

Thematic Digest - Water and Hazards, Issue 5
Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on ‘*Water and Hazards*’, Issue 5 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,

APMN team

News

[1] Finnish govt to help set up regional flood information system
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December 24, 2009

A regional flood information system in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region is going to be established after the Government of Finland pledged a financial assistance to support the project.

The project is aimed to minimise loss of lives and livelihoods by providing timely warning of floods and thus reducing flood vulnerability in the region in particular, in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Indus river basins.

Source:

<http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=Finnish+govt+to+help++set+up+regional+flood+++information+system&NewsID=216593>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8FxbLg>

[2] Disaster relief system established in Tibet

December 23, 2009

The disaster relief system has been established initially in Tibet, which will play an important role in arrangements for victims' daily life in disaster areas.

Tibet located on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau always suffers the natural disasters such as heavy snowstorm, strong winds, landslides, and earthquake every year. It's very necessary to set up systems of disaster consultation, sharing information of disaster situation and relief materials reserve.

Source:

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6849847.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8mjDhh>

[3] Water scarcity at Sarpang resettlements

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December 21, 2009

The temperature has dropped and the rains that caused streams and rivers to swell and block roads have stopped. It is a perfect winter in Sarpang's Umling and Tarithang, located at the foothills of the black mountain range.

Villagers, mostly resettled from eastern Bhutan, are not happy. The acute shortage of drinking and irrigation water for their winter crops has made them do a rethink. "We could have been happier in our village," said a villager. The only drinking water source is drying up quicker than they thought, according to villagers.

Source:

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14279>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8Hc8RT>

[4] Philippine volcano Mount Mayon 'may erupt within days'

December 21, 2009

Scientists in the Philippines have raised the alert level for the volatile volcano Mount Mayon, amid fears of an imminent eruption.

It is now at four out of a possible five, meaning a hazardous eruption "is possible within days". Level five is when a major eruption has begun.

Source:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8423850.stm>

<http://bit.ly/8qGlrS>

[5] Dagachu bids again for CDM status

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December 14, 2009

The 114 MW Dagachu hydropower project is resubmitting its proposal to the clean development mechanism's (CDM) executive board to be considered as a CDM project.

Bhutan's certifier, designated operational entity (DOE), the United Nations appointed third-party, will submit additional information and justification on Dagachu as required by the board.

Source:

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14221>

<http://bit.ly/6yLCav>

[6] China to resettle at least 440,000 for water project: report

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December 9, 2009

China will resettle at least 440,000 people to make way for a massive and much-delayed project aimed at diverting water to meet growing demand in the parched north, state media said.

Authorities will move around 100,000 residents a year to allow construction of the South-to-North Water Diversion project, the Beijing News said, which aims to divert water from a tributary of the Yangtze River to northern China.

Source:

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/China_to_resettle_at_least_440000_for_water_project_report_999.html

OR

<http://bit.ly/8NpBrk>

[7] Half of rivers flowing into Qinghai Lake dry up

December 7, 2009

Half of the rivers emptying into the Qinghai Lake, northwest China's Qinghai Province, have dried up, according to a survey completed recently. The Qinghai Lake, known as China's ecological shield, serves as an important climate adjustor on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

Source:

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6833976.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/876o78>

[8] Stabilised Bhutan Lake a climate change lesson: WWF

December 1, 2009

An international project that prevented a glacial lake in Bhutan from bursting its banks underlined how climate change can be tackled by adaptation, the environmental group WWF said.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said efforts by local and international agencies earlier this year reduced the risk of the brimming Thorthormi Tsho Lake in the Himalayas flooding a valley.

Source:

<http://www.spacedaily.com/2006/091201131808.6da6iffk.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/5bVEPq>

Events

[1] Flash Flood in the Himalayas, State of the art in flash flood risk management in the Himalaya, 15-16 February 2010, Kathmandu, Nepal
More information: <http://www.icimod.org/?page=655>

[2] Climate Change Impacts on Water: An International Adaptation Forum, 27-29 January, 2010
More information: <http://www.waterclimateforum.org/mainstory.htm>

Announcements

[1] Call for Paper: Research on the Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 10, 2010

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