

GOSIF GPP: A Global, 0.05-Degree Product of Gross Primary Production Derived from OCO-2 Solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)

Description:

We used the global, OCO-2-based SIF product (GOSIF) and linear relationships between SIF (Solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence) and GPP to map GPP globally at a 0.05° spatial resolution and 8-day time step for the period from 2000 to 2025. To account for the uncertainty of GPP estimates resulting from the SIF-GPP relationship, we used eight SIF-GPP relationships (universal and biome-specific, with and without intercept) at both site and grid cell levels to estimate GPP. All the eight SIF-GPP relationships performed well in estimating GPP globally. The ensemble mean 8-day GPP was generally highly correlated with flux tower GPP for 91 eddy covariance flux sites across the globe ($R^2 = 0.74$, $RMSE = 1.92 \text{ g C m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$). GOSIF GPP is useful for studying photosynthesis, carbon cycle, agricultural production, and ecosystem responses to climate change and disturbances, informing ecosystem management, and benchmarking terrestrial biosphere and Earth system models. The methodology, validation, and spatial and temporal patterns of this product are described in our paper (Li and Xiao, 2019).

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Metadata:

For each time step, GOSIF GPP consists of the mean and standard deviation (SD) of GPP; the mean and SD are based on the eight different sets of GPP estimates; mean is recommended for most analyses, and SD can be used to account for the uncertainty of GPP.

Spatial resolution: 0.05 degree	Spatial extent: globe
Temporal resolution: 8 day (and monthly, annual)	Temporal extent: 2000 -2025
File format: GeoTIFF;	Map projection: Geographic
Scale factor: 0.001 (8-day GPP); 0.01 (monthly GPP); 0.1 (annual GPP)	
Fill values: 65535 (water bodies) and 65534 (lands under snow/ice throughout the year)	
Units: $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$ (8-day GPP), $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ mo}^{-1}$ (monthly GPP), $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (annual GPP)	

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Global Ecology Group Data Repository: <http://globalecology.unh.edu/data/GOSIF-GPP.html>.
Please visit our webpage for any update to this product.

Changes from the original version:

Update on August 16, 2026: *The data have been extended to December 2025. Meanwhile, in this new version (V3), we have fixed minor inconsistencies in V2.*

V3 was released on August 16, 2026.

Update on May 31, 2025: *We corrected the seasonal cycle issue with 2024 data of GOSIF GPP. If you downloaded 2024 data prior to May 31, 2025, we encourage you to re-download the files.)*

Update on March 30, 2025: *The data have been extended to December 2024.*

Update on May 13, 2024: *The data have been extended to December 2023.*

Update on May 14, 2023: *We made a mistake in generating the data for 2022 that were released in early April 2023; this mistake has been corrected and the data files have been updated. If you previously downloaded the 2022 data, please replace them with the new files.*

Update on April 2, 2023: *GOSIF GPP has been extended to December 2022.*

Update on April 29, 2022: *GOSIF GPP has been extended to December 2021.*

Update on March 15, 2021: *GOSIF GPP has been extended to December 2020.*

Update on December 1, 2019: *The new version (V2) has been updated from the original version in the following ways: (1) the dataset has been extended to 2018; (2) GOSIF has been slightly improved using five subcommittee models rather than three subcommittee models; (3) a new data type (unsigned short rather than double) and a scale factor were used to reduce data volume.*

V2 was released on December 1, 2019 and last updated on March 30, 2025.

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Relevant Publications:

GOSIF product:

Li, X., Xiao, J. (2019) A global, 0.05-degree product of solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence derived from OCO-2, MODIS, and reanalysis data. *Remote Sensing*, 11, 517; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs11050517>.

SIF-GPP relationships:

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Applications:

Li, X., Xiao, J., Kimball, J.S., Reichle, R.H., Scott, R.L., Litvak, M.E., Bohrer, G., Frankenberg, C. (2020) Synergistic use of SMAP and OCO-2 data in assessing the responses of ecosystem productivity to the 2018 U.S. drought. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 251, 112062. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2020.112062>.

Li, X., Xiao, J. (2020) Global climatic controls on interannual variability of ecosystem productivity: similarities and differences inferred from solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence and enhanced vegetation index. *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*, 288-289, 108018. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2020.108018>.

Review article:

Xiao, J., Chevallier, F., Gomez, C., Guanter, L., Hicke, J.A., Huete, A.R., Ichii, K., Ni, W., Pang, Y., Rahman, A.F., Sun, G., Yuan, W., Zhang, L., Zhang, X. (2019) Remote sensing of the terrestrial carbon cycle: A review of advances over 50 years. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 233, 111383. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2019.111383>.