3rd High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Adaptation for Cities:

Urban climate resilience of Thai cities

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Urban Climate Resilience Concepts



Urban = 'City' = Nakorn Municipality

With urban development, population growth

Urban = Nakorn +smaller municipalities
+ sub-district administrations

Climate resilience

- Mitigation and adaptation
- Long-term capacity to deal with change and continue to develop
- Shared learning of multi-stakeholders

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Building resilience to climate change in urban context

- Development of long-term strategies addressing uncertainties
- Shared learning / lessons learned

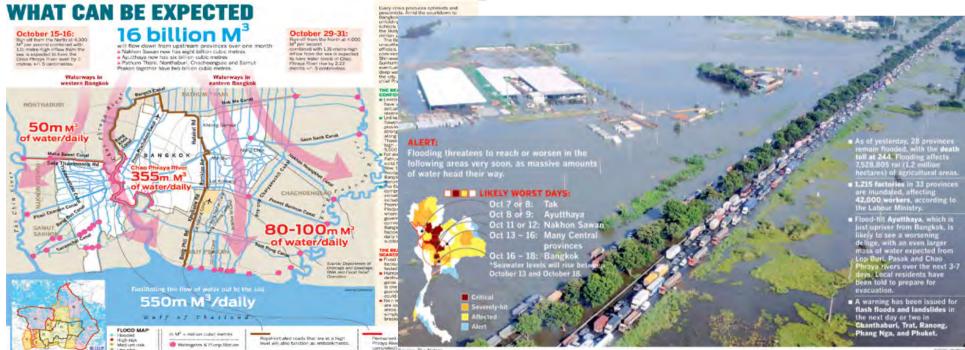
But most cities face urgent / immediate issues (urban challenges + natural disasters)



Thai cities and flood disasters

2011

- Bangkok
- Northern and Central provinces
- Direct and indirect impacts
- High damage costs



Thai cities and flood disasters



2010

- Hat Yai (also 2000)
- Southern provinces
- Northern provinces





Key issues

- Access to information
- Awareness
- Participation
- Coordination
- Early warning system
- Preparedness
- Technical / scientific data
- Local knowledge



Challenges

- Rapid urbanisation
- Urban land use change
- Economic growth and development
- Natural resource demands
- Climate risks
- Vulnerable / marginalised community groups

Building resilience practices

Urban system

- Unplanned urbanisation, urban development, land use change contribute to climate risks

Vulnerability

Climate Change

- Oovernance issues

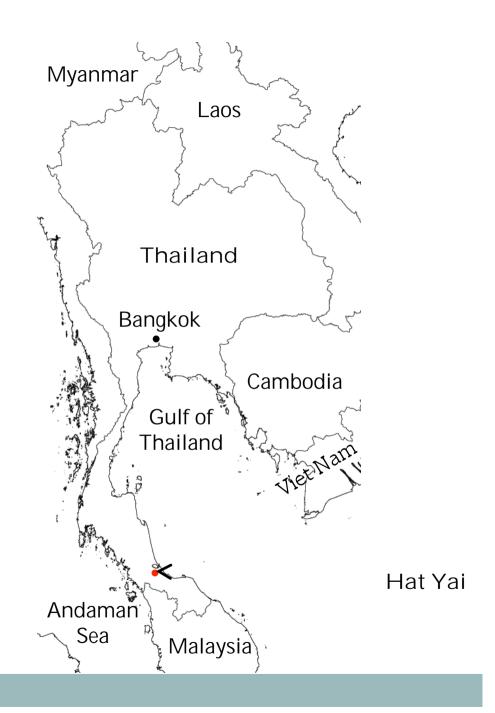
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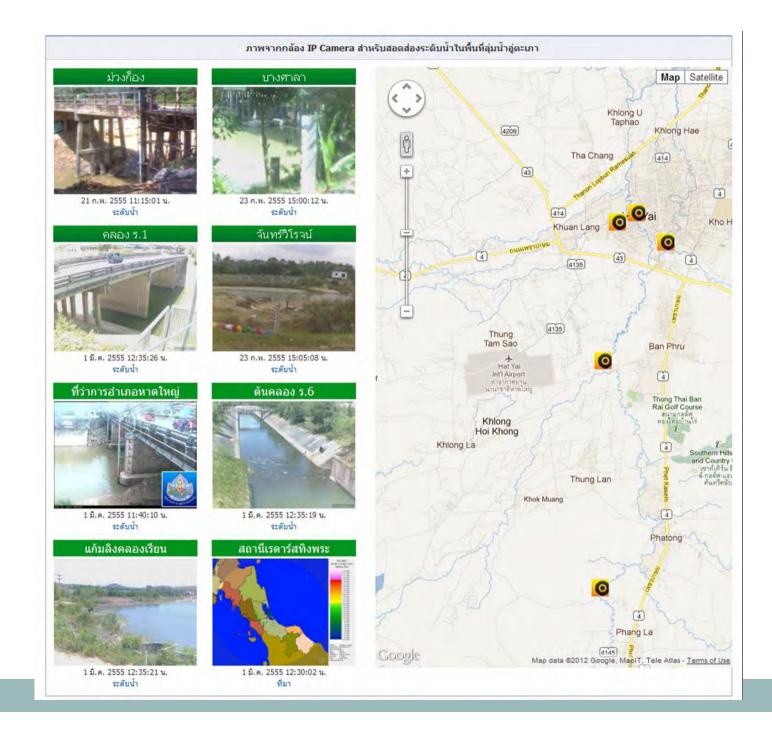
- Shared learning dialogues
- Multi-stakeholder process
- Participation process
- Vulnerable / Marginalised community groups
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Identification of priorities and needs
- Linking knowledge and practice



Building resilience practices

- Multi-stakeholder process
- Hat Yai website for public flood monitoring
- Coordination centre, independent of municipality
- Participation of communities to plan and design flood emergency responses
- Intervention linking urban land use, flood management and climate change





Urban climate resilience framework (URF)

