# Introducing Korea's Supporting Tool of Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment: VESTAP

(Vulnerability Assessment Tool to Build Climate Change Adaptation Plan)







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# 1. Background

- To support data-driven scientific monitoring and forecasting for climate change adaptation,
   "(1) National law (2) Specialized institution" are established.
  - > 2010, Framework Act on Low Carbon and Green Growth
  - > 2009, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC)

Framework Act on Low Carbon and Green Growth



National Climate Change Adaptation Plan (Five-year term, 2016-2020)



It contains mandate on

- ✓ Regional government's adaptation plan
- ✓ Data-driven scientific monitoring and forecasting



KACCC's ROLE for data-driven adaptation



- Development of policy tools
- ✓ Support for climate change impact and vulnerability assessments



# 1. Background

- Each municipal & provincial government should concretely recognize their climate change adaptation priorities and its differences
- In 2014, KACCC developed 'VESTAP', a policy decision support tool, to support regional government's climate change vulnerability assessment



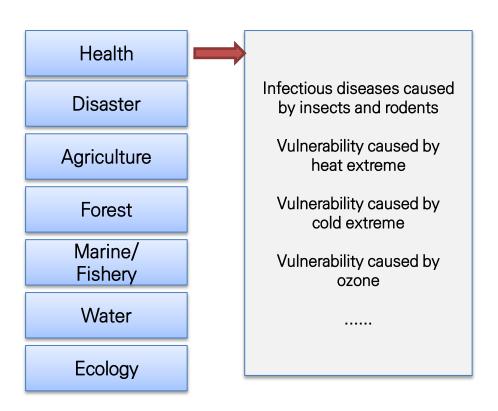
Web-base System (<a href="http://vestap.kei.re.kr">http://vestap.kei.re.kr</a>)

Vulnerability assessment result and its raw-data for 17 provincial government 252 municipal government



#### 2–1. Assessment category

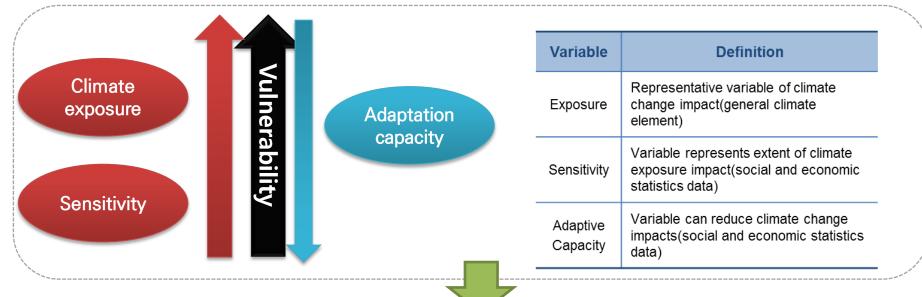
- VESTAP provides key information on sectoral vulnerability issues
  - → 7 Assessment category with 37 sub-category





#### 2-2. Methodology for climate change vulnerability assessment

- Bottom-up / Indicator based approach is implemented.
- Assessment indicators are selected based on the concept "climate exposure, sensitivity and adaptation capacity"



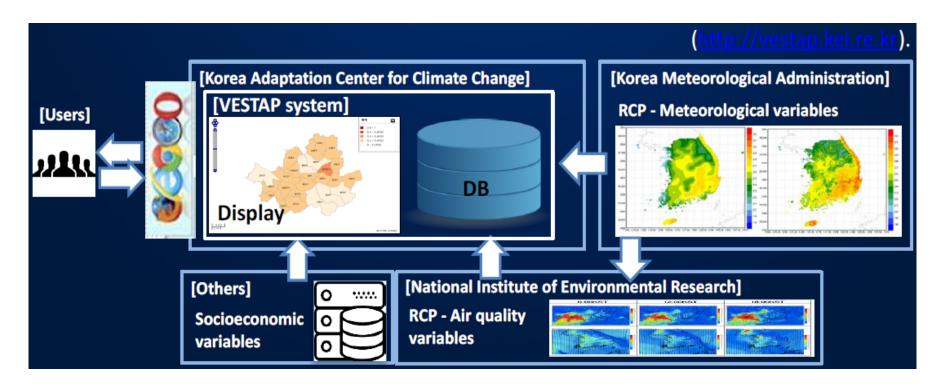
#### **Vulnerability Formula**

Vulnerability =  $\alpha \times$  exposure +  $\beta \times$  sensitivity -  $\gamma \times$  adaptive capacity ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ : weighting per variables)



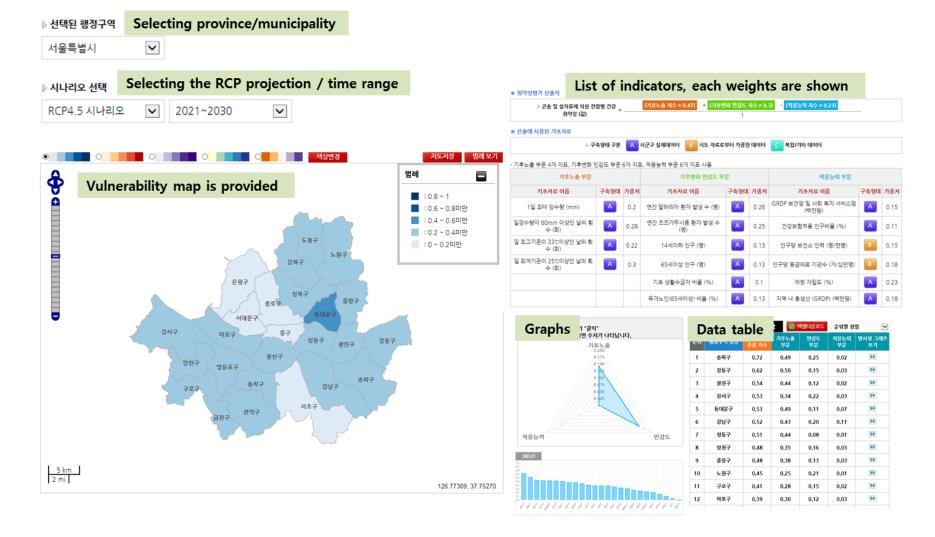
#### 2-3. Structure of VESTAP

- National statistics are geographical data are collected from diverse ministries/institutions.
- Regional Climate Model (HadGEM3-RA) is implemented for RCP4.5, RCP8.5 scenarios.





#### 2-3. Structure of VESTAP



#### 2-4. Additional supporting function of the VESTAP

 VESTAP not only provides pre-assessed result on vulnerability assessment, but also a function to conduct regional government's own assessment.



Users can freely select, constitute, and add indicators.

Users can conduct own vulnerability assessment through VESTAP

VESTAP recommends regional governments to reflect their own characteristics



# 3. Impact and role of the VESTAP

- Each region should develop "Implementation plan for Climate Change Adaptation", and conduct "Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment"
  - → VESTAP is used, considered and discussed with local experts/government officers
  - → VESTAP affects decision on the adaptation priorities, distribution of budgets etc···
- VESTAP should provide transparent, broad, and scientific information with user-friendly web-system

# Implementation plan per region 제2차 대전광역시 기후변화 적응대책 세부시행계획 (2017~2021) # 등보고서 2012.2 # 대전광역시 # 대전광역시

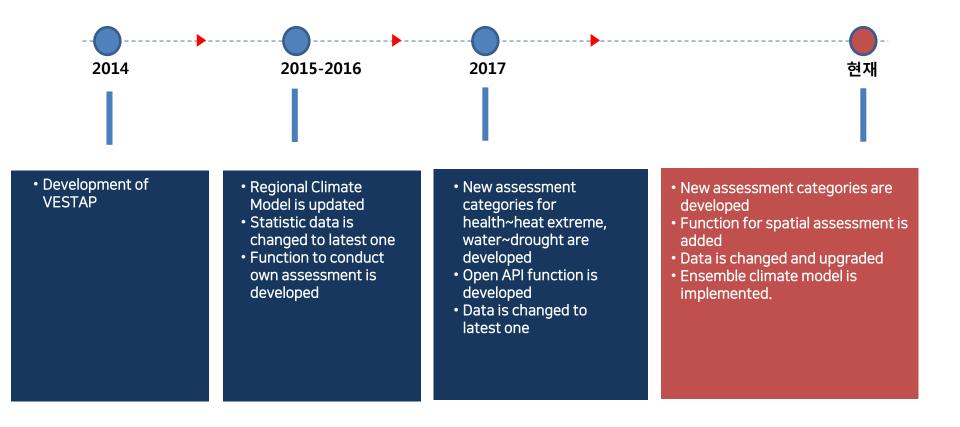
#### Participation of local stakeholders





# 3. Impact and role of the VESTAP

VESTAP is annually upgraded to increase its scientific credibility and convenience



# 4. Future plan

#### # Main Challenge and Future Task

- There is a need to apply methodology that considers "absolute vulnerability".
- More broader assessment is required → New assessment categories will be developed.
- More concise information on adaptation capacity is required.
  - → Effectiveness of proposed adaptation policy, detailed budget on each region
- Model-based integrated assessment is not currently available, but the assessment methodology&tool for S. Korea will be developed until 2020.
  - → Developed Integrated vulnerability assessment tool will be considered in future.
- Socio-economic scenario will be applied.



# Thank you

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