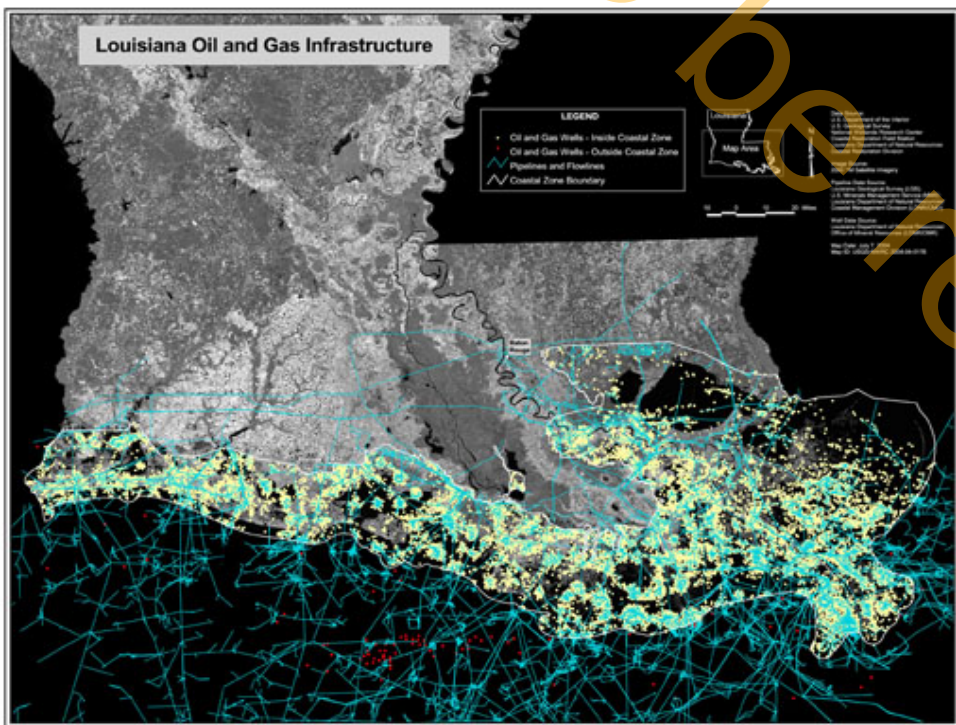
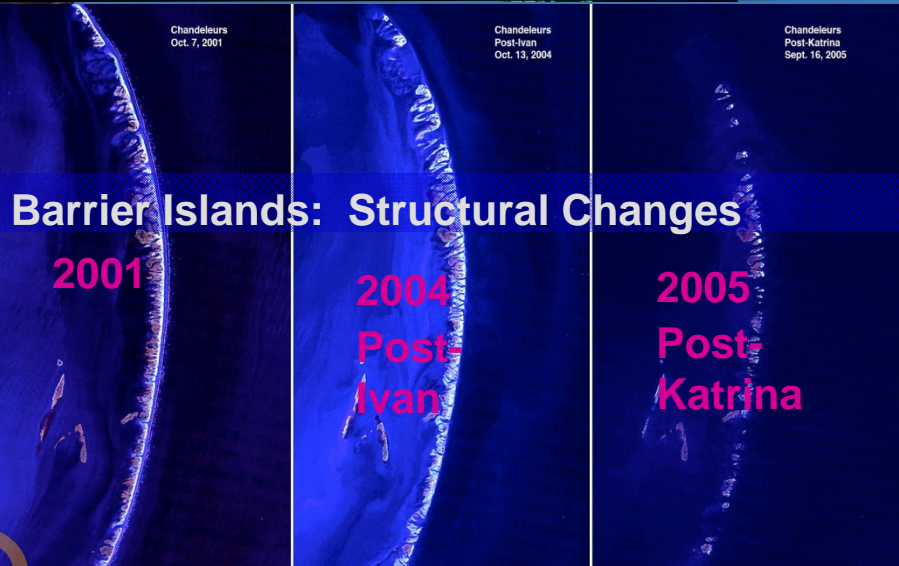
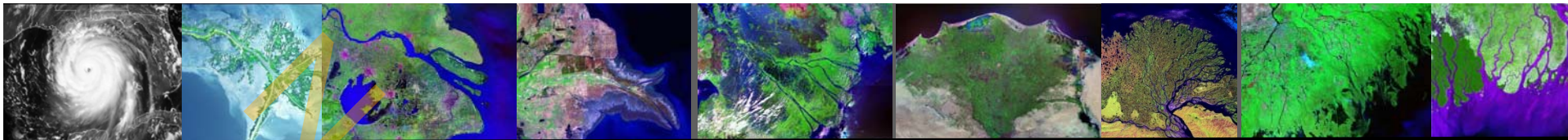


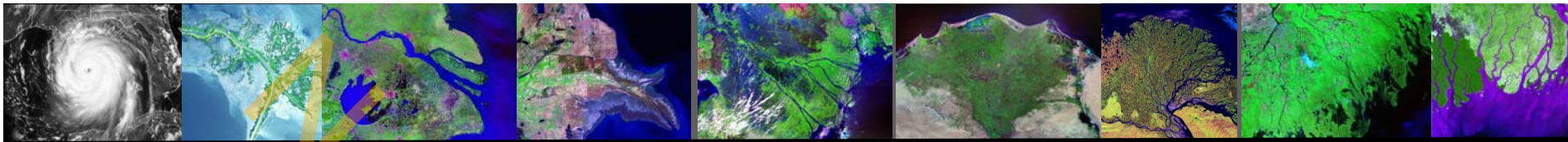


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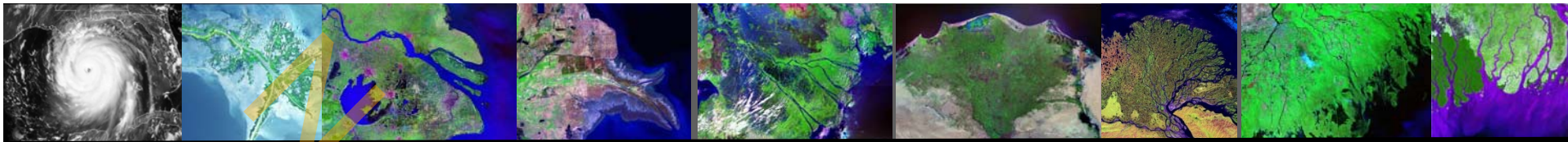
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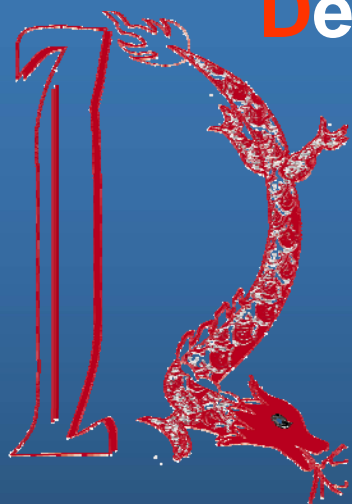


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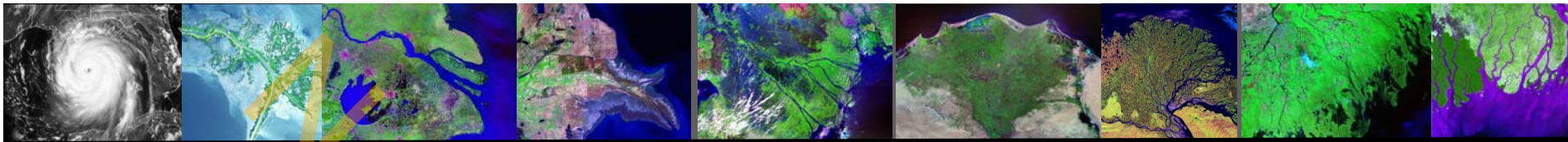
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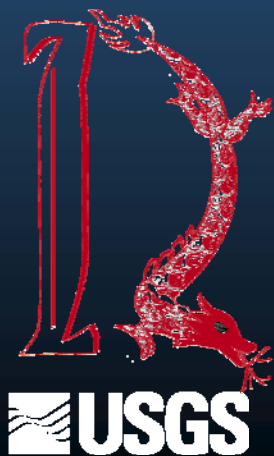


Goals of the DRAGON Project

Create a community of practice

Share data, create models and visualization tools

Develop ecological forecasting models



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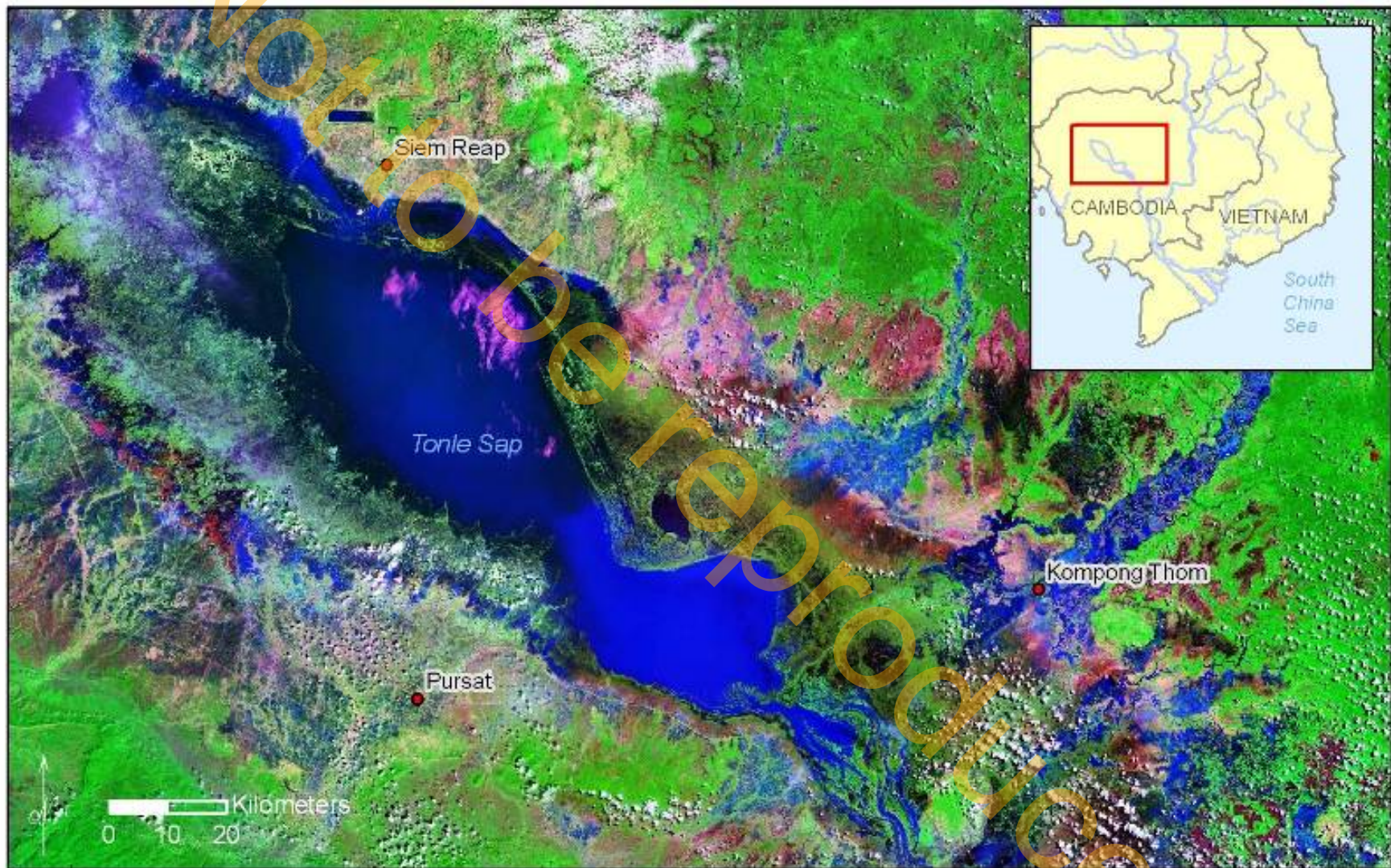
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DRAGON Institute-Mekong

- To be established at Can Tho University, Vietnam.
- Joint statement issued by President Bush and Prime Minister Dung welcoming the DRAGON project in Vietnam.
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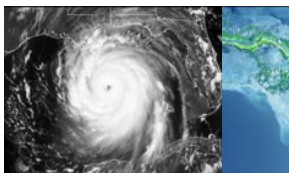
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DRAGON Expands with "Forecast Mekong"

On July 23, 2009, in Phuket, Thailand, USGS scientists met with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the foreign ministers from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam to view a video on "Forecast Mekong." This first-ever group meeting of the Secretary and the ministers highlighted the increasing cooperation between the United States and Lower Mekong countries in the areas of environment, health, education, and infrastructure development.

Part of the Delta Research and Global Observation Network (DRAGON) Partnership, "Forecast Mekong" is an interactive data integration, modeling, and visualization system to help policy makers, resource managers, and the public understand and predict outcomes from climate change and development projects in the Mekong River Basin. When fully developed by the USGS, in partnership with local governments and universities throughout the Mekong region, the Forecast Mekong program will provide a valuable planning tool to visualize the consequences of climate change and river management.

The United States will spend more than \$7 million in 2009 on environmental programs in the Mekong Region, and the Forecast Mekong effort will be among the funded programs.

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The purpose of the DRAGON Asia Summit was to forge new global partnerships to develop the science needed to inform decision making in the Mekong, Mississippi, and other large river and