

Climate vulnerability indicators: Diversity of views in the Congo Basin

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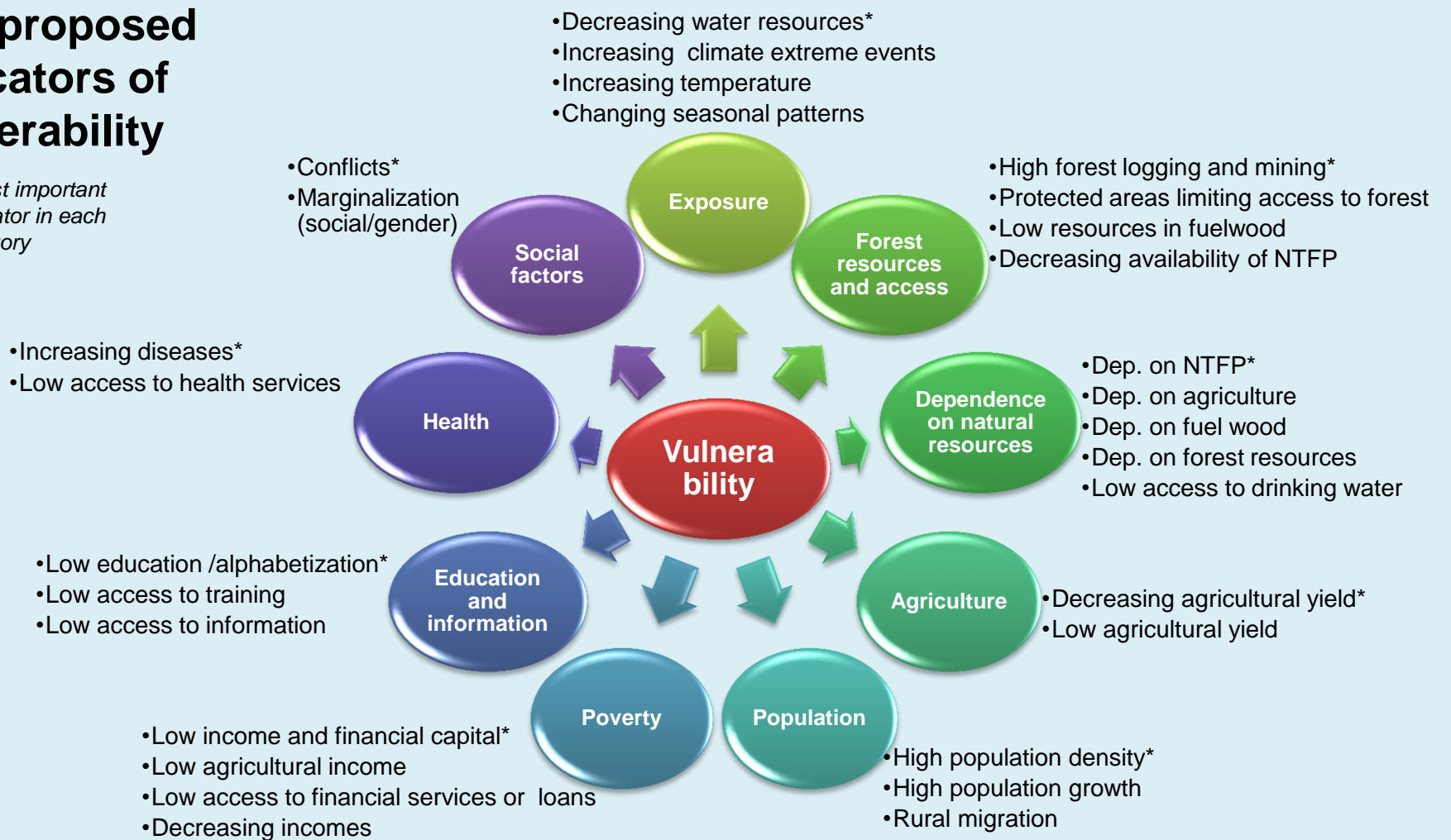
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Introduction

- Vulnerability: multidimensional concept with diverse interpretations
- Need for indicators: guide the development of adaptation policies, prioritize action, design and monitor projects
- Method: during a workshop with policy-makers, representative of NGOs, scientists (55 participants): (1) group discussion on indicators of community vulnerability to climate in the Congo Basin, (2) plenary discussion on indicators; (3) individual survey (each participant selects 1 or 10 indicators and ranks them).

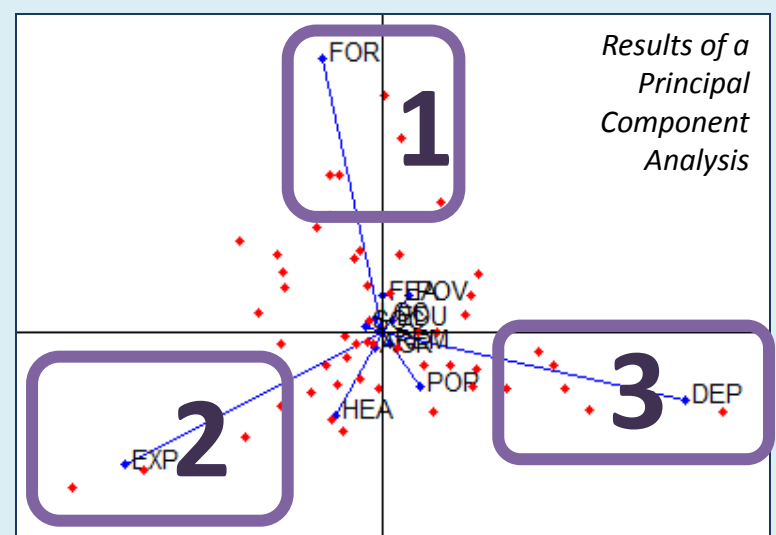
The proposed indicators of vulnerability

* Most important indicator in each category



Three contrasting views on vulnerability

1. **Focus on natural resources:** focus on forest degradation, deforestation, and access to resources.
2. **Focus on exposure:** climate risks and direct impacts on human health
3. **Focus on livelihoods:** dependence on natural resources, population, poverty, and health.



Conclusion

- Diversity of perceptions and understanding
- Approach useful to decision-making process