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Regional Empirical Chl-a Derivation Algorithms for Phytoplankton Monitoring in the Iloilo City Coastline, Philippines

Climate change has been widely observed not only in the world but also in the Philippines. UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) aim to provide understanding on the urgent needs of the environment and society. This paper provides a solution to several SDGs on clean water and sanitation, and climate action. The lloilo City coastline has been considered as recreational water by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It has been regularly monitored for physico-chemical parameters such as dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, phosphates, oil and grease, and fecal coliform. In this study chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentrations were derived from the remote sensing reflectance, measured from the lloilo city coastline. In-situ fluorometric derived Chl-a dataset were used as the true data. Standard empirical data derived from MODIS OC3M and SeaWIFS OC4V4 algorithms showed low correlation. On the other hand, Near Infrared (NIR) and red three-band model showed higher correlation which is known in estimating Chl-a in turbid waters. This model provides better estimation even with the limitations in satellite- imagery, proximity, turbidity in the different coastal areas in the Philippines.

Biography:

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