

Crisis Management during the floods 2002 & 2013

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FROM FLOOD FORECASTS TO EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES

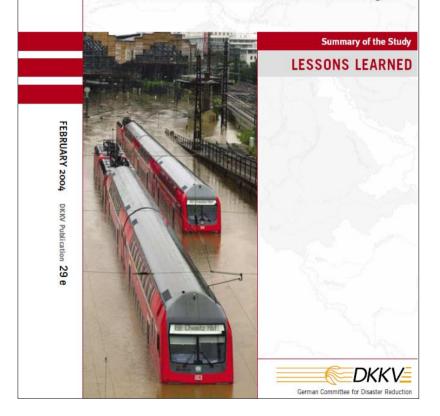
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Flood Risk Reduction in Germany

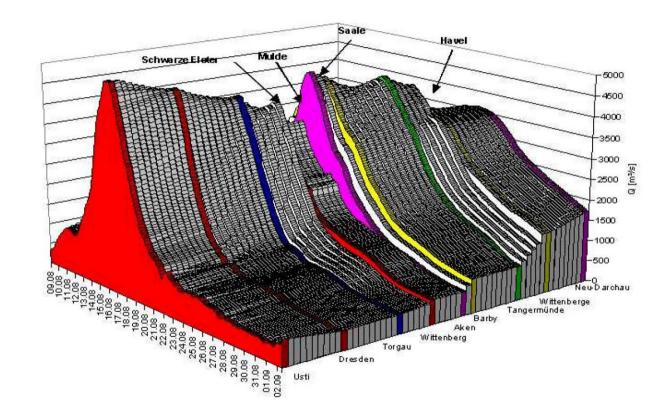
Lessons Learned from the 2002 Disaster in the Elbe Region





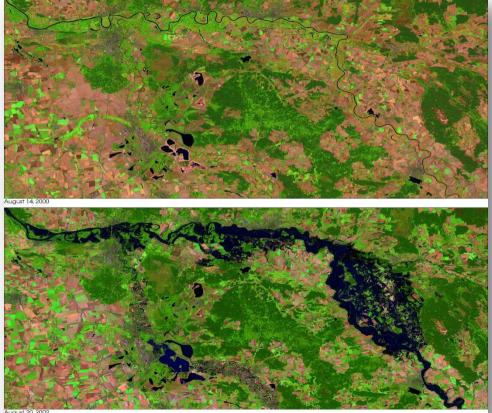
Wave runoff

Elbe river





Damages



August 20, 2002

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Damages





Damages



Dyke failure Dessau-Waldersee



Dyke restoration near Axien (Elbe)

- Transport facilities
- Public buildings
- Commercial companies in agriculture
- Water management systems

Sum of damage in Saxony-Anhalt

approx. 2,0 billion €



Damages



Dyke breach along the Mulde (Goitzsche)

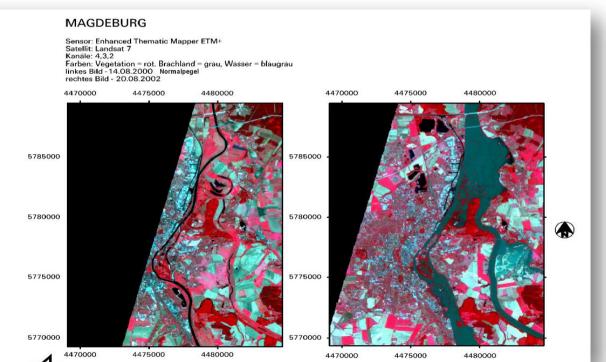
310 dyke failures

- 17 dyke breaches
- 53 dyke slots
- Slides of embankment

Sum of damage > 200 Mio. €



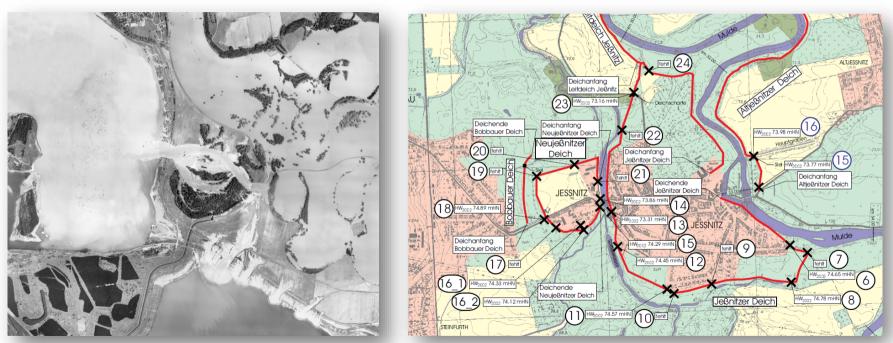
Documentation



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Aerial photos Mulde (Goitzsche) – only as printed paper !!!!

Terrestrical measurement of maximum water levels



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During the flood



After the flood

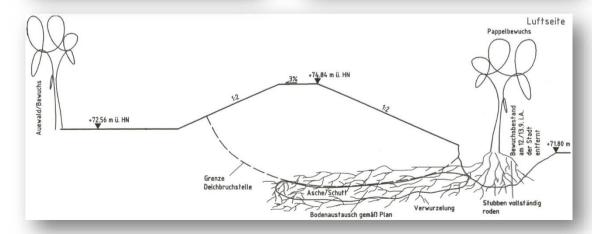


Flood damages often caused by roots









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Flood damage repair



Baustellenberatung zur Sanierung der Qualmdeiche am rechten Elbedeich zwischen Wulkau und Sandau, Deich-km 72,63 bis 74,12 mit Verstärkung der Landseitigen Deichböschung des Hauptdeiches wegen akuter Standsicherheitsmängel auf ca. 400m als Sofortmaßnahme 2003 (Foto: M. C. Hahn)



Anhebung der Berme und Wiederherstellung des Deichverteidigungsweges vom Reetz - Wische - Deich bis zum Garbeabschlussdeich, 1. BA Elbedeich-km 52,40 - 54,00; 24.09.2003, Foto 149

Flood damage repair 2003

- 130 km dykes were restored (DIN19712)
- along 17,7 km with special solutions (retaining walls, ...)
- 60 km dyke defense paths (new or restored)
- Restoration of 67 water management systems (weirs, ...)
- Restoration of 24 km bank demolitions





Flood protection concept until 2010

Design of better basic datasets

- Creation of a digital terrain model
- Dyke documentation & dyke register
- Development of technical principles for the establishment of flood areas
- Surveying dykes and bodies of water
- Development of flood protection plans









Flood protection concept until 2010

Flood protection concept – realisation

- Since 2002 more than 450 Mio. € were used for the realisation of flood protection measures and the restoration of damages
- Almost 511 km of 1,312 km of dykes under the responsibility of the country have been restored (approx. 50%)





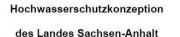
Flood protection concept until 2020

From flood protection to flood risk management

Integrated approach

- Flood protection measures (dykes DIN 19712)
- Retention areas
- Polder systems
- Flood risk management plans

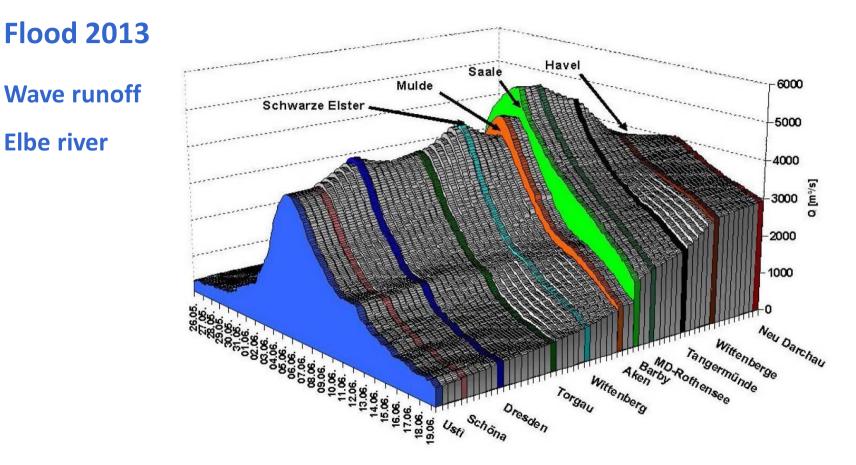




bis 2020



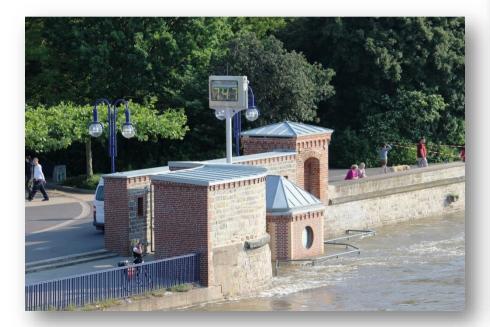






New maximum water levels

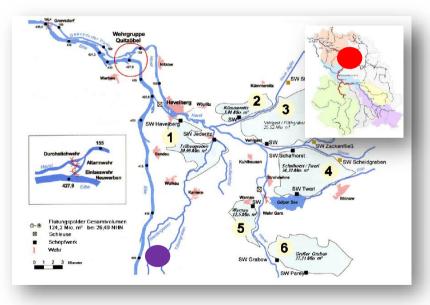
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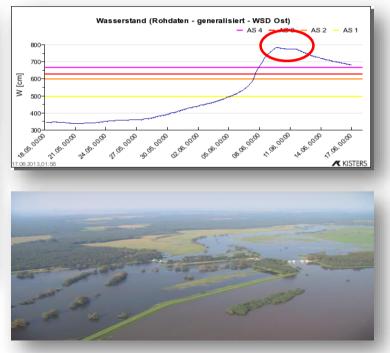




Usage of the "Havel polder system" impacted by the dyke breach Fischbeck



 Lowering of the peak up to 30 - 40 cm (Wittenberge)





Dyke breach Fischbeck (Elbe/ Havel) – flooding of 150 km²

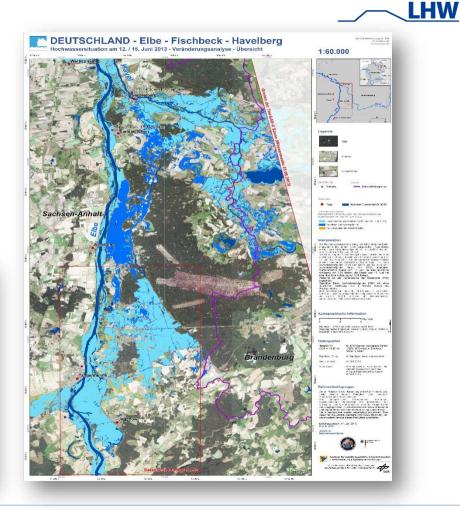




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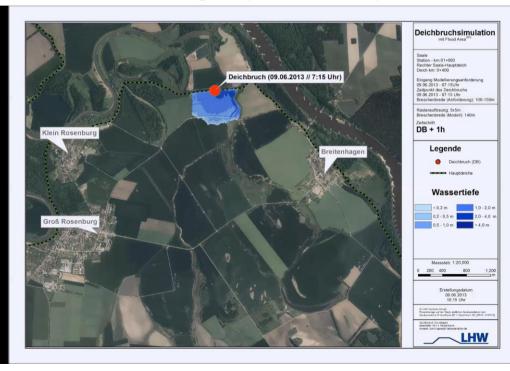
- Daily observations flights
- Usage of satellite maps







Dyke breach Breitenhagen (Elbe/ Saale) – flooding of 85 km²





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Great floodings in the urban areas of Magdeburg, Halle & Zeitz





Damages

Sum of damage approx. 2,7 billion €

- All realised measure after 2002 were successful with no damages.
- New maximum water levels led to great damages and showed the limits of the flood protection level.





Floods 2002 & 2013

- Communication
- Trust in flood forecasting
- Usage of GIS & model data
- Pragmatic solutions for closing of dyke breaches
- Social media











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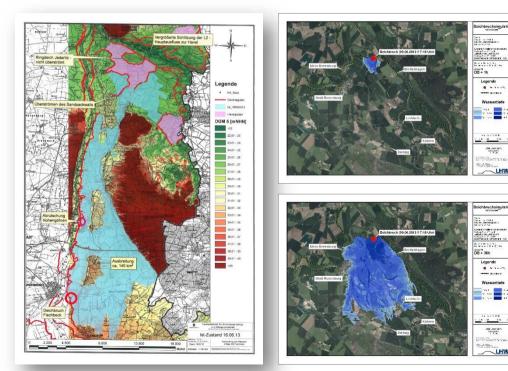


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Floods 2002 & 2013

Experiences

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What we need

• Data, plans and concepts – Flood Risk Management





What we need

• Long-term financing



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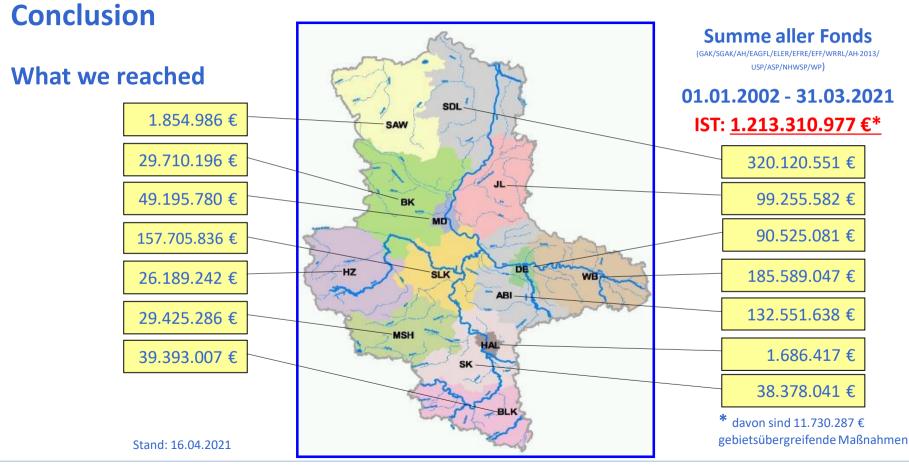
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• Dykes, which are controllable and defensible - Dyke defense paths !!!



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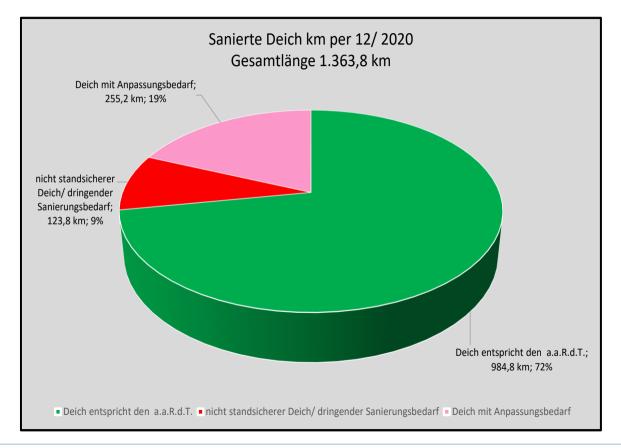


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Conclusion

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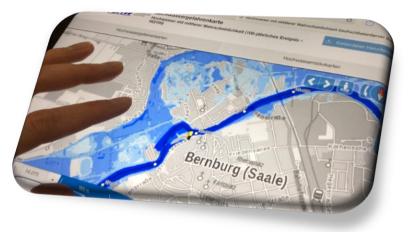




What we need

• Robust and stable data and information connections







What we need

• Staff & Knowledge



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Vielen Dank !!! Bedankt!!!

