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Securing water resources in changing climatic and socio- economic conditions - Case Vietnam

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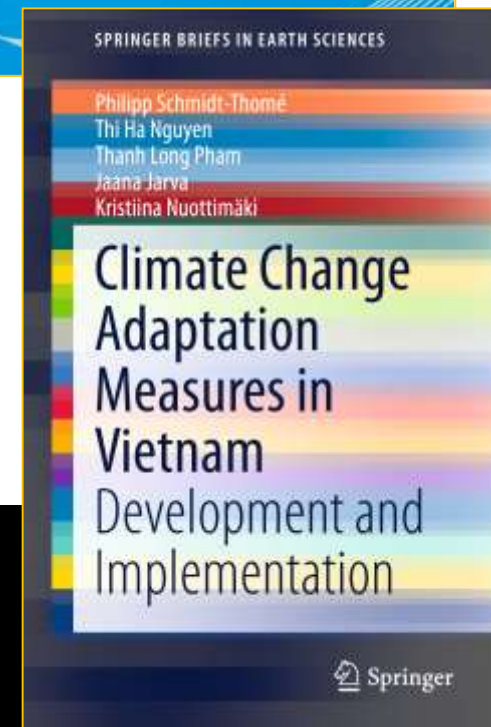
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VIETADAPT – Cooperation

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- Climate change adaptation measures in coastal areas and at local level in Vietnam
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 - Geological Survey of Finland (GTK)
 - Sub-institute of Hydrometeorology and Climate Change (SIHYMECC)
 - Centre for Water Resources Warning and Forecasting (CEWAFO)



Research chain - DPSIR

- Driving Forces: Climate change impacts and socio-economic changes
- Pressures: Increasing water demand
- State: Hydrogeological and environmental conditions
- Impacts: Salinization, water scarcity
- Responses: Sustainable water resource management, local adaptation measures

Comprehensive knowledge on current situation and conditions

- Evaluating climate change and socio-economic scenarios
- Investigating surface water, groundwater and environmental conditions
- Identifying human development and climate change impacts on the environment and water resources



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Sharing information

- Interpretation of scientific results
 - Training of experts and decision makers
 - Open and active science-stakeholder communication
- ⇒ Understanding the local conditions
- ⇒ Assessment of local vulnerability and risk patterns
- ⇒ Integrating local knowledge and expertise on water resources management and climate change impact assessment



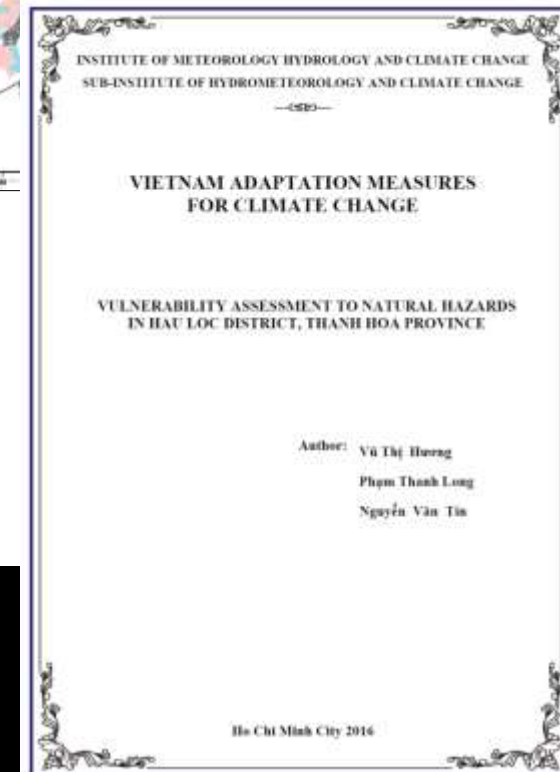
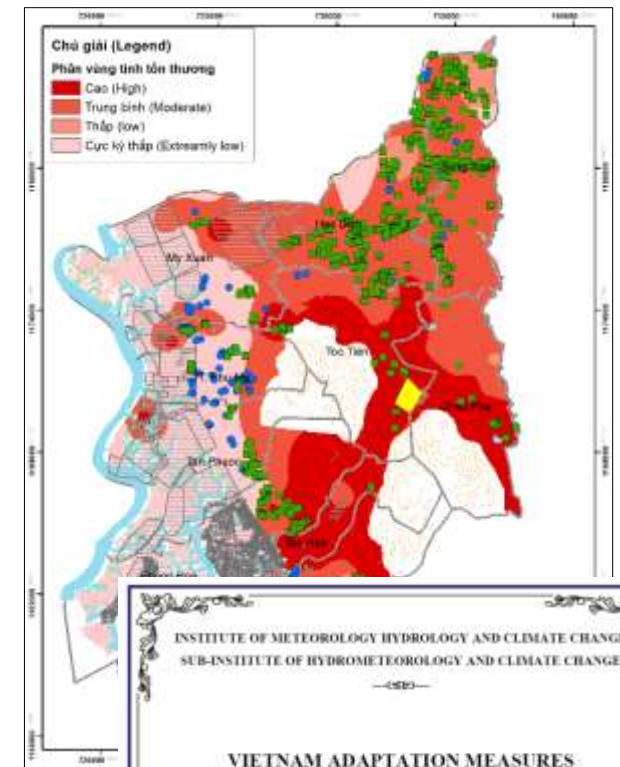
Implementing into practice

- Developing local risk management and climate change adaptation measures for sustainable water resource management
 - Feasible
 - Easy to implement
 - Cost-effective
 - Accepted by the community and local people



Recommendations and adaptation measures for local level - examples

- Water quality
 - Improving monitor network
 - Land use prohibitions; protection zones
 - Improving wastewater management
 - Remediation of contamination
 - Replacement of water intakes
- Water quantity
 - Water balance analysis
 - Setting sustainable pumping rates
- Water supply
 - Promoting water-saving irrigation methods
 - Saline intrusion forecasts; timing for irrigation and planting
 - Artificial groundwater recharge
 - Water storage and reservoirs
 - Dykes for flood protection and salinization prevention



Lessons learnt

- Securing water resources is a common challenge for decision makers, land use planners and citizens
- Comprehensive understanding ranging from hydrogeological and environmental conditions to climate change impacts and socio-economic effects is essential
- Science-stakeholder communication enables developing targeted, site-specific measures
- Strong local involvement promotes public awareness and acceptability of developed measures

Thank you for your attention!



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