

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

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This study tries to identify how modern agricultural policies influence water resource management, disaster risk management and farming practices in Vietnam using a case study of Tan Hung commune.

1. In the abstract, there is no broader aspect of how that drought and salinity will impact existing water resource management. Adding 2-3 lines in detail will compact the abstract.
2. In Figure 2: Map of Tan Hung commune, Soc Trang province, adding a commune boundary will be more accurate.
3. Language is not consistent. Sometimes it refers author as the lead author and sometimes it refers as "my" in the data section ["The determination of household poverty was based on **my** consultations with..."].
4. Table 1, 2, 3: font and font size seem inconsistent in table and source.
5. In the data and method section, the authors described their contribution to this study. This contribution part can be at the end of the study rather than in the data and method part.
6. The "Current Farming System and Vulnerability to Natural Risks" section could be shifted to the right after the introduction or could be within the introduction to give a clear picture of the problem that motivates the study.
7. Figure 4 is a good example of what could be done to clearly convey the history without making the article verbose. A similar approach (information with a flow chart) could be beneficial for readers to clearly understand the "Changes in Resource Management", and "Structural Changes: Vietnam's Food Politics and Rice Intensification Policies". If figures are used for any information, adding too much description about the same thing will make duplication of information and readers may feel lost with so much information.
8. In the "The Changes in Farming Behaviours" section, the authors added quotations from different people, which can be summarized in a paragraph.

Overall, the study is very important to understand and address disaster vulnerability. Some of the information is conveyed very precisely (Table 6) and is easy to understand. The authors did a great job with information collection. It would be easy for readers to understand the analysis if the writing is very compact with information. Some sections/paragraphs

seem redundant. Adding all information is not always helpful. Conveying information with figures, and maps would be beneficial for readers.