The Data Collection Area (DCA) includes field samplings of water level, salinity, vegetation, surface elevation change, and soils.

The land-water data were obtained from digital imagery (Z/I Imaging digital mapping camera) with 1-meter resolution, acquired October-November 2005. All areas characterized by emergent vegetation, upland, wetland forest, or scrub-shrub were classified as land, while open water, aquatic beds, and mudflats were classified as water.