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SIMILARITIES IN GROUND AND SATELLITE-BASED NDVI TIME SERIES TO DETECT VEGETATION RECOVERY OF PEAT SWAMP FOREST IN CENTRAL KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT: Remote sensed Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) is a good measure of photosynthetic activity at landscape scales, and can be used to estimate productivity and vegetation growth. Our research demonstrates the relationship between ground-based NDVI from a micrometeorological tower above the peat swamp forest and the SPOT-Vegetation 10-days Maximum Value Composites (MVC) in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Ground-based NDVI values were obtained daily since July 2001 for vegetation monitoring of the tropical peat swamp forest in Central Kalimantan. Using these values, we obtained a more detailed description of seasonal changes in NDVI for specific locations. The increasing of average NDVI value from SPOT-Vegetation 10-days MVC from 1998 (0.67) to 2003 (0.80) indicates the vegetation recovery after the forest fire event in 1997 and 2002.

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