

### Weekly Flood Situation Report for the Mekong River Basin

Prepared at: 19/09/2016, covering the week from the 12<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

#### Weather Patterns, General Behaviour of the Mekong River and Flood Situation

##### General weather patterns

During the week of 12<sup>nd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016, four weather bulletins were issued by the Department of Meteorology (DOM) of Cambodia. The weather charts of the 12<sup>nd</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> September are presented in the figures 1 & 2 below:



Figure 1: Weather map for 12<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

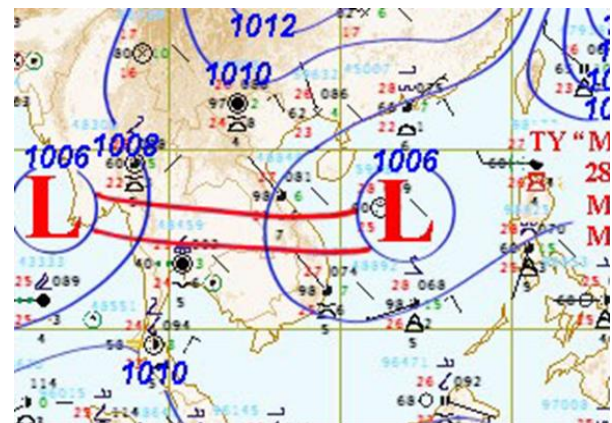


Figure 2: Weather map for 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

##### South-West (SW) Monsoon

In the last week, the moderate Southwest monsoon was prevailed over Myanmar, Thailand and Indochina

##### Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)

During the last week, the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) lied across Myanmar the lower North and the East of Thailand, the South of Lao PDR and the middle of Viet Nam.

##### Tropical depressions (TD), tropical storms (TS) or typhoons (TY)

From 13 September, the Tropical Depression (TD) has upgraded to Tropical Storm (TS) with called "RAI"; located at latitude 0<sup>o</sup>N to 28<sup>o</sup>N and the longitude from 90<sup>o</sup>E to 125<sup>o</sup>E; East of Dang, Viet Nam. The TS is moving West-Northwest with speed about 20km/h, the maximum sustain wind near the center about 55km/h (Figure 1).

##### Other weather phenomena that affect the discharge

No have other weather phenomena affected to LMB during the last week.

##### Over weather situation

During the last week, the general weather mention above was impacted to precipitation in Lower Mekong Basin; the rainfall accumulate during last week at Khong Chiam was 201.3 mm, at Kampong Cham was 186 mm. See Figure 3 and Table A2 for more detail.

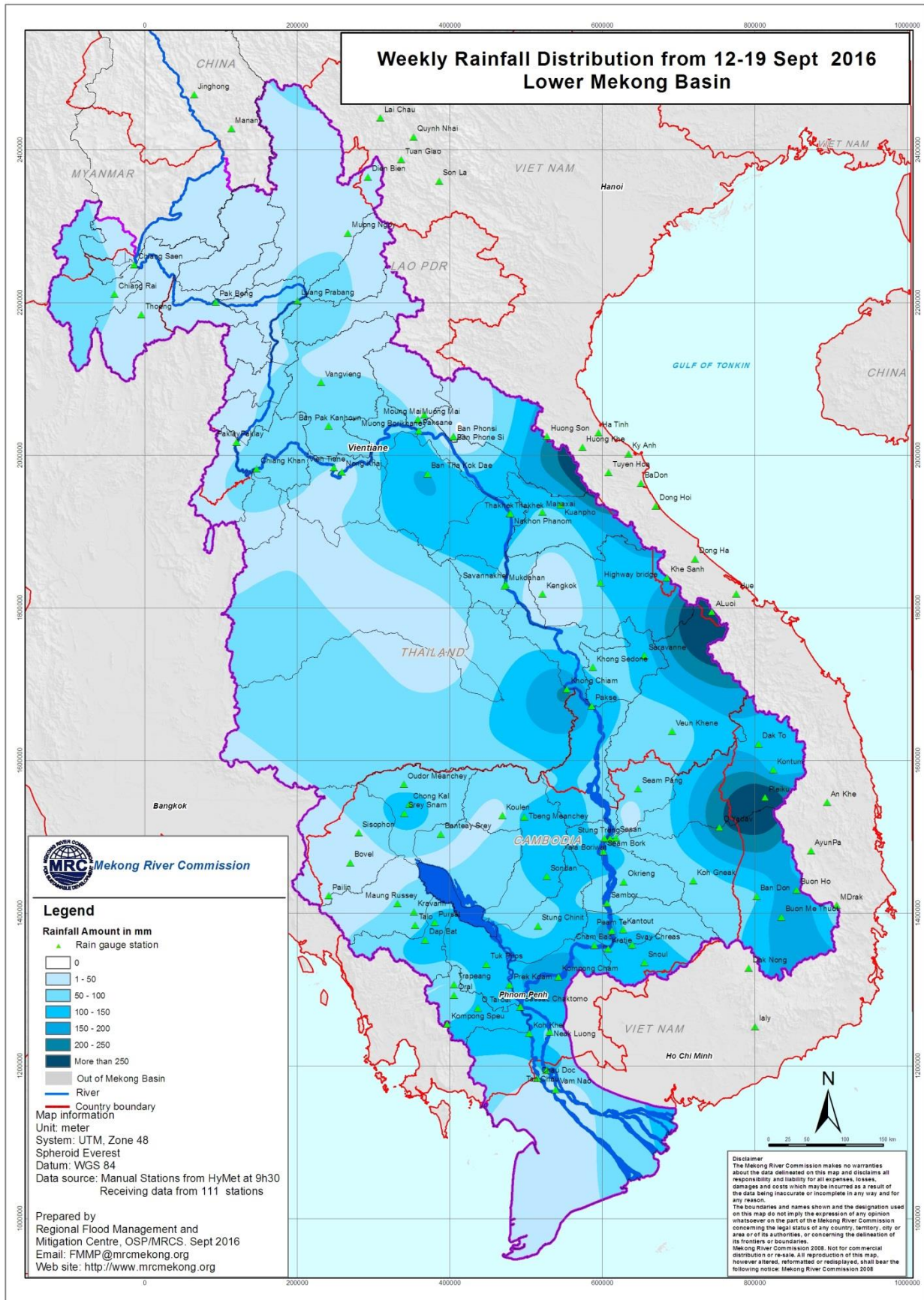


Figure 3: Weekly Rainfall Distribution over the LMB from 12<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016

### **General behaviour of the Mekong River**

Compared the Long Term Average (LTA), during the last week, the water levels at upper and middle part of LMB have been decreasing below LTA, the rest have been fluctuating and increasing below/about the LTA. See Annex C for more detail.

#### ***For stations from Chiang Saen and Luang Prabang***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been decreasing below the LTA.

#### ***For stations from Chiang Khan, Vientiane and Nong Khai and Paksane***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been decreasing below the LTA.

#### ***For stations from Thakhet/Nakhon Phanom to Pakse***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been decreasing below the LTA.

#### ***For stations from Stung Treng to Kampong Cham***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been fluctuating above or about the LTA.

#### ***For stations from Phnom Penh to Koh Khel/Neak Luong***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been increasing below the LTA.

#### ***Tan Chau and Chau Doc***

During the last week, the water levels at these stations have been increasing below the LTA.

**Note:** For areas between forecast stations, please refer to the nearest forecast station.

### **Flood Situation**

#### ▪ Flood stage or alarm stage:

No alarm stage (where the forecast is expected to reach flood level within three days) was reported anywhere on the mainstream of the Mekong River during the last week. Water levels were still significantly below flood levels (as defined by the national agency) at all forecast stations.

#### ▪ Damage or victims:

No damage or loss of life due to river flooding was recorded anywhere along the Mekong River during the last week.

For more details see the following annexes:

- tables and graphs for water level and rainfall for the last week in Annex A
- a graph for accuracy in Annex B
- a table of forecast achievement in Annex B
- tables and graphs for performance in Annex B
- the water level graphs showing the observed water level for the season in Annex C

**Annex A: Graphs and Tables**

Table A1: observed water levels

Unit in m

Stations 2016	Jinghong	Chiang Saen	Luang Prabang	Chiang Khan	Vientiane	Nongkhai	Paksane	Nakhon Phanom	Thakhek	Mukdahan	Savannakhet	Khong Chiam	Pakse	Stung Treng	Kratie	Kompong Cham	Phnom Penh (Bassac)	Phnom Penh Port	Koh Khel	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc
12/09/2016	536.93	4.95	13.00	11.15	7.70	8.80	11.40	9.57	10.60	9.32	8.97	10.49	8.52	7.40	16.73	11.03	6.79	5.81	5.95	4.84	5.83	2.10	1.74
13/09/2016	537.01	4.63	12.29	12.35	8.32	9.28	11.09	9.53	10.58	9.35	9.00	10.64	8.66	8.10	17.35	11.20	6.89	5.90	5.97	4.86	5.91	2.18	1.81
14/09/2016	537.01	4.62	11.50	12.30	9.30	10.28	11.30	9.47	10.52	9.39	9.01	11.72	10.00	8.71	18.45	11.94	7.14	6.16	6.17	5.02	6.11	2.31	1.98
15/09/2016	536.10	4.52	10.74	11.77	9.10	10.28	11.65	9.63	10.66	9.47	9.09	11.70	9.82	9.56	19.43	12.61	7.49	6.51	6.43	5.26	6.36	2.37	2.04
16/09/2016	535.57	4.38	10.64	11.10	8.43	9.61	11.59	9.82	10.84	9.61	9.23	11.60	9.63	9.47	19.98	13.17	7.85	6.87	6.70	5.52	6.61	2.53	2.11
17/09/2016	535.77	3.82	10.68	10.80	7.84	8.98	11.20	9.69	10.72	9.58	9.20	11.46	9.46	8.94	19.79	13.31	8.02	7.04	6.83	5.66	6.73	2.55	2.07
18/09/2016	536.02	3.27	10.16	10.66	7.60	8.65	9.70	9.34	10.38	9.30	9.00	11.22	9.26	8.59	19.33	13.20	8.05	7.07	6.86	5.72	6.82	2.57	2.03
19/09/2016	536.02	3.50	9.50	10.61	7.53	8.54	9.41	8.95	9.88	8.88	8.48	10.87	8.98	8.61	19.11	13.04	8.02	7.04	6.83	5.74	6.85	2.57	1.94

Table A2: observed rainfall

Unit in mm

Stations 2016	Jinghong	Chiang Saen	Luang Prabang	Chiang Khan	Vientiane	Nongkhai	Paksane	Nakhon Phanom	Thakhek	Mukdahan	Savannakhet	Khong Chiam	Pakse	Stung Treng	Kratie	Kompong Cham	Phnom Penh (Bassac)	Phnom Penh Port	Koh Khel	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc
12/09/2016	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	nr	1.3	nr	30.2	42.1	39.9	34.2	31.9	7.0	45.5	26.8	31.2	8.5	-	23.9	34.2	55.4	5.7	34.0
13/09/2016	3.0	1.8	nr	0.0	nr	0.0	8.2	7.9	7.0	0.4	0.6	23.9	40.6	35.0	67.0	39.4	28.6	-	0.9	0.0	12.4	27.6	4.0
14/09/2016	0.0	1.0	4.2	30.0	5.2	11.9	15.0	70.1	71.7	51.1	48.8	110.0	96.1	10.0	4.4	0.8	nr	-	0.0	nr	nr	4.7	7.0
15/09/2016	3.0	0.8	nr	23.8	2.6	5.9	31.8	0.4	0.3	1.5	nr	0.5	nr	30.0	nr	nr	nr	-	nr	nr	7.5	nr	0.0
16/09/2016	0.0	0.0	nr	1.5	nr	0.0	0.3	0.0	nr	0.0	nr	0.0	nr	17.7	13.2	nr	56.2	-	6.7	4.2	32.4	3.0	0.1
17/09/2016	0.0	4.3	39.0	1.7	nr	0.0	nr	0.0	5.6	0.0	nr	0.6	nr	18.0	8.0	4.2	nr	-	nr	8.4	nr	21.8	0.6
18/09/2016	0.0	0.0	12.2	19.3	0.8	4.5	47.0	0.0	nr	0.0	nr	0.0	nr	6.0	nr	97.5	31.3	-	61.7	7.4	11.3	nr	nr
19/09/2016	0.0	33.5	nr	0.7	38.5	5.4	0.8	12.9	20.1	0.6	nr	34.4	nr	nr	nr	13.1	16.5	-	25.4	38.5	17.2	52.8	3.1
<b>Sum RF</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>146.8</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>141.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>48.8</b>

Figure A1: Observed water level and rainfall for Jinghong, Chiang Saen, and Luang Prabang

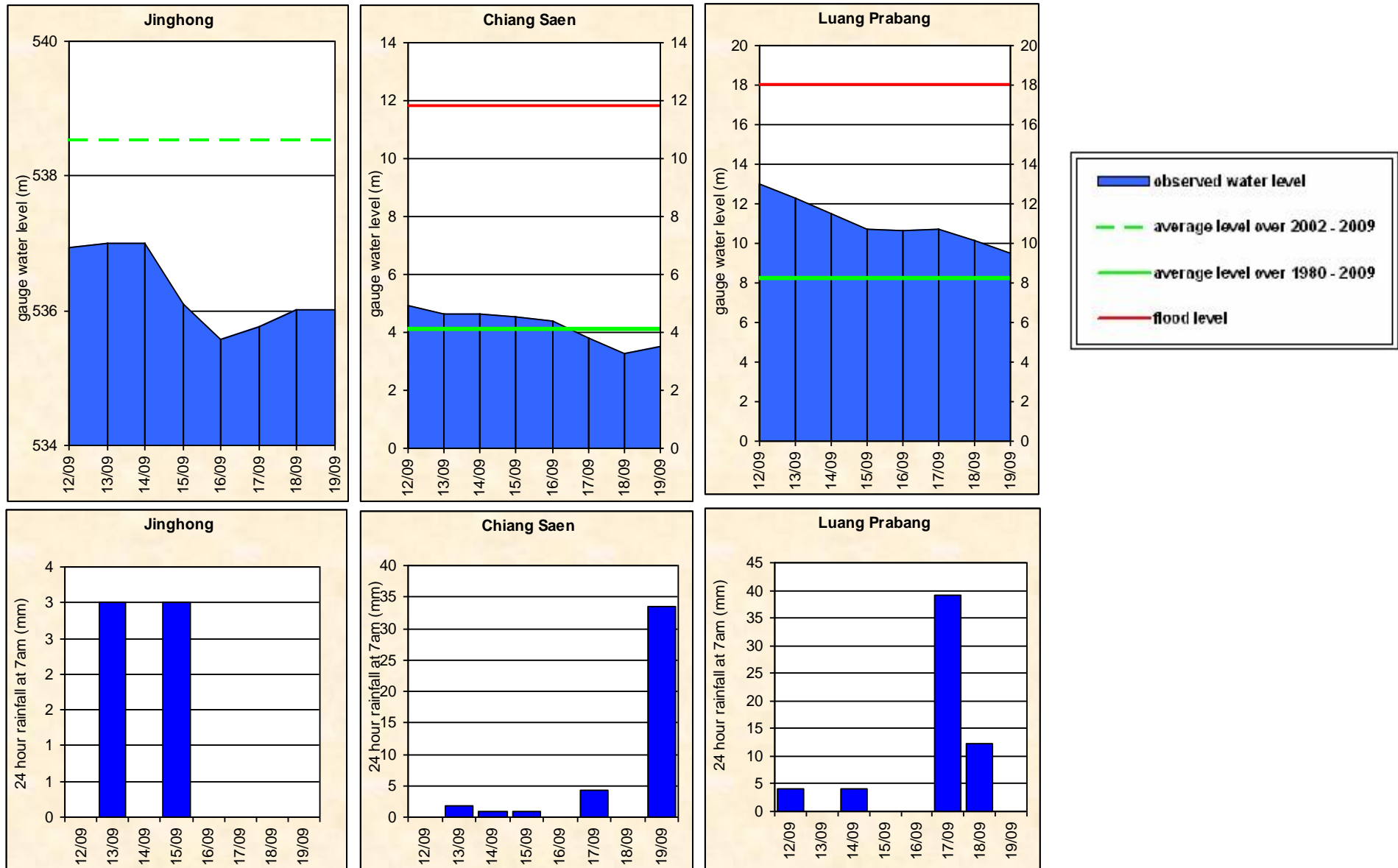


Figure A2: Observed water level and rainfall for Chiang Khan, Vientiane, Nongkhai, and Paksane

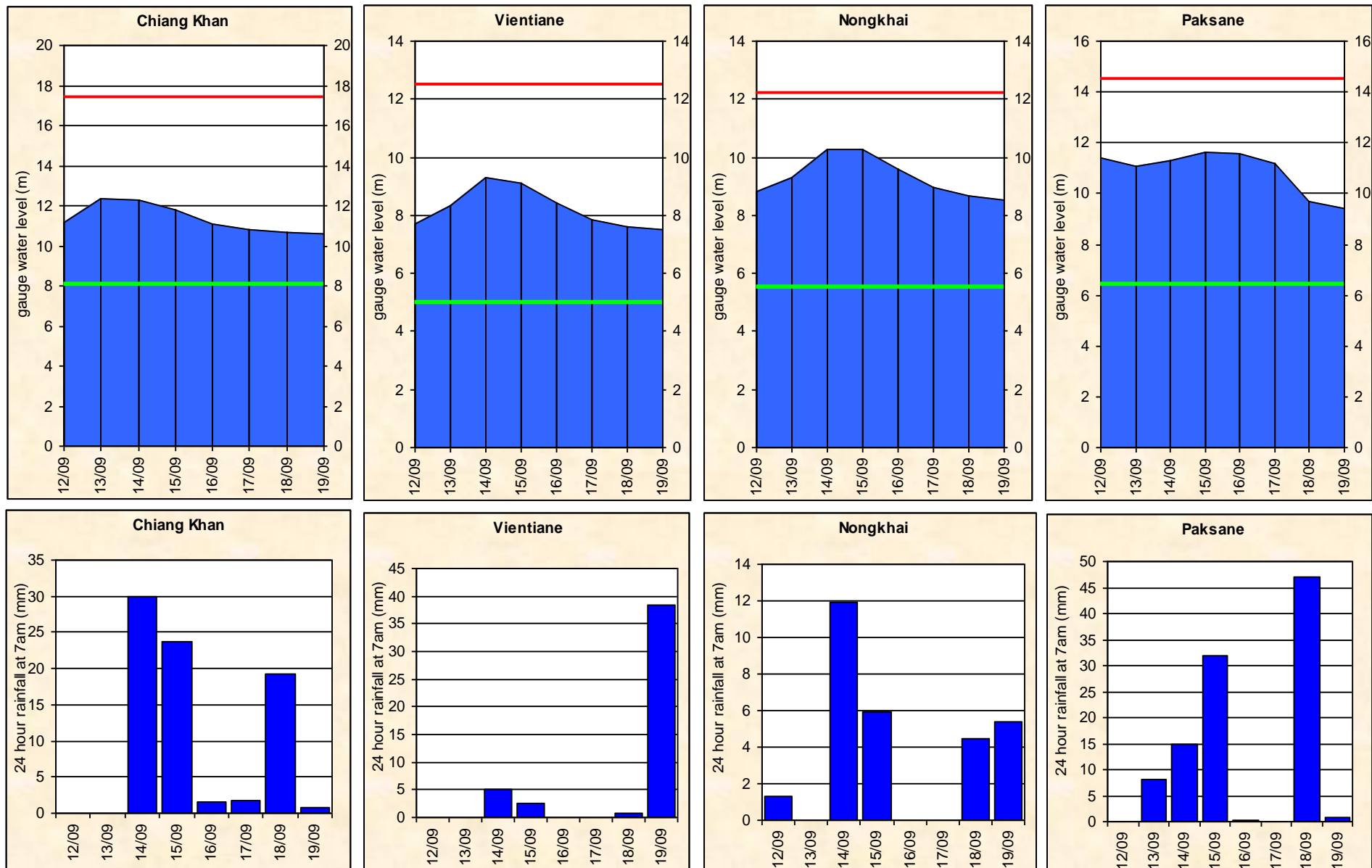


Figure A3: Observed water level and rainfall for Nakhon Phanom, Thakhek, Mukdahan and Savannakhet

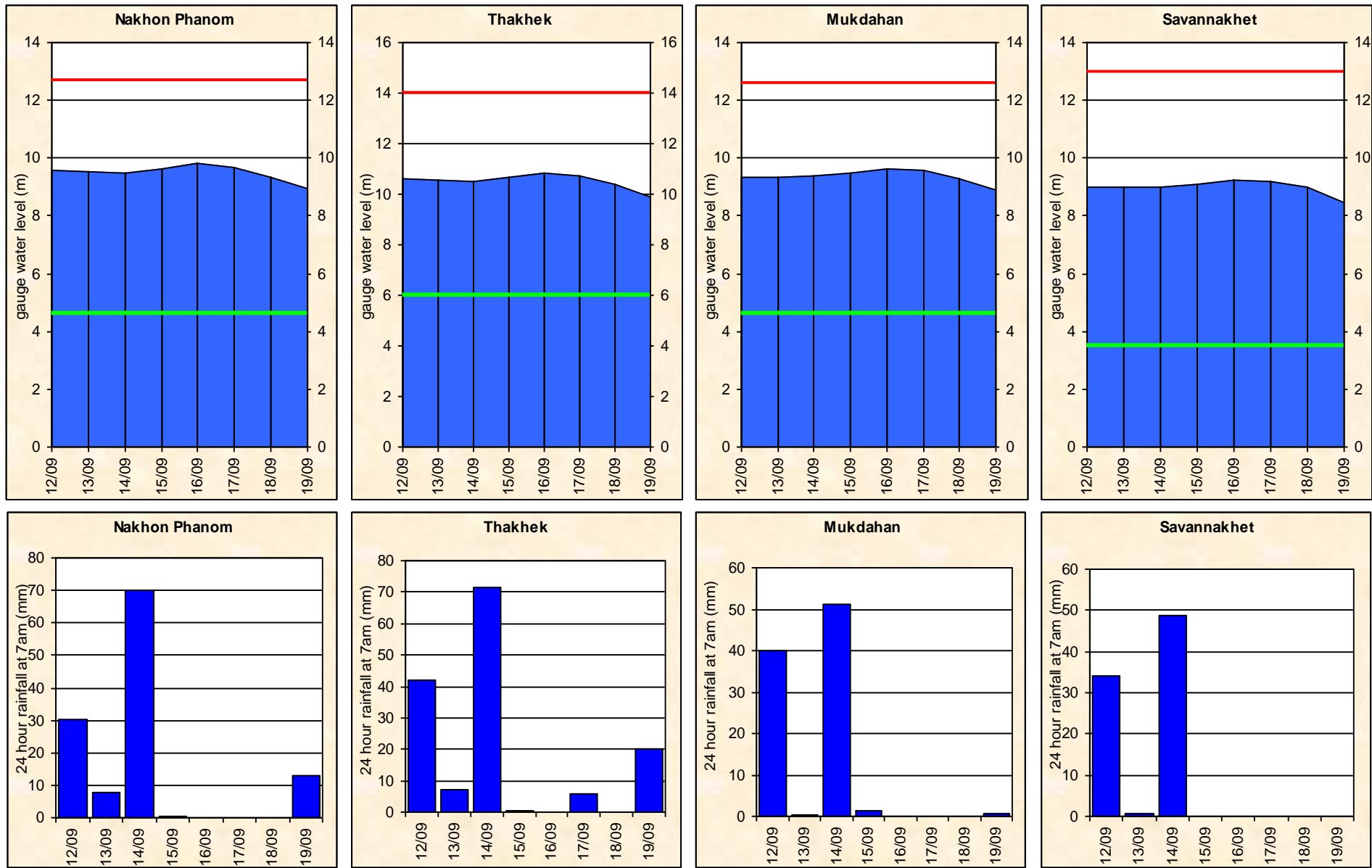


Figure A4: Observed water level and rainfall for Khong Chiam, Pakse, Stung Treng, and Kratie

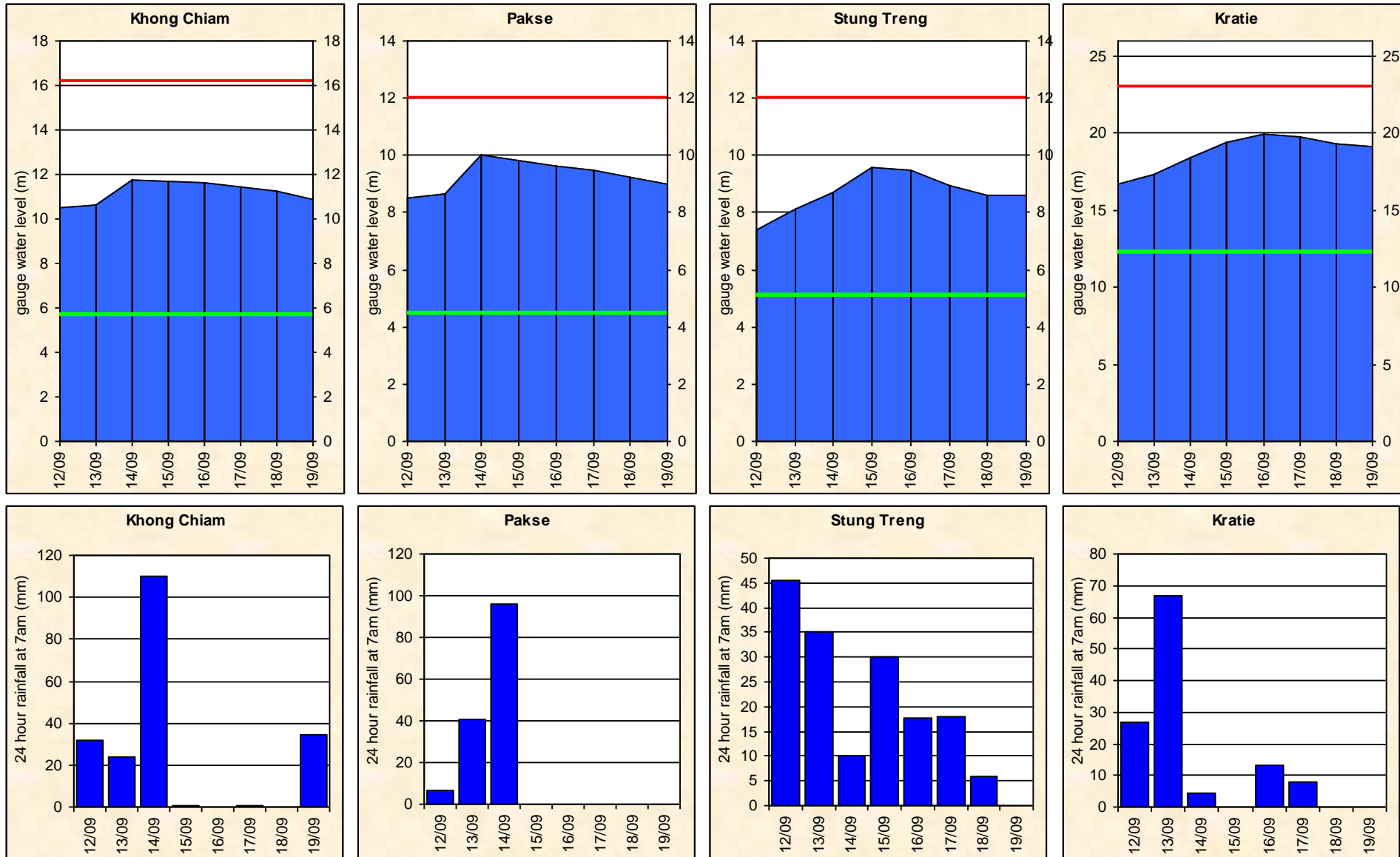




Figure A5: Water level and rainfall for Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh (Bassac and Port), and Koh Khel

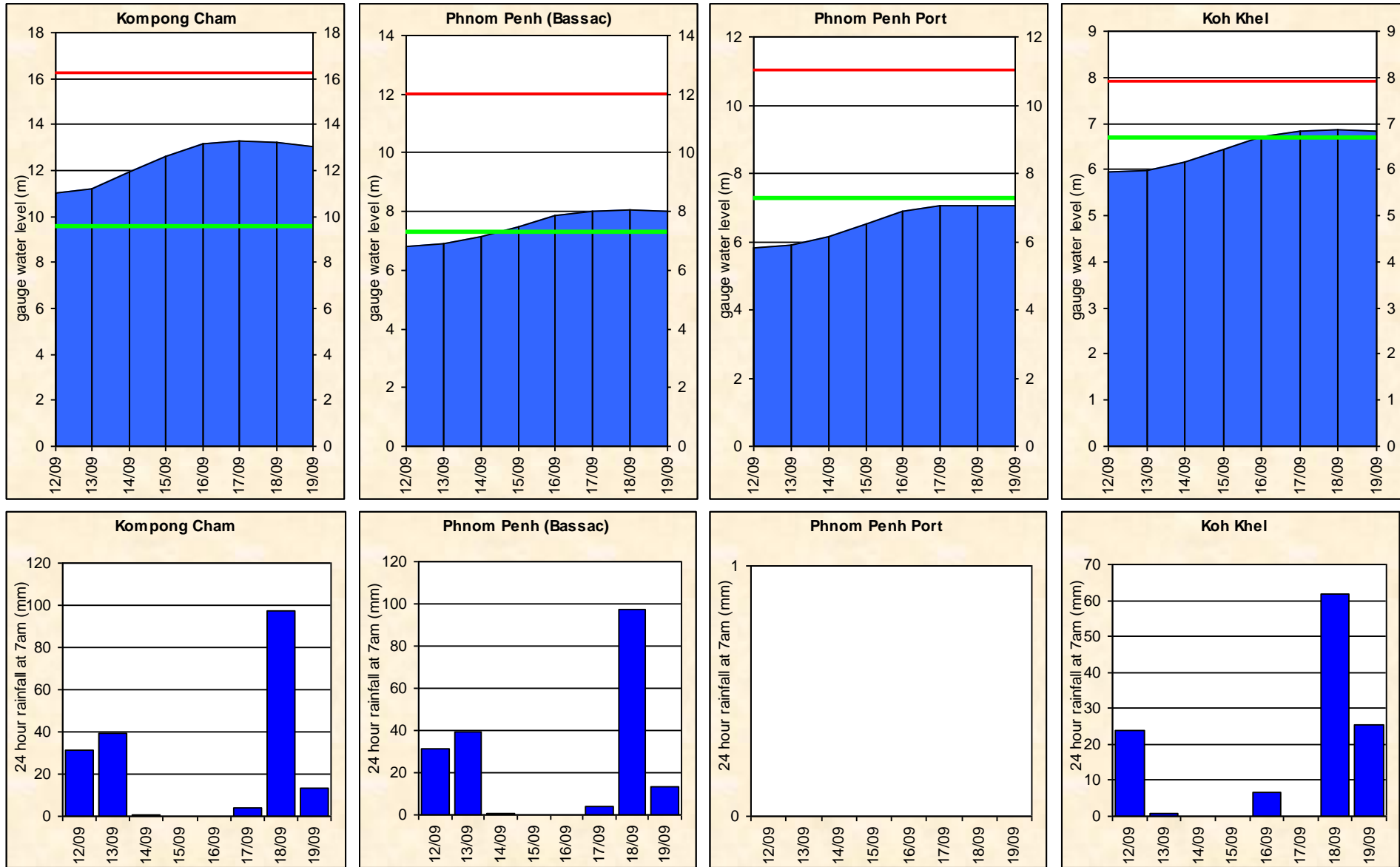
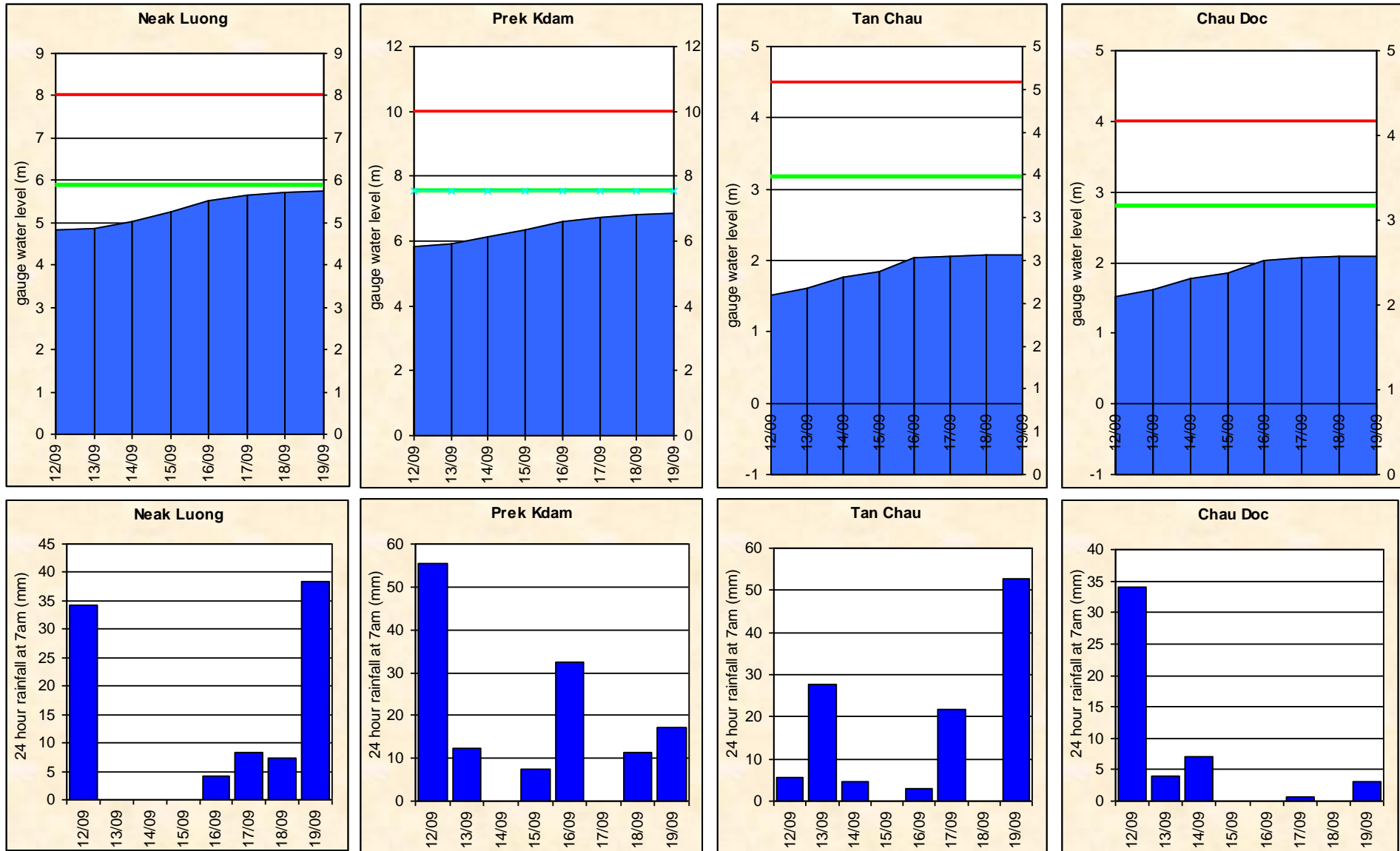


Figure A6: Water level and rainfall for Neak Luong, Prek Kdam, Tan Chau and Chau Doc



## Annex B: Accuracy and performance

### Accuracy

“Accuracy” describes the accuracy of the adjusted and published forecast, based on the results of the MRC Mekong Flood Forecasting System, which are then adjusted by the Flood Forecaster in Charge taking into consideration known biases in input data and his/her knowledge of the response of the model system and the hydrology of the Mekong River Basin. The information is presented as a graph below, showing the average flood forecasting accuracy along the Mekong mainstream.

In general, the overall accuracy is good for 1-day to 5-day forecast lead time at stations in the upper parts of the LMB. However, the

accuracies at some stations for 1-day to 5-day forecast were less than expected such as Nongkhai, Paksane, Kratie, Kampong Cham..

The above differences due to two main factors: (1) internal model functionality in forecasting; for which the parameter adjustment in the model is not possible especially at stations in the upper part and in the Mekong delta where are affected by tidal; (2) the adjustment by utilizing the practical knowledge and experience of flood forecaster-in-charge; (3) the heavy rainfall happened in many tributaries inside the LMB. See the Figure B1 and table B1 for more detail.

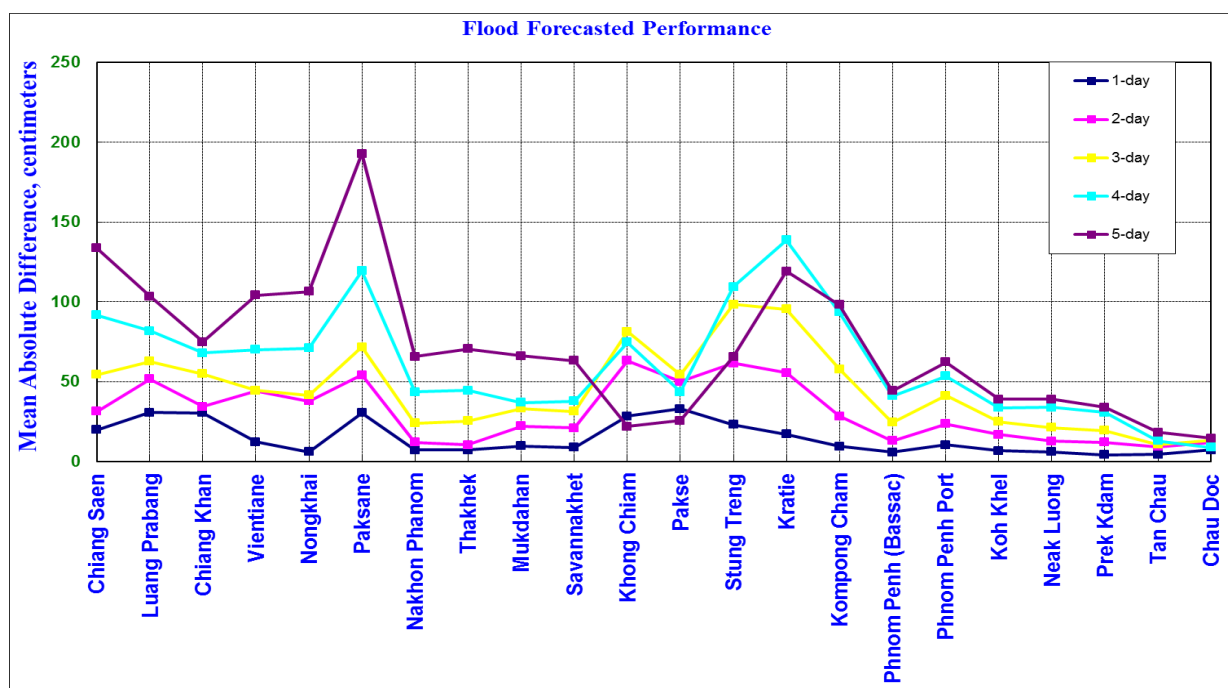


Figure B1: Average flood forecast accuracy along the Mekong mainstream (from 12<sup>nd</sup> –19<sup>th</sup> September 2016)

**Forecast Achievement**

The forecast achievement indicates the % of days that the forecast at a particular station for a lead-time is successful against a respective benchmark (Table B2).

Table B1: Achievement of daily forecast against benchmarks

Unit in %

Lead time Forecast	Chiang Saen	Luang Prabang	Chiang Khan	Vientiane	Nongkhai	Paksane	Nakhon Phanom	Thakhek	Mukdahan	Savannakhet	Khong Chiam	Pakse	Stung Treng	Kratie	Kompong Cham	Phnom Penh (Bassac)	Phnom Penh Port	Koh Khel	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc	Average
1-day	85.7	57.1	57.1	57.1	85.7	28.6	85.7	71.4	57.1	71.4	14.3	57.1	14.3	42.9	71.4	85.7	42.9	71.4	85.7	100.0	100.0	85.7	64.9
2-day	66.7	66.7	83.3	50.0	50.0	16.7	83.3	83.3	66.7	50.0	0.0	33.3	16.7	50.0	66.7	50.0	33.3	33.3	50.0	50.0	66.7	50.0	50.8
3-day	40.0	60.0	60.0	20.0	40.0	20.0	60.0	60.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	40.0	20.0	40.0	0.0	20.0	40.0	40.0	60.0	40.0	32.7
4-day	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	25.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	50.0	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	75.0	43.2
5-day	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	100.0	66.7	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	66.7	33.3	33.3	66.7	100.0	37.9

Table B2: Benchmarks of success (Indicator of accuracy in mean absolute error)

Unit in cm

	Chiang Saen	Luang Prabang	Chiang Khan	Vientiane	Nongkhai	Paksane	Nakhon Phanom	Thakhek	Mukdahan	Savannakhet	Khong Chiam	Pakse	Stung Treng	Kratie	Kompong Cham	Phnom Penh (Bassac)	Phnom Penh Port	Koh Khel	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc	
1-day	25	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2-day	50	50	50	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
3-day	50	50	50	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
4-day	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	10	25	10	25	25	10	10	10
5-day	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25

**Note:** An indication of the accuracy given in the Table B2 is based on the performance of the forecast made in 2008 from the new flood forecasting system and the configuration for the 2009 flood season and is published on the website of MRC (<http://ffw.mrcmekong.org/accuracy.htm>).

A new set of performance indicators that is established by combining international standards and the specific circumstances in the Mekong River Basin, is applied officially for the flood season of 2011 onward.

**Performance**

Performance is assessed by evaluating a number of performance indicators, see table and graphs below:

Table B3: Overview of performance indicators for the past 5 days including the current report date

2016	Flood Forecast: time sent				Arrival time of input data (average)							Missing data (number)						
	FF completed and sent (time)	stations without forecast	FF2 completed and sent (time)	Weather information available (Number)	NOAA data	China	Cambodia - DHRW	Cambodia - DOM	Lao PDR - DMH	Thailand - DWR	Viet Nam - NCHMF	NOAA data	China	Cambodia - DHRW	Cambodia - DOM	Lao PDR - DMH	Thailand - DWR	Viet Nam - NCHMF
week	10:08	00:00	-	-	08:15	07:10	07:21	07:57	08:45	08:02	07:40	0	0	5	0	175	0	0
month	10:07	00:00	-	-	08:15	07:10	07:20	08:05	09:16	08:05	07:48	0	0	22	25	752	0	4
season	10:08	00:00	-	-	08:14	07:10	07:28	07:54	08:52	07:52	07:49	0	0	57	144	3435	32	14

Week is the week for which this report is made; Month is actually the last 30 days (or less if the flood season has just begun); Season is the current flood season up to the date of this report.

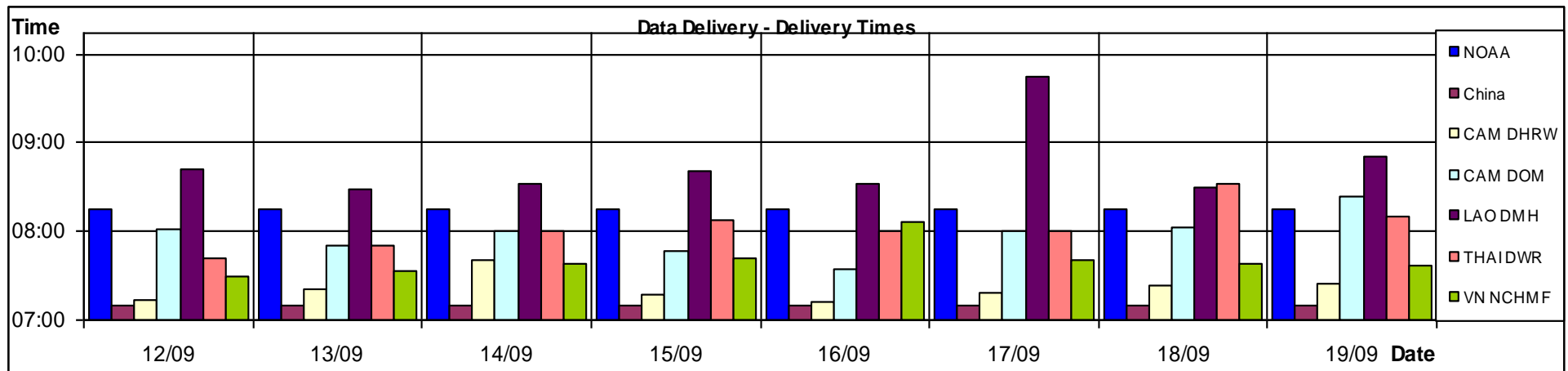


Figure B2: Data delivery times for the past 8 days including the current report date

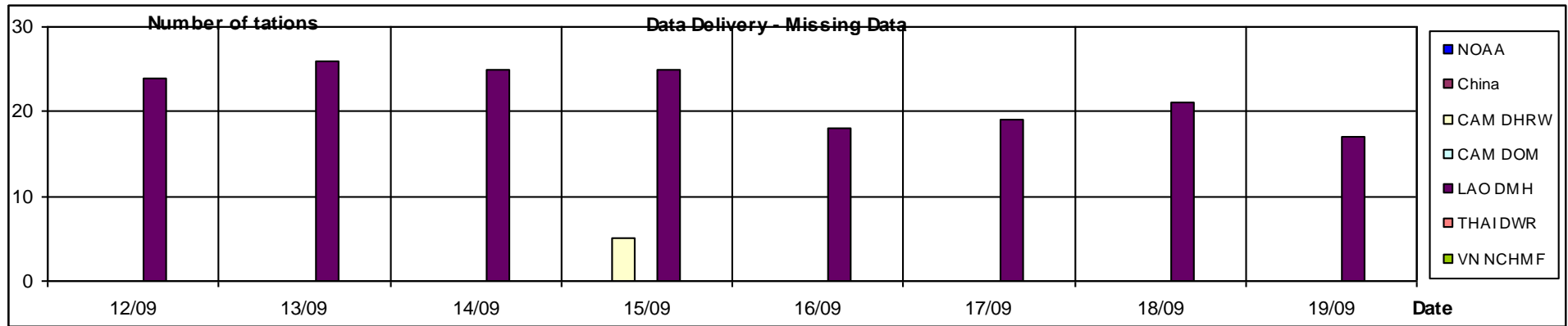


Figure B3: Missing data for the past 8 days including the current report date

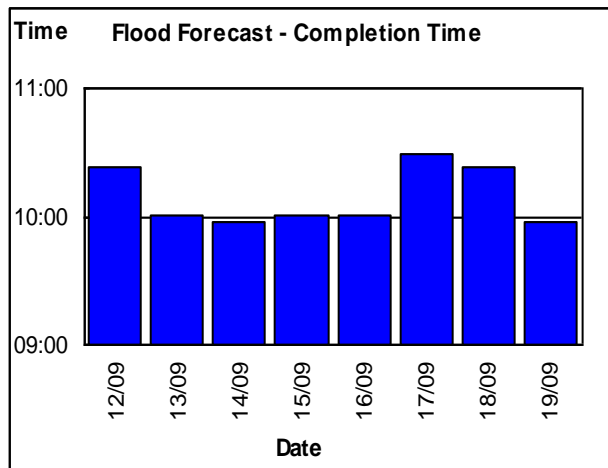


Figure B4: Flood forecast completion time

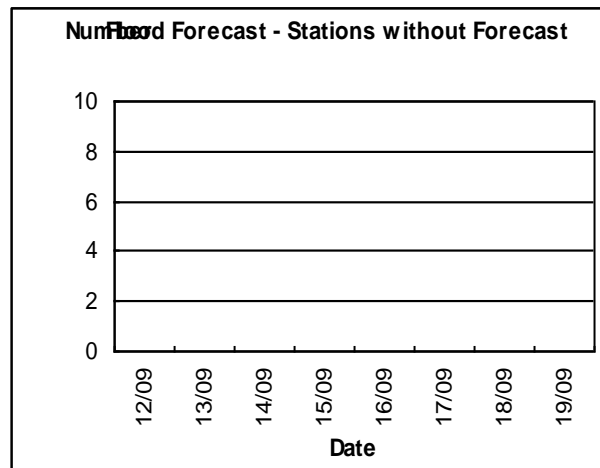


Figure B5: Flood forecast stations without forecast

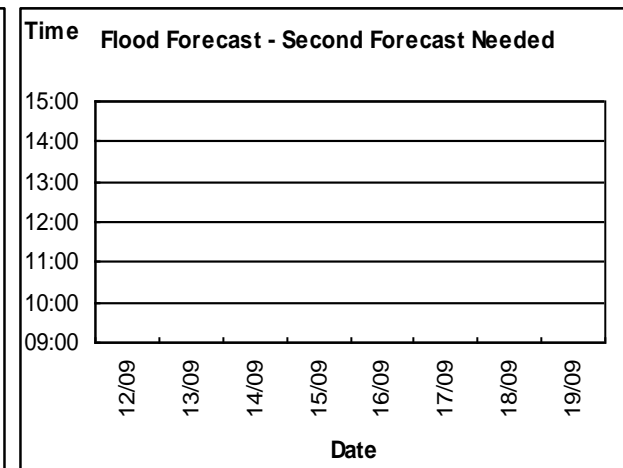


Figure B6: Second forecast needed

## Annex C: Season Water Level Graphs

This Annex has the water level graphs of the report date. These graphs are distributed daily by email together with the Flood Bulletins.

### HYDROGRAPHS OF THE MEKONG AT MAINSTREAM STATIONS IN FLOOD SEASON FROM 1 JUNE TO 31 OCTOBER

