

Building Resilience for Adaptation to CC in Agriculture

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Drivers of Change

Affecting biological processes

Pollution/Water quality
Climate
Acidification
Overfishing
Altered habitats
Etc...

Affecting human choices

Governance and politics
Legal systems
Technological change
Markets
Capital/labor flows
Demographics
Culture
Etc...

System



What CC changes?

- New risks and opportunities
- More variability
- Changes existing risks
- More uncertainty





Building resilience for adaptation to climate change in the agriculture sector

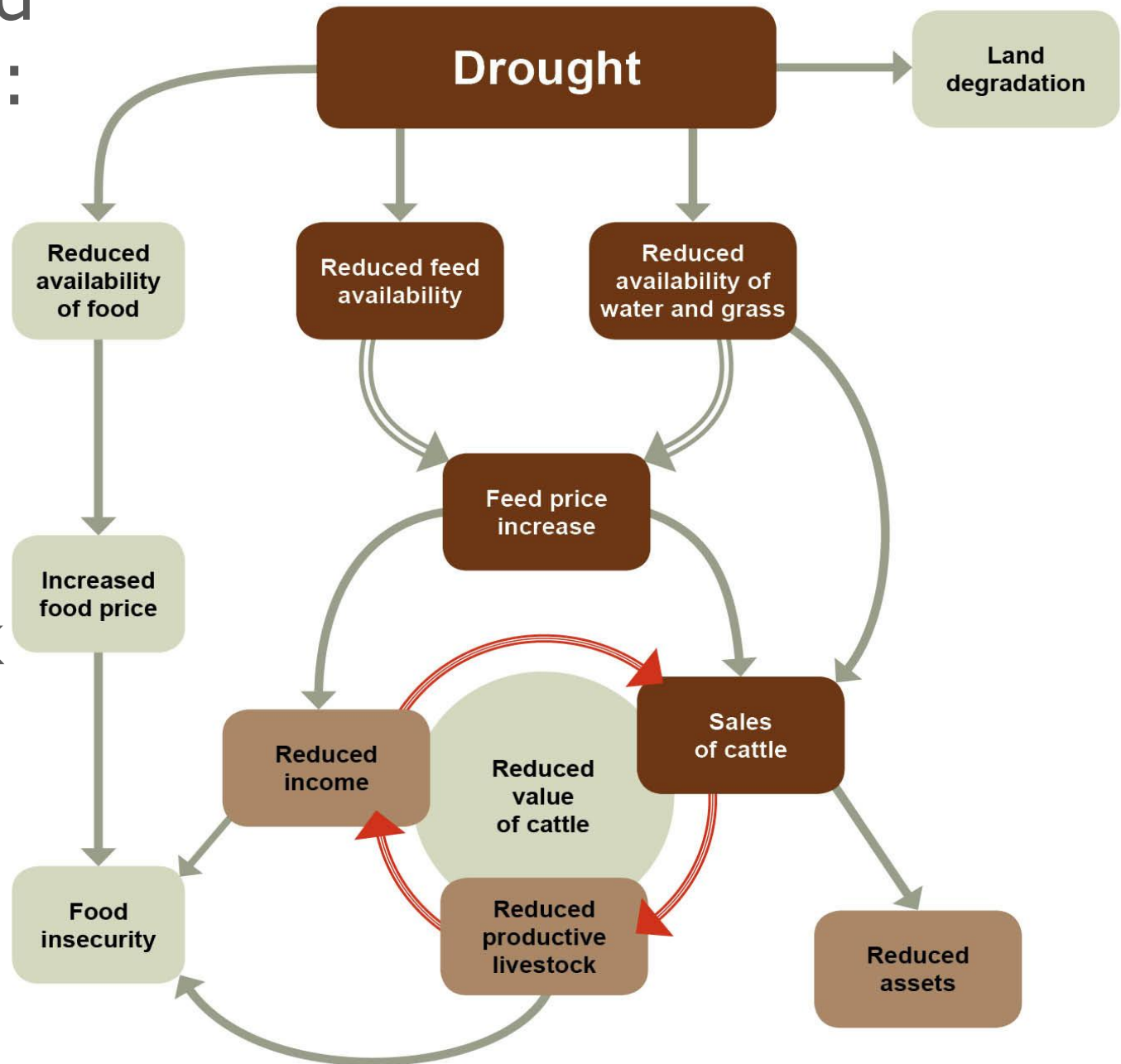
Proceedings of a Joint
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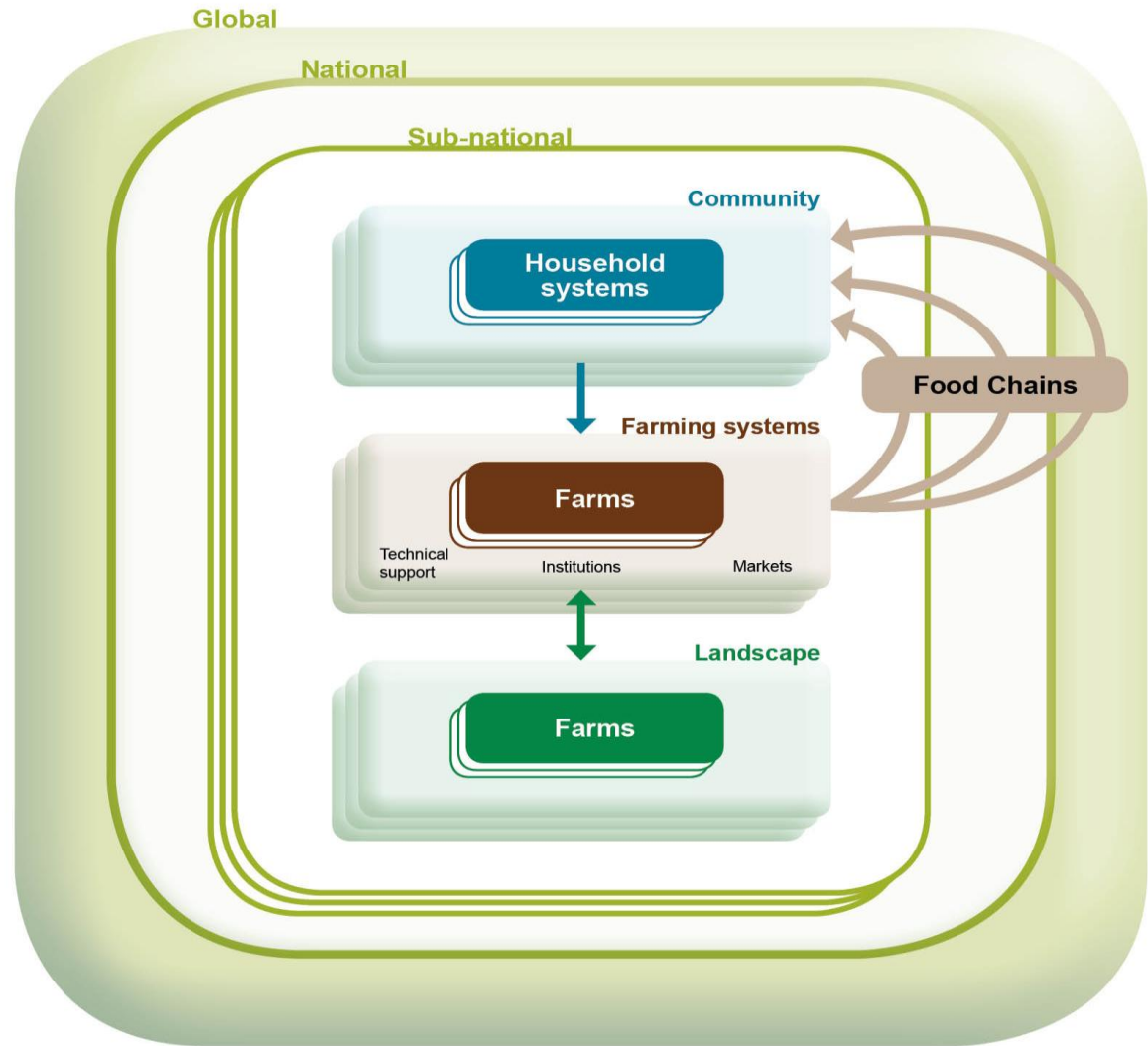
- Concepts
- Specific risks and risks management strategies
- Case studies
- National policies
- Different perspectives:
Biophysical, Economic, social
- Different scales

Risks and Systems:

Impacts of a drought on livestock grazing systems



Systems at different scales

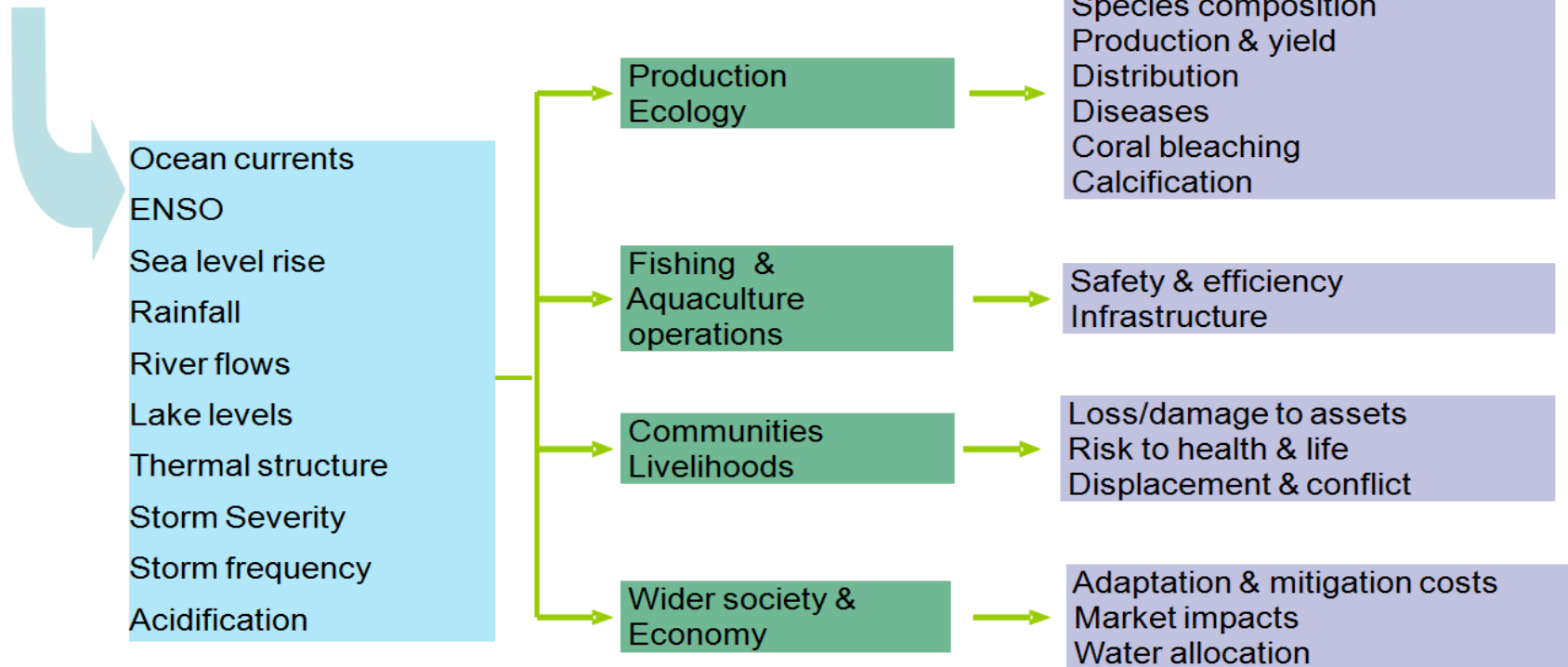


Climate change impacts on fisheries and aquaculture

Biophysical changes from global warming

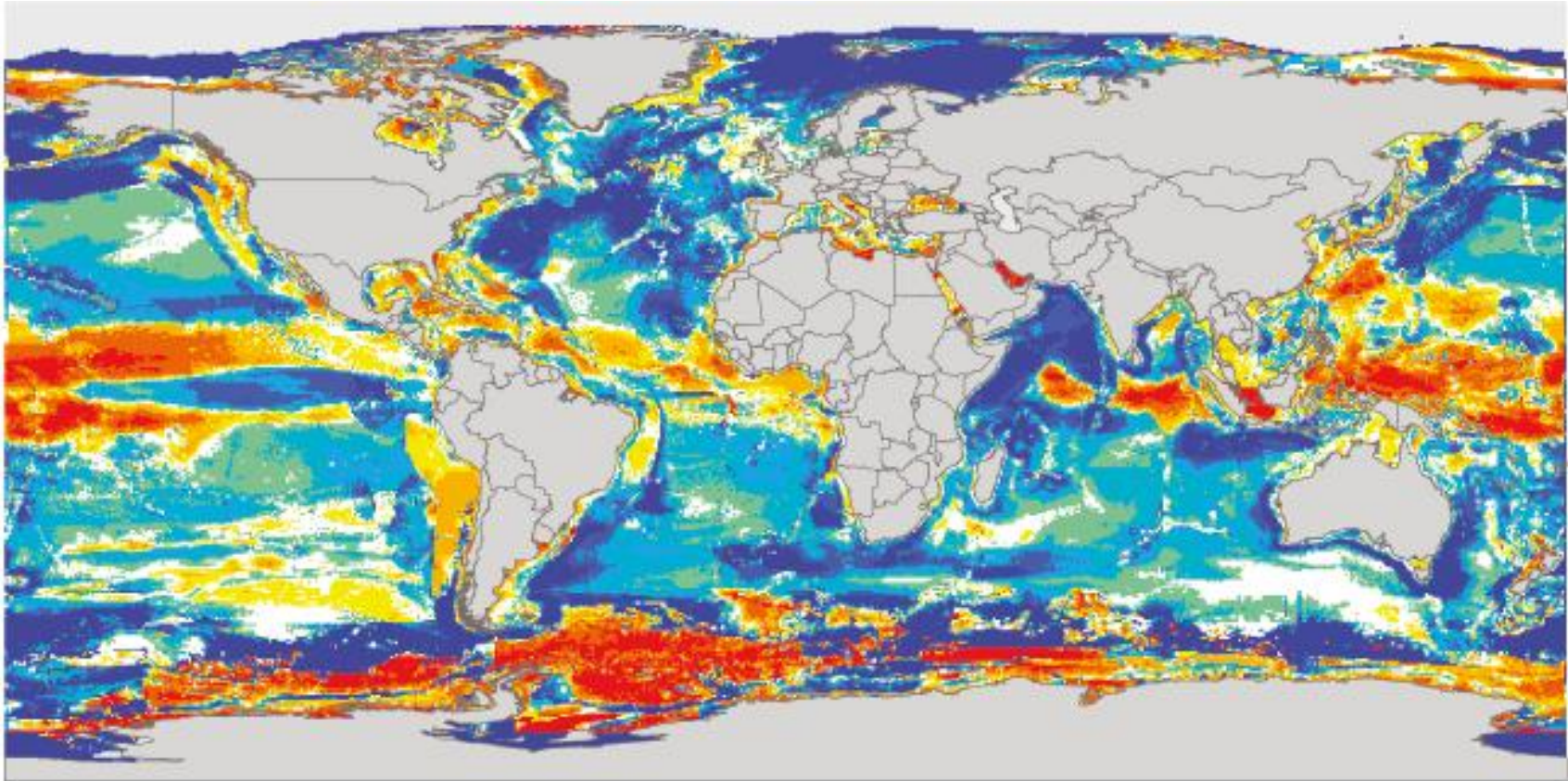
Effects on:

Impacts on:



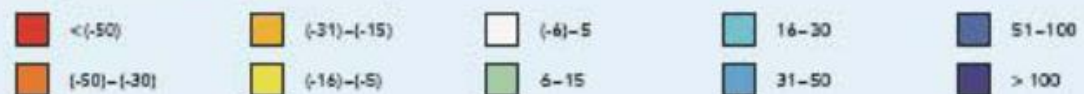
Badjeck et al, 2010

Predicted effects on fisheries' catch potential



Cheung *et al.* 2009

Change In Catch Potential (% relative to 2005)



Vulnerabilities and vulnerability

Vulnerability of "what" to "what":

SYSTEM or
COMPONENT(s)

which "bear" the
vulnerability

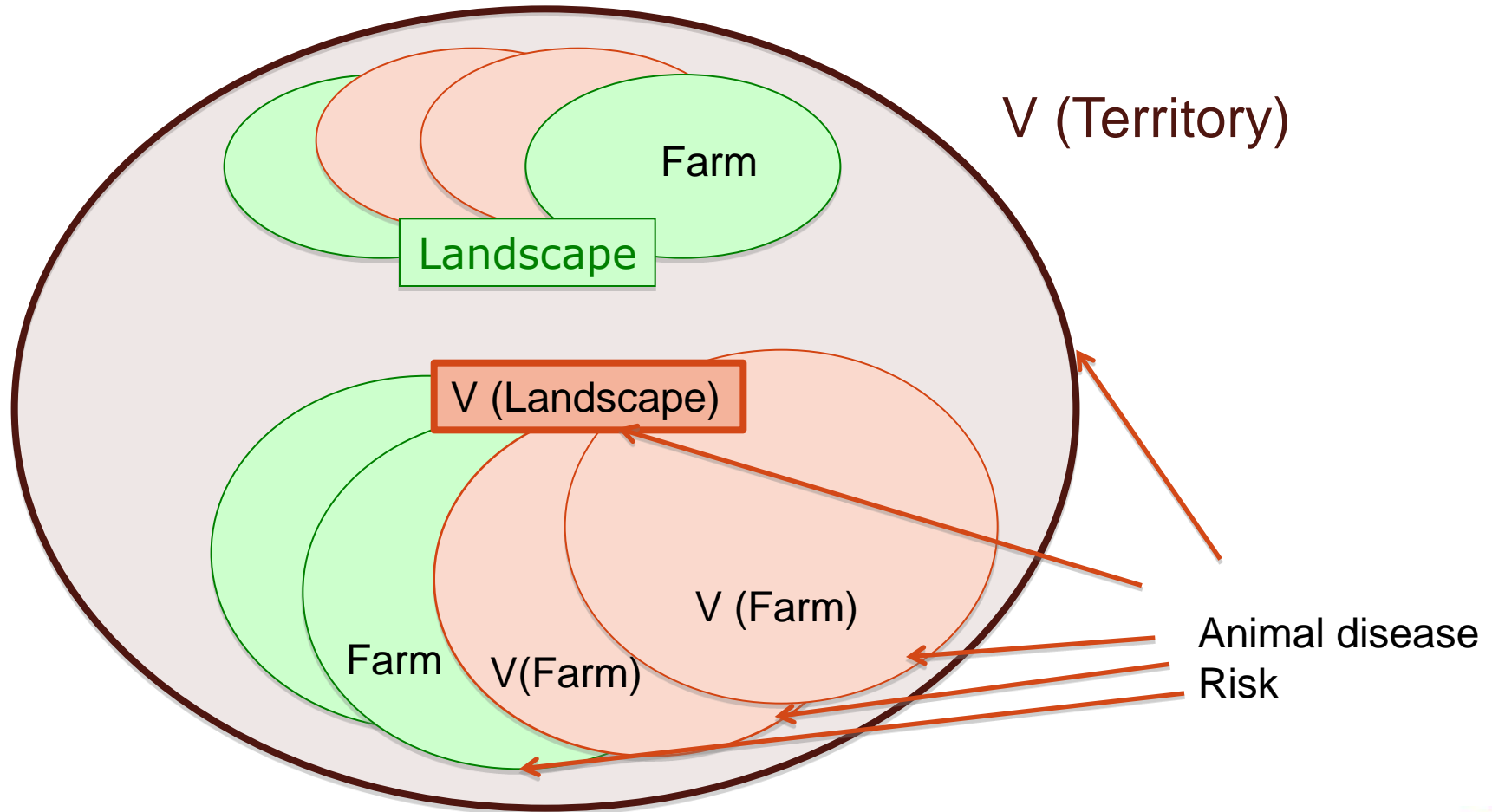
DOMAIN(s)

Variable/quality/dim
ension(s) which
characterize the
entry of the system
in an affected state

RISK or
SET of RISKS



Vulnerability at scales



Vulnerability at scales

Compounding effects

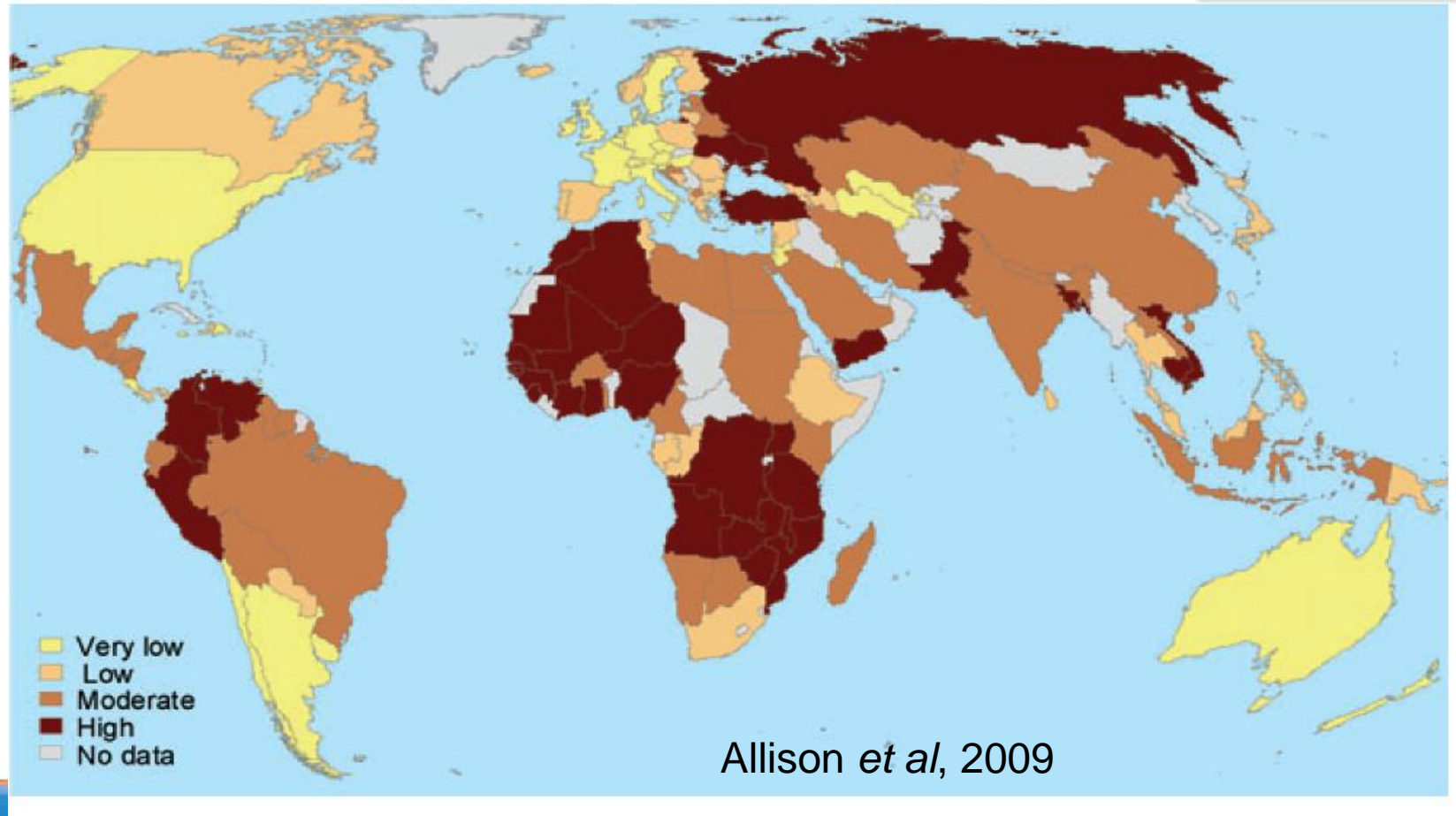
From one level to another, vulnerabilities can either :

- Add themselves (+)
- Compensate each other (- ÷ √)
- Amplify each other (×)

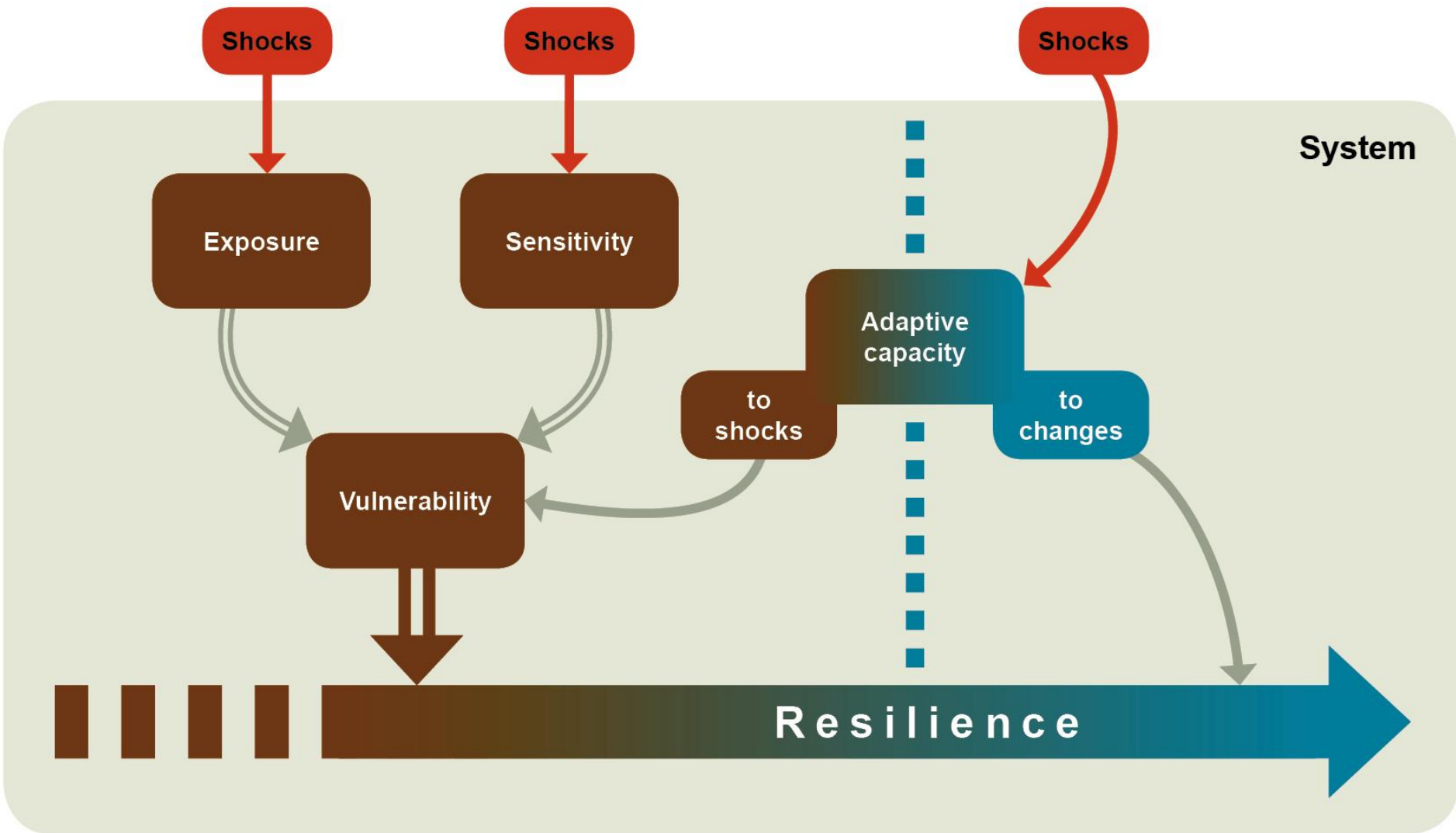


Understanding vulnerabilities: applied fisheries example

Global mapping of national economies' vulnerability to climate change impacts on fisheries



Resilience



Preparing and responding to the impacts: adaptation to climate change through broader vulnerability reduction

- Ecological, Economic and Social Resilience
 - implementation of systems approaches to agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture
 - livelihood diversification, flexible access rights, public and private insurance
- Technological innovation (seeds, species, IT, etc)
- Planned adaptation –policy coherence across sectors (e.g water, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, coastal zone management)
- Disaster preparedness and response



Key features of the systems approach: Basic Objectives



- Maintaining ecosystem integrity / ecological well being



- Improving human well-being and equity



- Promoting/enabling good governance

Comprehensive strategies to build resilience in a context of climate change

- Identify/understand all the risks, vulnerabilities, systems, dimensions, tools and their targets, and how CC act on them, is necessary prior to integration in a comprehensive approach towards resilience
- Reduce, or take account of amplification effects between risks
- Organize compensation



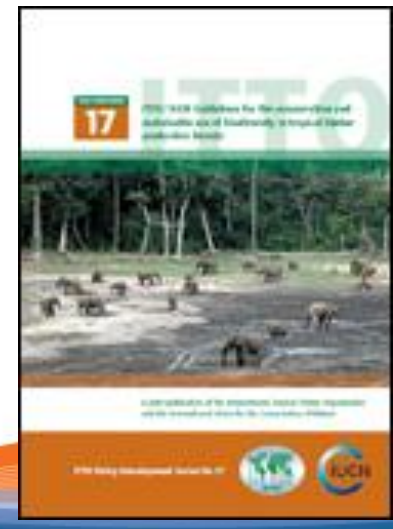
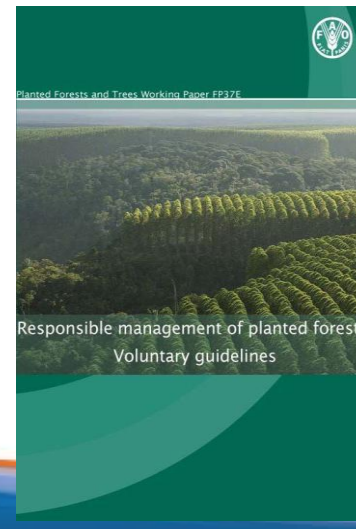
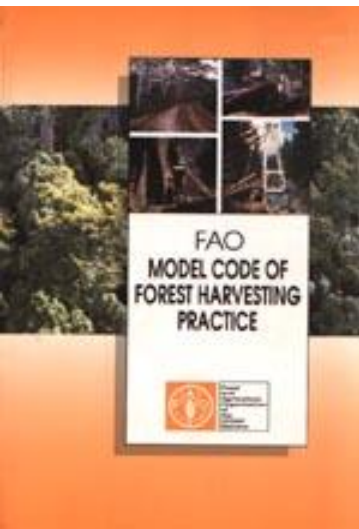
Building resilience in/through forestry



- **Maximize resilience of forest ecosystems**
- **Use forests and trees to increase human resilience**
- **Build resilient landscapes**
- **Adopt forest policies and build institutions conducive to resilience**



Tools to profile and manage risks



Building adaptive capacity to changes: address uncertainty

Diversification



Animal genetics

Genetic resources



Integrated watershed management



Jhikhu Khola, Nepal
Forests integrated in farming systems and in the landscape



Bodomo watershed, Faizabad District, Tajikistan.
Land use plan developed through a participatory process



Dryland agroforestry systems



Guinea. Mosaic of crop fields, pastures and houses with boundary trees and wind breaks



Mali. Parkland agroforestry systems. Acacia in sorghum fields, livestock in fields after harvest

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Policies & institutions supporting resilience



- Coordinated action and policies at national level
- Strong local institutions
- Capabilities for monitoring
- Support adaptive research

