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Preface

The International Geographical Union Commission on Land Use and
Land Cover Change (IGU-LUCC) has been leading studies on
land-use/cover changes throughout the world continuously since its
establishment in 1996 for over 20 years, despite of the closure of the
IGBP/IHDP-LUCC in 2006 and its reformation to GLP (Global Land
Project). One of the schemes IGU-LUCC has been conducting
continuously is the publication of the “Atlas – Land Use/Cover Changes
in Selected Regions in the World”. The series counts the twelfth volume
in the present issue, as listed below:

- Volume I: November 2001
- Volume II: December 2002
- Volume III & IV: April 2005
- Volume V: February 2010
- Volume I – IV Combined Edition: March 2010
- Volume VI: July 2012
- Volume VII: October 2012
- Volume VIII: December 2013
- Volume IX: July 2014
- Volume X: March 2015
- Volume XI: August 2015
- Volume XII: April 2017

This atlas publication scheme has promoted production and use of
historical information bases and maps of land use/cover changes in many
countries and regions, including:

- **Europe:** Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Russia,
  Slovakia, Slovenia, Norway, Bulgaria, Poland
- **Asia:** Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Russian Far
  East, Taiwan
- **Americas:** Mexico
- **Africa:** Nigeria

The Atlas scheme in fact can have a far-reaching effect on the society,
education and global change research community including Future Earth,
if pushed forward vigorously, because many of the priority issues of
Future Earth and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
require data and knowledge on land use/cover changes at local, regional,
national and global levels.

The printed Atlas volumes have been archived at the IGU Archive
located at Leipzig University, Germany. They will also be made
accessible through the IGU website [http://lucc.zrc-sazu.si/Home.aspx](http://lucc.zrc-sazu.si/Home.aspx) in
the near future.

It is hoped that the scheme continues and evolves, supported by the old
and the new contributors of articles and sponsors.

**Announcement of the Atlas Vol. XIII onward**

Following the publication of Vol. XII, the publication of Vol. XIII is
under preparation. For information, please visit the IGU-LUCC website

Each article is requested to cover a substantially large area, and is
supposed to have large A3-size maps of national/regional scales as well
as other maps, diagrams, tables and photographs, and are expected to
include accounts on the following items:

1) data source and preparation
2) land use/cover classification
3) study methods
4) important facts, processes, drivers and mechanisms of land use/cover
   changes
5) regional differences, similarities, linkages and patterns of the items
   in 4) above
6) references

The following items are also encouraged to be included:

7) models of changes in the form of flow charts, diagrams or formulae
8) effects of changes and major problems related with changes
9) future prospects of land use/cover changes

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