LCLUC Program: evolution and science focii

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Initial Program Emphasis I

- Impacts of LCLUC on ecosystem goods and services
 - Biogeochemical cycling Carbon/Nitrogen (deforestation, fire, agricultural intensification, grass/shrub) Skole, Matson, Wessman, Johnson, McGuire
 - Forest Management and Carbon Stand Age, Biomass, Harvesting, Rotation and Disturbance – Harmon, Krankina, Shugart, Houghton,
 - Biodiversity Hansen
 - Water Resources, Water quality (N/P) and land use Mustard, Smith

Responding to an Emerging Land Use Carbon Emphasis



IPCC, Watson et al 2000

Early Program Construct - emphasis on BioGeochemical Cycles and Ecosystems Goods and Services

Interactions of Land-Use/Land-Cover Change



Initial Program Emphasis II

- Case studies on the process of change
 - Thailand Rindfuss, Skole
 - Mexico Turner
 - Amazonia Moran, Walker
 - Ecuador Bilsborrow
 - Guatemala Sader,
 - China rapid Urban Expansion Kaufman

Collection of socioeconomic data – household survey Indication of policy impacts on land use

NRC, Comm. HDGC, 1998



Initial Program Emphasis III

- Regional Forest Monitoring Studies from "Pattern to Process" – beyond Landsat Pathfinder
 - Amazon (Pre LBA) logging, ranching and fire Skole, Nepstad
 - Africa (Miombo post-SAFARI 92) savannah / woodland systems / fire – Desanker, Roy
 - SE Asia (expansion of LUCC SEARIN into GOFC-GOLD) Skole,
 - Congo Basin (augmenting USAID CARPE) Saatchi, Laporte
 - Boreal Systems (Post BOREAS/Pre-NEESPI, Alaska, S
 W. Russia, Ranson, McGuire, Sun, Shugart, Conard



Mapping and Monitoring

- Method development
 - Land Cover (AVHRR) > Continuous Fields
 - Mixture modeling
 - Microwave mapping capabilities
 - MODIS Land Cover
- Classification and Change Detection Approaches
 - Decision Trees, SVM's
 - Combined MODIS and Landsat analysis
 - Satellite Image Automated Mapping (SIAM)
- Development of GLS and associated regional data sets (SE Asia, Boreal, South America) - towards a global Landsat scale land cover
- Evaluation of international constellation options

Percent forest cover loss, 2000 to 2005



🔜 0 - 1.5% 🔜 1.5 - 5% 🔜 5 - 10% 🔜 >10% Hansen et al

LCLUC and Modeling

- Improved Land Cover parameterization of
 - Biogeochemical Cycle Models Wessman, Li,
 - Ecosystem Models Desanker, Shugart
 - Hydrological Models Lettenmaier, Shiklomanov, Eshelman, Anderson, Davidson, Gitelson
 - Global and Regional Climate and Flux Models Dickinson, Pielke, Bonan, Small, Chen
 - Aerosol Dust Models Monroe, Sokolik
- Development of improved Land Use Models
 - Simulation / Scenarios / Projections Goetz, Brown,

Climate/LU Interactions

- Impacts of LCLUC on Regional Climate

 Radiative Forcing, Precipitation, Aerosols
- Impacts of Climate Change on LCLUC: adaptation – agriculture

• Land Use Systems - Vulnerability/Resilience

Thematic Focused Investments

- Urban Expansion Elvidge, Schneider, Brown, Bounoua, Christensen, Imhoff, Lacey
 - Global City Lights > Human footprint
 - Monitoring and Modeling Urban Change Pearl River > China Urban Mapping
 - Global Megacities
- Coastal Zone, Mangroves and Wetlands Simard, Giri,
- Agricultural Land Use Change (GOFC/GOLD, GEO) expansion / intensification / abandonment (policy aspects) – Curran, Radeloff, Henebry, Foley, Fox
 - Soybeans, Biofuels (S. America) Expansion
 - Oil Palm Plantations (SE Asia) Expansion
 - Increasing Crop Yields (Africa) Intensification
 - Former Soviet Union Abandonment

Agricultural land use change









LCLUC Funding Rotation



• With Different Thematic and Regional Emphases

LCLUC Program Funding 1997-2011

180 PI projects



Pl's with Repeat Funding

Three Funding Cycles

- Brown
- DeFries
- Conard
- Curran
- Fisher
- Gitelson
- Goetz
- A. Hansen
- M. Hansen
- Krankina
- McGuire
- Mustard
- Saatchi
- Skole
- Turner
- Wessman

Two Funding Cycles

- Aizen
- Bilsborrow
- Desanker
- Fox
- Harmon
- Hope
- Houghton
- Johnson
- Kaufman
- Laurance
- Loveland
- Matson
- Moran
- Nepstad
- Ojima
- Ozdogan
- Qi
- Radeloff
- Ranson

- Sader
- Shiklomanov
- Shugart
- Smith
- Townshend
- Walker

Strengthening International Programs

- GOFC / GOLD international coordination of observations (LCLUC emphasis on satellite observations)
 - GOFC/GOLD Regional Networks strengthening LCLUC regional science - (START)
- Global Earth Observing System of Systems
- Global Land Project

Strengthening the Land Use Component of Regional Science Initiatives

- LBA Skole, Moran, Nepstad, Laurance
- Northern Eurasia (NEESPI) Bergen, Krankina, Soja, Sun, Ojima, Li, Lettenmaier, Conard, Aizen
- Monsoon Asia (MAIRS) Jain, Tian, Qi

Possible Future Emphases

- Land Use Scenarios and Climate Adaptation
- Land Use, Food and Water Supply
- Social Impacts of LCLUC vulnerability
- LCLUC Product Development
 - Global Landsat Products and 30yr Landsat Data Stacks
 - Fine Resn data for land use studies
 - Landsat constellation prototyping LDCM/Sentinel 2
 - Automated Change Detection
 - Land Use Data Sets crop, rotation, tilling, etc