



NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM



Climate Understanding & Resilience in the River Valley



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Presentation Overview

- I. CURRV Project
- II. Responding to Climate Change
 - Climate Adaptation & Vulnerability Assessments





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I. CURRV PROJECT



Project Scope

Vulnerability Assessment



Climate Adaptation Strategy



Process Framework & Science Transfer



Project Scope

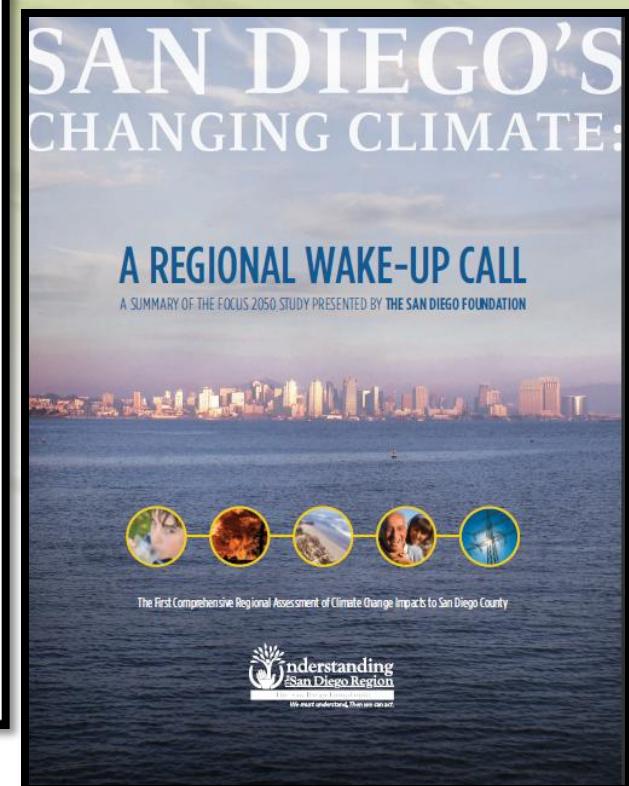
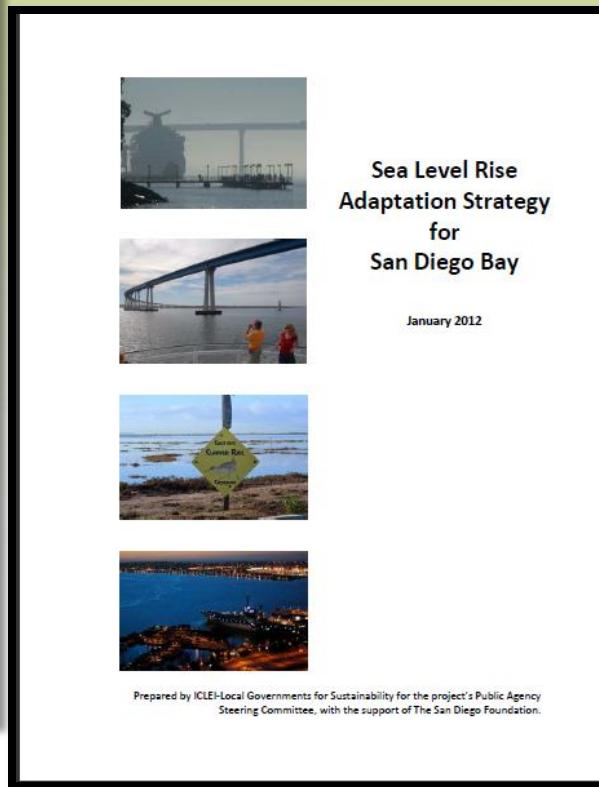
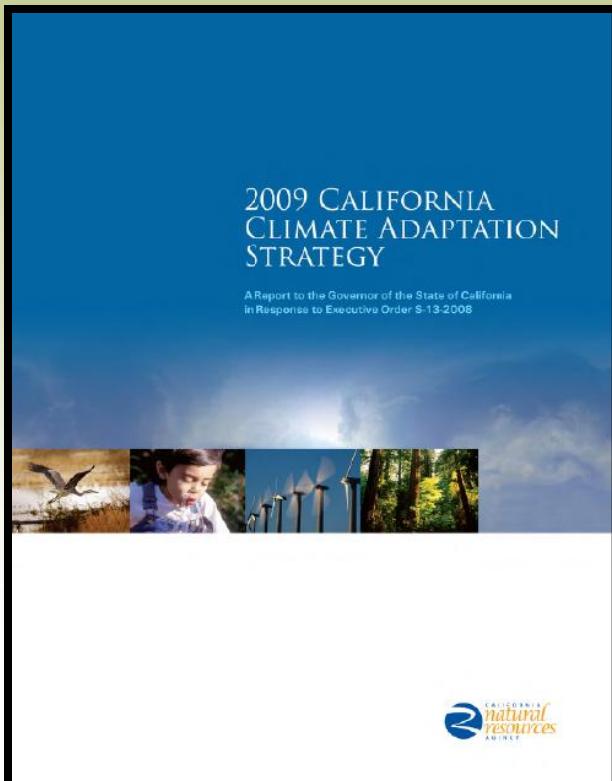


Focus on Flooding & Inundation:

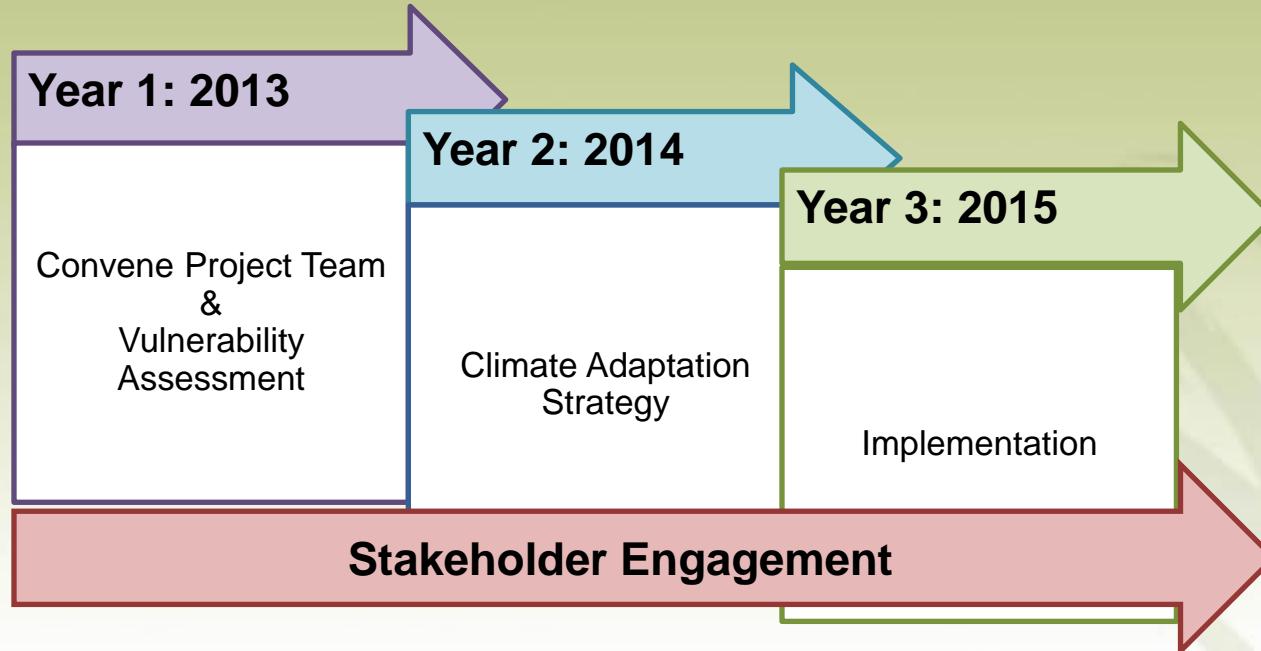
- Sea Level Rise (SLR)
- Riverine Flooding



Climate Adaptation in San Diego



CURRV Timeline



Stakeholder Engagement

Steering Committee

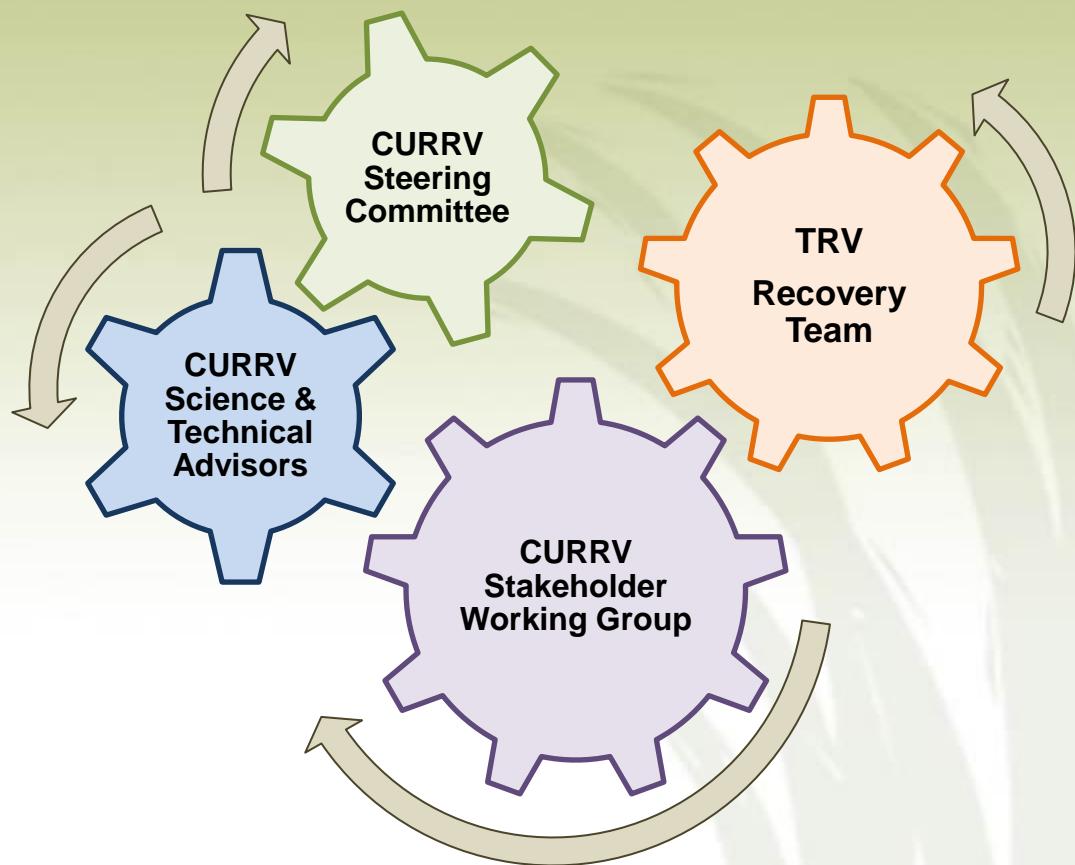
- **Members:** Public agencies owning natural and built resources throughout TRV
- **Purpose:** Lead the development and implementation of the Strategy

Science & Technical Advisors

- **Members:** Subject matter experts
- **Purpose:** Provide scientific & technical guidance throughout the planning process

Stakeholder Working Group

- **Members:** Public agencies, academia, and organizations, who have a direct interest in the future of TRV and/or the collaborative process of climate adaptation planning
- **Purpose:** Provide feedback throughout the planning process



Collaborative Process

Your role...

Provide input and feedback as we reach key milestones

Participate in stakeholder meetings every 4 months

Help define strategies for maximum benefit

Develop a vision of desired future outcomes that integrates ecological , socioeconomic, and institutional perspectives



Why Collaborate?

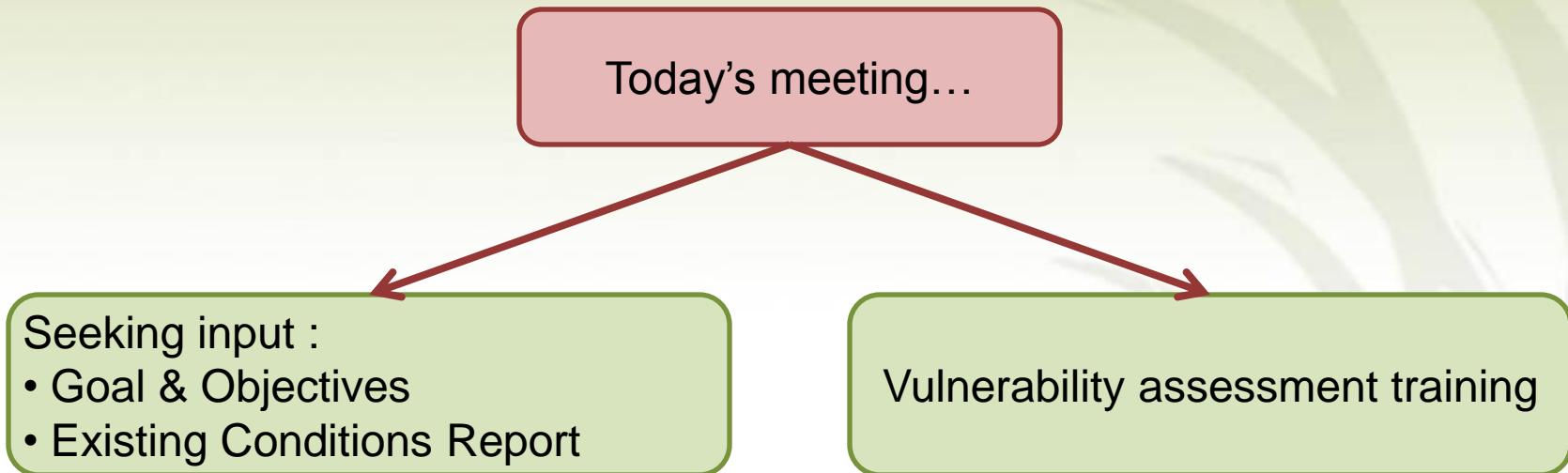
Involving stakeholders throughout the research process **from problem definition to results** will increase the likelihood that science will be applied



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SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE

Stakeholder Meetings

Trainings will be offered each meeting to better equip you to provide necessary input





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II. RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE ADAPTATION & VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS



Climate Mitigation

Addresses the causes of climate change



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Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

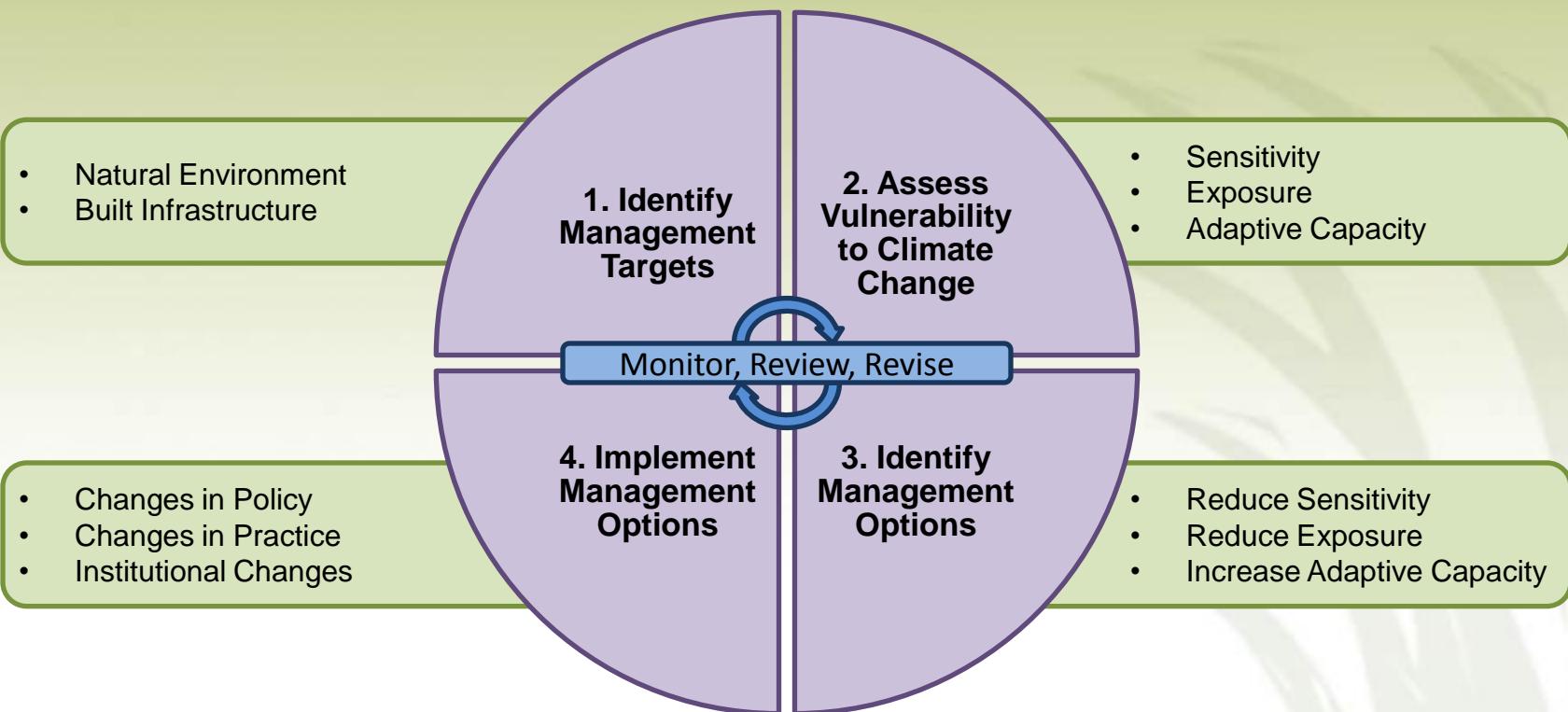


Climate Adaptation

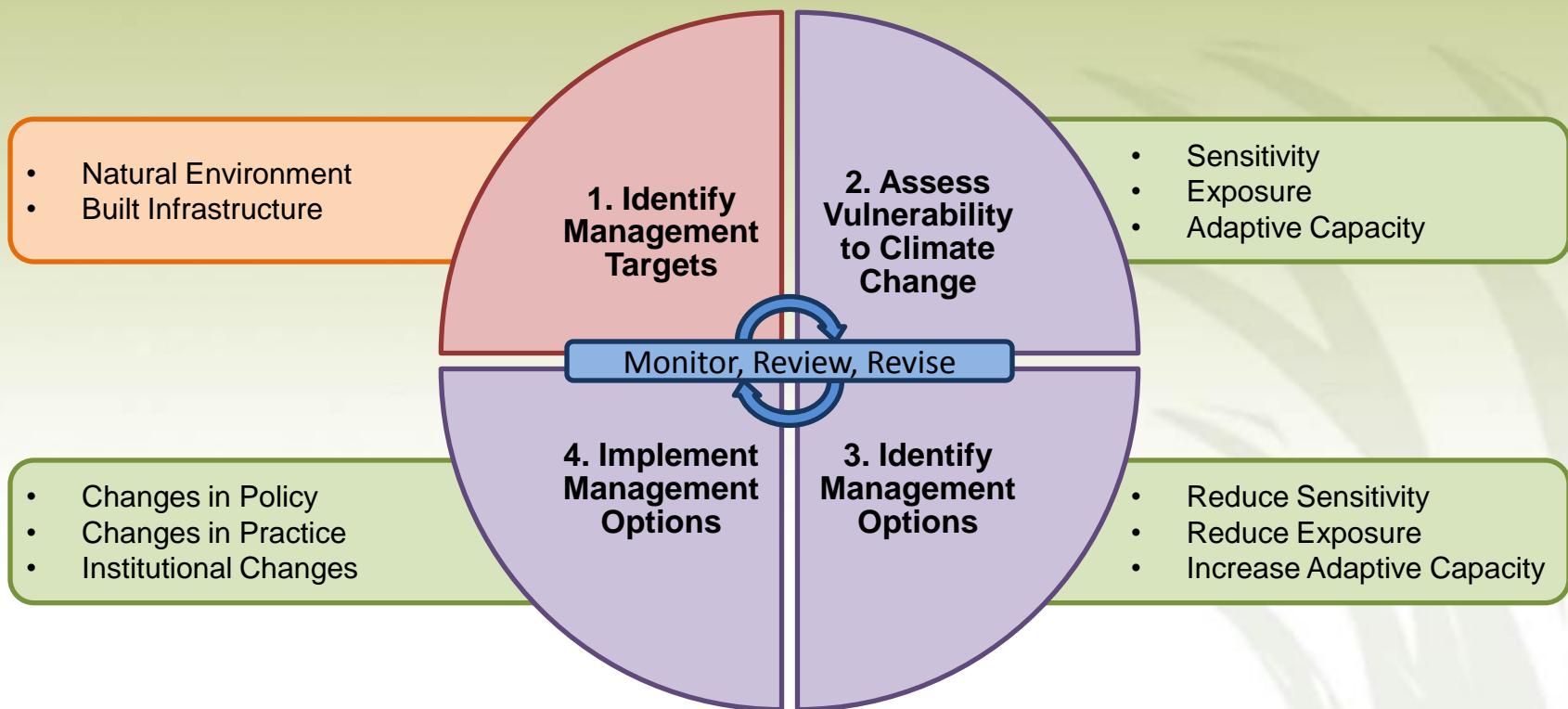
Initiatives and measures designed to ***reduce the vulnerability*** of natural and human systems to the effects of climate change



Climate Adaptation Framework



Climate Adaptation Framework



Identify Management Targets

Built Infrastructure



34 Stormwater



37 Wastewater



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Energy



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Transportation

Natural Environment



38 Vegetation



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Wildlife

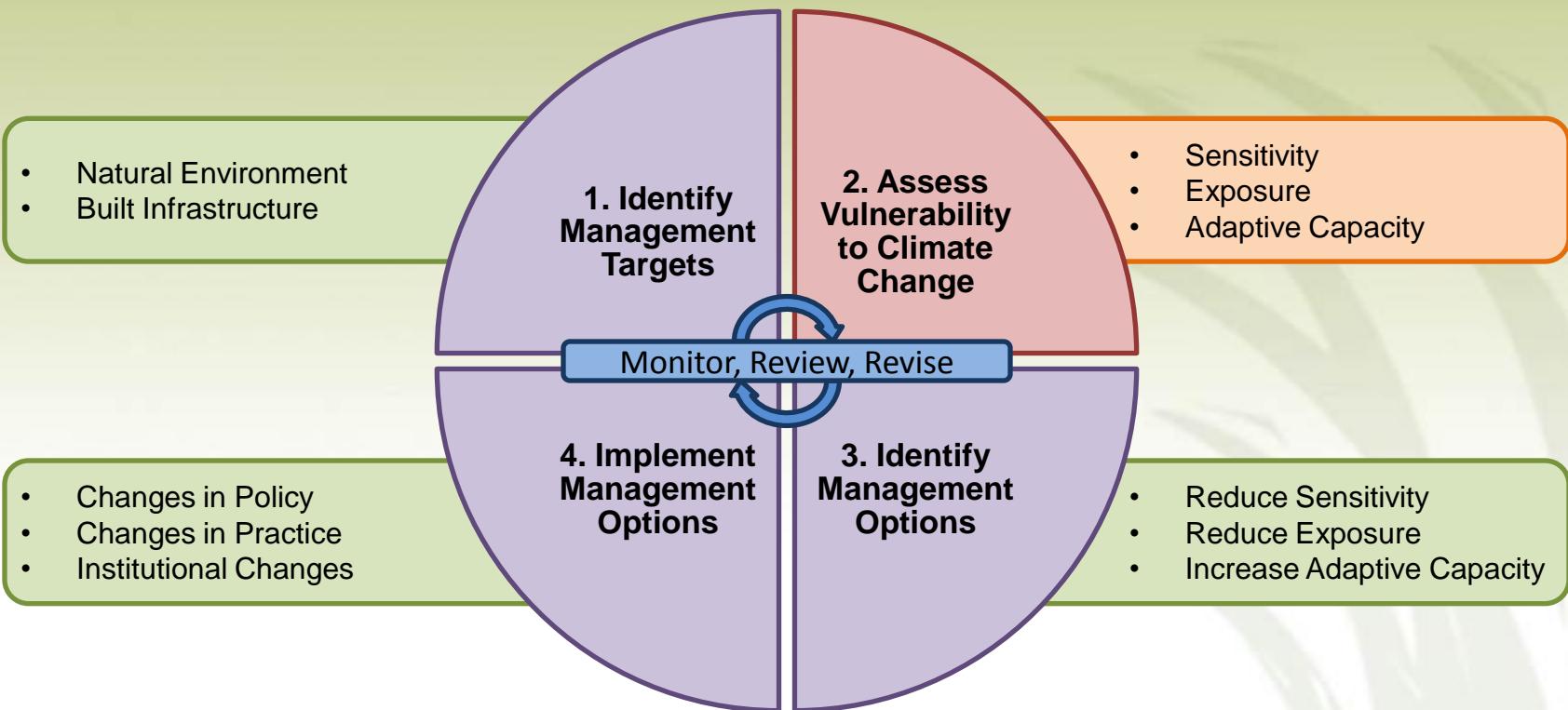


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Habitat



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Vulnerability Defined

The extent to which natural and human communities are susceptible to harm from climate change impacts

Vulnerability assessments identify...

Which resources are most vulnerable

Why they are vulnerable

Why assess vulnerability?

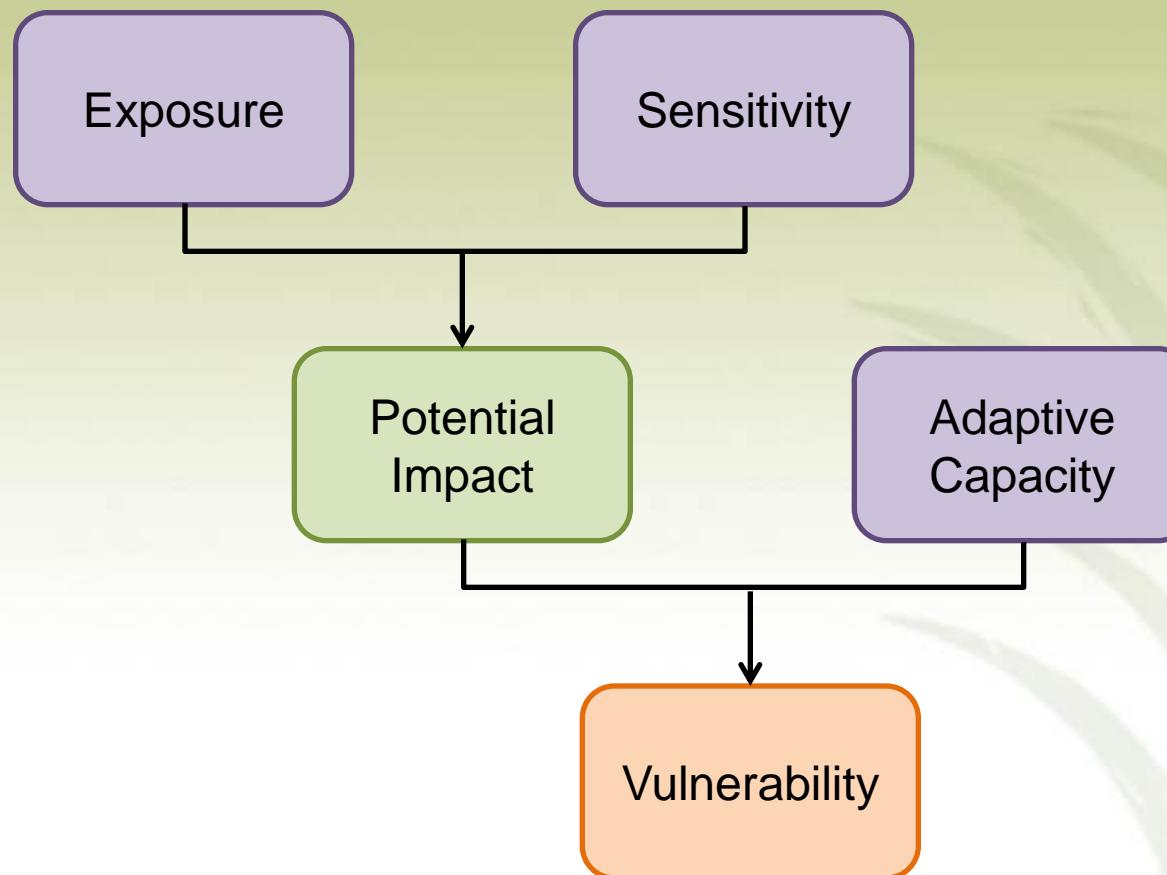
Vulnerability assessments can help...

Set management & planning priorities

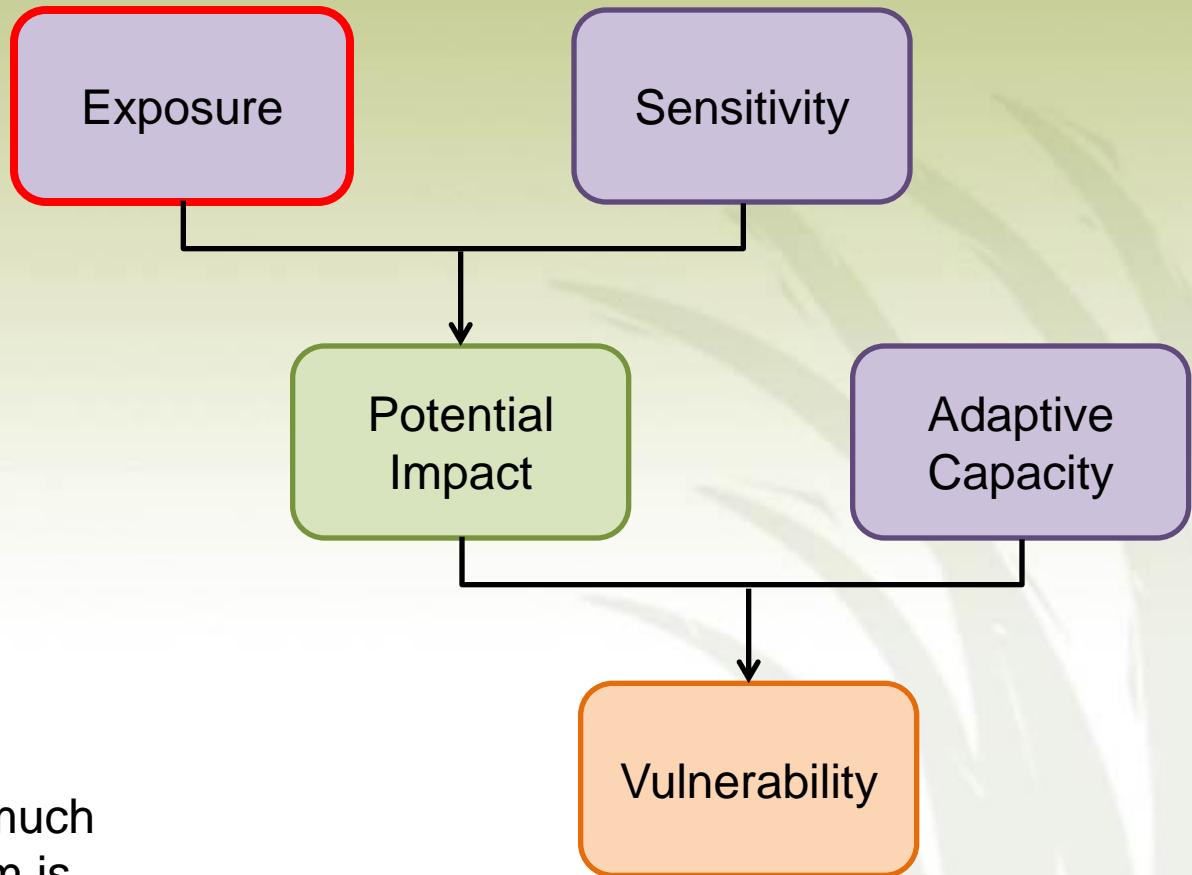
Inform the development of climate
adaptation strategies

Efficiently allocate scarce resources

Vulnerability Assessment Framework



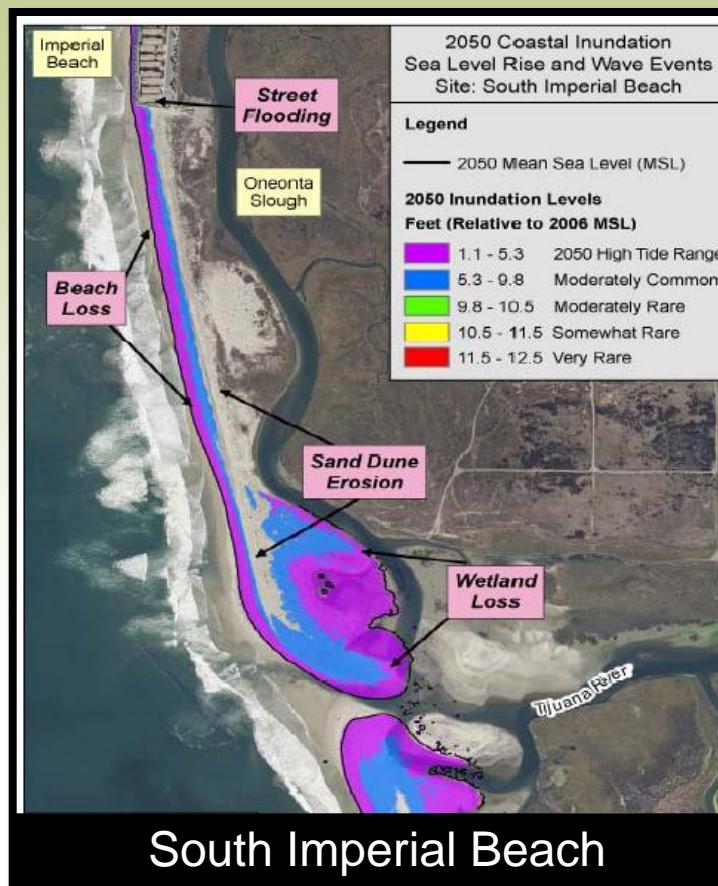
Vulnerability Assessment Framework



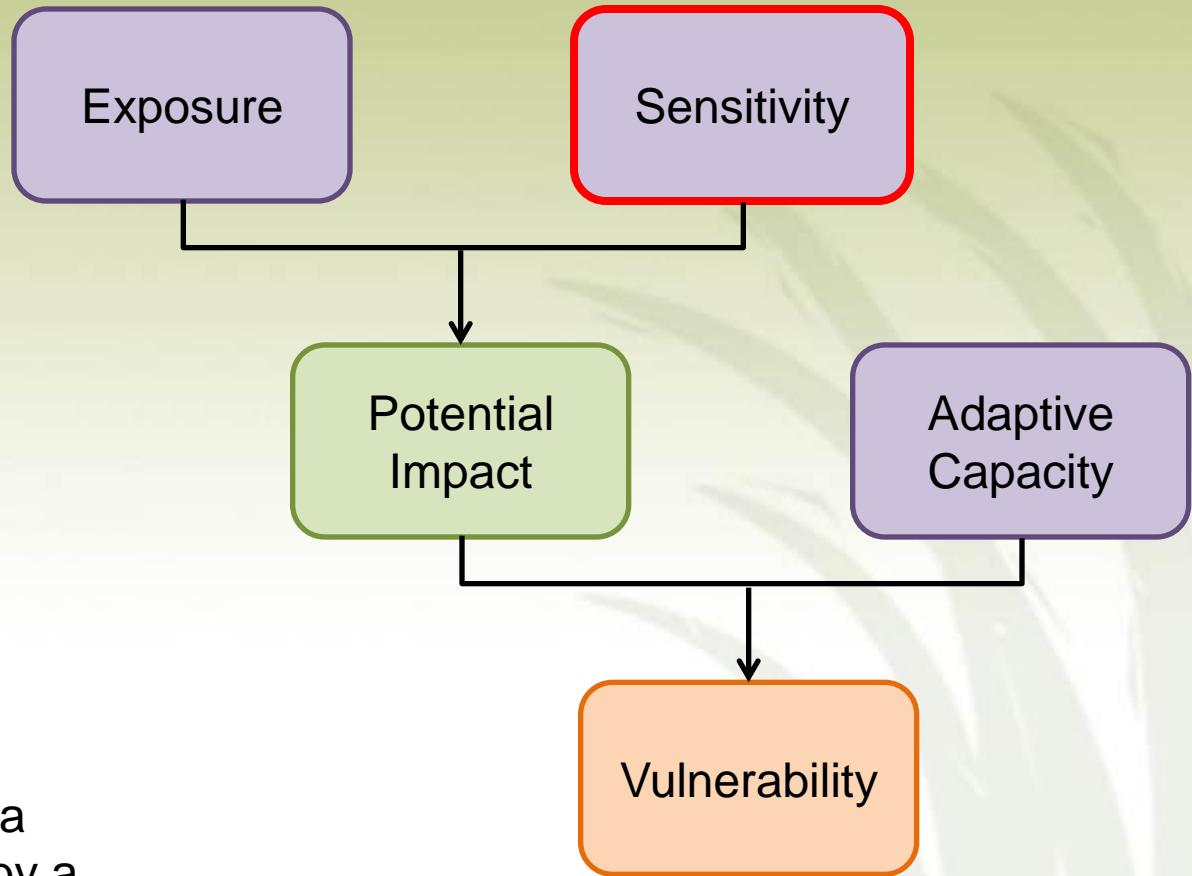
Exposure – measure of how much of a change in climate a system is likely to experience

Scanning the Conservation Horizon (2011), National Wildlife Federation.

Assessing Exposure



Vulnerability Assessment Framework



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Sensitivity – measure of how a system is likely to be affected by a given change in climate

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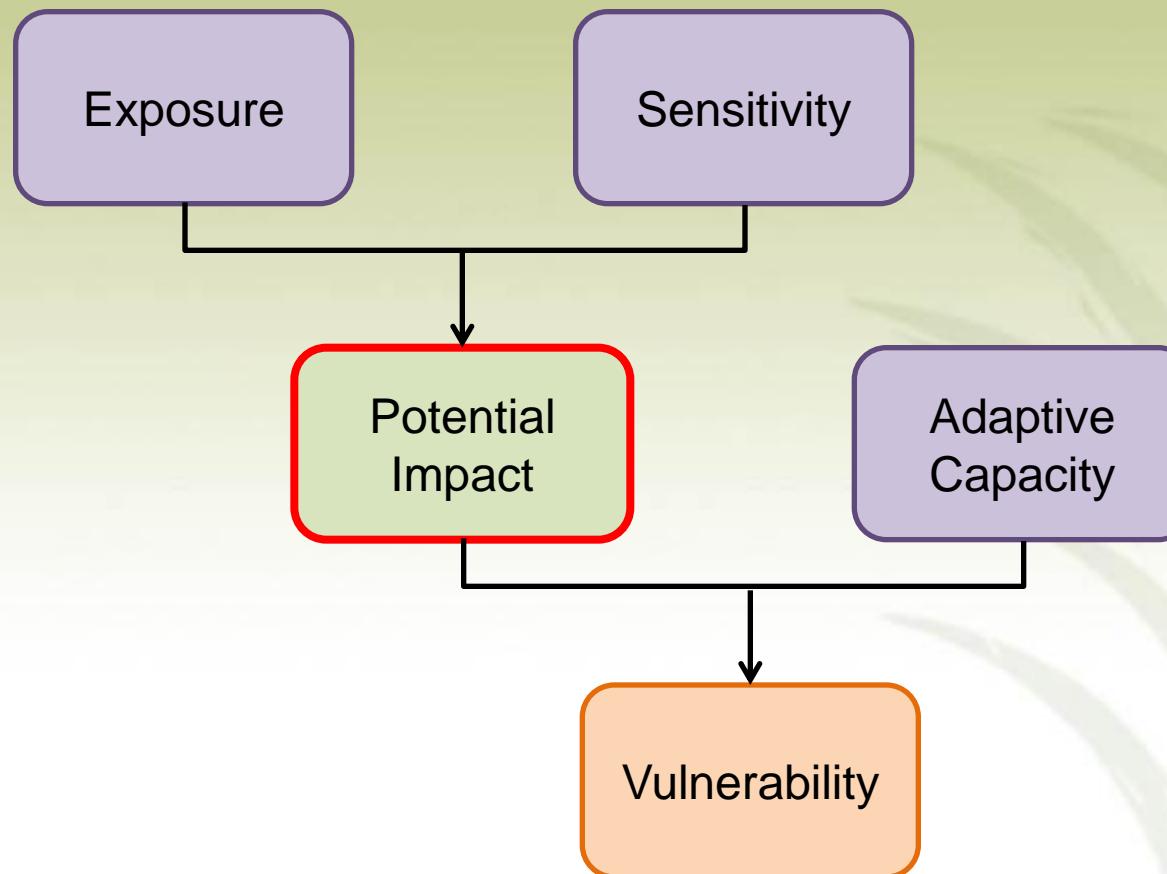
Assessing Sensitivity

Sensitivity Levels	
S0	System will not be impaired by the impact
S1	System will be minimally impaired by the impact
S2	System will be somewhat impaired by the impact
S3	System will be largely impaired by the impact
S4	System will be greatly impaired by the impact

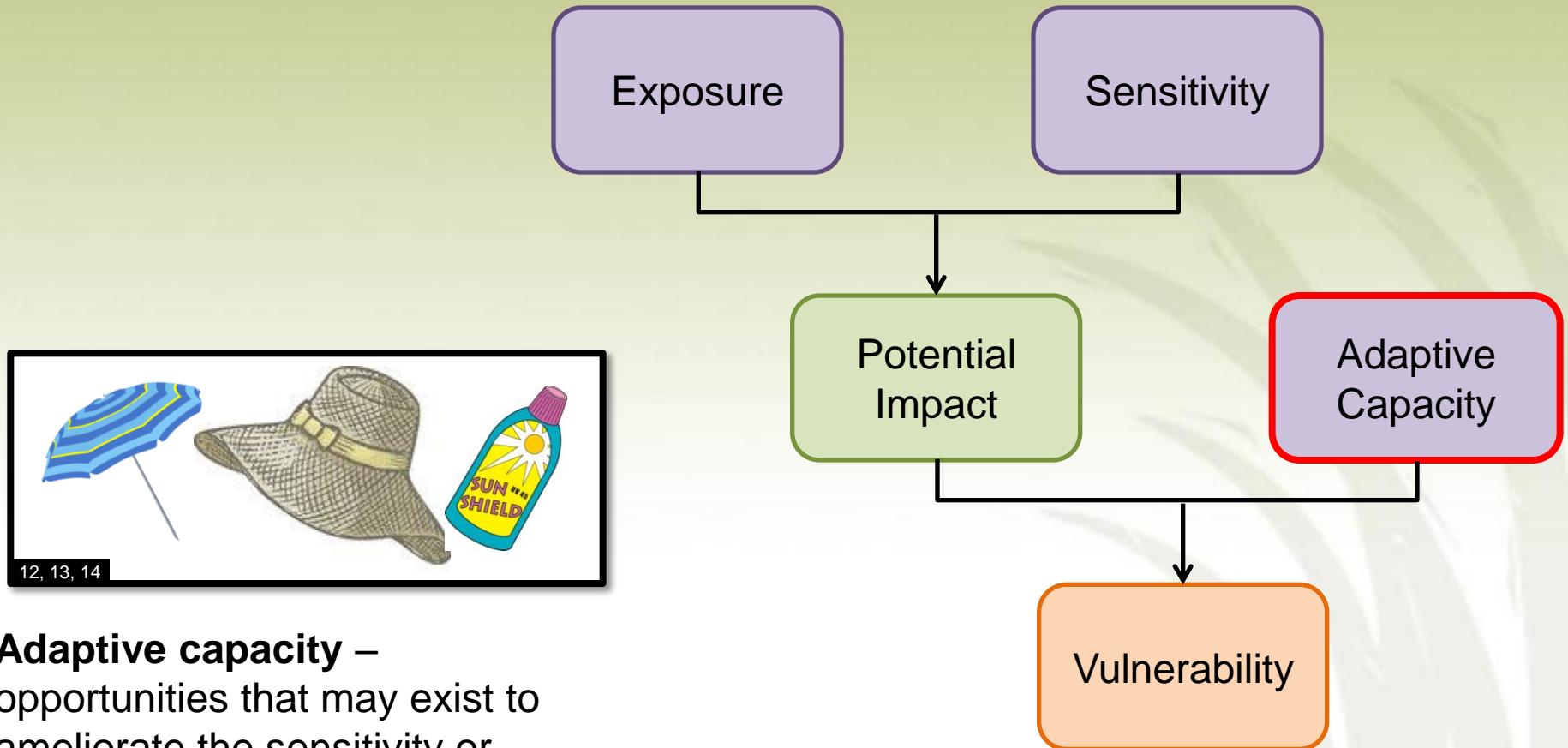
***7. Based on your previous answers and thoughts, what sensitivity level would you give your system for each of the following impacts:**

	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4
Flooding	<input type="radio"/>				
Erosion	<input type="radio"/>				
Salt water intrusion	<input type="radio"/>				
Water table rise	<input type="radio"/>				
Habitat or species shifts	<input type="radio"/>				

Exposure + Sensitivity = Impact



Vulnerability Assessment Framework



Adaptive capacity –
opportunities that may exist to
ameliorate the sensitivity or
exposure of a system

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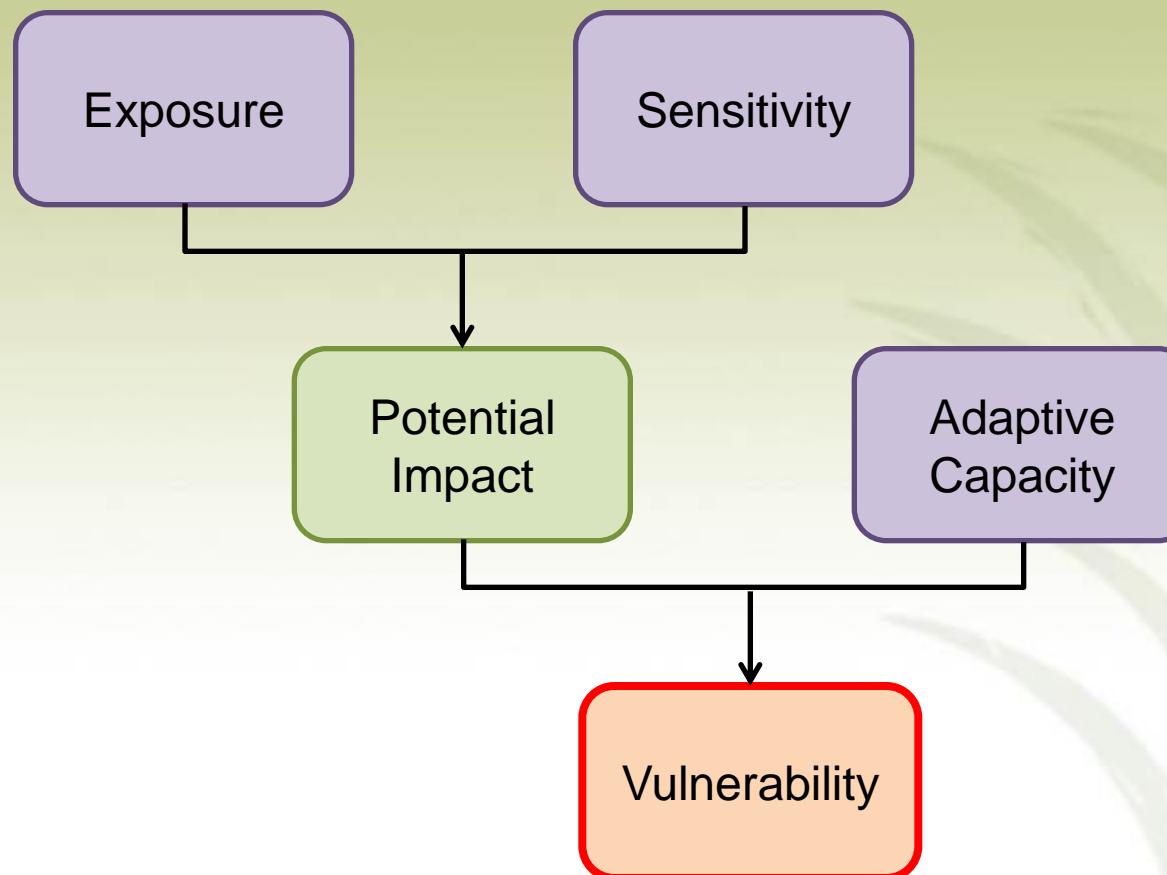
Assessing Adaptive Capacity

* 7. What level of resources does your system have in the following areas that will enhance its ability to be flexible and adapt in the long term?

	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Economic	<input type="radio"/>				
Environmental	<input type="radio"/>				
Governance	<input type="radio"/>				
Social	<input type="radio"/>				
Technology / Infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>				

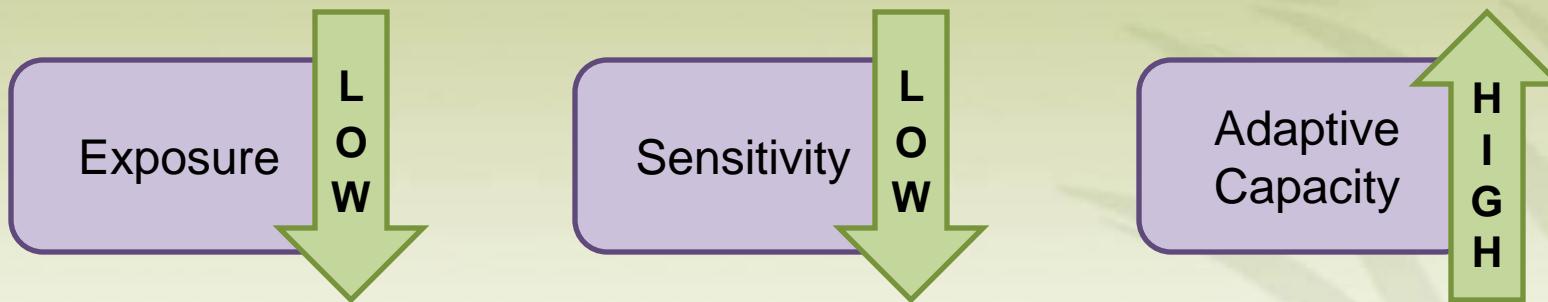


Impact + Adaptive Capacity = Vulnerability

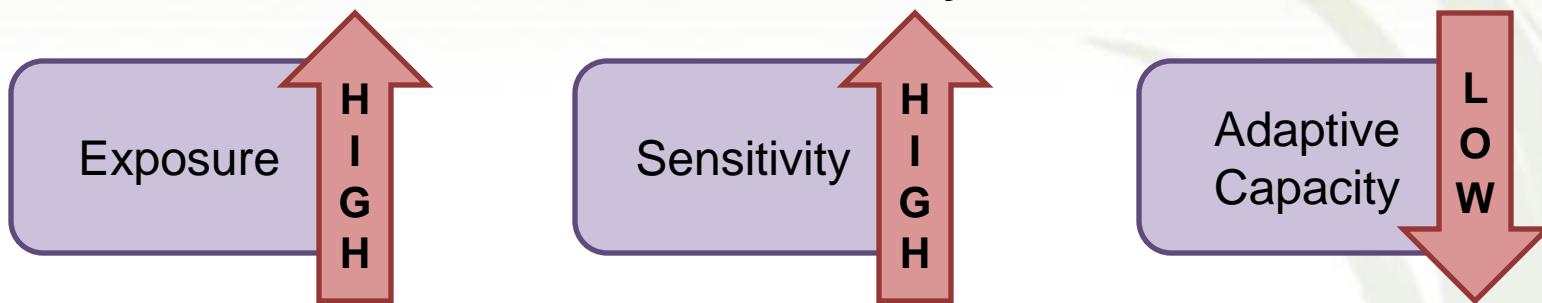


Resiliency

Most Resilient Systems



Least Resilient Systems



Non- Climatic Stressors

Sediment



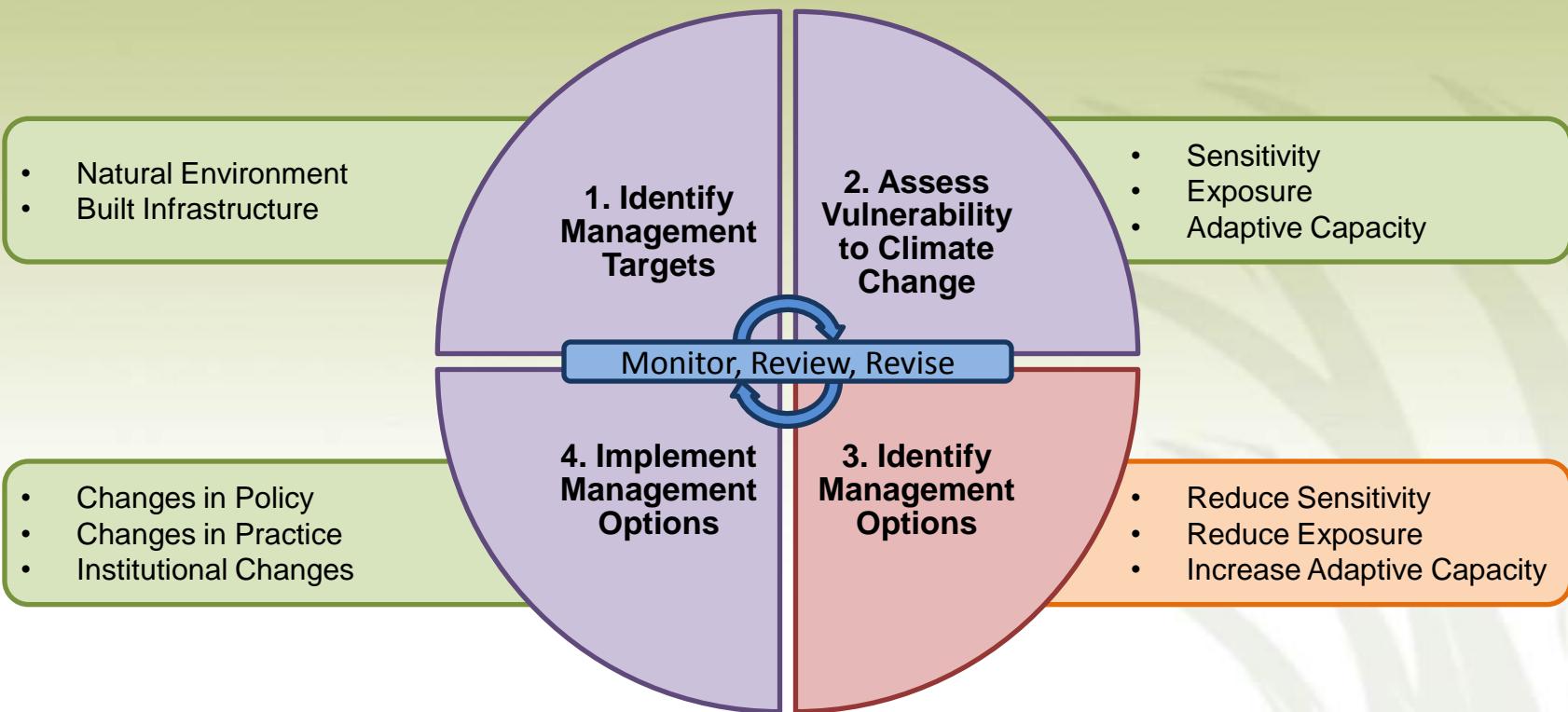
Pollution



Trash



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SLR Adaptation Strategies



Hard Shoreline Stabilization

- Bulkhead



Soft Shoreline Stabilization

- Wetland Restoration



Accommodation

- Beach Nourishment

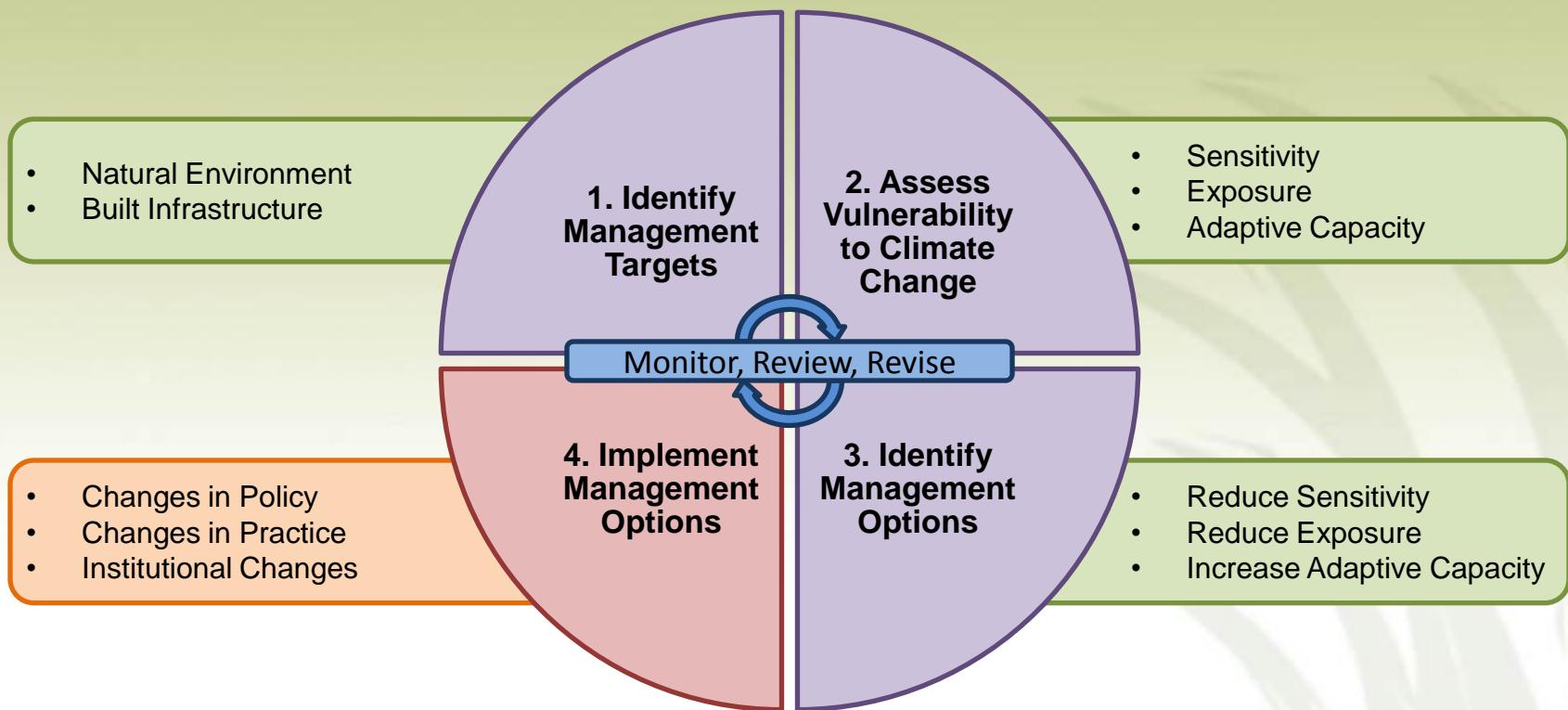


Withdrawal

- Setbacks & Zoning



Climate Adaptation Framework



Thank You!



QUESTIONS?



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