

SEMINAR- IV

WORKSHOP ON BANGLADESH COUNTRY ALMANAC (BCA) A GIS BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Summary

BCA is simply a GIS based data base composed of data that is contributed by various partners, combined with data in the public domain that is packaged in a very user friendly software. All these have been packaged as Bangladesh Country Almanac (BCA) and put together in C.D. Through BCA all major information on soil, land, climate, water, crop, road markets etc can be provided in C.D. These types of information are vital for agricultural development planning.

Participants were demonstrated and trained on BCA software and database using modest computers instead of high cost software. GIS is a highly cost software, largely used in developed countries in the planning of development works but in a poor and under developed country like Bangladesh the application of GIS is limited to some big organizations. So the workshop rendered a great help in planning development works in agriculture.



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