#### Rethinking Thai Carbon Cycle Research Strategies in the New Normal Post COVID-19 Era

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**Session 1** Theme: Global Environmental Research Post COVID-19

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#### Preliminary US Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimates for 2020

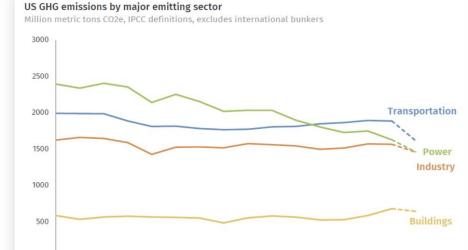
2019 2020e https://rhg.com/research/preliminary-us-emissions-2020/

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Industry

Buildings



2012

2015 2016 2017 2018

2014

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FIGURE 1

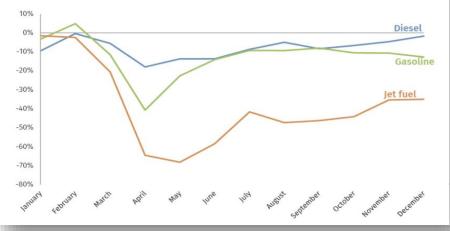
Change in transportation fuel demand, 2020 vs. 2019

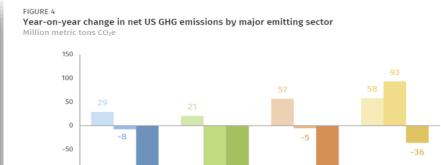
2010

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Percent change from 2019 levels





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Power

-167

2018 2019 2020

#### FIGURE 5

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-150

-200

-250

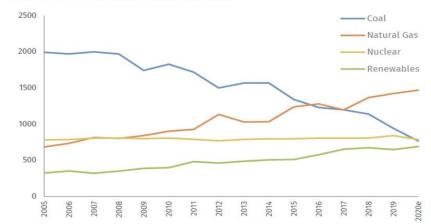
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#### US power generation by energy source

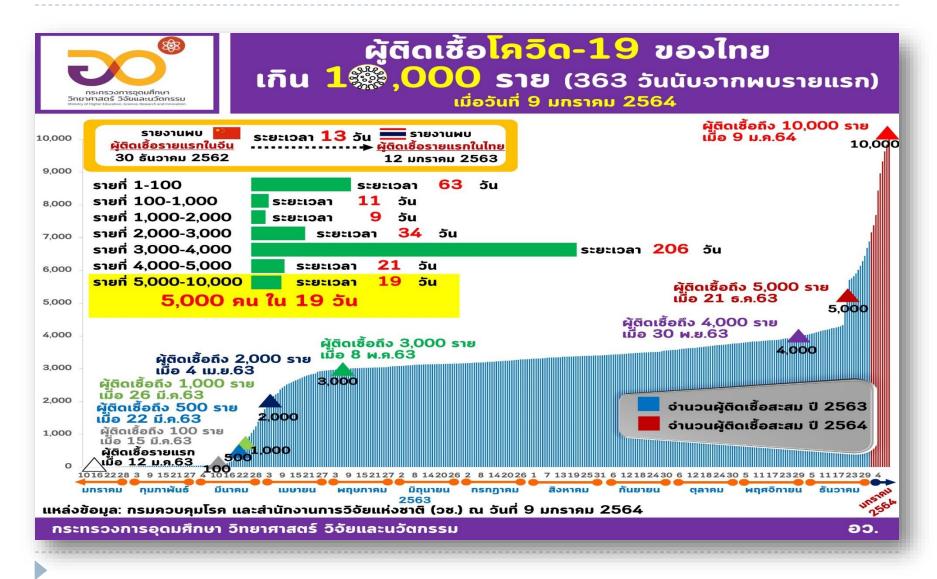
Billion kWh, does not include distributed generation

Transportation

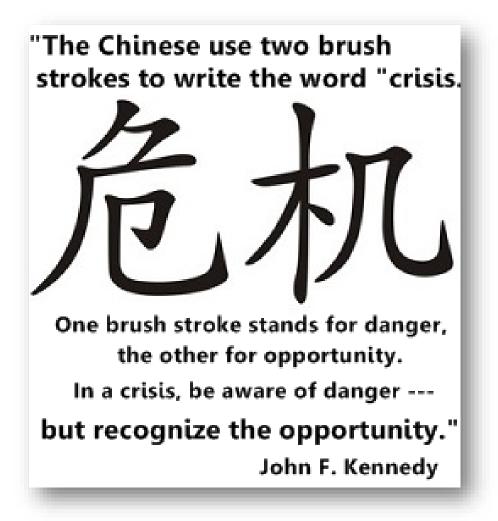
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#### COVID-19 Era



"Will you define the new normal Post COVID-19 Era ... or watch it unfold?"



- A lot of changes:
  - Some forever, not for better
- People will change:
  - Some ... surviving
  - Some ... thriving

Reimagining the post-COVID-19 return

Rethinking research strategies

#### Headlines from the future

Q: What headlines might be seen in the next 1-5 years as a result of COVID-19?



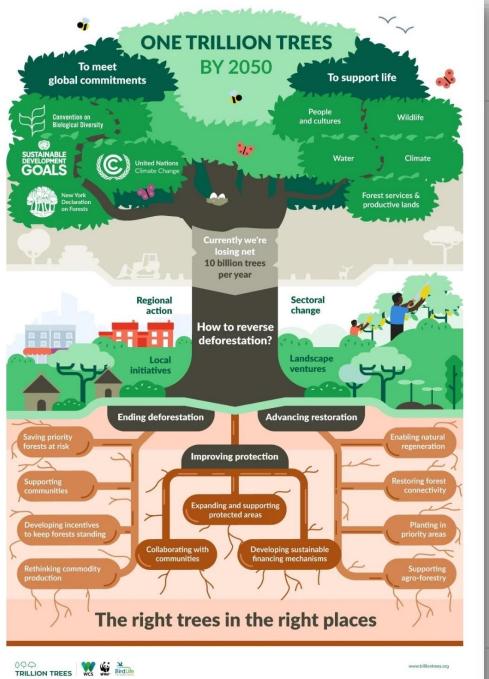


#### Four key themes:

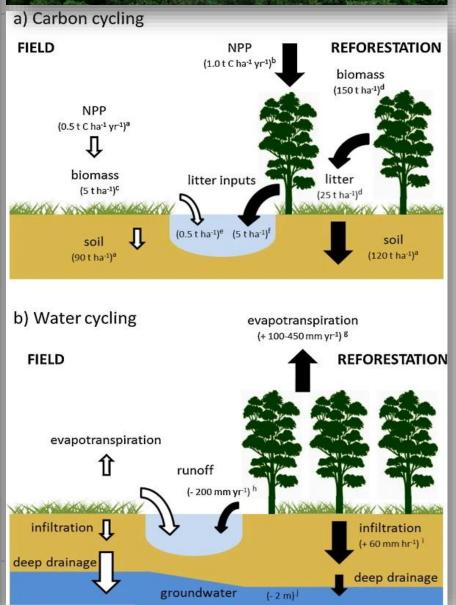
- The protection of terrestrial and marine ecosystems
- The promotion of agro-ecology
- The mobilization of funding for biodiversity
- The link between deforestation, species and human health

Countries are using their recovery plans to push through existing environmental policy priorities:

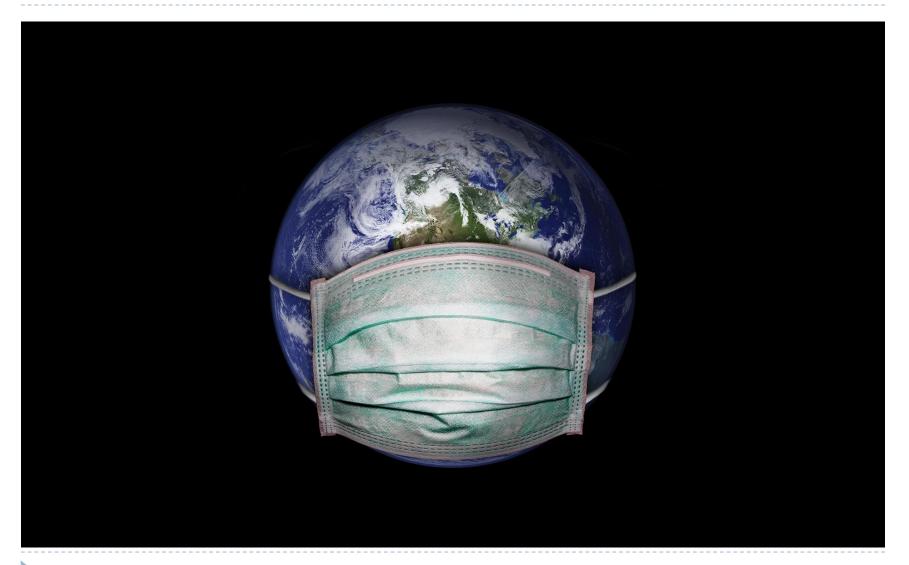
- The EU plans to dedicate around 30 percent of its \$880 billion plan for COVID-19-crisis plan to climate-change-related measures.
- In September 2020, China pledged to reduce its net carbon emissions to zero by 2060.
- Japan has pledged to be carbon neutral by 2050.
- South Korea's Green New Deal, invests in greener infrastructure and technology, with the stated goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.
- US president-elect Biden pledged to invest \$2 trillion in clean energy (transportation, power, and building).
- Colombia is planting 180 million trees.



#### HOW THE 1 TRILLION TREES INITIATIVE CAN HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON CLIMATE



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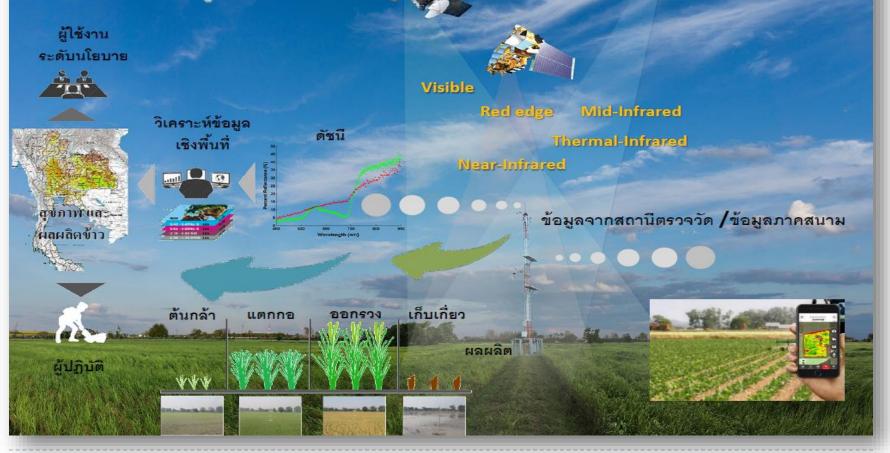
- Moving the science forward.
- Crossing the disciplinary<sup>++</sup> divides.
- Making CC research more relevant to societal needs.
- Motivating new generations to define the better future.

#### Moving the science forward.



## Crossing the disciplinary<sup>++</sup> divides.

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## Making CC research more relevant to societal needs

#### Rubber flux studies

Carbon sequestration potential Monitoring application Warning application Yield forecast





#### Chachengsao(RFC)



# Nakonsitamarat



## Rubber sequesters a lot of CO<sub>2</sub>

NR is more environmental-friendly (than SR).

Thai rubber sequesters > 120 MT CO<sub>2</sub> yr<sup>1</sup> (about 3.2 Mha)



## Annual CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration potential:

- Annual CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration by latex-producing rubber plantation ranged from 28.0 to 51.1 tons CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> and averaged 41.5 tons CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>.
  - ▶ 3.2 million hectares of latex-producing NR plantations in 2020.
  - Potential to sequester approx. 133 Tg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- > 20.9 kg of net  $CO_2$  sequestered for each kg of NR.
- Important implications for the establishment of 'environmental friendliness' marketing strategy
  - to enhance the natural rubber competitiveness, especially in comparison to synthetic rubber.



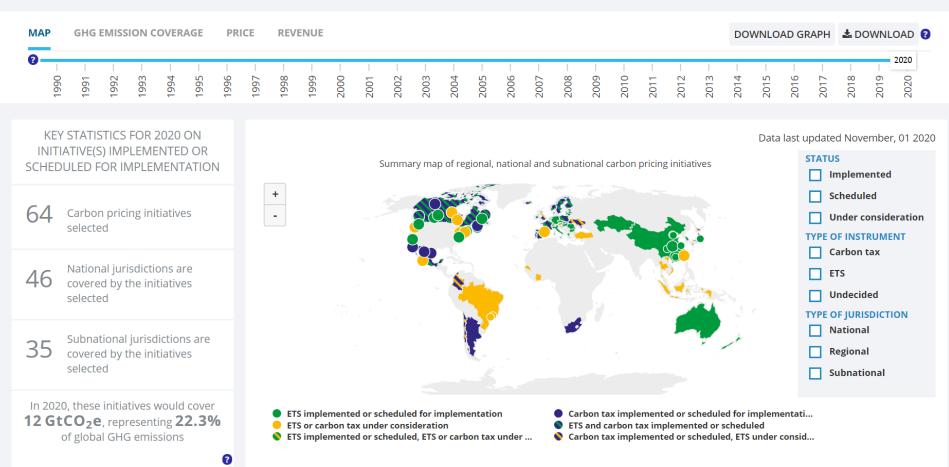
What we Do / Data / Carbon Pricing Dashboard

#### **Carbon Pricing Dashboard**

HOME ABOUT ETS & CARBON TAXES CARBON CREDITING WHA

TING WHAT IS CARBON PRICING? RESOURCES

#### Map & Data



Note: Carbon pricing initiatives are considered "scheduled for implementation" once they have been formally adopted through legislation and have an official, planned start date.

Carbon pricing initiatives are considered "under consideration" if the government has announced its intention to work towards the implementation of a carbon pricing initiative and this has been formally confirmed by official government sources.

Jurisdictions that only mention carbon pricing in their NDCs are not included as different interpretations of the NDC text are possible. The carbon pricing initiatives have been classified in ETSs and carbon taxes according to how they operate technically. ETS does not only refer to cap-and-trade systems, but also baseline-and-credit systems such as in British Columbia and baseline-and-offset systems such as in Australia. Carbon pricing has evolved over the

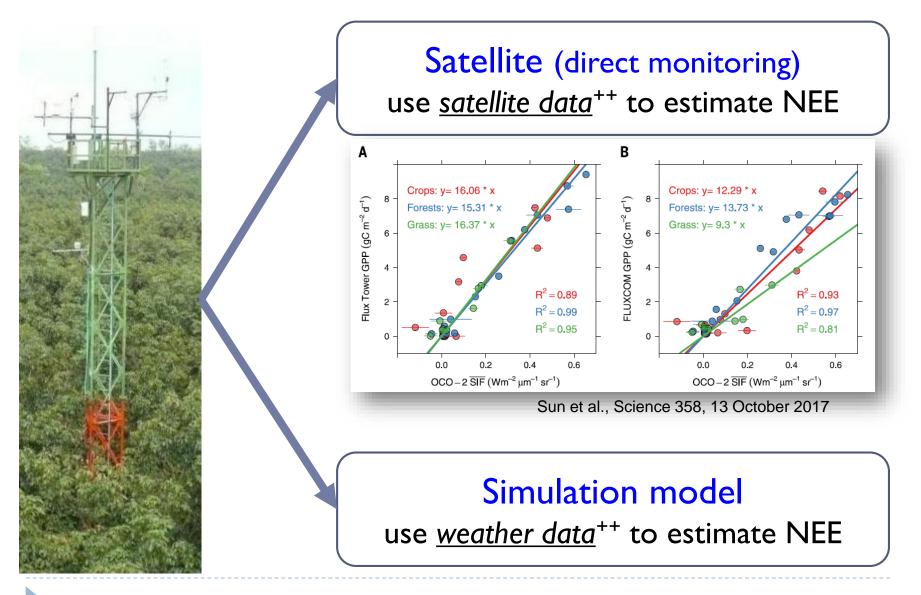
#### CO2 EUROPEAN EMISSION ALLOWANCES PRICE COMMODITY



https://sandbag.org.uk/carbon-price-viewer/

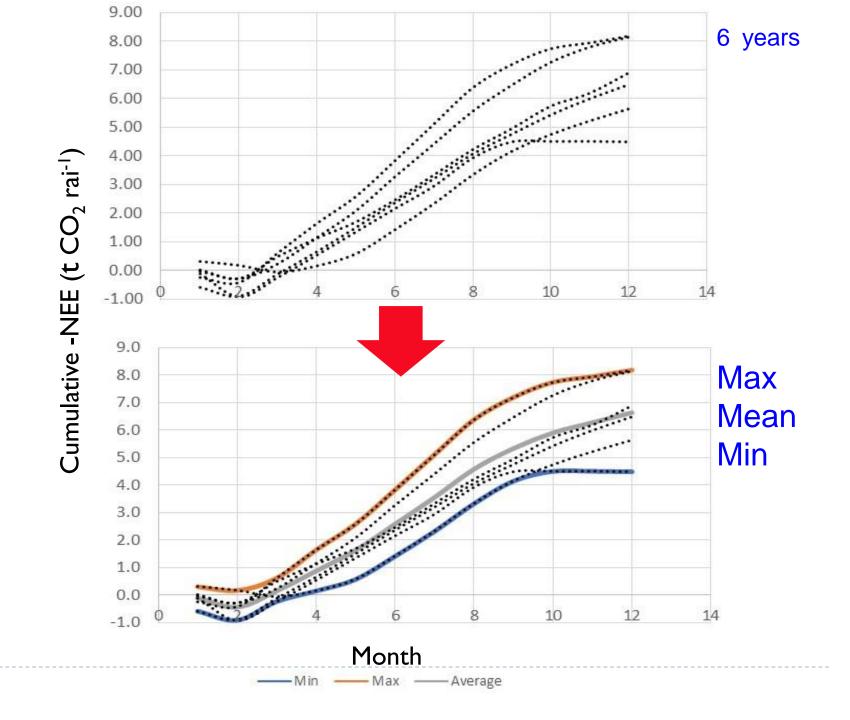
## Scaling up ...



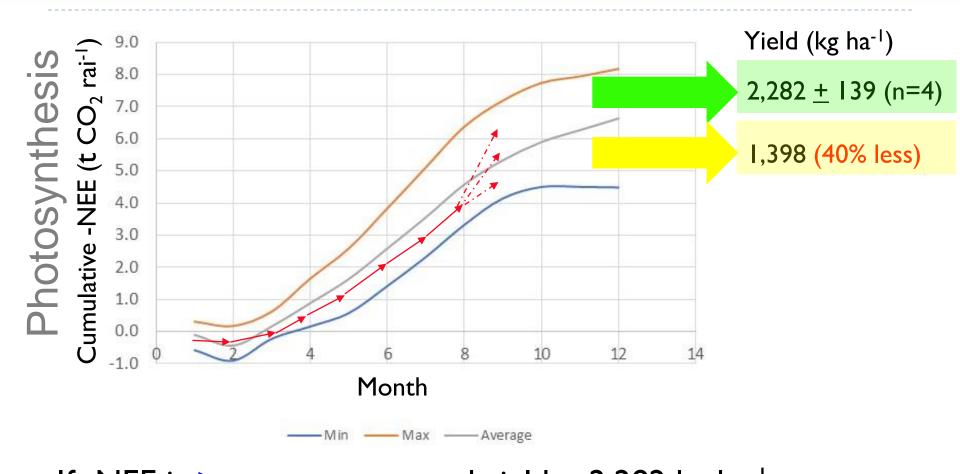


#### Rubber flux studies

arbon sequestration potential Monitoring application Warning application Yield forecast



#### Monitoring/warning (possible) application (early result)



If -NEE is > average, expected yield = 2,282 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> If -NEE is < average, expected yield = 1,398 (40% reduction)

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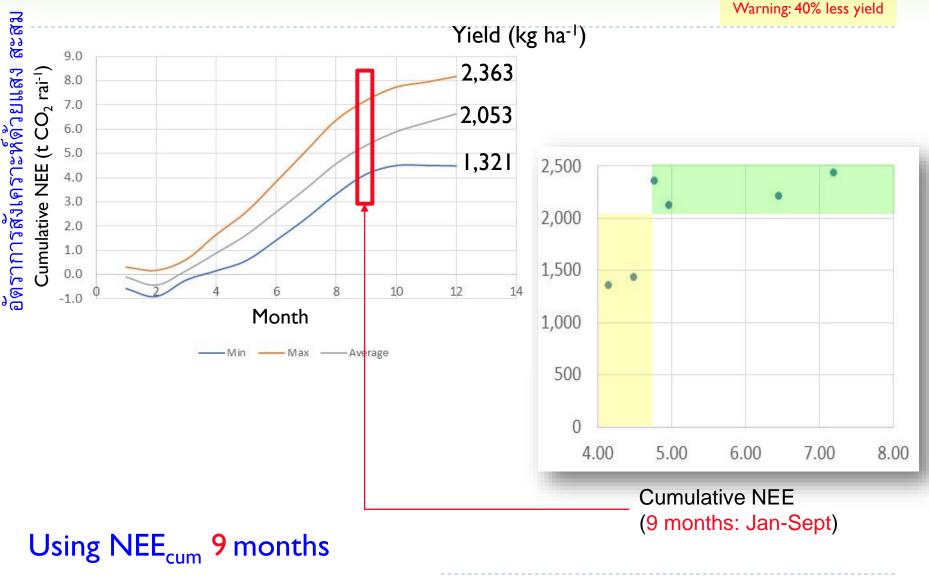
### Yield warning using NEE<sub>cum</sub>

อัตราการสังเคราะห์ด้วยแสง สะสม Yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) 9.0 2,363 Cumulative NEE (t CO<sub>2</sub> rai<sup>-1</sup>) 8.0 7.0 2,053 6.0 5.0 1,321 2,500 4.0 3.0 2,000 2.0 1.0 1,500 0.0 0 8 10 12 14 0 -1.0 Month 1,000 — Average Max 500 0 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 **Cumulative NEE** (6 months: Jan-June) Using NEE<sub>cum</sub> 6 months

Using NEE<sub>cum</sub> 6 months to forecast yield  $\dots R^2 = 0.69$  NEEcum > average (no warning)

NEEcum < average Warning: 40% less yield

### Yield warning using NEE<sub>cum</sub>

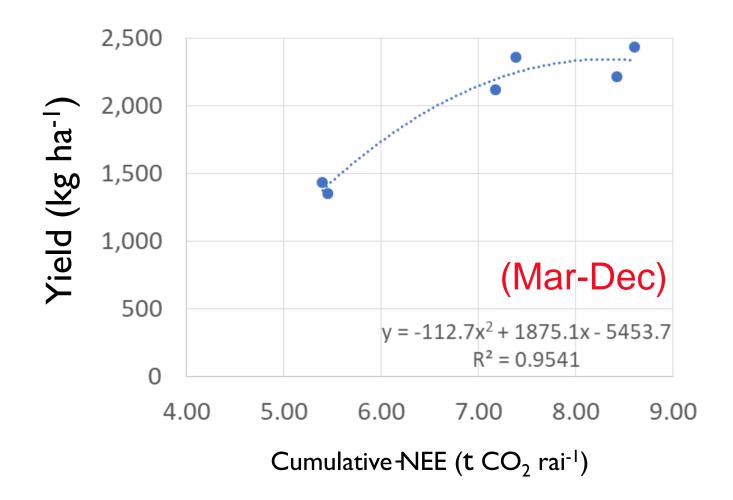


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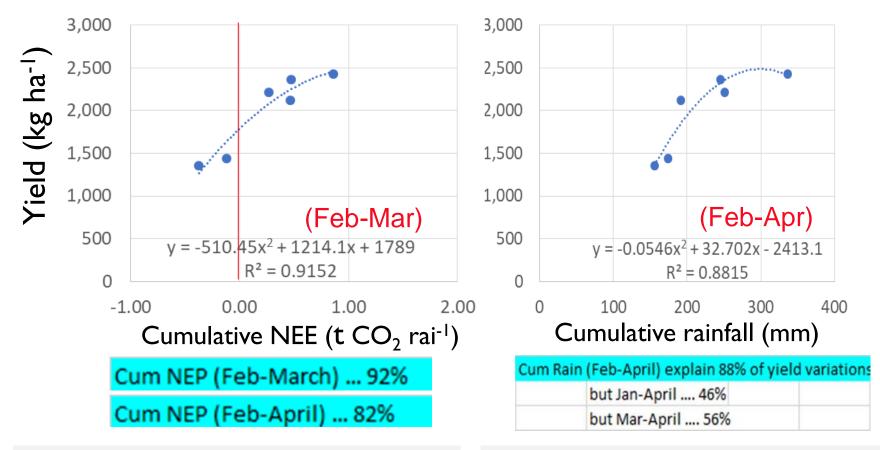
NEEcum < average

#### Yield forecasting ... (possible) application (early result)



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#### 2-3 months before tapping = critical period



If Feb+Mar NEE < 0 t  $CO_2$  rai<sup>-1</sup>, annual yield may decrease by 40% If Feb-to-Apr rainfall < 190 mm, annual yield may decrease by 40%

# Motivating new generations to define the better future.

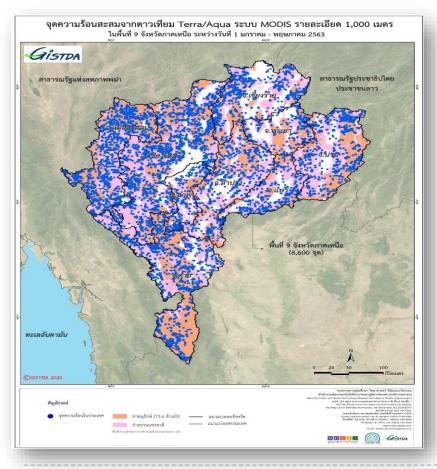
#### Forest fires

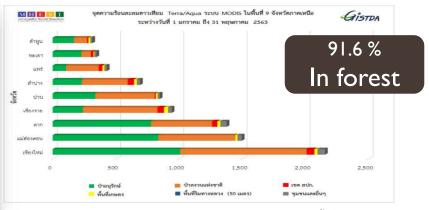
PM 2.5 Carbon cycle research + a lot more issues



#### Forest fires and PM 2.5 issue

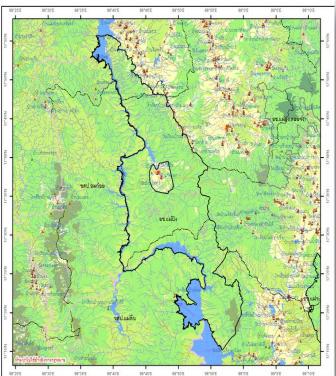
#### สาเหตุหลักของปัญหาฝุ่นในพื้นที่ภาคเหนือตอนบนส่วนใหญ่ (>91%) เกิดขึ้นจากไฟที่ไหม้ในพื้นที่ป่าอนุรักษ์และป่าสงวนแห่งชาติ





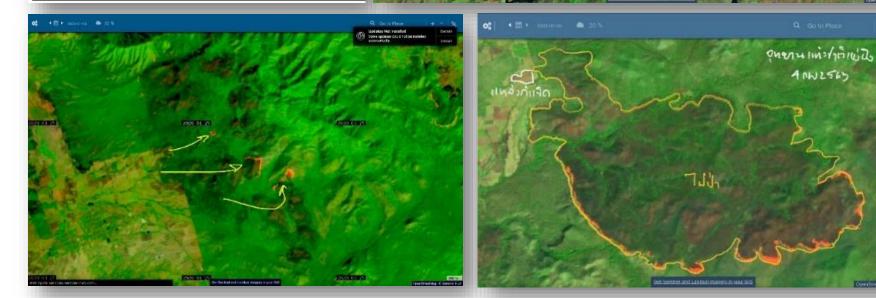
<mark>ภ ตารางที่ 1-4</mark> จุดความร้อนสะสมจากดาวเทียม Terra/Aqua ระบบ MODIS ในพื้นที่ 9 จังหวัดภาคเหนือ

จังหวัด	การใช้ประโยชน์ที่ดิน						
	พื้นที่ป่า อนุรักษ์	พื้นที่ ป่าสงวน แห่งชาติ	พื้นที่เขต สปก.	พื้นที่เกษตร	พื้นที่ริม ทางหลวง 50 เมตร	พื้นที่ชุมชน และอื่น ๆ	รวมทั้งสิ้น (จุด)
เซียงใหม่	1,009	1,000	62	25	2	57	2,155
แม่ฮ่องสอน	835	607	2	18	1	34	1,497
ตาก	778	483	42	25	2	47	1,377
เซียงราย	239	590	51	34	1	27	942
น่าน	337	470	9	16	2	14	848
ลำปาง	231	362	51	22	0	26	692
แพร่	106	258	30	17	2	16	429
พะเยา	226	77	20	8	3	12	346
ลำพูน	168	104	11	16	1	14	314
รวมทั้งสิ้น	3,929	3,951	278	181	14	247	8,600



#### Mae ping national park (100,000 ha)





#### Be aware of danger, recognize the opportunity



#### Put out the fires ... forever ?



#### One trillion trees ...

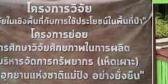
#### Let the love grow



#### Let the mushroom grow









#### Puff ball mushroom







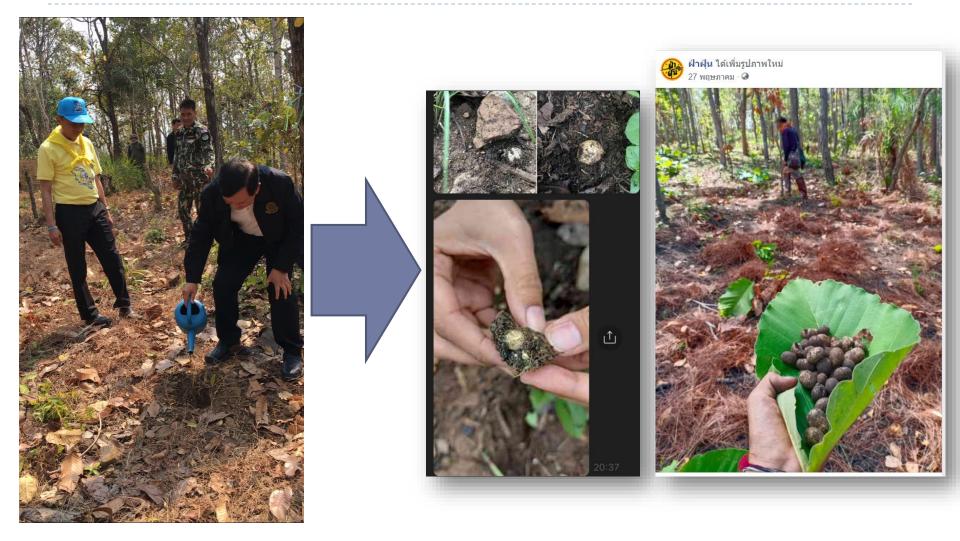








#### Let the mushroom grow



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Knowledge of the Land

## Kasets art University Prosperity of the nation