

# Scanning the Conservation Horizon

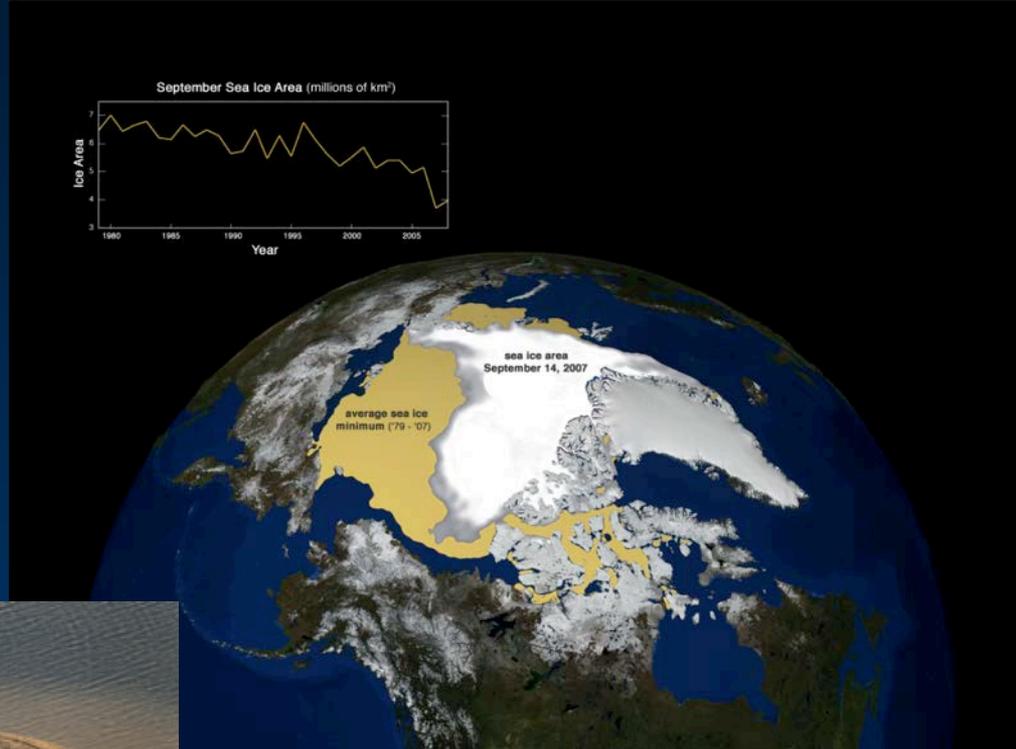
*A Guide to Climate Change  
Vulnerability Assessment*



## Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Training Course

### Overview of Vulnerability Assessment

# The Future is Now



# Adaptation Defined

Initiatives and measures designed to *reduce the vulnerability* of natural and human systems against actual or expected climate changes

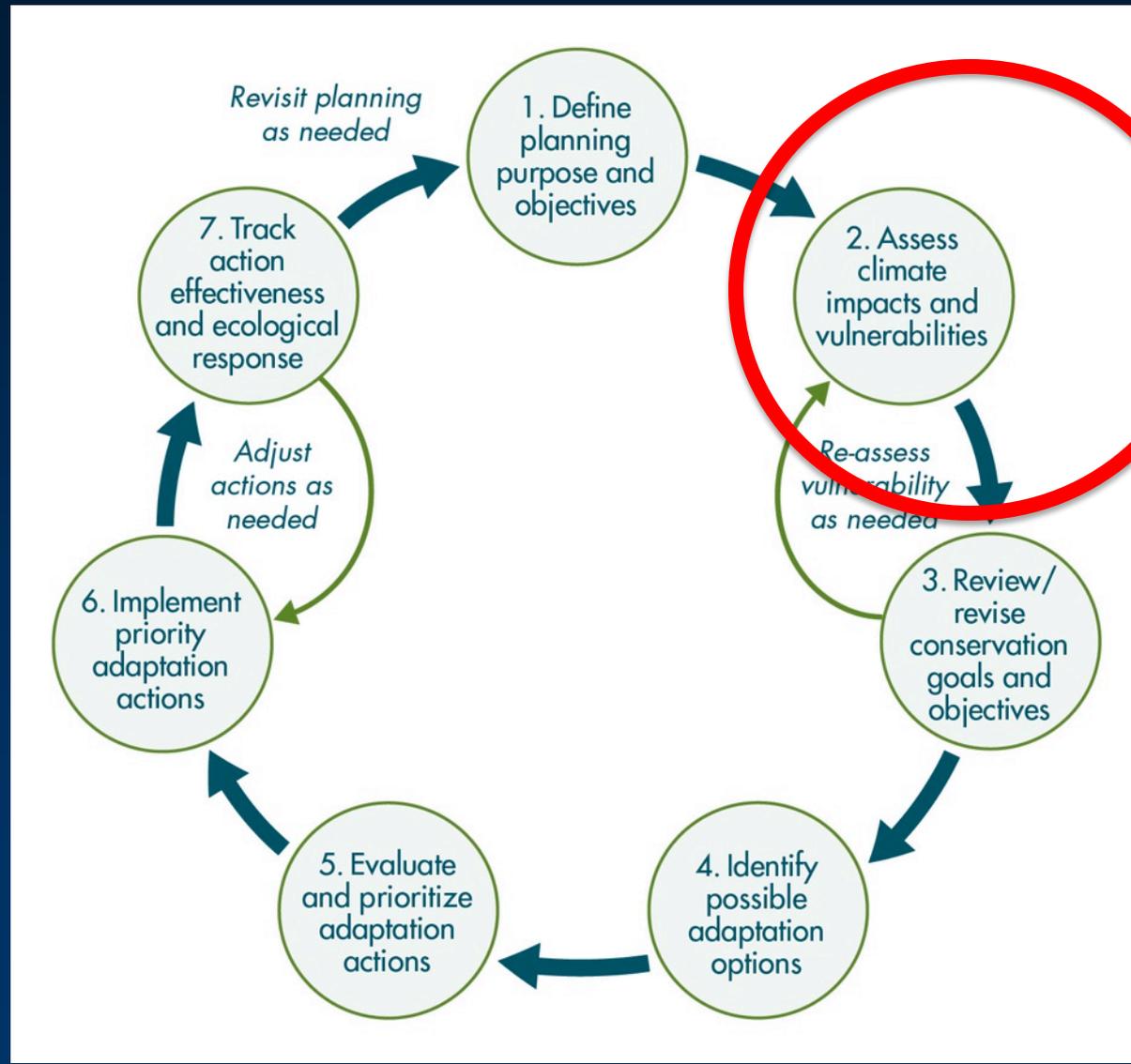


Adaptation



Adaptive Management

# Climate-Smart Conservation Cycle



# Defining Vulnerability

The extent to which something is susceptible to harm from climate change impacts

- *What* things are most or least vulnerable
- *Why* they are vulnerable



# Why Assess Vulnerability?

VAs can help build or inform:

- Management plans and priorities
- Adaptation strategies and actions
- Allocation of scarce resources
- Staff capacity for climate smart thinking

What VAs *don't* do:

- Make decisions for you



# Key Course Objectives

- Understand VA in context of adaptation planning
- Evaluate factors influencing vulnerability and how they affect an assessment
- Understand strengths and limitations of approaches
- Ability to design a VA applicable to your needs
- Ability to interpret and disseminate results