

## Data Description

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Title	Database on the land use/cover changes in megacities of developing countries
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Summary (Subject and/or Methodology for generation)	The primary objective of this project is to establish a database of LULC maps derived from remote sensing satellite imageries (Landsat imageries) for major Asian and African cities. It also aims to detect the changes in the landscape of these cities and examine how the spatial structure of each city has changed over the years (2000–2014). Eight LULC classes were considered: urban dense, urban sparse, forest, cropland, grassland, bareland, water and other land. The other land class includes clouds, shadow and snow. For the purpose of an objective comparison, we used a standardized unit of analysis, i.e. a 100 km × 100 km study area for each city.
Update History (Versions, File names, Dates)	Newly constructed.
Data formats	Original Data: TIF file KML file is also available.
Data sizes	Land use/cover KML data : 5.51MB Land use/cover original data : 1.48GB
Things to be aware of when using the data (e.g., required metadata)	NA

Related reports and/or papers	Murayama, Y., Estoque, R.C., Subasinghe, S., Hou, H., Gong, H., SIMWANDA, M., and ZHANG, X. 2016. Visualization of Land Use Changes in Major Asian and African Cities. Annual Report on the Multi Use Social and Economic Data Bank <a href="http://giswin.geo.tsukuba.ac.jp/megacities/data/2016_megacities_project_report.pdf">http://giswin.geo.tsukuba.ac.jp/megacities/data/2016_megacities_project_report.pdf</a>
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