



Climate Change, Disaster Risk Mapping and related tasks within the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology

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PRRP – Pacific Risk Resilience Programme

- **Goals** – Communities’ resilience to Disaster risks from Natural and climate change related hazards.
- **Approach** – Focus on strengthening the governance of natural hazards, climate and disaster risks.
- **Activities** – Stakeholders in trial locations identify risks and implement socially inclusive, effective and sustainable responses (GP & Temotu)
- **Regional** – Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands

MECDM Geospatial: Objectives

- **To assist Government stakeholders to be better informed of CC and DRM for disaster-risk informed decision-making.**
- **To develop a GIS database that captures the spatial distribution of hazards & vulnerabilities for risk mapping purposes.**
- **Data management and information sharing – supporting information sharing within Government ministries, partner organizations and sectors.**
- **Sustain the use of GIS database and applications for risk informed planning and capacity building.**
- **Promote & support research on GIS applications**



Understanding Risk

- **Hazards** and **Vulnerability** are two components of Risk Mapping.
- Risk can be defined as the result of Hazard and Vulnerability intersection.
- **Hazard Mapping** – Shows where (Spatial locations) and the intensity and frequency of individual occurring hazard.
- **Vulnerability Mapping** – Shows Information on the Physical, environmental economic and social fabric of elements (spatially) with regards to potential hazards.
- Ranking and Weighting applied (Matrix)



Natural Hazards, Vulnerability, Exposure & Risks



Risk can be thought of as the intersection of natural hazard events and the elements' vulnerability

Hazards, Vulnerability & Risks

Hazard



Flash Floods

**Heavy
Rainfall**

Exposure



*Living in dangerous
locations*

risk location

Vulnerability



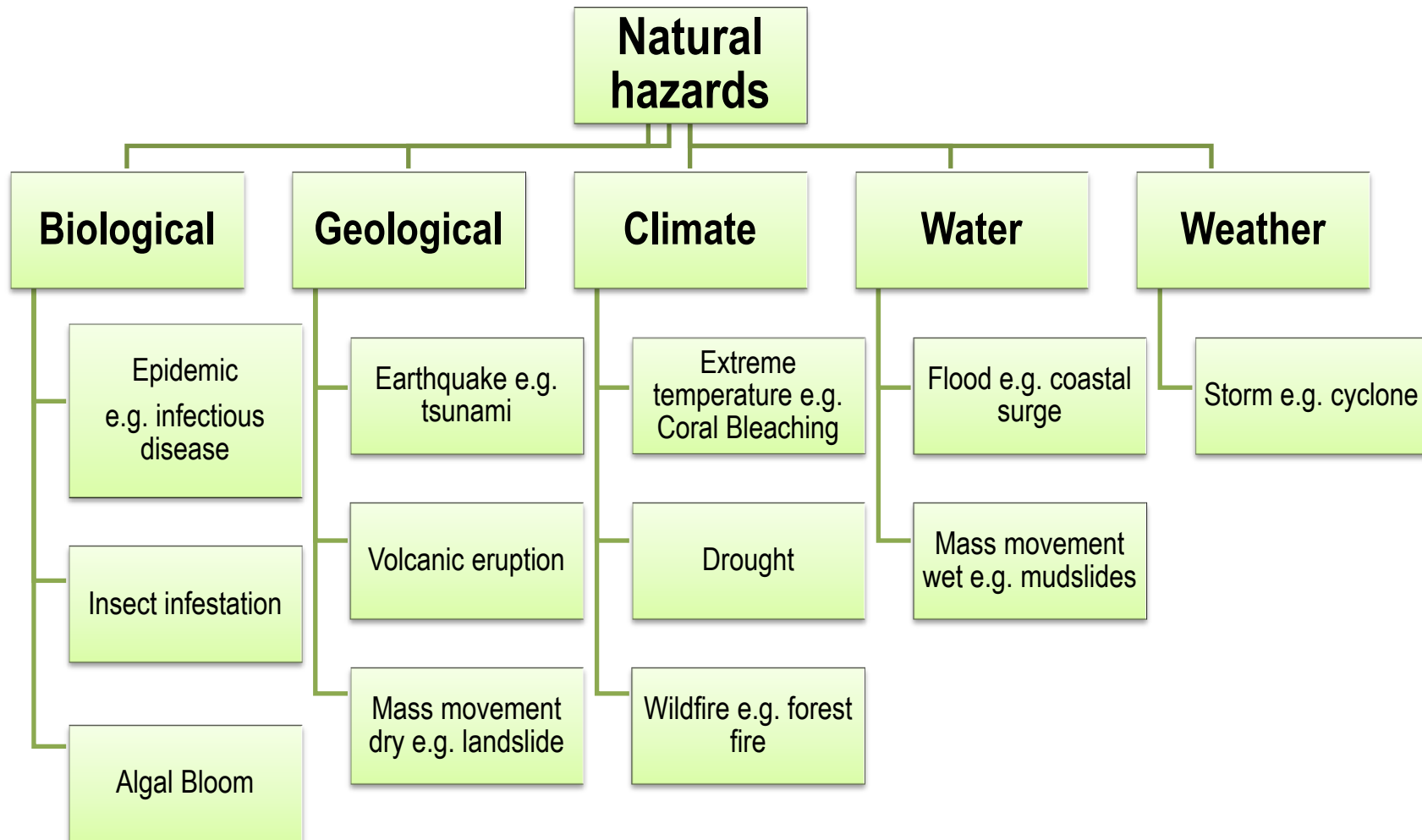
Very low adaptive capacity

**Unplanned
urbanization & low
incomes**



Risk

Identifying Natural Hazards



Classifying Natural Hazards

- **Hydro-meteorological Hazards**

- Cyclones, Heavy Rain, Storm Surge, Flooding, Landslide etc.

- **Geophysical Hazards**

- Earthquakes, Tsunami, Landslide, Liquefaction etc.

- **Biological**

- Epidemic (infectious Disease), Pests Infestation (GAS)



Vulnerability Factors

1. Physical Factors

- Constructions
- critical infrastructures
- Population/urban density
- Locations i.e. exposure

2. Environmental Factors

- Soil and water quality/quantity
- Vegetation, biodiversity, forests
- Human developments

3. Economic Factors

- Poverty & nutrition
- Access to critical infrastructures & services
- Access to resources
- Financing opportunity

4. Social Factors

- Population growth
- Level of literacy & Education
- Civil participation
- Gender & Minority groups
- health

GIS Applications: Hazards, Vulnerability & Risk Mapping

- GIS (Geographic Information System) is a Computer-base tool design to capture, store, manage, retrieve, summarize and display spatial or geographic data.
- It enable planners & Decision-makers to analyse, see, and understand patterns and relationships.
- Since natural hazards & vulnerability are spatially oriented, **We can used the analytical capability of the GIS to identify the spatial intersection of natural hazards and vulnerable systems generating risk maps.**



Scale of Assessments: Hazards, Vulnerability & Risk Mapping

Major Hazards

4. Riverine Flooding

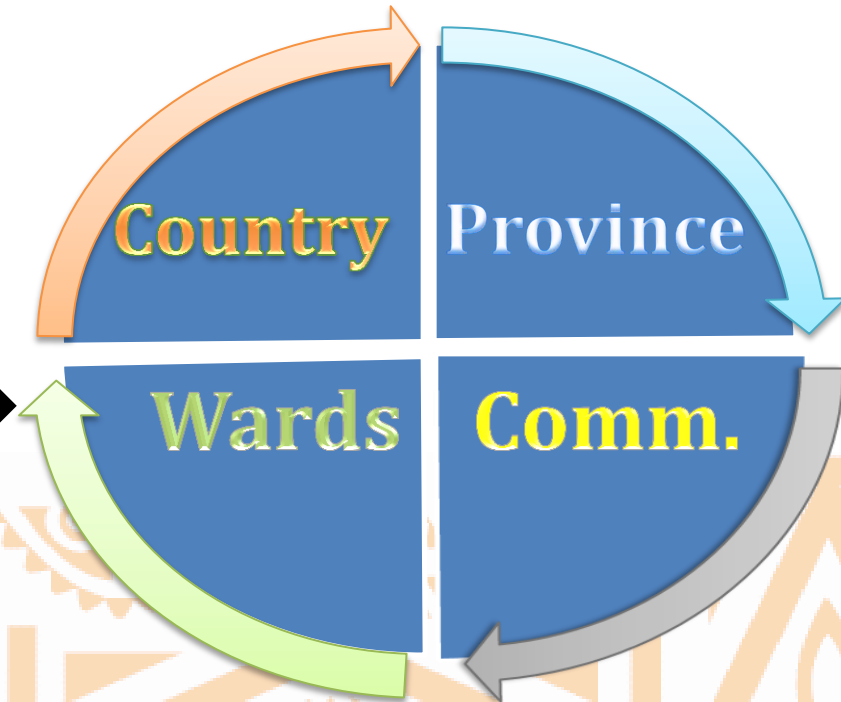
3. Tropical Cyclone

2. Coastal Flooding

1. Earthquake

Others

Scale of Assessments

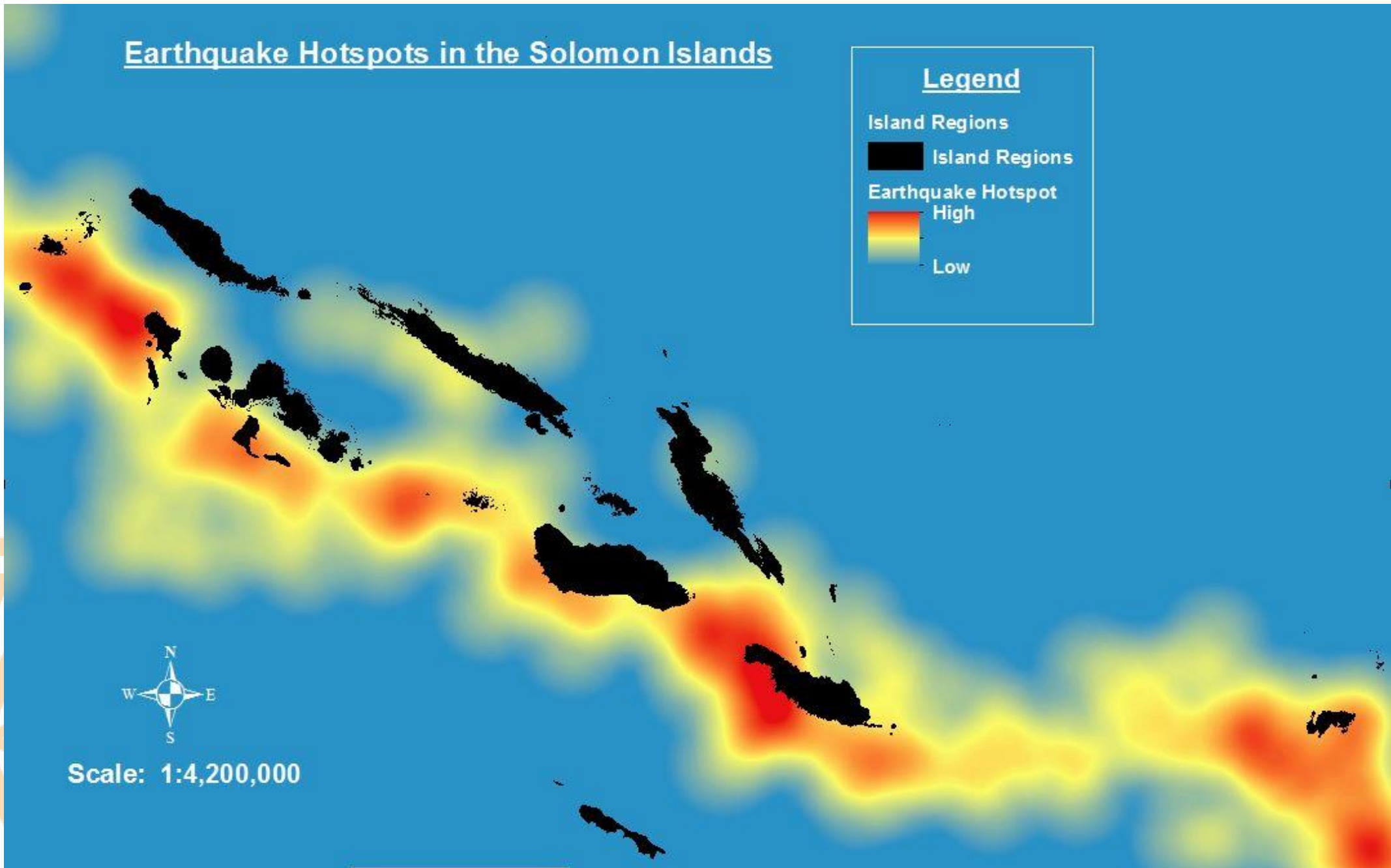


Earthquake Hotspots in the Solomon Islands

Legend

Island Regions
■ Island Regions

Earthquake Hotspot
■ High
■ Low



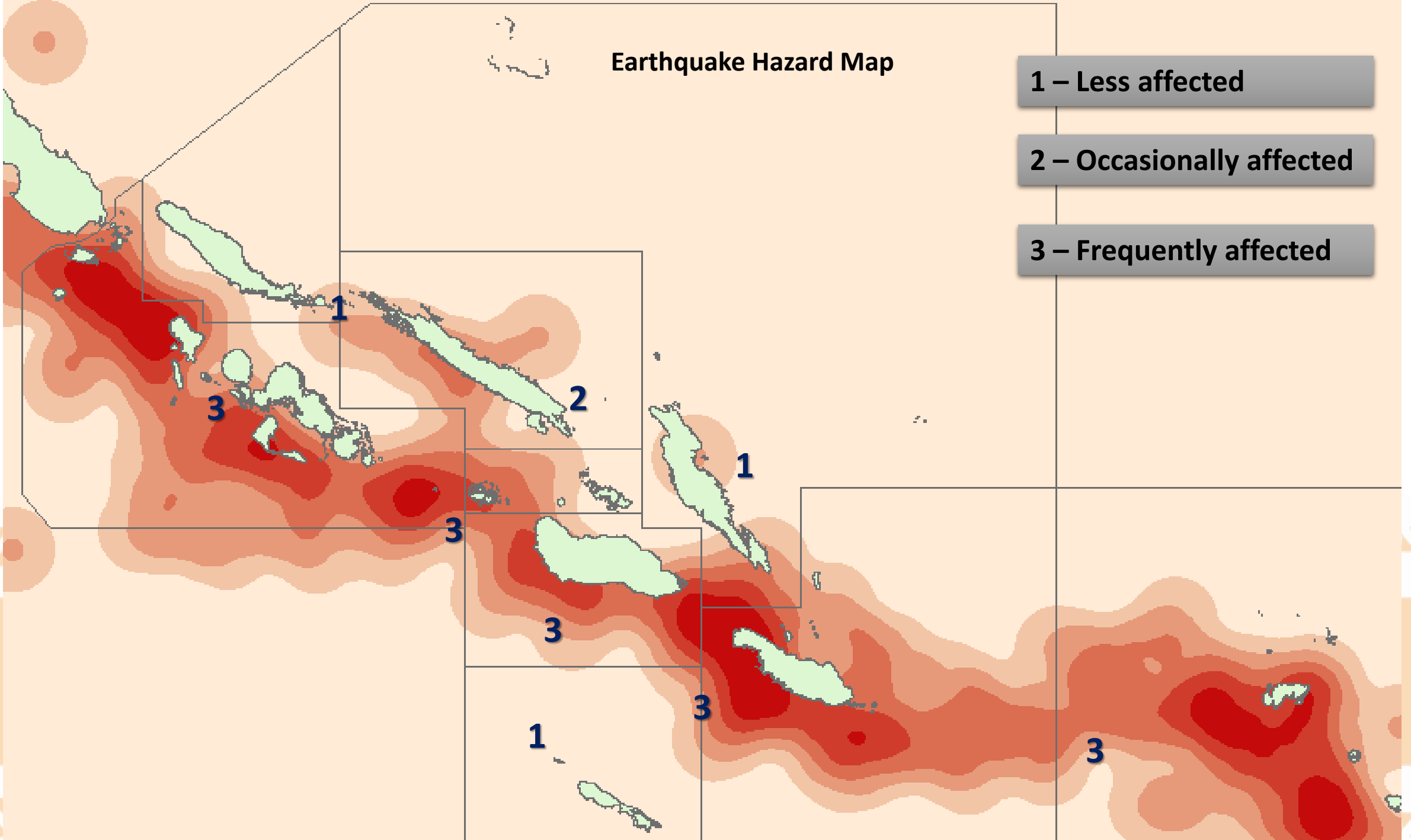
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Earthquake Hazard Map

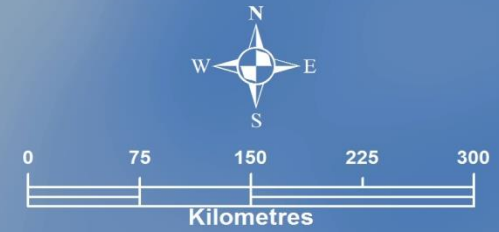
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2 – Occasionally affected

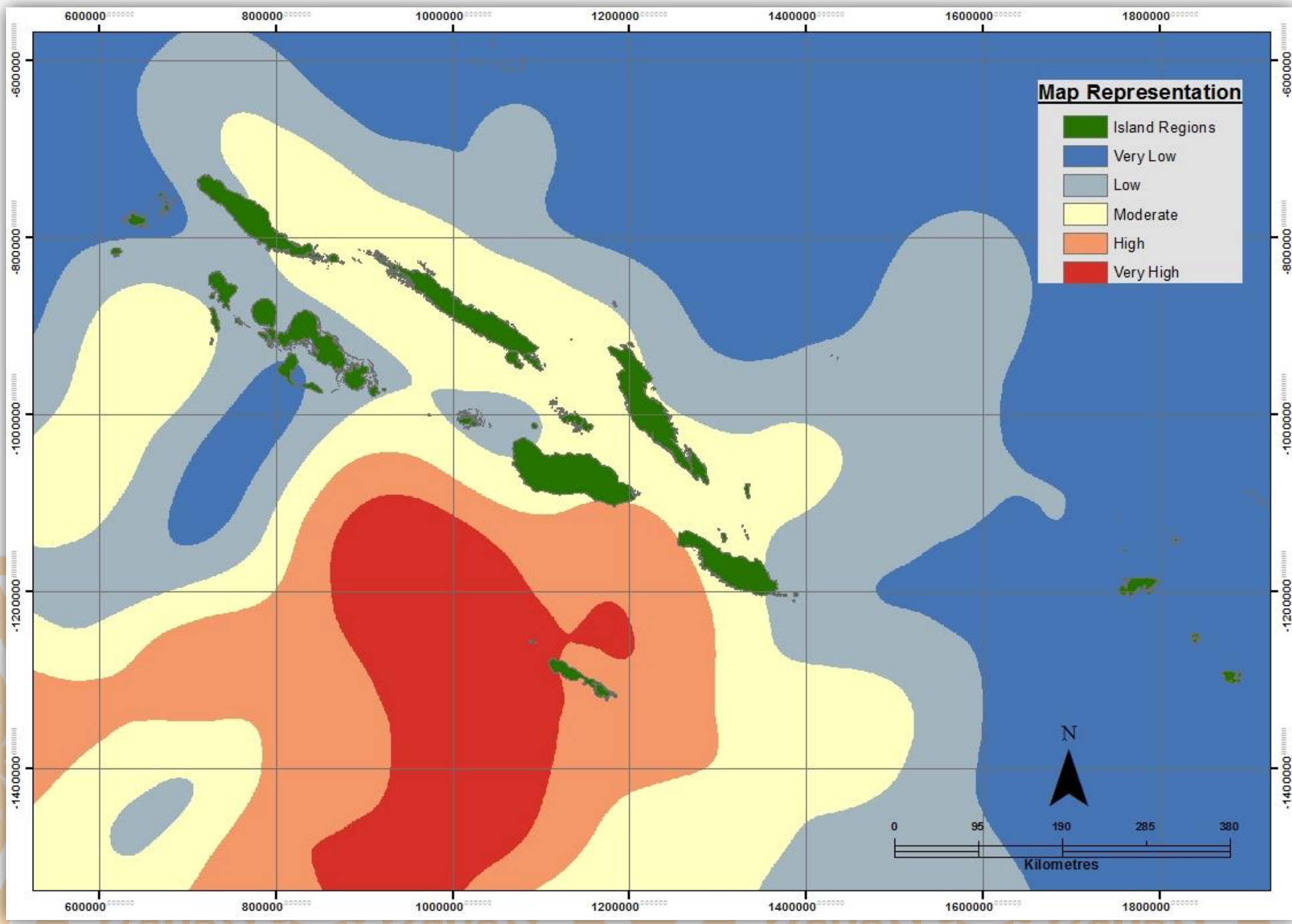
3 – Frequently affected



Regions' Exposure to Tropical Cyclone



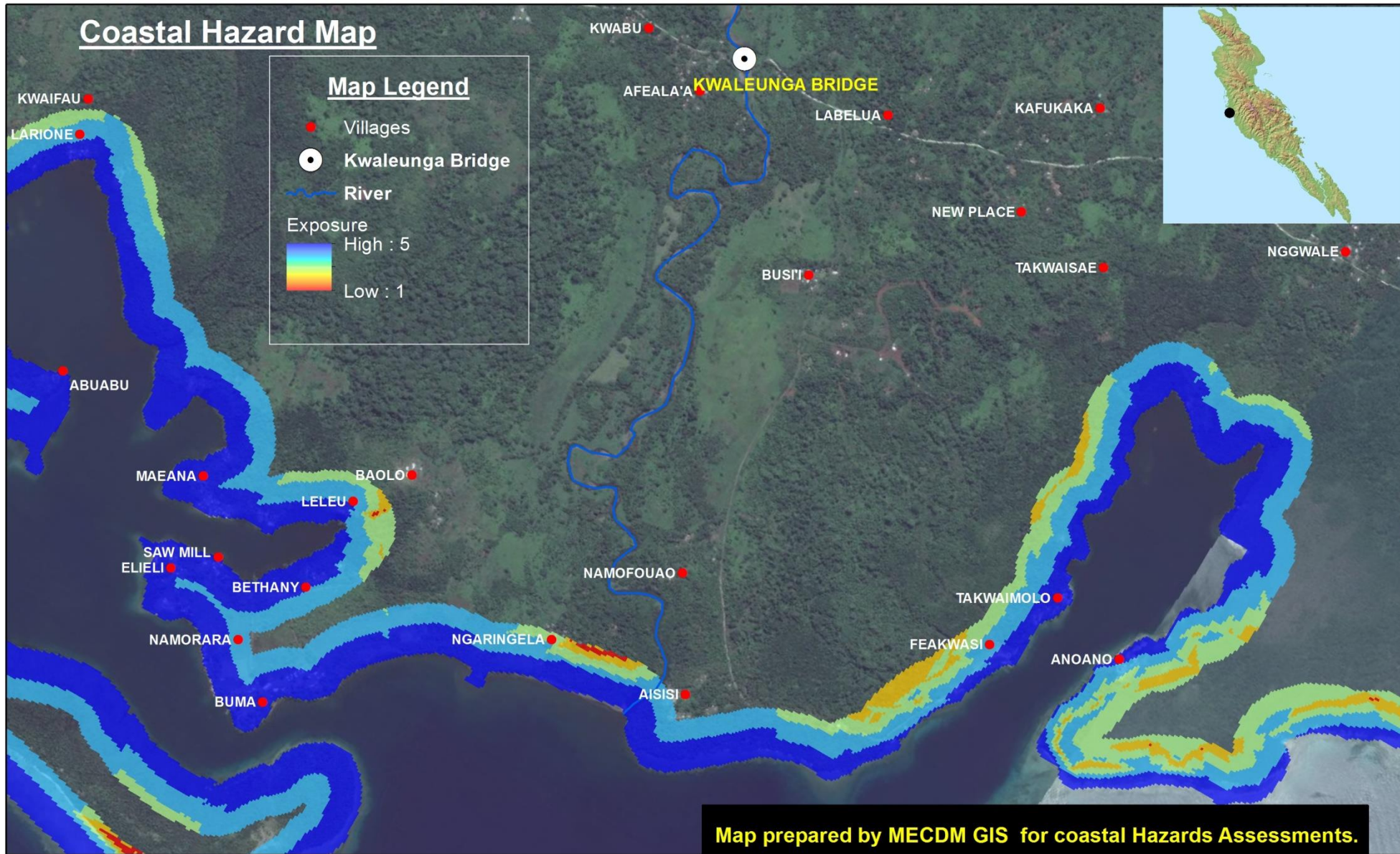
Note: This Map shows the locations where most cyclones have frequently passed through based on point density analysis of historical Tropical Cyclone data.



Coastal Hazard Map


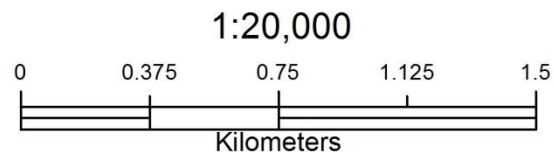
Map Legend

- Villages
- Kwaleunga Bridge
- River
- Exposure
High : 5
Low : 1



Map prepared by MECDM GIS for coastal Hazards Assessments.

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 57S
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: WGS 1984



The map shows low-lying coastal areas that are exposed to coastal hazards.

GIS Applications: Suitability Analysis for Riverine Flood Hazard

Table 1: Suitability Criteria

Elevation AMSL (Metres)	Slope steepness (degrees)	Distance from River (metres)	Descriptions	Vulnerability Scale
0 – 50	0 – 3	0 – 50	Very high	5
50 – 100	3 – 6	50 – 60	High	4
100 – 150	6 – 9	60 – 70	Moderate	3
150 – 200	9 – 12	70 – 80	Low	2
Above 200	Above 12	beyond 80	Very low/None	1

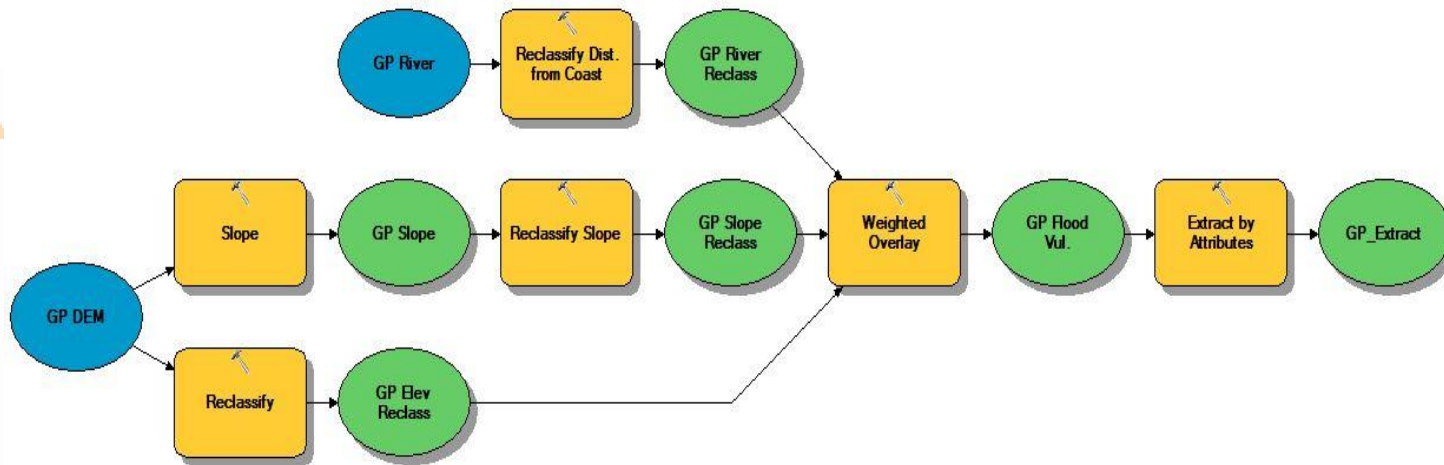
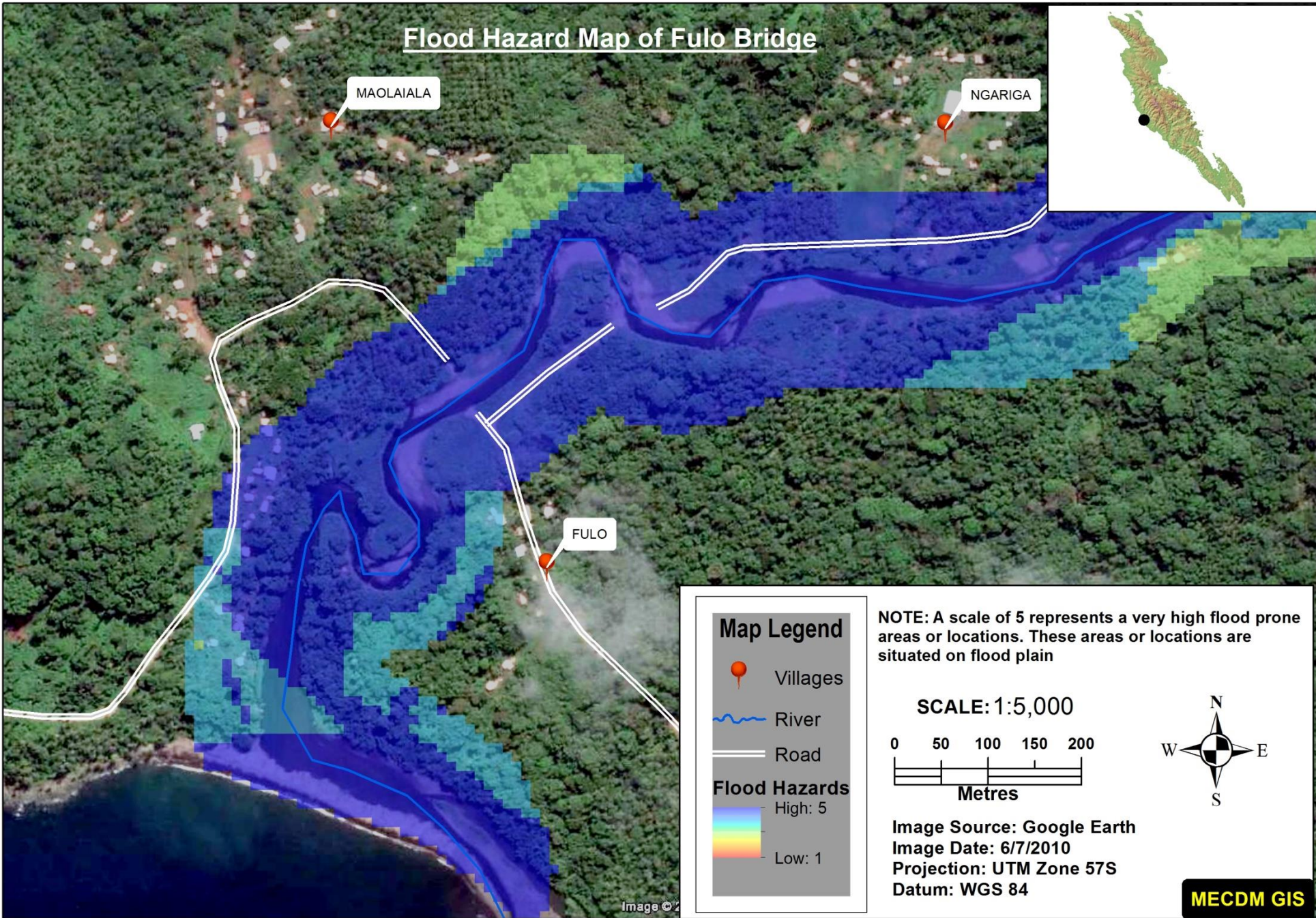


Fig 1: Geoprocessing using Model Builder

Flood Hazard Map of Fulo Bridge



MAOLAIALA

NGARIGA

FULO

Map Legend

Villages

River

Road

Flood Hazards

High: 5

Low: 1

NOTE: A scale of 5 represents a very high flood prone areas or locations. These areas or locations are situated on flood plain

SCALE: 1:5,000

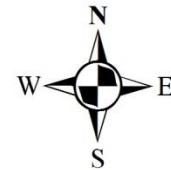
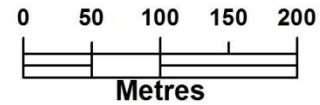
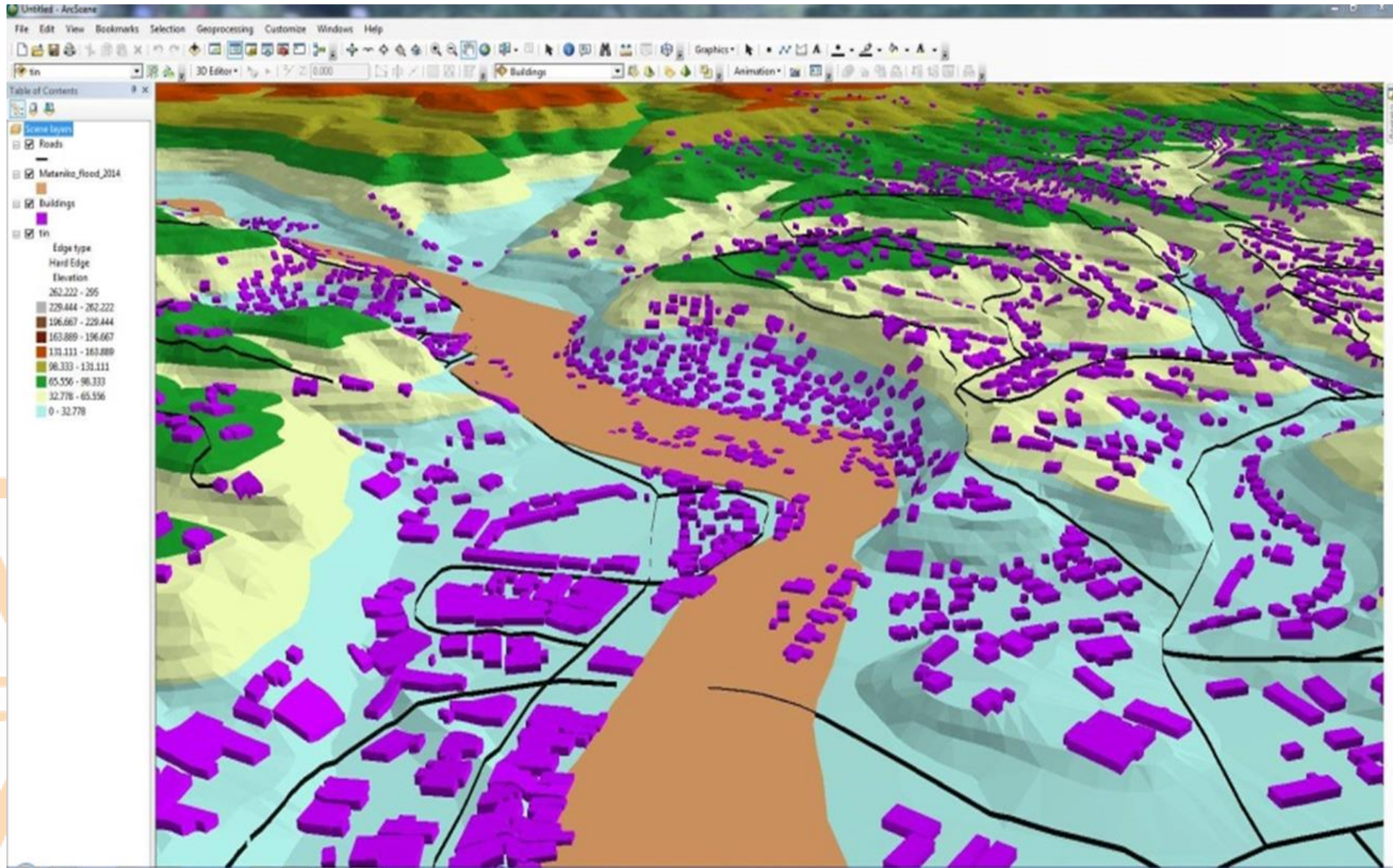


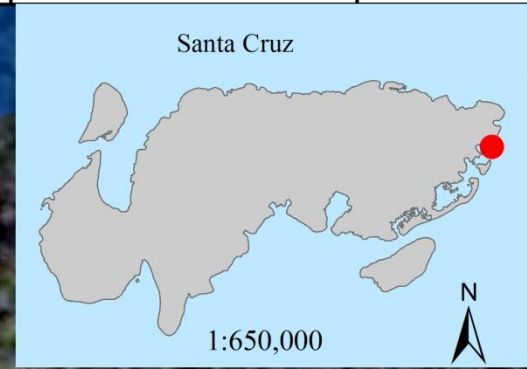
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MECDM GIS

Mataniko Flash Flood: 3 Dimensional



Sea Level Rise and Coastal Vulnerability Gaito, Temotu Province



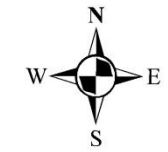
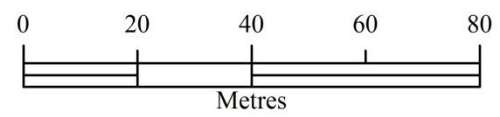
Map Legend

-  Sports Field
-  Church
-  Buildings

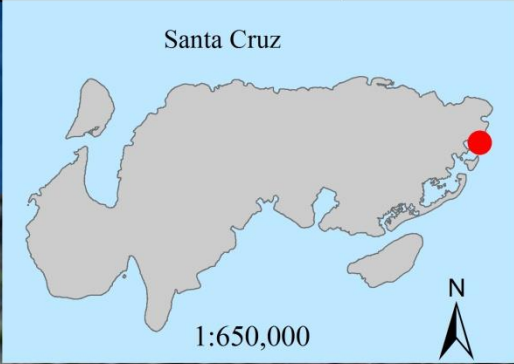
Current High Tidal Mark

Source of Imagery: Google Earth Image Date:2/3/2003 Produced by MECDM GIS

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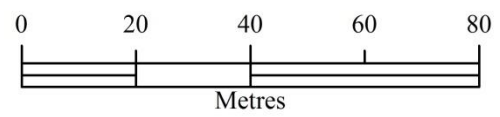
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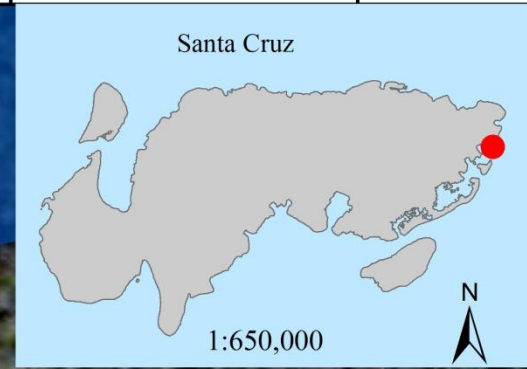
0.5m Projected SLR
Total Inundated Area = 0.8 Ha

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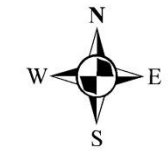
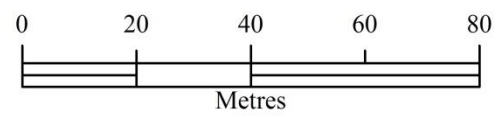
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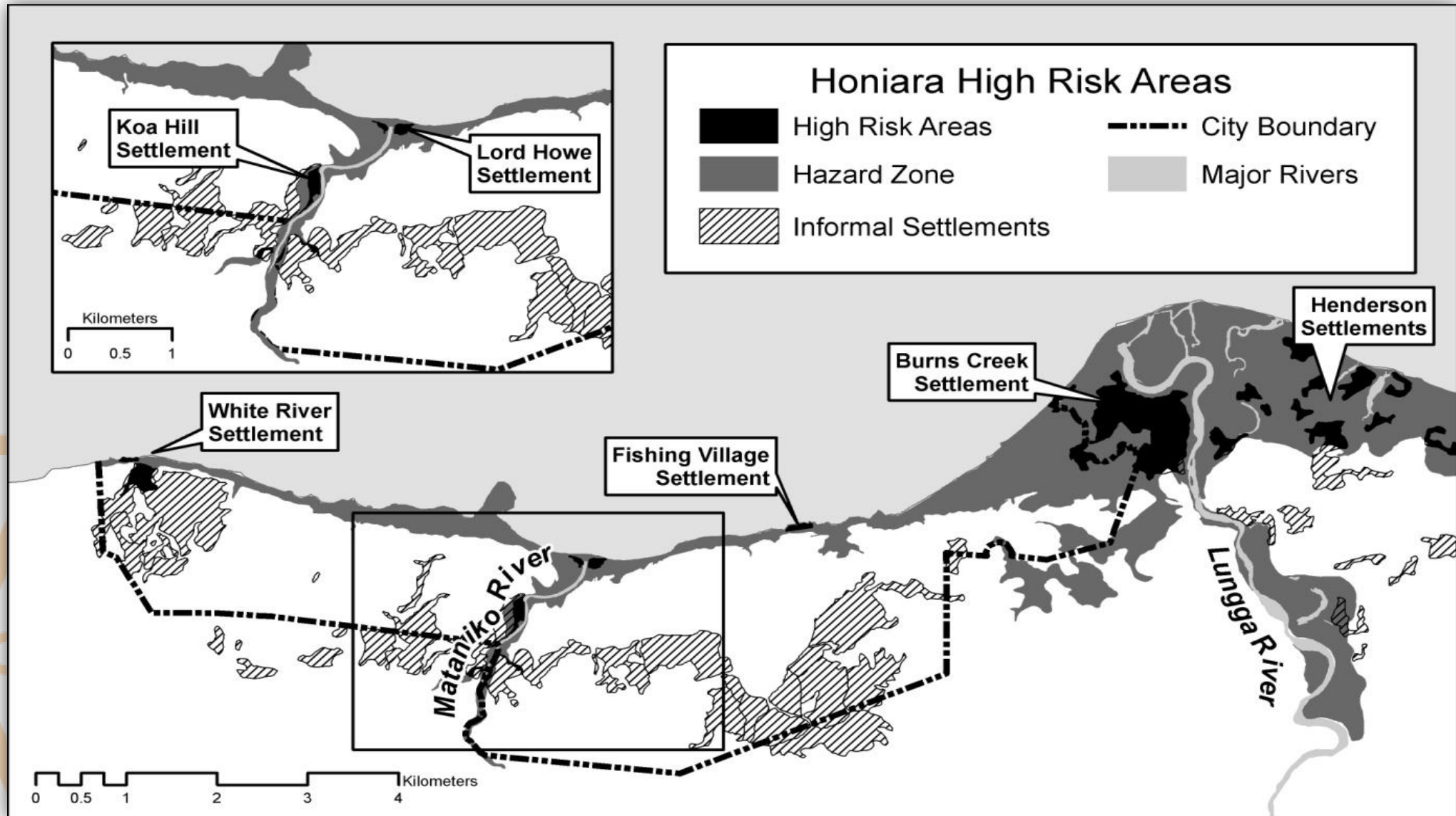
1m Projected SLR
Total Inundated Area = 2 Ha

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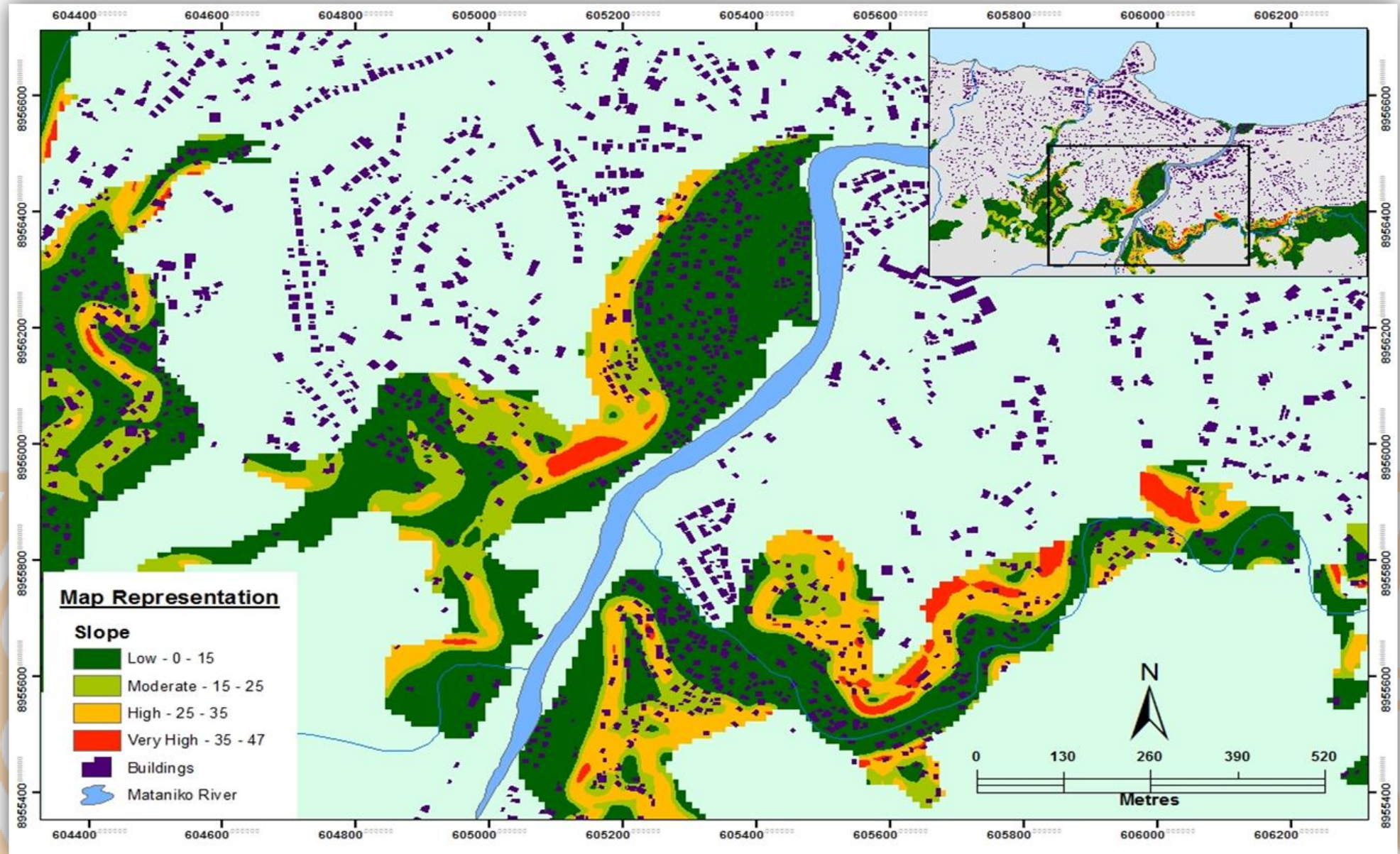
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At Risk Settlements in Urban Areas



Landslide prone informal settlement areas



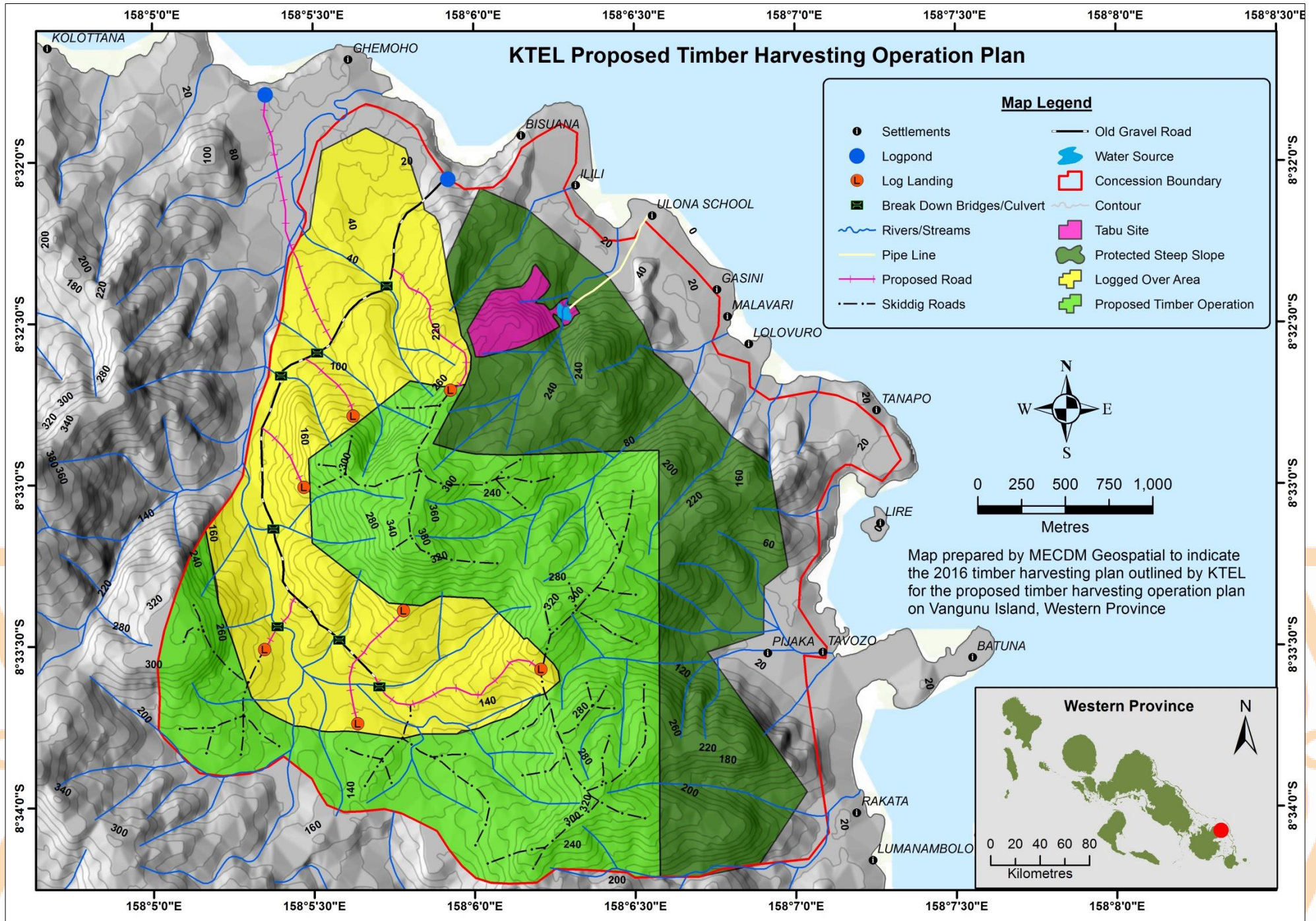
Environmental Assessment

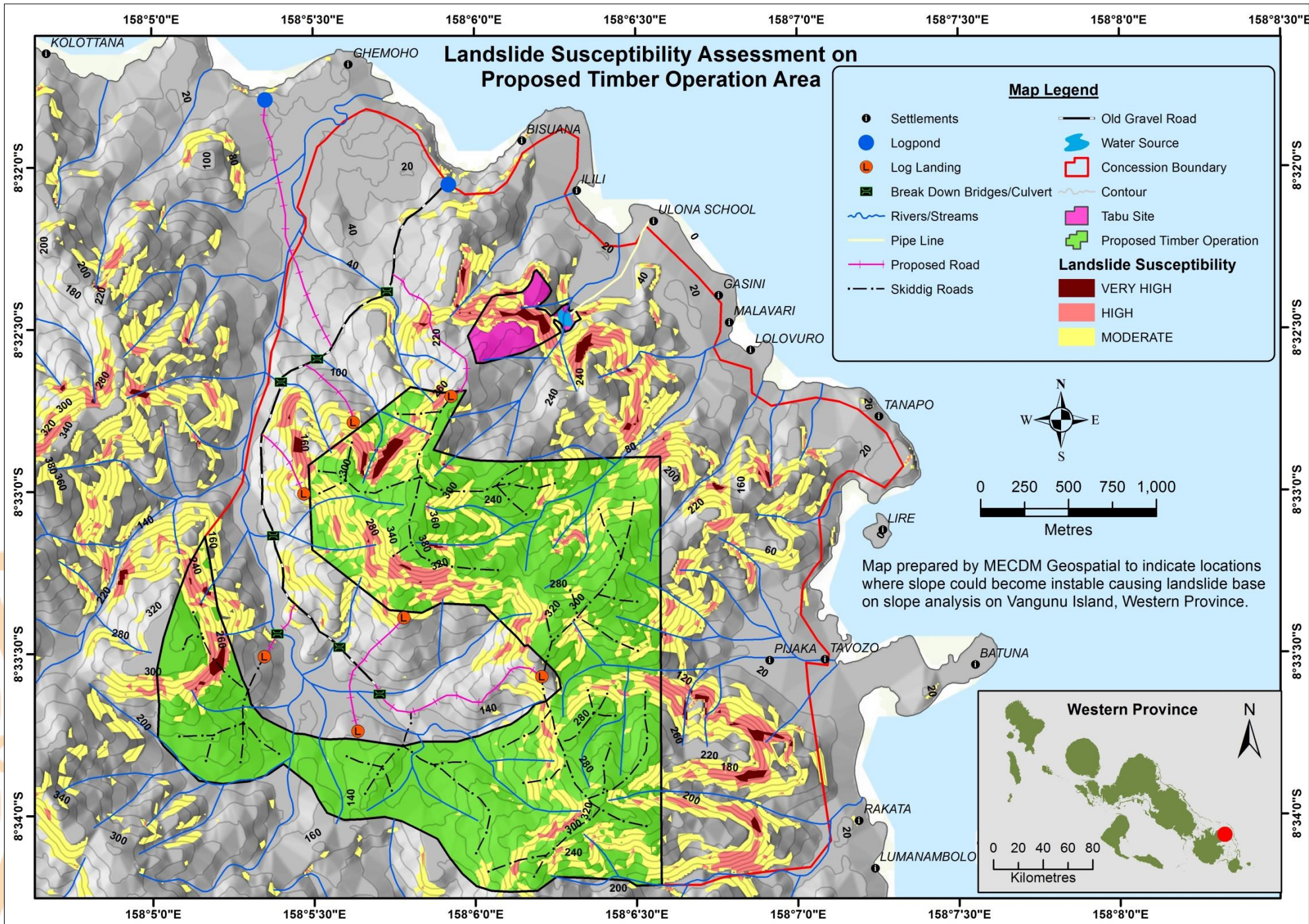
Example: Application for a Logging Concession

- i. The company need to provide area of operation
- ii. Operation plan. E.g. Logged areas, skidding, Landing, log pond, bridges, tabu sites etc.

Assessment:

- i. Operate within 400m Above MSL
- ii. Operate within 0 - 30° slope's steepness.
- iii. Streams: (a). More than 10m wide – 50m buffer; (b) less than 10m wide – 25m buffer.
- iv. Tabu sites – 30m buffer.
- v. Protected Areas



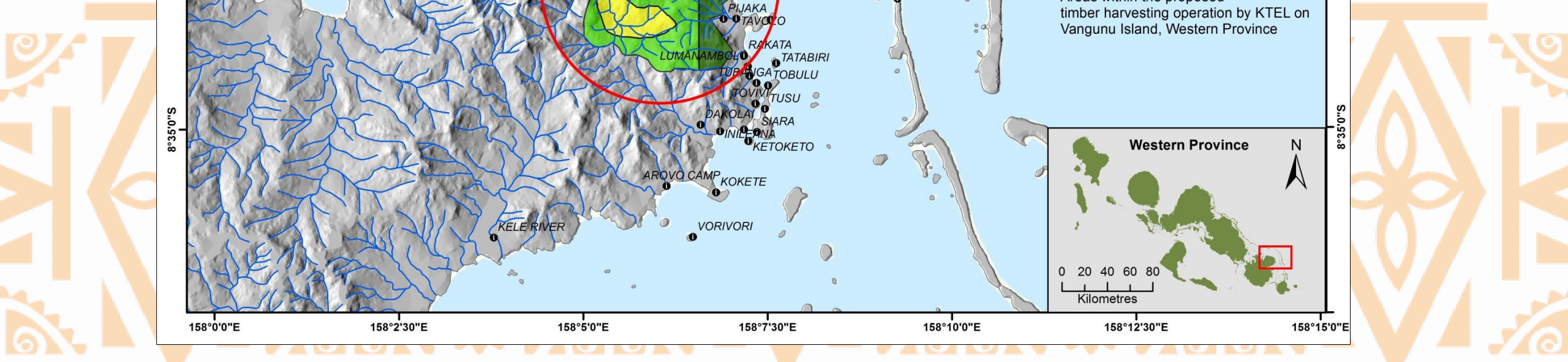
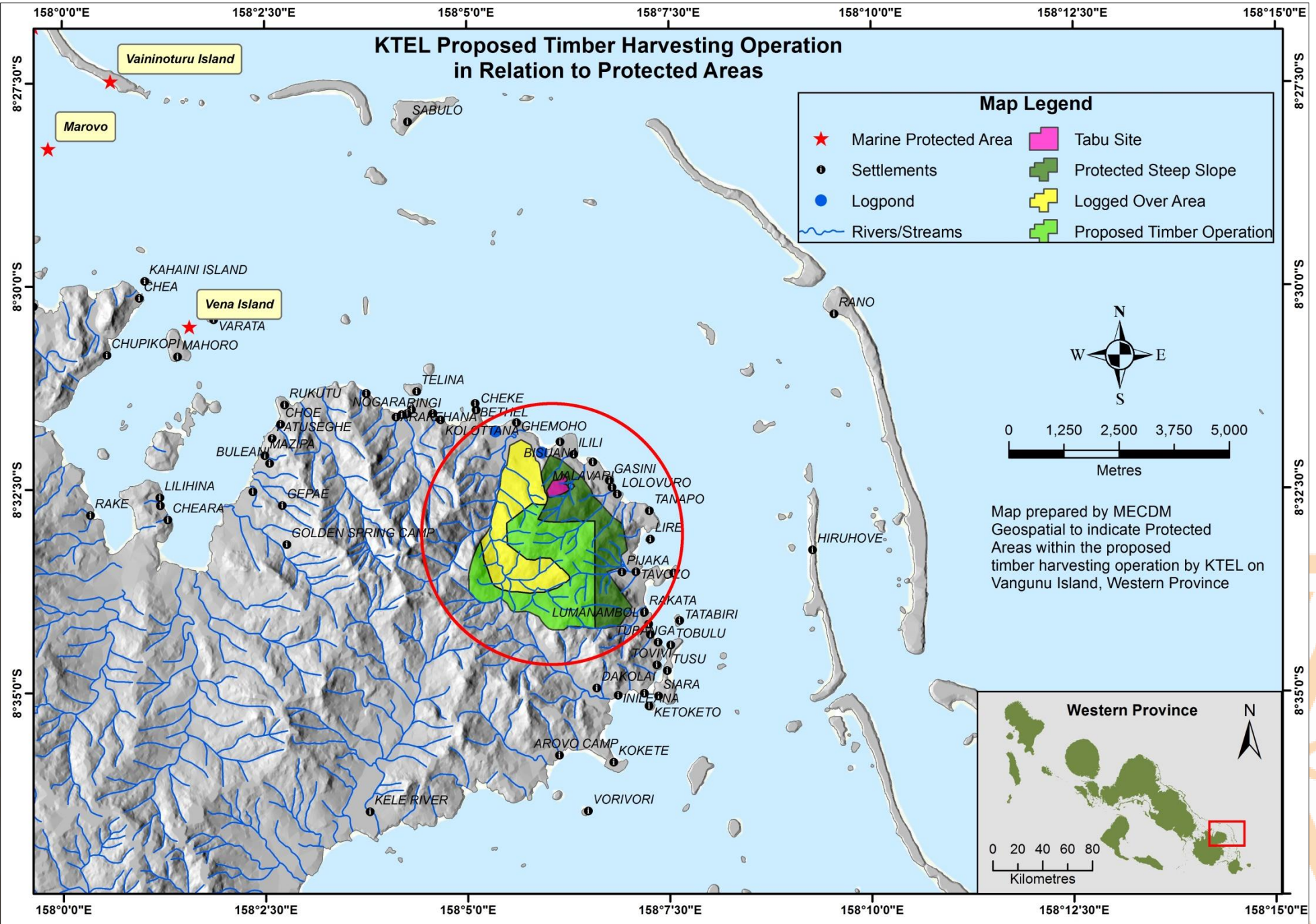


Slope Steepness Analysis

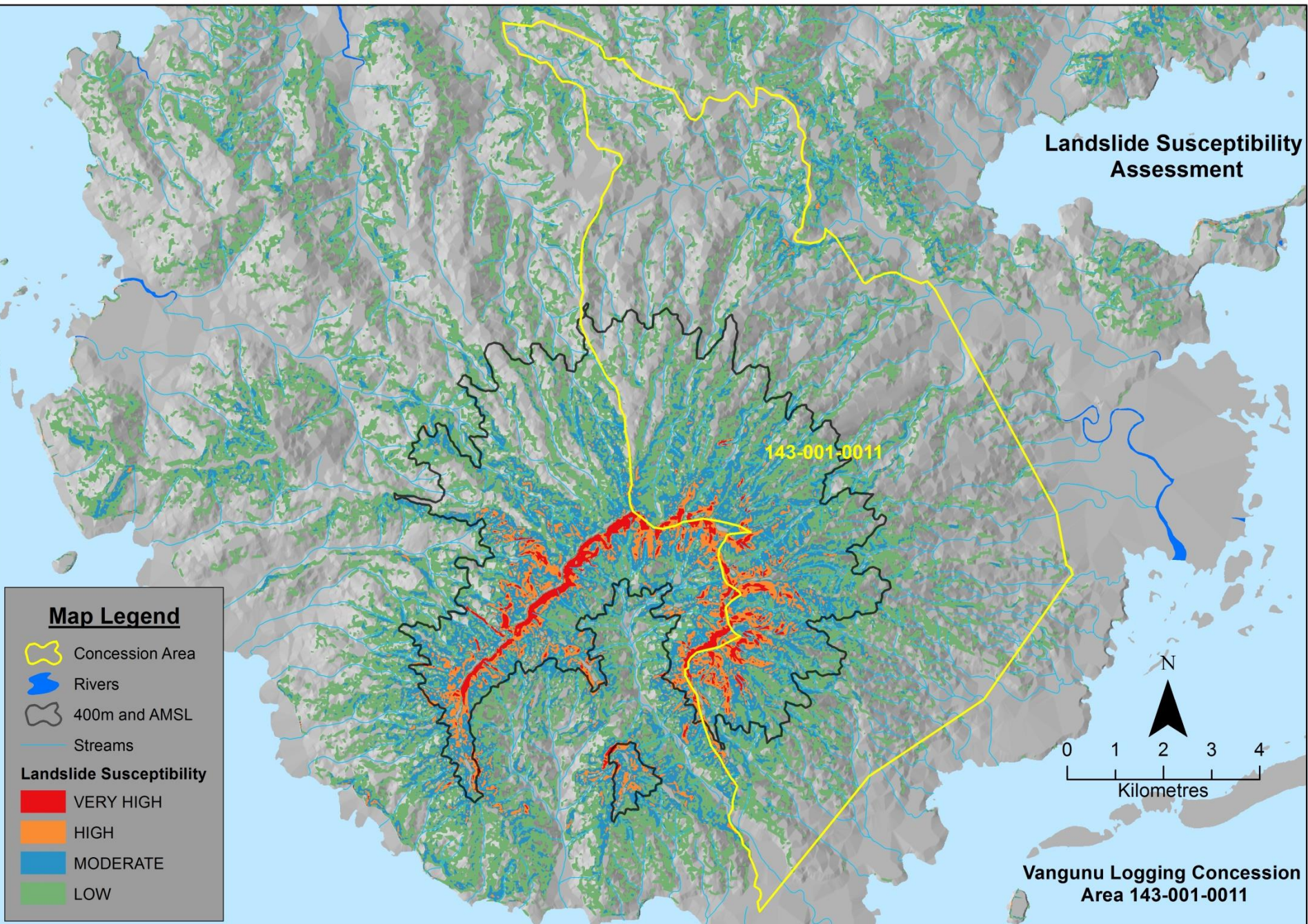
Slope steepness (degree)	Description	Susceptibility Scale
Above 35	Very high	4
25 – 35	high	3
15 – 25	Moderate	2
8 – 15	Low	1



KTEL Proposed Timber Harvesting Operation in Relation to Protected Areas



Landslide Susceptibility Assessment



Map Legend

- Concession Area
- Rivers
- 400m and AMSL
- Streams

Landslide Susceptibility

- VERY HIGH
- HIGH
- MODERATE
- LOW

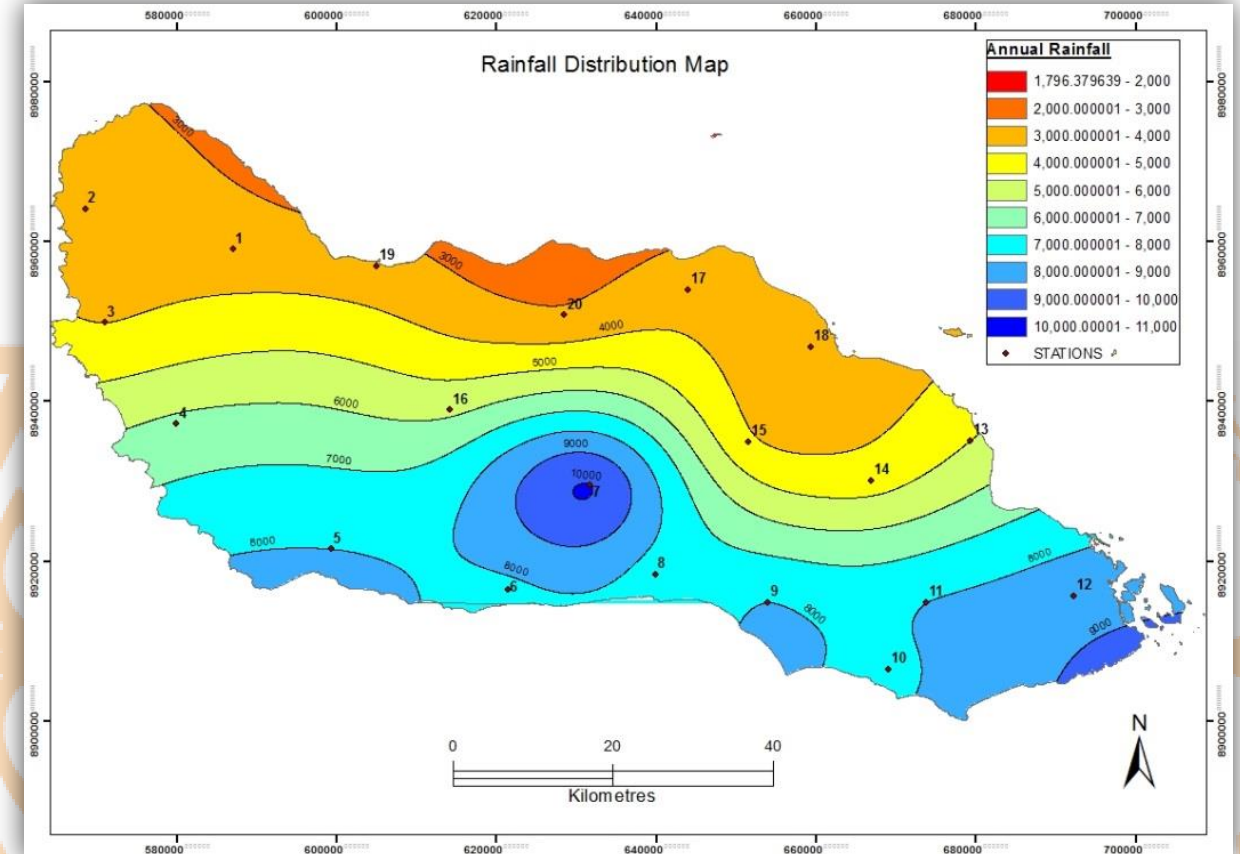
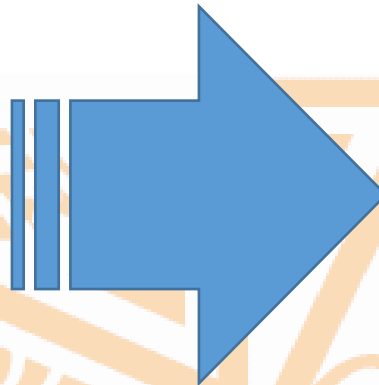
Vangunu Logging Concession
Area 143-001-0011

What can be done in the future

Rainfall data from 20 stations

Spline interpolation applied to rainfall data

STATION_ID	ANNUAL_RF
1	3500
2	3800
3	4000
4	6200
5	8000
6	7800
7	10000
8	7600
9	8000
10	7800
11	8000
12	8600
13	5000
14	4600
15	4200
16	5800
17	3600
18	3400
19	3400
20	3200



Summary

- Most of our activities centered around Hazards, Exposures, vulnerability and Risk Assessments.
- GIS contributes a lot to decision-making processes.
- GIS Services and products are available to Government Ministries, Partner Organizations and Stakeholders.
- Lack of data, limits GIS applications & analysis.



Thank You

Questions??

