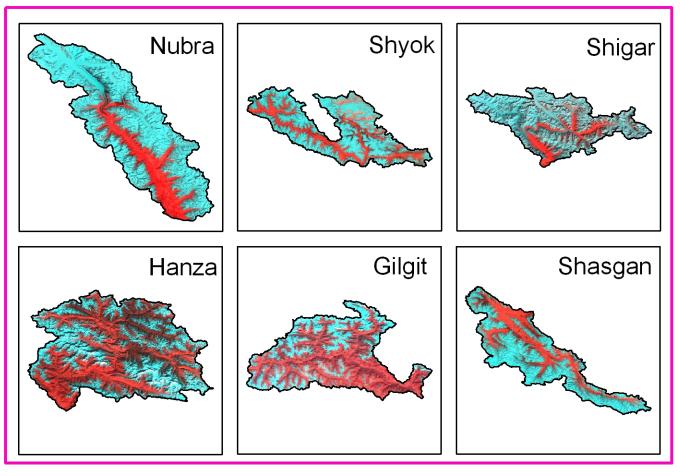
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1. Introduction

Snow covers almost 40 per cent of the Earth's land surface during Northern Hemisphere winter. This makes albedo and areal extent of snow as important component of the Earth's radiation balance (Foster and Chang, 1993). In addition, large areas in the Himalayas are also covered by snow during winter. Area of snow can change significantly during winter and spring. This can affect stream flow for rivers originating in the higher Himalayas. All the rivers originating from higher Himalayas receive almost 30-50 % of annual flow from snow and glacier melt run off (Agarwal et al., 1983). In addition, snow pack ablation is highly sensitive to climatic variation. Increase in atmospheric temperature can influence snowmelt and stream runoff pattern (Kulkarni et al., 2002). Therefore, mapping of the areal extent and reflectance of snow are important parameter for various climatological and hydrological applications. In addition, extent of snow cover can also be used as input for numerous other applications.

Mapping and monitoring of seasonal snow cover using field methods are normally very difficult in a mountainous terrain, like the Himalayas. Therefore, remote sensing techniques have been extensively used for snow cover monitoring. Snow cover monitoring using satellite images were started by using the TIROS-1 satellite from April 1960 (Singer and Popham 1963). Since then, the potential for operational satellite-based mapping has been enhanced by the development of higher temporal frequency and satellite sensors with higher spatial resolution. In addition, satellites with better radiometric resolutions, such as NOAA have been used successfully for snow mapping (Hall et al., 1995). This is possibly due to the distinct spectral reflectance characteristics of snow in visible and near infrared regions. India has launched series of Indian Remote Sensing satellite (IRS) to study the different earth resources. Previously launched satellites have flown with many sensors having different spatial, temporal and spectral resolutions. Recently launched RESOURCESAT-1 satellite has three different sensors namely LISS III, LISS IV & AWiFS with different spatial, temporal and spectral resolutions as desired for different applications. AWiFS (Advanced Wide Field Sensor) is an advanced version of earlier Indian satellite sensor WiFS (Wide Field Sensor) with improved spectral and spatial resolutions maintaining the same repetivity. There are a series of other polar orbiting satellites, like Landsat, NOAA and MODIS etc., which have provided information on different aspects of snow. Geo-stationary satellites also proved their utility in mapping/monitoring the snow-covered regions. Information generated from satellite observations has been extensively used for snowmelt runoff modeling (Kulkarni et al., 1997).

2. Study Area:

This Atlas gives distribution of snow cover in six subbasins of the Indus basin. These are Nubra, Shyok, Shigar, Hanza, Gilgit and Shasgan sub basins. Locations of these basins are shown in Figure 1.

3. Data used:

AWiFS data from October 2011 to June 2012 were used in this study.

4. Normalised Difference Snow Index (NDSI):

In general, the reflectance of snow is high at the red end of the visible spectrum. It tends to decline in the near-infrared region until 1090 nm, where slight gain in reflectance occurs and gives a minor peak at approximately 1090 to 1100 nm. One of the important difficulties in snow cover monitoring is the presence of cloud cover. Cloud has strong reflectivity in visible, NIR and SWIR regions while snow absorbs in SWIR, and this difference can be utilized for snow/cloud discrimination. Normalized Difference Snow Index (NDSI) utilize the normalized ratio of green and SWIR and is used as an automated approach for snow mapping addressing the shadow and cloud problems in snow bound areas.

Normalized Difference Snow Index was calculated using the ratio of green wavelength (band 2) and SWIR (band 5) of AWiFS sensor:

Normalized Difference Snow Index(NDSI) =
$$(band 2 - band 5)/(band 2 + band 5)$$
 ...(1)

To estimate NDSI, DN numbers were converted into reflectance. This involves conversion of digital numbers into the radiance values, known as sensor calibration, and then estimation of reflectance from these radiance values. Various parameters needed for estimating spectral reflectance are maximum and minimum radiances and mean solar exo-atmospheric spectral irradiances in the satellite sensor bands, satellite data acquisition time, solar declination, solar zenith and solar azimuth angles, mean Earth-Sun distance etc. (Markham and Barker, 1987; Srinivasulu and Kulkarni, 2004).

5. Snow cover monitoring algorithm

An algorithm is developed to provide changes in the areal extent of snow (Kulkarni et. al., 2006). Snow extent is estimated at an interval of 5-days and 10-days, depending upon availabilities of AWiFS data. In 5-daily product, snow extent is generated scene-wise. In this product, snow and cloud extents are given. Estimate of cloud is important because, at times, snow is covered by cloud and this may be classified as non-snow area, leading to erroneous conclusions. In 10-daily product, three scenes are analyzed, if available. For example, 10 March product data of 5, 10 and 15 March was used. If any pixel is identified as snow on any one date then this pixel will be classified as snow on final product. This provides snow cover at an interval of 10 days, an important requirement in hydrological applications. Therefore, this product is generated basinwise. Since this product is using three scenes, probability becomes high that at least in one scene, pixel may be cloud-free and this helps in overcoming problem associated with snow under cloud cover. If three consecutive scenes are not available, then all available scenes in 10 days window was used in the analysis. Differentiation between water and snow is difficult using NDSI image. In addition, separation of snow and water pixels is also difficult based on reflectance due to mountain shadow. Therefore, in the present algorithm, water bodies are marked in pre-winter

season and are masked in the final products during winter. Flow diagram of the algorithm is given in Figure 2.

6. Results and discussions

In this atlas, basin-wise snow cover statistics, maps, and seasonal depletion curves have been provided from October 2011 to June 2012. Snow ablation pattern varies from basin to basin, depending on area altitude distribution in the basins. Many of these sub-basins like Gilgit, Hanza, Nubra and Shigar are highly glacierized, therefore large area under snow and glacier cover was observed even at the beginning and end of accumulation season. In case of Shyok & Shasgan sub-basin, accumulation & ablation was observed up to February.

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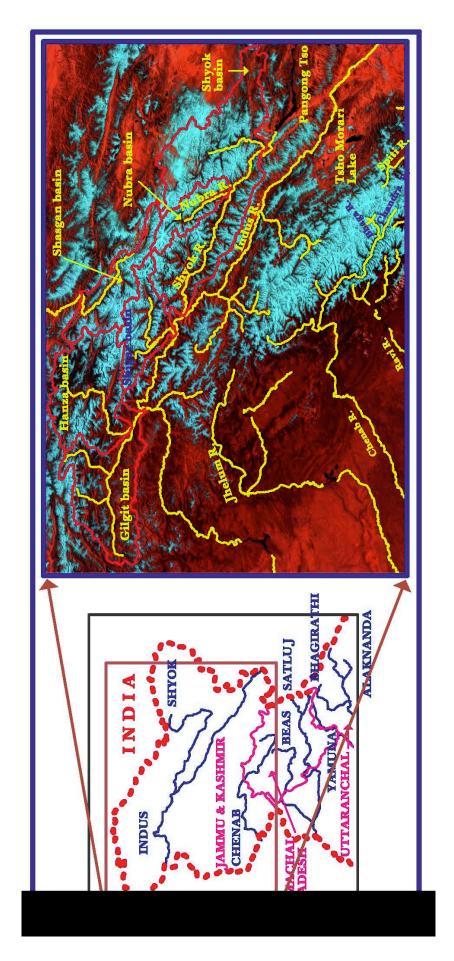


Figure 1: Location map of Nubra, Shyok, Shigar, Hanza, Gilgit and Shasgan sub-basins (Part of Indus basin)

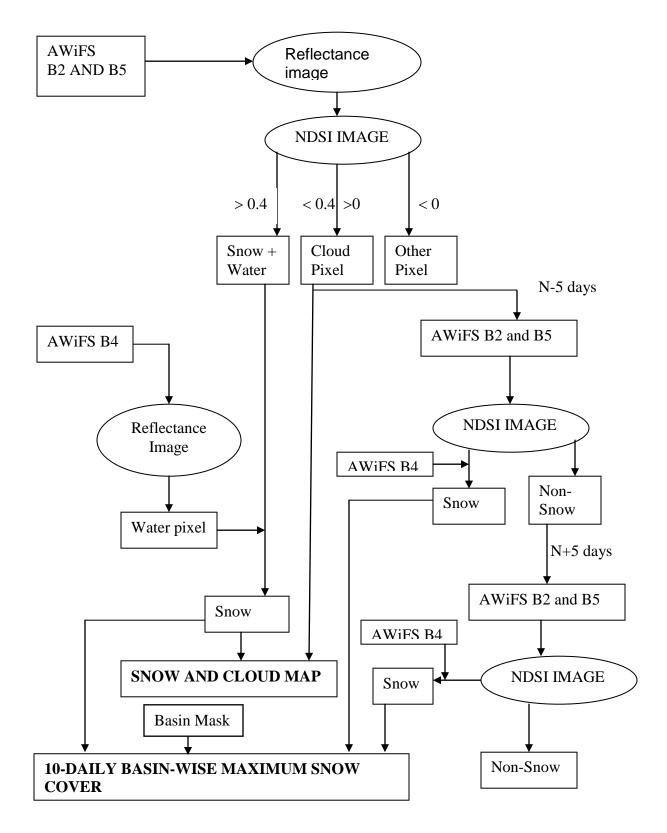


Figure 2: Algorithm for snow cover mapping using AWiFS data

NUBRA BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: NUBRA

BASIN AREA: 4258 sq km

S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)	S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)			
	October 2011									
01	01-Oct-2011	2442	57	02	03-Oct-2011	2131	50			
03	10-Oct-2011	2714	64	04	10-Oct-2011	2714	64			
05	15-Oct-2011	2451	58	06	19-Oct-2011	2839	67			
07	25-Oct-2011	3332	78	08	29-Oct-2011	3837	90			
			Noveml	ber 2011						
09	12-Nov-2011	3763	88	10	13-Nov-2011	3659	86			
11	18-Nov-2011	4006	94	12	22-Nov-2011	3437	81			
13	27-Nov-2011	3303	78	14	30-Nov-2011	2986	70			
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15	4-Dec-11	3321	78	16	12-Dec-11	3228	72			
17	14-Dec-11	2880	68	18	16-Dec-11	318	75			
19	21-Dec-11	3215	75	20	28-Dec-11	3349	79			
21	31-Dec-11	3035	71							
	January 2012									
22	02-Jan-12	2862	67	23	12-Jan-12	3227	76			
24	21-Jan-12	2433	57	25	24-Jan-12	3944	93			

February 2012									
26	02-Feb-12	3914	92	27	09-Feb-12	3443	83		
28	17-Feb-12	3738	88	29	26-Feb-12	3747	88		
	March 2012								
30	02-Mar-12	3777	89	31	11-Mar-12	3873	91		
32	21-Mar-12	3847	81	33	31-Mar-12	3609	85		
	April 2012								
34	04-April-12	3769	88	35	13-April-12	3455	81		
	May2012								
36	04-May-12	3407	80	37	18-May-12	3244	76		
38	23-May-12	3348	79	39	28-May-12	3172	74		
June2012									
40	04-June-12	3163	74	41	15-June-12	3494	82		
42	20-June-12	3277	77						

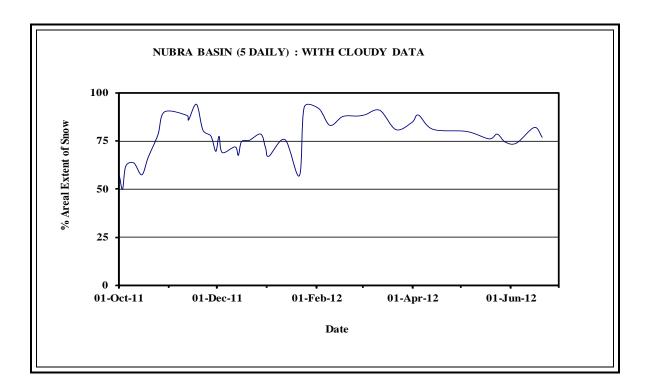
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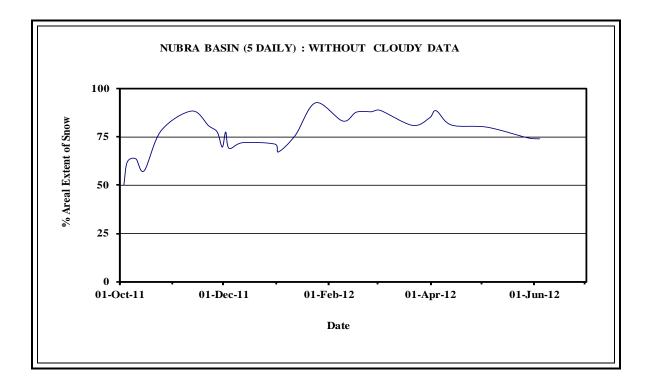
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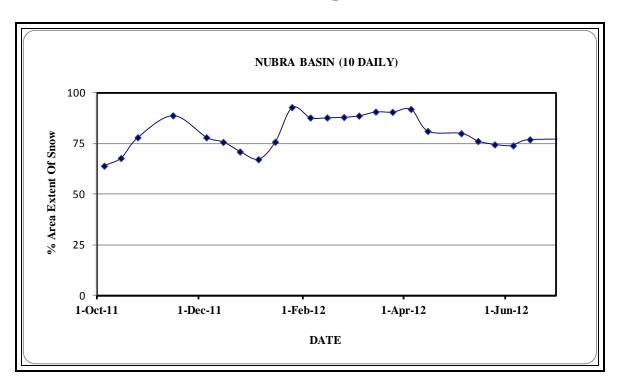
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02	15-Oct-2011	2888	68	05	22-Nov-2011	3443	81
03	25-Oct-2011	3560	84				
	Decem	ber 2011			Januar	y 2012	
06	4-Dec-11	2941	57	09	2-Jan-12	2862	67
07	15-Dec-11	3224	76	10	12-Jan-12	3227	76
08	25-Dec-11	3263	77	11	24-Jan-12	3955	93
	Februa	ary 2012		March 2012			
12	09-Feb-12	3737	88	15	02-Mar-12	3777	89
13	17-Feb-12	3738	88	16	11-Mar-12	3873	90
14	26-Feb-12	3747	88	17	21-Mar-12	3856	90
	Apri	2012	I	May 2012			
18	04-April-12	3916	92	20	04-May-12	3406	80
19	13-April-12	3454	81	21	18-May-12	3244	76
				22	28-May-12	3172	74
June 2012							
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24	16-June-12	3277	77				

Snow cover depletion curve

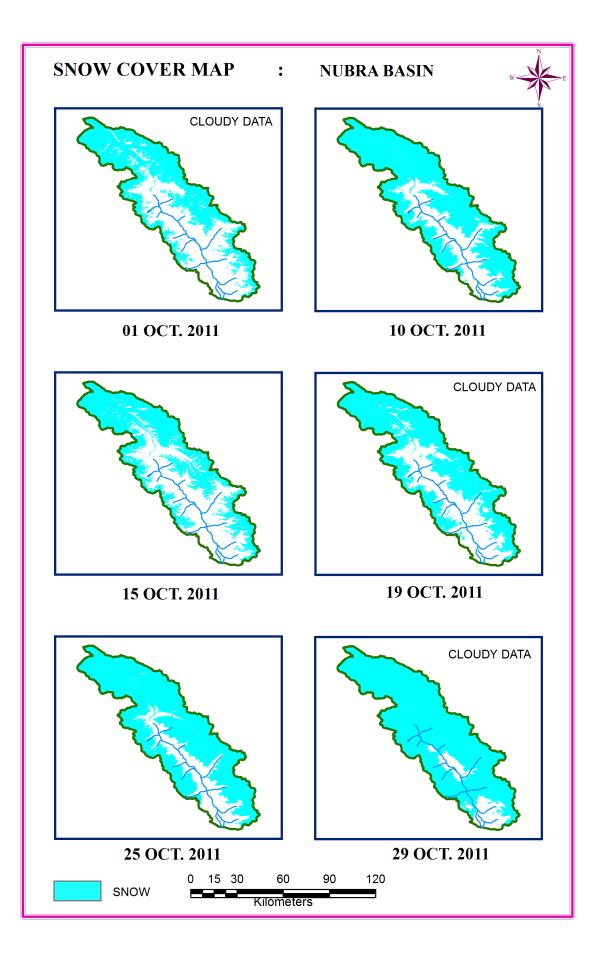


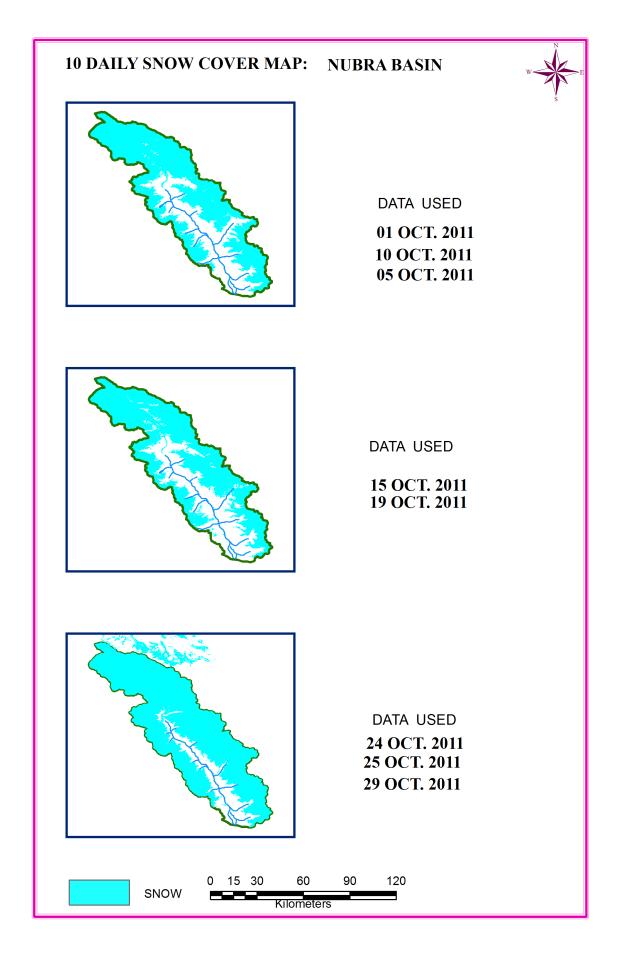


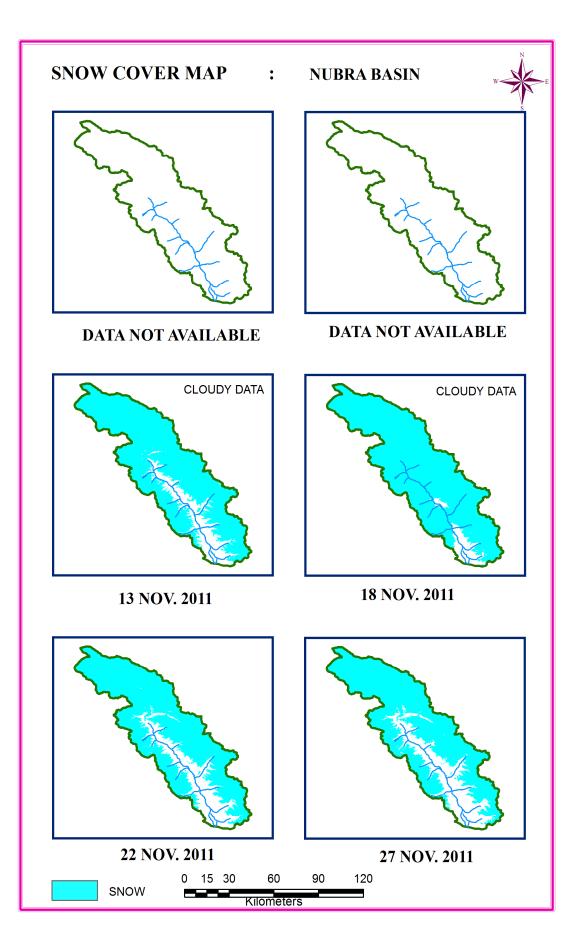


Snow cover depletion curve

SNOW COVER MAP

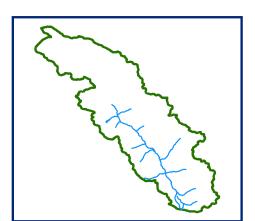






10 DAILY SNOW COVER MAP: NUBRA BASIN

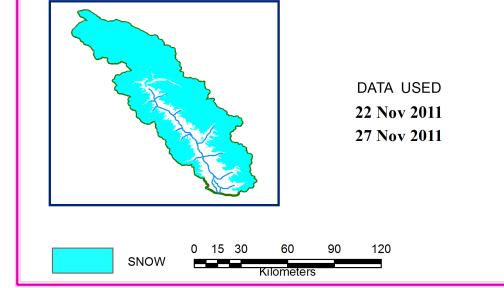


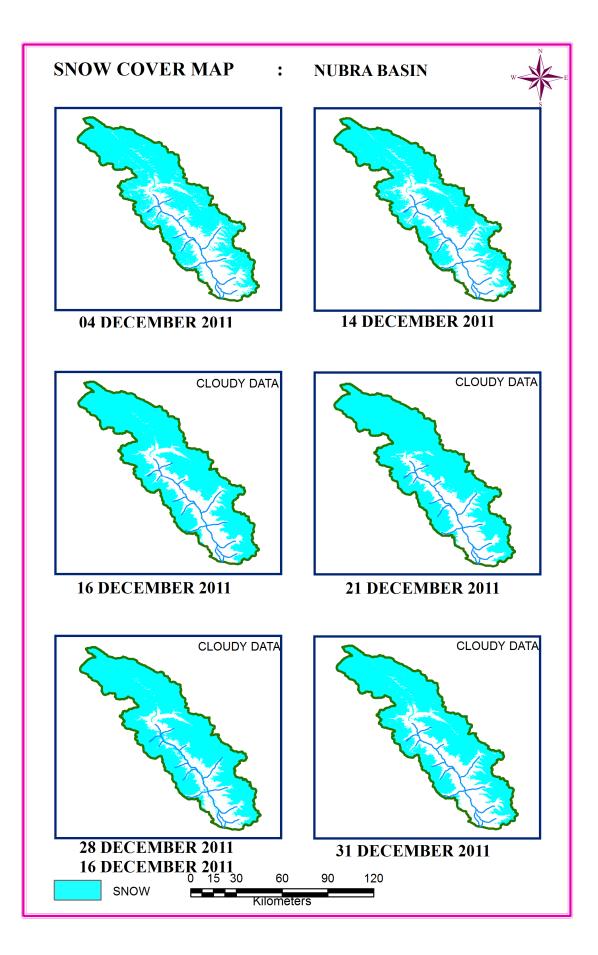


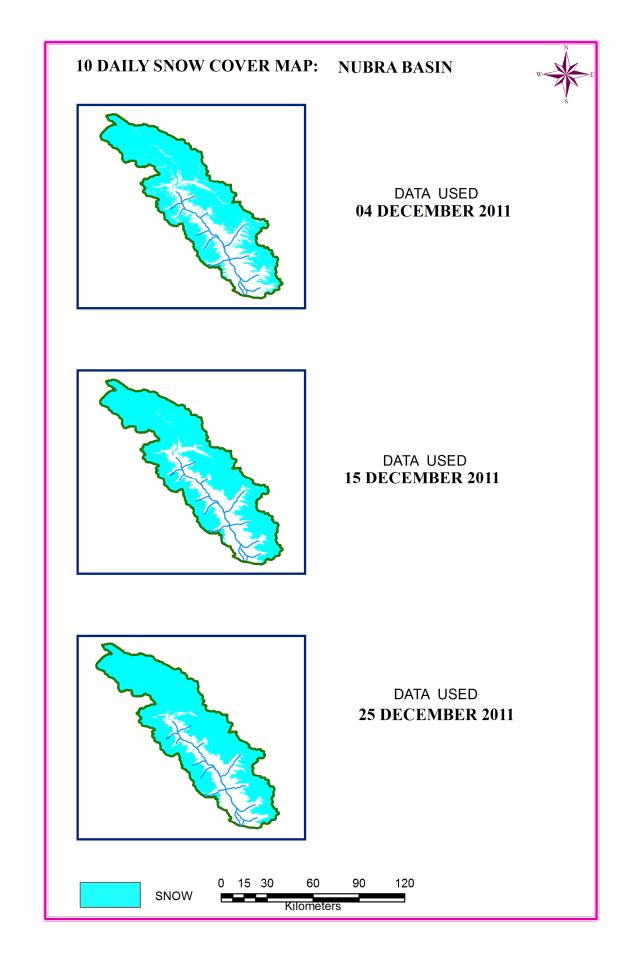
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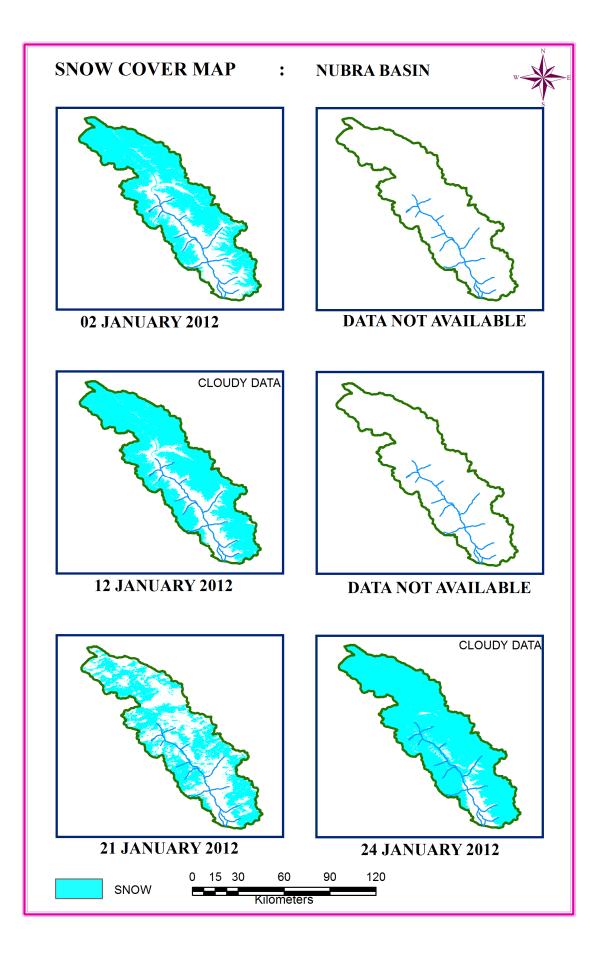


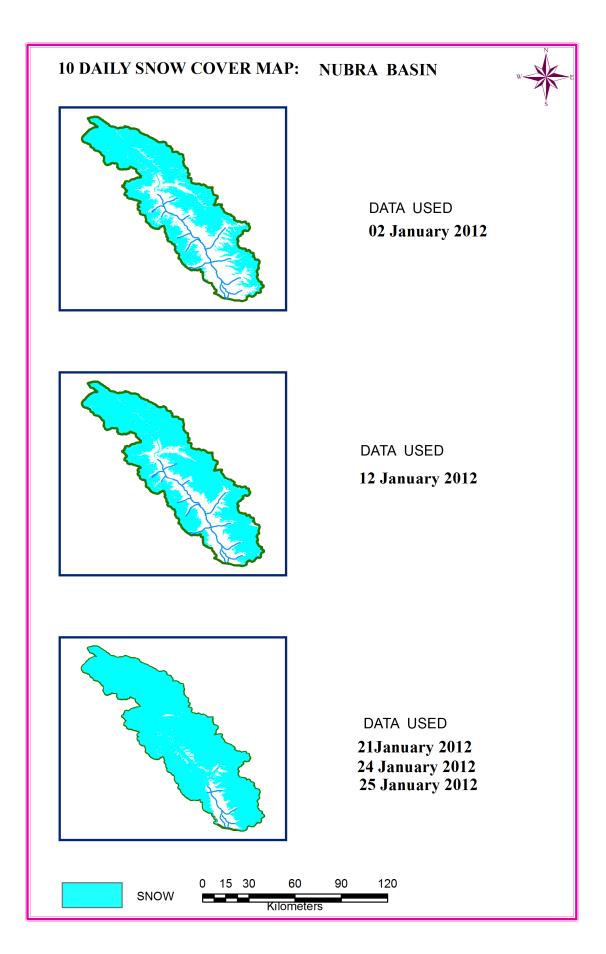
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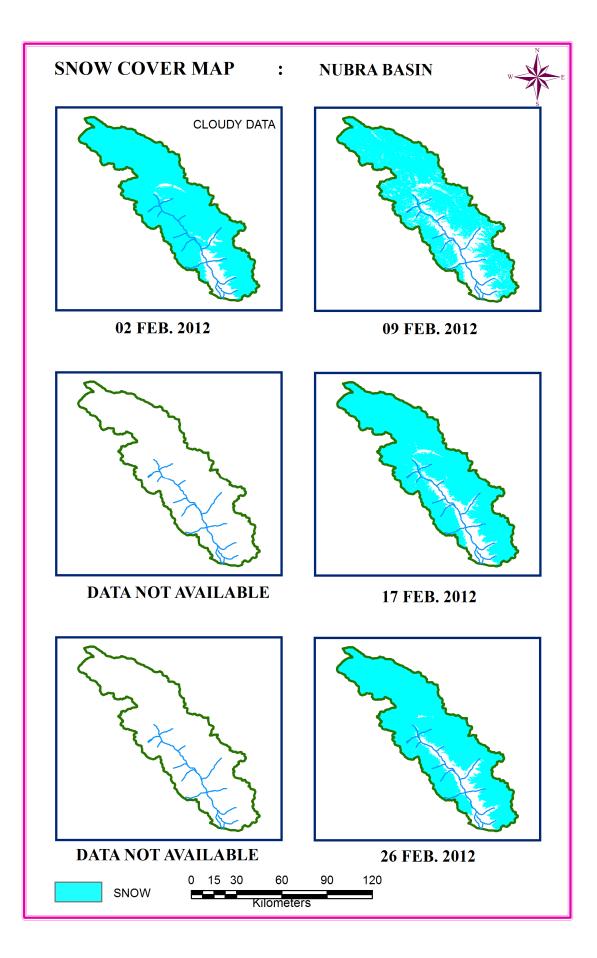


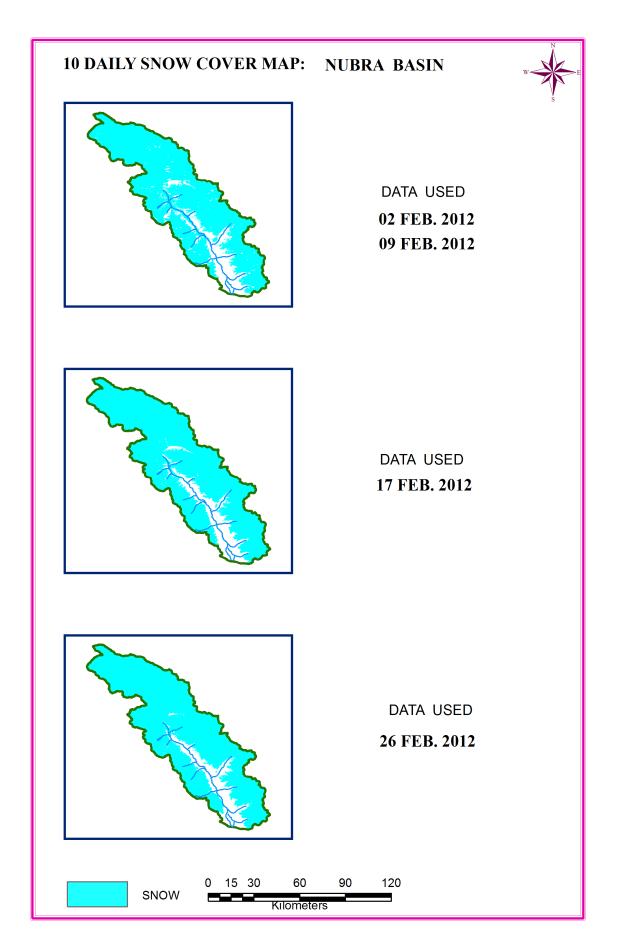


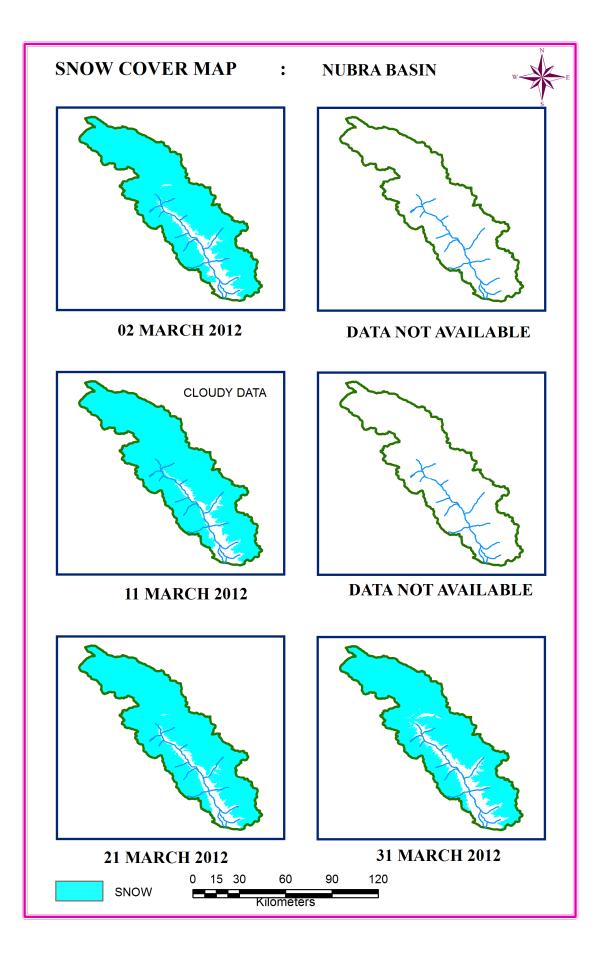


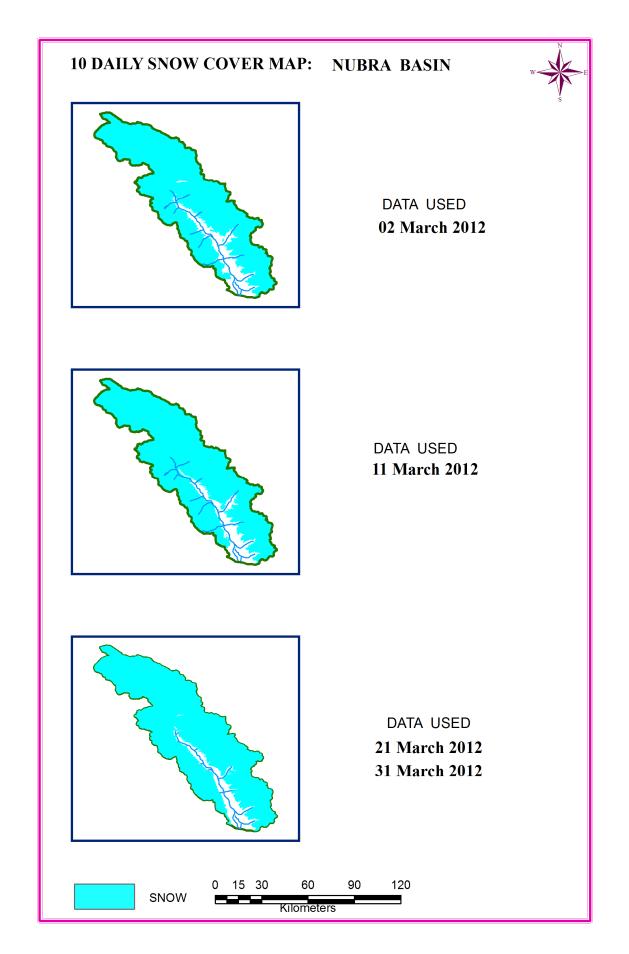


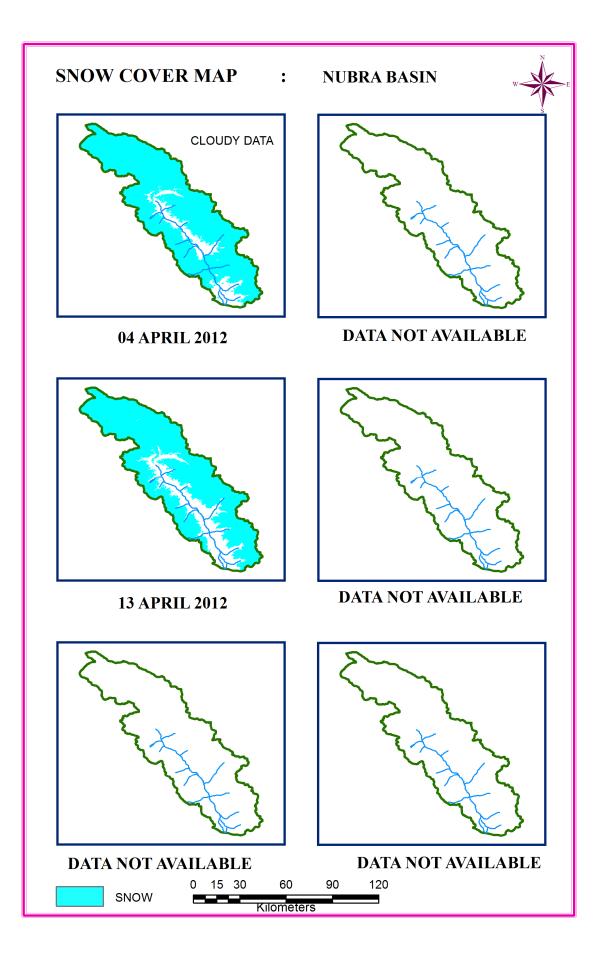


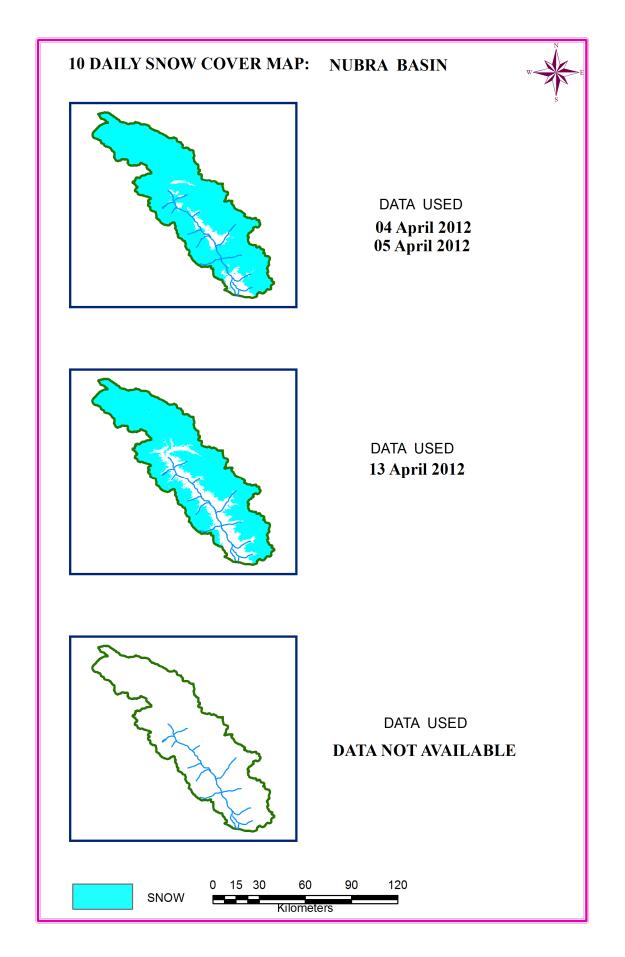


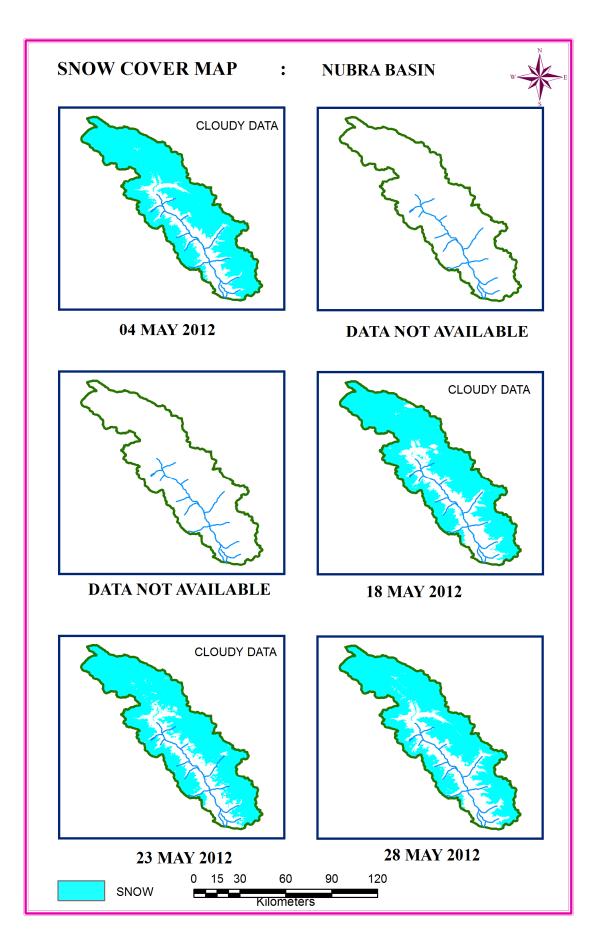


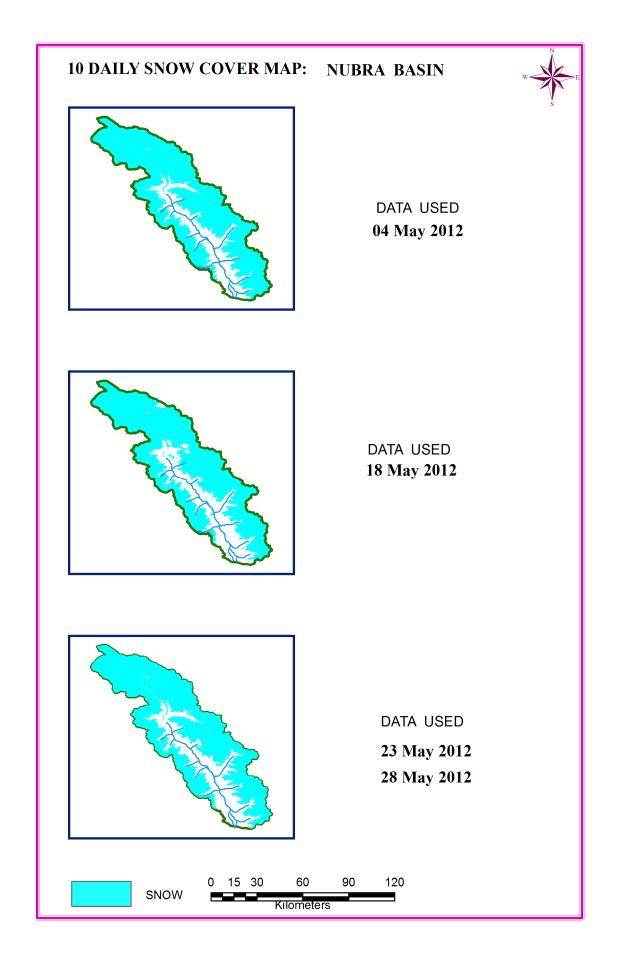


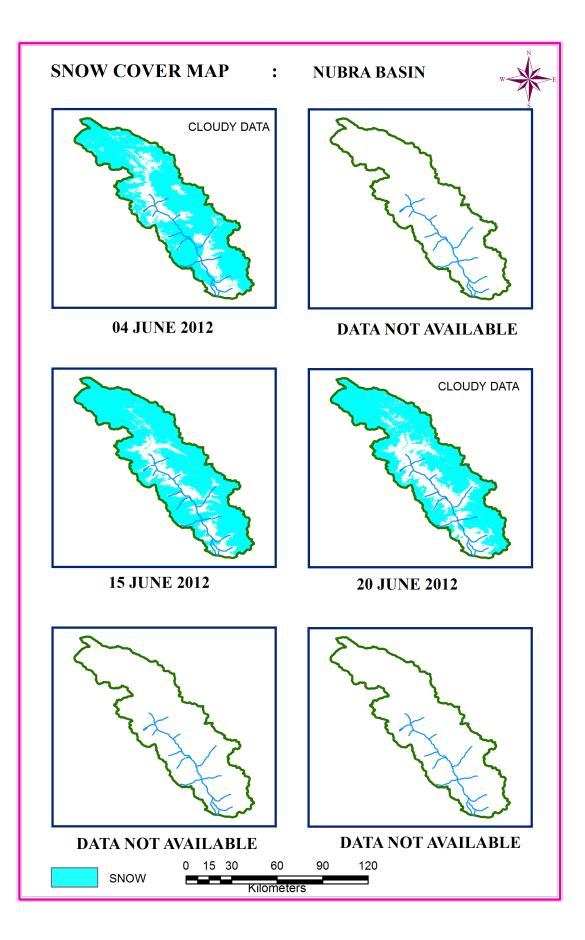


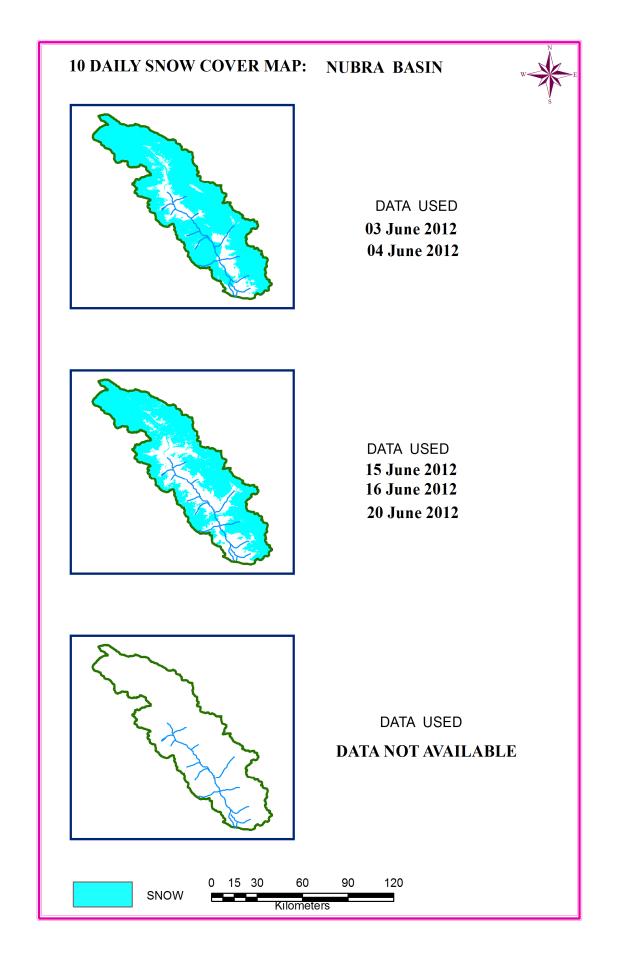












SHYOK BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: SHYOK

BASIN AREA: 27120 sq km

Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)	S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)		
October 2011								
01-Oct-2011	7333	27	02	03-Oct-2011	6629	23		
10-Oct-2011	10187	38	04	15-Oct-2011	7327	27		
25-Oct-2011	14786	54	06	29-Oct-2011	12023	44		
November 2011								
13-Nov-2011	14837	55	08	18-Nov-2011	15850	58		
22-Nov-2011	12890	48	10	27-Nov-2011	11408	42		
December 2011								
4-Dec-11	9431	35	12	14-Dec-11	9694	38		
16-Dec-11	12807	47	14	21-Dec-11	15539	57		
28-Dec-11	9797	36	16	31-Dec-11	10463	38		
January 2012								
2-Jan-12	9486	34	18	21-Jan-12	15411	57		
24-Jan-12	20232	75						
February 2012								
02-Feb-12	18728	69	21	09-Feb-12	19623	72		
17-Feb-12	21351	79	23	26-Feb-12	20543	76		
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March 2012									
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	April 2012								
27	04-April-12	21235	79	28	13-April-12	20465	76		
	May2012								
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June2012									
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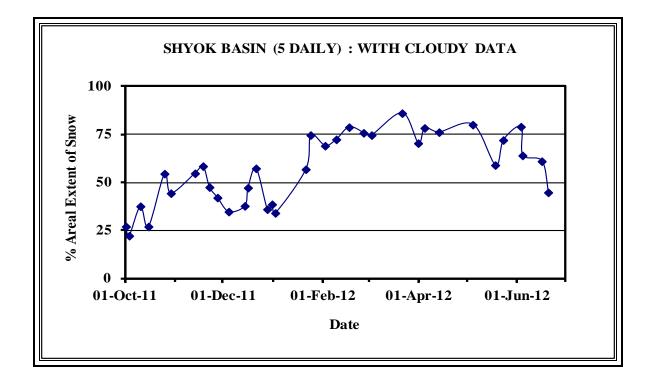
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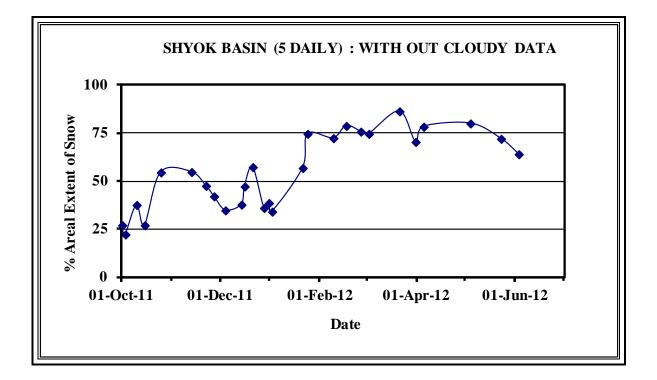
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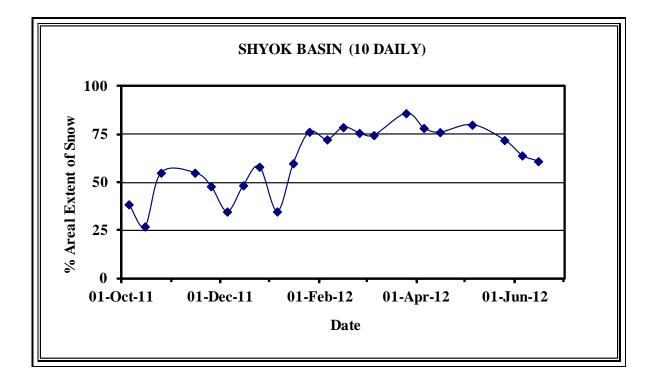
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02	15-Oct-2011	7327	27	05	22-Nov-2011	13009	48		
03	25-Oct-2011	18535	68						
	Decer	mber 2011		January 2012					
06	4-Dec-11	9431	35	09	2-Jan-12	9486	35		
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17	04-April-12	21235	78	19	18-May-12	15995	59		
18	13-April-12	20465	76	20	23-May-12	19412	72		
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SNOW COVER DEPLETION CURVE

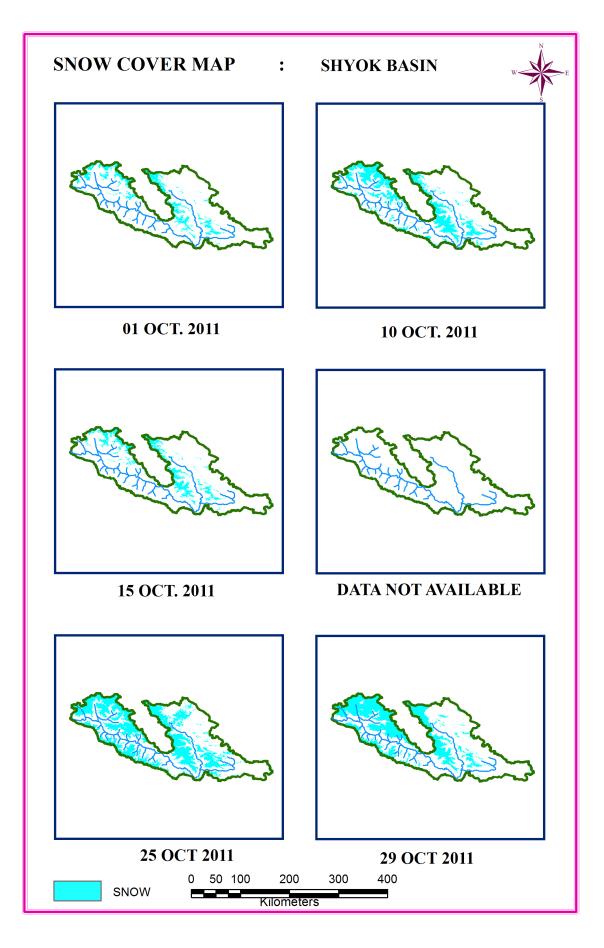


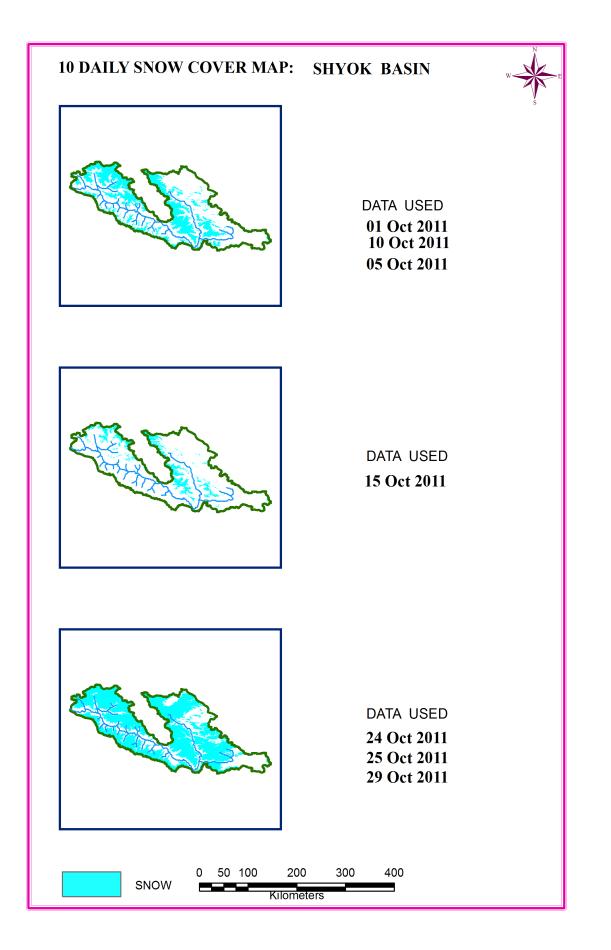


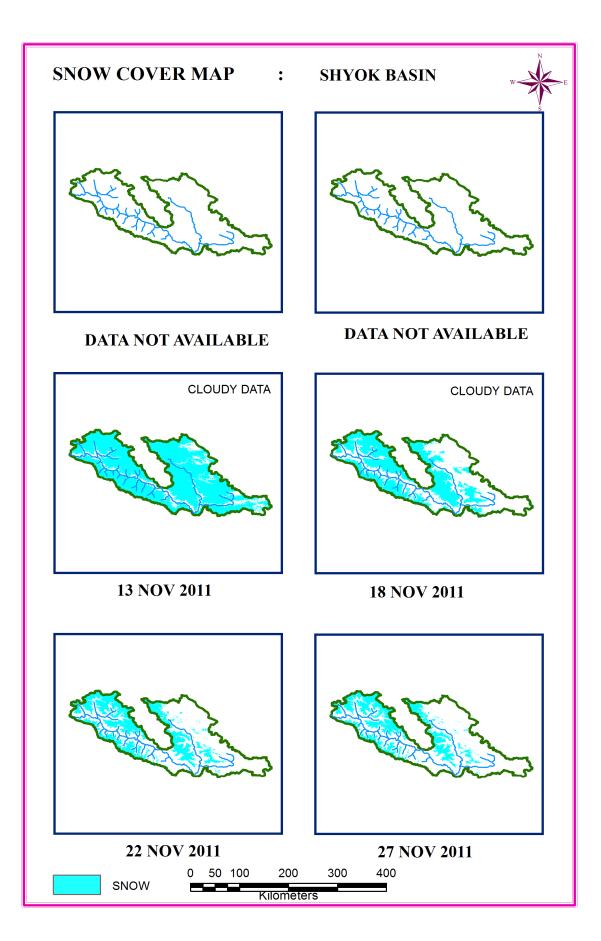
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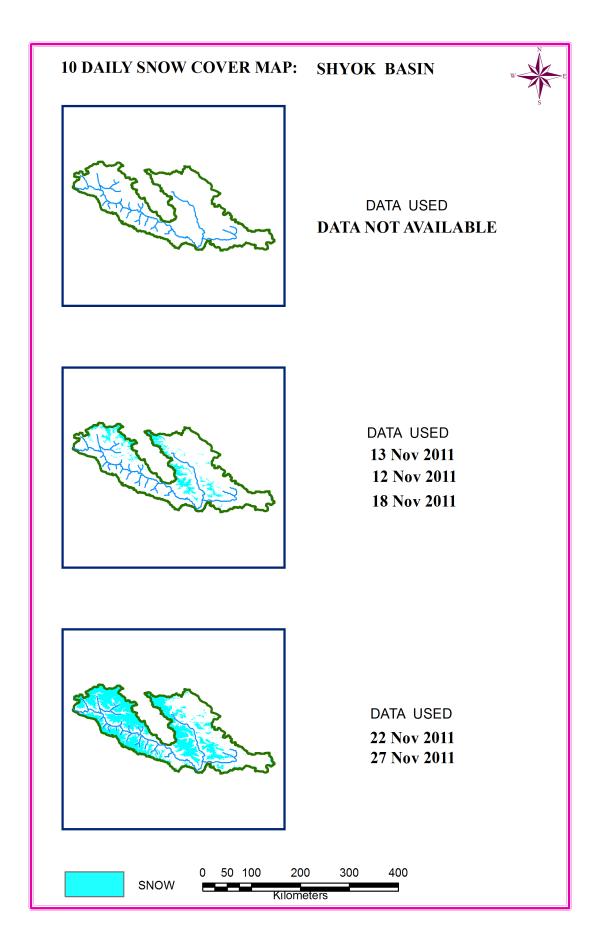


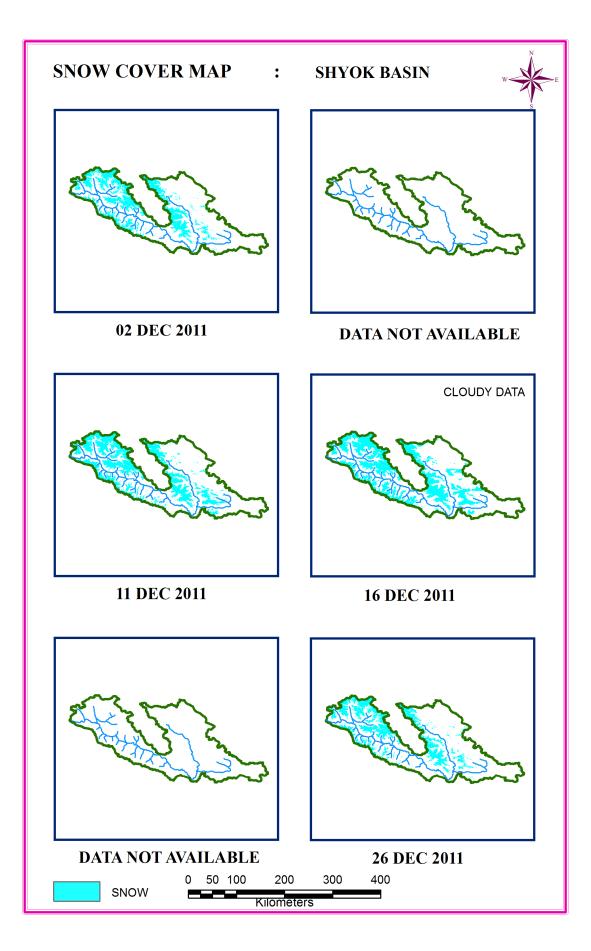
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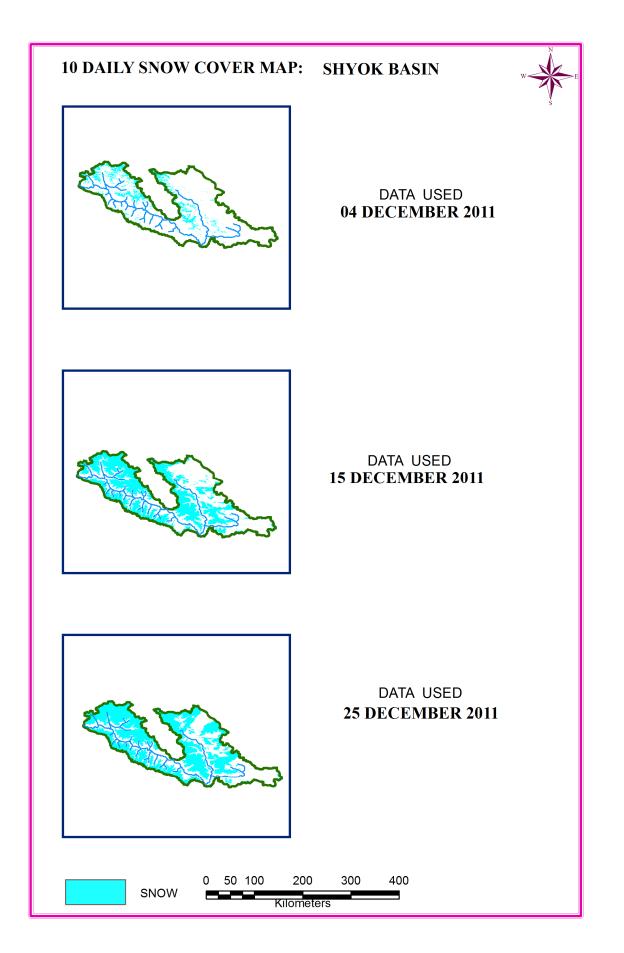


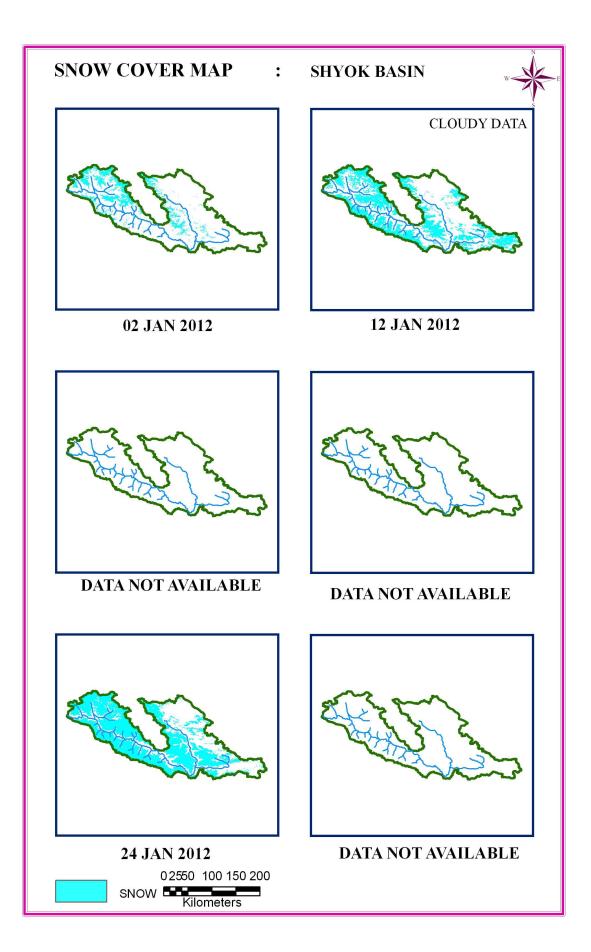








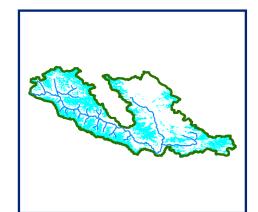




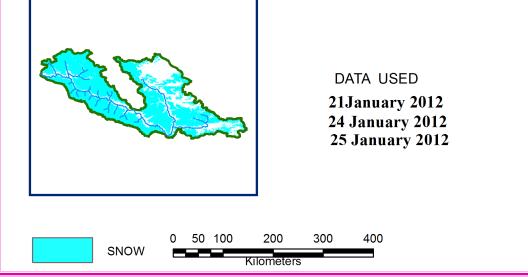
10 DAILY SNOW COVER MAP: SHYOK BASIN

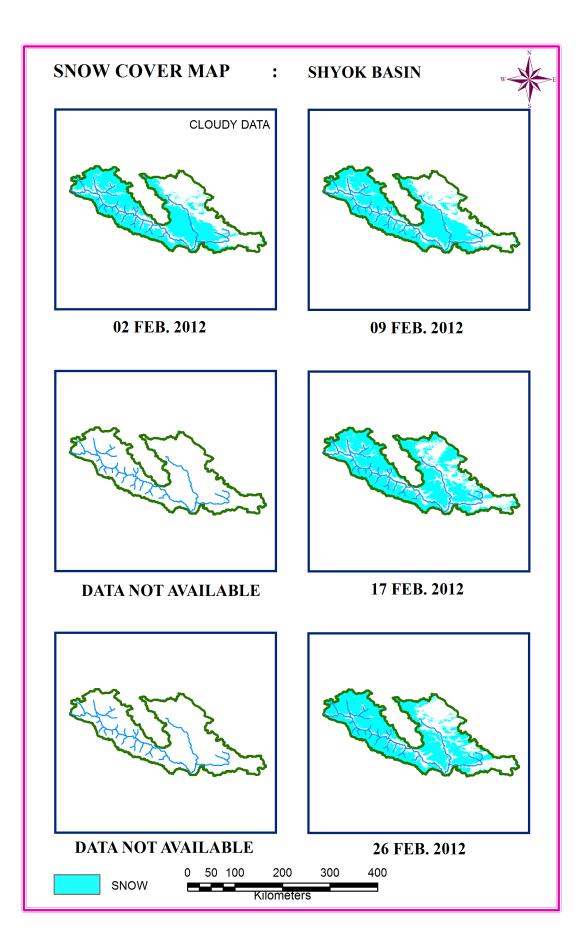


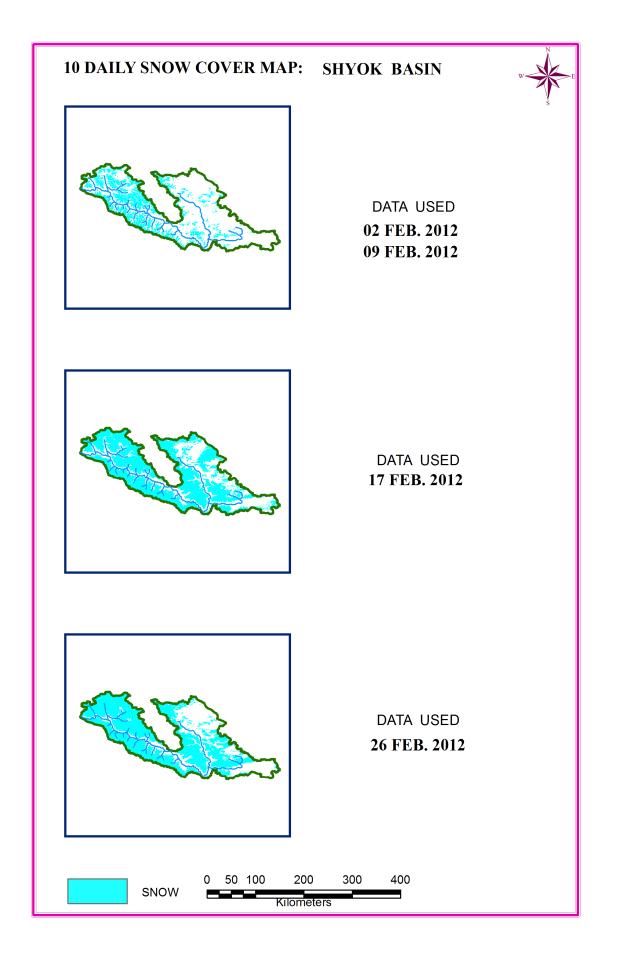
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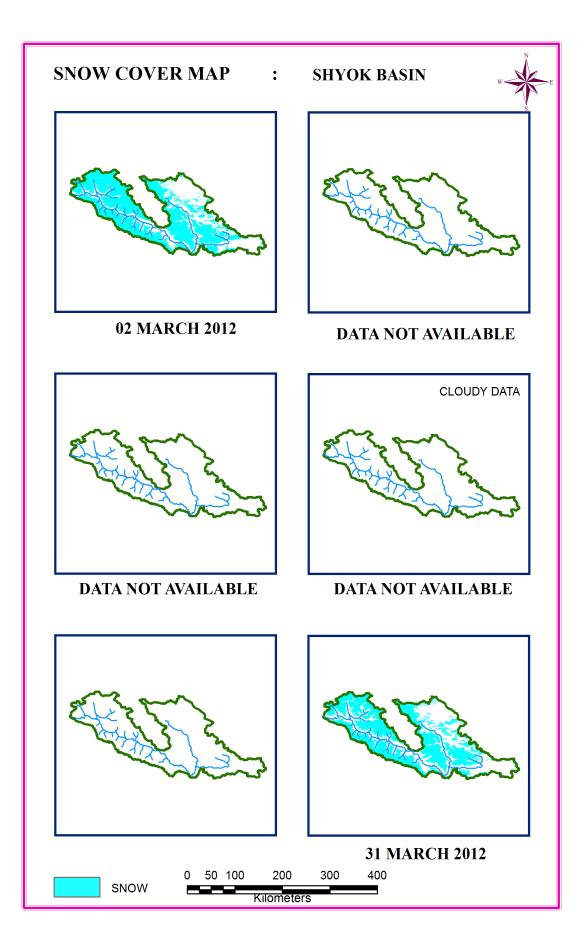


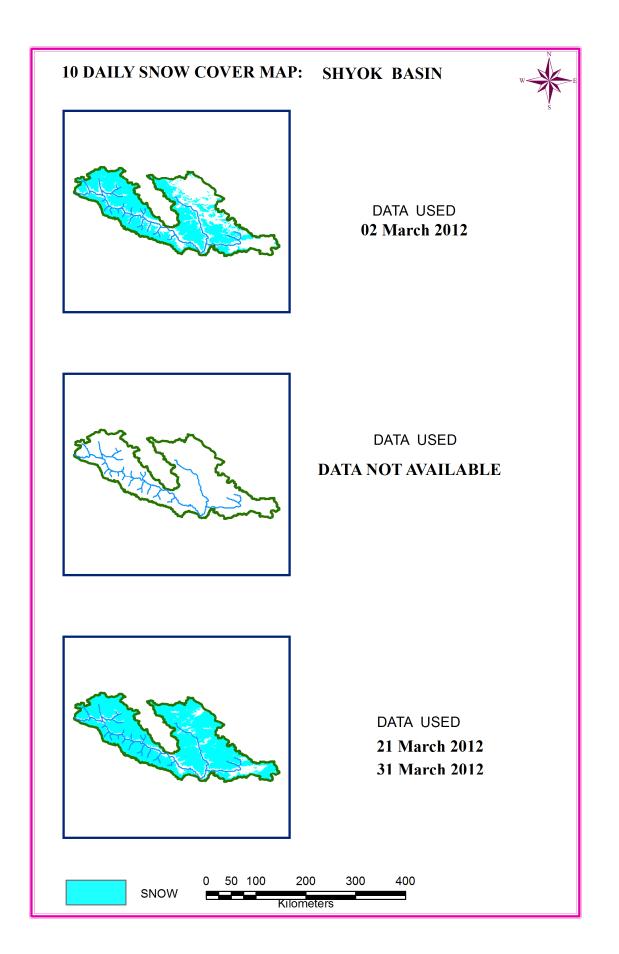
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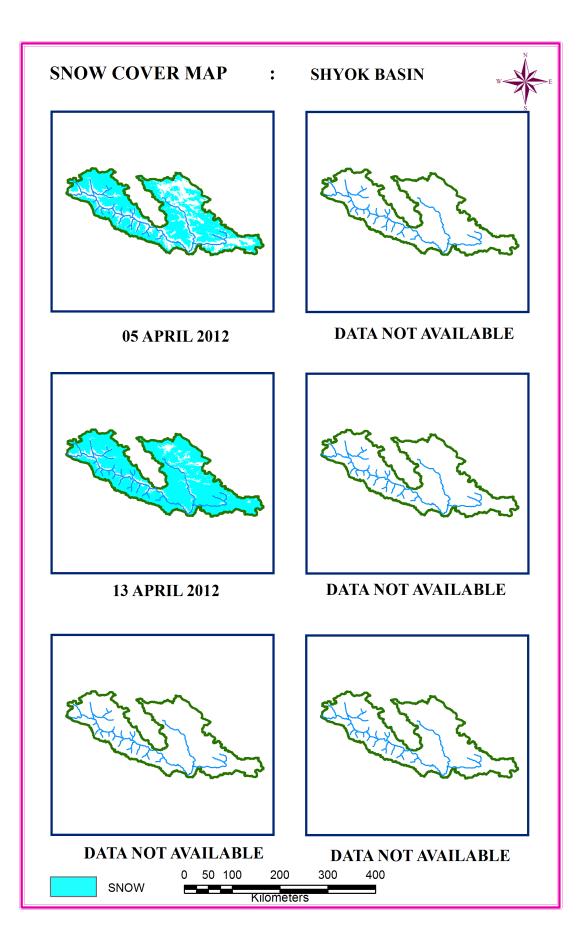


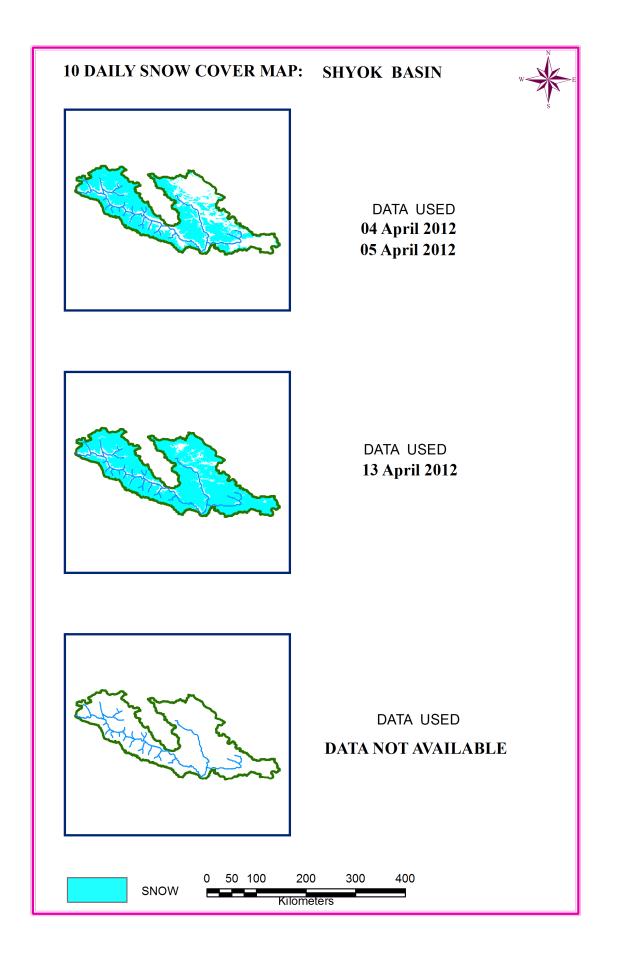


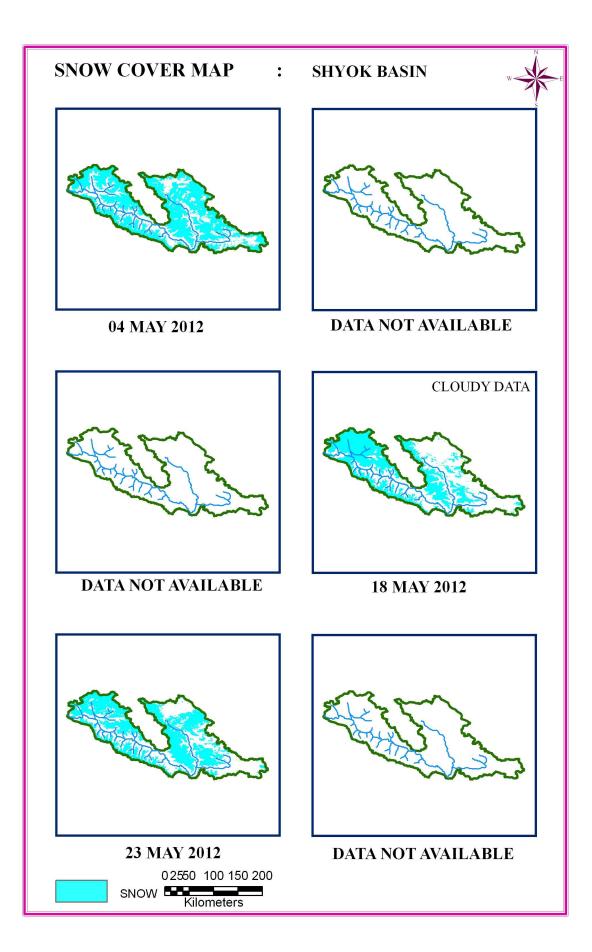


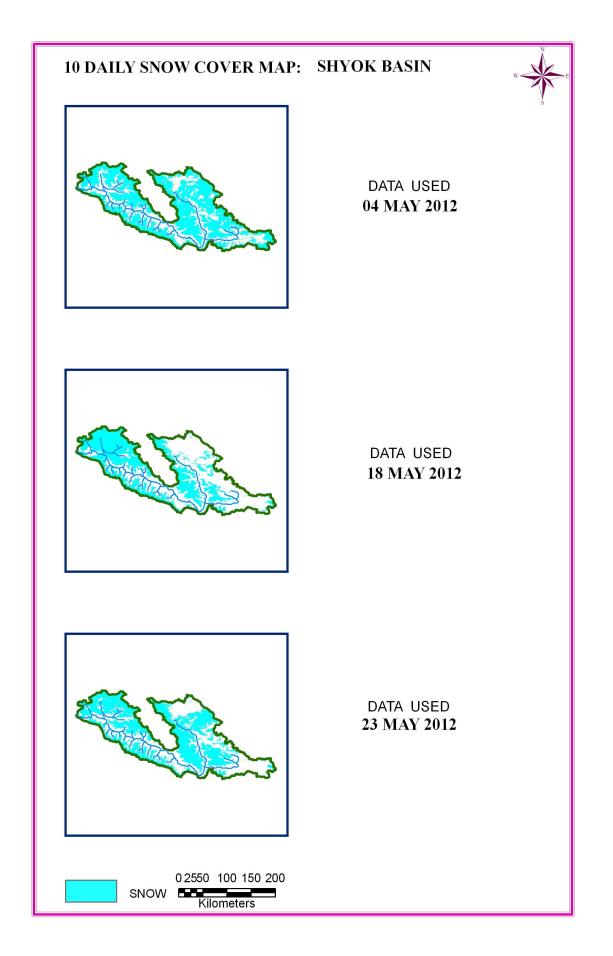


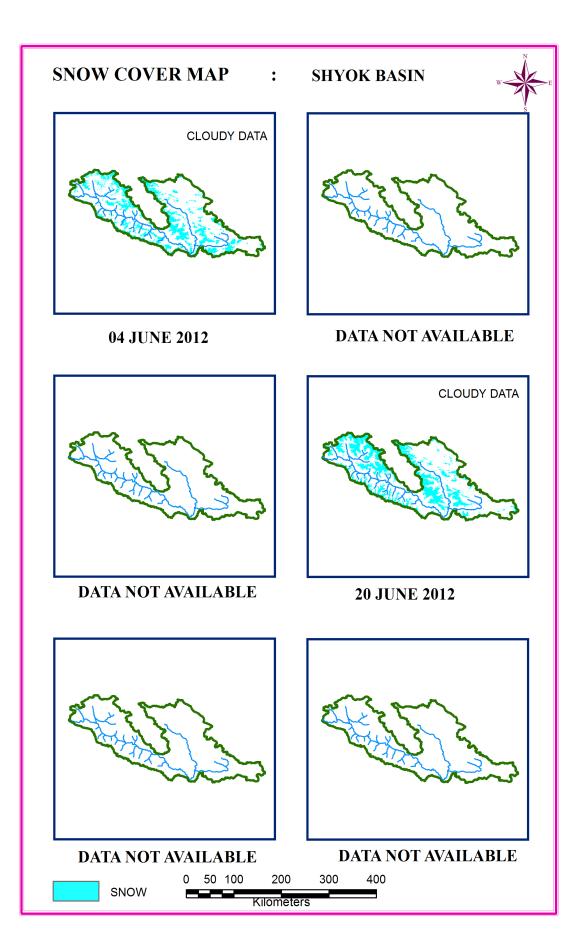


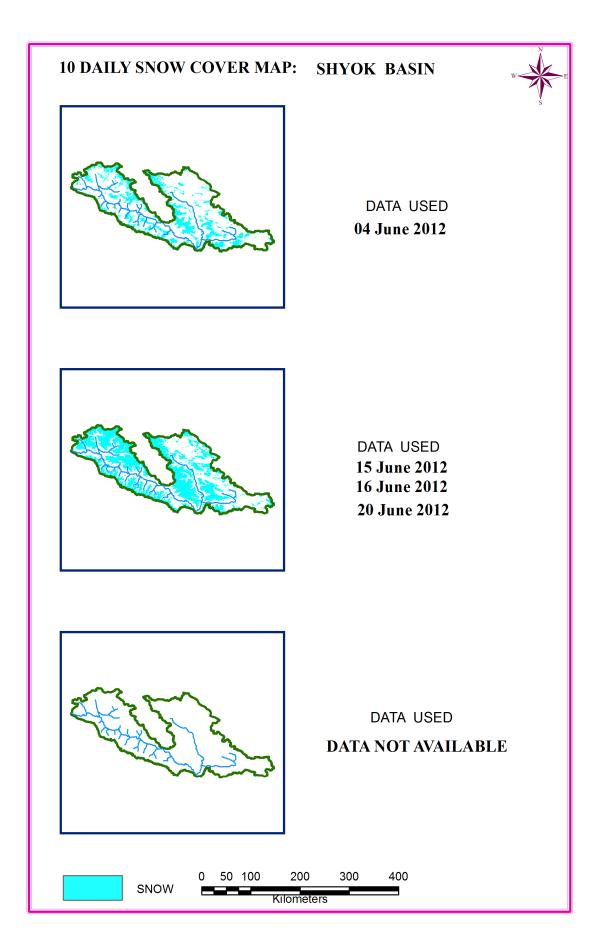












SHIGAR BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: SHIGAR

BASIN AREA: 7050 sq km

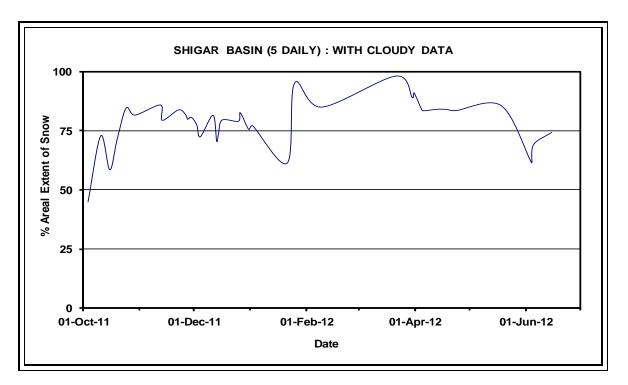
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3.	15-Oct-11	4118	58	4	19-Oct-11	5008	71
5	24-Oct-11	5961	85	6	29-Oct-11	5755	82
			Novemb	oer 2011			
7	12-Nov-11	6054	86	8	13-Nov-11	5443	77
9	22-Nov-11	5911	84	10	26-Nov-11	5755	82
11	27-Nov-11	5629	80	12	29-Nov-11	5286	81
			Decemb	er 2011			
13	02-Dec-11	5467	78	14	4-Dec-11	5104	72
15	11-Dec-11	5749	82	16	13-Dec-11	4980	71
17	14-Dec-11	5182	73	18	16-Dec-11	5604	79
19	25-Dec-11	5569	79	20	26-Dec-11	5826	83
21	30-Dec-11	5381	76	22	31-Dec-11	5322	75
			Januar	y 2012			
23	02-Jan-12	5428	77	24	21-Jan-12	4320	61
25	24-Jan-12	6709	94				
	·		Februa	ry 2012			
26	09-Feb-12	5718	81	-			
			Marcl	n 2012	•		•
27	2-Mar-12	6544	93	29	31-Mar-12	6418	91
27	21-Mar-12	6921	98	28	30-Mar-12	6278	89
			April	2012			
30	02-Apr-12	6148	87	34	23-Apr-12	5887	84
30	04-Apr-12	5940	84	31	05-Apr-12	5882	83
32	13-Apr-12	5928	84				
			May	2012			
35	18-May-12	6040	86				
			June	2012			
36	03-Jun-12	4421	63	37	04-Jun-12	4325	61
38	05-Jun-12	4871	69	39	15-Jun-12	5238	74
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AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (10 DAILY)

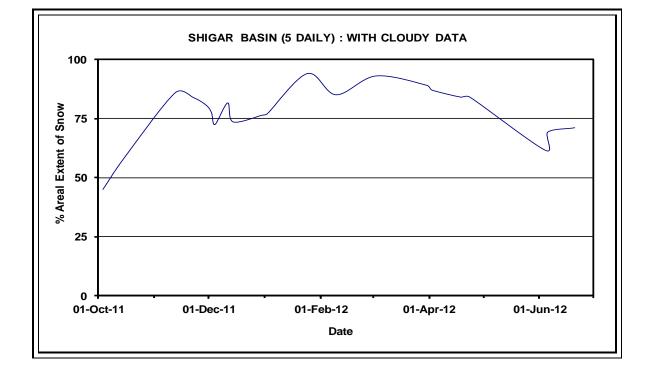
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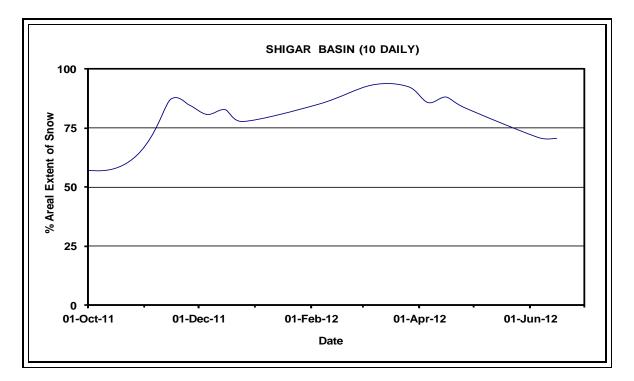
BASIN AREA: 7050 sq km

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				5	25-Nov-11	5966	85	
	Dece	mber 2011		January 2012				
6	3-Dec-11	5681	81	9	2-Jan-11	5428	77	
7	15-Dec-11	5824	83	10	22-Jan-11	6627	94	
8	31-Dec-11	5472	78					
	February 2012			March 2012				
11	09-Feb-12	5994	85	12	5-Mar-12	6544	93	
				12	25-Mar-12	6510	92	
	Ар	oril 2012		May 2012				
13	05-Apr-12	6035	86	16	18-May-12	6040	86	
14	15-Apr-12	6199	88					
15	23-Apr-12	5887	84					
June 2012								
17	05-Jun-12	4865	69					
18	20-Jun-12	4988	71					



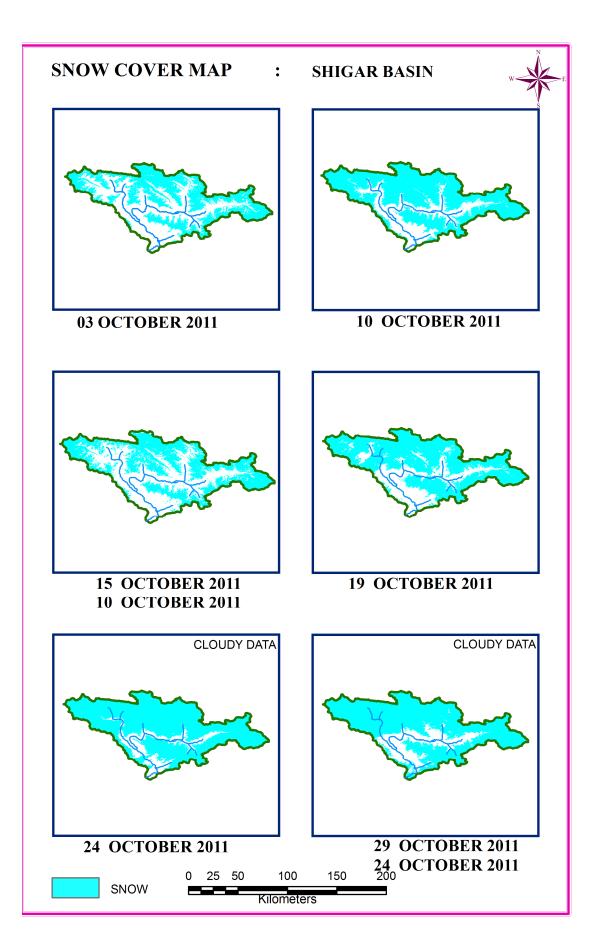
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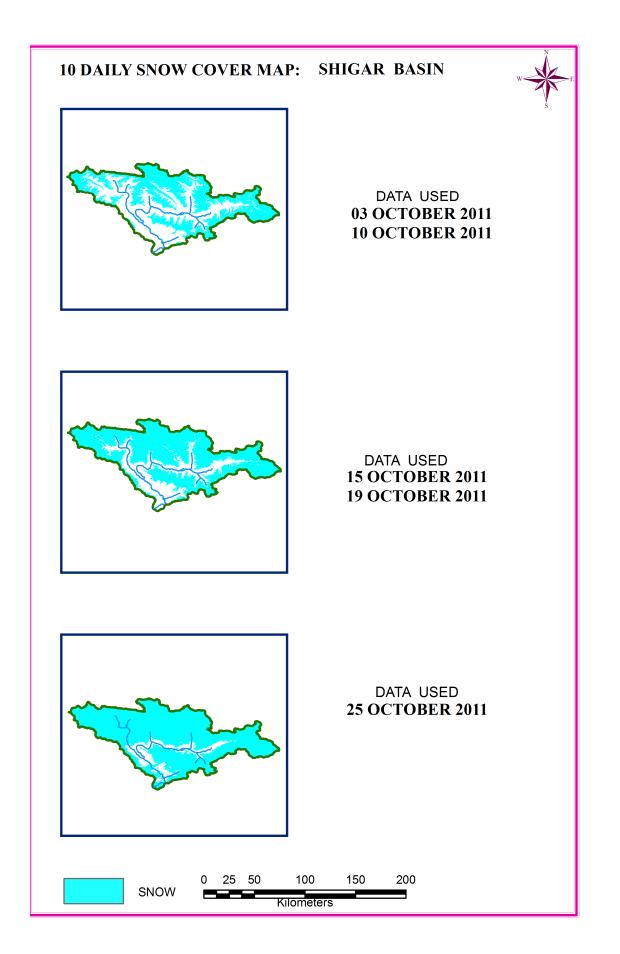


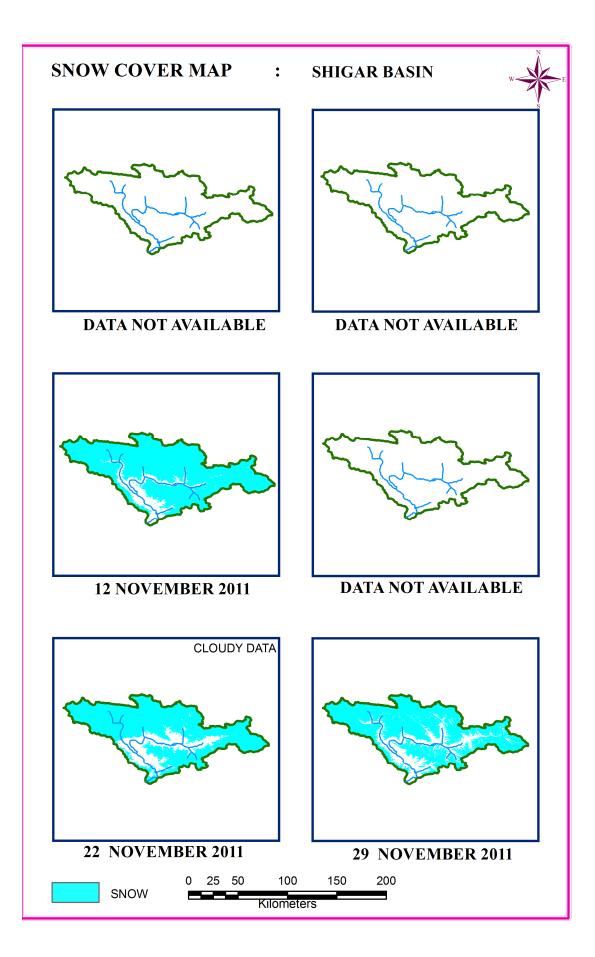


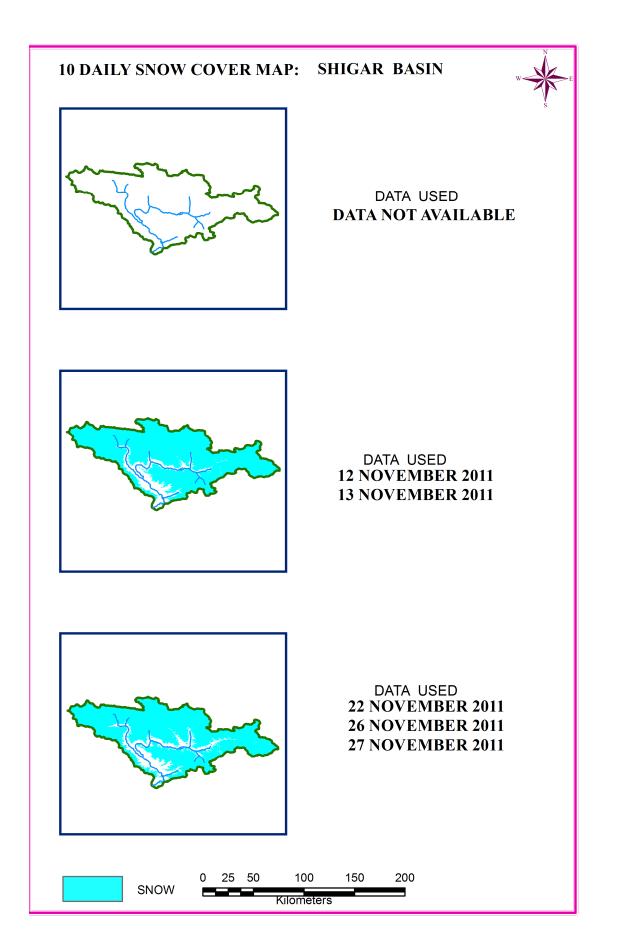
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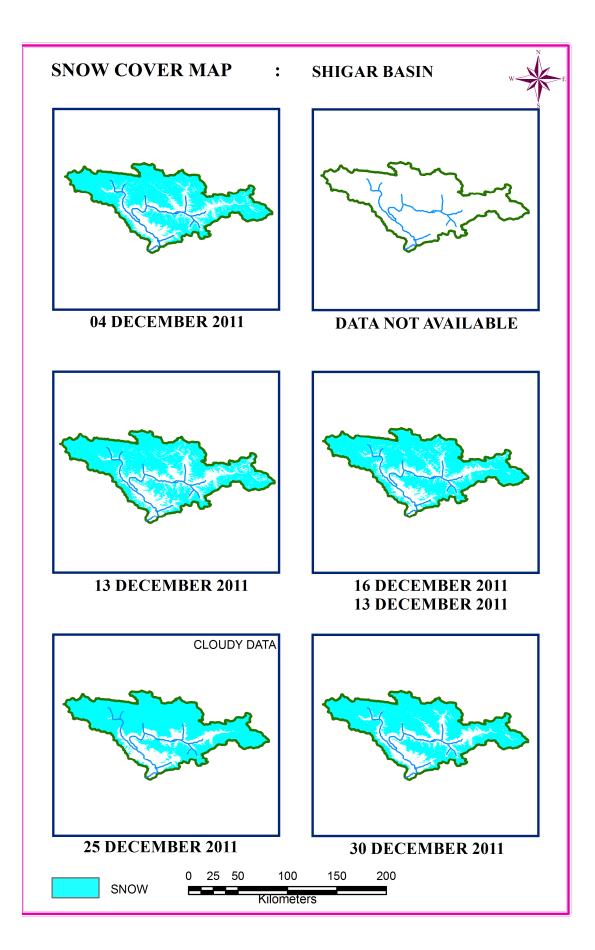
SNOW COVER MAP

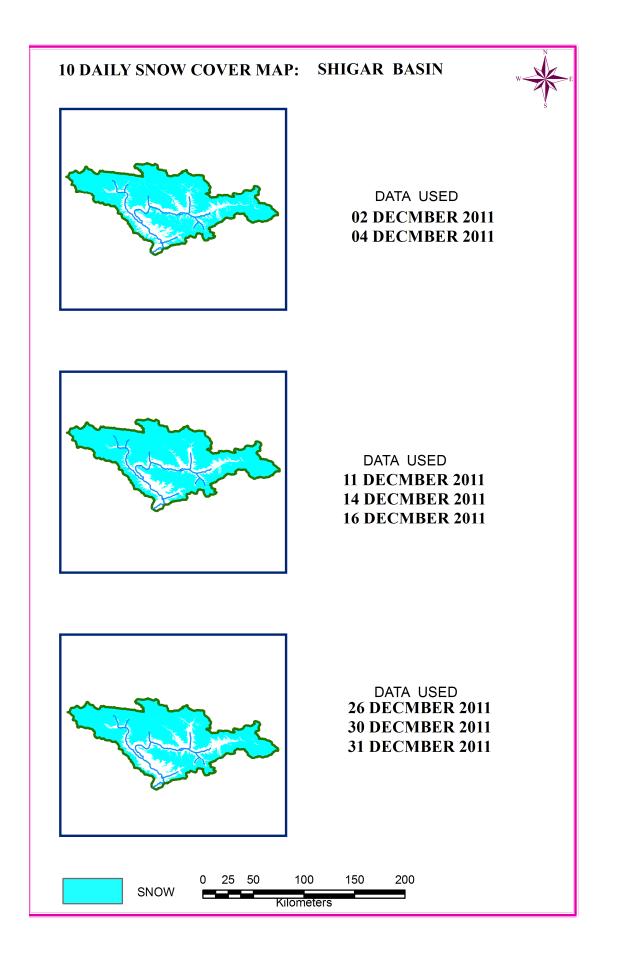


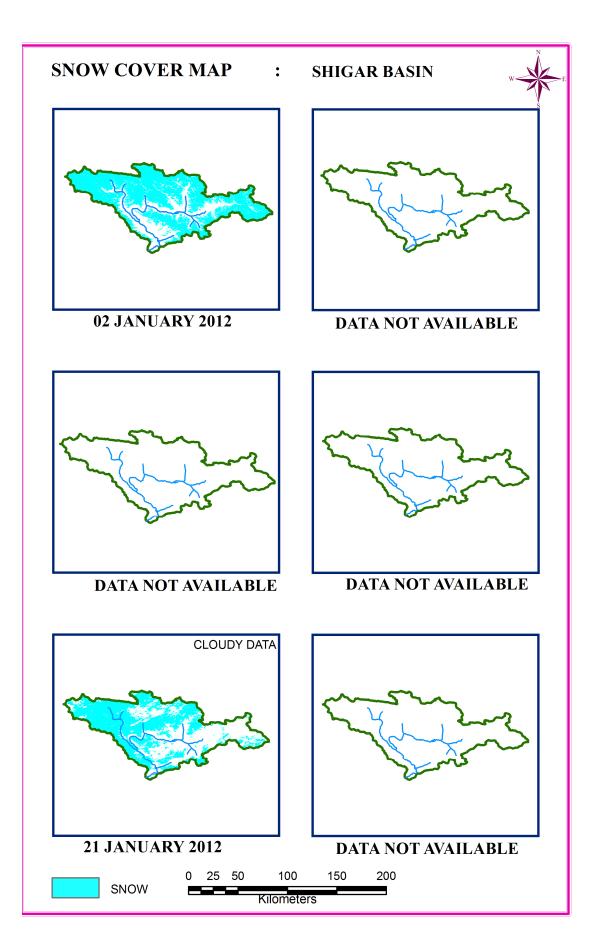


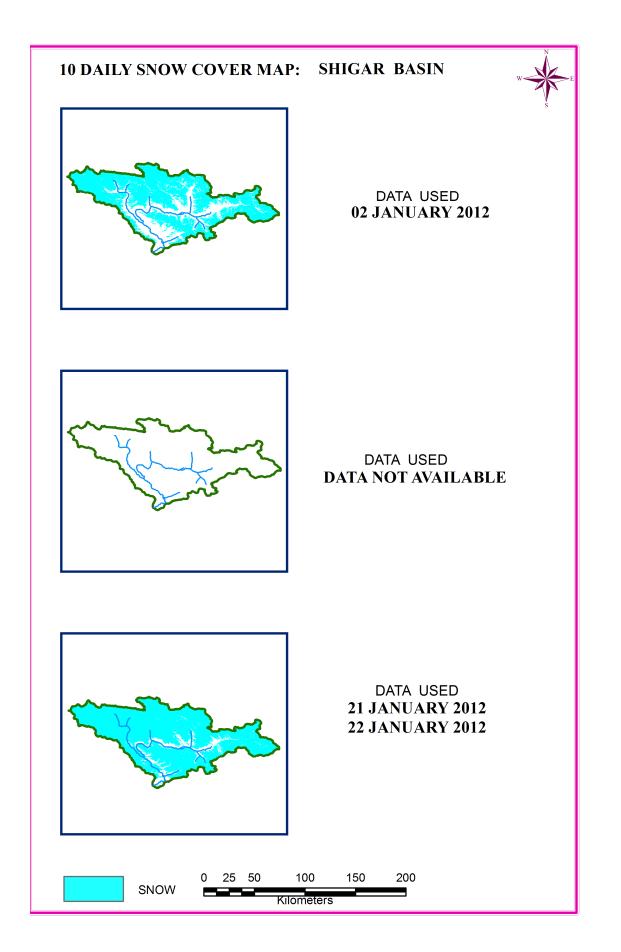


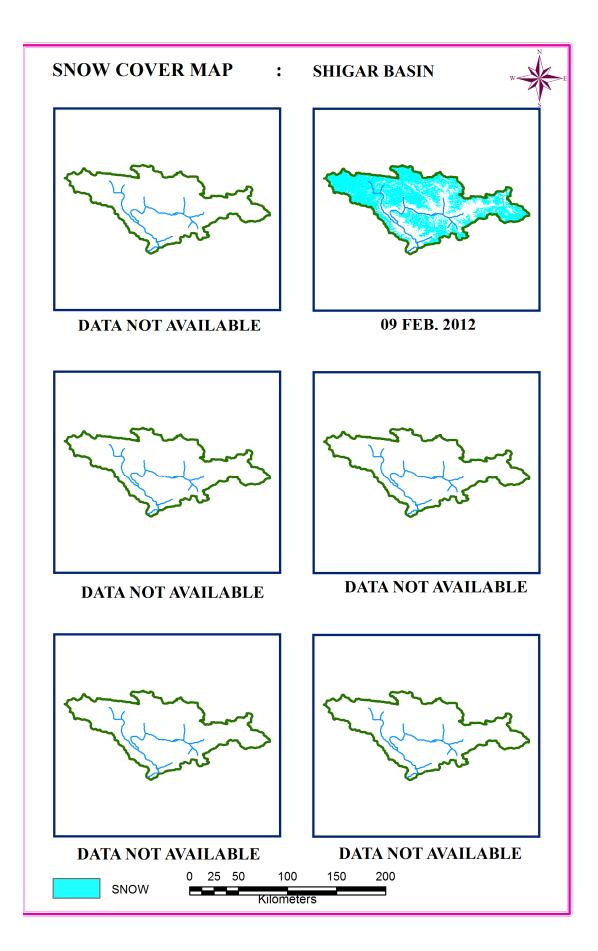


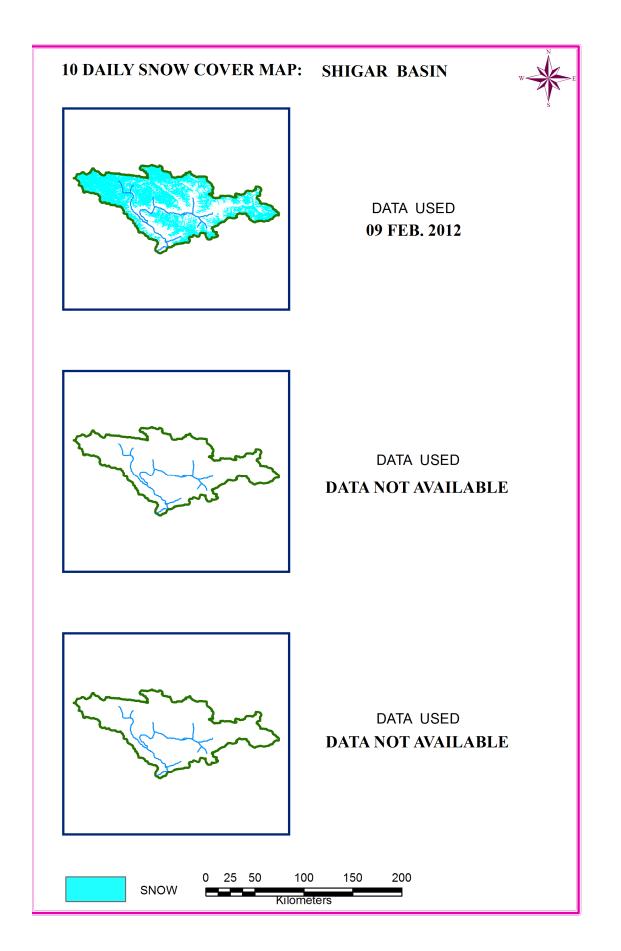


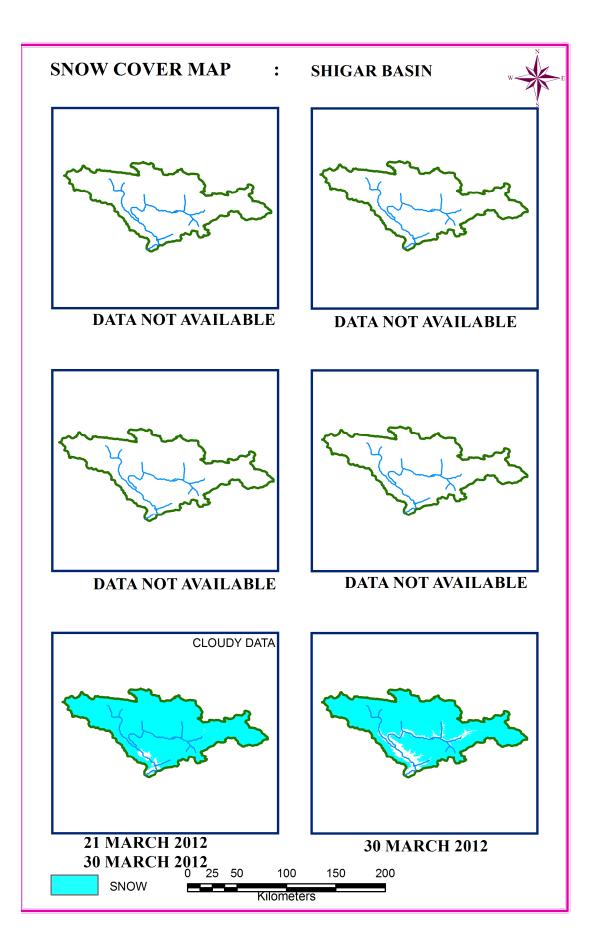


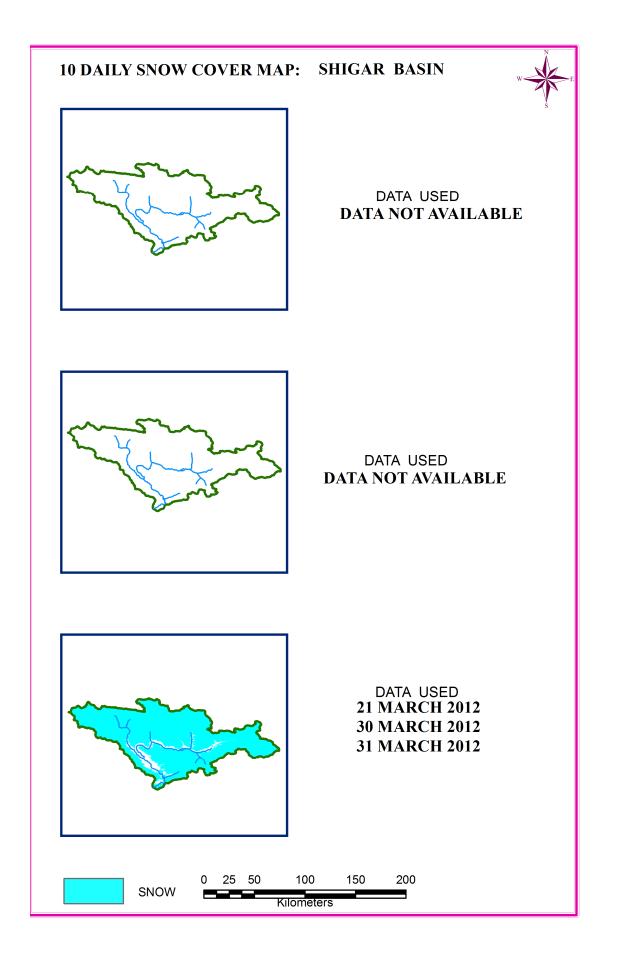


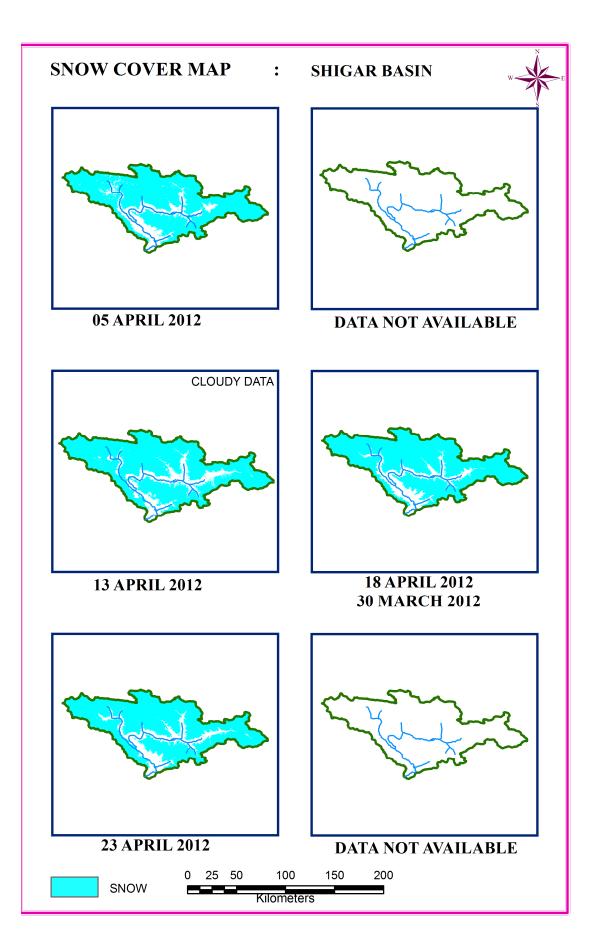


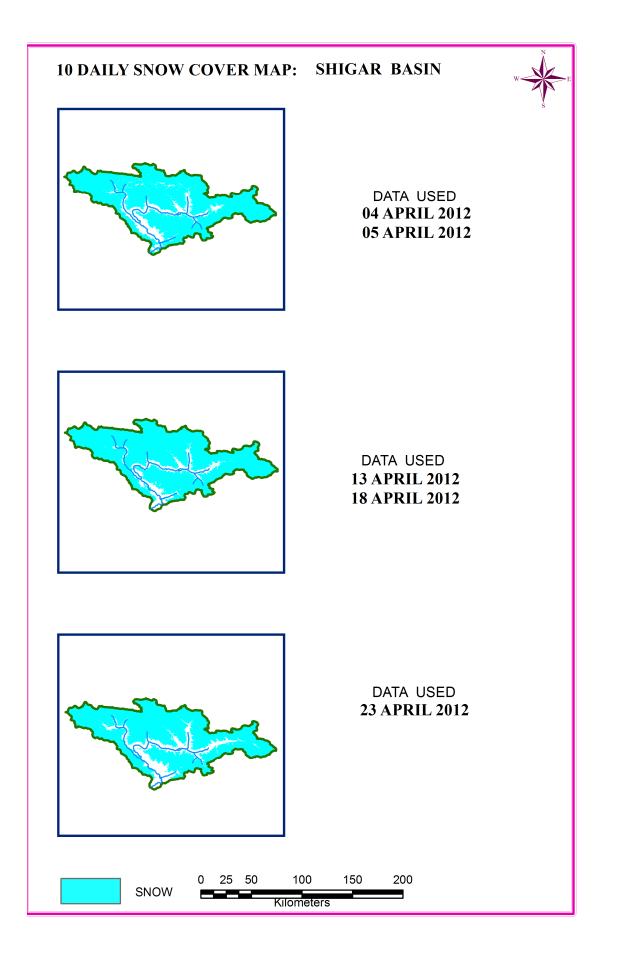


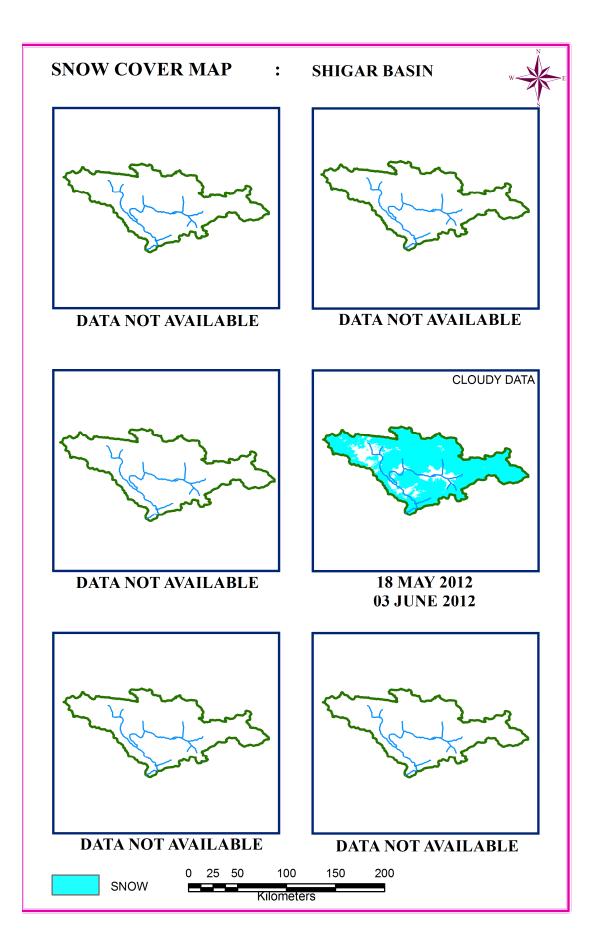


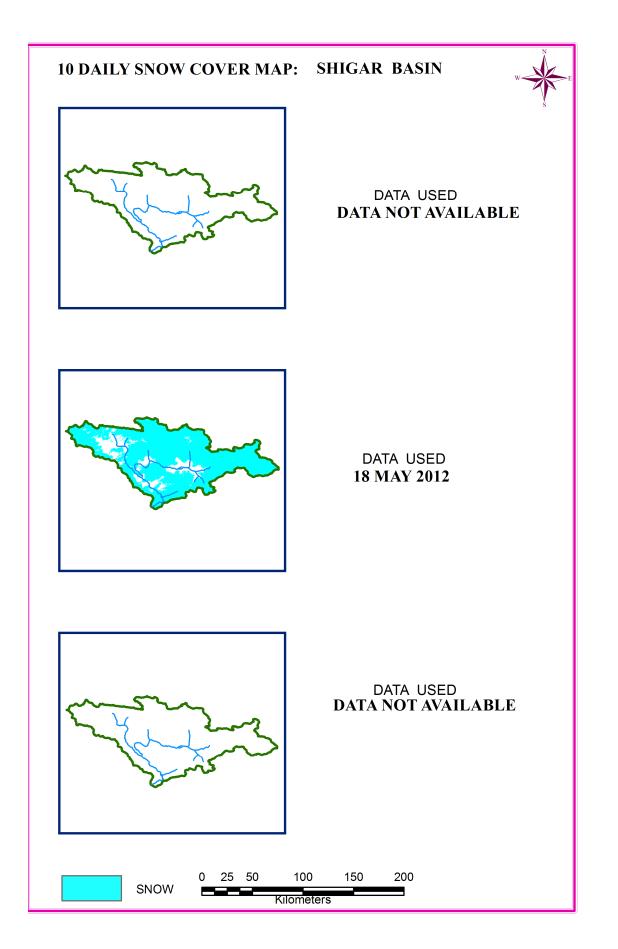


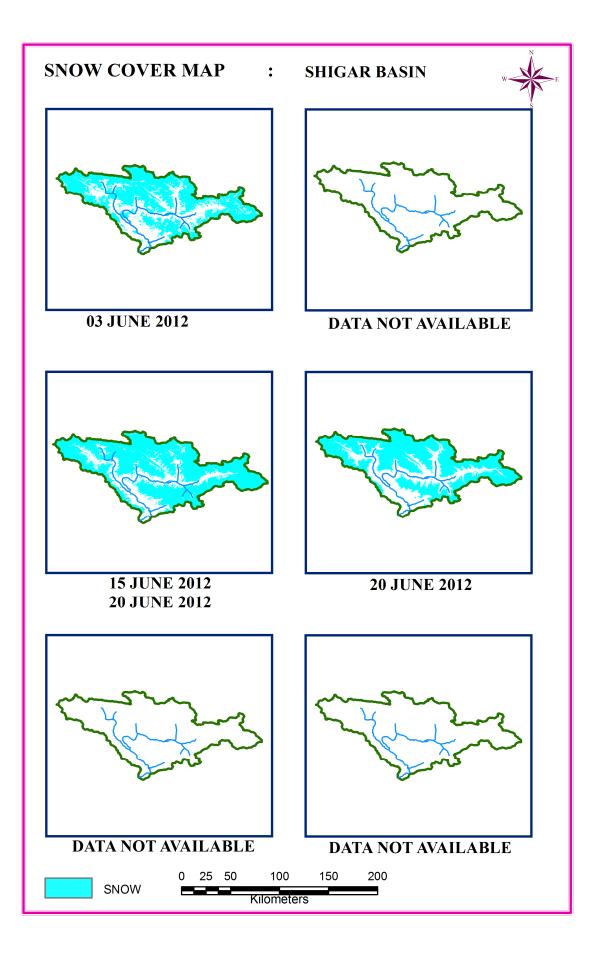


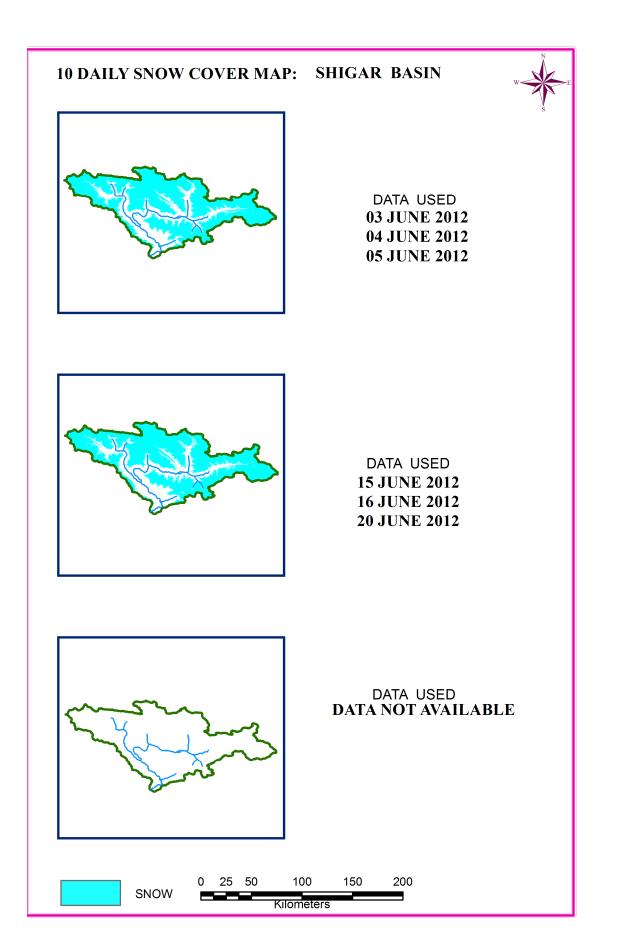












HANZA BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: HANZA

BASIN AREA: 13711 sq km

S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover	S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover				
October 2011											
1	3-Oct-11	7530	55	2	19-Oct-11	8662	63				
	L		Novemb	er 2011	1						
3	12-Nov-11	10448	76	4	26-Nov-11	11633	85				
5	29-Nov-11	9131	67								
			Decemb	er 2011							
6	04-Dec-11	10031	73	7	14-Dec-11	8847	65				
8	13-Dec-11	9673	71	9	25-Dec-11	10446	76				
10	30-Dec-11	11589	85								
			Januar	y 2012							
11	2-Jan-12	9868	72	12	21-Jan-12	7148	52				
13	13-Jan-12	10283	75	14	25-Jan-12	5599	41				
		-	Februa	ry 2012			-				
15	09-Feb-12	9957	73	-							
			March	n 2012							
16	13-Mar-12	10321	75	17	30-Mar-12	11812	86				
			April	2012			•				
18	18-Apr-12	11176	82	19	23-Apr-12	11335	83				
			May	2012							
			June	2012							
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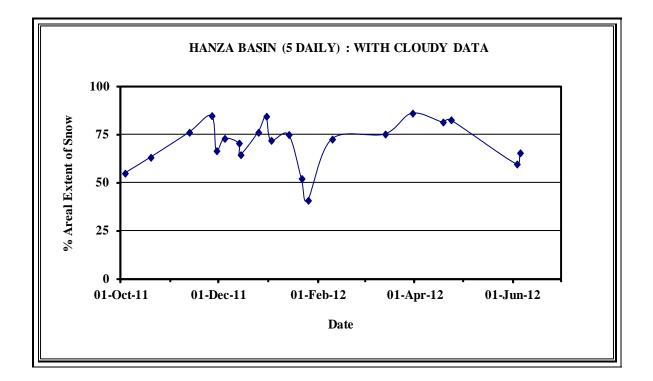
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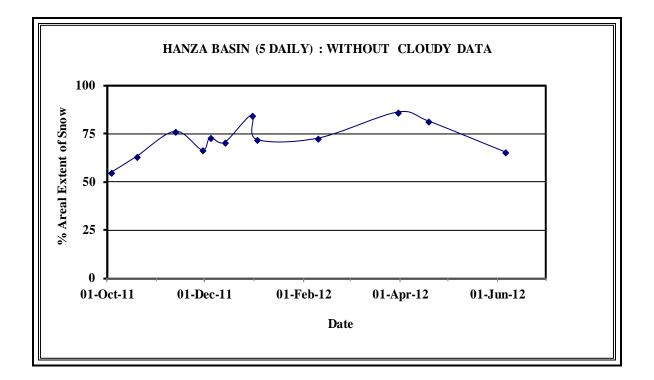
BASIN NAME: HANZA

BASIN AREA: 13711 sq km

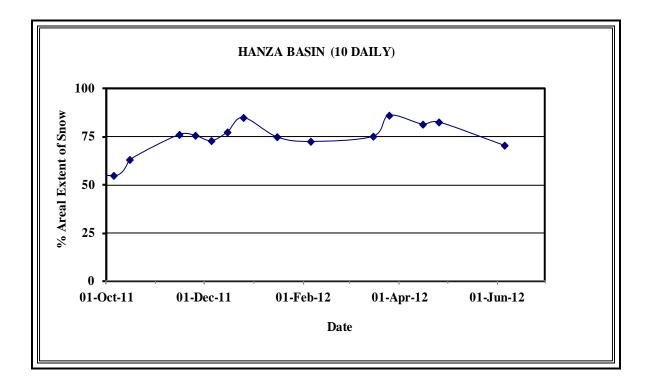
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		(sq km)	(%)			(sq km)	(%)	
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2	19-Oct-11	8662	63	4	27-Nov-11	10382	76	
December 2011				January 2012				
5	4-Dec-11	10031	73	8	2-Jan-11	9868	72	
6	15-Dec-11	10622	77	9	13-Jan-12	10283	75	
7	27-Dec-11	10770	79	10	23-Jan-12	8305	61	
February 2012				March 2012				
11	09-Feb-12	9957	73	12	13-Mar-12	10321	75	
				13	30-Mar-12	11812	86	
	Ар	oril 2012		May 2012				
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June 2012								
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Snow cover depletion curve

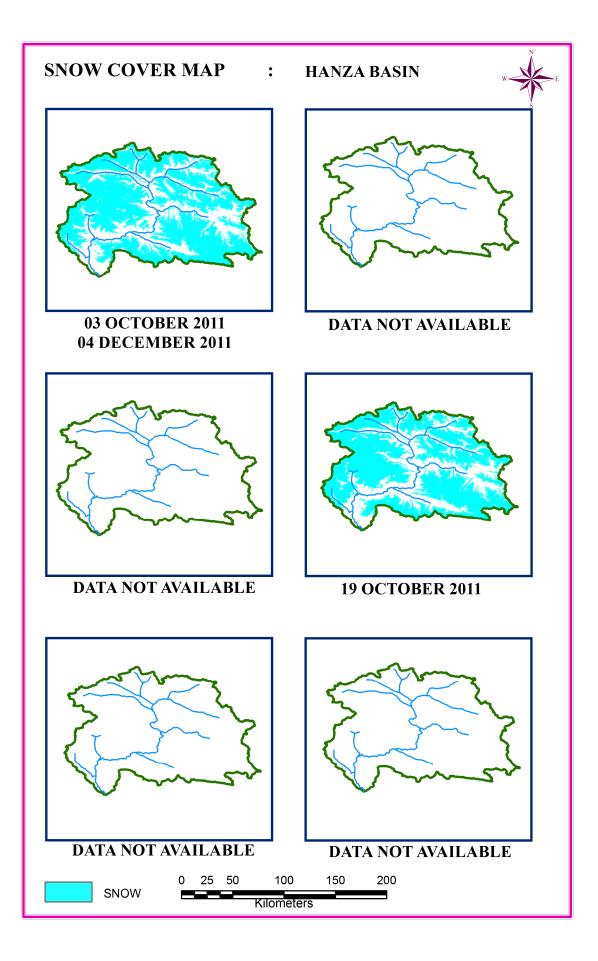


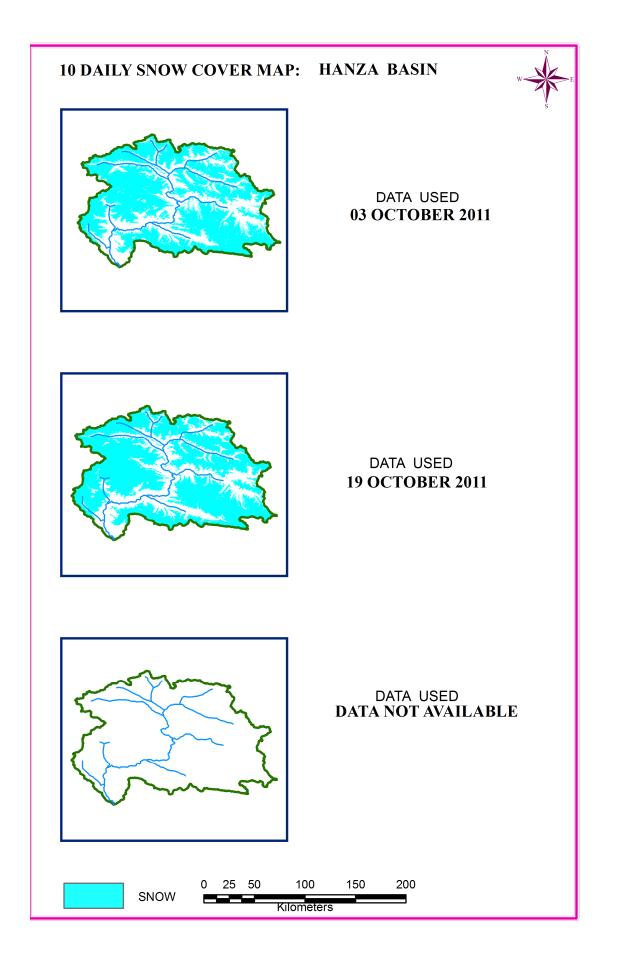


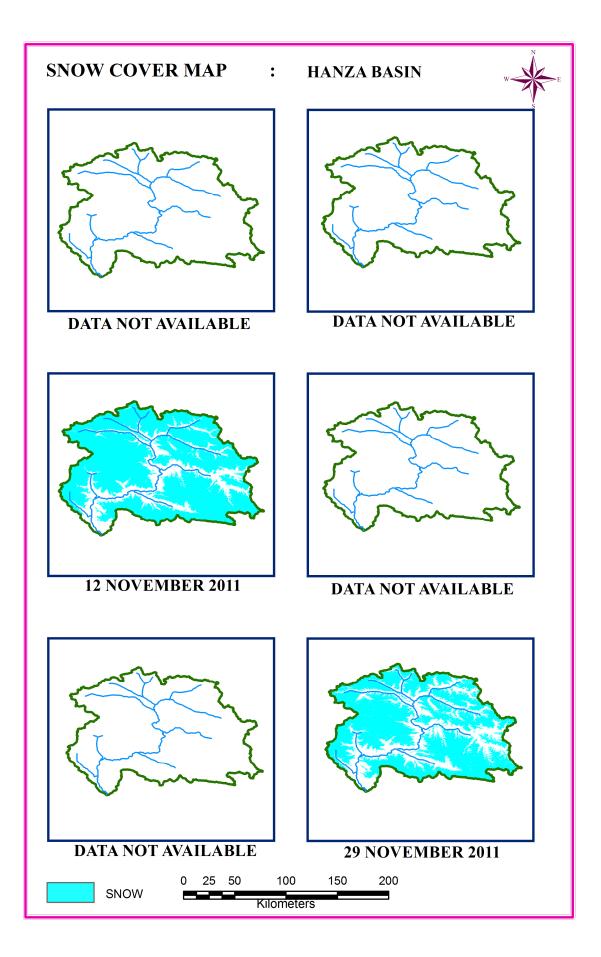
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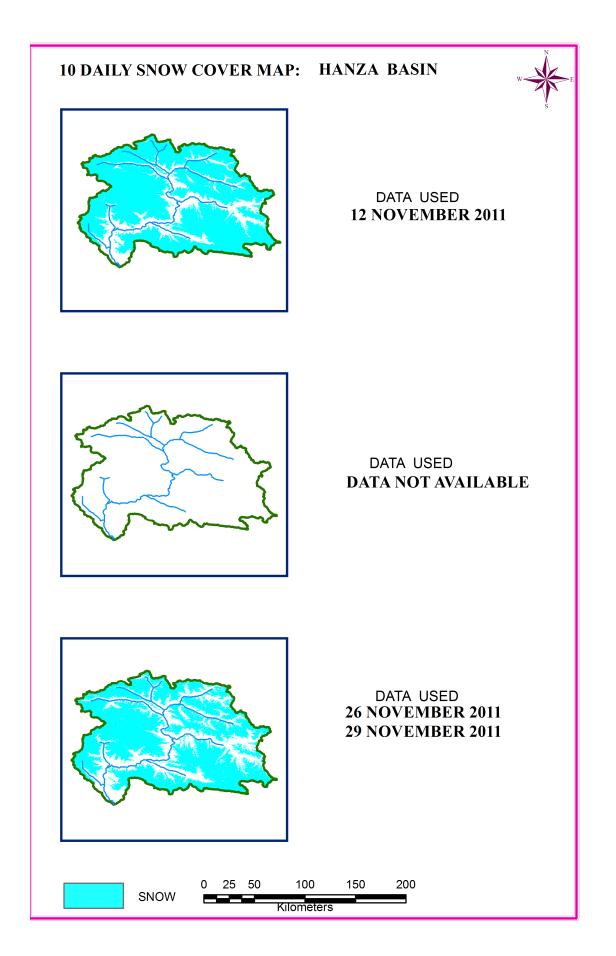


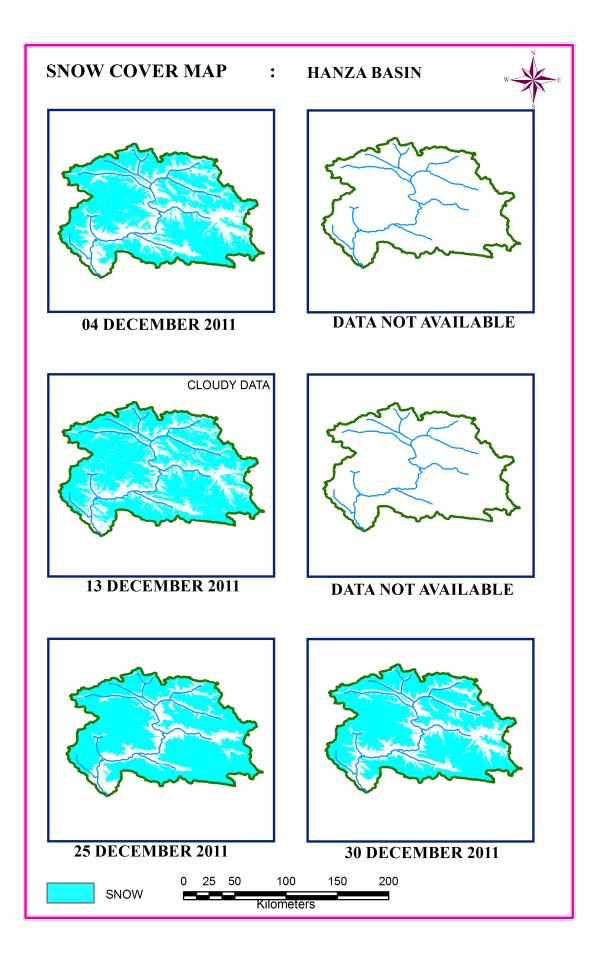
SNOW COVER MAP

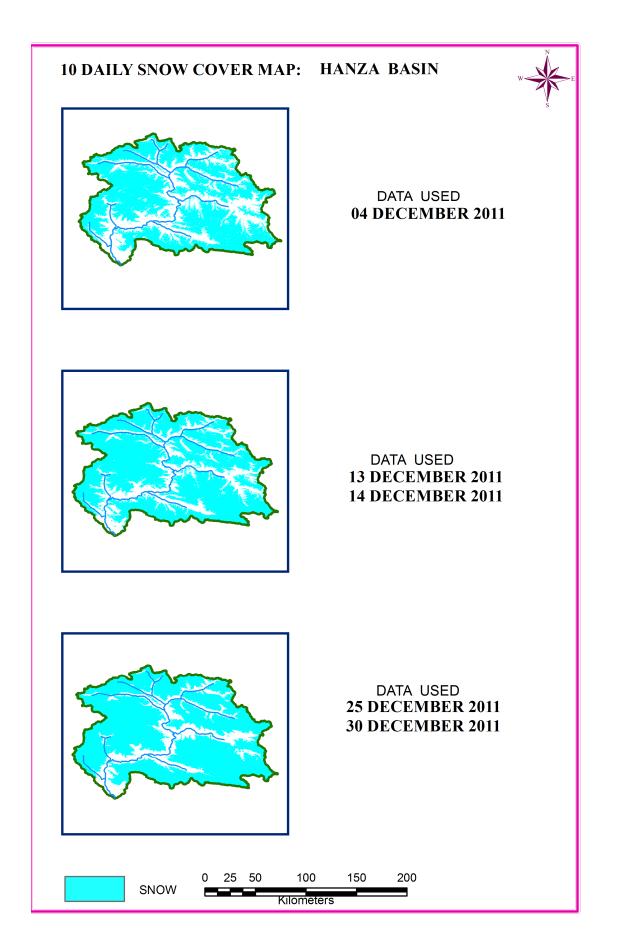


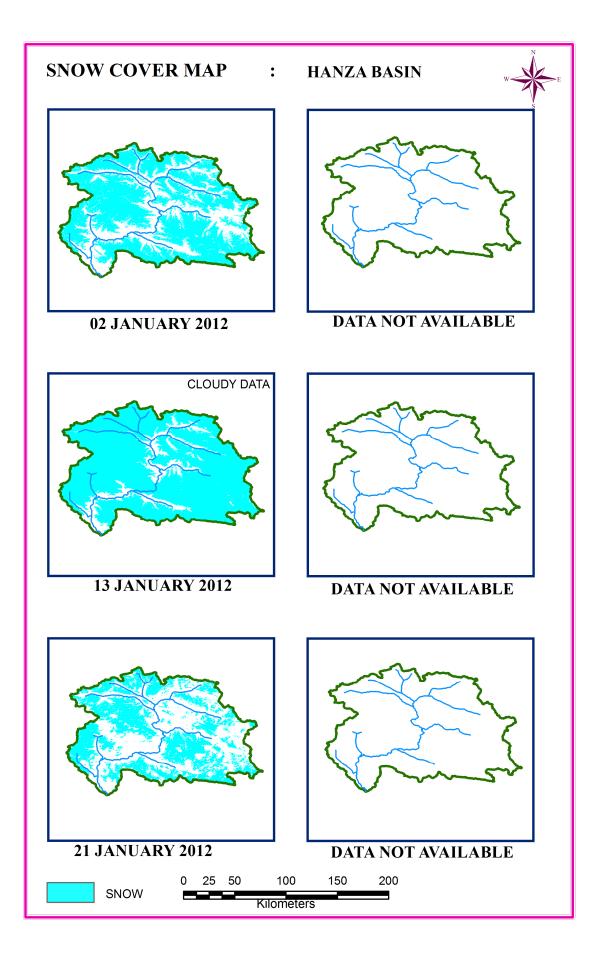


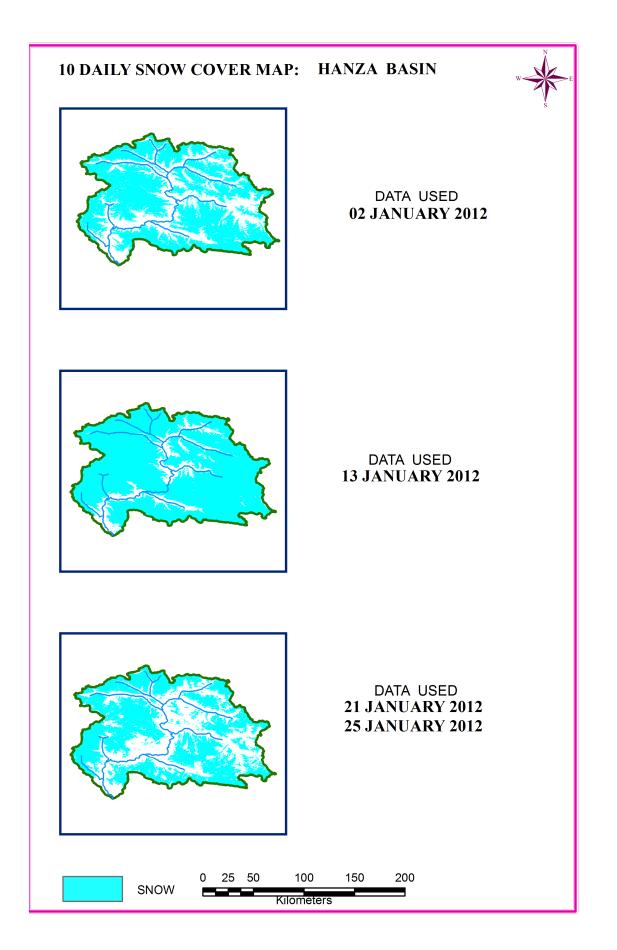


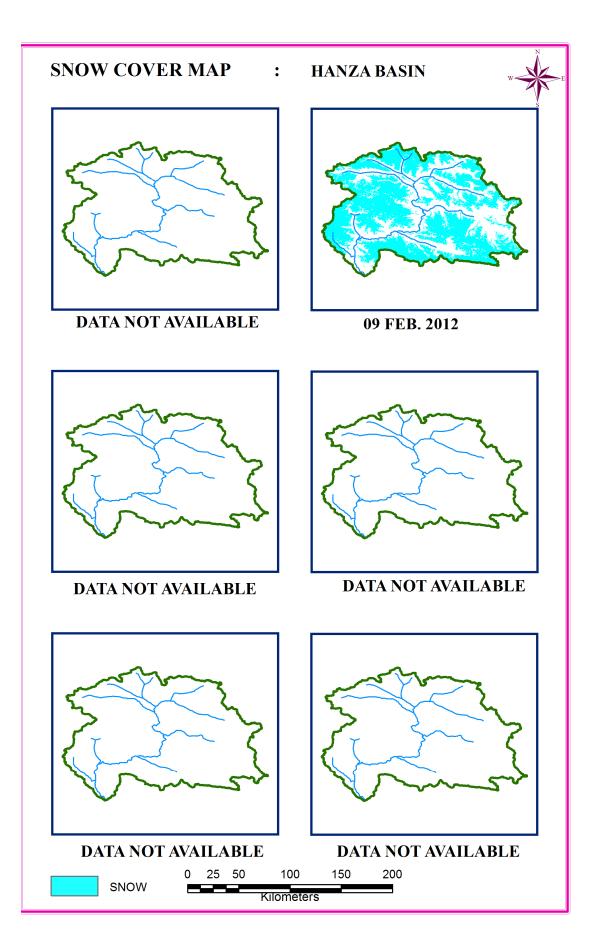


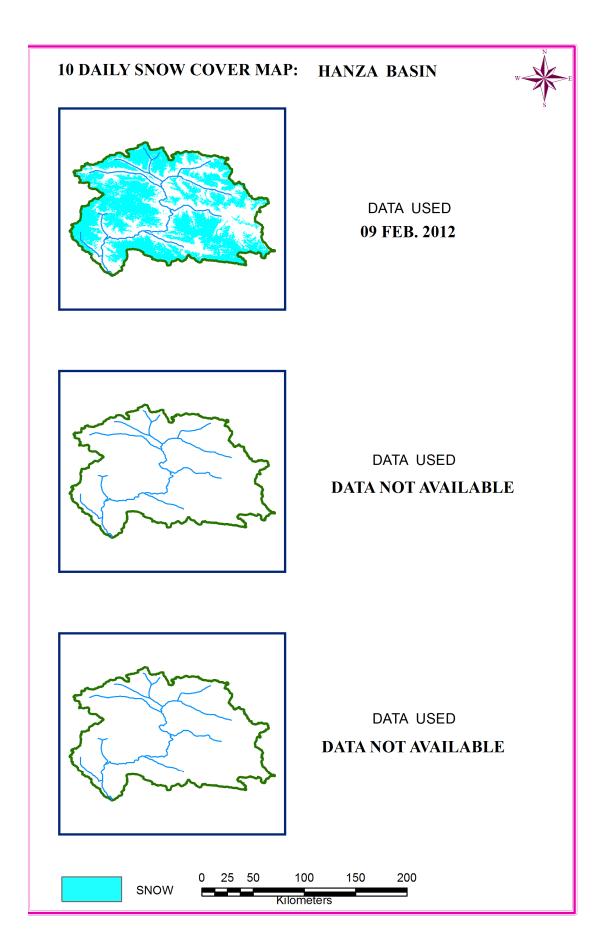


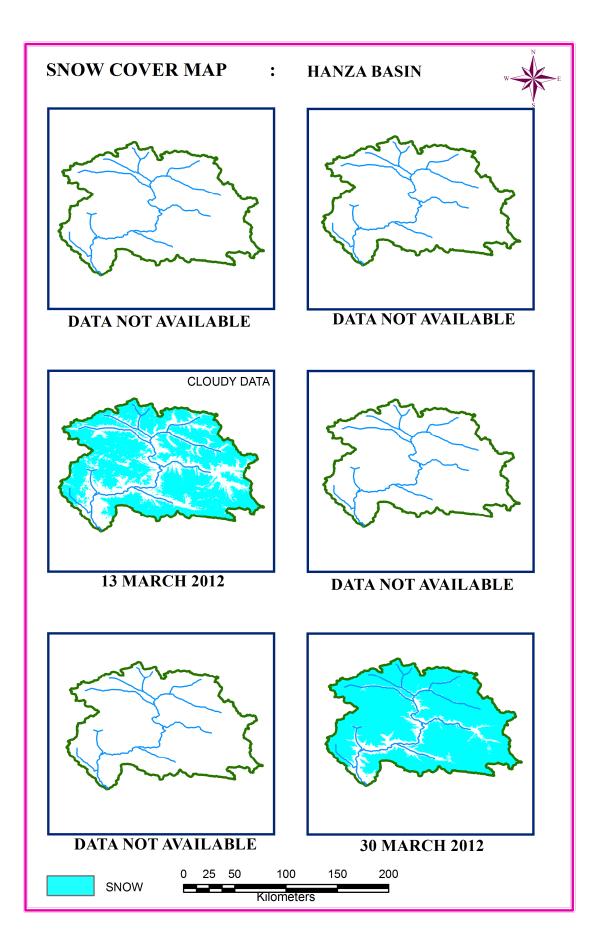


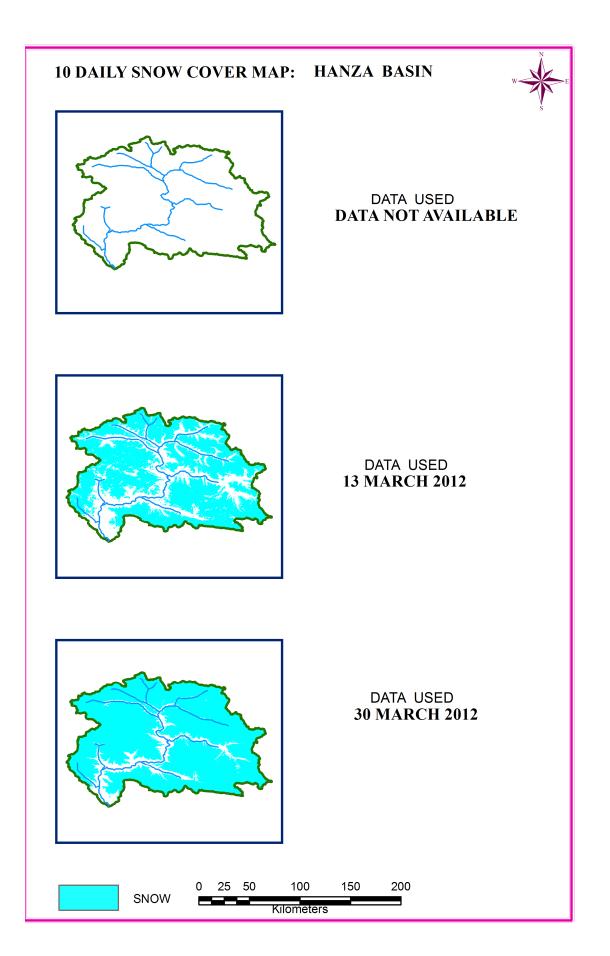


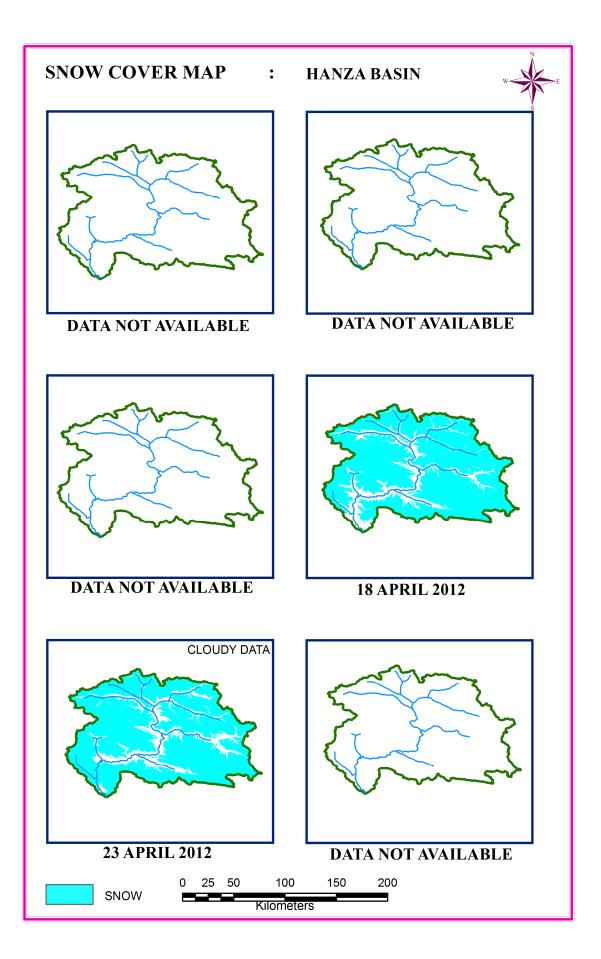


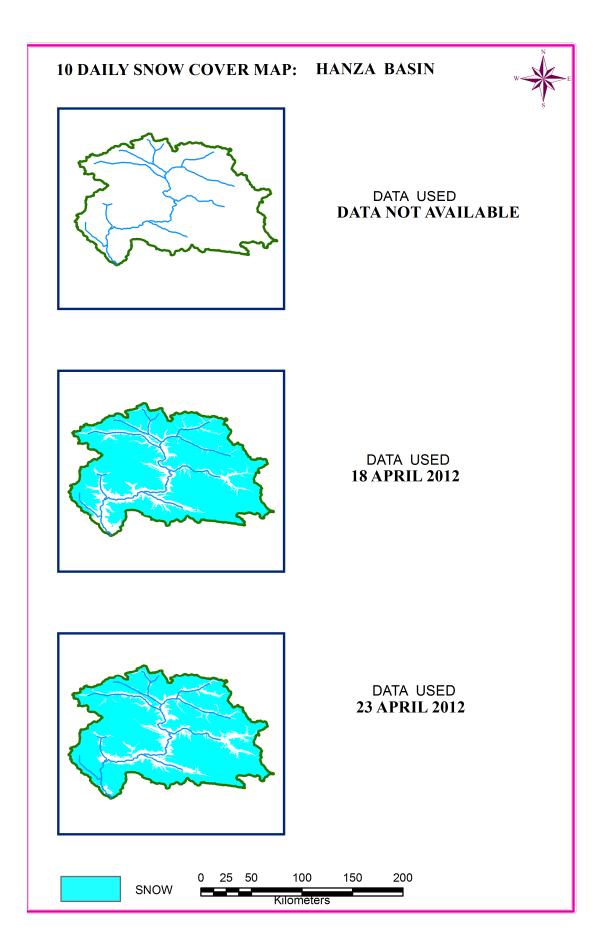


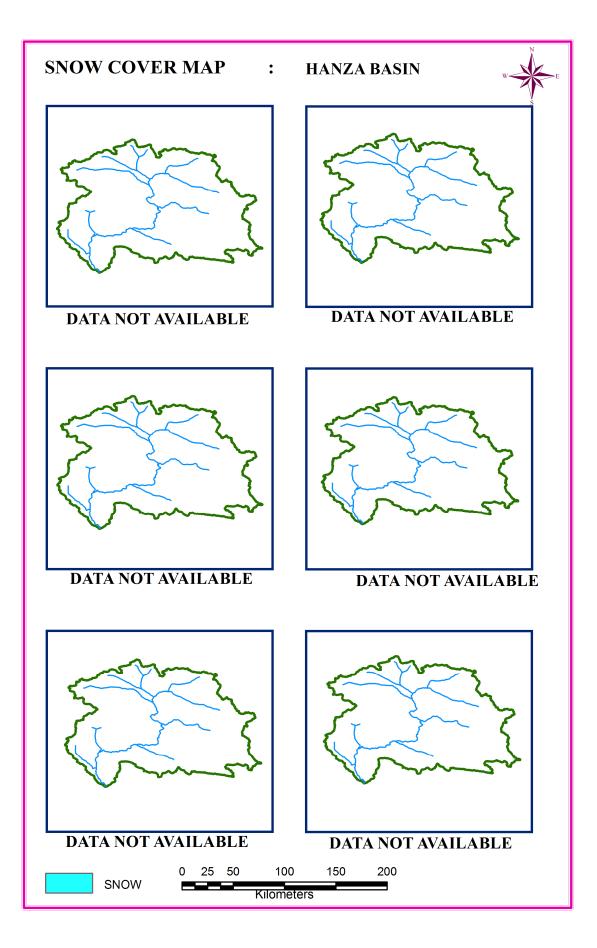






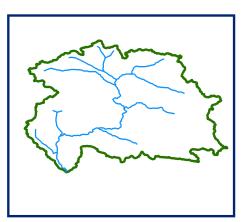




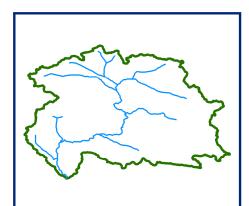


10 DAILY SNOW COVER MAP: HANZA BASIN

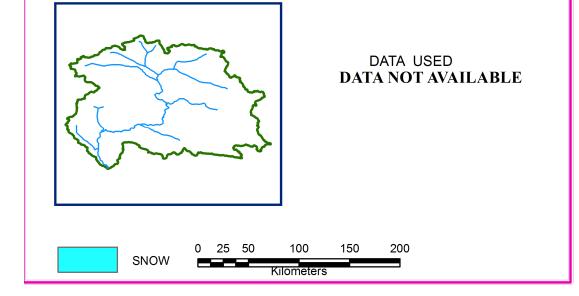


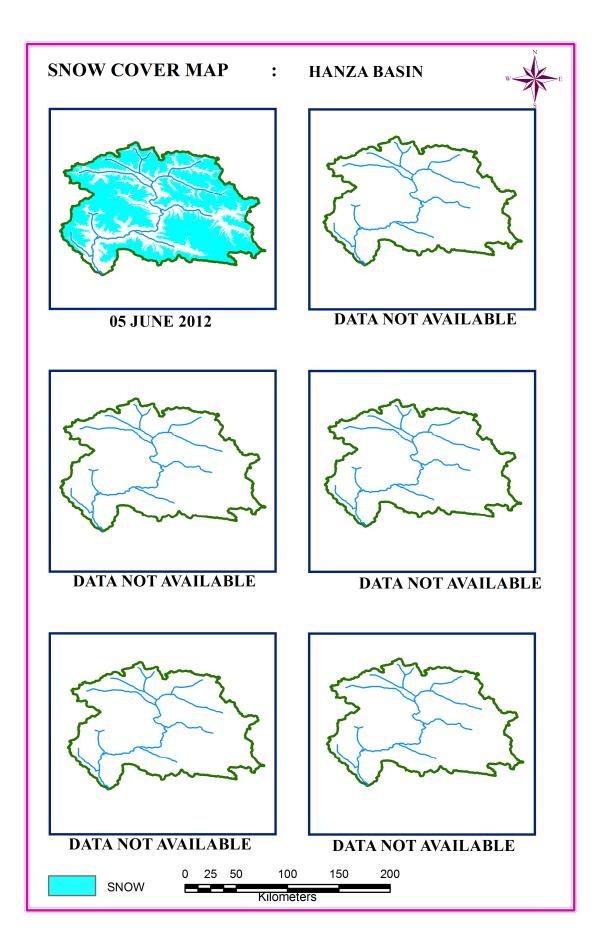


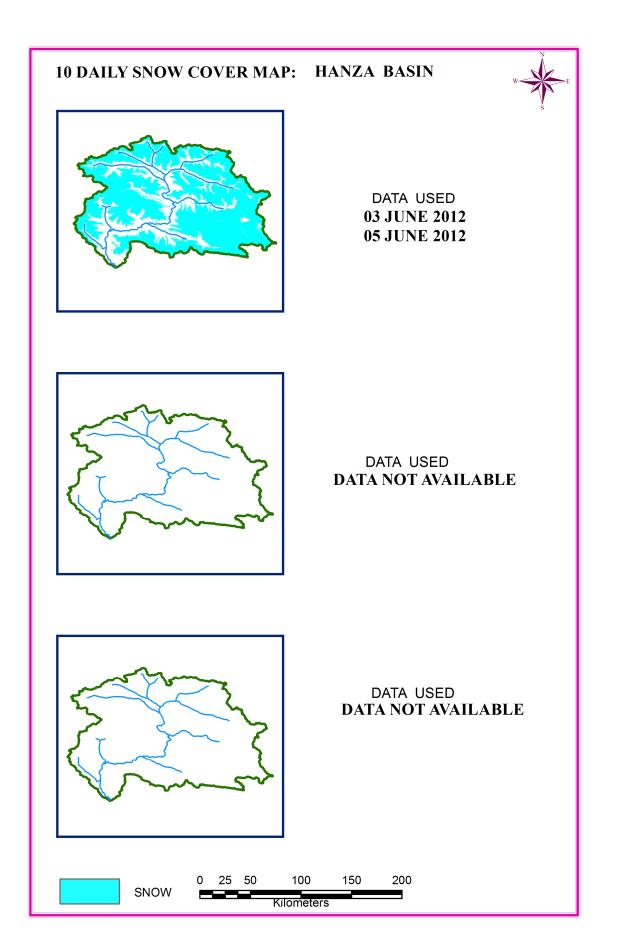
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GILGIT BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: GILGIT

BASIN AREA: 13615 sq km

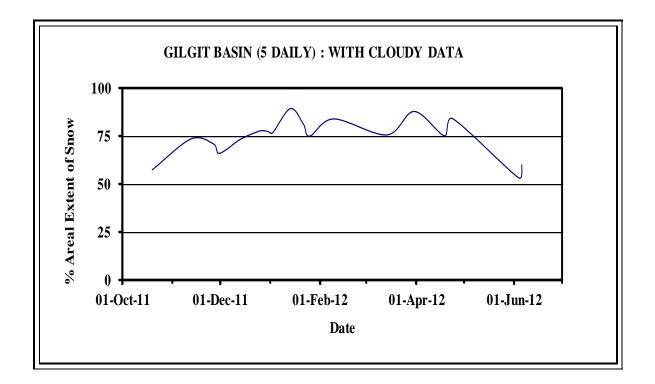
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		(sq km)		0011		(sq km)	(70)		
October 2011									
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			Novemb	er 2011					
2	12-Nov-11	10026	74	3	26-Nov-11	9686	71		
4	29-Nov-11	9019	66						
			Decemb	er 2011					
5	4-Dec-11	9300	68	6	13-Dec-11	10016	74		
7	25-Dec-11	10603	78	8	30-Dec-11	10563	78		
			Januar	y 2012					
9	02-Jan-11	10498	77	10	13-Jan-12	11111	90		
11	21-Jan-12	12206	82	12	25-Jan-12	10235	75		
			Februa	ry 2012					
13	09-Feb-12	11465	84	-					
			March	n 2012					
14	13-Mar-12	10320	76	15	30-Mar-12	11998	88		
			April	2012					
16	18-Apr-12	10243	75	17	23-Apr-12	11475	84		
		1	May	2012	•				
			June	2012					
18	03-Jun-12	7257	53	19	05-Jun-12	8173	60		

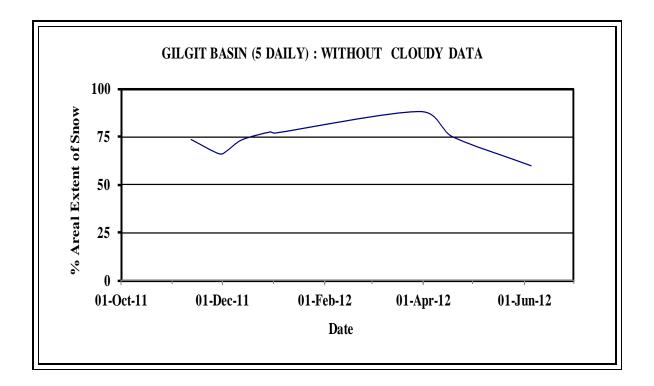
AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (10 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: GILGIT

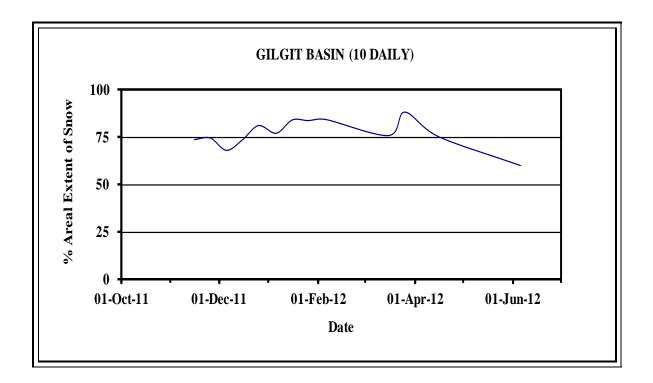
BASIN AREA: 13615 sq km

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				3	28-Nov-11	10144	75	
	Decer	mber 2011		January 2012				
4	4-Dec-12	9300	68	7	02-Jan-11	10498	77	
5	13-Dec-11	10016	74	8	13-Jan-12	12206	90	
6	27-Dec-11	11035	81	9	21-Jan-12	11390	84	
	Febr	uary 2012		March 2012				
10	09-Feb-12	11465	84	11	13-Mar-12	10320	76	
				12	30-Mar-12	11998	88	
	Ар	oril 2012		May 2012				
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June 2012								
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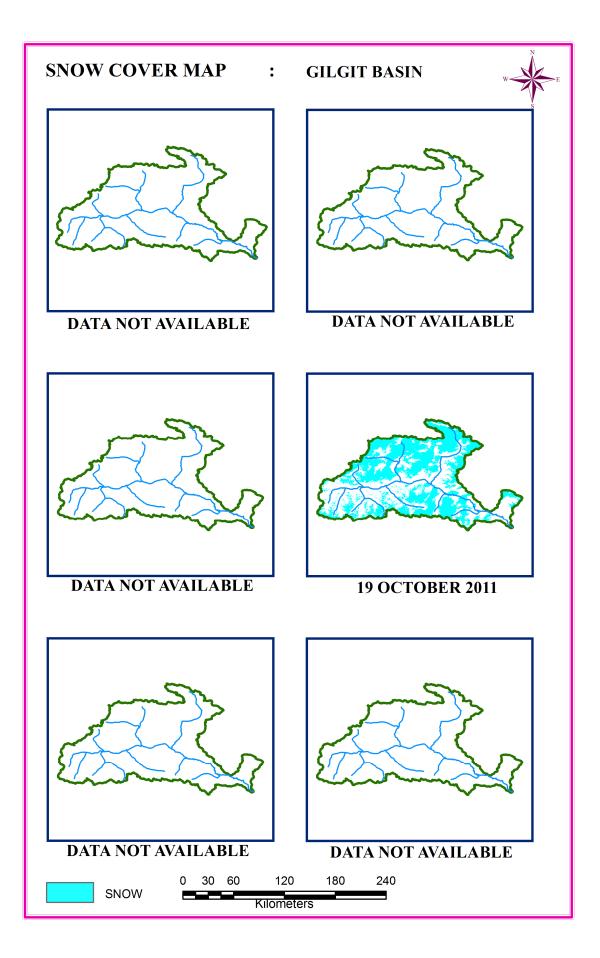


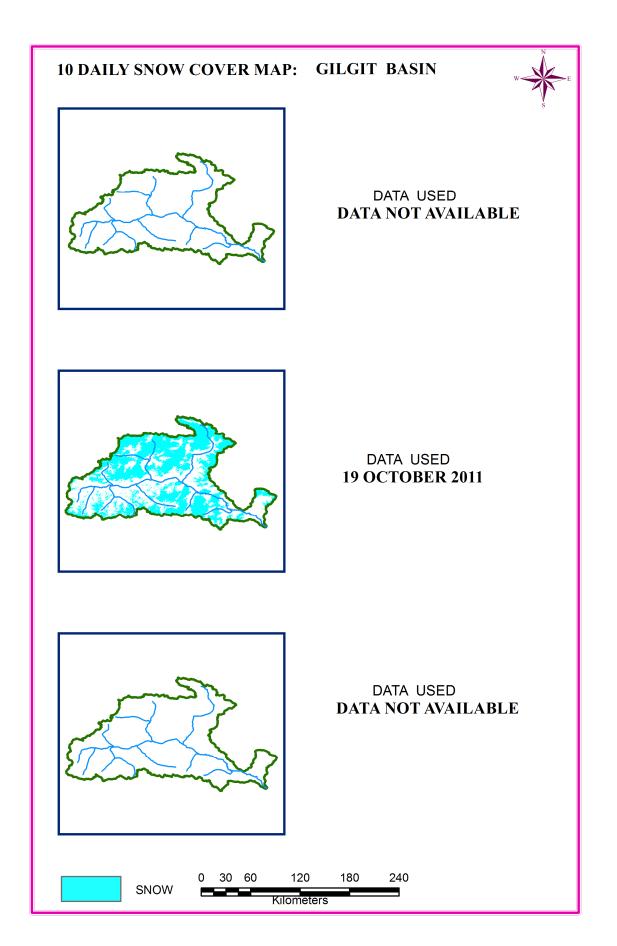


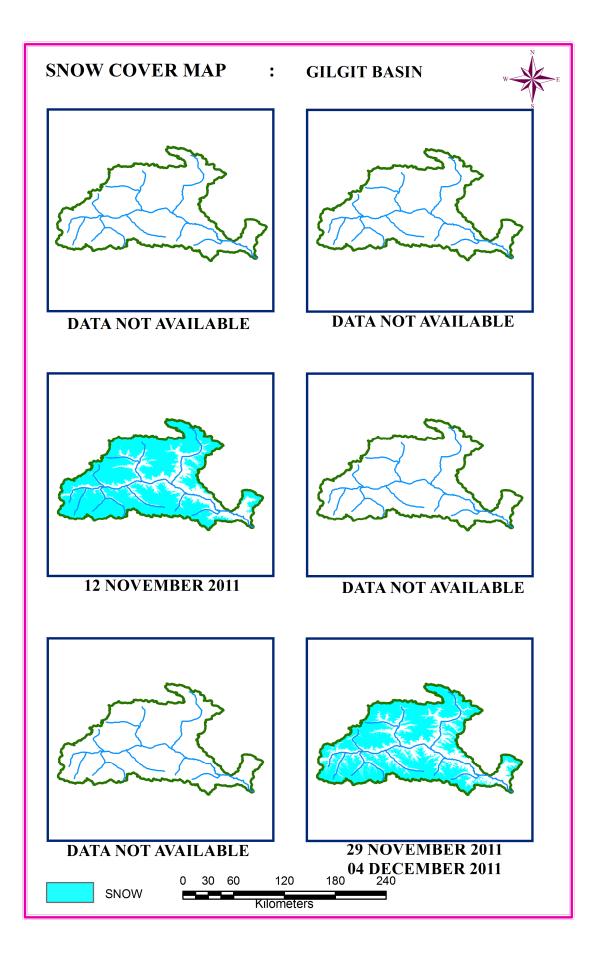
Snow cover depletion curve



SNOW COVER MAP

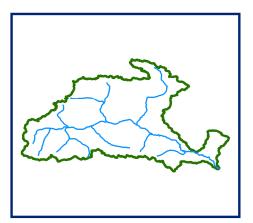






10 DAILY SNOW COVER MAP: GILGIT BASIN



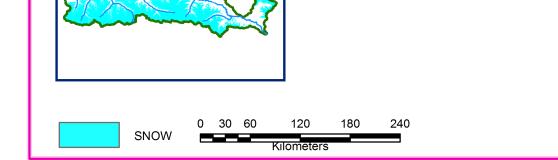


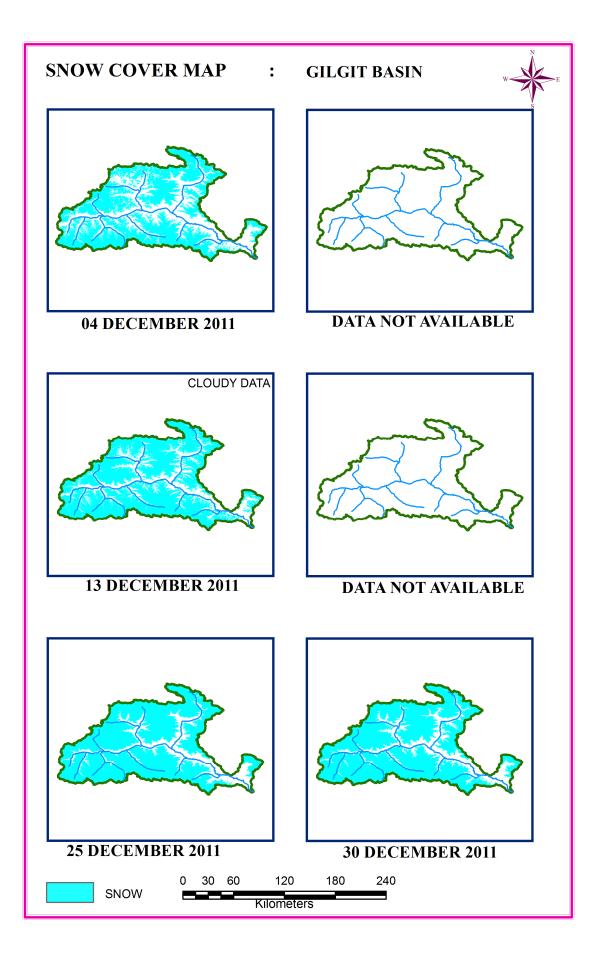
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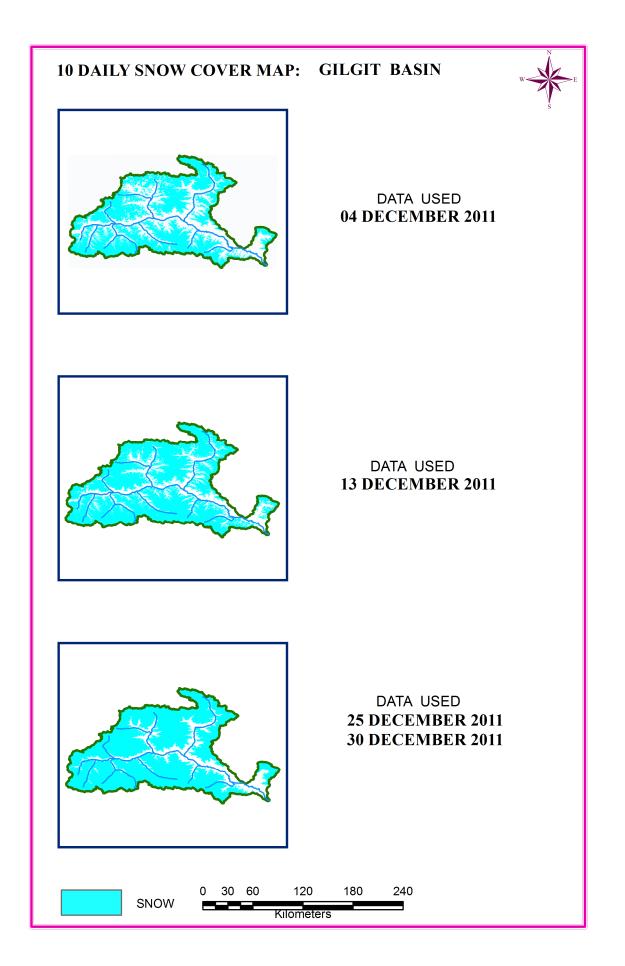


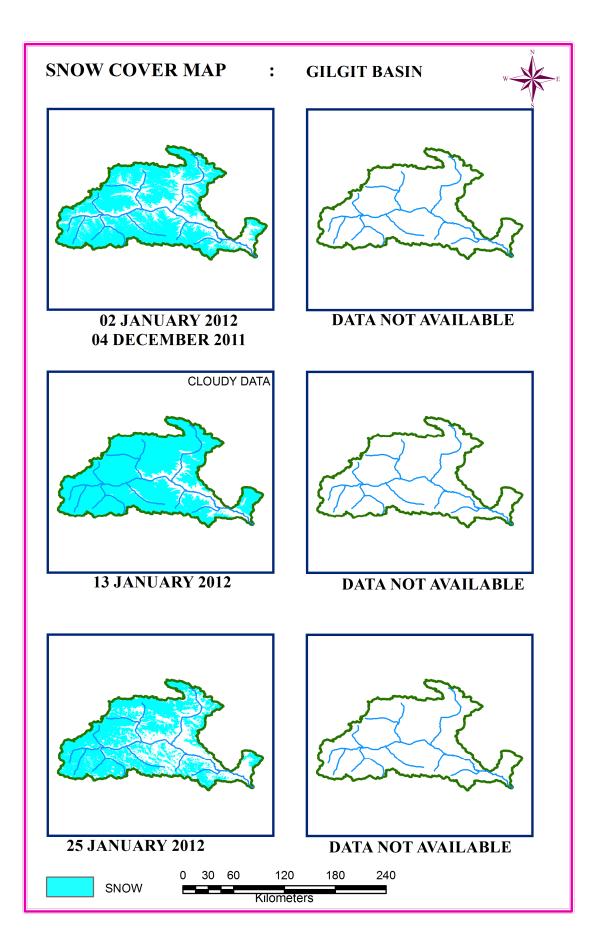
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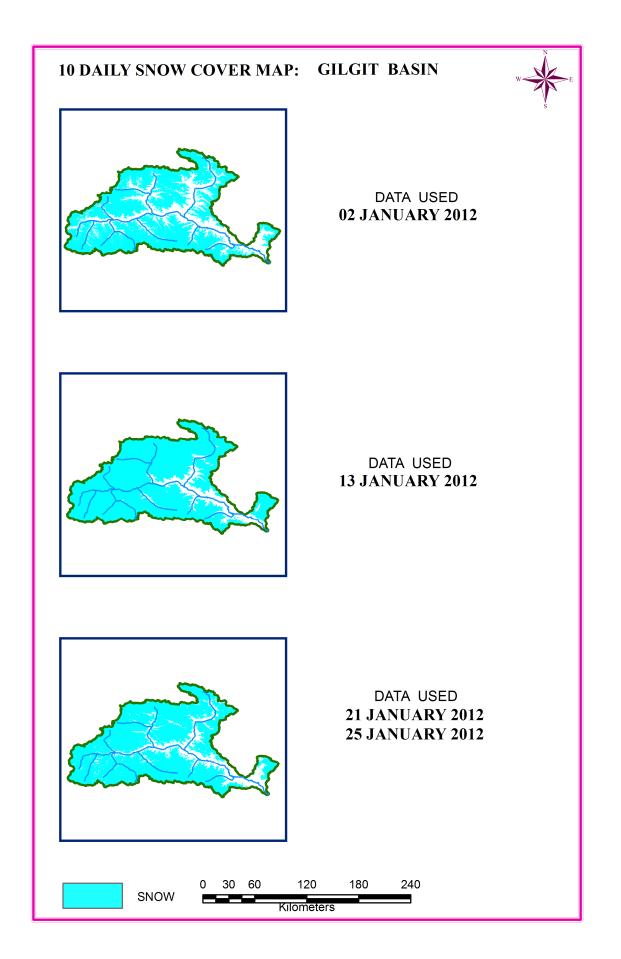


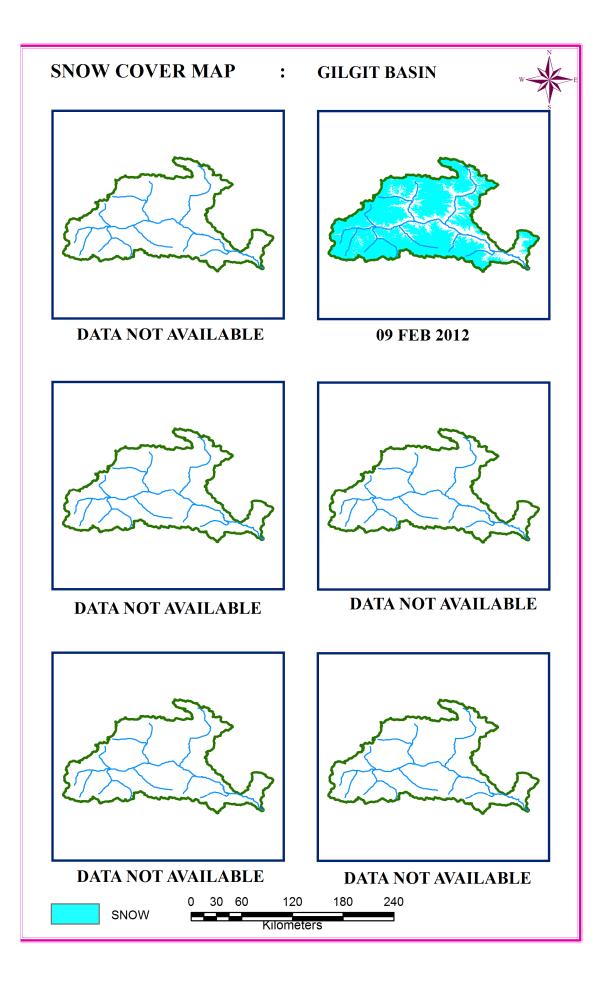


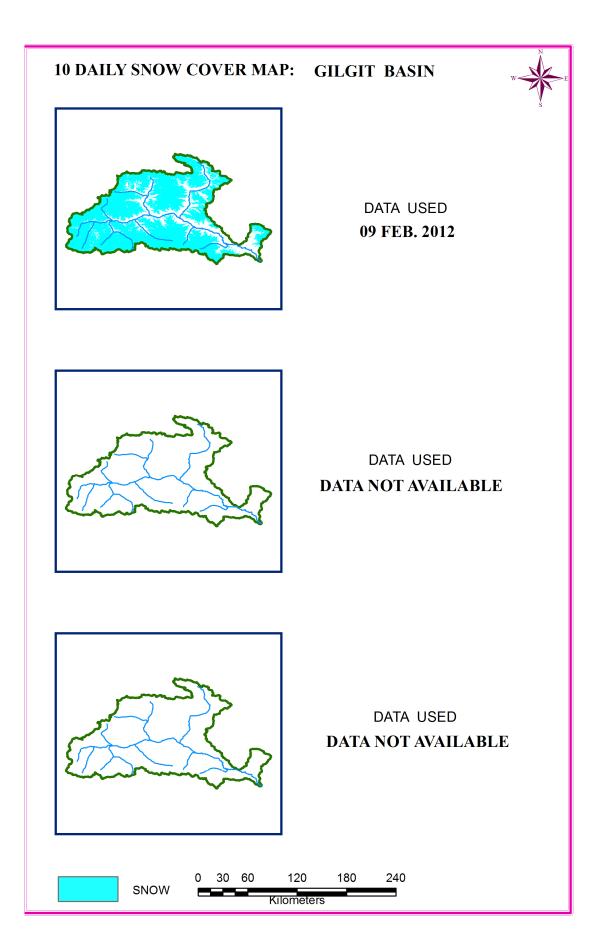


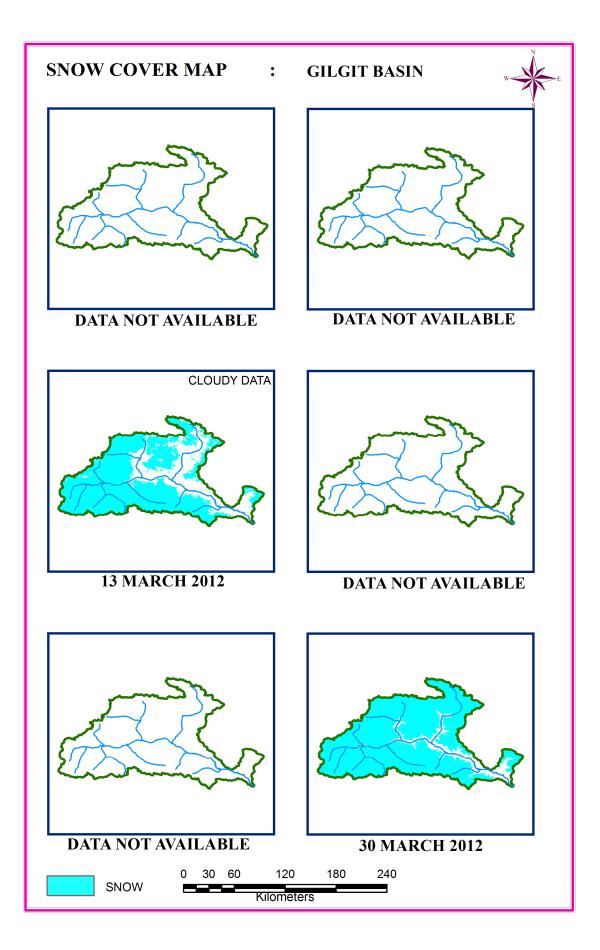


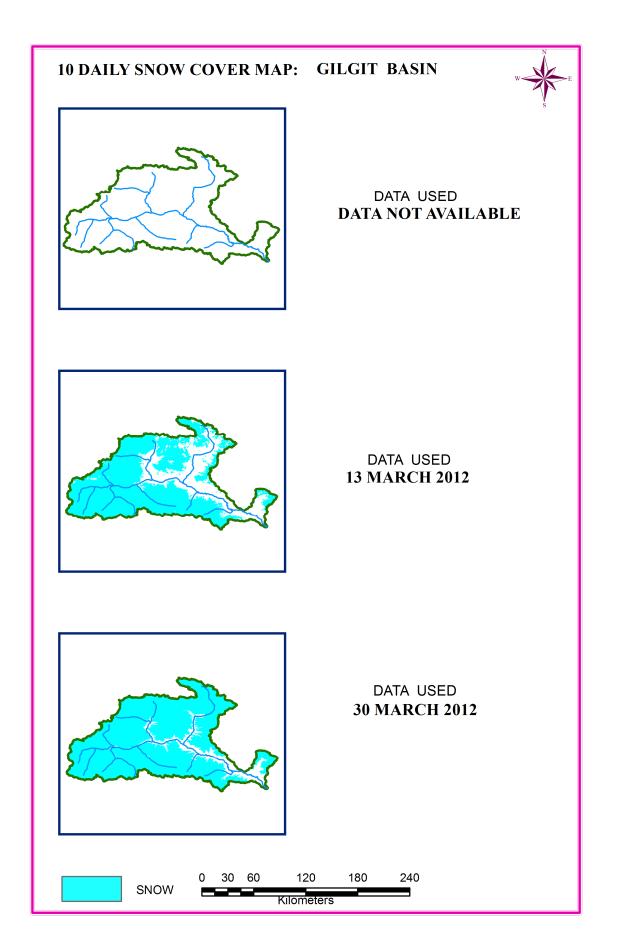


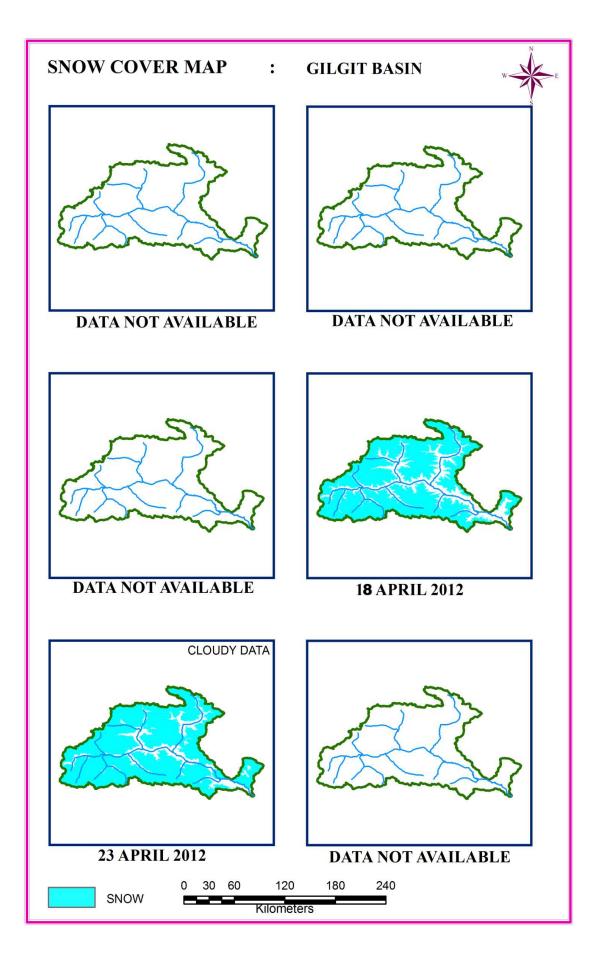


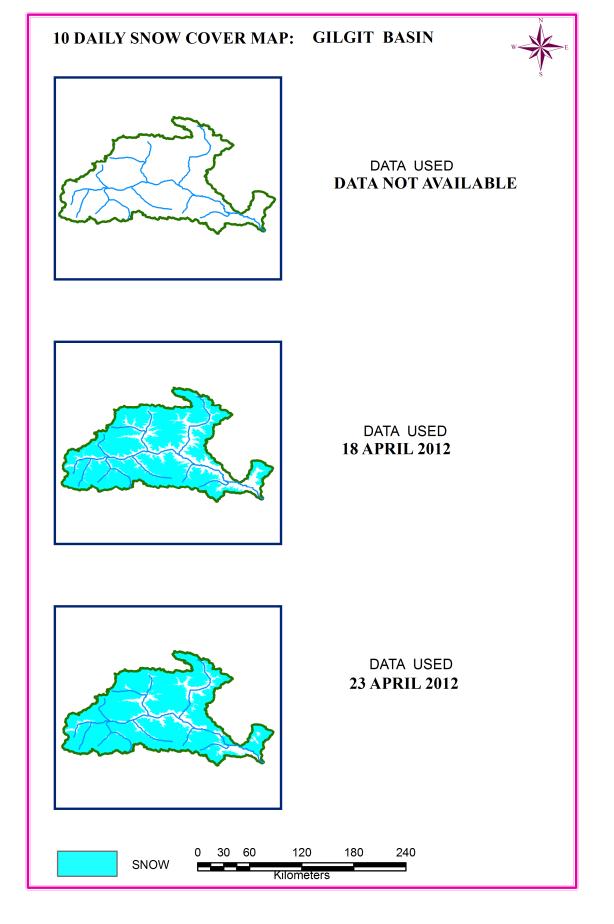


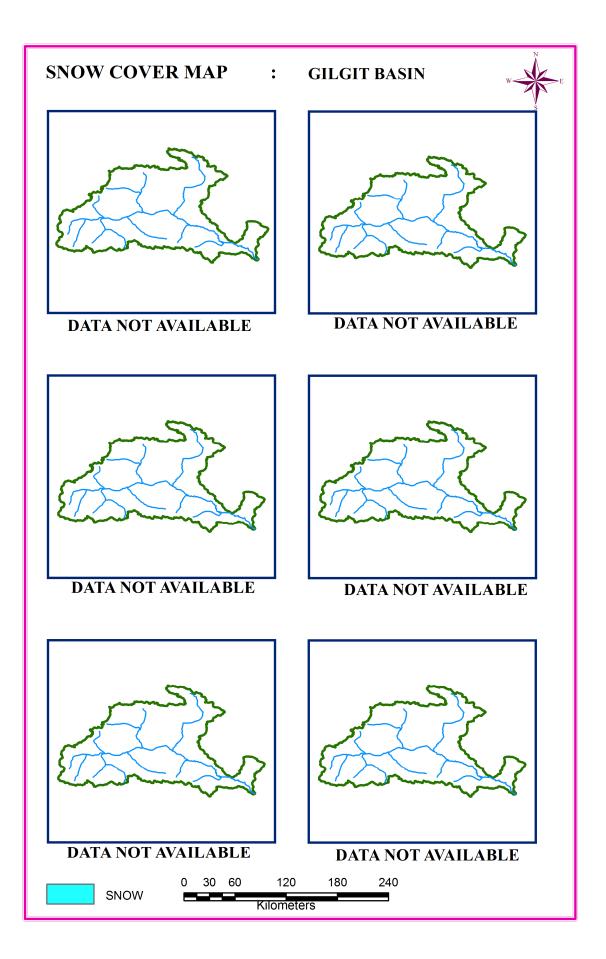






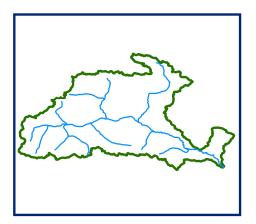






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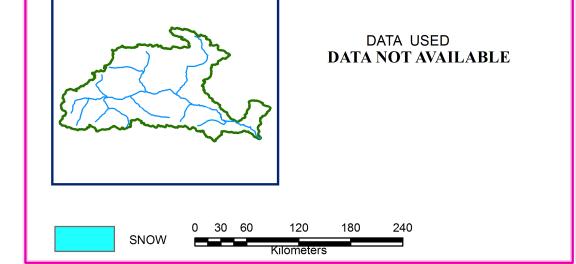


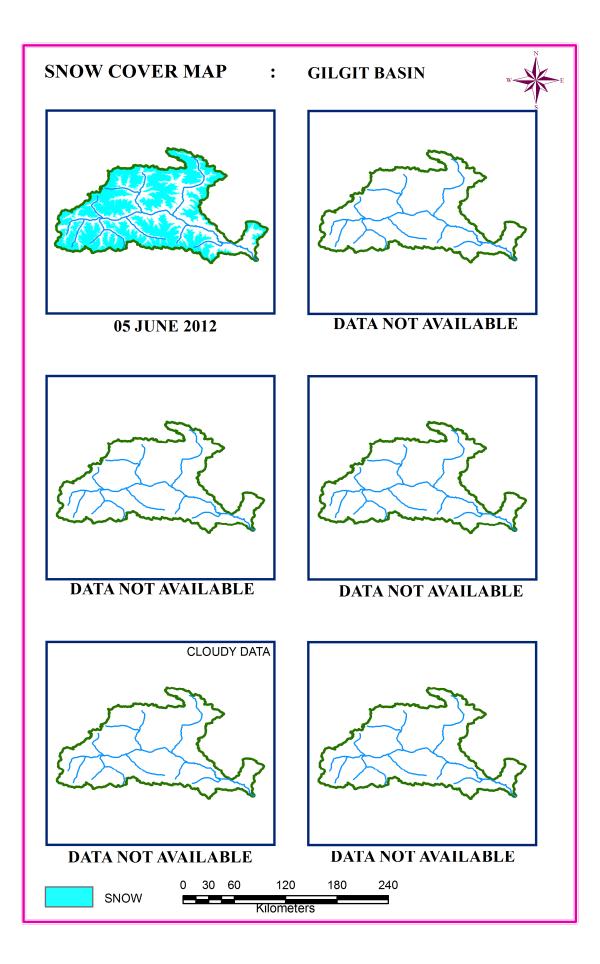


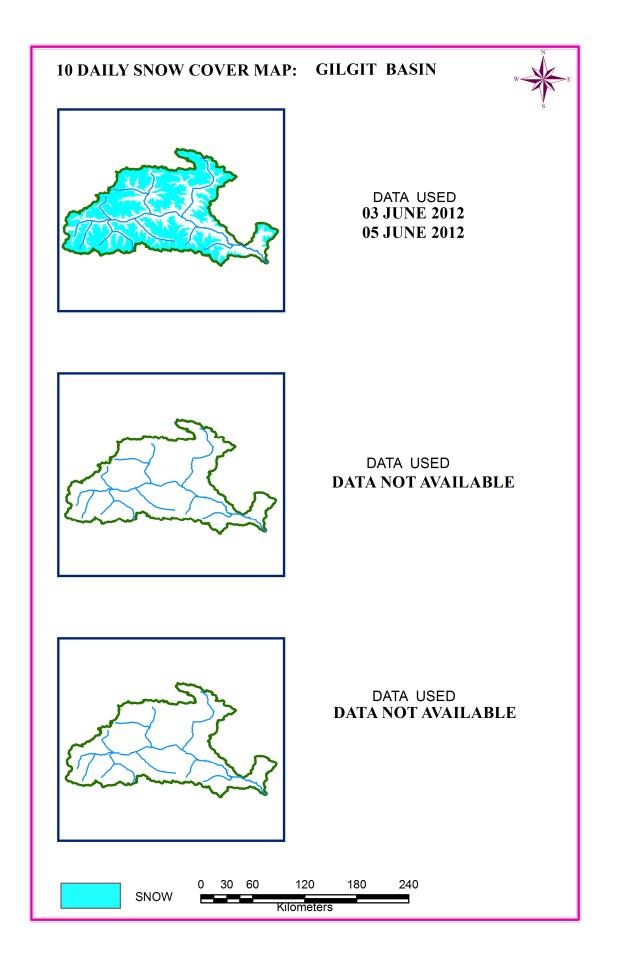
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SHASGAN BASIN

AREAL EXTENT OF SNOW (5 DAILY)

BASIN NAME: SHASGAN

BASIN AREA: 7613 sq km

S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)	S No	Date	Snow cover (sq km)	Snow cover (%)			
	October 2011									
01	03-OCT-2011	3207	42	02	19-OCT-2011	3608	47			
	November 2011									
03	11-Nov-11	4919	65	04	29-Nov-11	3412	45			
December 2011										
05	4-Dec-11	3407	45	06	14-Dec-11	3500	46			
07	13-Dec-11	3566	47	08	30-Dec-11	3850	51			
	January 2012									
09	2-Jan-11	3470	46	10	21-Jan-12	2240	29			
			Februa	ry 2012						
11	09-Feb-12	3702	49							
	March 2012									
12	30-March-2012	6266	82							
April 2012										
13	23-April-2012	5899	77							
June 2012										
14	04-June-2012	3732	49							

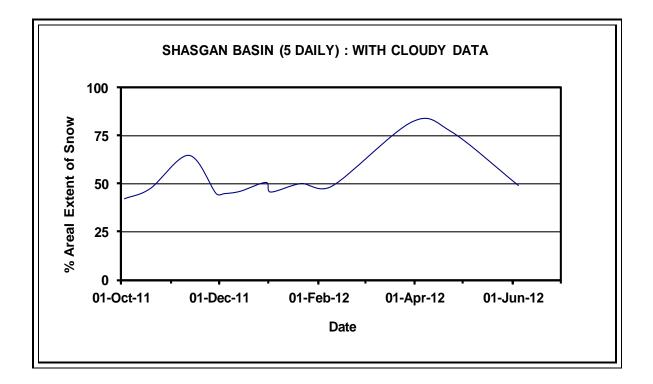
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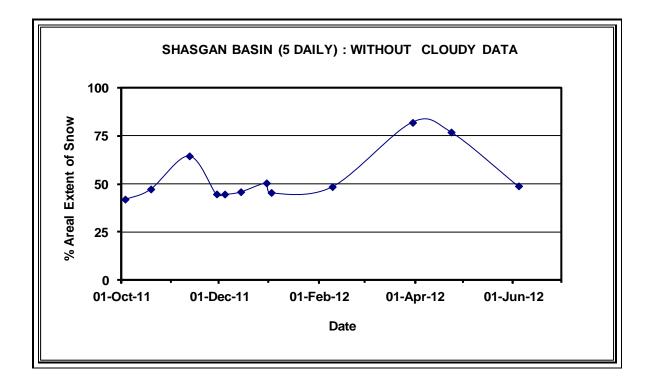
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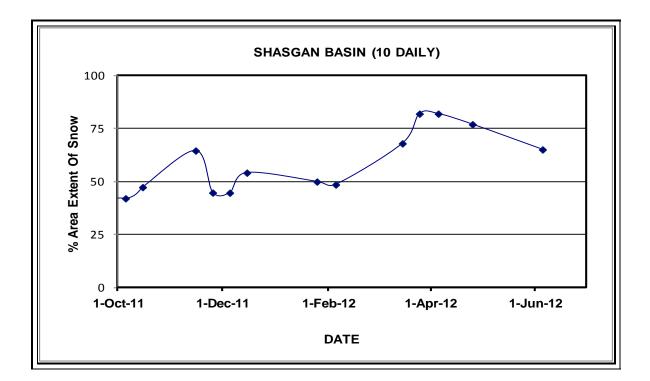
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Snow cover depletion curve

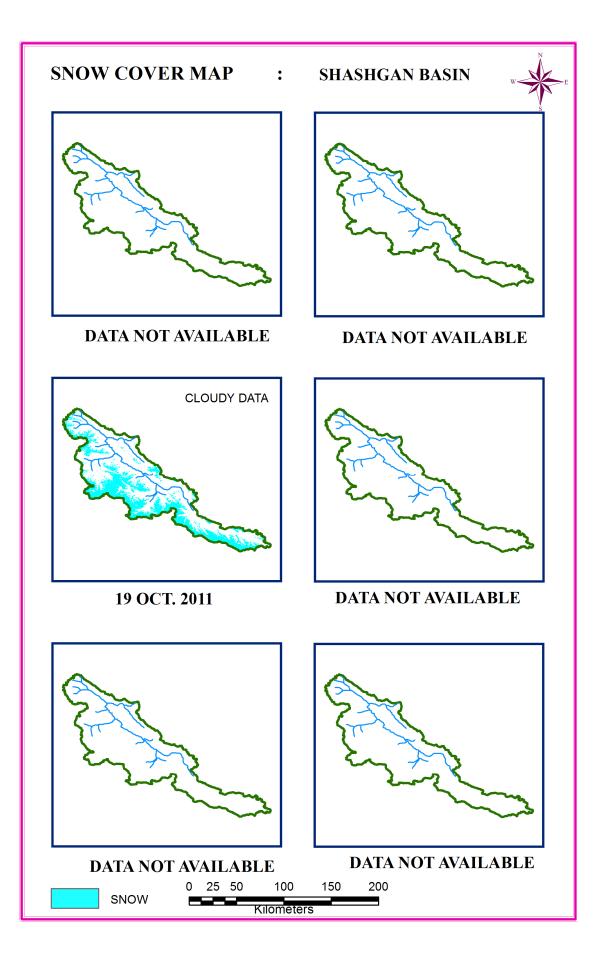


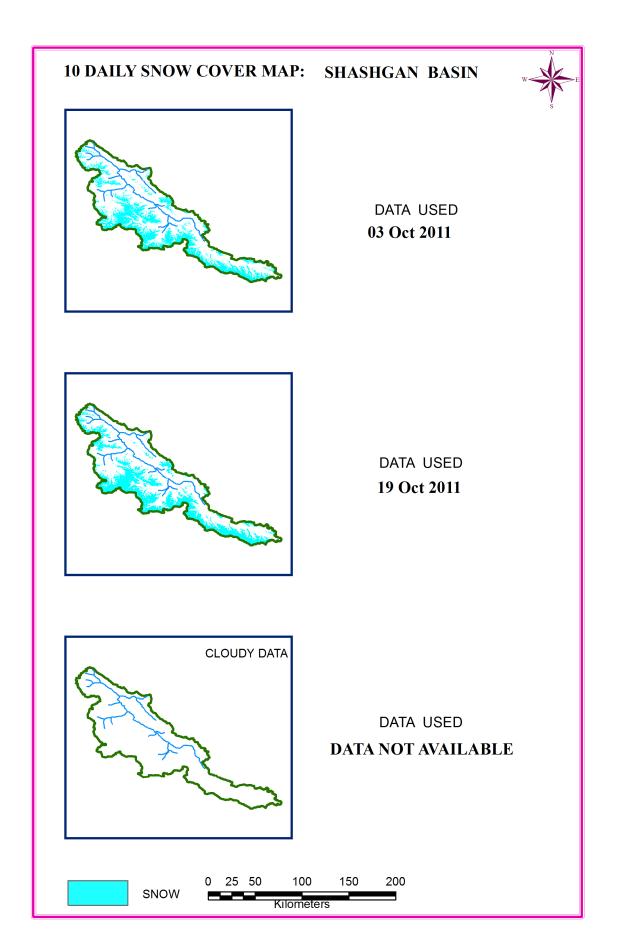


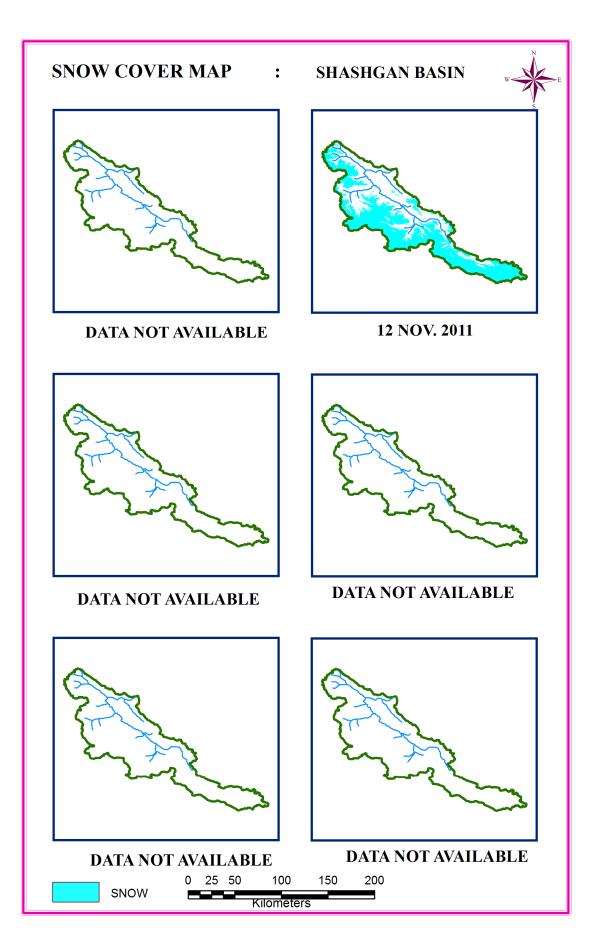
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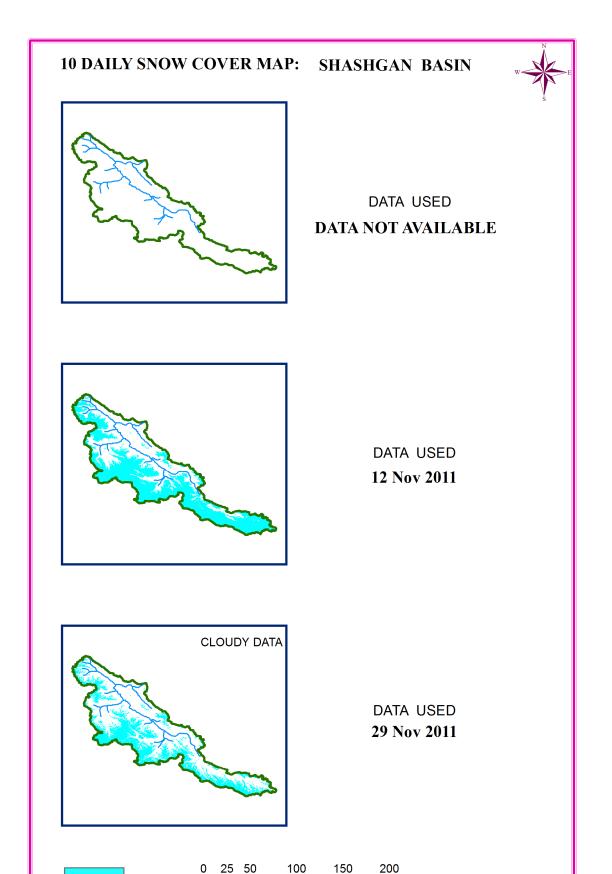


SNOW COVER MAP



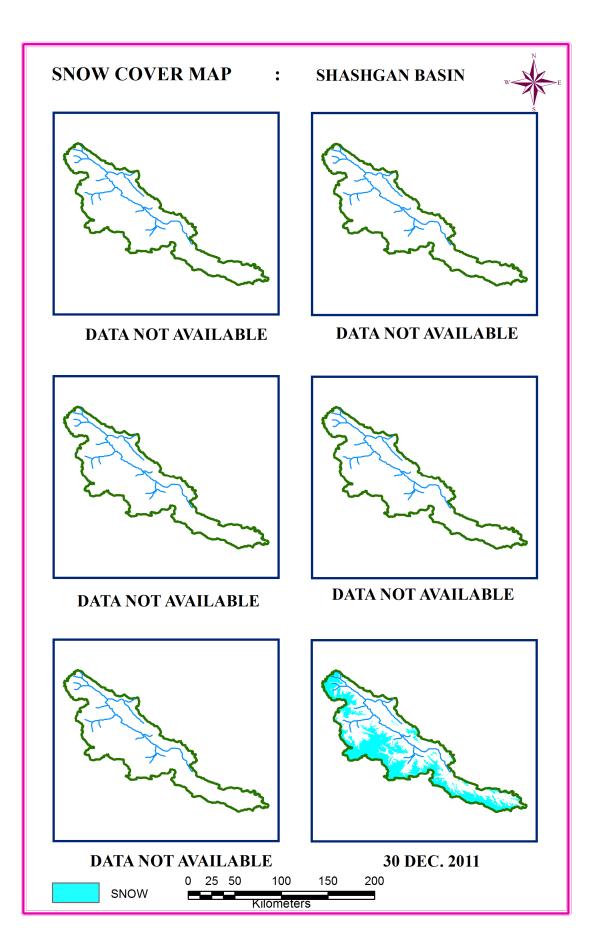


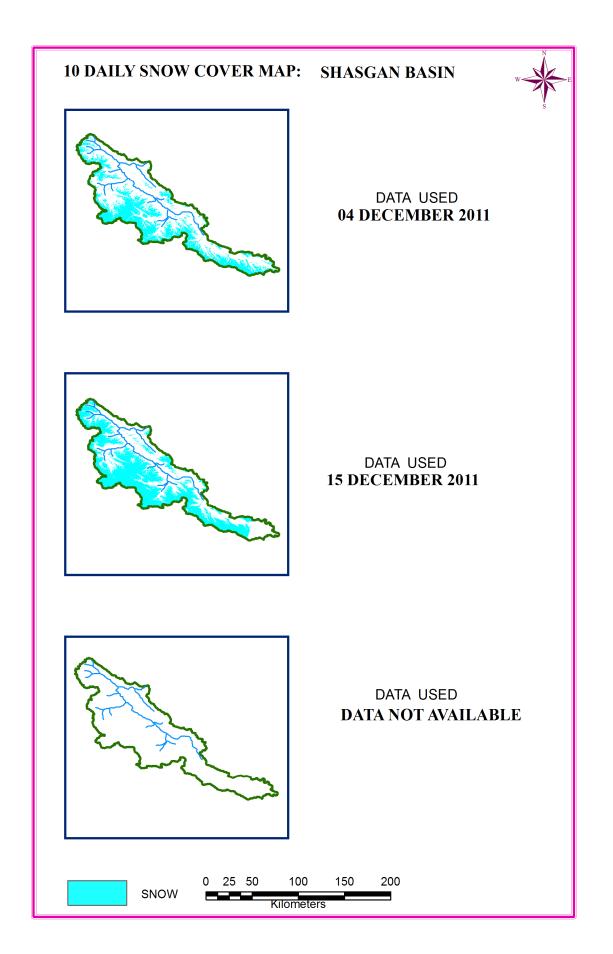


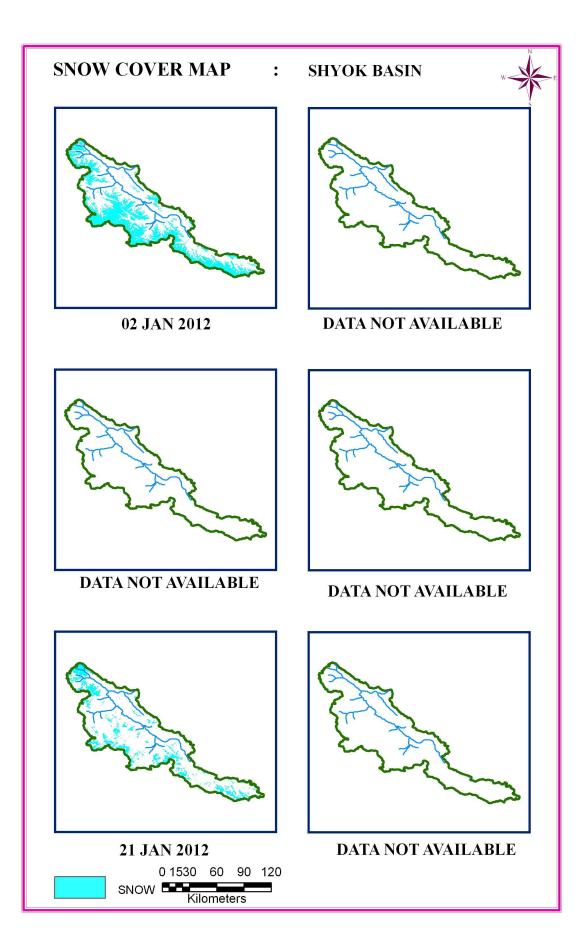


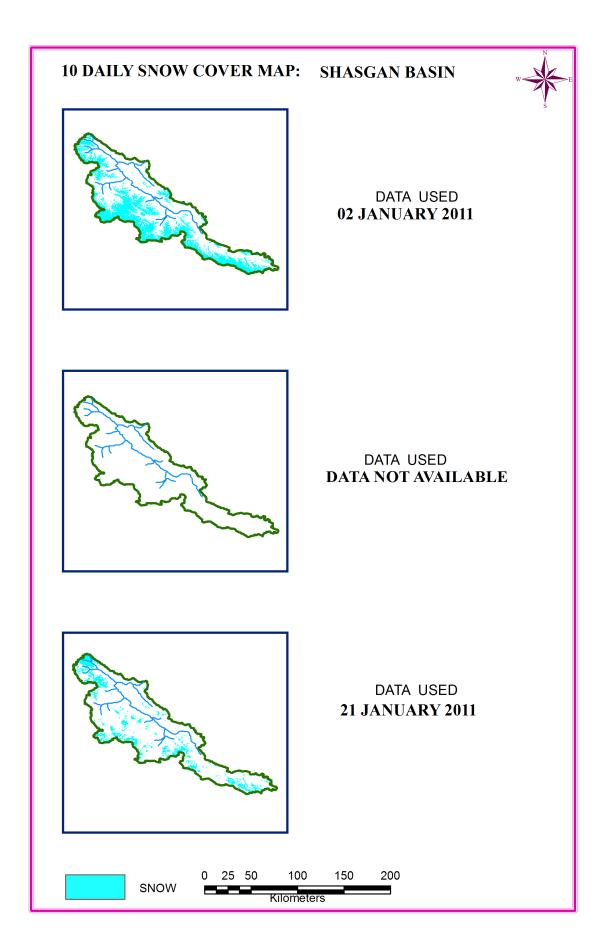
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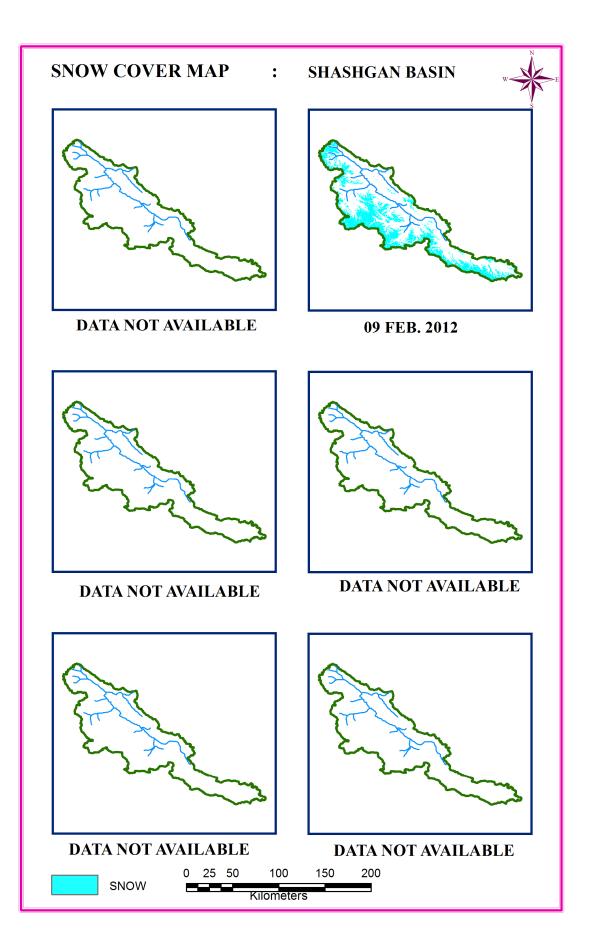
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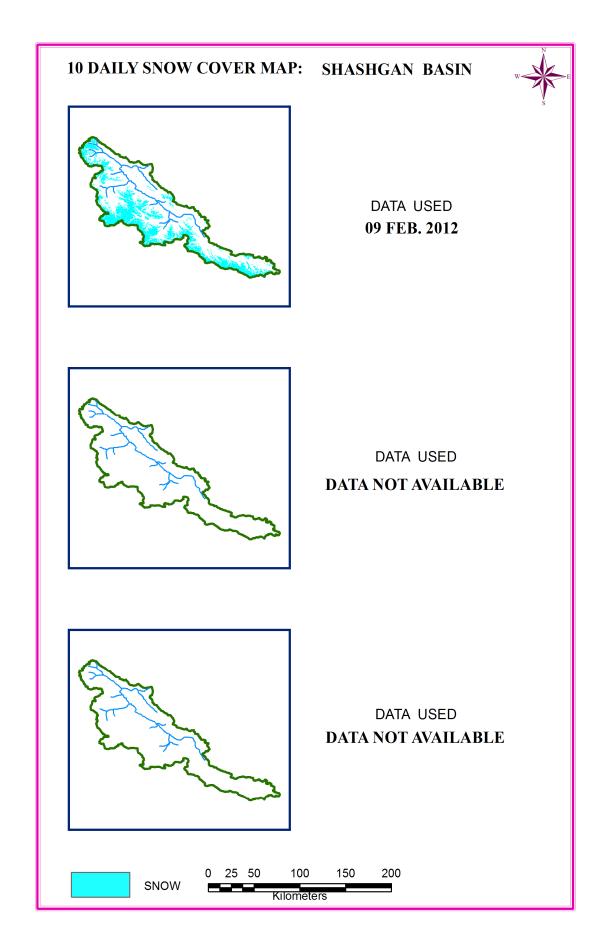


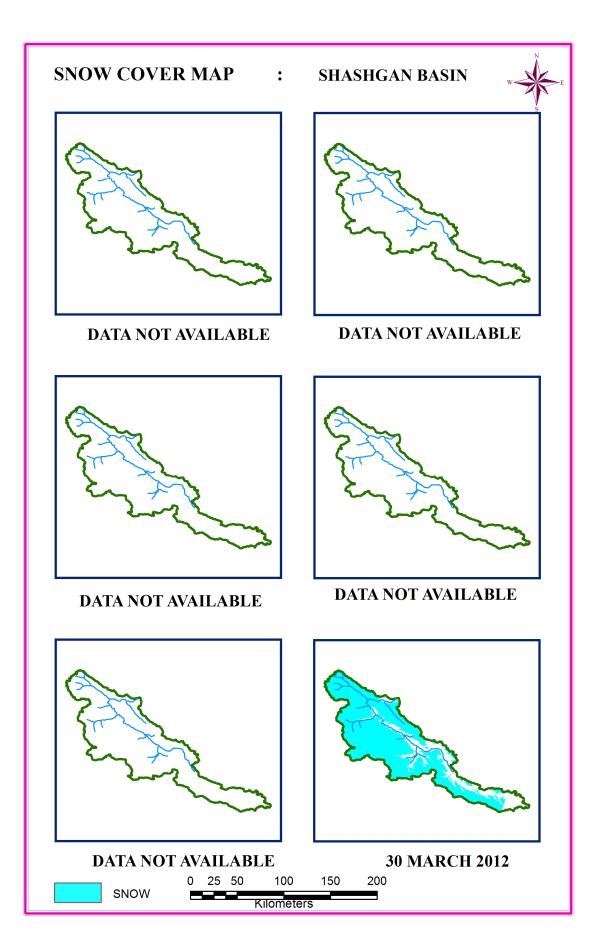




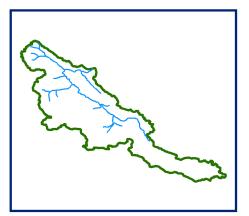




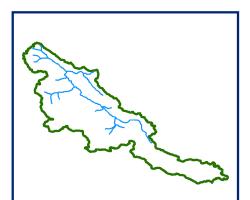




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