LAND MONITOR



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1.0 Product Information Sheet

Title: Land Monitor Salinity Monitoring Mosaic 1987-1992 and 1995-2000

| Data Supplied | Solt offected land (consistently law productive land | | |
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| Data Supplied | - Salt-affected land / consistently low productive land | | |
| | - Bush / perennial vegetation | | |
| | - Water | | |
| Mosaic Updated | 14 February 2008, 20 February 2008 | | |
| Coverage | Landsat TM scenes Fitzgerald Biosphere Region (Bremer Bay, Newdegate, Ravensthorpe), Dumbleyung, Bencubbin, Collie- Pemberton, Esperance, Jackson, Kalbarri- Geraldton, Kellerberrin, Moora, Mt Barker, Mullewa, Perth, and Southern Cross. | | |
| Format | BIL Compatible with ER Mapper and Arc View | | |
| Number of Bands | 1 | | |
| Grid / Pixels Size | 25 | | |
| Coordinate | GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50 and Zone 51 (Ravensthorpe Esperance region) | | |
| system | | | |
| Projection | Transverse Mercator | | |
| Rectification to | Bencubbin, Bremer Bay | | |
| roads database | | | |
| Rectification | Collie- Pemberton, Dumbleyung, Esperance, Kalbarri- Geraldton, Jackson, | | |
| base Land Monitor | Kellerberrin, Moora, Mt Barker, Mullewa, Newdegate, Perth (1996 base), | | |
| 1994 | | | |
| Calibration state | Bencubbin, Bremer Bay, Collie- Pemberton, Dumbleyung, Kalbarri- Geraldton, N | | |
| spring base | Barker, Newdegate, Southern Cross | | |
| Version | Version 2 | | |
| | This document updated 16 April 2008 | | |

Table 1.1 Legend Values and Colours

This data is classified. Data values represent:

| 0 | White | Not mapped currently |
|---|--------|---|
| 1 | Cream | Background |
| 2 | Green | Bush / perennial vegetation cover |
| | | (from the relevant vegetation mask (2000) used for the salt mapping) |
| 3 | Orange | Mapped as salt-affected land in earliest time period (between 1987 and 1992) |
| 4 | | Mapped as additional salt-affected land in latest time period (between 1994 and 2000) |
| 5 | Cyan | Water |

Table 1.2 Change in Saline Area Dates per Satellite Scene Coverage

| Fitzgerald Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1990 and 1991 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 96/ 97 |
| Dumbleyung Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1989 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 95 |
| Bencubbin Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1987/ 88 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 95/ 96 |
| Collie- Pemberton Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1988 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1996/ 98/ 99 |
| Esperance Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1987/ 88/ 90 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 97/ 98 / 99/ 2000 |
| Jackson Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1988/ 89/ 90 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 95/ 97/ 99 |
| Kalbarri- Geraldton Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1990/ 92 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1994/ 95/ 96/ 98 |
| Kellerberrin Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1988/ 89/ 90 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1993/ 94/ 95/ 96 |
| Moora Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1989/ 90 /91 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in1993/ 94/ 95/ 97/ 99 |
| Mt Barker Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1989/ 90 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 93/ 94/ 95/ 98 |
| Mullewa Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1990/ 91 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1993/ 94/ 95/ 97/ 98/ 99 |
| Perth Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1986/ 87/ 91 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1995/ 96/ 97/ 98 |
| Southern Cross Scene | class 1 | orange | salt 1989/ 91/ 92 |
| | class 2 | red | salt increase in 1995/ 97/ 99/2000 |

2.0 Methods

This document is a summary of the accuracy of salinity monitoring for the agricultural zone in south west of Western Australia. Specific methods are described in individual scene reports. Please refer to the reference section of each scene accuracy statement. Please also refer to the paper on Salinity monitoring (below) found on the CSIRO Centre for Mathematical and Information Sciences website http://www.cmis.csiro.au/rsm/publications.htm.

References

Caccetta, P. A., Campbell, N. A., Evans, F. H., Furby, S. L., Kiiveri, H. T. and Wallace, J. F. (2000), *Mapping and monitoring land use and condition change in the South-West of Western Australia using remote sensing and other data*, (2000), Proceedings of the Europa 2000 Conference, Barcelona. <u>Article available in full text PDF</u> (311KB).

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3.0 Limitations and Liabilities

The information contained in these salinity maps is necessarily based in part upon various assumptions and predictions. The Land Monitor Project (comprising the Western Australian State Government agencies, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Water, Landgate, Department for Planning and Infrastructure and The Water Corporation and the Commonwealth agencies CSIRO (Centre for Mathematical and Information Sciences) and the Australian Greenhouse Office (Department of Environment and Heritage) accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies in these salinity maps and persons relying on these maps do so at their own risk.

Areas mapped as salt-affected are areas of persistent low productivity which may include salt-affected land, dam embankments, fire breaks and roads.

Areas mapped as salt-affected represent areas greater than about one hectare. Saltaffected areas smaller than this cannot be mapped reliably. The precise definition of saltaffected is dependent in part on the qualitative assessment of the ground-truthing personnel and in part on the limitations of the productivity changes that can be reliably measured by the Landsat TM instrument.

4.0 Comments on the Accuracy Assessment by Satellite Scene:

The aims was to describe the current salinity maps and their accuracy and limitations, and the salinity change maps. These are brief summaries of each scene, please refer to the scene report referenced or contact the custodian for more information.

Salinity mapping accuracy was estimated from ground truth validation data. Difficulties in obtaining historical information, and the physical expanse of the mapping, required validation to be performed on the most recent mapping.

4.1 Bremer Bay Region

Accuracy Assessment:

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| Region | Severely salt- affected land detected | Marginal salt- affected land detected | Non-saline land labelled as salt- affected |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| Upper Gairdner catchment | 77% | 43% | 4% |
| Bremer Bay region | 76% | 63% | 9% |
| Fitzgerald River corridor | 82% | 52% | 1% |

Comments on the Accuracy Assessment:

The biggest sources of commission errors (non-saline land labelled as salt-affected) are:

- Paddocks that have been cleared but appear never to have been cropped. The surface is uneven and the volunteer vegetation is scrappy and sparse.
- "Parkland" regions (scattered trees with grassy under storey used for pasture).

The biggest sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are:

- Sites where a saline area is detected, but the extent is underestimated (common for flat areas where the margins are still cropped).
- Narrow areas (up to 1 pixel) that are only just becoming saline (since ~1994).

Special Comments:

None

Area of Salt-affected Land (Full Scene)

The following table shows the area of salt-affected land for the local government authorities completely within the in the Bremer Bay Landsat TM scene. Since some of the local authority boundaries extend beyond the area cleared for agriculture, summary statistics are reported for the whole authority and for that part of the authority contained within the agricultural area.

| Shire | Region | Total Area (ha) | Salt-affected 1990-1992 (ha) | Salt-affected 1996- 97 (ha) |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jerramungup | Whole Shire | 652 300 | 11 863 | 15 534 |

Table 4.1.2 Area of salt affected land for LGA within Bremer Bay Landsat scene

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Furby S. (2001) Mapping Salinity in the Bremer Bay Landsat TM Scene, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/BBYsummary.doc

4.2 Dumbleyung Scene Region

Overall summary

The total area covered by the final products is 2.76 million hectares; of this 6.8% was mapped as saline in 1990, and this figure increases to 7.5% in 1998. A further 3.0% is classed as 'valley bush' in 1998; a significant proportion of this is salt-affected. In addition, 1.5% of the total area is covered by the water mask.

Accuracy Assessment: see section 5 of Wallace (2002) and notes.

Large saline areas of the Beaufort and Arthur river valleys are densely covered with samphire, salt-tolerant trees and barley grass. These areas are spectrally similar to poor condition 'non-saline' bush, and were not mapped as 'saline'; instead, they were included as an extra class – 'valley bush'. Statistical summaries of the data should take this into account.

The biggest source of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) were:

- Areas densely covered with salt-tolerant grasses or a cover of salt-tolerant species (eg. trees, samphire, saltbush), particularly in saline river valleys. These errors are now largely accounted for in the 'valley bush' class.
- Sites where good cover of salt tolerant grasses grow successfully. These have been
 previously reported as omission errors. The 2002 field assessment of the final product did
 not report any such errors, and found that the mapping was highly accurate in one such
 system. Nevertheless, it is likely that some such areas have been omitted.

The biggest sources of commission errors are:

• Some sites with poor condition remnant vegetation; roadside areas not removed by the road-mask buffer; road-like areas which were not in the road mask (e.g. internal farm tracks and firebreaks) and so were not removed by the buffering

Accuracy assessment results - overall

The overall accuracy combined from records for the west, central and eastern assessment zones were 96%, 94% and 92% respectively. The errors of commission and omission are summarised in tables 1-9 in Wallace (2002) referenced below.

Area of Salt-affected Land by Shire

The following table shows the areas mapped as salt-affected land for the local government authorities completely within the Dumbleyung Landsat TM scene. Percentages of the shire area are also given.

The areas of the water mask and of the 1998 'valley bush' class are also given. Within the Dumbleyung scene, nearly all of the areas mapped as water are saline lakes or drainage channels. As noted above, in certain areas of the scene where there are broad valley systems, a large proportion of the 'valley bush' class is actually salt-affected non-agricultural land. Expert knowledge is needed in association with the maps to provide estimates of the proportion of this bush which is salt-affected in different landscape units or in different portions of the scene.

| Shire | Total Area Processed (ha) | Mapped Salt 1990 (ha) [%] | Mapped Salt 1998 (ha) [%] | Valley Bush 1998 (ha) [%] | Water Mask 1990/98 (ha) [%] |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dumbleyung | 253 895 | 16 183 [6.3%] | 17 778 [7.0%] | 3 089 [1.2%] | 4 014 [1.6%] |
| Wickepin | 204 020 | 12 458 [6.1%] | 14 077 [6.9%] | 3 335 [1.6%] | 1 001 [0.5%] |
| Wagin | 194 755 | 16 697 [8.6%] | 17 312 [8.9%] | 8 955 [4.5%] | 4 860 [2.5%] |
| Woodanilling | 112 891 | 7 492 [6.6%] | 7 908 [7.0%] | 8 751 [7.8%] | 1 042 [0.9%] |
| Narrogin | 163 080 | 12 430 [7.6%] | 13 153 [8.06%] | 7 404 [4.5%] | 695 [0.4%] |
| Katanning | 151 805 | 13 892 [9.1%] | 16 179 [10.7%] | 9 097 [6.0%] | 1 252 [0.8%] |

Table 4.2.1 Area mapped as saline and related classes summarised by Shire

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Wallace J. (2002) *Mapping Salinity in the Dumbleyung Landsat TM Scene,* CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, Agriculture Western Australia, CMIS Task Report No. 2002/xxx, September 2002, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/DUMsalinity_v2.pdf</u>

4.3 Bencubbin Scene

The biggest sources of commission errors (non-saline land labelled as salt-affected) are:

- Dams / houses/ gravel pits
- Thin/sparse remnant vegetation
- Low lying wet areas with abundant non salt-tolerant species

The biggest sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are:

- Sites where a saline area is detected, but the extent is underestimated (common for flat areas where the margins are still cropped).
- Sites with greater than ~80% cover of salt-tolerant grasses such as barley grass
- Saline areas with a good cover of salt-bush not being labelled as salt-affected (6% of salt-affected sites)

Accuracy Assessment

Table 4.3.1 Accuracy Assessment of the Salinity Maps

| Catchment | Salt-affected land detected | Non-saline land labeled as salt- affected |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Ninan catchment | 78% | 5% |
| Marchagee catchment | 95% | 13% |
| Pithara – Dalwallinu region | 80% | 5% |
| Goodlands catchment | 95% | 15% |

Special Comments:

None

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Furby S. (2001) *Mapping Salinity in the Bencubbin Landsat TM Scene*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences

http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/bensummary.doc

4.4 Collie- Pemberton Scene

Accuracy Assessment

Table 4.4.1 Accuracy assessment of the salinity maps in East Collie catchment

| Catchment | Accuracy of Salt- affected land detected | Non-saline land labelled correctly |
|-------------|---|--|
| East Collie | 99% of bare salt 70%of marginal salt | 99% remnant vegetation 100% agricultural land |

Comments on the Accuracy Assessment:

The biggest sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are: - Areas with a cover of salt-tolerant grasses.

The biggest source of commission errors are: - Sparse remnant vegetation.

Special Comments:

The mosaiced Collie - Pemberton Landsat TM scenes have been divided into five zones that broadly correspond to the major hydro geological systems of the region, as mapped by the Agriculture WA Soil Landscape zones. The salinity mapping zones are:

- Coastal zone including the coastal plains irrigation areas
- South west zone including the Margaret River vineyard areas
- Forest zone
- Eastern Zone (including a significant overlap with the Dumbleyung scene)
- Southern Zone (areas east including the upper Tone and Lake Muir catchments have been processed as part of the Mt Barker scene)

Expressions of salinity in south west and forest zones are minor and quite different to those observed in most of the wheatbelt. These zones have not been processed for this reason.

The coastal zone is known to have large areas affected by salinity. However, the salt-affected areas cannot be discriminated using Landsat TM satellite imagery. Salinity is also affecting significant areas of agricultural land in the coastal zone, but ground data in the Manjimup-Pemberton area have shown that the Land Monitor method is also unsuitable in these higher rainfall areas.

Area of Salt-affected Land

The following table shows the area of salt-affected land for the local government authorities completely within the in the Eastern zone of the Collie and Pemberton Landsat TM scenes. Such summaries can be calculated for any sub-region of interest within the scene.

| Shire | Total Area(ha) | Salt-affected 1988 ha | Salt-affected 1998 ha |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| West Arthur | 282 885 | 5 824 | 9 423 |
| Williams | 230 446 | 1 303 | 1 944 |

Table 4.4.2: Areas of salt-affected land

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Evans F. (2001) Collie and Pemberton Landsat TM Scenes, Salinity Mapping, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, CMIS Task Report No. 3/01, October 2001, http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/cpfinalreport.doc

4.5 Esperance Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitations

The data comprised validation of the class labels at fixed grid intervals of 250m. The process was carried out in eight sites over two zones:

At each grid location the label of the map was compared with field checks. Assessment sites in the North Zone contained few salt affected areas and statistics drawn from these areas are not practical for quantitative estimates of plotting accuracy on their own.

Different figures can be used to summarise mapping accuracy. Tables below show the accuracy and errors of commission and omission for each class.

Table 4.5.1 Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*commission errors)

| | | Image Classification Labe | | |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------|--|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | |
| Ground state Salt | | 100.0% | *8.5% | |
| Non-salt | | *0.0% | 91.5% | |
| | Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | |

Table 4.5.2 Percent accuracy of ground classes (*omission errors)

| | | Image Clas | | |
|--------------|------|------------|----------|--------|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | Total |
| Ground state | Salt | 62.4% | *37.6% | 100.0% |
| Non-salt | | *0.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Overall accuracy (proportion of correctly labelled sites) for the mapping is 92.6%. The amount of salt is generally underestimated, and this is most noticeable in the North Zone. Areas of salt tolerant vegetation may have been included in the classification as non-woody vegetation, and further processing focussing on identifying this marginal vegetation type may improve the classification performance.

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 4.5.3 below provides a summary of the salinity status for the Esperance Shire which includes the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of processed area of the shire estimated to be saline. The Shire of Esperance covers a large area, over 60% of which lies outside the agricultural area boundary. The area of the salt affected land within the agricultural boundary is included in the table below.

Table 4.5.3 Salinity estimates summarised for shires intersecting the Esperance scene.

| Esperance | | | |
|--|--------------|-------|----------------------|
| Area of Shire | 4 227 146 ha | | |
| Area processed | 1 408 067 ha | 33.3% | of shire area |
| Shire processed area salt affected 1988 | 23 688 ha | 1.7% | of area processed |
| Shire processed area salt affected 1999 | 38 012 ha | 2.7% | of area processed |
| Area of shire with agricultural bounds | 1 603 552 ha | 37.9% | of shire area |
| Shire agricultural bounds area processed | 1 195 480 ha | 74.6% | of agricultural area |
| Agricultural area processed salt affected 1988 | 12 206 ha | 1.0% | of area processed |
| Agricultural area processed salt affected 1999 | 21 521 ha | 1.8% | of area processed |

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Meston J. (2001) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: the Esperance Landsat TM scene (108-083)*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, 17 October 2001, CMIS Report Number: 01/162, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/esperance_salinity.doc</u>

4.6 Jackson Scene

Accuracy assessment

The data comprised validation of the class labels at fixed grid intervals of 1km, performed by the authors in two sub-regions.

For the two regions, the overall mapping accuracy is 94% and 96% respectively, although we observe that the mapping over estimates the extent of salinity in both areas. Generally, overestimates resulted from sites such as degraded bush in low lying areas, eroded catchments, dams (dams not included in masks) and areas of low productivity being mislabelled as saline. Below, tables 4.6.1 to 4.6.6 give the results for the two validation areas.

Table 4.6.1: Area 1. Site counts obtained from field validation

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total |
| Ground | Non saline | 46 | 3 | 49 |
| Label | Saline | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Total | 46 | 5 | 51 |

Table 4.6.2: Area 1. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | |
| Ground | Non saline | 100 | 60 | |
| Label | Saline | 0 | 40 | |
| | Total (%) | | 100 | |

Table 4.6.3: Area 1. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground | Non saline | 94 | 6 | 100 |
| Label | Saline | 0 | 100 | 100 |

Table 4.6.4: Area 2. Site counts obtained from field validation

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total |
| Ground | Non saline | 73 | 3 | 76 |
| Label | Saline | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| | Total | 73 | 7 | 80 |

Table 4.6.5: Area 2. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | |
| Ground | Non saline | 100 | 43 | |
| Label | Saline | 0 | 57 | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | |

Table 4.6.6: Area 2. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground | Non saline | 96 | 4 | 100 |
| Label | Saline | 0 | 100 | 100 |

Shire statistics

No complete shires are covered by the area considered. Shires partially included in the mapping include Yilgarn, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Mount Marshall, Wyalkatchem and Koorda. Statistic are obtainable by aggregating the results with those of neighbouring scenes, including Bencubbin and Kellerberrin.

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Caccetta P.^{1,} Bryant G.¹ and Beetson B. ² (2002) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: the Jackson Landsat TM scene (111-081)*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, ²AgWest, 19 September, 2002, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/jackson_salinity.doc</u>

4.7 Kalbarri - Geraldton Scene

Accuracy Assessment:

Table 4.7.1 summarise the accuracy assessment of the final 1996/1998 salinity map for each of the stratification zones.

| Zone | Salt-affected land detected | Non-saline land labelled as salt- affected |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Sandplains | 85% | 100% |
| Binnu system | 66% | 100% |
| Sandy and duplex soils | 70% | 99% |
| Gravels | NA | 100% |
| Wet and heavy soils | NA | 100% |

Note: Salt-tolerant remnant vegetation with >80% cover not mapped.

Comments on the Accuracy Assessment:

The biggest sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are:

- Sites where a saline area is detected, but the extent is underestimated (common for flat areas where the margins are still cropped). The only zone in which any saline area was completely mapped as non-saline was the Binnu zone, and those sites were higher in the landscape than the landforms suggested.
- Sites with salt-tolerant grasses and greater than 60% cover of salt-tolerant species (eg. dead trees, samphire, saltbush), particularly in sandy soils.
- Narrow valleys less than one pixel wide.

These types of errors are difficult to correct using the Land Monitor methodology.

Special Comments:

Lower accuracies in the Binnu system result from local rehabilitation attempts and the occurrence of healthy salt-tolerant species on salt-affected sites. The satellite signal tends to show that these sites support a healthy cover of vegetative species.

Lower accuracies in the loams and duplex soil zones are caused by the non-specificity of the ground data provided. Cover types were not specified and hence the accuracy is averaged over all cover types, including areas supporting healthy salt-tolerant species.

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Evans F. (2001) *Mapping Salinity in the Kalbarri-Geraldton Landsat TM Scene*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, CMIS Task Report No. 2/01, January 2001, <u>www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/KGfinalreport.pdf</u>

4.8 Kellerberrin Scene

The data comprised validation of the class labels at fixed grid intervals of 500m, performed by the authors in two sub-regions.

For the two regions, the overall mapping accuracy is 96.7% and 97% respectively, although we observe that the mapping over estimates the extent of salinity in area 1, and marginally overestimates the extent of salinity in area 2. Generally, overestimates resulted from sites such as degraded bush in low lying areas, eroded catchments, new dams (dams not included in dam mask) and areas of low productivity being mislabelled as saline.

| | Image map label | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----|----|-----|--|
| Non saline Saline Total | | | | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 158 | 4 | 162 | |
| label | Saline | 2 | 22 | 24 | |
| | Total | 160 | 26 | 186 | |

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-----|--|--|
| | | Non saline Saline | | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 15* | | |
| label | Saline | 1* | 85 | | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | | |

Table 4.8.3: Area 1. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) | |
| Ground label | Non saline | 98 | 2* | 100 | |
| | Saline | 8* | 92 | 100 | |
| | | | | | |

Table 4.8.4: Area 2. Site counts obtained from field validation

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total | |
| Ground | Non saline | 162 | 5 | 167 | |
| label | Saline | 1 | 35 | 36 | |
| | Total | 163 | 40 | 203 | |

Table 4.8.5: Area 2. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission)

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 13* | | |
| label | Saline | 1* | 87 | | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | | |

Table 4.8.6: Area 2. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) | |
| Ground | Non saline | 97 | 3* | 100 | |
| label | Saline | 3* | 97 | 100 | |

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 4.8.7 provides a summary of the salinity status for the shires fully contained within the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of each shire estimated to be saline and the rate of increase of these estimates.

From the table we observe that the estimates of the extent of salinity are increasing for all shires, although at different rates.

| Catchment | Saline 1 | 989 | Saline | 1995 | Total Area | | Area Ind | crease |
|--------------|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| | ha (% o f | f total) | ha (% c | of total) | ha | ha (% | of tota | l) (rate %) |
| Merredin | 7537 | (2.3) | 9138 | (2.8) | 329393 | 1601 | 0.5 | 21 |
| Bruce Rock | 11517 | (4.2) | 12608 | (4.6) | 272516 | 1091 | 0.4 | 9.5 |
| Trayning | 6750 | (4.1) | 7577 | (4.6) | 165196 | 827 | 0.5 | 12.3 |
| Kellerberrin | 11580 | (6.0) | 11964 | (6.2) | 191554 | 384 | 0.2 | 3.3 |
| Tammin | 7492 | (6.8) | 8417 | (7.6) | 110246 | 925 | 0.8 | 12.3 |

Table 4.8.7: Salinity estimates summarised by shire

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Caccetta P. and Beetson B. (2000) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity:* the Kellerberrin Landsat TM scene (111-082), CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, AgWest, Report Number: CMIS 2000/202, 22 November, 2000,

http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/kellerberrinsummary.pdf

4.9 Moora Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitations

The validation process followed the grid method used for other Land Monitor scenes. Maps of the final processed product (1997 salinity/low productivity) were produced for sample areas at 1:50000, and marked with a regular grid at 500m. Two sample areas were chosen to represent the coastal plain zone and the zone east of the scarp.

For the two regions, the overall mapping accuracy is 93.8% and 94.1% respectively. Generally, errors of commission in the coastal region were sand patches. Commission errors were also observed on firebreaks at the edges of bushland, a quarry area, and wide bare areas adjacent to roads. Errors of omission were observed in salt-affected areas with perennial vegetation cover.

Table 4.9.1: Area 1. Coastal Zone. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission)

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 22* | | |
| label | Saline | 1* | 78 | | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | | |

Table 4.9.2: Area 1. Coastal Zone. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground | Non saline | 93 | 7* | 100 |
| label | Saline | 2* | 98 | 100 |

Table 4.9.3: Area 2. Eastern Zone. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission)

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 96 | 10* | | |
| label | Saline | 4* | 90 | | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | | |

Table 4.9.4: Area 2. Eastern Zone. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission)

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground label | Non saline | 96 | 4* | 100 |
| | Saline | 12* | 88 | 100 |

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 4.9.5 provides a summary of the salinity status for three shires for which the majority of the shire area is contained within the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of the processed area of each shire estimated to be saline and the rate of increase of these estimates.

Table 4.9.5: Salinity estimates summarised by shire. *Approximately 98% of the Coorow shire area lies within the processed region

| Shire | Saline 1 ha (% of | | Saline 1 ha (% c | | Total Area processedh a | | Area Ind of total) | crease (rate %) |
|------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Coorow* | 21770 | (5.3) | 25277 | (6.1) | 409496* | 3507 | 0.8 | 16 |
| Carnamah | 11075 | (3.8) | 13037 | (4.5) | 287072 | 1962 | 0.7 | 18 |
| Dandaragan | 3320 | (0.5) | 5204 | (0.7) | 671276 | 1884 | 0.2 | |

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Wallace J. F. and Bryant. G. (2001) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: the Moora Landsat TM scene (113-081)*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, October 2001, Report Number: CMIS 2000/205, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/Moora_salinity.doc</u>

4.10 Mt Barker Scene

Comments on the Accuracy Assessment:

The biggest sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are:

- Sites where a saline area is detected, but the extent is underestimated.
- Sites with salt-tolerant grasses or a cover of salt-tolerant species (eg. trees, samphire, saltbush), particularly in sandy soils.
- Salt-affected streamlines where the stream is too narrow for the satellite sensor to detect salinity.

The biggest source of commission errors are:

- Sites with consistent waterlogging.
- Sites with poor condition remnant vegetation.
- Lunettes or dried lake systems.

Table 4.10.1: Accuracy Assessment

| Catchment / Study Area | Salt-affected land detected | Non-saline land labelled as salt- affected |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Ryan's Brook | 72% | 99% |
| Kent | 82% | 91% |
| South Stirlings | 68% | 95% |
| South Coast | 71% | 93% |

Special Comments:

Lower accuracies for detecting salt-affected land are due in part to the non-specificity of the ground data provided. Cover types were not specified and hence the accuracy is averaged over all cover types, including areas supporting grasses and healthy salt-tolerant species.

Area of Salt-affected Land

The following table shows the area of salt-affected land for the local government authorities completely within the in the Mt Barker Landsat TM scene. Since some of the local authority boundaries extend beyond the area cleared for agriculture, summary statistics are reported for the whole authority and for that part of the authority contained within the agricultural area.

| Shire Total Area (ha) | | Salt-affected 1989 (ha) | Salt-affected 1995 (ha) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tambellup | 143 677 | 11 000 | 12 337 | | | | | | |
| Cranbrook | 327 512 | 13 995 | 15 012 | | | | | | |
| Denmark | 78 597 | 238 | 252 | | | | | | |
| Plantagenet | 447 382 | 4 415 | 5 100 | | | | | | |

Table 4.10.2: Area of salt-affected land for LGA's completely within Mt Barker scene

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Evans F. (2001) *Mapping Salinity in the Mt Barker Landsat TM Scene,* CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, CMIS Task Report No. 2/01, January 2001, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/MTBfinalreport.pdf</u>

4.11 Mullewa Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitations

The validation process followed the grid method used for other Land Monitor scenes. Maps of the final processed product (1997 salinity/low productivity) were produced for sample areas at 1:50000, and marked with a regular grid at 500m. This quantitative validation process was carried out in two sub-regions which included portions of all the three zones used.

In relation to the overall scene, these areas contained a relatively high proportion of land mapped as salt-affected.

For the two regions, the overall mapping accuracy is 96.3% and 97.1% respectively. Generally, errors of commission were noted in areas such as degraded bush in low lying areas, and in some highly reflective soils in the Irwin catchment. Errors of omission were observed at edges of mapped saline areas, or points mapped as thin bush due to their apparent cover of perennial vegetation.

Table 4.11.1: Area 1. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-----|-----|--|
| Non saline Saline | | | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 97 | 6* | |
| label | Saline | 3* | 94 | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | |

Table 4.11.2: Area 1. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground label | Non saline | 98 | 2* | 100 |
| | Saline | 10* | 90 | 100 |

Table 4.11.3: Area 2. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 5* | |
| label | Saline | 2* | 95 | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | |

Table 4.11.4: Area 2. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (^{*}and errors of omission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) |
| Ground | Non saline | 98 | 2* | 100 |
| label | Saline | 3* | 97 | 100 |

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 4.11.5 provides a summary of the salinity status for the shires contained within the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of each shire estimated to be saline and the rate of increase of these estimates. Note that the pastoral zone area has not been included in the mapping. Morawa and Mullewa shires have areas beyond the agricultural zone which are excluded from the area and percentage summaries in the table. Note that the entire agricultural area of these shires has been covered by the processed area

From the table we observe that the estimates of the extent of salinity are increasing for all shires, although at different rates.

Table 4.11.5: Salinity estimates summarised by shire for areas within the agricultural zone. Water mask areas are generally saline lakebeds. For Morawa and Mullewa shires, the processed area is the complete agricultural area within the shire boundaries.

| Shire | Water | mask | Saline | 1991 | Saline ' | 1997 | Total | Area | Area | a Increase |
|----------|-------|------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|--------------|
| | ha | | ha | | ha | | processe | ed ha | ha | (% of total) |
| | (% | 6 of total | (% | of total | (% | of total | (% of to | tal shire | | (rate %) |
| | pro | ocessed | pro | cessed | pro | cessed | | area) | | |
| | - | area) | - | area) | | area) | | | | |
| Morawa | 3816 | (1.1) | 20495 | (6.7) | 21573 | (7.1) | 304430 | (87%) | 1078 | 0.4 6.0 |
| Mingenew | 258 | (0.1) | 5247 | (2.7) | 5364 | (2.8) | 193606 (| 100%) | 117 | 0.1 2.2 |
| Mullewa | 526 | (0.1) | 23456 | (4.7) | 24349 | (4.9) | 496264 | (46%) | 893 | 0.2 3.8 |

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Wallace J. F. and Bebbington D. (2001) Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: the Mullewa Landsat TM scene (113-080), CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, September 2001, Report Number: CMIS 2001/152,

http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/mullewa_salinity.doc

4.12 Newdegate (Lake Grace) Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitations

A quantitative assessment of the salinity maps for four test areas was performed. The accuracy assessments are based on a vehicle survey of sample points in the assessment areas. Assessment points were located using hardcopy 1:50,000 maps with a regular (500m) grid and a GPS.

Tables below summarize the rates of omission and commission for the western and eastern zones.

Assessment results for the western zone (test areas 1 and 2)

Table 4.12.1 : Site counts for assessment area 1 (Lake Bryde).

| Ground Label | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----|-----|-----|--|
| | Saline Non-saline Total | | | | |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 12 | 1 | 13 | |
| | Non-saline | 6 | 130 | 136 | |
| | Total | 18 | 131 | 149 | |

Table 4.12.2: Site counts for assessment area 2.

| Ground Label | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|-------|
| | | Saline | Non-saline | Total |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 60 | 1 | 61 |
| | Non-saline | 1 | 158 | 159 |
| | Total | 61 | 159 | 220 |

Table 4.12.3: Percentage accuracy and rates of omission for the western zone (combined from assessment areas 1 and 2).

| | | Ground Label | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------|--|--|
| | | Saline Non-saline | | | |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 91% | 1% | | |
| | Non-saline | 9% | 99% | | |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | | |

Table 4.12.4: Percentage accuracy and rates of commission for the western zone (combined from assessment areas 1 and 2).

| Ground Label | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----|-----|------|
| Saline Non-saline Total | | | | |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 97% | 3% | 100% |
| | Non-saline | 2% | 98% | 100% |

Assessment results for the eastern zone (test areas 3 and 4)

| Ground Label | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|-------|
| | | Saline | Non-saline | Total |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| | Non-saline | 2 | 80 | 82 |
| | Total | 12 | 88 | 100 |

Table 4.12.5: Site counts for assessment area 3

Table 4.12.6: Site counts for assessment area 4.

| Ground Label | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|-------|
| | | Saline | Non-saline | Total |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 102 | 6 | 108 |
| | Non-saline | 1 | 163 | 164 |
| | Total | 103 | 169 | 272 |

Table 4.12.7: Percentage accuracy and rates of commission for the eastern zone (combined from assessment areas 3 and 4).

| Ground Label | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|------|--|
| | Saline Non-saline Total | | | | |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 89% | 11% | 100% | |
| | Non-saline | 1% | 99% | 100% | |

Table 4.12.8: Percentage accuracy and rates of omission for the eastern zone (combined from assessment areas 3 and 4).

| | | Ground Label | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Saline Non-saline | | | | | |
| Image Map Label | Saline | 97% | 5% | | | | |
| | Non-saline | 3% | 95% | | | | |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | | | | |

Commission errors (non-saline land labelled as salt-affected) include the following:

- dam catchments. No dam mask was available for the assessment areas of the eastern zone (areas 3 and 4). Consequently many dam catchments have been classified as saline. These are typically small in area (1 - 2 pixels), and represent a small area in total;
- houses;
- gravel pits and
- some fence lines.

Sources of omission errors (salt-affected land not detected) are:

- sites where a saline area is detected, but the extent is underestimated (e.g. in flat areas where the salt-affected margins still support crop or pasture growth);
- sites with greater than 80% cover of salt-tolerant grasses such as barley grass;
- saline areas with a good cover of saltbush are not being labelled as salt-affected.

In addition, during the final assessment it was found that in the eastern zone light bush with patches of bare sandy soil were being classified as salt. This was only at a small number of points in the assessment areas 3 and 4. However, while the errors associated with dams were generally a few pixels in size, those associated with poor bush were sometimes much larger. In order to fix this a bush mask was used to mask out saline areas for the final product. This is described in a task reports held by CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences.

Area of Salt-affected Land

The table below shows the area of salt-affected land for the local government authority "Lake Grace," which is largely within the Newdegate Landsat TM scene. Such summaries can be calculated for any sub-region of interest within the scene.

| (complined from ass | (combined from assessment areas 3 and 4). | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Area in Pixels | Percentage of | | | | | |
| | | | processed area | | | | |
| total | 16354599 | 1022162 | 100 | | | | |
| bush | 3612979 | 225811 | 22 | | | | |
| salt/low productive land 1991 | 1019095 | 63693 | 6.2 | | | | |
| salt/low productive land 1997 | 1123295 | 69507 | 6.8 | | | | |
| water | 616697 | 38543 | 4.0 | | | | |

Table 4.12.9: Percentage accuracy and rates of omission for the eastern zone (combined from assessment areas 3 and 4).

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Dunne R. and Beetson B. (2001) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: The Newdegate (Lake Grace) Landsat TM Scene (110/83)*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, Agriculture Western Australia, Report Number: CMIS 2001/54, March 2001, www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/Newdegate_report.pdf

4.13 Perth Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitation

The data comprised validation of the class labels at fixed grid intervals of 500m. Two regions were considered.

For the two regions, the overall mapping accuracy is 95% and 98% respectively, although we observe that the mapping underestimates the extent of salinity. Generally, errors of commission include sites such as degraded bush in low lying areas, eroded catchments and new dams (dams not included in dam mask). Errors of omission include underestimates of the extent of hillside seeps, and sites which support productive plant growth.

| Image map label | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|--|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 98 | 1 | 99 | | |
| label | Saline | 6 | 26 | 32 | | |
| | Total | 104 | 27 | 131 | | |

Table 4.13.2: Area 1. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | |
| Ground | Non saline | 94 | 4* | |
| label Saline | | 6* | 96 | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | |

Table 4.13.3: Area 1. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission).

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 1* | 100 | |
| label | Saline | 19 [*] | 81 | 100 | |

Table 4.13.4: Area 2. Site counts obtained from field validation.

| Image map label | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|--|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total | | |
| Ground | Non saline | 864 | 6 | 870 | | |
| label | Saline | 17 | 98 | 115 | | |
| | Total | 881 | 104 | 985 | | |

Table 4.13.5: Area 2. Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*and errors of commission).

| Image map label | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | |
| Ground | Non saline | 98 | 6* | |
| label | Saline | 2* | 94 | |
| | Total (%) | 100 | 100 | |

Table 4.13.6: Area 2. Percentage of ground classes actually mapped (*and errors of omission).

| Image map label | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|--|
| | | Non saline | Saline | Total (%) | |
| Ground | Non saline | 99 | 1* | 100 | |
| label | Saline | 15* | 85 | 100 | |

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 8 provides a summary of the salinity status for the shires fully contained within the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of each shire estimated to be saline and the rate of increase of these estimates.

From the table we observe that the estimates of the extent of salinity are increasing for all shires, although at different rates.

It is also observed that the highest rate of increase is reported for the catchment with the lowest percentage of salinity (Chittering). The limited accuracy of the mapping and the relatively small area of salinity mapped in this (and like) catchment may combine to artificially inflate rates of change in these areas. The rate of change figures for such catchments should be used cautiously.

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|-----------------|--------------------|---------|----------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Catchment | Saline 1987 | , | Saline ' | 1995 | Total Area | | Area Inc | rease |
| | ha (% of to | tal) | ha (% c | of total) | ha | ha (% | % of total |) (rate %) |
| Cunderdin | 13032 (7 . | 0) | 13395 | (7.2) | 186234 | 363 | 0.2 | 2.9 |
| Northam | 2606 (1. | 8) | 2732 | (1.9) | 143127 | 126 | 0.08 | 4.8 |
| York | 4537 (2. | 1) | 4736 | (2.2) | 213080 | 199 | 0.09 | 4.4 |
| Beverley | 6296 (2.) | 7) | 6663 | (2.8) | 237118 | 367 | 0.15 | 5.8 |
| Chittering | 538 (0. | 4) | 702 | (0.6) | 121874 | 164 | 0.13 | 30.5 |
| Tooday | 832 (0 . | 5) | 917 | (0.5) | 169285 | 85 | 0.05 | 10.2 |

Table 4.13.7. Salinity estimates summarised by shire.

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Caccetta P. A.¹, Wallace¹ J.F., Beetson B. ² and N. Crossley² (2002) *Mapping Salinity in the Perth Landsat TM scene (112-082)*, *Version 1.0*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, ²AgWest, 18 December 2000, CMIS Report Number 2000/203, http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/perthsummaryV1.0.pdf

4.14 Southern Cross Scene

Overall summary

The total area covered by the final products is 956,500 hectares. Of this, 2.03% was mapped as saline in 1991, and this figure increases to 2.35% in 1999. Some of the west and south of this area is overlapped by the salinity mapping products of the Kellerberrin and Newdegate scenes.

Accuracy Assessment

The overall accuracy according to comparison with field data is 96%. The commission error for the saline class was 11%, while omission errors were very low. Comments on the accuracy assessment and the recorded mapping errors are found in section 4 and 5 of this report. The field survey reported that extensive areas of samphire-covered land were correctly mapped as salt-affected.

Area of Salt-affected Land

It is usual in Land Monitor reports of this kind to report areas mapped as saline by Shire. However, no shires have a significant proportion of their area within the processed area. Hence a single table is provided for the area as a whole. Note that the 'mapped salt area' includes the water-covered areas, so no separate water figure is provided.

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report:

Wallace J. (2003) *Mapping Salinity in the Southern Cross Landsat Scene*, CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, CMIS Task Report No. 2003/15, February 2003, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/SCR_salinity_monitoring.doc</u>

4.15 Ravensthorpe Scene

Validation, Accuracy and Limitations

Salinity mapping accuracy was estimated from ground truth validation data.

The data comprised validation of the class labels at fixed grid intervals of 500m. The process was carried out in two sub-regions.

At each grid location the label of the map was compared with field checks. The two regions included in Area 1 are characterized by low occurrence of salt outbreaks, while in Area 2 the frequency of observed salt is higher. In order to calculate error rate statistics the counts for all areas were combined.

Different figures can be used to summarise mapping accuracy. The tables below show the accuracy and errors of commission and omission for each class.

Table 4.15.1: Area 1 site counts obtained from validation

| | | Image Classif | | |
|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|-------|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | Total |
| Ground state | Salt | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| | Non-salt | 5 | 282 | 287 |
| | Total | 15 | 284 | 299 |

Table 4.15.2: Area 2 site counts obtained from validation

| | | Image Classification Label | | |
|---------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | Total |
| Crowned atota | Salt | 44 | 13 | 57 |
| Ground state | Non-salt | 1 | 400 | 401 |
| | Total | 45 | 413 | 458 |

Table 4.15.3: Combined site counts obtained from validation

| | | Image Classification Label | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | Total |
| Ground state | Salt | 54 | 15 | 69 |
| | Non-salt | 6 | 682 | 688 |
| | Total | 60 | 697 | 757 |

Table 4.15.4: Percent accuracy of mapped classes (*commission errors)

| | | Image Classification Label | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | |
| Ground state | Salt | 90.00% | *2.15% | |
| | Non-salt | *10.00% | 97.85% | |
| Total | | 100.00% | 100.00% | |

Table 4.15.5: Percent accuracy of ground classes (*omission errors)

| | | Image Classification Label | | |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| | | Salt | Non-salt | Total |
| Ground state | Salt | 78.26% | *21.74% | 100.00% |
| | Non-salt | *0.87% | 99.13% | 100.00% |

Area 1 has very little saline land and only small areas are mapped. Area 2 has a higher proportion of salt. Taken together, the two areas are reasonably representative of the agricultural areas in the scene. The overall mapping accuracy is 97.7% in Area 1, 96.9% in Area 2, which when combined indicate 97.2% accuracy. When considered as a whole, the area of mapped salt has been slightly underestimated in the assessment areas. Generally, commission errors resulted from sites such as degraded bush in low lying areas, eroded catchments, new dams (dams not included in dam mask), and areas of low productivity being mislabelled as saline.

Shire statistics

The salinity estimates may be aggregated to produce shire summaries. Table 7 provides a summary of the salinity status for the shires intersected by the extents of the mapping. The table contains area estimates expressed in hectares (ha) as well as the percentage of each shire estimated to be saline.

From the table we observe that the estimates of the extent of salinity are increasing for both shires, although at different rates.

Table 4.15.6: Salinity estimates summarised for shires intersecting the Ravensthorpe scene.

| Ravensthorpe | | | |
|---|----------------|--------|----------------------|
| Area of Shire | 1 354 335.2 ha | | |
| Area processed | 489 850.7 ha | 36.17% | of shire area |
| Shire processed area salt affected 1989 | 1 769.1 ha | 0.36% | of area processed |
| Shire processed area salt affected 1997 | 3 684.3 ha | 0.75% | of area processed |
| Agricultural area of shire | 864 911.3 ha | 63.86% | of shire area |
| Agricultural area processed | 475 268.1 ha | 54.95% | of agricultural area |
| Agricultural area processed salt affected 198 | 9 1740.1 ha | 0.37% | of area processed |
| Agricultural area processed salt affected 199 | 7 3653.6 ha | 0.77% | of area processed |

References:

The above information has been extracted from the following technical report: Meston J., (2001) *Mapping and Monitoring Salinity: the Ravensthorpe Landsat TM scene (109-083,* CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences, CMIS Report Number: 01/111, 6 July 2001, <u>http://www.landmonitor.wa.gov.au/reports/sm_reports/ravsummary.doc</u>

Summary of Image Dates Used All data were rectified to the Land Monitor 1994 summer base created in April 1999.

| Scene | Sensor | Date of capture (satellite overpass) |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Fitzgerald Biosphere | | |
| Bremer Bay Scene | TM | 22 August 1990 |
| | TM | 12 September 1992 |
| | ТМ | 1 August 1994 |
| | ТМ | 22 August 1996 |
| | ТМ | 25 August 1997 |
| Newdegate Scene | ТМ | 22 August 1990 |
| | TM | 10 September 1991 |
| | TM | 1 August 1994 |
| | TM | 22 August 1996 |
| | ТМ | 25 August 1997 |
| Ravensthorpe Scene | ТМ | 31 August 1990 |
| | TM | 13 September 1989 |
| | TM | 26 August 1994 |
| | ТМ | 14 September 1995 |
| | | |
| Dumbleyung Scene | ТМ | 10 August 1989 |
| | TM | 14 September 1990 |
| | TM | 8 September 1993 |
| | TM | 22 August 1994 |
| | TM | 14 October 1995 |
| | | |
| Bencubbin Scene | | |
| | TM | 29 September 1987 |
| | TM | 15 September 1988 |
| | TM | 20 August 1990 |
| | TM | 23 October 1990 |
| | ТМ | 23 August 1991 |
| | ТМ | 26 September 1992 (some cloud cover) |
| | TM | 28 August 1993 |
| | TM | 15 August 1994 |
| | TM TM | 18 August 1995 21 September 1996 |
| | | |
| Collie – Pemberton Scene | ТМ | September 1996 |
| | TM | September 1988 |
| | TM | August 1998 |
| | ТМ | August 1999 |
| Esperance Scene | | 19 October 1987 |
| | | 5 October 1988 |
| | | 25 September 1990 |
| | | 20 September 1994 |
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