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My co-authors and I would like to express our gratitude to the reviewers for their constructive feedback and suggestions for strengthening our research. The changes we have made to the attached file in response to such feedback and suggestions have been highlighted in blue to facilitate their identification. I would also like to offer my apologies for the length of time it took us to prepare this response. We also record our deep appreciation for the efficient handling of the manuscript.

Response to Reviewer#1

General remarks

I read the manuscript with great interest. Authors have investigated the impact of typhoon Soulik on the coastal ecology, landform, erosion/accretion, suspended sediment movement and associated coastal changes along the Mokpo coast. This research developed an integrated approach for identifying coastal dynamics impacted by typhoons and determining damage severity. Approach and analyses support to derive their conclusions.

The content is interesting for NHESS readers. Overall, the paper is well structured, with results being presented in a clear and organized manner. I have only a few comments and suggestions for improvements.

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript and suggesting that the subject of the manuscript is indeed of interest to NHESS. We considered your suggestions in the revised version of the manuscript, which has undoubtedly improved the contents and structure of the manuscript. Please find detailed responses to your comments.

Comment 1: Sections 3.3 and 3.4 should be discussed under section 3.2, i.e., Typhoon-induced coastal dynamic modeling. Accordingly, subsections should be renumbered and rearranged.

Response: Thank you for your insightful review. In the revised manuscript, sections 3.3 and 3.4 are discussed under section 3.2, and subsections have been renumbered and rearranged accordingly.

Comment 2: Figure 3 and Table 2 contain similar information. It is therefore recommended that Authors keep only one piece of information.

Response: Thank you for your insightful comment. We agreed with the reviewer's suggestion, and Figure 3 has been kept in the revised manuscript.

Comment 3: NDVI and FVC (Fractional vegetation coverage) are frequently used vegetation metrics for assessing land-surface vegetation conditions. Therefore, the use of

NDVI is reasonable for vegetation damage severity mapping. I would expect that Authors should analyze the FVC and compare it to NDVI-derived damaged severity. You are referred to go through the following paper: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11069-018-3351-7>.

Response: This is a really interesting point raised by the reviewer. We agreed with the reviewer's suggestion and analyzed FVC in conjunction with NDVI, providing additional insights into vegetation conditions and damage severity. Subsequently, we compared the severity of vegetation damage obtained from both models (i.e., NDVI and FVC). Accordingly, sections 3.2.1 and 4.1.1 have been updated in the revised manuscript as,

3.2.1 Analyses of coastal vegetation loss and disturbance

Vegetation damage severity mapping (VDSM) has been performed using pre-and post-event satellite images. NDVI and FVC are widely used techniques for measuring vegetation density, health status, regional vegetation condition, and detecting vegetation disturbances (Xu et al., 2021; Mishra et al., 2021b; Wang et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2018, Wang and Xu, 2018; Carlson and Ripley, 1997). Subsequently, numerous studies (Xu et al., 2021; Mishra et al., 2021a; Charrua et al., 2021; Shamsuzzoha et al., 2021; Kumar et al., 2021; Nandi et al., 2020; Wang and Xu, 2018; Konda et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2013; Rodgers et al., 2009) have shown that the NDVI and FVC is a reliable indicator of post-typhoon damage detection. Therefore, in this study, the vegetation damage before and after typhoon Soulik has been determined using the NDVI and FVC approach. The NDVI has been calculated by using the following Eq. (1) (Rouse et al., 1974; Filgueiras et al., 2019):

$$NDVI = \frac{\rho_{NIR} - \rho_{RED}}{\rho_{NIR} + \rho_{RED}} \quad (1)$$

where ρ_{NIR} and ρ_{RED} are the spectral reflectances corresponding to the eighth (832.8–832.9nm) and fourth (664.6– 664.9nm) Sentinel-2 MSI bands, respectively (Xu et al., 2021). In general, NDVI values range from -1.0 to 1.0; the higher the NDVI value, the better the conditions for vegetation development, and extremely low values indicate the presence of water. Furthermore, the NDVI value above 0.4 indicates vegetated surfaces, and those between 0.25 and 0.40 signify soils with the presence of vegetation (Charrua et al., 2021). The vigor of the vegetation increases as the NDVI values come closer to 1.00 (Rouse et al., 1974). Numerous studies have established the NDVI threshold for vegetated land (e.g., Xu et al., 2021; Wong et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2015; Eastman et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2012; Sobrino et al., 2004). Most researchers noted that the NDVI threshold value for vegetation cover typically ranges from

0.15-2.0 (Xu et al., 2021; Eastman et al., 2013; Sobrino et al., 2004). Therefore, the vegetated pixels (e.g., NDVI threshold > 0.20) present in pre and post-typhoon NDVI images have been used for vegetation severity analysis. The NDVI threshold is considered to reduce the influence of land cover change from the pre-typhoon (2018-08-01) to post-typhoon (2018-10-15) periods.

The degree of vegetation damage has been determined by comparing the NDVI values of the pre-and post-typhoon periods. Various researchers have frequently used the direct difference of NDVI to determine the damage severity caused by typhoons to naturally vegetated land (Wang and Xu, 2018; Konda et al., 2018). It has been calculated on a cell-by-cell basis by subtracting the pre-typhoon NDVI image from that of the post-typhoon in ArcGIS software using map algebra (Zhang et al., 2013; Cakir et al., 2006). The following equation is used to calculate the $\Delta NDVI$ (Wang and Xu, 2018),

$$\Delta NDVI = NDVI_{post-typhoon} - NDVI_{pre-typhoon} \quad (2)$$

The difference in NDVI (i.e., $\Delta NDVI$) illustrates the change in natural vegetation, while a negative $\Delta NDVI$ value indicates the damage inflicted by a typhoon to the vegetation cover (Xu et al., 2021).

The relative change in NDVI value has been used to investigate the geo-ecological impact on the forest area (Mishra et al., 2021b). The relative vegetation changes ($NDVI_r$) after Soulik have been determined by using the following Eq. (3) (Kumar et al., 2021):

$$NDVI_r = \frac{\Delta NDVI}{NDVI_{pre-typhoon}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

where the negative $NDVI_r$ value indicates vegetation loss caused by typhoons, and the positive $NDVI_r$ value shows vegetation gain. The $NDVI_r$ value has been classified into three categories corresponding to pixels with decreased, no change, or increased vegetation cover.

On the other hand, we analyze FVC in conjunction with NDVI, which provide additional insights into vegetation conditions and damage severity. Numerous researchers (Wang and Xu, 2018; Song et al., 2017; Bao et al., 2017; Chu et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2013; Amiri et al., 2009) used FVC to analyze vegetation damage, restoration, recovery, inter-annual variability. It is calculated as the ratio of the area covered by vegetation to the total area of the landscape. It is expressed as a percentage and can range from 0 to 100%. In the present study, FVC was calculated before and after the typhoon using the derived NDVI data (Wang and Xu, 2018). The formula of FVC is as follows (Wang and Xu, 2018; Amiri et al., 2009; Carlson and

Ripley, 1997):

$$FVC = [(NDVI - NDVI_m)/(NDVI_{max} - NDVI_m)]^2 \quad (4)$$

where $NDVI_m$ and $NDVI_{max}$ represent the $NDVI_{min}$ and $NDVI_{max}$ values calculated using equation (1) (Zhang et al., 2021; Ge et al., 2018). The calculated FVC values vary between 0 and 1. After that, the FVC values were converted to percentages to fit the actual FVC classification scheme (Wang and Xu, 2018), which consists of five classes: low (0-20%), medium-low (20-40%), medium (40-60%), medium-high (60-80%), and high (80-100%). Further, the difference in FVC values between the pre-and post-typhoon images was used to calculate the extent of vegetation damage using the following equation:

$$\Delta FVC = FVC_{post-typhoon} - FVC_{pre-typhoon} \quad (5)$$

where ΔFVC is the difference value between the FVC before and after the typhoon. The ΔFVC value represents alterations in vegetation conditions and damage intensity, while a negative value of ΔFVC indicates the extent of damage caused by a typhoon to vegetation cover (Wang and Xu, 2018).

4.1.1 VDSM based on the NDVI and FVC analysis

The VDSM shows the degree of vegetation damage due to typhoons. The comparison of pre-and post-typhoon NDVI and FVC distribution shows a significant loss of vegetated land as the number of no-productivity and low-productivity pixels increases in the post-typhoon NDVI and FVC image.

Figure 5 depicts the spatial distribution of pre and post-typhoon NDVI images. Further, to determine the severity of vegetation damage, the pre-and post-typhoon NDVI image has been classified into six categories, namely non-vegetation (-1.0-0.0), low-vegetation (0.0-0.2), medium-low vegetation (0.2-0.4), medium vegetation (0.4-0.6), medium-high vegetation (0.6-0.8) and high vegetation (0.8-1.0). It was observed that the pre and post-typhoon mean NDVI value was 0.159 and 0.143, respectively, indicating a decline of 0.016 in mean NDVI after the typhoon.

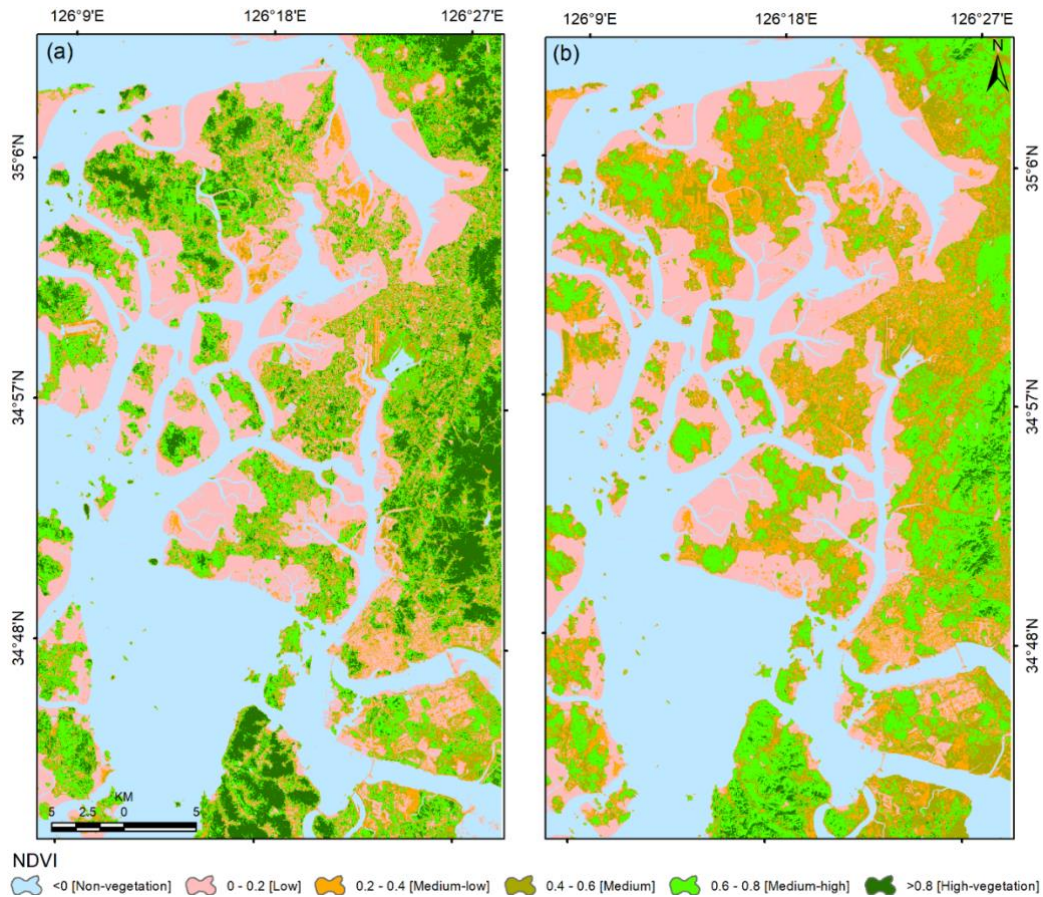


Figure 5. Status of vegetation greenness based on the NDVI data for the (a) pre-Soulik (01st August 2018) and post-Soulik (15th October 2018) period.

Table 3 depicts the area changes for each NDVI category over the typhoon period. It has been observed that the high NDVI values (>0.8) have changed drastically after typhoon-Soulik. The area changes in the low and non-vegetation categories along the Mokpo coastal region revealed that the wetland (mudflat) had accreted after the typhoon. On the other hand, the post-typhoon image was acquired two months after typhoon Soulik, which suggests that the grasses and crops have recovered well. This recovery is reflected in Table 3 from medium-low to medium-high NDVI levels.

Table 3. NDVI distribution over the study area before and after the typhoon.

NDVI levels	Pre-typhoon (km ²)	Post-typhoon (km ²)	Change (km ²)
Non-vegetation (-1 to 0)	673.7	647.6	-26.2
Low (0 to 0.2)	430.4	415.2	-15.2
Medium-low (0.2 to 0.4)	141.6	243.3	101.6
Medium (0.4 to 0.6)	132.5	225.3	92.8

Medium-high (0.6 to 0.8)	283.7	294.4	10.7
High (0.8 to 1.0)	183.6	19.8	-163.8

On the other hand, the physical presence of vegetation has been measured using FVC analysis. In general, NDVI provides information on the health and productivity of vegetation, while FVC provides information on the physical presence and distribution of vegetation. Figure 6 depicts the pre- and post-typhoon FVC map of the Mopko coast. The area of each FVC category is illustrated in Table 4. The results reveal that the typhoon caused a substantial decrease in FVC in the area, with the average FVC reducing significantly from 33.43% to 23.64% after the typhoon. It was observed that the medium-high to high FVC area decreased from 485.4 km² to 211.9 km², while the medium-to-low FVC area increased from 1359.8 km² to 1633.3 km². The high FVC vegetation category was more severely affected and decreased considerably after the typhoon. These results indicate that the typhoon significantly impacted the wetland vegetation in the region.

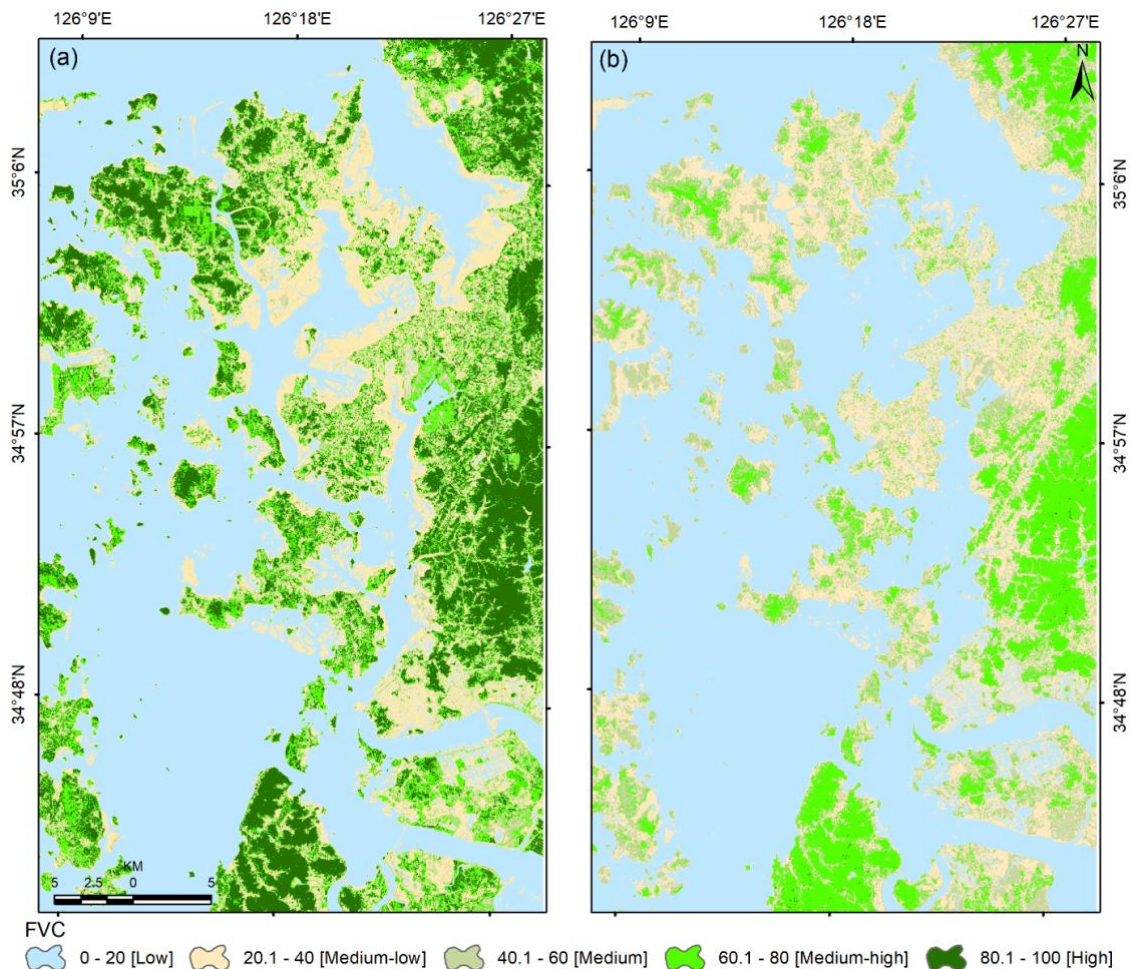


Figure 6. Status of vegetation based on the FVC analysis for the (a) pre-Soulik (01st August 2018) and post-Soulik (15th October 2018) period.

Table 4. Summary of FVC classes before and after the typhoon.

FVC levels (%)	Pre-typhoon (km ²)	Post-typhoon (km ²)	Change (km ²)
Non-vegetation (<20)	890.3	1053.3	162.943
Medium-low (20-40)	327.4	319.6	-7.811
Medium (40-60)	142.4	260.6	118.205
Medium-high (60-80)	206.1	211.5	5.365
High (80-100)	279.4	0.7	-278.671

In order to determine the damaged vegetation areas along the Mokpo coast, we compared pre-and post-typhoon NDVI images. A decrease in Δ NDVI is one of the most distinctive features of abrupt canopy modifications detectable by optical remote sensing (Xu et al., 2021). Thus, we can only determine vegetation deterioration from the two NDVI images. Subsequently, an NDVI threshold of 0.2 has been used to extract only vegetation features from the pre-and post-typhoon NDVI images. The threshold value has been manually adjusted to achieve the highest accuracy of vegetation pixels. The extracted vegetated pixels have been compared with reference samples randomly collected from the original high spatial resolution images to determine the accuracy (Schneider, 2012; Xu et al., 2021). The two extracted vegetation images obtained within six or seven weeks of typhoon Soulik's (i.e., before the damaged vegetation had recovered) exhibits an overall accuracy of 95.7 % for pre-typhoon and 94.5% for the post-typhoon period.

Figure 7(a) depicts the spatial distribution of Δ NDVI, where the highest Δ NDVI indicates a region with highly impacted vegetation areas. The negative Δ NDVI is attributed to about 26.7% of the total area (1845.60 km²), which suggests that Typhoon Soulik affected approximately 493.98 km² of vegetated land. The lowest Δ NDVI value is -0.89, which indicates either tree wind throws or a change in land surface cover from vegetation to build-up land or other non-vegetation covers (Zhang et al., 2013). The results showed that wetland vegetation and agricultural land experienced the most significant NDVI changes, with Δ NDVI values below -0.3. This suggests that these two types of land cover were severely affected by typhoon Soulik.

On the other hand, Figure 7(b) represents the change map derived from the Δ FVC, which also indicates changed vegetation areas after the typhoon. The negative Δ FVC is attributed to about 32.07% of the total area, which suggests that Typhoon Soulik affected approximately 591.89 km² of vegetated land. It has also been observed that the pure vegetation

pixels (i.e., $NDVI > 0.6$ and $FVC > 60\%$) were drastically changed over the typhoon period. The changed area determined for NDVI and FVC is -153.43 km^2 and -273.40 km^2 , respectively (Tables 3 & 4). The results obtained from both techniques indicate a significant decrease in vegetation cover after the typhoon. The probable reason for the change is that Typhoon Soulik made landfall close to Mokpo coastal region.

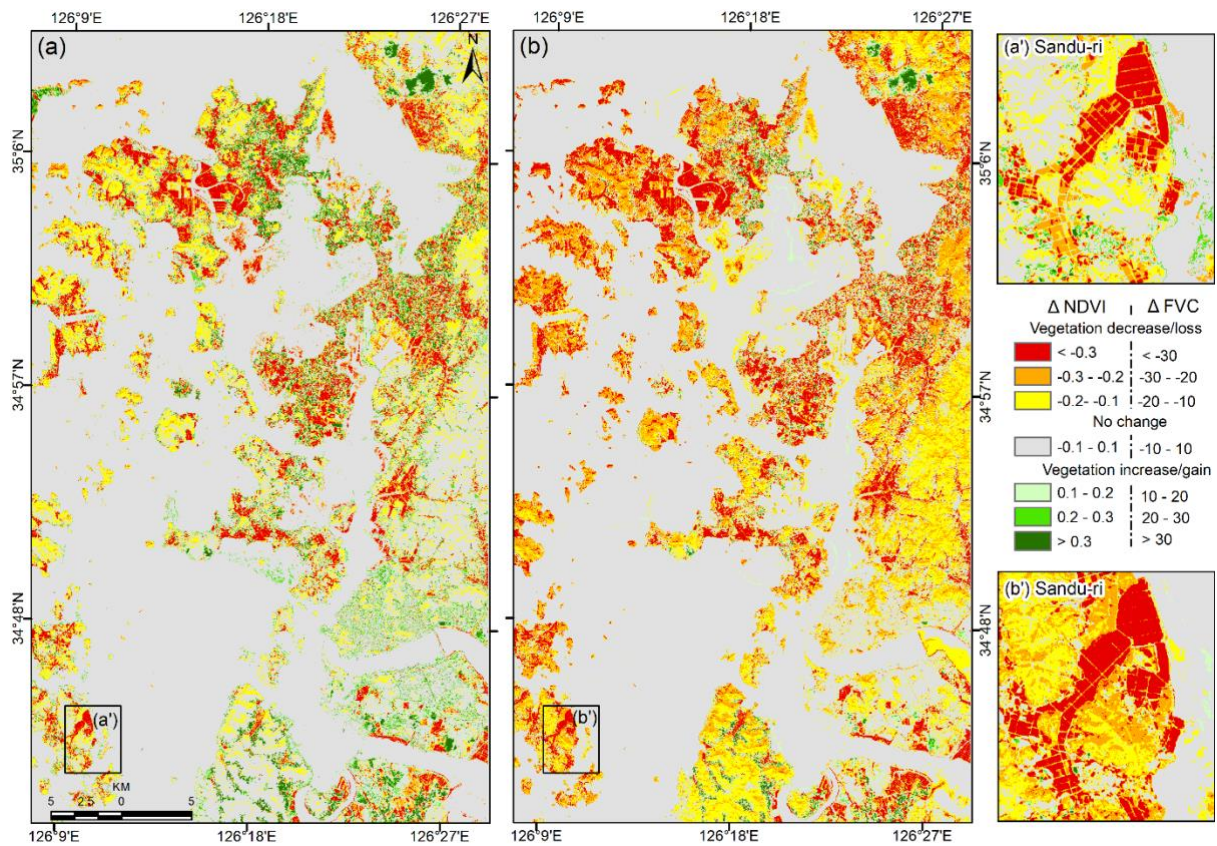


Figure 7. $\Delta NDVI$ and ΔFVC derived vegetation change map of the Mokpo coastal region, whereas zoom boxes show the vegetation damage of Sandu-ri areas.

Figure 8 compares vegetation damage based on the number and percentage of the decreased pixel of $\Delta NDVI$ and ΔFVC . It exhibits decreased pixels in different categories of vegetation damage, ranging from low damage to extensive damage. The pixels showing the most significant vegetation damage (i.e., $\Delta NDVI -0.2$ to -0.5 and $\Delta FVC -20$ to -50%) account for about 30.9% and 61.5% of the total pixels, respectively. On the other hand, the pixels showing extensive vegetation damage (i.e., $\Delta NDVI < -0.5$ and $\Delta FVC < -50\%$) account for only 8.31% and 10.76% of the total pixels. It was observed that the dominant vegetation in the region is wetland vegetation, which is mainly due to the prevalence of wetlands or mudflats in the area. Therefore, the significant vegetation damage implies that wetland vegetation was most severely impacted during typhoons.

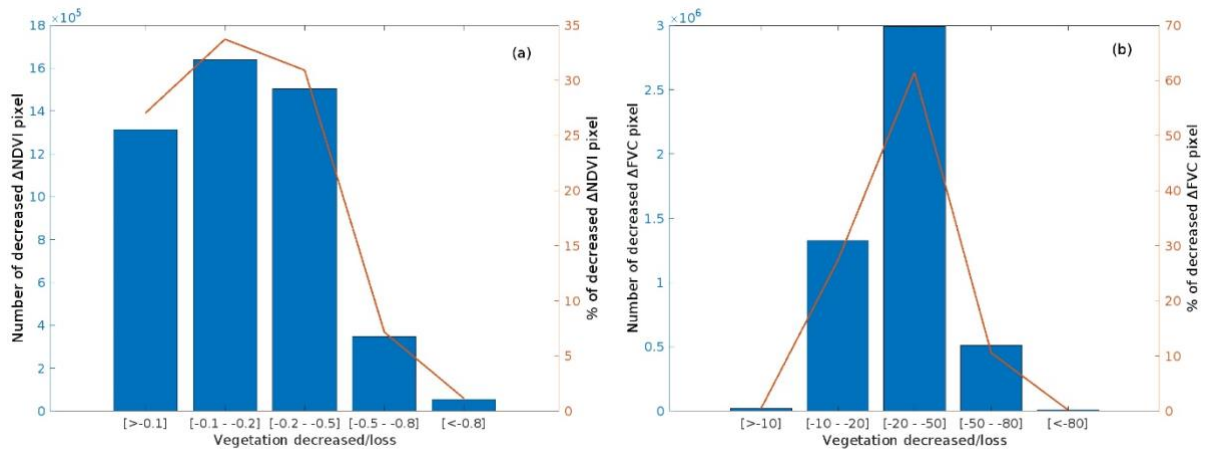


Figure 8. Comparison of vegetation damage represented based on the number and percentage of decreased pixels of (a) Δ NDVI and (b) Δ FVC.

The pre- and post-typhoon Sentinel-2 false-color images and the corresponding relative change in $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC values are presented in Figure 9. The standard FCC imagery (left panel of Fig. 9) for pre and post-typhoon shows that $NDVI_r$ is more effective in detecting areas of damaged vegetation compared to ΔFVC (right panel, Fig. 9). It was observed that the typhoon-induced damaged vegetation area (i.e., pixels with $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC of $<-50\%$) detected by $NDVI_r$ (106.5 km²) was greater than that detected by ΔFVC (51.3 km²). The difference in performance between $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC in detecting typhoon-induced vegetation damage can be attributed to the fact that the color of the vegetation changed after the typhoon. This change can be detected more accurately by $NDVI$ compared to FVC because the vegetation in the affected areas still existed, and vegetation coverage did not decrease significantly after the event (Wang and Xu, 2018). Thus, $NDVI$ is highly sensitive to the health status of vegetation and a more appropriate approach for assessing the damage to vegetation induced by the typhoon, while FVC is more representative of vegetation coverage status (Wang and Xu, 2018; Jing et al., 2011). Consequently, the dramatic vegetation loss ($<-80\%$) that occurred in mostly wetland vegetation is detected mostly in $NDVI_r$. In addition, moderate greenness loss has been identified in natural forests. Furthermore, the decrease of $NDVI_r$ values from higher classes to lower classes indicates that the typhoon has severely damaged the low-lying coastal regions and the wetland vegetation.

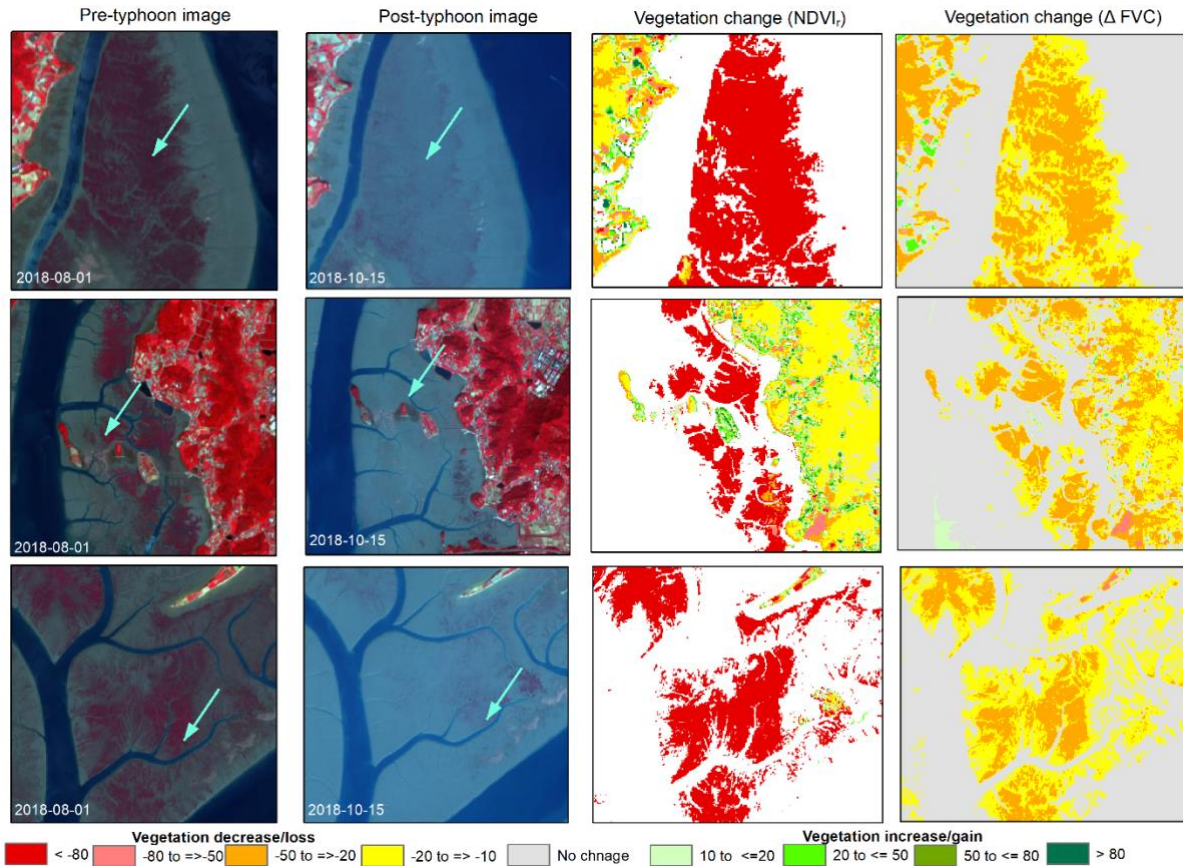


Figure 9. Sentinel-2 MSI standard false color composite images before and after Typhoon Soulik exhibit vegetation damage and the corresponding NDVI_r and ΔFVC (Sentinel-2 MSI level 1C satellite images were downloaded from <https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus/>).

Comment 4: It would be better to explain the influence of topography on vegetation damage caused by Typhoon Soulik.

Response: Thank you for your insightful review. The affected area's topography can influence typhoons' impact on vegetation. The interaction between topography and typhoon-generated wind and rain can result in complex and varied patterns of damage across different landscapes (Abbas et al., 2020; Lu et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2013). This affect the severity and spatial patterns of vegetation damage. Therefore, the relationship between topography and damaged vegetation has also been established in the present study. For this purpose, high-resolution (5m×5m) DEM data provided by the NGII are used to calculate the region's topographic slope and explore the relationship between topography and typhoon-induced vegetation damage.

It was observed that the elevation varies from 0 to 403 m in the Mopko coastal region, as depicted in Figure 1(b), and the number of trees damaged by Typhoon Soulik showed a decreasing trend at higher elevations (Fig 10a). The highest number of damaged trees was

observed in areas with an elevation of 50m or lower. This is likely due to the fact that these areas are predominantly covered by wetlands, which can be more vulnerable to strong winds associated with typhoons Soulik. In general, low-lying areas may not have the same natural windbreaks and barriers as higher elevations, which can exacerbate the impact of the wind. In addition, low-elevated vegetation may have shallower root systems due to the less stable soil conditions, making them more vulnerable to uprooting during heavy rainfall or strong winds (Zhang et al., 2013; Lugo et al., 1983). A significant difference in the number of decreased Δ NDVI and Δ FVC pixels was observed among different elevation ranges, and a correlation analysis between the number of damaged pixels and elevations showed a negative correlation (i.e., damaged pixels decreased with increasing elevation). The majority of damaged pixels (76.37%) were observed at elevations between 0 and 50m, with a decrease to 13.5% between 51 and 100m. Vegetation decreased rapidly at higher elevations, with the percentage of pixels with negative Δ NDVI and Δ FVC decreasing to 6.1% between 100 and 150m and decreasing to 0.02% between 350 and 403m, as depicted in Figure 10(a).

On the other hand, Figure 10(b) illustrates the extent of damaged vegetation across different slope ranges. It has been noted that there is a negative correlation between the slope and the percentage of damaged vegetation pixels, indicating that the amount of vegetation damage decreases with a higher slope. For instance, when the slope was between 0-5°, approximately 47.63% of vegetation pixels were damaged. As the slope increased, the percentage of damaged vegetation pixels decreased accordingly, with values of 18.15%, 15.01%, 10.71%, 7.74%, 0.73%, and 0.009% observed for slope ranges of 5-10°, 10-15°, 15-20°, 20-30°, 30-40°, and greater than 40°, respectively.

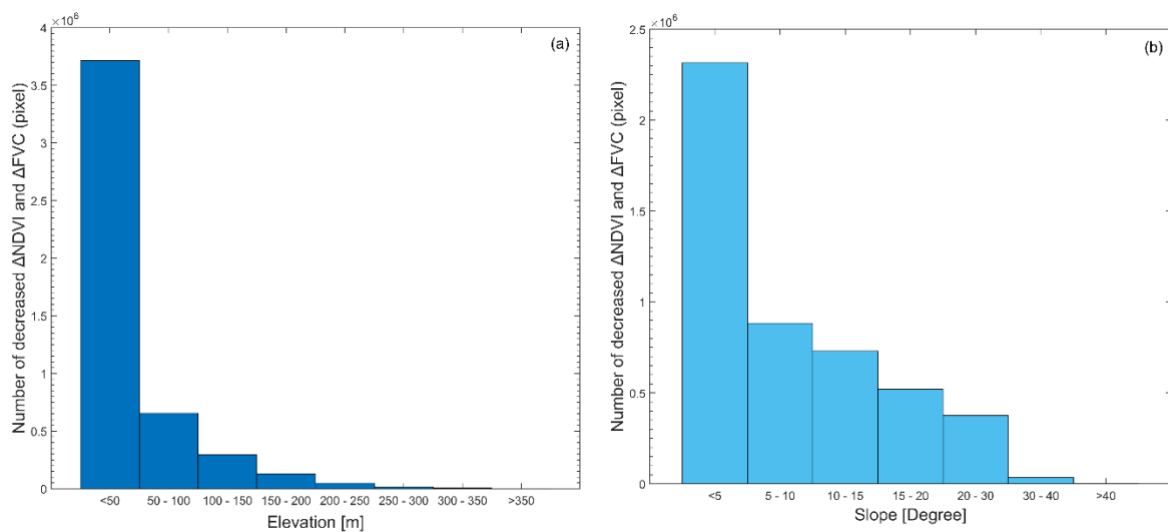


Figure 10. The relationship between topography and vegetation damaged due to typhoon Soulik: (a) numbers of damaged vegetation at different elevation ranges, and (b) numbers of damaged vegetation at different slope ranges.

Comment 5: A statistical summary of the shoreline change based on the NSM model should be presented in a tabular format.

Response: Thank you for your insightful comments. As suggested, the summary of shoreline change statistics based on the NSM model has been incorporated in the revised manuscript.

Table 8: Pre-post typhoon shoreline change statistics based on the NSM model.

NSM statistics	Summary
Total transects	38313
NSM _{mean}	24.24m
NSM _{mean accretion}	28.89
NSM _{mean erosion}	-8.29
NSM _{maximum accretion}	812.54
NSM _{maximum erosion}	-131.72
Total transect that records accretion	34686
Total transect that records erosion	4955
% of total transect that records accretion	87.5
% of total transect that records erosion	12.5
Overall pre to post-typhoon trend	Accretion

Comment 6: Line 66: The year of the reference in line 66 (Charrua et al., 2020) should be checked.

Response: Thank you for the comment. We have updated the text in the revised manuscript.

Comment 7: Line 112: The year of the reference in line 112 (Kwon et al., 2019) should be checked.

Response: Thank you for the comment. We have updated the text in the revised manuscript.

Comment 8: Line 139: The year of the reference in line 139 (Ryang et al., 2018) should be checked.

Response: Thank you for the comment. We have updated the text in the revised manuscript.

Comment 9: Line 306: The year of the reference in line 306 (Eom et al., 2016) should be checked.

Response: Thank you for the comment. We have updated the text in the revised manuscript.

Comment 10: Lines 335 and 342. Check the abbreviation of remote sensing reflectance.

Response: Thank you for the comment. The remote sensing reflectance (R_r) abbreviation has been checked and updated in the revised manuscript.

Comment 11: Line 461: The unit of measurement in Tables 6 and 7 should be standardized. Choose between sq km or km².

Response: Thank you for the comment. The unit of measurement (km²) in Tables 6 and 7 has been updated in the revised manuscript.

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