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P3DM in Borongan, Philippines, in August 2007

What is Participatory 3-Dimensional Mapping or P3DM?

Participatory 3-Dimensional Mapping (P3DM) consists of building stand-alone large-scale relief maps made of locally available and cheap materials (e.g. carton, paper, cork) over people overlap thematic layers of geographic information. P3DM enables the mapping of landforms and topographic landmarks, land cover and use, and anthropogenic features (assets, vulnerabilities and capacities), which are depicted by push-pins (points), yarn (lines), and paint (polygons). Scales range from 1:500 to 1:1000 and enable mapping and planning at the



P3DM in Bourg Saint-Maurice, France, in May 2010

P3DM as an integrative tool for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Scientific Knowledge



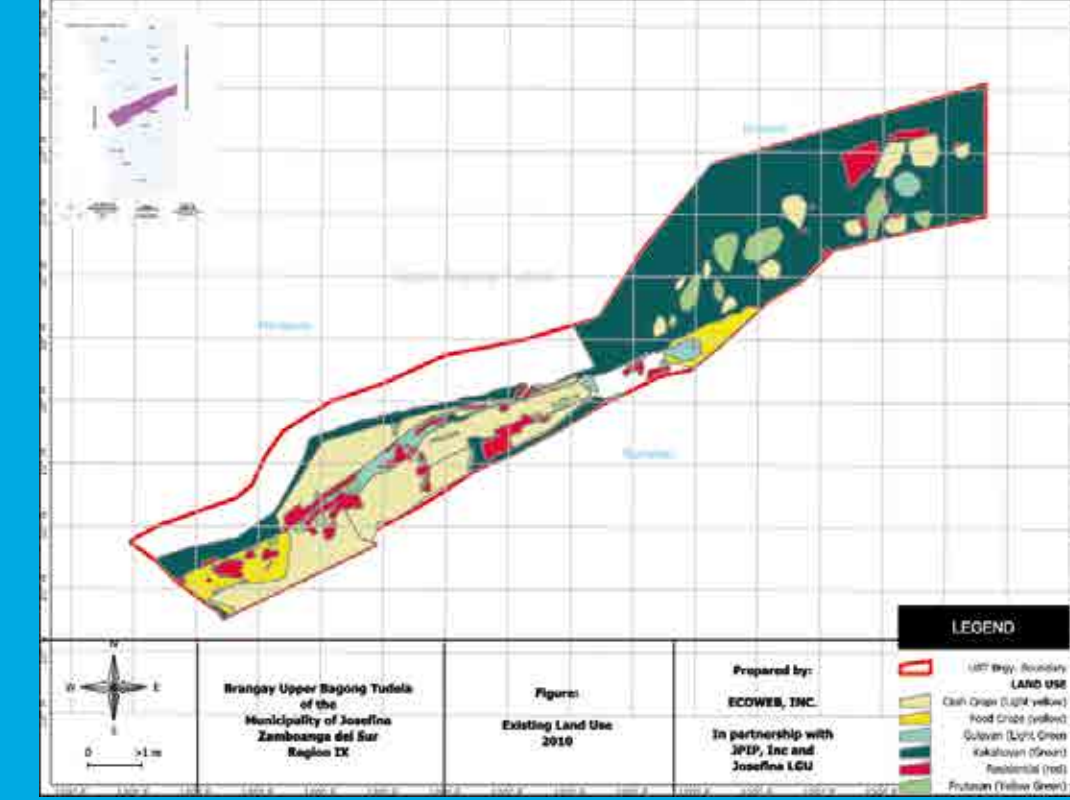
Climatologists plotting climate hazards in Bourg Saint-Maurice, France, in May 2010

"Experts"



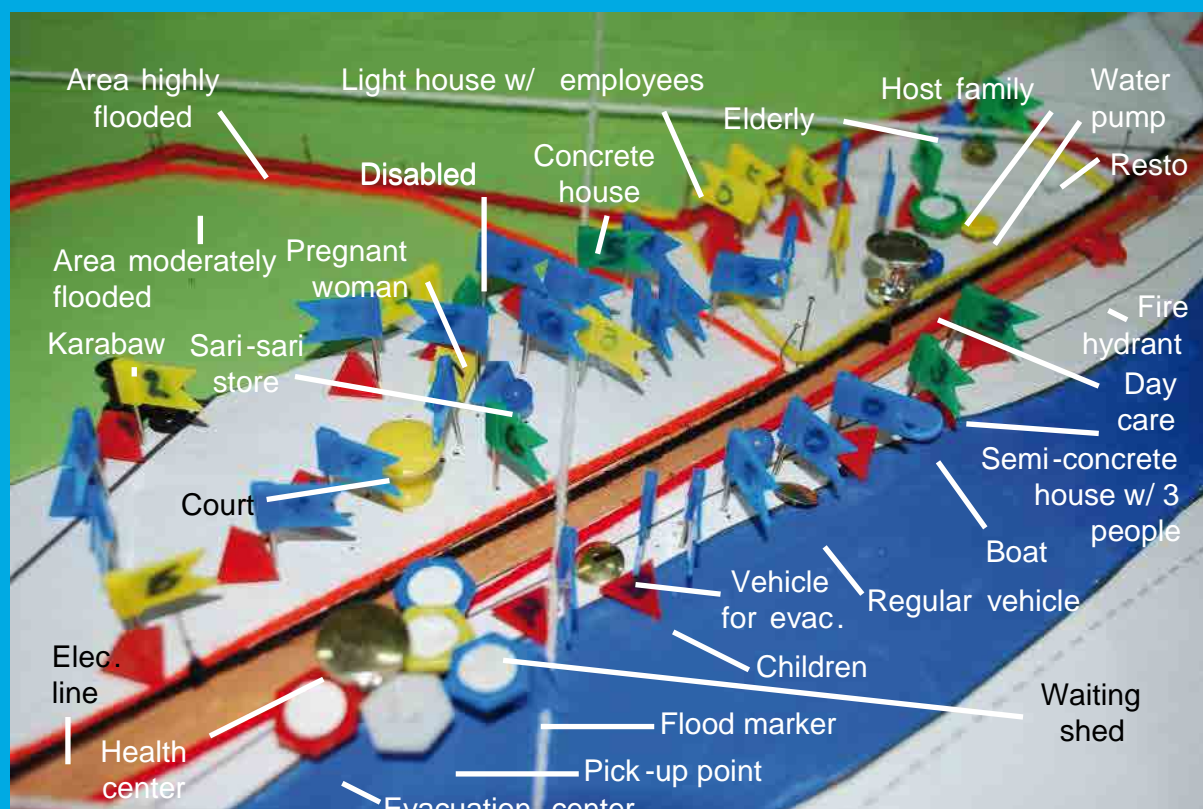
Local officials, NGO worker and community leaders discussing DRR in Josefina, Philippines, in January 2010

Top-Down



GIS map extracted from a P3DM and serving as cheap and detailed alternative to satellite images for the local government of Josefina, Philippines, in January 2010

Assessment



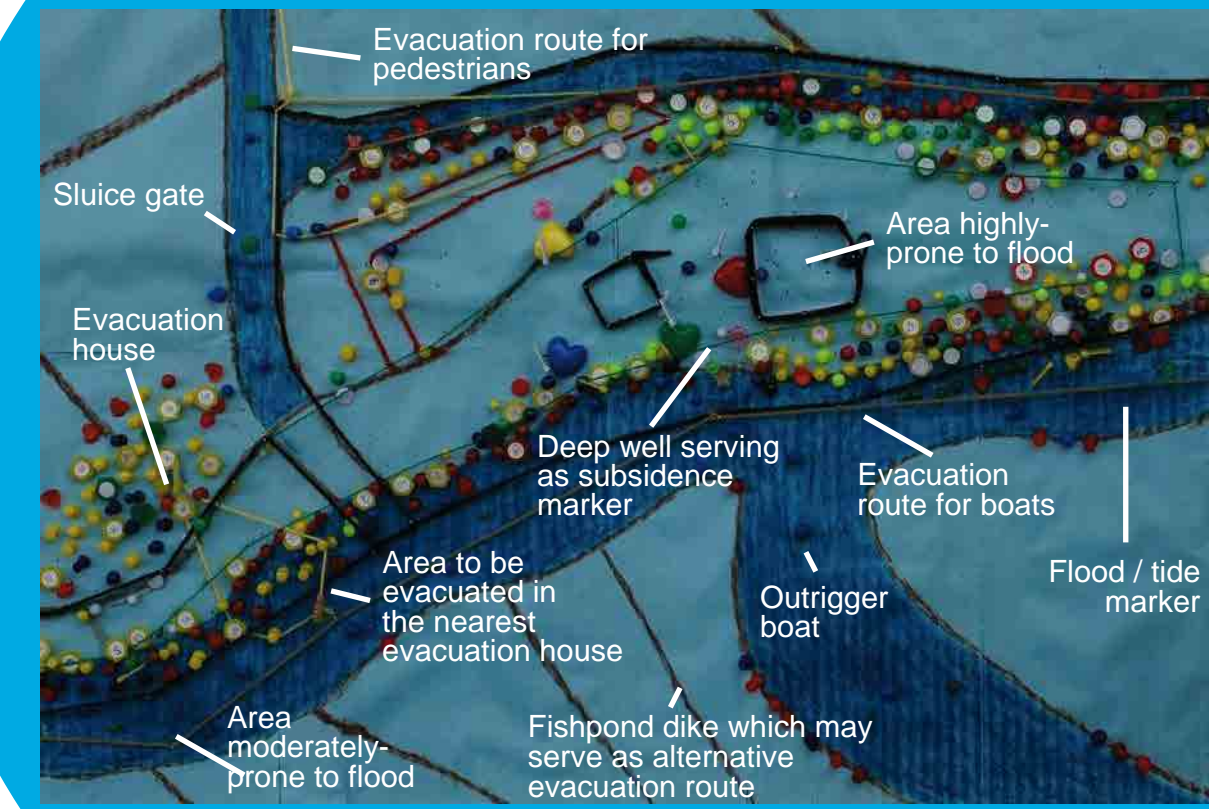
Easy-to-update disaster risk assessment in Dagupan, Philippines, in July 2009

Dialogue



Volcanologist, municipal planning officer, school principal, village chief and locals discussing DRR in Irosin, Philippines, Jan. 2010

Action



Disaster risk reduction planning in Masantol, Philippines, in August 2009

DRR

Local



Members of the local community plotting household data, vulnerable assets, and resources in Borongan, Philippines, in August 2007

Marginalized Groups



Usually marginalized children engaged in face-to-face discussion with adults in Masantol, Philippines, August 2008

Bottom-Up



Tabular household records of the village health workers linked to houses on the P3DM in Irosin, Philippines, January 2010

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Further scope and limitations

- P3DM allows livelihood mapping
- P3DM enables to integrate DRR into development planning
- P3DM facilitates the resolution of territorial conflicts

But...

- P3DM is not a stand-alone tool
- P3DM offers limited possibilities to integrate time variations
- P3DM partially encompasses social relationships



P3DM in Dagupan, Philippines, in July

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