

# Enhancing Adaptation to Climate Hazards: A Case Study of a Deep Sea Port in Vietnam

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# Introduction

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# Presentation

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- Climate Hazards and Adaptation of Port Sector
- Importance of Resilient Assessment for Ports in Asia-Pacific

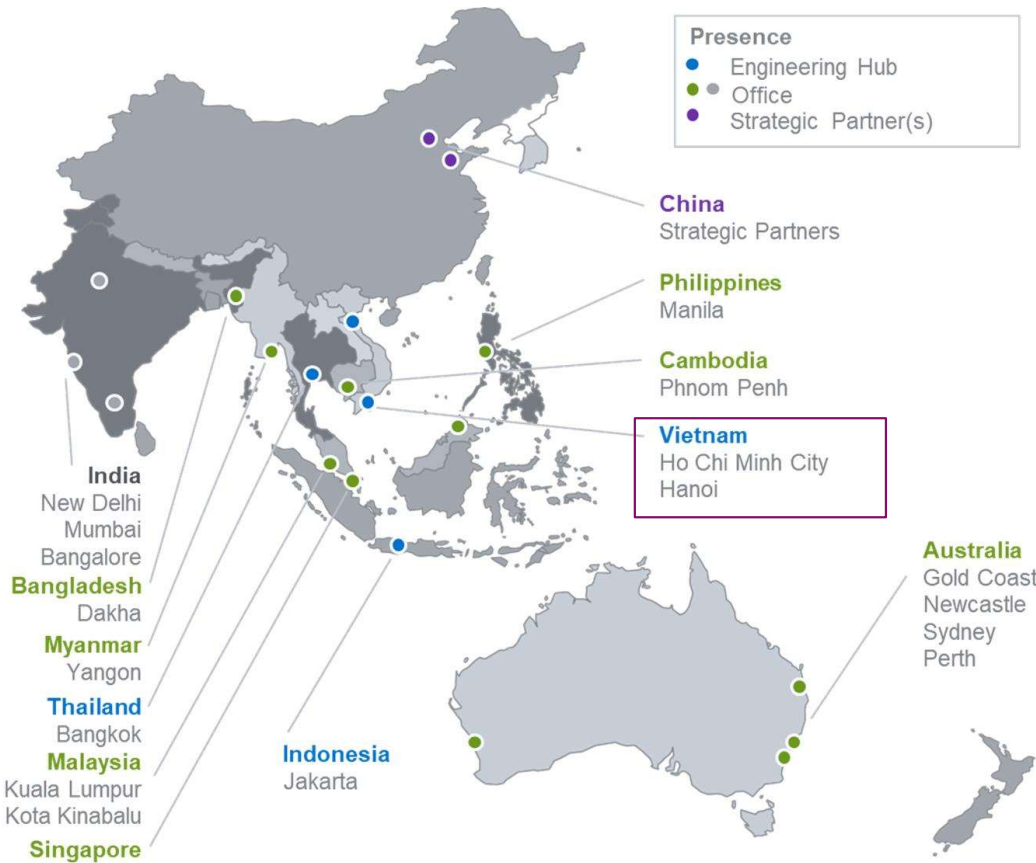
## 2. Case Study of a Deep Sea Port in Vietnam

- Vietnam Climate Change and Disaster context
- IFC Building Resilience Index Tool
- Gemalink Deepsea Port Assessment Outcome

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- Conclusions and Recommendations

# About Royal HaskoningDHV Asia-Pacific



**40+ years in Southeast Asia**  
Actively doing business since the 1970's.

**1000+ professionals in APAC**

Dynamic local teams, working across borders from branch and project offices

## Structure

Integrally managed regional structure based on local "ears and eyes of the ground" with internal support

## Network

Embedded in a strong global network

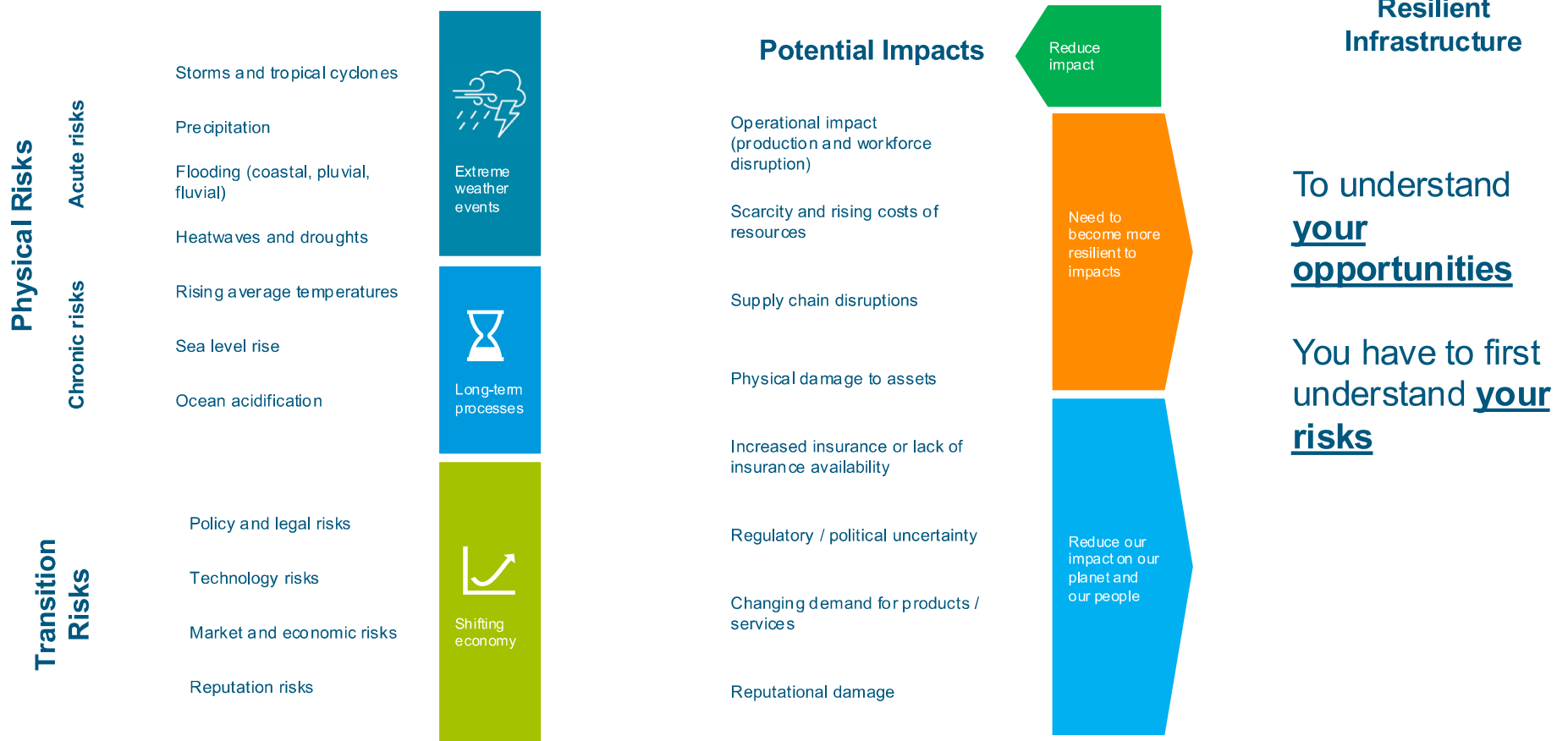


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# Enhancing Adaptation to Climate Hazards







# Climate Change and Disaster Hazards





# Importance of Resilient Assessment for Ports in Asia-Pacific

Substantial risks faced by ports in Asia-Pacific due to climate change impacts

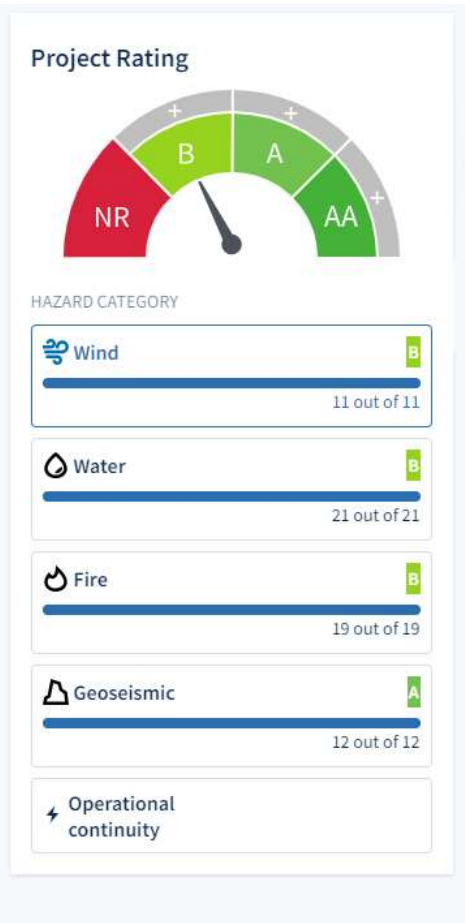
	 Revenue	 OPEX	 CAPEX	 Capital
Direct impact	Operational disruptions due to more frequent hazards	Increased Maintenance costs caused by physical risks	Investment required to apply climate adaptation measures	Risk of devaluation or stranded asset
Indirect impact	Reduce the service capacity and Increase demand for alternative logistic due to disruption of services at ports	Increased insurance and financing costs	Required investments due to insurance, financing	Risk of devaluation as a result of local/regional area and infrastructure at risk



# Case Study of a Deep Sea Port in Vietnam



# Resilience Assessments – Pilot Project



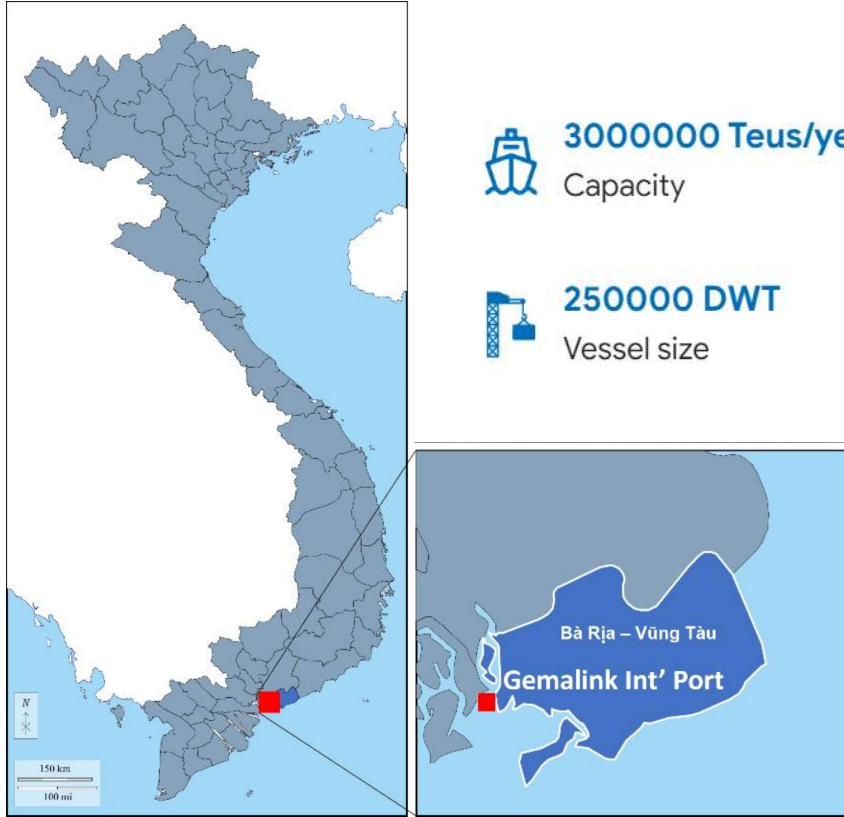
Resilience assessments using the Building Resilience Index framework (developed by the International Finance Corporation), **focusing on mitigation climate and disaster hazard risks.**

## BRI Tool Aims:

- To **help the built environment improve its resilience** to climate and disaster impacts.
- To help **investors, insurance companies, banks** and governments assess the ability of structures to withstand natural disasters.
- To list the best solutions to help the structure **stay intact and continue to operate after a disaster.**



# Port Resilience Assessment – Pilot Project



**3000000 Teus/year**  
Capacity



**250000 DWT**  
Vessel size



**-16.5 m**  
Draft



**1150 m**  
Main berth



**8 Super Post Panamax**  
Range of up to 70m (25 rows)



**72 ha**  
Total area

## Port Case Study: Gemalink International Port

One of the **world's 19 largest** deep sea ports and the largest deep-sea port in Vietnam

Source: RHDHV and Google Earth 2024

Source: Gemalink <https://www.gemadep.com.vn/gemalink-deep-sea-port-3418/index.html>

# Port Resilience Assessment – Pilot Project

## Approach

- Building Resilience Index (BRI) framework
- **Hazard Assessment** focused on: Wind, Water, Fire, and Geoseismic hazards
- Included Operational Continuity requirements
- Proposing measures to mitigate climate and disasters



Source: Gemalink  
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# Hazard Identification



HAZARD CATEGORY

Wind 	Tornado APPLICABLE	Downburst APPLICABLE	Cyclone APPLICABLE	Surface Winds NOT APPLICABLE		
Water 	Flash Flood APPLICABLE	Local/Urban Flooding APPLICABLE	Tsunami APPLICABLE	Storm Surge APPLICABLE	River/lake Flood APPLICABLE	Coastal/Tidal Flooding NOT APPLICABLE
Fire 	Local Fire APPLICABLE	Wildfire NOT APPLICABLE				
Geoseismic 	Subsidence APPLICABLE	Landslide NOT APPLICABLE	Earthquake APPLICABLE	Volcano NOT APPLICABLE		
Operational continuity 						



# Steps

1. Self Assessment (Developer) to assess their risks against each measure and provide documentation
2. Verification (Two Third-Party Assessments) of each measure
  1. Conduct Site visit
  2. Propose Mitigation Measures
3. Final Ranking/Score

Required level of rating	Number of measures	Measure code										
<b>WIND</b>												
AA	4	WD01	WD04	WD09	WD10							
A	4	WD02	WD05	WD07	WD08	WD11	WD12					
B	2	WD03	WD06									
<b>WATER</b>												
AA	9	WT01	WT02	WT03	WT04	WT07	WT15	WT17	WT18	WT22		
A	8	WT05	WT08	WT11	WT14	WT16	WT19	WT20	WT21			
B	5	WT06	WT09	WT10	WT12	WT13						
<b>FIRE</b>												
AA	11	FI01	FI03	FI06	FI07	FI08	FI10	FI11	FI13	FI15	FI19	FI22
A	8	FI02	FI04	FI09	FI12	FI14	FI16	FI17	FI21			
B	3	FI05	FI18	FI20								
<b>GEOSEISMIC</b>												
AA	7	GS03	GS05	GS06	GS12	GS13	GS17	GS18				
A	6	GS02	GS04	GS08	GS11	GS15	GS16					
B	5	GS01	GS07	GS09	GS10	GS14						

# Port Resilience Assessment – Pilot Project

## Port Case Study: Gemalink International Port

### Techniques and Material Studied

- The BRI tool evaluated 71 risk mitigation measures under the four hazards against Wind, Water, Fire, Geoseismic hazards, and also assessed Operational Continuity.
- Architectural design, structural design, electro-mechanical design, fire-fighting plan, geotechnical survey, etc.
- Site Visit & Staff interviews

#### Fire **B**

<b>AA</b>	<b>FI03. 3+ hour Fire Rating (Non-combustible) for Key Building Elements</b> Structure and exterior walls and roof are designed/built with reinforced concrete or non-combustible assemblies which have a fire rating of 3+ hours.  The structure and exterior walls and roof are designed with reinforced concrete and steel frames.	 No
<b>A</b>	<b>FI04. 1+ hour Fire Rating (Non-combustible) for Key Building Elements</b> Structure and exterior walls and roof are designed/built with non-combustible assemblies which have a fire rating of 1+ hour.	 Yes
<b>B</b>	<b>FI05. 0.5+ hour Fire Rating (Non-combustible) for Key Building Elements</b> Structure and exterior walls and roof are designed/built with non-combustible assemblies which have a fire rating of 0.5+ hour.	 Yes



# Port Resilience Assessment – Pilot Project

## Port Case Study: Gemalink International Port

### Results

- The design of the Gemalink have already incorporated some resilient practices across their assets.
- Gemalink's ability to withstand applicable hazards of wind, water, fire, and geoseismic **was found to be at a moderate level.**

### Output

- IFC Certification through the BRI tool to enable Gemalink to obtain additional international investment through climate lending.
- Key recommendations for the Gemalink International Port project to **improve its resilience in alignment with the BRI measures** for Wind, Water, Fire and Geoseismic.
- Investment measures (structural and non-structural solutions) to improve the assets and operational **capacity of the port to withstand future climate change risks** such as rising heat temperatures, extreme wind and hailstorms, increased storm surges and seal level rise and ocean acidification.

# Adaptation for the Port Sector



# Port Resilience Assessments – APAC

## Conclusions

- The study showed that localised and accurate hazard data is important for determining risks, this is a limitation in Vietnam (and other parts of Asia-Pacific).
- Maintaining operational continuity measures are also critical to enhance an assets physical integrity and reflect the improvement of the infrastructure's resilience.
- Need to go beyond local design standards to cope with extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall, wind and storm surge.
- Consider multiple climate change projections to explore different scenarios for hazard events.
- On-going process that requires continuous improvement, innovation, and robust expert assessments.

# Port Resilience Assessments – APAC

## Recommendations

- Leverage existing frameworks and tools to assist with widespread adoption the climate risk assessments for ports and maritime infrastructure.
- Tailor assessments to geographical and regulatory contexts.
- Share results to help facilitate better identification of region-specific vulnerabilities.
- Involve relevant stakeholders throughout the assessment – including engineers, planners, policymakers, and community members.



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