

State management structure from national down to district level

Practices of water resources management

The Vietnamese state
State - Society

Water user groups

What's missing?!

How policies are implemented at the village/commune level?
Interaction at the local level



Water Management at The Local Level

Negotiating the Implementation of Irrigation Policies in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam

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- Researched activities
- Research sites
- Two examples of the processes at the local level
- Conclusions



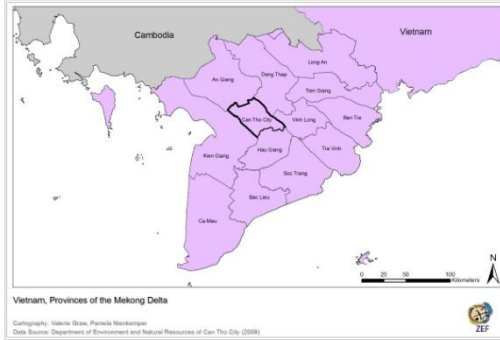
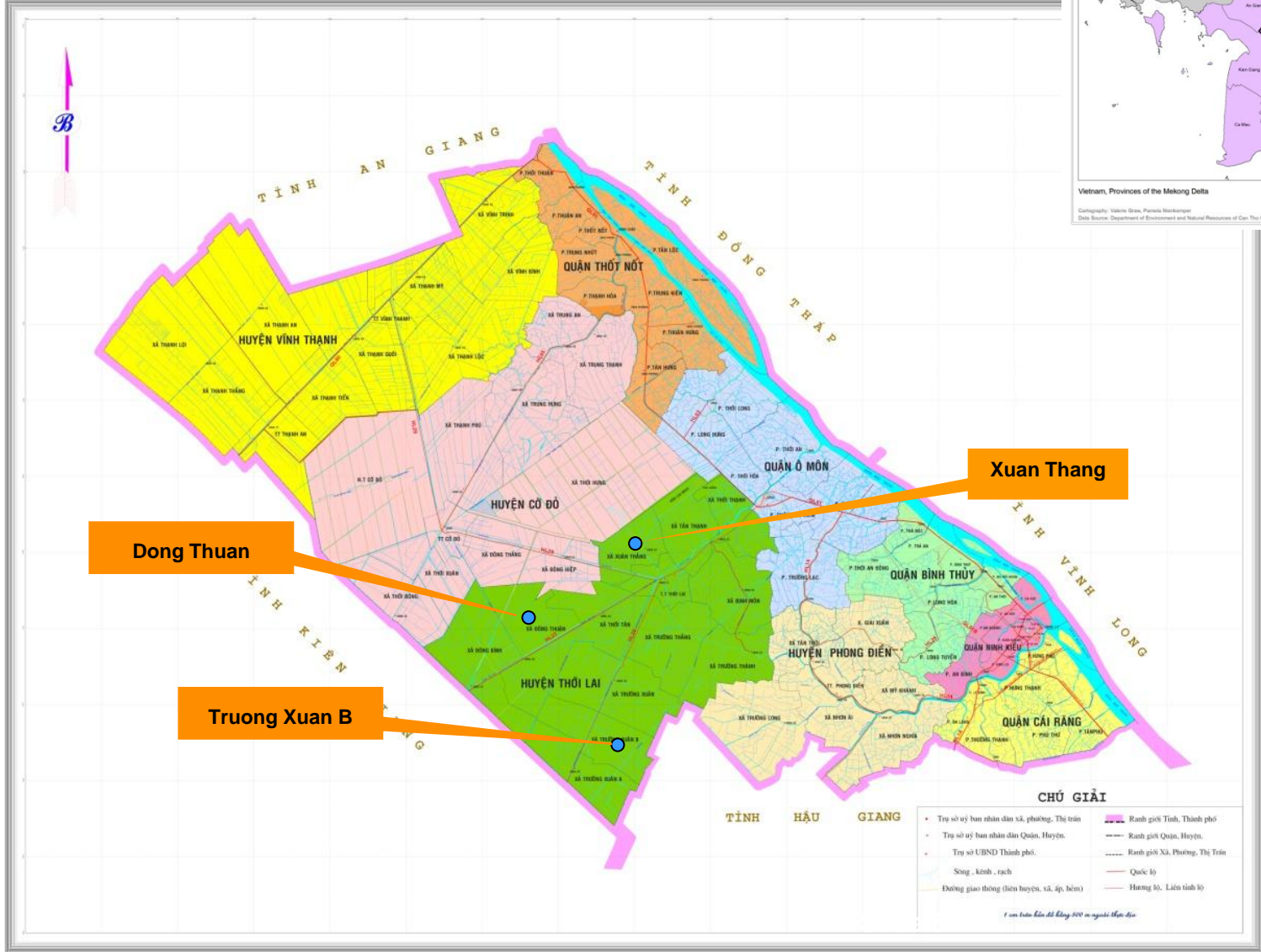


Pumping-out before
main rice season

Canal dredging



THÀNH PHỐ CẦN THƠ



Dong Thuan

Xuan Thang

Trung Xuan B

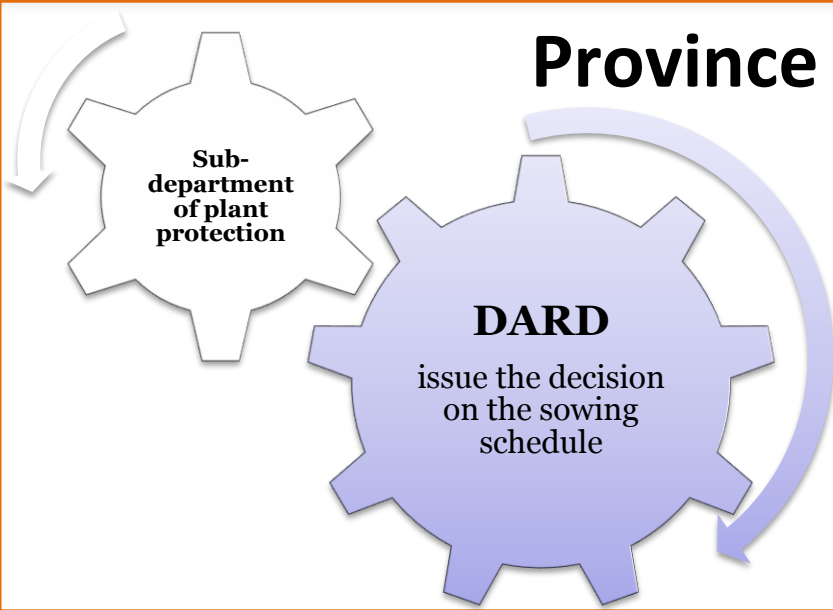
- CHÚ GIẢI**
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 - Trụ sở ủy ban nhân dân Quận, Huyện
 - Trụ sở UBND Thành phố
 - Sông, kênh, rạch
 - Đường giao thông (địa huyện, xã, ấp, hẻm)
 - Ranh giới Tỉnh, Thành phố
 - Ranh giới Quận, Huyện
 - Ranh giới Xã, Phường, Thị Trấn
 - Quốc lộ
 - Hương lộ, Liên tỉnh lộ
- 1 cm trên bản đồ bằng 500 m ngoài thực địa*

1. The implementation of the sowing schedule
2. Canal dredging planning

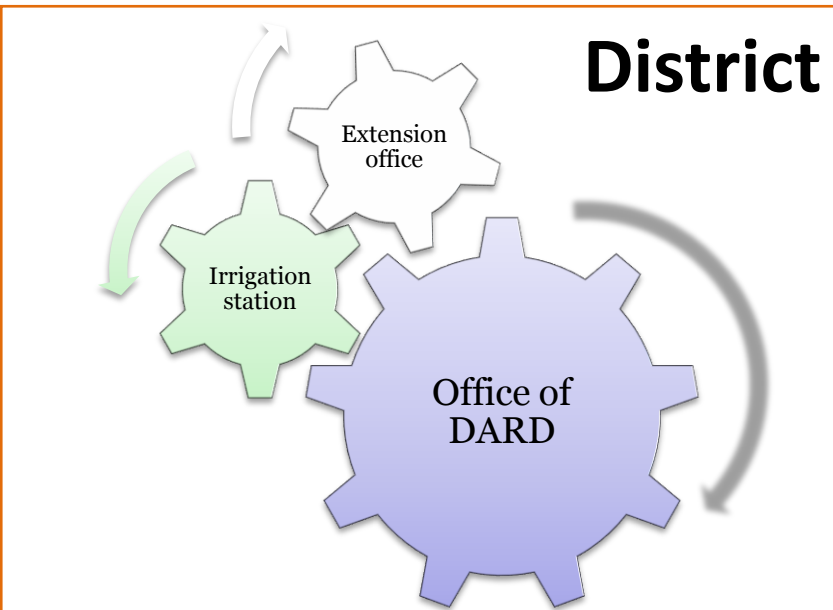


The implementation of a policy - sowing schedule

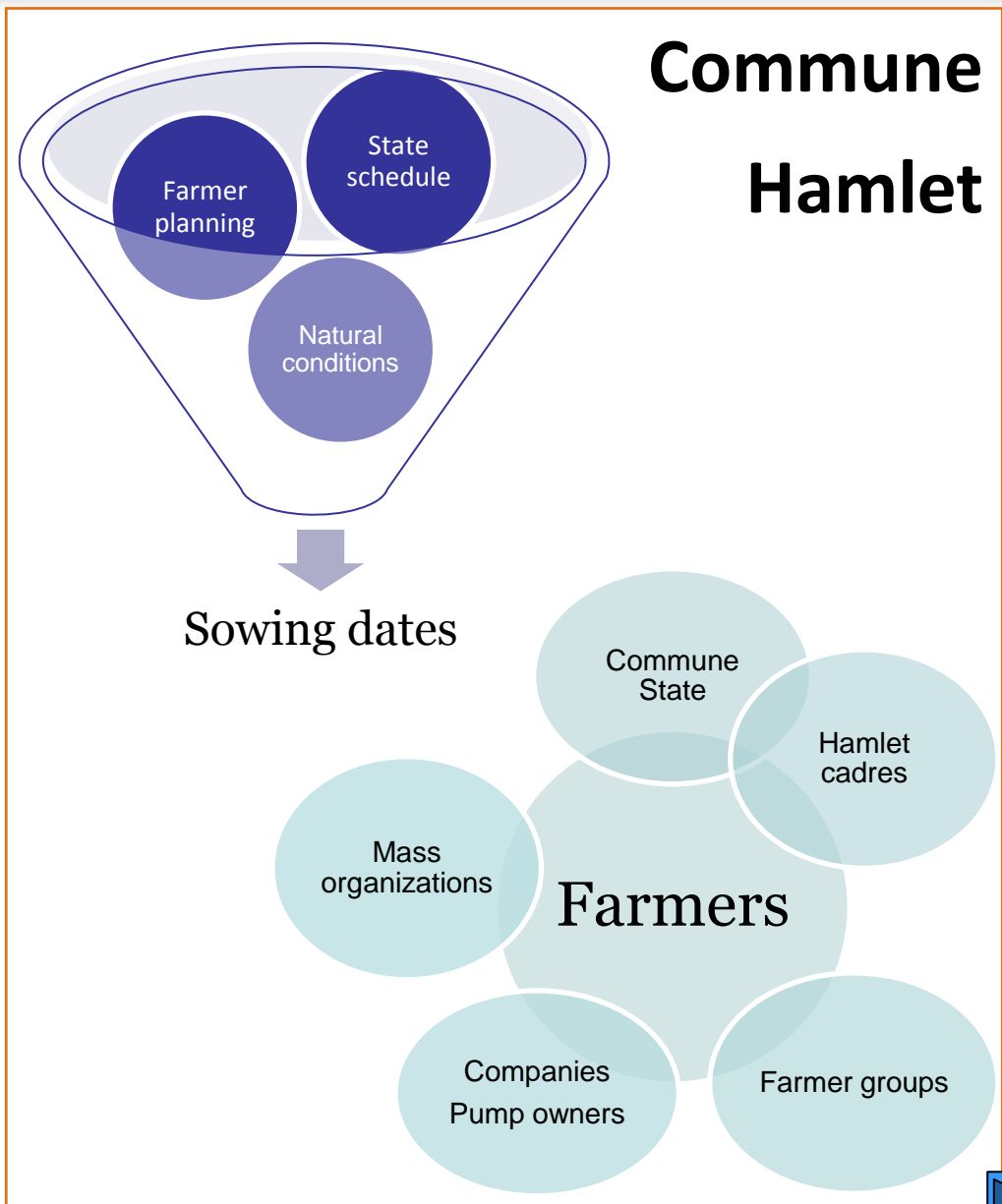
Province



District



Commune Hamlet



At local level



Season
planning
meeting
at
commune



Pumping
meeting
hamlet



Dyke repair



Pumping



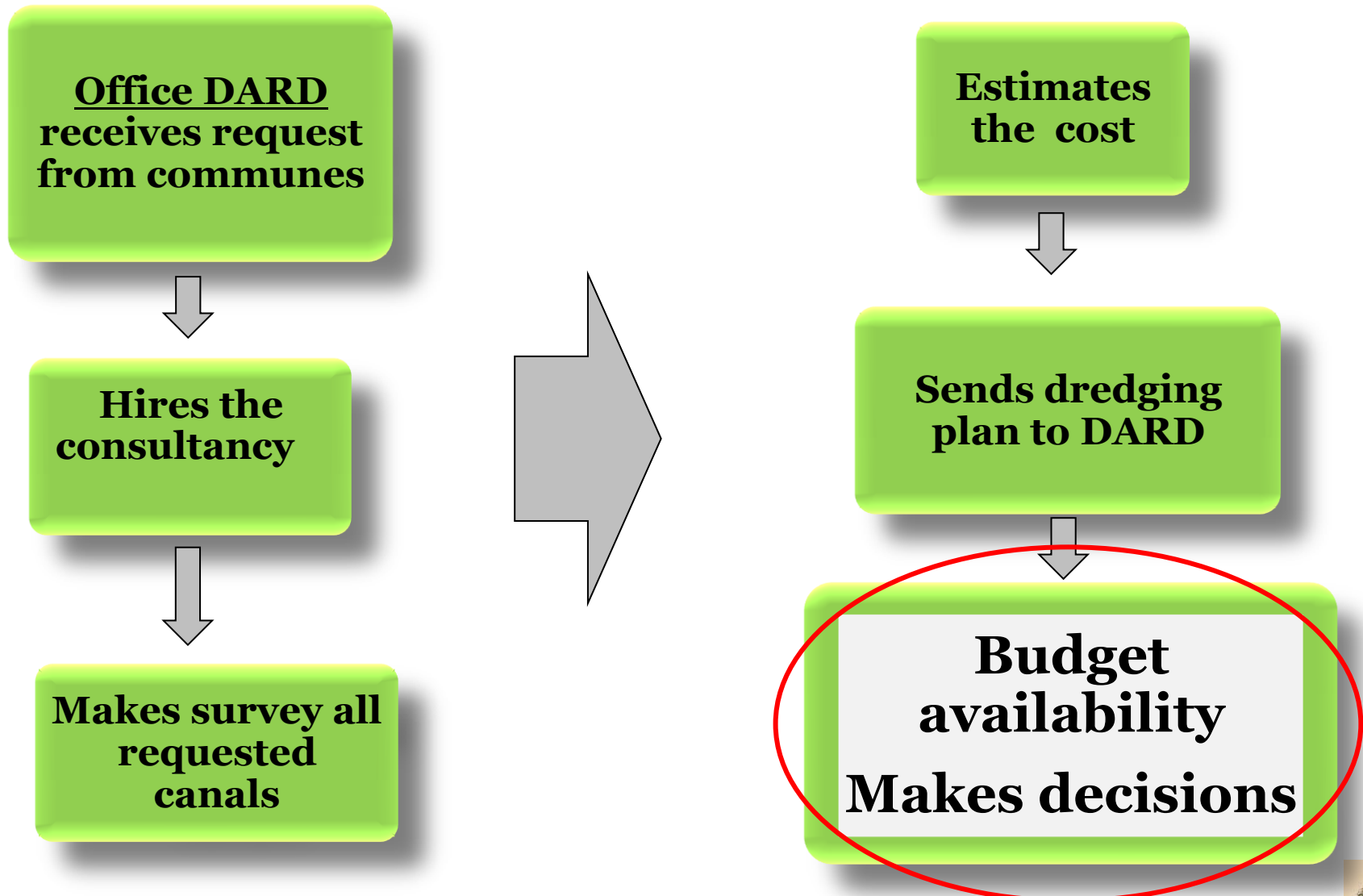
Rice
cultivation



Example: The pumping meeting



Canal dredging planning



- Top-down style of policy implementation from the national to the district level is transformed into negotiation and adaptation processes at the hamlet level - ‘dialogue state’ (Kervliet 2001)
- The interdependence between the state and farmers made the dialogue between them possible.
- In public space, the “traditional”/cultural cooperation behaviour and the “new” individualism of market behaviour interact and form a bricolage (Clever 2012).



- Cooperation and conflicts - the Mekong Delta is at a transitional period:
 - Remaining bad sentiment towards cooperation;
 - The choice for individualism in terms of profit;
 - The choice for cooperation as required for mechanized collective farming and contracted sale.
- What will happen next?! Independent individual farming or collective farming?
 - It depends on the context – example: Thoi Lai district



Thank you for your attention!

Questions,
Comments, ...



* Expert interviews

Literature review

* Visits at provincial level
of Can Tho, Bac Lieu, An
Giang



* Some commune visits



* District level visit: Offices of
agriculture and related sub-
agencies

Thoi Lai, Co Do, Vinh Thanh,
Thot Not.



Each commune

Individual interviews

Group interviews



Back to provincial and district
level – interviews.

52 offices, 67 individuals, 29 meetings.

Observations

Including short stay in the hamlet



Field visits



➤ Sowing schedule

Period 1: 17-23 November 2011 (22-28/10 ln)

Period 2: 16-22 November 2011 (22-28/11 ln)

State's slogan:

“Sowing collectively, at the same time, and avoiding brown planthoppers”



Example: The dyke repair

