

1 **Abstract**

2 Natural disasters are too often presented as resulting from extreme natural phenomena
3 affecting helpless populations, with people being insufficiently aware of the factors leading to
4 disasters and of the existing strategies to mitigate their impacts. We developed a board game
5 aimed at raising awareness about geohazards and disaster risk reduction strategies. The target
6 groups are (1) secondary school students and citizens, and (2) scientists and stakeholders
7 involved in risk management activities. For the first group, the aim is to induce a better
8 understanding of geohazards and disasters they are confronted with in the media or in their
9 daily life; for the second, the objective is to generate discussion about risk management
10 strategies. The game was tested with students in Belgium and with citizens, earth scientists
11 and risk managers in several African countries. Based on analysis of the most common game
12 strategies observed, the players' reactions during the game and their answers to a short
13 questionnaire, we analyzed the main learning outcomes conveyed by this game. The
14 *Hazagora* game appears to positively enhance the players' insight in processes involved in
15 disasters. As such, the game is an effective fun learning tool to introduce participants to the
16 concepts of geohazard and disaster and to generate discussion.