



DEVELOPING A RESILIENT XICHONG

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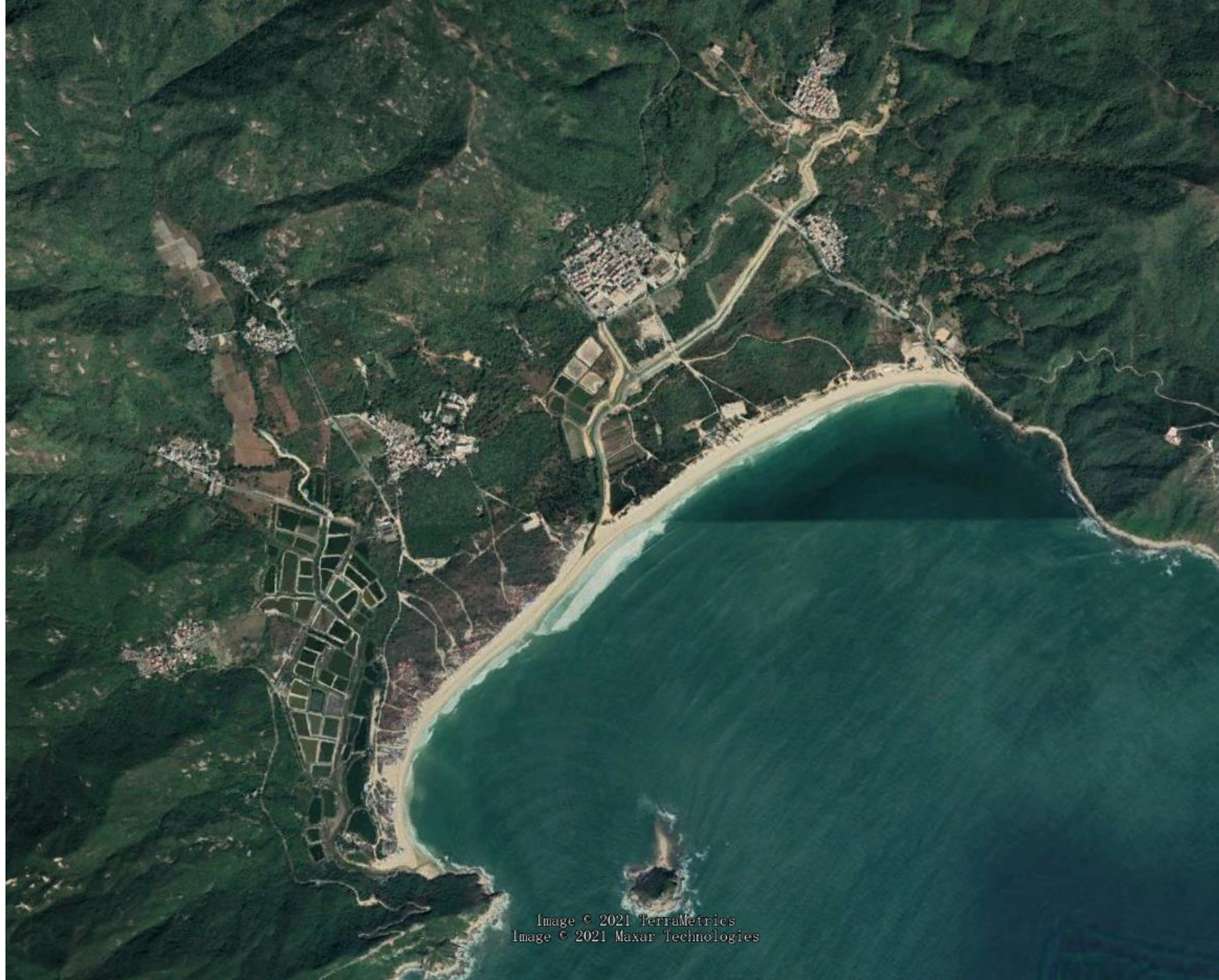
Location



The site is located in **Xichong**, Nan'ao Street, Dapeng New District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, Pearl River Delta, China.



It is on a peninsula, faces the sea and surrounded by mountains on three sides



Fascination



Landscape Structure



Problem field



Rapid and uncontrolled expansion of the tourism industry



hurricane, storm and sea level rise



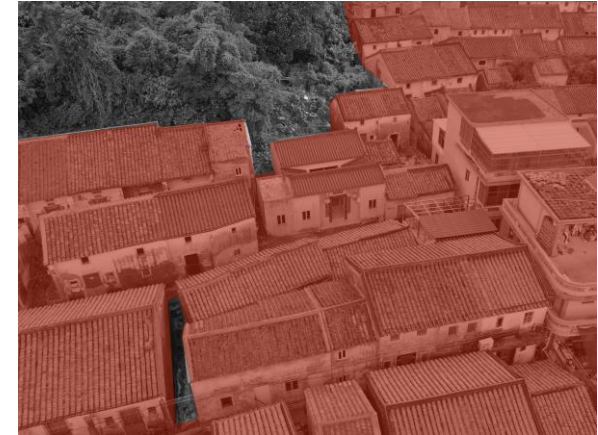
The tourism industry is expanding rapidly, with high-density hard paving and roofs appearing in large numbers



Many buildings are built near or on the beach, dramatic human activity intensify erosion



Shenzhen is very lack of pure fresh water resources

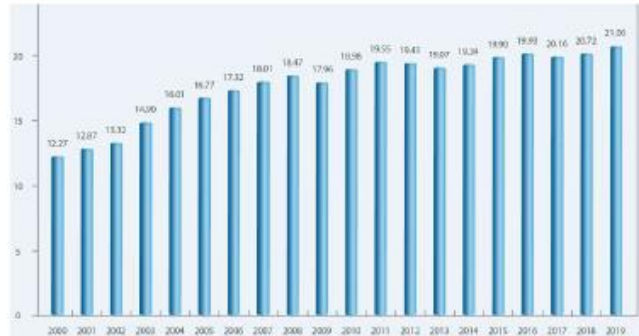


Traditional Hakka culture has not adapted to the rapid development of tourism

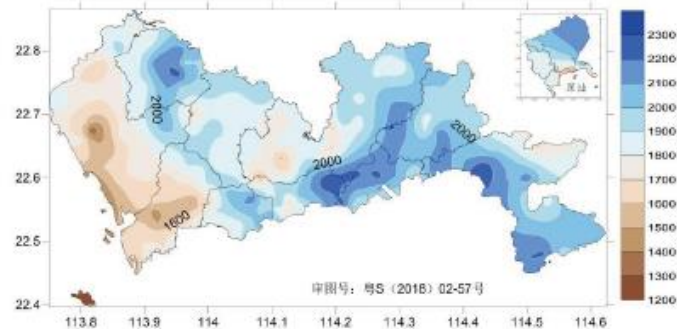
precipitation



ShenZhen pricipitation trends from 2000 to 2019
Source: Shenzhen Water Affairs Bureau



ShenZhen water demand from 2000 to 2019
Source: Shenzhen Water Affairs Bureau

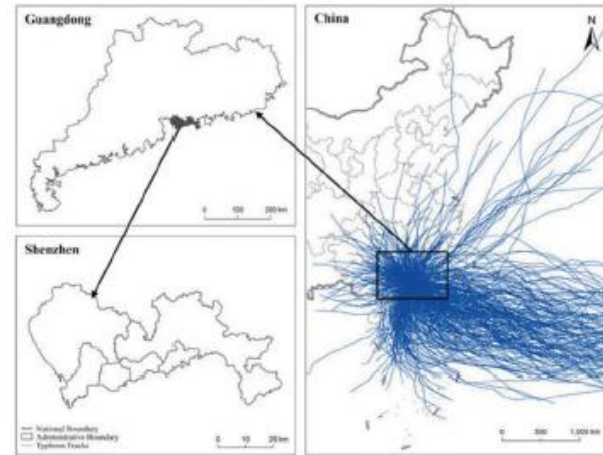


Distribution map of cumulative rainfall in Shenzhen in 2019
Source: Shenzhen Meteorological Bureau

The precipitation in Shenzhen presents an obvious uneven distribution of time and space. Rainfall is sometimes a lot, sometimes very little, which can easily cause floods and droughts. At the same time, extreme climates such as typhoons will often bring heavy rains, especially in coastal areas.

With the increase of the population, the water consumption of residents is also increasing, and the demand for water quantity and water quality is also increasing.

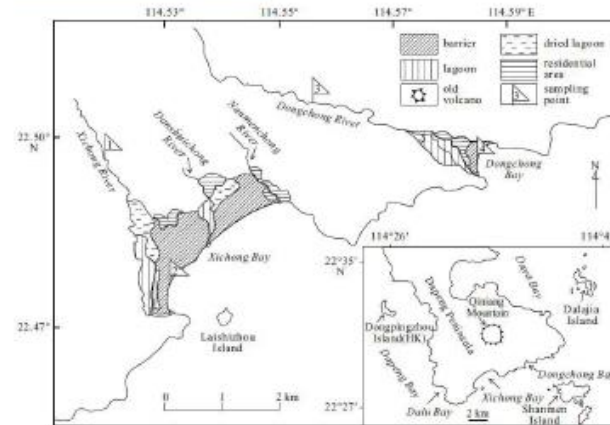
typhoon



typhoon in PRD
Source: TaoYe et al., 2016

There are typhoons in Shenzhen every year. In the past ten years, 18 major typhoons have hit Shenzhen. Typhoons can bring heavy rains, cause floods, raise water levels in a short time, bring storm surges, and threaten the lives of coastal and inland residents.

coastal erosion



coastal erosion in Xichong
Source: (Zhang Song et al., 2015)

In modern times, the sand of Xiyong Beach was manually excavated for construction purposes. As the sea level rises and human activities intensify, sand is gradually lost. Moreover, every time a typhoon occurs, a large amount of sand is taken away.

Problem statement

Xichong is in a phase of rapid territory transformation, the disorderly expansion of tourism, urbanization, and rigorous coastal climate change lead to an inadequacy of traditional culture, water sensitivity absence, and ecology decline, gradually showing an unsustainable development trend.

Research objective

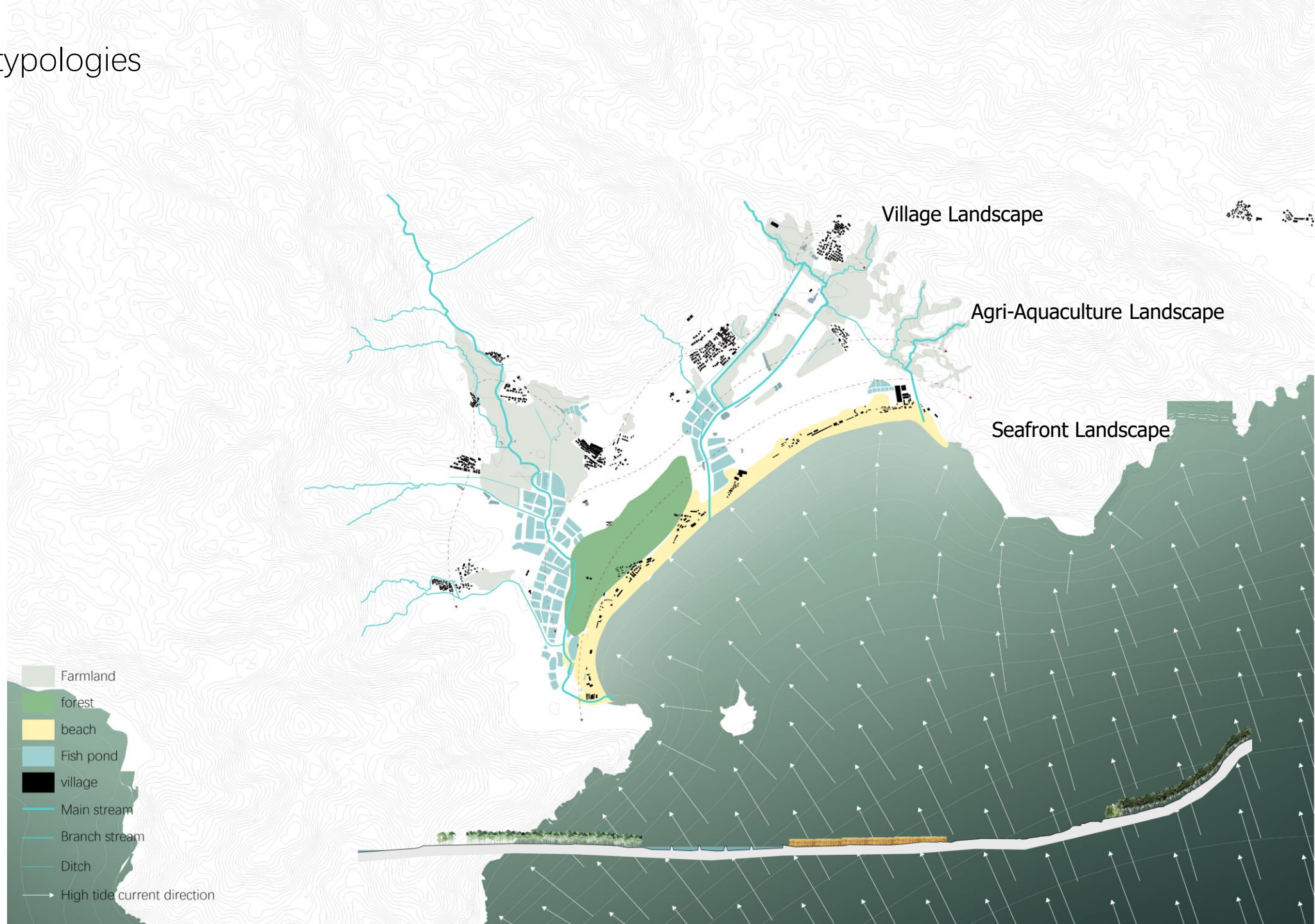
the objective of this research is:

To create a **resilient landscape framework** that facilitates conditions, both on **regional scale and village scale**, for the development of **ecology, socio-culture and economy**?

Sub-questions

- Understanding Question
How does the landscape systems in Xi Chong work in terms of economic, ecological, water management and socio-cultural aspects and how do they related to each other ?
- What to do Question
What kind of principles could be utilized to provide an adaptive condition in relation to Xichong's characteristics ?
- Application Question
How to apply design principles in different systems throughout multiple scales ?
- Reflection Question
What are the lessons?

Three landscape typologies



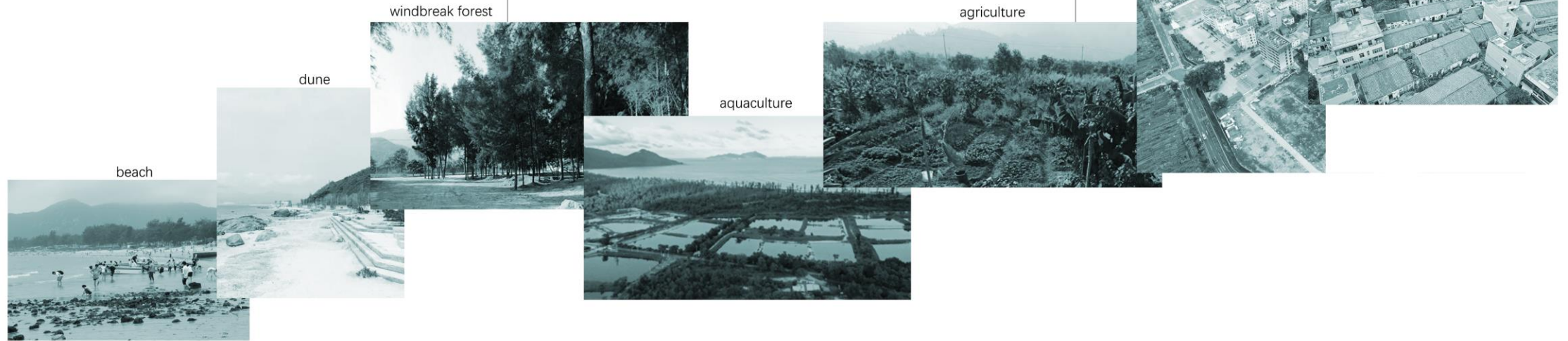
Seafront Landscape



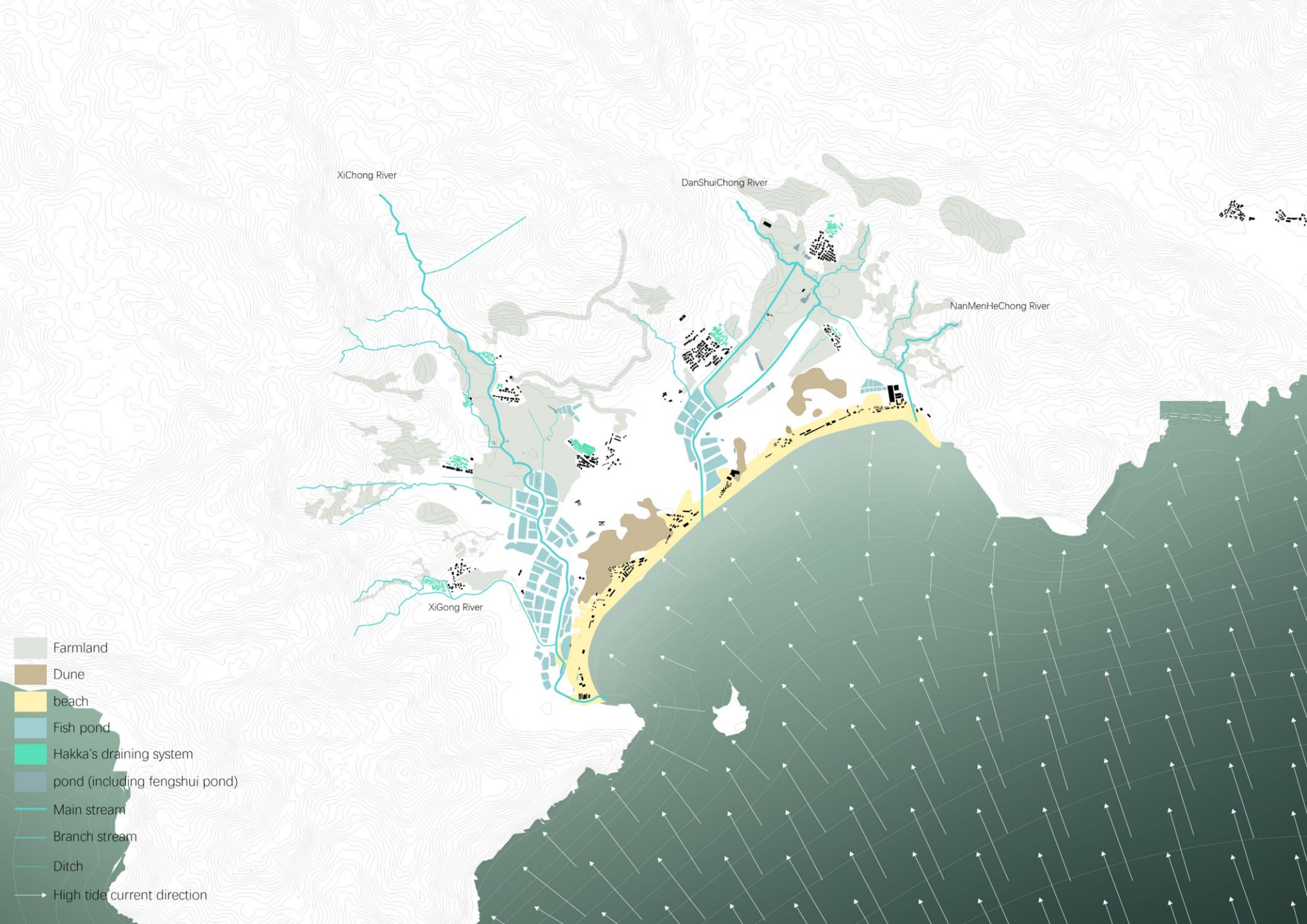
Agriculture & Aquaculture Landscape



Village Landscape



Village landscape



- culture loss



Performances and gatherings in Hakka festivals
Source: Internet



Axis
The ancestral temple is generally on the central axis, and the houses are arranged on the two wings



Material
Sand, red soil, lime mixed with glutinous rice and egg white



Ancestral Temple
Usually located in the center of the central axis



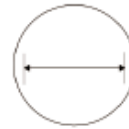
Window
Very small windows, to reduce direct sunlight and play a defensive role



Layout
Usually, there is a pond in front of the house and Feng Shui forest behind the house. The cultivated land is in front of the group

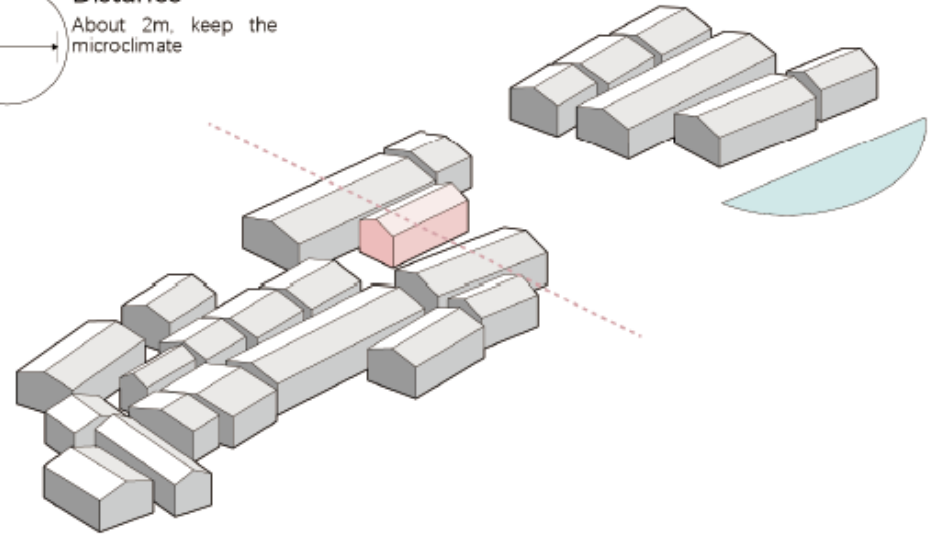


Pond
Usually located in front of the village. Store domestic water, with fire prevention function



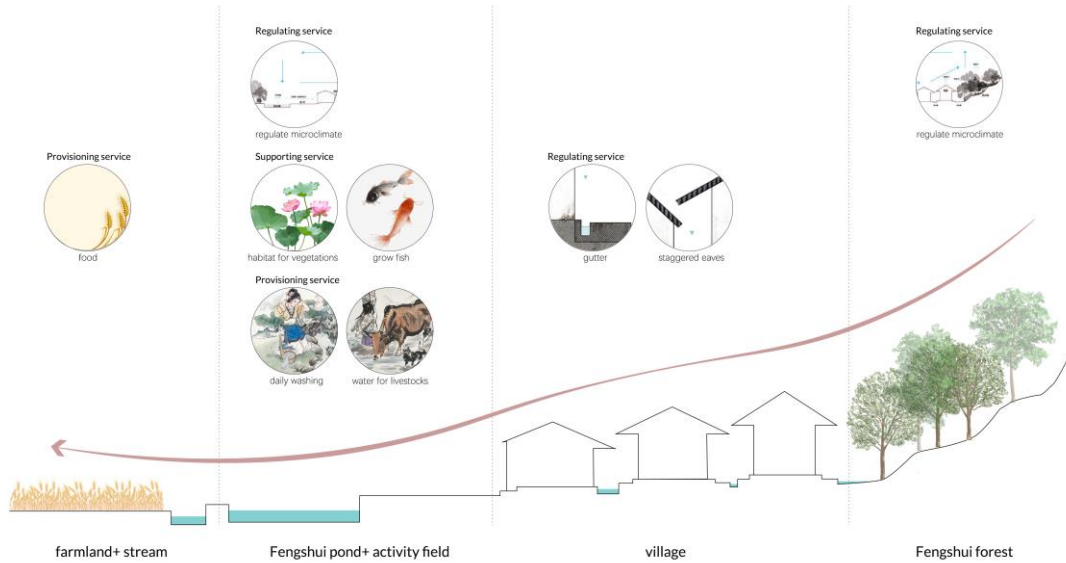
Distance
About 2m, keep the microclimate

Tradition culture loss



Hakka layout

Tradition layout under threatened



Hakka's traditional water utilization

- water sensitivity absence

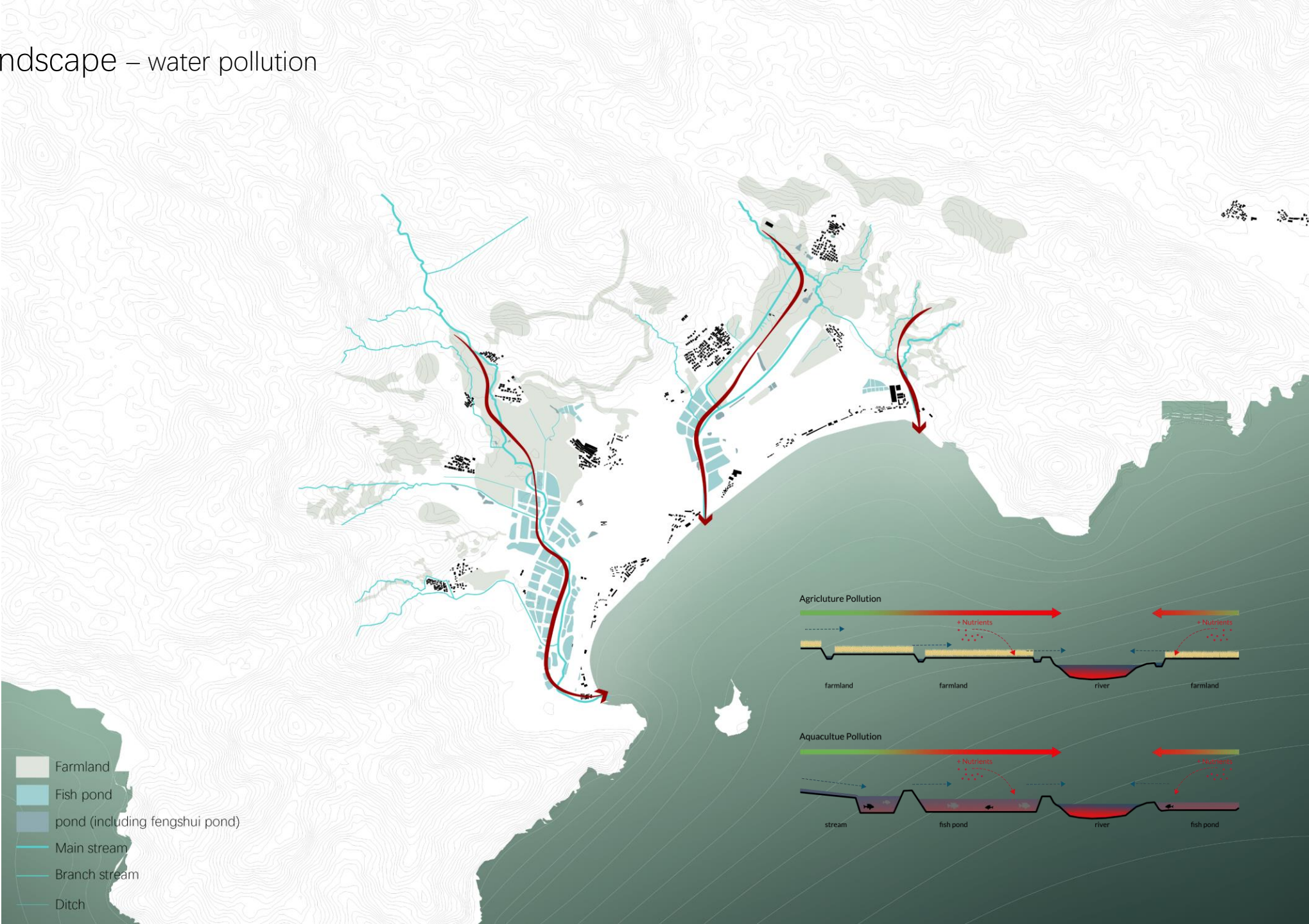


Hakka's traditional water management

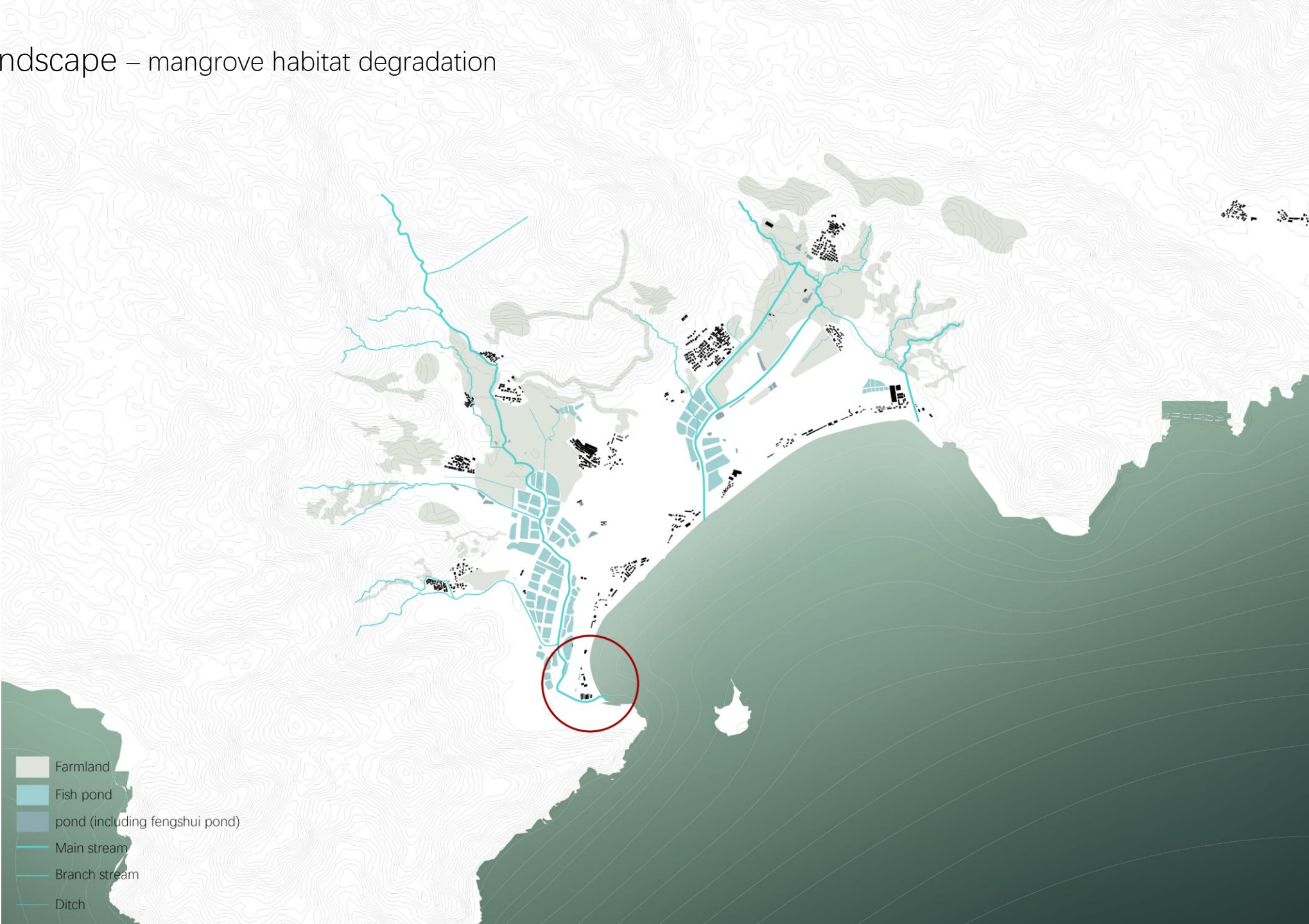


Disappeared fengshui pond

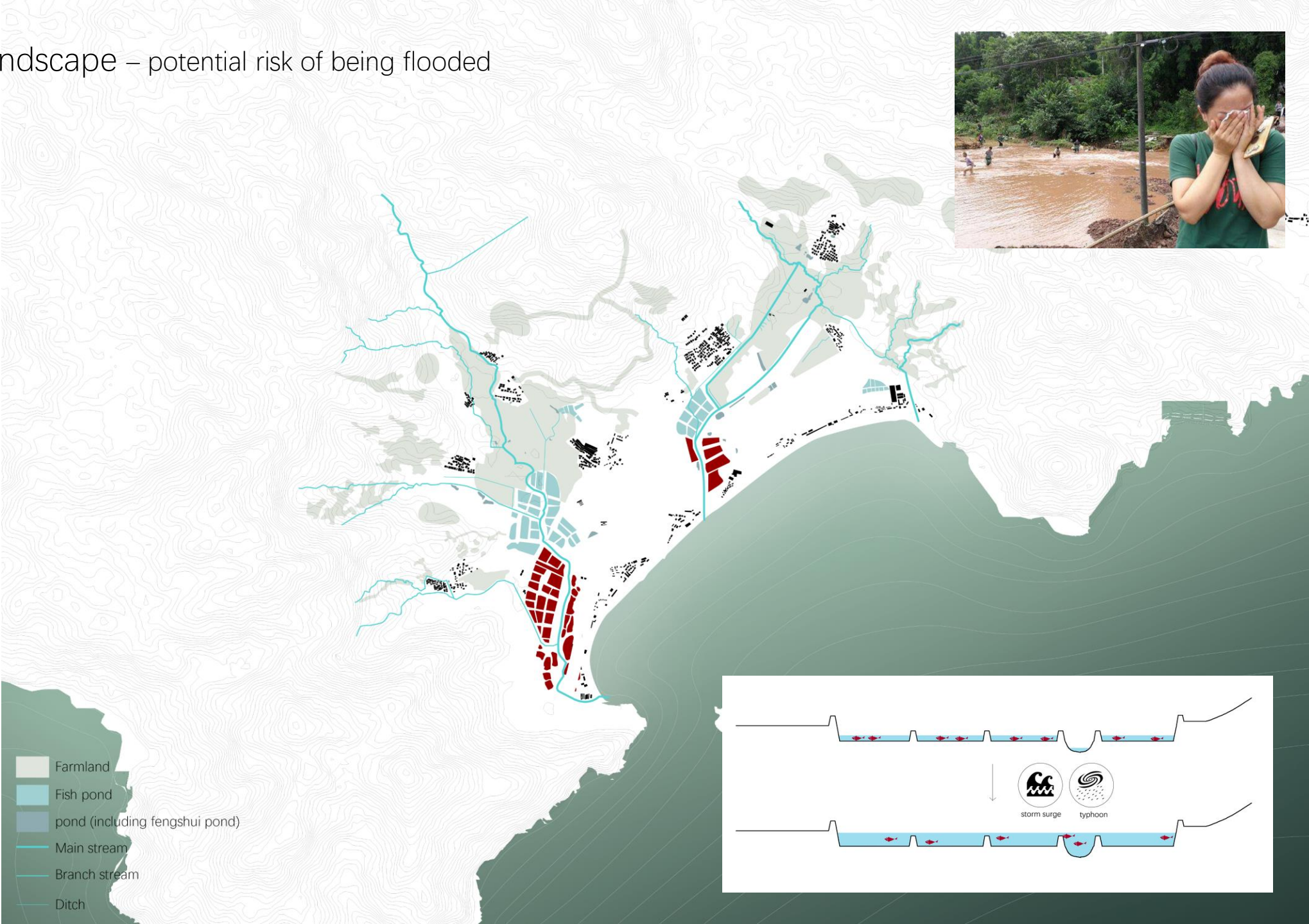
Agri-Aquaculture landscape – water pollution



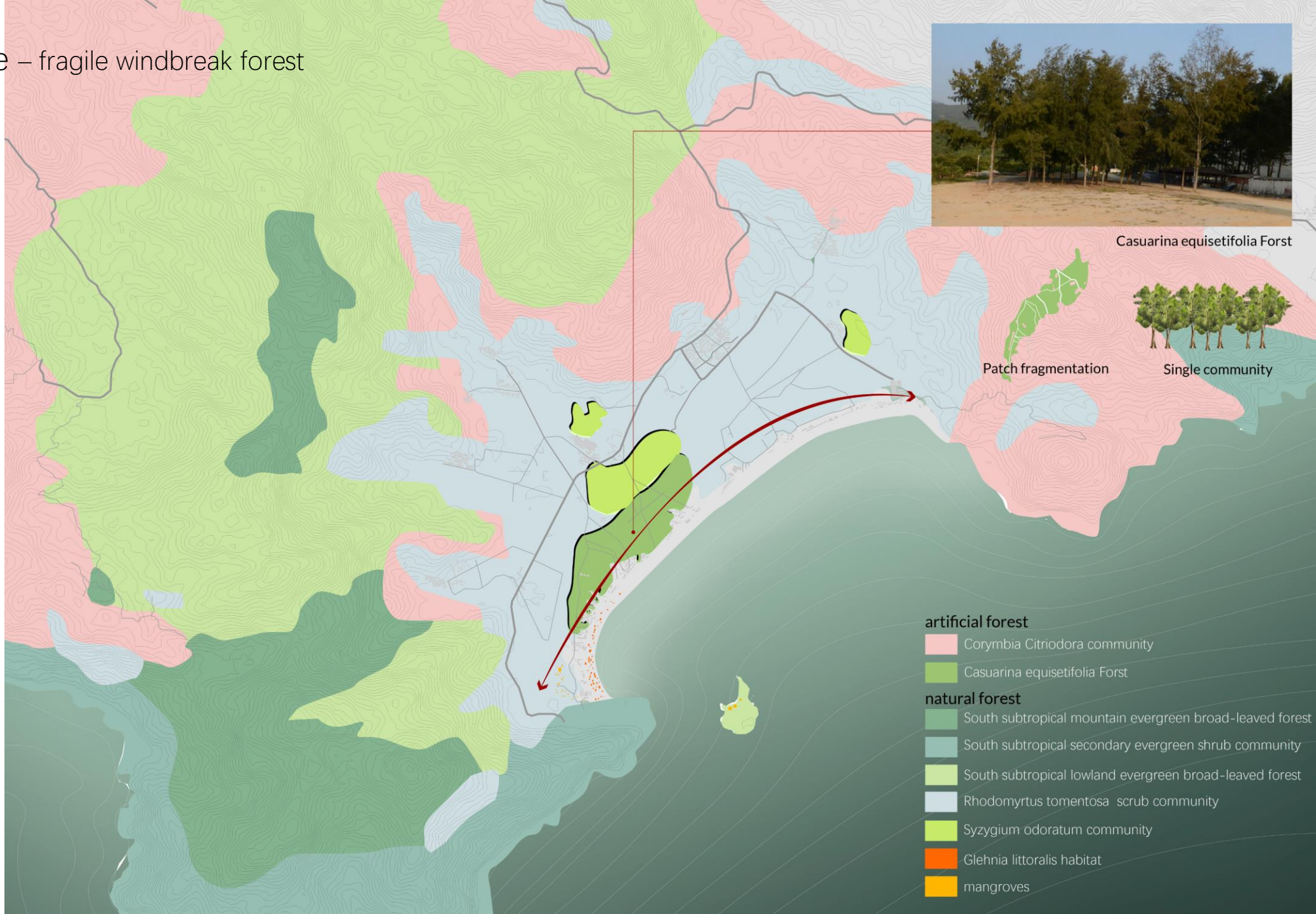
Agri-Aquaculture landscape – mangrove habitat degradation



Agri-Aquaculture landscape – potential risk of being flooded



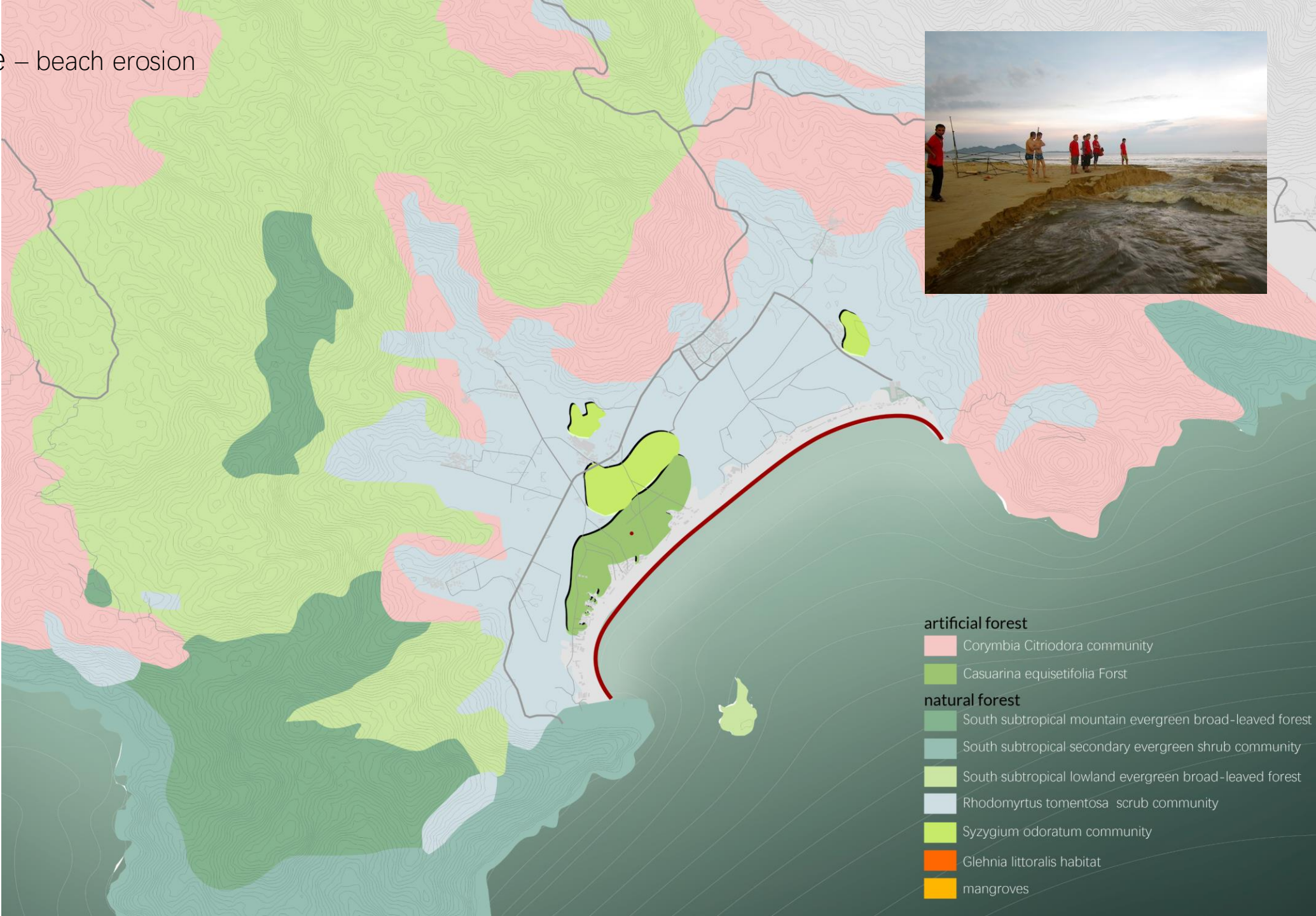
Seafront landscape – fragile windbreak forest



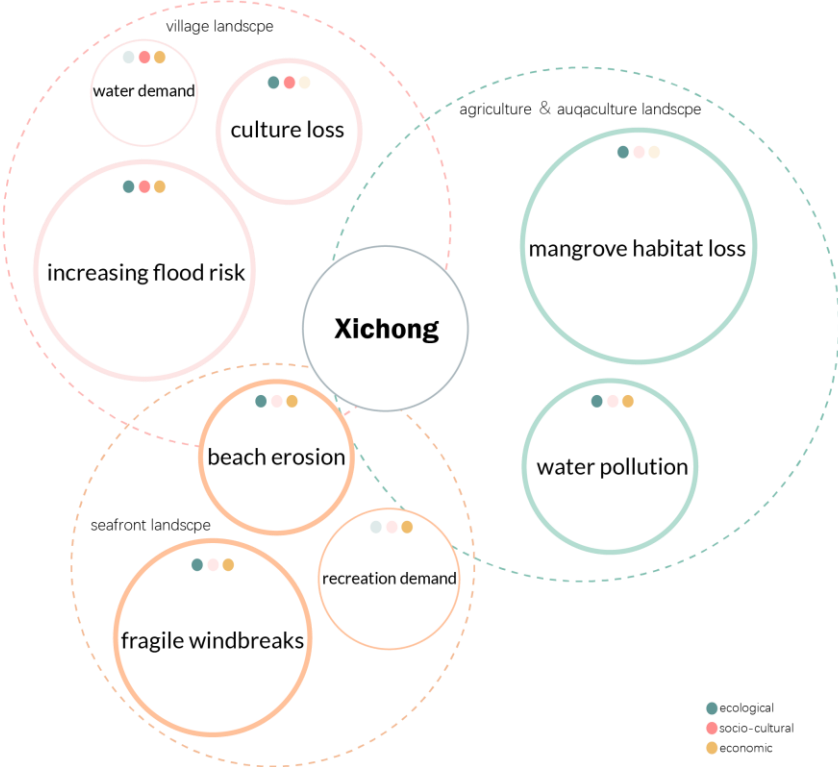
Seafront landscape – fragile windbreak forest



Seafront landscape – beach erosion

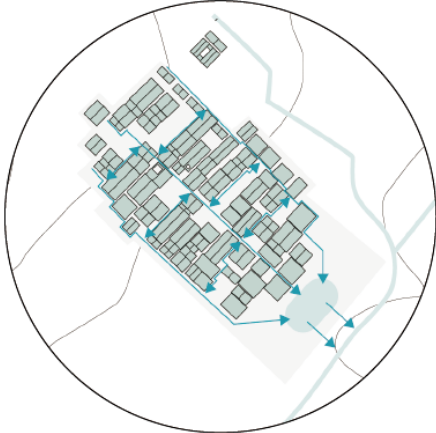


Challenges and potentials



challenges

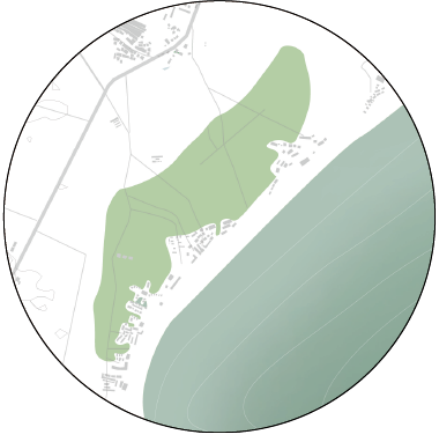
Hakka's water management & village structure
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water retention



fish pond
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mangrove habitat



succession process of windbreak forest
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natural, living and recreation condition



potentials

In Conclusion

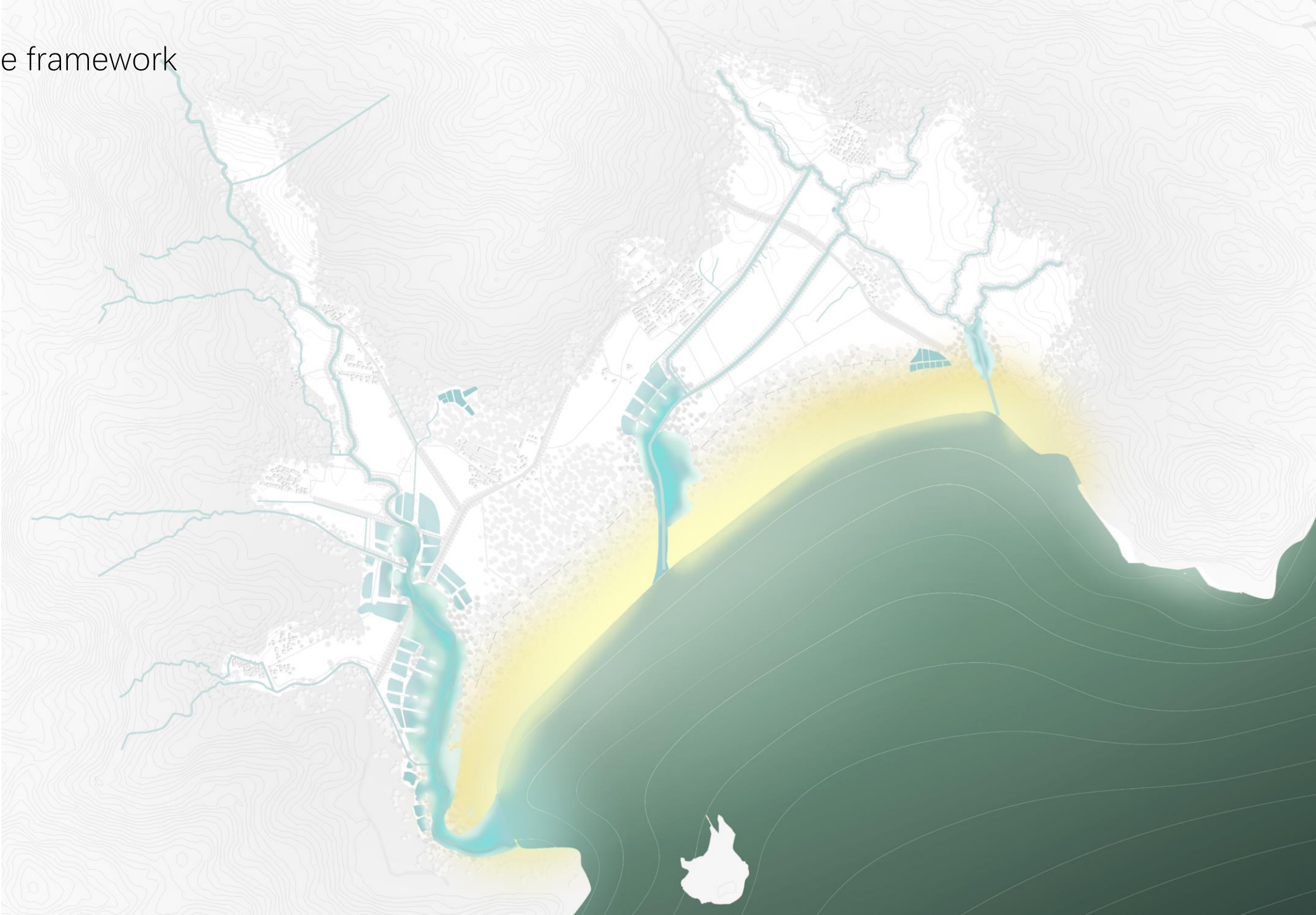


landscape framework as solution

Landscape framework can work as a robust basic structure that provide multiple services for human and nature, and provide conditions for future development

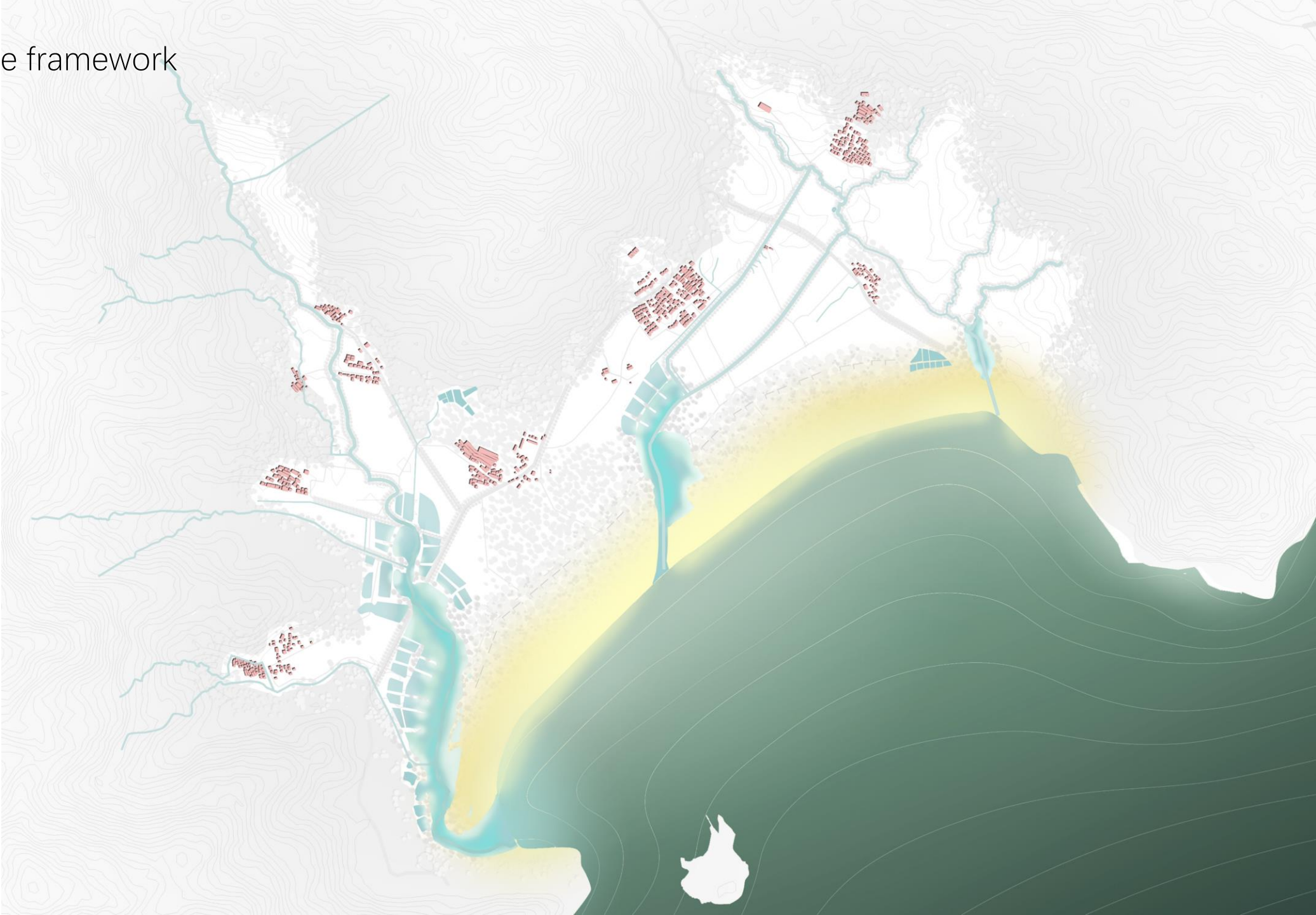
Proposed landscape framework

Water Network



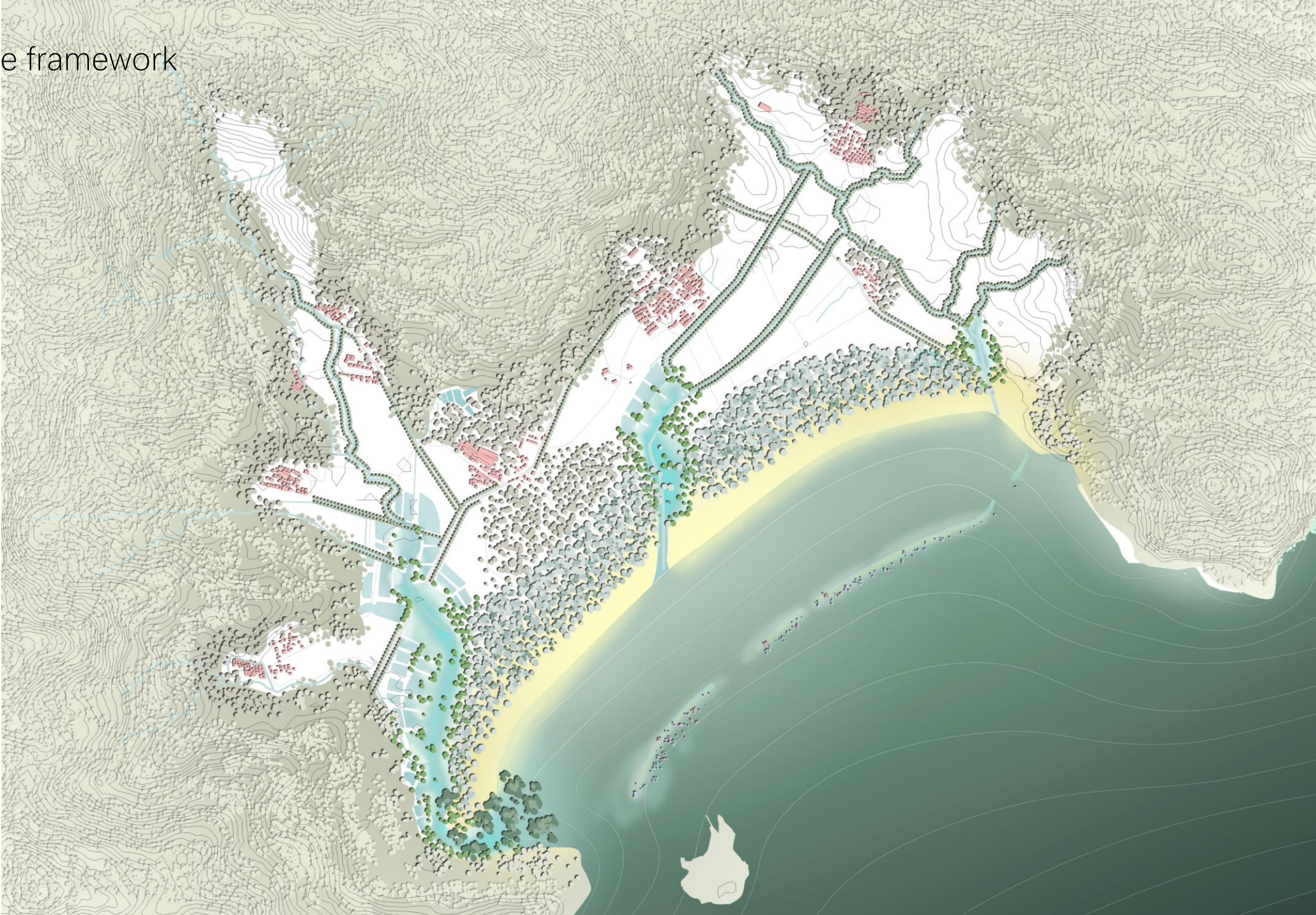
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Village Structure



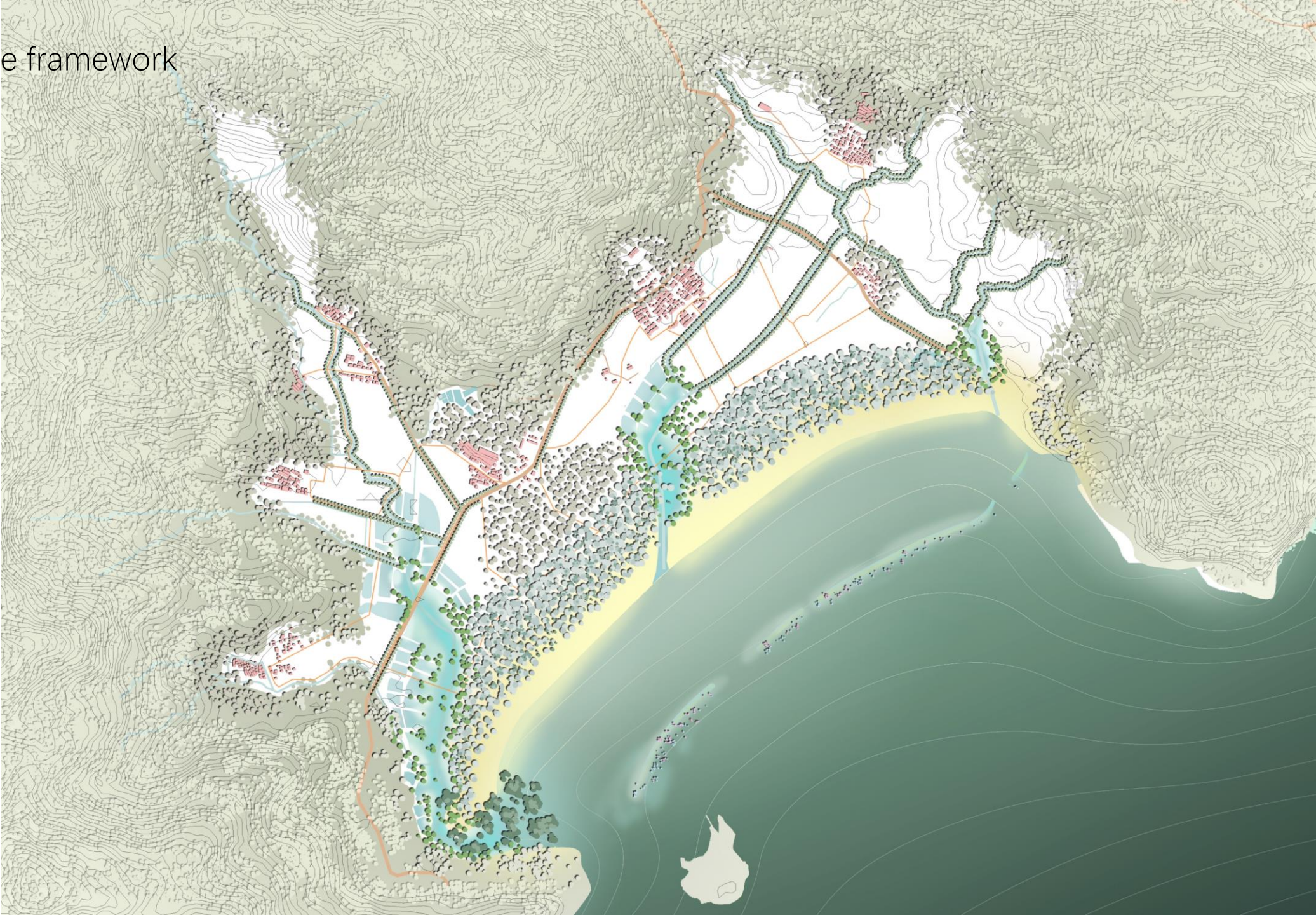
Proposed landscape framework

Vegetation Network



Proposed landscape framework

Mobility Network



Proposed landscape framework

Economic System



On the regional scale, to create **a resilient landscape framework** that provides conditions for the economic, ecological, and socio-cultural development of Xichong

on village scale

- Improve water sensitivity and spatial quality, paying attention to socio-culture aspect

on mediem scale

- Transform existing aquaculture system to a multifunctional one which can improve water resilience and ecological environment
- Explore a resilient model in the seafront zone that harmonize windbreak forest development with housing, and reduce beach erosion

Case study and literature review



Guiyuan village

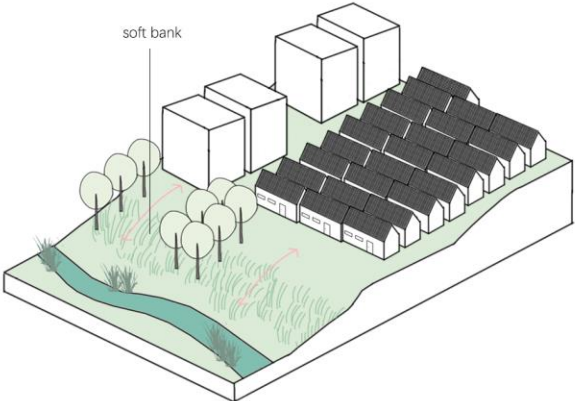


Windmark beach

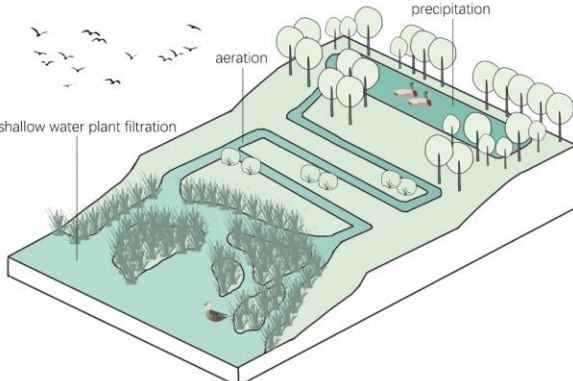
- Neighbourhood
- Natural preservation
- Infrastructure design responding to nature
- Beach walk

- Neighbourhood
- Natural preservation
- Cultural preservation

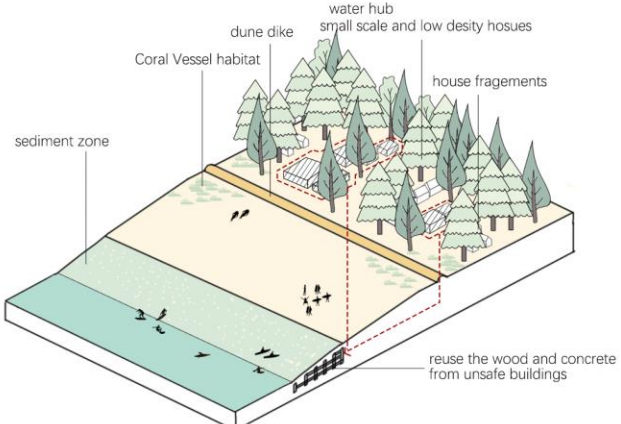
Design principle



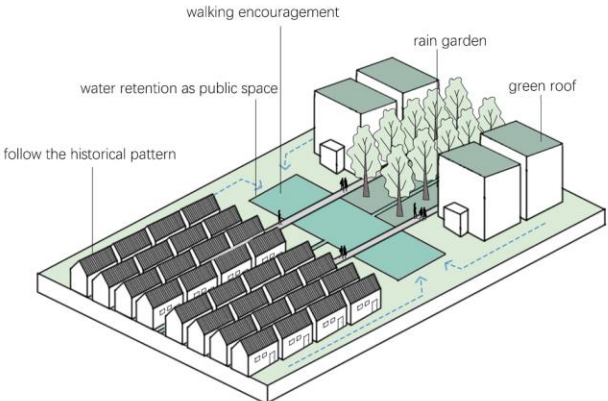
Soft Bank



Multi-stage Purification



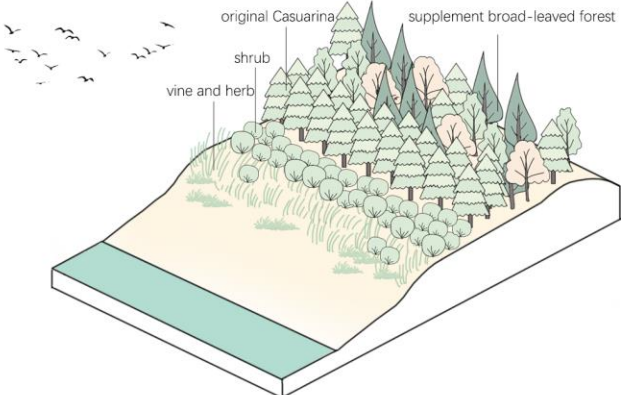
Eco-friendly Coastal Development



Water Resilient



Naturalized Fish Pond



Multi-layer Windbreak

Village landscape

Aquaculture and agriculture landscape

Seafront landscape

Design exploration on local scale



Design Exploration on **Windbreak Forest**

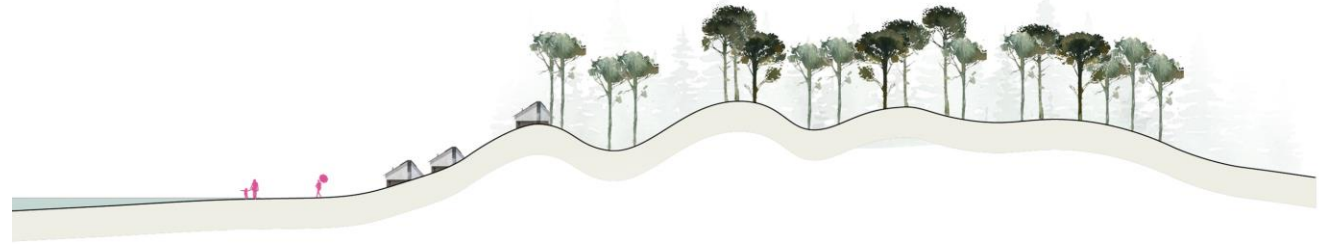
Block A sea front landscape

Focus on -----

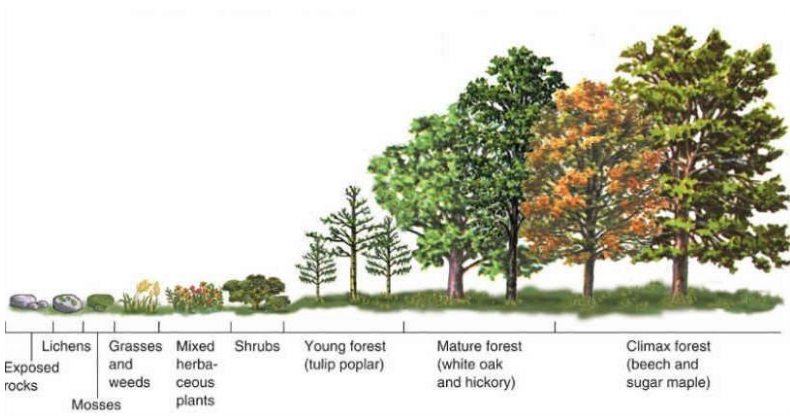
1. build an **ecological sound windbreak forest and** let **housing** be part of it
2. improve **beach erosion**



Ecological strategy



let it grow
&
SOW

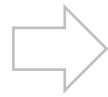


succession



Casuarina equisetifolia Forst.

Single species



Casuarina equisetifolia Forst.



Sterculia lanceolata



Liriodendron chinense Sargent.



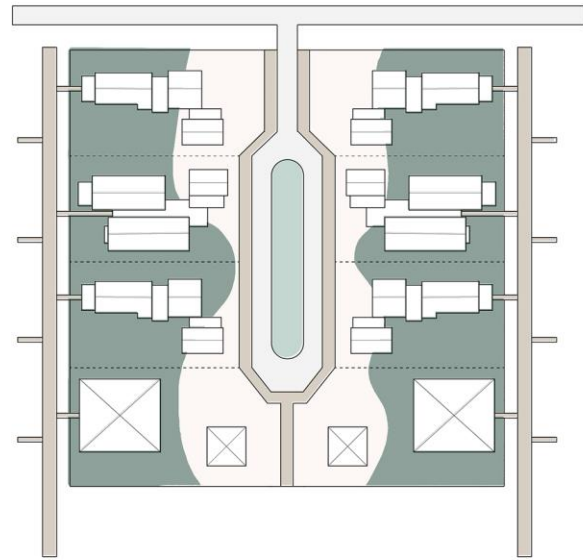
Ficus microcarpa Linn. f.

Mixed forest

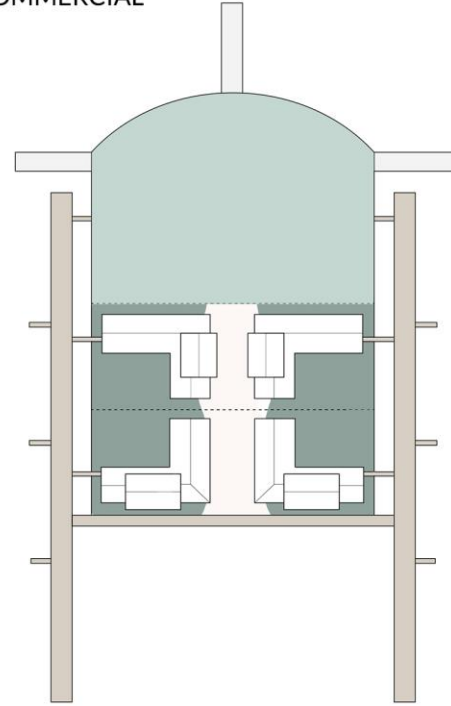
Housing strategy

living lot

Human activities such as traffic and parking are mainly concentrated in the direction of the front yard, and the backyard is used for the succession of plant communities. The backyard is connected to a wooden walkway leading to the beach.



LIVING COMMERCIAL



mobility lot

It is a transportation hub connecting inside and outside. It mainly undertakes parking and commercial functions and can accommodate about 200 cars

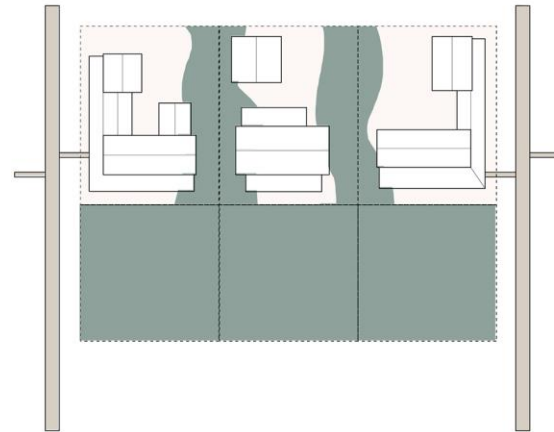
Paved surface: 30~40%
Succession area: 60~70%

OFF-BEACH

NEAR-BEACH

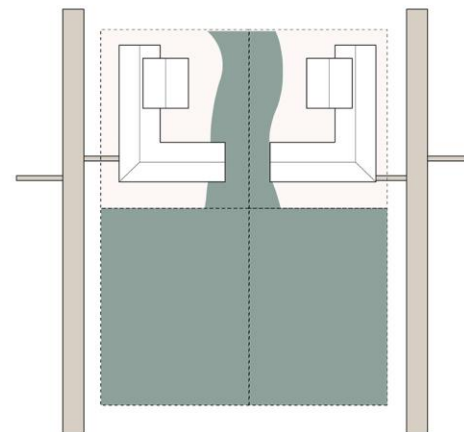
alternative lot

It can be adapted to people's needs and developed for residential or commercial functions. It can also be used as short-term rental housing.



commercial lot

Beach frontage, ideally located for commercial functions such as restaurants and hotels



tree layer (parking)
 multi-layer
 activity zone
 wooden path
 motorway

LOW



The combination of commercial and a small amount of residential lot can basically meet the tourism and residential needs of the site.

MEDIUM



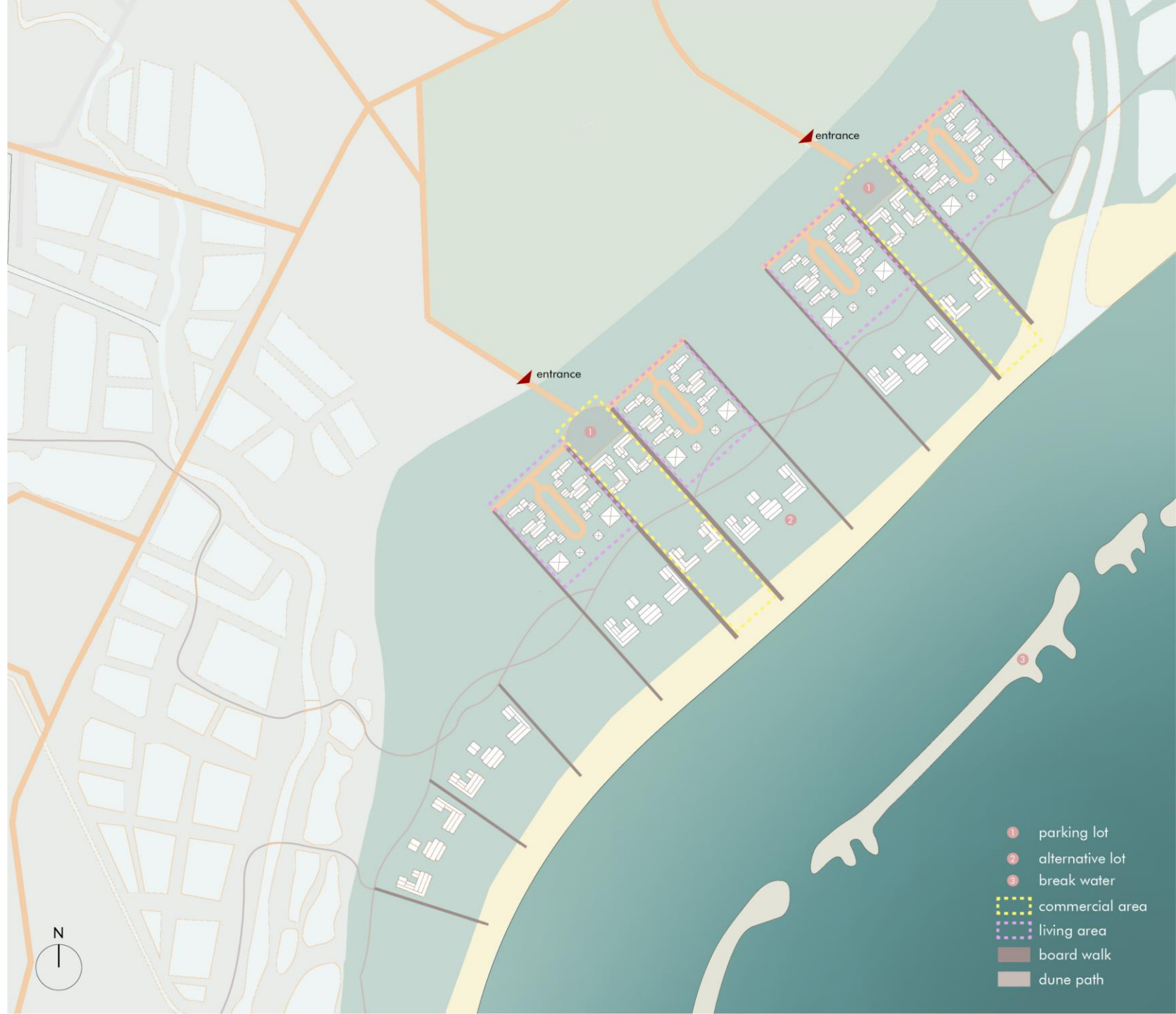
Increase building density appropriately to meet more residential or commercial needs while ensuring windbreak forest development

HIGH



Maximizing the accommodation of residential and commercial functions, the development space of windbreaks may be limited or at risk of being inadequate

Proposed plan



Now



Nature: Single species community

Human: Business on the beach and in front of the windbreak forest

TOURISM

human

- remove current houses
- construct coexisting lot

FOREST

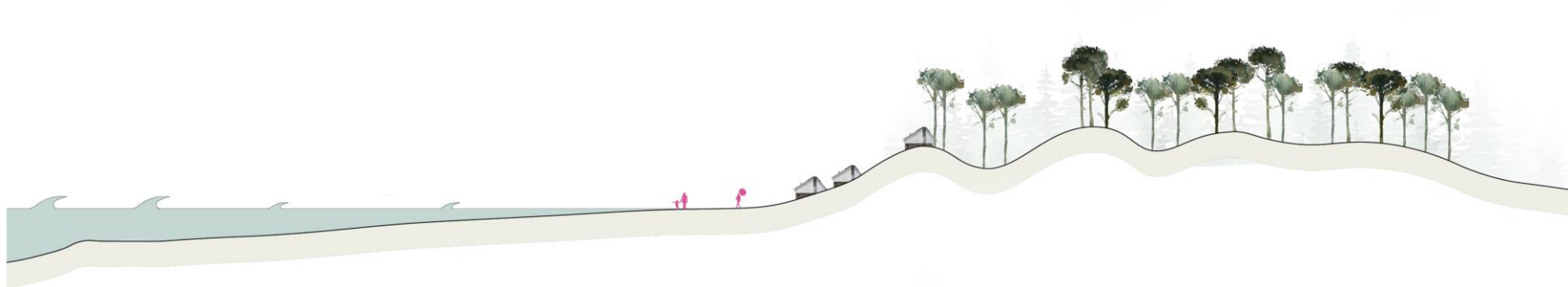
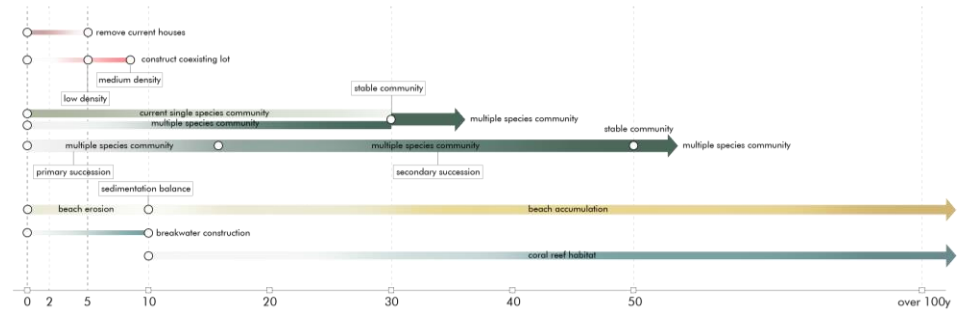
nature

- current cover zone
- no forest zone

SHORE

ocean

- beach
- breakwater
- coral reef community

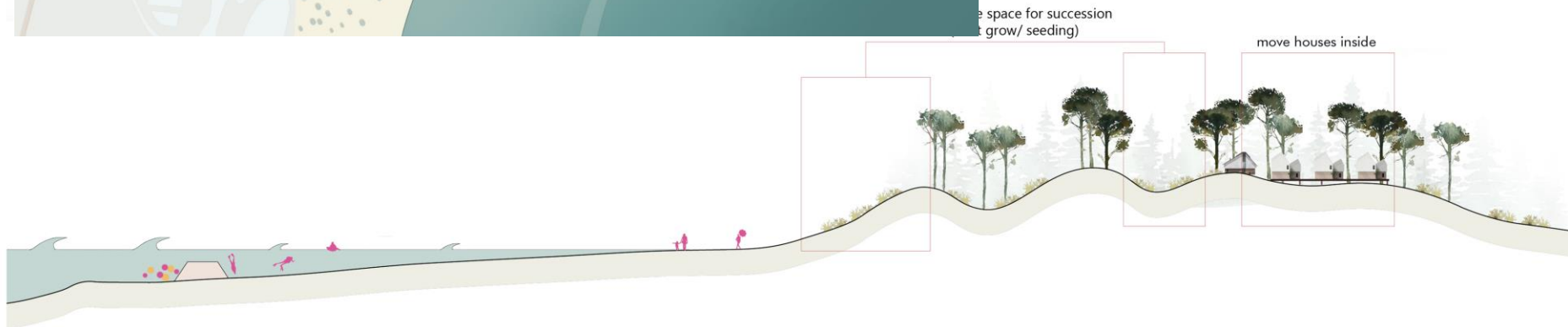


0-2 y



Nature: Preparation for other species to grow (sowing / let it grow)

Human: Move houses inside



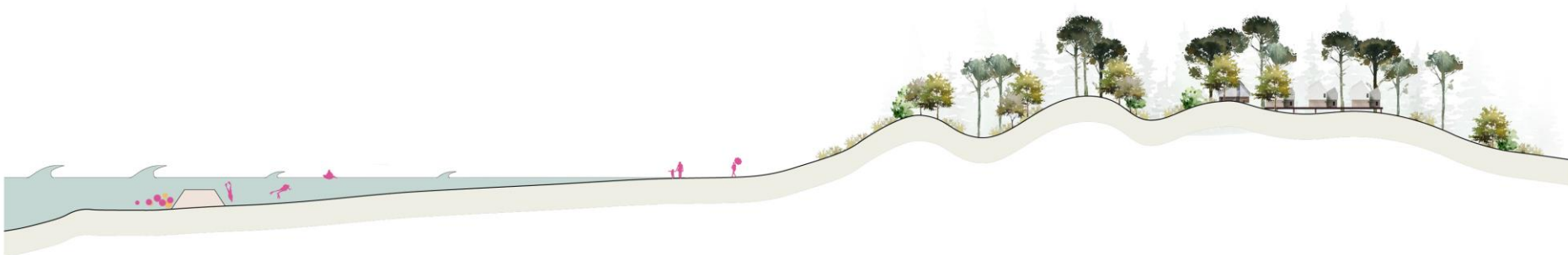
2-20 y



Nature: Other pioneer species are growing

Human: -----

pioneer trees are growing



20-40 y



Nature: Pioneer tree species have provided a good growing environment for dominant species. Pioneer tree species are beginning to decline and diverse dominant species are beginning to grow.

Human: -----



40-50 y

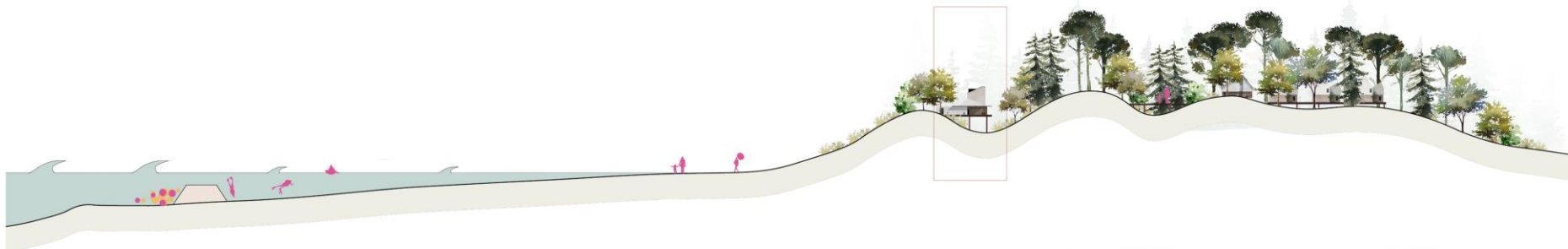


Nature: Multiple dominant tree species will mature and form an ecological sound ecosystem with the original single species community

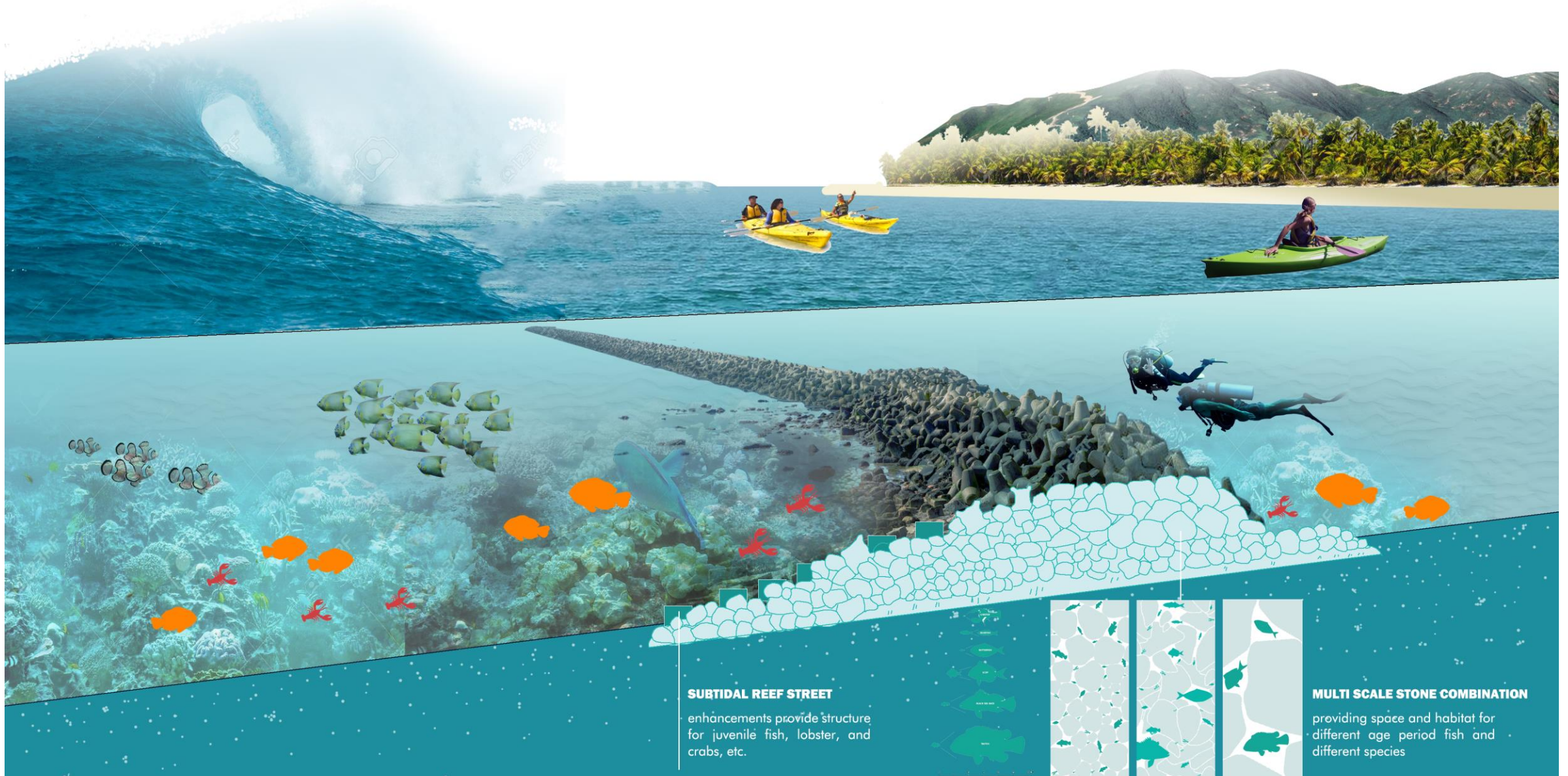
Human: Appropriate increase in building density

clear some space, appropriately increase building density for human activity

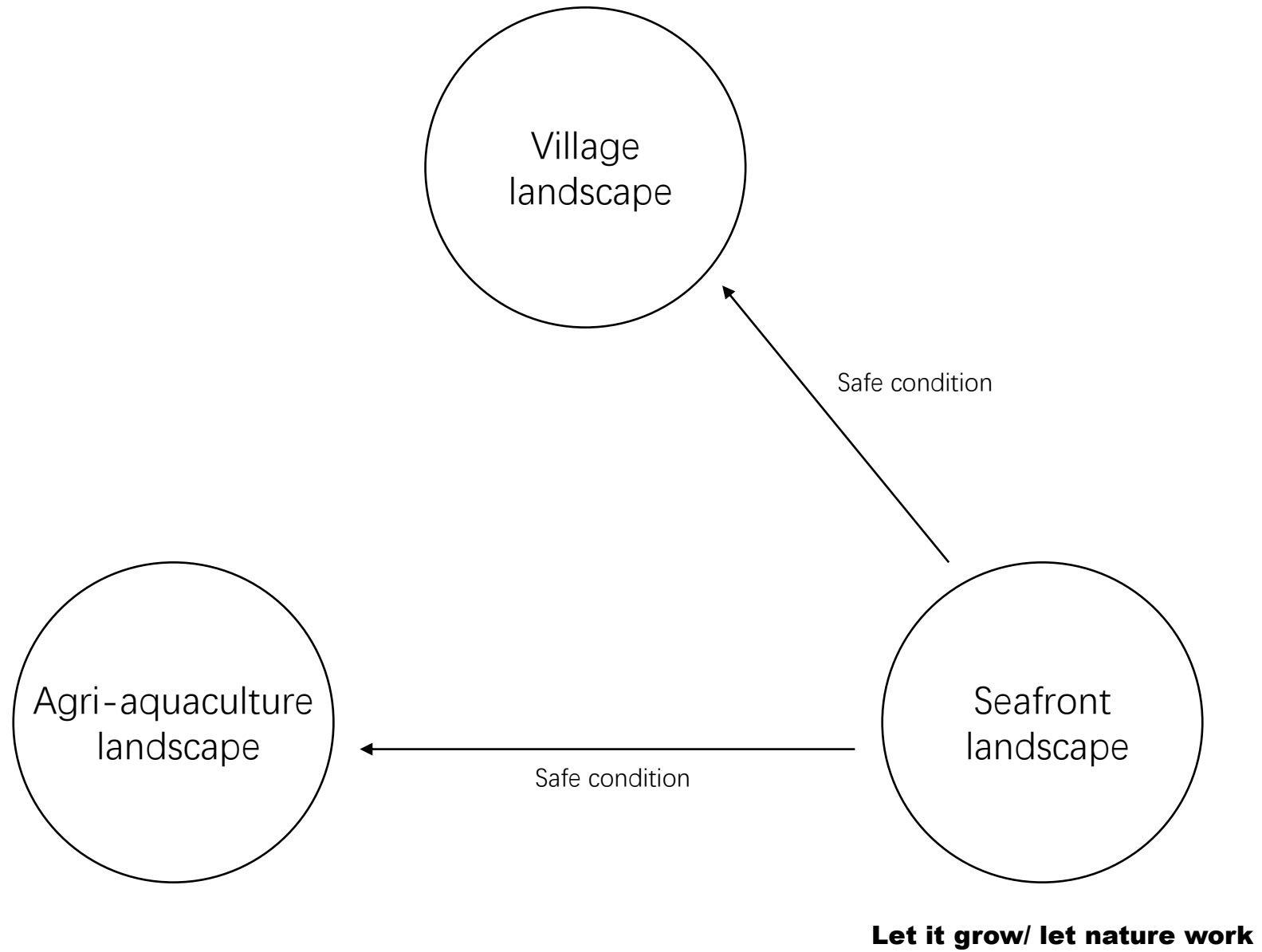
dominant species occupies a dominant position, combining with the original single species to form a stable and diverse ecological community



Erosion strategy



Conclusion



Design Exploration on **Fish Pond**

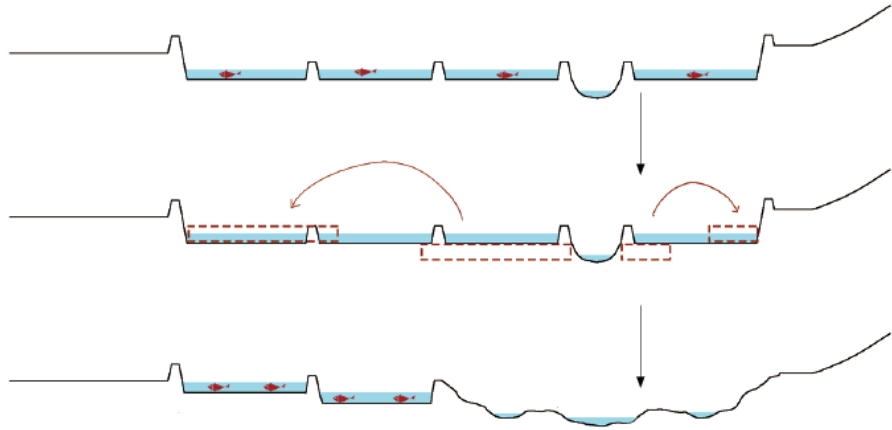
Block B agri-aquaculture landscape

Focus on improve -----

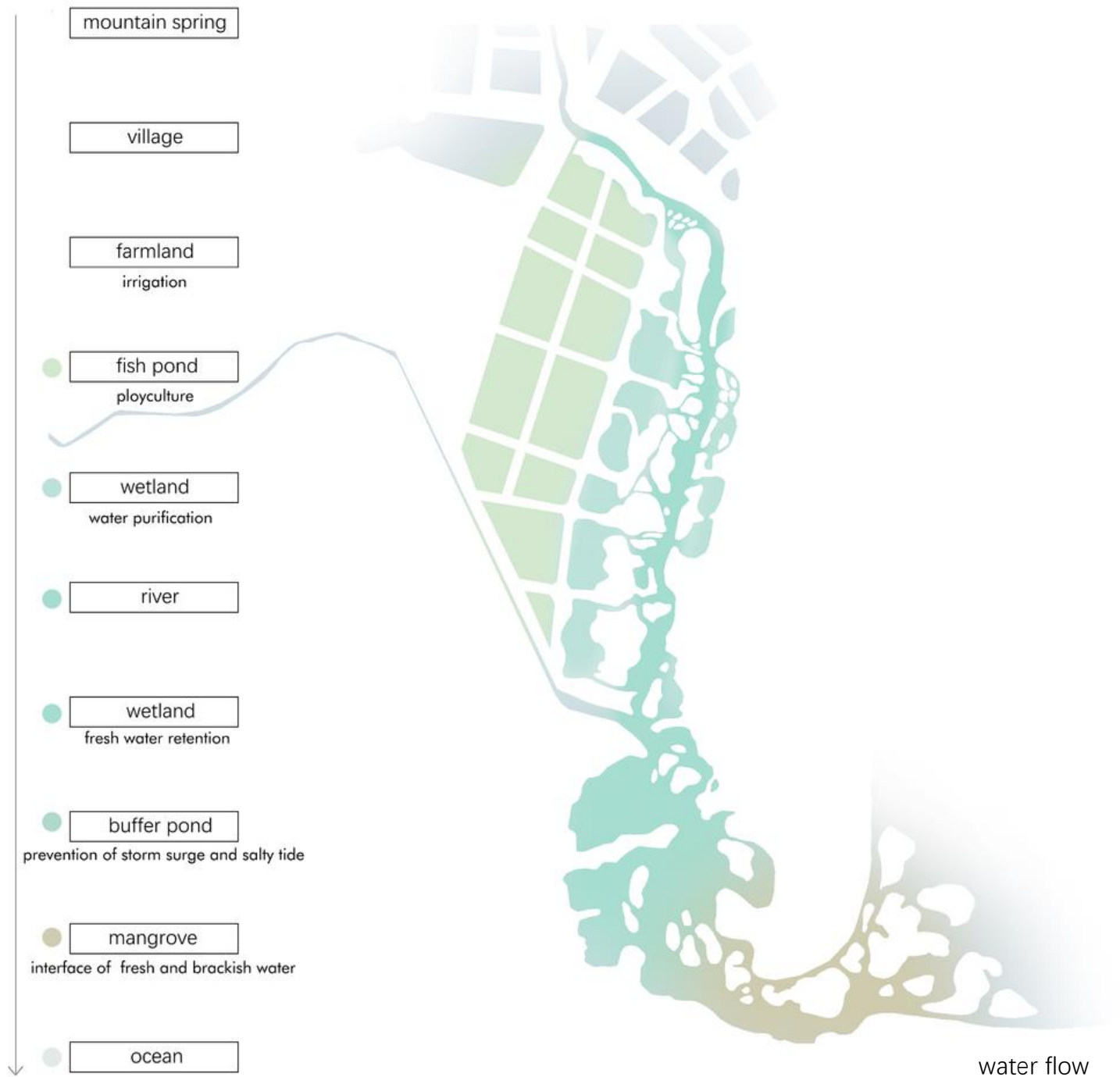
1. the **water flow** in various aspects (quality, quantity, ecological value) to enhance the its resilience
2. **connectivity** between beach and hinterland



Water flow strategy



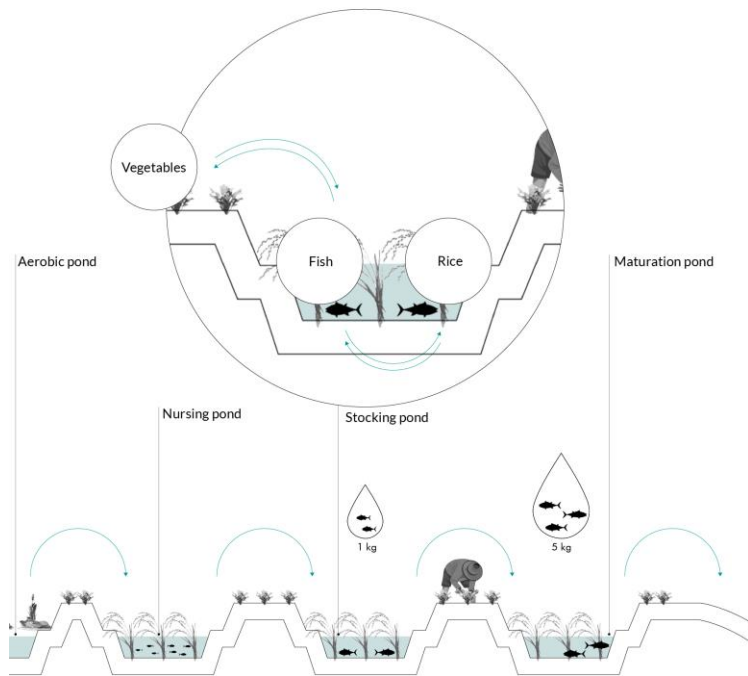
adjust the earth work to smooth the gradient



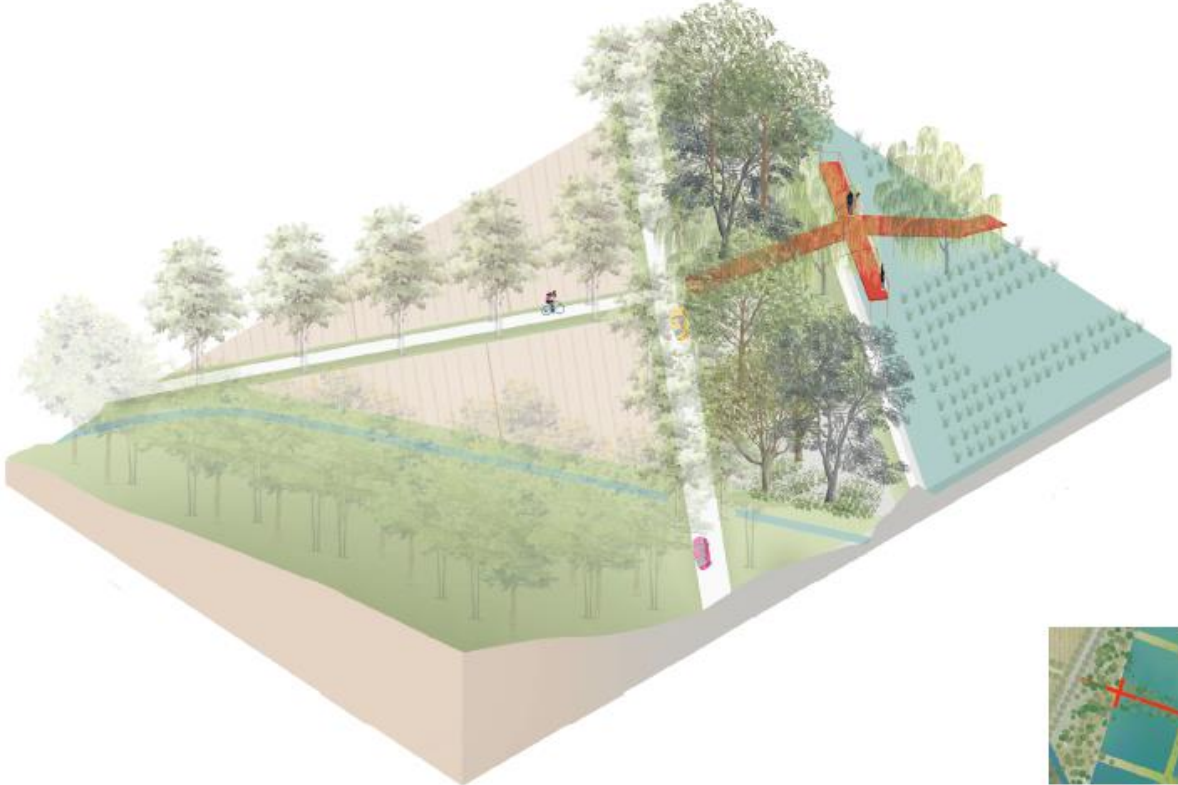
Mobility strategy



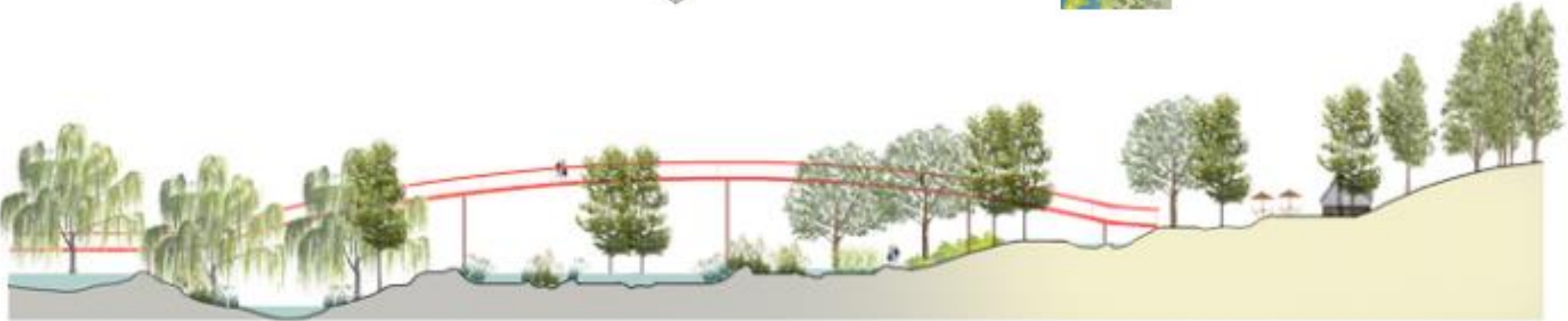
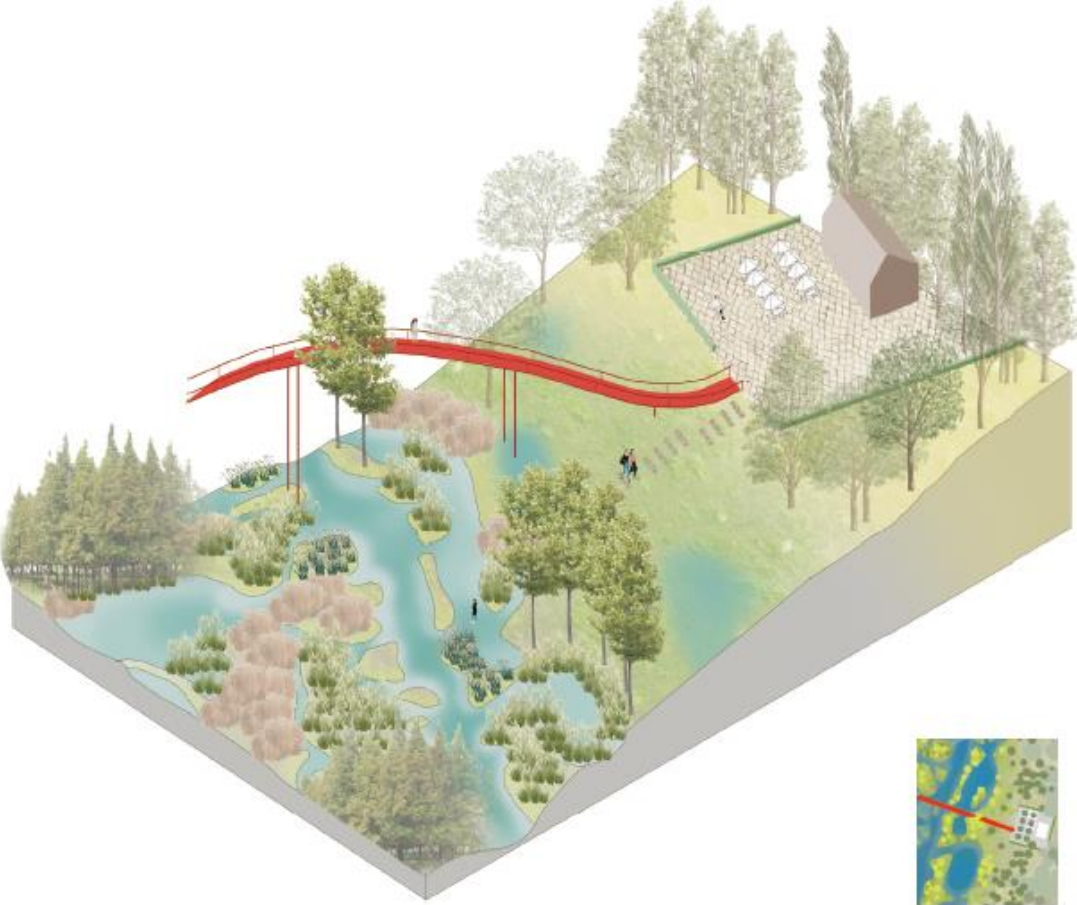
Proposed plan



- interface A



- interface B





Pinus massoniana Lamb



Casuarina



Mikania micrantha Kunth



Pennisetum purpureum Schum



Taxodium distichum



Glyptostrobus pensilis (Staunt.) Koch



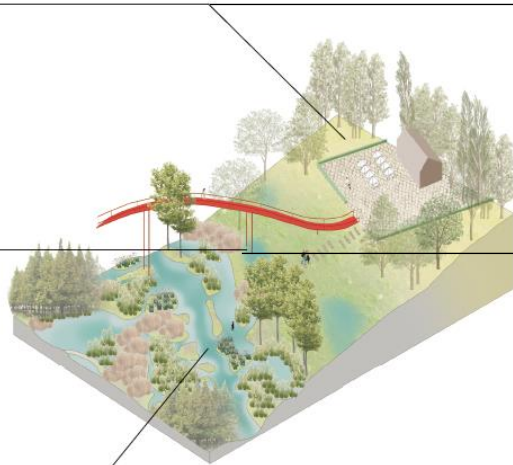
Imperata cylindrica



Pennisetum purpureum Schum



Reed



Horornis fortipes



Sinosuthora webbiana



Pinus massoniana Lamb



Garrulax canorus



Phalacrocorax carbo



Ardeola bacchus



Charadriiformes



Ceryle rudis



Mugil cephalus



Ctenopharyngodon idella



Hypophthalmichthys



Mylopharyngodon piceus

- interface C



Ardea sinensis



Nycticorax nycticorax



Alcedo atthis



Periophthalmus cantonensis



Cynoglossus puncticeps



Metapenaeus ensis



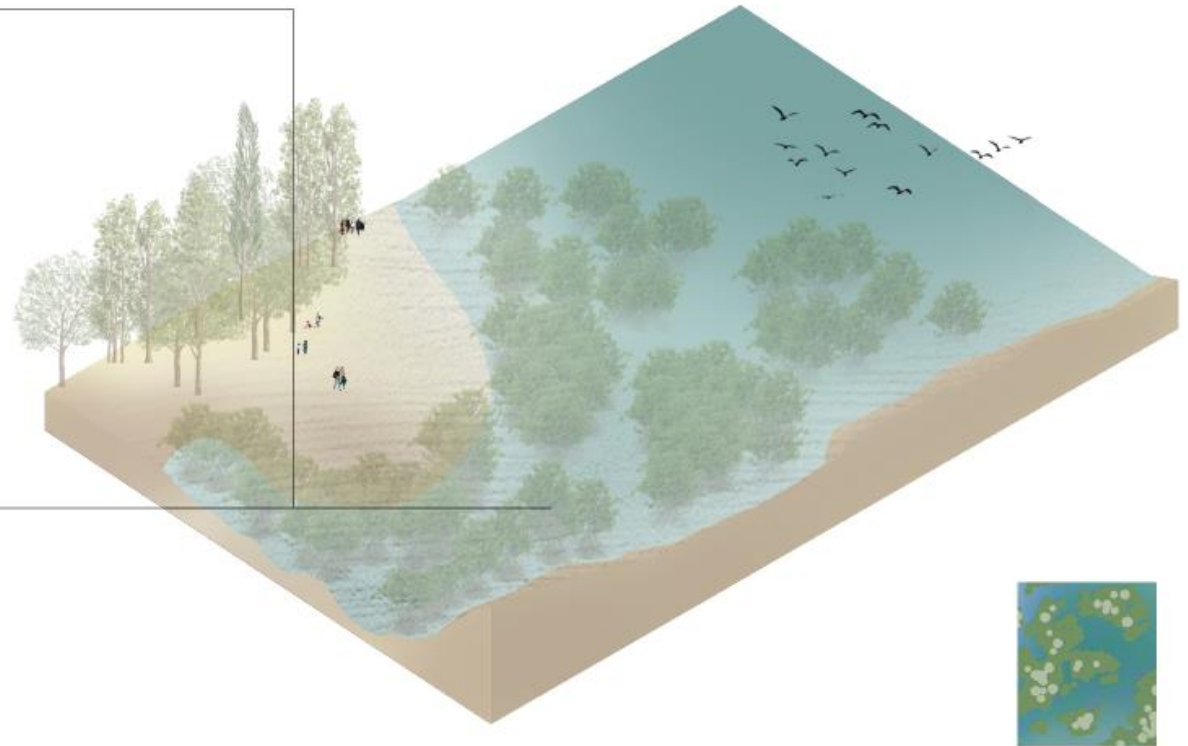
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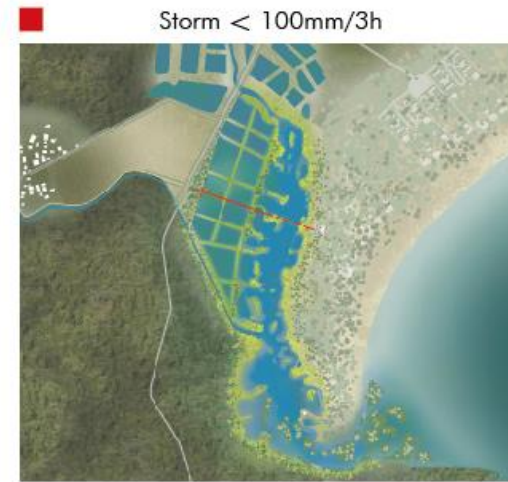
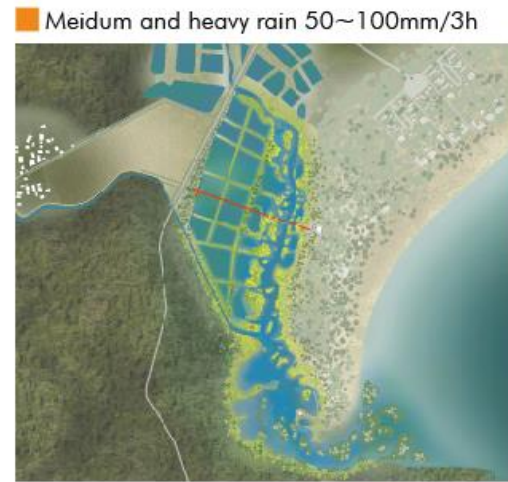
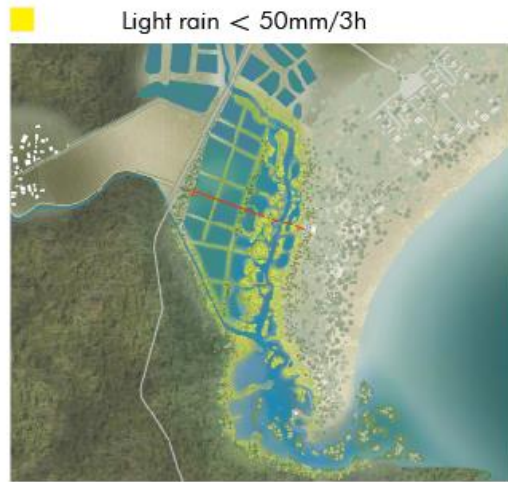
Bostrychus sinensis



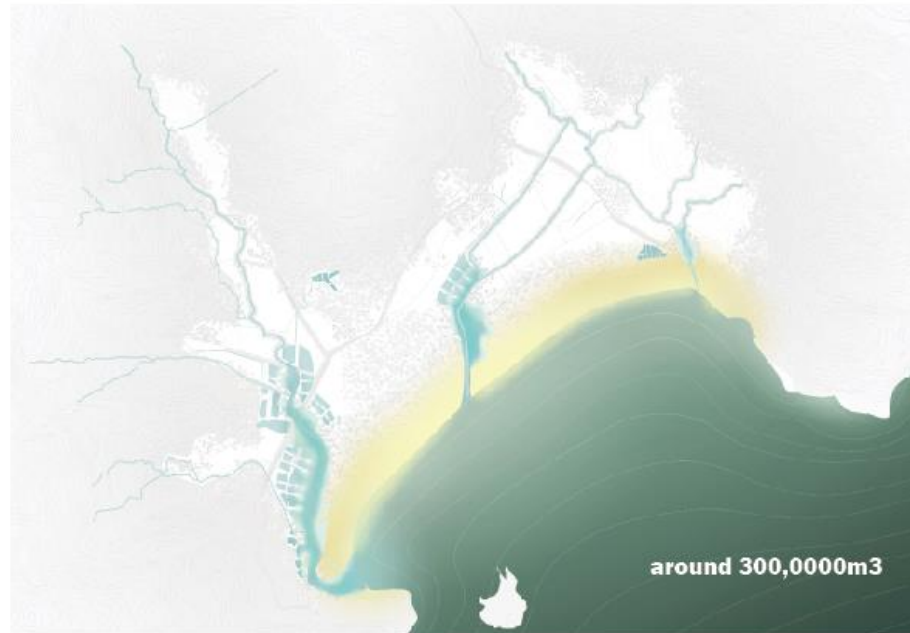
Aristichthys nobilis



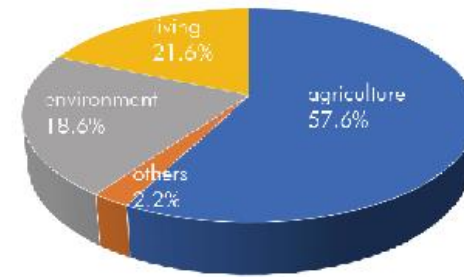
Water retention and utilization





Water storage capacity

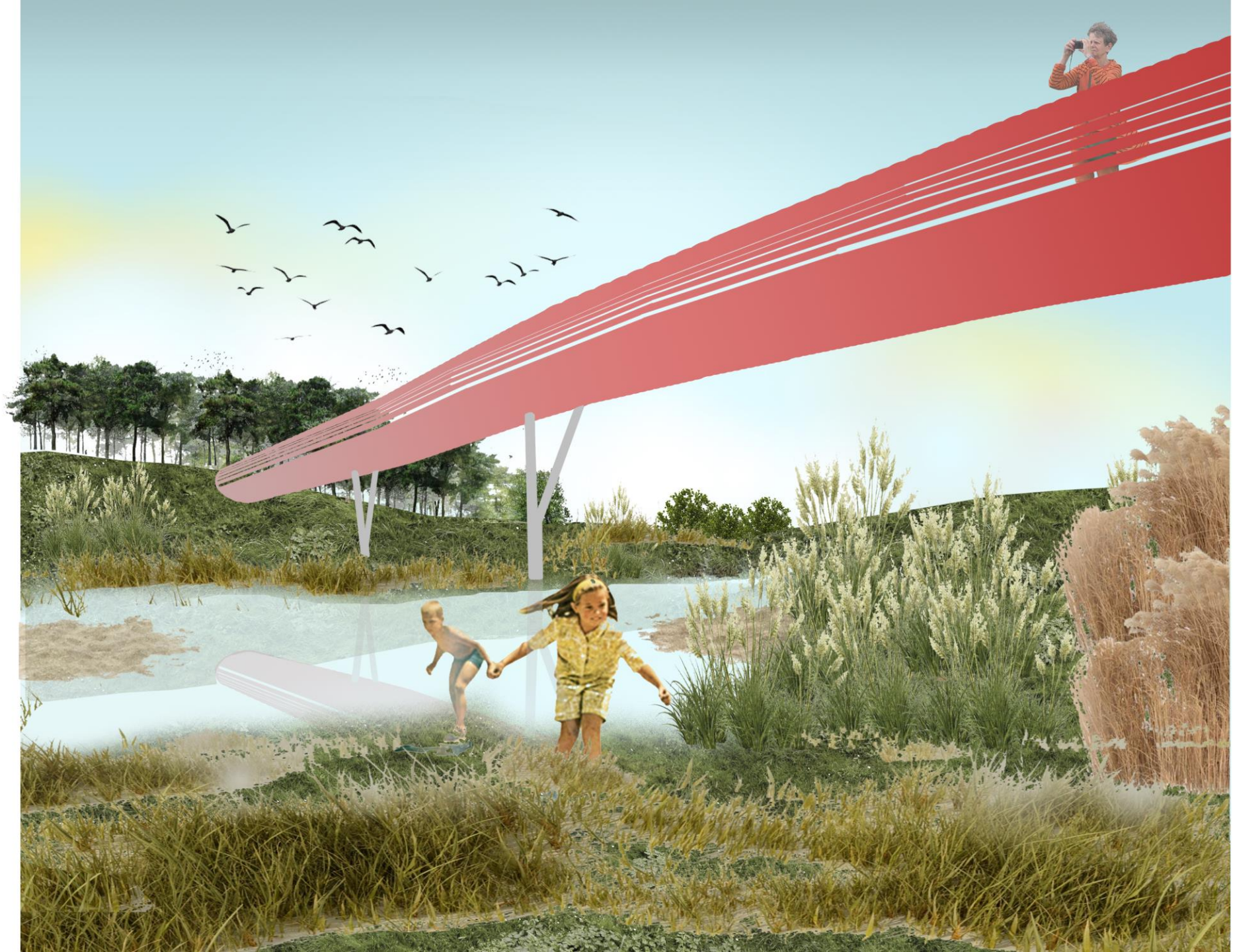


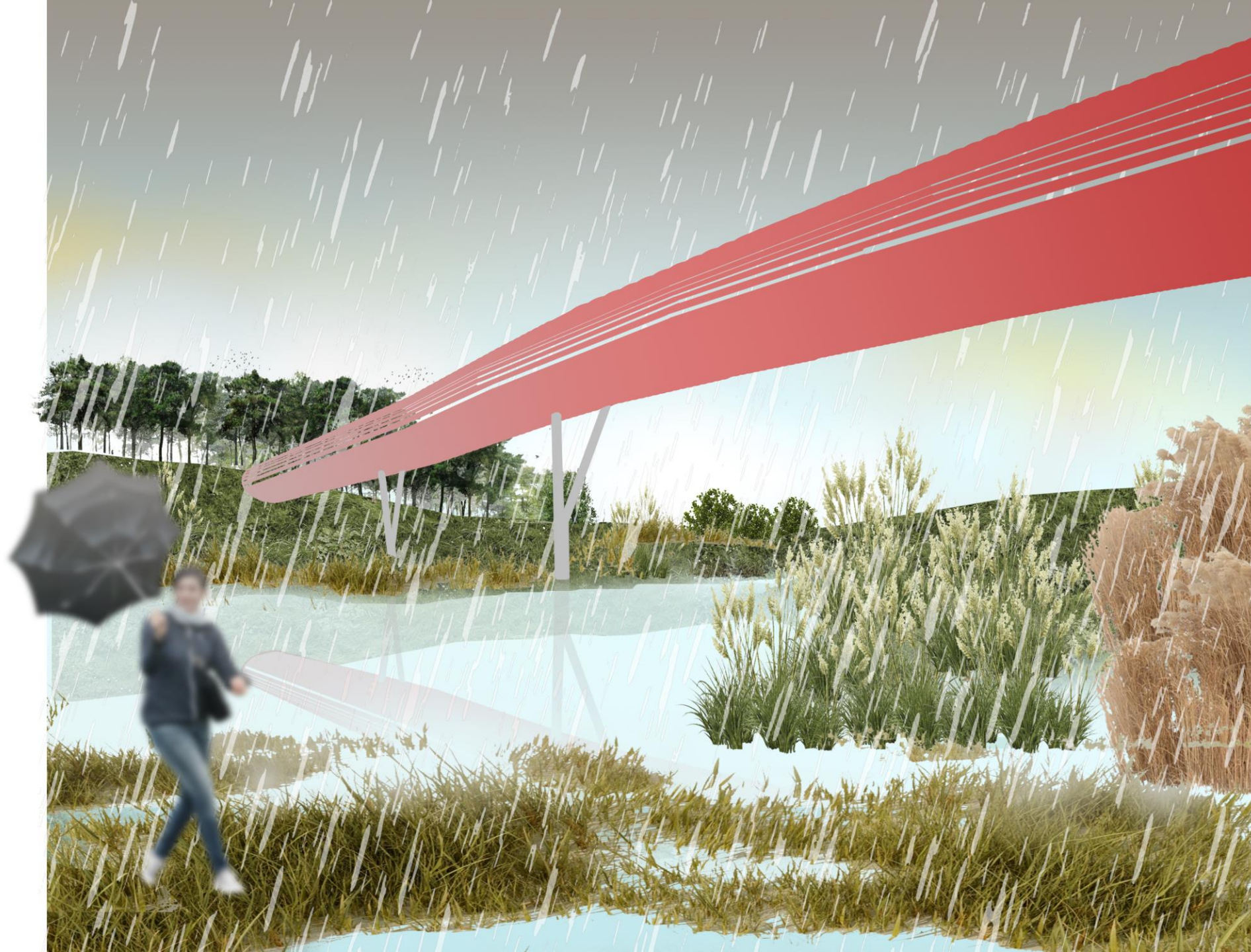
Water utilization



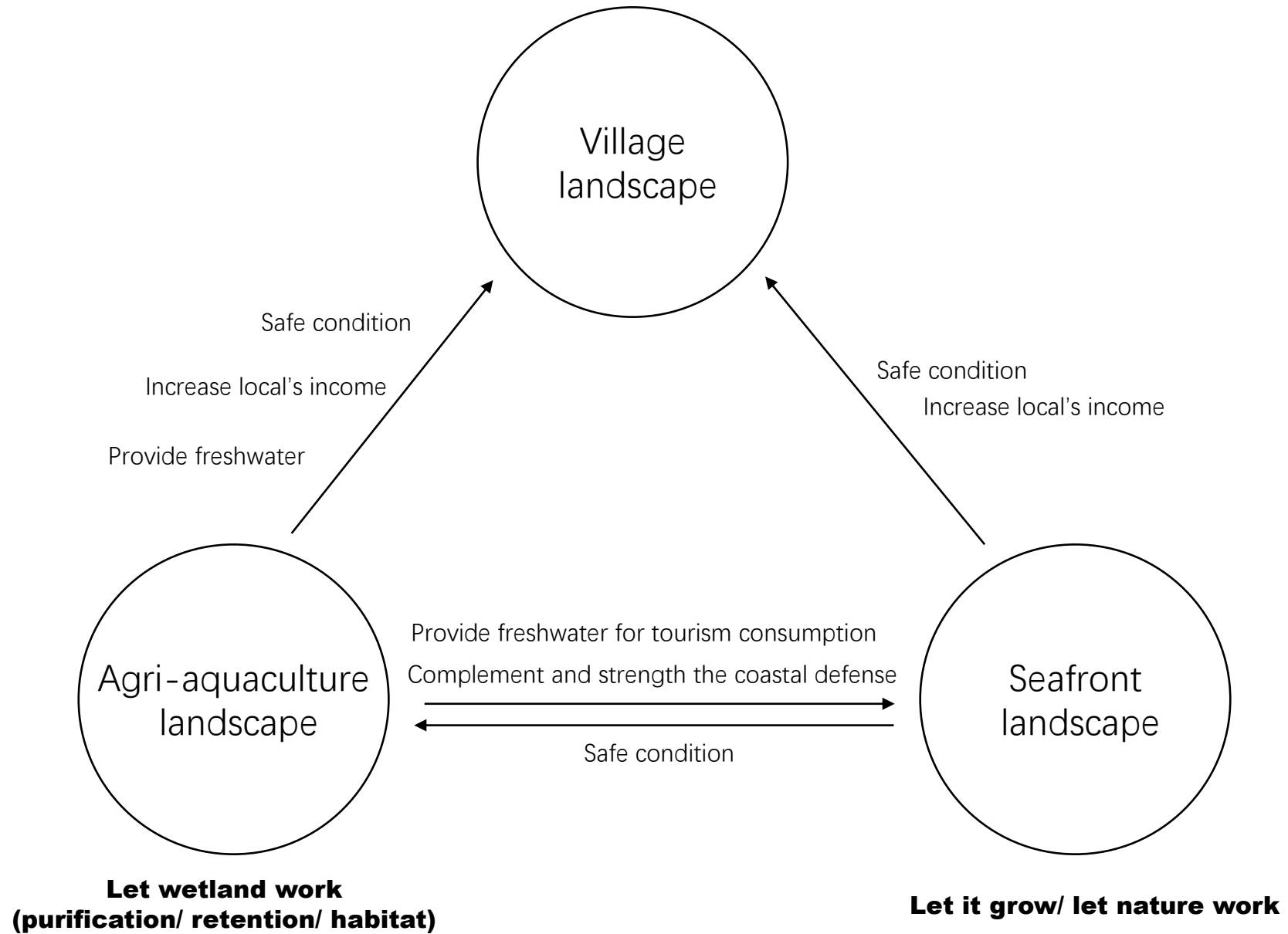
 +1000~1500 people

 agriculture, aquaculture, ecology, tourism and villager





Conclusion



Design Exploration on **Hakka Village**

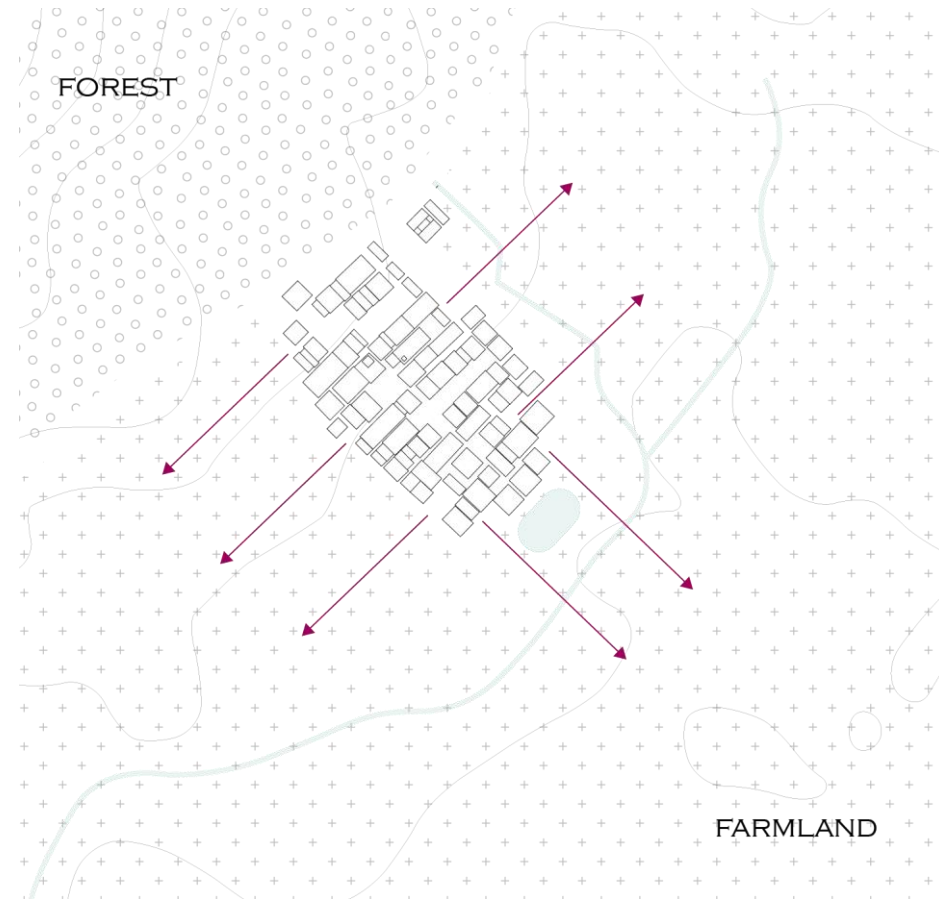
Block C village landscape

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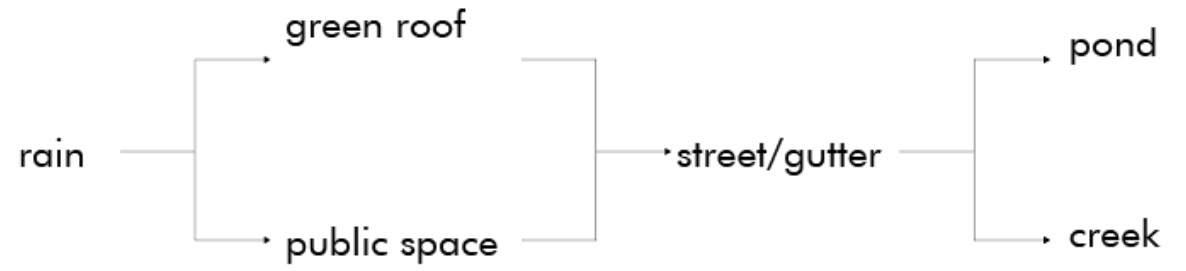
1. the **water sensitivity**
2. **public space** considering social-culture aspect
3. **connectivity** with the whole area



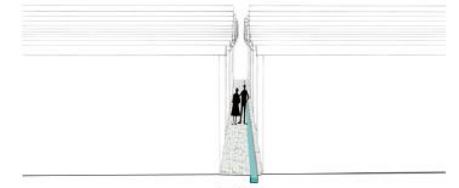
Water management and connection with landscape in history



Water Strategy



bioswale



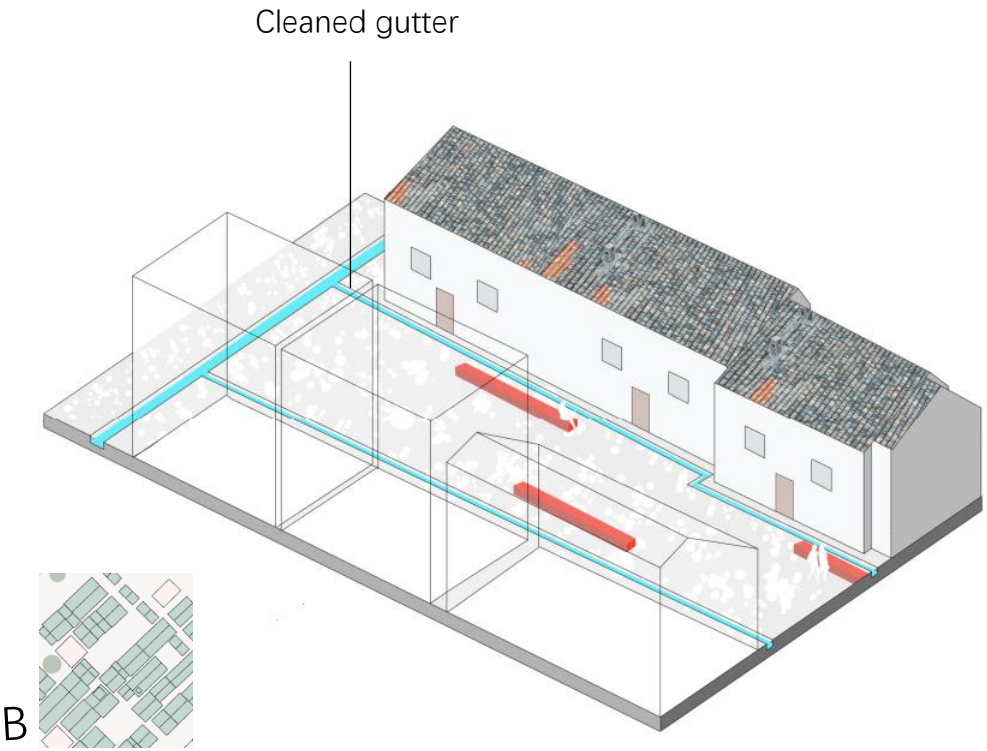
Connectivity Strategy



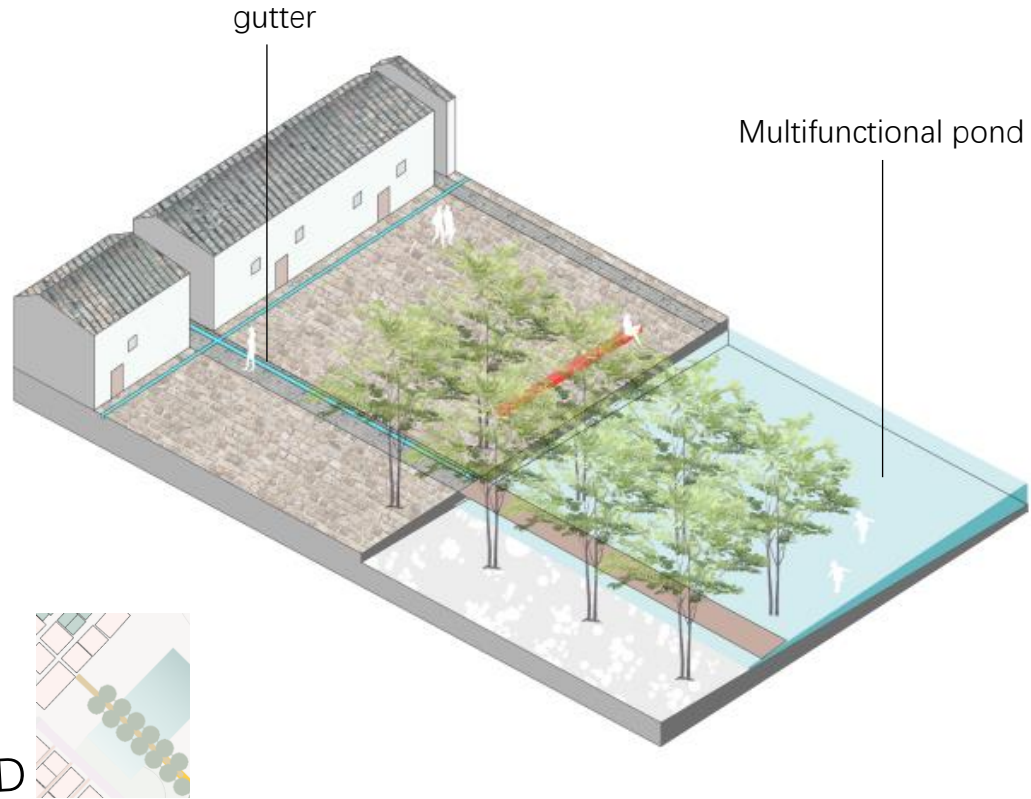
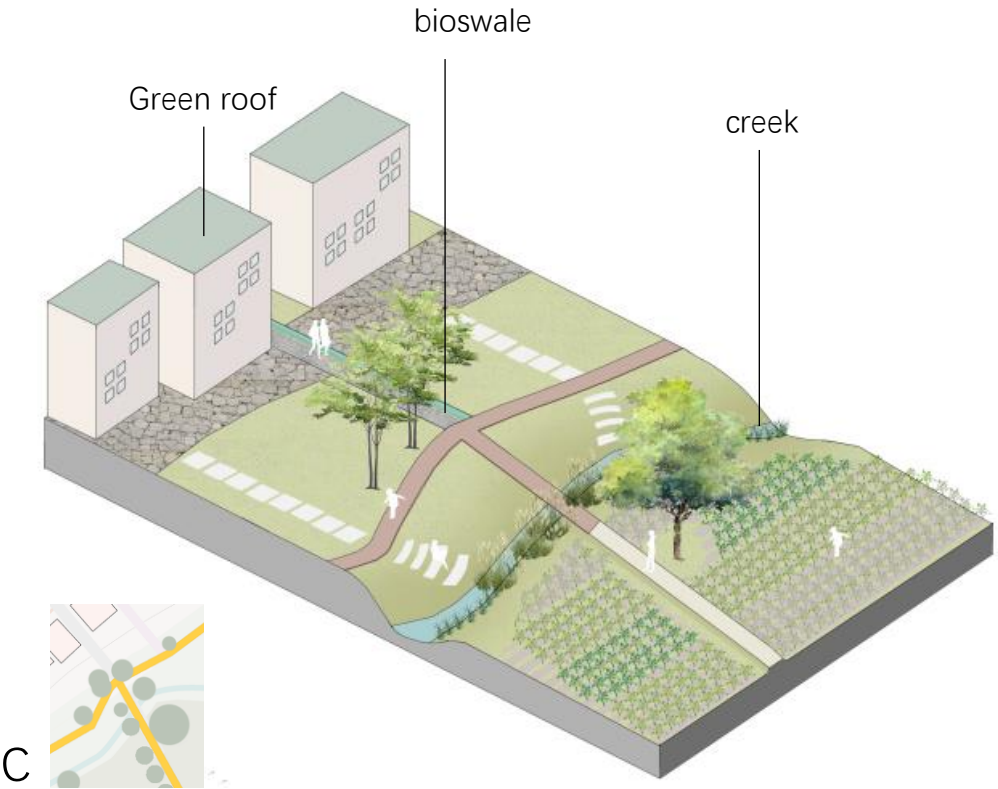
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- interface A & B



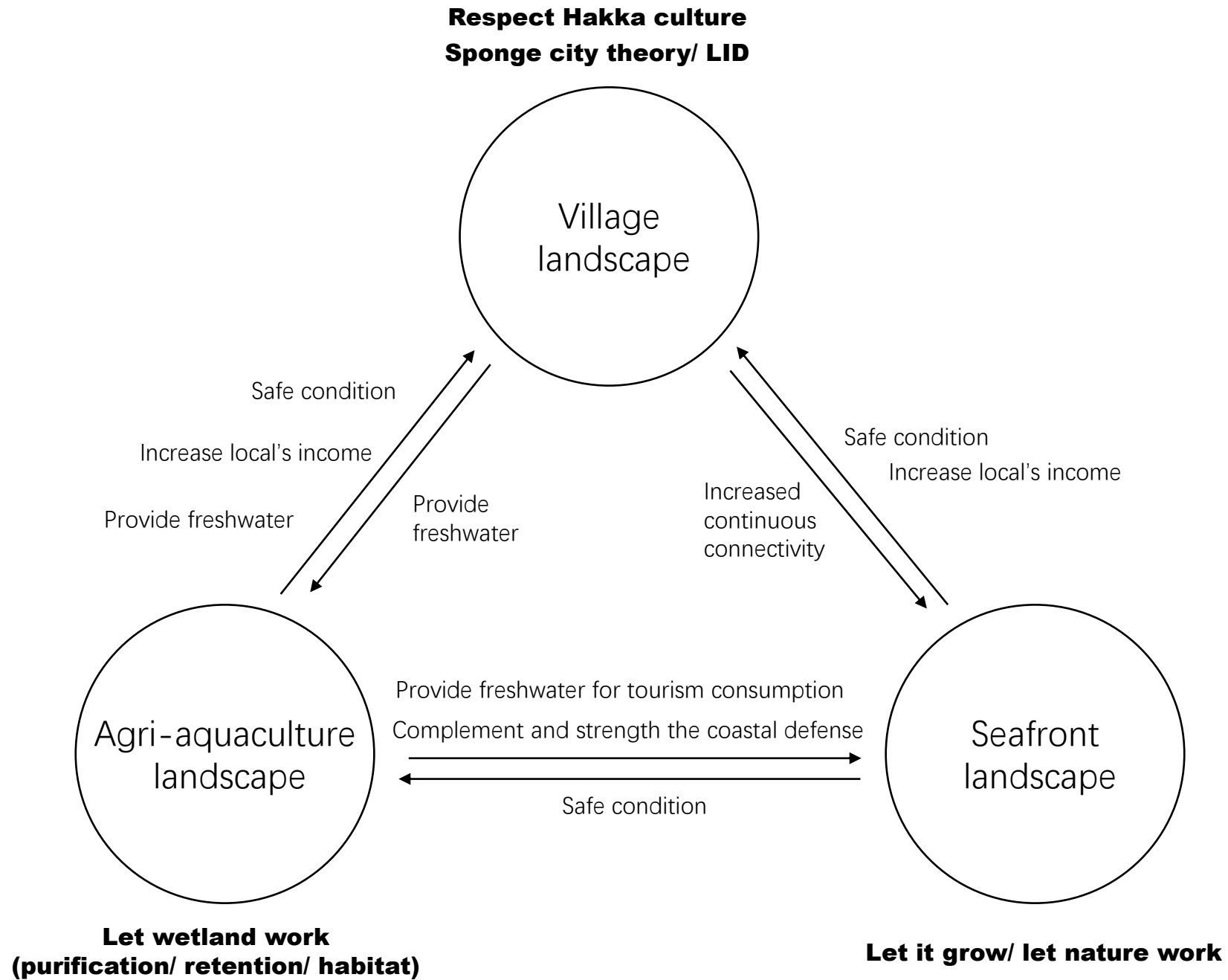
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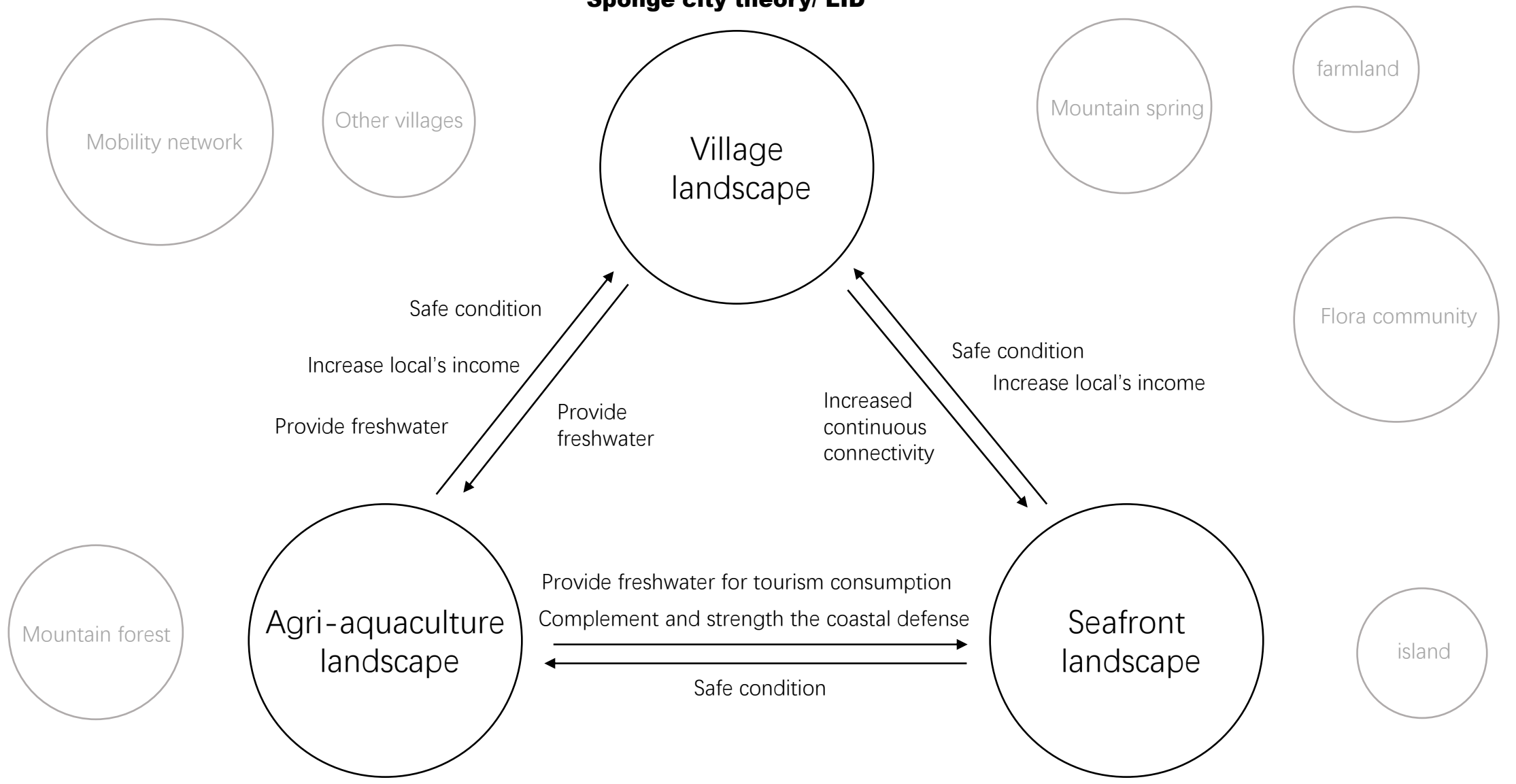




Conclusion



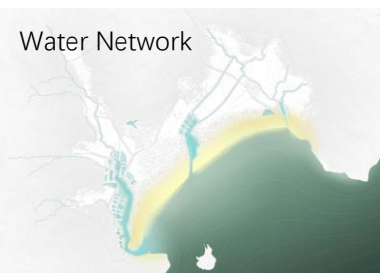
**Respect Hakka culture
Sponge city theory/ LID**



**Let wetland work
(purification/ retention/ habitat)**

Let it grow/ let nature work

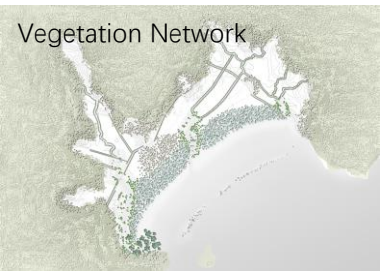
Water Network



Village Structure



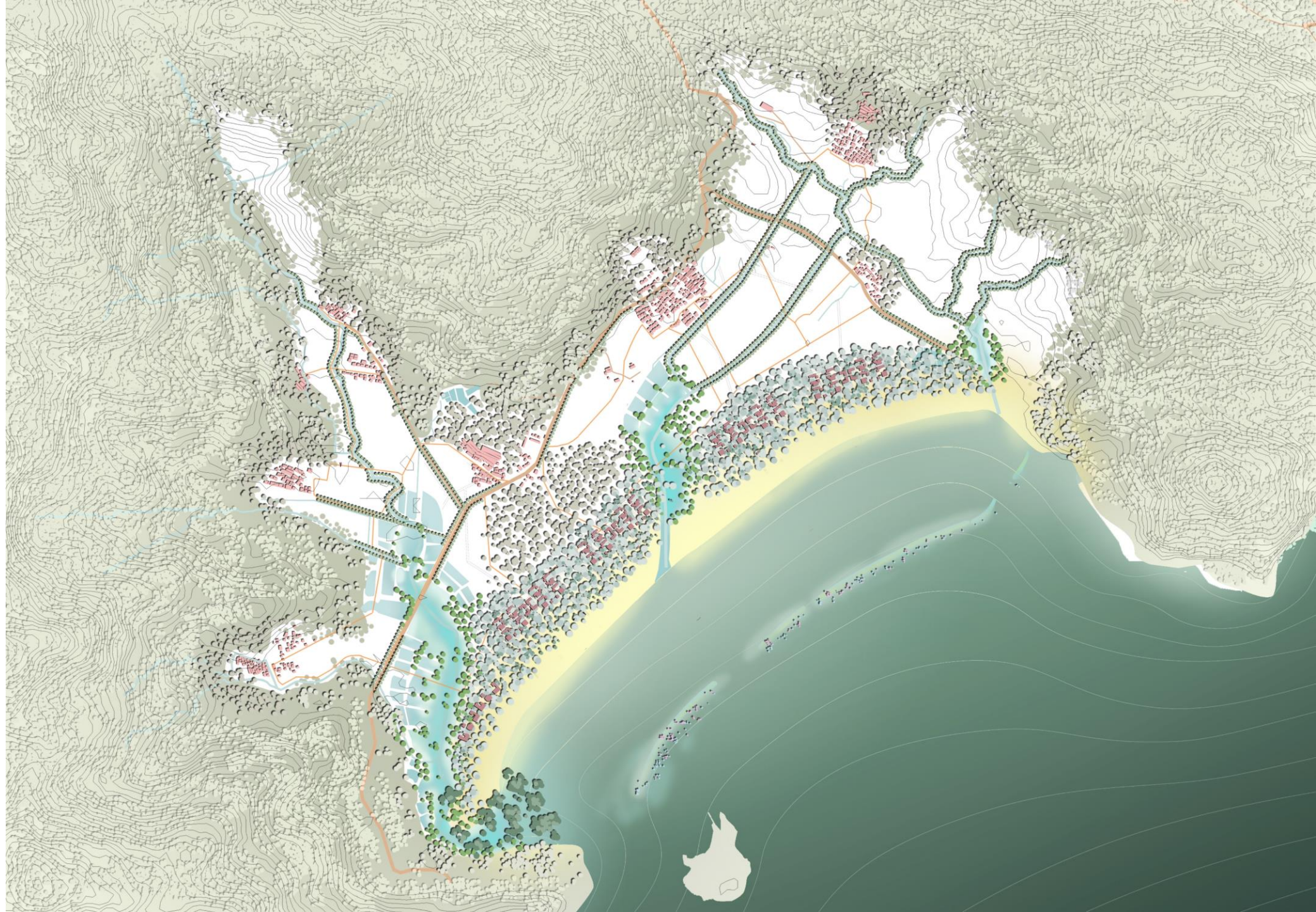
Vegetation Network



Mobility Network



Economic System

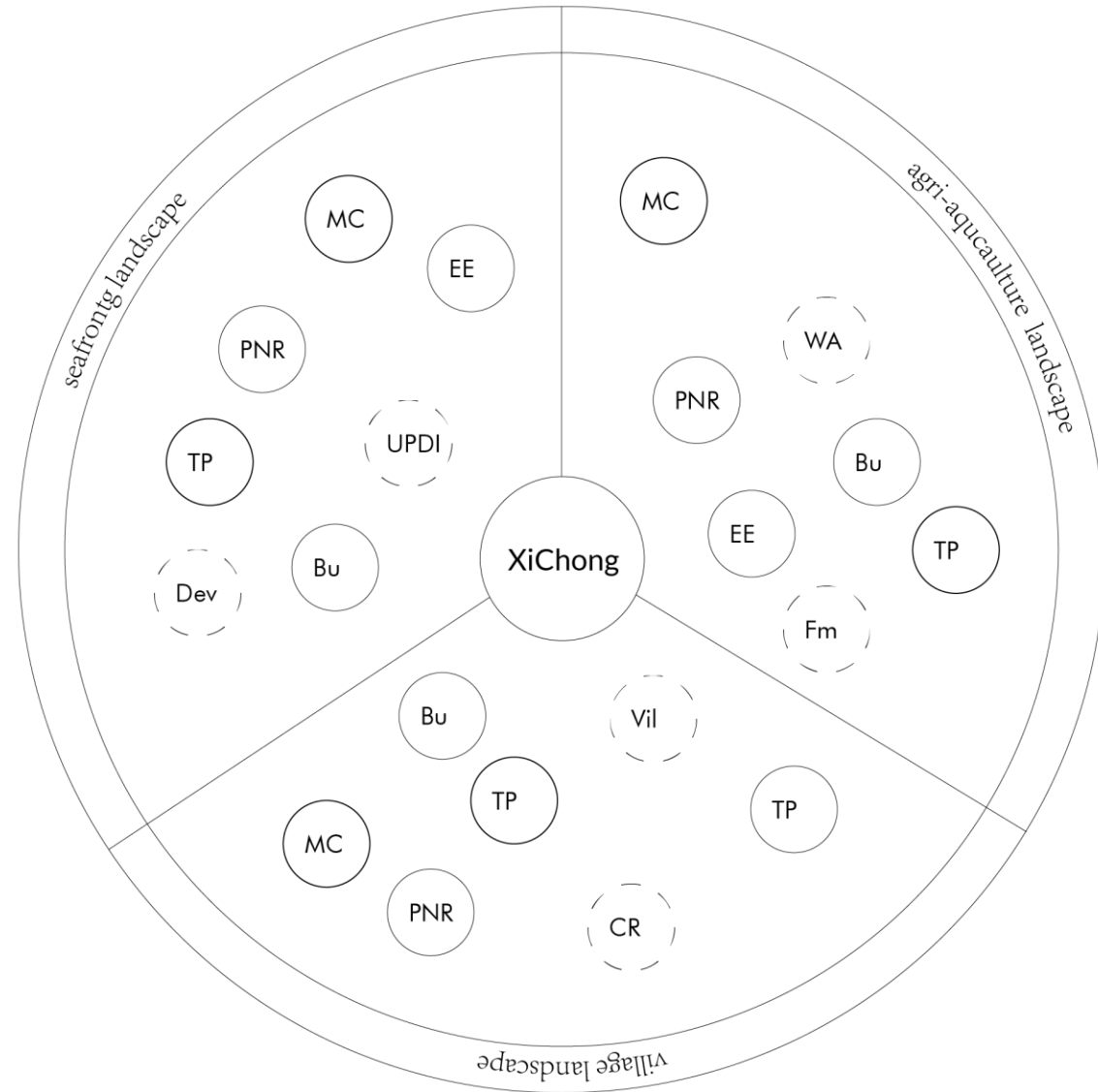


Stake holders

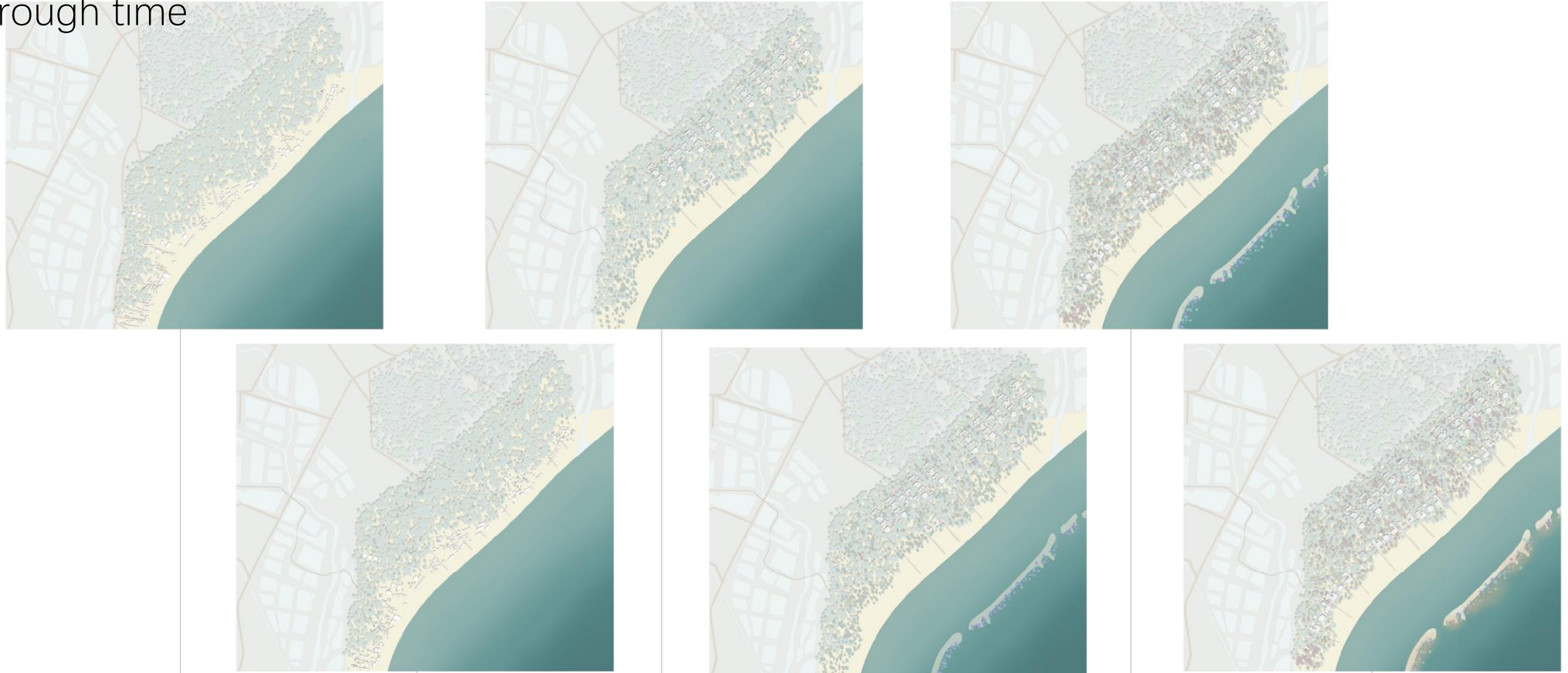
Stakeholder Engagement

- ` Developers (Hotels/Restaurants)(Dev)
- ` Businessman (Bu)
- ` Farmers (Agri-Aquaculture) (Fm)
- ` Villagers (Vil)
- ` Shenzhen Planning and Natural Resources Bureau (PNR)
- ` Shenzhen Ecological Environment Bureau (EE)
- ` Shenzhen Water Affairs Bureau (WA)
- ` Shenzhen Dapeng New District Management Committee (MC)
- ` Shenzhen Urban Planning and Design Institute (UPDI)
- ` Shenzhen Transportation Bureau (TP)
- ` Shenzhen Cultural Relics Bureau (CR)

- Stakeholders related to all three landscape typologies
- Stakeholders related to two landscape typologies
- Stakeholders related to only one landscape typologies



Design through time



STEP	2021	2025	2050	2100	
	1	2	3	4	
				5	
				6	
Actors:	MC EE PNR	MC TP PNR EE	MC Dev PNR EE UPDI Bu	MC PNR EE Dev PNR EE UPDI	MC PNR EE
Objectives: (and reasons)	·Stop new construction activities ·Investigate the growth of trees	·Keeping assessibility by removing some roads and add walking routes	·Prioritize the renovation of commercial buildings to ensure the sustainability of coastal businesses ·Commercial activity moves inside	·Construction of breakwaters offshore	·Under the condition of ensuring ecological priority, additional houses are built appropriately to add as much economic value as possible ·Windbreak forest maintenance ·Breakwater maintenance
Benefits:	·ecological benefits	·ecological benefits ·economic benefits	·ecological benefits ·economic benefits	·ecological benefits ·economic benefits ·social benefits	·ecological benefits



STEP	2021	1	2	2025	3	2030	4	2035	5	2100
Actors:	MC Fm	MC TP PNR EE	Bu	MC Fm PNR EE	WA	MC PNR EE EE	WA	MC PNR EE EE		
Objectives: (and reasons)	-Appropriate reduction of aquaculture in preparation for fish pond renovation and paradigm shift	-Prioritize construction of landscaped bridges and service centers to improve connectivity and accessibility		-Naturalize fish ponds to build wetlands for water purification -Aquaculture paradigm shift to diversified polyculture		-After a period of water purification, the quality of fresh water is improved and can be stored. Buffering salty tides on the one hand and providing habitat on the other.		-Remove the sluice gates and restore the natural confluence of salt and fresh water. Mangroves take decades or even centuries to form.		
Benefits:		-economic benefits		-ecological benefits -economic benefits		-ecological benefits		-ecological benefits		



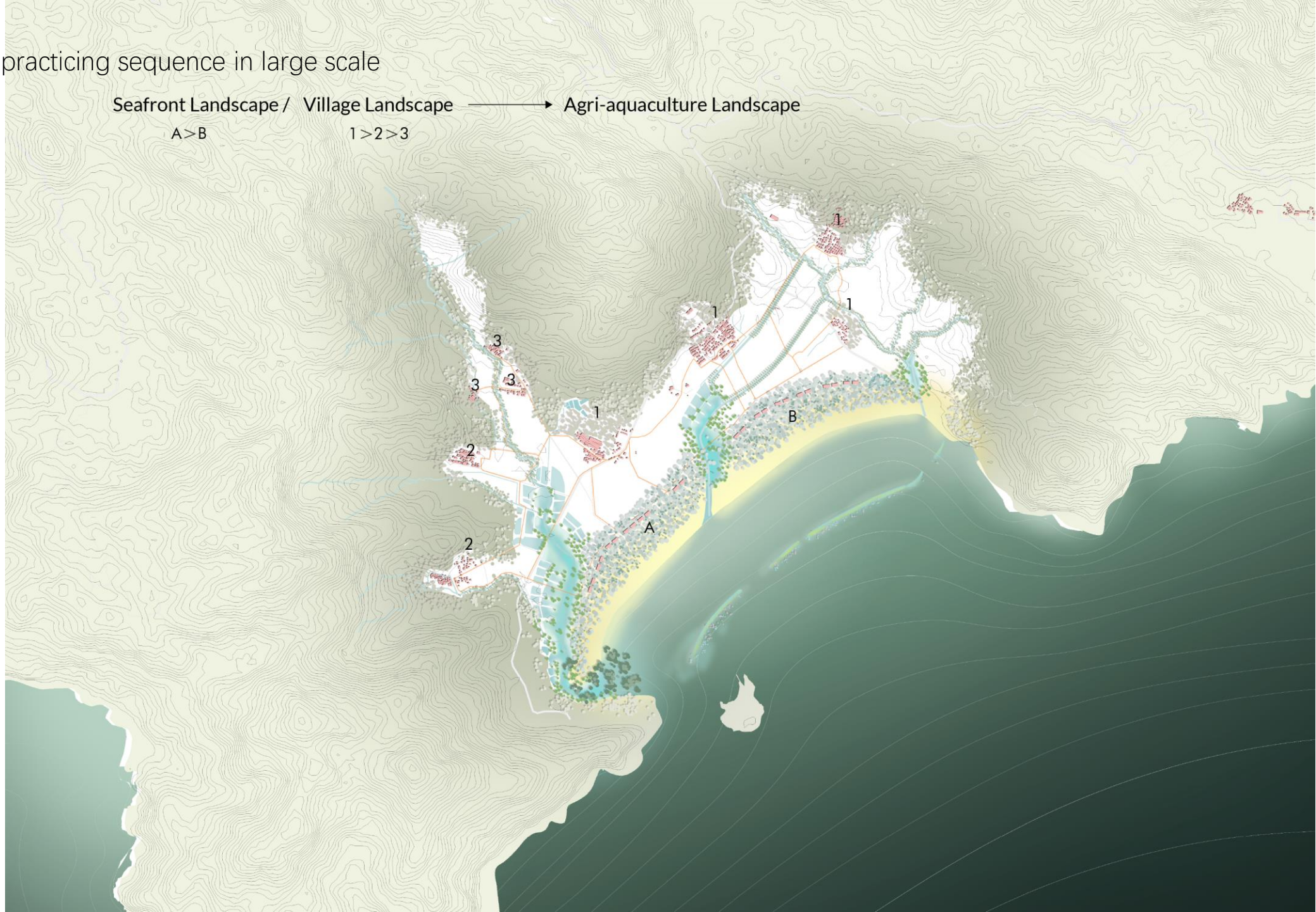
STEP	2021	1	2025	2	2030	3
Actors:	MC PNR CR		MC PNR CR VII	Bu TP	MC PNR CR		
Objectives: (and reasons)	-Clean up the traditional water system of Hakka people to prepare for the construction of a new water system -Restrict southeast traffic and traffic inside to prepare for traffic adjustments -Restoration of Hakka buildings to improve the quality of space		-Restructuring of motorized routes and new pedestrian routes to connect other villages and beaches -Improve the street space within the village to increase its water sensitivity and connectivity to the outside world		-Improve the interface of the traditional Hakka village, such as the pond space in front and the pocket park on the west side, to increase the attractiveness		
Benefits:	-socio-culture benefits		-ecological benefits -economic benefits -socio-culture benefits		-economic benefits -socio-culture benefits		

----- practicing sequence in large scale

Seafront Landscape / Village Landscape → Agri-aquaculture Landscape

A>B

1>2>3



Conclusion & Reflection

Conclusion

the objective of this research is:

To create a **resilient landscape framework** that facilitates conditions, both on **regional scale and village scale**, for the development of **ecology, socio-culture and economy**?

Sub-questions

- Understanding Question
How does the landscape systems in Xi Chong work in terms of economic, ecological, water management and socio-cultural aspects and how do they related to each other ?
- What to do Question
What kind of principles could be utilized to provide an adaptive condition in relation to Xichong's characteristics ?
- Application Question
How to apply design principles in different systems throughout multiple scales ?
- Reflection Question
What are the lessons?

Three Landscape Typologies

Village

Cultural identity loss
Sponge capacity absence

Agri-aquaculture

Ecological decline
Water pollution
Flood risk

Seafront

Housing in danger
Fragile windbreak forest
Beach erosion

Resilient Principles

Principles related to water, ecology, economy and social-culture are integrated to fit three landscape typologies



Respect culture and let nature do the work

Village

Sponge City Theory
LID

Agri-aquaculture

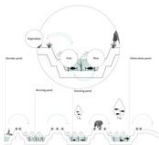
Ployculture
Wetland purification

Seafront

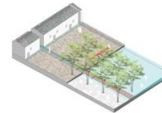
Let it grow

Landscape as a whole
Cross scale
Connecting with each other

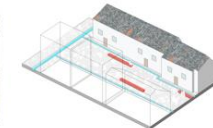
Economic



**Ecological
&
Water**



Social-culture



Reflection

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3.About other landscape elements.



THANK YOU