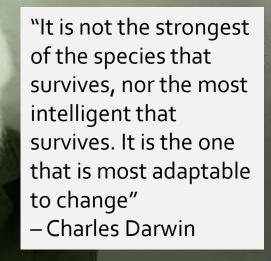
# The Four Faces of Community Sustainability and Resilience



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### "Sustainable Development"

(Brundtland Report 1987)

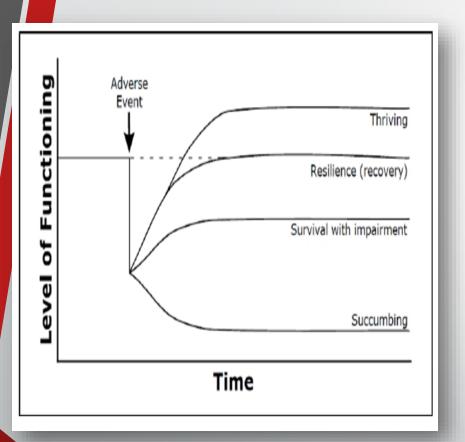
Using resources to meet the needs of contemporary society while ensuring their availability to meet the needs of future generations.

#### **Basic Principles of Sustainability:**

- 1. Long Term Productivity Intergenerational Equity
- 2. Holistic Planning Economic, Environmental & Social
- 3. Preserving Essential Ecological Processes
- 4. Protecting both **Biodiversity & Human Heritage**
- Goals of a Better Balance of Fairness & Opportunity among Nations

Gongguan Leisure Agriculture Area, Taiwan





### 7 Principles of Community Resilience

- Maintain Diversity & Redundancy
- 2. Manage Connectivity
- Manage Slow Variables & Feedbacks
- **4.** Foster Complex Adaptive Systems Thinking
- **5.** Encourage Learning
- 6. Broaden Participation
- 7. Promote Polycentric Governance Systems

Source: Applying Resilience Thinking (http://StockholmResilience.org)

### **Sustainability & Resilience**

#### SIMILARITES

Assumptions: Harmony between Human Society & the Natural Environment is possible

Research Focus: Community Development; Ecology; Climate Change

Methods: Climate Change Policies & Actions; Education & Learning as an Implementation Tool

Goals: System Survivability (Social & Bio-Diversity); Sense of Place/Belonging (Heritage)

Sustainability	Resilience
<b>Assumption:</b> Stability & Balance are the Norm (or are at least possible)	<b>Assumption:</b> Nonlinear & Unpredictable Change & Chaos are the Norm
<b>Research Focus:</b> Environmental & Social Impacts of Economic Development; Over use of Resources; Carbon Footprints	<b>Research Focus:</b> Natural & Human Disaster Management; Climate Change Impacts; Social Capital & Networks
<b>Methods:</b> "Wise Use" Resource Management & Preservation Against Change; Recycling & "Greening"; Education for Behavior Change	Methods: Reducing Vulnerabilities & Increasing Physical & Social Capacities for Change (flexibility & redundancy); Education for Innovation
<b>Goals:</b> Normative Ideals (culture, environment & economic balance; Intergenerational Equity; Fairness);	<b>Goals:</b> Quantitative Equilibrium; System Models (Evolutionary Complex Adaptive Systems; Path Dependence; Innovation);
- Highly Contested Political Realities & Policies	- Might be Too Complex?

### FAST & SLOW CHANGE

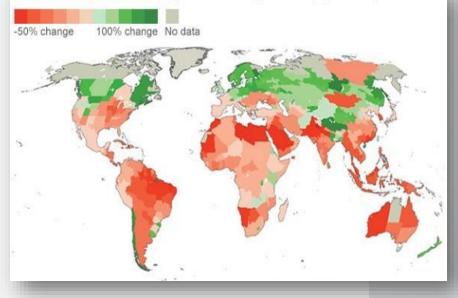
### (1) <u>Unexpected Large Shocks & Sudden Changes</u>

- Physical
  - Typhoon/Hurricane/Cyclones
  - Earthquakes & Landslides
  - Floods & Droughts
- Social
  - Violent Change in a Government
  - Famines, Deaths & Migrations
  - Economic Collapse

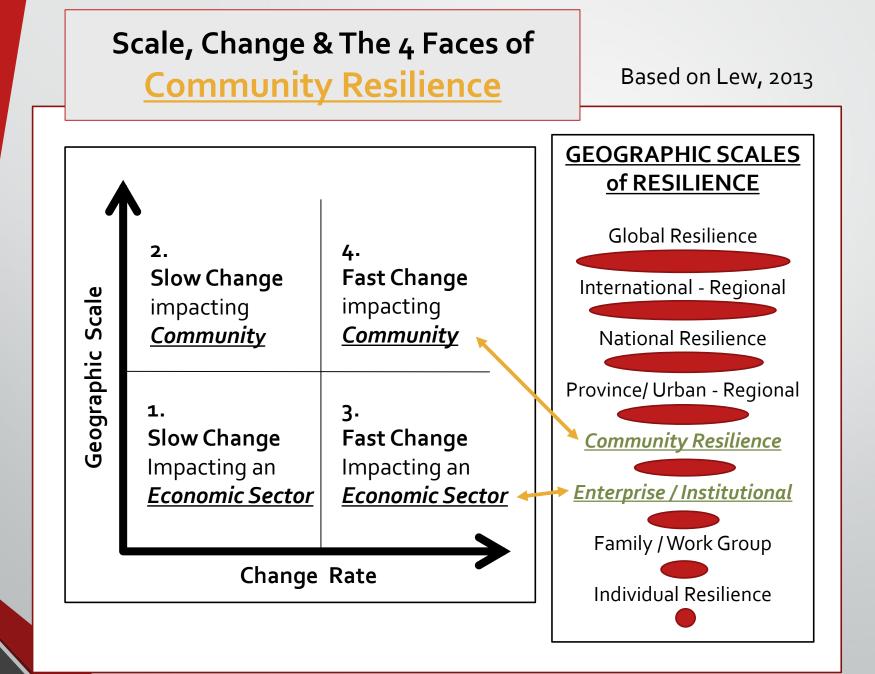
### (2) <u>Unpredictable Gradual Shifts</u>

- & Moderate Change
  - Physical
    - Biological Ecosystem (flora & fauna) Relocations, Endangerment, & Extinction
    - Climate Change / Global Warming
  - Social
    - Paradigm Shifts Enlightenment/Science, Industrial, Technology
    - Globalization Economic & Cultural

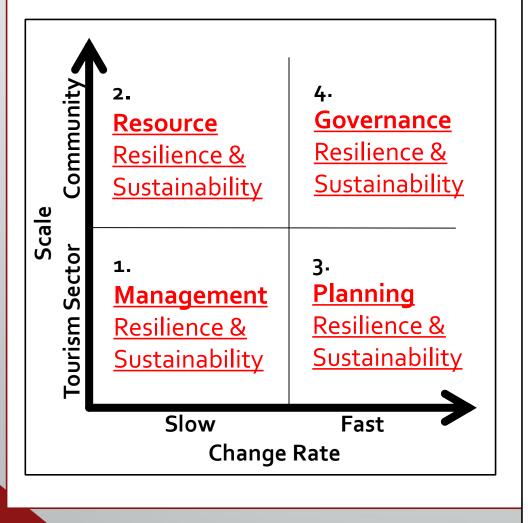
Estimated impact of +3 degrees C change on crop yields by 2050



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The 4 Faces of Resilience & <u>Sustainability</u> - in the <u>Tourism Sector</u>



FORMS of TOURISM SUSTAINABILITY

1. Maintaining the Tourism Economy's Facilities & Service

2. Addressing Socio-Cultural & Environmental Impacts of Tourism Activities [Conservation]

3. Greening the Tourism Economy/Industry [as a form of Diversification; Environmental Footprint]

4. Tourism's Contribution to Quality of Life Sustainability, especially in Times of Need [Disaster]

### Disaster and Non-Disaster Tourism Communities in Taiwan



# Fast Change in Rural Taiwan

### **Fast Change in Taiwan**

- Typhoon Flooding
- Earthquakes

### **Disasters** Communities

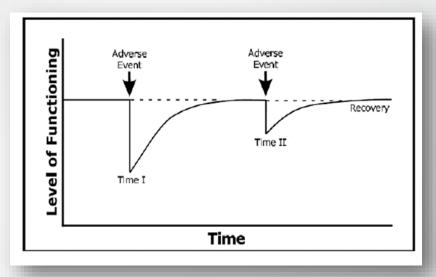
1. Better Prepared for Future



Disaster shapes Decision Making about Future

#### 2. Central Government Disaster Relief & Recover

- Voluntarily relocation away from disaster areas
- Rebuilds & strengthens infrastructure
- Promote resilience planning
  - "Disaster improved the community"
    - Provides opening for innovative thinking



### Medium-Slow Change in Rural Taiwan

#### **Economic Globalization**

- Change in rural landscape & livelihoods
  - O Increasingly global (cheaper) competition for agriculture
  - O Tourism to diversify the local economy
    - Rural economy becoming part of the urban economy
      - Market for agricultural products
      - Market for tourists & recreationist

Leisure Agriculture Area, Gongguan, Taiwan

#### **Disaster Communities**

- Better able to make this shift
  - Central government recovery funds
  - Higher level of community cohesion & collaboration
  - Openness to new ideas (from disaster experience)



### Slow Change in Rural Taiwan

#### **Traditional Values, Practices & Social Norms of Behavior**

- Slow & Controlling Variables
  - Maintains the rural character and sense of place
  - Loss = Destruction of the rural countryside

#### • Not Affected by Disaster Experience

- Made some better appreciate values, traditions & resources
  - Resource Resilience & Sustainability

# Rural Taiwan = Traditional & Slow to Change

- Close social networks
- Multi-generation families
- Tourists 2<sup>nd</sup> homes & Retire in rural areas
- Cultural Globalization
  - Less impact in rural Taiwan than larger cities



Second home construction,

Gongguan

# Slow Change Resilience in <u>Disaster Communities</u>

#### (1) Mix of Funding Sources

- Short term Disaster relief
  - Fast Change
- Sustainability programs
  - Slow Change

#### (2) Greater Sense of Purpose

- disaster experience
- platform for innovation
- = broader range of future options
  - = indicators of a strengthened resilience
- = Slow Resilience variable
  - More Community Cohesion Common Goals
  - Stronger in Tourism Sector
  - Weaker in Agricultural & Fishing-Aquaculture Sectors



Class on Marketing Agricultural Products to Tourists, Gongguan

# Slow Change Resilience in Non-Disaster Communities

#### O Focus on Slow Resilience Variables

Through Government Sustainability Programs

#### O Lack of a Disaster Event

- Stronger Traditional Path Dependencies
  - Stronger Sense of Tradition
  - Less Innovation
  - Narrower range of Future Options
  - More subdued
    Sense of Common
    Purpose

Chinese Red Dates, Gongguan



# Ruili

Alishan National Scenic Area

- Tea Production
  - traditional income source

#### Tourism History

- 1970s Backpack area
- <image>
- Access by backpacking 3 to 4 days from train station
- First bed & breakfasts
- No paved roads until 1980s
- 1990s Bus access possible standard domestic tourists
- Recent years Ecotourism & Leisure Nature tourism
- 39 Bed & Breakfasts today stable # due to land constraints

#### Two Major Disasters

- 921 Earthquake September 21, 1999
  - Typhoon Morak 2009

Tea and Bed and Breakfast Ruili, Taiwan

# Ruili 921 Earthquake

September 21, 1999

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### **Massive Landslide**

Photos: 8 October 1997 20 Nov 1999



### Ruili Tea & Tourism

#### ○ Solely in the Tea Sector

- focused on individual work activities
- Sometimes annoyed by tourists
- Less aware of disaster issues
  - Tea plantations resilient to typhoon flooding & earthquakes

#### O Tourism Entrepreneurs (may produce tea)

- Developing Tea Culture Sense of Place
  - Training local residents in traditional tea ceremonies
- More Aware of Disaster Issues
  - More Vulnerable to a sudden drop in tourist arrivals

#### The more a person is involved in tourism, the more they want the community to work together on common goals

Local Alishan (Ruili area) Products

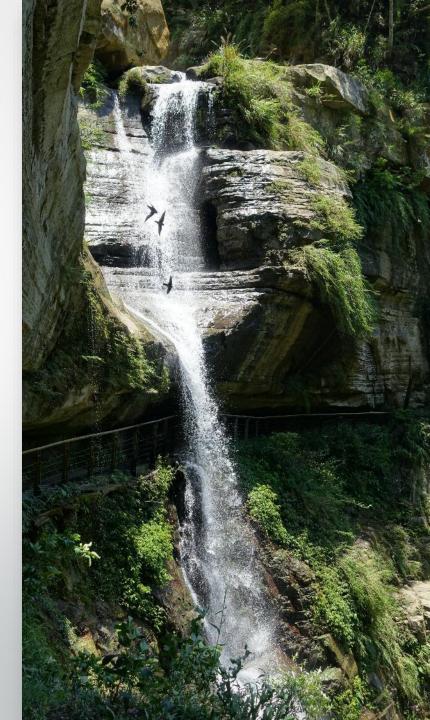






# Ruili <u>Resilience Indicators</u>

- Innovation & Diversification
- Collaboration & Vision
- Educational Opportunities
  - Environmental Interpretation
  - Tea Ceremony
- Protecting Traditional Tea Agriculture Landscape
- Support for Nature Conservation
  - Tourism Resource: Hiking trails; Viewing of fireflies; Purple flowers festival
- Highly Resilient Communities also have a
   High Level of Sustainability





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#### 瑞太步道系統圖 Map of Ruitai Trail System



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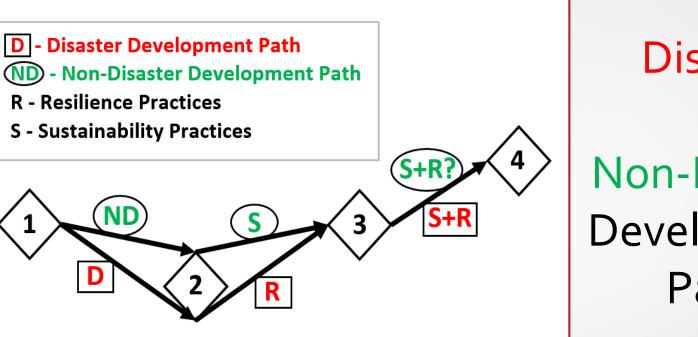
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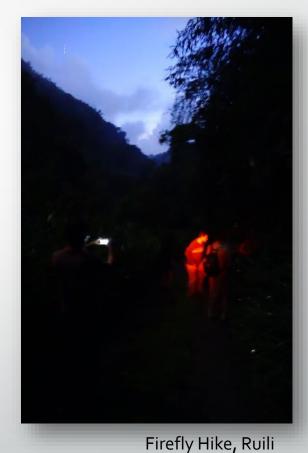


# Disaster & Non-Disaster Development Paths

- Stage 1 Starting Condition, followed by decline caused by (D) a fast change disaster event or (ND) non-disaster slow changes
- Stage 2 Degraded Condition, followed by (R) resilience response for disaster communities and (S) sustainability responses for non-disaster communities
- Stage 3 Recovered Condition, followed by a mix of sustainability responses (for slow change drivers) and resilience responses (for fast change drivers)
- Stage 4 Resilient & Sustainable Condition, responding to ongoing slow changes and prepared for unpredictable fast changes

### Disaster (D) & Non-Disaster (ND) Development Paths

- Partly driven by the Types of Change Pressures (Slow-Medium-Fast)
- Partly driven by Government Policies & Programs
  - Will vary by different institutional structures in different countries
- Disaster Communities have an Advantage
  - O Learned the Lessons of Resilience
  - Better able to be Sustainable, after establishing Resilience



# Sustainability & Slow Resilience Are Different

#### Focus on the Same Issues

- = Slow & Persistent Change Drivers & Variables
- Approaches & Goals Very Different
  - But can be Complementary
- Share a Common Goal
  - Improved Quality of Life

#### **Communities Do Both All the Time**

- Do not care if its "Sustainability" or "Resilience"
- Pragmatism Wins in the Real World

#### 2 Tool Boxes

- When Should We "Conserve"?



Bike Path, Gongguan

& When Should We "Adapt"?

# Sustainable & Resilient (S+R) Communities

#### **Goal of All Communities**

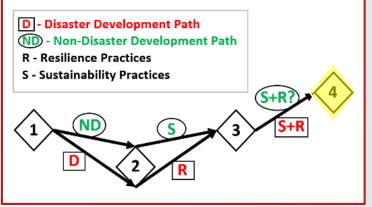
- Innovation & Flexibility
- Cohesive & Collaborative Community
- Better Able to be Sustainable
  - to respond to Persistent Slow Change
- Prepared for Unpredictable Fast Change Drivers & Variables

Government Programs can Incentivize Resilience Planning

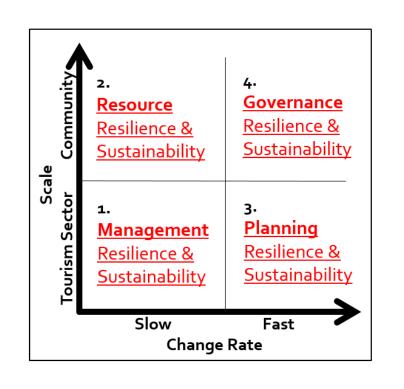
- Requires Adequate Funding & Political Will
  - similar to Sustainability

Sustainability can Help Communities to be More Resilient

Only a true resilience planning effort can fully prepare communities for the complexity of change in today's world.



The 4 Faces of Resilience & Sustainability in the <u>Tourism Sector</u>



#### Ruili, Taiwan

 Post-Disaster Recovery/Relocation; Abandon/Upgrading Facilities; Some New Ownership & Tea Owners Expand into Tourism; Seasonality & Market Adjustments

2. Conserving, Restoring & Developing Resources: Trails, Waterfalls, Fireflies, Mountain Scenery & Air; Public Education for locals in Tea Culture & Environmental Interpretation (NGOs)

3. Gradual Development of Tea Culture Image/Branding; Coordination of Tourism Activities, esp. Special Events; Growing Cooperation between Tourism Sector & Tea Producers

4. Improved Infrastructure (govt. disaster recovery funds); Recent Alishan National Scenic Area Tourist Office marketing assistance; Continuing Central Govt Agency Small Grants

### Ash forces Virgin to delay Aust-Bali trips

- From: AA
- July 22, 2015 6:46PM





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Virgin Australia has cancelled flights to and from E volcanic ash cloud. *Source:* AAP VIRGIN Australia has delayed all flights betwee 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Thursday, as volcanic ash continues to shroud island.

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#### on Resilience and Sustainable Tourism

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#### Type 2 - <u>COMMUNITY RESOURCE RESILIENCE</u> -Slow Change in Tourism Communities

The Resilience of Community-Based Tourism on Indonesia's Gili Trawangan - by Arifin Bakti, University of Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia

The Resilience of Agricultural Heritage Tourist Sites: Xinghua Duotian in Jiangsu Province, China - by Feng Cui, Department of Tourism Management, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China

#### Type 4 - COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE RESILIENCE

- Fast Change in Tourism Communities

Grand Canyon Shutdown: A Survey of Resilience Indicators - by Derik Spice, Department of Geography, Planning & Recreation, Northern Arizona University, USA (Portions of this case also relate to Resilience Type 3.)

#### Type 1 - TOURISM MANAGEMENT RESILIENCE

- Slow Change in the Tourism Sector

Life Cycles & Resilience: Cherating, Malaysia - by Alan A. Lew, Department of Geography, Planning and Recreation, Northern Arizona University, USA, and Adam Ibrahim Nguru, University of Technology, Malaysia

Resilience in Community Based Tourism: Drift Tourism in GaoLan Village, Three Gorges, China - by Zhifei Li, Department of Tourism

#### Type 3 - TOURISM PLANNING RESILIENCE

- Fast Change in the Tourism Sector

How Resilient is the White Mountain Apache Tourism Sector? -Katherine Nunn, Department of Geography, Planning & Recreation, Northern Arizona University, USA

#### Resilience in Community Based Tourism: Batu Puteh & Pulau Mabul

in Sabah, Malaysia - by Alan A. Lew, Department of Geography, Planning and Recreation, Northern Arizona University, US (This is a Type 2 case because of a sharp decline in tourist arrivals since 2013 due to

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