Jamaica's Susceptibility to Hazards

- Hurricanes
- Flooding (coastal & riverine),
- Landslide
- Drought
- Earthquakes





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Overview of Climate Related Risk (10yr period) in Jamaica

Nature of Event	Year	Cost of Damage (JA\$)	# Roads Affected	# Communities Affected	Casualties
Tropical Depression Nicole	2010	20,573,500.00	189	130	48
Tropical Storm Gustav	2008	15,051,000,000.00	151	76	12
Hurricane Dean	2007	23,000,000,000.00	269	169	4
Port Maria Rains	2006	48,862,500.00	9	24	-
November Rains	2006	533,200,108.00	17	93	-
Hurricane Emily & Dennis	2005	5,976,910,000.00	14	15	1
Hurricane Wilma	2005	3,419,202,845.40	90	106	1
Hurricane Ivan	2004	35,900,000,000.00	111	177	17
Hurricane Charlie	2004	248,912,460.00	-	-	1
May – June Rains	2003	203,347,750.00	-	27	-
Tropical Storm Lili & Isidore	2002	840,394,883.00	-	185	0
TOTAL		85,242,404,046.40	850	1002	84

Factors Contributing to Jamaica's Susceptibility to Hazards

- Improper Land Use for Urban Areas
- Lack of adherence to building codes
- Squatting (~754 informal communities scattered across the island, comprising 0.6 -0.9 million people (25% to 33% of the population) - Ministry of Housing Survey 2008
- Development in high-risk areas (along gully courses, on steep hillsides, and on road and railway line reserves).
- Environmental degradation.

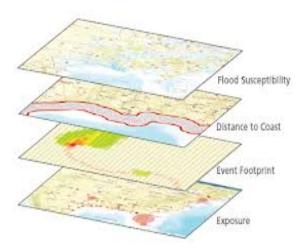




Hazard and Risk Management Geospatial Data Requirements

Categories	Geospatial Data		
Physical	Roads, Telecommunication,		
Infrastructure	Electricity, Building Foot Prints		
Socio economic	Distribution of settlements,		
	demographic and socio-economic		
	data (population distribution by age,		
	sex, income, education		
Administrative	Communities, Parishes		
Boundaries			
Cadastral	Parcel		
Hazards	Landslide		
Social Facilities	School, emergency shelters,		
	evacuation locations and critical		
	facilities)		
Land use	Forestry Reserves, Protected Areas		
Geology			
Base Map			

Integration of Datasets

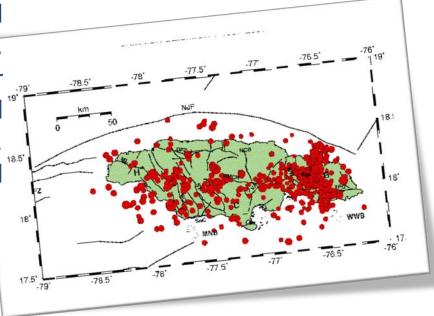


Hazard and Risk Geospatial Data Requirements -Case Study – Earthquake 1993 and 1907

Lessons Learnt : Geospatial Requirements

Need for State-of-the-art, GIS-based hazard maps dealing with landslides, earthquakes, flooding, storm surge for following urban areas Kingston and " St.Andrew, Clarendon and St.Catherine, South Coast of Jamaica, Portland, and Montego Bay areas

(Source: Rafi Ahmad , ····)



Geospatial Data - Case Study : Annotto Bay Urban Area Hazard Assessment

Objective: Multi hazard Risk assessment for the Annotto Bay .

Output:

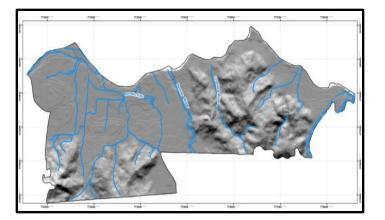
- Development/update land use plans based on risk assessments
- Using plans to prevent/control development in risk areas
- Prescribing restrictions on building type, use, occupancy and density in high risk areas.
- Population vulnerability

Geospatial Data - Case Study : Annotto Bay Urban Area Hazard Assessment

Annotto Bay, St. Mary

- Coastal town located on Jamaica's NE coast
- Low lying elevations of 1-3m above sea level
- Community is traversed by 4 rivers-Annotto, Pencar, Mother Ford Drain, Crooked Rivers.



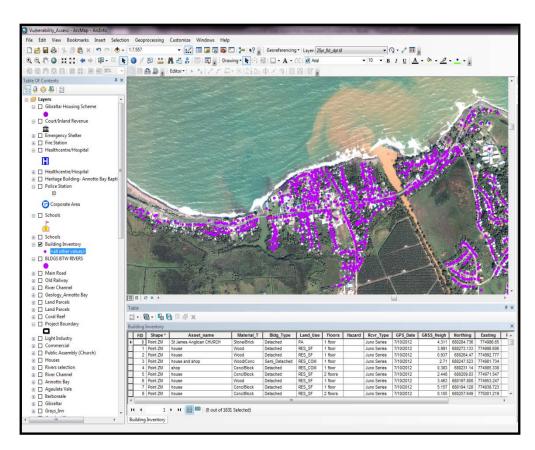


Geospatial Data Management Requirements -Case Study : Annotto Bay Urban Area Hazard Assessment

Requirements/Input-

Geospatial Data Assessment

- 1632 assets mapped.
- The following attributes were described:
 - Land use
 - ✓ # of floors
 - Materialof construction
 - Replacement cost for buildings
 - ✓ Finished floor level



Hazard

Geospatial Data Management Requirements -Case Study : Annotto Bay Urban Area Hazard Assessment

