danum are representing the rural area at Malaysian Borneo.

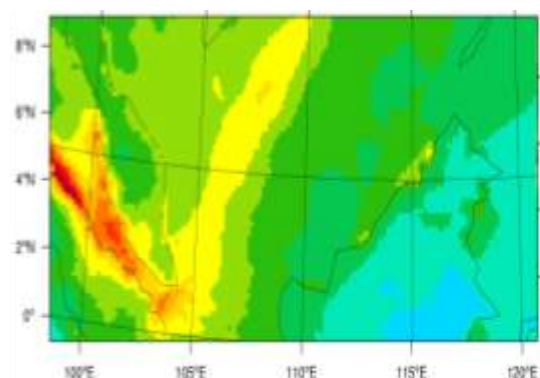
Table 3.4.5: Ozone (Max 1 hour) mixing ratio (ppb) in Kuala Lumpur (Urban), Ipoh (Urban), Kapit (Rural), and Danum Valley (Rural) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios.

Period	RCP85(ppb)			RCP45(ppb)		
	2013	2050	2100	2013	2050	2100
<b>Kuala Lumpur (Urban)</b>						
<b>January</b>	52.9	53.2	54.3	51.0	43.7	47.2
<b>July</b>	59.8	63.3	53.5	65.4	53.9	51.7
<b>Ipoh (Urban)</b>						

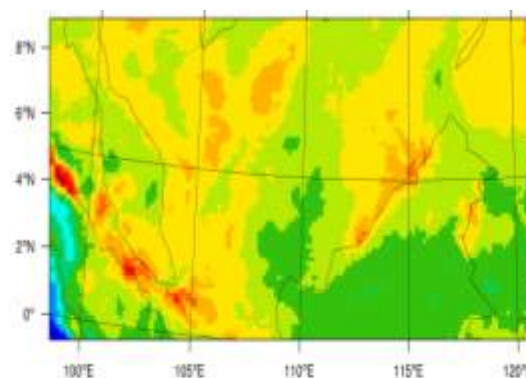
<b>January</b>	50.7	48.0	51.7	46.6	41.0	46.3
<b>July</b>	60.4	53.0	43.5	55.5	42.4	43.4
<b>Kapit (Rural)</b>						
<b>January</b>	40.9	37.1	37.5	33.3	28.3	33.5
<b>July</b>	26.3	27.4	22.6	27.2	24.8	21.7
<b>Danum Valley (Rural)</b>						
<b>January</b>	44.1	45.0	46.8	38.5	37.1	41.3
<b>July</b>	39.9	39.4	32.0	39.1	34.8	28.4

Table 3.4.5 also shows that the hourly average O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio for the present and future periods in Kuala Lumpur was between 47.2 ppb and 65.4 ppb. Meanwhile, Ipoh was slightly lower than Kuala Lumpur with an average of 41.0 ppb and 60.4 ppb. The O<sub>3</sub> concentrations in rural areas (Kapit and Danum Valley) were lower than the ozone mixing ratio in the urban area, with the range of between 22.6 ppb and 40.9 ppb and 28.4 ppb - 46.8 ppb respectively. Higher emission of O<sub>3</sub> precursors such as CO and NO<sub>x</sub> due to various economic activities leads to higher O<sub>3</sub> production (Steiner et al., 2006; Sentian, 2013; Ahrens, 2009). However, the O<sub>3</sub> concentration in all areas was below the MAAQG for both present and future periods under both climate scenarios.

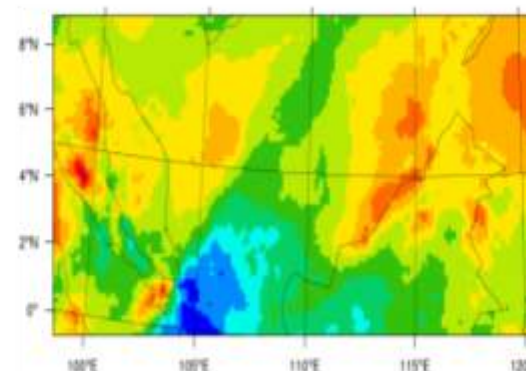
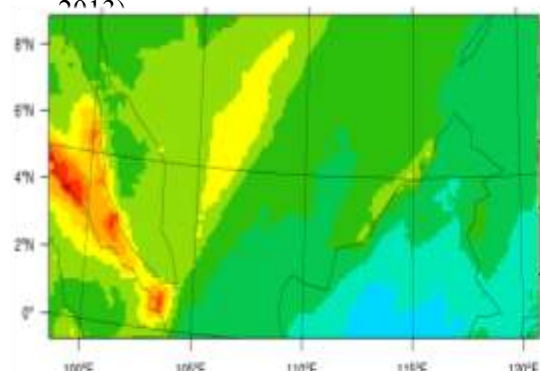
Overall, a small decrease of maximum 1-h O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was found for the RCP8.5 scenario, a but large decrease for RCP4.5 scenario except for the January of 2100. The minor decrease of O<sub>3</sub> under RCP8.5 as compared to RCP4.5 can be due to the doubling of CH<sub>4</sub> and increased stratospheric influx of O<sub>3</sub>. Most of the models projected that the global future O<sub>3</sub> ozone will increase under the RCP8.5 scenario (Gao et al., 2013; Young et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2015). For example, the global ensemble mean surface O<sub>3</sub> in 2030 (2100) as relative to 2000 were 7% (18 %) for RCP8.5 and -2% (-7 %) for RCP4.5 (Young et al., 2013). Kim et al. (2015) showed that the future O<sub>3</sub> during the 2050s increased by 10 ppbv for RCP8.5 and decreased within the range of 4 - 10 ppbv under the RCP4.5 scenario.



(a) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: January 2050



(b) O<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 January changes of (2050 - 2012)



(c) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: January 2100  
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(d) O<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 January changes of (2100 –

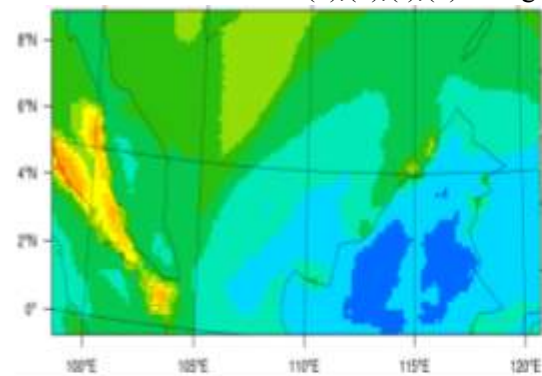
(e) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2050

(f) O<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

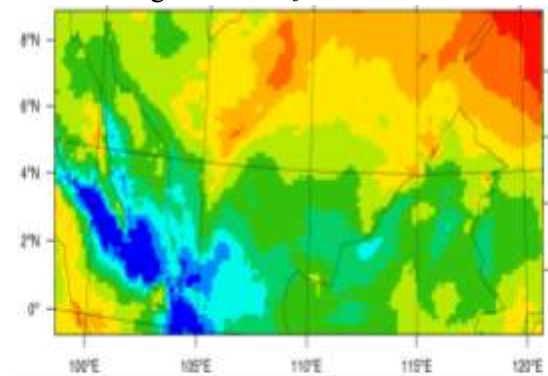
(g) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2050

(h) O<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

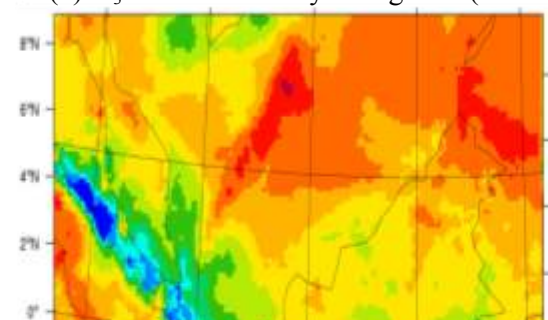
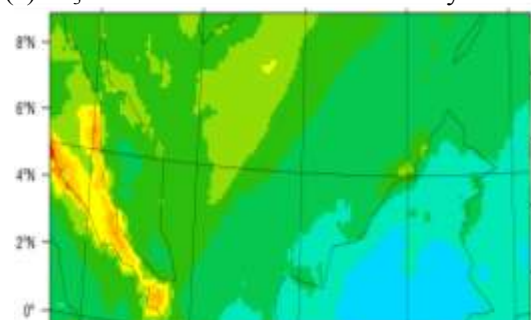
Figure 3.4.22: Projected surface O<sub>3</sub> under RCP8.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) maximum daily average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub> and (b),(d),(f),(h) changes of maximum average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub>



(a) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: January 2050



(b) O<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 January changes of (2050 –



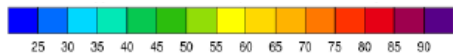
(c) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: January 2100  
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(d) O<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 January changes of (2100 –

(e) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: July 2050

(f) O<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

(g) O<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: July 2050



(h) O<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

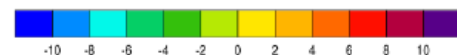


Figure 3.4.23: Projected surface O<sub>3</sub> under RCP4.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) maximum daily average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub> and (b),(d),(f),(h) changes of maximum average 1-hour O<sub>3</sub>

The dynamical downscaling projection in Malaysia by WRF-CMQ under RCP8.5 scenario was somehow coherent with the downscaling result of Pfister et al., 2014 and in Malaysia by CiTTyCAT box model (Sentian et al., 2015; Yat and Sentian, 2015). In 2050, the 5th-95th percentile range decreased to 27-55ppb as relative to 31-79 ppb in the present period for RCP 8.5. This indicated that the significant reduction of future surface O<sub>3</sub> exceeds the positive feedback of global ozone increment. In Malaysia, the model suggested that the future surface ozone mixing ratio reduced by 20-50% in remote areas and 2-5% in suburban areas, and high variability changes in the urban area.

In general, the reduction of O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio for future period under both RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios can be related to the climate change effect and the changes of precursors. The primary precursor that leads to surface O<sub>3</sub> reduction is OH (Zeng et al., 2008). The simulated future OH largely increased at the end of this century by 30% (January) and 113.6% (July) for RCP8.5, 26% (January), and 23.2% (July) for RCP4.5. The present result was consistent with Wang and Jacob (1998), which suggested that 63% of surface O<sub>3</sub> increases was related to a 9% decrease of OH. In other words, O<sub>3</sub> reduction can be linked with OH increment (Voulgarakis et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2015).

Table 3.4.6: Maximum daily average 1-hour ozone mixing ratio (ppb) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios.

Variables	RCP8.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	48.2	47.7	47.5	-0.42 (-1.0%)	-0.68 (-1.4%)
<b>July</b>	43.5	43.1	36.9	-0.39 (-0.9%)	-6.6 (-15.2%)
Variables	RCP4.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	42.4	40.9	44.3	-1.6 (-3.8%)	1.9 (4.5%)
<b>July</b>	43.8	38.4	32.4	-5.4 (-12.3%)	-11.3 (-25.8%)

The NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio variations are also one of the factors that caused the O<sub>3</sub> changes (Kawase et al., 2011; Langner et al., 2012). The model suggested an increase of simulated NO<sub>x</sub> in 2050 but a decrease at the period of 2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario. As a result, a minor increase of future NO<sub>x</sub> might cause a small percentage of O<sub>3</sub> formation, but the decrease of NO<sub>x</sub> somehow leads to a larger degree of O<sub>3</sub> reduction. The effect of NO<sub>x</sub> on O<sub>3</sub> ozone concentration has been discussed by Stevenson et al. (2006), who mentioned that a low NO<sub>x</sub> environment with high-water vapor content responsible for lower O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio. However, the increase of radioactive forcing caused by GHGs concentration could cause the projection of O<sub>3</sub> distribution to be varied (Kawase et al., 2011). Moreover, the effect of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction by 10-20% was not large enough in triggering the O<sub>3</sub> reduction (Steiner et al., 2006). As a result, it was believed that a high portion of atmospheric moisture was the prime cause.

The ozone variations were also related to HNO<sub>3</sub>. The modelling results from Racherla and Adams (2008) and Kim et al. (2015) suggested that the increase of HNO<sub>3</sub> concentrations in the future period was due to the increase of NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio, therefore increasing the O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio. In the present study, a similar situation happened in 2050 over a certain area of the South China Sea. Meanwhile, the modelling output was opposite with the research mentioned especially at end of this century, where the surface O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio generally reduced over most of the Malaysia region that

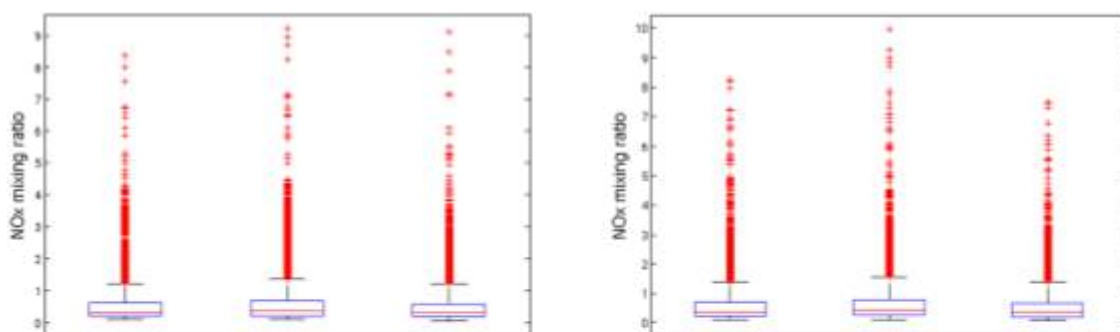
probably due to the reduction of HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration. In general, the mean future HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration reduced with a maximum -52.7% and minimum -7.5% as shown in the later section below.

However, an exceptional happened where future O<sub>3</sub> largely increased by 4.5% (1.9 ppb) during January 2100 as relative to 2013 under RCP4.5, while the other period showed the O<sub>3</sub> reduction. An increase of Max 1-h and 8-h O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio can be due to a high percentage of precipitation reduction with 40% (see Climate Change Section). A similar finding was found over western Europe (Meleux et al., 2007) and the United States (Chen et al., 2009) decrease of precipitation up to a maximum of 110% caused near-surface average (peak) O<sub>3</sub> increase to 10-16 % (25%) over the western part of Europe. In the United States, the simulated change of precipitation with -0.1mm leads to the O<sub>3</sub> increment by 25% (January period) and 17% (July period) (Chen et al., 2009).

### 3.4.2.2 Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>)

The median NO<sub>x</sub> concentration does not change significantly (Figure 3.4.24(a) - (d)) due to a large value of outliers within the dataset and the inter quartile range for all simulations was not obvious. Under the RCP8.5, the median NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio by January increased in 2050 (0.36 ppb) but decreased in 2100 (0.32 ppb). A similar trend was also found in July. Meanwhile, the median value in January under RCP4.5 was lower in 2050 (0.30 ppb) and 2100 (0.28 ppb) as compared to 2013 (0.37 ppb). In July, the trend was similar with January but with a higher magnitude. For RCP8.5, the CDF shows that there were no significant changes in NO<sub>x</sub> between 2013 and 2100 simulations in January. Significant decrement was found at 80 percentiles between 2013 and 2050 simulation. In July, the change was not obvious between 2013 and 2100 but showed less significant decrement for 2050 simulation. Hence, the change for NO<sub>x</sub> in the future period was found to be not significant under the RCP4.5 scenario.

Figure 3.4.25 and Table 3.4.7 showed the projection of the concentration of hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> over the Malaysian region of about 0.60ppb in 2050 and 0.53ppb in 2100. The high NO<sub>x</sub> concentration was distributed across the west coast and southern part of the Malaysian Peninsula throughout the whole future period and high emission were expected as the result of marine transport activity. The NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio increased by 0.065 ppb (12.3%) in 2050 but reduced 2100 by 0.005ppb (0.9%) relative to 2013. In 2050, there was a clear increase of NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio with more than 1 ppb over the southern part the of Malaysian Peninsula and middle part of the South China Sea as relative to the baseline period under the RCP8.5 scenario in 2100 but was lower than in 2050.



(a) NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio of RCP8.5: January

(b) NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio of RCP8.5: July

(c) NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio of RCP4.5: January

(d) NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio of RCP4.5: July

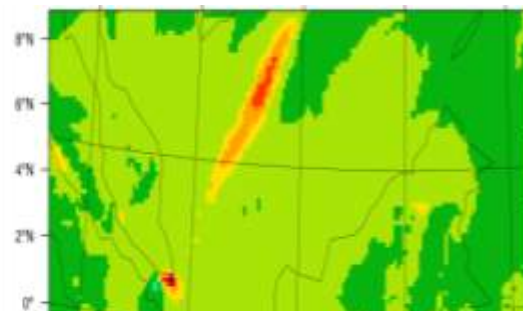
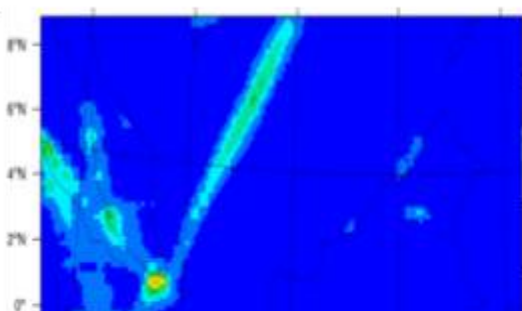
(e) NO<sub>x</sub> distribution RCP8.5: January

(f) NO<sub>x</sub> distribution RCP8.5: July

(g) NO<sub>x</sub> distribution RCP4.5: January

(h) NO<sub>x</sub> distribution RCP4.5: July

Figure 3.4.24: Box and whisker plots of the maximum hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio (pbb) for 2013(1st box), 2050(2nd box), and 2100(3rd box) under RCP8.5 scenario (a)-(b) and under RCP4.5 scenario (c)-(d). The cumulative distribution function of the hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio (pbb) for 2013(red line), 2050(blue dot line), and 2100(green dash line) under RCP8.5 scenario (e)-(f) and under RCP4.5 scenario (g)-(h). The left panel indicates the January period and the right panel as the July period.



(a) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP 8.5: January 2050  
2013)

(b) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP8.5 January changes of (2050 –

(c) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP8 .5: January 2100  
2013)

(d) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP8.5 January changes of (2100 –

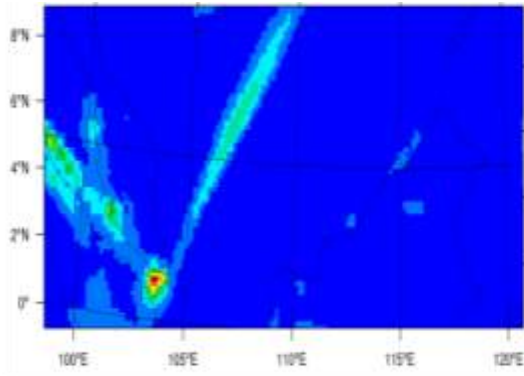
(e) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2050

(f) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

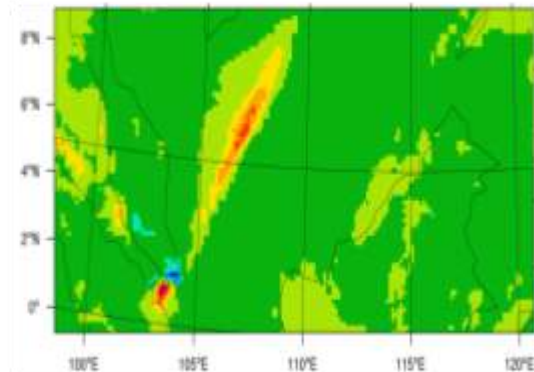
(g) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2100

(h) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2100 – 2013)

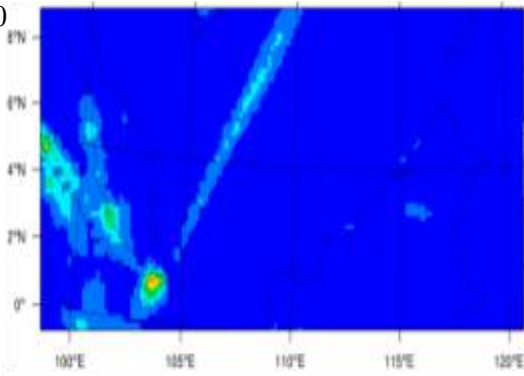
Figure 3.4.25: Projected NO<sub>x</sub> under RCP8.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) average 1-hour NO<sub>x</sub> and (b),(d),(f),(h) changes of NO<sub>x</sub>



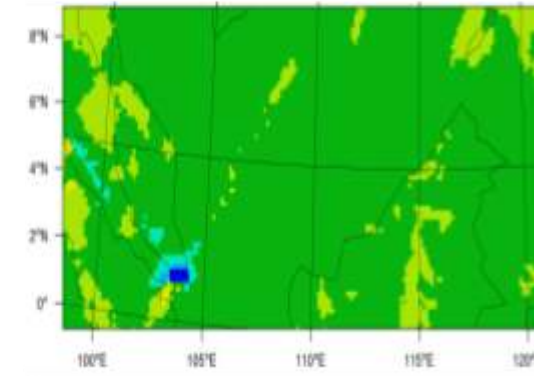
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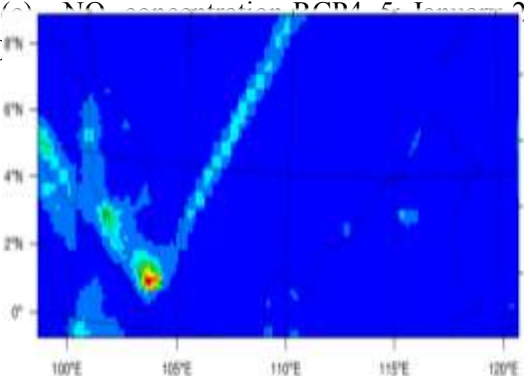
(b) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP4.5 January changes of (2050 - 2010)



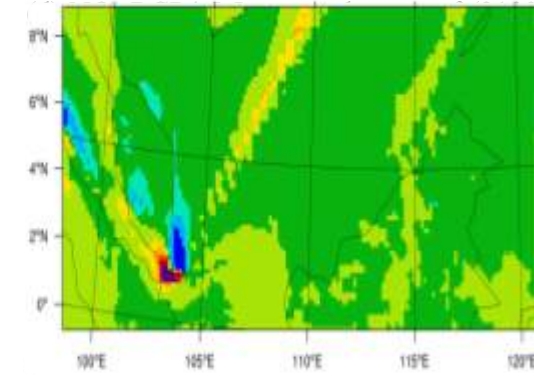
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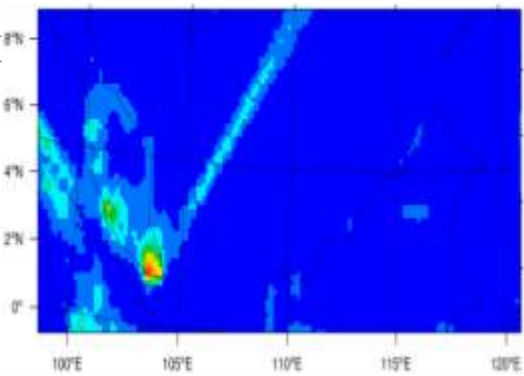
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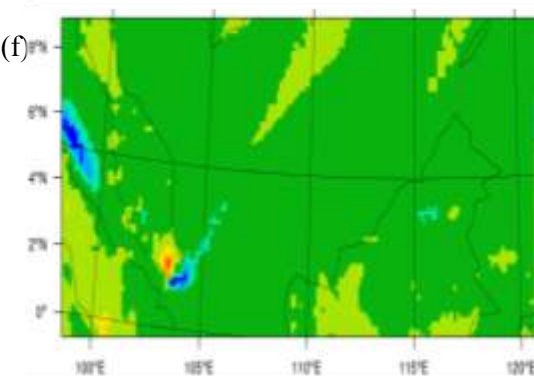
(e) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP 4.5: January 2200



(f) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP4.5 January changes of (2200 - 2100)



(g) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP 4.5: January 2300



(h) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP4.5 January changes of (2300 - 2200)

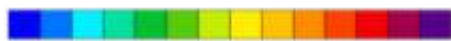


Figure 3.4.26: Projected NO<sub>x</sub> under RCP4.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) average 1-hour NO<sub>x</sub> and (b),(d),(f),(h) changes of NO<sub>x</sub>

Table 3.4.7: Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) mixing ratio (ppb) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios

Variables	RCP8.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	0.53	0.60	0.53	0.065 (12.3%)	-0.005 (-0.9%)
<b>July</b>	0.60	0.68	0.55	0.080(13.3%)	-0.046 (-7.7%)
Variables	RCP4.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	0.57	0.54	0.48	-0.031 (-5.4%)	-0.093 (-16.3%)
<b>July</b>	0.65	0.59	0.56	-0.054 (-8.3%)	-0.087 (-13.4%)

During the July, the simulated NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio was higher as compared to the mixing ratio during the January under the RCP8.5 scenario (0.68 in 2050, 0.55 in 2100) (Figure 3.4.24). Similar to in January, the high NO<sub>x</sub> concentration was observed across the west coast and southern part of the Malaysian Peninsula, and the respective region towards the northeast of the sea area. The hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> concentration increased by 0.080 ppb (13.3%) in 2050 but reduced 2100 by about 0.046 ppb (7.7%) as relative to 2013 under the RCP8.5 scenario. The NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio in 2050 increased by more than 1ppb over the southern part of the Malaysian Peninsula and middle part of the South China Sea relative to the baseline period under the RCP8.5 scenario. In 2100, such a high increment was not found.

During January of RCP4.5 scenario, the simulated hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio was around 0.54 ppb in 2050 and 0.48ppb in 2100 (Figure 3.4.26). Under the RCP4.5 scenario, the NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio decreased by 0.031 ppb (5.4%) in 2050 and 0.093 ppb (16.3%) in 2100. In 2050, the NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio highly increased over the middle part of the South China Sea but decreased over a small part of the southern Malaysian Peninsula. However, the NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio across the southern part of the West Malaysian (Peninsula) decreased with a concentration of less than 1.5 ppb in 2100. While during July, the simulated hourly average NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio was 0.59ppb in 2050 and 0.56ppb in 2100. As relative to the baseline period, the mean mixing ratio of NO<sub>x</sub> decreased by 0.054 ppb (8.3%) and 0.087ppb (13.4%) in 2050 and 2100 respectively. Less concentration of NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio was found over the southern part of Malaysian, with a high concentration around the certain region in both 2050 and 2100.

### 3.4.2.3 Hydroxyl Radical (OH)

The box plot in Figure 3.4.27 (a-d) shows that the median of OH mixing ratio under RCP8.5 was lower in 2050 (0.052 ppm) but higher in 2100 (0.066 ppm) as relative to 2013 (0.058 ppm) under the RCP8.5 scenario in January. In July, both 2013 and 2050 have the identical median OH mixing ratio

of 0.040 ppm but increase on 2100. While under the RCP4.5 scenario, the median OH was high over 2050 and even higher in 2100 simulation, with 0.049 ppm and 0.063 ppm respectively (Table 3.4.8). The 2100 simulation has the highest inter-quartile range by 0.035-0.084 ppm. Based on CDF from Figure 3.4.27 (e) - 6.8(h), 95 percentiles of OH mixing ratio under RCP8.5 scenario was below 0.11 ppm (2013, 2050) and 0.13 ppm (2100) during the January period. However, on July, the OH increased around 0.01 ppm in 2100 yet no significant change was found between 2050 and 2013. A change of OH mixing ratio at 95 percentiles under RCP4.5 with 0.03 ppm in January and 0.02 ppm in July was also observed.

Table 3.4.8: Hydroxyl radical (OH) mixing ratio (ppb) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios.

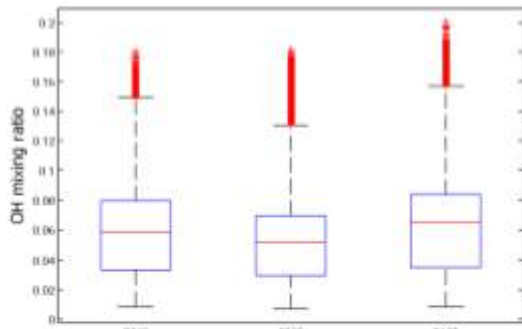
Variables	RCP8.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	0.060	0.053	0.060	-0.0065 (-10.8%)	0.018 (30%)
<b>July</b>	0.044	0.043	0.048	-0.0010 (-2.3%)	0.051 (113.6%)
Variables	RCP4.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050 - 2013	2100 - 2013
<b>January</b>	0.050	0.051	0.063	0.000082 (0.16%)	0.013 (26%)
<b>July</b>	0.043	0.045	0.053	0.0014 (3.3%)	0.010 (23.2%)

Figure 3.4.28 shows the spatial distribution of hourly average OH over the Malaysian region under the RCP8.5 scenario. During the January period, the hourly average of OH observed to be around 0.053 ppm in 2050 and 0.060 ppm in 2100. In general, a low level of OH concentration was distributed over the land area compared to the sea area and was believed caused by ship transportation activity. As relative to the baseline period, the OH mixing ratio reduced by -0.007 ppm in 2050 but increased by 0.018 ppm in 2100 during the January. During July period, the OH concentration was slightly lower than January and reduced by -0.001 ppm in 2050 but highly increased in 2100 by 0.051 ppm.

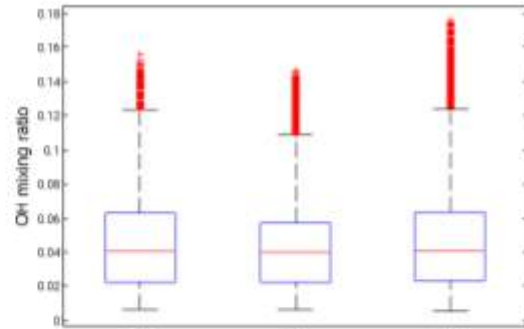
Under RCP4.5 ss relative to the baseline period, the OH concentration increased by 0.001 ppm and 0.013 ppm in 2050 and 2100 respectively. Whereas in July, the increment are 0.001 ppm and 0.010 ppm. The OH concentration in 2050 was higher than OH in 2100 over the South China Sea. in 2050 and 2100 respectively. In general, the high degree of OH increment can be related to future changes of meteorological parameters especially water vapor (Brasseur et al., 1998; Johnson et al. 2001; Zeng and Pyle, 2003; Murazaki and Hess, 2006; Stevenson et al., 2006; Latif et al., 2012). This process is achieved through the removal of the O (<sup>1</sup>D) molecules based on O (<sup>1</sup>D) + H<sub>2</sub>O → 2OH and photolysis, and finally leads to the high formation of OH.

On the other hand, the increase of OH production can exert potential impact in oxidative capacity. As shown in Wyche et al., (2021) under the hydrocarbon-limited O<sub>3</sub> production regime, where total NO<sub>x</sub> decreased proportionally greater than total non-methane hydrocarbons, which led to

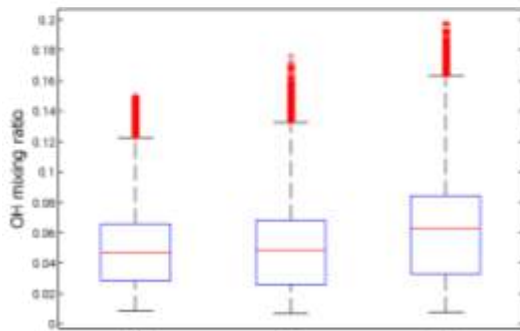
an increase in total hydroxyl, peroxy and organic peroxy radicals. As shown in the whisker plot the OH mixing ratio increase at both RCPs over the 90 percentiles. Additionally, this leaves an expectation that the model has overestimated the OH concentration as the result of complex or unresolved boundary layer condition. As mentioned in studies of (Monks, 2005; Lelieveld et al., 2016) that the perturbations to local boundary layer air led to a shift in (OH) concentrations.



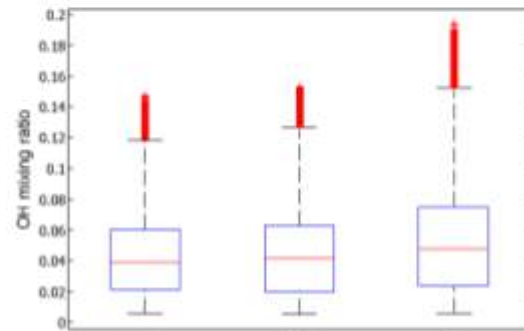
(a) OH mixing ratio of RCP8.5: January



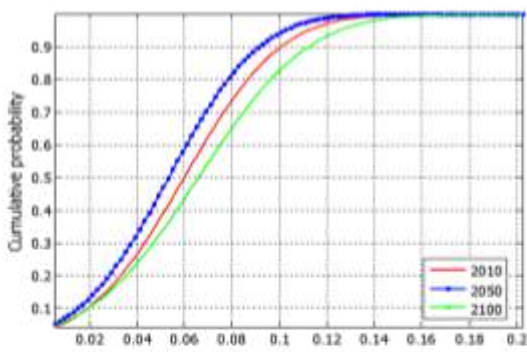
(b) OH mixing ratio of RCP8.5: July



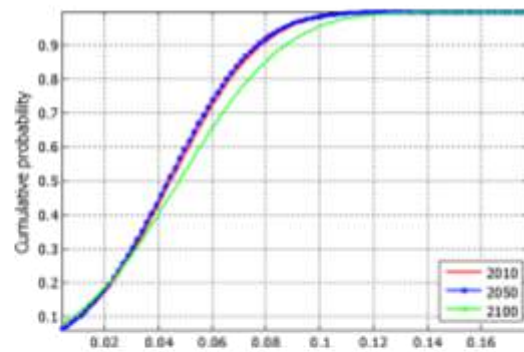
(c) OH mixing ratio of RCP4.5: January



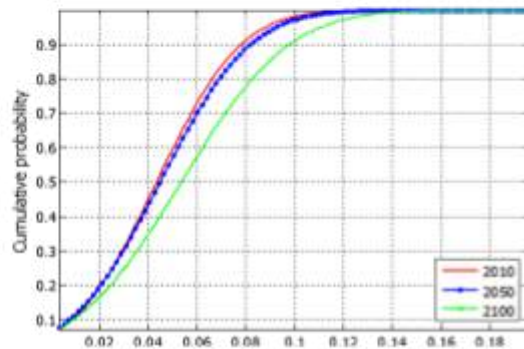
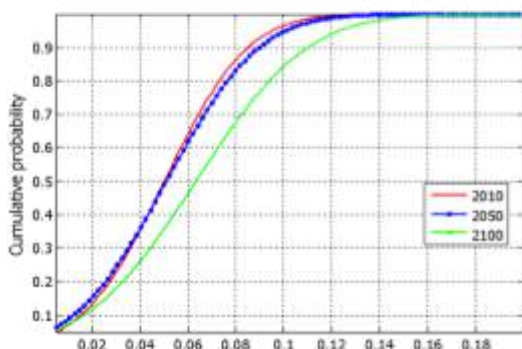
(d) OH mixing ratio of RCP4.5: July



(e) OH distribution RCP8.5: January



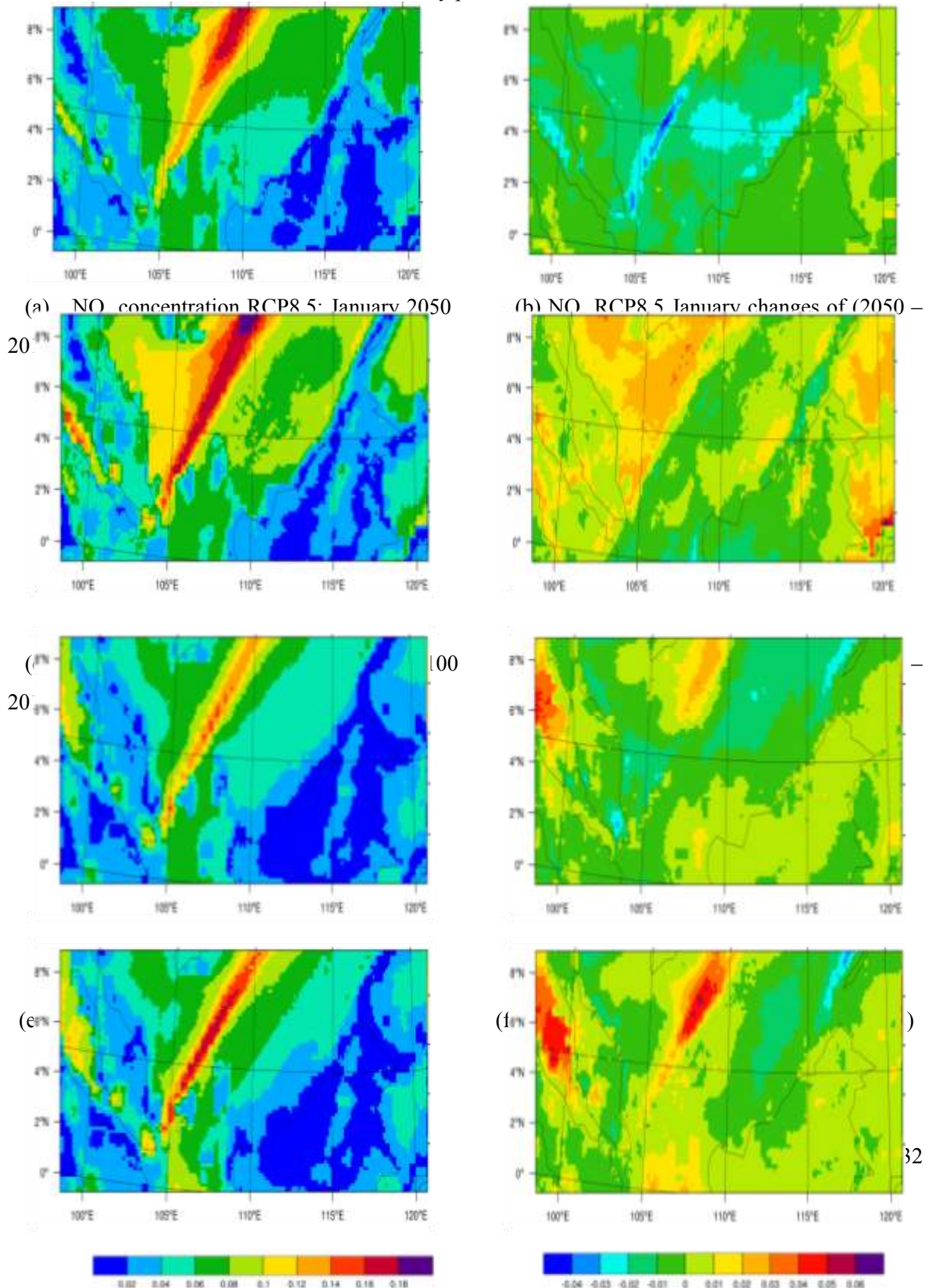
(f) OH distribution RCP8.5: July



(g) OH distribution RCP4.5: January

(h) OH distribution RCP4.5: July

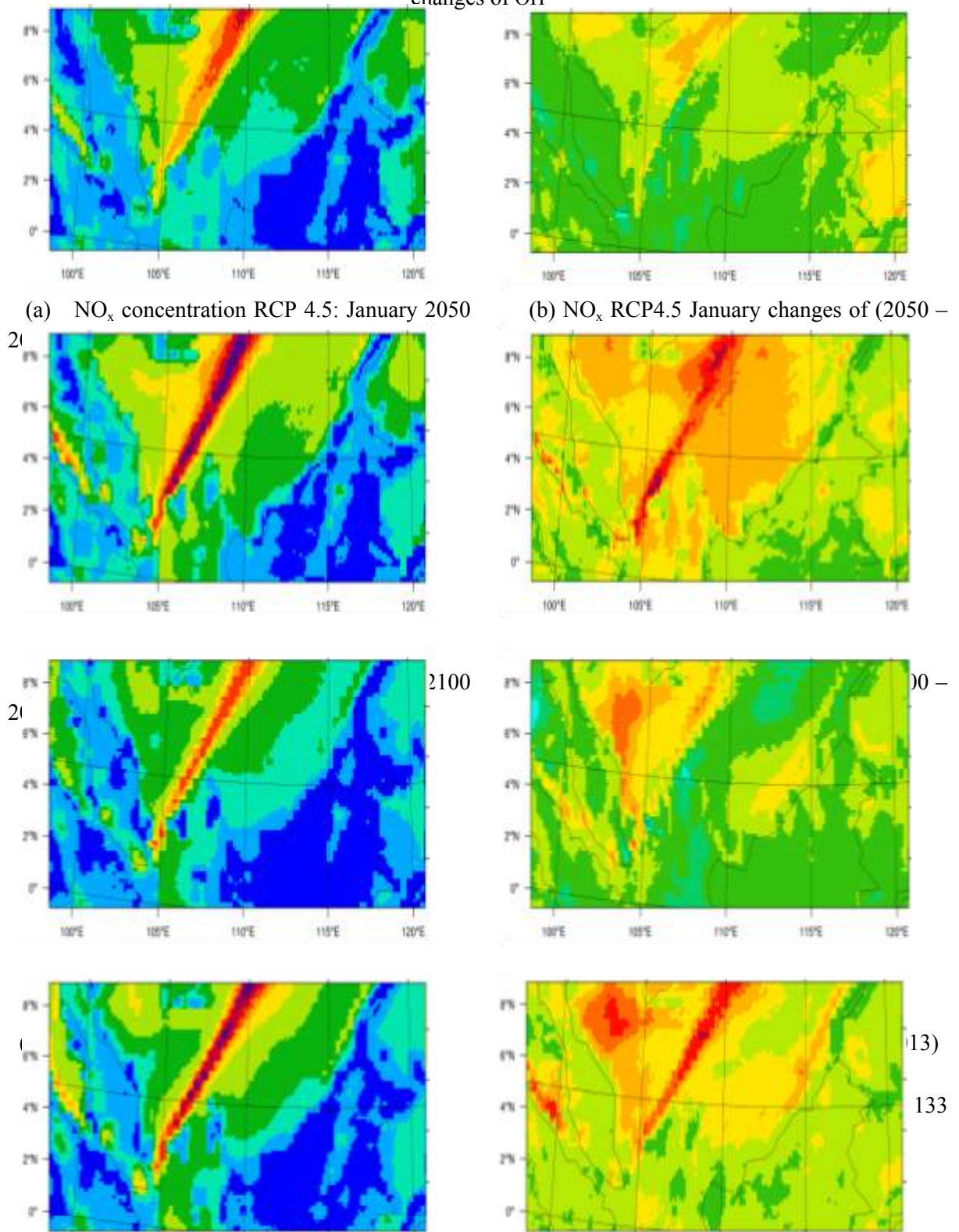
Figure 3.4.27: Box and whisker plots of the maximum hourly average OH mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(1st box), 2050(2nd box), and 2100(3rd box) under RCP8.5 scenario (a)-(b) and under RCP4.5 scenario (c)-(d). The cumulative distribution function of the hourly average OH mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(red line), 2050(blue dot line), and 2100(green dash line) under RCP8.5 scenario (e)-(f) and under RCP4.5 scenario (g)-(h). The left panel indicates the January period and the right panel as the July period.



(g) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2100

(h) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2100 – 2013)

Figure 3.4.28: Projected OH under RCP8.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of OH



(g) NO<sub>x</sub> concentration RCP4.5: July 2100

(h) NO<sub>x</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2100 – 2013)

Figure 3.4.29: Projected OH under RCP4.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of OH

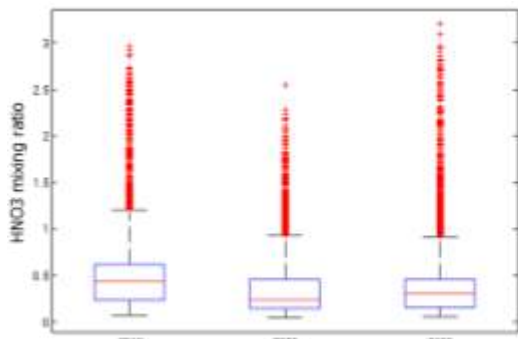
There is to be argued that there was also a concomitant shift in average ambient O<sub>3</sub> concentrations owing to the change in oxidative capacity and perturbation of local boundary layer. The model simulation suggests that the environment that experienced increase of surface O<sub>3</sub>, the hourly average of OH species also experienced increases. However, given the complexity of atmospheric chemistry, this cannot rule out that the combined increase of OH and O<sub>3</sub> will increase the overall oxidative capacity. As such the scenario is somewhat complex, and attention must also be given to the wider altered trace composition and reactivity of the atmosphere that occurred during the process. Such a dramatic changes in certain air pollutants across the species emissions spectrum, over such a relatively short time interval over large area, is unprecedented.

#### 3.4.2.4 Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

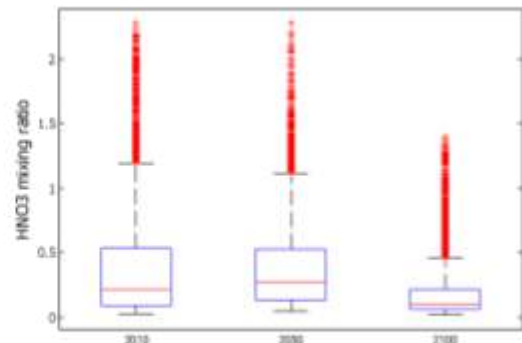
The highest hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> was 0.43ppb and the value decreased in the future period by 0.24 ppb and 0.30 ppb of both January 2050 and 2100 under RCP8.5 (Figure 3.4.30). In July, highest HNO<sub>3</sub> was found in 2050 but lowest in 2100. It is also noted that the inter quartile range in the July of 2100 is the lowest compared to the other simulation. While, under the RCP4.5 scenario, the highest median of HNO<sub>3</sub> was in 2013 with 0.22ppb, but lowest in the 2050 with 0.10ppb during January simulation. While in July, the median HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration got lower toward the end of this century. The decrease of HNO<sub>3</sub> was statistically significant at 95 percentiles for the 2050 and 2100 simulations by 0.25ppb in January. In July, the change was significant at 95 percentiles by 0.50ppb under RCP8.5 for the 2100 simulation. Under RCP4.5, the significant change was identical for both future simulations in both January and July.

Table 3.4.9 and Figure 3.4.31 indicate the spatial distribution of the hourly average of HNO<sub>3</sub> in the Malaysian region under the RCP8.5 scenario, with 0.39 ppb in 2050 and 0.17 ppb in 2100 during the January period. High concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> distributed over Malacca Straits and the

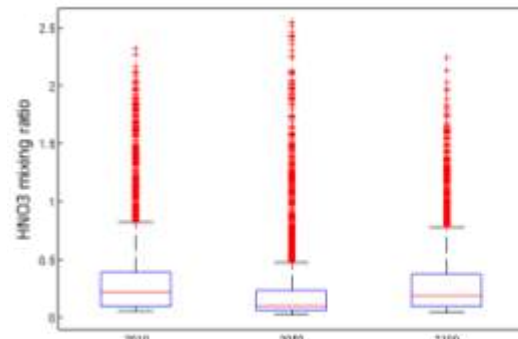
middle of South China Sea in both period of 2050 and 2100. The  $\text{HNO}_3$  under the RCP8.5 scenario decreased by  $-0.12\text{ppb}$  during mid-century and  $-0.11\text{ppb}$  over the end of century of January period. The  $\text{HNO}_3$  increased over most of the research domain except the middle of the South China Sea, a with higher magnitude in 2050 compared to 2100. In July, the  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio recorded was  $0.39\text{ ppb}$  in 2050 and  $0.17\text{ ppb}$  in 2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario over the Malaysian region. A small  $\text{HNO}_3$  increment was found in 2050 by  $0.026\text{ ppb}$  but decreased by  $-0.19\text{ppb}$  at the end of century. The results suggest that the concentration of  $\text{HNO}_3$  was spread but concentrated over the middle of the South China Sea in 2050. Meanwhile, the simulation result indicates that  $\text{HNO}_3$  decreased across the whole research domain in the period of July 2100.



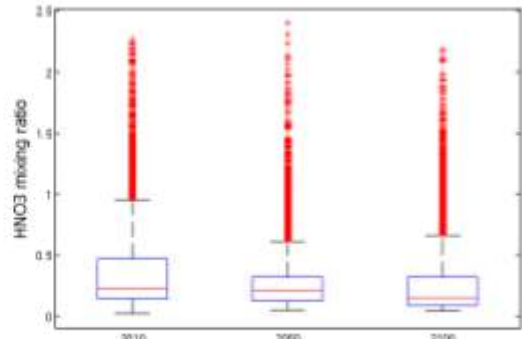
(a)  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio of RCP8.5: January



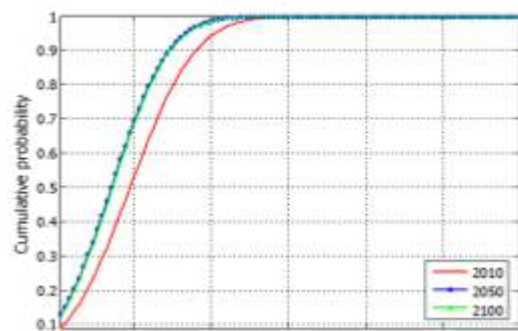
(b)  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio of RCP8.5: July



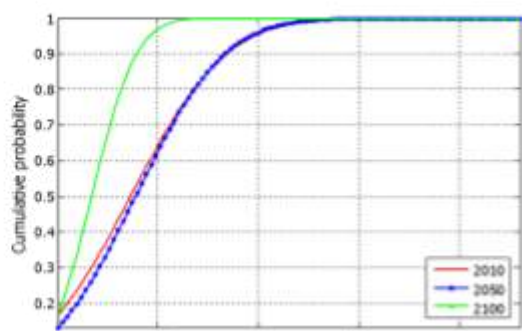
(c)  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio of RCP4.5: January



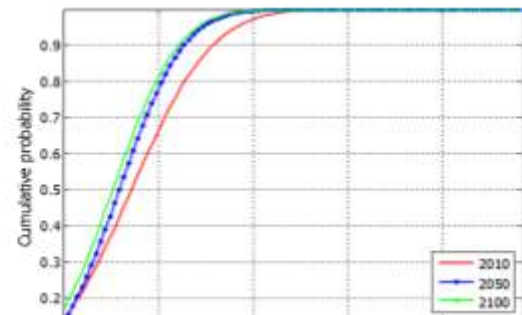
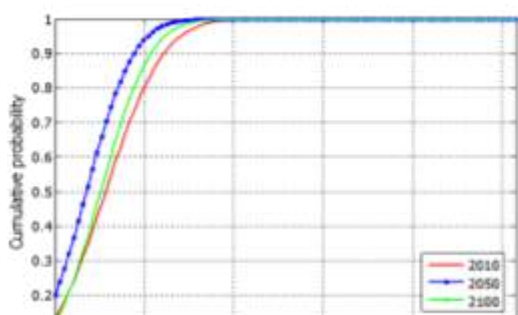
(d)  $\text{HNO}_3$  mixing ratio of RCP4.5: July



(e)  $\text{HNO}_3$  distribution RCP8.5: January



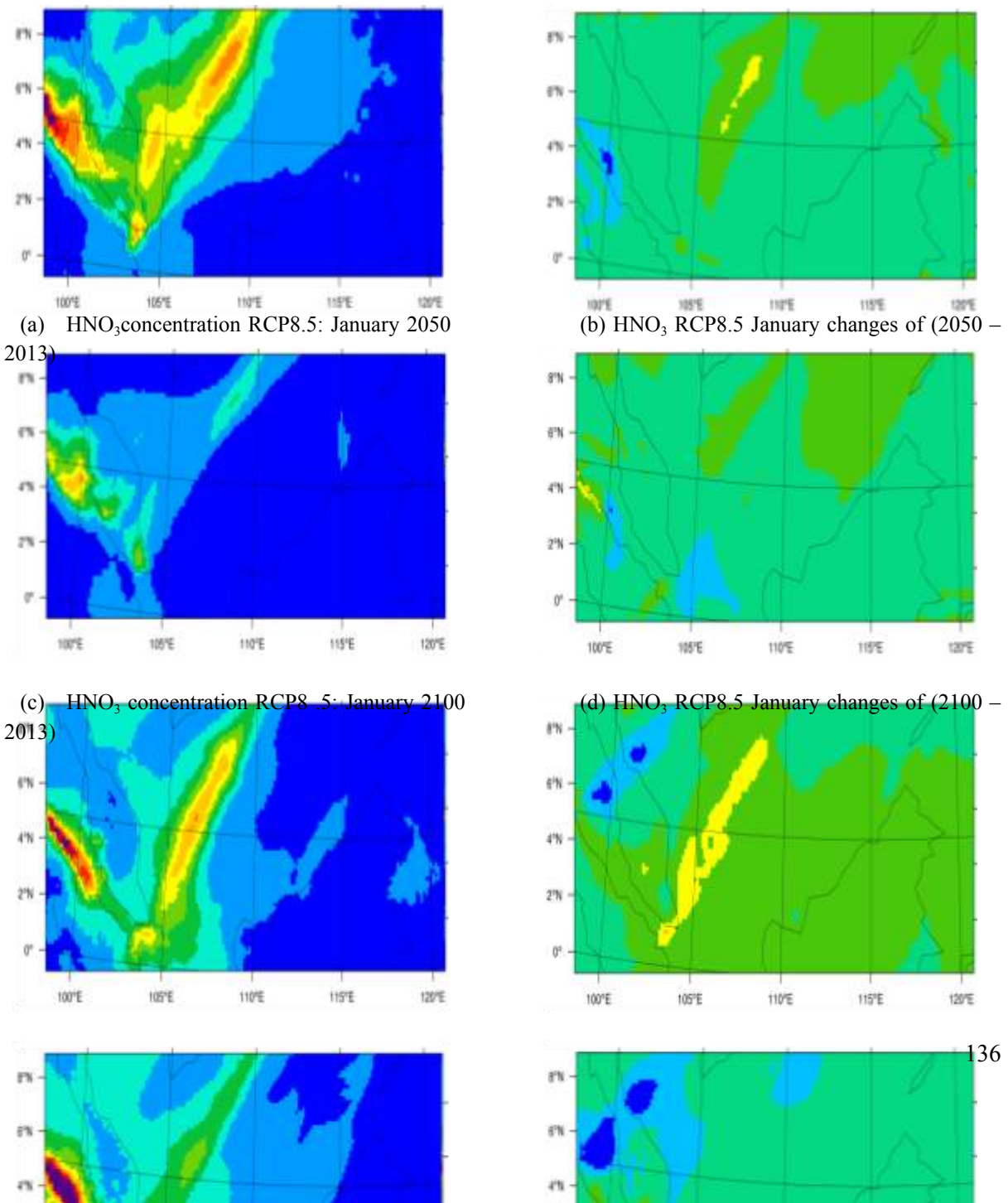
(f)  $\text{HNO}_3$  distribution RCP8.5: July



(g) HNO<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP4.5: January

(h) HNO<sub>3</sub> distribution RCP4.5: July

Figure 3.4.30: Box and whisker plots of the maximum hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(1st box), 2050(2nd box), and 2100(3rd box) under RCP8.5 scenario (a)-(b) and under RCP4.5 scenario (c)-(d). The cumulative distribution function of the hourly average HNO<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(red line), 2050(blue dot line), and 2100(green dash line) under RCP8.5 scenario (e)-(f) and under RCP4.5 scenario (g)-(h). The left panel indicates the January period and the right panel as the July period.



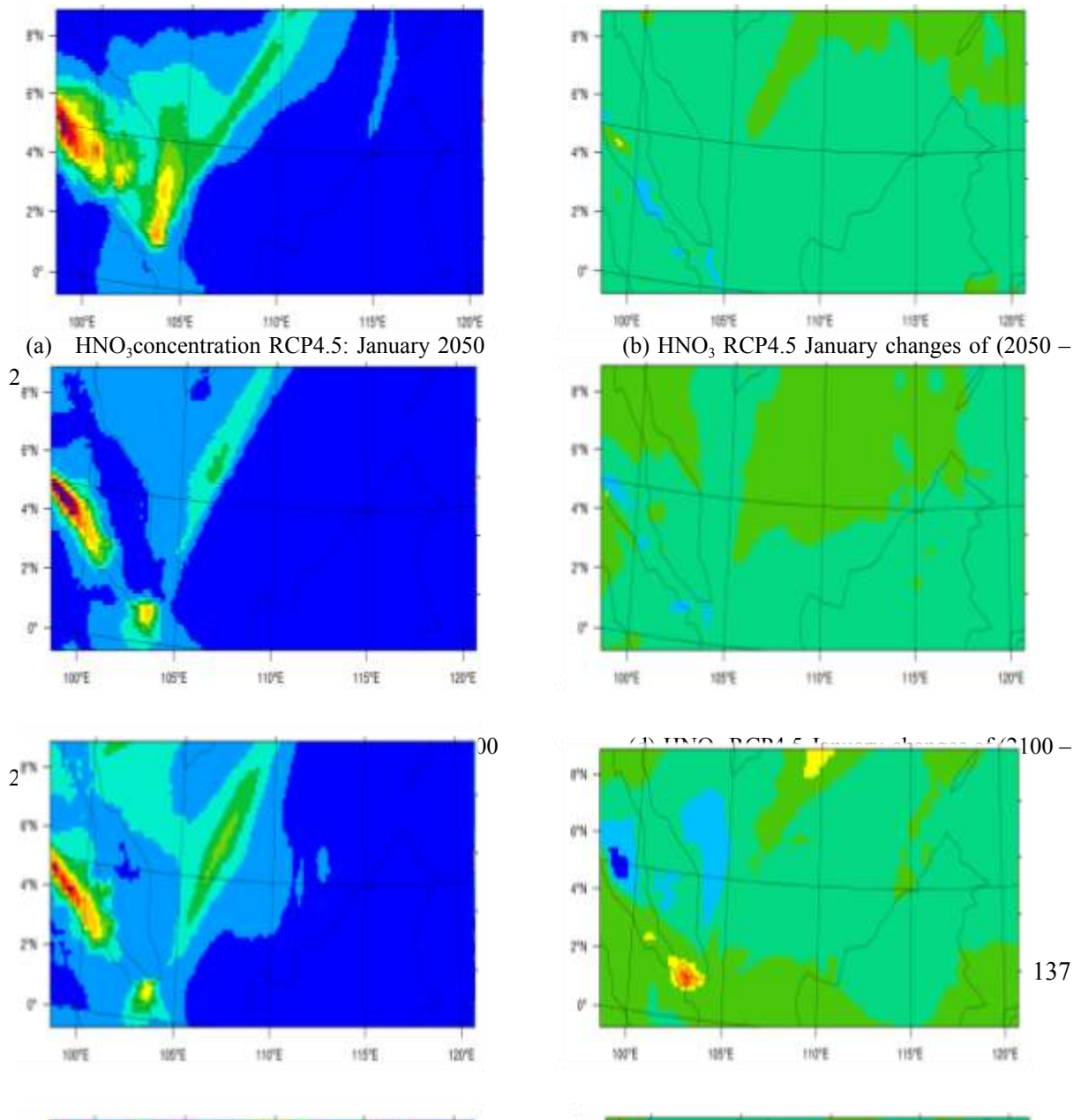
(e) HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2050  
2013)

(f) HNO<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2050 –  
2013)

(g) HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP8.5: July 2100  
2013)

(h) HNO<sub>3</sub> RCP8.5 July changes of (2100 –  
2013)

Figure 3.4.31: Projected HNO<sub>3</sub> under RCP8.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of HNO<sub>3</sub>



(e) HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: July 2050  
2013)

(f) HNO<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2050 –

(g) HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration RCP4.5: July 2100  
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(h) HNO<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2100 –

Figure 3.4.32: Projected HNO<sub>3</sub> under RCP4.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of HNO<sub>3</sub>

Table 3.4.9: Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) mixing ratio (ppb) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios

Variables	RCP8.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050-2013	2100-2013
<b>January</b>	0.47	0.35	0.36	-0.12 (-25.5%)	-0.11 (-23.4%)
<b>July</b>	0.36	0.39	0.17	0.026 (7.2%)	-0.19 (-52.7%)
Variables	RCP4.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050-2013	2100-2013
<b>January</b>	0.28	0.18	0.26	-0.11 (-39.3%)	-0.063 (-22.5%)
<b>July</b>	0.36	0.29	0.26	-0.027 (-7.5%)	-0.097 (-26.9%)

Under the RCP4.5 scenario, the simulation of HNO<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio was lower than the mixing ratio under the RCP8.5 scenario, with 0.18ppb in 2050 and 0.26ppb in 2100 during the January period (Figure 3.4.32). Similarly, a high concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> was found on Malacca Straits and the middle of the South China Sea. Meanwhile, the HNO<sub>3</sub> decreased by -0.11ppb in mid-century and -0.063 ppb over the end of century as relative to the baseline period. In 2050, most of the research domain experienced a reduction in the HNO<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio as compared to the baseline period. However, in 2100 a slight increase of HNO<sub>3</sub> was observed over the northern part of the Malaysian Peninsula, Malaysian Borneo, and to the extent region of the South China Sea.

During July, the average concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> was 0.29 ppb and 0.26 ppb in 2050 and 2100 respectively. A high mixing ratio of HNO<sub>3</sub> was distributed over the Malacca Straits, southern

Malaysian Peninsula, and middle of South China Sea for both years. A small decrease in HNO<sub>3</sub> was observed with -0.027ppb and -0.097ppb during mid-century and end of century. Though, in 2050, the HNO<sub>3</sub> increased significantly over a small part of the south Malaysian Peninsula and part of Malacca Straits. Moreover, the HNO<sub>3</sub> during July of 2100 decreased over a large part of the research domain relative to the baseline scenario.

The HNO<sub>3</sub> variations can be related to O<sub>3</sub> changes. The increase of HNO<sub>3</sub> concentrations in 2050 under both RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios, a certain part of the China Sea was due to the increase NO<sub>x</sub> ratio driven by an increase of O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio. Meanwhile, at the end of this century, the surface ozone mixing ratio generally reduced over most of the Malaysia region that probably due to the reduction of HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration. In general, the mean future HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration reduced the maximum of -52.7% and the minimum of -7.5%.

### 3.4.2.5 Carbon Monoxides (CO)

The box plot CO mixing ration Figure 3.4.33 below showed that the highest median hourly average CO was higher in the 2013 simulation with 121.1 ppb during January under the RCP8.5 scenario. The median CO mixing ratio got lower at 2050 (with 114.4 ppb) and 2100 (with 103.6 ppb) simulations. In July, the median CO mixing ratio follow the same pattern as in January with the median value getting lower toward the end of this century (from 174.3 ppb down to 158.1 ppb at the mid of century and 141.4 ppb at the end of century). Under the RCP4.5 scenario, the median of CO concentration decreased at the middle of century but increase toward the end of century with CO concentration from 180.3 ppb into 151.7 ppb and increase to 161.3 ppb during January, and from 167.4 ppb into 138.1 and increase to 146.8 ppb during July respectively as compared to the present simulation.

Table 3.4.10: CO mixing ratio (ppb) under RCP8.5 and RCP4.5 scenarios

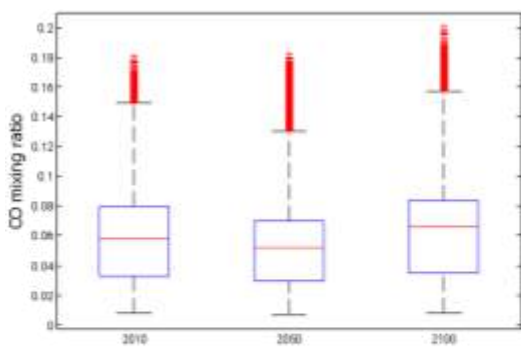
Variables	RCP8.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050-2013	2100-2013
<b>January</b>	125.0	122.1	110.3	-2.9 (-2.3%)	-14.7 (-11.8%)
<b>July</b>	112.4	108.6	96.9	-3.9 (-3.5%)	-15.5 (-13.8%)
Variables	RCP4.5 (ppb)			Changes (ppb)	
	2013	2050	2100	2050-2013	2100-2013
<b>January</b>	118.6	100.3	100.4	-18.3 (-15.4%)	-18.2 (-15.3%)
<b>July</b>	109.9	92.6	97.8	-17.3 (-15.7%)	-12.0 (-10.9%)

A comparison between the cumulative distribution function of the CO concentration over the Malaysia region in 2013, 2050, and 2100 simulations respectively as shown in Figure 3.4.33 (e-h). The distributions are close between each other in January under RCP8.5 scenario between 2013 and 2050 simulations, showed the insignificantly change between both simulations. Meanwhile, a statistically significant change was observed at 95 percentiles between 2013 and 2100 with CO

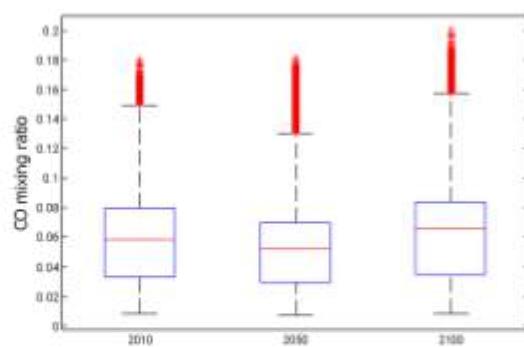
concentration around 15 ppb in January. In July, the change was significant at 95 percentiles with changes more than 30 ppb under RCP8.5 for the 2100 simulation, and 10 ppb for 2050 simulation.

The average CO mixing ratio was 122.1 ppb in 2050 and 110.3 ppb in 2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario during January. The CO distributed across the west coast of the Malaysian Peninsula, Malacca Straits, north and eastern part of Malaysian Borneo in 2050 as depicted under Figure 3.4.34, however the trend of concentration decreases at the end of century (with decrement by -2.9 ppb to -14.7 ppb relative to baseline scenario). Though CO increment with more than 20ppb was obvious across most of the Malaysian Peninsula and the northern part of Malaysian Borneo in 2050 most likely as the result of increases in energy consumption was worthy to be highlighted.

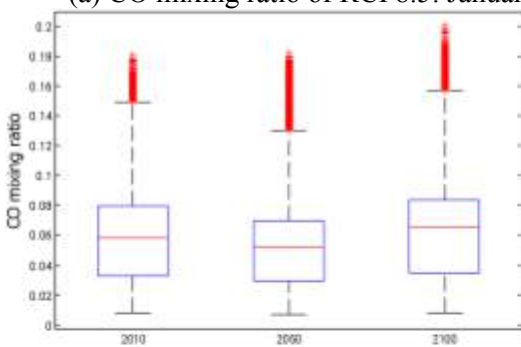
During July, a low value of CO mixing ratio was observed over the Malaysian region with 108.6 ppb in 2050 and 96.9 ppb in 2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario. In general, the CO decreased by -3.9 ppb in mid-century and -15.5 ppb at the end of century. As relative to the baseline period, the CO concentration highly increased over the southern area and east sea area of the Malaysia Peninsula in the year 2050. While in 2100, most of the study domain experienced the CO reduction especially north Malaysia Peninsula.



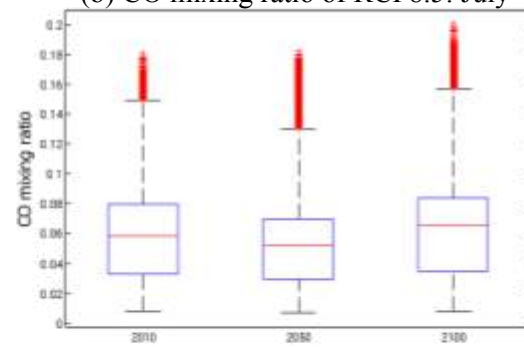
(a) CO mixing ratio of RCP8.5: January



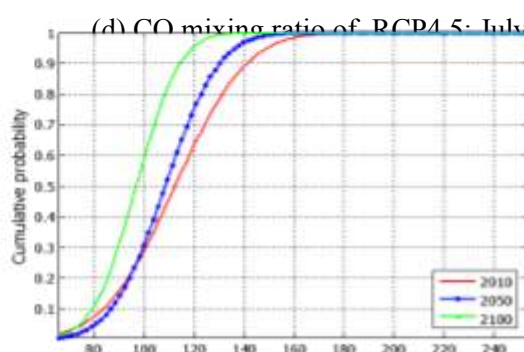
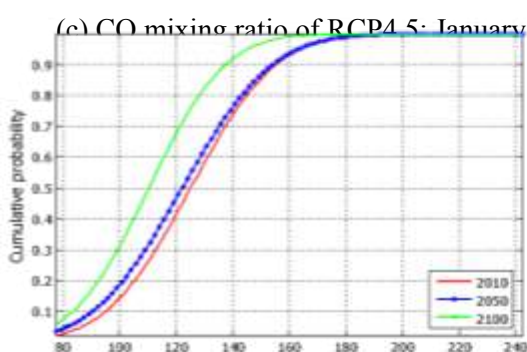
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(c) CO mixing ratio of RCP4.5: January



(d) CO mixing ratio of RCP4.5: July



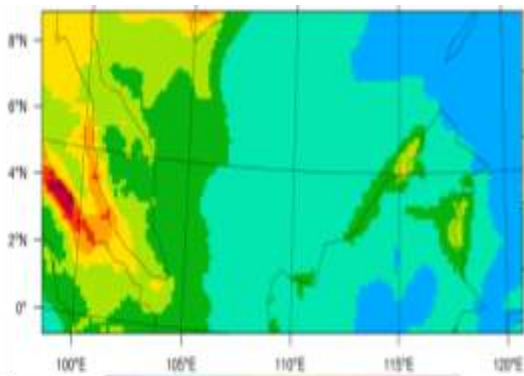
(e) CO distribution RCP8.5: January

(f) CO distribution RCP8.5: July

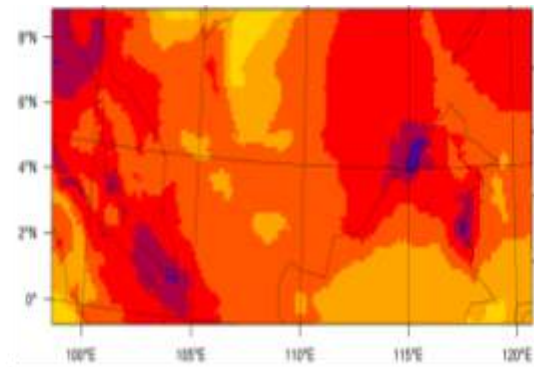
(g) CO distribution RCP4.5: January

(h) CO distribution RCP4.5: July

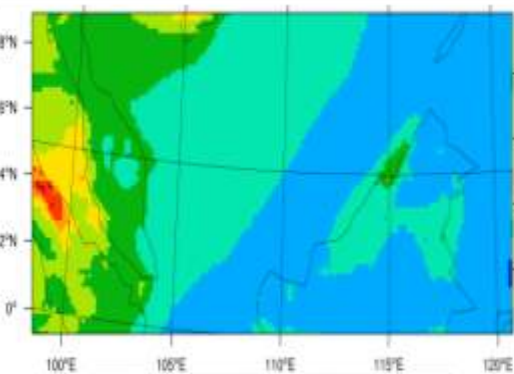
Figure 3.4.33: Box and whisker plots of the maximum hourly average CO mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(1st box), 2050(2nd box), and 2100(3rd box) under RCP8.5 scenario (a)-(b) and under RCP4.5 scenario (c)-(d). The cumulative distribution function of the hourly average CO mixing ratio (ppm) for 2013(red line), 2050(blue dot line), and 2100(green dash line) under RCP8.5 scenario (e)-(f) and under RCP4.5 scenario (g)-(h). The left panel indicates the January period and the right panel as the July period.



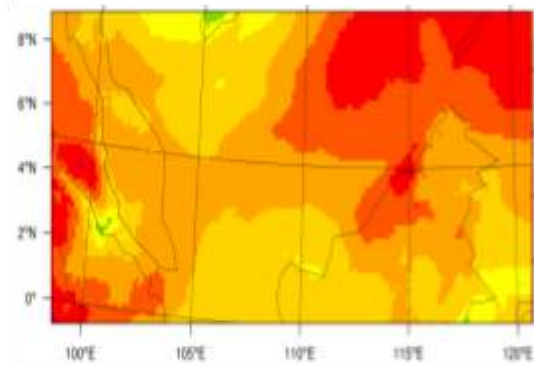
(a) CO concentration RCP8.5: January



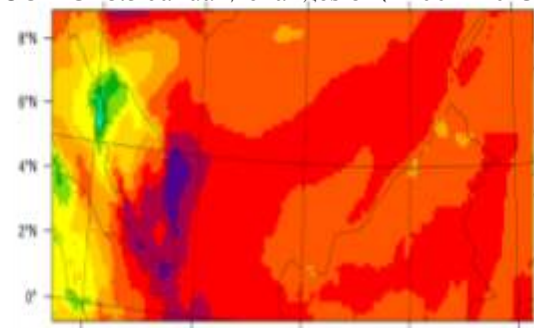
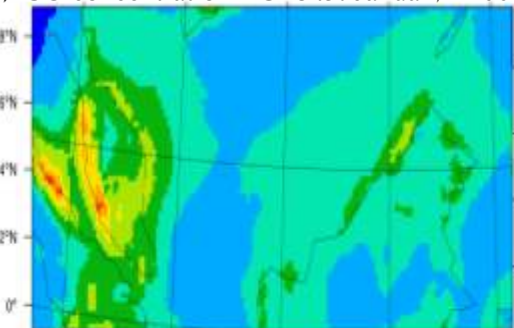
(b) CO RCP8.5 January changes of (2050 - 2013)



(c) CO concentration RCP8.5: January 2100



(d) CO RCP8.5 January changes of (2100 - 2013)



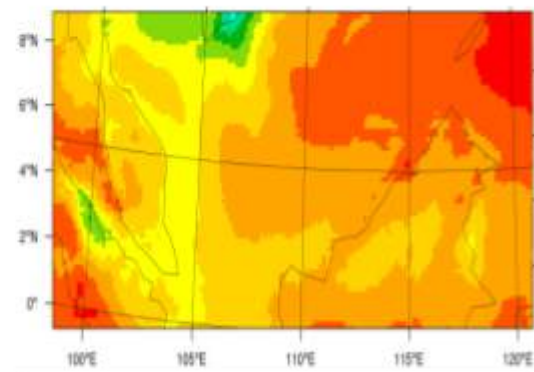
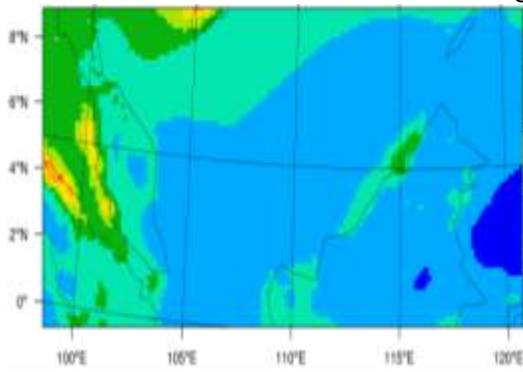
(e) CO concentration RCP8.5: July 2050

(f) CO RCP8.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

(g) CO concentration RCP8.5: July 2100

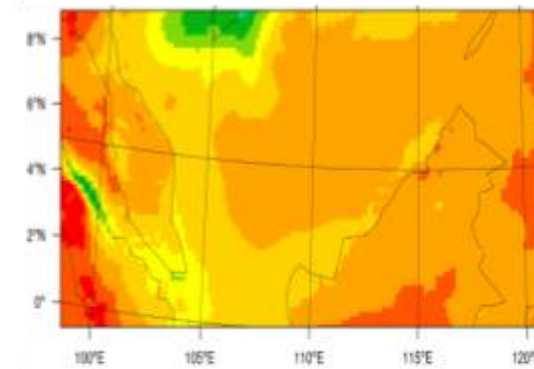
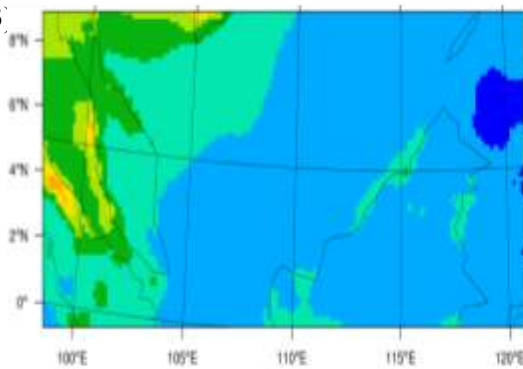
(h) CO RCP8.5 July changes of (2100 – 2013)

Figure 3.4.34: Projected CO under RCP8.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of CO

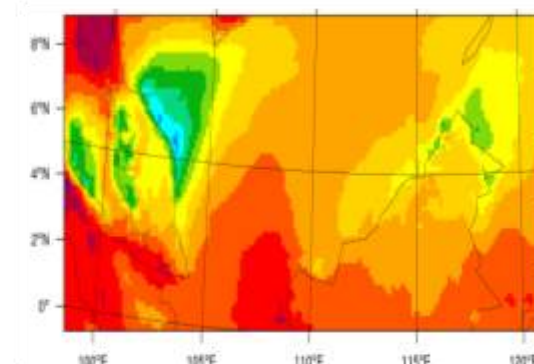
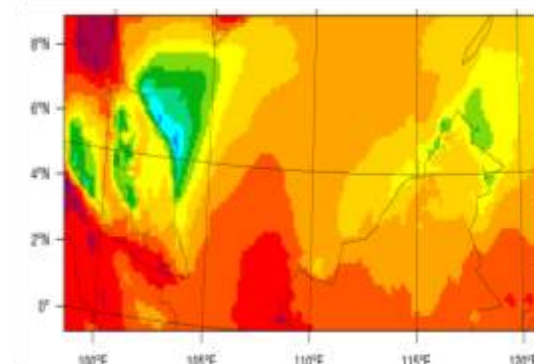


(a) CO concentration RCP4.5: January 2050  
2013

(b) CO RCP4.5 January changes of (2050 –  
2013)



(c) CO concentration RCP4.5: January 2013



(e) CO concentration RCP4.5: July 2050

(f) CO<sub>3</sub> RCP4.5 July changes of (2050 – 2013)

(g) CO concentration RCP4.5: July 2100

(h) CO RCP4.5 July changes of (2100 – 2013)

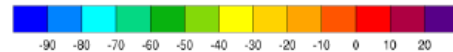


Figure 3.4.35: Projected CO under RCP4.5: (a),(c),(e),(g) hourly average and (b),(d),(f),(h) average changes of CO

Under the RCP4.5 scenario, the hourly average CO mixing ratio was around 100 ppb for both future periods in January (Figure 3.4.35). In both scenarios, the CO was highly distributed over Malacca Straits. Overall, the hourly average CO reduced by around -18ppb for both periods of 2050 and 2100. The reduction seems to be equally distributed over the whole research domain. During July, the CO concentration was lower than the CO during the January season, with 92.6ppb in 2050 and 97.8ppb in 2100. The CO reduced by -17.3ppb and -12.0ppb in 2050 and 2100 respectively. Obviously, high intensity of CO decrement was observed over a sea area of north Malaysian Peninsula and north Malaysian Borneo during July 2050 under the RCP4.5 scenario. In 2100, a similar trend of decrement was found but with a smaller region than in 2050.

## 4 Conclusion

### 4.1 Climate Change Projection over SEA

The regional climate simulations over the SEA region were performed for the future period year of 2030, 2050, 2070, and 2100, relative to the present period in 2013. These simulations were focused on January and July by the application of regional climate modelling of WRF focusing on three climate scenarios which are RCP4.5, RCP6.0, and RCP8.5, and was developed based on the IPCC fifth

assessment report as input models. The projected simulation by WRF model, the surface temperature at present-day was estimated at the range between 22.88°C, 22.41°C and 23.29°C for January period, while 26.66°C, 26.46°C and 26.63°C for July period under RCP4.5, RCP6.0 and RCP8.5 respectively. The WRF simulation under all RCP scenarios well-agree with DOE and NCEP in simulating the surface temperature with bias less than 10% (-6.88% and 2.49%).

Overall, the whole SEA region is expected to experience warmer surface temperature coming toward the mid of century with temperature increment between 0.66°C to 1.64°C (2.63% to 7.33%) during January, and between 0.74°C to 0.99°C (2.89% to 3.72%) during July as relative to the baseline condition. At the end of the century, it was expected that the whole region will experience higher temperature increment between 0.82°C to 2.11°C (3.58% to 9.05%) in January, and 0.93°C and 2.50°C (3.49% to 9.37%) in July respectively. RCP6.0 projection shows the highest increment at the mid of century between 3.55% to 7.33%. While RCP8.5 depicts the highest temperature increment towards the end of the century over 9.05% to 9.37% for the whole domain.

The regional total precipitation simulations over the SEA region for RCP4.5, RCP6.0, and RCP8.5 both for present-day and future days were highly varied. The total precipitations for the baseline period over the whole domain are, 0.92 inches/day, 3.14 inches/day, and 5.49 inches/day for the January period under the respective RCPs. Whereas in July, the simulated total precipitation is, 8.80 inches/day, 8.50 inches/day, and 131.59 inches/day for the July period under RCP4.5, RCP6.0, and RCP8.5 respectively. Towards the mid of century, all three RCPs in climate simulation agrees that the whole region will experience an increase of rainfall ranging from 1.58 to 102.53 inches/day (0.50% to 18.67%) during the January period, and between 6.48 to 118.04 inches/day (0.05% to 13.88%) for July.

At the end of the century, the simulation of RCP4.5 and RCP6.0 agreed that this region will experience a higher rate of precipitation with a projected increment of 89.10 and 49.57 inches/day (15.78%-96.84%) for January, while 96.93 and 123.39 inches/day (11.00% to 14.50%) during July of 2100. Though, under RCP8.5 the projected total precipitation increases by 58.26 inches/day (10.61%) during January but decrement by 81.94 inches/day (-0.64%) during July of 2100. The projected precipitation change under the RCPs is not parallel with the surface temperature increment in this study and might be caused by the unresolved parametrization, boundary condition, and complex topographic of SEA region as after-mentioned.

Under RCP4.5 climate simulation, 40% of the study domain will experience temperature increment higher than 1.5°C towards the mid of century especially in January while the projected changes are less significant during July. Coming toward the end of the century, 60% of the domain experienced temperature increments higher than 2.0°C in January and 30% in July. Most of the temperature changes are pronounced over the MSEA region of Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos with a temperature change of 2.86°C to 4.71°C, and -5.19°C to 2.61°C for mid and end of a

century respectively. This temperature change brings a shift in precipitation from 0.62% to 168.62% in MSEA and -0.36% to 31.85% over the insular region over the mid of century. At the end of the century, the MSEA region is expected to have a lower surface temperature but more frequent flood with projected precipitation changes of 7.06% to 447.12%, and between 18.79% to 224.75% over the insular region.

There is a significant temperature increment under RCP6.0 with over 70% of the SEA region will experience 1.5°C temperature increment during January 60% in July of mid-century. While 80% of the region will experience over 2.0°C temperature increment for both periods toward the end of the century. Despite the noticeable change in surface temperature, the projected total precipitation over the mid-century - 0.99% to 90.44% during January and, between 7.05% to 72.23% during July. While at the end of the century, the projected total precipitation is between -5.13% to 51.77% during January and, between 8.22% to 35.17% during July. The most vulnerable region under this scenario is Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines with recorded surface temperature change of 3.04°C to 12.69°C and total precipitation change of 78.23 inches/day to 203.58 inches/day.

Under RCP8.5 climate simulation, 50% of the study domain will experience temperature increment higher than 1.5°C towards the mid of century, especially in January 30% during July. Coming toward the end of the century, less than 30% of the domain experienced temperature increments higher than 2.0°C in January and less than 20% in July. Most of the total precipitation changes are pronounced in the insular region with 15.74% to 40.41% precipitation increment during January, and 3.66% to 9.18% in July of mid and end of a century respectively. Despite a less significant warming trend compared to RCP6.0, Thailand and Cambodia still recorded the highest temperature increment of 4.18°C and 3.25°C while Indonesia and the Philippines recorded higher total precipitation increment of 26.49 inches/day and 30.87 inches/day.

#### **4.2 Biomass Emission Inventory of SEA**

Biomass burning as open or partly open burning of organic compounds is a common practice in the SEA region which is used to boost agricultural production. BB has been receiving increasing attention over the decades due to the associated global, regional, and local impacts on air quality, public health, and climate. Extensive fire activity in Southeast Asia (SEA) is claimed as one of the major sources of global BB emissions and the available emission inventories were too general to represent the BB emission in this region. Hence, this study was to develop emission inventories from biomass burning based on land cover types in SEA during the ENSO-neutral year of 2013. Remote sensing data and Geographical Information System (GIS) techniques were the primary tools in this study and employed MODIS products of MCD64A1 and MCD12Q1 to access as well evaluate the land cover distribution and total burnt area.

This research comprised of monthly BB temporal distribution with a spatial resolution spaced at 500m x 500m. The mainland cover types in MSEA are evergreen forests and croplands, and the total burned area in 2013 was 77332.18 km<sup>2</sup>, mainly contributed by savannas and croplands. While in Indonesia and Malaysia, the mainland covers are open forest/oil palm. Wetland, grassland, and shrublands. Borneo Island was mainly covered with broadleaf forest followed by open forest/oil palm which consists of up to 71.3% and 23% of total land cover as presented. The central part of Borneo, where large areas were unexplored and thus covered with thick and dense forested areas. While in Kalimantan, the finding showed that the broadleaf forest had the greatest coverage area, which accounted for 371055.75 km<sup>2</sup> from the total area.

Over 71091.11 km<sup>2</sup> area is burnt in 2013 with Myanmar set the largest burnt area consist of 27103.04 km<sup>2</sup> and followed by 23562.69 km<sup>2</sup>. The combined of these regions exceeded half of the total burnt area over the SEA region, while the least burnt area found in Malaysia recorded 70.62 km<sup>2</sup> of total burnt area. Nevertheless, the highest land cover burnt during 2013 is Savannas in Cambodia, Shrublands in Laos, Deciduous in Myanmar, Croplands in Thailand and Vietnam, Broadleaf in Malaysia, and Wetland in Indonesia (which comprised of 53.44%, 38.76%, 23.49%, 48.83% and 78.68%, 45.56% and 53.43% from their total burnt area respectively).

Upon investigation, the total BB annual emission over this region, as much as 64391.02 Gg/yr of dry BB compound burnt and release into the atmosphere. From that, over 90% are released from BB activity detected in the MSEA region, thus the contribution of BB from Malaysia and Indonesia is less significant over this year. In MSEA, most of BB activity is pronounced during January to April with dry BB (with total emission ranging from 21.62% - 36.78% from the total emission). In addition, it is estimated that over 103,913.49 Gg of CO<sub>2</sub> and 6,538.29 Gg of CO are released to the atmosphere over the same period, which comprised 97% and 98% of the total emission.

This study rules out that most of the CO<sub>2</sub> and CO emissions which arise from BB activity have largely happened over Myanmar which contributed more than half of the gaseous pollutant, and it is also observed that most of the BB happened in deciduous and mixed forests. Whereas in Malaysia and Indonesia, the estimated CO<sub>2</sub> and CO that release into the atmosphere are only 5201.98 and 254.38 Gg of (less than 5% from the overall pollutant emission) and mostly contributed by evergreen forest and shrublands. This carries the expectation that BB in Indonesia are not primarily causing the regional transboundary pollution over the whole region of SEA, yet BB activity in MSEA has caused more air pollution issue.

### **4.3 Biogenic Emission Projection over SEA**

MEGAN model is used to investigate the net emission of isoprene emission from terrestrial of SEA region. The input data of climate data and land cover data used in this study are obtained from WRF Model using the same climate scenarios and time slice. While the global land cover data used in this

study is adopted from the study of Ooi, *et al.*, (2020). The projected isoprene emissions under RCP45 in January are found at 8.08 tons/hr in 2013, 8.29 tons/hr in 2030, 8.65 tons/hr in 2050, 8.69 tons/hr in 2070, and 9.46 tons/hr in 2100, respectively. Whereas in July period, projected isoprene emissions are 7.56 tons/hr in 2013, 7.72 tons/hr in 2030, 8.21 tons/hr in 2050, 7.94 tons/hr in 2070 and 8.57 tons/hr in 2100, respectively.

Indonesia recorded the highest isoprene emissions, reaching up from 8.29 to 8.95 tons/hr in January of mid and at the end of the century. This is followed by Malaysia at 7.13 to 7.93 tons/hr. Furthermore, as Malaysia and Indonesia are the main oil palm producers in SEA it was expected that isoprene emissions over this region are much more apparent than the rest. Indeed, as mentioned in Section 3.3, oil palm tree emits isoprene at a rate of five-time greater than the average rainforest tree. Therefore, this study rules out that both Malaysia and Indonesia are the main sources of biogenic partly caused by the large landcover conversion to palm oil plantations over the respective region.

Under RCP6.0, the projected isoprene emission in January is higher than RCP4.5 with 8.37 tons/hr in 2013, 8.65 tons/hr in 2030, 8.59 tons/hr in 2050, 8.92 tons/hr in 2070, and 10.48 tons/hr in 2100. While in July period, the projected isoprene emissions are 7.80 tons/hr in 2013, 7.74 tons/hr in 2030, 8.00 tons/hr in 2050, 8.63 tons/hr in 2070, and 9.28 tons/hr in 2100. However, under this RCP6.0 scenario, Indonesia was recorded as the highest isoprene emitter reaching up to 9.41 and 9.72 tons/hr during the mid and end of the century. Whereas in Malaysia, the projected emissions under this RCP6.0 are lower during the mid-century but higher at the end of the century from what has been observed under RCP4.5 with 7.11 and 8.37 tons/hr respectively.

The highest projected emission of isoprene was found in the RCP8.5 scenario with the value of 7.86 tons/hr, 8.27 tons/hr, 8.82 tons/hr, 11.24 tons/hr, and 12.41 tons/hr for the January period of 2013, 2030, 2050, 2070 and 2100 respectively. In July, the projected isoprene emissions are comparatively lower with 7.80 tons/hr, 7.87 tons/hr, 8.34 tons/hr, 9.05 tons/h,r, and 10.15 tons/hr following the same year respectively. Similarly, under this RCP, both Indonesia and Malaysia are the main source of isoprene emission, with estimated emissions of 8.66 – 17.92 tons/hr and 6.38 – 11.87 tons/hr during mid and end of a century respectively.

Thus, this study highlighted that most of the increment of isoprene emission was observed in January though the overall surface temperature for this region is lower than in July. However, the findings are parallel to the climate simulation as much of the temperature changes observed in the January period rather than July. Therefore, it carries the expectation that the higher the rate of temperature change, the higher the biogenic change. And detailed investigation of temperature and isoprene over the Malaysia and Indonesia region also suggests that there is indeed a correlation between temperature and isoprene changes over this region with a coefficient value ranging between 0.2 to 0.8.

Nonetheless, not all RCPs showed a high correlation between temperature and isoprene emission, thus leaving an impression that temperature indeed strongly can modulated biogenic emission but is not always prominent. The future fate of isoprene emission over the SEA region can be largely modulated by changing climate and land cover distribution. Yet, this cannot rule out the overall estimation of biogenic emission as other factors including soil moisture, humidity, and solar radiation are included upon this investigation.

#### **4.4 Air Quality Projection**

The regional climate simulations only cover the Malaysia region and were performed for the future three-time slice of 2013 (baseline), 2050 (mid-century), and 2100 (end of the century), which also focused on January and July by the application of WRF regional climate modelling. However, the investigation only covers two climate scenarios which are RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 respectively. The projected surface O<sub>3</sub> during the baseline period 50.5 and 52.7 ppb under RCP8.5 of January and July respectively. While under RCP4.5, the projected surface O<sub>3</sub> is 46.2 and 54.0 ppb following the same period. This simulation was higher than the observed value with 28.0% - 38.3% NMB under RCP8.5 and from 38.0% -41.6% NMB under RCP4.5 for January and July respectively. The overall Fa2 was between 1.2 and 1.3 which indicates an overestimation of simulation.

The overestimation of O<sub>3</sub> is caused by the high underestimation of O<sub>3</sub> precursor in the model chemistry. Similar overestimations of other primary emitted species of NO<sub>x</sub> and CO have been seen in this study. This is due to the model's tendency to underestimate overnight mixing in urban areas which is caused by unresolved PBL heights during WRF simulation resulting in an overestimation of pollutants near the surface and high CMAQ model biases. Diurnal changes in O<sub>3</sub> precursor with the presence of photochemical activity and PBL height control are significant because they always take part in the generation and emission of these precursors. However, this investigation cannot rule out either the insufficient mixing in the mode solely responsible for the overall estimation.

### **5 Future Direction**

This project has provided a great opportunity for future research. In fact, this project has a lot more to accomplished, which has not been explored in detail during the duration of this project. During the final research workshop and meeting, research team members have suggested a few points, which may shape the future direction of this research and regional collaboration. These includes:

- a) Future collaboration in research to be continued especially related to climate change vulnerability and adaptation, climate impacts, regional emissions inventory (anthropogenic emissions)

- b) Co-funding/grant matching to fund research in the region
- c) Organising conference/Seminar together
- d) Publication of research outputs (articles publications
- e) Staff/students ex-change among institutions
- f) Visiting scholar programme among institutions

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## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX 3.1 PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE IN SEA

#### Appendix 3.1.1A: Projected surface temperature (°C) over SEA region under RCP4.5

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	16.24	16.32	17.12	12.46	11.05
<b>Thailand</b>	22.07	26.27	26.68	14.93	17.58
<b>Cambodia</b>	28.24	32.12	32.95	25.17	30.85
<b>Laos</b>	22.82	26.83	25.68	13.60	17.68
<b>Vietnam</b>	22.70	25.54	23.68	15.36	19.86
<b>Malaysia</b>	27.51	28.55	28.63	28.48	28.69
<b>Indonesia</b>	28.10	28.46	28.76	28.99	29.26
<b>Philippines</b>	26.35	27.80	27.73	27.26	27.65

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	23.82	24.49	23.58	24.05	24.41
<b>Thailand</b>	26.82	29.43	27.14	28.36	29.64
<b>Cambodia</b>	31.08	30.81	31.31	33.74	33.82
<b>Laos</b>	29.01	31.54	29.18	31.69	30.98
<b>Vietnam</b>	30.26	31.95	29.98	32.50	30.44
<b>Malaysia</b>	29.06	29.23	29.47	29.70	29.82
<b>Indonesia</b>	27.36	28.19	28.38	28.79	29.00
<b>Philippines</b>	28.45	28.61	29.39	28.80	29.20

**Appendix 3.1.1B: Projected surface temperature (°C) over SEA region under RCP6.0**

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	11.72	13.45	17.16	18.05	15.61
<b>Thailand</b>	14.60	21.50	26.87	24.73	23.87
<b>Cambodia</b>	22.54	30.28	32.98	29.80	32.71
<b>Laos</b>	14.64	22.41	27.33	23.93	25.55
<b>Vietnam</b>	16.66	23.02	25.53	23.51	25.92
<b>Malaysia</b>	27.37	28.28	28.84	28.55	29.47
<b>Indonesia</b>	28.21	28.49	29.14	29.01	29.64
<b>Philippines</b>	26.06	27.12	27.66	27.62	28.07

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	21.41	25.43	25.77	24.20	24.02
<b>Thailand</b>	25.96	30.18	28.99	25.34	25.45
<b>Cambodia</b>	29.79	30.81	31.17	32.44	31.73
<b>Laos</b>	26.98	31.81	29.67	26.64	27.80
<b>Vietnam</b>	27.83	31.64	30.13	28.99	30.25
<b>Malaysia</b>	28.76	29.53	29.58	29.99	31.50
<b>Indonesia</b>	27.46	28.50	28.62	29.09	29.94
<b>Philippines</b>	27.65	28.95	29.09	29.26	30.63

**Appendix 3.1.1C: Projected surface temperature (°C) over SEA region under RCP8.5**

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	15.27	15.21	15.04	18.01	15.49
<b>Thailand</b>	21.28	21.83	25.46	27.50	21.29
<b>Cambodia</b>	28.27	27.67	31.52	33.08	28.41
<b>Laos</b>	21.86	21.50	27.60	29.19	22.30
<b>Vietnam</b>	22.87	21.46	27.16	29.14	22.43
<b>Malaysia</b>	27.97	28.27	28.23	29.26	29.61
<b>Indonesia</b>	28.09	28.69	28.66	29.66	30.54
<b>Philippines</b>	27.73	27.30	27.65	28.78	29.71

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	24.65	25.77	24.52	25.83	26.93
<b>Thailand</b>	28.90	28.50	25.40	30.68	30.88
<b>Cambodia</b>	32.28	31.08	31.33	34.74	32.48
<b>Laos</b>	30.97	30.24	27.65	33.27	32.00
<b>Vietnam</b>	31.36	30.25	29.21	33.08	32.70
<b>Malaysia</b>	29.72	29.46	30.67	30.27	31.47
<b>Indonesia</b>	28.65	28.71	29.24	29.27	29.86
<b>Philippines</b>	29.01	28.50	29.39	30.21	30.83

**Appendix 3.1.1D: Projected total precipitation (icnhes/day) over SEA region under RCP4.5**

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	0.21	0.63	0.73	0.06	10.32
<b>Thailand</b>	0.10	0.22	3.63	0.01	8.86
<b>Cambodia</b>	0.00	0.75	0.09	0.01	5.25
<b>Laos</b>	0.02	0.26	2.71	0.00	7.17
<b>Vietnam</b>	0.01	1.28	1.44	0.00	8.09
<b>Malaysia</b>	0.27	164.95	8.71	8.17	69.32
<b>Indonesia</b>	1.93	205.74	13.44	18.68	160.47
<b>Philippines</b>	1.44	59.17	0.91	2.03	66.31

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	18.86	8.34	30.60	207.88	196.61
<b>Thailand</b>	11.92	13.46	22.83	180.13	96.17
<b>Cambodia</b>	10.74	21.72	31.47	194.67	145.69
<b>Laos</b>	6.32	16.92	20.72	176.25	86.09
<b>Vietnam</b>	6.73	10.63	24.46	147.66	110.97
<b>Malaysia</b>	1.92	5.43	13.95	81.18	103.32
<b>Indonesia</b>	0.30	3.06	7.22	27.64	30.54
<b>Philippines</b>	11.57	1.81	17.99	251.80	229.18

**Appendix 3.1.1E: Projected total precipitation (icnhes/day) over SEA region under RCP6.0**

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	0.09	8.75	0.82	0.00	4.75
<b>Thailand</b>	0.00	8.75	0.01	0.00	8.10
<b>Cambodia</b>	0.00	0.16	0.02	0.03	0.50
<b>Laos</b>	0.00	5.57	0.01	0.00	5.75
<b>Vietnam</b>	0.00	2.19	0.02	0.07	3.08
<b>Malaysia</b>	6.08	31.66	6.86	10.31	70.73
<b>Indonesia</b>	7.23	92.86	8.84	14.32	108.75
<b>Philippines</b>	1.51	41.19	1.70	6.59	27.58

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	7.04	174.47	197.37	231.34	205.04
<b>Thailand</b>	16.23	137.93	156.45	193.98	203.67
<b>Cambodia</b>	20.97	306.61	370.69	202.78	406.65
<b>Laos</b>	21.89	162.77	176.29	178.32	250.94
<b>Vietnam</b>	18.85	179.16	199.64	162.08	253.86
<b>Malaysia</b>	9.30	102.57	133.84	52.75	154.04
<b>Indonesia</b>	1.58	26.61	21.05	16.80	40.26
<b>Philippines</b>	23.53	194.91	229.77	185.74	217.15

**Appendix 3.1.1F: Projected total precipitation (icnhes/day) over SEA region under RCP8.5**

<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2100</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	0.29	0.53	2.70	0.66	3.15
<b>Thailand</b>	2.35	0.03	4.36	2.06	0.98
<b>Cambodia</b>	10.10	0.02	1.62	1.94	0.09
<b>Laos</b>	5.13	0.001	3.22	1.74	0.13
<b>Vietnam</b>	2.21	0.17	3.12	0.51	0.07
<b>Malaysia</b>	8.04	134.77	135.67	8.03	27.20
<b>Indonesia</b>	9.75	268.28	160.70	8.13	88.86
<b>Philippines</b>	3.35	77.75	106.84	2.68	33.95

<b>JULY</b>					
<b>Myanmar</b>	197.66	242.52	176.10	215.17	37.43
<b>Thailand</b>	160.19	221.66	204.97	160.34	58.20
<b>Cambodia</b>	299.60	208.40	342.36	319.03	108.50
<b>Laos</b>	187.78	242.31	264.77	198.03	75.92
<b>Vietnam</b>	125.56	265.33	269.10	180.97	70.29
<b>Malaysia</b>	138.14	61.82	180.12	130.79	36.14
<b>Indonesia</b>	19.96	26.72	27.61	48.34	3.77
<b>Philippines</b>	295.67	295.91	223.13	200.10	113.45

## APPENDIX 3.2. BIOMASS BURNING EMISSION IN SEA

### Appendix 3.2.1A Kappa Analysis of Accuracy Assessment for Land Cover of MSEA in 2013

Classes	Evergreen Forests	Deciduous Forests	Mixed Forests	Shrub lands	Savannas	Wet-lands	Crop-lands	Others	Total	User's Accuracy	Kappa
Evergreen Forests	115	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	118	0.98	0
Deciduous Forests	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	0
Mixed Forests	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	0
Shrublands	6	0	0	57	1	1	2	2	69	0.83	0
Savannas	0	0	0	8	50	1	7	5	71	0.70	0
Wetlands	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	10	0.90	0
Croplands	0	0	0	7	1	0	84	5	97	0.87	0
Others	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	5	10	0.5	0
<b>Total</b>	122	14	20	74	54	12	94	19	409	0	0
<b>Producer's Accuracy</b>	0.9	1	1	0.77	0.93	0.75	0.89	0.26	0	0.87	0
<b>Kappa</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8320

### Appendix 3.2.1B Kappa Analysis of Accuracy Assessment for Land Cover of Borneo in 2013

Classes	Broadleaf forest	Shrubland	Open forest/ oil palm	Grassland	Cropland	Wetland	Built-up	Others	Total	User's Accuracy	Kappa
Broadleaf Forest	147	4	4	0	0	1	0	2	158	0.93	0

<b>Shrubland</b>	0	18	0	0	2	0	0	0	20	0.90	0
<b>Open Forest/ Oil Palm</b>	7	1	34	2	0	0	2	0	46	0.74	0
<b>Grassland</b>	2	2	1	31	1	0	1	0	38	0.82	0
<b>Cropland</b>	0	0	0	3	15	0	2	2	20	0.75	0
<b>Wetland</b>	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	2	17	0.88	0
<b>Built-up</b>	1	1	3	1	0	1	24	0	31	0.77	0
<b>Others</b>	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	18	25	0.72	0
<b>Total</b>	160	26	43	38	20	17	27	24	355	0	0
<b>Producer's Accuracy</b>	0.92	0.69	0.79	0.82	0.75	0.88	0.89	0.75	0		0
<b>Kappa</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8012

## APPENDIX 3.2.2 TOTAL BURNED AREA

### Appendix 3.2.2A Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of Cambodia in 2013

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	1199.6338	2154.7823
<b>Deciduous</b>	4610.2765	8280.9786
<b>Mixed</b>	1736.6268	3119.3291
<b>Shrublands</b>	1755.2295	1541.9059
<b>Savannas</b>	12592.3093	1601.4458
<b>Wetlands</b>	16.7001	5.511
<b>Croplands</b>	1651.923	59.4692
<b>Total</b>	23562.699	16763.4219

### Appendix 3.2.2B Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of Laos in 2013

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	2654.0988	4767.2922
<b>Deciduous</b>	209.9428	377.0993
<b>Mixed</b>	182.3568	327.5492
<b>Shrublands</b>	2823.3835	2480.2407
<b>Savannas</b>	1356.7184	172.5427
<b>Wetlands</b>	4.0001	1.32
<b>Croplands</b>	52.8435	1.9024
<b>Total</b>	7283.3439	8127.9465

**Appendix 3.2.2C Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of Myanmar in 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	2914.5756	5235.1608
<b>Deciduous</b>	6367.9944	11438.1915
<b>Mixed</b>	6057.9752	10881.3351
<b>Shrublands</b>	5385.0240	4730.5497
<b>Savannas</b>	3763.1883	478.5891
<b>Wetlands</b>	21.2373	7.0083
<b>Croplands</b>	2593.0503	93.3498
<b>Total</b>	27103.0451	32864.1843

**Appendix 3.2.2D Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of Thailand in 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	572.4203	1028.1813
<b>Deciduous</b>	1120.438	2012.5307
<b>Mixed</b>	162.5476	291.9681
<b>Shrublands</b>	1293.6092	1136.3891
<b>Savannas</b>	1868.1799	237.5886
<b>Wetlands</b>	10.1186	3.3391
<b>Croplands</b>	4798.84	172.7582
<b>Total</b>	9826.1536	4882.7551

**Appendix 3.2.2E Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of Vietnam in 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	340.5259	611.6527
<b>Deciduous</b>	204.081	366.5703
<b>Mixed</b>	6.2854	11.2898
<b>Shrublands</b>	389.3369	342.0185
<b>Savannas</b>	1078.6436	137.1781
<b>Wetlands</b>	17.019	5.6163
<b>Croplands</b>	7515.6802	270.5645
<b>Total</b>	9551.572	1744.8902

**Appendix 3.2.2F Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of South ASEAN in 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>		<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	
<b>Broadleaf Forest</b>	32.18	340.5259	618.5215
<b>Open Forest/ Oil Palm</b>	28.04	204.081	79.78163
<b>Grassland</b>	9.12	6.2854	3.55458
<b>Cropland</b>	-	389.3369	0.00048
<b>Wetland</b>	1.28	1078.6436	1.0758
<b>Total</b>	70.62	17.019	702.934

### APPENDIX 3.2.3 TEMPORAL BB EMISSION BY LAND COVER

#### Appendix 3.2.3A Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in January 2013

Land Cover Type	Total Burned Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)
Evergreen	270.5708	485.9994
Deciduous	3647.1368	6550.9871
Mixed	901.0622	1618.4881
Shrublands	682.2834	599.3614
Savannas	7977.9091	1014.6026
Wetlands	1.3616	0.4493
Croplands	1971.6506	70.9794
<b>Total</b>	<b>15451.9745</b>	<b>10340.8673</b>

#### Appendix 3.2.3B Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in February 2013

Land Cover Type	Total Burned Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)
Evergreen	933.4247	1676.6175
Deciduous	5374.2776	9653.2774
Mixed	2491.5582	4475.3369
Shrublands	1948.8673	1712.0097
Savannas	6204.1852	789.0266
Wetlands	9.2814	3.0629
Croplands	6723.733404	242.0544
<b>Total</b>	<b>23685.3278</b>	<b>18551.3854</b>

#### Appendix 3.2.3C Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in March 2013

Land Cover Type	Total Burned Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)
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<b>Evergreen</b>	1535.5698	2758.1905
<b>Deciduous</b>	2696.5524	4843.5474
<b>Mixed</b>	3258.3523	5852.6525
<b>Shrublands</b>	4212.7154	3700.7189
<b>Savannas</b>	4105.7128	522.1502
<b>Wetlands</b>	23.6151	7.7930
<b>Croplands</b>	4740.2235	170.6480
<b>Total</b>	20572.7413	17855.7005

**Appendix 3.2.3D Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in April 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	4631.9942	8319.9881
<b>Deciduous</b>	714.9365	1284.1690
<b>Mixed</b>	1483.4228	2664.5241
<b>Shrublands</b>	4656.4894	4090.5583
<b>Savannas</b>	1460.358	185.7232
<b>Wetlands</b>	22.0446	7.2747
<b>Croplands</b>	952.3511	34.2846
<b>Total</b>	13921.5966	16586.5220

**Appendix 3.2.3E Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in May 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	233.3057	419.0637
<b>Deciduous</b>	4.4124	7.9255

<b>Mixed</b>	1.5192	2.7289
<b>Shrublands</b>	72.8095	63.9605
<b>Savannas</b>	47.1616	5.9979
<b>Wetlands</b>	5.9016	1.9475
<b>Croplands</b>	213.6284	7.6906
<b>Total</b>	578.7384	509.3146

**Appendix 3.2.3F Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in June 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	11.2844	20.2690
<b>Deciduous</b>	0.008374	0.01504
<b>Mixed</b>	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	5.7707	5.0694
<b>Savannas</b>	11.3601	1.4447
<b>Wetlands</b>	2.0699	0.6831
<b>Croplands</b>	109.0348	3.9253
<b>Total</b>	139.5283	31.4065

**Appendix 3.2.3G Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in July 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	7.2190	12.9668
<b>Deciduous</b>	0	0
<b>Mixed</b>	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	1.3760	1.2087
<b>Savannas</b>	4.5840	0.5830
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.3347	0.1104
<b>Croplands</b>	166.8189	6.0055
<b>Total</b>	180.3326	20.8744

**Appendix 3.2.3H Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in August 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	10.0904	18.1244
<b>Deciduous</b>	0.1498	0.2691
<b>Mixed</b>	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	11.8631	10.4213
<b>Savannas</b>	15.6180	1.9862
<b>Wetlands</b>	1.4212	0.4690
<b>Croplands</b>	129.4240	4.6593
<b>Total</b>	168.5665	35.9293

**Appendix 3.2.3I Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in September 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	0	0
<b>Deciduous</b>	0	0
<b>Mixed</b>	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	0.2791	0.2452
<b>Savannas</b>	3.0894	0.3929
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.7910	0.2610
<b>Croplands</b>	17.2151	0.6197
<b>Total</b>	21.3746	1.5188

**Appendix 3.2.3J Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in October 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	10.09	18.1236
<b>Deciduous</b>	0.03	0.05398
<b>Mixed</b>	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	0.2791	0.2452
<b>Savannas</b>	46.2526	5.8822
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.9755	0.3219
<b>Croplands</b>	202.4854	7.2895
<b>Total</b>	260.1126	31.91638

**Appendix 3.2.3K Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in November 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	18.3342	32.9320
<b>Deciduous</b>	9.0554	16.2652
<b>Mixed</b>	1.1296	2.0290
<b>Shrublands</b>	5.1337	4.5097

<b>Savannas</b>	115.7293	14.7180
<b>Wetlands</b>	1.1315	0.3734
<b>Croplands</b>	577.4329	20.7876
<b>Total</b>	727.9466	91.6149

**Appendix 3.2.3L Amount of Dry Biomass Burned of MSEA in December 2013**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>Total Burned Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Dry Biomass Burned (Gg/year)</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	20.1168	36.1339
<b>Deciduous</b>	67.2771	120.8431
<b>Mixed</b>	9.9104	17.8011
<b>Shrublands</b>	35.9808	31.6078
<b>Savannas</b>	667.7556	84.9228
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.8436	0.2784
<b>Croplands</b>	808.3583	29.1009
<b>Total</b>	1610.2426	320.6880

**APPENDIX 3.2.4 TEMPORAL BB EMISSION SPECIES**

**Appendix 3.2.4A: Typical Pollutant Emission of January 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	270.57	486.0	798.50	44.71	2.48	1.26	0.37	0.22	6.22	4.96	0.24
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	10678.11	668.20	32.76	8.52	9.83	6.55	83.85	80.58	3.93	60.27	72.06
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	2638.13	165.09	8.092	2.10	2.43	1.62	20.72	19.91	0.97	14.89	22.66
<b>Shrublands</b>	1028.50	40.76	1.56	2.34	0.72	0.41	5.09	4.73	0.30	3.96	2.88
<b>Savannas</b>	1741.06	59.86	1.52	2.84	0.51	0.69	10.04	6.39	0.41	2.64	9.44
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.79	95.37	1.52	2.13	0.61	0.81	12.68	11.36	0.53	6.39	6.90
<b>Croplands</b>	96.07	5.40	0.20	0.21	0.10	0.028	0.45	0.35	0.045	0.14	0.70
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	16453.23	1520.68	844.152	62.85	16.68	11.37	133.20	123.54	12.41	93.25	114.88

**Appendix 3.2.4B: Typical Pollutant Emission of February 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	2754.68	154.25	8.55	4.36	1.27	0.75	21.46	17.10	0.84	7.88	40.24
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	15734.84	984.63	48.27	12.55	14.48	9.65	123.56	118.74	5.79	88.81	106.19
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	7294.80	456.48	22.38	5.82	6.71	4.48	57.28	55.05	2.69	41.17	62.66
<b>Shrublands</b>	2937.81	116.42	4.45	6.68	2.05	1.16	14.55	13.52	0.86	11.30	8.22
<b>Savannas</b>	1353.97	46.55	1.18	2.21	0.39	0.54	7.81	4.97	0.32	2.05	7.34
<b>Wetlands</b>	5.41	74.17	1.18	1.66	0.47	0.63	9.86	8.84	0.41	4.97	5.37
<b>Croplands</b>	327.62	18.42	0.68	0.70	0.34	0.10	1.52	1.21	0.15	0.48	2.37
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	30409.13	1850.92	86.69	33.98	25.71	17.31	236.04	219.43	11.06	156.66	232.39

**Appendix 3.2.4C: Typical Pollutant Emission of March 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	4531.71	253.75	14.07	7.17	2.10	1.24	35.30	28.13	1.38	12.96	66.20

<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	7894.98	494.04	24.22	6.30	7.27	4.84	62.00	59.58	2.91	44.56	53.28
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	9539.82	596.97	29.26	7.61	8.78	5.85	74.91	71.99	3.51	53.84	81.94
<b>Shrublands</b>	6350.43	251.65	9.62	14.43	4.44	2.52	31.46	29.26	1.85	24.42	17.76
<b>Savannas</b>	896.01	30.81	0.78	1.46	0.26	0.356	5.17	3.29	0.21	1.36	4.86
<b>Wetlands</b>	13.76	49.08	0.78	1.10	0.31	0.42	6.53	5.85	0.27	3.29	3.55
<b>Croplands</b>	230.97	12.99	0.48	0.49	0.24	0.068	1.08	0.85	0.11	0.34	1.67
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	29457.68	1689.29	79.21	38.56	23.4	15.30	216.45	198.95	10.24	140.77	229.26

**Appendix 3.2.4D: Typical Pollutant Emission of April 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	13669.74	765.44	42.43	21.63	6.32	3.74	106.50	84.86	4.16	39.10	199.68
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	2093.20	130.99	6.42	1.67	1.93	1.28	16.44	15.80	0.77	11.81	14.13
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	4343.17	271.78	13.32	3.46	4.00	2.66	34.11	32.77	1.60	24.51	37.30

<b>Shrublands</b>	7019.40	278.16	10.64	15.95	4.91	2.78	34.77	32.32	2.05	27.00	19.64
<b>Savannas</b>	318.70	10.96	0.28	0.52	0.093	0.13	1.84	1.17	0.074	0.48	1.73
<b>Wetlands</b>	12.84	17.46	0.28	0.39	0.11	0.15	2.32	2.08	0.097	1.17	1.26
<b>Croplands</b>	46.40	2.61	0.096	0.099	0.048	0.014	0.22	0.17	0.022	0.069	0.336
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	27503.45	1477.40	73.47	43.72	17.41	10.75	196.2	169.17	8.77	104.14	274.08

**Appendix 3.2.4E: Typical Pollutant Emission of May 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	688.52	38.55	2.14	1.09	0.32	0.19	5.36	4.27	0.21	1.97	10.06
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	12.92	0.81	0.040	0.010	0.012	0.0079	0.10	0.097	0.0048	0.073	0.087
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	4.45	0.28	0.014	0.0036	0.0041	0.0027	0.035	0.036	0.0016	0.025	0.038
<b>Shrublands</b>	109.76	4.35	0.17	0.25	0.077	0.043	0.54	0.51	0.032	0.42	0.31
<b>Savannas</b>	10.29	0.35	0.0090	0.017	0.0030	0.0041	0.059	0.038	0.0024	0.016	0.056

<b>Wetlands</b>	3.44	0.56	0.0088	0.013	0.0036	0.0048	0.075	0.067	0.0032	0.038	0.041
<b>Croplands</b>	10.41	0.59	0.022	0.022	0.011	0.0031	0.048	0.038	0.0048	0.015	0.075
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	839.79	45.49	2.40	1.41	0.43	0.26	6.22	5.06	0.26	2.56	10.67

**Appendix 3.2.4F: Typical Pollutant Emission of June 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	33.30	1.86	0.10	0.052	0.015	0.0091	0.26	0.21	0.010	0.095	0.49
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	0.0084	0.015	0.025	0.0015	0.000075	0.00002	0.000023	0.000015	0.00019	0.00019	0.0000090
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	8.70	0.34	0.013	0.020	0.0061	0.0034	0.04	0.040	0.0025	0.033	0.024
<b>Savannas</b>	2.48	0.085	0.0022	0.0040	0.00072	0.00098	0.014	0.0091	0.00058	0.0038	0.013
<b>Wetlands</b>	1.21	0.14	0.0022	0.0030	0.00087	0.0012	0.018	0.016	0.00075	0.0091	0.0098
<b>Croplands</b>	5.31	0.30	0.011	0.011	0.0055	0.0016	0.025	0.020	0.0025	0.0079	0.038

<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	51.01	2.74	0.15	0.092	0.028	0.016	0.36	0.30	0.017	0.15	0.57

**Appendix 3.2.4G: Typical Pollutant Emission of July 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	21.30	1.19	0.066	0.034	0.0099	0.0058	0.17	0.13	0.0065	0.061	0.31
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	2.07	0.082	0.0031	0.0047	0.0015	0.00082	0.010	0.0095	0.00060	0.0080	0.0058
<b>Savannas</b>	1.00	0.034	0.00087	0.0016	0.00029	0.00040	0.0058	0.0037	0.00023	0.0015	0.0054
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.19	0.055	0.00087	0.0012	0.00035	0.00047	0.0073	0.0065	0.00030	0.0037	0.0040
<b>Croplands</b>	8.13	0.46	0.017	0.017	0.0084	0.0024	0.038	0.030	0.0038	0.012	0.059
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	32.69	1.82	0.088	0.059	0.020	0.0099	0.23	0.18	0.011	0.086	0.38

**Appendix 3.2.4H: Typical Pollutant Emission of August 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	29.78	1.67	0.092	0.047	0.014	0.0082	0.23	0.18	0.0091	0.085	0.43
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	0.44	0.027	0.0013	0.00035	0.00040	0.00027	0.0034	0.0033	0.00016	0.0025	0.0030
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	17.88	0.71	0.027	0.041	0.013	0.0071	0.089	0.082	0.0052	0.069	0.050
<b>Savannas</b>	3.41	0.12	0.0030	0.0056	0.0010	0.0014	0.020	0.013	0.00079	0.0052	0.018
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.83	0.19	0.0030	0.0042	0.0012	0.0016	0.025	0.022	0.0010	0.013	0.014
<b>Croplands</b>	6.31	0.35	0.013	0.014	0.0065	0.0019	0.029	0.023	0.0029	0.0093	0.046
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	58.65	3.07	0.14	0.11	0.036	0.020	0.40	0.32	0.019	0.18	0.56

**Appendix 3.2.4I: Typical Pollutant Emission of September 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	0.42	0.017	0.00064	0.00096	0.00029	0.00017	0.0021	0.0019	0.00012	0.0016	0.0012
<b>Savannas</b>	0.67	0.023	0.00059	0.0011	0.00020	0.00027	0.0039	0.0025	0.00016	0.0010	0.0037
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.46	0.037	0.00059	0.00082	0.00024	0.00031	0.0049	0.0044	0.00020	0.0025	0.0027
<b>Croplands</b>	0.84	0.047	0.0017	0.0018	0.00087	0.00025	0.0039	0.0031	0.00039	0.0012	0.0061
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	2.39	0.12	0.0035	0.0047	0.0016	0.001	0.015	0.012	0.00087	0.0063	0.014

**Appendix 3.2.4J: Typical Pollutant Emission of October 2013 (Gg/year)**

<b>Land Cover Type</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>NMVOC</b>
<b>Evergreen Forests</b>	29.78	1.67	0.092	0.047	0.014	0.0082	0.23	0.18	0.0091	0.085	0.43
<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	0.088	0.0055	0.00027	0.000070	0.000080	0.000053	0.00069	0.00066	0.000032	0.00050	0.00059
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shrublands</b>	0.42	0.017	0.00064	0.00096	0.00029	0.00017	0.0021	0.0019	0.00012	0.0016	0.0012
<b>Savannas</b>	10.09	0.35	0.0088	0.016	0.0029	0.0040	0.058	0.037	0.0024	0.015	0.055
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.57	0.55	0.0088	0.012	0.0035	0.0047	0.074	0.066	0.0031	0.037	0.040
<b>Croplands</b>	9.87	0.55	0.020	0.021	0.010	0.0029	0.046	0.036	0.0046	0.015	0.071
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	50.82	3.14	0.13	0.097	0.031	0.020	0.41	0.32	0.019	0.15	0.60

**Appendix 3.2.4K: Typical Pollutant Emission of November 2013 (Gg/year)**

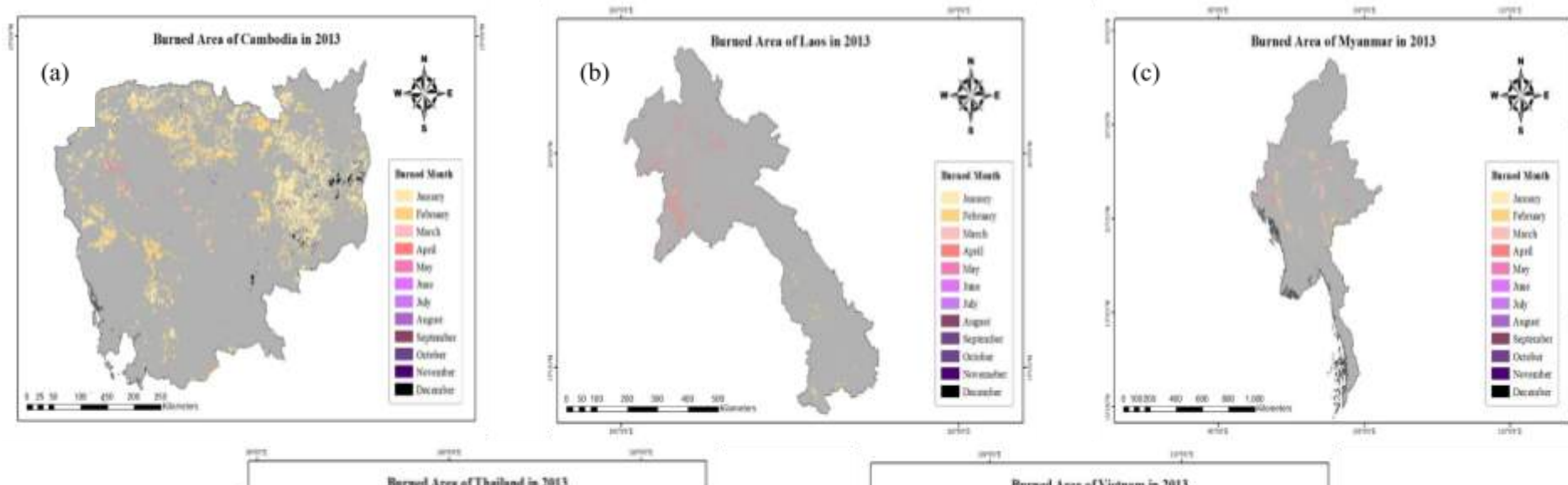
Land Cover Type	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	54.10	3.03	0.17	0.086	0.025	0.015	0.42	0.34	0.017	0.15	0.79
Deciduous Forests	26.51	1.66	0.081	0.021	0.024	0.016	0.21	0.20	0.0098	0.15	0.18
Mixed Forests	3.31	0.21	0.010	0.0026	0.0030	0.0020	0.026	0.025	0.0012	0.019	0.028
Shrublands	7.74	0.31	0.012	0.018	0.0054	0.0031	0.038	0.036	0.0023	0.030	0.022
Savannas	25.26	0.87	0.022	0.041	0.0074	0.010	0.15	0.093	0.0059	0.038	0.13
Wetlands	0.66	1.38	0.022	0.031	0.0088	0.012	0.18	0.16	0.0077	0.093	0.10
Croplands	28.14	1.58	0.058	0.060	0.029	0.0083	0.13	0.10	0.013	0.042	0.20
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	145.72	9.04	0.38	0.26	0.10	0.07	1.15	0.95	0.056	0.52	1.45

Appendix 3.2.4L: Typical Pollutant Emission of December 2013 (Gg/year)

Land Cover Type	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	OC	NMVOC
Evergreen Forests	59.37	3.32	0.18	0.094	0.027	0.016	0.46	0.37	0.018	0.17	0.87

<b>Deciduous Forests</b>	196.97	12.33	0.60	0.16	0.18	0.12	1.55	1.49	0.072	1.11	1.33
<b>Mixed Forests</b>	29.02	1.816	0.089	0.023	0.027	0.018	0.23	0.22	0.011	0.16	0.25
<b>Shrublands</b>	54.24	2.15	0.082	0.12	0.038	0.021	0.27	0.25	0.016	0.21	0.15
<b>Savannas</b>	145.73	5.01	0.13	0.24	0.042	0.058	0.84	0.54	0.034	0.22	0.79
<b>Wetlands</b>	0.49	7.98	0.13	0.18	0.051	0.068	1.06	0.95	0.044	0.54	0.58
<b>Croplands</b>	39.39	2.21	0.081	0.084	0.041	0.012	0.18	0.15	0.018	0.058	0.29
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	525.21	34.82	1.29	0.90	0.41	0.31	4.59	3.97	0.21	2.47	4.26

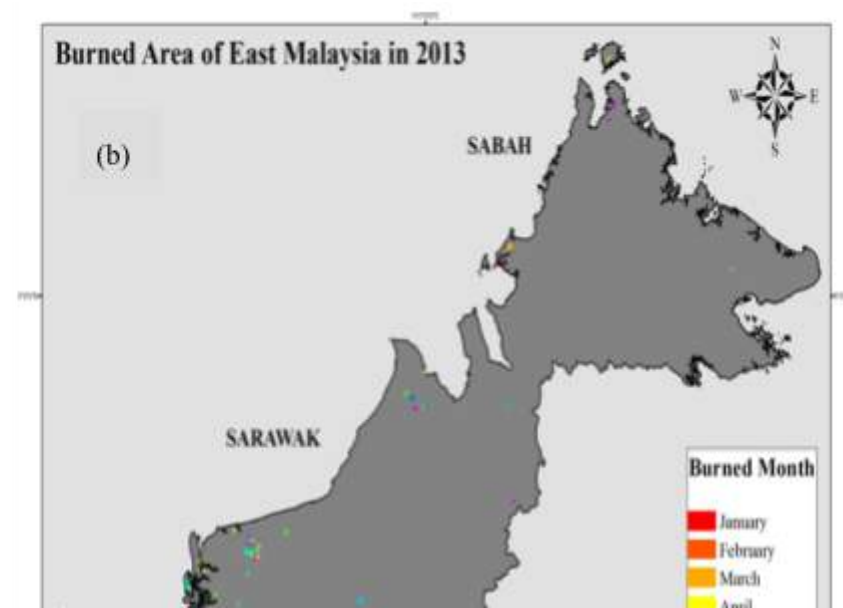
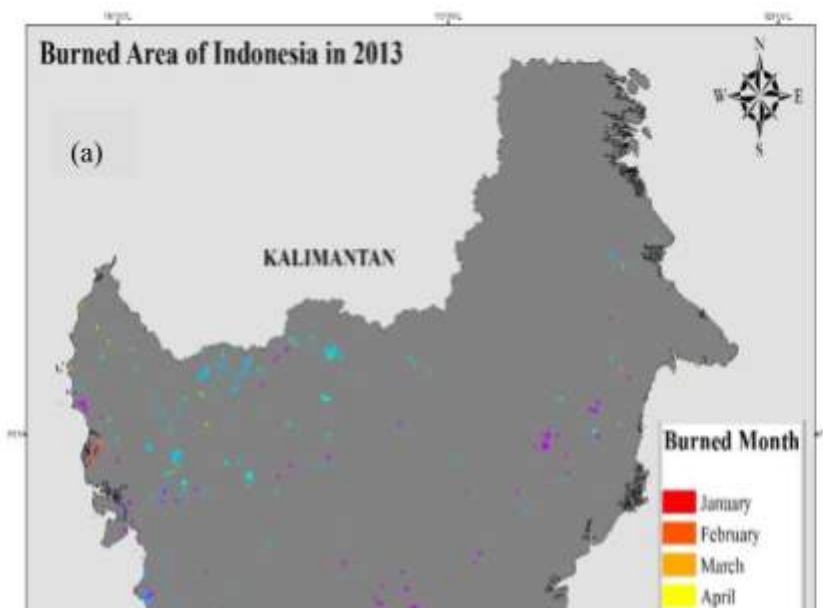
### APPENDIX 3.2.5 TEMPORAL VARIATION OF BURNED AREA



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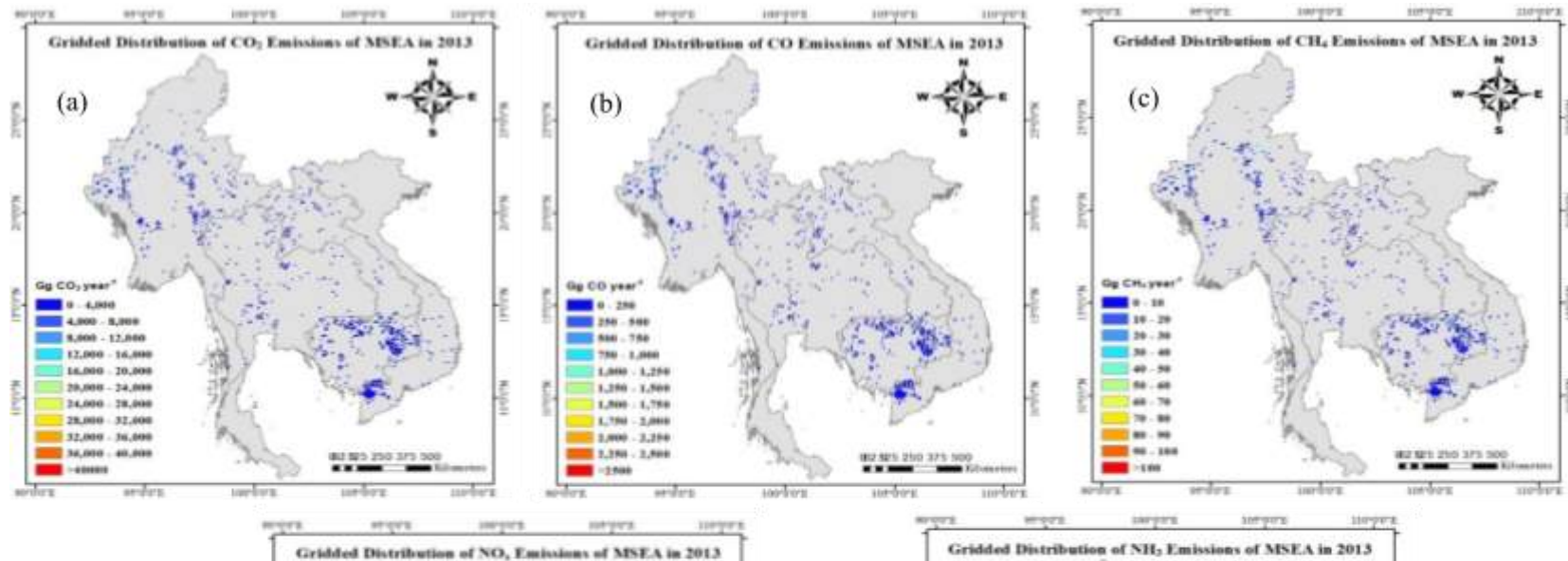
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**Appendix 3.2.5A:** Burned Area in MSEA for 2013; (a) Cambodia, (b) Laos, (c) Myanmar, (d) Thailand, (e) Vietnam

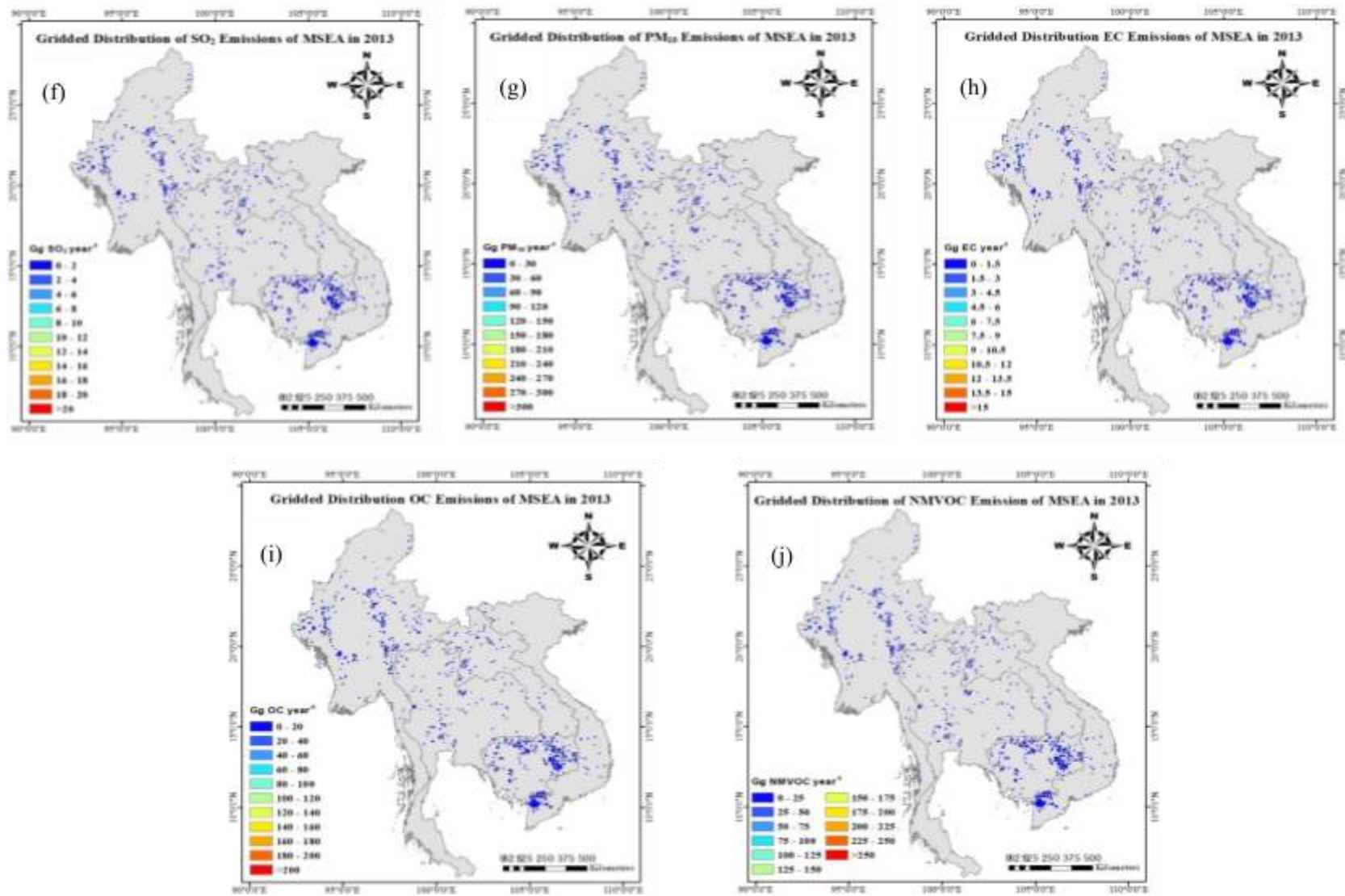


Appendix 3.2.5B: Burned Area in Borneo for 2013; (a) Kalimantan, (b) East Malaysia

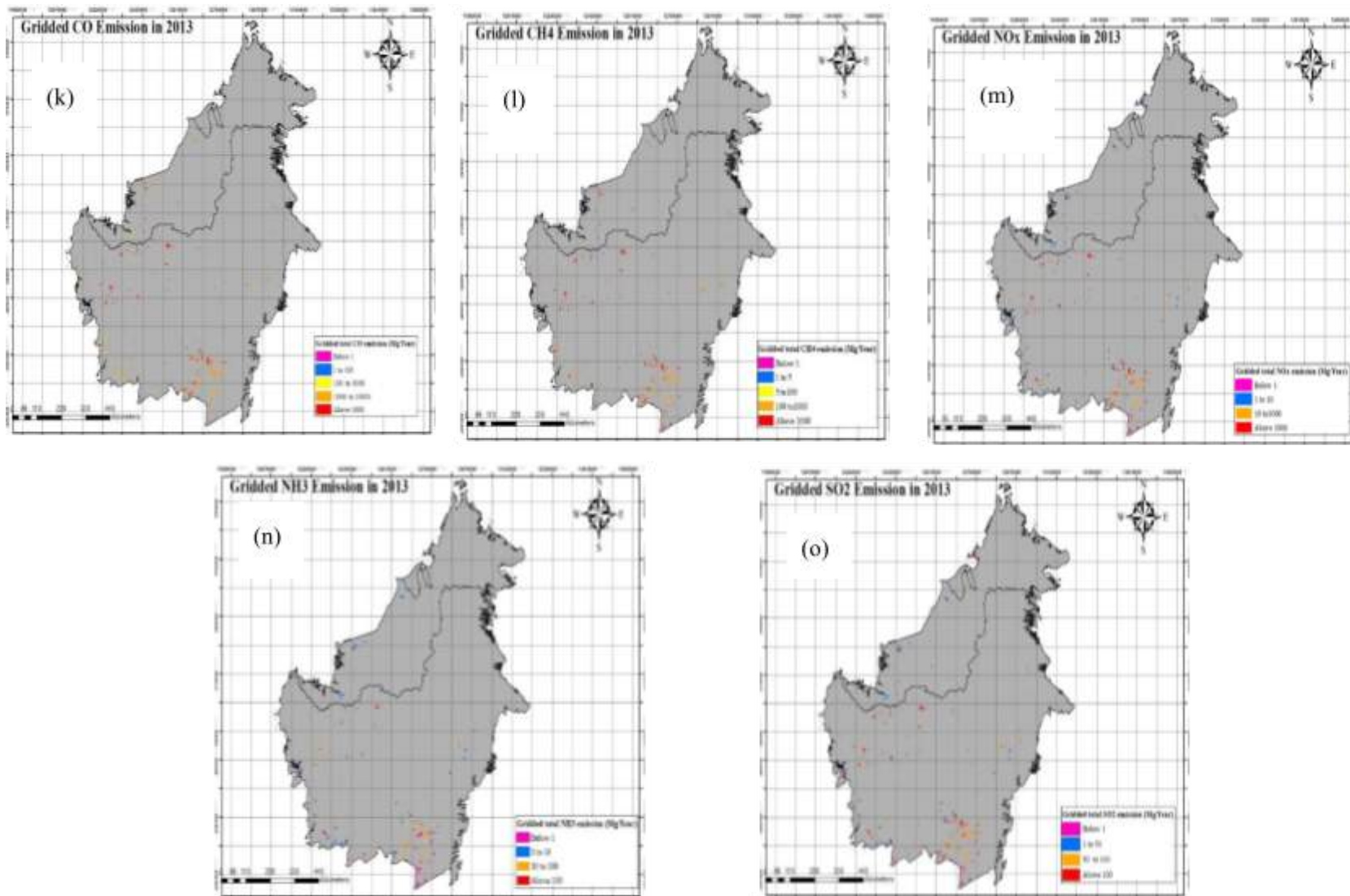
### APPENDIX 3.2.6 SPATIAL VARIATION OF BB EMISSION SPECIES



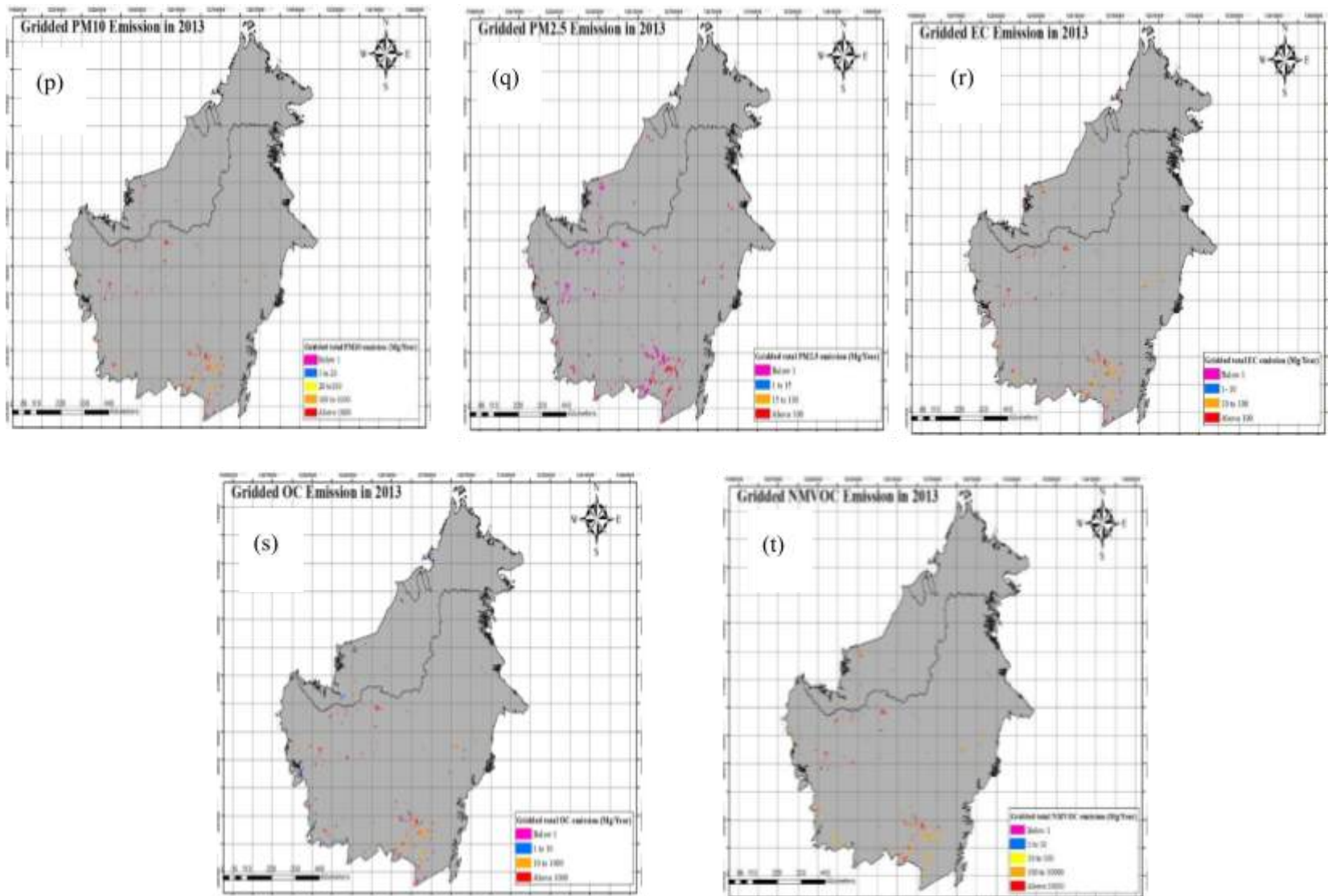
**Appendix 3.2.6A:** Gridded Distribution of Emissions source in MSEA for 2013; (a) CO<sub>2</sub>, (b) CO, (c) CH<sub>4</sub>, (d) NO<sub>x</sub>, (e) NH<sub>4</sub>



**Appendix 3.2.6B:** Gridded Distribution of Emissions source in MSEA for 2013; (f) SO<sub>2</sub>, (g) PM<sub>10</sub>, (h) EC, (i) OC, (j) NMVOC



**Appendix 3.2.6C:** Gridded Distribution of Emissions source in Borneo for 2013; (k) CO, (i) CH<sub>4</sub>, (m) NO<sub>x</sub>, (n) NH<sub>3</sub>, (o) SO<sub>2</sub>



**Appendix 3.2.6D:** Gridded Distribution of Emissions source in Borneo for 2013; (p) PM<sub>10</sub>, (q) PM<sub>2.5</sub>, (r) EC, (s) OC, (t) NMVOC

## APPENDIX 3.3 PROJECTED BIOGENIC EMISSION IN SEA

### Appendix 3.3.1A: Projected isoprene emission over SEA region under RCP4.5

Isoprene Emission (tons/hr)										
Year	2013		2030		2050		2070		2100	
Region	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
Myanmar	2.10	5.14	2.89	5.77	3.35	3.11	2.24	5.76	1.73	4.48
Thailand	3.92	5.97	5.90	6.70	6.57	5.86	4.40	7.11	5.77	7.18
Cambodia	3.92	5.97	5.43	5.48	5.47	4.10	3.25	7.11	4.31	6.55
Laos	3.04	4.63	4.29	6.70	5.01	6.23	2.10	8.39	3.32	5.49
Vietnam	3.04	5.97	4.29	7.01	5.06	6.23	2.69	8.39	4.31	6.70
Malaysia	7.33	8.50	7.93	7.00	7.54	7.14	7.13	8.14	6.82	8.50
Indonesia	8.51	6.96	8.33	7.28	8.29	7.38	8.08	7.64	8.95	7.30
Philippines	3.86	5.98	4.63	6.61	4.88	7.41	4.85	5.93	3.79	6.11

### Appendix 3.3.1B: Projected isoprene emission over SEA region under RCP6.0

Isoprene Emission (tons/hr)										
Year	2013		2030		2050		2070		2100	
Region	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
Myanmar	1.95	2.70	0.00	6.39	2.85	7.18	2.77	4.48	2.53	6.63
Thailand	3.77	5.65	0.22	5.69	6.31	6.39	6.02	6.94	5.53	7.87
Cambodia	3.53	4.39	0.33	4.89	5.19	6.39	5.22	6.21	5.53	7.14
Laos	2.66	4.06	0.23	5.40	5.19	5.14	3.47	5.91	4.81	5.50
Vietnam	2.67	4.31	0.34	5.40	5.19	6.39	3.88	5.93	4.97	5.50
Malaysia	6.22	6.52	4.11	8.23	7.11	6.87	6.04	7.28	8.37	10.77
Indonesia	9.13	6.52	15.86	7.34	9.41	7.38	8.61	8.33	9.72	9.74
Philippines	4.02	5.35	4.51	5.97	4.81	5.99	4.96	5.93	4.83	7.56

**Appendix 3.3.1C: Projected isoprene emission over SEA region under RCP8.5**

<b>Isoprene Emission (tons/hr)</b>										
<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>		<b>2030</b>		<b>2050</b>		<b>2070</b>		<b>2100</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jul</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	2.55	5.47	2.22	1.37	2.52	6.03	3.39	6.73	1.72	7.60
<b>Thailand</b>	3.76	5.59	4.35	3.13	5.66	7.05	7.17	7.22	4.52	8.95
<b>Cambodia</b>	3.46	5.59	4.04	3.13	4.96	7.03	6.00	8.40	3.37	7.05
<b>Laos</b>	1.98	5.27	2.15	3.48	3.94	5.82	5.18	8.95	2.98	5.87
<b>Vietnam</b>	3.03	5.82	2.95	3.48	4.42	7.03	5.52	8.79	3.02	7.05
<b>Malaysia</b>	6.86	7.74	7.06	8.48	6.38	9.10	7.83	9.16	8.83	11.87
<b>Indonesia</b>	7.76	7.86	8.59	7.65	8.66	7.79	10.70	8.28	15.35	17.92
<b>Philippines</b>	4.25	5.92	4.21	4.44	4.53	6.69	5.42	7.25	5.26	8.64

No.	Conferences/ Symposia/ Workshops	Agenda	Date/ Venue	Participants	Organisations
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## Glossary of Terms

### LIST OF UNITS

°	-	Degree
°C	-	Degree Celsius
cm	-	Centimetre
g kg <sup>-1</sup>	-	Gram per kilogram
K	-	Kelvin
km	-	Kilometre
km <sup>2</sup>	-	Kilometre square
m	-	Meter
m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup>	-	Meter square per meter square
m <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>	-	Meter cube per meter cube
mg	-	Milligram
mgC g <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	Milligram of carbon per gram square per hour
mgm <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	Milligram per meter square per hour
ms <sup>-1</sup>	-	Meter per second
Tg	-	Terragram
Tg yr <sup>-1</sup>	-	Terragram per year
TgC yr <sup>-1</sup>	-	Terragram of carbon per year
tons/hr	-	Tonnes per hour
µgC hr <sup>-1</sup>	-	Microgram of carbon per hour
µg g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	Microgram per gram per hour
µmol m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	-	Micromole per meter square per second
Wm <sup>-2</sup>	-	Watts per meter square

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	-	Percentage
>	-	Greater than
<	-	Lower than
<sup>2</sup>	-	Power of two, square
<sup>3</sup>	-	Power of three, cube
$\gamma_{CE}$	-	Variation due to Leaf Area Index (LAI) and light, temperature, humidity and wind conditions within the canopy environment
	-	Variation of LAI compared to standard conditions of 5 m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup>
$\gamma_{LAI}$	-	Variation of radiation
	-	Variation due to soil moisture
$\gamma_P$	-	Variation of temperature
	-	Variation due to leaf age
$\gamma_{SM}$		
$\gamma_T$		
$\gamma_{age}$		

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFWA	-	Department of Defense's Air Force Weather Agency
AR5	-	Fifth Assessment Report
AR6	-	Sixth Assessment Report
ARW	-	Advanced Research Model
AVOC	-	Anthropogenic Volatile Organic Compound
$C_i$	-	Leaf Internal concentration
CB4	-	Carbon Bond Mechanism 4
CB5	-	Carbon Bond Mechanism 5

CB6	-	Carbon Bond Mechanism 6
CESM	-	Community Earth System Model
CH <sub>4</sub>	-	Methane
CMIP3	-	Coupled Model Intercomparison Experiment Phase 3
CMIP5	-	Coupled Model Intercomparison Experiment Phase 5
CMIP6	-	Coupled Model Intercomparison Experiment Phase 6
CO	-	Carbon Monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	-	Carbon Dioxide
CORDEX	-	Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment
DOE	-	Department of Environment
DMAPP	-	Dimethylallyl Pyrophosphate
ECMWF	-	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting Nanometre
ENSO	-	El~Niño-Southern Oscillation
ESRL	-	Earth Systems Research Laboratory
FAA	-	Federal Aviation Administration
Fa2	-	Factor of Two
FB	-	Fractional Bias
GCM	-	Global Climate Model
GDAS	-	Global Dataset Assimilation Process
GHGs	-	Greenhouse gases
GLOBEIS	-	Global Biosphere Emissions and Interactions System
GSD	-	Global Systems Division
GTS	-	Global Telecommunications System
IPCC	-	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
LAI	-	Leaf Area Index
IOD	-	Indian Ocean Dipole
MEP	-	Methyl Erythritol 1-Phosphate

MEGAN	-	Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature
MetMsia	-	Malaysia Meteorological Department
MJO	-	Madden–Julian Oscillation
MODIS	-	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
MOZART	-	Model for Ozone and Related Chemical Tracers
MMM	-	Mesoscale Microscale Meteorology Division
NAO	-	North Atlantic Oscillation
NASA	-	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCAR	-	National Centre for Atmospheric Research
NCEP	-	National Centre of Environmental Prediction
NetCDF	-	Network Common Data Form
NMB	-	Normalized Mean Bias
NMBVOC	-	Non-methane Biogenic Volatile Organic Compound
NMM	-	Non-hydrostatic Mesoscale Model
NMSE	-	Normalised Mean Square Error
MSE	-	Mean Square Error
NO <sub>x</sub>	-	Nitrogen Oxides
NO <sub>2</sub>	-	Nitrogen Dioxide
NOAA	-	National Oceanographic and Atmosphere Administration
OH	-	Hydroxyl
PAN	-	Peroxyacetyl Nitrate
PAR	-	Photosynthetic Active Radiation
PBL	-	Planetary Boundary Layer
PFT	-	Plant Functional Type
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-	Particulate Matter (Diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers)
PPFD	-	Photosynthetic Photon Flux Density
PRECIS	-	Providing Regional Climates for Impact Studies
RCP	-	Representative Concentration Pathway

RCM	-	Regional Climate Modelling
RMSE	-	Root Mean Square Error
RO <sub>2</sub>	-	Organic Peroxy Radical
SEA	-	Southeast Asia
SEACLID	-	Southeast Asia Regional Climate Downscaling
SOA	-	Secondary Organic Aerosol
SO <sub>2</sub>	-	Sulphur Dioxide
SRES	-	Special Report on Emissions Scenarios
SSP	-	Shared Socioeconomic Pathway
UTC	-	Universal Time Coordinate
Ver	-	Version
VOCs	-	Volatile organic compounds
WPS	-	WRF Pre-processing System
WRF	-	Weather Research Forecast
WRF-DA	-	WRF Data Assimilation

## 1. Seminar Science and Technology, University Malaysia Sabah

Abstracts No.1

### **ISOPRENE EMISSION RESPONSES UNDER CHANGING CLIMATE AND LANDCOVER FORCINGS OVER BORNEO ISLAND**

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**Abstract:** Isoprene is the most active biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs). It is largely produced by plants and is known to play important roles in the tropospheric chemistry, greatly influencing the tropospheric ozone budget and atmospheric oxidation capacity. This paper focuses on how climate change and landcover affect isoprene emissions in the Borneo region. Climate change scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) were developed for the Borneo region using the Weather Research Forecasting (WRF v4.0) model. The Model Emission of Gases and Aerosol from Nature (MEGAN v2.1) was used to simulate isoprene fluxes using climate output datasets scenarios from WRF model. Both climate scenarios would lead to a warming atmosphere at the end of the century, with surface temperature increases of 2.8°C (RCP4.5) and 3.1°C (RCP8.5), respectively. Under the present-day vegetation landcover scenario for RCP8.5, future emission of isoprene was projected to decrease by 11% (0.39 TgC/yr). Comparatively, higher decreases of isoprene emissions were projected under moderate climate forcing (RCP4.5) by 38% (1.14 TgC/yr) under present-day vegetation landcover. This indicates that climate forcing will have a significant impact on isoprene emissions in the region. Thus, challenges in dealing with future emission of isoprene in the region are closely tied to the management of greenhouse gases emission sources, which is the main precursor of climate change.

**Keywords:** Biogenic emission, climate change, isoprene, landcover, MEGAN model, WRF model

Abstract No.2:

### **THE IMPACT OF LAND-USE CHANGES ON GREENHOUSE GASES ALONG THE OIL PALM PLANTATION TO RIPARIAN BUFFER STRIPS**

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**Abstract:** The impact of land-use changes on soil greenhouse gas flux in a tropical forest, nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) are few to be understood. This study is to assess the magnitude, short-term spatial, and temporal variability in GHG of land-use change oil palm plantation and the importance of riparian strips adjacent to the oil palm as a source of N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>. Runoff and leaching of fertiliser and herbicides routinely used in oil palm management will accumulate in properly working riparian buffer strips, leading to raised soil nutrient, thus giving sources of GHGs. We installed measurement transects from three mature oil palm plantations (Site 1, Site 2, and Site 3) to adjacent riparian buffer areas in SAFE Projects landscape (<https://www.safeproject.net>), SE Sabah. From this study, we found that CH<sub>4</sub> emission is higher in oil palm ( $91.02 \pm 40.18 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) whilst N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> shows higher in riparian,  $88.49 \pm 90.52 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  and  $267.80 \pm 264.38 \text{mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  respectively.