

Enhancing the Glacial Lake Inventory in Bhutan through Semi-Automatic Techniques using Google Earth Engine and QGIS for the Phochhu Basin

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Abstract

Bhutan located in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region consists of several glaciers and glacial lakes at higher elevations. With the rapid change in global temperature, glaciers are found to melt at an accelerated rate. This rapid melt of glaciers gets accumulated in weak moraine walls forming a glacial lake, posing a major threat to the downstream communities. As per the Bhutan Glacial Lake Inventory 2021, Bhutan has 567 glacial lakes. Furthermore, the Phochhu basin has the maximum glacial lakes (0.05%) and of which 9 are PDGL. Hence a need for a time monitoring system is imminent. With the availability of free High-resolution Satellite Imageries and Advanced Remote Sensing tools, it has been a sine qua non for monitoring glacial lakes in high areas. Therefore, using the Google Earth Engine and Qgis Platform a semi-automated technique was used to generate glacial lake inventories for Phochhu Sub-basin for the year 2021. We found out that there are 166 glacial lakes covering an area of 24.051 km².

Keywords: Glacial Lake Inventory (Rapstreng, Thorthomi, and Luggye), Sentinel-2 MSI, Normalized Difference Water Index, Semi-Automatic Delineation.

1. Introduction

When the surface temperatures in the high altitudes are rising due to climate change, the rising temperatures and higher precipitation potentially trigger glacial lakes to burst and cause catastrophic flood downstream [1]. In Bhutan 17 glacial lakes are identified as potentially dangerous lakes but Rapstreng Lake and Tortoni lakes remain an imminent threat to western Bhutan in Punakha along the Shochu River. Restring is a fully formed lake with an area of 1.31 km². It is separated from the bigger Tortoni Lake by a narrow moraine wall, which is made up of ice and water blocks and stretches for an area of 3.62 km². If the ice block in Tortoni melts with increasing pressure, it will cause the moraine wall to collapse, considered one of the most dangerous glacial lakes in Bhutan [2].

The tiny size of glacial lakes, cloud cover in optical satellite imageries, shadows from mountains and clouds, seasonal snow in satellite photos, varying degrees of turbidity among glacial lakes, and frozen glacial lake surfaces all make mapping of glacial lakes in the Shochu basin difficult. We used a cloud-based

tool called "Google Earth Engine" to construct an automated method for mapping glacier lakes in the Shochu basin for this work.

2. Material and Methods

2.1. Objectives

The main aims of this report are to

- Study the spatial distribution of glacial lakes in Shochu basin using geospatial techniques.
- Helps in the development of glacial lake maps.
- To monitor potentially dangerous glacial lakes in Phochhu basin.

2.2. Study Area

The main emphasis of this Glacial Lake Inventory is the Phochhu Basin, which contains the majority of glacial lakes as well as potentially dangerous lakes such as Thorthomi Tsho, Rapstreng Tsho, and Luggye Tsho. The figure 1 shows the study area map of Phochhu basin.

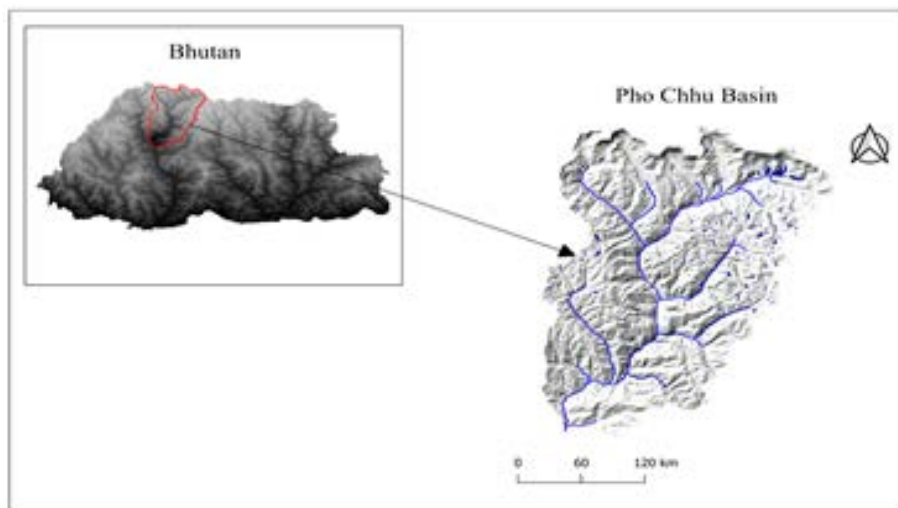


Figure 1. Study area map of Phochhu Basin

2.3. Data Resources

Because of their spatial resolution and accessibility, Landsat satellite images have been frequently utilized to track the extent of glaciers and glacial lakes around the world in the past. Sentinel 2 images have been used in this study due to their consistent spatial coverage with a high spatial resolution of 10m and temporal resolution which is free accessibility on cloud-based (Google Earth Engine) and web portals (<https://scihub.copernicus.eu/>). We have used the Sentinel 2 MSI to prepare the glacial lake inventory of the Phochhu basin for 2021. Images taken between September and December were used primarily because there is a lesser likelihood of snow or cloud cover during this period compared to other months of the year.

For this study, SRTM DEM 30m resolution was used for the extraction of Phochhu Basin. The Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS) DEMs of a 10m resolution was used to carry out terrain analysis in order to correct shadows as misclassified lakes.

2.4. Methodology

The SRTM 30m DEM was used to extract the Phochhu basin.

The Phochhu basin was used in the Google Earth Engine for sentinel-2 imageries with false color composite. Then NDWI was also calculated for auto-matic delineation of Glacial Lake and converted NDWI raster into NDWI vector format (shp). The vector-ized NDWI mask was then exported to Google Drive and downloaded. Later it was imported to QGIS for further analysis. An area threshold of 0.01km was utilized for this inventory, misclassified lakes were manually removed using slope map generated from the ALOS DEM classifying. A slope threshold of 10 degrees was the glacial lake and glacial lake detected on slope degree more than 10 is removed because the lake surface of the area has to be plain. The delineation of the glacial lake using sentinel-2 imageries can be carried out using automatic and semi-automatic techniques. The glacial lake which is not detected by NDWI was manually delineated. The semi-automatic techniques can solve the problems faced in automatic techniques. Therefore, in this current preparation of the Glacial Lake Inventory of Phochhu basin the semi-automatic techniques were used which is shown below;

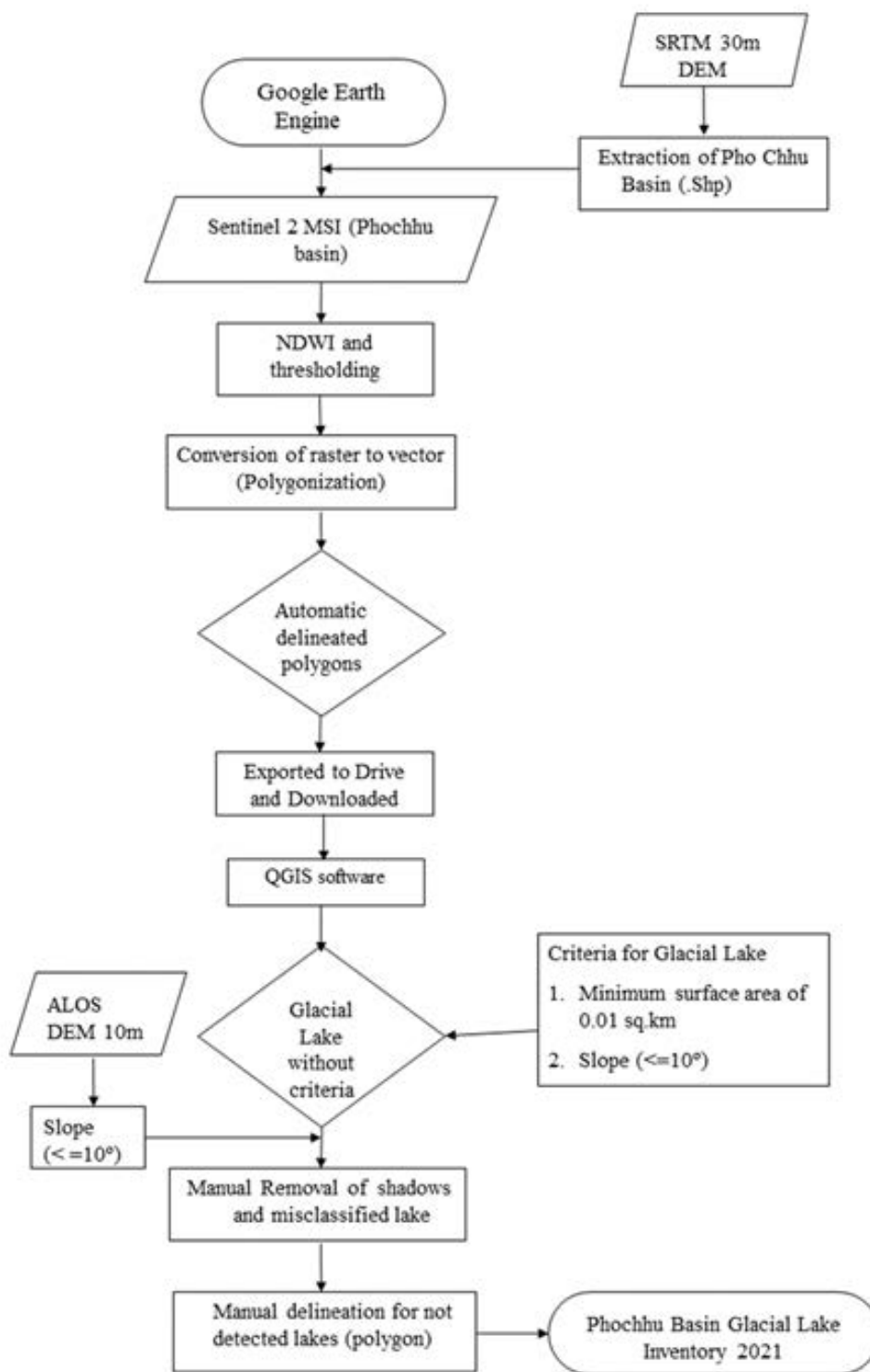


Figure 2: Workflow for semi-automatic delineation of the glacial lake of Phochhu basin using Sentinel-2 MSI

3. Results

The formation of glacial lakes is a continuous and dynamic process that requires constant monitoring and updating of glacial lake data. During the preparation of this inventory, 4463 water bodies (lakes) were discovered. Following the use of a separate

set of criteria to designate a glacier lake, in total we found out that there are 166 glacial lakes in the Phochhu basin meet the criteria covering an area of 24.051 km² accounting for 0.06 percent of the total area. The table 1 shows the area of glacial lakes.

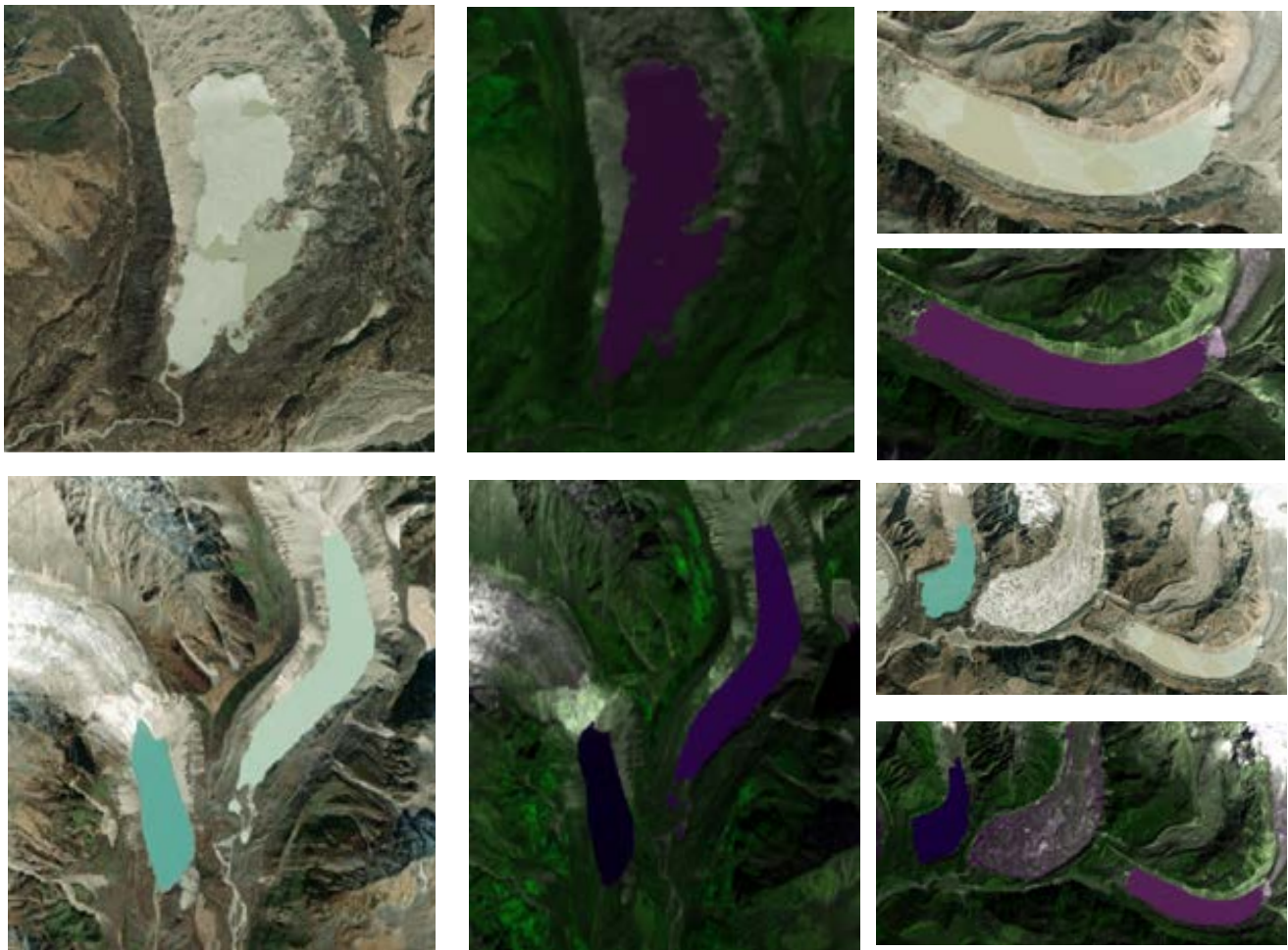


Figure 3: Glacial lake classification using NDWI on sentinel-2 with false color composite

Sl.no	Types of area calculated	Total Features	Area (Sq.km)	Area (%)
1	Area with all features	4463 features	18.843	0.05
2	Area with shadows (after Criteria)	233 features	16.344	0.04
3	Area without/removal of shadows	131 features	12.574	0.03
4	The final glacial lake area	166 features	24.051	0.06

Table 1. Glacial lake area

The threshold criteria for glacial lake identification using NDWI is kept at 0.2 since it detects most of the glacial lake perfectly. The ALOS DEM of 10m resolution was used to delete misclassified lakes. The lakes located on slope above 10° indicate hills and steep slopes are removed [3]. The automatic delineation of the lakes did provide glacial lake boundary for larger glaciers; however it also generated many misclassified lakes polygons as shown in figure 4. The manual delineation

is done for misclassified lakes and undetected lakes to have accurate lake polygons. Interestingly while doing automatic delineation of the glacial lake few portions of lakes are detected since the surface of the lake is mostly covered with glaciers. In total, we found that there are 166 glacial lakes located in Phochhu basin covering an area of 24.051 km² accounting for 0.06 percent of the total area of the Bhutan.

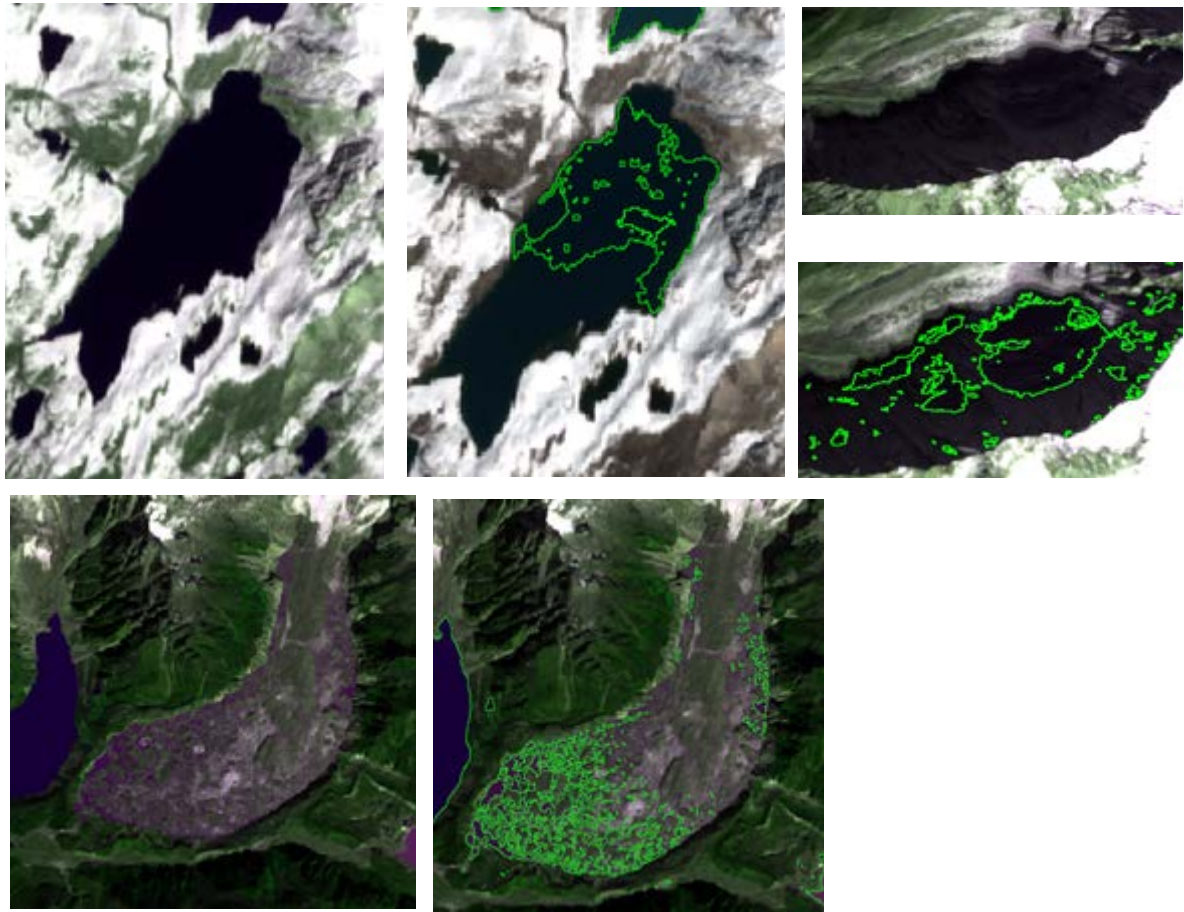


Figure 4: a). Misclassified glacial lake & 4b) Misclassified shadow as glacial lake using NDWI on senti-nel-2 with false color composite.

Among 166 glacial lakes in Phochhu basin Thorthomi glacial lake has highest area coverage. It has an area of 3.62 km² followed by Luggye and Rapstreng covering an area 1.53 and 1.31 sq.km respectively. Figure 5 depicts the general distribution of glacial lakes in Phochhu basin

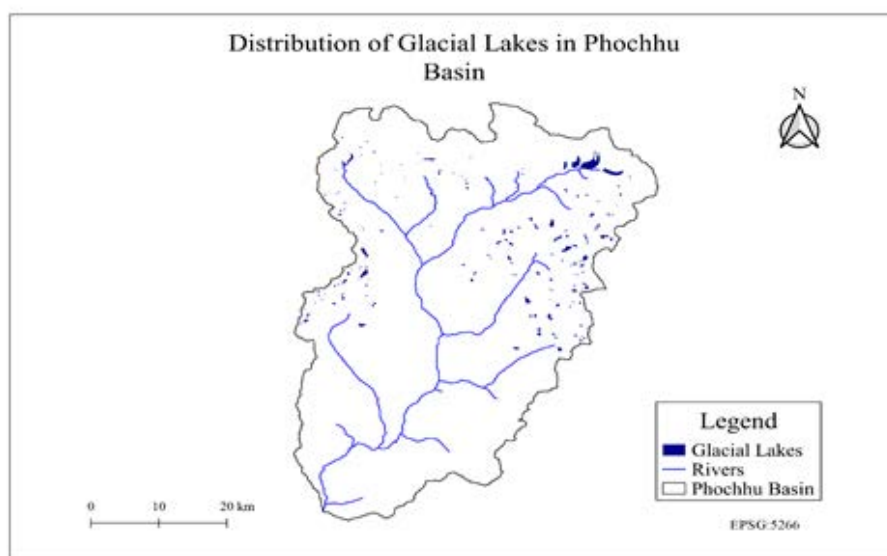


Figure 5: Distribution of glacial lakes in Phochhu basin

3.1. Hypsography

The hypsometric shows a clear picture of glacial lake distribution patterns in different elevations. The glacial lake in Phochhu basin has located a range between 4130 m.a.s.l to 5330 m.a.s.l

shown in figure 6. Most of the glacial lakes are located in higher elevations since most of the glacial lakes are fed by glaciers. The max-imum number of the glacial lake is located at the elevation of 5030 m.a.s.l.

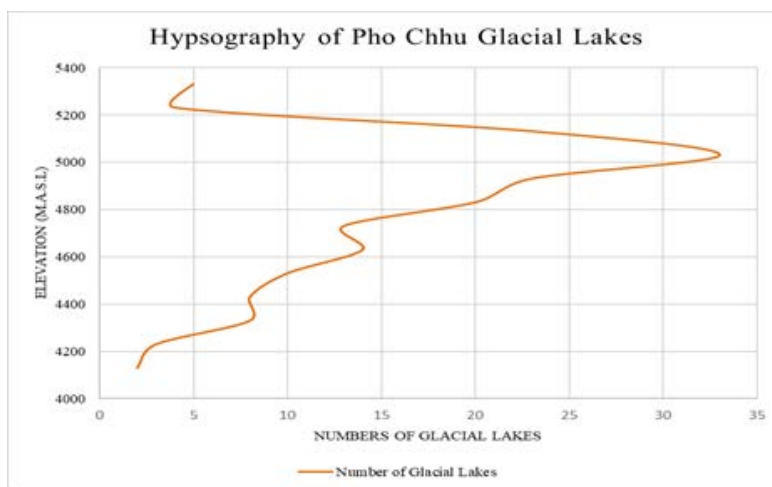


Figure 6: Hypsometry of Phochhu glacial lake distributions

3.2. Discussions

The method for Glacial Lake Inventory was built upon the existing studies and knowledge gained through a decade of research. The most used technique is manual editing of lakes after NDWI masking. The semi-automated techniques for the removal of misclassified lakes are used. The most widely used data for glacial lake mapping were Landsat data. The Bhutan glacial lake inventory was initially published by ICI-MOD in 2001 using Landsat data and also published a research article on Bhutan Glacial lake inventory by Wangchuk & Bolch (2020), using Sentinel 1 and 2 data [2]. The National Centre for Hydrology and Meteor-ology published a Bhutan Glacial lake inventory 2021 using Sentinel 1 and 2 data [4]. Different inventories published by different author/organization has kept different threshold for lake identification (e.g., ICIMOD inventories 2021 for Nepal is -0.6 to -0.9 for Landsat data and

NCHM Bhutan Glacial Lake Inventories 2021 for Bhutan is less than 0.3 for Sentinel 2 MSI imageries [4]. Similarly, the criteria for the area are dif-ferent since ICIMOD (2021) kept the area above 0.003 km² and NCHM (2021) kept the area above 0.01 km².

3.3. Comparison with Earlier Inventory

In 2001 ICIMOD prepared a glacial lake inventory for Bhutan and recorded 549 glacial lakes in Phochhu basin and 157 glacial lakes in 2021 inventory published by NCHM. However, the present inventory of the Phochhu basin has 166 glacial lakes which are 9 more than the NCHM inventory. For our study, the non-glaciers fed lakes are considered. That will be the reason for the increasing glacial lake at Phochhu basin. The table 2 shows the comparison among different inventories [6].

	ICIMOD 2001 (For Phochhu basin)	BGLI 2021 (For Phochhu basin)	PGLI 2021 (Phochhu Basin)
Number	549	157	166
Area (km ²)	23.49	20.98	24.051

Table 2: Comparison of number and changes in glacial lakes.

4. Conclusions

In conclusion to the glacial lake inventory of the Phochhu basin, it has the most potentially dangerous lake as compared to other basins in Bhutan namely Rapstreng, Thorthomi, and Luggye Lake. Phochhu basin has 166 glacial lakes in Phochhu basin covering an area of 24.051 sq.km accounting for 0.06%. Most of the studies reveal that the glaciers are retreating at an alarming rate with the rising temperature due to climate change. If preventive measures are not carried out, then there will be a high chance of glacial lake outburst flood in the downstream causing huge damage to life and properties. The glacial lakes are

dynamic in nature therefore; glacial lake inventory has to update from time to time.

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Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

Appendix A

Phochhu Glacial Lake Inventory
Total number of Glacial lakes: 166 Total area: 24.051 km²

Object_ID	PGLI_ID	GLIMS_ID	Basin	Latitude	Longitude	Area (Km ₂)	Elevation (m.a.s.l)	Local_Name	Image_Year
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92	Pho_gl 20	G089933E27924N	Phochhu	27.92368	89.93307	0.064	4824.0174		2021
93	Pho_gl 28	G089933E27950N	Phochhu	27.95009	89.93305	0.063	5035.0823		2021
94	Pho_gl 23	G089936E27932N	Phochhu	27.93189	89.93619	0.018	4922.5932		2021
95	Pho_gl 49	G089945E28124N	Phochhu	28.12398	89.94491	0.057	4747.0541		2021
96	Pho_gl 40	G089946E28078N	Phochhu	28.07848	89.94623	0.033	4697.1487		2021
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98	Pho_gl 53	G089985E28104N	Phochhu	28.10441	89.98488	0.027	5020.7684		2021
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105	Pho_gl 56	G090028E28113N	Phochhu	28.11293	90.02765	0.373	4684.1453		2021
106	Pho_gl 72	G090106E28007N	Phochhu	28.00738	90.10642	0.085	4529.2313		2021
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110	Pho_gl 86	G090167E28090N	Phochhu	28.09050	90.16700	0.046	4212.6409		2021
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114	Pho_gl 148	G090207E27902N	Phochhu	27.90230	90.20723	0.018	4948.8182		2021
115	Pho_gl 166	G090211E27970N	Phochhu	27.97011	90.21055	0.058	4894.8130		2021
116	Pho_gl 131	G090233E27978N	Phochhu	27.97804	90.23284	0.684	5071.3220		2021
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121	Pho_gl 138	G090244E27922N	Phochhu	27.92245	90.24389	0.046	5106.5043		2021
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126	Pho_gl 127	G090249E27941N	Phochhu	27.94099	90.24922	0.016	5131.7925		2021
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128	Pho_gl 163	G090253E27841N	Phochhu	27.84140	90.25301	0.080	4987.1665		2021
129	Pho_gl 141	G090252E27897N	Phochhu	27.89707	90.25218	0.084	5153.7910		2021
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132	Pho_gl 121	G090253E27956N	Phochhu	27.95636	90.25284	0.021	5172.7406		2021
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134	Pho_gl 123	G090255E27953N	Phochhu	27.95289	90.25531	0.148	5208.4491		2021
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137	Pho_gl 119	G090259E27957N	Phochhu	27.95699	90.25913	0.019	5197.4656		2021
138	Pho_gl 112	G090261E27996N	Phochhu	27.99603	90.26113	0.167	5157.2726		2021
139	Pho_gl 118	G090260E27964N	Phochhu	27.96414	90.26003	0.470	5208.6979		2021
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141	Pho_gl 135	G090263E27920N	Phochhu	27.91987	90.26252	0.229	5139.3498		2021
142	Pho_gl 113	G090263E27988N	Phochhu	27.98796	90.26333	0.077	5200.6541		2021
143	Pho_gl 106	G090271E28029N	Phochhu	28.02897	90.27058	0.219	5201.6249		2021
144	Pho_gl 108	G090277E28008N	Phochhu	28.00838	90.27694	0.100	5281.4415		2021
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146	Pho_gl 107	G090280E28013N	Phochhu	28.01288	90.27980	0.153	5283.3743		2021
147	Pho_gl 109	G090288E27997N	Phochhu	27.99657	90.28835	0.426	5326.1661		2021
148	Pho_gl 95	G090302E28093N	Phochhu	28.09280	90.30161	1.528	4509.6434	Luggye	2021
149	Pho_gl 104	G090295E28030N	Phochhu	28.03021	90.29470	0.070	5339.5863		2021
150	Pho_gl 105	G090297E28027N	Phochhu	28.02729	90.29672	0.020	5380.4000		2021
151	Pho_gl 110	G090299E27993N	Phochhu	27.99257	90.29949	0.120	5359.3877		2021
152	Pho_gl 111	G090300E27989N	Phochhu	27.98944	90.30030	0.015	5389.6118		2021
153	Pho_gl 103	G090301E28029N	Phochhu	28.02902	90.30106	0.043	5363.6019		2021
154	Pho_gl 99	G090308E28043N	Phochhu	28.04305	90.30834	0.017	5271.1628		2021
155	Pho_gl 98	G090313E28059N	Phochhu	28.05944	90.31339	0.076	5098.1631		2021
156	Pho_gl 96	G090328E28086N	Phochhu	28.08567	90.32751	0.045	4703.1031	Drukchung	2021
157	Pho_gl 92	G090231E28103N	Phochhu	28.10344	90.23080	0.420	4345.5958	Bechung	2021
158	Pho_gl 144	G090238E27891N	Phochhu	27.89129	90.23759	0.039	5009.9924		2021
159	Pho_gl 143	G090243E27897N	Phochhu	27.89703	90.24284	0.023	5145.8363		2021
160	Pho_gl 142	G090241E27899N	Phochhu	27.89909	90.24129	0.017	5169.9551		2021
161	Pho_gl 137	G090255E27916N	Phochhu	27.91611	90.25481	0.014	5198.9343		2021
162	Pho_gl 136	G090257E27918N	Phochhu	27.91842	90.25714	0.018	5189.4270		2021
163	Pho_gl 39	G089978E28056N	Phochhu	28.05626	89.97796	0.030	4990.0199		2021
164	Pho_gl 71	G090089E28116N	Phochhu	28.11593	90.08895	0.033	4491.4260		2021
165	Pho_gl 54	G090011E28123N	Phochhu	28.12270	90.01102	0.010	4703.4857		2021
166	Pho_gl 47	G089955E28104N	Phochhu	28.10429	89.95484	0.017	5133.7529		2021

Formula to Calculate GLIMS_ID in QGIS for geometry:

'G0'||to_int(x(centroid(\$geometry))*1000)||'E' ||to_int(y(centroid(\$geometry))*1000)||'N'

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