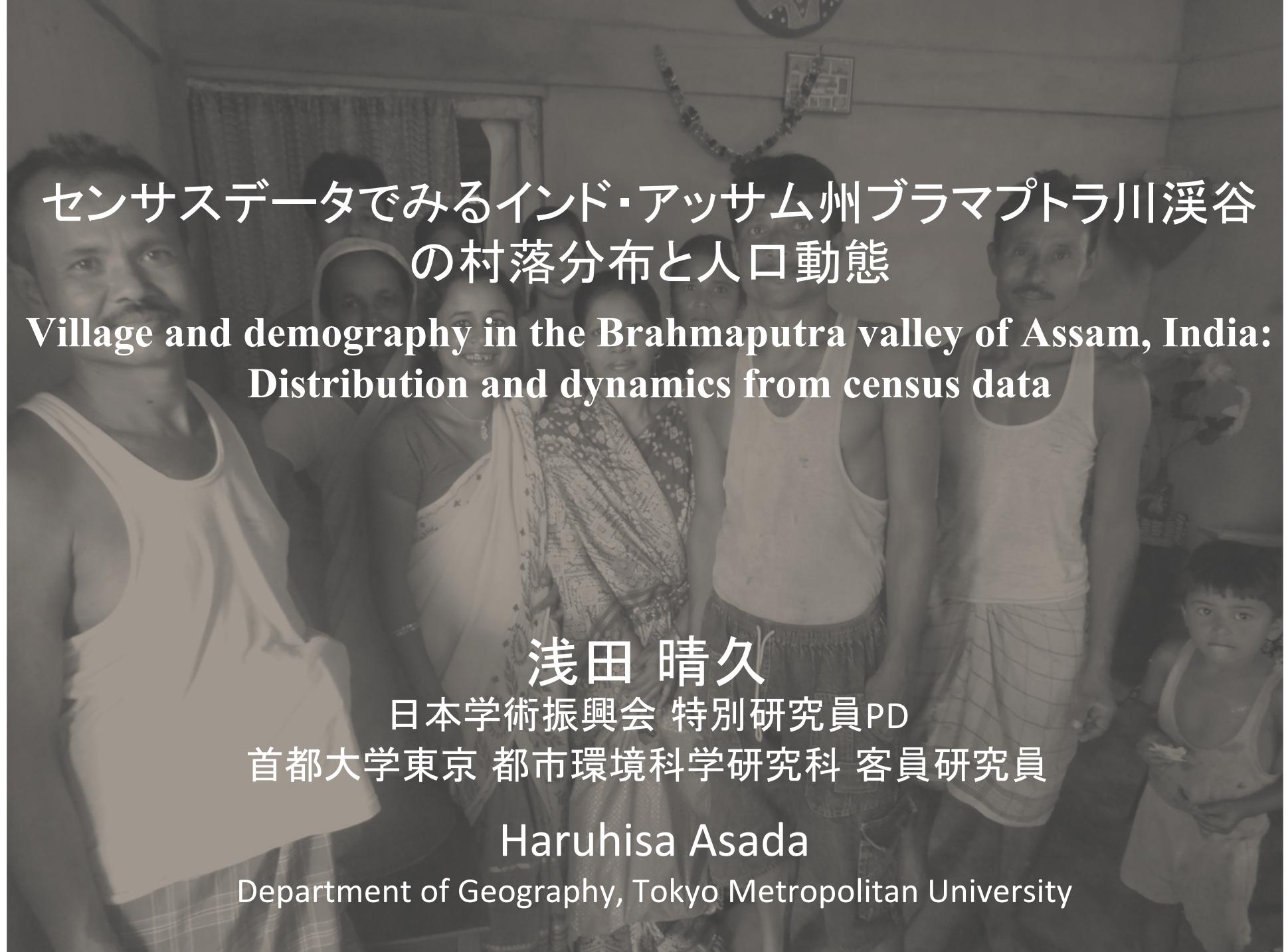


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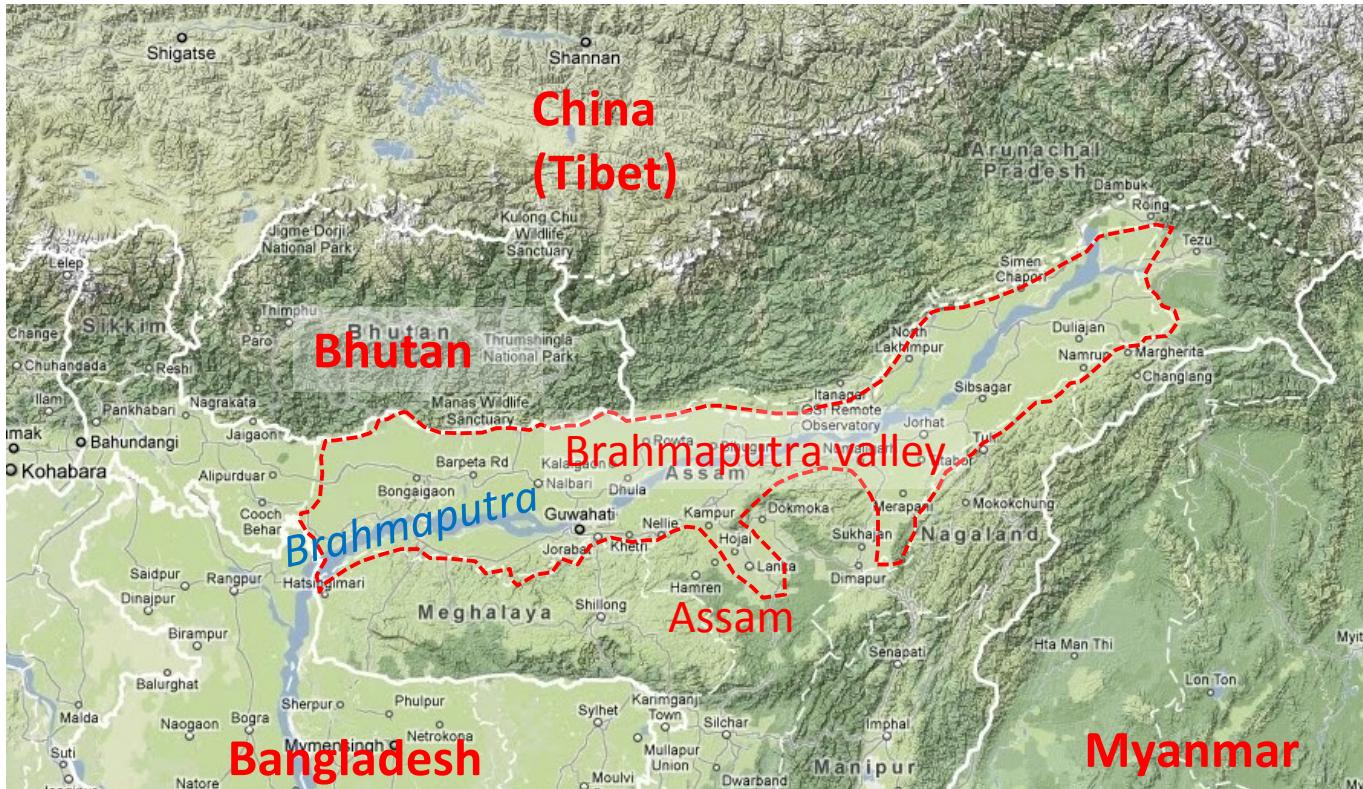
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Introduction



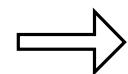
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Floodplain topography
Multi-ethnic society



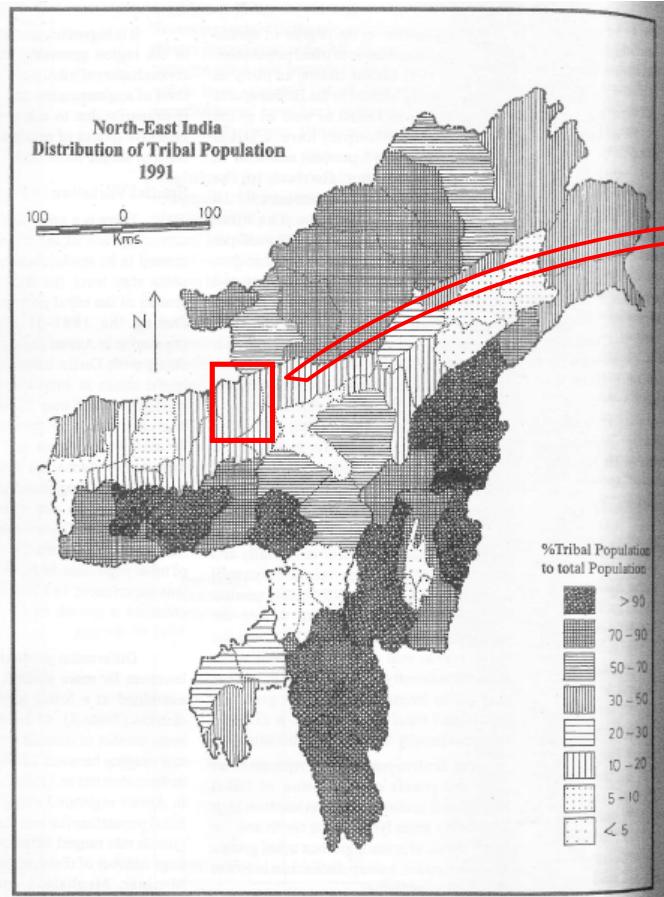
Natural disasters (e.g. Flood, Erosion, Drought)
Ethnic conflicts (e.g. Extremists, Immigrant problem)

Which area, how many people are affected?

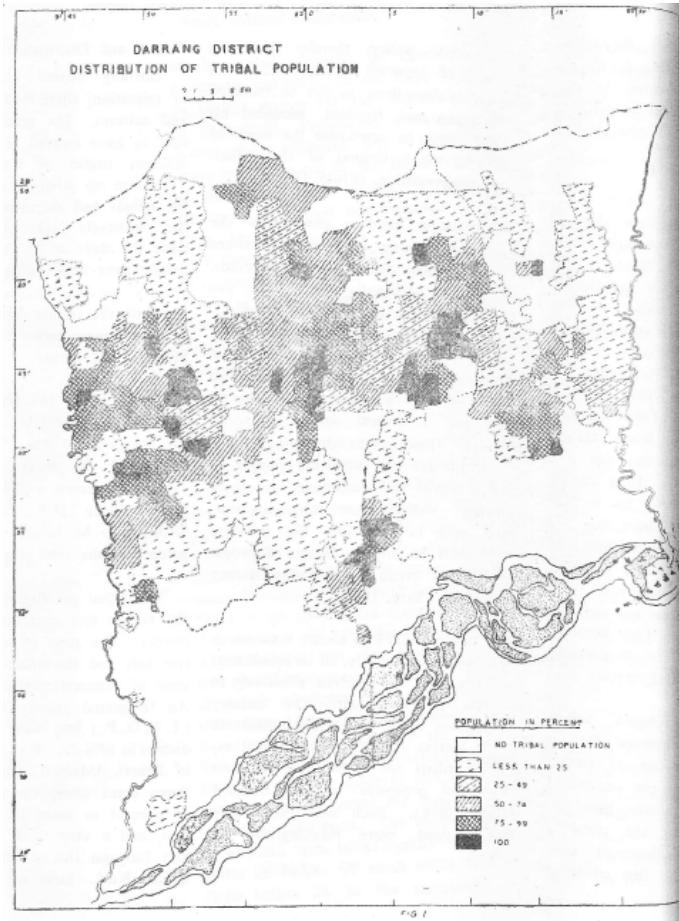


Demographic map should be prepared.

Previous studies



District-wise tribal population
of Northeast India in 1991
(Nayak&Das 1998)



Village-wise tribal population
of Darrang district in 1971
(Goswami 1989)

Studies of population analysis have done only at **Macro & Micro scale**.
The scales do not match with contemporary problems at **Meso scale**.

Objective

This study examines the possibility of **village level census data** for studying the **Meso-scale** problems in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam.

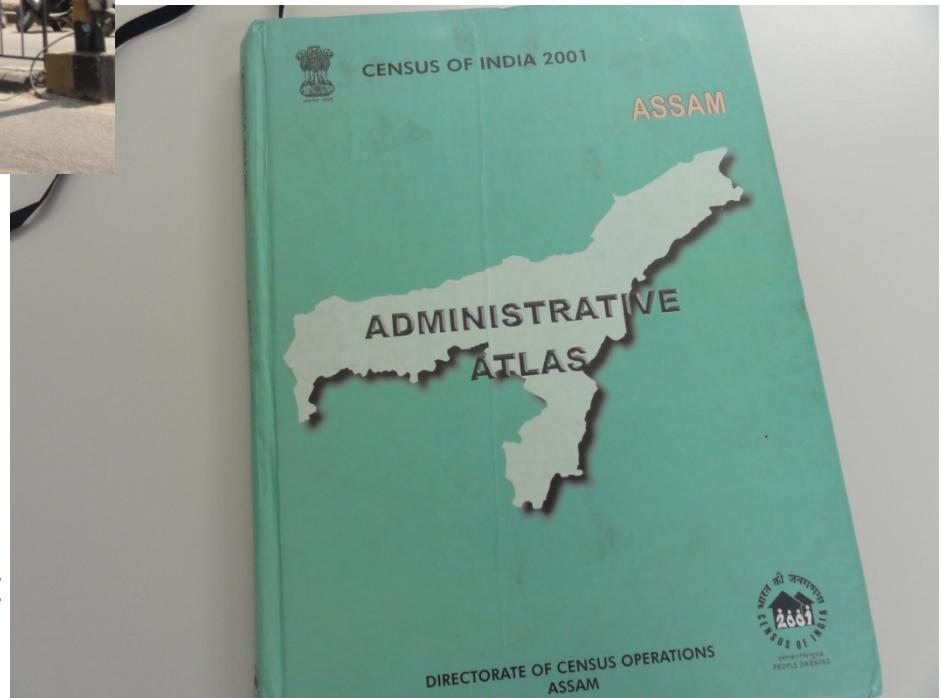
I would like to consider how the **inter-disciplinary research team** can collaborate to solve the regional problems by using map.

Census Data



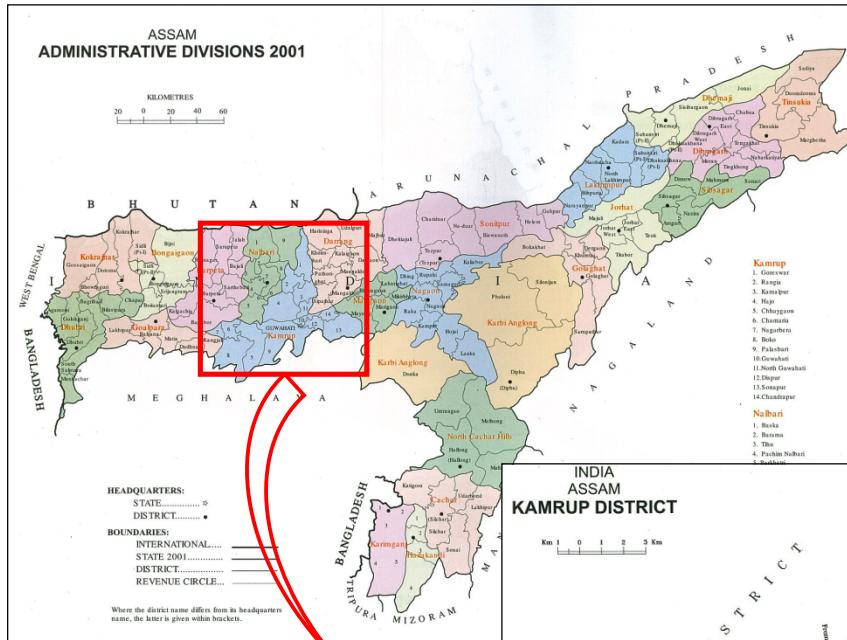
Census Office in Guwahati, Assam

- Administrative Atlas
- Village Directory of each district
(CD format)

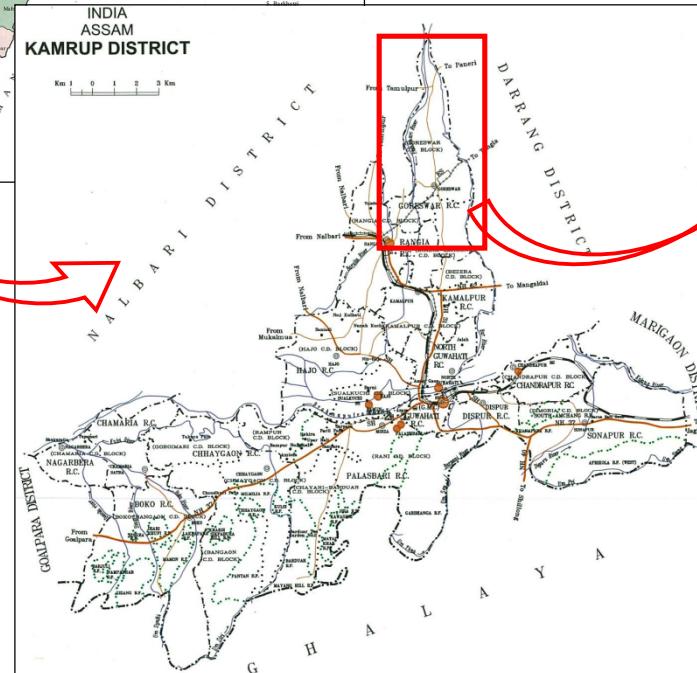


Census Data (1) Map

Census Atlas of Assam 2001

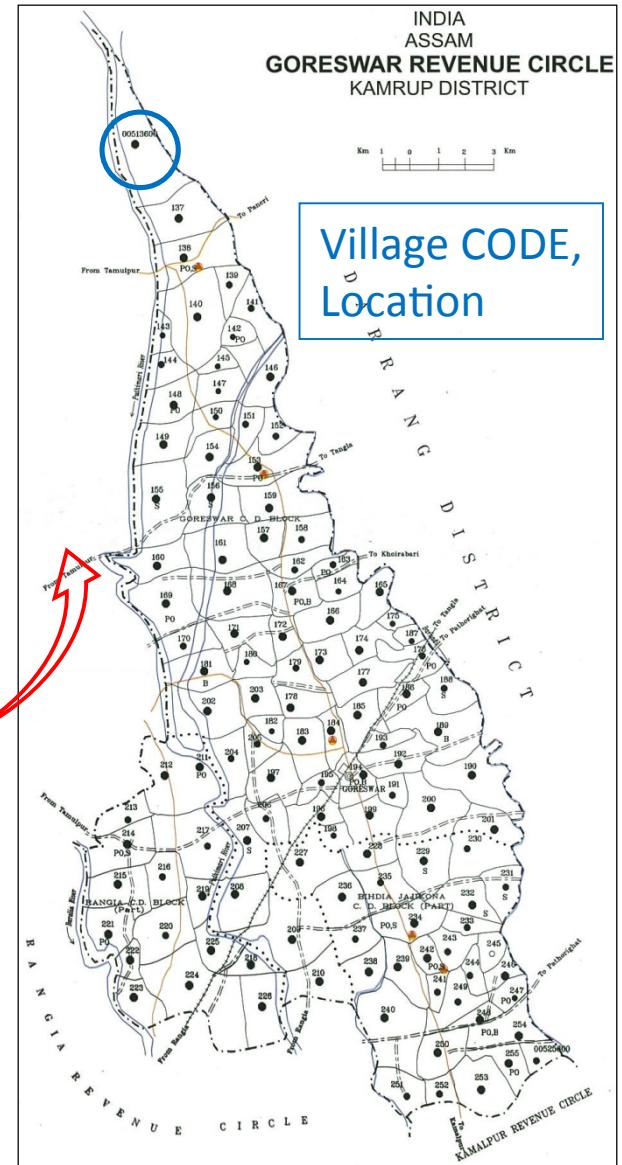


District-wise map



Circle-wise map

Village-wise map

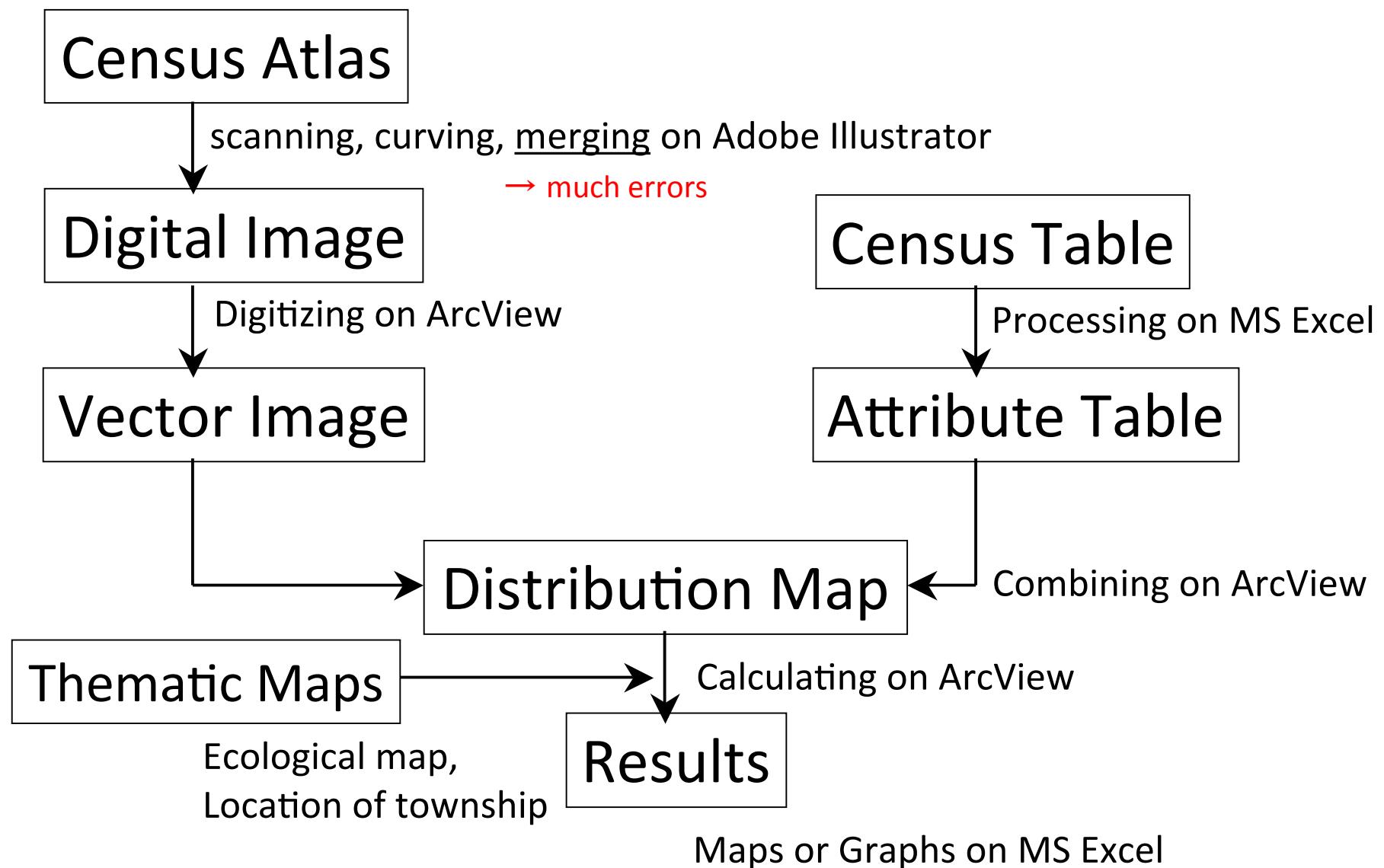


Census Data (2) Table

Census Atlas of Assam 2001

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GORESWAR REVENUE CIRCLE							
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00513700	Uparkhuti	00517100	Pukhuripar	00520800	Son Mahari	00524500	Barigaon
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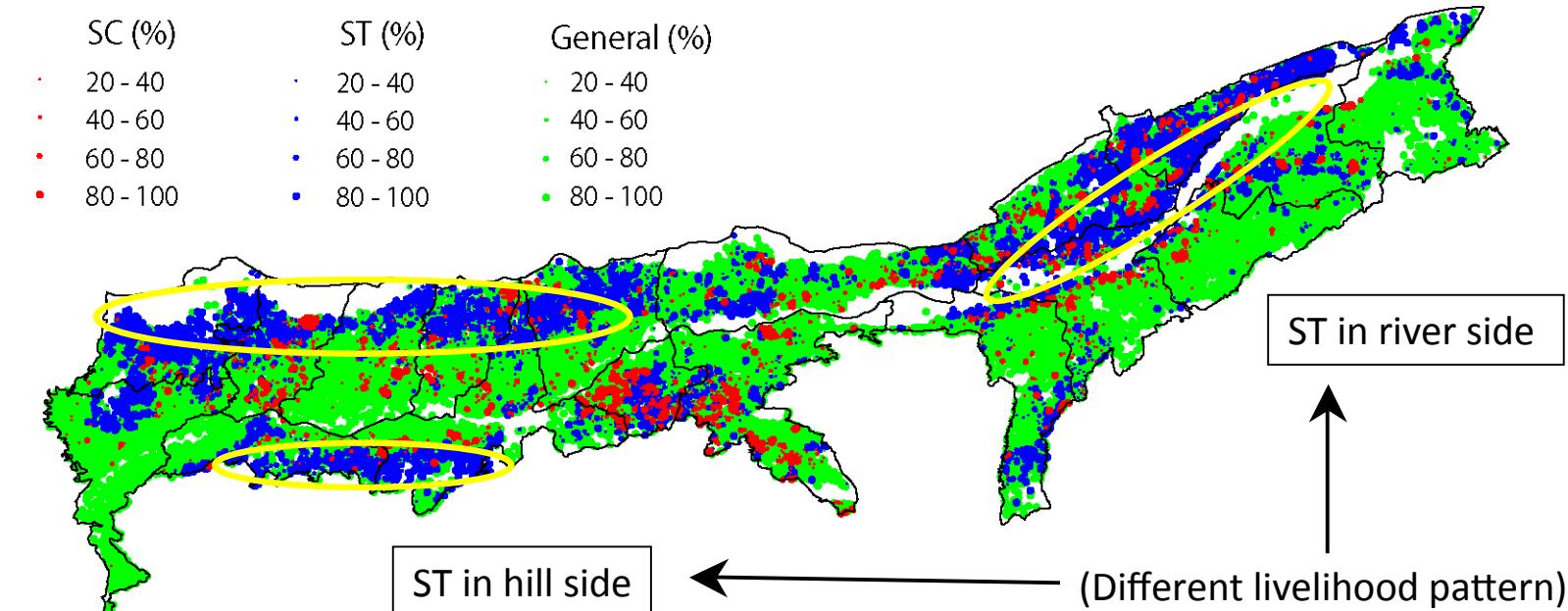
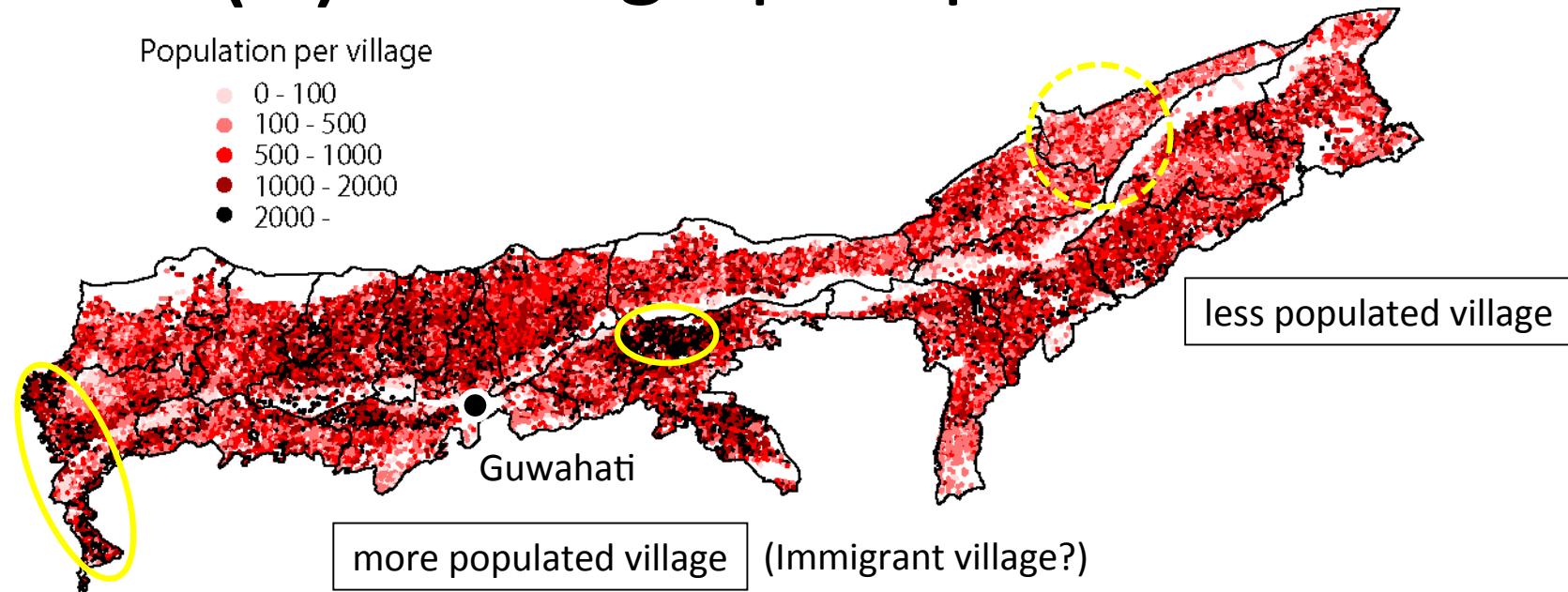
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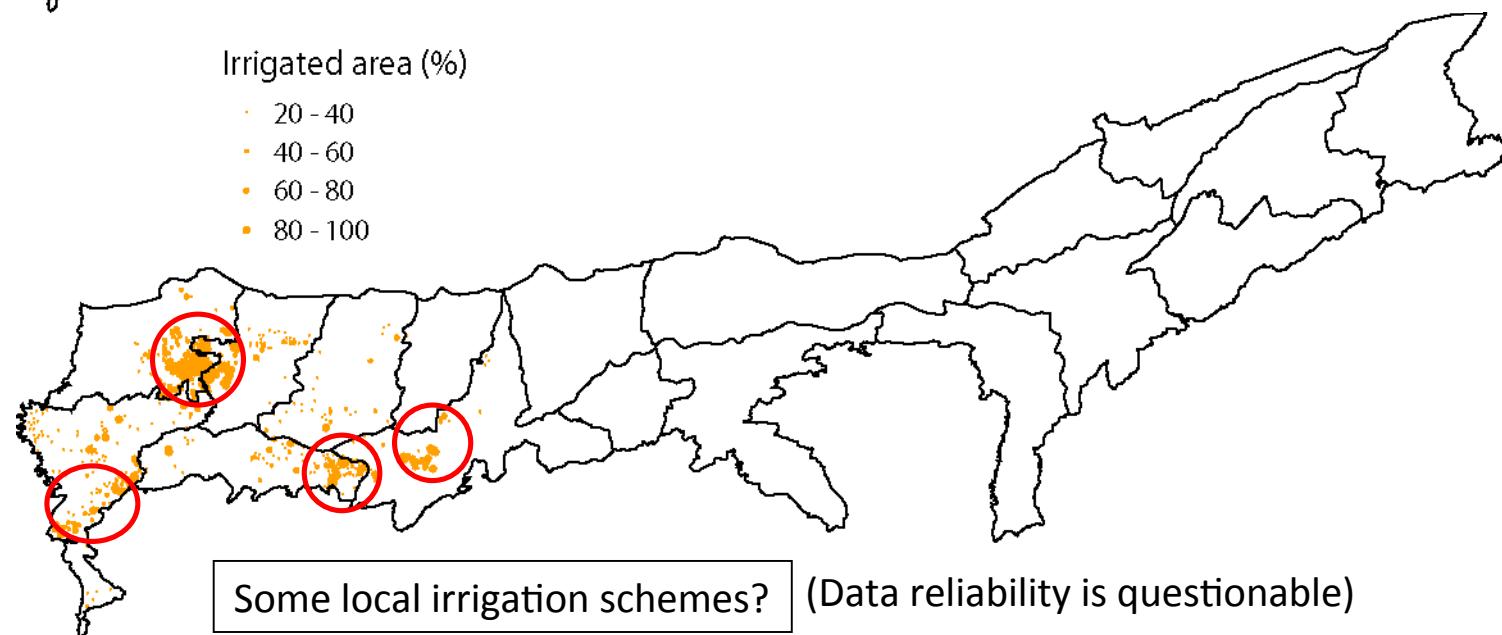
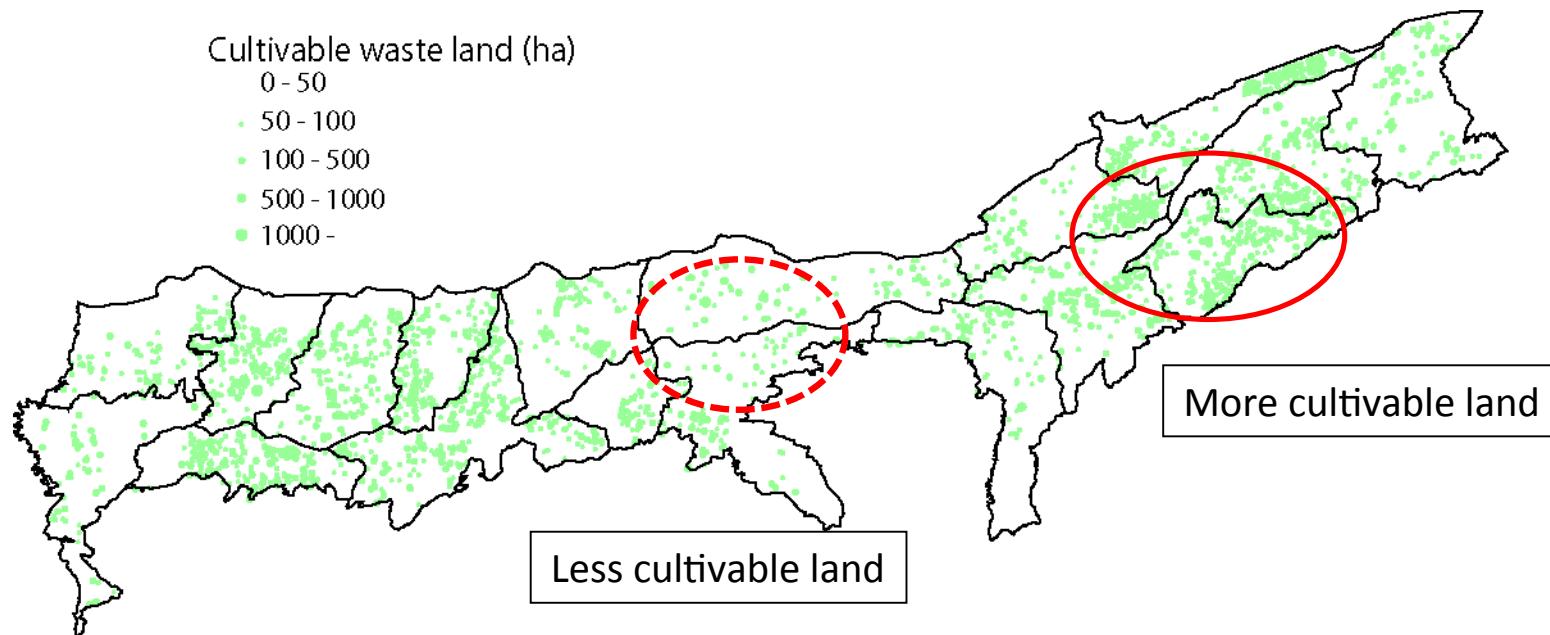


Results (1) – (7)

Result (1) Demographic pattern in 2001

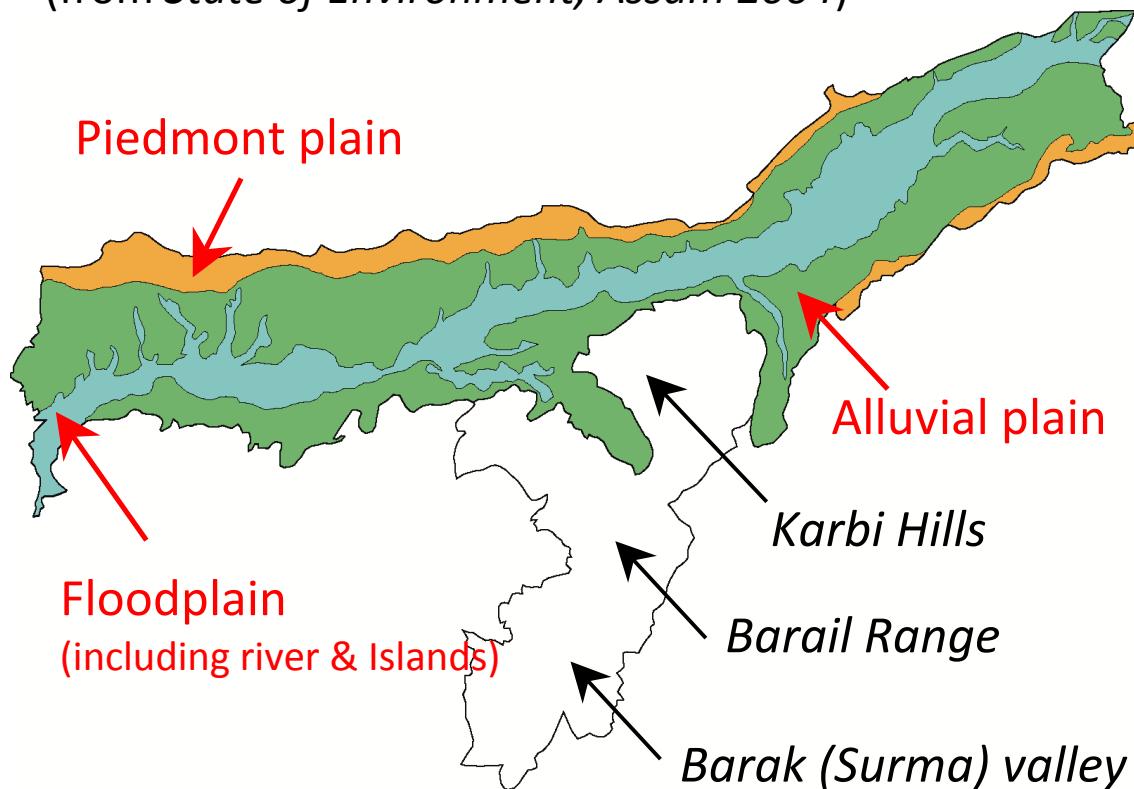


Result (2) Agricultural Land Use in 2001



Result (3) Relation with ecological zones

Ecological Zones of the Brahmaputra valley
(from *State of Environment, Assam 2004*)

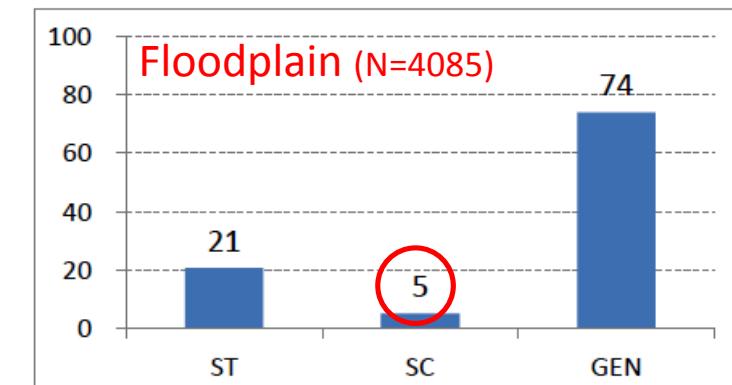
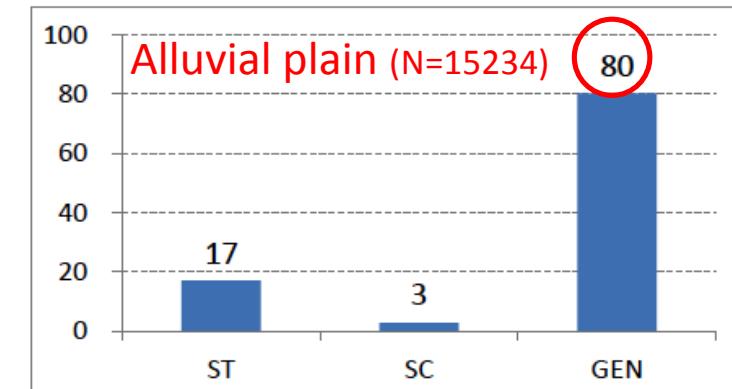
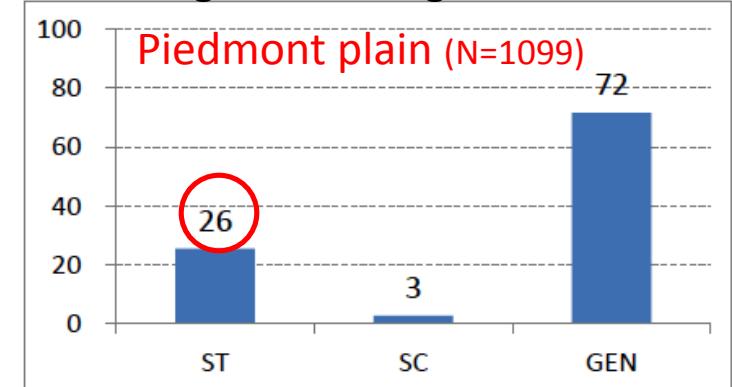


Proportion of ST people in piedmont plain is more.

In the Brahmaputra valley as a whole, difference of inhabitant pattern is small.

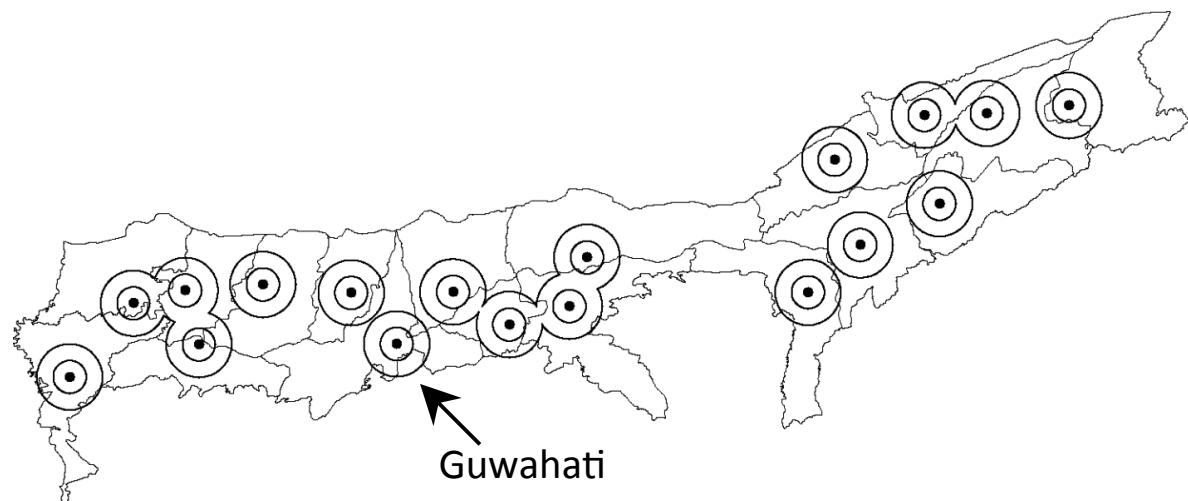
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Village Percentage in each zones



Result (4) Distance from township

10, 20 km buffer zone from 18 district headquarters

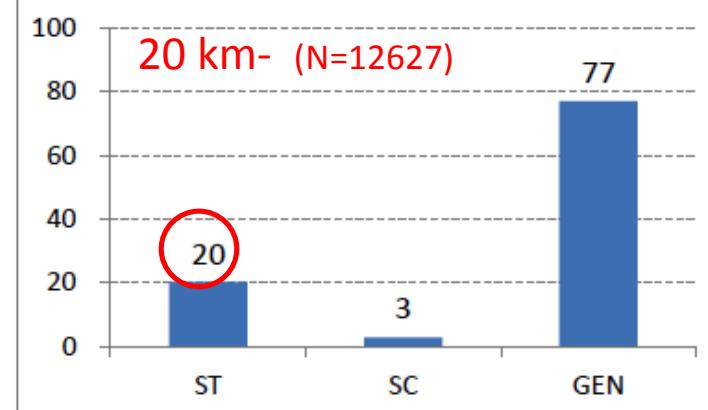
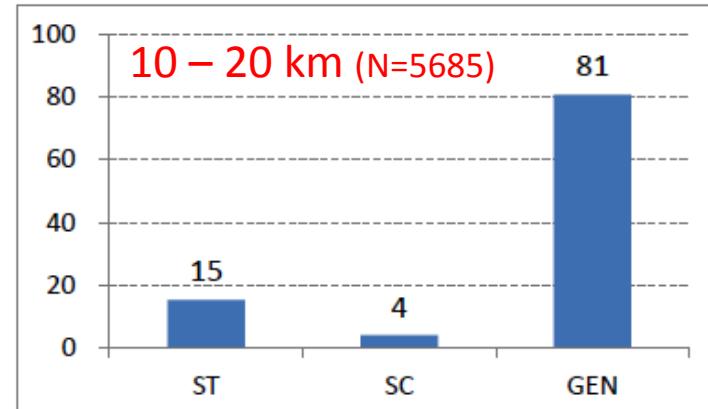
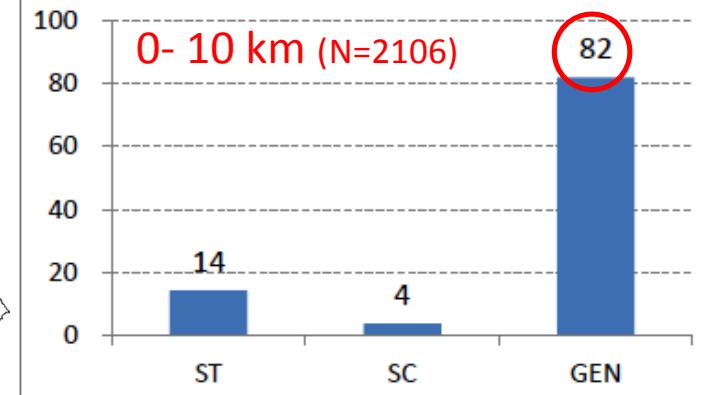


ST people lives in more distant place from town.

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Village Percentage in each zones



Comparison of different decades of Census

Village Directory, Census 1991

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	CODE,C,18	NAME,C,30	AREA,N,8.2	RES_HOUS	HOUSEHOLD	POPLN_NT_M	POPLN_T
2	070010008000800001	Pathalikuchi	226.97	101	101	640	333
3	070010008000800002	Kekerikuchi	402.84	221	221	1642	911
4	070010008000800003	Dwarkuchi	463.9	526	526	3663	2012
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7	070010008000800006	Khudra Garikona	138.42	49	49	329	167
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29	070010008000800028	Udiana	319.9	538	538	3504	1844
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CODE Village Name Area & Households

Village Directory, Census 2001

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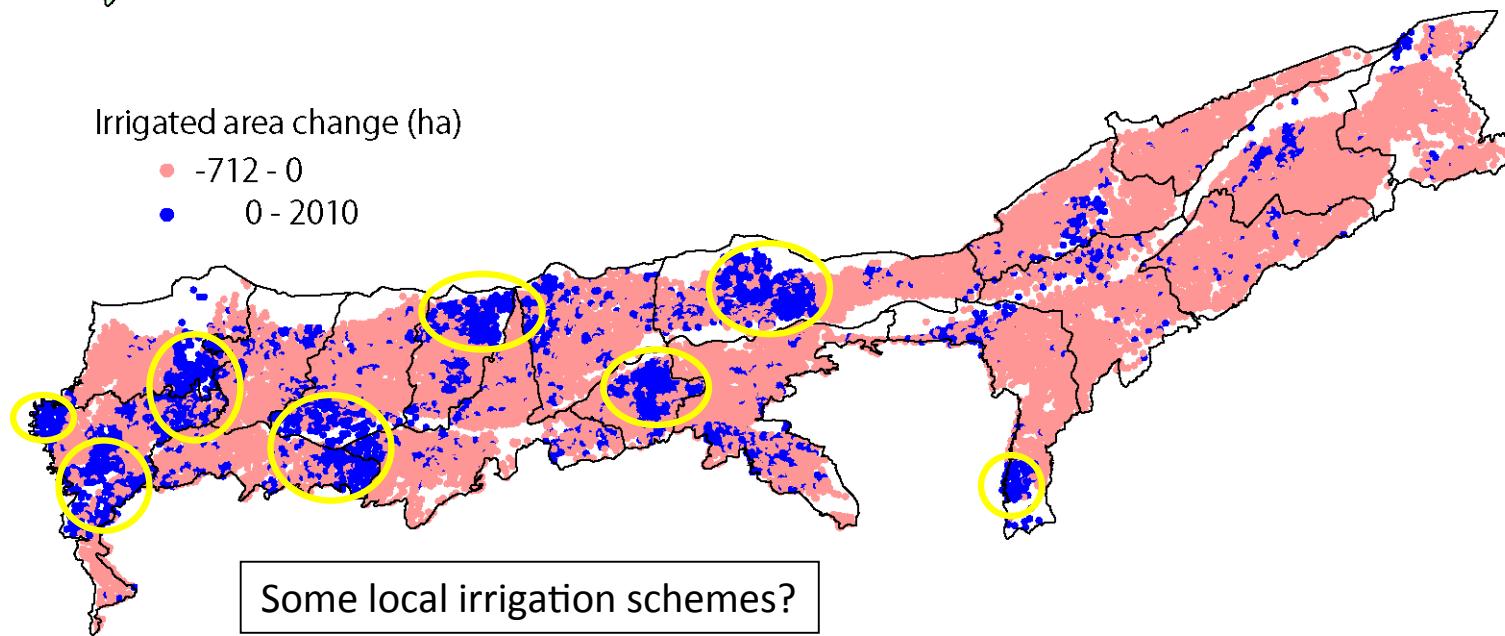
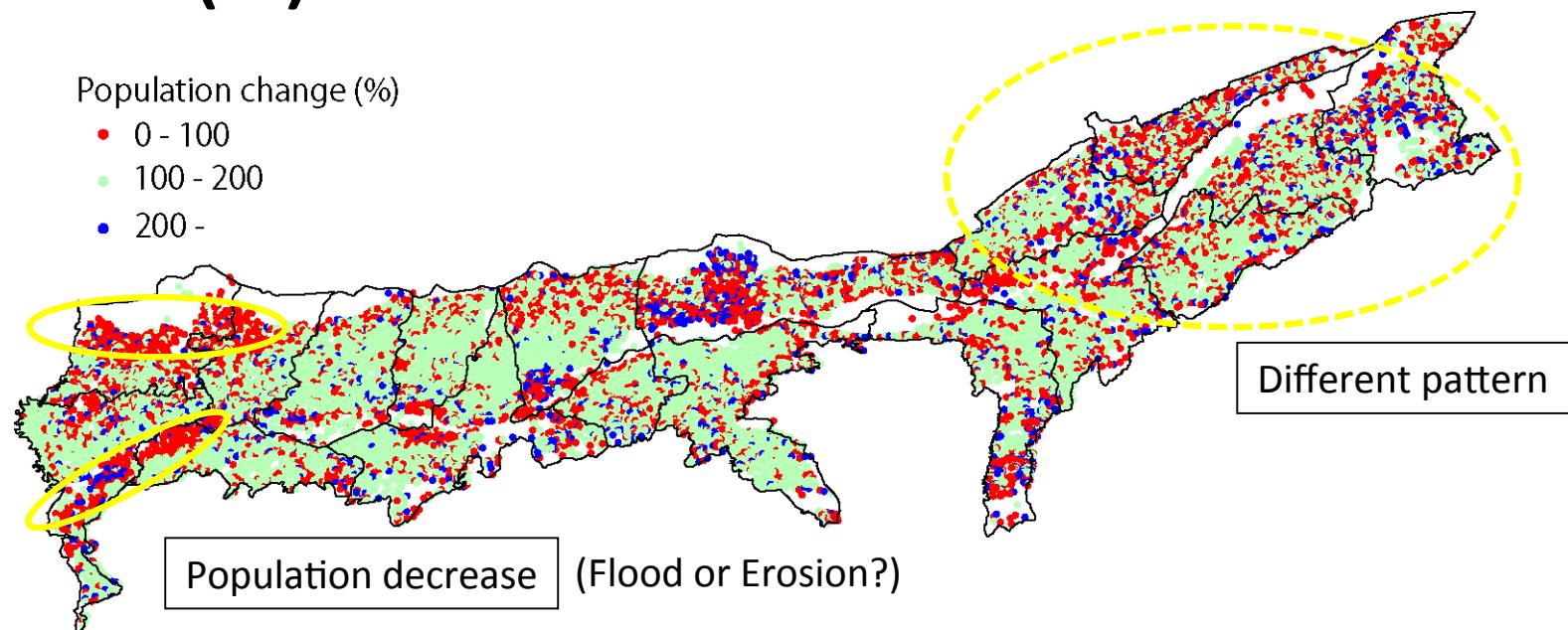
CODE Village Name Area & Households

Village CODE does not match in different census series.

By using village name, Area and Households, we must identify all villages.

18054 villages are identified among 20330 villages (89%) between two census.

Result (5) Difference of 2001-1991



Adding information by hearing survey

Census data only provide the information of **ST / SC population**, but Hearing survey from local people can provide the information about which **community or ethnic groups** live in each village.

Residential information of **869 villages** are identified among **1170 villages**

(74 %) in Lakhimpur district (my study area).

Community in Lakhimpur district

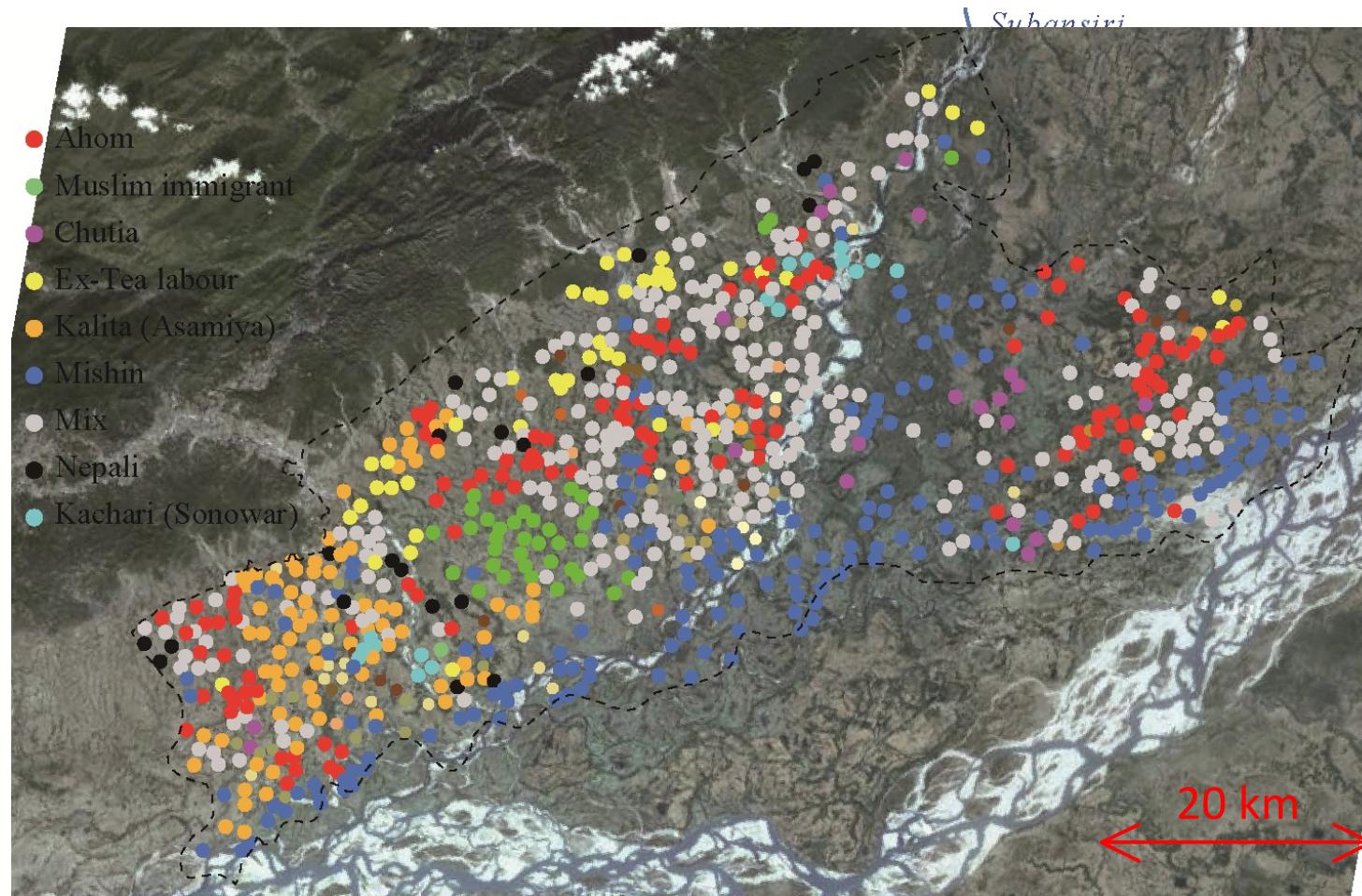
ST : *Mishin, Kachari, Deuri, Khamti*

SC : *Dum, Hari, Bania*

General & OBC : *Kalita (Asamiya), Ahom, Bengali, Nepali, Chutia*



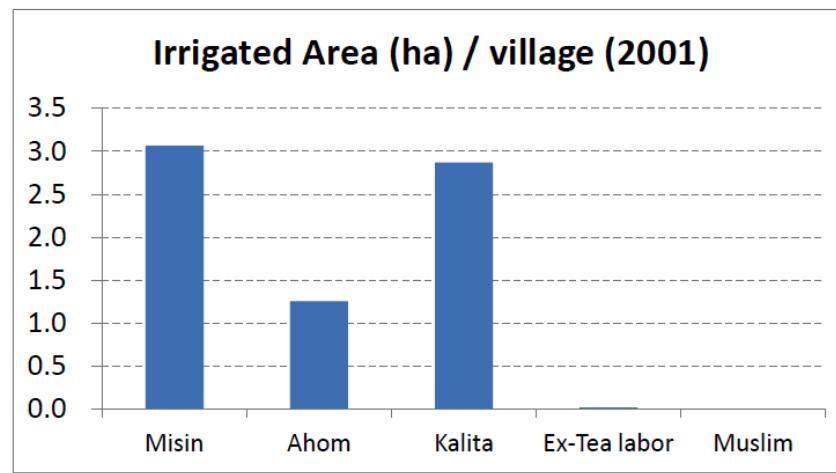
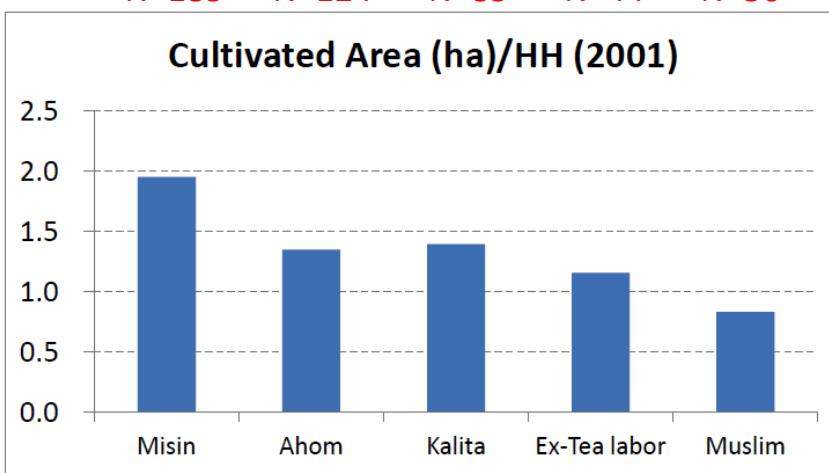
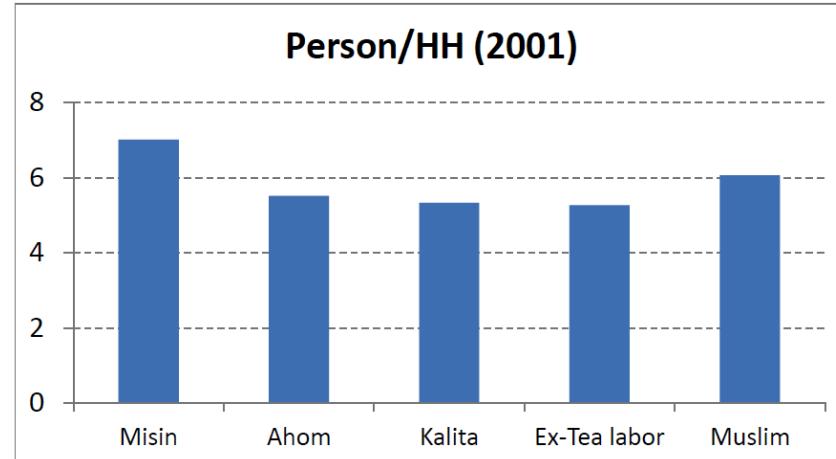
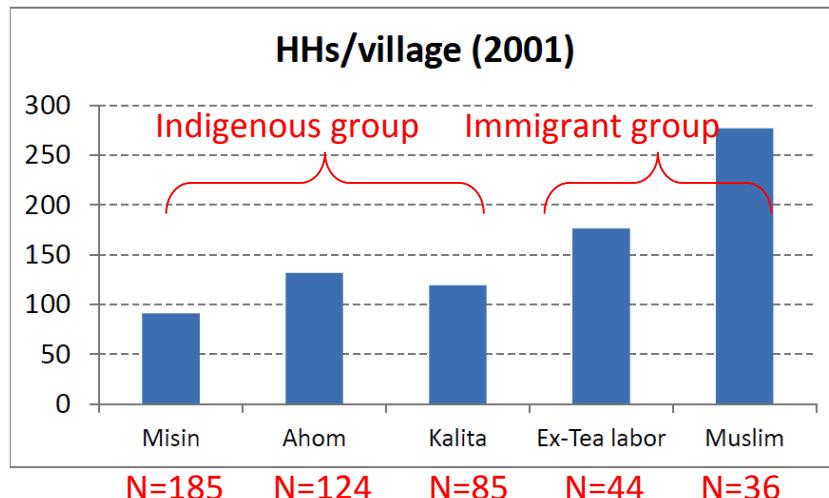
Result (6) Demographic pattern of Lakhimpur district



Some kinds of pattern are according to ecological (hill side or river side) and social environment (near town or along highways).

Community group with small population (SC) is difficult to identify.

Result (7) Comparison of different ethnic groups



Some differences are seen in both **demographic pattern** and **agricultural land use** between **indigenous group** and **immigrant group**.

Discussion & Conclusion



Discussion

Possibility of using village-level Census

1. Collaboration with other research field

Flood affected area map, Epidemic map, Land use map
etc.

2. Additional data from field survey

Combining field work with GIS analysis enables deeper studies.

Some problems on using census data

3. Geometric error of census maps.

Less accuracy in GIS calculation with other thematic maps.

4. Quality of census data

Available data type varies by each census.

Digital data is not available before census 1991.

Conclusion

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1. Village level census data can provide a **new regional image** which can go beyond the existing district boundary and match with **Meso-scale phenomena**.
2. By combining with different census data set, other thematic maps and field work data, **inter-disciplinary study** will be possible.
3. **Some errors on census data** should be corrected for accurate GIS calculation.

