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6- RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Multitemporal satellite remote sensing is a viable approach for identifying and monitoring the state of agricultural lands such as: soil salinity, soil productivity, soil formation, soil suitability etc.....
2. A very high-resolution satellite data is very important for identifying, detecting the growth of urban and following up the urban encroachment on agricultural Lands.
3. Establishment Geographic Information Systems using database of soil salinity status and characteristics integrated with satellite imageries in governorates facing salinity problem.
4. Remote sensing techniques, including low and high-resolution satellite data, can be used mainly to assess the effectiveness of irrigation distribution and to detect surface water content.
5. Using remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems techniques to assess the localization of malfunctioning subsurface drainage networks.
6. Soil salinity management by soil database initiation that aided by field data acquisition guided by satellite data processing and the GIS database analysis for aim of decision maker support.

7. SUMMARY

The current investigation represents a trial to undertake two major problems of soil salinity and urban encroachment in Tamia, Sinnuris, Ibshawai, Fayoum, and Itsa (Fayoum Governorate). It lies between latitudes 29° 02' and 29° 35' N and longitudes 30° 20' and 31° 06' E.

Modern techniques of Remote Sensing (RS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) were used in this study. Data used in this investigation were twenty topographic maps at scale 1:25000 (first edition 1952) produced and published by (EGSA), salinity maps were produced in 1960 through reports of (SWRI), two panchromatic SPOT-3 scenes acquired in 1991, two panchromatic LANDSAT-7 "ETM" scenes acquired in 2000 and 2002 and two LANDSAT-7 multispectral scenes acquired in 2002.

An image mosaic of rectified images of multispectral LANDSAT-7 path/row 176/40, and 177/40 acquired on 28 July 2002, and 19 July 2002 was prepared to be used in supervised classification process. The representative image mosaic of Fayoum governorate was used to generate supervised signatures using the Area of Interest AOI tools by delineate training areas. In this investigation, it has been found that bands 2, 3, and 4 were the best to be used from signature curve to process Maximum Likelihood supervised classification. Results of supervised classification were 7 classes as follow: Nonc - slightly saline soils, Moderately saline soils, Highly saline soils, Extremely

saline soils, Urban, Desert, and Water equal to 170068, 46487, 63433, 66436, 36308, 629381 and 78888 feds., respectively. Data showed that the area of None-Slightly and Moderately saline are 216555 fed. While the area of Highly and Extremely saline are 129869 fed. These results indicate that progress in soil reclamation process in Fayoum governorate.

In this study, ten random reference check sites were selected in Fayoum governorate using Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument, samples were collected from these sites and chemically analyzed to define their salinity classes. Results of this work showed that 9 check sites were in their correct salinity class while only one check site was in incorrect salinity class.

Data of salinity classes in Itsa district showed that there were decrease (2175, 12070 and 7823 fed.) of the areas of non-slightly, moderately and extremely saline soils, respectively in the period (1960 – 2002). Depending on results of 1960 there were decrease equal to about 22068 fed. in non-slightly, moderately and extremely saline soils comparing to results of 2002. this decrease may be due to change to bear soils under reclamation and urban encroachment as shown in results of 2002.

Data of salinity classes in Fayoum district showed that there were decrease (4779 and 819 fed.) of the areas of non-slightly and moderately saline soils, respectively in the period (1960 – 2002) refer to a degradation process. While there was a decrease (3668 fed.) of the area of extremely saline soils in the same period refers to an

improvement process. It noticed too that there was an increase (1226 fed.) of the areas of highly saline soils in the same period refers to a degradation process. In Tamia district that there was an increase (2026 fed.) of the area of non-slightly saline soils in the period (1960 – 2002) refers to an improvement process. While there were increase (741 and 250 fed.) of the areas of highly and extremely saline soils, respectively in the same period refer to a degradation process. It noticed that there was a decrease (9704 fed.) of the areas for the area of moderately saline soils in the same period, which indicates to a degradation process due to some of the decreased area of this class changed to highly and extremely saline soils. Also this decrease refers to an improvement process because some of the decreased area of this moderately saline soils changed to non-slightly saline soils.

Results of salinity classes in Sinnuris district showed that there were increase (25384 and 7707 fed.) of the areas of non-slightly, moderately saline soils, respectively in the period (1960 – 2002) indicate to an improvement process. While there were increase (7163 fed.) of the area of extremely saline soils in the same period refers to a degradation process. It is noticed too that there were decrease (49033 fed.) of the area of highly saline soils in the same period refers to an improvement process.

Data of salinity classes in Ibshawai district showed that there were decrease (24952 and 2517 fed.) of the area of non-slightly, moderately saline soils, respectively in the period (1960 – 2002) indicate to a degradation process. While there were decrease (4109

fed.) of the area of highly saline soils in the same period refers to also degradation process, due to the decreased area of this class changed to extremely saline soils. It is noticed too that there was an increase (7898 fed.) of the area of extremely saline soils in the same period refer to a degradation process.

The majority of Fayoum districts soils have insufficient field drainage as well as insufficient irrigation water for the irrigated soils due to a shortage in management process. Also the variation of soil elevation ranges (+20 m to -45 m) which leads to infiltration from high to low land. This help to lose a large quantity of irrigation water. Also, some soils of fayoum districts devoid of drains specially which are adjacent to Qaroun Lake and label to be flooded by the Lake.

Delineation process was used in this investigation in order to delineate the boundaries of Itsa, Fayoum, Tamia, Sinnuris, and Ibshawai twons by using topogrophic maps 1952, SPOT-3 Image 1991, and LANDSAT-7 Image 2000 , 2002 mosaies. In this process vector layers (urban coverages) were produced by using vector module of the used software. Overlay of urban coverage was done for each town in detecting dates. After delineation process urban area in feddan for each town in detecting dates were calculated from urban vector coverages. Expansion urban area in feddan, and percent of increase to the area "relative to 1952 area" for each twon in 1952, 1991, 2000, and were calculated.

Results of urban cnerochment on the fertile land of Itsa town showed that there was an inerease of urban area in the period (1952 –