



## **Synergy through water, land and forestry systems** Towards evolutionary socio-ecological resilience in Red River Delta, Vietnam

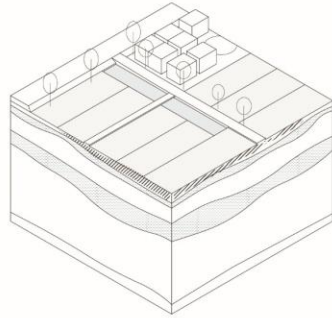
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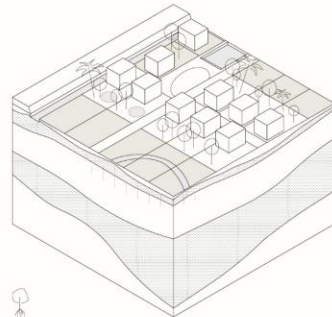
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# Linking production with vulnerabilities



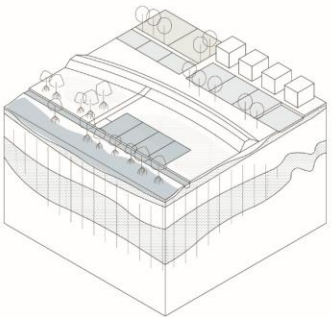
Interfluvial type

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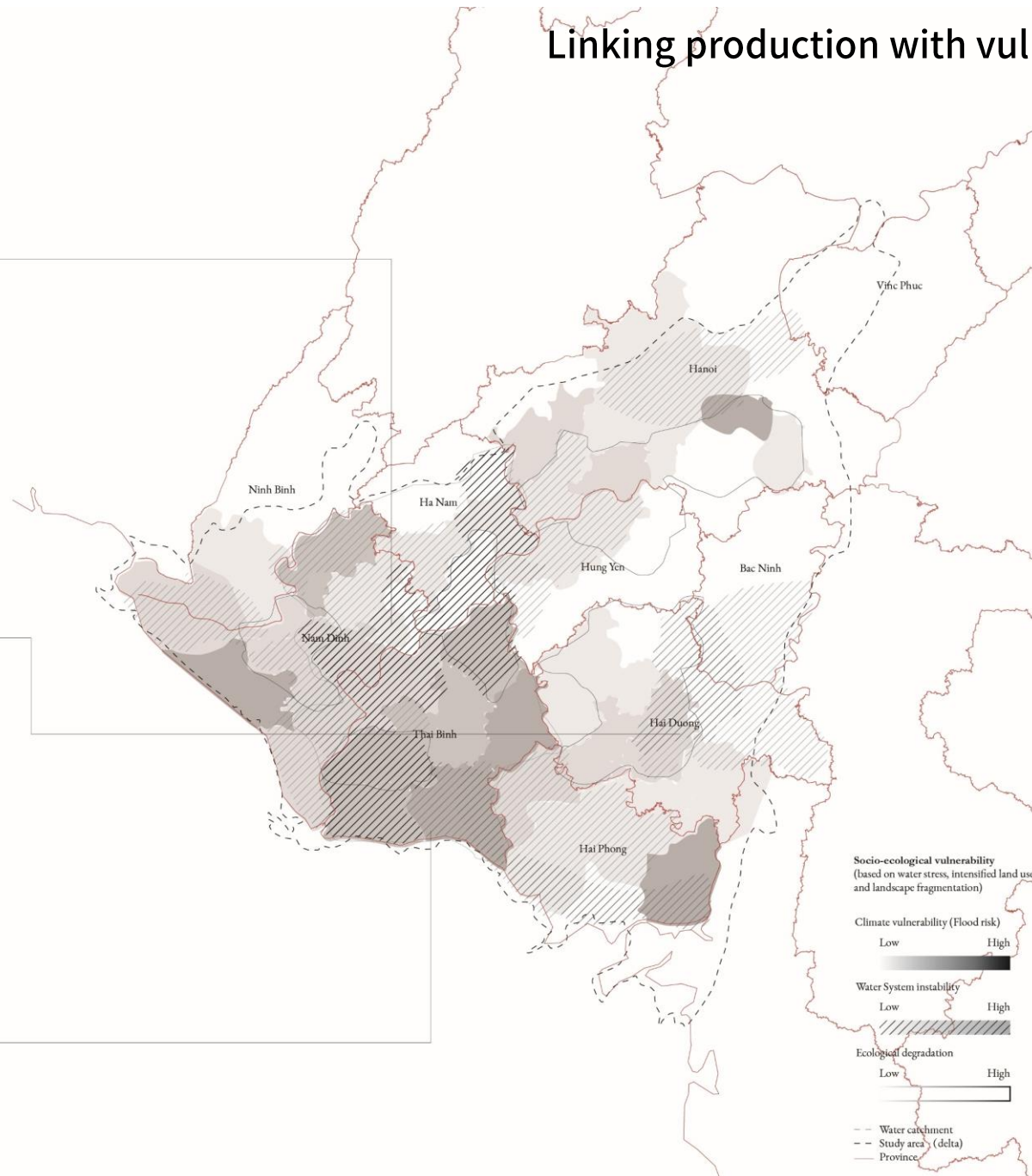
Higher tide type

Family-based mainly groundwater: 0-10, 30-80 soil type: eutric gleysols and fluvisols, marine clay main production type: horticulture, medicine, productive forestry, rice \* inland river can be influenced by wave, trees for infiltrate fresh and salt, especially in low velocity waterflow area.

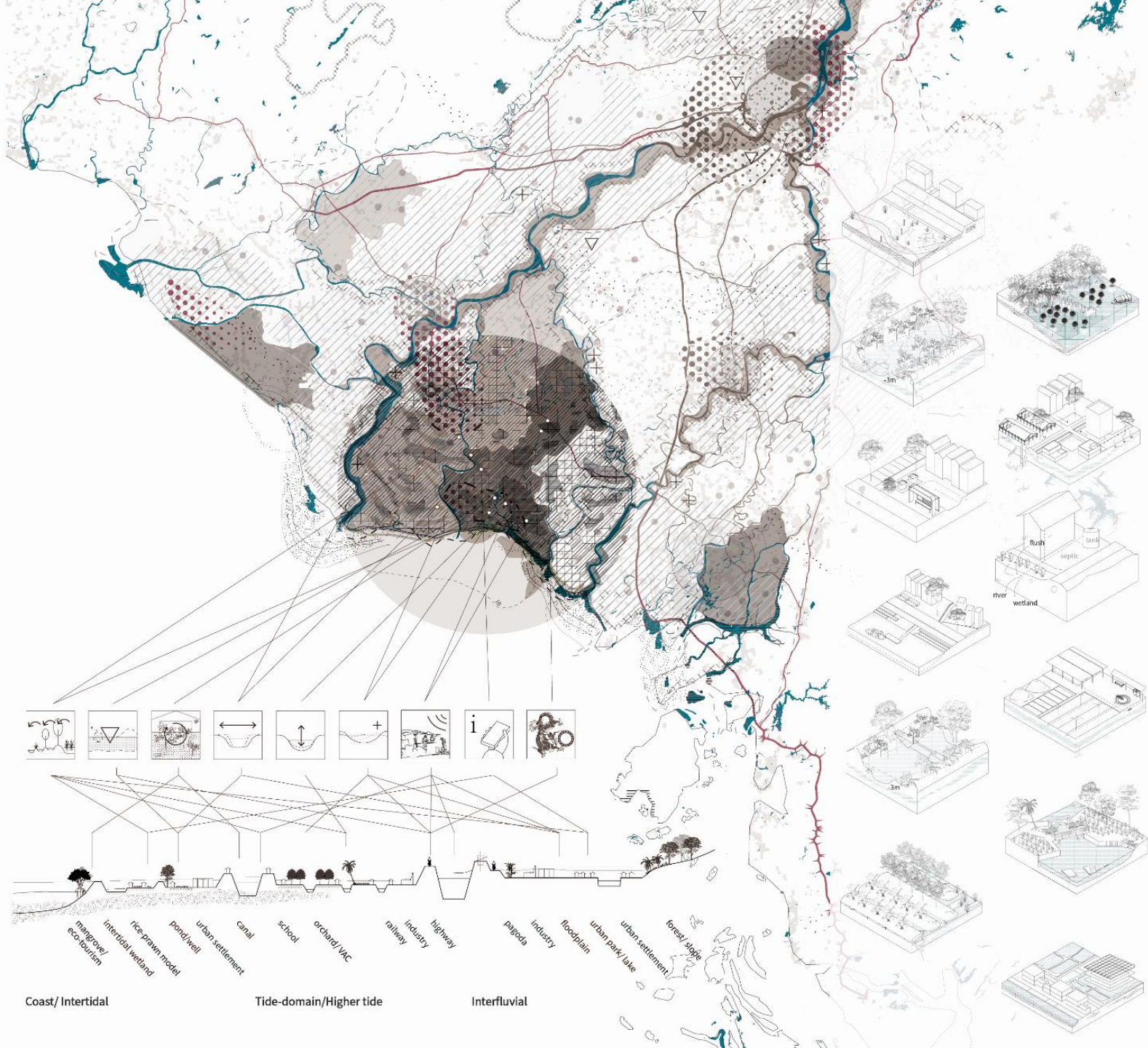


Intertidal type

Cooperative-based mainly groundwater: 0-10, 30-50 soil type: marine clay, peat main production type: shrimp, rice, fish \* mangrove as common property



# Systemic synergy





Source: Screenshot from Google street view (left) and Forgetting Vietnam. Trinh Minh-ha, 2015 (right)

| Overview

| **Analysis and research framework**

| Synthesis

| Proposition

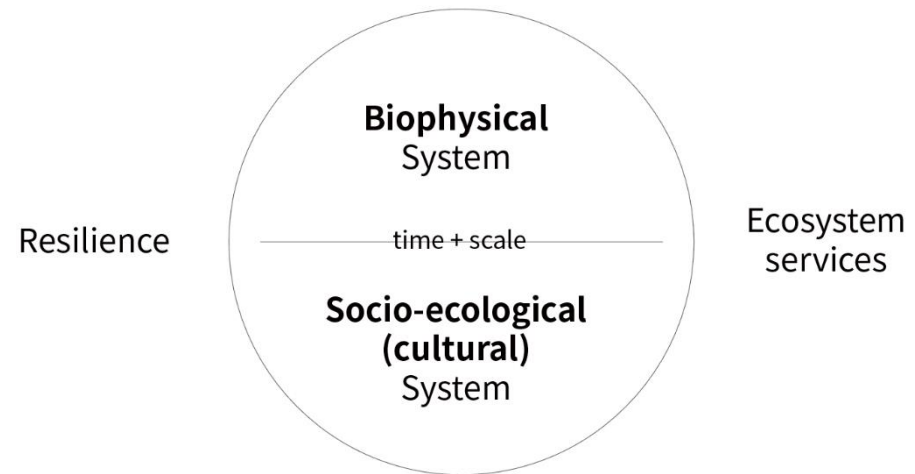
| Exploration case

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| Conclusion

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## Focus and aim



Source: Forgetting Vietnam. Trinh Minh-ha, 2015

## Location

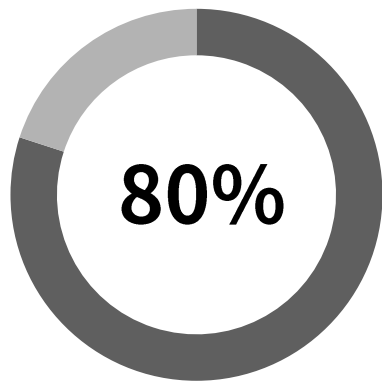


*'The landscape in the Red River Delta is not only manipulated by humans but entirely transformed by humans.'*

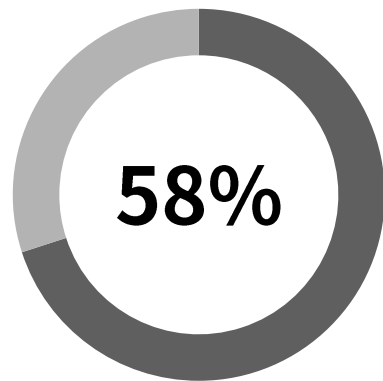
*Le Ba Thao, 1997: 323-31*



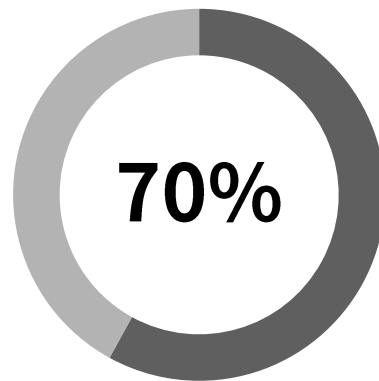
## Main drivers of change - resource consumption



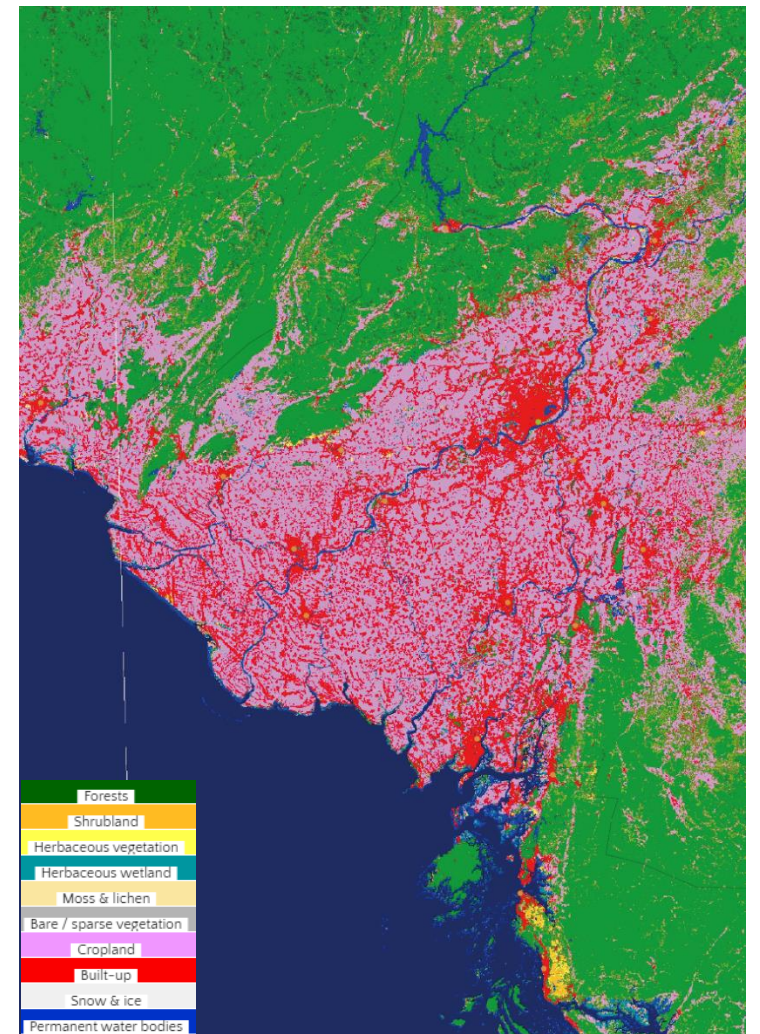
Annual water consumption for irrigation



Land use for agriculture



Workers in agriculture sector



Data and Source: Land Corponicus and Wikipedia.

## Main drivers of change - water fluctuation



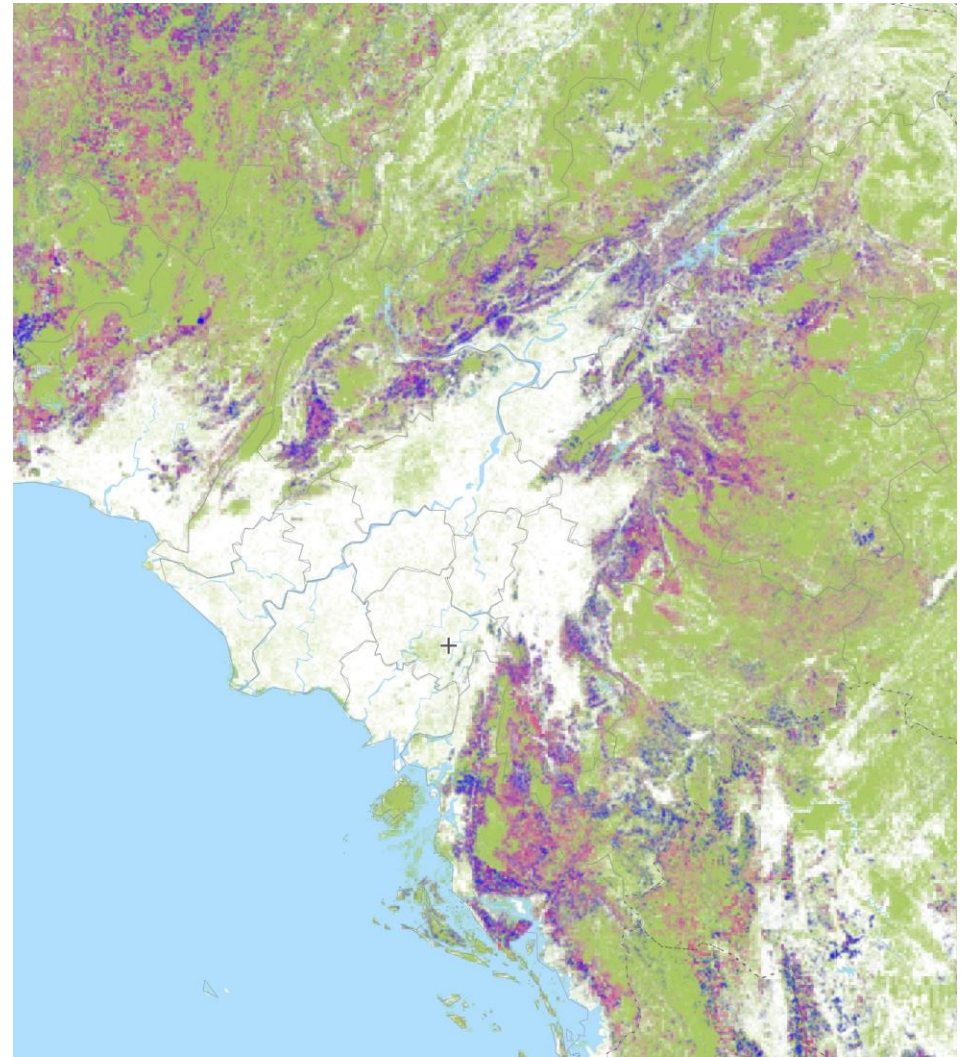
Flooding 1971



Waterflow abandoned in division area as pollution container

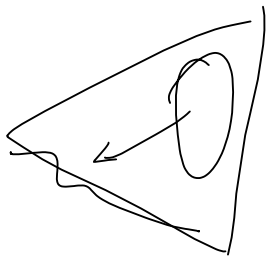


## Main drivers of change - forestation condition



Source: Global forest watch

# Main drivers of change - Future expansion 2030 (High Climate Impact Scenario)

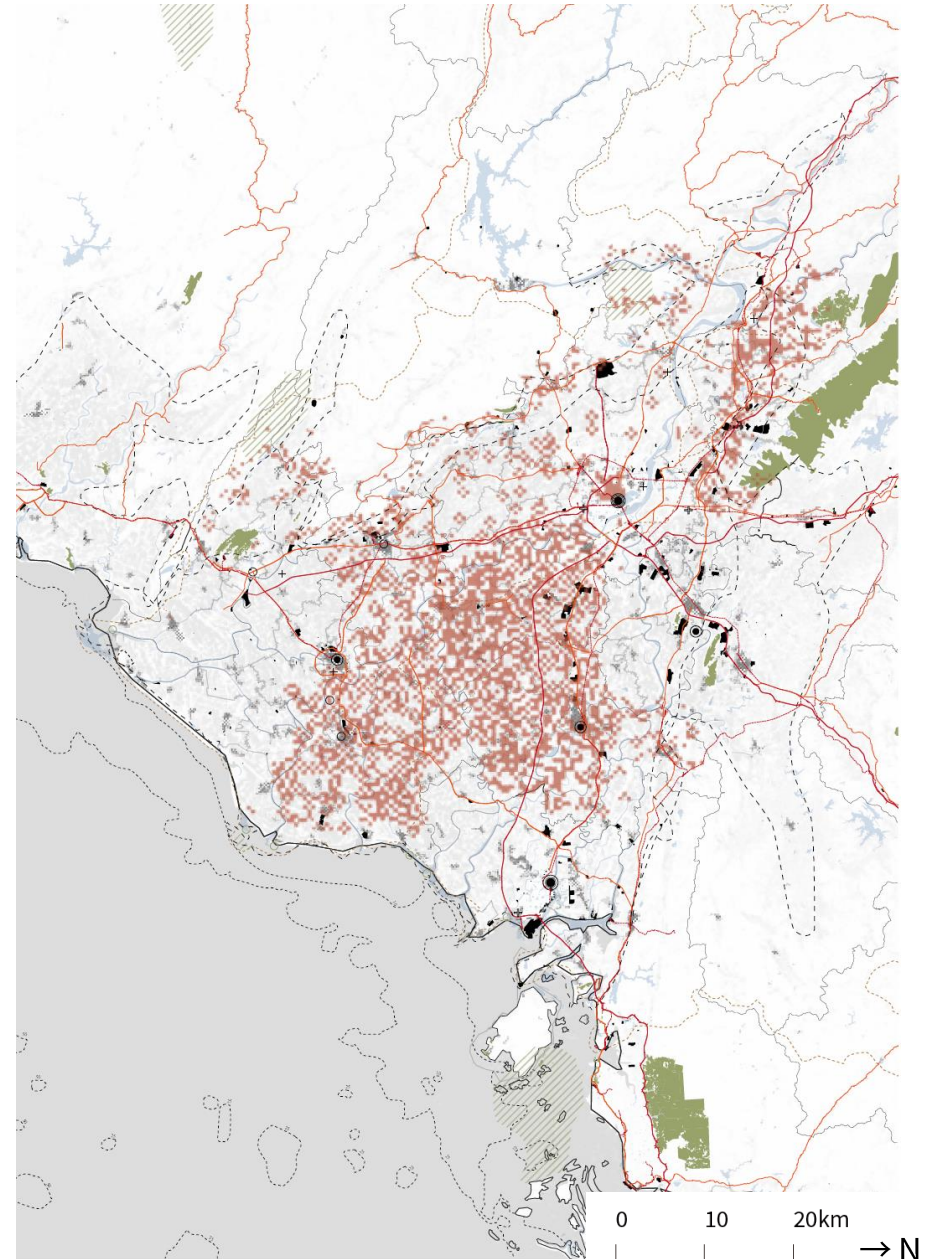


Land use change by land class and scenario, 2007-2030					
	2007	2030-HCI		2030-HEG	
	km <sup>2</sup>	km <sup>2</sup>	change(%)	km <sup>2</sup>	change(%)
Paddy rice	53,462	41,434	-22	41,362	-23
Other agriculture	52,802	51,775	-2	46,941	-11
Production forest	74,858	100,498	34	105,429	41
Non-production forest	61,640	54,543	-12	45,246	-27
Shrub and grassland	62,986	50,401	-20	50,375	-20
Built-up areas	8645	15,742	82	25,039	190
Other land	18,517	18,517	0	18,517	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,910</b>	<b>332,910</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>332,909</b>	<b>0</b>

\*HCI- High Climate Impact, HEG- High Economic Growth;  
 \*BAU- Business as Usual, the result of which similar to HCI scenario;  
 \*The other land also covers protected area, such as small tracts of paddy rice and other agriculture and shrub land.

Figure 2.4 (Right)  
Urban expansion, Scenario 2030- HCI  
Source: Van Dijk et al, 2013

- Water body
- Flooding area
- Sea level projection 2050
- Sea level projection 2100
- Meteorological station
- Current direction
- Main city
- Main secondary city
- Main town and village
- Cropland border
- Water catchment
- Study area (delta)



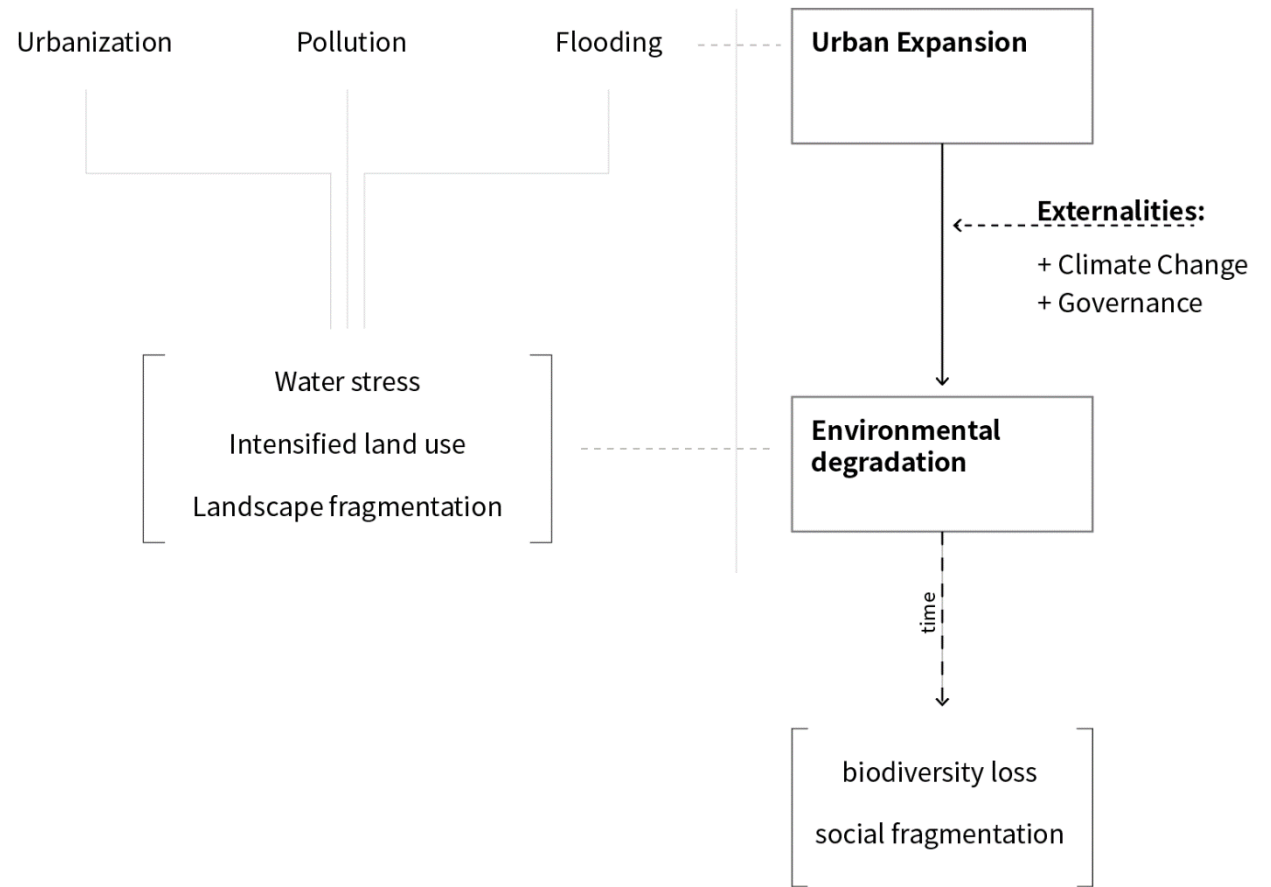
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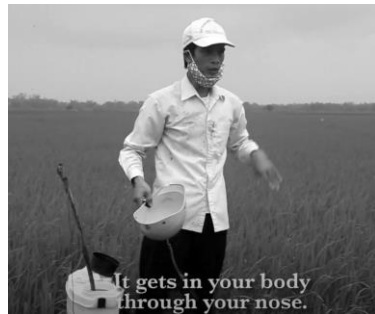
*'I got a bank loan to set up an aquaculture farm, but I didn't know anything about aquaculture. When all the animals died, I couldn't make money. I got more bank loans to pay my debts hoping that the animals would return...but they never did. I had to sell everything at a cheap price and now life is a struggle.'*

*- from a local interview, Steven et al., 2015.*

# Problem Statement



## Focus and aim



Sources: Stories from Southeast Asia. 2016. "Pesticide and Food | Huế, Vietnam."

[ Research question ]

How and to what extent can performative landscape help to cope with socio-cultural and ecological vulnerabilities through adaptive resource co-management in the context of Red River Delta?

[ Research aim ]

The goal is to develop an ecosystem-based adaptation to wise use eco-services and develop **performative landscape with integrated systems**, enhancing **socio-ecological resilience** with **adaptive resource co-management** besides climate change.

## Research questions

- How and to what extent can performative landscape help to cope with socio-cultural and ecological vulnerabilities through adaptive resource co-management in the context of Red River Delta?

1

What are the current relations of local practices and external forces between land uses, water management and productive forestry in the existing cultural landscape within the lower Red River delta?

2

What indicators should be considered to assess socio-cultural and ecological vulnerabilities to build future capacity towards a sustainable and safe lowland delta?

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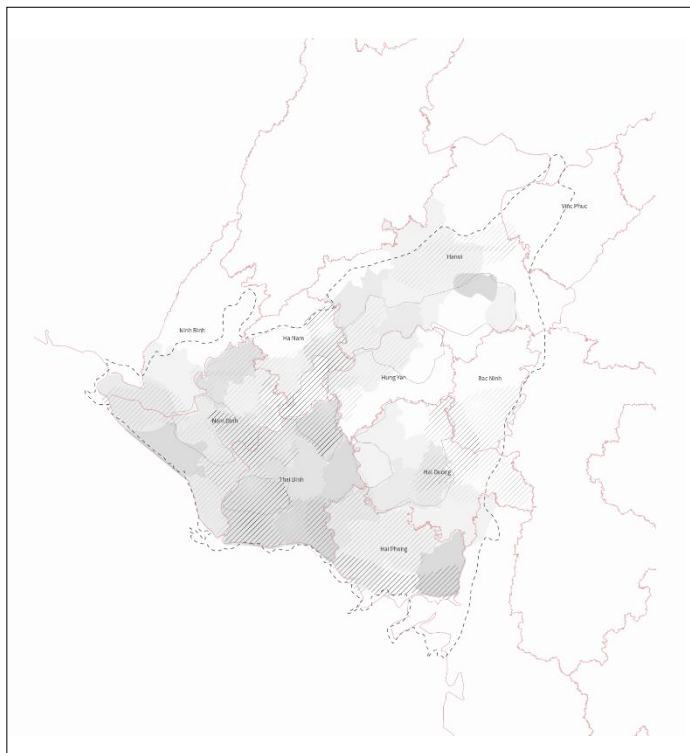
How and to what extent can ecosystem-based adaptation through performative landscape contribute to implement adaptive resource co-management in lowland delta

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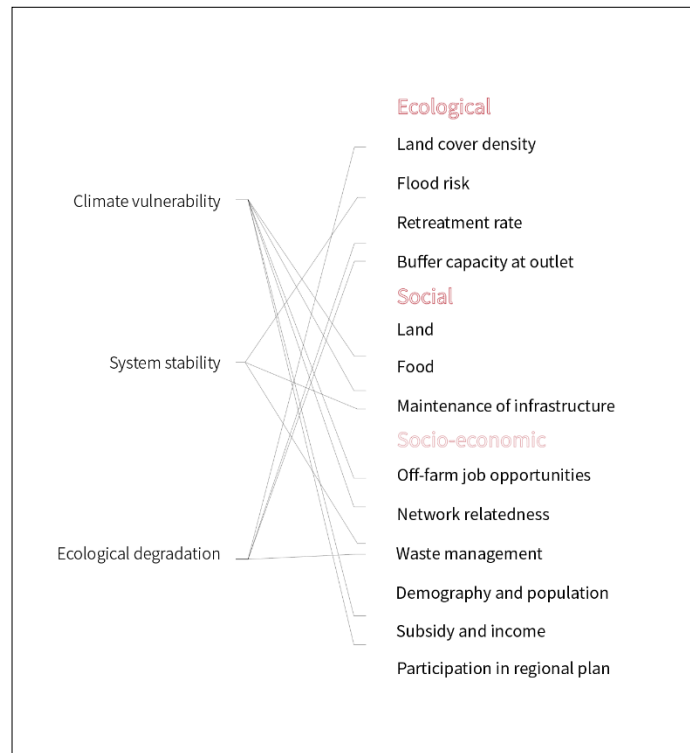
How can adaptive resource co-management at local scale reach socio-ecological resilience through evolutionary processes with adaptive governance?



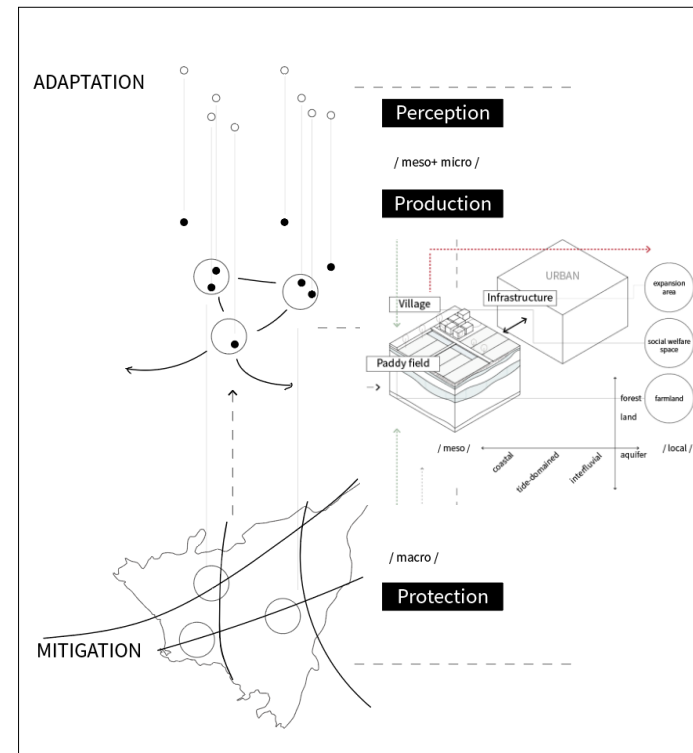
# Potential Outcomes



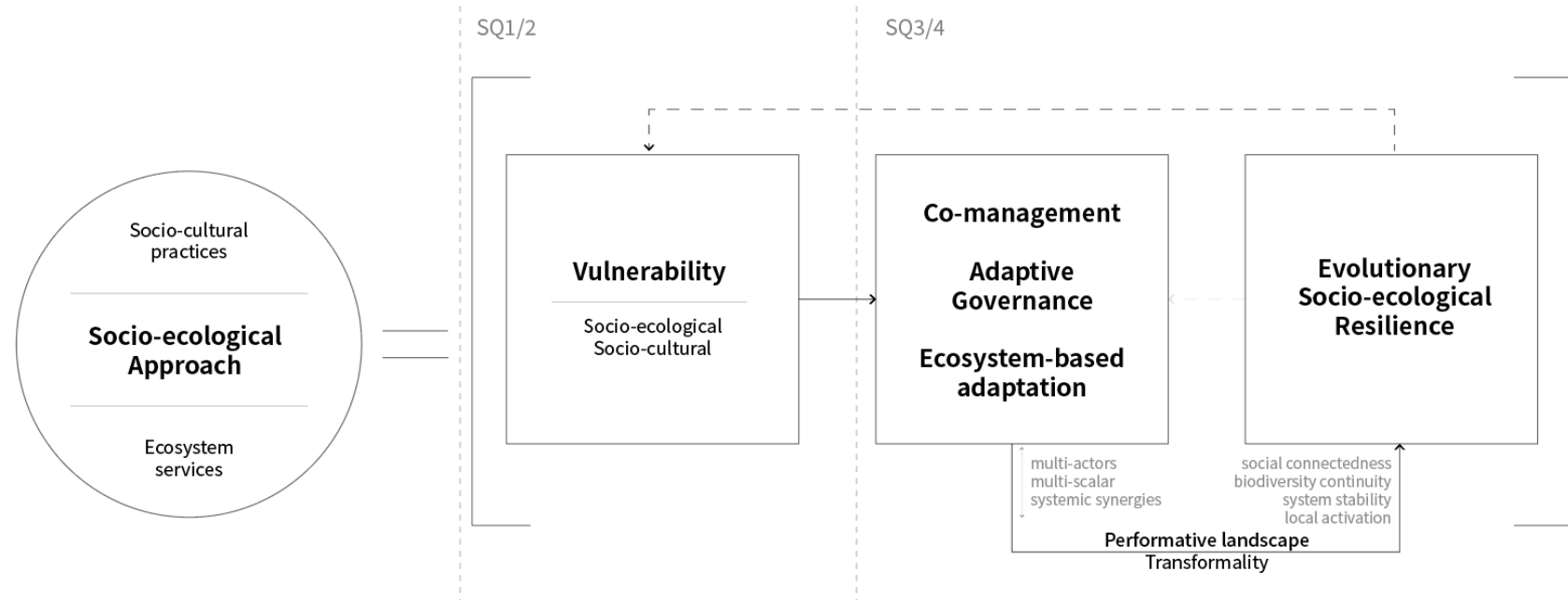
A review of systemic rice-based delta performance



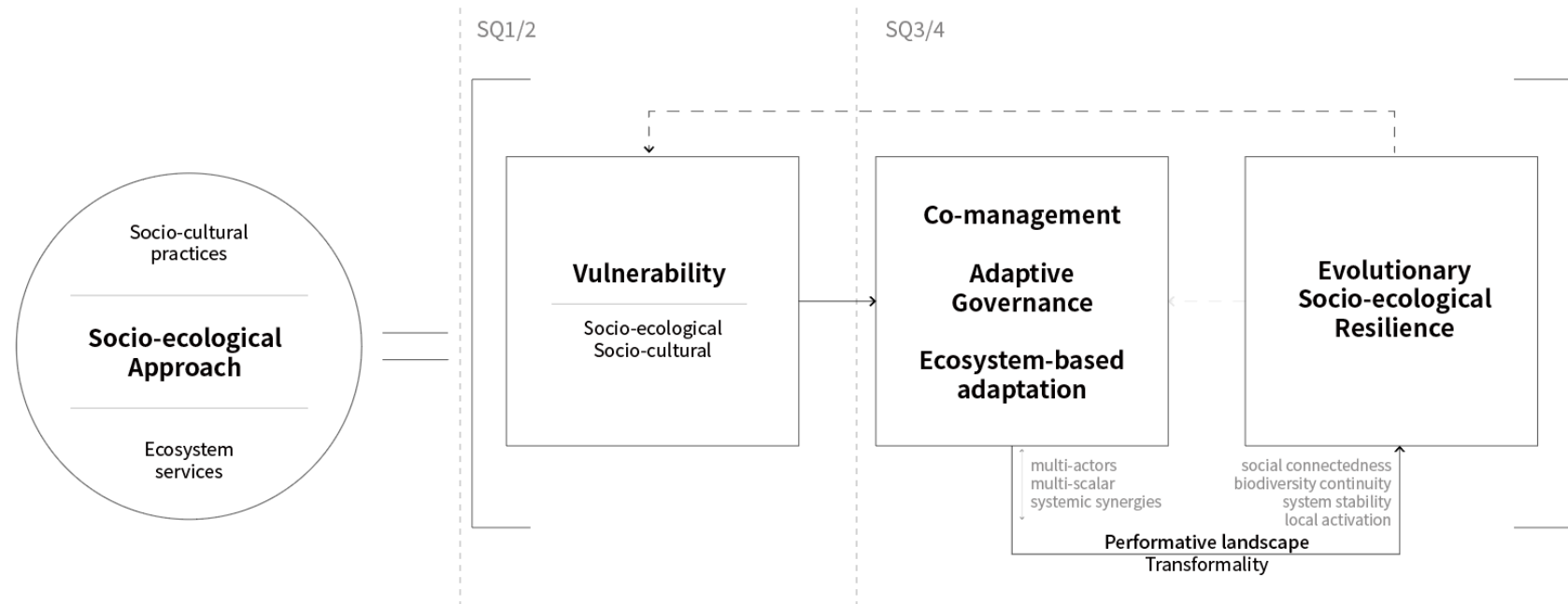
An ecosystem-based adaptation framework with sustainability assessment



Multi-scalar design processes



## How to act? – Conceptual framework



### Ecosystem-based Adaptation

IUCN, 2008

... adapts to uncertainty and reduce the vulnerabilities brought from climate change and biodiversity loss based on the ecosystem.

... requires multi-disciplinary consciousness to encourage local participation and community-based adaption as well, in order to try to maintain local livelihood and food and water security.

### Co-management

Armitage et al., 2009. Olsson et al. 2004

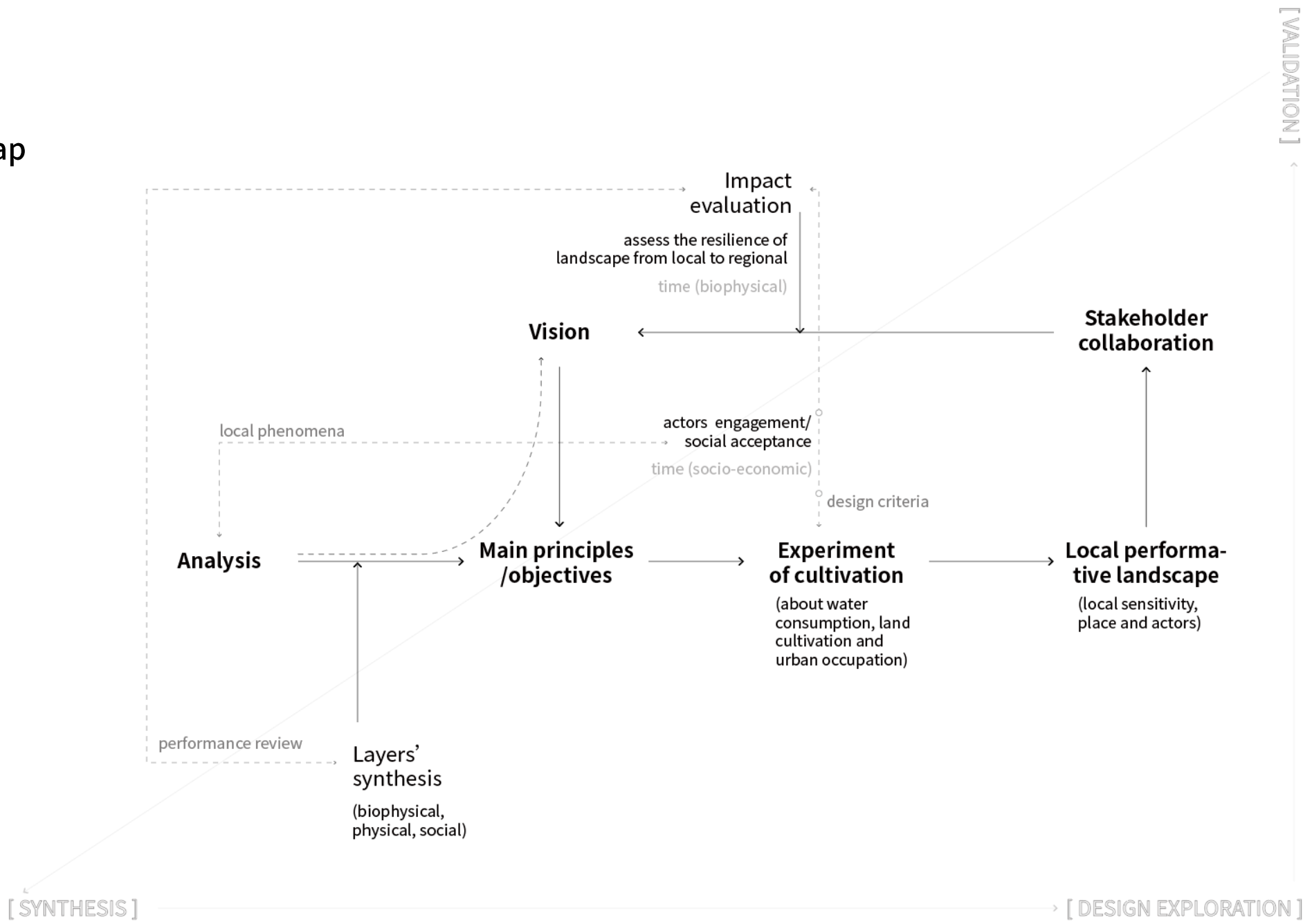
... self-organizing process of adaptive co-management development, under regulations, has the potential to make socio-ecological system more robust to change.

### Adaptive Governance

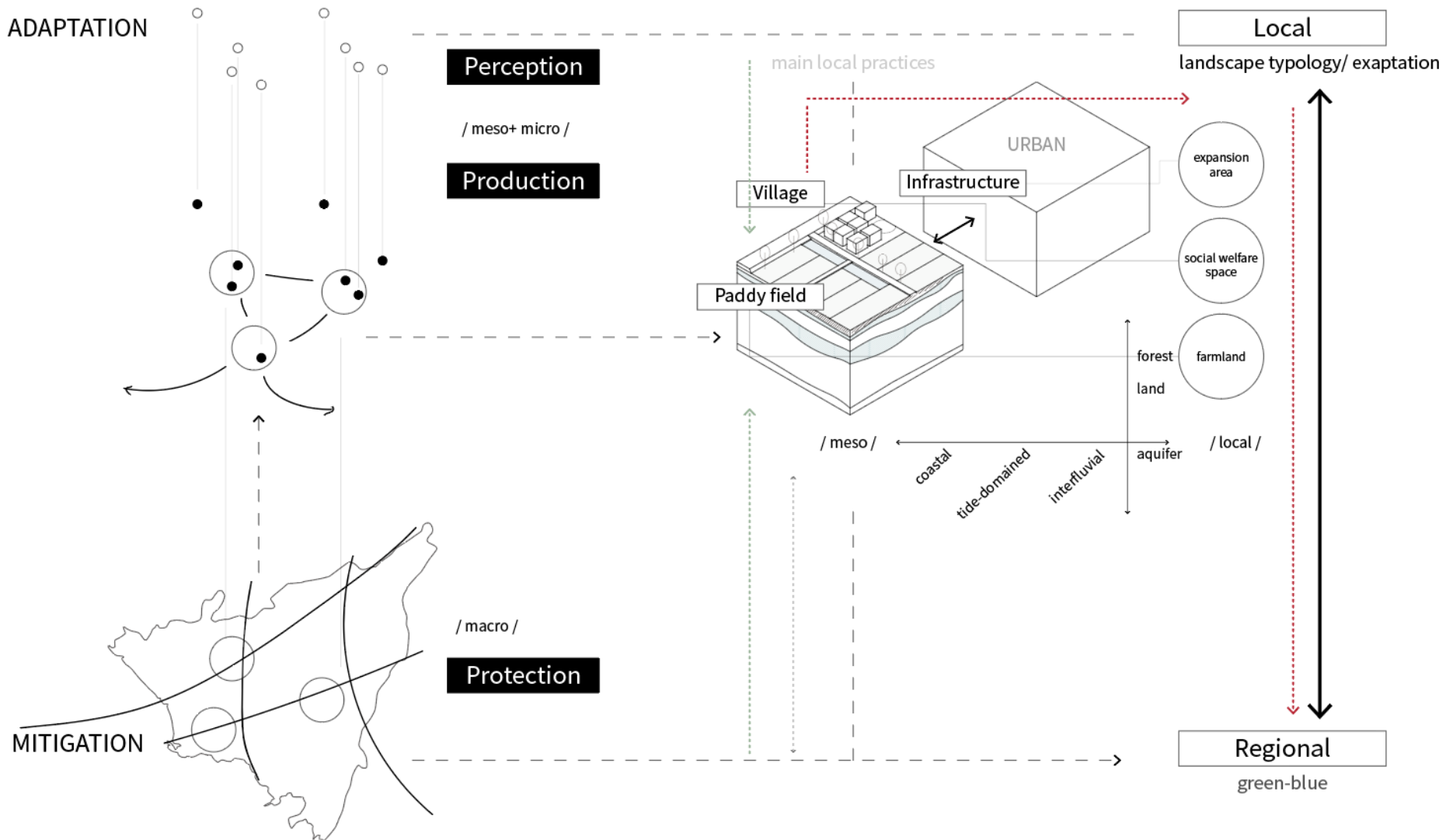
Adger et al., 2003

... necessary for long-term development and adaptation to climate change. It helps to build social and ecological capitals through phasing and processes by integrating local and social institutions to communicate and express themselves and bind with formal decisions... Economic efficiency, environmental effectiveness, equity, and political legitimacy have been highlighted as four main criteria for sustainable governance.

# Roadmap



# Design Framework



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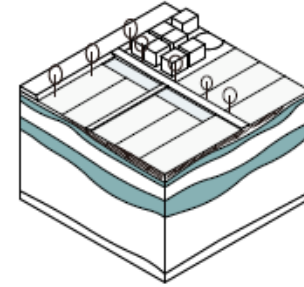
## Starting from local



### Habitat

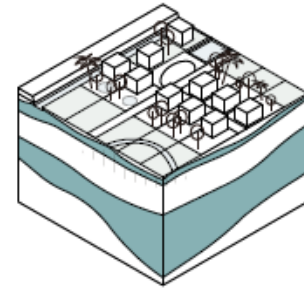
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main production type: rice, vege  
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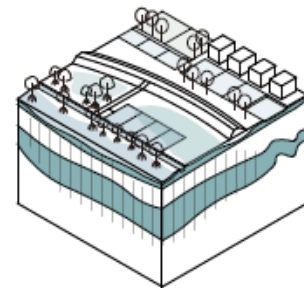
#### Midland, tide-dominated

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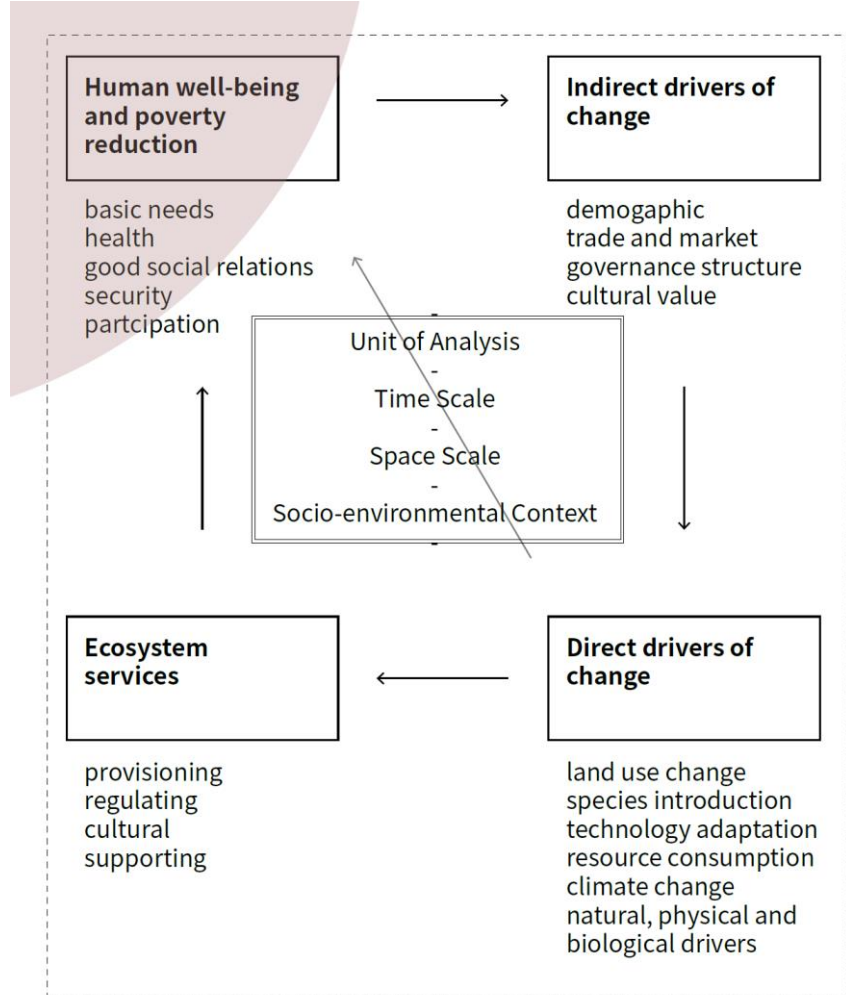


#### Lowland, coastal

Cooperative-based mainly  
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soil type: marine clay, peat  
main production type: shrimp, rice, fish  
\* mangrove as common property



Adapted from Ecosystem services, MEA, 2005



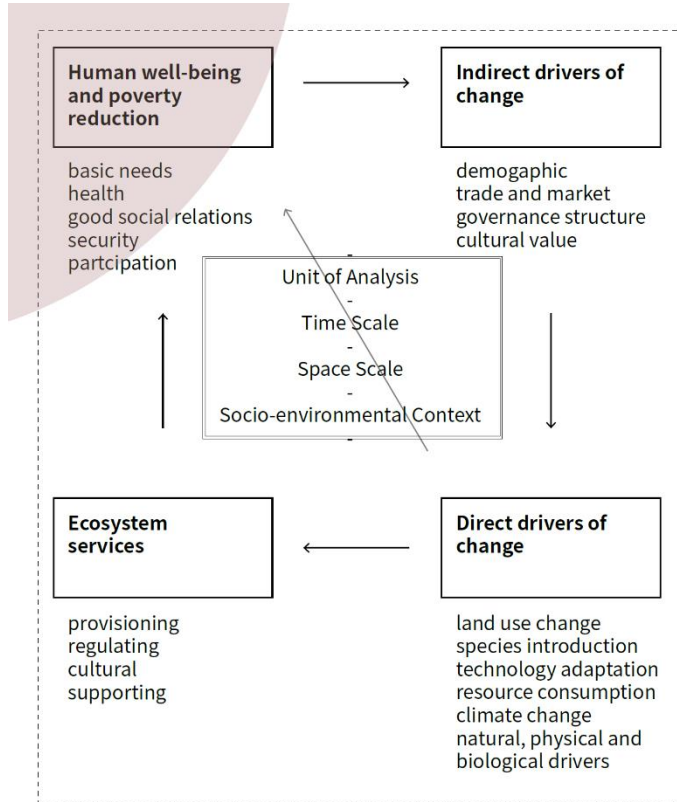
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Elaborated for understanding the delta subsystems



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landscape

(geology, ecological condition)  
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### External forces/ regional to local

#### Biophysical

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flooding

#### Physical

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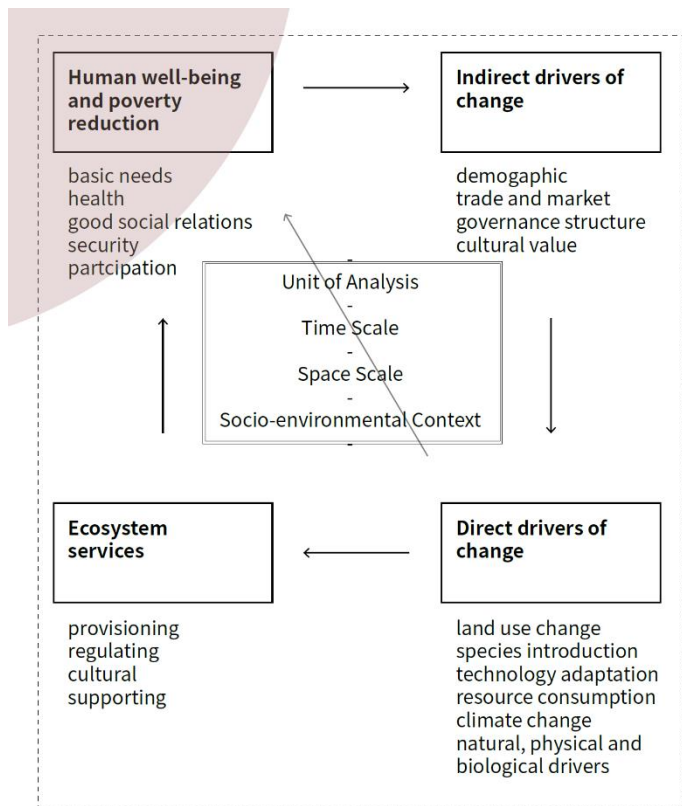
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Lines' Synthesis (following studio methodology)



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### MATTER [WATER] Water Fluctuation in Land

Pollution by linear use  
Evolving engineering construction by urbanization  
Water level change by urbanization and climate change

### TOPOS [TRANSLATION] Occupation, Expansion and Transformation of Land

Future urbanization trend  
Land conversion and impact at coast  
Pressure inside delta

### HABITAT [DIVERSITY] Cultivation of Land

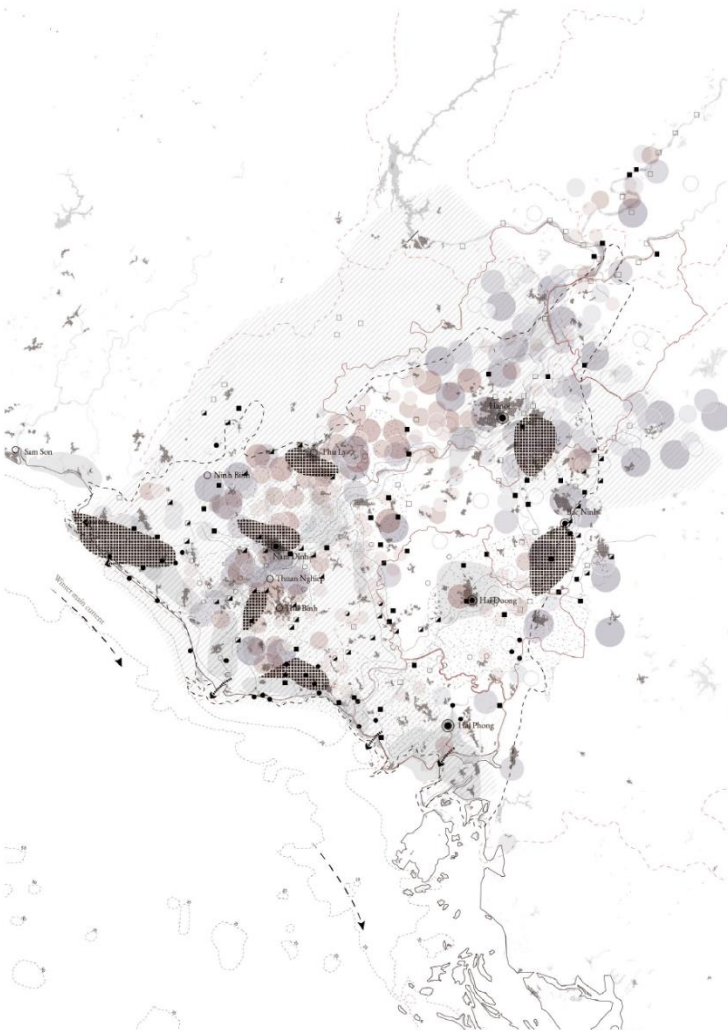
Land productivity  
Local diverse production model  
Shifting patterns of diverse vegetation

### GEOPOLITICS [OWNERSHIP] Control of Land and Resources

Claiming the territory  
Institution ecology  
Transboundary water body

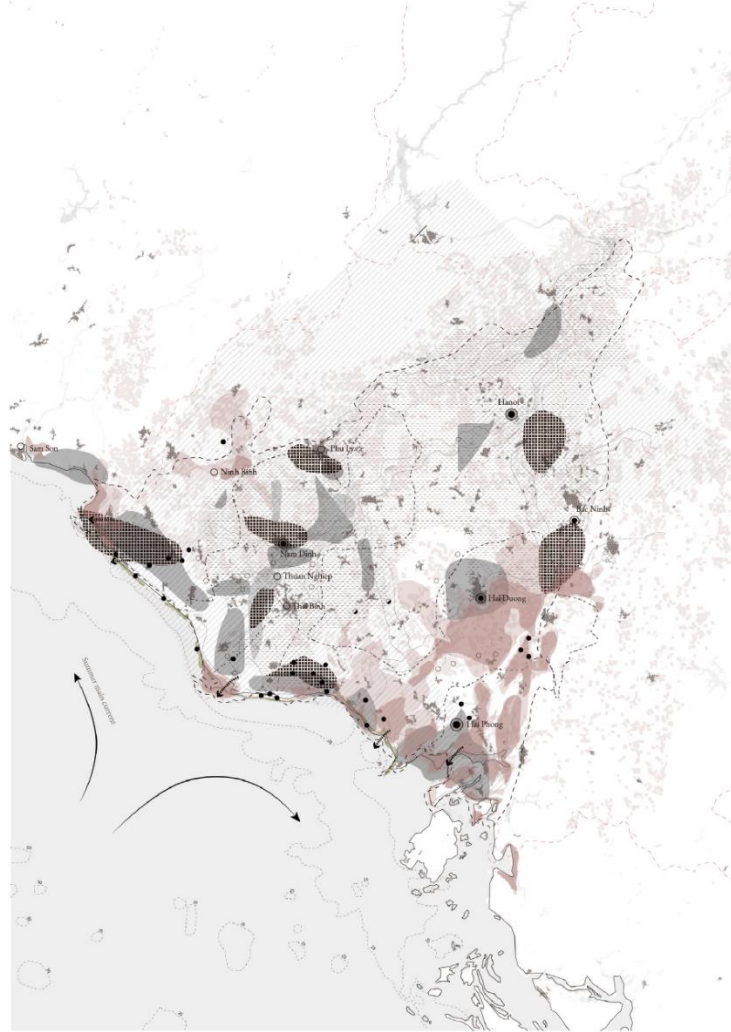
### OPPORTUNITY AND CONCLUSION

[ MATTER- WATER ]

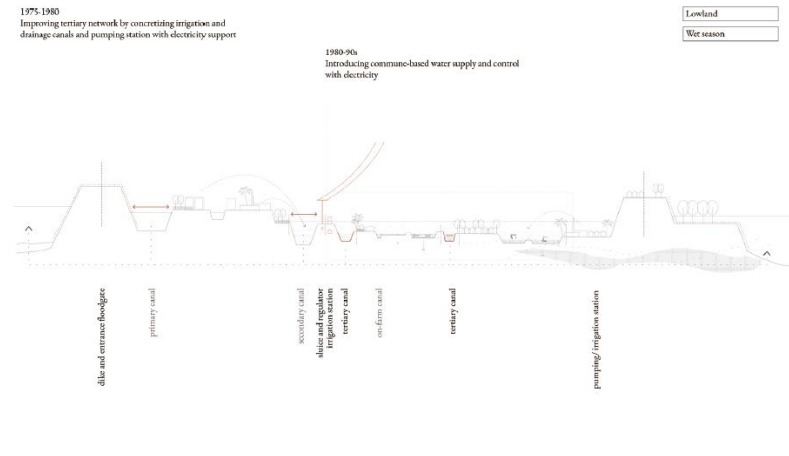
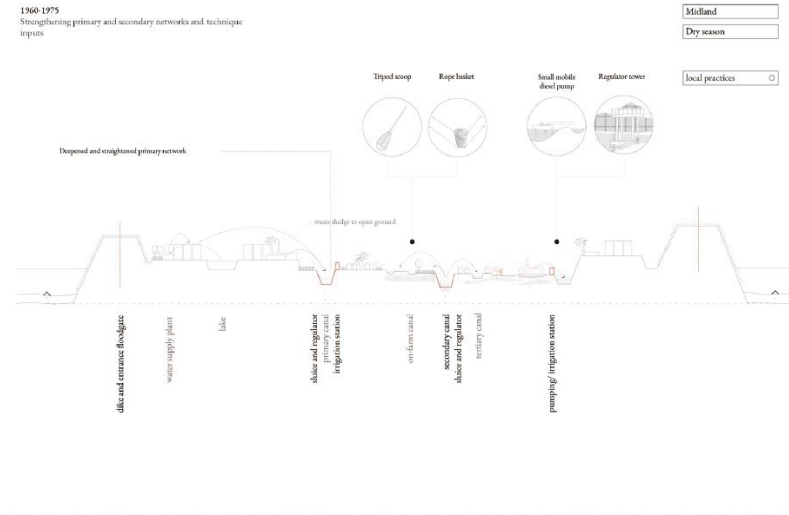


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Water stress in drought season



Water stress in wet season



- Dike construction before colonial  
- Dry River division sluice gate  
- Encroachment of canal  
- On-farm self-construction

From river water to hydraulic water  
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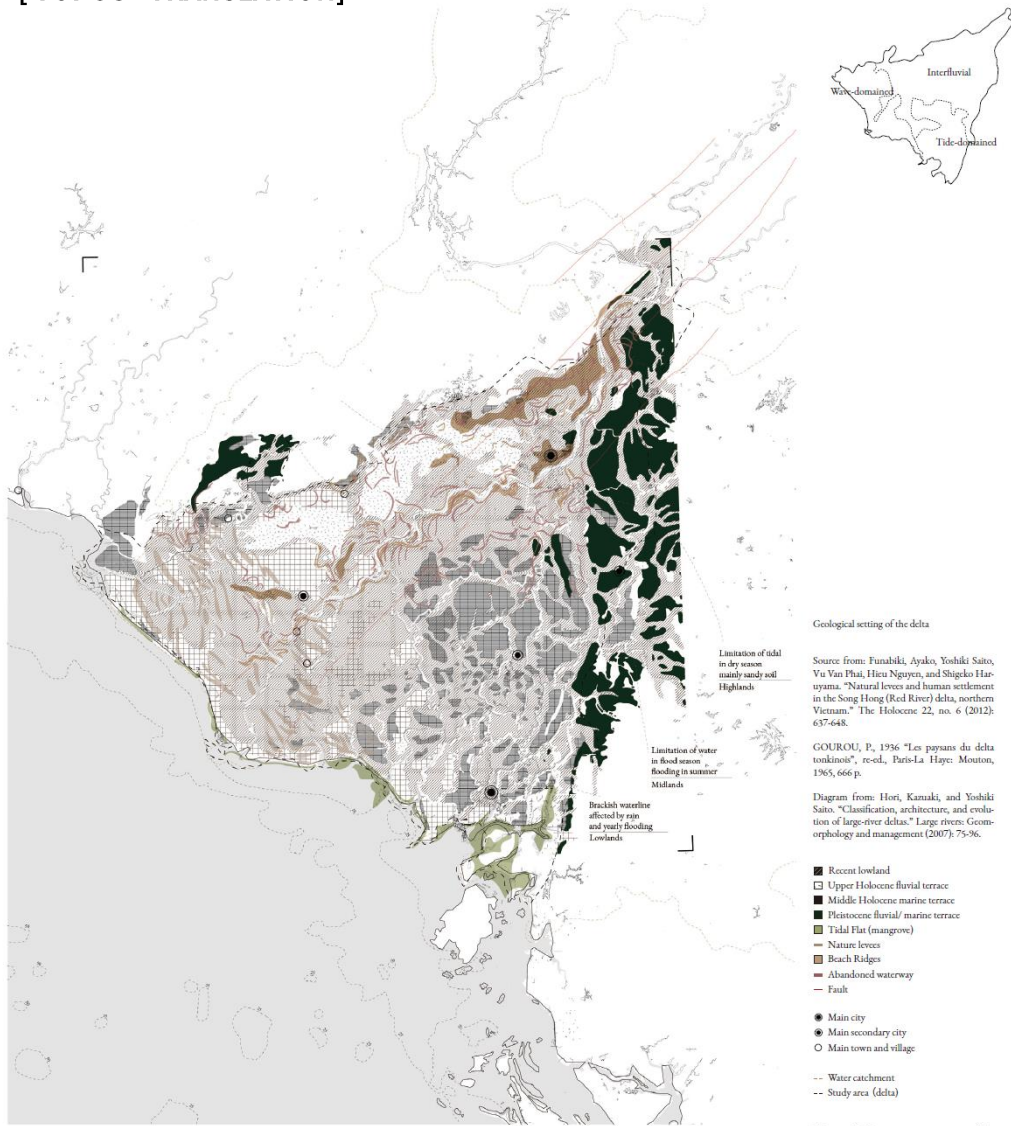
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- Canalization improvement
- Urbanization
- Main water flow
- Main polluted water flow
- Pollution
- Saltwater intrusion

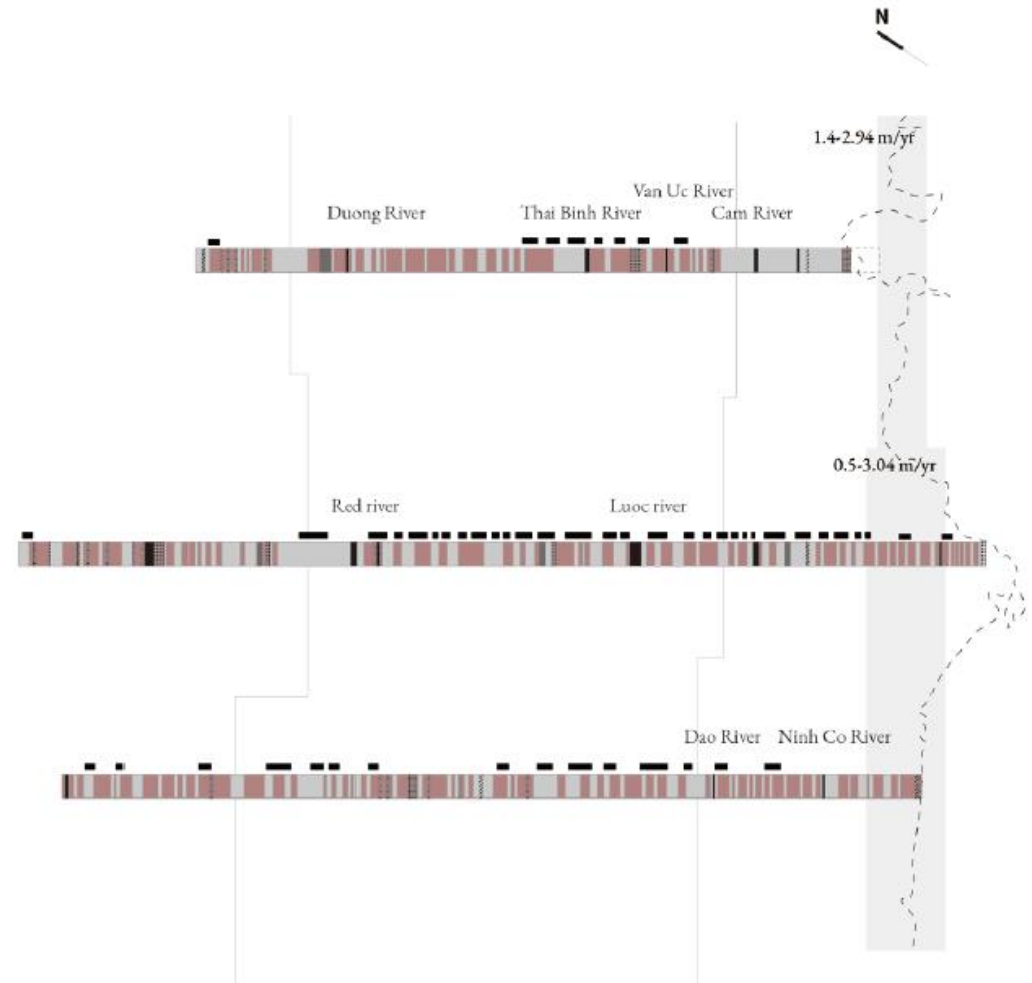
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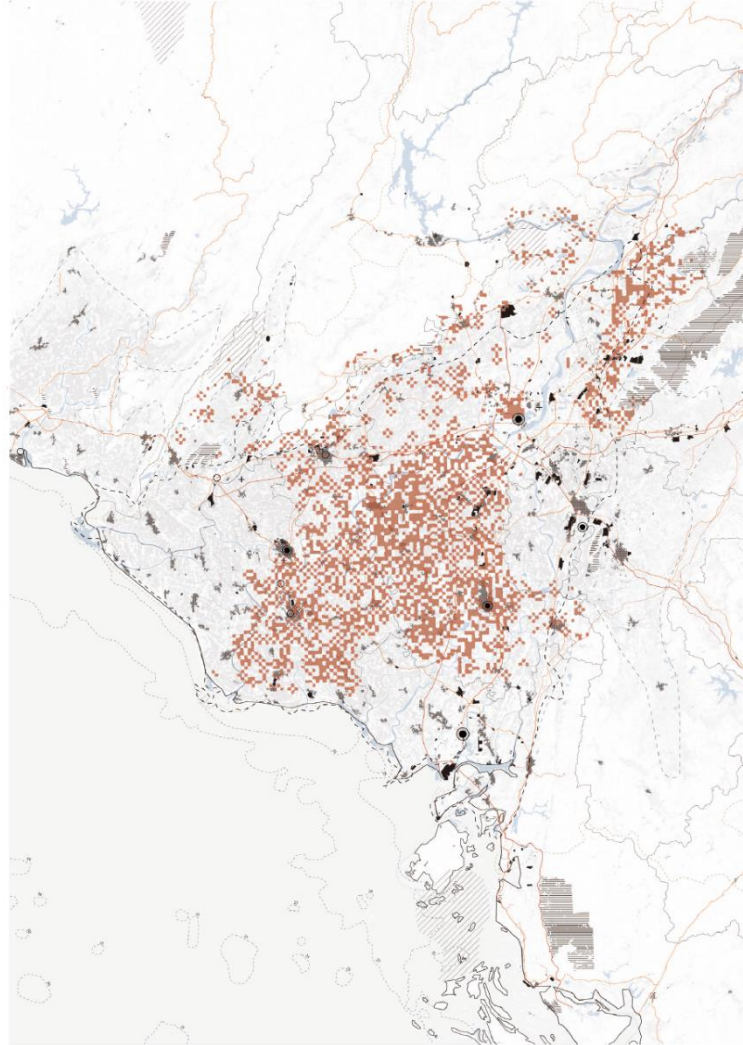
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Geological setting of the delta



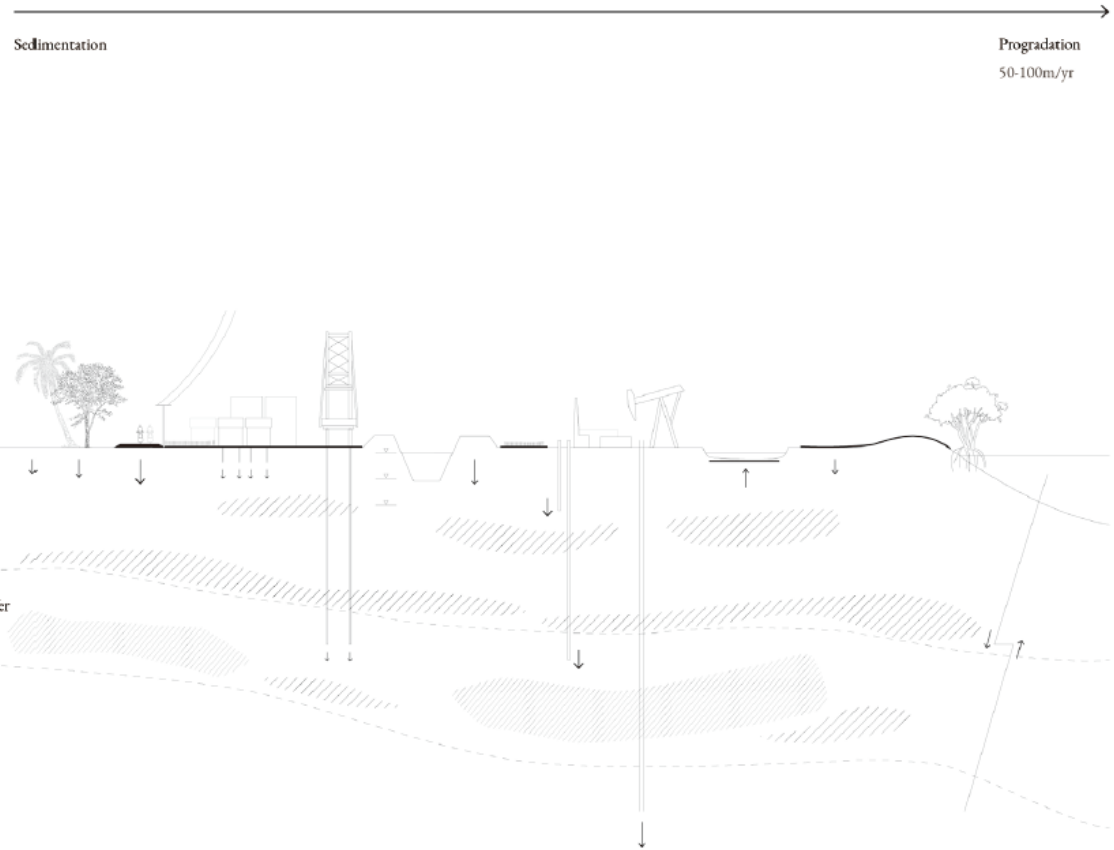
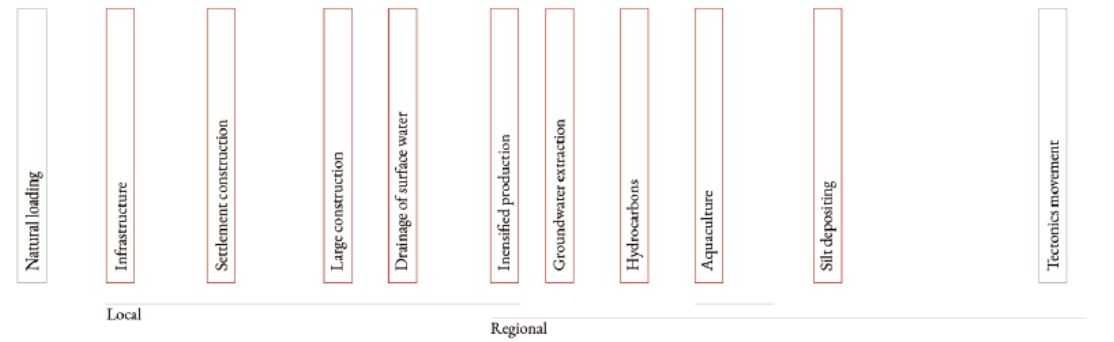
Formation, location and conversion

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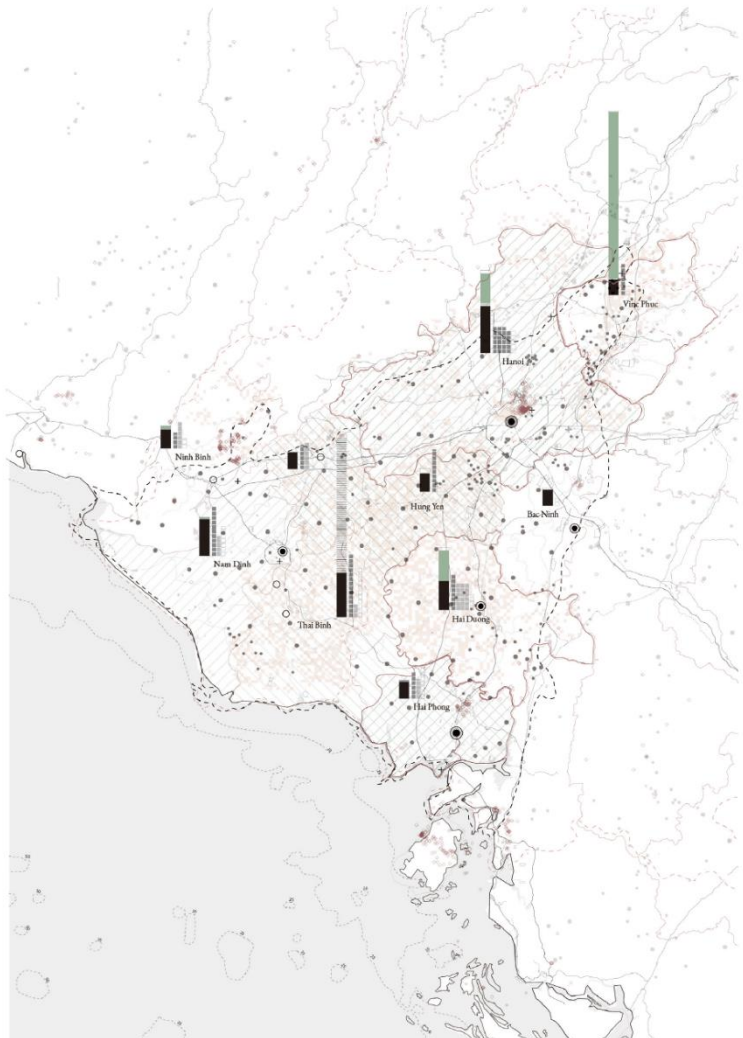
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Proposed Urban Expansion Scenario 2030



Compaction, subsidence, and land condition

# [ HABITAT- DIVERSITY]



Current performance of production land  
 Implying intensified cultivation and production types within the delta.

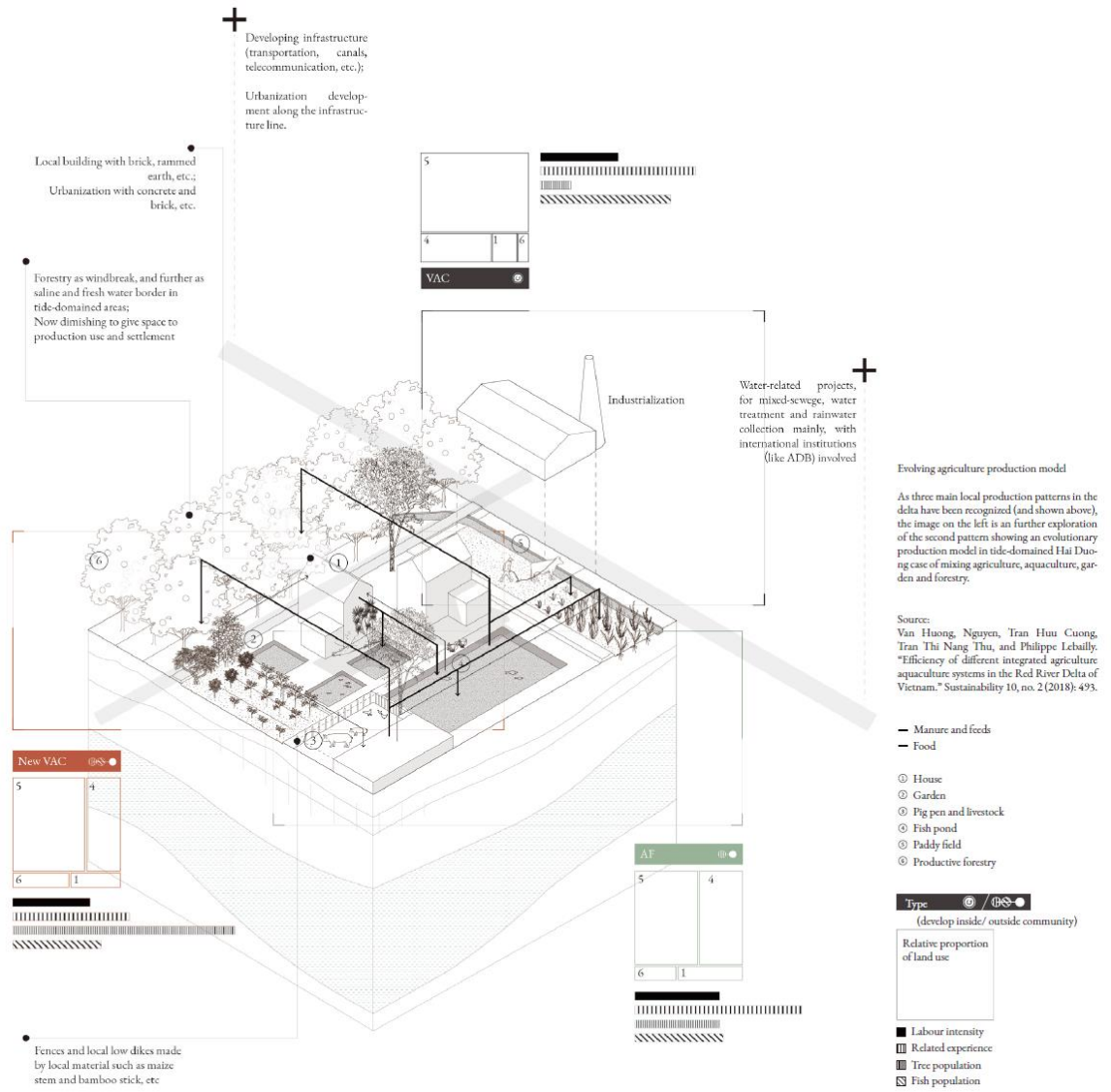
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Openstreetsmap: Vietnam, 2020. <https://download.geo.fh.rwth-aachen.de/asia/vietnam.html>

- Cereal production
- ▨ Tubar production
- ▨ Industrial production
- Pterential production
- ▨ Fig (1.2 thousand ton)
- ▨ Fish (20 thousand ton)
- Shrimp (0.4 thousand ton)
- Urban expansion 2030(HCI)
- Area with high population
- Hotel and tourism spot
- University
- ⊞ Training rate
- ⊞ Telecom subscription rate
- Main city
- Main secondary city
- Town and village
- Railway
- Main road
- ✈ Airport (international)
- ✈ Airport (national)
- ✈ Port
- Water catchment
- Study area (delta)
- Province

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Current performance of production land



- Local building with brick, rammed earth, etc.; Urbanization with concrete and brick, etc.
- Forestry as windbreak, and further as saline and fresh water border in tide-dominated areas; Now diminishing to give space to production use and settlement

Developing infrastructure (transportation, canals, telecommunication, etc.);  
 Urbanization development along the infrastructure line.

Industrialization  
 Water-related projects, for mixed-sewage, water treatment and rainwater collection mainly, with international institutions (like ADB) involved

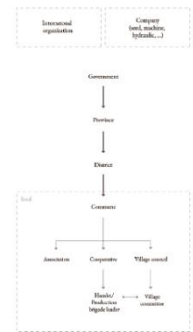
Evolving agriculture production model  
 As three main local production patterns in the delta have been recognized (and shown above), the image on the left is an further exploration of the second pattern showing an evolutionary production model in tide-dominated Hai Duong case of mixing agriculture, aquaculture, garden and forestry.

Source:  
 Van Huong, Nguyen, Tran Huu Cuong, Tran Thi Nang Thu, and Philippe Lebailly. "Efficiency of different integrated agriculture aquaculture systems in the Red River Delta of Vietnam." Sustainability 10, no. 2 (2018): 493.

- Manure and feeds
- Food
- ⊙ House
- ⊙ Garden
- ⊙ Pig pen and livestock
- ⊙ Fish pond
- ⊙ Paddy field
- ⊙ Productive forestry
- Type ⊙ / ⊞ ⊙
- (develop inside/ outside community)
- Relative proportion of land use
- Labour intensity
- ▨ Related experience
- ▨ Tree population
- ▨ Fish population

Evolving agriculture production model

# [ GEOPOLITICS- OWNERSHIP ]



**Territories and resource claims**  
 The map overlays the administration border, sub-catchment border and protection areas in terms of flood, forest and biodiversity. It is a clear top-down governance with hierarchies as they only share limited information online.

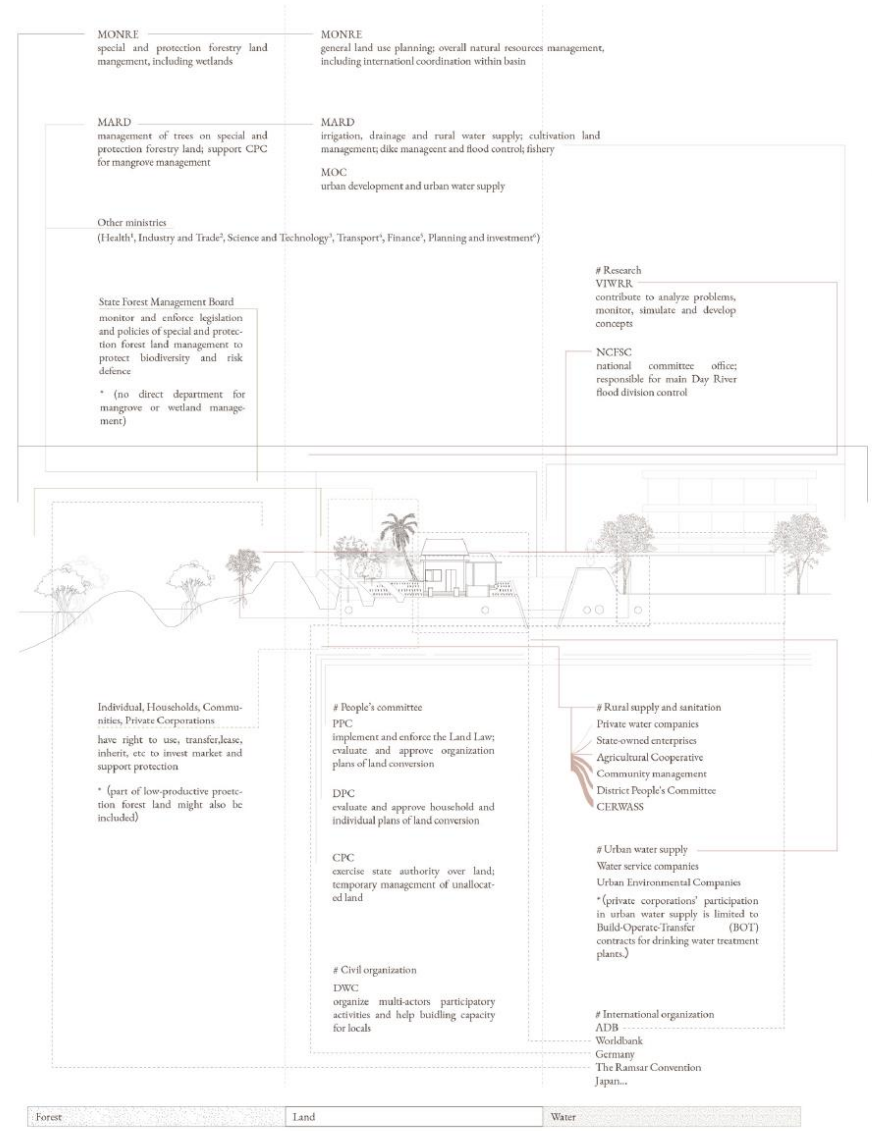
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Openstreetmaps. Vietnam, 2020. <https://download.gisatwork.de/data/vietnam.html>

- Forest
- Protection area
- ▬ Dike
- ▬ Water division area
- Main city
- Town
- Village and hamlet
- Provincial border
- - District border
- - - Water catchment

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Territories and resource claims



**Institutions' influence on forest, land and water resources**  
 The diagram shows the institutions and their roles involved in land, water and forest resources.

Source:  
 Orchard, Steven E., Lindsay C. Stringer, and Claire H. Quinn. "Environmental Entitlements: Institutional influence on mangrove social-ecological systems in Northern Vietnam." Resources 4, no. 4 (2015): 903-938.

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- Abbreviations:  
 ADB- Asian Development Bank  
 CPC- Communal People's Committee  
 DPC- District People's Committee  
 IDMC- Irrigation and Drainage Management Committee  
 MARD- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
 MOC- Ministry of Construction  
 MONRE- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment  
 NSFSC- National Committee for Flood and Storm Control  
 CERWASS- Provincial National Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation  
 PFC- Provincial People's Committee  
 DWG- The Center for Promoting Development for Women and Children  
 VIWRR- The Vietnam Institute for Water Resources Research

Institutions' influence on forest, land and water resources

# Lines' synthesis

# Socio-ecological vulnerability

**Socio-ecological vulnerability**  
(based on water stress, intensified land use and landscape fragmentation)

Climate vulnerability (Flood risk)

Low High



Water System instability

Low High

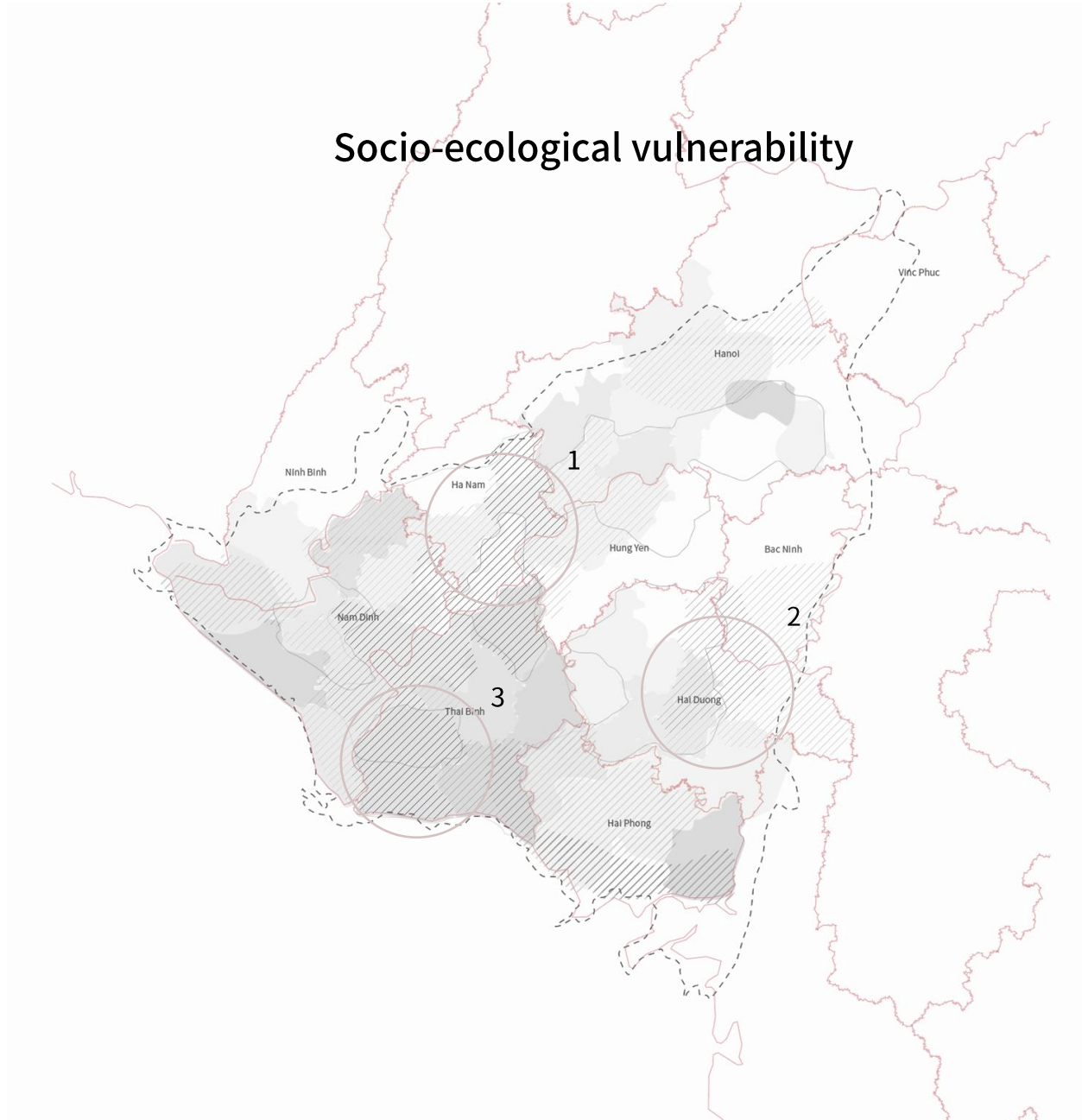


Ecological degradation

Low High



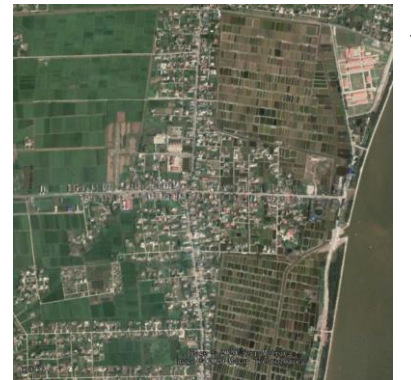
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Source: Google Earth



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## Socio-ecological vulnerability

### Water stress/ Water sensitivity and permeability

- main drainage canal
- × main sluice gate
- dike
- vulnerable lowland
- waste retreatment plant

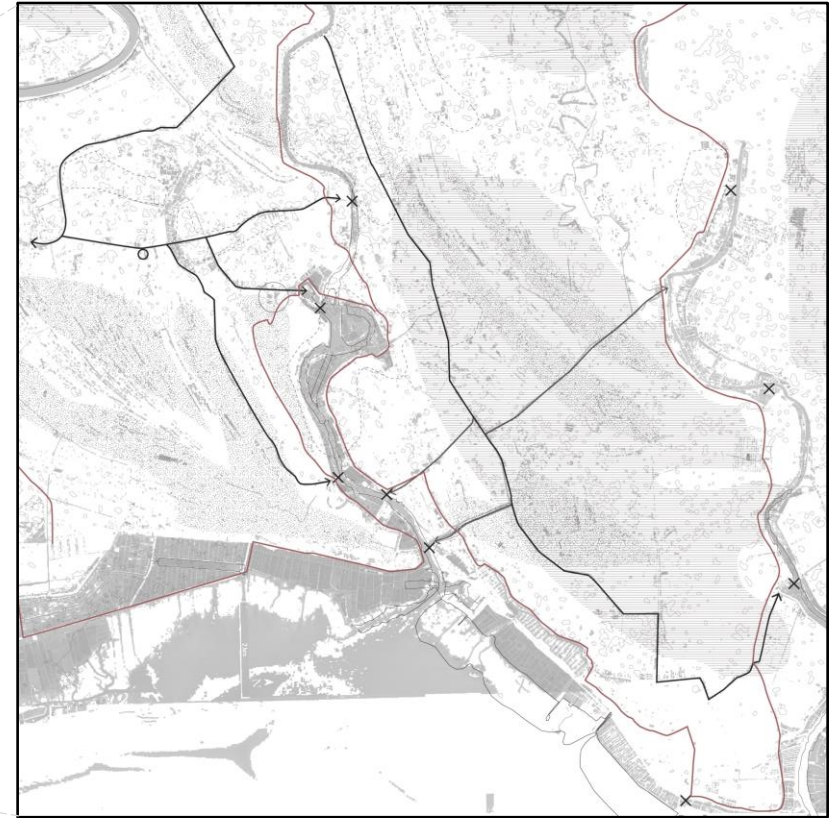
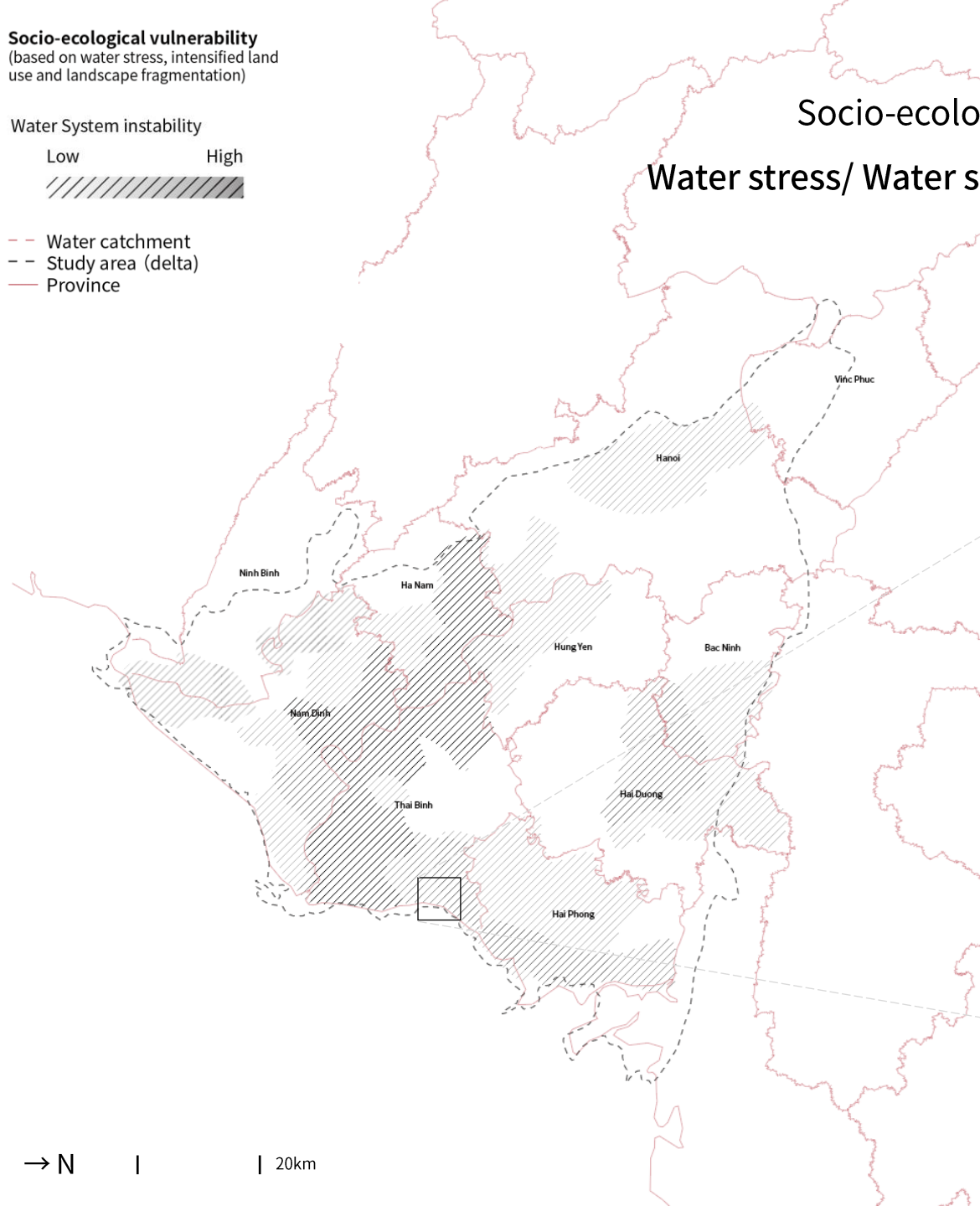
Flood and saline sensitivity

Low High



Surface permeability

Low High



**Socio-ecological vulnerability**  
(based on water stress, intensified land use and landscape fragmentation)

Climate vulnerability (Flood risk)

Low High



- - Water catchment
- - Study area (delta)
- Province

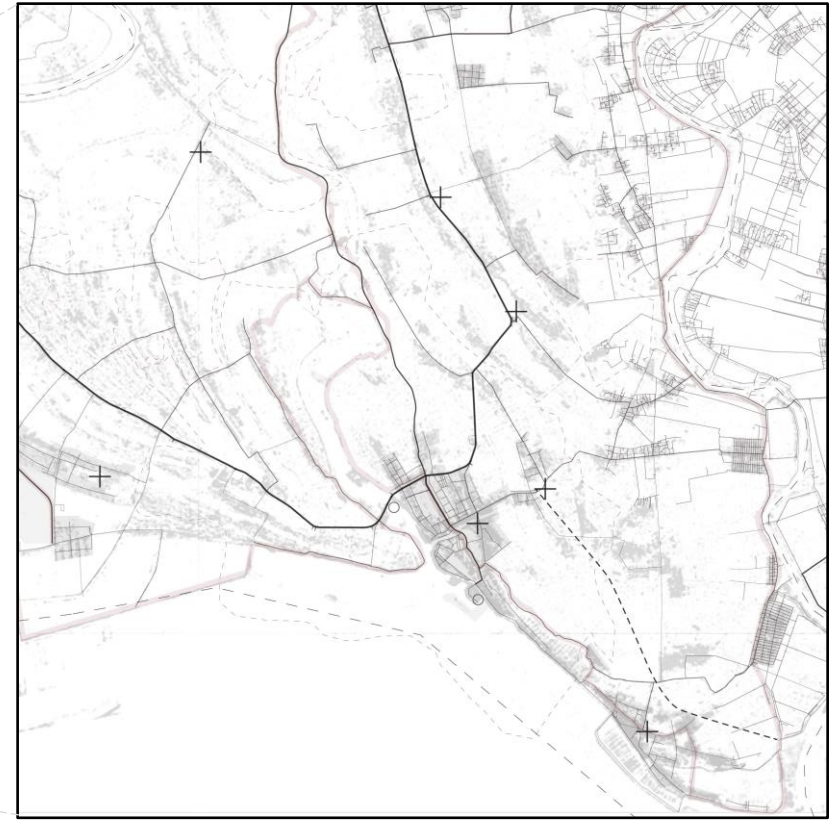
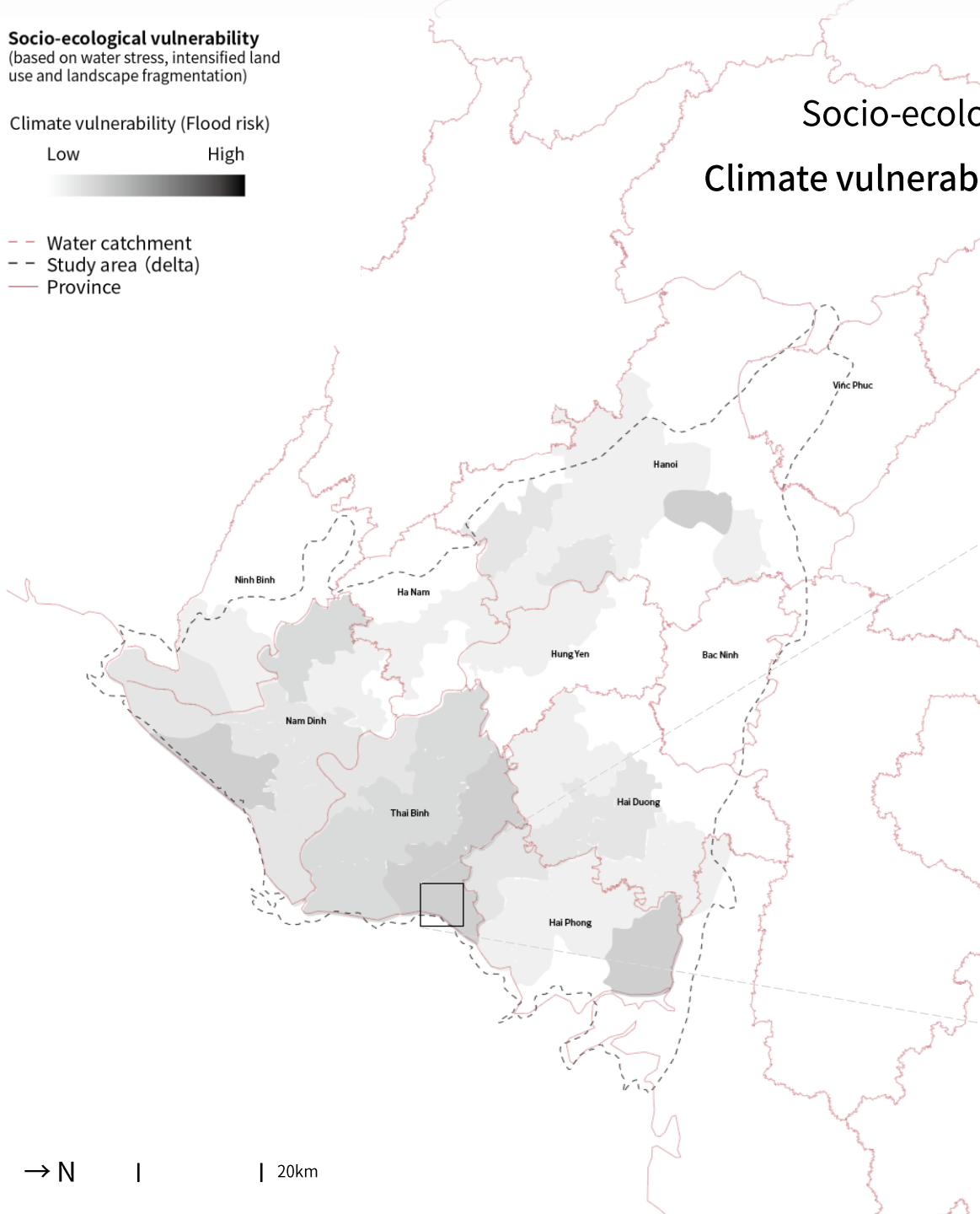
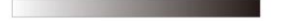
# Socio-ecological vulnerability

## Climate vulnerability/ Urban accessibility

- main primary road
- main secondary road
- main tertiary road
- dike
- + market
- port (regional)

Connectivity and assess

Low High



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Ecological degradation

Low High



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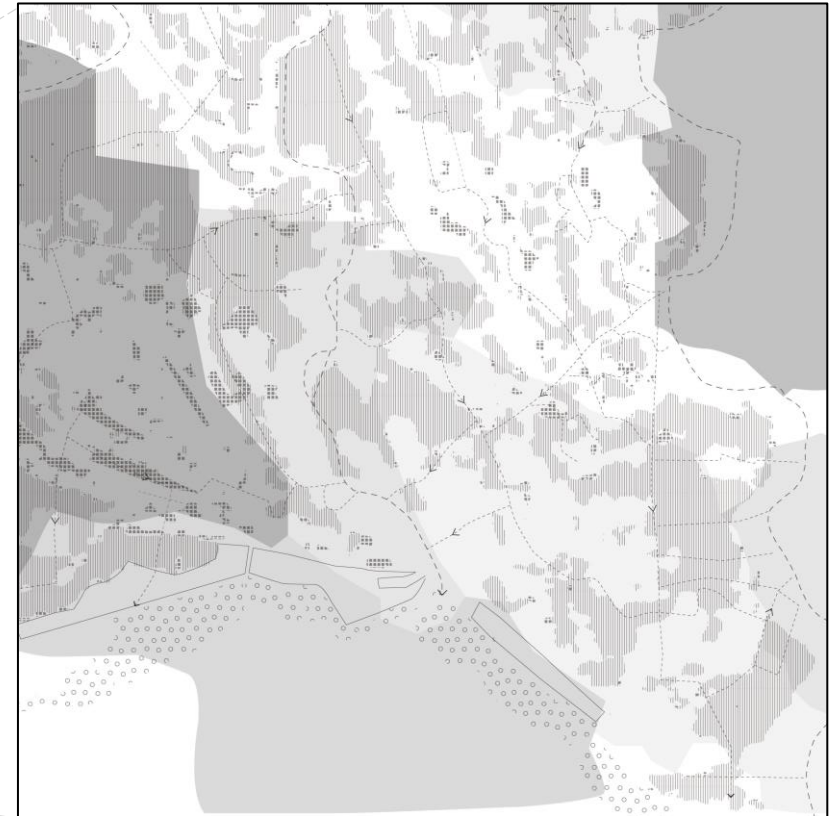
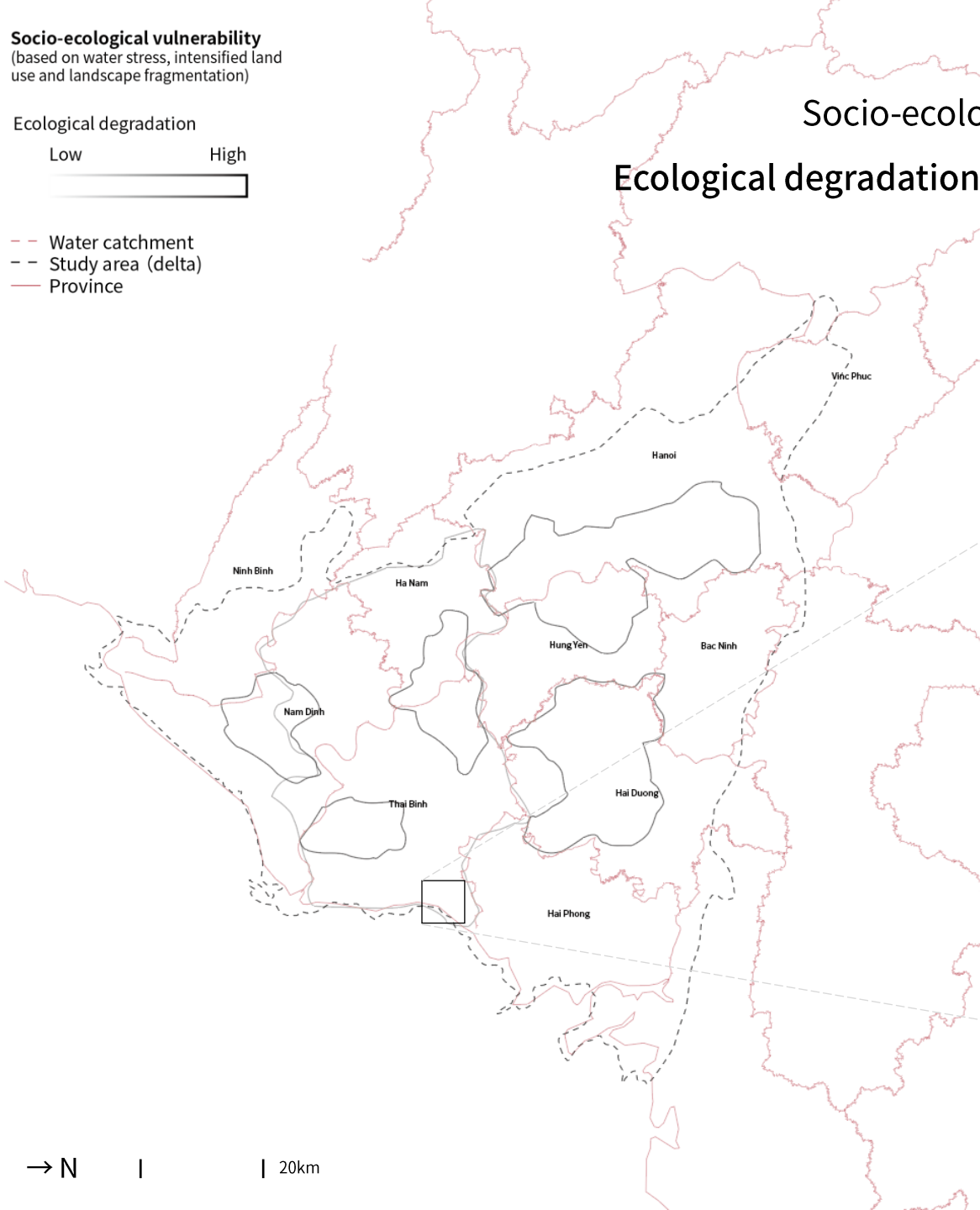
# Socio-ecological vulnerability

## Ecological degradation/ Production and winter input

- ▣ lowland agriculture
- ▣ upland agriculture
- integrated agri-aqua
- -> main water flow

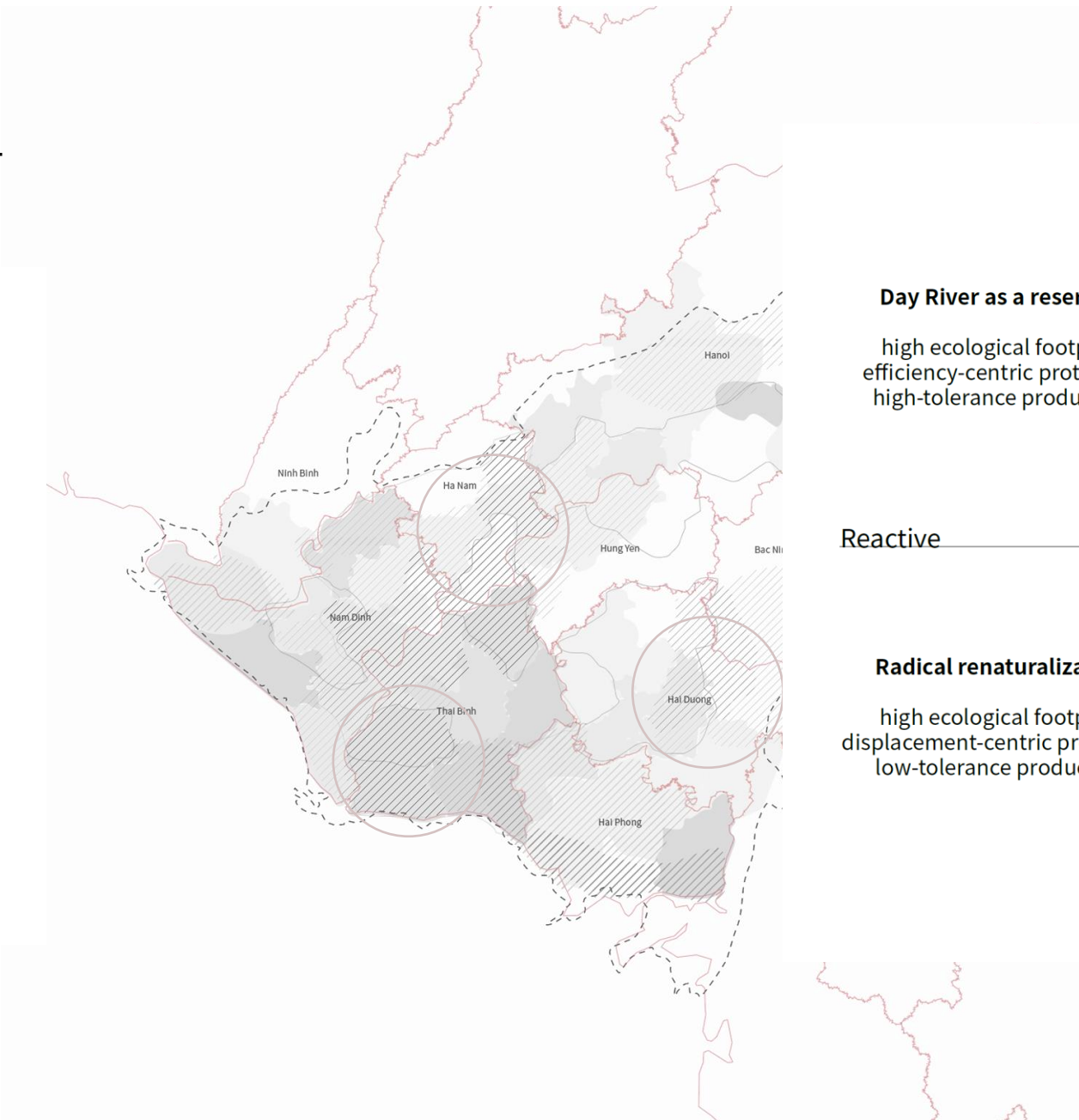
Fertilizer input in winter

Low High



# Seeking opportunity -

- Water**
  - Groundwater recharge
  - Surface water retention
  - Wastewater from industry
- Land**
  - Strategic expansion
  - Knowledge sharing and accessibility
  - Land productivity
- Forestry**
  - Landscape continuity
  - Soil retreatment
  - Water defense



**Day River as a reservoir**  
 high ecological footprint  
 efficiency-centric protection  
 high-tolerance production

**High-tech surveillance**  
 low ecological footprint  
 bio-engineering-centric protection  
 mild-tolerance production

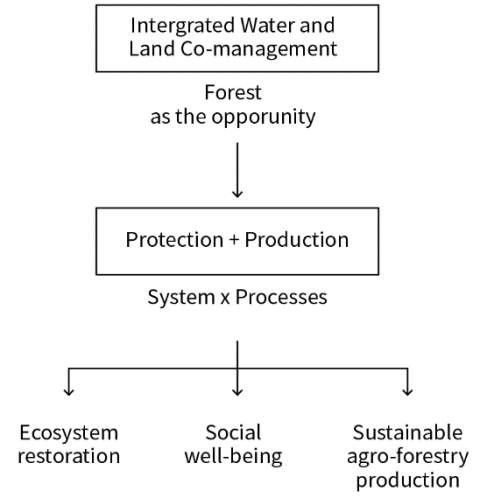
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Proactive

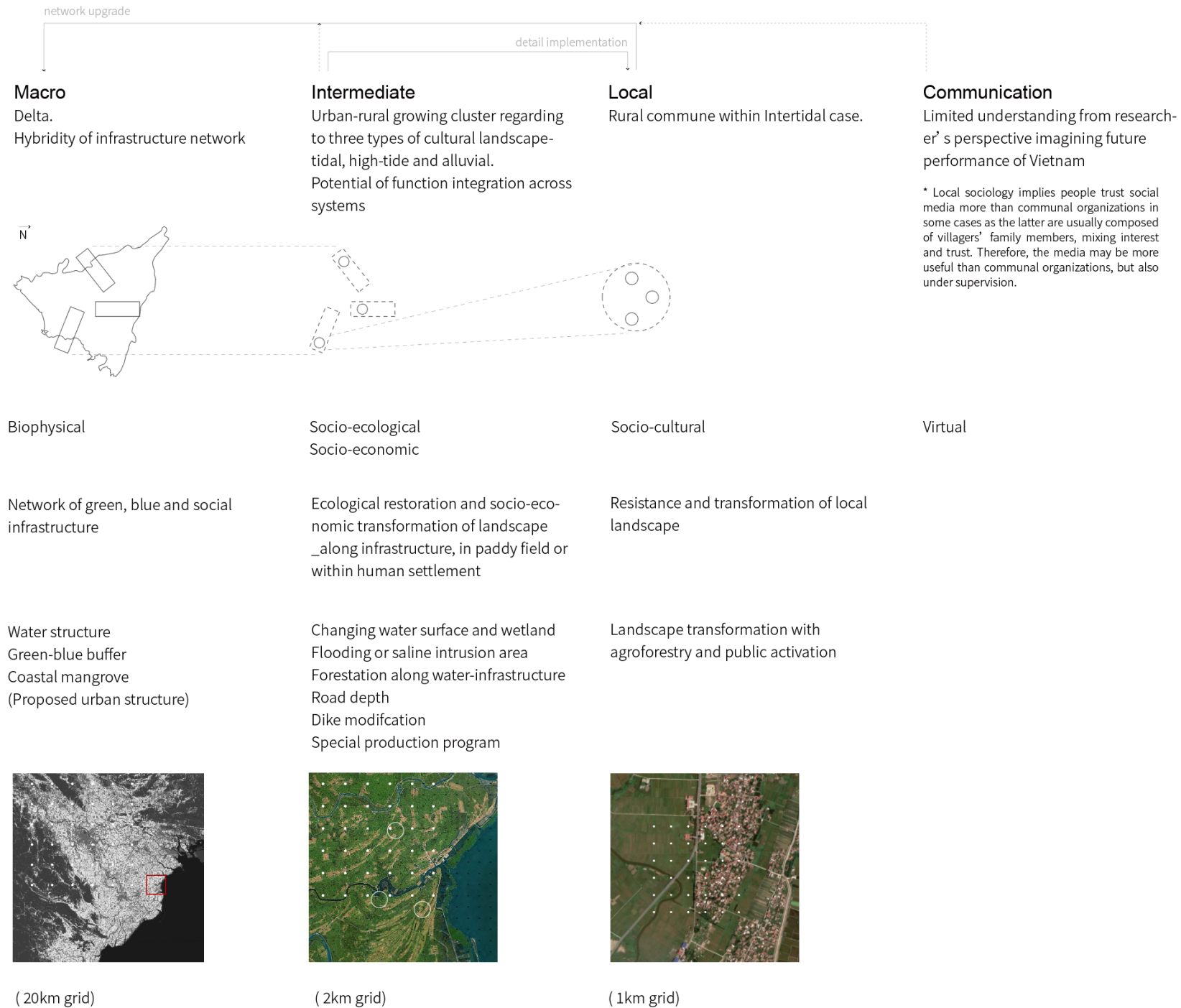
**Radical renaturalization**  
 high ecological footprint  
 displacement-centric protection  
 low-tolerance production

Engineering

Ecology



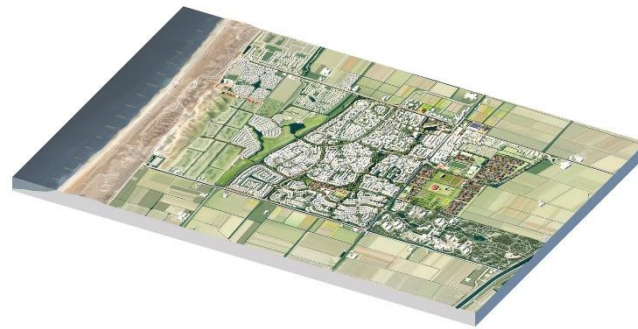
# Scales



## Reference



Weiliu Wetland Park, China, 2019



PANORAMA LOKAAL – Julianadorp, the Netherlands, 2020

Three screenshots of a mobile application interface for water quality monitoring. The app is titled "New form" and "v 3.0". The first screenshot shows the "1. Location" section with fields for Lat, Lon, and Height, and a "CHECK GEO LOCATION" button. The second screenshot shows the "4. Condition of sampling location" section with checkboxes for Sunny, Partly cloudy, raining, clear sky, foggy, and windy, and a "TAKE PHOTO" button. The third screenshot shows the "9. Photo of Transparency" section with a "TAKE PHOTO" button, and the "10. pH" section with a "GO TO TEST" button. Other sections visible include "3. Time" with a "SELECT DATE" button, "5. Photo of the site" with a "TAKE PHOTO" button, "6. ECOND" with a "GO TO TEST" button, "7. Temp" with a text input field, "11. Photo of pH" with a "TAKE PHOTO" button, "12. Nitrate-N & Nitrite -N" with a "GO TO TEST" button, "13. Photo of Nitrate and Nitrite Nitrogen" with a "TAKE PHOTO" button, and "14. Phosphate" with a text input field.

Figure 2. Flow application and survey form.

A low-cost water quality monitoring system using a participatory approach, Mymmar, 2019

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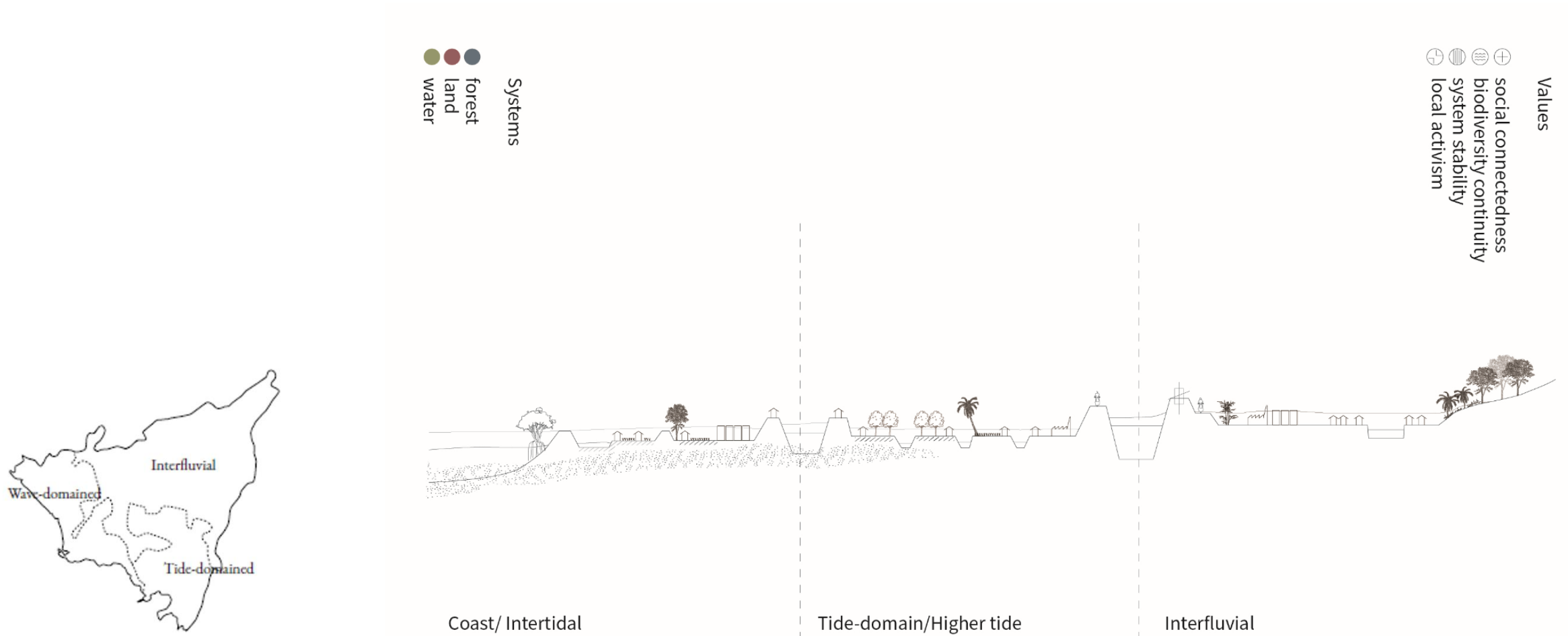
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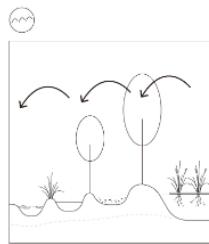
# Start from identifying social and spatial processes





# Main Principles

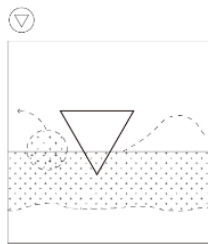
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Phytoremediation



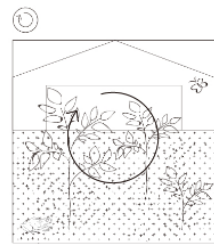
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Soil cleaning



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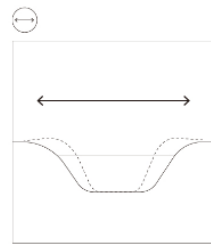


Sustainable production



Google street view

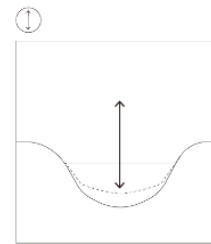
## Restore water



Waterway width modification



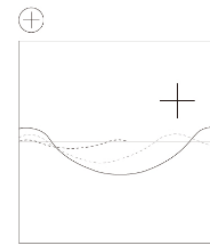
Satsuki Shibuya, 2015



Waterway depth modification



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New water surface



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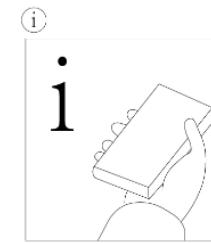
## Access to knowledge



Social infrastructure activation



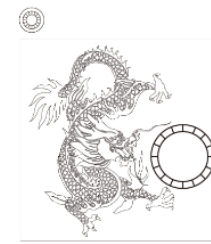
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Public participation



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Integration with tradition



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(allow redundancy and contribute to enhanced hybridity of delta in protection and production)

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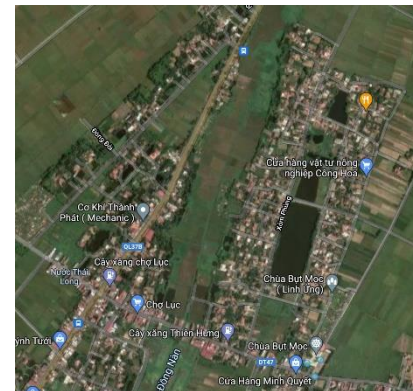
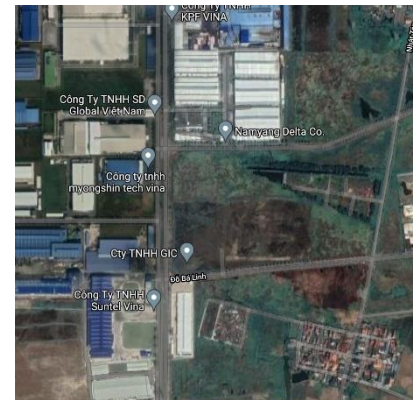
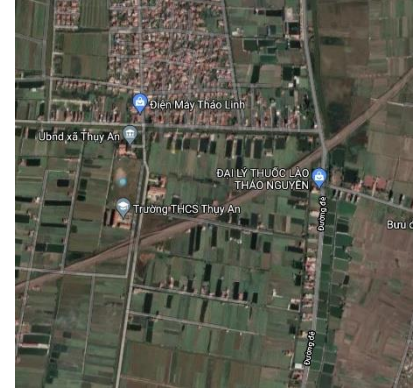
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 Agroforestry  
 Hydrology



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short-term  
dry season  
ainy season  
monsoon season  
  
long-term

### SOURCE

Open source data  
  
Open report  
  
Documentary from  
artist and locals

### CRITERIA

water quality and quantity  
  
land use diversity  
  
sustainable livelihood

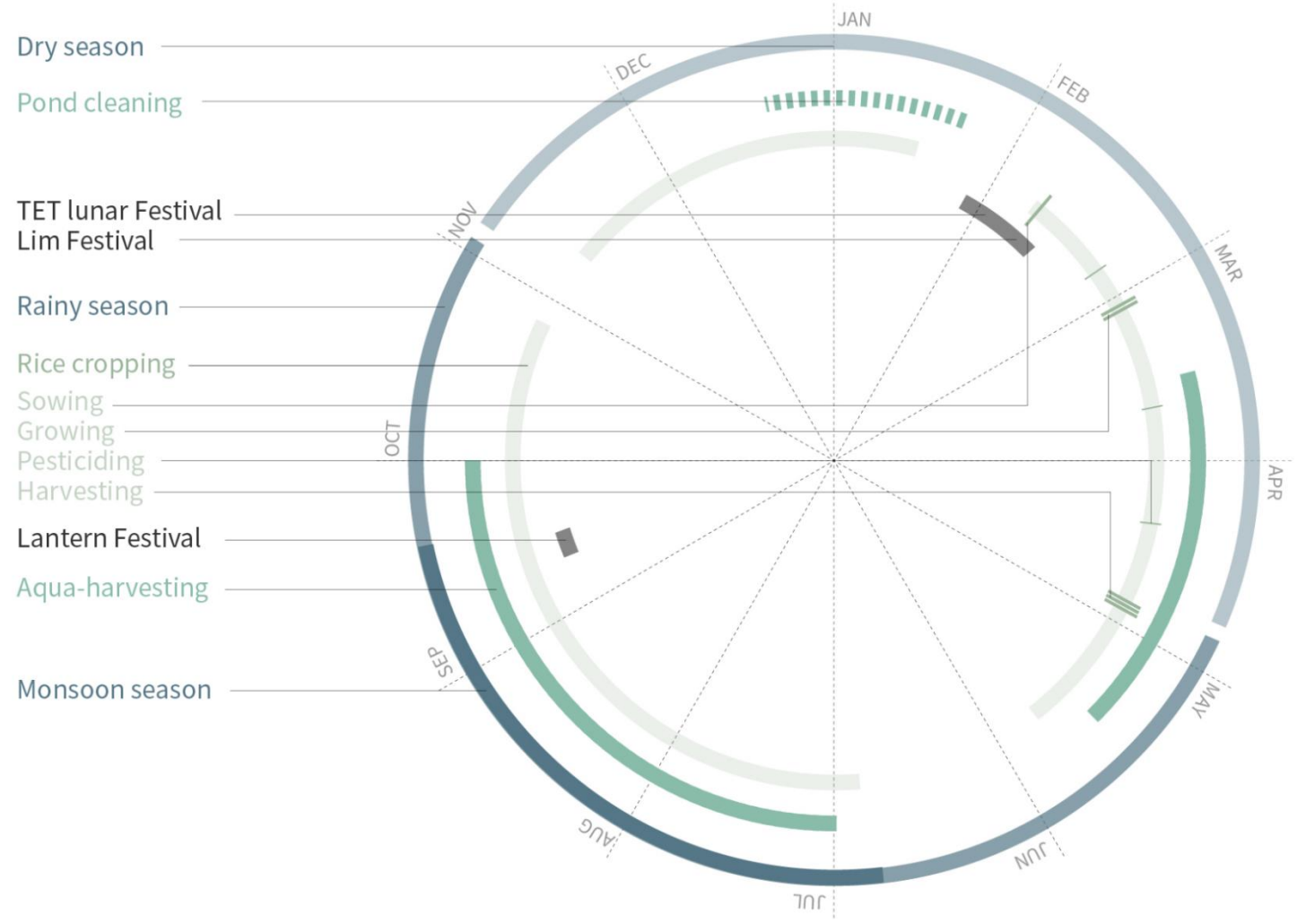
### VALUE

social connectedness  
  
biodiversity continuity  
  
system stability  
  
local activism

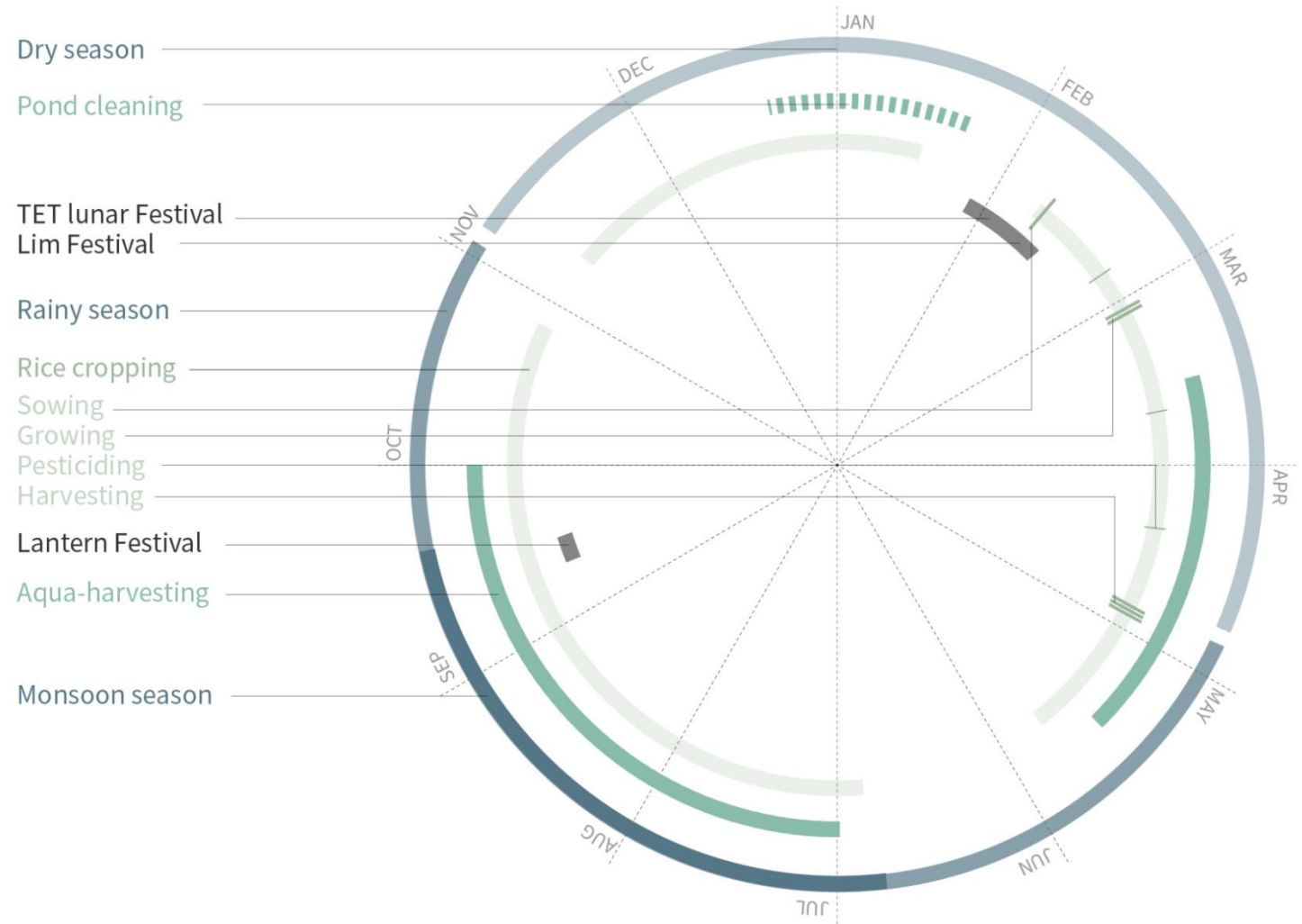
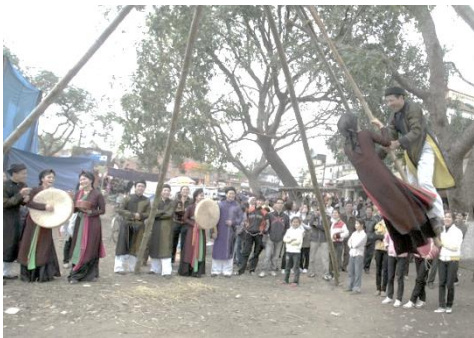
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monsoon season

long-term

Water quality



Water fluctuation inland



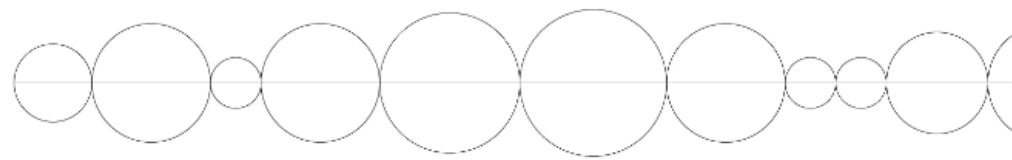
Road-based urbanization



Production pollution



Soil cycle change



Forestation



time →

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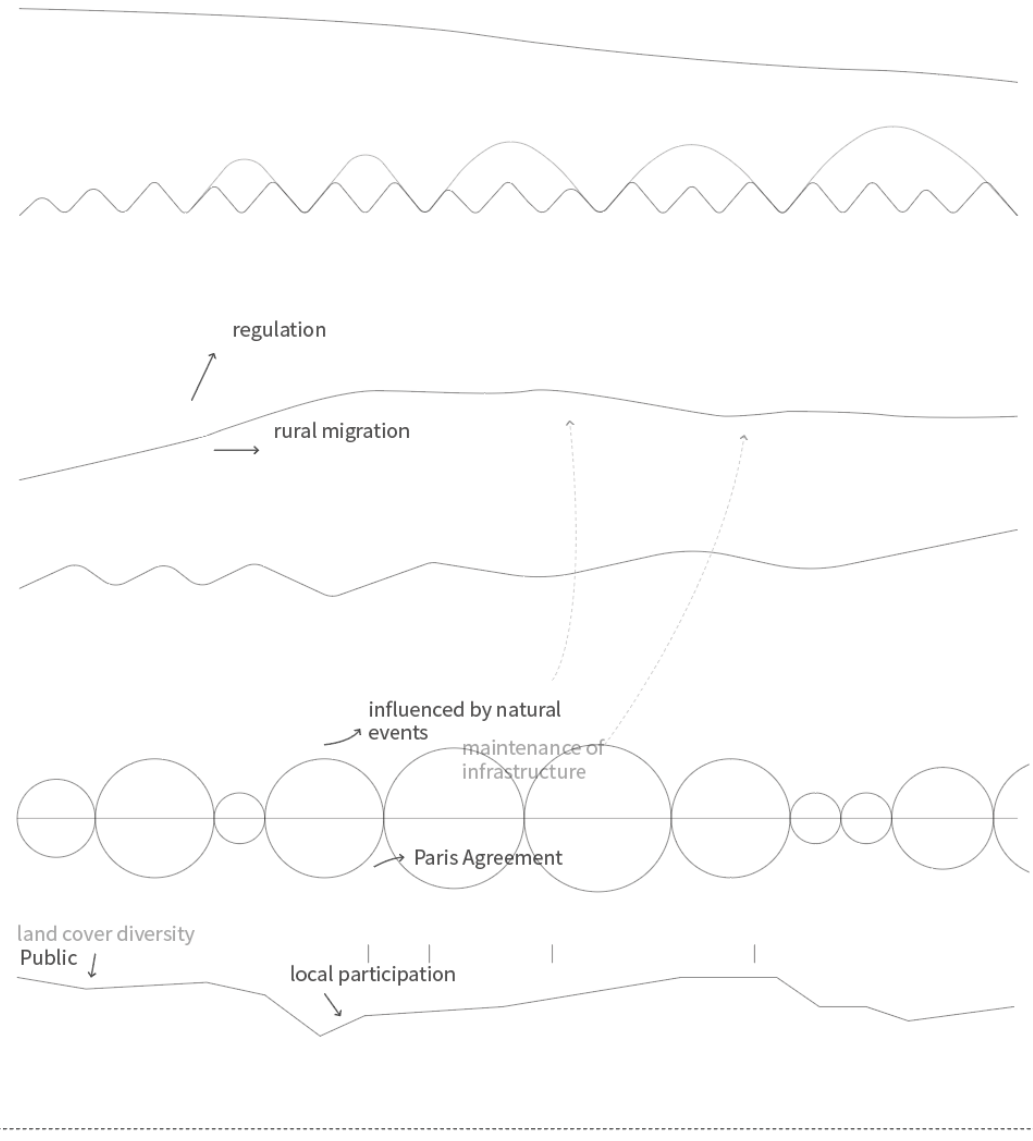
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# Exploration

Selected case study- intertidal (coastal)

## SPATIAL MODIFICATION

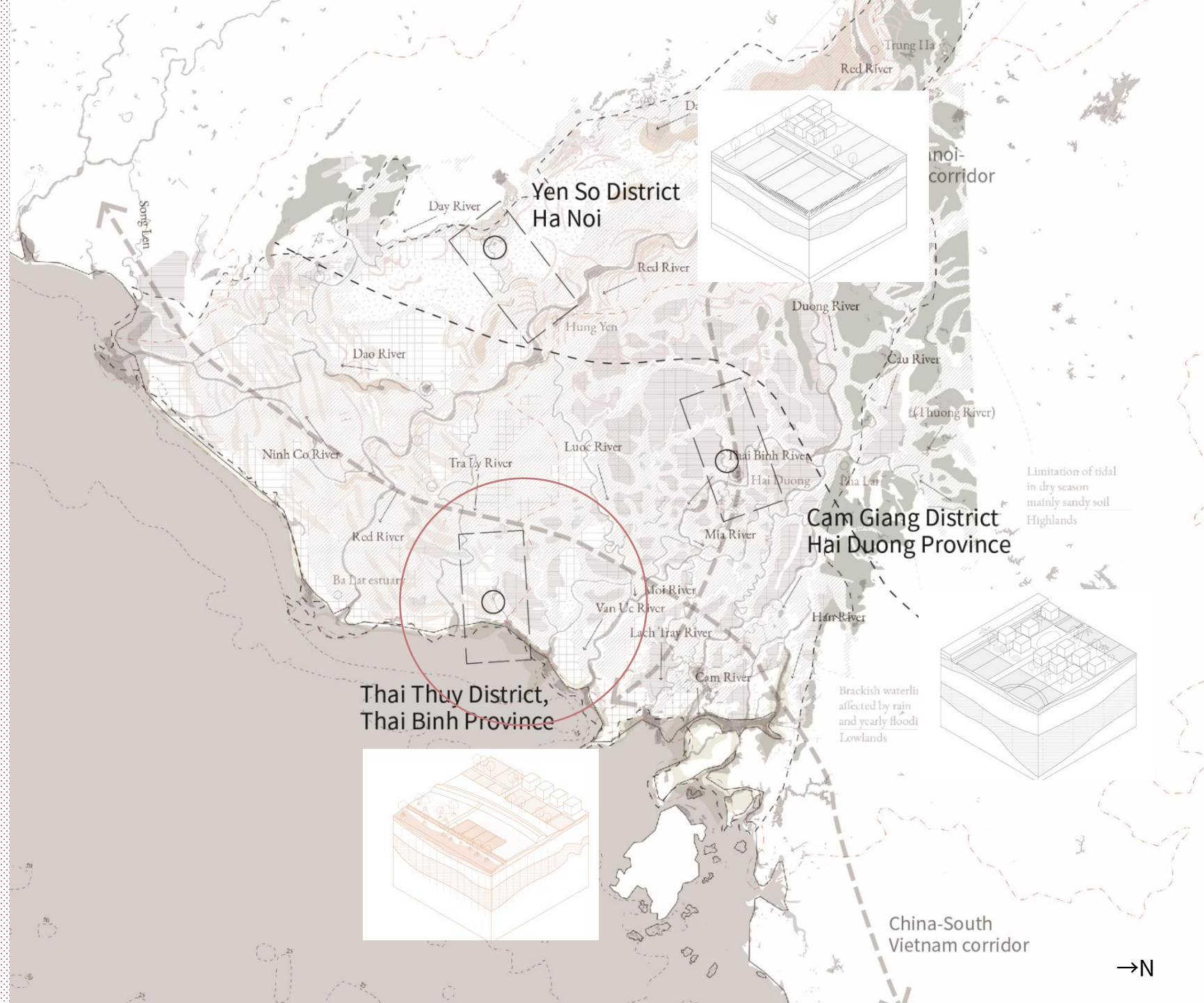
- proposing new flows with processes composed of elements from different systems;- changing land use, potential local interventions

## GOVERNANCE SHIFT

- changing relations between actors involved

## COST AND BENEFIT

- Footprint, protection, production, livelihood capitals





Source: Open street map

| | 4km



# Exploratory Catalogue



## VULNERABILITY

Water system stability  
Climate vulnerability  
Ecological degradation

## OPPORTUNITY

National economic corridor  
Social diversity  
Biosphere conservation

## CASE FOCUS

Freshwater supply and pollution at coast;  
Sustainable saline-tolerance production;  
Community participation in facility maintenance.

(These are related with problems at a COST of loss of yield, access to fresh water, rural sanitation and health...)

## SPATIAL

LAND.  
paddy field, aqua pond, mangrove field  
URBAN.  
market, settlement, industry, pagoda  
WATER.  
communal pond, canal, sluice gate

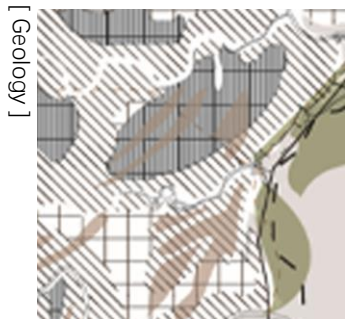
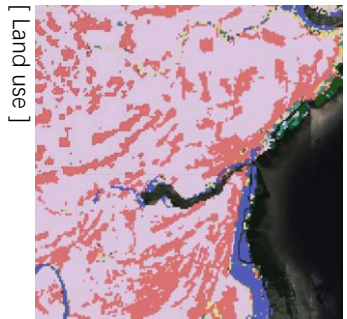
## TEMPORAL

Salinity, monsoon, flooding, drought

## MAIN INTERVENTION

Sustainable production  
Social infrastructure  
Wetland restoration

# Relation Project-territory



## LAND cultivation

mangrove  
DEFORESTATION due to shrimp farm expansion

land with integrated agri-aqua production vulnerable to FLOOD in summer and SALINE intrusion in winter

highland vegetable crop with high fertilizer INPUT in winter

## URBAN occupation

POLLUTED discharge from agriculture industry

SLUICE lack of maintenance causing high water level

EROSION on right side threatening dike and production land

SEDIMENTATION causing high water level

## WATER consumption

Wastewater flow ( with N, P, ... )

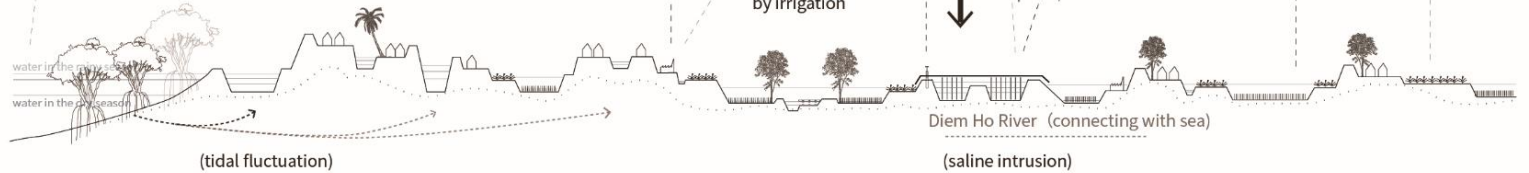
Increasing RUNOFF from urban

INTAKE into cropland by irrigation

(wastewater retreatment plant)

Increasing RUNOFF from urban

## Main spatial components



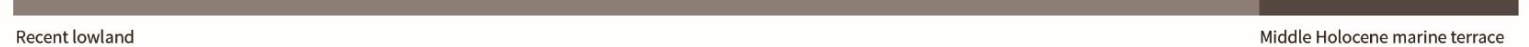
## Main land use



## Salinity sensitivity



## Main geology



## Production type



## Urbanization

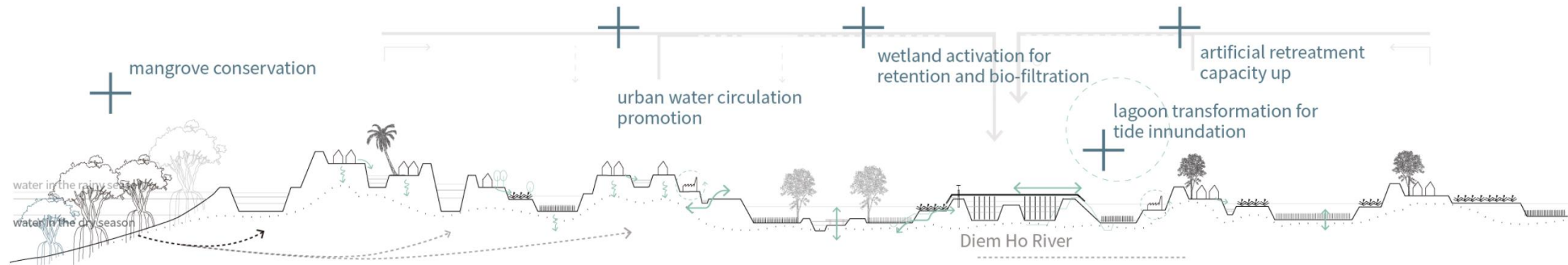
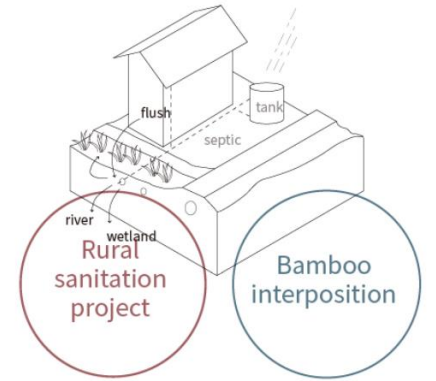
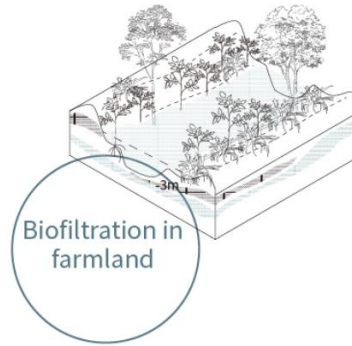
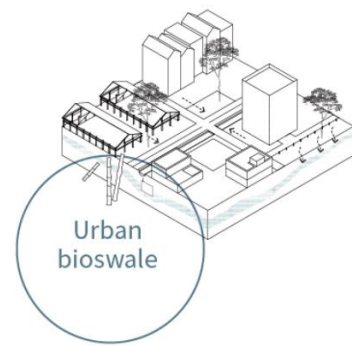




## Main strategies - Water restoration

Reorganizing and potential local intervention

Source: Minghu Wetland Park, 2012

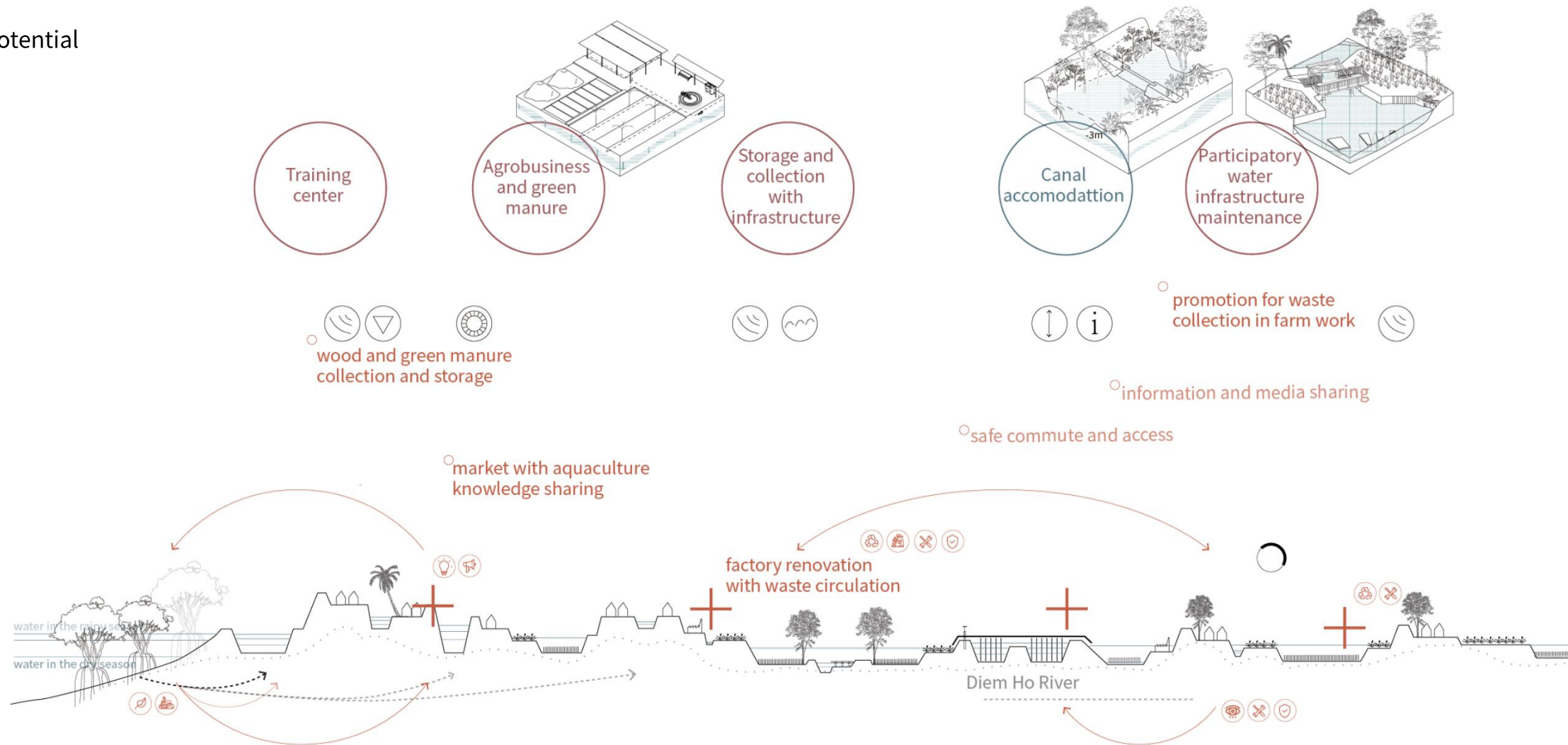




## Main strategies - Social infrastructure activation

Reorganizing and potential local intervention

Source: eboi.vn

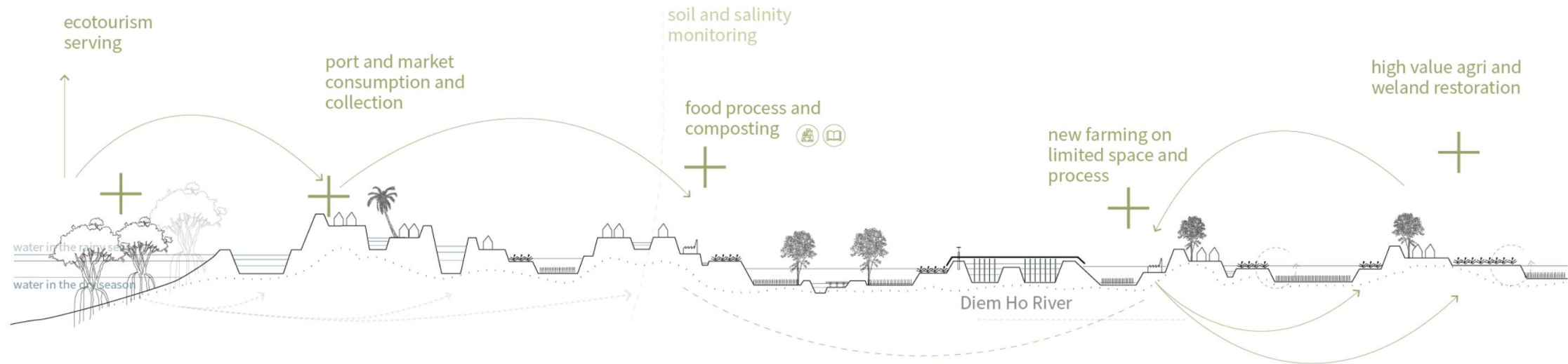
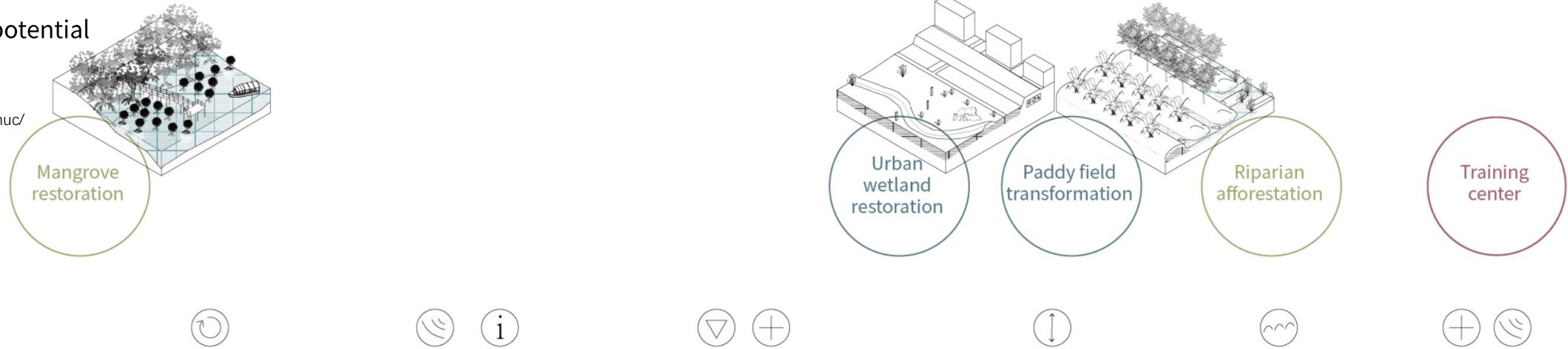




# Main strategies - Sustainable production

Reorganizing and potential local intervention

Source: [moha.gov.vn/danh-muc/](http://moha.gov.vn/danh-muc/)





# Changes in seasonal water surface

-  widen and soften with forest edge
-  water surface- new/ rainy/ monsoon
-  saline-tolerant wetland
-  factory adding up retreatment capacity/ nutrient
-  mangrove conservation
-  main sluice



# Upgrade in urban connection

-  factory for storage-machine, materials, etc. and serving radius
-  public market as vocational space
-  safety and hybridity of roads
-  widen and enhance hybridity of dikes
-  second dike construction
-  potential urban growth



# Characteristic sustainable production

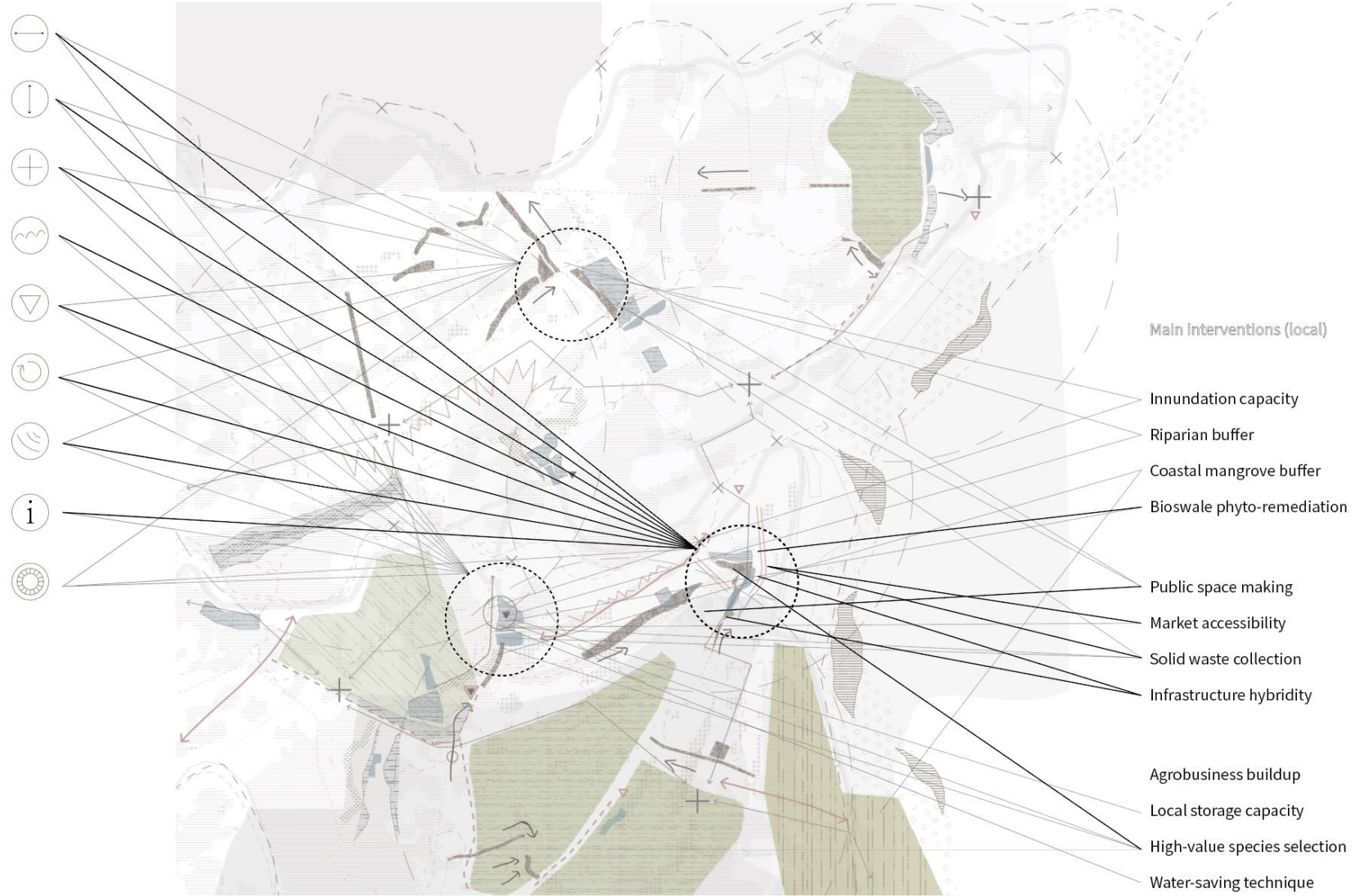
- highland vegetable production (with high value including medicine)
- recreational mangrove-shrimp farm
- aquaculture and mangrove seeding farm



# Relation Project-territory

Connecting local and regional through intermediate scale

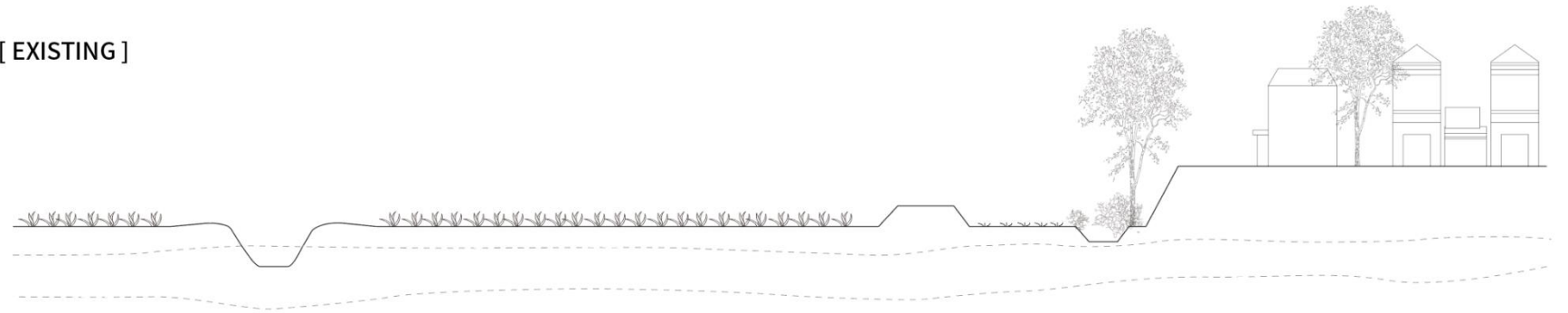
Main principles (regional)



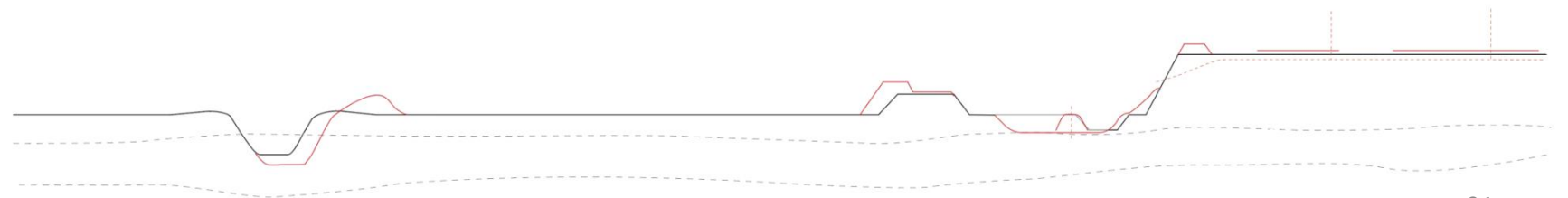
# Local intervention

– along the infrastructure

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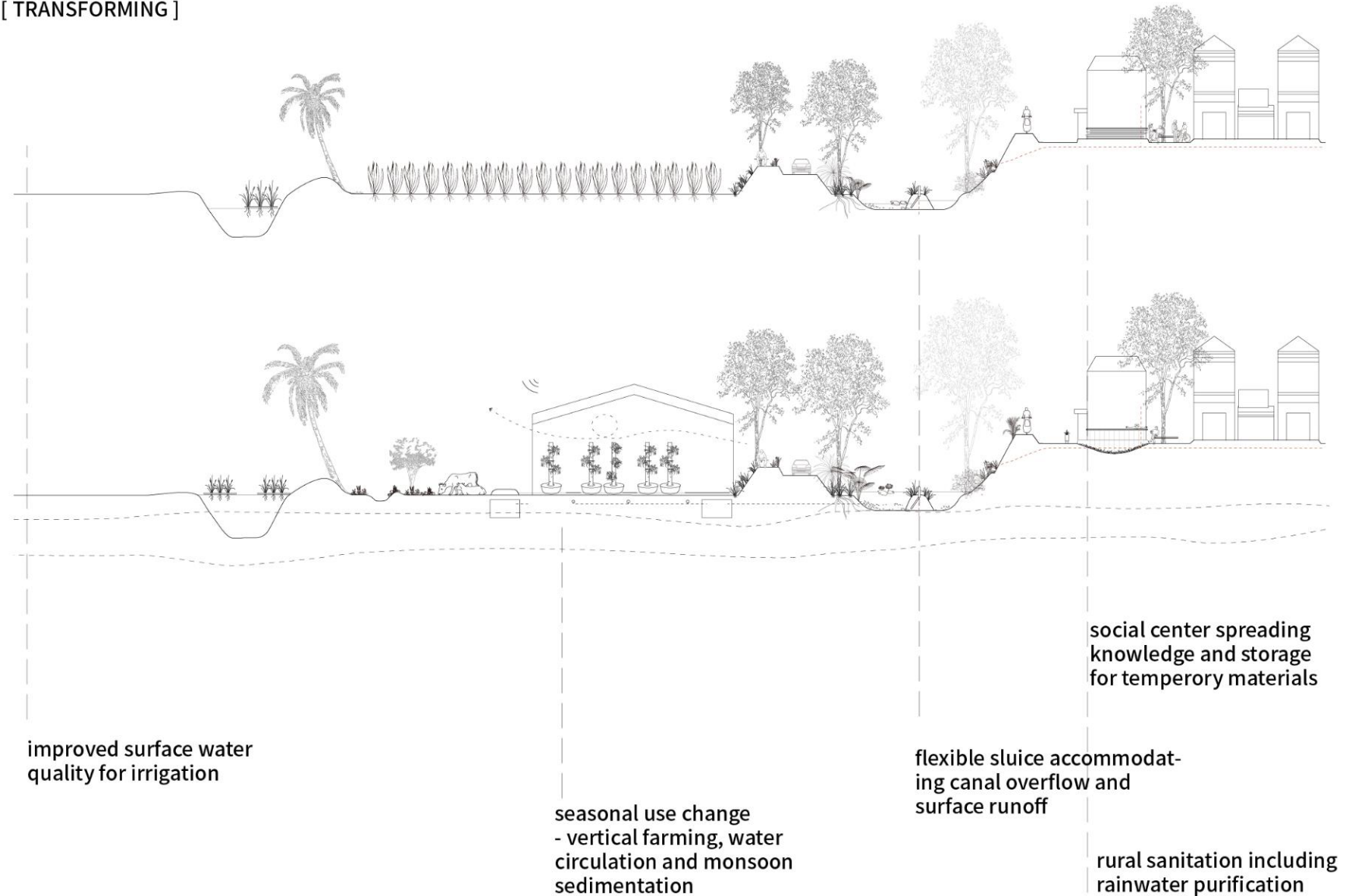


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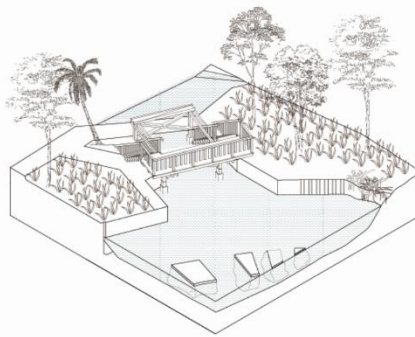
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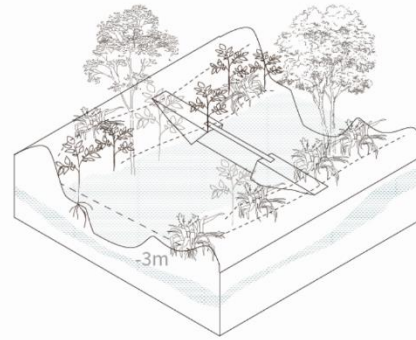
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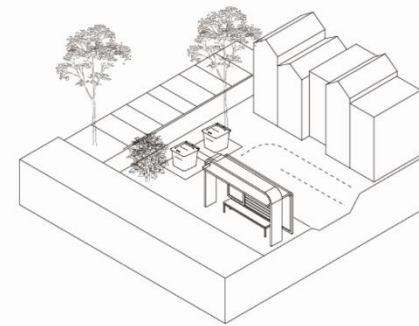
Exemplar tools



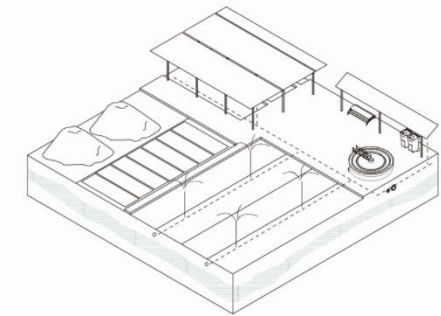
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Sluice maintenance



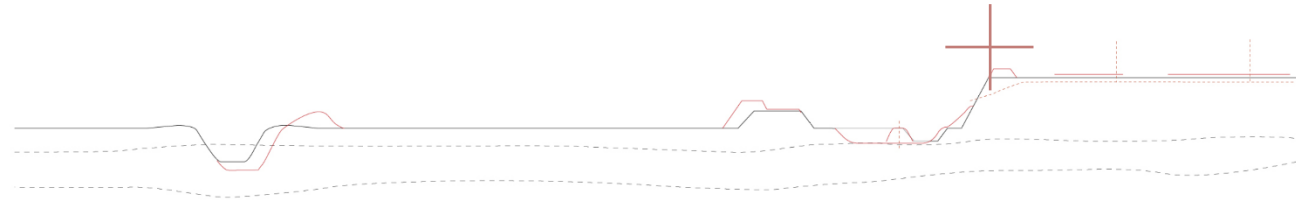
Circular carbon lab with water-saving techniques



Solid waste collection

## Local intervention

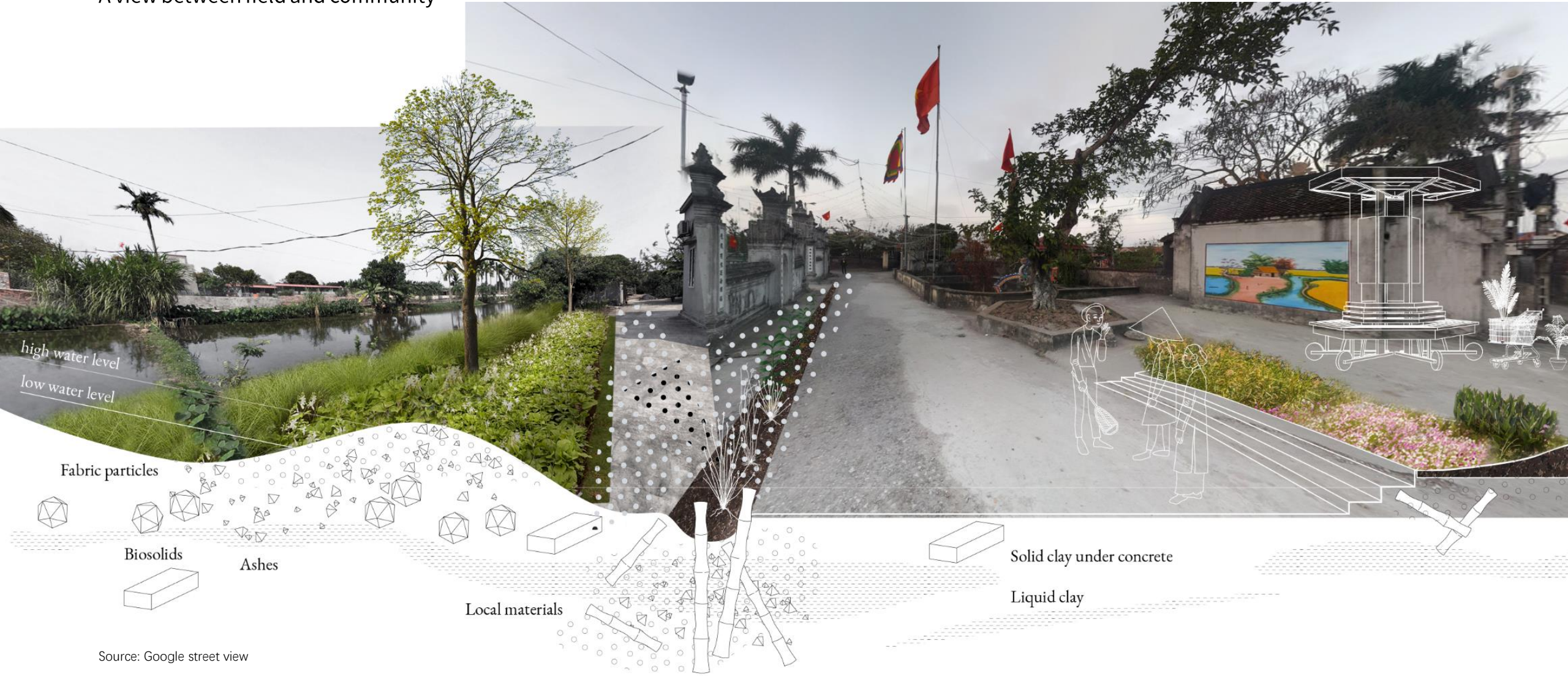
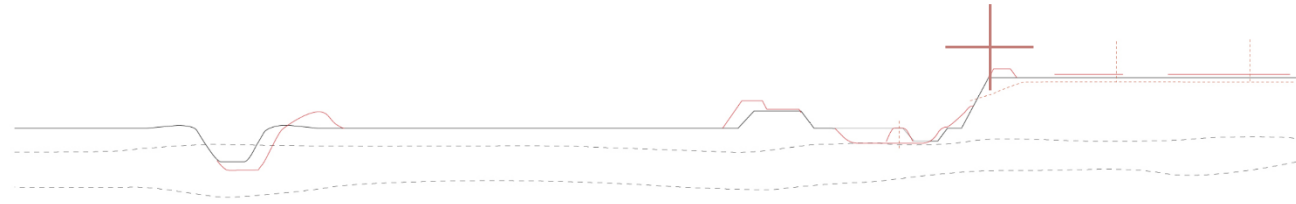
A view between field and community





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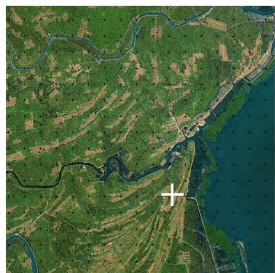
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## Local phasing

Better understand actors who play and how to co-manage.



Source: Open street map



### Phase 1

Bioswale with local vegetation, from flood-tolerant to saline-tolerant.

#### Co-management

Public/ Department of transportation  
Private/ Hydraulic company  
Civic/ Cooperative

Source: Google Earth



### Phase 2

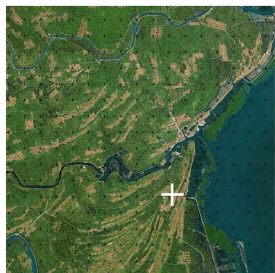
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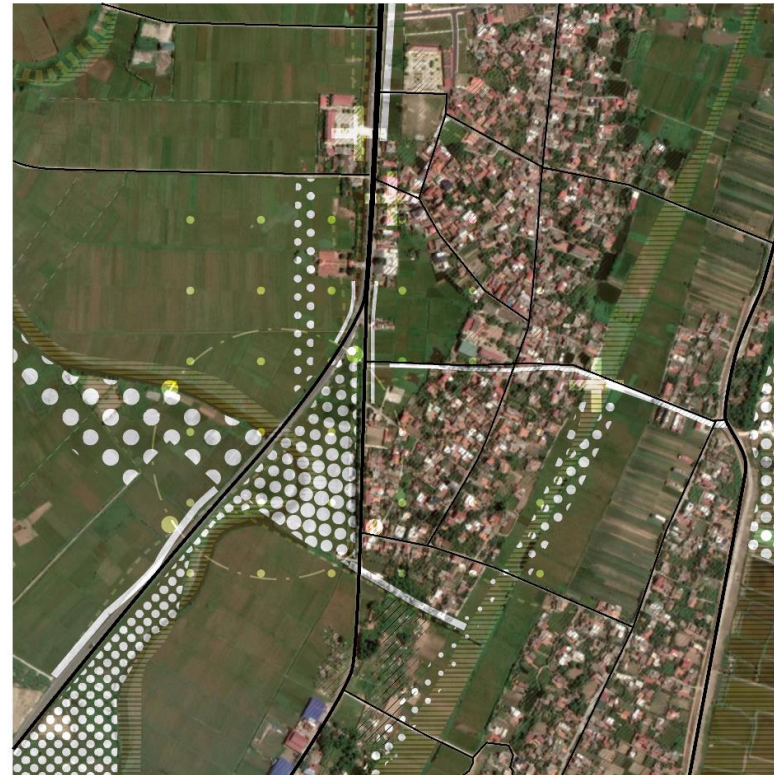
Civic/ People's Committee  
Research/

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### Phase 3

Forestation and green space connection.

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Private/ Agricultural Extension Club

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Source: Google Earth



### Phase 4

Soil cycle change through cleaning, cutting and filling.

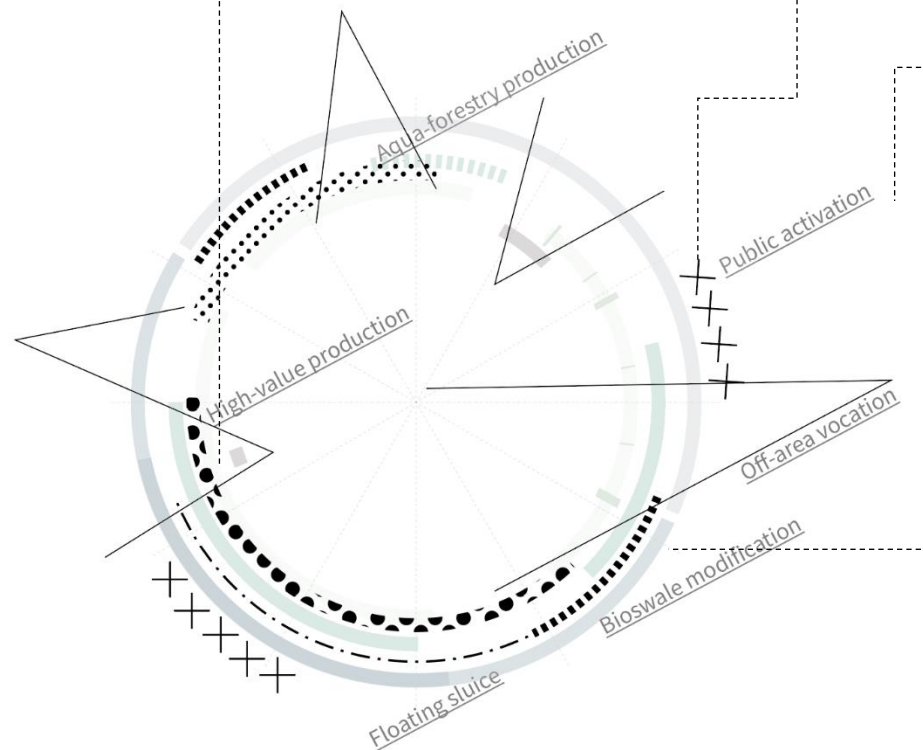
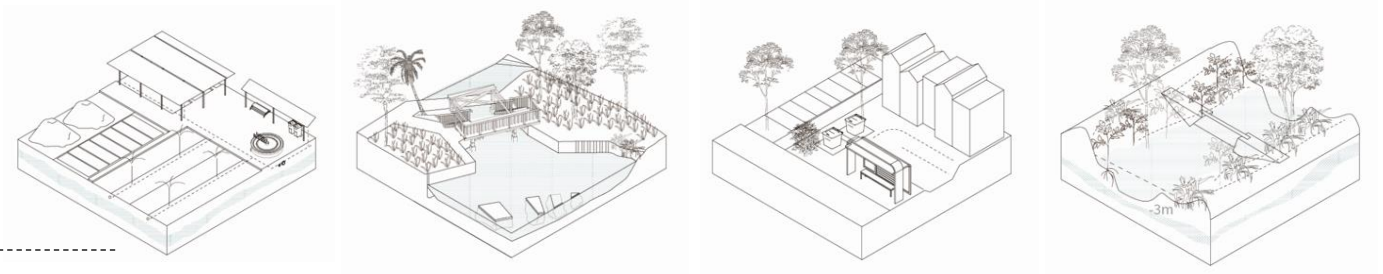
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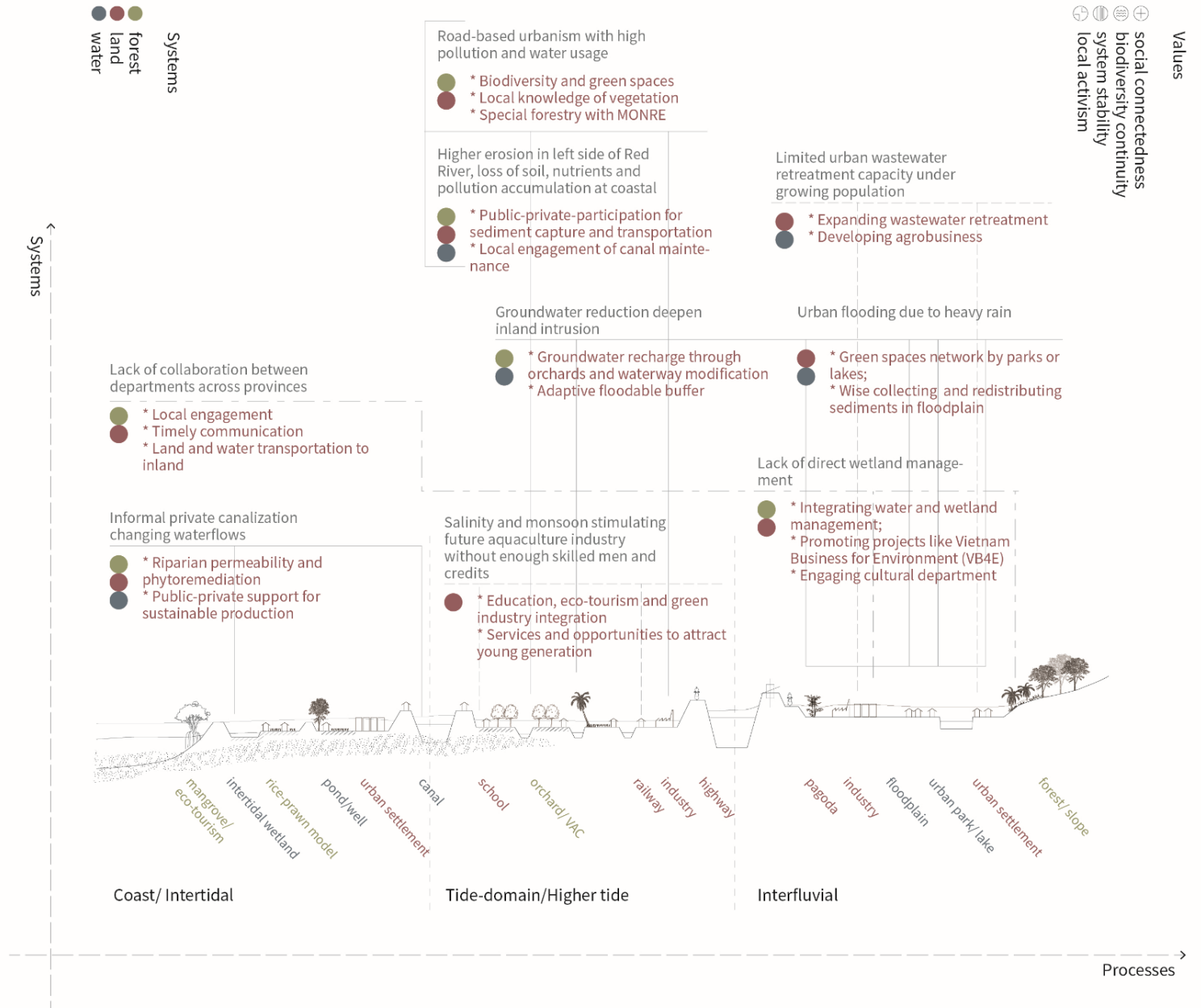
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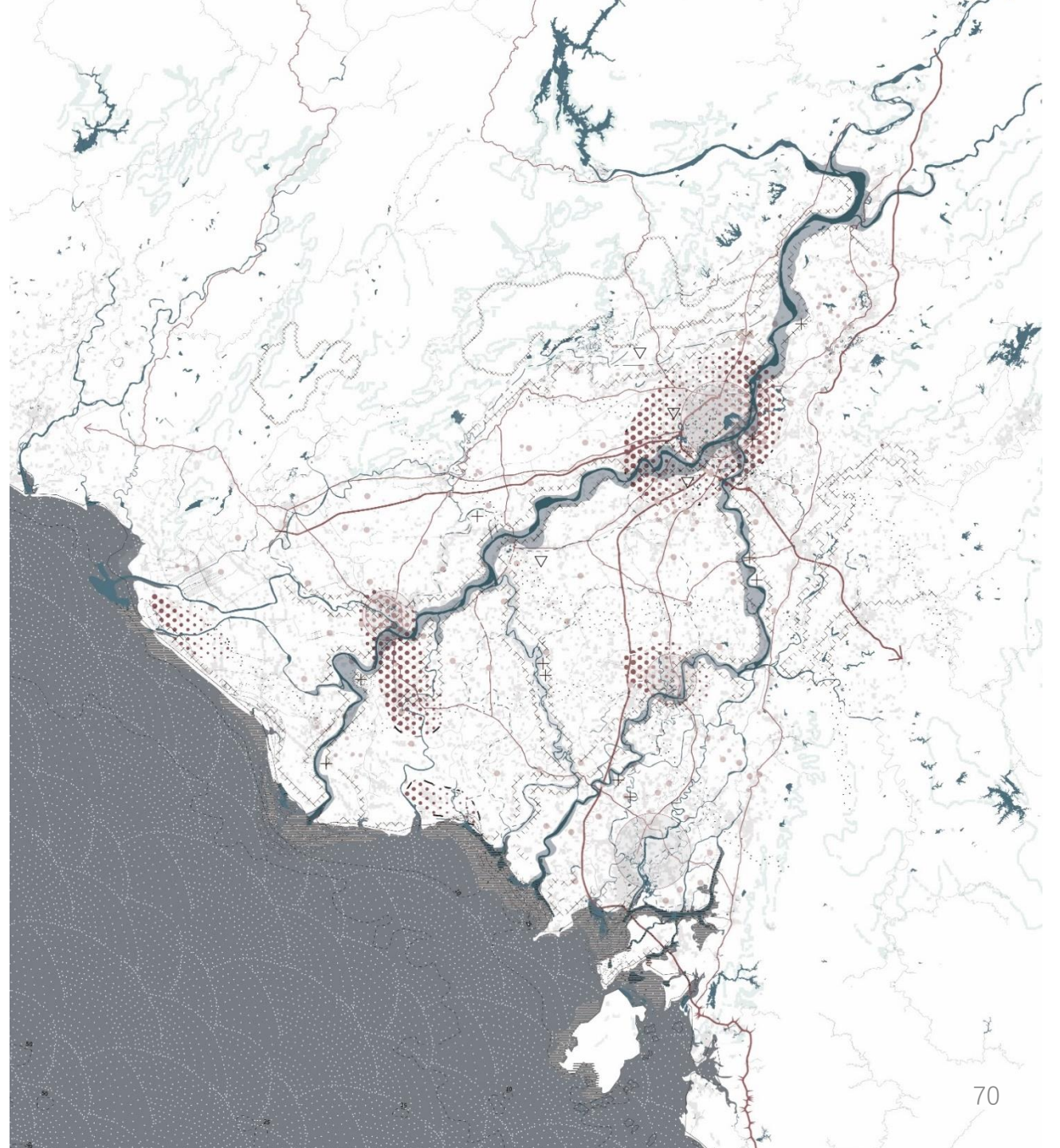
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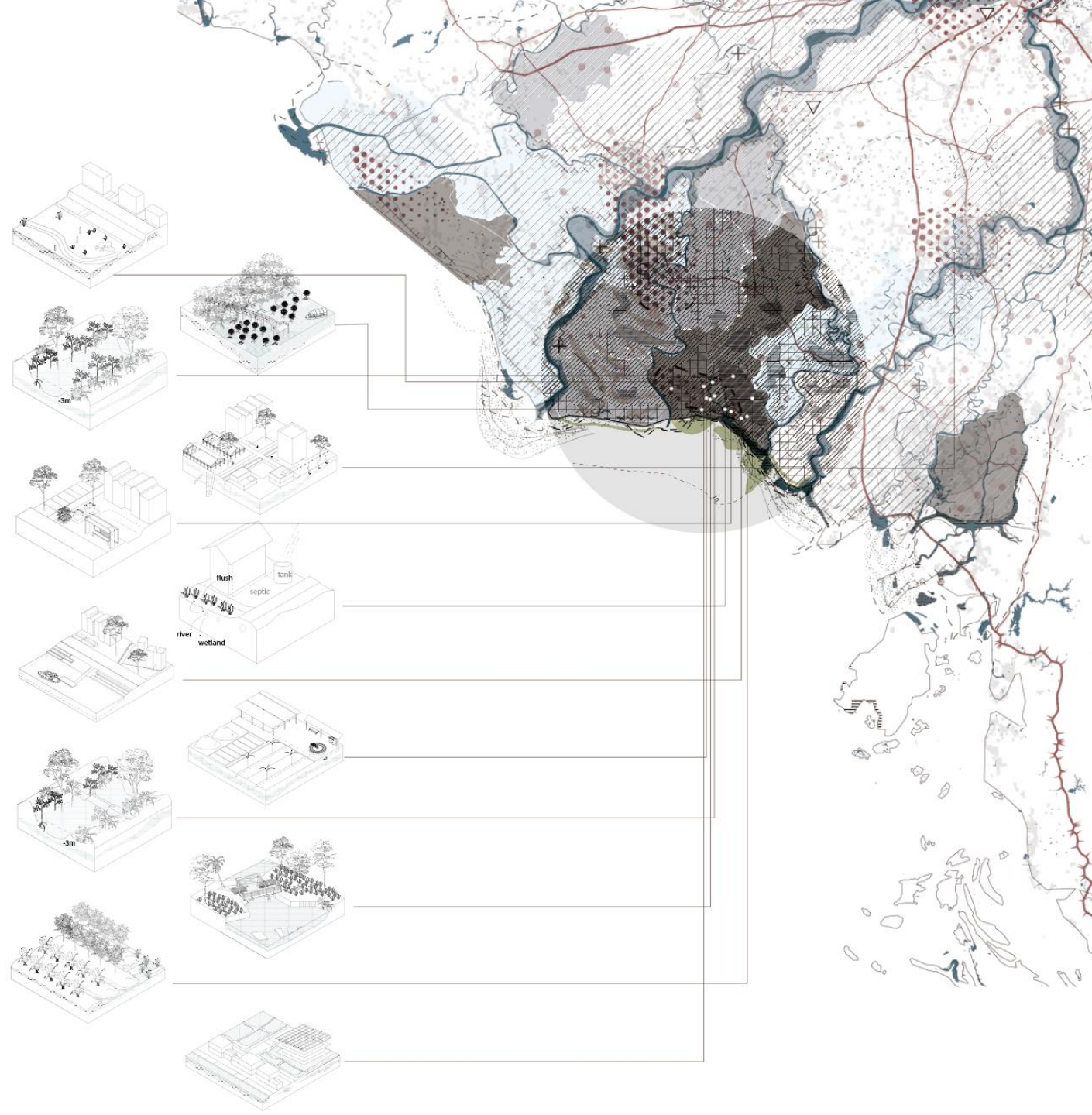


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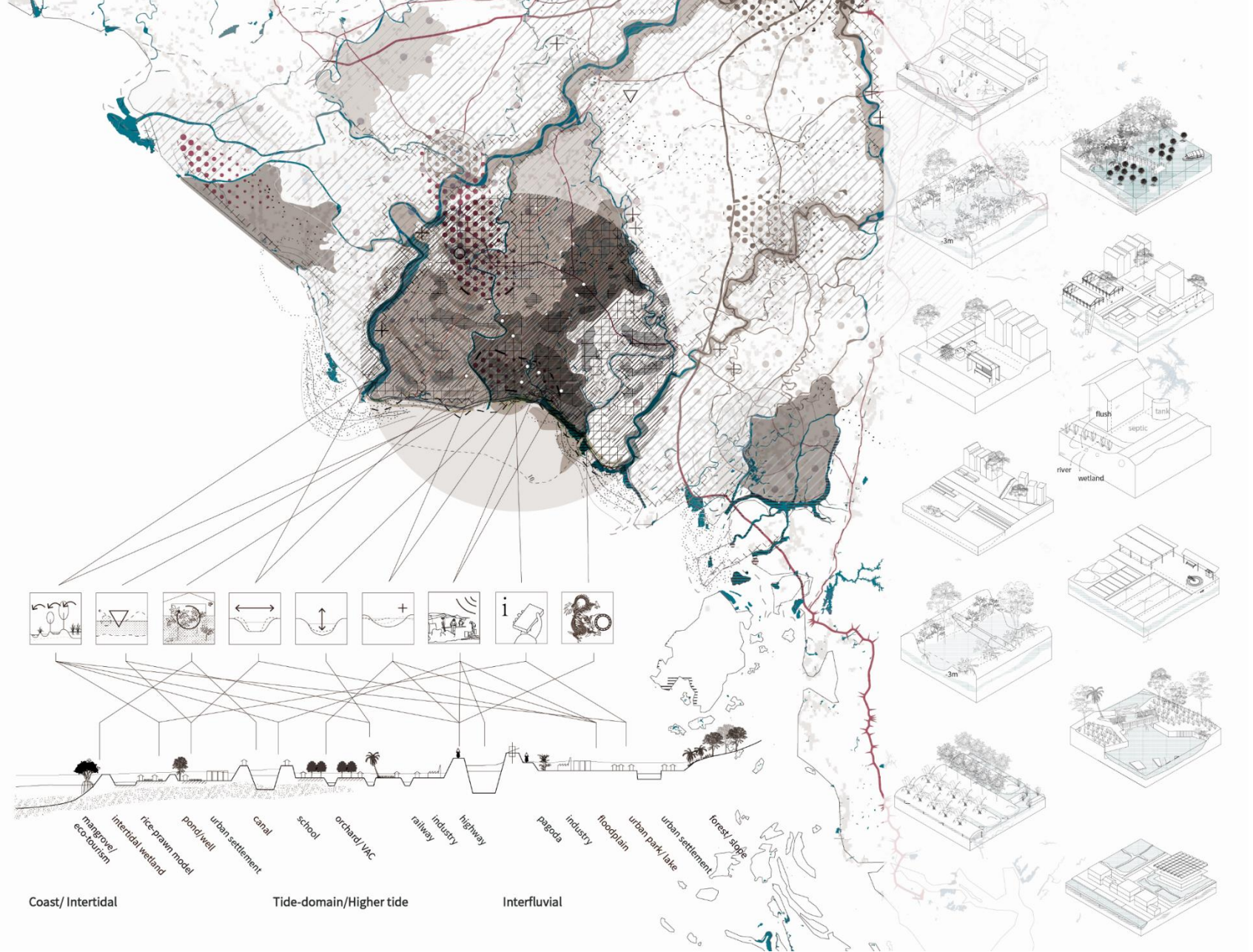
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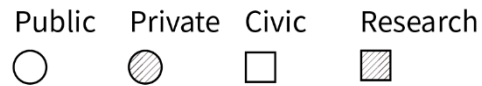
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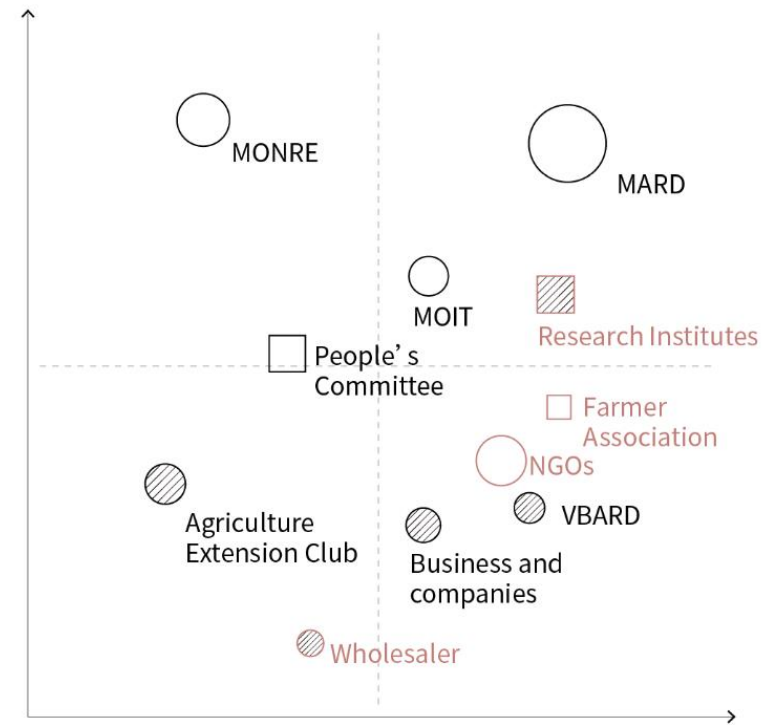
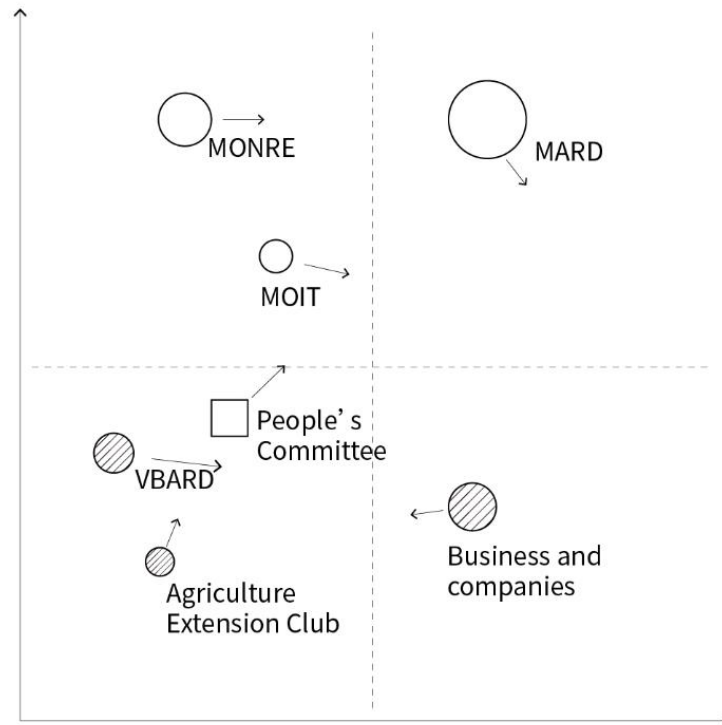
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Power and interest analysis for implementing sustainable production strategy



Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)  
 Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD; DARD)  
 Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT)  
 Vietnam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (VBARD)

NGOs: Vietnam Business for Environment, Cities Alliance, etc.  
 Research Institutes: IMWI, CGIAR, etc.

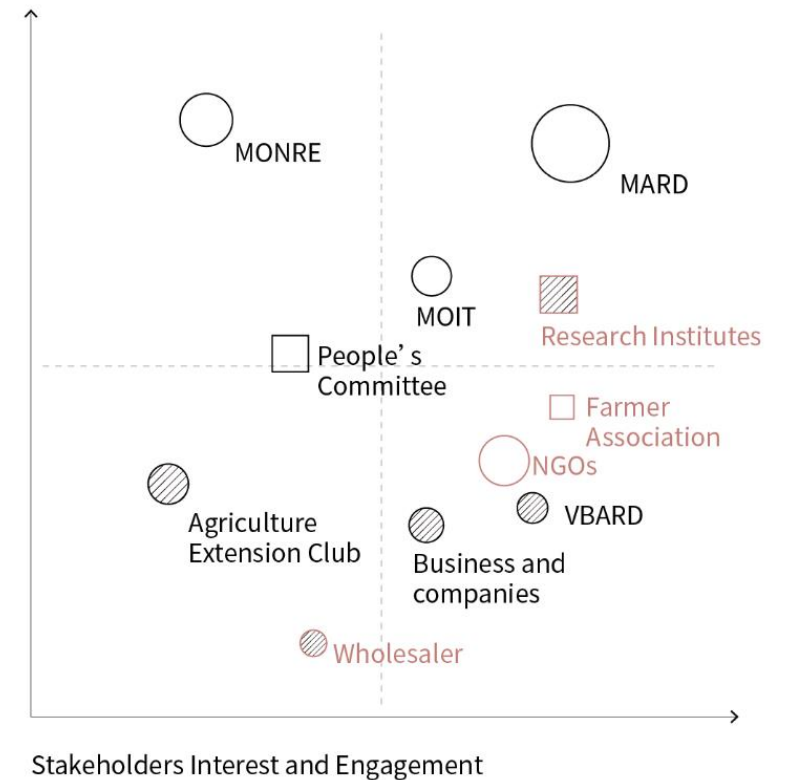


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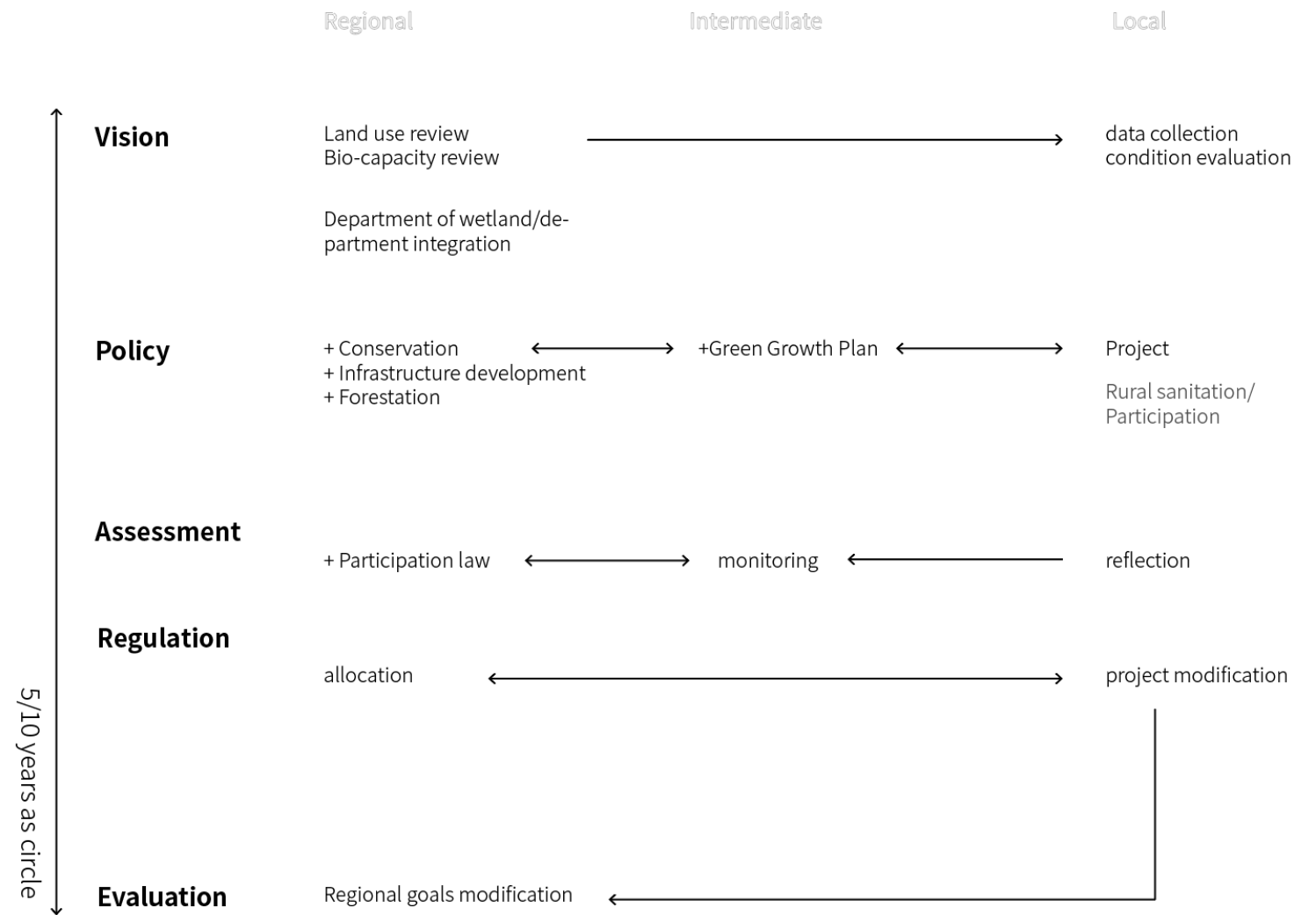
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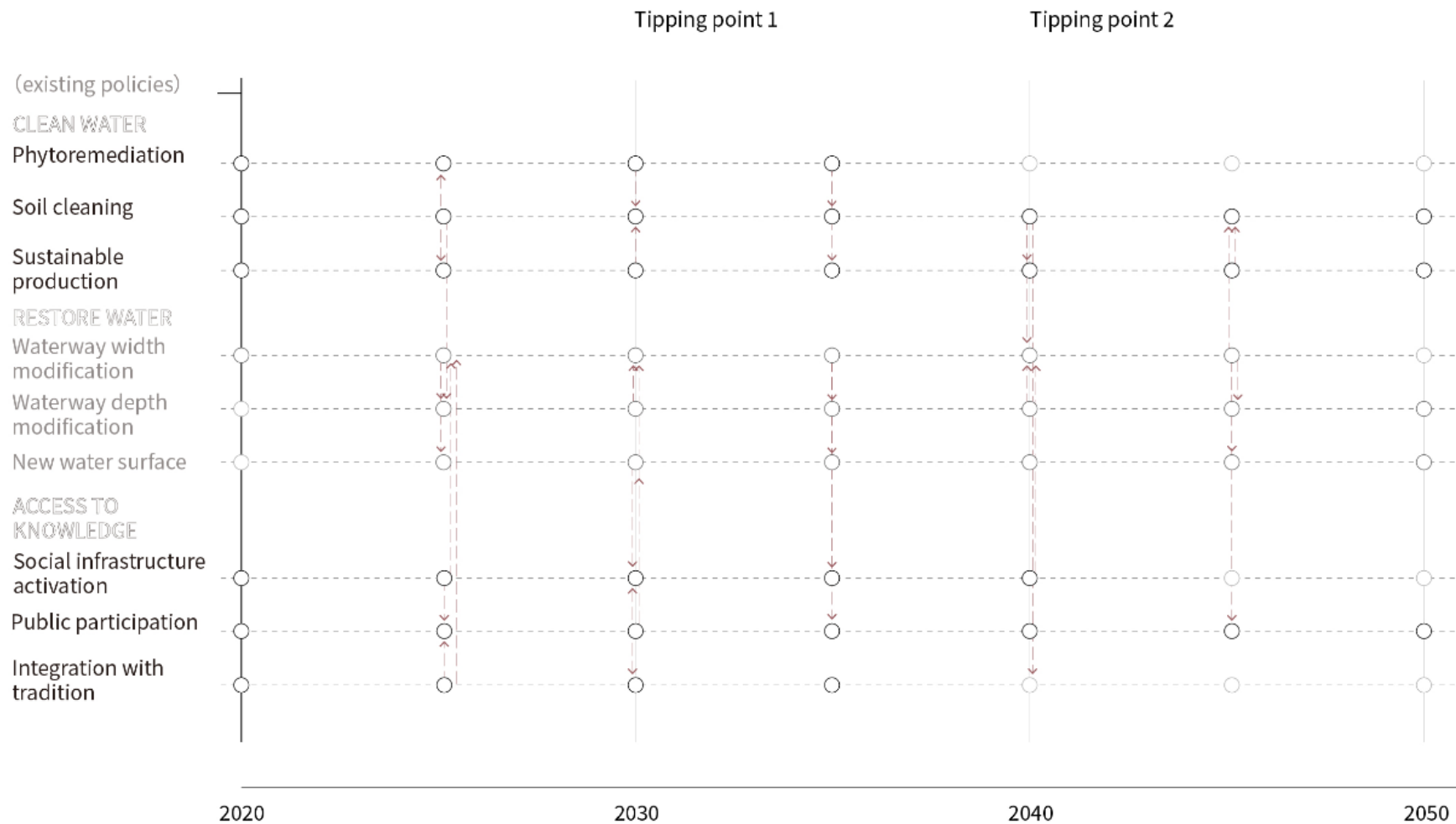
SECTOR	ACTOR	FUNCTION	ACTION/ INTEREST	VALUES FOR THE PROJECT
Public ○	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD; DARD)	Regulatory, Monitoring	Regulating crop diversification and footprint; Planning and guiding industrial production and sales; Green growth planning and forestry conservation.	Land cover diversity Food
Private ⊙	Wholesaler	Investment Participatory	Connecting supply chains and material exchange with efficiency, such as between local small-scale production and tourism, cooperative and mobile markets, port offices, etc.	Retreatment rate Job opportunities
Civic □	Farmer Association	Operation, Monitoring, Maintenance	New production models design and execution; Organizing waste collection and vocational training.	Waste management Subsidy and income
Research ▣	NGOs (Vietnam Business for Environment, Cities Alliance, etc.)	Funding, Collaboration	Supporting local capacity building including sustainable business and biodiversity, data bank and information collection, etc; Ecosystem conservation.	Participation in regional plan



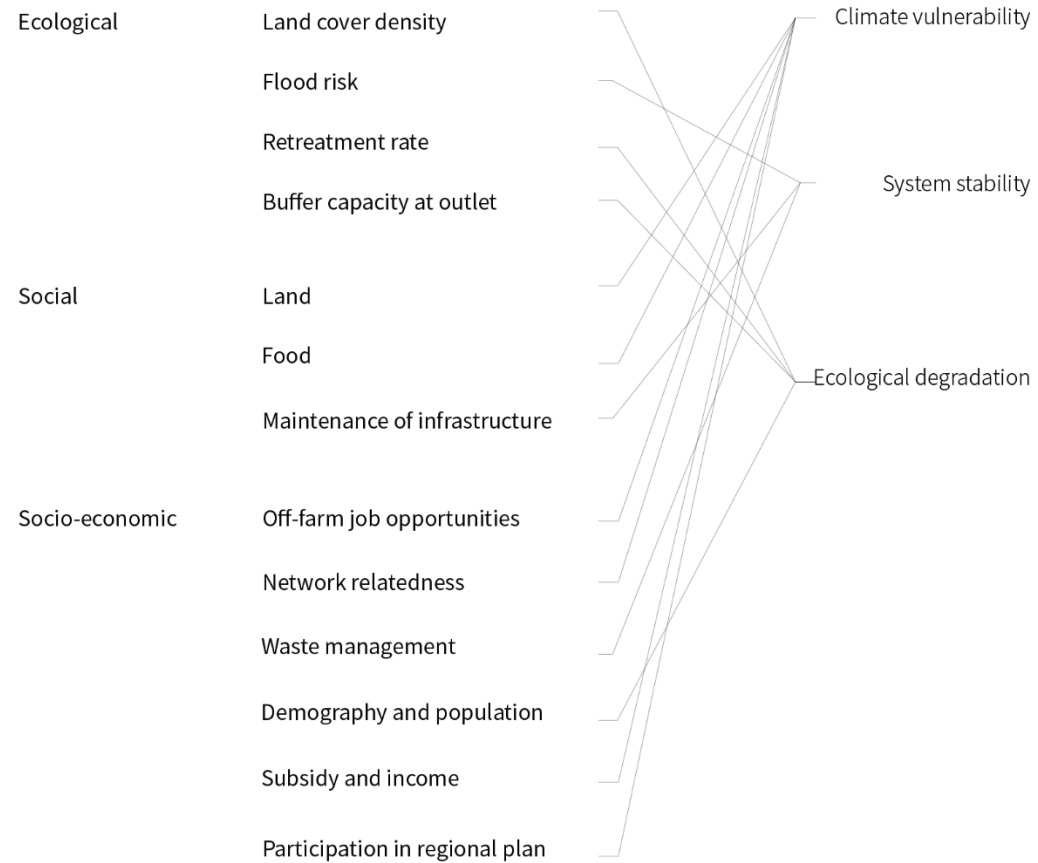
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# Adaptive pathways as part of evaluation

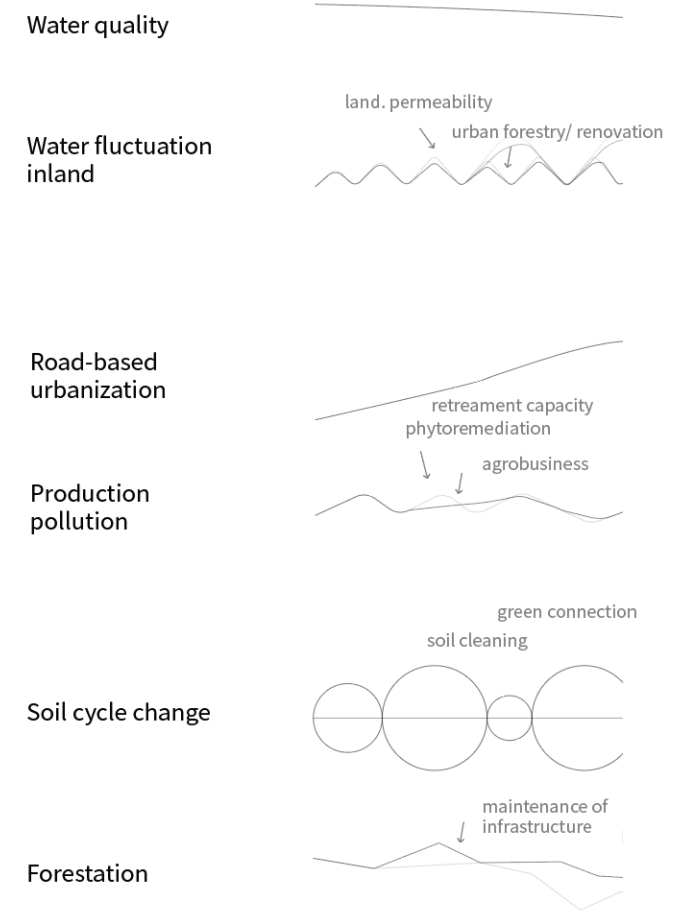
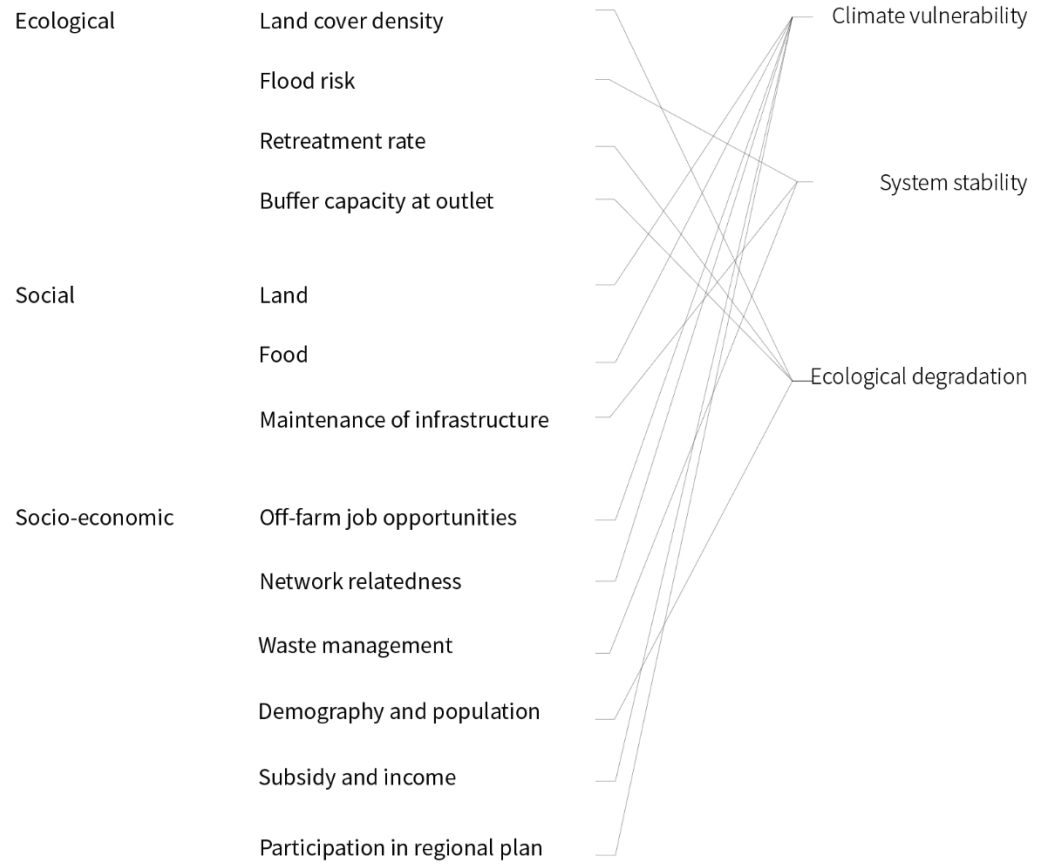


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| Overview

| Analysis and research framework

| Synthesis

| Proposition

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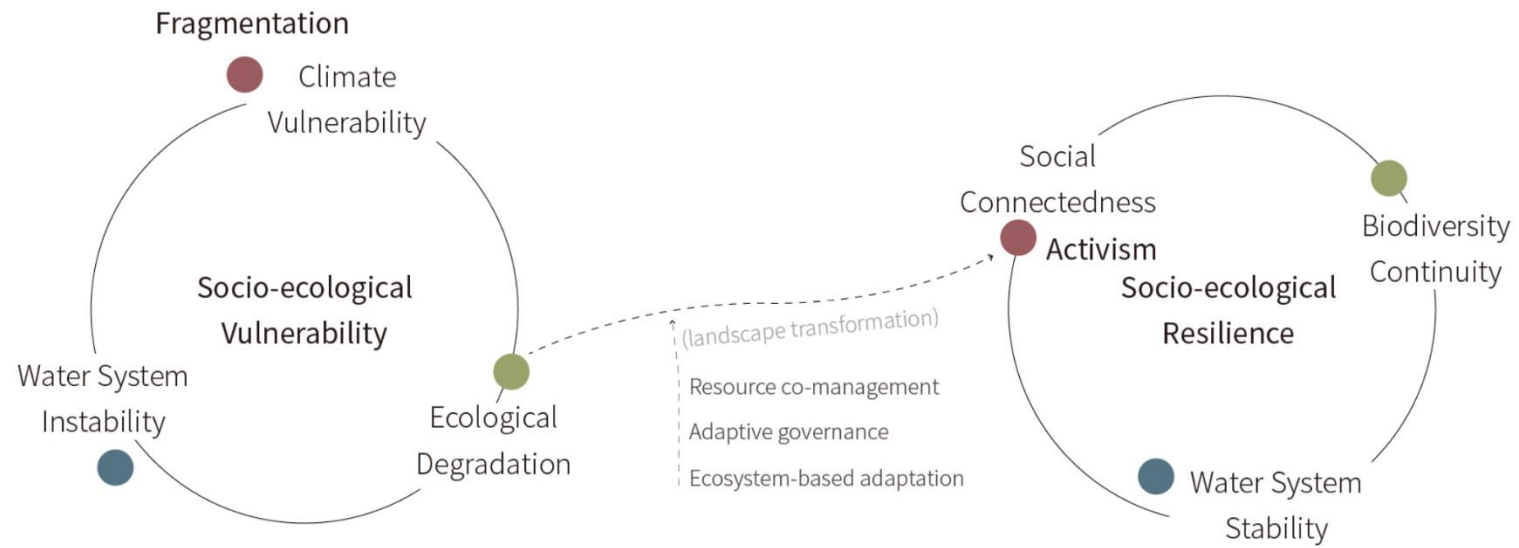
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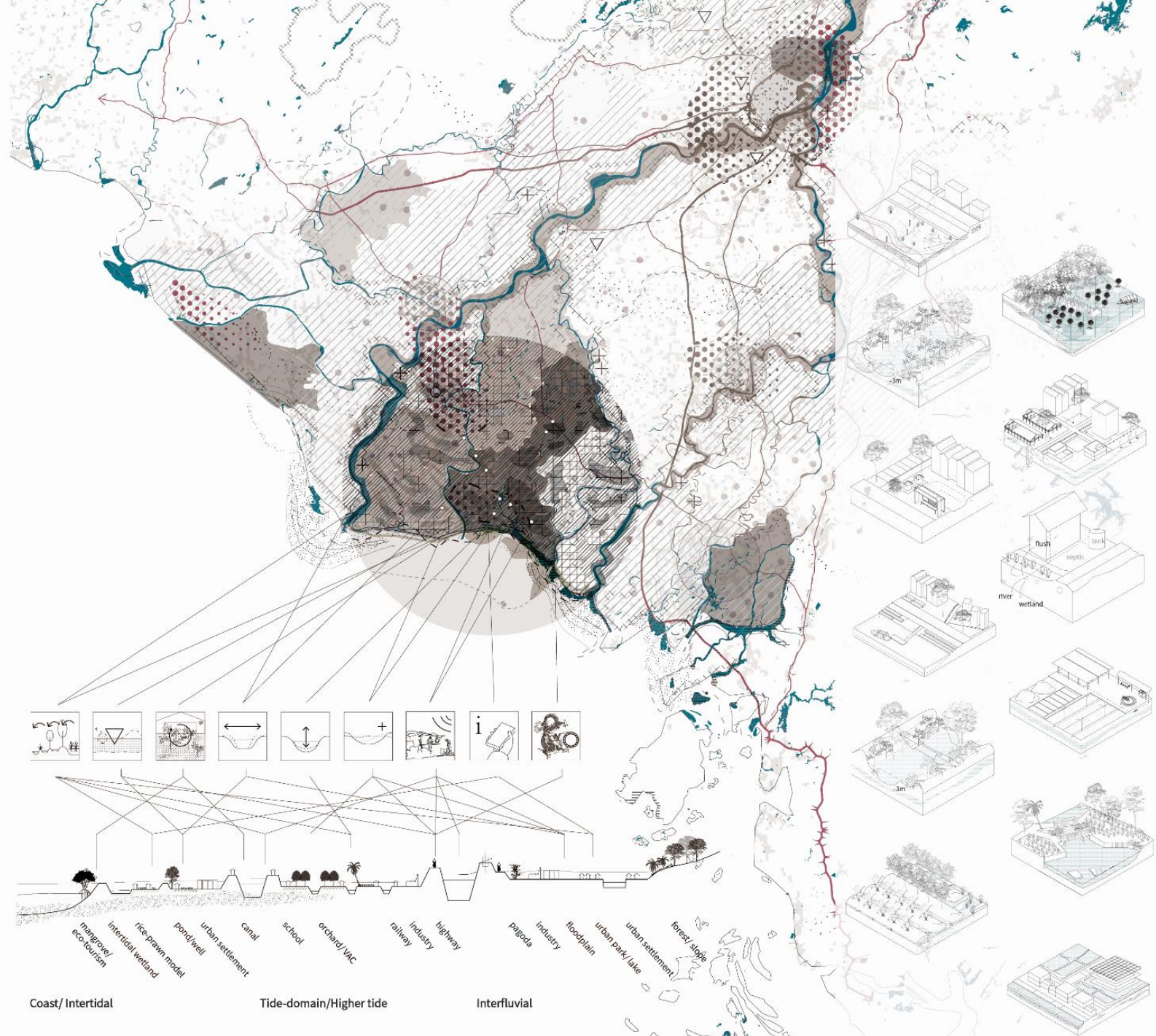


## Conclusion - Value



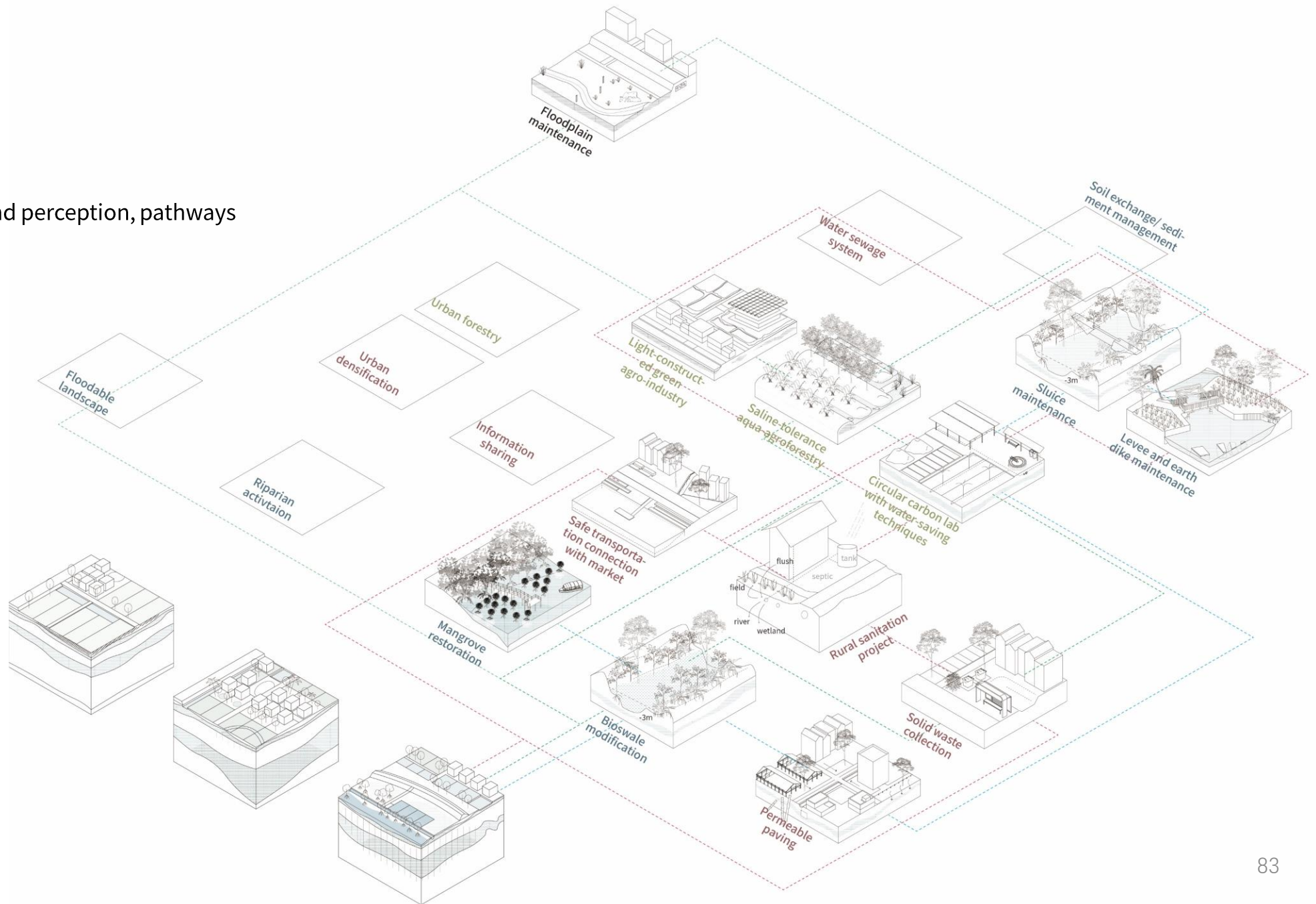
# Conclusion

Multi-scalar and systemic thinking



# Conclusion

Local cultivation and perception, pathways



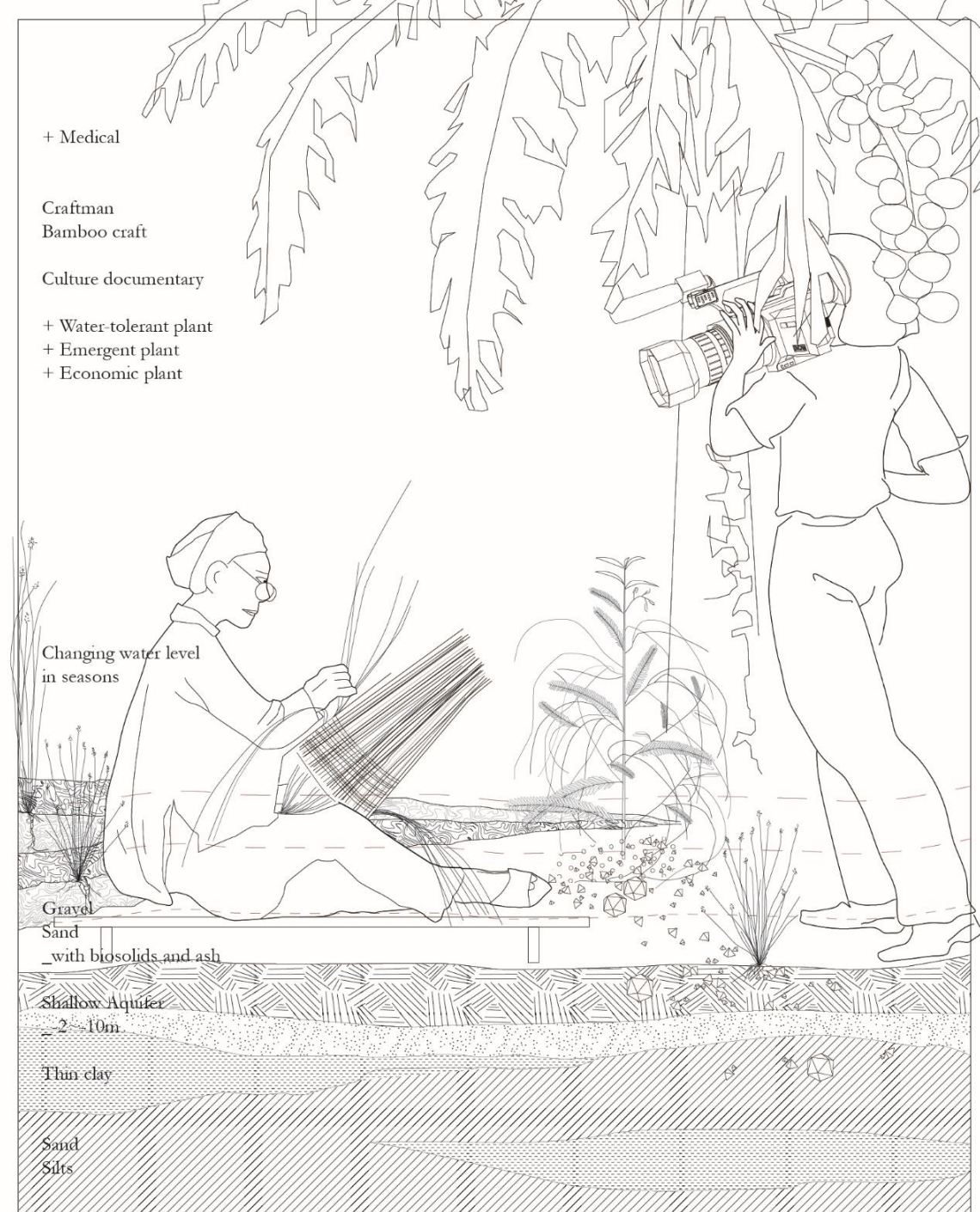
**Thanks for listening!**

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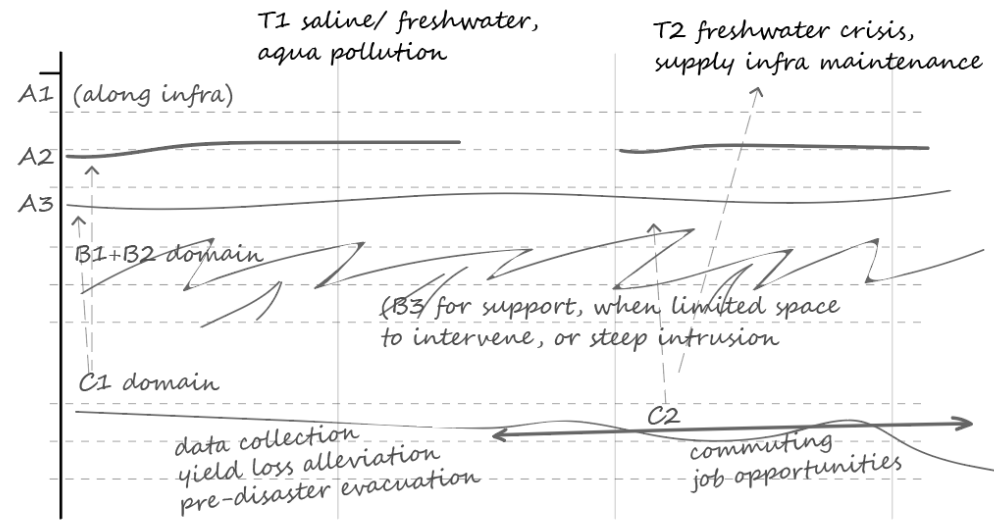
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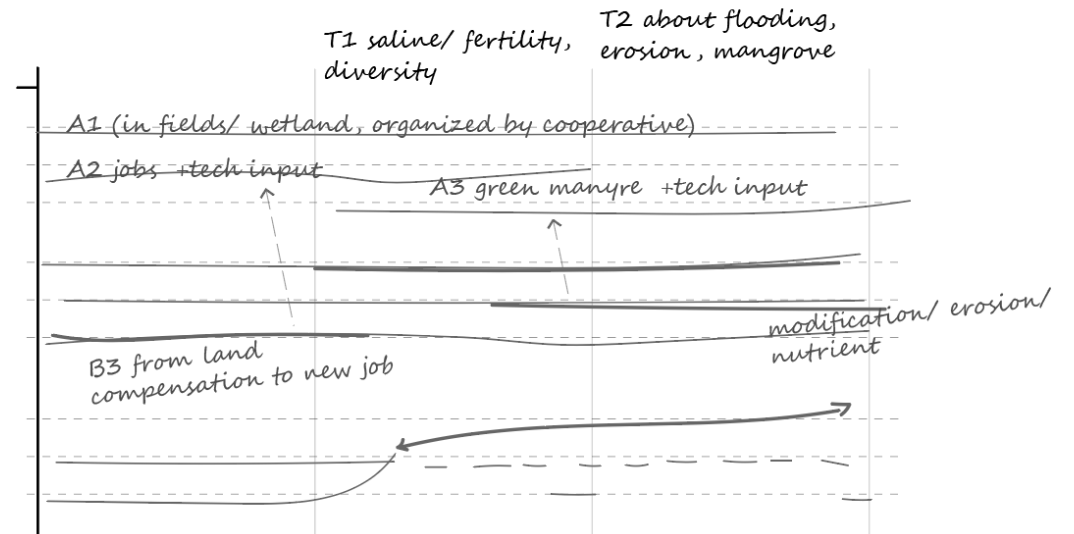


# Adaptive pathways as part of evaluation

## Intertidal, household-based



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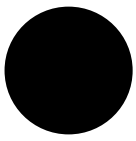


## Adaptive pathways as part of evaluation

from biodiversity and freshwater  
to local livelihood and safety including food and sanitation security.







## Conclusion

Urban planning with biophysical awareness/ ecoservices and well-being

Systemic understanding interdependencies and integration, wise pair, use efficiency and equity,

Interdisciplinary- integrated geological and hydrological, sociology awareness

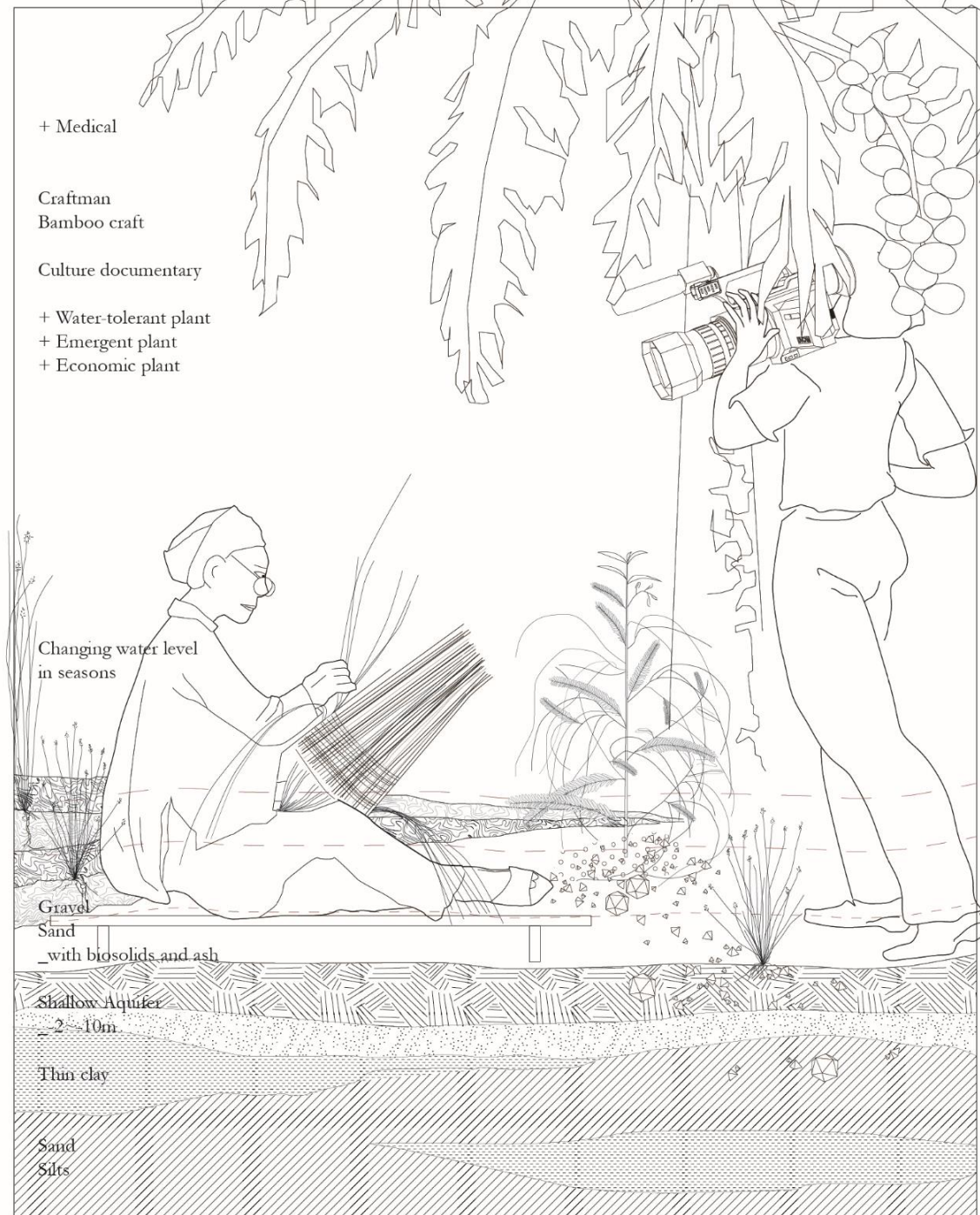
Planning at a higher level and 'arm' local to stabilize the transformation.

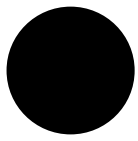
Time-wise

Private sectors as important actors and local resistance and acceptance

Cultural appropriation- potential change in diet, festival celebration, construction materials.

# Local adaptation

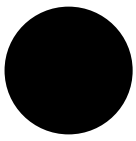




Reference, similar context, restore natural and land captials

<https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/climate-change/what-we-do/climate-adaptation/ecosystem-based-adaptation>

SDG



Reflection

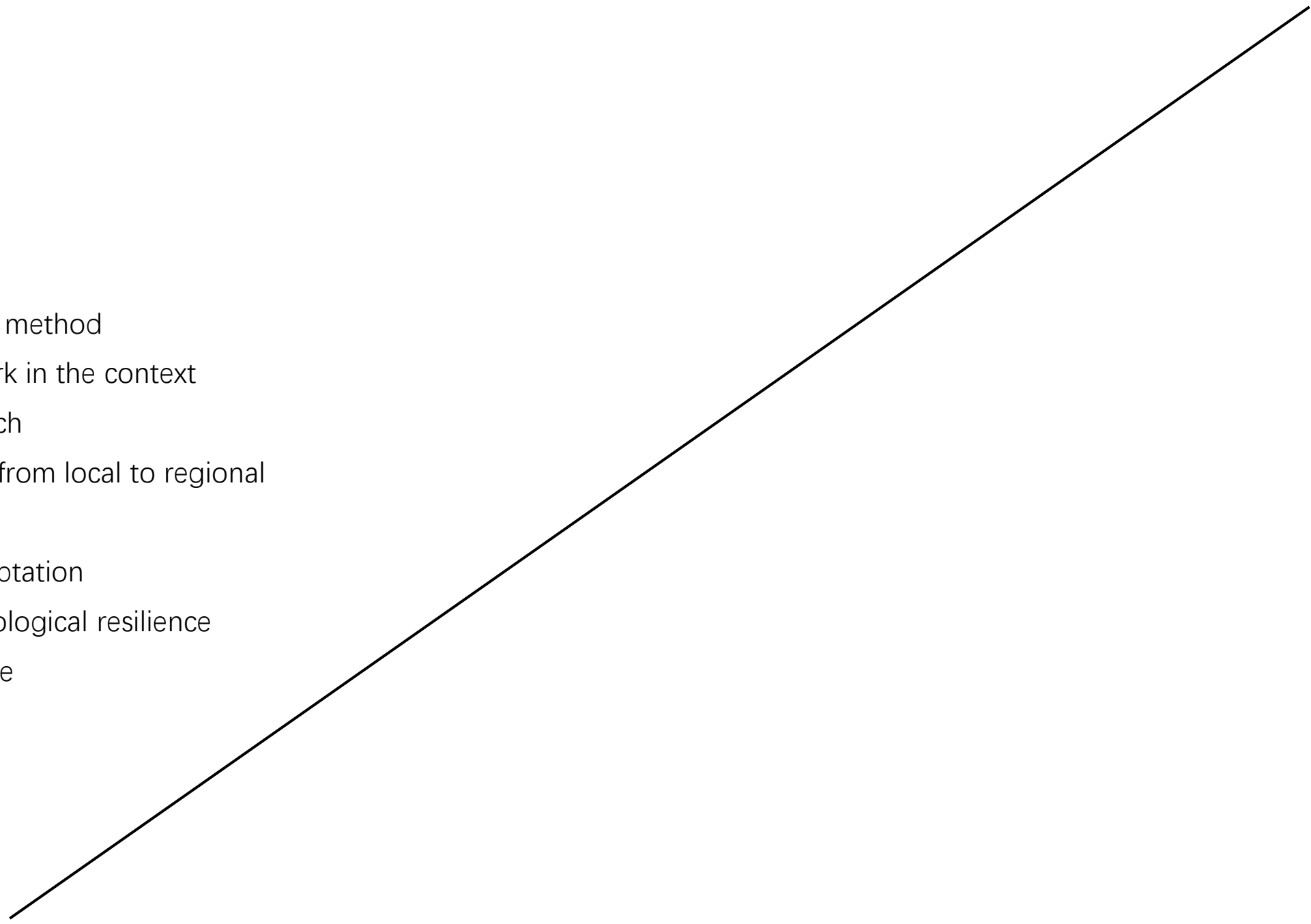
Values and approach:

- systemic sections as method
- Evaluation framework in the context
- Multi-scalar approach
- Knowledge gaining from local to regional

‘ecosystem-based adaptation

‘evolutionary socio-ecological resilience

‘performative landscape





**[Analysis]**

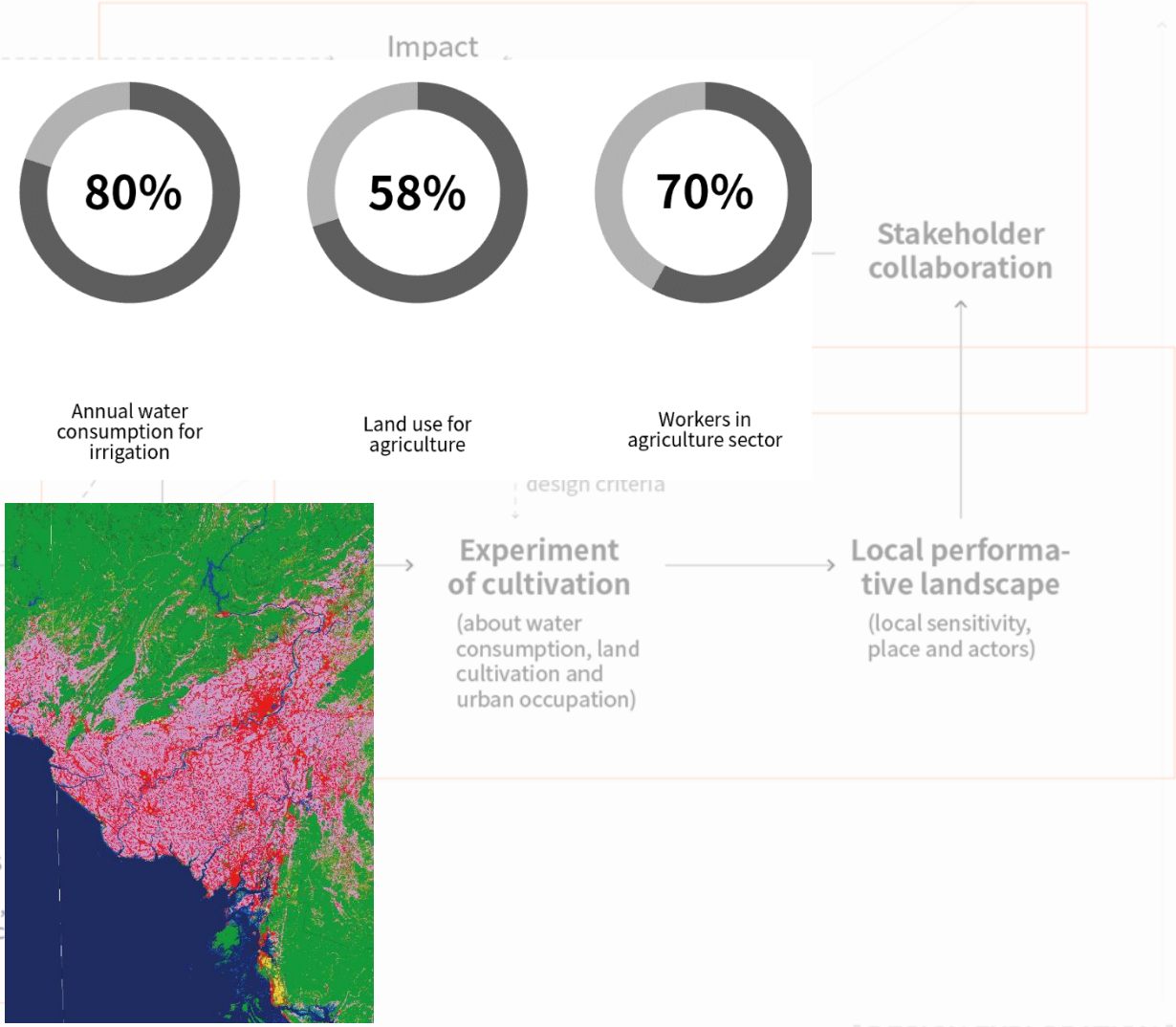
1 **exploitation and inefficient resource consumption** of human activities upon nature in the delta is under low well-being and a future growing demand of resources.

Local vernacular production shows certain adaptation to external dynamics but **not well connected or represented**. Their livelihood is under risk somehow.



performance review

Layers' synthesis  
(biophysical, physical, soc



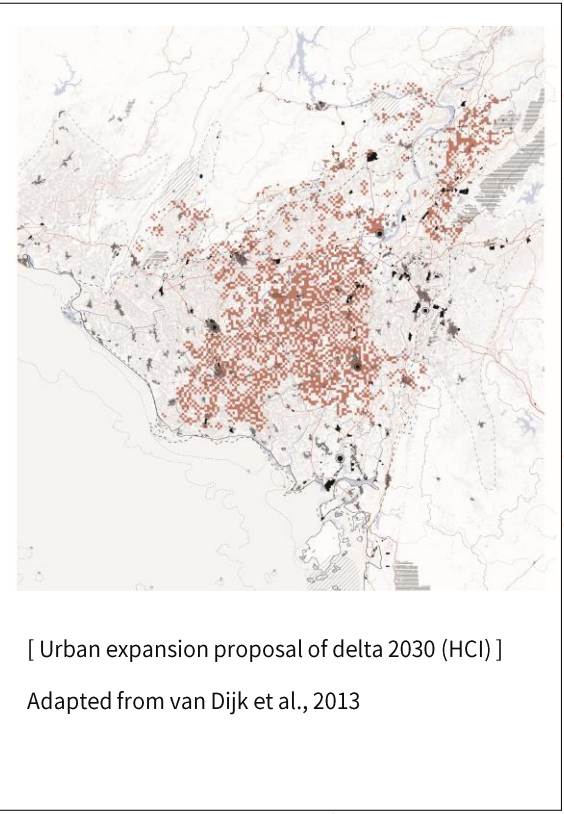
[Review- synthesis, projection]

2 Layers include both nature and human ecosystems, related to water, land and forestry systems. While assuming an extension of current delta performance under a high climate impact scenario, potential risks and vulnerabilities entail the biophysical system as part of remediation and development of whole area.

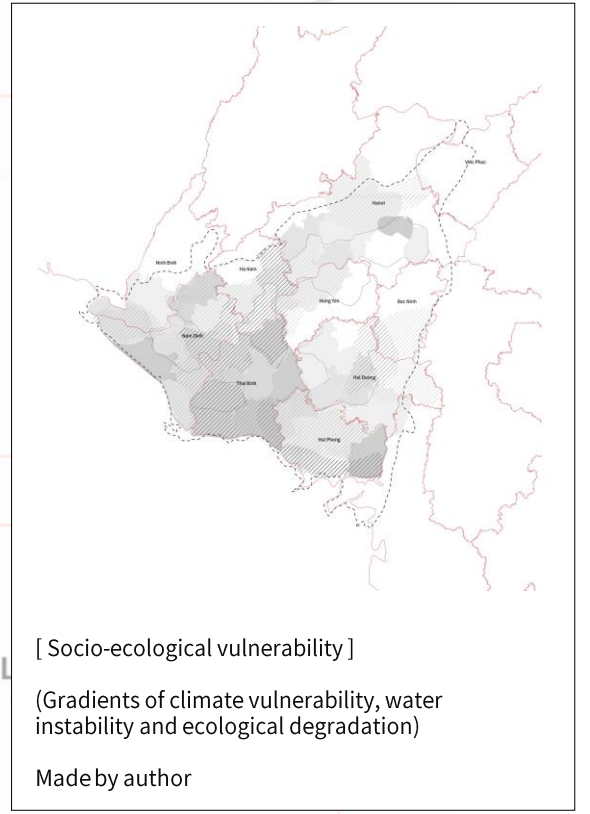
Also through local, the potentials of local economy as an intermedia process between risk and development might can seen. The idea of performative landscape links to its authentic culture of transforming the land.

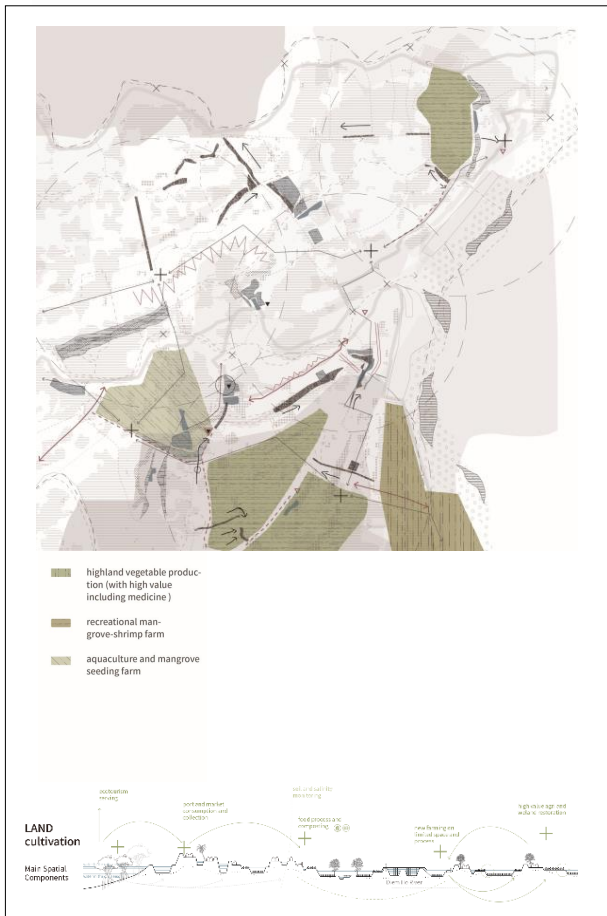


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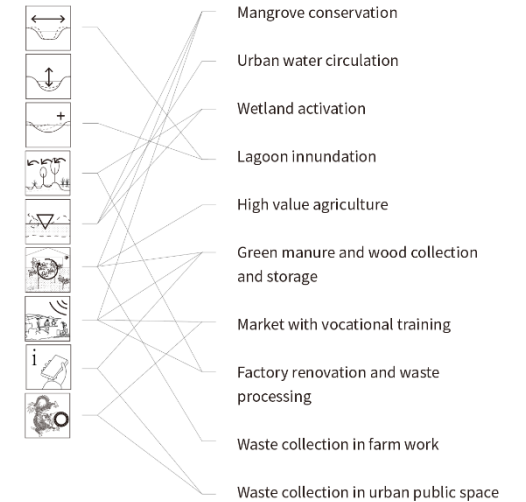
[ A method of exploration through transect and plan ]



**[Reorganize- objective, exploration, acceptance]**

3 Design part is to explore how can the manipulated biophysical system can regenerate the delta, and allow the development at same time, but integrate local transformation in delta region. Under main principles of restore and clean water, access to knowledge, design as a method combines forms of transect as windows, plan for relocation, and sections for detail implementation, to provide decomposition possibilities to transform by **elevating the systemic interrelations.**

**Local acceptance of such transformation** needs to consider its traditional practices, cost and benefit, ad interest groups involved, etc.



[ Linking objectives with principles, impacts across-scales ]

Layers' synthesis  
 sical,  
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[ SYNTHESIS ]

[ DESIGN EXPLORATION ]

