



Assessing vulnerability of fisheries in the Philippines to Climate Change Impacts

Tool for Understanding Resilience of Fisheries (VA-TURF)

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INTRODUCTION



Storm Surge



Acidification

CLIMATE CHANGE

Typhoons



Global Warming



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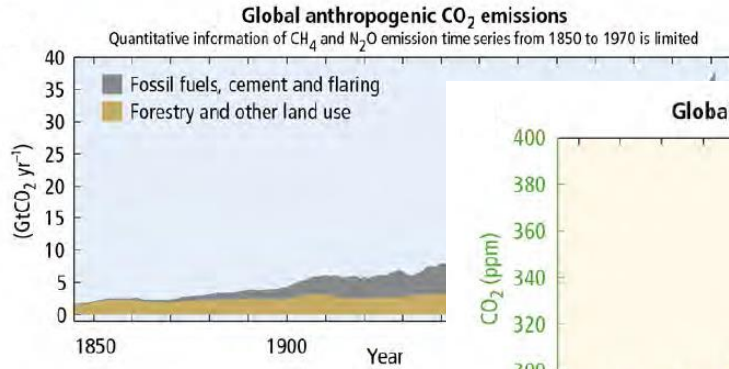
CLIMATE CHANGE

- any **significant change** in the measures of climate lasting for an extended period of time
 - temperature
 - precipitation
 - wind patterns

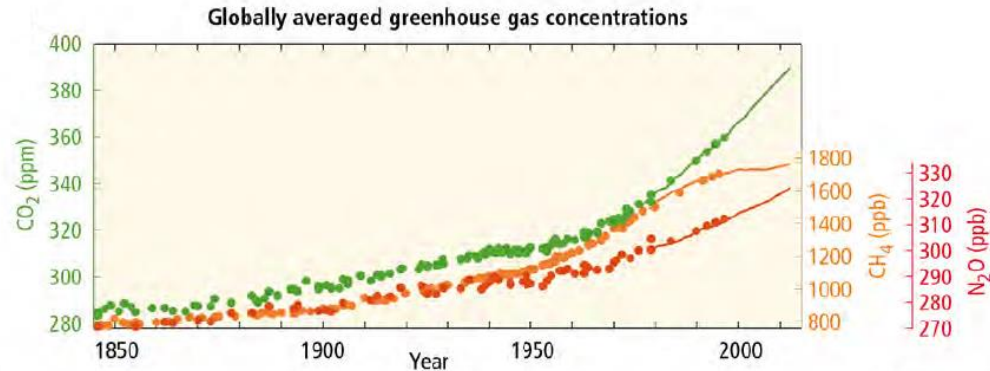
Global Warming

- recent and ongoing **rise in global average temperature** caused mostly by increase in concentration of **greenhouse gases** in the atmosphere
- only represents one aspect of climate change

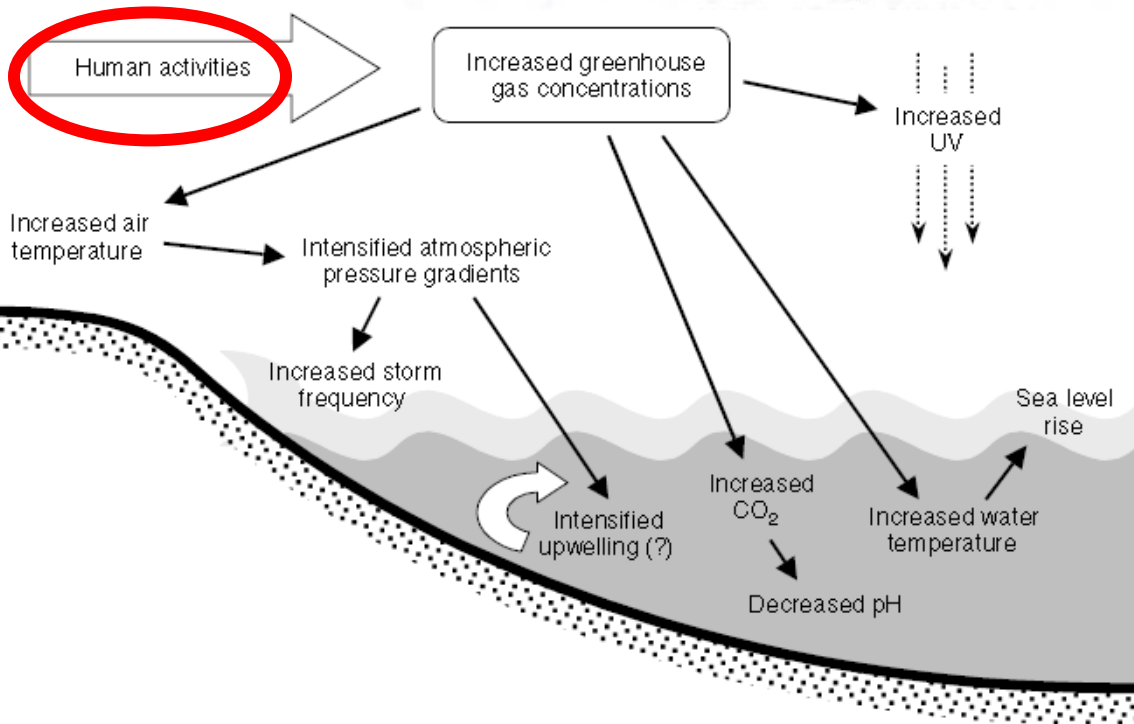
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Cumulative CO₂ emissions



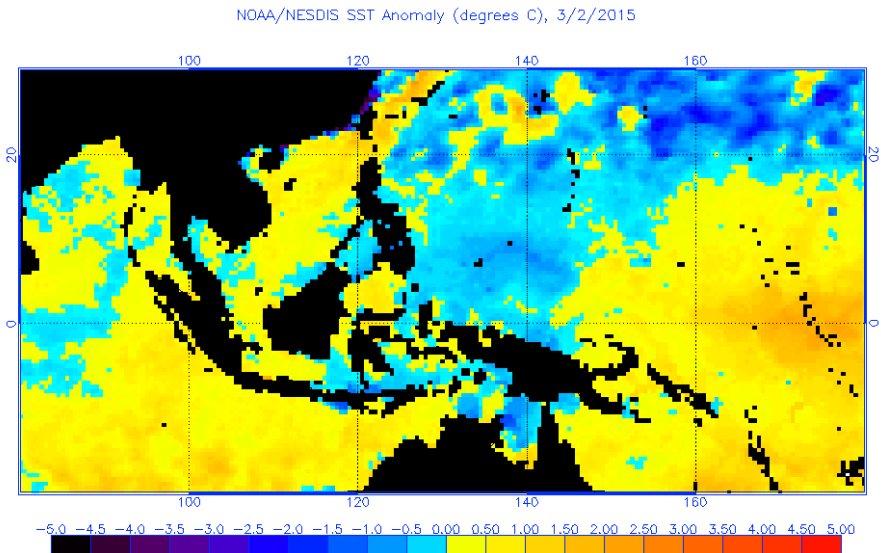
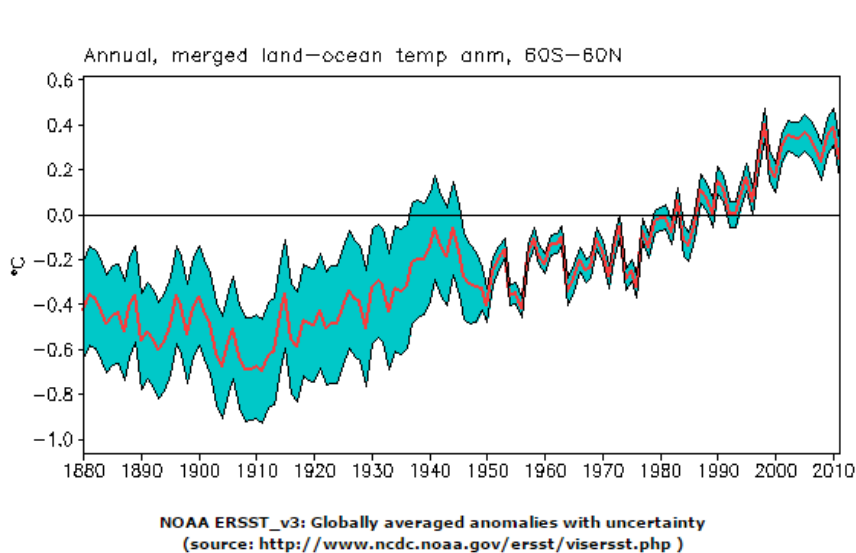
Change



- ↑ Air Temperature
- ↑ Sea Surface Temperature
- Sea Level Rise
- Change in amount and pattern of rainfall
- Wave energy

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Sea Surface Temperature (SST)



- Global average SST increased
 - Pacific Ocean increased by 0.31°C from 1950-2009^a
 - Philippines increased by 0.64°C from 1951-2010^b

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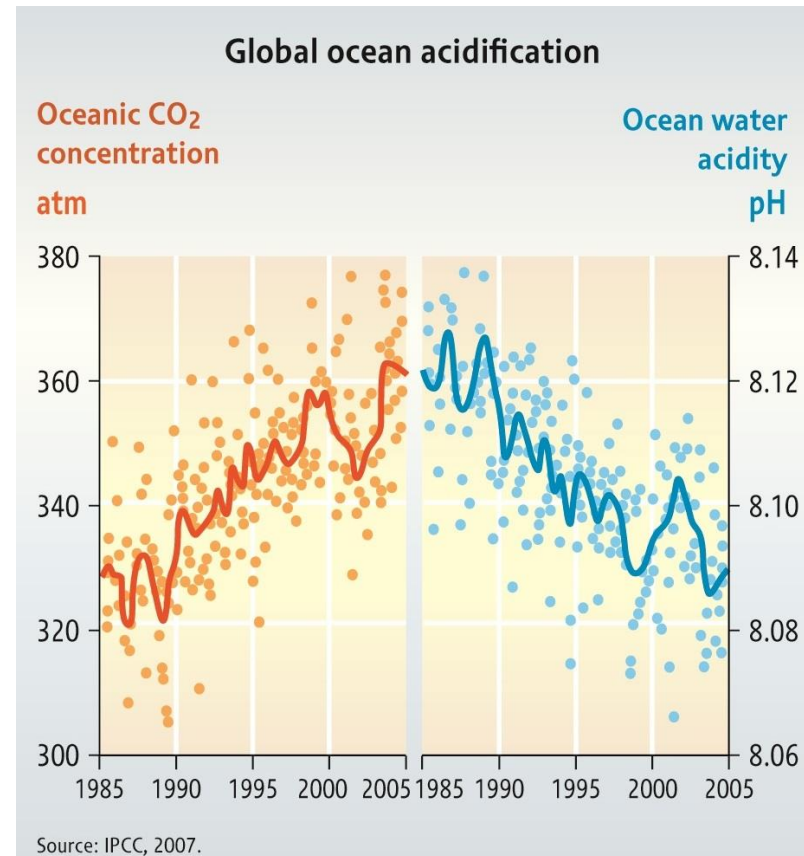
IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE TO FISHERIES

Type of change	Climatic variable	Impacts	Potential Impacts to Fisheries
Fish stocks	High SST	Change in physiology and sex ratios of fished species	Changes in timing and levels of productivity across marine and freshwater systems
		Altered timing of spawning, migrations, and/or peak abundance	Reduced production of target species
		Increased invasive species, diseases and algal blooms	

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Ocean Acidification/ Decrease in ocean pH

- CO₂ uptake has decreased ocean pH
 - Implications on biology of organisms (reproduction, growth, neural functions, etc.) and ecosystem processes (reef building, primary productivity, etc.)



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Ocean Acidification/ Decrease in ocean pH

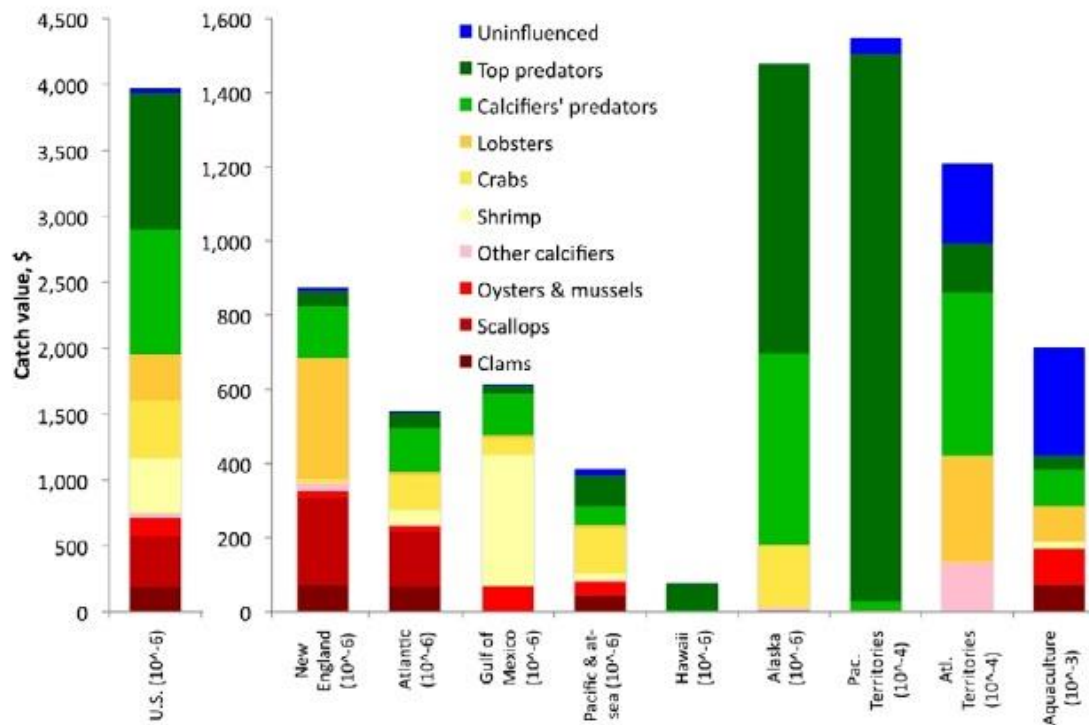
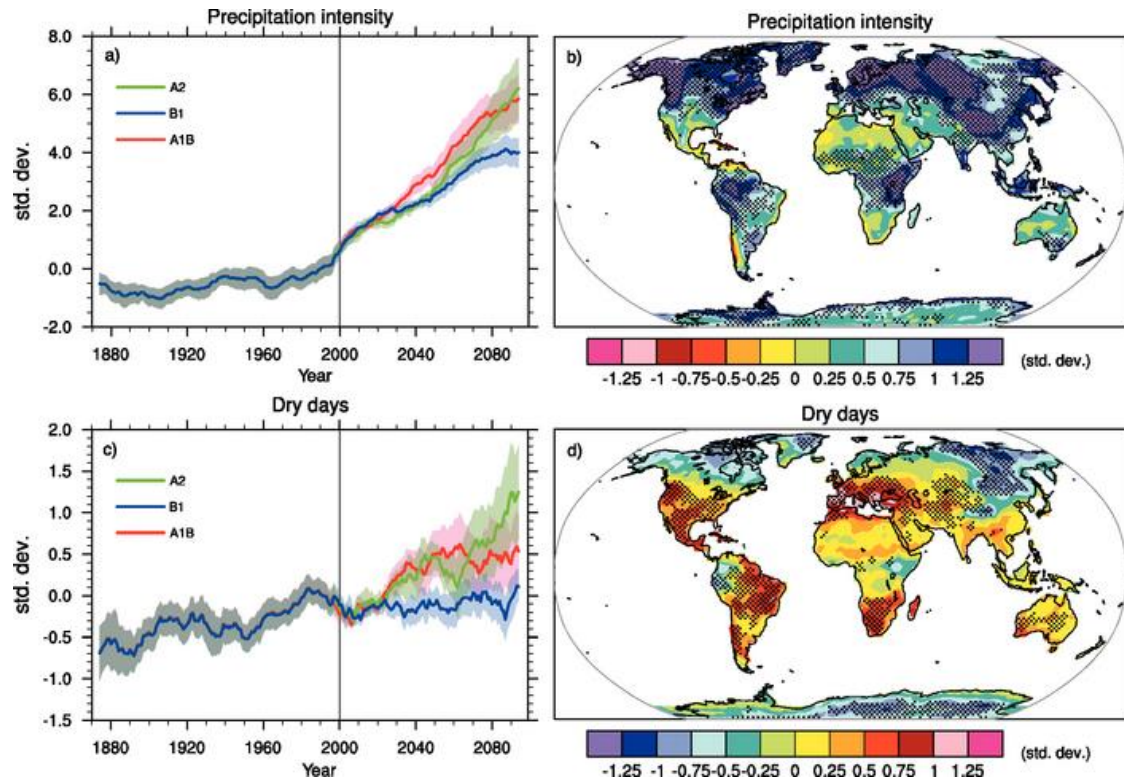


Figure 2. US commercial fishing ex-vessel revenue for 2007 (NMFS statistics, accessed October 2008). Reds indicate organisms containing primarily aragonite, yellows indicate those using primarily calcite, greens indicate predators, and blue indicates species not directly influenced by ocean acidification. (NMFS statistics and Andrews *et al* 2008.)

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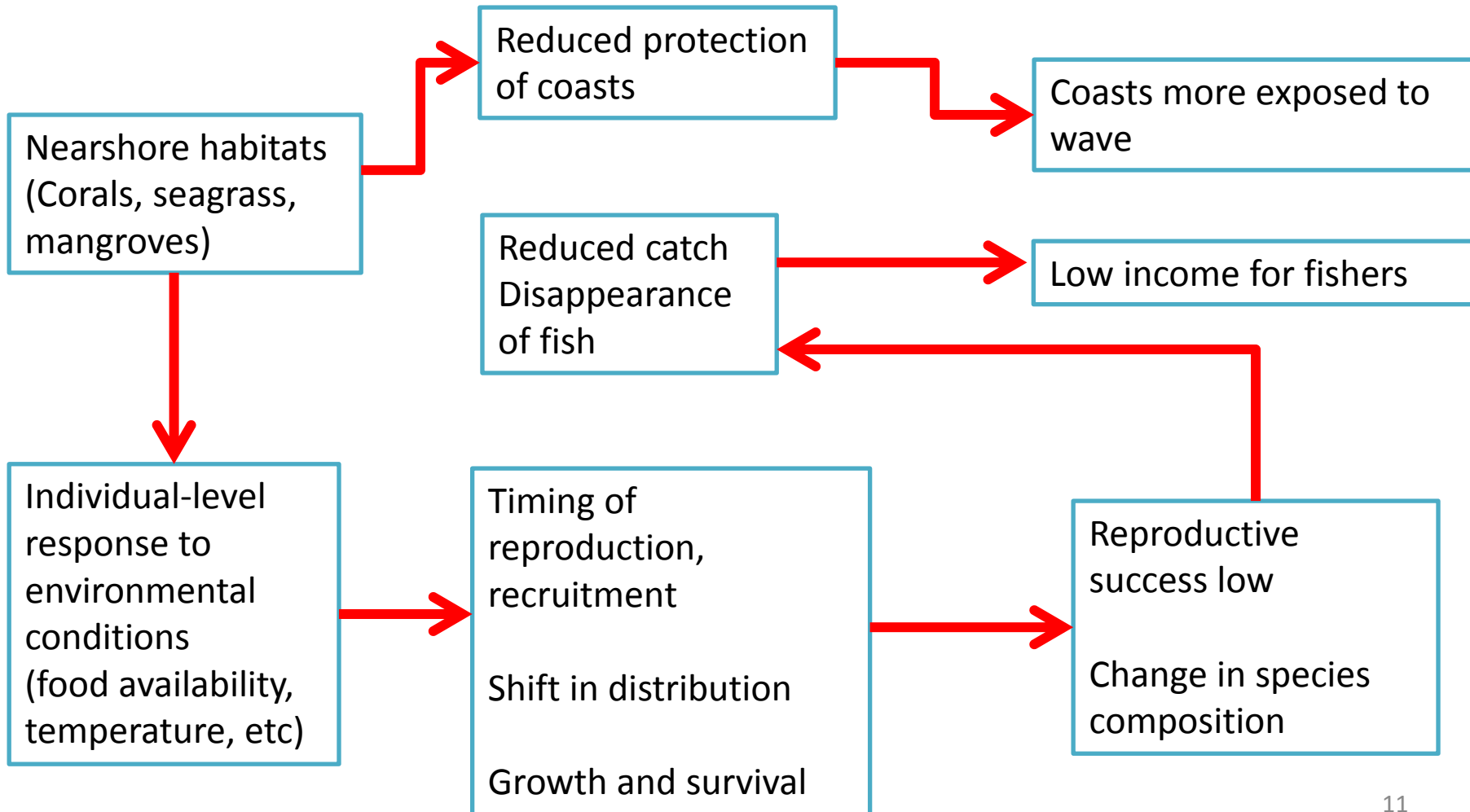
Change in frequency and intensity of rainfall

- Global annual land mean precipitation showed small but upward trend over the century, ~ 1.1 mm per decade ^a
- In Philippines, increasing trend in frequency and intensity of extreme rainfall observed ^b





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IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE TO FISHERIES



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

 Temperature change

 Ocean acidification

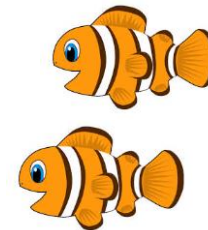
 Storms/cyclones

CLIMATE CHANGE

PEOPLE



MARINE ECOSYSTEM



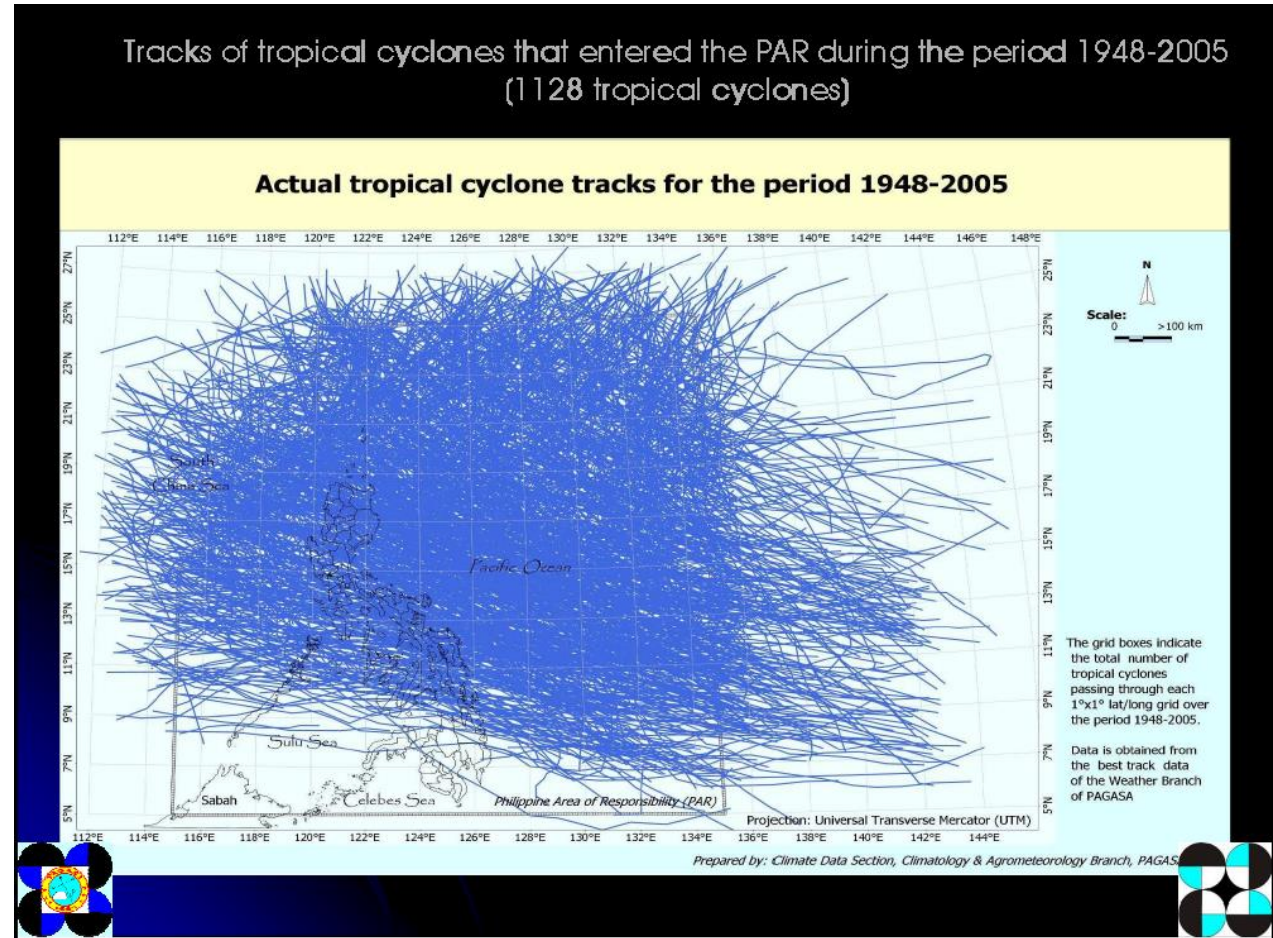
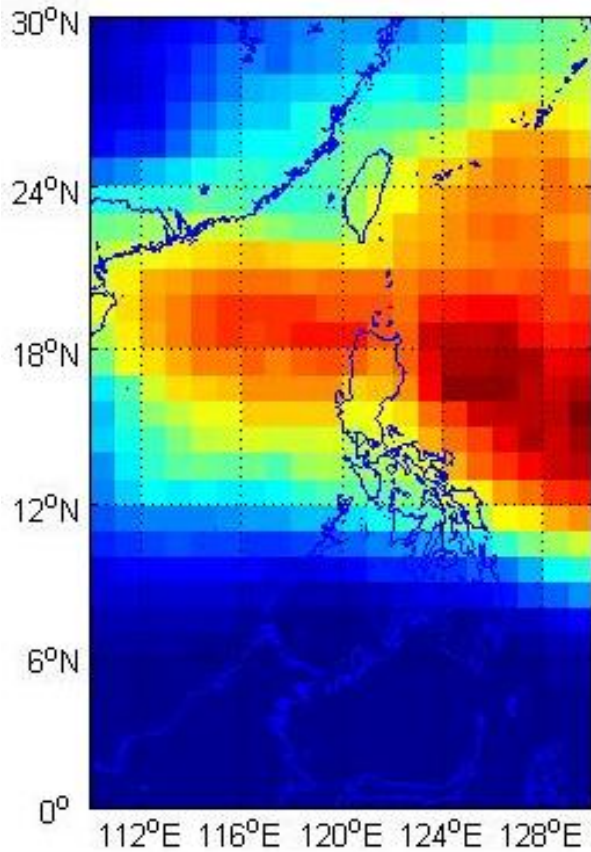
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

PHILIPPINES: A VERY VULNERABLE COUNTRY

CRI 1993–2012 (1992–2011)	Country	CRI score	Death toll	Deaths per 100,000 inhabitants	Total losses in million US\$ PPP	Losses per unit GDP in %	Number of Events (total 1993–2012)
1 (1)	Honduras	10.17	329.80	4.86	667.26	2.62	65
2 (2)	Myanmar	11.83	7135.90	13.51	617.79	1.20	38
3 (5)	Haiti	16.83	307.50	3.45	212.01	1.73	60
4 (3)	Nicaragua	17.17	160.45	2.81	224.61	1.74	44
5 (4)	Bangladesh	19.67	816.35	0.56	1832.70	1.16	242
6 (6)	Vietnam	24.00	419.70	0.52	1637.50	0.91	213
7 (14)	Philippines	31.17	643.35	0.79	736.31	0.29	311
8 (10)	Dominican Republic	31.33	212.00	2.43	182.01	0.32	54
8 (12)	Mongolia	31.33	12.85	0.52	327.38	3.68	25
10 (9)	Thailand	31.50	160.35	0.26	5410.06	1.29	193
10 (11)	Guatemala	31.50	82.35	0.69	312.23	0.58	13 72

Image credit: Kreft, S. and Eckstein, D. (2014). Global Climate Risk Index 2014: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2012 and 1993 to 2012.

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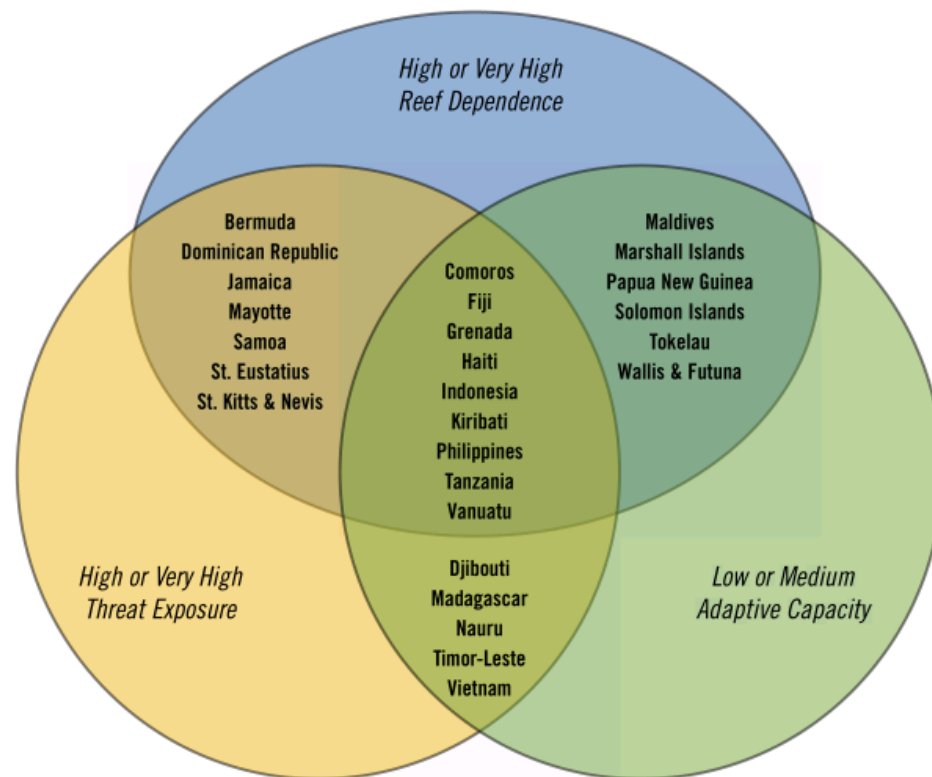


Map of typhoon frequency in the Philippines

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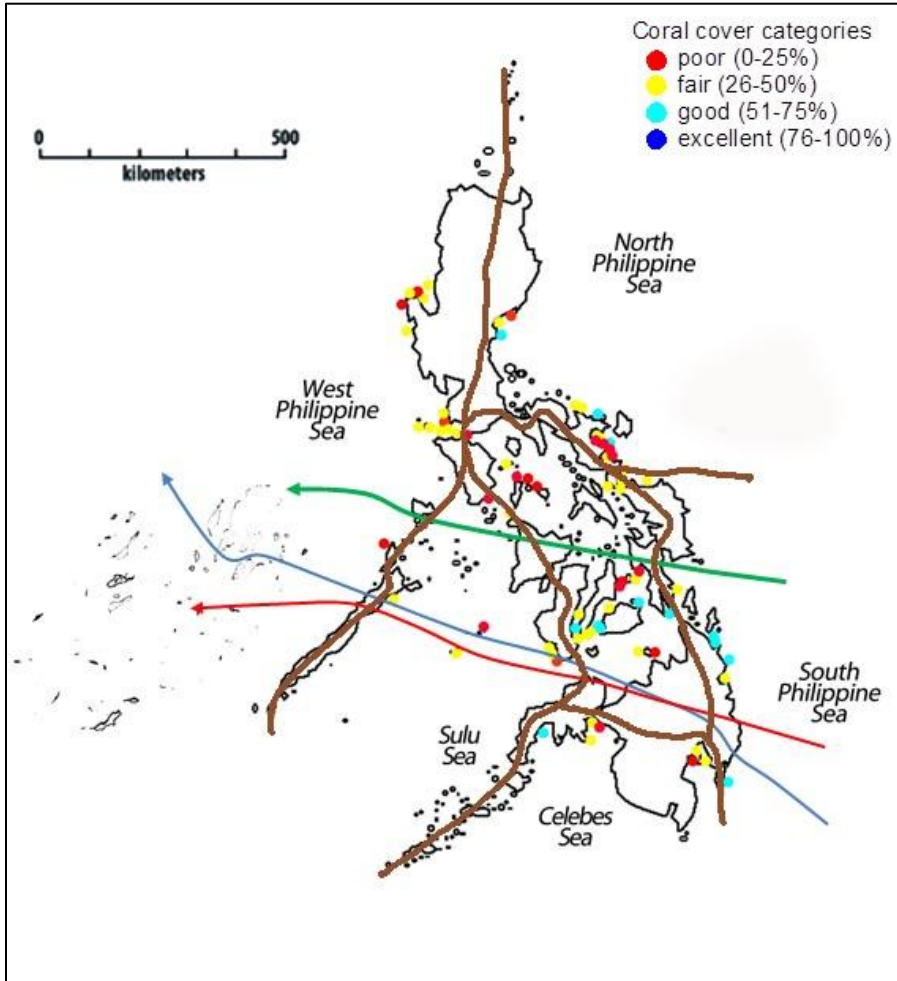
FIGURE ES-5. DRIVERS OF VULNERABILITY IN HIGHLY VULNERABLE NATIONS AND TERRITORIES



Note: Countries or territories within the yellow circle are highly or very highly exposed to reef threat; those within the blue circle are highly or very highly reef-dependent; and those within the green circle have low or medium adaptive capacity. Only the 27 very highly vulnerable countries and territories are shown.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

STATUS OF PHILIPPINE CORAL REEFS



Threats to Coral Reefs:

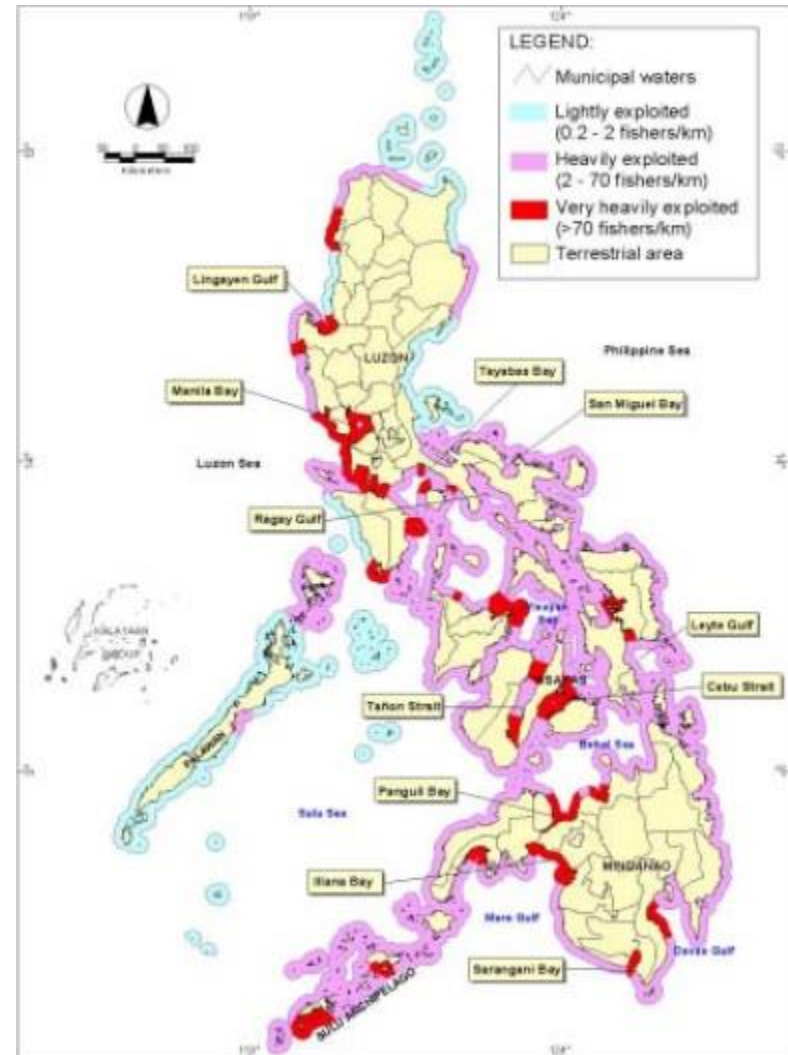
- Overfishing
- Destructive Fishing
- Pollution
- Sedimentation
- Coastal Development

Figure 3. Philippine map and its biogeographic regions (brown lines; Aliño and Gomez 1994) showing the color coded hard coral cover data that were surveyed from 2008 to 2014 in 73 municipalities. Typhoon paths: Blue arrow for Typhoon Washi (*Sendong*), Red arrow for Typhoon Bopha (*Pablo*) and Green arrow for Typhoon Haiyan (*Yolanda*).

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

STATUS OF PHILIPPINE FISHERIES

- Nearly 60% of the population is dependent on fisheries
- Fishers are the poorest of the poor sector ^a
- Fish stocks in major fishing grounds in the Philippines have been reduced to less than 10% of 1950s level ^b
- Average catch rate of Filipino fisherfolks is less than ½ of what they catch in 1970s^c



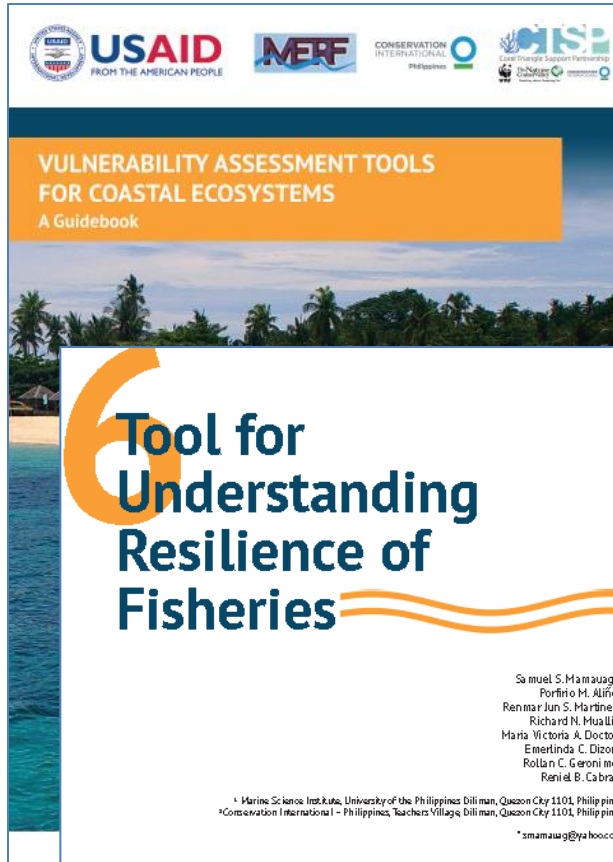
TOOL FOR UNDERSTANDING RESILIENCE OF FISHERIES (VA-TURF)



OBJECTIVES

- To identify vulnerable fishing communities
- To demonstrate how to link vulnerability assessment results to climate change adaptation
- To draft action plans towards reducing vulnerability

VA-TURF



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A framework for vulnerability assessment of coastal fisheries ecosystems to climate change—Tool for understanding resilience of fisheries (VA–TURF)



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Tool for Understanding the Resilience of Fisheries or TURF is a tool for assessing the climate change vulnerability of coastal fisheries in the tropics. It is cost-effective and practical, utilizing information that is readily available or easy to generate. It is a first-step assessment, in identifying priority areas with subsequent adaptation measures. The spatial unit of analysis is the coastal barangay (or village), the smallest political sub-division with its own governing council. Several of the Sensitivity and Adaptive Capacity variables used in the tool are comprehensible without using highly complex terminology. In addition, except for the ecosystem attributes, TURF utilizes information engendered through coarser and rapid assessments. Likewise, the analytical approach used is straightforward and devoid of highly sophisticated mathematical methods. The utility of TURF primarily considers the target end-users, the stakeholders of the barangays, and hence allows familiarization of the tool at some level of capacity. Nevertheless, the framework employed by the tool generally conforms to the underlying principles of climate change research on fisheries (e.g., Brander 2007, Aliño et al. 2009). TURF has three major components, i.e., fisheries aspects, reef ecosystem features, and socio-economic attributes, each with intrinsic properties but are tightly interrelated. This is typical in most artisanal fisheries in the tropics, including the Philippines. The Sensitivity and Adaptive Capacity variables selected in the tool were chosen to be able to identify and correspond with adaptation options.

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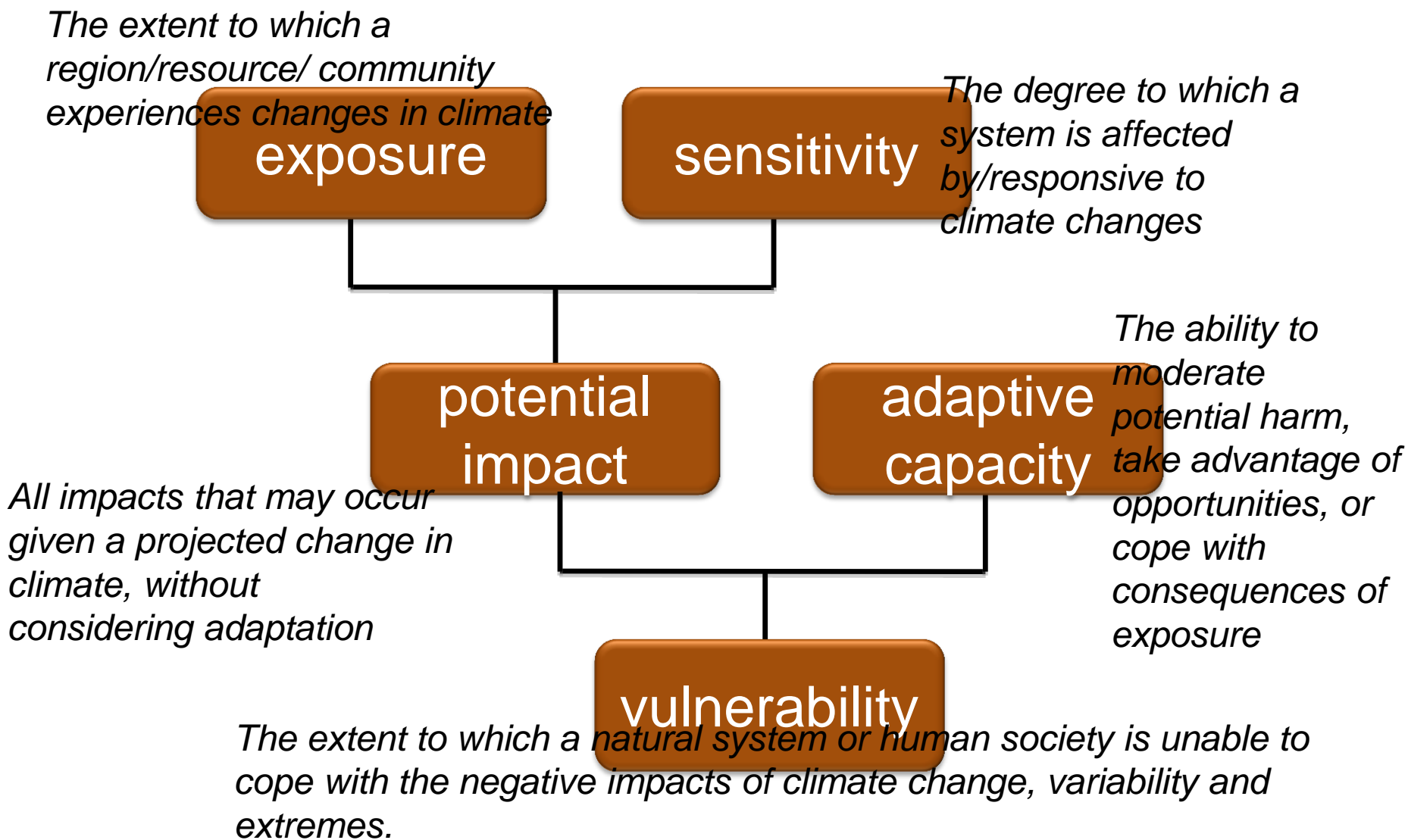
FEATURES

- Target end-users: Local stakeholders
- Spatial scale: Fishing village or barangay
- Climate Change hazards considered: Waves and storm surge, SST
- ✓ Required data is accessible or easily generated
- ✓ Analysis (Scoring and ranking) is simple; devoid of complicated mathematical equations
- ✓ Assessment is participatory
- ✓ Assists in decision-making for the local adaptation strategies



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Fisheries



Reef Ecosystem

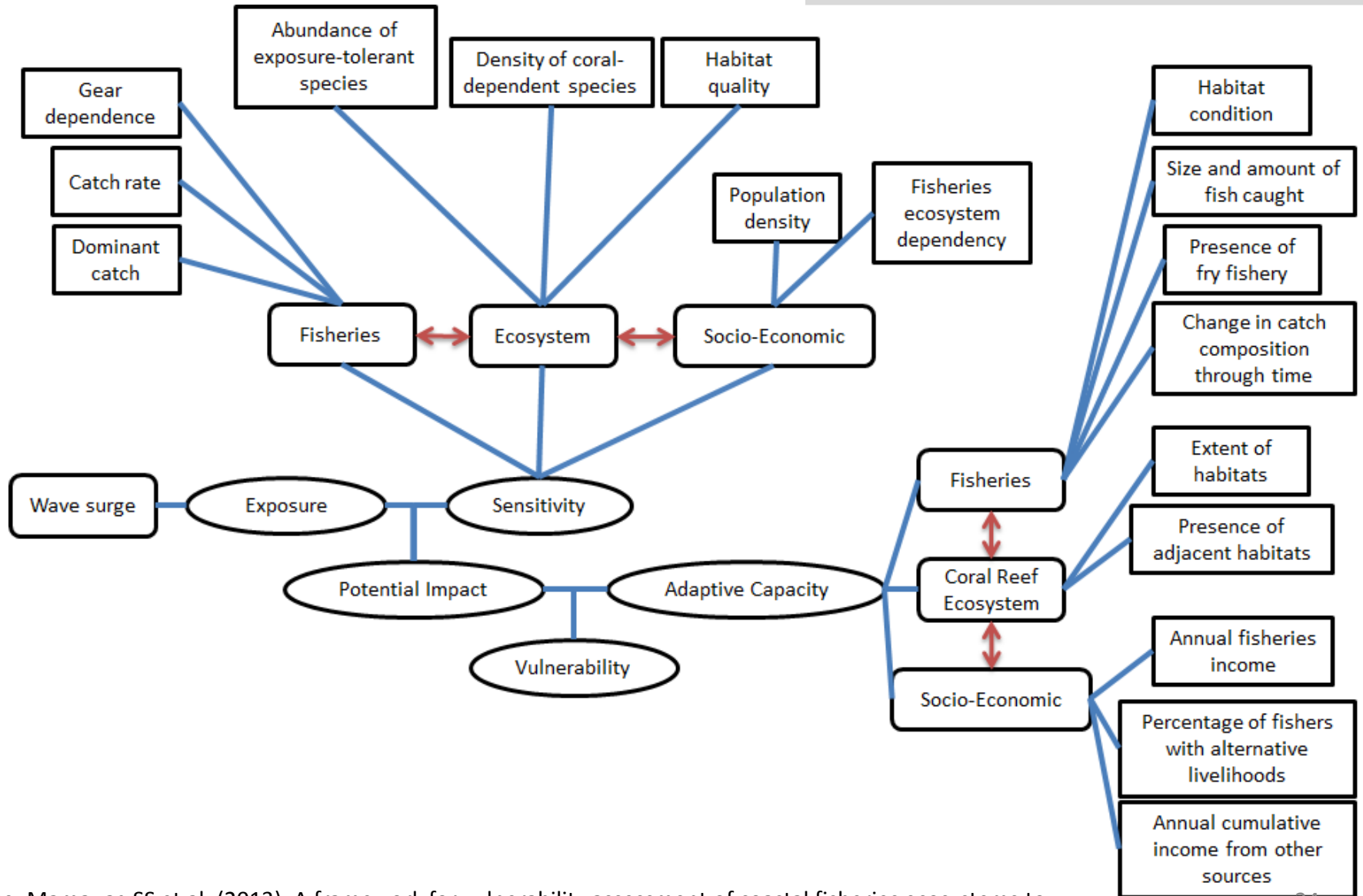


Socioeconomic



FRAMEWORK





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Source: Marnauag SS et al.,(2013). A framework for vulnerability assessment of coastal fisheries ecosystems to climate change—Tool for understanding resilience of fisheries (VA-TURF). Fisheries Research 147; 381-393.

VA-TURF

		Components			
		Fisheries	Reef Ecosystem	Socio economic	
Vulnerability	Exposure	Wave	Wave	Wave	
	Potential Impact	Gear dependence	Abundance of exposure-tolerant species	Population density	
		Sensitivity	Catch Rate	Density of coral-dependent species	Fisheries ecosystem dependency
			Dominant Catch	Habitat quality	
	Adaptive Capacity	Habitat condition	Extent of habitats	Annual fisheries income	
		Size and amount of fish caught	Presence of adjacent habitats	Percentage of fishers with alternative livelihood	
		Presence of fry fishery		Annual cumulative income from other sources of livelihood	
Change in catch composition through time					

	Secondary data	Municipal profile, literature, government websites, etc
	Primary data	Focused group discussions with key informants
	Primary data	One-on-one interview with fishers
	Primary data	Habitat assessment methods such as LIT, FVC

EXPOSURE



Cluster I –extreme heating events, Sea Level Rise

Cluster II –extreme heating events, extreme rainfall events, disturbed water budget, sea level rise

Cluster III – extreme heating events, disturbed water budget, sea level rise

Cluster IV - extreme heating events, Sea Level Rise

Cluster V –extreme rainfall events, sea level rise



Cluster VI – sea level rise

Cluster XI– sea level rise

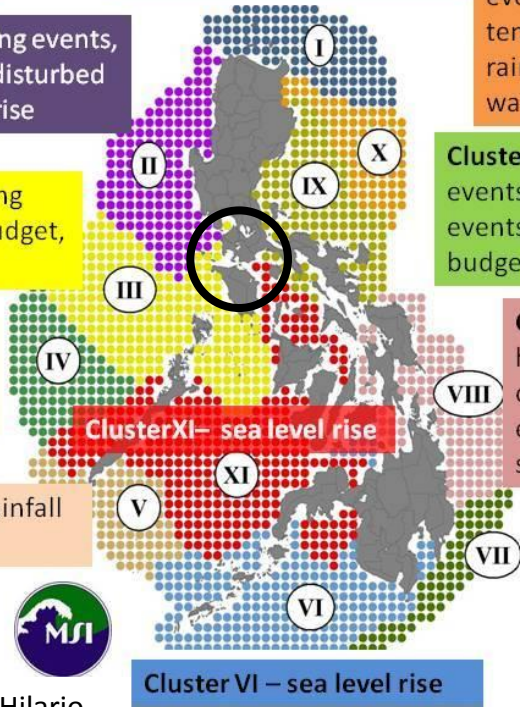
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Cluster X –extreme heating events, increasing ocean temperature, extreme rainfall events, disturbed water budget, sea level rise

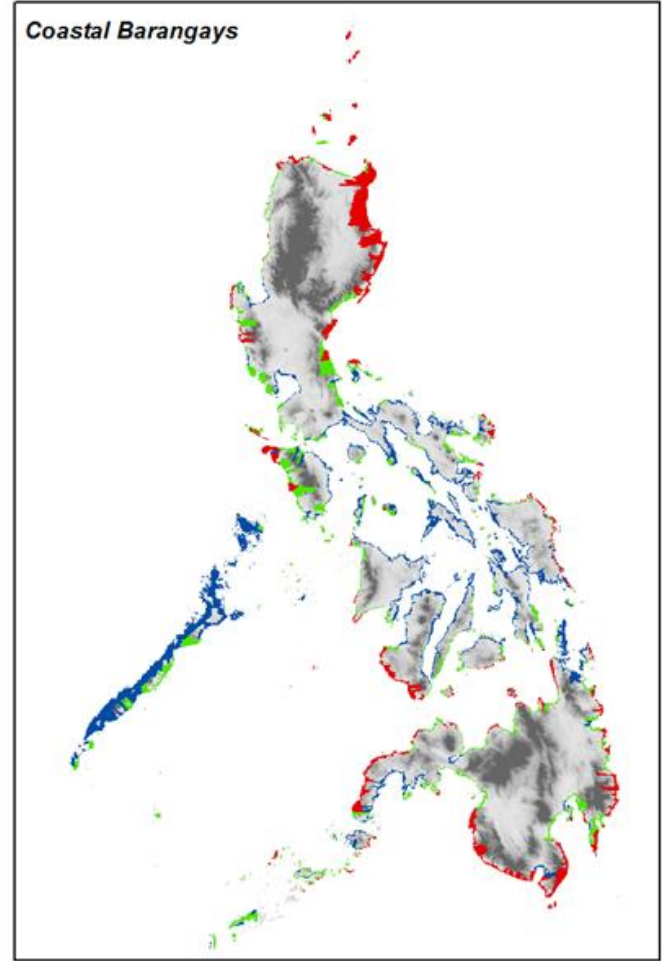
Cluster VIII –extreme heating events, increasing ocean temperature, extreme rainfall events, sea level rise

Cluster VII – extreme heating events, increasing ocean temperature, sea level rise

David, Borja, Villanoy, Hilario, Alino. 2012 for submission Climatic Change



VA-TURF



Wave (Relative Exposure Index)

EXPOSURE

- Input data:
 - Gridded bathymetry
 - Digital coastline
 - Wind data
- Calculated using WEMo (Wave Exposure Model) (<http://www.ccfhr.noaa.gov/stressors/wemo/>)

$$REI = \left(\sum_{i=1}^8 Eff F_i V_i D_i \right) / 8$$

$Eff F_i$ = Effective fetch for the i^{th} direction

V_i = Wind speed for the i^{th} direction

D_i = Wind duration for the i^{th} direction

EXPOSURE

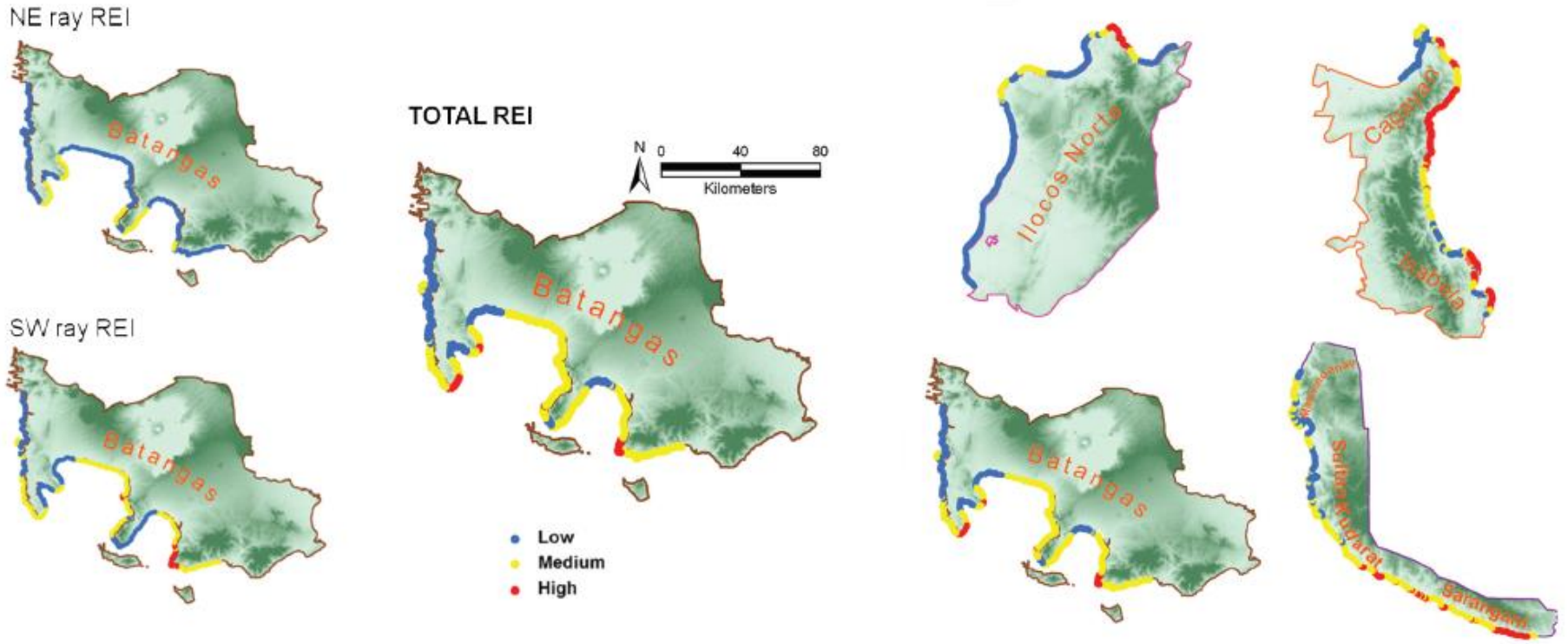


Figure 8: Wave exposure maps based on WEMo-derived Relative Exposure Index for the northeast or NE ray (upper left panel), southwest or SW ray (lower left panel) and the sum of all rays or TOTAL (right panel)

SENSITIVITY

FISHERIES

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Dominant catches	Pelagics (tuna, mackerel, etc)	Mix of demersal and pelagic species	Demersal species (e.g. grouper)
Catch rate	>8 kg/fisher/day	3 to 8 kg/fisher/day	<3 kg/fisher/day
Gear habitat dependence	Mostly mobile gears (e.g. drift gill nets)	Presence of both types	Habitat-associated gears (e.g. fixed on seagrass beds)

REEF ECOSYSTEM

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Wave-tolerant species relative to total abundance	Pectoral-swimming fishes (labrids, scarids, acanthurids) greater than 50%	Mix of site-attached and mobile fish species; 15-50% pectoral swimming fish	Abundant site-attached butterflyfish, angelfish, damselfish; <15% pectoral swimming fish
Density of coral dependent fish species (Butterflyfish)	<5% of the total density	5 to 10 % of the total density	>10% of the total density
Coral cover	>50% coral cover	25 to 50% coral cover	<25% coral cover

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Population density	<200 individuals/km ² (not crowded; sparsely distributed)	200 to 400 individuals/km ² (moderately crowded)	>400 individuals/km ² (very crowded)
Fisheries ecosystem dependency	<15% of total population are fishers	15 to 30% of total population are fishers	>30% of total population are fishers

ADAPTIVE CAPACITY

FISHERIES

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Habitat size(fishing grounds)	Small (relative to the waters)	Intermediate size	Large
Average size/amount of catch	Mostly small, immature fishes	Abundance of small but with few large fishes	Abundant large fishes (most likely include spawners)
Occurrences of juveniles/fry fisheries	Absence to minimal occurrence (no known peak occurrence)	Few to medium level abundance during peak occurrence	Abundant juvenile during peak occurrence
Change in catch composition	Considerable changes in the last two decades	Few changes in the last two decades	No change in catch composition

REEF ECOSYSTEM

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Extent of habitats (coral reef areas)	Small reef areas; fragmented	Intermediate size of areas	Large reef areas
Presence and condition of adjacent habitats (corals, seagrass, mangroves)	Poor adjacent habitat quality/ No adjacent habitats	One habitat is of poor quality or very far	Presence of adjacent habitats with good conditions

SOCIO ECONOMIC

CRITERIA	LOW 1 to 2 points	MEDIUM 3 to 4 points	HIGH 5 points
Annual per capita income from fisheries	Below the provincial poverty threshold	Income is higher than the provincial poverty threshold up to 60%	Income is higher than 60% of the provincial poverty threshold
Fishers with other sources of income	<40% of fishers have other sources of livelihood	40 to 60% of fishers have other sources of income	>60% of fishers have other sources of income
Total amount of all income	Total cumulative income is below provincial poverty threshold	Total cumulative income is higher than provincial poverty threshold up to 60%	Total cumulative income is greater than 60% of the provincial poverty threshold

VA-TURF

Computation for Potential Impact (PI):

1

Add the scores of the components of "Sensitivity".

(S) Put it in "Total" cell.

From exposure (E) model

3

Barangay	Fisheries Sensitivity Attributes				Sensitivity (S)	Exposure (E)	Potential Impact (ExS)
	Dominant catch	Catch rate	Gear-habitat association	Total			
Bangkerohan	3	1	3	7	Low	High	Medium
Buluan							
Caparan							
Magdaup							
Makilas							
Tiayon							

2

Convert scores into

L, M and H categories

"Rank"

4

Use S and E to derive

"Potential Impact"

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Computation for VULNERABILITY (V):

Add the scores of the components of
"Adaptive Capacity" (AC). Put it in

1 "Total" cell.

3 P.I. score (from previous slide)

Barangay	Fisheries Adaptive Capacity Attributes					Adaptive Capacity (AC)	Potential Impact (ExS)	Vulnerability (ACxPI)
	Habitat condition	Size/amount of adults	Peak of juvenile occurrence	Change in catch composition	Total			
Bangkerohan	1	1	1	1	4	Low	Medium	High
Buluan								
Caparan								
Magdaup								
Makilas								
Tiayon								

2 Convert scores into
L, M and H categories
"Rank"

4 Use AC and PI to derive
"Potential Impact"

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1

Reference to convert scores into L, M and H categories
(“Rank”)

Table 2. Point class interval and corresponding rank classifications for the sensitivity and adaptive capacity components of fisheries ecosystem.

Fisheries Ecosystem	Number of variables	Minimum total score possible	Maximum total score possible	Point class interval (score to rank system conversion)
Fisheries				
Sensitivity	3	3	15	3-7 → Low (L) 8-11 → Medium (M) 12-15 → High (H)
Adaptive Capacity	4	4	20	4-9 → Low (L) 10-15 → Medium (M) 16-20 → High (H)
Reef ecosystem				
Sensitivity	3	3	15	3-7 → Low (L) 8-11 → Medium (M) 12-15 → High (H)
Adaptive Capacity	2	2	10	2-4 → Low (L) 5-7 → Medium (M) 8-10 → High (H)
Socio-economic				
Sensitivity	2	2	10	2-4 → Low (L) 5-7 → Medium (M) 8-10 → High (H)
Adaptive Capacity	3	3	15	3-7 → Low (L) 8-11 → Medium (M) 12-15 → High (H)

2

Reference to derive
“Potential Impact”

		Sensitivity		
		PI	L	M
Exposure	L	L	L	M
	M	L	M	H
	H	M	H	H

3

Reference to derive
“VULNERABILITY”

		Adaptive Capacity		
		PI/AC	L	M
Potential Impact	L	M	L	L
	M	H	M	L
	H	H	H	M

Computation for Overall Vulnerability

		Reef Ecosystem				
		H	M	L		
Fisheries	H	HHH	HMH	HLH	Socioeconomic	H
	H	HHM	HMM	HLM		M
	H	HHL	HML	HLL		L
	M	MHH	MMH	MLH		H
	M	MHM	MMM	MLM		M
	M	MHL	MML	MLL		L
	L	LHH	LMH	LLH		H
	L	LHM	LMM	LLM		M
	L	LHL	LML	LLL		L

Legend:

High
Medium
Low

Tip:

- 1st Letter:** Fisheries vulnerability
- 2nd Letter:** Reef ecosystem vulnerability
- 3rd Letter:** Socioeconomic vulnerability

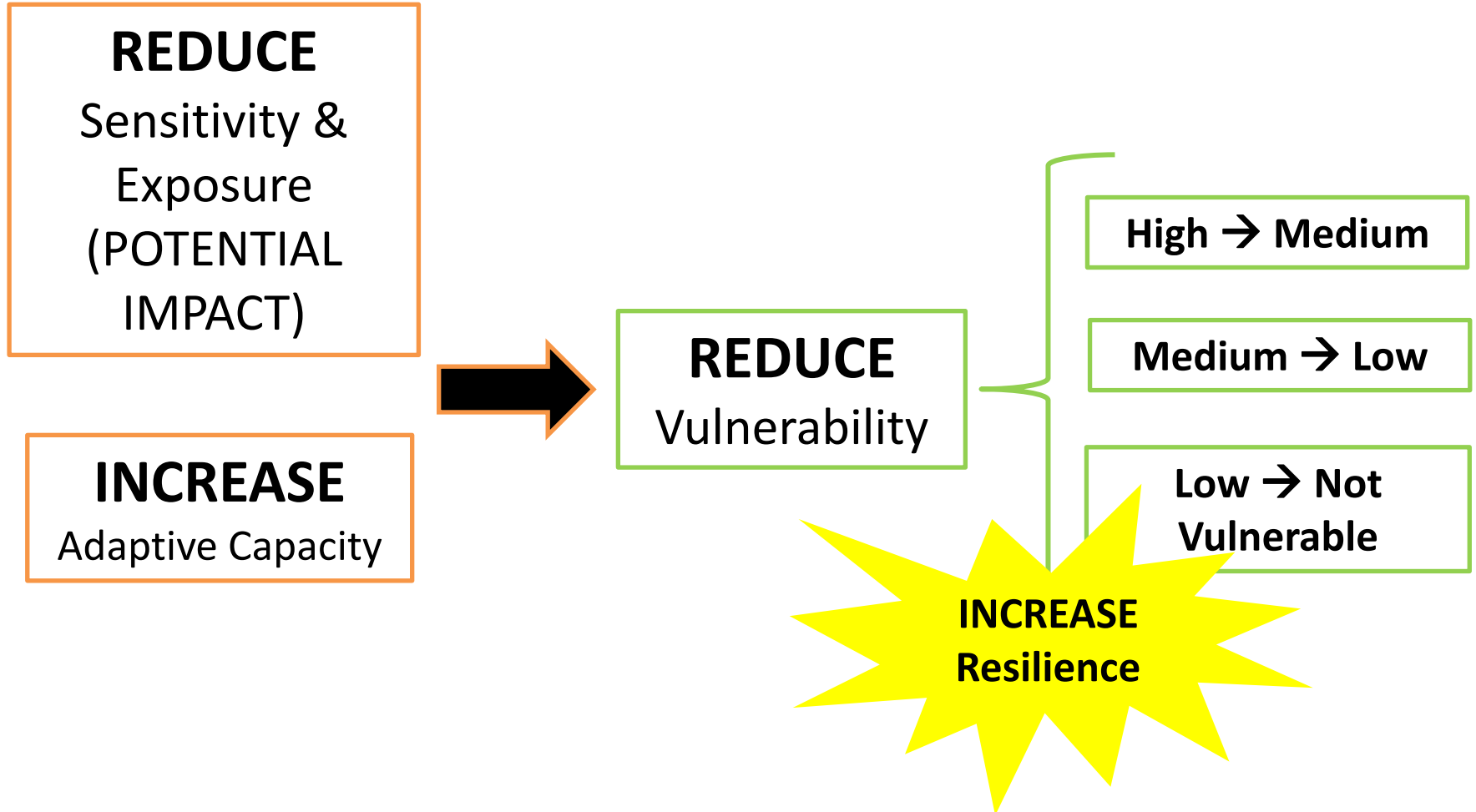
NEXT STEPS

ADAPTATION

- **adjustment in natural or human systems** in response to actual or expected climate change and associated impacts in **order to reduce harm** or take advantage of beneficial opportunities (IPCC, 2001; USAID, 2009)

-a process that results in a **reduction in harm** or risk of harm, and the attainment of benefits relating to climate variability and climate change (UK CIP, 2003)

NEXT STEPS



NEXT STEPS

ADAPTATION STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

- **Reducing fishing mortality**
- **Enhancing stock recovery**
- **Sustainable fisheries use**
- **Threat reduction on ecosystems**
- **Organizing fisher communities**
- **Restoring resiliency & connectivity**
- **EAFM development with equitability**
- **Diversifying livelihood options**

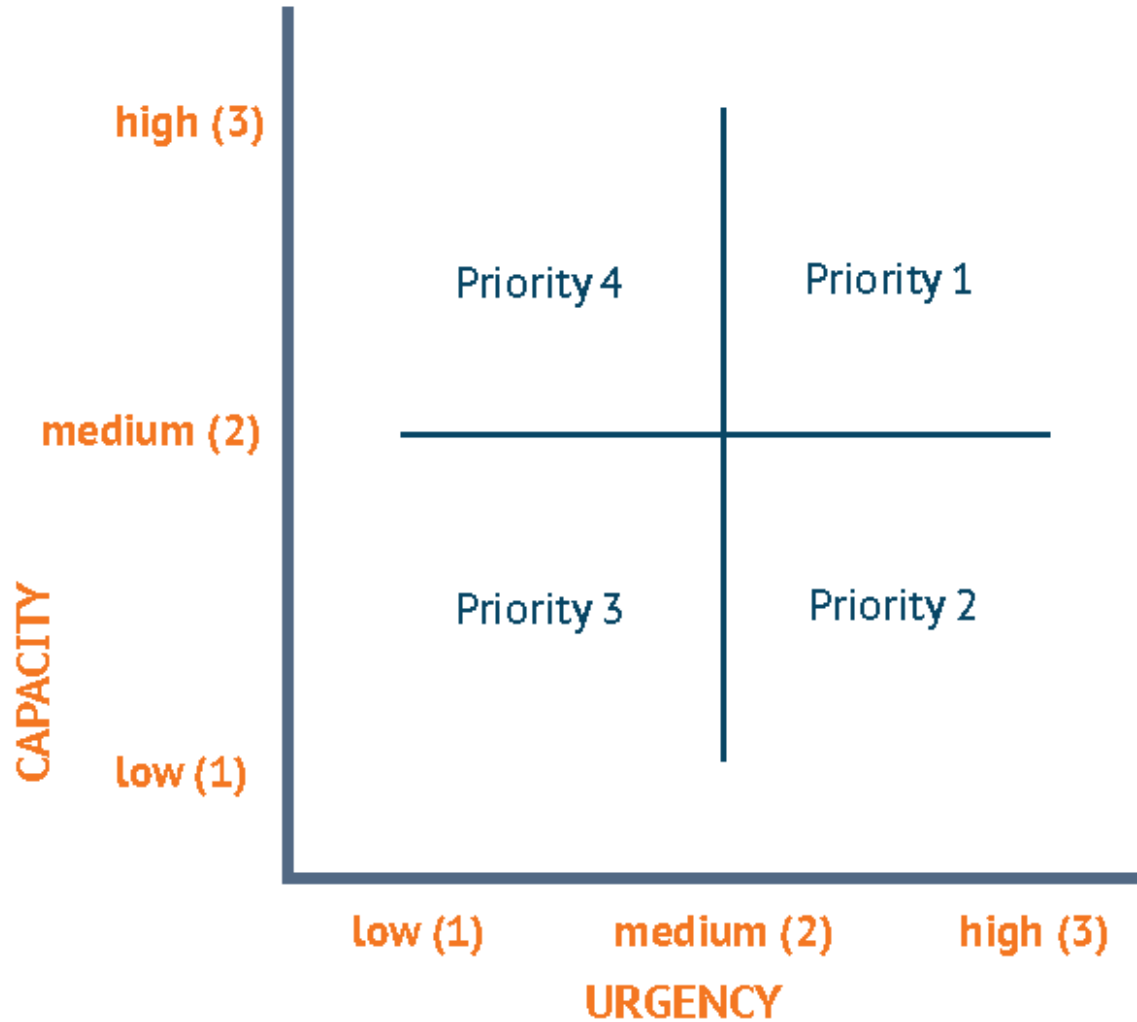
NEXT STEPS

Table 37: Scoring for Urgency (Importance) and Capacity

Each action is scored based on whether they are important and/ or address an urgent need, and if there is capacity for implementation.

ADAPTATION ACTION	URGENCY	CAPACITY
<p>1)</p> <p>(1) List of top three actions most relevant to the highest vulnerabilities of each barangay, as guided by the VA</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>	<p>(2) Does the action address an URGENT need?</p> <p>High: 3 Medium: 2 Low: 1</p>	<p>(3) Is there operational CAPACITY to implement activities?</p>

NEXT STEPS



CASE STUDY



Map of municipalities assessed with VA-TURF

CASE STUDY

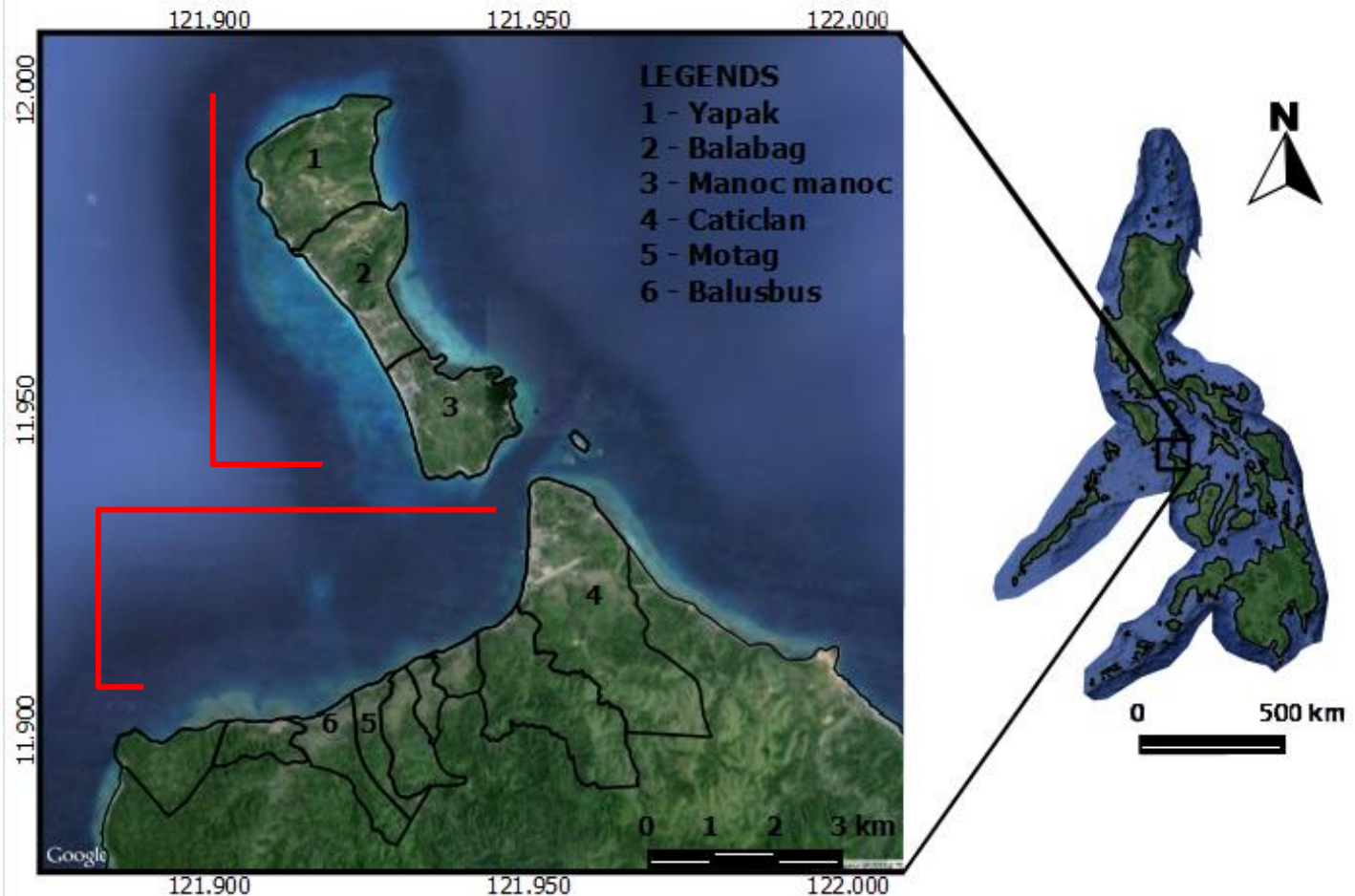
- First class municipality
- 17 villages; 12 are coastal
- Estimated 1.3 million visitors (2013)
- Population: 45, 811 (2010)
- No. of fishers: 870 (2012)

Boracay Island

- 62% of the total municipal population (28, 369)
- urban villages
- marine parks located around the island
- 573 registered fishers
- Main Source of Income: Tourism

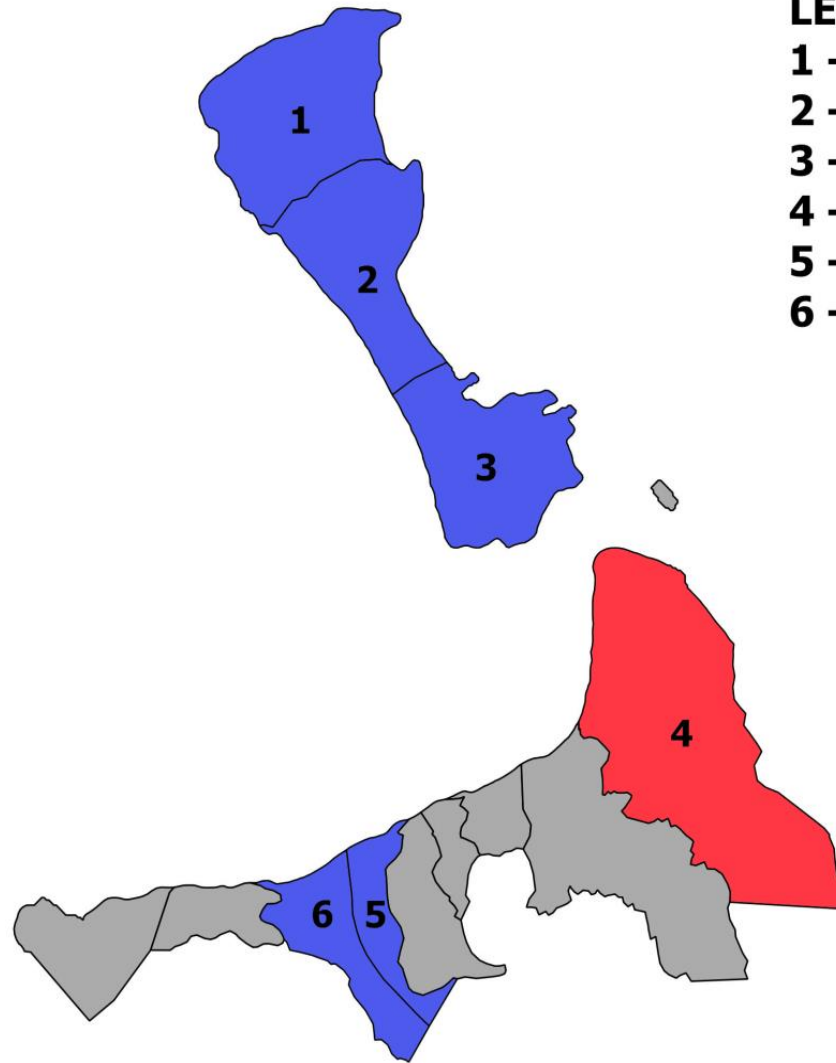
Mainland Malay

- 38% of the total municipal population (17,442)
- 2 urban villages; the rest are rural
- 297 registered fishers
- Main Source of Income: Fishing and Farming



WAVE EXPOSURE

CASE STUDY



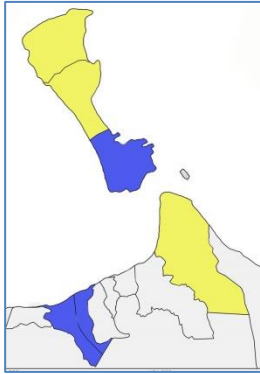
LEGENDS

- 1 - Yapak
- 2 - Balabag
- 3 - Manoc manoc
- 4 - Caticlan
- 5 - Motag
- 6 - Balusbus

- Low
- Medium
- High

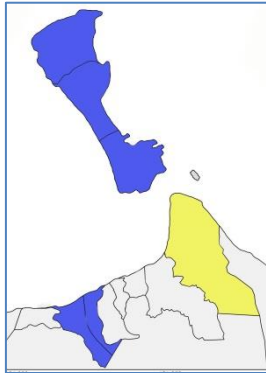
CASE STUDY

Fisheries



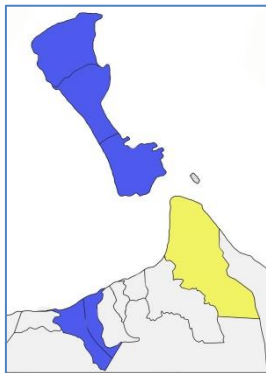
Demersal catch
Average catch <3 kg/fisher/day
Habitat-associated gears
Significant change in catch composition
Few occurrence of fry fisheries

Reef ecosystem

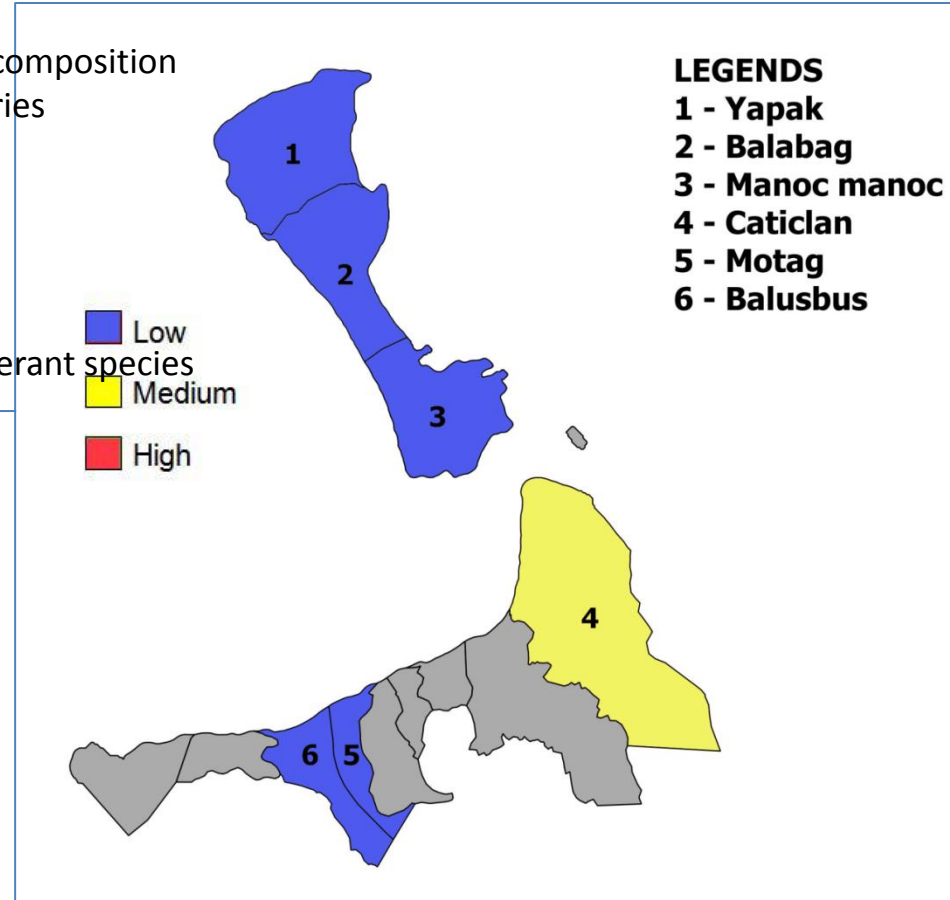


Low proportion of wave-tolerant species
Low coral cover
Few adjacent habitats

Socio-economic

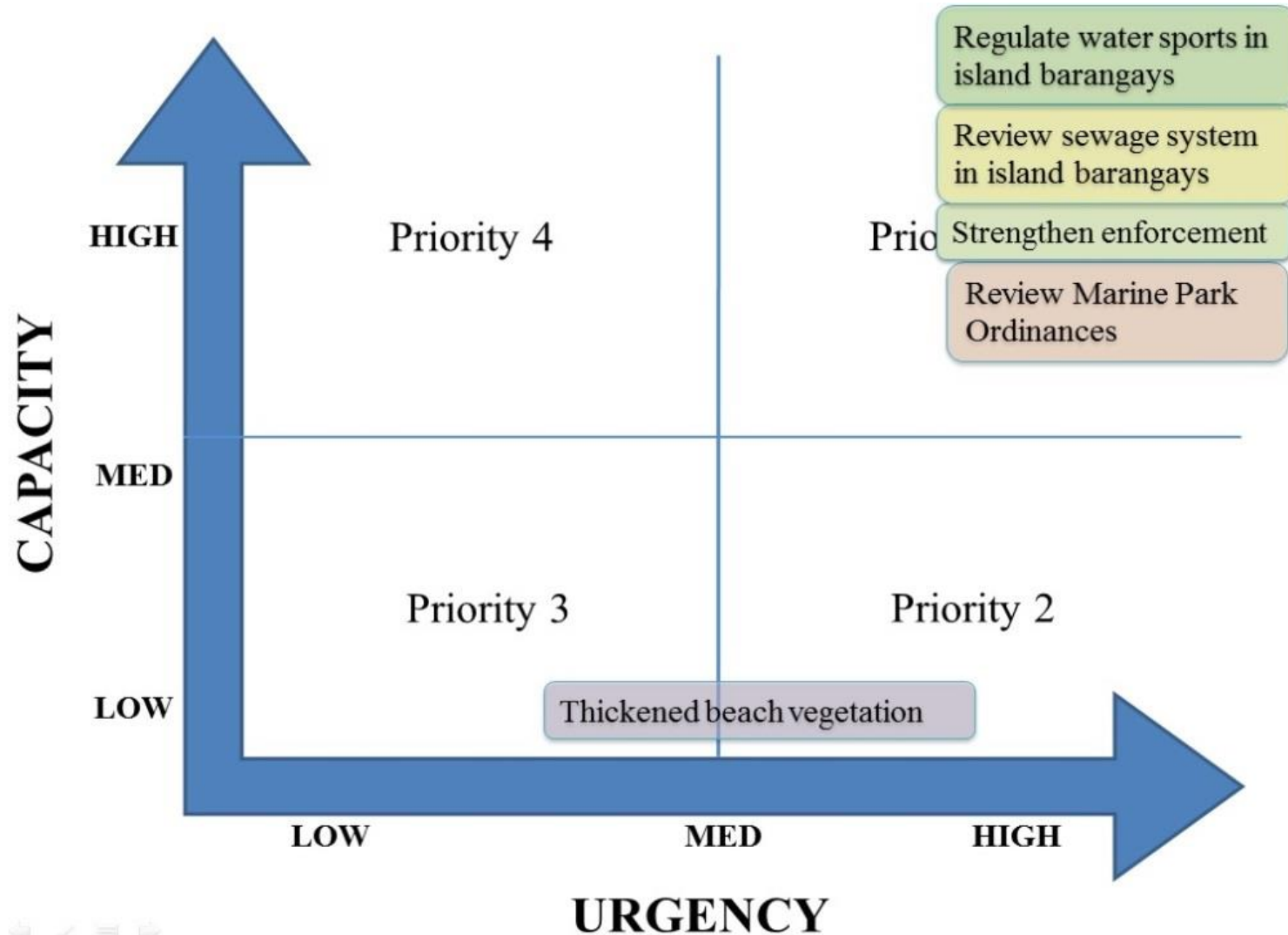


High population density



ACTIONS	How does the action reduce vulnerability? (↓PI↑AC)	URGENCY	What is needed for implementation?			CAPACITY	Are there potential negative impacts? (Y/N)	What is the value added to address CC concerns?	List benefits e.g. ecological, socio-economic
			Socio-economic	Ecological	Governance				
Review Marine Park ordinances (island, mainland)	↑AC	3		Establish Marine Park coordinates	Establish Marine Park coordinates	3	Y	Expand marine park to other habitats	Socio-economic, ecological
Review sewage system (Yapak, Balabag, Manoc-manoc)	↓PI	3	IEC to residents and establishments	Assessment of potential groundwater seepage; Review water circulation on the east side	Coordination with BIWC ; Enforcement of ordinance	3	N	Reduction of habitat threats	Health benefits (Habitat; Human)
Regulate water sports (island)	↓PI	3		Assess areas where water sports exist	Review for legal basis for zonation	3	Y	Reduction of habitat threats	Health benefits (Habitat; Human); Proper Zoning
Strengthen enforcement in fisheries (mainland, island)	↑AC, ↓PI	3	IEC to fisherfolks and Bantay Dagat		Review updated ordinance; Capacity building for Bantay Dagat	3	Y	Reduction of habitat threats	Sustainable fisheries
Stricter implementation	↑AC, ↓PI	3	IEC to residents and establishments	Study variability	"Kamay na Bakal"	3	Y	Adjustment of easement standards	Protect lives; livelihood
Thicken beach vegetation (island, mainland)	↑AC, ↓PI	2		Assess beach vegetation (existence, identification or profiling)		2	Y	Natural buffers to erosion	Protection against erosion

CASE STUDY



POST VA ACTIVITIES



Mangrove rehabilitation

Photo: MAO-Malay



Seaweed farming at Mainland Malay

Photo: FJBalquin



Ridge to Reef IEC for barangay organizations, primary and secondary schools Photo: AAKLumagod

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Other Projects:

Underwater Clean Up

Beach Clean Up

Adopt a Marine Sanctuary Program

Coral refurbishment project

Demolition of establishments on the 25+5 easement zone



Refresher for Bantay Dagat on ordinances

Photo: MAO-Malay

SUMMARY

- Climate change has direct and indirect impact to fisheries.
- Identification of vulnerable areas is a first step towards climate change adaptation.
- Site-specific attributes contribute to the overall vulnerability of an area.

SUMMARY

- VA-TURF is a simple tool for non-scientists to use and apply in their community to identify vulnerable fishing communities.
- The results from the assessment allows identification of adaptation strategies to alleviate potential climate change impacts on fisheries.
- Vulnerability differences and adaptation measures can significantly shift the outcome of any climate change impact.



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~~We can~~ do something about it!

Thank you!



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