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Synthesis Study of Land Cover, Land Use, and Demographic Change under Multi- Dimensional Developments and Climate Pressures in Southeast Asia



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Southeast Asia Synthesis Study Domain



The MPO Domain

Mainland:
Cambodia, Lao
PDR, Thailand,
and Vietnam

Peninsular:
Malaysia

Oceania:
Indonesia

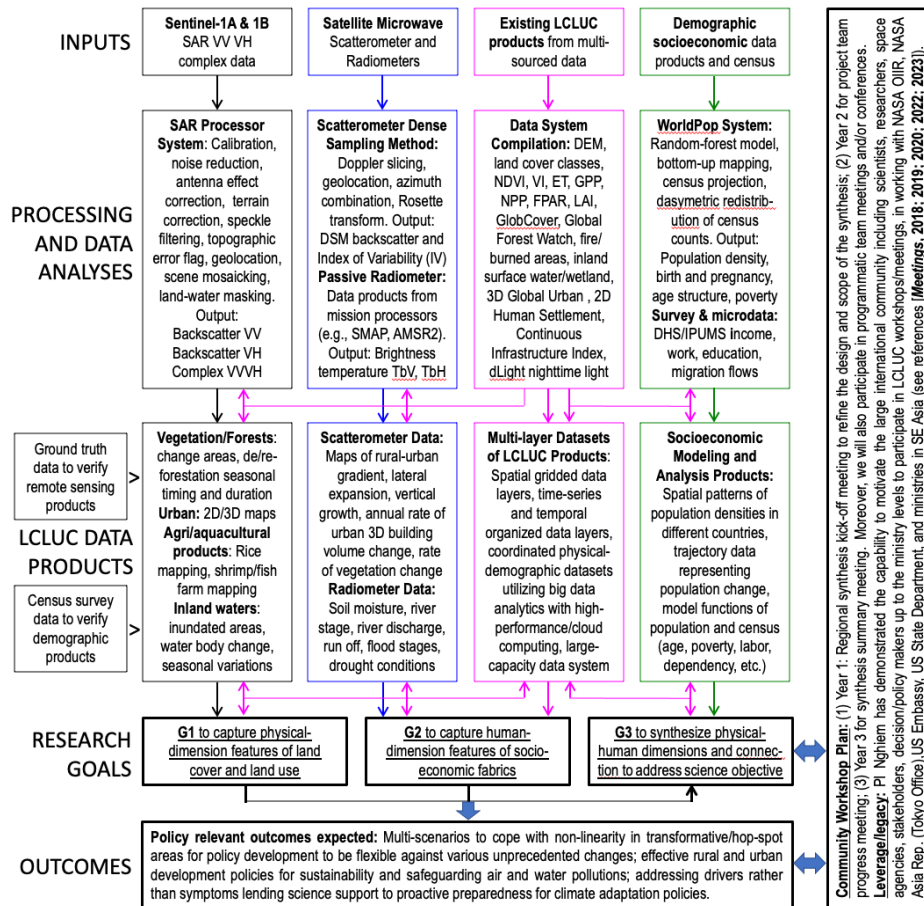
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Research Science and Hypotheses

Overarching Science Question: How land cover (LC), land use (LU), and demography (DG) evolve and interact in this highly dynamic and vulnerable setting along the entire **3D rural to urban continuum (RUC)**.

Hypotheses: (1) Physical-human feedback processes are exacerbated by urbanization, agriculture conversion, and climate factors forcing **LC, LU, and DG processes to become non-stationary**, thereby causing unprecedented impacts that are not predictable from past observable trends in transformative regions and in anomalous hot-spot areas where multi-scenario flexibility must be considered in policy development. (2) **In contrast, for transitional regions undergoing weak or gradual changes**, we hypothesize that trajectories are associated with continual environmental trends and sociodemographic drivers so that past reference of the LC, LU, and DG changes can be used to plan for effective future policies .

Research Approach and Structure



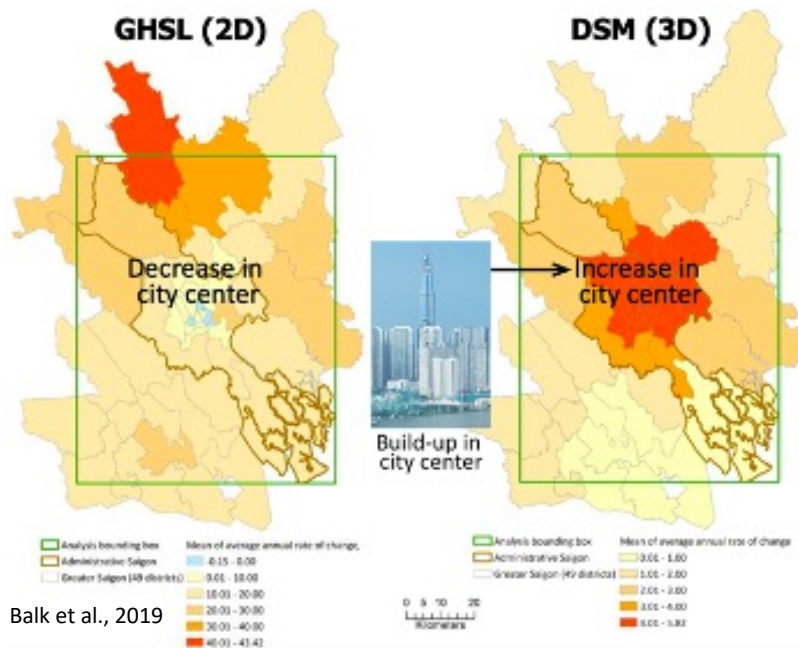
Goal 1 (G1): To capture physical-dimension features of the land cover (LC) and land use (LU) in the MPO. These will identify and quantify variations along the rural-urban continuum undergoing transitional, transformative, or hot-spot changes in time (1D) and in space (3D).

Goal 2 (G2): To capture human-dimension features of the socioeconomic fabrics in the MPO. These are crucial to address both land use at risk (LUR) and population at risk (PAR) under deteriorated ecoservice values.

Goal 3 (G3): To combine (G1+G2) within a synthesis framework of integrations, interactions, and linkages (left panel). These are to test the stationarity versus non-stationarity hypotheses. The outcomes from the synthesis are intended to lend scientific support to the strategic development of proactive policies that are regionally relevant and effective.

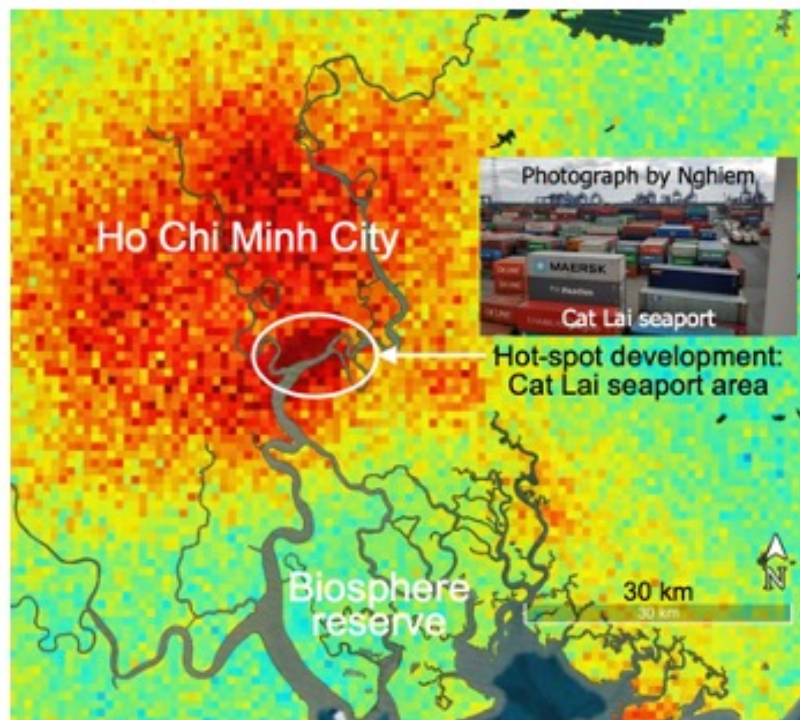
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Rural-Urban Continuum (RUC) in 3D



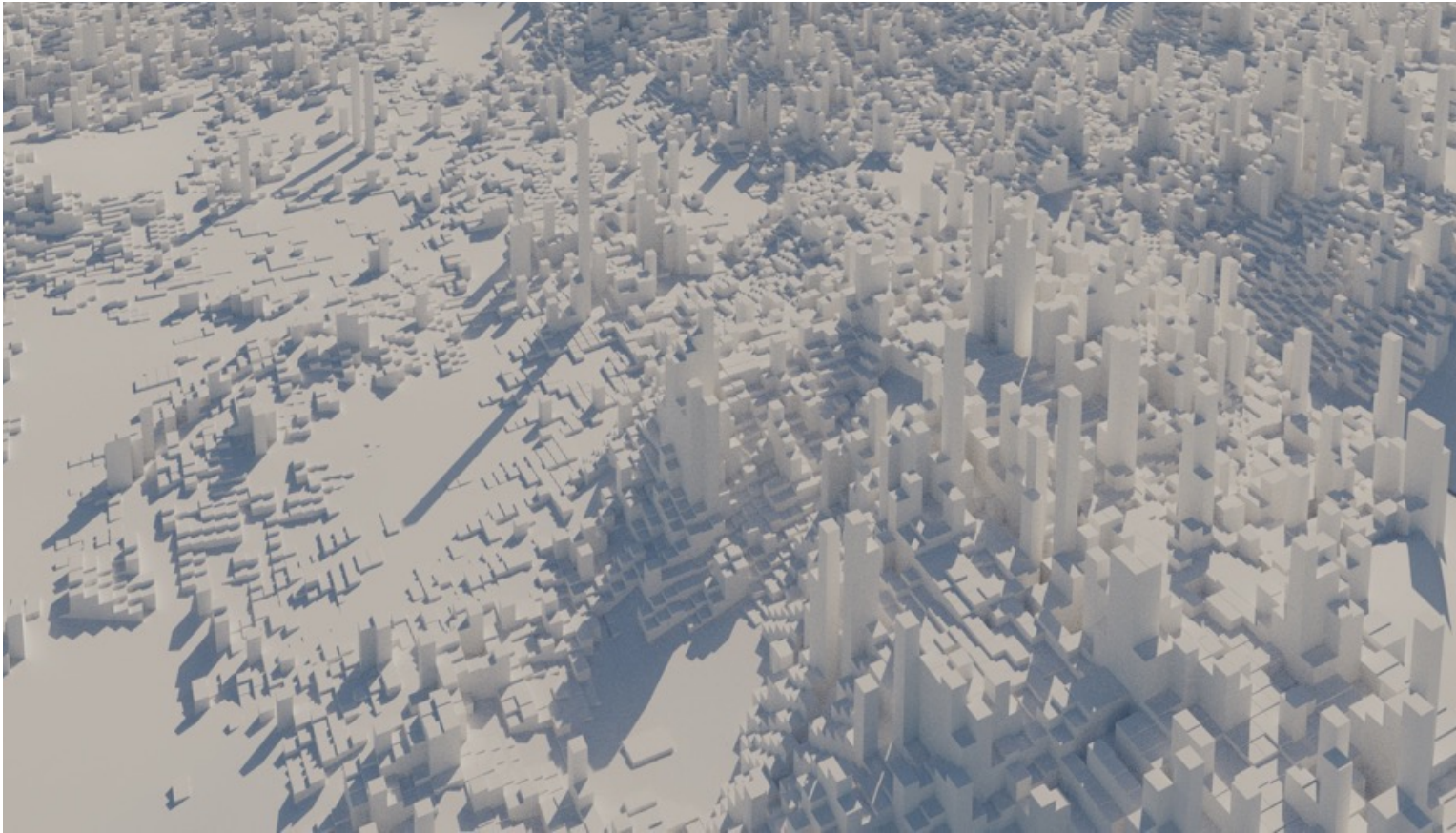
Balk et al., 2019

Mean of annual rate of change at the district level in the Greater Saigon from GHSL for 2D urban fraction (left) and from DSM for 3D building volume (right) in the 2000s, see details in [Balk et al., 2018]. The inset photo shows the strong vertical build-up in the city center consistent with DSM observation.



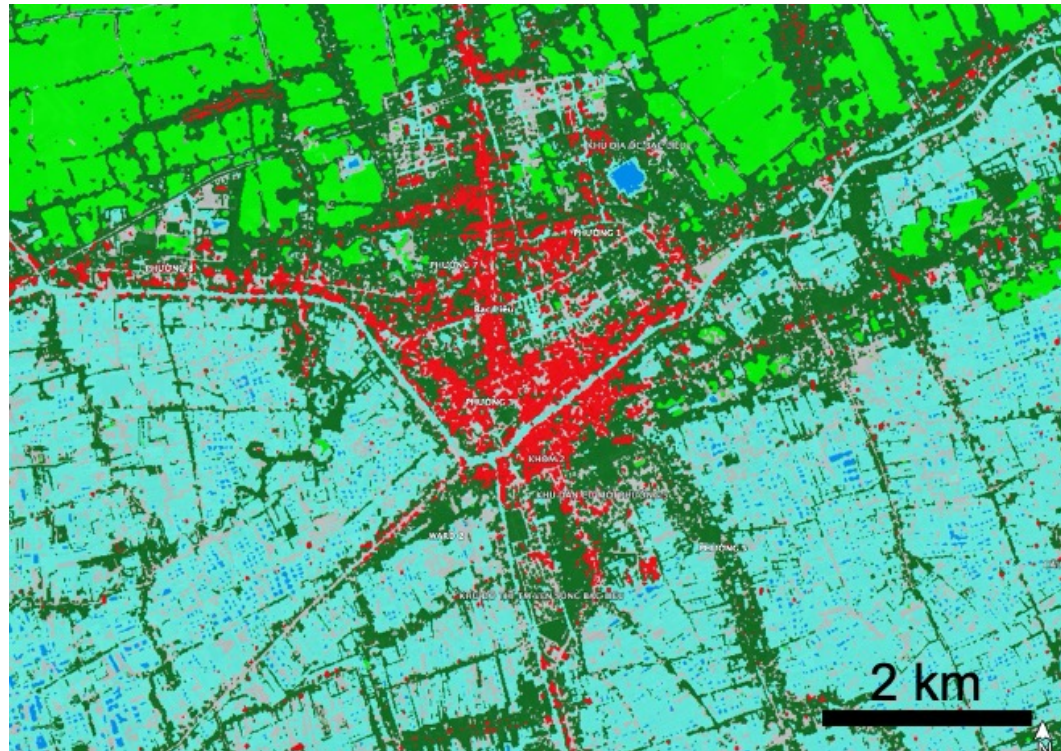
DSM continuum product for rate of change of 3D building volume from the Ho Chi Minh megacity to the UNESCO Cần Giờ Biosphere Reserve. The detected hot spot is the Cat Lai seaport area.

City in Three Dimensions from Radar Data



Mapping Product of 3D Building in Ho Chi Minh City (DLR)

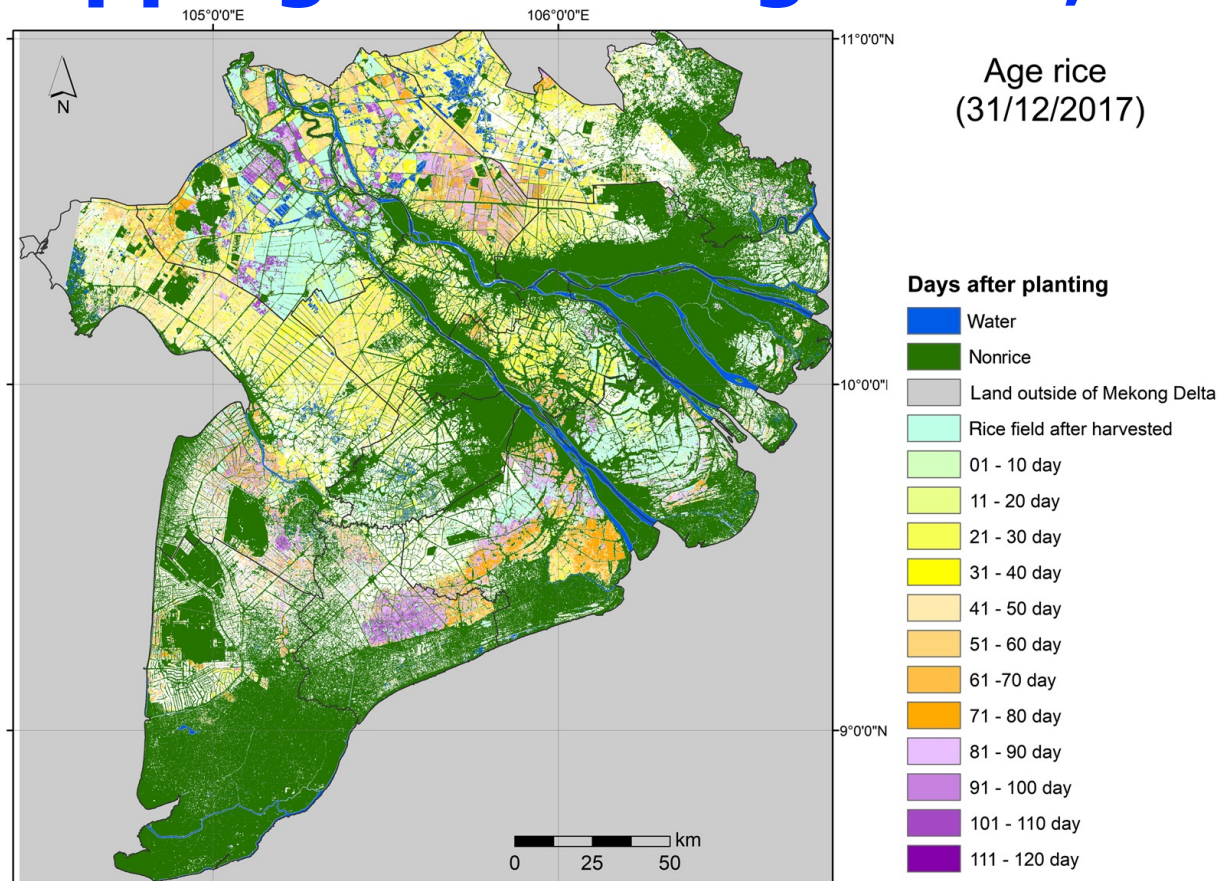
RUC in High Resolution from Radar Data



Ngo et al., 2024

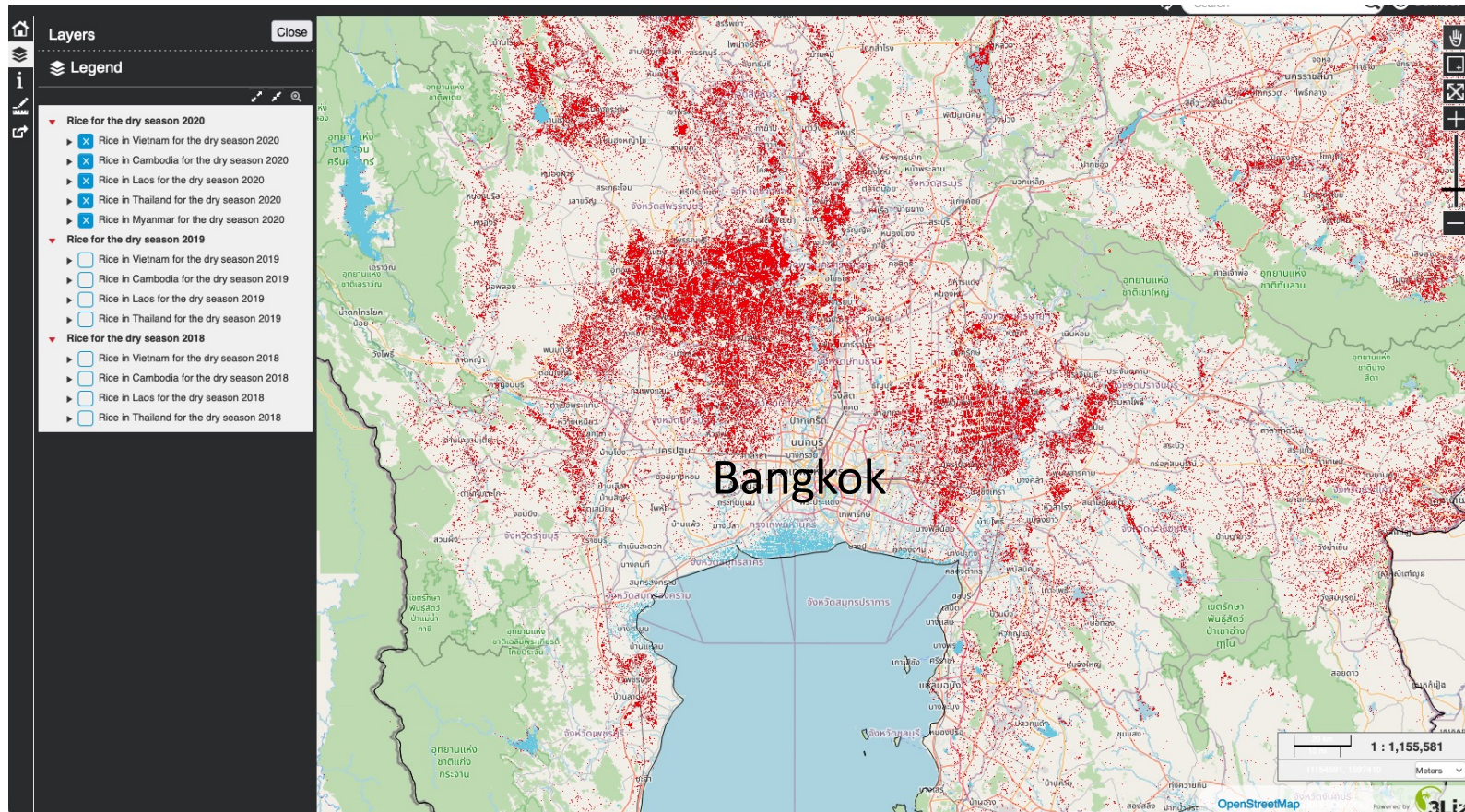
Products of LU classes from Sentinel-1 SAR in the RUC around Bac Lieu city in Vietnam including **persistent building structures (red)**, **agricultural areas (light green)**, **aquacultural areas (light blue)**, **tree cover (dark green)**, and **persistent surface water (dark blue)**.

Rice Mapping in Mekong Delta, Vietnam



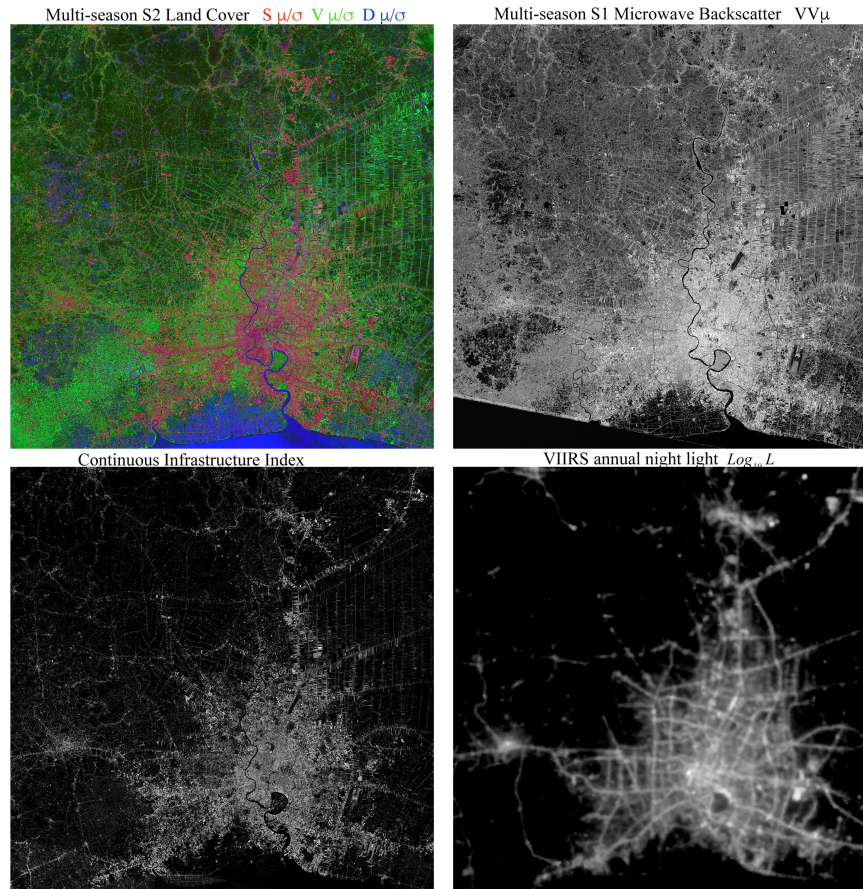
Rice age map on 12/31/2017 from Sentinel-1 SAR data (Phung et al., 2020)

Rice Mapping in 2020 in Thailand



Rice Map in Dry Season (Georice/GlobeEO, Thuy Le Toan et al, 2024)

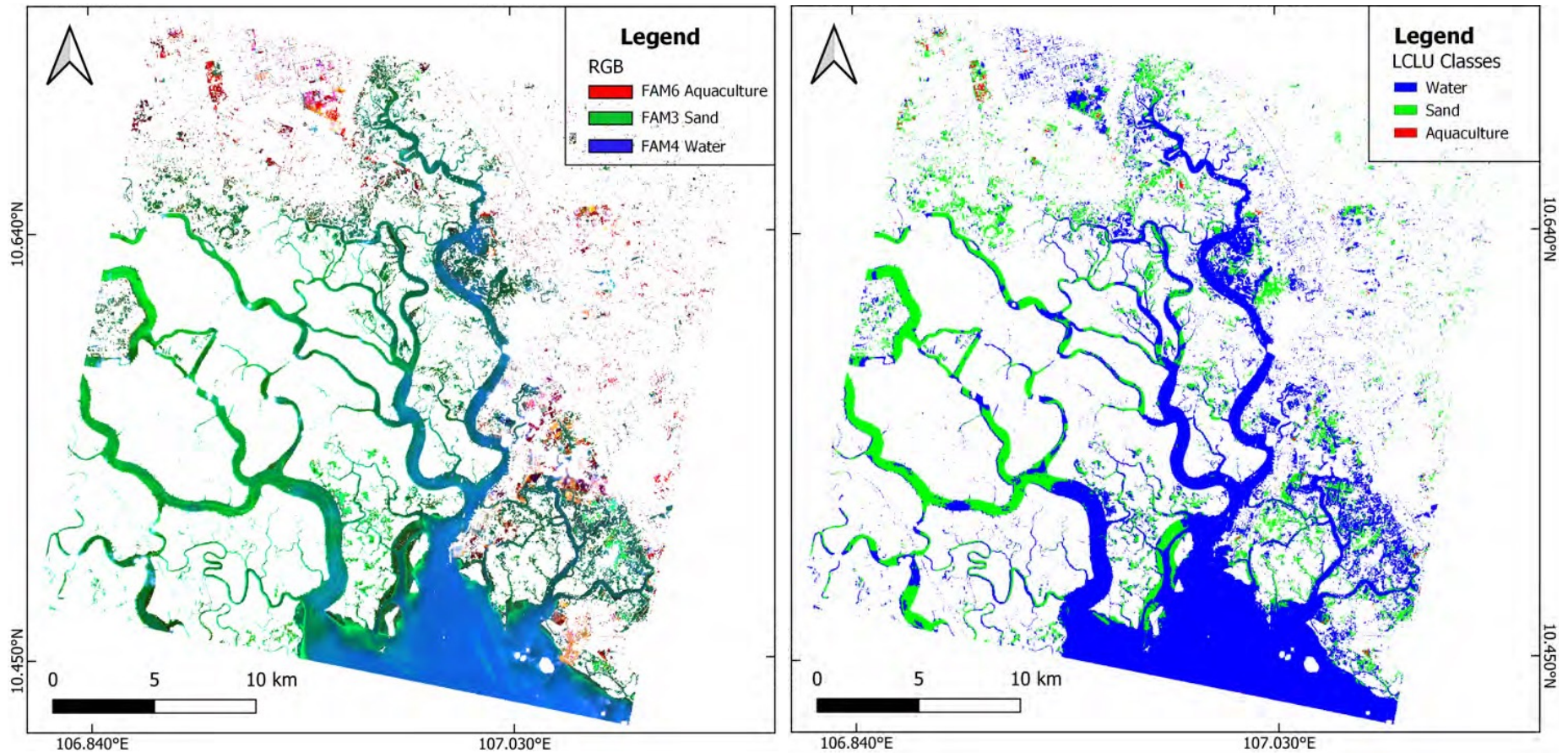
Multi Sourced Observations over the RUC



Small et al., 2019

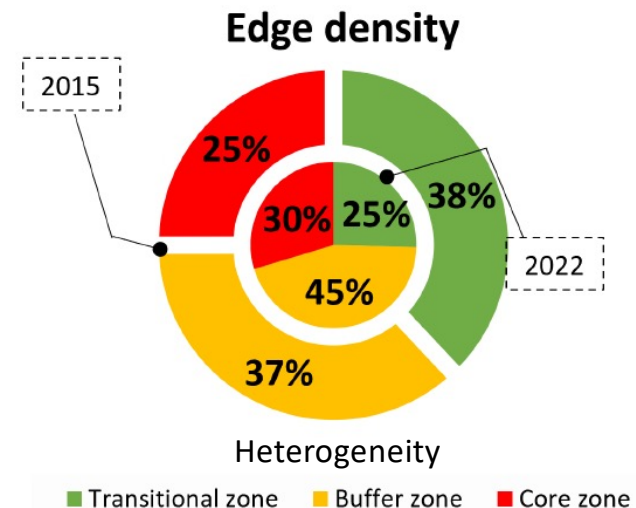
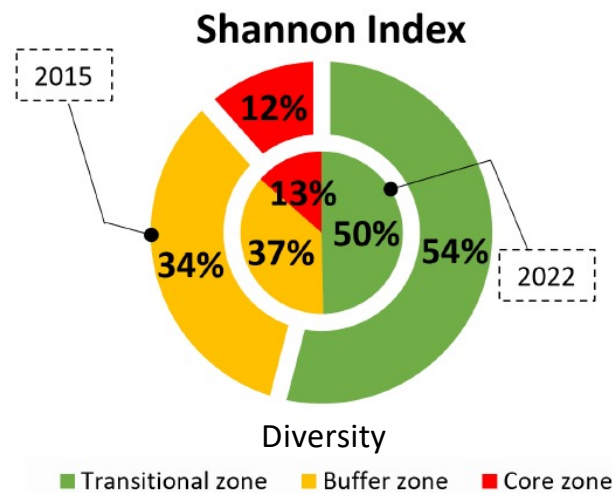
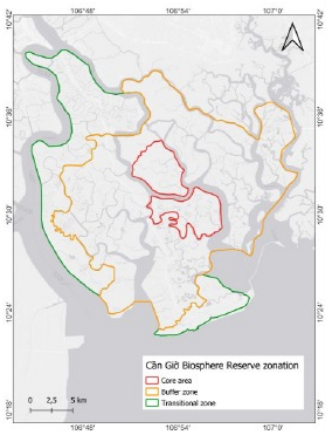
Multi-sourced, multi-season, and multi-scale composite images around Bangkok, Thailand.

Hyperspectral Data Products over the RUC



Data products from PRISMA data in Saigon-Dong Nai Delta (Taramelli et al., 2022).

Synthesis of Radar/Spectral Products for Fragmentation Analysis



Core and buffer

similar trends. Small increase in the heterogeneity of the landscape, fragmentation stable or slightly increased

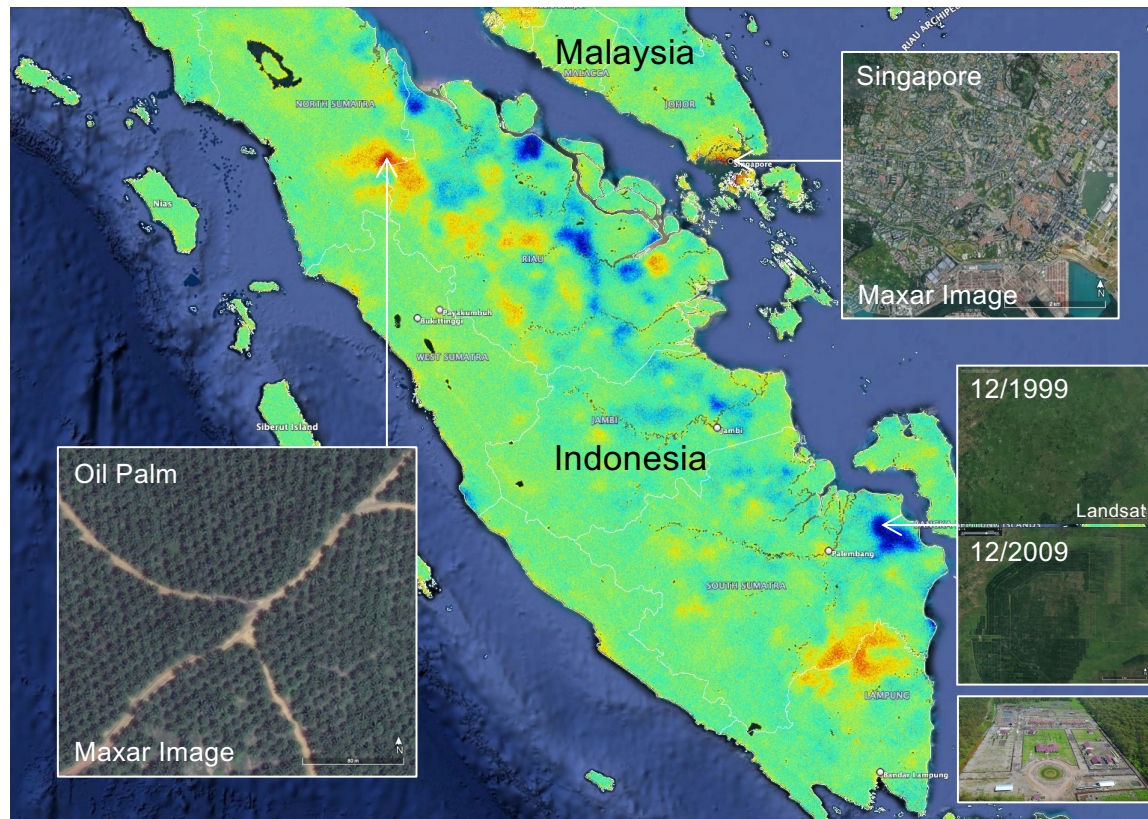


Transitional

reduction of diversity, stable fragmentation. Aquaculture becomes an increasingly dominant class in an already fragmented area

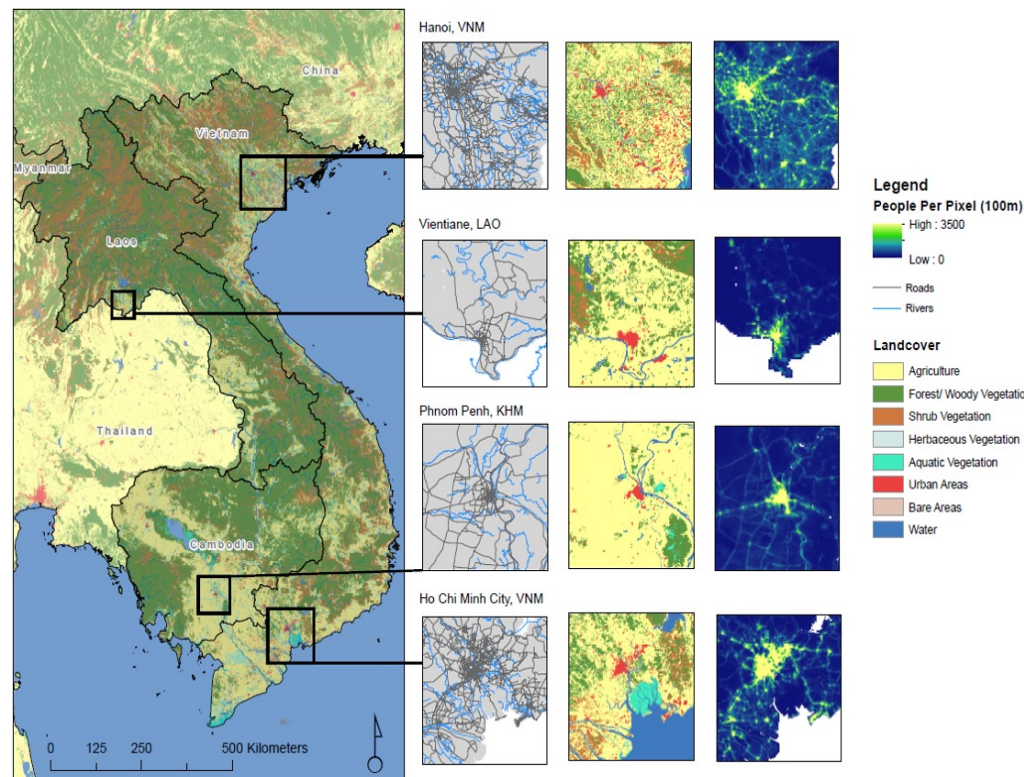
E. Valentini, M. Righini, S. Sapio, S. Liburdi, V. Cima, S. V. Nghiem, and A. Taramelli, 2023.

LCLU Change in the 2000s across 3D RUC



Mapping Product of LCLU Change in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore from Radar Data:
Red for positive hot spots/areas, **Blue for negative hot spots/areas**, **Green for small/no change**

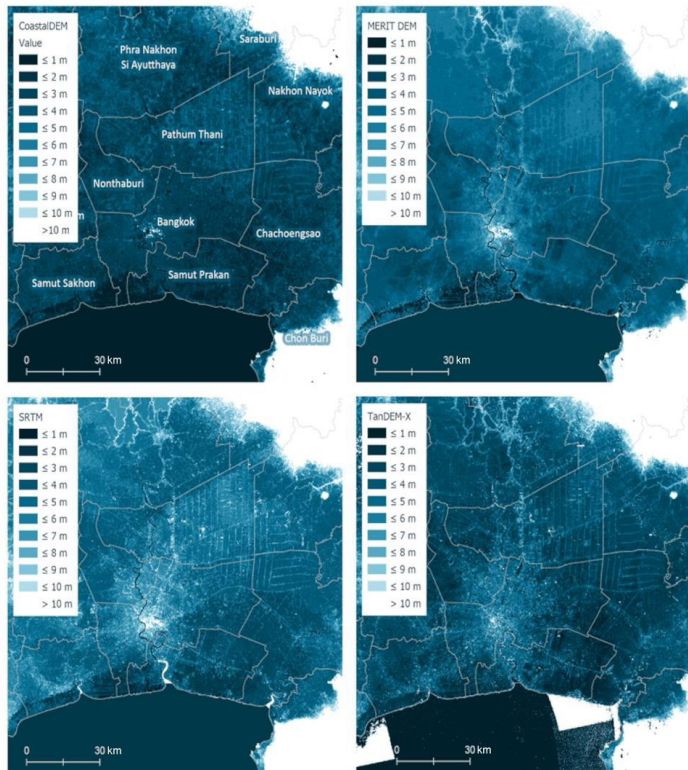
Demography: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam



Data products of rivers, roads and land cover in the nonparametric, ensemble model with sub-panels for 4 cities. Roads (black) and rivers (blue) noted are in the first column panel, land cover in the second and the 2010 gridded population in the third (Gaughan et al., 2019).

Estimating Population and Urban Areas at Risk of Coastal Hazards: How Data Choice Matter in in Synthesis Study:

K. MacManus, D. Balk, H. Engin, G. McGranahan, and R. Inman



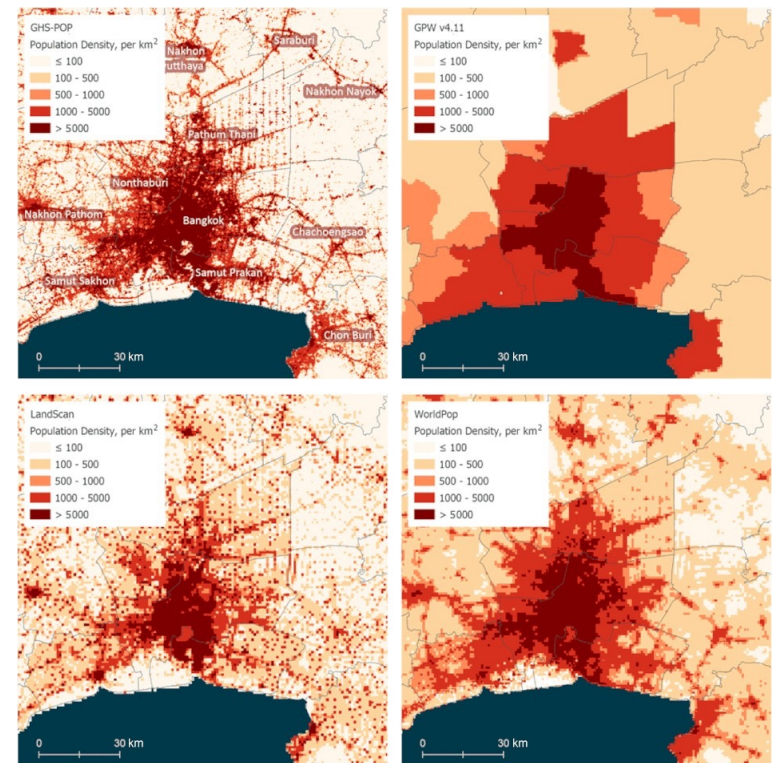
Bangkok

<< 4 Elevation data sets --> LECZ

4 gridded pop data sets >>

4 urban data sets (not shown)

Yield different estimates of population exposures to coastal flooding

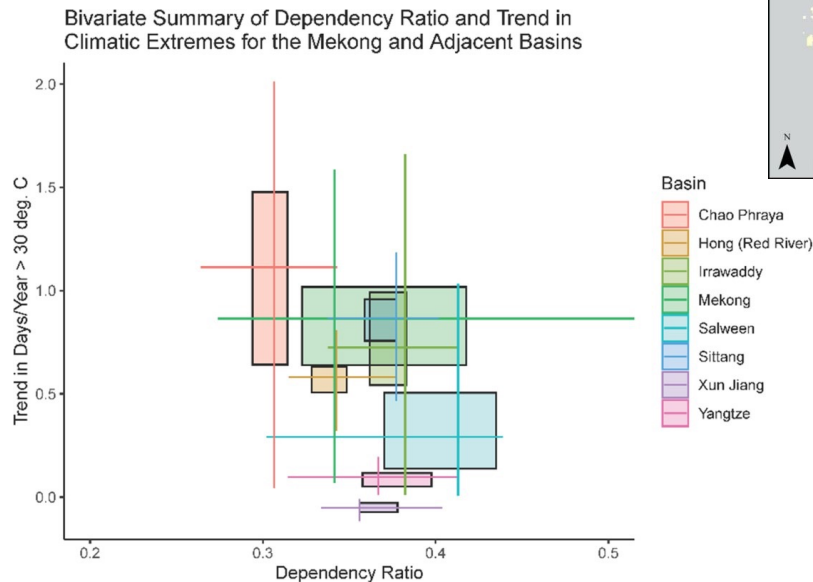
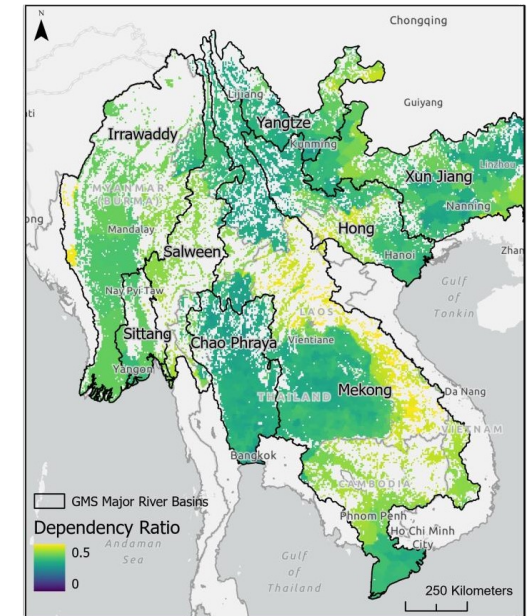
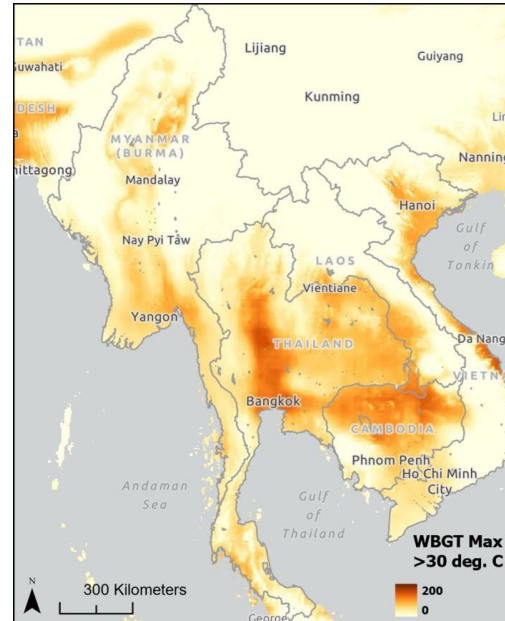


Data available from: <https://doi.org/10.7927/d1x1-d702>; paper from <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-13-5747-2021>

The Greater Mekong Region: Human Population and Heat Exposure

An application of leveraging Google Earth Engine and gridded data of demographic patterns to illustrate heat exposure for the Lower Mekong Region.

Steven et al., 2024

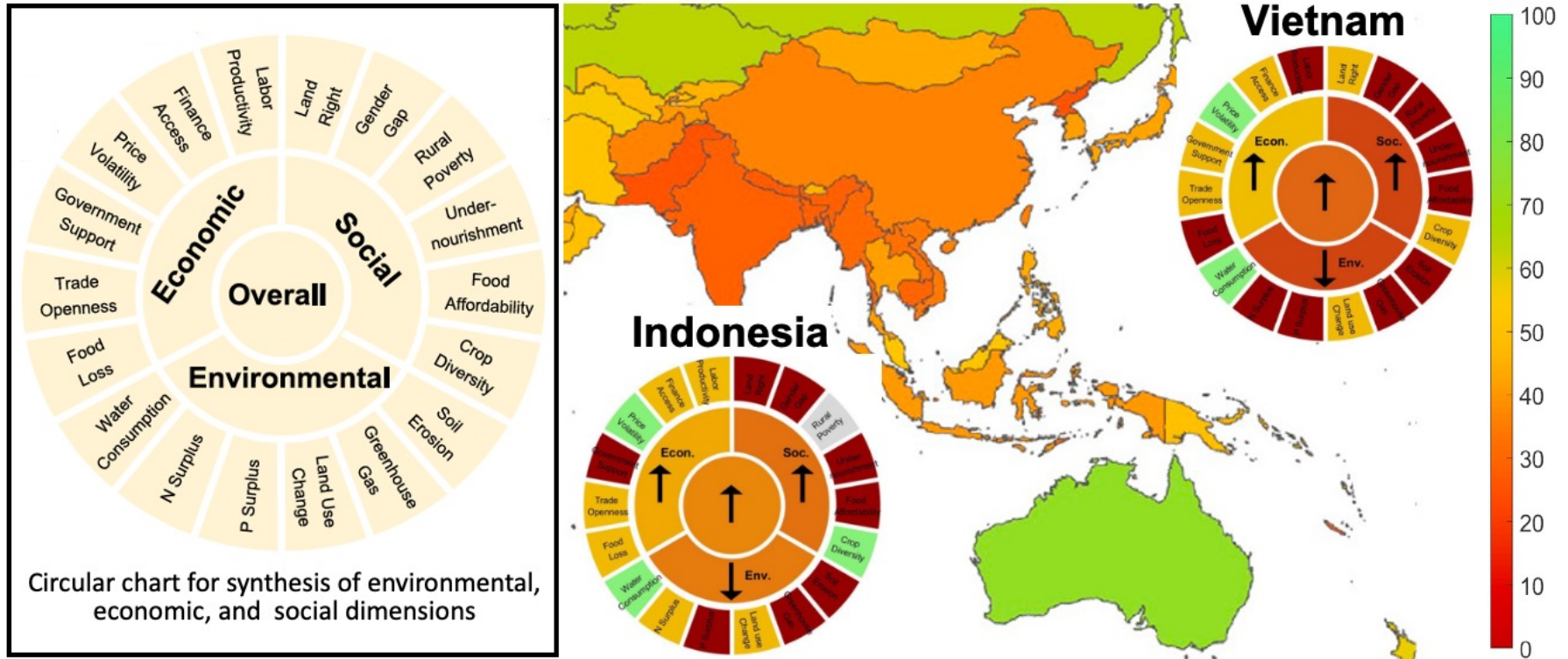


Gridded annual counts of the number of days where the maximum WBGTmax exceeded > 30°C for 2016.

Dependency ratio (2020) across the Greater Mekong Subregion river basins

The Mekong and Chao Phraya basins have the most notable impact of heat stress on key demographic populations of young and old, but also have the highest range of dependency ratios.

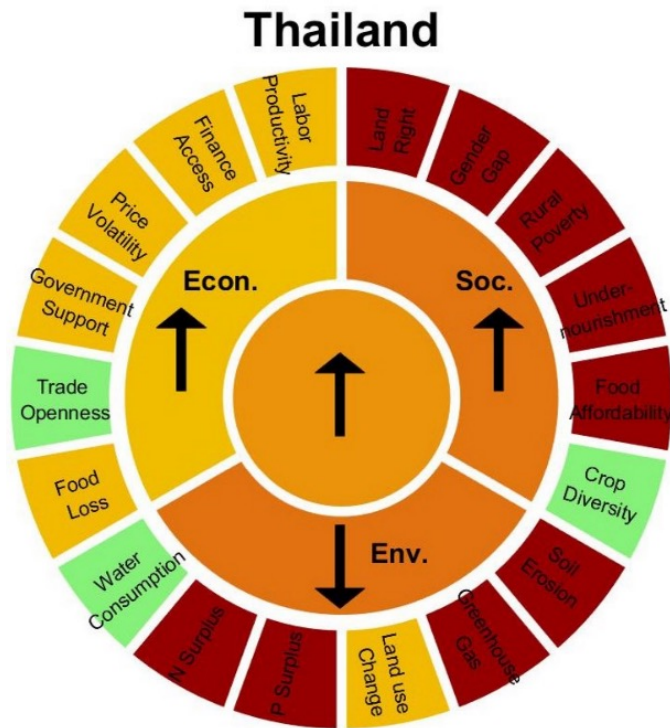
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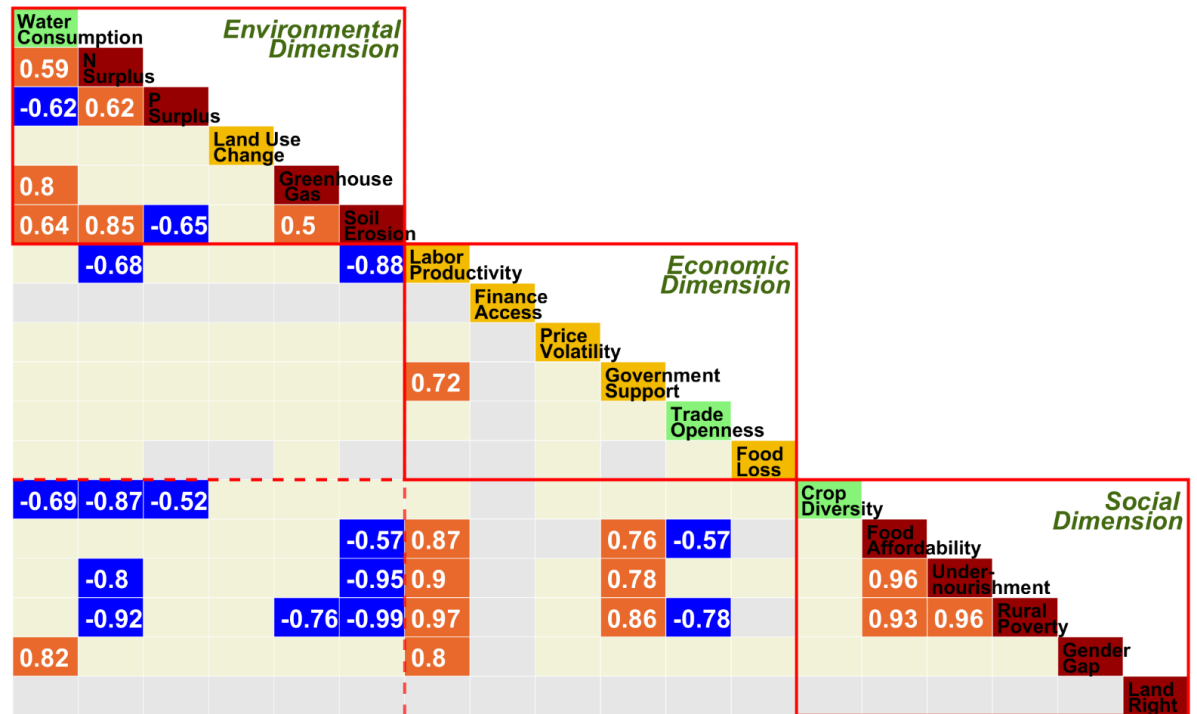
Sustainable Agriculture Matrix (SAM) method synthesizing multiple data products to quantify the impacts of agriculture on sustainability considering environmental, economic, and social dimensions across the RUC in 2000-2014. Examples for Indonesia and Vietnam (UMCES).

Synthesis in Physical-Human Dimensions

Sustainable Agriculture Matrix Example for Thailand in 2010-2014



Report Card



Trade-offs and Synergies

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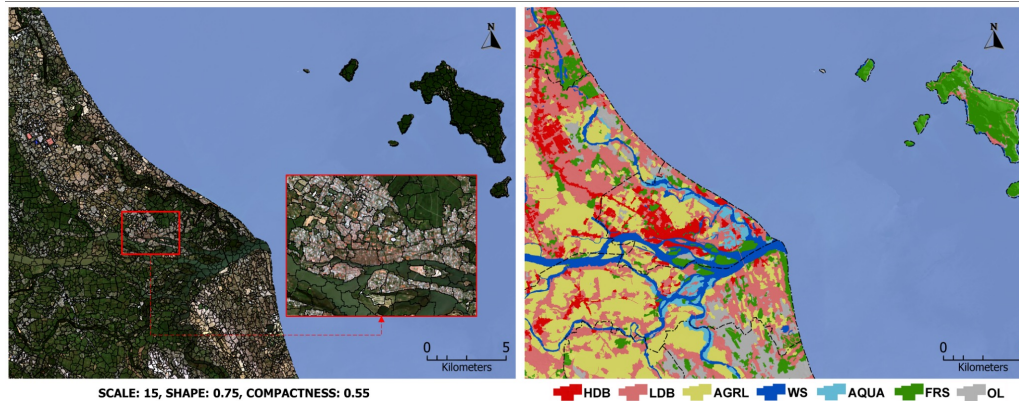
Sendai Framework for United Nations Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER)

Risk = Combination of Hazard, Exposure, and Vulnerability

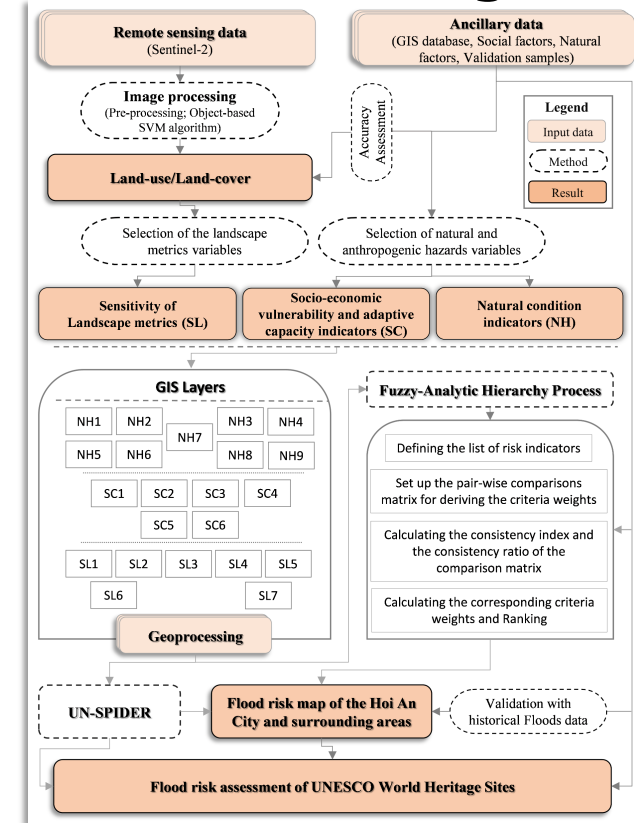
- **Hazard**: Process, phenomenon or human activity that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, social and economic disruption or environmental degradation.
- **Exposure**: Situation of people, infrastructure, housing, production capacities, and other tangible human assets located in hazard-prone areas.
- **Vulnerability**: Conditions determined by physical, social, economic and environmental factors or processes which increase the susceptibility of an individual, a community, assets or systems to the impacts of hazards.

UN-SPIDER Synthesis for Flood Risk at Hoi An World Heritage Sites

METHOD: The research framework is formulated to assess flood risk in heritage areas based on the Sendai Framework Terminology used in the UN-SPIDER definition of risk as a combination of hazard, exposure, and vulnerability.



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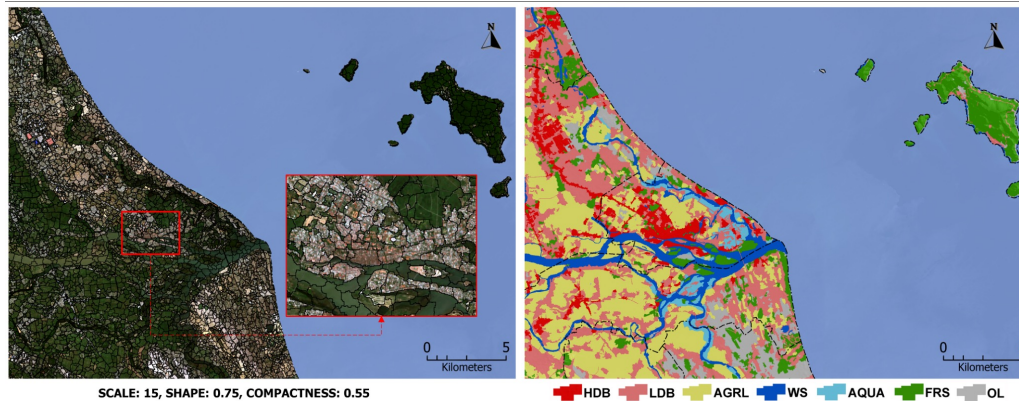


$$FRI = \left\{ W_{NH} \sum_{i \in \{4,5,6,7,9\}} W_{NH_i} \left(\sum_{i \in \{4,5,6,7,9\}} W_{NH_i} L_{NH_i} \right) \right\} \times \left\{ W_{SC} \sum_{j=1}^4 W_{SC_j} \left(\sum_{j=1}^4 W_{SC_j} L_{SC_j} \right) \right\} \times \left\{ W_{NH} \sum_{i \in \{1,2,3,8\}} W_{NH_i} \left(\sum_{i \in \{1,2,3,8\}} W_{NH_i} L_{NH_i} \right) + W_{SC} \sum_{j=5}^6 W_{SC_j} \left(\sum_{j=5}^6 W_{SC_j} L_{SC_j} \right) + W_{SL} \left(\sum_{k=1}^7 L_{SL_k} W_{SL_k} \right) \right\}$$

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Natural Indicators:

NH1 = Slope, NH2 = Altitude, NH3 = Topography Wetness Index, NH4 = Stream Power Index, NH5 = Sediment Transport Index, NH6 = Geomorphology Index, NH7 = Distance to River, NH8 = Drainage Density, NH9 = Rainfall.

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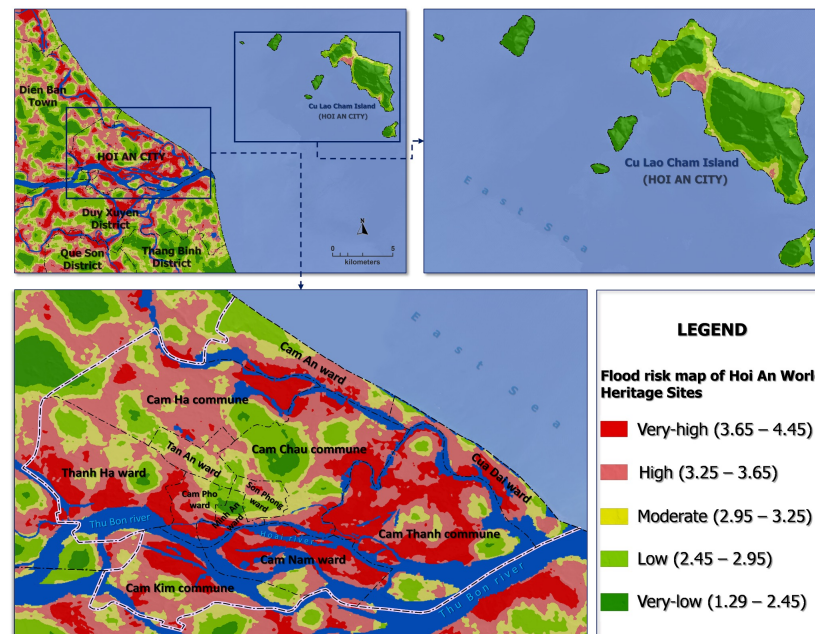
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Indonesia: Borobudur Temple Compounds (1991), Cosmological Axis of Yogyakarta and its Historic Landmarks (2023), Cultural Landscape of Bali Province (2012), Komodo National Park (1991), Lorentz National Park (1991), Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto (2019), Sangiran Early Man Site (2004), Ujung Kulon National Park (1991).

Lao PDR: Town of Luang Prabang (1995), Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements within the Champasak Cultural Landscape (2001), Megalithic Jar Sites in Xiengkhuang Plain of Jars (2019).

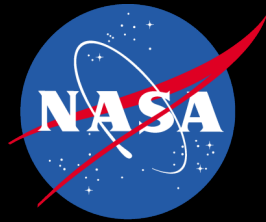
Malaysia: Kinabalu Park (2000), Gunung Mulu National Park (2000), Melaka and George Town (2008), Lenggong Valley (2012)

Thailand: Town of Sukhothai (1991), City of Ayutthaya (1991), Thungyai-Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuaries (1991), Ban Chiang Archaeological Site (1992), Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex (2005), Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex (2021), The Ancient Town of Si Thep (2023).

Vietnam: Central Sector of Imperial Citadel of Thăng Long (2010), Citadel of the Hồ Dynasty (2011), Complex of Huế Monuments (1993), Hạ Long Bay-Cát Bà Archipelago (1994), Hoi An Ancient Town (1999), Mỹ Sơn Sanctuary (1999), Phong Nha – Kẻ Bàng National Park (2003), Tràng An Landscape Complex (2016).



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