BOREAS RSS-10 TOMS CIRCUMPOLAR ONE-DEGREE PAR IMAGES

Summary:

The BOREAS RSS-10 team investigated the magnitude of daily, seasonal, and yearly variations of PAR from ground and satellite observations. This data set contains satellite estimates of surface-incident photosynthetically active radiation (PAR, 400-700 nm, MJ m-2) at 1 degree spatial resolution. The spatial coverage is circumpolar from latitudes of 41 to 66 degrees N latitude. The temporal coverage is from May through September for years 1979 through 1989. Eleven-year statistics are also provided: mean, standard deviation, and coefficient of variation for 1979-1989. The PAR estimates were derived from the global gridded ultraviolet reflectivity data product (average of 360, 380 nm) from the Nimbus-7 Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS). Image mask data are provided for identifying the boreal forest zone, and ocean/land and snow/ice covered areas. The data are available as binary image format data files.

Companion files include example thumbnail images that may be viewed and the image data files downloaded using a convenient viewer utility.

A guide document which includes more information about this data set can be found at http://daac.ornl.gov/boreas/RSS/rss10tom/comp/RSS10_PAR_TOMS.txt.

ORNL DAAC maintains information on the entire BOREAS Project.

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