

# **CLIMATE- RESILIENT HOUSING SOLUTION TOOLBOX & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**

**THE TRANSFERABILITY OF CLIMATE- RESILIENT STRATEGIES AND  
MEASURES FOR HOUSING TYPOLOGIES IN THE DUTCH DELTA AND  
THE VIETNAM DELTA**

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# **1.1 RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

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**What are the climate- resilient strategies concerning housing in the Dutch Delta and the Vietnam Delta?**

**How can the knowledge for climate- resilient strategies be transferred to a generic strategic Solution Toolbox and Architectural Design?**



# 1.2 RESEARCH FOCUS

## URBAN DELTAS

Mekong Delta  
Red River Delta

Rotterdam  
Dordrecht



[Source: VARCC, 2009]



[Drawing: Carvalho, 2013]

[Drawing: H.H. Nguyen,



# 1.3 TWO FINAL PRODUCTS

**CLIMATE  
RESILIENT**

**HOUSING  
SOLUTION  
TOOLBOX**

**ARCHITECTURAL  
DESIGN**



# 1.4 TRANSFERABILITY

## Why Vietnam?

### DELTA ALLIANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE





# 1.5 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

*“Global climate change is a significant and lasting change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns over periods ranging from decades to millions of years. Global climate change is commonly known as global warming and related to sea level rise. “*

- Sea Level rise – increases risk of flooding and ground settlement;
- Less frequent Storm events, but more intense;
- Larger winter floods on the major rivers;
- More severe droughts in summer;
- Salt water intrusion affecting agriculture and fresh water supply.

# 1.6 HISTORY DUTCH DELTA

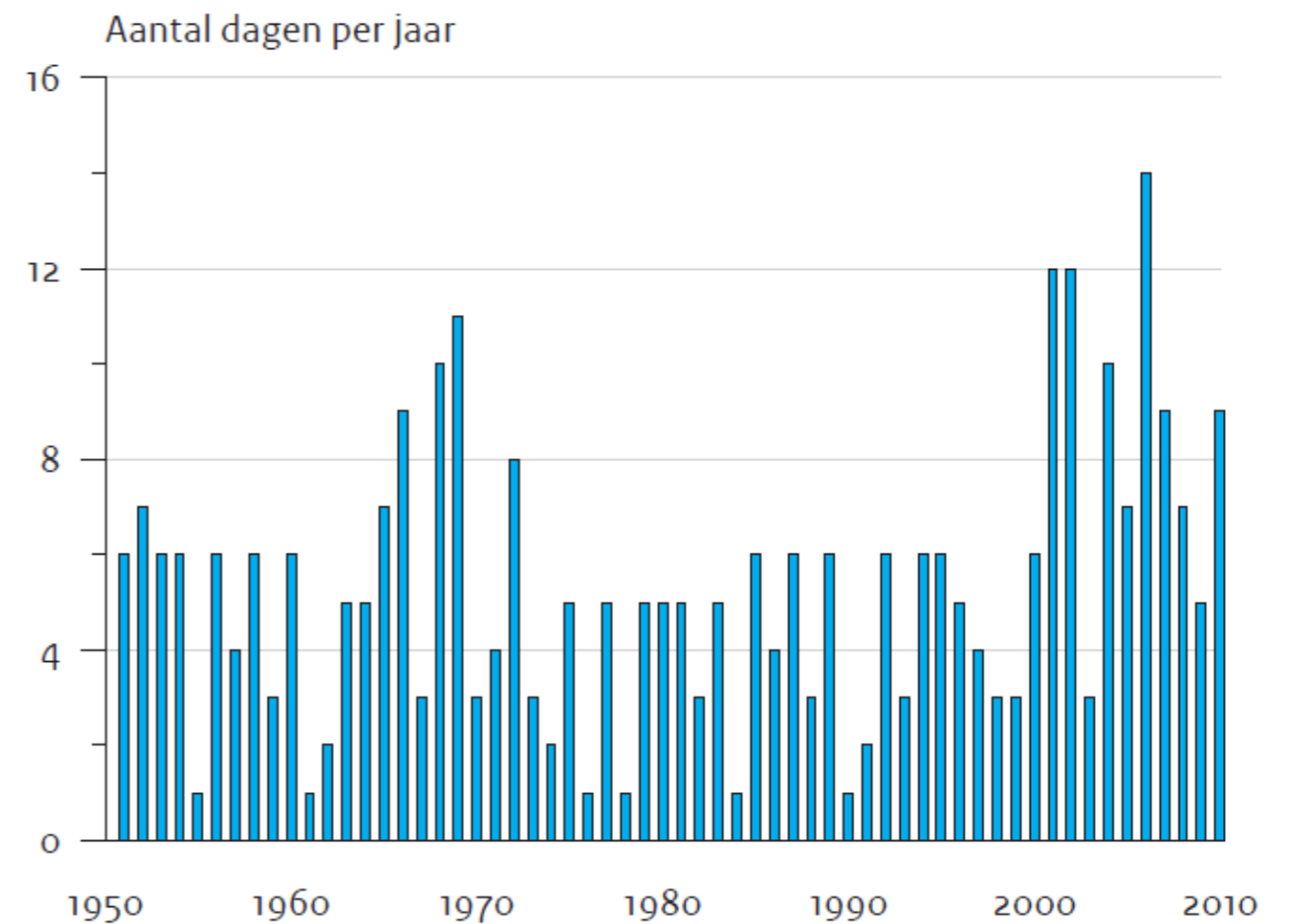


1953: A deadly flood hit The Netherlands killing more than 1,800 people [Source: Wolman, 2008]



Oosterscheldekering, the largest of 13 Delta Works dams and barriers [Source: Anonymous, 2011]

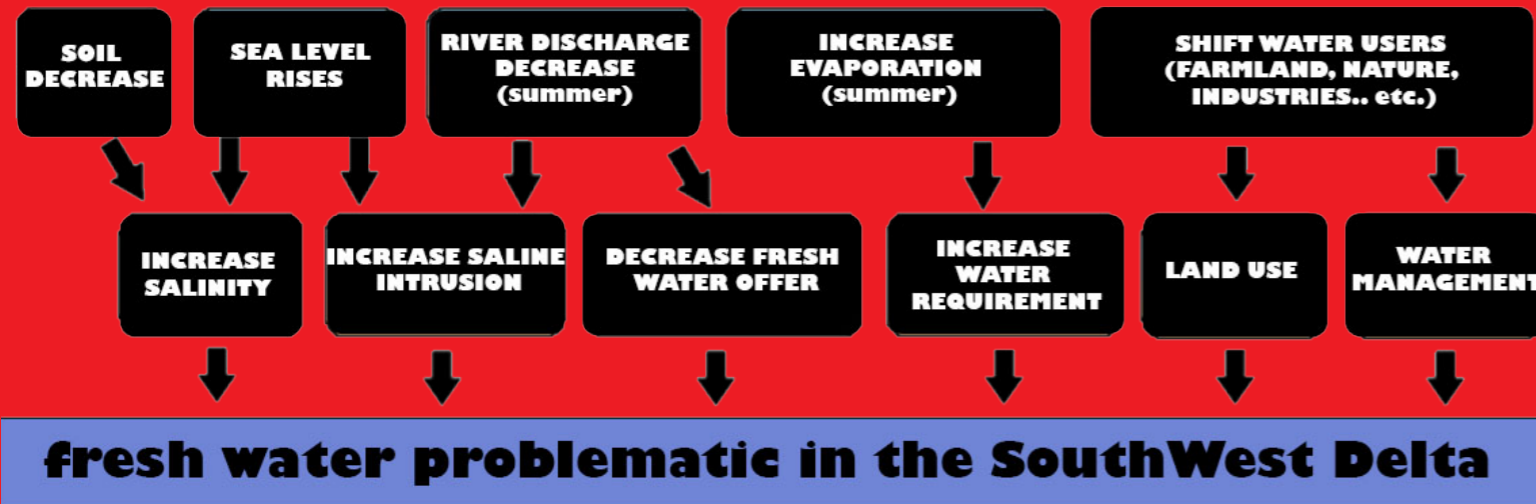
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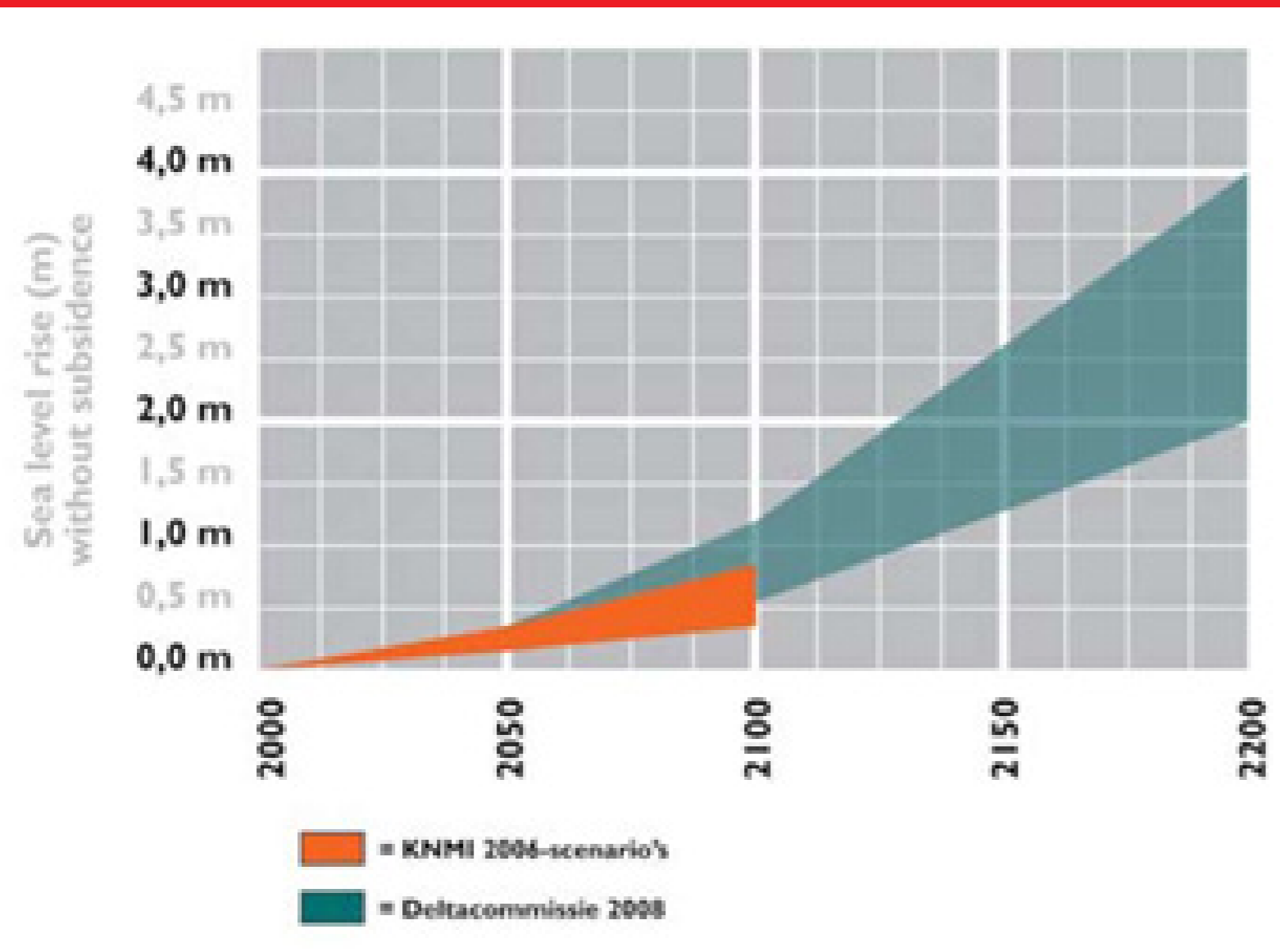
[Source: KNMI, 2011]



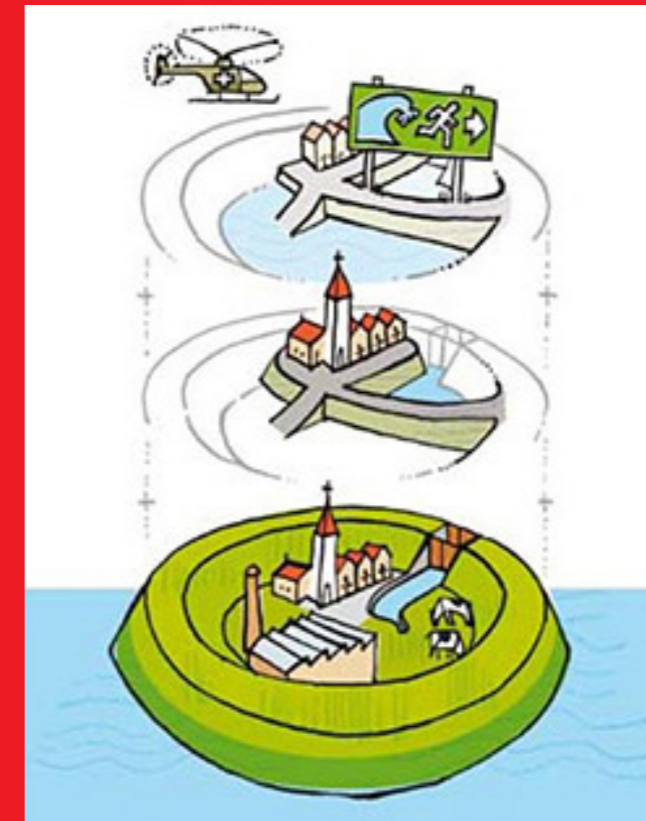
# 1.7 HISTORY DUTCH DELTA



[Source: L.C.P.M. Stuyt, 2006]



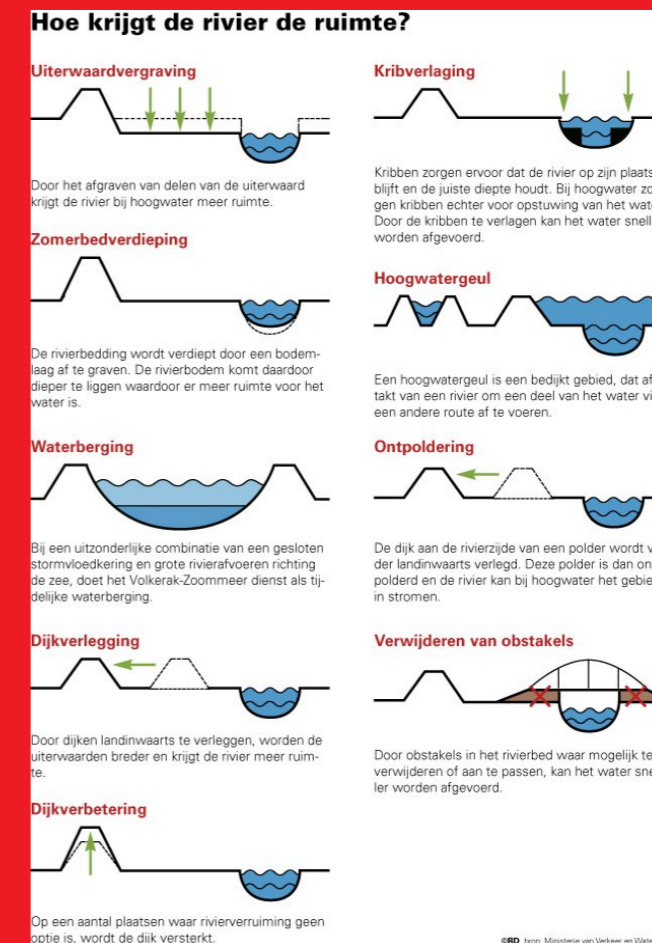
[Source: Deltacommissie, 2008]



Prevention

Sustainable Environmental Design

Improvement Disaster Management



[Source: Nationaal Waterplan, 2009-2015]



# 2.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

## FLOOD IMPACTS IN DUTCH DELTA

- Sea level rise (4.0 m, within 200 years!)
- Heavy rainfall (Peak of 14 days, more than 50mm rainfall)
- Rising temperatures (Last century the temperature around the globe rise with 0,7 Celcius degrees- Netherlands was 1,0 Celcius)
- Increased risk of flooding and ground settlement
- Less frequent Storm events, but more intense
- Heavier winter floods, rising river water levels



[Source: Blauw Alg ook in Dorplein, 2008]



[Source: PBL, 2005]







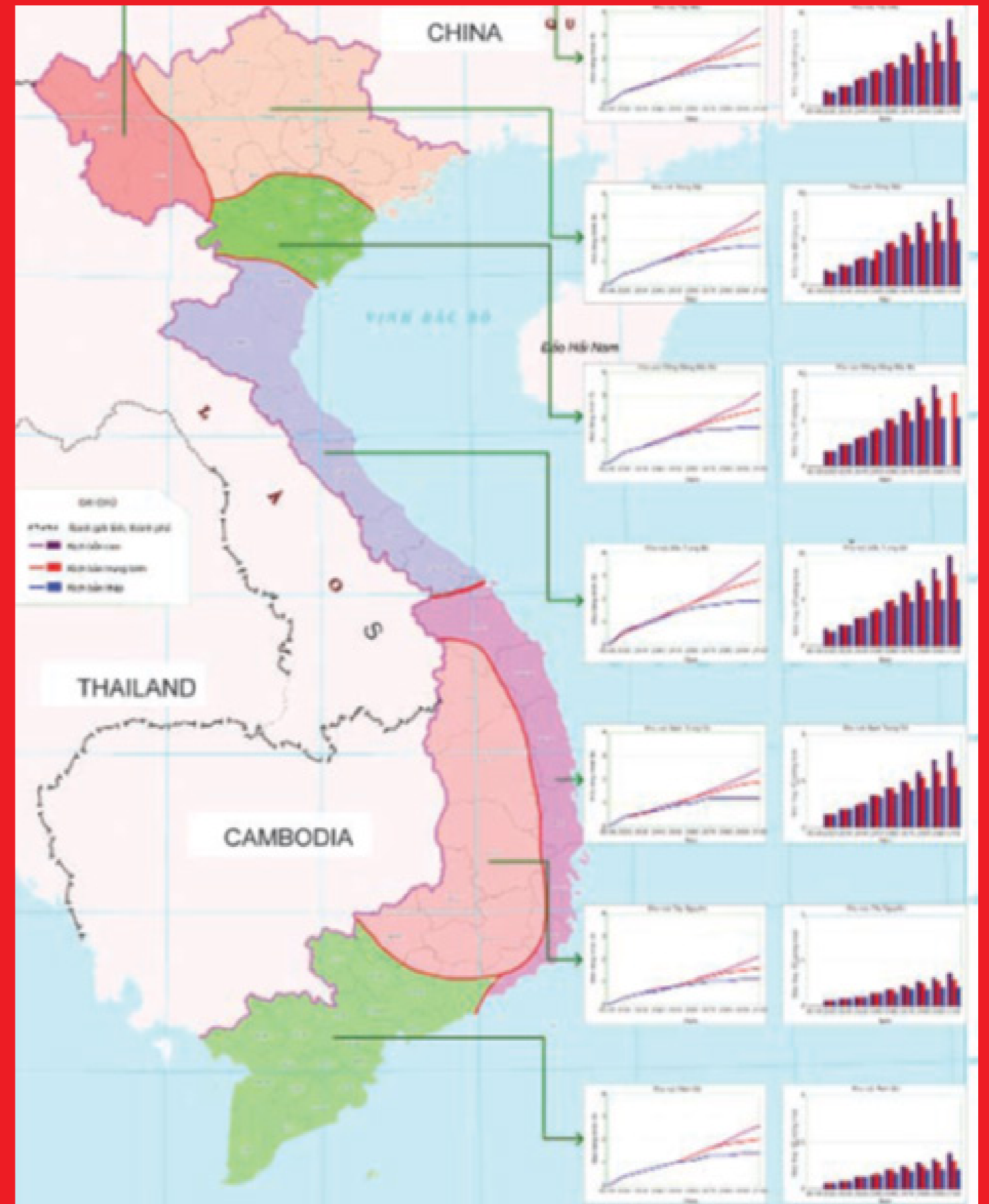


## 2.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

### FLOOD IMPACTS VIETNAM DELTA

- Sea level rise
- Heavy rainfall
- Increased risk flooding and coastal erosion
- More heavy tropical storms
- Salt water intrusion
- Problems with fresh water supply
- Forest vanishes into the water due typhoons and tropical storms
- Risk of deseases as a consequence of floods and rising temperatures

[Source: VARCC, 2009]



[Source: VARCC, 2009]





[Source: Vietnam News]



## 2.3 COMPARISON TWO DELTAS

### OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFERABILITY

Both locations are located in Delta Worlds, which are thus land- and sea locked or divided by rivers. Accordingly, similarities between the two problem statements are present.

### DIFFERENCES

- The Vietnam Delta is in the top 4 of most climate- sensitive locations around the world, while the Dutch Delta is considered as a safe Delta. (Delta Alliance, 2010).
- Therefore, the global climate changes causes more serious effects in Vietnam (UNEP, 2009).
- The higher temperatures causes more problems with droughts in comparison with the Dutch situation.
- Pollution are dangerous for the human health sector, with high risk of the spread of several diseases (VARCC, 2009).



## **3.1 TWO FINAL PRODUCTS**

**CLIMATE  
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# 3.2 SUSTAINABILITY

## PEOPLE

Human health

Flooding disaster

Spread of diseases by water

## PLANET

Environment and the water safety, quality and quantity before, during and after flooding disaster

## PROFIT

Economic development and water infrastructure

Healthy and Safe environment

Business opportunities can be created with

Architectural and Urban design?



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## 4.2 DEFINITIONS

### LIVING CONDITIONS

Concerns the relationship between a subject an organism, a person or a community and the environment in the Delta area. From the individual's appreciation of his or her environment to the degree to which the living environment meets the presumes conditions for actual liveability (van Dorst, 2009).

### CLIMATE- RESILIENCE

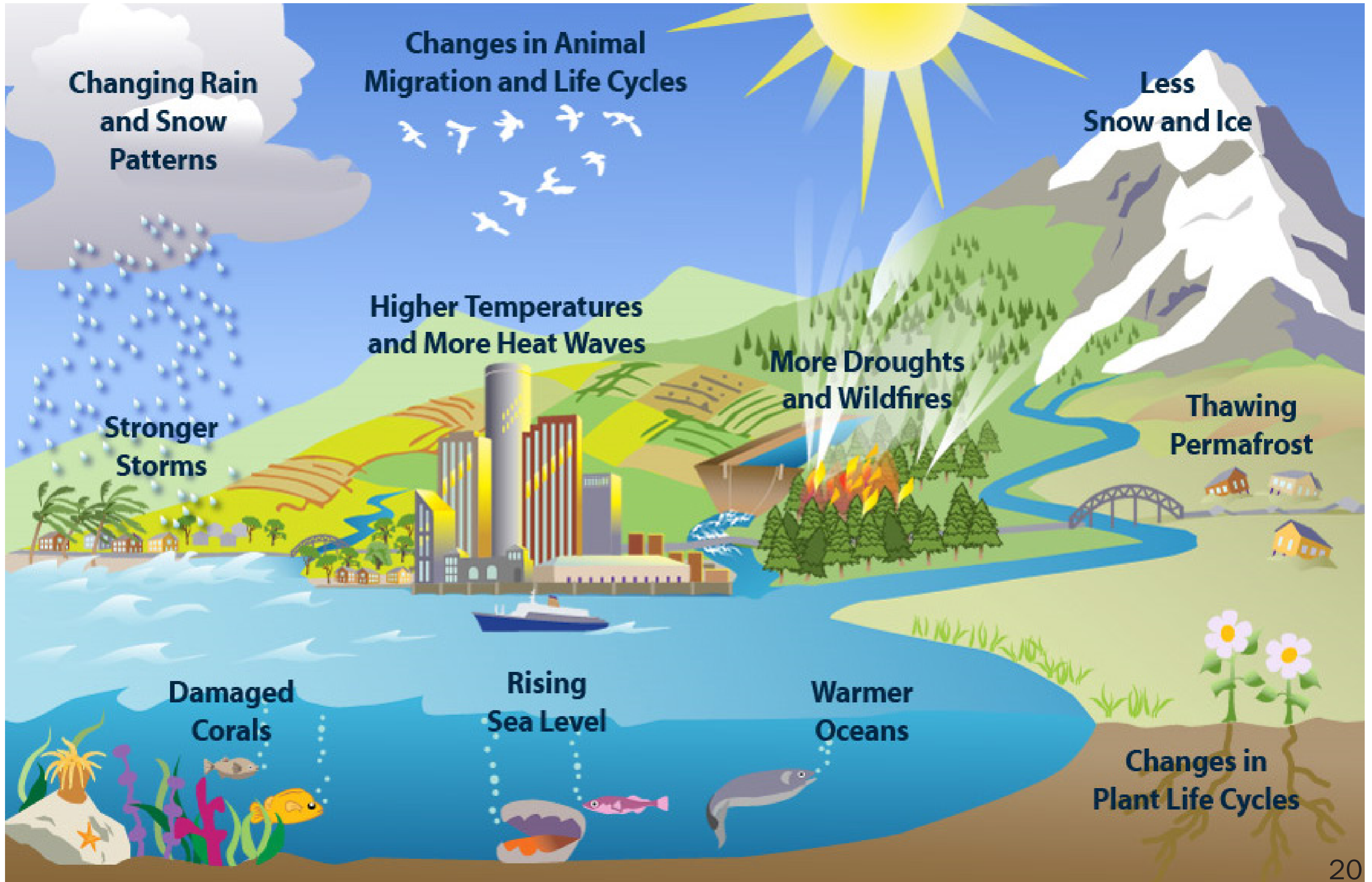
Respond to disturbances due climate change, by resisting damage of flooding and recovering quickly. (UNEP, 2009)

### WATER SAFETY, QUALITY & QUANTITY

Securing against flooding, quality and quantity of ground water and fresh water measured by the amount of pollutants (KNMI, 2008).



# 5.1 PROJECT RELEVANCE





## 5.2 PROJECT RELEVANCE

### INNOVATION CLIMATE- RESILIENT HOUSING

This research project will be of added value in the search of solutions to situations where the consequences of climate changes occur earlier and more intense, as it does in Vietnam.

“Sea Level rises 60% faster, than predicted by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change “

[Source: Kraaijvanger, 2012]

### CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL SOCIETAL ISSUE

The contribution of this research is the structure of this design and strategy, which aims to be applicable on a global scale for Delta Worlds in other countries and gains the knowledge of interchangeability of climate-proof solutions, thinking in extremes.

The strategy combines Delta knowledge from two different, but yet comparable Delta worlds. The urge for new approaches and looking for solutions beyond is yet the merging of interest, since climate change is a global issue which needs to be addressed.



# 6.1

# SOLUTION TOOLBOX

NL DELTA

V1

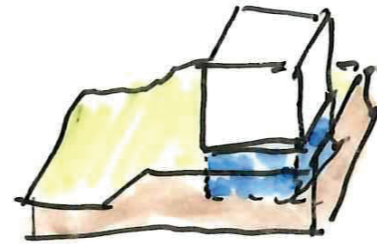
V2



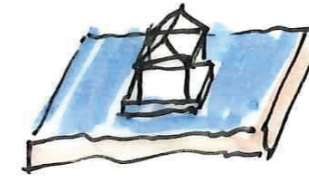
Damage Prevention



Emergency measures



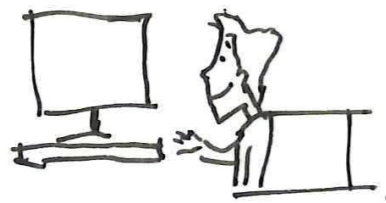
Storage Reinwaterbasement



floating buildings



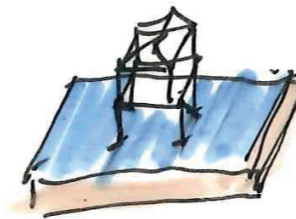
Waterfront house



Preparedness



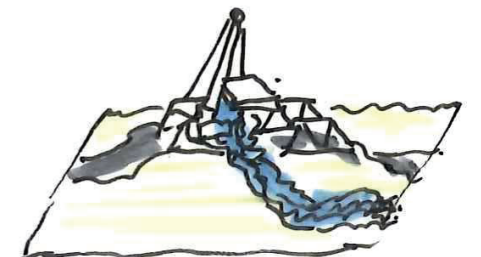
Terp dwellings



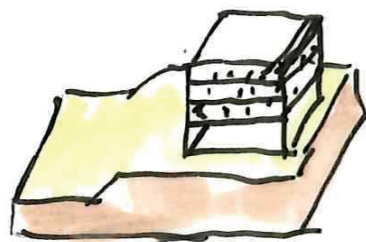
Building on pillars



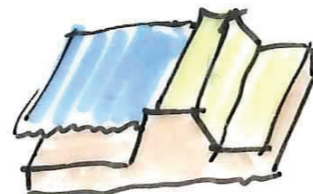
Amphibious dwellings



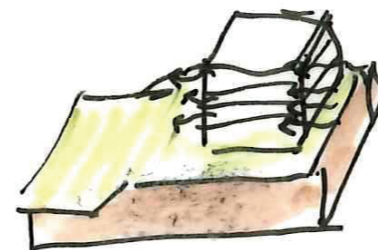
Remedial measures



Ventilating high application



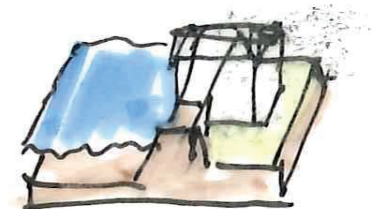
Non-viable ground



Electricity facilities first floor



Staircases



Multifunctional dike

Water safety

Water quality

Water quantity

<b>STRATEGIES &amp; MEASURES</b>		<b>WATER SAFETY</b>	<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	<b>WATER QUANTITY</b>
<b>DUTCH DELTA</b>	<b>Multi-layer safety</b>			
	<b>Damage prevention</b>			
	<b>Preparedness</b>			
	<b>Flood robust design</b>			
	<b>Fresh water storage</b>			
	<b>Choice of building materials</b>			
	<b>Generators</b>			
	<b>Wet proof building</b>			
	<b>Floating buildings</b>			
	<b>Floating Facilities</b>			
	<b>Amphibic dwellings</b>			
	<b>Building as insurance</b>			
	<b>Staircases</b>			
	<b>Building on stilts</b>			
	<b>Build Dry proof</b>			
	<b>Ventilating high application</b>			
	<b>Drywall attached horizontally</b>			
	<b>Weighted foundation structures</b>			
	<b>Water robust emergency communication</b>			
	<b>Water robust electricity network</b>			
<b>V1</b>	<b>Elevated highways and flight paths</b>			
	<b>Small hills</b>			
	<b>Difference floor level street-level</b>			
	<b>Cellular temporary dams</b>			
	<b>Standing temporary dams</b>			
<b>V2</b>	<b>Floating platforms</b>			
	<b>Ground level increases</b>			
	<b>Retaining wall</b>			
	<b>Partitioning on a small scale</b>			
	<b>Inflatable temporary dams</b>			
	<b>Temporary energy supply</b>			
	<b>Flood Robust water supply</b>			

[Source: Wouter Egas 2010; Tijd voor waterveiligheid, 2011]



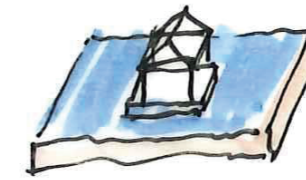
# 6.2

# HOUSING SOLUTION TOOLBOX

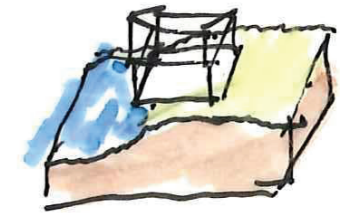
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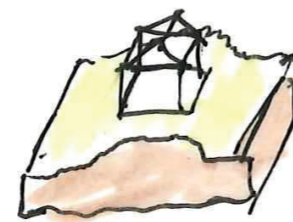
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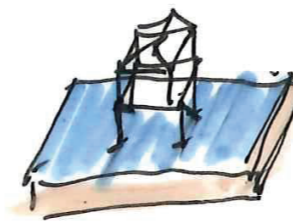
floating buildings



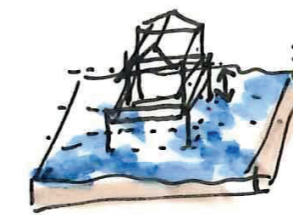
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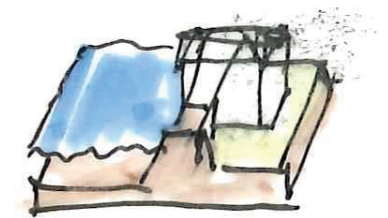
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Amphibic dwellings



Multifunctional dike

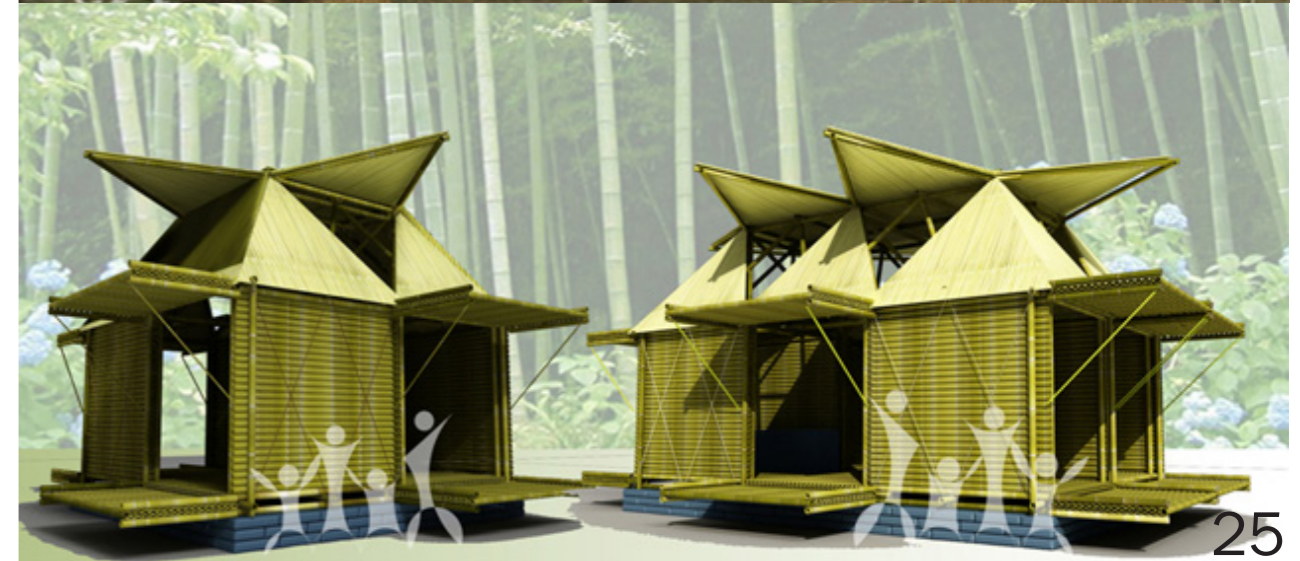
Water safety

Water quality

Water quantity

<b>HOUSING TYPOLOGIES</b>		<b>URBAN FARMING</b>	<b>FRESH WATER</b>	<b>ENERGY SUPPLY</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>POLLUTION</b>
<b>DUTCH DELTA</b>	<b>Floating buildings</b>					
	<b>Amphibic dwellings</b>					
	<b>Building on stilts</b>					
	<b>Multifunctional dike</b>					
	<b>V1</b>					
<b>V2</b>						

[Source: Waterwonen in Nederland, 2009]



[Source: Google “Nha Bao” tai Vietnam, 2013]



# 7.1 LOCATION TOOLBOX TESTING

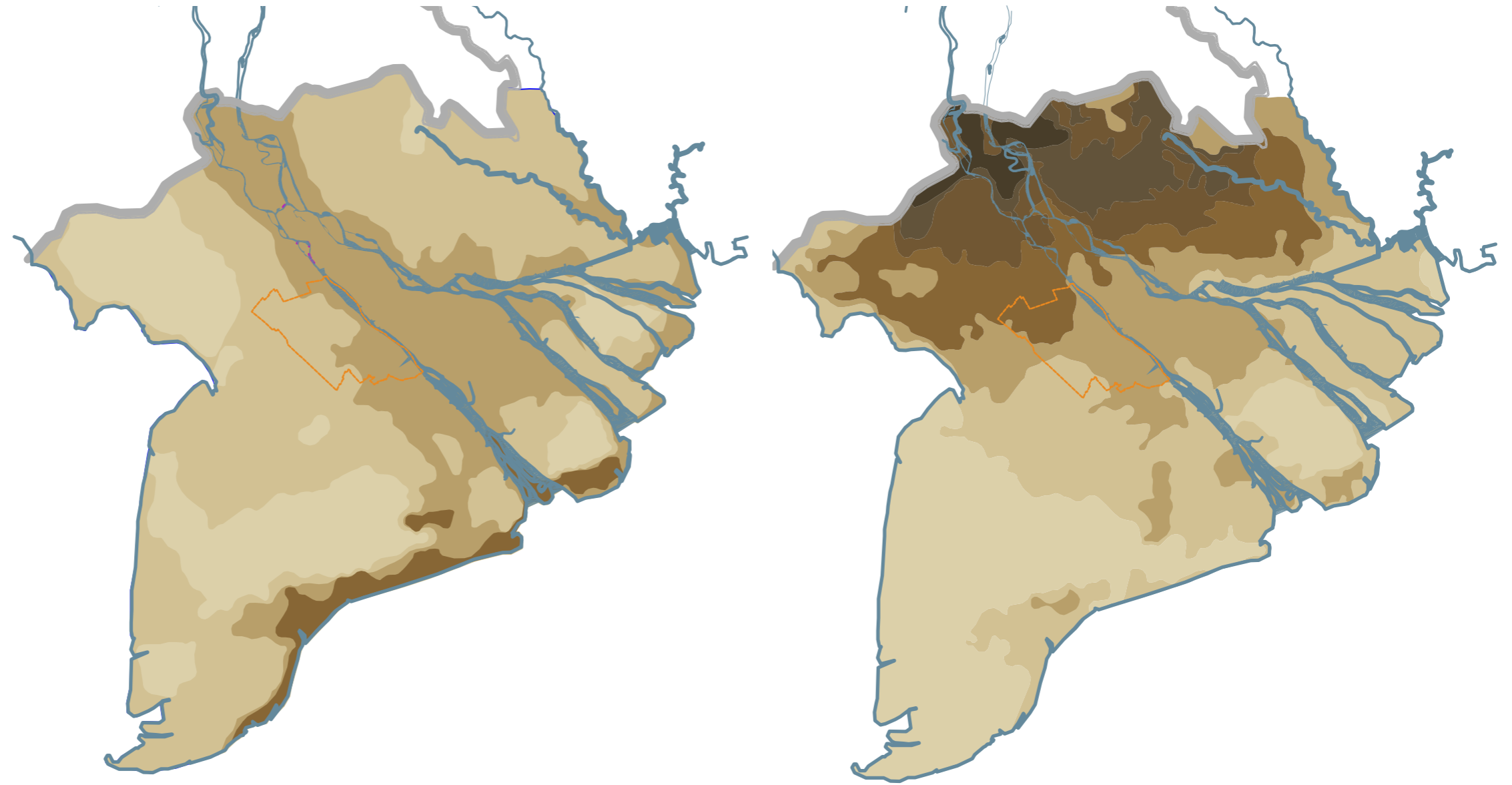


[Source: VARCC, 2009]



**CAN THO**

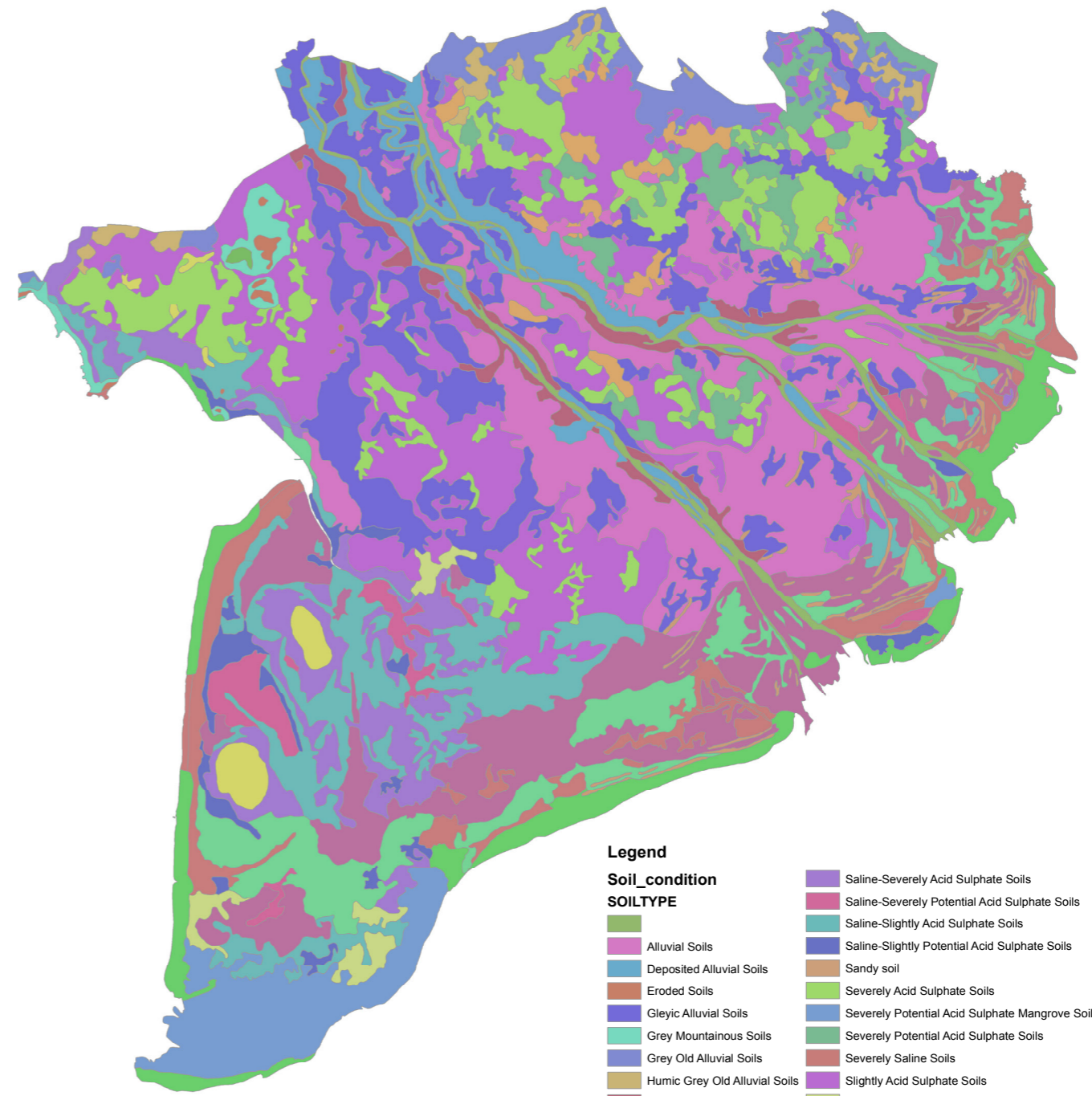
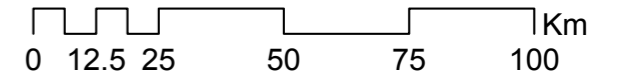
## 7.2 FLOOD MAPS MEKONG DELTA





## **7.3 FLOOD MAP CAN THO AREA**

# 7.4 SOIL MAP



**Legend**

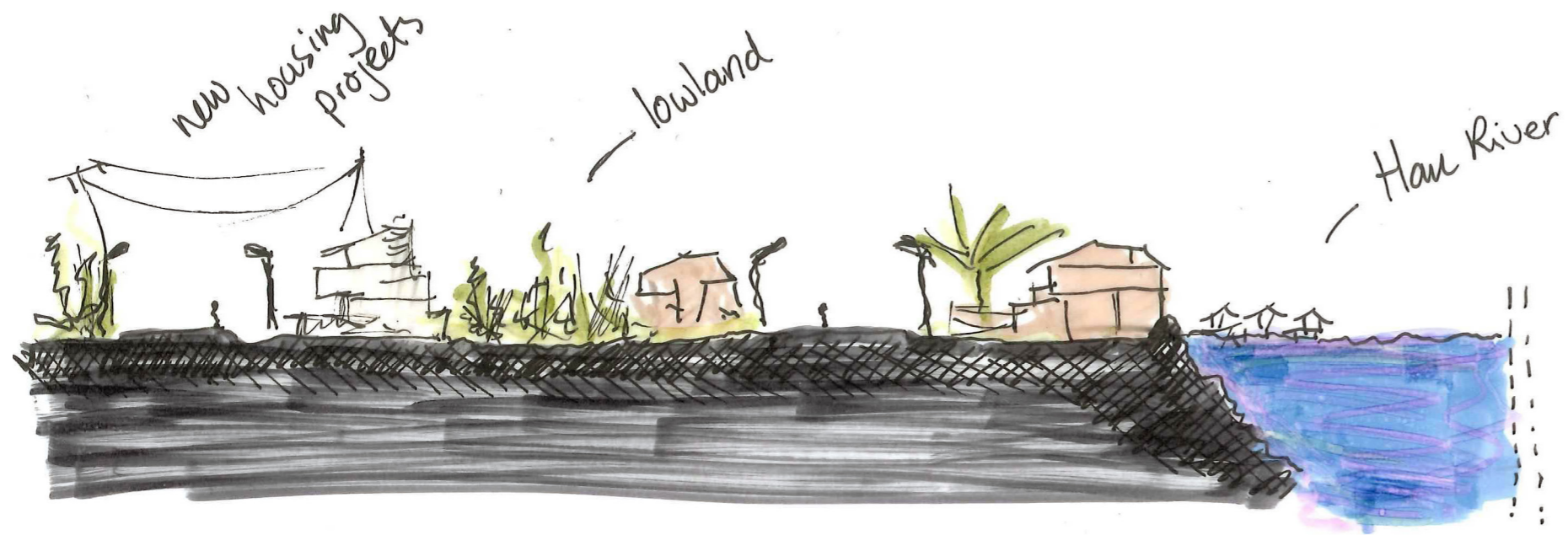
Soil_condition	Soil_type
Alluvial Soils	Saline-Severely Acid Sulphate Soils
Deposited Alluvial Soils	Saline-Severely Potential Acid Sulphate Soils
Eroded Soils	Saline-Slightly Acid Sulphate Soils
Gleyic Alluvial Soils	Saline-Slightly Potential Acid Sulphate Soils
Grey Mountainous Soils	Sandy soil
Grey Old Alluvial Soils	Severely Acid Sulphate Soils
Humic Grey Old Alluvial Soils	Severely Potential Acid Sulphate Mangrove Soils
Levee Alluvial Soils	Severely Potential Acid Sulphate Soils
Mangrove saline soils	Severely Saline Soils
Moderately Saline Soils	Slightly Acid Sulphate Soils
Peaty Acid Sulphate Soils	Slightly Potential Acid Sulphate Mangrove Soils
	Slightly Potential Acid Sulphate Soils
	Slightly Saline Soils
	Yellowish Mountainous Soils

[Source: "Can Tho" Googlemaps, 2th of July2013]

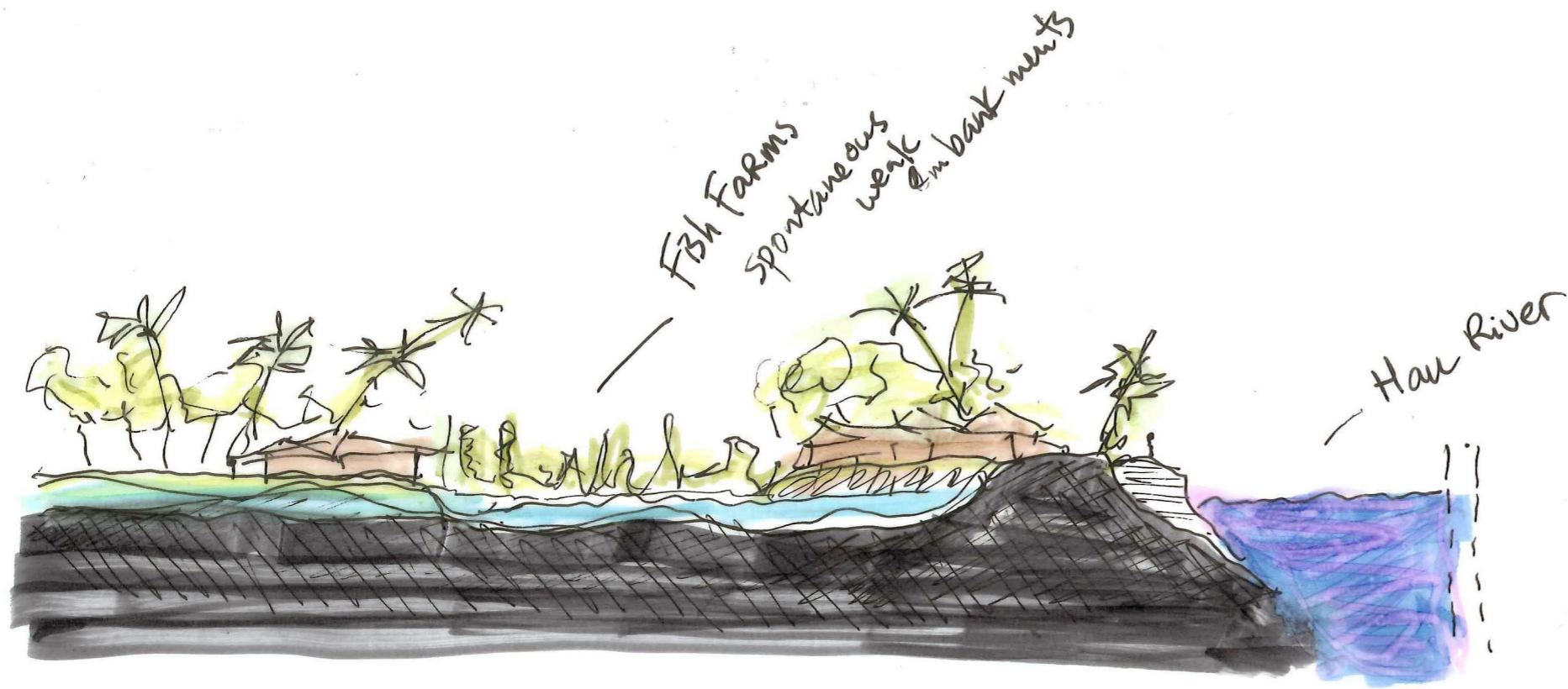
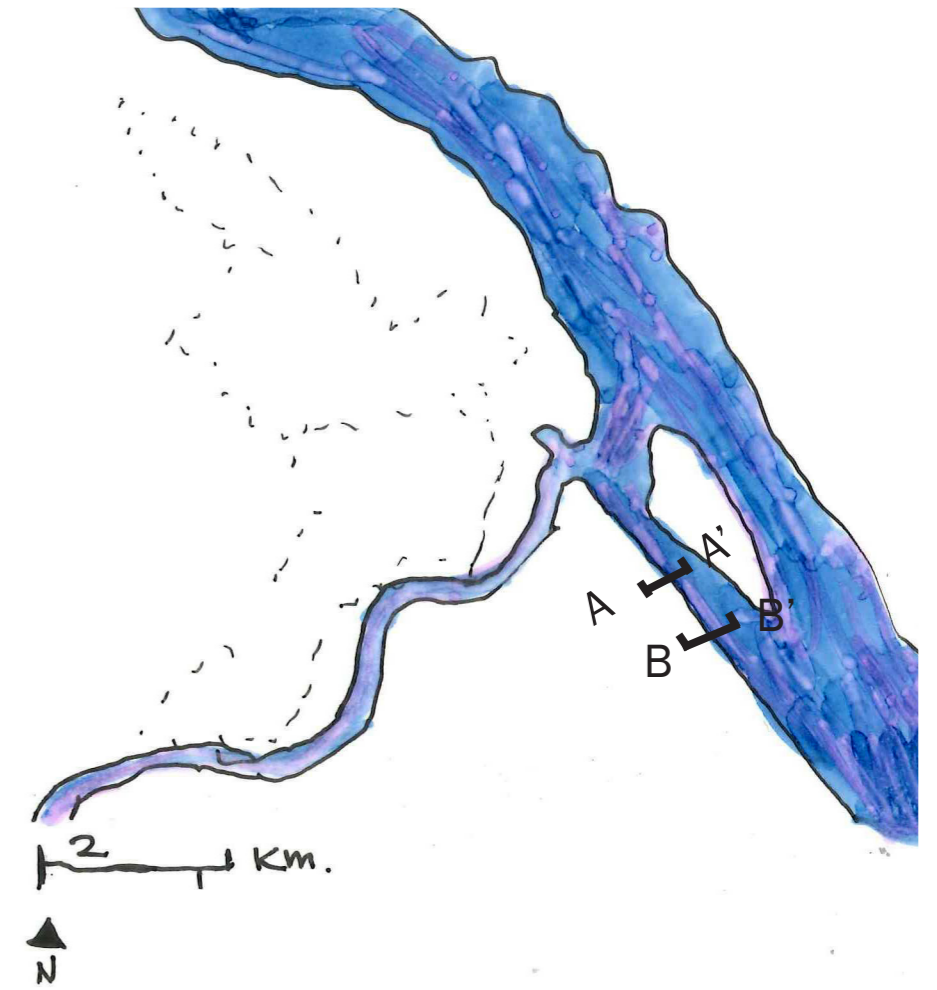
[Source: PhD. Ir.D. P. Quang, 2013]



# 7.5 SKETCH SECTIONS



AA'



BB'

## **7.6 OTHER MAPPING PLANS**

### **ANALYSE PLANNING**

- Soil map design location (1:500)**
- Ground water map design location (1:500)**
- Sections design locations (1:200)**
- Concepts water drainage system (1:200)**
- Pollutants concept map location (1:500)**
- Water streams map design location (1:500)**
- Infrastructure maps (1:500)**



# 8.1 THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

## DEFINITIONS

Normative: “What should be”  
Substantive: “What if”, “Why”

Urban design is normative trained to imagine and execute schemes for the future. Research is usually associated with substantial information and with the understanding of specific phenomena.

[Source: Lang 1987, Moudon 1988]

## METHODS

Urban history studies  
Picturesque studies  
Image studies  
Environment- behavior studies  
Place studies  
Material culture studies  
Typology- morphology studies  
Space morphology studies  
Nature ecology studies

[Source: A.V. Moudon, 2003]

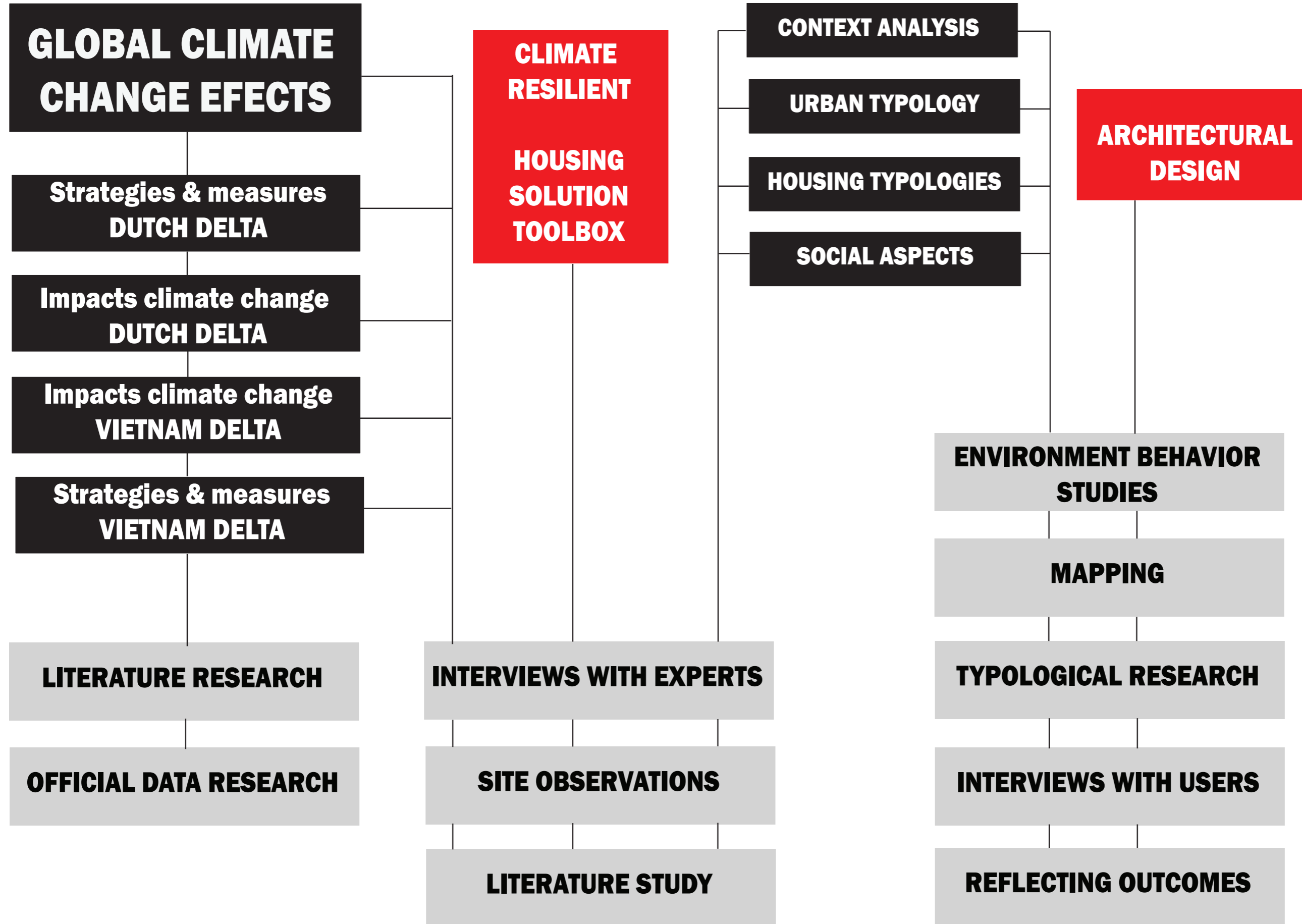
## TOOLS

Official data research  
Literature research  
Site observations  
Mapping

## LITERATURE REVIEWS



# 8.2 THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK



WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON LIVING CONDITIONS DUE CLIMATE CHANGE?

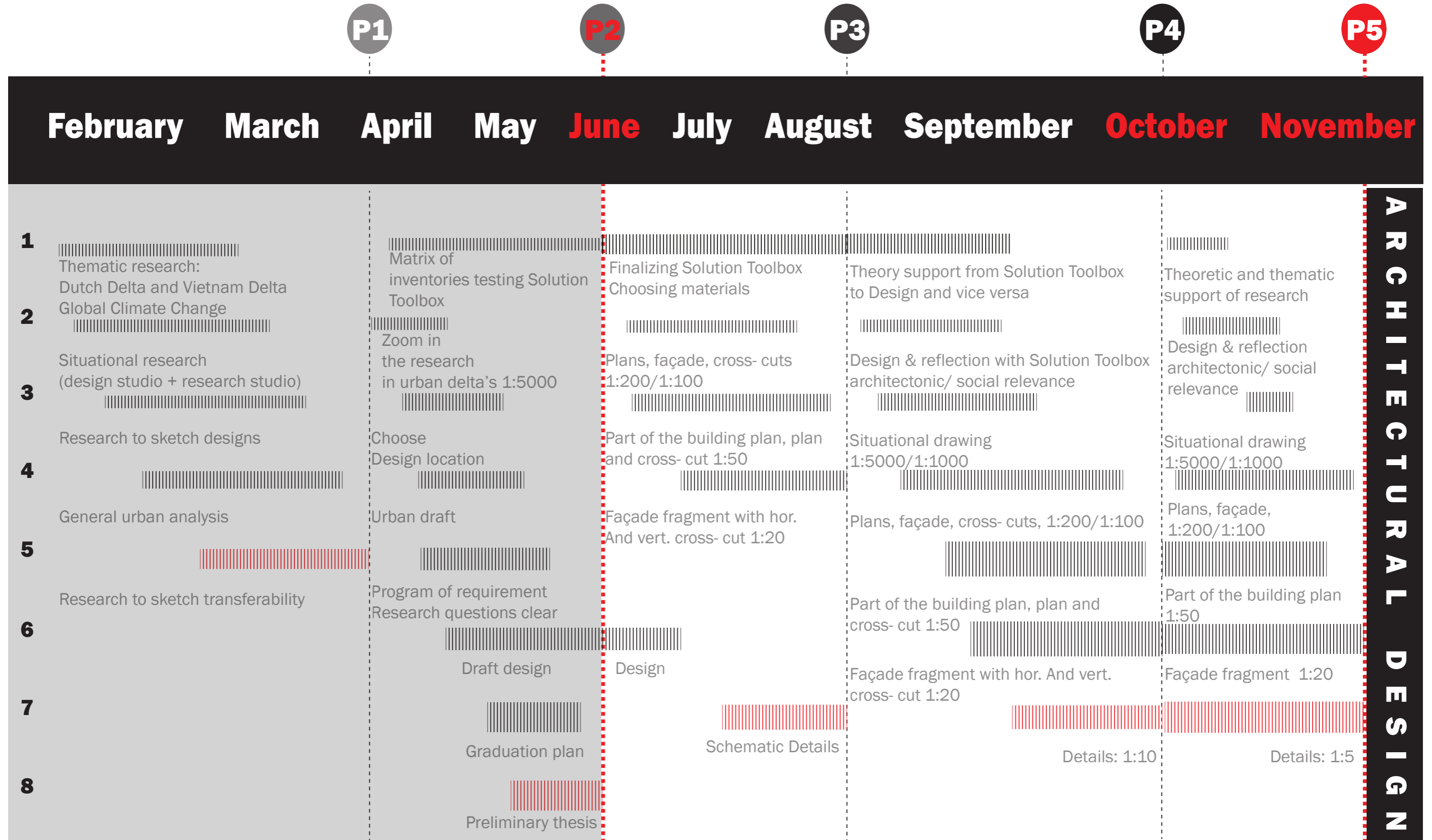
WHAT ARE THE CLIMATE- RESILIENT STRATEGIES?

HOW CAN THE KNOWLEDGE BE TRANSFERRED INTO A GENERIC SOLUTION TOOLBOX AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN?

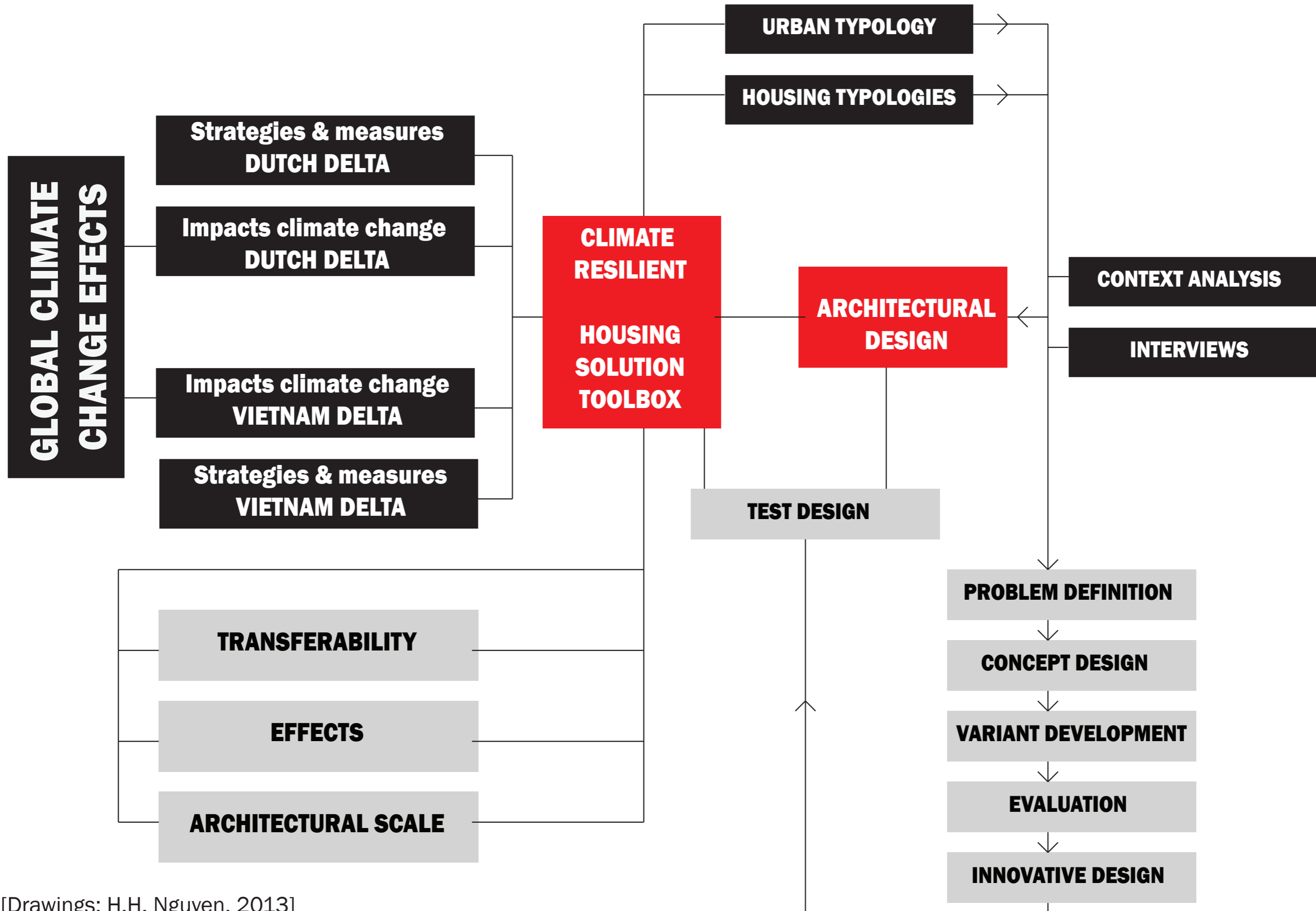
[Drawings: H.H. Nguyen, 2013]



# 9.1 GRADUATION TIMEPLANNING



# 9.2 APPROACH & PHASING



[Drawings: H.H. Nguyen, 2013]



# 10. NEXT STEPS

Serious Gaming possibility?

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Contact and plan interviews with

Experts and municipalities Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Can Tho

Contact and plan interviews with

Experts in Vietnam (Mekong Delta)

Collecting more maps and additive data

Continue designing and assessing the Toolbox

Visiting “*Nationaal Water, Wonen & Ruimte congres* “ in Rotterdam,

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**TO BE CONTINUED.**

Thank you for your attention!

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