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NATURAL DISASTER PHENOMENA

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AN OVERVIEW ON DISASTERS

Disaster (Thiên tai) is a Sino-Vietnamese word, Thien: heaven, nature, Tai: risk, accident, calamity.

Natural disaster is sometimes called Disaster in short.

A natural disaster is an abnormal phenomenon of nature that creates adverse effects and risks for people, organisms and the environment.

Large natural disasters can create hazards, causing many casualties and damage to properties and ecosystems, especially when natural disasters (such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, ...) have more accidental factors from human works (such as dam breaking, nuclear radioactive leakage, fire and explosion of toxic chemicals, ...).

EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI, AND NUCLEAR HARZARD IN JAPAN IN 2011

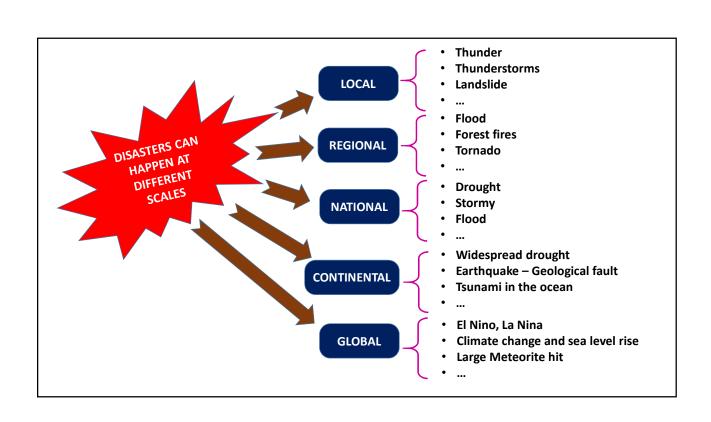
In 2011, a magnitude 9.0 MW earthquake occurred off the east coast of the Oshika Peninsula, Tōhoku, Japan. Minutes after the earthquake, a tsunami nearly 39 meters high hit Japan.

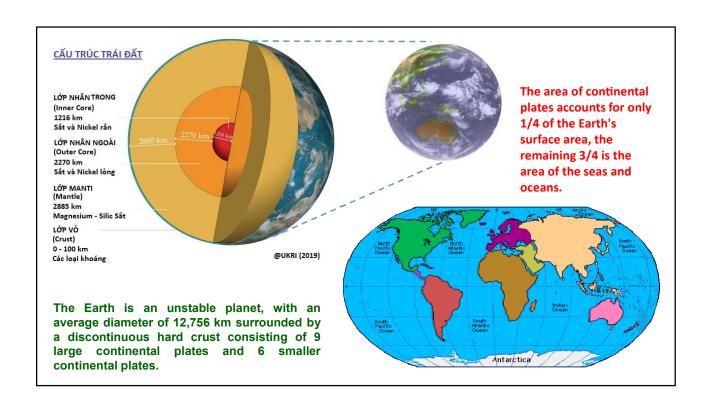
There have been 3 explosions at the Fukushima reactor, causing dangerous radioactive leaks. In addition, the Fujinuma Irrigation Dam in Sukagawa City broke, causing flooding and detroying away many houses.

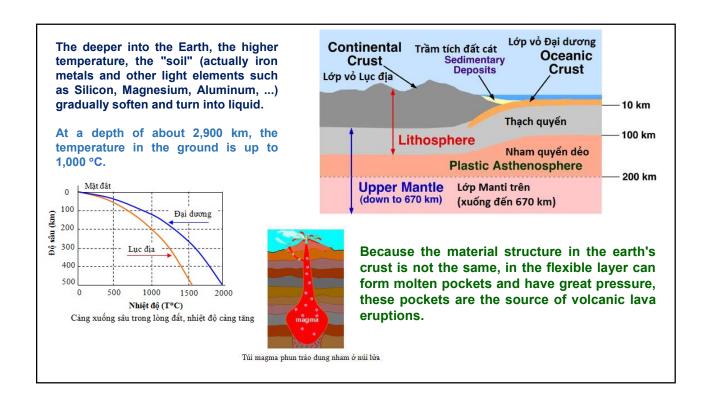
Japan confirmed 15,893 people were killed, 6,152 injured and 2,572 people missing in 18 Japanese prefectures and more than 125,000 housing structures were damaged or completely destroyed. Losses due to the earthquake and tsunami that devastated Northeast Japan are estimated at 309 billion USD.







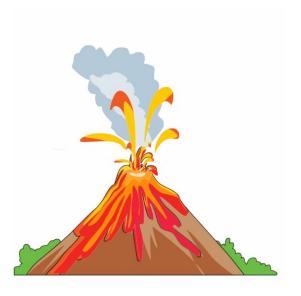




The planet's crust is unstable and often shifts, causing cracks to cause lava to erupt, causing volcanoes or sliding over each other, creating folds such as the formation of mountain ridges or the displacement of earthquakes, on land or at sea.

These are the causes of natural disasters from the earth.





In addition, the constant movement and compression of the atmosphere's energy often creates storms, low pressures, heavy rains, strong winds, lightning, tornadoes, etc., which are natural disasters from the sky and atmosphere.

In addition, the earth is also affected by cosmic agents that can cause natural disasters such as meteors, meteorites, magnetic storms, etc.



Thiên thạch tấn công (asteroid sneak attack)





Bão từ (geomagnetic storm)

CLASSIFICATION OF DISASTERS

Natural disasters are diverse and come from many different sources: it can be from the earth, from the air, from the sea and ocean, or a combination of many causes.

Disasters from Earth	Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Landslides, etc.	
Disasters from Rivers & Seas	Flood, Drought, Tsunami, Tornado, etc.	
Disasters from the Atmosphere	Storm, Cyclone, Thunder, Hail, Snow, etc.	
Disasters from the Universe	Meteor, Magnetic Storm, El Nino, La Nina, etc.	









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THUNDERSTORM

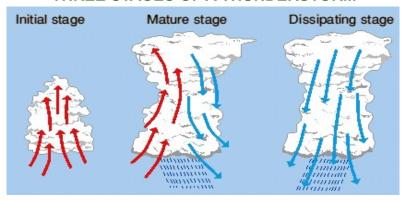
Thunderstorms are caused by electrical discharges in dense clouds, forming lightning, sometimes accompanied by strong winds and showers.

The cause of thunderstorms is that in the summer, the ground is warmed by absorbing more solar radiation, causing hot and humid air currents to rise, lower temperature air overflowing below. This is a form of convection, forming heat storms.

In the case of hot and humid air rising high along the mountain slopes, it is called a topographical thunderstorm. When reaching a certain height, the charged clouds collide causing lightning, the temperature of the air mass decreases, causing heavy showers.







Initial phase:

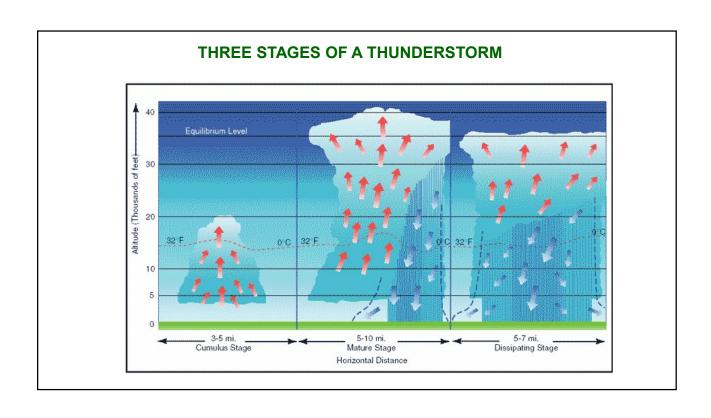
Convection creates cumulus clouds, which then develop into cumulus clouds (cumulo-nimbus). Water vapor turns into water droplets releasing energy.

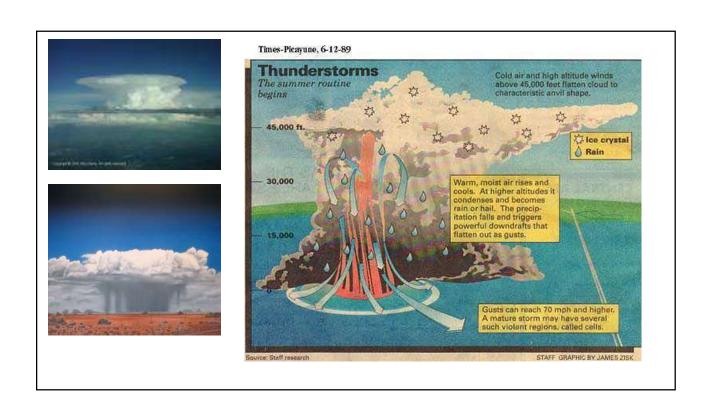
Mature stage:

The top of the cloud began to spread out like an "anvil". The ice crystals and rainwater mixed and fell violently. Rain started to fall.

Dissipating stage:

Clouds lose water vapor and gradually disintegrate.
Thunderstorms may continue if new clouds develop around their edges.





Thunderstorms can damage crops and people. During a thunderstorm with heavy rain, strong winds can break trees, causing dangerous lightning.

However, it is noted that rainwater in thunderstorms has more nitrogen than normal rains.





In Vietnam, thunderstorms occur in the summer, from April to August.

TROPICAL LOW PRESSURE AND STORM

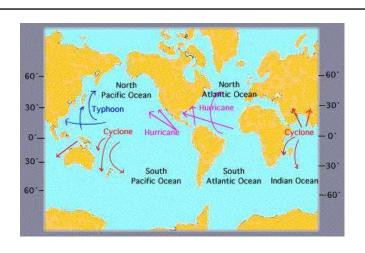
Áp thấp nhiệt đới (Tropical Low Pressure)
và Bão (Hurricane/Typhoon/Cyclone)

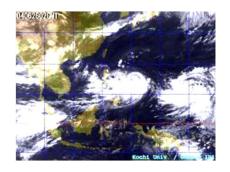
Tropical Low Pressure and Typhoon is a highly developed tropical cyclone that produces an area of high winds, strong vortexes, and heavy rains that spread over a large area.

When there is a strong wind from level 6 to level 7 (ie from 39 to 61 km/h) it is called a tropical depression.

When strong winds of level 8 or higher (ie 62 km/h or more) are called storms; Wind strength up to level 12 or higher (above 118 km/h) is called a strong storm.







Location of storms in the world and names:

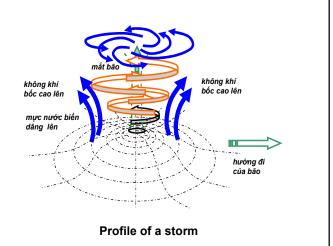
- + In the Western Pacific Ocean (Southeast Asia and East Asia):
- + In the South Pacific (Australia) and Indian Oceans:
- + In the North Atlantic and Eastern Pacific (America):

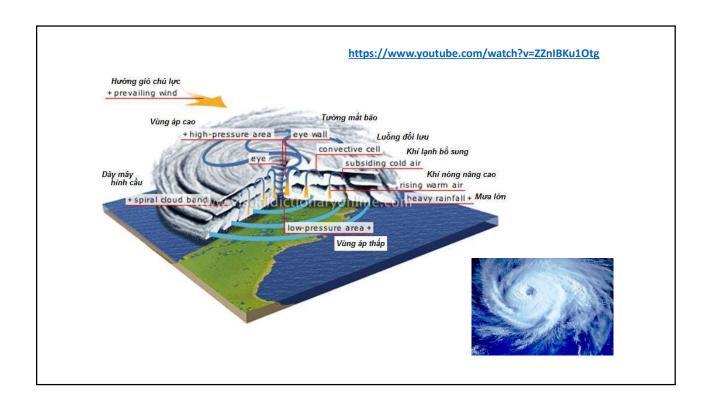
Typhoon Cyclone Hurricane

CAUSE OF STORM

During the hot season, the sea water temperature increases heigh (t $^{\circ}C \geq 25^{\circ}C$), the amount of hot and humid air rises, encountering the effect of the earth's centrifugal force to form vortices, which move around. encountering vertical moving air currents will form converging bands, making the vortex stronger and forming storms.

In the center of the storm, also called the eye of the storm, the air moves from above to form an area with little wind and clouds, but around the eye of the storm, the air is swept up, the closer to the center of the storm, the speed increases gradually.

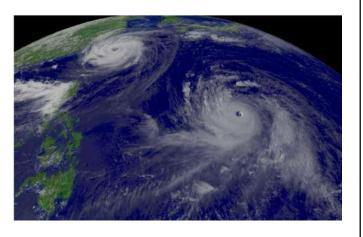




The diameter of a storm is up to several hundred kilometers, the height is from 3 to 9 km, the speed of the storm is about 10 - 20 km/h, usually moves to the west, the affected area of the storm can be wide. from 800 - 1,500 km².

About 100 - 200 km from the center of the storm, there are usually level 6, level 7 winds. In the center of the storm, the wind gusts up to level 10, level 11, sometimes up to level 12 (wind speed can be from 100 - 200 km/hour).

In the stormy area, the amount of rain is very heavy, sometimes reaching several hundred millimeters of water in a day and night.



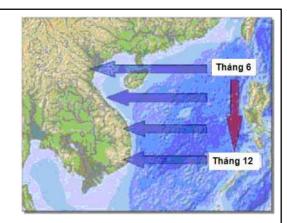
Phân hạng	Tốc độ gió (mph)	Mức tàn phá	
1	74 - 95	Cây bụi và cành cây bị tuốt lá và bẽ gảy; các căn	
1		nhà di động không neo có thể bị hư hỏng	
2	96 - 110	Các cây nhỏ bị thổi bay; các nhà di động bị hư hại	
2		nhiều, ống khói và ngói bị thổi khỏi mái nhà	
3	111 - 130	Lá cây bị tuốt, cây to đổ ngã; nhà di động bị phá	
3		hủy, các tòa nhà nhỏ bị hư hỏng cấu trúc	
	131 - 155	Mức tàn phá mở rộng đến các cửa số, mái nhà,	
4		cửa lớn; nhà di động bị phá hủy hòan toàn; các	
		cơn lũ tràn sâu 10 km vào đất liền	
_	Trên 155	Tất cả các tòa nhà bị hư hỏng nhiều, các tòa nhà	
3		nhỏ bị phá hủy hoàn toàn.	

Bão được phân biệt thành các loại (Theo Ban PCLB Trung ương):

- Bão thường: là xoáy thuận nhiệt đới có sức gió mạnh nhất từ cấp 8 đến cấp 9 và có thể có gió giật
- Bão mạnh: là xoáy thuận nhiệt đới có sức gió mạnh nhất từ cấp 10 đến cấp 11 và có thể có gió giật
- Bão rất mạnh: là xoáy thuận nhiệt đới có sức gió mạnh nhất từ cấp 12 trở lên và có thể có gió giật

In Vietnam, storms are the leading natural disaster and cause the greatest damage to people and property.

On average, each year Vietnam has about 10 different big and small storms, the month with the most storms is September every year.

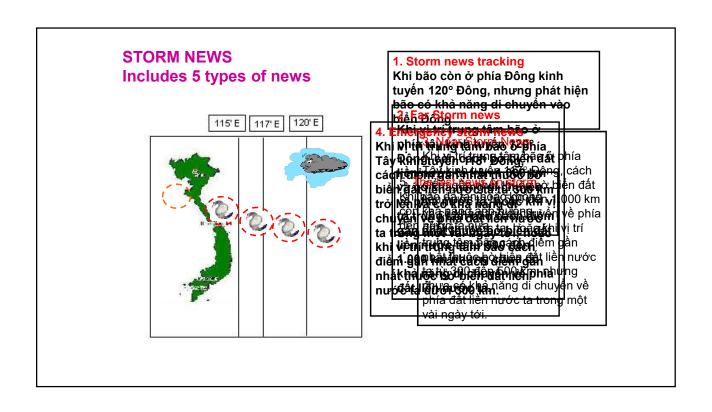


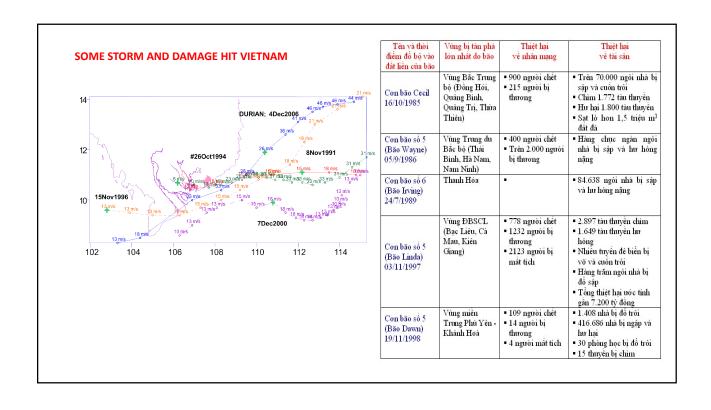
From Quang Ninh to Thanh Hoa: July, August, September

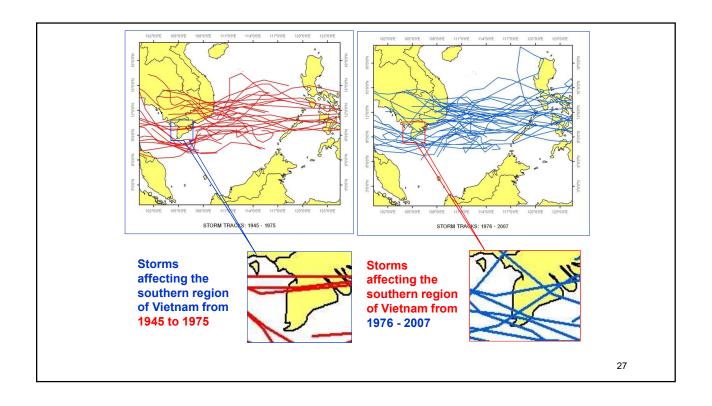
From Thanh Hoa to Thua Thien - Hue: July, August, September, October

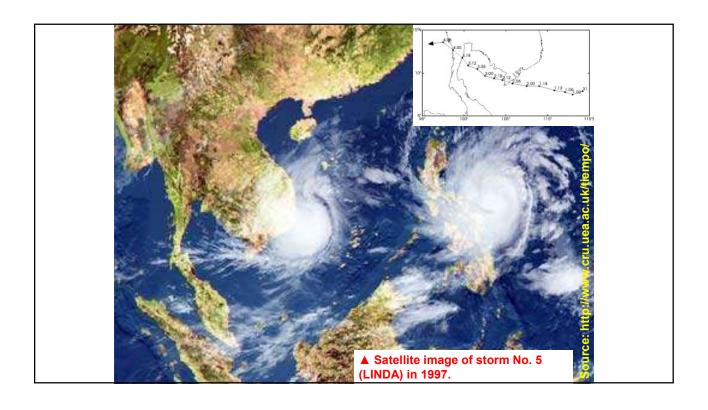
From Da Nang to Thuan Hai: September, October, November From Thuan Hai to Ca Mau: October, November, December

In Vietnam, about 60% of storms originate from the waters of the Caroline Islands, Philippines, the remaining about 40% of storms from other places south of the East Sea.

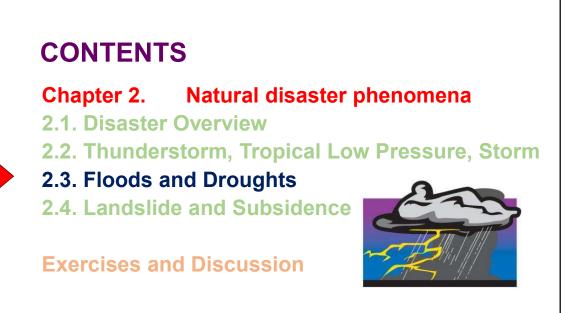












FLOODS

- Flood is the phenomenon of high water in the river, flowing strongly, overflowing from the bank, flooding many low-lying areas.
- Flooding refers to the restriction of drainage from the basin.
- Rain, Storm and Flood are always closely related.



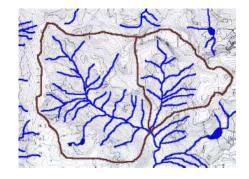


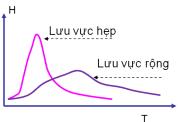
Storm and flood damage accounts for more than 50% of all other losses worldwide.

The loss of life from floods in rural and mountainous areas is usually higher than in urban areas, but economic losses are higher in urban areas than in rural areas.

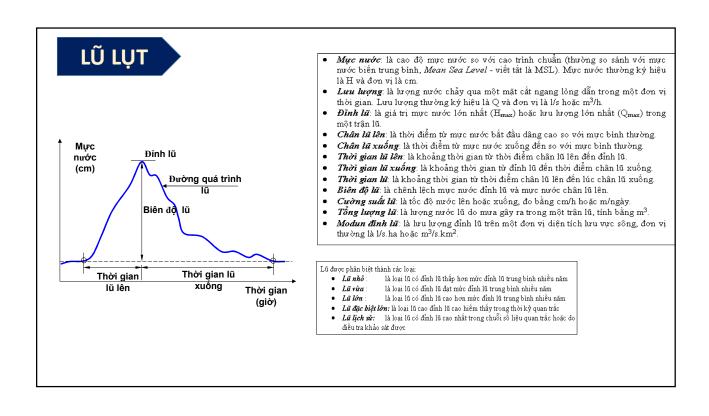
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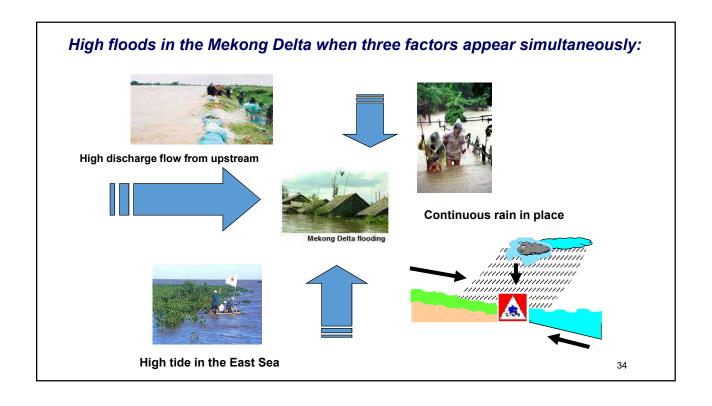
- > The wider the basin, the slower the flood water will rise but will also recede slowly, on the contrary, the narrow and long basin will cause the flood water to rise quickly in some cases, flash floods, tube floods ...
- > Deforestation will be one of the main causes of flooding and soil erosion.
- > The phenomenon of El Nino (due to the warming of the equatorial waters of the South America Pacific) and La Nina (due to the cooling of the East Pacific equatorial waters) have caused floods and droughts. in many different regions.





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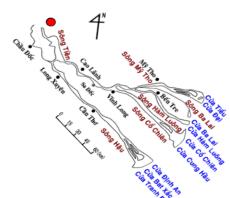


FLOOR ALARM LEVELS:

- + Level I alarm: There is a possibility of flood
- + Level II alert: Dangerous flood situation
- + Level III alarm: Very dangerous flood situation
- + Alarm above level III: Emergency flood situation(widespread uncontrolled flood, severe damage)

TER LEVELS ALARM (METERS) ON THE CUU LONG RIVER

Gauge Station	Level I	Level II	Level III
Tiền River			
Tân Châu	2.80	3.40	4.00
Mỹ Thuận	1.40	1.50	1.60
Hậu River			
Châu Đốc	2.50	3.00	3.50
Cần Thơ	1.50	1.60	1.70



FLOODING IN THE CUU LONG RIVER

BENEFITS

- Adding a large amount of precious alluvium to the soil
- · Washing alum and salt, improve soil
- Supporting in field cleaning, killing rats, insects, ...
- Significantly increase fishery resources
- Replenishing underground water

HARM

- · Causing loss of life
- · Impact on agricultural areas without dikes
- Large floods swept away many houses, works, roads
- Riverbank erosion
- · Dispersing pathogens, yellow snails,



DROUGHT

- > Drought is a severe and prolonged lack of water that causes severe drying and affects the life of plants and animals.
- > Drought results in reduced crops, threatening the survival of livestock, poultry and other animals.
- ➤ Drought is the cause of ecological degradation: soil degradation, desertification, forest fires, salinization, ...



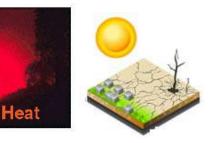


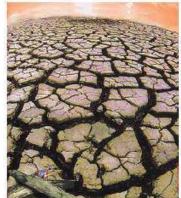
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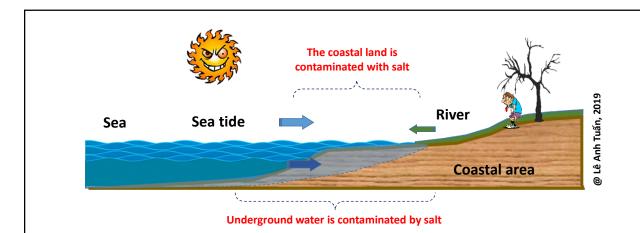
PERFORMANCE OF DROUGHT:

- No rain for more than 5-6 months
- Evaporation over 75 mm/month
- Low humidity H < 50%
- Strong and dry wind
- The soil is cracked, the groundwater level is low, the ponds, lakes, rivers, and canals are dry
- · Decreased biological activity
- High forest fire risks







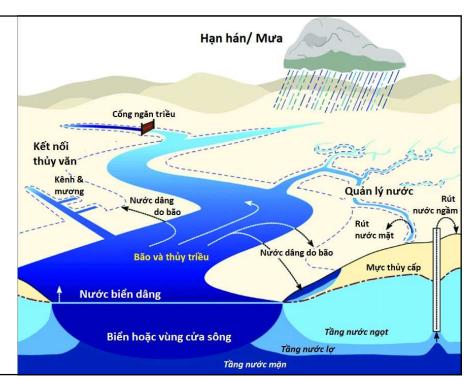


For low and flat deltas like in the Mekong Delta, when the river water flows into the sea at low tide period, the phenomenon of salt water from the sea intruding into the field is very obvious.

DROUGHT AND SALINE INTRUSION HAVE A DEFINITE CORRELATION

WATER RELATED FACTORS:

- Climate Change (rainy sea a lot/little)
- Disaster (storm, flood, abnormal high tide)
- Sea level rise
- Irrigation works (dykes, dams, sluices to prevent tides, irrigation system)
- Exploiting coastal groundwater
- Farming and fishing
- Maintain mangroves





EROSION

Erosion is a phenomenon in which the slope (riverside, coastal) or slope (mountainous area) is unstable and moves by gravity to the lower side.

Types of erosion include landslides, slides, flows, breaks, and falls, each with its own characteristics and can occur for very short periods of time from a few minutes to lasting many hours, or years.

Water is an agent that causes landslides or restrains landslides.

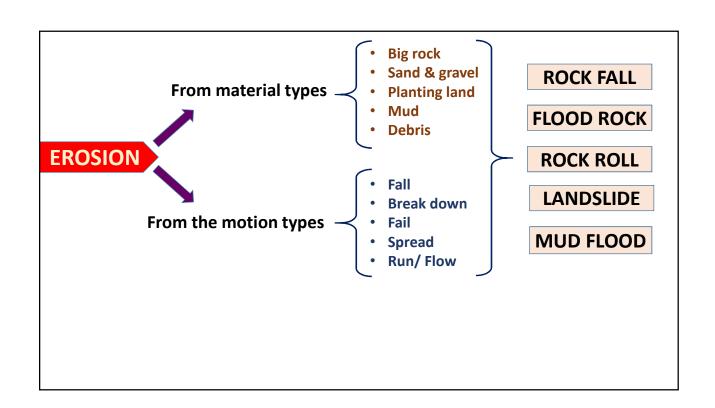
- With a large amount of water, the pores in the soil are increased in pressure, reduced friction and accelerated the erosion process in slope side.
- When the soil dries out due to lack of water, the grain texture becomes loose, can be dissociated and prone to landslide.
- · A moderate amount of maintenance water can increase soil cohesion.



Other factors that can cause landslides include:

- · Earthquake,
- Artificial seismic (blasting, driving concrete piles, ...)
- Sudden or frequent impact loads (traffic)
- Deforest, rock mining,...
- · Physical weathering, chemical dissolution...



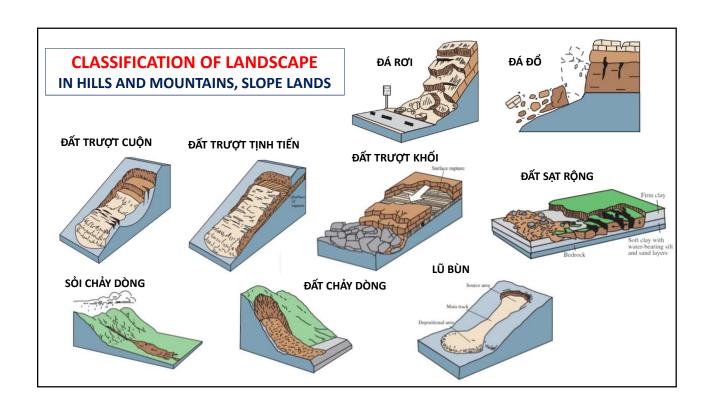


CLASSIFICATION OF LANDSCAPEIN HILLS AND MOUNTAINS, SLOPE LANDS

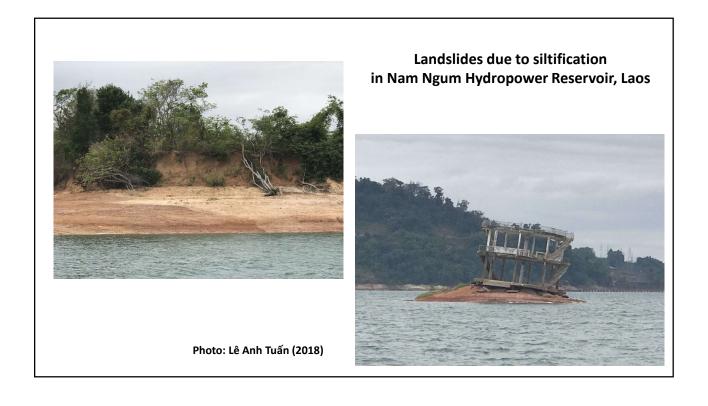


TYPES OF MOTION		TYPES OF MATERIALS			
		FOUNDATION ROCK	CONSTRUCTION ROCK		
			GRAVEL	SOIL, FINE SAND	
ROʻI		ĐÁ RƠI	CÁC HẠT SỞI RỚI RỜI RẠC	ĐẤT RƠI	
NGÃ ĐỔ		ĐÁ ĐỔ	CÁC HẠT SỞI VỤN ĐỔ SỤP	NỀN ĐẤT CÁT ĐỔ SỤP	
TDUZOT	LĂN	ĐÁ LĂN	CÁC HẠT SỔI TRƯỢT	ĐẤT TRƯỢT, CÁT TRƯỢT	
TRƯỢT	TỊNH TIẾN	ĐÁ SẠT	CAC HẠI SOI TRUỘT		
SOẠT RỘNG BÊN TRÊN		ĐÁ SOẠT RỘNG	CÁC HẠT SỞI SOẠT RỘNG	KHỐI ĐẤT, CÁT SOẠT RỘNG	
CHẢY		ĐÁ CHẢY	CÁC HẠT SỞI CHẢY DÒNG	ĐẤT CÁT CHẢY DÒNG	
PHỨC HỢP		KẾT HỢP HAI HOẶC NHIỀU KIỂU CHUYỂN ĐỘNG			

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CORIOLIS EFFECT

- The Coriolis effect (or fully called the Coriolis inertial force) was discovered by the French scientist Gaspard Gustave de Coriolis (1792-1843) in 1835.
- The Earth rotates on its axis, so all moving objects on Earth experience the Coriolis effect.
- In the northern hemisphere, moving objects tend to circle to the right, and in the southern hemisphere, they rotate to the left (seeing in the direction of the object's motion).
- · River water moves on the ground, so it is subject to the Coriolis force.



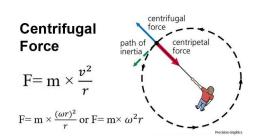


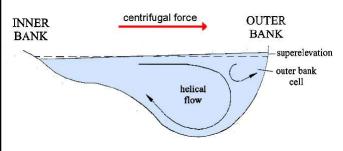
When viewed from upstream, rivers flowing in the northern hemisphere are affected by the Coriolis force, forcing the river water to move closer to the right, causing landslides on the right bank; Rivers in the southern hemisphere are affected by the Coriolis force, forcing the river water to move closer to the left, causing landslides on the left bank.

CENTRIFUGAL FORCE

In Newtonian mechanics, the centrifugal force is an inertial force (also called a "fictitious" or "pseudo" force) that appears to act on all objects when viewed in a rotating frame of reference.

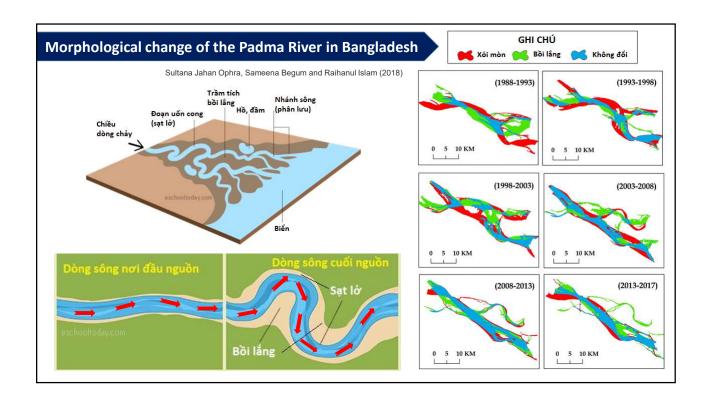
It is directed away from an axis which is parallel to the axis of rotation and passing through the coordinate system's origin. If the axis of rotation passes through the coordinate system's origin, the centrifugal force is directed radially outwards from that axis.



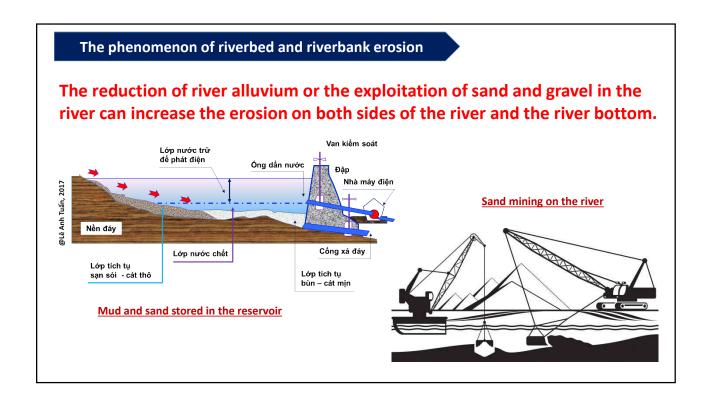


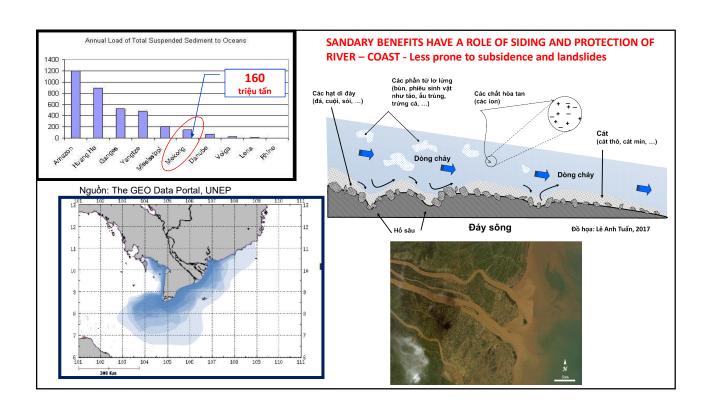
Existing evidence of secondary flows in natural channels obtained from the movement of surface floats and bed material indicates that two cells, exhibiting surface flow convergence, exist at meander bends and these reverse polarity to give surface flow divergence at inflexion points. In turn these explain the existence of pool (meander bend) and riffle (inflexion point) sequences in natural channels.

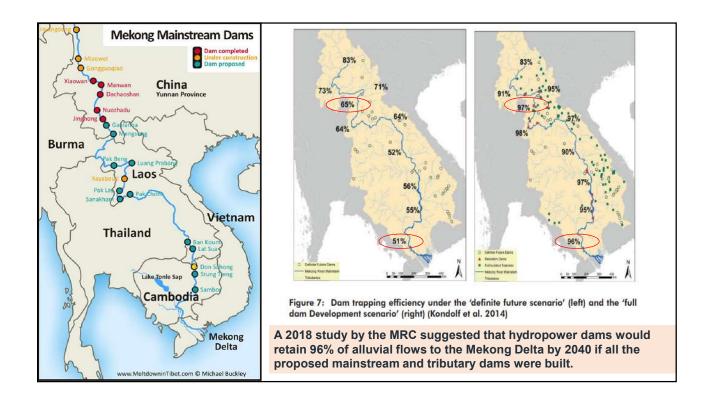
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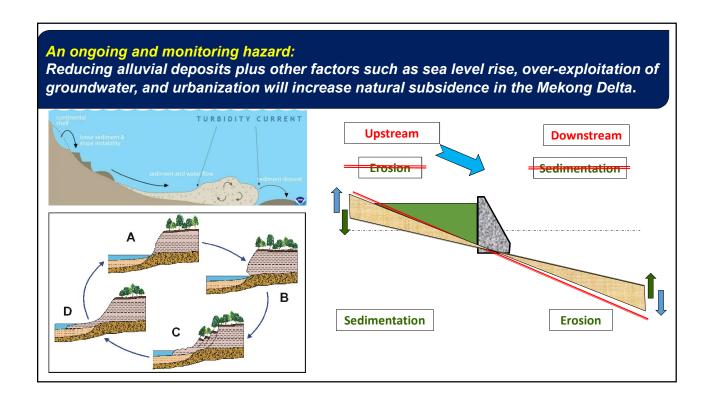


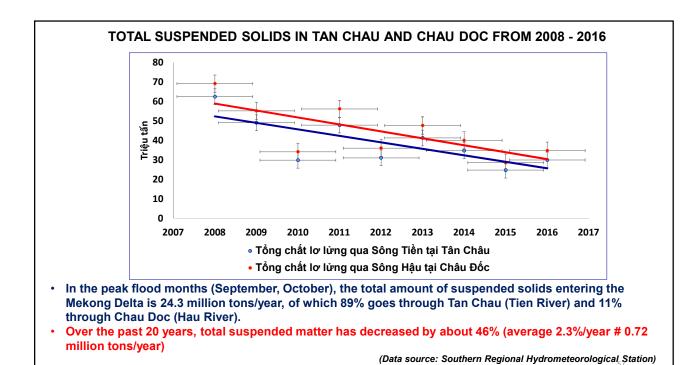


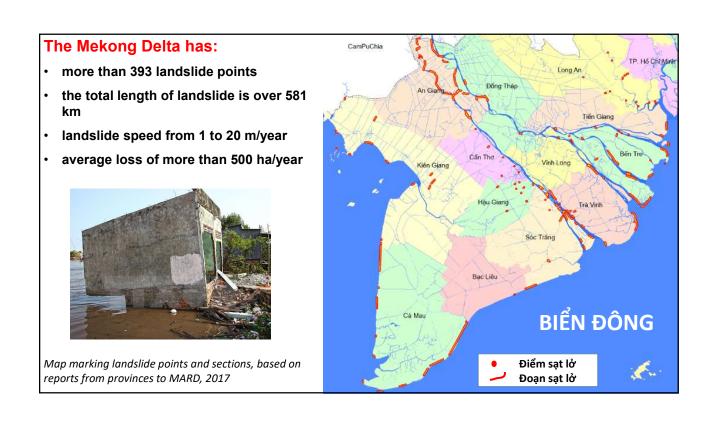






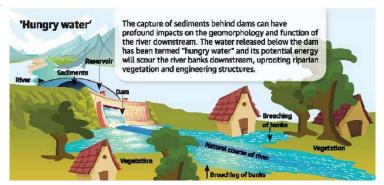


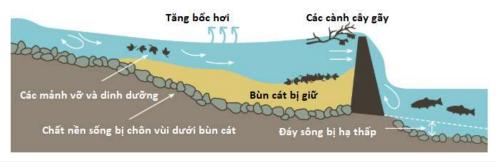


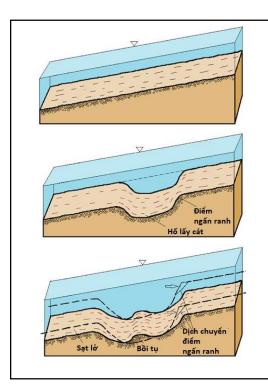


The phenomenon of "hungry water" refers to the case where the river water loses its sediment due to being trapped in a hydroelectric reservoir, causing the flow after the dam to become lighter and stronger, causing erosion.

The soil removed by the flow mixes with the river, creating a new balance for the flow dynamics.







CASE OF RIVER BED EROSION DUE TO SAND MINING

Stage 1: Before mining river sand

The river bed has almost a regular slope corresponding to the direction of flow and bottom sediment transport

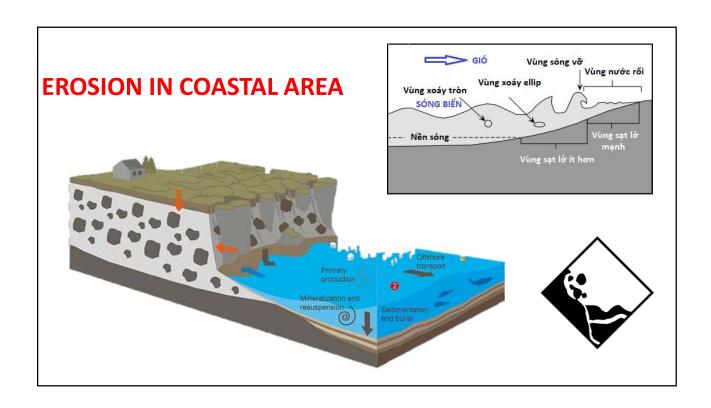
Stage 2: When exploiting river sand

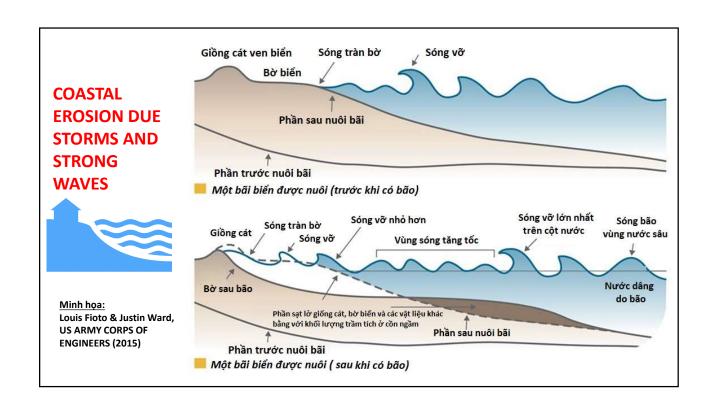
The bottom of the river is concave, due to the removal of the sand layer, forming a hole at the bottom. The upper mouth of the hole is the line to get sand

Stage 3: After mining river sand

The river bottom is subsided due to the flow causing erosion of the foundation, the flow takes the sediment above and below the sand pit to compensate for the concave defect.

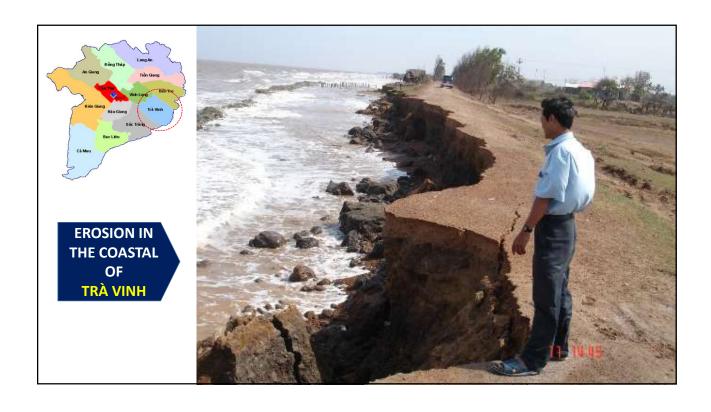










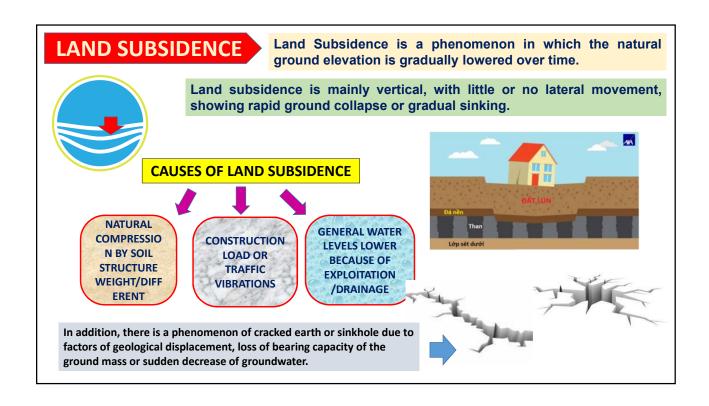


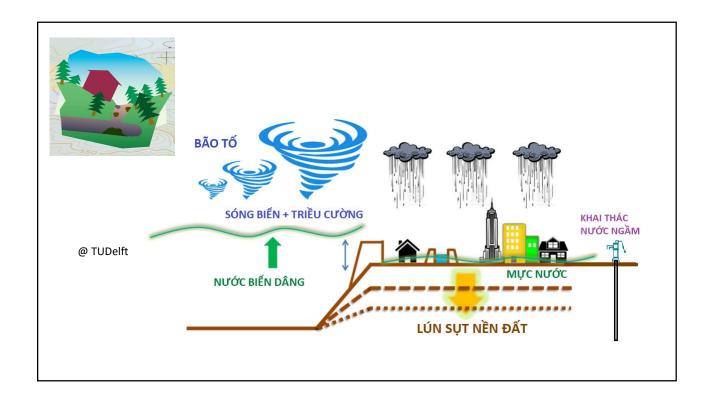


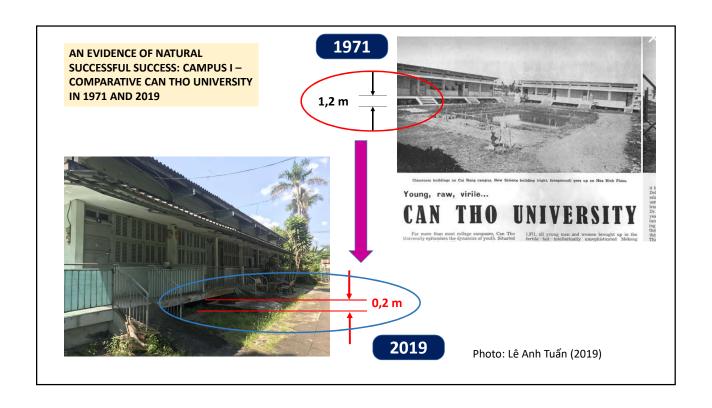


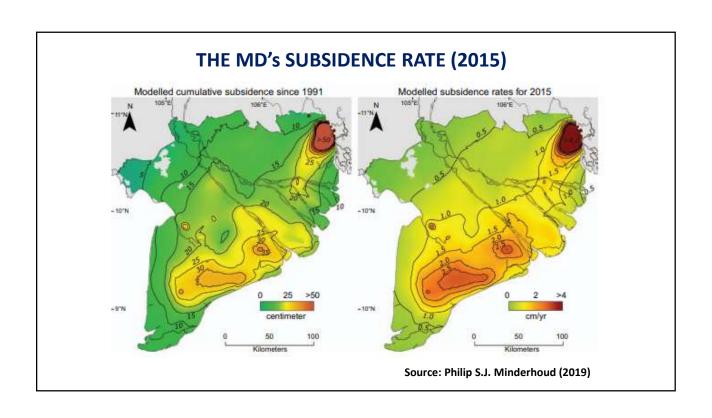












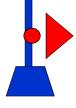


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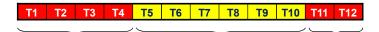




Exercises and Discussion

EXERCISES

Listing of seasonal disasters in the Mekong Delta.









ARE ANY SOLUTIONS THAT CAN APPLY TO LIMIT THE DAMAGES OF EACH TYPE OF DISASTER?



QUESTION?

