

# TG5: Agriculture and Food Security (Asia RiCE)

## Activity report

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Earth Observations  
for Asia-Oceania

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## Asia-RiCE

Asia-RiCE is the work of an ad hoc team of stakeholders with an interest in the development of an Asian Rice Crop Estimation & Monitoring (Asia-RiCE) component for the GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEOGLAM) initiative.



<http://asia-rice.org/>

# Asia-RiCE: a component of GEOGLAM for Rice Monitoring

Strengthen the rice monitoring ability using EO for both **food security** and **sustainable agriculture**

## Asia-RiCE 2023 Implementation Report

This report summarises the activities and achievements of Asia-RiCE in 2022. This document also aims to acknowledge and highlight the impact of contributions from data providers, and the role of the Asia-RiCE initiative in facilitating these inputs.



## Asia-RiCE Work Plan

This 2024 update of the Asia-RiCE Work Plan has been prepared to reflect the latest status of Asia-RiCE.



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## Rice Growing Outlooks

Asia-RiCE members contribute to the monthly AFSIS Rice Growing Outlooks (RGOs), which support food security by publishing reports covering rice growing conditions and yield prospects, as well as implementing training sessions to enhance the use of space technologies.



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# TG5 Asia-RiCE meeting at AOGEO 16

**September 3, 2024 (15:40-18:30, Tokyo International Exchange Center Japan)**

**Co-chaired by Shin Ichi Sobue (JAXA) and Thuy Le Toan (CESBIO)**

15:40- 16:20 Asia Rice team activity status report (Shinichi Sobue/Kei Oyoshi, JAXA)

16:20 -16:40 ESA/CNES activity for Asia Rice (Thuy Le Toan, CESBIO)

16:40 -17:00 CH4Rice and rice crop activity in Vietnam (Lam Dao Nguyen, VNSC)

17:00 -17:20 CH4Rice and rice crop activity in Indonesia (Parwati Sofan, BRIN)

17:20 -17:40 CH4Rice and rice crop activity in Thailand(Kanjana Koedkurang, GISTDA)

17:40 -18:00 Discussion and way forward including engagement with private company and promote global agenda contribution and emission trading with Earth Intelligence

18:10 -18:30 Wrap up and closing



## Meeting Objectives

1. To discuss EO for climate mitigation /adaptation of rice farming for food security and low carbon strategy in Asia-Oceania region. The focus is on the **reduction of methane emissions** by paddy fields
2. To initiate the **multi-lateral research network** in the region
3. To discuss with various stakeholders including **private sector**

# Summary of the TG5

## I. Achievements

### 1. Rice monitoring in Asia-Oceania region

Implement platforms for sharing of open data with standard format such as CEOS ARD and tools is being established in Asia-RiCE, contributing to improved agricultural statistics, agricultural policy making and beyond,

### 2. Multilateral network for agro-meteorological info and rice monitoring

Provision improved agromet information and rice crop monitoring to Asia Ocean region and promote regional cooperation on data and information sharing using available platform and knowledge sharing.

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## II. Ongoing Issues

1. Provide earth intelligence using EO data with ground based data including automatic measurement by IoT for Asia-Rice,
2. Satellite based water monitoring in paddy fields - CH4Rice:  
Need to study water management of rice field (drainage –AWD Alternate Wetting and Drying) using remote sensing and ground based data, in order to reduce methane emission (CH4) from paddy fields,
3. Yield estimation and damage assessment:  
Need to assess damages caused by climate change including floods, droughts, salinity intrusion, subsidence etc. and rice yield estimation and forecasting by integrating remote sensing and models with weather forecast and climate predictions,
4. Derive adaptation and mitigation measures for stakeholders (e.g. using dashboard)

# To initiate multi-lateral research network in the region

**ALOS-2 PALSAR2 (L-band, Full-Pol SAR) observation  
in-situ water-level/inundation measurement**

## **Asia-RiCE Super Sites**

**BRIN** Indonesia: Indramayu

**GISTDA** Thailand: Chainat, Suphan Buri

**ISRO** India: Nawagam

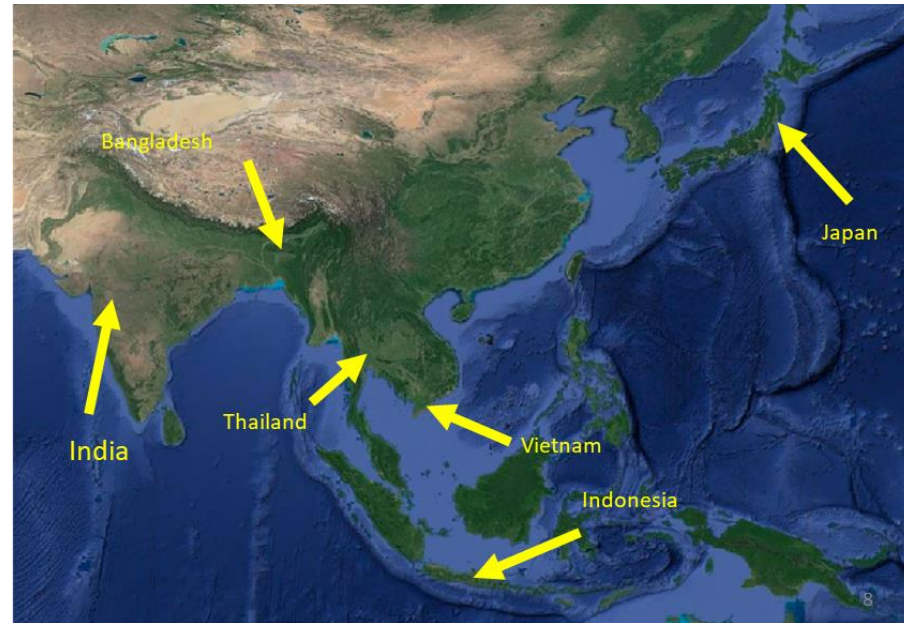
**JAXA** Japan: Miyagi, Miyagi, Akita, Niigata, Ibaraki

**PhilSA** Philippine: Bulacan

**PUST** Bangladesh: Rajshahi

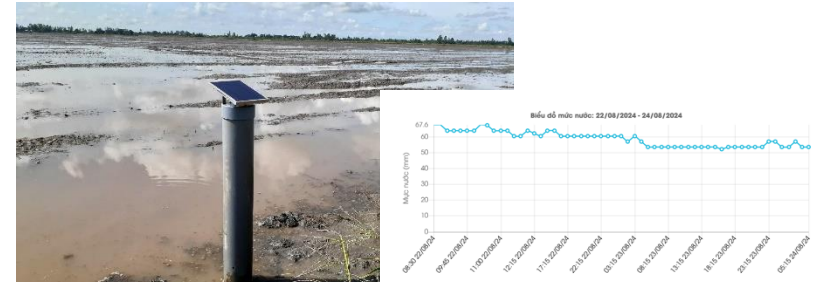
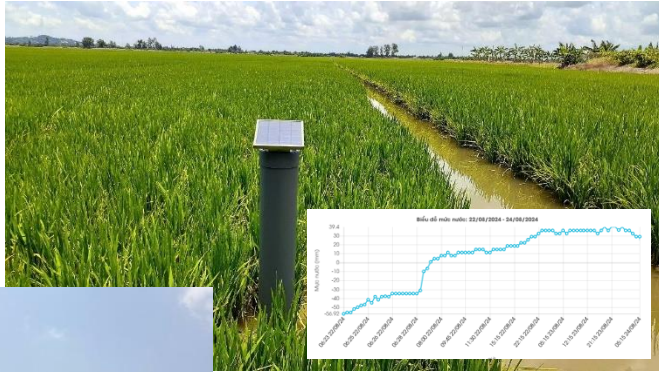
**VNSC** Vietnam: An Giang, Bac Lieu

**As of 09/05/2024**





# Automatic measurement of water level IoT implemented in Asia-RiCE countries: Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan,..



Methane measurement chamber

## Working meeting on 04/09/2024



# Summary of the TG5

## III. Way forward for post-2025

1. To discuss EO for food security and climate adaptation/mitigation in Asia-Oceania region with ongoing issues described previously,
2. To seek international guidelines, especially for carbon trading regarding methane emission from paddy fields,
3. To strengthen cross comparison between different countries and sharing methodologies and validation results,
4. To promote collaboration with various stakeholders both public and private sectors for the operational use of these achievements,
5. To promote continuous capacity building, young researchers support and field survey using available funds such as international donors and governments etc.



## Capacity building and joint works in the rice fields



# Thanks !

