A Big Earth Data Platform for Three Poles

**Thermokarst lakes on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau (2018)**

1、Description

The Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau (QTP), the largest high-altitude and low-latitude permafrost zone in the world, has experienced rapid permafrost degradation in recent decades, and one of the most remarkable resulting characteristics is the formation of thermokarst lakes. Such lakes have attracted significant attention because of their ability to regulate carbon cycle, water, and energy fluxes. However, the distribution of thermokarst lakes in this area remains largely unknown, hindering our understanding of the response of permafrost and its carbon feedback to climate change.Based on more than 200 sentinel-2A images and combined with ArcGIS, NDWI and Google Earth Engine platform, this data set extracted the boundary of thermokarst lakes in permafrost regions of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau through GEE automatic extraction and manual visual interpretation.In 2018, there were 121,758 thermokarst lakes in the permafrost area of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, covering an area of 0.0004-0.5km², with a total area of 1,730.34km² respectively.The cataloging data set of Thermokarst Lakes provides basic data for water resources evaluation, permafrost degradation evaluation and thermal karst study on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

2、Keywords

Theme：Area,Climate change,Surface Water,Thermokarst lakes,Boundary,Cryosphere remote sensing products,Surface Freeze-thaw Cycle/state Remote Sensing,Permafrost degradation;,Frozen Ground,Terrestrial Surface Remote Sensing,Lakes,Hydrological remote sensing products,Thermokarst lake  
Discipline：Terrestrial Surface,Cryosphere  
Places：Tibet Plateau  
Time：2018

3、Data details

1.Scale：None

2.Projection：WGS84

3.Filesize：40.37MB

4.Data format：None

4、Space scope

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| --- | --- | --- |
| - | north：40.0 | - |
| west：105.0 | - | east：73.5 |
| - | south：26.0 | - |

5、Time frame:2018-03-31 16:00:00+00:00--2018-12-30 16:00:00+00:00

6、Reference method

References to data:

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7、Supporting project information

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