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Caribbean activities related to measuring environment, climate change and disasters indicators for policy decision-making



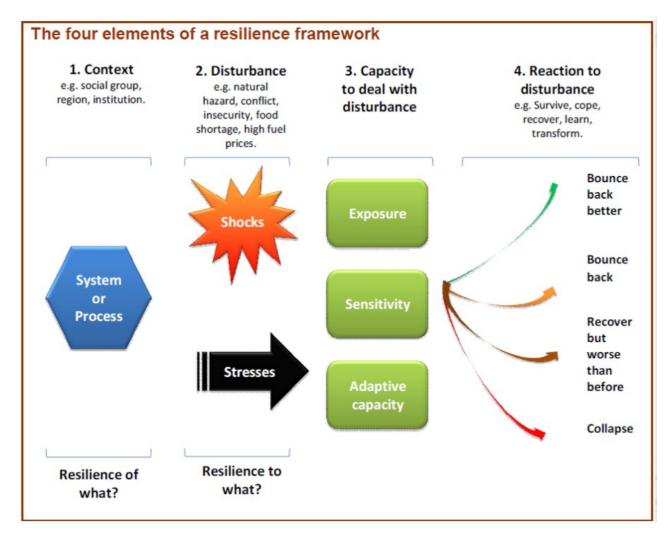
# Implementation of a Resilience database for the Caribbean



In the context of disaster risk, RESILIENCE is the ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, transform and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions through risk management.

**UNDRR Terminology (2017)** 





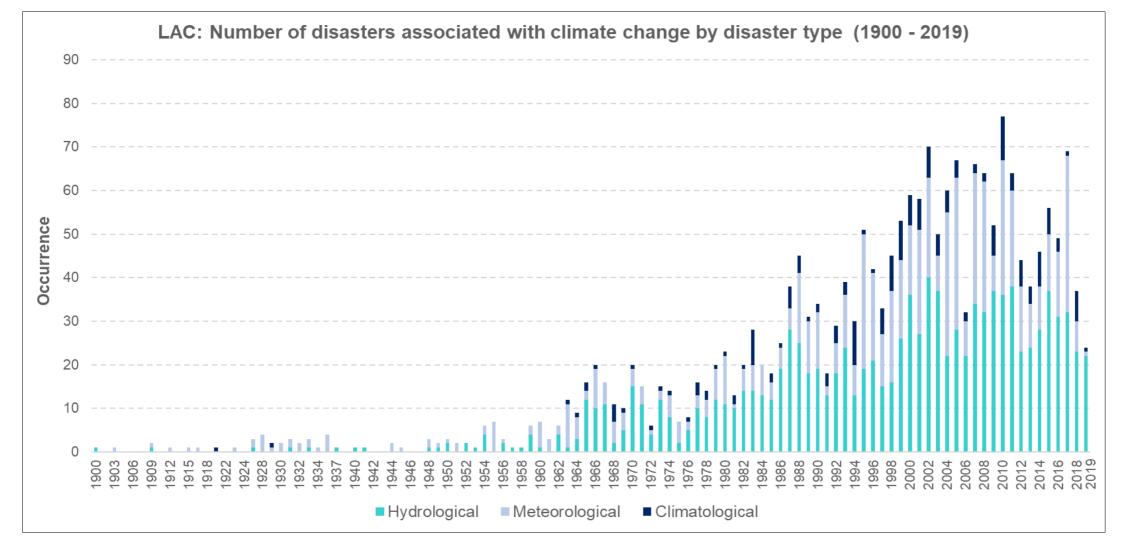
The exposed systems to hazards must be evaluated in their sensitivity and adaptive capacity to effectively protect persons, communities and countries, their livelihoods, health, cultural heritage, socio-economic assets and ecosystems.

For these purposes, the access to statistical and geospatial data and information is essential.



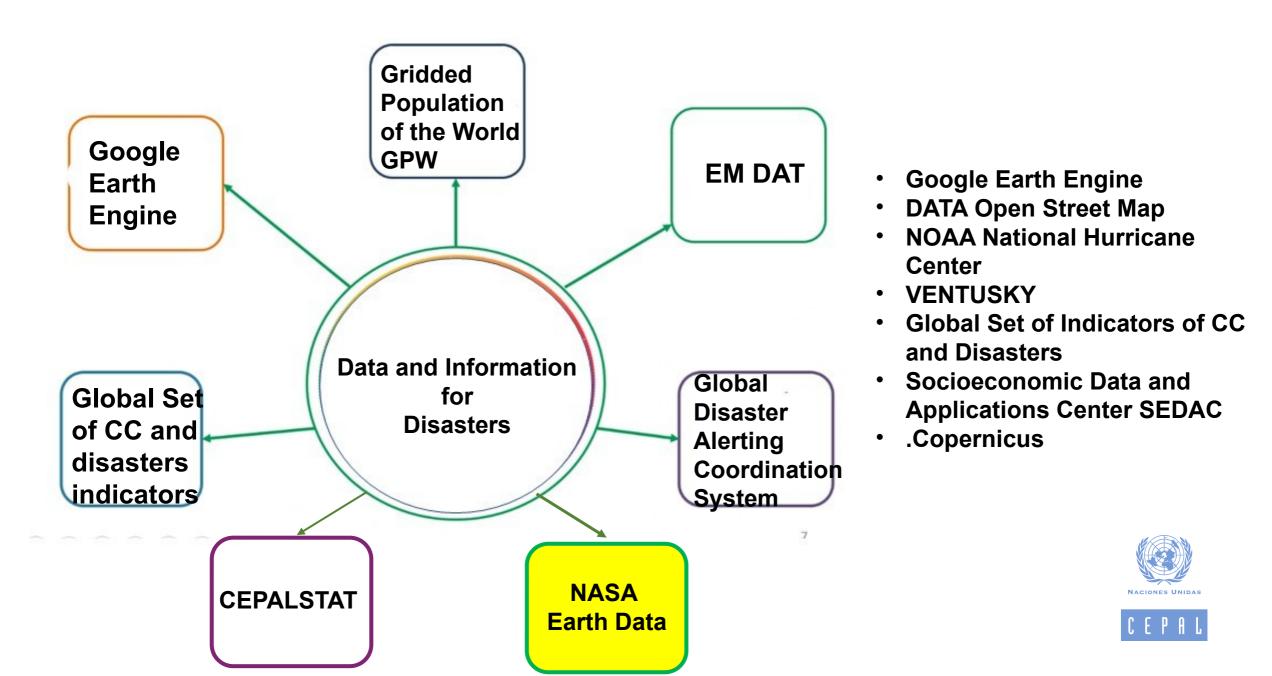
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## Occurrence of disasters related to climate change





#### **Sources of information**



#### Earth observation tools and information

## **Near Real-Time Products**

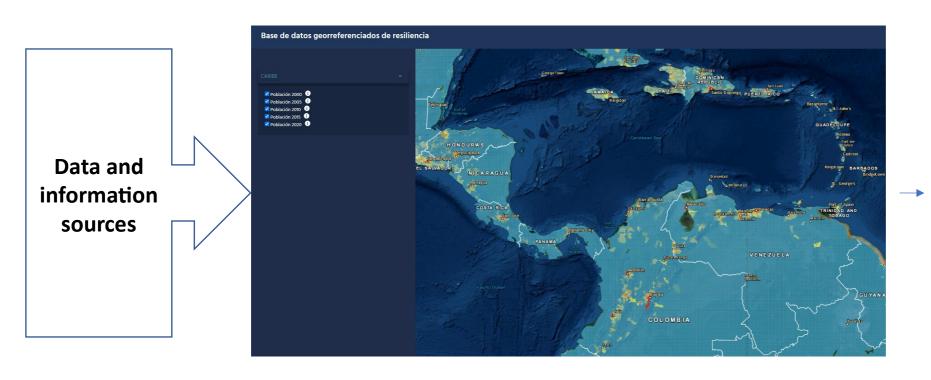
- Global unless noted otherwise
- Coarser resolution
- Automatically updated every few hours to daily or weekly
- Many products for the Caribbean
  - Black Marble Nighttime Blue/Yellow Composite
  - FIRMS Active Fire Points (MODIS, VIIRS)
  - Global Landslide Nowcast
  - Flood Detection 2, 3 Observations (MODIS)
  - Precipitation Accumulation 30 min, 3 hour, 1 day (GPM IMERG)
  - Soil Moisture and Soil Moisture Anomaly 3-Day Composite (SMAP)
  - Evaporative Stress Index weekly
  - Global Fire Emissions Daily (VIIRS)
  - True Color Imagery Daily (MODIS at 250m, VIIRS at 375m)
  - Natural Color Imagery Daily (MODIS at 250m, VIIRS at 375m)



- Event specific products
- Near real time products
- Story maps
- Radar satellite images
- Vector data
- Gridded data
- Georeferenced socio-economic data



### Work in progress









Country

needs





#### **Conclusions**

- There is growing evidence of the intensity and frequency of climate related extreme events.
- Disasters must be seen through the reducing risk and building resilience, rather than just a response to a one-off disaster event.
- The Resillience data base for the Caribbean will be a tool for the incorporation of disaster risk reduction and resilience into development activities.

