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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; Tartari et al., 1999; 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. A network of Automated Weather Stations (AWSs) has been established in the Eastern Himalayas: the AWSs are located at different altitudes, over a 40 km stretch oriented approximately south to north. The observation of surface and sub-surface parameters is crucial for studying the feedback mechanisms and the physical exchange processes between the land and the atmosphere, very important in the modulation of the monsoon.

1.2 Time period covered by the data

Start: 1 October 2003, 00:00
End: 31 December 2004, 23:00

1.3 Temporal characteristics of the data

All parameters are recoded hourly.

1.4 Physical location of the measurement

Latitude: 27° 57' 33" N
Longitude: 86° 48' 48" E

Elevation: 5035 m a.s.l.

1.5 Data source

Original data provided by the Ev-K²-CNR Committee.

1.6 WWW address references

<http://www.evk2cnr.it>

2.0 INSTRUMENTATION DESCRIPTION

2.1 Platform

Soil temperature and moisture sensors are mounted on rigid arms to keep them vertically.

2.2 Description of the instrumentation

Parameter	Model	Manufacturer
Soil Heat Flux	DPE260	Lsi-Lastem (Italy)

2.3 Instrumentation specification

Parameter	Sensor Type	Depth of sensor (cm)	Accuracy	Resolution
Soil Heat Flux	Thermopile	-5	3%	-

3.0 DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

3.1 Description of data collection

Data are downloaded from the AWS twice every year, in spring and autumn. Then, data are sent to Italy, where they are processed.

3.2 Description of derived parameters and processing techniques used

Soil heat flux is instantaneous.

4.0 QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES

For all parameters, the data has been visually checked, looking for extremely and unusual low/high values and/or periods with constant values. Cross-checking with the variation of other measured parameters (soil temperature, snow cover, etc.) was also performed to assure the consistency among the variations of different variables under the same conditions.

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

None.

6.1.2 Quality issues

None.

6.2 Missing data periods

Values missing are:

19 October 2003, 5:00 to 8:00 due to operations on the datalogger;

12 April 2004 5:00 to 18 June 2004 1:00 due to software problem.

7.0 REFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

Original data was collected and is provided within the framework of the Ev-K²-CNR/RONAST Joint Scientific and Technological Research Project, funded by Italian Ministries and National Research Council through the Ev-K²-CNR Committee.

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