

## **Possible Vulnerability Assessment Methodology for Prioritizing Ecosystem-based Adaptation Interventions**

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### **Ecosystem and Socio-economic Resilience Analysis and Mapping**

- **ESRAM Process:** 
  - to inform the identification of ecosystem-based management options for strengthening resilience to the impacts of climate change and other environmental stressors by assessing vulnerabilites and opportunities.





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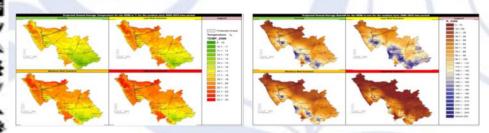




- Use various climate variables
  - What is available
  - What do you believe is important
- Can use a variety of proxys for habitat
  - Land Cover
  - Vegetation
- Biome
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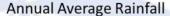


#### **Habitat Stability to Climate Change**



Biome/Habitat/Vegetation

Annual Average Temperature



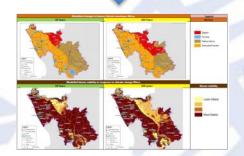


Model Predicted changes in habitats based on predicted climate envelopes



**Habitat Change Prediction** 







habitat stability

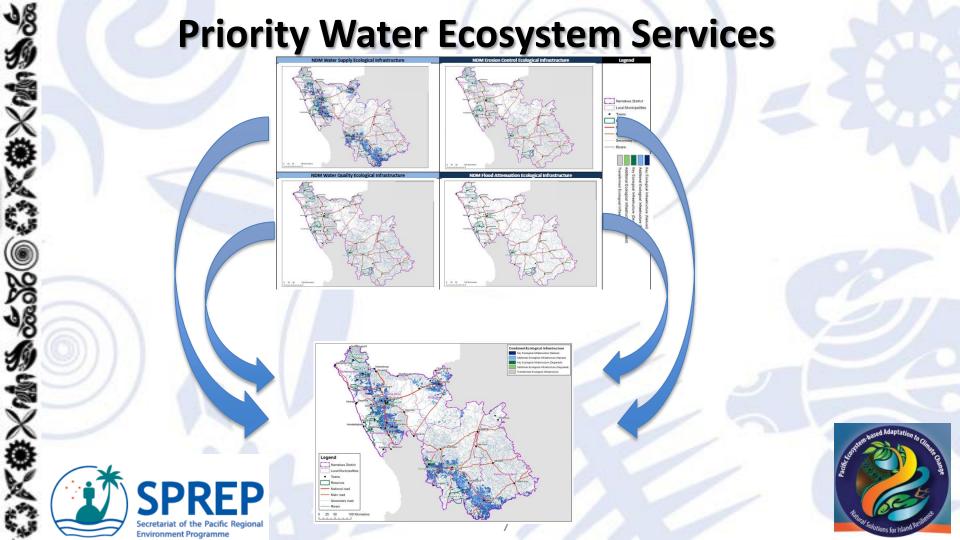


#### **Priority Water Ecosystem Services**

- Flood Attenuation
- Stream flow Augmentation
- Erosion Control
- Sediment trapping
- Etc.







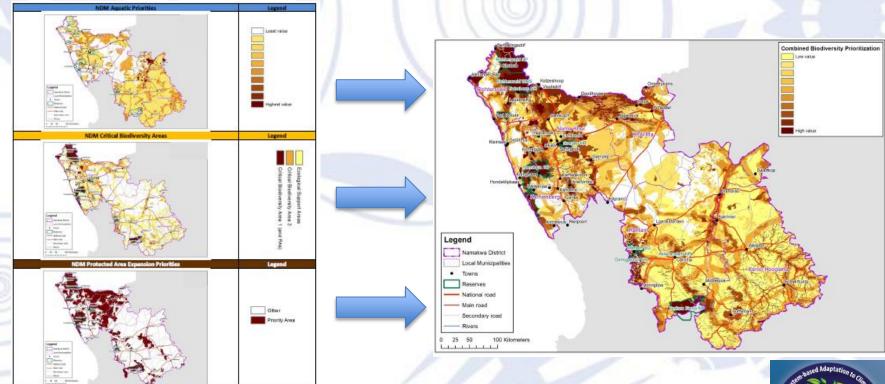
#### **Priority Biodiversity Infrastructure**

- Aquatic Priorities
- Critical Biodiversity Areas
- Protected Area Expansion Priorities





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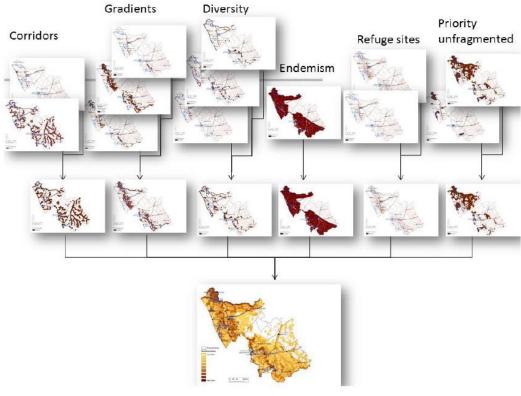
#### **Priority Areas Supporting Resiliance**

- Refugia
- Areas of endemism
- Corridors
- Dispersal Areas
- Gradients / heterogeneous areas





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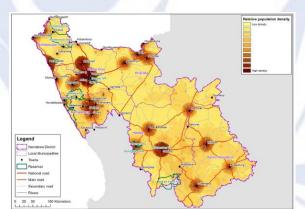
#### **Priority Socio-Economic Vulnerability**

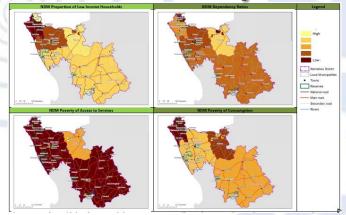
- Population density and location
- Poverty Index
- Consumption
- Dependency ratio
- Access to services





#### **Prioritise Socio-Economic Vulnerability**

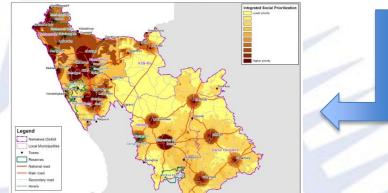




Population



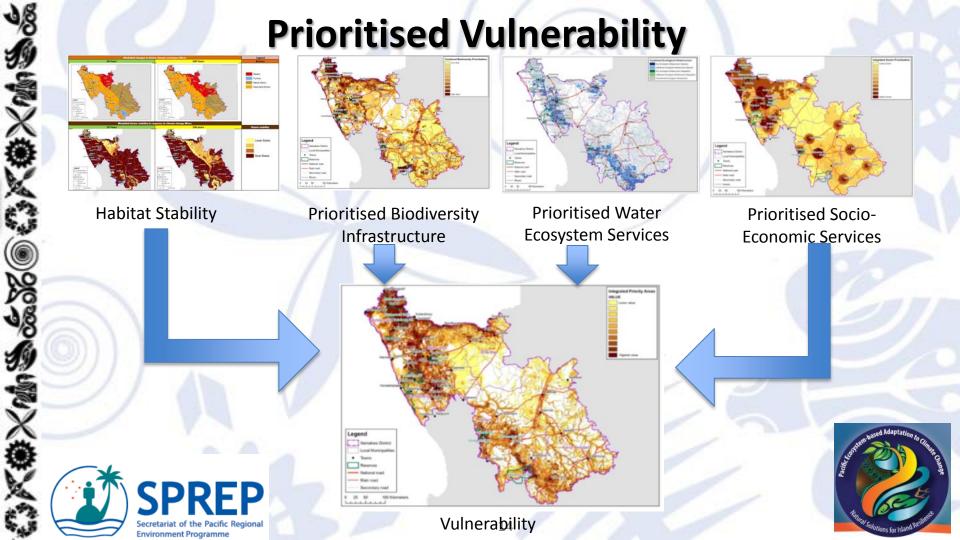












#### **Approach**

- This study was done in a data rich area
- Use proxys where possible
- Don't limit one's self to the categories used
  - Water may not be the most important ecosystem service
- If you can show one variable is more important than another, weight it accordingly
- There are other tools to model habitat change/stability



