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The Vulnerability Assessment for Local Adaptation to Climate Change in Korea

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- IPCC advised the importance of adaptation measures to minimize negative effects by climate change.
- The Republic of Korea established the national adaptation measures to respond climate change.
- Then the government demanded that local governments establish detailed adaptation plans.

- Climate change brought about various changes. Such as ...
 - ✓ a rise in temperature and sea level
 - an increase in **precipitation** \checkmark

I. Methods

However, local governments have limitations

 \checkmark a lack of **funds**

- ✓ a lack of **human resources**.
- Therefore, the governments should supply local governments with funds and human resources.
- Also, government should assess vulnerability of important sectors and provide the result to local governments.
- Vulnerability assessment is very important for local governments. Because, local governments can use the results to demand financial assistance and distribute funds.

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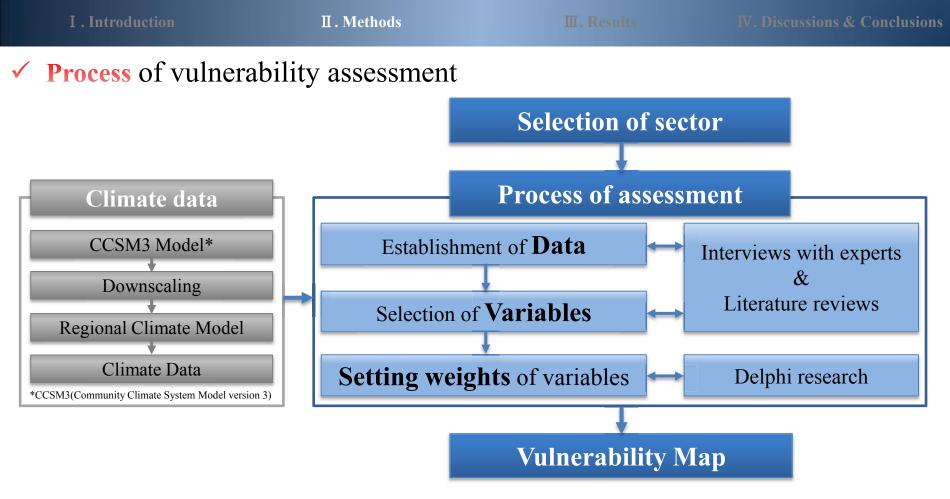
✓ Scope of study

- Spatial & Temporal scope
 - 232 local governments(city).
 - Present : 2000 (Average of 1996~2005)
 - Future : 2020, 2050, 2100
 - Scenario : A1B scenario (SRES)
- Period of study
 - April to November, 2011
- Sector : Study consist of 7 sectors and 32 items.



Sector	Number of items	Name of items
Health	9	Floods, hurricanes, heat waves, infectious diseases
Forests	7	Landslide caused by heavy rain, forest fires, forest vegetation due to drought
Water	3	Water management(treatment, utilization)
Ecosystem	5	Tree growth and distribution, insects
Agriculture	3	Soil erosion of cropland, vulnerability of rice and apples
Marine	1	Vulnerability of fisheries
Disaster	4	Vulnerability of infrastructure to sea level rise
Total	32	

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✓ **Vulnerability formula** (UNDP, 2005)

Vulnerability = α × climate exposure + β × sensitivity - γ × adaptation ability (α , β , γ is weight)

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Workshops & Meetings

- We had several **workshops** with local government officials and experts.
- Through the workshop, we got various comments and applied it to our research.
- Also, we had **internal meetings with researchers** to communicate each other.



Workshop for local government officials



Internal meeting with researchers

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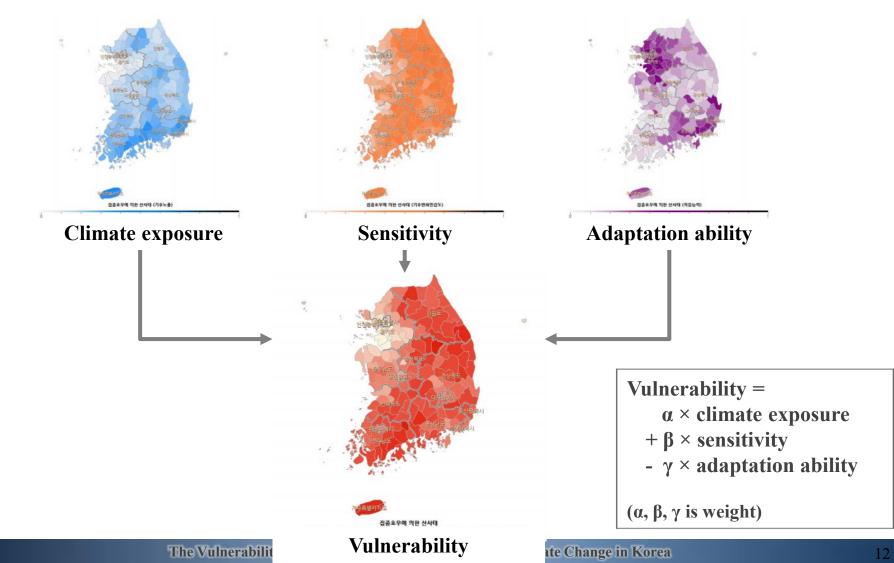
✓ Example of results : variables and weight

- "Delphi research with 56 experts" Weight of variables
- An example of landslide by heavy rains.

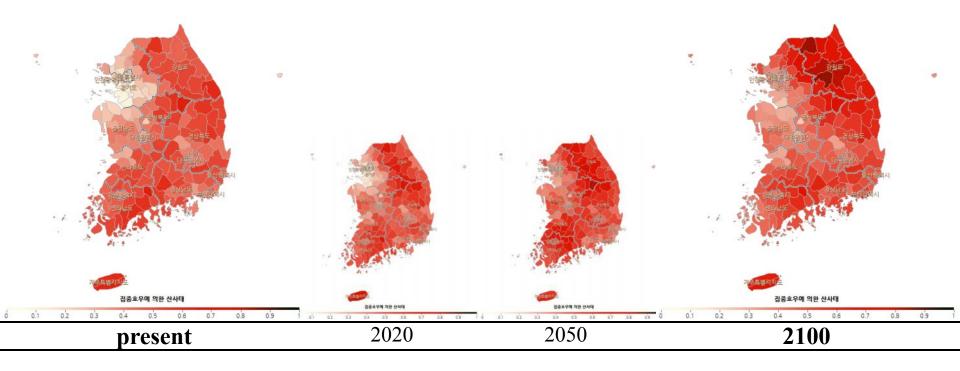
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			number of dates with over 80mm of precipitation	0.24				
	Climate	0.40	daily maximum precipitation(mm)	0.39	1			
	exposure	0.40	summer daily precipitation(mm)	0.21	•			
			5 days of maximum precipitation(mm)	0.16				
Landslide			average slope of regional forest(degrees)	0.35				
by heavy	Sensitivity		area of coniferous forest(ha)	0.24	1			
	Sensitivity	0.37	average height of regional forest(m)	0.12	1			
rains			area of planned forest(ha)	0.29				
			government officials per population	0.20				
	Adaptation	0.23	rate of managed land(ha)	0.24	1			
	ability	0.23	GRDP(trillion won)	0.18	1			
			financial independence(%)	0.38				

III. Results

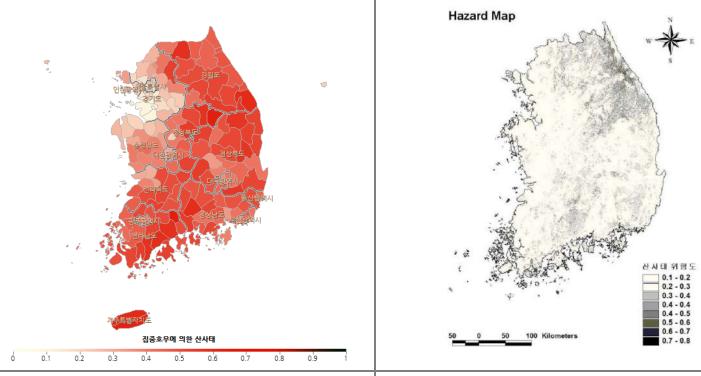
- Assessment of vulnerability(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain
- Vulnerability is calculated by **Climate exposure**, **Sensitivity and Adaptation ability**.



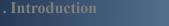
- Vulnerability map(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain
- The result of vulnerability of **landslide**. Areas of **darker red are vulnerable** to landslide.
- Vulnerability in northeast area of Korea is expected to increase in 2100.
- Thrugh the result, local governments can find importance of adaptation plans.



- ✓ Verification of result(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain
 - Both maps are the result of assessment for vulnerability of landslide.
 - The right map is the result that was published on the Journal. The result is reliable.
 - They show **similar trends** of vulnerability. Therefore, our result is also reliable.



Result of landslide vulnerability(present) Hazard map of landslide(Yun et al., 2009)



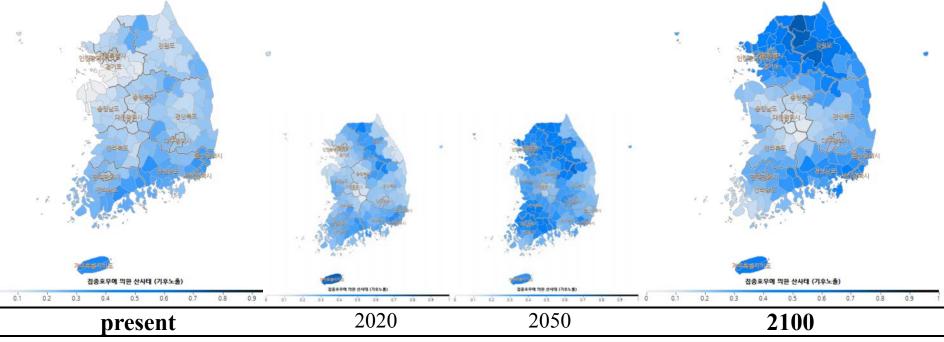
Climate exposure map(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain

• Variables of **climate exposure** consist of

"Number of dates with over 80mm of precipitation, Daily maximum precipitation(mm), Summer daily precipitation(mm), 5 days of maximum precipitation(mm)".

III. Results

Climate exposure is expected to increase in northeast area. It shows similar trend with vulnerability map.



✓ Construction of report

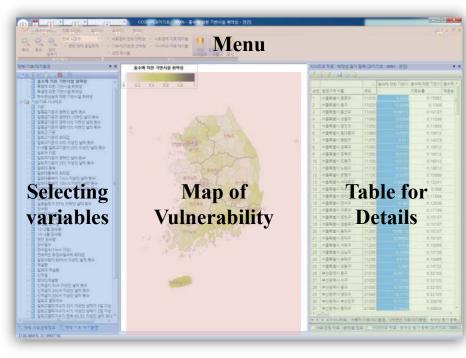
- The results were divided into 4 items(variables, map, statistical analysis and verification).
- Report includes **various maps** about present & future vulnerability.

Classification	Contents				
1. Table of surrogate variables	Variables lists and Weights				
		Climate exposure			
	Decement	Sensitivity			
	Present	Adaptation ability			
2. Map		Vulnerability			
		Vulnerability			
	Future	Climate exposure + Sensitivity			
2 Statistical an abovia	Rank of local governments vulnerability				
3. Statistical analysis	Contribution analysis				
4. Verification of result	Comparing results with other study				

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CCGIS(Climate Change adaptation toolkit based on GIS) program was distributed.

This program used to mapping vulnerability.



• NIER distributed reports to local governments.

Final report

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• The report consists of 5 volumes.

✓ CCGIS program

✓ Website for distribution

- Objective : Distribution of program and data.
- Additional effects : Sharing problems, Register of comments by local governments.

III. Results

Website : www.snu.ac.kr/ccgis/

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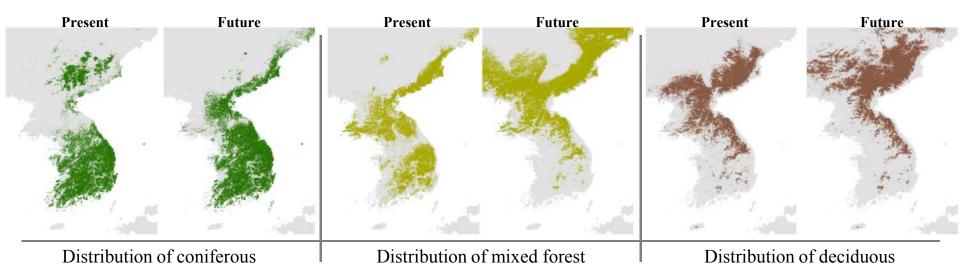
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✓ **R**esults of quantitative methods : Prediction of distribution of forest types (**KEI**)

- Examples of quantitative methods.
- Prediction of distribution of forest types with MaxEnt model in other study.
- More specific spatial data and absolute value of vulnerability can be achieved.



- Therefore,
 - Consideration about quantative methods.
 - Establishment of database related to climate change.

X MaxEnt Model : One of the most commonly used methods for inferring species distributions from occurrence data.

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Significance of study

- First attempt
 - ✓ Assess vulnerability with the entire land of Korea.
 - ✓ Assess 7 sectors which is important to respond to climate change.
- Supporting local governments

✓ Local governments can utilize the results to decide the priority of vulnerable sector and distribute financial assistance.

- Reflection of local features
 - ✓ This study used descriptive methods which is utilizing surrogate variables. Thus, local governments can modify the data which is used to vulnerability assessment.

Future study

- Higher resolution : the unit of assessment is city and county. For that reason we achieved the result of a low-resolution. Thus, we need to assess more specific area.
- Establishment of data : we don't have enough data about entire land of republic of Korea. Therefore government of Korea should establish database related to climate change.

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Thanks for your listening

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Appendix

- ✓ Definition of surrogate variables
 - To assess vulnerability, we used the surrogate variables which is classified as "climate exposure, sensitivity and adaptation ability".
 - These variables are defined like below.

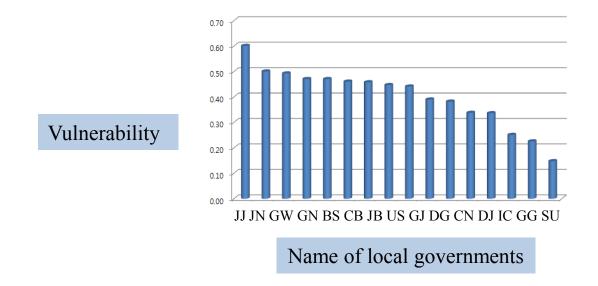
Surrogate Variables	Definition			
climate exposure	climate change impact, such as, temperature and precipitation			
sensitivity	climate change impact range or vulnerability impact, such as, slope, soil condition			
adaptation ability	adaptation ability climate change impact reduction, such as, financial support and supporters			

- We used this formula to calculate vulnerability.
- The formula refers to UNDP(2005).

Vulnerability = $\alpha \times$ climate exposure + $\beta \times$ sensitivity - $\gamma \times$ adaptation ability

 $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma \text{ is weight})$

✓ Statistical analysis(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain



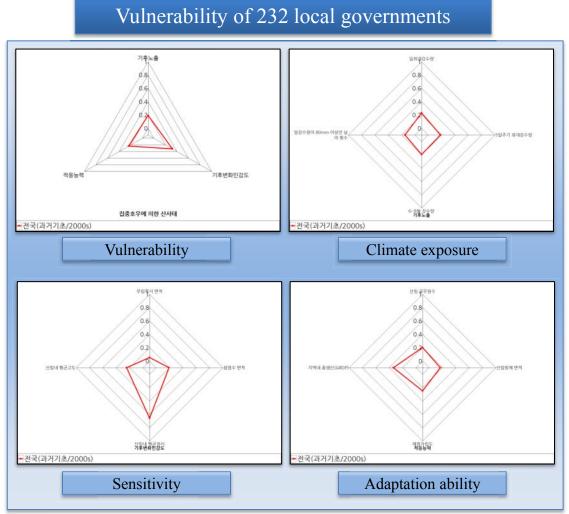
• A ranking graph was created to compare vulnerability among local governments.

• Local governments can get an information about the priority of vulnerable sector or item by getting relative vulnerability.

• Local governments can utilize this data to request and distribute budget.

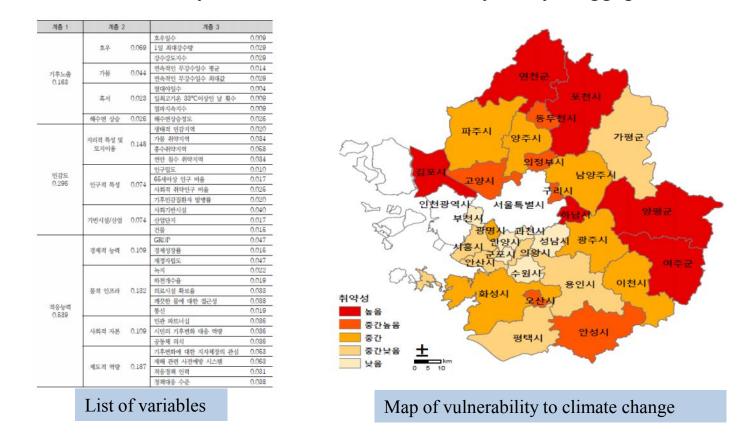
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✓ Statistical analysis(example) : vulnerability of landslide by heavy rain



- A radial graph was created to identify the contribution of variables.
- Through the radial graph, we can get an information about contribution of certain variables.
- This graph shows average vulnerability of 232 local governments. We can also search an information about certain local government by using CCGIS.
- Local governments can find out vulnerable variables, therefore they can utilize this graph to establish adaptation plans.

✓ Comparison with **other study** : Assessment of vulnerability in Gyeonggi province



- Research institute in Gyeonggi province(GRI) performed vulnerability assessment in 2009.
- They didn't select specific sector and assessed overall vulnerability to climate change.
- GRI want to assess specific sector and we are supporting assessment of forest sector from last year.