

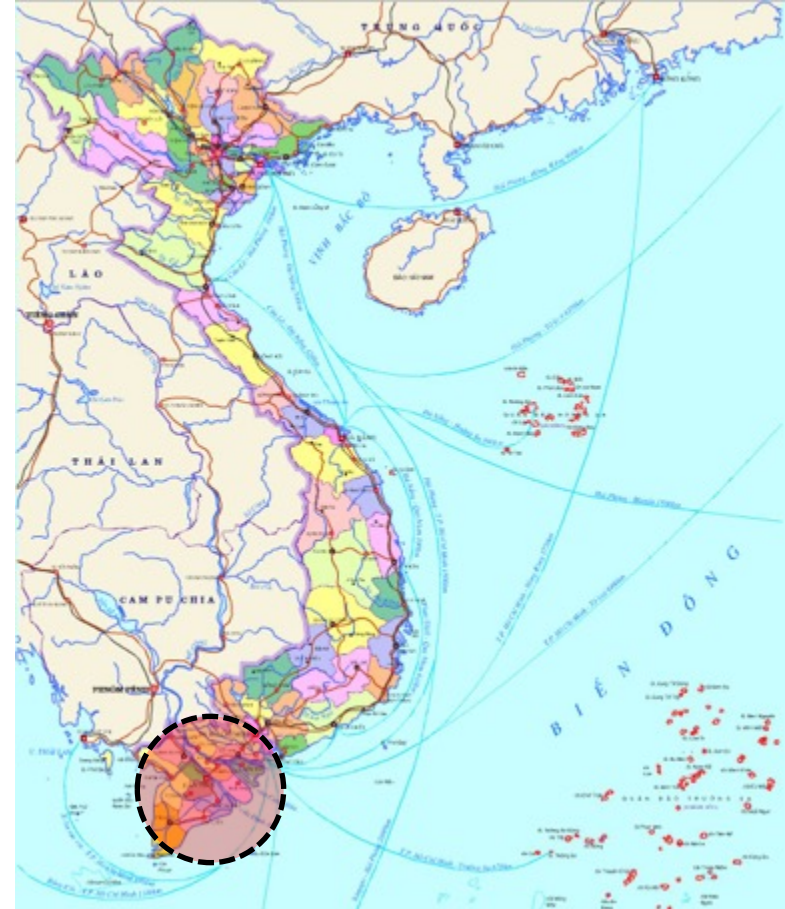
# CAN THO A MEKONG DELTA RIVER CITY IN VIET NAM



Cantho: Riverside spaces with community activities  
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- Position: in the Southern bank of Hau River (downstream) - a central in Mekong Delta region.
- Neighbors: Đồng Tháp, Vĩnh Long, Kiên Giang, Hậu Giang and An Giang provinces.
- Area: 1.438 km<sup>2</sup>.
- Population: apx 1,25M.
- Can Tho has 5 urban districts (Ninh Kieu, Binh Thuy, Cai Rang, Omon anh Thot Not) and 4 rural districts (*Vĩnh Thạnh, Cờ Đỏ, Thới Lai and Phong Điền*).
- Climate: a high humidity and hot weather city (typical riverine city in tropical region).
- History: official establishment in 1,739 (Nguyen Dynasty of Viet Nam). A South – Western “capital” of Viet Nam through stages in history.
- Economy: Famous by fish (Basa and Tra fish) and rice cultivation.
- Along with the process of urban development, Can Tho has been changing in order to take on the role as the main economic driver of the Mekong Delta (*traveling, education, healthcare, commercial activities...*); and transforming itself into an industrialised, modern urban regional hub.



This region is formed thanks to Mekong river's residue and the motion of Pacific Ocean through millions of year. So that it has a special geography – a high density water system forming by Hau river, Can Tho river, Binh Thuy, O Mon, Cai San and there's sub streams. Though, human established new life here base on this character.

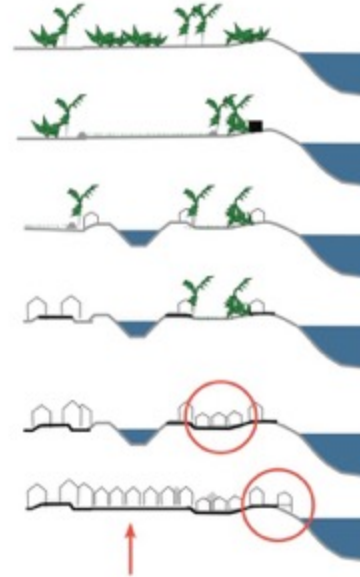
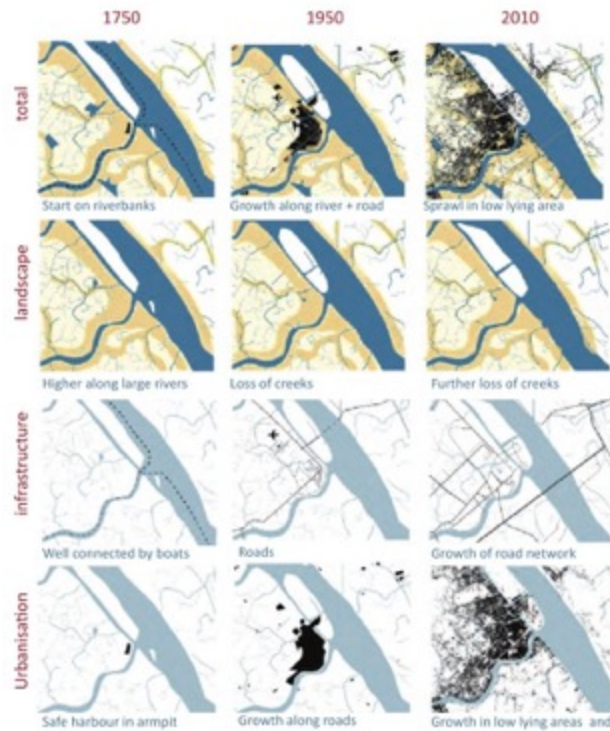
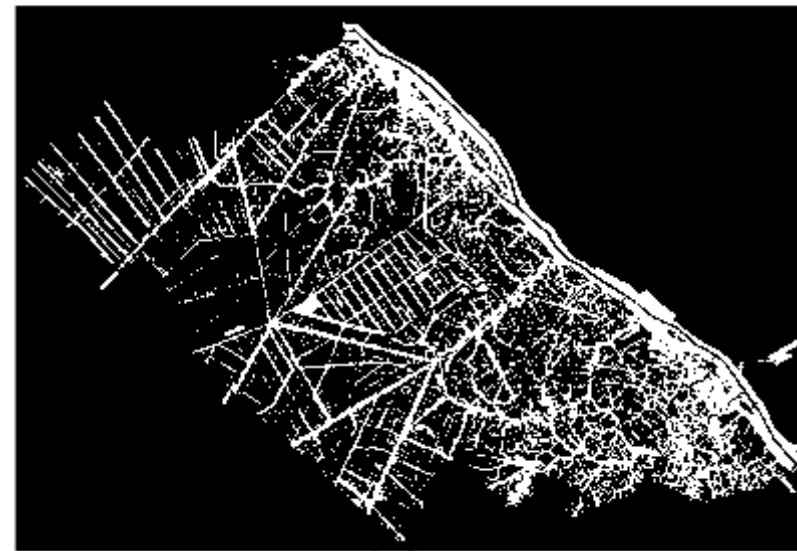


Fig. 3.25 The urbanisation of Can Tho leads to a loss of creeks and rivers, blocked riverfronts and growth on the low lying areas.





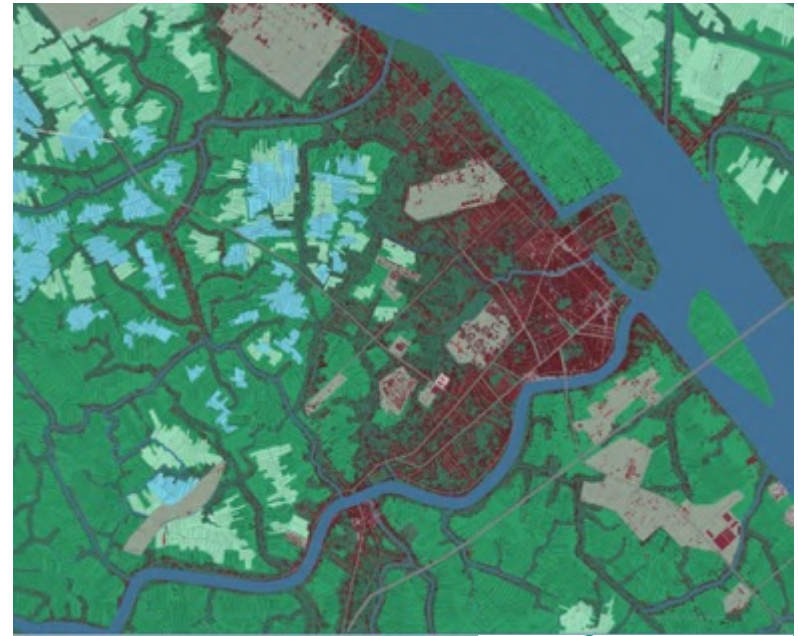
## Problems:

1. The impact of *human activity* and *climate change* has led to environmental challenges, such as *floods*, *salt intrusion*, *depleted water supply* and *a decline in enriching – alluvium*.

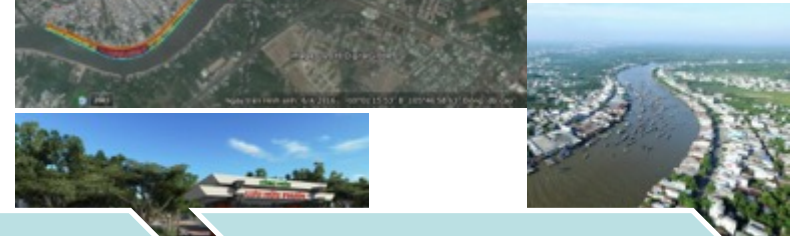
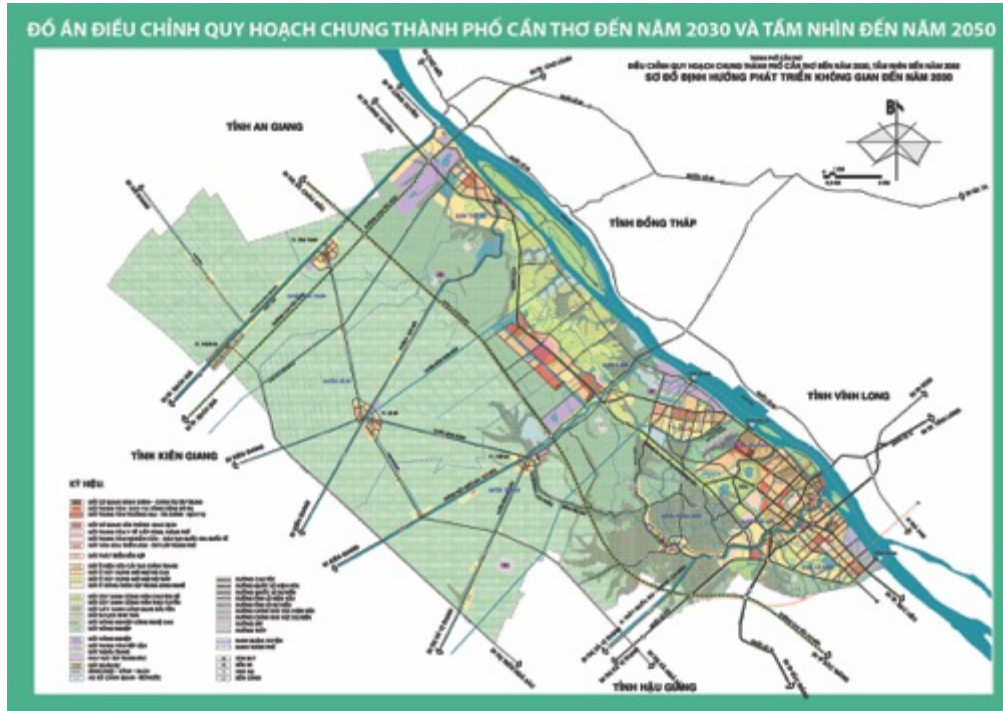


2. Can Tho is dealing with many popular challenges in urbanization process. Such as: Housing, safe water supply, sanitation, public places (green place and public transportation), solid waste management...

=> It requires Can Tho city react as soon as possible for survival.



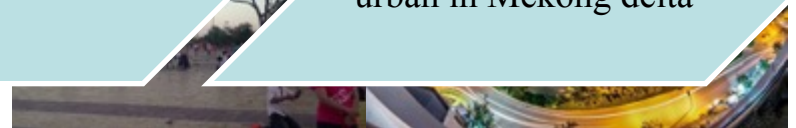
Understand the challenges, Can Tho has focused on urban renewal; sustainable development to conserve its urban environment and made it a livable city.



Can Tho will become a national city which reaches modern and high standard in civilization; a gateway city in the downstream of Mekong river

Develop Can Tho city  
in a comprehensive,  
balance and sustainable  
way

Become an unique and special – a riverine-eco urban in Mekong delta



**THANKS!**