



**Towards a focused, appropriate and
actionable climate change action agenda
in Thailand:
what more needs to be done?**

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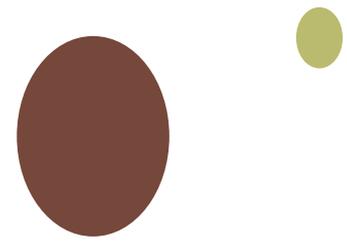


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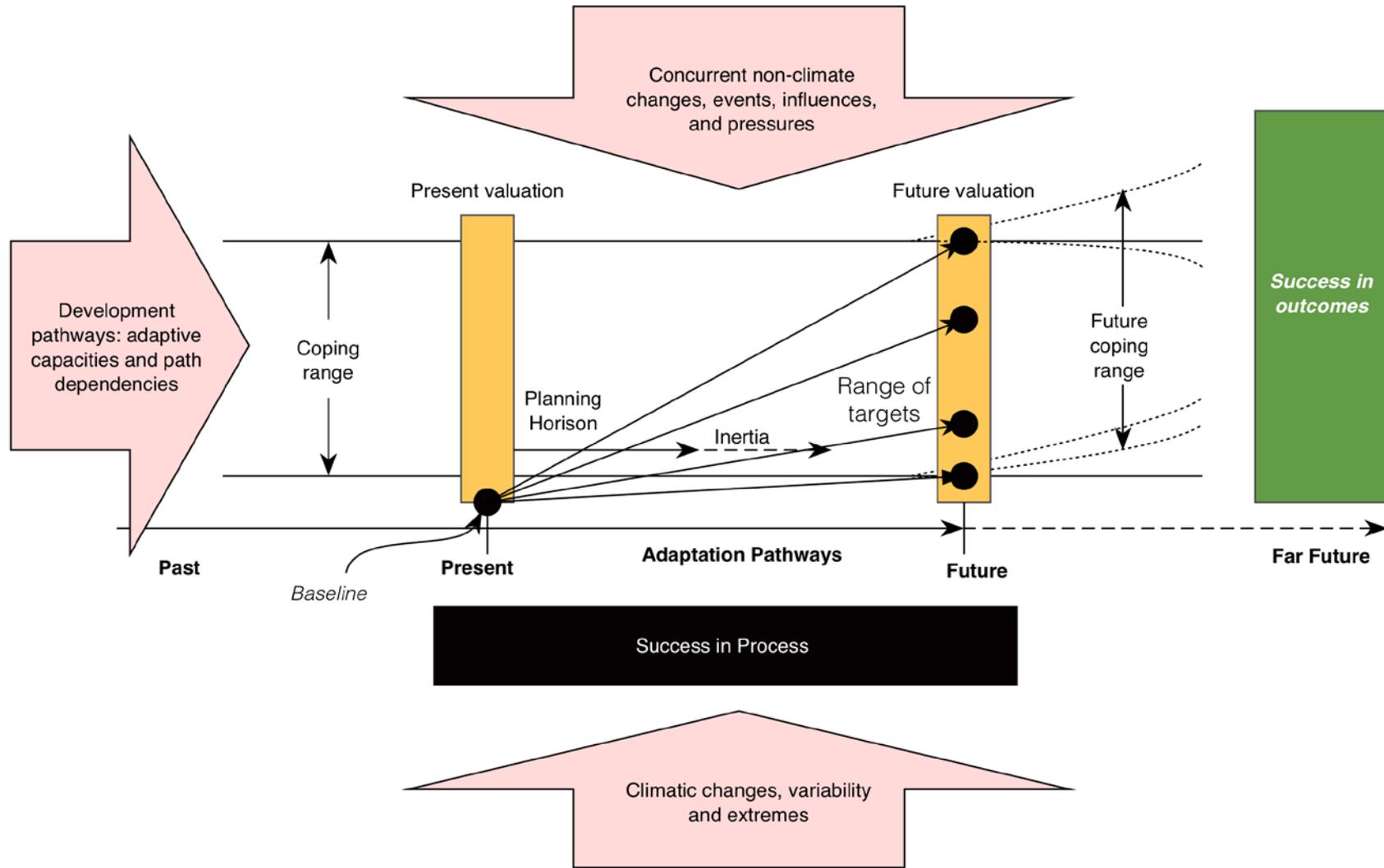
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Adaptation Success





Climate change adaptation readiness in the ASEAN countries

Climate change poses significant challenges to Southeast Asia. The region is highly exposed to extreme weather events, and both warming and heavy precipitation – are projected to increase in future decades.¹

Agriculture, which accounts for more than 10% of GDP in most countries in the region, is a major source of livelihood and persistent poverty in rural areas, low levels of education, spatial isolation, and neglect by policy-makers, can amplify those impacts.² Vulnerability is particularly high in rural areas, which are home to more than three-quarters of the region's poor people, many of them smallholders or subsistence farmers.³ Building resilience in agrarian communities is thus a priority.⁴

institutional structures for adaptation planning, stakeholder involvement and implementation; finance for planning, activities support.

Adaptation pioneers: *Philippines, Vietnam*

Emerging champions: *Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar*

Wait and see adapters: *Laos, Malaysia, Thailand*

Adaptation is not an outcome but a “systemic process”¹⁰ Achieving success is typically not just to one climate risk, but to multiple interacting ones (unfolding across geographic scales, spatial and sectoral boundaries, ecological systems, and social strata) against a backdrop of non-climatic stresses and conditions”.¹¹ Given that adaptation efforts are at a relatively early stage in the ASEAN region, an evaluation of adaptation readiness may provide the most useful way to improve national adaptive capacity.

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Adaptation Readiness

(Ford & King, 2013)

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