

1 **Reconstruction assessment of historical land use:**
2 **a case study in the Kamo River basin, Kyoto, Japan**

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12 **Abstract**

13 Reconstruction assessment of historical land use can be useful for understanding historical
14 conditions and the impact of long-term land-use change. This study establishes a new method
15 to estimate historical land use based on a set of basic rules generated from the comparison of
16 present land-use and historical documents. This method has been formalized in the
17 paleo-land-use reconstruction (PLUR) program, allowing users to quickly reconstruct
18 historical land use using historical information. The 1843, 1902 and 1927 historical land use
19 conditions were generated using the PLUR model for the Kamo River basin (KRB). Our
20 results show that between 1902 and 1976, three golf courses (Ohara Public course, Kamigamo
21 course and Funayama course) replaced forest land in the KRB. As a result of agricultural
22 development, the area occupied by paddy fields in 1843 was 2.48 km² less than that in 1902.
23 Urban areas increased from 1843 to 1976, mainly reflecting declining coverage of paddy
24 fields after 1902. The approach presented in this study can be used to support land-use change
25 analyses and reconstruction of paleo-hydrology. This study also provides a discussion of the
26 major drivers of land use change.

27 **Keywords:** *historical land use, reconstruction, historical document, GIS, Kyoto*

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33 **1. Introduction**

34 Rapid urbanization has driven significant changes in environmental conditions and land-use
35 between the late Modern era and the present. Land-use change and environmental degradation
36 have affected flood frequency, water quality, as well as ecosystem health in general.
37 Reconstruction of historical land use is an essential exercise for evaluating the effect of
38 land-use change on hydrology, particularly for periods that predate modern hydrologic
39 monitoring systems.

40 Recent studies have focused on the impact of land-use change on catchment hydrology
41 (Siriwardena et al., 2006; Mao et al., 2009) and the quantification of the influence of land-use
42 and water management on streamflow (Romanowicz et al., 2011). An assessment of the
43 long-term effect of land-use change on hydrology and solute budgets was conducted on small
44 catchments in Amazonia (Germer et al., 2009). A series of four studies focused on assessing
45 the impact of land-use change on hydrology by ensemble modeling (LUCHEM). The first is a
46 model intercomparison using current land-use (Breuer et al., 2009). The second presents
47 ensemble combinations by simple averaging and a comparison of predictions using
48 single-models (involves the use of a number of realizations of a single deterministic model)
49 and multi-model ensembles (involves several different deterministic models) (Viney et al.,
50 2009). The third and fourth present land-use change scenario analysis (Huisman et al., 2009)
51 and the effect of spatial resolution and distribution of model input data on the results of
52 regional-scale land-use scenarios (Bormann et al., 2009). Wijesekara *et al.* (2011) developed a
53 method for extending assessments of land-use change impacts on hydrologic processes into
54 past and future periods. However, most assessments of land-use change impacts consider only
55 the past several decades. A land-use change impact assessment on hydrology and sediment
56 (Ward *et al.* 2008) included a simple introduction to the reconstruction of historical land use,
57 underscoring the importance of historical land use reconstruction for land-use change impact

58 assessments and simulations of paleo-hydrology.

59 The reconstruction of historical land use and environmental conditions includes the
60 reconstruction of paleo-channels, paleo-land-use/landscape and the paleo-environment.
61 Schumm (1968) investigated paleo-channels of riverine plains of the Murrumbidgee River,
62 Australia and reconstructed the shape of the cross-section and the slope of the paleochannel
63 using alluvial sediment cores in the river valley. A newly-discovered spatial correlation
64 between paleo-channels and nearshore morphology provided graphical correlation and
65 statistical cross-correlation analyses for the reconstruction of paleo-channels (Browder and
66 McNinch, 2006). Ward *et al.* (2008) described a way to generate paleo-land-use based on
67 CORINE data (Land Cover 2000 (CLC2000) EEA, Copenhagen, 2001), census data,
68 historical records, and pollen analyses. Several studies focus on the use of historical census
69 information in Belgium (WL, 1994a), the Netherlands (Knol *et al.*, 2004) and France (Dutoo,
70 1994). Pollen analysis was mainly used for simulating the period from 4000 to 3000 BP
71 (Bunnik, 1995; Gotje *et al.*, 1990; Henrard, 2003). Kuzyakov *et al.* (2006) investigated
72 paleo-environmental reconstructions using isotopic exchange of carbonate re-crystallization in
73 soil. Field observation approaches can be used as a foundation for paleo-environmental
74 reconstruction (Saengsrichan *et al.*, 2011). Multiple techniques including sediment size
75 distribution, stable carbon isotopes, pollen, and phytolith analyses can also be used for
76 paleo-environmental reconstruction (Bement *et al.*, 2007). However, the above methods are
77 expensive, time consuming, and difficult. At present, there is no simple, detailed method for
78 reconstructing historical land use based on historical information and paper maps.

79 The Kamo River Basin (KRB) is located in Kyoto, the former capital of Japan (794AD to
80 1868AD). Due to Kyoto's long history, there are many historical documents related to the
81 Kyoto landscape. In recent years, the Virtual Kyoto project, part of a 21st Century Center of
82 Excellence (COE) project called "Kyoto Art Entertainment Innovation Research" in

83 Ritsumeikan University was funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science
84 and Technology (MEXT) (Nakaya *et al.*, 2010). The "Virtual Kyoto" research integrates
85 Geographical Information System (GIS) and virtual reality (VR) technologies to develop a 4
86 Dimension (4D)-Geographic Information System (GIS) model of Kyoto in order to view the
87 city's modern landscape (17th to 20th centuries) and hindcast the landscape to the Heian
88 period (8th to 12th centuries) (Yano *et al.*, 2008). Isoda *et al.* (2009) used historical
89 documents from Edo era Kyoto to create large-scale urban 3D models in which the landscape
90 of the entire Edo era city is reconstructed. This study describes the urbanization driven
91 changes in socio-economic factors and urban structures observed in the Meiji, Taisho and
92 Showa periods in Kyoto. Previous reconstructions of the Kyoto historical environment
93 focused on urban areas. Reconstruction of historical land use at the river basin scale on the
94 basis of historical documents has not yet been done. Compared with previous methods
95 employed in the KRB, our approach is simple and integrates methods for addressing historical
96 information including socio-economic indicators, paper maps and present land use.

97 The main objective of this study is to develop a method for reconstruction of historical
98 land use. Using historical information (historical social structure, historical environment, old
99 books, drawings and historical documents) and present digital land-use data, we have
100 developed basic rules that together are incorporated in the paleo-land-use reconstruction
101 (PLUR) program. We present the results of an application of PLUR for reconstructions at the
102 KRB for the years 1843, 1902 and 1927. The methods and results of this study may be useful
103 for reconstruction of paleo-hydrology and land-use change impact assessments. The primary
104 drivers of land-use change are also discussed.

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106 **2. Study Site**

107 The KRB is used as a case study site for the reconstruction of historical land use. The KRB is

108 a sub-basin of the Katsu River basin (**Fig. 1**). The Kamo River passes through Kyoto, the
109 capital of Japan from 794 AD to 1868 AD (Ibbitt *et al.*, 2002). There are many historical
110 documents describing various aspects of this area and Kyoto, including land use, geography,
111 weather, disasters, etc. that can be used for historical land use reconstruction. The riverbank of
112 the Kamo is popular with tourists and residents for many activities such as sightseeing during
113 Sakura (cherry blossoms) blooms, fishing and walking. There are some public walkways around
114 this riverbank which are opened for public access and cherry blossom festival during the dry
115 season. During heavy rainfall, the pathways become flooded and access is restricted. Located
116 near the upper stream of the KRB, the Sajikigatake mountain area forms the boundary of
117 Kumogahata village and Keihoku village in the northern ward of Kyoto. The length of the
118 Kamo River is ~31 km. The area and highest elevation of the KRB is ~210 km² and 896 m
119 respectively.

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121 **3. Present and historical land-use data**

122 We collected 1976 land-use data for the KRB from the Japan Ministry of Land, Infrastructure,
123 Transport and Tourism (MLIT) to represent present land-use (**Fig. 2**). **Table 1** shows the
124 classifications and the area of each land-use type in 1976. Forests occupy 74%, building sites
125 A and B occupy 14%, and paddy fields occupy 3.8% of total land area. Building type A is
126 high density residential, including residential streets, free-standing buildings and housing area
127 with side lengths of more than 50 m, as well as other tall and large buildings. Building type B
128 is medium or low density residential, including free-standing buildings and housing with side
129 lengths less than 50 m.

130 In this study, we use 1902 as the target for land-use reconstruction. Historical geographic
131 information was collected from the Japan map center (**Fig. 3**) in order to reconstruct 1902
132 land-use. Although this document included names of numerous locations, the northern part of

133 the map had low resolution, and place-names could not be clearly identified. Major places are
134 identified in **Fig. 3** to ensure the accuracy of the reconstruction. Six major locations were
135 identified to reference the 1902 paper map to the 1976 land-use map: the Kyoto Imperial
136 Palace (NO.1), the Shokoku Temple and Doshisha (NO.2), Kyoto Textile Company (NO.3),
137 Changed area (eastern bank) (NO.4), Changed area (north-east bank) (NO.5), Sanjo-dori
138 (NO.6), and Shijo-dori (NO.7). Historical paper maps of Kyoto were used because the city
139 is the part of the KRB that has changed most dramatically.

140 In order to understand the historical condition of the KRB, we give a brief introduction of
141 Kyoto's history for the period 1881AD-1914AD and around 1980 as below:

142 **a).** The Japanese economy was disturbed by political troubles in the 1870's. In response, the
143 minister of finance introduced central banking reforms based on the European model to
144 restore order to the financial system, balance the budget, and restore parity between banknotes
145 and the silver backing. In addition to the financial system, reforms changed policies related to
146 taxation of alcohol, tobacco and land. These changes were so broad and dramatic that they
147 affected nearly every branch of agricultural, industrial and commercial life (Allen 2003).
148 Tension between urban and agricultural land-uses began amidst rapid urbanization beginning
149 in the 1960s. The population of Kyoto was 640,000 in 1918, 1 million in 1932 and 1.42
150 million in 1969 (KyotoMarumie, 2012). Agricultural fields were rapidly converted to urban
151 land-uses as a result of increasing populations.

152 **b).** Kyoto has a long history of cartographic representation. The mapping of Kyoto ranges
153 from hand drawn pictures to surveyed maps. The most famous picture map, drawn by KANO,
154 Eitoku in 1574, is called 'Rakuchu-Rakugai Zu' and is 1.6 m high by 3.6 m wide (Hasegawa,
155 2005). The main part of this picture is shown during the New Year's celebration at the
156 Imperial Palace. The earliest printed maps of Kyoto were published in the mid 1620s in a
157 collection of 491 sheets. The oldest printed urban map in Japan is called 'The description of

158 Kyoto' published by woodcut in 1624-26. The first detailed manuscript maps of Kyoto with a
159 1:1500 scale were drawn in 1637 and 1643 by the Master of Architecture, the House of Nakai
160 (Hasegawa, 2005). Another type of pictorial surveyed map had hand color and included the
161 city suburbs. Kichiei HAYASHI was the major map publisher during the latter half of the
162 17th century. The first edition of Kichiei, printed in 1686, shows the blocks inside of Kyoto as
163 blank, while the shrines and temples, mountains and rivers were printed in vivid color. The
164 first mapping of early modern Kyoto was published with multi-color prints in 1812 by
165 TAKEHARA, Kobei. Published toward the end of the Meiji period, the 1902 pictorial
166 surveyed map included a detailed description of Kyoto and the suburbs with detailed land
167 uses differentiated using different marks and multi-color prints.

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169 **4. Proposed Methodology for Reconstruction of Historical land use**

170 The approaches used for building Virtual Kyoto as a part of the 21st Century Center of
171 Excellence (COE) project "Kyoto Art Entertainment Innovation Research" in Ritsumeikan
172 University (Nakaya *et al.*, 2010) are presented briefly below:

- 173 (1) Digitizing Archives. Based on Kyoto area studies, history of classical
174 entertainment, traditional crafts, digital library and history of religion and thought.
- 175 (2) Building Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database.
- 176 (3) Building Virtual Kyoto in spatial and temporal scales.
- 177 (4) Developing software infrastructure for virtual reality and interface database
178 network.

179 Virtual Kyoto was designed for high resolution 3D view, and cannot be applied to larger
180 scale hydrologic studies. We present a new method using a simple paleo-land-use
181 reconstruction (PLUR) program with high speed computation to reconstruct historical land
182 use at the river basin scale based on historical information (historical social structure,

183 historical environment, old books, drawings and historical documents) and present land-use.
184 There are six steps necessary for historical land use reconstruction in the KRB (**Fig. 4**). The
185 following describes the six steps in detail:

186 (1) We collected historical information, previous land-use data and paleo-society
187 information. Historical information included geographic paper maps, books and
188 historical documents. Land use data from 1976 was stored in digitized format.
189 Historical information related to urban planning, population and socio-economic
190 conditions of Kyoto were archived and used to represent paleo-society. The 1976
191 land use is the oldest digitized data available and is used as the input to generate a
192 basal map for the geometric correction.

193 (2) Based on information from step 1, areas where land-use has changed were
194 delineated and built into the vector data (feature and polygon). The process of
195 vector data delineation is broken into three steps:

196 a) Significant places are used to match 1976 land-use to 1902 historical
197 documents, including: the Kyoto Imperial Palace (NO.1), the Shokoku Temple
198 and Doshisha (NO.2), Kyoto Textile Company (NO.3), Changed area (eastern
199 bank) (NO.4), Changed area (north-east bank) (NO.5), Sanjo-dori (NO.6),
200 Shijo-dori (NO.7) (**Fig. 3**).

201 b) According to comparisons of past and current maps, we find that NO.4 and
202 NO.5 were mostly paddy fields in the 1902 paper map but were mainly
203 residential according to the 1976 land-use map.

204 c) We drew the changed features and polygons based on changes observed
205 during the analysis of the information in step 1.

206 (3) Geometric correction is necessary to modify the shape of the vector data using
207 several basic rules described below and comparison to 1976 land-use. In this step,

208 we consider the history of urban construction from 1902 to 1976. The new vector
209 data is created after the geometric correction.

210 The basic rules were developed using the KRB as a study site (Fig.3). Although
211 optimized here for the KRB, these rules can be used to conduct similar studies in
212 other sites. Detailed explanation of the rule-making process is as follows:

213 a) Historical books, paper maps and present digital land-use data are collected.

214 b) Using the results of step a), we analyze digital land-use data and historical
215 paper maps, and check historical books to identify detailed historical information
216 such as temples, railways, golf courses, etc.

217 c) Unchanged areas are used to synchronize historical and contemporary land-use
218 information.

219 d) Basic rules emerge through a systematic analysis of the results of step c).

220 The basic rules use information about map locations that have not changed over
221 time. These reference points help to synchronize locations between time periods
222 based on collected historical documents.

223 The basic rules are as follows:

224 a) The 1976 land-use is used as a base map.

225 b) Temples have not moved.

226 c) The area of forest cover is larger in the paleo-period than that in the present
227 period.

228 d) Kyoto Imperial Palace has not moved.

229 e) Big roads such as Sanjyo and Shijyo have not moved.

230 f) River channels have not changed much.

231 (4) The 1976 land use shape file and the new vector data with the geometric
232 correction are converted into raster format data as ASCII files. These two ASCII

233 input files containing 1976 land-use and the new vector data are given to the
234 PLUR program which contains an algorithm for jointing two raster files. This
235 program also considers the historical condition of the paleo-period based on basic
236 rules and historical information.

237 (5) After step 4, the reconstructed historical land use is output from the PLUR
238 program. The detailed information of each classification for the reconstructed
239 historical land use is also given.

240 (6) Finally, the 1976 land-use and the newly created 1902 historical land use are
241 used for the land-use change analysis. The area and the changed area of the
242 various land uses from the two periods are calculated in this step.

243 The historical land use of 1843 and 1927 are generated according to the same procedure as
244 that used for reconstruction of 1902 land-use.

245 **5. Application of the PLUR Program and Discussion**

246 Reconstruction of the 1843, 1902 and 1927 land-use data in the KRB was conducted as an
247 application of the PLUR program and compared with 1976 land-use. The following
248 discussion focuses on several of the factors that drive land use change between the historical
249 and contemporary conditions.

250 **5.1 Forest**

251 **Table 2** shows that forest area decreased from 1843 to 1976, and the area of forest in 1843
252 was 3.78 km² larger than in 1902. After the government assumed ownership of forests
253 beginning in the Meiji Era (1869-1912), villagers lost interest in forest stewardship and
254 deforestation ensued (Zorn, T., 1999). In 1897, the federal government established the Forest
255 Law which included the creation of protected forest areas and partially controlled
256 deforestation. **Table 2** shows that rapid deforestation from 1843 to 1902 may have been
257 caused by forest owners and farmers in the Meiji Era.

258 **Table 1** shows that 4.08% (5.71 km²) of forest area was lost from 1902 to 1976 (Table 1) .
259 This decrease in forest area resulted from conversion of forest area to three golf courses and a
260 housing development in the north-east mountain area. The construction of golf courses in
261 Kyoto began in 1946 (Takeda, 2006). The area of the golf course was increased by cutting
262 forest area. The speed of deforestation from 1902 to 1927 decreased, possibly due to
263 protective action after the Forest law was instituted in 1897.

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265 **5.2 Rice Field**

266 Rice field area in 1976 decreased by 12.49 km² from 19.33 km² to 6.84 km² since 1902. Table
267 1 show that the percent coverage of rice fields in 1976 decreased from 10.72% to 3.79%. In
268 1902, during the Meiji period, agriculture (especially paddy fields) occupied a higher
269 percentage of the total land area (Akai, 1974). Based on the 1902 historical document, there
270 are three main areas of forest that changed into paddy fields when compared with the 1976
271 land-use map.

272 The first area, located east of the Kamo River, starting from south of location NO.3 going
273 to the north (**Fig. 3**) and starting from the Kamo River east bank to Higashiyama (shown at
274 NO.4 and NO.5 in **Fig. 3**), was covered by paddy fields in 1902. The temples and shrines
275 (Yoshida shrine, Kumono Shrine, Haruhi shrine and so on), Kyoto university campus and the
276 Kyoto Textile Company also existed at NO.4 and NO.5 in 1902.

277 The second area is located at the west bank of the Kamo River, starting from the north
278 boundary of NO.2 area shown in **Fig. 3** to the north, starting from the west of the NO.5 area
279 to the west. The area of the second part is mostly covered by paddy fields except some
280 temples, shrines and other sites, including the Shokamo shrine, Imamiya shrine, Iketsuya
281 Lake, and etc.

282 The third area is located at the north-east of the Kamo River, starting from the north of the

283 first changed area to the north of the KRB. In this area, two golf courses were constructed
284 between 1902 and 1976 and some paddy field area was urbanized over the same time period.
285 The land-uses 'waste land', 'other field' and 'lake area' did not change categories between
286 1902 and 1976.

287 **Table 2** and **Fig. 6** show that rice field area in 1843 is 2.48 km² less than that in 1902 due
288 to agricultural development. There is a decreasing trend in paddy field area coverage between
289 1902 and 1976. The area of paddy fields in 1902 is 6.5 km² and 12.49 km² greater than that in
290 1927 and 1976 which may be due to the urbanization of Kyoto.

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292 **5.3 Urban Area**

293 The urban area designated building site A increased by half from 8.89 km² in 1902 to 16.76
294 km² in 1976, and the urban area designated building site B in 1976 increased by 7.56 km²
295 (**Table 1**) compared with that in 1902. In **Table 1**, the percentage of building site A and B
296 increased from 4.93% to 9.29% and from 0.84% to 5.03% respectively.

297 Looking at urban areas of Kyoto, some changes have taken place in the north part from
298 the Shokoku temple and the NO.4 and NO.5 areas. There are some large uniform roads such
299 as Sanjo-dori, Shijo-dori and Gojo-dori which run directly across the city from west to east
300 and also over the Kamo River extending to the east bank. The Nijo-dori starts from the front
301 of Nijo castle to the east bank of the Kamo River.

302 Urban areas increased slightly by 0.64 km² and 0.56 km² for the building sites A and B
303 from 1843 to 1902. Increases in the area of building sites A and B may come from the
304 deforested area. The area of building sites A and B in 1927 is 4.88 and 1.94 km² greater than
305 that area in 1902, and the area of building sites A and B in 1976 is 2.99 and 5.62 km² greater
306 than that area in 1927. After 1902, the urbanized area comes from the decreased area of paddy
307 fields. The change in area of building site A is much more than the change in area of building

308 site B in 1927, and the change in area of building site B is much more than the change in area
309 of building site A in 1976. These observations likely stem from urbanization in Kyoto driven
310 by rapid population growth from 1927 until after the second World War (**Fig. 7**), and the
311 construction of high-density residential housing after 1945. The urban area of Kyoto city has
312 extended somewhat from the west bank of the KRB to Higashiyama located at the east bank
313 of the KRB (the right side close to NO.6 and NO.7 in **Fig. 3**).

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315 **5.4 Traffic Area**

316 Traffic area in 1976 increased 0.82 km² compared with 1902 land-use. The percentage of
317 traffic area in 1976 increased from 0.80% in 1902 to 1.25%. The increase in traffic area in
318 1976 is mainly due to decreases in two parts in the north of Kyoto. The first is related to the
319 Eizan Main Line of the Eizan Electric Railway located in northeast Kyoto. Due to this railway
320 line, which began running in 1925 (Tanaka *et al.*, 2004), the traffic area around this route was
321 absent in 1902. The second part is located in the north-west of Kyoto. Comparisons between
322 **Fig. 2** and **Fig. 3** reveal that some of the big roads north of Shokoku temple (NO.2) did not
323 exist in the reduced urban area of 1902.

324 **Fig. 5** shows that there is much more traffic area 1927 than in 1902. Some part of the Eizan
325 Main Line of the Eizan Electric Railway is shown in the 1927 land use map. The traffic area
326 of 1843 is 0.08 km² less than that in 1902.

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328 **5.5 Other Sites**

329 In **Table 1**, the area of other sites in 1902 was reduced 0.45 km². In **Table 1** and **Fig. 5**, the
330 percentage of other sites in 1902 changed to 4.15%. In the 1976 land-use map, MLIT defines
331 golf courses as land-use type “other sites.”The “other sites” increased by 1.04 km² from 1927
332 to 1976 because of the construction of the golf course after 1946 (the Ohara Public course,

333 Kamigamo course and Funayama course). The area of “other sites” in 1843 is the same as in
334 1902. The area of other sites in 1927 is 0.26 km² greater than that in 1902 which may be the
335 result of deforestation.

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337 **5.6 History and Change of the Kyoto Urban Planning**

338 The history of building height policy in Kyoto city contributed to changing densities of urban
339 land use. Zoning limits and land use types in Kyoto were divided into residential, commercial,
340 quasi-industrial and industrial in 1924. Due to changes in urban planning, the urban area of
341 1902 land use is quite different from that of 1976. We found that the population increased
342 dramatically from 1899 to 1970 (**Fig. 7**). The population density in 1902 was much lower
343 than that in 1976. Tall buildings in Kyoto city also increased from 1902 to 1976. The building
344 density of the city also increased due to increasing population from 1902 to 1976. Height
345 rules had a great impact on construction around historic streets and tourist spots. Urban areas
346 also increased significantly from 1902 to 1976 with increasing population.

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348 **5.7 Discussion**

349 Three land use types (river area, lake and marsh, and other fields) maintained the same
350 coverage from 1843 to 1976. The land use types of waste land and other sites did not change
351 significantly from 1843 to 1976. **Fig. 6** shows four land use types with significant changes,
352 including building types A and B, arterial traffic sites and rice fields. For building site A, the
353 area did not change much from 1843 to 1902, but increased significantly between 1927 and
354 1976. The area of building site B was very low in 1843 and 1902 and increased more than one
355 time in 1927 and four times in 1976. The area of arterial traffic sites increased slightly from
356 1843 to 1976 due to the urbanization of Kyoto. Rice field area was 16.85 km² in 1843,
357 increased 2.48km² in 1902 because of the development of agriculture, and decreased from

358 1927 to 1976 due to urbanization and population growth (**Fig. 7**).

359 Based on data shown in **Fig. 7**, we found that the population in Kyoto increased
360 significantly from 1899 to 1976, and the population of 1976 increased by more than a million
361 people from 1899. Population growth was likely the main factor leading to changes in the
362 social structure and environmental conditions in urban areas. The results of historical land use
363 reconstruction show that agricultural area, which played an essential role in the
364 socio-economics of Kyoto, occupied approximately 10 % of the total KRB in 1902.

365 The PLUR program is effective in a river basin with urban areas including a long history
366 and a lot of historical information. Reconstruction of historical land use for river basins that
367 lack historical information require alternative analyses in combination with the PLUR
368 program to more accurately reflect historical conditions. Basic rules can be developed
369 according to the method described above and used as the input for the PLUR program in other
370 study sites. PLUR can be applied at any study site based on the development of basic rules
371 and the framework of the historical land use reconstruction process (Fig. 5).

372 **6. Conclusions**

373 Historical land use reconstruction studies are useful for estimating land-use in past periods,
374 historical environmental conditions, and the relationship between historical land use and
375 paleo-social structure. In this study, we provide a simple program which can use historical
376 information (historical social structure, historical environment, old books, drawings and
377 historical documents) and paper geographic maps to reconstruct historical land use. This
378 program can be applied at the river basin scale where ample historical documents exist. We
379 present an application of the PLUR program for 1843, 1902 and 1927 historical land use
380 reconstruction. The results of this application show that forest and paddy field were greater,
381 and urban areas, traffic areas and other sites in 1843, 1902 and 1927 were less than that in
382 1976 land-use. The most significantly decreased land-use type is paddy fields. The most

383 affected areas included forest which was developed into the three golf courses and the Eizan
384 Main Line railway. Urbanization and population growth from 1927 to World War II and
385 construction of high-density residential housing after 1945 combined with changes to civil
386 society, laws, and policies were the main drivers of land-use change in Kyoto. This analysis is
387 adaptable to other study sites and PLUR can easily be adjusted to assess the impact of
388 land-use change in the past period and to reconstruct paleo-hydrology in other sites with long
389 historical records.

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LU code	LU name	1902LU (km2)	1976LU (km2)	Changes of LU (km2)	Percentage of change (%)
1	Forest	139.81	134.1	-5.71	-4.08
2	Building site A	8.89	16.76	7.87	88.53
3	Building site B	1.51	9.07	7.56	500.66
4	Arterial traffic sites	1.44	2.26	0.82	56.94
5	River area	1.53	1.53	0	0
6	Other sites	6.64	7.94	1.3	19.58
7	Lake and marsh	0.14	0.14	0	0
8	Waste land	0.73	1.38	0.65	89.04
9	Rice field	19.33	6.84	-12.49	-64.61
10	Other farm fields	0.34	0.34	0	0

536 Building type A is high density residential, including residential streets, free-standing
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ID	Name	Land use area (km ²)			
		1843	1902	1927	1976
1	Forest	143.59	139.81	138.21	134.1
2	Building type A	8.25	8.89	13.77	16.76
3	Building type B	0.95	1.51	3.45	9.07
4	Arterial traffic area	1.36	1.44	2.08	2.26
5	River area	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53
6	Other sites	6.64	6.64	6.9	7.94
7	Lake and marsh	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
8	Waste Land	0.71	0.73	1.12	1.38
9	Rice field	16.85	19.33	12.83	6.84
10	Other Fields*	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34

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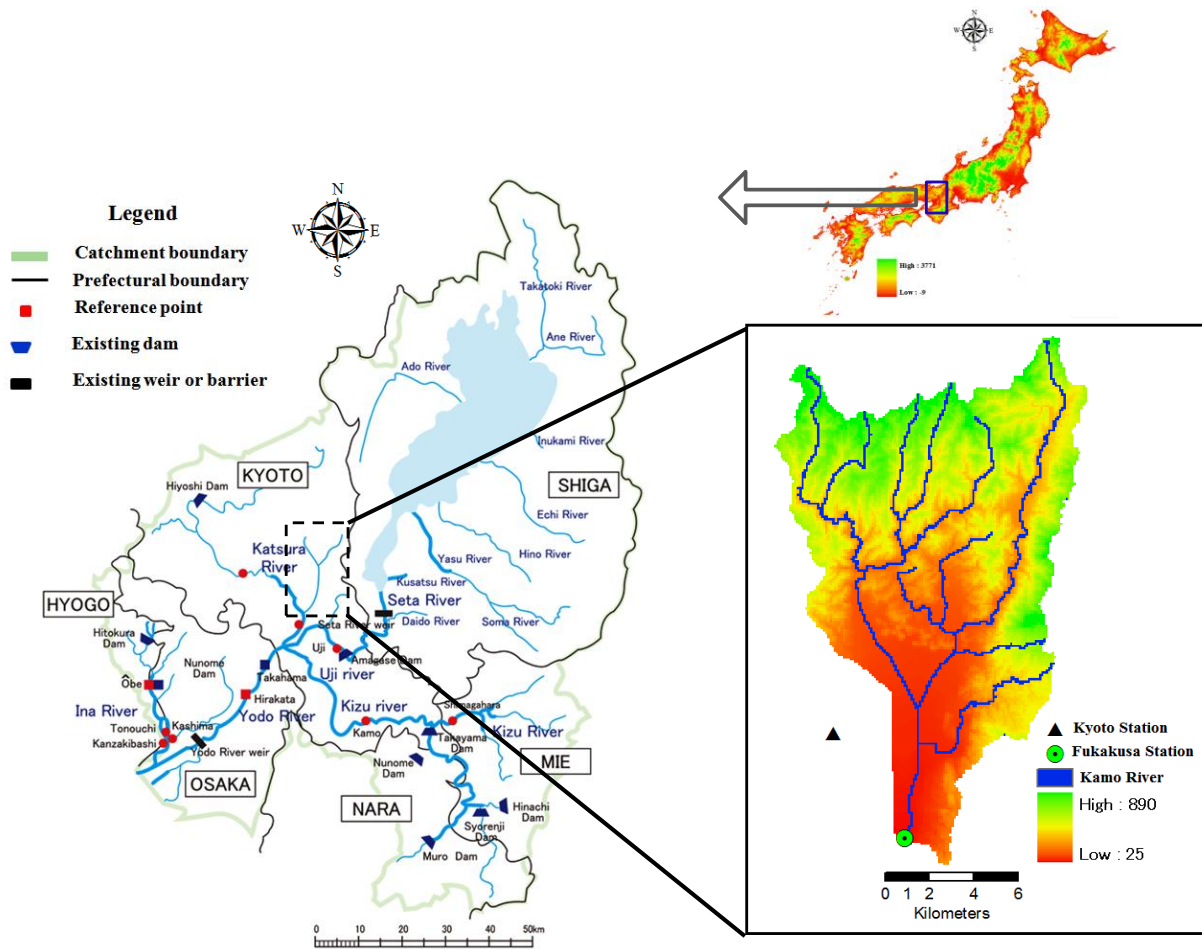
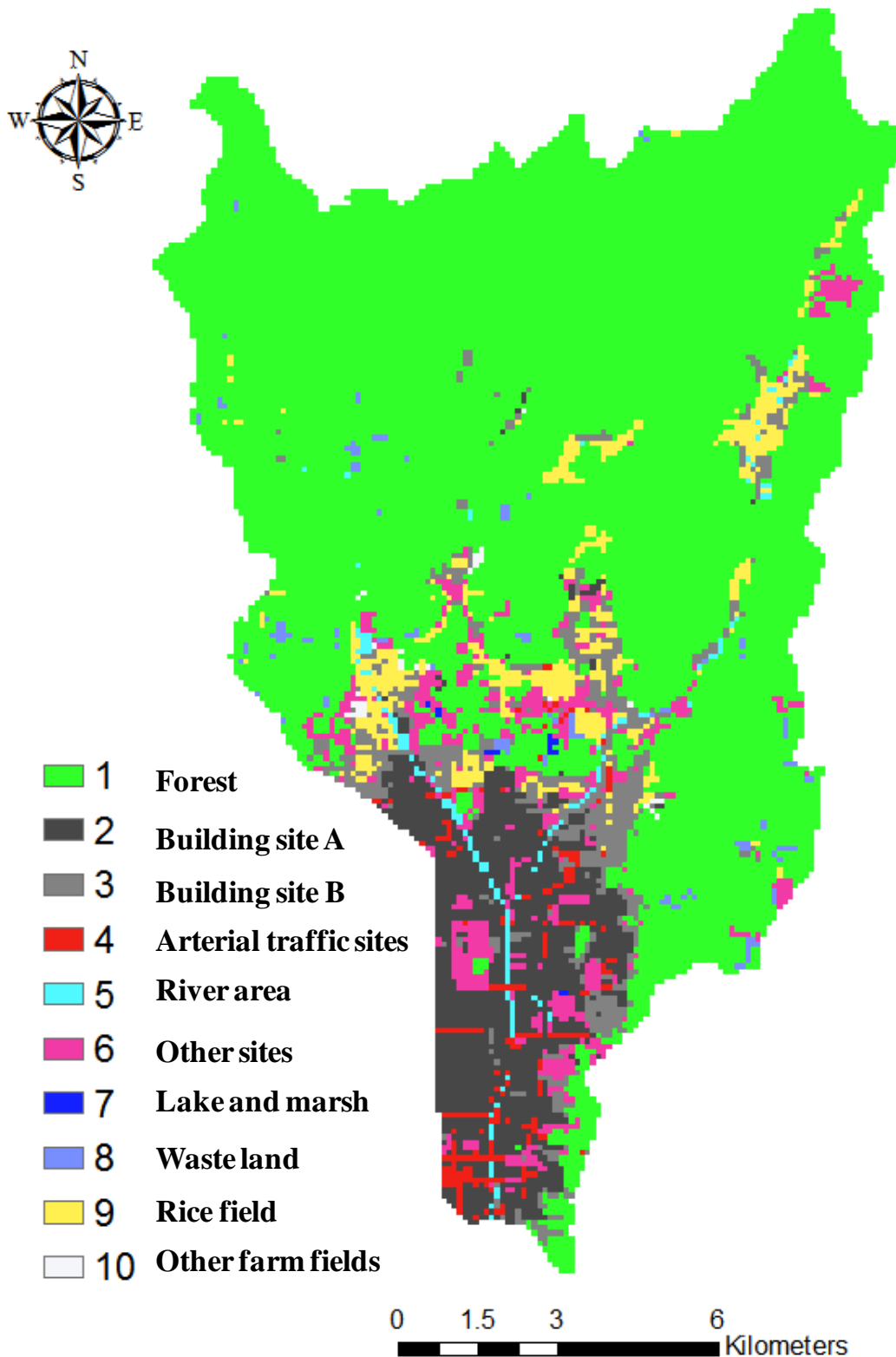


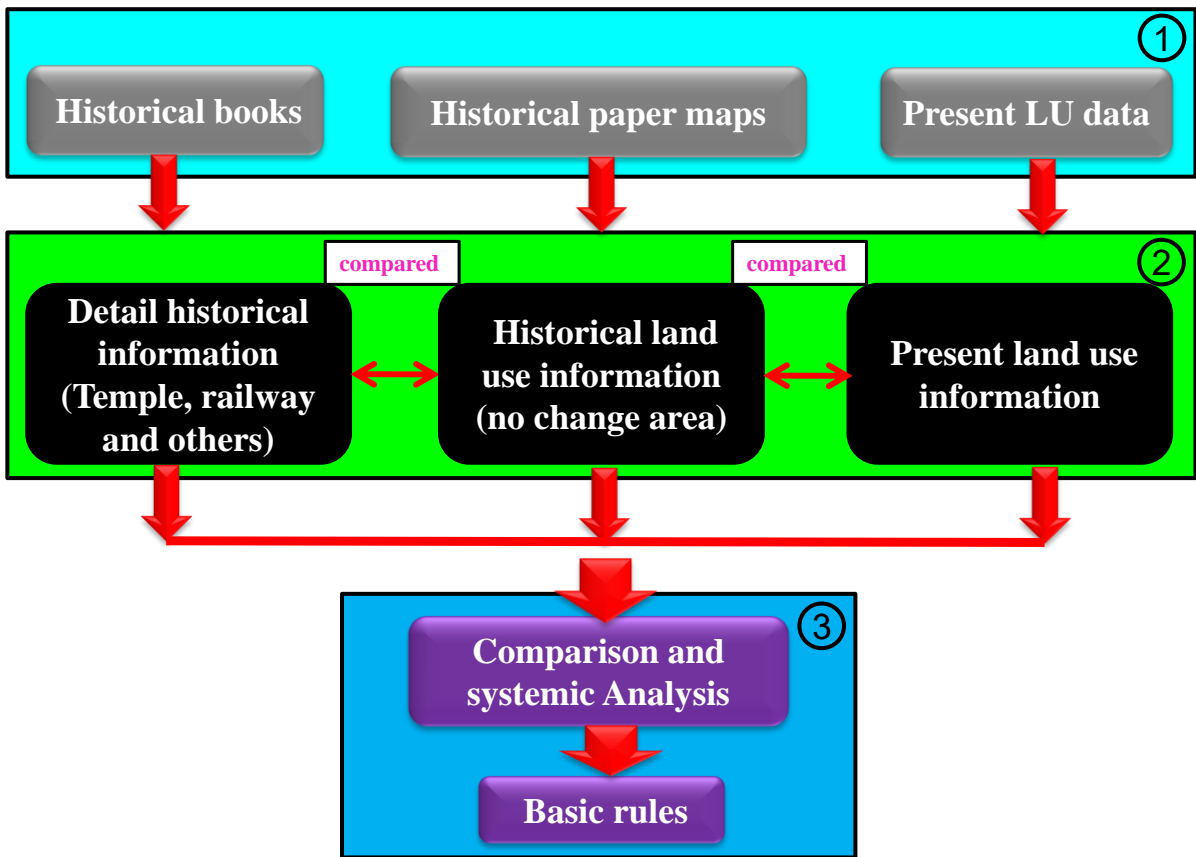
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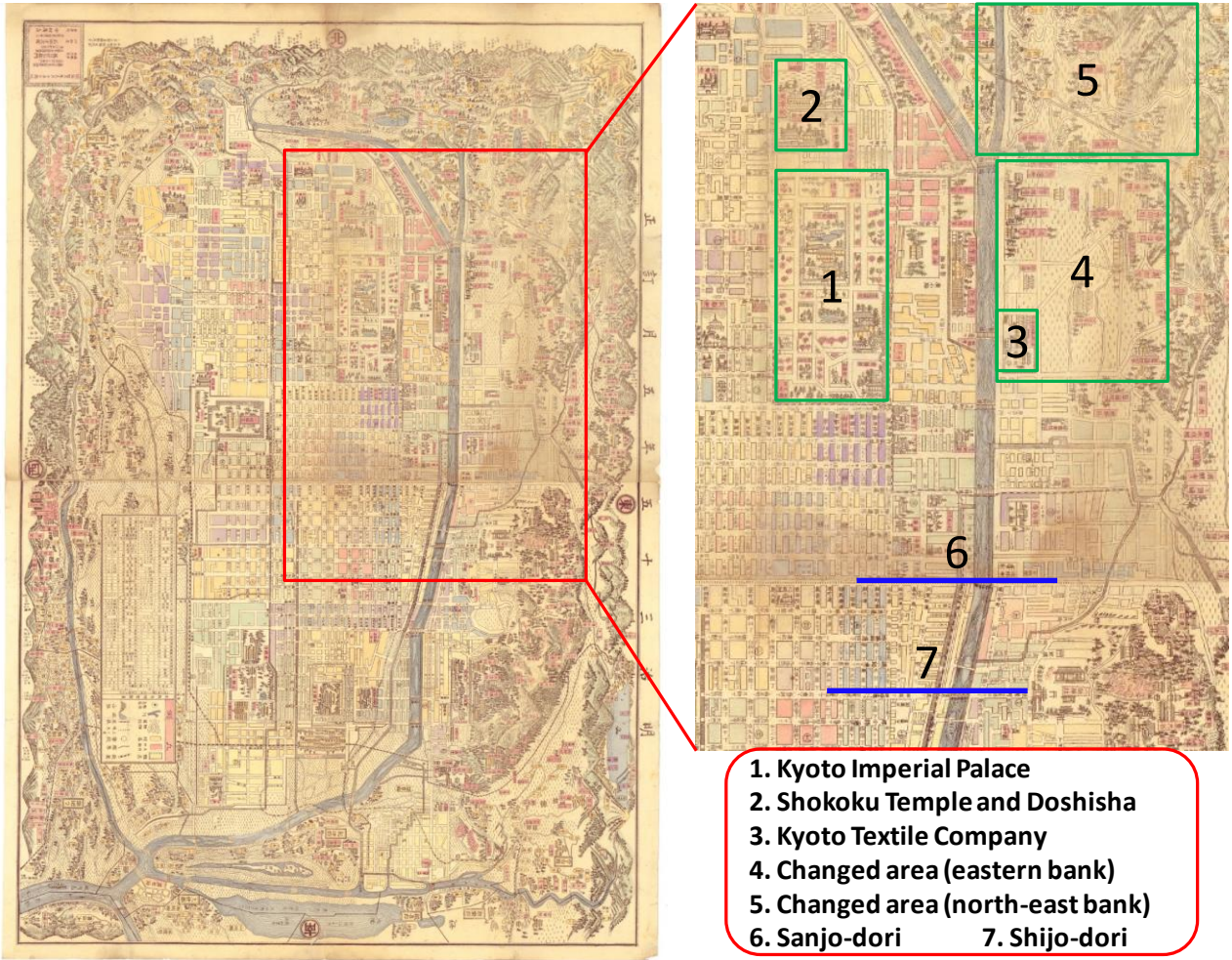
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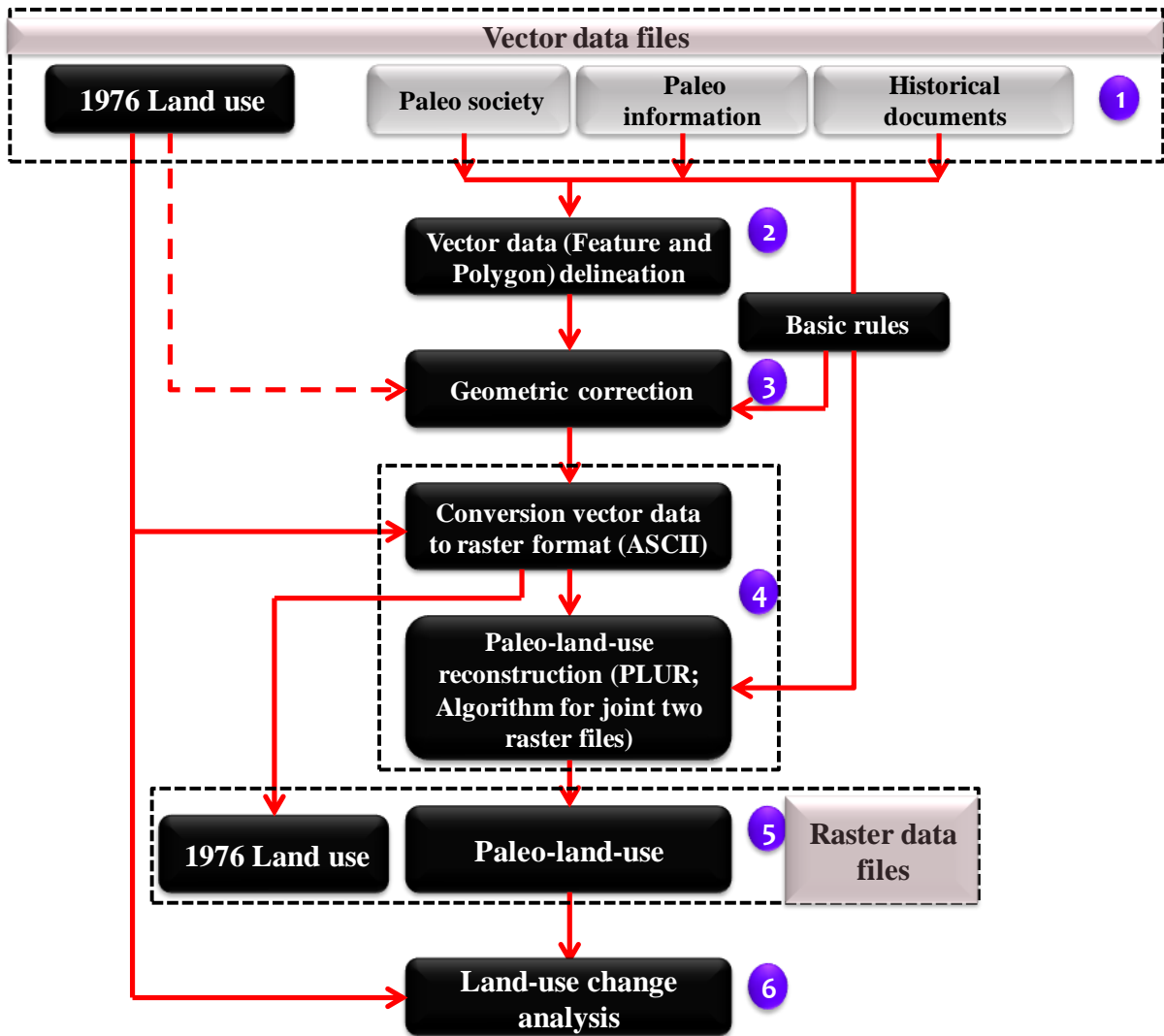


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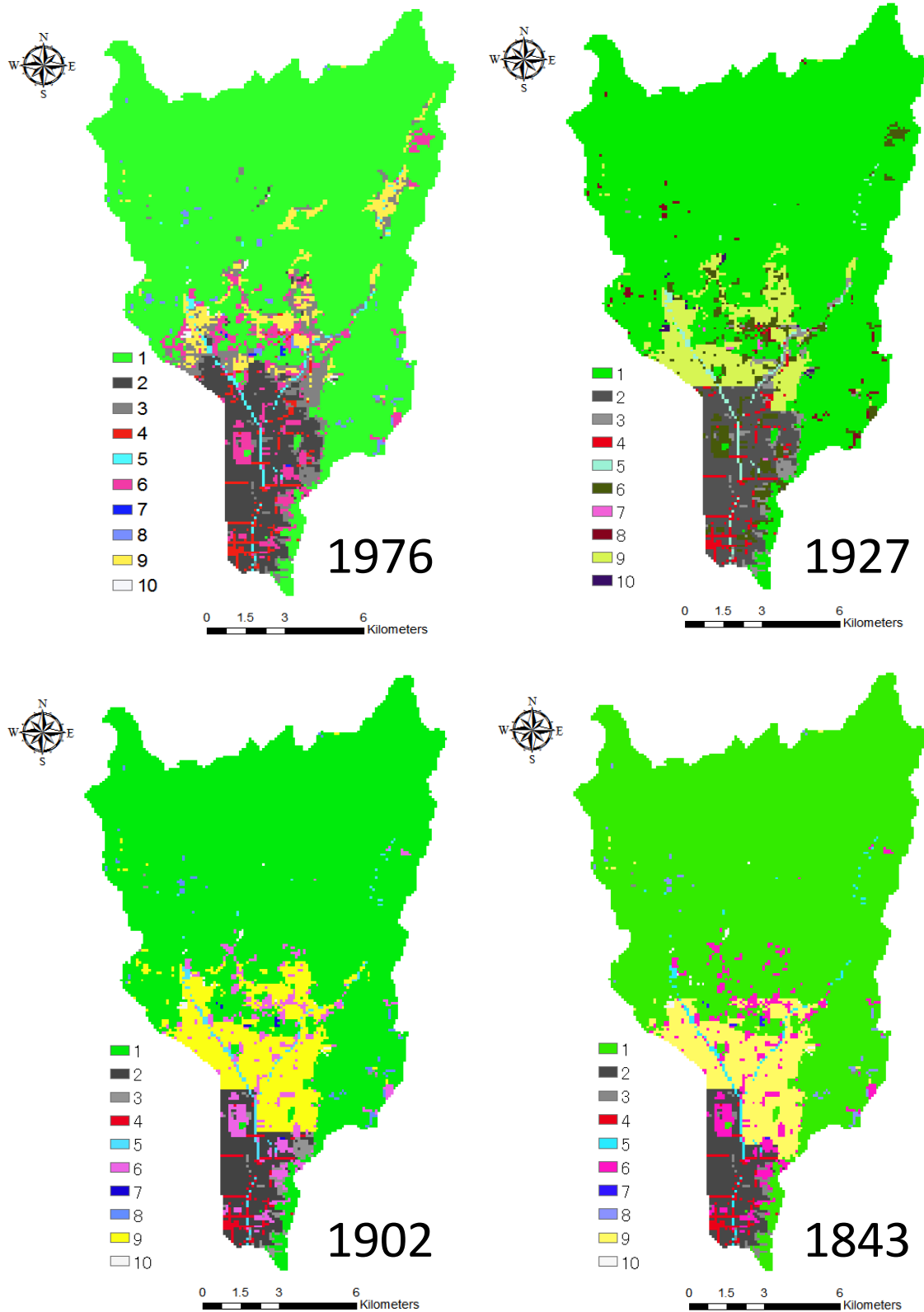
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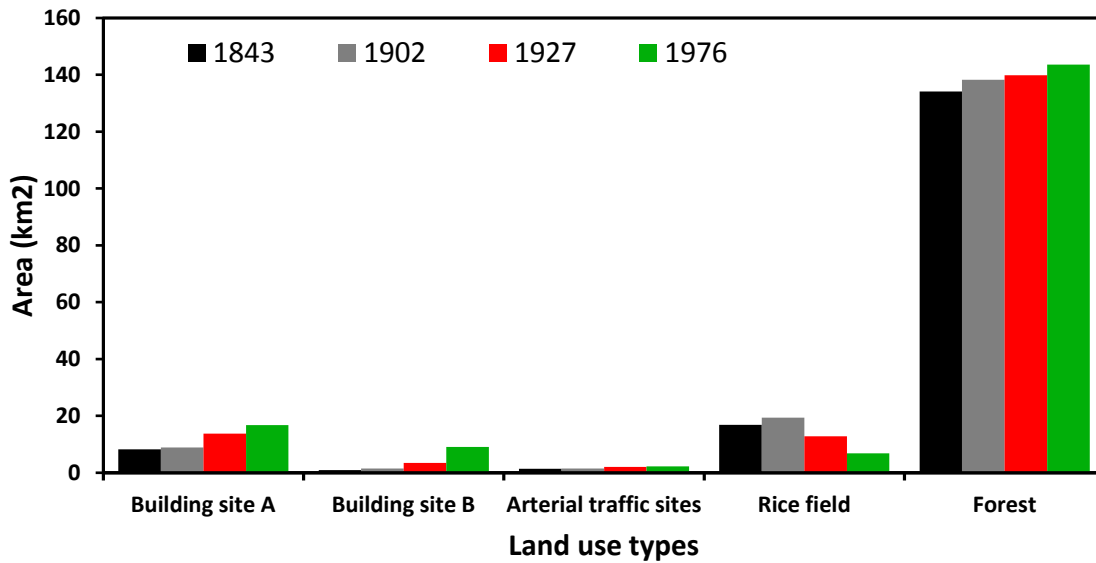
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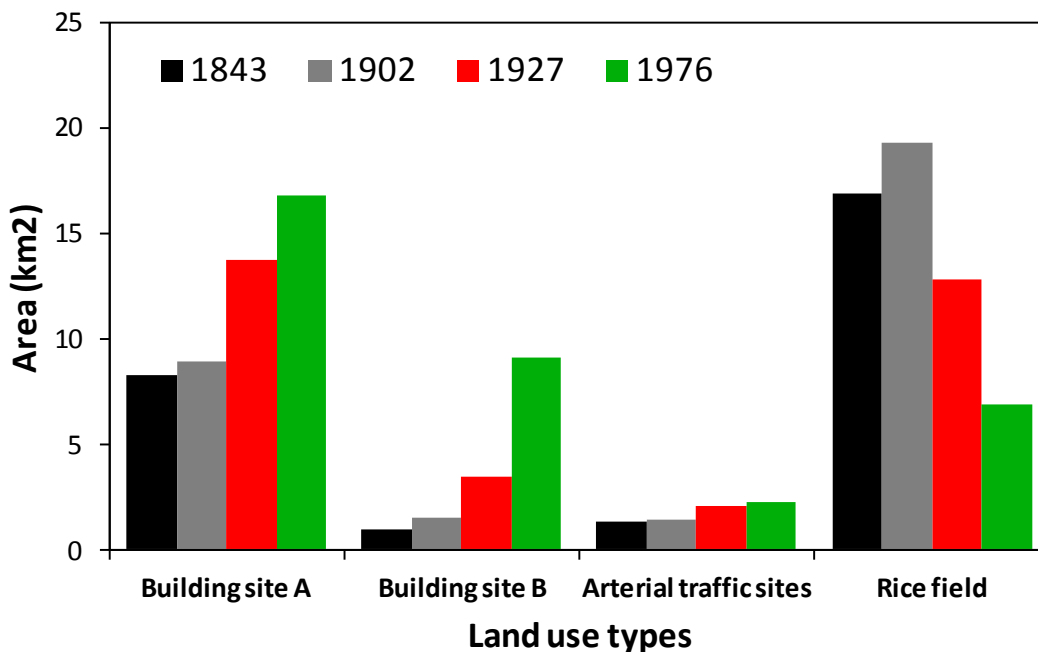


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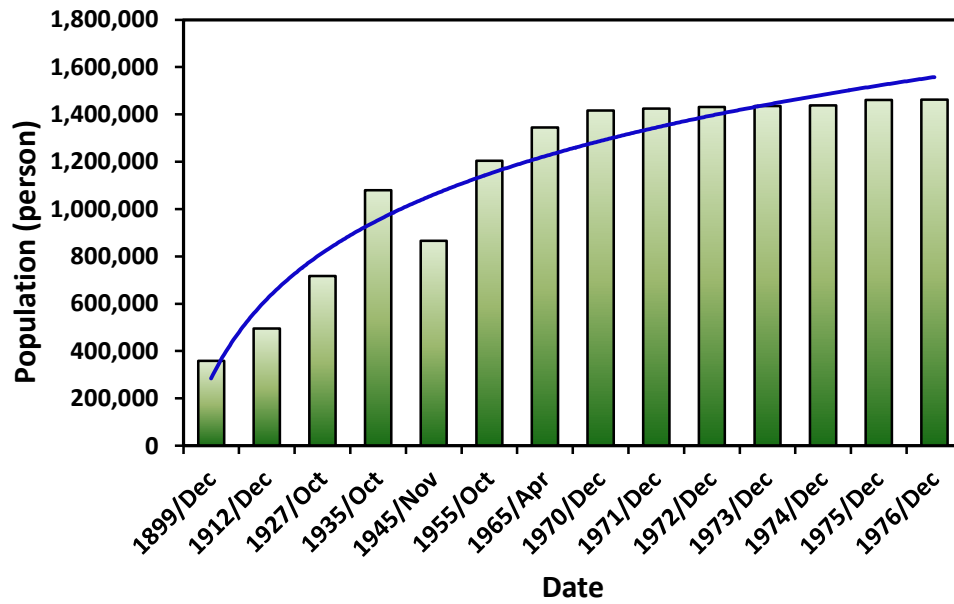


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