A Big Earth Data Platform for Three Poles

**Spatial distribution of Active Layer Thickness and Soil Freeze Depth in Qilian Mountain**

1、Description

The widely definition of seasonally frozen ground include seasonally frozen layer (seasonally frozen ground regions) and seasonally thaw layer (active layer in permafrost regions). So the area extent of seasonally frozen ground occupied more than 80% land surface over Northern Hemisphere. Soil freeze/thaw cycle is one special character of seasonally frozen ground, which covers area extent, depth, time duration, variation of soil freeze/thaw. These changes in seasonally frozen ground have substantial impacts on energy, water and carbon exchange between the atmosphere and the land surface, surface and sub-surface hydrologic processes, vegetation growth, the ecosystem, carbon dioxide cycle, agriculture, and engineering constructuion, as a whole.Based on the observations from sites, CRU air temperature, we used the Stefan solution to calculate the spatial distribution of active layer thickness and soil freeze depth during 1971-2000. These results are helpful to further study the physical mechanism between seasonally frozen ground and climate change, eco-hydrology process.

2、Keywords

Theme：Active layer,Frozen Ground  
Discipline：Cryosphere  
Places：Qilian Mountain  
Time：year

3、Data details

1.Scale：None

2.Projection：WGS84

3.Filesize：4.0MB

4.Data format：None

4、Space scope

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| --- | --- | --- |
| - | north：40.0 | - |
| west：93.0 | - | east：104.0 |
| - | south：35.0 | - |

5、Time frame:1970-12-31 16:00:00+00:00--2000-12-31 03:59:59+00:00

6、Reference method

References to data:

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7、Supporting project information

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