


Jakarta residents wading through floods in February last year. The Indonesian capital, which is criss-crossed with 13 rivers, is the world's fastest sinking city as it faces constant coastal flooding.



Under water

New research has re-assessed the risk of sea level rise to coastal cities by developing a more accurate way of calculating land elevation based on satellite readings.

 Land underwater at high tide in 2050

INDONESIA

Old projection

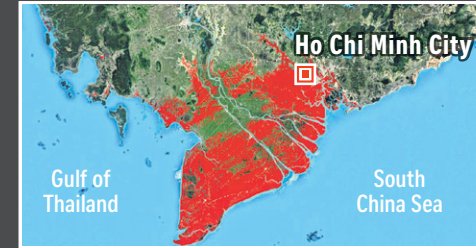


New projection

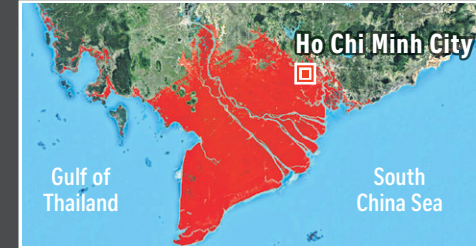


VIETNAM

Old projection



New projection



THAILAND

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New projection



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