

Spatial distribution of landslides in Sensuikyo Area in the Aso region induced by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

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The 2016 Kumamoto earthquake triggered many landslides on steep slopes in the Sensuikyo area near Aso Volcano in Kumamoto, western Japan. We conducted field surveys on terrain shape information by Terrestrial Laser Scanning (TLS) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in order to discuss the effect of the earthquake. We analyze dense point cloud data of TLS in terms of the elevation change and topographic profile shapes. The maximum depth of the earthquake-derived landslides is about 6 m, which is deeper than the past landslides induced by heavy rainfalls. We also found that the longitudinal profiles of earthquake triggered landslides show different shapes from those of rainfall triggered landslides: The former are more curved, whereas the latter are straighter. This suggest that the landslides driven by the earthquake have occurred along a slip surface deeper than that of the rainfall-derived landslides. In this presentation, we discuss the detailed spatial distribution of landslides using a UAV-derived digital surface model and its derivative such as slope.

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