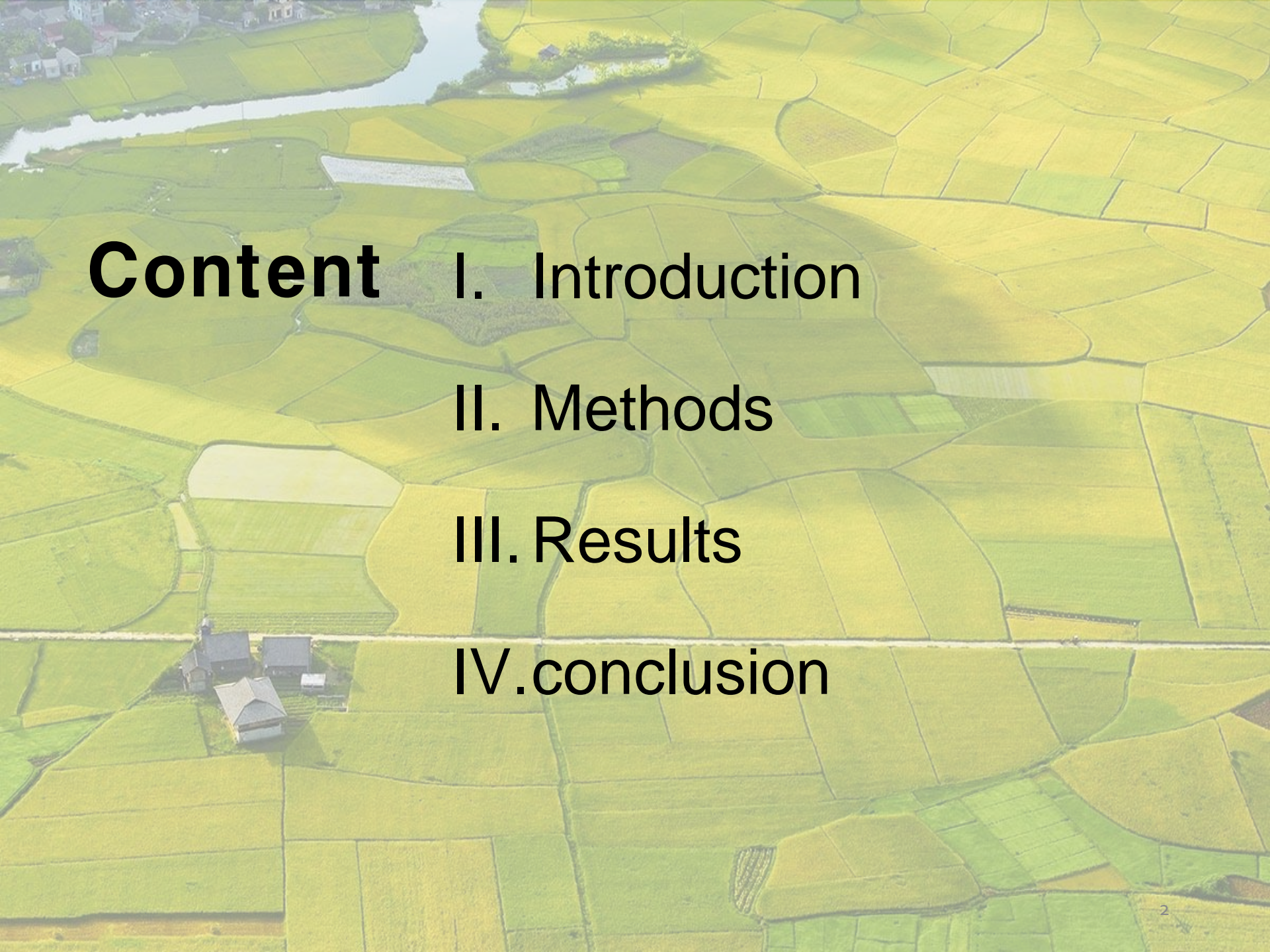




# Rice Paddy Ecosystem services for Climate Change using land use and climate change scenarios

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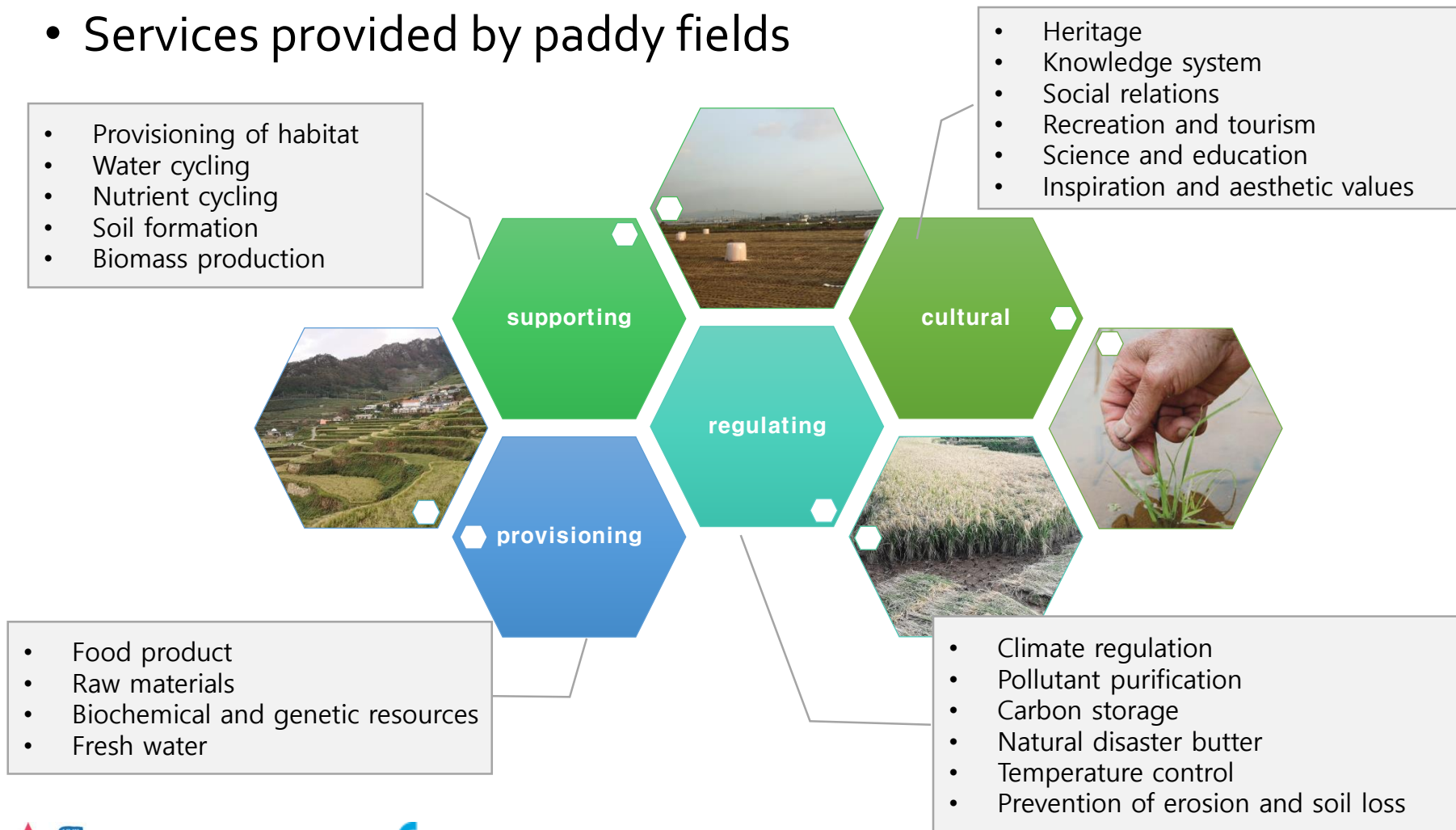
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# I. Introduction



# Ecosystem Services

## • Services provided by paddy fields



# Land Cover Changes

- Land cover changes by time

	Urban	Agriculture	Forest	Grass	Wetland	Bare soil	Water
1980s	2.09	<b>23.58</b>	66.34	3.75	0.86	1.29	2.08
1990s	3.42	<b>21.62</b>	66.25	4.32	0.49	1.68	2.21
2000s	6.29	<b>19.34</b>	63.51	7.16	0.33	1.21	2.15

%

KEI(2019)

- Land transformation from agricultural land cover (1989-2009)

km<sup>2</sup> (%)

1989 \ 2009	Urban	Agriculture	Forest	Grass	Wetland	Bare soil	Water	Changes
agriculture	2,752 (11.6)	<b>15,664</b> <b>(65.8)</b>	3,358 (14.1)	537 (2.3)	303 (1.3)	605 (2.5)	568 (2.4)	-8,124 (34.2)

**23,788**



KEI(2016)

# II. Method



# ES and Models

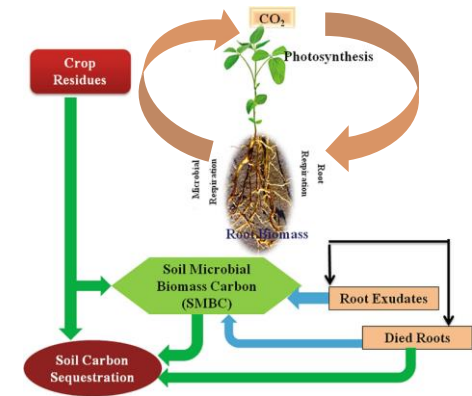
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- Selected ecosystem services
  - Soil carbon storage
  - Fresh water provision
- Integrated Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Trade-offs (InVEST)
  - Carbon Storage model
  - Annual Water Yield model

InVEST: The Natural Capital Project, Stanford University et al. 2018. <https://naturalcapitalproject.stanford.edu/>

# Soil Carbon Storage

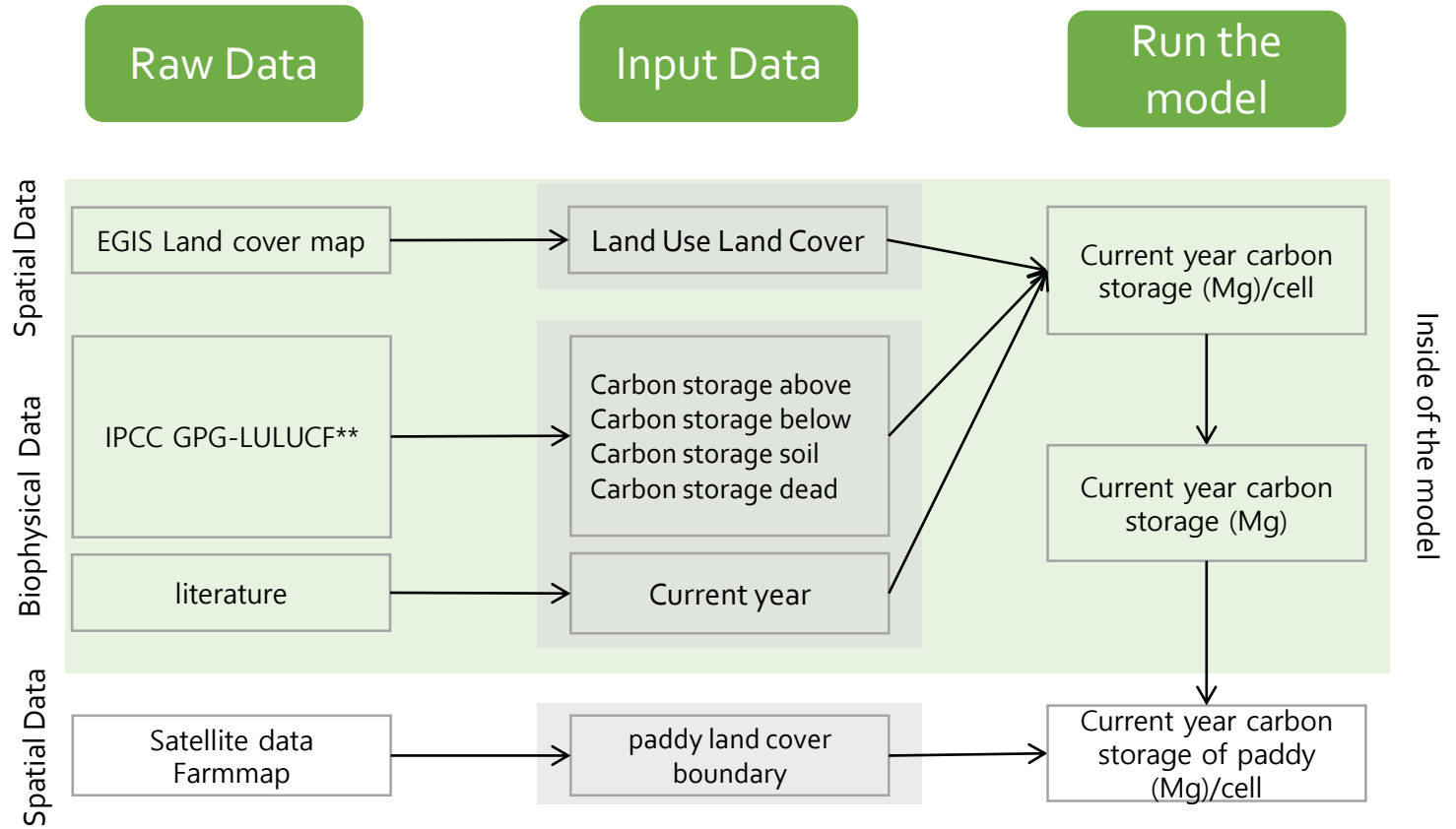
- Fixes carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and converts it to biomass of rice, and stores carbon as biomass in soil and above-ground parts including roots
- $C_{(x,y,M)} = M \times (D_a + D_b + D_c + D_d)$ 
  - $C_{(x,y,M)}$  : a given cell(x,y) with a land cover
  - $D_a$  : carbon stored above ground
  - $D_b$  : carbon stored below ground)
  - $D_c$  : carbon stored as soil organic carbon)
  - $D_d$  : carbon stored as dead organic matter carbon



Source: Kumar et al. 2018



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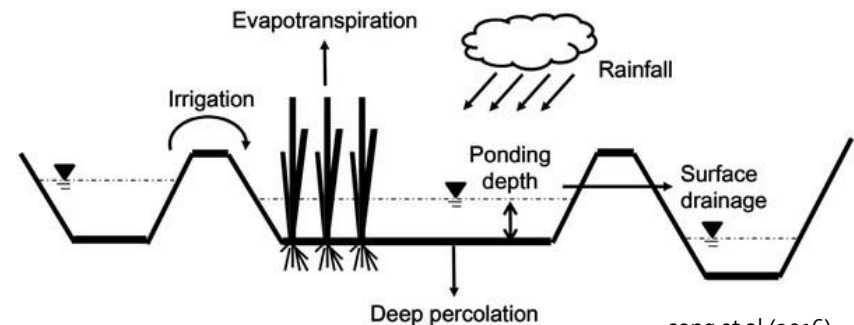


EGIS: Ministry of environment Korea, Environmental Geographic Information Service. 2018. egis.me.go.kr

\*\* Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (IPCC, 2006)

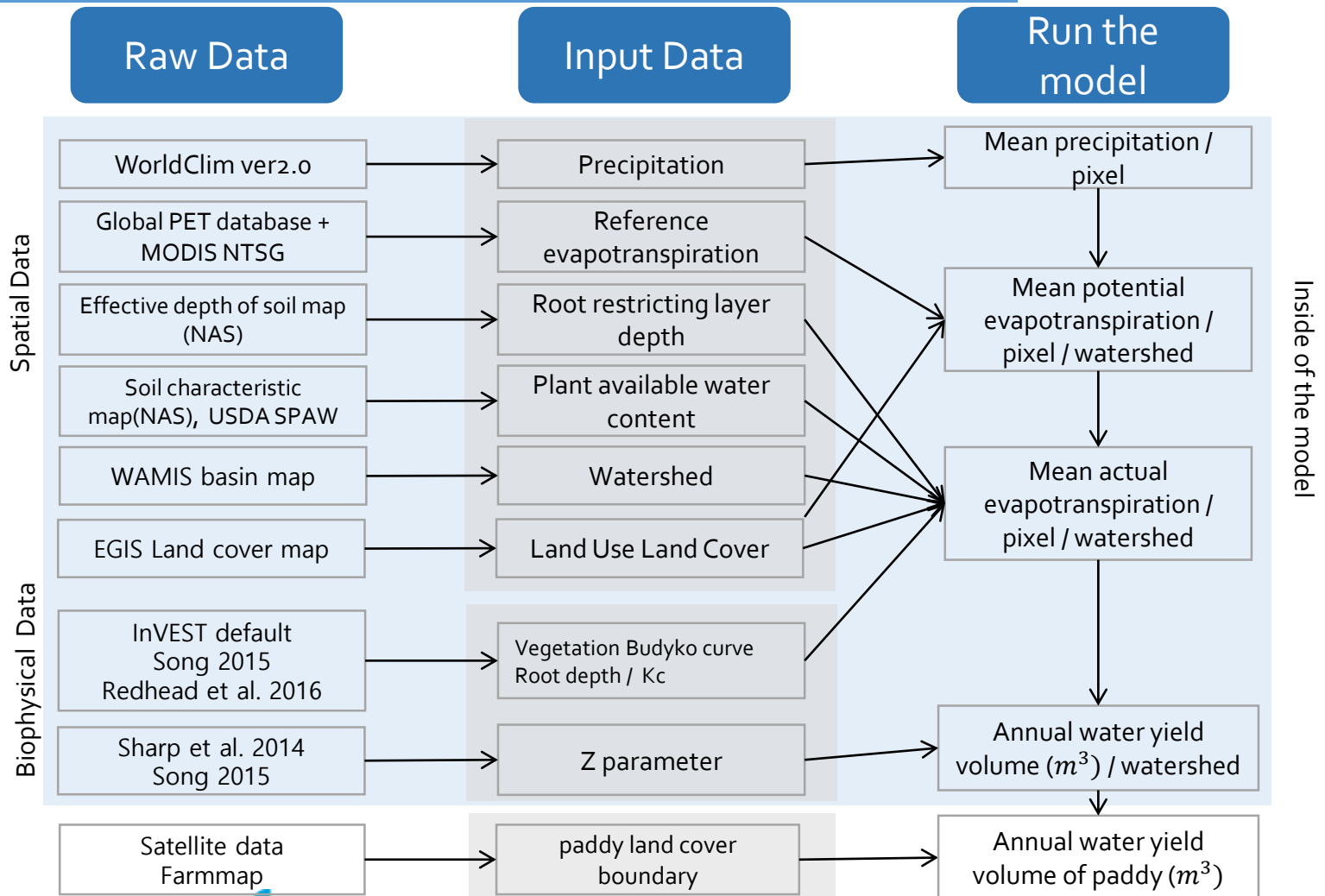
# Annual Water Yield

- Annual water yield by excluding evapotranspiration and soil absorption from precipitation
- The amount of water are available depending on the amount of precipitation in the target area and hydro-slucice conditions, etc.
- $Y(x) = \left(1 - \frac{AET(x)}{P(x)}\right) \times P(x)$ 
  - $Y(x)$ : water yield of each cell
  - $AET(x)$  : annual actual evapotranspiration
  - $P(x)$ : annual precipitation

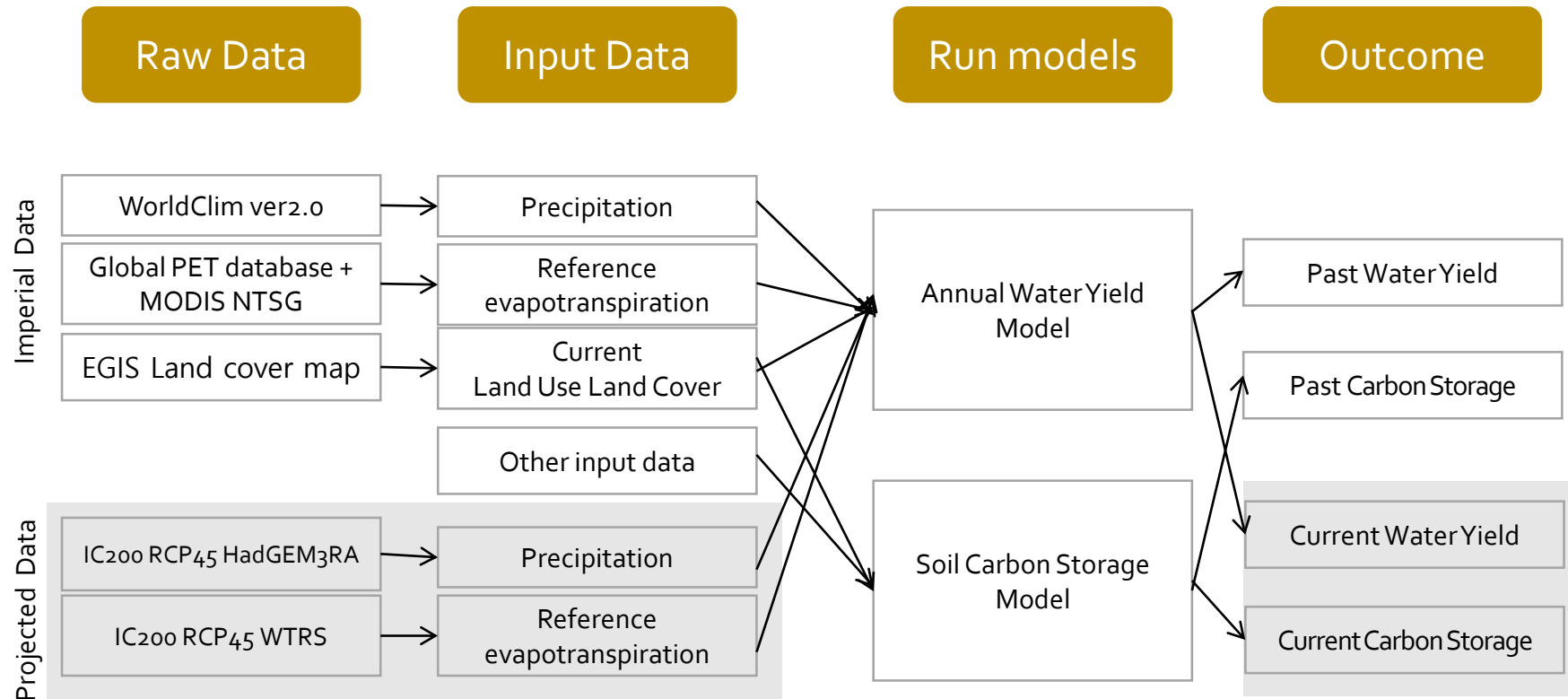


song et al.(2016)

# Annual Water Yield



# Temporal Comparison



- Past : 1980-1999 (20 years)
- Current : 2000-2020 (20 years)

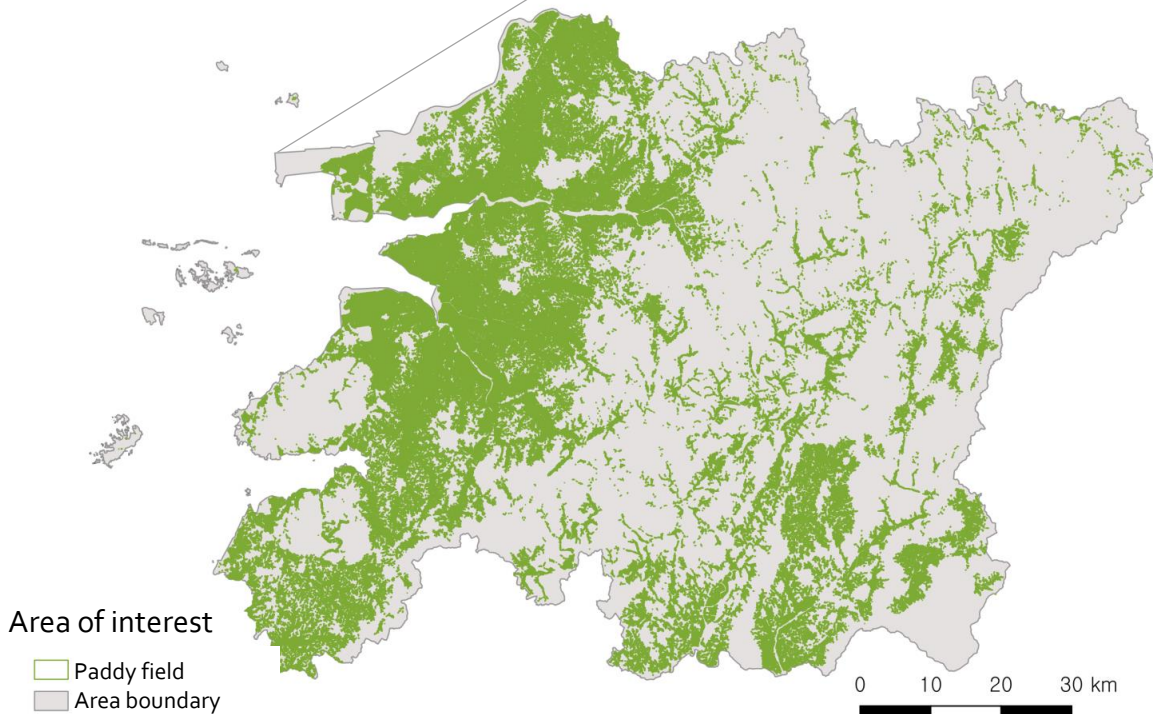
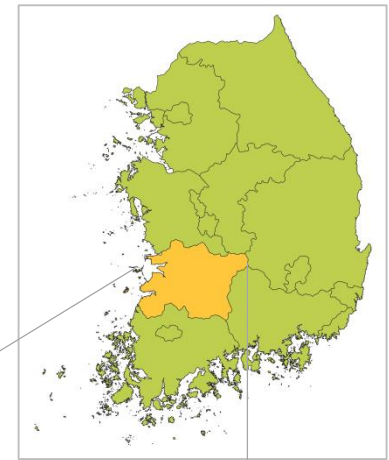
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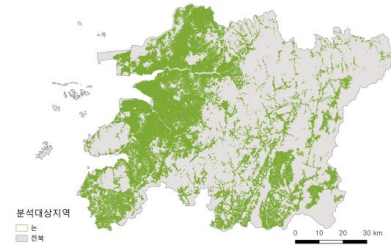
# Study Area

- Jeonbuk province, South Korea
  - 15.3% of paddy field in Korea
  - 16.2% of rice production in Korea

source: statistics Korea (2012)

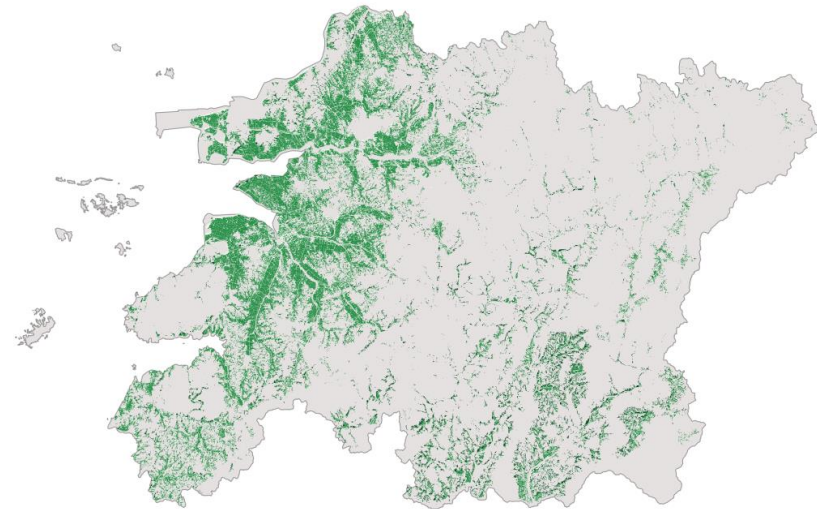
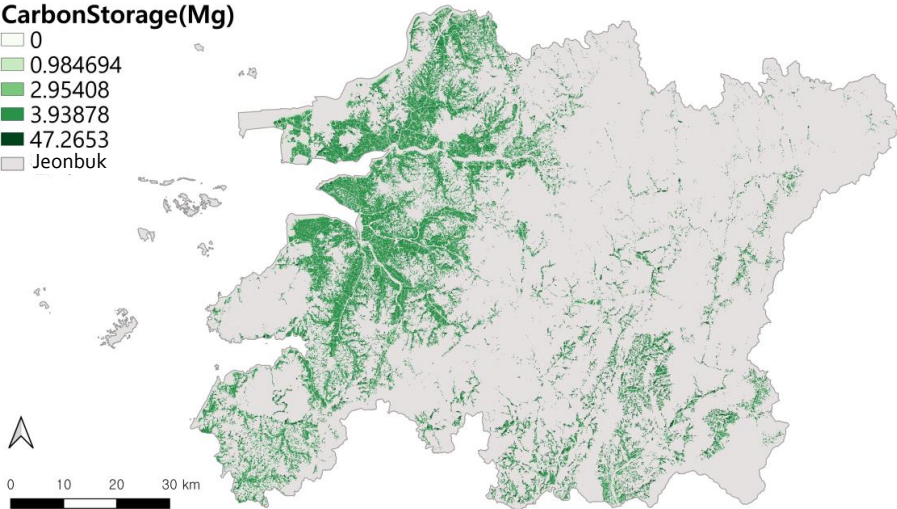


# Jeonbuk rice paddies' Soil Carbon Storage



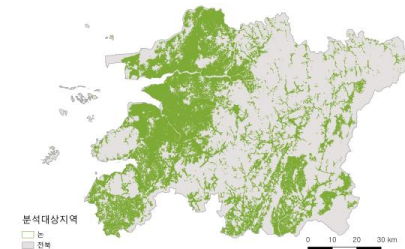
CarbonStorage(Mg)

- 0
- 0.984694
- 2.95408
- 3.93878
- 47.2653
- Jeonbuk



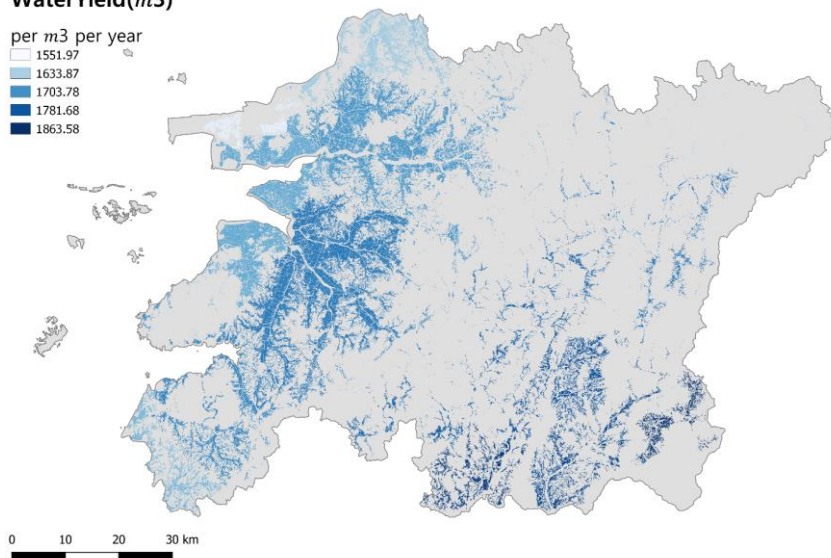
Past	Current
3,036,702ton C / yr	2,733,031ton C / yr
100.96ton C / ha / yr	90.25ton C / ha / yr

# Jeonbuk rice paddies' Annual Water Yield



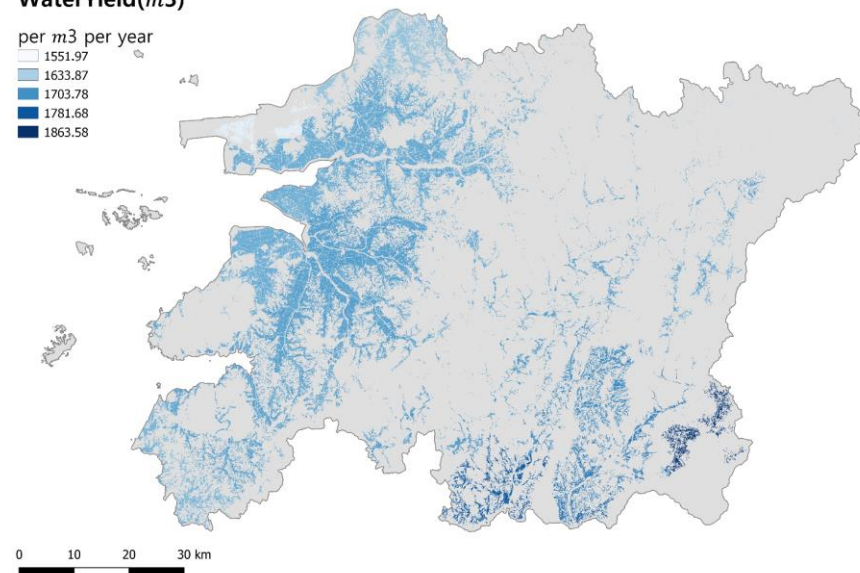
WaterYield(m3)

per m3 per year  
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Past	Current
6,626,775 m <sup>3</sup>	6,200,436m <sup>3</sup>
1,349.7 m <sup>3</sup> / ha / yr	1,282.2 m <sup>3</sup> / ha / yr



## Soil Carbon Storage

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- Rice paddies can capture greenhouse gases such as CO<sub>2</sub> and can be a potential natural carbon storage.
- CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emission from rice paddies can be reduced through sustainable management scheme

## Annual Water Yield

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- Water yield in rice paddies decreases mainly due to land cover change
- Climate change may have negative impact on water yield in rice paddies
- Rice paddy conservation is necessary for the sustainable water yield

# IV. Conclusion



# Conclusion

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- Paddy fields not only produce rice but also provide various ecosystem services, and these ecosystem services can contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- The rice paddy ecosystem in the whole of Korea and in the Jeonbuk region, the target of the pilot analysis, is continuously decreasing.
- As a result of the analysis of ecosystem services for 'carbon storage' and 'Annual water yield' are decreasing.
- It is necessary to preserve the rice fields rather than develop them in consideration of not only future food security but also the various ecosystem services provided by rice fields.

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