

Analysis of Land Cover and Landscape Pattern Change in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region Based on Globeland30 Data

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Abstract

With the rapid economic development and urbanization process in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, land use and landscape pattern have been changed. In order to reveal the temporal and spatial changes and provide scientific basis for the local land use planning and landscape pattern optimization made by government, based on the classification results of Globeland 30 land cover data in 2000 and 2010, this paper quantitatively analyzed the land use transfer status and the dynamic change of landscape pattern in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei by adopting the method of land use transfer matrix and landscape index. The results show that the land use and landscape patterns in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei have been changed significantly from 2000 to 2010. Overall, land use in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region has been changed greatly, which shows that the cultivated land area has been decreased by 3721.67 km², while the artificial surface area and grassland area have increased by 2721.29 km² and 657.09 km², respectively. From the six partitions of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, it can be seen that the subareas with significant changes are Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, and Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration. The arable land area of these three zones has decreased 572.77 km², 1553.94 km² and 1359.53 km², respectively. From the perspective of landscape pattern change, patch density and fragmentation degree in the southeast and northwest of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region increase; and the dominant patches in the southeast of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region have formed a good connectivity; the whole Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region shows

irregular shape and discontinuous enhancement of landscape types, the landscape patch types increase and enrich, and the dominance shows a downward trend.

Keywords

Land Use Transfer Matrix, Landscape Pattern, Landscape Index, Globeland30

1. Introduction

Land use/land cover change (LUCC), as the main manifestation of human activities that significantly change the Earth's environmental system, is a hot and frontier area of global environmental change research [1] [2] [3] [4]. With the acceleration of economic development, population growth and urbanization, the role of human beings on the earth's surface has been strengthened, and the land use and landscape patterns on the earth's surface have been changing constantly [5]. Therefore, the analysis of land use and landscape pattern between regions plays a key role in the sustainable development of the region [6]. With the continuous progress of remote sensing technology, especially the emergence and renewal of land cover products [7]-[13], it provides an effective means of detection and data sources for the study of land use change at global and regional scales. In response to the above problems, scholars at home and abroad have carried out a lot of research and achieved fruitful results, such as Fan et al. [14] using land use dynamics model, land use transfer matrix and mobile window landscape index to analyze the spatial and temporal change process of land use landscape pattern in Shanghai from 1995 to 2015; Wang et al. [15] selected the upper reaches of Huaihe River to study the impact mechanism of land use and landscape pattern evolution on ESV. Zhang et al. [16] supported by remote sensing and GIS technology, used land use conversion matrix to analyze the land use pattern of Zhungeer Banner in two invariable years, and combined with soil erosion data to analyze the change of soil and water loss in the region. Lamine et al. [17] selected relevant indexes in FRAGSTATS to analyze the relationship between land use/land cover change and landscape fragmentation in the Mediterranean region. Most of these land use status and landscape pattern studies are based on cities or small areas as research areas, and few are evaluated from a whole region. Therefore, this paper selects the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region as the research area, and adopts the two methods of land use conversion matrix and landscape index to analyze the changes in land use status on a larger spatial scale.

In 2014, the National Basic Geographic Information Center launched GlobeLand 30, a global 30 m resolution remote sensing cartographic data product for surface coverage includes products of 2000 and 2010. At present, the Chinese government has donated and opened up to the United Nations to share the data product [18] [19]. Due to the short time of occurrence of GlobeLand30 data, there are few studies on this high-resolution land cover data, most of which are aimed at the accuracy evaluation of the land cover products at global or national scales and land cover change [20] [21] [22] [23]. However, little is known about the landscape pattern analysis at regional scales using GlobeLand30 data. Based on these, this paper adopts the method of land use transfer matrix and landscape index to analyze the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region by using two-period data of Globeland 30 and reflects the transfer situation and structural feature of land use types in the region from 2000 to 2010 in a quantitative and intuitive way, so as to provide a reference for analyzing the law of land use transfer in the region and reveal the characteristics of landscape pattern change in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Overview of the Study Area

The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is located at 113°04′E - 119°53′E longitude and 36°01′N - 42°37′N latitude, east of Bohai Sea, west of Taihang Mountains, north of Yanshan Mountain, high in the northwest and low in the southeast, with an area of about 217 thousand km², mainly including Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province. [24] Based on the comprehensive analysis of the existing literature [25] [26], this paper divides the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area into six parts, they are Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, Water Conservation and Soil Conservation Area in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Eastern Taihang Mountains, Ecological Maintenance Zone of Bohai Bay in Tianjin-Hebei-Shandong, Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration, Ecological Maintenance Area of Water Conservation in Hilly Area of Yanshan Mountain, as shown in Figure 1.

2.2. Data Sources and Processing

The surface coverage data used in this paper is Globeland30 data with 30 m resolution of 2000 and 2010. Supported by 863 national key projects, the product was developed by the National Basic Geographic Information Center in conjunction with 18 units, such as Beijing Normal University, Tsinghua University and the Institute of Remote Sensing application (IRSA) of Chinese Academy of Sciences [27] [28], using WGS84 coordinate system and UTM projection. Its classified images are mainly multi-spectral images with 30m resolution, including multispectral images of China Environmental Disaster Reduction Satellite (HJ-1), Beijing 1 (BJ-1) and Landsat TM5, ETM+ [18]. Ground cover can be divided into 10 categories: cultivated land, forest, grassland, shrub land, wetland, water body, artificial surface, bare land, glacier and permanent snow cover, tundra. The overall accuracy in 2000 is 85.8%, the Kappa coefficient is 0.79, the overall accuracy in 2010 is 86.9%, and the Kappa coefficient is 0.81 [28]. The

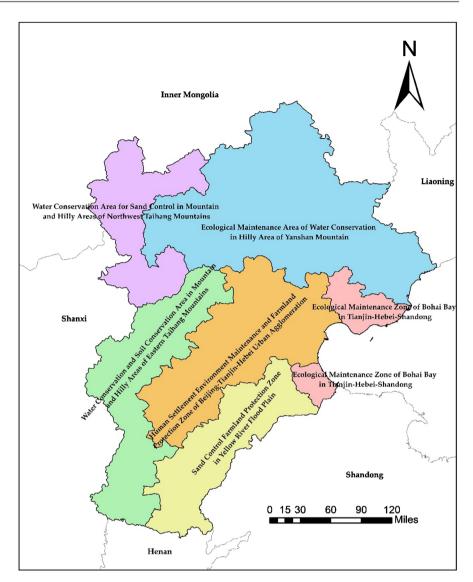


Figure 1. Location of the study area.

Globeland30 data used in this paper is downloaded from the National Basic Geographic Information Center, which website is <u>http://ngcc.sbsm.gov.cn/</u>.

In GIS software, the data in the study area is obtained by projection transformation, image mosaic, research area clipping and so on. Because shrub land and bare land occupy less area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area, and there are no glaciers, permanent snow and tundra areas in the study area, it is necessary to reclassify these data and eventually merge them into seven types of land cover, namely cultivated land, forest, grassland, wetland, water body, artificial surface and others.

2.3. Research Methods

2.3.1. Land Use Transfer Matrix

The transfer matrix of land use reflects the dynamic process information of the transformation between different land types of area at the beginning and the end

of a certain period in a certain region. It includes not only the static data of different types of area at a certain time point in a certain region, but also the more abundant information of different types of area transfer at the beginning and at the end of the period. The general form of land use transfer matrix is [29] [30]:

$$S_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \cdots & S_{1n} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & \cdots & S_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ S_{n1} & S_{n2} & \cdots & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where *S* represents area; *n* is the number of land use types before and after transfer; *i*, *j* (*i*, *j* = 1, 2, … *n*) represents the land use types before and after the transfer, respectively; S_{ij} denotes the area of the class *i* before the transfer to the class *j* after the transfer.

2.3.2. Landscape Index

Landscape index refers to quantitative indicators which can highly condense the information of landscape pattern and reflect some characteristics of landscape structural composition and spatial allocation [31]. Due to the high correlation between landscape pattern indexes, the representative, easy to quantify and relatively sensitive indicators should be selected according to the characteristics of the study area, geographical environmental factors and research needs, combined with the ecological meaning of each indicator. [32] [33] The landscape pattern can be analyzed from three different levels: patch level, patch class level and landscape level. Based on the existing literature [34], this paper intends to use landscape level index to analyze the fragmentation and spatial heterogeneity of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. Patch Density (PD), Edge Density (ED), Landscape Shape Index (LSI), Contagion Index (CONTAG), Shannon Diversity Index (SHDI) and Shannon Evenness Index (SHEI) are selected to study Landscape pattern change of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei. The formula for calculating the specific index is shown in Table 1.

3. Results

3.1. Matrix Analysis of Land Use Transfer

3.1.1. Land Use Transfer in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

Based on the land cover remote sensing image classification results of the two phases of GlobeLand30, and adopting the land use transfer matrix method, the GIS tools were used to generate the transfer matrix between land use types in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area, as shown in **Table 2**. It can be seen from **Table 2** that from 2000 to 2010, land transfer in the entire Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region mainly occurred between cultivated land, artificial surface and grassland, while the changes between forests, wetlands and water bodies were smaller, and their changes were 349.72 km², 175.23 km², -189.94 km². During the ten-year period, the total area of arable land decreased by 3721.67 km², and its transfer-out area was 7813.11 km², of which the area converted into grassland and artificial surface

Table 1.	The	formula	of land	scape metrics.
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Landscape metrics	Formula	Decription
PD	$PD = \frac{N}{A} (10,000) (100)$	The number of patches per unit area of a certain type; Positive correlation with fragmentation degree; Where N is the number of landscape patches and A is the total area of the landscape, the same below.
ED	$ED = \frac{E}{A} 10^6$	Length of Patch Boundary in Unit Area; Where E is the total length of the boundary in the landscape, the same below.
LSI	$LSI = \frac{0.25E}{\sqrt{A}}$	Reflecting the development degree of landscape types.
CONTAG	$CONTAG = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[p_i \left(\frac{g_{ik}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} g_{ik}} \right) \right] \times \left[In(p_i) \left(\frac{g_{ik}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} g_{ik}} \right) \right] \\ 1 + \frac{2In(m)}{2In(m)} \end{bmatrix} \times 100$	Aggregation degree or extension trend of different landscape types; Where p_i is the area percentage of patch type <i>i</i> , g_{ij} is the number of adjacent patches between patch type <i>i</i> and patch type <i>j</i> , <i>m</i> is the total number of patch types, the same below.
SHDI	$SHDI = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[p_i \times In(p_i) \right]$	Indicators reflecting the diversity of landscape types.
SHEI	$SHEI = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[p_i \times In(p_i) \right]}{Inm}$	The SHEI value tends to be 1, indicating that the dominance is decreasing.

Table 2. Land use transfer matrix in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region

Land use in 2000/km ²	Land use in 2010/km ²								
	Cultivated land	Forest	Grassland	Wetland	Water body	Artificial surface	Others	Total	Transferred-out area/km ²
Cultivated land	108,487.79	496.35	3110.37	97.27	677.26	3406.53	25.34	116,300.90	7813.11
Forest	371.82	36,878.17	4287.55	3.75	6.18	55.98	89.43	41,692.88	4814.71
Grassland	1789.39	4533.26	30,545.55	79.61	57.02	515.83	147.40	37,668.06	7122.51
Wetland	84.78	3.64	19.13	365.34	175.47	13.57	7.91	669.83	304.49
Water body	535.83	60.26	150.56	274.81	2796.63	153.08	5.75	3976.91	1180.28
Artificial surface	1300.76	24.13	58.22	9.85	45.20	13481.97	0.98	14,921.09	1439.13
Others	8.87	46.80	153.77	14.44	29.22	15.44	112.98	381.51	268.53
Total	112,579.23	42,042.61	38,325.15	845.06	3786.98	17642.39	389.79	215,611.20	103,031.96
Transferred-in area/km ²	4091.44	5164.43	7779.60	479.72	990.34	4160.42	276.81	99,310.29	95,218.85

accounted for 39.81% and 43.60%, respectively. Both the artificial surface and the grassland showed an increasing trend, with the area increasing by 2721.29km² and the grassland area increasing by 657.09km².

3.1.2. Land Use Transfer in the Subareas of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei

Similarly, using the land-use transfer matrix method and the GlobeLand30 land

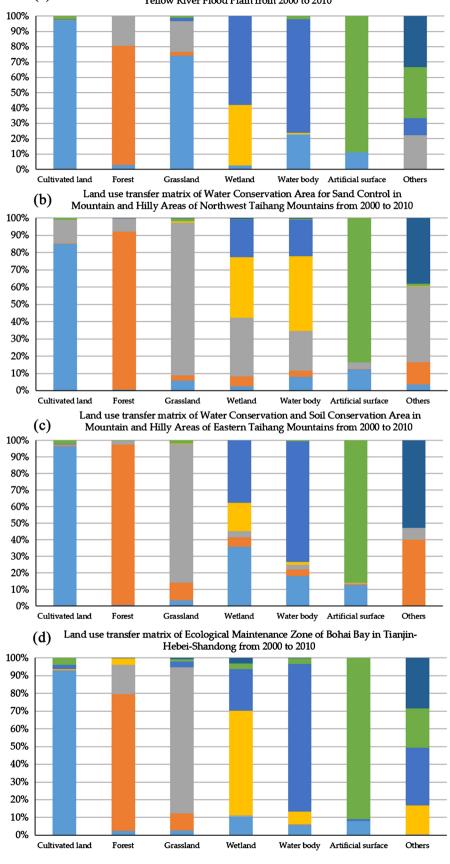
cover classification images of the six districts of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, transfer matrices between the land-use types of the six districts were generated. In order to more intuitively display the changes in the land use types and the magnitude of the changes in each subarea from 2000 to 2010, a percentage accumulation chart was used, as shown in **Figure 2**. **Figure 2** shows that between 2000 and 2010, the land use types of the Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain changed largely in grasslands and wetlands, and the reductions reached 15.76% and 45.84%, respectively; while the cultivated land and man-made surface changed little, but because of the large proportion of the area in the district, there was still a large change in the area level, specifically the conversion between cultivated land and man-made land surface, the converted out area of cultivated land is 572.77 km², and the area converted into artificial land is 502.86 km², accounting for 87.79% of the total transfer area of cultivated land. The transfer area from artificial surface to cultivated land accounts for 98.02% of the former's transferred area.

The conversion of land use types mostly occurs among cultivated land, forest and grassland in Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains. The area of cultivated land transferred out is 2070.25 km², and the transferred in area is 516.31 km², which reduces 1553.94 km². The area of grassland transferred out is 825.09 km², the transferred in area is 2167.95 km², and the area of grassland has increased by 1342.86 km². Among them, the area of cultivated land transferred to grassland reached 1883.89 km², accounting 91.00% of the converted area of cultivated land. The area of grassland transferred to cultivated land and forest is 425.47 km² and 212.58 km², respectively, accounting for 51.57% and 25.76% of the transferred area.

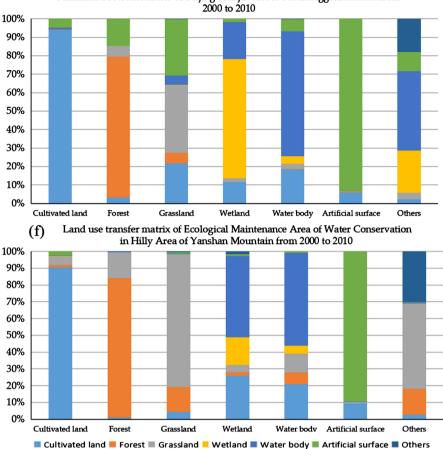
From 2000 to 2010, the land use types of Water Conservation and Soil Conservation Area in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Eastern Taihang Mountains did not change much compared with other areas, and the overall change tended to be stable. The areas of cultivated land, forest, grassland, wetland, water body, artificial surface and others which have been changed are -15.93 km², -13.50 km², -97.74 km², 2.87 km², -13.95 km², 133 km² and 5.30 km², respectively.

The land use types change in Ecological Maintenance Zone of Bohai Bay in Tianjin-Hebei-Shandong mainly occurs among cultivated land, wetland, water body and artificial surface. Among them, the transferred out area of cultivated land is 501.17 km², the transferred in area is 199.42 km², which reduces 301.75 km², and the transferred area to wetland, water body and artificial surface is 32.39 km², 177.23 km² and 279.90 km². From 2000 to 2010, the areas of wetland and man-made surface increase by 66.85 km² and 255.63 km², respectively.

The land use types of Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration showed drastic changes in cultivated land and man-made surface. The transferred out and in area of cultivated land is 2118.41 km² and 758.88 km², which reduces



(a) Land use transfer matrix of Sand Control and Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain from 2000 to 2010



(e) Land use transfer matrix of Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration from 2000 to 2010

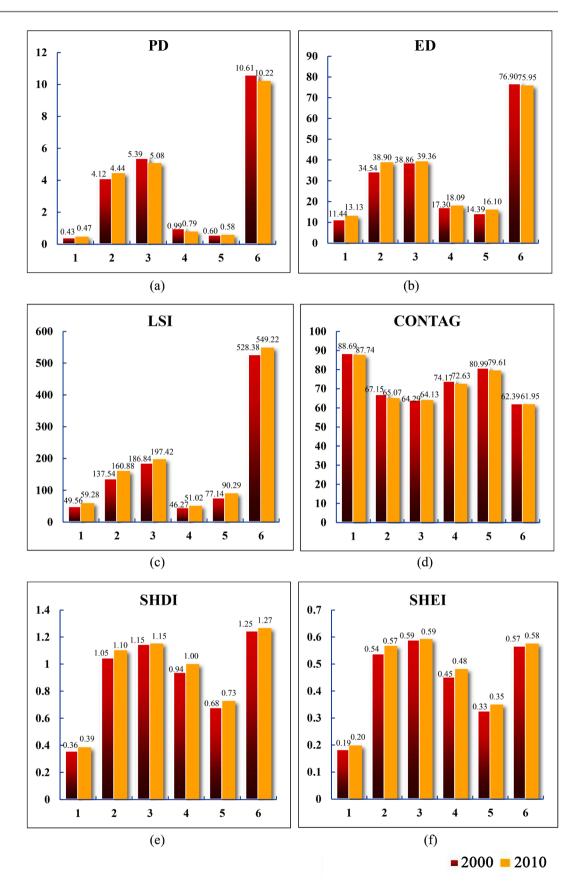
Figure 2. Transfer Matrix Graphs of Six Partition.

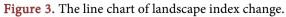
1359.53 km². Among them, the area transferred to artificial surface is 1614.91 km², accounting for 76.23% of the total transferred out area of cultivated land. Artificial surface areas increase from 6086.80 km² in 2000 to 7920.76 km² in 2010, with a total increase of 1833.96 km².

The land use types in Ecological Maintenance Area of Water Conservation in Hilly Area of Yanshan Mountain have changed obviously except for other types. The land use types of cultivated land, forest, grassland, man-made surface and water body all changed obviously, which the changed areas are -251.73 km², 258.48 km², -534.51 km², 584.65 km², -115.98 km², respectively.

3.2. Landscape Index Analysis

Through the landscape index analysis method, the landscape index bar charts of six districts of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei were generated, as shown in **Figure 3**. The figure not only revealed the changes of landscape pattern index in different ecological functional areas of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei from 2000 to 2010, but also intuitively showed the relationship between different zones of the same index. In the figure, due to space reasons, Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and





Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, Water Conservation and Soil Conservation Area in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Eastern Taihang Mountains, Ecological Maintenance Zone of Bohai Bay in Tianjin-Hebei-Shandong, Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration, Ecological Maintenance Area of Water Conservation in Hilly Area of Yanshan Mountain, which are included in broken line maps, are set as numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively. From the **Figure 3**, we can see that:

The PD values of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration and Ecological Maintenance Area of Water Conservation in Hilly Area of Yanshan Mountain increase, indicating that the degree of fragmentation of the three areas is gradually increasing. At the same time, the area of artificial surface in these three areas has increased considerably. Therefore, it may be due to the strengthening of urbanization activities, which weakens the ability of landscape to resist natural disasters, and reduces the carrying capacity of ecological environment.

The ED values of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, Water Conservation and Soil Conservation Area in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Eastern Taihang Mountains, Ecological Maintenance Zone of Bohai Bay in Tianjin-Hebei-Shandong, and Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration tend to increase, especially in Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, the ED value increased from 34.54 to 38.90. It shows that patches increase, the area is irregular and the landscape types show discontinuity.

The LSI values of six districts in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region tend to increase, which indicates that the shapes of the landscape patches in the whole study area are complex and irregular.

The CONTAG values in the two areas of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain and Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration are higher than those in the other four areas. It shows that the dominant patch types in the landscape of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain and Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration have formed good connectivity. It also shows that there are many small patches in the landscape of the other four areas, and the landscape is a dense pattern with many elements, and the fragmentation degree of the landscape is high. In 2000, the value of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain is 88.70, which is close to 100, indicating that there are dominant patch types with high connectivity in the landscape of this area. The values of SDHI in six districts of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region tends to increase, which indicates that patch types in the study area are increasing and enriching, and the distribution of patch types in landscape is balanced. The SHDI values of Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, Water Conservation and Soil Conservation Area in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Eastern Taihang Mountains and Ecological Maintenance Area of Water Conservation in Hilly Area of Yanshan Mountain are higher than those of the other three areas. In 2000, the SHDI values of the three regions are 1.05, 1.15 and 1.25, respectively, which suggests that they have abundant land use types and high content of uncertain information.

The increasing of the value of SHEI of six districts in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region indicates that the dominance degree of the study area is decreasing. However, the SHEI value of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain is obviously lower than that in the other five areas. In 2000, the SHEI value of Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain is only 0.19. It shows that the landscape is dominated by one or a few dominant patches.

4. Conclusions

The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is taken as the research area, and the study area is divided into six zones. Using the two-period data of Globeland30 of 2000 and 2010, the land use transfer status and the dynamic change of landscape pattern in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region from 2000 to 2010 are quantitatively analyzed by adopting the methods of land use transfer matrix and landscape index analysis and using GIS technology and FRAGSTAT software.

1) From the perspective of land use change, the land use change in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei from 2000 to 2010 is obvious. The general trend of land use change in the whole Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is the decrease of the area of arable land and waterbody, and the increase of the area of forest, grassland, wetland and artificial surface. Among them, cultivated land, artificial surface and grassland are the three land use types that have changed most. From the six zones of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, it can be seen that the partitions with significant changes are Sand Control Farmland Protection Zone in Yellow River Flood Plain, Water Conservation Area for Sand Control in Mountain and Hilly Areas of Northwest Taihang Mountains, and Human Settlement Environment Maintenance and Farmland Protection Zone of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Urban Agglomeration. Generally speaking, the decrease of cultivated land area and the increase of man-made surface area in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region coincide with the urbanization process in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

2) From the perspective of landscape pattern change, the patch density in the southeast and northwest of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region increases from 2000 to 2010, indicating that the degree of fragmentation in these regions increased

gradually; the increase of edge density indicates the increase of patches and discontinuity of landscape types in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei area, and the increase of landscape shape index indicates that landscape patches in the study area are complex and irregular in shape; the increase of the contagion index in the southeastern part of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region indicates that the dominant patches in the landscape form a good connection, while the increase of Shannon diversity index and Shannon evenness index in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region indicates the increase of patch types and the uniform distribution of patch types in the landscape.

3) This paper focuses on the landscape pattern evaluation and analysis of the fragmentation and spatial heterogeneity of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region by using the landscape level index. Therefore, the next step can be evaluated by selecting the landscape components and the biodiversity of the landscape, as well as the landscape index reflecting the direction and strength of human activities. At the same time, this paper evaluates the ecological zoning of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, but not through the selection of the scale of typical cities, which is the focus of the next work.

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