

Review of: "The Consequences of Political and Economic Choices: Exploring Disaster Vulnerability with the Structure, Resource, and Behaviour Change model (SRAB)"

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GENERAL EVALUATION

The issue of the article is very interesting and topical in which authors have stressed the vulnerability to disaster and its root causes in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta (VMD). The authors stressed the relationship between the current situation and the modifications in rice production triggered by food security politics.

They pointed out multidimensional factors of the recent water-related disasters such as: economic, politic, structural, agricultural behaviours, geographic and climatic.

COMMENT 1: Originality

The authors emphasized well on the originality of their work. In fact, their paper seeks to bridge the research gap and the lack of literature on disaster vulnerability about Vietnam.

In addition, they stressed the contribution and the novelty of their study by critically examining Vietnam's food politics and agricultural modernisation policies in relation to changes in water resource management, disaster risk management and farming practices.

COMMENT 2: Form comment

- For all figures, the titles should be placed on top.
- Authors missed the source of Figure 2. They should mention it

COMMENT 3: Discussion

The authors discussed successfully the paper's findings. They studied and mainly criticized the root causes of natural disaster in the VMD region, which is considered the main national rice producer.

COMMENT 4: References

- I appreciate the richness of the bibliography which is relatively up to date. The authors referred to exactly 46 recent references that are less than 10 years (from 2015 to 2023).
- To maintain the same style throughout the references section, the authors should avoid the year parentheses for the following two references:
 1. Bui QD and Nguyen-Trung K (2017) “Mấy vấn đề đất nông nghiệp qua cuộc khảo sát tại 2 xã Tân Long, tỉnh Hậu Giang và xã Thân Cửu Nghĩa, tỉnh Tiền Giang”. *Tạp chí Xã Hội Học* Vol. 1, No. 137, pp.11-23.
 2. Forbes-Mewett H and Nguyen-Trung K (2019) Defining Vulnerability. *Vulnerability in a Mobile World* Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.5-27.
- In the references list, authors wrote: Communisty Party of Vietnam. Since 1977 to 2007. But in the body text, they referred to Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV). They need to correct this spelling mistake.