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## JOINT COOPERATION PROGRAMME

### Component C3:

### Lowland / Peatland subsidence – Future drainability

#### Document C3.2

#### PPPs second workshop on *Peatland subsidence and flooding modelling*

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## Refresher on JCP

## Refresher on peatlands and on subsidence

## Examples of international experience in peatland subsidence & research

Al Hooijer

JCP second workshop on peatland subsidence and modeling,  
30-31 Jani

## What is JCP – Joint Cooperation Programme?

### 1.1 General objective of the cooperation

The objective of the cooperation as stated in the Joint Cooperation Agreement is to carry out a long-term knowledge sharing and capacity building program between the four institutes **KNMI, BMKG, PusAir and Deltares**. Other partners can be added. The ultimate aim is to increase the state of the art of the knowledge base of all the institutes involved and to strengthen the capacity in Indonesia to plan, develop and manage their water resources systems. This is to be achieved in applied hands-on activities where possible: on the job training.

Duration: 2011-2012, with extension to 2015 if value can be shown (Netherlands funding).

Value would be: capacity to jointly define projects that are able to attract independent funding (e.g. WB, ADB, others)

Topical components are:

(B) Integrated Water Resources Management tools.

(C1) Extreme weather / climate change Jakarta

(C2) Hydrological datasets

**(C3) Assessing Lowland / Peatland subsidence and future drainability**

(D1) Drought Early Warning System for Indonesia

(D2) Flood Early Warning Systems Jakarta / Bandung

# What is JCP – Joint Cooperation Programme?

## (C3) Assessing Lowland / Peatland subsidence and future drainability

Has been added to JCP at the request of PusAir, to provide them with information and capacity on determining the extent and rate of the likely loss of drainability due to changes in surface elevation (subsidence) and Sea level rise. The result will be a Spatial Model for determining this, as well as projected subsidence/flooding Maps of the area(s) investigated. Results will be disseminated outside PusAir through a Guidelines document and a Master Class. To foster a 'hands on learning' environment, the work is executed in close collaboration with the KFCP project (Kalimantan Forest and Carbon Partnership), an Ausaid-funded REDD demonstration project where Deltares leads several activities related to water management and carbon balance, and where PusAir is developing a DIPA Experimental Research Station (near Mantangai, along the Kapuas river in Central Kalimantan).

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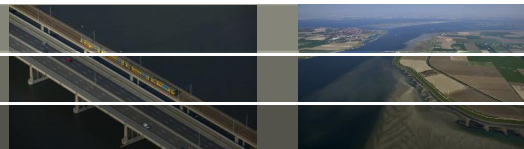
# What is JCP – Joint Cooperation Programme?

## (C3) Assessing Lowland / Peatland subsidence and future drainability

- C3.1 Investigation of Subsidence in Different Lowland Types
- C3.2 Development of a Lowland Digital Elevation Model
- C3.3 Modelling of Subsidence for Lowlands
- C3.4 Investigations into Sea and River Level rise
- C3.5 Modelling of Future Drainage Problems in Lowlands
- C3.6 Investigations into Current Drainage Conditions
- C3.7 Guidelines for Lowland and Peatland Water Management and Planning
- C3.8 Master Classes on Lowland and Peatland Water Management and Planning
- C3.9 Dissemination of Results

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# What is peat?

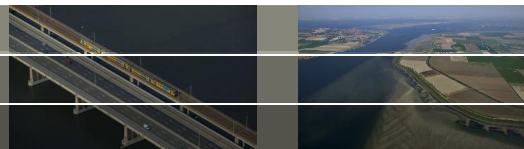


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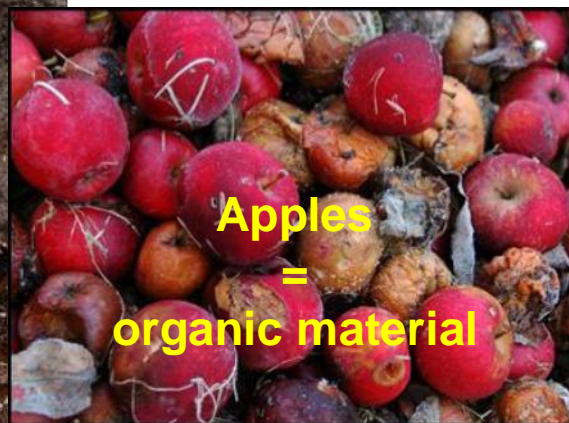
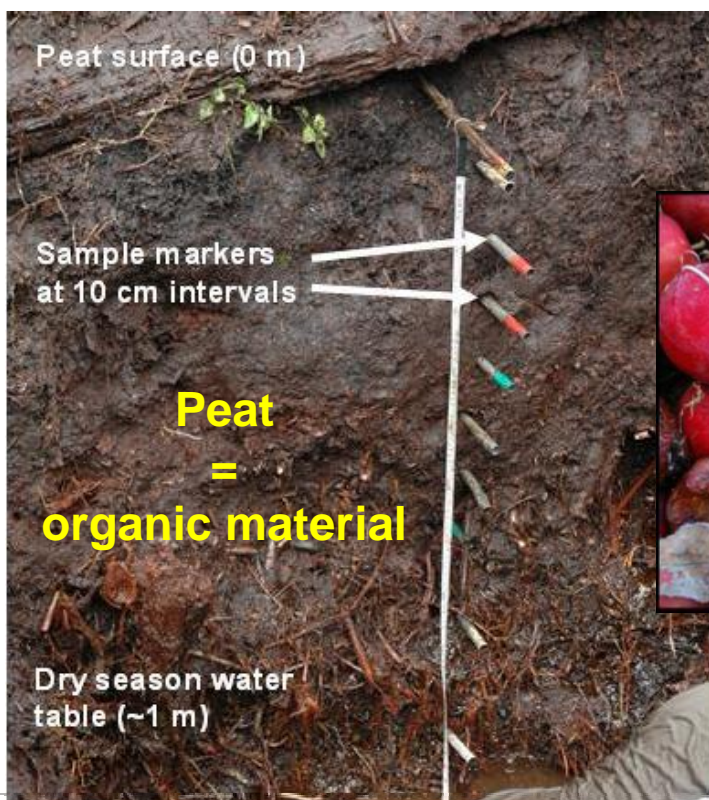


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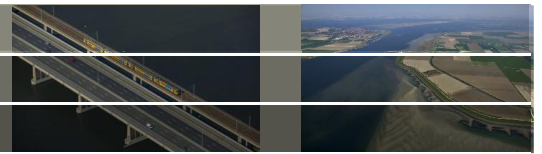


Peat  
=  
organic material

Apples  
=  
organic material

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# What are peatlands?



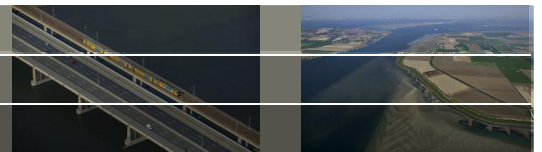
Intact peatswamps (more or less...): vulnerabilities due to fine eco-hydrological balances...



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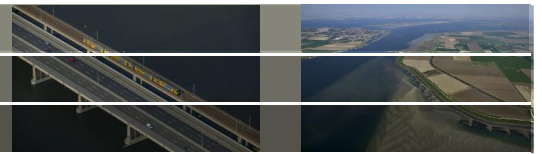
Clearing and fires...



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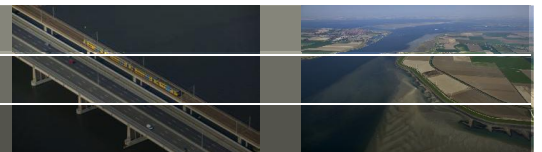


Effects of peatland clearing and drainage at the local scale:  
unit carbon emissions, subsidence



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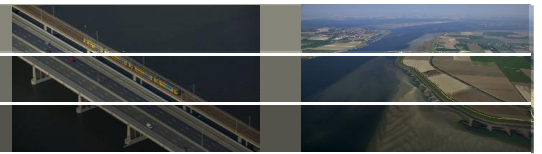
Effects of peatland clearing and drainage at the large scale: plantations often not  
(very) productive, much degraded / burnt forest



*(Note that the unplanted but drained area around plantations is often as large as the planted area.)*

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# What are peatlands?



In peatlands converted to agriculture, as in degraded peatlands, conditions have changed radically compared to natural conditions:

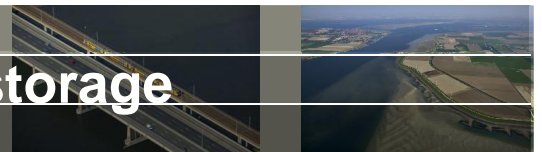
1. From very wet to dry, through drainage
2. From dense vegetation cover to open, leading to high soil temperature
3. From low nutrients to high nutrients, through vegetation
4. From stable soil to disturbed soil



*Each of these effects causes peat oxidation.  
Carbon loss from drained peatlands is therefore inevitable.*

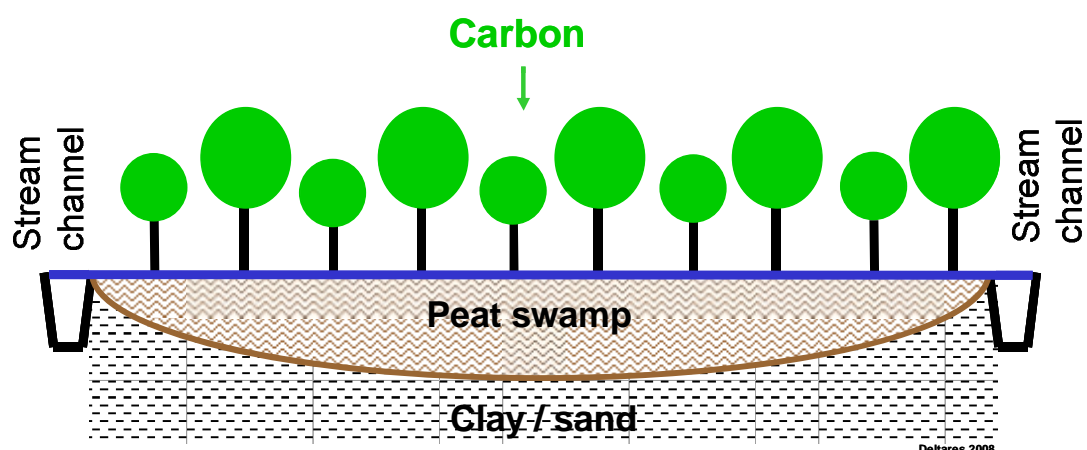
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage



How do peatlands develop?

Peatlands develop where dead vegetation (carbon) accumulates over thousands of years, in water-saturated conditions



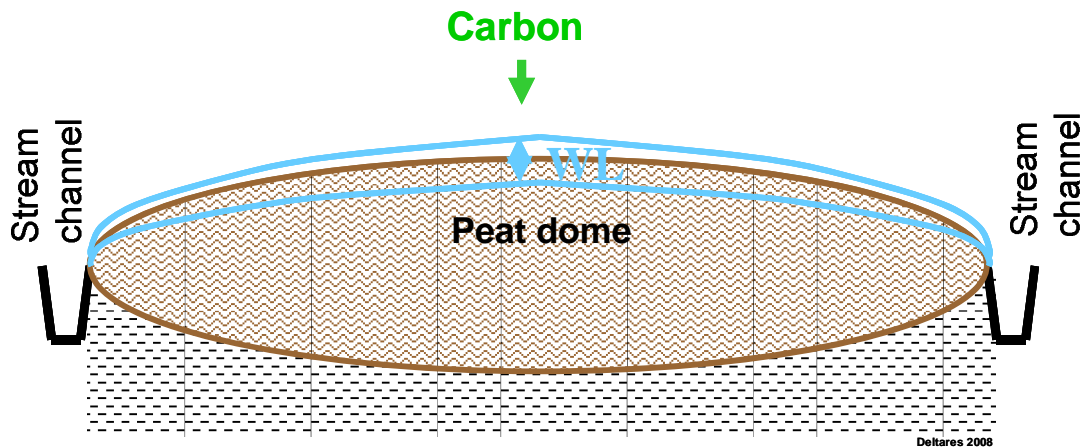
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## How do peatlands develop?

Peat accumulation continues as long as water tables are near the soil surface:  
'carbon sink'



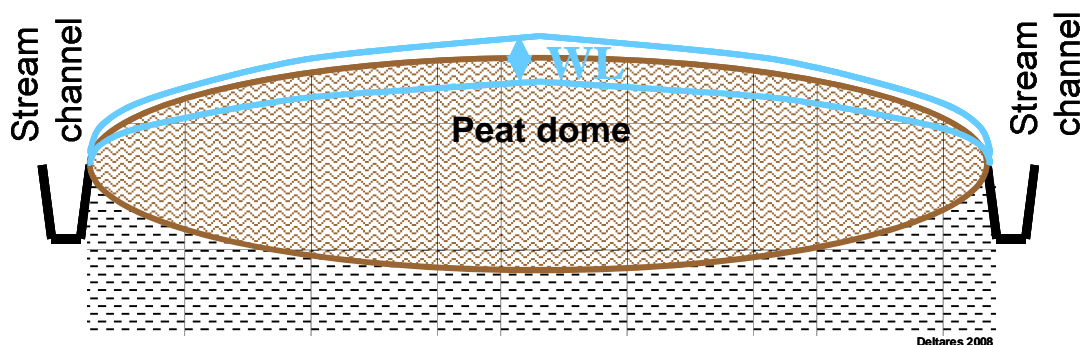
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## Why are peatlands different from other lowland areas?

Peat soils consist mostly of water (90%), held together by vegetation remains i.e. mostly carbon (10%)

Peatlands are in some ways more like lakes than land: they are wetlands

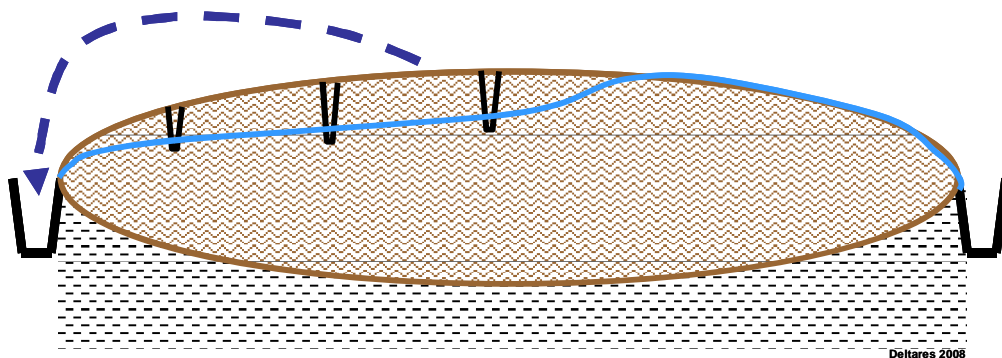


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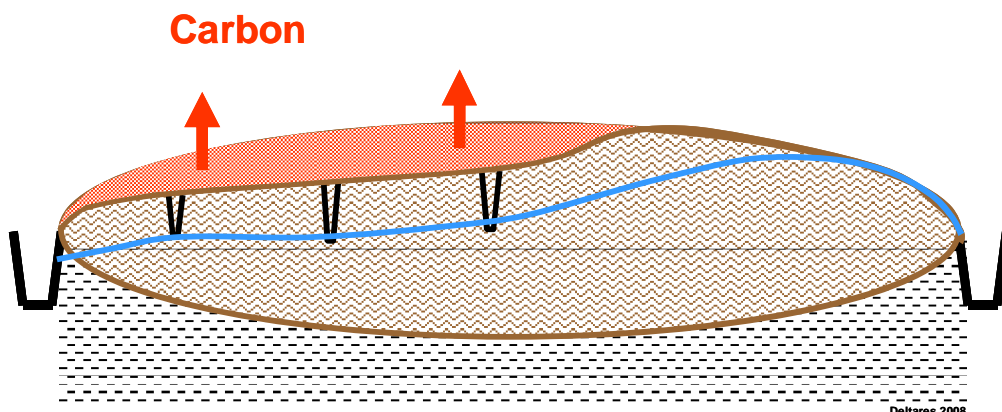
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Dry peat will burn easily, but also decomposes ('rotting') without fires: 'carbon source'



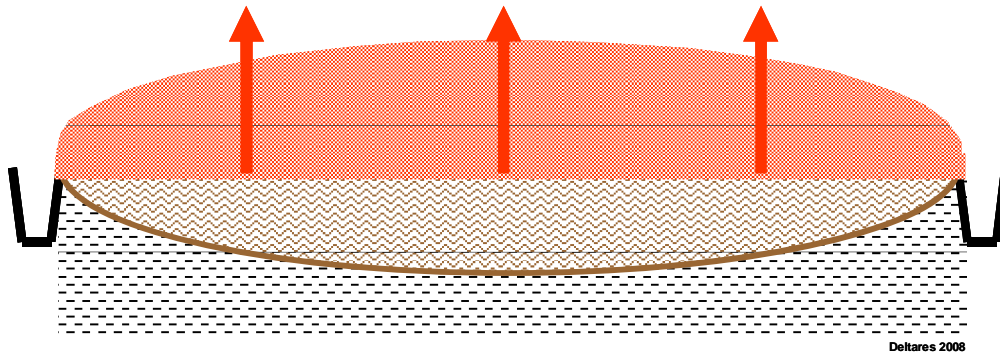
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## What is the long-term impact?

Peat loss can be quick (fires) or slow (oxidation)

Without rewetting all peat above drainage limit (River / Sea) will be lost



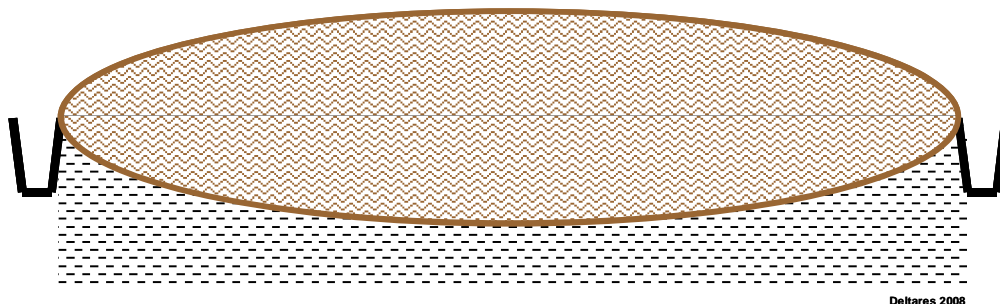
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## What are the impacts of peatland drainage?

### General environmental impacts:

- Smoke emissions: local health problems and regional haze
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (and other greenhouse gases)
- Remaining conservation forest progressively drained and lost



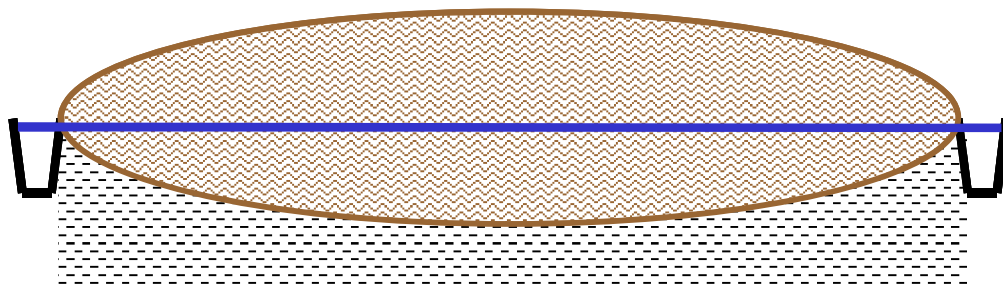
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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## What are the impacts of peatland drainage?

### Impacts directly relevant to peatland agricultural productivity:

- Peat subsidence increases flooding and reduces drainability: will be less productive / unproductive in future; many drained peatlands already frequently flooded now
- Further production loss if peat underlain by 'acid sulphate' soils
- Possible downstream production loss and damages if river flood flows increase

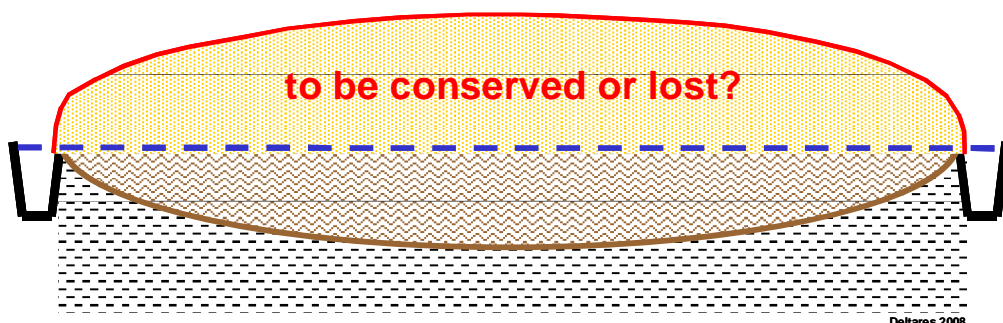


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# The basics of peatland carbon storage

## How can these impacts be stopped or reduced?

Peat loss is assumed to stop when the peat is fully 'rewetted', but it is not clear how soon decomposition ends after the balance between soil carbon, landscape morphology and vegetation has been disturbed. Probably decades, possibly centuries.



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## Two main subsidence components

Compaction / consolidation: physical: the peat is compressed, volume reduced, bulk density goes up but mass remains the same.

### Compaction

Before

Height: 10 cm

Weight: 1 kg

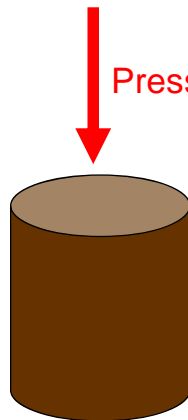
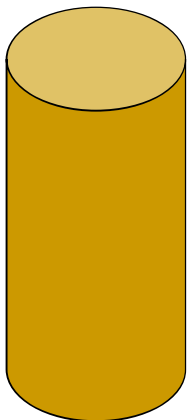
BD: 0.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

After

Height: 5 cm

Weight: 1 kg

BD: 0.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



### Oxidation

Before

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Weight: 1 kg

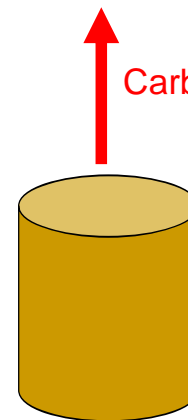
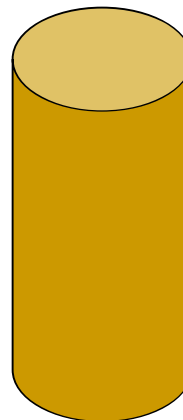
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After

Height: 5 cm

Weight: 0.5 kg

BD: 0.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



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## Two main subsidence components

There are two groups of processes that are fundamentally different

Compaction and consolidation are **physical**: the peat is compressed, volume reduced, bulk density goes up but mass remains the same.

Oxidation is **biological / chemical**: the peat is decomposed by organisms, volume is reduced, bulk density remains the same but mass is lost.

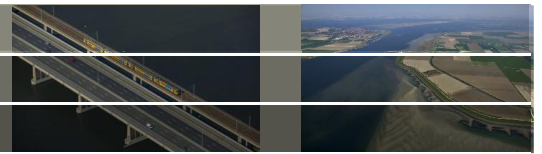
WE NOTICE THEY ARE OFTEN CONFUSED

IF STANDARD SOIL-ENGINEERING EQUATIONS ARE USED TO EXPLAIN SUBSIDENCE IN PEATLANDS, THE RESULTS WILL BE MEANINGLESS AND INACCURATE.

APPLYING STANDARD EQUATIONS TO PEAT SUBSIDENCE IGNORES THE LOSS OF PEAT MATTER, AND THEREFORE THE CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION

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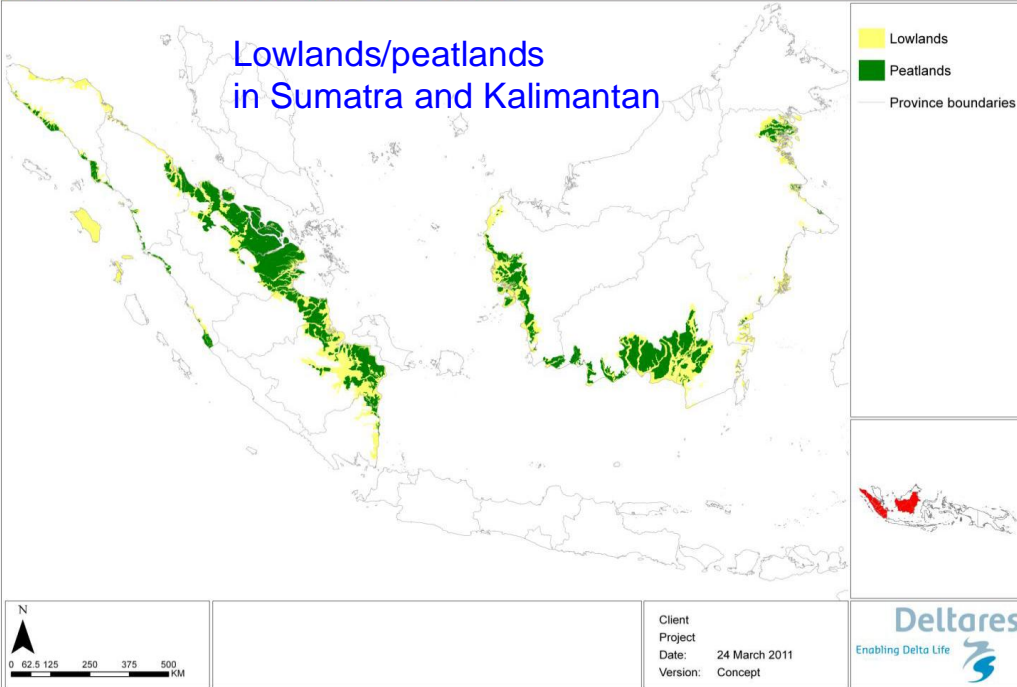
# Peatland extent & condition



Indonesia has about 21 Million hectare of peatland

- 12 % of the land area
- Over 60% of the lowland area (of ~35 Mha, depending of definition)

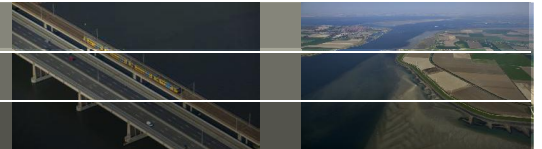
Lowlands and peatlands Kalimantan and Sumatra



Many policy makers are not much aware of the extent or location of peatlands, which complicates planning and management.

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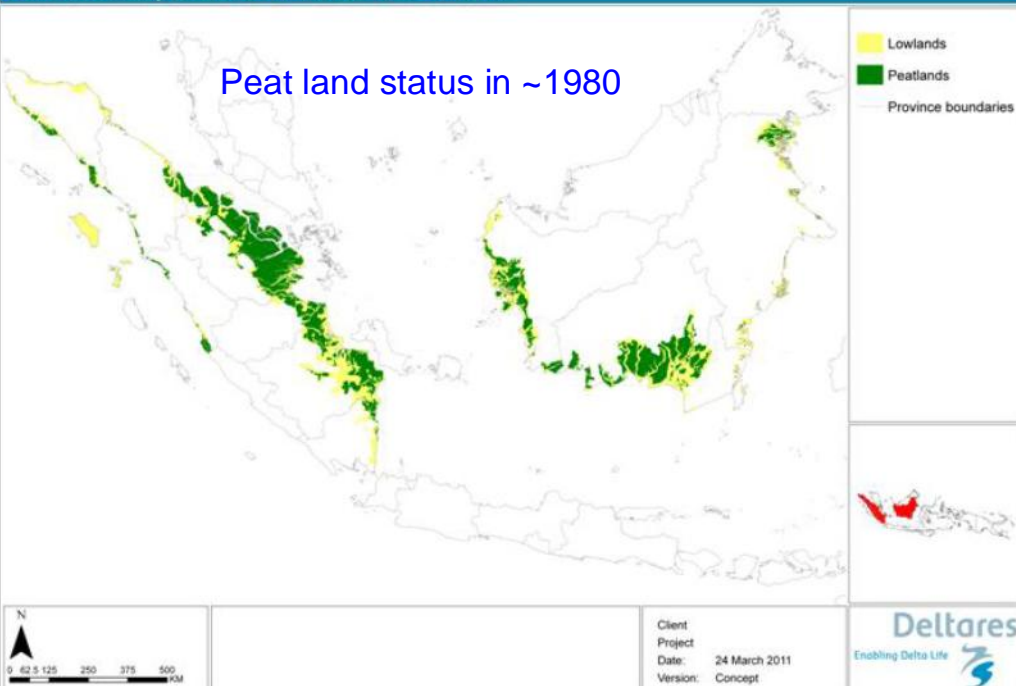
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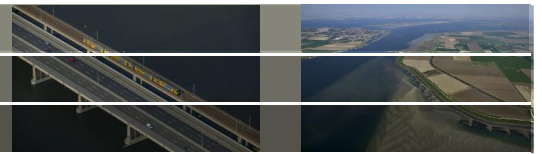
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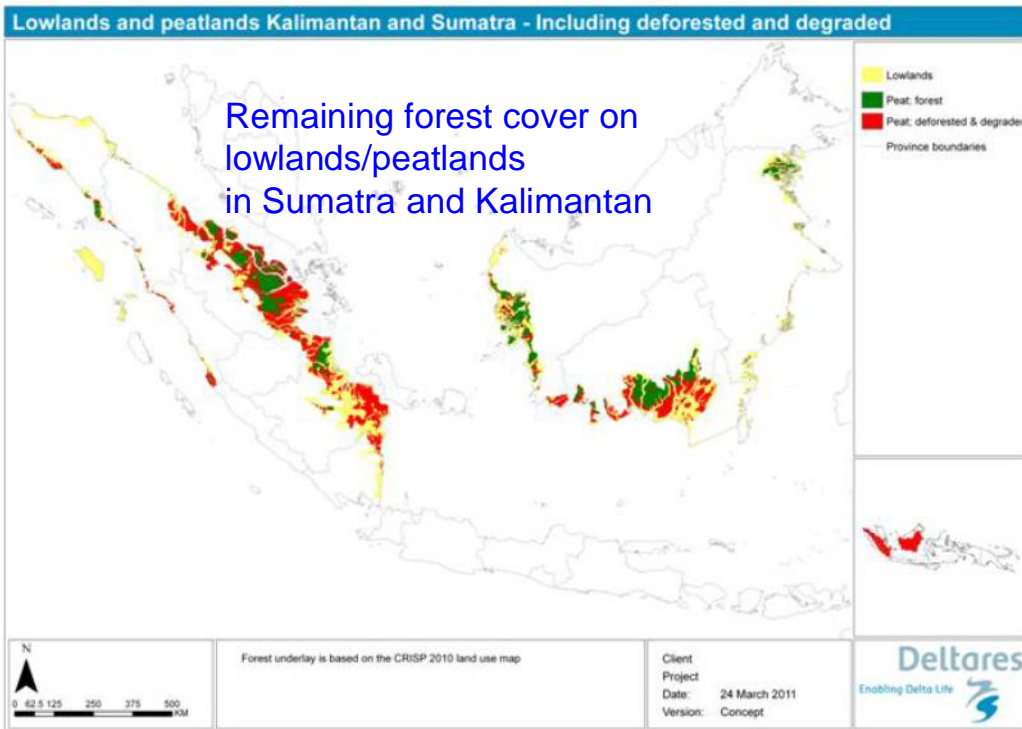
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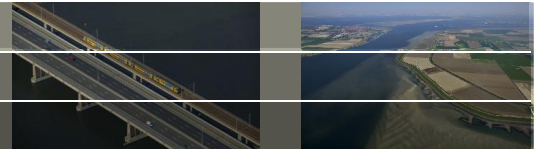
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Most peatland forest has been lost, in the last 20 years...

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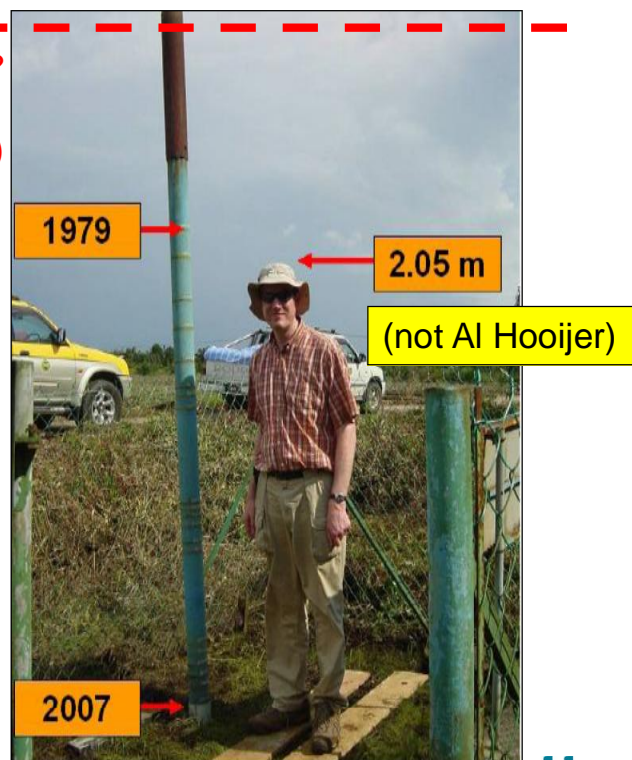
# International examples



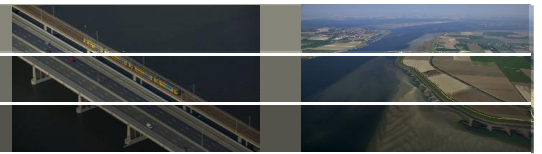
Johor, Malaysia

Surface before drainage?

(subsidence pole placed after drainage)



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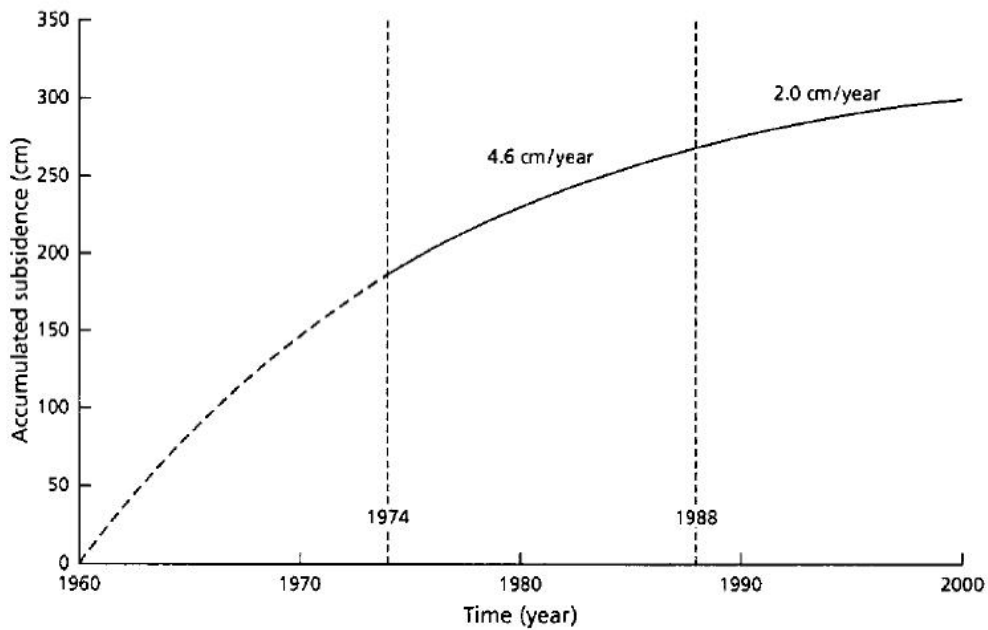
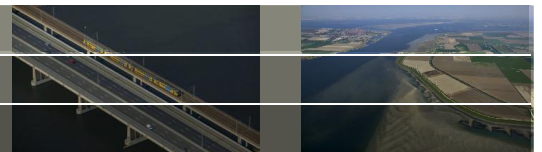


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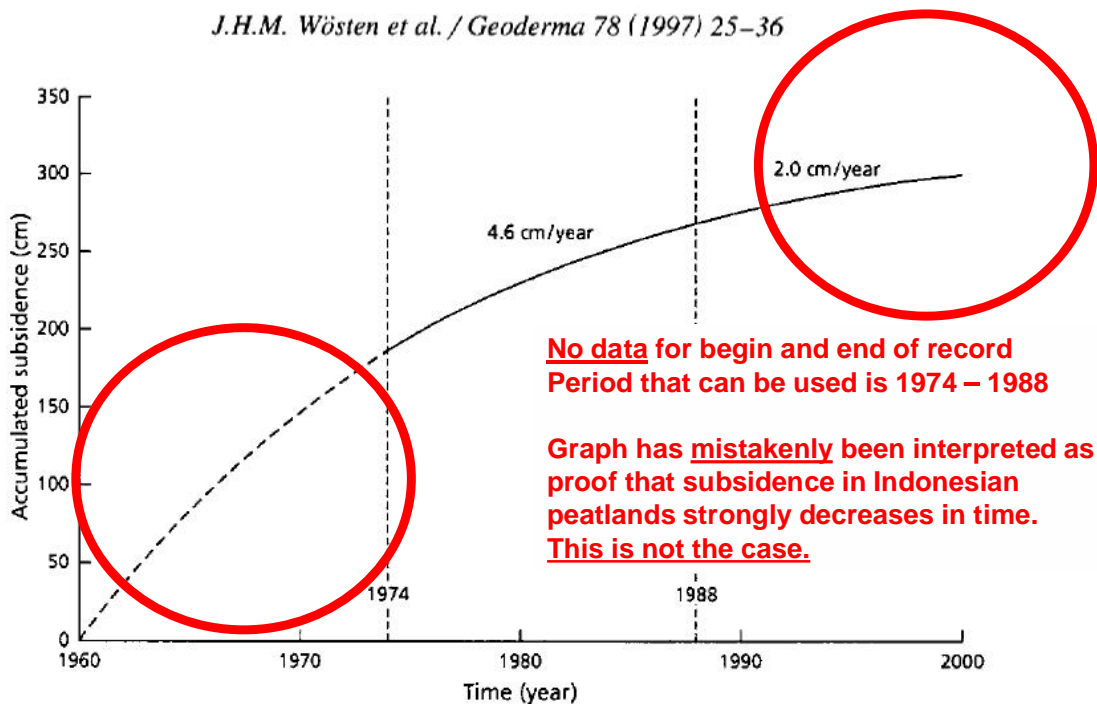
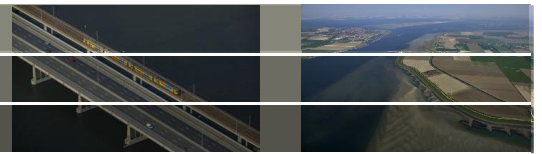


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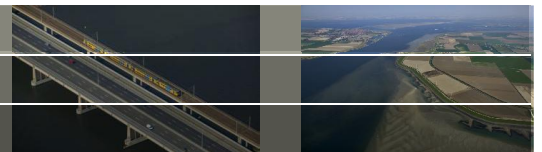


In tropical peatlands like in Indonesia or Everglades, where subsidence is mostly caused by oxidation, there is very little soil compaction after first 5 years following drainage, and therefore no or very little 'soil ripening', and therefore a

constant subsidence rate for many decades, until the area becomes undrainable

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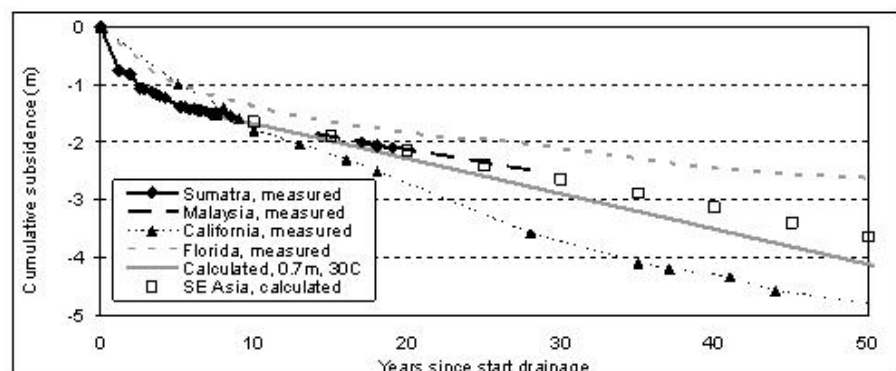
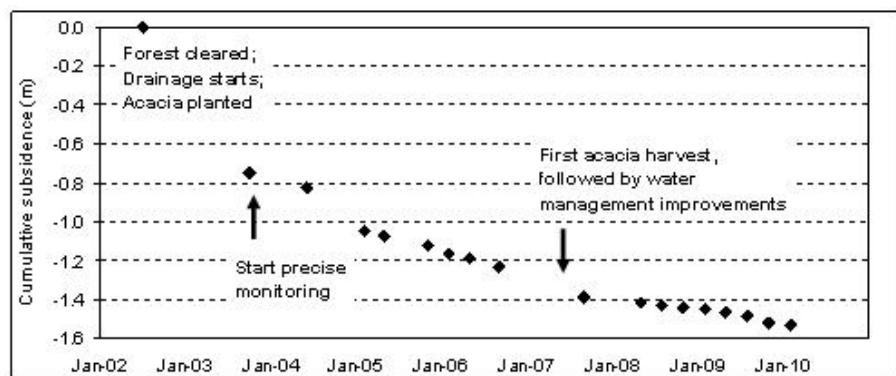
1 m subsidence  
in first year after  
drainage

1.5 m subsidence  
in 5 years

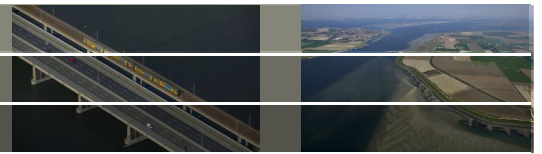
2.5 m subsidence  
in 25 years

3.5 m subsidence  
in 50 years

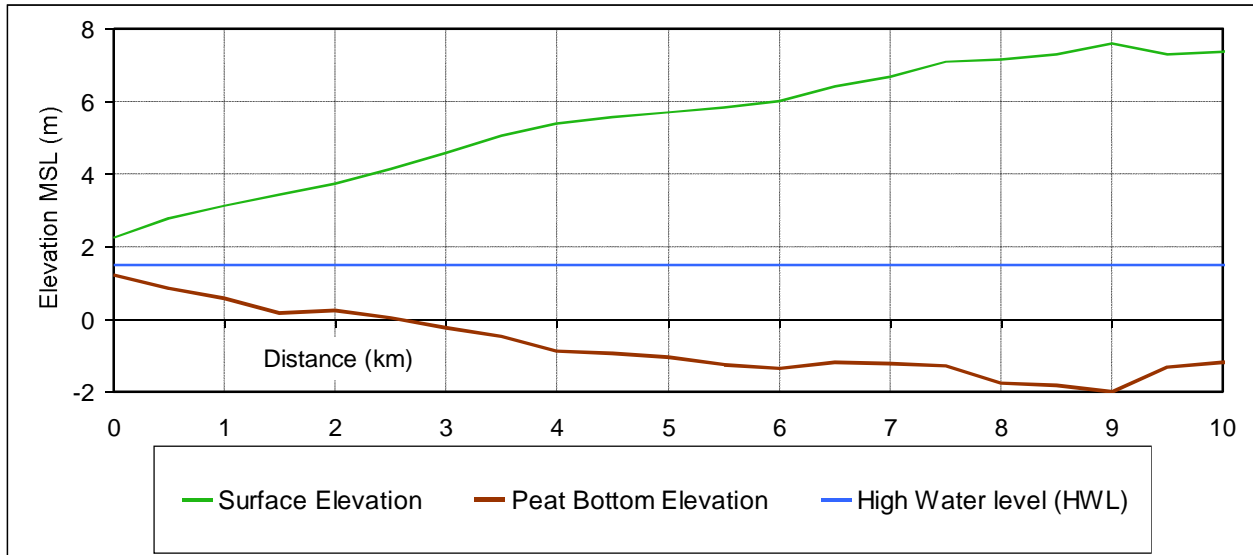
6 m in 100 years?



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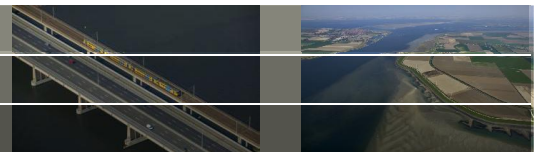


The average cross section for Indonesia was constructed (16 cross sections)  
Very similar to Sarawak; difference largely due to difference in cross section length and number.

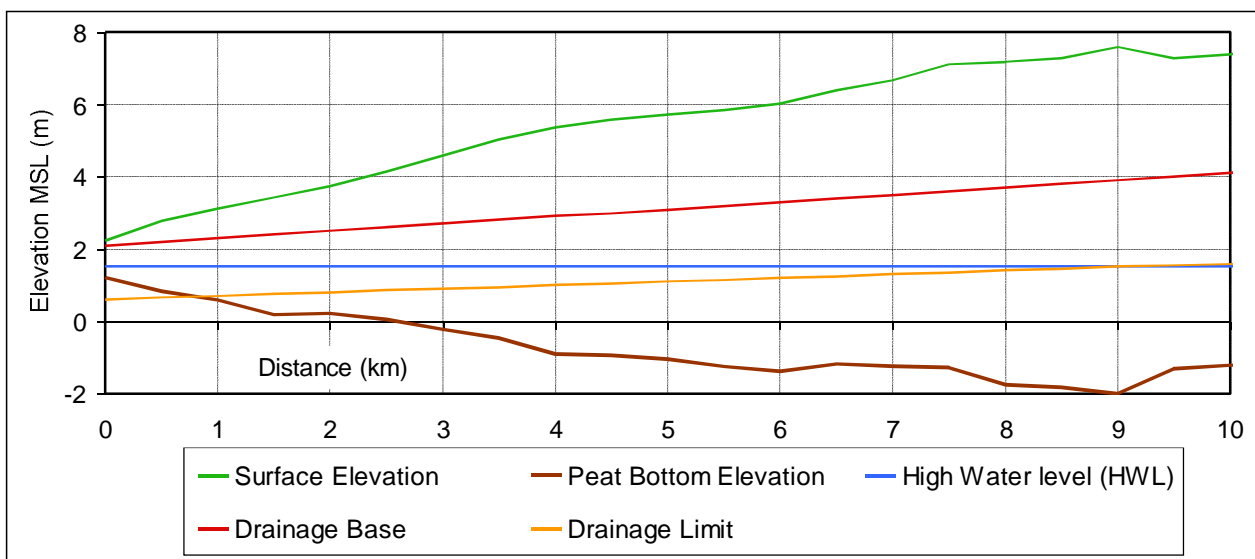


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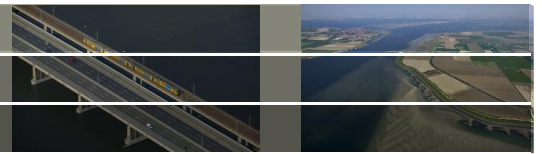


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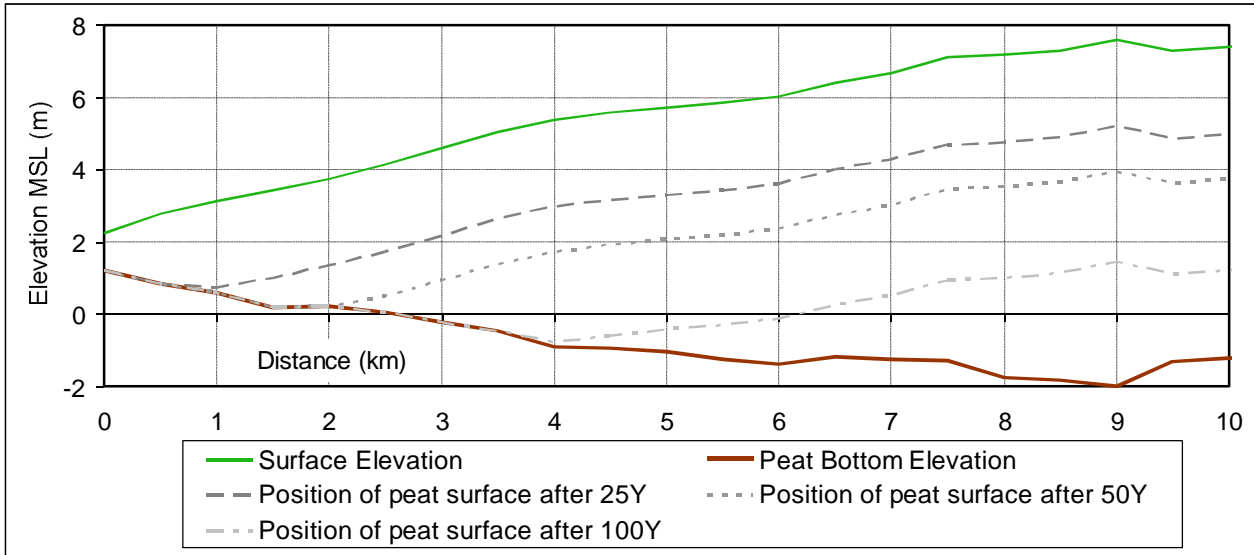


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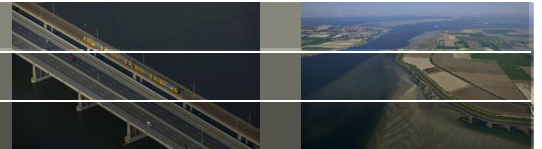
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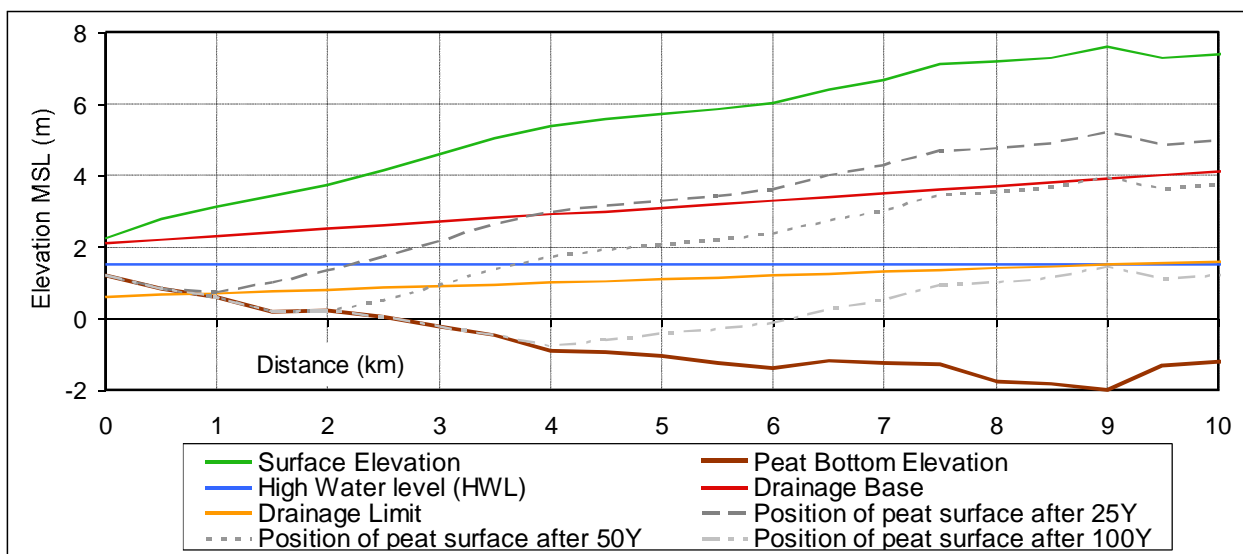
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 With surface levels after 25, 50 and 100 years drainage added (excluding fires)



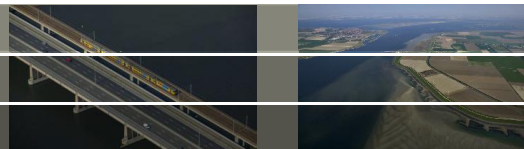
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 With drainage base & limit + surface levels after 25, 50 and 100 years drainage added



## Long-term projections



Resulting statistics are indicative, and maybe surprising, but need further work, with more data and with Indonesian experts, in the Joint Cooperation Programme?

|   | Sarawak | Kalimantan + Sumatra | Sarawak + Kalimantan + Sumatra |
|---|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number of cross sections available  | 27      | 16                   | 43                             |
| Average length of cross sections, from river (km)                             | 7.0     | 12.2                 | 9.0                            |
| <b>Average peat depth (m)</b>   |         |                      |                                |
| Average peat depth (m)  | 6.2     | 7.5                  | 6.7                            |
| Percentage peat depth > 3m  | 81%     | 88%                  | 83%                            |
| <b>Position of peat surface</b>   |         |                      |                                |
| Position above MSL, 1 km from river (m)                                       | 3.8     | 3.1                  | 3.6                            |
| Position above MSL, 5 km from river (m)                                       | 5.9     | 5.7                  | 5.8                            |
| <b>Position of peat bottom</b>  |         |                      |                                |
| Percentage peat bottom below MSL  | 60      | 68                   | 63                             |
| % peat bottom below MSL + Sea Level Rise <sup>a</sup>                         | 67      | 75                   | 70                             |
| % peat bottom below High Water Level <sup>b</sup>                             | 83      | 94                   | 87                             |
| % peat bottom below Drainage Base <sup>c</sup>                                | 92      | 97                   | 94                             |
| <b>Trend in start of drainage problems (peat surface below Drainage Base)</b> |         |                      |                                |
| after 25 years  | 46      | 48                   | 46                             |
| after 50 years  | 70      | 68                   | 69                             |
| after 100 years   | 83      | 89                   | 85                             |
| <b>Trend in end of gravity drainage (peat surface below Mean Sea Level)</b>   |         |                      |                                |
| after 25 years  | 12      | 12                   | 12                             |
| after 50 years  | 32      | 27                   | 30                             |
| after 100 years   | 52      | 52                   | 52                             |

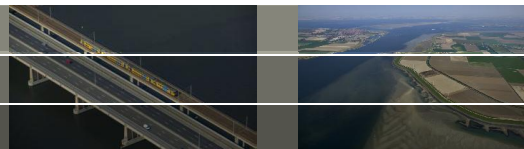
<sup>a</sup> A value of 0.5 has been assumed for Sea Level Rise over 100 years (IPCC, 2007)

<sup>b</sup> High Water Level: High Tide Level near the Sea, and Flood level along inland rivers

<sup>c</sup> The Drainage Base was defined by adding a conveyance gradient of 0.2 m/km to HWL for River dominated water levels, and to MSL for Sea dominated water levels.

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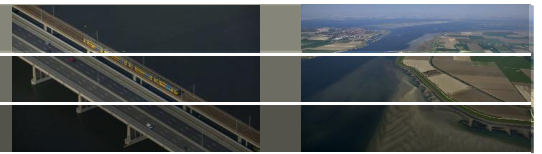
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Can this be prevented?  
 What institutes have the knowledge?  
 Does PusAir see a role in this?

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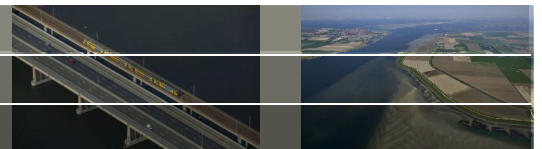
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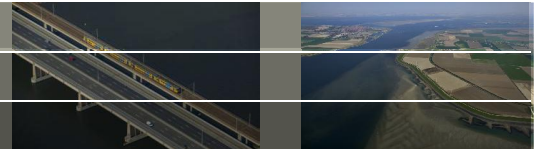
## Examples of international experience in peatland subsidence & research

### Recent findings in Indonesia

Al Hooijer

JCP second workshop on peatland subsidence and modeling,  
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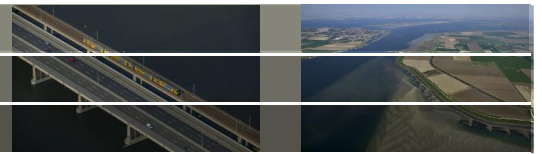
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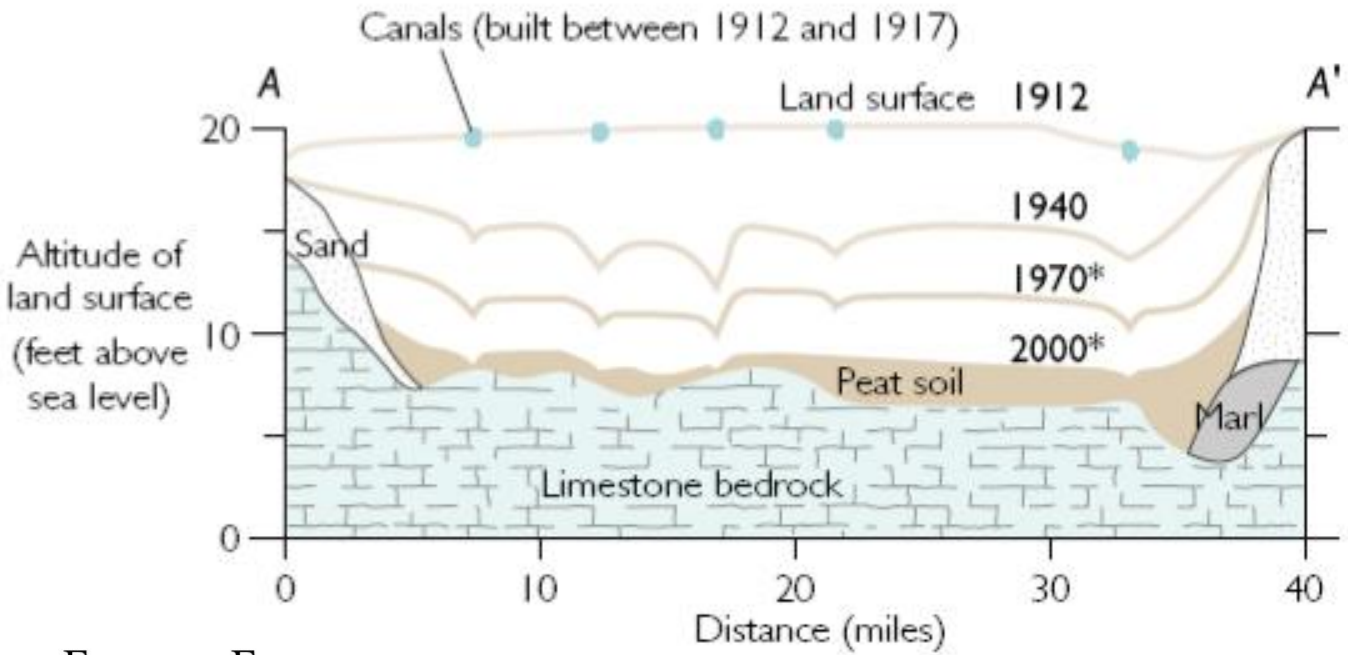
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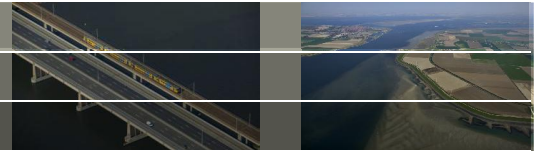
## FLORIDA EVERGLADES

Subsidence threatens agriculture and complicates ecosystem restoration

S.E. Ingebritsen  
U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, California

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3m subsidence over 100 years;  
slows down only when water  
depths reduced, accelerates  
when new pumps installed

Geological Society of America  
Reviews in Engineering Geology, Volume VI  
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#### Organic soil subsidence

John C. Stephens, Consulting Geohydrologist  
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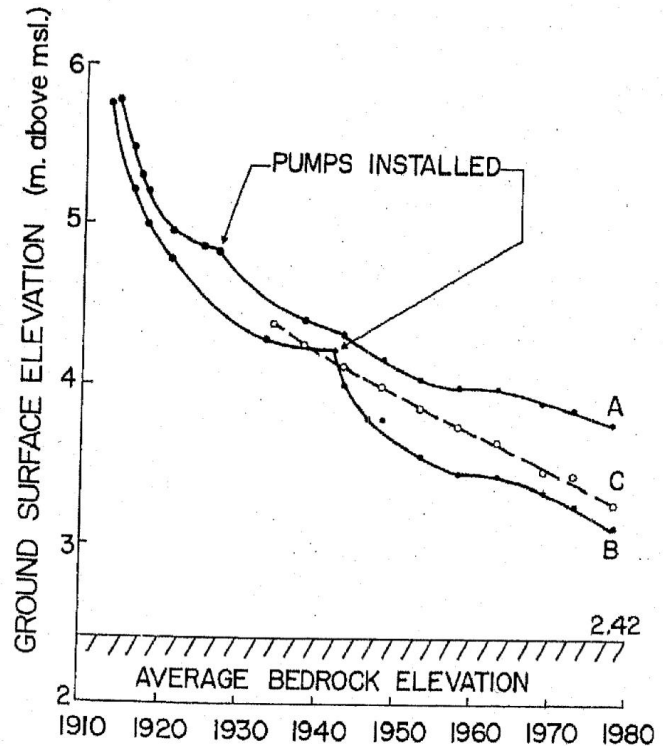


Figure 3. Sequence of observed subsidence of organic soils in the Florida Everglades after initial drainage, circa 1912.

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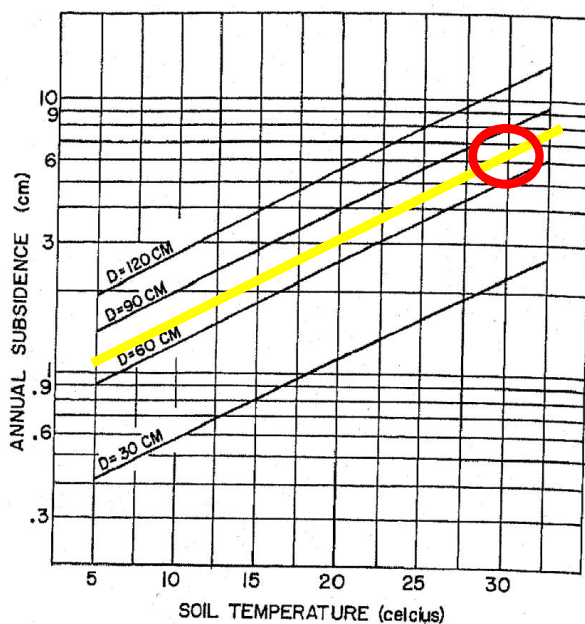


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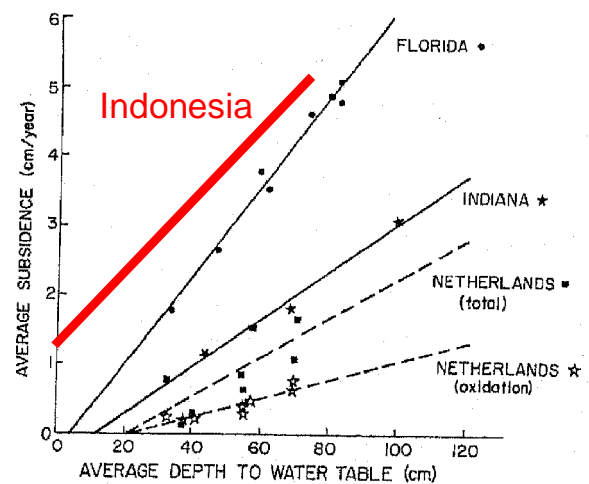


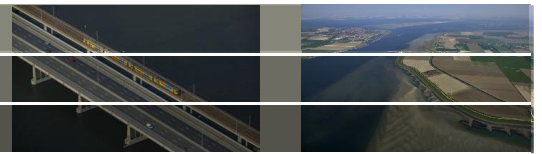
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Oxidation component temperature dependent: highest in tropics

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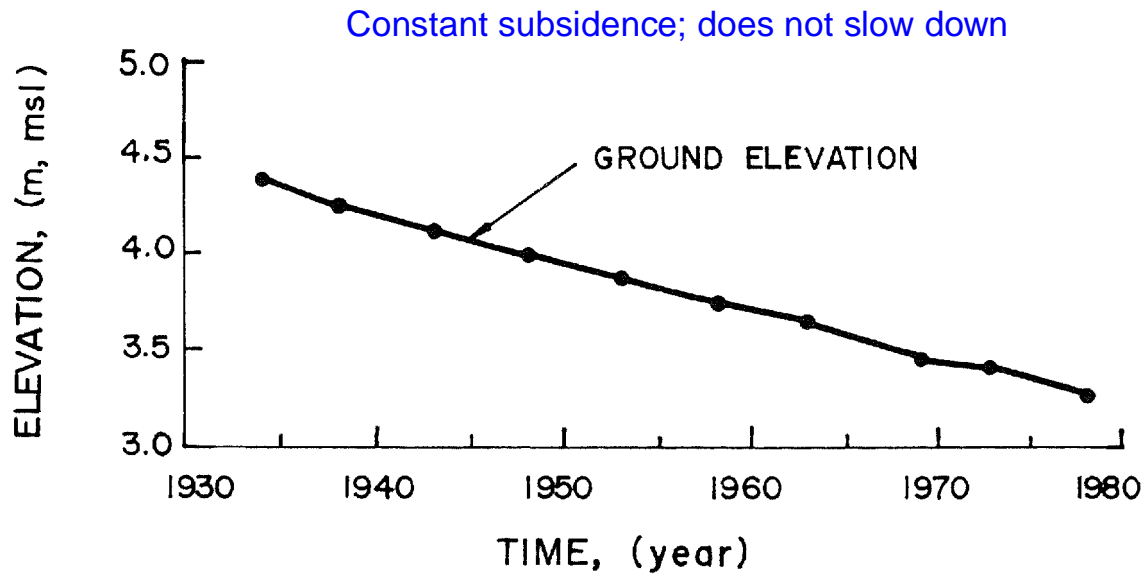
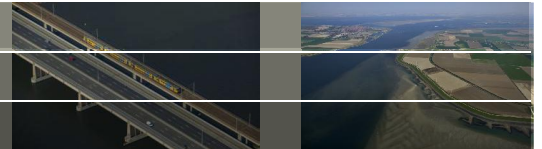


Figure 2. Subsidence of East Line at the Agricultural Research and Education Center (AREC).

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### Venice Lagoon, Italy

Peatlands: Evolution and Records of Environmental and Climate Changes  
I.P. Martini, A. Martínez Cortizas, W. Chesworth, Editors  
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### Chapter 23

### Peatland subsidence in the Venice watershed

M. Camporese, G. Gambolati, M. Putti and P. Teatini

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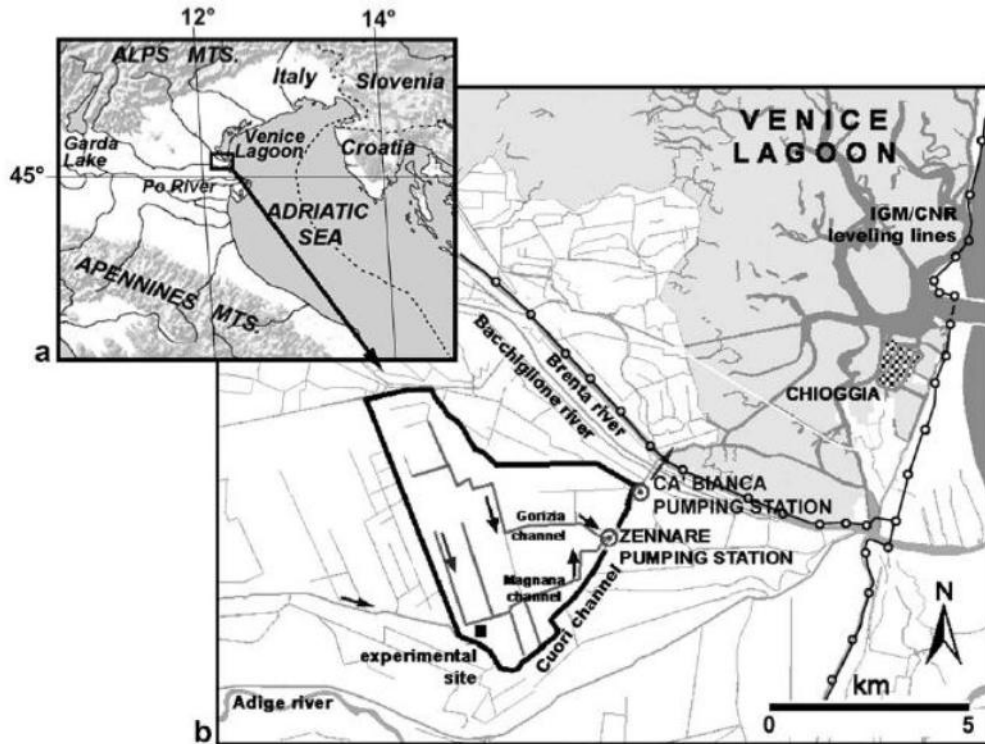


Figure 23.1. Maps of the study area. (a) Map of the northeastern Italy. (b) Map of the Zennare Basin in the southern catchment of the Venice Lagoon. The major watercourses and the leveling lines used to measure land subsidence since 2000 are shown (after Gambolati et al., in press).

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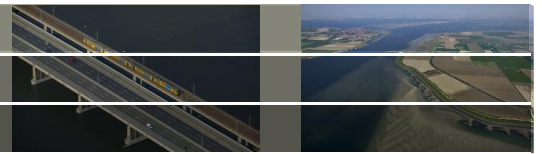
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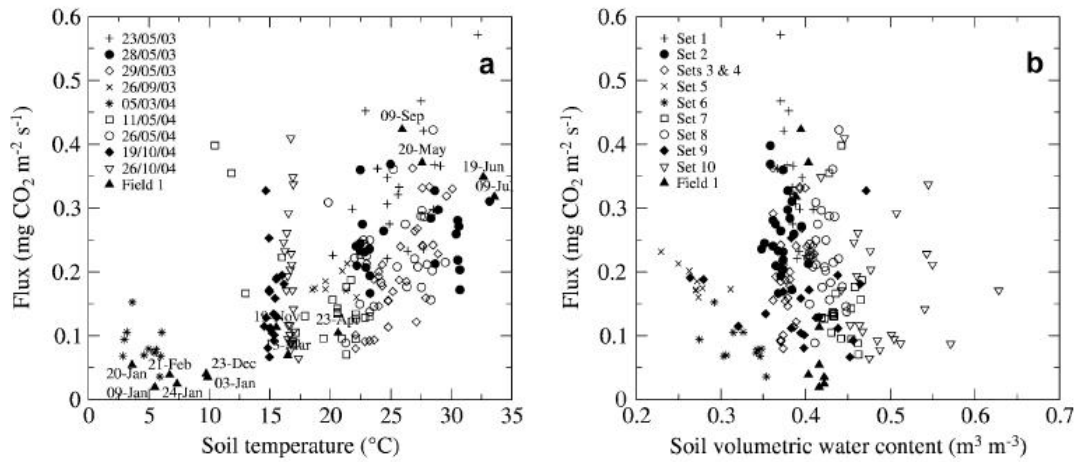
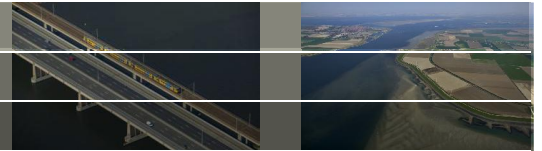


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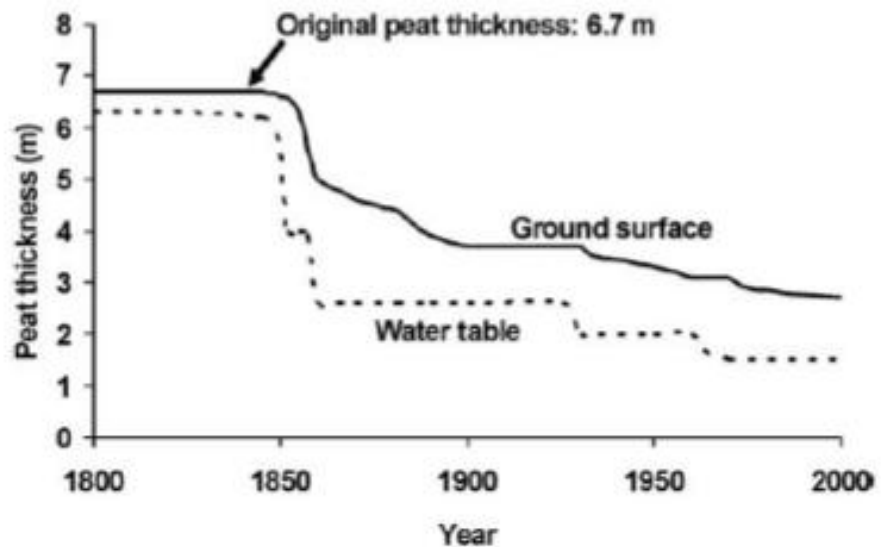
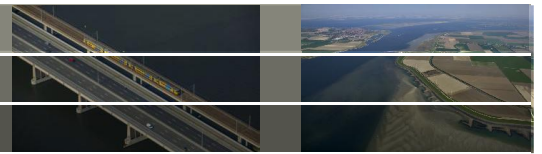


Fig. 1. Stages of peat subsidence after drainage of a peatland at Holme Fen, Cambridgeshire, UK, modified after Hutchinson (1980).

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### England Fenlands

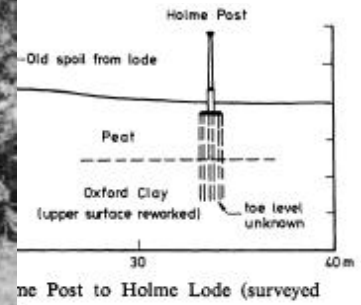
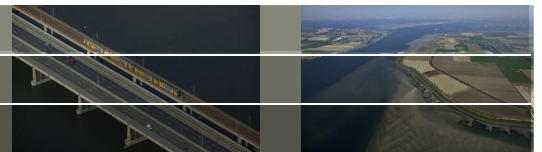


PLATE 4. Holme Post (protruding c. 3.0 m). Photograph taken not later than 1913, and probably between 1910 and 1913, looking NW (with acknowledgments to Cooper Square Publishers, N.Y.).

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PLATE 3. The various Whittlesey Mere Pumping Stations. Photograph taken Feb. 1963 from the Engine Drain, looking E. The twin buildings to the left, adjoining the chimney, housed the original and the second pumping plants; the central building housed the 1924 diesel plant; the latest station is lower down to the right.

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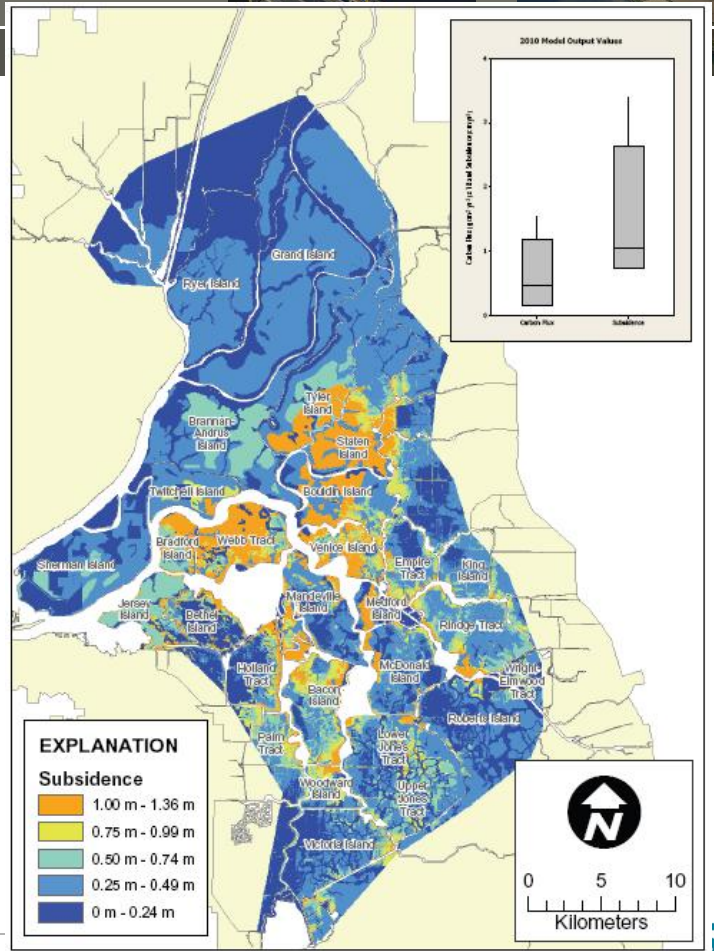
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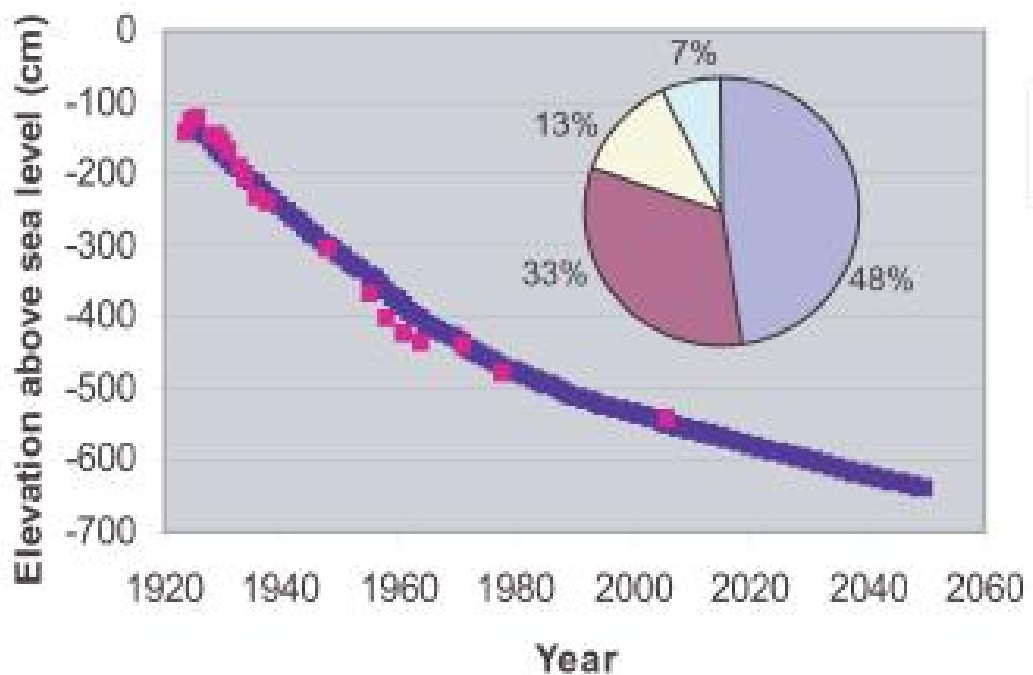
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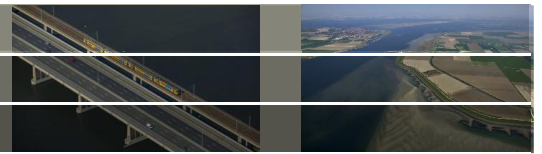
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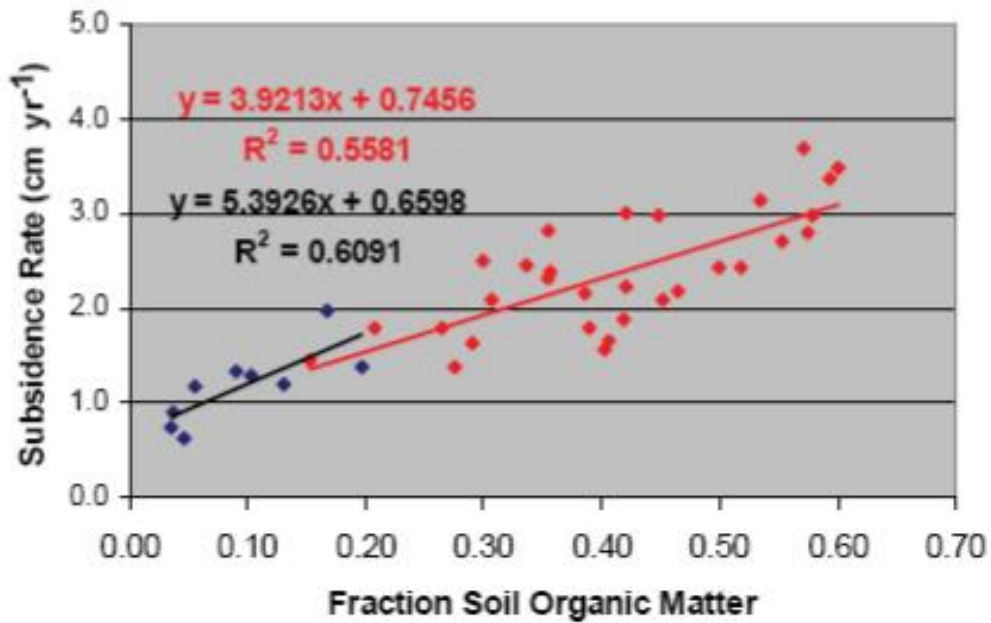
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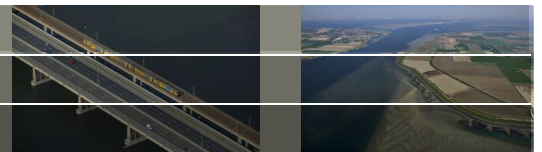


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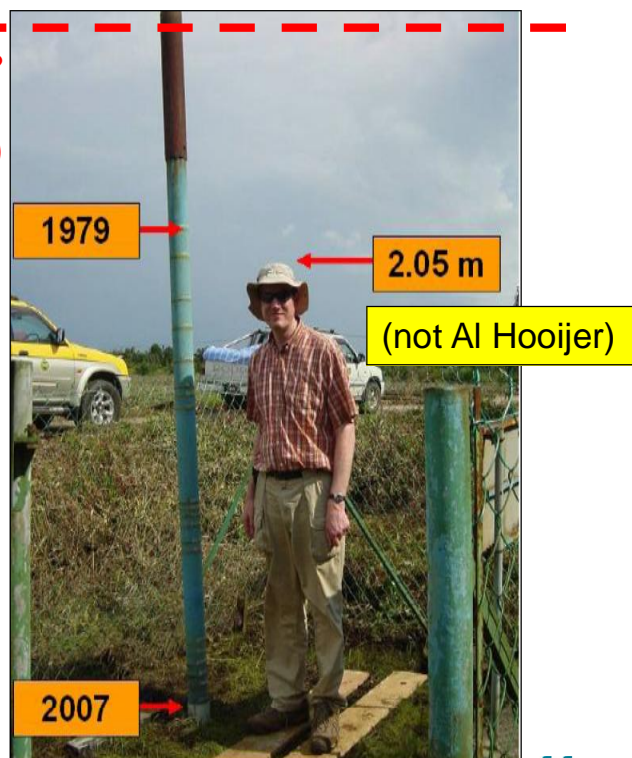
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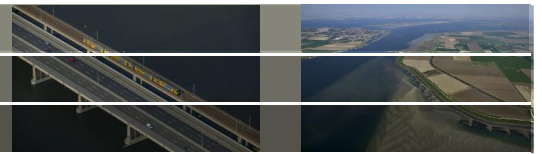
### Johor, Malaysia

Surface before drainage?

(subsidence pole placed after drainage)



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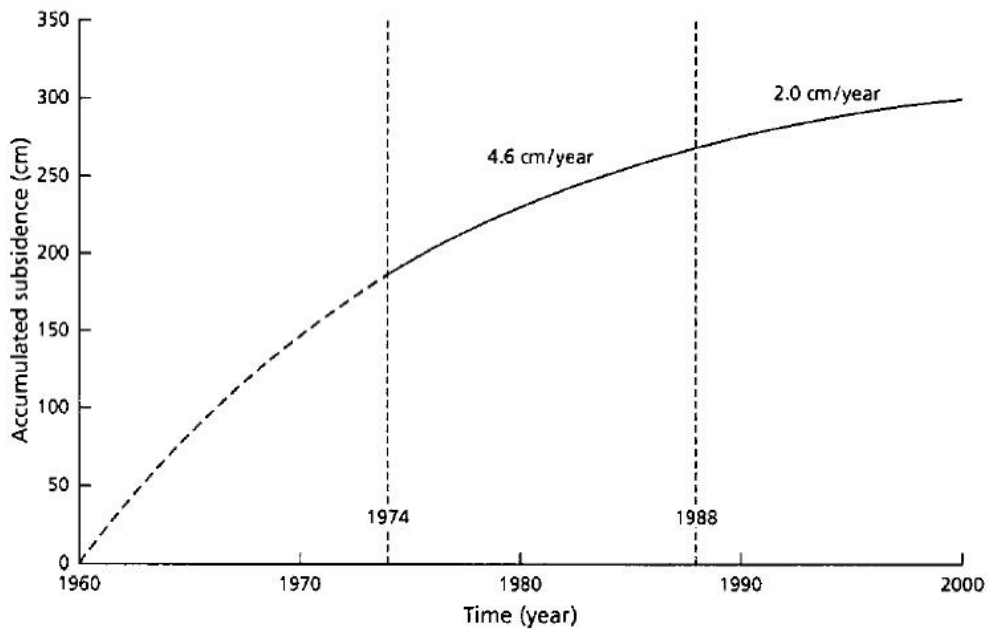
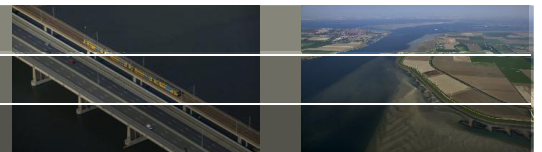


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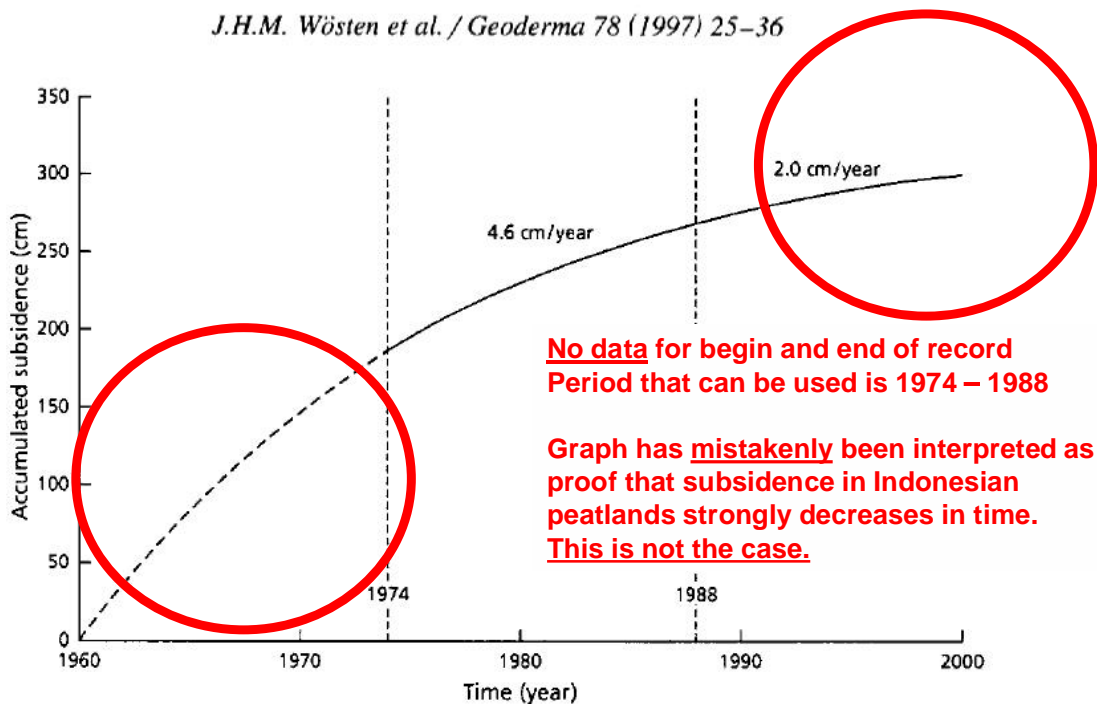
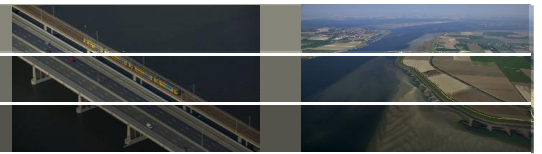


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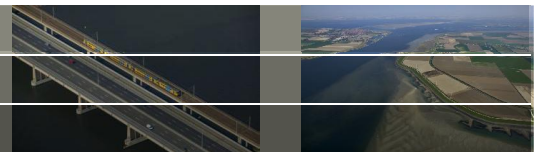


In tropical peatlands like in Indonesia or Everglades, where subsidence is mostly caused by oxidation, there is very little soil compaction after first 5 years following drainage, and therefore no or very little 'soil ripening', and therefore a constant subsidence rate for many decades, until the area becomes undrainable

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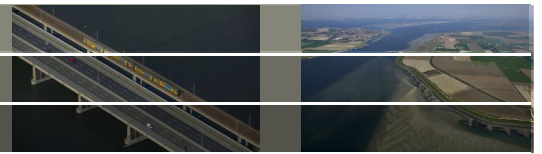
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|  | Mature oil palm | Young oil palm | Cleared and unused | All   |
|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|
| Number of monitoring locations             | 42              | 29             | 14                 | 85    |
| Years since drainage                       | 15–20           | 4–7            | 4–7                | 4–20  |
| Average peat thickness (m)                 | 7.6             | 7.4            | 9.3                | 7.8   |
| Average water table depth over 3 years (m) | -0.64           | -0.44          | -0.51              | -0.53 |
| Avg water table depth 2009 and 2011 (m)*   | -0.66           | -0.46          | -0.53              | -0.56 |
| Avg water table depth 2010 (m)             | -0.56           | -0.40          | -0.47              | -0.48 |
| Avg. subsidence over 3 years (cm/y)        | 4.1             | 4.3            | 5.3                | 4.4   |
| Avg. subsidence 2009 and 2011 (cm/y)*      | 4.5             | 4.6            | 5.9                | 4.8   |
| Avg. subsidence 2009 and 2011 (cm/y)*      | 8.0             | 9.5            | 11.4               | 3.5   |
| Minimum monthly subsidence (cm/28 days)    | 0.02            | 0.07           | 0.09               | 0.06  |
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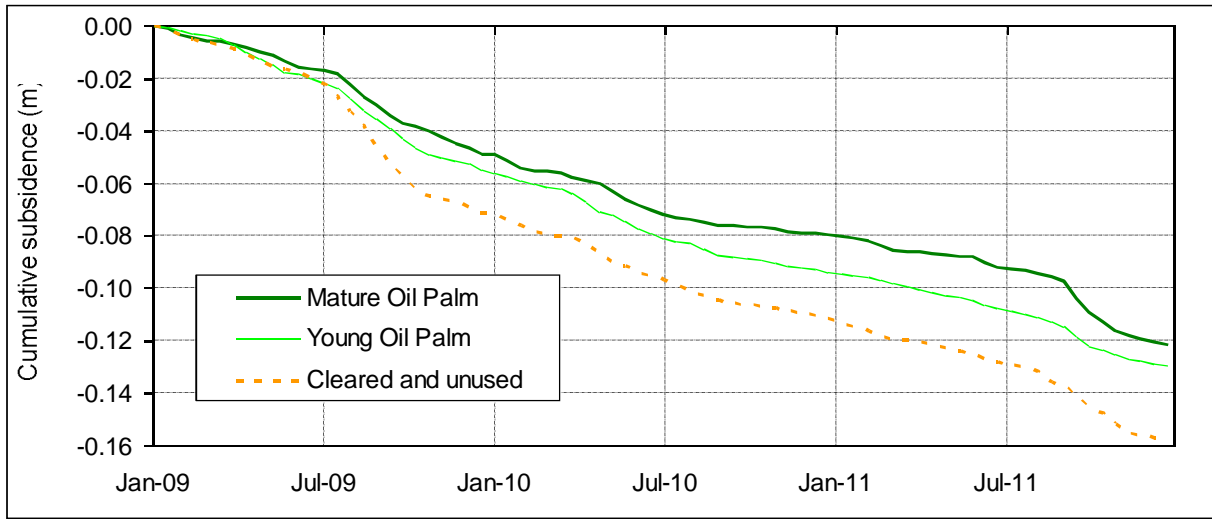
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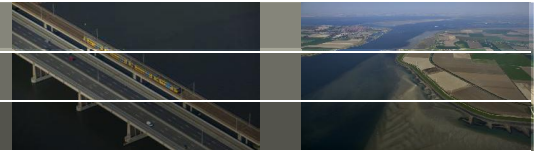


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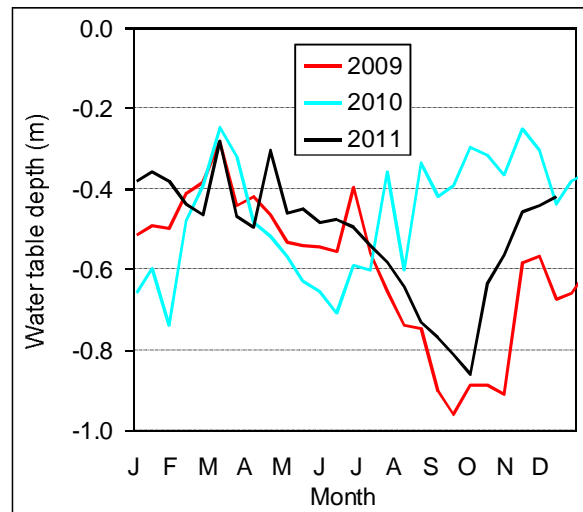
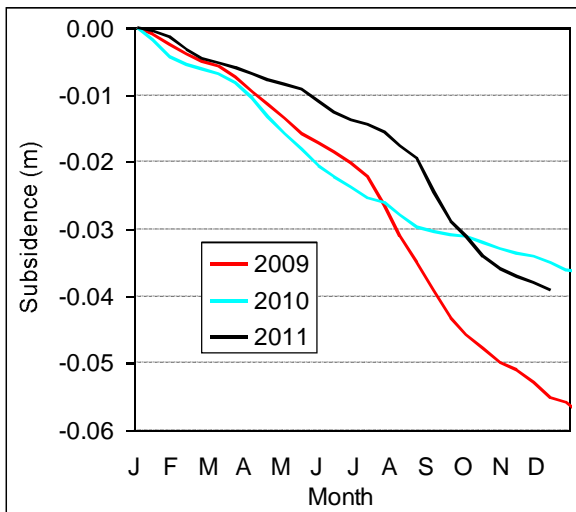


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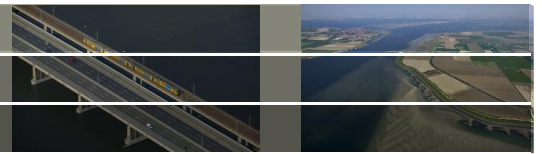


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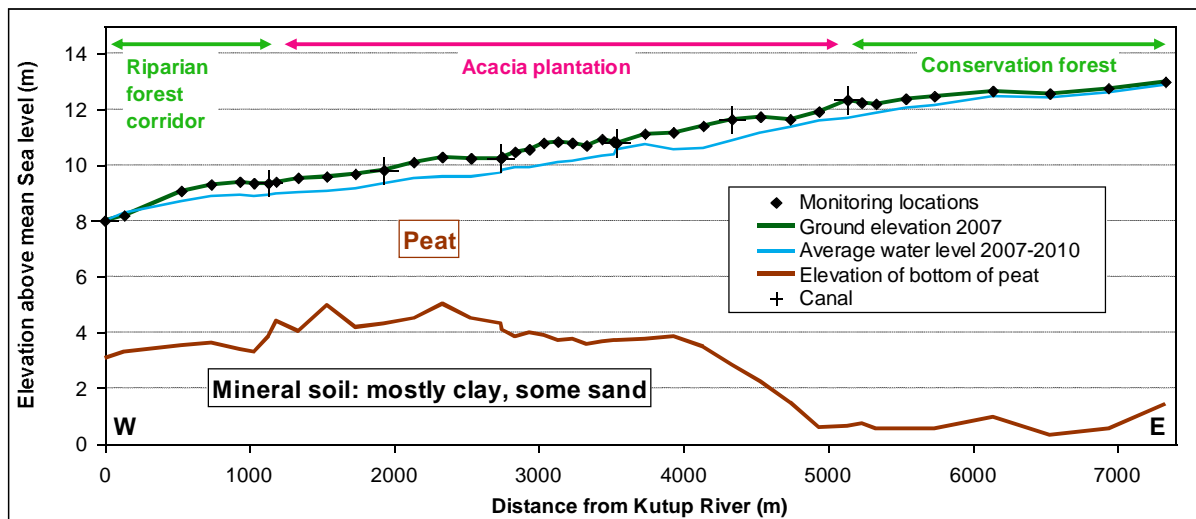
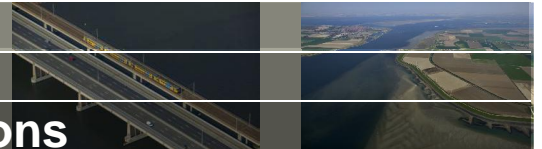
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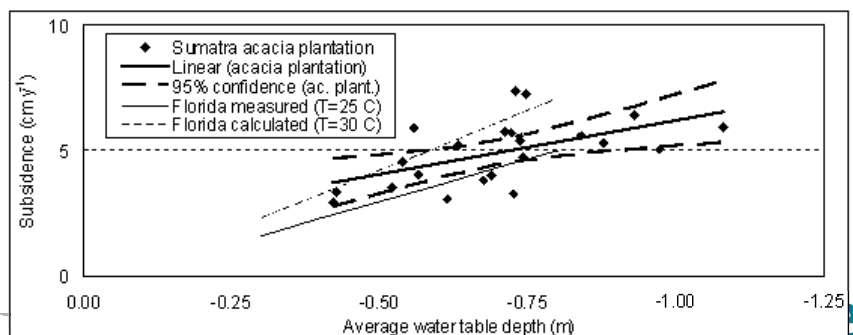
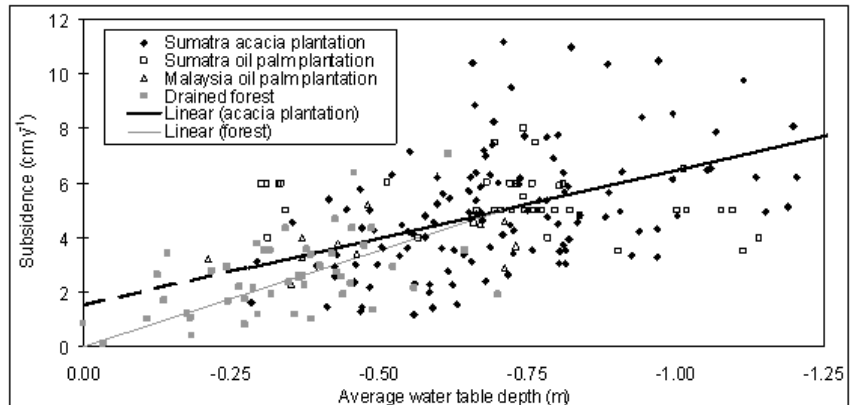
Measurements of water depth and subsidence rate 2007-2010 at 176 (after quality screening) monitoring locations across peat domes in Riau.

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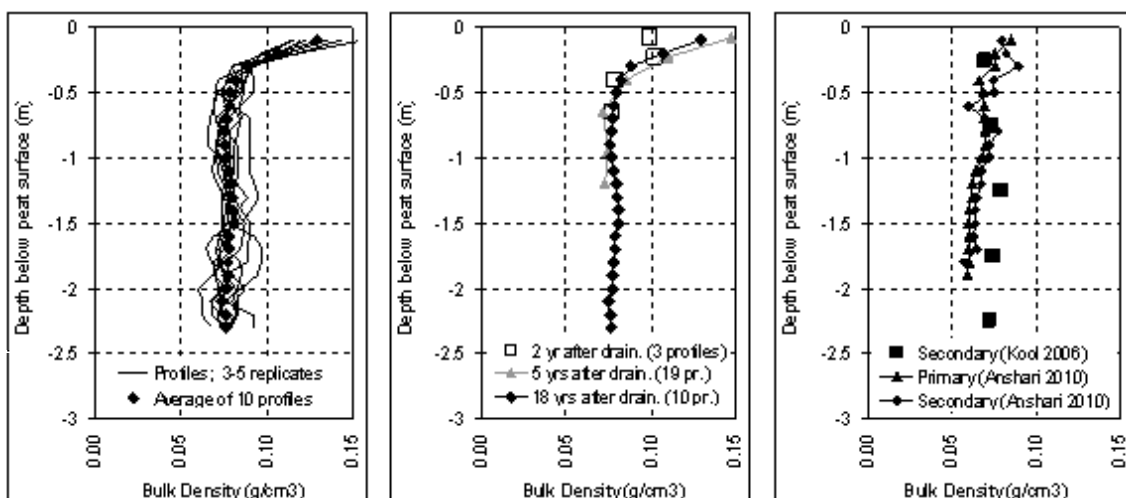
Latest subsidence – water depth relation:  $S = 1.5 + 4.98 \cdot WD$

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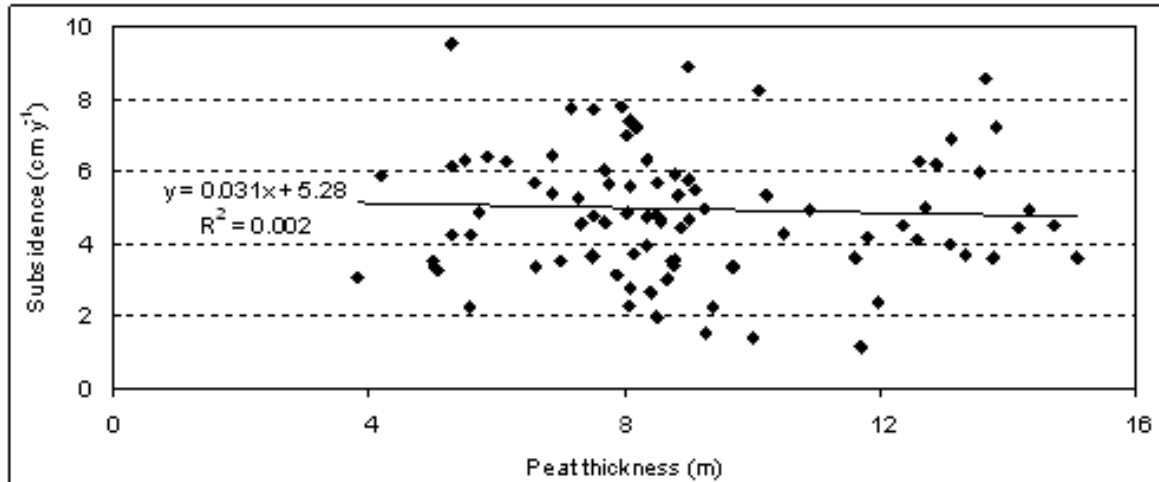
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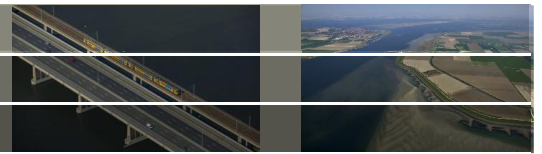
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To be added in coming months:

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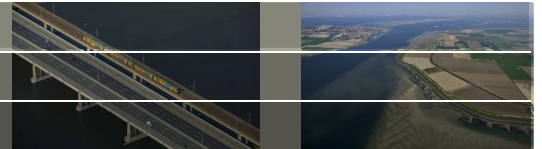
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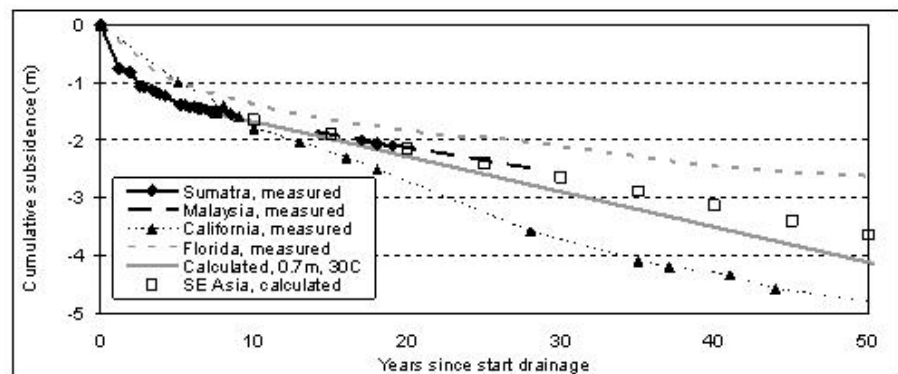
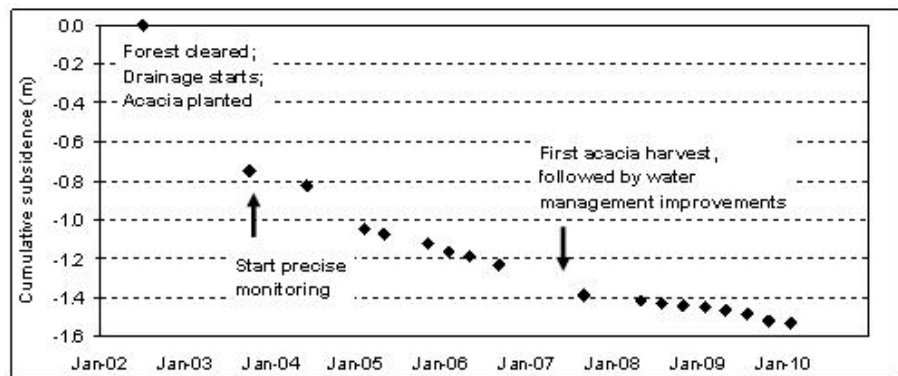
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**1.5 m subsidence  
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**2.5 m subsidence  
in 25 years**

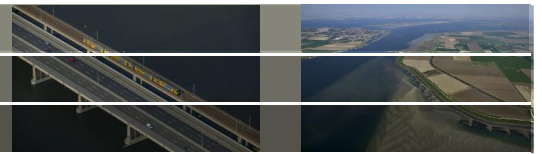
**3.5 m subsidence  
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**6 m in 100 years?**



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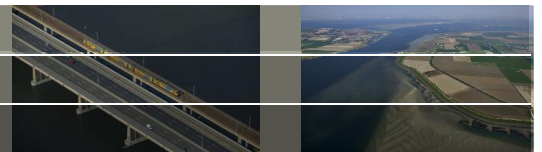
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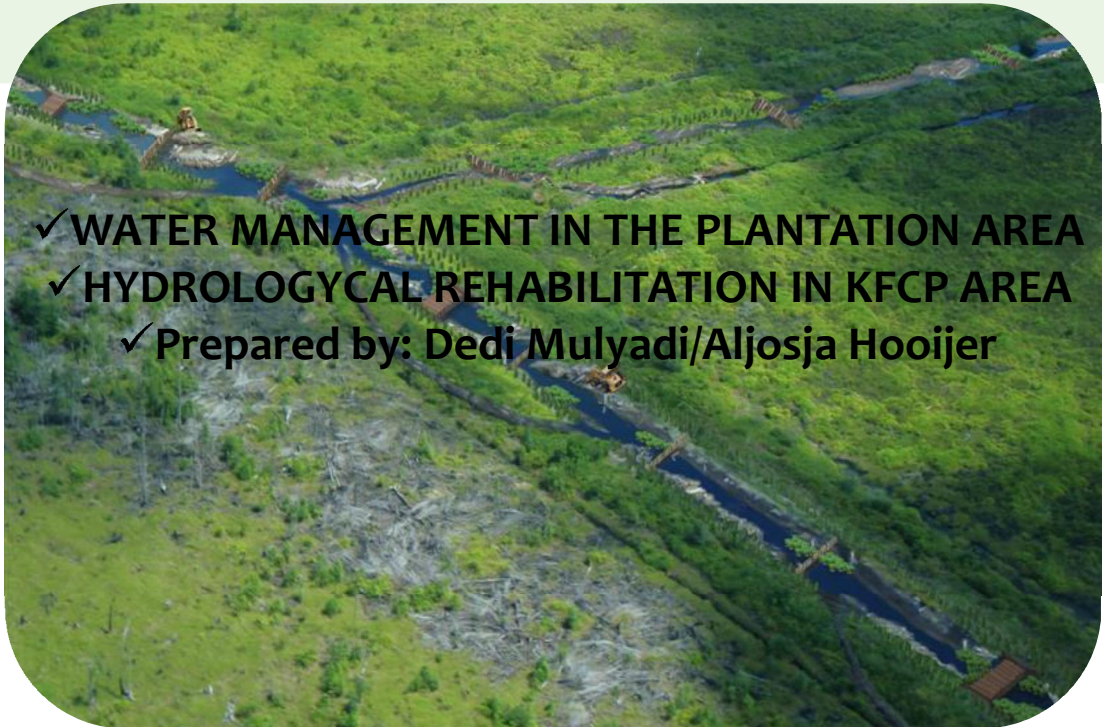
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## Questions?



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# DESIGN AND PLANNING OF CANALS BLOCKING IN PLANTATION AND IN KFCP AREA



- ✓ WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE PLANTATION AREA
- ✓ HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION IN KFCP AREA
- ✓ Prepared by: Dedi Mulyadi/Aljosja Hooijer



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## FIRST: WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE PLANTATION AREA



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# THE OBJECTIVE OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN PLANTATION

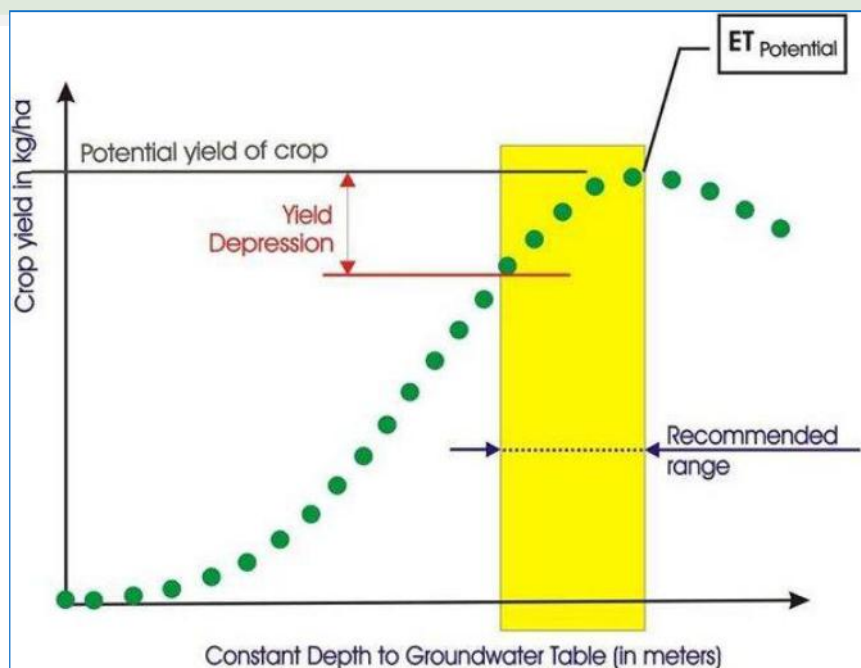
## Why water management is needed on the plantation in peat lands?

1. Water management in peat lands plantation constructed by compacted peat dams, intended to establish zoning on ground water level, each zone at 50-80 cm below the peat surface, in order to promote growth of acacia and get maximum crop yields.
2. In addition, zoning is also required for the smooth transportation in the canal, especially during the dry season, with the principle to keeping water for each water zone. Transport canal is required in plantations for wood logging, planting, maintenance, fertilizing, etc.
3. Reduce subsidence rate by controlling the water level in the canal that will affect to the water table in peat lands.
4. Principles of water management in plantations is to maintain water levels during the dry season and remove excess water during rainy season. So that the dams on the boundary zones should be able to function as a controller of water, then the design of dams must be equipped with a controller such as spillways and bypasses.
5. Water zoning formed by compacted peat dams in areas that have a similar elevation, where the compacted peat dams serve as the boundary zone. Zoning area of water will greatly depend on the topography or gradients of peat lands. More steep peat lands, more narrow distribution of its zoning areas, and more the number of zones.

Thus a water management system in plantation has to perform several functions. Specifically, it should:

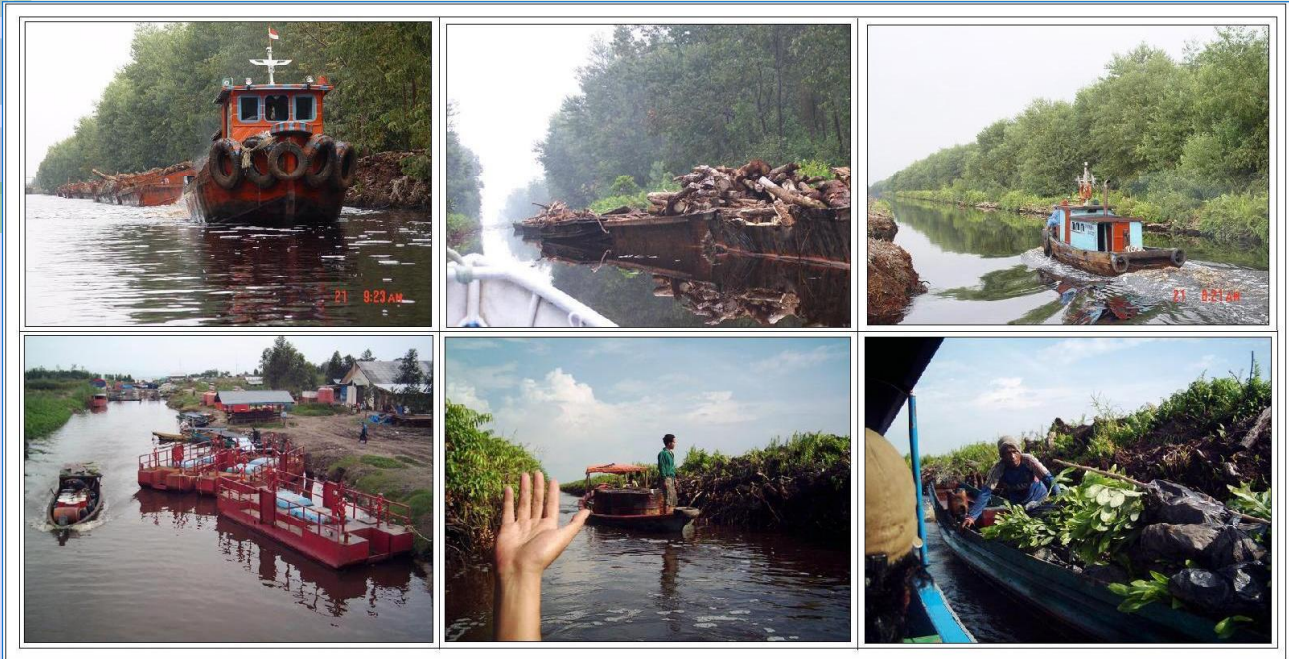
- Control (maintain) the water level at sufficient levels to meet transport requirements,
- Control (maintain) the water level at sufficient levels to meet tree crop water requirements.

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WATER TABLE AND CROPS YIELD



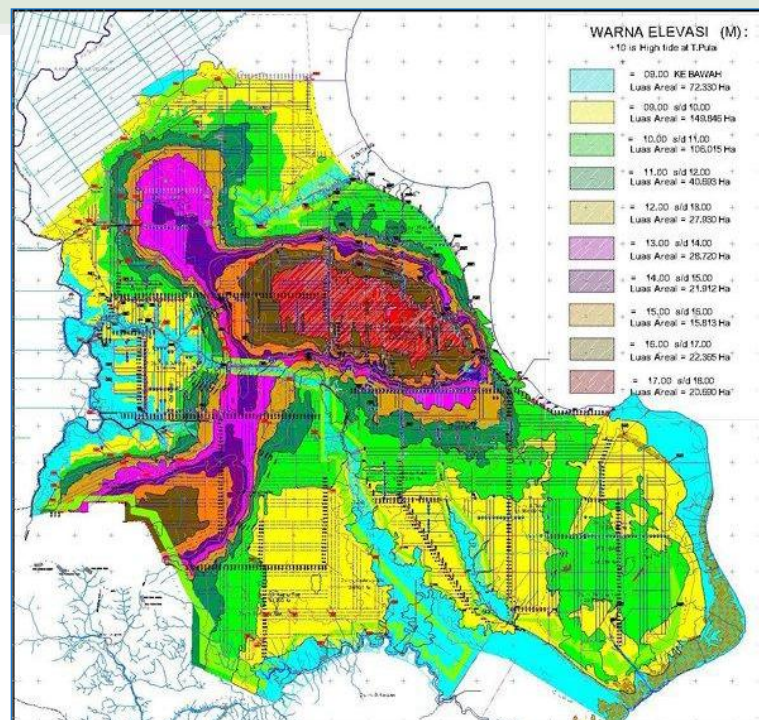
sources: *Research and Development of APP*, relationship between water table and crop yields, water table is one very important thing to be managed in the plantation industry to get maximum crop yields.

# WATER ZONING SYSTEM WITH CANALS BLOCKING FOR TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES



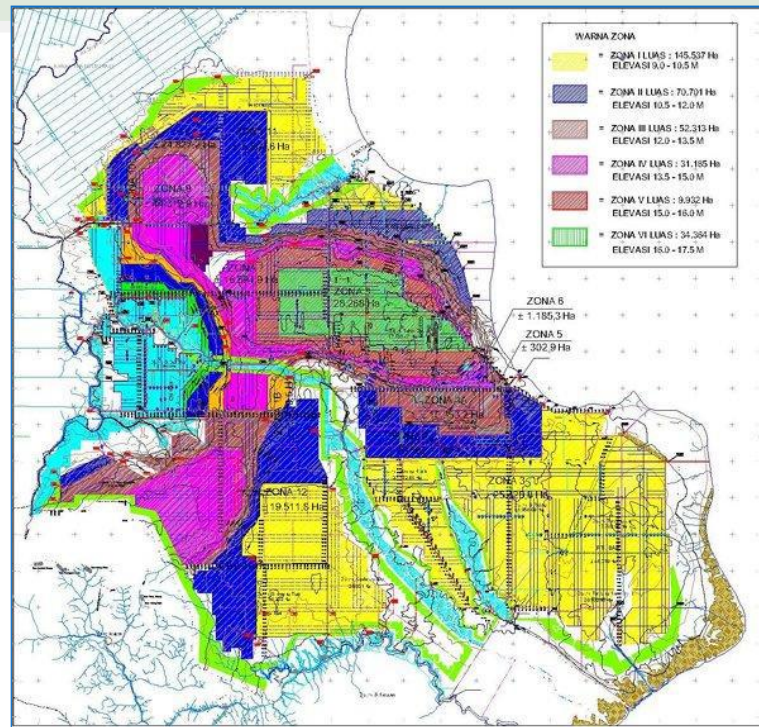
Transportation activities in the plantation by using the canals including transport of logging, fuel, seeds, etc.. This can be done with water zoning.

## CONTOUR MAP FOR WATER ZONING



contour maps which colored every one meter interval as the main data to make the water zoning.

# WATER ZONING SYSTEM WITH CANALS BLOCKING IN THE PLANTATION



zoning map, each zone boundary is limited by dams with water control structures.



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# COMPACTED PEAT DAM AS BOUNDARIES OF WATER ZONING



NOTE: dam width in plantations is about 6 – 10 metres and with a crest at the level at the surrounding peat. They are robust, but still require some maintenance. In rehabilitation schemes, this will be upscaled to 10 to 20 metres to make them even stronger and maintenance-free. Crests will be 1m above the surrounding peat.



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## WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES FOR MAINTAIN WATER LEVEL



water control structures in peat land in APRIL area was originally formed by several narrow and shallow canals with 10 m spacing. Over time, canal bottom eroded by water and make deeper. Then the canal made wider and the bottom of canals coated with geomembran to prevent scour by water.



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## WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES FOR MAINTAIN WATER LEVEL



water structures in the APP area built by an open metal box painted with anti corrosion. in front of the building is equipped by wood slabs that serves as water controller and opened during the rainy season.



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## SUBSIDENCE IN PLANTATION AREA



picture above shows there has been subsidence, mostly by fire in 1997.

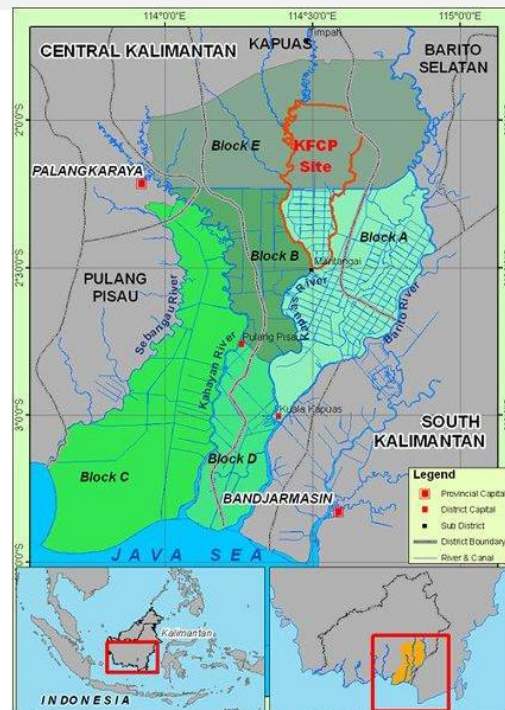
## SUBSIDENCE IN PLANTATION AREA



sources: *Research and Development of APP*, chart above shows the subsidence of peat in the plantation area. With water management, the subsidence rate can be reduced to blue line.

## SECOND: HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION IN KFCP AREA

KFCP area covering 120,000 Ha is bounded by two rivers, Kapuas River in the west and Mantangai River in the east. Within the area more than 300km of canals were dug in 1996-97, which has left the area divided into 47 compartments most of which are roughly 5km by 2km in size.



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## THE OBJECTIVE OF HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION

**Why is necessary to hydrology rehabilitation in KFCP Area?**

1. The highest impact of drainage canals has occurred within a few hundred meters from each canals and has resulted in subsidence of the oxidation (and possibly fire) is the greatest closer to the canal. This pattern of subsidence has resulted in the formation of “mini peat domes” within each compartment.
2. Canals blocking will push up the upstream canal water-levels, which in turn will help to keep groundwater-levels high and so reduce drying out of the peat, reducing fire risk.
3. blocking of canals will improve soil moisture conditions for forest re-growth and replanting
4. The system of canal blocking will have an important positive long-term impact, on reducing future GHG emissions. The difference in emissions between the situation after canals blocking and the current situation without canal blocking will define the overall emissions reduction.

The objective of hydrological rehabilitation is to raise water levels as high as possible in order to (a) reduce peat oxidation, (b) reduce fire risk and (c) improve soil moisture conditions for forest re-growth and replanting. This can best be achieved through the blocking of canals that can also limit access to the area.

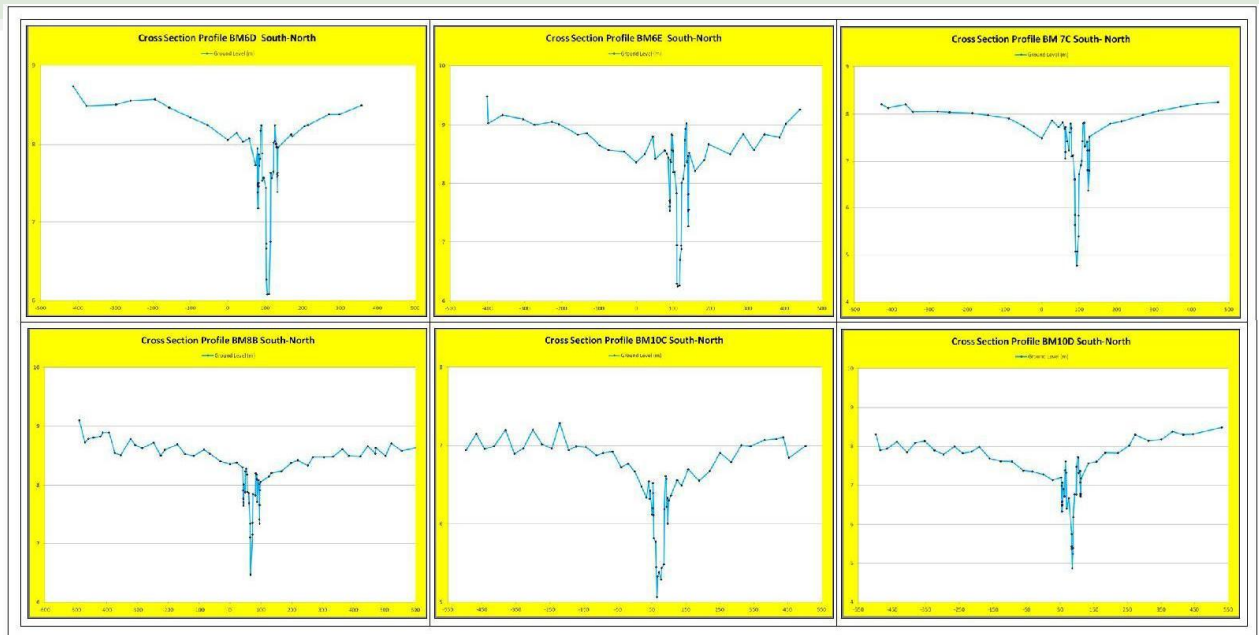


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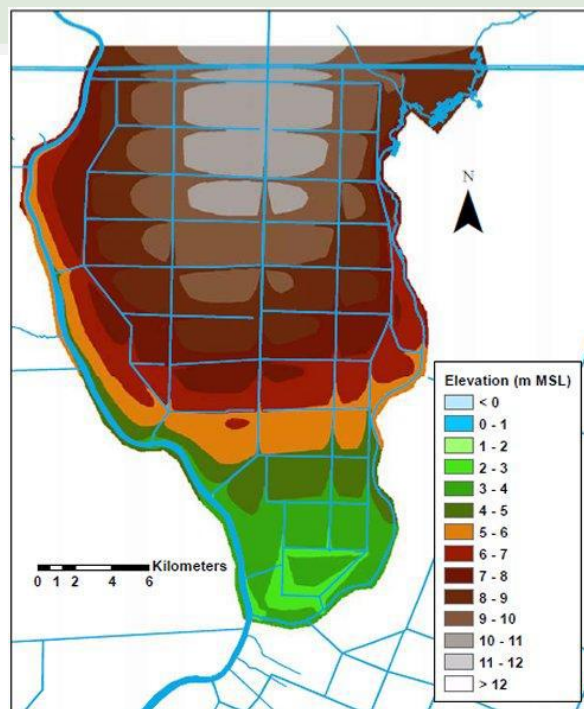
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## CROSS SECTION CANALS IN DEEP PEAT



picture above shows subsidence has occurred around the canal until a few hundred meters of each canal due to drainage

## ELEVATION MAP OF KFCP AREA



map above shows there has been subsidence that began around the canals, and form a small peat dome.

## A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE KFCP APPROACH TO HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION

The method requires 4 components:

1. Compacted peat dams, which are the robust 'hard blocks', using excavators.
2. Partial canal-infilling, with peat from 'berms' on canal side.
3. Larger numbers of palissades and other light constructions using traditional techniques. This is mostly to keep the partial infilling material in place in 'debris blocks'.
4. Revegetating canals, not just canal sides, starting with compacted peat dams and debris blocks.

Each of these components is essential for succesful canal blocking. Only Component 1 and some of Component 2 requires excavators. Compenents 3 and 4, and some of Component 2, require manual labour from local communities. Most KFCP project time and budget for rehabilitation will go to Components 3 and 4, i.e. to local communities.

## THE KFCP APPROACH TO HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION



KFCP approach to hydrological rehabilitation, consist of: compacted peat dams, palisades, partial canal infilling, and revegetating canals.



## WHY THE KFCP WATER MANAGEMENT AND PEAT EXPERT TEAM FINDS THAT EXCAVATORS ARE NEEDED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CANAL BLOCKING

### In brief:

1. Field evaluations in the EMRP Master Plan project, by a large team of engineers and peat experts (from Mott McDonald, Deltares and Witteveen & Bos) have shown that the dams built to raise water levels in small-scale projects (especially in Bloks A, C and E) have not worked as they are too few, not strong enough, not high enough and are therefore destroyed very quickly.
2. Engineering expertise and peat science dictate that only a large number of compacted peat dams, that can only be built with excavators, can raise water levels in the long term.
3. This system of compacted peat dams have been well proven in many plantations in peatlands: it is standard technology there. Also, it is very cost-effective.

In this presentation, we will demonstrate these three points. We conclude that the use of excavators offers the only chance for KFCP, or any other project, to demonstrate that canal blocking can be A) robust, B) effective in reducing carbon emissions and C) cost-effective.

## FIELD EVALUATIONS OF THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTING BOX DAMS IN THE KFCP AREA

- The following photos are from one area, along the first canal that KFCP aims to block in the Demonstration Phase, but they are representative for all dams build to date for peatland rehabilitation in Kalteng.
- The EMRP Master Plan expert team already concluded in 2008 that the longest period a box dam filled with sand bags would last is 5 years (we find this is usually less than 2 years), and that box dams filled with peat will only last 1 or 2 years without constant rebuilding.



## BOX DAM 01 on the CANAL SPU-7 NORTH



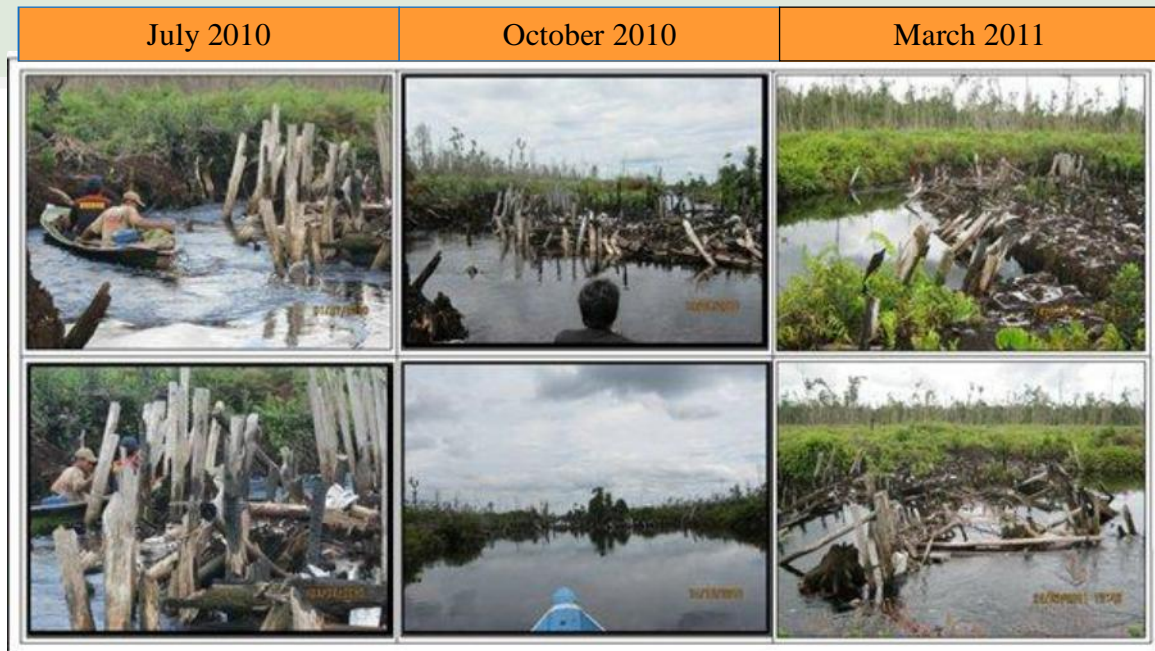
- Box dam 01 is located on the canal SPU-7 North, 50 m SPI-1, **built in 2007 by the CKPP project.**
- The dam was partly destroyed in 3 years, fully in 4 years.

## BOX DAM 02 on the CANAL SPU-7 NORTH



- Box dam 02 is located on the canal SPU-7 North, 900 m SPI-1, **built by the CKPP project in August 2010.**
- The dam was partly destroyed within 3 months, fully in 6 months.

## BOX DAM 03 on the CANAL SPU-7 NORTH



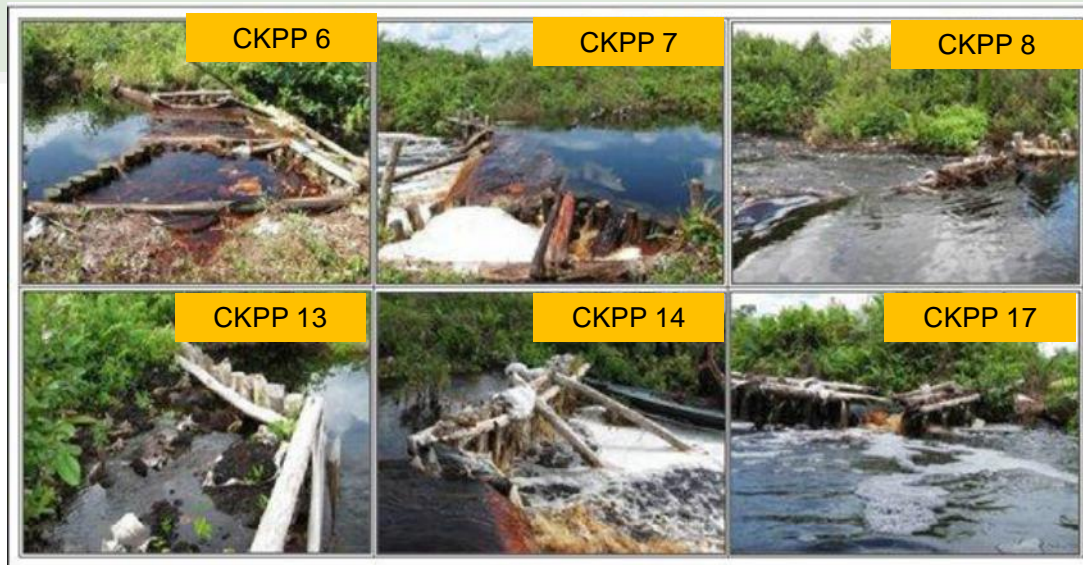
- Box dam 03 is located on the canal SPU-7 North, 1 km from SPI-1, built by the CKPP project in 2008.
- The dam was destroyed within one or 2 years.

## Overview of dams built by CKPP in 2007 (-2010) Status of new dams directly after building



Wooden box dams, filled with sand bags, small numbers so large head differences, very low crests, little understanding of engineering and peat science.  
The cost of individual dams was estimated at above \$10,000

## Overview of dams built by CKPP in 2007 (-2010) Status of dams in 2009-2010



Most dams have been destroyed completely within a year. Others were bypassed, so part of the dam still stands but water levels were not raised.

Note that we have similar photo series of destroyed dams for other box dam types, e.g. peat-filled ones in Blok C.

As CKPP was a Pilot Project, lessons should have been learnt: this small-scale approach to canal blocking can not work. Professional approach is needed.

## Summary evaluation of dams built up to 2010 for peat rehabilitation, all using wooden box-dam type designs

The reason such box dams have not worked, are:

- Box dams can only be built with manual labour: this is very slow, expensive and inefficient, so only small numbers of dams can be built (CKPP: <20 in Block A/E). This causes a number of problems:
  - Loss of any dam means loss of the effect of the whole system.
  - Dams are too far apart, so water level differences are too great: water levels are not brought up much and water pressure on dams is too great.
- Dam crests are too low, so water flows over them which erodes the dams. SOLUTION: dam crests must be high, water should never flow over them.
- Box dams are narrow (<6m) and will inevitably have water flow/leakage through and around them: the dams will inevitably erode. SOLUTION: dams must be wider and made of more compact material.
- Wood is not a strong building material: it decomposes. SOLUTION: stronger material needed.
- Sand bags are an unsuitable filling material, as they are weak and too heavy: the dam sinks into the peat, lowering the crest. SOLUTION: use peat as a building material, as it has the same weight as the surrounding peat.
- Peat that is not sufficiently compacted (which is impossible without excavators) is an unsuitable filling material: it is far too weak. SOLUTION: only use compacted peat, which is much stronger and has no leakage.

## Summary evaluation of dams built up to 2010 for peat rehabilitation, all using wooden box-dam type designs

EMRP Master Plan evaluation (2009 report): “box dams can last 5 years at the very most when filled with sand bags, only 2 years when filled with peat: using sandbags results in somewhat stronger dams (uncompacted) peat, but not much. All box dams will need continuous maintenance.”

KFCP evaluation with much more field data: even box dams filled with sand bags will be destroyed within a year.

Conclusion of both projects (and other evaluations, by professionals and donors): wooden box dams can never work at the large scale and in the long term, an alternative approach is needed.



## THE KFCP APPROACH, BASED ON INDONESIAN AND INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING AND PEAT EXPERTISE

*Experts in EMRP Master Plan (2008: MottMcDonald, Deltares, Witteveen and Bos) and KFCP have designed this approach:*

- The objective of the Hydrological Rehabilitation is to bring up water levels along the canal to as high as possible to A) reduce carbon emissions as much as possible and B) ensure most water flow is over land so it does not destroy the dams.
- This can only be achieved by constructing a canal blocking system of many blocks, so head differences are less than 0.4m (target 0.2m): hundreds of structures are needed.
- As structures will block canal, maintenance will be impossible: dams must be very strong and last many years.
- Dams can only be that strong if they are made of compacted material and water never flows over them: their crests must be above the surrounding peat surface.
- For structural integrity, dam designs should aim at smaller head difference to avoid seepage endangering the structure, but this will require a much greater number of dams to effectively raise canal water-levels.



# THE KFCP APPROACH, BASED ON INDONESIAN AND INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING AND PEAT EXPERTISE

CONCLUSION: part of the work must be done by excavators, because that is the only way to:

- construct strong compacted peat dams in
- large enough numbers,
- relatively quickly and
- very cost effective.

The first canal blocking, in SPU\_7 alone, aims to demonstrate this concept in Kalteng even though it is well-proven elsewhere.

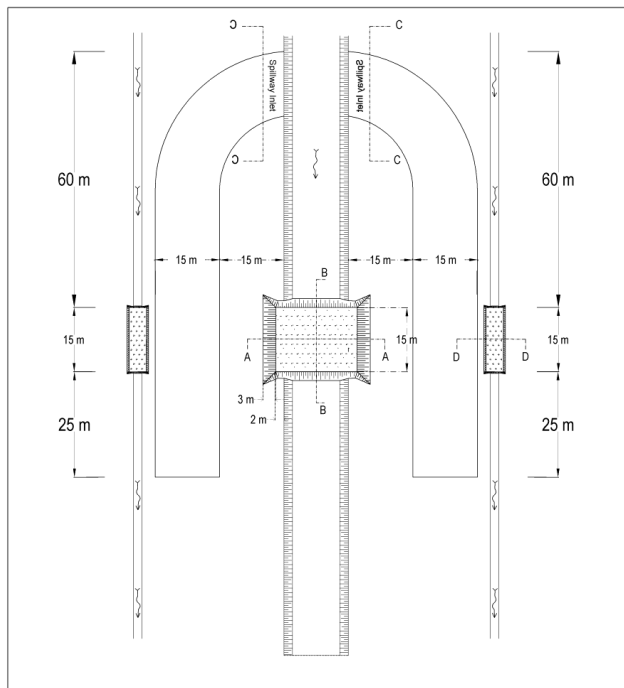
Nevertheless, most of the rehabilitation work in KFCP will still be done by manual labour, from local communities, using traditional techniques.

## WORK PLAN FOR CANAL BLOCKING SYSTEM IN BLOCK E



- The canal blocking system will consist of a combination of dams are: compacted peat dams and other 'soft' blocking solutions that aim to fill up the canals along much of their length using 'palisade & canal infilling' blocks.
- Planned a number of 8 units of compacted peat dams and 10 units of Palisades, and 18 segments canal infilling.

## COMPACTED PEAT DAM DESIGN AND MATERIAL CALCULATION



KALIMANTAN FORESTS AND CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP (KFCP)  
 HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT (HRDM)  
 DRAWING PLAN COMPACTED PEAT DAM  
 PLAN VIEW OF PEATDAM 15 M WIDE (SCALE 1:1)

DRAWN Dedi Mulyadi  
 CHECKED Aljoza Hooger  
 AUTHORIZED Cellarius  
 DATE 9 - Juli - 2010  
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- Sample calculations will be taken on the canal SPU-7 North (Block E),
- Canal dimensions 13x2 m were measured in October 2011,
- The volume of peat are required to make a dam with dimensions of 13 x 15 m as follows:
  - Body dam = 585 m<sup>3</sup>
  - Wing dams = 75 m<sup>3</sup>
  - Sub Total = 660 m<sup>3</sup>.
  - Total material with compaction = 1320 m<sup>3</sup>.
- Material from the spillway as follows:
  - Spillway 1 = 750 m<sup>3</sup>.
  - Spillway 2 = 750 m<sup>3</sup>.
  - Total = 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>.

## BERM MATERIALS ON THE SPI CANALS



- Peat materials are still available in the SPI canal embankment, the measurement results for only one side of the canal is 4x6x2.5 m, so that the volume per meter run = 12.5 m<sup>3</sup>. The length of the embankment measured = 3000 m, the total volume of embankment are available = 37500 m<sup>3</sup>, enough to make 25 units compacted peat dams.

## ROLLING PATH FOR EXCAVATORS



- Excavators will be rolling on the canal embankment with a maximum width of 6 meters along 15 km. In other words, for block E would be used a maximum area of 0.01% to cross the excavators.



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## PHOTOS: BERM MATERIALS WERE AVAILABLE ON THE SPI CANALS



Rolling path of the excavators over the canal embankment that almost burned every year until 2009.



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## PHOTOS: PLANNED ROLLING PATH OF THE EXCAVATORS



Rolling path of the excavators over the canal embankment that almost burned every year until 2009.



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## DIFFICULTIES FACING TO IMPLEMENT THE HYDROLOGICAL REHABILITATION IN THE KFCP AREA:

1. This project required by the environmental impact assessment (EIA, replaced by UKL / UPL, has not been legalized by BLH) and also required the village agreements (completed in November 2011).
2. Announcement of the tender phase 1, June 17, 2011 in the "Kalteng Pos" and "Tabengan" newspapers, not succeeded in attracting a potential contractors.
3. Difficult to get permission for selective cutting of tumih wood from KFCP location. (tumih wood as a building material for palisades). KFCP still trying to get permission.
4. Limited berms material in the canal SPU-7 North for partial canals infilling and compacted peat dams, mostly have been lost by fire.

conclusion: from the point 1-3, KFCP not ready with this project, for point 4, can be solved technically in the field.



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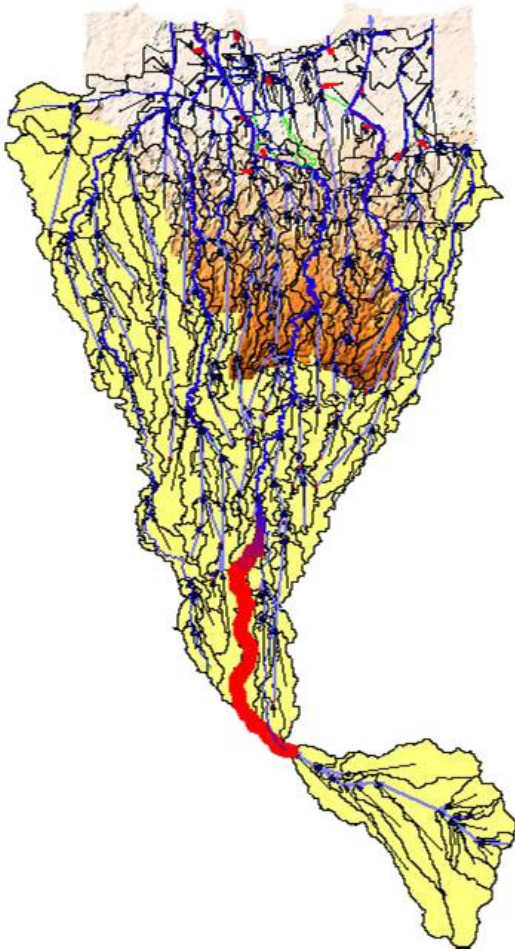
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JCDS selection for JPC training in Banjarmasin

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## Jakarta Coastal Defence Strategy (JCDS) study

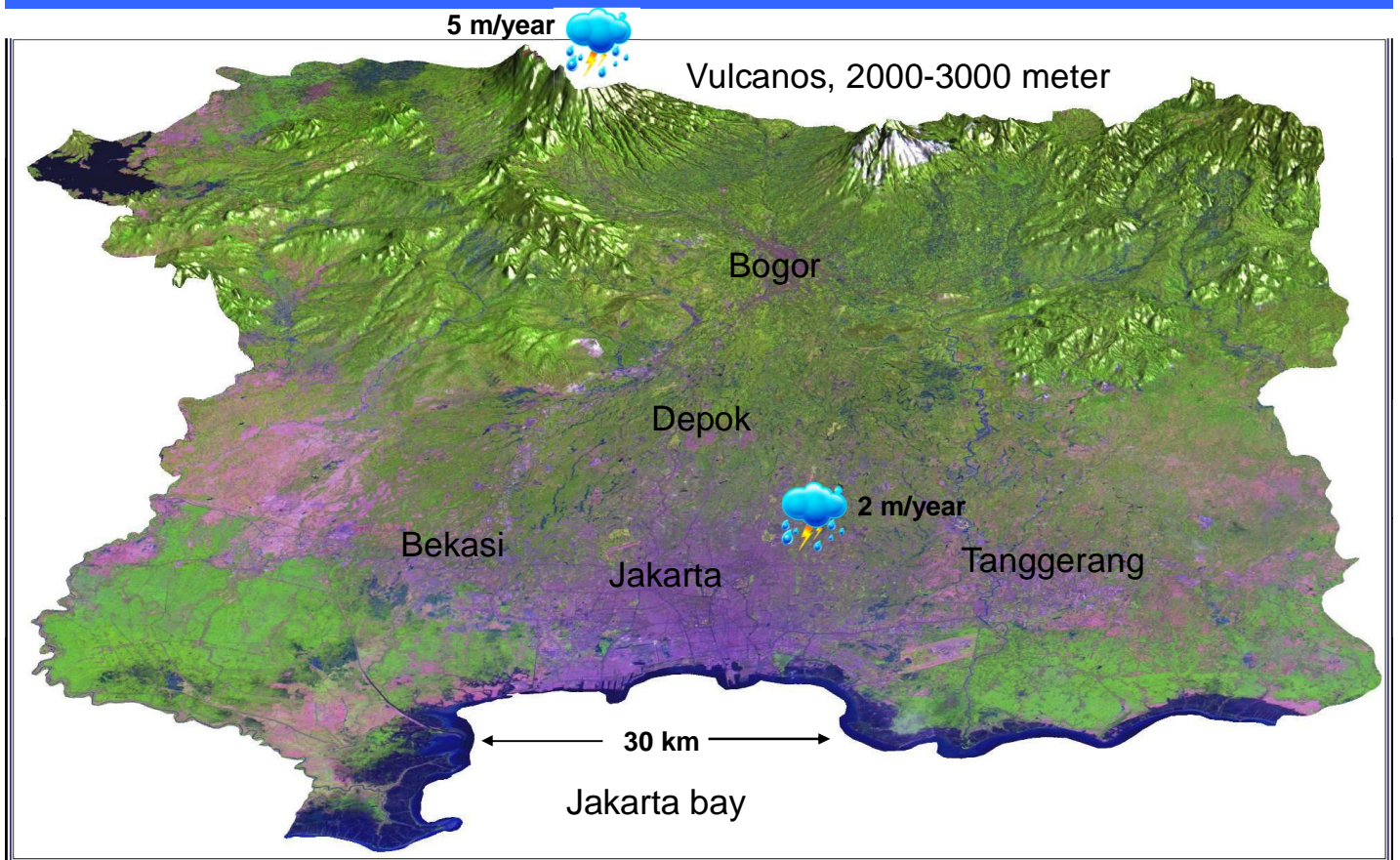
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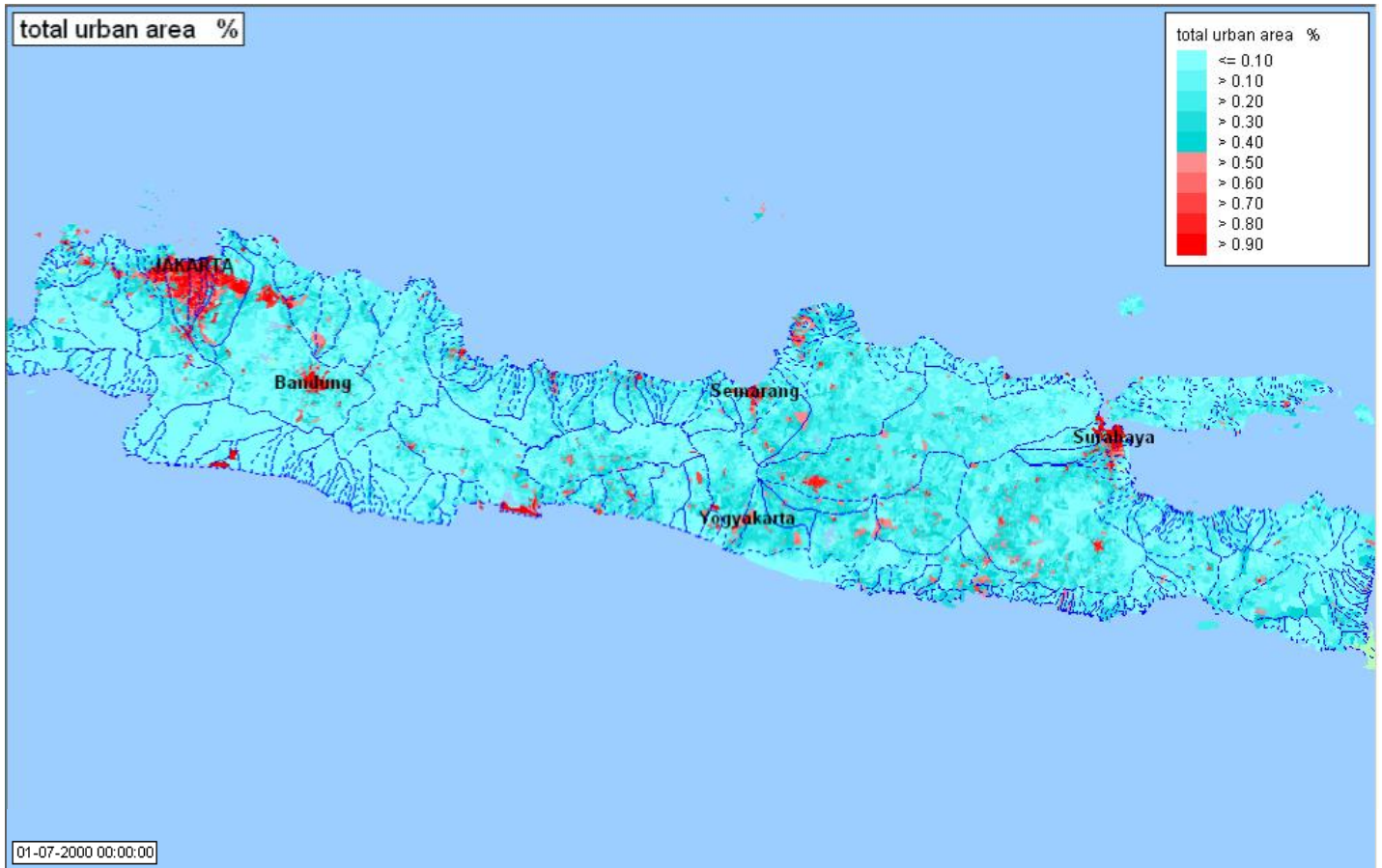
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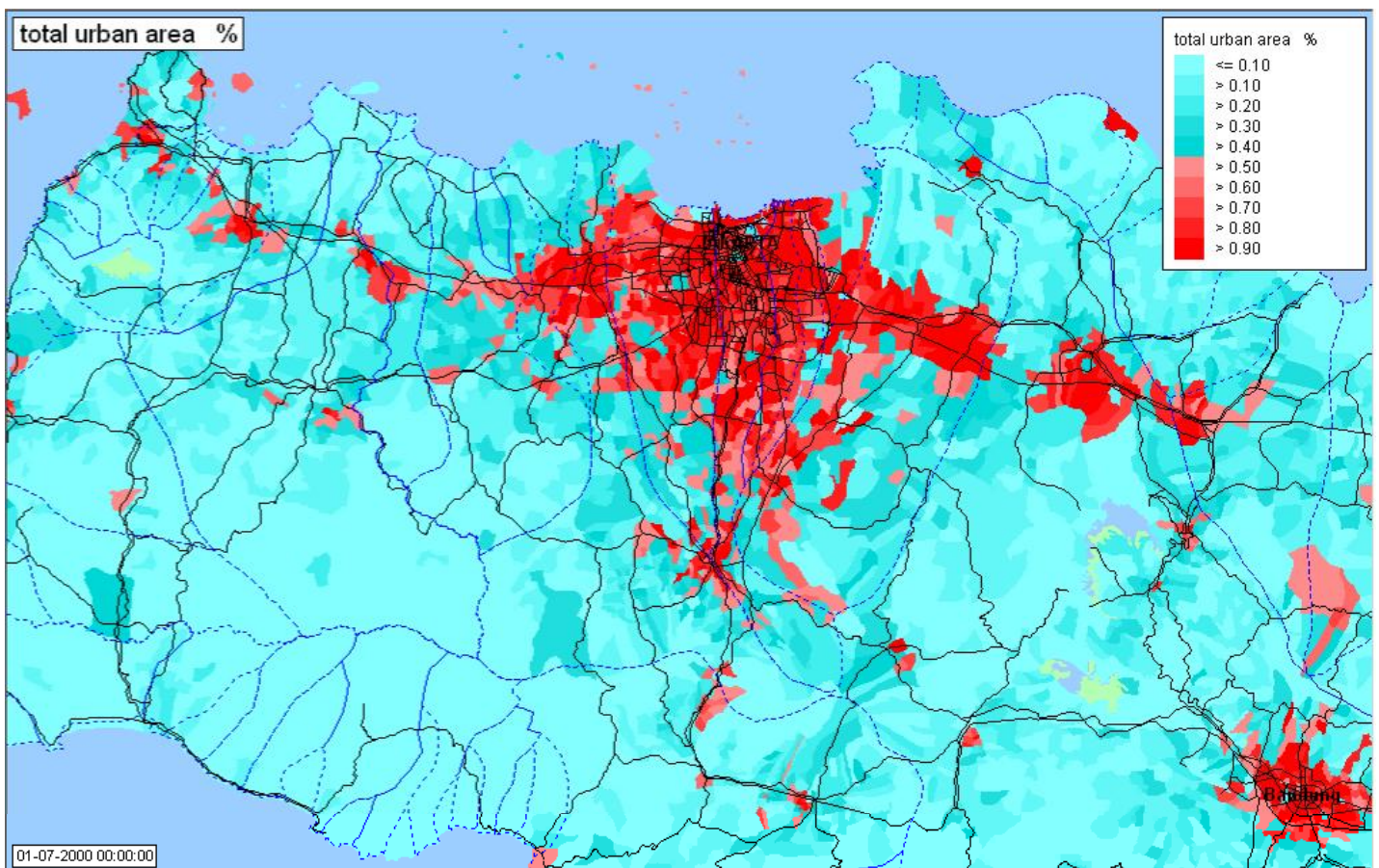
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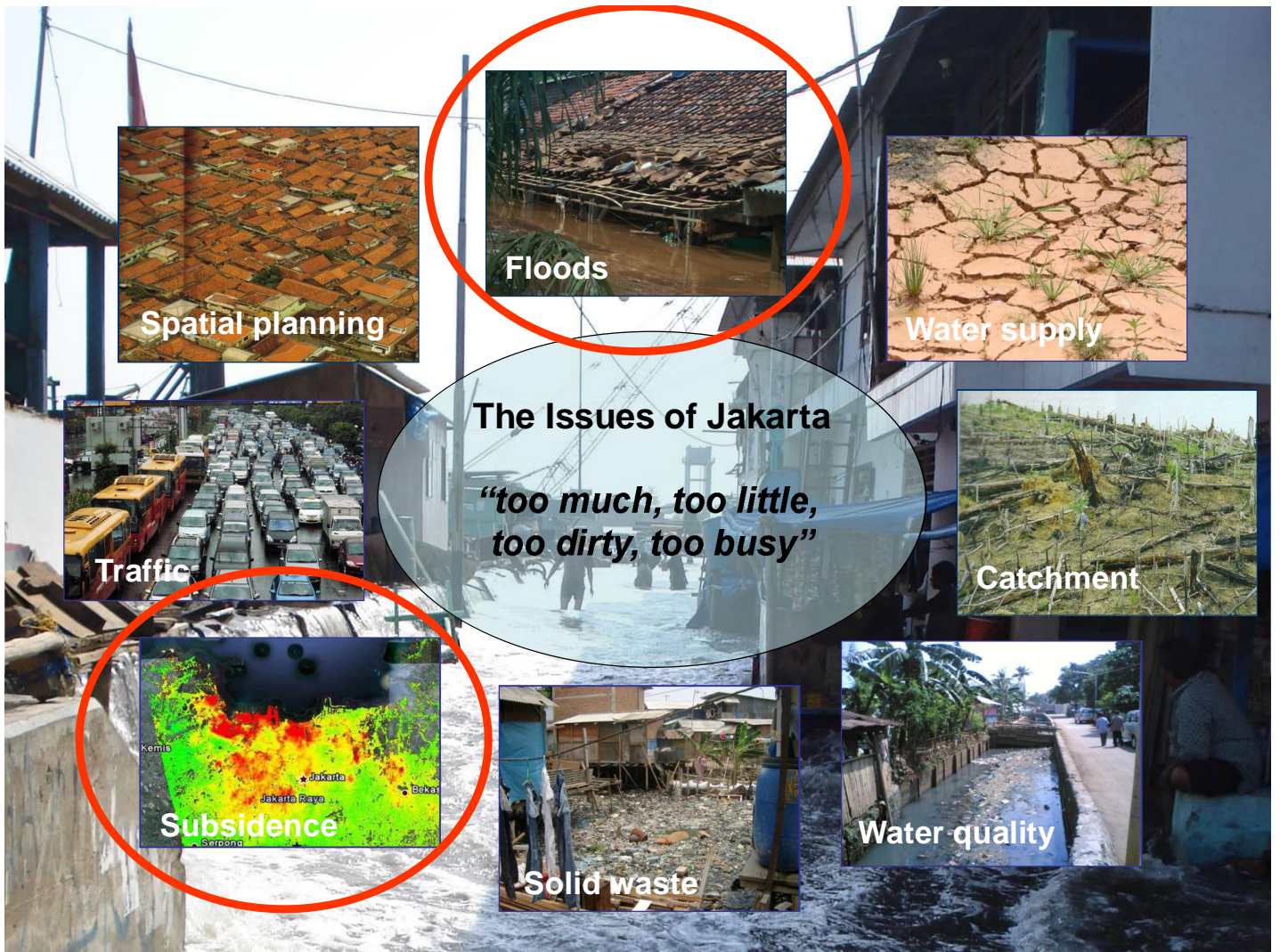


# Indonesia is also changing - the urban area 2000 - 2025



# Including large change in the delta of Jakarta 2000 - 2025

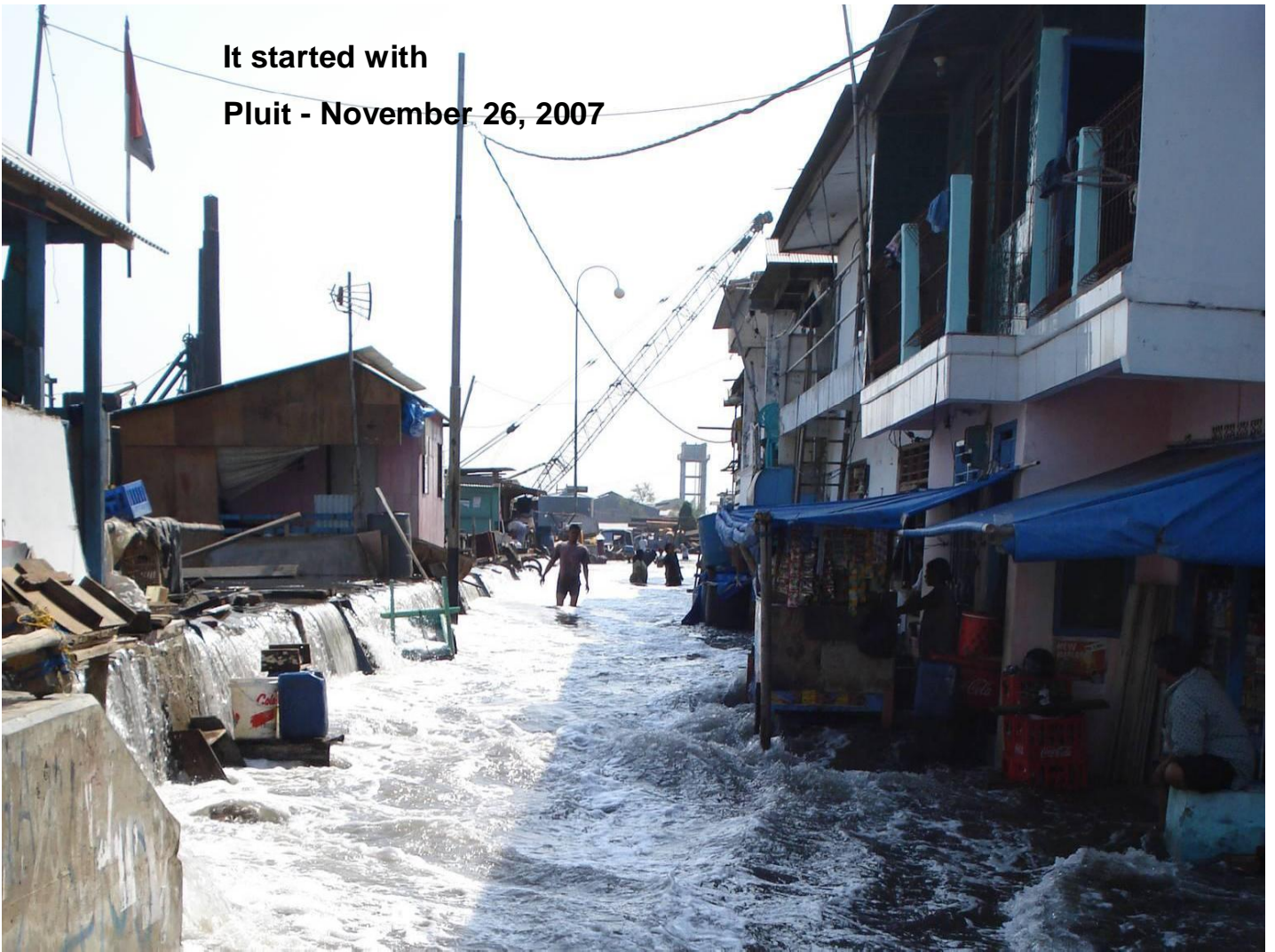




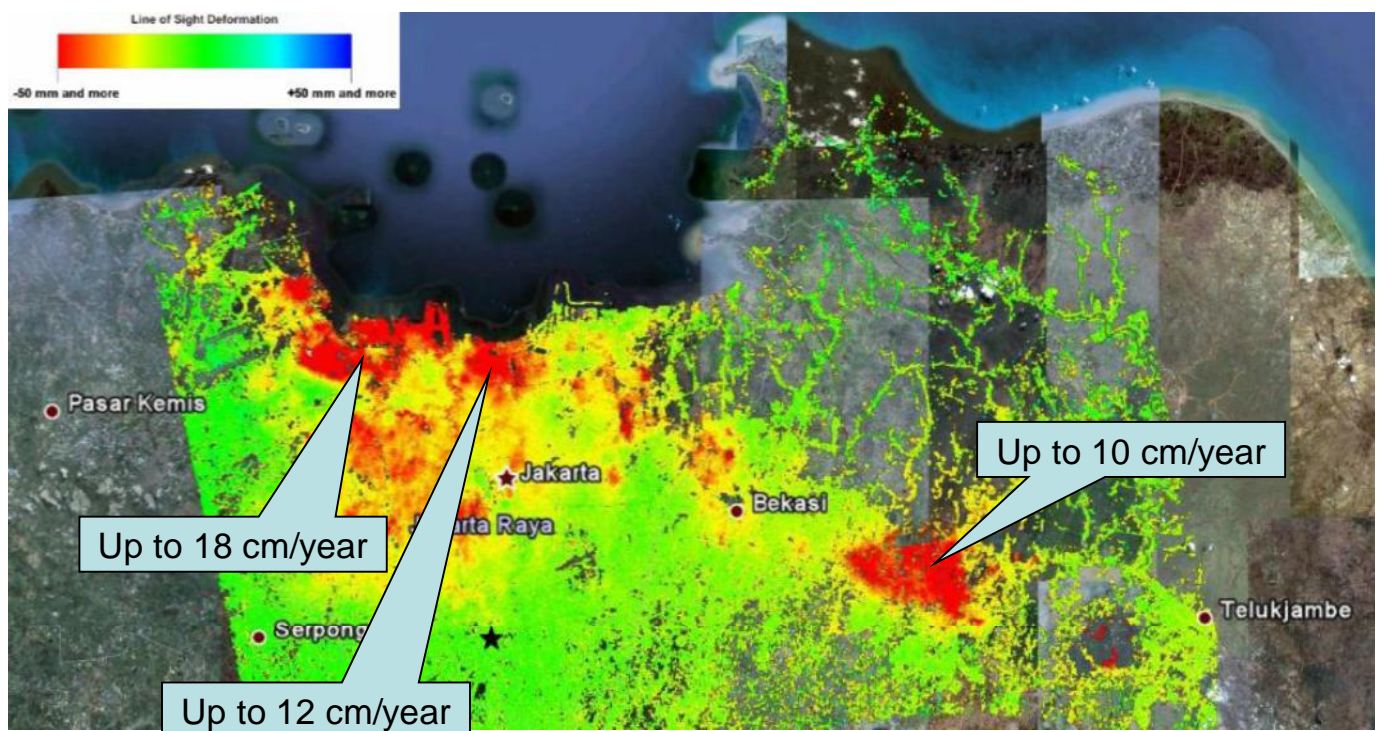
# The floods of Jakarta

- Floods from the rain (2007 – 2009)
  - Towards Jakarta Flood Management - JFM
    - Flood Hazard Mapping – FHM
    - DKI / BBCilCis – City flood rehabilitation
    - World Bank: JEDI/JUFMP
- Floods from the sea (2010 – 2014)
  - Towards Jakarta Coastal Defence Strategy and Master Planning (JCDS)

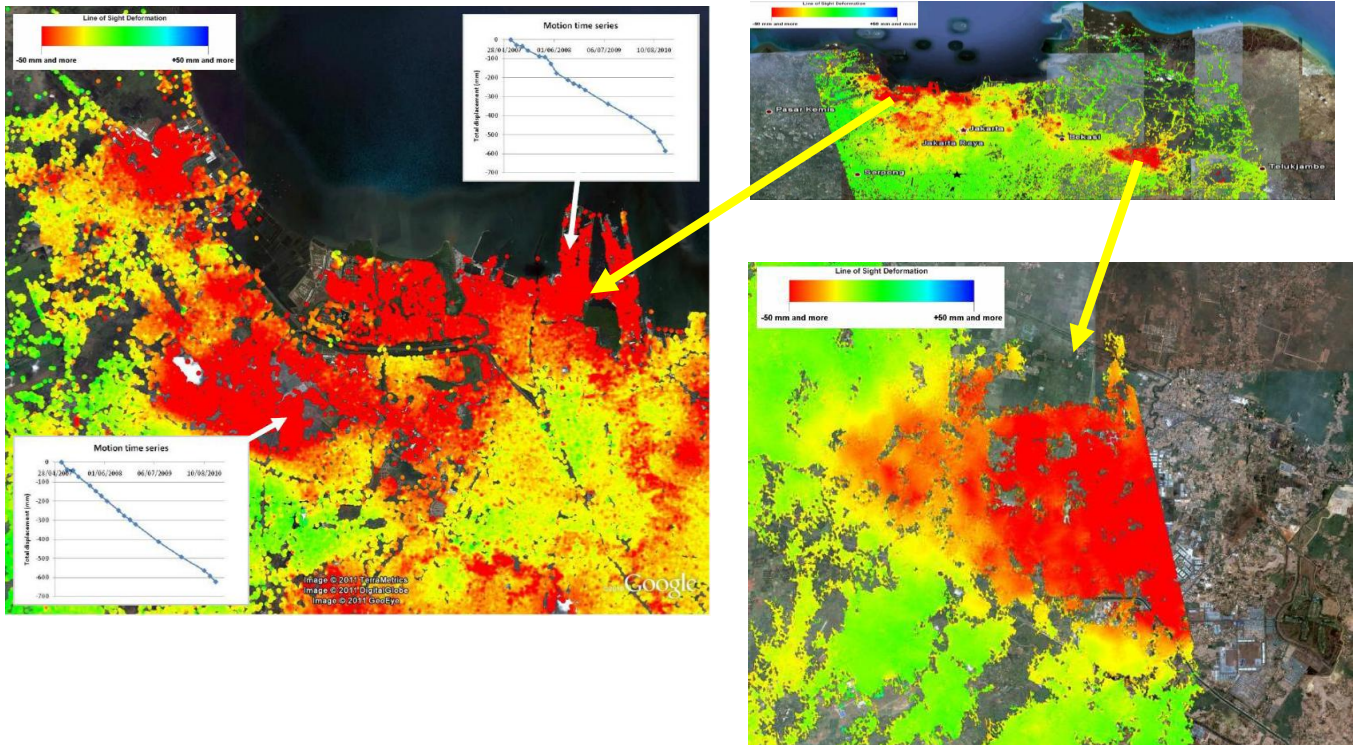
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Pluit - November 26, 2007



## ESA – Jakarta subsidence



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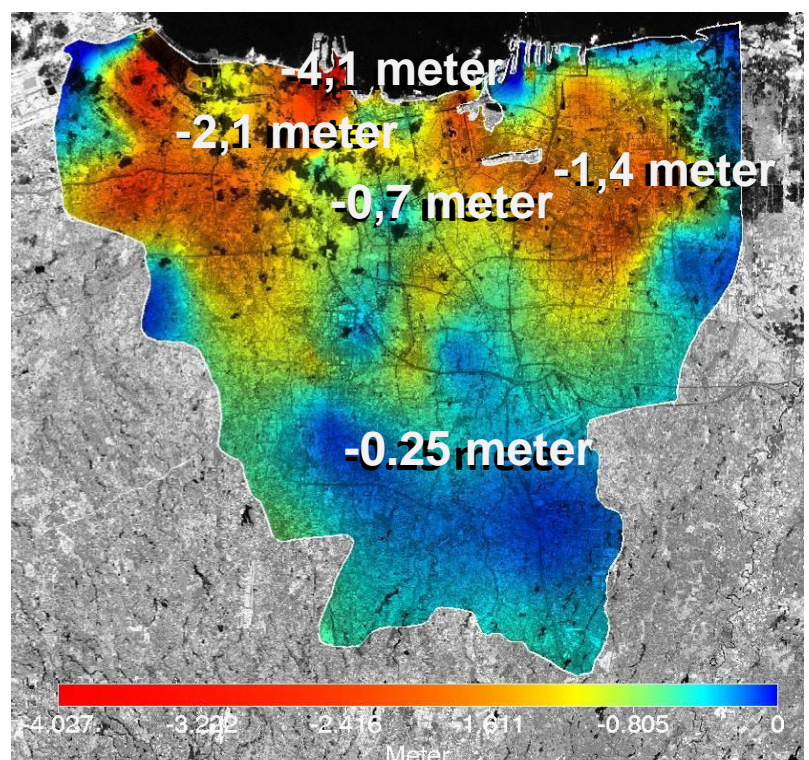
## Subsidence Map

**Subsidence map of Jakarta 1974-2010:**

Total subsidence -25 up to -400 cm ; rate -0.5 up to -17 cm/year

**First recorded of leveling data were in 1974. Based on accumulated data, interpolation and extrapolation we can make subsidence map of Jakarta from year 1974 up to 2010.**

Based on latest analysis of piezometric surface data found that initial condition of subsidence were probably on 1965. In this case in the near future we will try to modeled subsidence map of Jakarta for year 1965 up to 2011



# Rob November 25, 2011

With thanks  
pak Hermanto – Pasar Ikan  
pak Hendry Kurniawan - Pluit



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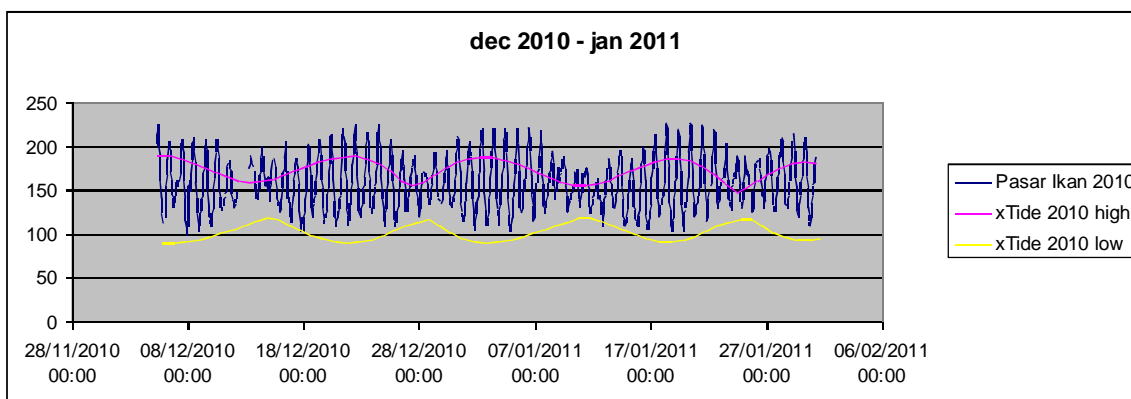
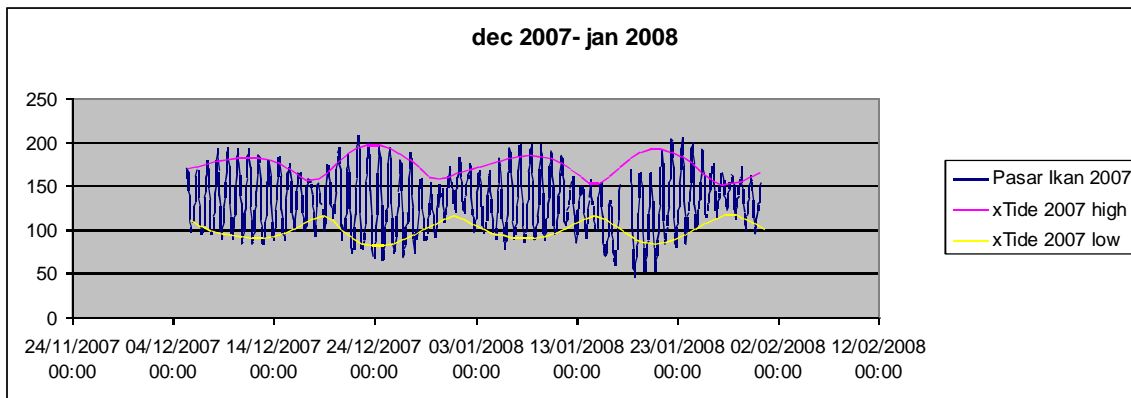


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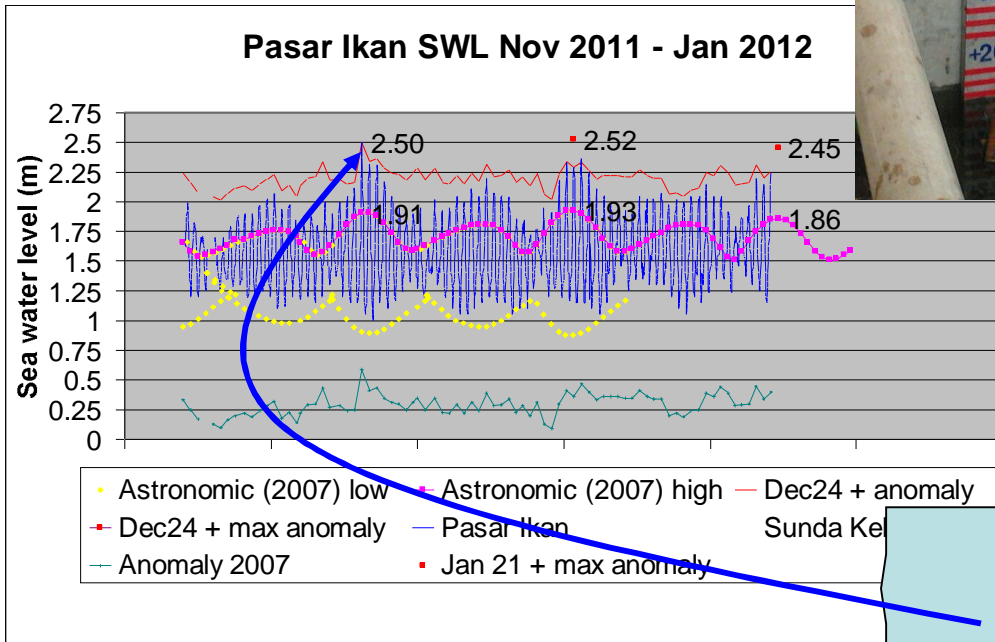


# Pasar Ikan 2007 - 2010



# Nov 1 – Dec 14, 2011

## Pasar Ikan



|       |      |
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| 9:00  | 2.38 |
| 10:00 | 2.37 |
| 10:15 | 2.50 |
| 10:45 | 2.40 |
| 11:00 | 2.17 |
| 12:00 | 2.10 |

It started with  
Pluit - November 26, 2007



# Immediate government response

November 26,  
2007



December 23,  
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November 15,  
2008



November 15,  
2008



“Sea level versus River and Sea Wall” somewhere in Jakarta



# Pluit pumping station



# Dermaga Pelindo Limpas

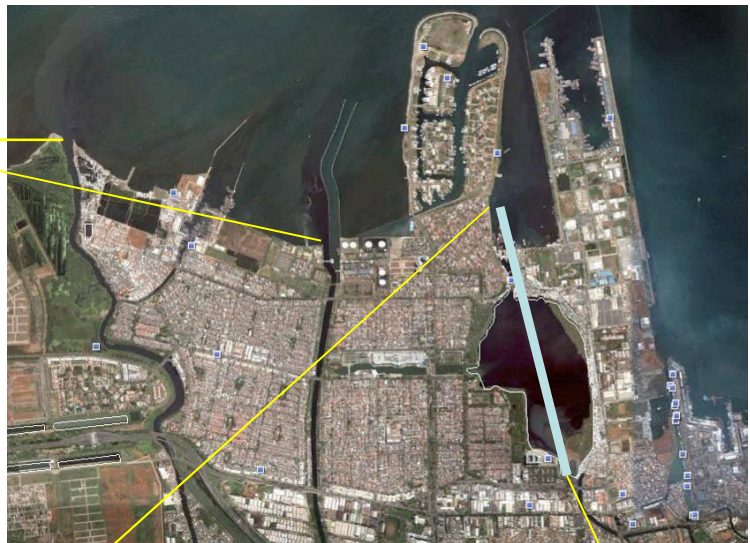


# Pluit Pumping Station

Banjir Kanal Barat  
Still open Channel

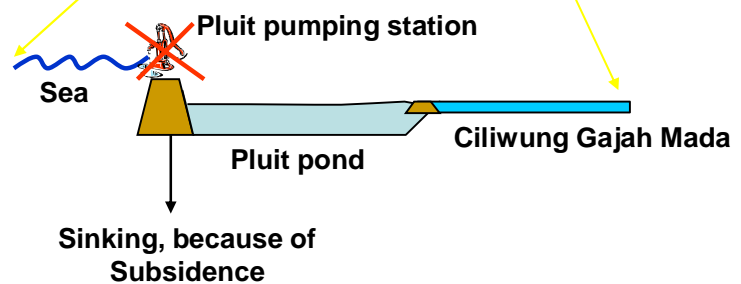
Need to be closed in  
future, because of  
subsidence

Needs pumping station  
and storage pond



May 2009:

- Sea water level **2.50m** (pasar ikan (pi))
- Pluit Pump **stopped** pumping!
- In future no more pumping
- Pluit pump needs heightening
- Ancol pumping station **stops** pumping at sea water level **1.90m** (pi)!



## Pasar Ikan gate



# Pasar Ikan gate – towards sea



# Pasar Ikan Kampung



# Marina gate



December 11, 2011  
Already heightened and repaired



# Pantai Mutiara



# Pantai Mutiara





# Pantai Mutiara



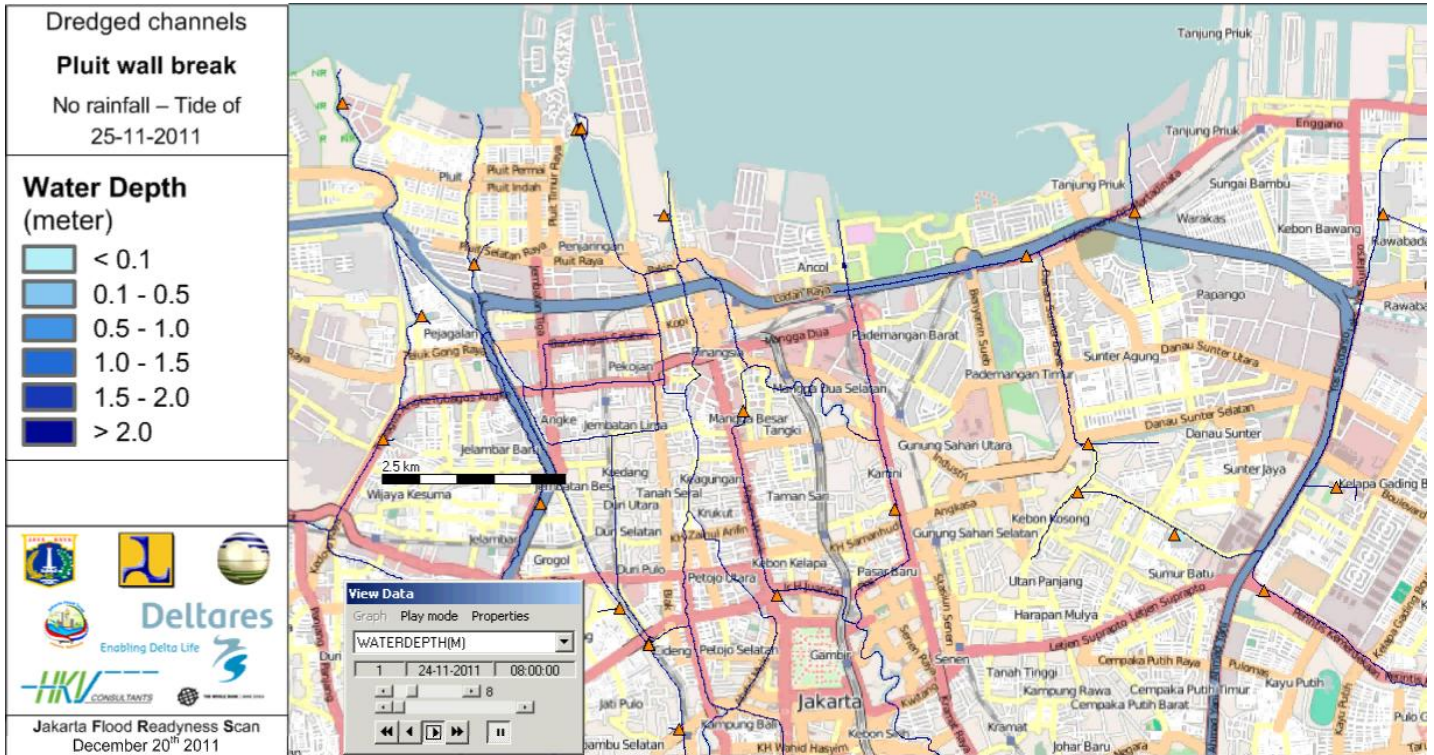
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# Pluit wall break

## November 25, 2011

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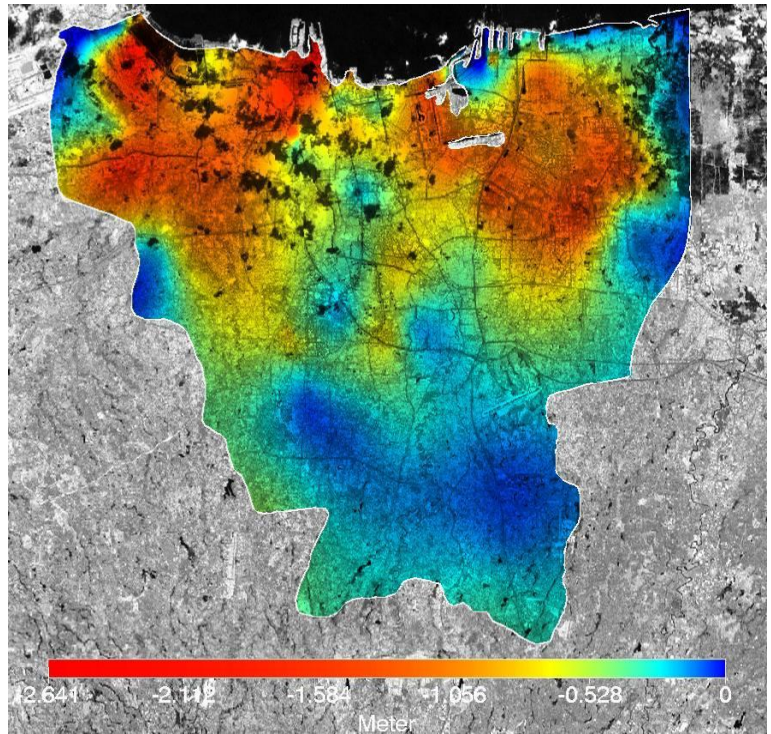


Future subsidence

# FUTURE LAND SUBSIDENCE JAKARTA

When deep groundwater abstraction continues at current rate, Jakarta will sink **5-6** meters till 2100

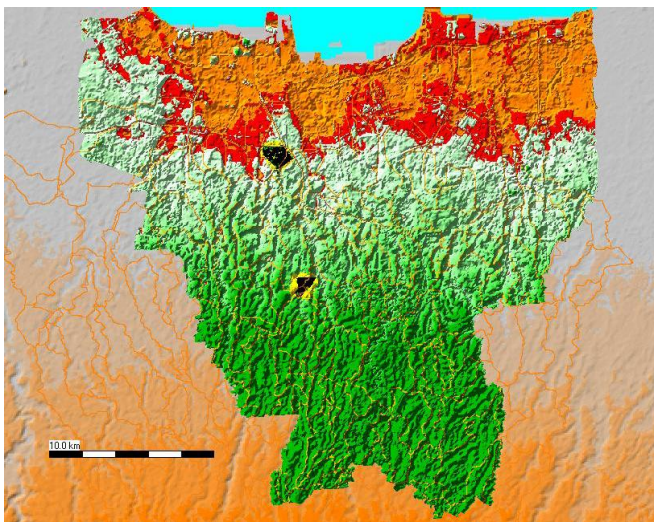
When deep groundwater is stopped in 2020, Jakarta sinking can be limited to **1.5 - 2** meters



**PERIOD 2010-2030**

Protection against floods from the sea

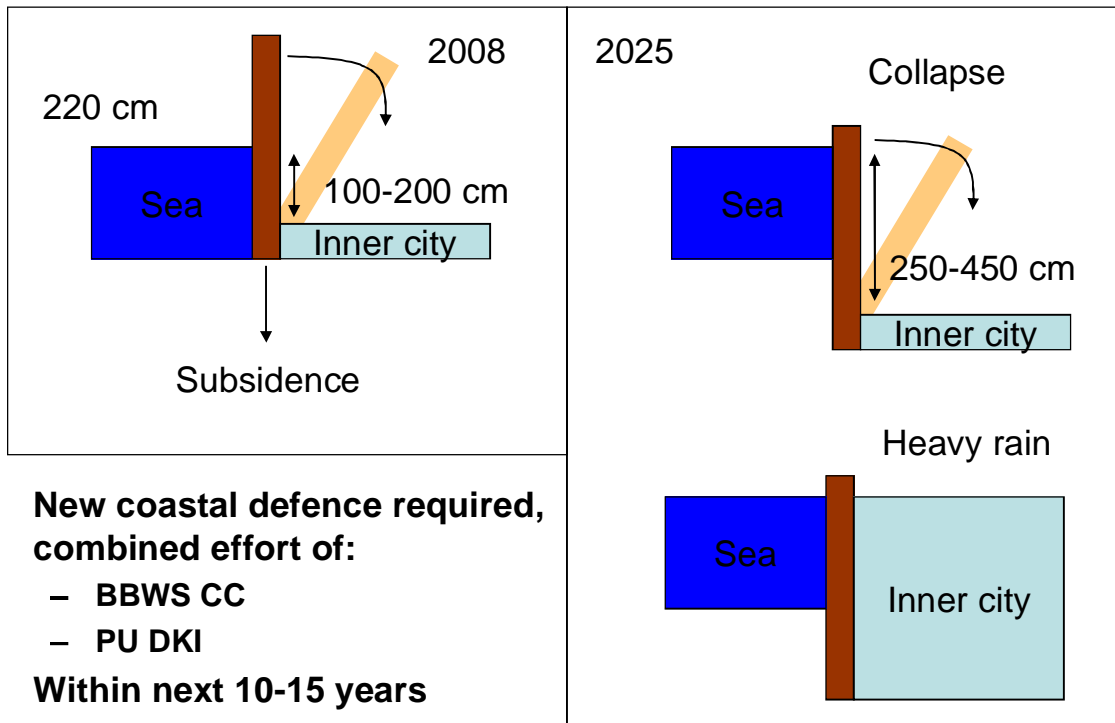
“Large scale intervention required for a resilient Jakarta”



| Pluit              | 1989-2007  | 2007-2025  | Total      |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sea level rise     | 4-6 cm     | 4-6cm      | 8-12 cm    |
| Minimum Subsidence | 100-200 cm | 100-200 cm | 200-400 cm |

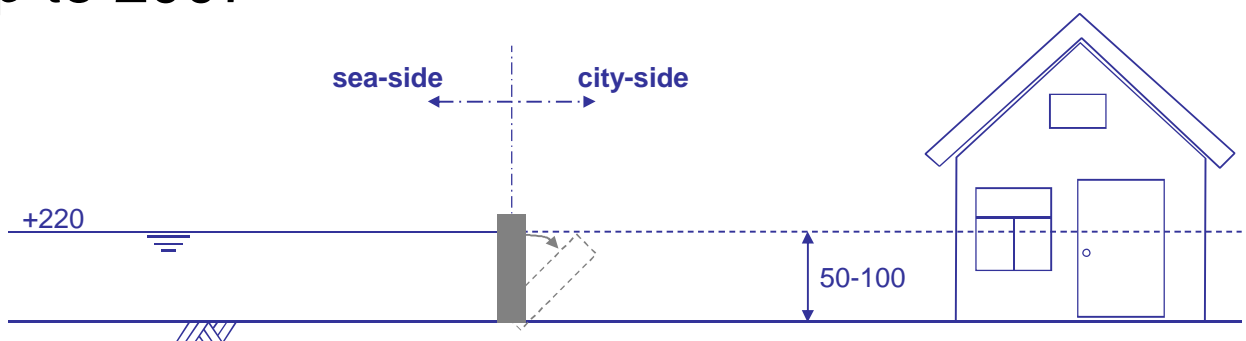
# Jakarta

## Flood from the sea, very critical.



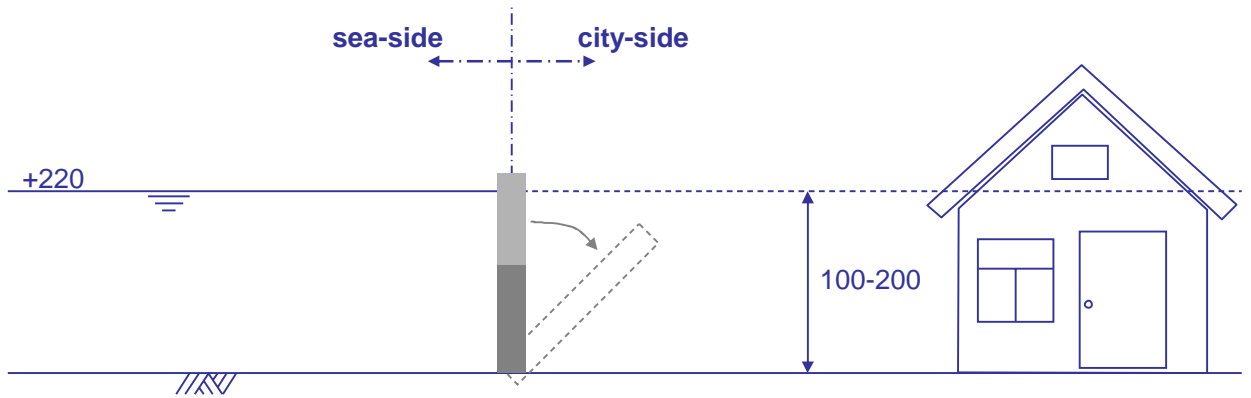
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### Up to 2007



# Continue urgent measures

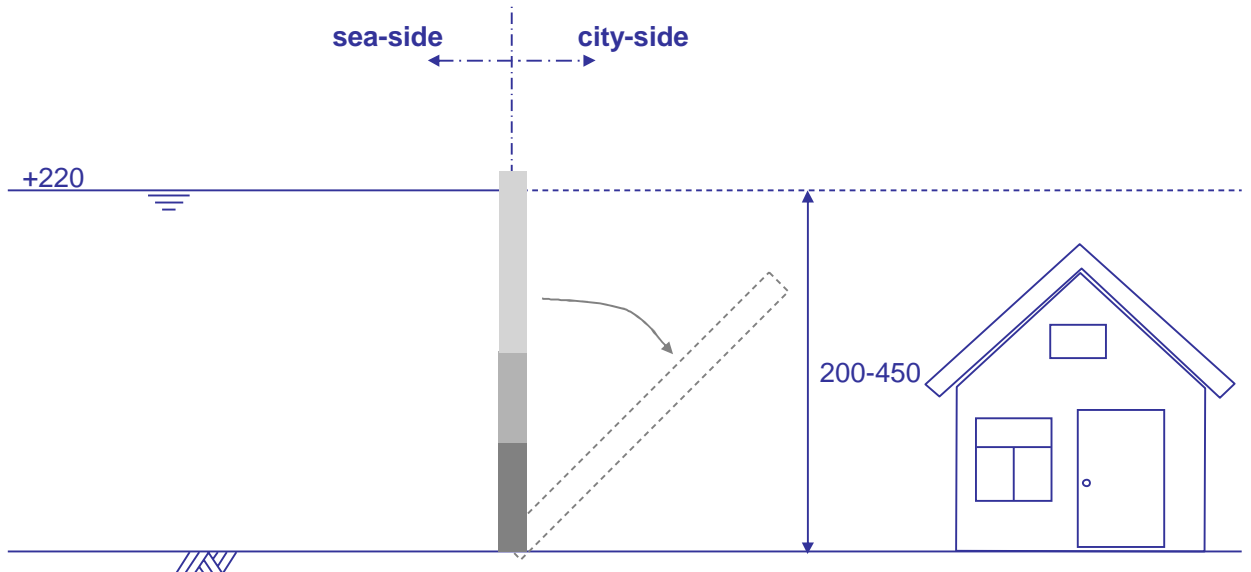
Urgent measures, 2008-2010



*levels and distances in cm*

# Continue urgent measures

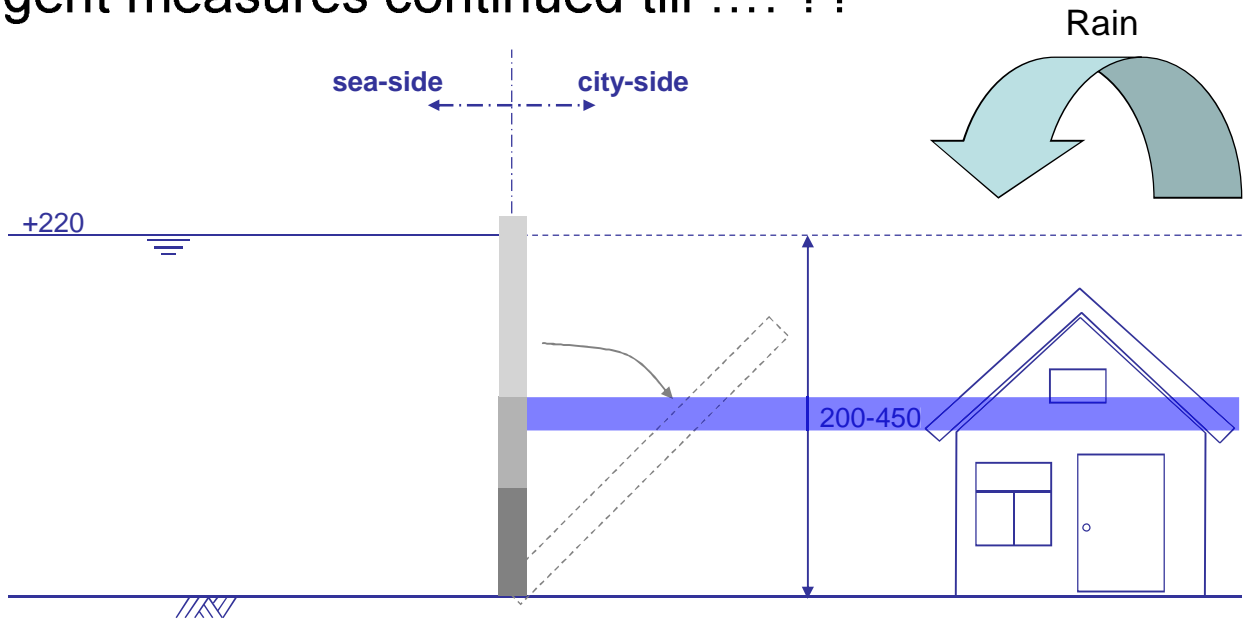
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## JCDS Strategic Direction

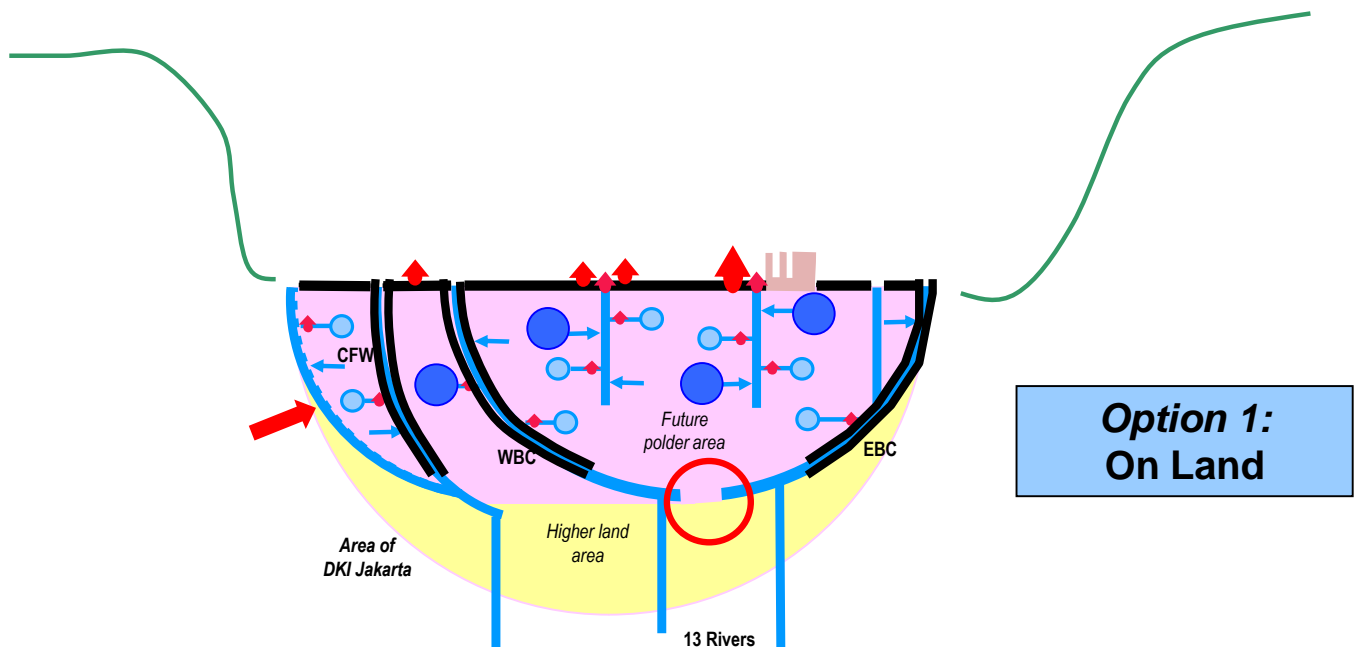
# Strategic direction

- **Effectiveness** of flood control based on phased implementation of Coastal Defense Infrastructure
- **Sustainability** based on Additional Measures to stop land subsidence and control water quality
- **Feasibility** based on Investment Opportunities for private sector

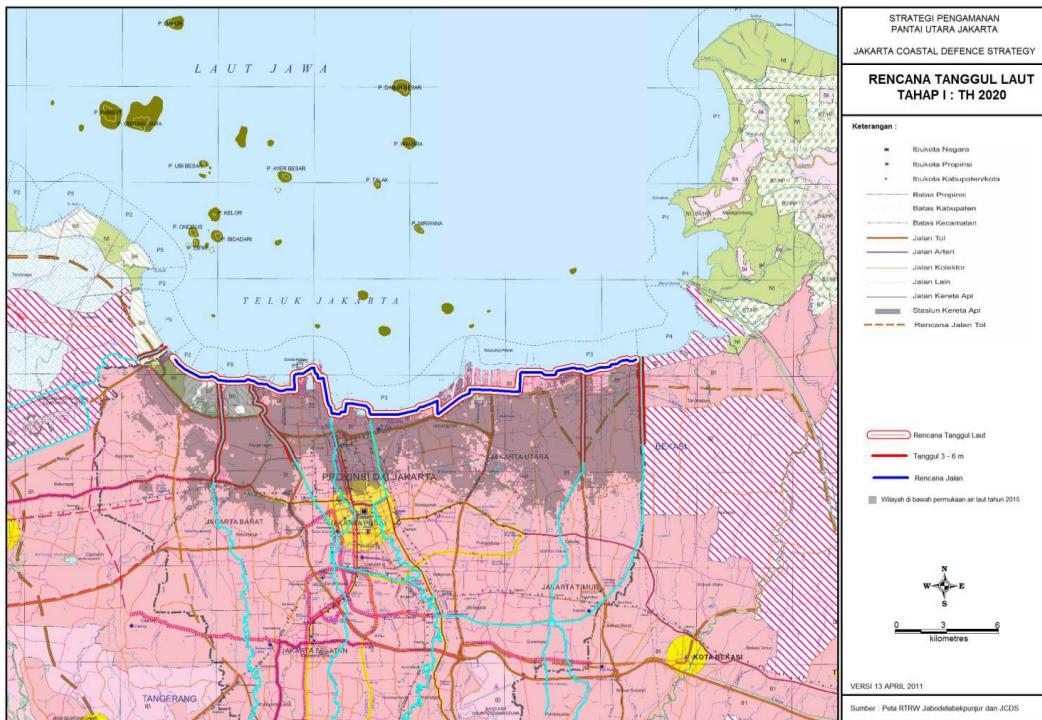


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## Jakarta Coastal Defense Strategy



# Stage 1 (until 2020)

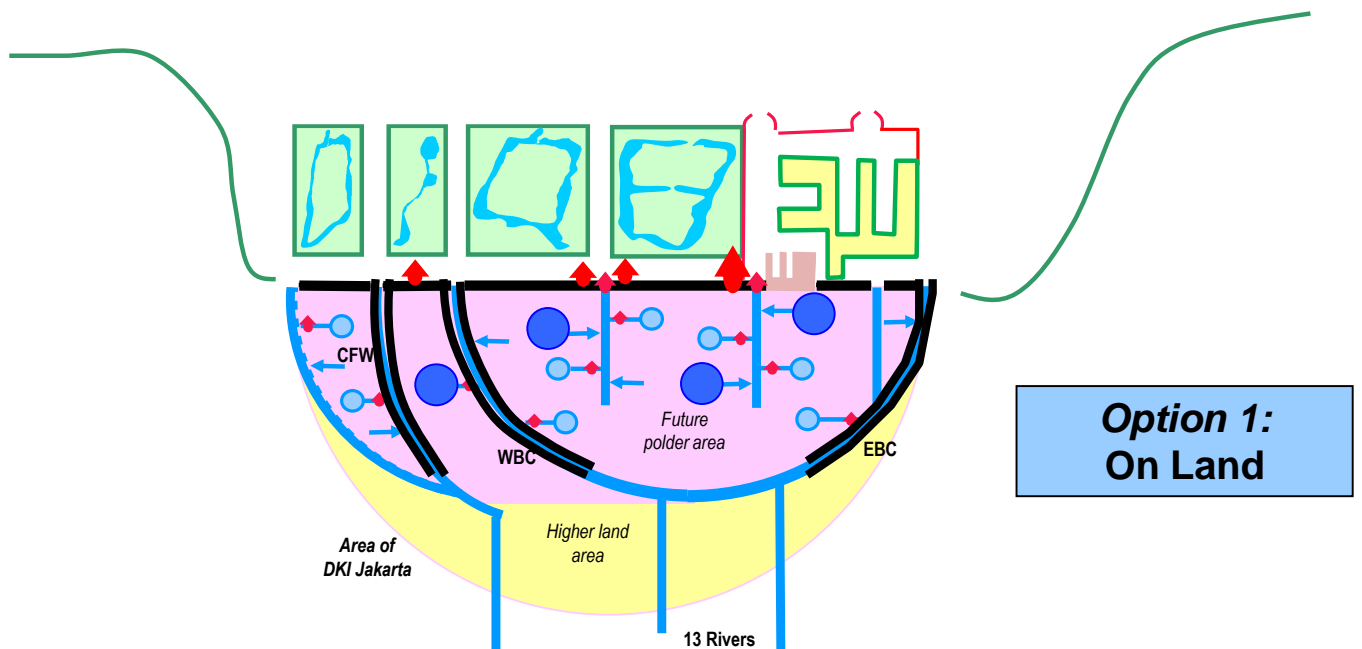


**Sea and River Dikes**

**Retention Ponds**

**Pumping Stations**

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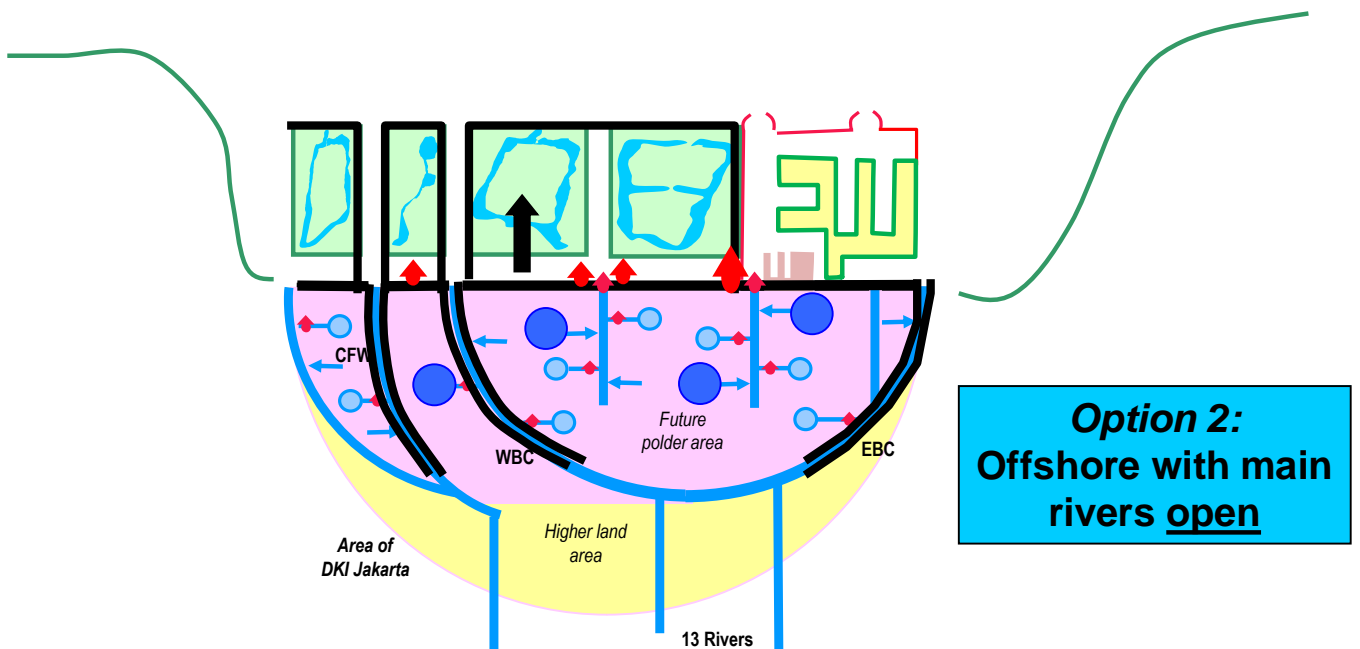




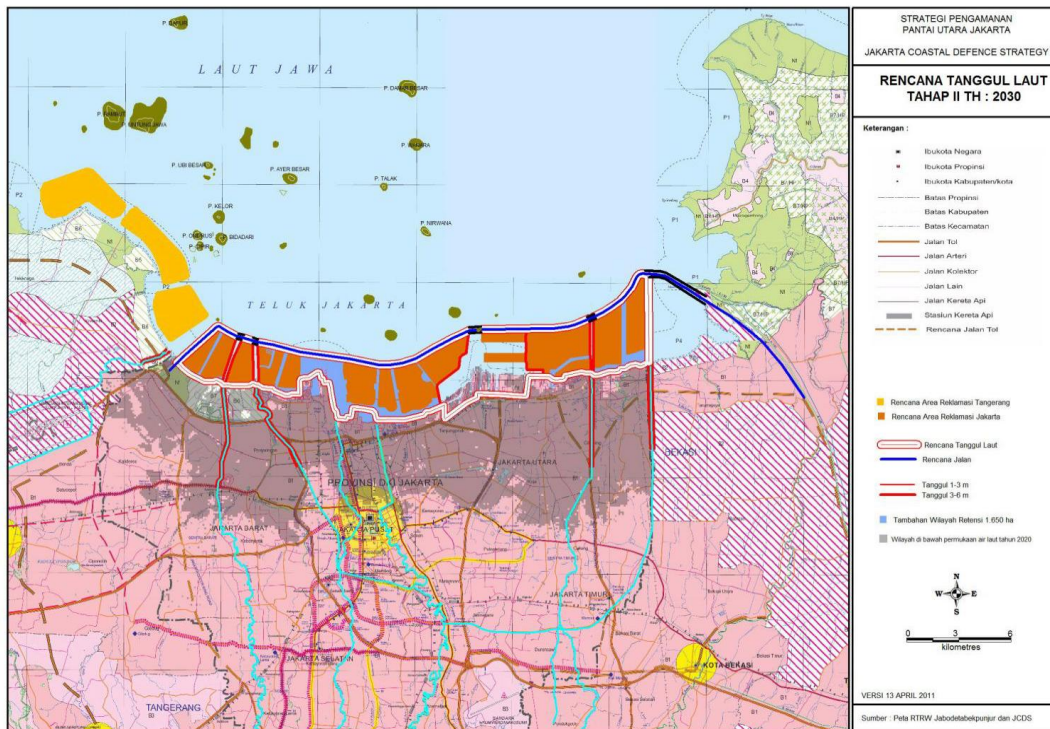
# Option 2

With land reclamation  
Offshore with main floodways  
open

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# Stage 2 (Until 2030)



Sea and River Dikes

Retention Ponds

Pumping Stations

## Option 3

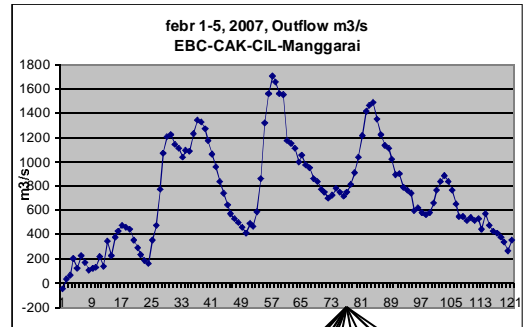
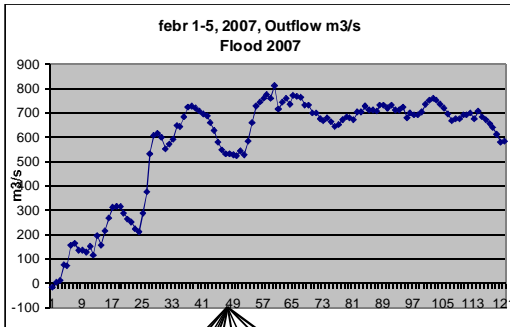
When Jakarta keeps sinking

Offshore with main floodways closed

# The flood characteristics of 2007

Pump capacity 200 and 500 m<sup>3</sup>/s

Pump storage area 100 and 50 km<sup>2</sup>



Flood volume

Outflow

249,312,490 m<sup>3</sup>

321,440,052 m<sup>3</sup>



|                        |        |        |                            |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| Inflow                 | 01-Feb | 05-Feb | 321,440,052 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Storage area           | 30,000 | 3,300  | 99,000,000 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Increase               |        |        | 3.25 m                     |
| pump m <sup>3</sup> /s | 5      | 200    | 86,400,000 m <sup>3</sup>  |
| Inflow - pumping       |        |        | 235,040,052 m <sup>3</sup> |
| m increase             |        |        | 2.37 m                     |

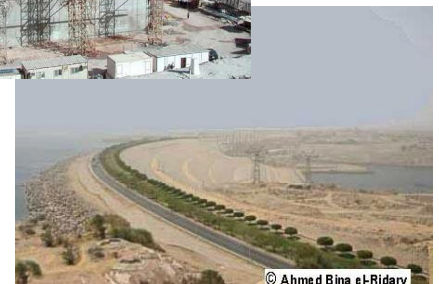
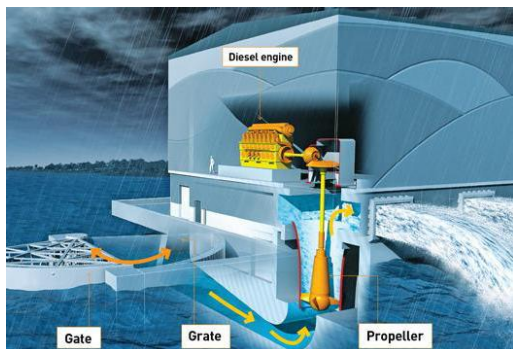


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|------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| Inflow                 | 01-Feb | 05-Feb | 321,440,052 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Storage area           | 30,000 | 1,600  | 48,000,000 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Increase               |        |        | 6.70 m                     |
| pump m <sup>3</sup> /s | 5      | 500    | 216,000,000 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Inflow - pumping       |        |        | 105,440,052 m <sup>3</sup> |
| m increase             |        |        | 2.20 m                     |

Still many areas flooded

## Largest pumping stations in the world

- 330 m<sup>3</sup>/s: Toshka Project - Mubarak Pumping Station, Egypt
- 570 m<sup>3</sup>/s New Orleans

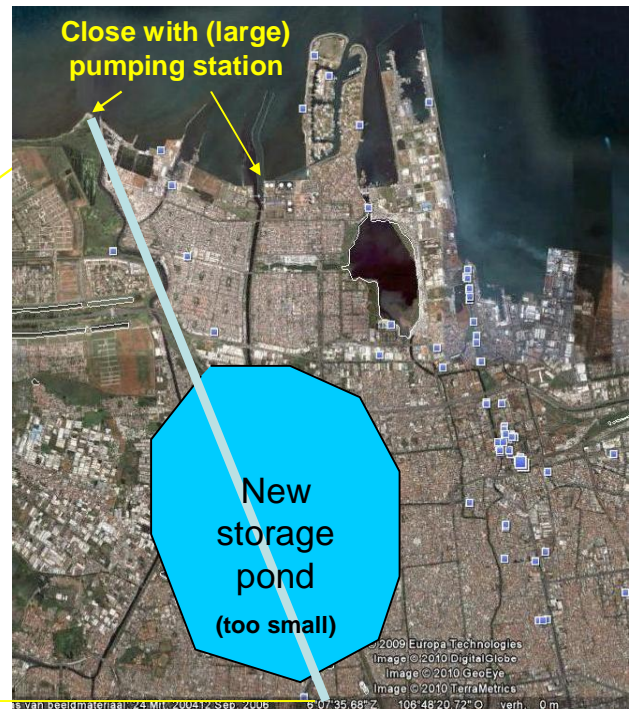
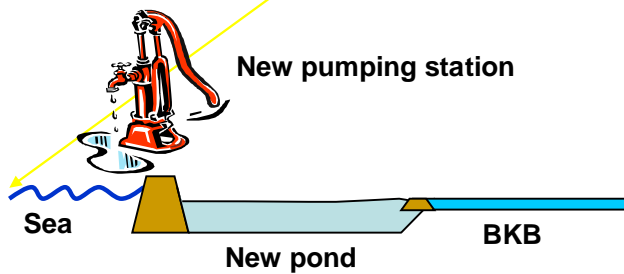


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# On-land – closed channel

## Required:

- Whole North Jakarta good polders with strong dikes
- Close open channels with pumping stations
- Create pumping storage ponds
- Large construction in the city



# Off-Land direction



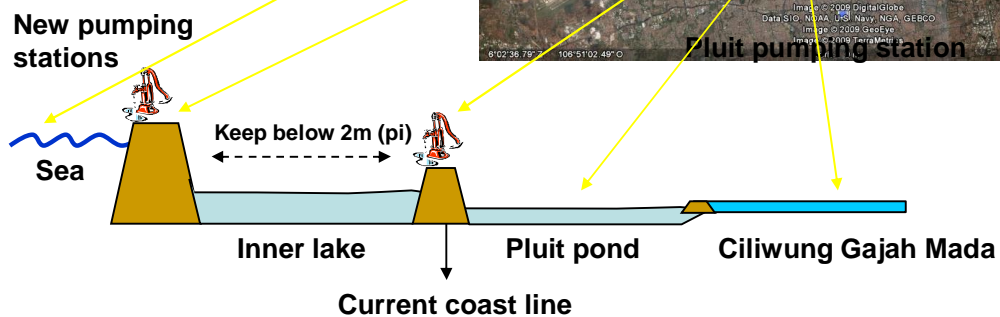
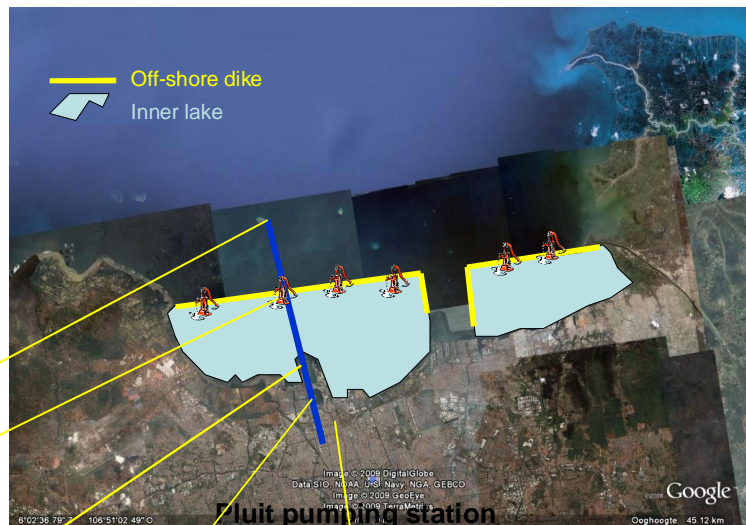
e.g. Petersburg, Venice, New Orleans, The Netherlands

# Off-land direction, pumping stations

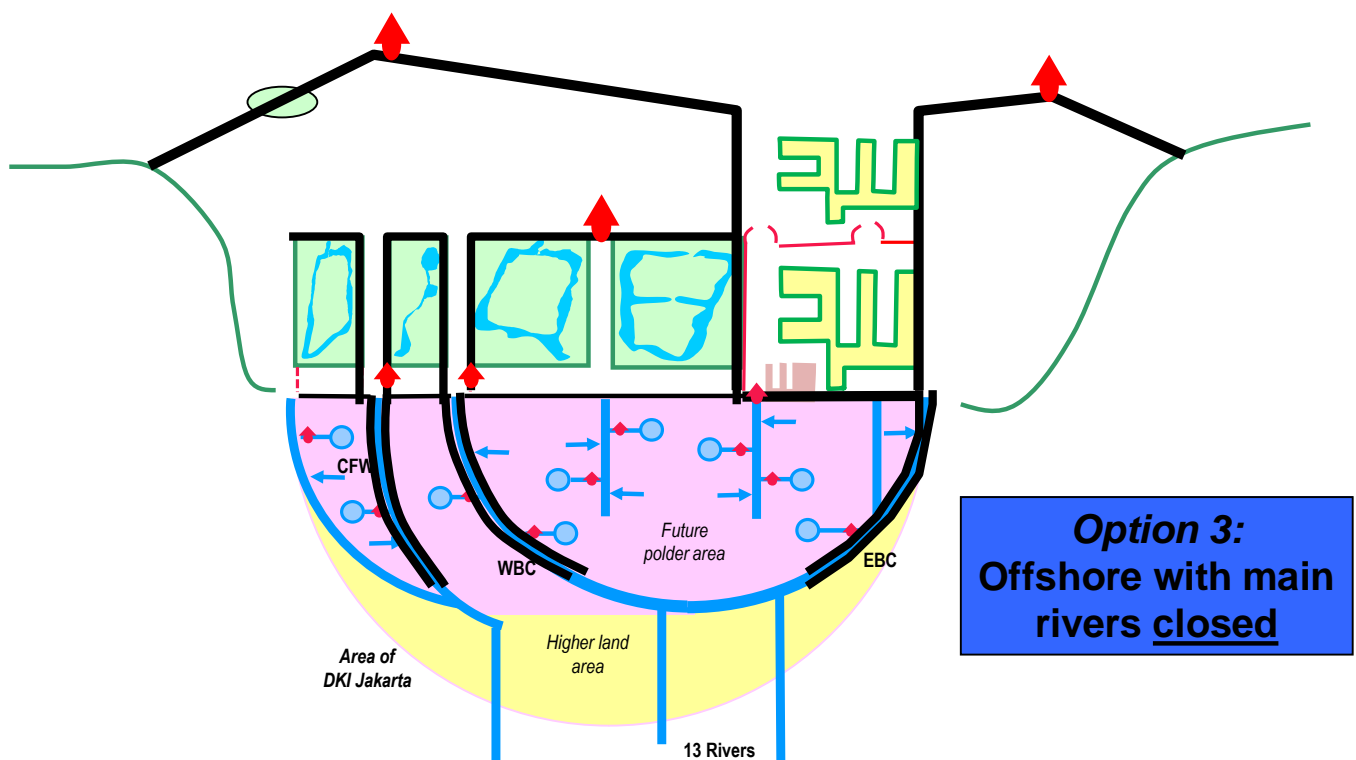
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## Required:

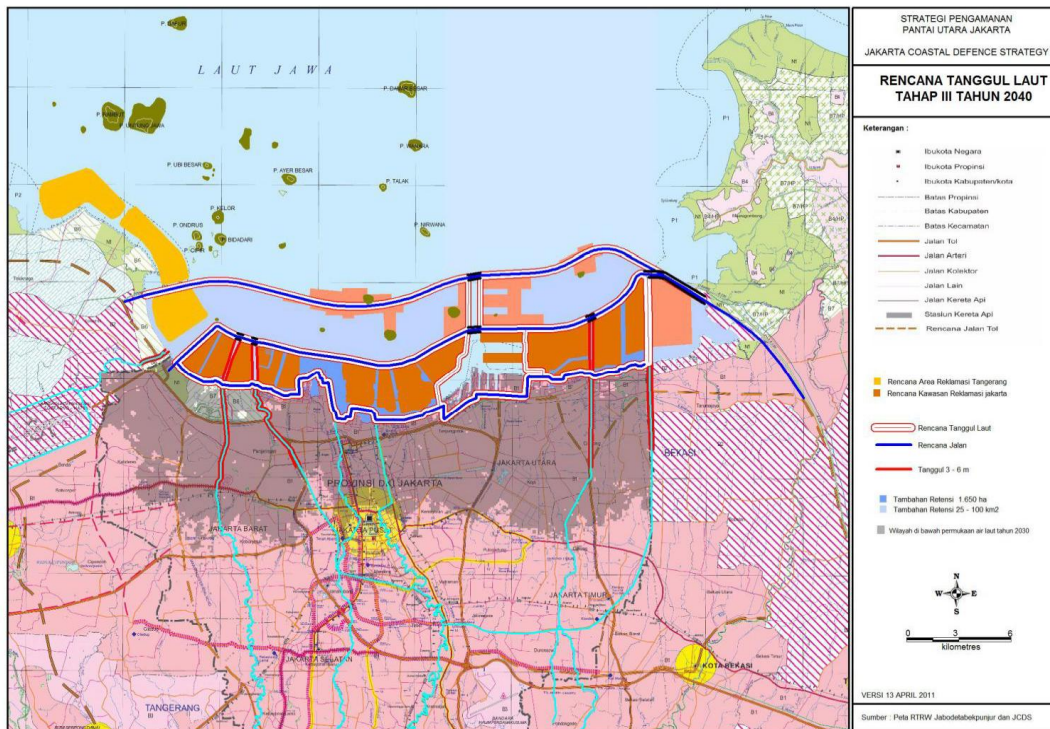
- Off-shore dike to create inner lake
- No heightening of pumping stations
- Smaller pumping stations along dike



# Jakarta Coastal Development Strategy



# Stage 3 (beyond 2030)



- Sea and River Dikes
- Retention Ponds
- Pumping Stations

## How can land subsidence be stopped?

- Land subsidence can only be stopped, if deep ground water extraction is replaced by piped **Water Supply**

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | <b>Water Supply</b> |
| Retention Ponds     |                     |
| Pumping Stations    |                     |

## How can we improve the water quality in the retention basin?

- Improve water quality of rivers that discharge into retention basin
- Improve household and industrial waste collection and disposal, and conduct awareness campaigns among communities on river banks
- Develop flushing scheme and dry 'weather flow' cleaning

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures       |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | Water Supply              |
| Retention Ponds     | <b>Sewerage and Waste</b> |
| Pumping Stations    |                           |

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## How can we prevent that resettlement becomes a social and political obstacle?

- Minimize need for land acquisition and resettlement, and provide fair compensation
- Allocate 300 hectares, or 10% of the land reclamation area of 3'000 hectares for resettlement of 60'000 people
- Develop alternative locations along new sea dikes for fishing ports, ship repair, coastal recreation

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | Water Supply        |
| Retention Ponds     | Sewerage and Waste  |
| Pumping Stations    | <b>Resettlement</b> |

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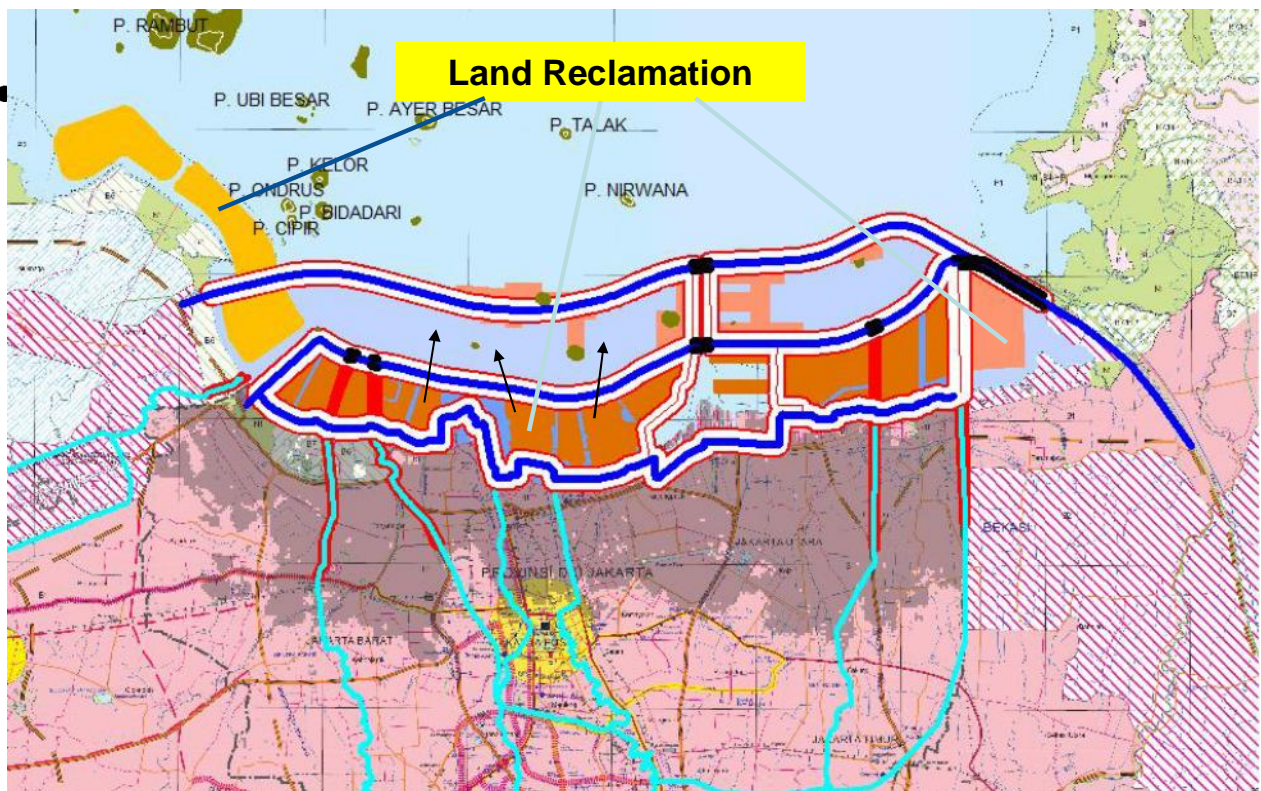
# What are investment opportunities between the dikes?

- Land reclamation of 3'000 ha between dike on existing coast line and dike at -8 m depth and dike at -14 m
- Water recreation, water transport, fish-farming, fresh water storage, etc. in retention basin

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures | Investment Opportunities |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | Water Supply        | <b>Land Reclamation</b>  |
| Retention Ponds     | Sewerage and Waste  |                          |
| Pumping Stations    | Resettle-ment       |                          |

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## Land Reclamation



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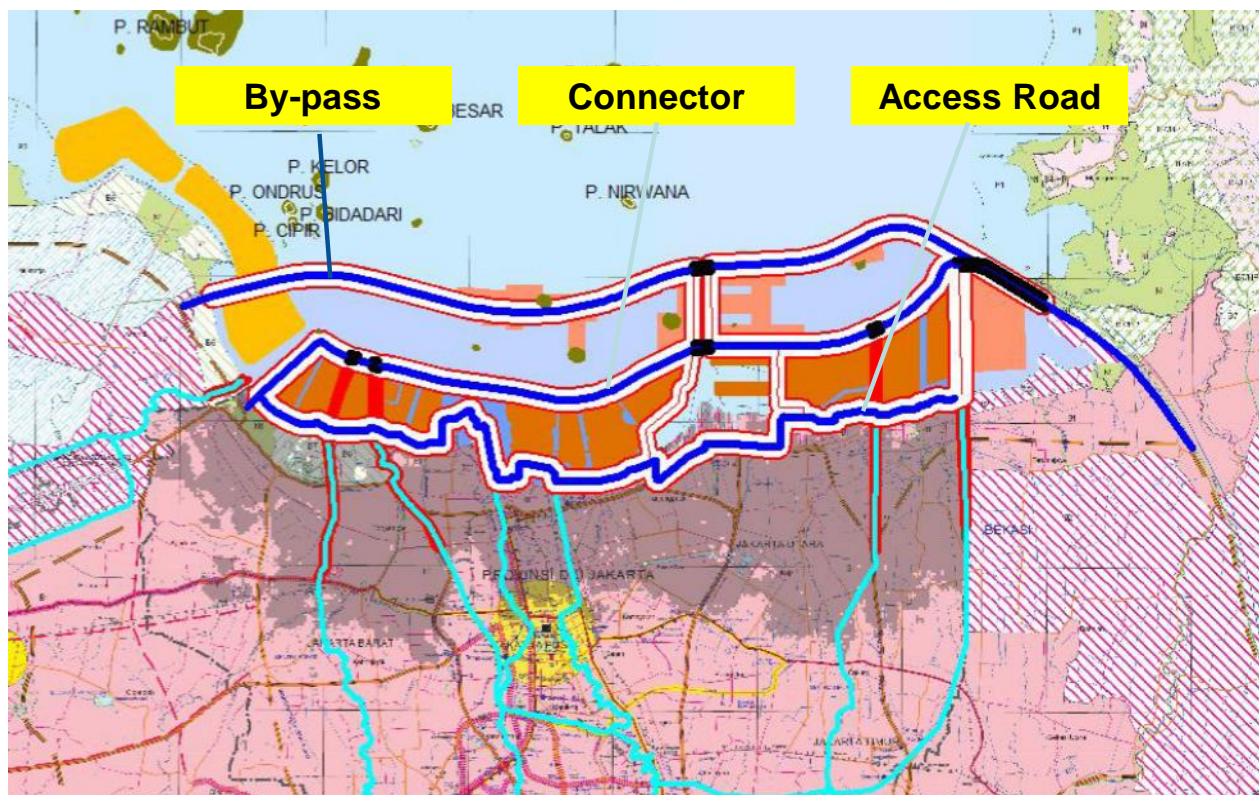
# What are investment opportunities on top of dikes?

- **Access road on top of dike along existing coast line**
- **Toll road and double railway track on top of dike along land reclamation as connection between airport, seaport, industrial zones**
- **Toll road on top of sea dike at 6 km from existing coast line as by-pass that is part of the national Merak-Surabaya toll road**

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures | Investment Opportunities |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | Water Supply        | Land Reclamation         |
| Retention Ponds     | Sewerage and Waste  | <b>Toll Roads</b>        |
| Pumping Stations    | Resettlement        |                          |

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## Roads and railway tracks



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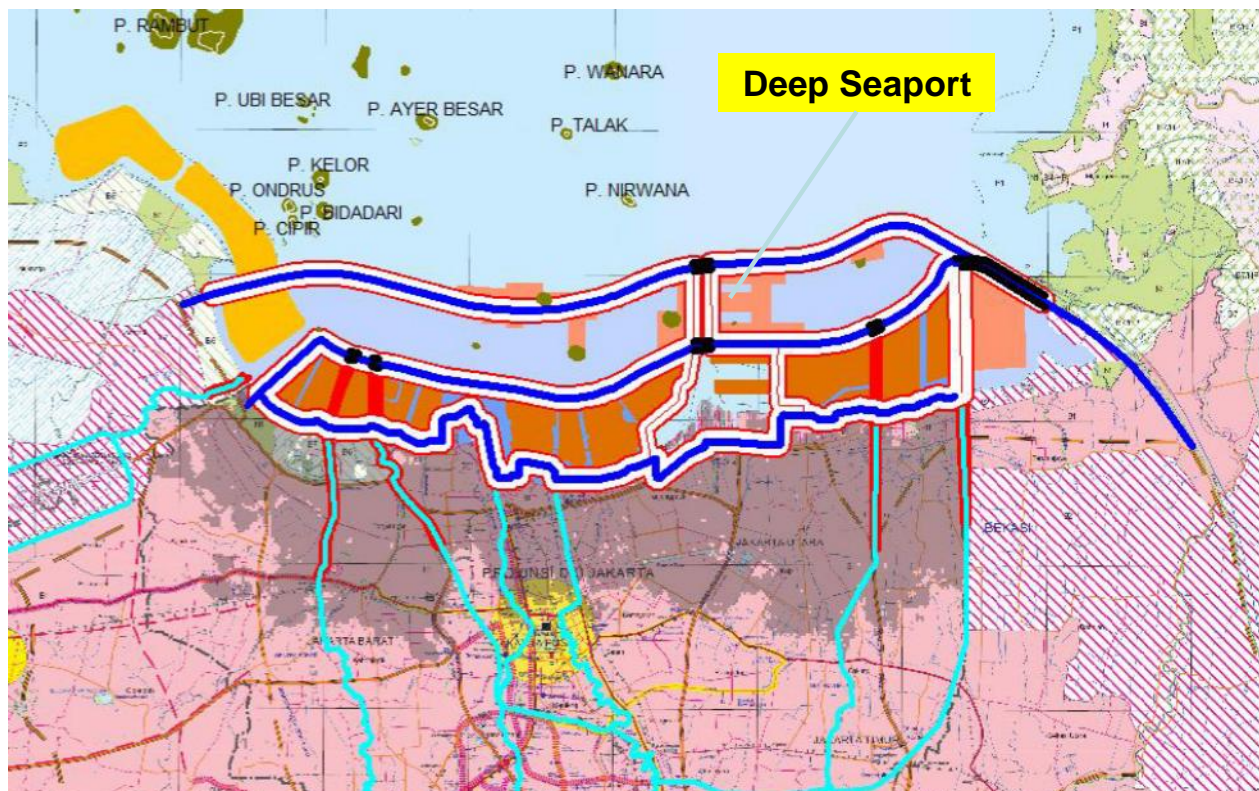
# What are investment opportunities outside dikes?

- **Deep seaport between outer sea dike at -14 m depth and sea dike along land reclamation at -8 m depth.**

| Coastal Defense     | Additional Measures | Investment Opportunities |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes | Water Supply        | Land Reclamation         |
| Retention Ponds     | Sewerage and Waste  | Toll Roads               |
| Pumping Stations    | Resettlement        | <b>Deep Seaport</b>      |

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## Deep Seaport



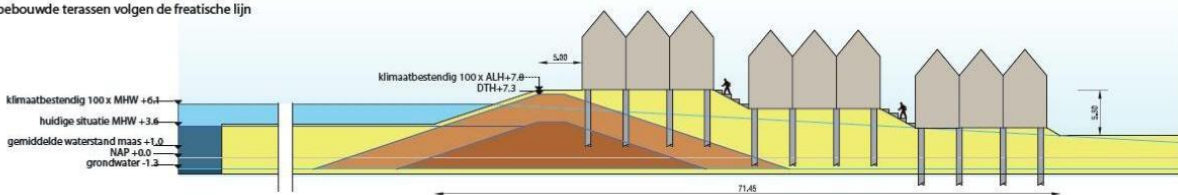
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# To new concepts Combine safety and development 'The liveable dike'



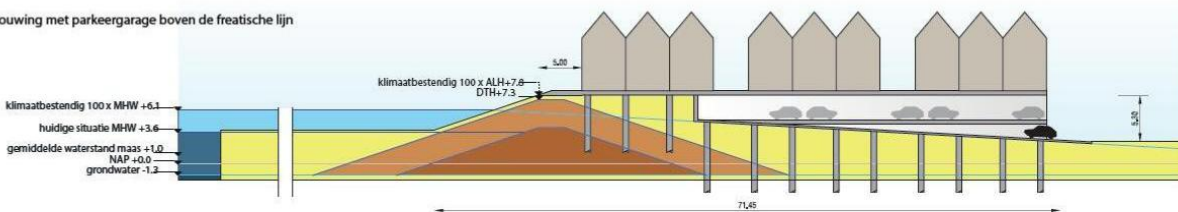
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bebouwde terrassen volgen de freatische lijn



HET VERHOOGDE MAAVELD: PARKEREN OP DE KLIMAATDIJK, WONEN EN WERKEN ERBOVEN

bebouwing met parkeergarage boven de freatische lijn



With all stakeholders

With the  
private sector



PPP

# Why is Integrated Strategic Solution attractive for Public-Private Partnership?

- Coastal Defense infrastructure and Additional Measures are not profitable (-) and depend on public funding. Business Investment Opportunities are profitable (+) and depend on private funding.
- Based on an overall Cost-Benefit Analysis, each investment in itself is not financially feasible, but combined into an integrated strategic package the overall investment becomes feasible.
- Moreover, the integrated strategic solution will not only protect North Jakarta against flooding, but also solve its drinking water shortage, river water pollution and notorious traffic jams.
- Protection against flooding, combined with reclamation of land, provision of infrastructure, and environmental improvements, are expected to turn North Jakarta into an attractive place to live, work and invest.

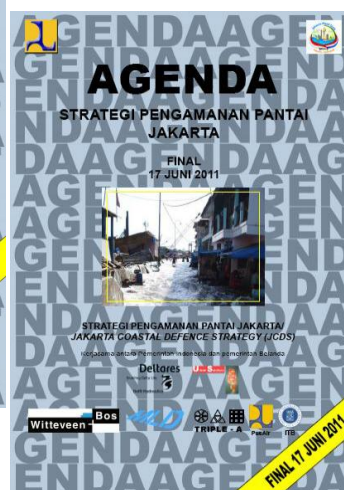
| Coastal Defense          | Additional Measures     | Investment Opportunities |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sea and River Dikes<br>- | Water Supply<br>-       | Land Reclamation<br>+++  |
| Retention Ponds<br>-     | Sewerage and Waste<br>- | Toll Roads<br>++         |
| Pumping Stations<br>-    | Resettlement<br>-       | Deep Seaport<br>++       |
| Public funding           | Public funding          | Private funding          |

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## JCDS – Outputs & guidelines



Facts and trends



Solution and strategy



Institutional setting

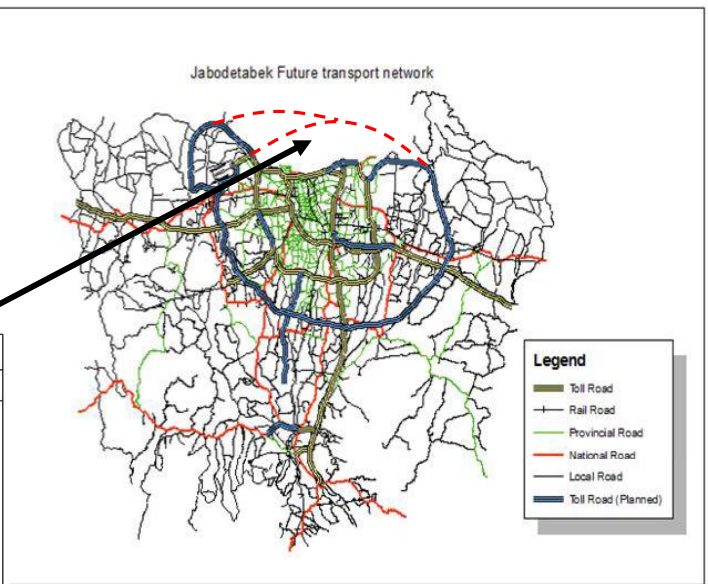
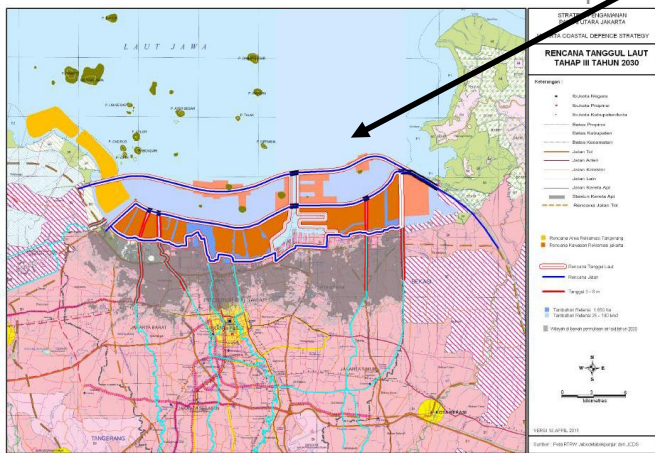
The leadership  
The ownership  
The PPP players

The way forward

Atlas, Agenda, Aturan Main,  
The integrated guidelines and reference of the JCDS process for the rethinking and synchronisation of all (sector) plans.  
2011 – 2014 ----- 2014 – 2030

# Synchronisation Sector Plans: Transportation Master Plan (JUTPI)

- Planned road system till 2030
- Requires integration and synchronisation

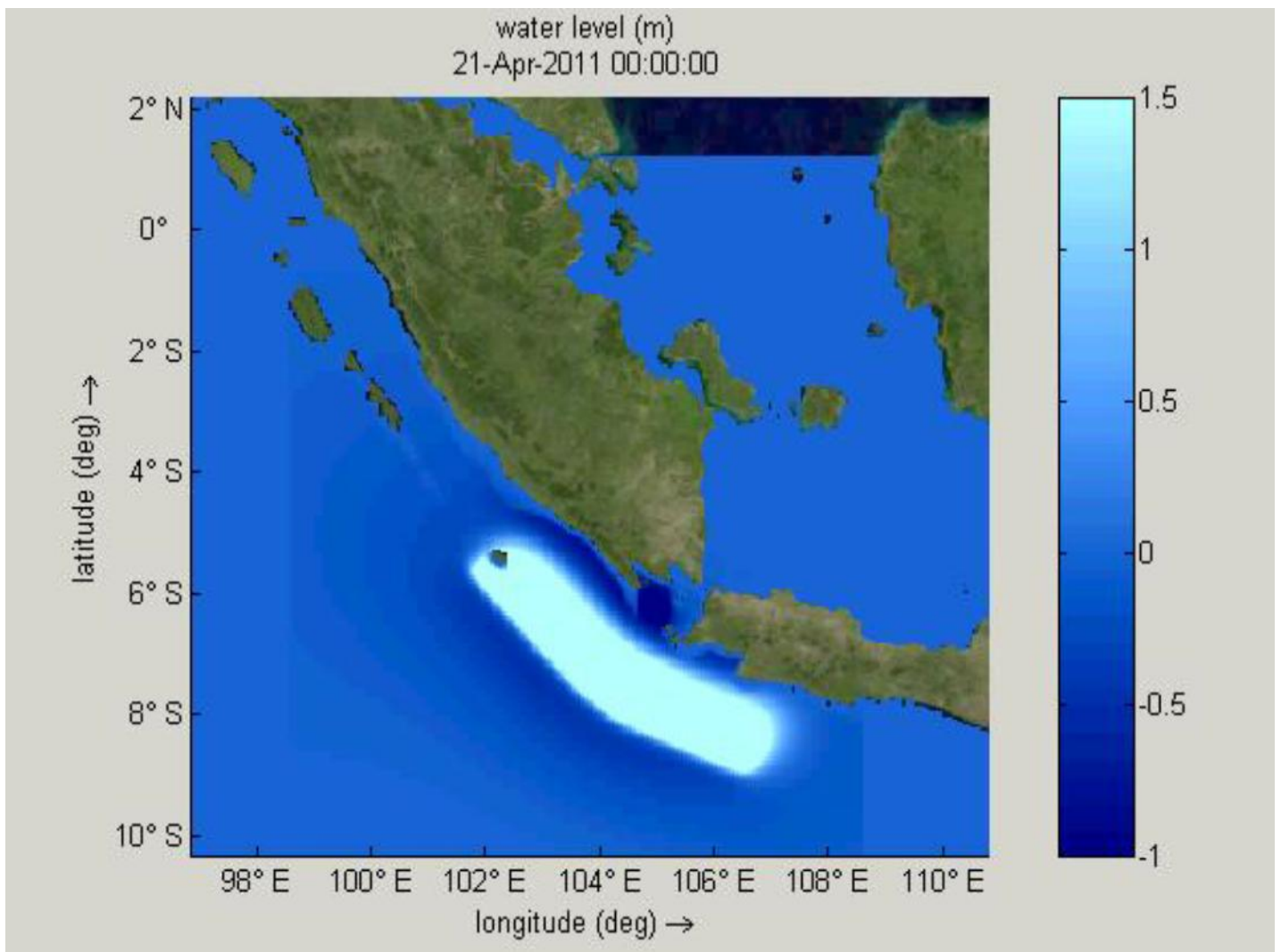


- How to synchronize
- MPA relation?



And even more to go...

Tsunami protection?



water level (m)  
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# International perspective: peatland subsidence, water management and research in the Netherlands

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Current situation:

- How much subsidence occurs?
- Which problems occur due to peat oxidation and soil subsidence?

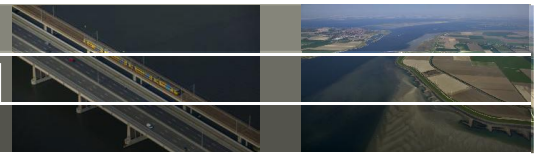
### PART THREE:

Which [measures](#) can be taken to reduce peat oxidation and soil subsidence?

*The above will be illustrated with examples mainly from the Netherlands.*



# Subsidence is widely debated



## LETTERS

### Mississippi Delta subsidence primarily caused by compaction of Holocene strata

TORBJÖRN E. TÖRNQVIST<sup>1\*</sup>, DAVIN J. WALLACE<sup>1†</sup>, JOEP E. A. STORMS<sup>2†</sup>, JAKOB WALLINGA<sup>2‡</sup>, REMKE L. VAN DAM<sup>2†</sup>, MARTIJN BLAAUW<sup>2†</sup>, MAYKE S. DERKSEN<sup>2‡</sup>, CORNELIS J. W. KLERKS<sup>2\*</sup>, CAMIEL MEIJNEKEN<sup>2\*\*</sup> AND ELS M. A. SNIJDERS<sup>2††</sup>

## NEWS & VIEWS

### GEOMORPHOLOGY

## Survive or subside?

Deltas are among the most valuable coastal ecosystems, but they are very dynamic and the factors that influence their health are complex. The rate of compaction of underlying sediments might be a more significant factor than was thought.

John W. Day<sup>1</sup> and Liviu Giosan<sup>2</sup>

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geoscience

PROGRESS ARTICLE

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### Sinking deltas due to human activities

James P. M. Syvitski<sup>1\*</sup>, Albert J. Kettner<sup>1</sup>, Irina Overeem<sup>1</sup>, Eric W. H. Hutton<sup>1</sup>, Mark T. Hannon<sup>1</sup>, G. Robert Brakenridge<sup>2</sup>, John Day<sup>3</sup>, Charles Vörösmarty<sup>4</sup>, Yoshiki Saito<sup>5</sup>, Liviu Giosan<sup>6</sup> and Robert J. Nicholls<sup>7</sup>

## commentary

## Dutch coasts in transition

Pavel Kabat, Louise O. Fresco, Marcel J. F. Stive, Cees P. Veerman, Jos S. L. J. van Alphen, Bart W. A. H. Parmet, Wilco Hazeleger and Caroline A. Katsman

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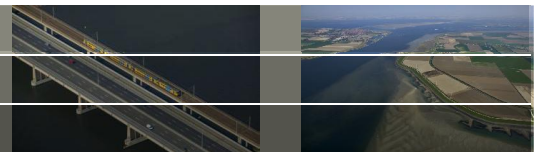
### Drowning of the Mississippi Delta due to insufficient sediment supply and global sea-level rise

Michael D. Blum<sup>1\*†</sup> and Harry H. Roberts<sup>2</sup>

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# Introduction: drowning deltas



Many deltas (and coastal plains) are now drowning as a result of (Syvitski et al., 2009):

Subsidence/compaction (due to extraction of resources)

Sediment starvation (due to upstream reservoir construction)

Global sea-level rise

The human aspects:

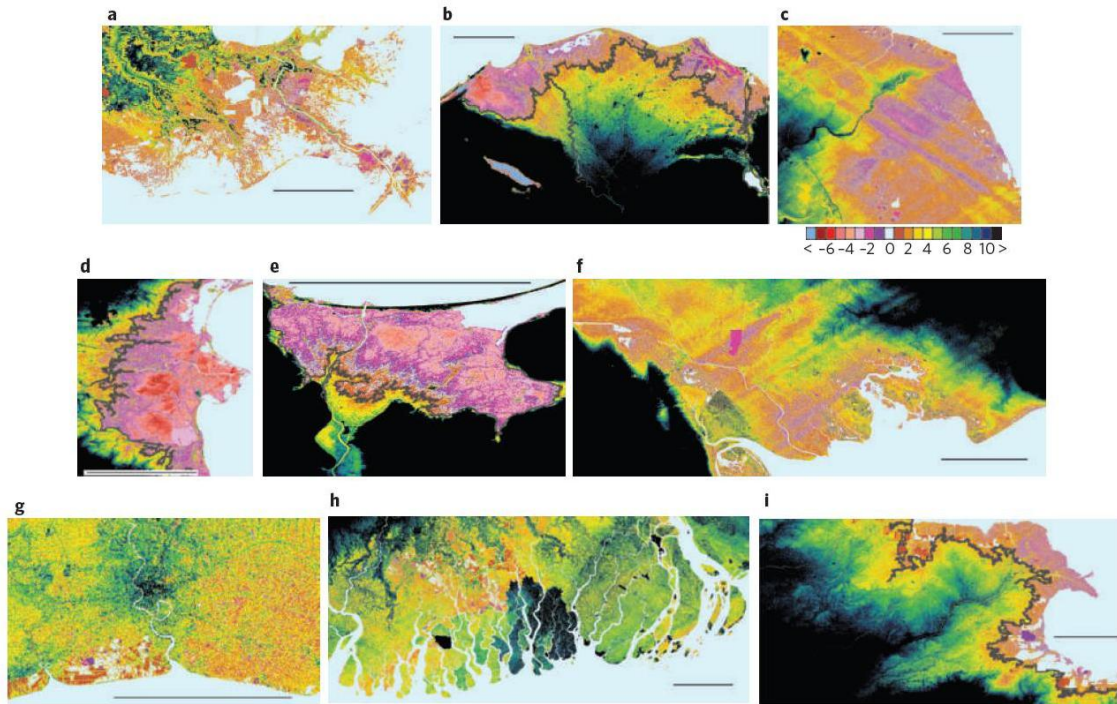
Half a billion people live on deltas and coastal plains

Human activities in the coastal zone or hinterland are the main cause for the drowning

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# Low-lying lands



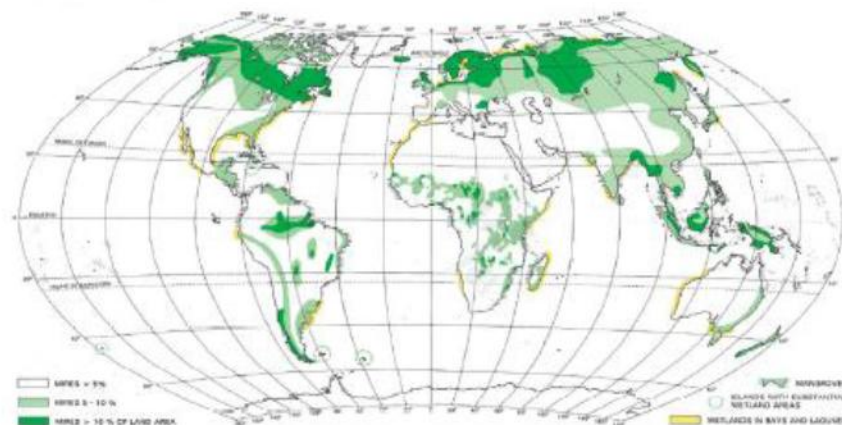
**Figure 1 | Topography of representative deltas.** SRTM altimetry is binned at 1-m vertical intervals, starting at sea level (light blue), to a height of 10 m, then black. Topography below mean sea level is in shades of pink. **a**, Mississippi, USA; **b**, Nile, Egypt; **c**, old abandoned Yellow, China; **d**, Po, Italy; **e**, Vistula, Poland; **f**, Shatt al Arab, Iraq; **g**, Chao Phraya, Thailand; **h**, Ganges-Brahmaputra, Bangladesh; and **i**, modern (since 1855) Yellow, China. Scale bar on images represents 50 km. For **b**, **d**, **e** and **i** examples, the 2-m best-fit isoline is provided as a grey line.

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# The role of peat in subsidence

A less recognised contribution comes from:  
Subsidence of peatlands after drainage to create arable land



*Figure 2.4: Extent and location of global mires and peatlands. (From Lappalainen, 1996).*

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# Introduction: drainage of peatlands

Drainage causes oxidation of peat, and results in:

- **land subsidence** *and*
- **CO<sub>2</sub>-respiration**

This is double trouble, because of:

- Local increased risk of flooding
- Global increased atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations

Quantifications of these effects are rare, and this is even more true for:

- Larger areas (regional scale)
- Longer time scales (more than a decade)

Main question:

**What are the quantitative effects of large scale and *long term* drainage of deltaic and coastal peatlands?**

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# Case study: the Dutch coastal lowlands

We use the Dutch coastal and deltaic plain as a case study because:

- The shallow subsurface is characterised by large volumes of peat
- From ca 1000 AD onwards, the Dutch actively drained these peatlands *in an organised manner* to create arable land

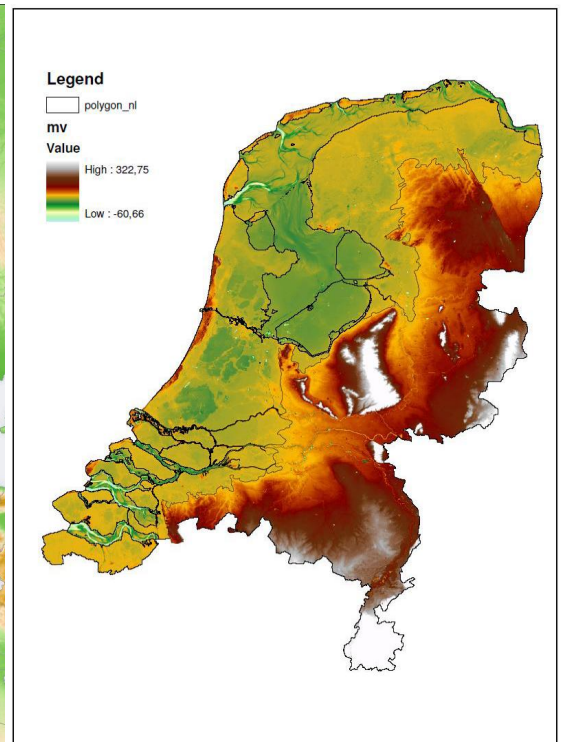
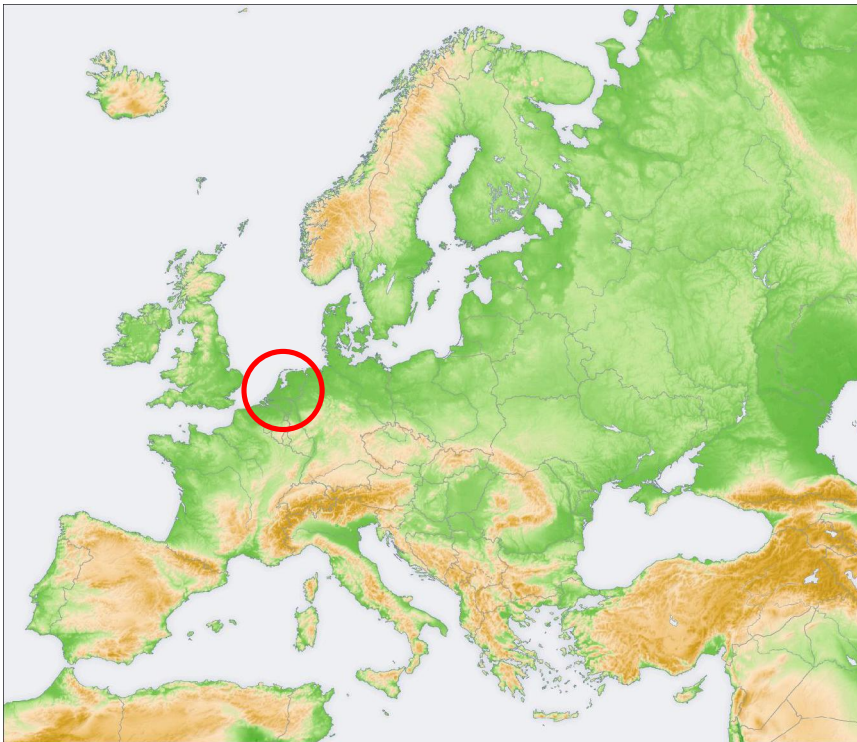
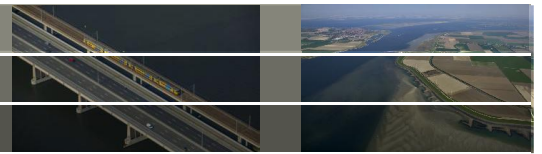
The outcomes of this research are important because it provides information on:

- i) The vulnerability of coastal and deltaic peatlands to subsidence
- ii) The contribution of drained coastal peatlands to global atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels
- iii) the potential future subsidence and CO<sub>2</sub> release from peatlands elsewhere that are under (increasing) human pressure

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# The Dutch coastal zone



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# The metamorphosis of The Netherlands



**BEFORE**



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**AFTER**



Photo: H.J.A. Berendsen



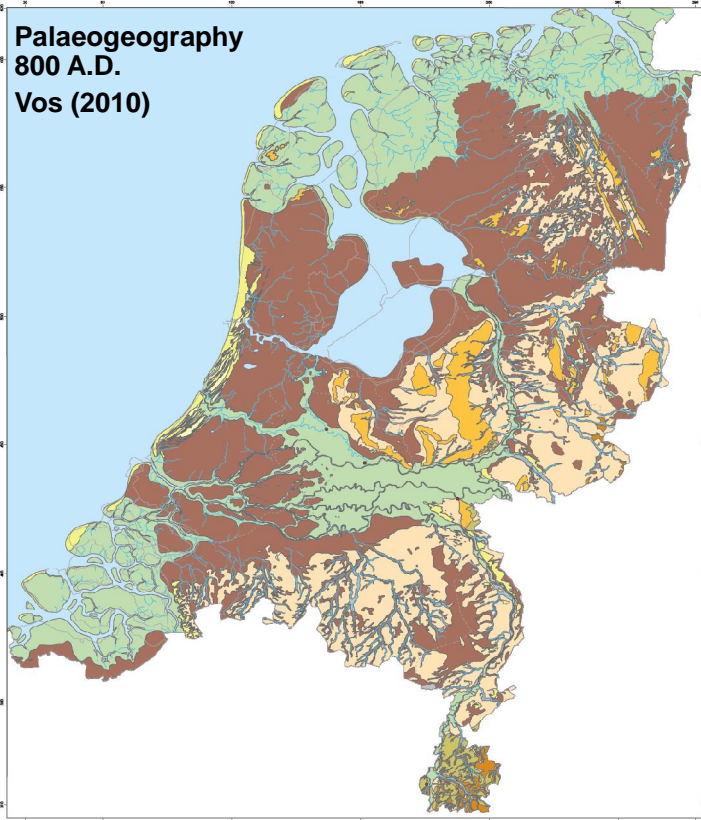
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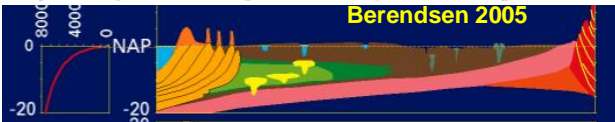
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# The peaty history of The Netherlands

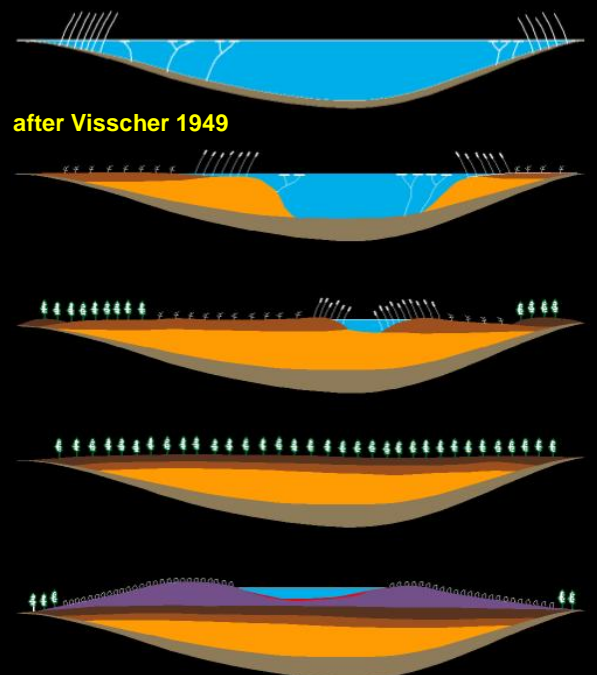
Palaeogeography  
800 A.D.  
Vos (2010)



Berendsen 2005



after Visscher 1949



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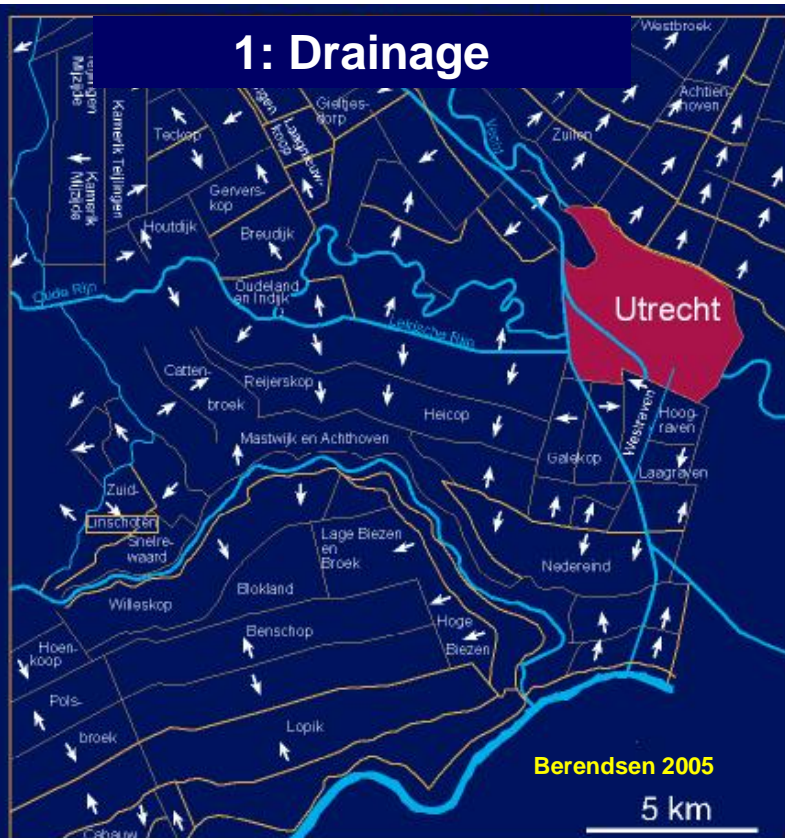
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- oligotroof
  - mosveen
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## vegetatie

- waterplanten en plankton
- riet
- zegge
- moerasbos (els en berk)
- veenmos

# The history of human impact in the Dutch peatlands

## 1: Drainage



Berendsen 2005

→ richting van ontginning      — rivieren, kanalen

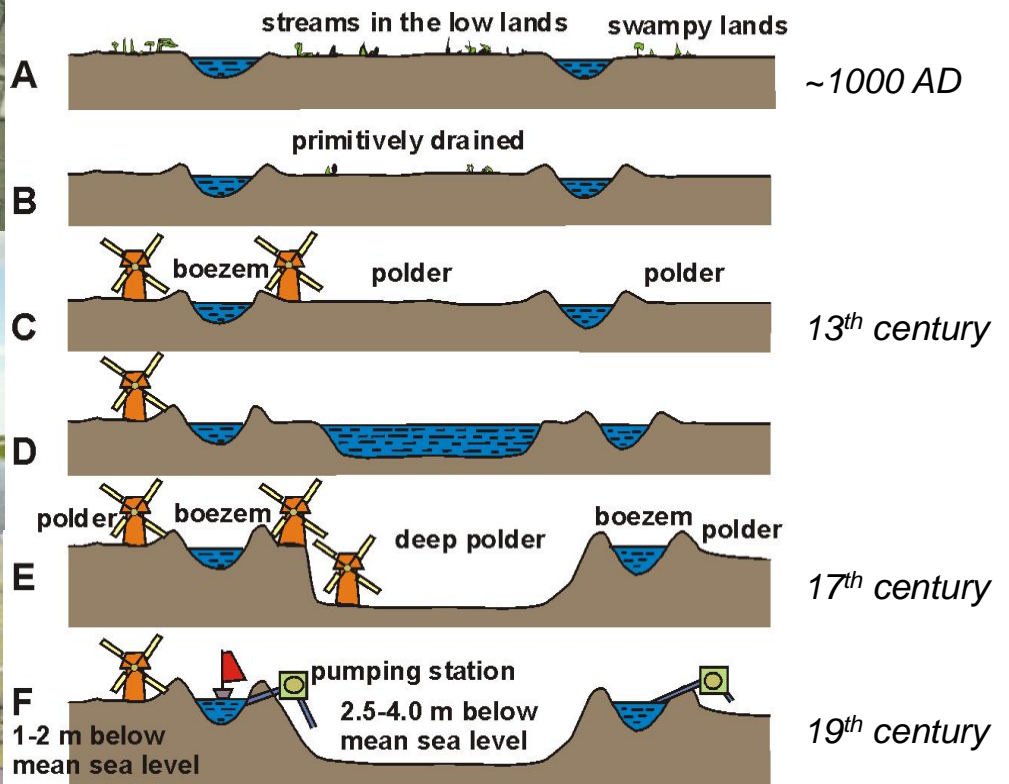
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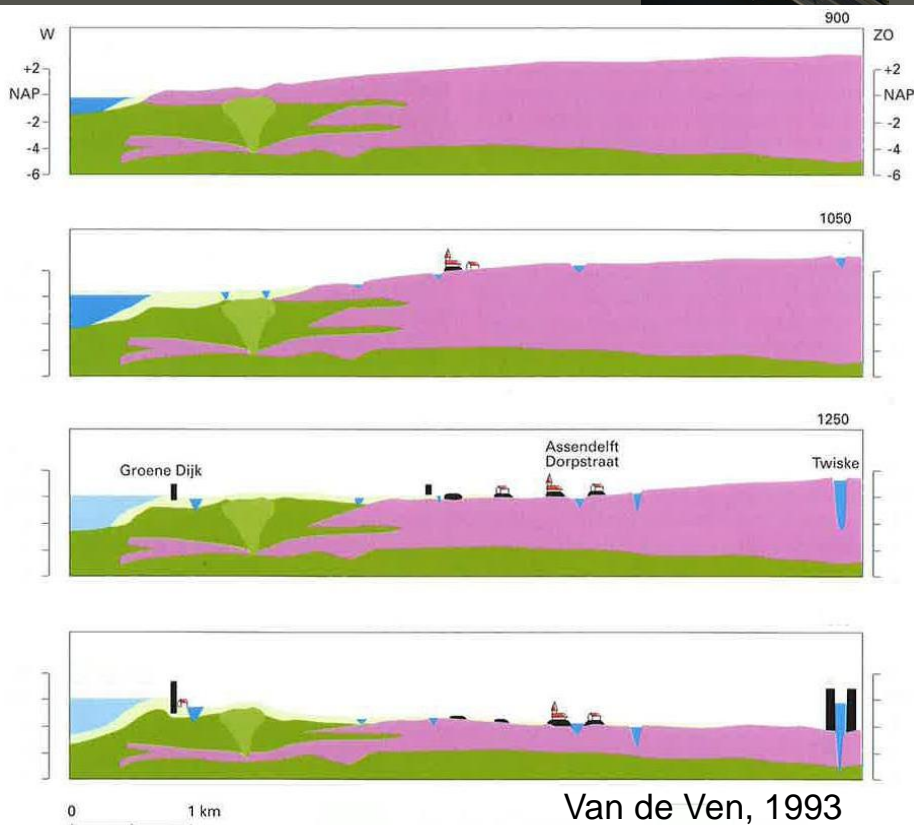
# Development of the Dutch 'Polder' Landscape



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# Land surface lowering in time

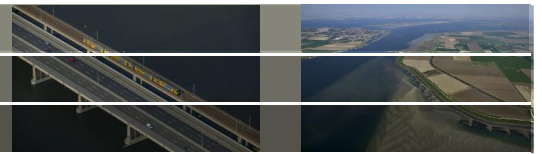


Drainage = oxidation of peat = land surface lowering

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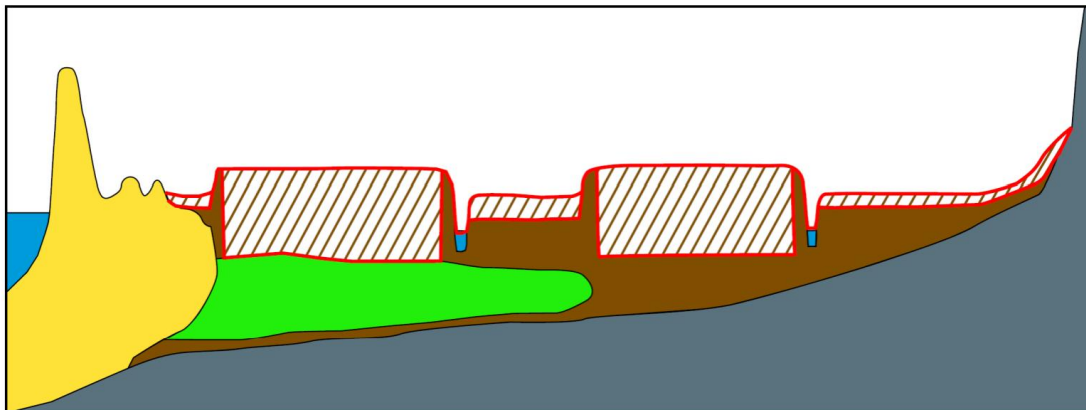
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# The lost volume calculations



The first question: How much peat was lost during 1000 years of land use?

Land use → peat oxidation → land subsidence over a certain area  
→ certain peat volume lost



## Essential information:

- i) Elevation of current land surface
- ii) Elevation of land surface 1000 years ago

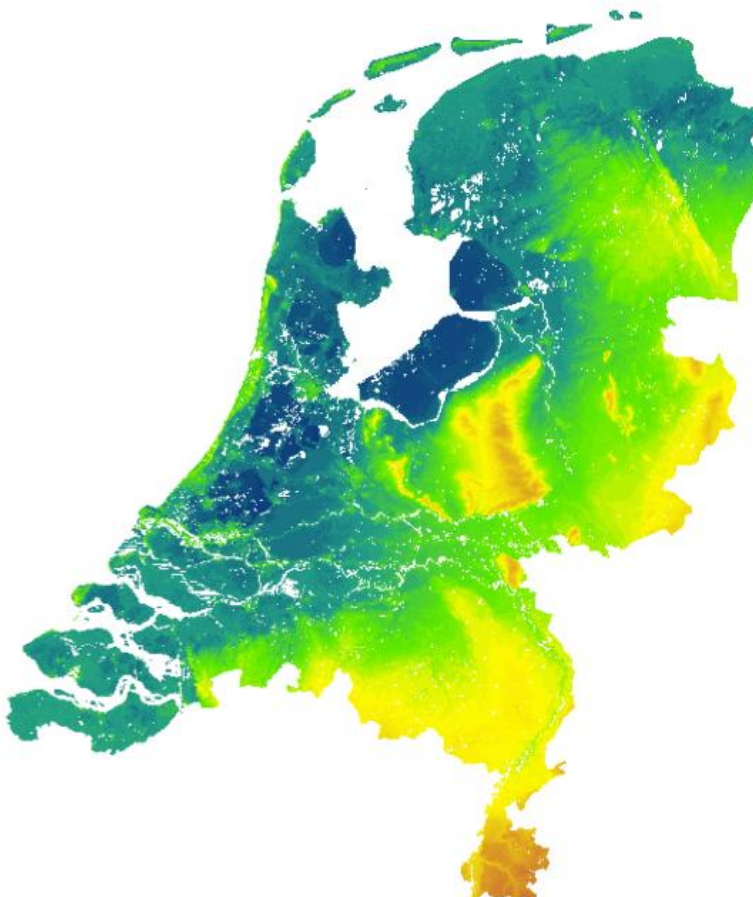
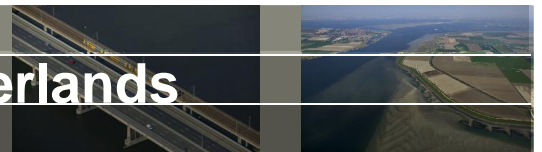
## Main presumption:

All land elevated presently under MSL used to be elevated at or above MSL.

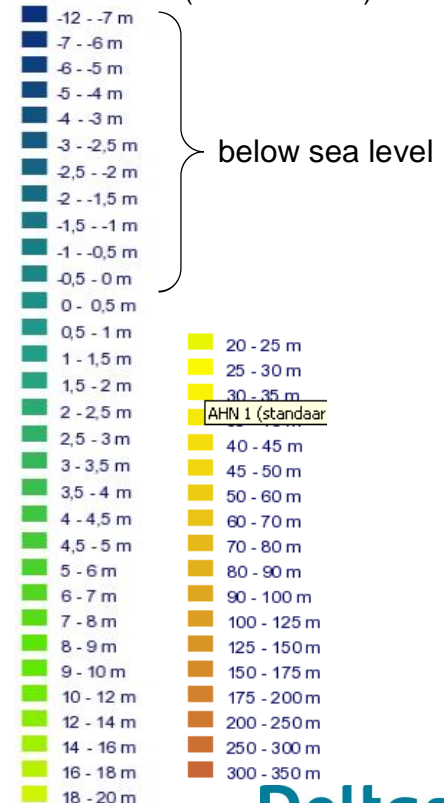
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# Surface elevation of the Netherlands



Surface level ( m + sea level)



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# Input 1: elevation of current land surface

## Input data: digital elevation model of The Netherlands (AHN)

- Laser altimetry data (LIDAR)
- Nation-wide
- High-resolution of 1x1x0.05 m

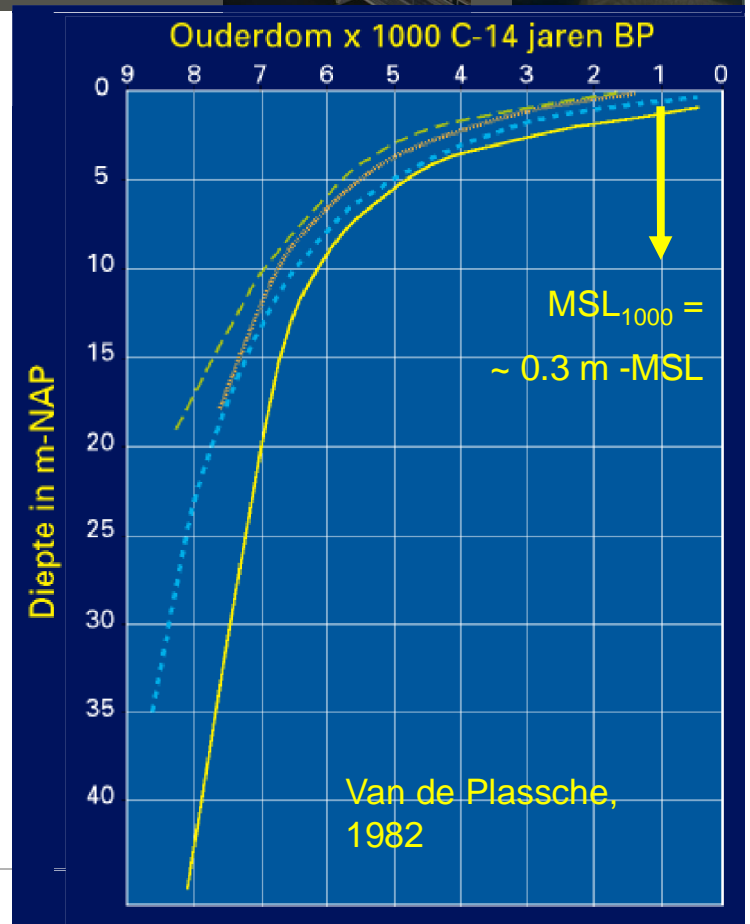
## We excluded:

- i) Upland peatlands (above 1 m +  $MSL_{1000}$ )
- ii) Areas of open water
- iii) Lowland with no subsurface peat
- iv) Tectonic subsidence (30 cm in 1000 years)

## Disclaimer:

All estimates and assumptions in this study are conservative!

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# Input 2: elevation of land surface 1000 AD

## Input:

### palaeogeographical and palaeobotanical reconstructions

- Based on core-derived and historical information
- Nation-wide
- Low resolution

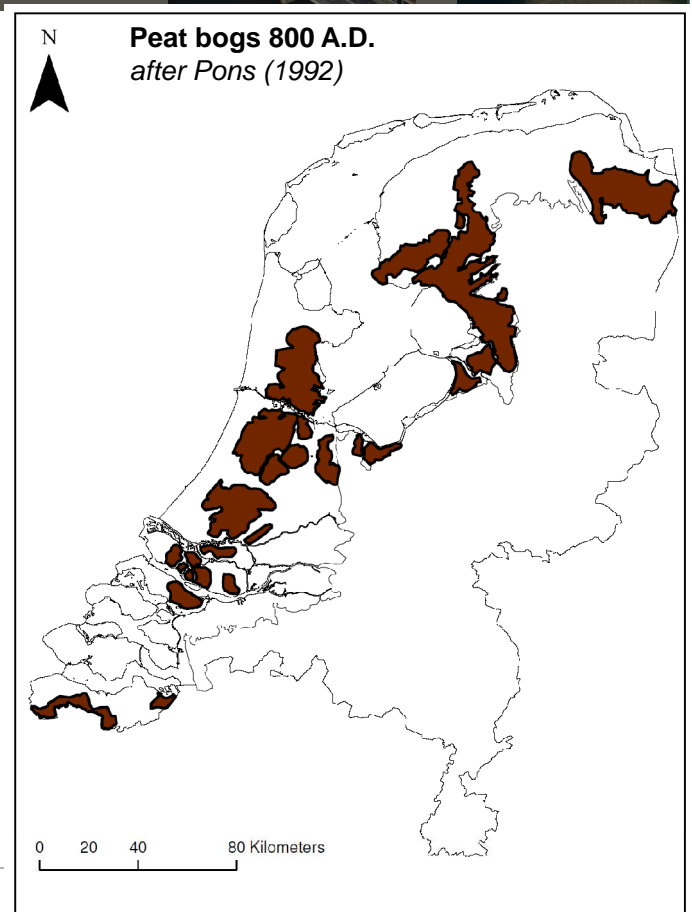
## Two types of peat are distinguished:

- i) **Domes (bogs)**  
(elevated 2 m + MSL)
- ii) **Planes (fens)**  
(elevated 0.8 m + MSL)

## Subsidence calculations:

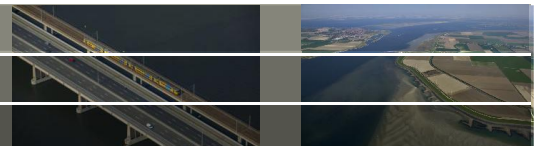
Subtracting present-day land surface from the 1000 AD land surface

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## Results (i): total subsidence



### Subsidence values because of anthropogenic land use:

On average: 2.0 m

Maximal: 12 m

### This resulted in:

56 % of the Netherlands being below MSL

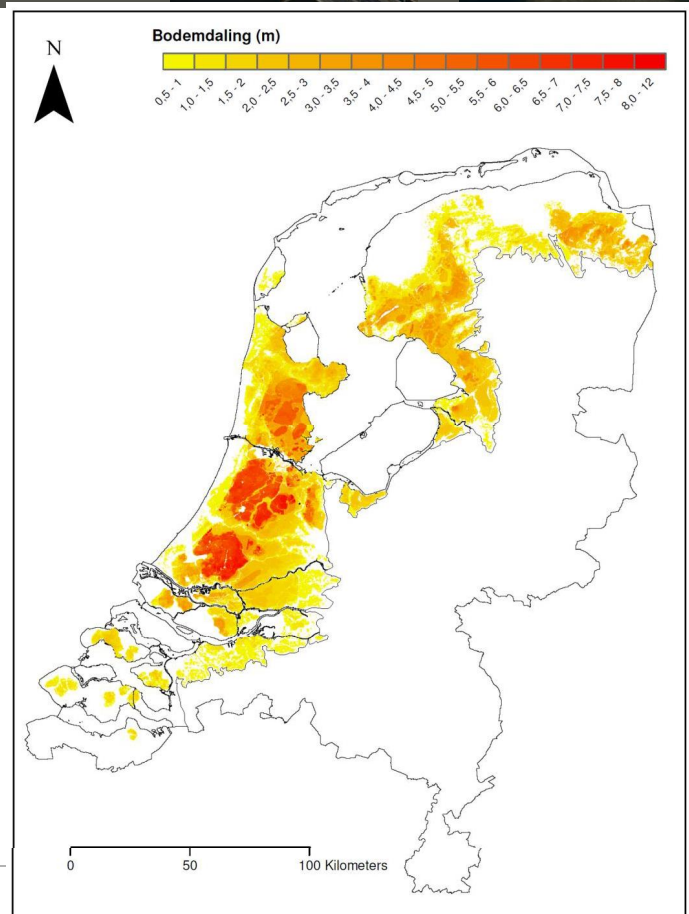
The need for continuous pumping

Reversal of drainage systems

### Steps to obtain CO<sub>2</sub> respiration:

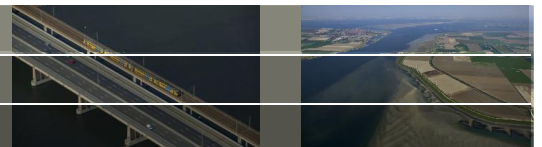
Calculate lost volume of peat

Calculate carbon content of the lost peat (using bulk density)



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## Results (ii): volumes

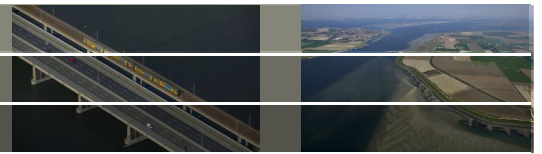


| Peat type                               |                      | Area (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Height (m) | Volume (km <sup>3</sup> ) |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Older peat (below MSL <sub>1000</sub> ) |                      | <b>6661</b>             | -          | <b>8.3</b>                |
| Bogs (above MSL <sub>1000</sub> )       | <b>best estimate</b> | <b>4360</b>             | <b>2</b>   | <b>8.7</b>                |
|   | range                | -                       | 1 - 4      | 3.7 – 14.8                |
| Fens (above MSL <sub>1000</sub> )       | <b>best estimate</b> | <b>3534</b>             | <b>0.8</b> | <b>2.9</b>                |
|   | range                | -                       | 0.5 – 1.5  | 1.8 – 5.3                 |
| Total                                   | <b>best estimate</b> | <b>7895</b>             | -          | <b>20.0</b>               |
|   | range                | -                       | -          | 13.8 – 28.4               |

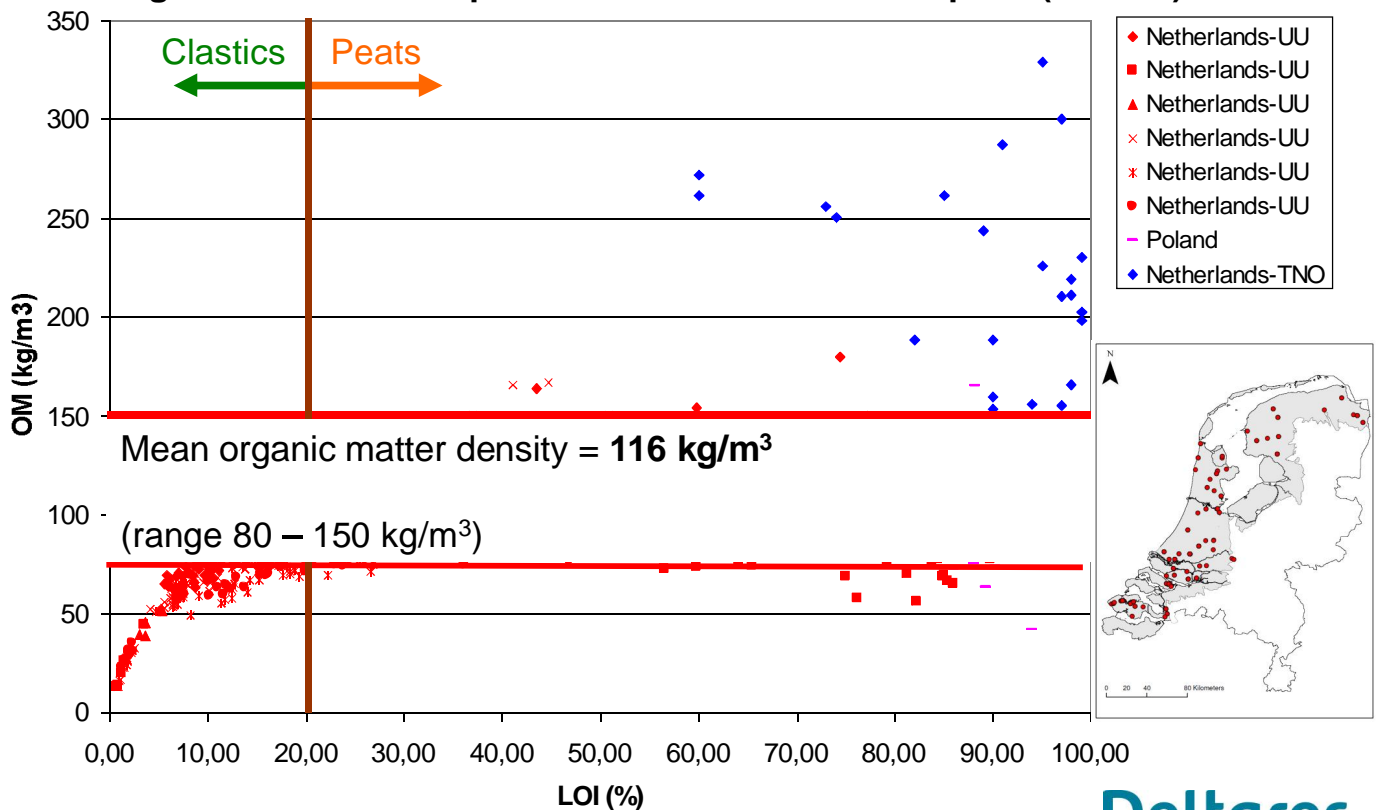
Total **volume** of peat lost by anthropogenic land use : ~20 km<sup>3</sup>

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# Input 3: Bulk density values



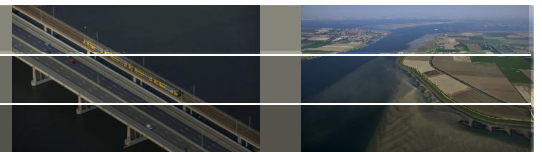
## Organic matter mass per m<sup>3</sup> from subsurface samples (n = 664)



Data from S. van Asselen, W.Z. Hoek, UU, Deltares, and TNO

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# Subsidence ≠ CO<sub>2</sub> emission



## Subsidence = CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

in case of combustion (in furnaces) ~ 20% of total volume

## Subsidence ≠ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

1. erosion of ditch banks after peat digging ~ 9% of total volume
2. drainage ~ 71% of total volume



## Drainage of peat leads to:

1. shrinkage (negligible at longer time scales)
2. compression/compaction (~ 15 % at longer time scales)
3. **oxidation** (~ 85 % at longer time scales) = **CO<sub>2</sub> emission**

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# Oxidation versus compression/compaction

| Experimental field | Depth of ditch-water level (cm—surface) | Surface subsidence (mm) | Compression (mm) | Oxydation (mm) | Irreversible shrinkage (mm) |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Zegvelderbroek     | 25                                      | 45                      | 15               | 14             | 16                          |
|                    | 75                                      | 92                      | 27               | 29             | 36                          |
| Bleskensgraaf      | 35                                      | 10                      | 0                | 12             | -2                          |
|                    | 70                                      | 52                      | 16               | 19             | 17                          |
|                    | 100                                     | 101                     | 38               | 46             | 17                          |
| Hoenkoop           | 40                                      | 20                      | 7                | 14             | -1                          |
|                    | 70                                      | 40                      | 14               | 24             | 2                           |
|                    | 100                                     | 64                      | 24               | 38             | 2                           |

Data from Schothorst, 1977

Please note: relatively low oxidation because of:

- short measurement period
- extreme drainage
- a single drainage event

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## Total CO<sub>2</sub> respiration

Soil carbon released during the past 1000 years:

**1.0 Gton (10<sup>12</sup> kg)** (0.5 – 2.0 Gton)

CO<sub>2</sub> emitted to atmosphere\* by land use in the Netherlands in 1000 year:

**3.6 Gton (10<sup>12</sup> kg)** (1.7 – 7.3 Gton)

\* 1 kg soil carbon = 3.67 kg atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

The net increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is **0.23 ppmv\***

\* gross increase is 0.46 ppmv, but 50 % of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are taken up by the worlds oceans and biosphere.

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# Discussion: world wide impact?

In comparison with the total global *land use* related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:

The Dutch peat has caused 2.3 % of the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
(while the area covers only 0.1 % of the global peat surfaces).

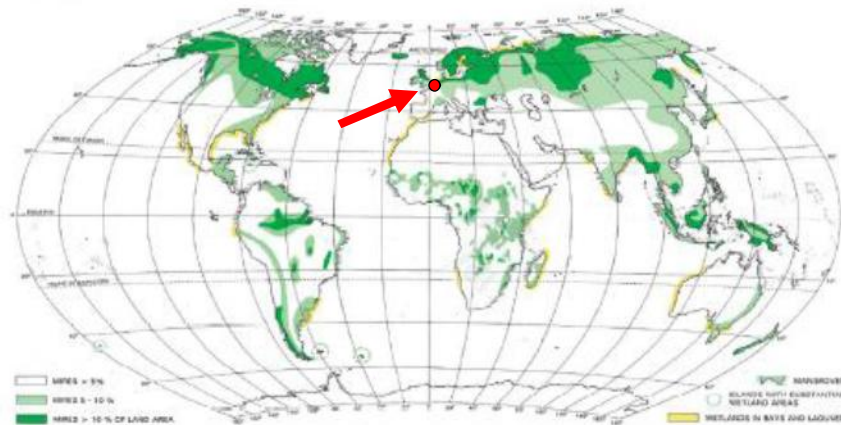
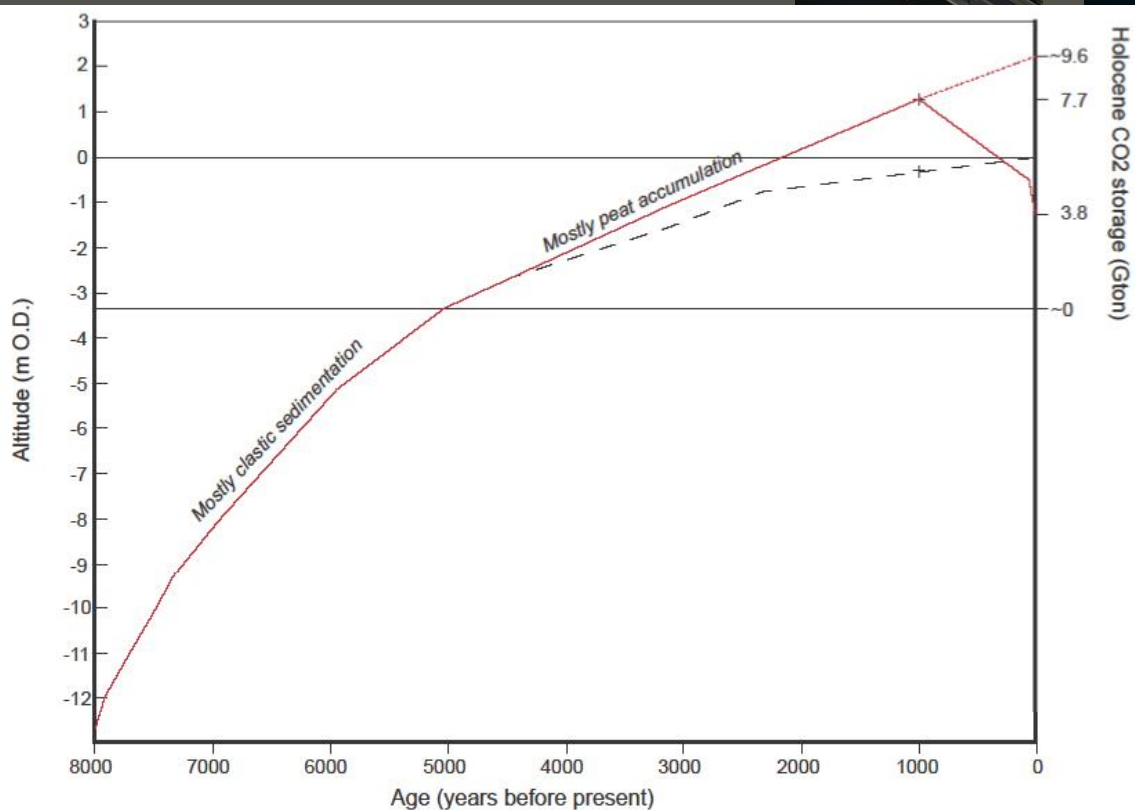


Figure 2.4: Extent and location of global mires and peatlands. (From Lappalainen, 1996).

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# Loss in carbon storage



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# Living behind dikes.....

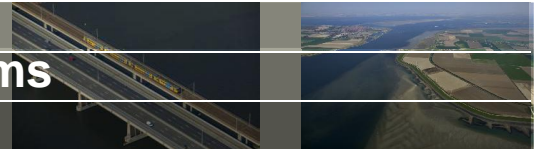


and below mean sea level.....

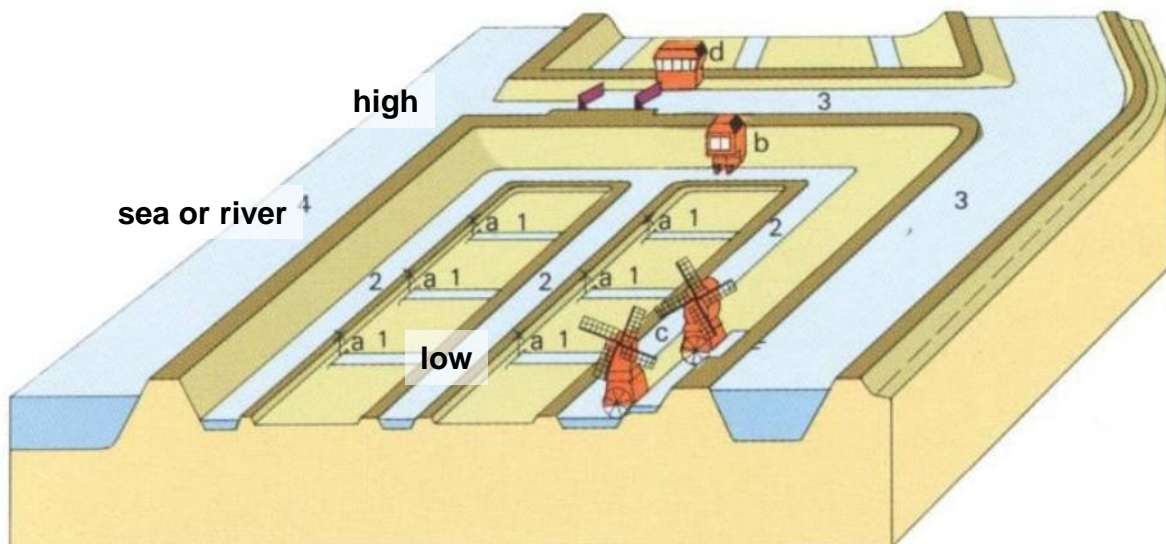
this implies careful water management (24-7!)

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## Polders: water management systems in the coastal areas

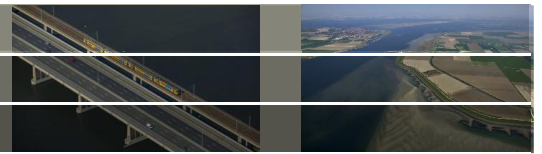


**A polder is:  
a sophisticated system to drain the excess of water  
in a low-lying area**



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# In the field....



shallow lakes and

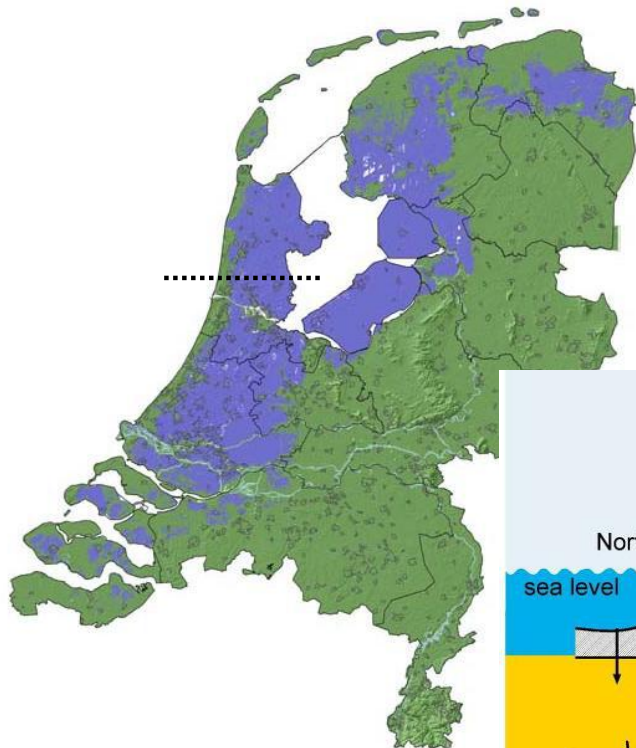
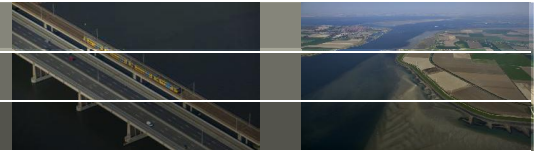


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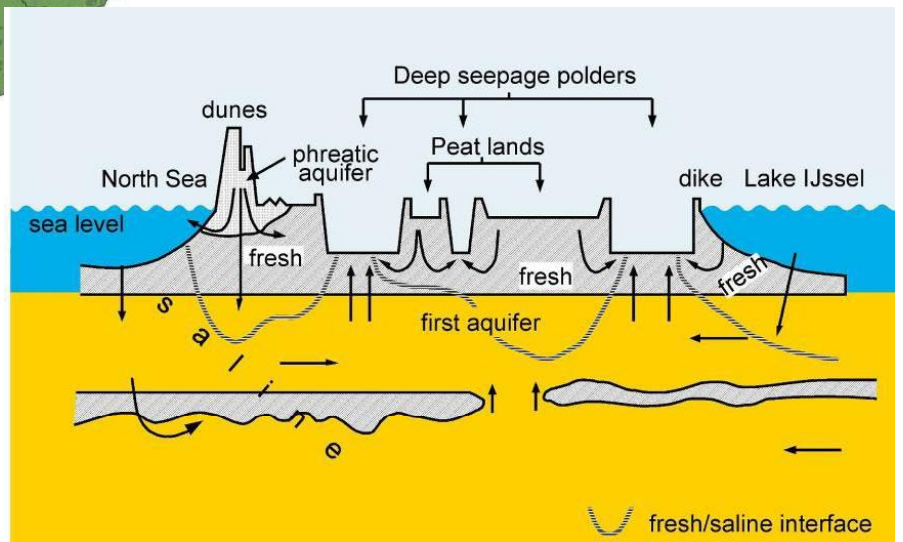
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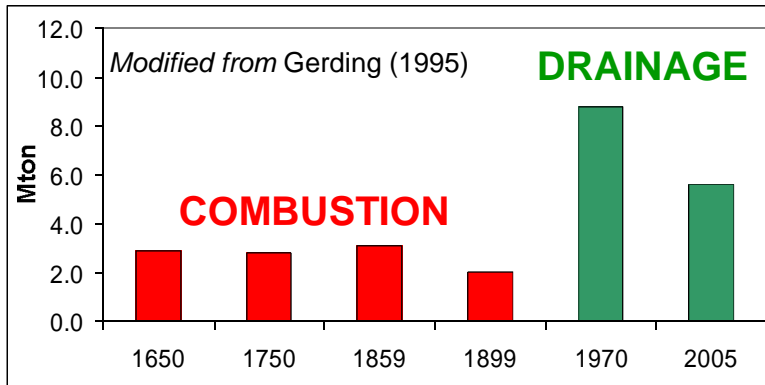
# Land below sea level



Approximately 40% of the Netherlands below sea level (blue areas).

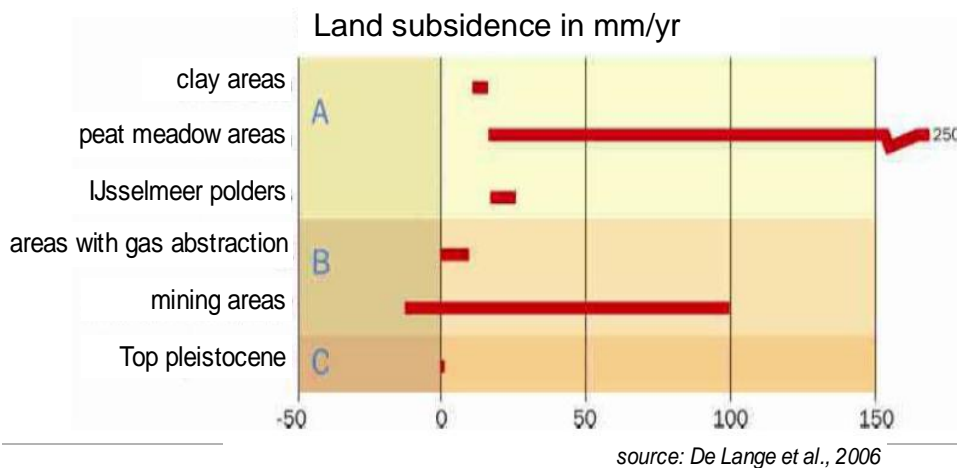


# Lessons for present-day land management



## Lesson 1:

The highly effective present-day drainage of the Dutch peatlands is still a large source of CO<sub>2</sub>



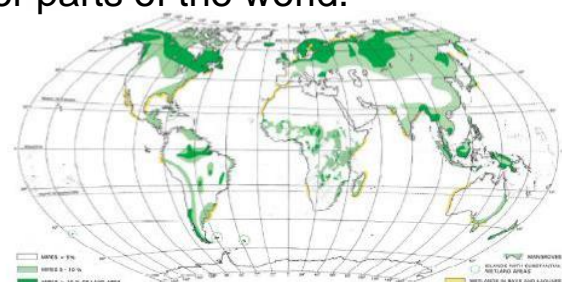
## Lesson 2:

Subsidence rates in the peat area are by far the highest in the coastal plain.

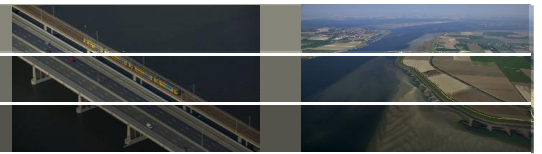
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# Conclusions PART ONE

1. Using geological data, it is possible to determine changes in peat volume over time.
2. Drainage and excavation of peat has caused 2.0 m land subsidence in the coastal and deltaic plain of The Netherlands
3. Long period of intensive drainage in areas with thick peat layers (*often coastal areas*) causes significant CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
4. The outcomes of this research can be used to estimate the potential CO<sub>2</sub> emission in coastal peat areas in other parts of the world.



# PART TWO: current situation



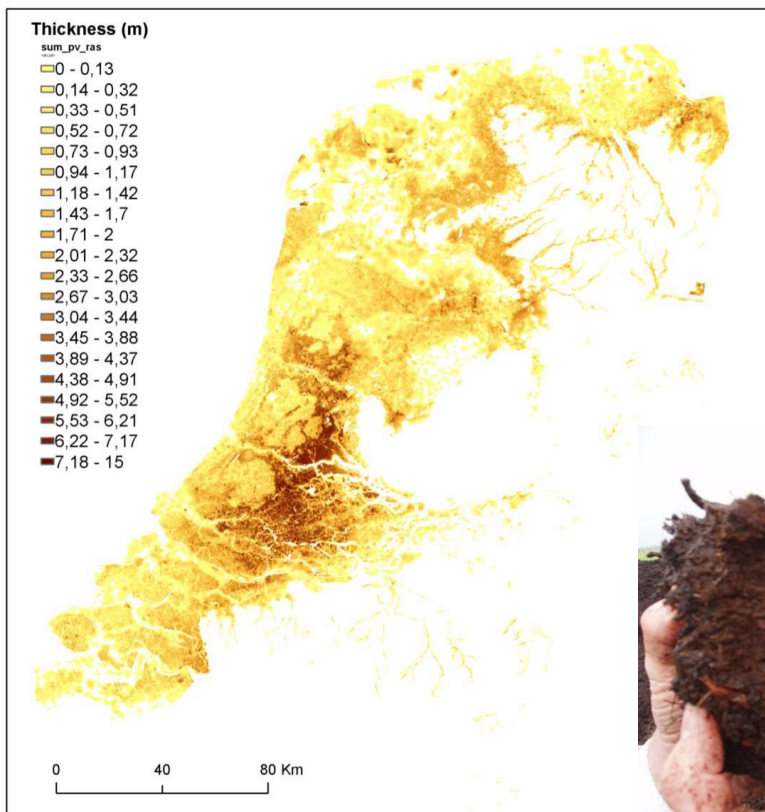
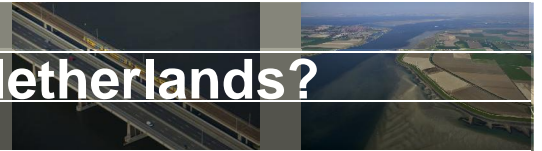
**Which problems occur due to peat oxidation and soil subsidence?**

*illustrated with examples from the Netherlands*

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# How much peat is left in the Netherlands?

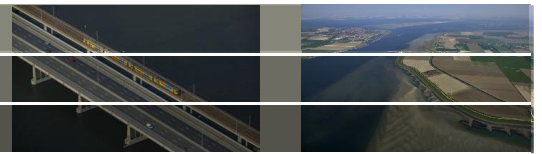


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# Which problems occur?

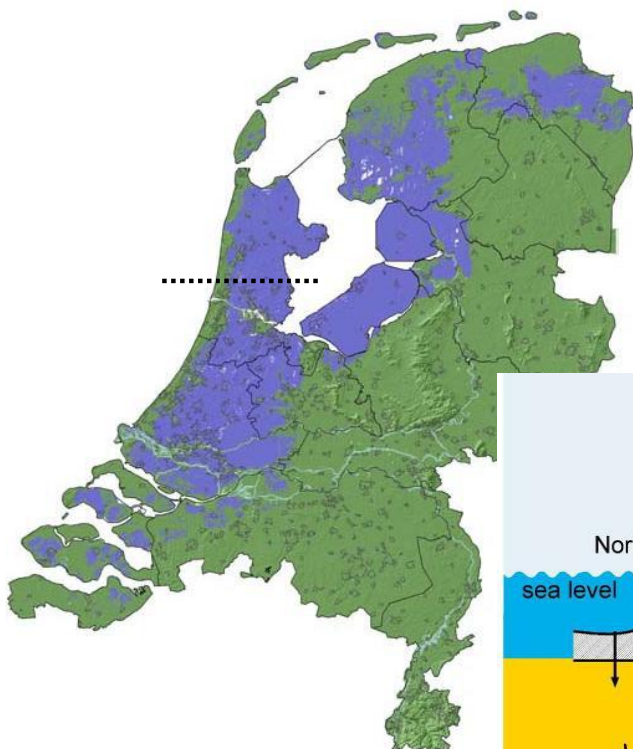
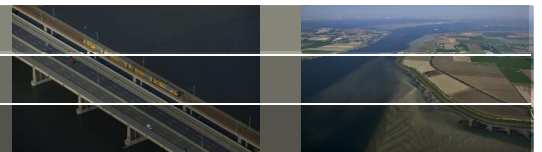


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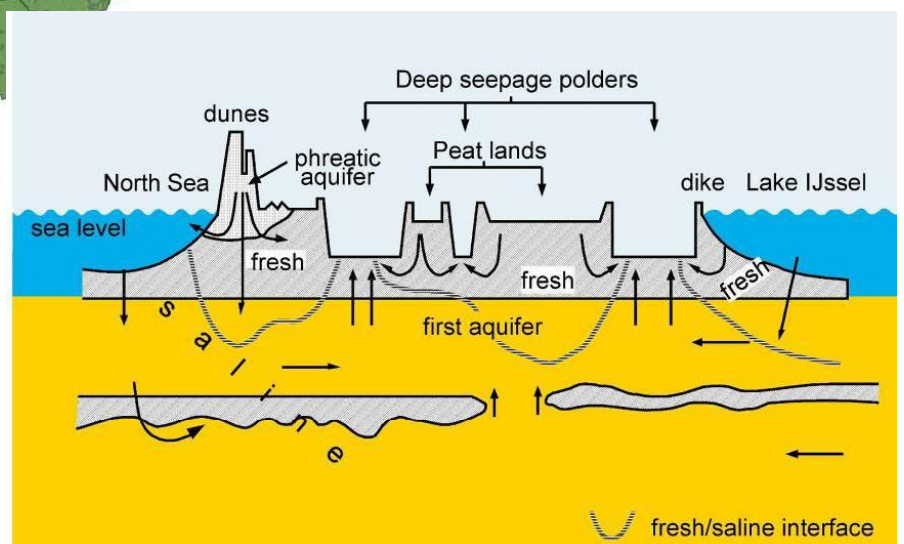
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# Our land below sea level

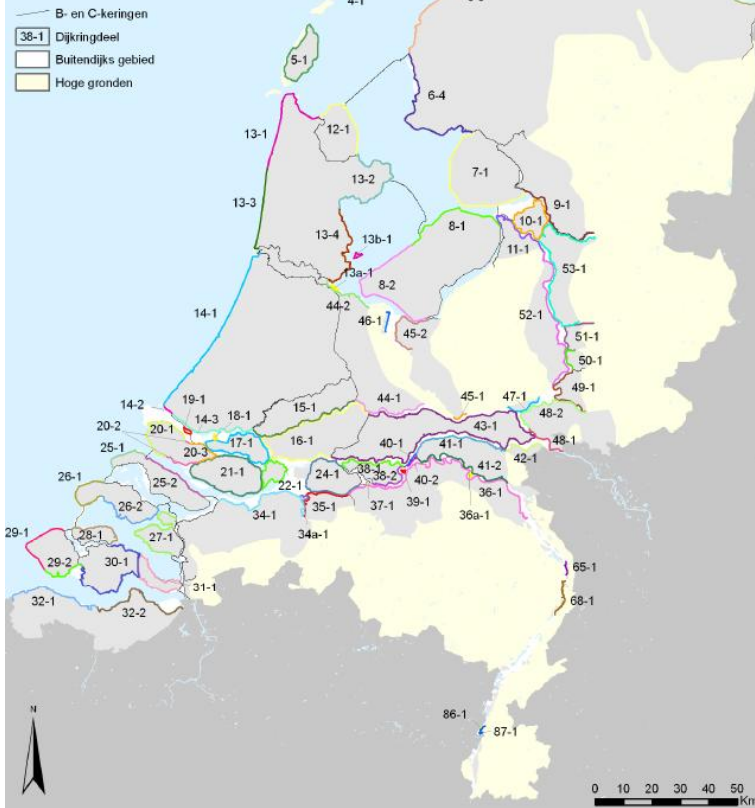


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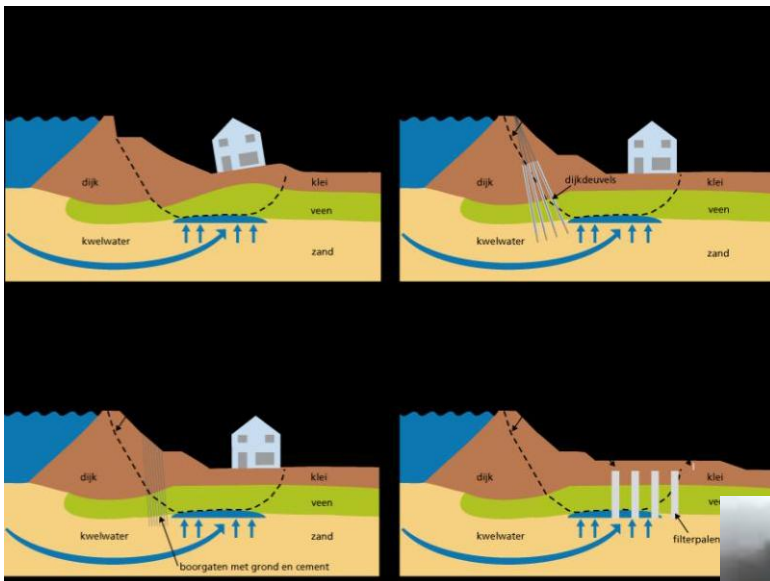


# Extensive protection against water (high costs)

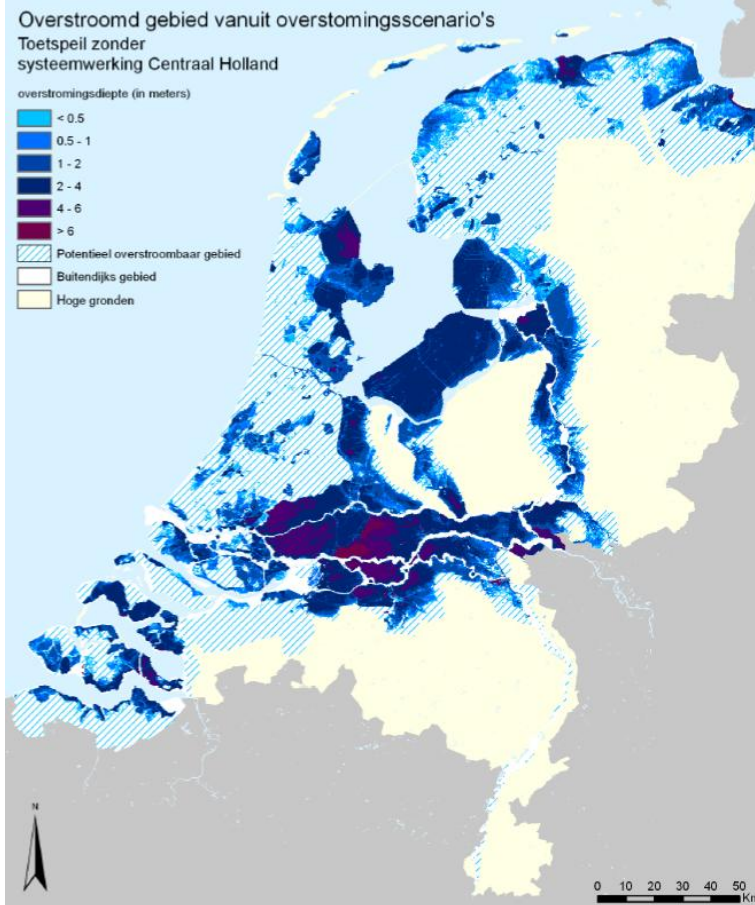
## Areas with dikes



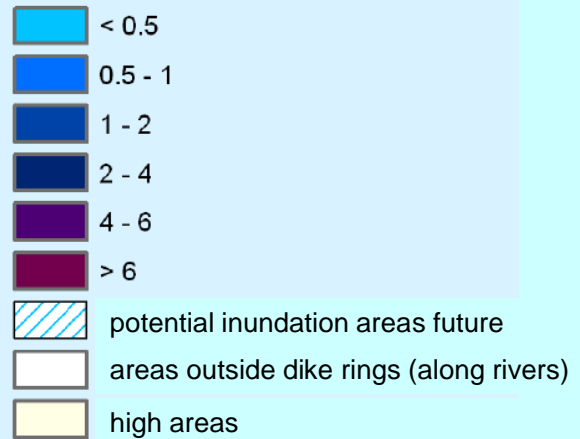
# Problem: possible failure of dikes...



# Inundated area after dike failure (Deltares 2011)



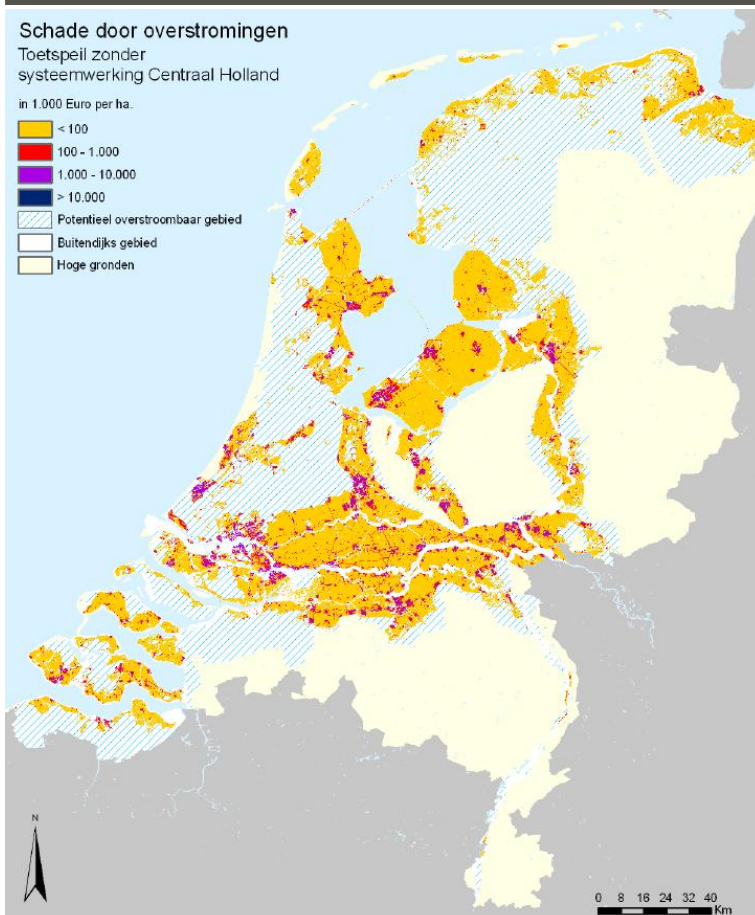
## Inundation depth (meters)



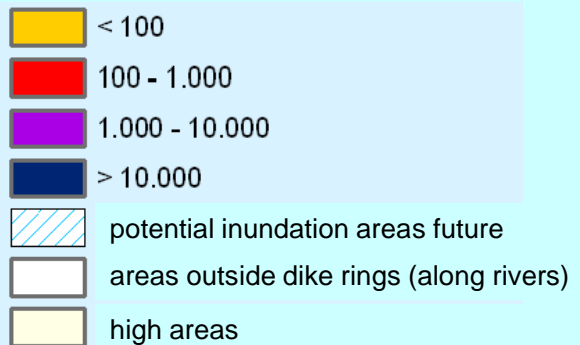
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# Potential damage resulting from inundation



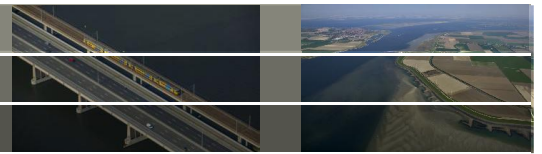
## damage ( kEuro / hectare)



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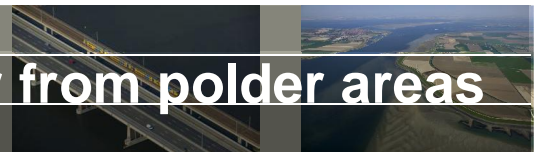


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- **Continued soil subsidence due to drainage  
→ subsidence still continues!!**
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# Continuous pumping of water from polder areas

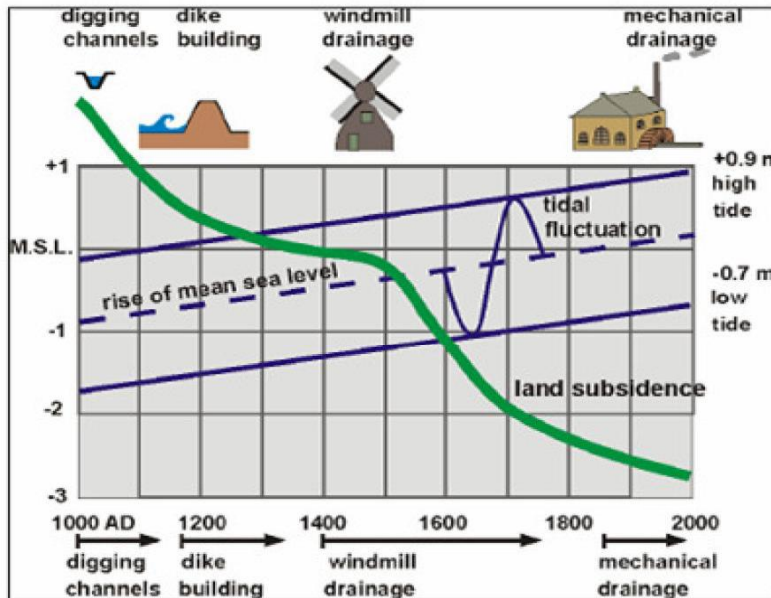


*... to maintain (low) groundwater level that is needed for agriculture and inhabitation*

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# Continuous pumping of water from polder areas



Pumping of water increases land subsidence through:

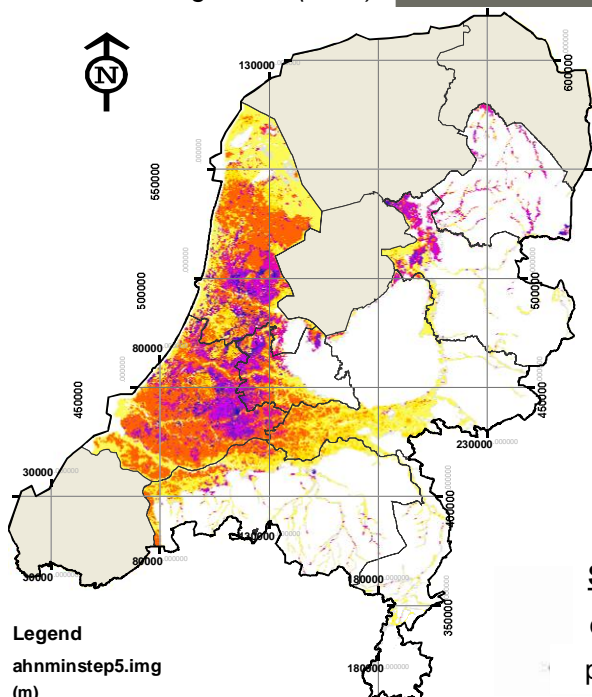
- enhanced peat oxidation
- enhanced consolidation and shrinkage

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Soil subsidence in 2050

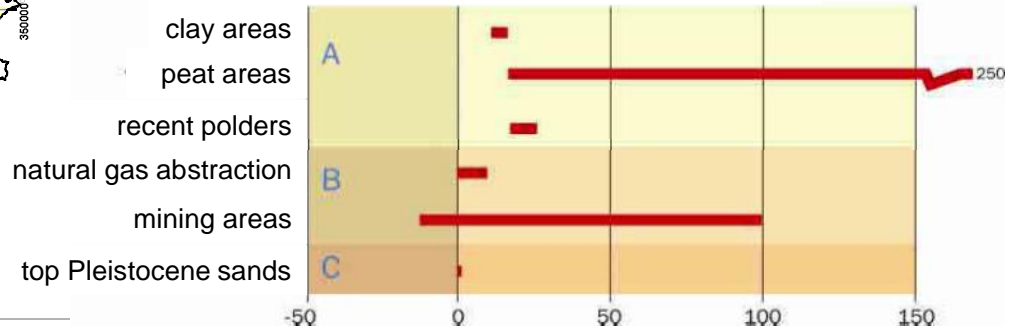
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## Soil subsidence prognoses for the Netherlands

peat areas: 0 to 60 cm in 2050 depending on soil composition and local water management

### Subsidence rates for the Netherlands (mm/yr)



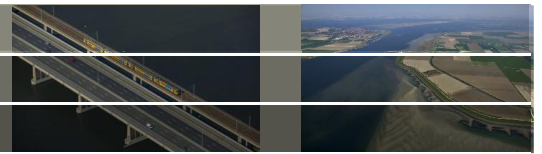
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(m)

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From: De Lange et al. (2006)

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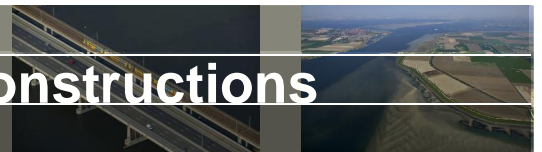


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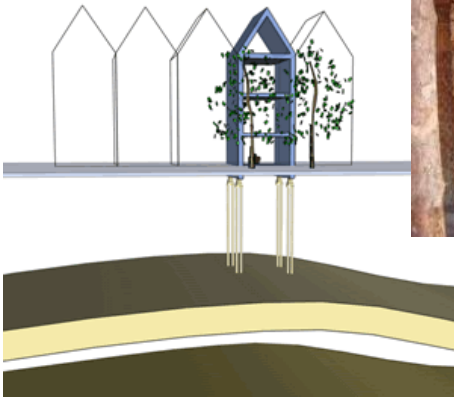
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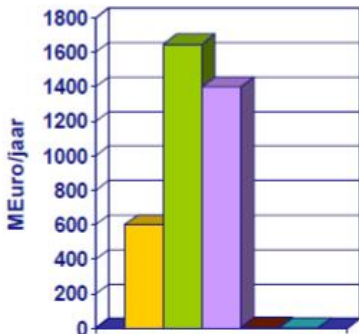
# Subsidence and damage of constructions



# Extensive foundations of buildings and roads



high costs!!



■ verstoring waterhuishouding  
■ schade onroerend goed & infrastructuur  
■ zeekering & rivierdijken  
■ lokale instortingen  
■ aardbevingen

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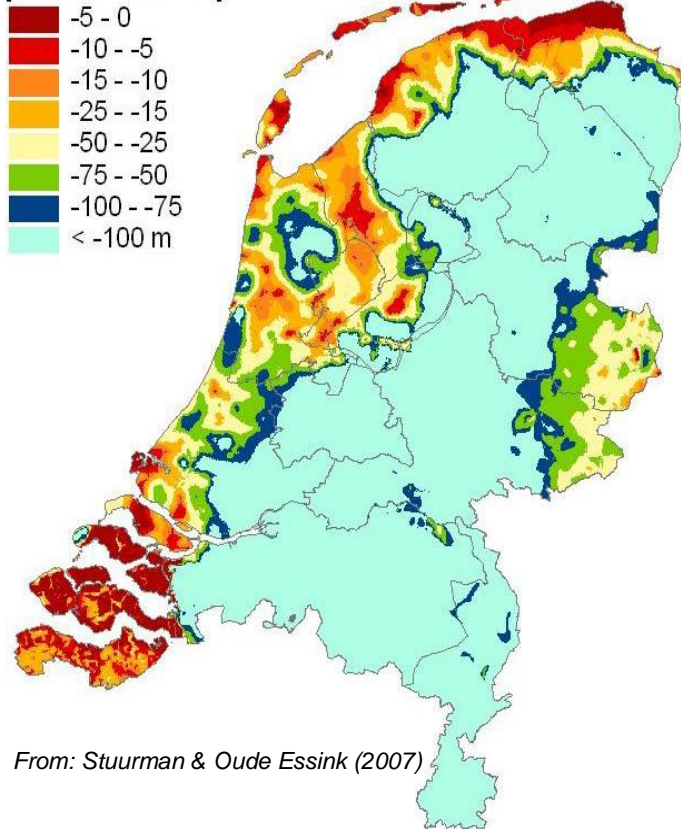
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# Salt water upconing and seepage (salinization)



Depth Boundary Cl=1000 mg/l  
[m below see level]

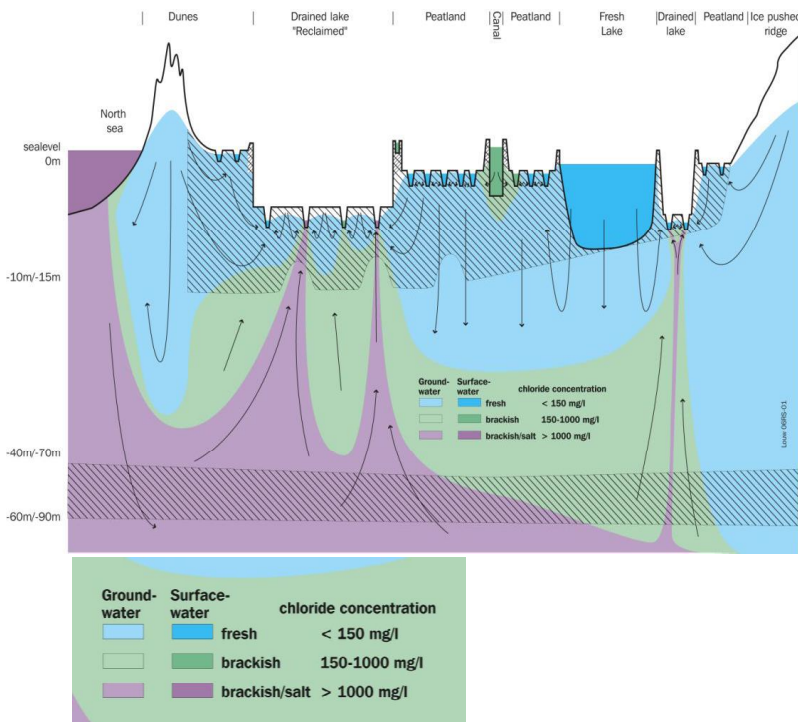


From: Stuurman & Oude Essink (2007)

- As a result of continuous pumping the salt groundwater is drawn to the surface.
- In low lying polder areas, the salt water contaminates the fresh surface water and soil (red zones).
- High chloride concentrations are harmful for plants and agriculture.

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# Salt water upconing and seepage (salinization)



From: De Louw et al. (2010)

Effect on plants and low yield agriculture...



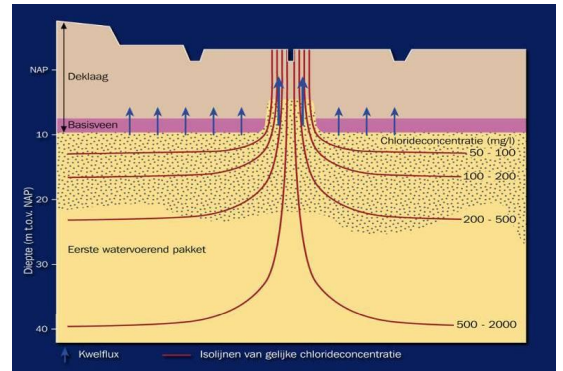
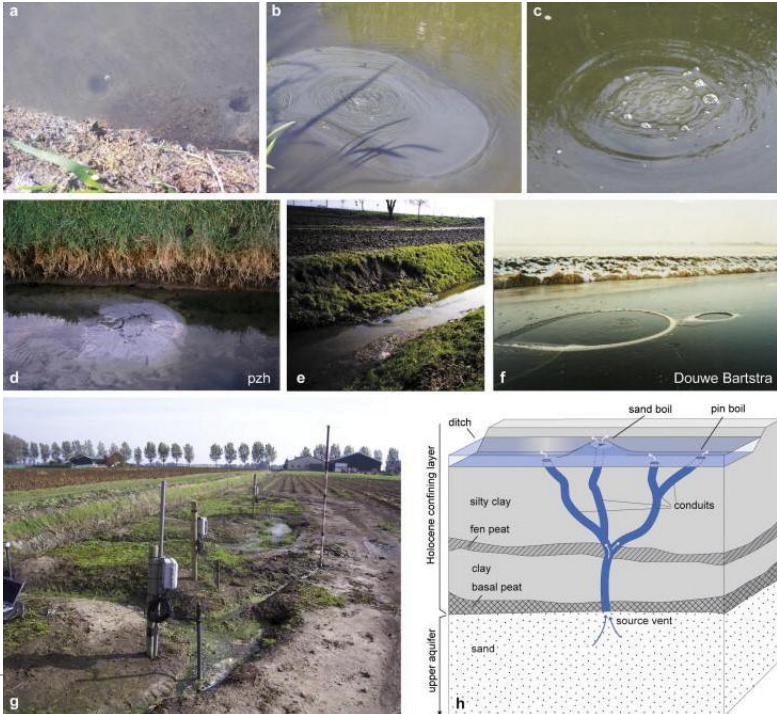
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# Salt water upconing and seepage (salinization)

If the Holocene peat and clay deposits are thin, the counter-pressure of the peat and clay layer may become too small:

- seepage water creates holes in the confined layer
- salt water flows towards the surface through boils.



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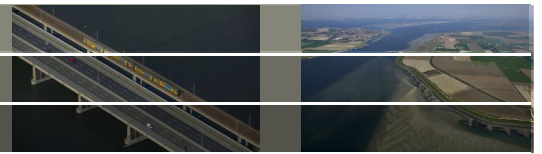
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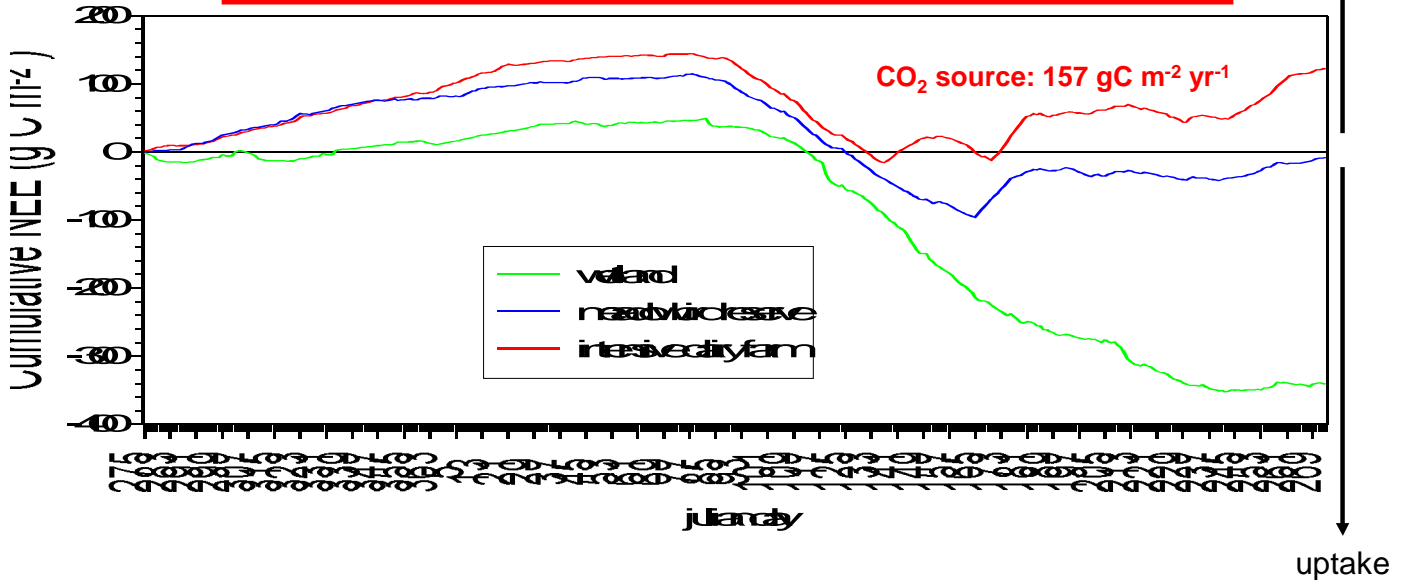
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# Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Dutch peat meadow areas with low water table (agricultural) have high rates of peat oxidation and high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

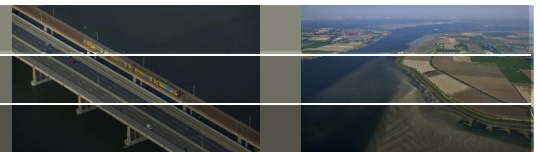


NEE = net ecosystem exchange of CO<sub>2</sub>

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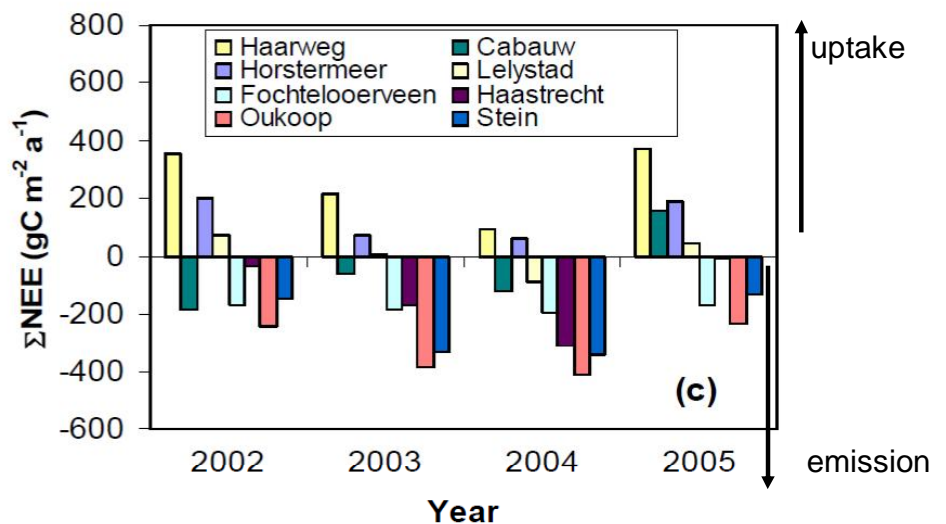
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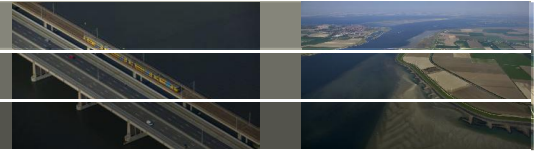
| Name             | Type                 | Soil (FAO)             | OC-content (%) | Fertilizer Use       | Land Use                                | Year                 |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Haarweg          | WMO-Grassland        | Eutric gleyic Fluvisol | 3              | No                   | Mowing                                  | 2002–2005            |
| Cabauw           | WMO-Grassland        | Eutric Fluvisol        | 5              | No                   | Grazing sheep                           | 2002–2005            |
| Horstermeer      | Grassland/Wetland    | Eutric Histosol        | 20             | No                   | Semi-natural permanent grassland        | 2005                 |
| Fochterlooërveen | Natural Grassland    | Eutric Histosol        | 50             | No                   | Natural grassland                       | 1994–1995            |
| Haastrecht       | Production Grassland | Eutric Fibric Histosol | n/a            | Yes                  | Intensively managed permanent grassland | 2003(July)–2004(May) |
| Oukoop           | Production Grassland | Fibric Eutric Histosol | 15             | Yes                  | Intensively managed permanent grassland | 2005                 |
| Stein            | Meadow Bird Reserve  | Fibric Eutric Histosol | 15             | No                   | Natural grassland                       | 2005                 |
| Lelystad         | Production Grassland | Calcic Eutric Fluvisol | 3              | Yes (6 times a year) | Intensively managed permanent grassland | 2004                 |

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From: Jacobs et al. (2007)

## PART 2: Conclusions



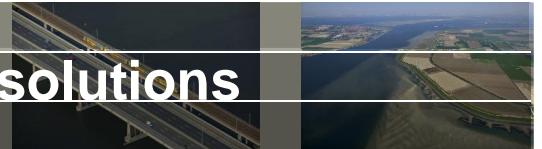
### Which problems occur due to peat oxidation and soil subsidence?

- Large areas have **inundation risk**
- Protection and continuous pumping create **high costs**
- Agriculture suffers from **salinization**
- Subsidence causes **damage to constructions**
- Peat oxidation causes **CO<sub>2</sub> emission** (climate warming)
- Problems still aggravate due to lowering water tables causing **ongoing oxidation and subsidence**

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## PART THREE: measures and solutions

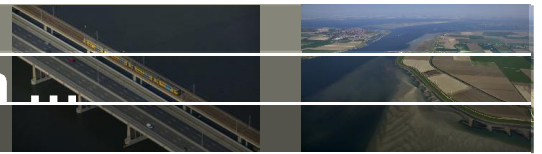


### Which measures can be taken to reduce peat oxidation and soil subsidence?

*illustrated with examples from the Netherlands*

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## ... to reduce peat oxidation and soil subsidence??

Research has been done on the following management strategies:

- Increase surface waterlevel and change to extensive agriculture
- Rewet and change to nature area
- Dynamic water management
- Change of tile drainage systeem
- Forming of embankments
- Large scale changes land-use for peat regeneration

***For most strategies water management and inherent land-use change is most important.***

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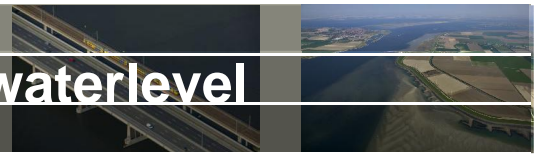


Example 1: increase surface waterlevel and change to extensive agriculture

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# Example 1: increase surface waterlevel



**Intensive agriculture with low water table**



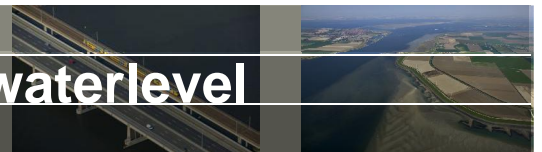
**Extensive agriculture with low – high water table**



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# Example 1: increase surface waterlevel



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**Intensive agriculture with low water table**



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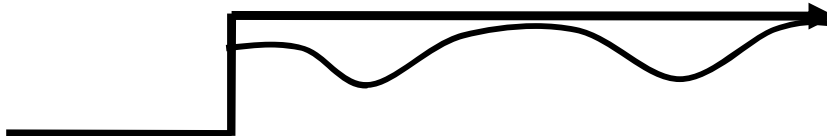
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Extensive agriculture with low – high water table

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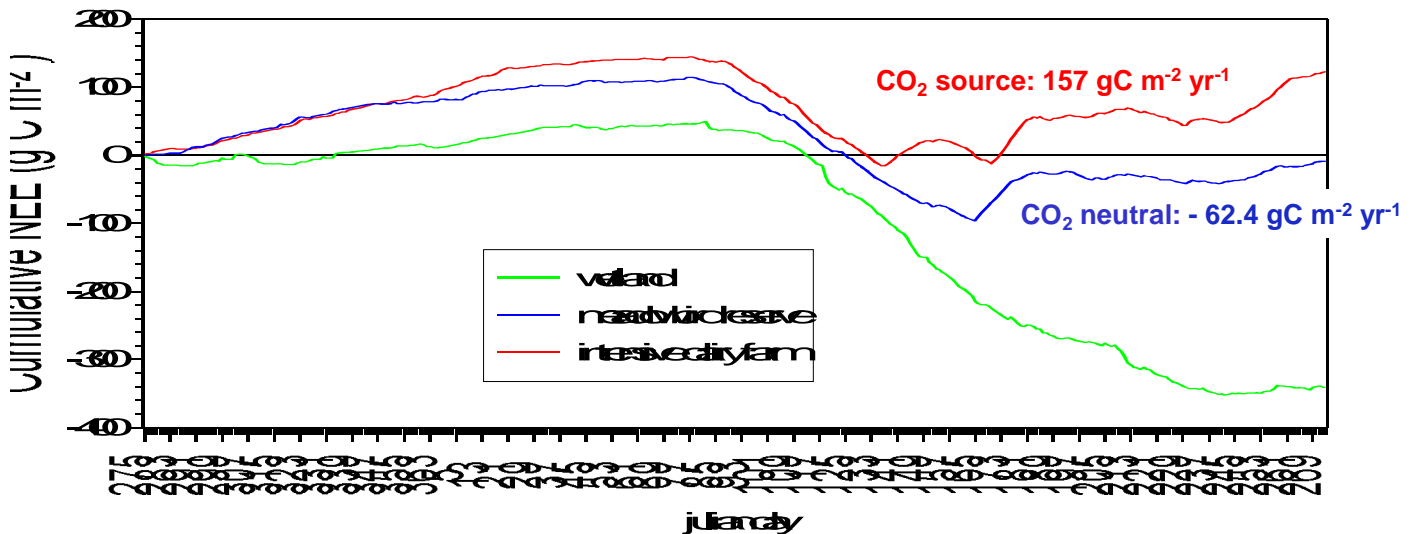
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# Example 1: increase surface waterlevel



Dutch peat meadow areas with adjusted water table management (generally wetter) have reduced rates of peat oxidation and are approximately CO<sub>2</sub> neutral

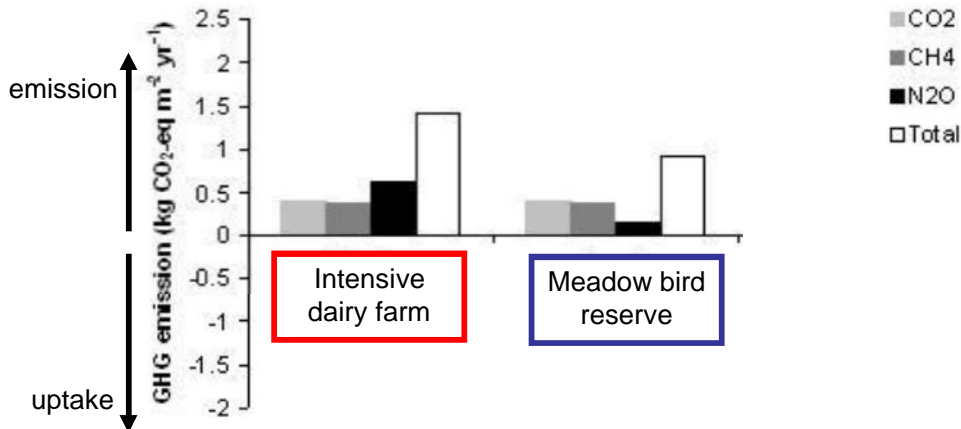


→ Soil subsidence due to peat oxidation reduced

# Example 1: increase surface waterlevel

## BUT...other GHGs of importance in agricultural area:

- methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) 25 times stronger GHG than CO<sub>2</sub> (25 CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents)
- nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) 300 times stronger GHG than CO<sub>2</sub> (300 CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents)
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission through mowing



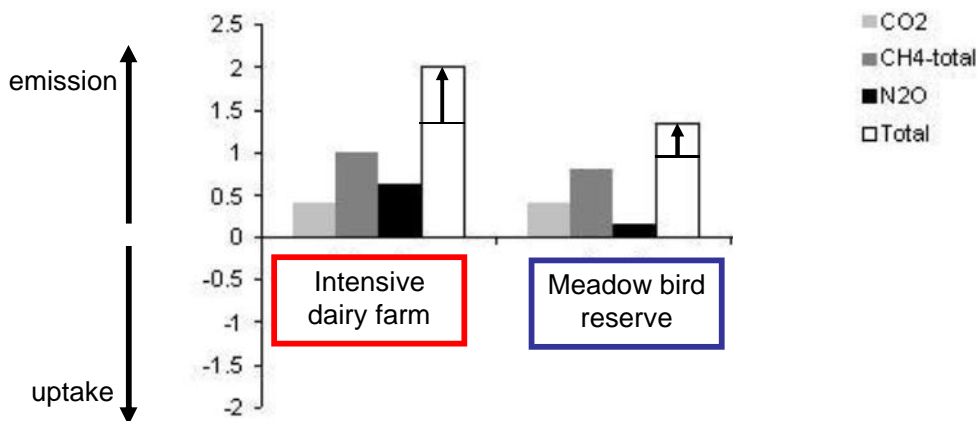
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# Example 1: increase surface waterlevel

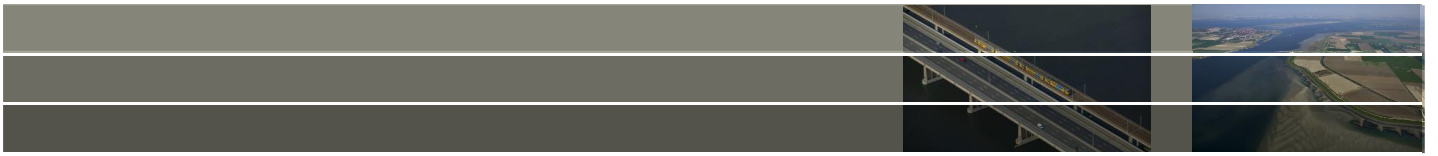
In agricultural areas, farm based GHG emissions, like cattle (CH<sub>4</sub>) and manure deposits (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O), take up a large part of the balance:



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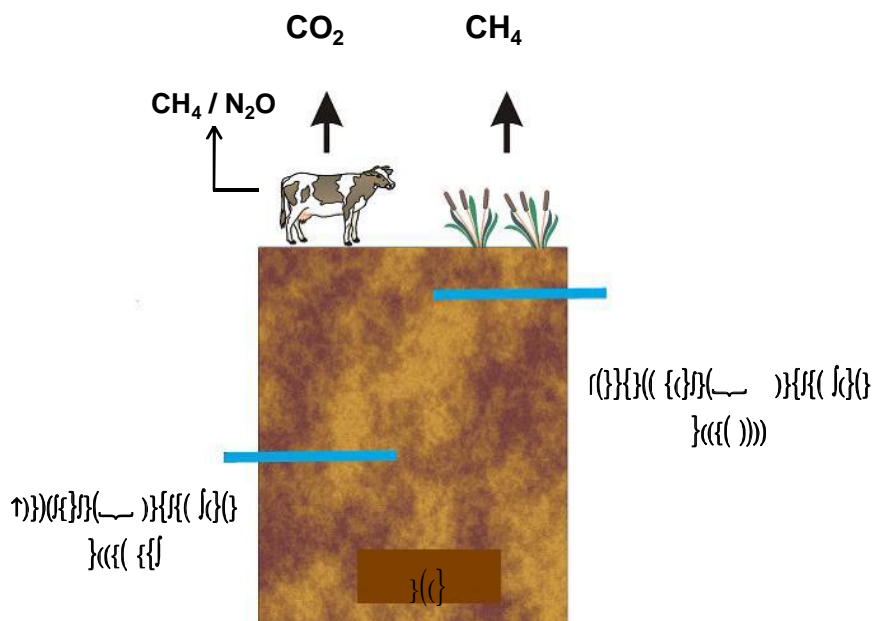
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## Example 2: rewet and change to nature area

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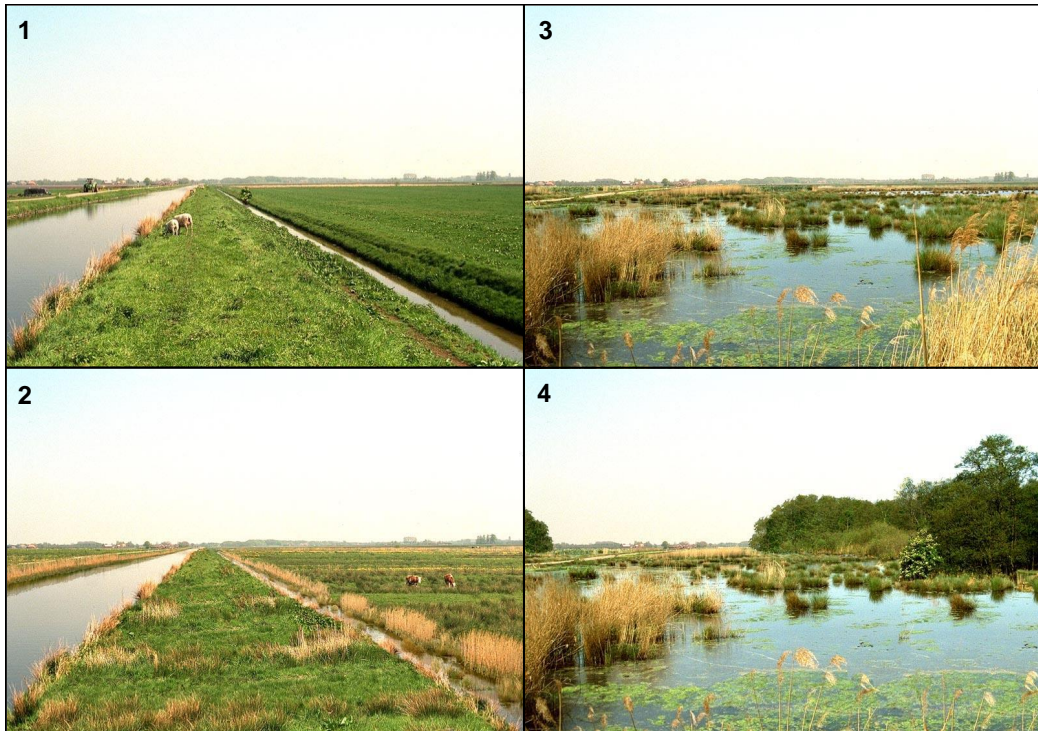


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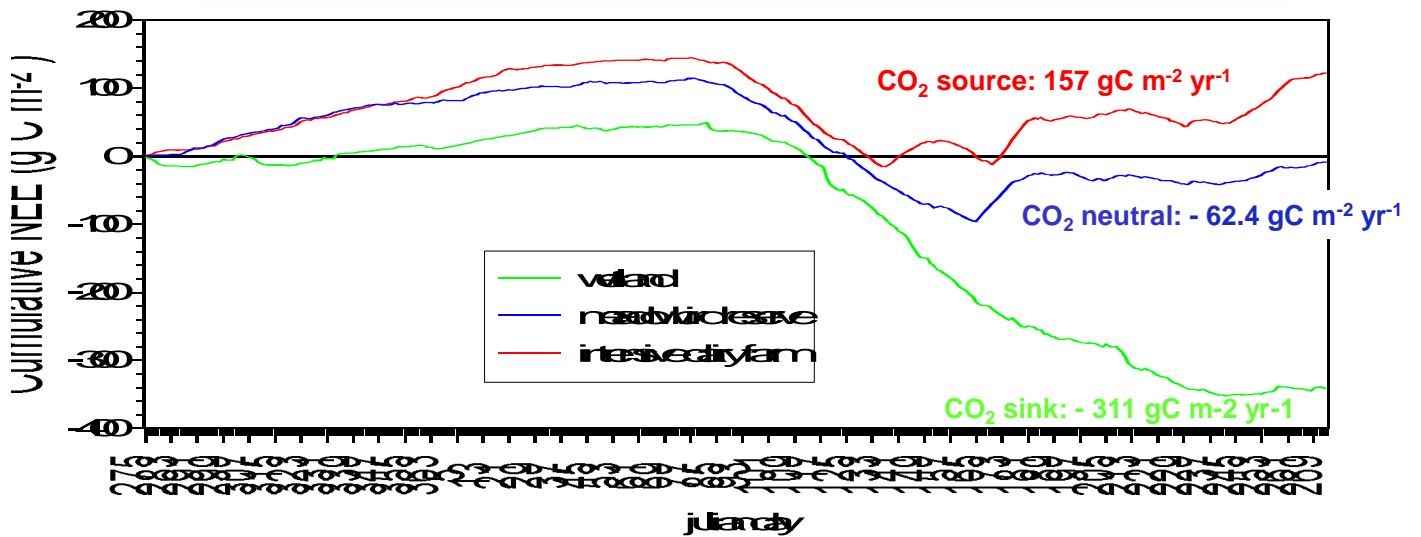


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# Example 2: rewet and change to nature area

Dutch peat meadow areas with increased water table have strongly reduced rates of peat oxidation and CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



→ Soil subsidence due to peat oxidation reduced

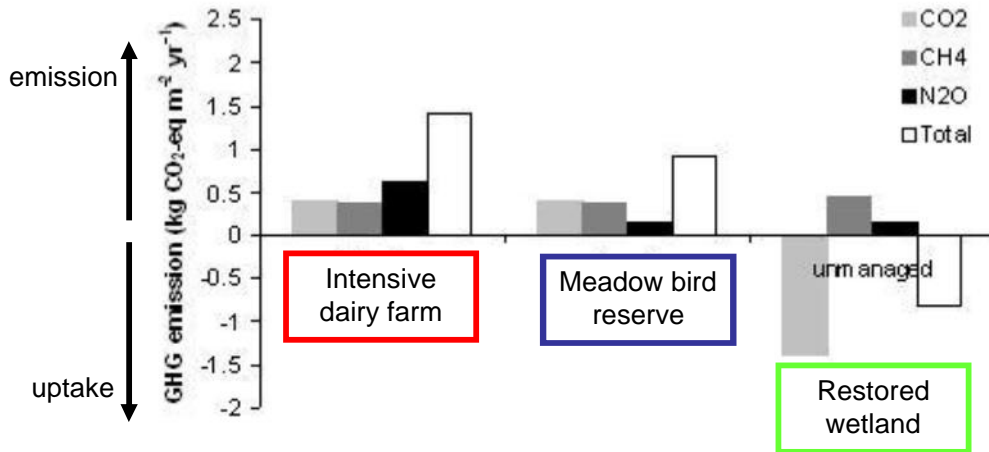
→ Potentially peat re-growth

(accumulation organic material below water level)

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### Remarks

Nutrient rich conditions cause high fluxes of all GHGs!!

$\text{CH}_4$  emissions from lakes and ditches can be very high!!

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## Example 3: dynamic water management

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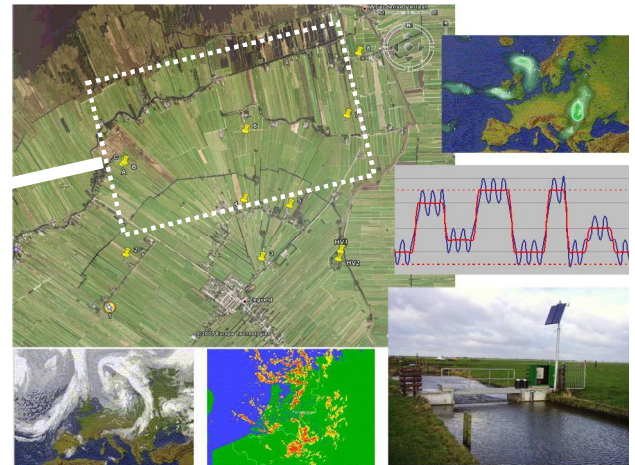
## Aims of farmers and water managers:

- reducing drought problems
- minimizing peat oxidation and soil subsidence
- maintain normal crop production

## Farmers decide on surface water level, based on:

- Phase of growing season (soil conditions required for crop)
- Required activities on land
- Weather predictions

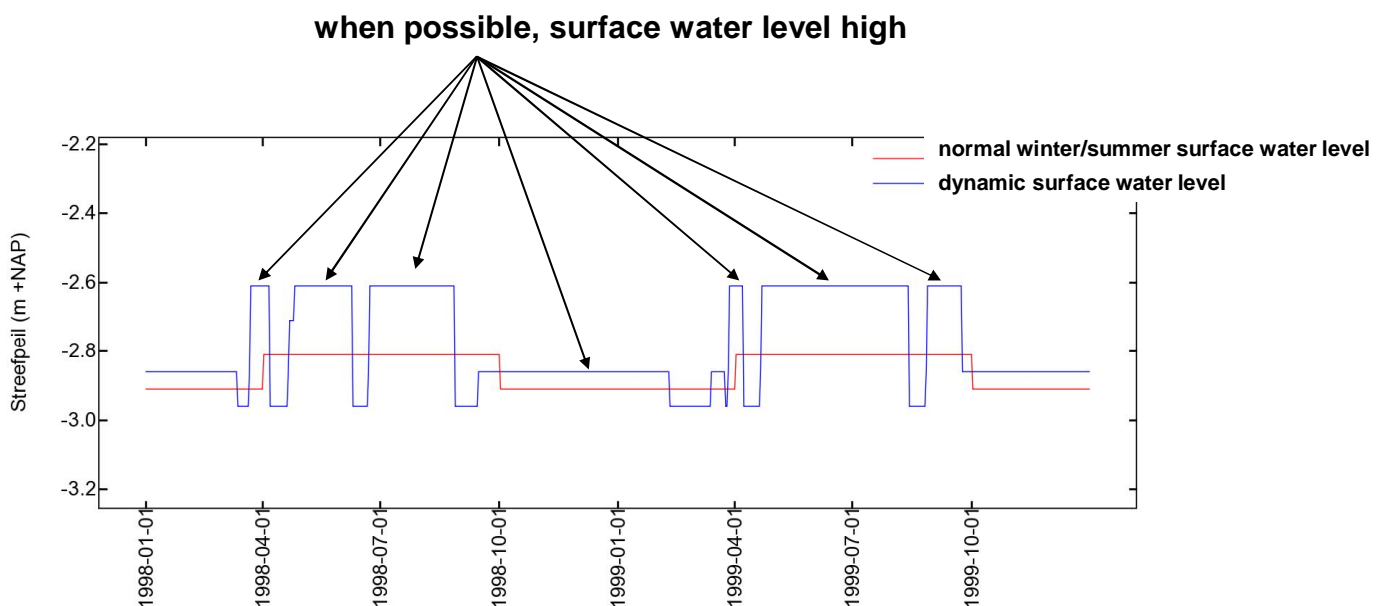
Example: study polder Zegveld



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# Example 3: dynamic water management

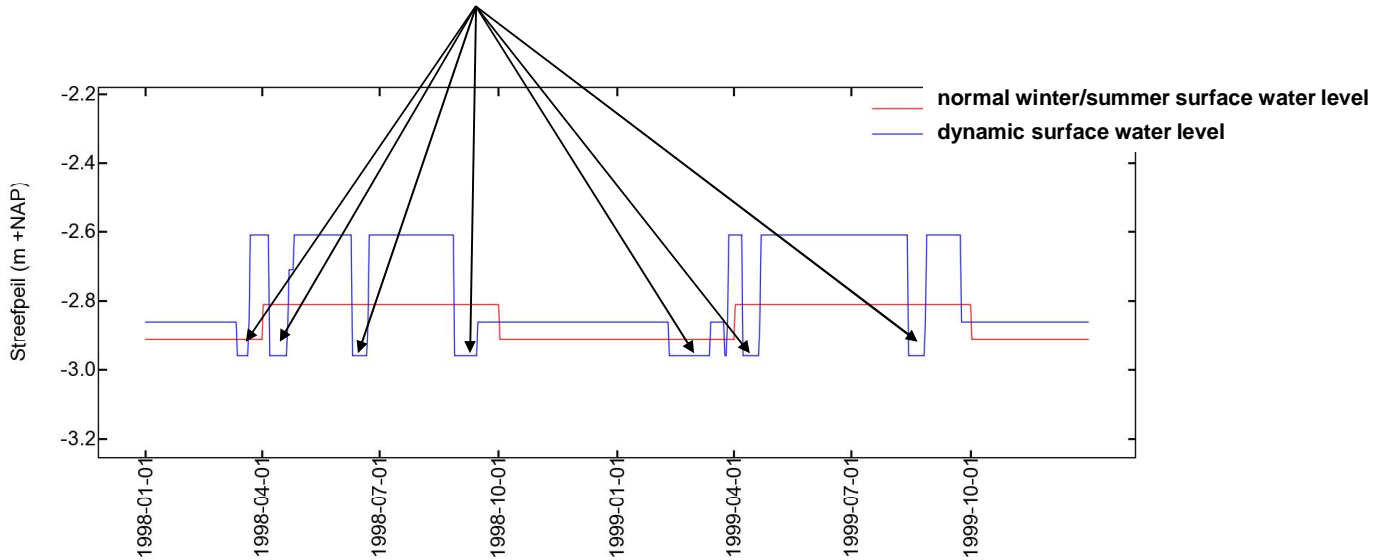
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# Example 3: dynamic water management

→ Water level in polder is evaluated and adjusted every week...

when necessary, surface water level low

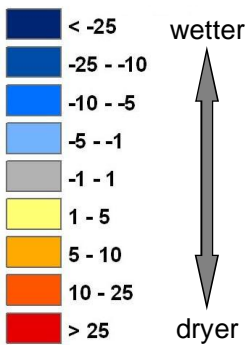


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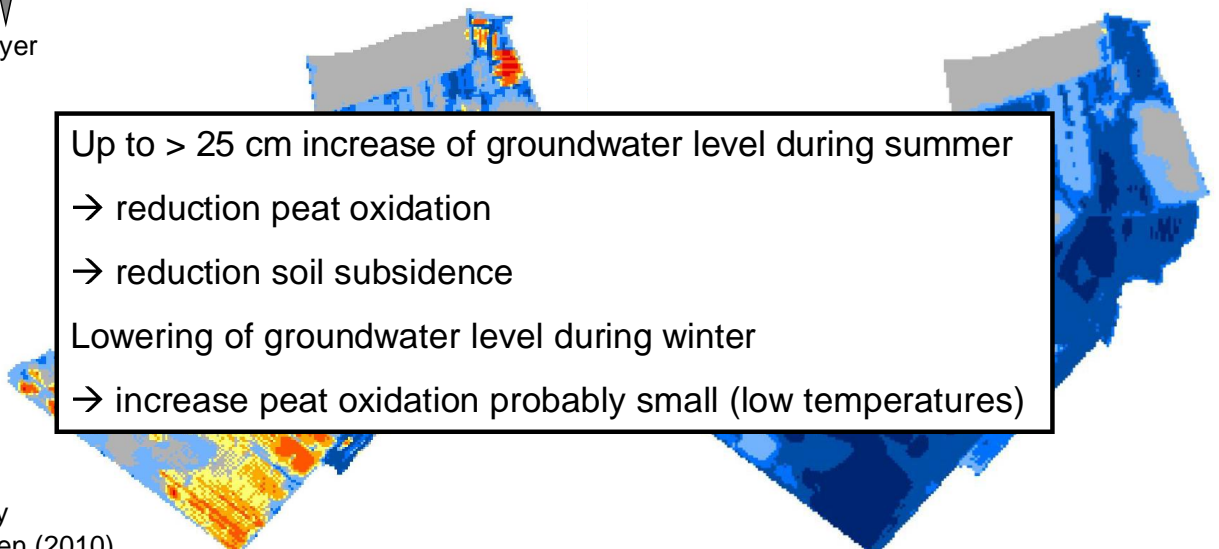
# Example 3: dynamic water management

change in groundwater level (cm) = normal water management – dynamic water management



winter period

summer period



Up to > 25 cm increase of groundwater level during summer  
 → reduction peat oxidation  
 → reduction soil subsidence  
 Lowering of groundwater level during winter  
 → increase peat oxidation probably small (low temperatures)

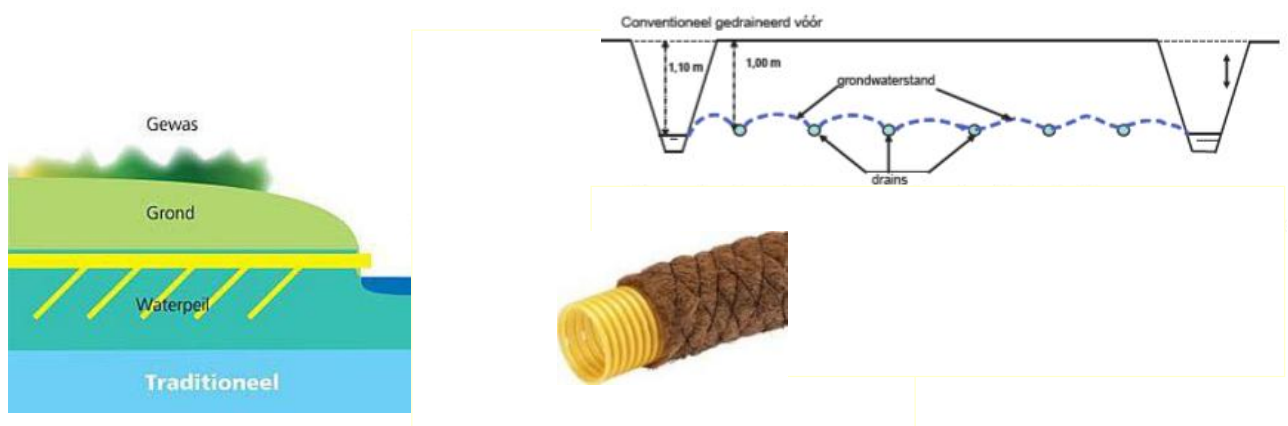
## Example 4: change of tile drainage system

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## Example 4: change of tile drainage system

- In many agricultural areas tile drainage is installed.
- Tile drainage is an effective way to reduce groundwater levels further from ditches

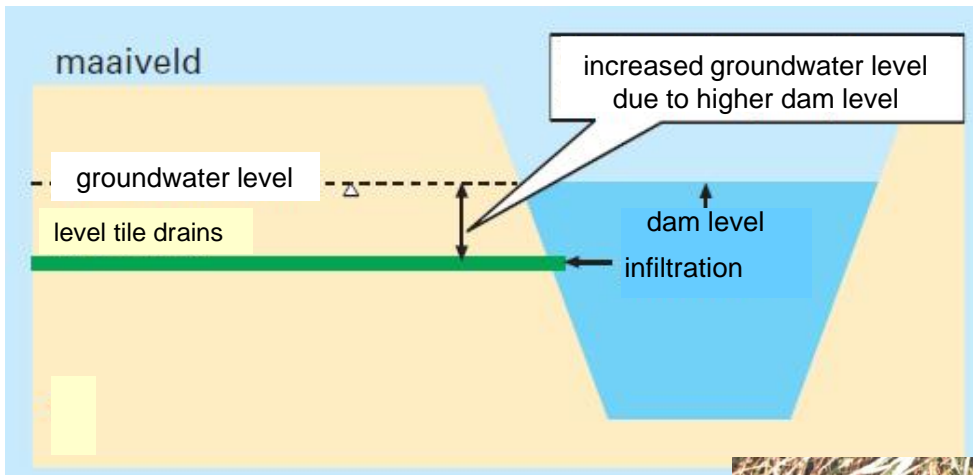


- **HOWEVER**, due to tile drainage the upper part of the soil is very dry and peat oxidation is enhanced...
- **BUT**, tile drainage can also be used to increase groundwater levels. Also, in the areas further from the ditches.

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# Example 4: change of tile drainage system

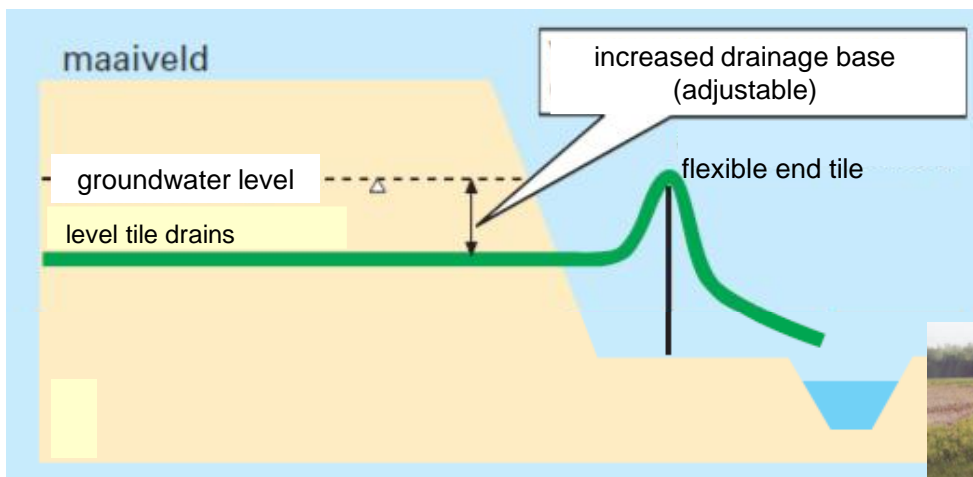


*Example of tube drainage below surface water for water infiltration to groundwater.*

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# Example 4: change of tile drainage system



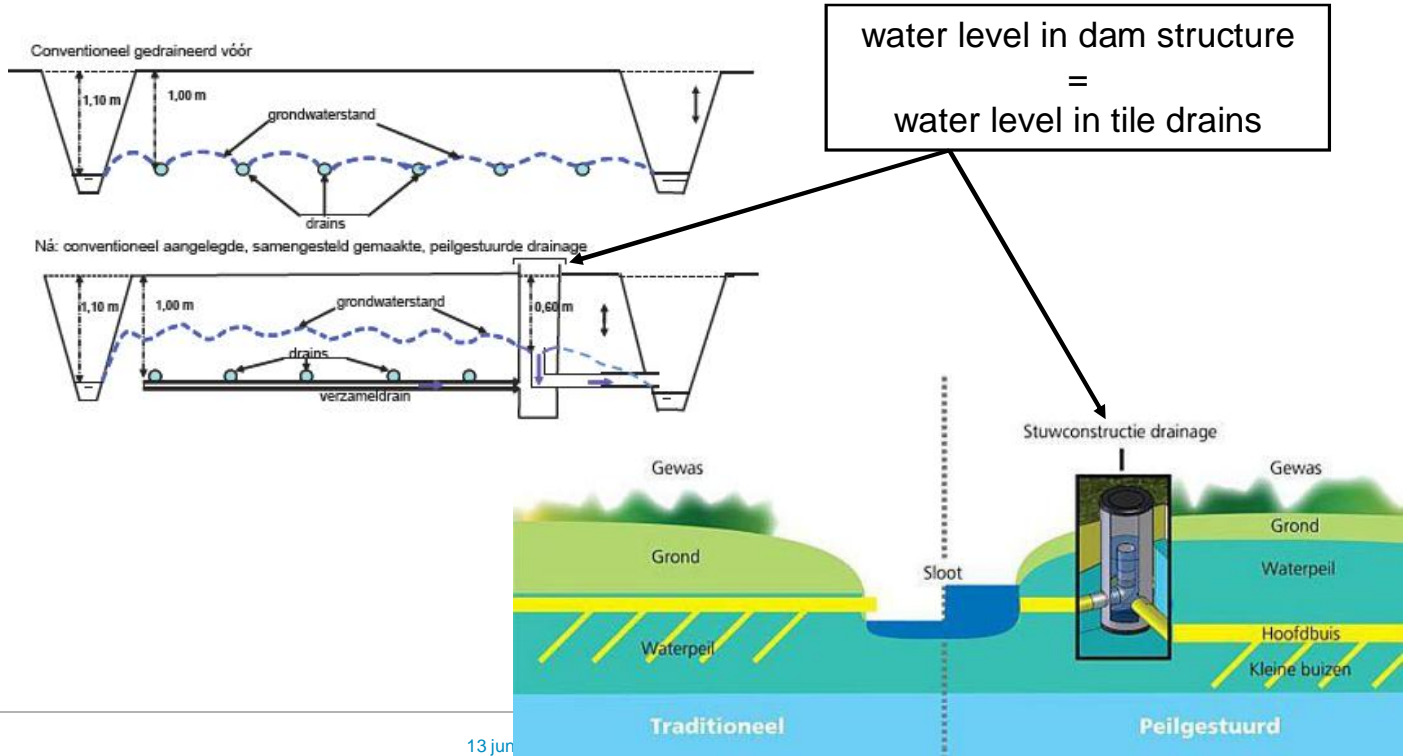
*Example of tube drainage with adjustable drainage base.*

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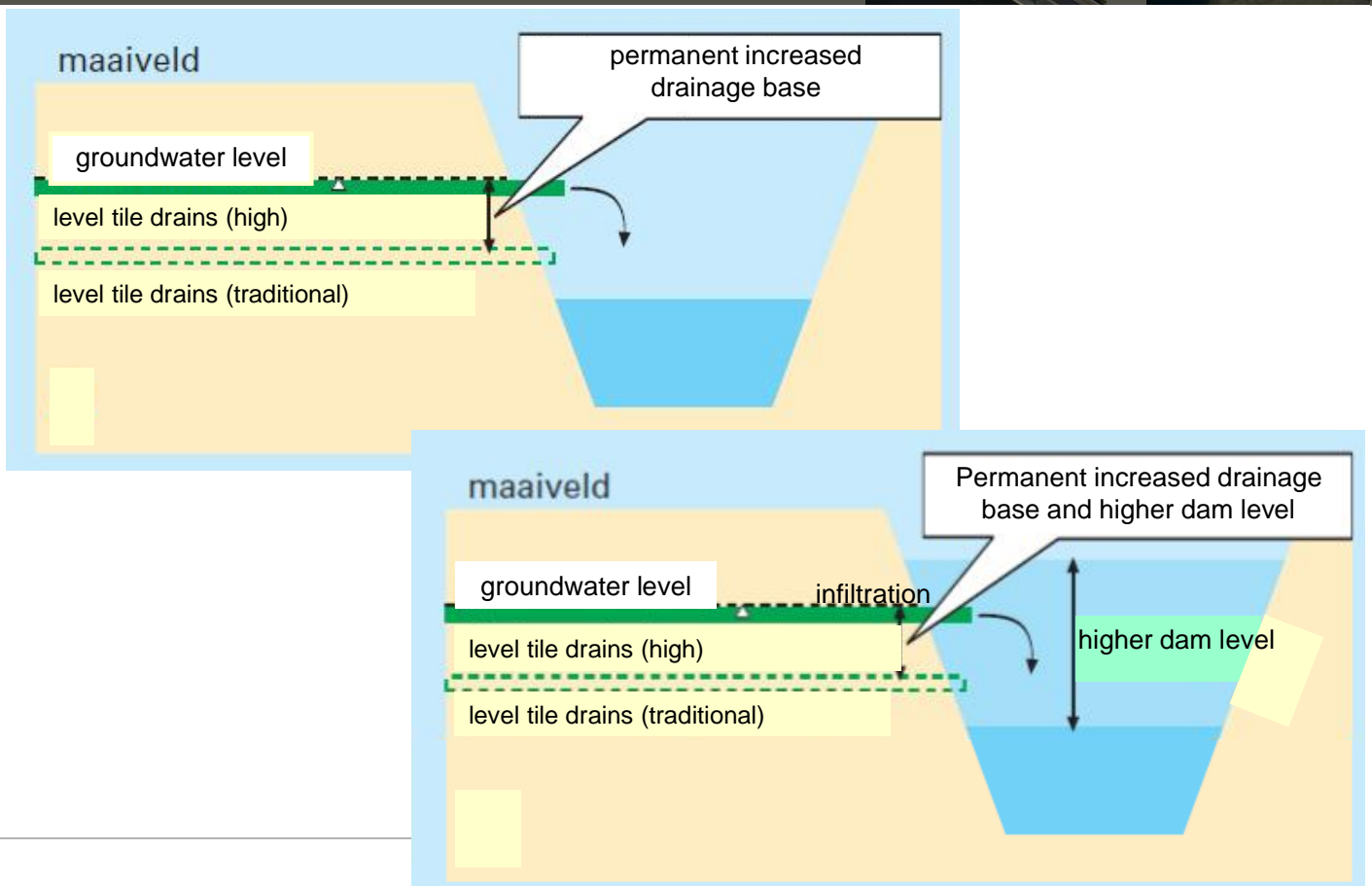


# Example 4: change of tile drainage system

- Tile drainage with “dam structure” that determines the water level in all tile drains of a stretch of land.



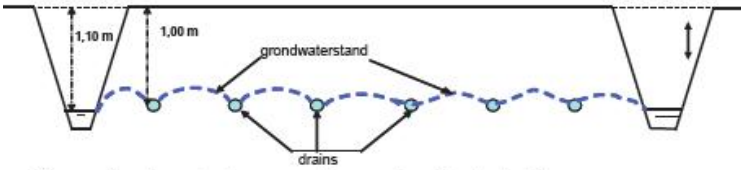
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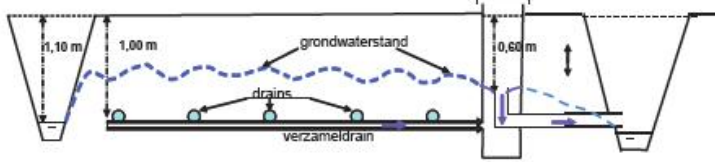
# Example 4: change of tile drainage system



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Increase of groundwater level resulting from new use of tile drainage  
→ reduction peat oxidation  
→ reduction soil subsidence

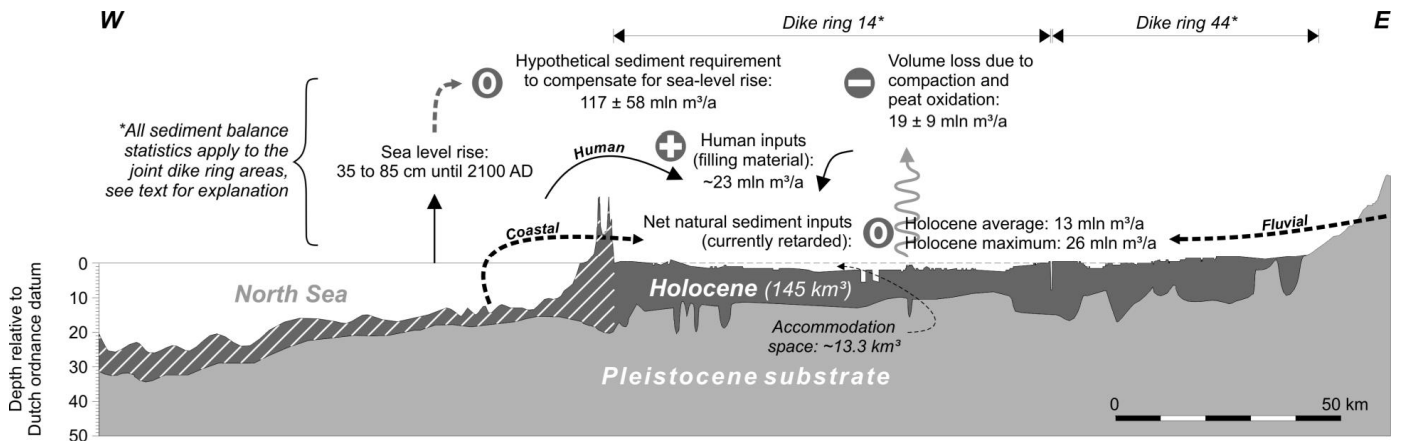
*How much reduction is yet unclear; largely depends on new groundwater depth and remaining thickness of aerated soil...*



# Example 5: forming of embankment



# Raising the country



Example 6: Large scale changes land-use for peat regeneration

# Example 6: Large scale changes land-use

desired development  
vegetation of area



current land-use and vegetation



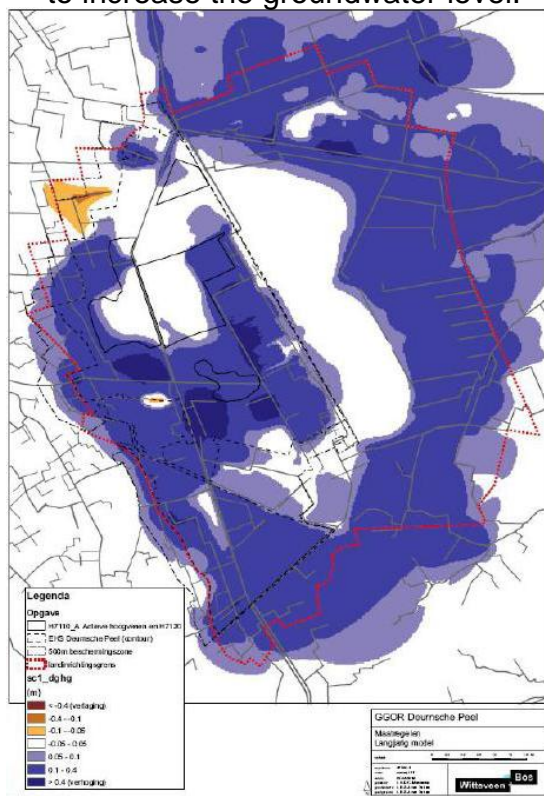
first new peat development

- regeneration of active bog peat
- local peat development and wet heather
- dry heather areas
- hydrological support areas
- other nature areas

From: Borren et al. (2010)

# Example 6: Large scale changes land-use

Regional geohydrological study →  
in whole area measures should be taken  
to increase the groundwater level.



Additional measures and effects  
specified for subareas



Blue areas indicate predicted  
increase of groundwater level.

From: Borren et al. (2010)

## Example 6: Large scale changes land-use

- In many cases, impossible to directly create appropriate boundary conditions for bog peat .....
- .... the regeneration of a peat ecosystem needs to be done in steps and over time.
- In case peat growth is absent and conditions are dry and eutrophic, peat regeneration can take 100 to 200 years.
- Oxidation of peat layers in the subsurface will decrease rapidly after rewetting.
- Methane emissions are generated by the rewetting; however, high emissions are probably only temporary.

| Start-off ecosystem | development to bog peat ecosystem under good (water) management |                   |            | time span (years) |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| brushwood >         | > marsh >   | > marsh-forest >  | > bog peat | 20 - 80           |
| marsh >             | > peat moss & reed land & marsh heather >                       |                   |            | 20 - 50           |
| reed land >         | > herb & grass land   | > marsh heather > |            | 20 - 30           |
| bird meadow >       |   |                   |            | 30 - 80           |

*Schematic of development sequence in case of the absence of active peat growth. Lower boundary indicates the occurrence of appropriate boundary conditions for the ecosystem, not yet fully developed plant communities.*

*From: Borren et al. (2010)*

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## PART 3: Conclusions

### Which measures are effective and feasible to reduce peat oxidation and soil subsidence?

- Most strategies include **water management** and inherent **land-use change**
- Water management changes can mitigate both **GHG emissions and soil subsidence**.
- A combination of (limited) **mitigation and agricultural** land use might be enabled **by technical measures** (dynamic water management and tile drainage solutions).
- For structural peat re-growth **large scale changes** are required.
- In temperate areas **peat re-growth > 100 years**.

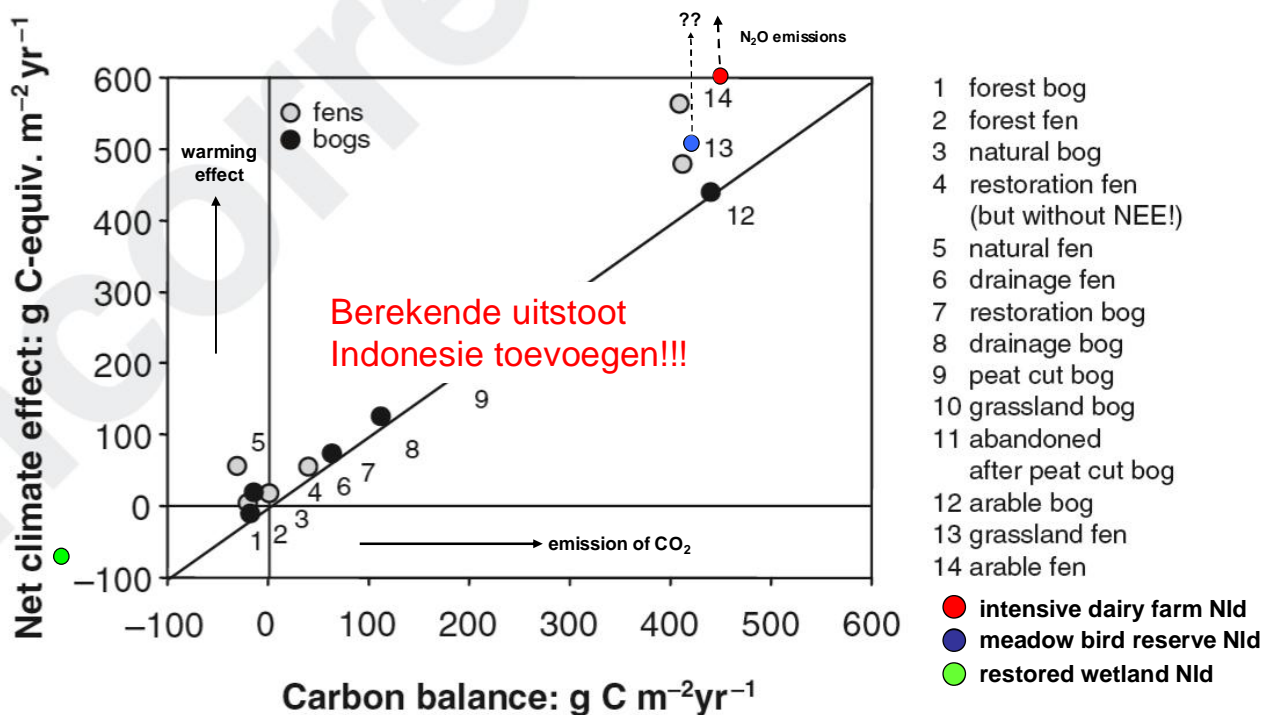
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The End.....thank you for your attention

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Carbon balance and climate effect in temperate regions



From: Droesler et al. (2008)

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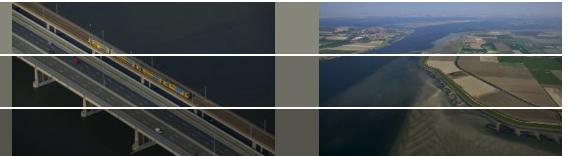


## Exercises

**Marnix van der Vat**

**JCP Workshop peatland subsidence  
Banjarmasin, January 30 & 31, 2012**

### Exercise 1: subsidence curves



Annual subsidence per land use category:

1 Natural forest

2 mm/year growth

2 Degraded forest with dense net of logging tracks/canals 0.6m deep

subs =  $7.06 * \text{drainage depth}$  (subs in cm, drain in m)

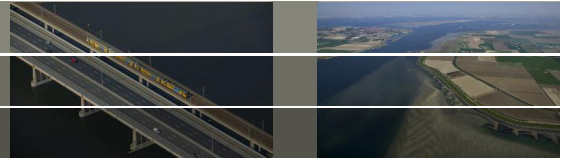
till depth of logging tracks is reached

3 Plantation drained at 1.2m depth

4 Plantation drained at 0.6m depth

subs =  $1.5 + 4.98 * \text{drainage depth}$  (subs in cm, drain in m)

## Exercise 1: subsidence curves



Construct a table and a graph of annual subsidence rate and remaining peat thickness for 4 different forms of land use

Duration 100 years

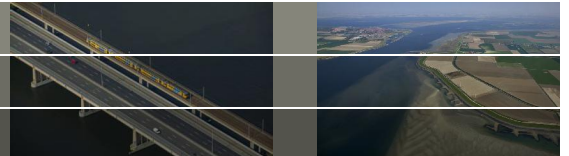
Initial peat thickness 10m

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| Initial subsidence after conversion: | year 1 | 70cm |
|                                      | year 2 | 45cm |

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## Exercise 1: subsidence curves

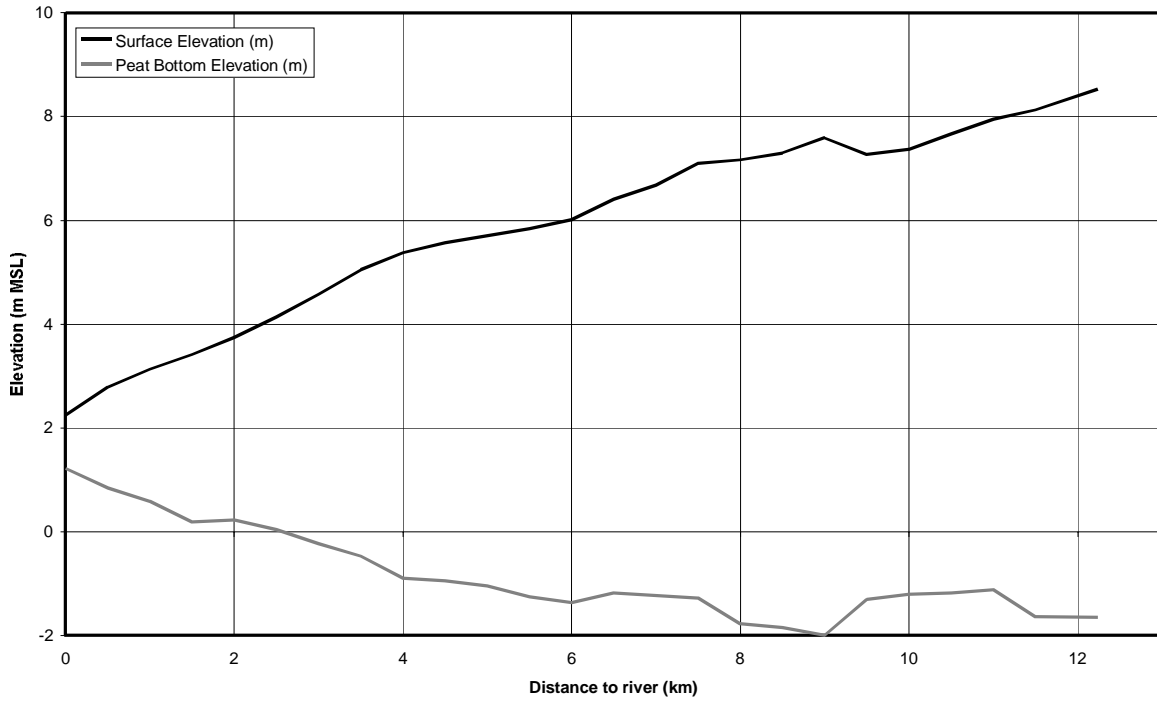
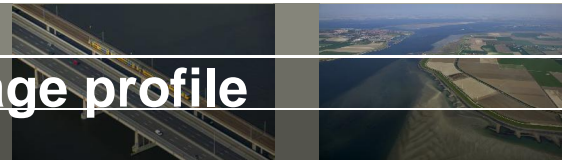


- How much peat remains after 100 years for each of the four land uses?
- How do the speed of subsidence and growth of peat compare?
- How does impact of initial subsidence compare to other subsidence on the long term?
- What is the long term impact of different drainage depths in plantations?

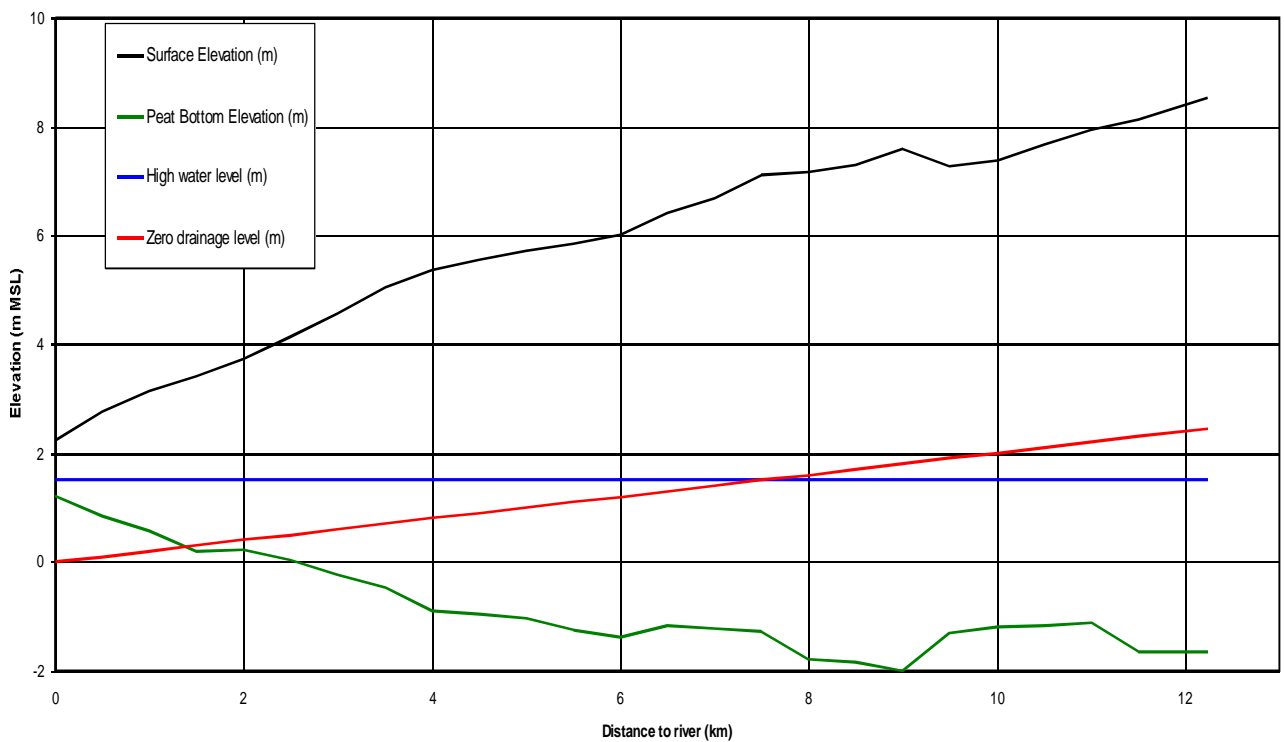
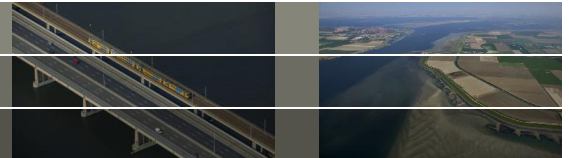
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# Exercise 2: Subsidence on average profile



# Flooding & drainage



## Exercise 2: Subsidence on average profile

Construct a table of remaining elevation after conversion to plantation during 100 years subsidence (and a graph at 25 years intervals)

Initial peat thickness 10m

Initial subsidence after conversion: year 1 70cm  
year 2 45cm

Plantation drained at 0.6m depth

$\text{subs} = 1.5 + 4.98 * \text{drainage depth}$  (subs in cm, drain in m)

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## Exercise 3: Impact of subsidence on flooding & drainability

Add HWL and zero drainage level to graph and tabulate (from graph at 25 year interval) percentage length of profile with flooding and drainability problems

High water level: 1.5 m

Head loss: 20 cm/km (starting at MSL)

Drainability classes: 1 < 0 cm  
2 0 – 30 cm  
3 30 – 60 cm  
4 > 60cm

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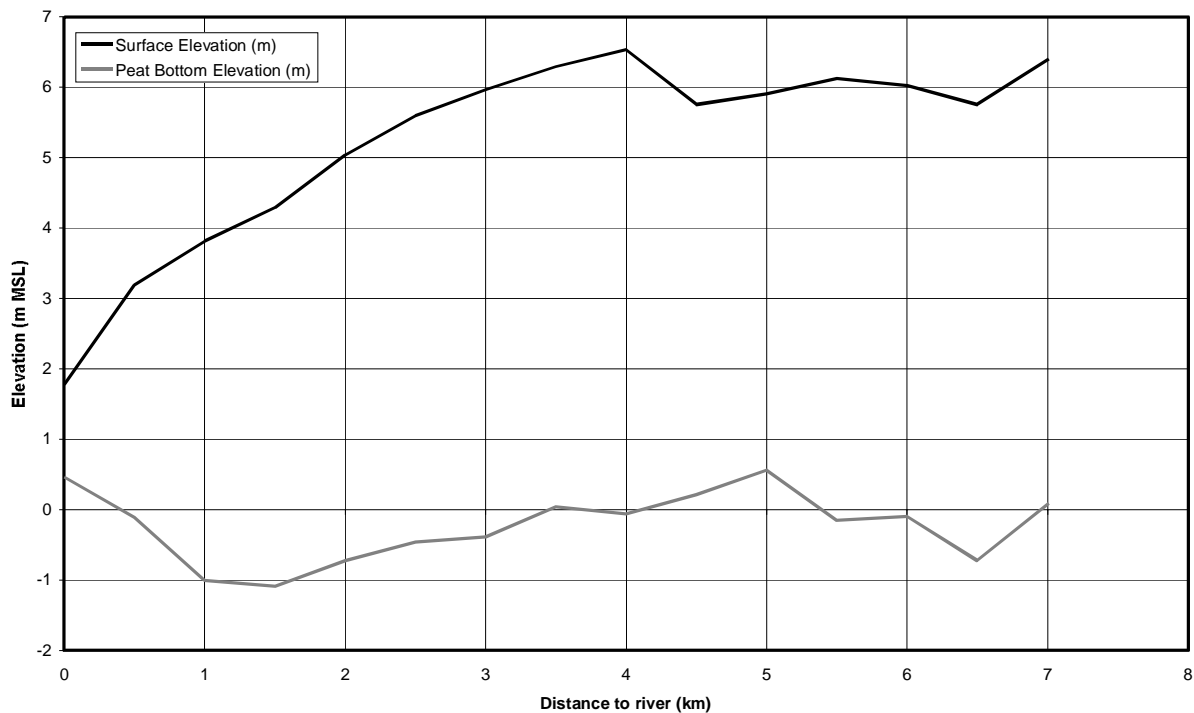
## Exercise 3: Impact of subsidence on flooding & drainability

- How many percent of the profile experiences flooding and drainage problems after 50 years?
- How many percent of the profile can be sustainably developed for 100 years?

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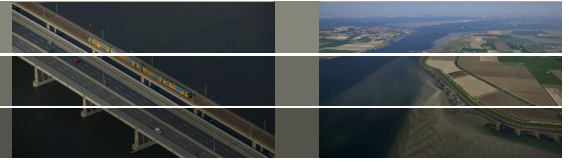
## Exercise 4: Sarawak profile



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## Exercise 4: Sarawak profile

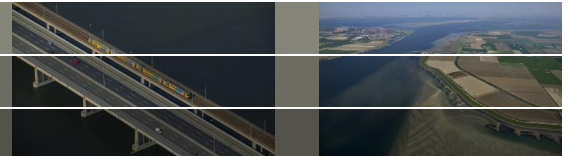


- Compare results for flood and drainage with Indonesian profile and explain the differences

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## Exercise 5: Sea Level Rise



Add 1cm per year SLR (high estimate) to the HWL and zero drainage level and repeat the profile analysis of flood and drainage for Indonesia

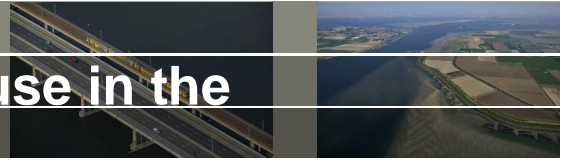
Compare results in table with and without SLR. What is the influence of SLR? How important is SLR compared to subsidence?

How many percent does now experience problems after 50 years? And how many percent does not have problems after 100 years?

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## Exercise 6: with 2 types of land use in the profile



Repeat subsidence analysis on Indonesian average profile but now with first 4km from river plantation drained at 1.2m and after that natural forest

Is this result possible in reality? What will happen in reality to the peat under the forest?

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## Exercise 7: determine required extent of buffer



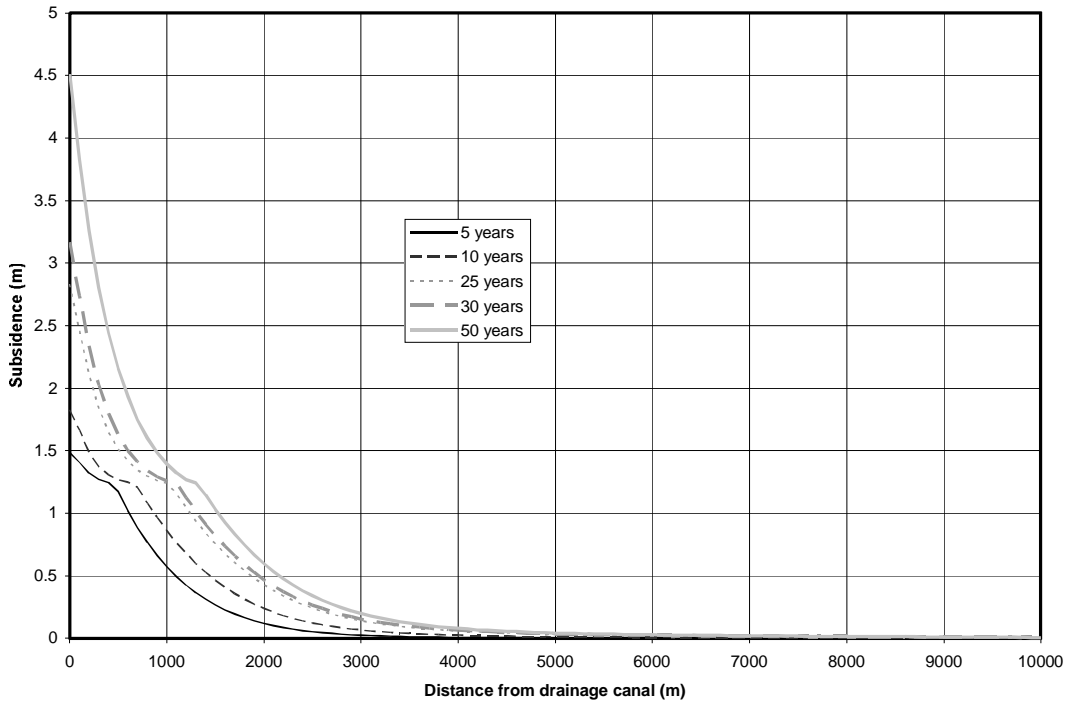
- Peat thickness 10m
- Hydraulic conductivity 100m/d
- Drainage depth 1.2m

Determine the required width of the buffer from plantation with 1.2m drainage depth to keep subsidence in conservation area below 5cm over 50 years

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## Exercise 7: determine required extent of buffer



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## Exercise 8: Calculate emissions

Use the results of exercise 1 to calculate emissions (rate per year and cumulative) for a period of 100 years for 4 different landuses

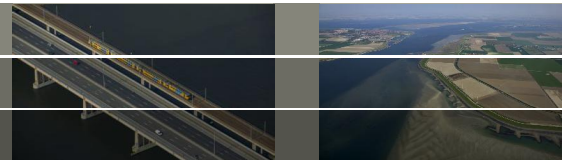
Carbon storage: 15.1 ton CO<sub>2</sub>/ha/cm

Compare emission rates with the storage under natural forest

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## Excercise 9: Impact of rewetting



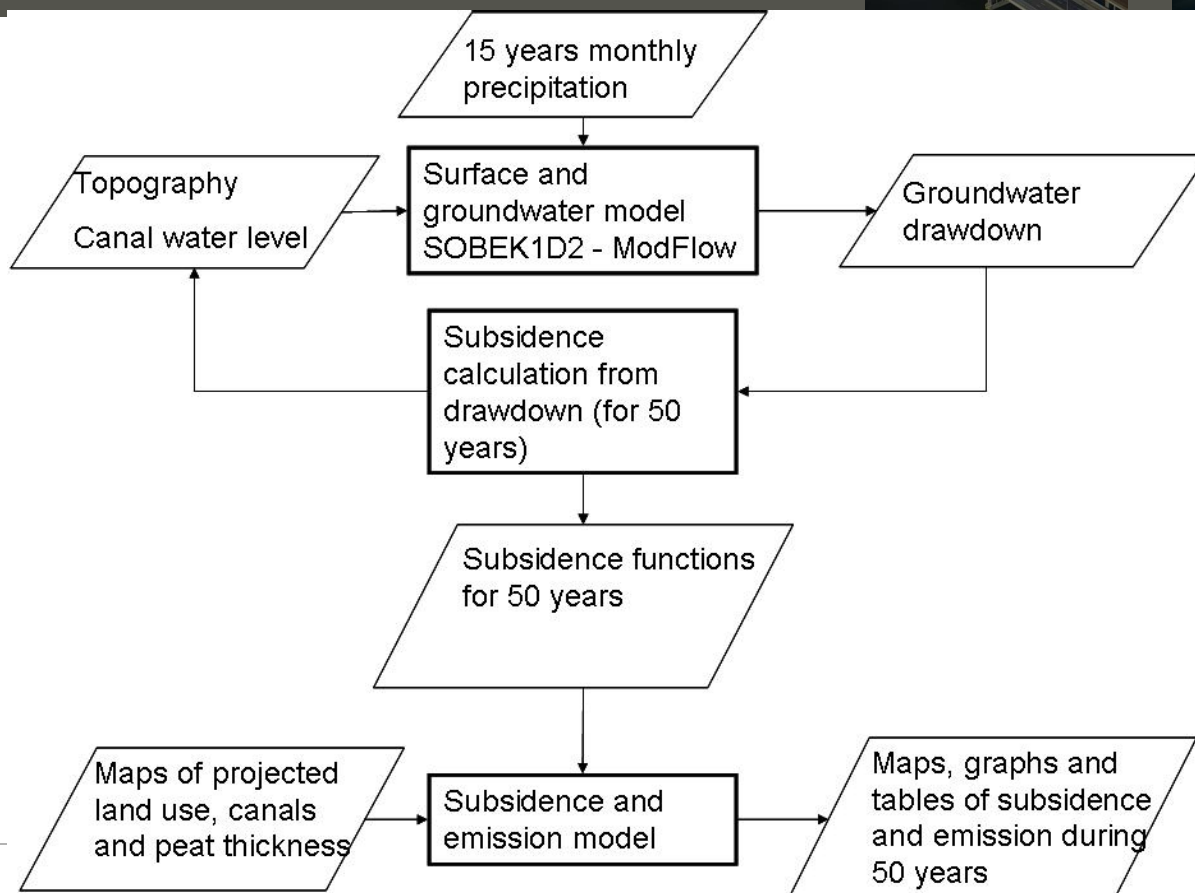
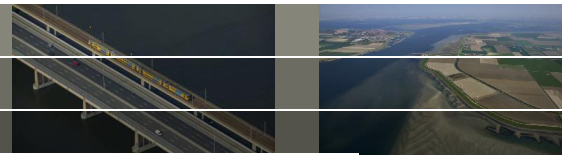
Calculate subsidence and CO<sub>2</sub> emission for a profile perpendicular to a canal after 50 years drainage depth 60 cm (rewet) and 120 cm (not rewet)

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Initial peat depth     | 10m                             |
| Slope to the canal     | 0.5m/km                         |
| Length profile         | 10km                            |
| Width profile          | 100m                            |
| Hydraulic conductivity | 10m/d                           |
| No intial subsidence   |                                 |
| Carbon storage         | 15.1 ton CO <sub>2</sub> /ha/cm |

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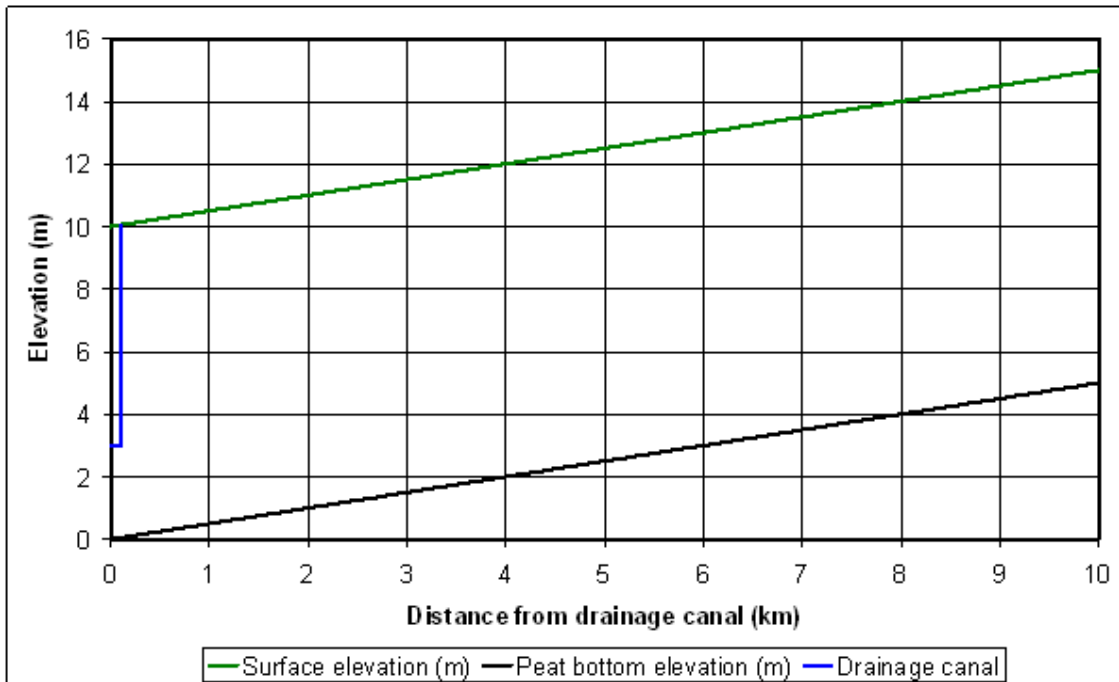
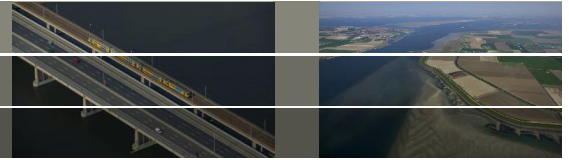
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## Peat subsidence model



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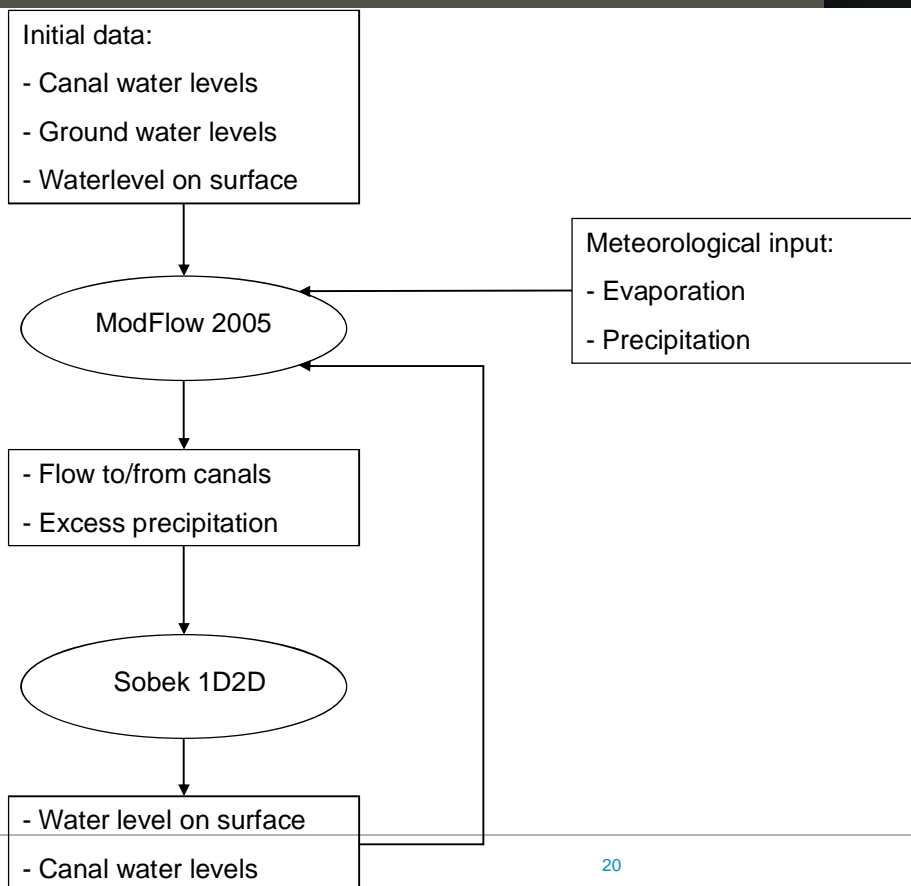
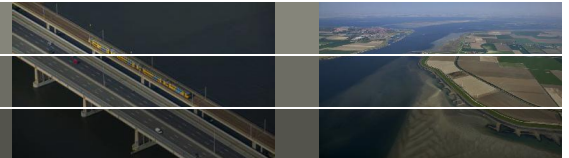
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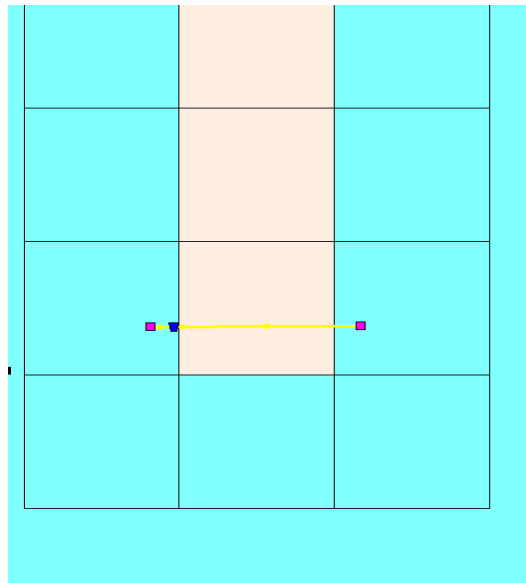
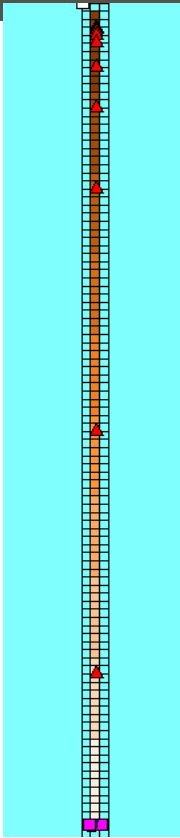
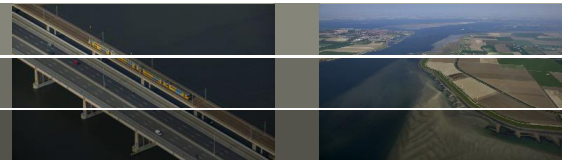
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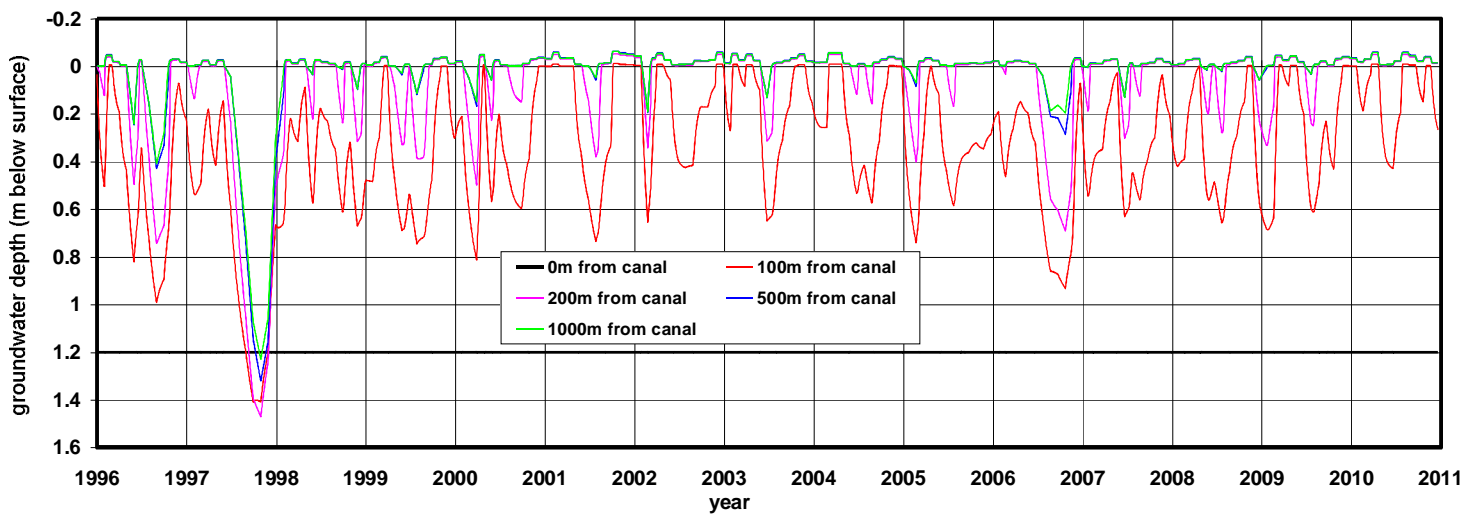
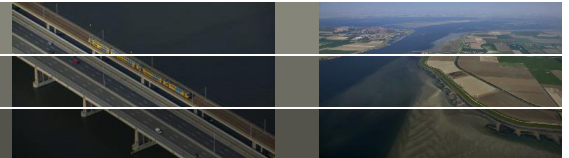
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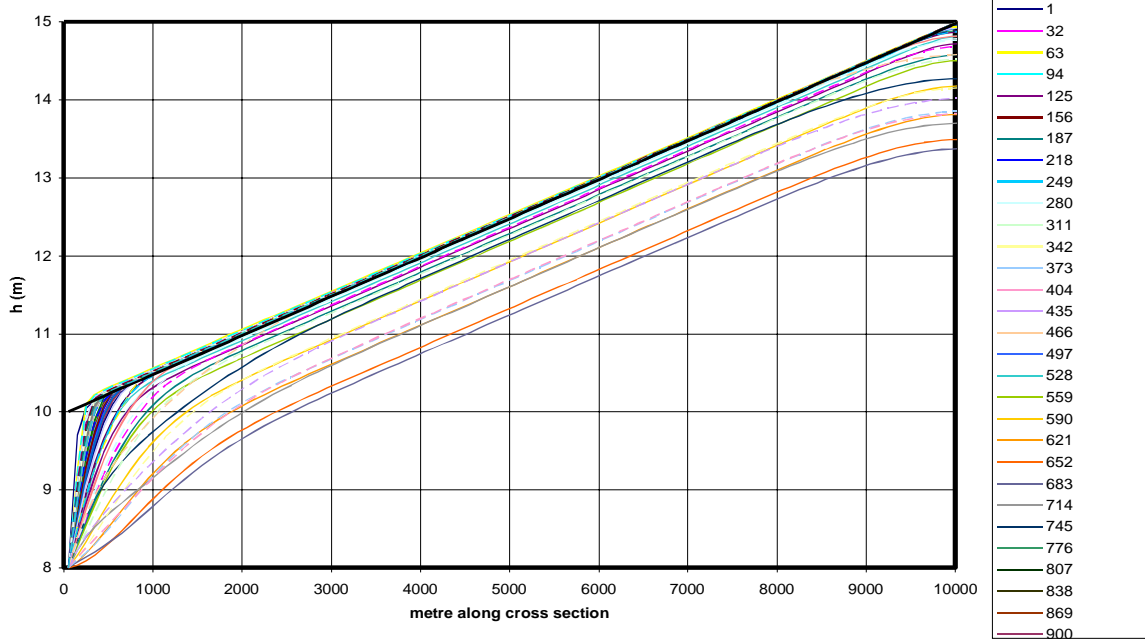
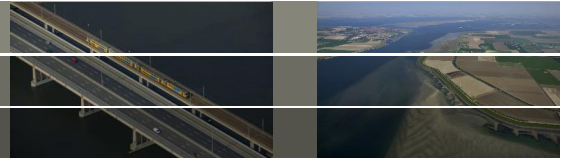
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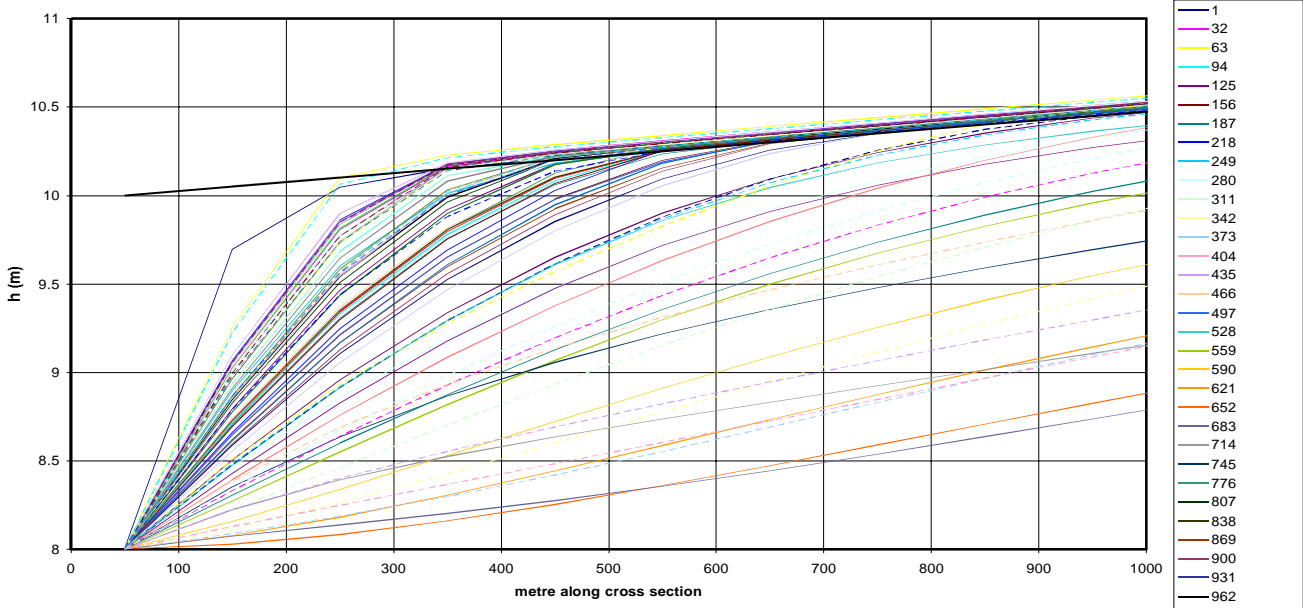
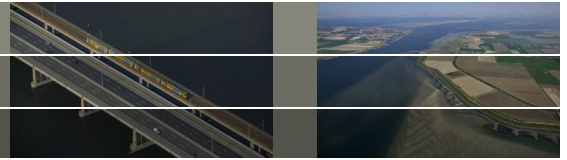
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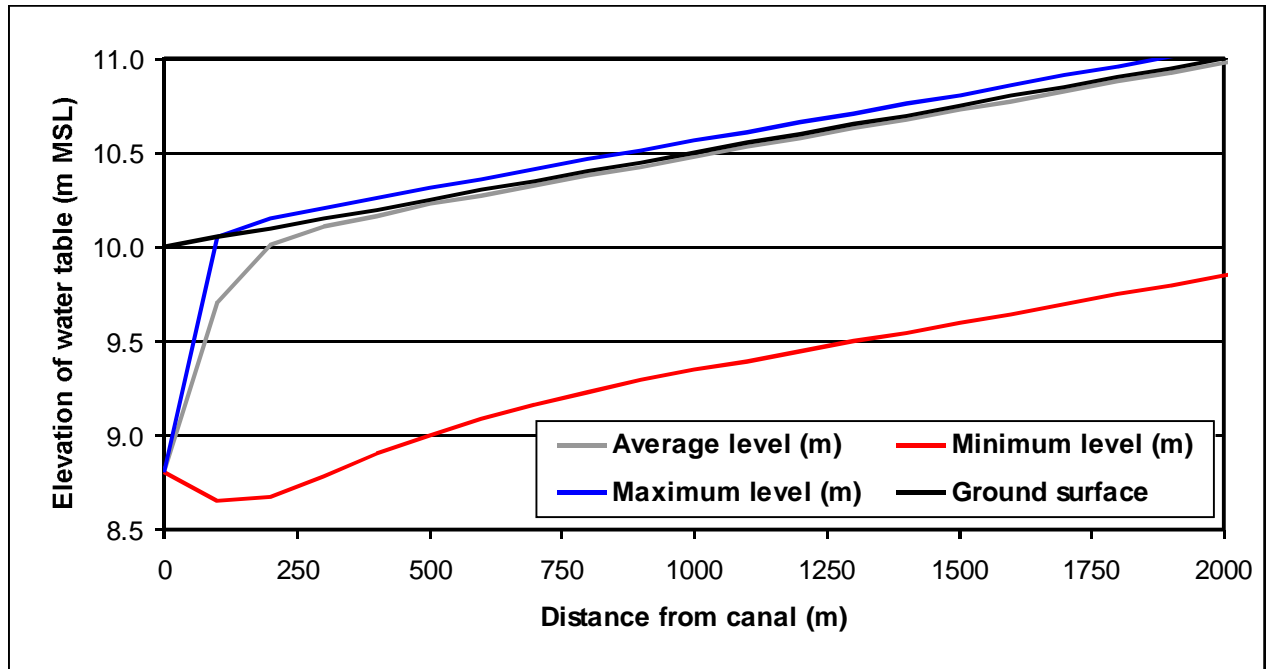
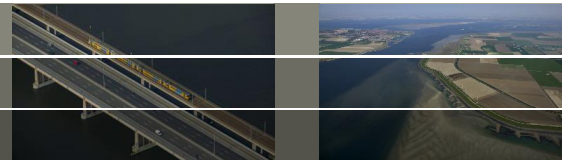


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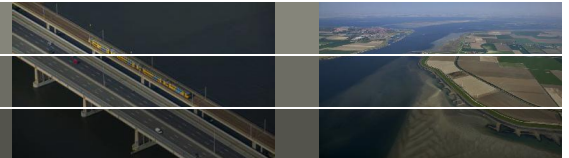




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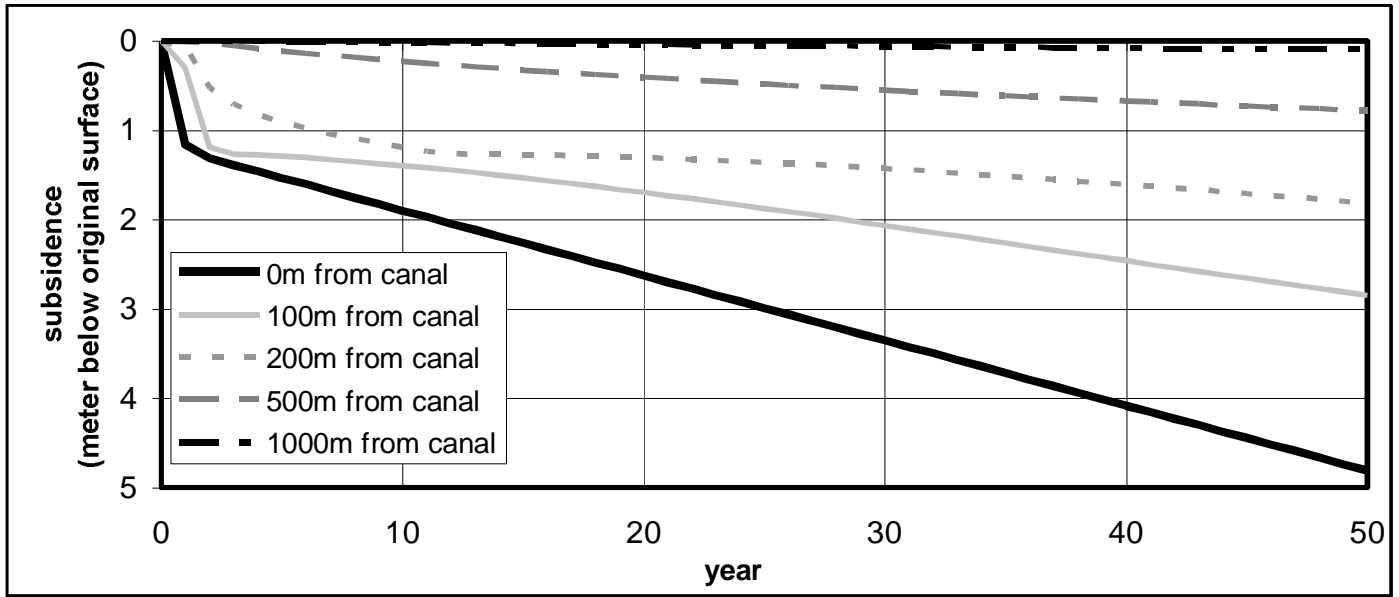
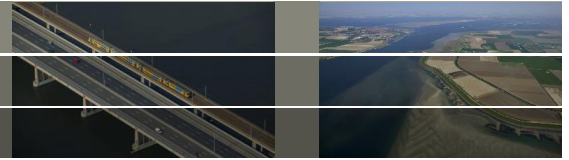


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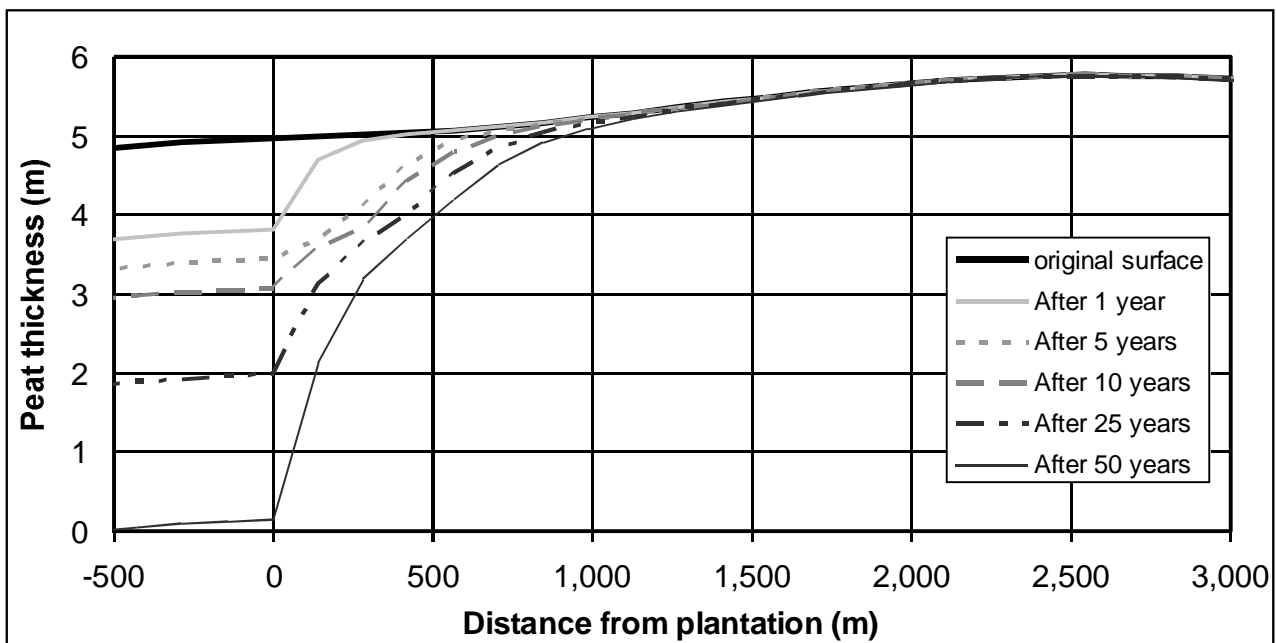
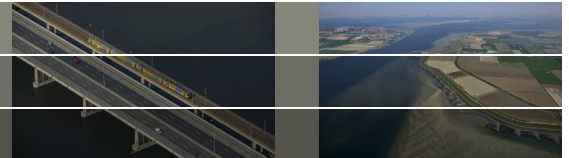


|                        | Volume (m3) | %    |
|------------------------|-------------|------|
| Net boundary out       | 17679522    | 100% |
| Groundwater drainage   | 3042153     | 17%  |
| Overland flow drainage | 14637369    | 83%  |

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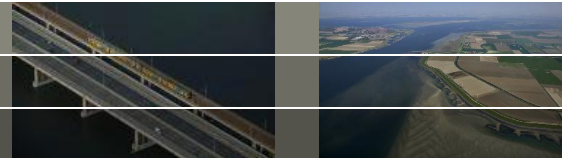


## LIDAR & Flood analysis for Kalimantan peat lands

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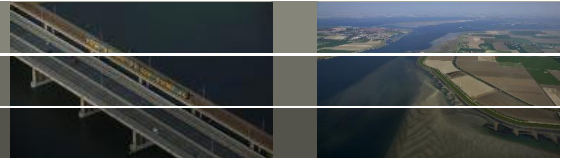
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### Sources of elevation data



- Levelling surveys
- GPS surveys
- SRTM (Shuttle radar Topographic Mission)
- LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)
- DIFSAR (Differential Synthetic Aperture Radar)

# LIDAR

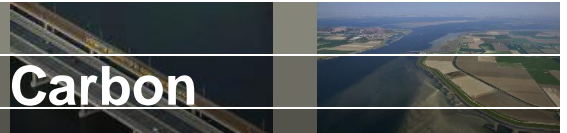


- Helicopter or airplane
- GPS positioning of carrier
- Emits laser beams and measures time to reflection
- Point density between 0.1 – 100 points/m<sup>2</sup>
- Discrete or full waveform (commonly 4 pulse: first, last, maximum and mean)

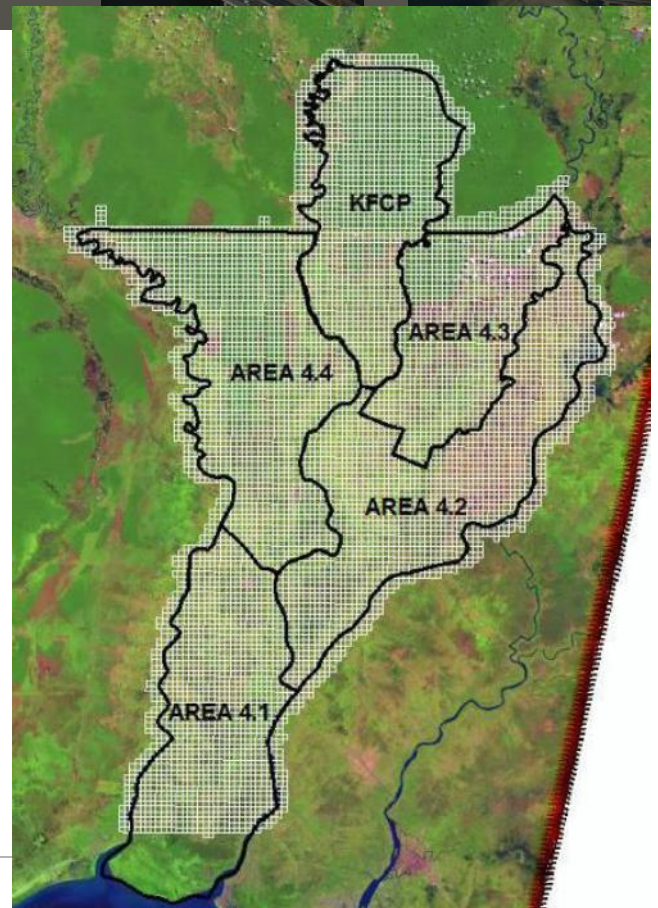
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## KFCP LIDAR (Kalimantan Forest Carbon Partnership)

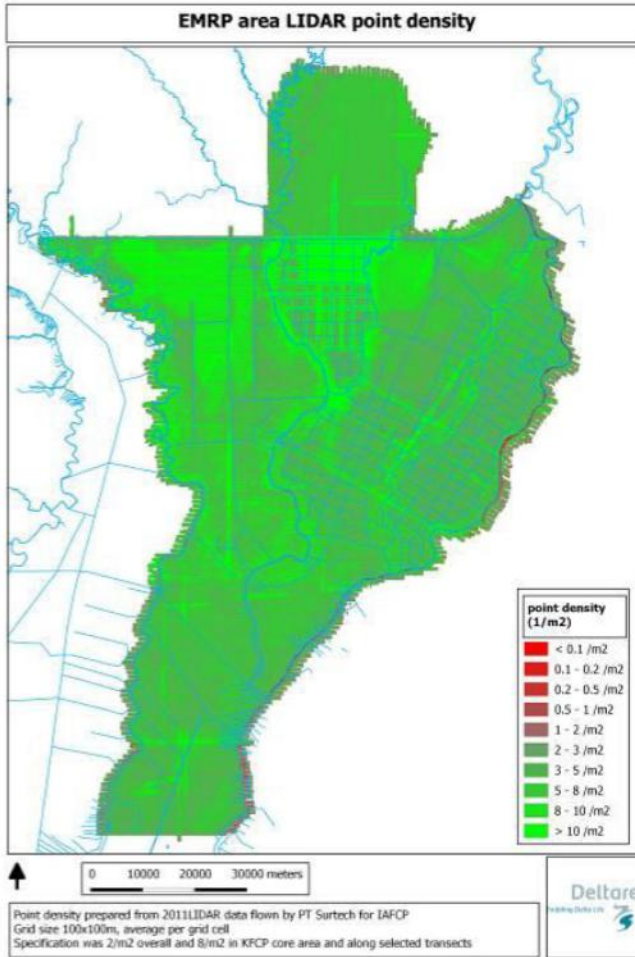


- Part KFCP core area high density, full-waveform LIDAR and high resolution imagery
- Rest low density
- Executed by RSS and Surtech



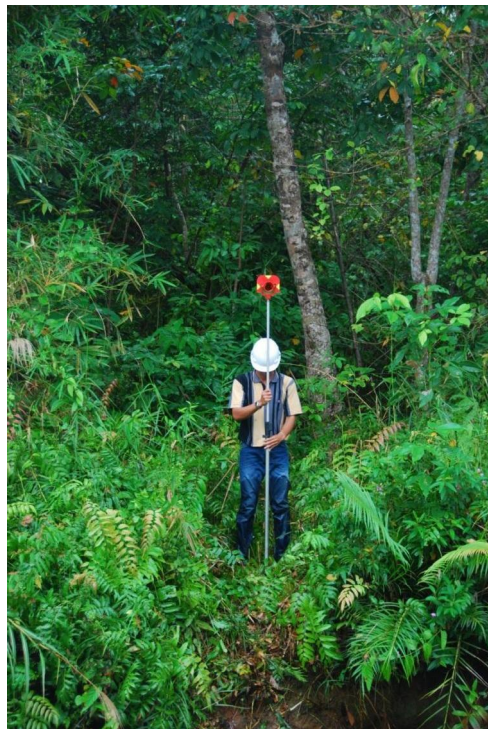
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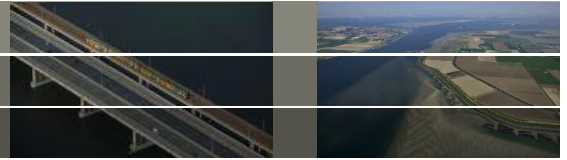
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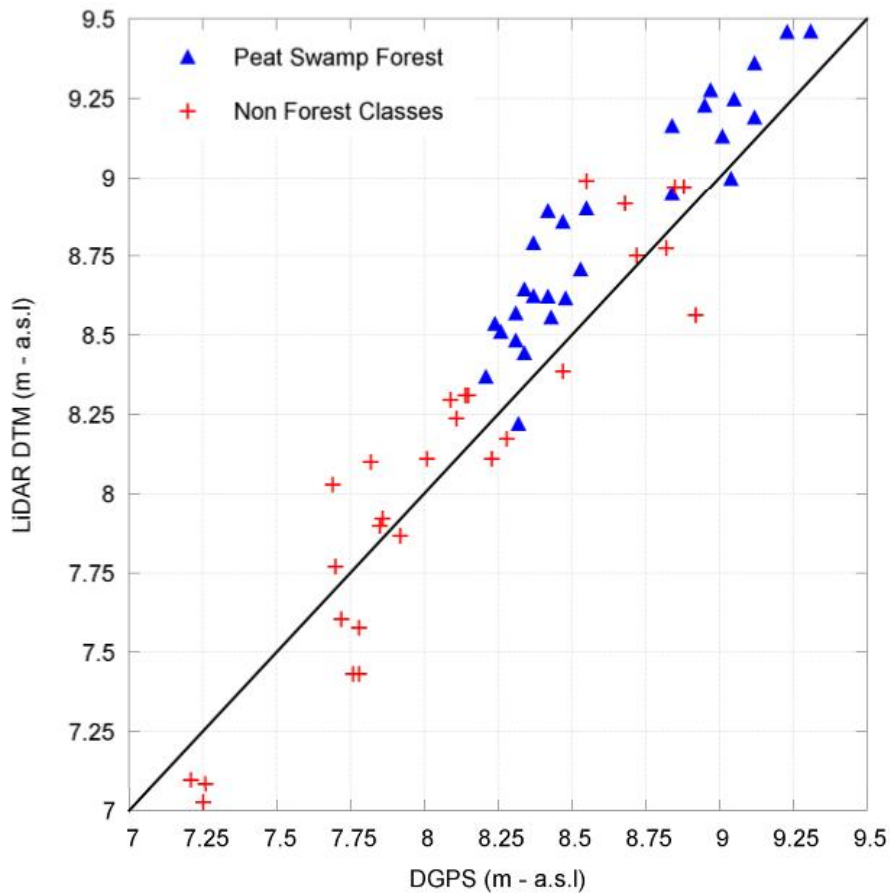
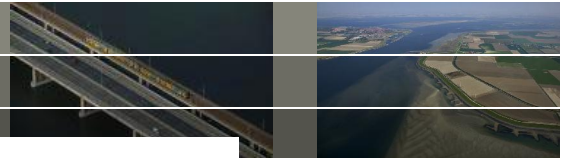


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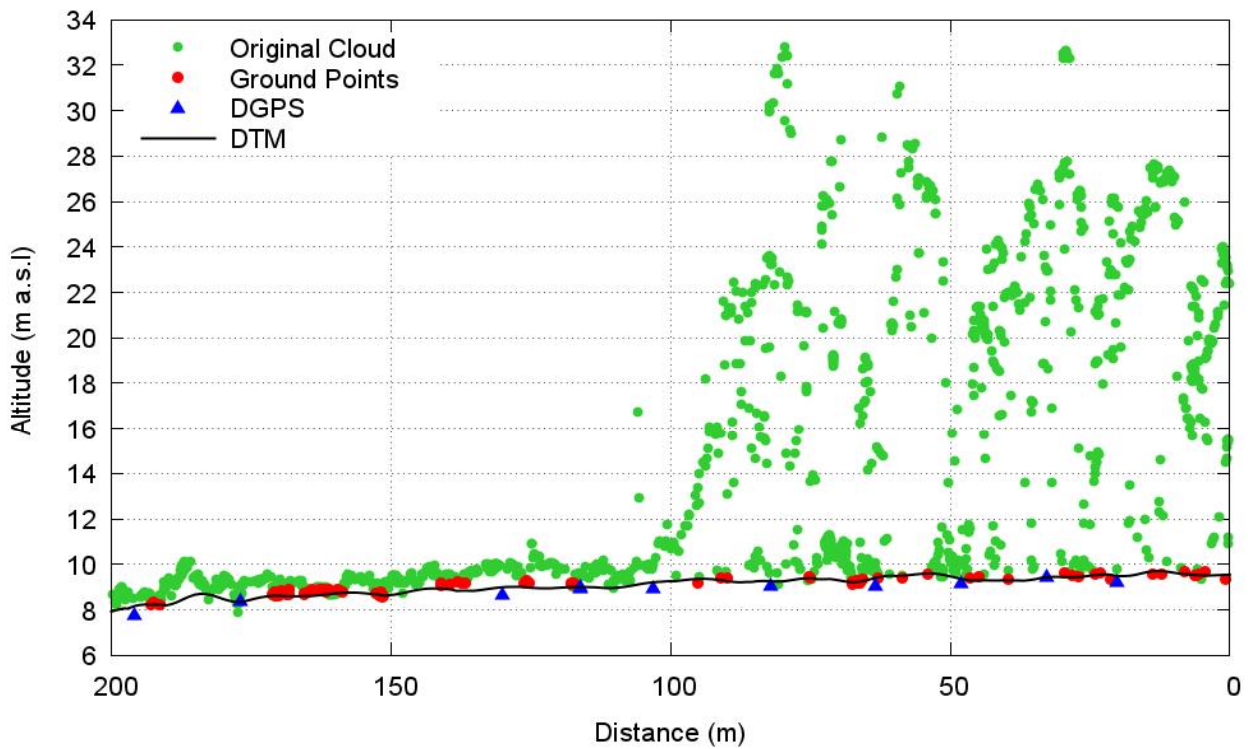
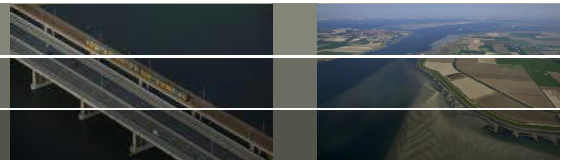
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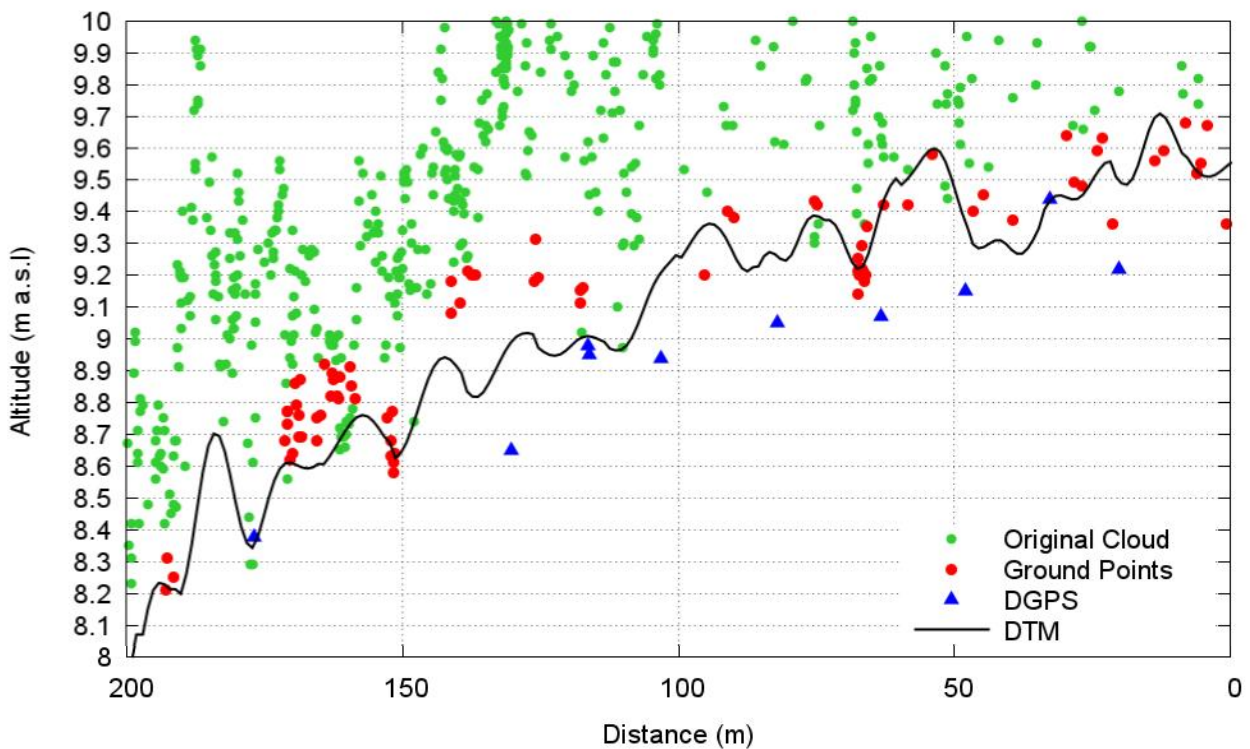
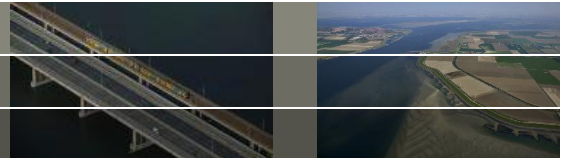
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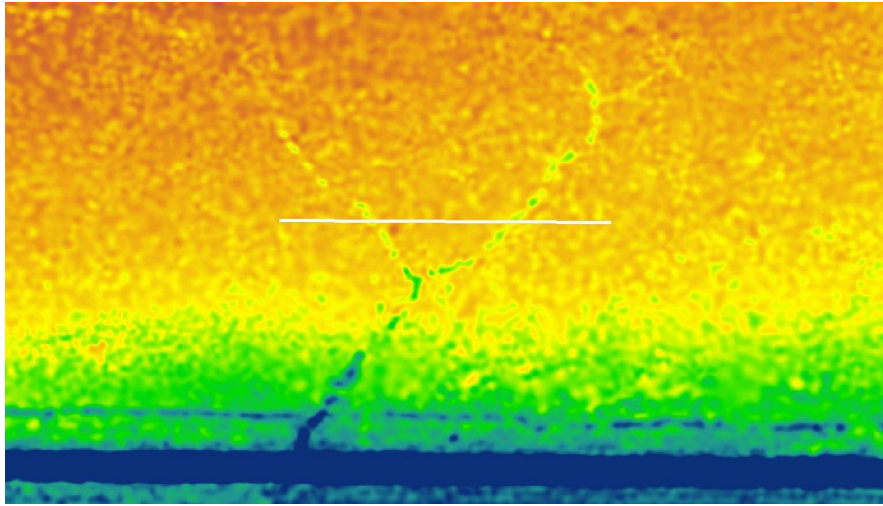
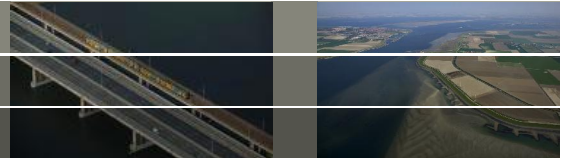
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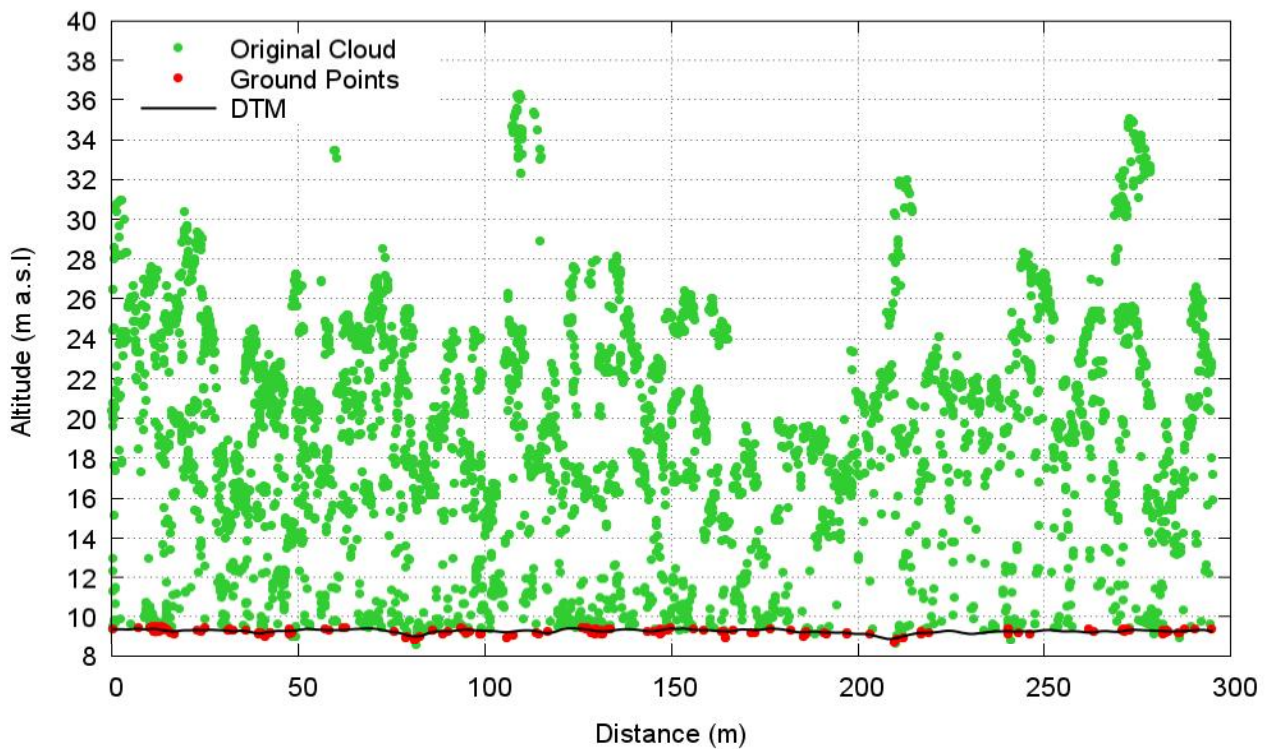
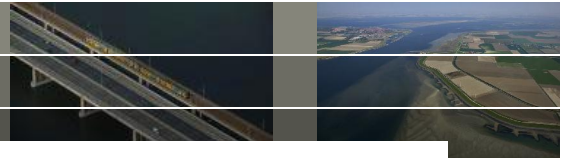
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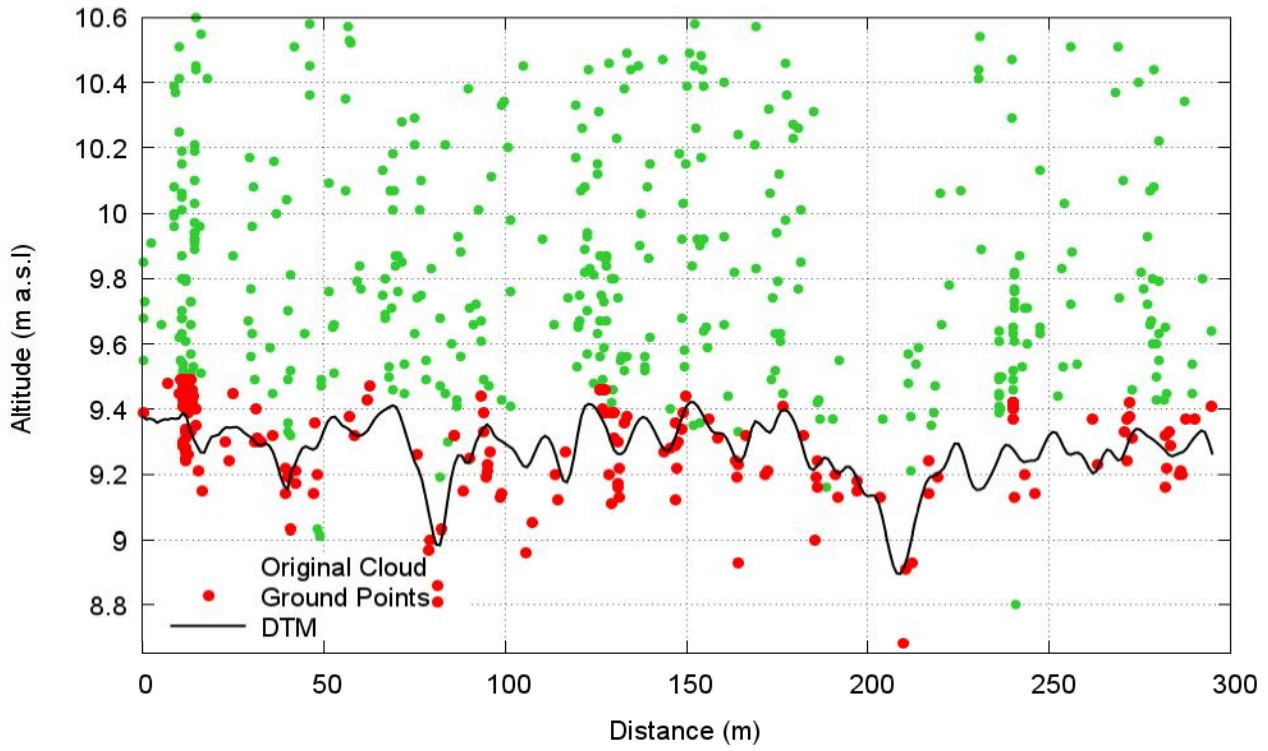
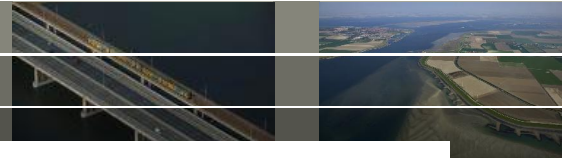


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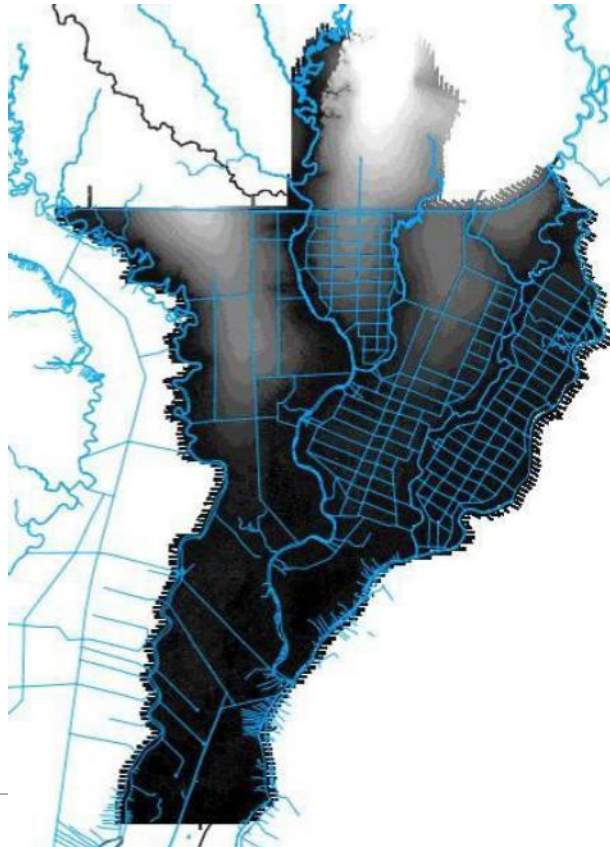
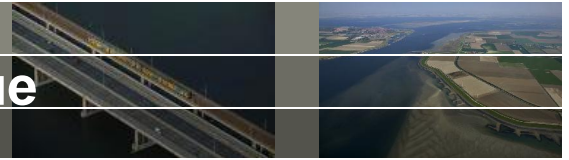


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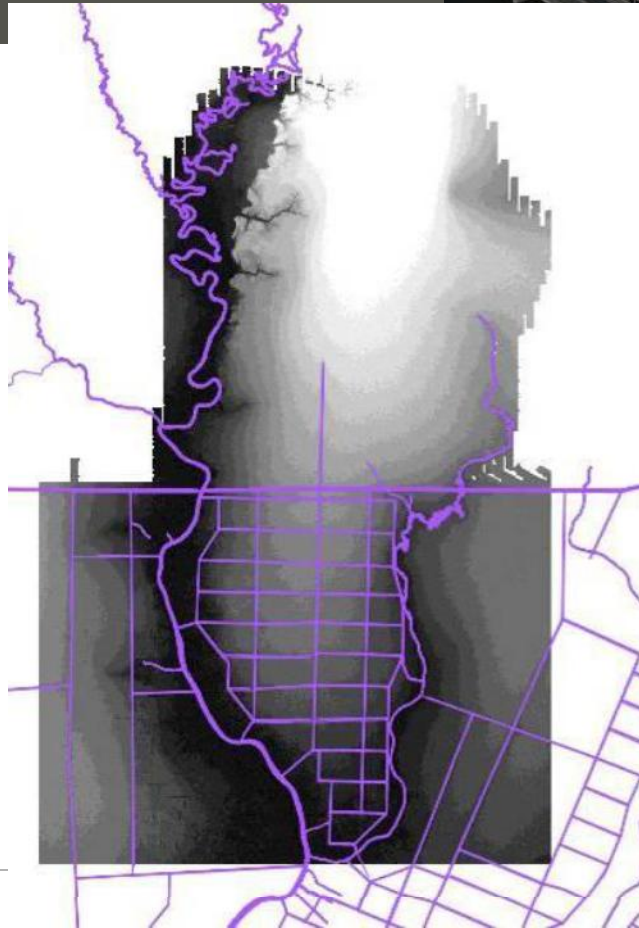
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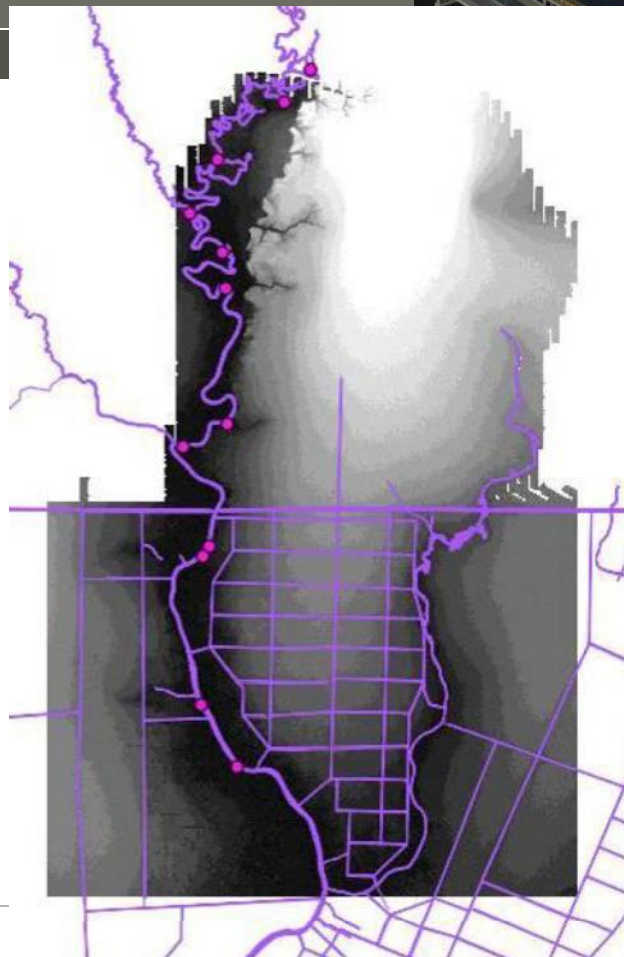
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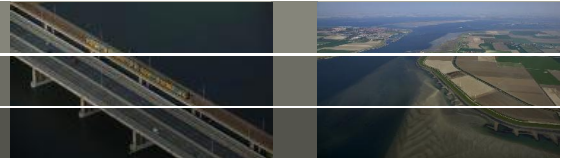
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Flood depth data



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# Steps to calculate flood depths

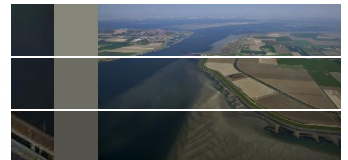
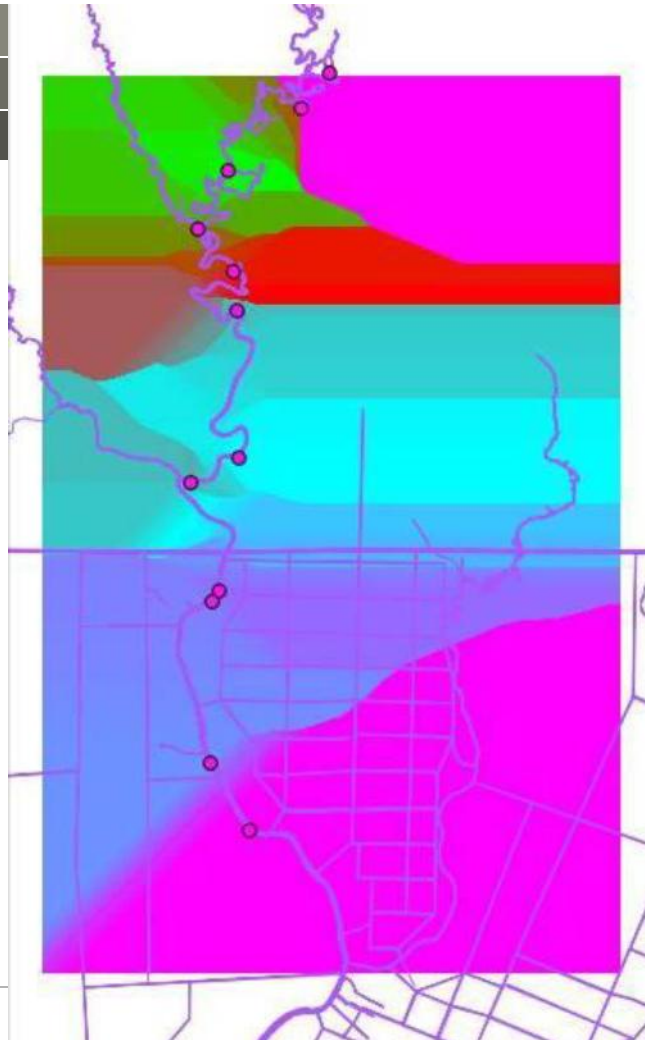


- Convert flood depth to flood level
- Interpolate flood level along the river
- Extrapolate flood level based on closest point on the river
- Convert flood level to flood depth

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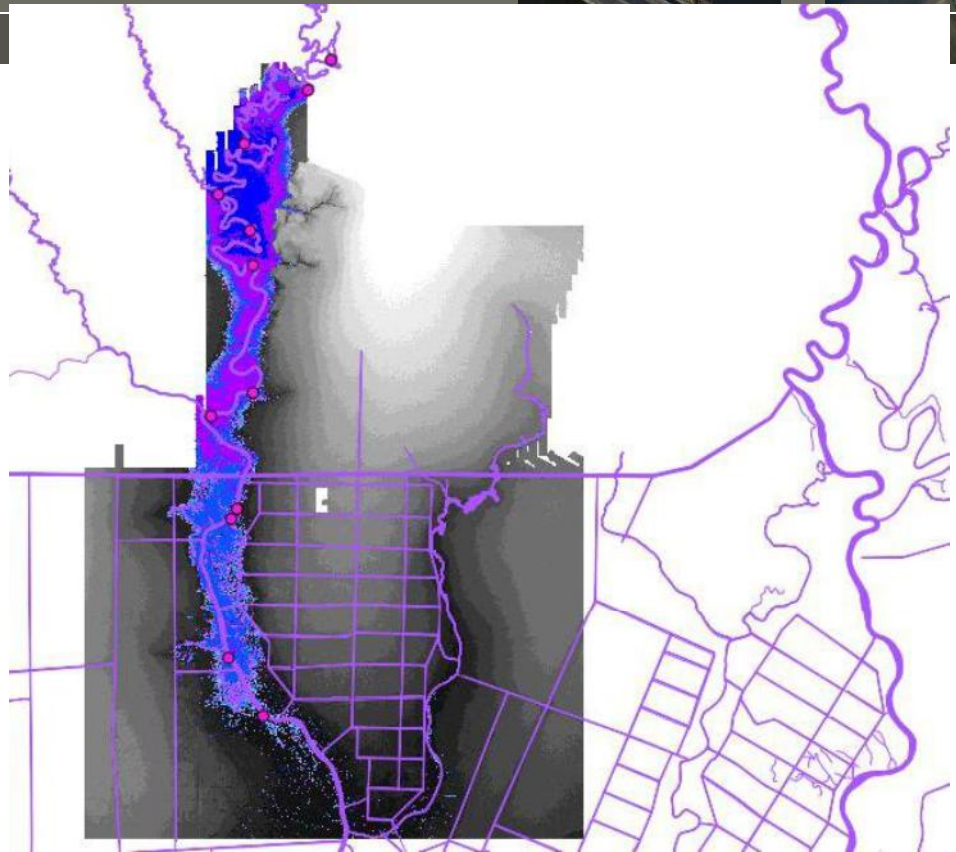
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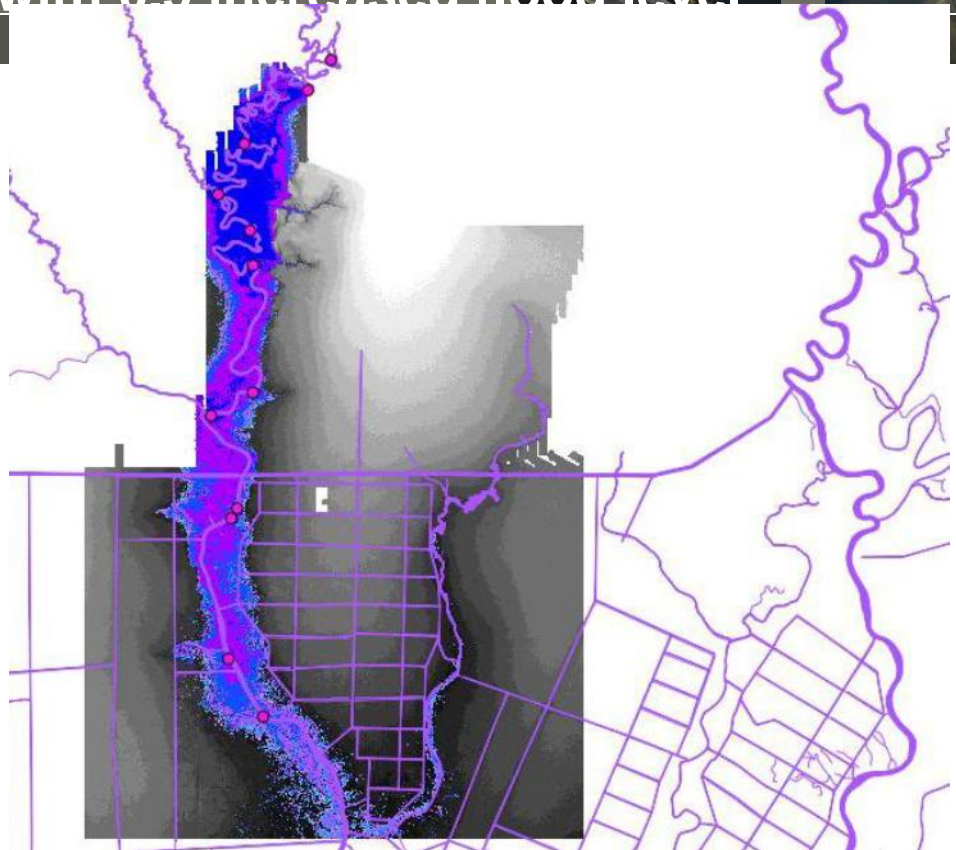
# Flood depth



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# Flood depth with 0.5 increased flood level



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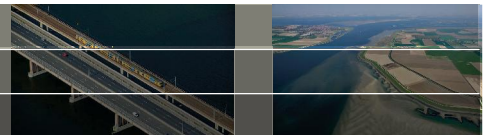
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### Background



One of the activities within KFCP (Kalimantan Forest Carbon Partnership) is the set up of an extensive hydrological and peat soils monitoring network (> 500 instruments).

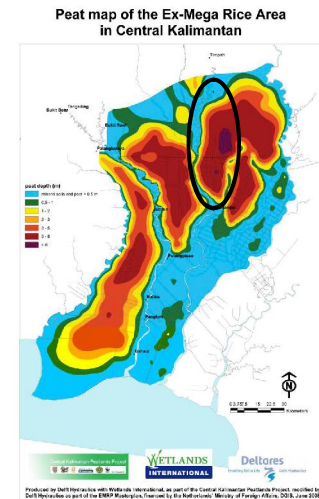
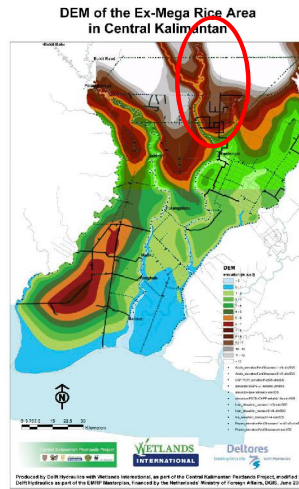
The activity started in 2009 and continues until (at least) May 2012.

**Primary goal:** collect long and high-quality data series that will allow quantification of carbon loss from the KFCP area (part of Block A and E of the EMRP area, see next slide)

**Second goal:** the data will help evaluate the impact of water levels, land subsidence rates and discharges on KFCP canal blocking and other rehabilitation interventions in the system.

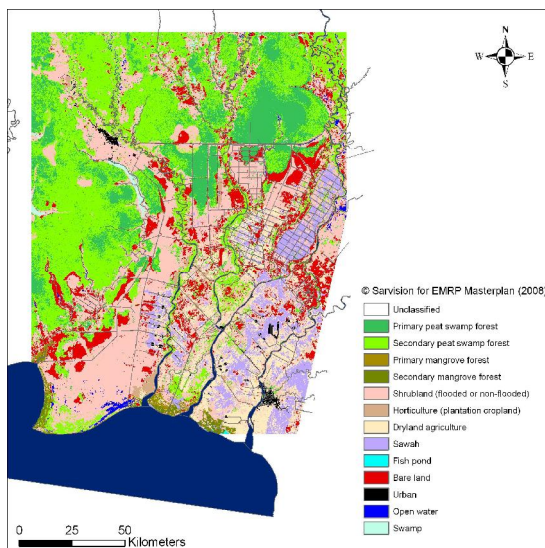
# Project area – part of Block A and E of EMRP area

KFCP area (approx. 120.000 ha, Block E 63% or 75.500 ha)

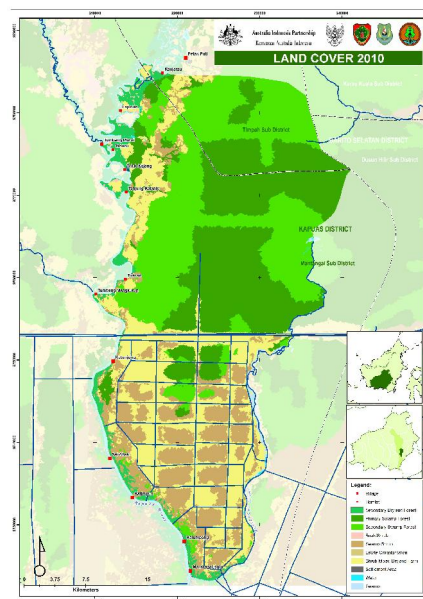


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# Landcover map



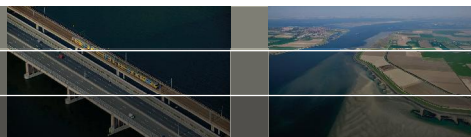
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## Ground water and surface water levels



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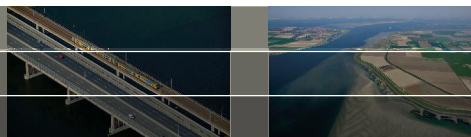
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The **surface water level in the canals** is measured using **staff gauges**.

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## Installation photographs



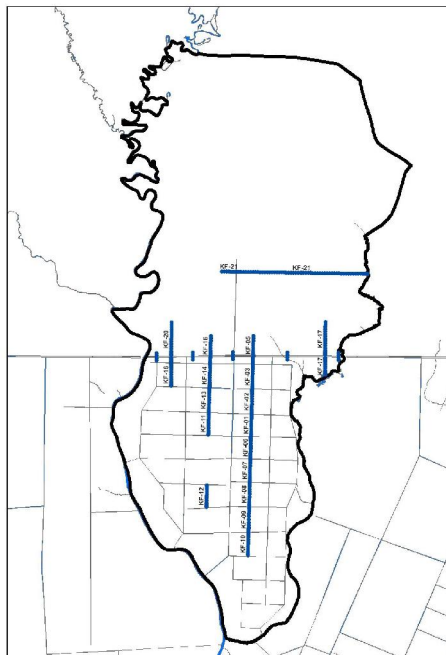
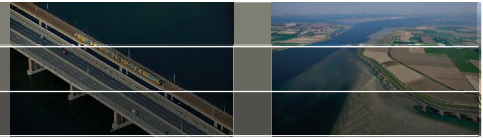
Gluing two PVC tubes together. Note the holes in the tube and the green filter gauze.



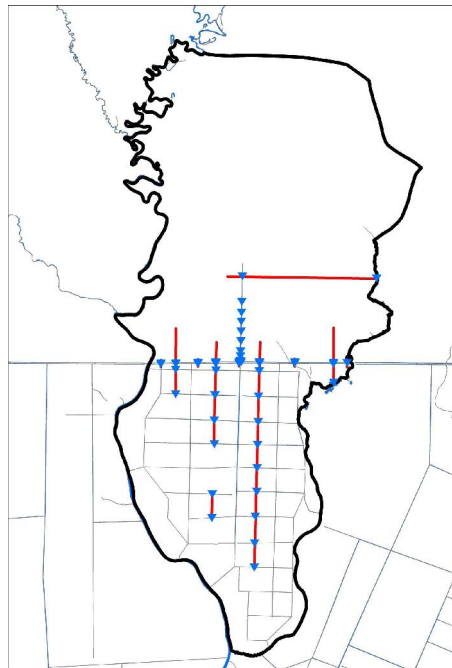
Using poles to avoid disturbance of the peat surface.

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## Map of measurements



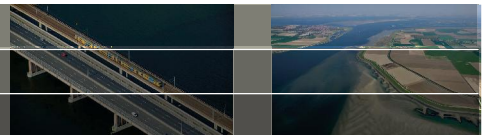
dipwell locations



staff gauge locations

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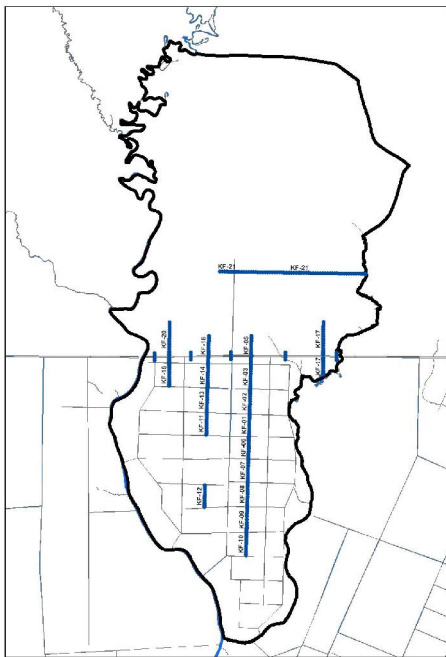
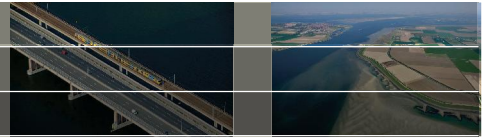
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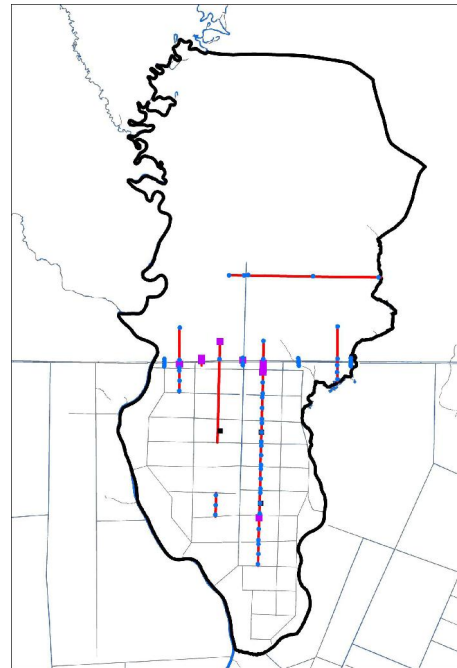
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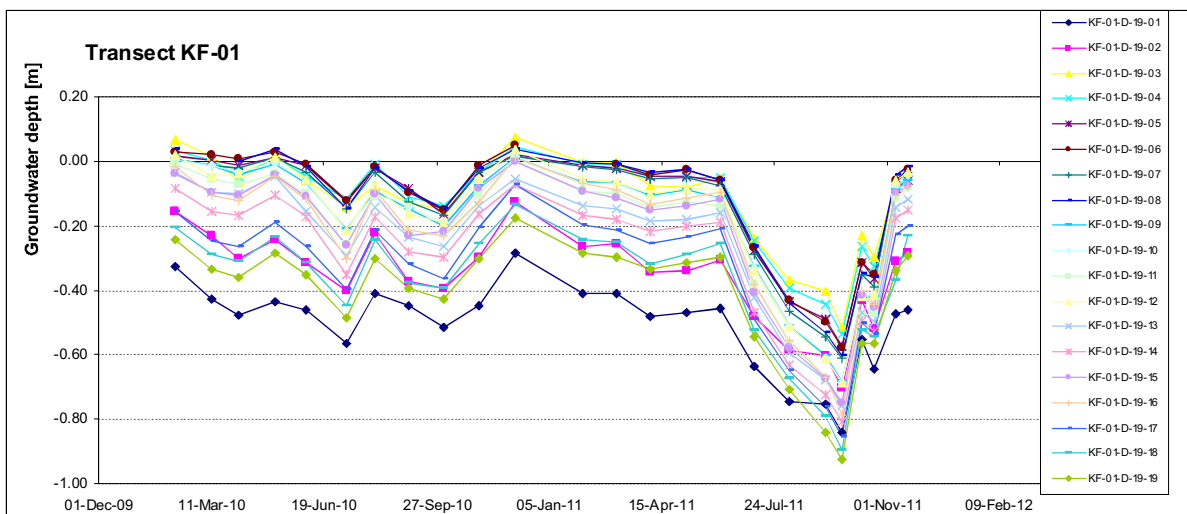
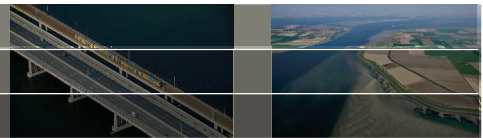
dipwell locations (used as non-permanent subsidence poles)  
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steel subsidence poles  
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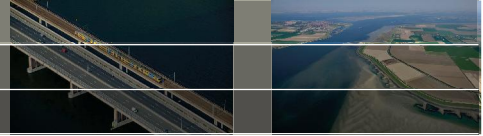
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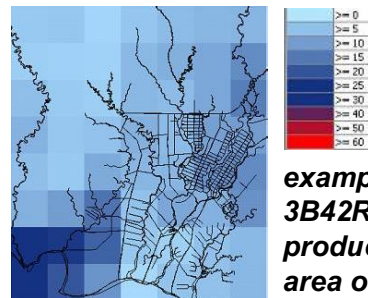
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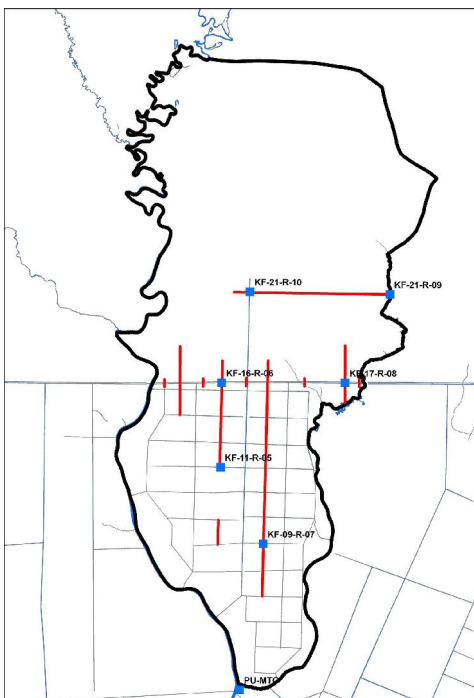
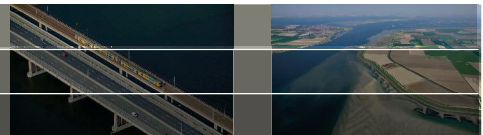


**example of TRMM 3B42RT satellite product over EMRP area on 5 September 2011**

Vernimmen, R. R. E., Hooijer, A., Mamenun, Aldrian, E., and van Dijk, A. I. J. M.: Evaluation and bias correction of satellite rainfall data for drought monitoring in Indonesia, *Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci.*, 16, 133-146, doi:10.5194/hess-16-133-2012, 2012.

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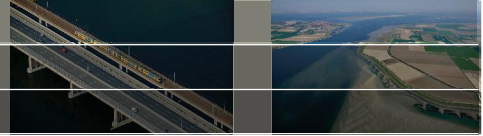
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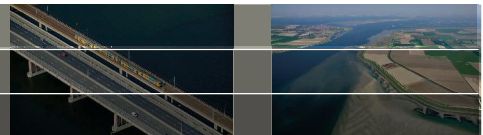


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## Other measurements



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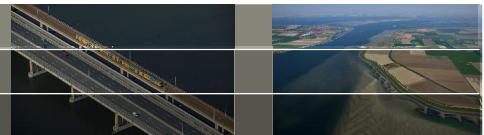
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## Rainfall (TRMM) and fire (MODIS) monitoring in Indonesia and KFCP, as input to subsidence modelling

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### Outline



TRMM satellite rainfall + bias correction

Use of corrected TRMM in peatland waterbudget model

MODIS hotspot (fire) data

Relation groundwater depth and fires

Fire and subsidence

# TRMM satellite data for improved rainfall monitoring

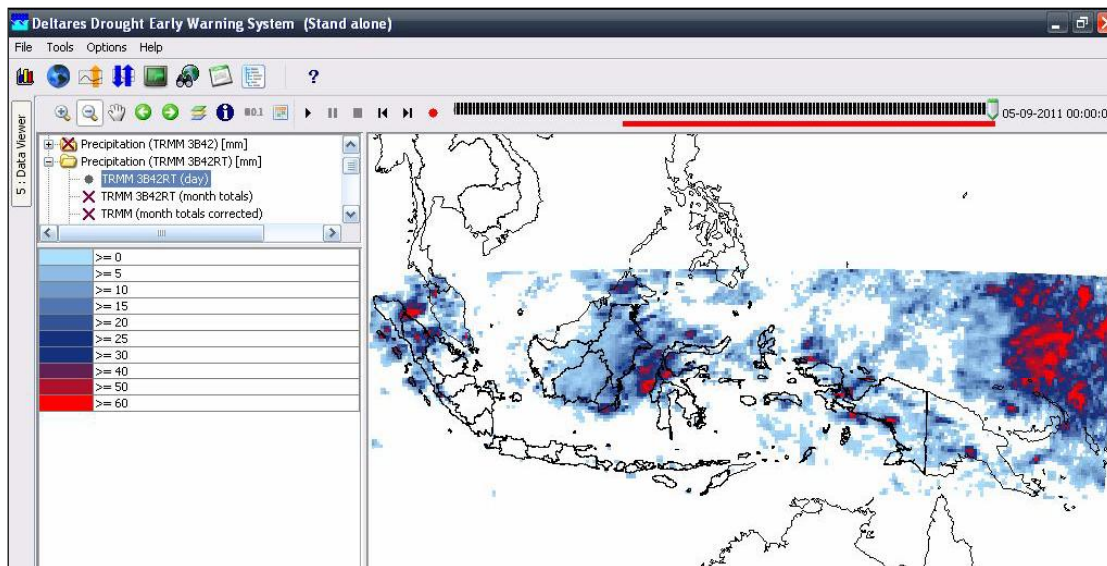
## TRMM - the basics

- Tropical Rainfall Monitoring Mission
- joint project between NASA and JAXA (Japanese space agency)
- launched on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1997
- multiple sensors on board of the satellite are combined in various stages using different algorithms and results in various precipitation estimate products
- data also available in near-real time (3B42RT product)
- spatial resolution 0.25° (28 x 28 km near the equator), 40°N – 40°S
- temporal resolution of 3 hr, February 2002 – now (for the real time product)
- data source: <ftp://trmmopen.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/merged/mergedRMicro/>
- filetype: binary, projection: geographic, WGS84
- parameter: rainfall intensity
- data are freely available



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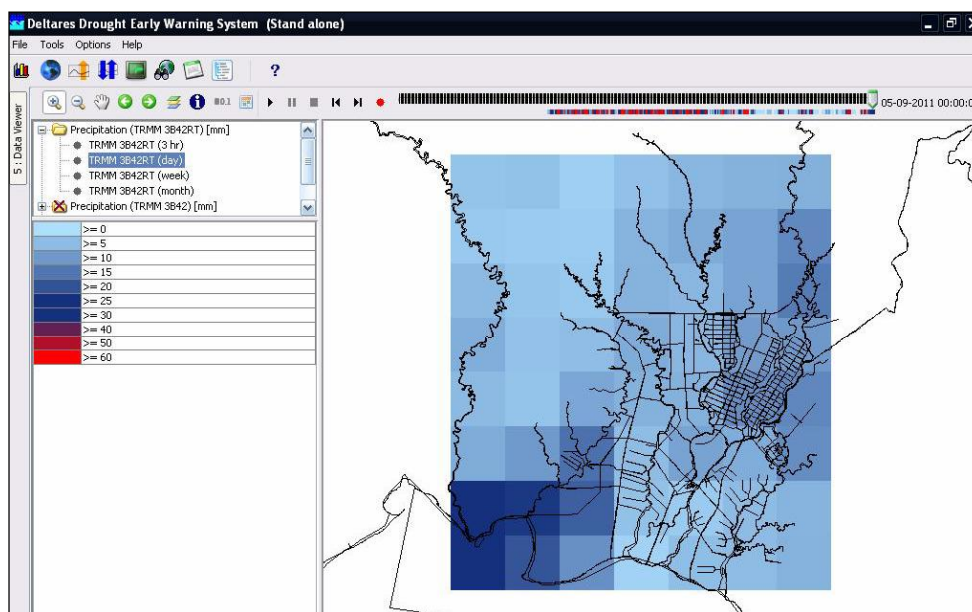
## Example - Indonesia



TRMM 3B42RT satellite precipitation (in mm) as observed on 5 September 2011 over Indonesia. Red colors indicate high precipitation on that day. Data are processed and visualised by Deltares Delft-OMS software.

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## Example – Central Kalimantan, Ex-Mega Rice Area



TRMM 3B42RT satellite precipitation (in mm) as observed on 5 September 2011 over the Ex-Mega Rice Project area in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Data are processed and visualised by Deltares Delft-OMS software. One square (grid) cell is approximately 28 x 28 km in size or covering an area of approx. 784 km<sup>2</sup>.

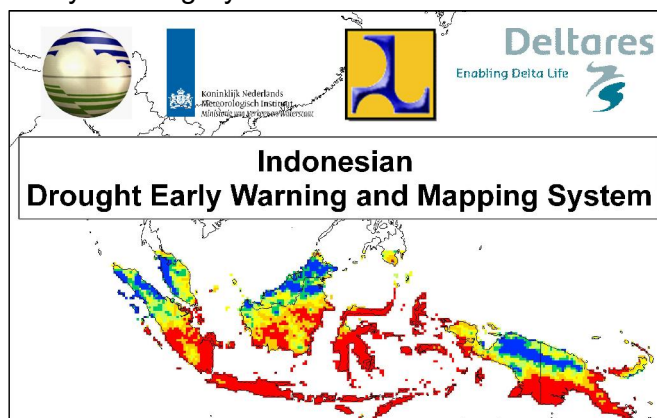
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## Suitability of TRMM for drought monitoring in Indonesia

Together with BMKG, Deltares has evaluated the suitability of the TRMM 3B42RT satellite precipitation product for drought monitoring and mapping in Indonesia.

The satellite precipitation data were compared with ground station data on a monthly basis and the TRMM 3B42RT product has been corrected for the bias. The method is described in the paper of Vernimmen et al. 2012.

Data are currently used by BMKG, PusAir, Deltares and KNMI in the development of a national Drought Early Warning System.



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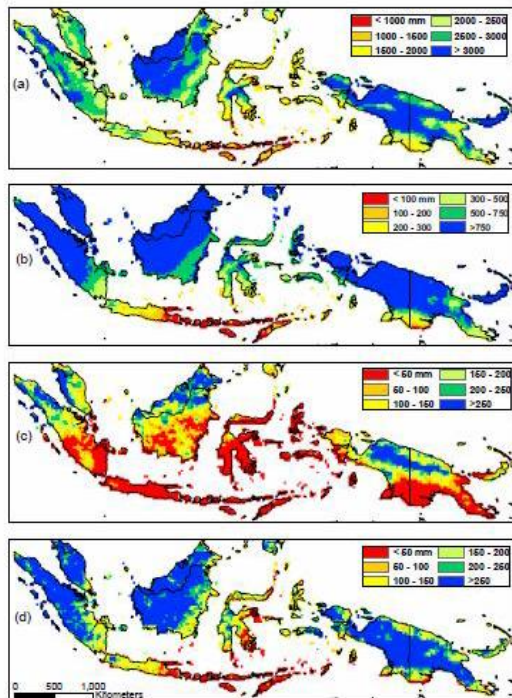


Fig. 11. (a) Average annual and (b) dry season (June–October) rainfall as determined from monthly bias corrected TMPA 3B42RT over 2003–2008 as well as (c) October 2006 and (d) October 2007 bias corrected TMPA 3B42RT rainfall.

## Development of a peatland water budget model

The bias corrected TRMM 3B42RT data are being used in the development of a peatland water budget model (run on a daily basis) which is validated with ground water table depth data.

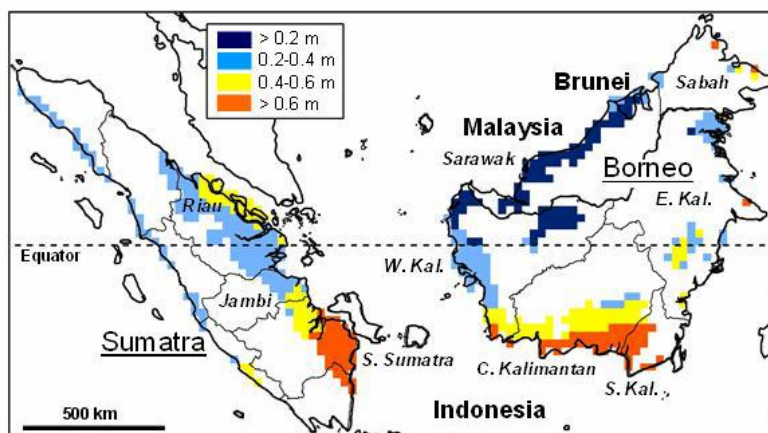
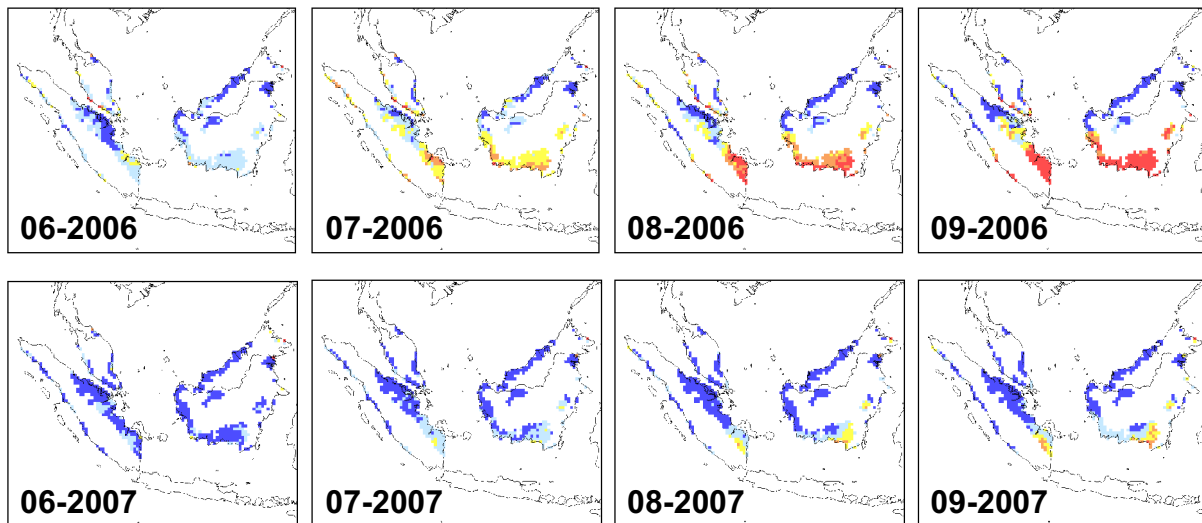


Figure: Average annual lowest water depth in peatlands, 2002-2008, modelled using TRMM rainfall data and Deltares peatland water budget model (assuming no forest cover and limited drainage, in this case).



## Dry versus wet years



**Figure:** Modelled groundwater levels in peat: 2006 (dry) compared to 2007 (wet). Shown is ground water depth on the first of the respective month

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## MODIS satellite data for (active) fire monitoring [1/2]

### MODIS - the basics

- Moderate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
- 2 NASA satellites: Terra and Aqua
- launched in December 1999 and spring 2002
- multiple sensors on board
- spatial resolution 1000 m, globally, distribution in tiles  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$
- temporal resolution 2 times a day per satellite
- overpass time equator: Terra at 10:30 am and 10:30 pm, Aqua at 1:30 am and 1:30 pm
- data period: February 2000 – now (Terra), July 2002 – now (Aqua)
- source(s): [ftp://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS\\_Composites/MOLT/MOD14A1.005/](ftp://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Composites/MOLT/MOD14A1.005/) and [ftp://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS\\_Composites/MOLT/MYD14A1.005/](ftp://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Composites/MOLT/MYD14A1.005/)
- filetype: hdf, projection: sinusoidal
- Science Data Sets: firemask, quality assessment, maximum fire radiative power

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## MODIS satellite data for (active) fire monitoring [2/2]

### MODIS - the basics

9 classes in the SDS Firemask:

0. not processed (missing input data)
1. not processed (obsolete)
2. not processed (obsolete)
3. water
4. clouds
5. no fire
6. unknown
7. **low confidence fire**
8. **nominal confidence fire**
9. **high confidence fire**

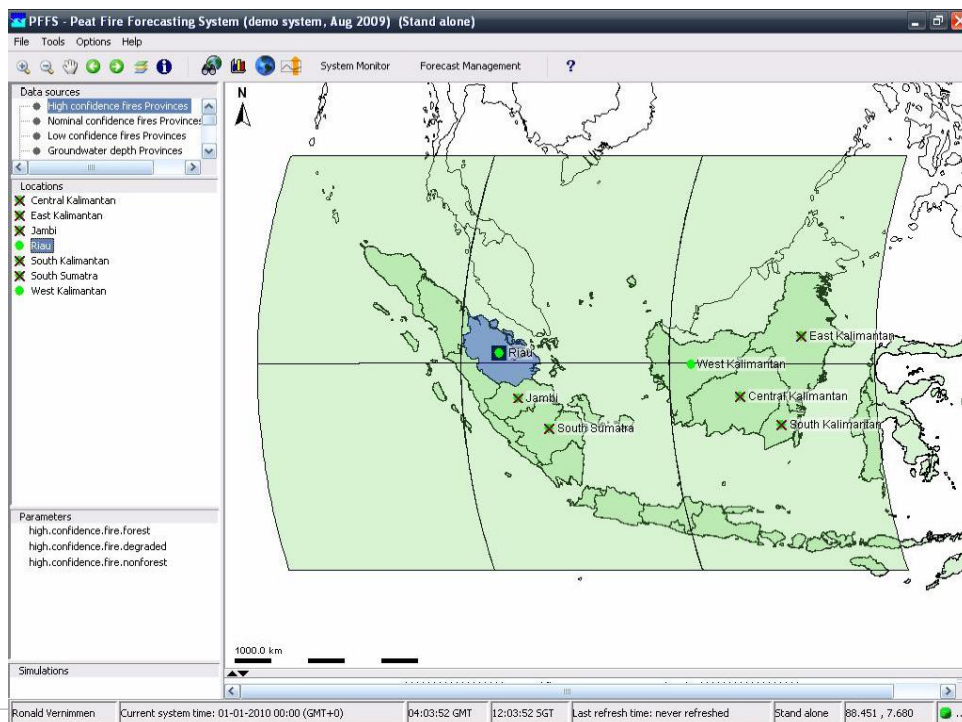
Data need to be processed first prior to utilization:

- reprojection of sinusoidal to UTM50 projection using Modis Reprojection Tool ([https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/lpdaac/tools/modis\\_reprojection\\_tool](https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/lpdaac/tools/modis_reprojection_tool))
- conversion of hdf to ArcInfoAscii using HDF2GIS tool ([http://laits.gmu.edu/Download/Dn\\_Tools.htm](http://laits.gmu.edu/Download/Dn_Tools.htm))

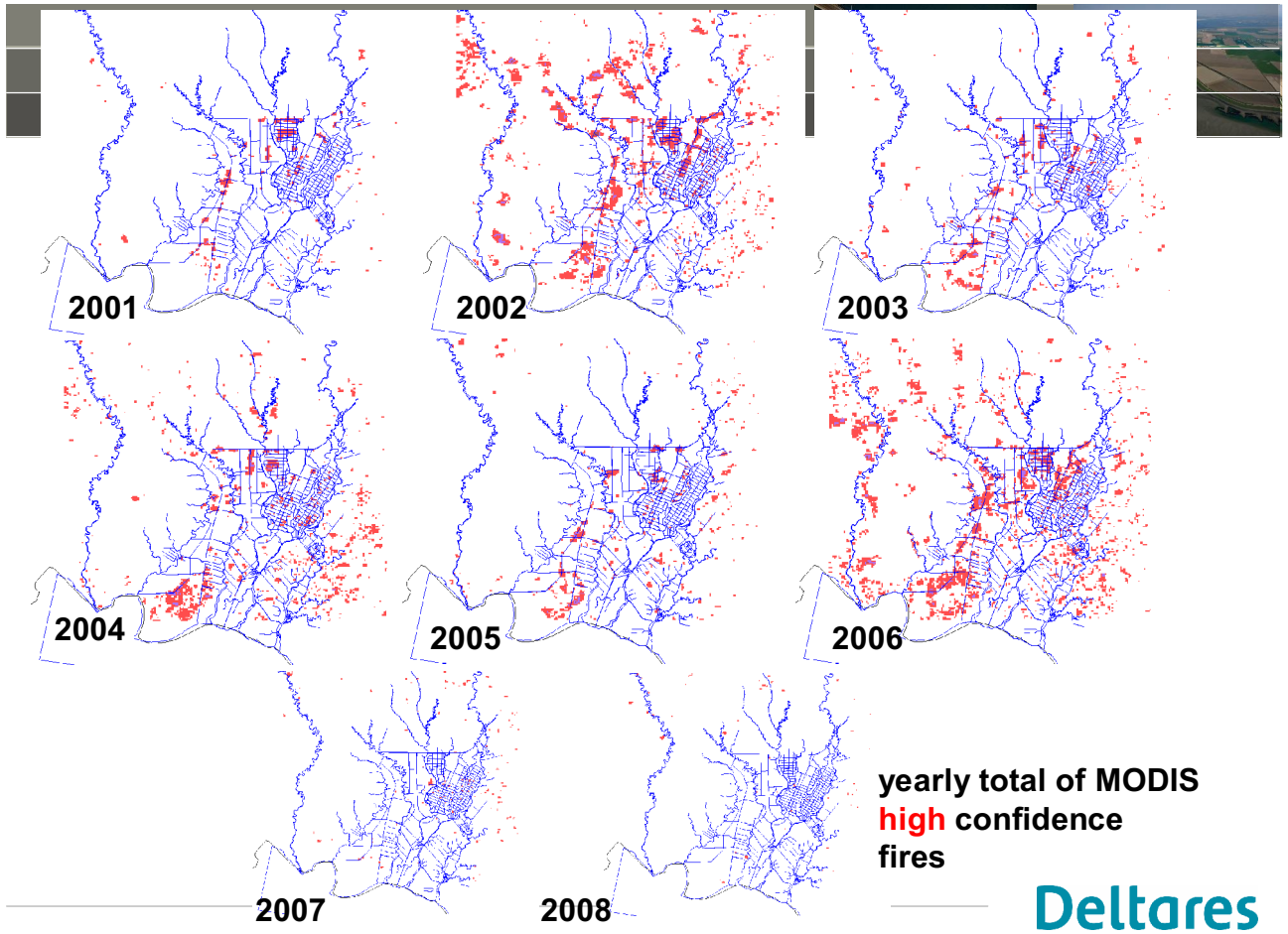
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## MODIS tiles

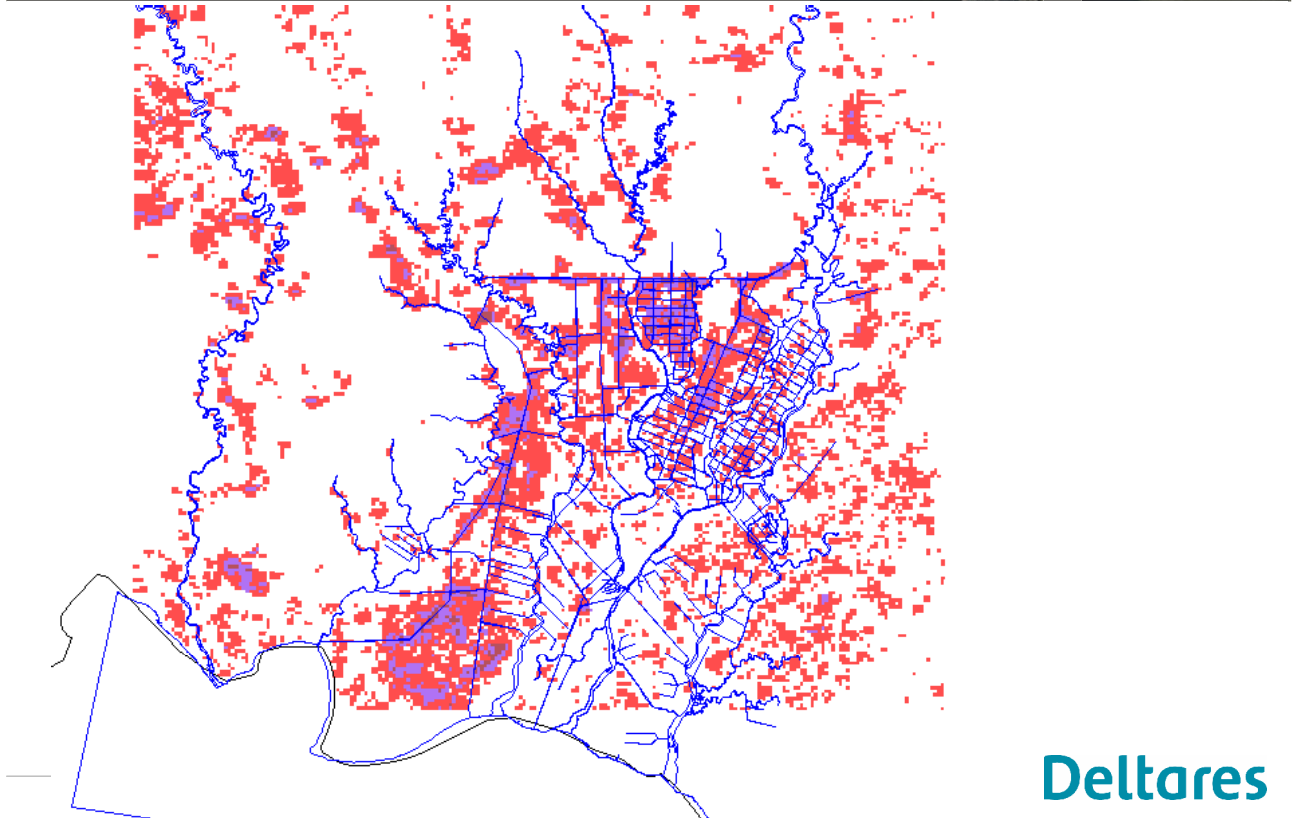
### MODIS tile location and Indonesian Provinces



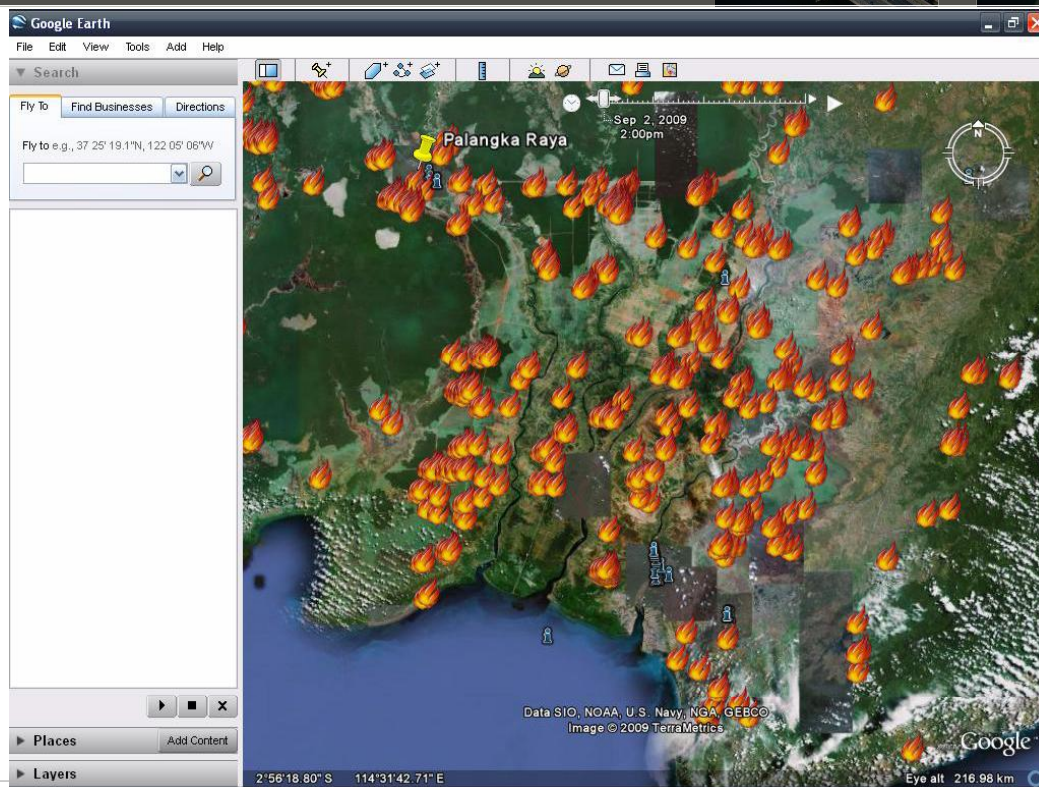
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MODIS 10 years of Central Kalimantan **high** confidence fires

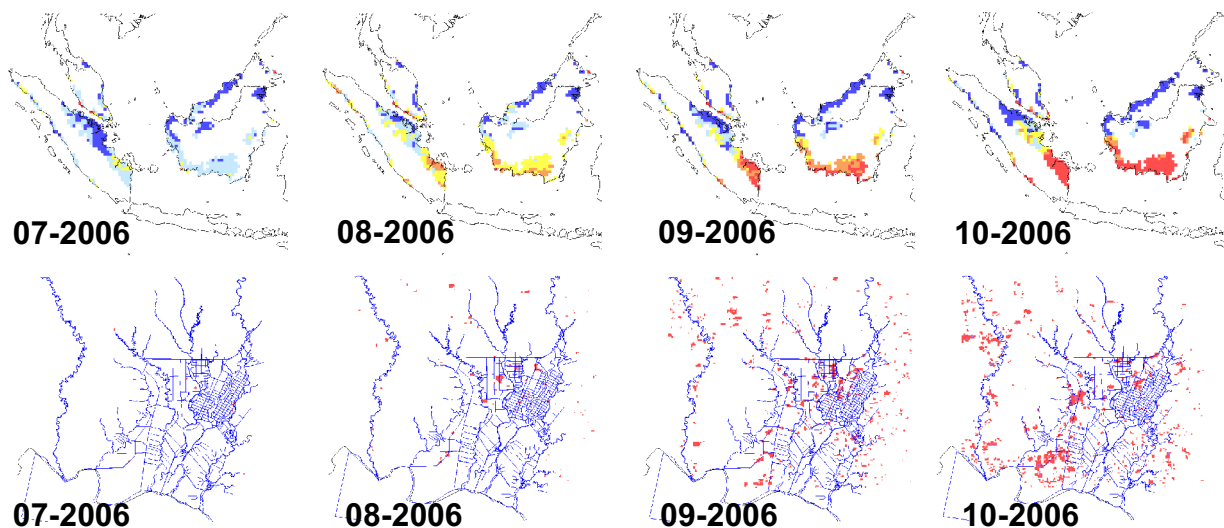


## Fire situation can also be monitored via Google Earth



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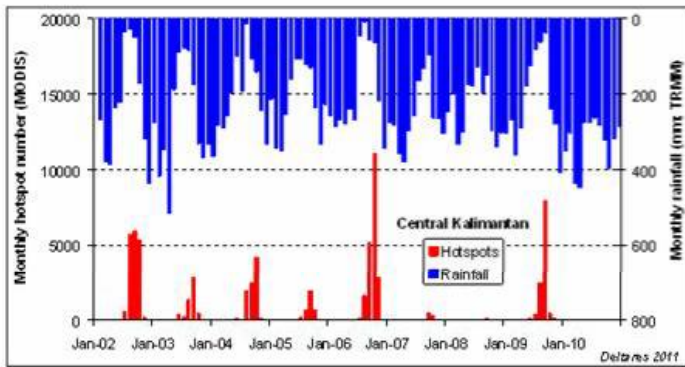
## Relate groundwater depth to fire frequency



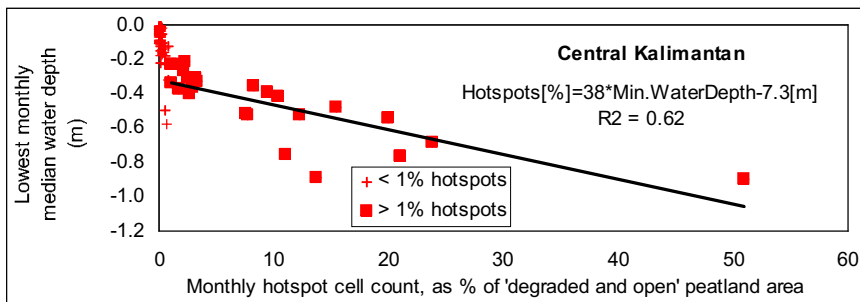
**Figure:** Modelled groundwater levels in peat for 1<sup>st</sup> of each shown month using TRMM and number of observed MODIS high confidence fires for that month

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# Relate groundwater depth to fire frequency



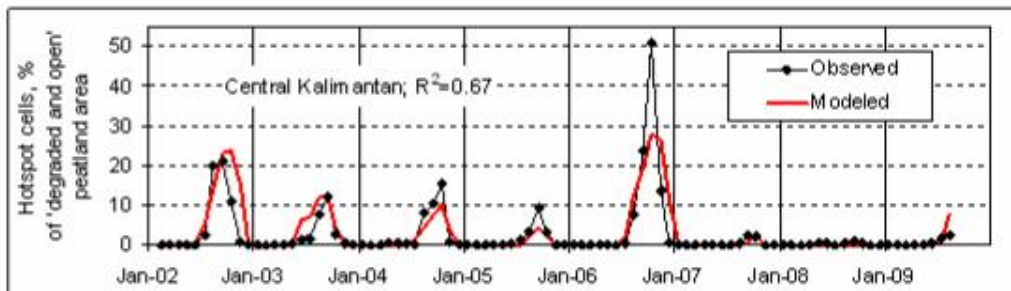
**Figure:** The close relation between hotspots and rainfall shows that fire is used for land clearing especially in dry periods. This explains why the number of fires in the very dry year of 2006 was very high, while the number of fires in the following wet years has been lower.



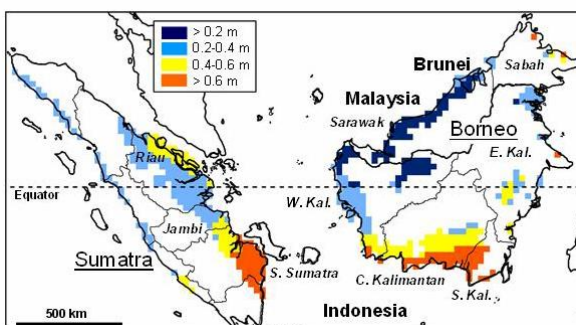
**Figure:** Relation between monthly median water depth and monthly hotspot counts, for peatland area in Central Kalimantan with 'open and degraded' land cover.

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# Monitoring and quantification of fire risk



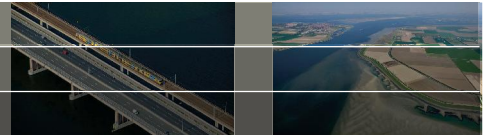
**Figure:** Observed and modeled monthly hotspot counts in Central Kalimantan, as a percentage of the 'open and degraded' peatland area in this Province.



Similar to left figure fire risk can be mapped as well.

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## Fire and subsidence



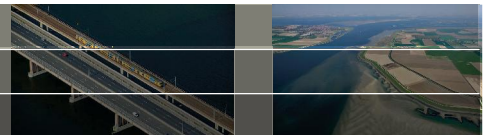
Part of subsidence is due to fires.

fires in Central Kalimantan,  
October-November 2009



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## Fire and subsidence



The data presented show:

1. TRMM satellite rainfall can be used in drought monitoring (validated with ground measurements)
2. The corrected TRMM satellite data can be used in modelling groundwater table depths in peatlands (validated with ground measurements)
3. Groundwater table depths are related to fire frequency which can be modelled as well

Since we know that part of subsidence is due to fires we can use known relationships between fires (*which we now can model and relate to groundwater depth*) and amount of peat loss (from literature) to model this part of subsidence both historically but also using future projections.

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