

# "Water Management"

key to sustainable well-being in times of

urbanization and increased flooding

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1989

Business: controle de nivel

Products:

Comportas, Valvulas de retencao, Valvulas basculante

40 tons Stainless Steel per month

2 production sites

35 countries through offices, distributors and agents

10% standard, 90% bespoke



- Population growth
- Increased urbanization



Source: UCSC 2013

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Population Division 5. World Urbanization Prospects: The 2007 Revision.





- Water for use is taken from just under the water table's surface (blue arrows).
- Rainwater filters through the ground, circulates horizontally and replenishes the watertable (green arrows).
- Waste water is partly discharged through a filtration system, and it also seeps down through the earth (brown arrows).



#### ...that quickly became a town...

















Urbanization: increased surface runoff of rainwater up to 55%





Annual release of polluted water in Brazil: **32 bln m3** (excl Agricultural use)



Water consun	ption in	Brazil and	Congo in 2000
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Country	Population	Irrigated land	Water consumption per person
Brazil	176 million	26,500 km <sup>2</sup>	359 m <sup>3</sup>
Democratic Republic of Congo	5.2 million	100 km <sup>2</sup>	8 m <sup>3</sup>

# Flooding



# **Climatic changes**



- Frequence of precipitation
- Soil subsidence





Since 1998, European countries have experienced over 100 major floods, including the devastating floods along the Danube and Elbe rivers in the summer of 2002, the September 2002 and December 2003 floods in south east of France and the autumn 2000 floods in the United Kingdom (UK). More recently, in 2013/14 dramatic flooding occurred in Somerset UK and Serbia.

# **Urbanization and Flooding**



# It causes:

- Contaminated ground water, lower water table
- Lack of fresh, clean water
- Reduced absorption cause increased downstream flooding
- Pickup soil contaminants cause contaminated waterways (heavy metals)
- Causing contaminated agricultural fields, and fish waters
- Erosion of waterways
- Endangering health
- Economical damage, flooded property and infrastructure
- Overloaded sewer systems; drainage into rivers

Cost implications next 20 years (per year) - example

- ✓ USA: 5 bn US\$
- ✓ India: 30 bn US\$
- ✓ China: 20 bn US\$
- ✓ Brazil?

# Methods of mitigation:



## Green engineering Reduction estimation 20-30%

Mainly "developed" countries

- Reduce run-off and groundwater discharge
- Porous pavements
- Rain gardens and tree planting using green area ratio's (Berlin) / chargeability
- Living roofs (Green Roof policy Stuttgart)
- Bioswales / natural water run-off
- Wetland construction
- Sustainable urban drainage systems (Pitt Review, UK)
- Improve soil infiltration and evaprotranspiration









# Methods of mitigation:



### Hard engineering Reduction estimation 70 – 80%.

#### <u>Upstream</u>

- Vortex flow control i.c.w. dam and river basin (e.g. Wigan, UK)
- Hydropower dam or weir construction that incorporate fish passes
- Stormwater reservoir / basins

#### <u>Downstream</u>

- Local vortex flow control
- Expand CSO's with temporary (underground) storage tanks (Germany)
- Room for the river (Netherlands); River flow control
- Catchment plans: reservoirs, retention ponds, pumping stations, drainage tunnels, Rainwater harvesting (W-Europe, Singapore, Australia, USA)
- Upgrade urban drainage systems
- Increase sewage treatment capacity











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#### **Stormwater reservoirs**



### Hydropower dams

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# For example...Morpeth UK



Previous flooding events occurred in 1863, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1881, 1886, 1898, 1900, 1903, 1924, 1963, 1968 and 1992. In 1992, a record peak water level of 3.19 metres was recorded in the river channel.

The 2008 flood level recorded 4.0 metres. Flood 1962 destroyed 1000 medieval houses from 14th century











