

# PCRAFI

PACIFIC CATASTROPHE RISK ASSESSMENT & FINANCING INITIATIVE

## Disaster Risk Assessment Tools and Applications

UNFCCC expert meeting on loss and damage

9-11 November, 2012

Barbados

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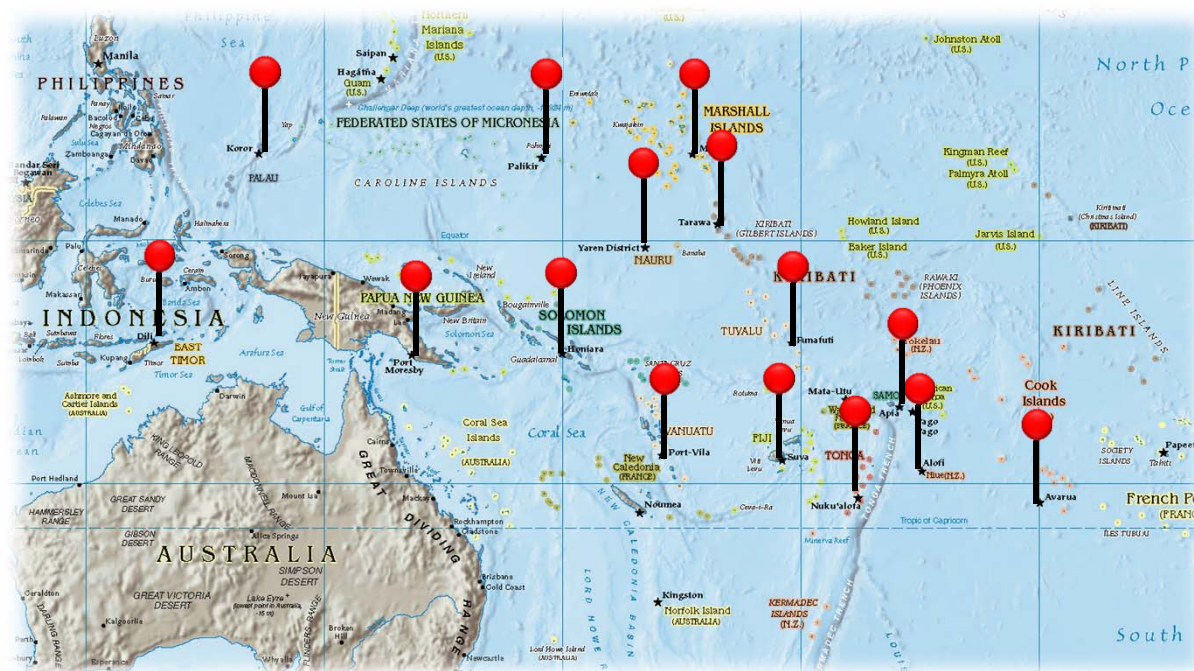
# Main Outputs

## Pacific disaster risk assessment

- Probabilistic assessment of major perils
- Pacific Risk Information System
- Risk based framework to direct resources of countries and development partners

## Pacific disaster risk financing solutions

- Fiscal risk exposure
- Financial disaster risk management
- Regional risk pooling



# Perils Modeled

## Tropical Cyclone



Wind

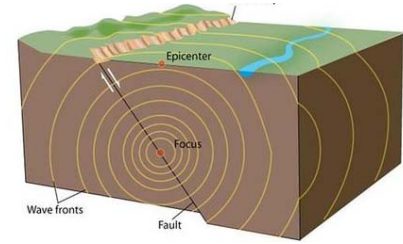


Flood from  
Precipitation



Flood from  
Storm Surge

## Earthquake

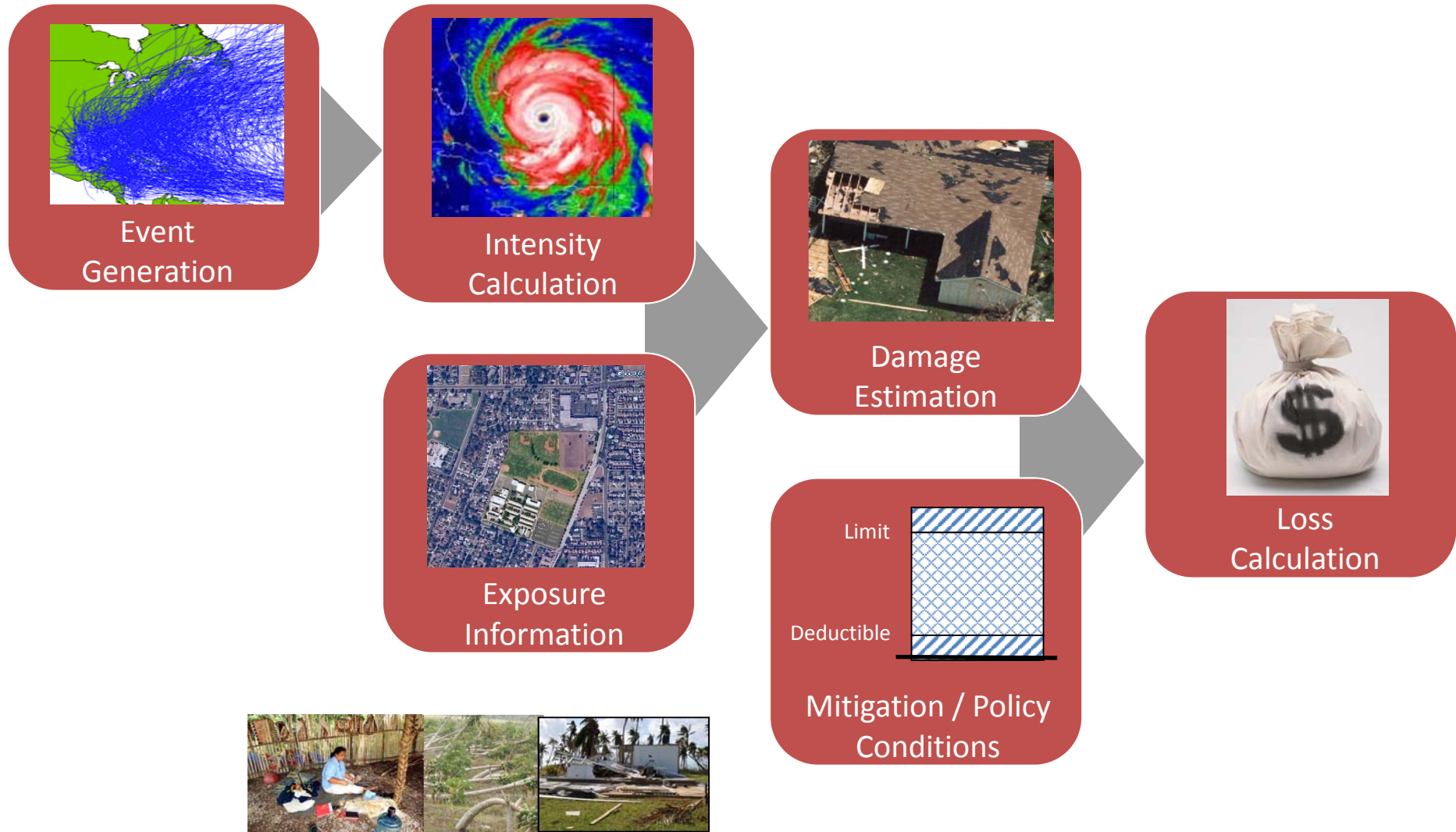


Ground Shaking



Tsunami Wave

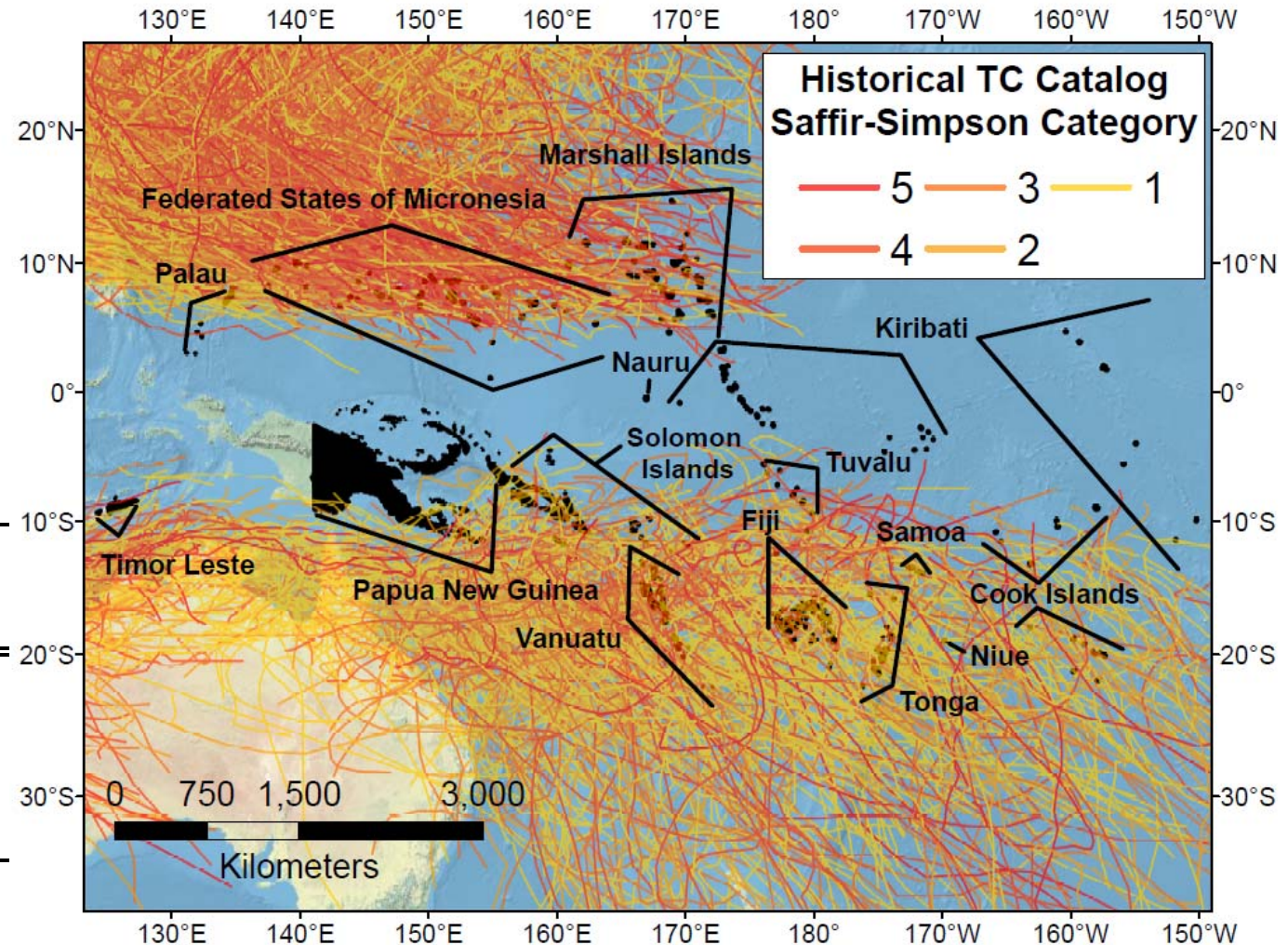
# Risk Assessment



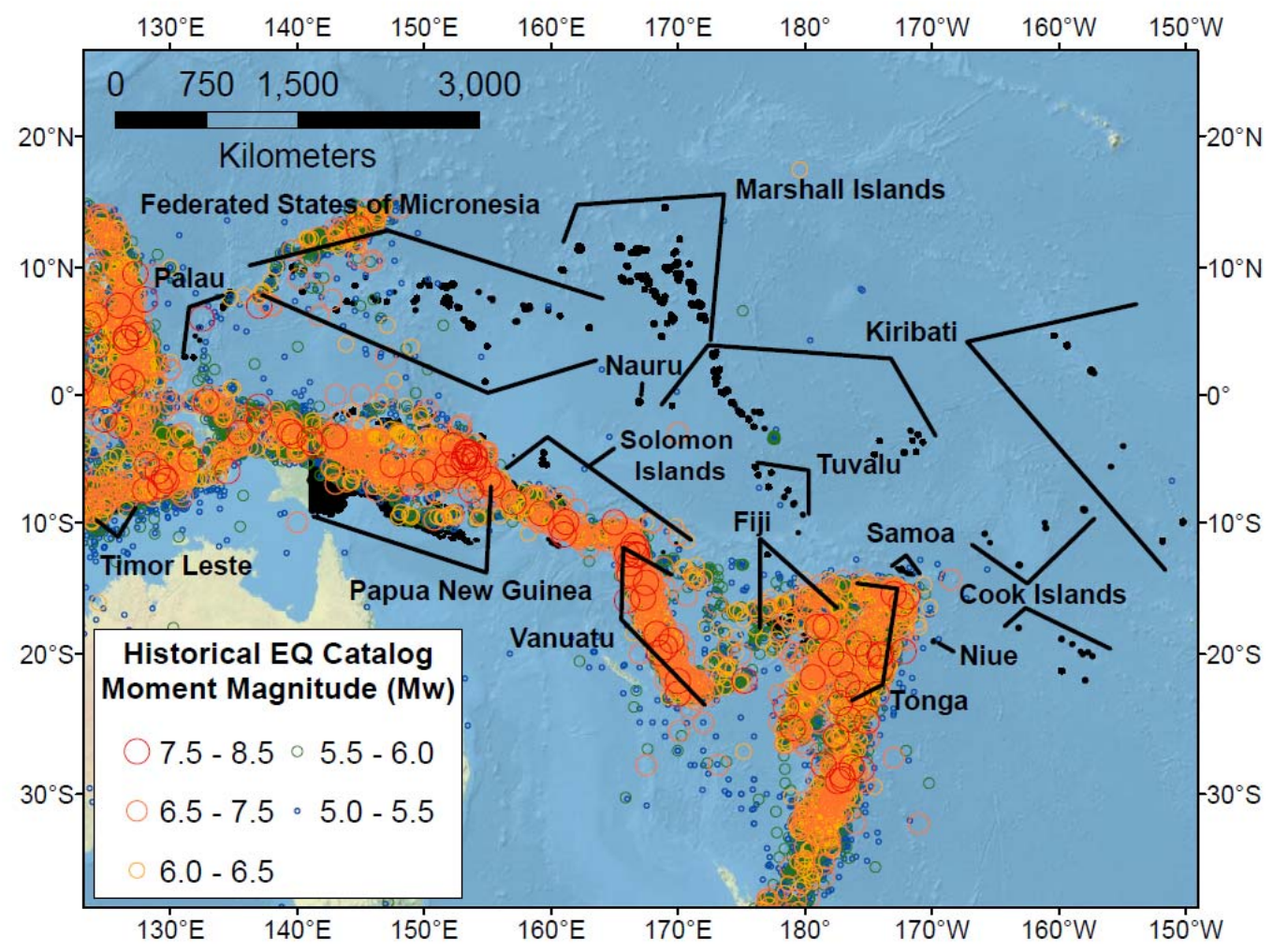
# Historical Tropical Cyclones (≈1950-2008)

Raw data collected from the International Best Tracks Archive for Climate Stewardship (IBTrACS) project

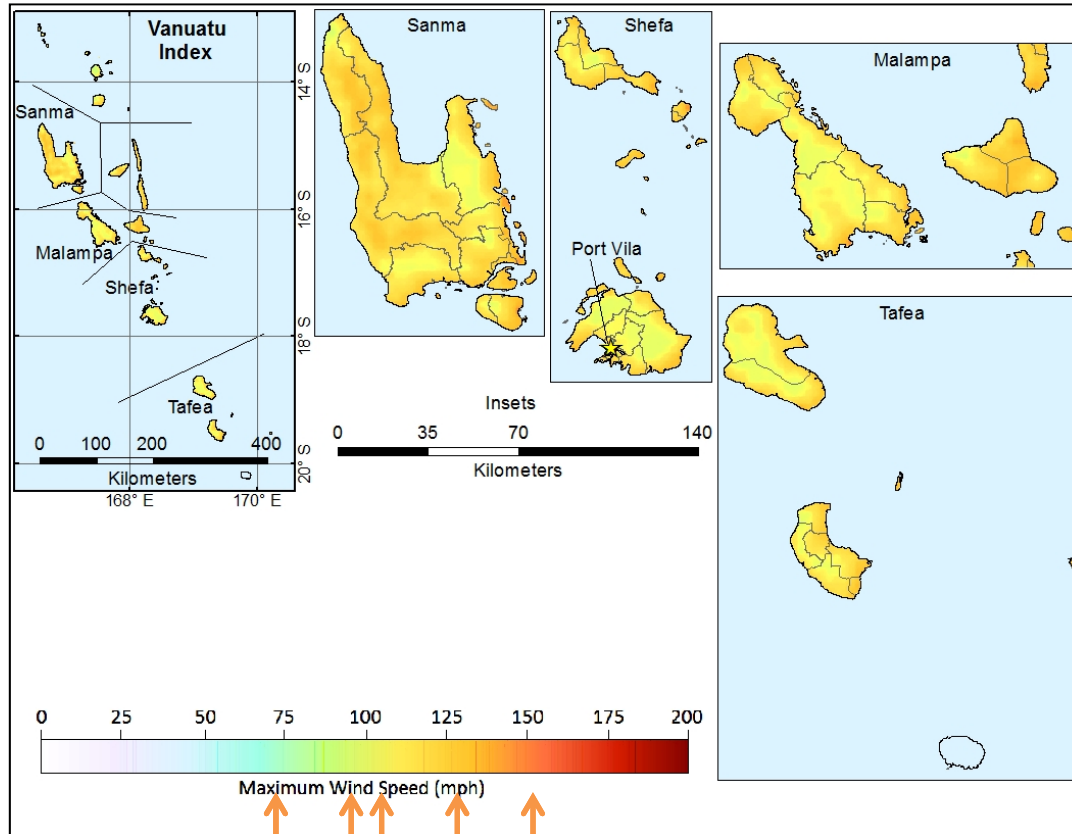
SS Storm Category	1-min Wind Speed (mph)
1	74-95
2	96-110
3	111-130
4	131-155
5	>155



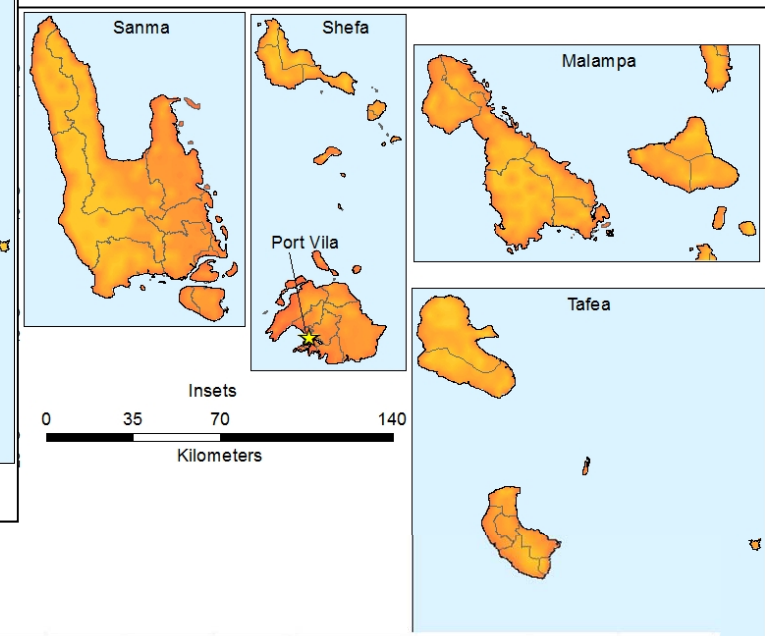
# Historical Earthquakes ( $M_w \geq 5.0$ from $\approx 1900-2009$ )



# Hazard Maps: Applications for Planners

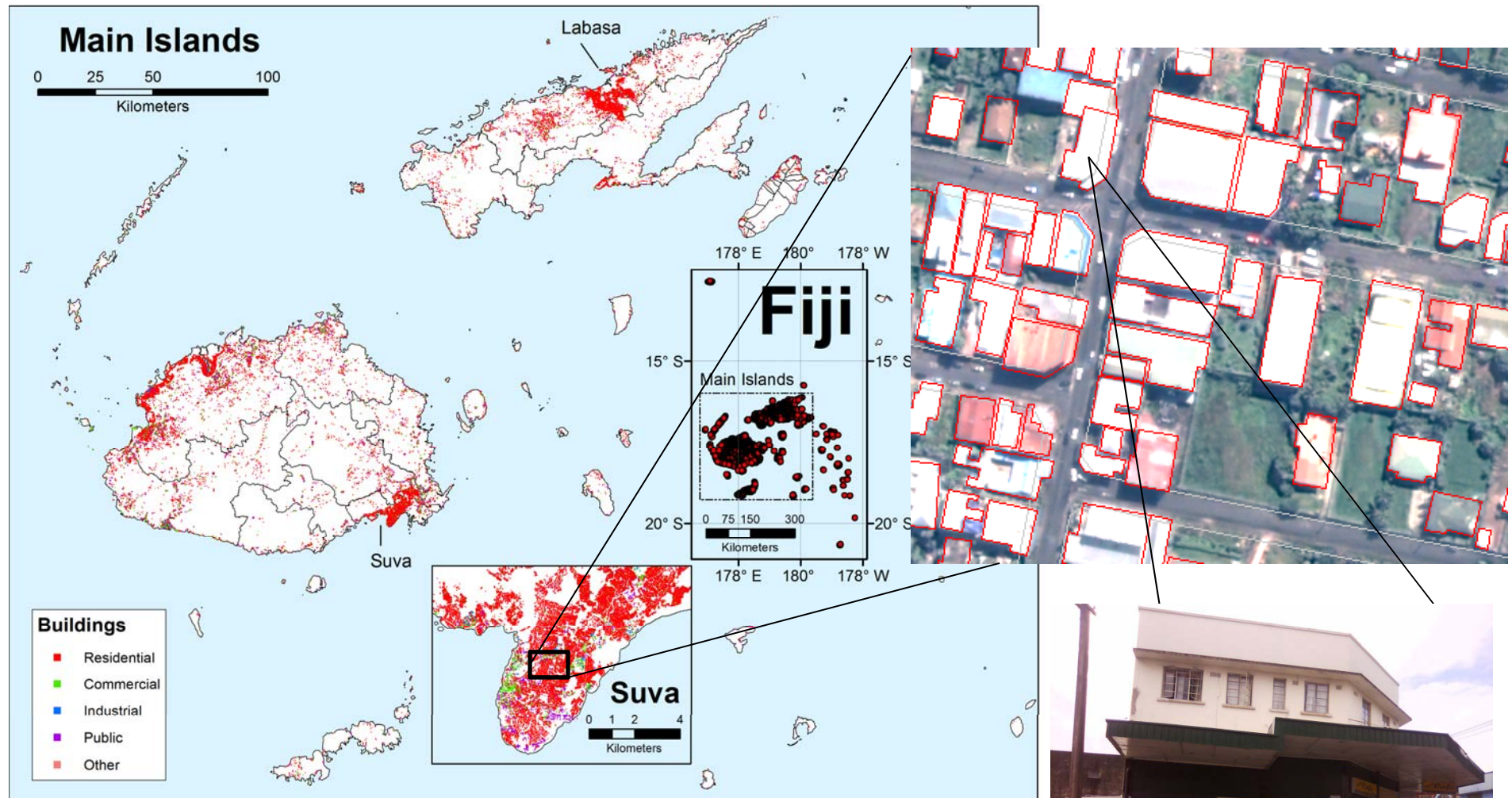


100 yr mean return period: wind speed, ground acceleration with ~40% chances to be exceeded in 50 years



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC. (%g)	<.17	.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

# Buildings

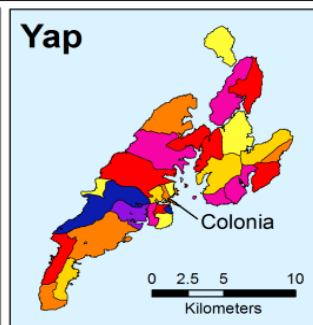
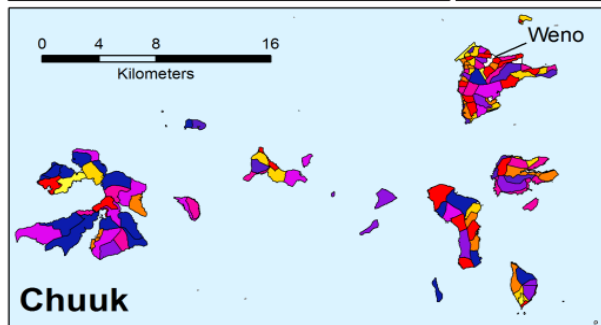
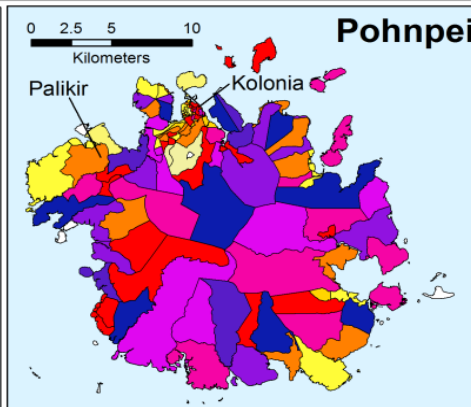
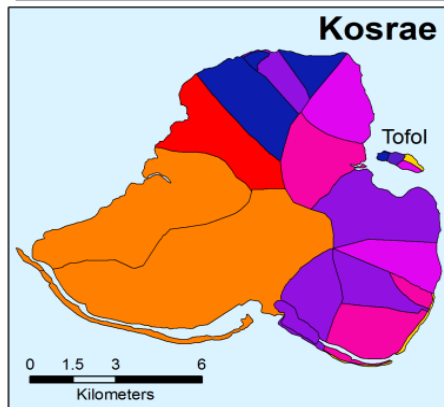
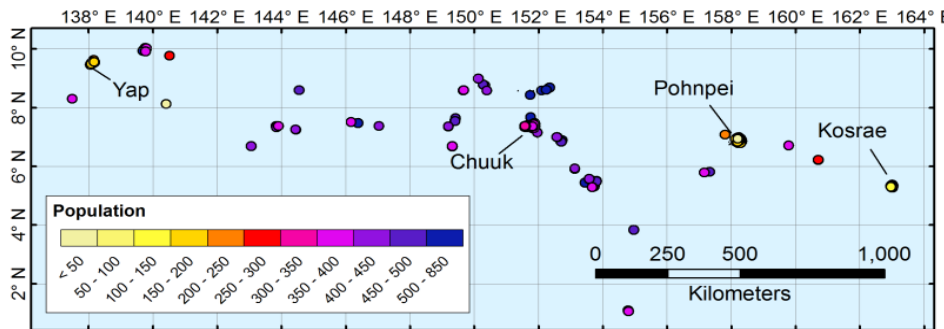


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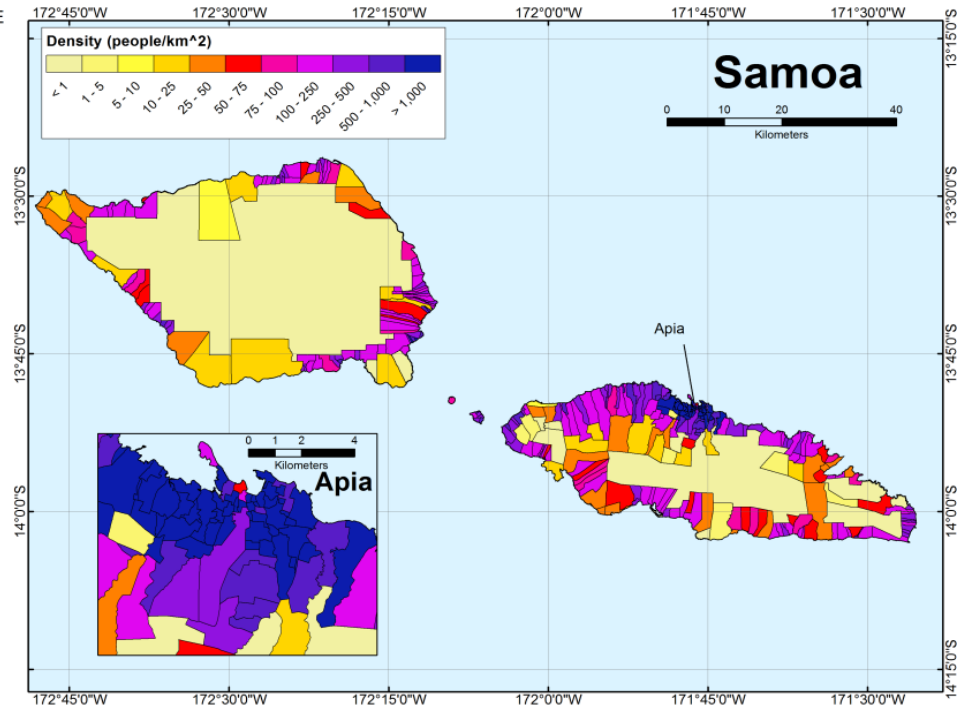




# People

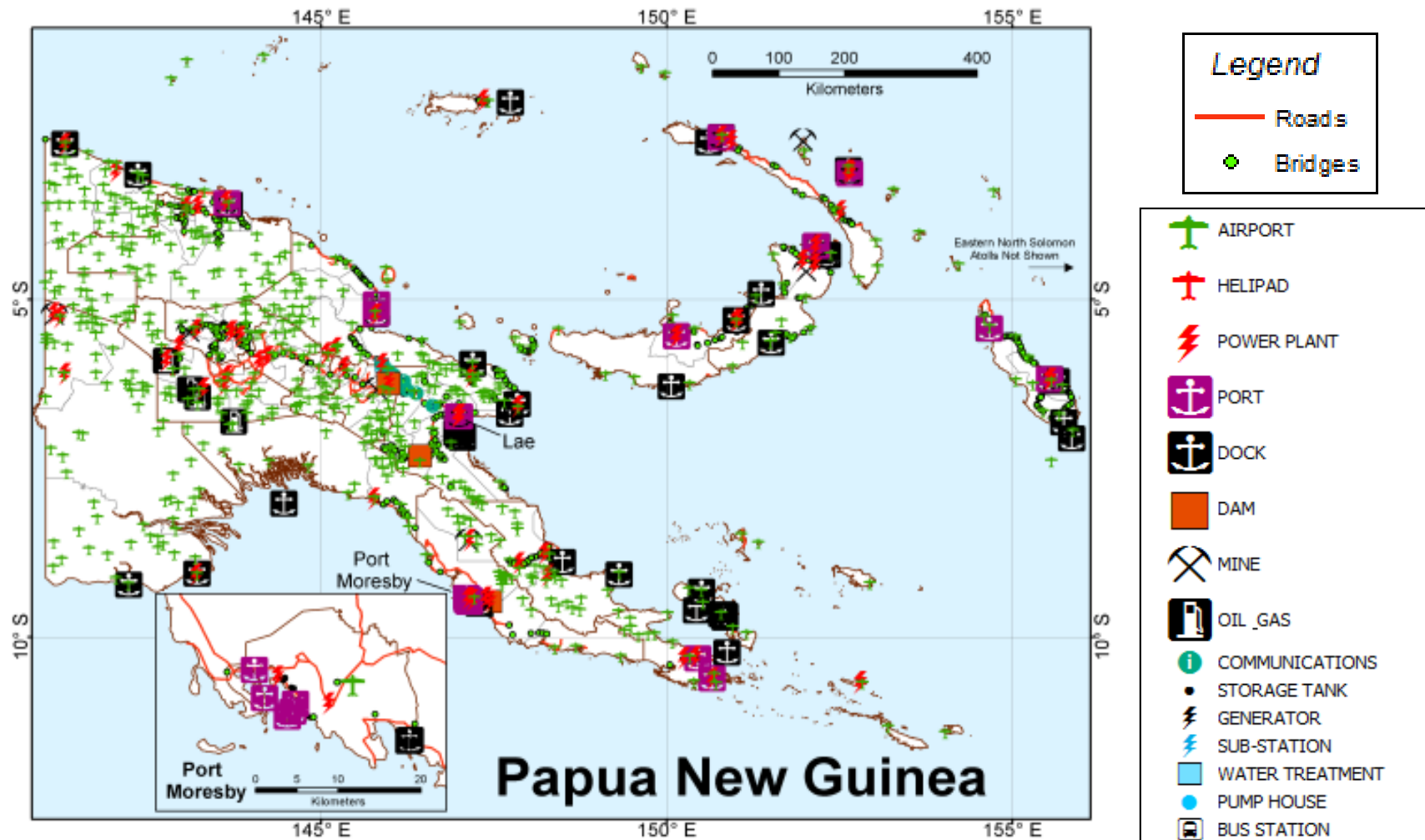


**Federated States of Micronesia**



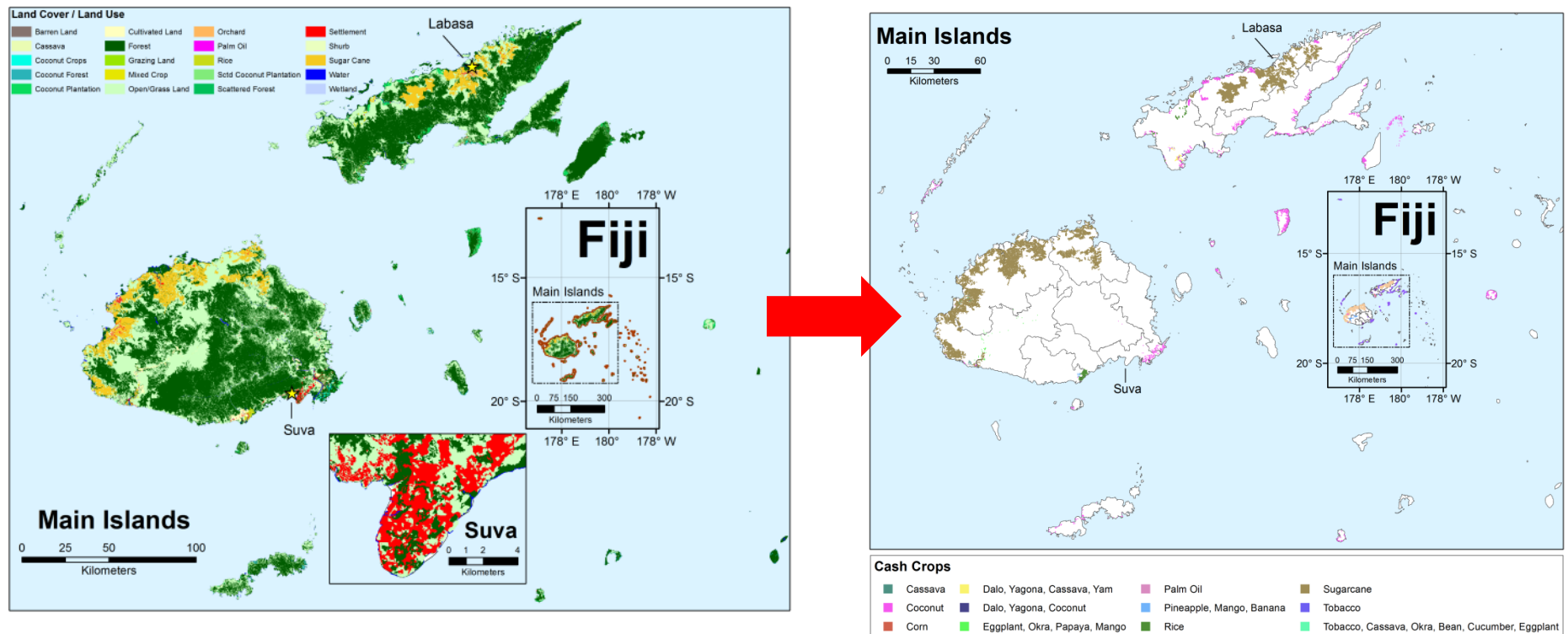
2010 projections  
based on national  
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and PopGIS

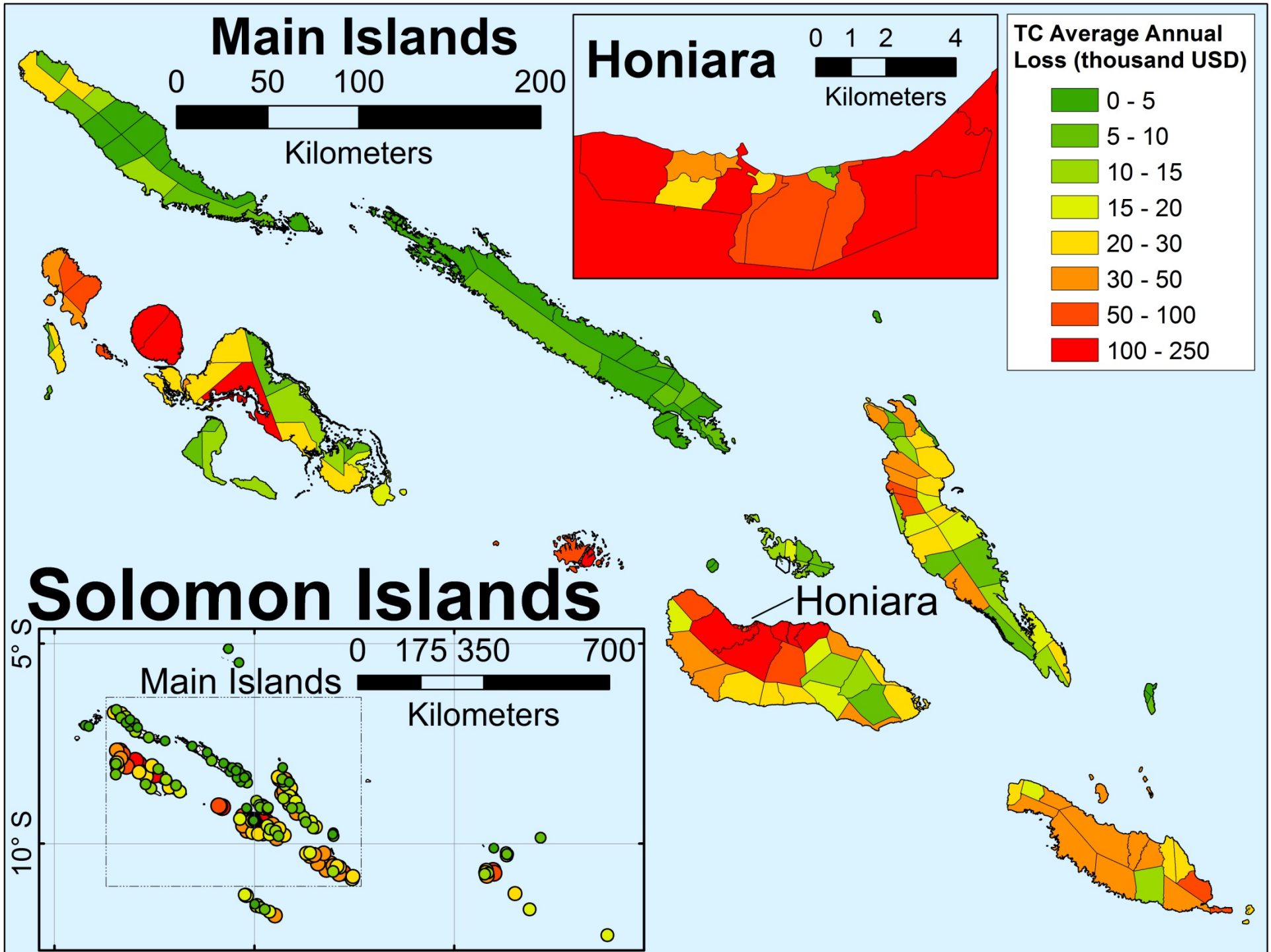
# Major Infrastructure



# Land Cover/Land Use Map → Crop Exposure

Major crop location extracted from Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) Maps

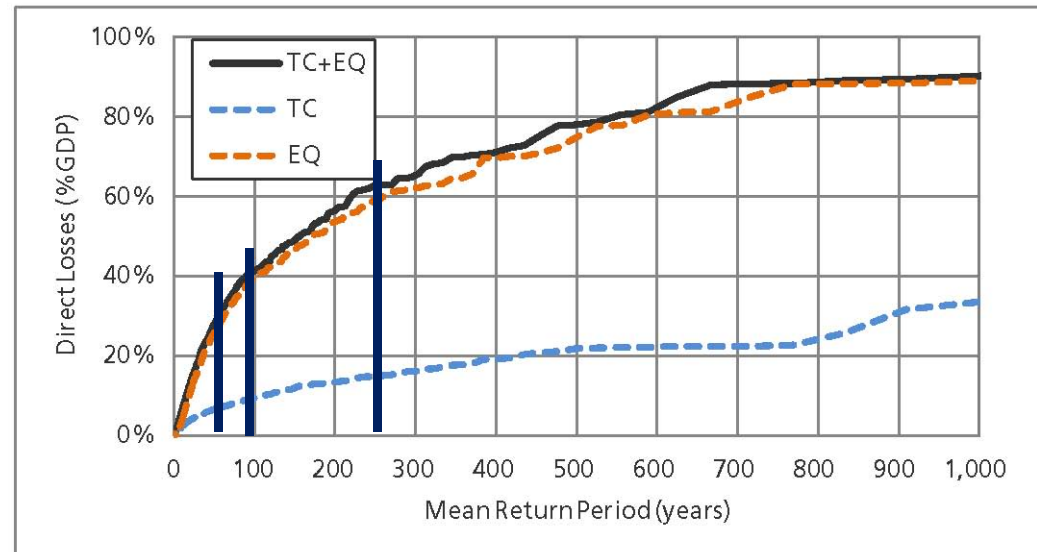
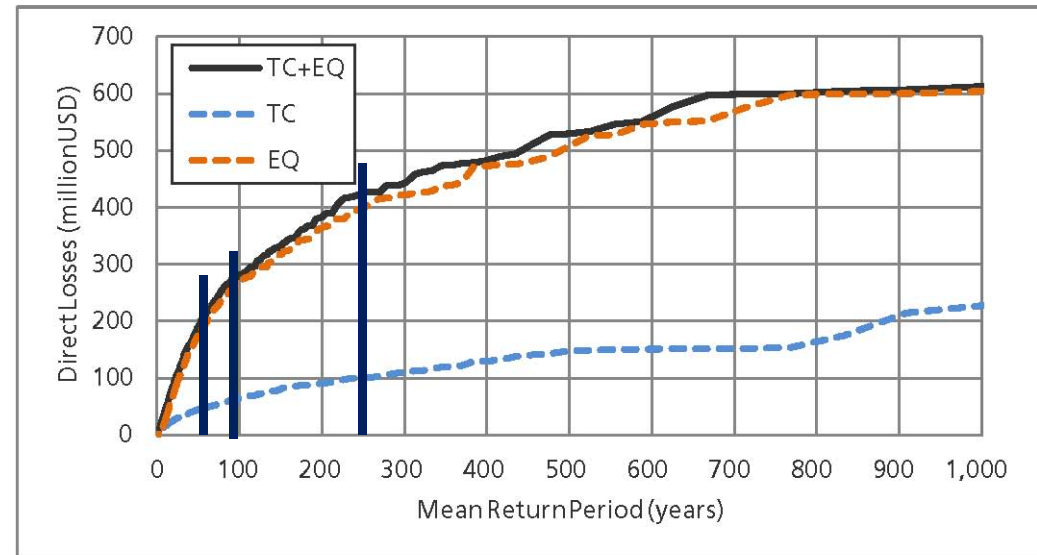




# Country risk profiles

## Illustration with Solomon Islands

TABLE 2: Estimated Losses and Casualties Caused by Natural Perils				
Mean Return Period (years)	AAL	50	100	250
Risk Profile: Tropical Cyclone				
<b>Direct Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	5.8	44.5	63.9	101.5
(% GDP)	0.9%	6.6%	9.4%	15.0%
<b>Emergency Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	1.3	10.2	14.7	23.4
(% of total government expenditures)	0.5%	3.6%	5.2%	8.2%
Casualties	63	489	691	1,019
Risk Profile: Earthquake and Tsunami				
<b>Direct Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	14.7	175.3	268.7	400.8
(% GDP)	2.2%	25.8%	39.6%	59.1%
<b>Emergency Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	0.0	28.2	43.7	65.3
(% of total government expenditures)	0.0%	10.0%	15.4%	23.1%
Casualties	96	1,043	1,780	3,106
Risk Profile: Tropical Cyclone, Earthquake, and Tsunami				
<b>Direct Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	20.5	189.6	280.6	426.2
(% GDP)	3.0%	27.9%	41.4%	62.8%
<b>Emergency Losses</b>				
(Million USD)	3.8	32.8	46.6	68.6
(% of total government expenditures)	1.3%	11.6%	16.4%	24.2%
Casualties	159	1,234	1,914	3,246





## Explore Maps

Explore pre-made maps, and those made by website users, on such things as earthquake intensity, flood hazards, topography, road networks, buildings, bridges, and much more.

Explore Maps

## Create Maps

Using the same raw data used to create other maps on the site, PaRIS lets you compose and share your own maps. Create a map with our cartography tool to develop new insights and track changes over time. Save, print and share these maps if you wish!

Create Map

## Search for Data

PaRIS lets you access and browse geospatial data. Search for data that is valuable to you in a number of geospatial formats.

Search

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PLEASE NOTE: These data layers have been derived from georeferenced satellite imagery. The data layers may appear misaligned when viewing over other base layers on Google Earth.

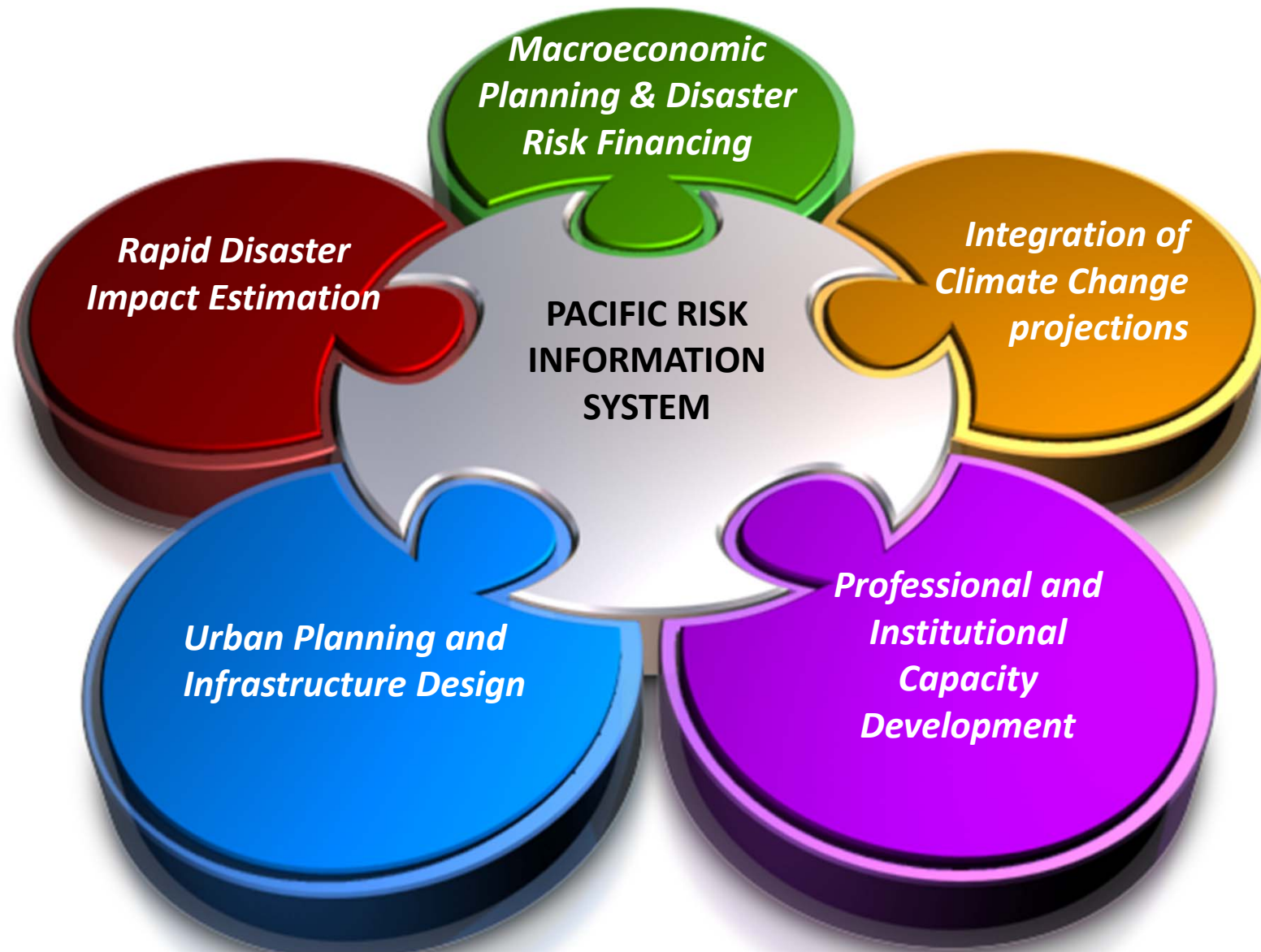
## About

Pacific Risk Information Systems (PaRIS) is one of the largest collections of geospatial information for the Pacific island region. It contains information and data layers on:

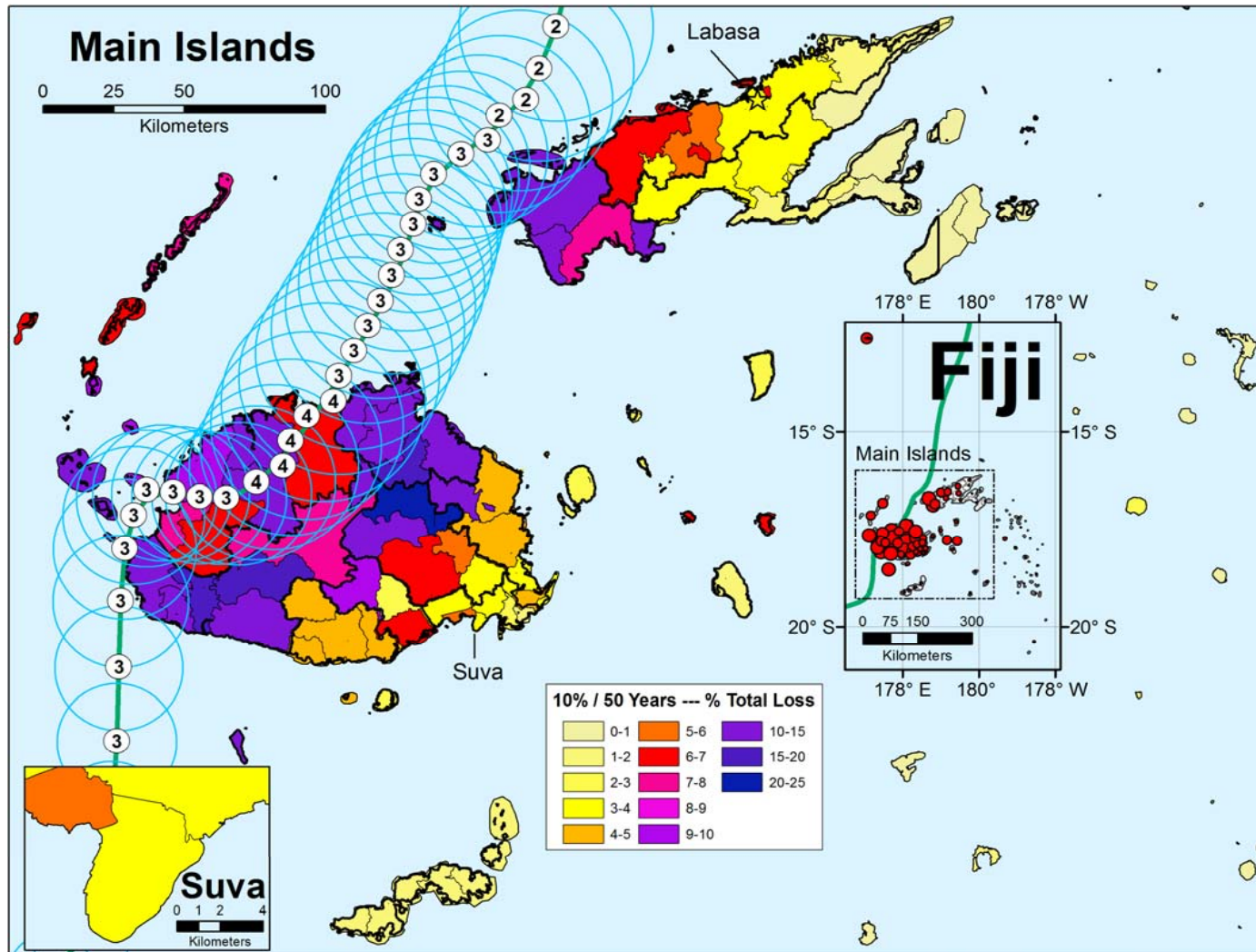
- [Base maps](#)  
administrative boundaries, topography, bathymetry, land use cover, surface soil, geology
- [Hazard maps](#)  
tropical cyclone, earthquakes
- [Field Survey Results](#)  
building, infrastructure - partial coverage
- [Risk exposure](#)  
population, buildings, infrastructure, crops
- [Risk and loss maps](#)
- [Historic event and disaster impact catalogues](#)

PaRIS was assembled to provide detailed probabilistic risk information for 15 Pacific island countries for a range of decision makers including disaster risk management agencies. The perils covered are tropical cyclones (wind, storm surge and rain) and earthquake (ground shaking, tsunami). The countries covered are Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru

# Applications – PCRAFI Phase 3



# Post-Disaster Loss Calculation





# **Post-Disaster Real Time Loss Assessment**

## **- Tropical Cyclones and Earthquakes**

- CAT models do not typically use any direct field observation of damage, loss, or disaster intensity
- The accuracy of the loss estimates improves if field observations are taken into account

# Pre-disaster Loss Assessment

- Feasibility study for the development of a system that, in real time, forecasts the impact of tropical cyclones as they build on any of the 15 PICs
- AIR has extensive experience in such systems in the Atlantic Ocean in the North Pacific Ocean for certain countries
- Such systems are feasible but their application to the region of the PICs needs to be studied further

# Pacific Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Solutions

## Increasing financial resilience against natural disasters

### Institutional Capacity Building

- TA to MoF to develop integrated disaster risk financing strategy
- TA to MoF to develop risk-based financial planning

### Pacific disaster risk insurance market development

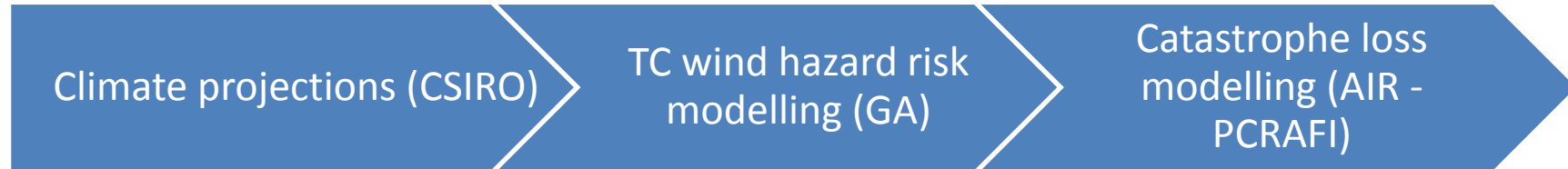
- Refine cat risk models for market-based transactions
- Build capacity of private market players (e.g., insurers)
- Develop prototype parametric insurance products

### Pacific disaster risk insurance pilot

- Test the credibility of Pacific cat risk models on reinsurance markets
- Assess the risk appetite of reinsurers for Pacific disaster risk
- Test the viability of Pacific disaster risk insurance



# Integrating PACCSAP TC projections with PCRAFI risk modeling



*Objective:* a regional assessment of potential future tropical cyclone risk to critical assets in Pacific island countries with climate change.

*Outcome:*

1. understand the changing nature of tropical cyclone risk to infrastructure assets
2. consider the future implications in terms of loss and damage
3. assess the effectiveness of current planning and design standards against future needs

