



Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation (DRRAA) of Thailand

Overview on Eastern Royal Rainmaking Operation Center Missions and Operation for Solving Drought and Natural Disaster

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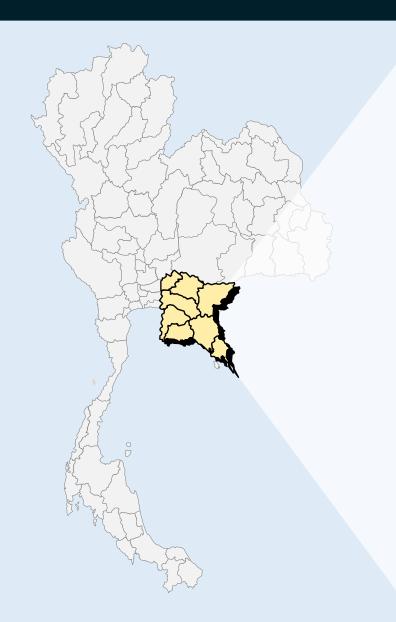
Director of Eastern Royal Rainmaking

Operation Center

Eastern Royal Rainmaking Operation Center missions









Drought mitigation



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Agricultural area (rain-fed) target reservoir

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Industrial water consumption

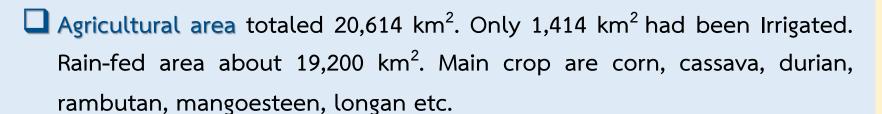
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PM_{2.5} mitigation & forest fire suppression

Eastern Royal Rainmaking Operation Center missions















Dam and Reservoir

- 1. Khun Dan Prakarn Chon
- 2. Naruebodindrachinta
- 5. Bang Phra

7. Dok Krai

8. Nong Pla Lhai

- 3. Phra Prong
- 6. Khlong Luang Rachalothorn
- 9. Prasae

4. Khlong Si Yat

- 10. Khlong Phra Phut
- 45 industrial estates covering 5 provinces: Chonburi, Rayong, Chachoengsao, Sa Kaeo, Prachinburi
- ☐ The Eastern Economic Corridor is a special economic zone of 3 provinces (Chonburi, Rayong, Chachoengsao) in eastern Thailand





Eastern Royal Rainmaking Operation Center missions





Operation Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chanthaburi			-		<u> </u>							
Sa Kaeo						-		<u> </u>				
Rayong									-	<u> </u>		

Personnel and Aircraft

Scientist9 persons

Pilot 6 persons

Mechanic and avionics 13 persons

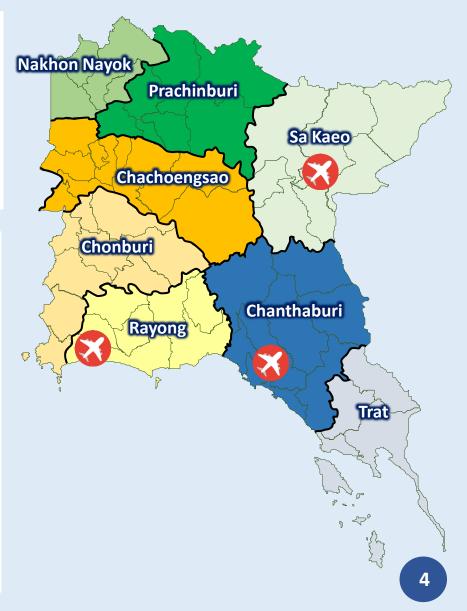
Worker8 persons

Administrative6 persons

Operating 2 aircraft Casa/Nc212i







^{*}Maximum Load of Chemical is 1,000 kg each.



Work Flow





Plan

Target area







Planning



- Weather Charts
- Radiosonde Cloud seeding Criteria
- Weather Radar
- Model Forecast

Operation





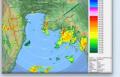






Operation monitoring

- Weather Radar
- Satellite Image
- Cloud Observation









- Monitor cloud development after seeding in each step
- Measure rain amount in the target areas

Assess water quality

Ground Observation

Report



Results of the operation

Rainmaking ToDay.















Scientific Equipment



Satellite Image



Rain Gauge



Weather RADAR



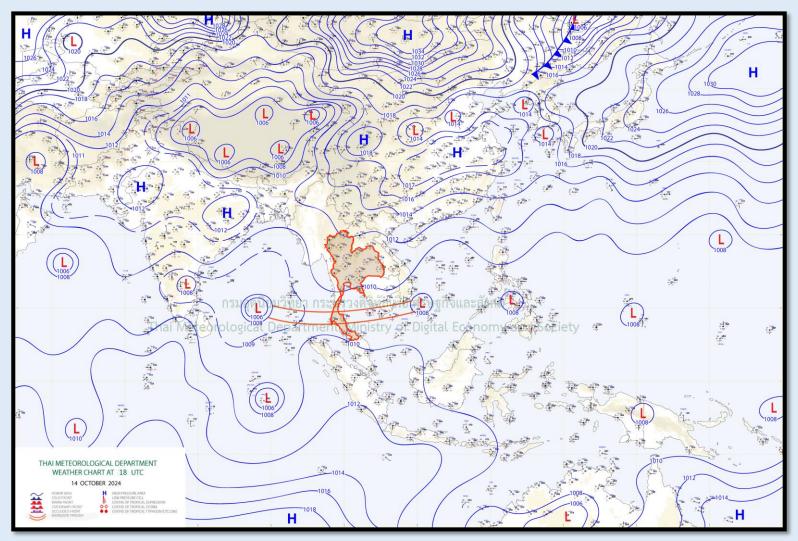
Costumers

(Farmers, Local Community, Government Agency etc.)





Synoptic Chart at 18 UTC 21 October 2024



Source: Thai Meteorological Department



Satellite Image at 08:38 UTC 21 October 2024



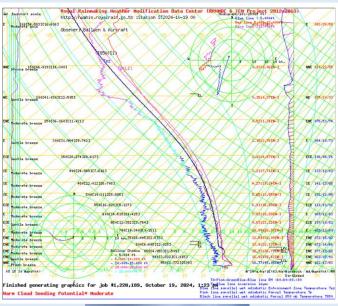
Source: www.windy.com





Upper air Sounding 00 UTC 21 October 2024

Warm Cloud Seeding Criteria							
	Variable	Criteria	Today				
1 Mean I	RH 5 - 10K Feet	≥ 60%	88%	✓			
2 Mean I	RH 10 - 15K Feet	≥ 45%	76%	✓			
3 Mean	wind direction 5 - 10K Feet	-	090	✓			
4 Mean	wind direction 10 - 15K Feet	-	095	✓			
5 Mean v	wind speed 5 - 10K Feet	≤ 20 Knots	5 Knots	✓			
6 Mean v	wind speed 10 - 15K Feet	≤ 15 Knots	6 Knots	\checkmark			
7 Showa	lter Index (SI)	≤ 0	-1.2	\checkmark			
8 Lifted	Index (LI)	≤ -1	-3.1	\checkmark			
9 K Inde	x (KI)	≥ 30	38	✓			
10 Conve	ctive temperature (C°)	-	10:30 a.m.	✓			

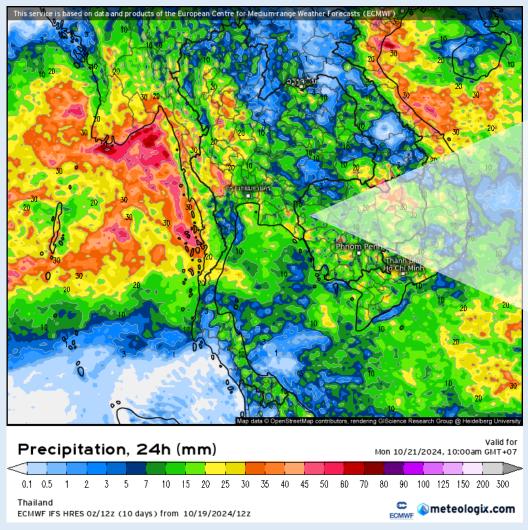


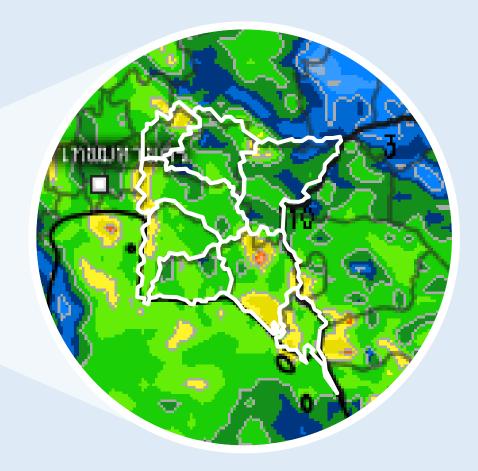






ECMWF Model Charts at 03 UTC 21 October 2024





Source: https://meteologix.com

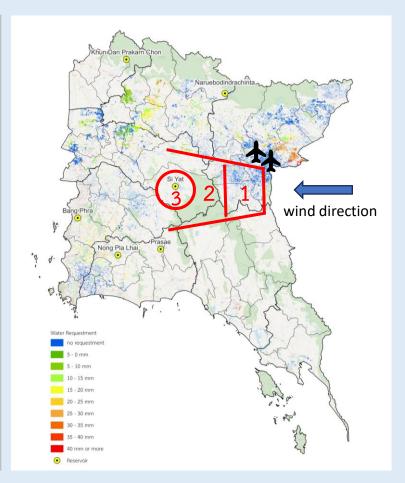
The planning of today



Cloud Seeding flight plan

21 October 2024

Flight	Time	Aircraft	Substance/kg	Area	Hight (ft)
1	10:00 a.m.	1543	AR23/1,000	065/45 NIM 3 260/25 NIM	6,000
		1542	AR23/1,000	065/45 NM → 360/25 NM	6,000
2 01:	01.20 p.p.	1543	Calcium Oxide/1,000		8,000
	01:30 p.m.	1542	Calcium Oxide/1,000		7,000
3	03:30 p.m.	1543	Sodium Chloride/1,000		8,000
		1542	Urea/1,000		5,000



Let's get ready to U-Tapao International Airport in Rayong

THANK YOU