ARK CITY MANGROVE AS TACTIC MAKING DELTA 2050

The Vietnam Mekong Delta: An area of population of 17 million people and famous because of the enormous fruit and rice cultivation.

This fairy tale is at risk. The deterioration of agriculture and rivers here occurs daily. If no action is taken, this fairy tale will flood in less than 30 years due to rising sea level and subsidence. As a result and the coastline will even further return to the similar location as 2000 years BC.

The critical situation has caused a massive migration from rural to urban area.. Cities are growing at the seams.

A potentially solution to save the most people may be found in the power of the mangrove ecosystem. Throughout

VIETNAM MEKONG ARCHIPEL ?- > 90% FLOODED BY SEA

time, mangroves has protected the delta by preventing coastal erosion, as well providing a natural breakwater from intens waves. Despite the social and ecological benefits of mangrove ecosystems, the number of mangroves within the Mekong Delta has been reduced to half. The remaining mangrove ecosystems are no longer sufficient in providing protection to The Mekong Delta.

What strategy can be used to save as much *as possible people in an accessible way?*





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SOUTH CHINA SEA



MANGROVE AS ORIGINAL AND NATURAL WAY OF COASTAL DEFENSE

408.500 HA. OF MANGROVE WITH ULTIMATE BIODIVERSITY

ONCE COVERED THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WORLD'S TROPICAL COASTLINES



VIETNAM WAR DESTROYED MANGROVES BECAUSE OF HERBICIDES (AGENT ORANGE ETC.)

FROM MANGROVE TO AQUACULTURE RE-CLAIMED FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE

1990

MASSIVE MIGRATION SALINATION AND EXHAUSTED FARM LAND DUE PESTICIDES AND DUE INDUSTRIALISATION HOPE TO MAKE MORE MONEY IN THE CITY AS ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

CAN THO 1.600.000 <u>+264% (20 Y)</u> SAIGON 8.600.000 <u>+95% (20 Y)</u>



ESTIMATED 155,290 HECTARES OF MANGROVE, OF WHICH 96,876 HECTARES WERE PLANTED IN A NUMBER OF **REFORESTATION** PROGRAMMES (HONG, 2003)

AFTER WAR UNTIL 1999, SOME 21 400 OF THE ORIGINAL 40 000 HA OF MANGROVES WERE REHABILITATED IN CAN GIO , PLANTED BY YOUNGSTERS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN



MEKOŅG SEA ?

CHOOSING MANGROVE AS TACTIC TO PRETECT THE TIDAL CITIES

Mỹ Tho

An Bình

Trà Vinh

MORE THAN ONE MILLION PEOPLE MAY NEED TO RELOCATE FROM OR WITHIN THE MEKONG DELTA BECAUSE

OF SEA LEVEL RISE (IPCC)!











LAKE MEKONG

THE ARK CITY 2045

DESIGN PRINCIPALS

RESTORING NATURAL PATTERNS OF WATER FLOW
ATTACHED TO STREETS ANDPROPERTIES
NOT IN VULNARABLE ECO SYSTEMS
PREVENTING HUMAN DISTURBANCE
BAMBOO BRANCHES AGAINST EROSION TO PROTECT THE PROPAGULE





PATTERNS

LEGEND

MANGROVE FOREST

TA

- NATURAL CHANNELS
- MUD PLAIN
- WATER RETENTION
- --- MANGROVE TRAIL
- URBAN AXES
 EXISTING CITY
 URBAN EXPANSION
- MAIN STREAM



AND NATURAL WATER FLOWS Looking to nature's past, the mangrove has been the protective factor for deltas. I proposed to create a substantial mangrove forest that acts like a shielding ring around a civilisation: a full-fledged mangrove forest that can withstand the forces of the sea within 20 years to protect the city. This concept 'Ark City' provides defense and services for civilisation.

The scalability of Árk City'promotes a feasible solution across urban and rural landscape. From villages to mega-cities, capturing the benefits of mangrove ecosystem forest is possible, as long as it is in a tropical tidal area. We let nature do the greatest work. Residents and the government can in accordance organize it.

The Ark City, a strategy that uses the power of nature to protect the city from the sea.

(below it's started already)

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ARK CITY MANGROVE AS TACTIC

DEVELOPMENT





SPECIALS



MANGROVE EYE LEVEL WITH LOOK OUT POINT AND CREEKS -A-

BENEFITS









HARBOR TRANSFER FROM HIGH BYPASS WATER TO LOW LAKE MEKONG WATER







