

1 **Assessing Typhoon Soulik-induced morphodynamics over the Mokpo coast region in**
2 **South Korea based on a geospatial approach**

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14 **Abstract**

15 The inner shelf and coastal region of the Yellow Sea along the Korean peninsula are frequently
16 impacted by Typhoons. The Mokpo coastal region in South Korea was significantly affected
17 by typhoon Soulik in 2018, the deadliest typhoon strike to the southwestern coast since Maemi
18 in 2003. Typhoon Soulik overran the region, causing extensive damage to the coast, shoreline,
19 vegetation, and coastal geomorphology. Therefore, it is important to investigate its impact on
20 the coastal ecology, landform, erosion/accretion, suspended sediment concentration (SSC) and
21 associated coastal changes along the Mokpo region.

22 In this study, net shoreline movement (NSM), normalized difference vegetation index
23 (NDVI), fractional vegetation coverage (FVC), coastal landform change model, normalized
24 difference suspended sediment index (NDSSI), and SSC-reflectance relation have been used
25 to analyze the coastal morphodynamics over the typhoon periods. We used pre-and post-
26 typhoon Sentinel-2B MSI images for mapping and monitoring the typhoon effect. The findings
27 highlighted the significant impacts of typhoons on coastal dynamics, wetland vegetation and
28 sediment resuspension along the Mokpo coast. It has been observed that typhoon-induced SSC
29 influences shoreline and coastal morphology. The outcome of this research may provide
30 databases to manage coastal environments and a long-term plan to restore valuable coastal
31 habitats. In addition, the findings may be useful for post-typhoon emergency response, coastal
32 planners, and administrators involved in the long-term development of human life.

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34 **Keywords:** Typhoon Soulik, Coastal changes, NDVI, FVC, Suspended sediment movement,
35 Shoreline change, Mokpo Coast.

36 **1. Introduction**

37 Typhoons are one of the most destructive natural calamities. Strong winds that accompany
38 typhoons during landfall damage the environment, coastline, wildlife, people, and public and
39 private properties in coastal and inland areas (Shamsuzzoha et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2021; Mishra
40 et al., 2021a; Nandi et al., 2020; Sadik et al., 2020; Sahoo and Bhaskaran, 2018; Hoque et al.,
41 2016). Many coastal and near-coastal countries are plagued by typhoon-induced storms,
42 flooding, deforestation, and increased soil salinity (Rodgers et al., 2009). Typhoons (tropical
43 cyclones) have caused 1,942 disasters in the past 50 years, resulting in 779,324 fatalities and
44 USD 1,407.6 billion in economic losses worldwide (WMO, 2020), demonstrating their effects
45 on both the global and regional economies (Bhuiyan and Dutta, 2012; Mallick et al., 2017).
46 The effects of typhoons include saltwater intrusion, soil fertility depletion, reduced agricultural
47 productivity, life losses, coastline erosion, vegetation damage, and massive economic disasters
48 (Mishra et al., 2021b).

49 According to instrumental data collected since 1904, typhoon intensity on the Korean
50 peninsula has grown during the previous 100 years (Yu et al., 2018; Cha et al., 2021). A total
51 of 188 typhoons, about three annually, have affected the coastal region from 1959 to 2018
52 (KMA, 2018). Among past Typhoons, RUSA (2002), MAEMI (2003), NARI (2007), and
53 SOULIK (2018) heavily affected the southwestern coast, causing extensive damage to lives
54 and properties (KMA, 2011; 2018). Furthermore, people living in these regions have faced
55 serious coastal floods caused by these events for more than a half-century (Moon et al., 2003).
56 Mokpo coastal region, located in the southwest coast of South Korea, has been hit by 58
57 typhoons since 1980, with most occurring in the July to October period (Kang et al., 2020; Lee
58 et al., 2022). The rapid growth of coastal economies and populations in recent years has made
59 these areas more susceptible to typhoon disasters. Therefore, the increasing frequency of
60 typhoons on the southwestern coasts is a significant issue for disaster management.

61 Several studies (Halder and Bandyopadhyay, 2022; Wang et al., 2021; Shamsuzzoha et
62 al., 2021; Kumar et al., 2021; Sadik et al., 2020; Konda et al., 2018; Parida et al., 2018; Zhang
63 et al., 2013; Yin et al., 2013; Li and Li., 2013; Rodgers et al., 2009) have been carried out in
64 South Asia using various techniques to map the hazard, vulnerability, risk and effects of
65 typhoon disasters. Remote sensing and geospatial technology play a crucial role in monitoring
66 a variety of natural disasters (Wang and Xu, 2018; Mishra et al., 2021b; Charrua et al., 2021).
67 The majority of studies on typhoon-induced coastal dynamics rely on passive optical remote
68 sensing and identify natural disaster damage using changes in landuse data, vegetation indices,

69 and geospatial techniques (Mishra et al., 2021a; Xu et al., 2021; Nandi et al., 2020). The post-
70 typhoon damage assessment research in South Korea mostly focused on property loss,
71 economic losses, and casualties (Yum et al., 2021; Kim et al., 2021; Hwang et al., 2020).
72 However, the coastal morphodynamics along the Mokpo coast over the typhoon period have
73 not been investigated in detail. Thus, this study's primary focus is to determine the effects of
74 typhoon Soulik on coastal ecology, landforms, erosion/accretion, suspended sediment
75 movement and associated coastal changes along the Mokpo coast.

76 The normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) and variations in NDVI (Δ NDVI)
77 have been used to map the extent of vegetation destruction and details on the degree of damage
78 after the typhoon (Wang et al., 2010; Datta & Deb, 2012; Zhang et al., 2013; Kumar et al.,
79 2021; Xu et al., 2021). Vegetation damage can be seen by the negative change in NDVI values
80 between the post-and pre-typhoon period (Mishra et al., 2021a; Hu and Smith, 2018). On the
81 other hand, fractional vegetation coverage (FVC) is a crucial quantitative indicator of the
82 vegetation cover of the land surface (Zhang et al., 2021; Wang and Xu, 2018; Song et al.,
83 2017). Therefore, FVC has also been used to assess the extent of vegetation damage caused by
84 typhoon Soulik and to analyze its impact on vegetation cover. The coastline movement over
85 the typhoon periods has been analyzed using the Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS)
86 program (Tsai, 2022; Adhikari et al., 2021; Bishop-Taylor et al., 2021; Santos et al., 2021). In
87 order to monitor and protect coastal habitats, we need to understand the distribution and
88 movement of SSC between rivers and coastal waters. Thus, the normalized difference
89 suspended sediment index (NDSSI) (Kavan et al., 2022; Shahzad et al., 2018; Hossain et al.,
90 2010) and the SSC-reflectance algorithm developed by Choi et al. (2014) for the Mokpo coastal
91 region have been used to monitor SSC distribution. Furthermore, to understand the
92 morphodynamics of the coastal landform due to the typhoon, a GSI-based coastal change
93 model has been developed. Four coastal landform classes, i.e., tidally influenced land (wetland
94 land, wetland vegetation) and non-tidally influenced land (land and water), have been used for
95 the coastal morphodynamic analysis (Maiti and Bhattacharya, 2011). The change detection
96 technique has been employed to quantify the pre and post-typhoon coastal changes. This
97 approach focuses on details of morphological changes within the coast and highlights the minor
98 changes caused by the typhoon.

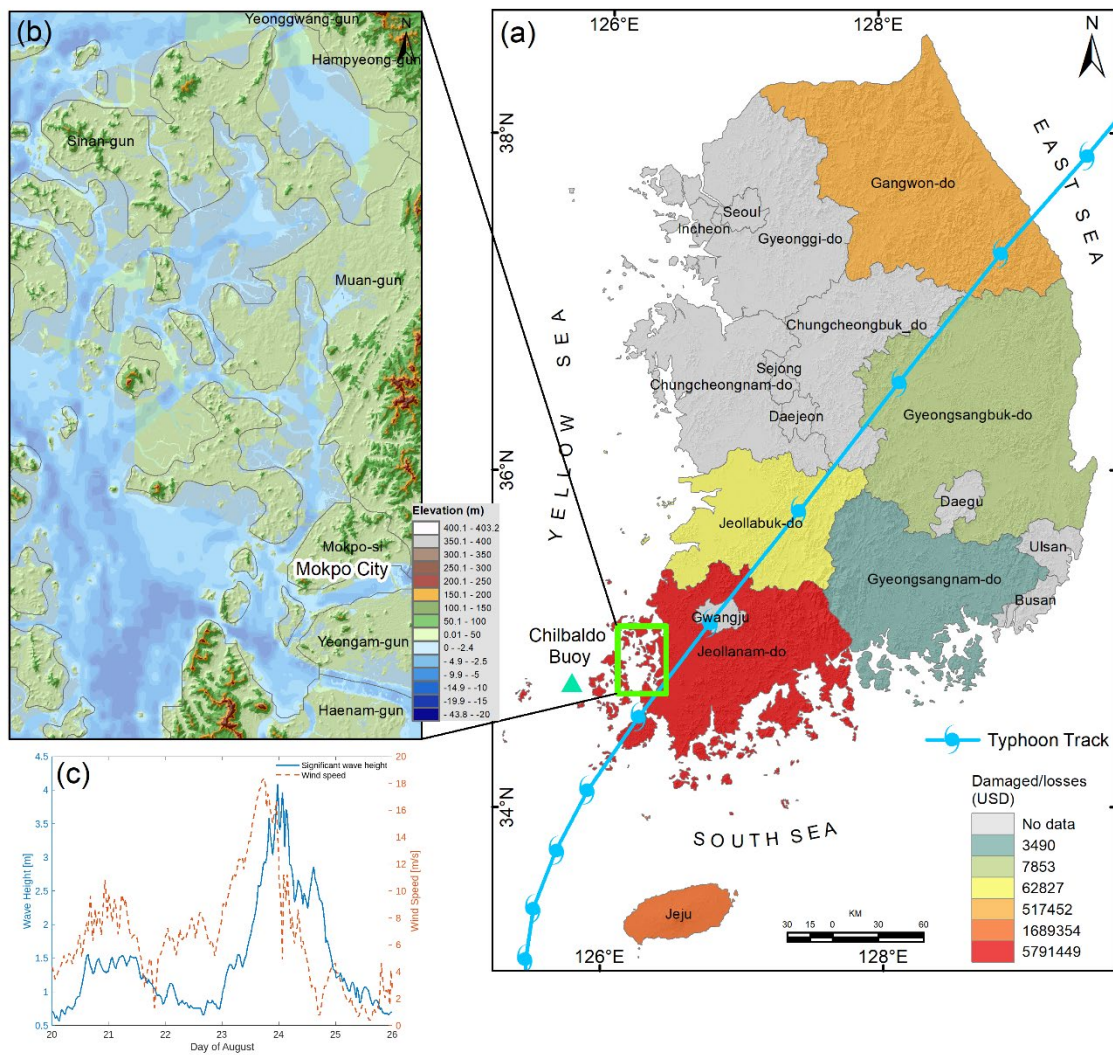
99 This study uses Sentinel-2 MSI images as a primary data source to examine the
100 morphodynamics and effects of Typhoon Soulik on coastal ecology. Accordingly, the
101 objectives of this study are to (i) quantify and mapping of coastal landform dynamics prior to

102 and after the typhoon, (ii) examine shoreline movement and assess coastal erosion and
103 accretion, (iii) assess the degree of typhoon damage to vegetated land, and (iv) analyze changes
104 in SSC and the response of sediment dynamics over the typhoon period. Coastal managers can
105 use this study to develop and implement appropriate strategies and practices to protect natural
106 ecosystems and post-disaster rehabilitation.

107 **2. Study Area**

108 The Mokpo coast is located in the southwestern part of South Korea and is characterized by
109 muddy flats with wide tidal ranges (Choi et al., 2007; Kang et al., 2007), as depicted in Figure
110 1. The inner part of the coast includes harbor and industrial complexes, a large residential area,
111 and a wastewater treatment plant. Mokpo coast is most frequently hit by typhoons, which cause
112 the most significant amount of property damage and loss of human lives (Kang et al., 2020;
113 Lee, 2014). According to storm surge records, the Mokpo coastal region has experienced the
114 highest number of typhoons (58) since 1980 due to its geographical location (Lee et al., 2022;
115 Kang et al., 2020). The tidal range has been observed to be broader, with the extreme high tide
116 60cm higher and the extreme low tide 43cm lower in the Mokpo coast (Lee et al., 2022; Kwon
117 et al., 2018). This fluctuation resulted in significant flooding during the typhoon period. High
118 water and waves severely damage the coastal structures and environment, especially during
119 surges (Tsai et al., 2006). The Mokpo coastal region is characterized by a strong ebb dominant
120 pattern because of its complex bathymetry, scattered islands and extensive tidal flats (Byun et
121 al., 2004; Kang and Jun, 2003; Kang, 1999).

122 The vast tidal flat of the Mokpo coast serves as a habitat for many different species, has
123 a large production capacity, and is highly regarded for its role in cleaning up pollution and
124 controlling floods and typhoons (Lee et al., 2021; Na, 2004). Furthermore, the powerful storm
125 has affected the coastal wetlands (mudflats) that serve as the primary spawning and nursery
126 grounds for fish and other marine life. However, Choi (2014) observed that tidal flat systems
127 in the Korean peninsula are actively responding to various phenomena, such as tides, waves,
128 and typhoons. The wetland, coastal vegetation and coastline along the Mokpo coastal region
129 have been disturbed due to the extreme climatic events. It has been observed that most typhoon
130 passages severely impacted the tidal flat environment and caused morphodynamics along the
131 Mokpo coast.



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133 Figure 1. (a) Typhoon Soulik passage passed through the Mokpo coastal region on 23rd August
 134 2018 (Typhon track data were downloaded from [https://www.ncdc.](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ibtracs/)
 135 [noaa.gov/ibtracs/](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ibtracs/)), while the background shades represent province-wise recorded
 136 damaged/loss distribution reported by Member Report (2018), (b) Topography
 137 variation of the Mokpo coastal region (elevation data acquired from NGII (2018),
 138 <https://www.ngii.go.kr/>, and bathymetry data downloaded from GMRT,
 139 <https://www.gmrt.org/>), and (c) Variation of significant wave height and wind speed
 140 from August 20 to 25, 2018 recorded by Chilbaldo Buoy Station (located near the
 141 landfall area) during the typhoon Soulik (Data source:
 142 <http://wink.kiost.ac.kr/map/map.do#>).

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145 2.1 Typhoon Soulik

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147 The southwestern coast of the Korean peninsula was ravaged by the strong intensity
 148 typhoon Soulik, which hit the Mokpo coast on 23rd August 2018 (Ryang et al., 2021). On 16th
 149 August, it developed near Palau as a tropical depression. Subsequently, it strengthened into a
 tropical storm before intensifying into a typhoon (Lee et al., 2022). It moved into the East China

150 Sea on 20th August with a maximum intensity of 950 hPa (44 m/s) and lasted until 22nd August.
151 The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) issued typhoon warnings, and national and
152 local authorities took preventative measures to limit potential damage. On 23rd August, around
153 14 UTC, Typhoon Soulik made landfall close to Mokpo city, located on Korea's southwest
154 coast. The typhoon remained on the mainland for an additional 12 hours before moving to the
155 East Sea, where it underwent a transformation and became an extra-tropical cyclone. It had a
156 maximum sustained wind speed of 30.2 m/s observed at Gageodo in South Jeolla Province and
157 a central pressure of 975 hPa (Member Report, 2018). Meanwhile, the strongest gust was
158 observed at Mt. Halla, with a peak gust of 62 m/s. It also dumped tremendous rain (Kang and
159 Moon, 2022; Kang et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2018; Cha et al., 2021). The buoy station near Jeju
160 Island has recorded extreme sea surface conditions, including a maximum wave height of 15m,
161 gusts of 35 m/s, and a drop in water temperature of 10°C. (Kang et al., 2020; Yoon et al., 2021).
162 Figure 1(c) illustrates the variations in sea surface parameters between August 20 and August
163 25, 2018, in the vicinity of the landfall region (Chilbaldo buoy), including wind speed and
164 significant wave height. It was observed that a significant wave height, i.e., 4-6 m, was recorded
165 at Chilbaldo Buoy station. According to the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS),
166 typhoon Soulik caused various damages and disruptions across various regions in the country.
167 One woman was reported missing in the coastal area of Jeju, and three people sustained
168 injuries. A total of 362 facilities were damaged. In addition, the typhoon resulted in power
169 outages for 26,830 houses and flooding that affected over 3,063 hectares of farmland (Member
170 Report, 2018). Furthermore, the typhoon destroyed extensive vegetation with strong gusts and
171 damaged non-residential structures along the Mokpo coast. A province-wise breakdown of the
172 damage and losses caused by the typhoon is depicted in Figure 1(a). The total damage caused
173 by Typhoon Soulik in South Korea was \$45 million (KMA, 2018).

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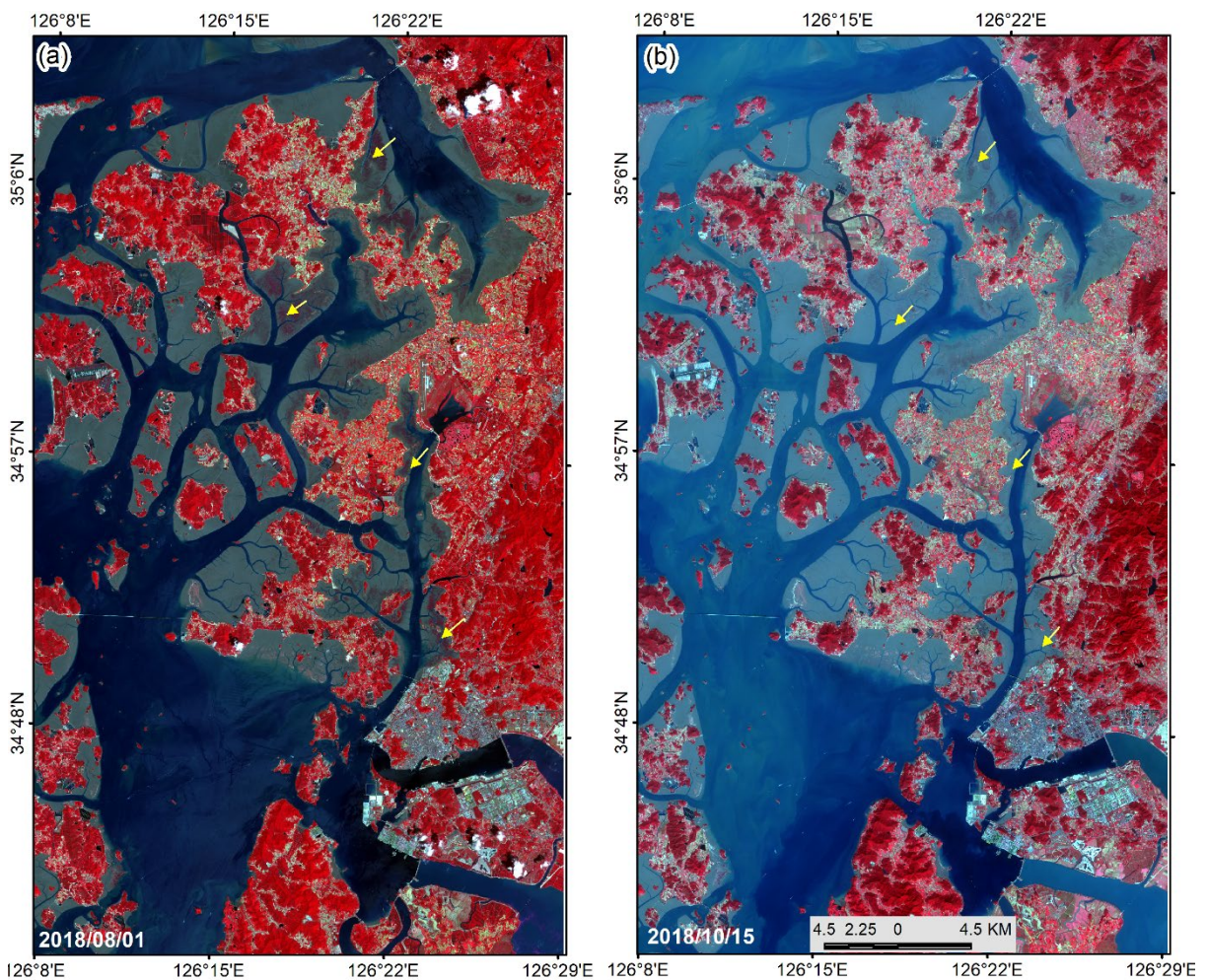
175 **3. Data and Methods**

176 **3.1 Data Sources and pre-processing**

177 Typhoon-induced coastal dynamics along the Mokpo coast have been studied using the
178 pre-and post-event Sentinel-2 MSI images. A multispectral instrument (MSI), Sentinel-2,
179 consists of two polar-orbiting satellites, Sentinel-2A and Sentinel-2B, launched in June 2015
180 and March 2017, respectively (ESA, 2020). The Sentinel 2 MSI has a 290 km wide field of
181 view, a minimum revisits period of five days, 13 spectral bands ranging from visible to

182 shortwave infrared (SWIR), and spatial resolution of 10m (4 bands), 20m (6 bands), & 60m (3
183 bands) (ESA, 2020). The Sentinel-2 User Manual describes the MSI's radiometric, spectral,
184 and spatial characteristics (ESA, 2020).

185 The cloud-free Sentinel-2 MSI level 1C satellite images with a relatively fine spatial
186 resolution (10m) for the pre-and post-typhoon period have been downloaded from the
187 Copernicus Scientific Data Hub (<https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus/>) as depicted in Figure 2.
188 Level 1C is a 12-bit radiometric product that was presented the top of the atmospheric
189 reflectance value (Phiri et al., 2021). The open-source software SNAP (Sentinel Application
190 Platform) has been used to process the Sentinel-2 MSI images such as masking, band
191 visualization, atmospheric correction etc. We used SANP's iCOR tool (image correction for
192 atmospheric effect) for atmospheric correction of the Sentinel 2 MSI data over the land and
193 water (Tian et al., 2020; Keukelaere et al., 2018). After that, satellite remote sensing reflectance
194 (R_r) images were used to monitor the coastal dynamics in the Mokpo coastal region over the
195 typhoon period.



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197 Figure 2: Pre (a) and post-typhoon (b) standard false color composite of reflectance image of

198 the Mokpo coastal region (Sentinel-2 MSI level 1C satellite images are downloaded
199 from <https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus/>). The arrows indicate extensive vegetation
200 damage due to typhoon Soulik.
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202 On the other hand, to exclude the impact of tidal changes, satellite images have been
203 chosen during low tide conditions (Maiti and Bhattacharya, 2009). The tide height has been
204 computed using the WXTide32 program (Hopper, 2004). Several researchers have discussed
205 the significance of low tide satellite data for coastal mapping and dynamics modeling (Nayak,
206 2002). The details of pre- and post-typhoon satellite data used in the study are listed in Table
207 1. In addition, the coastal morphology was also investigated using high-resolution (5m×5m)
208 topography data (i.e., LiDER DEM) provided by the Korean National Geographic Information
209 Institute (NGII) and bathymetry data obtained from GMRT (<https://www.gmrt.org>) (Fig. 1b).

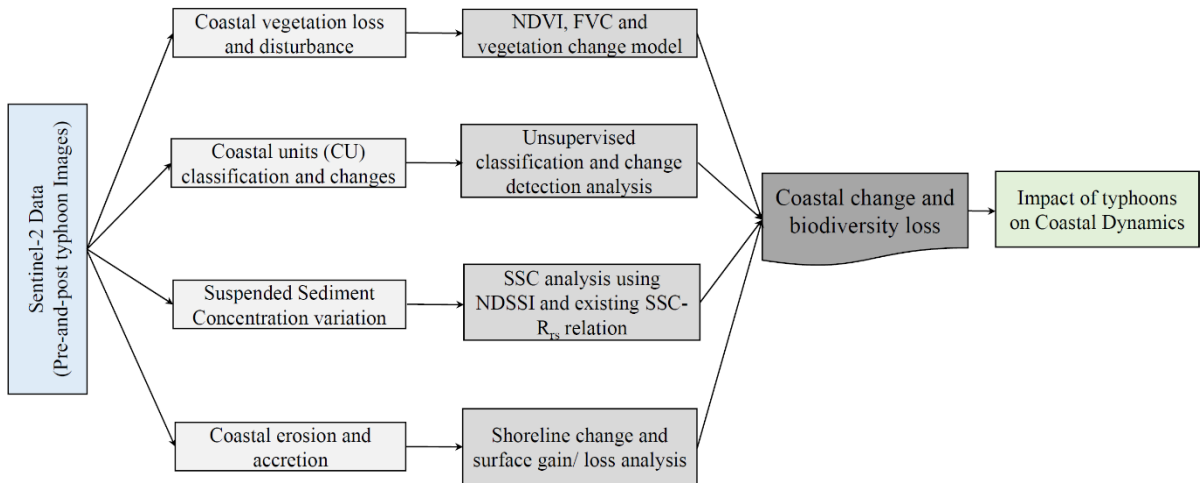
210 Table 1. The details of Sentinel-2 MSI data used for coastal dynamic modeling.

Periods	Date of acquisition	Sensor	Cloud cover (%)	Tidal Height (m)
Pre-typhoon	2018/08/01	Sentinel-2B MSI	1.3464	0.77
Post-typhoon	2018/10/15	Sentinel-2B MSI	0.6548	1.01
	2019/10/20	Sentinel-2B MSI	2.8444	1.02

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212 3.2. Typhoon-induced coastal dynamic modeling

213 This study aims to analyze the typhoon Soulik-induced coastal dynamics and associated
214 coastal changes along the Mokpo coastal region. Figure 3 depicts an integrated flowchart of
215 the impact of a typhoon on a coastal system. The outline of the study is divided into four
216 sections: (a) coastal vegetation disturbance mapping, (b) coastal landform mapping and change
217 analysis, (c) suspended sediment concentration variation modeling, and (d) coastal erosion and
218 accretion analysis. The details methodology of each objective has been discussed in the
219 subsequent section.



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221 Figure 3. Geospatial-based approach for coastal dynamics due to a typhoon.

222 3.2.1 Analyses of coastal vegetation loss and disturbance

223 Vegetation damage severity mapping (VDSM) has been performed using pre-and post-
 224 event satellite images. NDVI and FVC are widely used techniques for measuring vegetation
 225 density, health status, regional vegetation condition, and detecting vegetation disturbances (Xu
 226 et al., 2021; Mishra et al., 2021b; Wang et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2018, Wang and Xu, 2018;
 227 Carlson and Ripley, 1997). Subsequently, numerous studies (Xu et al., 2021; Mishra et al.,
 228 2021a; Charrua et al., 2021; Shamsuzzoha et al., 2021; Kumar et al., 2021; Nandi et al., 2020;
 229 Wang and Xu, 2018; Konda et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2013; Rodgers et al., 2009) have shown
 230 that the NDVI and FVC is a reliable indicator of post-typhoon damage detection. Therefore, in
 231 this study, the vegetation damage due to typhoon Soulik has been determined using the NDVI
 232 and FVC approach. The NDVI has been calculated by using the following Eq. (1) (Rouse et
 233 al., 1974; Filgueiras et al., 2019):

$$234 \quad NDVI = \frac{\rho_{NIR} - \rho_{RED}}{\rho_{NIR} + \rho_{RED}} \quad (1)$$

235 where ρ_{NIR} and ρ_{RED} are the spectral reflectances corresponding to the eighth (832.8–
 236 832.9nm) and fourth (664.6– 664.9nm) Sentinel-2 MSI bands, respectively (Xu et al., 2021).
 237 In general, NDVI values range from -1.0 to 1.0; the higher the NDVI value, the better the
 238 conditions for vegetation development, and extremely low values indicate the presence of
 239 water. Furthermore, the NDVI value above 0.4 indicates vegetated surfaces, and those between
 240 0.25 and 0.40 signify soils with the presence of vegetation (Charrua et al., 2021). The vigor of
 241 the vegetation increases as the NDVI values come closer to 1.00 (Rouse et al., 1974). Numerous
 242 studies have established the NDVI threshold for vegetated land (e.g., Xu et al., 2021; Wong et

243 al., 2019; Liu et al., 2015; Eastman et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2012; Sobrino et al., 2004). Most
244 researchers noted that the NDVI threshold value for vegetation cover typically ranges from
245 0.15-2.0 (Xu et al., 2021; Eastman et al., 2013; Sobrino et al., 2004). Therefore, the vegetated
246 pixels (e.g., NDVI threshold > 0.20) present in pre and post-typhoon NDVI images have been
247 used for vegetation severity analysis. The NDVI threshold is considered to reduce the influence
248 of land cover change from the pre-typhoon (2018-08-01) to post-typhoon (2018-10-15)
249 periods.

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

$$257 \quad \Delta NDVI = NDVI_{post-typhoon} - NDVI_{pre-typhoon} \quad (2)$$

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

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

$$264 \quad NDVI_r = \frac{\Delta NDVI}{NDVI_{pre-typhoon}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

265 where the negative $NDVI_r$ value indicates vegetation loss caused by typhoons, and the positive
266 $NDVI_r$ value shows vegetation gain. The $NDVI_r$ value has been classified into three categories
267 corresponding to pixels with decreased, no change, or increased vegetation cover.

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

274 calculated before and after the typhoon using the derived NDVI data (Wang and Xu, 2018).
275 The formula of FVC is as follows (Wang and Xu, 2018; Amiri et al., 2009; Carlson and Ripley,
276 1997),

$$277 \quad FVC = [(NDVI - NDVI_m)/(NDVI_{max} - NDVI_m)]^2 \quad (4)$$

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

$$285 \quad \Delta FVC = FVC_{post-typhoon} - FVC_{pre-typhoon} \quad (5)$$

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

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291 **3.2.2 Coastal landform classification and change analysis**

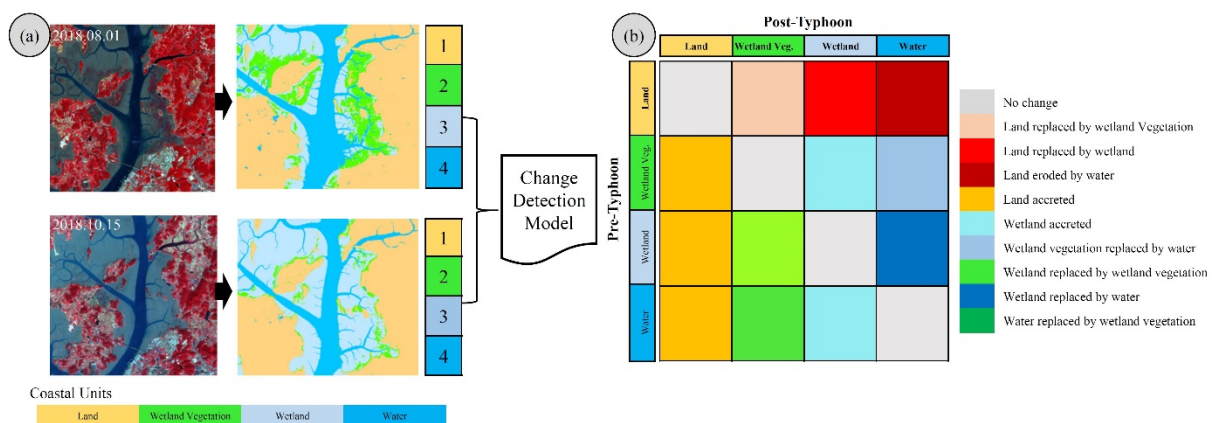
292 Typhoons have adversely affected the coastal landform and ecology of the south and
293 west coasts of the Korean peninsula every year. Therefore, a GSI-based coastal change model
294 has been developed to understand the morphodynamics of coastal landforms during typhoons.
295 In the present study, we considered four coastal landform classes, i.e., wetland, wetland
296 vegetation, land, and water, for the coastal morphodynamic analysis (Maiti and Bhattacharya,
297 2011). The method consists of two algorithms, i.e., (a) the ISODATA algorithm used to classify
298 the coastal landform with four main classes, i.e., water, wetland, wetland vegetation, and land,
299 and (b) the change detection technique used to quantify the pre- and post-typhoon coastal
300 changes. In this approach, we accentuate in-depth morphological changes and emphasize minor
301 changes along the Mokpo coast caused by typhoon Soulik.

302 The pre-and post-typhoon Sentinel-MSI images have been classified using the
303 unsupervised classification technique to distinguish among different coastal landforms of the
304 study region. This approach is used to determine which types of coastal landforms were
305 adversely affected by Typhoon Soulik and which of them have recovered more quickly than
306 others. ERDAS Image software has been used to run the unsupervised classification algorithm

307 (ERDAS, 1997). Based on the k-means algorithm, this technique reduces variability within
 308 pixel clusters (Charrua et al., 2021; Aswatha et al., 2020; Bhowmik et al., 2013). Finally, pre-
 309 and post-typhoon Sentinel-2 MSI images have been classified into four coastal landform
 310 classes: land, water, wetland, and wetland vegetation.

311 The accuracy assessment is a commonly used method to determine how closely the
 312 classified map matches the reference data (Congalton, 1991). In the present study, the classified
 313 data (i.e., coastal landforms maps) have been derived through an unsupervised classification
 314 technique, while 550 random samples collected from different parts of the Sentinel- 2MSI
 315 standard false-color image are considered reference data. Thereafter, a confusion matrix was
 316 developed based on the reference and classified data to evaluate accuracy statistics (Story and
 317 Congalton, 1986). The *kappa* coefficient (*k*) has been used to determine the quantitative
 318 accuracy of the classified map (Landis and Koch, 1977). The assessment is quantified using
 319 three different statistics: overall accuracy, producer accuracy, and user accuracy (Story and
 320 Congalton, 1986). The model's precision is classified into five categories based on the *k* values:
 321 near perfect ($k > 0.8$), substantial ($0.6 < k < 0.8$), moderate ($0.4 < k < 0.6$), fire ($0.2 < k < 0.4$),
 322 and poor ($k < 0.2$) (Landis and Koch, 1977).

323 The land transformation model based on mutual spatial replacements has been applied
 324 during the post-classification stage, as shown in Figure 4. The classified coastal landform
 325 classes, such as land, wetland, wetland vegetation, and water, have been spatially replaced in
 326 order to create coastal-change units. For example, the coastal landform class of wetland
 327 vegetation in the pre-typhoon period replaced by water in the post-typhoon period indicates the
 328 change class of wetland vegetation replaced by water. A total of nine coastal-change classes
 329 have been derived, as illustrated in Figure 4(b).



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 331 Figure 4. The coastal-change model exhibits spatial replacements among coastal landform
 332 classes.

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334 **3.2.3 Suspended sediment concentration modeling**

335 The suspended sediment concentration (SSC) distribution in coastal regions is a
336 significant indicator of changes in the marine environment caused by typhoon-induced storm
337 surges, strong waves, and subsequent coastal flooding (Min et al., 2012; Gong and Shen, 2009).
338 In a short period, a typhoon may drastically influence the water column structures (Souza et
339 al., 2001), change the transport and deposition of sediment (Li et al., 2015), and affect the
340 distribution of nutrients and biological production in the affected seas (Wang et al., 2016).
341 Extreme storms or typhoons can modify suspended sediment distribution in coastal areas,
342 which can significantly change marine habitats (Chau et al., 2021; Lu et al., 2018; Li and Li,
343 2016). Due to strong typhoon wind stress, the concentration of suspended particles in the
344 seawater column and sediment resuspension may increase dozens of times before and after the
345 event (Lu et al., 2018; Bian et al., 2017). Thus, typhoons significantly affect suspended
346 sediment movement in the coastal region (Zhang et al., 2022; Li and Li, 2016; Goff et al.,
347 2010). The spatiotemporal distribution of SSC can be impacted by variations in tidal phase,
348 runoff, and wind speed (Tang et al., 2021). Furthermore, the resuspension of sediment can
349 cause numerous problems in ocean engineering and change the region's ecology (Kim, 2010).
350 The amount of material delivered to and advected across the shelf by typhoons is considerably
351 larger than that of winter storm systems (Dail et al., 2007). The southern and western part of
352 the Korean peninsula is affected by an average of three typhoons annually passing through the
353 Yellow Sea (KMA, 2018; Altman et al., 2013). Some studies on SSC distribution impacted by
354 artificial construction along the coastal region of the Yellow Sea have been undertaken by
355 several researchers (i.e., Lee et al., 2020; Eom et al., 2017; Min et al., 2012, 2014; Choi et al.,
356 2014). However, the effects of typhoons on the sedimentary environment in the Mokpo coastal
357 region have not yet been investigated. Therefore, it is imperative to carry out regional-scale
358 SSC mapping and coastal modifications to reveal changes in the marine environment and
359 sediment transport mechanisms over the typhoon period.

360 Remote sensing has long contributed to the advancement of water quality studies
361 (Hossain et al., 2021). In the present study, we attempted to calculate both the qualitative and
362 quantitative SSC in the inner-shelf region of the Mokpo coast using Sentinel-2B MSI data. The
363 relative suspended sediment concentration has been calculated from pre- and post-typhoon
364 Sentinel-2B MSI images using the NDSSI. NDSSI has been used in various water quality
365 research (Kavan et al., 2022; Hossain et al., 2010). Further, many studies (Shahzad et al., 2018;

366 Arisanty & Saputra, 2017) have successfully used Landsat and Sentinel-2 data to calculate
 367 NDSSI. This index determines the relative concentration of suspended sediment, with values
 368 ranging from -1 to 1, where -1 indicates the highest concentration and +1 indicates the lowest
 369 (Hossain et al. 2010). The NDSSI has been calculated by using Eq. (6).

$$370 \quad NDSSI = \frac{\rho_{Blue} - \rho_{NIR}}{\rho_{Blue} + \rho_{NIR}} \quad (6)$$

371 where ρ_{Blue} and ρ_{NIR} represent the surface reflectances of Band 2 (492.1– 492.4 nm) and
 372 Band 8 (832.8 – 833.0 nm) of Sentinel-2 MSI data, respectively. The NDSSI is based on the
 373 observation that turbid waters reflect more in the NIR band but less in the visible band. The
 374 negative NDSSI value represents that the reflectance of water in the NIR band is greater than
 375 that in the blue band (Shahzad et al., 2018; Hossain et al., 2010). Therefore, the positive values
 376 of NDSSI represent lower SSC or more transparent water, while a negative value indicates
 377 higher SSC. The spatial patterns of relative SSC during the typhoon period have been
 378 determined using the NDSSI.

379 On the other hand, the empirical model has also been used to quantify the suspended
 380 sediment concentration before and after typhoon Soulik. This method is widely used for SSC
 381 mapping and monitoring around the world (Eom et al., 2017; Hwang et al., 2016; Son et al.,
 382 2014; Min et al., 2012; Lee et al., 2011; Choi et al., 2014). For this purpose, we reviewed the
 383 existing relations between the in-situ SSC (SSC, g/m³) and remote sensing reflectance (R_r)
 384 developed by various researchers for the southern and western coasts of South Korea, as
 385 illustrated in Table 2. In the present study, the SSC algorithm developed by Choi et al. (2014)
 386 for the Mokpo coastal region based on the in-situ SSC and a spectral ratio of water reflectance
 387 around 660nm has been used to quantify the SSC distribution. The atmospheric corrected
 388 sentinel-2 MSI image (Red band) has been used to calculate the SSC.

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390 Table 2. Relationship between the remote sensing reflectance (R_r) and suspended sediment
 391 concentration (SS, g/m³).

Authors	Relation	Region	Wavelength (nm)
Min et al. (2012) Min et al. (2006)	$Y=0.24e^{188.3x}$	Saemangeum coastal area	560nm
Choi et al. (2014)	$Y=1.545e^{179.53x}$	Mokpo coastal, Gyeonggi Bay	660nm
Lee et al. (2011)	$Y=16.2064e^{15.3529x}$	Gwangyang Bay and Yeosu Bay	565nm
Choi et al. (2012) Lee et al. (2020)	$Y=1.7532e^{204.26x}$	Yellow Sea	660nm
Eom et al. (2017)	$Y=1.5119e^{179.85x}$	Nakdong River	660nm

Min et al. (2004)	$Y=0.99e^{199.9x}$	Saemangeum	560nm
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393 3.2.4 Coastal erosion and accretion analysis

394 The shorelines (i.e., land and water boundary) of the Mopko coast for pre- and post-
 395 typhoon periods have been extracted using a semi-automatic technique (Maiti and
 396 Bhattacharya, 2009). Here, we used the normalized difference water index (NDWI) and manual
 397 digitization approach to separate the land and water boundary. The technique is widely used
 398 for dividing land and water boundary (Santos et al., 2021; Dai et al., 2019). By using Sentinel-
 399 2 imagery, NDWI can be achieved with the following formula (McFeeters, 1996),

$$400 \quad NDWI = \frac{\rho_{Green} - \rho_{NIR}}{\rho_{Green} + \rho_{NIR}} \quad (7)$$

401 where ρ_{Green} is the green band, and ρ_{NIR} is the near-infrared band of Sentinel-2 MSI data.

402 The extracted land and water boundary of the Mokpo region are then converted into
 403 polygons, and the shoreline has been determined using ArcGIS software. The shoreline change
 404 statistics have been calculated using the DSAS program (Thieler et al., 2009). The extracted
 405 shoreline for pre-and post-typhoon periods has been merged, and a 10m interval transect
 406 perpendicular to a baseline has been created (Santos et al., 2021). Thereafter, the NSM method
 407 was used to calculate the total shoreline movement (in meters) between the pre-and post-
 408 typhoon shoreline positions of each transect (Kermani et al., 2016).

$$409 \quad NSM = sh_{post} - sh_{pre} \quad (8)$$

410 where sh_{post} and sh_{pre} represent the post and pre-typhoon shoreline positions, respectively.

411 On the other hand, the back-shore surface area changes due to shoreline movement
 412 (retreat/advance) over the typhoon period has also been calculated using the geo-statistical
 413 analyst tool. Several researchers (Awad and El-Sayed, 2021; Deabes, 2017; Karmani et al.,
 414 2016) have also previously mapped the surface changes of the backshore region. In order to
 415 produce the surface area-change map, we generated two polygons, one for each shoreline and
 416 then subtracted them from each other over the typhoon period using the Symmetrical
 417 Difference tool in ArcGIS software. Finally, two feature classes have been derived, one for
 418 erosion and another for accretion. In addition, the attribute table contained in each zone
 419 illustrates the magnitude of spatial changes (amounts of erosion and accretion) during the
 420 typhoon period.

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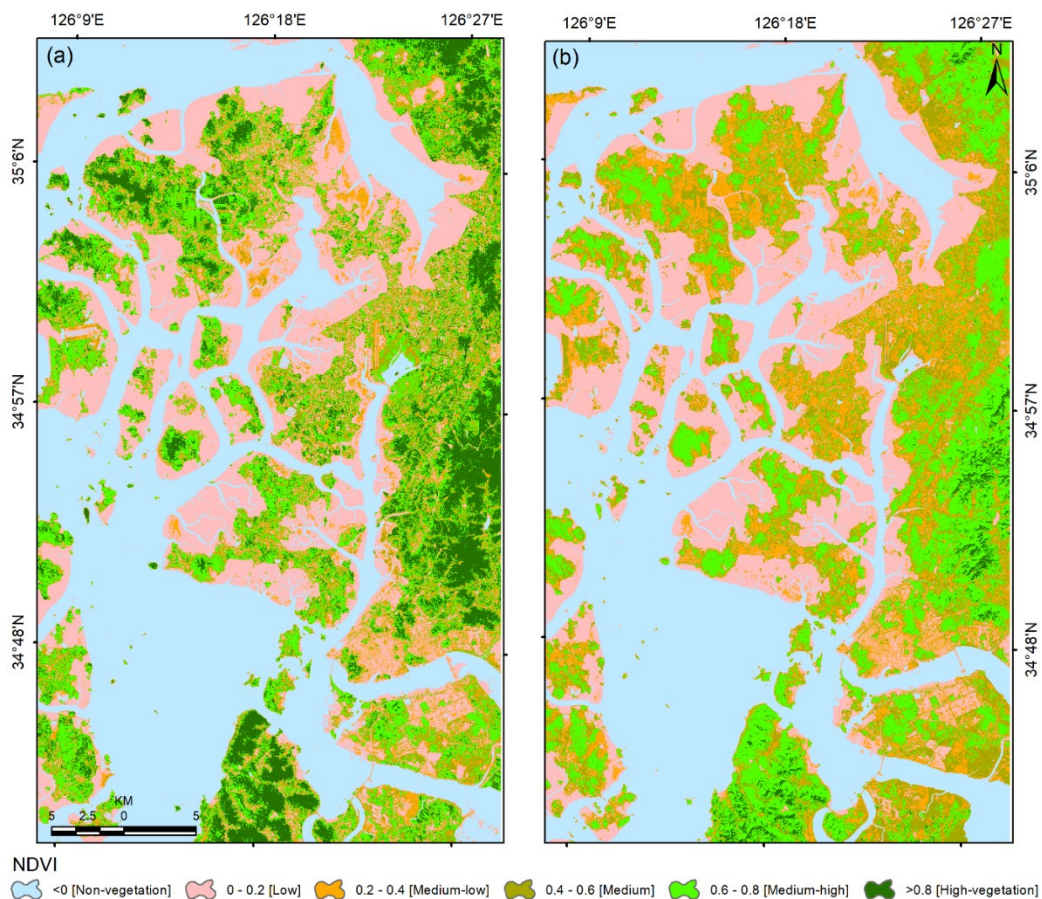
422 4. Result and Discussion

423 **4.1 Vegetation damage severity mapping (VDSM) before and after typhoon**

424 *4.1.1 VDSM based on the NDVI and FVC analysis*

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

429 Figure 5 depicts the spatial distribution of pre and post-typhoon NDVI images. Further,
430 to determine the severity of vegetation damage, the pre-and post-typhoon NDVI image has
431 been classified into six categories, namely non-vegetation (-1.0-0.0), low-vegetation (0.0-0.2),
432 medium-low vegetation (0.2-0.4), medium vegetation (0.4-0.6), medium-high vegetation (0.6-
433 0.8) and high vegetation (0.8-1.0). The pre and post-typhoon mean NDVI values were observed
434 to be 0.159 and 0.143, respectively, indicating a mean NDVI value decline of 0.016 after the
435 typhoon.



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437 Figure 5. Status of vegetation greenness based on the NDVI data for the (a) pre-Soulik (01st
438 August 2018) and post-Soulik (15th October 2018) period.
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440 Table 3 depicts the area changes for each NDVI category over the typhoon period. It

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

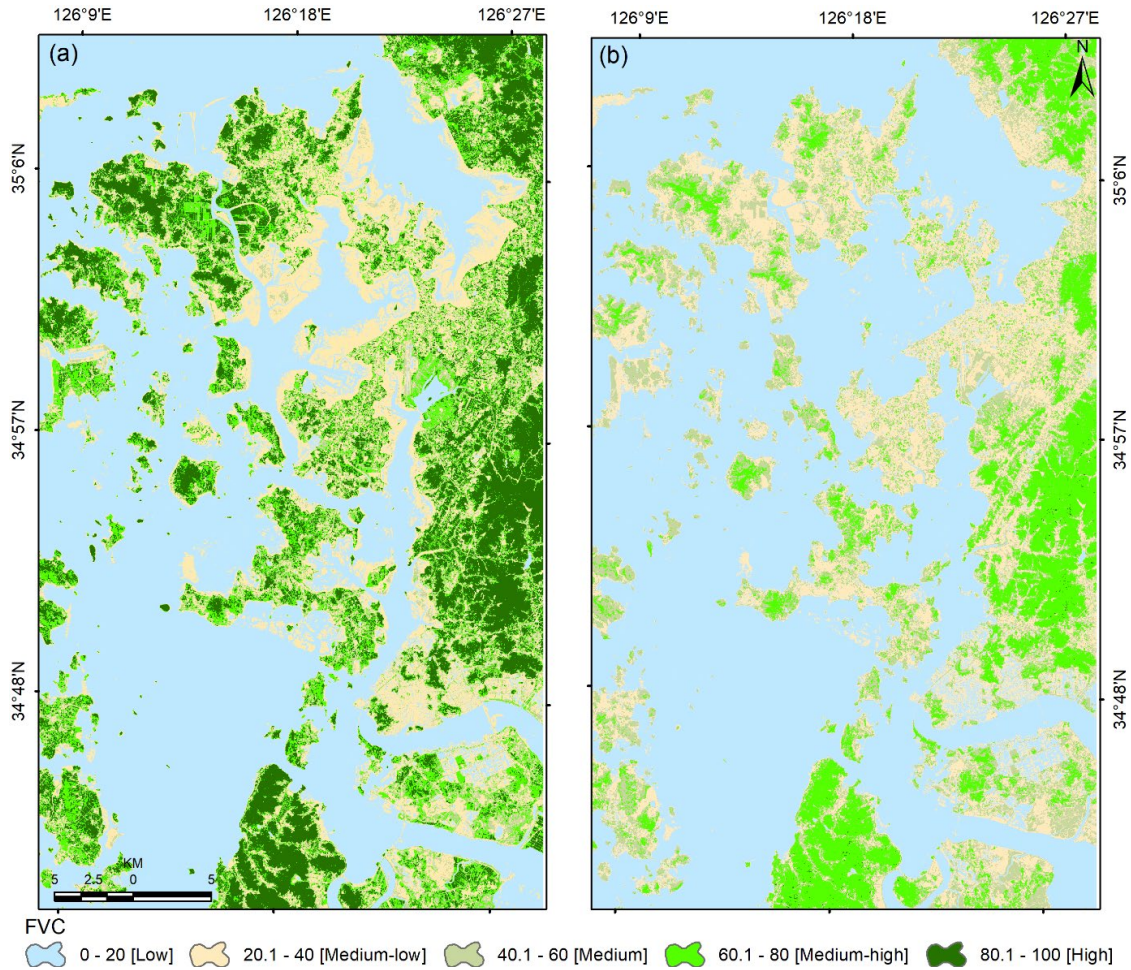
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448 Table 3. NDVI distribution over the study area before and after the typhoon.

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

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450 On the other hand, the physical presence of vegetation has also been measured using
 451 FVC analysis. In general, NDVI provides information on the health and productivity of
 452 vegetation, while FVC provides information on the physical presence and distribution of
 453 vegetation. Figure 6 depicts the pre- and post-typhoon FVC map of the Mopko coast. The area
 454 of each FVC category is illustrated in Table 4. The results reveal that the typhoon caused a
 455 substantial decrease in FVC in the area, with the average FVC reducing significantly from
 456 33.43% to 23.64% after the typhoon. It was observed that the medium-high to high FVC area
 457 decreased from 485.4 km² to 211.9 km², while the medium-to-low FVC area increased from
 458 1359.8 km² to 1633.3 km². The high FVC vegetation category was more severely affected and
 459 decreased considerably after the typhoon. These results indicate that the typhoon significantly
 460 impacted the wetland vegetation in the region.



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462 Figure 6. Status of vegetation based on the FVC analysis for the (a) pre-Soulik (01st August
 463 2018) and post-Soulik (15th October 2018) period.
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465 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

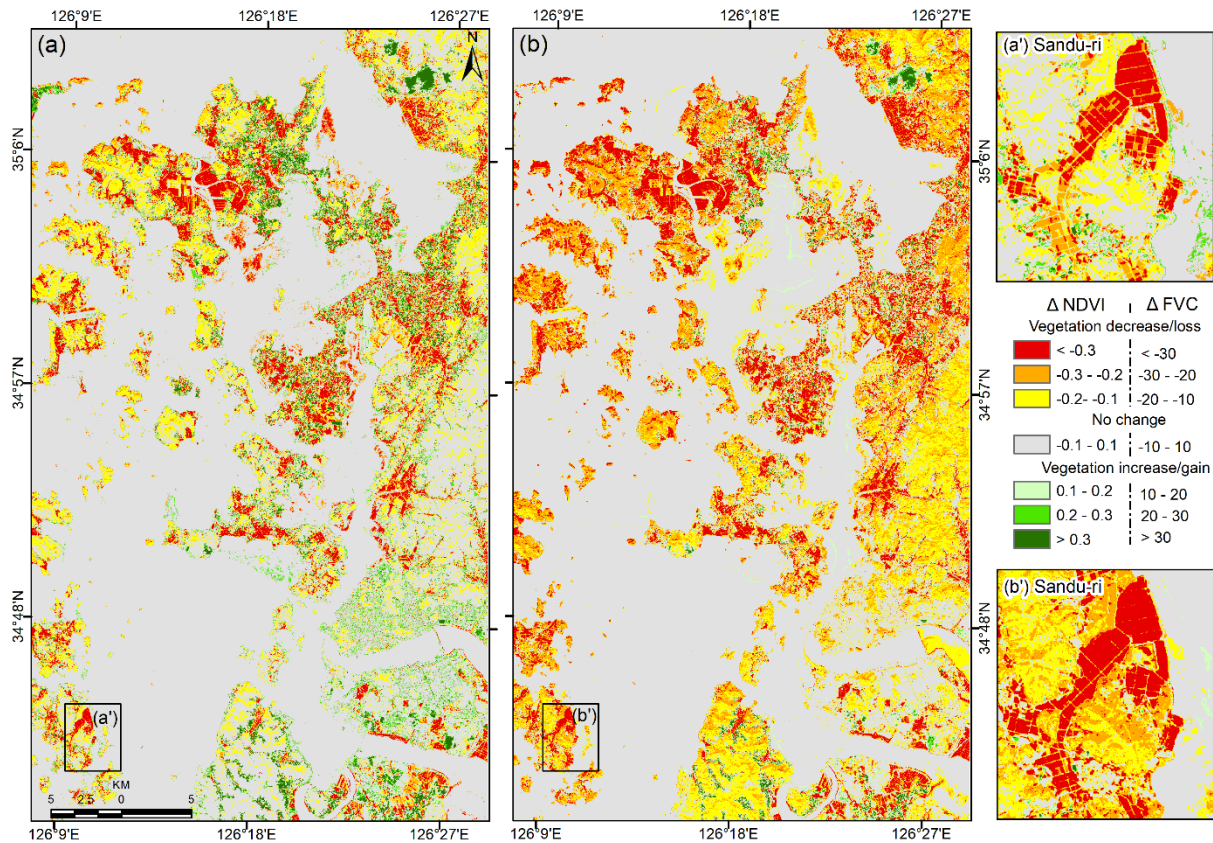
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467 In order to determine the damaged vegetation areas along the Mokpo coast, we
 468 compared pre-and post-typhoon NDVI images. A decrease in Δ NDVI is one of the most
 469 distinctive features of abrupt canopy modifications detectable by optical remote sensing (Xu et
 470 al., 2021). Thus, we can only determine vegetation deterioration from the two NDVI images.
 471 Subsequently, an NDVI threshold of 0.2 has been used to extract only vegetation features from
 472 the pre-and post-typhoon NDVI images. The threshold value has been manually adjusted to

473 achieve the highest accuracy of vegetation pixels. The extracted vegetated pixels have been
474 compared with reference samples randomly collected from the original high spatial resolution
475 images to determine the accuracy (Schneider, 2012; Xu et al., 2021). The two extracted
476 vegetation images obtained within six or seven weeks of typhoon Soulik's (i.e., before the
477 damaged vegetation had recovered) exhibits an overall accuracy of 95.7 % for pre-typhoon and
478 94.5% for the post-typhoon period.

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

488 On the other hand, Figure 7(b) represents the change map derived from the ΔFVC ,
489 which also indicates changed vegetation areas after the typhoon. The negative ΔFVC is
490 attributed to about 32.07% of the total area, which suggests that Typhoon Soulik affected
491 approximately 591.89 km² of vegetated land. It has also been observed that the pure vegetation
492 pixels (i.e., $\text{NDVI} > 0.6$ and $\text{FVC} > 60\%$) were drastically changed over the typhoon period. The
493 changed area determined for NDVI and FVC is -153.43 km² and -273.40 km², respectively
494 (Tables 3 & 4). The results obtained from both techniques indicate a significant decrease in
495 vegetation cover after the typhoon. The probable reason for the change is that Typhoon Soulik
496 made landfall close to Mokpo coastal region.



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498 Figure 7. Vegetation change map of the Mokpo coastal region derived through two different
 499 methods: (a) Δ NDVI and (b) Δ FVC, whereas zoom boxes show the vegetation
 500 damage of Sandu-ri areas.
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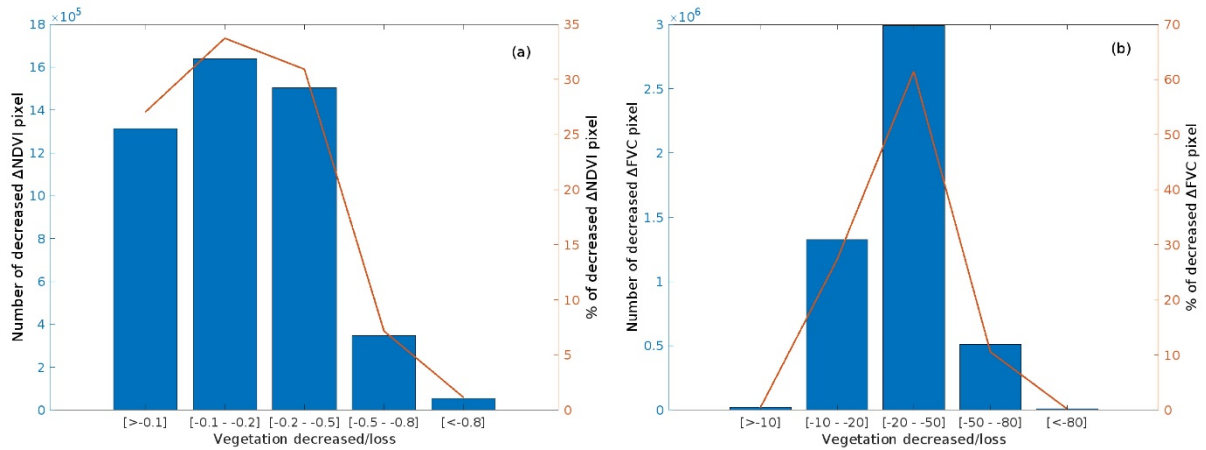
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Figure 8 compares vegetation damage based on the number and percentage of the decreased pixel of Δ NDVI and Δ FVC. It exhibits decreased pixels in different categories of vegetation damage, ranging from low damage to extensive damage. The pixels showing the most significant vegetation damage (i.e., Δ NDVI -0.2 to -0.5 and Δ 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., Δ NDVI < -0.5 and Δ 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.



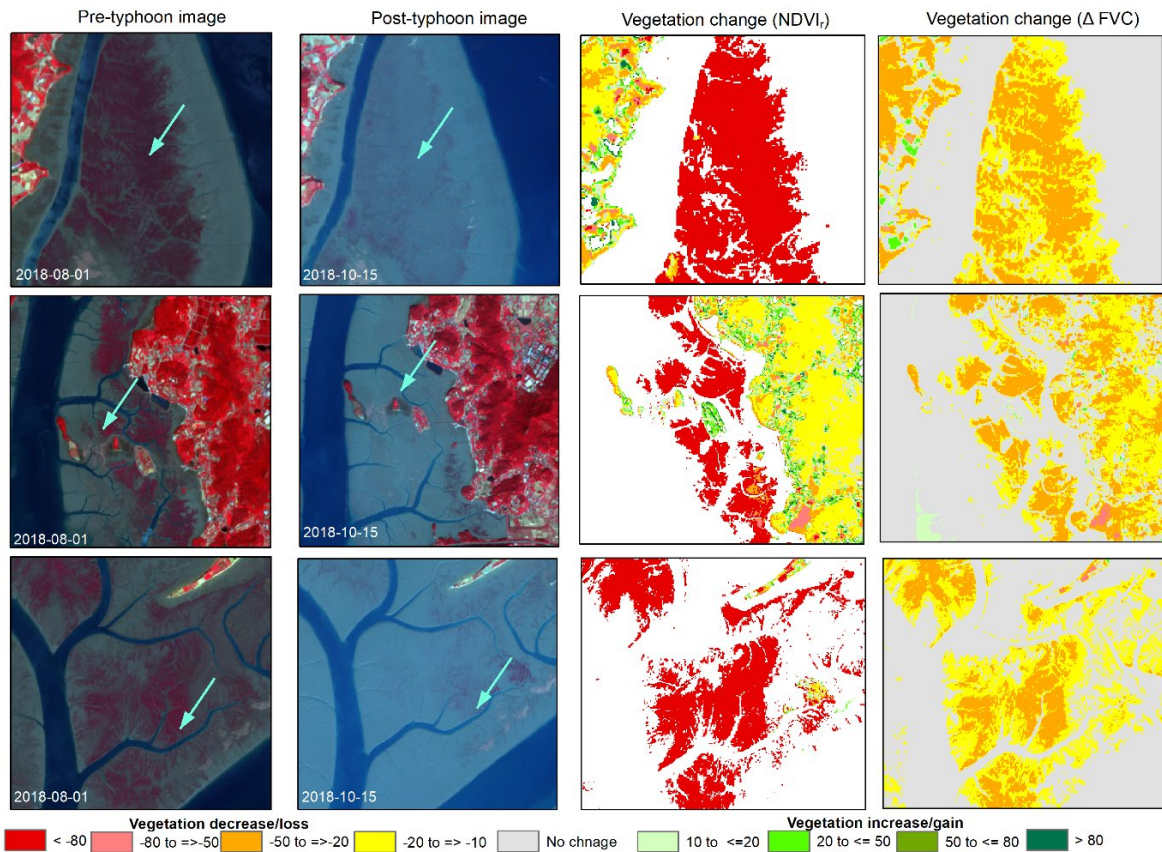
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513 Figure 8. Comparison of vegetation damaged represented based on the number and percentage
 514 of decreased pixels of (a) $\Delta NDVI$ and (b) ΔFVC .
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517 The pre-and post-typhoon Sentinel-2 false-color images and the corresponding relative
 518 change in $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC values are presented in Figure 9. The standard FCC imagery (left
 519 panel of Fig. 9) for pre and post-typhoon shows that $NDVI_r$ is more effective in detecting areas
 520 of damaged vegetation compared to ΔFVC (right panel, Fig. 9). It was observed that the
 521 typhoon-induced damaged vegetation area (i.e., pixels with $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC of $<-50\%$)
 522 detected by $NDVI_r$ (106.5 km²) was greater than that detected by ΔFVC (51.3 km²). The
 523 difference in performance between $NDVI_r$ and ΔFVC in detecting typhoon-induced vegetation
 524 damage can be attributed to the fact that the color of the vegetation changed after the typhoon.
 525 This change can be detected more accurately by $NDVI$ compared to FVC because the
 526 vegetation in the affected areas still existed, and vegetation coverage did not decrease
 527 significantly after the event (Wang and Xu, 2018). Thus, $NDVI$ is highly sensitive to the health
 528 status of vegetation and a more appropriate approach for assessing the damage to vegetation
 529 induced by the typhoon, while FVC is more representative of vegetation coverage status (Wang
 530 and Xu, 2018; Jing et al., 2011). Consequently, the dramatic vegetation loss ($<-80\%$) that
 531 occurred in mostly wetland vegetation is detected mostly in $NDVI_r$. In addition, moderate
 532 greenness loss has been identified in natural forests. Furthermore, the decrease of $NDVI_r$ values
 533 from higher classes to lower classes indicates that the typhoon has severely damaged the low-
 534 lying coastal regions and the wetland vegetation.

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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/>).

4.1.2 Influence of topography on vegetation damage caused by Typhoon Soulik

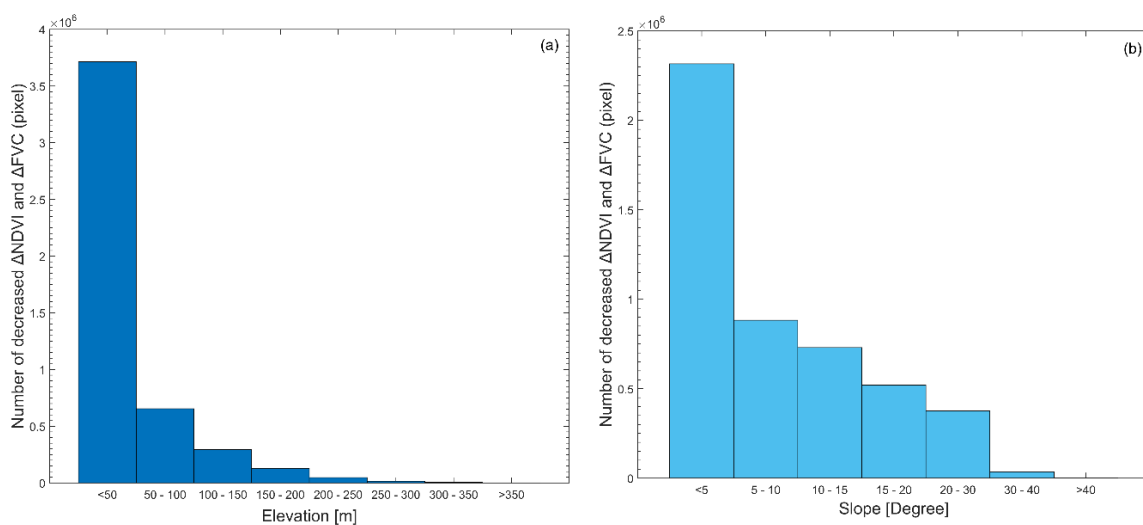
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543 The affected area's topography can influence typhoons' impact on vegetation. The
544 interaction between topography and typhoon-generated wind and rain can result in complex
545 and varied patterns of damage across different landscapes (Abbas et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

551 It was observed that the elevation varies from 0 to 403 m in the Mopko coastal region,
552 as depicted in Figure 1(b), and the number of trees damaged by Typhoon Soulik showed a
553 decreasing trend at higher elevations (Fig. 10a). The highest number of damaged trees was
554 observed in areas with an elevation of 50m or lower. This is likely due to the fact that these
555 areas are predominantly covered by wetlands, which can be more vulnerable to strong winds

556 associated with typhoons Soulik. In general, low-lying areas may not have the same natural
 557 windbreaks and barriers as higher elevations, which can exacerbate the impact of the wind. In
 558 addition, low-elevated vegetation may have shallower root systems due to the less stable soil
 559 conditions, making them more vulnerable to uprooting during heavy rainfall or strong winds
 560 (Zhang et al., 2013; Lugo et al., 1983). A significant difference in the number of decreased
 561 Δ NDVI and Δ FVC pixels was observed among different elevation ranges, and a correlation
 562 analysis between the number of damaged pixels and elevations showed a negative correlation
 563 (i.e., damaged pixels decreased with increasing elevation). The majority of damaged pixels
 564 (76.37%) were observed at elevations between 0 and 50m, with a decrease to 13.5% between
 565 51 and 100m. Vegetation decreased rapidly at higher elevations, with the percentage of pixels
 566 with negative Δ NDVI and Δ FVC decreasing to 6.1% between 100 and 150m and decreasing
 567 to 0.02% between 350 and 403m, as depicted in Figure 10(a).

568 On the other hand, Figure 10(b) illustrates the extent of damaged vegetation across
 569 different slope ranges. It has been noted that there is a negative correlation between the slope
 570 and the percentage of damaged vegetation pixels, indicating that the amount of vegetation
 571 damage decreases with a higher slope. For instance, when the slope was between 0-5°,
 572 approximately 47.63% of vegetation pixels were damaged. As the slope increased, the
 573 percentage of damaged vegetation pixels decreased accordingly, with values of 18.15%,
 574 15.01%, 10.71%, 7.74%, 0.73%, and 0.009% observed for slope ranges of 5-10°, 10-15°,
 575 20°, 20-30°, 30-40°, and greater than 40°, respectively.

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

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582 **4.2 Coastal morphodynamics over the typhoon period**

583 To understand the coastal morphodynamics over the typhoon period, we classified the
 584 entire coastal region into four major coastal landform classes: land, wetland vegetation,
 585 wetland, and water (Fig. 11a-b). The accuracy and *kappa* coefficient of the classified maps
 586 exhibited a reasonable degree of consistency with the reference data, as illustrated in Table 5.
 587 The overall accuracy of the pre-and post-typhoon coastal landform maps was 86.5% and
 588 84.3%, and *kappa* coefficients were 0.82 and 0.79, respectively. The results of the coastal
 589 landform classification showed a reduction in wetland vegetation over the typhoon period.
 590 Table 6 illustrates that before the typhoon, the area of the wetland vegetation class was 4.21%
 591 (77.63 km²) of the total area of all categories (1845.60 km²). However, after the hitting of the
 592 typhoon storm, the wetland vegetation area reduced to 1.08% (19.90 km²), recording a
 593 degradation of 57.73 km² (-74.37%).

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595 Table 5. Accuracy assessment of pre-and post-typhoon classified coastal units.

Coastal Units	Description	Pre-typhoon		Post-typhoon	
		Producer Accuracy (%)	User Accuracy (%)	Producer Accuracy (%)	User Accuracy (%)
Land	Others Land use	90.2	92.0	91.9	90.7
Wetland vegetation	Wetland vegetation	83.4	84.0	85.0	83.3
Wetland	Mudflat/tidal flat	81.4	84.7	77.1	74.0
Water	Waterbody	91.4	85.3	83.2	89.3
Overall accuracy (%)		86.5		84.3	
<i>kappa</i>		0.82		0.79	

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597 The most remarkable gain was the wetland class after the typhoon. This is shown by an
 598 increase of wetlands from 258.14 km² to 334.97 km², i.e., an increase of 29.76% (76.83 km²)
 599 during the analyzed period. Furthermore, the land class has increased by only 0.20% over the
 600 typhoon period, i.e., from 45.34% (before the typhoon) to 45.44% (after the typhoon). In
 601 addition, it has been noticed the waterbody decreased by 3.09% (20.78 km²) after the typhoon.
 602 Thus, it can be inferred that most wetland vegetation and waterbody have been converted into
 603 wetlands, which caused the coastal deterioration.

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605 Table 6. Area changes of different coastal unit during the pre- and post-typhoon periods in the
 606 Mokpo coast.

Coastal Units	Area at pre-typhoon	Area at post-typhoon	Changed area
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	km ²	%	km ²	%	km ²	%
Land	836.87	45.34	838.55	45.44	1.68	0.20
Wetland Vegetation	77.63	4.21	19.90	1.08	-57.73	-74.37
Wetland	258.14	13.99	334.97	18.15	76.83	29.76
Water	672.95	36.46	652.18	35.34	-20.78	-3.09
Total	1845.60	100.00	1845.60	100.00	---	---

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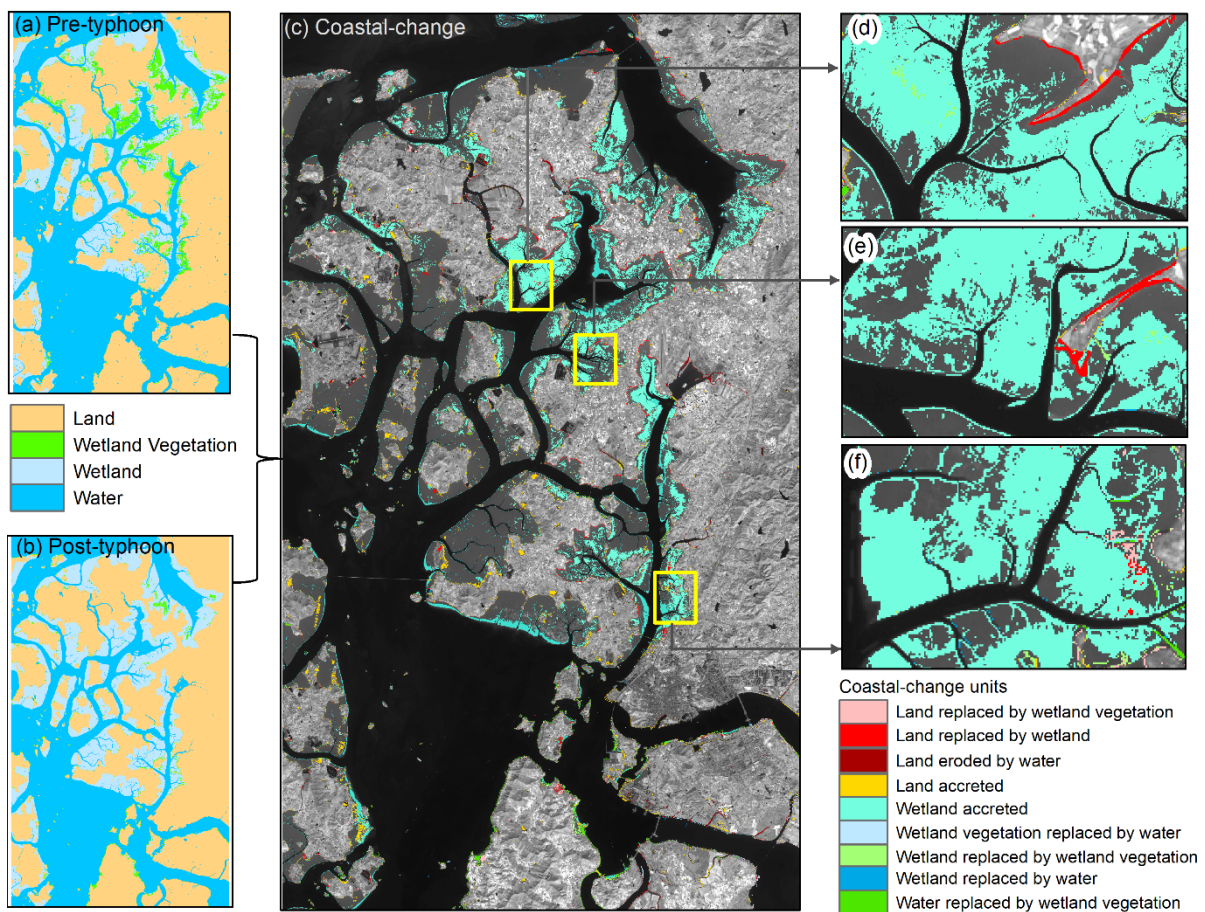
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Thereafter, the coastal land transformation model was developed through mutual spatial replacements between coastal units. The land transformation model has identified the nine coastal-change units, as shown in Figure 11(c). The results show that the low land coastal area drastically changed after the typhoon, where the majority of coastal classes have been transformed into wetlands or mudflats. Furthermore, approximately 5.61% of the land area has been replaced by wetlands and water, whereas 83.79% of the wetland area has accreted over the wetland vegetation and water due to the impact of typhoon Soulik (Table 7).



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Figure 11. Spatial distribution of coastal-change units along the Mokpo coast due to typhoon Soulik: (a) pre-typhoon classified map, (b) post-typhoon classified map, and (c) coastal land transformation map. Subplots (d, e, and f) show the detailed coastal land

620 transformation.

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622 Table 7. The details of coastal land transformation classes identify over the typhoon period.

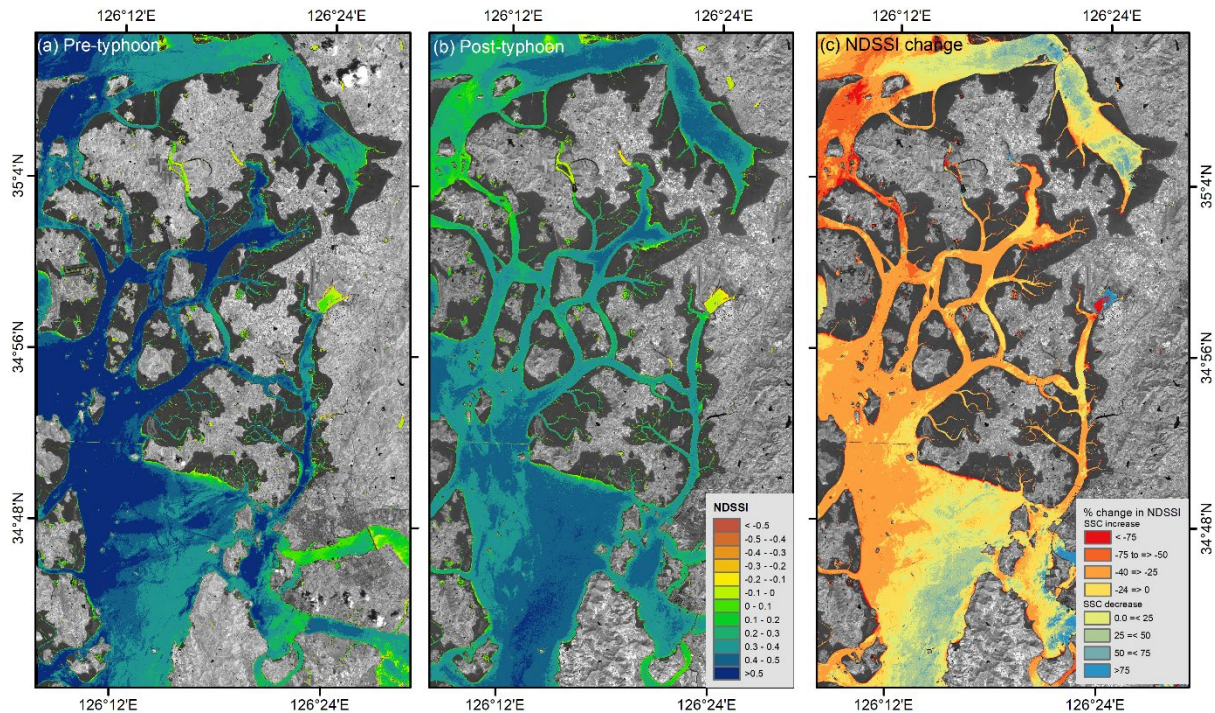
Coastal land transformation	Area (km ²)	%
Land replaced by wetland vegetation	4.59	3.94
Land replaced by wetland	4.41	3.79
Land eroded by water	2.12	1.82
Land accreted	12.88	11.06
Wetland accreted	83.79	71.97
Wetland vegetation replaced by water	2.47	2.12
Wetland replaced by wetland vegetation	1.59	1.36
Wetland replaced by water	1.76	1.52
Water replaced by wetland vegetation	2.82	2.42

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624 4.3 Sediment resuspension during the pre-and post-typhoon period

625 The spatial distribution of relative suspended sediment concentration has been derived
626 through NDSSI for both before and after typhoon images (Fig. 12). Pre-typhoon SSC patterns
627 have been observed more SSC inside the creeks of the inner-shelf region of the Mokpo coast
628 as compared to the post-typhoon NDSSI image. However, it has been noted that the SSC has
629 significantly increased along the entire coast in the post-typhoon period (Fig. 12b). Therefore,
630 the spatial changes of relative SSC have been determined during the August (pre) and October
631 (post) periods, as depicted in Figure 12(c). In general, a flood always transports many
632 suspended materials and concentrates those materials on the upper surface of the water. After
633 the strong events, the flood-transported suspended material is deposited across the delta. A
634 similar phenomenon was observed in the post-typhoon period due to extensive rainfall, which
635 turned into a coastal flood.

636 On the other hand, it has been observed that the SSC gradually increased as the wind
637 speed increased from the pre to post-typhoon period. The increasing SSC amplitudes indicate
638 the rapid sediment erosion/resuspension over the storm passage. Furthermore, the amplitudes
639 of SSC variations were more visible in shallower water than in deeper water. The effect of
640 typhoons on the SSC variation along the Mokpo coast has been observed through Δ NDSSI
641 distribution (Fig. 12c). The negative Δ NDSSI values represent the increase of SSC due to
642 typhoon-induced strong wind and coastal flooding.



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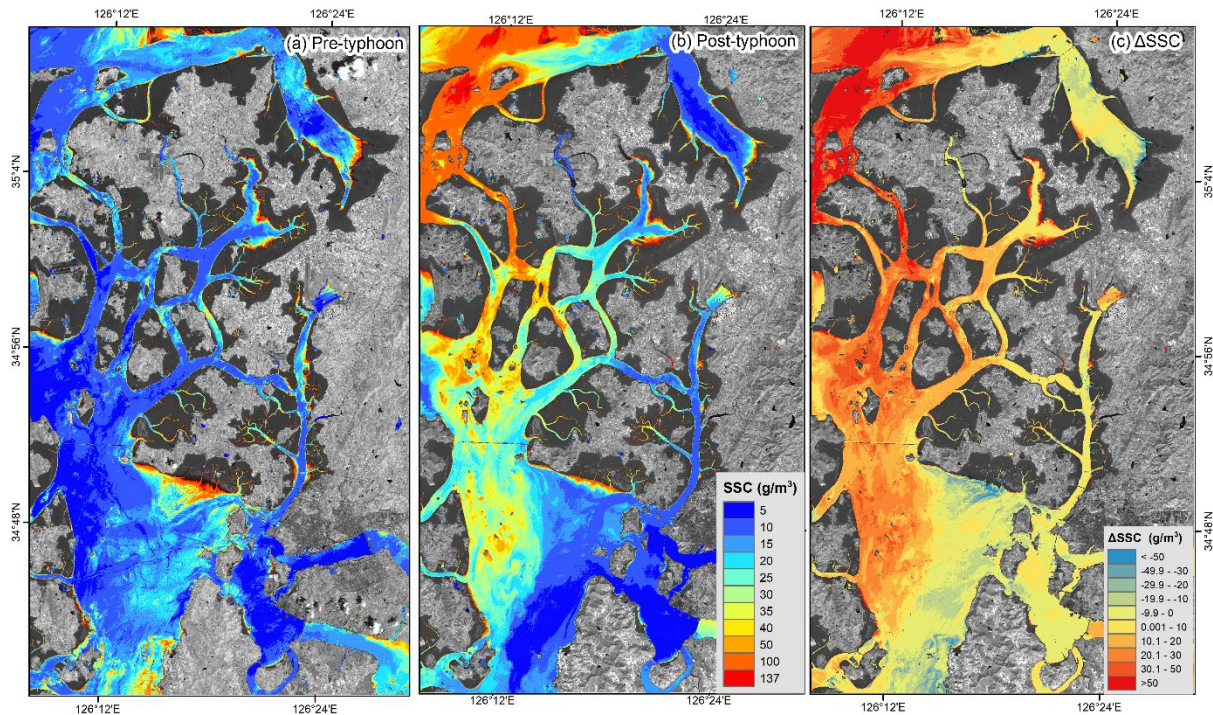
644 Figure 12. Relative SSC for (a) pre-typhoon and (b) post-typhoon period, while (c) represents
 645 the changes in the NDSSI.
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648 Furthermore, a quantitative analysis of SSC has been performed based on the algorithm
 649 developed by Choi et al. (2014). During the pre-typhoon period, the SSC in the near shore
 650 waters was significantly higher than that of the offshore region (Fig. 13a). The post-typhoon
 651 image shows a sharp increase in the SSC distribution, indicating that Typhoon Soulik
 652 significantly impacted the SSC variation, with a maximum of $>50 \text{ g/m}^3$ (Fig. 13c). In Figures
 653 13(a) and (b), the spring-neap tidal influence broadly regulated the distribution and change of
 654 SSC throughout the shallow coastal water. The resuspension of SSC has been observed in the
 655 entire study region during the passage of Soulik. The pattern of relative SSC distribution (Fig.
 656 12c) and the empirically derived SSC distribution (Fig. 13c) of pre-and post-typhoon are
 657 similar.

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658 The outcomes showed that the storm surge and strong waves have considerably aided
 659 the sediment resuspension. Thus, the storm waves played an essential role in increasing bottom
 660 stress and stirring the seabed sediment (Gong and Shen, 2009). The transport of sediment
 661 during the storm adds another mechanism to the long-term morphological evolution of the
 662 Mokpo coast. This research revealed the profound significance of typhoons on inner shelf
 663 sedimentation along the coast.



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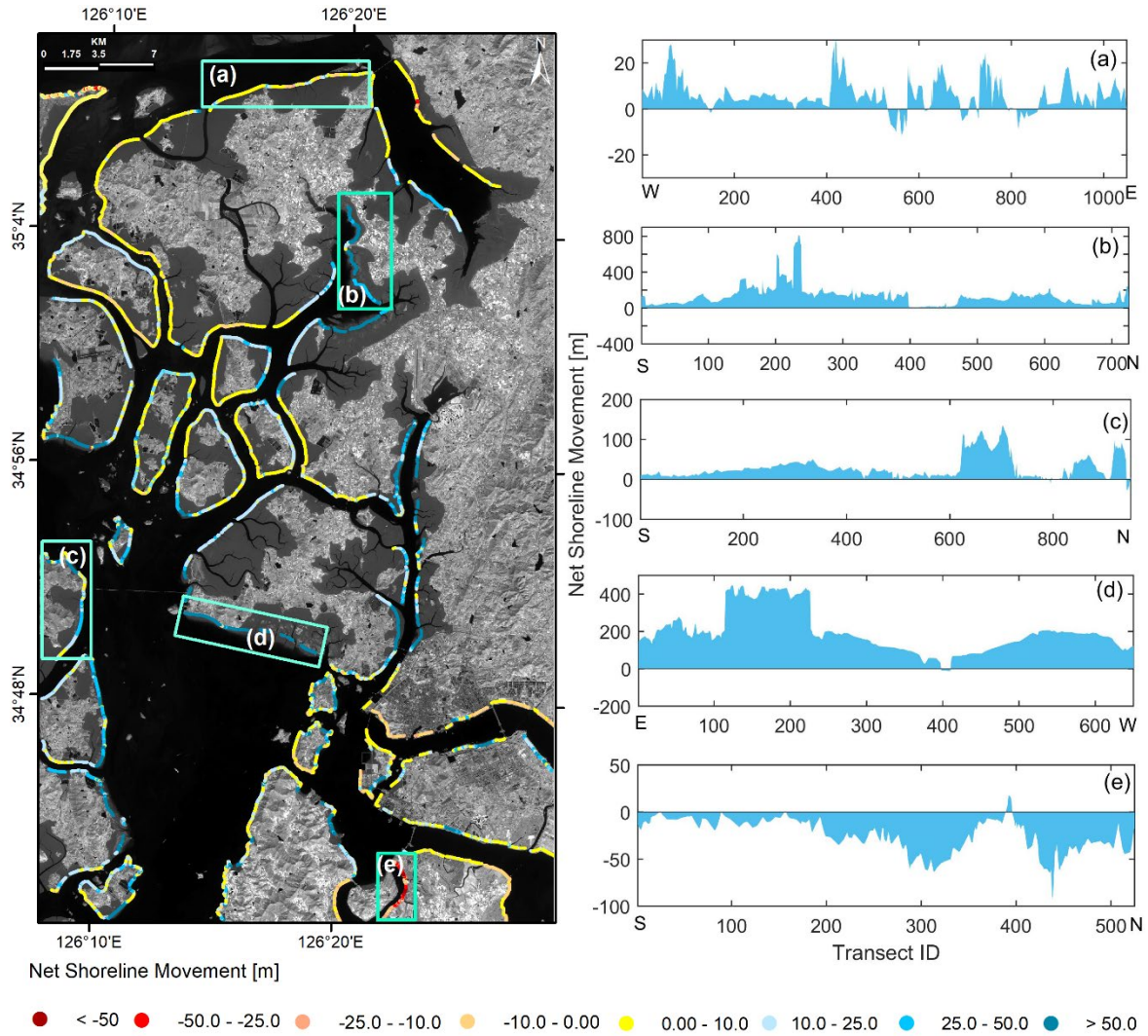
664 Figure 13. The simulated SSC distribution for the surface water of (a) pre-typhoon, (b) post-
 665 typhoon period, and (c) represents the spatial changes of SSC from pre- to post-
 666 typhoon.

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668 4.4 Impact on coastal erosion and deposition

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670 The impacts of the severe typhoon storm Soulik at a speed of 62 m/s on the coastline
 671 of Mokpo have been determined using the NSM method, considering 38313 transects (10m
 672 transect intervals) along the shoreline. Figure 14 shows the shoreline alteration in the entire
 673 Mokpo coastal region from the pre- to post-typhoon period, with an accretion of 87.5%
 674 transects and erosion of 12.5%. The mean deposition of 28.89m and a mean erosion of -8.29m
 675 were recorded (Table 8). The shoreline movement between 0-10m was recorded in the northern
 676 part of the coastal region. It has been observed that most transects experienced significant
 677 accretion; however, erosion has been observed in a few transects along the southern coastline
 678 (Fig. 14). The southern coast experienced sporadic landward movement of the shoreline. In
 679 contrast, the rest of the study region experienced significant seaward shoreline movement (Fig.
 14 a-e).



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681 Figure 14. Land water boundary change from the pre-typhoon period to the post-typhoon
 682 period based on the NSM method (left panel). Subplots (a-e) show the net
 683 movement of the shoreline at different sites.
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685 Table 8. Pre-post typhoon shoreline change statistics based on the NSM model.

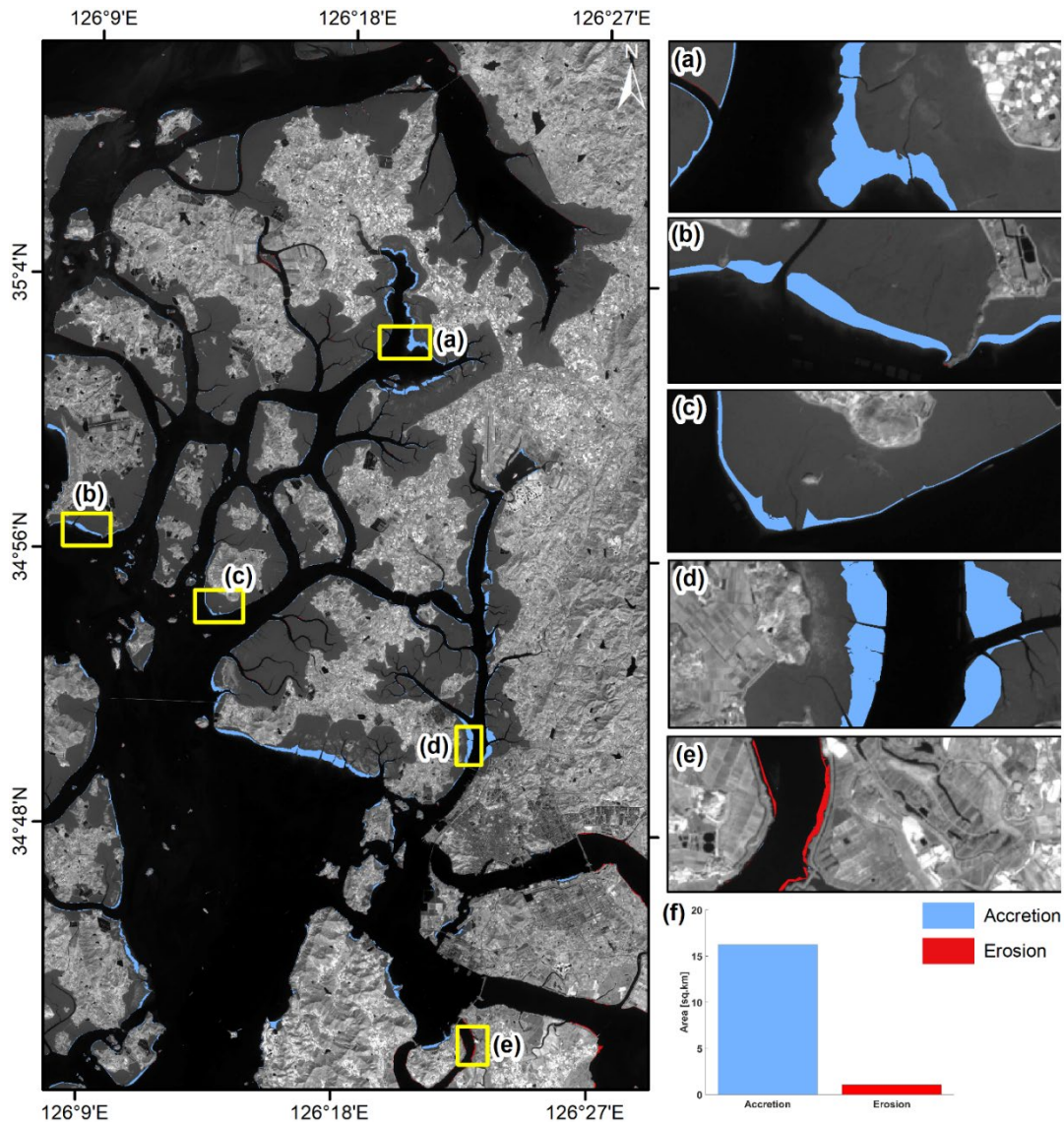
NSM statistics	Summary
Total transects	38313
NSM _{mean}	24.24m
NSM _{mean accretion}	28.89
NSM _{mean erosion}	-8.29
NSM _{maximum accretion}	812.54
NSM _{maximum erosion}	-131.72
Total transect that records accretion	34686
Total transect that records erosion	4955
% of total transect that records accretion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

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687 The wind generated surface water currents that transported and dispersed erogenous
 688 material to deep seas areas from pre- to post-typhoon. On the other hand, the coastal flooding
 689 induced by the typhoon storm increased the sediment from the land to the near-shore region
 690 (Figs. 12c & 13c). This allowed sediment to deposit on the wetland or beach areas. The coastal
 691 land transformation map also revealed changes in shoreline shift-area as the wetland accreted
 692 class.

693 The net surface area changes along the coastal region have been estimated and are
 694 depicted in Figure 15. The total beach area increases and losses throughout the typhoon period
 695 were 16.23 km² and 1.1 km², respectively (Fig. 15f). It was observed that typhoon Soulik has
 696 drastically increased the wetland (mudflat). These observations were also supported by other
 697 proxies, as discussed above.

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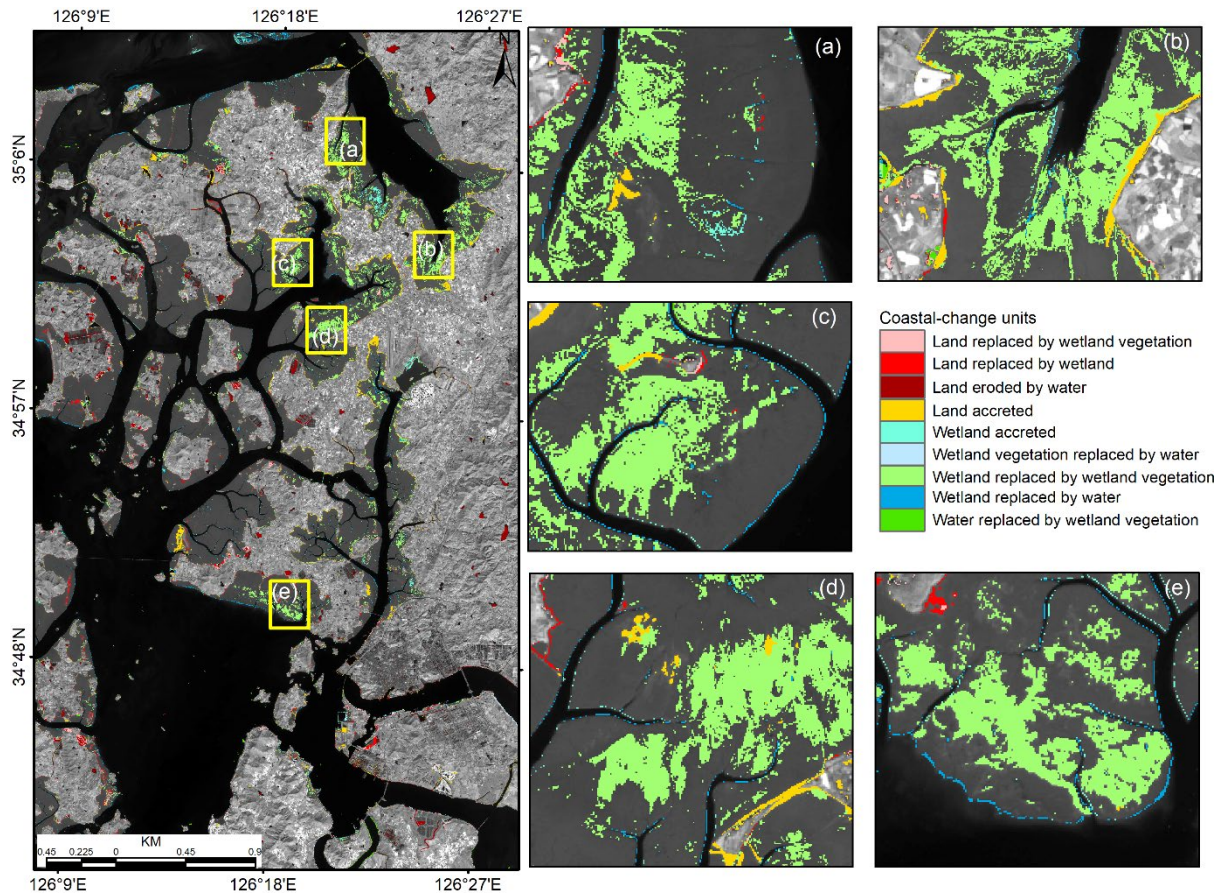


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700 Figure 15. Net surface area changes (i.e., erosion and accretion) due to typhoon Soulik along
701 the Mokpo coast. Subplots (a-d) show extensive accretion, while erosion is shown
702 in plot (e). The bar graph (f) represents the area changes from the pre to post-
703 typhoon period.
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705 **4.5 Coastal recovery status after typhoon Soulik**

706 The recovery status of the Mopko coastal region after typhoon Soulik has been analyzed
707 using the NSM and coastal landform change model. For this purpose, another Sentinel-2 MSI
708 level 1C satellite image was downloaded for October 2019 (one year after the typhoon), as
709 listed in Table 1. After that, the coastal landform change model and NSM were performed
710 based on the Sentinel-2 MSI images of October 2018 and 2019 (both images taken during the
711 post-typhoon period) to understand the recovery status of the coastal morphometry. The coastal
712 landform change model exhibits that the wetland vegetation increased drastically after one year
713 of typhoon Soulik, as depicted in Figure 16. Table 9 indicates that approximately 16.52% of
714 the land area has accreted over the wetland and water, whereas 39.71% of the wetland
715 vegetation area has accreted over the wetland and water after the typhoon. Further, the outcome
716 of the coastal recovery status was visually compared with the high-resolution aerial imagery
717 downloaded from the National Land Information Platform web portal (<https://map.ngii.go.kr/>),
718 indicating good consistency. Thus, the coastal landform change model successfully determined
719 the longer-term recovery status in the topography and landforms of the Mopko coastal area
720 after the typhoon.



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723 Figure 16. Recovery status of different coastal landforms after typhoon Soulik of Mokpo
724 coastal region, whereas zoom boxes (a-e) show the increase of wetland vegetation at
725 various sites.

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727 Table 9. The details of coastal land transformation classes identify during the post-typhoon
728 period.

Coastal land transformation	Area (km ²)	%
Land replaced by wetland vegetation	4.06	6.67
Land replaced by wetland	4.59	7.54
Land eroded by water	7.23	11.88
Land accreted	10.05	16.52
Wetland accreted	2.82	4.64
Wetland vegetation replaced by water	2.12	3.48
Wetland replaced by wetland vegetation	24.17	39.71
Wetland replaced by water	4.41	7.25
Water replaced by wetland vegetation	1.41	2.32

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730 On the other hand, the short-term effects of a typhoon on the shoreline have also been
731 determined based on the NSM model. The results exhibit the extensive shoreline alteration in
732 the entire Mokpo coastal region after one year of typhoon Soulik, with an accretion of 48.03%
733 transects and erosion of 51.97%. The NSM statistics showed an average shoreline movement

734 of -1.08m, with a recorded mean erosion of -9.25 and deposition of 7.75m (Table 10). The
 735 overall erosion was recorded in response to typhoon Soulik even after one year along the
 736 Mopko coastal region. This is due to the extensive damage to wetland vegetation during the
 737 typhoon period (Table 7). In addition, it was observed that the wetland experience accretion
 738 during the typhoon period, but it made the coastline vulnerable to erosion in the near future.
 739 The natural native vegetation and wetland vegetation play a critical role in the shoreline
 740 stability of the coastal region due to its anti-erosive nature. This phenomenon was evident in
 741 the NSM statistics obtained during the post-typhoon period. Therefore, the use of these models
 742 can help predict how the shoreline and adjacent coastal landforms will respond to typhoons,
 743 identify vulnerable areas, and inform recovery efforts. This can enhance the area's resilience to
 744 natural disasters and reduce the risk of future erosion and other environmental problems.

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746 Table 10. Post-typhoon shoreline change statistics based on the NSM model.

NSM statistics	Summary
Total transects	38313
NSM _{mean}	-1.08m
NSM _{mean accretion}	7.75
NSM _{mean erosion}	-9.25
NSM _{maximum accretion}	44.76
NSM _{maximum erosion}	-121.14
Total transect that records accretion	18400
Total transect that records erosion	19913
% of total transect that records accretion	51.97
% of total transect that records erosion	48.03
Overall pre to post-typhoon trend	Erosion

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749 5. Conclusion

750 The objectives of this study were to assess the impact of typhoon Soulik on the coastal ecology,
 751 landform, erosion/accretion, suspended sediment movement and associated coastal changes
 752 along the Mokpo coast. This research developed an integrated approach for identifying coastal
 753 dynamics impacted by typhoons and determining damage severity. The coastline movement,
 754 coastal morphodynamics and quantified severity of vegetation damage from the pre- to post-
 755 typhoon period have been determined based on the Sentinel-2 MSI images. NDVI and FVC
 756 have been used to assess the severity of damage caused by typhoon Soulik on the vegetation.
 757 The results showed that about 493.9 km² (26.7%) of vegetation had been affected in the Mokpo
 758 coastal region. Further, it was observed that 6.1% (112.4 km²) of vegetated areas in low coastal
 759 land were severely damaged. The land transformation model exhibited that the 'wetland'

760 replaced most of the ‘wetland-vegetated land’ in the post-typhoon period. Also, it has been
761 found that more aggregated vegetation regions were less susceptible to damage.

762 The SSC of the Mokpo coastal region is higher in the post-typhoon period compared to
763 pre-typhoon time. The SSC variation influenced the coastal accretion and changed the deltaic
764 islands. The NDSSI and empirical-based SSC distribution of pre- and post-typhoon images
765 exhibit sedimentation drastically increased after the typhoon. The land accretion process also
766 dominated during the pre- to post-typhoon period. The wetlands and water have replaced
767 approximately 9.77% of the land area. On the other hand, 65.52% of the wetland area has
768 accreted over the wetland vegetation and water. Shoreline change analysis is also performed to
769 understand erosion and accretion in coastal regions. Typhoon Soulik accelerated shoreline
770 movement, affecting the local environmental condition, biodiversity imbalance, and aerial
771 change. In addition, 87.35% of shoreline transects experienced seaward migration over the
772 typhoon period. The wetland experience accretion in a shorter period, but it made the coastline
773 vulnerable to erosion in the near future because the natural native vegetation and wetland
774 vegetation are crucial factors in shoreline stability of the coastal region due to its anti-erosive
775 nature. This phenomenon was evident in the NSM and coastal landforms change model
776 obtained during the post-typhoon period. It can be concluded that the Mokpo coastal ecosystem
777 has been devastated by this extreme event. Although the observed changes are not alarming,
778 shoreline protection measures still need to be addressed, especially the reforestation in wetland
779 or mudflat regions. The outputs of the present study are needed to better understand the
780 sediment transport process and estuary changes during the pre-and post-typhoon period. It can
781 also be used to develop appropriate strategies to protect natural ecosystems and post-disaster
782 rehabilitation.

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