

Understanding risk

Risk identification

Solutions

Integration and Flood Risk Management for development

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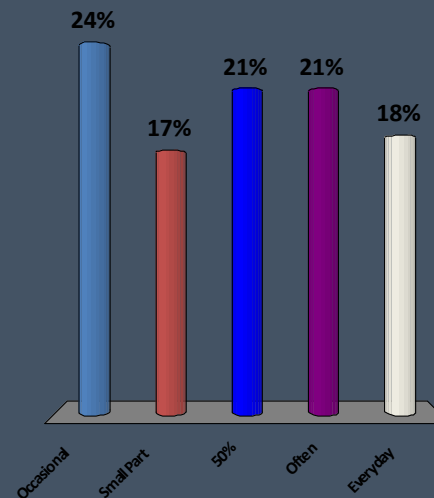
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Flood Risk Management

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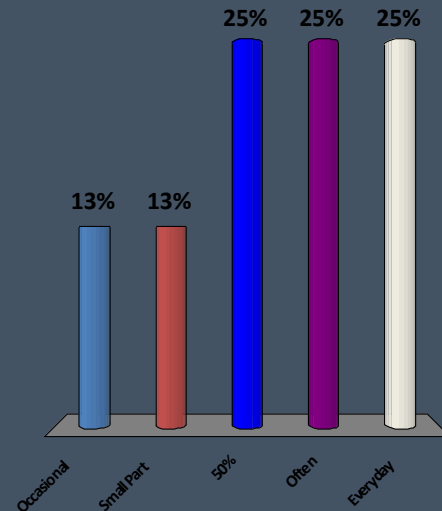
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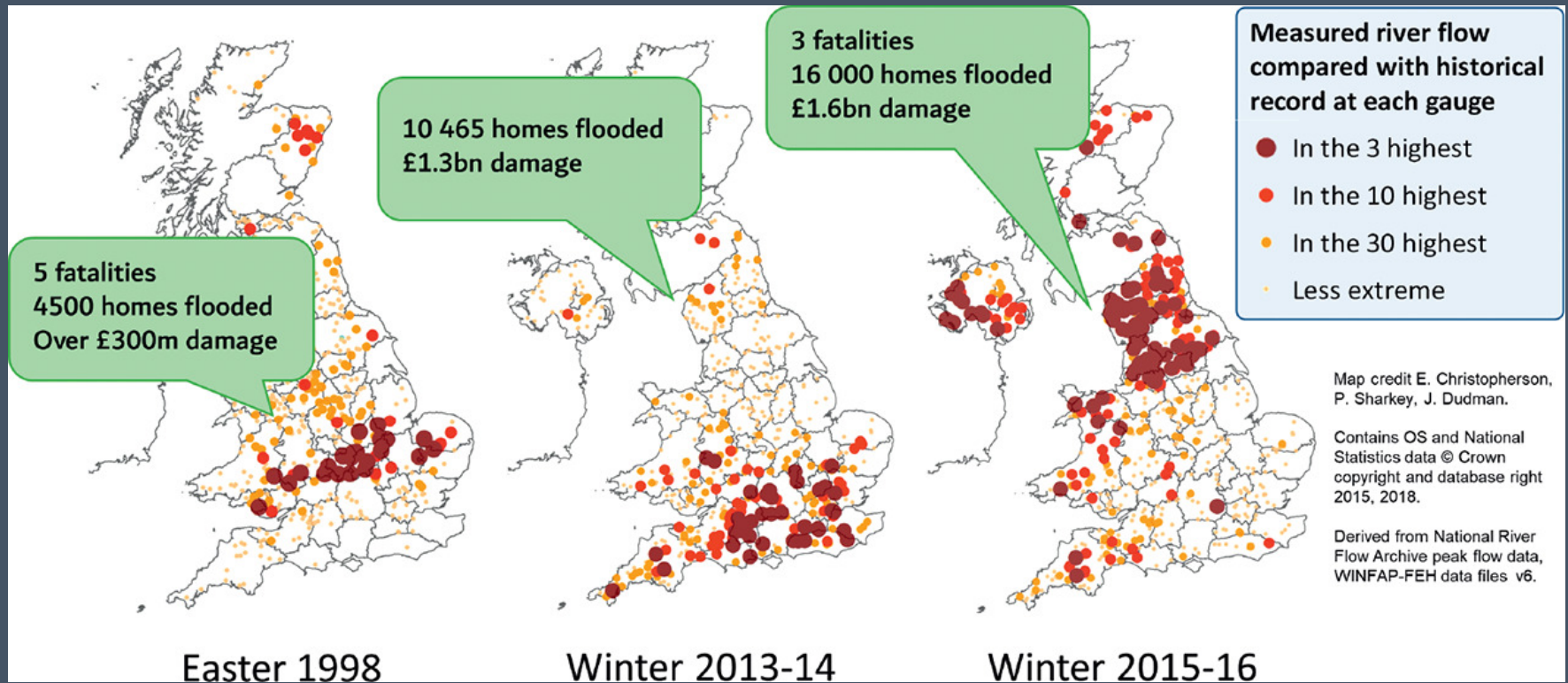
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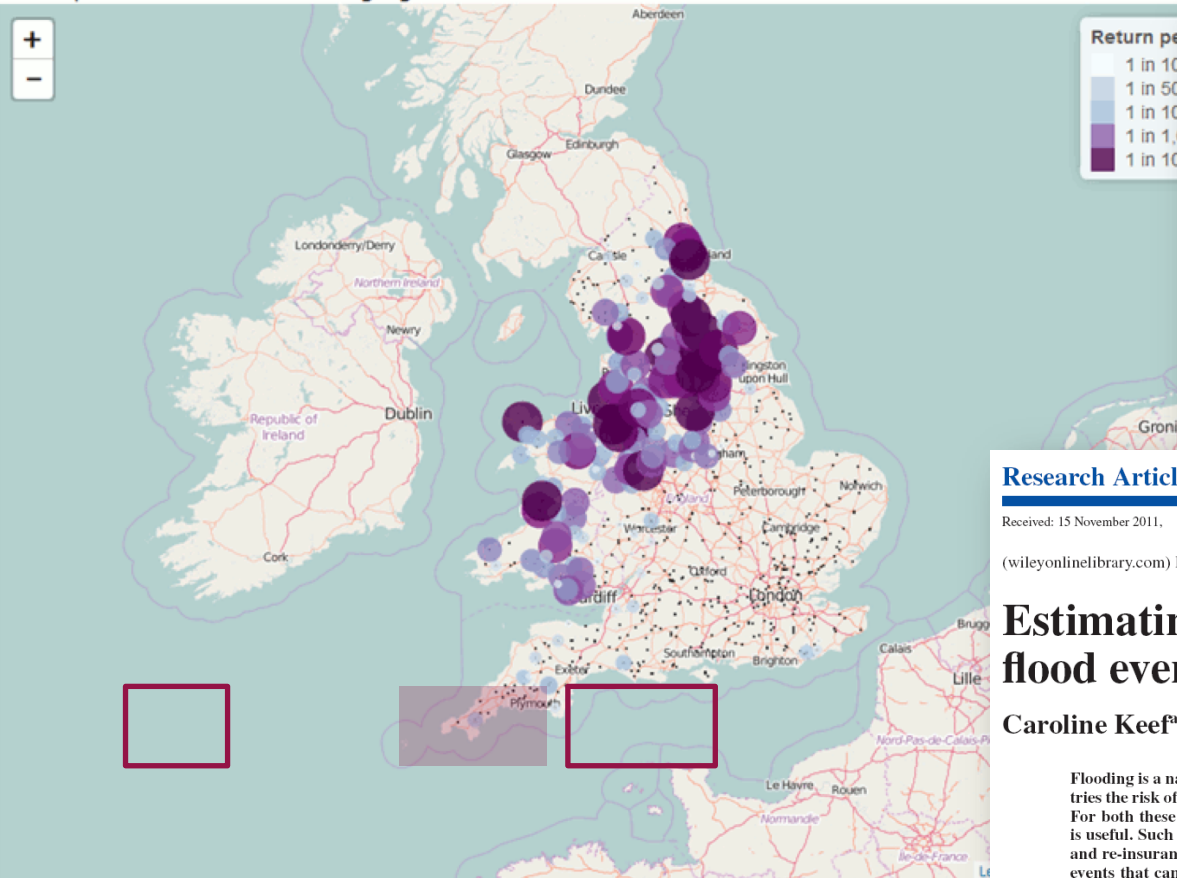


If you are responsible for a large area – very likely at some locations – 80%/year in UK

Spatial extreme flows model

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Return periods of the flow at each gauge for Event ID 32873



Journal of
Flood Risk Management

A new method to assess the risk of local and widespread floods on rivers and coasts

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Abstract

To date, national- and regional-scale flood risk assessments have provided information about the annual expected consequences of floods.

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Estimating the probability of widespread flood events

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Flooding is a natural phenomenon that regularly causes financial and human devastation around the world. In many countries the risk of flooding is managed by society through a combination of governmental agencies and the insurance industry. For both these types of organisation an estimate of the largest, or most widespread, events that can be expected to occur is useful. Such estimates can be used to help in preparing or co-ordinating flood mitigation activities and by the insurance and re-insurance industries to assess financial risk. In this paper we develop a method to simulate a set of synthetic flood events that can be used to estimate the probability of widespread floods. We demonstrate this method using data from a set of UK river flow gauges. The model used in this simulation process is based on the conditional exceedance model of Heffernan and Tawn, extended to incorporate features typically found in the data for extreme river floods. We also present

Is Climate Change detectable already?

What we can say now



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Human-made climate change has *already* put about 1,000 more properties at risk of flooding in the Thames river catchment in an event like Winter 2013-14

(Uncertainty: -4,000 to +8,000)

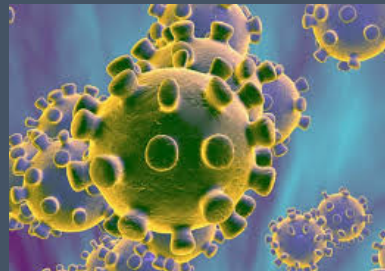
1000 properties at risk of flooding in the Thames river catchment in an event like Winter 2013-14

Texas – Sept 2019

Probability for such an amount of rain has increased by a factor 2.6 (1.6 to 5.0) since 1900. Local Rainfall Intensity Curves Revised

Understanding risk

- Likelihood

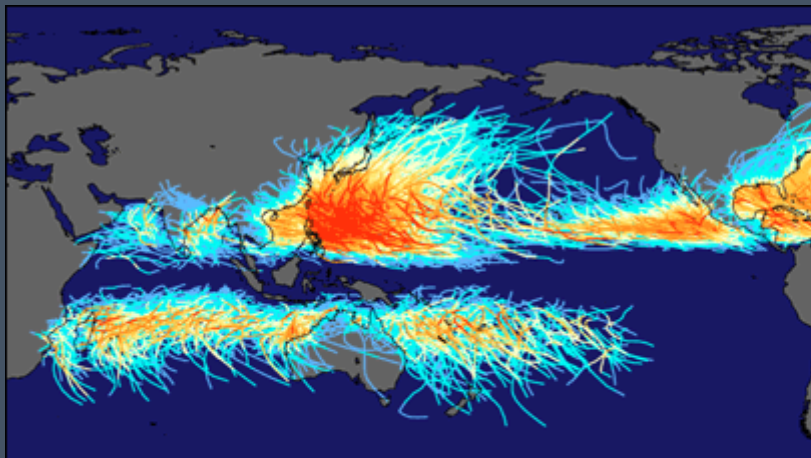
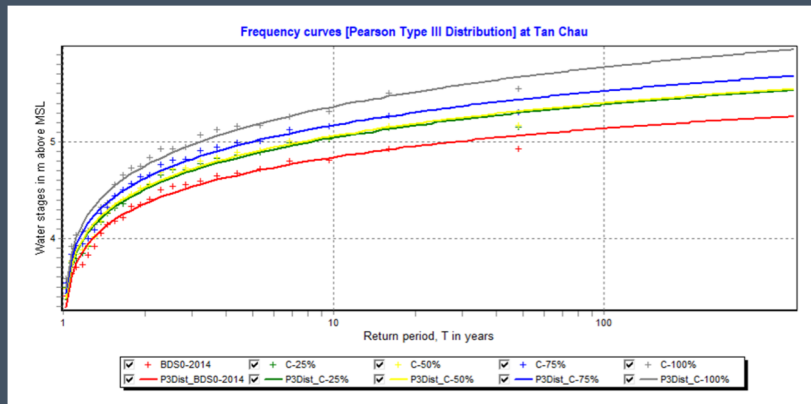


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Understanding flood risk

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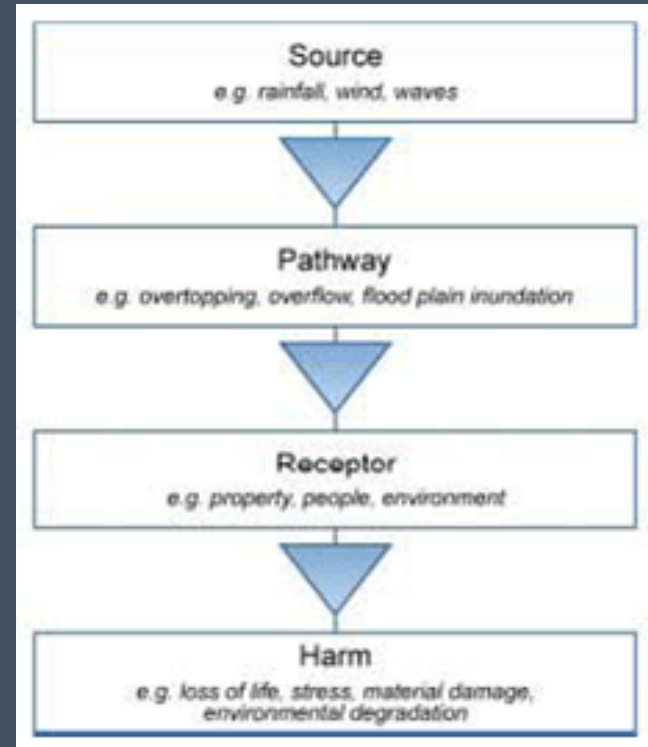


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Understanding Flood Risk Analysis

Risk = Fn { Hazard, Exposure, Vulnerability }



Understanding Flood Risk Analysis - **HAZARD**

A **hazard** is any agent that can cause harm or damage to humans, property, or the environment.

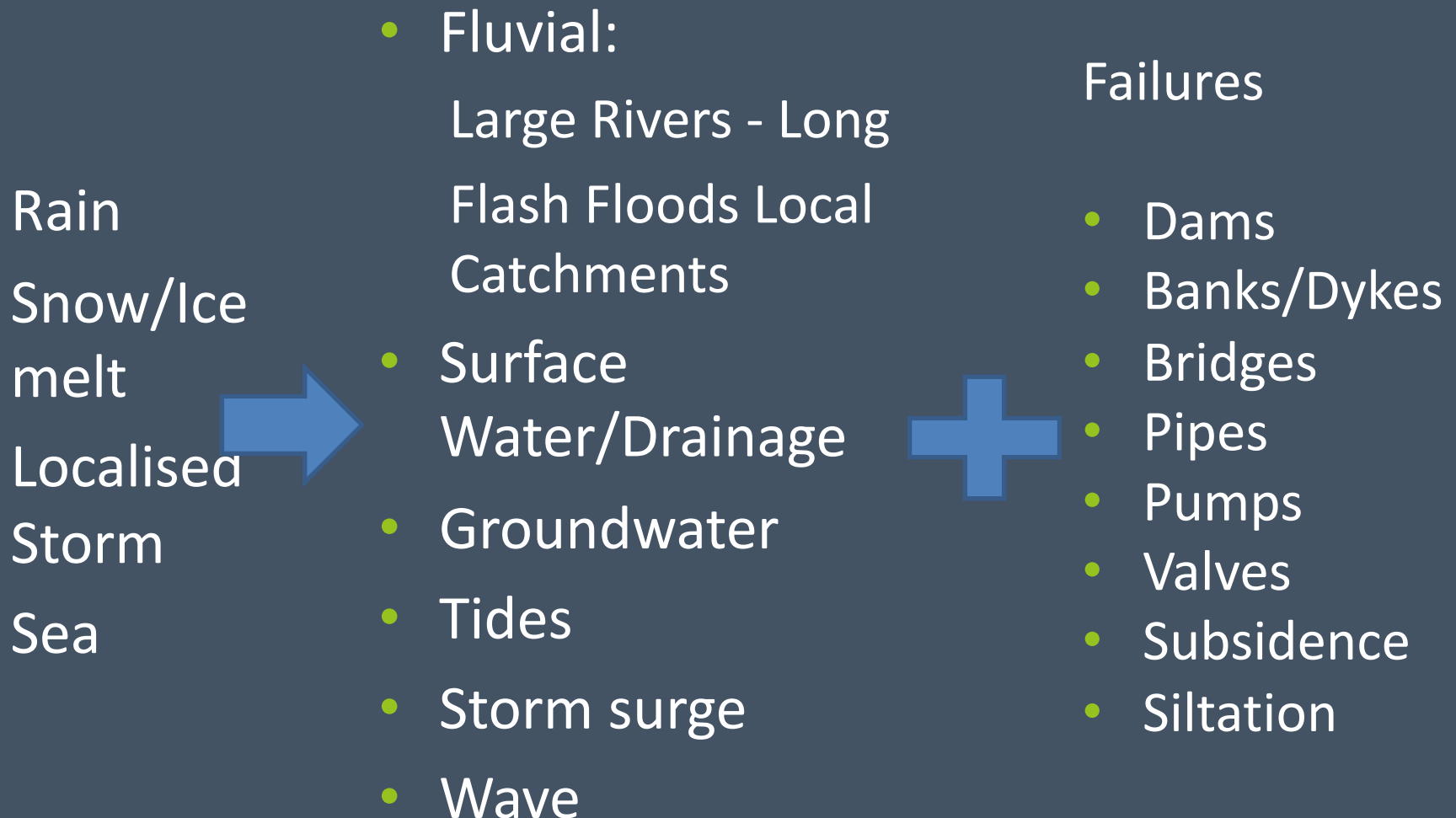


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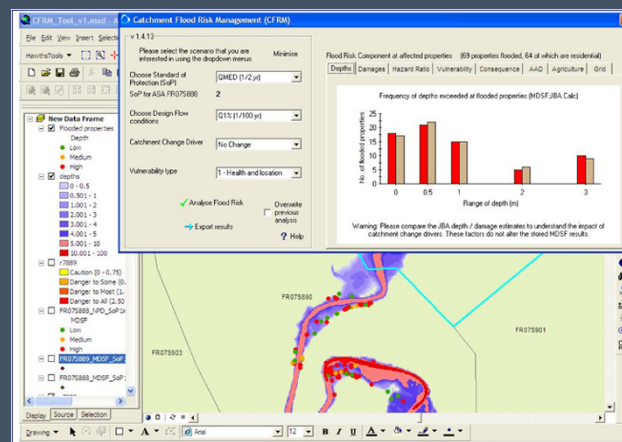
a. Hazard to life as a product of depth and velocity of a flood is also sometimes assessed.

b) Exposure may be different at different times or after warning

Understanding flood risk - Hazard



Exposure



September 2016

- People – Disaggregated to Vulnerable groups
- Property – Differing standards. Structure and contents
- Agriculture crops and livestock
- Business
- Infrastructure
- Ecology/Environment
- Transport
- Secondary Impacts



Flood Risk – Social Impact for the most Vulnerable

Vulnerability

- Poor People Suffer More
- Impact on Poor People Underestimated

Issues for Resilience

Issues for Cost Benefit

Consequence

- Flooding keeps people in poverty

Action

- Protect/compensate assets of poor people
- Build back better

Flood Events – How have these shaped IFRM?

What Happened?

What lessons were learnt?

What changes were made subsequently? (or not due to certain constraints)

UK 1998 Easter Floods

Context – Progressive Flood Defence improvements in response to events

4200 Properties flooded

5 Fatalities

Independent Inquiry

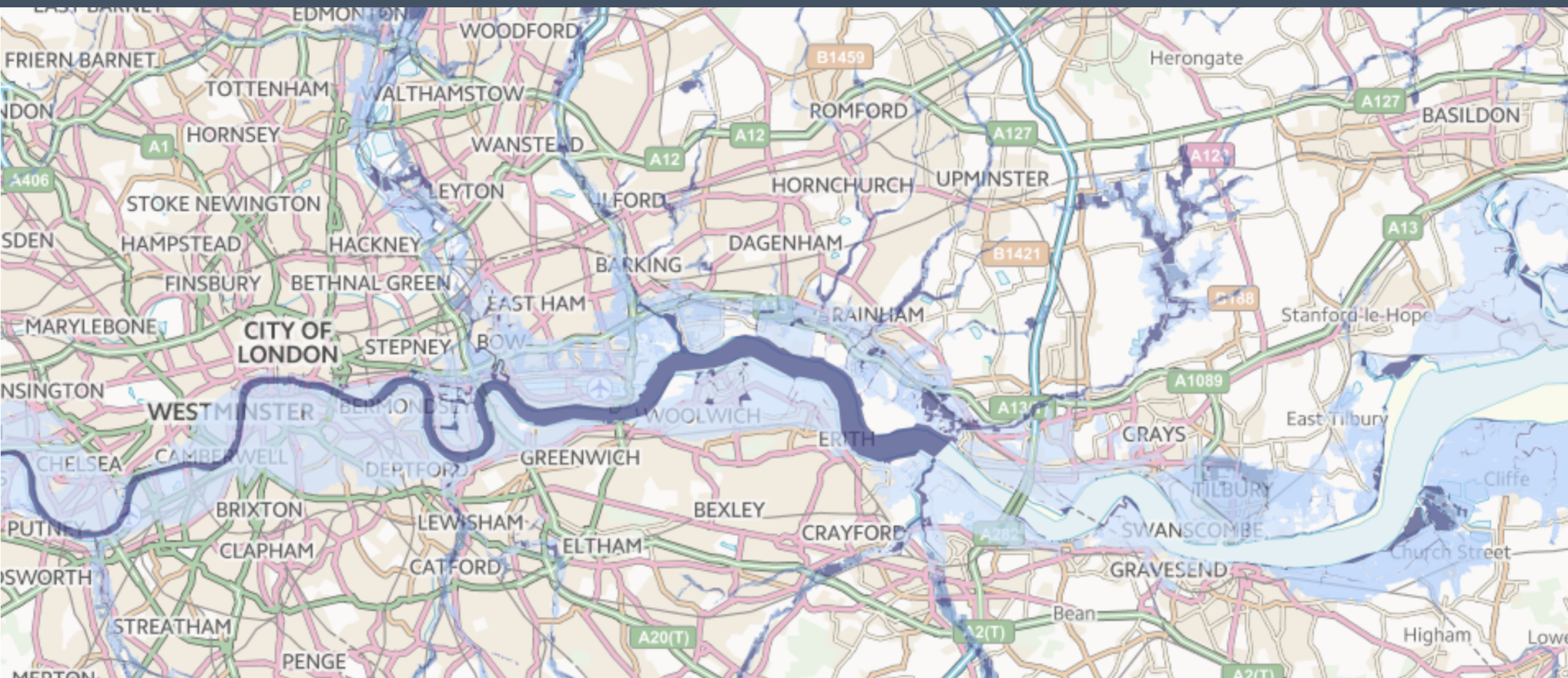
National Flood Mapping (Floodplain, defended areas)

Incorporation into Land Use Planning Legislation

Emergency Planning



Understanding flood risk – Hazard Sources



Minister promised flood mapping to be openly available for whole country within 2 years

UK Floods – Risk Management and **Integration**

(1 of 3)

With National Flood Mapping and a motivation for Institutional change:

- 1. Legislation – Regional and Local Government MUST take account of flood risk (Planning Guidance PPS25 – presumption to develop areas at low risk and exceptions had to be justified and could be challenged)**
- 2. Each development needed a Flood Risk Assessment for planning**
- 3. Catchment based flood plans were prepared including SEA**

Flood Management Change (2 of 3)



4. Flood Responsible Agency became part of same ministry as farming/Land Management.
5. National Exercise Civil Contingency preparedness
6. Closer linkage with Conservation (English Nature) legislation and support for bank setbacks and river restoration.
7. Linkage with land management payments for farmers (catchment management)

UK Floods – Risk Management and **Integration** (3 of 3)

7. Agreement to increase expenditure on defences with Insurers to maintain household coverage
8. Other Flood Risk also quantified/mapped – surface water and dam break
9. Climate Change Guidance Issued for all developments

Summary Changes:

Approach, Communication, Institutions, Funding

Floods still occur in a risk management but

People and Politics may still intervene eg following an embankment failure in 2019

Residents have demanded answers about what happened and solutions to stop flooding happening again. Mr Warman, MP for Boston and Skegness, said

Government exists to try and protect people who are vulnerable and I want to admit, first off, that it is a failure that we are in this position. "So that is a flat-out 'sorry'."

MP Warman said that he had approached Environment Secretary Michael Gove "who had agreed funding would be made available" to **improve flood defences** in the area. There will also be an independent review, some residents demanding the river is not made into a nature park but must be dredged.

Learning Lessons Flood Events

Consider A Significant Flood Event in Your Country

Describe how that has influenced Flood Management and changes that occurred after.

What were the main issues?

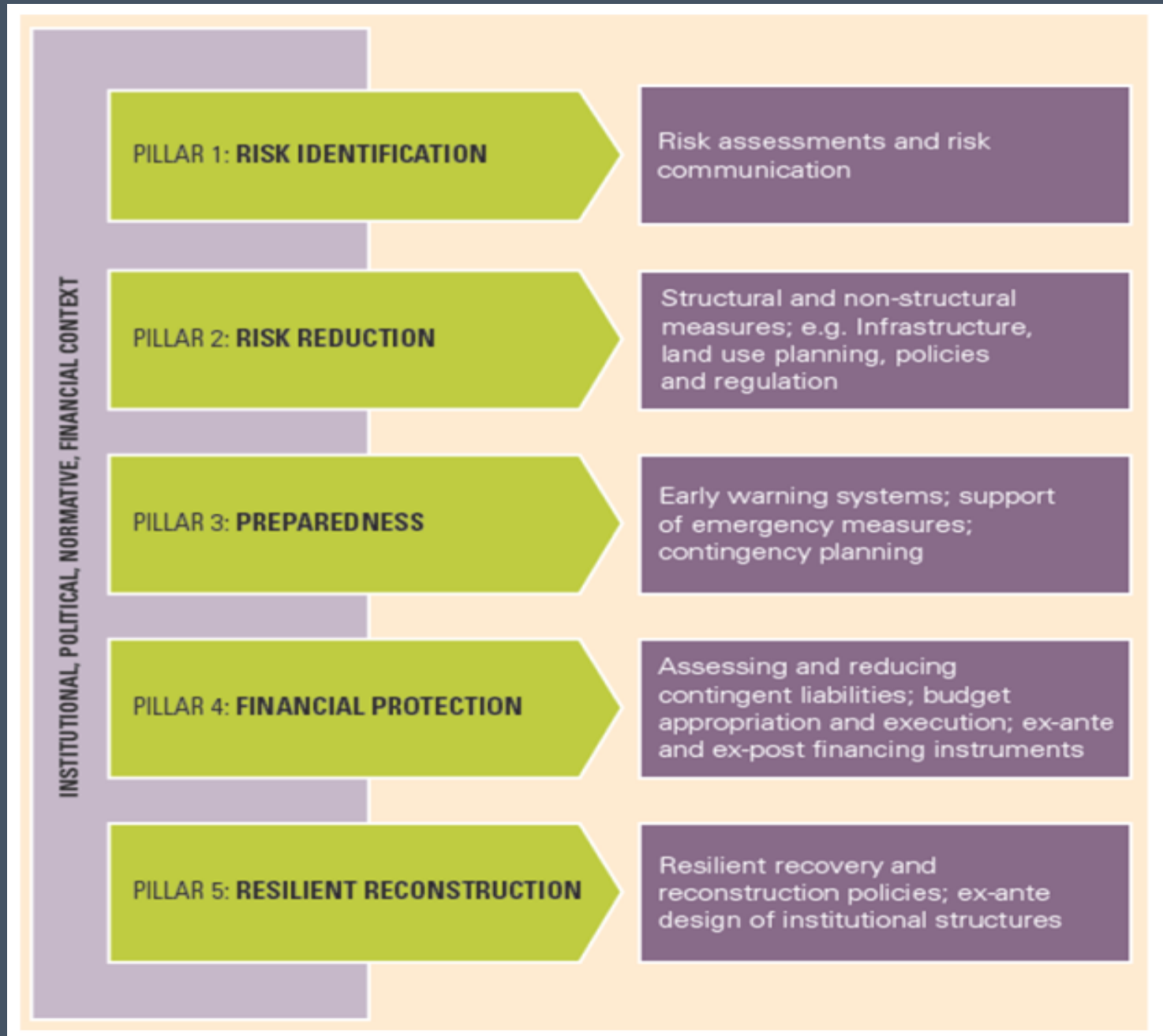
How would a similar flood occurring now be different?

Introducing 'Solutions'

Eggs and Baskets



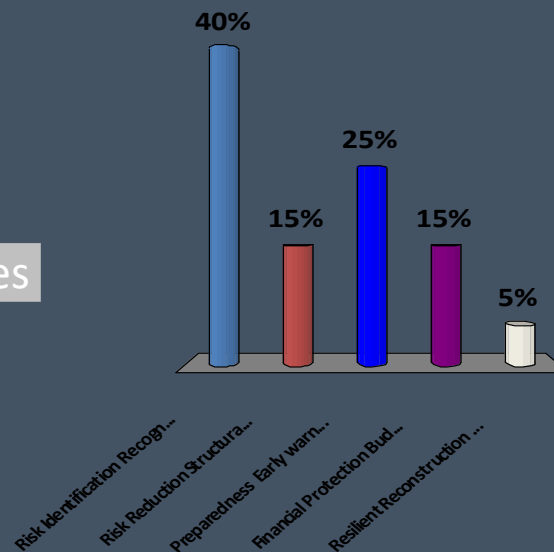
'Pillars' of Sendai DRR



Consultation Pillar A Risk Reduction

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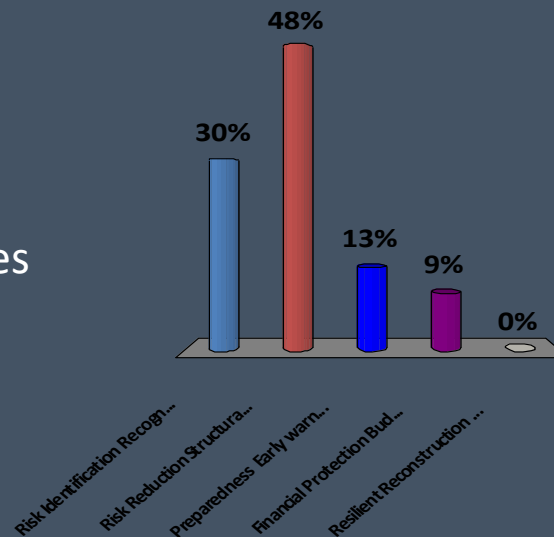
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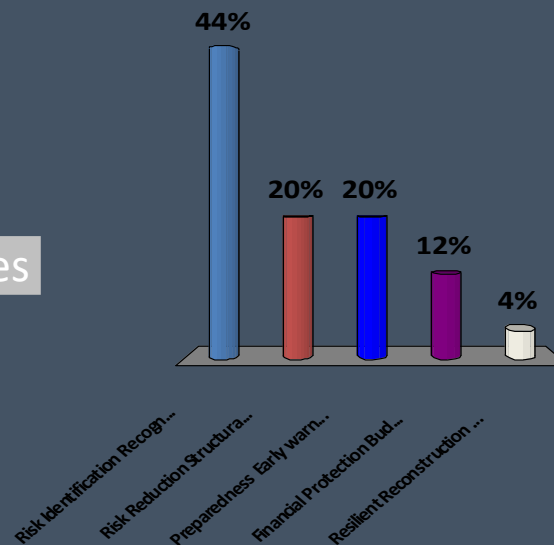
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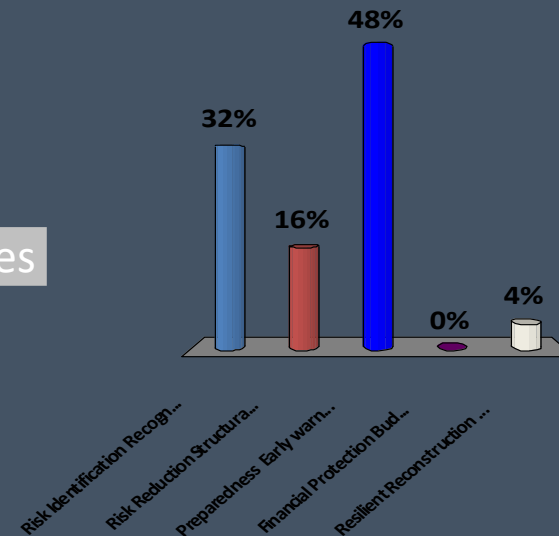
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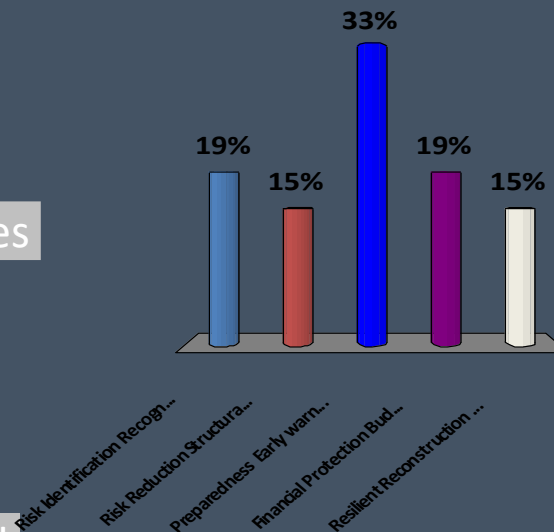
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Resilient Reconstruction

Resilient recovery and reconstruction policies.

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> Appropriately reduce risk to individuals and communities from all flood sources.

> Appropriately reduce risk to economies.

Reduce risk to people and communities

Reduce risk to and promote economies

Utilize limited resources to...

Promote ecosystem goods and services

Promote social well-being

> Work with the function and processes of the natural system.
> Promote the beneficial effects of flooding.

> Appropriately protect cultural heritage and landscape.
> Be as equitable and fair as possible.

Identifying **Solutions** – IFRM Process

Planning

National Strategies
Catchment Planning

Identification of a Range of Hard/Soft Options

Feasibility
Detailed
Community
Involvement
Funding

Responsive

Flood/Disaster Occurs

Learning Lessons

Monitoring

Adapting

Preparedness

Increasing Resilience

Institutional Change and
Legislation

From ADB/GWP Flood Risk Management 'A Strategic Approach'

ENABLERS OF GOOD FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Scheduling of activities and funding
2. Continuous coordination with other plans
3. Establishment of an adaptive management programme
4. Risk communication
5. Partnership working and Stakeholder outreach
6. The institutional and legal framework

BARRIERS TO GOOD FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

1. A lack of capacity to adapt plans
2. Fiscal deviations
3. Changes in political leadership
4. Changes in national priorities
5. Change in physical conditions or availability of resources
6. Lack of clarity over who is responsible for on-going maintenance

BARRIERS TO MAXIMISING ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Adequate legislative authorities
2. Predisposition to 'hard' protection works
3. Lack of understanding of benefits
4. Funding mechanisms
5. Effective land management partnerships
6. Expertise and willingness to cooperate across disciplines

Thank you

