

## **The use of digital data to detect vegetation changes (case study Taftan)**

### **Abstract**

Ground-surface complications Time monitoring by remote sensing has great importance to understand the interrelationships between human and natural phenomena and optimal decision. Landsat TM images (years: 2001 and 2011) of Taftan pastures in Khash city, with 225,701 hectares area, were analyzed using IDRISI software in this study. Indexes were built in IDRISI software in the first phase. Bands and indices as the dependent variable and the amount of cover vegetation in measured sites were used as independent variables, at correlations reviews. SPSS software and t-test was used to determine the correlation. In this study, indicators that had the highest correlation with vegetation were identified and appropriate indicators to assess trends were determined, also. Index with the highest correlation was used to map coverage using classification method. In the next phase using survey data map transfer to ArcGIS environment, standard coverage classes were prepared. The results showed that 6 of 8 used indicators, MSAVI, TSAVI, TSAVI, SAVA and ARVI have the highest correlation with canopy cover that between them TSAVI and RVI indicators is the best indicator to assess changes. Non-significant correlation was between NDVI and NDVI index. The result indicates a negative coverage trend in this period, approximately 200,000 ha of rangeland; have decrease in the canopy level.

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