

A Systematic Framework for GIS based Natural Hazard Assessment



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What?

+ GIS Model

Why?
Where?

+ Trigger

When?

How?

How Much?

Increasing clarity
increasing cost per sq. km

1. State of Nature Maps



No forecasting

State of nature maps are layers such as surficial geology, slope angle, bedrock type, slope aspect etc.



2. Hazard Inventory

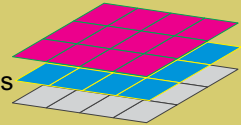


No forecasting

Inventory consists of dangers which are described by their mechanics, geometry, size and intensity. The minimum requirements for the inventory include hazard type, geographic co-ordinates, photograph, unique name, observation date, magnitude, and activity.

- Index Overlay Model
- Fuzzy Logic Model
- Bayesian Weights of Evidence Model
- Hazard Inventory is used for calibration

- Deliverables:**
- Density Maps
 - Activity Maps
 - Distribution Maps



3. Hazard Susceptibility



Forecasting in terms of area, not time.

Relative probability that a danger will occur within a given area

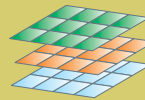
Deliverables: - Hazard Susceptibility Maps

4. Triggering Potential

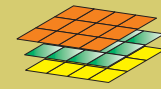
Absolute Frequency Understood



Relative Frequency Understood



Hazard Assessment Maps



Hazard Potential Maps

Absolute probability that a danger of a certain size will occur in a certain period of time.

Relative probability that a danger will occur within a given area from a triggering mechanism



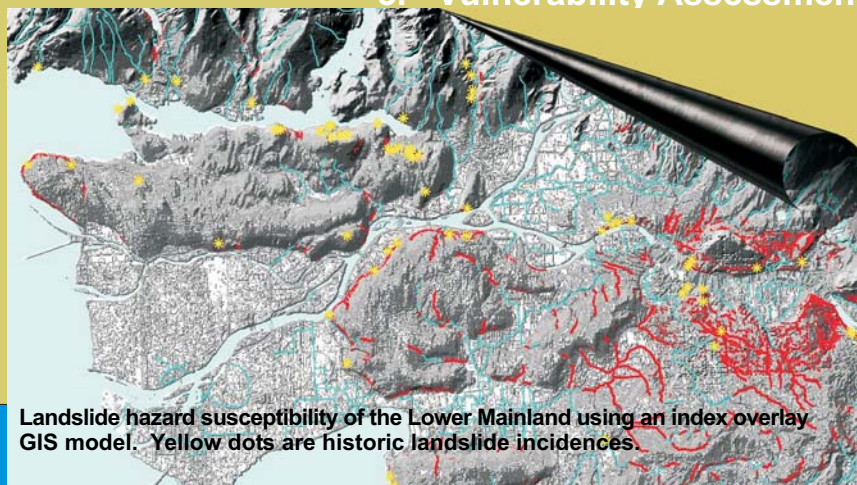
Forecasting in terms of area and time.



Forecasting in terms of area, not time.

5. Vulnerability Assessments

How are the elements impacted by the hazard. Assessments include runout analysis and retrogression analysis



Landslide hazard susceptibility of the Lower Mainland using an index overlay GIS model. Yellow dots are historic landslide incidences.

Risk

