Principles of Adaptation: A GLISA Perspective

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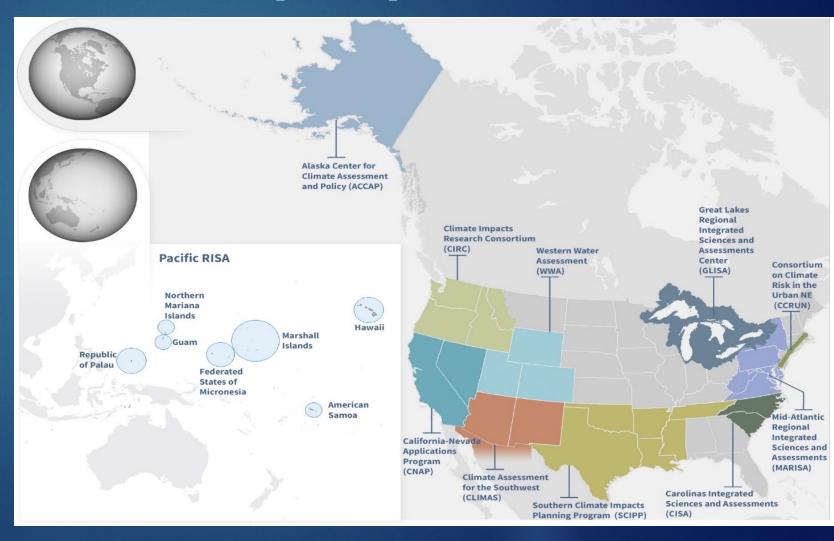
Land Acknowledgement

- ► The lands of the Anishinaabe, The Council of Three Fires
 - Ojibwe
 - Odawa
 - Bodwéwadmi/Potawatomi
- ▶ Meškwahki•aša•hina (Fox)
- ▶ Peoria
- Wyandot

NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA)

Regional teams that help the nation to prepare for and adapt to climate variability and change





Great Lakes Integrated Sciences & Assessments









GLISA's Approach









- Interpret existing information and data for stakeholders
- Provide locally relevant climate synthesis:
 - What has happened?
 - What could happen?
 - What are the impacts?



Use Best Available Science and Knowledge Interactive CLIMATOLOGY MAP

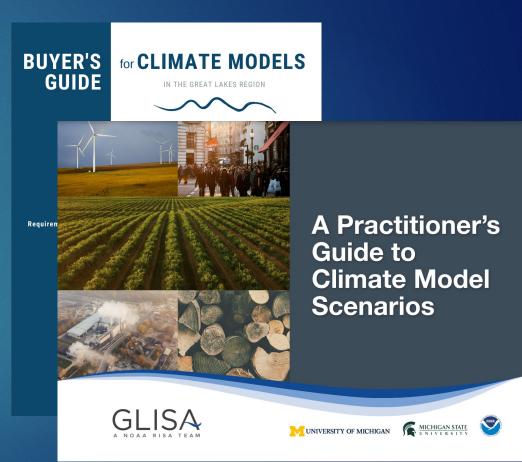
- Many products and services for adaptation in the Great Lakes region
 - Great Lakes Climatologies
 - ► Station Climatologies
 - Sustained Assessment of the Great Lakes
 - Annual Climate Trends and Impacts Summary
 - Practitioners' Guides
- Localization documents based on area of interest
 - Work with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC-MI)
 - 4 Ecoregions focus on their vulnerability assessment





Use Projections about Future Conditions

- Best Practices for GLISA:
 - Provide a range of model projections rather than averages
 - Connect the projections to past observational trends
 - Use local knowledge to fill in gaps
- GLISA utilizes various Global Climate Models (GCMs) and Regional Climate Models (RCMs)
 - ▶ Great Lakes Ensemble
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison Regional Climate Model Version 4 (UW-RegCM4)
- The Lac du Flambeau Tribe Climate Resilience work used GLISA's projection data and information
 - Climate Vulnerability Assessment
 - ▶ FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan





Ensure Fairness in Decision Making and Avoiding Harm

- Best Practices for GLISA
 - Two-way communication with communities and organizations
 - Establish expectations at the beginning of the process
- Working with the Lac Du Flambeau Tribal Council and Tribal Climate Resilience Planning (TCRP) Committee
 - ► The Tribe decided the most important issues and culturally-significant species
 - Guided GLISA staff in providing relevant climate data and information







Summary

- GLISA strives to provide usable and relevant information for climate adaptation in the Great Lakes region
 - Summary documents and resources
 - Guidance on climate models and their implementation
- Engagement with communities and organizations helps framing and addressing climate impacts
 - Communities and grass-root organizations can be the leaders in finding equitable solutions
- Meet people where they are knowledge-wise
 - Better to provide useful information tailored to the communities' needs
 - Ensures that all voices and perspectives are considered



