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# Assessing the Cost of Damage and Effect of Adaptation to Landslides Considering Climate Change

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**Abstract:** The amount of damage caused by landslides has increased due to climate change. Adaptation plans are required to help cope with landslides in order to reduce the extent of the damage. Landslide hazard analysis can help create adaptation plans. Analyzing the cost of damage of and the effect of adaptation to landslides is an effective way to support decision makers. The cost of damage is calculated using the costs of damage incurred in residential and transportation areas in the past, based on data from annual reports. Spatial distribution models are used to analyze landslide hazard areas in the present and the future. Future or potential landslide hazards are estimated by using climate change scenarios through representative concentration pathways. The effects of adaptation measures are assessed using modified variables and a cost-benefit analysis. The uncertainty of the cost of damage is considered using average, minimum, and maximum values. As a result, the methods used to estimate future costs of damage are developed, and the effects of adaptation are analyzed. The future cost of damage is calculated for every climate change scenario. The effect of adaptation are analyzed and areas with a reduced risk of landslides are identified, reducing the cost of damage and adaptation costs, as well as the costs and benefits of adaptation measures. Improving soil drainage is the most effective measure among the four measures analyzed. This study can help estimate future costs of damage and analyze the effect of adaptation in creating effective adaptation plans.

**Keywords:** adaptation plan; effective decision making; shallow landslides; spatial distribution model; benefit and cost analysis for adaptation

## 1. Introduction

Negative impacts of climate change have been on the rise [1]. The most common natural disaster in the Republic of Korea (ROK) is landslides [2]. ROK has suffered significant damage to human life, property and infrastructural facilities due to landslides [3]. Reducing the damaging impacts of landslides is one of the most important objectives of creating adaptation plans related to climate change. However, adaptation budgets are limited, and thus, effective adaptation plans should be established within limited means.

Analyzing landslide hazard areas is a good way to support the creation and implementation of adaptation measures. Several studies have focused on finding landslide hazard areas [4–8]. Those studies were largely centered round analyzing spatial information from areas vulnerable to

landslides. Some studies estimate potential landslide hazard areas of the future using climate change scenarios [9–11].

Only a few studies have assessed the cost of damage of landslides, because it is difficult to collect enough data to analyze this aspect. Generally, relevant institutes restore damaged areas right after the occurrence of a landslide [12]. However, they do not record detailed data of the extent of damage or its cost [13]. Therefore, a few authors assessed the cost of damage due to landslides in small areas to collect long-term data by themselves [14].

Moreover, it is much harder to find studies about the effects of adaptation. The effect of adaptation can be defined as the extent of reduction or avoidance of damage by implementing an adaptation plan [15]. To assess the effect of adaptation, its impact should be quantified. However, quantification is difficult, due to qualitative properties of data for adaptation measures.

Accordingly, studies seeking to assess the cost of damage and the effects of adaptation are limited for a variety of reasons. It is especially hard to find studies on the effects of adaptation. A few studies provide only conceptual diagrams or simple frameworks. However, this study develops methodologies based on these studies to support the establishment of an effective adaptation plan. This study also needs to consider the element of uncertainty during the analysis. Since the exact cost of damage or the effect adaptation cannot be calculated, this uncertainty is important.

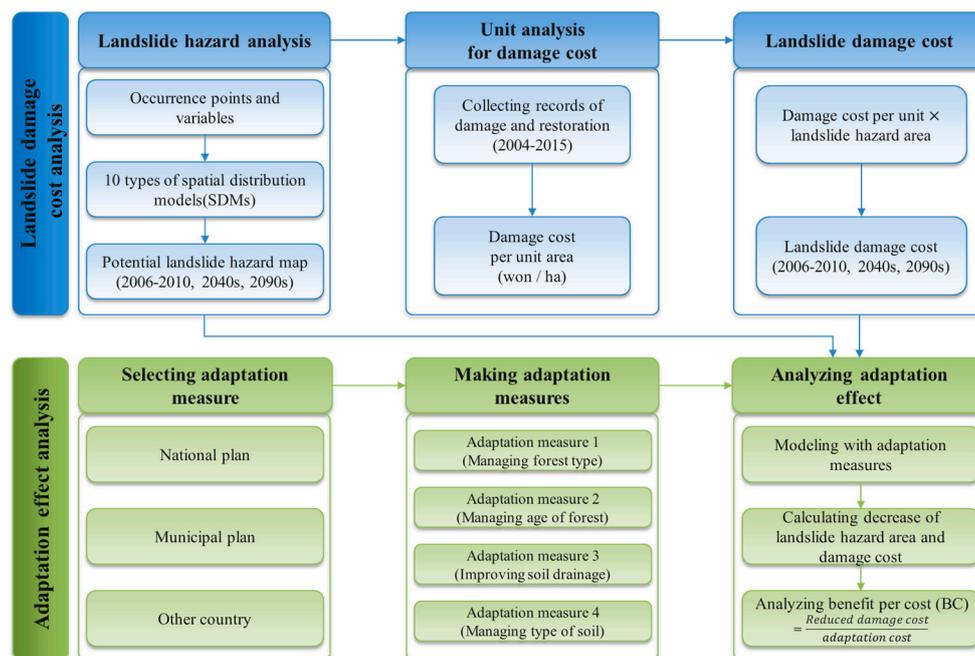
The objective of this study is threefold: first, to develop a method to calculate the cost of damage caused by potential landslides in the future, taking into consideration uncertainty; second, developing a method to analyze the effect of adaptation based on simulations; and third, analyzing the costs and benefits of adaptation plans toward implementing measures that support effective decision making. This study seeks to contribute to the establishment of efficient landslide adaptation plans to address climate change.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1. Assessment Process

This study is composed of two steps (Figure 1). First, this study analyzes the cost of damage caused by landslides based on the landslide hazard area and the cost of damage in the past. Landslide hazard areas are assessed using spatial distribution models (SDMs). SDMs estimate hazard areas using landslide occurrence points and environmental variables. The target years are: 2006 to 2010, the 2040s (2041 to 2050), and the 2090s (2091 to 2100). The cost of damage is calculated by multiplying damage cost per unit area (won/ha) by hazard area (ha). This study followed concepts of previous studies for the landslide susceptibility and associated hazard [16–19]. This study focuses on landslide hazard rather than susceptibility or risk. Because this study considers effects of existing development such as roads, residential areas.

Second, the effect of adaptation is analyzed for each measure that has been implemented. The landslide hazard model is conducted again with modified variables according to the adaptation measures used. Through the analysis, the reduced hazard area and decreased damage cost due to the adaptation measures are derived. The adaptation benefit per cost is also assessed using reduced damage cost (benefit) and relevant climate adaptation projects (cost).



**Figure 1.** Framework for assessing landslide hazard, damage cost, and adaptation effect and benefit per cost.

### 2.2. Landslide Hazard Assessment

Data on the occurrence of landslides pertains to the period between 2006 and 2010, in ROK. Variables consist of climate, topography, soil, and vegetation (Table 1). Climate variables are determined by calculating representative concentration pathways (RCP) climate change scenario data. All variables are converted to (1 × 1) km grid data. Every variable is applied to the first round of modeling and making a proper model by removing variables that have low importance.

**Table 1.** Input variables for landslide hazard model.

Class	Variables	GIS Data Type	Scale and Resolution	Data Source (Year)
Climate	Number of days with over 120 mm of rainfall 3 days of maximum rainfall (mm) Number of days with over 150 mm for 3 days of maximum rainfall Daily maximum rainfall (mm)	Raster	(1 × 1) km	Korea Meteorological Administration (2011)
Topography	Slope (degree) Altitude (m) Bearing (degree)	Polygon	1:25,000	Korea Ministry of Environment (2008)
Soil <sup>1</sup>	Soil type Soil depth Soil drainage	Raster	30 m × 30 m	WAMIS (2008)
Vegetation	Type of forest (coniferous, deciduous, mixed forest) Diameter class Natural or artificial forest	Polygon	1:25,000	Korea Ministry of Environment (2008)

<sup>1</sup> Please see Appendix A for more information about soil variable.

Various landslide impact assessment models are reviewed to find credible and representative SDMs. Following the review process, three statistic-based models, namely, GLM, GAM, and MARS, and seven models based on machine learning, namely, GBM, CTA, ANN, SRE, MDA, RF, and MAXENT are selected (Table 2). Each SDM is run five times and the average of the results is calculated to consider the uncertainty of each individual model. This study applies an ensemble method to the ten SDMs to analyze the landslide hazard, considering the uncertainty gathered from the models [20].

**Table 2.** Ten SDMs for landslide hazard analysis.

No.	Model Abbreviation	Model Name	Type
1	GLM	Generalized linear model	Statistically based model
2	GAM	Generalized additive model	Statistically based model
3	MARS	Multivariate adaptive regression splines	Statistically based model
4	GBM	Generalized boosted regression model	Machine learning based model
5	CTA	Classification tree analysis	Machine learning based model
6	ANN	Artificial neural network	Machine learning based model
7	SRE	Rectilinear envelope similar to BIOCLIM	Machine learning based model
8	MDA	Mixture discriminant analysis	Machine learning based model
9	RF	Random forest	Machine learning based model
10	MAXENT	Maximum entropy algorithm	Machine learning based model

### 2.3. Cost of Damage Caused by Landslides

Past studies related to the cost of damage of landslides are reviewed [21–23]. However, there are not many studies on the subject. Most studies have mainly dealt with the cost of damage for the destruction of human life, buildings, roads, and other facilities. Such costs of damage were calculated based on past records of damage caused by landslides. Thus, this study estimates the cost of damage caused by landslides based on data from the annual report for natural disasters [3].

The cost of damage for the purpose of this study includes landslide restoration costs, adaptation costs, and management costs based on the contents of past records. Data on damage caused by landslides from 1997 to 2014 is collected, and the cost of damage per unit area from the records is calculated. Table 3 shows the cost of damage caused by landslides and the areas where landslides occur. The cost of damage for each year is standardized using the 2010 GDP deflator.

The cost of damage is estimated by multiplying the cost of unit area and the landslide hazard area. For validation, the cost of damage based on modeling is compared with past records. This method has an advantage arriving at reliable data, in that the cost can include the empirical costs incurred for many years and complex costs due to landslide disasters. Additionally, the uncertainty of the impact assessment model is considered by aggregating results of 10 SDMs.

To calculate the cost of damage, this study focuses on residential and transportation areas that are vulnerable to landslides. There are various land-use types in landslide hazard areas. Generally, peoples' daily lives center around residential and transportation areas. Thus, when a landslide occurs, these areas could face greater damage than other areas. Data on the cost of damage from past records are also concentrated on damages faced by people. Thus, this approach is appropriate. In this context, vulnerable residential and transportation areas to landslides are found from the landslide hazard map.

The areas where landslides occur and restoration efforts take place show similar trends. The restoration cost per ha is high in 2004 and 2009, but other years show lower values. The average cost of restoration per ha for 18 years is 169.06 million won (maximum value: 483.78 million won, minimum value: 90.75 million won, and standard deviation: 80.14).

**Table 3.** Data collected on cost of damage caused by landslides [3].

Year	Cost of Damage Due to Landslides (Million Won)	Standardized Cost of Damage by 2010 GDP Deflator (Million Won)	Landslide Area (ha)	Cost of Damage per 1 ha (Based on 2010 GDP Deflator)
1997	3936	5315	33	161.07
1998	90,055	116,248	1281	90.75
1999	37,756	49,322	419	117.71
2000	18,021	23,283	182	127.93
2001	30,101	37,532	185	202.88
2002	299,386	362,015	2705	133.83
2003	227,902	266,552	1330	200.42

Table 3. Cont.

Year	Cost of Damage Due to Landslides (Million Won)	Standardized Cost of Damage by 2010 GDP Deflator (Million Won)	Landslide Area (ha)	Cost of Damage per 1 ha (Based on 2010 GDP Deflator)
2004	99,195	112,722	233	483.78
2005	87,333	98,237	469	209.46
2006	275,106	309,804	1597	193.99
2007	13,935	15,330	73	210
2008	15,887	16,973	102	166.4
2009	59,937	61,854	250	247.42
2010	31,872	31,872	206	154.72
2011	147,650	145,325	824	176.37
2012	97,274	94,809	491	193.09
2013	60,365	58,324	312	186.93
2014	14,467	13,897	70	198.53

#### 2.4. The Effect of Adaptation

There are a few studies analyzing the effects of adaptation plans in addressing climate change. Past studies have focused on simulating various situations by modifying variables in spatial models [24–26]. The measures should also consider general adaptation plans to deal with climate change. Thus, four adaptation measures are made considering representative adaptation plans of ROK to deal with landslides, and then to evaluate the properties of input variables for a landslide model (Table 4). The effect of adaptation is analyzed by reanalyzing the landslide model with modified variables.

The first and second adaptation measures involve managing the type and age of forests. The first adaptation measure involves managing the type of forests, specifically varied across deciduous, coniferous, and mixed forests. There is a lower probability of landslides in mixed forests than in deciduous and coniferous forests. The second adaptation measure manages the age of the forest by reforestation. The Korea Forest Service provides information on the age of forests using a scale of six grades. Each grade is divided by 10 years; the first grade includes 1 to 10 year old forests, the second grade includes 11 to 20 year old forests, and the sixth grade includes over 51 years old forests. The landslide hazard analysis has determined that landslides have occurred in old forests, specifically forests of grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 [27,28]. Therefore, grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 are susceptible to landslide occurrence. The landslide occurrence can be reduced by changing the forest grade by using adaptation plans such as forest management. In this context, grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 are changed into grade 2, and use the changed data as the input data of modeling to simulate the effect of adaptation to landslides.

The following adaptation measures are related to soil. The third adaptation measure aims at improving soil drainage. The Korea Water Resources Corporation (KWRC) provides information on soil drainage using a scale comprising of six grades (Appendix A). The grades 1, 2, and 3 are changed into grade 6, based on the previous studies and results of landslide hazard analyses. The previous study shows that grades 1, 2, and 3 (high level of soil drainage) can cause landslides in the forestland of ROK [29]. According to the previous studies, this relates to the underground water level and soil properties of ROK [29,30].

The fourth adaptation measure relates to the type of soil. Soil is classified into six types, after studying seventeen types provided by KWRC [27]. The six types consist of 1 (gravel), 2 (sand), 3 (loamy sand), 4 (silty sandy loam), 5 (silty clayey loam), and 6 (clayey loam) (Appendix A). The results of landslide hazard modeling revealed that types 1, 2, and 3 are susceptible to landslides. Thus, this study changed types 1, 2, and 3 into type 6 to decrease the probability of landslide.

**Table 4.** List of adaptation measures (Please see Appendix A for more information).

Adaptation Measures	Content	Change	
		From	To
1	Managing forest type	Deciduous, coniferous forest	Mixed forest
2	Managing age of forest	3, 4, 5, 6 grade	2 grade
3	Improving soil drainage	1, 2, 3 grade	6 grade
4	Managing type of soil	1, 2, 3 type	6 type

The “Benefit/Cost” of adaptation (“adaptation BC”) is calculated to check the economic effect of adaptation measures. Benefit refers to decreased cost of damage by reducing the number of areas that are vulnerable to landslides. Thus, BC is same as “decreased cost of damage per adaptation cost.”

$$\text{Benefit/Cost} = (\text{Original cost of damage} - \text{Cost of damage considering adaptation measures}) / (\text{Required cost for adaptation measures})$$

Details on projects related to the four adaptation measures mentioned above are collected. The cost of adaptation is calculated by taking the average of the cost of relevant cases. The unit of adaptation cost is South Korean won (KRW) per 1 ha.

Data and the number of past studies are insufficient. Thus, adaptation BC analysis is difficult to calculate quantitatively. However, this study suggests using adaptation BC analysis to support the establishment of effective adaptation plans. Generally, the government has a limited budget for adaptation plans. Adaptation BC analysis can provide expected results for various options for adaptation plans, and help decision making toward effective planning.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Landslide Hazard Assessment (Example)

In this section, the study focus on the shallow landslide, which is the most general landslide type in ROK. Table 1 shows input variables for the assessment. The soil type includes six types such as gravel, sand, loamy sand, silty sandy loam, silty clayey loam, and clayey loam. (Appendix A). Appendix A also shows detailed information of soil depth and drainage.

The ten SDMs are used to assess landslide risks. As a result of the modeling test, each run of the model shows a slight difference in reliability (Table 5). However, the AUC value of every model is over 0.78. Thus, the statistical reliability is high. The differences among AUC values come from optimizing the model’s process. Thus, this study uses the results of five runs in order to consider errors in the modeling process.

To make an aggregated landslide hazard map, this study synthesizes the results of ten SDMs through an ensemble method. The ensemble method involves synthesizing results of ten SDMs considering the statistical reliability of each model. The result map reveals an almost similar distribution of hazard areas to the present landslide occurrence map (Appendix B).

Future landslide hazard areas are estimated by applying climate change scenarios to the present landslide hazard model. This study applies RCPs 2.6, 4.5, 6.0 and 8.5 scenarios, and sets target years as the 2040s (2041 to 2050) and the 2090s (2091 to 2100). The landslide assessment model estimates future landslide hazard areas based on changes in the intensity of rainfall. Thus, the distribution of landslide hazard area also changes according to the properties of rainfall in the future.

**Table 5.** Statistical reliability of SDMs.

Model	Model Running Number					Average
	1	2	3	4	5	
MAXENT	0.766	0.822	0.811	0.745	0.772	0.783
CTA	0.837	0.862	0.845	0.774	0.854	0.834
SRE	0.690	0.711	0.712	0.662	0.673	0.690
FDA	0.830	0.867	0.873	0.809	0.879	0.852
MARS	0.832	0.879	0.886	0.822	0.894	0.863
RF	0.892	0.921	0.931	0.896	0.911	0.910
GLM	0.822	0.850	0.863	0.805	0.867	0.841
GBM	0.866	0.897	0.907	0.853	0.891	0.883
GAM	0.829	0.856	0.876	0.817	0.862	0.848
ANN	0.816	0.844	0.879	0.829	0.833	0.840

In the 2040s, there is no increase of landslide hazard areas (Table 6). However, every scenario has landslide hazard areas. Thus, an adaptation plan is required to adapt to landslides. On the other hand, in the 2090s, every scenario, except for RCP 2.6, shows an increase in hazard areas. This is because the intensity of rainfall is low in the 2040s and high in the 2090s.

**Table 6.** Future landslide hazard areas.

Target Year	Landslide Hazard Area (ha)	Area Ratio Comparing Present Hazard Area (%)
Present (2001–2010)	1,334,600	-
RCP 2.6	2040s	175,400
	2090s	439,700
RCP 4.5	2040s	744,600
	2090s	1,653,300
RCP 6.0	2040s	551,100
	2090s	1,927,400
RCP 8.5	2040s	255,400
	2090s	2,901,700

### 3.2. Cost of Damage

The cost of damage per ha is analyzed using the records of the cost of damage of landslides across the nation over 18 years. The chosen standard monetary value is from 2010. As a result of the analysis, the average cost of damage is 169 million won per ha (Table 7). The minimum value is 90.75 million won per ha and the maximum value is 483.78 million won per ha. The average, minimum, and maximum costs of damage are used to consider the uncertainty of the cost because the average costs of damage can't be the most reliable value. Thus, this study considers average, minimum, and maximum costs together. The cost of damage is defined as the cost including landslide restoration, adaptation, and management costs, based on the contents of past records.

**Table 7.** Cost of damage per unit area [3].

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cost of damage per 1 ha (million won)	161	90	117	127	202	133	200	483	209
Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Cost of damage per 1 ha (million won)	193	210	166	247	154	176	193	186	198

As previously mentioned, this study focuses on residential and transportation area considering the concentration of damage and data from past records. This study finds vulnerable land-use areas based on landslide hazard maps. The vulnerable residential areas are 12,900 ha and vulnerable transportation areas are 1100 ha.

According to records containing reports on disasters over the past eighteen years, the cost of damage caused by landslides is concentrated in areas where landslides commonly occur. This means that severe instances of landslide damage converge on a limited area. This study calculates using data from past records and obtains 5.11% as the average of the ratio of limited areas. Therefore, this study focuses on the cost of damage considering 5.11% to avoid overestimation of the cost. The damaged area is multiplied with average, minimum, and maximum costs of damage per ha (Table 8).

The cost of damage based on the average value of cost of damage per unit (120.8 billion won) is most similar to the real cost of damage, which is 131.2 billion won. The model underestimates the cost of damage by about 7.93%. Meanwhile, the cost of damage is 64.8 billion won (50.58% underestimation) when the minimum value of cost of damage per unit is applied. The maximum cost of damage is 345.9 billion won (163.47% overestimation). Therefore, the cost of damage based on average shows the most reliable result.

**Table 8.** Estimated cost of damage by using landslide hazard model and past cost of damage per unit.

(Unit: Million Won)				
Target Year	Estimated landslide Cost of Damage			
	Minimum (90.75 Million Won per 1 ha)	Average (169 Million Won per 1 ha)	Maximum (483.78 Million Won per 1 ha)	
2001–2010	64,886	120,878	345,903	

This study estimates future costs of damage caused by landslides by using the above method of estimating the present cost of damage. First of all, vulnerable residential and transportation areas are found among landslide hazard areas. The ratio of increase among these areas is much higher than the ratio among all landslide hazard areas (Table 9). Thus, this study considers that the distribution of areas vulnerable to landslides in the future is more highly concentrated among residential and transportation areas. The areas vulnerable to landslides are decreased in the 2090s with RCP 2.6. However vulnerable residential and transportation areas will not decrease much in same target year and scenario. This means that vulnerability will decrease in other land-use types such as farmland, rice paddy, forest land, but residential and transportation areas remain vulnerable to the landslide. Though RCP 2.6 supposes successful mitigation plans, adaptation plans are required for residential and transportation areas, considering future landslide hazards. In the 2040s, with RCP 4.5 and 6.0, areas vulnerable to landslides have decreased, but the future cost of damage has increased.

**Table 9.** Areas vulnerable to landslides among residential and transportation areas.

(Unit: ha)					
Target Year		Hazard Areas of Residential Areas	Hazard Areas of Transportation Areas	Total	Area Ratio Comparing Present Hazard Area (%)
Present		12,900	1100	14,000	
RCP 2.6	2040s	2600	100	2700	19.29%
	2090s	10,400	1200	11,600	82.86%
RCP 4.5	2040s	18,200	1900	20,100	143.57%
	2090s	42,400	4900	47,300	337.86%
RCP 6.0	2040s	16,400	1400	17,800	127.14%
	2090s	43,000	4200	47,200	337.14%
RCP 8.5	2040s	4200	400	4600	32.86%
	2090s	54,600	5800	60,400	431.43%

The cost of damage is estimated by multiplying vulnerable areas of the future and the cost of damage per ha (minimum, average, and maximum) (Table 10). According to the results of the present costs of damage, the future costs of damage based on an average would be most reliable. Future costs of damage in the 2090s (RCPs 6.0 and 8.5) have increased to about three to four times that of the present. According to the RCP 8.5 scenario, huge costs of damage are estimated in residential and transportation areas.

**Table 10.** Estimation of future landslide cost of damage.

(Unit: Million Won)			
Target Year	Cost of Damage		
	Minimum (90.75 Million Won per 1 ha)	Average (169 Million Won per 1 ha)	Maximum (483.78 Million Won per 1 ha)
Present	64,886	120,878	345,903
RCP 2.6	12,514	23,312	66,710
2040s	53,763	100,156	286,605
RCP 4.5	93,158	173,546	496,617
2040s	219,223	408,395	1,168,657
RCP 6.0	82,498	153,688	439,791
2040s	218,759	407,531	1,166,186
RCP 8.5	21,320	39,717	113,654
2040s	279,938	521,502	1,492,323

### 3.3. Effects of Adaptation and Cost-Benefit Analysis (Example)

As a result of analyzing the effects of adaptation to landslides, the reduced future landslide hazard areas are assessed using four adaptation measures (Appendix C). A table is made for each adaptation measure, the many climate change scenarios, and target years (Table 11). Since there are too many values in the table, the “hazard areas of each adaptation measure” is aggregated and the “average of ratio compared to no measure” is calculated to compare effectiveness with other measures.

**Table 11.** Results of adaptation effect analysis.

Target Year	Adaptation Measure								
	No Measure	1		2		3		4	
	Hazard Area (ha)	Hazard Area (ha)	Ratio Compare to No Measure	Hazard Area (ha)	Ratio Compare to No Measure	hazard Area (ha)	Ratio Compare to No Measure	Hazard Area (ha)	Ratio Compare to No Measure
RCP 2.6	175,400	118,500	67.56%	139,400	79.48%	154,400	88.03%	133,100	75.88%
2040s	439,700	320,600	72.91%	357,500	81.31%	383,100	87.13%	343,400	78.10%
RCP 4.5	744,600	501,100	67.30%	568,600	76.36%	622,800	83.64%	545,000	73.19%
2040s	1,653,300	1,236,500	74.79%	1,366,500	82.65%	1,449,900	87.70%	1,333,000	80.63%
RCP 6.0	551,100	429,300	77.90%	463,600	84.12%	478,500	86.83%	447,500	81.20%
2040s	1,927,400	1,613,500	83.71%	1,711,000	88.77%	1,746,600	90.62%	1,657,700	86.01%
RCP 8.5	255,400	191,100	74.82%	208,500	81.64%	227,600	89.12%	204,600	80.11%
2040s	2,901,700	2,300,800	79.29%	2,466,900	85.02%	2,547,200	87.78%	2,394,700	82.53%
Total reduced area (ha)	-	1,937,200		1,366,600		1,038,500		1,589,600	
Average reduced ratio	-		74.79%		82.42%		87.61%		79.71%

Adaptation measure 1 is the most effective option among the four measures (1,937,200 ha and 74.79%). On average, this option reduces about 25.21% of the hazard areas, when compared to no

measures being employed. The second most effective option is adaptation measure 4 (1,589,600 ha and 79.71%). The third effective option is adaptation measure 2, and the fourth is adaptation measure 3.

Table 8 shows an interesting result on the effectiveness of adaptation measures, according to RCP scenarios. RCPs 8.5 and 6.0 show a lower “ratio compared to no measure” than RCPs 4.5 and 2.6. This means that the effect of rainfall can affect the effectiveness of the adaptation measure greatly. RCPs 8.5 and 6.0 estimate heavier rainfall in the future than RCPs 4.5 and 2.6.

The cost of damage considering the effect of adaptation is calculated using hazard area and cost of damage per ha (Table 12). The cost of damage based on average is used to estimate the reduction in the cost of damage by implementing adaptation measures. As a result of the analysis, every adaptation measure can help reduce the cost of damage. Adaptation measure 1 exhibits the highest reduction in the cost of damage among the four measures. This result is the same in all the target years, except for the 2090s of RCP 6.0.

**Table 12.** Reduced cost of damage by adaptation measures.

(Unit: Million Won)						
Target Year		Adaptation Measure				
		No Measure	1	2	3	4
RCP 2.6	2040s	23,312	14,678	18,132	19,859	17,268
	2090s	100,156	76,844	86,341	91,522	75,980
RCP 4.5	2040s	173,546	116,561	125,195	133,829	113,971
	2090s	408,395	281,473	311,692	309,102	296,151
RCP 6.0	2040s	153,688	120,878	128,649	126,058	115,697
	2090s	407,531	315,146	339,322	325,507	307,375
RCP 8.5	2040s	39,717	26,766	30,219	31,083	29,356
	2090s	521,502	379,039	417,029	412,712	391,126

The adaptation cost is analyzed by investigating adaptation projects of relevant institutes (Table 13). The minimum, average, and maximum adaptation costs are calculated to consider the uncertainty of different projects. The adaptation cost is used in the BC analysis.

**Table 13.** Estimated adaptation cost for adaptation measures.

(Unit: Million Won/ha)			
Adaptation Measure	Minimum	Average	Maximum
1 (Managing forest type)	416,069	456,464	513,017
2 (Managing age of forest)	452,994	496,974	558,546
3 (Improving soil drainage)	3,641,040	5,461,560	7,282,080
4 (Managing type of soil)	777,828	875,057	972,285

Table 14 exhibits the results of adaptation BC analysis. The minimum, average, and maximum values of adaptation cost is used to analyze the extent of BC. Understandably, BC based on minimum adaptation cost is higher than the average and maximum values. The differences among the average, minimum, and maximum values constitute about 10%.

In the 2040s, almost every BC is lower than 1, except for RCP 4.5. Since the estimated landslide hazard in the 2040s is low, the adaptation cost is bigger than the benefit. In the 2090s, BC differs across adaptation measures, target years, and scenarios. Adaptation measure 1 displays a higher BC than other measures. Meanwhile, the target years, the 2090s, show higher a BC than the 2040s do. This means that the bigger the landslide hazard area, the better the BC. In other words, adaptation measures are essential in order to respond to high levels of hazard.

**Table 14.** BC analysis for adaptation measures.

Adaptation Measure	Target Year		BC		
			Minimum	Average	Maximum
1 (Managing forest type)	RCP 2.6	2040s	0.21	0.19	0.17
		2090s	0.56	0.51	0.45
	RCP 4.5	2040s	1.37	1.25	1.11
		2090s	3.05	2.78	2.47
	RCP 6.0	2040s	0.79	0.72	0.64
		2090s	2.22	2.02	1.80
RCP 8.5	2040s	0.31	0.28	0.25	
	2090s	3.42	3.12	2.78	
2 (Managing age of forest)	RCP 2.6	2040s	0.11	0.10	0.09
		2090s	0.30	0.28	0.25
	RCP 4.5	2040s	1.07	0.97	0.87
		2090s	2.13	1.95	1.73
	RCP 6.0	2040s	0.55	0.50	0.45
		2090s	1.51	1.37	1.22
RCP 8.5	2040s	0.21	0.19	0.17	
	2090s	2.31	2.10	1.87	
3 (Improving soil drainage)	RCP 2.6	2040s	0.01	0.01	0.00
		2090s	0.02	0.02	0.01
	RCP 4.5	2040s	0.11	0.07	0.05
		2090s	0.27	0.18	0.14
	RCP 6.0	2040s	0.08	0.05	0.04
		2090s	0.23	0.15	0.11
RCP 8.5	2040s	0.02	0.02	0.01	
	2090s	0.30	0.20	0.15	
4 (Managing type of soil)	RCP 2.6	2040s	0.08	0.07	0.06
		2090s	0.31	0.28	0.25
	RCP 4.5	2040s	0.77	0.68	0.61
		2090s	1.44	1.28	1.15
	RCP 6.0	2040s	0.49	0.43	0.39
		2090s	1.29	1.14	1.03
RCP 8.5	2040s	0.13	0.12	0.11	
	2090s	1.68	1.49	1.34	

Table 14 is rearranged to interpret the results clearly. The average of each adaptation measure is calculated to compare effectiveness (Table 15). Adaptation measure 1 has the highest BC value and adaptation measure 2 has the second highest. Adaptation measure 3 has the lowest among the four measures.

**Table 15.** BC based on average of adaptation cost.

Target Year		Adaptation Measure			
		1	2	3	4
RCP 2.6	2040s	0.19	0.10	0.01	0.07
	2090s	0.51	0.28	0.02	0.28
RCP 4.5	2040s	1.25	0.97	0.07	0.68
	2090s	2.78	1.95	0.18	1.28
RCP 6.0	2040s	0.72	0.50	0.05	0.43
	2090s	2.02	1.37	0.15	1.14
RCP 8.5	2040s	0.28	0.19	0.02	0.12
	2090s	3.12	2.10	0.20	1.49
Average		1.36	0.93	0.09	0.69

Adaptation measure 1 exhibits the most decreased hazard areas and has the highest BC value among the four measures. Meanwhile, adaptation measure 4 shows the second most decreased hazard areas, but its BC value is third among the four measures. Adaptation measure 2 demonstrates the third most decreased hazard areas and its BC value is the second. Lastly, adaptation measure 3 exhibits the lowest effectiveness among the four measures in the effects of adaptation and BC analysis. Thus, adaptation measure 1 is the most effective option to adapt to landslide hazard areas.

#### 4. Conclusions

The objective of this study is to identify a means to analyze the cost of damage due to landslides, and to identify a way to assess the effect of adaptation and adaptation BC plans for landslide. This study calculated the average cost of damage per unit area by using past records of the cost of damage of landslides. This study also estimated future costs of damage using the cost of damage per unit and landslide hazard area derived from SDMs and climate change scenarios. Input variables are modified to consider adaptation measures and SDMs are run with modified variables to analyze the effect of adaptation. Adaptation BC is analyzed by using benefit (reduced hazard area by adaptation measures) and cost (required cost for adaptation projects). Adaptation BC exhibits effectiveness of adaptation measures in addressing future landslide hazards.

Various studies have focused on analyzing properties of landslide damage, finding hazard areas and predicting future hazard areas. These studies intend to support decision making to reduce landslide hazards. However, policy makers find it difficult to understand the results of these studies. Therefore, analyzing and estimating economic cost of damage is aimed at supporting decision makers. Additionally, the effect of adaptation and adaptation BC can help give information on the effectiveness of adaptation measures. This study suggests quantitative methodologies to support policy makers by introducing the economic cost of damage and effects of adaptation into existing research methods.

Meanwhile, this study has several limitations and difficulties. First, collecting reliable economic data is difficult. The definition of the cost of damage is vague. It is difficult to collect detailed data. Thus, continuously gathering data on the cost of damage caused by landslides and adaptation cost is required in order to establish effective adaptation plans. Second, it is difficult to analyze the effect of adaptation using an objective method. To solve this problem, simulating with various adaptation measures is needed to analyze the effects of adaptation. However, it is difficult to find proper options or projects related to climate change. Thus, the reality and the concreteness of adaptation measures should be considered.

This study suggests methods to analyze future costs of damage caused by landslides, the effects of adaptation, and adaptation BC for various climate change scenarios to find effective adaptation measures. Climate change affects the entire world, and thus, both, developed and developing countries need proper climate adaptation plans. Therefore, frameworks and methods of this study can be used as important tools to support decision making for the creation and establishment of adaptation plans.

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Appendix A

Table A1. Detailed information of soil variables.

Variable	Class	Contents	Standard
Soil type	1	Gravel	-
	2	Sand	Silt < 15%, Sand ≥ 85%
	3	Loamy sand	Silt < 30%, Sand 75~85%
	4	Silty Sandy loam	Clay < 7%, Silt < 50%, Sand 43~52%
	5	Silty clayey loam	Clay 27~40%, Sand < 20%
	6	Clayey loam	Clay 27~40%, Sand 20~45%
Soil depth	1	Very deep	>150 cm
	2	Deep~Very deep	125~150 cm
	3	Deep	100~125 cm
	4	Normal~Deep	75~100 cm
	5	Normal	50~75 cm
	6	Shallow~Normal	35~50 cm
	7	Shallow	20~35 cm
	8	Very shallow	<20 cm
Soil drainage	1	Very good	Relative class is decided by water permeability, underground water level, soil color.
	2	Good~Very good	
	3	Good	
	4	Moderately good	
	5	Poor	
	6	Very poor	

Appendix B

Table A2. Potential landslide hazard areas (2006–2010, 2040s, 2090s).

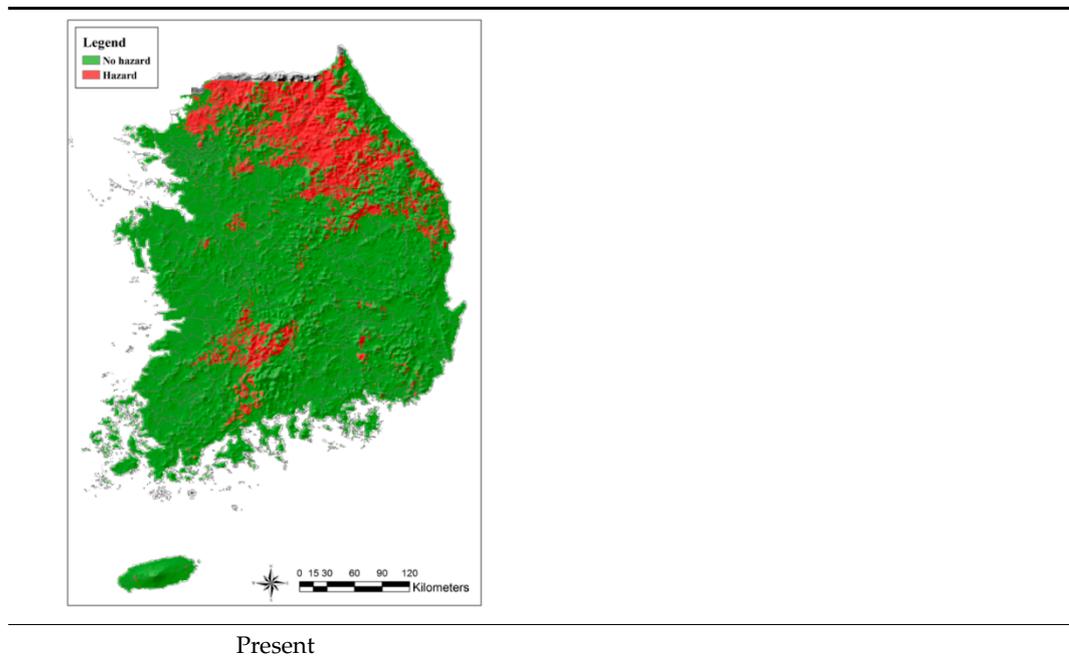


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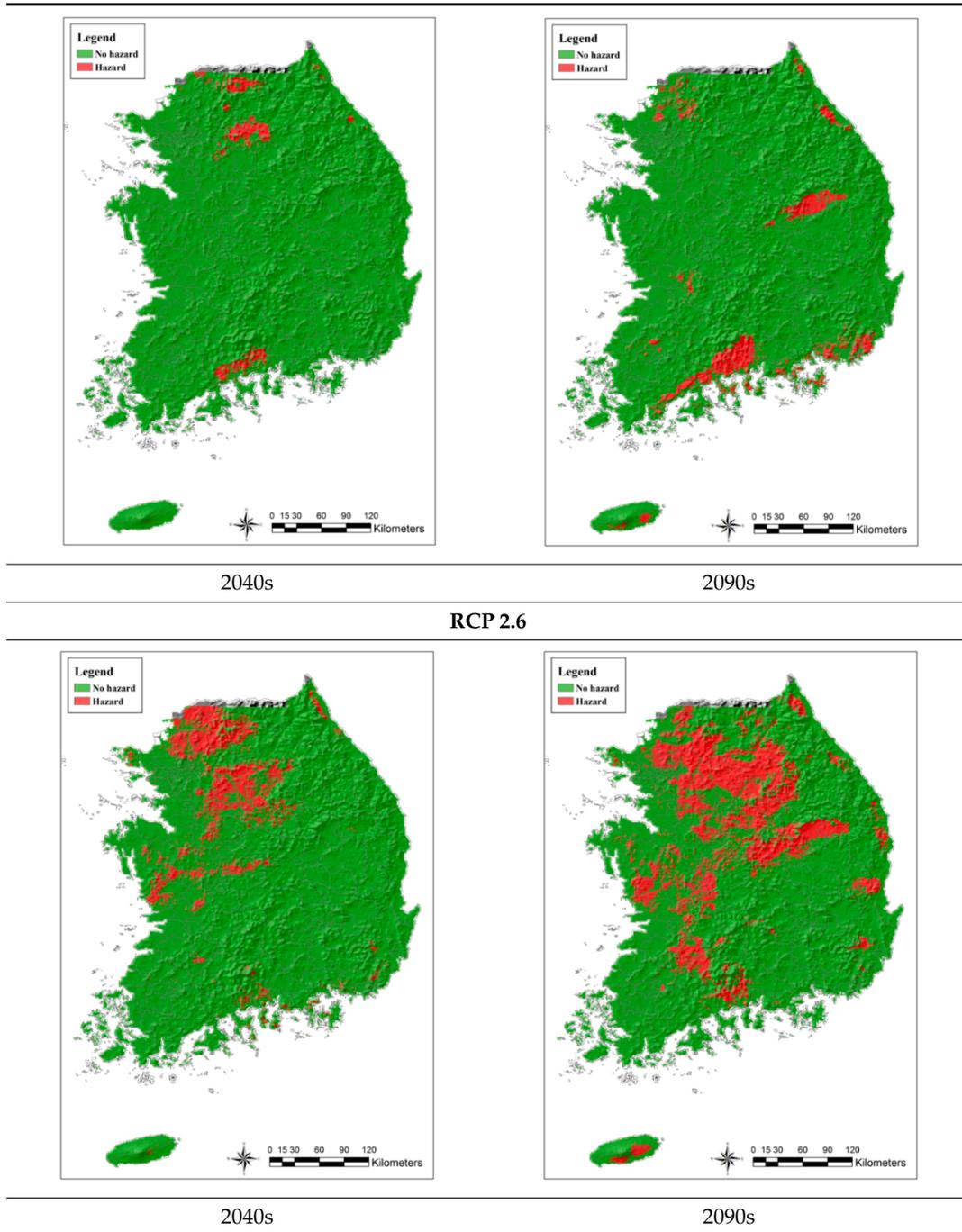
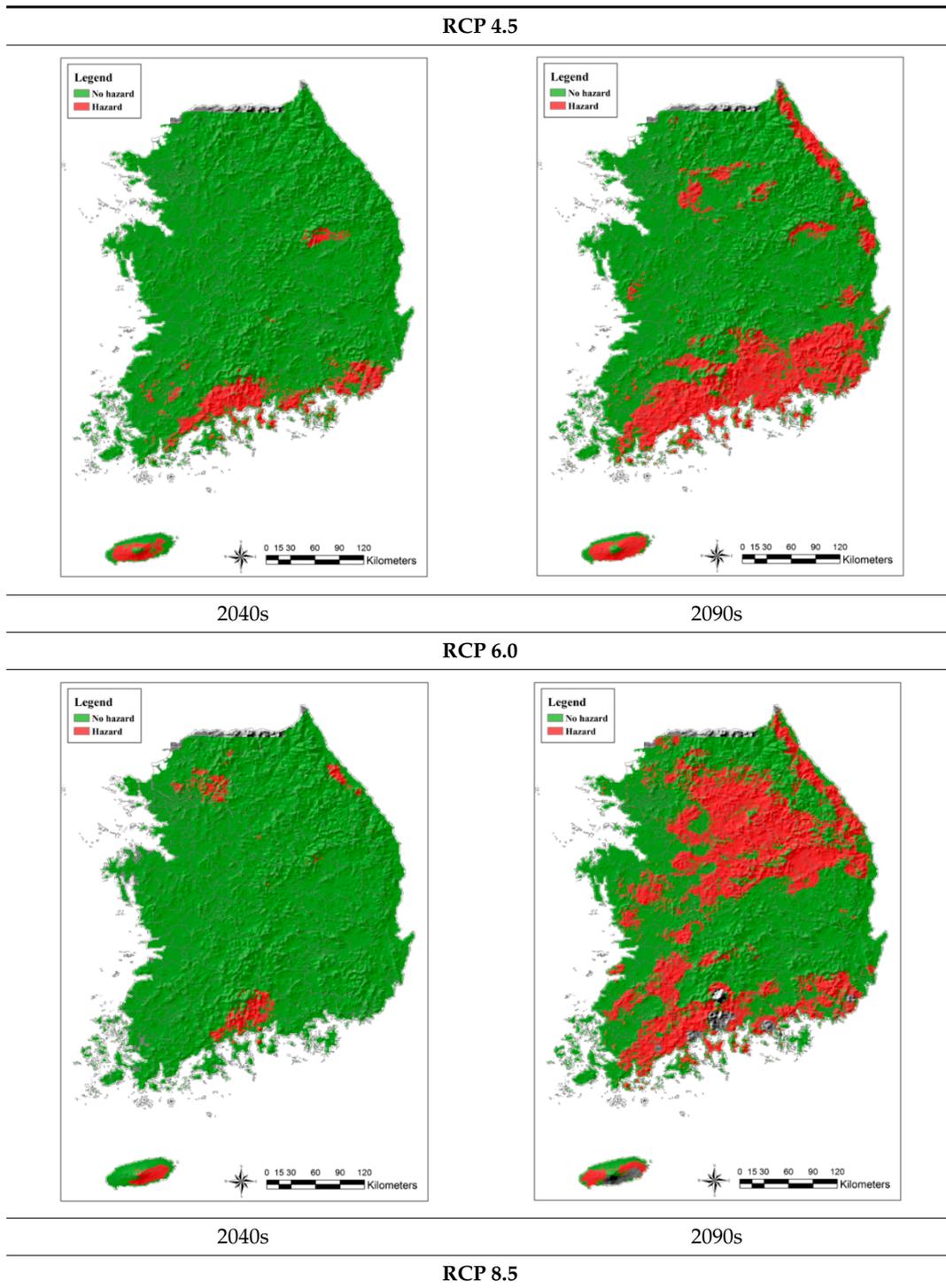


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Table A3. Landslide hazard areas considering adaptation measures.

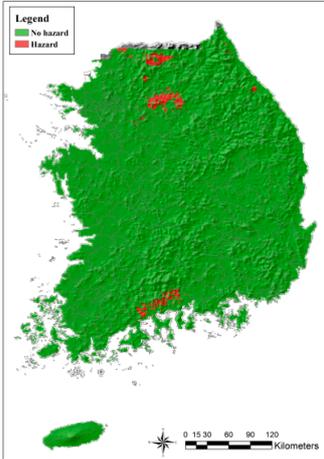
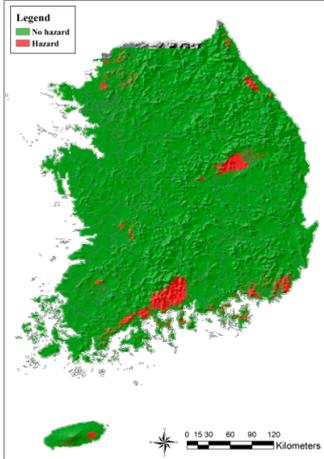
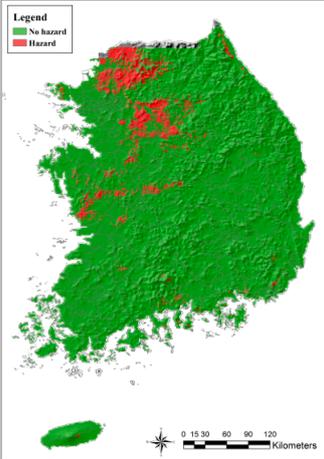
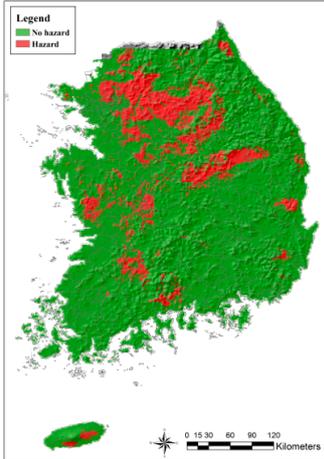
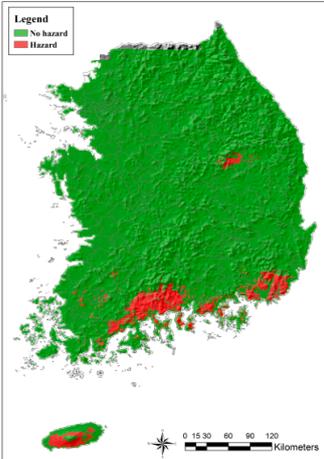
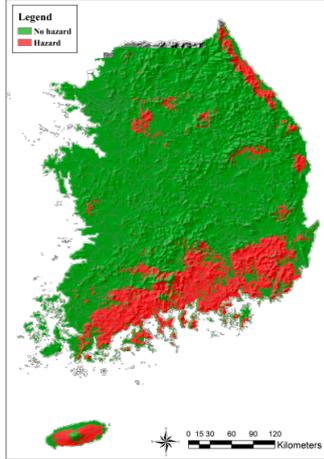
Adaptation Measure	Climate Change Scenario	Target Year	
		2040s	2090s
1 (Managing forest type)	RCP 2.6		
			
	RCP 4.5		
		RCP 6.0	

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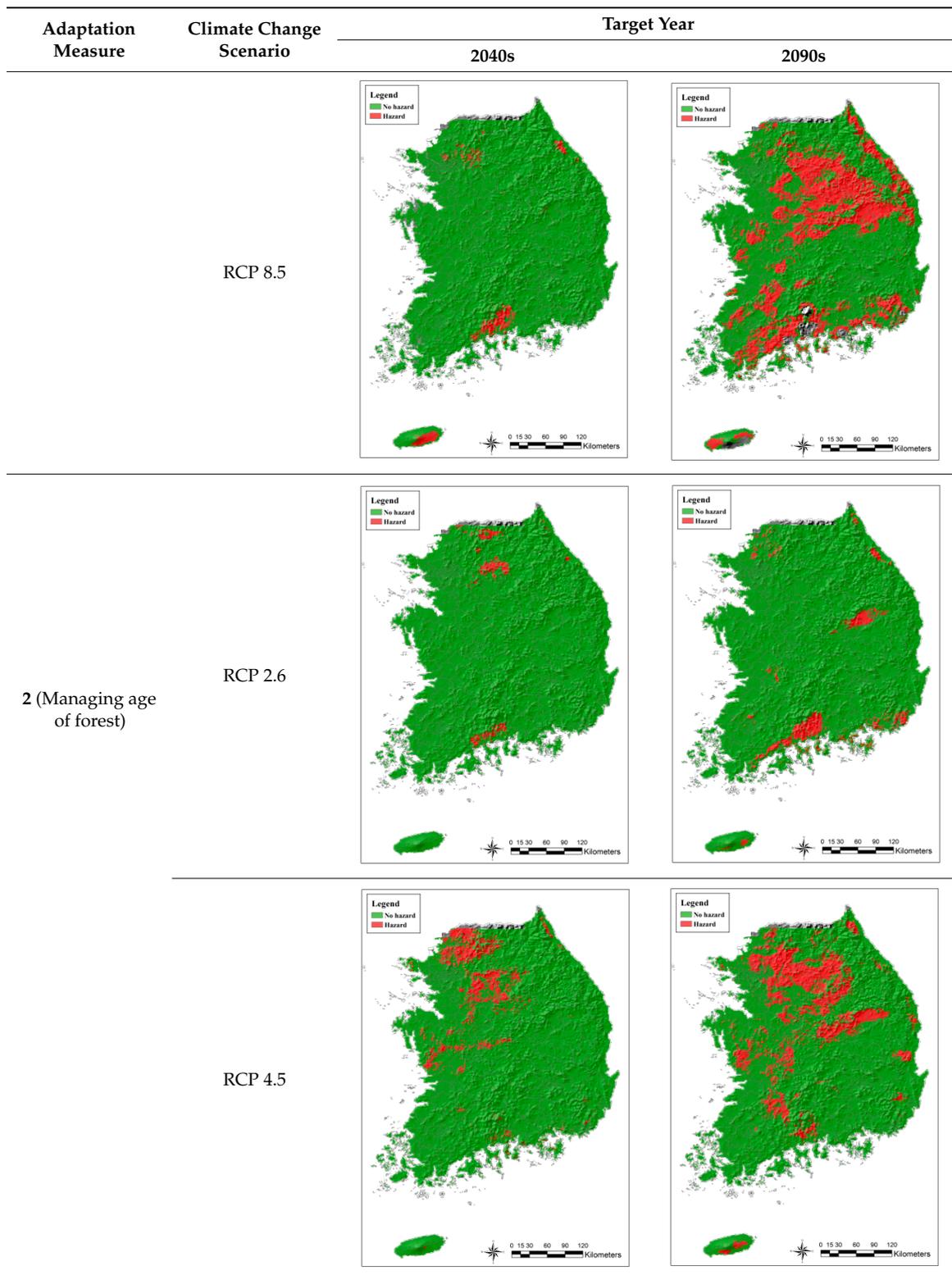


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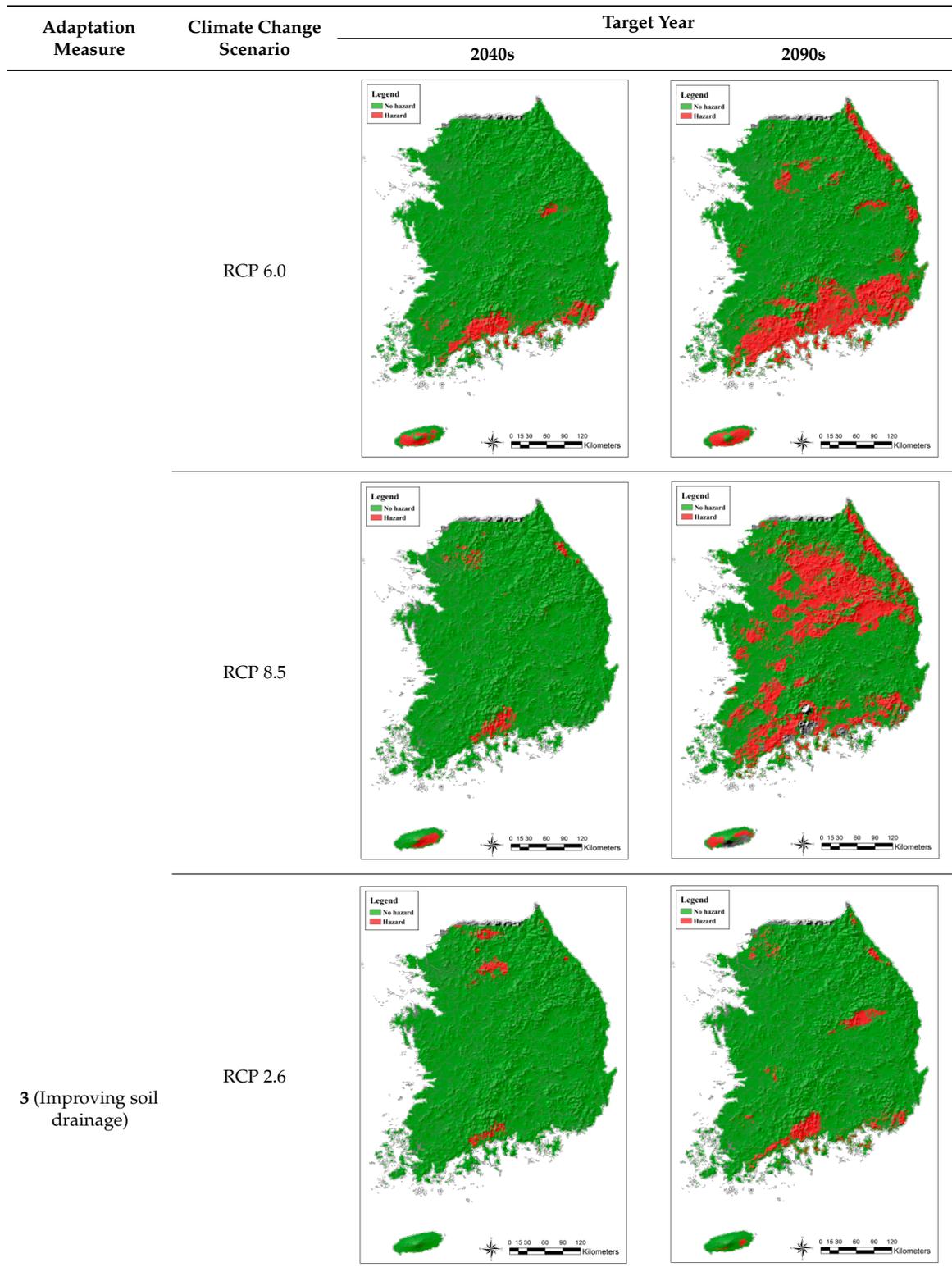


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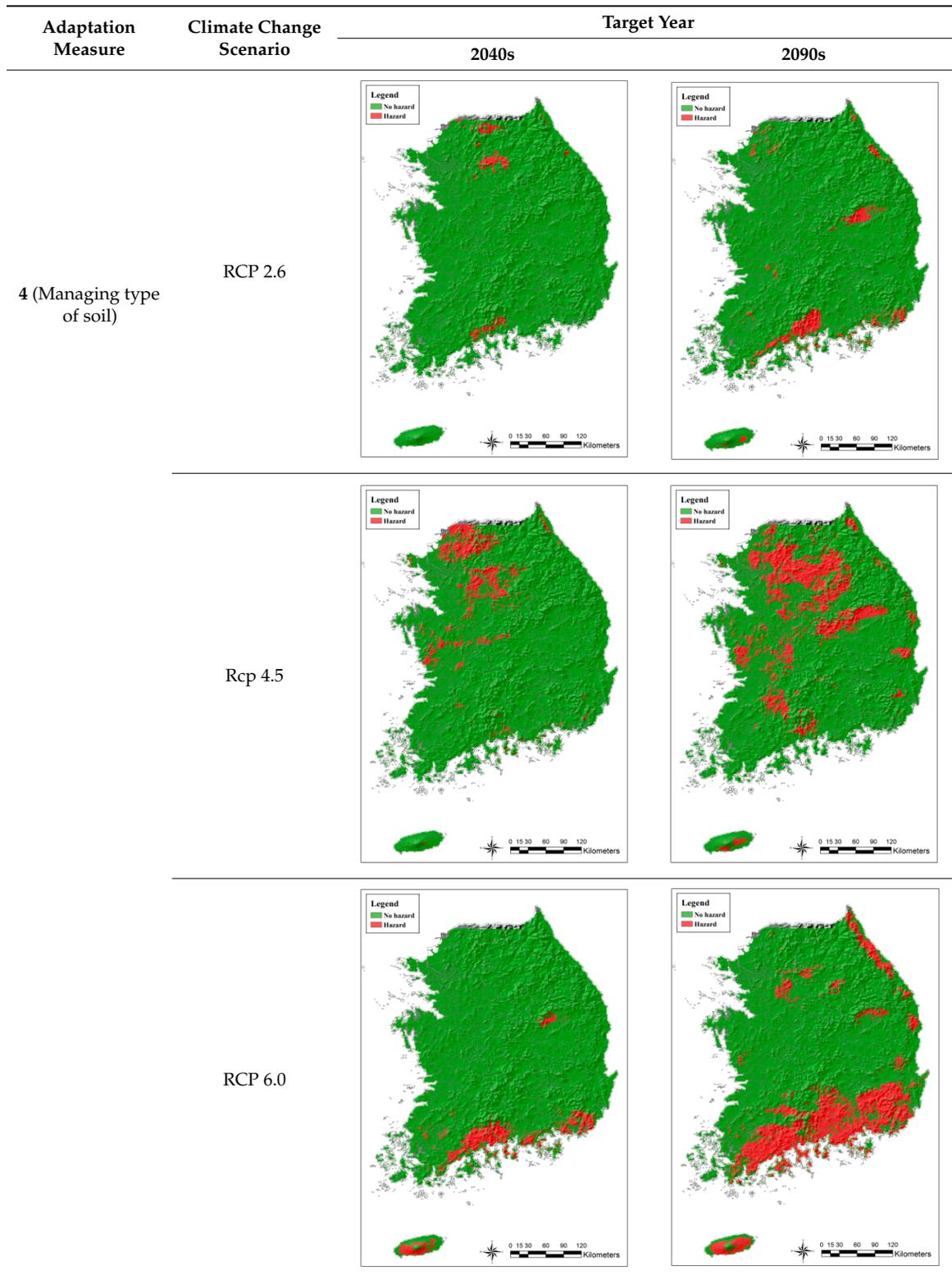
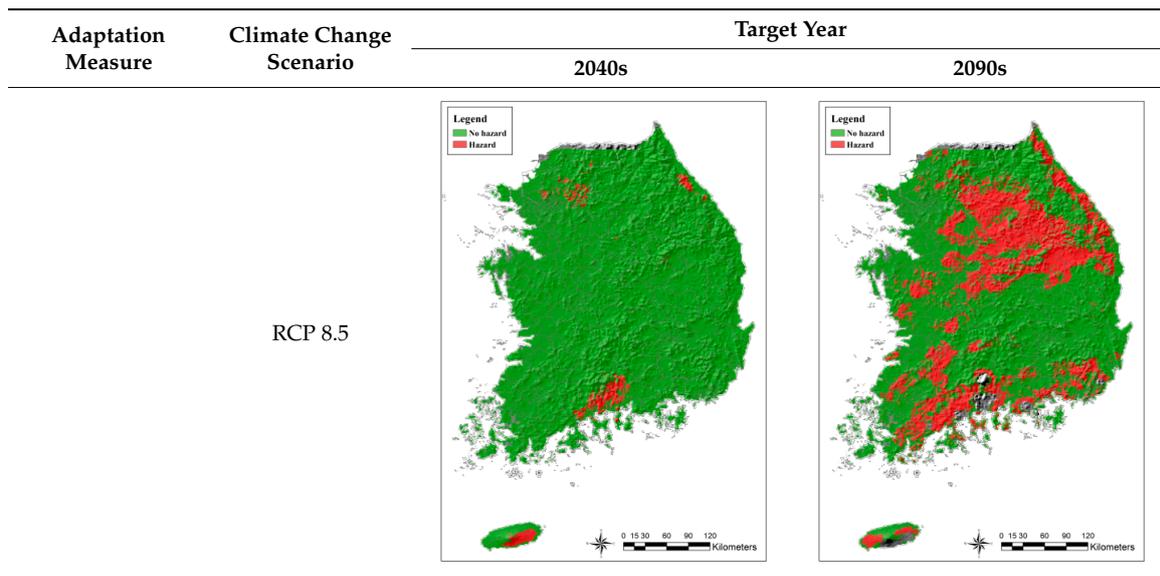


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