

# Risk Assessment

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# Risk

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- The probability of meeting danger / suffering harm / loss.
- In relation to Disaster = “ The Probability that a disaster will occur”
- To indicate the degree of probability = High risk, Avg risk, Low risk

# Risk Assessment

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- It includes an evaluation of all the elements that are relevant to an understanding of existing hazards & their effect on specific environment.
- Knowledge of Hazards is provided by various **physical sciences** :-  
Meteorology, Hydrology, Geomorphology, Seismology, Volcanology
- The understanding of vulnerability includes :-  
Physical, Social & Economic aspect



## Relationship Between Risk & Vulnerability

- 'Risk' is essentially the **level of possibility** that an action or activity will lead to a loss or to an undesired outcome, when 'vulnerability' is a **weakness** that makes one susceptible to an attack, a loss or an undesired outcome.



# Risk Assessment

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- To turn Risk assessment into a useful planning tool, accurate information must be generated from numerous & diverse sources, ranging from :-
- Remote sensing of crop yield
- Monitoring of volcanic activity
- Historic records of floods & earthquakes
- Social survey of livelihood etc.



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The diagram consists of two large, dark red arrows pointing in opposite directions, one to the left and one to the right, which overlap in the center. The left arrow contains the text 'Hazard Assessment' and the right arrow contains the text 'Vulnerability Analysis'. A thin green horizontal line is positioned above the arrows. The entire diagram is set against a light gray background within a white rectangular frame, which is itself on a brown textured surface. Two black horizontal bars are visible on the left and right sides of the frame, resembling binder rings.

Hazard  
Assessment

Vulnerability  
Analysis

# 1. Hazard Assessment

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- The first step in taking any mitigation measures is to assess the hazard. It includes;
  1. The nature, severity and frequency of the hazard
  2. The area likely to be affected
  3. The time and duration of impact



# 1. Hazard Assessment

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- Hazard assessment begins with:-



Data  
Collection

Existing  
assessment  
&  
Hazard  
maps

Scientific  
Data

Local and  
historical  
records

Socio  
economic  
or  
agricultural  
surveys

# 1. Hazard Assessment

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- Next step is to analyzed all collected data.
- One effective wayto represent hazard assessment is through **hazard mapping**.
- **Hazard maps can be of macro/micro scale; for cyclones, flood, earthquake, tsunami & landslides.**



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- Data and Maps are analyzed to arrive at the hazard assessment.
- The level of hazard intensity is vary based on type of disasters.
- Tropical cyclones - wind speed
- Floods –return period, duration, inundation levels relative to river
- Earthquakes –magnitude & intensity

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- Based on above data an attempt should be made to express the probability of the event occurring over time.
- Probabilities are assessed on the basis of scientific data and historical records.
- **Sophisticated new advanced tools –for hazard mapping & assessment**

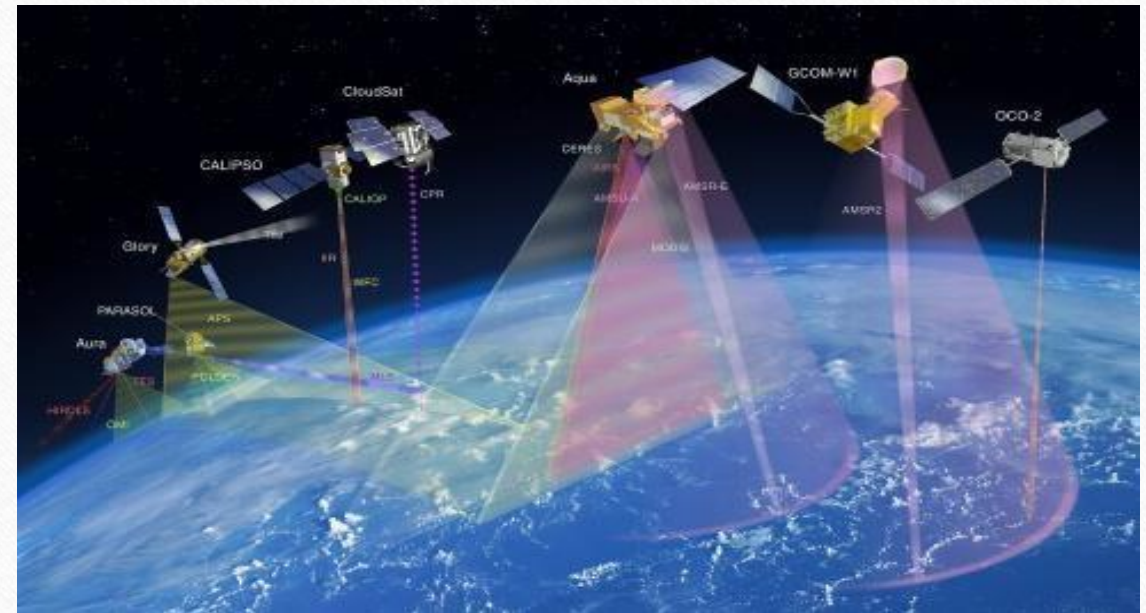
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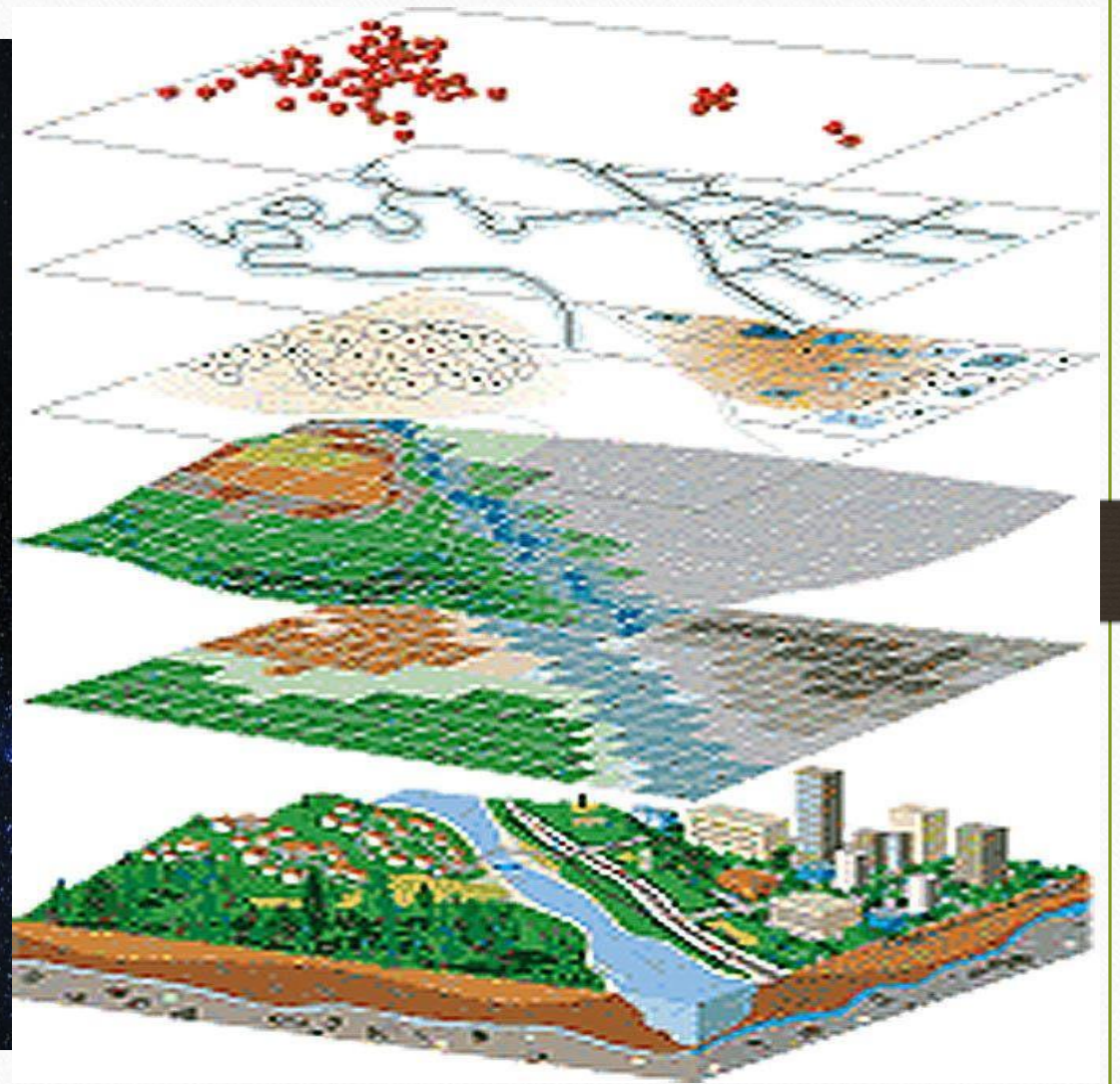
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- **Remote sensing & GIS**
- **Aerial Photography**
- **Satellite imagery**
- **Micro Computers**







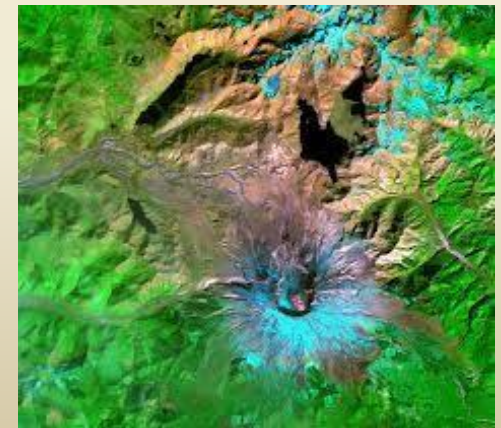
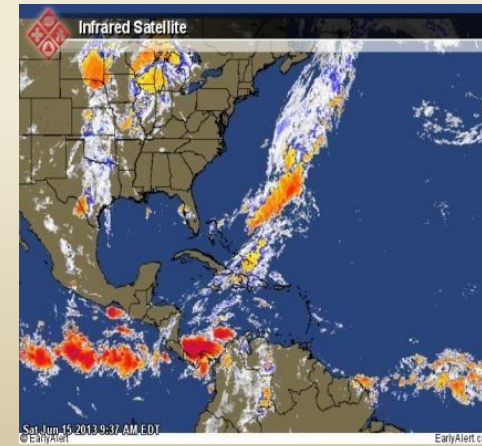
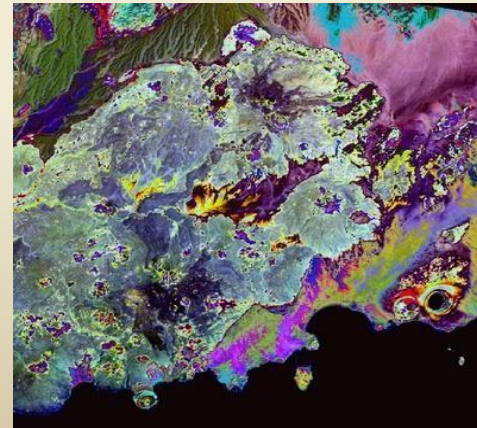
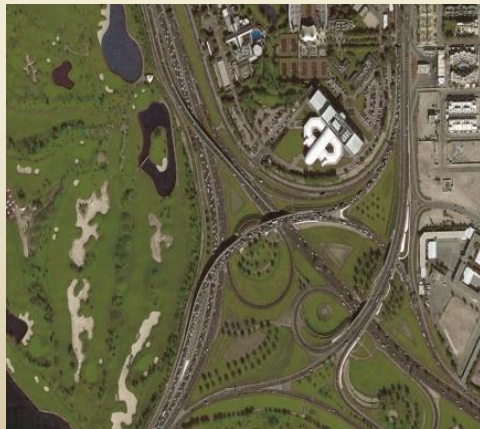
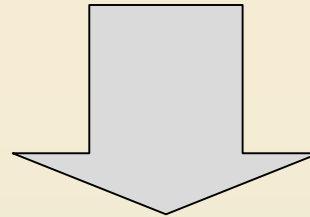
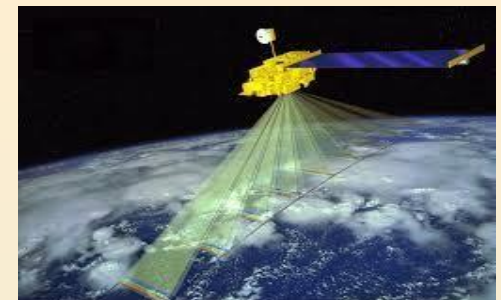


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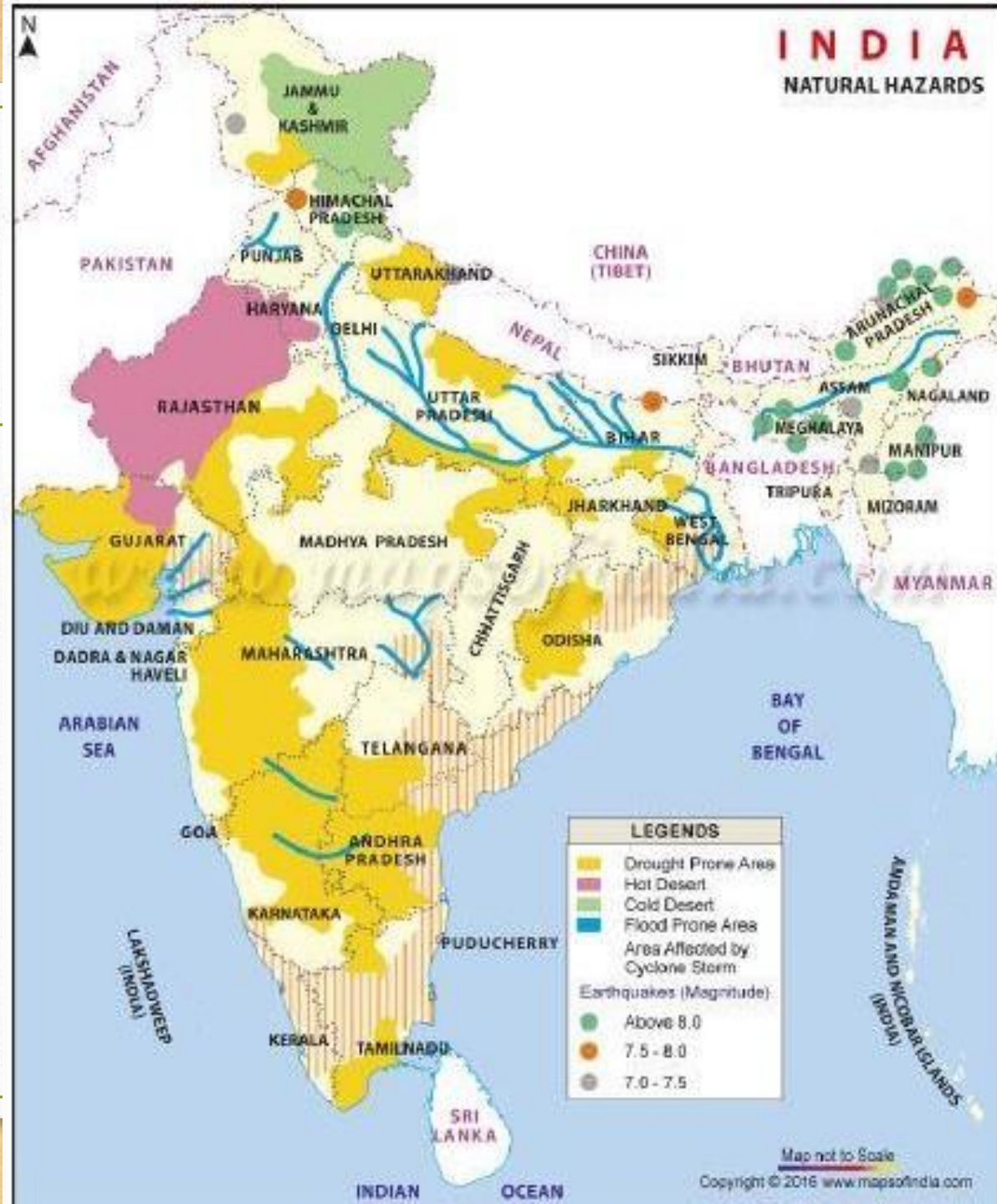
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- These tools can provide information about the landscape, flooding, fissures, fault lines etc.
- High speed computers have a growing potential for applications in developing countries as they become more powerful.
- They can be **used** to store and present geographical data employing GIS techniques in the **preparation of hazards map and for hazard modelling.**





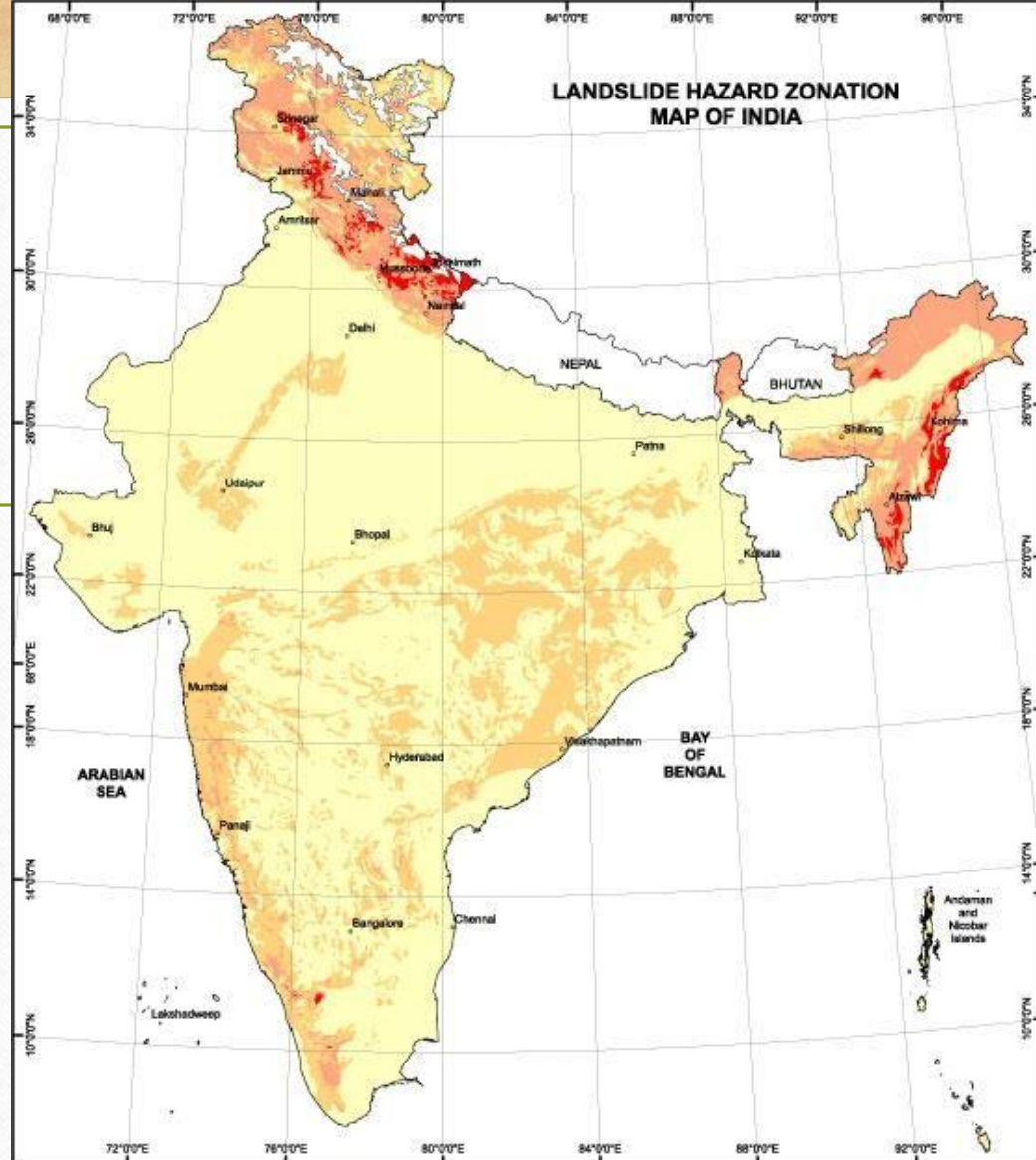












Indian Administrative Boundary Data Base (AIDB) from Survey of India, 2001  
(modified Lambert conformal conic projection)

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km

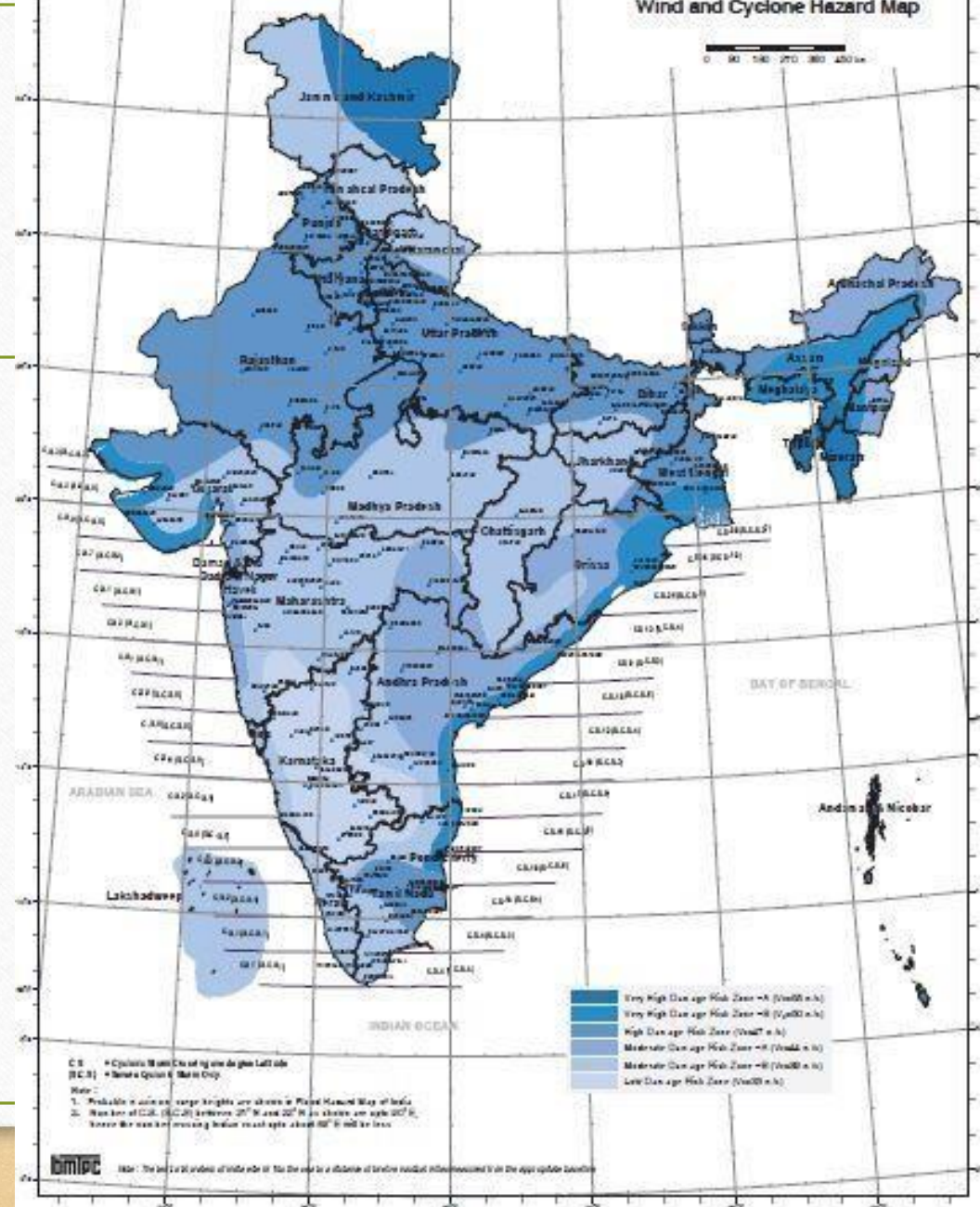
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The large scale version of Plate 3 is in the Enclosure

# INDIA

## Wind and Cyclone Hazard Map

0 50 100 200 300 400 km





## 2. Vulnerability Analysis

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- This is the process used to identify vulnerable conditions which are exposed to natural hazards.
- If an area is exposed to multiple hazards, vulnerability analysis should be carried out for each type of hazard.
- Vulnerability analysis provides information on:
  1. The sectors at risk; physical, social, economic
  2. The type of risk

## 2. Vulnerability Analysis

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- Vulnerability analysis results in an understanding of the level of exposure of persons and property to the various natural hazards identified.
- Vulnerability relates to buildings, infrastructures, agricultural crops, trees, livelihood damages etc.



# Disaster Risk Assessment

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- It is a process of **collecting and analyzing information** about the **nature, likelihood and severity** of disaster risks.
- Risk assessment is a **management activity** that involves defining and analyzing a problem before initiating the process of decision-making.

# Phases in Disaster Risk Assessment

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1. **Defining a problem** means determining what needs to be assessed and planning to undertake that assessment.
2. **Research and analysis** involve generating information on the various aspects of risk, such as those of occurrence, probabilities and impact.
3. **Decision making** is the process of ranking risks or outcomes on the basis of specific criteria and then assessing risk reduction options.



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# 1. Problem Identification

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- It is a first phase in Disaster Risk Assessment.
- It involves determining the goal of the risk assessment process.
- Input and partnership with a variety of development sectors and disciplines are required for effectively defining a problem.



## 2. Research and Analysis

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- It is a second phase of Disaster Risk Assessment.
- Research methodology must be transparent and carefully planned.
- Well research planning reduce the risk and also helpful in good co-ordination across services and minimize long-term resources wastage.

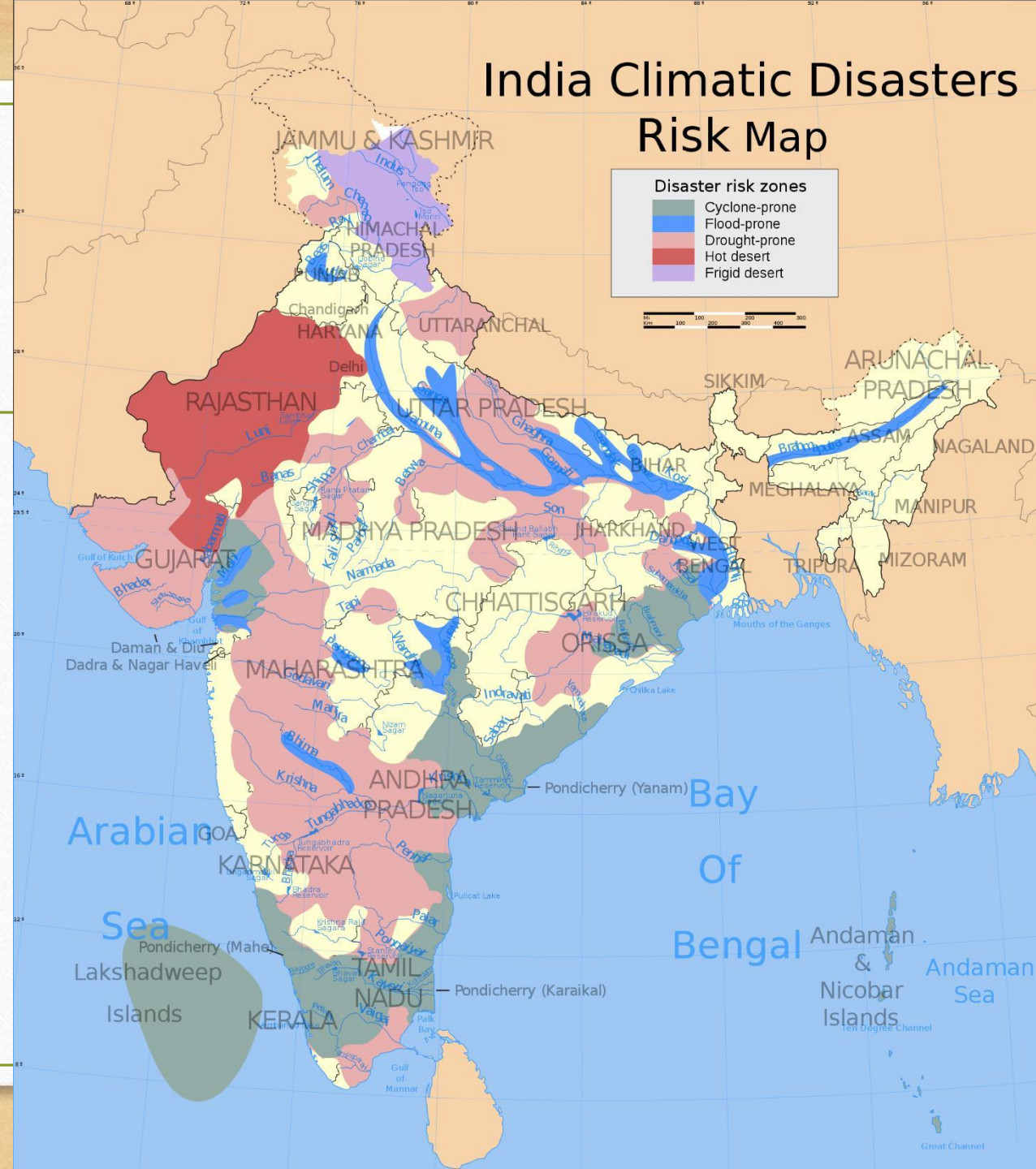
# 3. Decision Making

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- It is comprised three part:
  1. **Risk Evaluation** –setting criteria for cost-benefit analysis
  2. **Risk Characterization** –integrating information from hazard & vulnerability
  3. **Risk Communication** – it is an interactive process of the constant exchange of information



# India Climatic Disasters Risk Map



# Disaster Risk Assessment, supported with good monitoring systems, are essential for:-

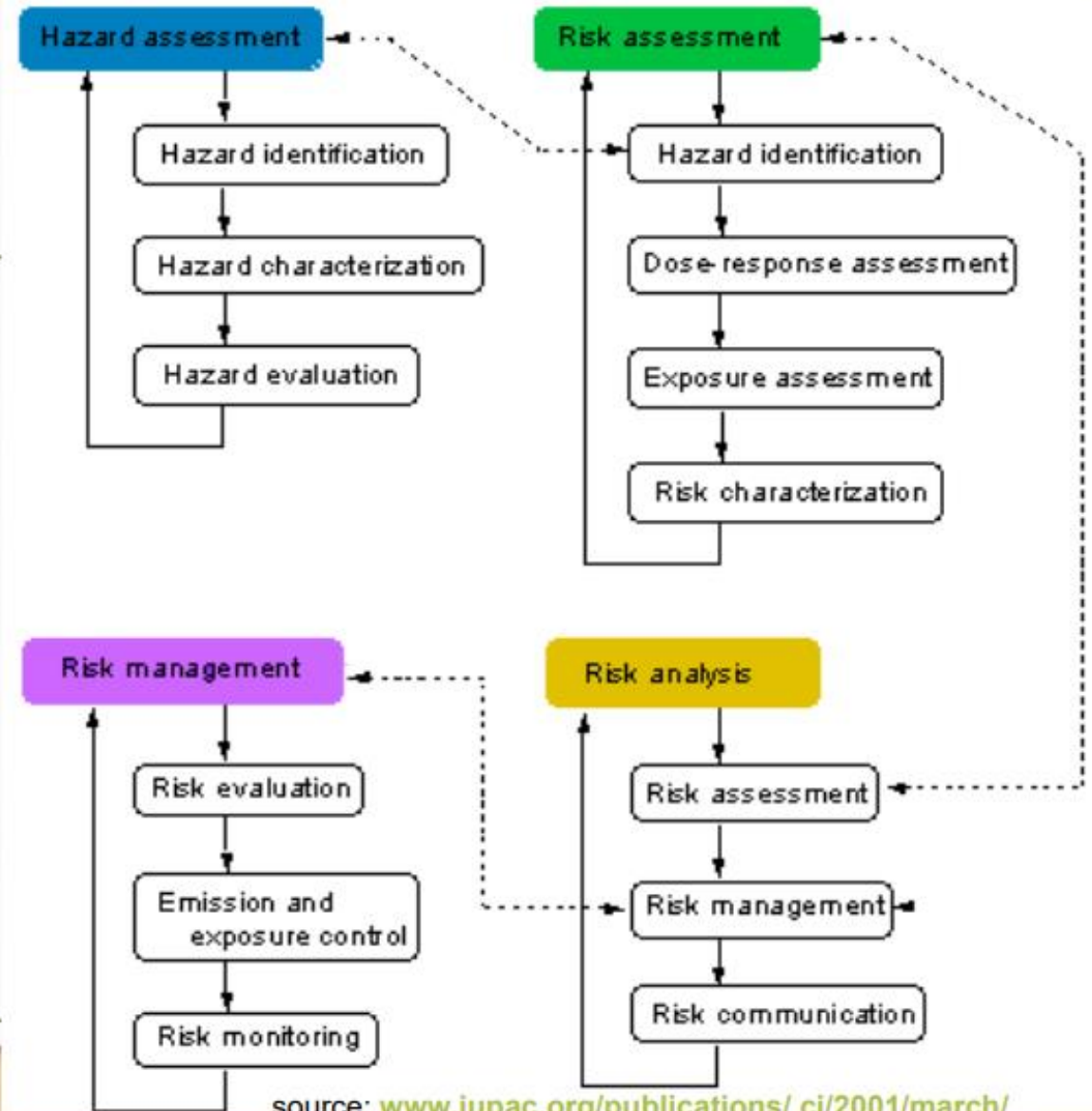
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- Effective Disaster Risk Management and Risk reduction planning
- Sustainable development planning
- Identifying the potential threats that can undermine a development's success and sustainability
- Identifying high risk periods and conditions
- Activating preparedness and response actions.



# How Risk Management fits into the process

## STRUCTURE OF RISK ANALYSIS



# Types of Risk

## Background risk

- This is the risk what people are exposed to from given medium (such as water, air, soil, etc.)

## Incremental risk

- This is the risk due to addition of an external pollutants in the medium or occurrence of any event (events such as oil spill, contamination of water with poison, release of carbon monoxide gas in a closed room)

## Total Risk

- This is the total risk a person or any receptor is exposed from a given medium
- It represents both background and incremental risk

## Acceptable Risk

- This is the allowable risk a particular contaminant can result in on any receptor.



# Problem

- In U.S. excess lifetime risk of getting a cancer is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  (i.e., acceptable risk) and background risk of getting a cancer is say  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ .
  - Calculate total risk of getting a cancer?
  - Calculate risk ratio?
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*Solution:*

(1) Here, Incremental risk of getting a cancer =  $1 \times 10^{-6}$

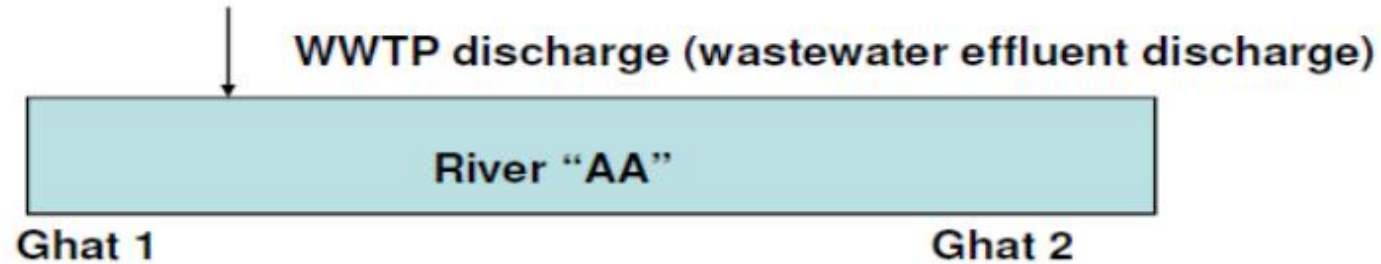
Background risk of getting a cancer =  $1 \times 10^{-5}$

So, total risk of getting a cancer (using Eq. 2)

$$= (1 \times 10^{-5}) + (1 \times 10^{-6}) = 10^{-5} (1 + 10^{-1}) = \mathbf{1.1 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$\mathbf{2) Risk Ratio = r = (1.1 \times 10^{-5}) / (1 \times 10^{-6}) = 11 > 1 (= > \text{concern})}$$

## Problem 2



- The WWTP discharges  $10^3$  virus particles/100 mL after Ghat 1 (which are pathogenic). Say, a person bathes at Ghat 1 (upstream of a discharge point) and also bathes at Ghat 2 (downstream of the discharge point). Background risk of getting a waterborne disease = 1:10,000 (i.e.,  $10^{-4}$ )
- Which ghat can pose higher total risk to a person?



## Solution

Demand type	GHAT 1	GHAT 2
Background Risk water borne disease		
Incremental Risk water borne disease		
Total Risk water borne disease		
COMMENT		

# STAGES of RISK ASSESSMENT

## Hazard Identification-

Defining hazard and nature of harm



## •Exposure assessment-

Determination of concentration in environment and estimation of ingestion or inhalation rate of a contaminant



## Dose-response assessment-

Quantification of effect due to exposure of a particular contaminant.

A relationship between dose and response is used.



## Risk characterization-

Estimating of the potential impact of a hazard based on the severity of its effects and the amount of exposure.



# Steps involved in Disaster Risk Assessment

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- Step-1 Identify the specific Disaster Risk
- Step-2 Analyze the Disaster Risk
- Step-3 Evaluate the Disaster Risk
- Step-4 Monitoring and communication of Disaster Risk Information

# Step-1 Identify the specific Disaster Risk

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- Identify and describe the hazard, keeping in mind the frequency with which it occurs, its magnitude, the affected area and duration
- Describe and quantify vulnerability to determine susceptibilities and capacities.
- Estimate the loss consequent to a hazard on those that are vulnerable



## Step-2 Analyze the Disaster Risk

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- Estimate the level of risk associated with a specific threat to determine whether the resulting risk is a priority matter or not.
- Estimating the level of risk is done by analyzing the impact or consequences that a disaster is likely to have.

## Step-3 Evaluate the Disaster Risk

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- This stage involves the evaluation of the disaster risk being assessed in relation to other risk.
- It involves undertaking a much more comprehensive assessment of specific threats and establishes priorities for action.
- The priority at-risk people, areas, communities, households and developments identified during this stage.



## Stage-4 Monitoring and communication of Disaster Risk Information

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- This stage required to inform ongoing disaster risk assessment and planning.
- It involves monitoring disaster risks and the effectiveness of risk reduction initiatives.
- It also involves updating and disseminating disaster risk assessment information to all stakeholders.

# Thank You

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