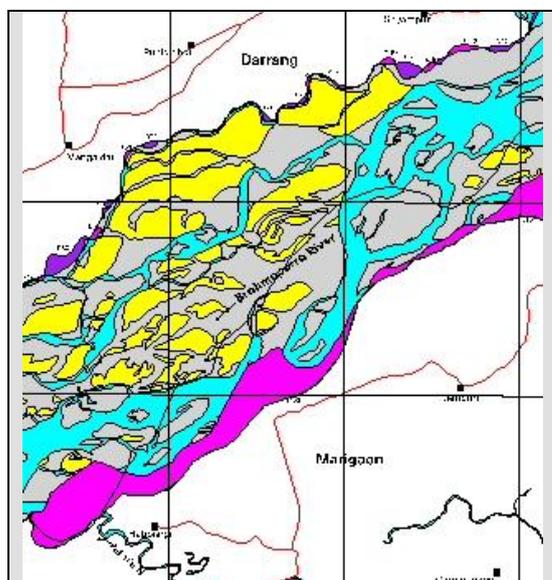
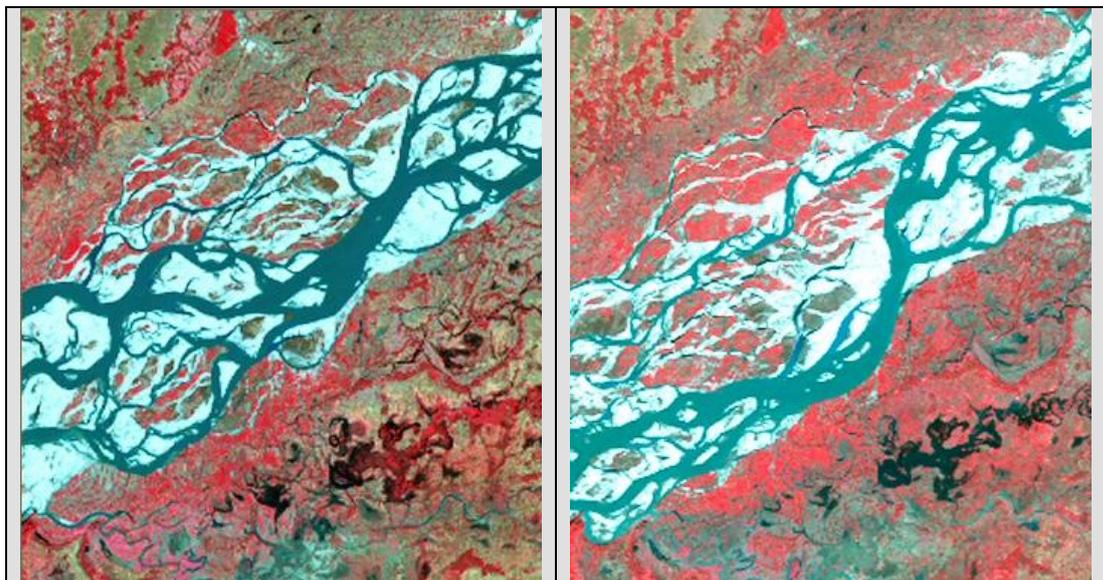


# Identification and Estimation of River Bank Erosion along Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in Assam during 1996-2002 using Satellite Remote Sensing Techniques.



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# Introduction

## **1.0 Introduction**

The Brahmaputra in Assam is one of the largest rivers in the world and carries over 30% of the total water resources of the country. The channel of the river is characterized by rapid aggradations, dramatic channel shifts and excessive bank line recession. In the foothill region, alluvial fans and braided channels exist filled with deposition of coarse alluvial materials due to sudden change in gradient of the rivers.

Bank erosion is one of the most commonly experienced effects due to high inflows, excessive sediment charge and channel shift of the river on either side. As the discharge of the stream increases, the depth and the mean velocity increases, due to which river banks are subjected to greater erosive action. An increase in the discharge increases high stream power of the flow that would cause more bank erosion. As the severity and effect of hydraulic forces increase manifold during the flood, the rate of erosion increases rapidly.

Excessive sediment load is mainly due to the frequent seismic disturbances of low magnitudes and earthquake of disastrous nature in combination with the deforestation in upper catchment area of the river basins. In a braided river like the Brahmaputra, short time channel migration is quite drastic.

The tributaries flowing through Sikkim and North Bengal have steep slopes and bring down large quantity of the silt with high velocity, resulting in aggradations of riverbeds, erosion of banks and changing of the river course. Deforestation, cutting in hillside for developmental works like roads and shifting cultivation cause further problem by way of soil erosion and quick runoff. The heavy silt load results in cross channels and formation of shoals and bars, braiding and erosion of banks.

### **1.1 Monitoring River Bank Erosion**

There are direct and indirect methods for monitoring the river bank erosion. The direct method is taking measurements from the field in terms of linear rates of erosion, volumes of erosion and channel cross section. The indirect method is by analyzing the archival sources that exist at various timescales with the sediment records. The archive sources can be conventional survey maps, aerial photos or satellite images.

### **1.2 Satellite Remote Sensing**

In the recent years, Satellite Remote Sensing Technology has successfully proven itself as a valuable information generator for various river engineering studies. The potential of remote sensing data is that it is highly reliable, accurate and cost effective. Using high-resolution data of LISS-III/IV and PAN sensors aboard Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites like IRS-1C, 1D & P6, the latest river

configuration, shift in the river courses, formation of new channels/oxbow lakes, bank erosion/deposition, drainage-congested areas, etc. can be mapped at different scales. Since accurate river configuration is obtained, it can be used for laying models for conducting river behavior studies. Information derived from remote sensing can be used for other river morphological application studies like monitoring the existing flood control works and identification of vulnerable reaches, planning bank protection works, planning drainage improvement works etc. The changes in the river configuration can be monitored at regular intervals of time.

### **1.3 Genesis of the study**

Central Water Commission is a premier Technical Organization in the country in the field of Water Resources under Ministry of Water Resources and is responsible for various water management activities throughout the country for purpose of Flood Control, Irrigation, Navigation, Drinking Water Supply and Water Power Development etc. in consultation with the State Governments concerned. It is also involved in Flood Management and Development and Operation of Flood Forecasting System and river morphological studies, schemes for bank/coastal protection and preparation of relevant status reports and manuals.

Central Water Commission (CWC), Guwahati has approached National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Department of Space, Govt. of India, to study the river bank erosion in the main Brahmaputra and Barak river system. In this connection the concerned officials of CWC Guwahati visited NRSA during Jan 2003 and had discussions to take up the study. The user was interested to procure the high resolution satellite images of 1996 and 2002 besides bank erosion maps during the years 1996 - 2002 on 1:50,000 scale. Accordingly a project proposal was prepared and the cost of the project was estimated to be Rs.18.38 Lakhs. The duration of the execution of the project was estimated to be about 8 months.

### **1.4 Objective of the study**

- To provide annotated satellite images on 1:50,000 scale covering main Brahmaputra River and Barak River in Assam for the post flood seasons of 1996 and 2002.
- To provide maps showing location and extent of river bank erosion on 1:50,000 scale along the main Brahmaputra and Barak rivers in Assam during the years 1996 - 2002 both in hard and soft copies.

# Study Area

## 2.0 Study Area

The study area is the main Brahmaputra reach from Sunpura in Tinsukia district to Patakata in Dhubri district and Barak River from Rabipur in Cachar district to Katakhal in Karimganj district in Assam as shown in Figure-1. The Geo-graphical extent of the study area is shown in Table-1. The study area is covered in about 50 topomaps on 1:50,000 scale. The entire study area is covered in thirty seven plates on 1:50,000 scale and 2 plates on 700,000 scale and in one plate on 1Million scale for a complete overall view. A total of 80 satellite image plates were designed both for 1996 and 2002 years respectively and 40 erosion maps were designed showing the river bank erosion during 1996-2002.

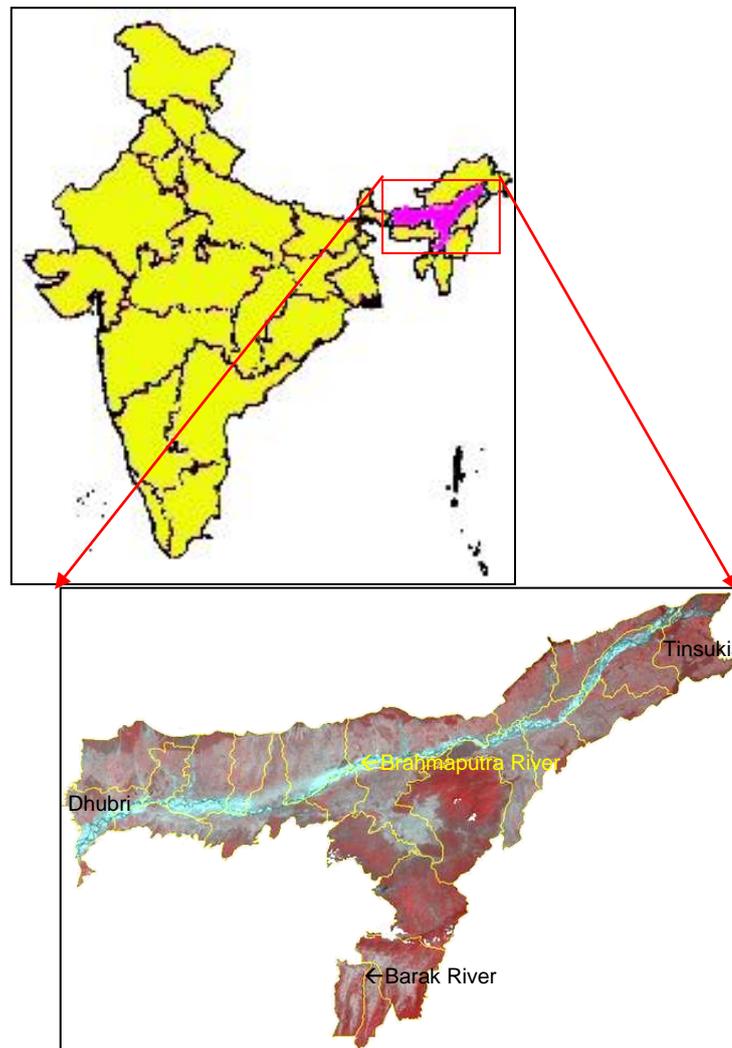


Figure-1: Location of the study area

S. No	River	From		To	
		Long(E)	Lat(N)	Long(E)	Lat(N)
1	Brahmaputra	89 49 53	25 43 33	95 51 54	27 49 55
2	Barak	92 29 53	24 42 42	93 04 28	24 52 39

Table: 1 Geo-graphical extent of the study area

## 2.1 Satellite data

IRS-1C and IRS-1D satellites which were launched during December 1995 and September 1997 respectively have LISS-III sensor, whose characteristics were shown in Table-2. Post flood season satellite data of IRS-1C/1D LISS-III sensor which has a spatial resolution of 23m was procured to carry out the study. Wherever post flood season satellite data during November/December was not available, January and February data of the succeeding year was procured as shown in Table-3. Resampled images of the satellite data of different paths and row for the year 1996 are shown in Figure-2.

S.No	Sensor parameters	Value
1	Spectral resolution	4 bands Band2: ( 0.52-0.59micrometers)- Green Band3: (0.62-0.68 micrometers)- Red Band4: (0.77-0.86 micrometers)- Near Infrared Band5: (1.55-1.7 micrometers)- SWIR
2	Spatial resolution	23.5 m (visible and near IR region) 70.5 m (SWIR)
3	Swath	141 Km (visible and near IR region) 148 Km (SWIR)
4	Repetitivity	24 days

Table: 2 Characteristics of IRS-1C LISS-III sensor

S.No.	Date of pass	Satellite/Sensor	Path/ Row
1	11-Jan-97	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	109-52
2	05-Nov-96	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	110-53
3	04-Dec-96	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	111-52
4	09-Dec-96	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	112-52
5	09-Dec-96	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	112-53
6	10-Mar-97	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	111-54
7	19-Feb-97	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	112-54
8	14-Dec-96	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	113-52
9	28-Nov-02	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	109-53
10	25-Nov-02	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	110-53
11	22-Nov-02	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	111-53
12	14-Dec-02	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	112-52
13	19-Jan-03	IRS - 1C/LISS-III	112-52
14	02-Feb-03	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	112-54
15	08-Dec-02	IRS - 1D/LISS-III	114-52

Table: 3 Satellite data

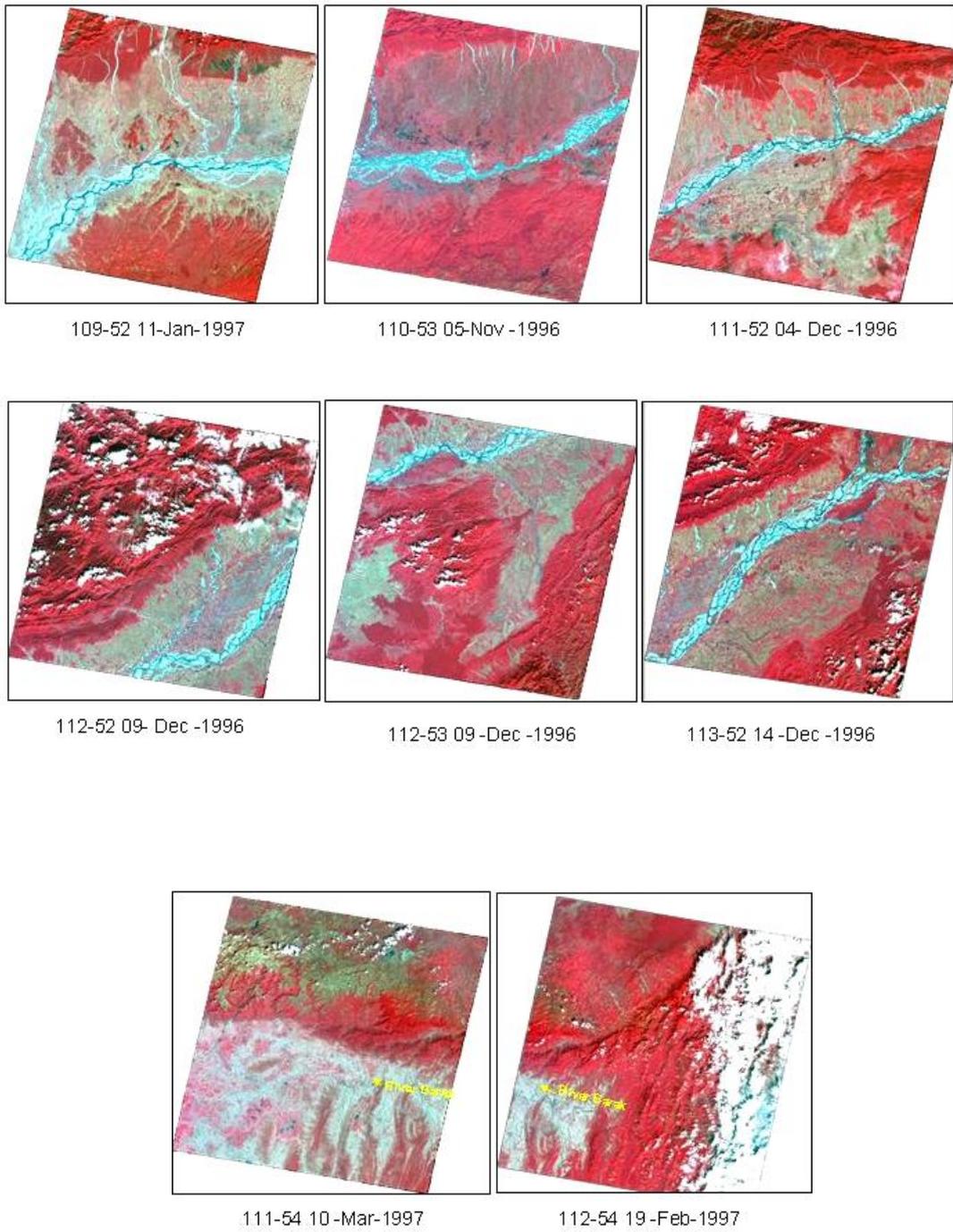


Figure-2: Satellite data of the study area for the year 1996

# Methodology

### 3.0 Methodology

The methodology can be broadly categorized into five major steps as shown in Figure-3. The steps followed in the analysis of the study are shown as flowchart in Figure-4.

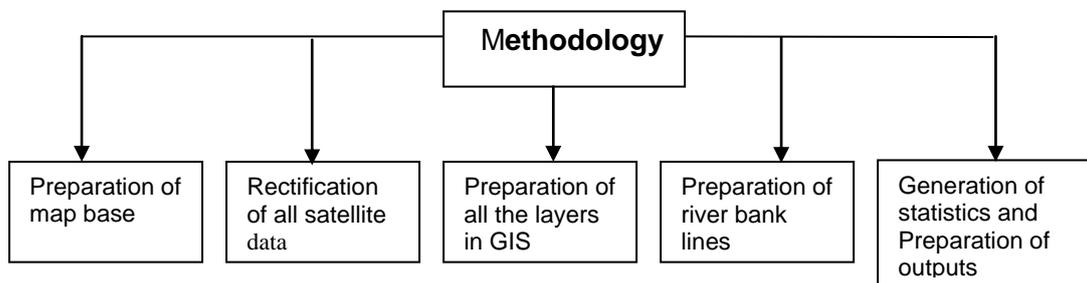


Figure-3: Schematic representation of the methodology

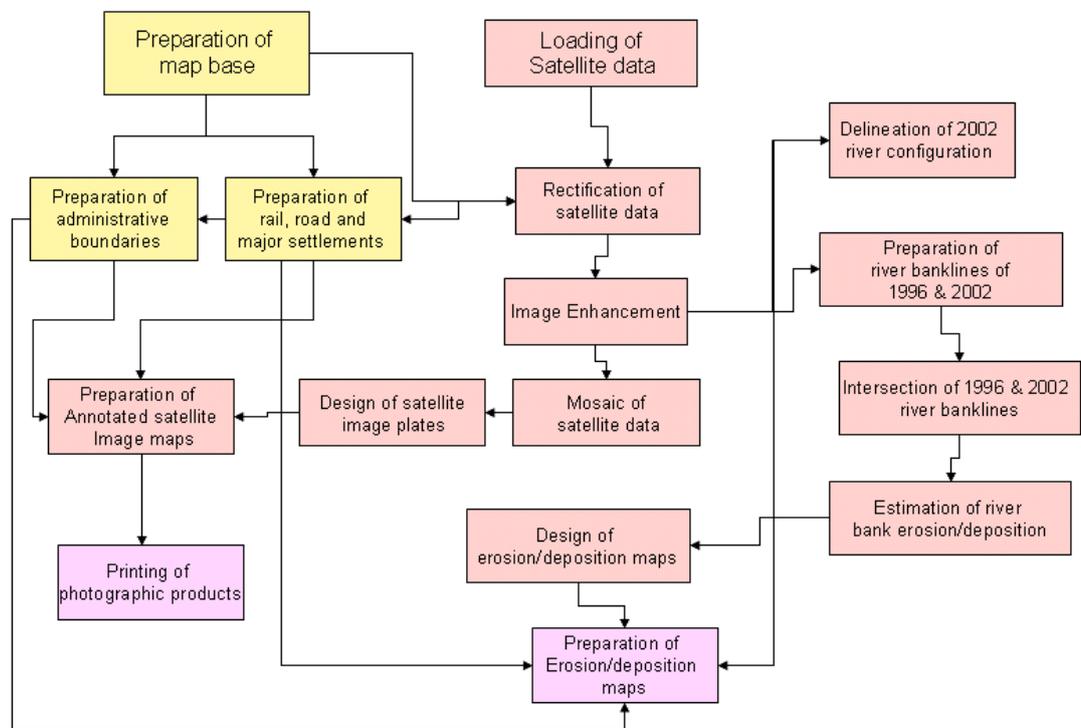


Figure-4: Flowchart of the methodology

### 3.1 Preparation of map base

ERDAS/Imagine imaging software was used to carry out the satellite data analysis. Using the available maps, a rectified master database was prepared with the projection Lambert Conformal Conic (LCC) and the parameters as shown in Table-3.

S.No	Parameter	Value
1	Spheroid Name	Modified Everest
2	Datum Name	Modified Everest
3	Latitude of 1 <sup>st</sup> standard parallel	23:02:30.000000 N
4	Latitude of 2 <sup>nd</sup> standard parallel	28:12:30.000000 N
5	Longitude of central meridian	92:45:00.000000 E
6	Latitude of origin of projection	25:38:04.000000 N
7	False easting at central meridian	1000000.000000 meters
8	False easting at origin	1000000.000000 meters

Table-3: Characteristics of the LCC projection

### 3.2 Rectification of satellite data

All the satellite data of 1996 and 2002 were geometrically rectified to the master map base for positional accuracy and the ground control points (GCP's) were appropriately chosen so that Root Mean Square (RMS) error was less than half a pixel (<12m). Image enhancement techniques were applied on all the individual satellite data scenes to obtain better contrast among the features especially between land and water. It is also worth mentioning that efforts were made to maintain a common Look-Up-Table (LUT) for all the satellite data, to maintain uniformity in the enhancement over entire study area. The satellite data was mosaiced for the individual years of 1996 and 2002.

### 3.3 Preparation of ancillary layers

Different layers consisting of administrative boundaries (state, district) and transport network such as road, railway and major settlements were prepared in the GIS environment at 1: 50,000 scale. Since the transport network is dynamic in nature, the prepared layers were also superimposed on the satellite data and were updated accordingly. Sufficient care was taken while cleaning and building the topology of all the layers.

### 3.4 Preparation of River and Banklines

The procure satellite data was analysed and river configuration of the year 2002 was delineated along with major permanent water bodies. Three different symbology codes were provided for river water as "1", sand as "2" and island as "3". The active river channel and the permanent water bodies were given cyan color, sand was given grey

and island was given yellow. The banklines of the rivers for the year 1996 and 2002 were prepared. Both the banklines were intersected to identify and estimate the amount of erosion and deposition at different pockets along the main Brahmaputra and Barak river stretch. The final layer was again edited, cleaned and build and symbology codes were provided. The erosion code was given as 1 and deposition code as 2. The color code for erosion was magenta and violet for deposition. Nomenclature was provided to the erosion and deposition at different pockets of the river. Some of the erosion and deposition had been observed within the islands itself like in Majuli Island. Such areas have also been considered for representation.

### 3.5 Generation of Statistics

The amount of erosion and deposition at each pocket of the river stretch was calculated as shown in the annexure-I. The total amount of erosion and deposition in each district of Assam state during 1996-2002 was also estimated as shown in Table-4.

District Name	Area eroded (ha)	Area deposited (ha)
Barpeta	2098	146
Bongaigaon	316	142
Cachar	270	146
Darrang	1165	563
Dhemaji	2929	235
Dhubri	2876	377
Dibrugarh	1296	34
Golaghat	2277	219
Golpara	1429	103
Hailakhandi	9	4
Jorhat	1673	320
Kamrup	784	332
Karimganj	14	9
Lakhimpur	633	342
Marigaon	3328	77
Nalbari	206	124
Nowgong	711	357
Sibsagar	354	46
Sonitpur	3751	1689
Tinsukia	2143	589
<b>Total</b>	<b>28049</b>	<b>5854</b>

Table-4: District-wise erosion and deposition statistics

### 3.6 Preparation of outputs

80 map compositions were designed for providing the annotated satellite images for both the years of 1996 and 2002 and 40 map compositions for providing the erosion maps (see annexure-II). All the layers including river, sand, islands, state /district boundary, road, rail and major settlements were integrated in the map design. As per the user request, lat/long grids, title, legend, scale, plate reference

map, SOI reference map were provided in the map. A tabular column was provided showing the erosion and deposition statistics corresponding to the relevant plate. It is to be mentioned that erosion and deposition area less than 5 hectares had not been considered for tabulating. The plate reference map shows all the plates and the selected plate map. The SOI reference map denotes in which 50,000 scale topomap, the selected plate map covers.

Further, sample products were generated consisting of annotated satellite images of 1996 and 2002 and corresponding bank erosion map covering Guwahati city. These sample products were submitted to the user for concurrence and suggestions. As per the user requirement, the final products were generated.

### **3.6.1 Generation of photo products**

The 80 annotated satellite image compositions were converted into image format and then submitted for generation of 80 photographic products.

### **3.6.2 Generation of bank erosion maps**

The final 40 bank erosion map compositions were printed on a HP-designjet plotter to obtain the bank erosion maps.

# Observations

#### 4.0 Observations

The following observations were made based on the analysis of satellite data.

1. In Assam state, the amount of erosion due to Brahmaputra and Barak rivers during 1996-2002 is more than the amount of deposition.
2. The total area of erosion along Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in the Assam state was found to be 28,262 hectares during 1996-2002.
3. The total area of deposition along Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in the Assam state was found to be 5,854 hectares during 1996-2002.
4. The total area of erosion along Brahmaputra River only during 1996-2002 was found to be 27,756 hectares.
5. The total area of deposition along Brahmaputra River only during 1996-2002 was found to be 5695 hectares.
6. The total area of erosion along Barak River only during 1996-2002 was found to be 293 hectares.
7. The total area of deposition along Barak River only during 1996-2002 was found to be 159 hectares
8. Maximum erosion was found at  $92^{\circ} 02' 24''$  E and  $26^{\circ} 17' 09''$  N in Marigaon district as shown in Plate-23 and the eroded area was 2611 hectares
9. Maximum deposition was found at  $92^{\circ} 32' 50''$  E and  $26^{\circ} 37' 15''$  N in Sonitpur district as shown in Plate-21 and the deposited area was 469 hectares
10. The maximum amount of erosion along the main Brahmaputra River during 1996-2002 was found in Sonitpur district and the eroded area was about 3751 hectares.
11. The maximum amount of deposition along the main Brahmaputra River during 1996-2002 was found in Sonitpur district and the deposited area was about 1689 hectares.
12. The minimum amount of erosion along the main Brahmaputra River during 1996-2002 was found in Nalbari district and the eroded area was about 206 hectares.
13. The minimum amount of deposition along the main Brahmaputra River during 1996-2002 was found to be in Dibrugarh district and the deposited area was about 34 hectares.
14. Most of the erosion and deposition due to Barak River was found in Cachar district and the eroded and deposited area were 270 ha and 146 ha respectively.

# Annexure-I

## Annexure-I

## Erosion and Deposition statistics during 1996-2002 at different pockets of River Brahmaputra and Barak in Assam

S.No	Erosion Code	Area(ha)	Deposition Code	Area(ha)
1	E2	108	D2	26
2	E3	114	D3	15
3	E4	95	D4	162
4	E5	69	D5	10
5	E6	90	D6	10
6	E7	11	D7	67
7	E8	28	D8	164
8	E9	7	D9	18
9	E10	13	D10	15
10	E11	49	D11	5
11	E12	19	D12	38
12	E13	10	D13	11
13	E14	10	D14	12
14	E16	100	D15	16
15	E17	50	D16	35
16	E19	638	D17	16
17	E20	54	D18	25
18	E21	7	D19-a	7
19	E22	46	D19-b	49
20	E23	29	D20	16
21	E24	17	D21	8
22	E25	1165	D22	9
23	E27	27	D23	7
24	E28	70	D24	14
25	E29	160	D25	31
26	E30	120	D26	8
27	E31	8	D27	27
28	E32	66	D28	12
29	E33	21	D29	35
30	E34	546	D30	12
31	E35	48	D31	8
32	E36	11	D32	8
33	E37	42	D33	29
34	E38	17	D34	12
35	E39	40	D35	66
36	E40	570	D36	69
37	E41	21	D38	7
38	E43	6	D39	6
39	E44	6	D40	83
40	E45	13	D41	214
41	E46	41	D42	15
42	E47	7	D43	10
43	E48	44	D44	107
44	E49	7	D45	31
45	E50	386	D46	56
46	E51	7	D47	58
47	E52	115	D48	215
48	E53	141	D49	109

49	E54	80	D50	6
50	E55	39	D51	7
51	E56	39	D52	49
52	E57	12	D53	9
53	E58	7	D54	9
54	E59	30	D55	8
55	E60	13	D56	8
56	E61	9	D57	138
57	E62	40	D58	12
58	E63	10	D59	34
59	E64	30	D60	6
60	E65	34	D61	7
61	E66	10	D62	192
62	E67	13	D63	9
63	E68	6	D64	6
64	E69	357	D65	85
65	E70	528	D66	18
66	E71-a	266	D67	19
67	E71-b	60	D68	68
68	E72	12	D69	424
69	E73	64	D70	50
70	E74	13	D72	30
71	E75	7	D73	60
72	E76	23	D74	67
73	E77	78	D75	17
74	E78	22	D76	19
75	E79	26	D77	12
76	E80	27	D78	18
77	E81	6	D79	16
78	E82	73	D80	136
79	E84	74	D81	9
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82	E87	19	D84	11
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95	E99	31	D98	89
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99	E103	23	D102	19
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103	E107	53	D106	12

104	E108	25	D107	18
105	E109	82	D108	6
106	E110	50	D109	11
107	E111	192	D110	7
108	E112	278	D111	180
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110	E113-b	8	D114	11
111	E114-a	25	D115	6
112	E114-b	156	D116	22
113	E115	446	D117	19
114	E116	763	D118	10
115	E117	139	D119	6
116	E119	32	D120	6
117	E120	764	D121	182
118	E121	259	D122	12
119	E122	7	D123	12
120	E123	135	D124	23
121	E124	800	D125	6
122	E125	19	D126	23
123	E126	494	D127	15
124	E127	80	D128	55
125	E128	21	D129	15
126	E129	9	D130	9
127	E130	7	D131	5
128	E131	50	D132	7
129	E132	26	D133	29
130	E133	23	D134	9
131	E134	360	D135	16
132	E135	239	D137	5
133	E136	70	D138	7
134	E137	955	D139	13
135	E138	10	D140	5
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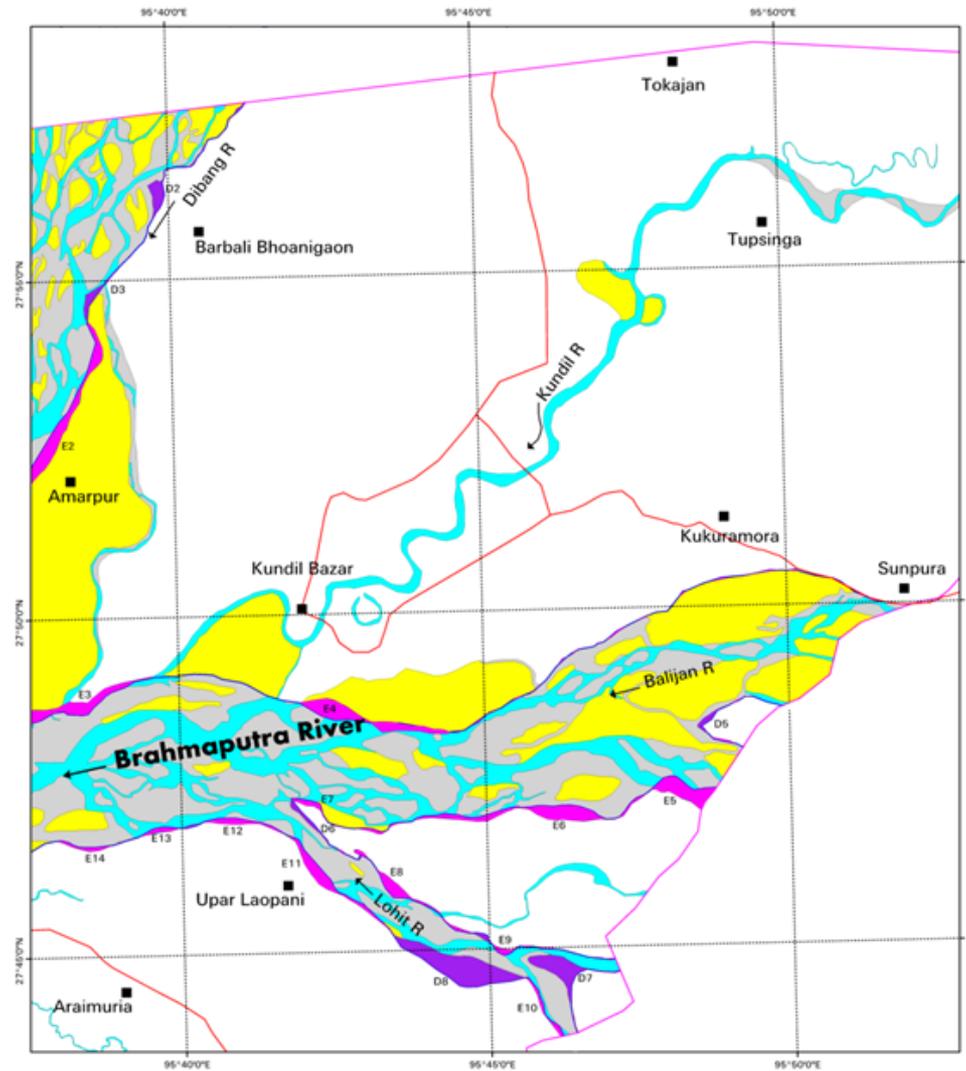
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# Bank Erosion Study of Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in Assam using Satellite Remote Sensing

Part of Tinsukia district

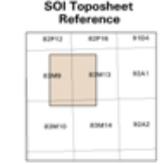
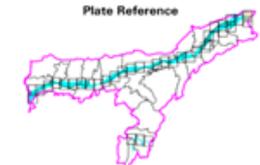
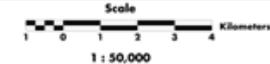
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 1



**LEGEND**

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- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary (approx. )
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 2 hectares not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	03	107.8
2	03	114
3	04	95
4	03	89
5	06	89.6
6	07	10.3
7	08	26.1
8	09	7.1
9	09	13
10	09	49
11	09	19
12	09	9.7
13	04	9.8
14	03	35.9
15	03	14.7
16	05	9.3
17	04	10.3
18	07	47
19	04	144

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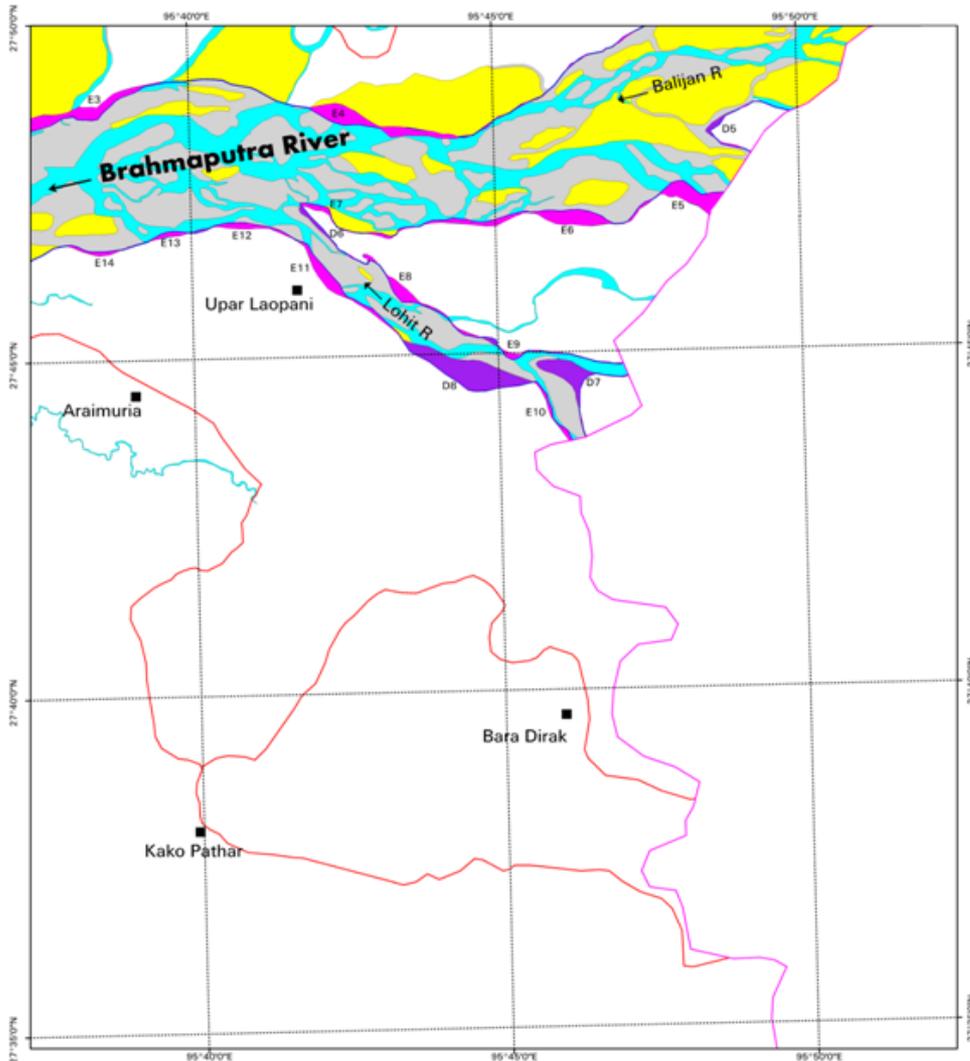
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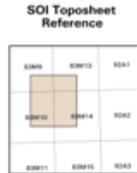
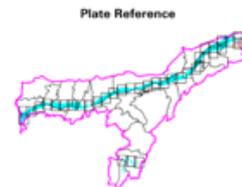
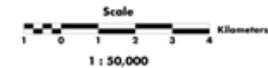
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 2



**LEGEND**

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- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area in Hectare & location not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E2	114
2	E4	95
3	E5	89
4	E6	89.6
5	E7	10.5
6	E8	38.1
7	E9	7.1
8	E10	13
9	E11	49
10	E12	19
11	E13	9.7
12	E14	9.8
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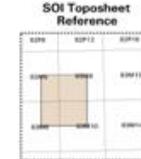
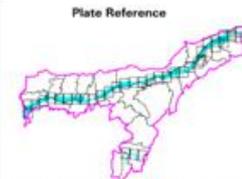
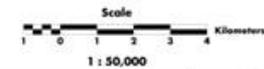
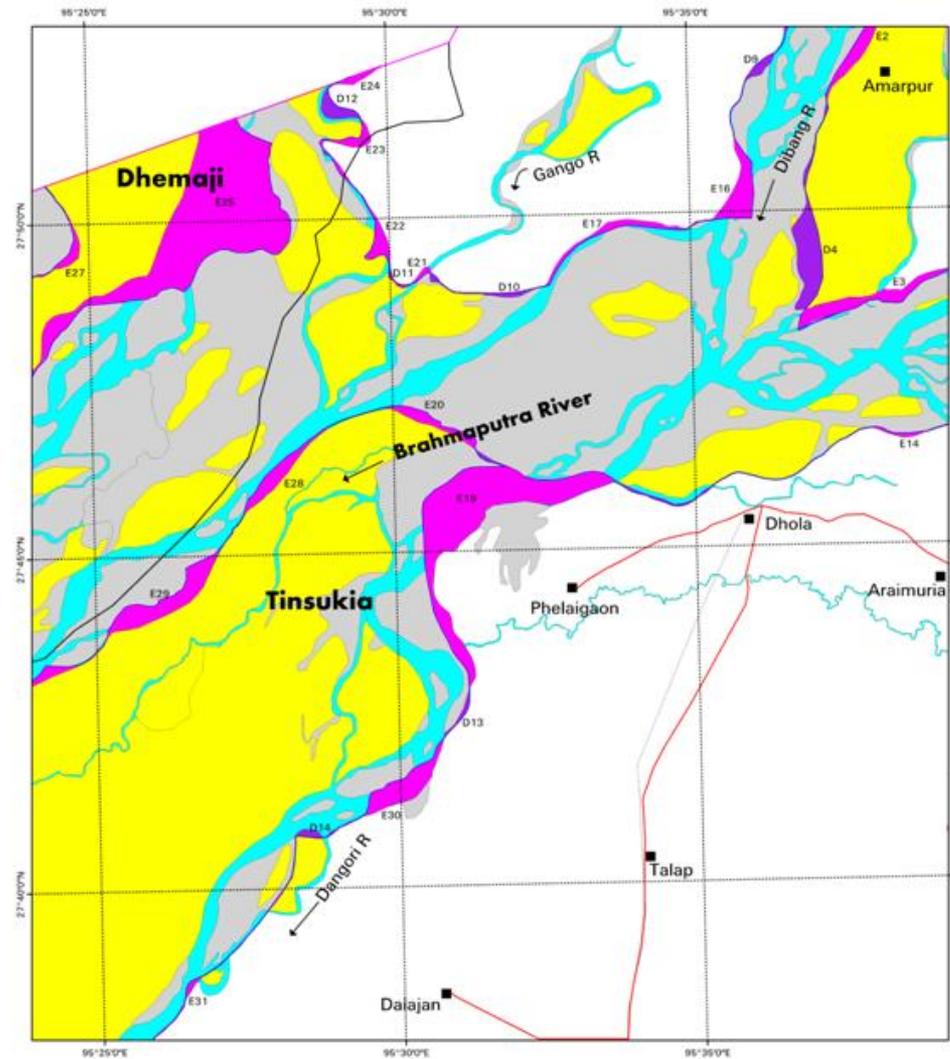
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Part of Tinsukia and Dhemaji districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 3



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 5 hectares not included)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E5	116
2	E16	180
3	E17	28
4	E18	438
5	E20	53.5
6	E22	46
7	E23	28
8	E24	17
9	E25	1165
10	E27	57
11	E28	45.5
12	E29	148
13	E30	130
14	E31	7.7
15	D4	145
16	D9	18
17	D10	15
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21	D14	13

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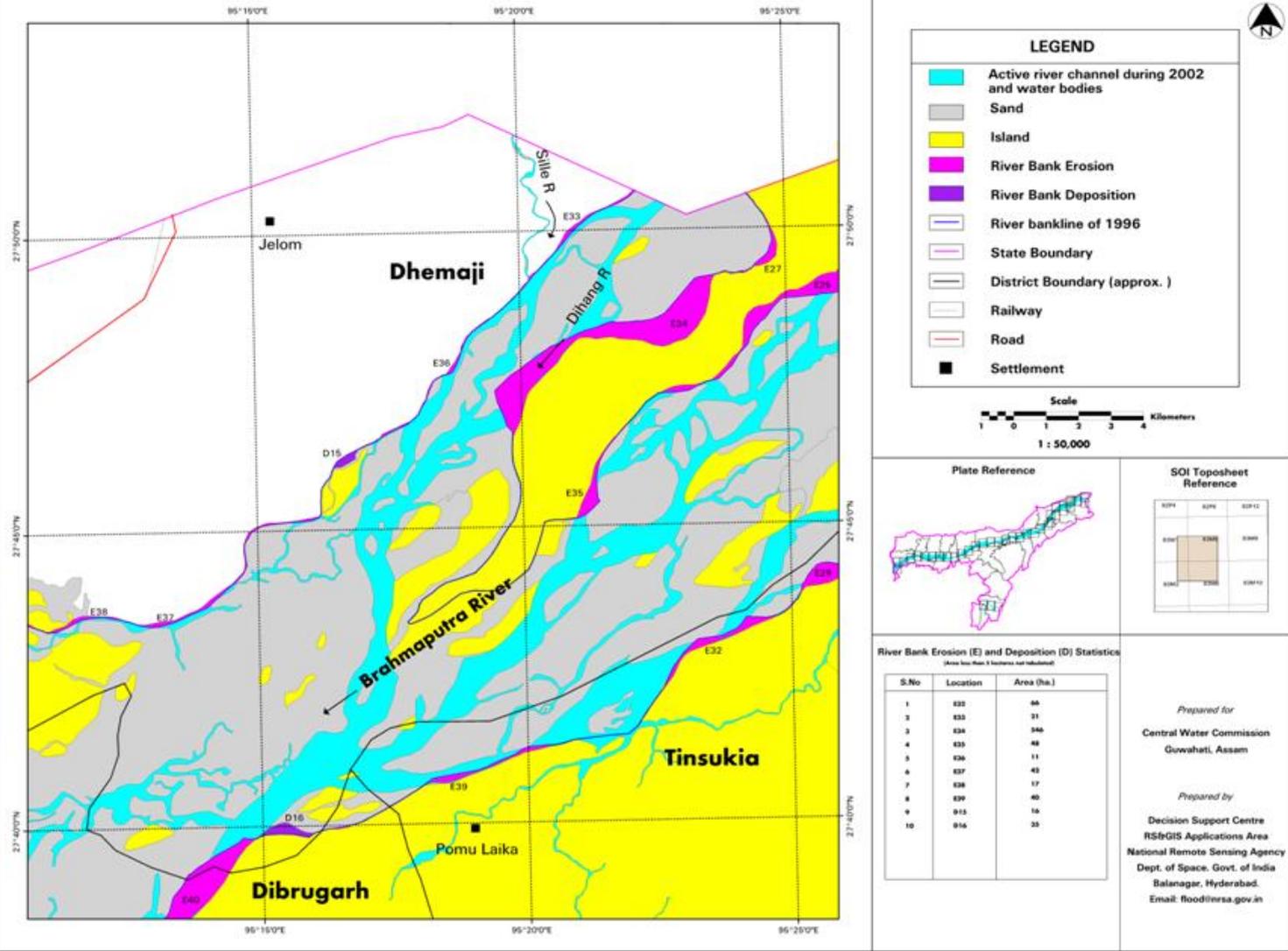
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Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 4

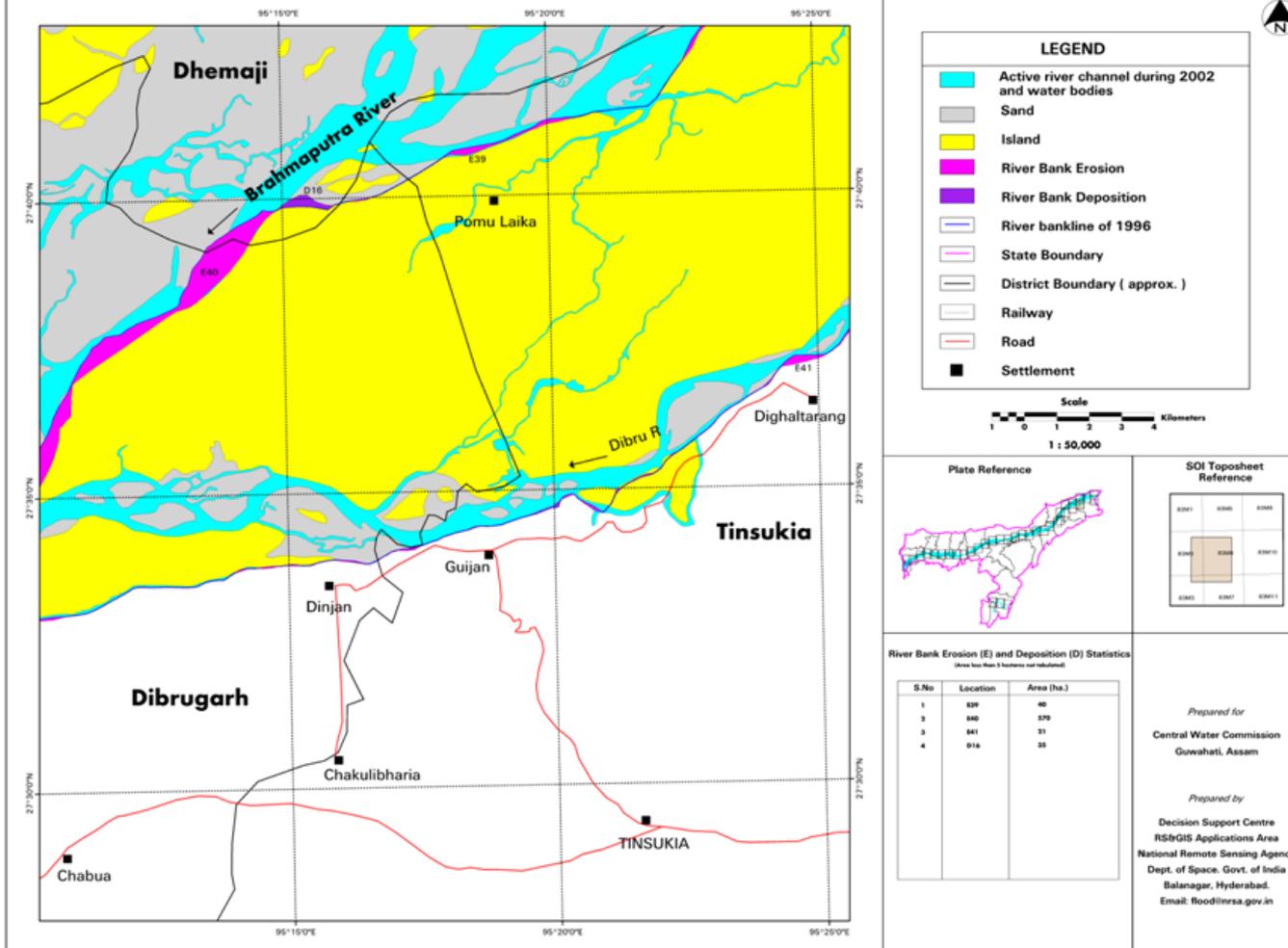


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Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 5

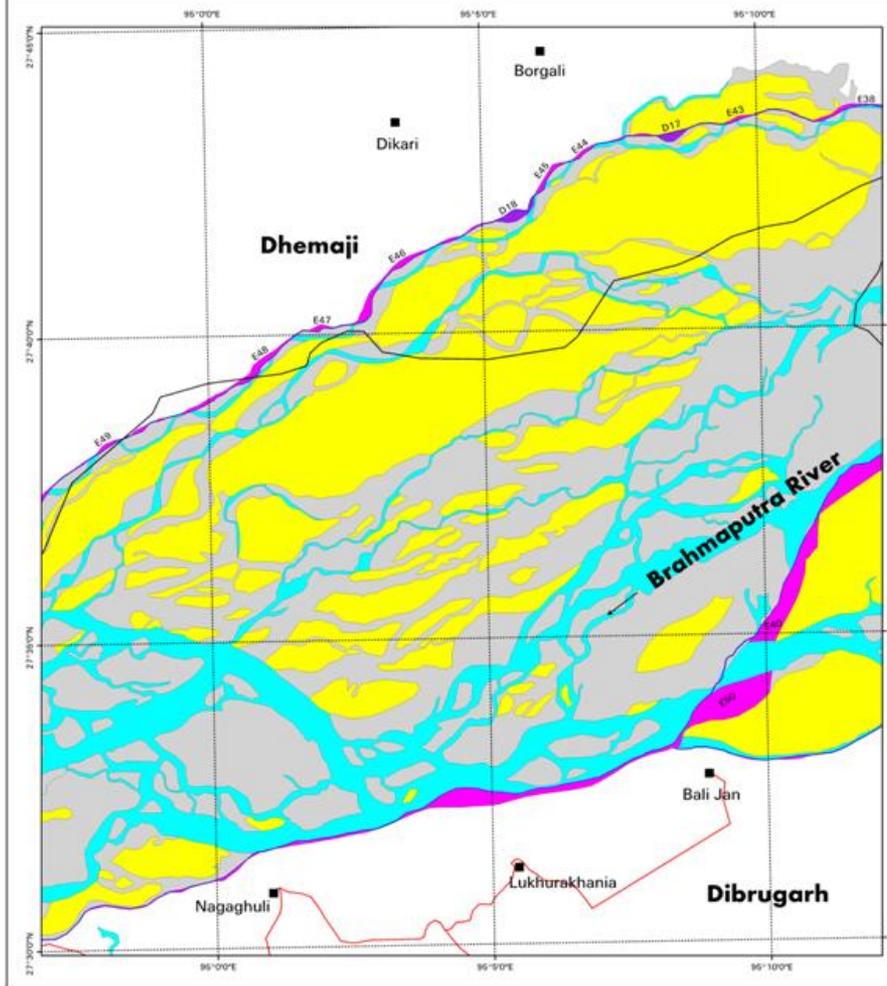


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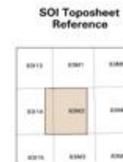
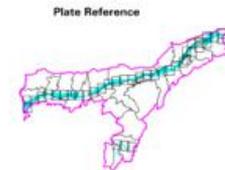
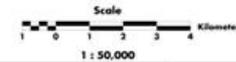
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 6



**LEGEND**

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- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
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- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 1 hectare not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	840	670
2	843	6
3	844	6
4	845	13
5	846	41
6	847	7
7	848	44
8	849	7
9	850	386
10	817	16
11	818	53

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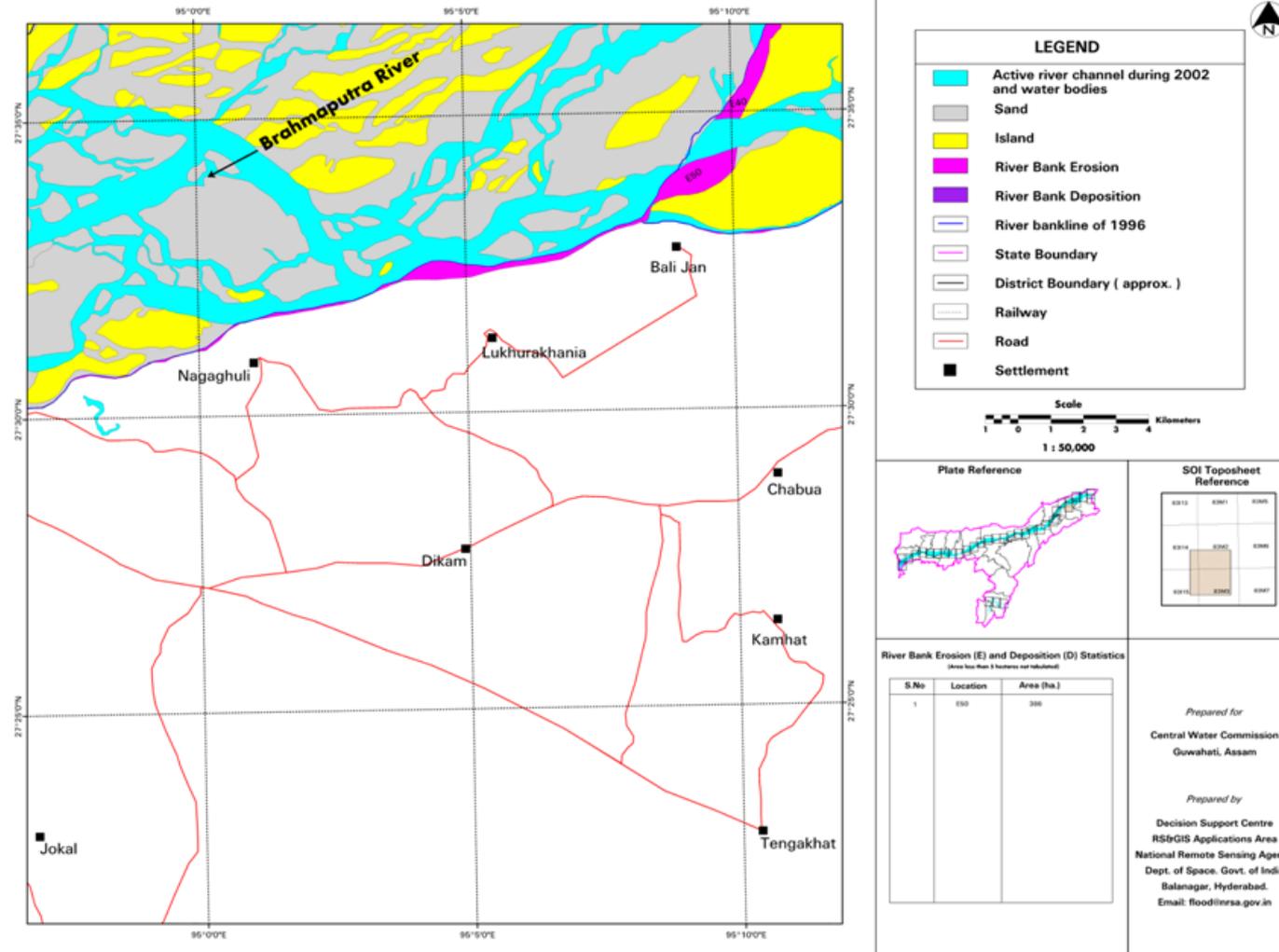
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Part of Dibrugarh district

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 7



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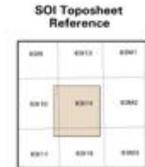
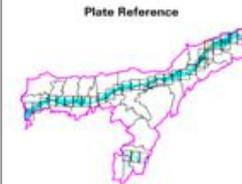
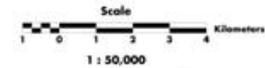
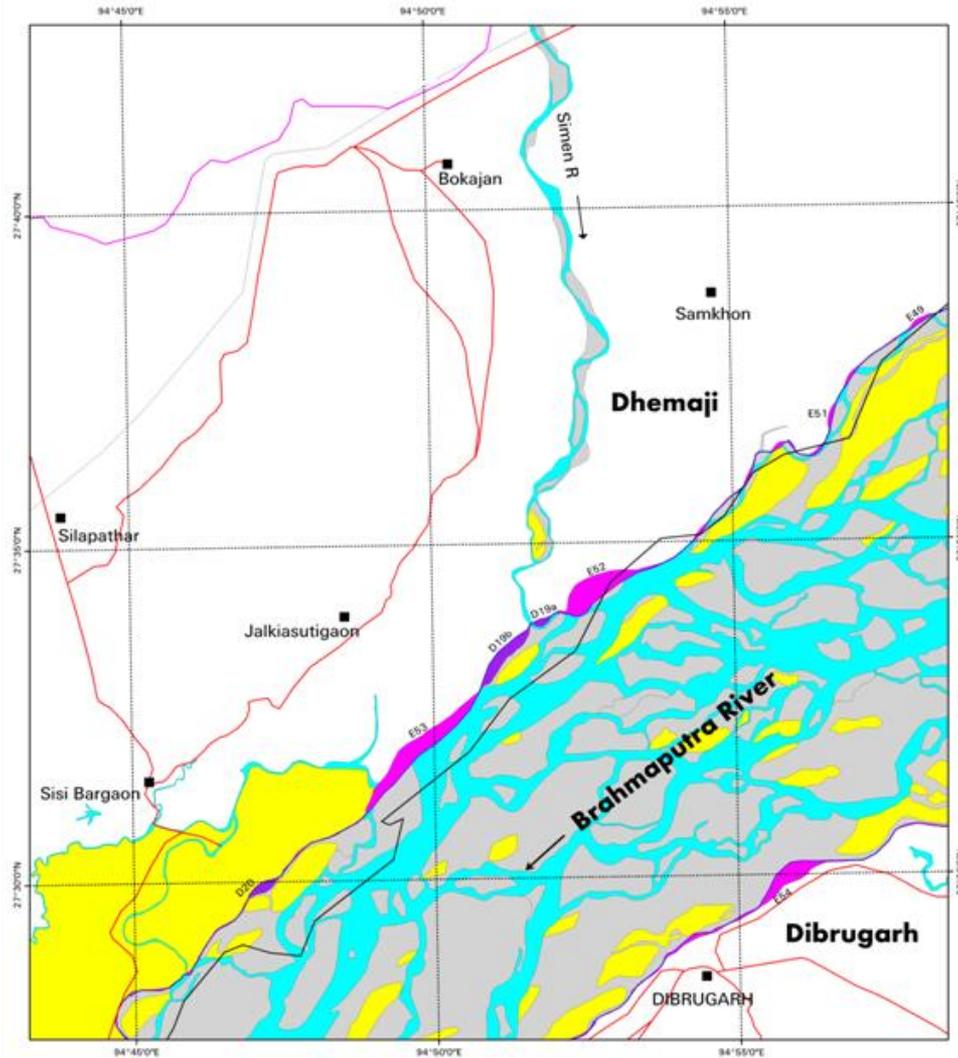
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Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 8



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area in Ha. is tentative and subject to change)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E49	7
2	E51	6.7
3	E53	118
4	E52	141
5	E54	80
6	D19a	7
7	D19b	49
8	D20	14

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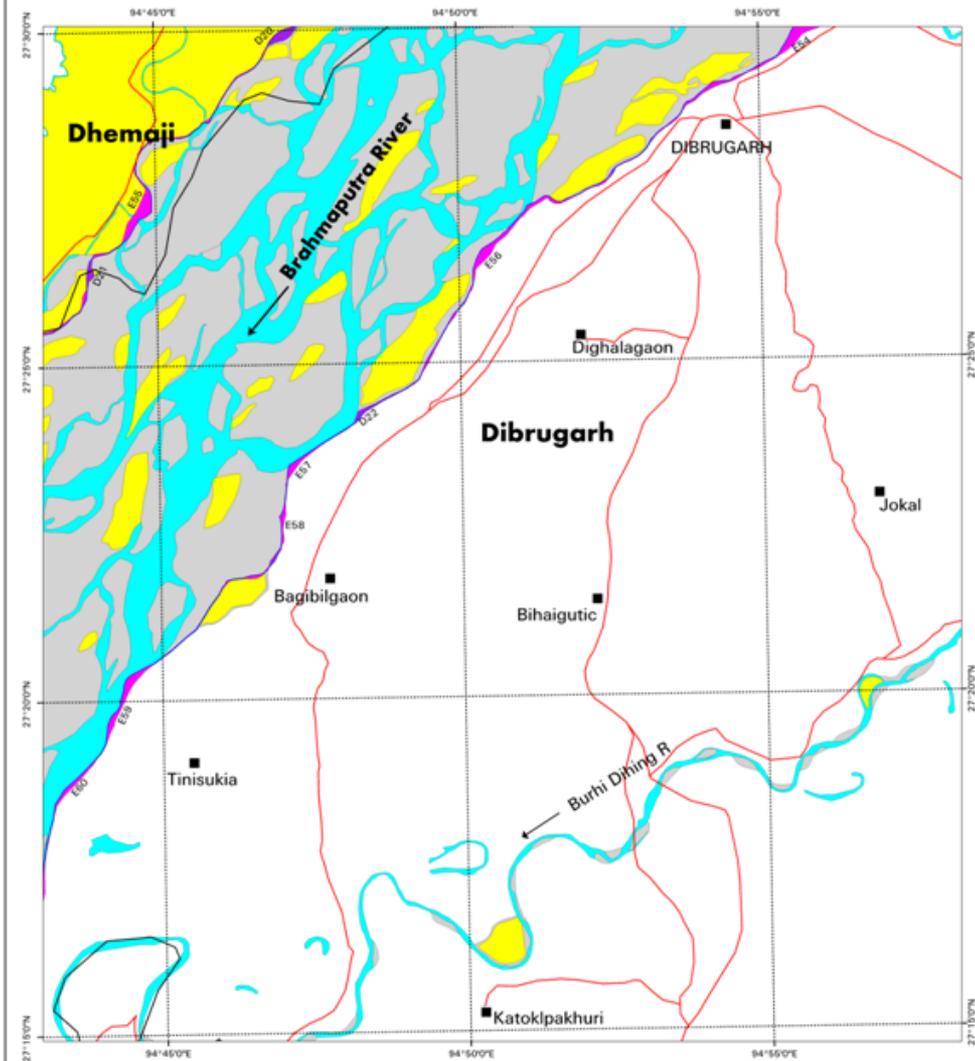
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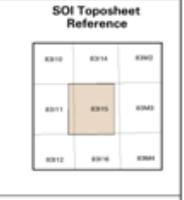
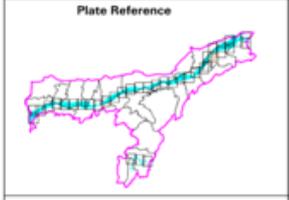
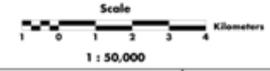
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 9



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
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- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 5 hectares not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E35	29
2	E36	29
3	E37	13
4	E38	7
5	E39	30
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7	E39	16
8	E31	7.8
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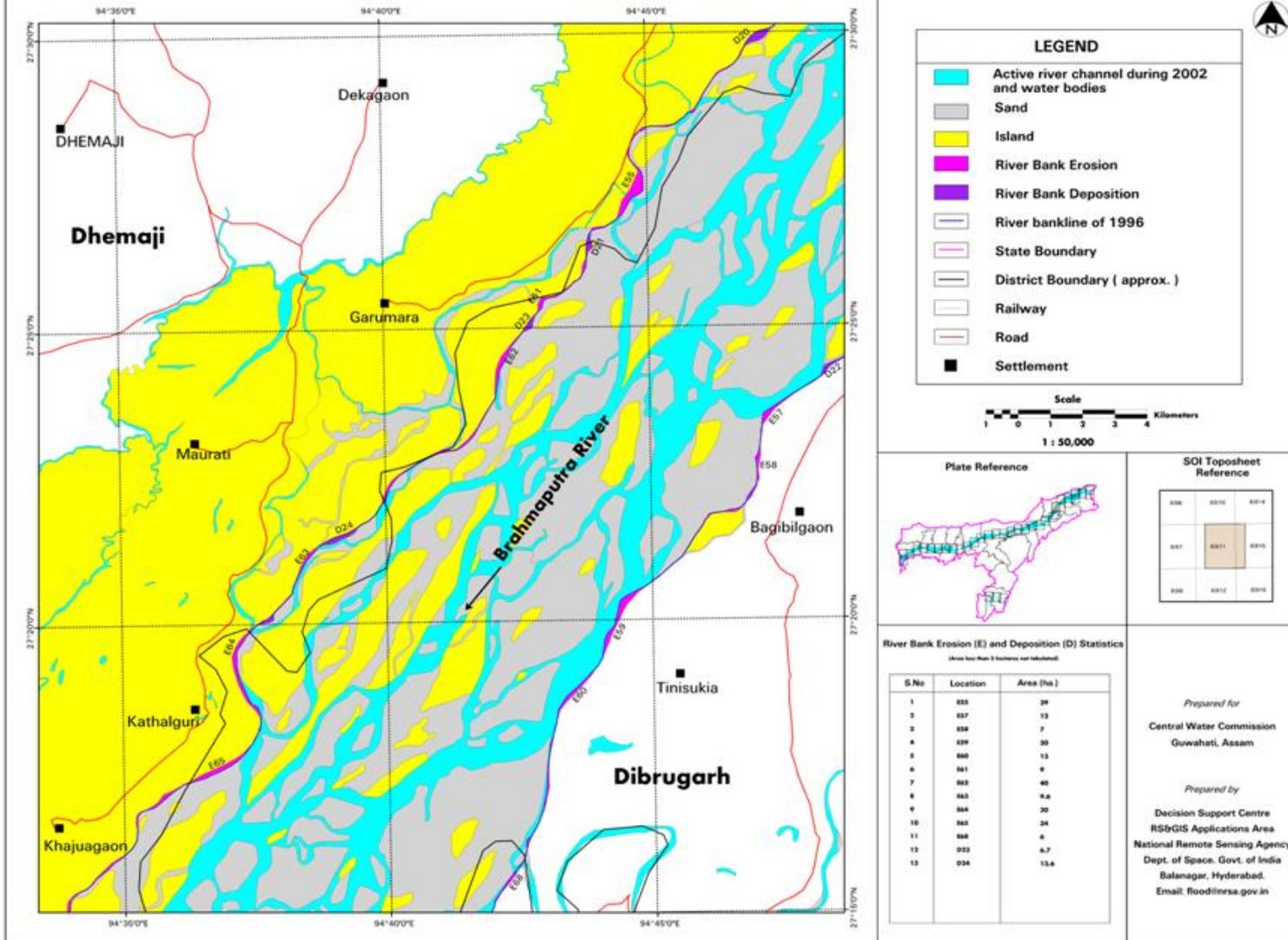
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Part of Dhemaji and Dibrugarh districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 10

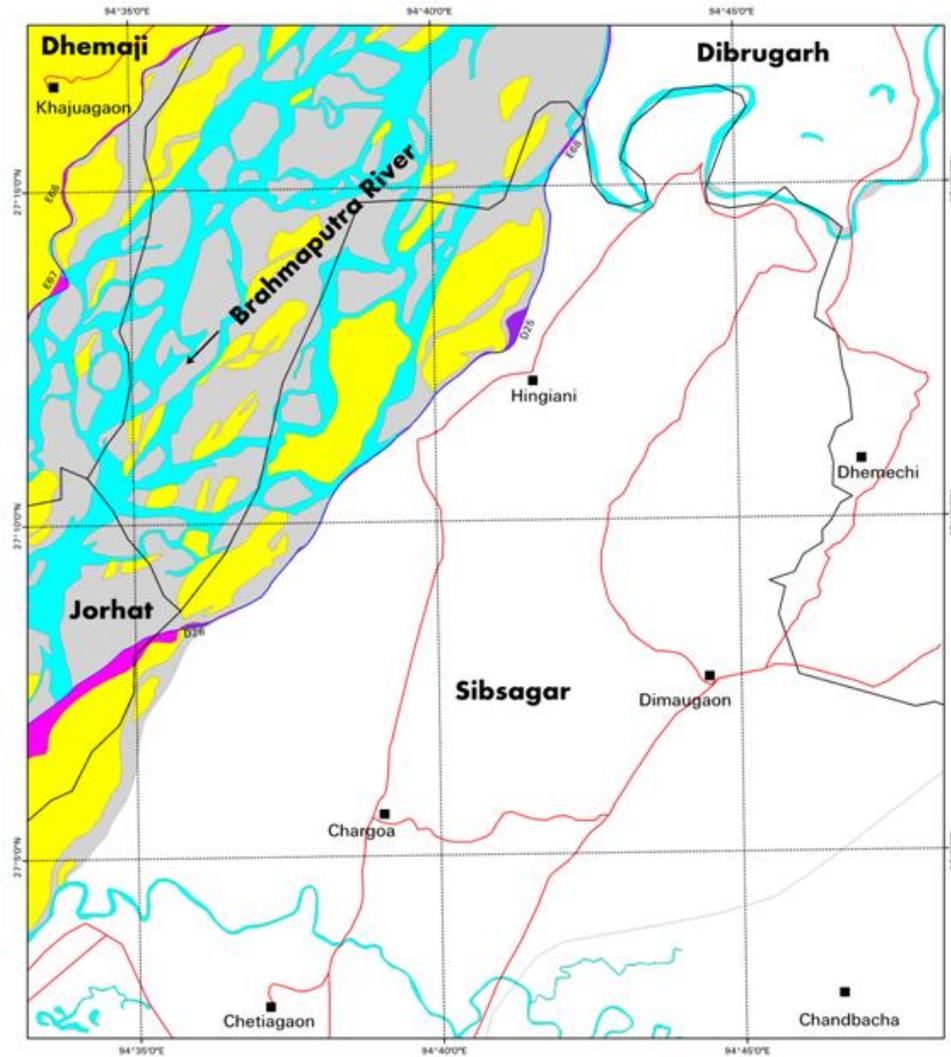


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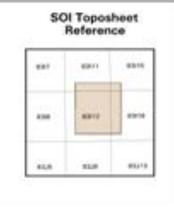
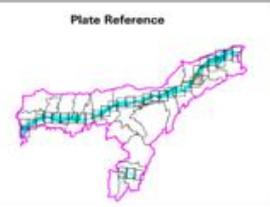
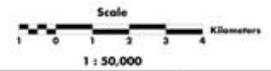
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 11



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 5 hectares not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	96a	10
2	96f	13
3	96d	8
4	95b	31
5	95a	7.8

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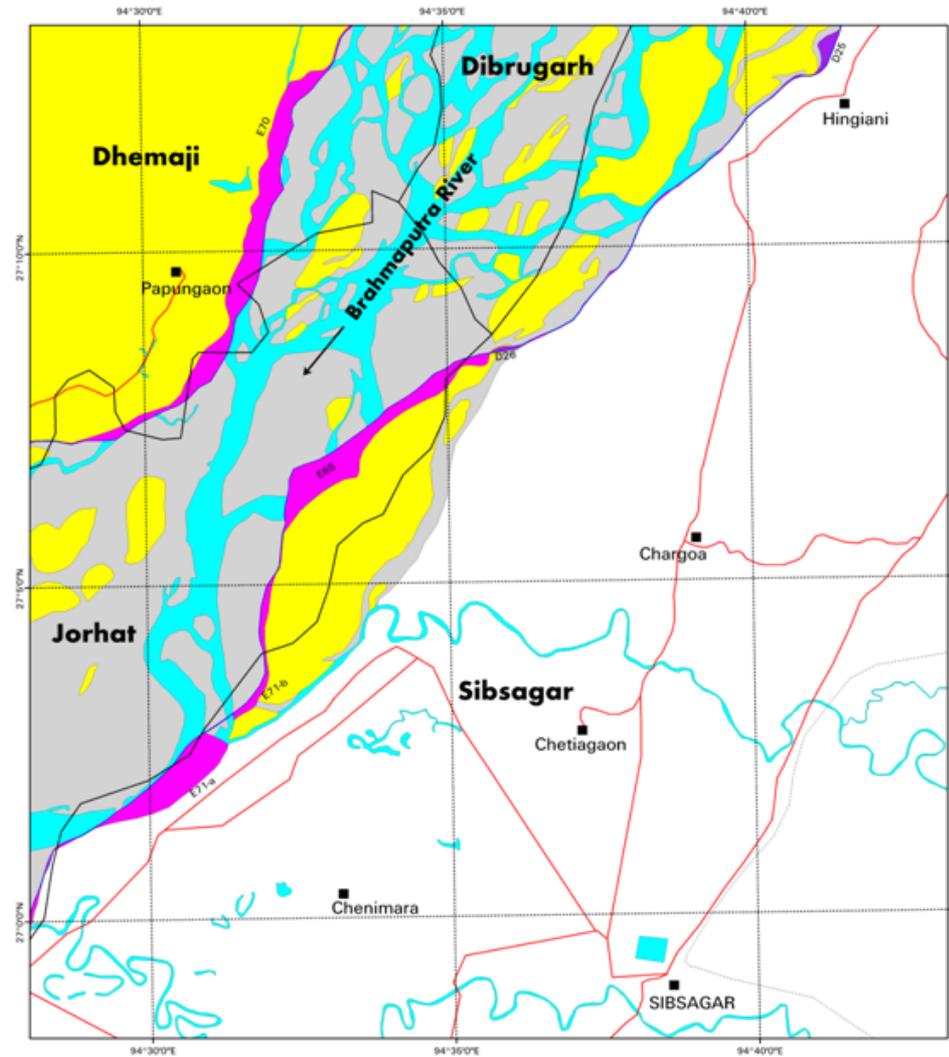
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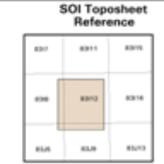
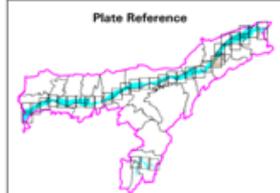
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 12



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement



River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 5 hectares not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
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2	870	328
3	E71a	386
4	E71b	80
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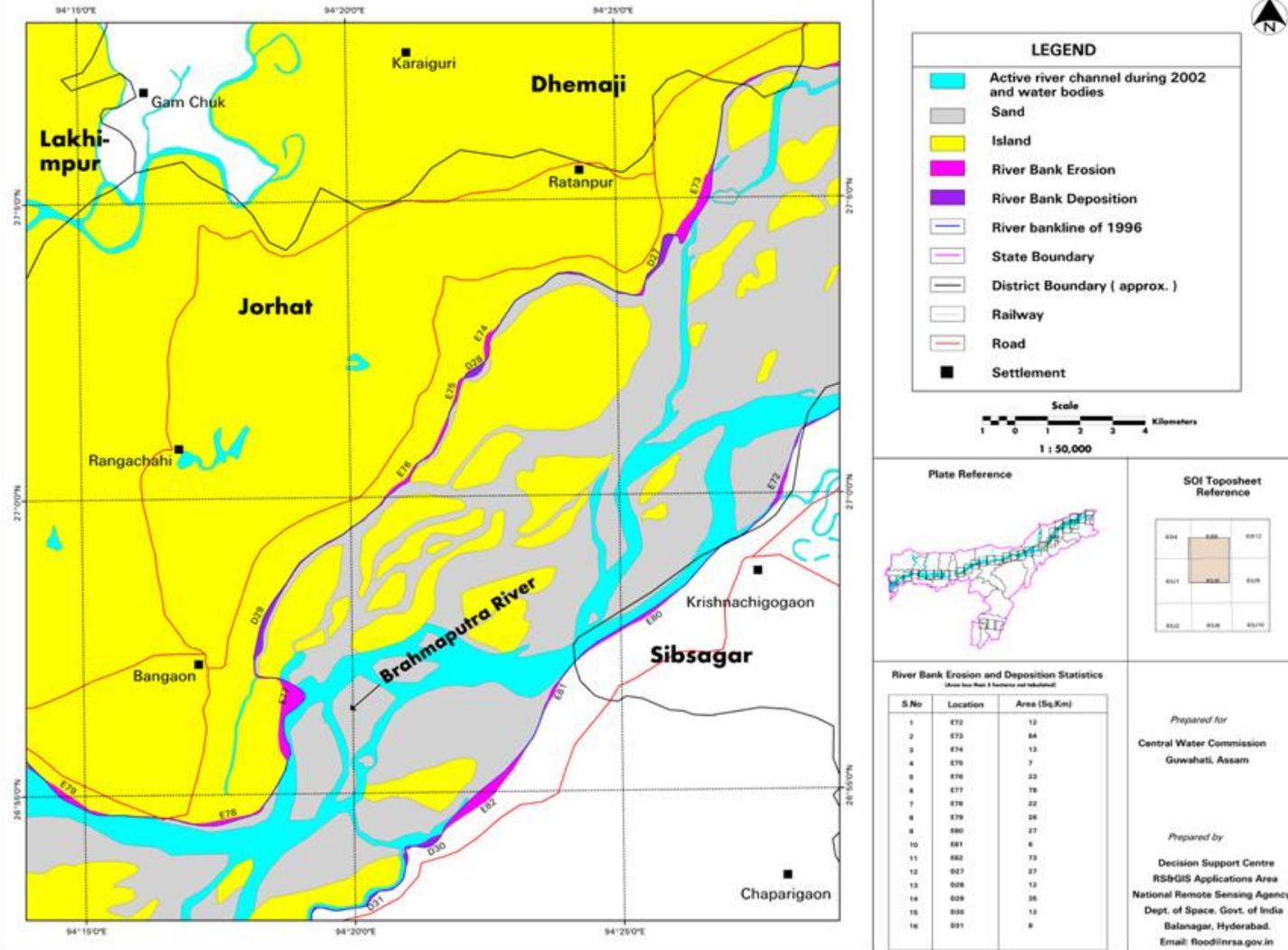
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Part of Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Sibsagar districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 13

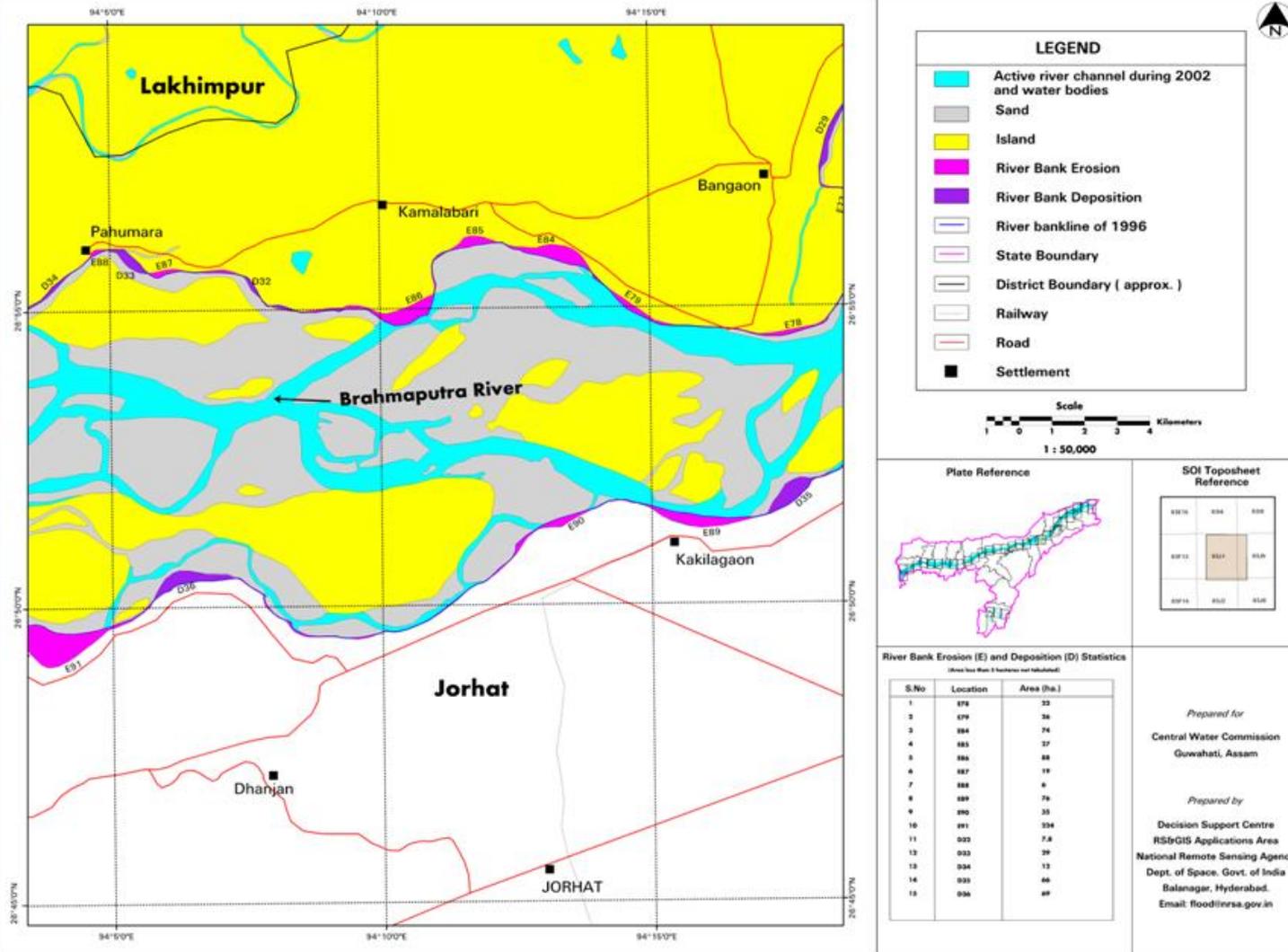


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Part of Jorhat and Lakhimpur districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 14

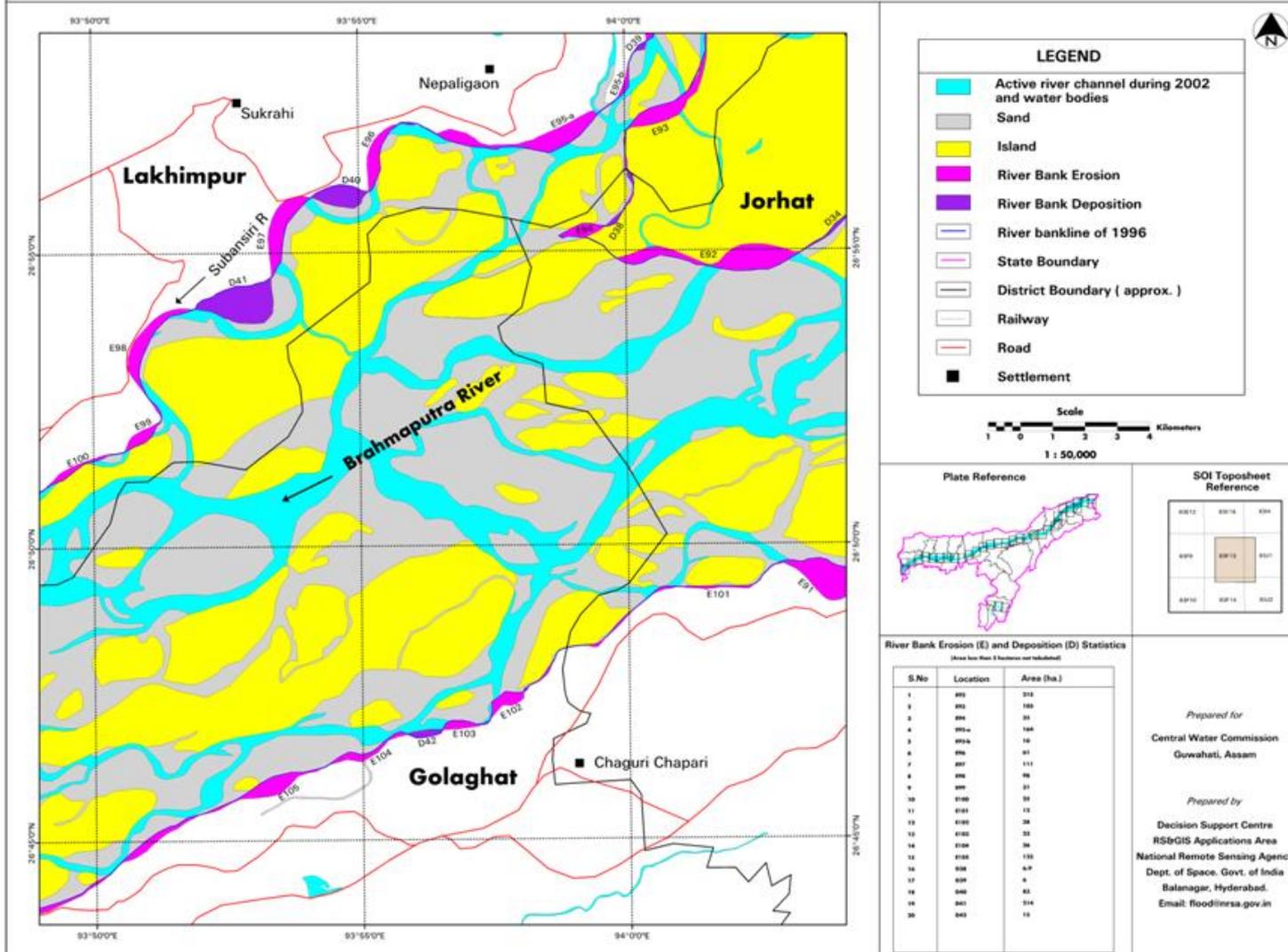


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Part of Lakhimpur, Golaghat and Jorhat districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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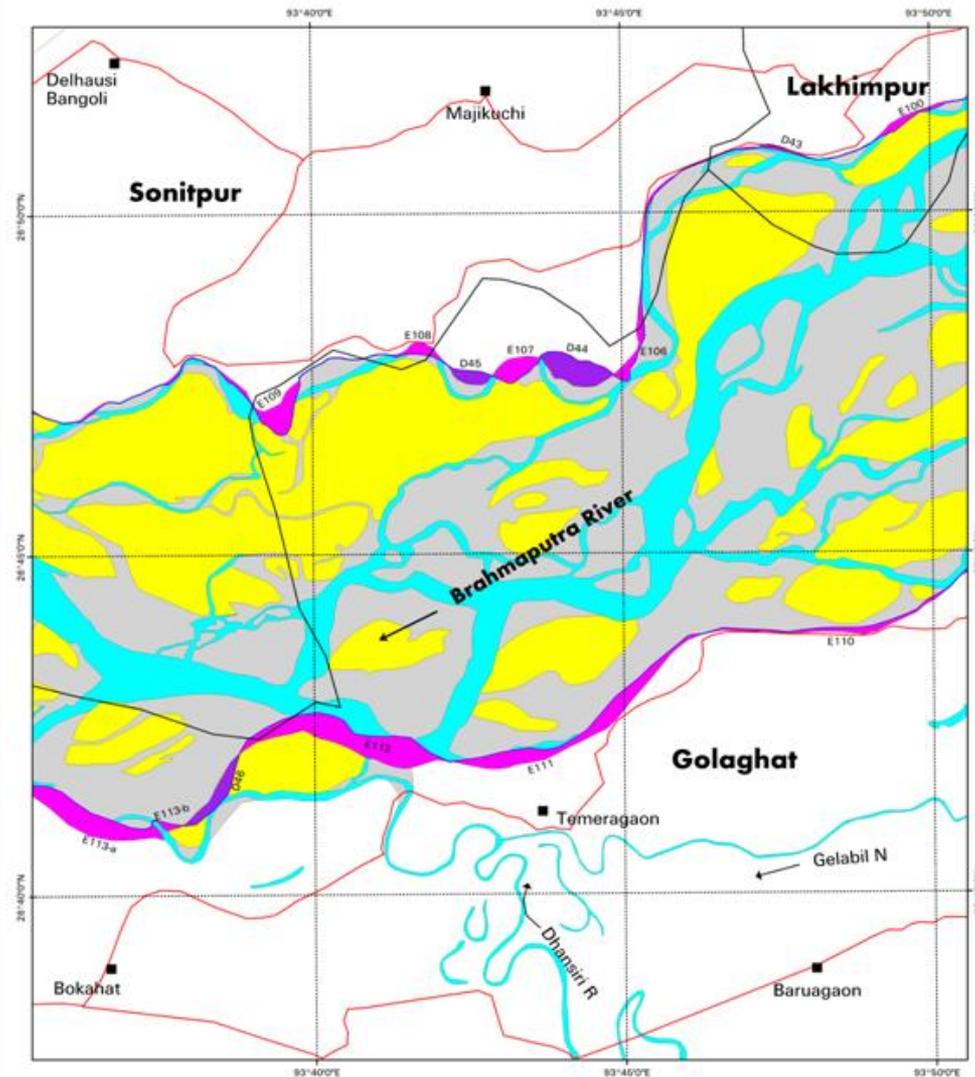


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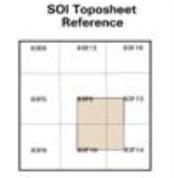
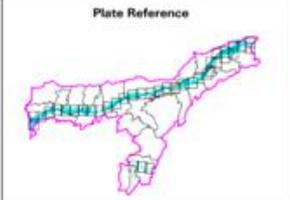
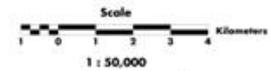
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 16



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- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
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- State Boundary
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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area has been 3 hectares and below)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E106	30
2	E107	33
3	E108	35
4	E109	33
5	E110	30
6	E111	792
7	E112	376
8	E113a	163
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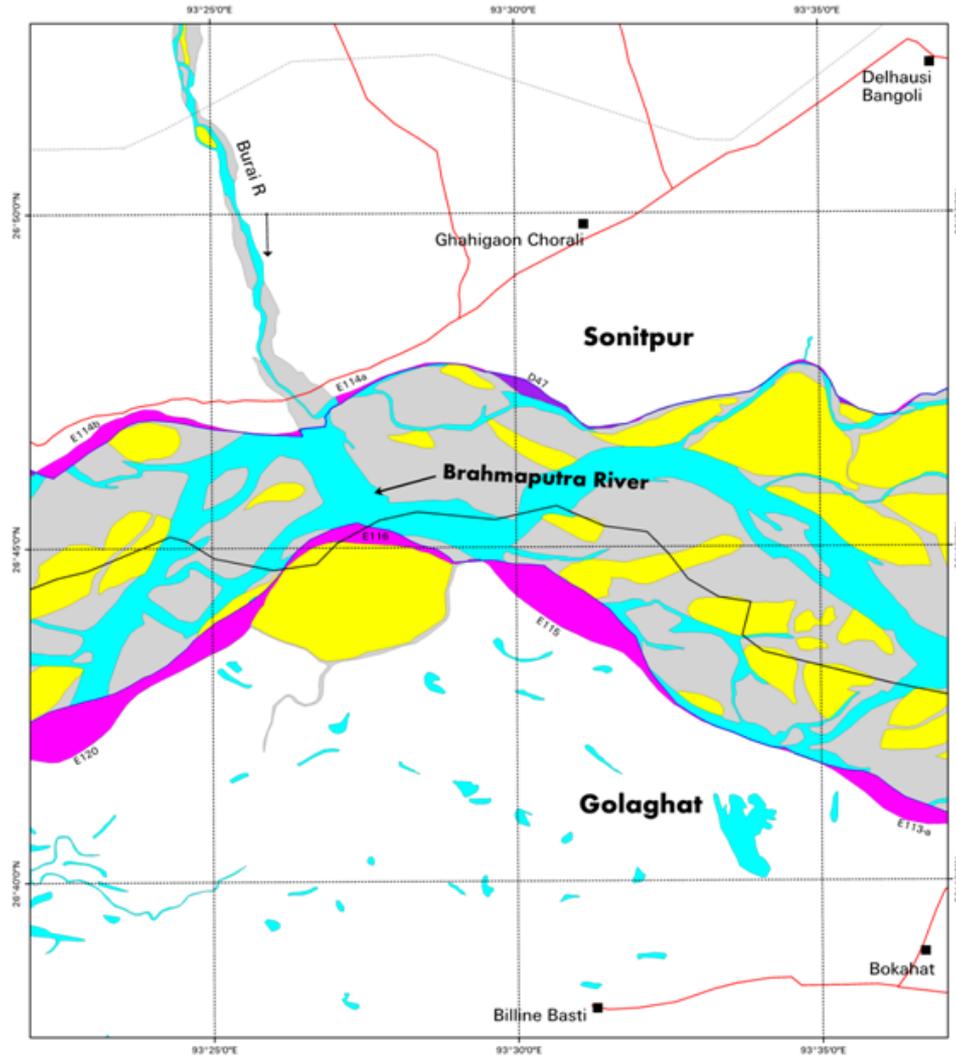
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Part of Sonitpur and Golaghat districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 17



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
- Sand
- Island
- River Bank Erosion
- River Bank Deposition
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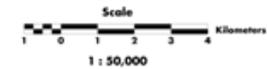
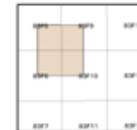


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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics

(Area has been in hectares and individual)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E114a	34.6
2	E114b	156
3	E115	446
4	E116	763
5	E130	754
6	D47	38

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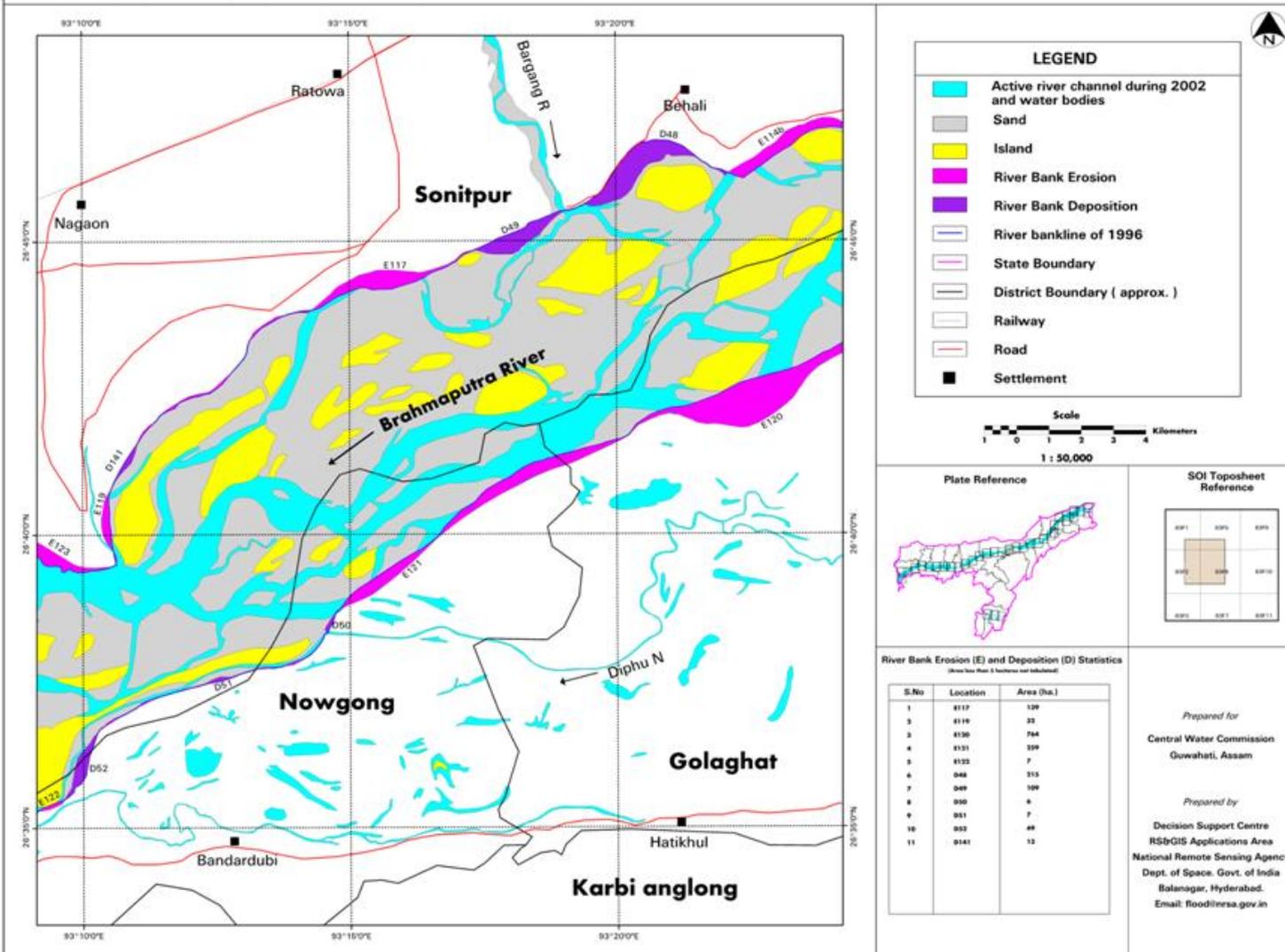
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Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Part of Nowgong, Karbi anglong, Sonitpur and Golaghat districts

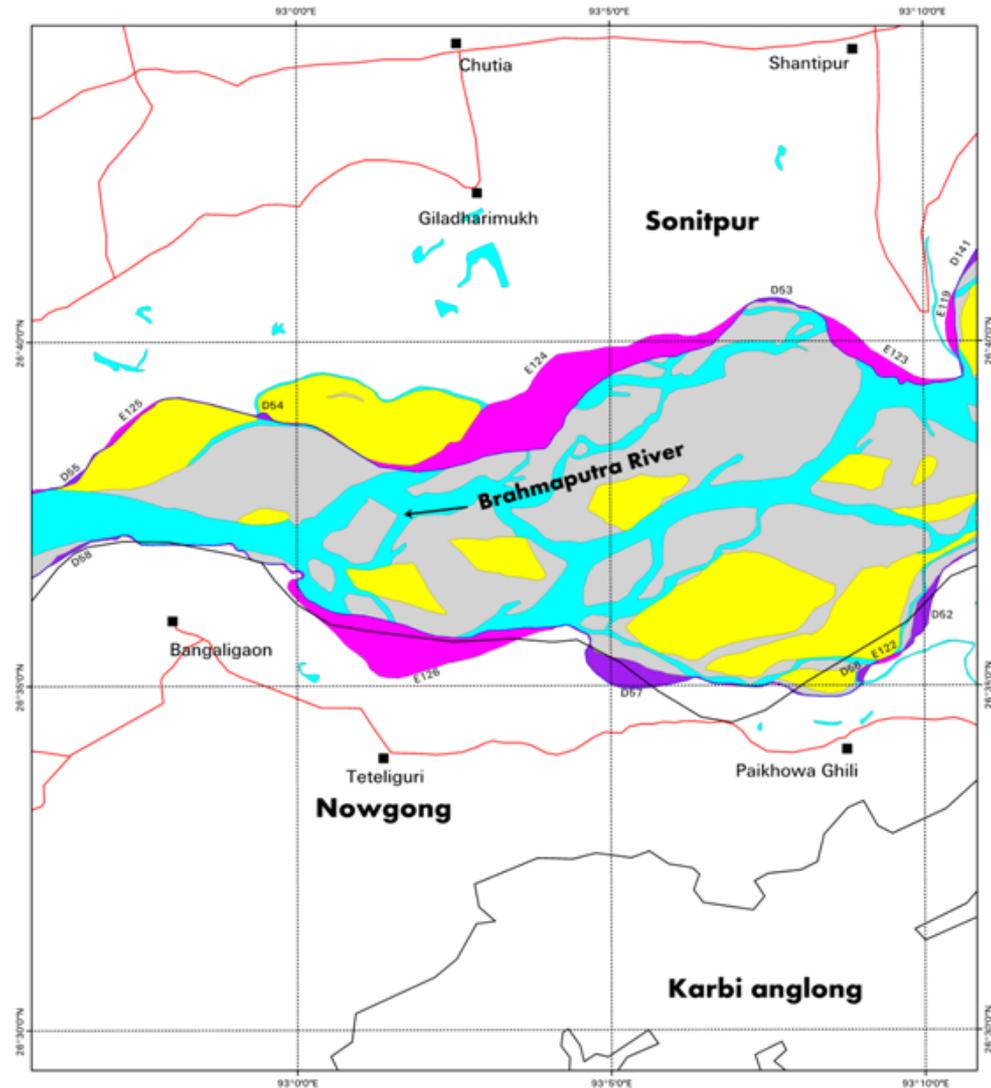
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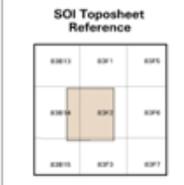
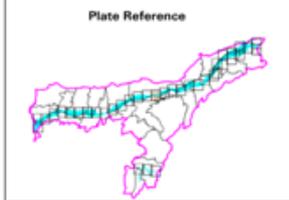
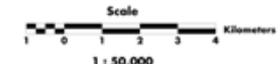
Part of Nowgong, Karbi anglong and Sonitpur districts Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 19



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
- Sand
- Island
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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area less than 1 hectare not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E123	135
2	E124	800
3	E125	19
4	E126	494
5	D53	9
6	D54	9
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8	D56	8
9	D57	128
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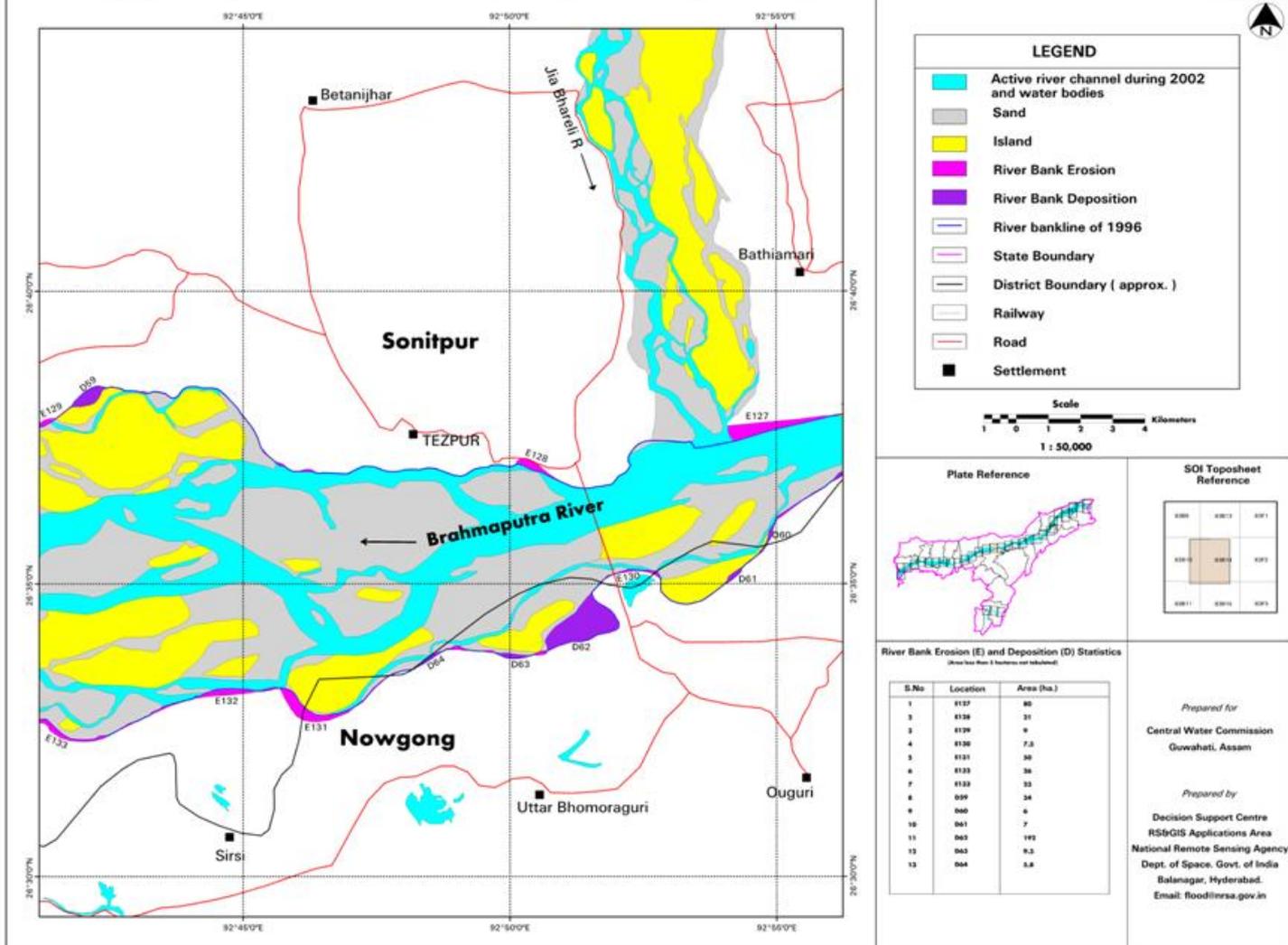
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Part of Nowgong and Sonitpur districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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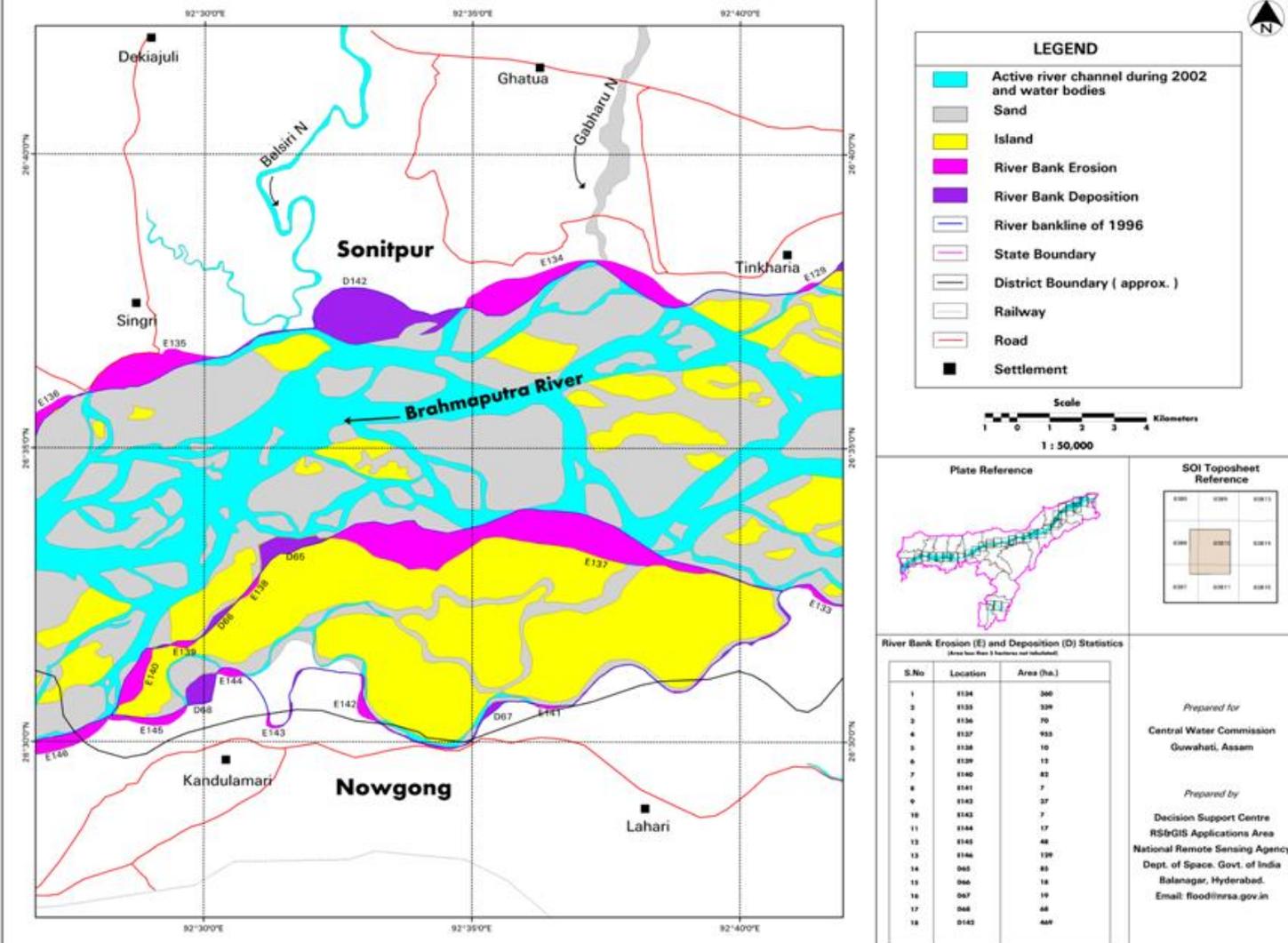


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Part of Nowgong and Sonitpur districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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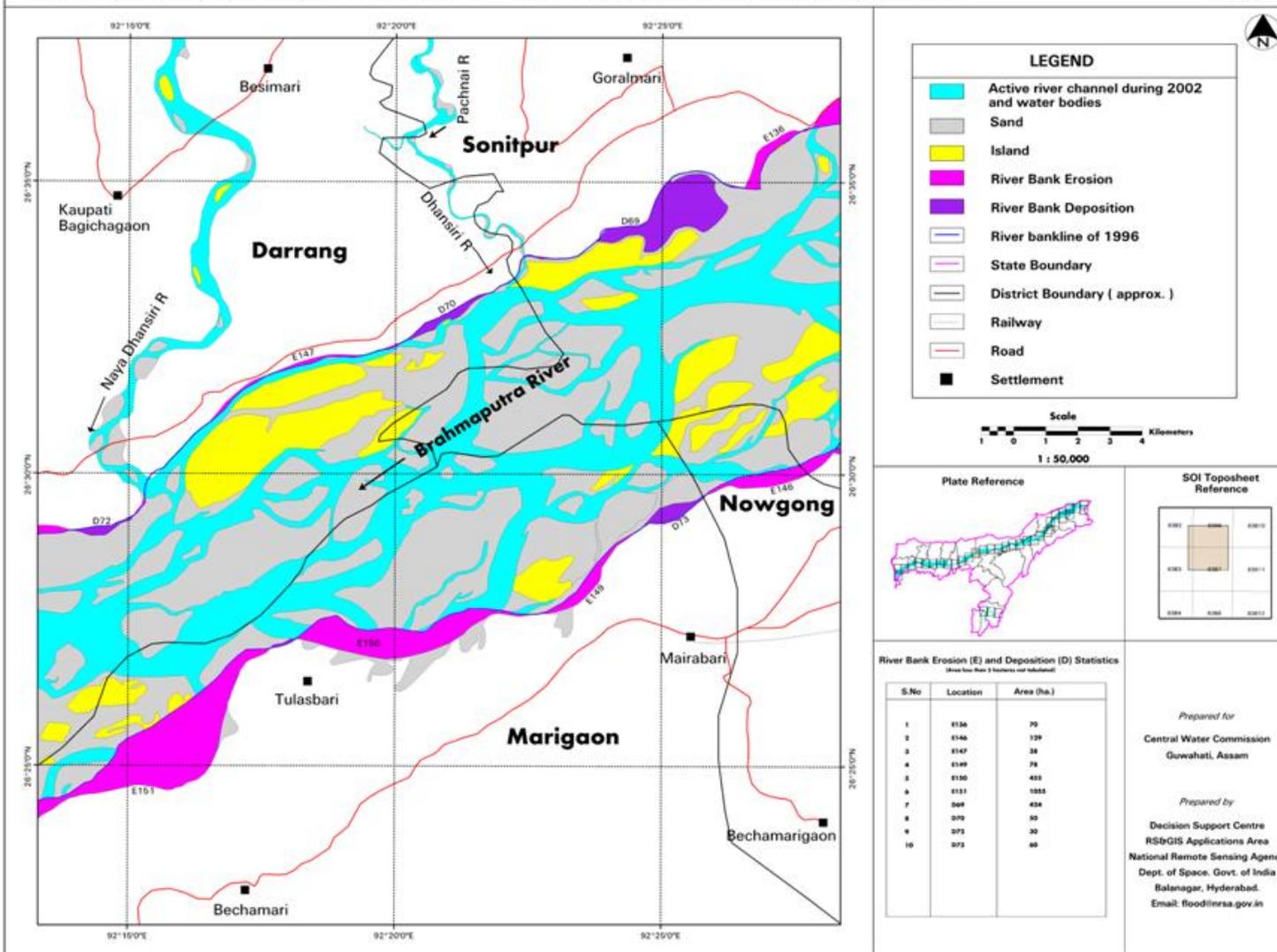


# Bank Erosion Study of Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in Assam using Satellite Remote Sensing

Part of Marigaon, Nowgong, Darrang and Sonitpur districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 22

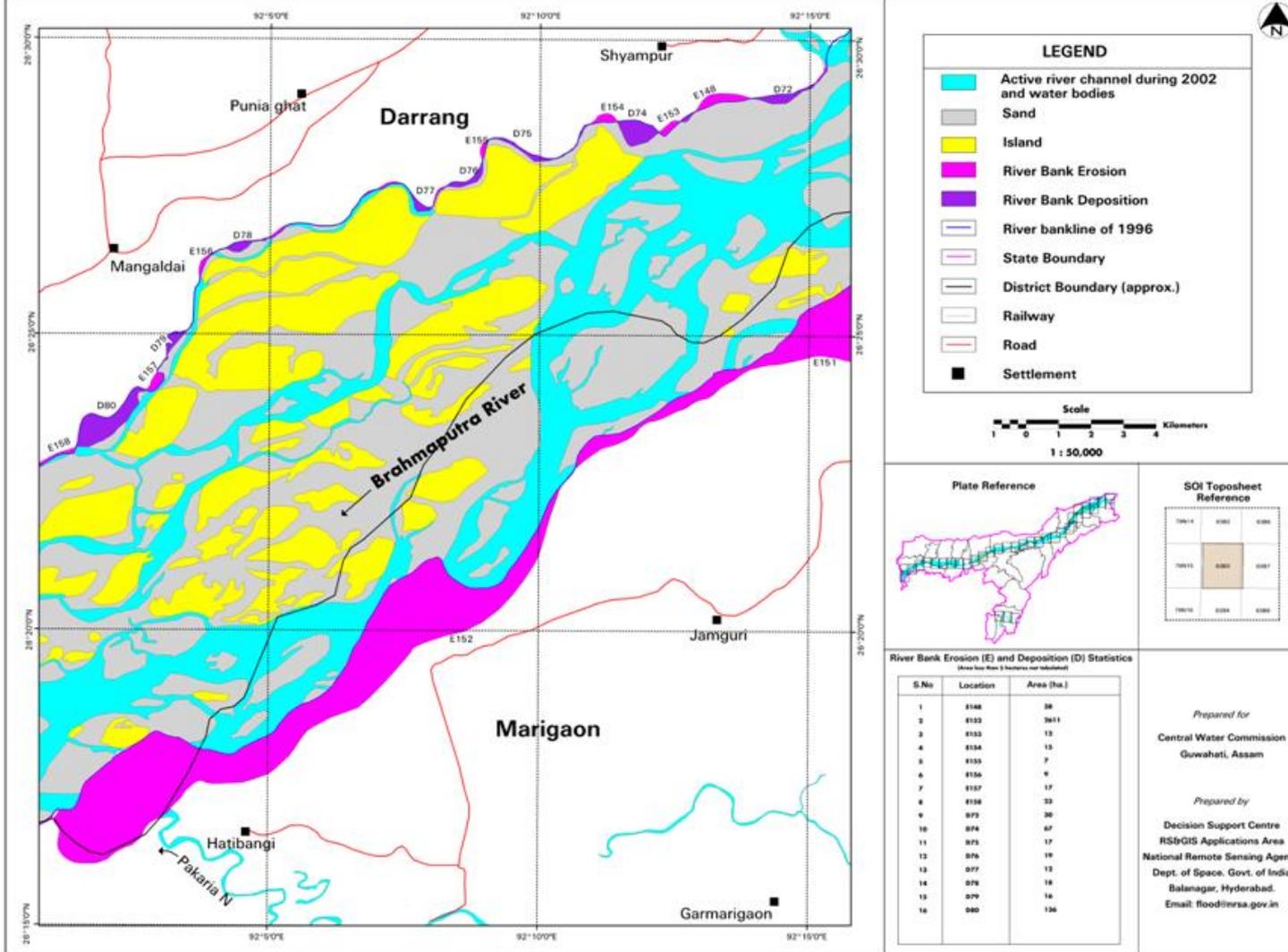


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Part of Marigaon and Darrang districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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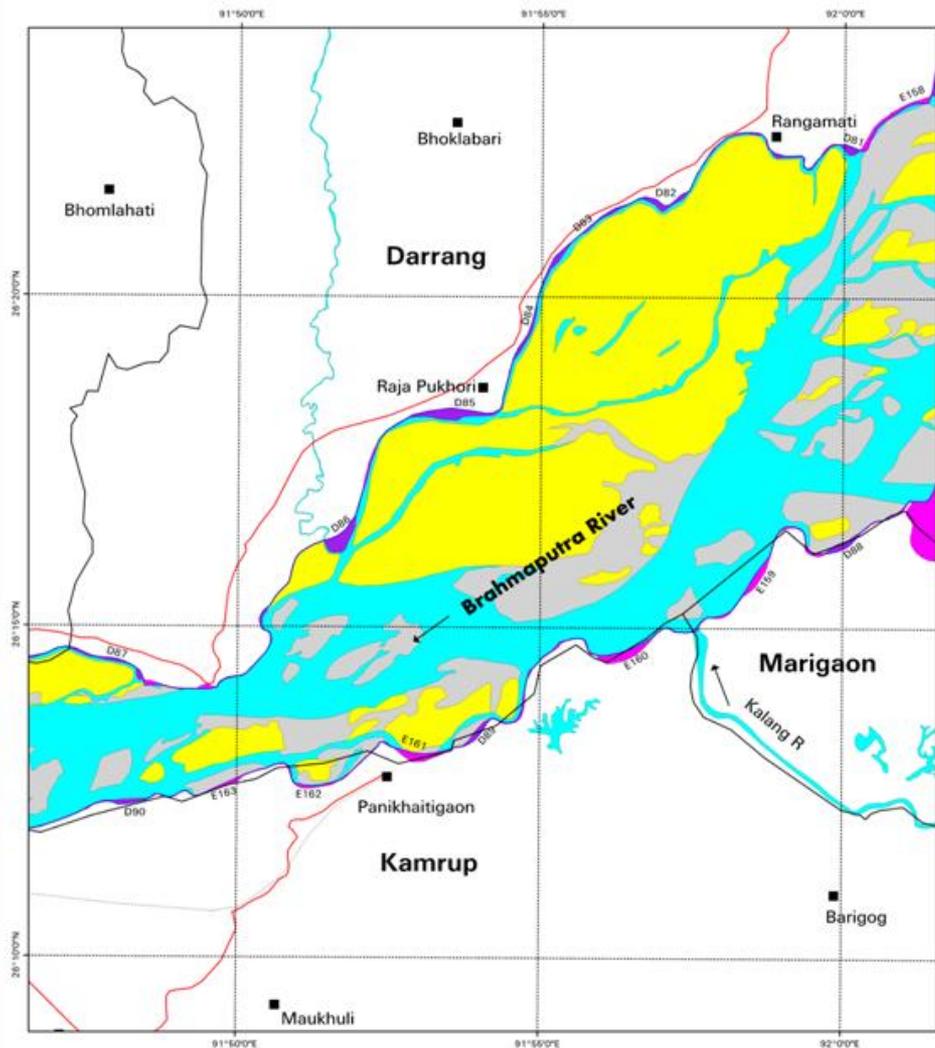


# Bank Erosion Study of Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in Assam using Satellite Remote Sensing

Part of Kamrup, Marigaon and Darrang districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 24



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
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- Island
- River Bank Erosion
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- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
- District Boundary (approx.)
- Railway
- Road
- Settlement

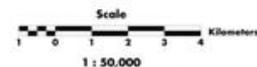
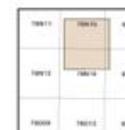


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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area in Hectares is in italics)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E128	33
2	E129	34
3	E140	31
4	E141	33
5	E143	6.3
6	E143	7.3
7	D81	9
8	D82	13
9	D83	19
10	D84	11
11	D85	41
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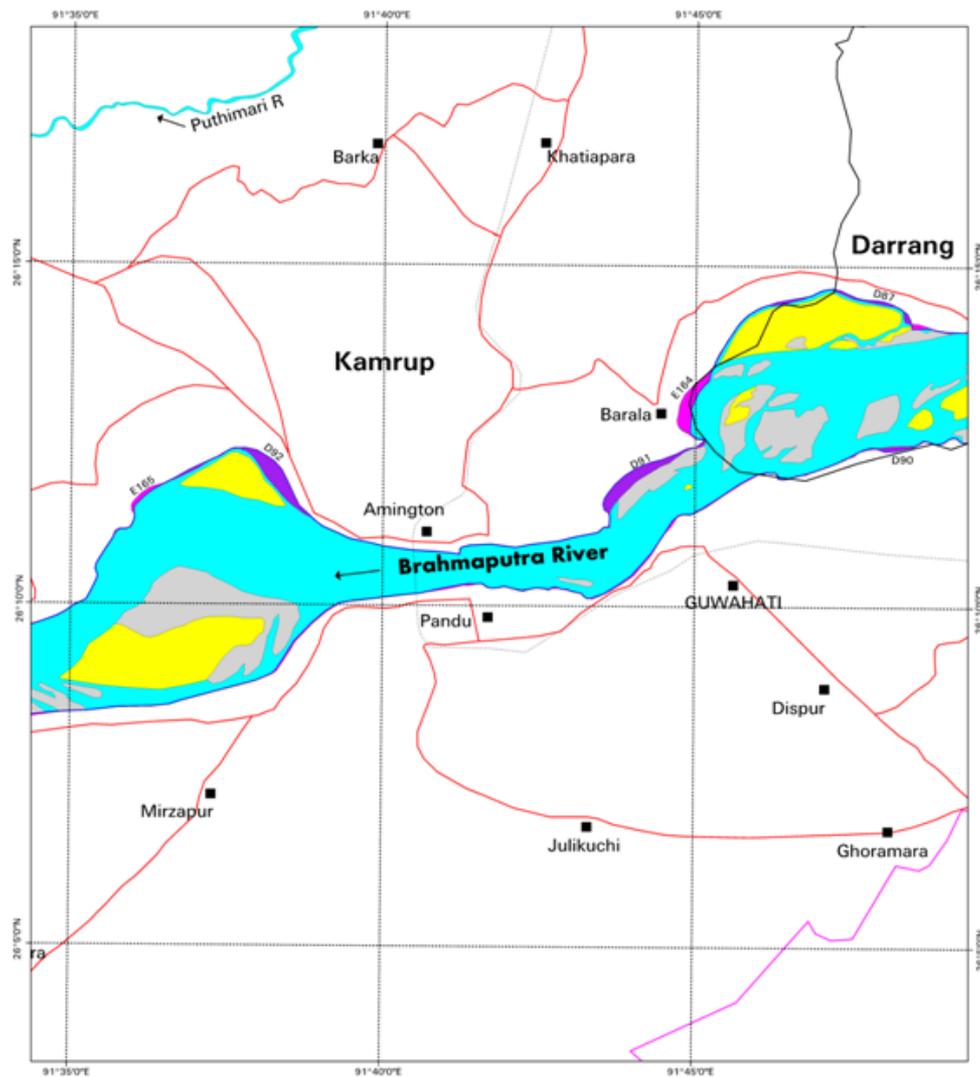
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Part of Kamrup and Darrang districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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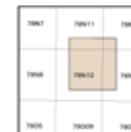
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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics  
(Area Near River 5 metres or below)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E164	50
2	E165	10
3	D87	9
4	D90	10
5	D91	68
6	D92	68

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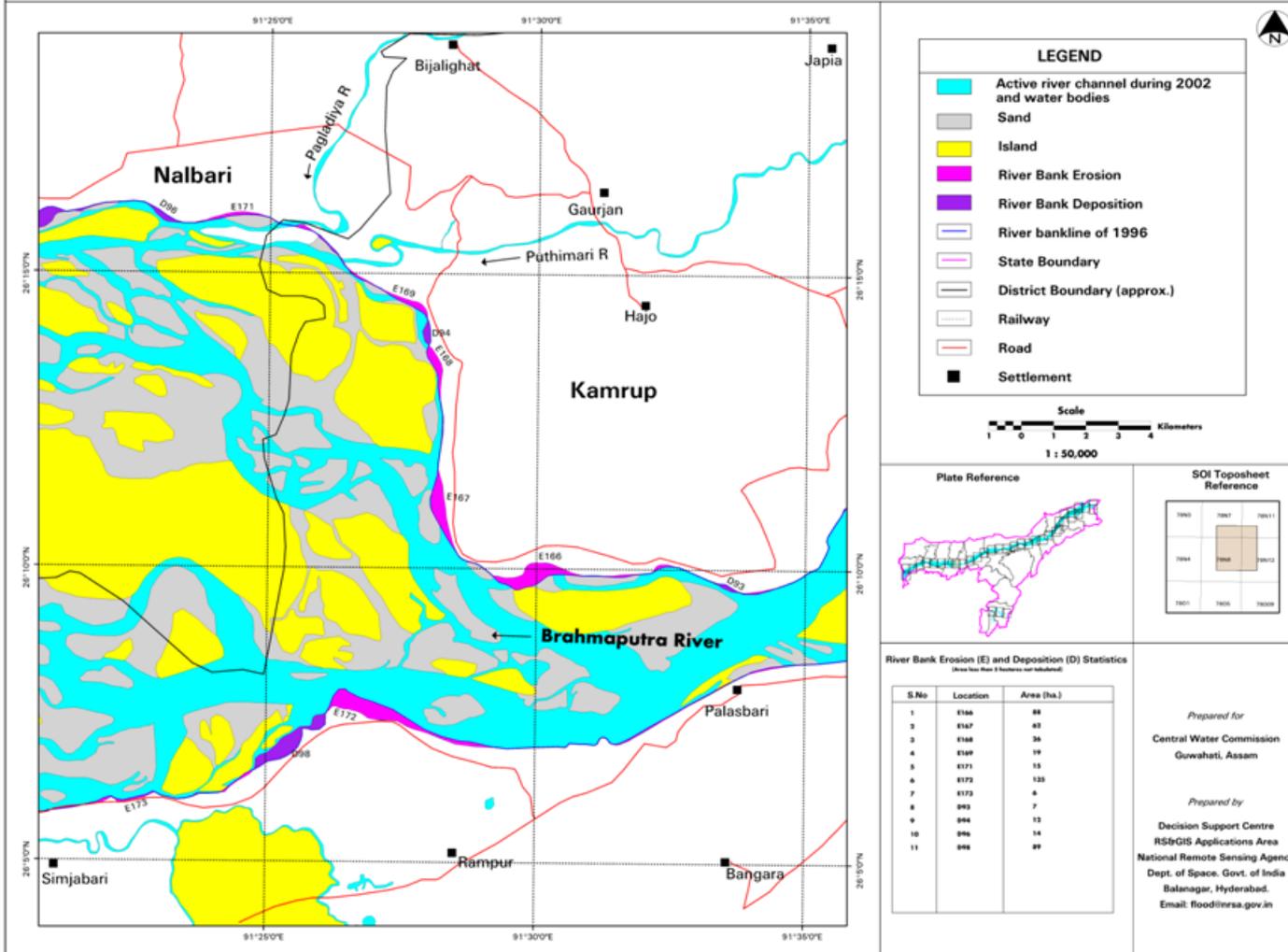
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Part of Kamrup and Nalbari districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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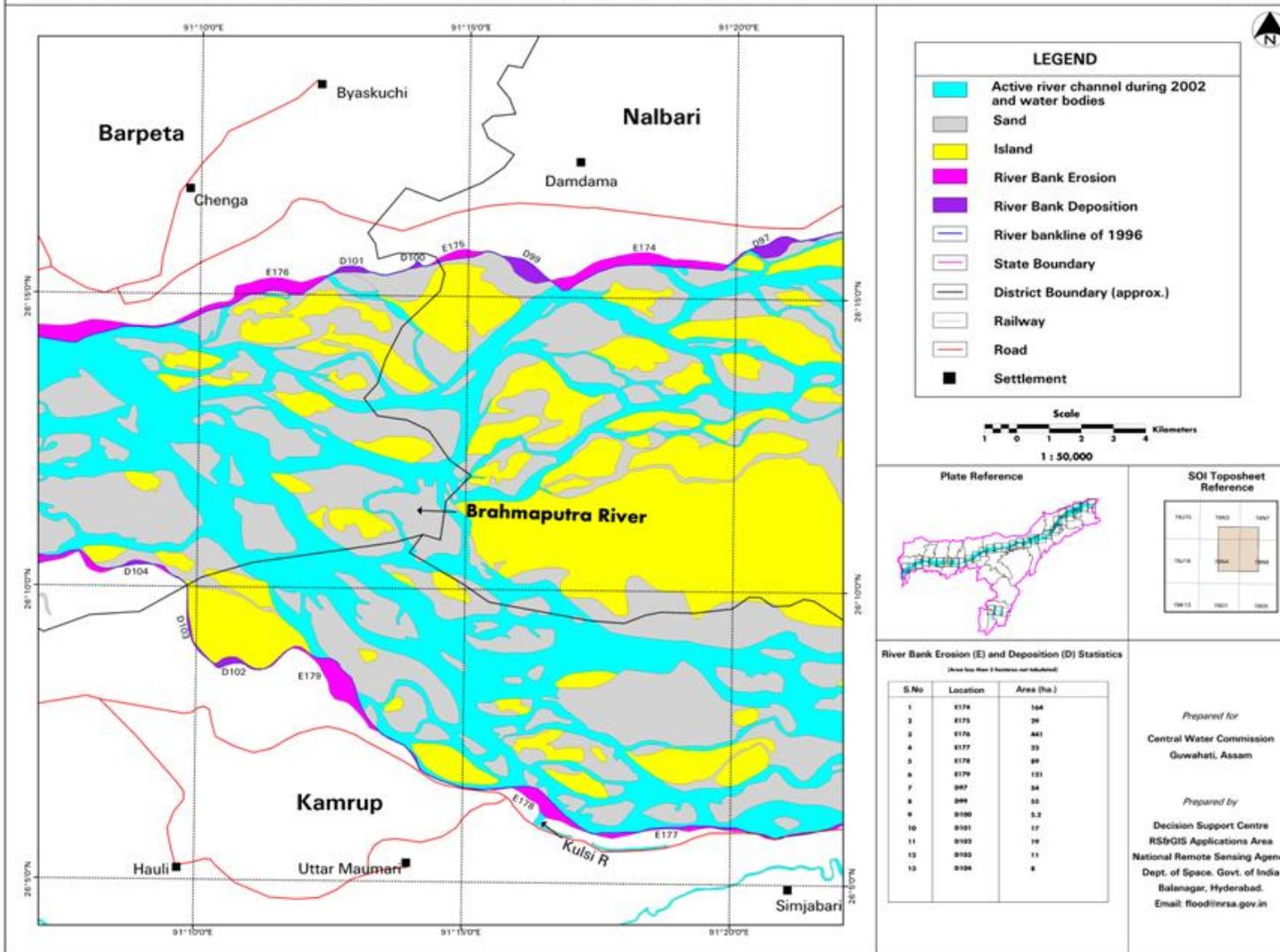


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Part of Kamrup, Barpeta and Nalbari districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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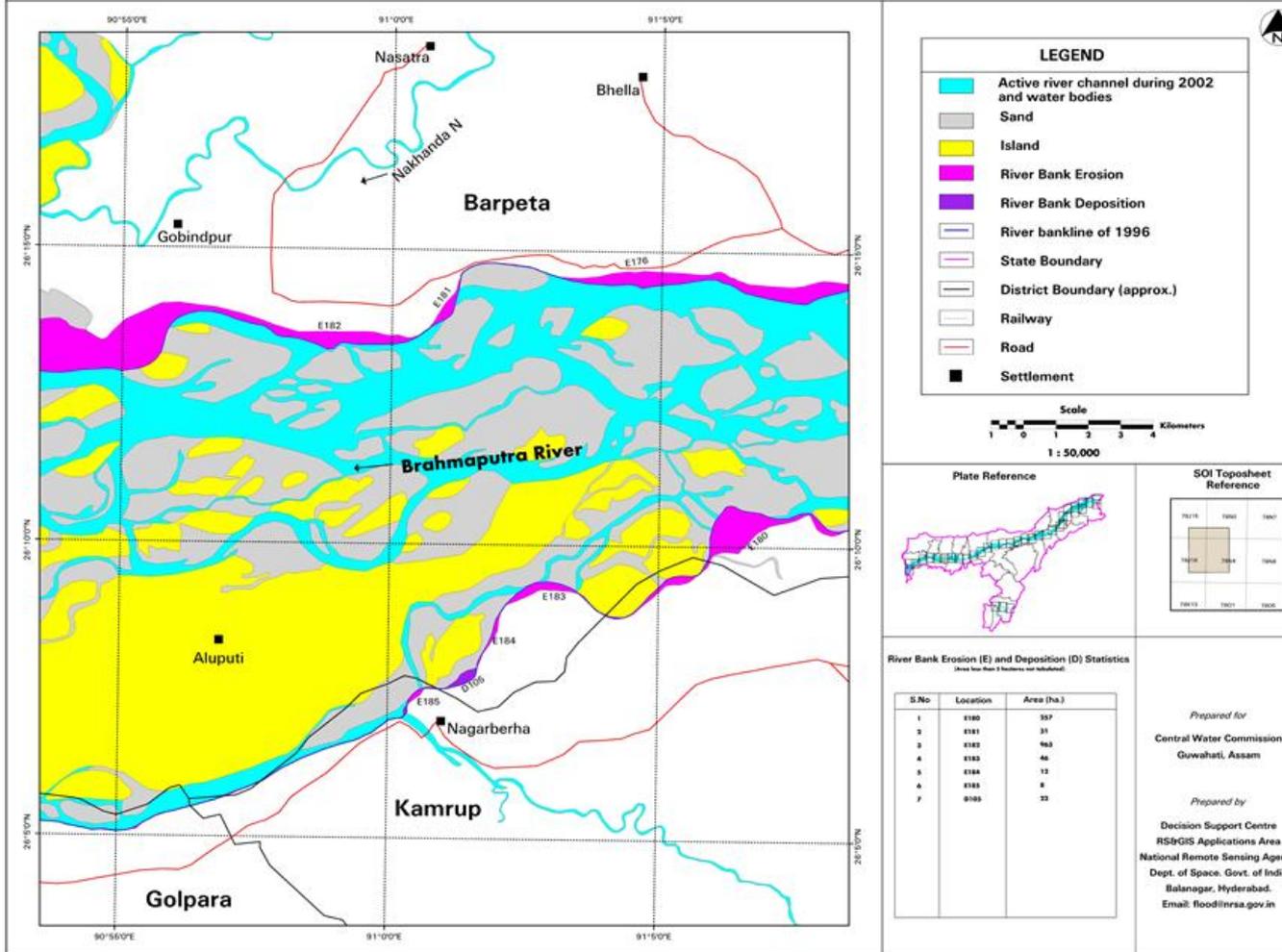


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Part of Kamrup, Golpara and Barpeta districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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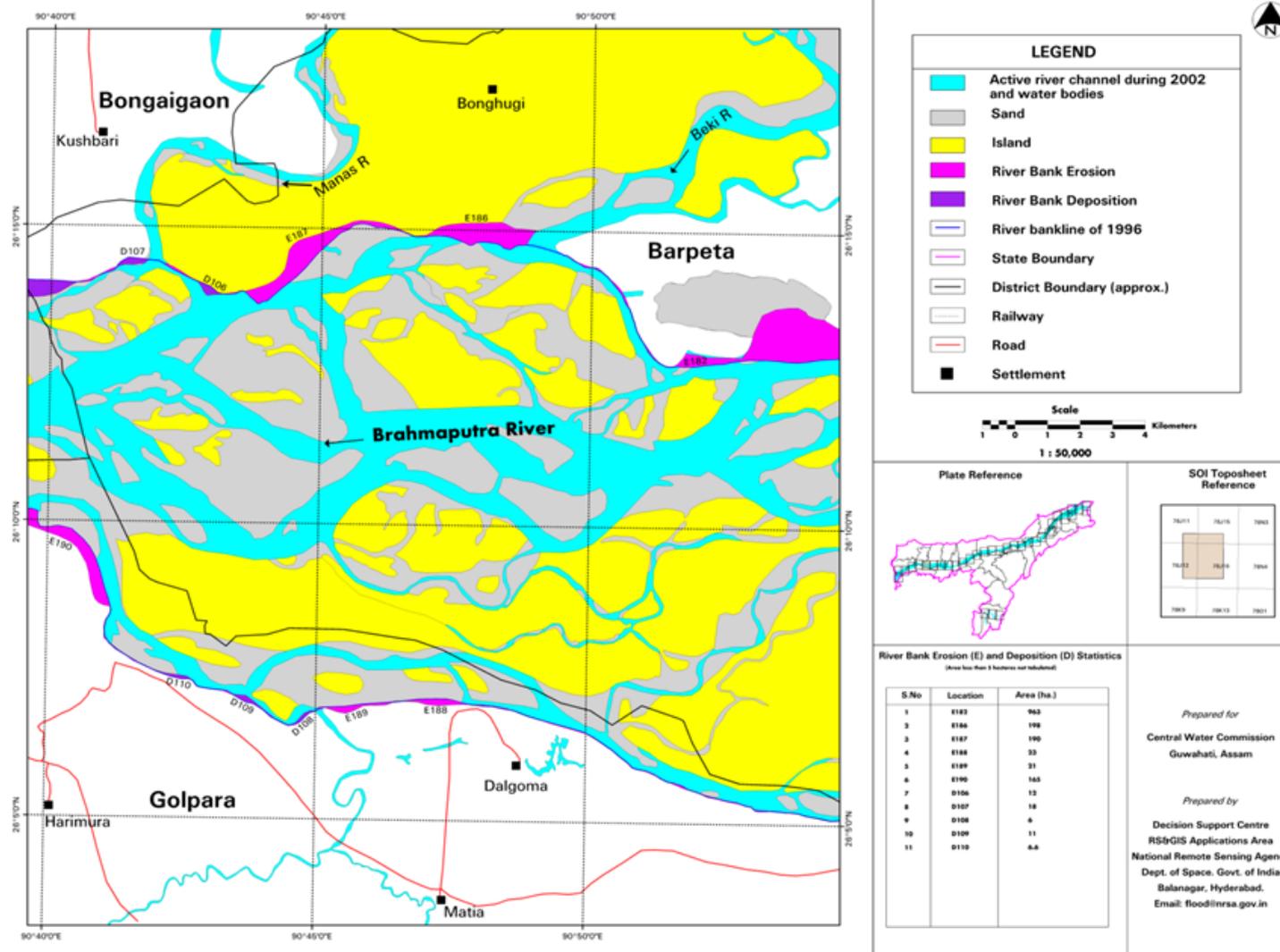


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Part of Golpara, Bongaigaon and Barpeta districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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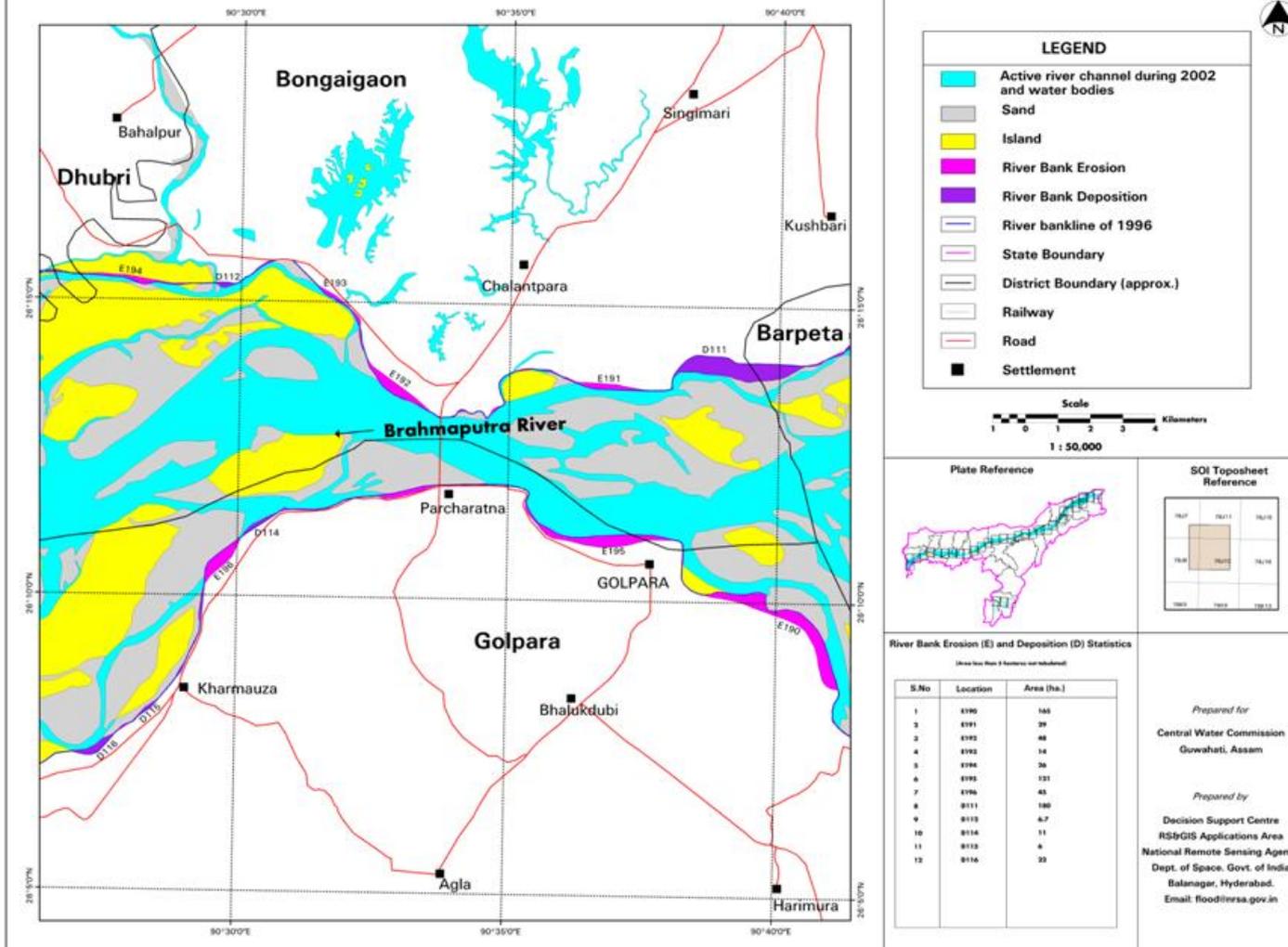


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Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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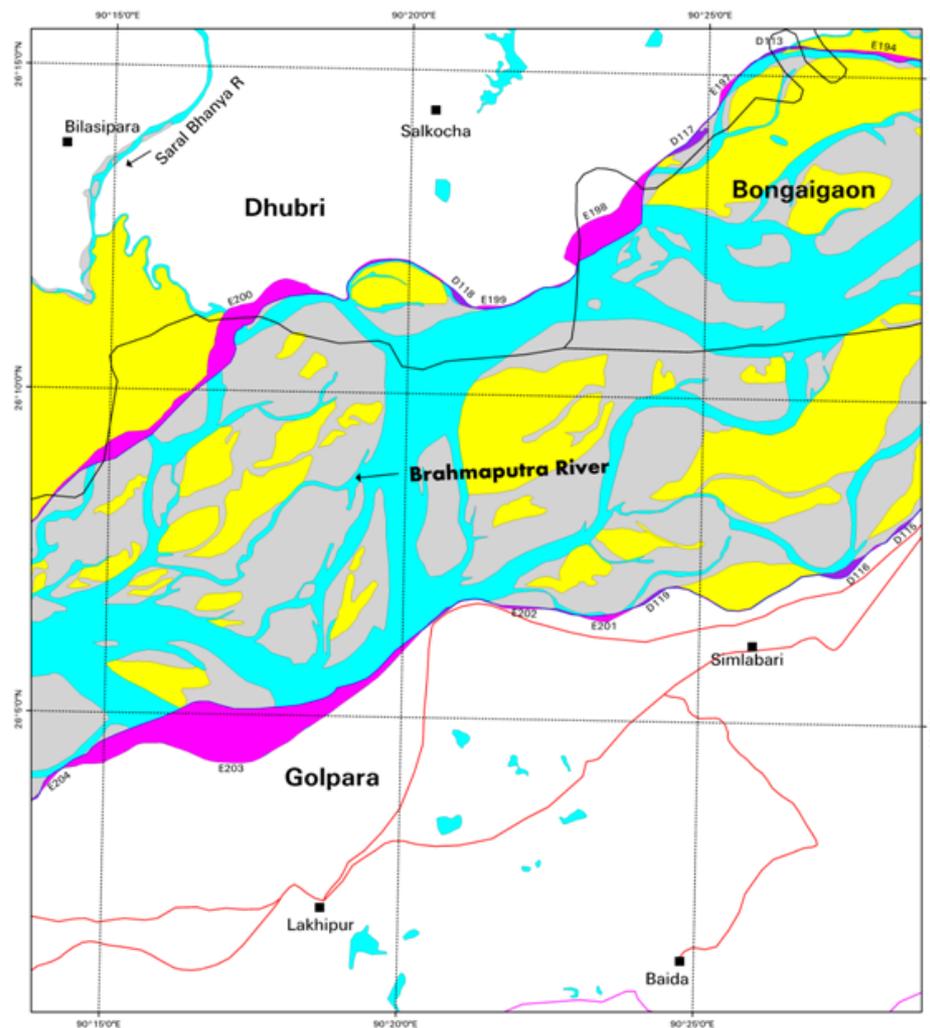


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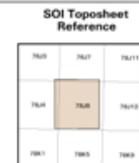
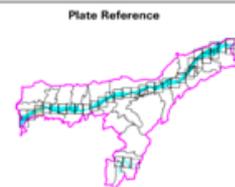
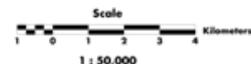
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 31



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- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
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- State Boundary
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**River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics**

(Area less than 3 hectares not tabulated)

S.No	Location	Area (ha.)
1	E194	36
2	E197	13
3	E198	314
4	E199	9
5	E200	331
6	E201	16
7	E202	6.8
8	E203	769
9	E204	6
10	D113	6
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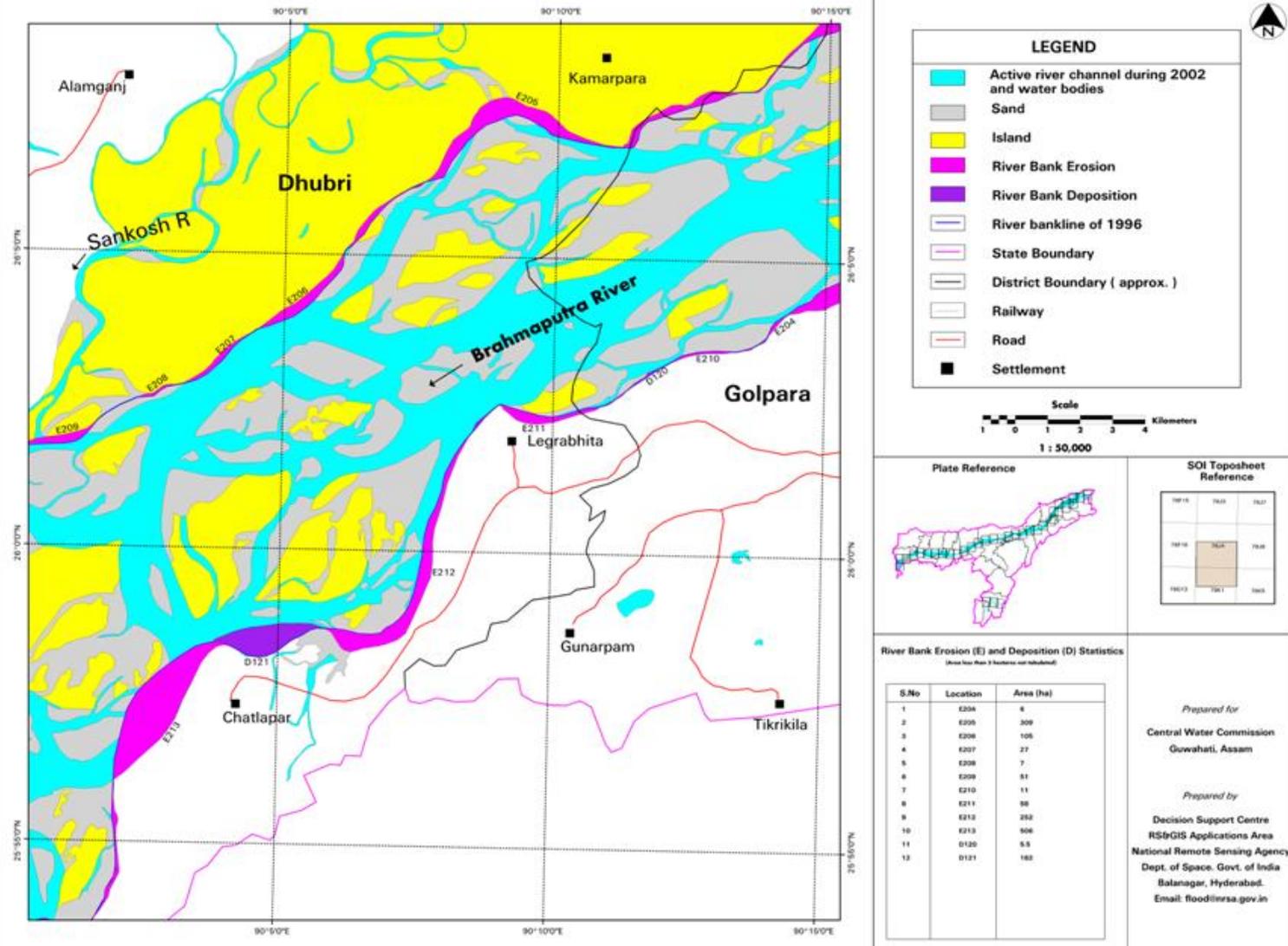
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Part of Golpara and Dhubri districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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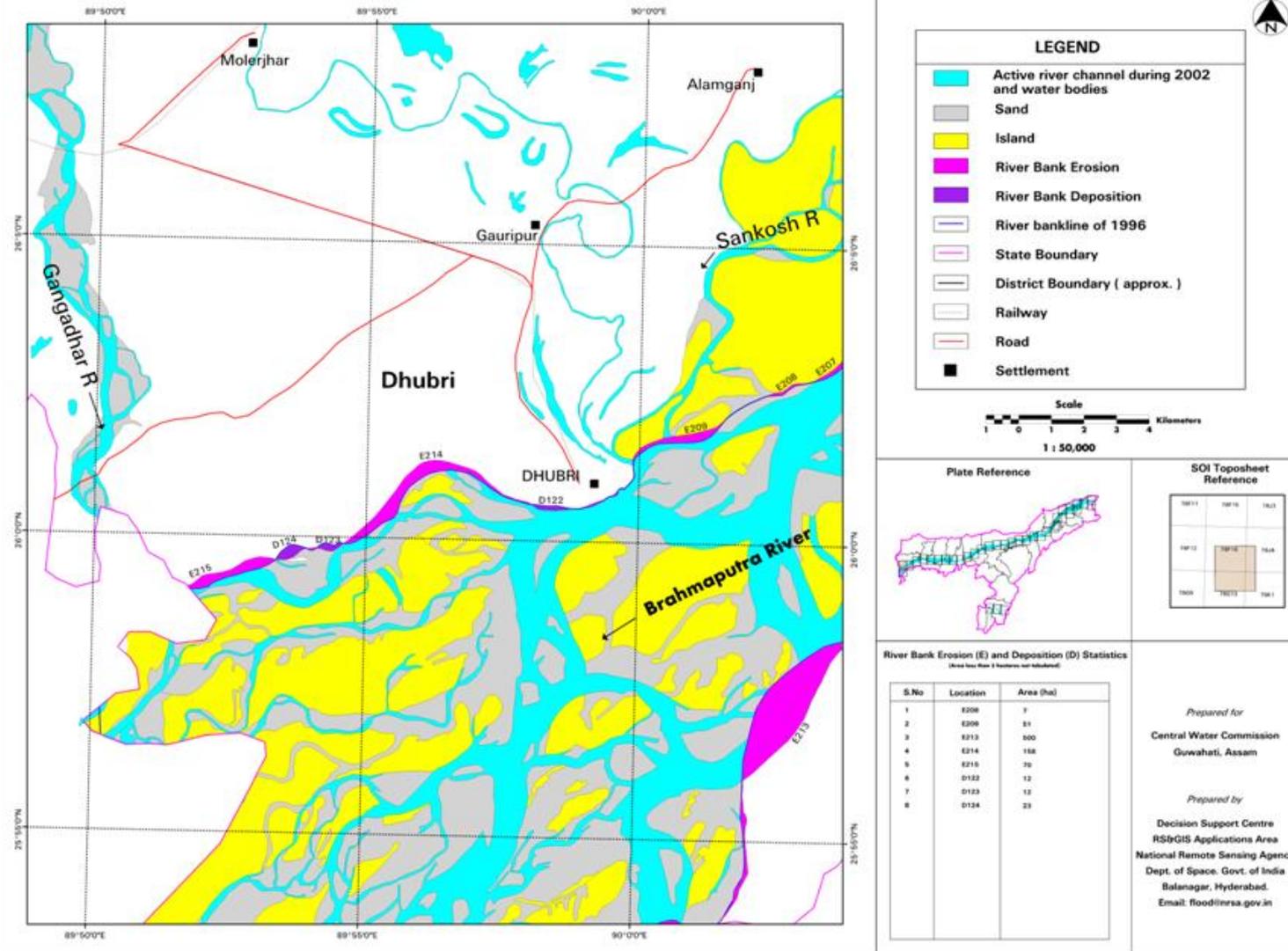


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Part of Dhubri district

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 33

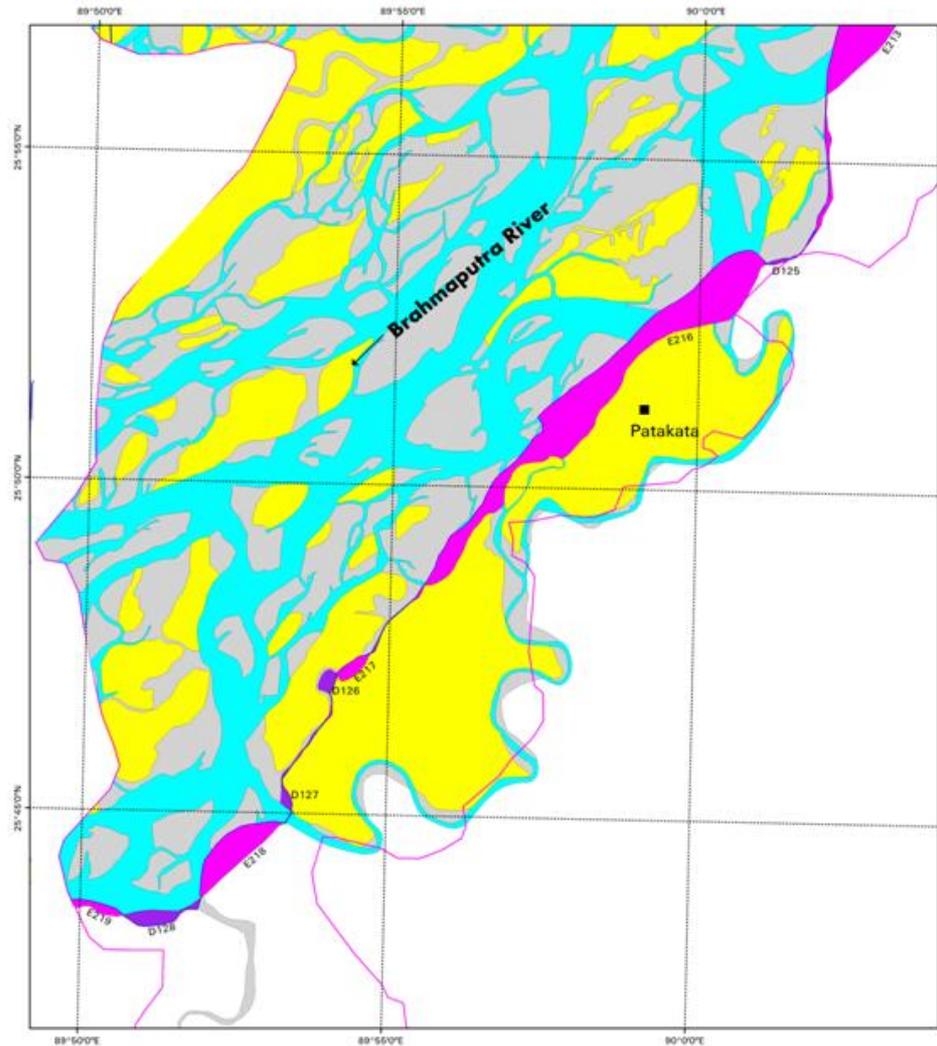


# Bank Erosion Study of Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers in Assam using Satellite Remote Sensing

Part of Dhubri district

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 34



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
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- River bankline of 1996
- State Boundary
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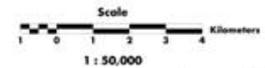
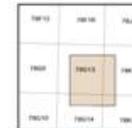


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**River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics**  
*(Area in Hectare & Hectares are indicated)*

S.No	Location	Area (ha)
1	E218	324
2	E217	29
3	E216	172
4	E219	26
5	D126	5.6
6	D128	33
7	D127	15
8	D128	65

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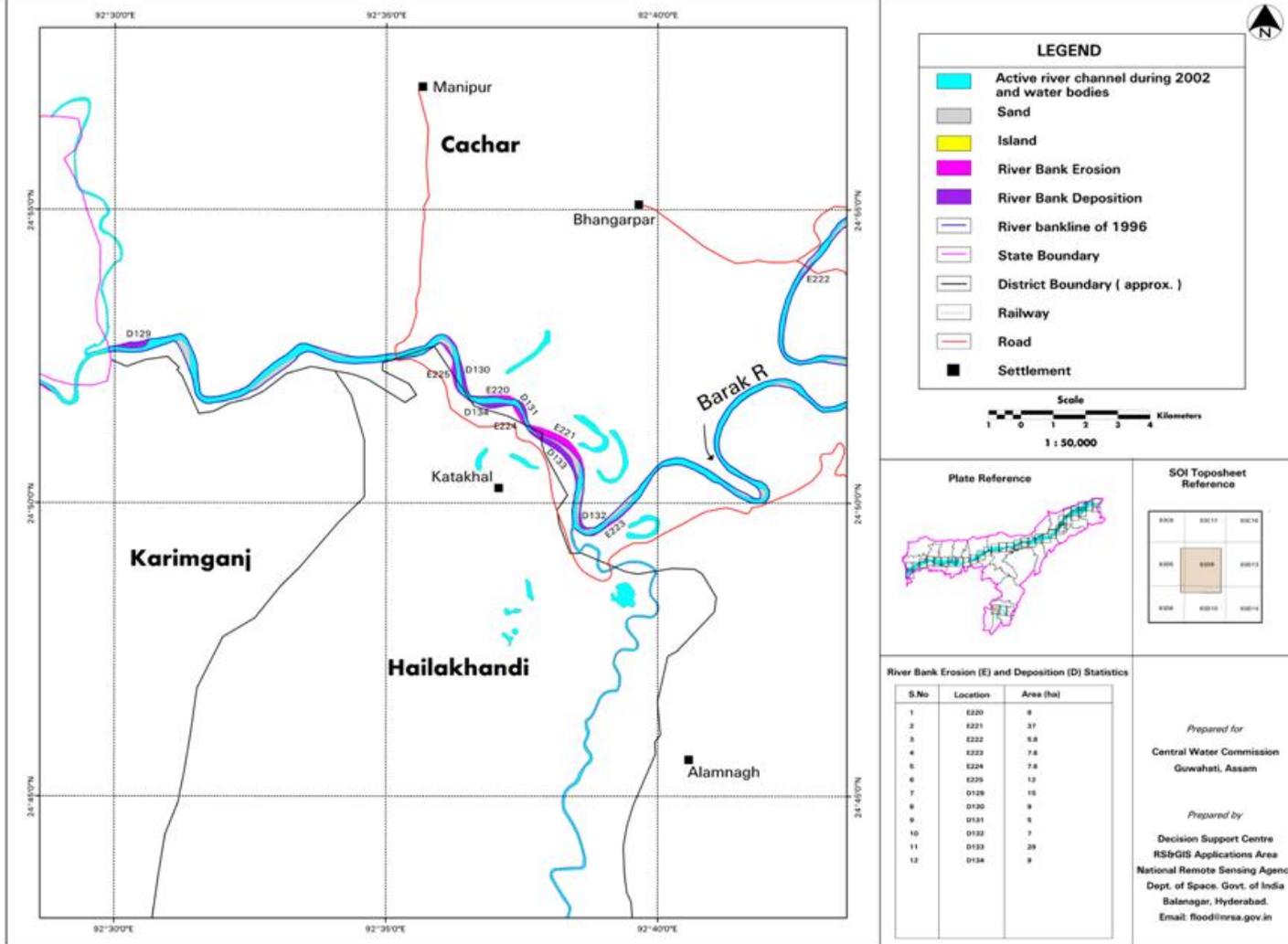
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Part of Cachar, Hailakhandi and Karimganj districts

Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

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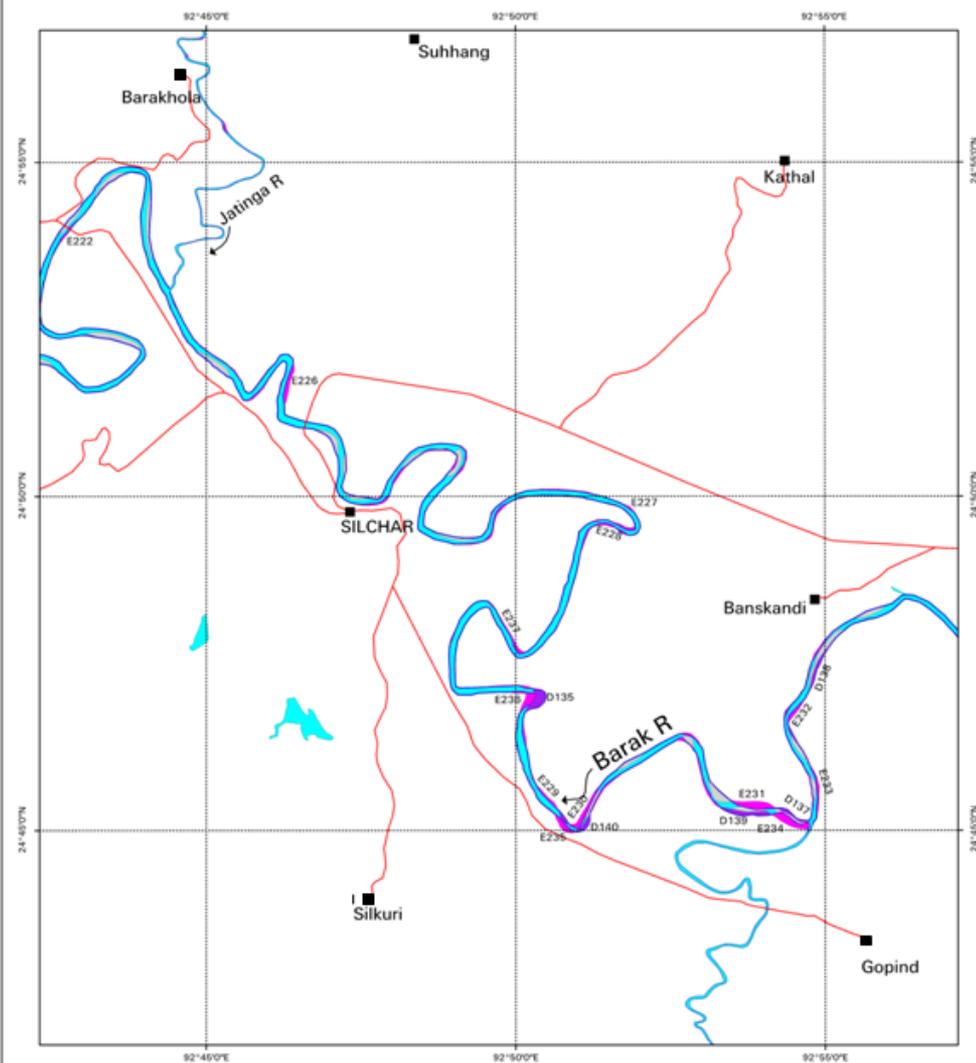


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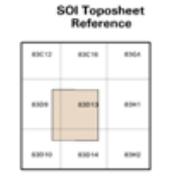
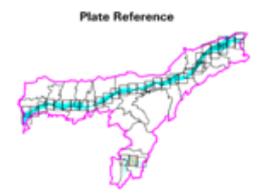
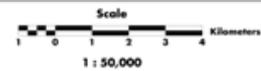
Map showing Erosion and Deposition during 1996-2002

Plate 36



**LEGEND**

- Active river channel during 2002 and water bodies
- Sand
- Island
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- State Boundary
- District Boundary ( approx. )
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River Bank Erosion (E) and Deposition (D) Statistics

S.No	Location	Area (ha)
1	E222	5.8
2	E226	10
3	E227	6
4	E228	8
5	E229	5
6	E230	11
7	E231	17
8	E232	5
9	E233	6
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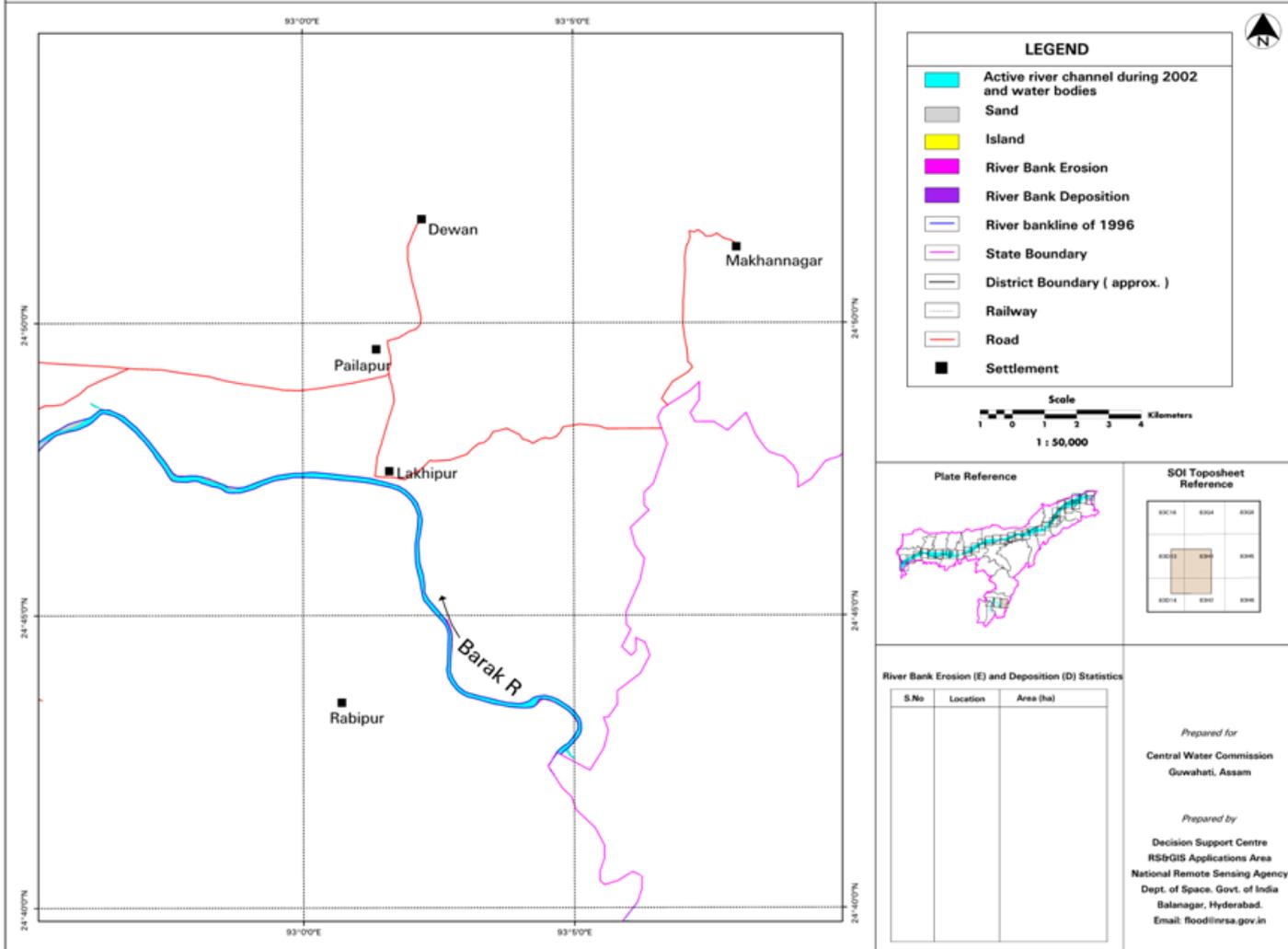
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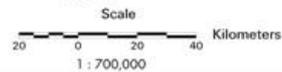
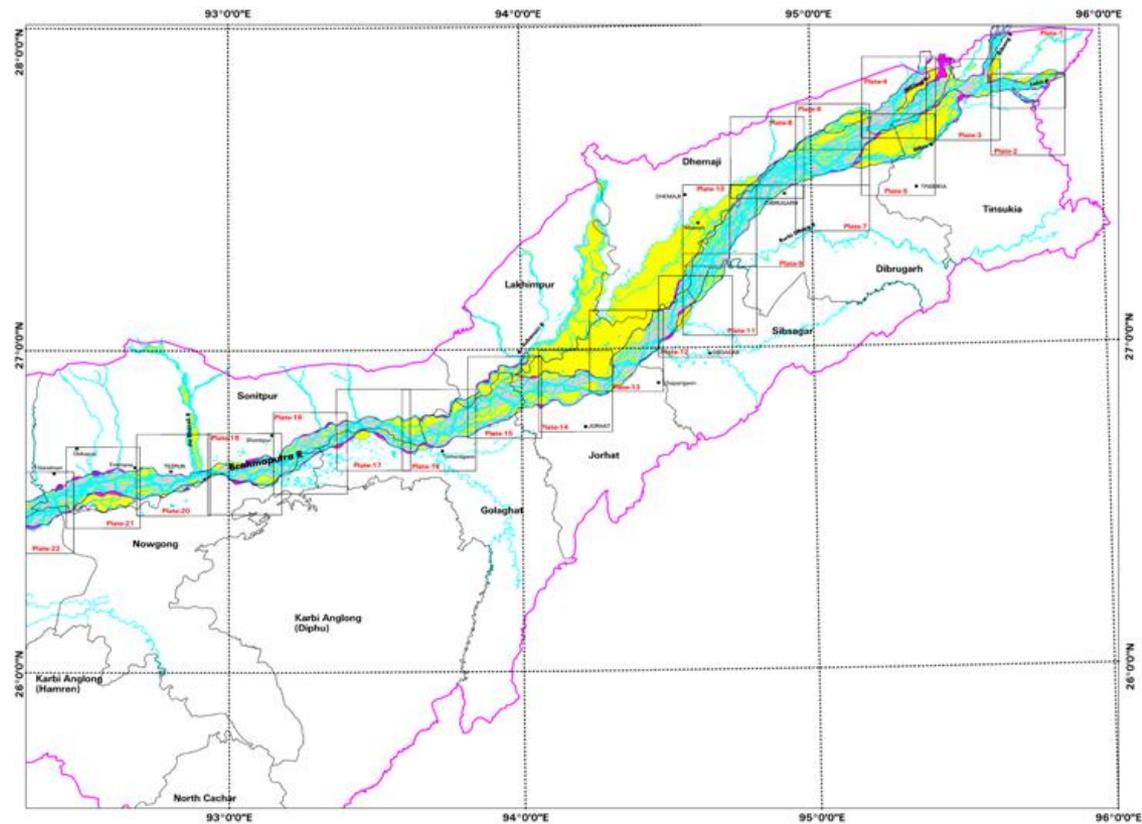
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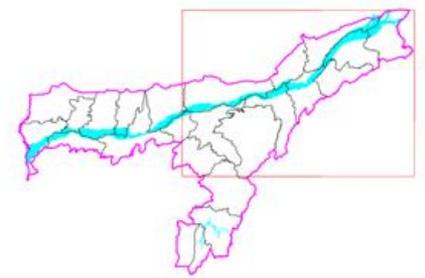
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Plate 38



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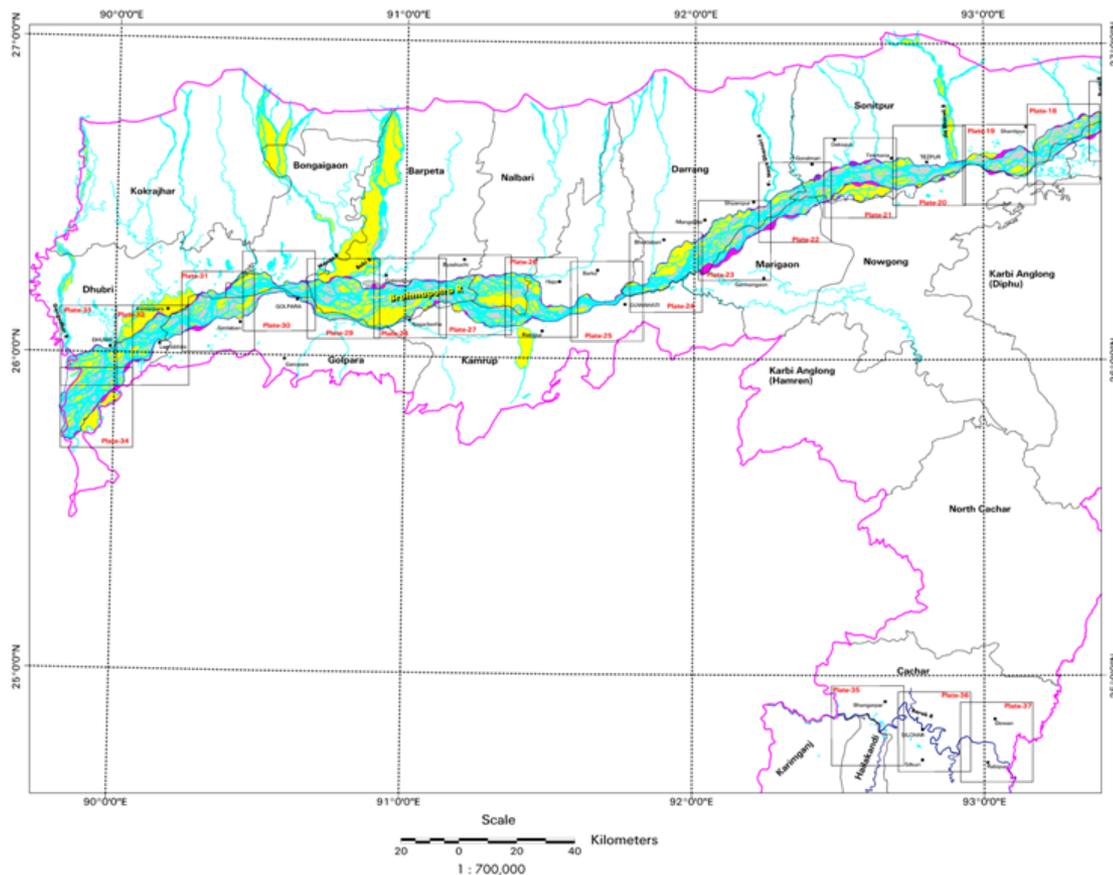


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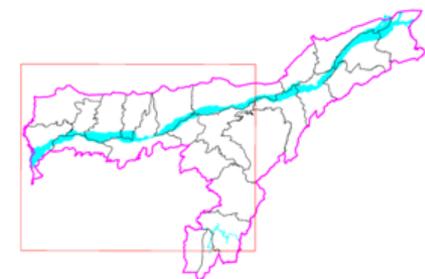
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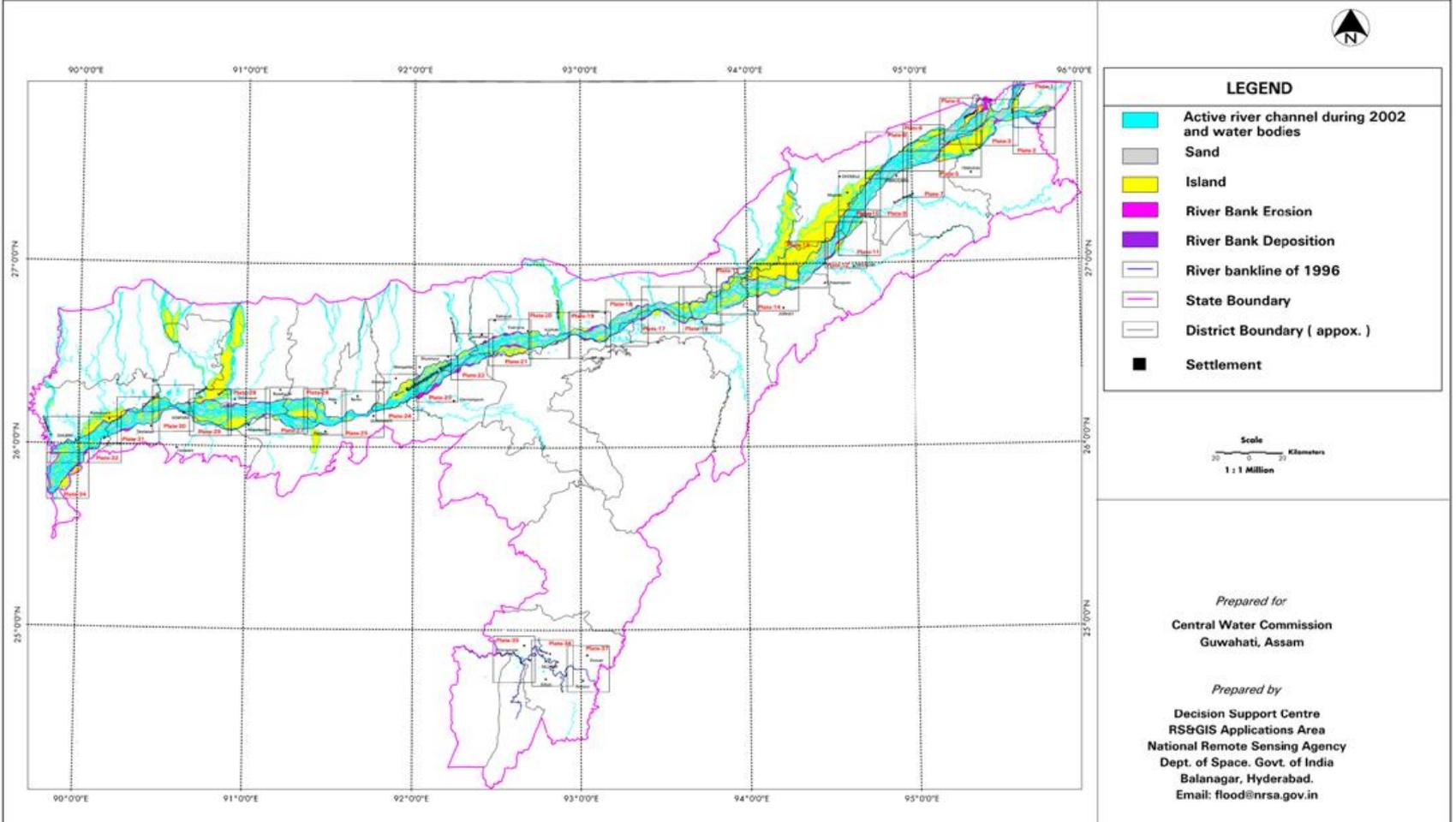


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### LEGEND

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- Sand
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