

International Workshop

People Centered Approach in Flood and Land Management in the Mekong Basin:

*Sustained Implementation and Planning for Future Challenges
at the Sub-National Levels*

Province to Province Trans-boundary Cooperation on Flood Preparedness and Emergency Management

Khammouane Province, Lao PDR and Nakorn Phanom Province, Thailand

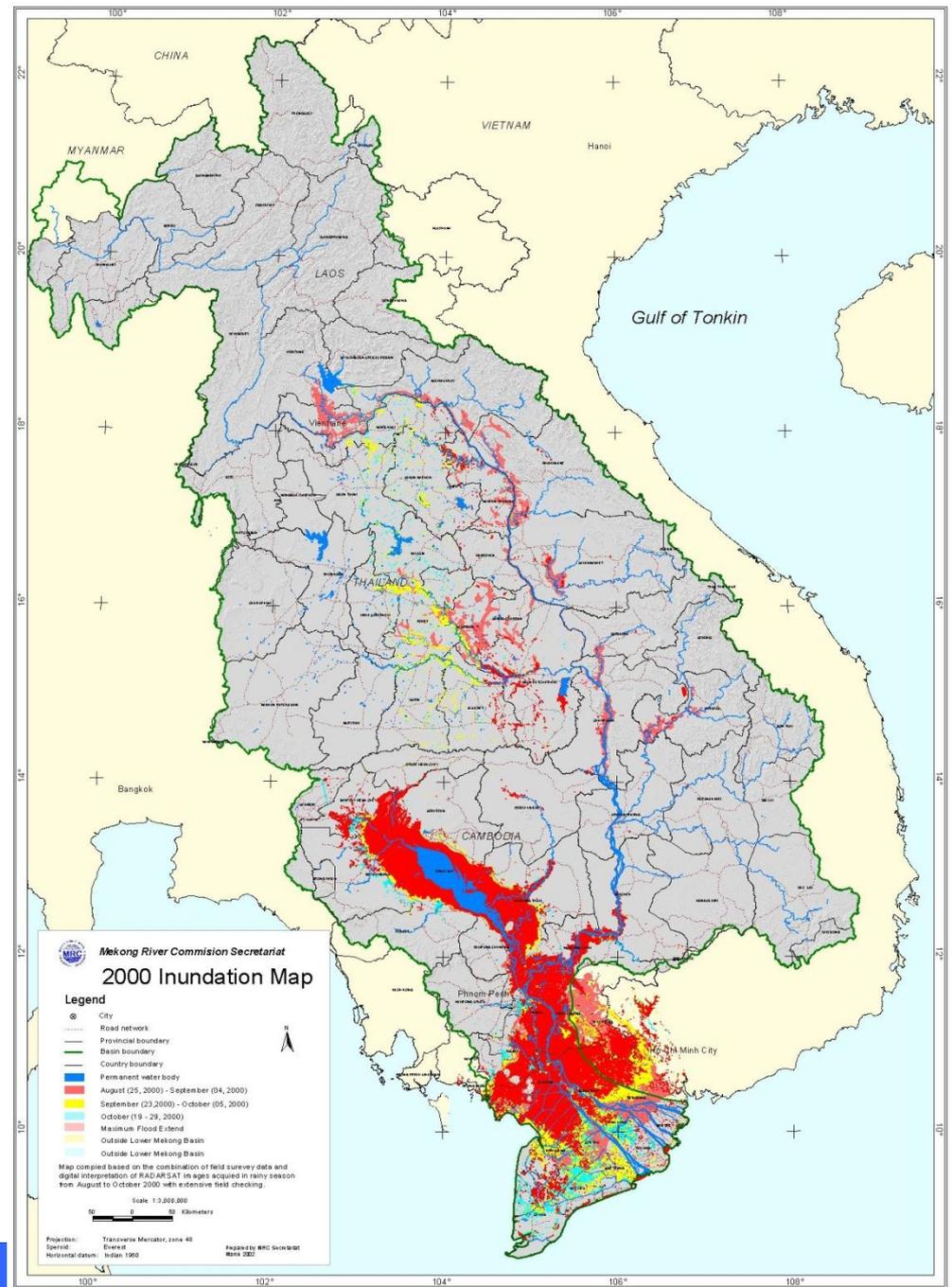
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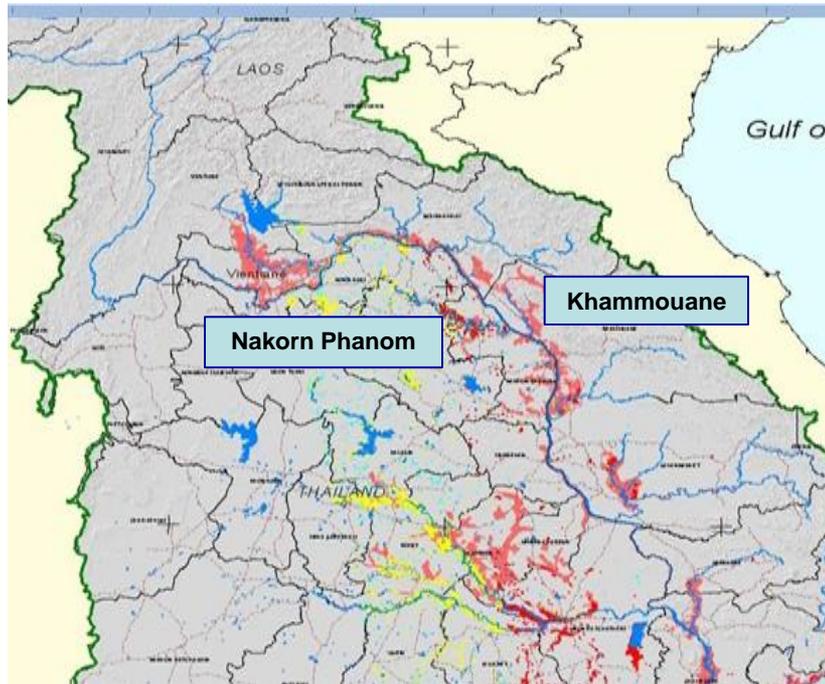
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Hazard events span both across geographical and political boundaries, unhindered.

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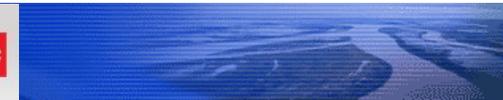


Mutual collaboration and assistance across the borders: Most Effective Approach in Minimizing Damage and Loss from Disasters.



Importance of Province to Province Trans-boundary Cooperation on Flood Preparedness and Emergency Management

- ❑ To establish trans-boundary assistance mechanisms and partnership between Khammouane and Nakorn Phanom provinces.
- ❑ Full utilization and enhancement of existing trans-boundary cooperation at local level
- ❑ To ease the process of flood preparedness and response and effectively use combined knowledge and resources during emergency.
- ❑ Promotion of good practices



Background of Cooperation Khammouane-Nakorn Phanom Provinces

- ❑ Regular cooperation between the two provinces on socio-economic cooperation (border security and trade, health (disease control), education, cultural and information exchange, illegal drug and human trafficking, tourism, transport, agriculture, etc.
- ❑ Meeting between the two provinces, in July and December 2007 in Khammouane Province participated by LNMCS and TNMCS, Khammouane PDMC and Nakorn Phanom PDDPM and their members, NDMO and DDPM.



Achievements

Proposed Areas of Cooperation:

- Sharing and exchange of information and warning through information sharing center
- Training of Trainers
- Academic seminar
- Field trip or education tour
- Disaster drill



Achievements

- ❑ Meeting in Khammouane between Khammouane PDMC and Nakorn Phanom PDDPM on 10 November 2010 identified potential activities that can be implemented
 - Study tour
 - Disaster Drill

- ❑ Both sides discussed the inclusion of the trans-boundary cooperation into regular Cooperation Agenda



Opportunities

- ❑ Enabling Investment Environment and Increasing Socio-Economic Cooperation between the two countries taking place in both Provinces, i.e. Nam Theun 2 Hydropower Plant, Construction of the Mekong Bridge, Special Economic Zone, East-West Economic Corridor, Tourism Development, etc.
- ❑ Both provinces have Provincial Disaster Management Programs
- ❑ Promotion of Sector Collaboration
- ❑ Inclusion of proposed areas of cooperation in the Regular Cooperation Agenda



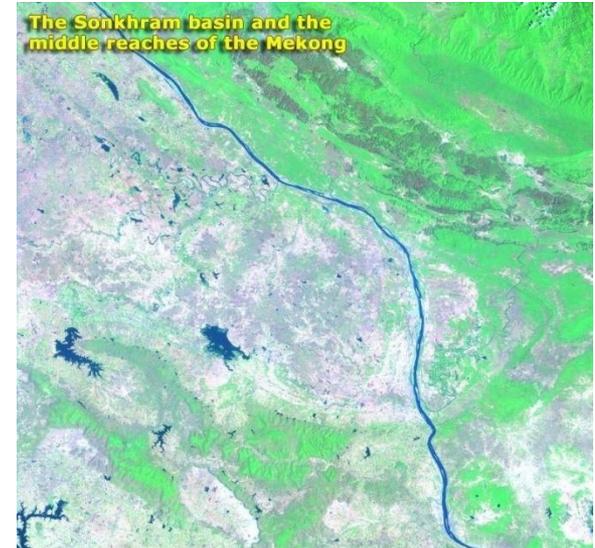
Challenges

- ❑ Complex and lengthy procedural requirements for trans-boundary activities
- ❑ Understanding of provincial higher authorities regarding the needs and benefit of the cooperation
- ❑ Allocation and mobilization of resources
- ❑ Trans-boundary cooperation as a core component in respective Provincial DRR Plan of the two provinces



Next Steps

- ❑ Khammouane PDMC and Nakorn Phanom DDPM to advocate the Cooperation at higher provincial level
- ❑ Actively put forward the proposed areas of Cooperation into the Provincial Cooperation Agenda
- ❑ Discussion on Immediate Activities on Study Tour and Disaster Drill, including allocation of resources required



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