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1. 0 DATASET OVERVIEW

1.1 Introduction

Intensive meteorological observations in the Khumbu Valley, Nepal Himalayas, have been conducted since the middle 90's (Ueno et al., 1996; Bertolani et al., 2000; Ueno et al., 2001; Bollasina et al., 2002; Ueno and Pokhrel, 2002) in order to provide long-term monitoring of the monsoon at high altitude. This area, being located on the windward side of the Range with respect to the Indian monsoon, is well exposed to the summer winds. The studies conducted have demonstrated that the region is a significant point of observation both of local climate and large-scale circulation. The Syangboche AWS was established on October 21, 1994, at Syangboche village, Solu-Khumbu district, at an altitude of 3833 m a.s.l., with the cooperation between His Majesty's Government, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (Nepal) and the Glaciological Expedition in Nepal Project (Japan), and has been kept as one of the GAME/AAN project AWS network.

The AWS provides data for basin scale scientific process studies of meteorology, hydrology, glaciology and engineering disaster prevention, and also contributes to monitor 10 years scale climate change as representative station at mid-latitude alpine region.

1.2 Time period covered by the data

Start: May 5, 2008, 22:45

End: December 25, 2008, 23:45

1.3 Temporal characteristics of the data

Recording hour is UTC.

All parameters are recoded every 30 minutes (the observations are recorded every 15 and 45 minutes).

(We have modified the original time in order to obtain regular slots as request by CEOP in its data format submission instructions, where for each hour, minutes should be 00 or 05 and multiple of 5).

1.4 Physical location of the measurement

Latitude: 27° 48' 36" N

Longitude: 86° 43' 12" E

Elevation: 3833 m a.s.l.

1.5 Data source

Original data provided by the GAME/AAN Committee.

1.6 WWW address references

<http://aan.suiri.tsukuba.ac.jp/aanstation/syangboche.html>

2.0 INSTRUMENTATION DESCRIPTION

2.1 Platform

The sensors are mounted on a 3-m mast.

2.2 Description of the instrumentation

Parameter	Model	Manufacturer
Air Temperature	2812	Aandera (Norway)
Precipitation	RT-1 (Tipping bucket type)	Ogasawara (Japan)
Relative Humidity	2820	Aandera (Norway)
Atmospheric Pressure	2810	Aandera (Norway)
Wind Speed	2740	Aandera (Norway)
Wind Direction	2750	Aandera (Norway)
Downward Shortwave Radiation	2770	Aandera (Norway)
Upward Shortwave Radiation	2770	Aandera (Norway)

2.3 Instrumentation specification

Parameter	Sensor Type	Height of sensor (m)	Accuracy	Resolution
Air Temperature	Platinum Resistor	3.1	0.1%	0.1°C
Precipitation	Tipping Bucket	1	0.5 mm	0.5 mm
Relative Humidity	Hygrofiber	3.1	2%	1%
Atmospheric Pressure	Silicon Chip	3.1	0.2 hPa	0.1 hPa
Wind Speed	3-cup anemometer	3.1	2%	0.1m/s
Wind Direction	Potentiometer	3.1	5°	0.1°
Downward Shortwave Radiation	Thermistor Bridge	3.1	20 W/m ²	0.1W/m ²
Upward Shortwave Radiation	Thermistor Bridge	3.1	20 W/m ²	0.1W/m ²

3.0 DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

3.1 Description of data collection

Original N-value data are saved in the Data Storage Unit (DSU). DSU is collected from the AWS twice every year, in spring and autumn.

3.2 Description of derived parameters and processing techniques used

The N-value is converted to a meteorological value by using experimental coefficients defined for each sensor. Last date of sensor calibration was conducted on July 2007 for radiation, humidity, and pressure. All values are instantaneous.

4.0 QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES

Nocturnal shortwave radiation data has been checked for non-zero values relative humidity reached sometimes values above 100% (these values were corrected to 100%); all the precipitation records were missing. The consistency of downward and upward shortwave radiation was also verified calculating the albedo (at high sun elevations). Wind speed for above-normal values (data above 9.5 m/s) were set to undefined and wind direction data are flagged D when wind speed data are under 0.2 m/s. The quality control flags follow the CEOP data flag definition document.

5.0 GAP FILLING PROCEDURES

No gap filling procedure was applied.

6.0 DATA REMARKS

6.1 PI's assessment of the data

6.1.1 Instruments problems

Malfunctioning of rain gauge sensor (missing data).

6.1.2 Quality issues

The rain gauge is not able to measure solid precipitation, as the instrument is not heated. All data show a strong synergy with the Ev-K2-CNR Namche AWS data.

6.2 Missing data periods

Precipitation data are missed on 2008.

During the year 2008, sometimes the solar radiation data are missed.

There are no data in the period from January 1, 2008 at 0:00 to May 21, 22:15 and from December 26, at 0:00 to December 31, at 23:45.

7.0 REFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

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