

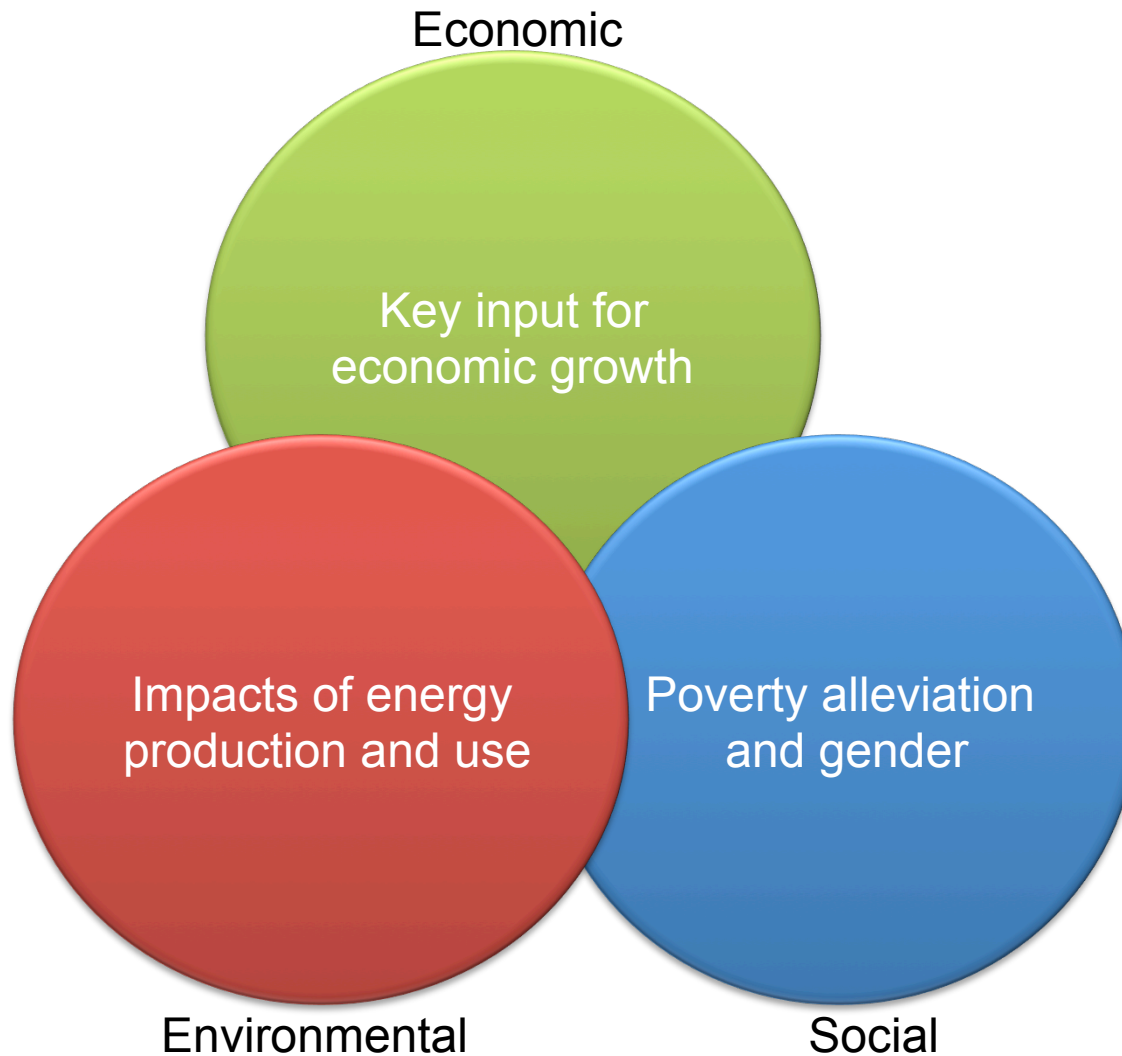
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# **Challenges of Nepalese Hydropower Development: Impact of Recent Natural Disaster and Climate Change Issues**

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# Energy for Sustainable Development





Nepal, officially the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, is a landlocked country located in South Asia.

**Population**: 27.8 million (2013) [World Bank](#)

**GNI per capita**: 2,260 PPP dollars (2013) [World Bank](#)

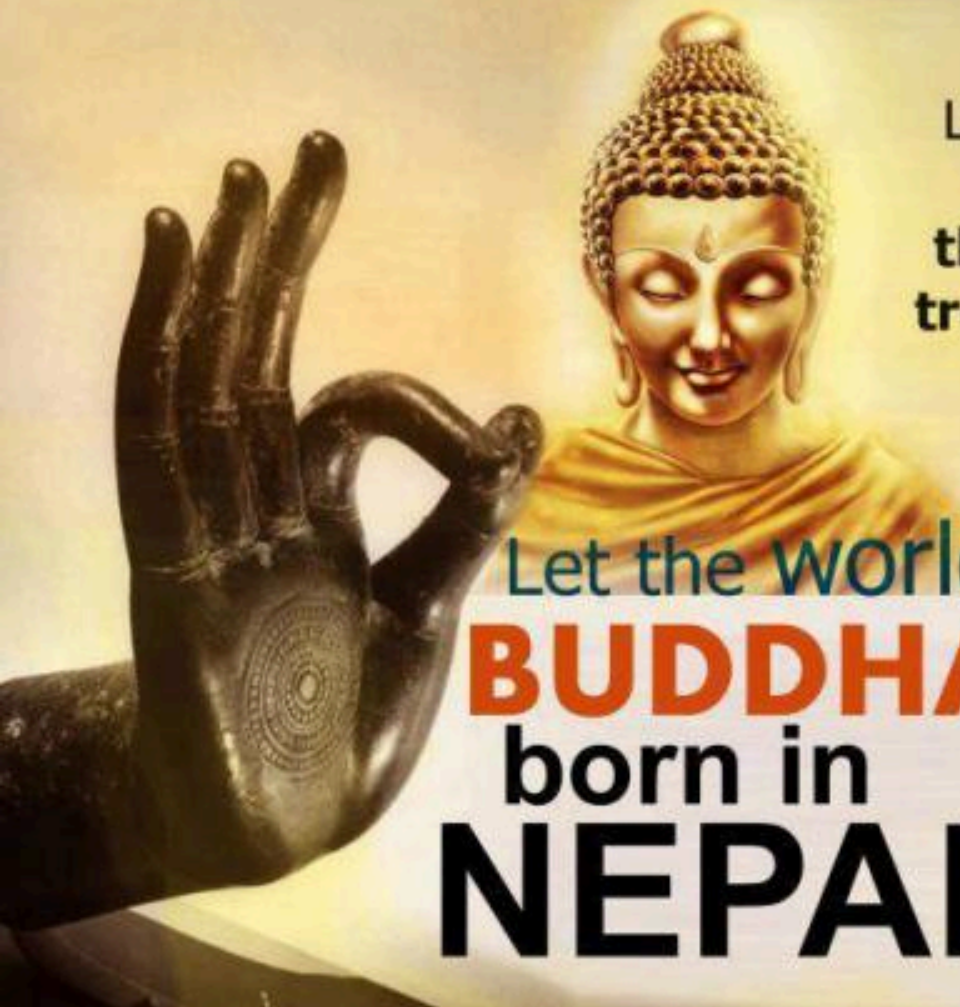
**Population growth rate**: 1.2% annual change (2013)

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**Life expectancy**: 67.98 years (2012) [World Bank](#)


**Fertility rate**: 2.39 births per woman (2012) [World Bank](#)

**Official language**: Nepali




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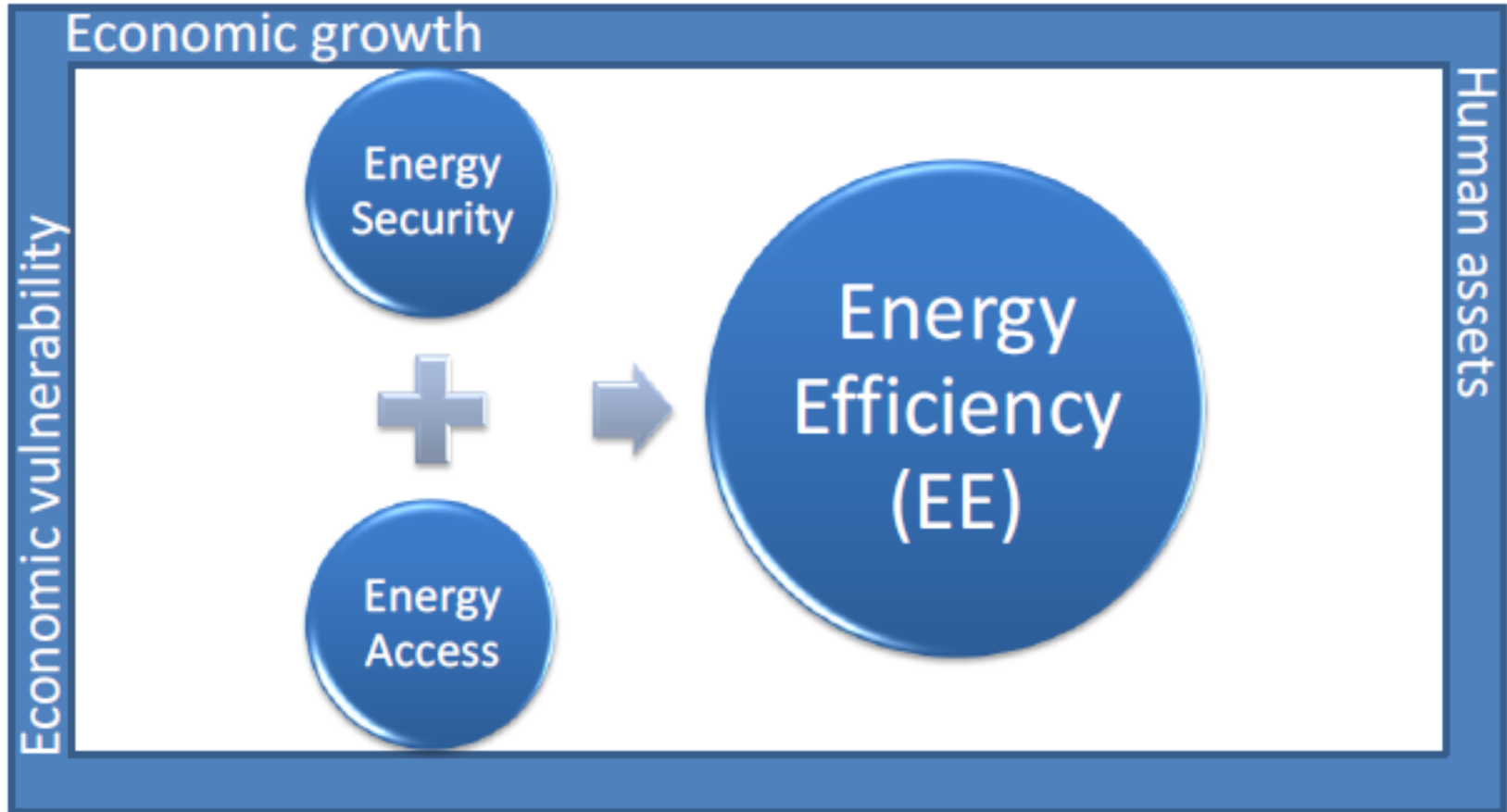
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lies in Nepal.



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# Graduating up from Least Developing Countries to Developing by 2022



# Energy Resources of Nepal:

## Non Renewable

- Exploration of petroleum reserves is in progress
- So far no achievement
- So far 100% petroleum products imports from abroad

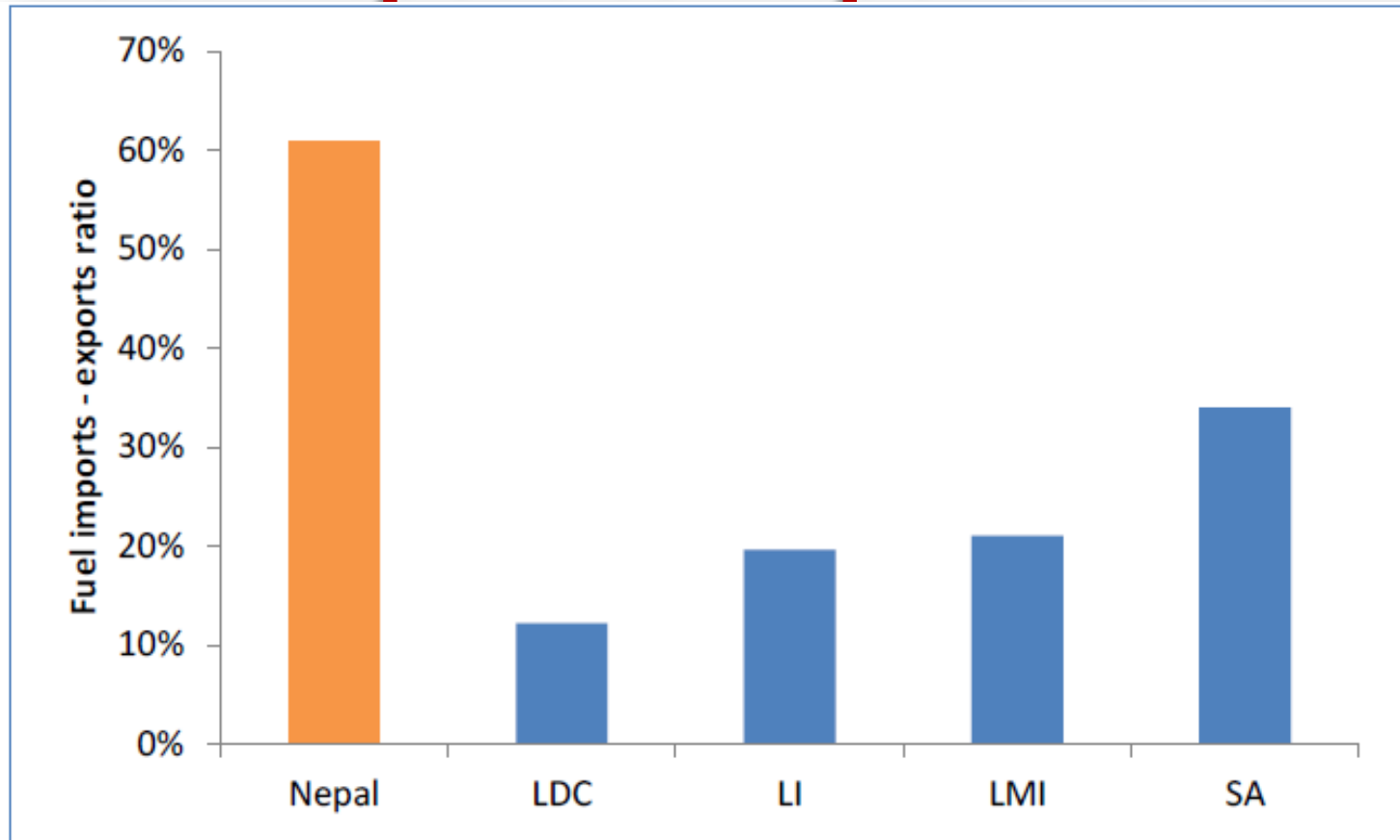
## Renewable

- Hydropower
- Solar
- Wind
- Biomass, Biogas, Biofuel
- Geothermal

# Petroleum Products Exploration



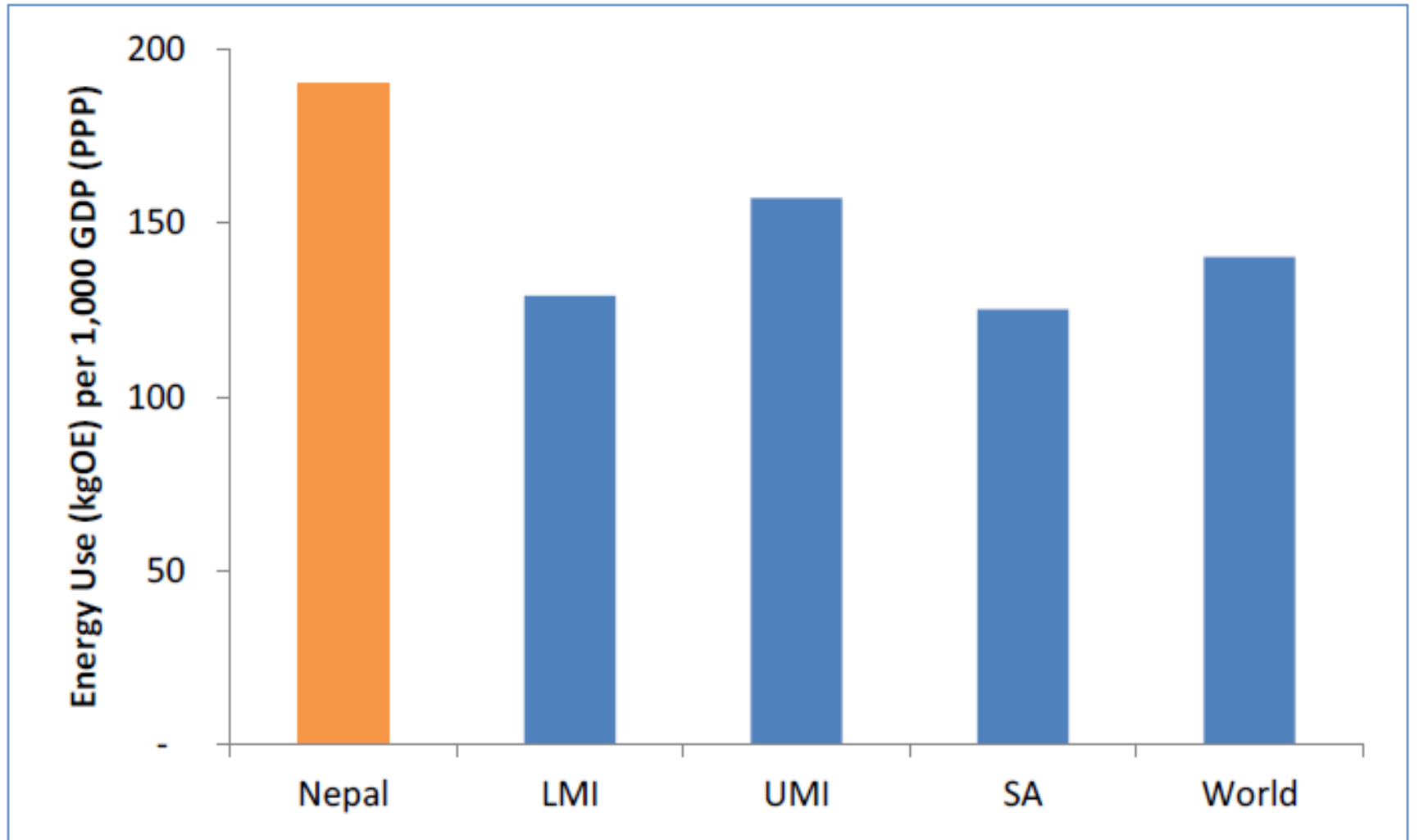
# Fuel Import to Export Ratio



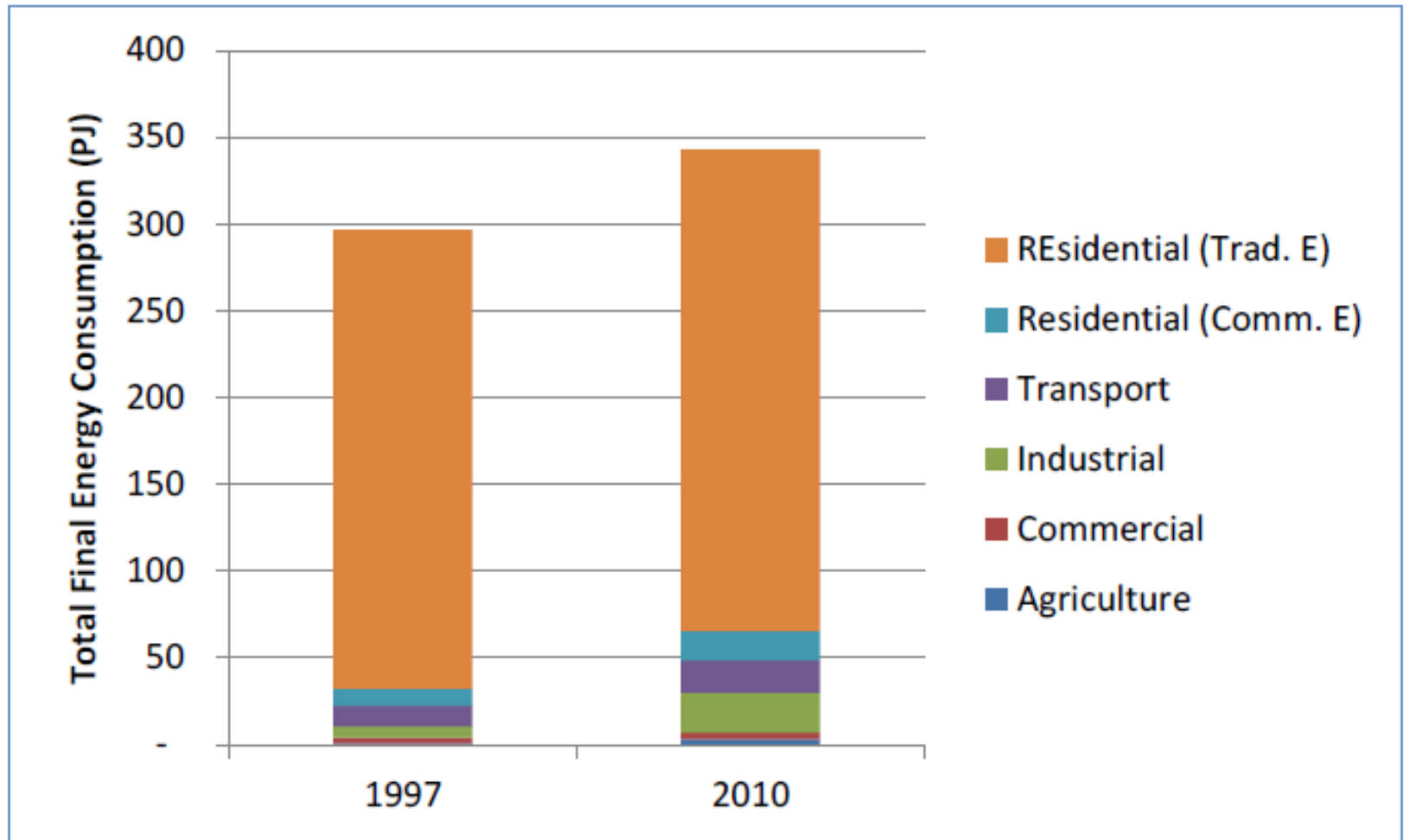
Note: World Development Indicators 2010, World Bank. LDC – Least developed countries, LI – low income countries, LMI – lower middle income countries, UMI – upper middle income countries, SA – South Asia. Numbers indicate average for countries within the blocks.



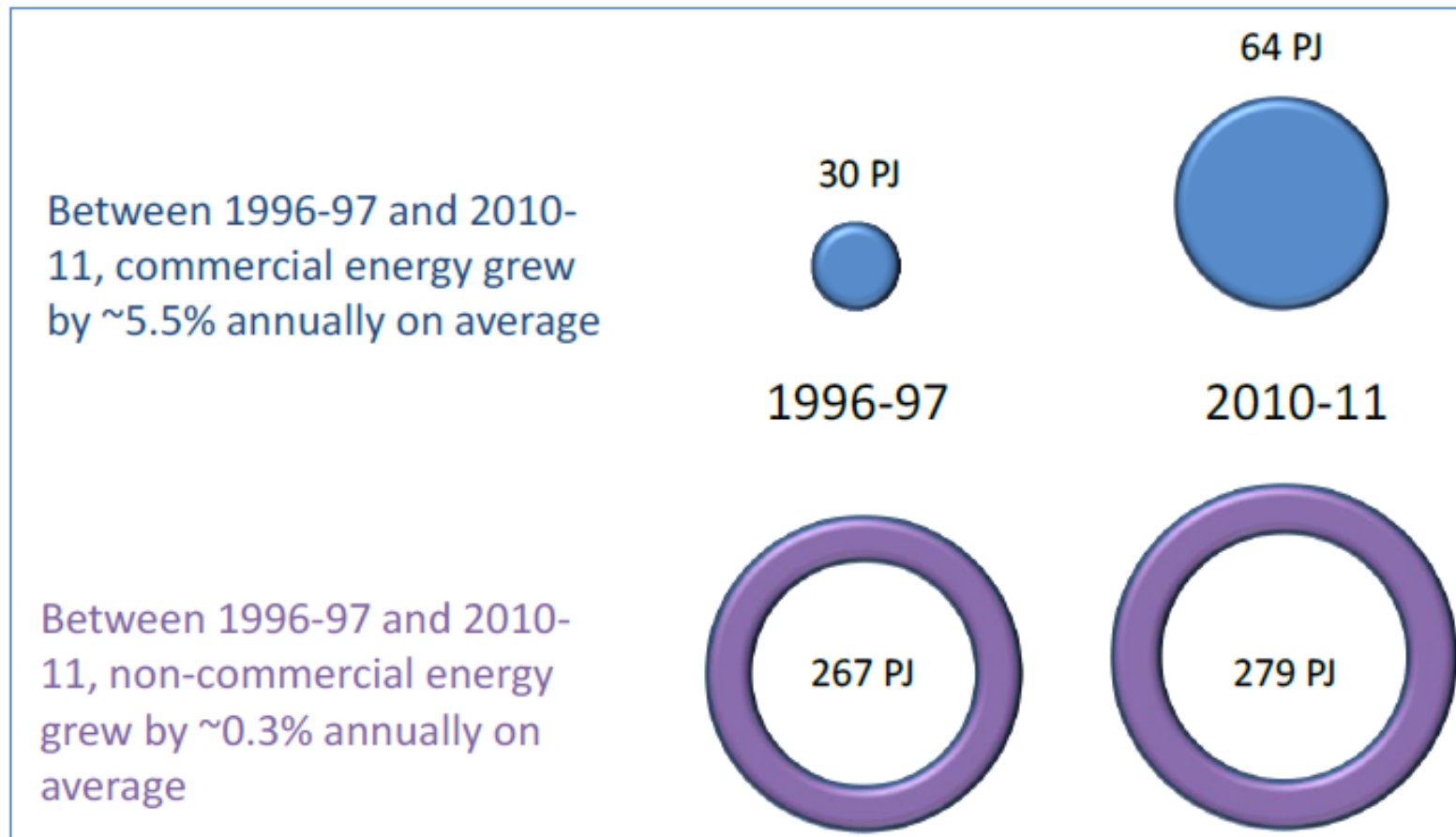
# Embedded Energy Intensity in 2010



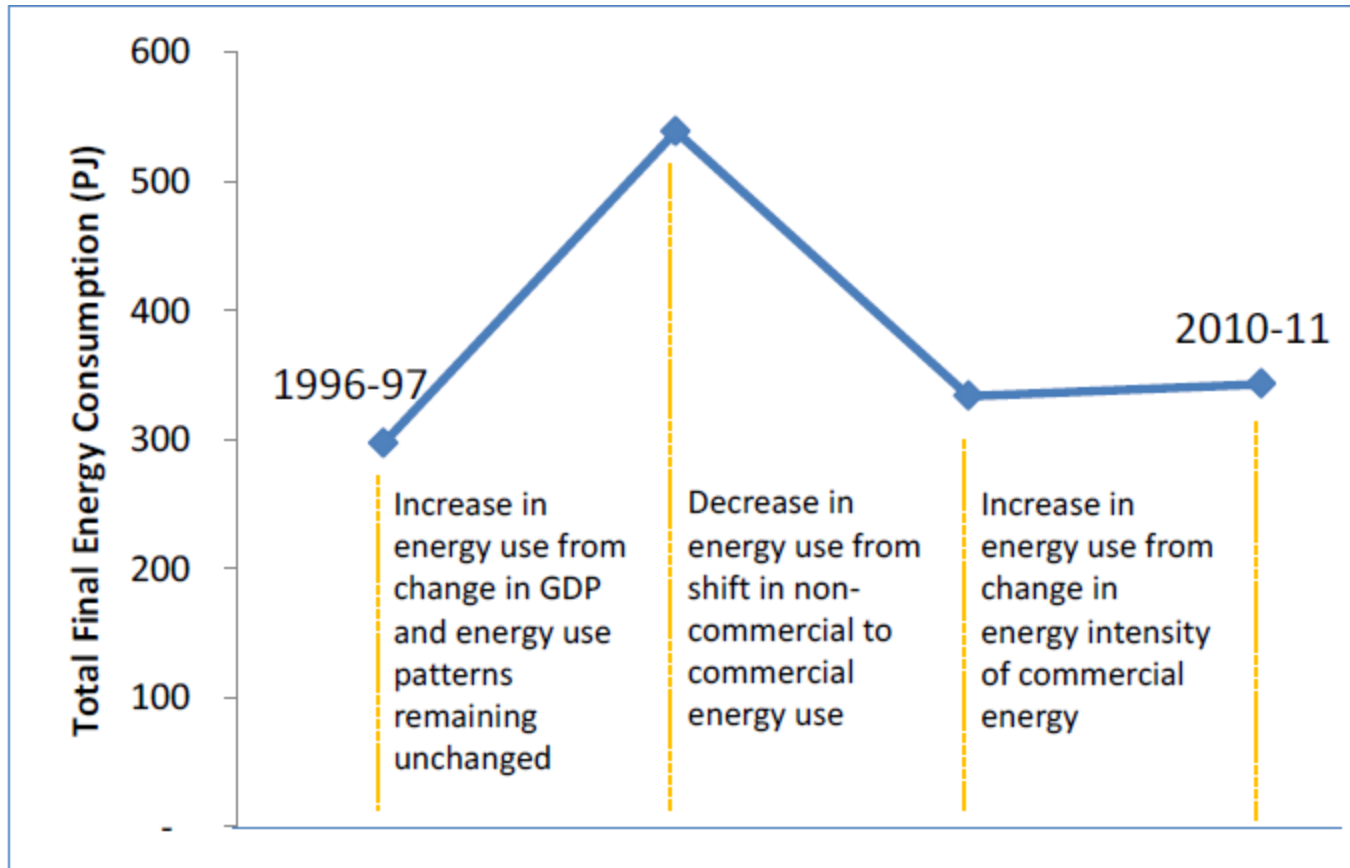
# Energy Growth



# Growth Pattern of Total Energy Consumption



# Decomposition of Energy Growth by Factors of Influence



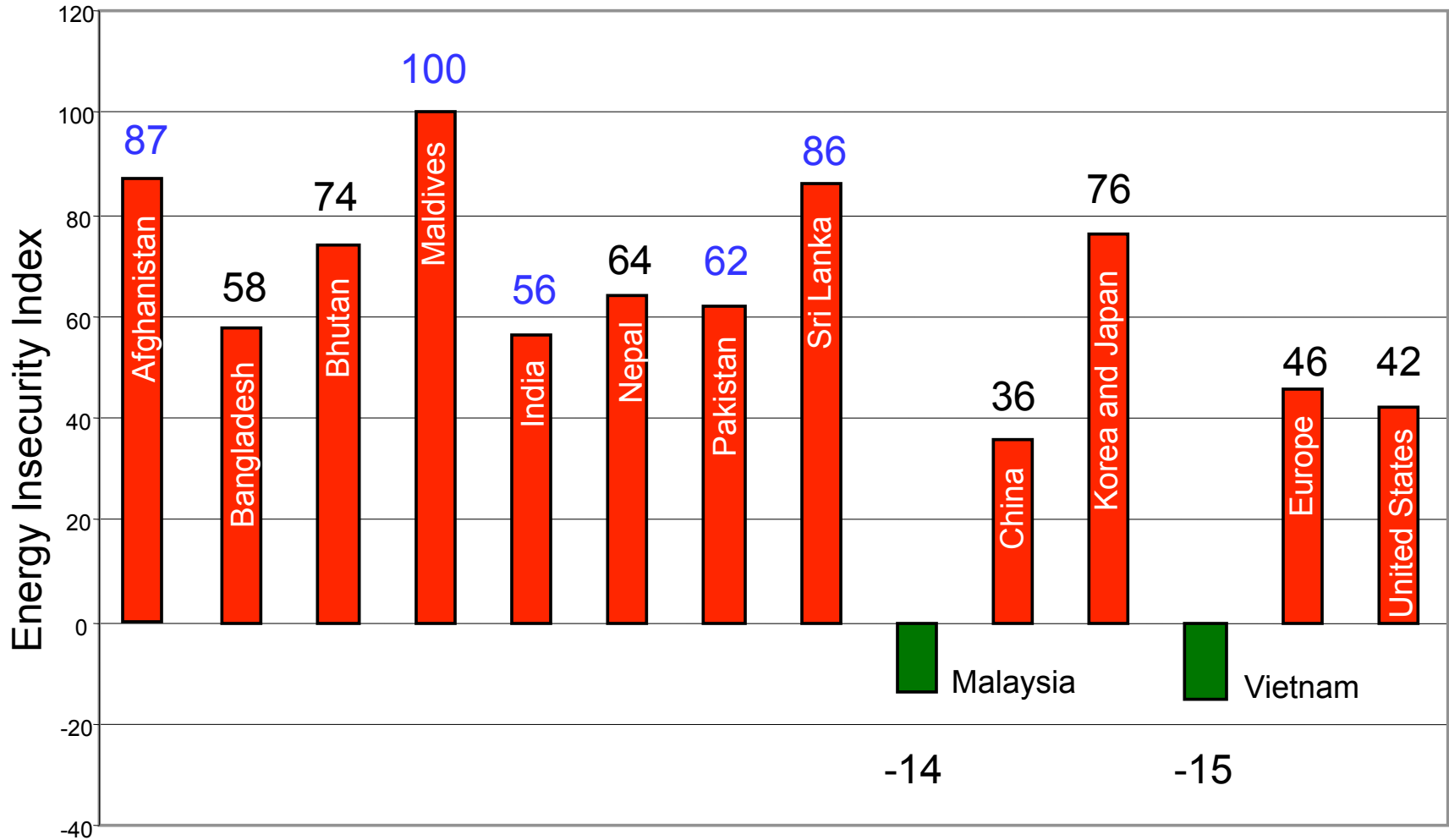
# Energy Insecurity

Energy Insecurity Index is based on:

- ❑ Share of net imports in total oil consumption  
(40% weightage)
- ❑ Share of oil in total primary commercial energy consumption (35% weightage)
- ❑ Share of the Middle East oil in total oil imports  
(25% weightage)

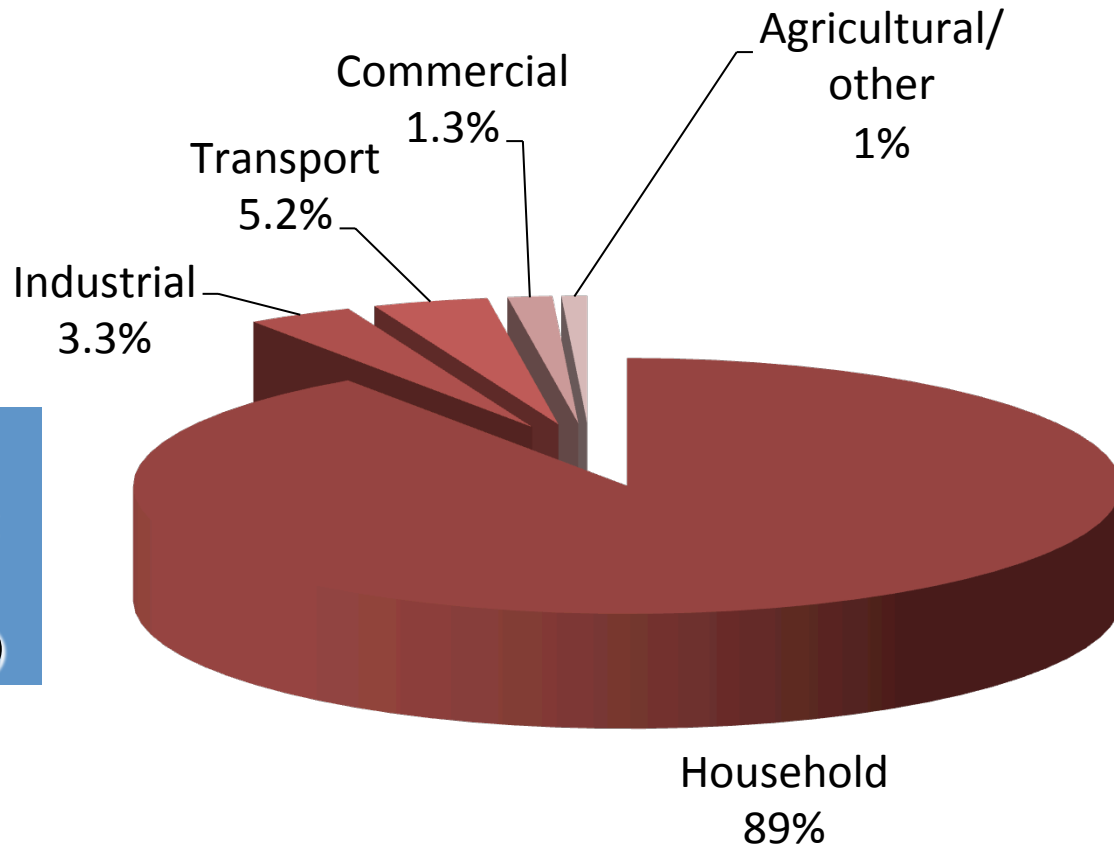
All South Asian countries suffer from energy insecurity and are projected to remain so in the foreseeable future

# Energy Insecurity Index



Source: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/fileadmin/stored/pdfs/asiaenergyfuture10insecurityindex.pdf>

# Nepal's End-use Consumption of Energy in Different Sectors in 2009



Total consumption: 400 million GJ (9.6 mtoe)

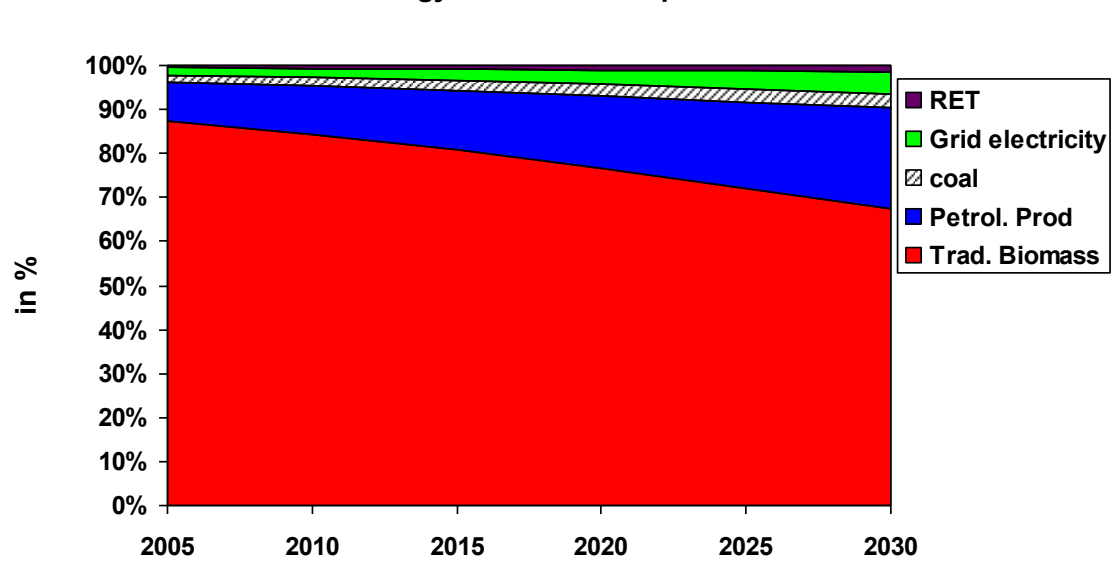
■ Household      ■ Industrial      ■ Transport

WECS, 2010

# Nepal's Scenario

## Fuel Mix at Reference case in 2030 % 5.5% GDP growth (BAU case)

Energy mix in different periods



- Traditional: 64%
- Petroleum : 23%
- Grid – electricity:8%
- Coal: 3%
- Biogas+renewable:2%

**The energy demand in 2030: 30.34 mtoe**

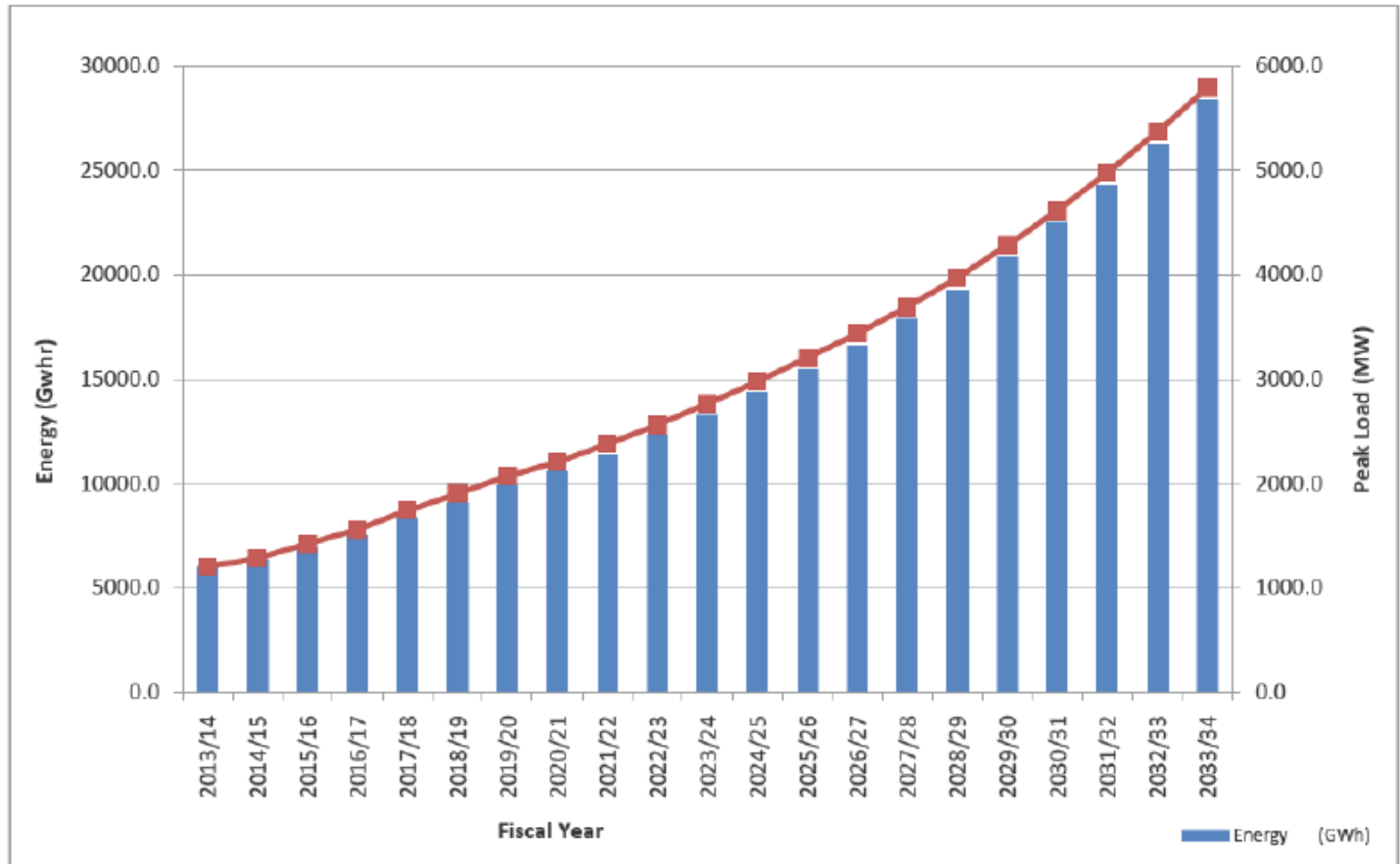




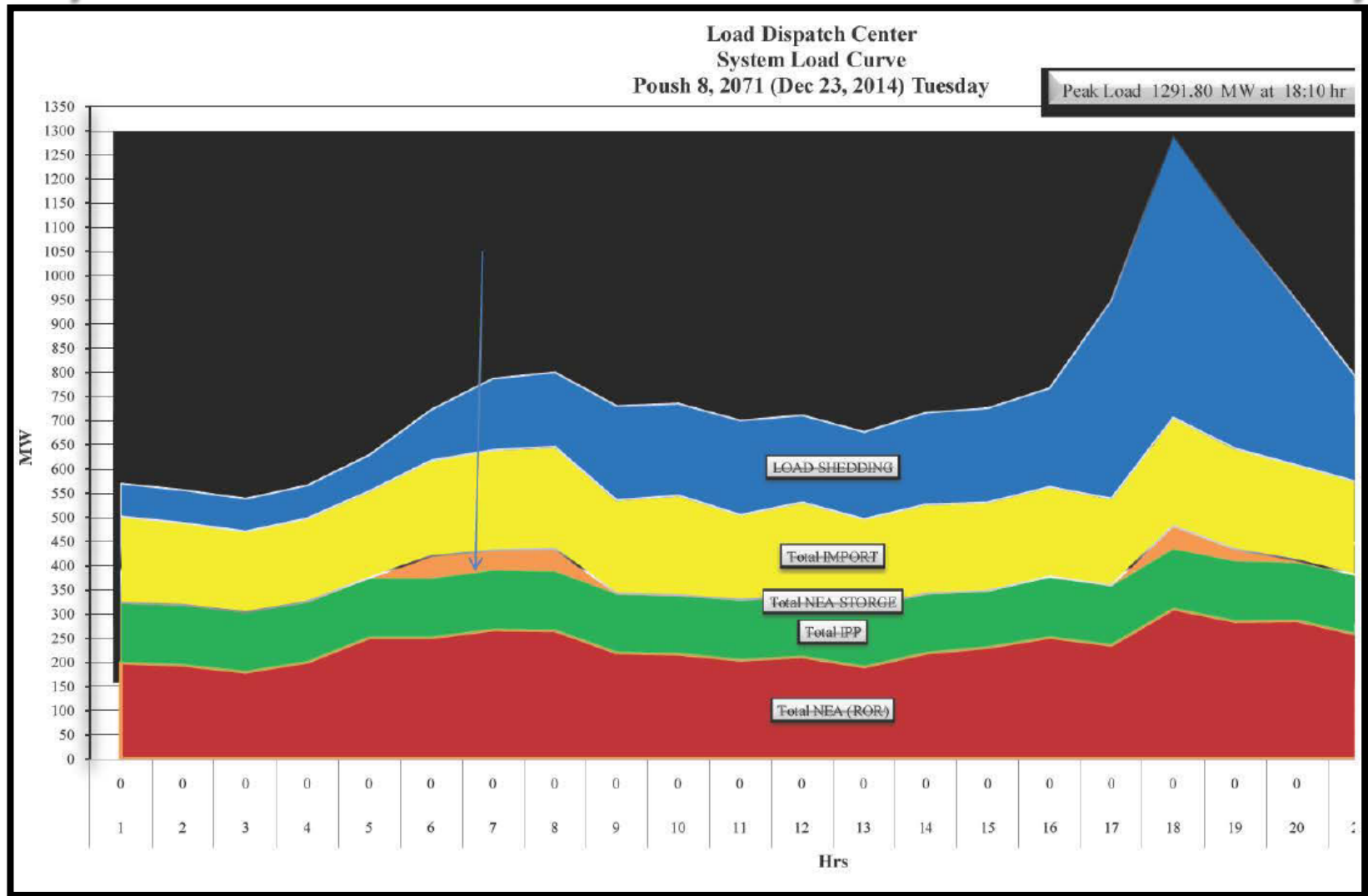
# **Nepal's Power Sector at a Glance**

## **Nepal's Water Resources**

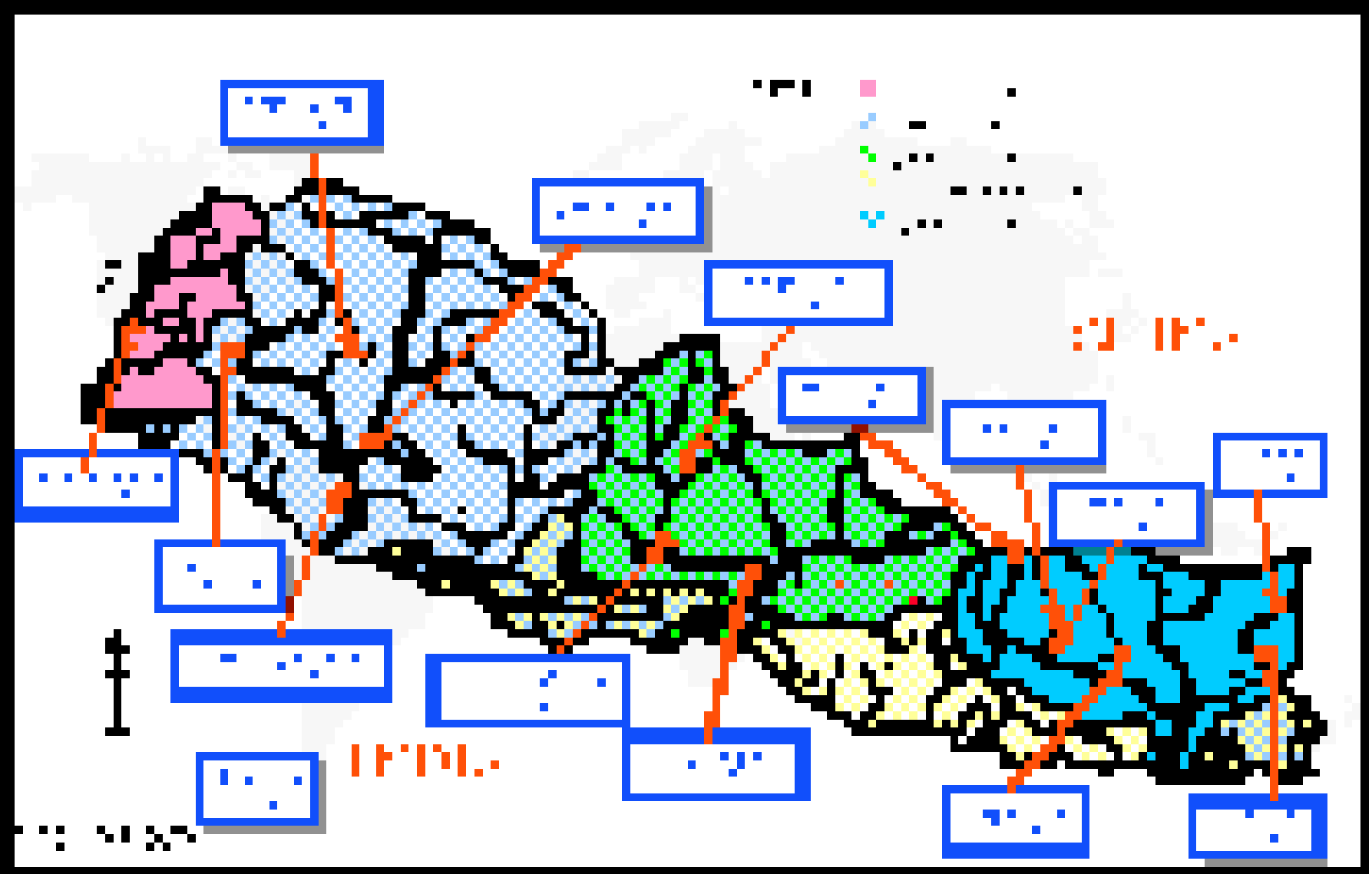
## Load Forecast



# System Load Curve of Peak of the Day



# Major River Basins and Hydropower Projects in Nepal





- **About 6,000 rivers, with a total length of about 45,000 km with an annual discharge of 200 billion cubic meters of water are available in the country**
- **The theoretical and economical potential of hydro-power in Nepal are said to be about 83,000 MW and 43,000 MW respectively.**

**So far only about 800 MW have been connected to peak load system, which constitute about 1.88% of total energy supply**

## Total Major Hydropower Plants of Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)

Power Plants in operation	Installed Capacity (kW)	Power Plants Under Construction	Capacity in kW
Total Small Hydro (NEA)-Isolated	4,536	Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower Project	456,000
Total Hydro (NEA)	477,930	Tanahu Hydropower Project	140,000
Total Hydro (IPP)	255,647	Chameliya Hydro Electric Project	30,000
Total Hydro (Nepal)	733,577	Kulekhani III	14,000
Total Thermal (NEA)	53,410	Upper Trishuli 3A HEP	60,000
Total Solar (NEA)	100	Rahughat HEP	32,000
Total Installed Capacity (NEA and IPP)	787,410	Upper Sanjen	14,000
Total Installed Capacity (NEA and IPP)	782,451	Sanjen	42,000
		Rasuwaghadi	111,000
		Madhya Bhotekoshi	102,000
		Upper Trishuli 3B	42,000
		Total	1,044,100

# Planned and Proposed of HEP of NEA

Power Plants	Capacity in kW
Upper Arun Hydropower Project	335,000
Upper Modi A HEP	42,000
Upper Modi HEP	30,000
Kulekhani III	18,000
Dudh Koshi Storage HEP	640,000
Tamor Storage HEP	530,000
Upper Ganga Storage HEP	300,000 <sup>1</sup>
Tamakoshi V HEP	87,000
Upper Bheri HEP	85,000
Chainpur Seti HEP	140,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2177200</b>

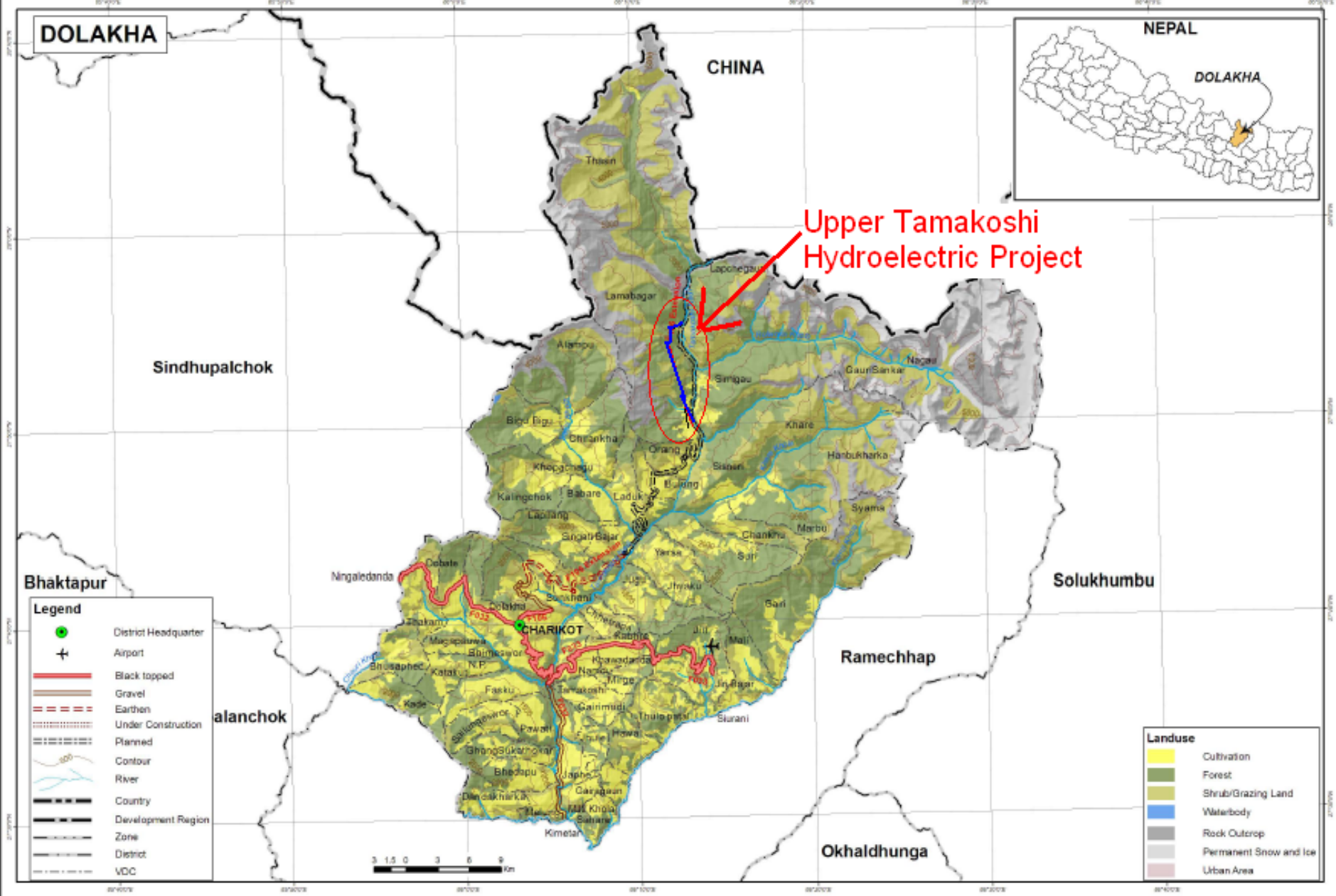
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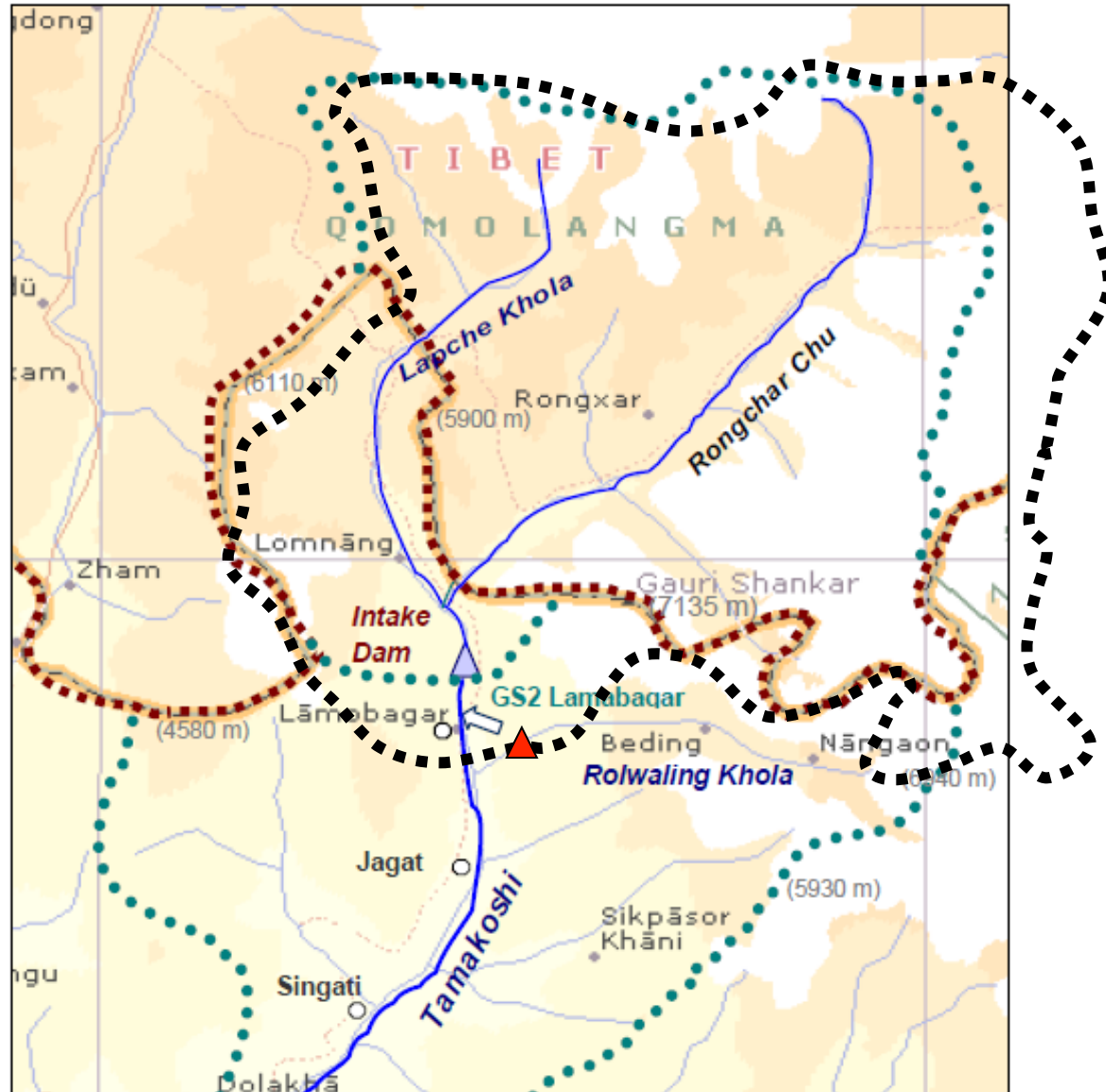
A case study of :

# **UPPER TAMAKOSHI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**



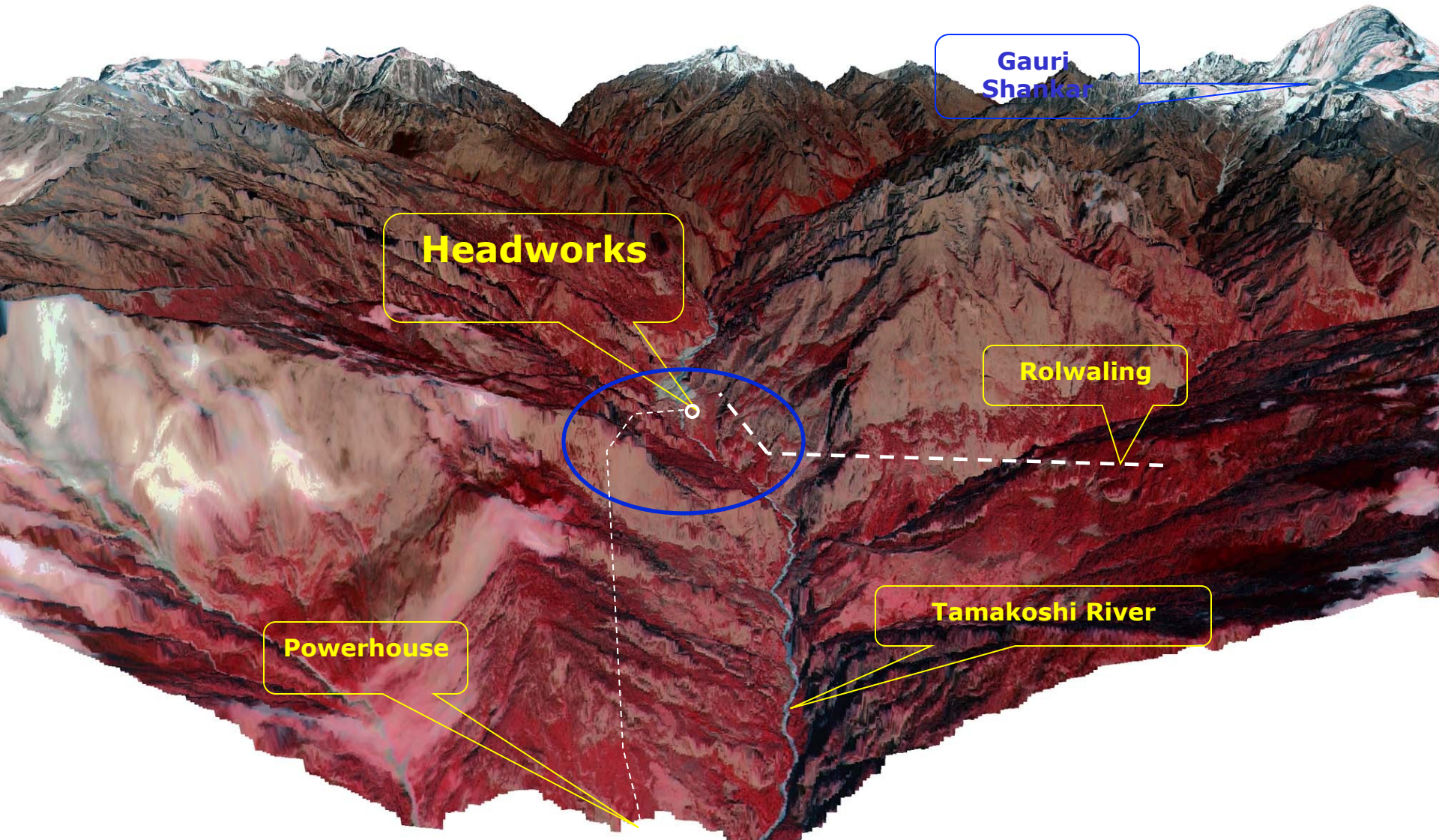


## PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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# 3D VIEW OF PROJECT AREA



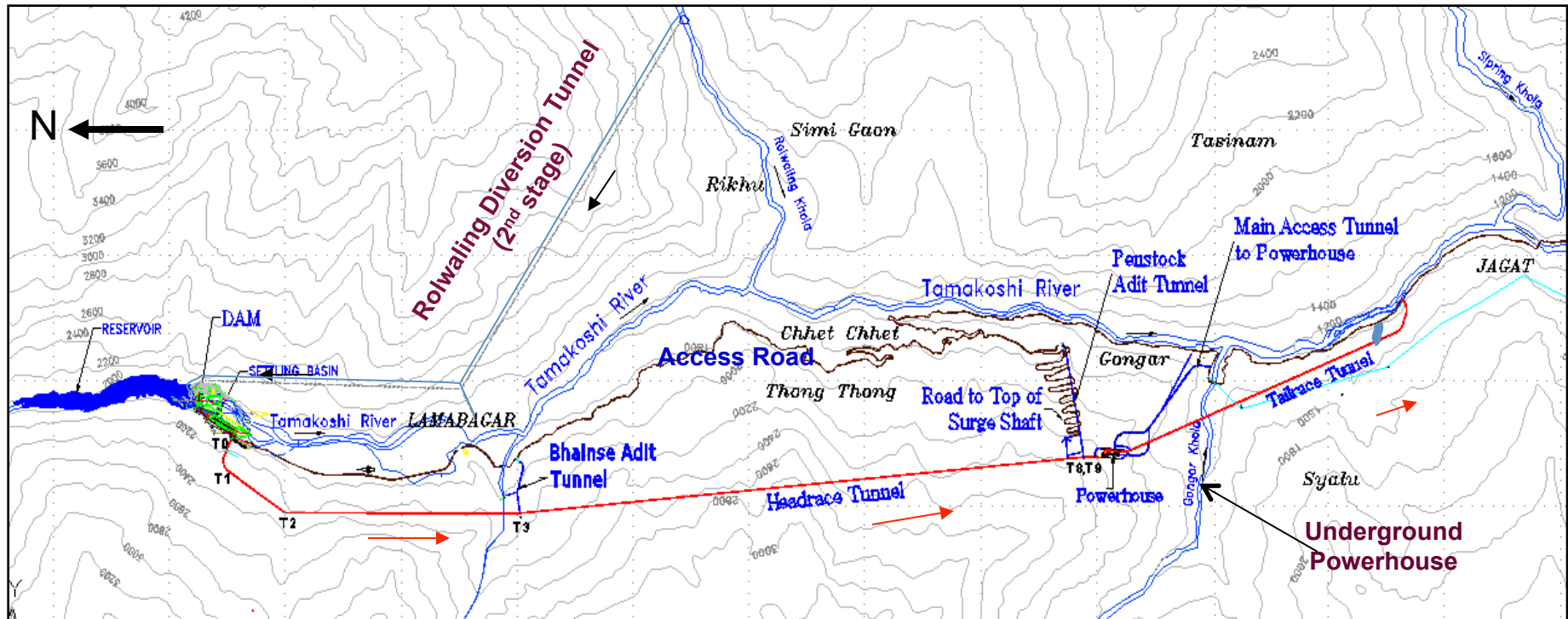
# Salient Features

- **Project Type** : **Daily Peaking Run-of-River**
- **Catchment Area** : **1745 Sq. km**
- **Installed Capacity** : **456 MW**
- **Annual Energy** : **2,281 GWh**
- **Design Discharge** : **66 m<sup>3</sup>/s**
- **Gross Head** : **822 m**
- **Headrace Tunnel** : **7.86 km**
- **Penstock** : **724 m**
- **Power House** : **Underground, 6 Units**
- **Tailrace Tunnel** : **2.98 km**
- **Transmission Line** : **220 kV double circuit, 47 km**
- **Project Cost** : **US\$ 441 Mill. (Excl. IDC)**
- **Construction Period** : **5.5 years**

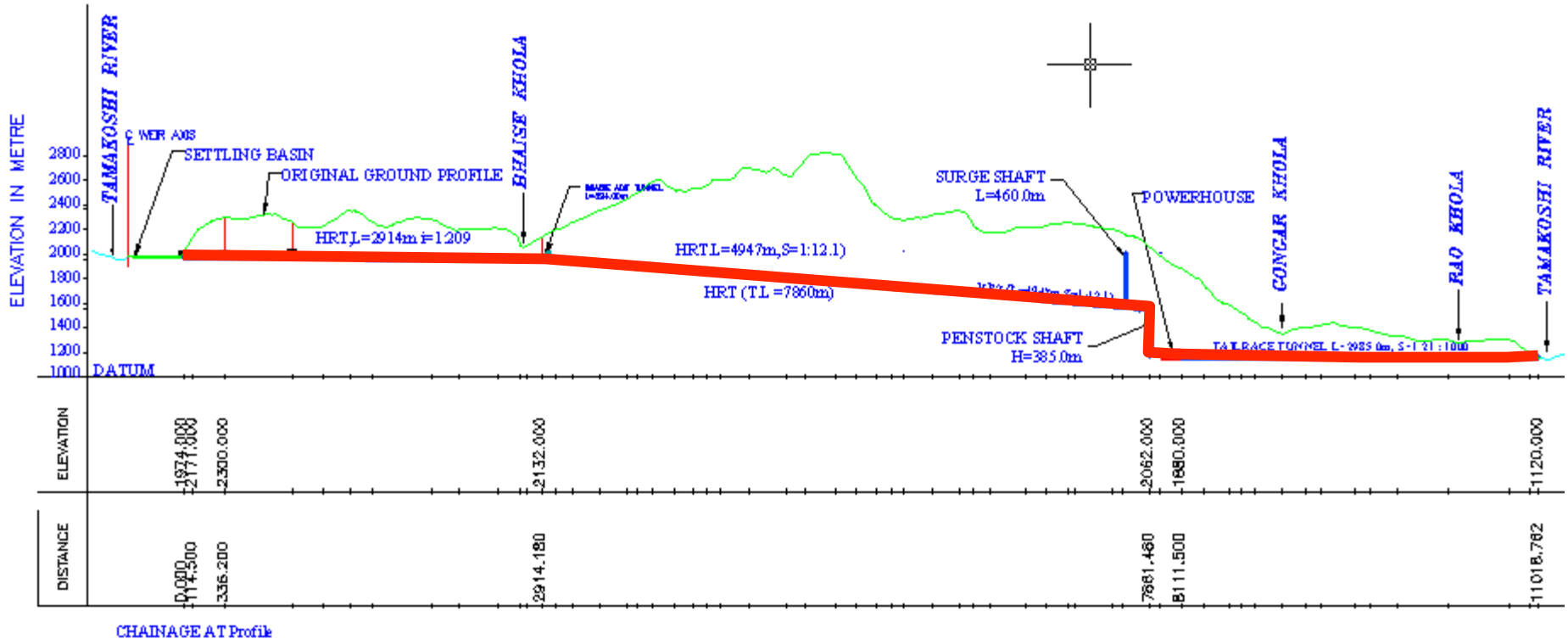
# Special Features

- **300 m high natural dam**
- **Gross head of 820 m**
- **Good geology with presumably massive rock**
- **Comparatively very good minimum flow during dry season, low flood discharge during wet season**
- **Comparatively very low sediment influx**
- **Minimum environmental effect.**

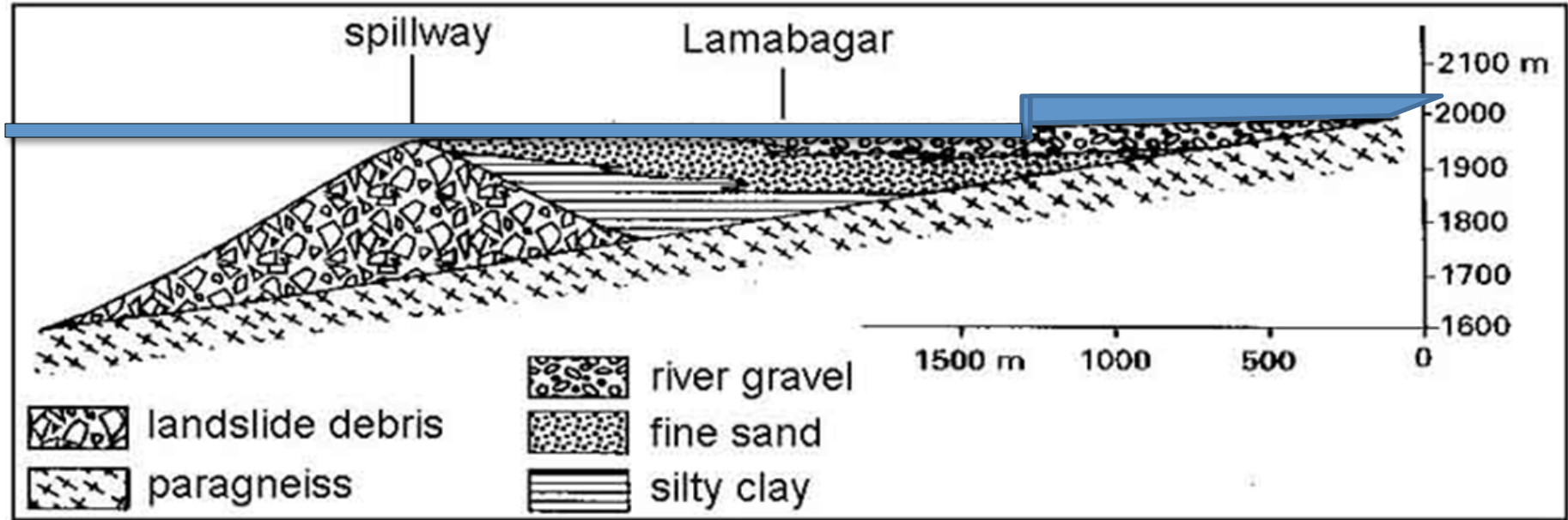
# Project Plan



# Project Profile



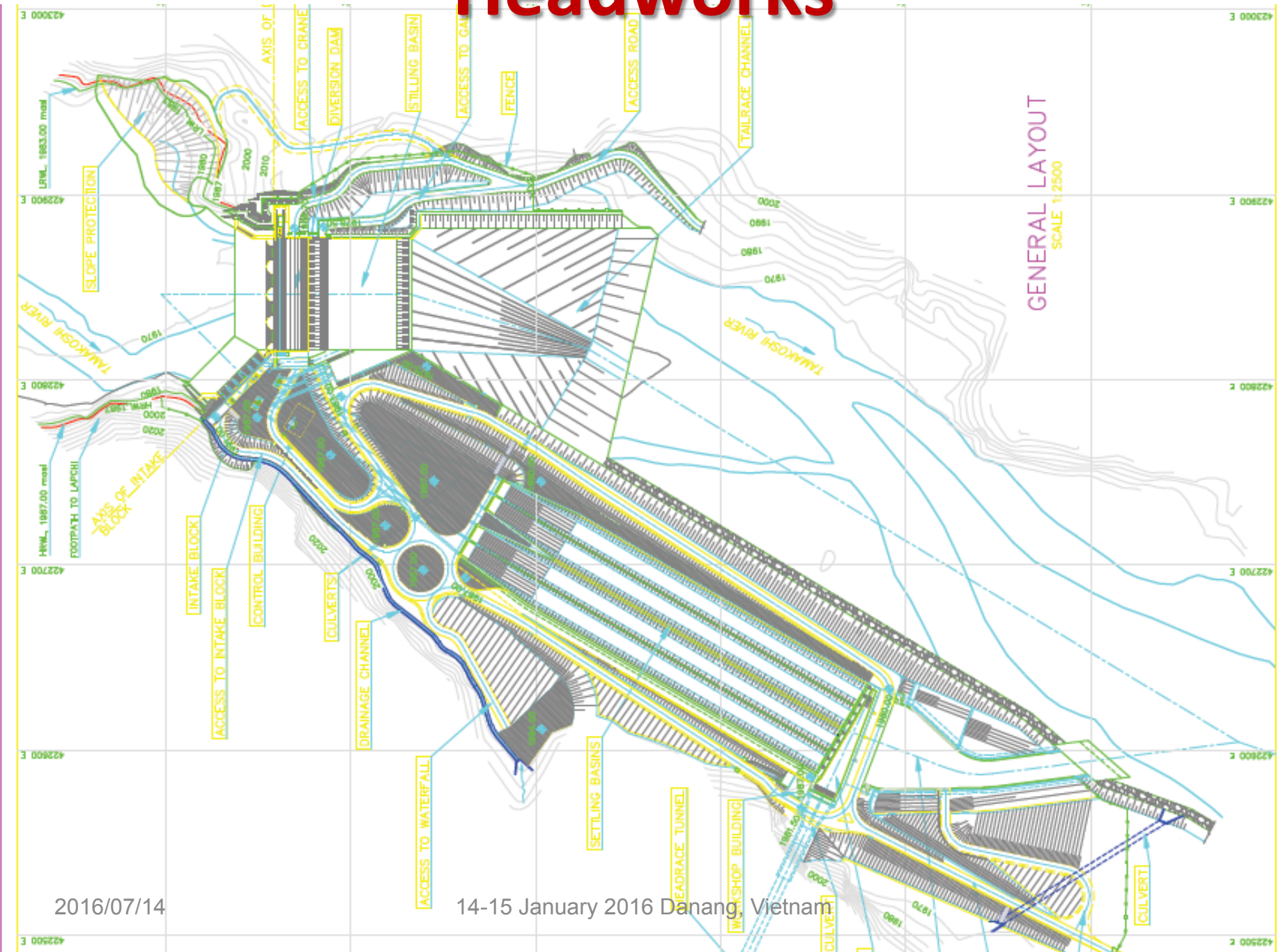
# Natural Dam



**Idealized cross-section of the landslide dam and the sediment-filled basin. The sedimentary inventory is compiled by investigations on eroded landslide dams within similar environmental setting (Uhlir, 1999)**



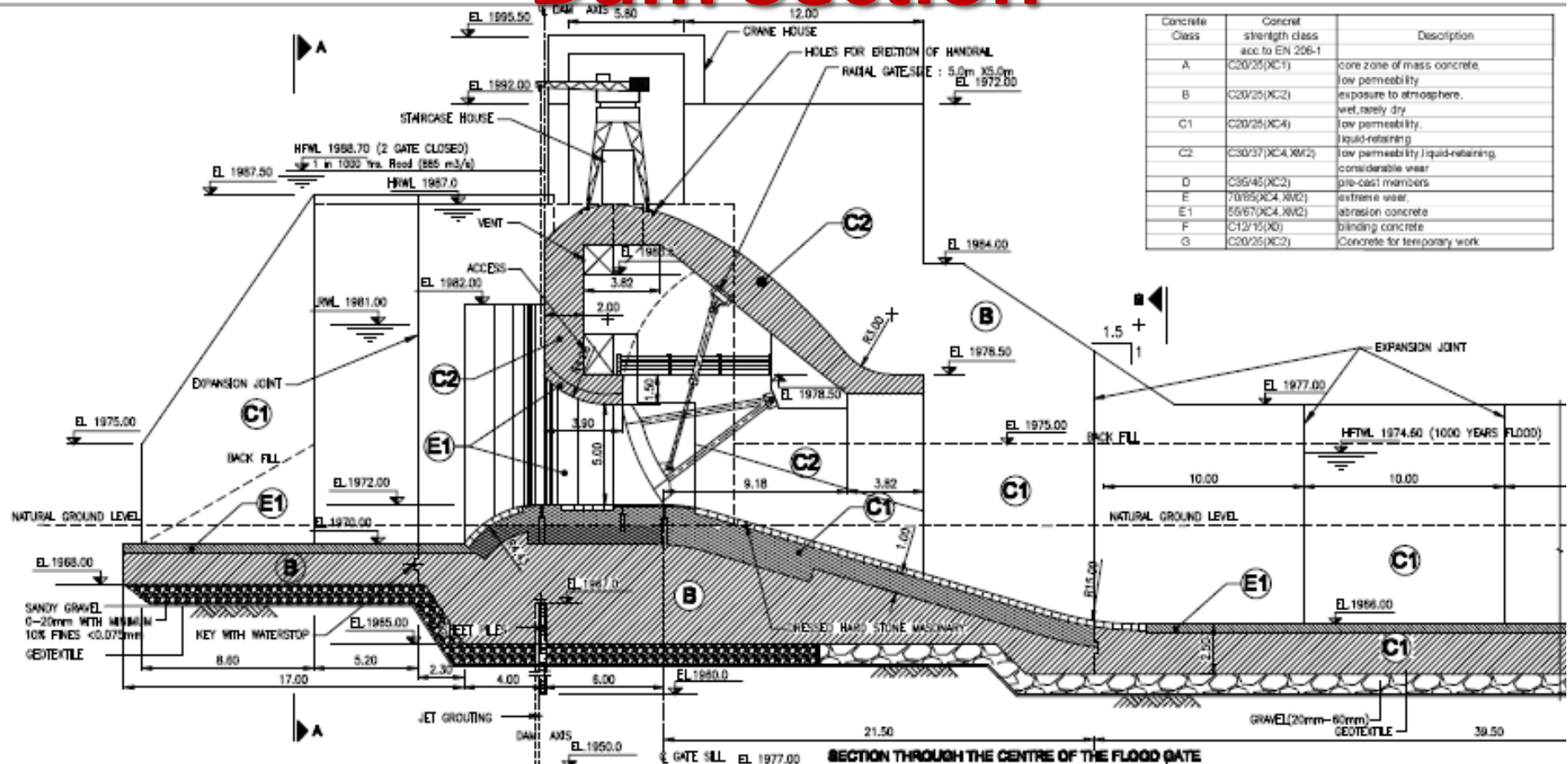
# Headworks



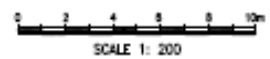
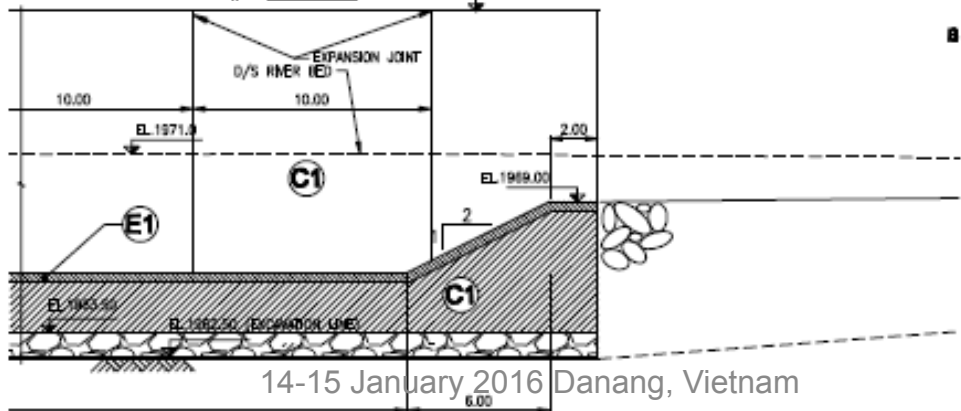
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# Dam Section



Concrete Class	Concrete strength class acc to EN 206-1	Description
A	C30/25(XC1)	core zone of mass concrete, low permeability
B	C30/25(XC2)	exposure to atmosphere, wet, rarely dry
C1	C20/25(XC4)	low permeability, liquid-retaining
C2	C30/37(XC4, XM2)	low permeability / liquid-retaining, considerable wear
D	C35/45(XC2)	pre-cast members
E	F0/R5(XC4, XM2)	extreme wear
E1	S5/6(XC4, XM2)	abrasion concrete
F	C12/15(X0)	binding concrete
G	C20/25(XC2)	Concrete for temporary work



**TENDER DRAWING  
(NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES)**

Rev.	Description	Drawn/Issued	Date
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**UPPER TAMAKOBI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**  
**DAM**  
**LONGITUDINAL SECTION**

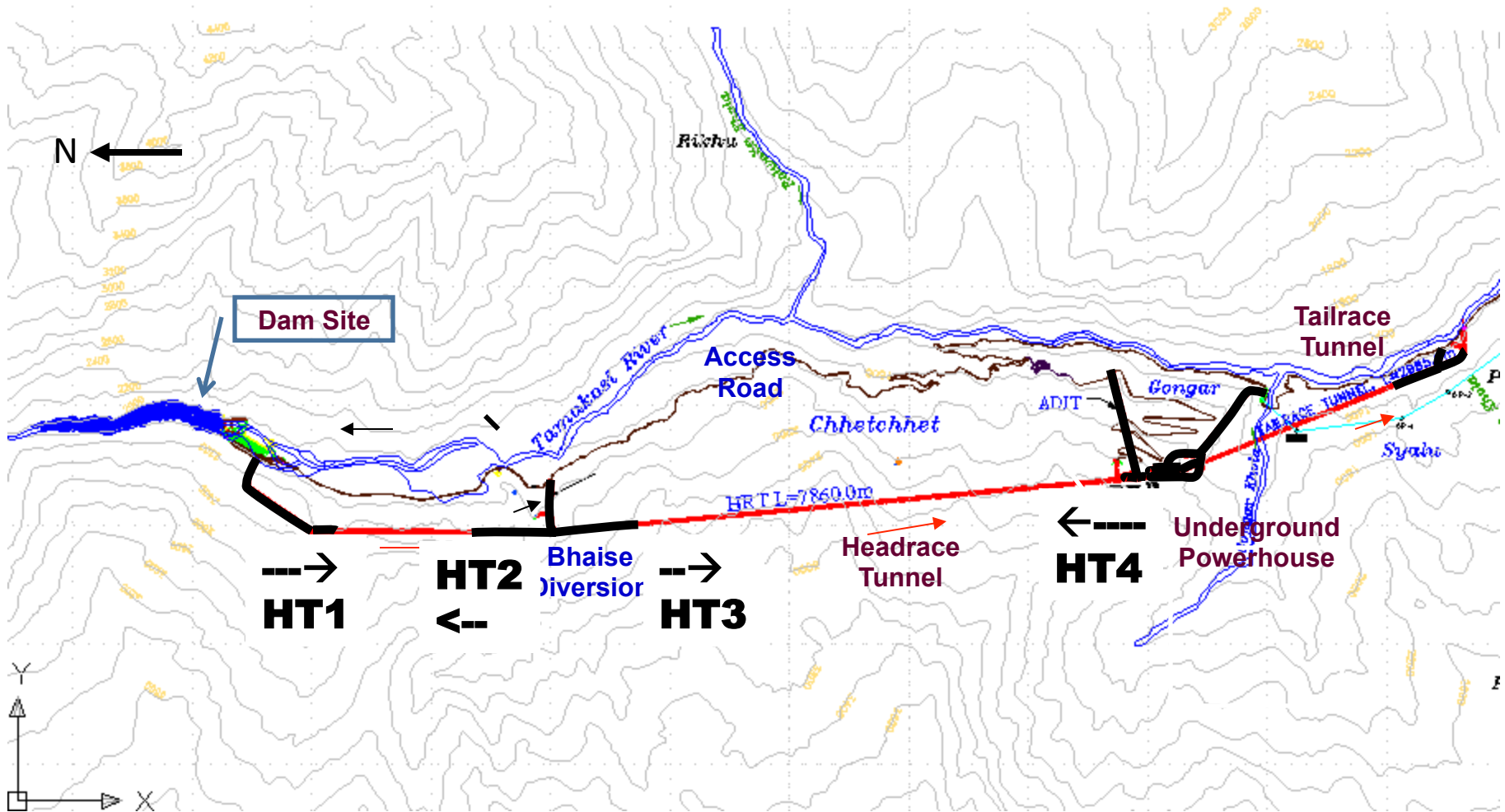
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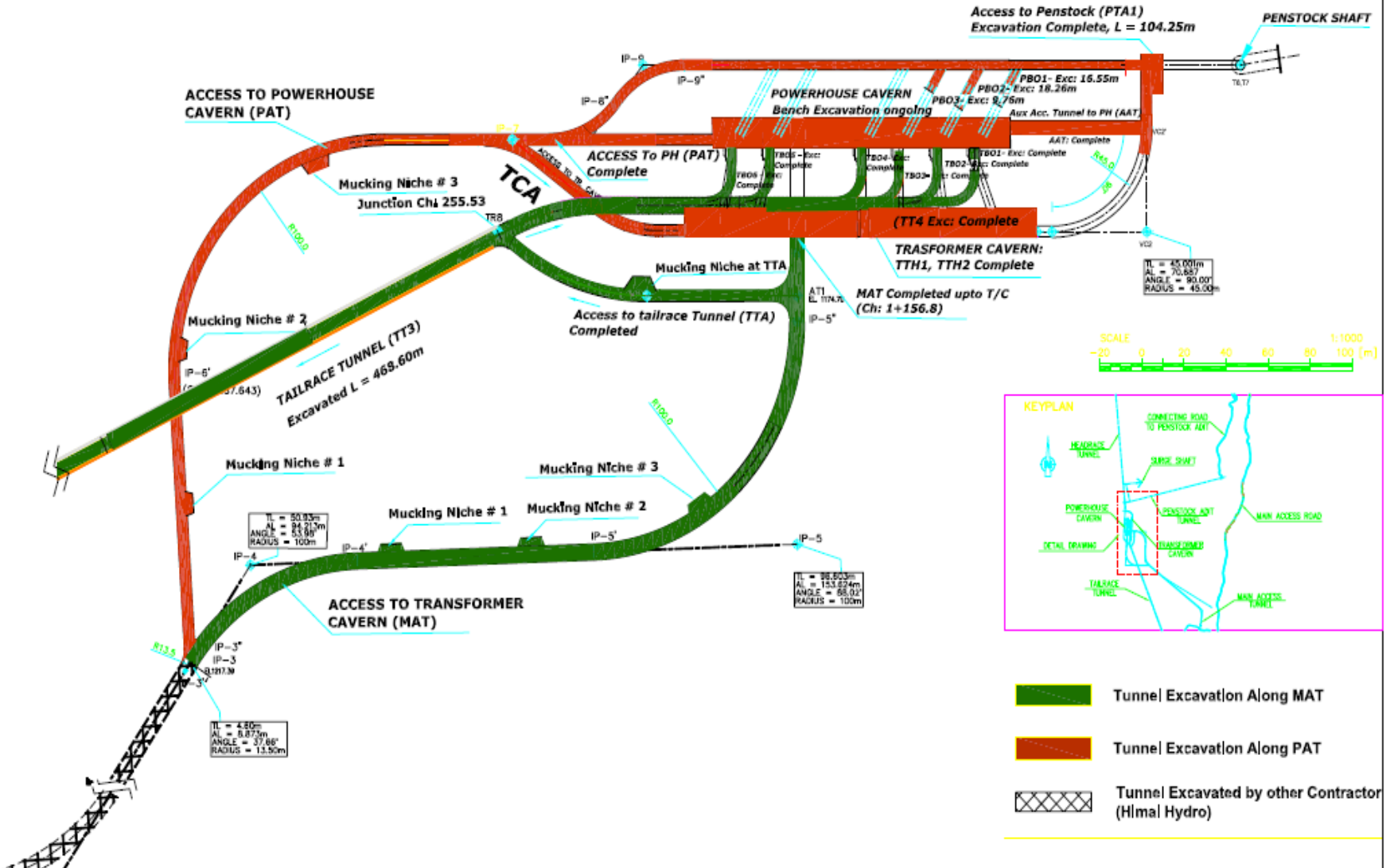
# Progress of Tunnels



# POWERHOUSE COMPLEX

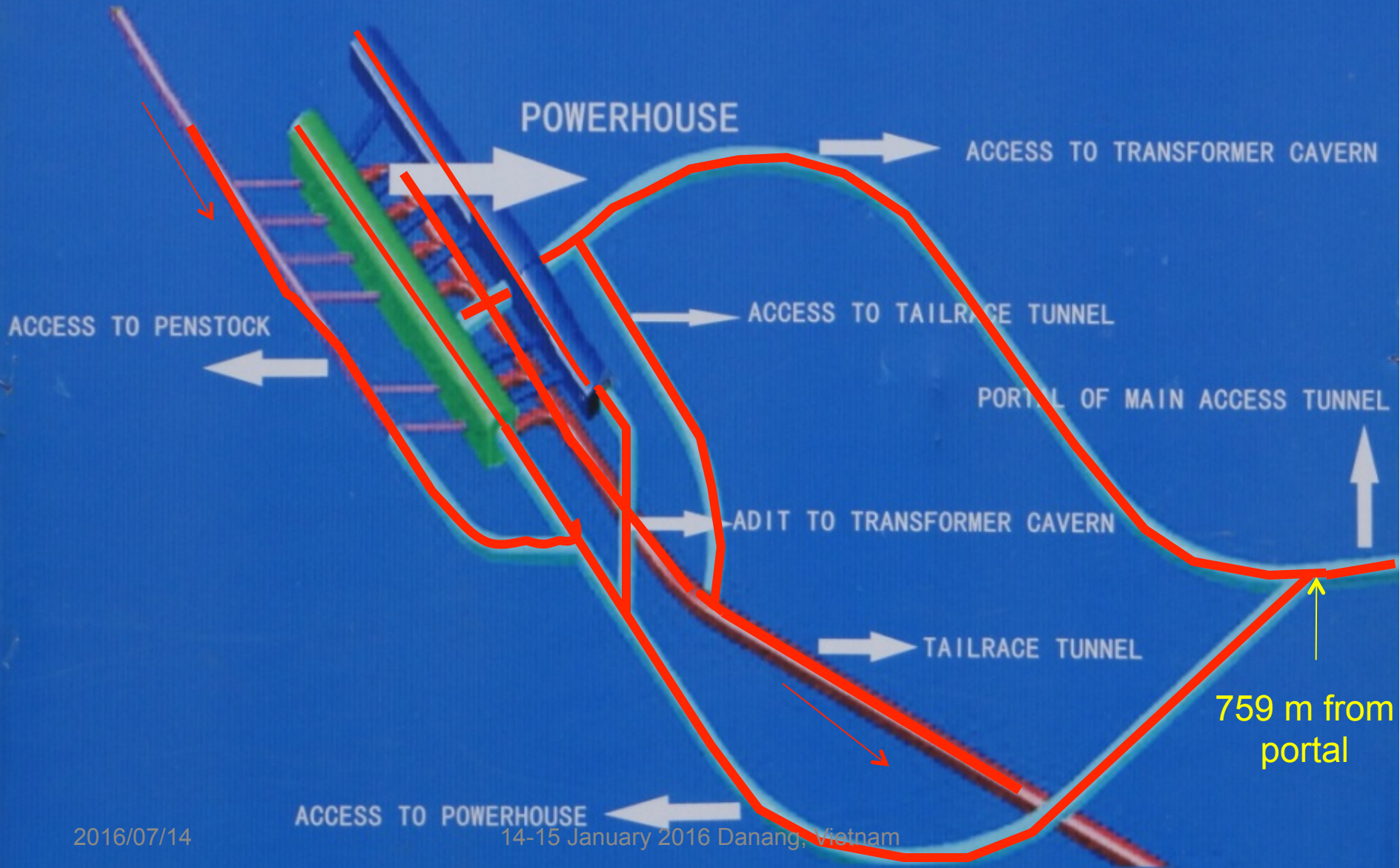
## Tunnels In Powerhouse Complex

Status of Excavation



# UPPER TAMAKOSHI UNDERGROUND POWERHOUSE AND TAILRACE SYSTEM

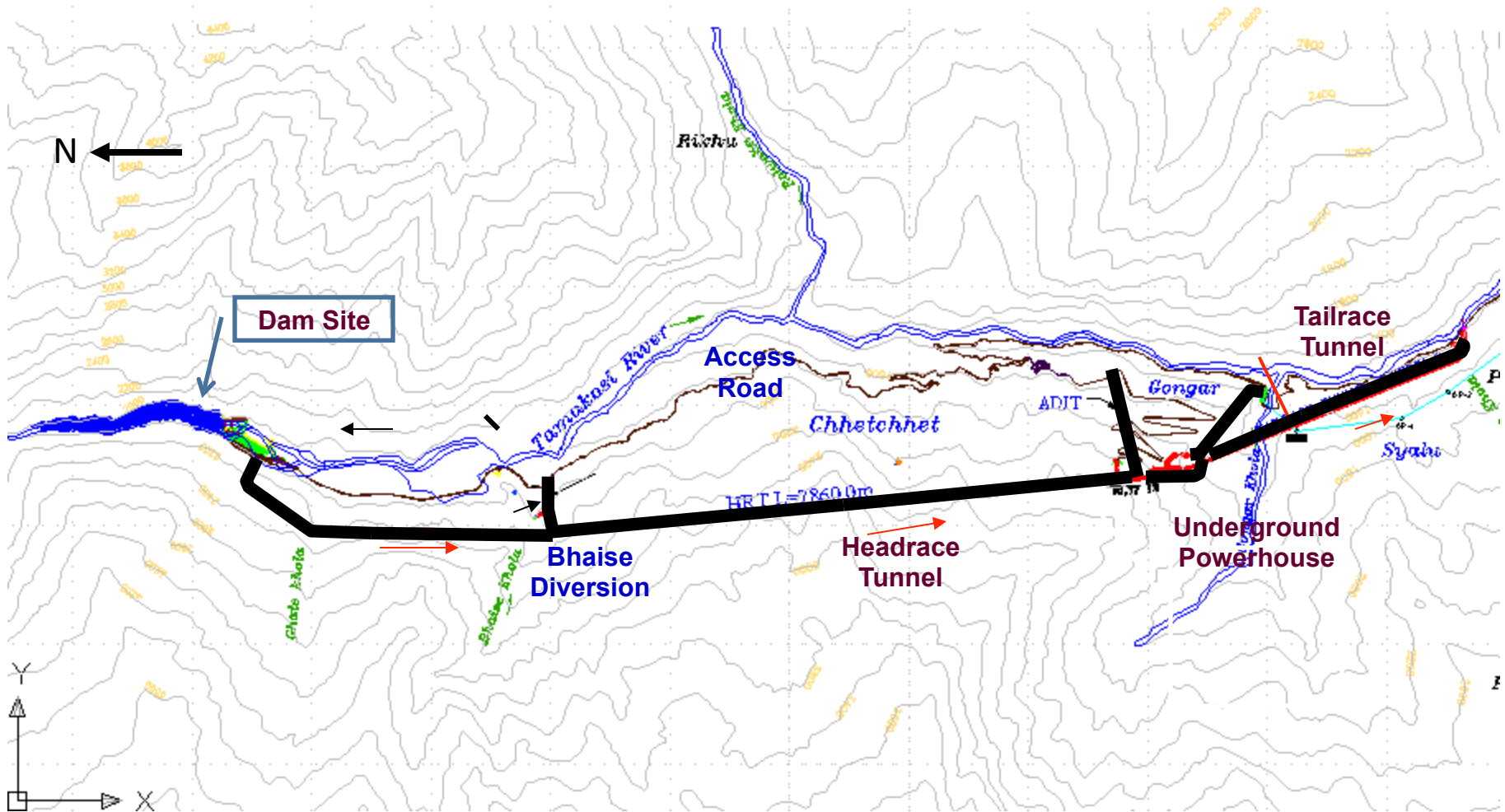
## CONSTRUCTION GENERAL LAYOUT



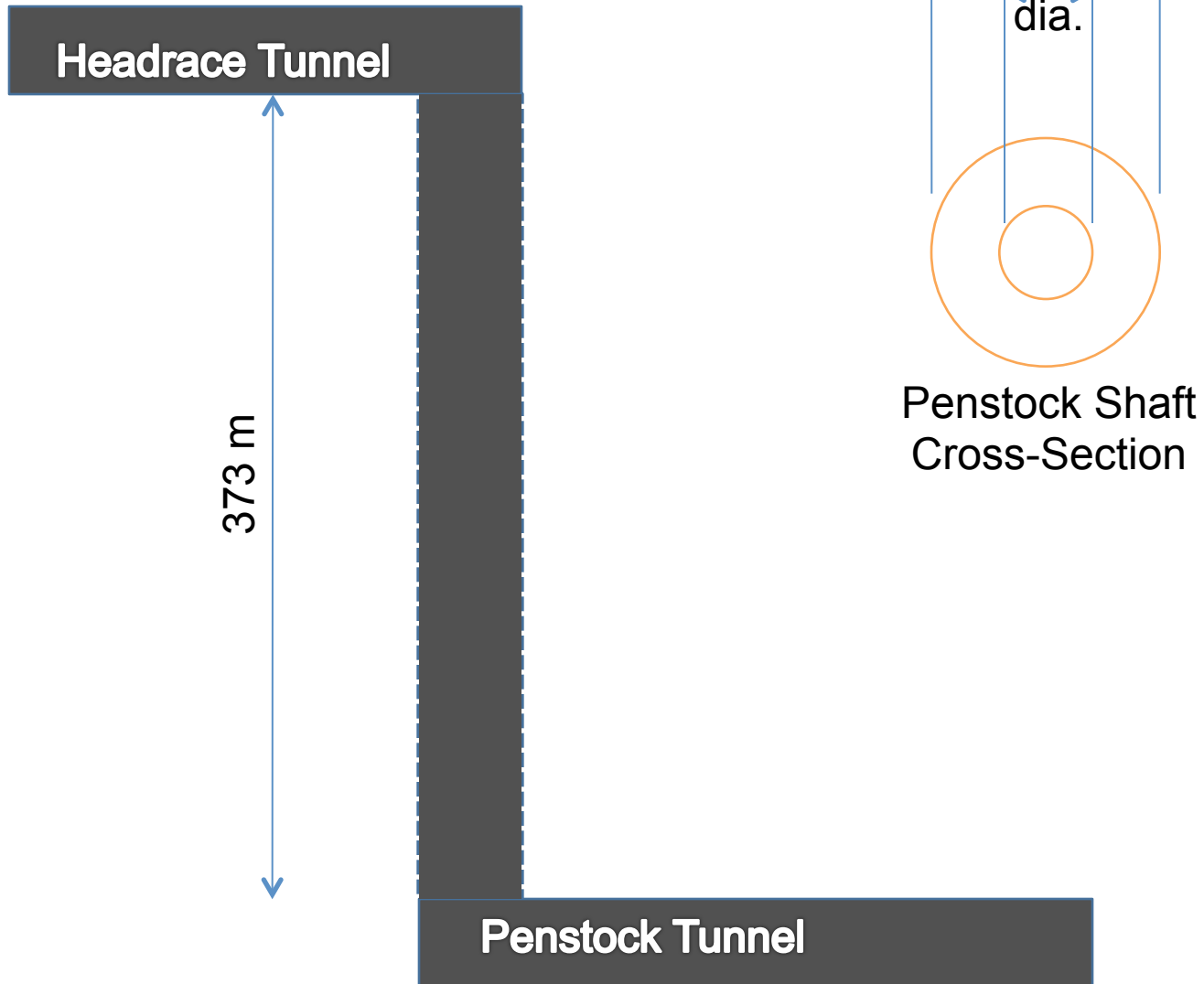
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# Stages of Tunnel Excavation



# Shaft Excavation Process





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# Cost Estimate

□ The breakdown of the total project cost is as follows:

a) Main Works and Costs = NPR 28.15 Billion

b) Import duties and VAT = NPR 2.81 Billion

c) Contingencies = NPR 4.33 Billion

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**Total Project Cost = NPR 35.29 Billion**

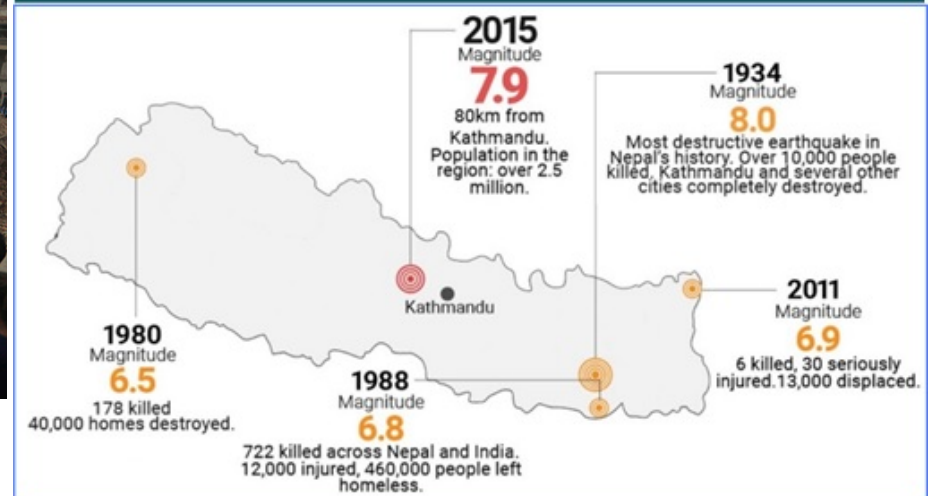
**equivalent FC = USD 441 Million**

(With Exchange Rate, 1USD = NPR 80.00)

## SUMMARY OF REVISED COST ESTIMATE

					As of	March-13
S.N.	Items of Works	Approved Cost Estimate (Mar 2009)	Estimated at Completion as of Mar 2013 (Note#1)	Difference	Exchange Rate for Base Year	Remarks
		in NRs.	in NRs.	in NRs.		
A	Lot 1 : Main Civil Works	18,123,769,848	17,091,082,285	(1,032,687,563)	NRs.75.19/USD	47.0%
B	Lot 2 : Hydromechanical Works	1,801,308,864	1,814,303,739	12,994,875	NRs.99.98/Euro	5.0%
C	Lot 3 : Electromechanical Works	9,282,616,000	8,933,120,448	(349,495,552)	NRs.71.25/USD	24.6%
D	Lot 4 : Transmission Line and Substation Works	1,785,081,344	2,442,376,050	657,294,706	NRs.88.69/USD	6.7%
<b>E</b>	<b>Total A+B+C+D</b>	<b>30,992,776,056</b>	<b>30,280,882,522</b>	<b>(711,893,534)</b>		<b>83.3%</b>
F	Access Road, Preliminaries and Other Works	1,762,702,759	1,956,018,974	193,316,215	-	5.4%
G	Consultancy Services	1,596,510,080	2,064,471,744	467,961,664	NRs.75.45/USD	5.7%
H	Owner's Administration Cost	533,690,480	1,621,026,676	1,087,336,196	NRs.75.00/USD	4.5%
I	Land Acquisition, Environmental Mitigation & Management	408,480,000	408,480,000	-	-	1.1%
	<b>Total F+G+H+I</b>	<b>35,294,159,375</b>	<b>36,330,879,916</b>	<b>1,036,720,540</b>		<b>100.0%</b>
<b>BREAKDOWN</b>				<b>Difference</b>		
	Major Costs	28,151,460,015	29,125,474,876	974,014,862		
	VAT	1,991,035,621	2,077,818,790	86,783,169		
	Contingencies (Price & Physical)	4,334,588,139	4,214,510,649	(120,077,490)		
	Provision for Customs Duty	817,075,600	913,075,600	96,000,000		
	<b>Total Cost (With VAT)</b>	<b>35,294,159,375</b>	<b>36,330,879,916</b>	<b>1,036,720,540</b>		
<i>Note#1 : Amount is inclusive of Provision for Exchange Rate Risks, amounting to NRs.2,571,631,067/- with average exchange rate of NRs. 84.23/- per 1 USD</i>						

# Nepal's Earthquake 2015



# Earthquake damages over dozen hydropower projects

The devastating earthquake of April 25 and series of aftershocks that followed the main shake have damaged around 14 hydropower plants across the country, resulting to loss of 150 MW of electricity from country's power grid.



# Damage: NEA owned Power Plants

Project	Capacity	Status
Trishuli	24 MW	Cracks in the crest in the balancing pond, staff quarter damaged, not in operation, but can be restored within short period
Devighat	14 MW	A cascade project of Trishuli, cannot operate until Trishuli resumes
Sunkoshi	10.05 MW	Several leakage in a stretch of 200 meter canal
Kulekhani	60 MW	Cracks in the crest of the dams, but in operation
Chilime	22 MW	Damage in operation line
Upper Trishuli 3A (under construction)	60 MW	Severe damage in the construction works after landslide from both sides not only killed four employees but also buried heavy equipment; damage in the audit tunnels and suspension bridge

# Damage: Private owned Power Plants

Project	Capacity	Status
Upper Bhotekoshi	45 MW	Penstock burst due to rock slide, powerhouse submerged due to penstock burst; rock slide continues after earthquake; no excess to power plant
Sunkoshi Khola	2.5 MW	Powerhouse wall has fallen inside power-house room, landslide at penstock alignment and landslide at headwork areas, no access to plant
Indrawati -III	7.5 MW	Significant damage, but in operation
Chaku Khola	3 MW	Not in operation
Baramchi Khola	4.2 MW	Penstock pipe burst
Middle Chaku	1.8 MW	Not in operation
Spring Khola	9.65 MW	Extension joint burst
Ankhu Khola-1	8.4 MW	Sub-station power house fully damage by landslides
Mailung Khola	5 MW	Significant damage in headworks
Bhairab Kunda	3 MW	Leakage in tunnel, penstock burst



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Climate Vulnerability Issue:

# **SUSTAINABILITY OF HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT**



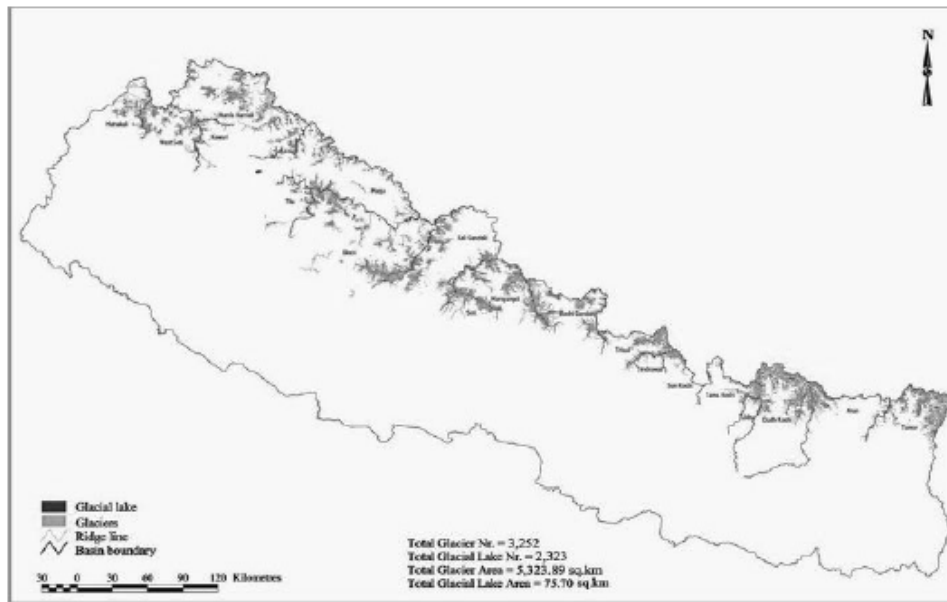
# Climate-change, Glacial lakes and Hydropower

- The most critical impacts of climate change in Nepal are related to its water resources and hydropower generation, stemming from glacier retreat, expansion of glacial lakes, and changes in seasonality and intensity of precipitation.

# Impact

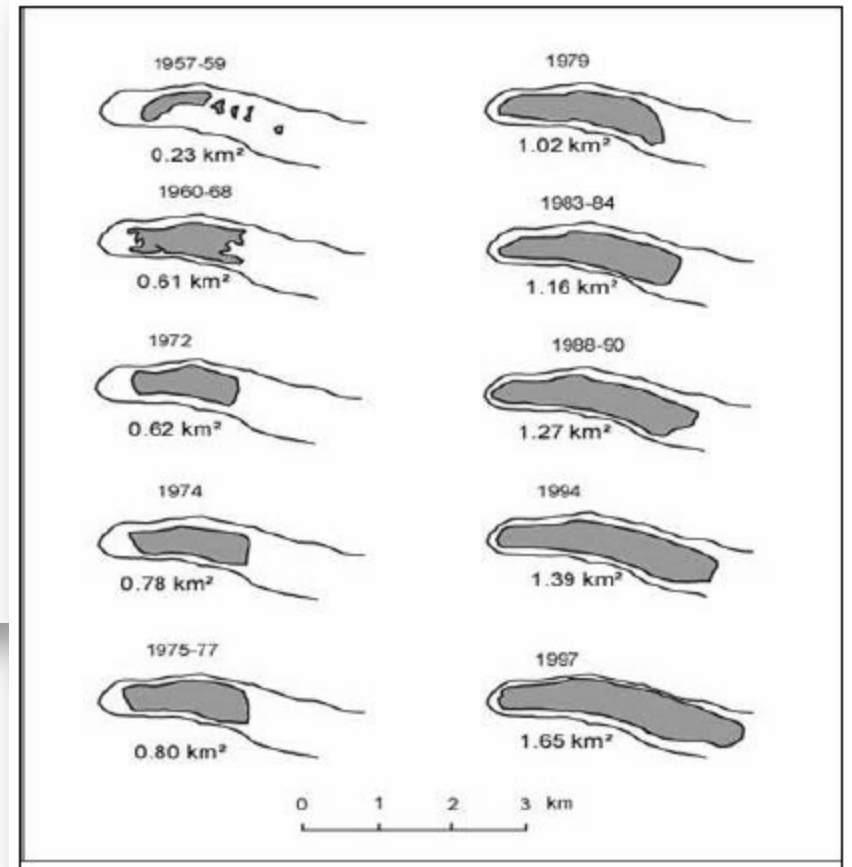
- Increased risk of Glacial Lake Outburst Flooding (GLOF)
- Increased run-off variability (as a result of glacier retreat, more intense precipitation during monsoon, and potentially decreased rainfall in the dry season)
- Increased sediment loading (and landslides) as a result of GLOFs, as well as intense rainfall events
- Increased evaporation losses from reservoirs as a result of rising temperatures

# Glacial Lake Outburst Flooding (GLOFs)



Glacial lakes and potential GLOF sites in Nepal

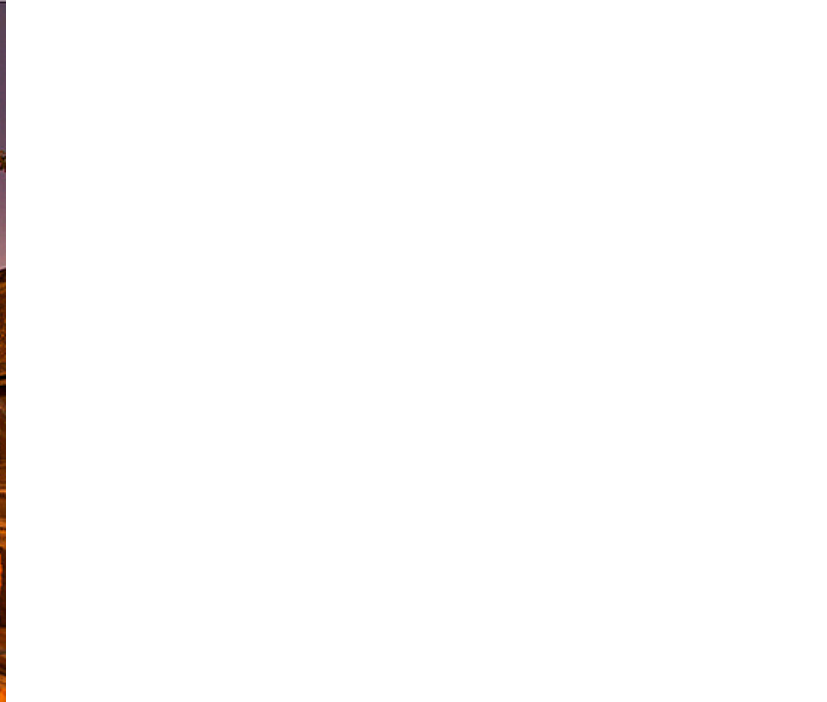
Source: ICIMOD



Increase in area of the Tsho Rolpa Glacial Lake 1957-1997

Source: Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, GoN

- GLOF risks should not pose excessive barriers to hydropower developments
- Planners and investors should undertake risk assessments and work to understand how GLOFs and climate change can be managed.



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