**Data Review for SSEBop ET (daily, monthly, seasonal and annual files).**

I have no major comments on the data. Each file comes with a metadata file. Name of each data file is self-explanatory and easy to follow. Following are few comments and observations.

1. Please indicate in the xml file (towards the end of the abstract) that zip files have to be downloaded and unzipped to get to the data (geotiff) and xml files
2. NoData pixels are indicated as NoDATA in ArcGIS. However, other software (e.g., ERDAS imagine) show nodata as -32768.00). So please indicate this in the xml file.

Data Review checklist:

* Are they in a valid range for that measurement?

Yes.

* Do they display seasonal or daily trends that are applicable?

N/A

* Is there consistency between adjacent or otherwise related datasets, within the product?

Yes.

* Are the geographic locations given for the data, reasonable? (i.e., are ocean data points actually showing in the ocean?)

Yes.

* Is the accuracy claimed for the data reasonable?

Accuracy is not claimed.

* Are “no data” values accurately defined?

Not defined in the xml. Please add this info in the xml file.

* Are data anomalies or gaps explained in the metadata?

N/A

* Are the data development methods scientifically sound and well described?

Yes. Info is available in the xml and also on the FEWS NET webpage.

* Could a scientist or technician recreate the final data set from the descriptions?
* Can the documentation about methodology be easily found and used?
* Are processing software and versions identified?
* Does the product include metadata in a standard endorsed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) for all the data, such as the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM) or ISO 19115?
* Are the coordinate system and datum defined appropriately (both horizontal and vertical)?

Yes.

* Does the Product as a whole, through its design or documentation, provide enough information so that the data and metadata can be easily found and used?

Yes. Info is available in the metadata file.

* Is the format of the file identified?

Yes

* Is there information about the software required to use the data?

Yes. But for clarity, please indicate this info in the xml file. For example, “Any image processing software can be used to access data files.”

* Is the location of files documented?

N/A

* If the data are released on a web page, does the page have useful discovery metadata, for example the web page clearly identifies the contents, keywords and metadata tags are provided, and geospatial attributes are presented?