About the Cover

The photo shows a FLO-2D flood hazard map for Mount Makiling from the Agromet station in UP Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines. The map indicates significant flooding along tributaries to the east and along coastal areas at the foot of Mt. Makiling during the height of Tropical Storm Ketsana (local name: “Ondoy”) on 26-27 Sep 2009. Readings from the Agromet station were found to be more accurate, as it registered coarse rainfall distribution of 182.3 mm compared to 129.92 mm generated from the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model. For countries like the Philippines where the density of meteorological observation stations is lacking, the WRF model can provide rainfall distribution of a study area for use in hazards monitoring and modelling. The FLO-2D model can then utilize this rainfall data, in the absence of rainfall gauges or records in the study area, to simulate flood hazards that can possibly affect floodplains and other low-lying area. To learn more, go to page 463-471.

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