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**Description of hypothetical test scenarios**

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## PURPOSE OF TEST/ CALIBRATION SCENARIOS

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### Purpose of test/calibration scenarios

- Test/calibration scenarios are constructed with the sole purpose of checking and if necessary adjusting DSS predictions
- They represent hypothetical and possibly unrealistic conditions in the system, such as:
  - Extended periods of flood or drought
  - Changes in durations of the seasons
  - Extended period of low sediment delivery
  - Barriers to fish
- They are not development scenarios but may represent conditions partly similar to cumulative impacts of developments in various sectors

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## Purpose of calibration

- Ensure DSS provides defensible predictions for test/calibration scenarios
- Thus, will also provide defensible answers for other scenarios
- Important step in validating the DSS and subsequent DSS outputs when applied to assess impacts of development scenarios

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### Understanding the DSS response to an hypothetical scenario requires:

- check how hydrology, hydraulic, water quality, sediments or connectivity changed relative to Prelim. Reference Scenario
- follow the links from an indicator to the hydrology, hydraulic, water quality, sediments or connectivity
- checking whether the response is reasonable in the light of:
  - changes in the hydrology, hydraulic, water quality, sediments or connectivity
  - changes in linked indicators
  - observed changes
  - evidence/explanations provided by specialists

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## Two types of scenarios

1. Calibration scenarios (CS), which were used during the preliminary calibration as reported in the Interim Technical Report Vol. 3
2. Test scenarios (TS), which were developed for this workshop

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## Two types of scenarios

1. Calibration scenarios (CS), which are reported on in the Interim Technical Report Vol. 3
2. Test scenarios (TS), which were developed for this workshop and have not been tested before

Will discuss in the afternoon after the calibration scenarios

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# CALIBRATION SCENARIOS

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## Calibration scenarios



- CS 1: High dry season flow, low wet season flow
- CS 2: 6 dry years, followed by 6 wet years, etc.
- CS 3: A shortened wet season
- CS 4: Sediment supply at 75% of Prelim. Reference
- CS 5: Migration blocked between FA1 and FA2 ONLY
- CS 7: Extreme dry year (1992 – 10%)
- CS 8: Migration blocked between FA4 and 5 ONLY
- CS 9: Migration blocked between FA1 and 2 AND  
between FA4 and 5
- CS 10: Sediment supply at 25% of Prelim. Reference

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## CSs represent changes in individual parameters...



- Each calibration scenario focuses on a single aspect – e.g., flow change, barrier or sediment reduction.
- In reality one would not occur without the other, and the impact on the ecosystem would be a result of the combined effects of both.
- For instance, if a dam is constructed for hydropower generation, it is likely that it will affect migration, sediment supply, and change the flows

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## Relationship between CSs

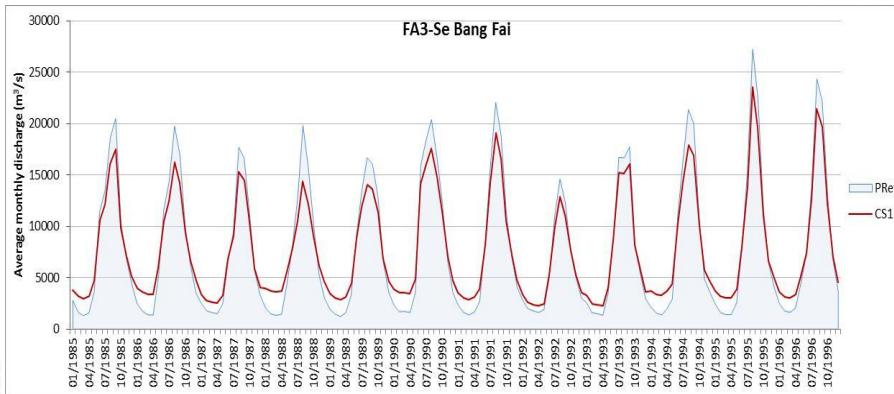


- CS1, CS2, CS3 and CS7 differ hydrologically from one another and from the Prelim. Reference Scenario, but are identical in terms of connectivity
- CS4, CS5, CS8, CS9 and CS10 are hydrologically the same as the Prelim. Reference Scenario, but differ in terms of:
  - CS4 and 10: reduced sediment supply
  - CS5, 8 and 9: barriers to fish migration

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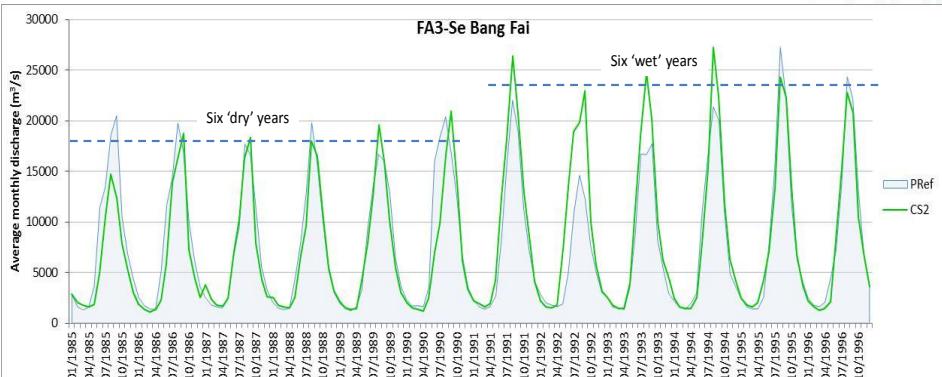


## CS 1: High dry season flow, low wet season flow



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## CS 2: 6 dry, 6 wet, etc.

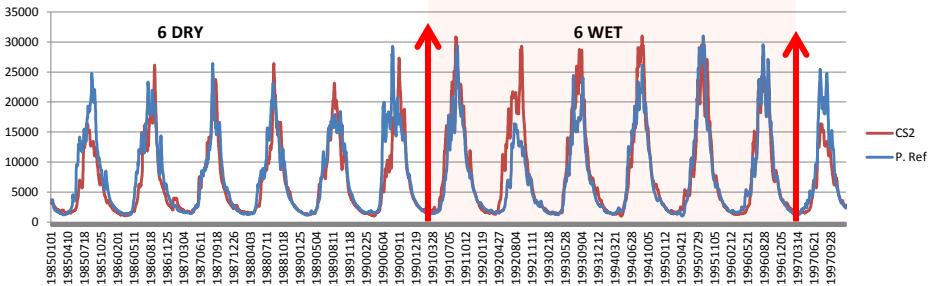


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## CS 2: 6 dry, 6 wet, etc.

**Focus Area 3**

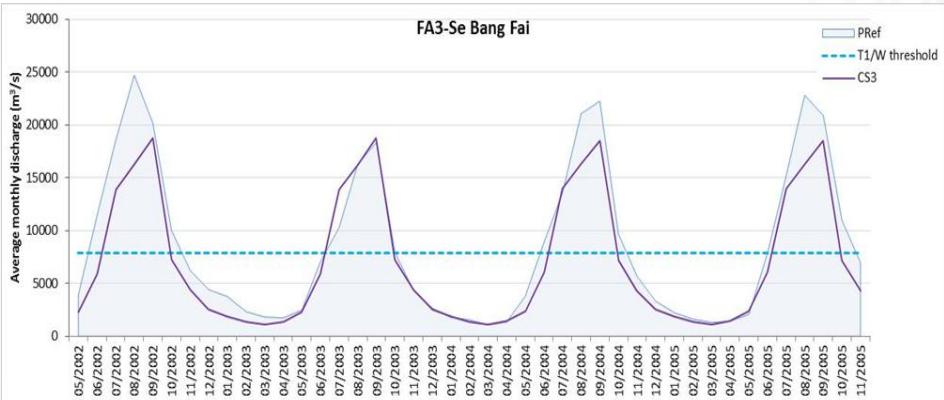


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## CS 3: A shortened wet season

**FA3-Se Bang Fai**

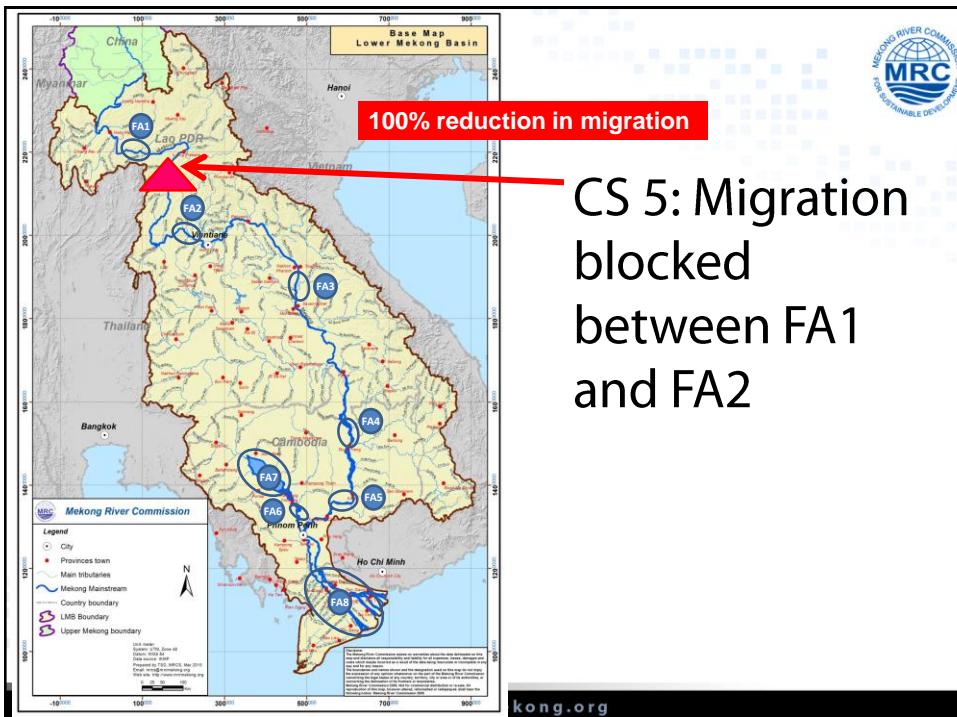


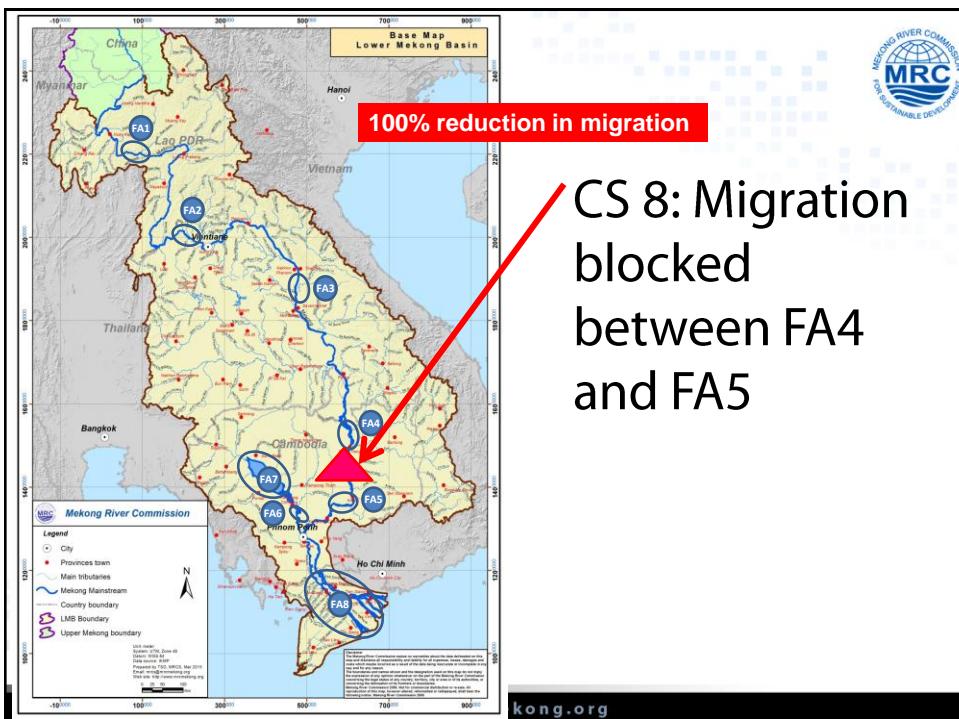
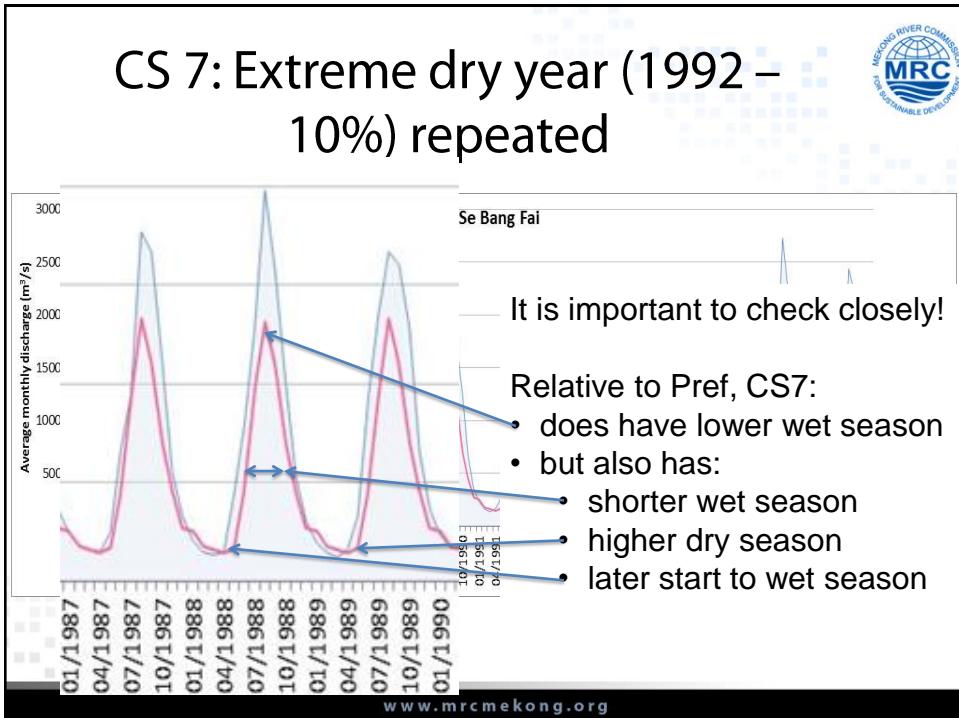
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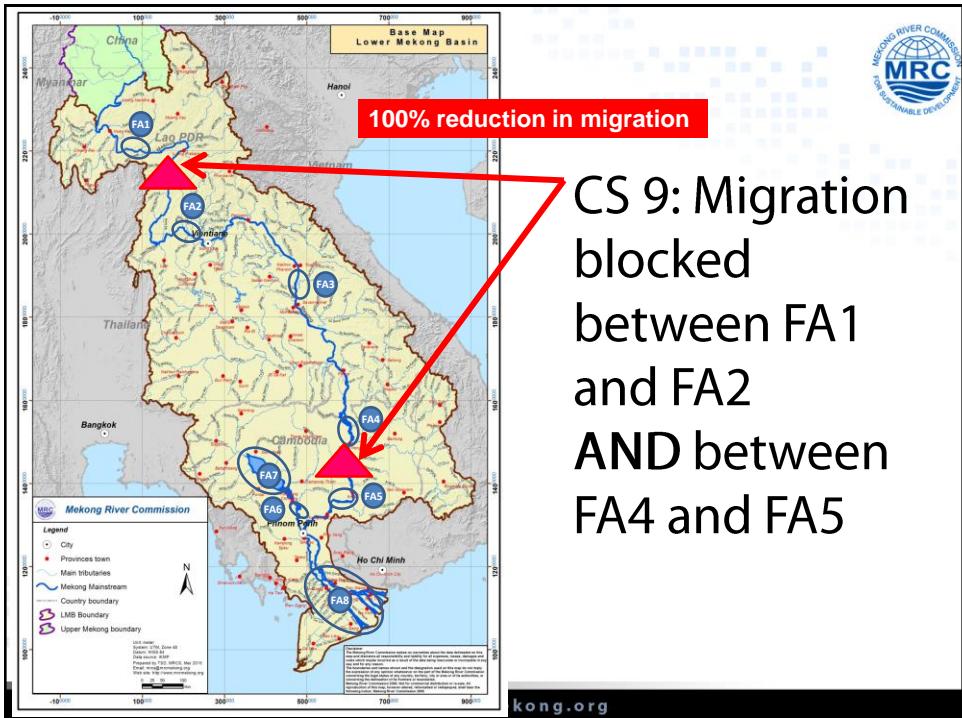


## CS 4: Sediment supply at 75% of preliminary reference

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**CS 10: Sediment supply at 75% of preliminary reference**



## INFORMATION PROVIDED

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### Information available to assist testing



- Preliminary Calibration Report
- Summary spreadsheets
- Summary results sheets
- ECO-LMB
  - All of the above, plus:
    - Individual and combined time-series
    - Evidence-based explanations
    - Response Curves

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# Handouts: Changes in hydrology, hydraulics, WQ and sediment indicators for CS1



Indicator	FA1	FA2	FA3	FA4	FA5	FA6	FA7								
	PRef	Change	PRef	Change	PRef	Change	PRef								
Mean annual runoff / depth	m <sup>3</sup> /s	3096	-1019	4679	-1587	7893	-2710	12500	-3756	12383	-3460	14	-	3	-
Dry onset	week	48	-14	50	-3	49	-2	49	-2	50	-3	49	-	52	-
Dry duration	days	197	123	168	59	172	36	175	32	173	31	190	-	192	-
Dry Min 5day Q / depth	m <sup>3</sup> /s	802	186	961	125	1273	96	1788	-282	1809	-306	11	-	0	-
Wet onset	week	26	4	25	3	24	4	25	5	25	4	31	-	33	-
Wet duration	days	143	-110	148	-55	143	-54	136	-45	138	-45	128	-	138	-
Wet Max 5day Q / depth	m <sup>3</sup> /s	11003	-6277	15508	-7259	25471	-10912	42350	-9690	38568	-7248	1859	-	7.75	-
Flood volume	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	69021	-57606	109007	-60617	194941	-104466	302808	-130968	298285	-123157	193.55	-	77.19	-
Dry ave daily vol	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	116	44	129	15	183	4	265	-15	272	-16	1	-	0	-
T1 ave daily vol	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	255	2	317	88	559	-50	800	36	816	28	1	-	0	-
Wet ave daily vol	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	488	-142	755	-235	1348	-331	2362	-474	2276	-393	2	-	1	-
T2 ave daily vol	10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	227	-16	288	70	490	13	691	40	719	43	1	-	0	-
T1 onset	week	24	4	21	0	21	7	22	2	22	3	25	-	29	-
T2 onset	week	46	-12	46	0	44	-10	45	-3	45	-2	49	-	53	-
Dry: ave w/in day Range	m <sup>3</sup> /s	33	7	30	1	42	-13	115	-32	86	-26	0	-	0	-
T1: ave w/in day Range	m <sup>3</sup> /s	198	-148	184	-139	319	-217	676	-316	488	-219	0	-	0	-
T2: ave w/in day Range	m <sup>3</sup> /s	65	19	74	3	130	5	312	-133	244	-80	0	-	0	-
D: ave Sediment conc	mg/l	110	10	98	18	99	0	21	-3	31	-1	-	-	-	-
T1: ave Sediment conc	mg/l	292	-160	201	-77	182	0	61	-28	96	-43	-	-	-	-
W: ave Sediment conc	mg/l	509	-216	514	-226	509	0	291	-111	403	-110	-	-	-	-
T2: ave Sediment conc	mg/l	214	-46	188	-24	219	0	71	-17	96	-18	-	-	-	-
W: ave Sediment Onset	week	30	-1	31	-2	30	0	31	1	32	1	13	-	30	-
W: ave Sediment Duration	days	62	38	60	34	58	3	50	-2	53	-8	215	-	117	-
W: ave FP Onset inundation	week	-	-	-	-	22	3	100	0	22	2	-	-	-	-
W: ave Duration inundation	days	-	-	-	-	183	-26	100	0	187	-24	-	-	138	-
W: ave FP Area inundation	km <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	39	-36	0	0	305	-107	-	-	8102	-
Connectivity	%PRef	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	-	100	-

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Indicators	Calibration scenarios								
	C51	C52	C53	C54	C55	C57	C58	C59	C510
<b>Discipline : Geomorphology</b>									
Erosion (bank / bed incision)	-4.9	0.7	-10.1	9.2	0.7	-8.7	0.7	0.7	36.4
Average bed sediment size - dry season	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	2.5
Availability exposed sandy habitat - dry season	7.9	-5.3	4.1	-4.5	0.2	4.8	0.2	0.21	-20.8
Availability inundated sandy habitat - dry season	1.9	0.4	2.3	-5.2	-2.0	-0.4	-2.0	-2.0	-15.4
Availability exposed rocky habitat - dry season	-1.0	-5.0	-7.3	7.2	1.0	-3.3	1.0	1.0	25.2
Availability inundated rocky habitat - dry season	3.2	2.8	0.8	-0.4	-1.6	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	1.6
Depth of bedrock pools in dry season	-7.1	-0.3	-4.7	5.3	0.2	-7.7	0.2	0.2	12.3
Water clarity	1.2	27.5	38.9	16.4	1.2	53.6	1.2	1.2	242.4
<b>Discipline : Vegetation</b>									
C: Riparian trees	-19.0	-6.3	-0.1	-1.8	-1.8	-37.5	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8
C: Extent upper bank veg cover	-39.3	6.4	-42.8	4.1	1.0	-81.3	1.0	1.0	18.6
C: Extent lower bank veg cover	-79.2	-1.2	-10.9	3.5	-0.8	-3.7	-0.8	-0.8	19.8
C: Weeds, grasses on sandbanks and sandbars	-25.2	-5.1	-0.5	-1.6	-0.9	17.3	-0.9	-0.9	-4.3
C: Biomass riparian veg	-76.6	-4.1	-36.5	2.9	-2.0	-31.1	-2.0	-2.0	20.2
C: Biomass algae	-8.8	8.4	15.4	3.4	1.4	21.4	1.4	1.4	55.4
<b>Discipline : Macro-invertebrates</b>									
Insects on stones	-4.9	-0.5	1.4	-2.3	-1.9	1.7	-1.9	-1.9	6.6
Insects on sand	-1.9	1.3	3.9	-1.3	-1.1	3.5	-1.1	-1.1	11.5
Burrowing mayflies	-3.9	0.1	2.0	-1.4	-0.5	2.6	-0.5	-0.5	7.6
Small abundance	6.9	3.5	3.6	0.8	0.3	10.6	0.3	0.3	12.1
Diversity of smalls	-5.4	-0.8	1.2	-1.8	-1.0	2.4	-1.0	-1.0	3.6
Bivalve dominance	-9.1	0.4	4.8	-3.2	-0.4	4.4	-0.4	-0.4	12.1
Shrimps and crabs	2.5	1.3	3.3	0.1	-0.4	5.0	-0.4	-0.4	4.4
Littoral invertebrate diversity	-6.6	-0.8	1.4	-1.8	-1.1	2.3	-1.1	-1.1	4.2
Benthic invertebrate diversity	-6.1	-1.4	-0.1	-2.9	-1.8	1.4	-1.8	-1.8	0.7
Zooplankton abundance	-0.7	1.7	2.9	0.9	0.5	-17.6	0.5	0.5	11.0
Benthic invertebrate biomass	-2.6	1.1	3.2	-1.2	-0.6	4.6	-0.6	-0.6	10.2
Dry season insect emergence	-3.6	0.3	2.5	-1.7	-1.2	2.6	-1.2	-1.2	8.6
<b>Discipline : Fish</b>									
Riffithon resident	41.2	-0.8	8.4	0.0	1.9	73.2	-1.9	-1.9	10.3
Main channel resident (long distance white)	95.4	-11.2	-53.3	3.3	-68.0	-9.6	-13.0	-68.0	2.1
Main channel spawner (short distance white)	26.2	-8.6	-28.6	-10.8	-44.5	-61.0	-2.8	-44.5	-18.2
Eurytopic (generalist)	-32.2	0.4	-16.6	-11.3	-1.1	-25.1	-1.1	-1.1	-13.1
<b>Discipline : Herpetofauna</b>									
Ranid and anuran/amphibians	-40.8	-2.7	-25.1	4.7	-1.6	-70.4	1.6	-1.6	11.4
Aquatic reptiles	-39.7	7.2	-44.4	-1.4	-22.2	-57.8	-1.4	-22.2	6.1
Species richness of riparian/FP amphibians	-46.9	-3.5	-20.6	8.1	-0.4	-38.4	-0.4	-0.4	11.7
Species richness of riparian/FP reptiles	-55.4	-9.4	-46.8	-1.6	-16.2	-46.8	-0.6	-16.2	6.3
<b>Discipline : Birds</b>									
Medium/large ground-nesting channel spp	-1.3	-2.9	4.1	-5.6	-2.9	5.1	-2.9	-2.9	-9.0
Bank / hole nesting species	-0.6	-3.9	-1.1	-2.3	-2.2	-1.8	-2.2	-2.2	-1.6
Small non-flocking landbird;seasonally flooded veg	-44.7	1.0	-2.5	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	10.0

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Indicator  
Handout





Thank You