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Pasig River Plastic Waste Digital Twin

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PASIG RIVER PLASTIC WASTE

ADB CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE

How can we leverage digital twin technology to effectively reduce plastic pollution in the Pasig River, one of the largest contributors to global ocean plastic, by developing scalable and data-driven solutions?



PASIG RIVER PLASTIC WASTE ADB CHALLENGE

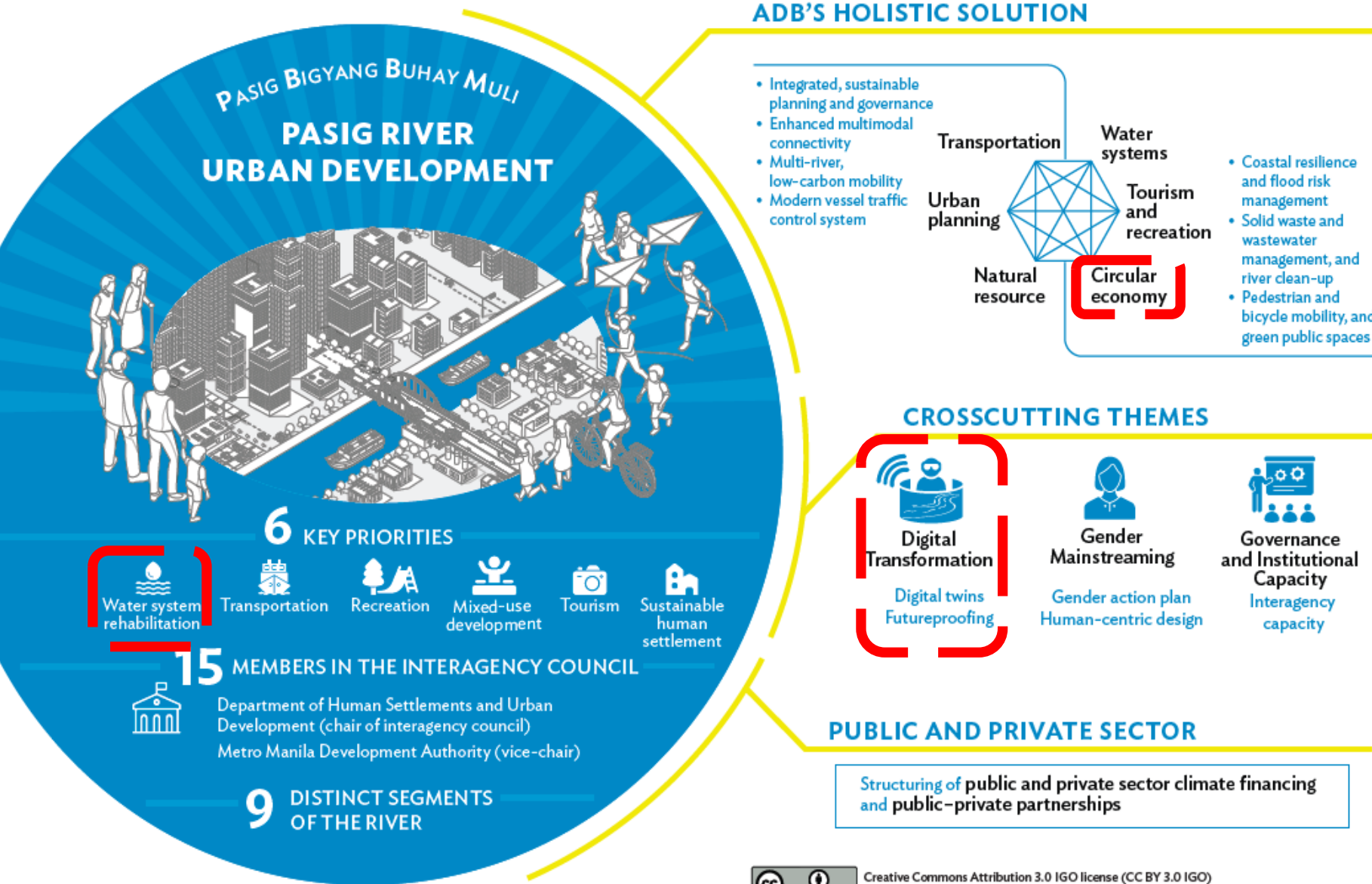
THE RESPONSE

Using Digital Twin Technology that will accurately reflect the physical river, allowing for real-time monitoring and analysis of plastic hotspots, identifying key pollution sources and tracking the flow of plastics through seasonal variations and develop actionable insights to reduce plastic waste



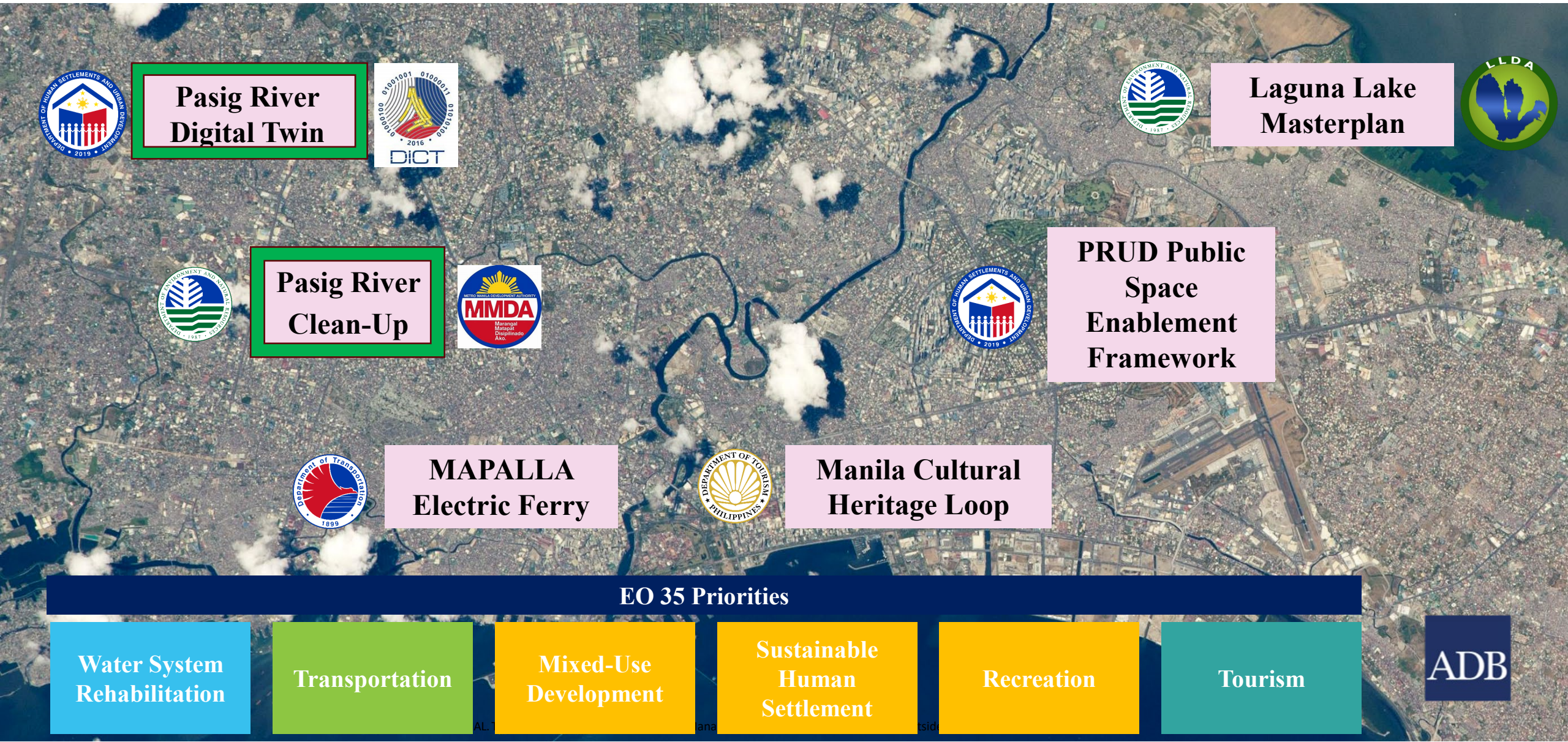
Partnership for Pasig: ADB is incorporating key lessons learned over decades of partnership in revitalizing the Pasig River, in support of GoP's renewed urban redevelopment efforts under the PBBM priority project





ADB's holistic approach incorporates smart, climate-resilient, and integrated urban planning and investment solutions in support of PRUD's 6 key priorities.

ADB's solution supports sustainable, inclusive and more integrated economic and urban development throughout the Greater Manila Bay



**Pasig River
Digital Twin**



**Laguna Lake
Masterplan**



**Pasig River
Clean-Up**



**PRUD Public
Space
Enablement
Framework**



**MAPALLA
Electric Ferry**



**Manila Cultural
Heritage Loop**

EO 35 Priorities

**Water System
Rehabilitation**

Transportation

**Mixed-Use
Development**

**Sustainable
Human
Settlement**

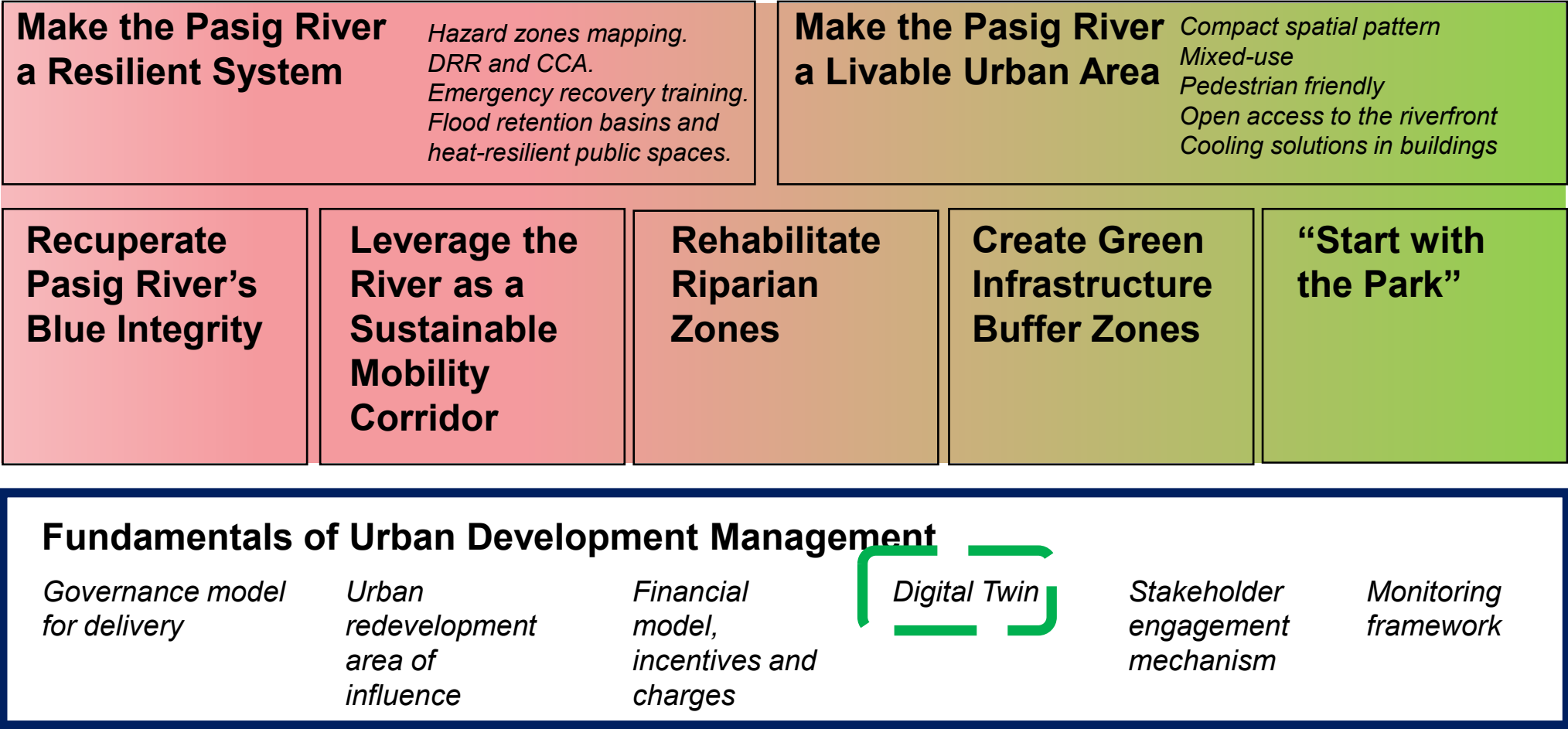
Recreation

Tourism

ADB

Enablement Framework for Pasig River Urban Development –

Guiding Principles



Pasig River Digital Twin

Proposed Phases of Development

We recommend a three-phase implementation plan - guided by the Pasig River IAC and supported by ADB and informed by global best practices - to ensure scalability, institutional ownership, and long-term sustainability.

Phase 0

Technical Assistance (6 months)

Pasig River Plastics Digital Twin

Prototype

Phase 1

Foundational Build

- DHSUD and DICT establish TWG, Governance & Strategy for the Pasig River Digital Twin.
- Define Platform Architecture and core technical foundations.
- Integrate priority data sources and DICT environment (data sharing).
- Build two pilot use cases & Initial User Interfaces (UI)
- Roadmap future use cases

Proposed Duration: 2 years
Steered by the TWG

Phase 2

Operational Expansion

- Scale functionality, geographic coverage & sectoral modules
- Add advanced analytics & simulation
- Roll out additional use cases across agencies

Estimated Duration:
2-3 years

Phase 3

Maintenance & Upgrading

- Perform ongoing model updates- Integrate with smart-city and e-governance systems
- Set up governance & financing for operations
- Develop regulatory & PPP engagement strategies

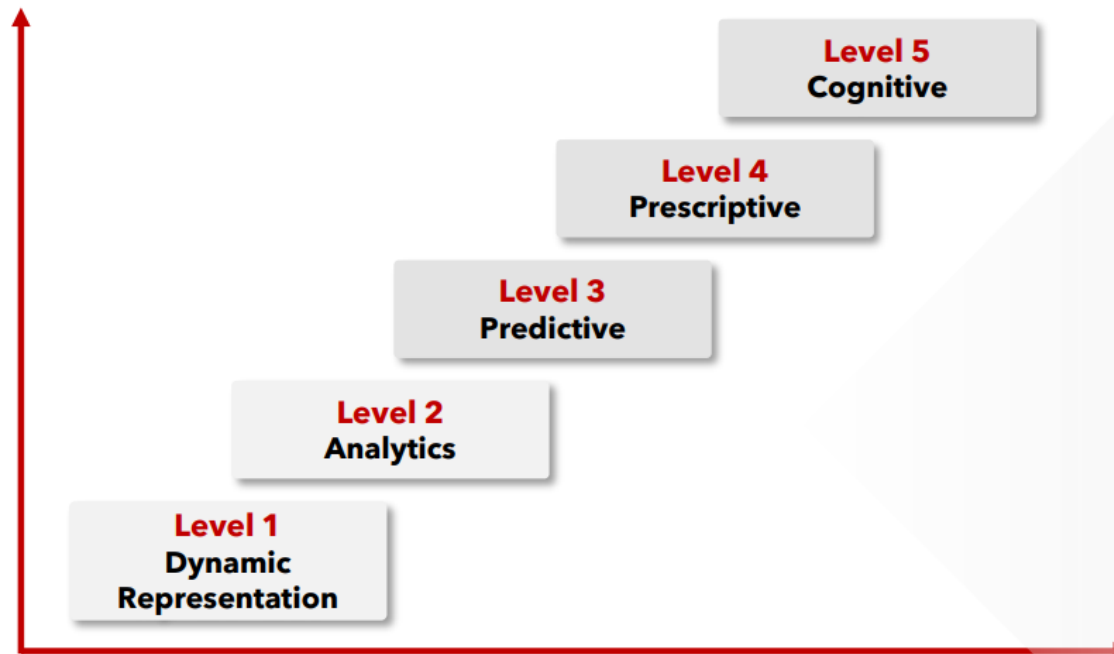
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Digital Twin Maturity (ADB)

Enabling Technologies

Describes the configuration of the Digital Twin based on the utilization of key enabling technologies.

The higher it is on the axis, the more enabling technologies involved.



Digital Twin Capabilities

The **higher maturity level corresponds to more Digital Twin capabilities**. This ranges from static to dynamic representation of data to predictive intelligence.

Level 5 - Cognitive

Capable of taking **autonomous actions and interventions** within defined boundaries.

Level 4 - Prescriptive

Evolves to incorporate more advanced AI capabilities to generate **prescriptive analytics**.

Level 3 - Predictive

Ability to **generate predictive insights** through advanced data science or AI capabilities.

Level 2 - Analytics

Incorporates data analytics to **generate more sophisticated insights and feedback**.

Level 1 - Dynamic Representation

Primary feature of aggregating and visualizing data to create a **dynamic virtual representation** of its physical counterpart with real or near-real time data.



The Pasig River in the Philippines

Overview

The Pasig River Plastic Digital Twin is being developed as an open source and scalable spatial digital twin aligned with the Gemini Principles

Purpose: Must have clear purpose Trust: Must be trustworthy Function: Must function effectively	Public good Must be used to deliver genuine public benefit in perpetuity	Value creation Must enable value creation and performance improvement	Insight Must provide determinable insight to the built environment
	Security Must enable security and be secure itself	Openness Must be as open as possible	Quality Must be built on data of an appropriate quality
	Federation Must be based on a standard connected environment	Curation Must have clear ownership governance and regulation	Evolution Must be able to adapt as technology and society evolve

The Gemini Principles paper (University of Cambridge,2018)

The Pasig River Digital Twin is being built for integration of federated data and where the data license permits it allows for data to be accessed via API feeds.

Plastic Use Case

Current Reality of Pasig River

Plastic Waste Crisis starts from
Tributaries and Waterways

It will answer all our questions?

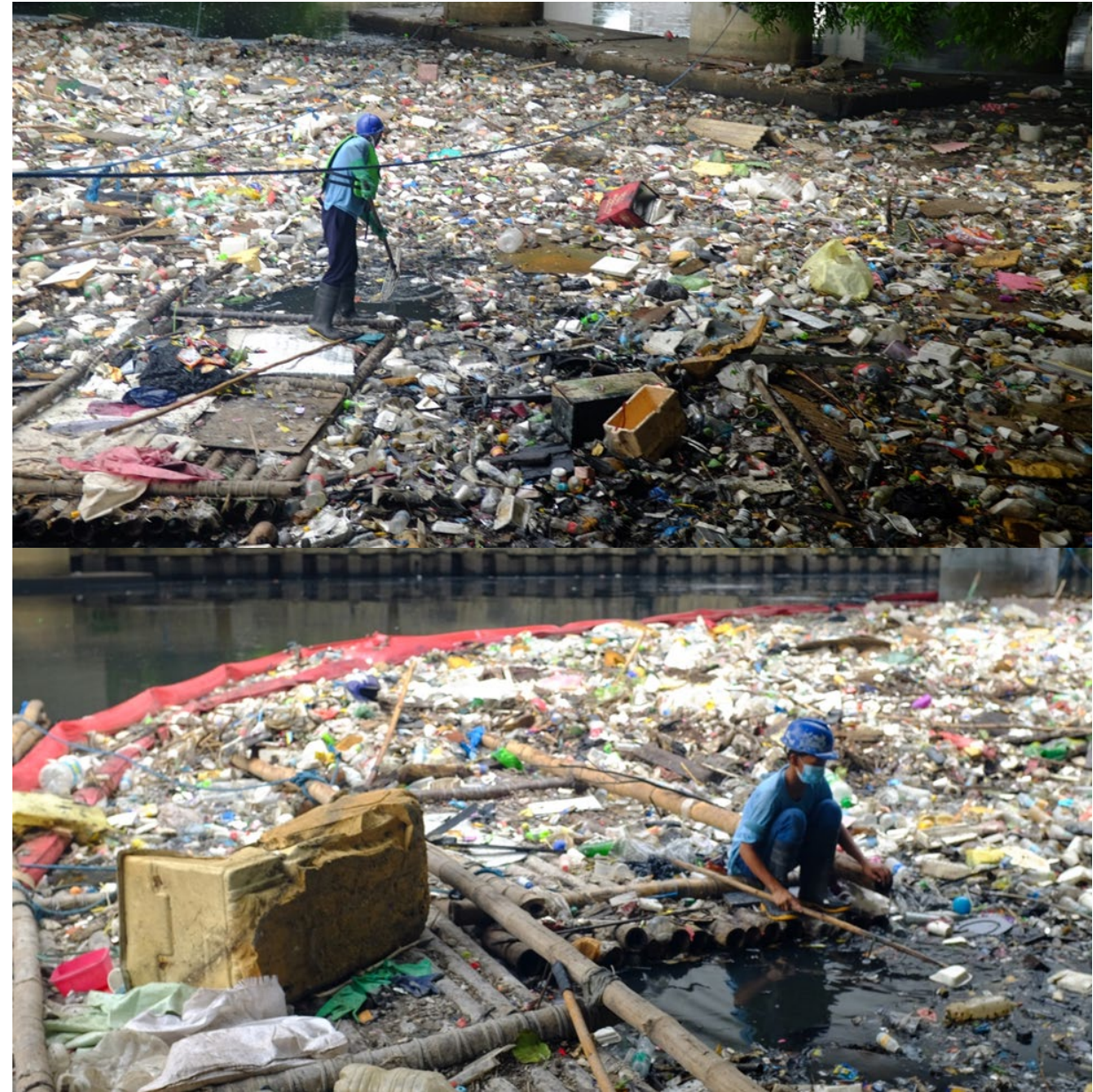
What are the sources?

Where does it end up?

Where does it block up?

What do those plastic flows mean?

What should be the interventions?

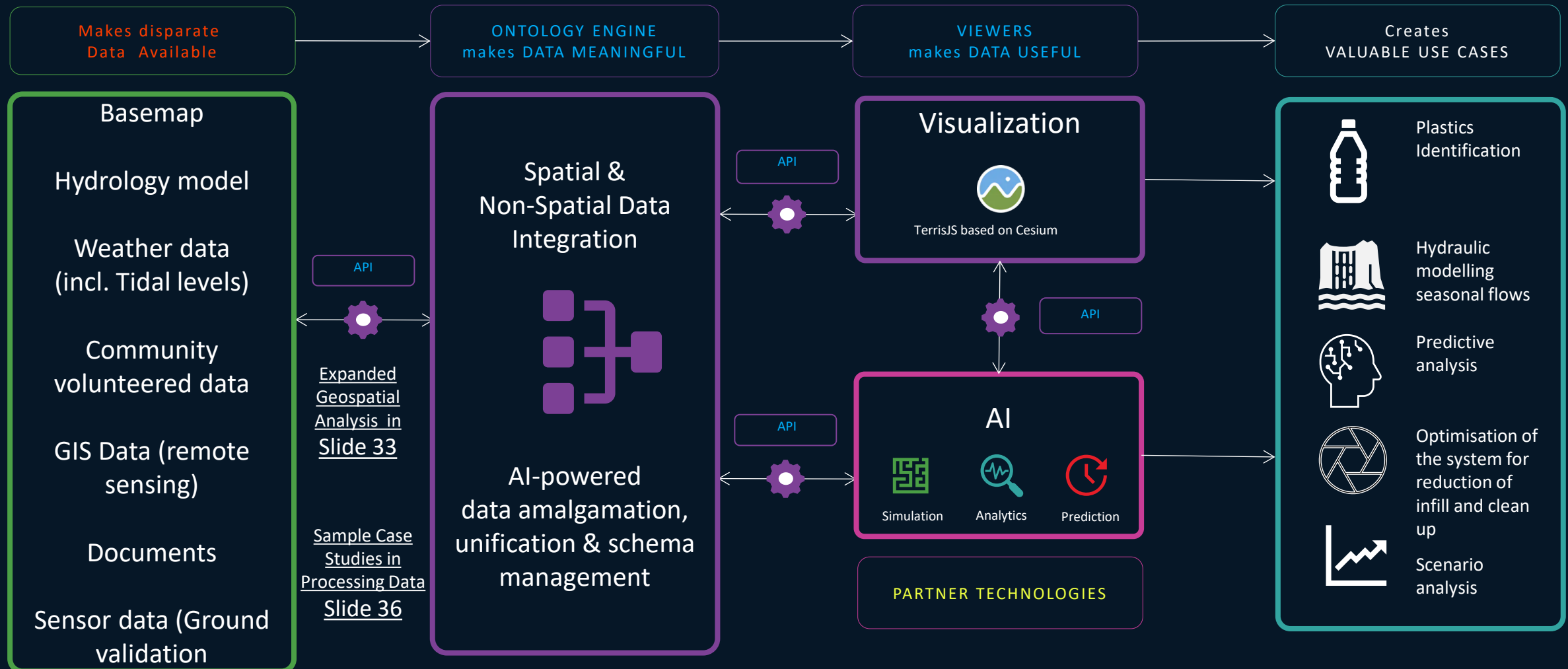




Digital Twin architecture for a clean Pasig



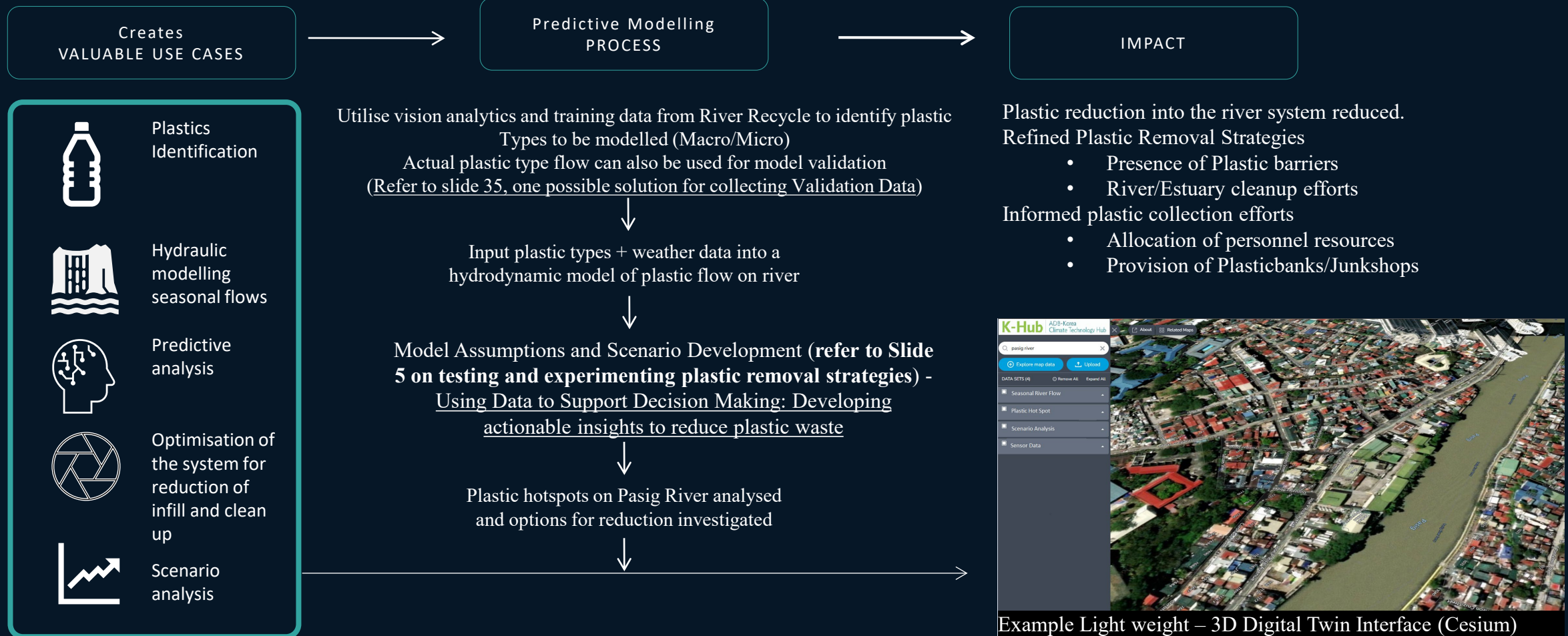
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Harmonise the data into a unifying platform (TerriaJS), this will allow the data to be rapidly searched, queries to be executed and the ability to visualise results. **Enable** results from **scenario** to be called and the results to be integrated via API. This will allow the very best models to be used and the results to be integrate 'minimising reinvention' at the same time allowing the base open source twin to be scaled.

Predictive modelling approach

The Digital twin will be brought to life through use cases, the foundation for the use cases is the Hydraulic modelling of seasonal flows. This will demonstrate the seasonal flow of plastics in the river. Using the digital twin we will test different flows and plastic removal strategies. This data will be validated and tested via River Recycle – ultimately creating an optimised waste removal strategy.



Government Stakeholders



DENR



**Department of Environmental
and Natural Resources**

**Pasig River Coordinating and
Management Office
(PRCMO)**

**Solid Waste Management
Division
(SWMD)**

**Knowledge and Information
Systems Service
(KISS)**

**Foreign-Assisted and Special
Projects Service
(FASPS)**

DHSUD



**Department of Human
Settlements and Urban
Development**

DILG



**Department of the Interior
and Local Government**

DICT



**Department of Information
and Communications
Technology**

DPWH



**Department of Public
Works and Highways**

DOTr



**Department of
Transportation**

MMDA



**Metro Manila
Development Authority**

Manila



City of Manila LGU

Mandaluyong



**City of Mandaluyong
LGU**

PhilSA



Philippine Space Agency

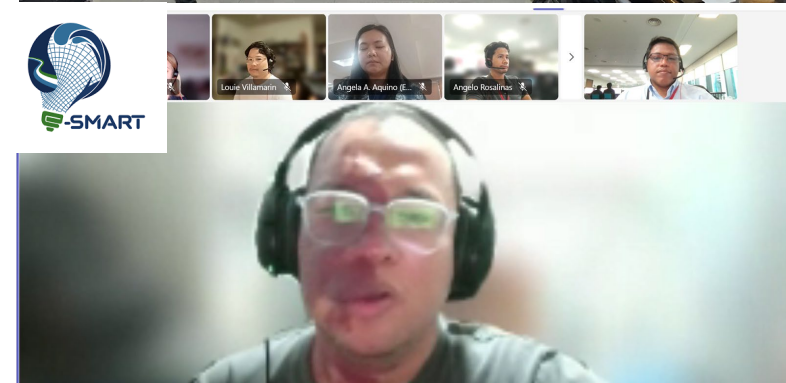
**Project e-
SMART**



**Eco-System Modeling
and Material
Transport Analysis for
the Rehabilitation of
Manila Bay**

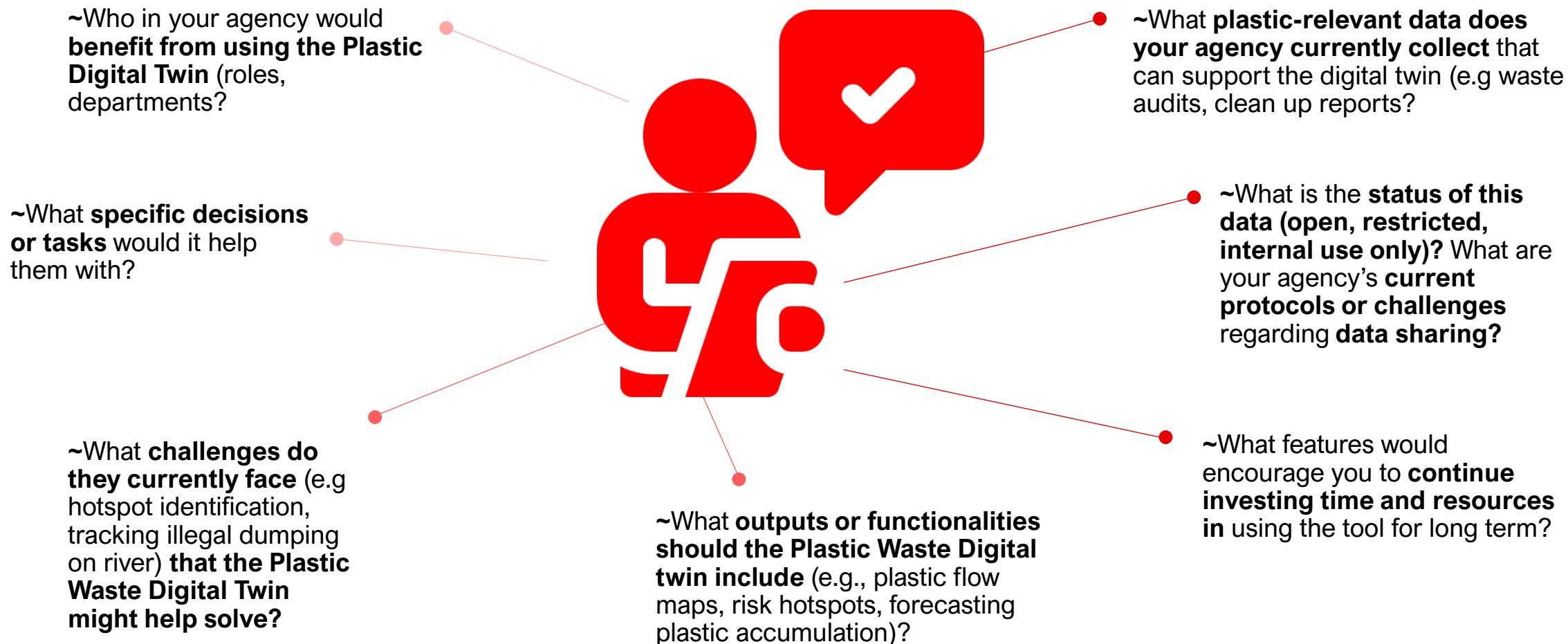


Stakeholder Engagement

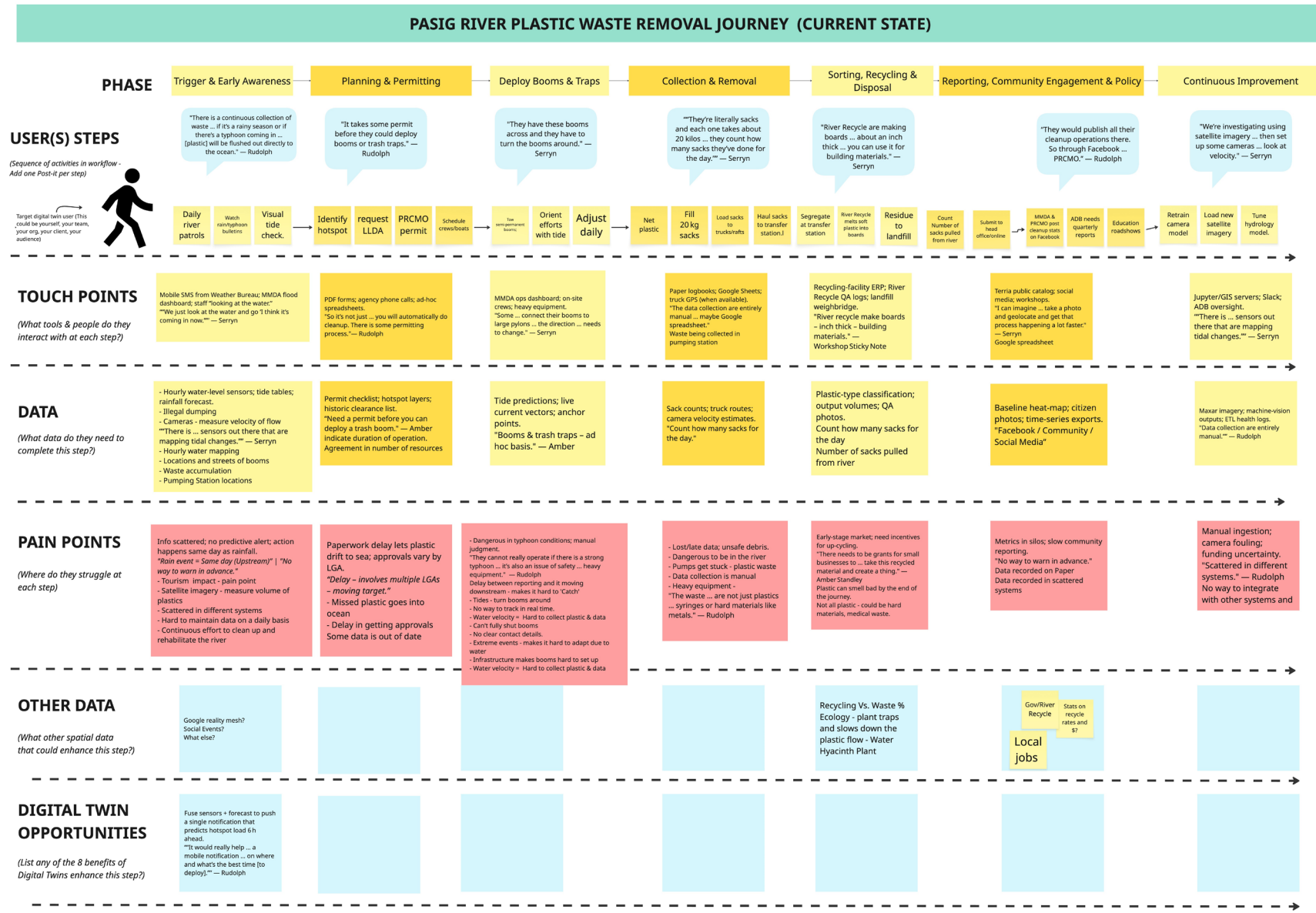
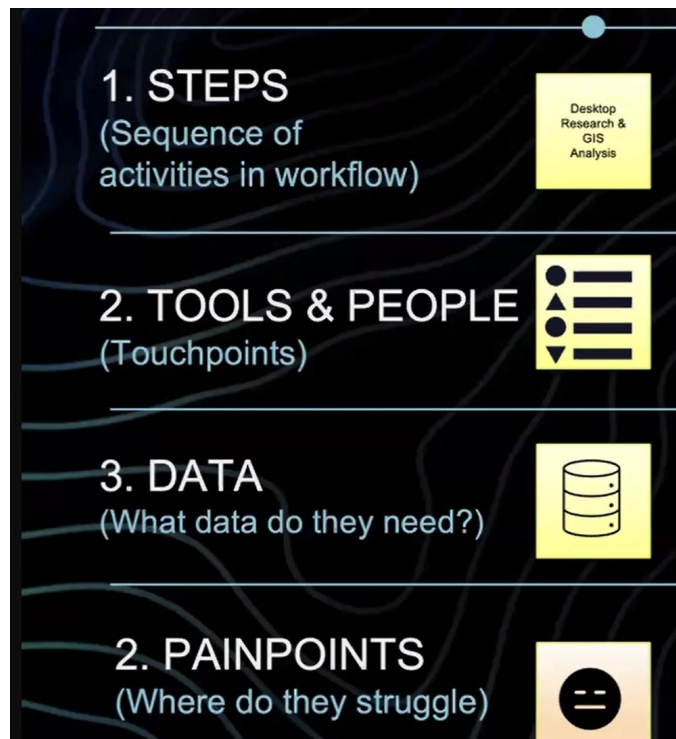


Stakeholder Discussion

Identifying Gaps and Opportunities



Starting with a Digital Twin User Journey Map



Overview of Data we want to Integrate in the Digital Twin

Plastics Waste Use Case

Hydrology Data

Data related to
Water Flow
Dynamics
(Hydrodynamics)
of Pasig River and
its major upstream
Tributaries

Weather & Climate Data

Data related to
climate variables
(water levels,
rainfall, RealTime
IoT Sensors)

Plastic Related Data

Plastic Types,
Hotspot Areas,
Historical + Real
Time Clean Up
Efforts Data

What good data looks like

Benchmarking criteria to assess various datasets for Plastic Use Case Digital Twin

4 key benchmarking criteria

Criterion 1

Availability

- ✓ **Relevant** data sets required for Plastic Waste Monitoring available
- ✓ **Complete** and comprehensive datasets available

Criterion 2

Accessibility

- ✓ **Readily accessible** via platforms, portals and tools
- ✓ **Transparent** datasets that are open source

Criterion 3

Quality

- ✓ **Timely** and up to date
- ✓ **Accurate and precise** data that has been checked
- ✓ **Reliable** and trustworthy

Criterion 4

Usability

- ✓ **Format** that data is captured and stored
- ✓ **Consistent** and interoperable
- ✓ **Resolution** and scale

Data Governance




- Data within the Plastic Digital Twin is published under a Creative Commons License. This is a free and flexible way for creators to grant permission to others to use their work, while retaining their copyright.
- Where data cannot be published directly using a Creative Commons License it will be used in the development of aggregated models and published as graphs and charts.
- Data for the Plastic Digital Twin is currently being collected through 2 processes 1) Raw data collection (surveys, WACS) and from key administrative agencies.
- The Plastic Digital Twin is based on an open-source TerriaJS platform and is intended to be scalable and adaptable to enable integration beyond the plastic use case.



Data and Information mapping






- *Some datasets are publicly viewable but restricted for download*
- *Some datasets are publicly viewable but shows limited information*
- *Some datasets are publicly viewable but the required data format is for further request*

Public datasets

-  Waterways/Tributaries
-  CleanUp Operations
-  Flood Data
-  Typhoon tracks
-  Climate projections
-  Low/Medium Resolution Satellite Data



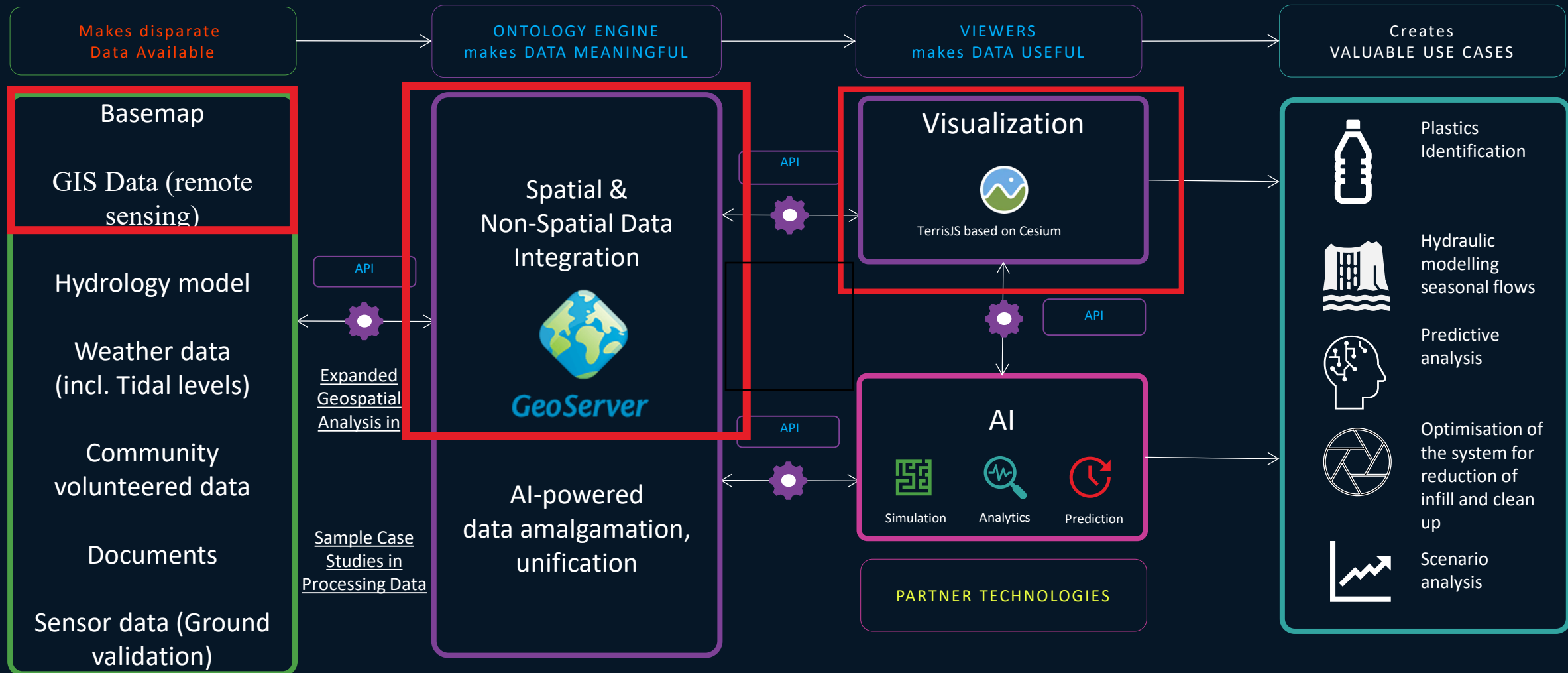
Non-public datasets

-  Hydrologic/Hydrodynamic Models
-  Historical Data (Climate)
-  Realtime IoT Sensors
-  Plastic Hotspots Data/Water Quality
-  High Resolution Satellite Data



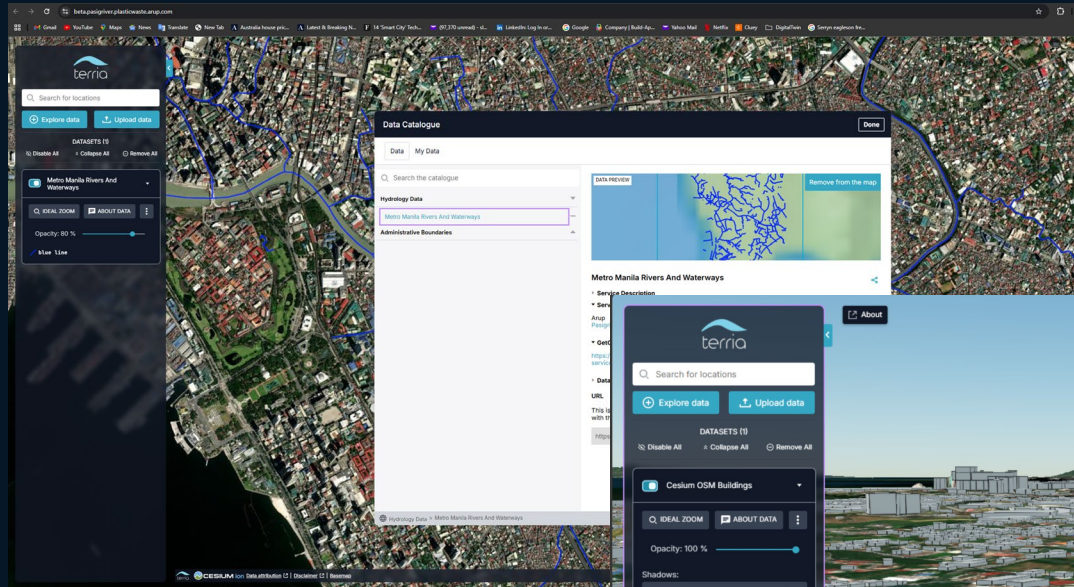


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Complete

Digital Twin Platform for Various Data Integration



Data collection
(underway)

- Remote sensing

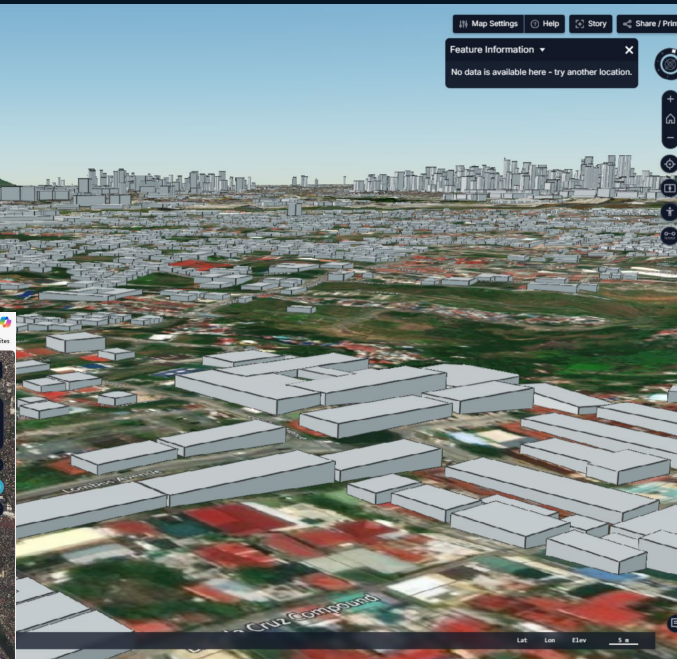
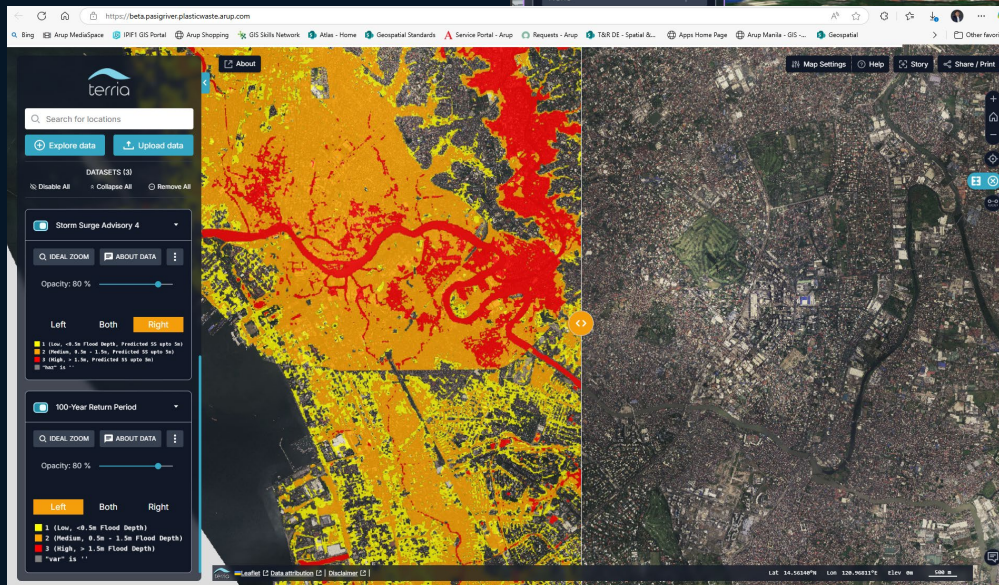
- Waste analysis and
Characterization (WACS)

- Automatic classification of
waste from cameras

- Hydrodynamic and Hydraulic
model

- Community survey

- Administrative data

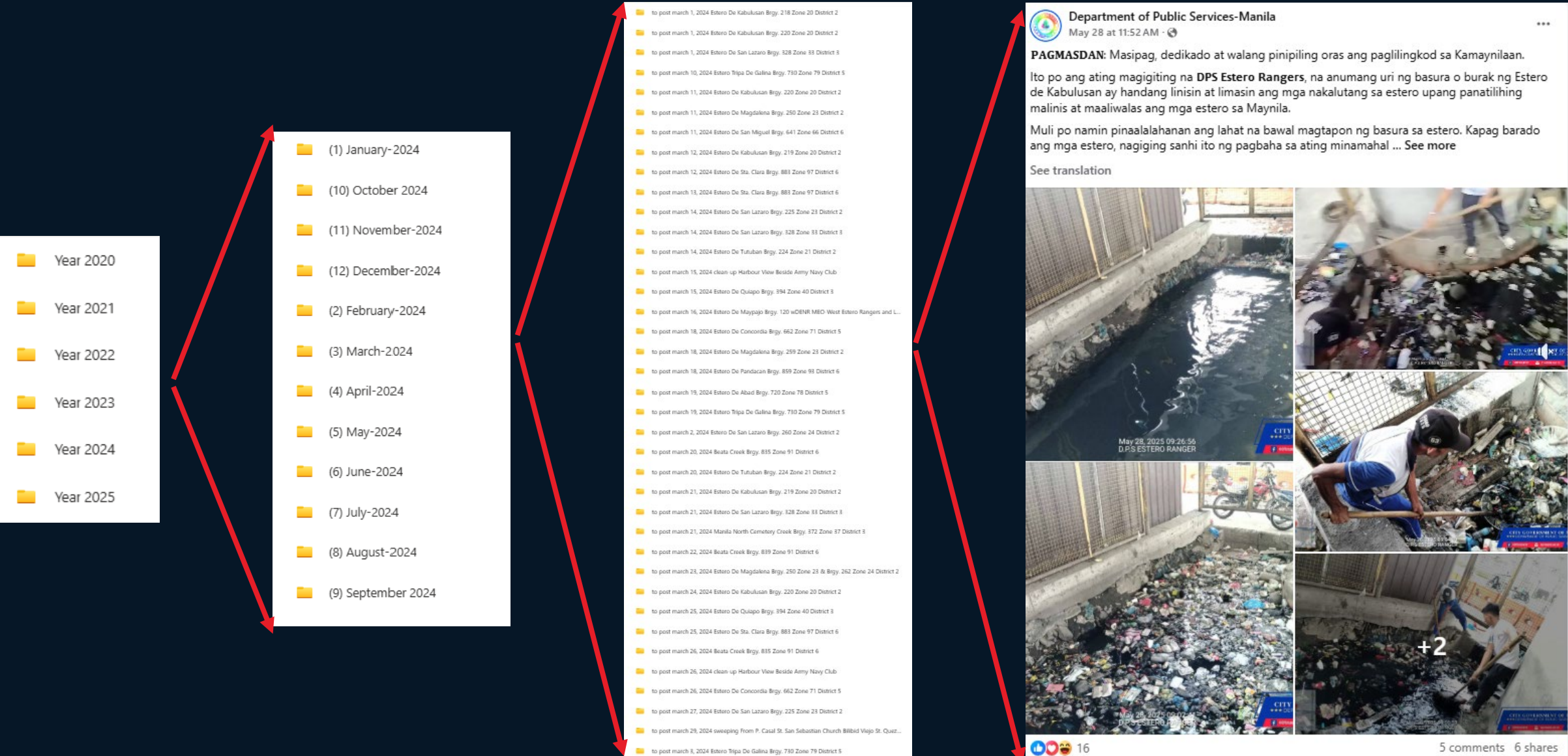


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Transforming Unstructured Data into Insights using AI Image Vision Analytics



Transforming Unstructured Data into Insights using AI Image Vision Analytics

The screenshot displays an AI Image Vision Analytics interface. On the left, a grid of 48 small images shows various scenes of waste management and public spaces. Below this grid is a sidebar with a 'Comments' section, a 'History' section, and a 'New Data' section. The main area on the right shows a large image of a pile of trash with numerous bounding boxes. Below this, a smaller image shows a close-up of a trash can with bounding boxes. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'ARUP TEST MODEL' and 'ANNOTATE' buttons, and a bottom navigation bar with a '50%' zoom level and a 'RESET' button.

ARUP TEST MODEL ANNOTATE
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notations 72
sup: objects

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- pe_plastic-bags 8
- pet_beverage-bottles 36
- pet_household-products 1
- pp_household-items 2
- ps_food-containers 39

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pet_household-products
ps_food-containers

Unused Classes

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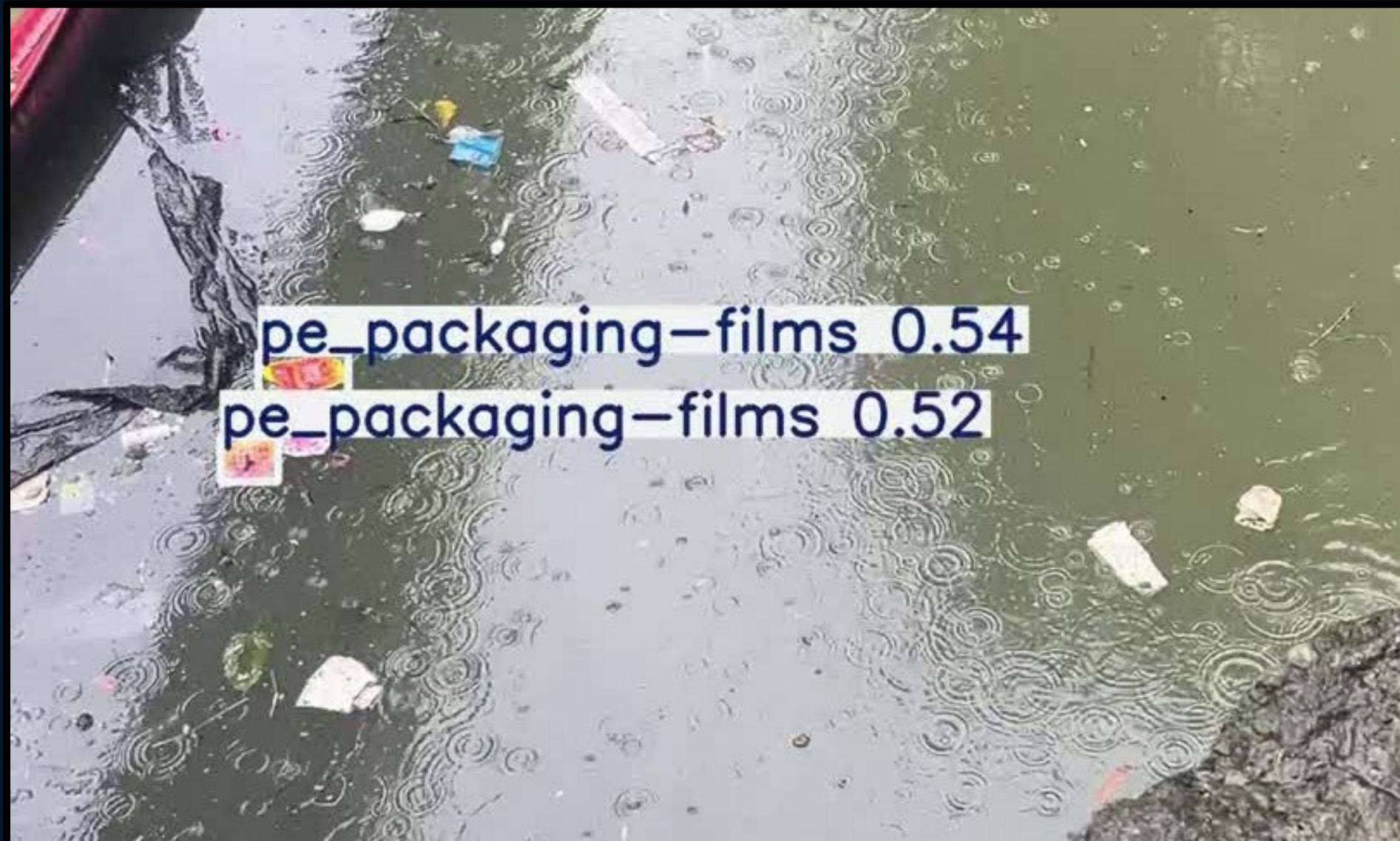
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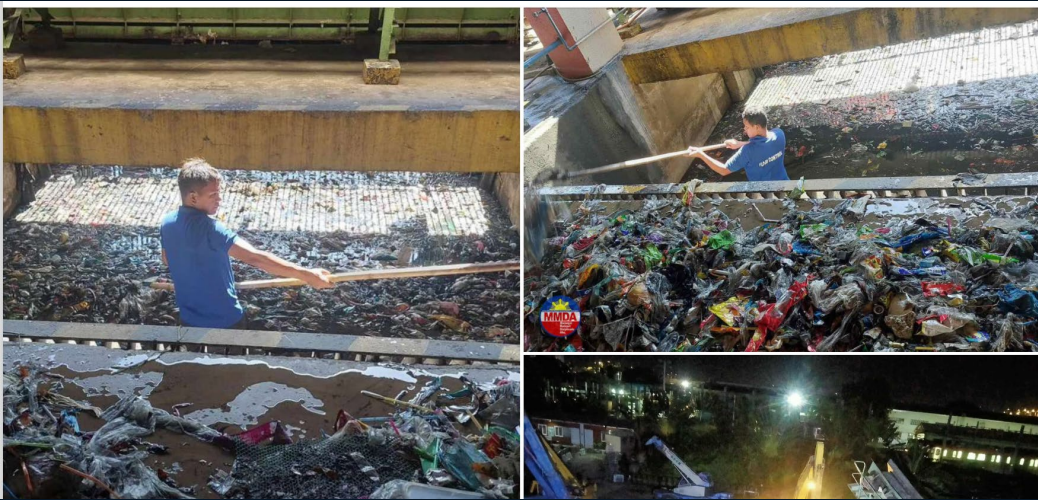
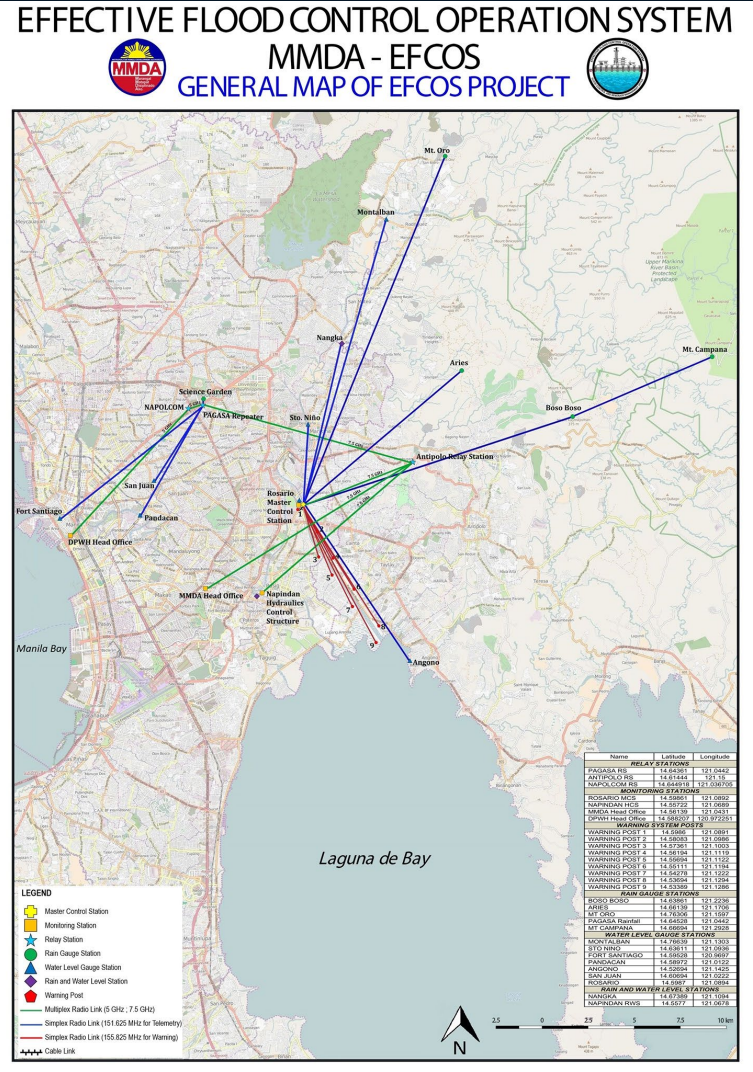
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<i>Polystyrene (PS)</i>	<i>styrofoam containers (cups, plates)</i>
<i>Low-density Polyethylene (LDPE)</i>	<i>tetra packs, greenhouse films, and electricals</i>



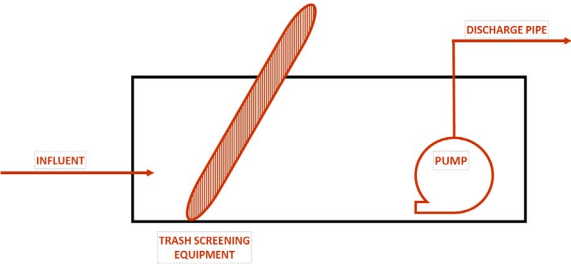
Transforming Unstructured Data into Insights using AI Image Vision Analytics



Scaling Up and Expanding Use Case: Flood Control Mitigation



An entire panel of plywood, along with plastic materials, impeded the flow of water in the drainage system, MMDA general manager Procopio Lipana said in a *dzBB* interview. “Despite our continuous cleaning of waterways, we still get a lot of garbage,” Lipana said in Filipino.



Our Programme and Delivery

Team
Introduction

Why Digital Twin
Solution?

Our Vision &
Solution

**Our Programme
& Delivery**

Month 1

Month 2

Month 3

Month 4

Month 5

Month 6

Work Package 1: Baseline model creation and data integration

● A functional digital twin framework that tracks plastic flow (MVP)

● A functional digital twin (MVP)

Work Package 2: Plastic classification and seasonal flow analysis

● Concept predictive model

● Predictive models forecasting seasonal trends and accumulation patterns

Work Package 3: Predictive analytics development and validation

● Comprehensive report on plastic types and their potential sources

● Impact on the Pasig Ecology

Work Package 4

Documentation and training materials to support

Summary

Technical Summary

- Open source/Non proprietary
- Value for Money/No operation Cost for tool or dataset in future
- Scalable and Replicable after Discovery Phase & to other cities
- Lightweight Solution

Our Key Differentiator

- Real and Actual Hands-On Stakeholder Connections and Engagement
- Shared connection with, and investment in, the Pasig River
- Our collaborative approach and leveraging from our global experience