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SOME MAIN FEATURES

OF FLOOD CONTROLING PLAN

IN CUU LONG (LOWER MEKONG)

RIVER BASIN IN VIETNAM

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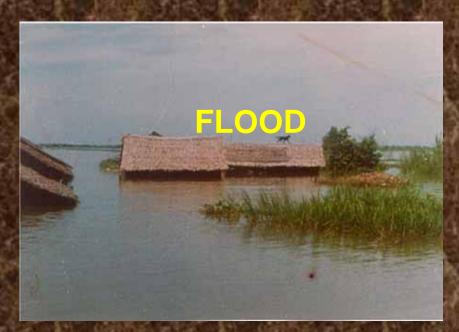
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#### 1. TYPE OF NATURAL DESATER IN CUULONG RIVER DELTA













- Lower Mekong Delta plays an important role in social economic development in the country.
- Total natural areas approximately of 3,96 mil.ha (accounts for 5% of MeKong river basin area
- The population is of 17 mil. people.
- -Contribute more than 50% of total national food production,
- -60% of aquaculture production
- 70% of fruit production.





- Due to changes on natural condition in the past years, especially historical flood in 1996, 2000, 2001 and together with changes on large scale on rural development and agriculture crop pattern (from 2001, especially aquaculture) had been raised a lots of works for water development, especially flood protection in Cuu Long river basin in Vietnam.



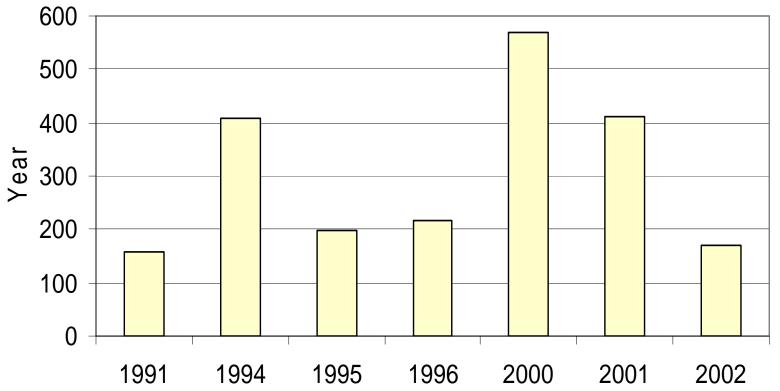
#### The record on damages cause by flood in the basin is mentioned in the following table:

	TT	Year	Unit	1994	1996	2000	2001	2002
Ÿ.	Ι	People died	People	407	217	568	412	170
	П	Loss in Agriculture	Bil. VND	1,326.37	1,036.02	1,450.43	373	
	Ш	Loss in properties	Bil. VND	255.21	391.66	2.311.22		
j	IV	Loss on transportation	Bil. VND	327.07	398.23	671		
	V	Loss on hydraulic works	Bil. VND	97.6	208.45	150		
1	VI	Loss in education	Bil. VND	59.76	52.39	41		1,403.00
	VII	Loss in Health	Bil. VND	19.61	21.31	16.12	105	51
Ž	VIII	Loss in Aquaculture	Bil. VND			83.46	13.494	2,446.10
VALUE INC.	IX	Loss in other infrastructure foundation	Bil. VND	209.95	74.23	40.89		





#### Number of People died in flood in CuuLong river Basin versus year

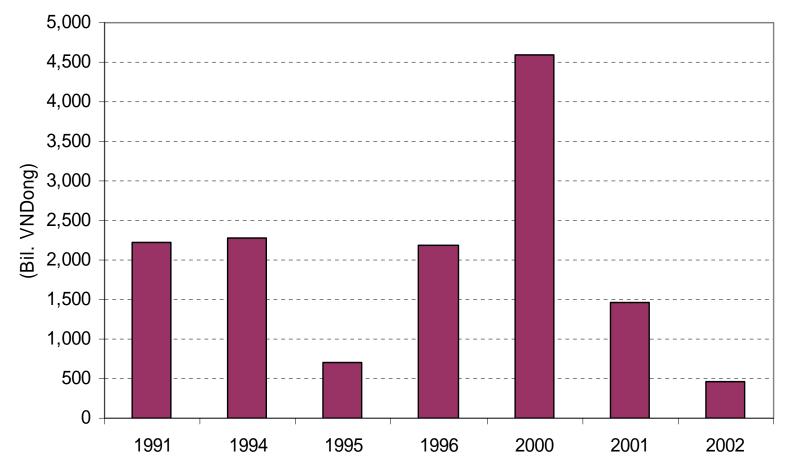


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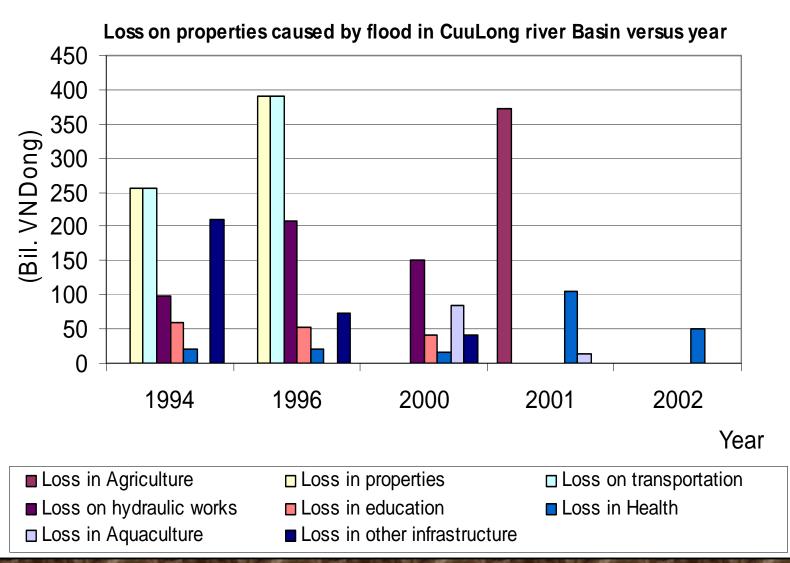
#### Total loss cause by flood in CuuLong River Basin from 1991



Year

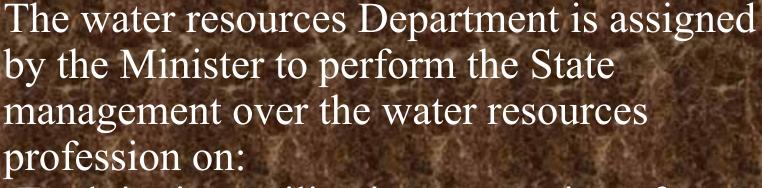








# 2. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLOOD PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT:



- -Exploitation, utilization, protection of water resources facilities, rural water drainage and supply system;
- River basin management; tapping, use and general development of rivers;
- <u>Management of flood</u>, drought control and prevention in the whole nation under the state management of the Ministry.



# 2. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLOOD PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT:



Related to the plan on flood protection and management in CuuLong Delta, the Department of Water Resources will help the Ministry to give the official decision to implement and monitor; Preside the appraisal of this planning projects and plans after being approved and manage the implementation of planning projects and plans after being approved.





- 1. Living together with flood and controlling floods to some extent are quite a sound policy
- 2. Decision 173-TTg, which relate to 129 multipurpose structures to be implemented during 2004-2008, say, 2,000 billion VND will be invested in the construction annually.
- 3. The flood controlling measure concerns 4 main structural groups: (1) the structure along the coast of west sea (2) structures *controlling border overwhelming flood* (3) on-farm canals to drain flood water into west sea and (4) structures controlling flood from Hau river to Long Xuyen Quadrangle.

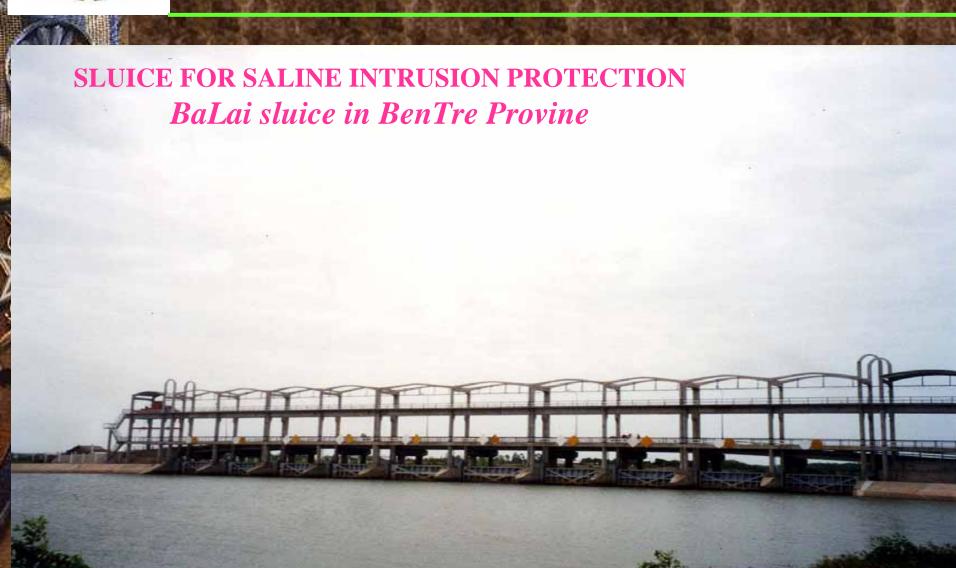




-Decision No. 01/1998/QĐ-TTg, 99/QĐ-TTg and 173/QĐ-TTg relating to the development program for Cuu Long River Delta by 2010.

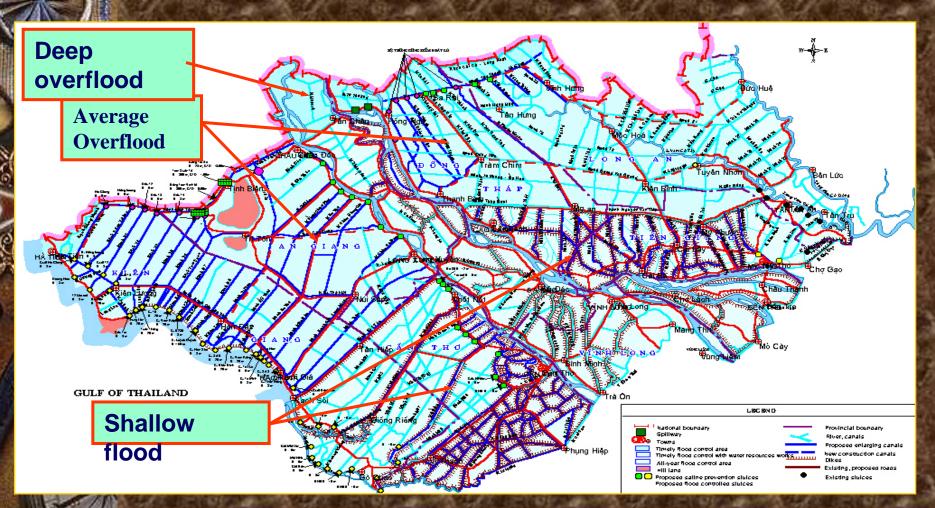
At the same time, in line with the economic shifting policy, the government also focuses on the development of all economic sector in order to improve the living standards of people, especially ones of ethnic people, so that they can be equal to others in the whole country.





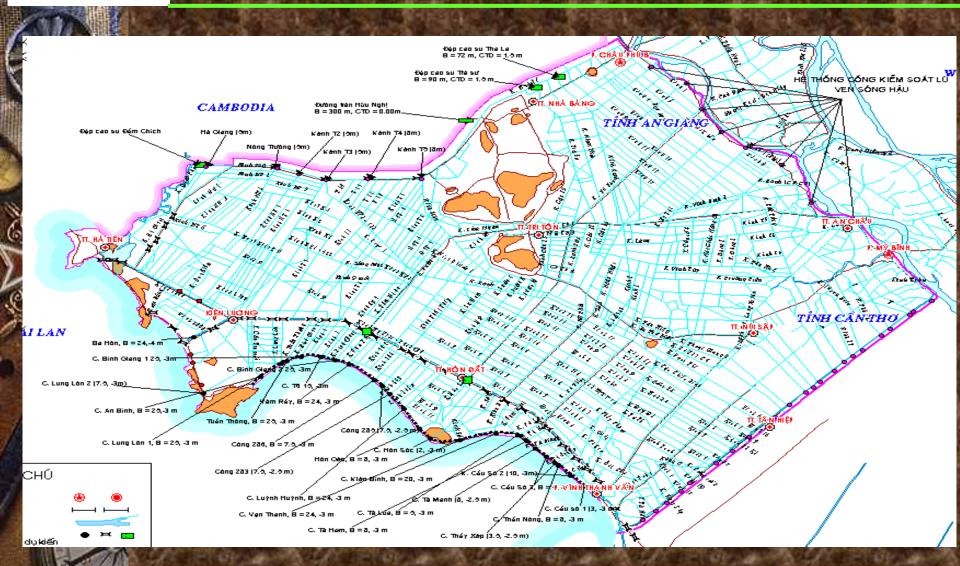


#### Map on Flood Protection base on "Living with Flood" policy



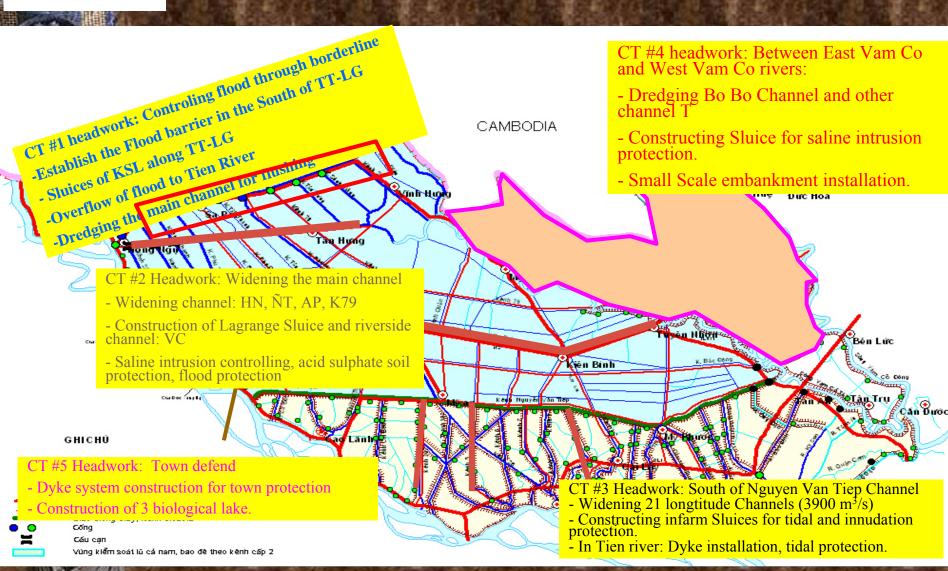


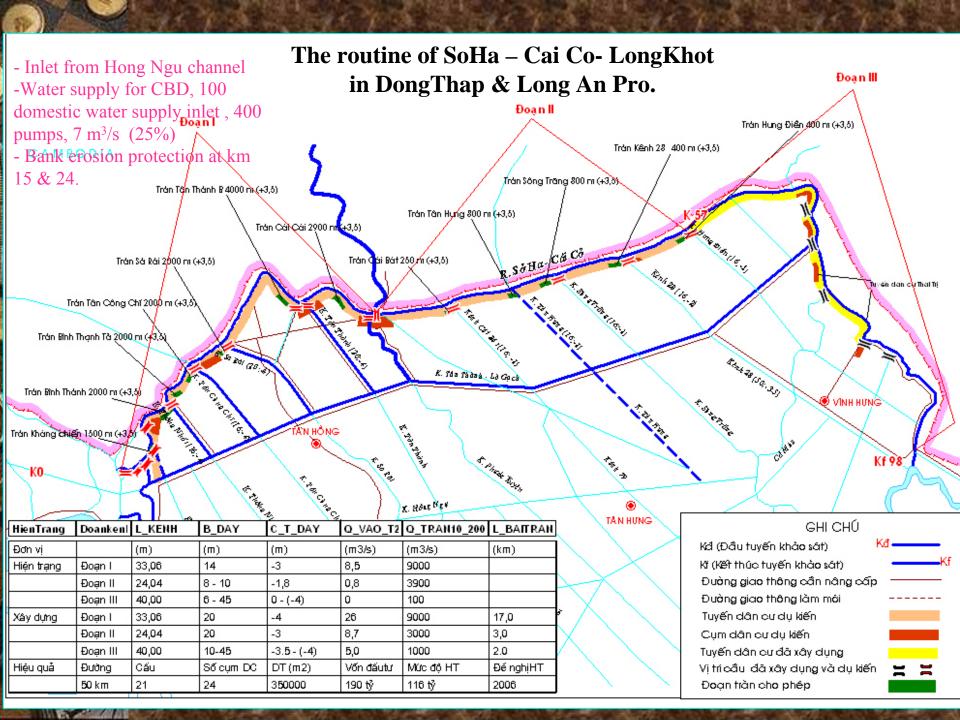
### FLOOD CONTROLING ORIENTATION IN TU GIAC LONG XUYEN

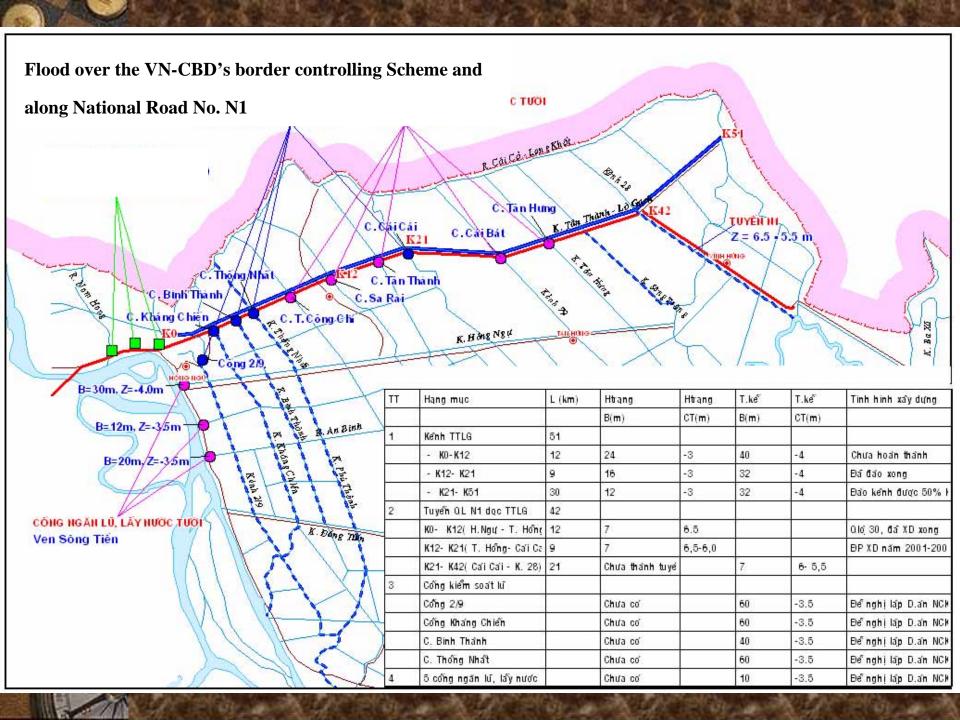




### FLOOD CONTROLING ORIENTATION IN DONG THAP MUOI









# 4. CERTAIN POLICIES ON INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FLOOD CONTROL



1. In December 1995, the Ministry of Water Resources (and now is Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) has submitted the "Orientation on flood protection in CuuLong River Delta". The detail proposal on this document is basement for the Prime Minister to release the Decision 99/TTg in which request the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to study the basic options for water resources development in order to set up the Strategy on flood protection in Cuu Long river Delta (CLRD).



# 4. CERTAIN POLICIES ON INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FLOOD CONTROL



- In 21/6/1999, The PM has approved the project on "Flood protection and flood water utilization in CLRD plan until 2010". In this project, the purposes and measurements applied for 3 large regions in CLRD including Long Xuyen Quadrangle, Dong Thap Muoi and the area between Tien and Hau river are clearly defined.
- Through this flood planning project, a series of flood controlling structures have been constructed in floodplains to protect rice, crops and fruit trees, especially in Long Xuyen Quadrangle.



# 4. CERTAIN POLICIES ON INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FLOOD CONTROL



Existing structures such as rubber dam of Trà Sư, Tha La, Vĩnh Tế canal, flood drainage system along west sea, Tân Thành-Lò Gạch canal, floodways in the south of Nguyen Van Tiep canal and ring dyke protecting towns of Châu Đốc, Tân Hồng, Tân Hung, Vĩnh Hung, Mộc Hoá, residnetal quarters in 7 communes..., embankment protecting fruit tree gardens in Tiền Giang, Vình Long, Cần Thơ..., highways of No. 1, 30, 80, 91... have been upgraded to survive 2000 floods. These above mentioned structures have confirmed the efficiency of flood controlling measures which have been proposed in the project.



# 5. INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED ON FLOOD PROTECTION:



- The construction of infrastructure can not catch up with technical and production requirements. The quality of infrastructure is low so the annual repair and maintenance are costly and waste.
- -Lack of operation and management procedures; coordination and cooperation between different sectors and localities and suitable monitoring on development. The sense of responsibility, obedience and maintenance of structures of local people is not good which is reflected in some damaged structures.
- The investment is scattered and limited which can be explained by the financial situation of the country and people.



# 5. INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED ON FLOOD PROTECTION:



- Construction of flood control structures to ensure national food security, accelerate agriculture economic growth and rural development in modern way.
- There should be efficiency studies and assessments of different types of production; studies, investigation and measurement of the flow influence regarding its discharge and water level under the effects of flood control structure and impacts of environmental, economy and socio-cultural aspects.
- There should be more investments in the proper operation, exploitation and management to enhance the investment efficiency. The establishment of criteria, specifications and policies for management and investment should be done for the flood control system in Cuu Long River Delta.



## 6. WHAT ARE THE DIFFICULT ISSUES ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT?



1. Strongly push all related activities on this field. The big finance should be more invested to this project because of the its important role on contributing the food production to the country and for export to other country. Constructing many hydraulic works in the area should spend much money. - Call for international support on implementing all activities concerning to construction and finance management.

2. It is needed to organize the monitoring system including mechanism and staffs to assess the progress of the implementing process. A steering Board should be establish to harmonize the project activities with other development project in the region.



# 6. WHAT ARE THE DIFFICULT ISSUES ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT?



3. It is needed to conduct more study to predict of the total flood discharge from the upstream in order to have active measurements on having effective plan on flood water ultilisation and management.

4. The cooperation with International Mekong River Commission shoul be maintain to have latest information of water using situation of upstream country of Mekong River.



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