#### PACIFIC DISASTER CENTER Overview and Examples



Fostering Disaster-Resilient Communities through Information, Science, Technology and Exchange

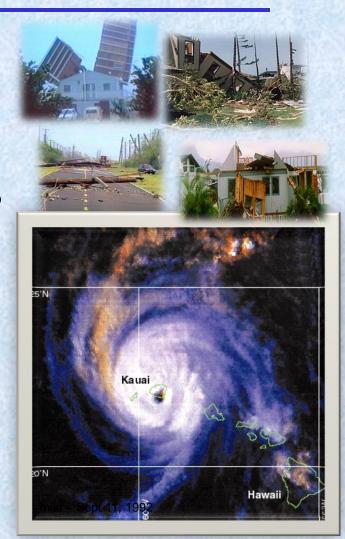


# PDC Origins and Concept

- Conceived in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki (Impacted Kauai on Sept 11, 1992)
- A center to establish access to new, innovative, and more effective information resources
  supporting all levels of emergency management to better prepare for and respond to disasters.

Established in 1996.

- Today, PDC is an acknowledged leader in using the application of science and technology to advance international best practices in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).
- University of Hawaii: Managing Partner ('06)





#### PDC Location and Composition

- Program under UH
- 75% Public funds, 25% Proposals/Grants
- About 40 full time staff and contractors
  - Hawaii: Maui and Oahu (36)
  - Vietnam, Thailand, Wash DC, CO. (4)

#### Staff Expertise:

- Disaster Management
- Geospatial Data and Visualization
- Information System Engineering & Technology
- Modeling, Simulation, & Risk Assessment



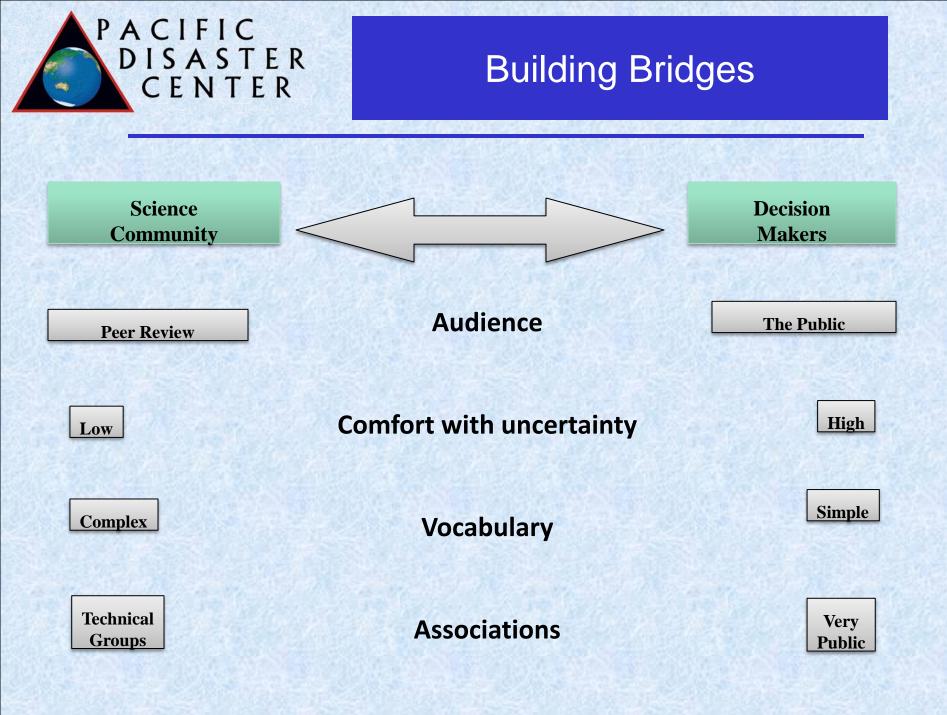
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#### HSCD Diamond/Head



Maui HQ



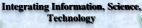


# **Integrated Approach**

- Applied Science & Technology
- Capability Building
  - Evidence-Based Information Products
    - Policy & Decision Makers
    - Disaster Managers
    - Planners
    - Humanitarian Assist. Orgs

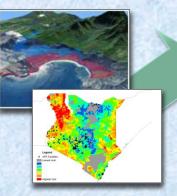


Observation Systems , Data Collection





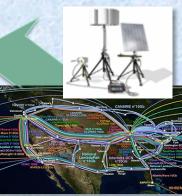
GIS, Visualization and Display Systems



Advanced Applications, Algorithms, Models



Improve Decision-Support Capabilities

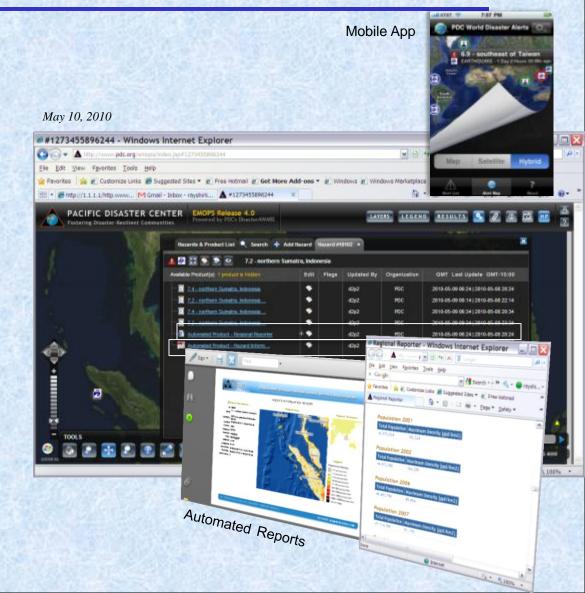


**Communication Systems and Networks** 



# What Is DisasterAWARE?

- Integrated Multi-hazard Hazard Monitoring
- Disaster Early Warning
- Automated / Integrated Modeling
- Exposure Maps & Historical Hazard data
- Customized Impact Modeling AND
- Intra- and Inter-Agency Info Sharing
  - User Added Situation Reports
  - Damage Products, ...
  - Remote Access





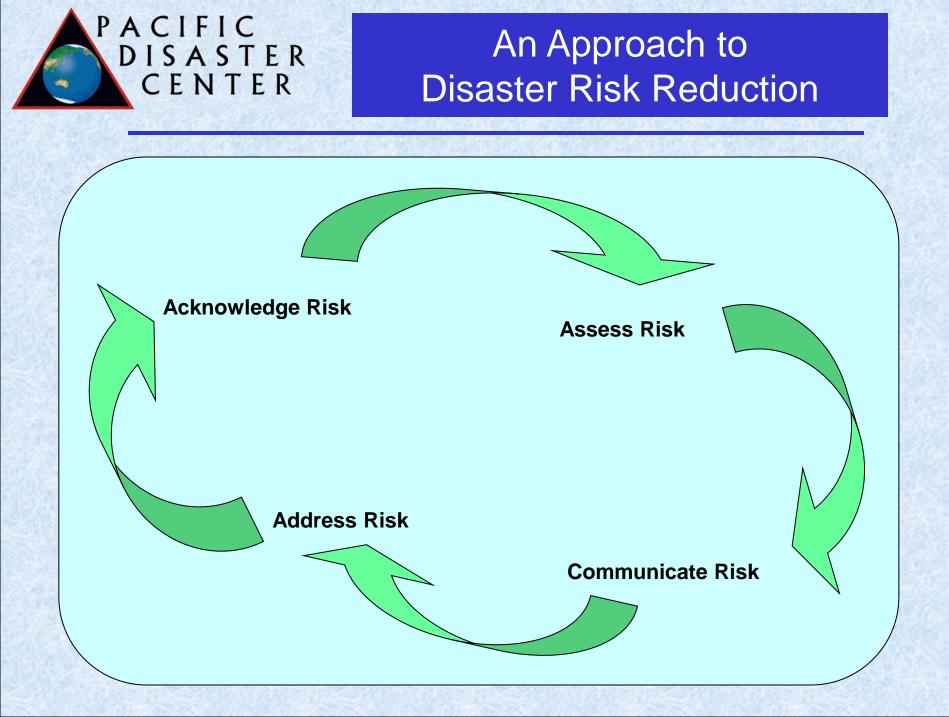
# **RVA Products and Services**

- Technical Advisory Services

   ASEAN
- Workshops and Training
   Vietnam, APEC
- Data Collection and Assessment Activities
  - ADB
- Outreach to Both Worlds

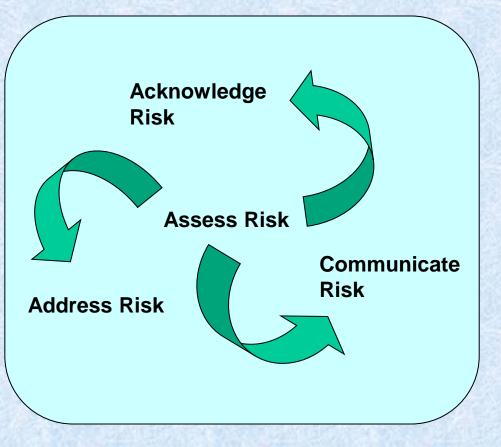
   Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy
  - PRiMO





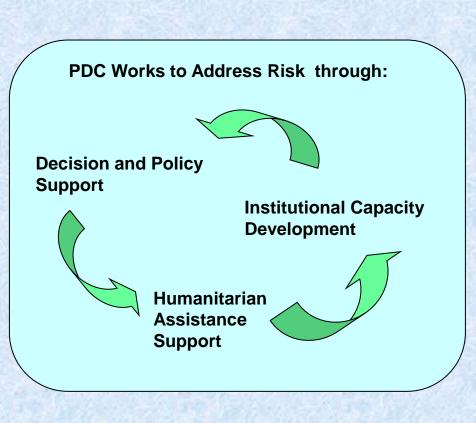


# Why Do Assessments?



- Helps stakeholders understand patterns of risk and consequences
- Identifies gaps and "hotspots"
- Increases effectiveness of DM and HADR activities
- Aids Prioritization
- Helps set meaningful goals
- Makes idea of risk more tangible

#### How Does RVA Support PDC Efforts DISASTER CENTER to Address Disaster Risk?



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- Frameworks Guide Data • Collection
- Modeling and Analysis **Outputs Provide Content for** DSS
- Modeling and Analysis • **Results Provide Evidence for Decision Making**
- Theory and Methods Support **Capacity Development**
- Socio-Economic and • **Environmental Analysis Provides More Complete** Picture



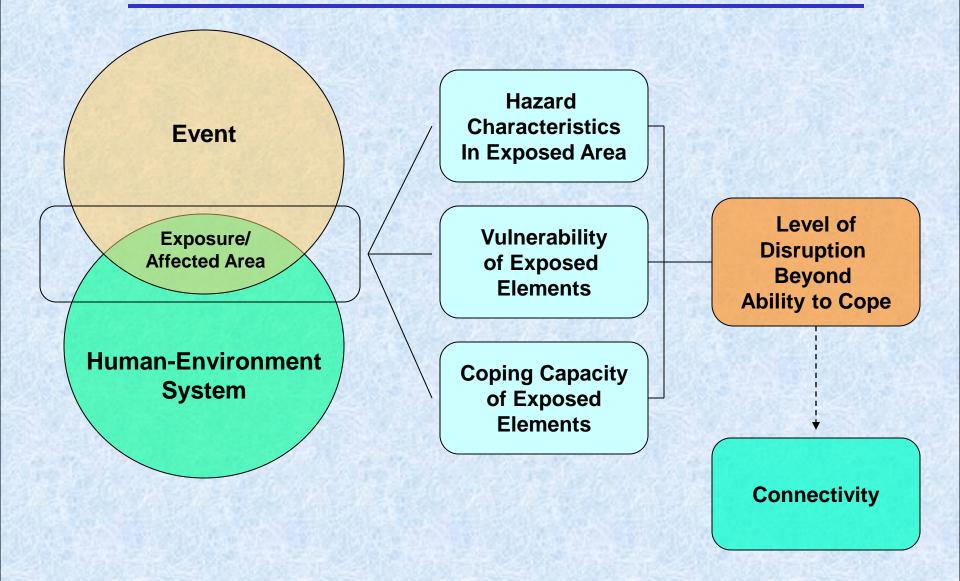
What Is a Risk Assessment? (ISDR 2009)

A methodology to determine the nature and extent of risk by analyzing potential hazards and evaluating existing conditions of vulnerability that together could potentially harm exposed people, property, services, livelihoods and the environment on which they depend.

Risk assessments (and associated risk mapping) include: a review of the technical characteristics of hazards such as their location, intensity, frequency and probability; the analysis of exposure and vulnerability including the physical, social, health, economic and environmental dimensions; and the evaluation of the effectiveness of prevailing and alternative coping capacities in respect to likely risk scenarios. This series of activities is sometimes known as a risk analysis process.

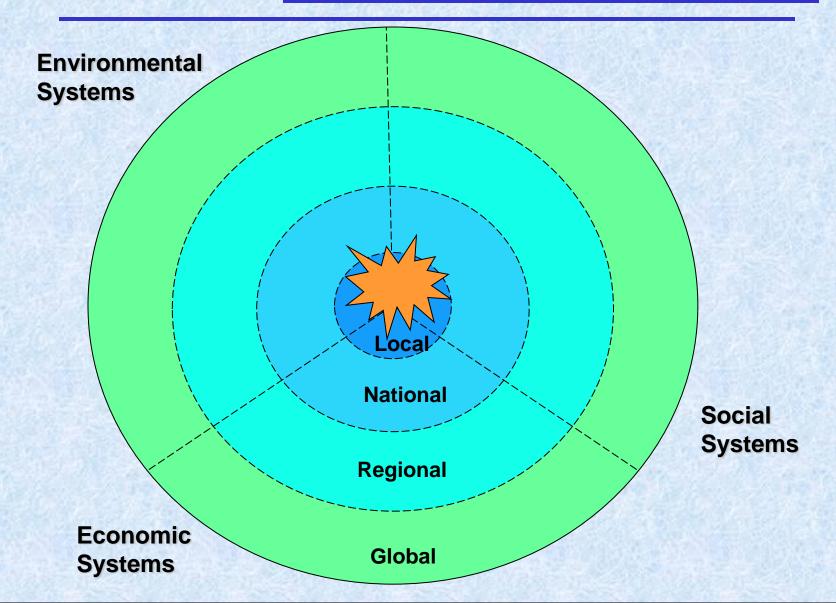


#### Components of Disaster Risk





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#### How Do We Assess All That?!!!

- We Don't
- Estimations and Interpretations of Reality
- Practical Tools to Help Us Do Our Jobs More Effectively
- Address a Limited Number of Factors
- What We Include Depends on Purpose and Goals
- ... but We Try to Keep in Mind What's Missing



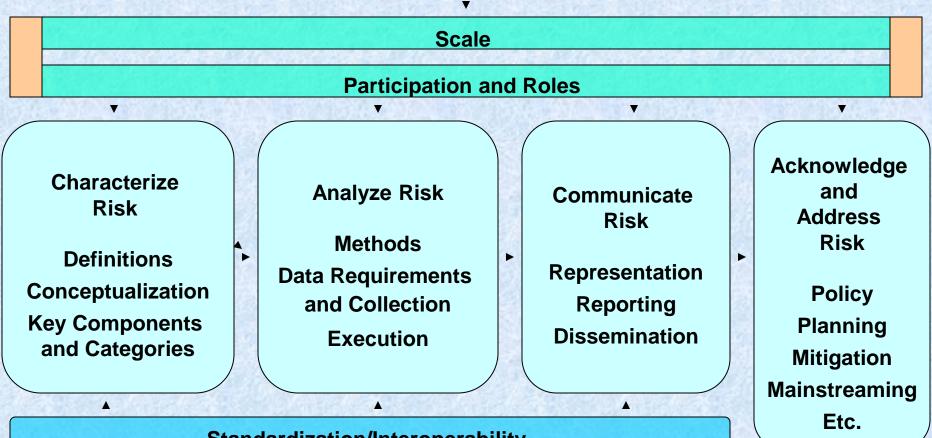
Many Types of Risk Assessment

- Qualitative or Quantitative
- Simple or Complex
- Multi-Hazard or Single-Hazard
- Performed for Communities, Sectors, Systems or Objects
- Should support larger DRR or DM goals
- Generally, Should Know Something About:
  - The Frequency and Intensity of Relevant Hazards
  - The Assets and Resources of Interest that May be Exposed
  - Characteristics that Make those Elements More Susceptible to Impact and Less Able to Cope



#### Risk Assessment Road Map

Purpose, Goals, and Objectives of Risk Assessment



Standardization/Interoperability

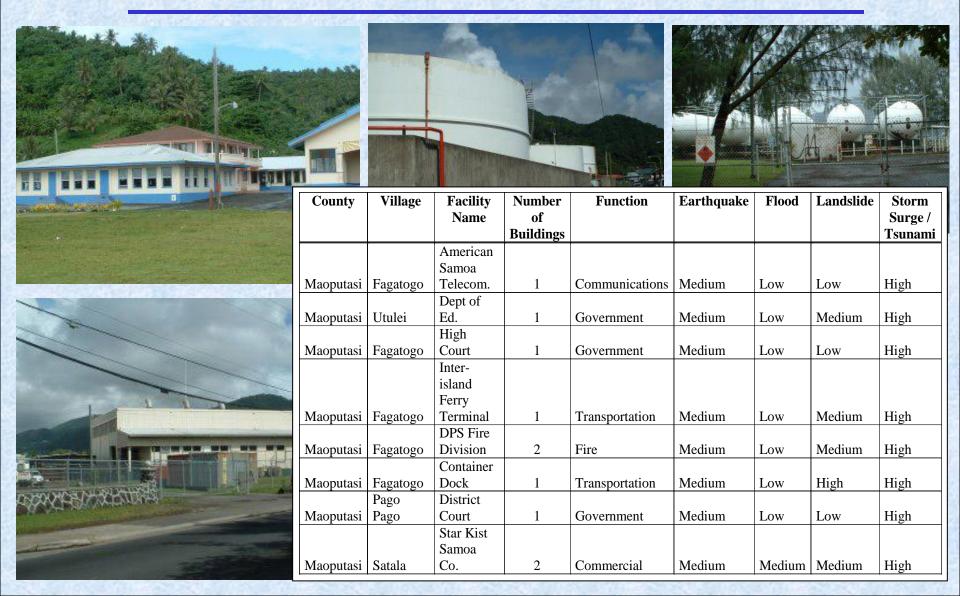


# Assessment Examples\*



#### \*Please Do Not Distribute Examples Provided

#### Example 1: American Samoa: Focus on Critical Facilities



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#### Loss Estimation for Critical Facilities Tutuila, American Samoa

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# Example 2: Support for HADR Information Needs in Africa\*

 National Level Risk Assessment for Continent of Africa

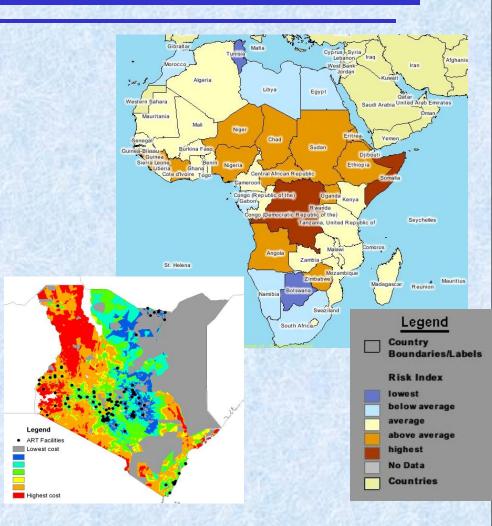
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- Interactive Map Viewer
  - Visualize and Interact with Physical and Social Spatial Data, Risk Assessment Indicators and Indices
- Sub-National Analysis

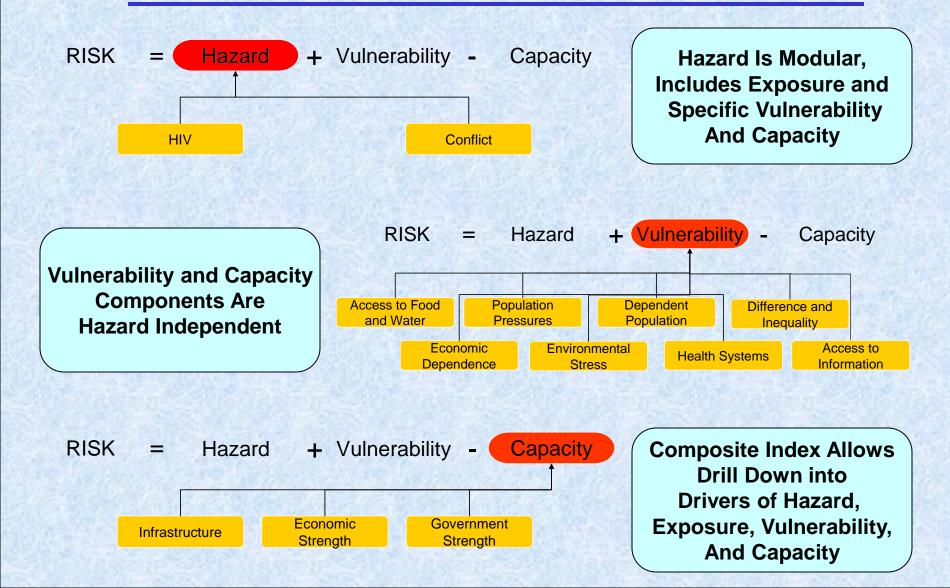
   Example: Travel Costs in Kenya



\* Colvin, Peter, Heather M. Bell, Margaret Roth. 2009. PDC Support of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Information Needs in Africa. Maui, HI: PDC



#### Assessment Approach





#### Capacity Example

- Mauritius
  - Higher Capacity in All Aspects
- Equatorial Guinea
  - Weak Governance, High Economic Strength

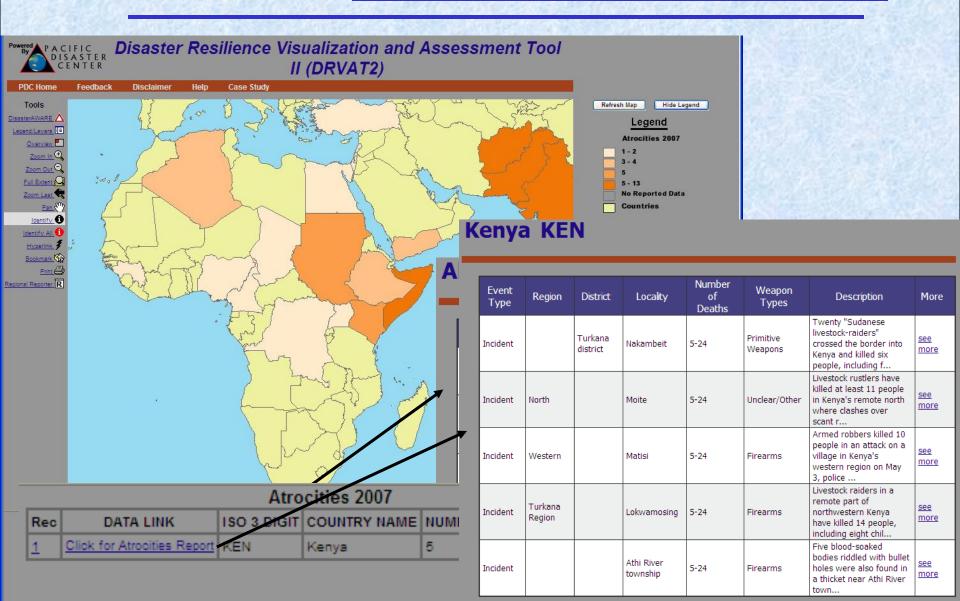


#### • Ghana

- Strong Governance, Relatively Weak Infrastructure

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Cape Verde	0.76	2	0.94	1	0.78	2	0.56	7
Botswana	0.73	3	0.93	3	0.26	10	0.99	1
Seychelles	0.71	4	0.78	6	0.71	3	0.65	6
South Africa	0.61	5	0.83	5	0.51	6	0.49	8
Tunisia	0.55	6	0.64	8	0.36	7	0.66	5
Namibia	0.48	7	0.84	4	0.19	20	0.43	10
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Equatorial Guinea	0.39	9	0.15	45	0.24	13	0.80	3
Morocco	0.38	11	0.56	14	0.27	9	0.31	16
Ghana	0.38	11	0.72		0.14	32	0.28	17
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#### Viewer Example: Atrocities Information



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# Example 3: Social Vulnerability and Hazard in New Orleans

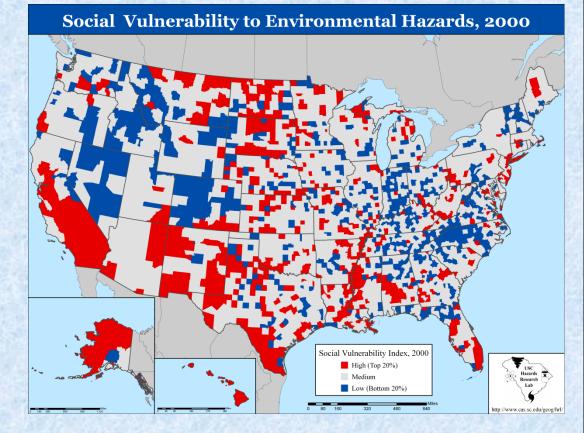
 Social Vulnerability Estimation Based on SoVI Method\*

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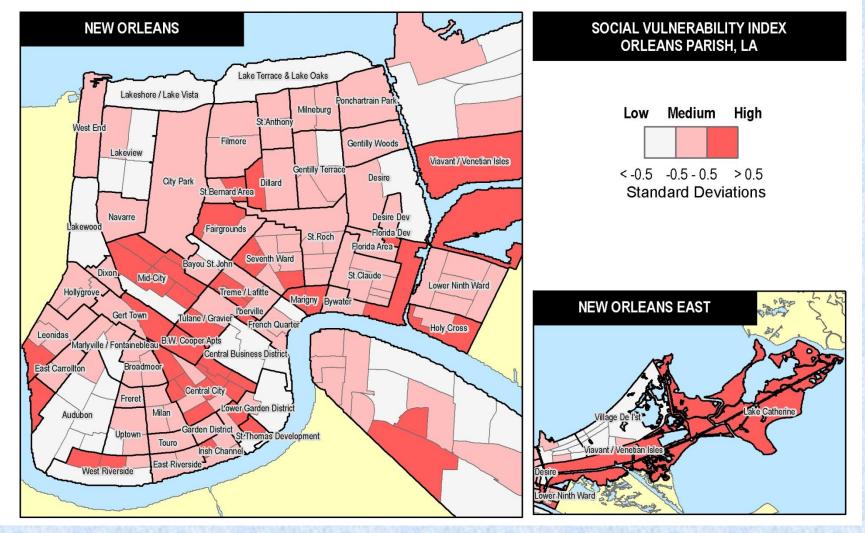
- Combined with Hazard
- Applied to Examine Recovery and Inform Planning



\*S. L. Cutter, B. J. Boruff, and W. L. Shirley. 2003. Social Vulnerability to Environmental Hazards, *Social Science Quarterly* 84 (2): 242-261.



#### New Orleans Social Vulnerability\*



\*Following slides from Finch, C., C. Emrich, and S. L. Cutter. 2010. Disaster Disparities and Differential Recovery in New Orleans. *Population and Environment*. DOI 10.1007/s11111-009-0099-8.

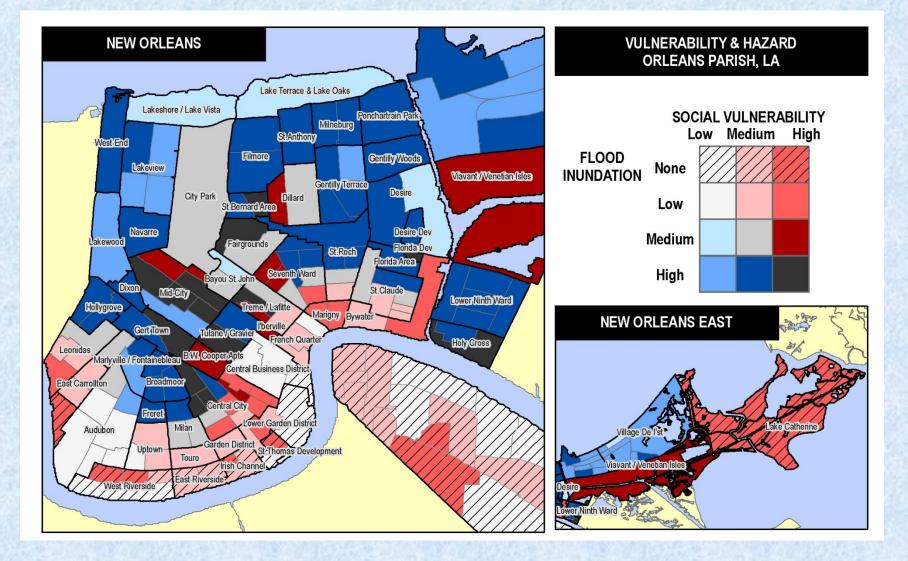
# New Orleans Flooding during Katrina



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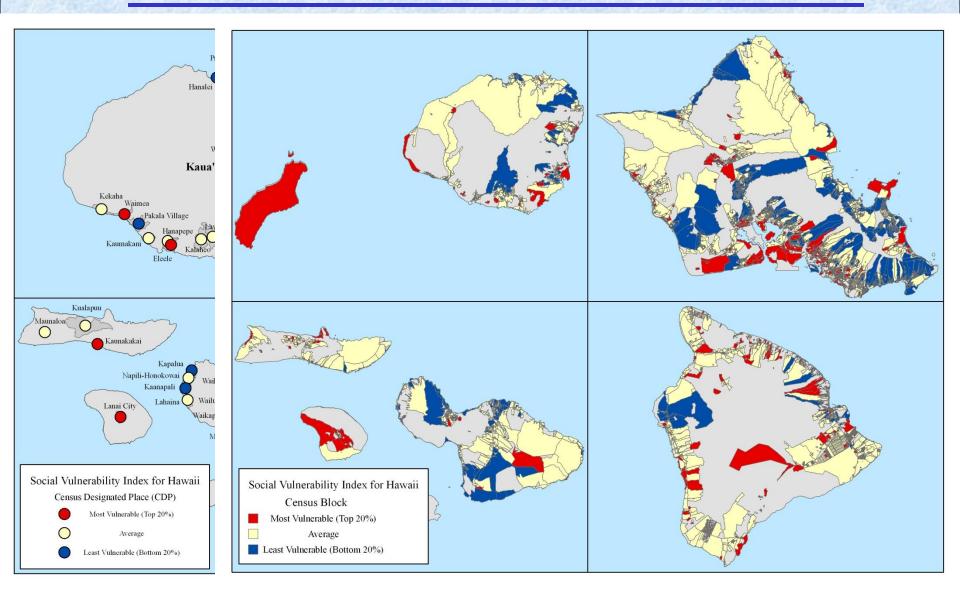
#### Combining Hazard and Vulnerability



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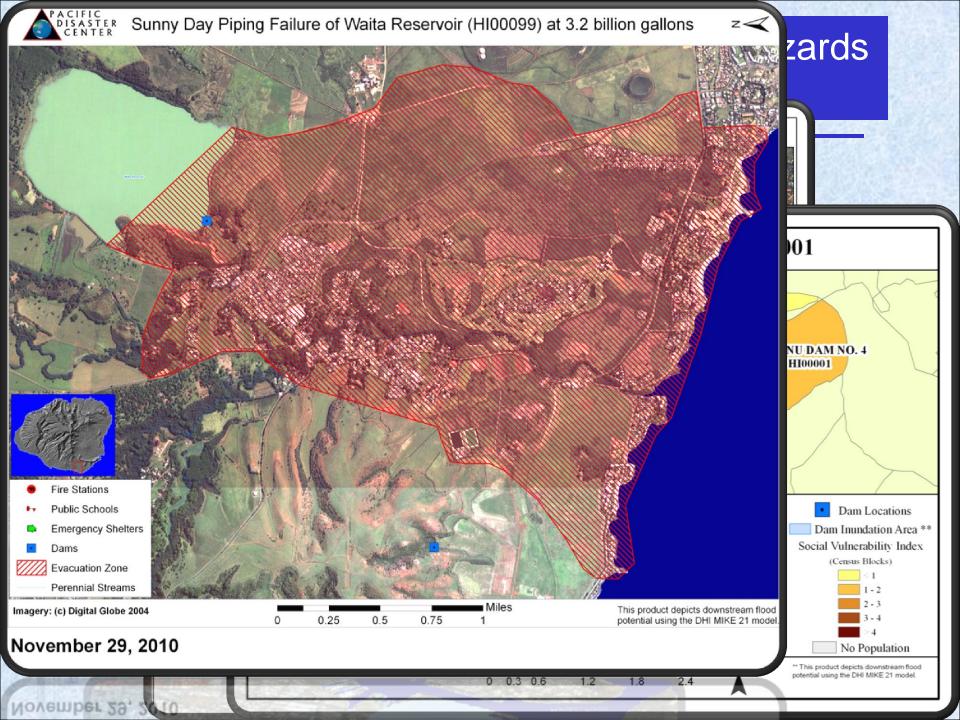
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# SoVI Applications in Hawaii (works in progress)

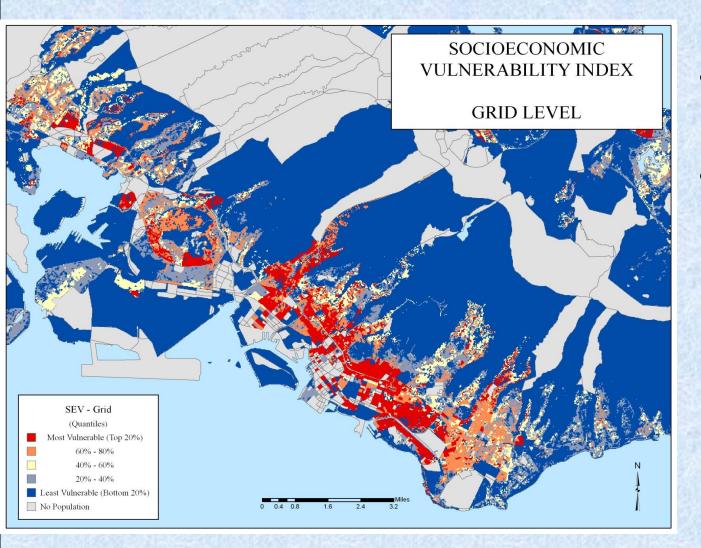


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- Dasymetric Mapping
  - ApplicationsforVulnerability



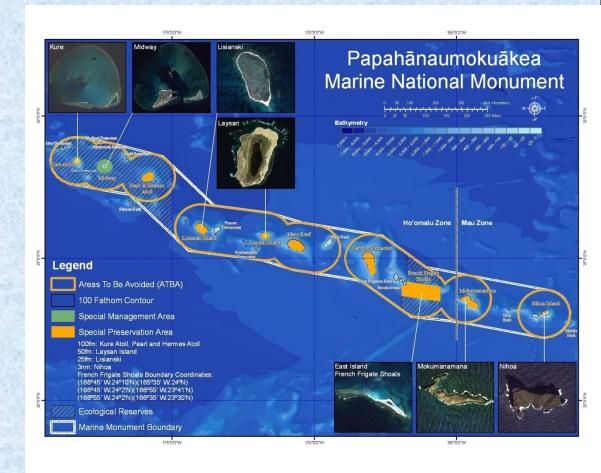
• Project Goals

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- Identify and
   Evaluate Threats to
   the Monument
- Assess
   Vulnerabilities of
   Key Resources
- Prioritize At Risk
   Areas for
   Monitoring
   Activities



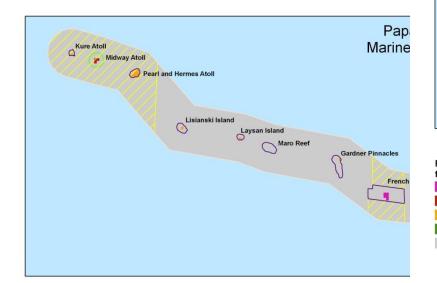
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#### Characterizing Hazard, or "Threat"

Special Management Area

#### Participatory Approach





#### **Relative Potential**



Monument Boundary Special Preservation Area

Special Management Area

#### Relative Potential for Terrestrial Habitat Damage

N/A



#### Enforceable Threats

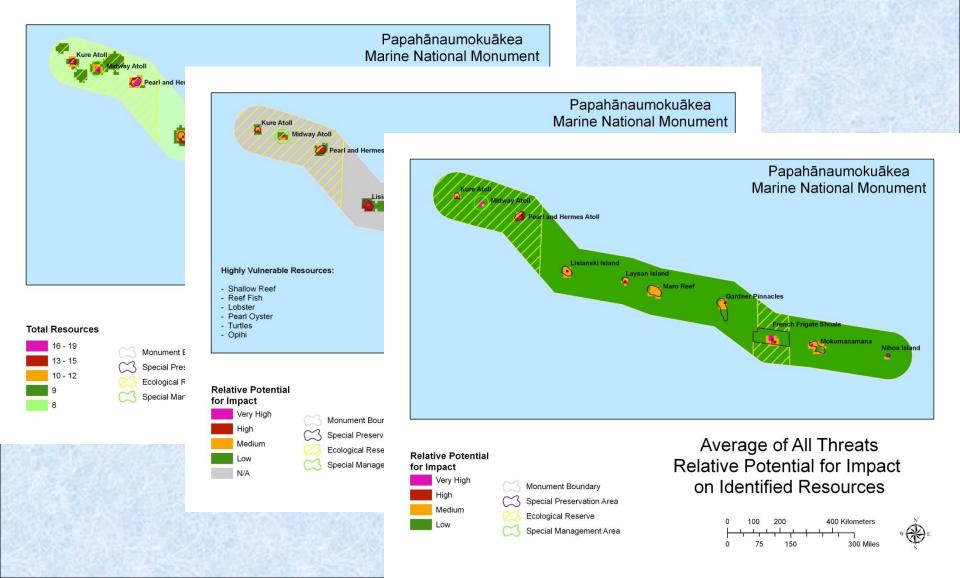
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#### Representing Resources, Vulnerability and Risk



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#### Questions?



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