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Viet Nam's Adaptation to Climate Change

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General Information



- ▶ Located on Indochina peninsula in Southeast Asia
- ▶ Climate: tropical monsoon
- ▶ Population: about 87 million people (2011)
- ▶ GDP growth: 5.89% (2011)

Climate change in Viet Nam



Overview

- ▶ Key resources and economic sectors highly vulnerable;
- ▶ Deltas and coastal areas worst affected;
- ▶ Red River and Mekong Deltas are particularly vulnerable areas.



Climate change in Viet Nam

- ▶ Mean temperature increased by 0.5°C ;
- ▶ Increased rainfall in rainy season; reduced rainfall in dry season
- ▶ Increased natural disasters, especially storms, floods, and droughts.

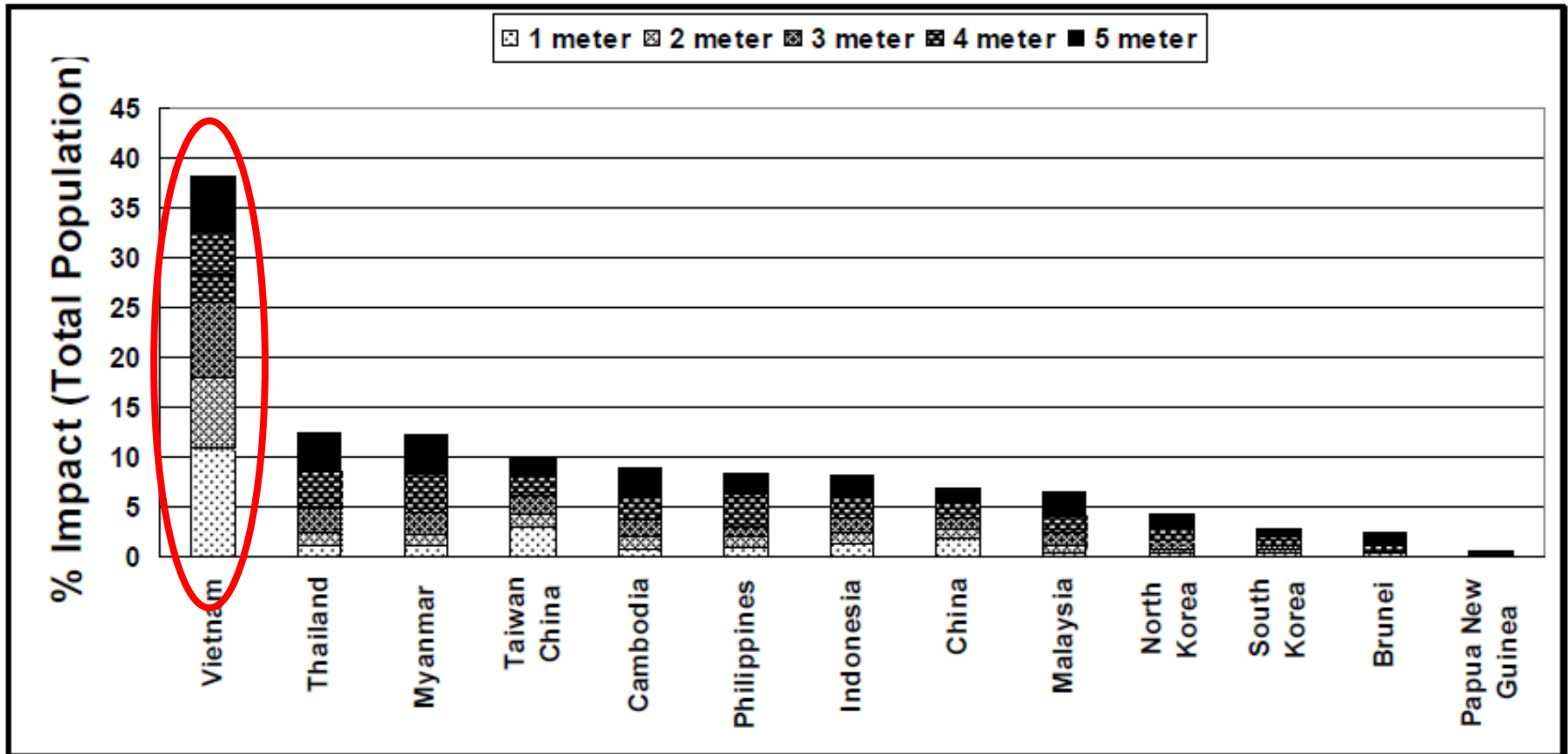


Climate change in Viet Nam

- ▶ **Scenarios (updated in 2012)**
 - ▶ Temp. may increase by between 2 and 3° C;
 - ▶ Winter temp. may increase higher than summer;
 - ▶ Total rainfall increase in rainy season, decrease in dry season;
 - ▶ Precipitation may increase about 5%; and
 - ▶ Sea level rise of about 30cm (2050) and 100cm (2100).

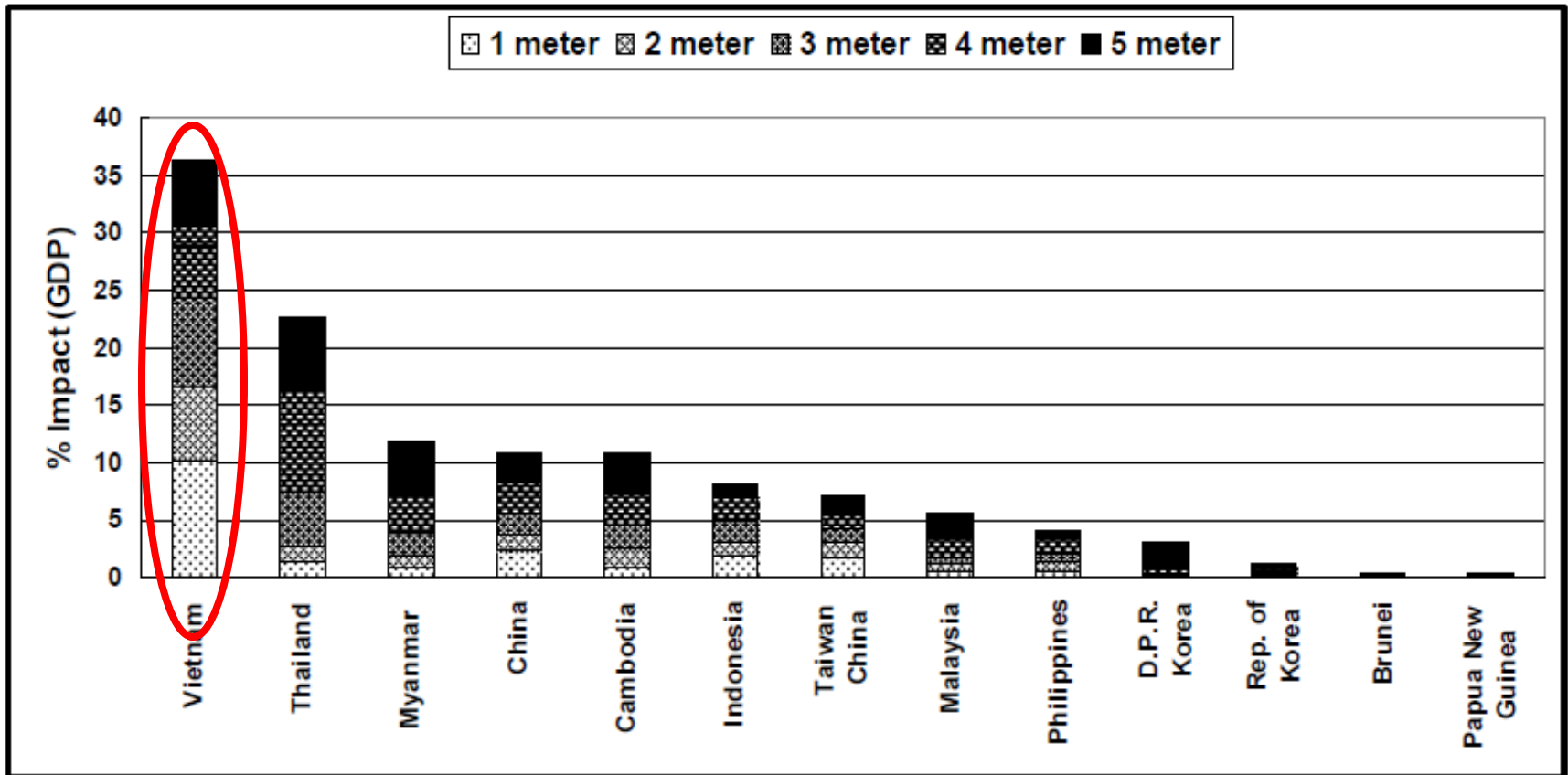


Projected impacts



Impacts population according to sea level rise scenarios (WB, 2007)

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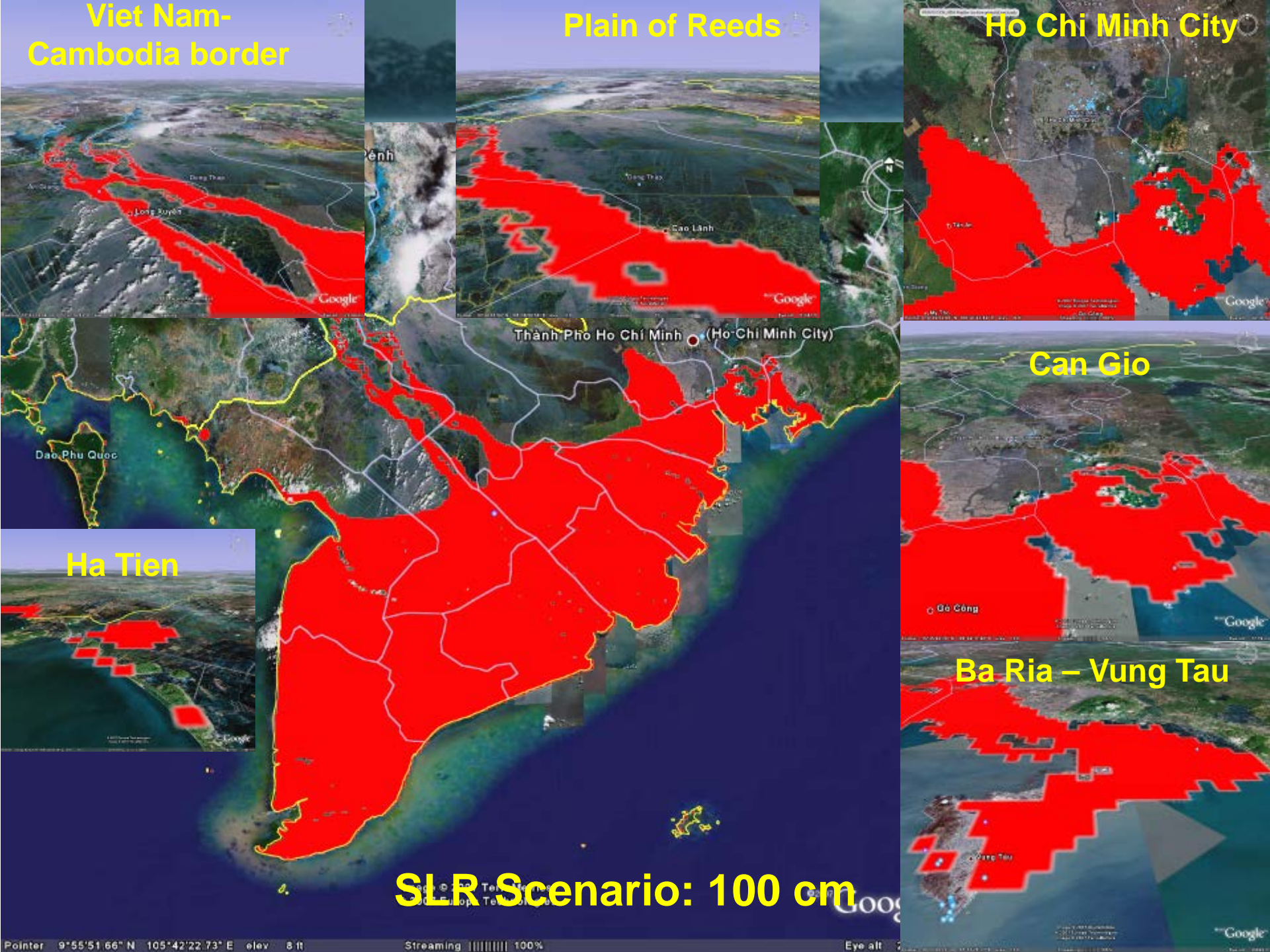


Impacts on Viet Nam's GDP according to sea level rise scenarios (WB, 2007)

**Viet Nam-
Cambodia border**

Plain of Reeds

Ho Chi Minh City



SLR Scenario: 100 cm

Policies on Adaptation to Climate Change

- ▶ Policies on adaptation to climate change mentioned in specific laws; and
- ▶ Policies on adaptation to climate change mentioned in national strategies and target programs



NTPRCC

Adaptation-related tasks approved in 2008

- Assess impacts and develop CC and SLR scenarios;
- Develop framework to mainstream CC into socio-economic plans and projects; and
- Develop and implement action plans to respond to CC.
- **Adaptation-related tasks updated in 2012**
- Update scenarios; complete impact assessments; identify response measures;
- Implement action plans to respond to CC;
- Develop policies to adapt to CC; and
- Raise communities awareness on CC.



National Climate Change Strategy

Strategic adaptation tasks

- Proactive disaster preparedness and climate monitoring;
- Ensure food and water security;
- Respond to rising sea levels in vulnerable areas; and
- Develop community's capacity to respond to climate change.



National Strategy on Climate Change

Priority programs

- Hydromet modernisation;
- Water resources management, CC adaptation for major deltas;
- CC response in megacities;
- Sea dyke and river embankment reinforcement;
- Public healthcare improvement;
- Socio-economic development in inhabited islands; and
- Community pilot programs.



Challenges

International and regional levels

- Difficulties in international negotiation process on CC mitigation;
- Developed countries prefer CC mitigation to adaptation; and
- Global economic crisis;

National level

- CC and SLR scenarios' uncertainties;
- CC adaptation programs need huge investments; and
- People's awareness about CC and SLR impacts remains limited;



Recommendations

- Cooperation in development and update of CC and SLR scenarios;
- Cooperation in CC impact assessment; and
- Conduct joint research on assessment of CC adaptation measures; and
- Exchange of experience and information about climate and water-related disasters.



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Thank you!

