

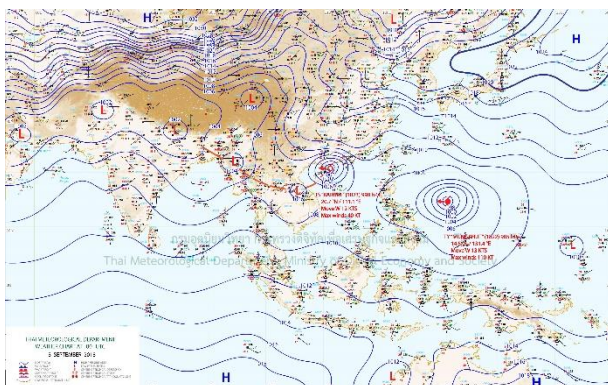
### Weekly Flood Situation Report for the Mekong River Basin

Prepared at: 18/09/2018, covering the week from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

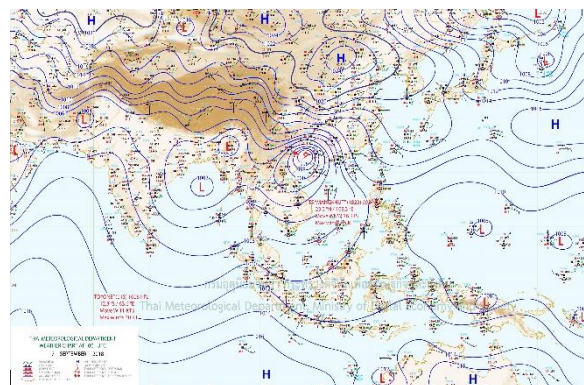
### Weather Patterns, General Behaviour of the Mekong River and Flood Situation

#### General weather patterns

This weekly report is prepared from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the weather bulletins were issued by the Department of Meteorology (DOM) of Cambodia. The weather maps were referenced from Thailand Meteorology Department (TMD) on 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as presented in the **Figures 1 & 2** as follows:



**Figure 1: Weather map for 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**



**Figure 2: Weather map for 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**

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

During the last week, the low pressure was nominated in the upper part of the Lower Mekong Basin (LMB) which resulted in abundant rainfall occurring. **Figure 1** and **2** shown the low-pressure effect in the LMB.

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

Based on the National Center for Hydrometeorological Forecasting (NCHMF) from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Typhoon Storm “Mangkhut” was move forwarded from the Philippine and hit Northern part of Vietnam on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Although, this supper typhoon was not affected in the Mekong region, but it was affected in SW-Monsoon that caused moderated rainfall in the upper part of Lao PDR and some parts of the 3S area.

#### Other weather phenomena that affect the discharge

According to the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD), there will influence the prevailing southwest monsoon over Mekong region, including the Gulf of Thailand to become more rainfall. The low pressure was hit the upper part of the Mekong region, during that time (see **Fig.1**).

#### Over weather situation

During last week, the weather was scattered thundershowers with moderate rain of the Southwest monsoon. Consequently, in this week there was moderate rainfall covered from upper part of Naphon Phanom and to Khong Chaim and Pakse. The observed rainfall at Paksane to Pakse and the 3S area showed high rainfall between 100 mm to 250mm, which slightly effected by the Typhoon Mangkhut from Vietnam. The weekly rainfall distribution is shown in **Figure 3** and daily rainfall at key stations in the Lower Mekong Basin are shown **Table A2**.

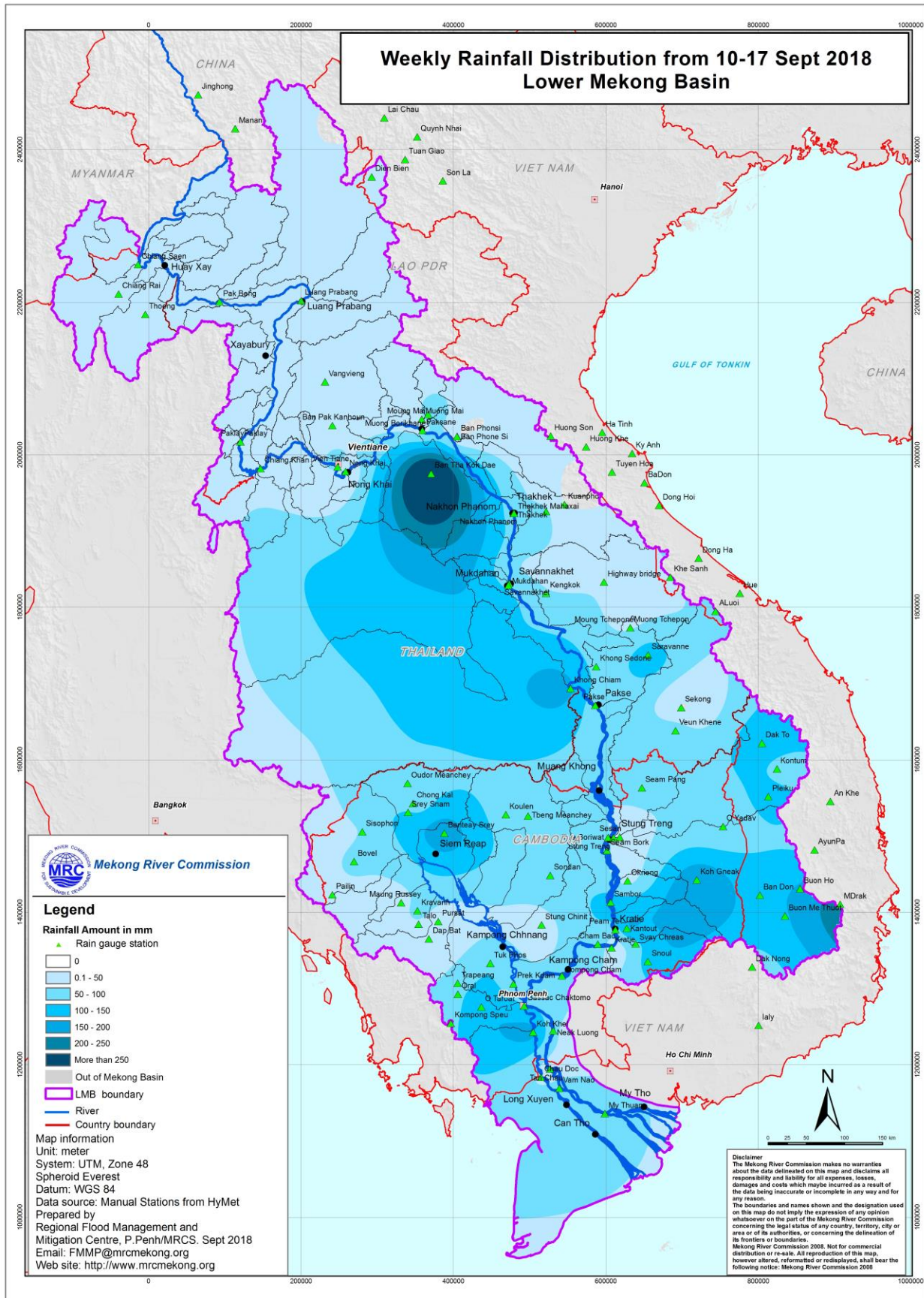


Figure 3: Weekly Rainfall Distribution over the LMB from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

During the last week, the water levels at stations from upper to middle part of LMB has been decreasing due to inflow operation upstream part, while at downstream part has been slightly rising.

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

Water levels from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Chiang Saen station were fluctuated over its long-term average (LTA), which mostly effected by the inflow from Jinghon station in China. For Luang Prabang station, water levels were nominated by upstream inflow from Chiang Saen and tributaries. This week water levels were decreased from 13.32 m to 12.49 m from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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

Water levels at these stations were continued to decrease significantly at Chiang Khan, which drooped 1.14 m from 12.12 m to 10.98 m between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was considered influence by the upstream hydro-power operation (maybe in Xayaburi dam). From Vientiane, Nong Khai to Paksane this week decreased significantly based on upstream inflows. However, water levels at these stations are still stayed over their Long-Term Averages (LTAs).

### ***For stations from Nakhon Phanom/Thakhet to Mukdaha/Sovannakhet***

Water levels from Nakhon Phanom/Thakhet to Mukdahan/Sovannakhet stations were continued to decrease since a week before. Based on out monitoring, water levels at Nakhon Phanom were dropped down from the alarm level after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. However, water levels at these stations are still stayed over their Long-Term Averages (LTAs).

### ***For stations from Khong Chiam to Pakse***

Water levels from Khong Chiam to Pakse stations were continued to decrease, based on inflows from upstream and their tributaries. However, water levels at these stations are still stayed over their Long-Term Averages (LTAs).

### ***For stations from Stung Treng to Kompong Cham/ Phnom Penh to Koh Khel/Neak Luong***

Water levels at Stung Treng, Kratie, Kompong Cham and Phnom Penh stations were also continued to decrease from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. However, water levels at Koh Khel were remained over the alarm levels. However, water levels at these stations are still stayed over their Long-Term Averages (LTAs).

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

Water level at these 2 tidal stations were also maintained over the alarm levels since last week and are expecting to stay over their alarm levels in next week.

**Note:** For more detail the flood situation during the last week, please see the hydrographic in Annex C.

## **Flood Situation**

This week the water levels decreased significantly from upstream to downstream of the Mekong River, but some stations are still remained over alarm level at some stations.

- Alarm stage: This week, the alarm levels were still found at Koh Khel, Tan Chau and Chau Doc.

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

2018	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 Khei	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc
10/09/2018	536.03	5.70	13.60	12.90	10.15	11.66	13.81	11.77	12.88	11.72	10.49	13.28	11.00	9.49	20.70	14.73	9.79	8.80	7.72	7.36	8.84	3.96	3.58
11/09/2018	536.65	5.49	13.36	12.50	9.65	11.19	13.51	11.61	12.66	11.46	10.34	13.01	10.72	9.46	20.65	14.66	9.79	8.80	7.71	7.34	8.86	3.93	3.53
12/09/2018	536.98	5.25	12.75	12.10	9.30	10.84	13.26	11.39	12.45	11.18	10.00	12.81	10.53	9.43	20.63	14.61	9.78	8.79	7.70	7.33	8.87	3.88	3.49
13/09/2018	536.99	5.36	12.96	11.66	8.82	10.40	13.02	11.17	12.25	11.05	9.94	13.02	10.66	9.33	20.64	14.59	9.79	8.82	7.70	7.35	8.88	3.88	3.49
14/09/2018	537.25	5.64	13.46	11.76	8.55	10.10	12.72	10.92	12.02	10.85	9.74	13.23	11.10	9.48	20.59	14.58	9.78	8.83	7.70	7.33	8.89	3.87	3.50
15/09/2018	538.11	5.63	13.00	12.12	8.75	10.17	12.45	10.62	11.71	10.53	9.34	12.71	10.69	9.70	20.85	14.64	9.81	8.86	7.71	7.33	8.93	3.89	3.51
16/09/2018	537.48	5.62	12.60	10.98	8.95	10.38	12.31	10.35	11.44	10.17	9.08	12.10	10.10	9.42	20.84	14.70	9.83	8.81	7.71	7.34	8.95	3.90	3.52
17/09/2018	536.91	5.89	12.49	11.64	8.10	9.52	12.12	10.16	11.26	9.93	8.82	11.66	9.66	9.14	20.59	14.64	9.85	8.89	7.72	7.34	8.98	3.89	3.52

Table A2: observed rainfall

Unit in mm

2018	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 Khei	Neak Luong	Prek Kdam	Tan Chau	Chau Doc
10/09/2018	0.00	19.00	20.80	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	1.70	1.50	nr	nr	2.50	-	nr	nr	nr	11.50	0.00
11/09/2018	0.00	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	6.70	4.00	0.00	11.60	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	nr	nr	6.80	44.10	-	2.10	0.00	47.50	0.70	0.00
12/09/2018	0.00	0.00	nr	0.00	3.60	0.00	2.00	75.20	18.60	7.80	nr	17.50	51.00	1.00	nr	33.30	9.00	-	nr	nr	4.20	0.50	3.00
13/09/2018		0.00	0.60	18.60	32.80	0.20	22.00	16.90	5.60	51.50	35.00	44.50	8.20	29.00	nr	25.70	0.70	-	48.00	10.40	3.20	3.40	nr
14/09/2018	20.00	3.50	nr	11.40	18.50	4.40	nr	0.10	0.10	0.90	nr	95.20	15.90	7.00	26.60	nr	8.80	-	52.80	38.20	9.60	0.40	0.00
15/09/2018	0.50	0.00	nr	0.00	8.60	0.30	0.30	4.90	1.00	0.00	nr	2.00	nr	nr	nr	nr	12.10	-	0.50	nr	5.30	10.70	4.00
16/09/2018	0.00	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	1.00	nr	nr	nr	nr	24.20	-	36.50	nr	nr	5.10	33.00
17/09/2018	0.00	0.00	nr	0.00	nr	0.00	4.60	17.50	19.00	75.50	84.40	0.00	nr	1.00	nr	nr	nr	-	24.00	11.20	nr	0.30	2.70

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

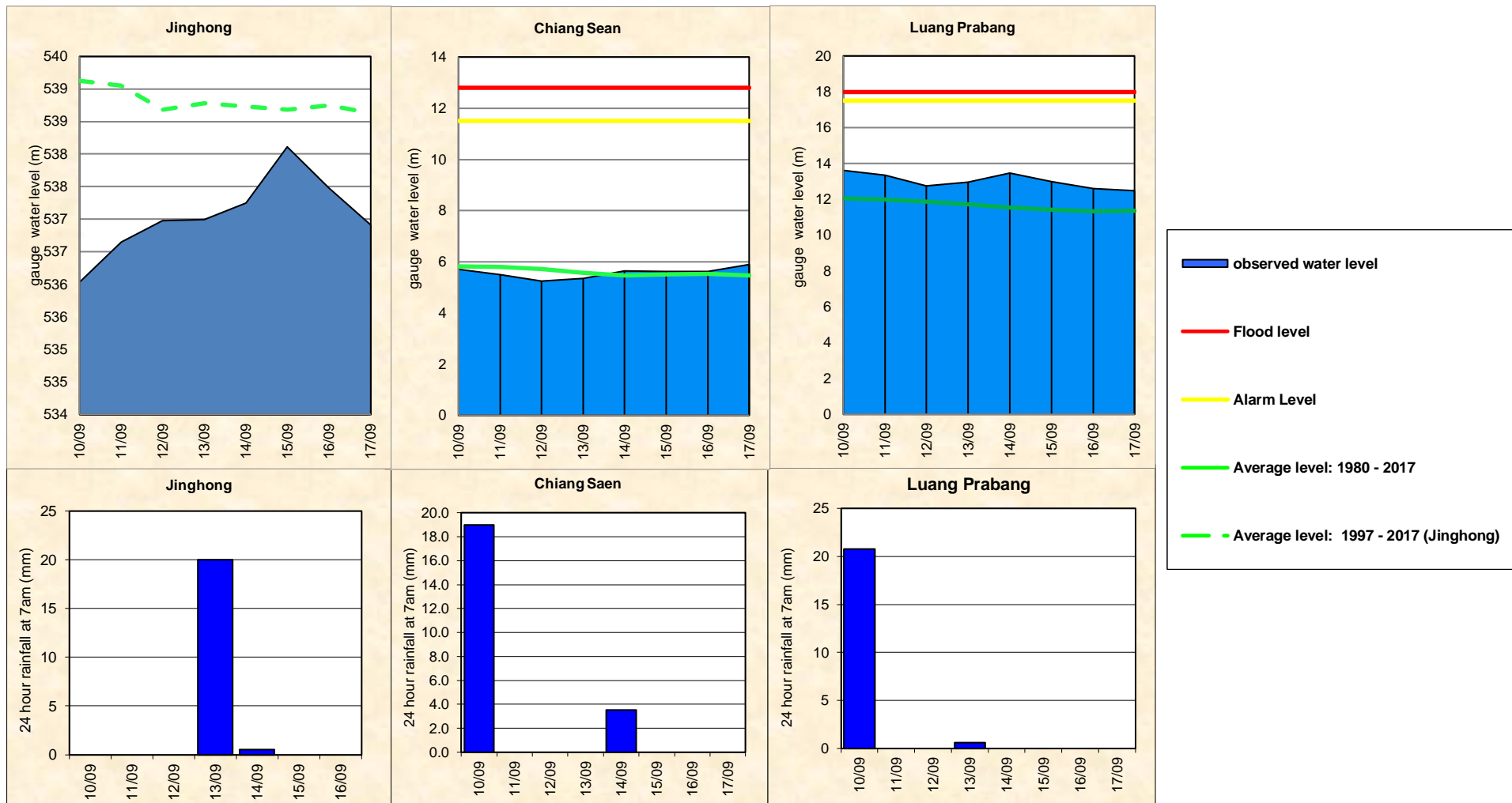


Figure A2: Observed water level and rainfall for Chiang Khan, Vientiane, Nongkhai, and Paksane

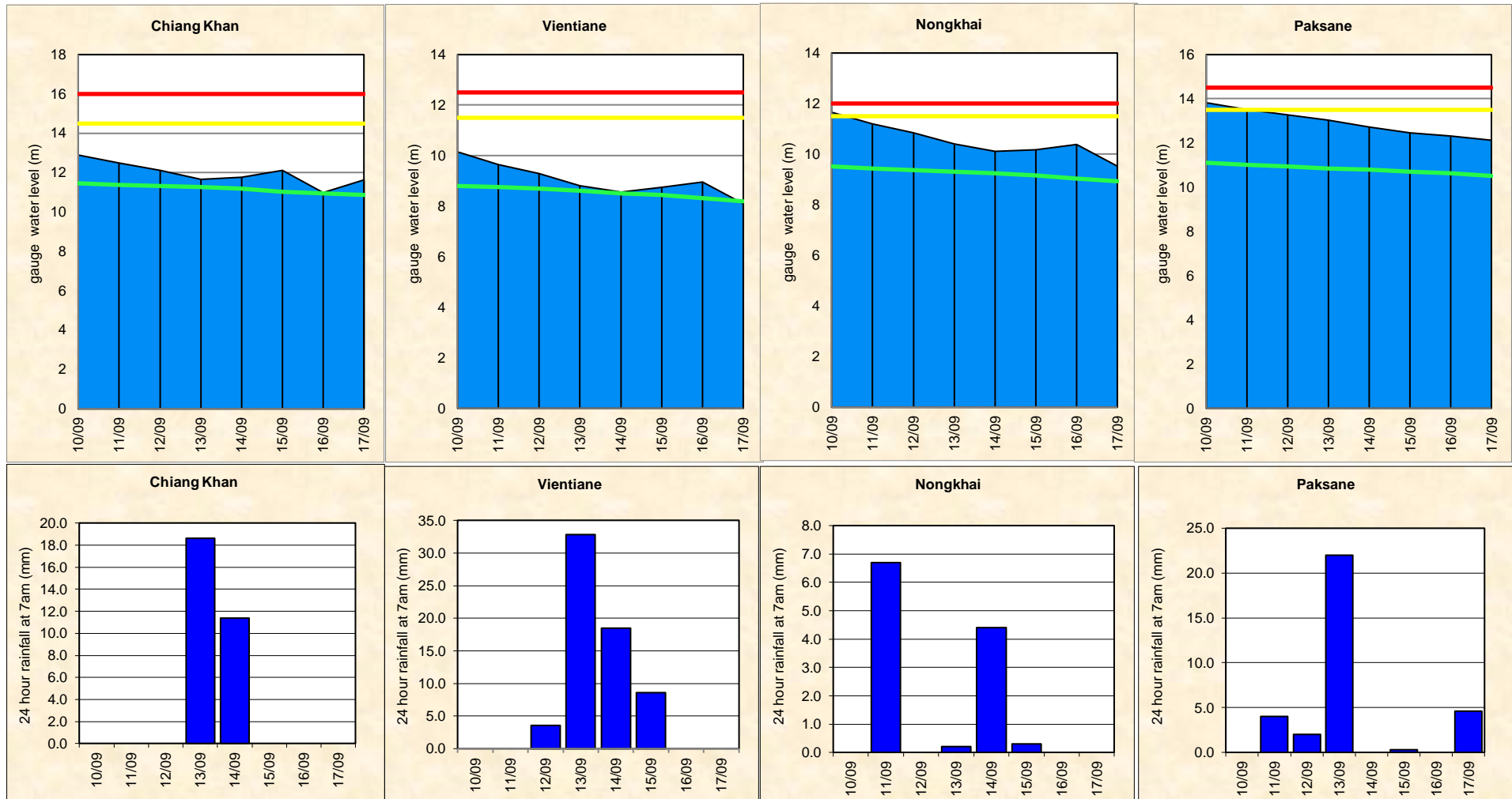


Figure A3: Observed water level and rainfall for Nakhon Phanom, Thakhek, Mukdahan and Savannakhet

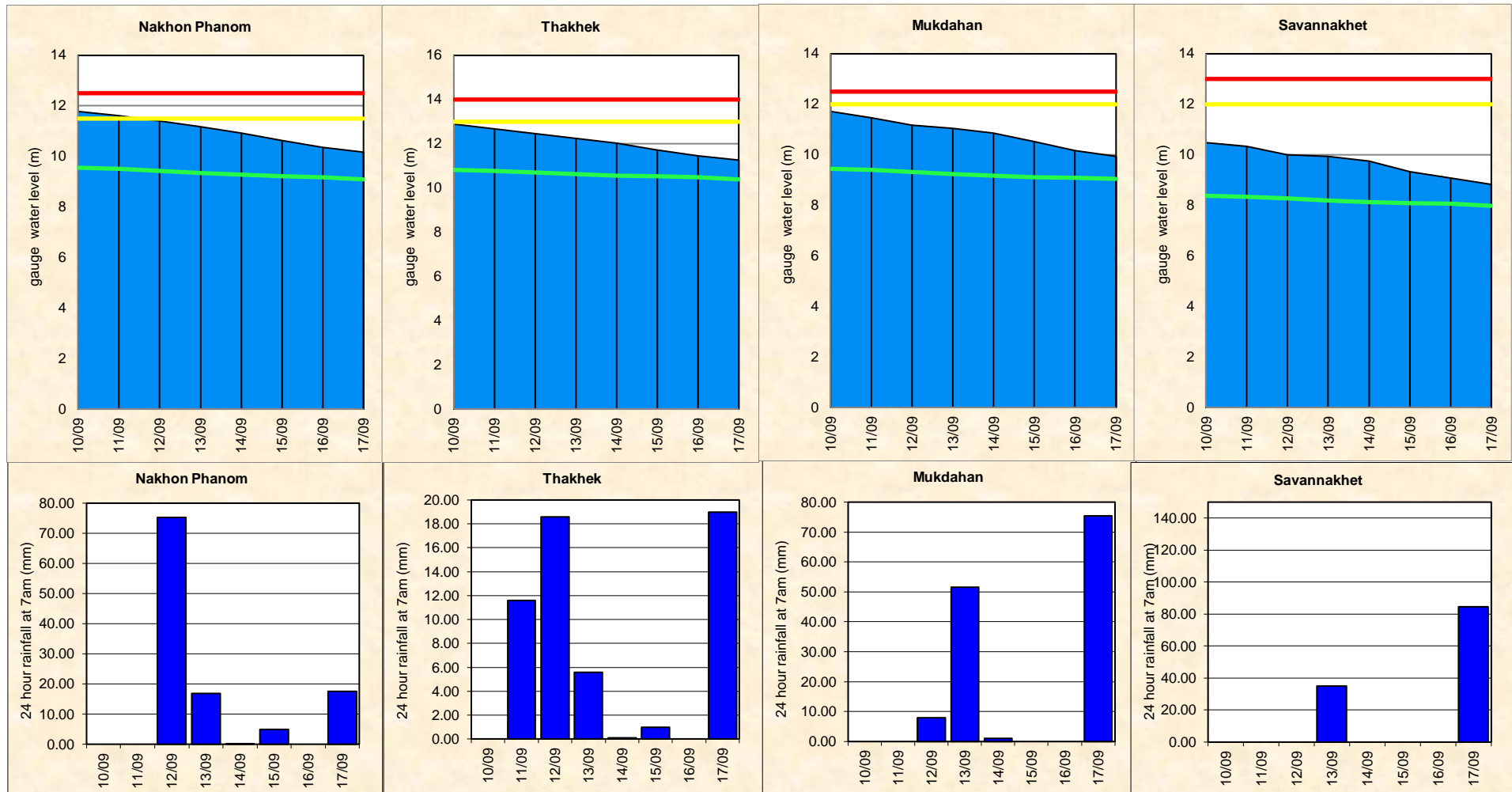


Figure A4: Observed water level and rainfall for Khong Chiam, Pakse, Stung Treng, and Kratie

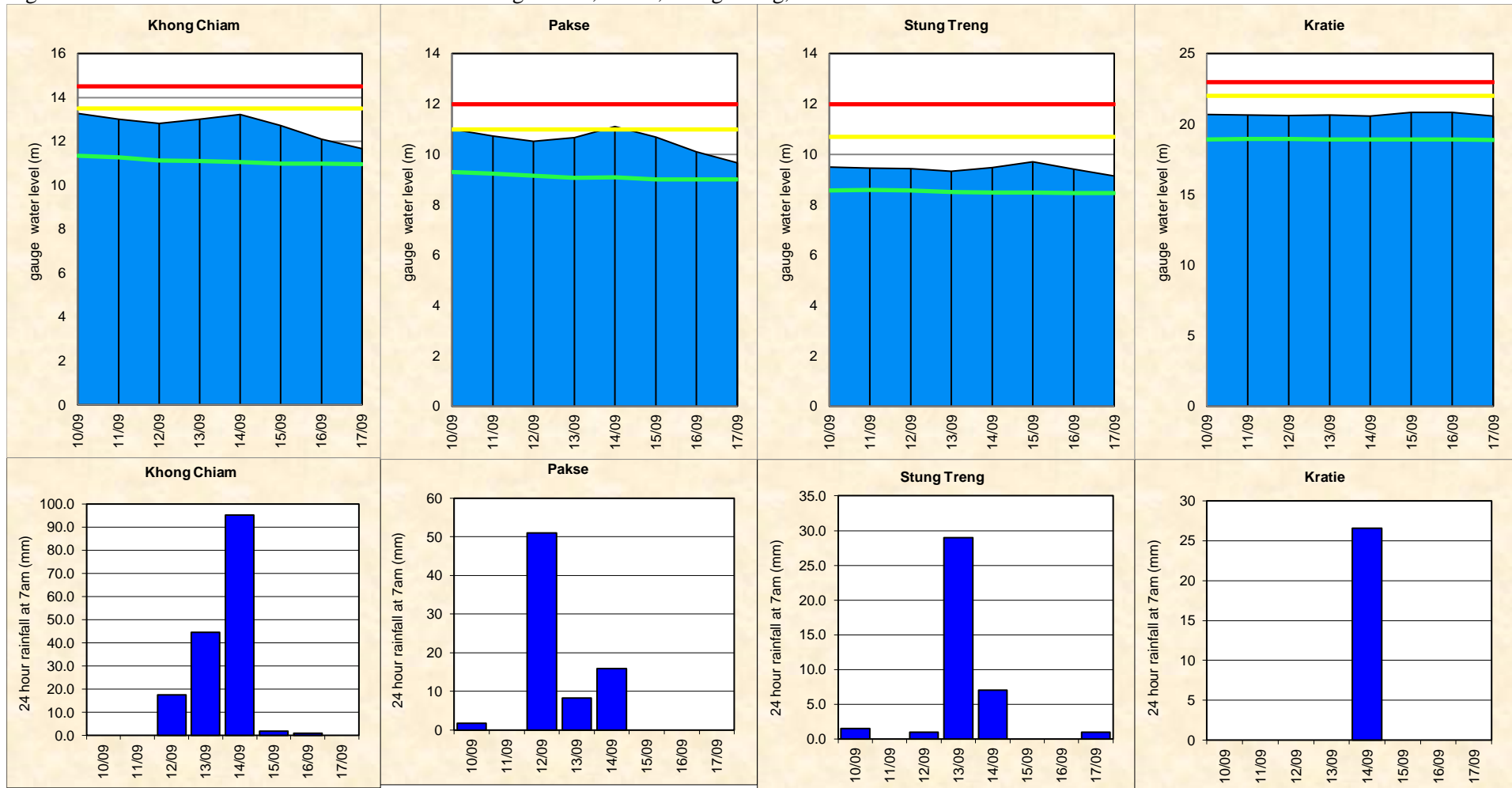




Figure A5: Water level and rainfall for Kompong Cham, Phnom Penh (Bassac and Port), and Koh Khel

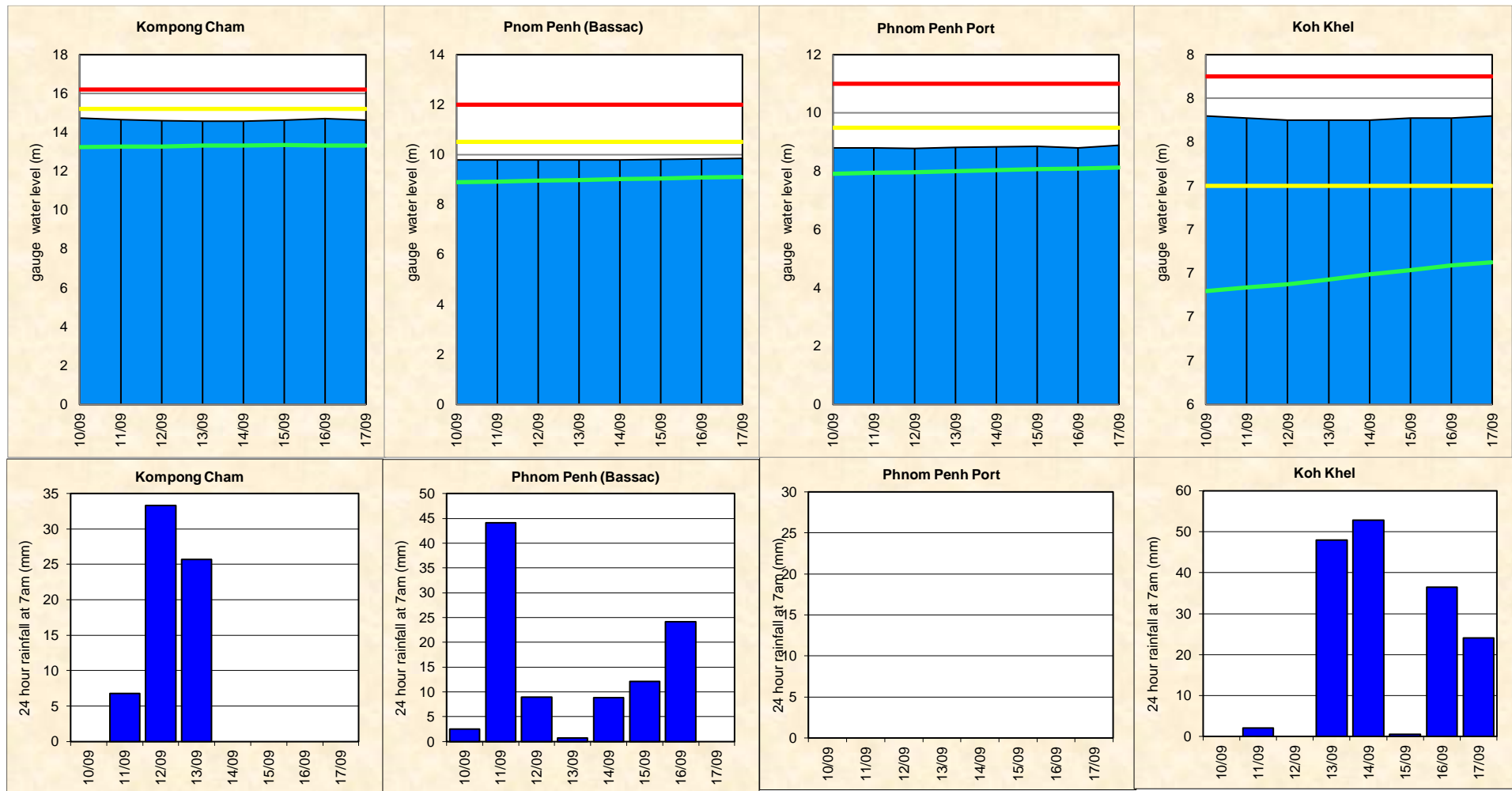
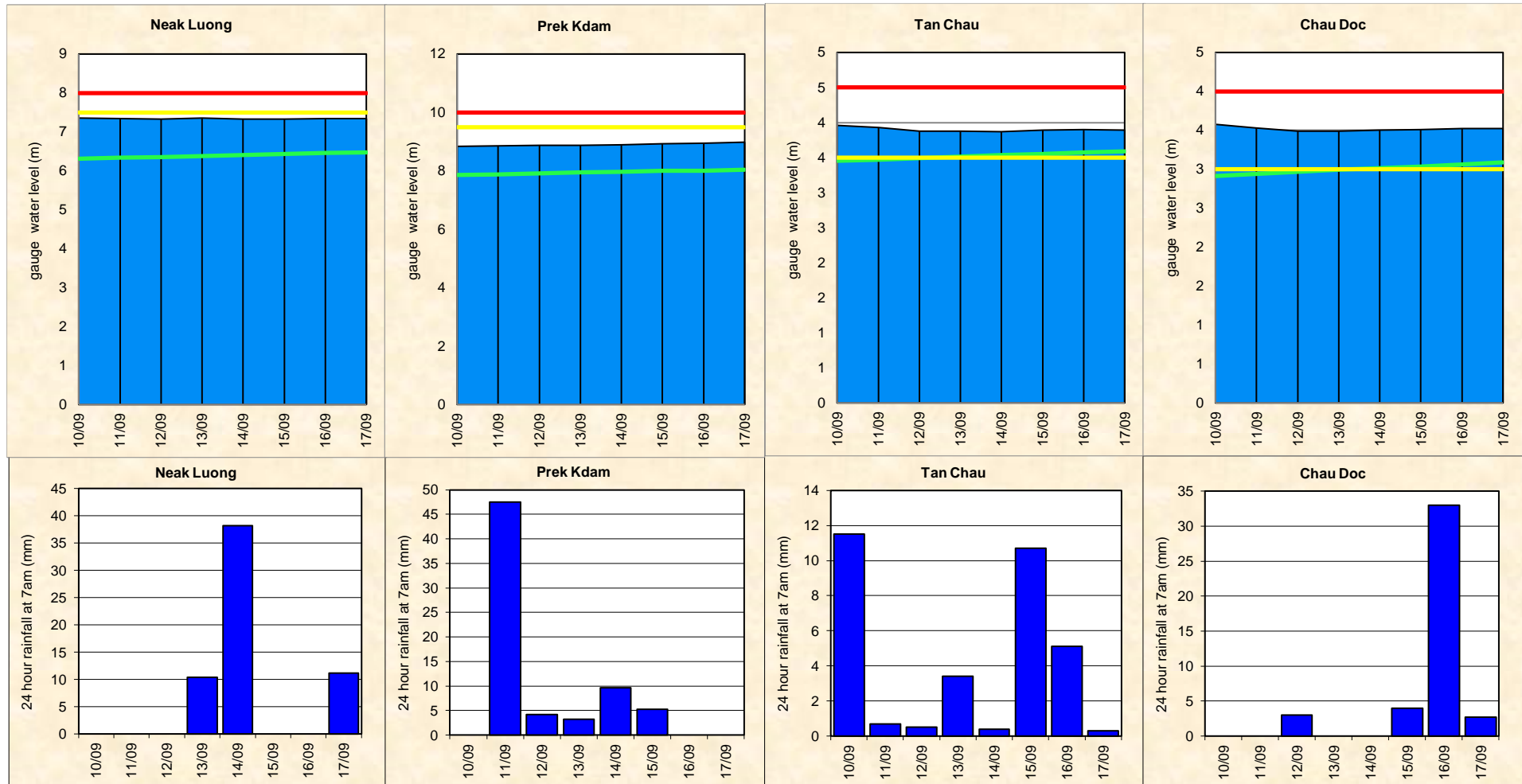


Figure A6: Water level and rainfall for Neak Luong, Prek Kdam, Tan Chau and Chau Doc



## 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 fair for 1-day to 5-day forecast lead time at stations in the upper and lower parts of the LMB. However, the accuracies at upper and middle reaches of

the LMB stations from Chaing Sean to Khong Chaim stations for 4-day to 5-day forecast were considered large.

The above differences due to three main factors: (1) the effect by manmade (hydro-power operation: without provided information)

(2) 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; (3) the adjustment by utilizing the practical knowledge and experience of flood forecaster-in-charge; and (4) the forecasted accumulated rainfall was not well represented.

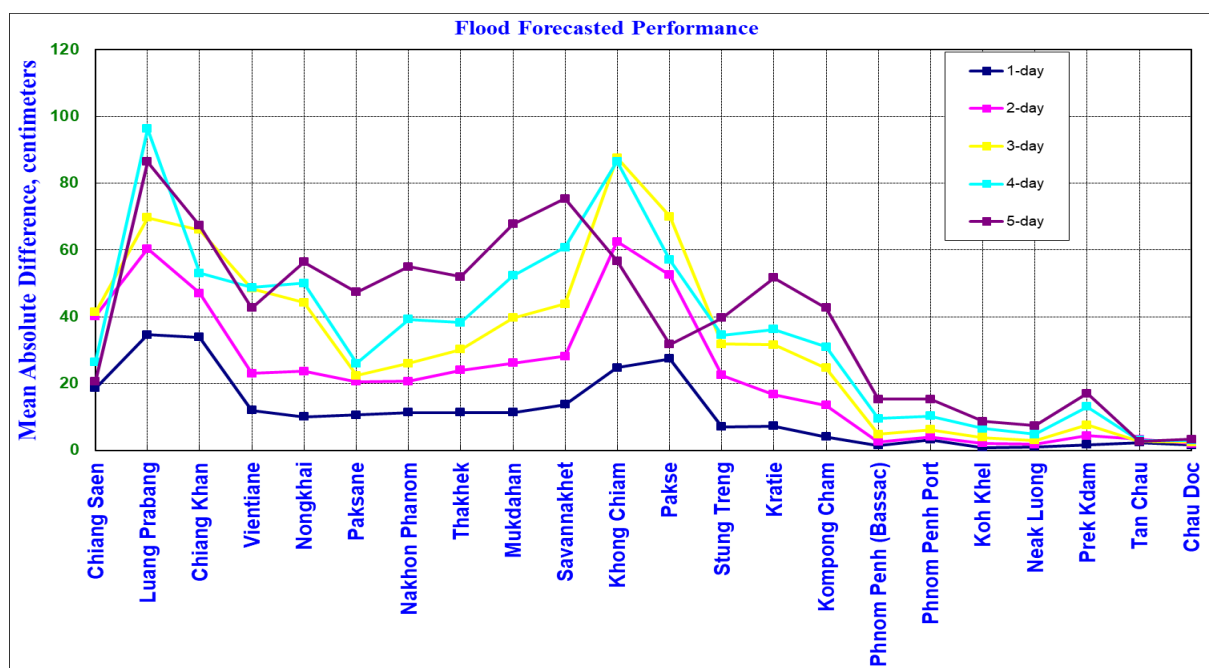


Figure B1: Average flood forecast accuracy along the Mekong mainstream

**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: Evaluation performance forecasting (from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018) base on New Benchmark (%).

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	57.14	57.14	57.14	100.00	100.00	85.71	85.71	85.71	100.00	85.71	71.43	42.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	87.66	
2-day	50.00	50.00	66.67	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	100.00	66.67	33.33	50.00	83.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	82.58
3-day	80.00	60.00	40.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	79.09
4-day	100.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	82.95
5-day	100.00	66.67	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	66.67	66.67	66.67	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.91

Unit in cm

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
1-day	22	31	22	23	23	23	20	20	20	20	24	22	18	28	20	9	9	6	7	9	6	6
2-day	39	55	41	42	43	42	38	39	39	38	46	41	33	52	38	18	18	12	14	17	11	11
3-day	51	76	57	59	59	58	54	54	55	54	65	58	46	73	54	26	26	18	20	24	16	16
4-day	60	93	70	72	74	72	68	68	70	68	82	73	57	92	69	34	34	22	26	31	20	21
5-day	66	107	81	84	86	85	81	81	83	80	98	87	67	109	82	41	41	27	31	38	24	24

Table B2: Evaluation performance forecasting (from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018) base on Old Benchmark (%).

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	71.43	42.86	57.14	57.14	57.14	57.14	85.71	85.71	57.14	28.57	42.86	14.29	100.00	71.43	85.71	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	73.38
2-day	83.33	50.00	66.67	66.67	83.33	66.67	66.67	66.67	16.67	50.00	33.33	33.33	66.67	100.00	83.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	74.24
3-day	80.00	60.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	80.00	60.00	60.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	60.91
4-day	100.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	75.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	70.45
5-day	100.00	33.33	66.67	33.33	33.33	66.67	66.67	66.67	33.33	0.00	33.33	100.00	66.67	33.33	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	68.18

Unit in cm

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	
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 7 days including the current report date

	FF time sent				Arrival time of input data								Missing data (number-mainstream and trib.st.)								
	FF completed and sent (time)	Stations without forecast	FF2 completed and sent (time)	Weather data available (time)	NOAA data	China	Cambodia - DHRW	Cambodia - DOM	Lao PDR - DMH	Thailand - DWR	Viet Nam - SRHMC	Viet Nam - HMS	NOAA data/2dataset	China/2	Cambodia - DHRW/15	Cambodia - DOM/34	Lao PDR - DMH/32	Thailand - DWR/13	Viet Nam - SRHMC/6	Viet Nam - HMS/39	
<b>2018</b>																					
<i>week</i>	10:20	00:00	-	-	08:15	07:10	07:04	07:49	08:36	08:06	07:01	08:12	0	0	0	0	96	0	4	0	
<i>month</i>	10:16	00:00	-	-	08:14	07:10	07:24	07:55	08:24	08:08	07:01	08:12	0	0	1	0	325	0	2	0	

*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.

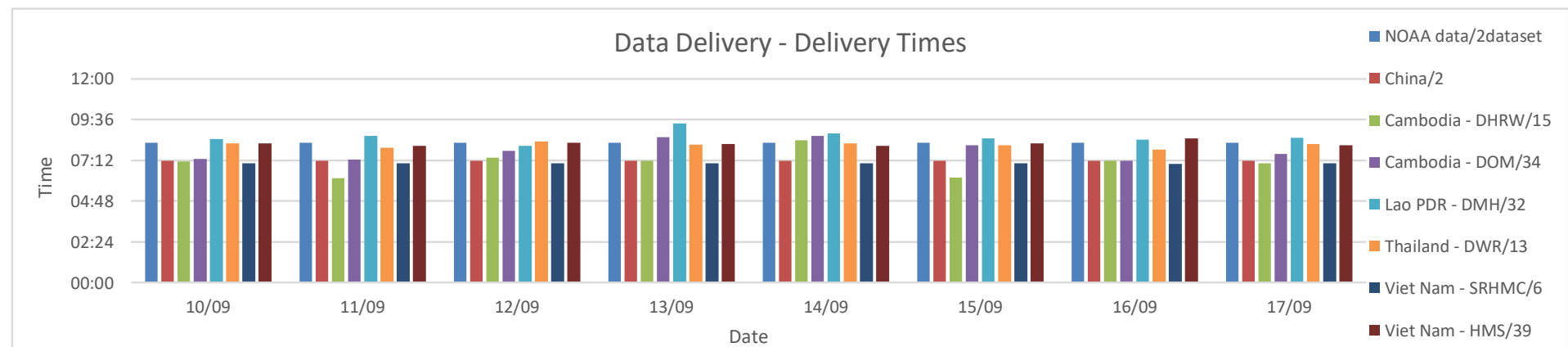


Figure B2: Data delivery times for the past 8 days including the current report date

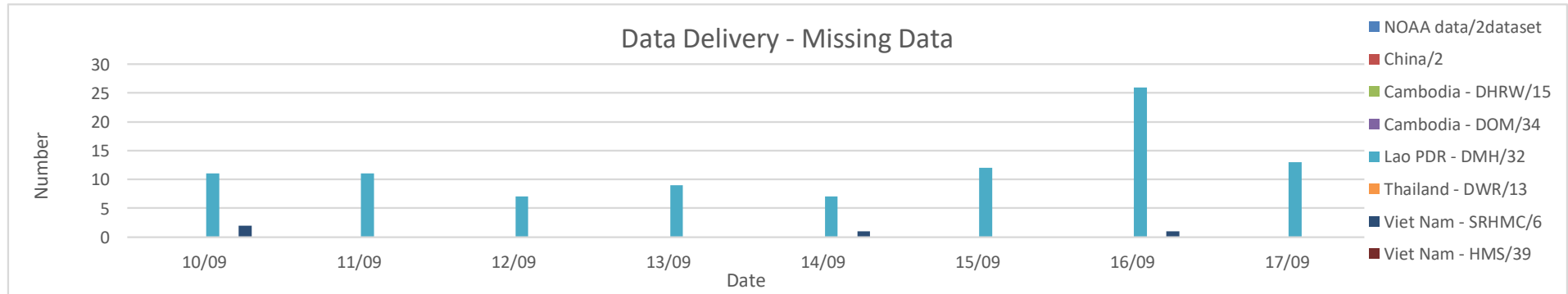


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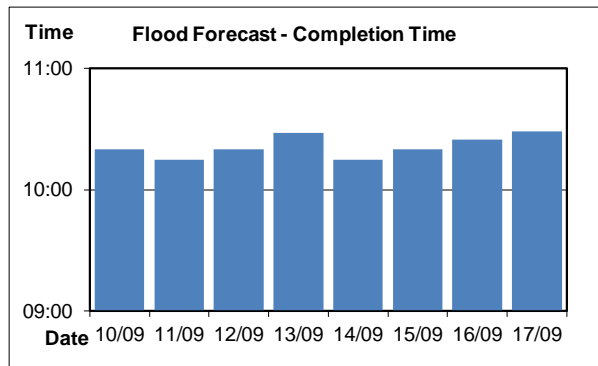


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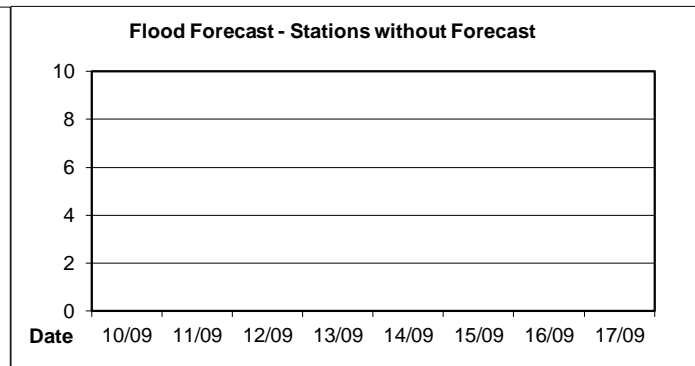


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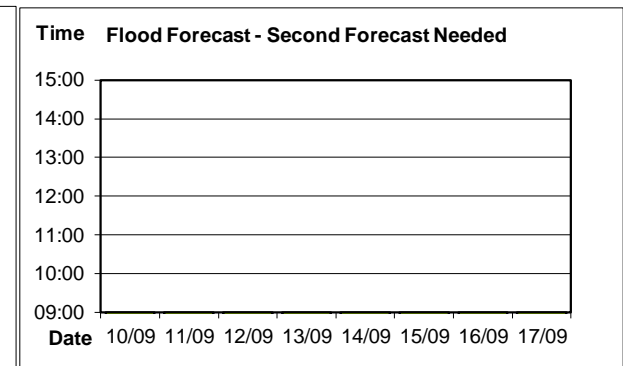
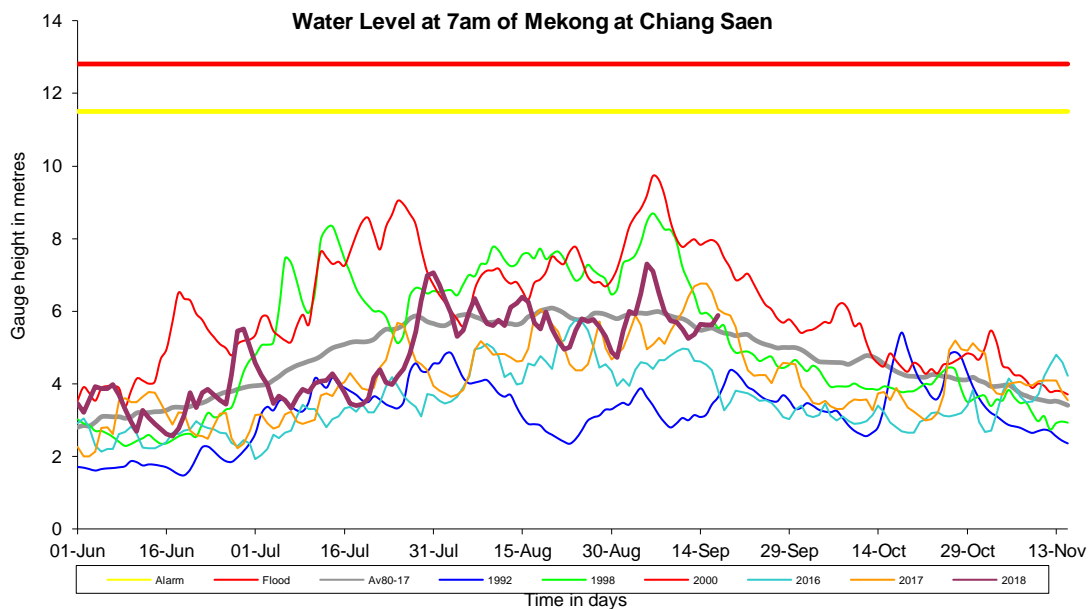
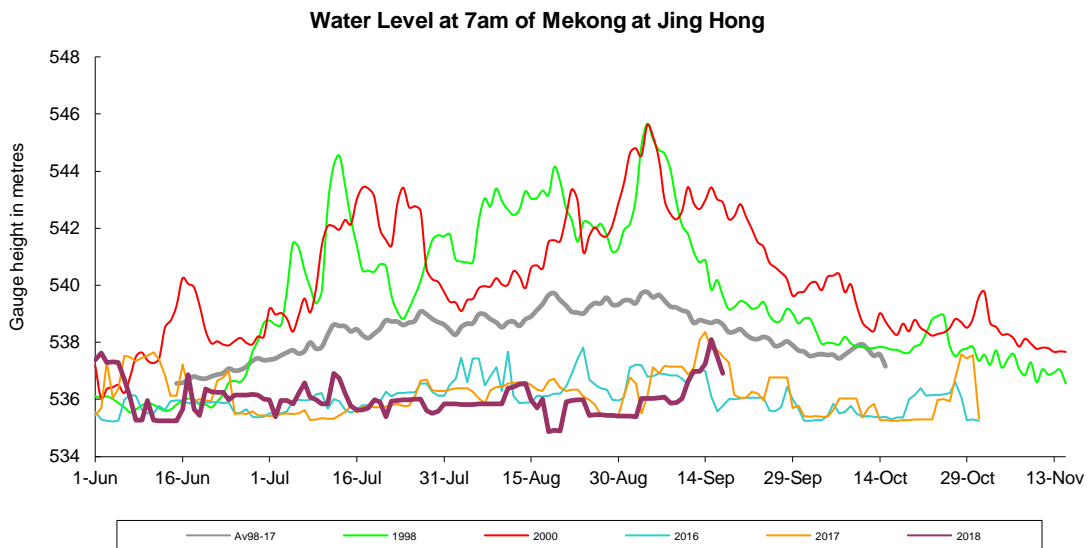


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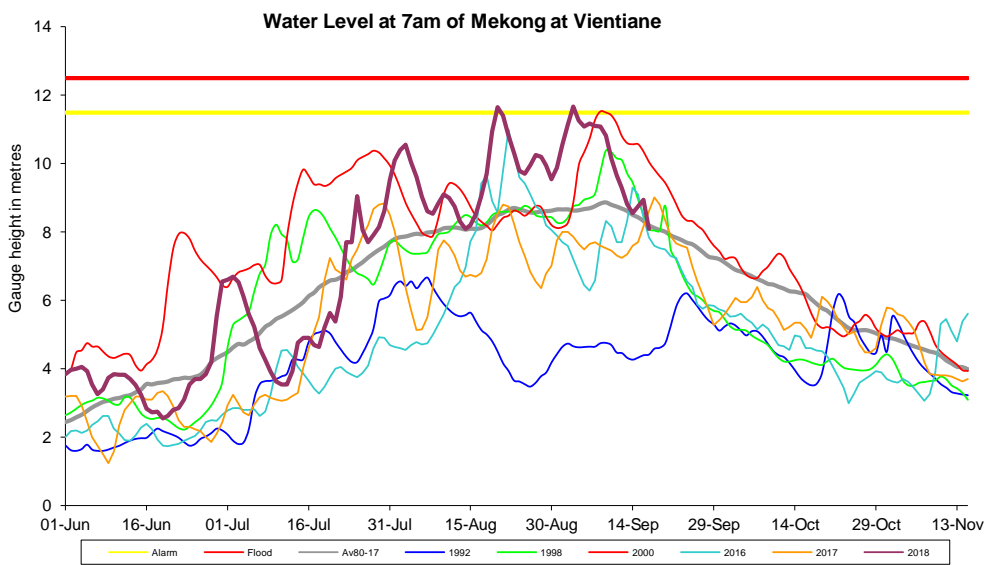
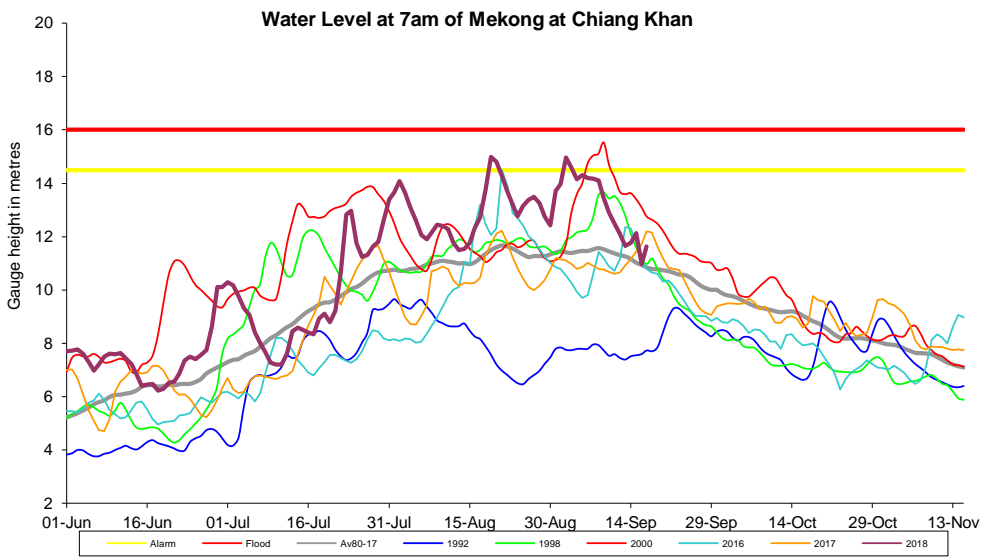
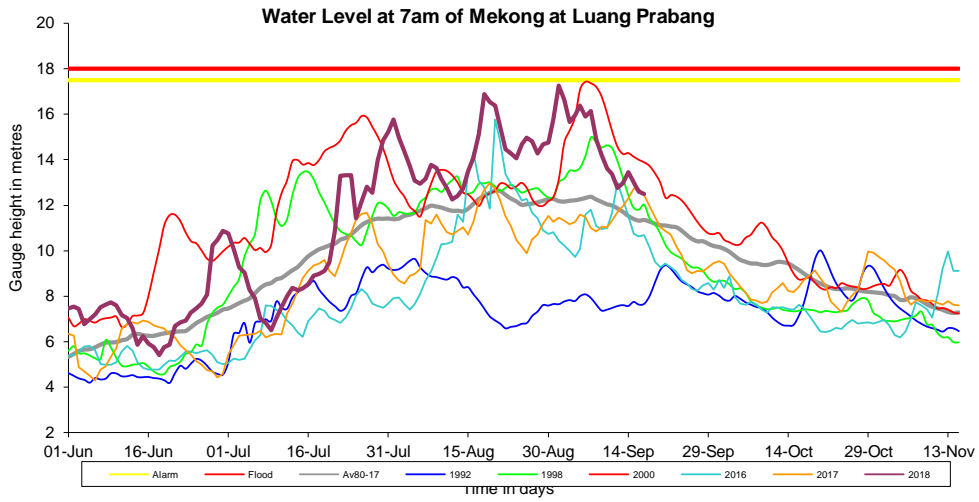
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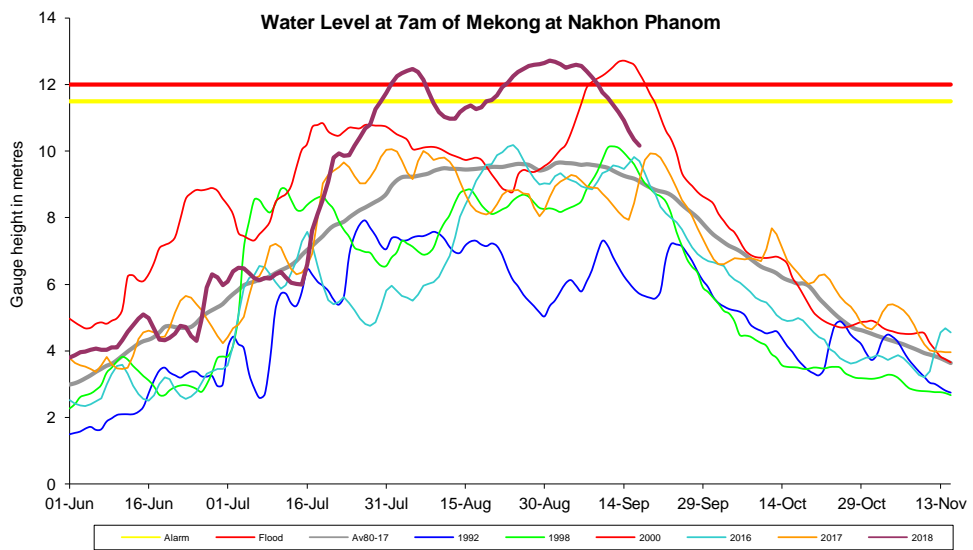
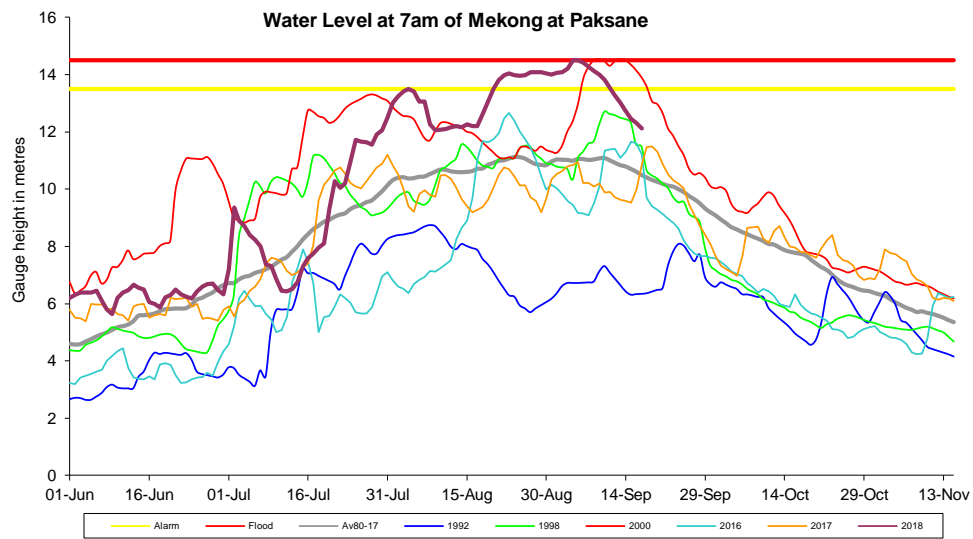
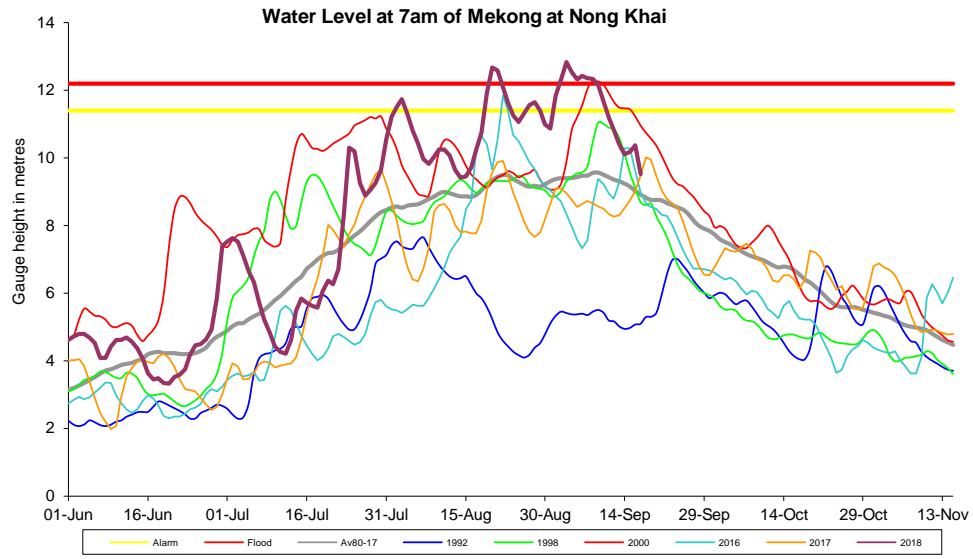
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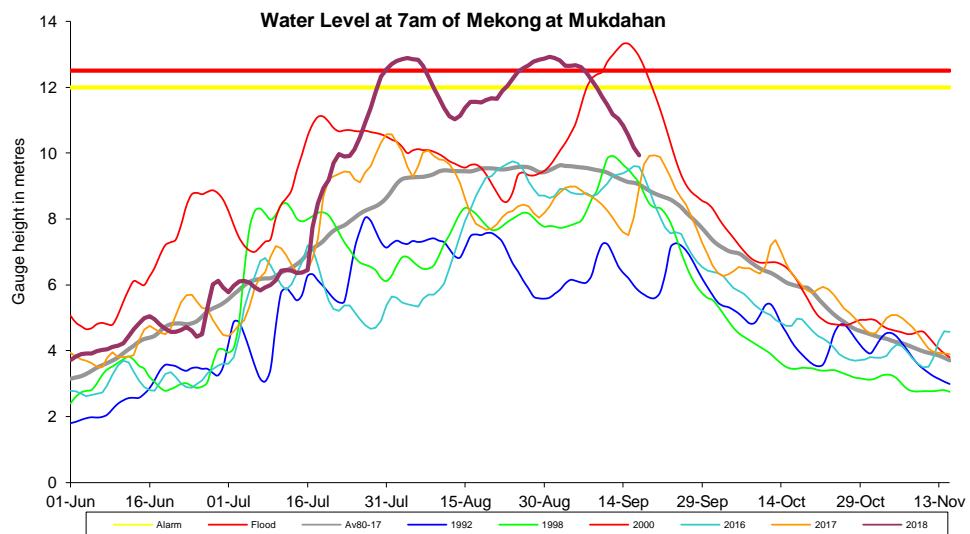
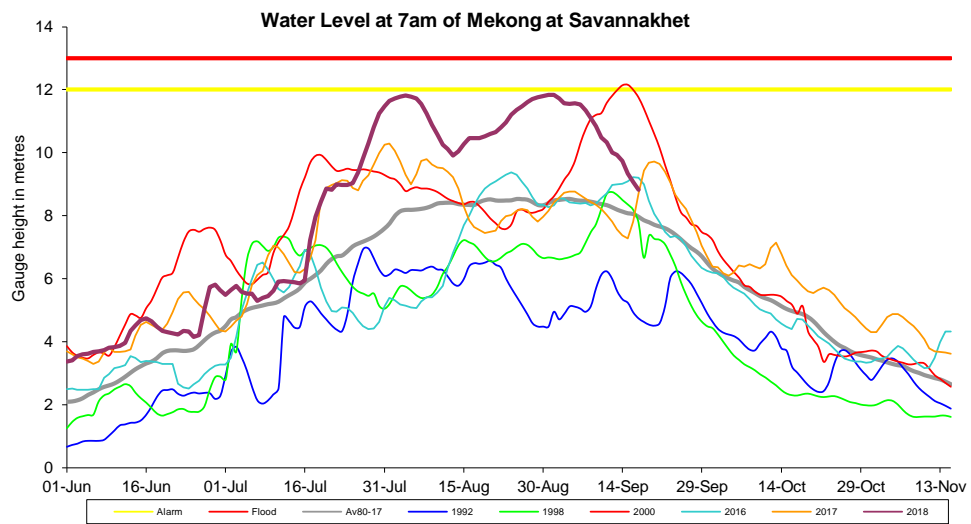
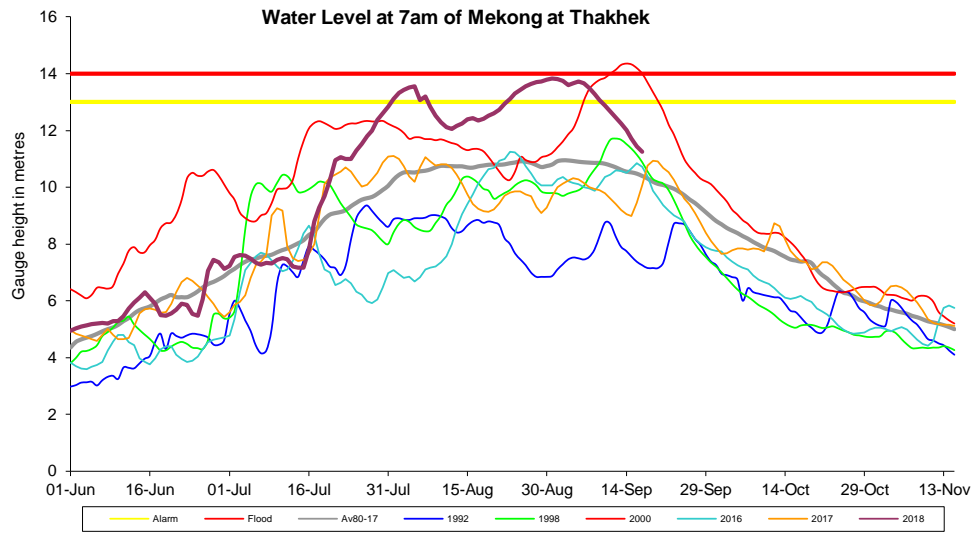
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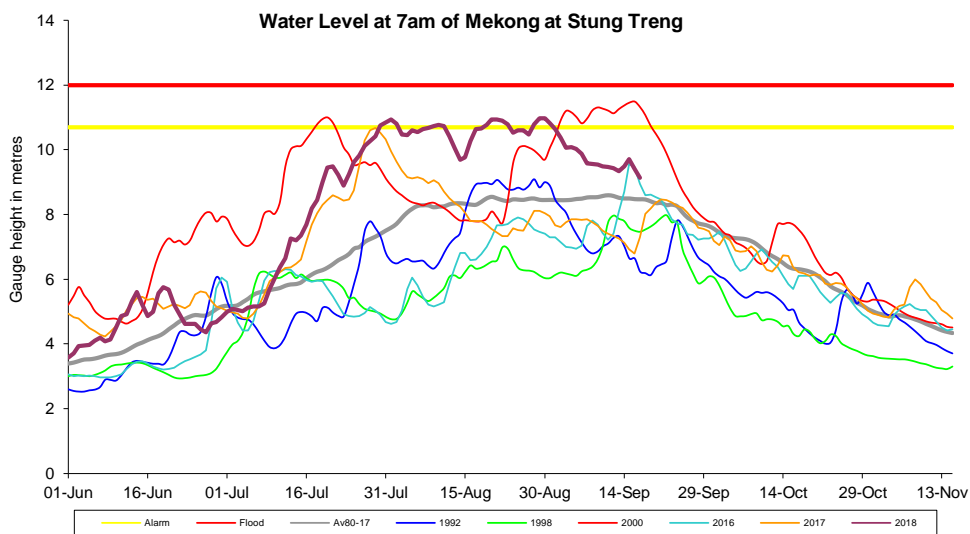
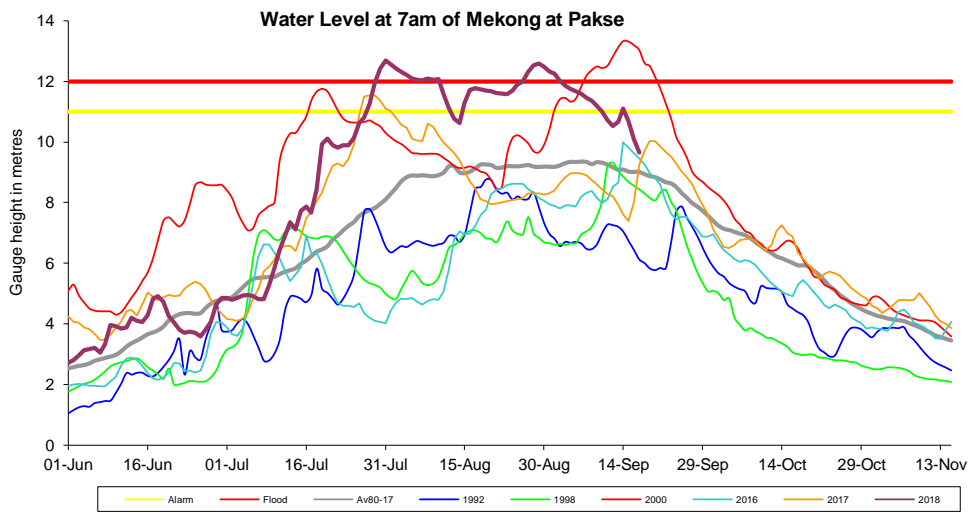
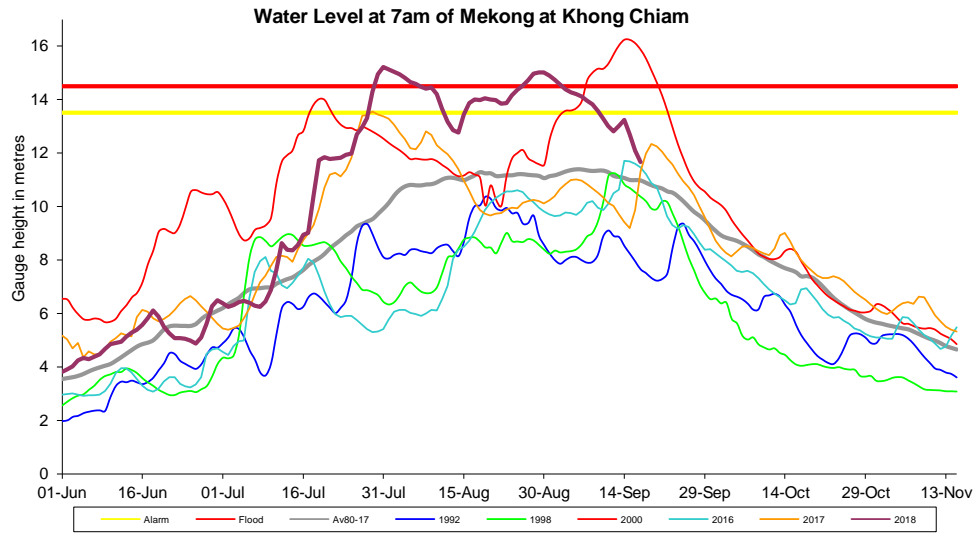




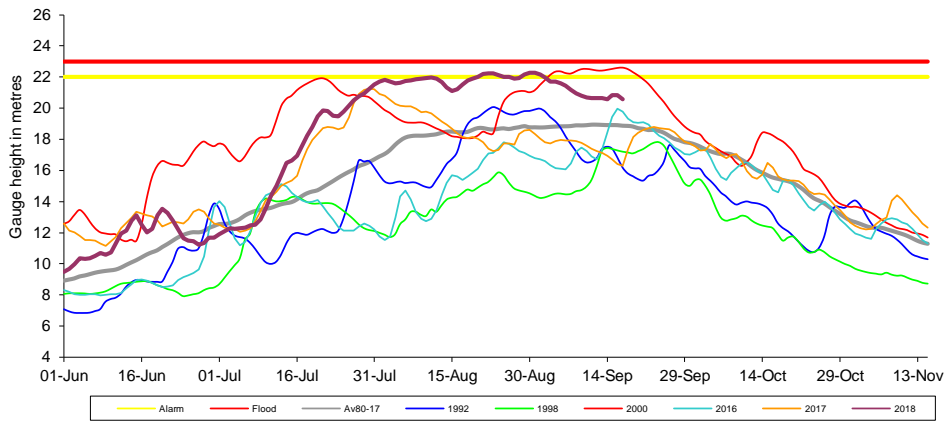




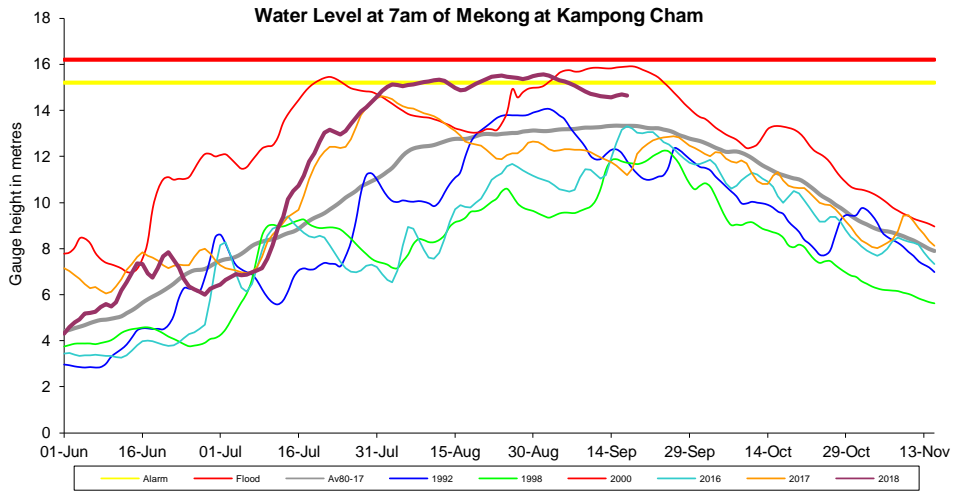




**Water Level at 7am of Mekong at Kratie**



**Water Level at 7am of Mekong at Kampong Cham**



**Water Level at 7am of Mekong at Phnom Penh Chaktomuk**

