A generalized conceptual framework for eco-environmental

vulnerability assessment at different scales and timespans

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Abstract: This paper introduces a generalized conceptual framework for evaluating

eco-environmental vulnerability due to any influential variables of interest, including nature and

manmade disturbances. Freely accessible remote sensing and census dataset are used to derive the

driving variables with aid of Geographical Information System (GIS). Analytic Hierarchy Process

(AHP) or Machine Learning (ML) can be applied to judge the importance and assign the weights

of the influential variables. The designed framework is well suitable for eco-environmental

assessment at a various spatial scale and a useful tool for assessing and monitoring long-term

eco-environmental status due to any impacting factors. Finally, we present results of some case

studies that utilize the generalized framework for eco-environmental vulnerability assessment in

Vietnam, Indonesia and global scale due to nature and human disturbances.

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