



AN OVERVIEW ON MRC-INFORMATION SYSTEM (MRC-IS) AND REGIONAL DATA SHARING

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Data sharing mechanism

PDIES – Procedures for Data and Information Exchange and Sharing:

1. Water Resources;
2. Topography;
3. Natural resources;
4. Agriculture;
5. Navigation and Transport;
6. Flood management and mitigation;
7. Infrastructure;
8. Urbanization/Industrialization;
9. Environment/Ecology;
10. Administrative boundaries;
11. Socio-economy; and
12. Tourism

Procedures for Data and Information Exchange and Sharing

PDIES

PWQ
Procedures for Water Quality

1995 Mekong Agreement

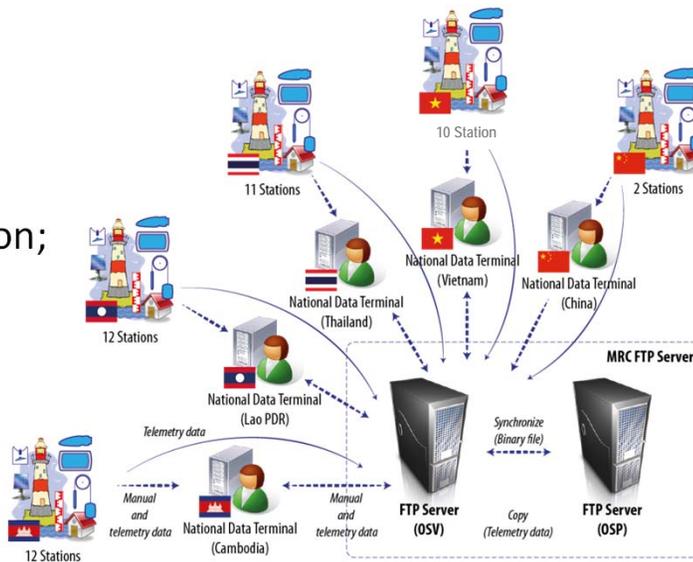
PNPCA
Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement

PMFM

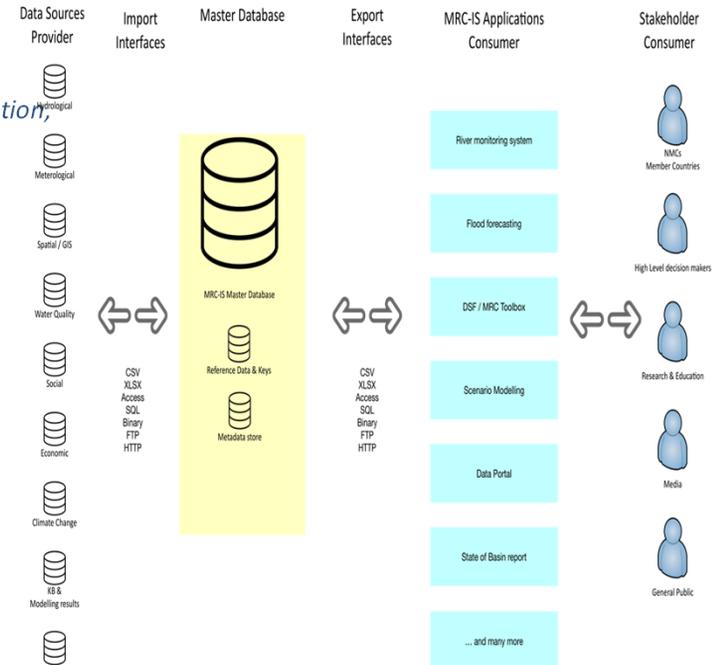
Procedures for the Maintenance of Flows on the Mainstream

PWUM

Procedures for Water Use Monitoring



Mekong River Commission - Master Data Information System



Iterative data and feedback flow

Data sharing via MRC Information System (MRC-IS)

■ MRC Information System

- MRC integrated database called **Master Catalogue** contains both information and data (including meta data and quality assured data), model and other tools

■ Access of data

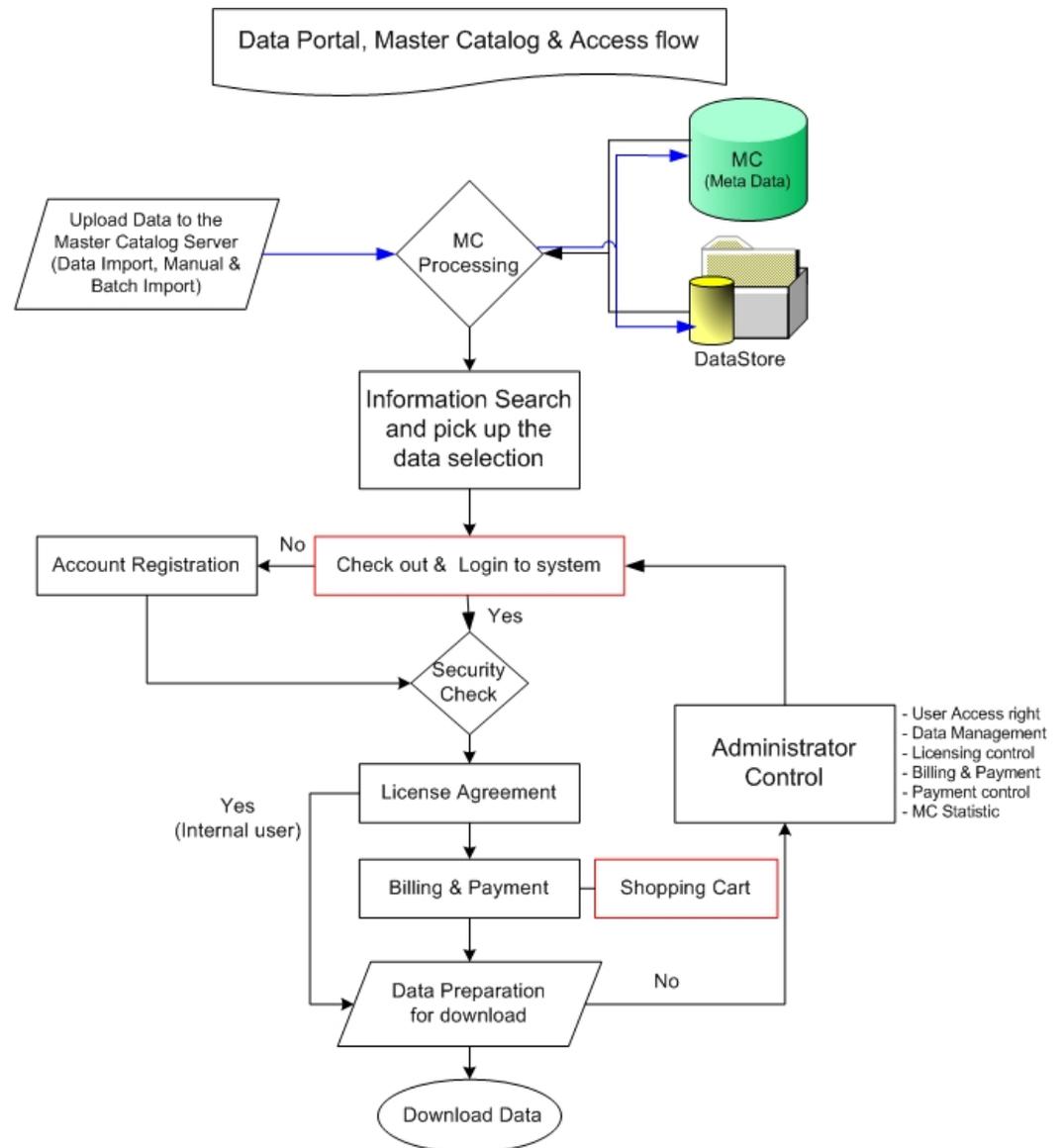
- **Internal Data Users** (MRCS, NMCs and Line Agencies): Access to data is without license data agreement.
- **Commercial Data Users**: Access to data needs the Commercial License Agreement
- **Other Data and Information users** : Commercial Data and Information Users ,Research/academic or civil society Data and Information users and Public Data and Information users: Access to data needs the Non Commercial License Agreement

■ User register and data download are processed online.

<http://portal.mrcmekong.org>

MRC IS

- Data imported through the import module of MRC Portal
- Data store in Folder as zip file and the dataset store in Database system
- Access data through search Engine
- Registration required to get data
- Non payment or Approval need Internal, member countries
- Automatic download link



Dataset in the MRCS

- Time series dataset and field campaign
 - hydro-meteorological data :This data includes hydro-meteorological data both historical and near real-time (water level, discharge, rainfall, temperature, humidity,...)
 - geometric data (cross-section, longitudinal profile of a river)
 - water quality data (sediment, salinity, turbidity, concentration, water temperature)
- Spatial dataset
 - digital maps, aerial photos, satellite imageries, soil moisture, soil type, digital elevation model (DEM)
- Document management system: collaboration, sharing, reporting, version control
- Sectoral Datasets including CS
 - **Water Quality**
 - **Hydropower Database** by Initiative for Sustainable Hydropower (ISH)
 - **Irrigation Database** by Agriculture and Irrigation Programme (AIP)
 - **Socio-economics Database/Website** by Basin Development Plan (BDP)
 - **Climate Change Database** by Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (CCAI)
 - **Modelling datasets** including the MRC **Council Study**

Data management, modelling and forecasting system

■ Timeseries Data management

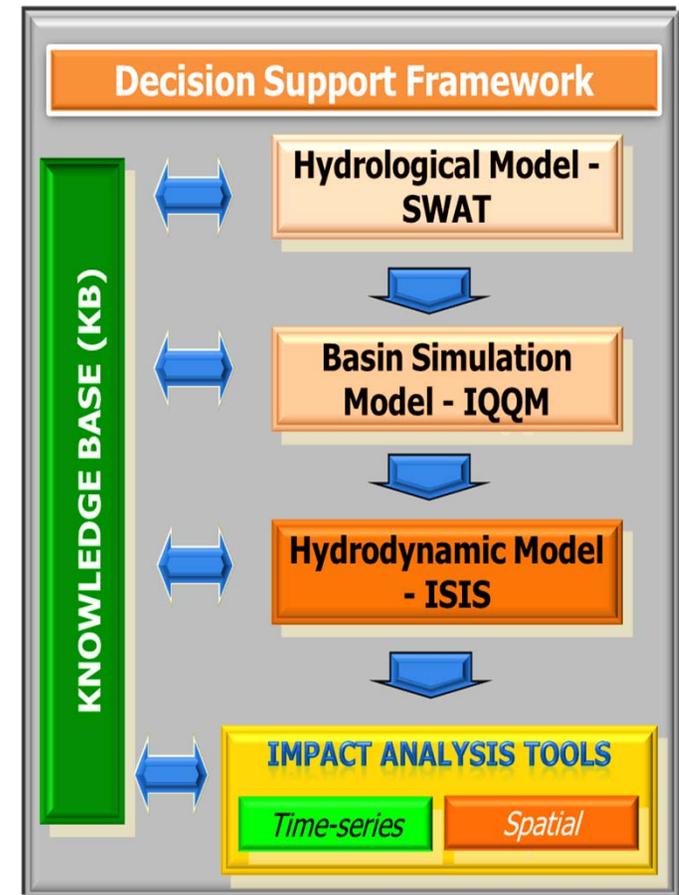
- **HYMOS** for their historical hydro-meteorological time-series data management for 600+ hydro-meteorological stations
- **HydMet** and **HYCOS** tools (Online, Trigger and QA – own made) for receiving near real time data and basic QA/QC processes for 58 telemetry stations
- Migration to **AQUARIUS** (historical and near-real time)

■ Decision Support Framework (DSF)

- Developed in 2001-2005 under the former Water Utilization Programme (WUP) funded by the World Bank – **SWAT-IQQM-ISIS** with currently updated to 1985-2008
- Engaged with **eWater Source** for basin simulation
- Supplemented by **WUP-FIN** models (IWRM and 3D Hydrodynamics)

■ River Flood and Flash forecasting

- **FEWS, URBS, ISIS** and regression models
- **FFGS** – WMO, USAID and HRC



Products and services

- Data sharing (web portal)
- Basin monitoring, status and trends of change (state of basin report)
- Flood and drought monitoring and forecasting
- Basin planning (basin development strategy)
- Climate change
- MRC Procedures implementation – water diplomacy (flow, quality, use)
- Knowledge dissemination

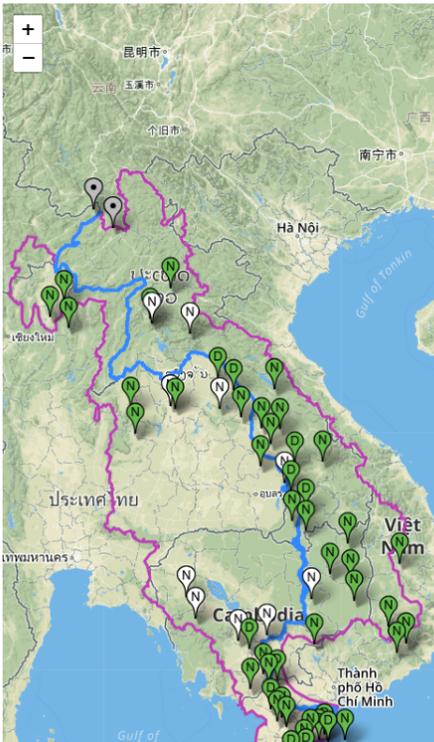
The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) website. The top screenshot shows the main website at <http://www.mekonginfo.org/>, featuring the MRC logo and navigation links for 'MRC Main Website', 'MRC Data Portal', and 'Community Forum'. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Mekong Info' portal at <http://portal.mrcmekong.org/index>, which includes a search bar and a menu with options like 'Home', 'Monitoring System', 'Information Service', 'Data Service & Download', 'MRC Procedure', 'MRC DSF / Toolbox', and 'Glossary'. Overlaid on these screenshots are several report covers: 'State of the Basin Report 2010', 'Annual Mekong Flood Report 2010', 'Assessment of Basin-wide Development Scenarios', 'Planning Atlas of the Lower Mekong River Basin', and 'Impacts of climate change and development on Mekong flow regimes First assessment - 2009'. Two small graphs at the top of the page show 'Low Water Level in Dry Season at Chiang Sean, Compared with its Exceedance Probability (P%): 1961-2013 (Jan-May)' and 'Low Water Level in Dry Season at Vientiane, Compared with its Exceedance Probability (P%): 1961-2013 (Jan-May)'.

Mekong-HYCOS Network (15-min)



Near Real-time Hydrometeorological Monitoring

Click on station name on the map or on the list to see water level charts.



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No.	Station	River	Code	Country	Type	Status
1	Jinghong	Mekong	092600	China	Normal	N/A
2	Manan	Manan	092980	China	Normal	N/A
3	Ban Kengdone	Se Bang Hieng	350101	Lao PDR	Normal	N/A
4	Ban Mixai	Nam Khan	120101	Lao PDR	Normal	N/A
5	Ban Nape	Nam Phao	270502	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
6	Ban Sebangnoulane	Sebangnoulane	360106	Lao PDR	Drought	Normal
7	Ban Veunkhen	Se Kong	430106	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
8	Khongsedone	Nam Sedone	390102	Lao PDR	Drought	Normal
9	Luang Prabang	Mekong	011201	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
10	Mahaxai	Se Bang Fai	320107	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
11	Muang Kao	Nam Sane	260101	Lao PDR	Drought	Normal
12	Muong Ngoy	Nam Ou	100102	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
13	Pakse	Mekong	013901	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
14	Phalane	Se Sangsoy	350102	Lao PDR	Drought	Normal
15	Phiengluang	Nam Ngum	230113	Lao PDR	Normal	N/A
16	Phonesy	Nam Ca Ding	270101	Lao PDR	Drought	Normal
17	Se Bangfai	Se Bang Fai	320101	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
18	Sopnam	Se Bang Hieng	350105	Lao PDR	Normal	Normal
19	Vientiane KM4	Mekong	011901	Lao PDR	Normal	N/A
20	Ban Doi Hang	Nam Mae Kok	050106	Thailand	Normal	Normal
21	Ban Had Paeng	Nam Sonkhran	290113	Thailand	Normal	Normal
22	Ban Tha Kok Doeng	Nam Sonkhran	290102	Thailand	Normal	N/A
23	Chiang Khan	Mekong	011903	Thailand	Normal	Normal
24	Chiang Saen	Mekong	010501	Thailand	Normal	Normal
25	Khong Chiam	Mekong	013801	Thailand	Normal	Normal
26	Mukdahan	Mekong	013402	Thailand	Normal	Normal
27	Nakhon Phanom	Mekong	013101	Thailand	Normal	Normal
28	Nong Khai	Mekong	012001	Thailand	Normal	Normal
29	Thoeng	Nam Mae Ing	070103	Thailand	Normal	Normal
30	Wang Saphung	Nam Loel	150101	Thailand	Normal	Normal
31	Angkorborey	Stung Angkor Borey	680103	Cambodia	Drought	Normal
32	Battambang	Sankajer	550102	Cambodia	Normal	N/A
33	Boribo	Stung Boribo	590101	Cambodia	Drought	Normal
34	Chaktomuk	Bassac	033401	Cambodia	Normal	Normal
35	Kampong Ampil	Tonle Touch	019905	Cambodia	Drought	Normal
36	Kompong Luong	Tonlesap	020106	Cambodia	Normal	N/A
37	Kompong Speu	Prek Thnot	640102	Cambodia	Normal	Normal



Near Real-time Hydrometeorological Monitoring

Chiang Khan

Station code: 011903
 Country: Thailand
 River: Mekong
 Zero gauge (MSL): 194.118 m
 Water level sensor ¹:
 Rainfall sensor ²:
 Alarm level: 14.5 m
 Flood level: 16 m

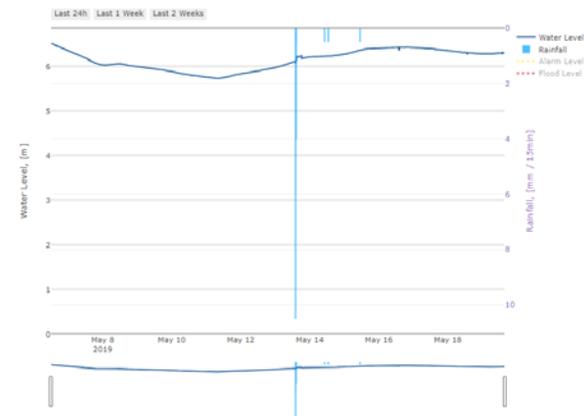
Date: May 19, 2019
 Time: 3:15:00 PM
 Latest water level: 6.3 m
 Rainfall last 1 hour: 0 mm
 Rainfall last 6 hours: 0 mm
 Rainfall last 12 hours: 0 mm
 Rainfall last 24 hours: 0 mm
 Rainfall 7am to 7am: 0 mm

Select country to change station table
 Thailand

- 1) Checked if water level sensor is installed at this station
- 2) Checked if rainfall sensor is installed at this station
- 3) No alarm and flood level defined for this station

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Hydrograph and Rainfall at Chiang Khan



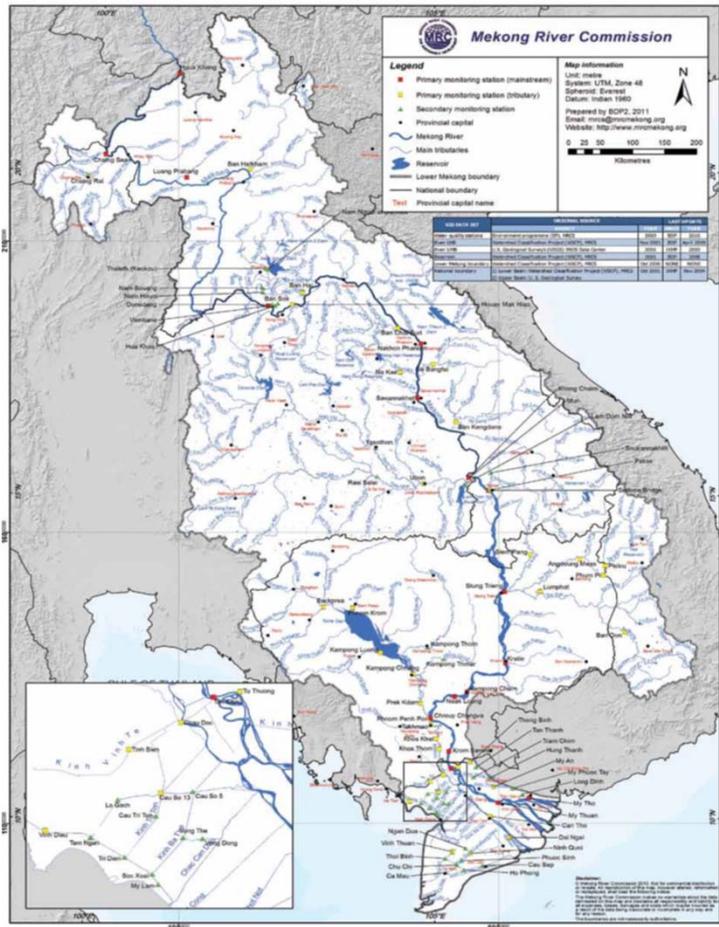
- Instructions:
- This chart shows the hydrograph of the last 14 days. For stations which do measure rainfall, the rainfall is also displayed. Stations which have alarm and flood levels defined, additional horizontal alarm (orange) and flood (red) levels are displayed.
 - To zoom in, either click on one of the "Last 24h", "Last 1 Week" buttons or select the date period in the chart itself with your mouse. While zoomed in, the small bottom overview chart grays out the period which is not shown.
 - To zoom out, either click on the "Last 2 Weeks" buttons or double-click/tap on the chart.
 - You can export and download the current plot as an image by clicking the small camera icon above the chart.

Discharge and Sediment Monitoring



- Discharge & sediment monitoring at 17 sites
 - 11 river sites: Chiang Saen to Kratie
 - 2 tidal sites in Mekong
 - 2 tidal sites in Bassac
 - 1 site in Tonle Sap
 - 1 tributary (3S)
- Started 2009 at Thai-Lao sites, Remaining sites began 2011 and 3S added in 2012
- Parameters: Discharge, Suspended Solid Concentration (SSC), Suspended Grain Size Analysis (SGSA) and Bedload.

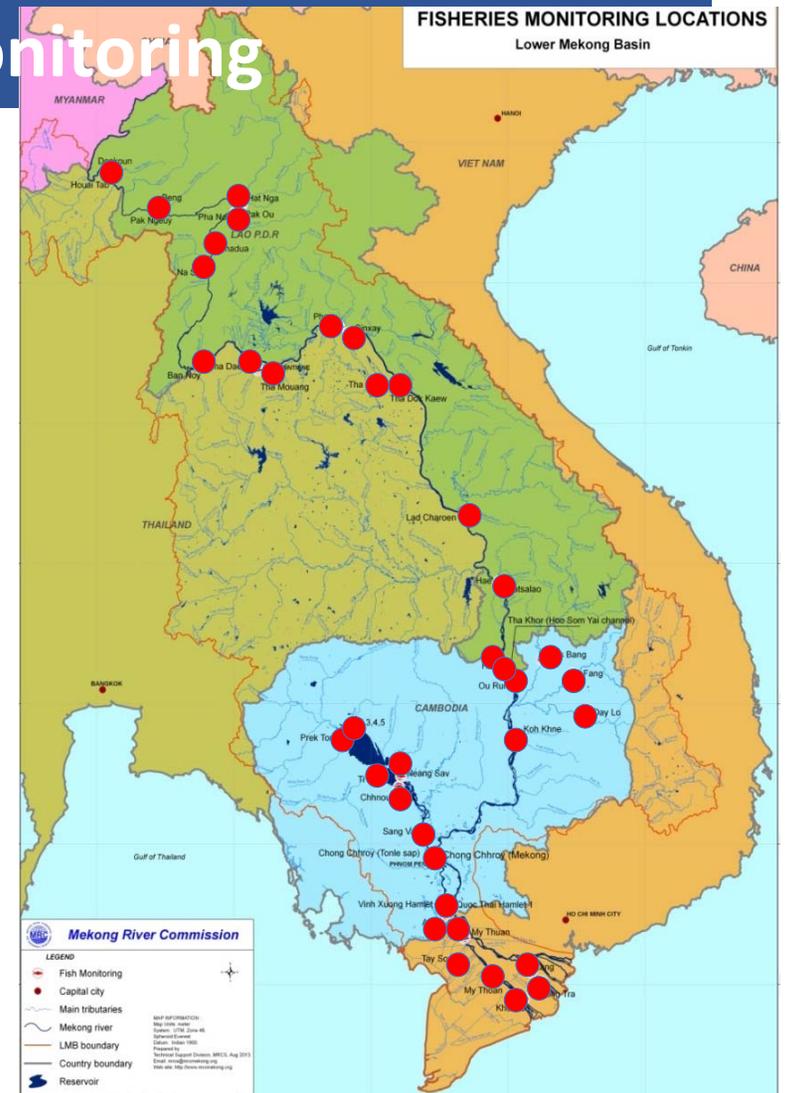
Water Quality Monitoring



- Since 1985
- Monthly measurement of 19 physical-chemical water parameters at 48 stations in the LMB
 - 19 stations in Cambodia,
 - 11 stations in Lao PDR,
 - 8 stations in Thailand, and
 - 10 stations in Viet Nam.
- Three types of WQI: (1) protection of aquatic life, (2) protection of human health, (3) agricultural use

Fish Abundance and Diversity Monitoring

- Since 2003
- Location/site: LMB – Mekong Mainstream and major tributaries- 38 locations
 - 15 locations in Lao PDR
 - 11 locations in Cambodia
 - 5 locations in Thailand
 - 7 locations in Viet Nam
- Season of fishing: daily for all year round
- Data collection by fishers supervised by researchers: fish abundance (number and catch), fish species diversity (richness and composition) and total length



Fish larvae drift and juvenile monitoring

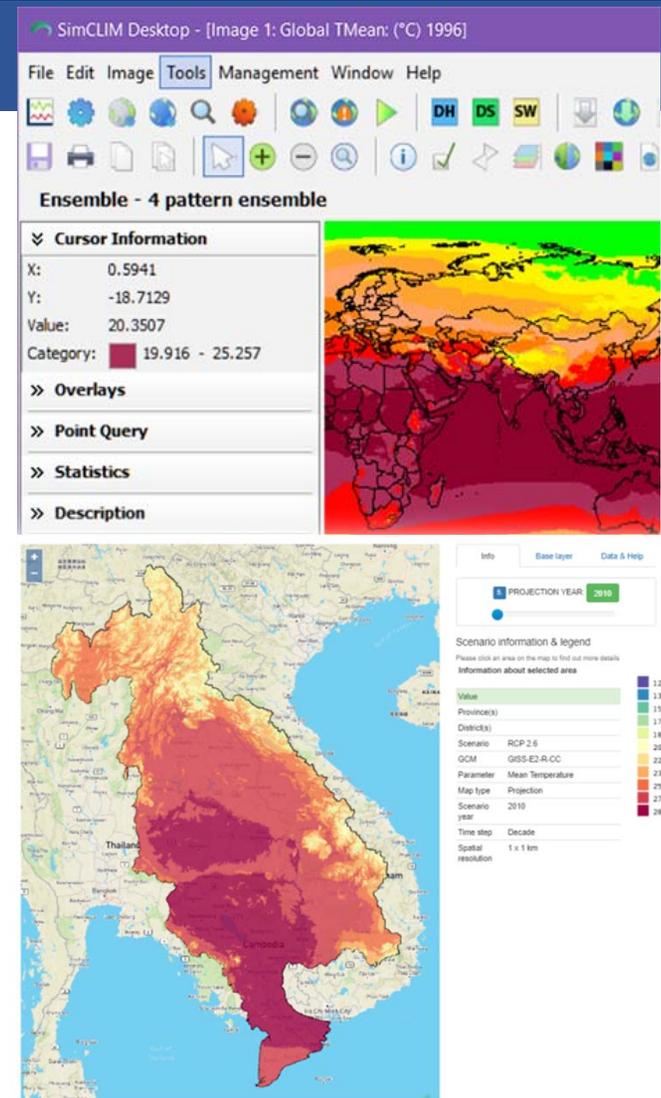
- Since 2002
- Location: Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Mekong and Bassac River Dong Thap and An Giang provinces in Viet Nam
- Monitoring season: Daily from June to September
- Data collected by researcher
- Monitoring parameters: fish species diversity and fish larvae density (no. of larvae per 1,000 m³)



Climate Change



- **SimCLIM 4.0** using the latest CMIP5 climate data was installed in the MRCS and Member Countries in March 2017.
- Maps, graphs and charts of various aspects of climate change can be generated spatially and for sites.



MRC Flood Forecasting Service

Wet season:

Daily Flood Forecast - 01 June - 31 Oct
(Lead time: 5 Days)

Dry season:

Weekly River Monitoring - 01 Nov - 31
May (Lead time: 7 Days)

Products

*1. Monthly Rainfall
distribution Map*

2. Bulletin

*2. Weekly Report (Wet and Dry
Seasons)*

3. Abnormal Flow Situation

22 Forecast stations in the mainstream



URBS

1. Chiang Saen
2. Luang Prabang
3. Chiang Khan
4. Vientiane
5. Nong Khai
6. Paksane
7. Nakhon Phanom
8. Thakhek
9. Mukdahan
10. Savannakhet
11. Khong Chiam
12. Pakse
13. Stung Treng

ISIS+Regression

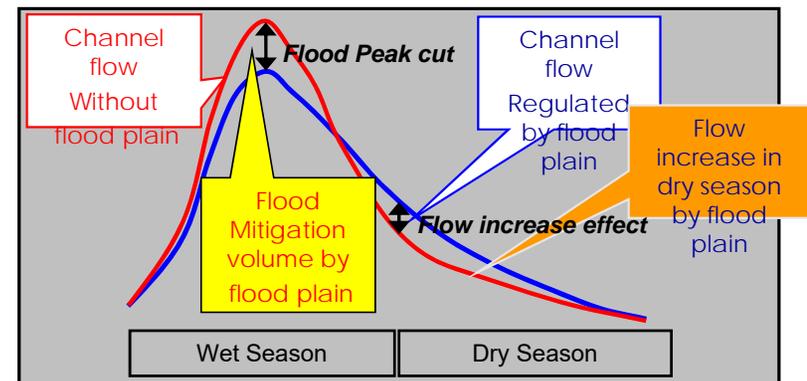
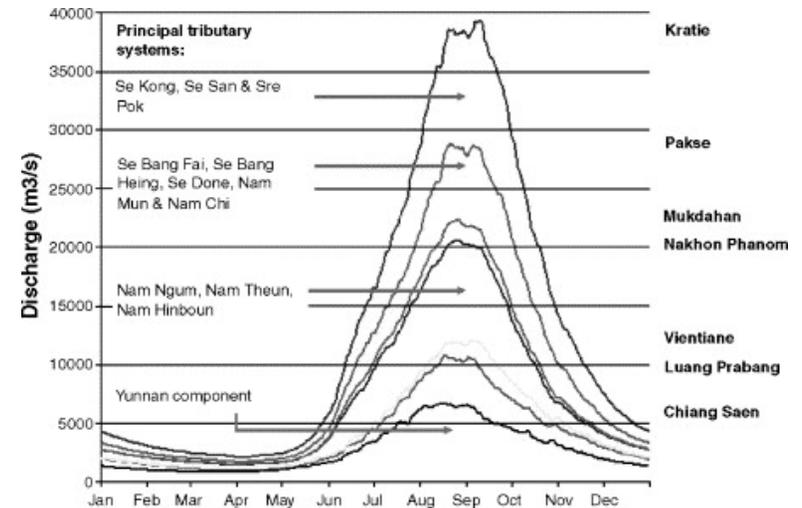
14. Kratie
15. Kampong Cham
16. Phnom Penh Bassac
17. Phnom Penh Port
18. Prek Kdam
19. Koh Khel
20. Neak Leung
21. Tan Chau
22. Chau Doc

Example: Abnormal Flow Note

The abnormal flow situations note/report focused on:

1. The rapid changes of water level at each key station suggest that the water level could be influenced by human activities (if there was no associated rainfall)
2. The unseasonably high flow and the rapid drop in water level at the upper Mekong may be determined by water releases of the cascade reservoirs on the Mekong/Lancang for energy production and possibly navigation purposes.

"How water level rise or drop and how long it will stay in the region?", "Is the current situation normal or possible potential cause of the incident?", and "How might the regional high/low flows situation change in the coming few days or months?".





THANK YOU

One Mekong. One Spirit.

