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Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is protected from floods by dike systems for the Red and Day Rivers. In emergency situations resulting from catastrophic floods, floodwater from the Red River is discharged into the Van Coc Lake, which is a regulating reservoir that drains into the Day River system through the Day Weir at the downstream end of the Van Coc Lake. The authors investigated the flood mitigation function of the Van Coc Lake and identified an optimal operation scenario for the lake for the largest recorded flood, which occurred between the 16th and 27th of August 1971. However, a comprehensive evaluation of the flood risk level in residential areas within the floodplain areas located along the Day River system to determine an optimal operation scenario has not been conducted. In this study, a two-dimensional depth-integrated hydrodynamic model was employed to investigate flood risk levels in these residential areas when the floodwater level reached 11.0 m, 12.0 m, and 12.72 m (the flood peak) at the Day Weir and at 10 and 30 h after the flood peak, under the optimal operation scenario. The time at which floodwater from the Van Coc Lake reached the Day Weir was referred to as Time-0 in this study and was used to estimate the movement of floodwater. The study area, from the Day Weir to the downstream end, was more than 100 km in length and was divided into three zones: the northern part, designated Zone 1; the central part, designated Zone 2; and the downstream end part, designated Zone 3. The simulation results were used to produce reliable flood susceptibility maps that identify the areas at greatest risk of being impacted by floodwater. At the flood peak time, residential areas in the study area were inundated at levels of 84.00% (9.50 km²) in Zone 1, 71.84% (29.18 km²) in Zone 2, and 98.59% (13.31 km²) in Zone 3. Floodwater needed 75, 87, and 135 h from Time-0 to reach 11.0 m, 12.0 m, and the flood peak at 12.72 m at the Day Weir. The results of this study form a basis for future land planning and the design of risk reduction strategies for the Day River system and serve as a strong warning about the dangers of floodwater throughout the study area.

Key words: flood hazard mapping, flood risk level, greatest recorded flood, two-dimensional depth-integrated model.

INTRODUCTION

Flooding is a serious issue in cities in developing countries because of the scale of hazard it poses for inhabitants and infrastructure (Nur and Shrestha, 2017). Floods are the most frequent type of natural disaster in the world, and the danger of floods and their terrible consequences have been recorded worldwide. In Vietnam, numerous flood disasters have occurred in recent decades. As shown in Fig. 1, the capital city of Hanoi is located in the Red River Delta in Vietnam. As with most regions in northern Vietnam, Hanoi is directly affected by the hot and humid climate of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Therefore, it is frequently influenced by massive rainfall events and serious floods (Vietnamese Government, 2005; Anh *et al.*, 2020a). Vietnam has been identified as one of the five worst-affected countries by climate change, and Hanoi is located in an area

severely affected by climate change. In recent decades, many massive rainfall events have been recorded in the Red River Delta, and flooding in the delta has been a severe problem (AHA-JICA, 2015). The delta has been facing challenges from natural disasters such as floods, drought, and salinization, especially in the context of climate change and sea level rise (MONRE, 2012). In the last 50 years, floods have significantly impacted Hanoi, causing serious damage to homes, possessions, and people (AHA-JICA, 2015). In 1971, there was a severe flood disaster documented in the Red River Delta that caused massive damage to millions of people and dike failures in numerous places and resulted in huge restoration costs. Approximately 100,000 people died during this disaster (NOAA, 1993; Vietnamese Government, 2005). Flood risk management in developing countries is understudied, and flood risk management measures are typically lacking or inadequately implemented (Nkwunonwo *et al.*, 2020). Therefore, research on flood risk management in developing countries such as Vietnam is more critical than ever.

According to the European Commission, a prerequisite for effective and efficient flood risk management is in-depth knowledge of the prevailing hazards and risks throughout a river basin and areas of flood risk (European Commission, 2007). Recently, the U.S.

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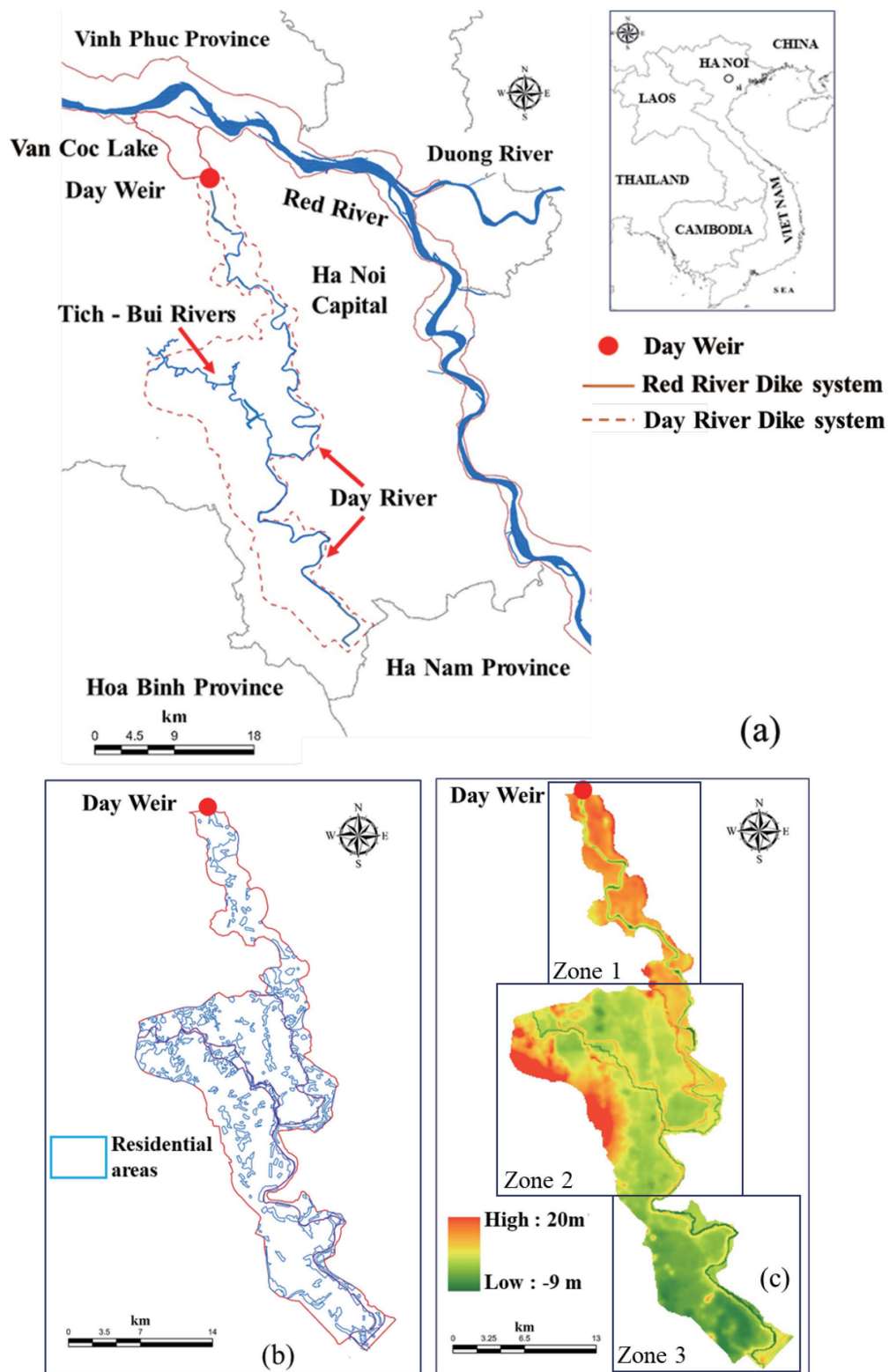


Fig. 1. Schematic diagrams of the study area (a), the residential areas (b), the elevation (c), and Zones 1, 2 and 3.

National Research Council stated that a key to informed decision making on flood risk management is the accurate assessment of risk (National Research Council, 2015). A clear understanding of flood risks is necessary to determine the type and scale of appropriate actions to

be taken to avoid, mitigate, transfer, share, or accept flood risks. Flood hazard maps are indispensable tools for displaying information about hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks in a particular area, and they play a very important role in this process (European Commission, 2007).

In recent studies, flood hazard maps have been shown to be a core component of flood risk management for risk assessment and design of mitigation measures in flood-prone areas, even on a global scale (Dottori *et al.*, 2016; Guerriero *et al.*, 2020; Thapa *et al.*, 2020; Shadmehri Toosi *et al.*, 2020; Eini *et al.*, 2020). Many recently studies have utilized flood hazard maps in flood risk management strategies (Hussein *et al.*, 2019; Ogato *et al.*, 2020; Guerriero *et al.*, 2020; Gusain *et al.*, 2020; Costabile *et al.*, 2020; Mishra and Sinha, 2020).

The use of hydrodynamic models of rivers with floodplains is a well-established approach to conducting flood risk analysis (Costabile *et al.*, 2020). There are several popular numerical models for simulating flooding phenomena, including one-dimensional (1-D), two-dimensional (2-D), and three-dimensional (3-D) models (Pinos and Timbe, 2019; Costabile *et al.*, 2020). 1-D models, which are often used to study the effects of flood propagation on rivers and to estimate flow velocities, water levels, and discharges, are typically based on an assumption that water moves only longitudinally in the direction of a river (Liu and Merwade, 2018; Pinos and Timbe, 2019; Fleischmann *et al.*, 2019; Singh *et al.*, 2020). Although 1-D models are still in widespread use, it is likely that the results of a 1-D model will deviate too far from reality for a complex river system (Pinos and Timbe, 2019). They also cannot be used to model channels or situations in which water moves both longitudinally and laterally, which are better represented by 2-D models. For a floodplain with a complex topography, a 2-D model is considered to permit a better representation of the flood path, and horizontal dimensions predominating over vertical dimensions can lead to a more realistic description of the floodplain. (Costabile *et al.*, 2020; Pinos and Timbe, 2019). Furthermore, with the rapid advance of computer technology and the increasing availability of digital elevation models (DEMs), 2-D models have become increasingly widely used to model flows in floodplains, lakes, rivers, and coastal regions (Hu and Kot, 1997; Mignot *et al.*, 2006; Liang *et al.*, 2007; Sun *et al.*, 2008; El Kadi Abderrezak *et al.*, 2009; Liu *et al.*, 2014; Caviedes-Voullième *et al.*, 2014; An *et al.*, 2015; Bellos and Tsakiris, 2015; Hu *et al.*, 2017; Rollason *et al.*, 2018; Pinos and Timbe, 2019; Haque *et al.*, 2020). 3-D models, which can also represent vertical flows, have recently been used to assess flows in rivers, lakes, and coastal areas (Blumberg and Mellor, 1987; Casulli and Cattani, 1994; Kang and Sotiropoulos, 2012; Marsooli *et al.*, 2016; Rong *et al.*, 2020). However, they have rarely been used for flood hazard assessment because of their complexity, their cost, and the amount of time they require to analyze a large study area (World Bank Group, 2016; Wu and Lin, 2015). In addition, if the study area includes rivers and large floodplains, as is the case for the study area considered in this study, the horizontal flows will typically be much larger than the vertical flows over the major part of the floodplain when floodwater flows into the area (Anh *et al.*, 2020a). Therefore, in this study, a 2-D depth-integrated model was built to simulate the floodwater behavior in the area.

As shown in Fig. 1, the Day River is the main sub-river of the Red River, which is the largest river in northern Vietnam. The Day River runs Hanoi and flows into the East Sea. The Tich-Bui rivers, which also flow through Hanoi, flow into the Day River at Ba Tha, a village in the Ung Hoa District. In emergency situations resulting from catastrophic floods, Hanoi is protected by the Red and Day River dike systems. Floodwater from the Red River is discharged into the Van Coc Lake, which is a regulating reservoir that is located in the Dan Phuong and Phuc Tho Districts and drains into the Day River system through the Day Weir. The floodplain areas and areas protected from floodwater are also shown in Fig. 1. Unfortunately, many large residential areas are located inside the floodplain because of rapid urbanization that has occurred in Hanoi during the last few decades. These residential areas are highly vulnerable to damage during flood emergencies. It is essential to be able to predict the degree and extent of vulnerability of residential areas in the flood plain as part of the flood risk management for these residential areas.

An effective operating procedure for the largest recorded flood to have occurred in the area, between the 16th and 27th of August 1971, which optimized the inflow discharge into the Van Coc Lake as well as the outflow discharge at the Day Weir, was proposed by Anh *et al.* (2020a). In that research, the safety of the operating system of the Van Coc Lake was considered comprehensively by optimizing the inflow discharge at the Van Coc Gate, the overflow point, and the outflow discharge at the Day Weir to protect Hanoi from Red River flood disasters. However, an assessment of the impact of floodwater on the residential areas located in the floodplain areas along the Day River system, which is the downstream area of the Day Weir, has not been conducted for flood events. Therefore, the development of a flood hazard map is indispensable for improving future flood risk planning for critical residential areas in the floodplain area.

In this study, the impact of floodwater during the flood peak on residential areas within the floodplain area in the case of implementation of an effective operating procedure for the largest recorded flood was assessed by numerical simulation. A 2-D depth-integrated hydrodynamic model, combined with the latest DEM, was used to obtain accurate simulation results. The model was validated in several previous studies (Anh *et al.*, 2019; 2020a, 2020b). The input water level boundary condition for the effective operating procedure in an emergency situation, as proposed by (Anh *et al.*, 2020a), was utilized at the Day Weir.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

Figure 1 shows the location of the study area, residential areas within the floodplain, and an elevation map of the areas from the Day Weir to the downstream end. The study area covered 376.62 km² and comprised 150,648 grid cells at a resolution of 50 m. Because the

study area covered a length of more than 100 km from the Day Weir to the downstream end, it was divided into three zones to assess the characteristics of the study area and the simulation results in more detail: Zone 1 in the northern part, Zone 2 in the middle part, and Zone 3 at the downstream end of the study area, as shown in Fig. 1. The elevation of the floodplain areas decreases from north to south in Zone 1, and the elevation in Zone 2 decreases from west to east. In Zone 3, the elevation decreases from north to south. The latest DEM surveys, conducted in 2011 and 2013 by the Institute of Water Resources Planning of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam, were utilized in this study.

Hydrodynamic model and boundary conditions

The study area is a floodplain, and this study focused on the behavior of floodwater, in which horizontal velocities are far greater than vertical velocities. Therefore, a two-dimensional depth-integrated model was used to simulate the behavior of the floodwater in the study area. The shallow water equations used in this study are as follows:

Continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{U(h+\eta)\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \{V(h+\eta)\} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Momentum equations in the x and y directions

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = fV - g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + v_h \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ - \frac{gn^2 U \sqrt{U^2 + V^2}}{(h+\eta)^{4/3}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -fU - g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} + v_h \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ - \frac{gn^2 V \sqrt{U^2 + V^2}}{(h+\eta)^{4/3}} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where U and V are the depth-averaged horizontal velocity components in the x and y directions (m/s), η is the water level (m), t is the time (s), h is the elevation (m), f is the Coriolis force (s^{-1}), g is the gravitational acceleration (m/s^2), n is Manning's coefficient of roughness ($s/m^{1/3}$), and v_h is the coefficient of eddy viscosity (m^2/s). This coefficient for local flow structures is used in one of the most celebrated subgrid-scale models for eddy viscosity proposed by Smagorinsky (1963). The Smagorinsky turbulent model allows a better presentation of non-uniform velocity in a floodplain and in transition regions between plain and main channels (Lin *et al.*, 2008; Ahmadi *et al.*, 2009; Pham Van *et al.*, 2014). Many studies have utilized the coefficient of eddy viscosity from the Smagorinsky model in calculations of complex turbulent flows (Tejada-Martínez *et al.*, 2009; Rakowsky *et al.*, 2013; Chacón Rebollo *et al.*, 2014; Werren *et al.*, 2016; Marras *et al.*, 2018). The value of the coefficient of eddy viscosity v_h was calculated in this study as follows, using the Smagorinsky model (1963):

$$v_h = \frac{1}{2} S_m A_G \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

where S_m is the Smagorinsky coefficient and A_G is the area of each mesh point (m^2).

The basic parameters are defined as follows: temporal discretization $\Delta t = 2.0$ s, spatial discretization $\Delta x = \Delta y = 50$ m, $S_m = 0.2$, $A_G = \Delta x \times \Delta y = 2500$ m^2 , $f = 5.24 \times 10^{-5}$ s^{-1} , and $g = 9.8$ m/s^2 . Manning's coefficient of roughness n for each grid element was set to be $n = 0.025$ $s/m^{1/3}$ – 0.172 $s/m^{1/3}$, depending on the vegetation, obstructions, and residential areas. The leapfrog finite difference method was used to calculate the products of the governing equations for the staggered mesh system. The model was run with a time step of $\Delta t = 2.0$ s, with the water level and velocity calculated alternately.

The wetting and drying processes in the hydrodynamic model are very important because they illustrate the movement of flow from a wet point to a dry point in the area and vice versa. This is very common in seas, closed water bodies, and floodplain areas. The consideration of wetting and drying processes affects the accuracy of the simulation results, and an inadequate treatment of wet and dry fronts in a complex topography can result in important numerical errors (Brufau *et al.*, 2004). In recent decades, many methods for modeling wetting and drying processes have been proposed. The first implicit model for handling intertidal flats appears to have been the pioneering model by Leendertse (1970). According to Balzano (1998), other models have been proposed by Benqué *et al.* (1982), Stelling (1984), Falconer and Owens (1987), and Molinaro *et al.* (1994). In this study, the study area was a floodplain, and stability and water mass conservation in the study area were essential to ensuring the accuracy of the simulation results. Uchiyama (2004) developed a simple formulation for a wetting or drying scheme that could selectively retain computational robustness and water mass conservation in the domain. Therefore, in this study, the method proposed by Uchiyama (2004) was applied to each wetting or drying cell. In this method, the total local depth is used to define the wetting or drying mesh, and a land mask function (LMF) is applied. $LMF = 1$ indicates that the cell is considered "wet," whereas $LMF = 0$ indicates that the cell is "land." Recalculation is performed for all cells after each time step. A threshold depth value d_{th} and a minimum depth d_{min} are defined in the previous step, and the total depth of water $D(m, n) = h(m, n) + \eta(m, n)$ at each cell (m, n) is compared with d_{th} . If the $D(m, n)$ value is greater than or equal to d_{th} , $LMF(m, n)$ is set to 1. Otherwise, the three conditions below are immediately applied:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \min[\eta_{m-1,n}, \eta_{m+1,n}, \eta_{m,n-1}, \eta_{m,n+1}] &\leq \eta_{m,n} \\ \min[D_{m-1,n}, D_{m+1,n}, D_{m,n-1}, D_{m,n+1}] &\leq d_{th} \\ \max[LMF_{m-1,n}, LMF_{m+1,n}, LMF_{m,n-1}, LMF_{m,n+1}] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

If at least one of these conditions is satisfied, $LMF(m, n)$ is set to 0. This means that the cell is dry. If none of the above conditions are satisfied, the total

depth $D(m,n)$ of water at each cell (m,n) is compared with d_{min} . If the $D(m,n)$ value is less than or equal to d_{min} , $LMF(m,n)$ is set to 0. Otherwise, $LMF(m,n)$ is set to 1.

In previous research, an optimal operation procedure for the Van Coc Lake to protect Hanoi from the Red River flood disaster for the largest recorded flood, which occurred between the 16th and 27th of August 1971 was proposed by Anh *et al.* (2020a). In the optimal operation procedure, the inflow discharge into the Van Coc Lake and outflow discharge at the Day Weir were determined to maximize the flood mitigation function of the Van Coc Lake. In addition, the calculated water level at the Day Weir was recorded for the optimal operation procedure. In this study, the water level at the Day Weir was used as the input boundary condition, and because of the emergency situation, the Day Weir was fully opened. Figure 2 shows an important moment when floodwater from the Van Coc Lake reached the Day Weir. This point in time, denoted Time-0, was used for the movement of floodwater in the analysis scenarios considered in this study. The discharge observed during the catastrophic flood that occurred between the 16th and 27th of August 1971 was used for the inflow boundary condition at the Tich-Bui Rivers. In general, the boundary conditions for 2-D models include upstream and downstream boundary conditions that are often specified as an upstream flow rate or water level and a downstream water level (Horritt and Bates, 2002; Dutta *et al.*, 2007; Q. Liu *et al.*, 2014; An *et al.*, 2015). Values for these can often be established from historical hydrologic records. However, in many cases in which historical hydrological data are limited, the boundary conditions are established assuming uniform flow (Pappenberger *et al.*, 2006; Sun *et al.*, 2008; González-Sanchis *et al.*, 2012). In this study, uniform flow was assumed for the

downstream end boundary condition.

Figure 2 shows the input water level at the Day Weir and flood impact assessment times. The ground elevation of the Day Weir is 9.0 m, and the dike crest elevation is approximately 16.0 m. The impact of floodwater on the residential areas within the floodplain was calculated and analyzed at the times when the floodwater level reached 11.0 m, 12.0 m, and 12.72 m (the flood peak) at the Day Weir and at 10 and 30 h after the flood peak.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Inundated areas and Flood risk mapping

Figure 3 shows the distribution of the inundation depth, and Fig. 4 shows the inundated residential areas and their proportions to the total residential area in each zone when the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir. In this study, degrees of inundation were classified into five levels, A, B, C, D, and E, to represent flood risk levels. The water depth ranges corresponding to inundation levels A, B, C, D, and E were taken to be 0.5 to 1.0 m, 1.0 to 2.0 m, 2.0 to 3.0 m, 3.0 to 4.0 m, and more than 4.0 m, respectively. In Zone 1, 30.33% (3.43 km²) of the residential areas, a total area of 11.31 km², was inundated. The areas inundated at depth levels A and B made up 11.85% (1.34 km²) and 9.2% (1.04 km²) of the residential areas, respectively. In Zone 2, 18.86% (7.66 km²) of the residential areas were inundated. The areas inundated at depth levels A and B made up 9.97% (4.05 km²) and 6.40% (2.60 km²) of the residential areas. The most dangerous inundation depth levels, D and E, accounted for 0.54% (0.22 km²) and 0.12% (0.05 km²), respectively. Zone 3 has a total residential area of 13.50 km², and 28.69% (3.87 km²) of that area was calculated to be inundated. Inundation depth levels A and B accounted for 9.94% (1.34 km²) and 13.05% (1.76 km²), respectively.

Time-0 was an important point of reference for when floodwater from the Van Coc Lake reached the Day Weir. The floodwater reached a height of 11.0 m at the Day Weir 75 h after Time-0. Floodwater was mainly concentrated around the Day River from the north to the south, and some areas located in the southwest of Zone 1 were severely inundated. Most of the residential areas in Zone 1 were not affected by floodwater when the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir. The variation in the inundation depth was wide, possibly because there was a significant elevation difference between the river bottom and the floodplain areas. In Zone 2, the floodwater began to spread out from the Day River and the Tich-Bui rivers as well. Some of the residential areas located in the center of the Zone 2 were heavily inundated. However, most of the residential areas located in the west were not affected by floodwater. In Zone 3, because of the increase in inundation depth, a larger proportion of the residential areas were inundated. The areas located in the southwest were affected by floodwater first because of the lower elevation, and these areas were the second most heavily impacted by flooding, compared with Zones 1 and 2. Obviously, the residential areas in each zone mainly experienced inun-

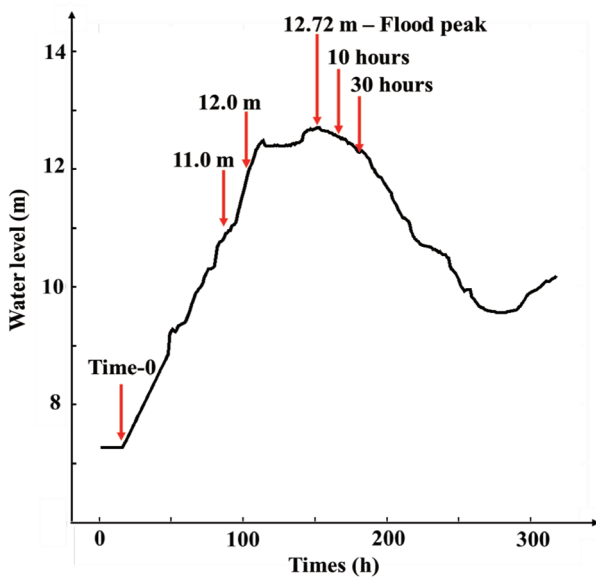


Fig. 2. Input water level for the boundary condition at the Day Weir and the times of flood impact assessment when the floodwater level reached 11.0 m, 12.0 m, and 12.72 m (the flood peak) at the Day Weir and at 10 and 30 h after the flood peak.

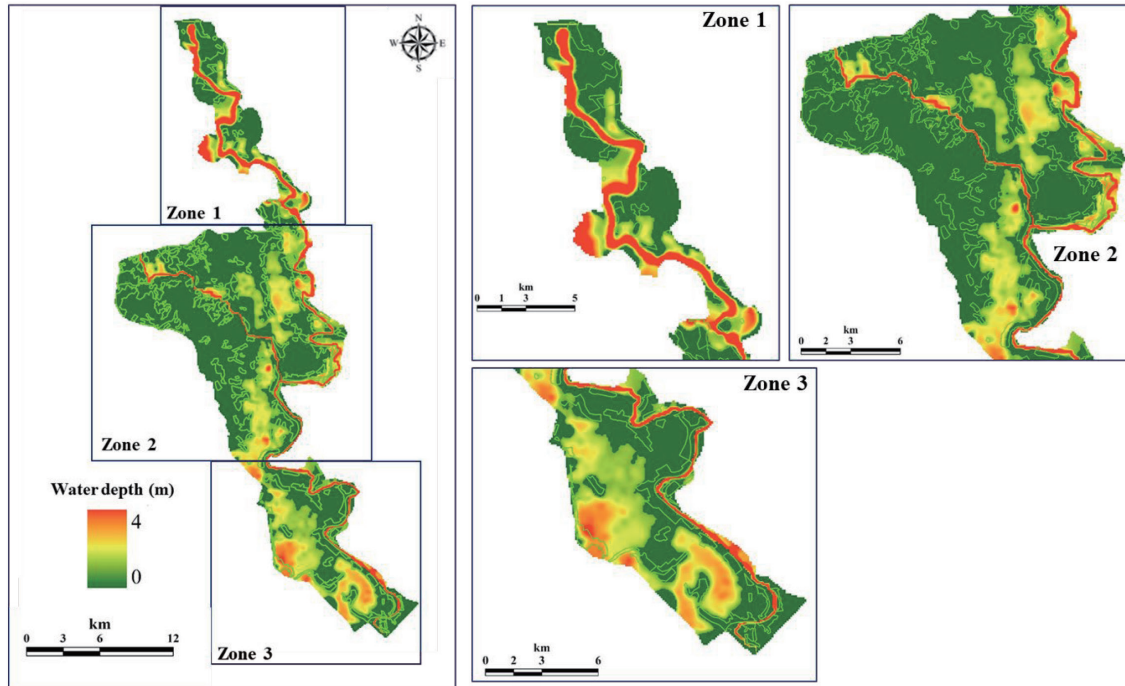


Fig. 3. Inundation depth distribution in the study area when the floodwater level at the Day Weir reached 11.0 m.

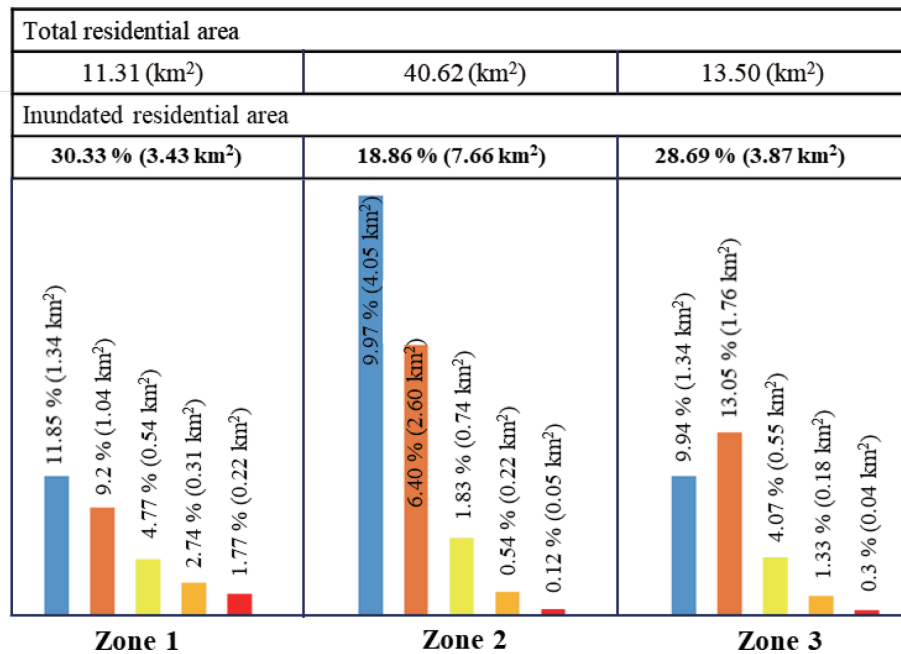
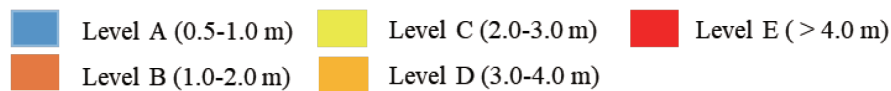


Fig. 4. Inundated residential areas and their percentages of the total residential area in each zone when the floodwater level reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir.

dation depth levels A and B. The results clearly show that floodwater began to impact 30% of the residential areas when the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir.

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the distribution of the inundation depth and the inundated residential areas and their proportions of the total residential areas in

each zone when the floodwater reached 12.0 m at the Day Weir. In Zone 1, 57.65% (6.52 km²) of the residential areas were inundated, with 19.89% (2.25 km²) and 23.25% (2.63 km²) inundated to depth levels A and B, respectively. In Zone 2, 26.59% (10.80 km²) of the residential areas were inundated, with 11.15% (4.53 km²) and 11.47% (4.66 km²) inundated to depth levels A and

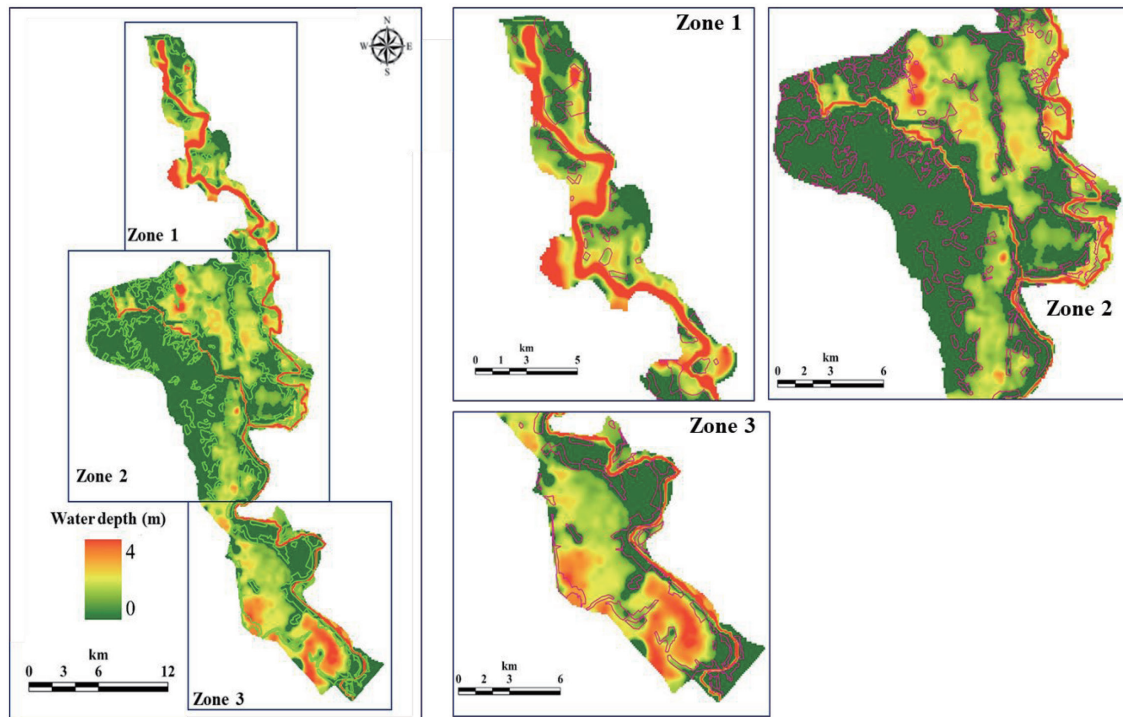


Fig. 5. Inundation depth distribution in the study area when the floodwater level at the Day Weir reached 12.0 m.

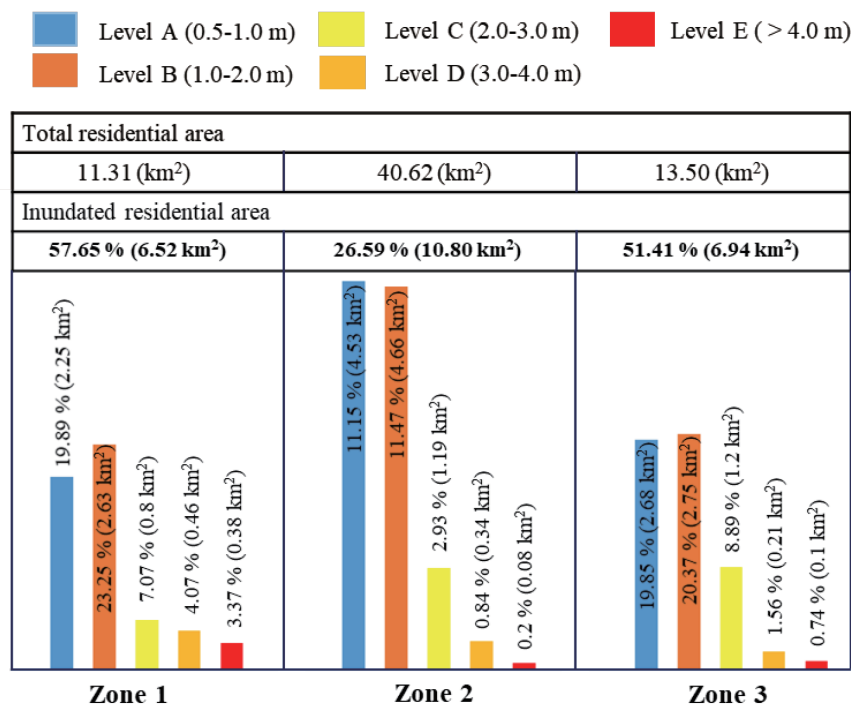


Fig. 6. Inundated residential areas and their percentage to the total residential area in each Zone when the floodwater level reached 12.0 m at the Day Weir.

B, respectively. The areas of Zone 2 corresponding to depth levels C, D, and E were 2.93% (1.19 km²), 0.84% (0.34 km²), and 0.20% (0.08 km²), respectively. In Zone 3, more than 50% of the residential area was inundated. The most severely inundated residential areas, i.e., inundation depth levels D and E, accounted for 1.56% (0.21 km²) and 0.74% (0.1 km²), respectively. The areas in Zone 3 inundated to depth levels A, B, and C made up

19.85% (2.68 km²), 20.37% (2.75 km²), and 8.89% (1.2 km²), respectively.

The simulation results indicate that the floodwater required 87 h from Time=0 to reach 12.0 m at the Day Weir, with only 12 h required to rise from 11.0 m to 12.0 m. Many of the residential areas were inundated to a depth of less than 0.5 m. In Zone 1, the floodwater spread out and affected the residential areas severely,

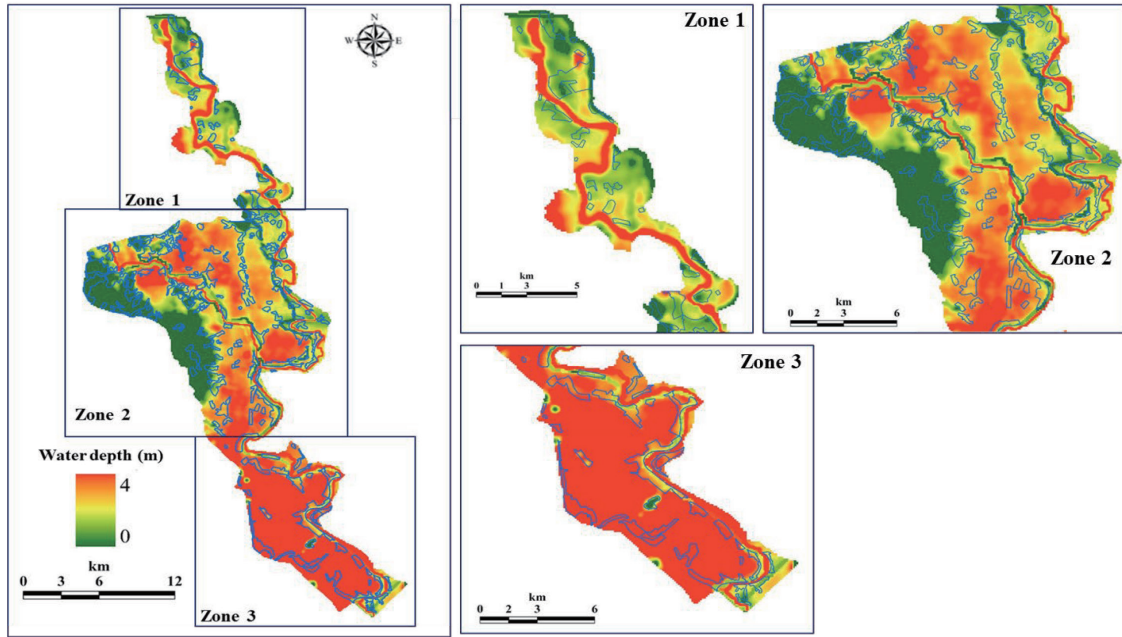


Fig. 7. Inundation depth distribution in the study area when the floodwater level at the Day Weir reached 12.72 m.

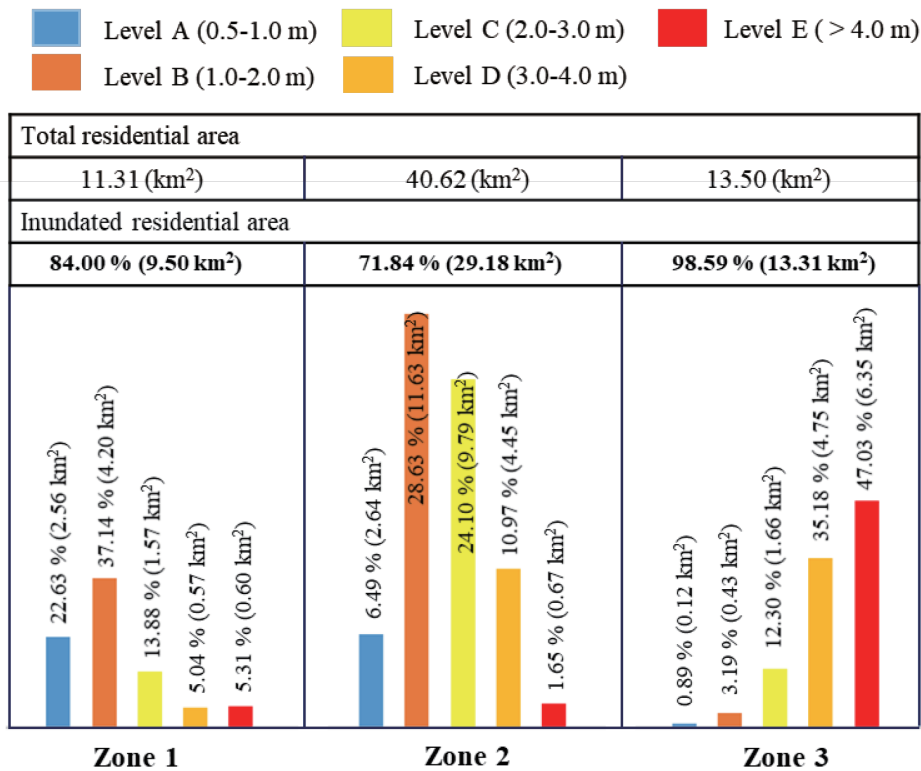


Fig. 8. Inundated residential areas and their percentages of the total residential area in each zone when the floodwater level reached 12.72 m at the Day Weir.

particularly those at low elevations near the riverbed. In Zone 2, the residential areas on the northeast and southeast sides were significantly affected by flooding, while residential areas on the southwest side were not impacted, because they are located at higher elevations. In Zone 3, the low-elevation areas in the southeast were heavily influenced by floodwater, and the inundated residential areas were mainly concentrated on the southeast

side. In summary, most of the residential areas were inundated to depth levels A, B, or C when the floodwater reached 12.0 m at the Day Weir. The percentage of affected residential areas located in Zones 1 and 3 increased by 20% when the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir.

Figures 7 and 8 illustrated the distributions of the inundation depth and the inundated residential areas

and their proportions of the total residential areas in each zone when the floodwater reached the flood peak at 12.72 m. Most of the residential areas in the study area were heavily inundated. In Zone 1, 84.00% (9.50 km²) of the residential areas were inundated. The proportions of areas reaching inundation depth levels A and B were 22.63% (2.56 km²) and 37.14% (4.20 km²), respectively. In Zone 2, the residential areas were mainly inundated to depths from 1.0 to 3.0 m and were located in the south-east and northeast. In this zone, 71.84% (29.18 km²) of the total area was inundated. The proportions of areas in Zone 2 reaching inundation depth levels B and C were 28.63% (11.63 km²) and 24.10% (9.79 km²), respectively. In Zone 3, most of the residential areas in the study area were inundated to depths of more than 4.0 m. This can be explained by the lower elevations at which these residential areas are located. As shown in Figs. 7 and 8, 98.59% (13.31 km²) of the residential areas in Zone 3 were inundated, and the areas inundated to depth levels D and E made up 35.18% (4.75 km²) and 47.03% (6.35 km²) of the total area of the zone.

The simulation results indicate that the floodwater required 135 h from Time=0 to reach the flood peak of 12.72 m at the Day Weir, 48 h of which corresponded to the increase from 12.0 m to 12.72 m, as a result of the slow movement of floodwater when most of the floodplain areas were filled. The inundation depth levels of the Day River system when the floodwater reached the flood peak of 12.72 m provide a strong warning about the dangers of floodwater throughout the study area. In Zone 1, the residential areas near the riverbed and many residential areas located at low elevations were severely inundated. However, most of the inundated residential areas were inundated to depths of less than 2 m because

they are located at higher elevations. In Zone 2, the residential areas located to the southwest were unaffected. Unfortunately, the remaining residential areas in this zone were severely affected by floodwater. In Zone 3, floodwater significantly impacted the residential areas because of their low elevation. In summary, floodwater is a dangerous natural hazard that threatens residential areas throughout the study area.

Figures 9 and 10 show the simulation results for the inundated residential areas 10 h after the flood peak. In Zone 1, 83.73% (9.47 km²) of the residential areas were inundated at that time, which is a slightly lower percentage than that at the flood peak time. The proportions of areas that were flooded to inundation depth levels A and B were 26.08% (2.95 km²) and 34.66% (3.92 km²). In addition, although the percentages of the areas that were flooded to inundation depths C, D, and E were slightly smaller than those at the flood peak time, they were still high. In Zone 2, there was an increase in the percentage of inundated residential areas, to 71.84% (29.18 km²), compared to that at the flood peak time. The floodwater began to spread out to the residential areas located in the southwest. The percentage of the residential areas that reached inundation depth level E was 4.56% (1.85 km²), and most of the residential areas were flooded to depths from 1.0 to 4.0 m. More seriously, in Zone 3, 63.78% (8.61 km²) of the residential areas were inundated to depths of more than 4.0 m. The proportions of the areas flooded to inundation depth levels A, B, C, and D were 0.74% (0.10 km²), 1.93% (0.26 km²), 6.22% (0.84 km²), and 26.59% (3.59 km²).

After the flood peak, the water level at the Day Weir decreased while the floodwater levels were still increasing in the downstream areas. This is the time period

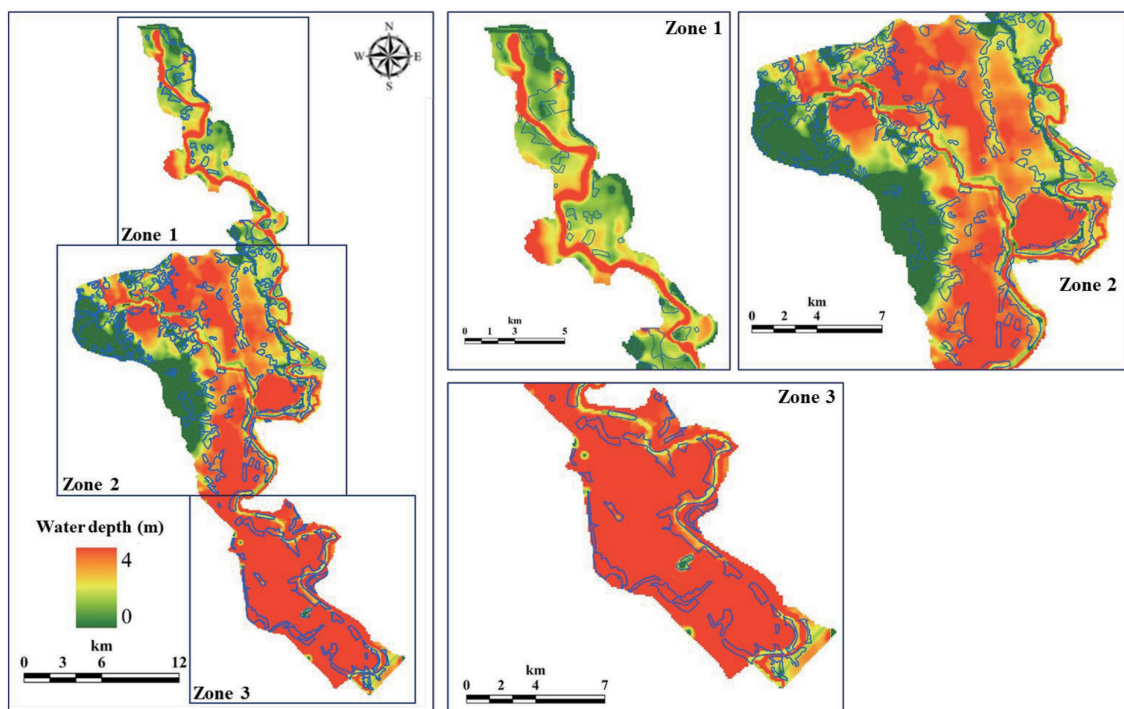


Fig. 9. Inundation depth distribution in the study area 10 h after the flood peak.

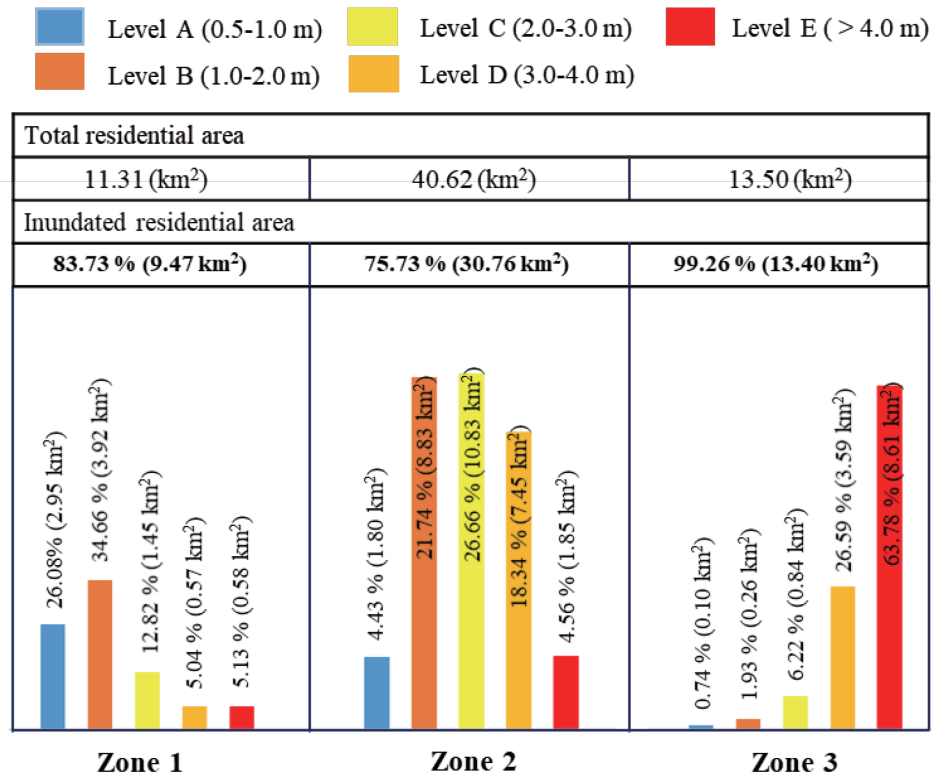


Fig. 10. Inundated residential areas and their percentages of the total residential area in each zone 10 h after the flood peak.

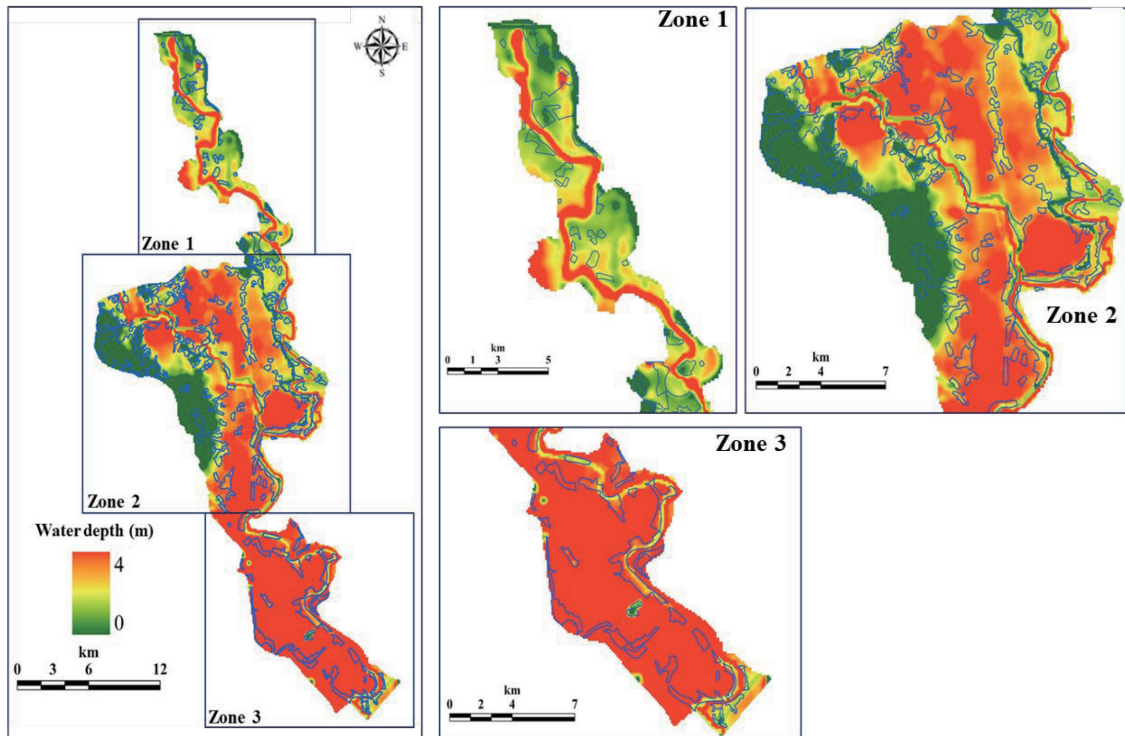


Fig. 11. Inundation depth distribution in the study area 30 h after the flood peak.

during which residential areas were considered to be most affected by the floodwater throughout the study area. The simulation results indicate that after the flood peak time, floodwater continued to spread throughout Zones 2 and 3 and that 10 h after the flood peak, the res-

idential areas were inundated to depths primarily less than 2.0 m in Zone 1, primarily to depths from 1.0 to 4.0 m in Zone 2, and primarily to depths greater than 4.0 m in Zone 3.

Figure 11 shows the distribution of the inundation

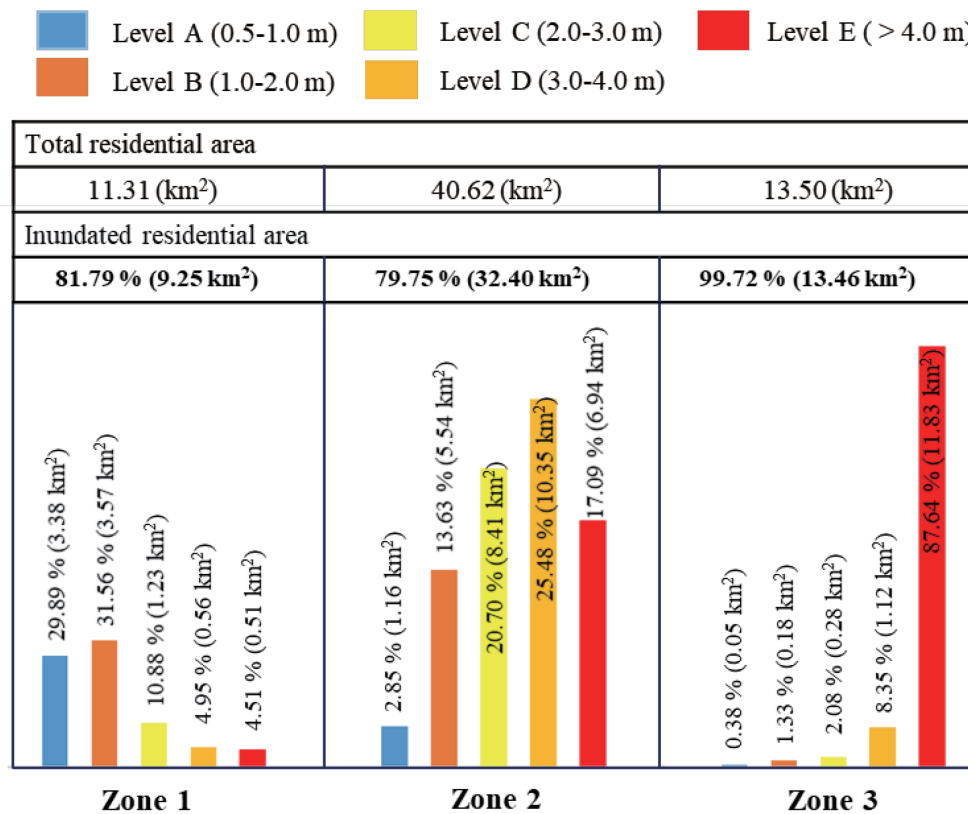


Fig. 12. Inundated residential areas and their percentages of the total residential area in each zone 30 h after the flood peak.

depths in each zone 30 h after the flood peak, and Fig. 12 shows the inundated residential areas and their proportions of the total residential area at that time. In Zone 1, the percentage of inundated residential areas decreased slightly in comparison to that at 10 h after the flood peak, because of the decrease in the water level at the Day Weir. The floodwater was mainly concentrated around the Day River, with 81.79% (9.25 km²) of the residential areas inundated, most of them to depths of 0.5 to 2.0 m. In Zone 2, the residential areas located in the center were inundated more heavily as the floodwater spread out strongly from the Day River and the Tich-Bui rivers. However, most of the residential areas located in the west were not affected by floodwaters because they were located at higher elevations. In this zone, 79.75% (32.40 km²) of the residential areas were inundated. Areas inundated to the most dangerous depth level, E, accounted for 17.09% (6.94 km²). Areas inundated to depth levels C and D also accounted for high proportions: 20.70% (8.41 km²) and 25.48% (10.35 km²), respectively. In Zone 3, the flooding conditions constituted a disaster, with 99.72% (13.46 km²) of the residential areas inundated, 87.64% (11.83 km²) of them to depths of more than 4.0 m. Areas inundated to depth levels A, B, C, and D only made up small proportions of the total area.

The time point 30 h after the flood peak was selected to demonstrate the danger of the hazard levels in the floodplains of the study area after the flood peak, especially in the residential areas. The residential areas located at the lowest elevations at the downstream end

of the study area were most strongly impacted by floodwater. The hazard zonation map in Fig. 11 shows how seriously the three zones of the floodplains in the study area were flooded when the optimal operation procedure for the Van Coc Lake was applied.

In summary, Time-0 was an important moment when floodwater from the Van Coc Lake reached the Day Weir, and from that moment in time onward, the floodwater needed 75, 87, and 135 h to reach depths of 11.0 m, 12.0 m, and the flood peak at 12.72 m, respectively, at the Day Weir. Only 75 h were required for the floodwater depth to reach a sufficiently dangerous level to have a serious impact on many residential areas, and the increase in floodwater depth from 11.0 m to 12.0 m occurred particularly rapidly. The simulation results yielded reliable flood susceptibility maps that identify the areas that were most impacted by floodwater. When the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir, there 30.33% (3.43 km²) of the residential areas in Zone 1, 18.86% (7.66 km²) of those in Zone 2, and 28.69% (3.87 km²) of those in Zone 3 were inundated. The flood situation became more serious when the floodwater depth reached 12.0 m at the Day Weir, with 57.65% (6.52 km²), 26.59% (10.80 km²), and 51.41% (6.94 km²) of the residential areas in Zones 1, 2, and 3, respectively, being inundated. However, the results also indicate that the majority of the residential areas were inundated to depths of 0.5 to 2.0 m at that time. When the floodwater reached 12.72 m (the flood peak) at the Day Weir, 84.00% (9.50 km²) of the residential areas in Zone 1,

71.84% (29.18 km²) of those in Zone 2, and 98.59% (13.31 km²) of those in Zone 3 were inundated. Furthermore, because of the significant differences in elevation from the Day Weir to the downstream end of the study area, the proportions of inundated residential areas 10 and 30 h after the flood peak were significantly different in the different zones, with 83.73% (9.47 km²) and 81.79% (9.25 km²), respectively, inundated in Zone 1; 75.73% (30.76 km²) and 79.75% (32.40 km²), respectively, inundated in Zone 2; and 99.26% (13.40 km²) and 99.72% (13.46 km²), respectively, inundated in Zone 3.

CONCLUSIONS

The results of this study illustrate the influence of floodwater on residential areas along the Day River system during a flood peak period when the operating procedure for emergency situations for the Van Coc Lake and Day Weir proposed by Anh *et al.* (2020a) is applied. Reliable flood susceptibility maps have been developed based on the results, and the use of such maps is essential for preventing and reducing flood damage in the study area. A combination of a 2-D depth-integrated hydrodynamic model and the latest DEM was utilized in the simulation. A study area comprising grid cells with a 50-m resolution was used, and a wetting-and-drying scheme was utilized to identify the wet and dry areas at each time step.

To assess the impact of floodwater on the residential areas along the Day River system, the boundary conditions of the proposed operating procedure for emergency situations were utilized to define the input water level at the Day Weir. The impact of floodwater on residential areas was calculated for flood heights of 11.0, 12.0, and 12.72 m (flood peak) at the Day Weir and at 10 and 30 h after the flood peak. The results indicate that three zones of floodplains in the study area were flooded easily in the emergency situation considered. Most of the residential areas were at high risk of severe damage due to inundation when the floodwater reached 12.72 m at the Day Weir, and this risk persisted even 10 and 30 h after the flood peak. Exceptions to this were the residential areas southwest of Zone 2, which are located at a higher elevation. Approximately 30% of the residential areas were inundated when the floodwater reached 11.0 m at the Day Weir and mainly experienced inundation depth levels A and B. When the floodwater reached 12.0 m at the Day Weir, most of the residential areas were inundated to levels A, B, and C. At the flood peak, the floodwater depths were at dangerous levels for residential areas throughout the entire study area. Even 10 and 30 h after the flood peak, most of the residential areas were inundated to depths up to 2.0 m in Zone 1, from 1.0 to 4.0 m in Zone 2, and to more than 4.0 m in Zone 3. These results provide an overview of the flood hazards to residential areas in the study area and provide a basis for future land use planning and a reference for the design of risk-reduction strategies for the Day River system in the overall development planning of Hanoi.

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