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# Towards climate proof flood risk management in the Netherlands

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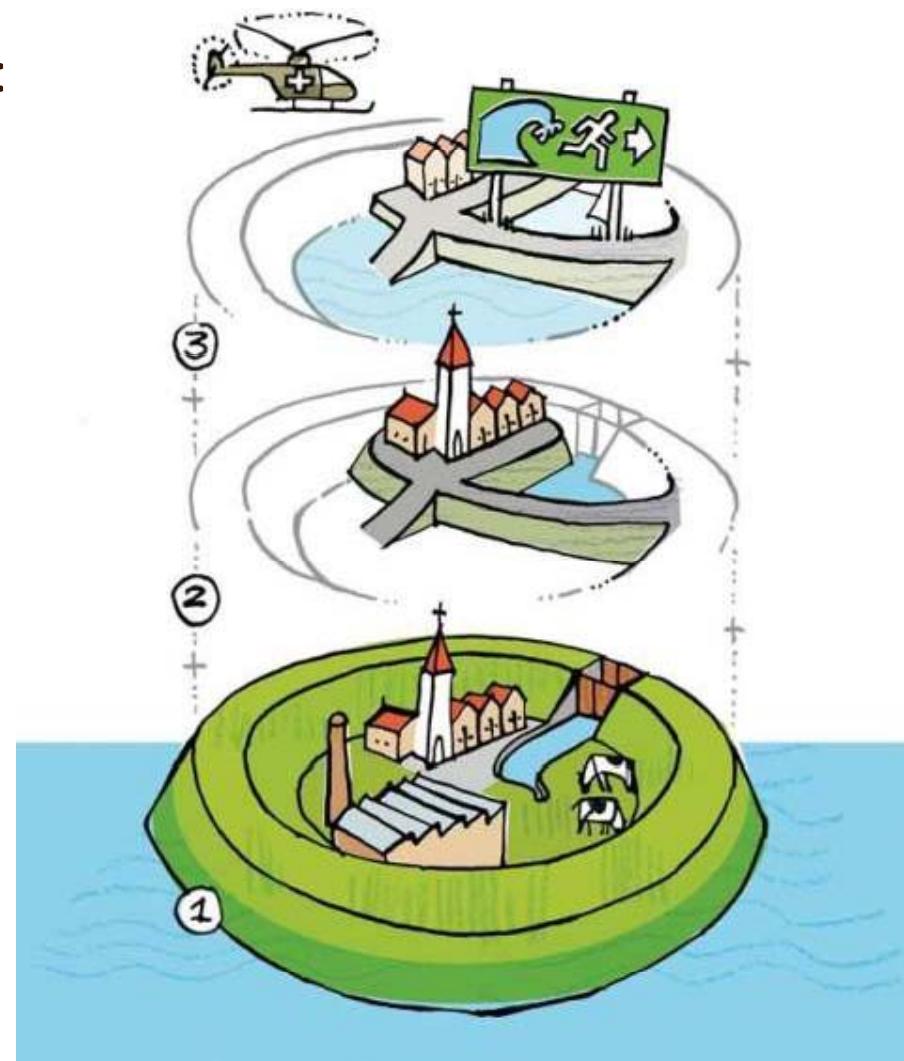


EU Floods Directive, 2007  
National Water Plan, 2009:  
3 layered approach

Disaster management

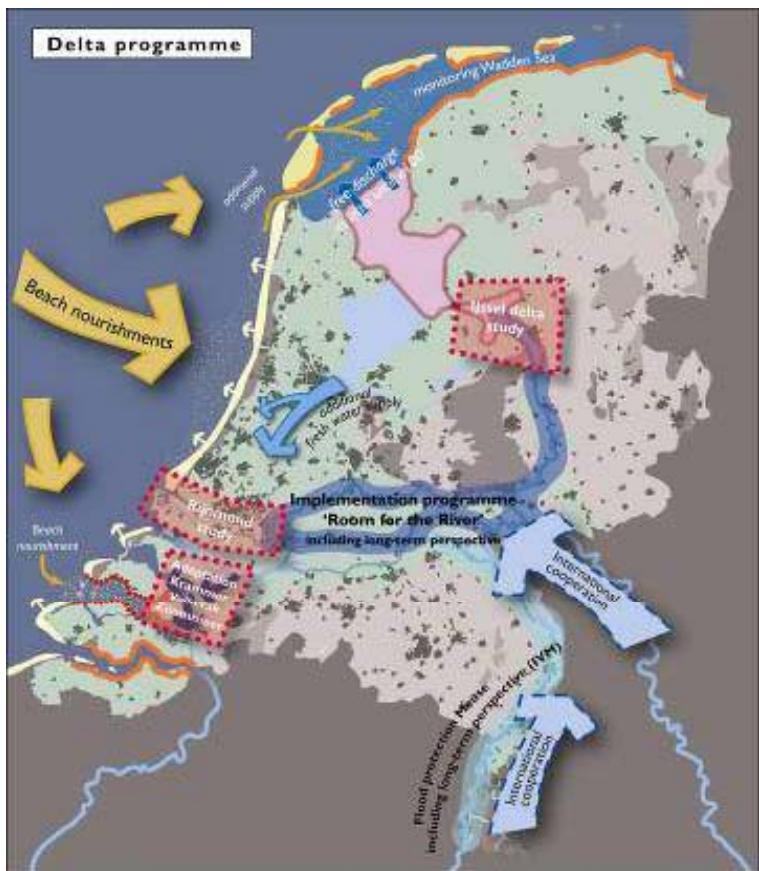
Spatial planning

Protection (“corner stone”)





# Climate change adaptation? Delta-programme!



Five key decisions (< 2015)

- Flood protection standards (2011)
- Fresh water supply
- Spatial planning and urban redevelopment
- Tidal rivers area (Rotterdam-Dordrecht)
- Future water level Lake Ijssel



# Towards new flood protection standards



Deltacommittee II (recommendation 1)  
and National Water Policy plan, 2009:

1. Actualize risk based standards of flood protection
2. Anticipate on the future (2050)
3. Prevent fatalities and large scale disruption (→ “societal risk”)
4. Include new knowledge on failure mechanisms, flood patterns and damage



## Expected outcome (early 2011)

Proposal to Parliament on new protection standards for flood defences  
(**type** & **level**)

- Type:
  - exceedance frequency of dike section
  - probability of flooding of dike-ring
- Level: to be based on probability and consequences: damage, fatalities, societal disruption, (no decrease compared to present);

N.B:

- Spatial differentiation, however limited number classes (5);
- practical/assessable;
- Robust, → anticipate on climate change and developments in land use 2050.

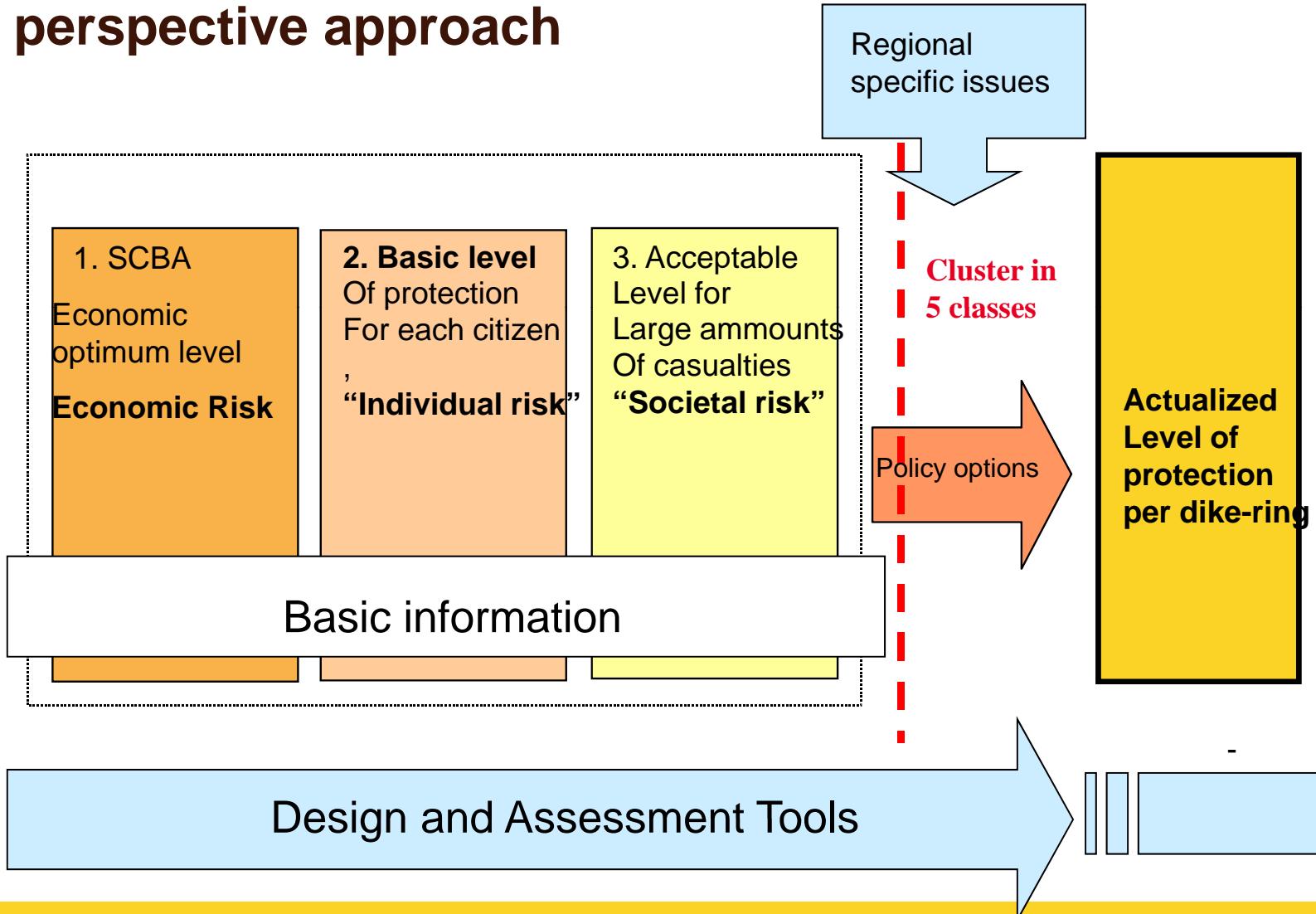


## Process

- “dry swimming” with involved authorities regarding expected type of standards, level, practical aspects, knowledge required,... (2009)
- Inform and consult regional authorities (spring 2010)
- Inform and consult non-governmental organisations (spring 2010)
- Inform and consult public (regional panel groups) (summer/autumn)
- Inform and consult technical experts (ENW) (regularly)



## 3 perspective approach





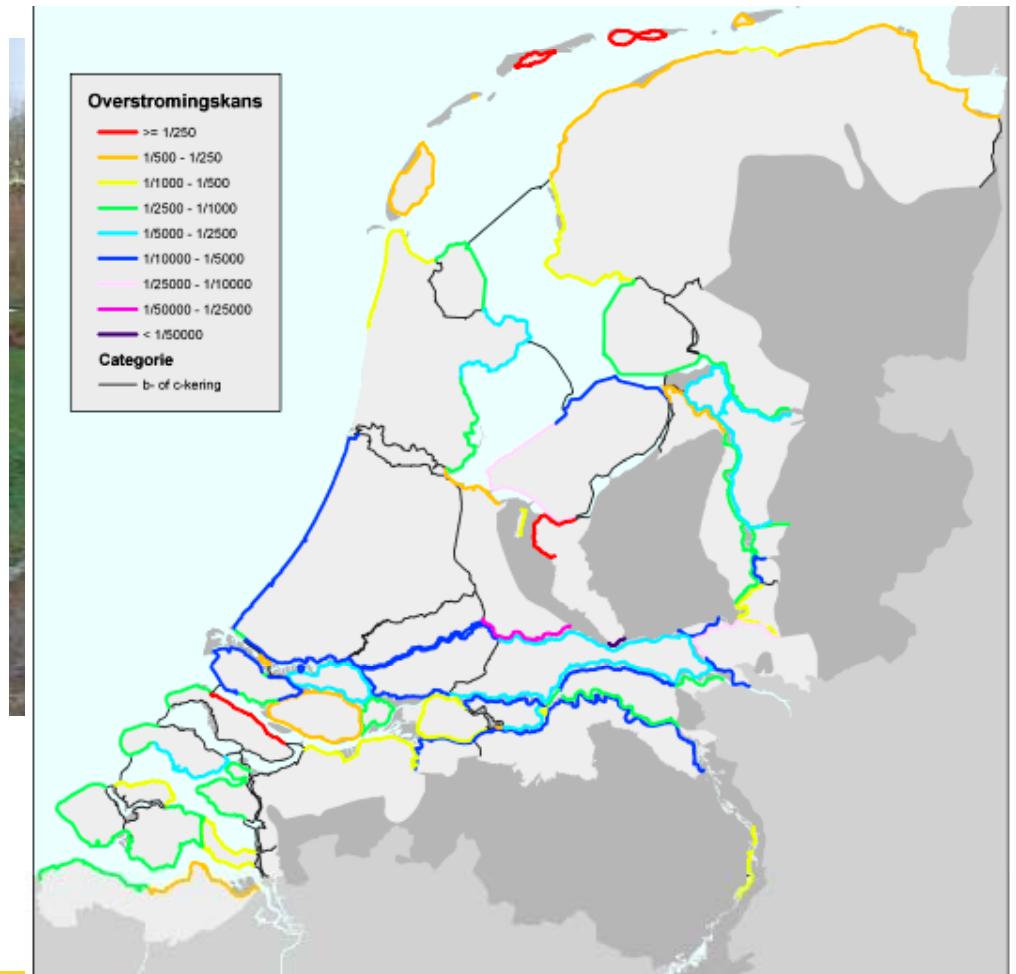
# Basic assumptions

Some examples

- Frequency of exceedance = probability of flooding
- Sealevel in 2050 and 2100: + 35 and + 85 cm (max., ref. 1990)
- Failure due to overflow and overtopping, > 1 l/m/s
- Economic growth 1.9 % per year
- Disconto rate: 4%
- Value of Statistical Life (VOSL): 7 million euro



# Perspective 1: Societal Cost Benefit Analysis (SCBA)

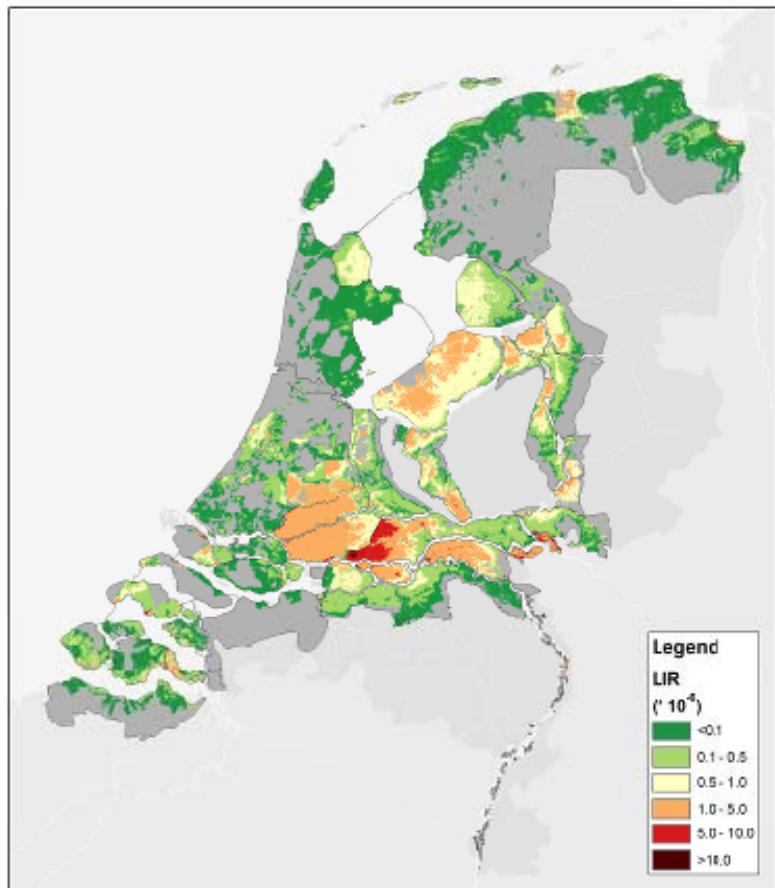


Optimization per dike-ring  
of costs to improve the dikes  
and avoided damage (2050) →

- Costs of dike-reinforcement (buildings!!)
- Anticipated flood levels
- Flooding scenario's + HIS-SSM
  - Economic damage
  - Economic value of fatalities (7 million euro)
- Values of landscape, nature and culture, damage to vital infra, indirect damage: x 1,5 to 2
- Disconto-rate



## Perspective 2: Basic level of protection for each citizen / Local Individual risk



Local Individual Risk (LIR) =  
Evacuation %  
X  
Probability of flooding  
(= design exceedance frequency)  
X  
Flooding pattern (depth, rate of rise)  
X  
Mortality of non-evacuated (HIS-SSM)



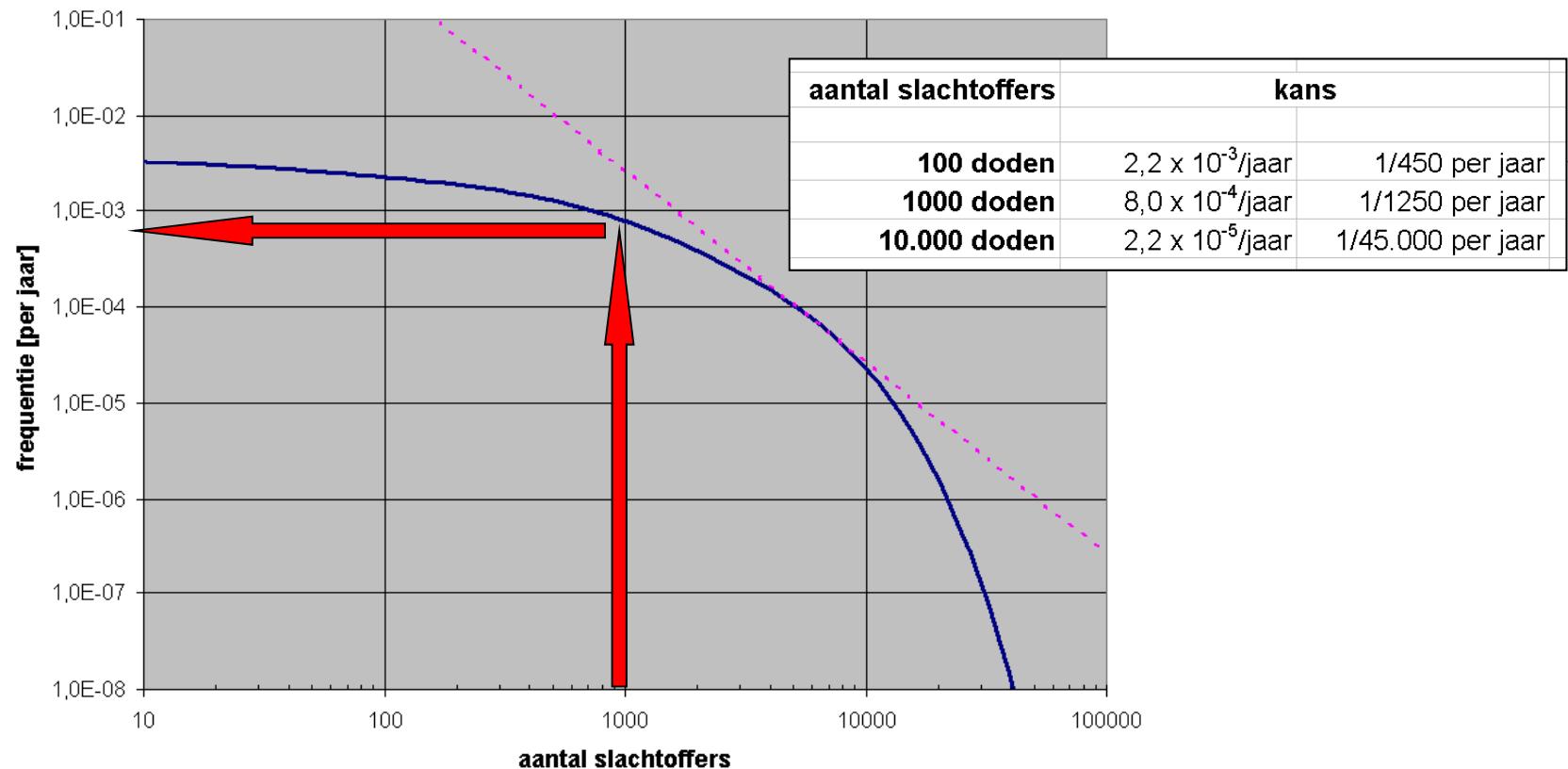
# Improvement of flood protection standards/ LIR



Degree of improvement	Ammount of dike-ring sections LIR-light $10^{-5}$	LIR-stringent $10^{-6}$
<b>factor &lt; 1.0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>1.0 &lt; factor &lt; 3.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>3.0 &lt; factor &lt; 10.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>10.0 &lt; factor &lt; 30.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>factor &gt; 30.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>

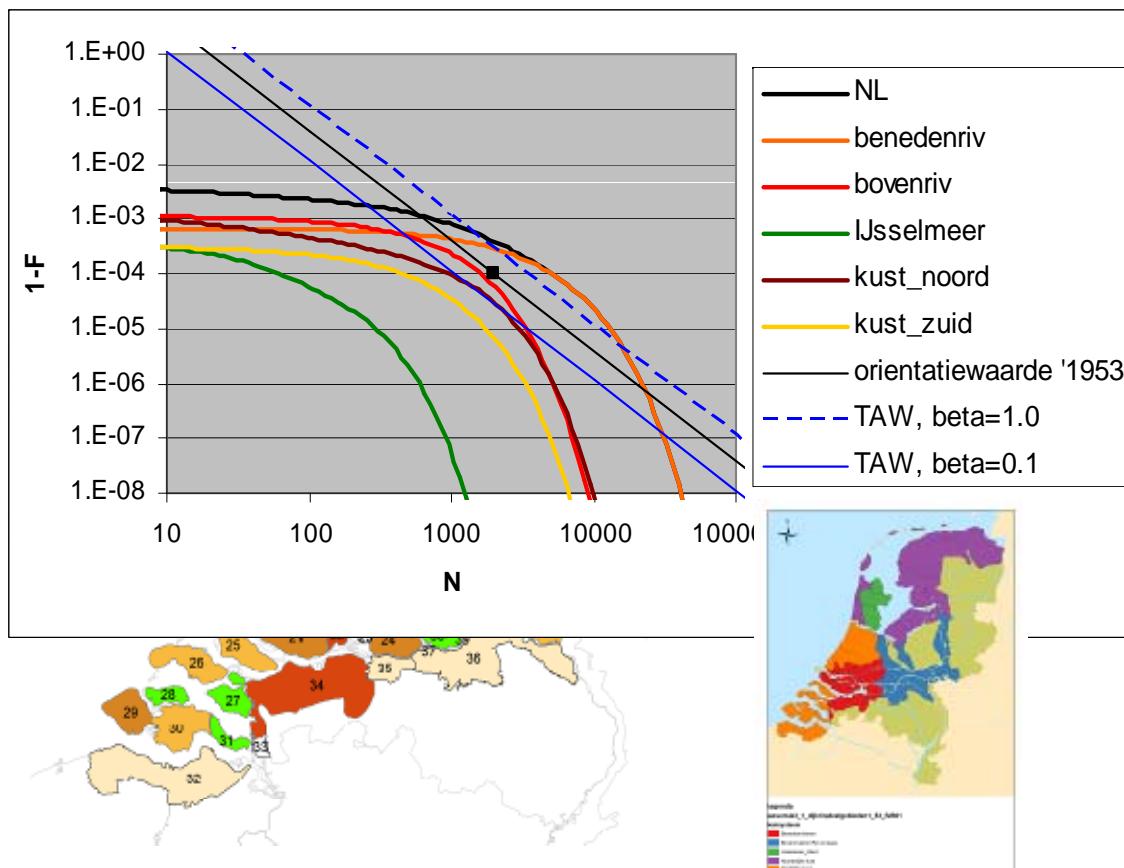


## Perspective 3: Large numbers of fatalities / Societal Risk





# Societal Risk

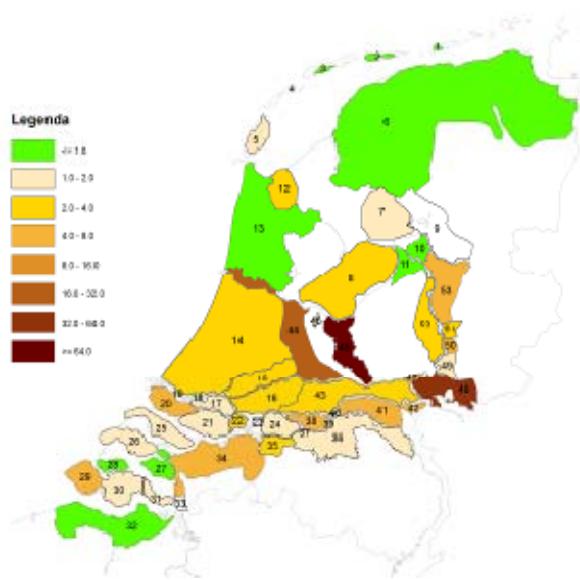


Aggregation of regions to a national FN curve;  
Confront with tolerable risk limit (risk-averse)  
→ Desired flood protection level per dike-ring  
→ Priority towards tidal rivers region



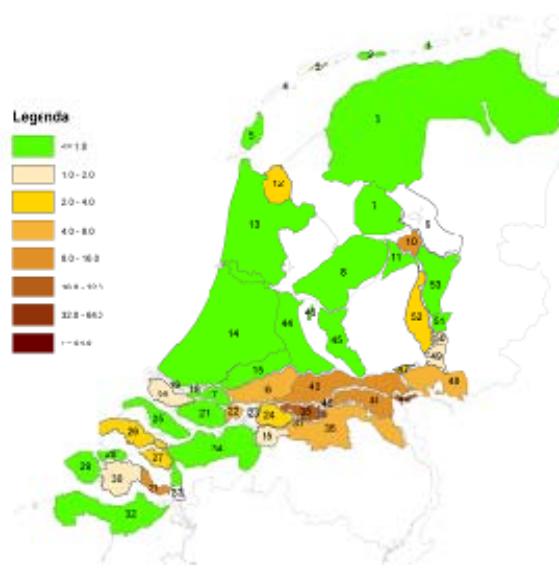
# Optional improvement of flood protection standards, 3 perspectives

Aanscherpingsfactoren: beleidsoptie KBA



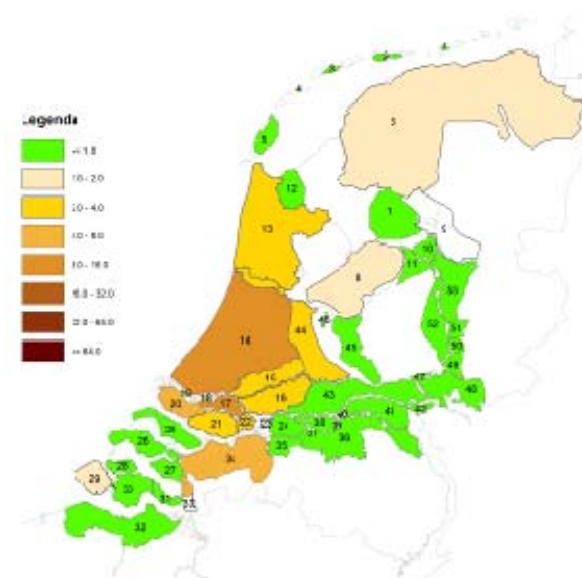
SCBA

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LIR

Aanscherpingsfactoren: beleidsoptie GR-scherp



SR



# Effects of perspectives

Economic effects (in 10 <sup>-9</sup> Euro)	REF	SCBA	LIR (light)	LIR (stringent)	SR (light)	SR (stringent)
<b>Investment *)</b>	<b>8,9</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>13,1</b>
<b>Residual risk damage</b>	<b>11,1</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>23,3</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>2,9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,9</b>	<b>12,7</b>	<b>28,3</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>

\*) until 2050, expressed in euro's in 2010



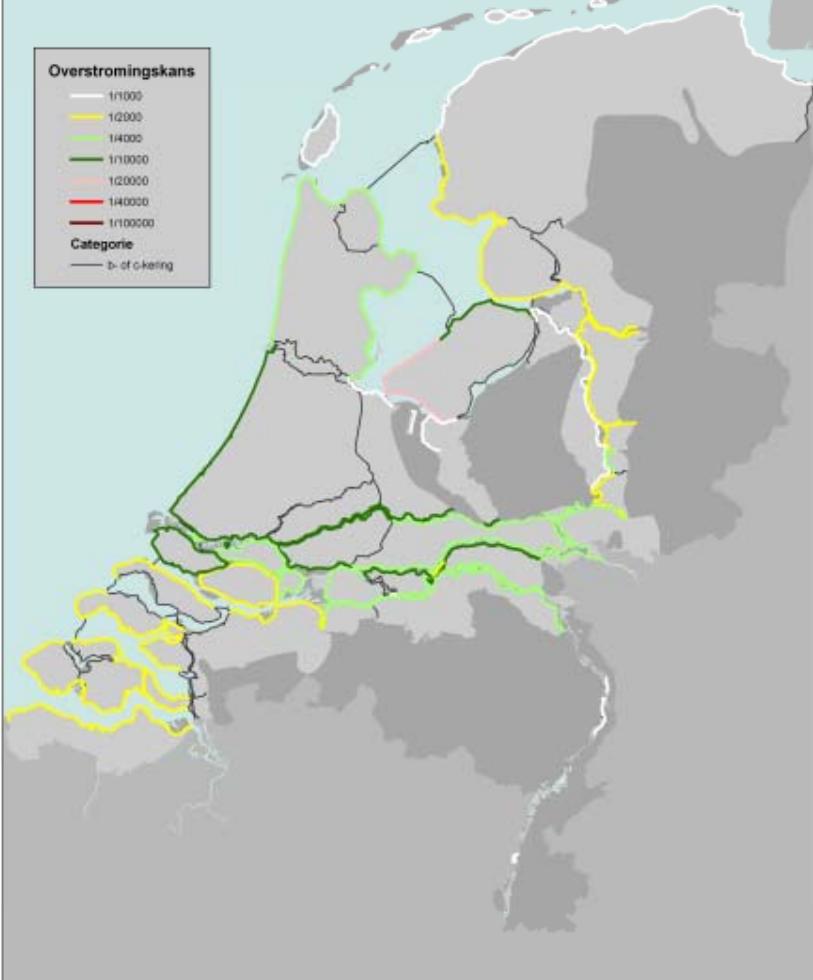
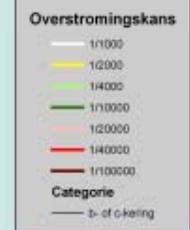
## 2 options to combine SCBA, LIR and SR

characteristics	Option I	Option II
Focus on:	Optimize investments	Reduce fatalities
Fatalities	<b><i>Light</i></b> , i.e. LIR: $10^{-5}/y$ SR: $\beta=2$	<b><i>Stringent</i></b> , i.e. LIR: $10^{-6}/y$ SR: $\beta = 1$
"No decrease of protection level"	Results of SCBA determine level of protection, decrease might occur	Protection level is at least similar to present situation
Classes in protection level	5 ( 1/1000 - 1/20.000)	7 ( 1/1000 - 1/100.000)

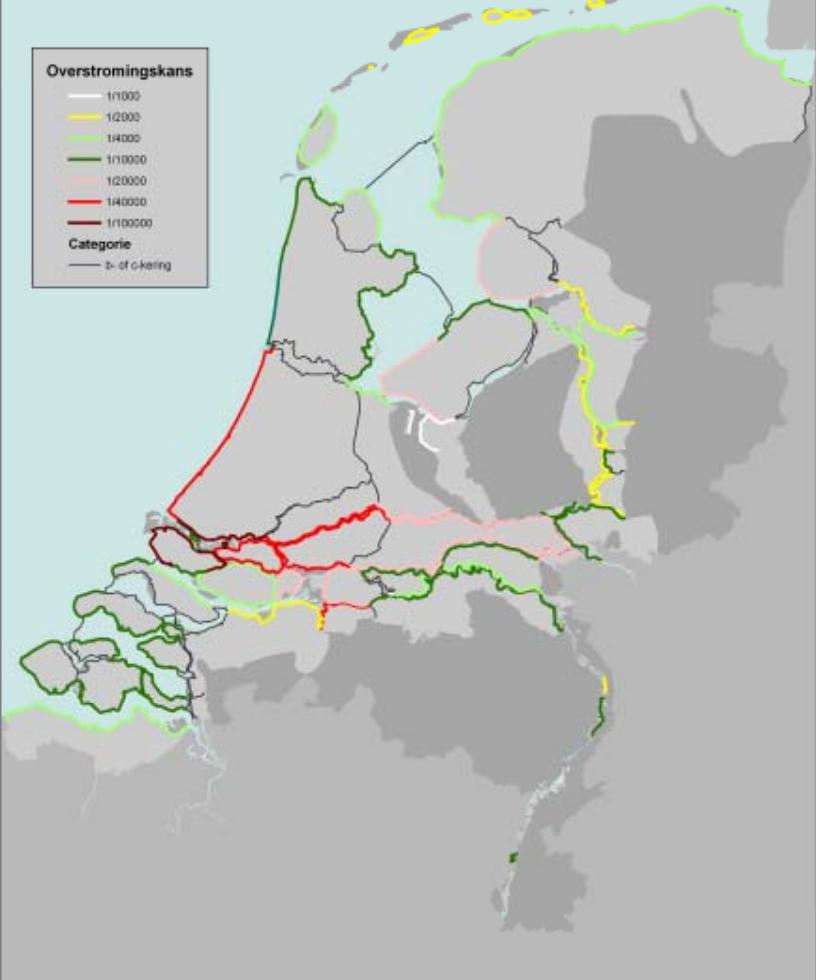
# Flood protection levels



Overstromingskansen voor beleidsoptie Norm optie I



Overstromingskansen voor beleidsoptie Norm optie II



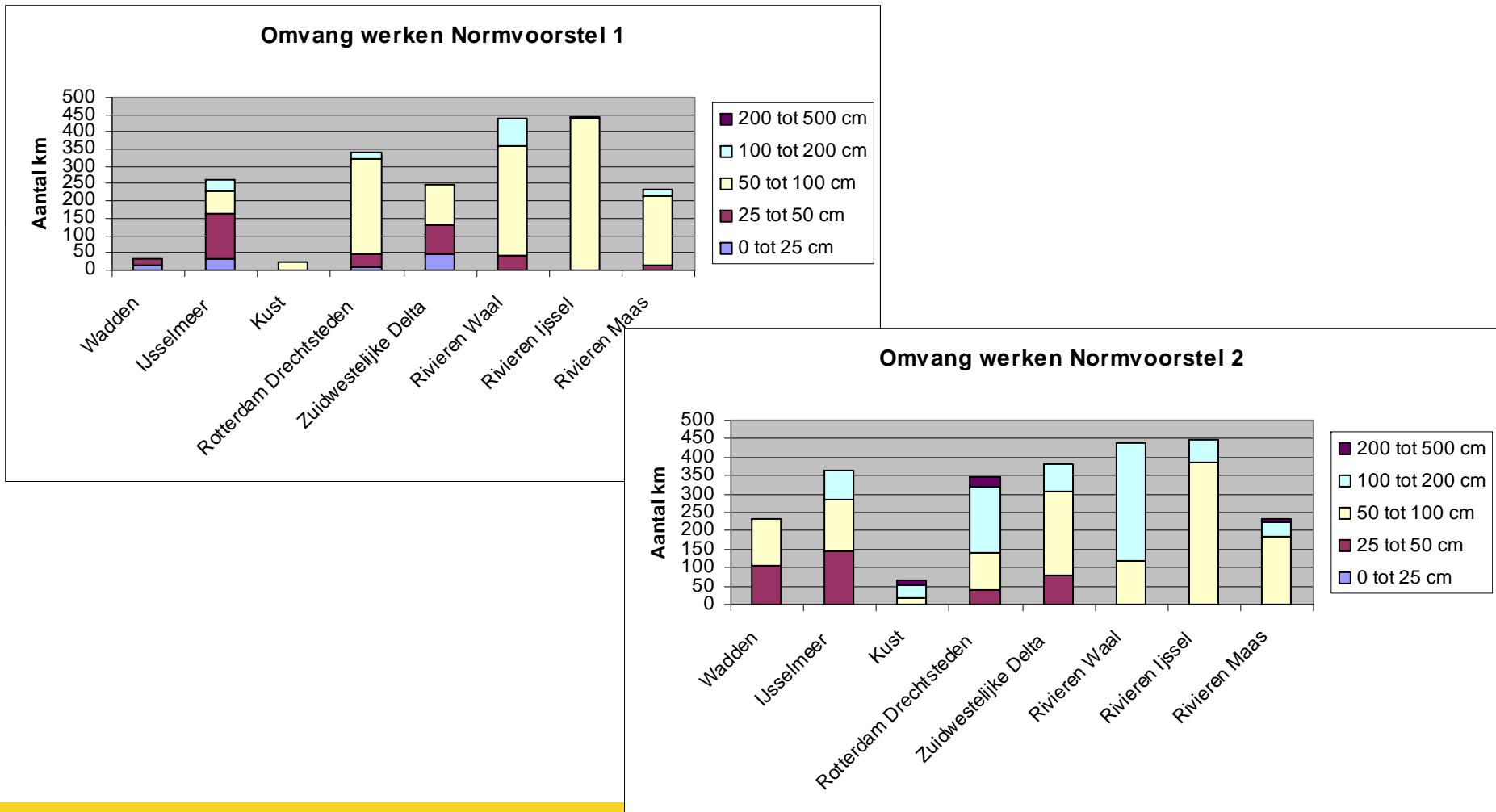


# Improvement of flood protection level

	Number of dike-rings to be improved	
	option I	option II
<b>factor &lt; 1.0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>1.0 &lt; factor &lt; 3.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>3.0 &lt; factor &lt; 10.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
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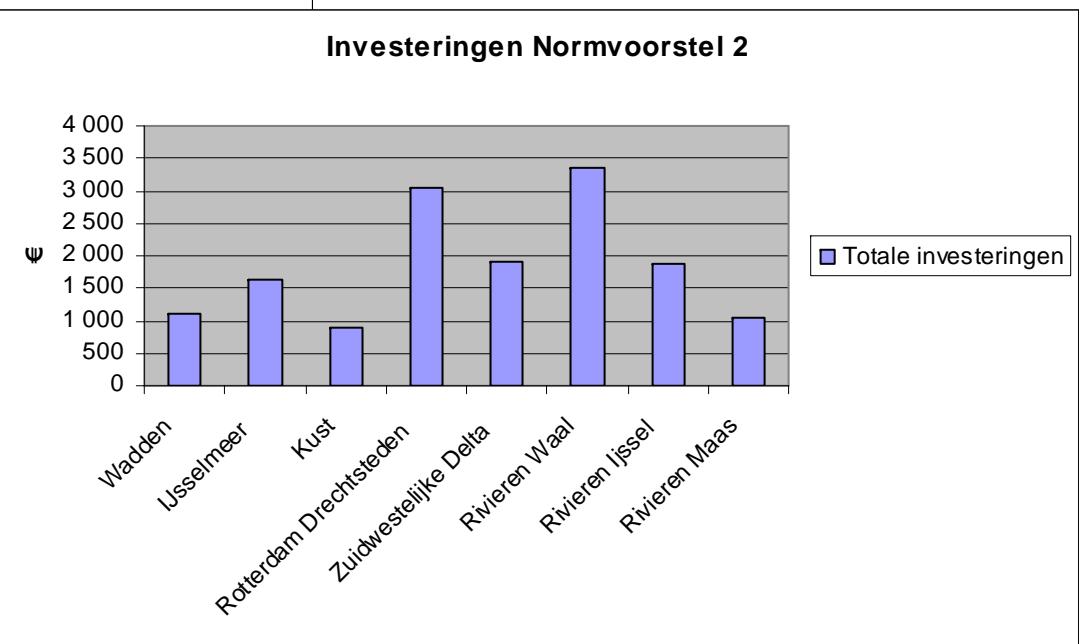
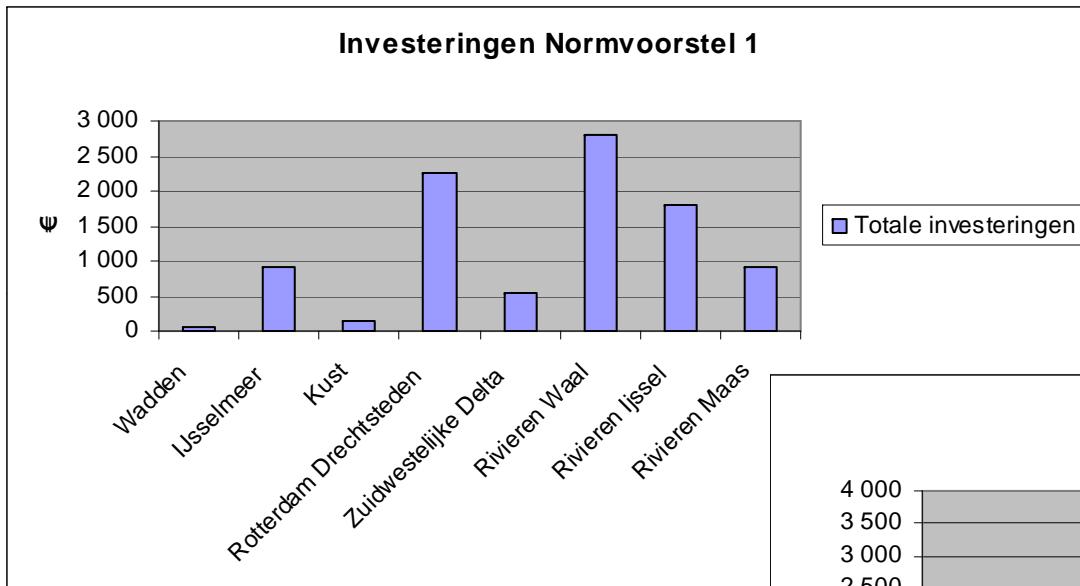


# Dike reinforcement involved (height, km's)





# Required investments





## Option I and II compared

(10 <sup>9</sup> Euro, 2010)	SCBA	option I	option II	Delta Com. (f*10)
Investments	9,1	10,3	15,5	19,5
Residual risk damage	3,6	3	1	0,5
Total	12,7	13,3	16,5	20

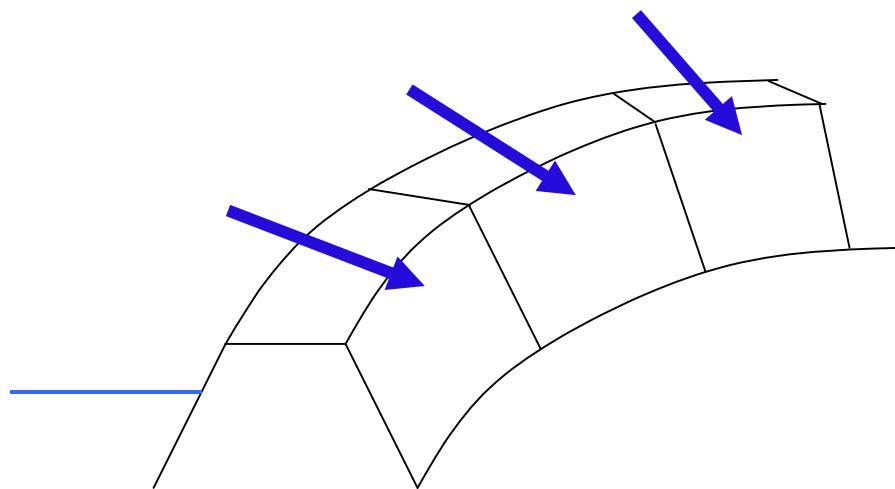
Dike reinforcements (in km raising with ..cm)	SCBA	Option I	Option II	Delta Com. (f*10)
25 - 50 cm	280	330	370	60
50 - 100 cm	1380	1440	1300	1270
100 - 200 cm	100	150	790	1210
Total	1830	2020	2510	2570



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## Exceedance frequency of extreme flood conditions





# Probability of flooding

