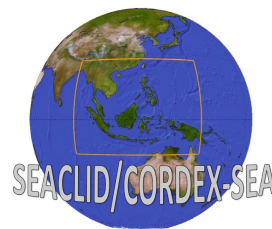


# CORDEX-SEA Multi-scales Climate Downscaling and Simulations for Impact Assessment

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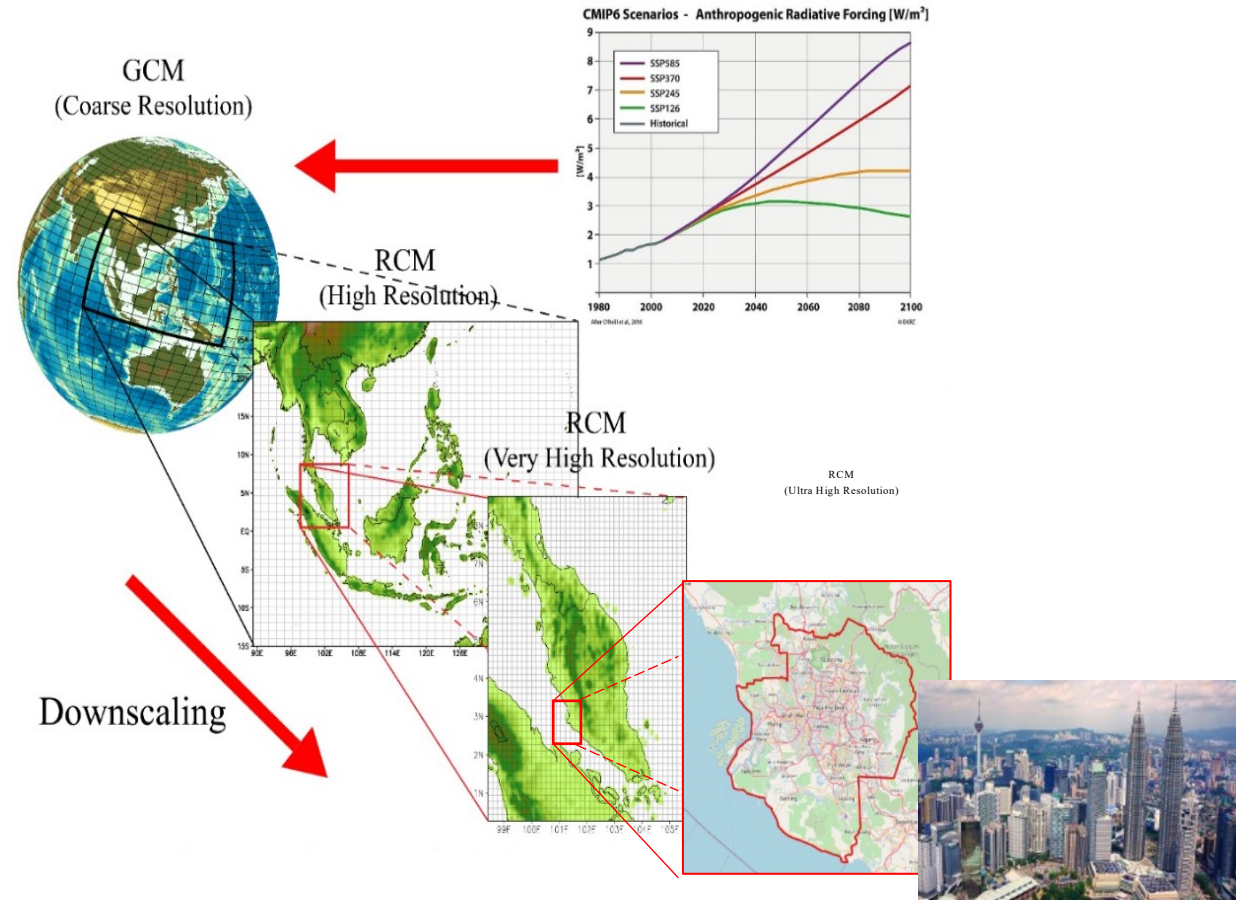
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# Climate Downscaling and CORDEX-SEA

- Local climate projection – facilitate local CC impact assessment.
- Global > Local scale– cascading of modeling processes.
- **Uncertainties** are introduced at each modeling levels.
- Run multiple downscaling simulations and create **ensemble with uncertainty ranges**.
- Practically **expensive** – multi agencies collaborations (regional and internationals)





# CORDEX-SEA Simulation Output

- Phase 1 (25 km, CMIP5 driven) > completed in 2017
- 18 different GCM/RCM couplet.
- >3500 simulation years.
- > 200TB of raw simulation out.
- Output (selected subset) distributed via ESGF @ <https://esgf.llnl.gov/>
- Phase 2 (5 km, subregions, CMIP5 driven) > completed in 2022.
- Phase 3 (25 km CMIP6 driven) > ongoing

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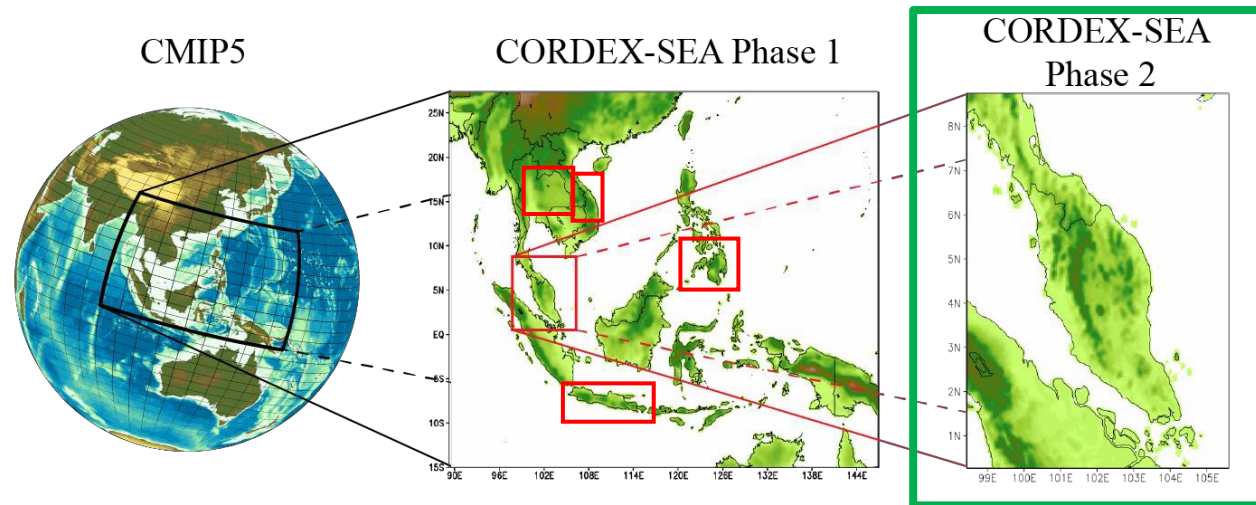
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# Simulations Information



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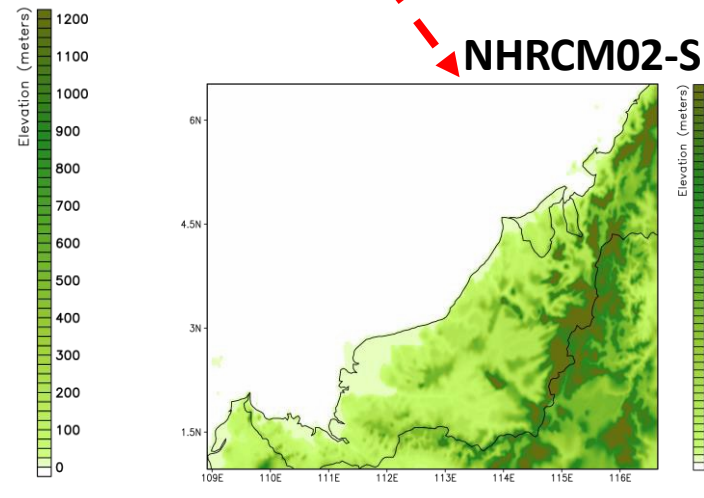
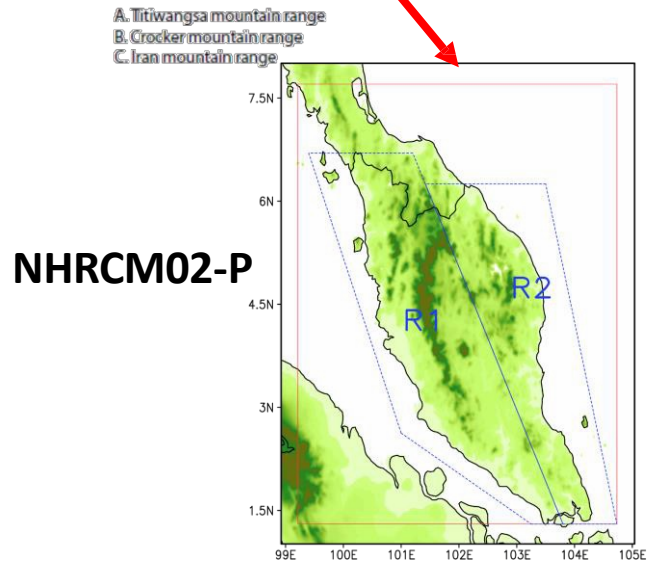
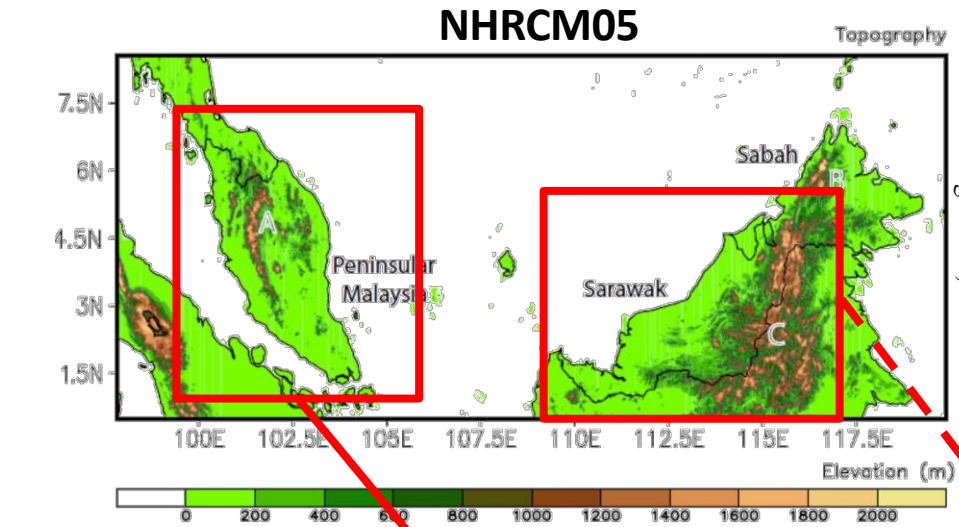


in preparing the model forcing fields

- Domain covers the **whole Peninsular Malaysia** (98.44 °E – 105.61°E, 0.26 °N – 8.76 °N)
- Downscaled **3 CMIP5 GCMs** (RCP4.5 & RCP8.5):
  - i. EC-EARTH (European's GCM)
  - ii. MPI-ESM-MR (German's GCM)
  - iii. HadGEM2-ES (UK's GCM)
- Time slice run: **1970 – 2005, 2011 - 2039, 2040 - 2069, 2070 – 2099**
- RCM used: **RegCM-NH version 4.7**
- Resolution: → **5km × 5km** (160 × 190 grids); ↑ **18 levels**
- All physical settings same as CORDEX-SEA phase 1 simulation except:
  - i. CPS: **MIT Emanuel (Land) + Kain Fritsch (Ocean)**;
  - ii. Land surface scheme: **CLM4.5**

The changes were in hope to reduce the strong wet bias in CORDEX-SEA phase 1 simulations

# Contributed Simulations by MRI Japan (via SOUSEI and TOUGOU)



Bonus run

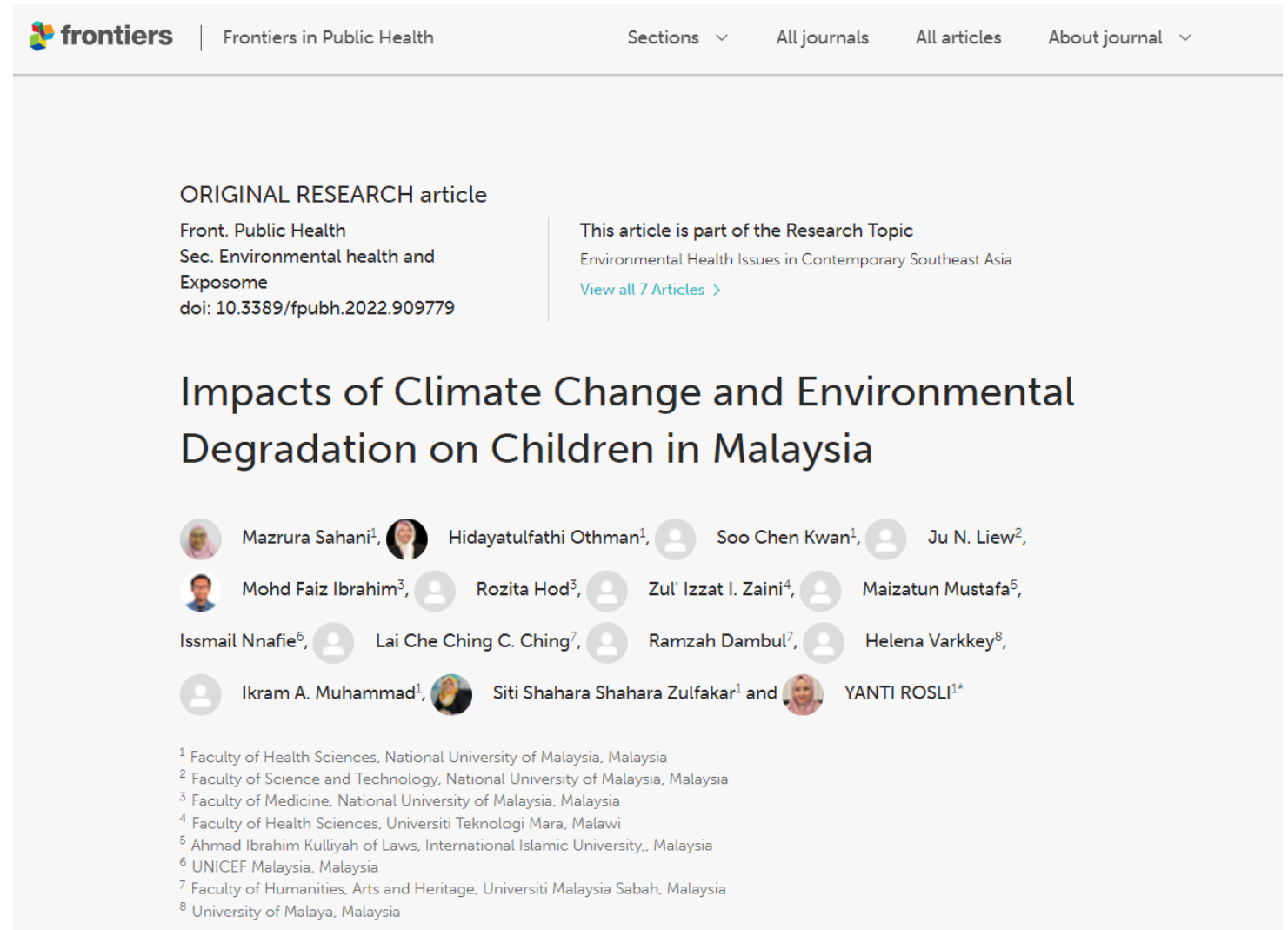
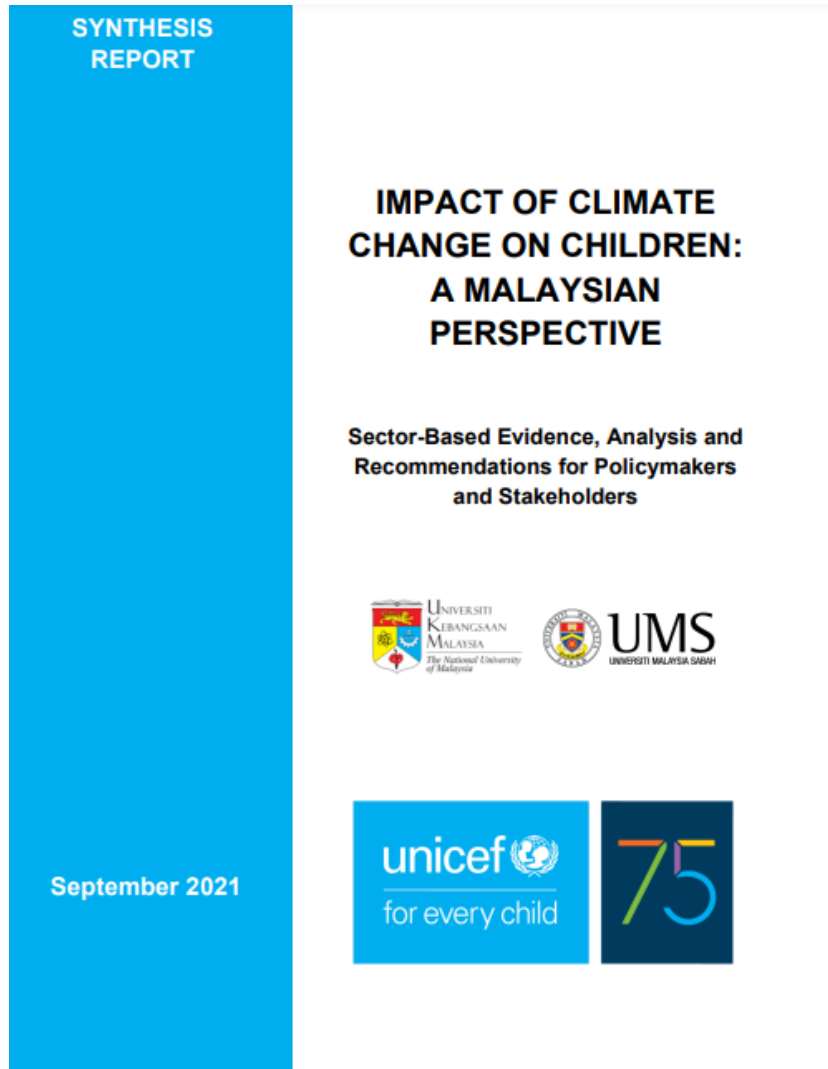
- 3 runs contributed:
  - **5km × 5km** (NHRCM05) – whole Malaysia
  - **2km × 2km** (NHRCM02-P) – Peninsular Malaysia
  - **2km × 2km** (NHRCM02-S) – East Malaysia (Sarawak)
- RCM used: MRI NHRCM
- Forced by **MRI-AGCM3.2** (20km × 20km), **RCP8.5**
- Time slice run: **1979 – 2002, 2079 – 2100**
- NHRCM05 uses modified Kain-Fritsch as its CPS, but **NHRCM02 is a convective permitting simulation.**

Result will not be discussed here.



# National/Local Projects That Make Use of CORDEX-SEA Datasets

# Impact of Climate Change on Children (UNICEF)





# Malaysia Port Climate Change Assessment



## Westports Climate Change Assessment

Evaluation of Climatic Changes and Initial Vulnerability Assessment

Final Report



- The CORDEX-SEA winds/pressure is used to drive the wave model.
- Rainfall and temperature extreme changes were analyzed to examine the future physical risk of the infrastructure investment.

# Impact of Climate Change on Oil Palm



## ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATES OF OIL PALM ASSOCIATED CLIMATE VARIABILITIES AND CHANGES AS WELL AS FUTURE PROJECTION IN MALAYSIA

FINAL REPORT

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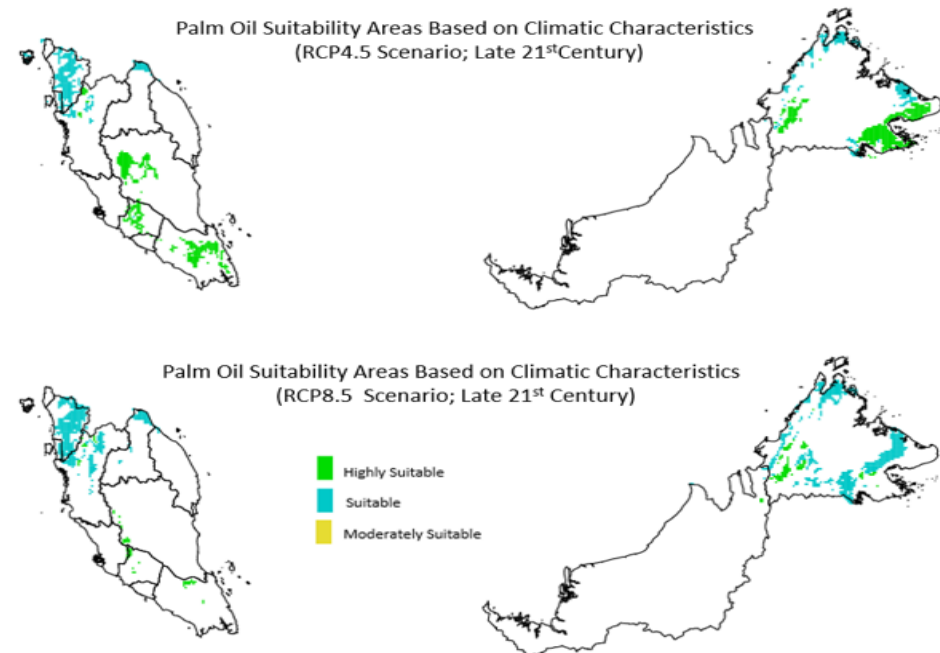
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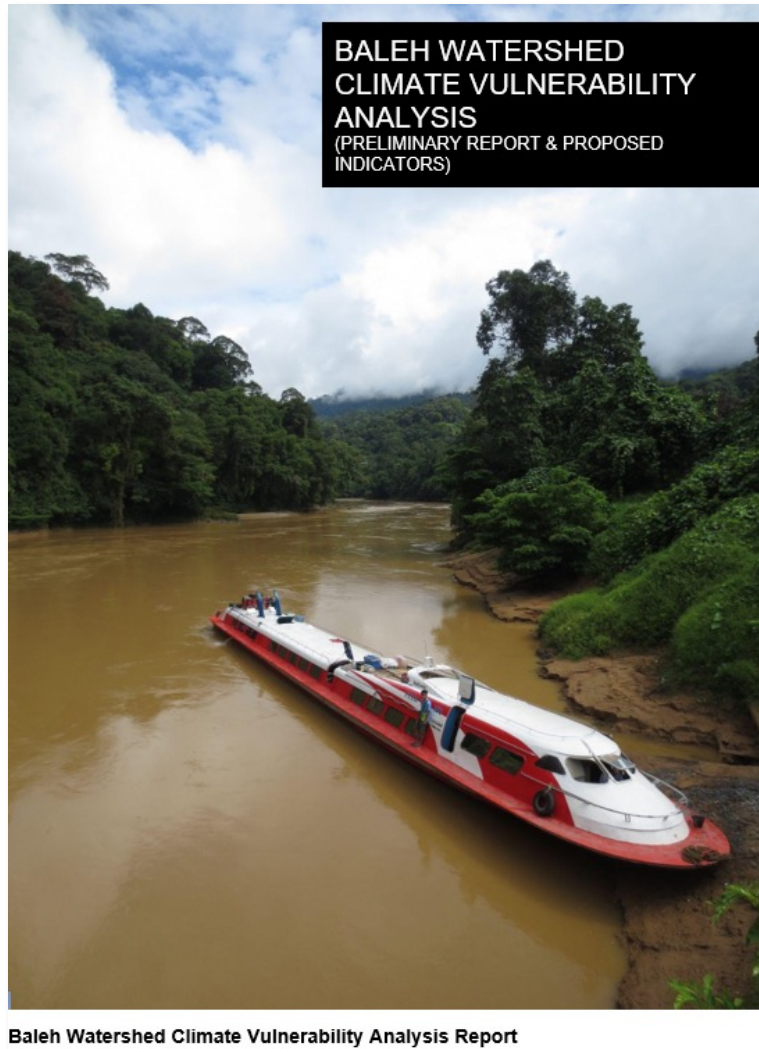
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- The CORDEX-SEA simulations are used to examine the changes of climate optimal for oil-palm growth.

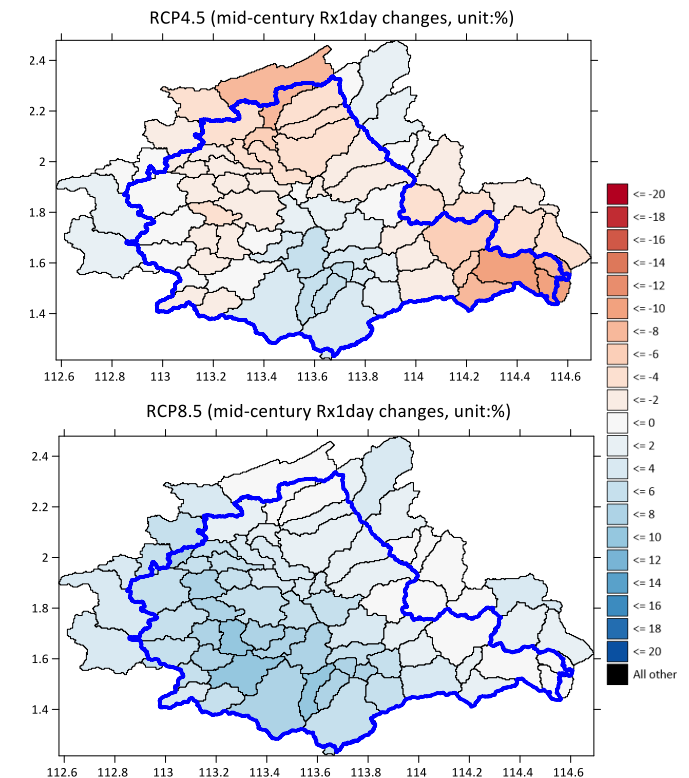
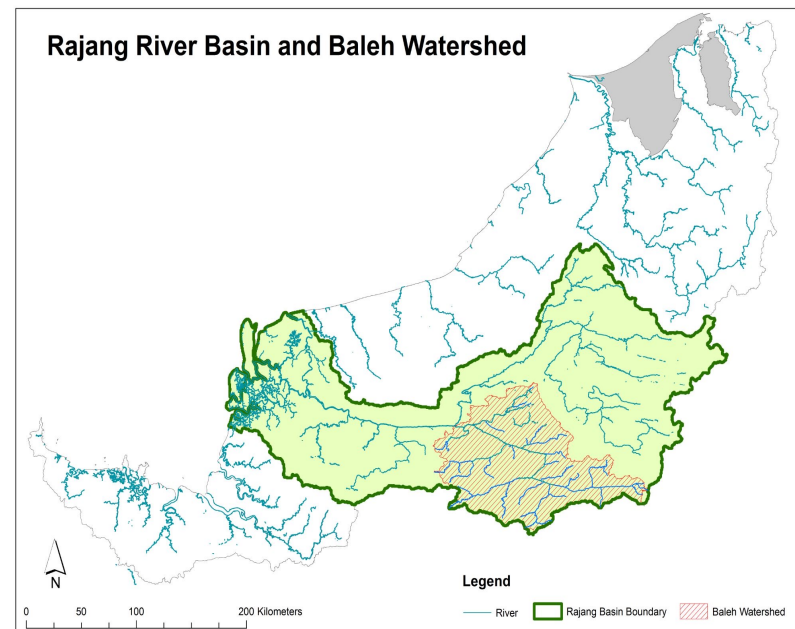
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# Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Integrated Watershed Management



- Changes in future climate extremes are overlaid with underlying watershed elements (land use, ethnography, socio-economy, ecology and environment and hydrology) to determine the vulnerability.



# Remarks

- Climate change projection information are mostly used 'qualitatively'.
- Lack of guideline on how the downscaled climate projection information can be used (sectoral specific).
- In general, lack of synergy between different research communities > difficulty in communicating data users and providers.
- Required more innovative tools to facilitate communications.

The End