**Table S2:** classification validation of forest and non-forest areas. The accuracy of the classified 2000 and 2015 classified images were evaluated by exporting them into google earth and by choosing 50 polygons for forest and non-forest areas randomly. Error Matrix was calculated according to [38-39] in the main reference of the article. A) is for 2000 and B for 2015.

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| **A) 2000**   |
| **Classified data** | **Reference Data** |
|  | **Forest** | **Non-Forest** |
| Forest | 45 | 5 |
| Non-Forest | 4 | 46 |
| Accuracy: 0.91  |
| **B) 2015** |
| **Classified data** | **Reference data** |
|  | **Forest** | **Non-Forest** |
| Forest | 47 | 3  |
| Non-Forest | 4 | 46 |
| Accuracy 0.93   |