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APPLICATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) IN LAND AND WATER RESOURCES MONITORING

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ПРИМЕНЕНИЕ ГЕОГРАФИЧЕСКИХ ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫХ СИСТЕМ (ГИС) ДЛЯ МОНИТОРИНГА ЗЕМЕЛЬНЫХ И ВОДНЫХ РЕСУРСОВ

Abstrart: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have become essential tools in the monitoring and management of land and water resources. This paper explores the integration of GIS and remote sensing technologies to assess environmental conditions, predict hazards, and support sustainable resource management. Methods such as hydrological modeling, remote sensing data integration, and spatial analysis are discussed in the context of real-world applications from regions like the Nile Delta and the Red Sea. Results indicate that GIS significantly enhances decision-making by offering accurate, timely, and visually intuitive data for planners and policymakers. The study highlights the growing role of GIS in environmental monitoring and emphasizes the need for broader adoption and investment in GIS technologies.

Key words: geographic information systems, remote sensing, resource monitoring, sustainable management, hydrological modeling, spatial analysis, environmental control.

Аннотация: Географические информационные системы (ГИС) стали неотъемлемыми инструментами в мониторинге и управлении земельными и водными ресурсами. В данной статье рассматривается интеграция технологий ГИС и дистанционного зондирования для оценки состояния окружающей среды, прогнозирования природных рисков и поддержки

устойчивого управления ресурсами. Обсуждаются такие методы, как гидрологическое моделирование, интеграция данных дистанционного зондирования и пространственный анализ, применительно к реальным условиям, например, в дельте Нила и акватории Красного моря. Результаты показывают, что использование ГИС значительно повышает эффективность принятия решений, предоставляя точную, своевременную и наглядную информацию для планировщиков и лиц, принимающих решения. В исследовании подчеркивается растущая роль ГИС в экологическом мониторинге и необходимость более широкого внедрения и инвестиций в эти технологии.

Ключевые слова: географические информационные системы, дистанционное зондирование, мониторинг ресурсов, устойчивое управление, гидрологическое моделирование, пространственный анализ, экологический контроль.

Introduction

A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a comprehensive computer system managed by experts and analysts, whose main tasks include collecting, storing, managing, analyzing, modeling, and visualizing spatial-geographic data. The term "geo-information system" encompasses these functions with a focus on geospatial data related to natural and social phenomena. While there are many definitions, the essence remains the same — GIS provides tools to understand and manage spatial data, such as coordinates, land boundaries, legal and economic data about locations, and other important geospatial information.

GIS plays a crucial role in various fields such as ecology, agriculture, water resources management, and land use. Its core capabilities include spatial analysis, trend identification, remote sensing data integration, and cartographic visualization.

Methods

The application of GIS and remote sensing technologies in monitoring land and water resources involves several key methodologies:

- Remote Sensing Integration. Utilizing satellite imagery and drone technology to assess the condition of land and water resources. For instance, the integration of LiDAR data with GIS has been employed to model flood-prone areas accurately, as demonstrated in the Cigher River basin study in Romania.

- Hydrological and Hydraulic Modeling. Implementing models like HEC-RAS to simulate water flow and predict flood scenarios. These models, when integrated with GIS, provide detailed insights into potential flood impacts on various land uses.

- Land Degradation Assessment. Employing GIS and remote sensing to monitor land degradation processes such as salinization, erosion, and waterlogging. Studies in the Nile Delta, Egypt, have utilized these technologies to identify and assess the extent of land degradation over time.

- Flood Risk Mapping. Applying GIS-based morphometric analysis to produce flood hazard maps, particularly in arid regions. In the Red Sea Region of Egypt, such approaches have been used to delineate flood-prone areas effectively .

Results

The integration of GIS and remote sensing technologies has yielded significant results in the monitoring and management of land and water resources:

1. Enhanced Flood Risk Assessment. In the Cigher River basin, the use of GIS and HEC-RAS modeling identified areas vulnerable to flooding under various discharge scenarios, enabling the development of targeted mitigation strategies.

2. Improved Land Degradation Monitoring. In Egypt's Nile Delta, GIS and remote sensing techniques have facilitated the detection of land degradation factors, informing conservation and land management practices.

3. Effective Flood Hazard Mapping. The application of GIS-based morphometric analysis in Egypt's Red Sea Region has resulted in accurate flood hazard maps, aiding in disaster preparedness and response planning.

Discussion

The utilization of GIS and remote sensing technologies in environmental monitoring offers numerous benefits:

- Data Integration: Combining various data sources for comprehensive analysis.
- Real-Time Monitoring: Enabling timely detection of environmental changes.
- Predictive Modeling: Forecasting potential environmental hazards.
- Resource Management: Informing sustainable practices for land and water use.

However, challenges such as data availability, technical expertise, and resource constraints may affect the implementation of these technologies. Addressing these challenges through capacity building and investment in infrastructure is essential for maximizing the benefits of GIS and remote sensing in environmental monitoring.

Conclusion

The application of GIS and remote sensing in land and water resource monitoring has proven to be a transformative approach for environmental assessment and management. These technologies enable precise analysis of spatial data, facilitate predictive modeling of hazards such as floods and droughts, and support the sustainable use of natural resources. Real-world case studies demonstrate the efficacy of GIS in identifying land degradation, mapping flood-prone zones, and monitoring water quality. For countries facing challenges related to resource scarcity, climate change, and environmental degradation, GIS offers a data-driven foundation for strategic decision-making. Continued development of GIS infrastructure and human capacity is essential to maximize its potential and ensure long-term environmental sustainability.

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