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 **Daily 8km Normalized  
Difference Vegetation Index  
(NDVI) from 1982 to 2000 over  
the Japan Islands(beta-version)**

## 1. IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

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## 7. DATASET OVERVIEW

### 7.1 Abstract

This dataset contains the daily value of the Normalize Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) from 1982 to 2000 over the terrestrial areas of the Japan Islands that was derived from Pathfinder AVHRR Land (PAL) dataset. The horizontal resolution is 8 x 8 km. To reduce the cloud contamination, the original daily NDVI was temporally smoothed by Temporal Window Operation (TWO) method.

### 7.2 Topic Category(IS019139)

biota

### 7.3 Temporal Extent

Begin Date	1982-01-01
End Date	2000-12-31
Temporal Characteristics	Daily

### 7.4 Geographic Bounding Box

North latitude bound	55
West longitude bound	110
Eastbound longitude	160
South latitude bound	15

### 7.5 Grid

### 7.6 Geographic Description

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## 7.7 Keywords

### 7.7.1 Keywords on Dataset

Keyword Type	Keyword	Keyword thesaurus Name
theme	Ecosystems	GEOSS
theme	Biosphere > Vegetation > Vegetation Index	GCMD_science
place	Asia > Eastern Asia > Japan	Country

### 7.7.2 Keywords on Project

#### 7.7.2.1 Data Integration and Analysis System

Keyword Type	Keyword	Keyword thesaurus Name
theme	DIAS &gt; Data Integration and Analysis System	No_Dictionary

## 7.8 Online Resource

: [http://www.godac.jamstec.go.jp/catalog/data\\_catalog/gd\\_metaview\\_e.php?  
data\\_name=](http://www.godac.jamstec.go.jp/catalog/data_catalog/gd_metaview_e.php?data_name=)

file download : <https://data.diasjp.net/dl/storages/filelist/dataset:40>

## 7.9 Data Environmental Information

## 7.10 Distribution Information

name	version	specification
binary	no information	

# 8. DATA PROCESSING

## 8.1 Data Processing (1)

### 8.1.1 General Explanation of the data producer's knowledge about the lineage of a dataset

Refer the original “readme” file (pal\_tile\_readme.pdf) about the detail of the Pathfinder AVHRR Land (PAL) data that was the source dataset for the present data product.

The original NDVI values of PAL data were smoothed by two processes: horizontal smoothing and temporal smoothing (Temporal Window Operation: TWO). Suzuki and Kondoh (2005) (PDF file is in this folder) described about the process of daily NDVI data by TWO over Eurasia. In Suzuki and Kondoh (2005), the window size was set at 15 days, while that of the present dataset for the Japan Islands was set at 20 days.

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- Smoothing for Horizontal Domain

Original PAL NDVI data involve noises which are apparent on a NDVI distribution. To reduce those noises, Neighbor 8-pixel Comparison Method (NECM) was applied. If the difference between a NDVI in a pixel (pixel A) and the mean NDVI of the 8 pixels (pixels E) around the pixel A exceeds a threshold, the NDVI at the pixel A is substituted by the mean NDVI of the pixels E. Threshold was set at 0.3.

- Temporal Window Operation (TWO)

To reduce the cloud contamination from the daily NDVI value, we employed the TWO method developed by Park et al. (1999) which is a method to find optimized upper envelop line of the NDVI seasonal change. The temporal resolution of the original time series is conserved after the process.

The algorithm of TWO starts at the beginning of the NDVI (start point) time series, and checks whether the NDVI for the current NDVI is equal to or greater than the previous NDVI value within the window, which includes some NDVI values (the number of values is constant, that is, the window size is fixed) of the time series. If it is higher or equal, current value is assigned as the start point of next window (new window shifted forward). If there is no higher value within the window, select the second biggest value as a next start point of next window and replacing these by linearly interpolated value from current start point to next start point.

We tried TWO with 15 days, 20 days, and 30 days temporal windows, and compared the results over Japan. When the window size was set at 15 days, short term fluctuations of NDVI due to cloud contamination were apparently remained. When the size was set at 30 days, such short term fluctuations were almost completely removed, while the resultant NDVI time series was too insensitive to NDVI seasonal change. Eventually, 20 days were selected for the TWO window size for the phenological analysis in the Japan Island.

## 8.1.2 Data Source

Data Source Citation Name	Description of derived parameters and processing techniques used
Pathfinder AVHRR Land (PAL) dataset	

## 9. DATA REMARKS

Data in October, November, and December 1994 are missing.

Cloud contamination still exists.

## 10. DATA POLICY

### 10.1 Data Policy by the Data Provider

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[Reference Requirement]This dataset should be referenced as the following statement. "Suzuki, R. and Iizumi, T. (2007): Daily 8km Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) from 1982 to 2000 over the Japan Islands (beta-version). Data Integration and Analysis System in Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Yokohama, Japan. "

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### 10.2.1 Data Integration and Analysis System

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### 12.1 Acknowledge the Data Provider

### 12.2 Acknowledge the Project

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