

The Proposed Long Island Project in Singapore



The unseen consequence of reclamation projects

Is there a more sustainable way?

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THE SITE FOR THE LONG ISLAND PROJECT



Singapore's popular East Coast Park/Marine Parade took 30 years to reclaim and mature



THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LONG ISLAND, AS PROPOSED BY MND



- 200 50-M CAISSONS NEEDED
- PROD CYCLE ONE PER WK
- PROD RATE 4 NOS PER WEEK
- 50 WKS TO DELIVER 200
- PROGRESSIVELY INSTALLED
- 150 YEARS LIFE
- HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE
- MAY BE REPLACED INCREMENTALLY



RECLAMATION, MORALLY AND ETHICALLY UNACCEPTABLE



- Wanton destruction of the environment
- Inflicting a Biodiversity Holocaust
- Sediment flux kills corals over large areas
- Importing alien marine species incompatible with existing ecology
- Money does not entitle us to rape the fishing grounds and farms of 3rd world countries



WHY IS LAND RECLAMATION A FLAWED SOLUTION?

Aesthetics

- Sediment flux & accumulation
- Construction machines
- Pollution (dust, noise)

Technical

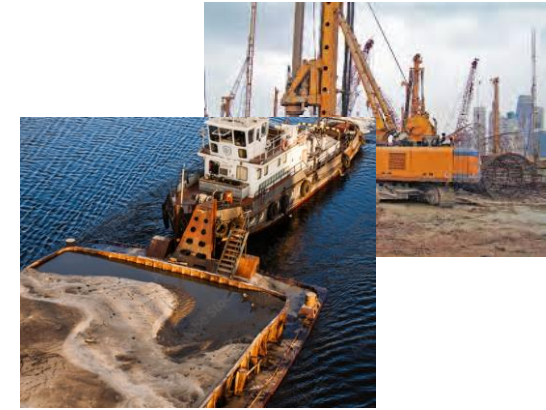
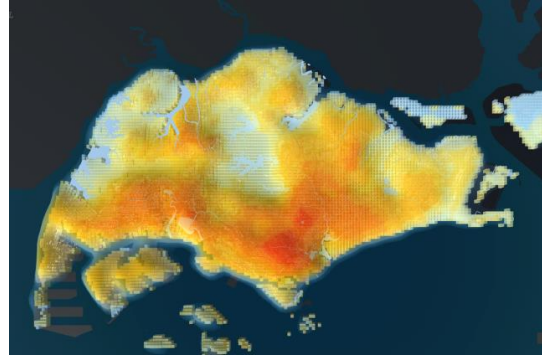
- Subsidence (Kansai still sinking 30 years later)
- Soil liquefaction due to tremors
- Sink hole (T Ayer Basin)
- Urban Heat Island
- Erosion (Dubai Palm Island)
- Reclamation size of Luxembourg since 2000.. Causing sea levels to rise.

Ethical

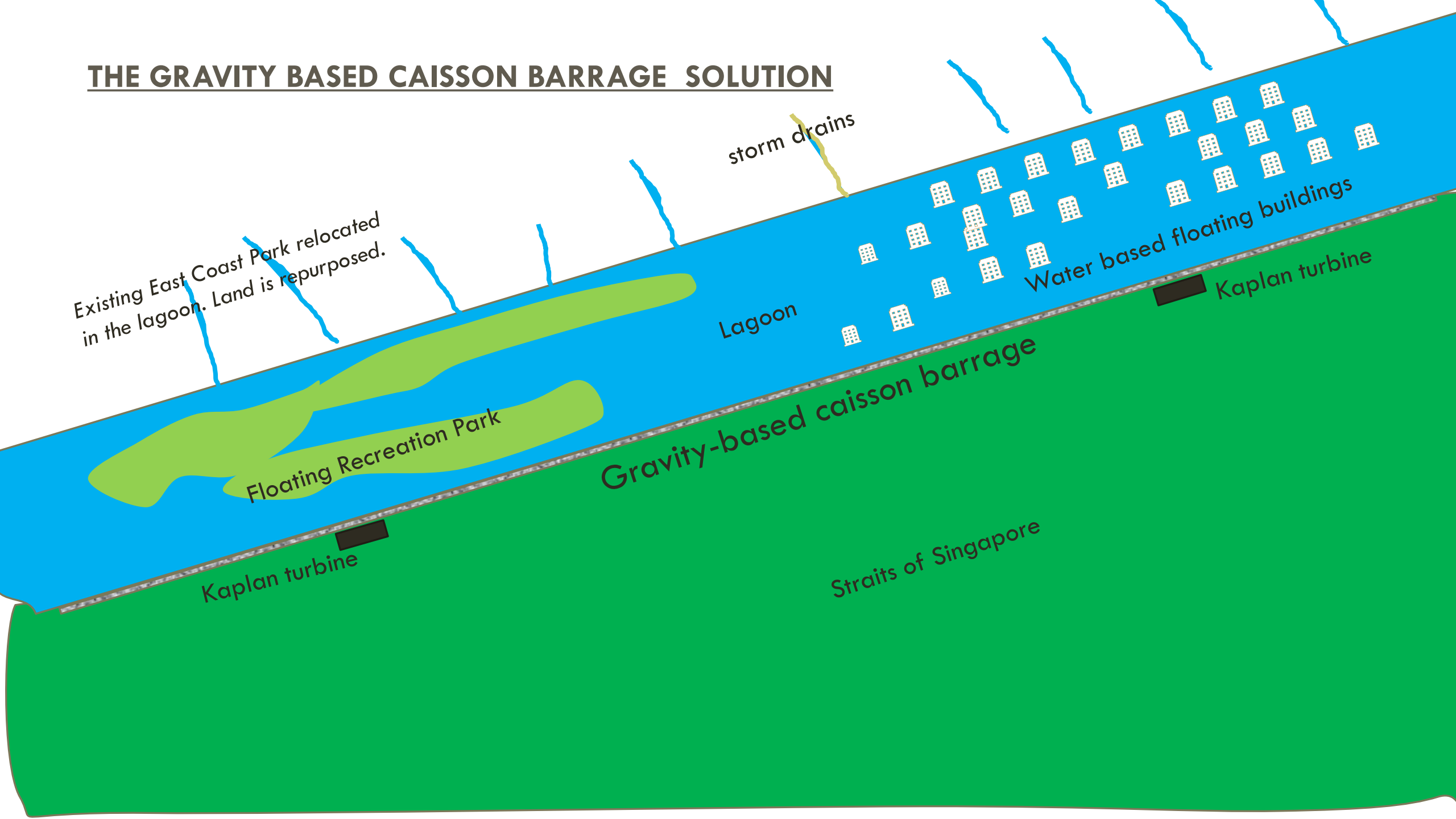
- Livelihood of others
- Biodiversity is the heritage of humanity

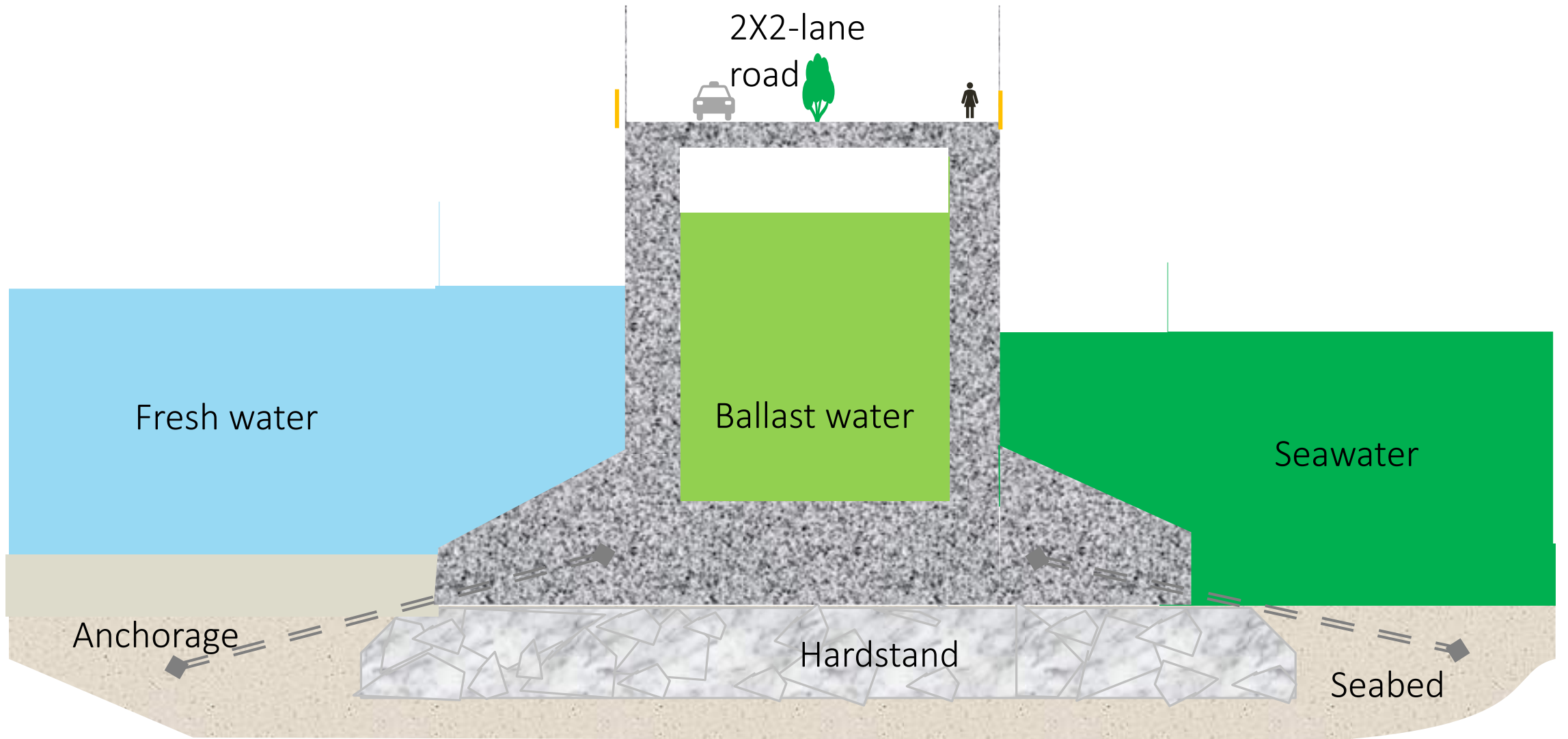
Ecological

- Degradation of Biodiversity
- Invasive aquatic species



THE GRAVITY BASED CAISSON BARRAGE SOLUTION





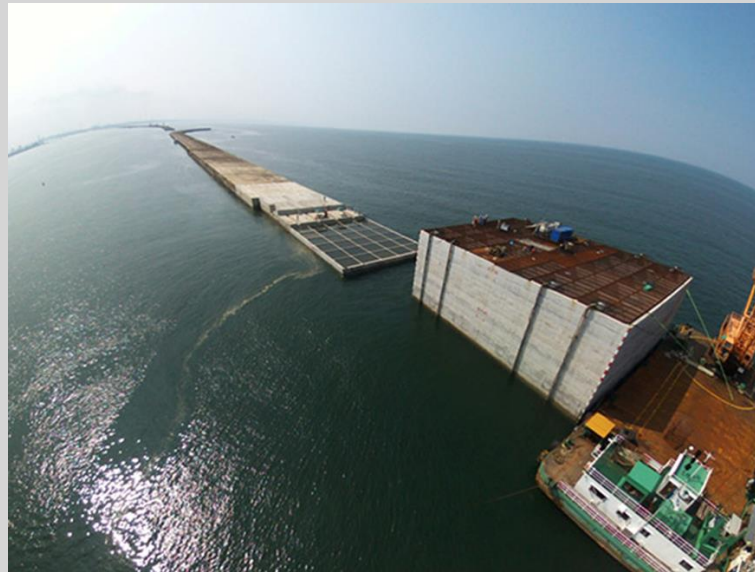
CROSS SECTION OF TYPICAL CAISSON



GRAVITY BASED CONCRETE CAISSONS AT TUAS MEGA PORT



CAISSON READY FOR LAUNCHING



CAISSON BEING POSITION FOR SUBMERGING

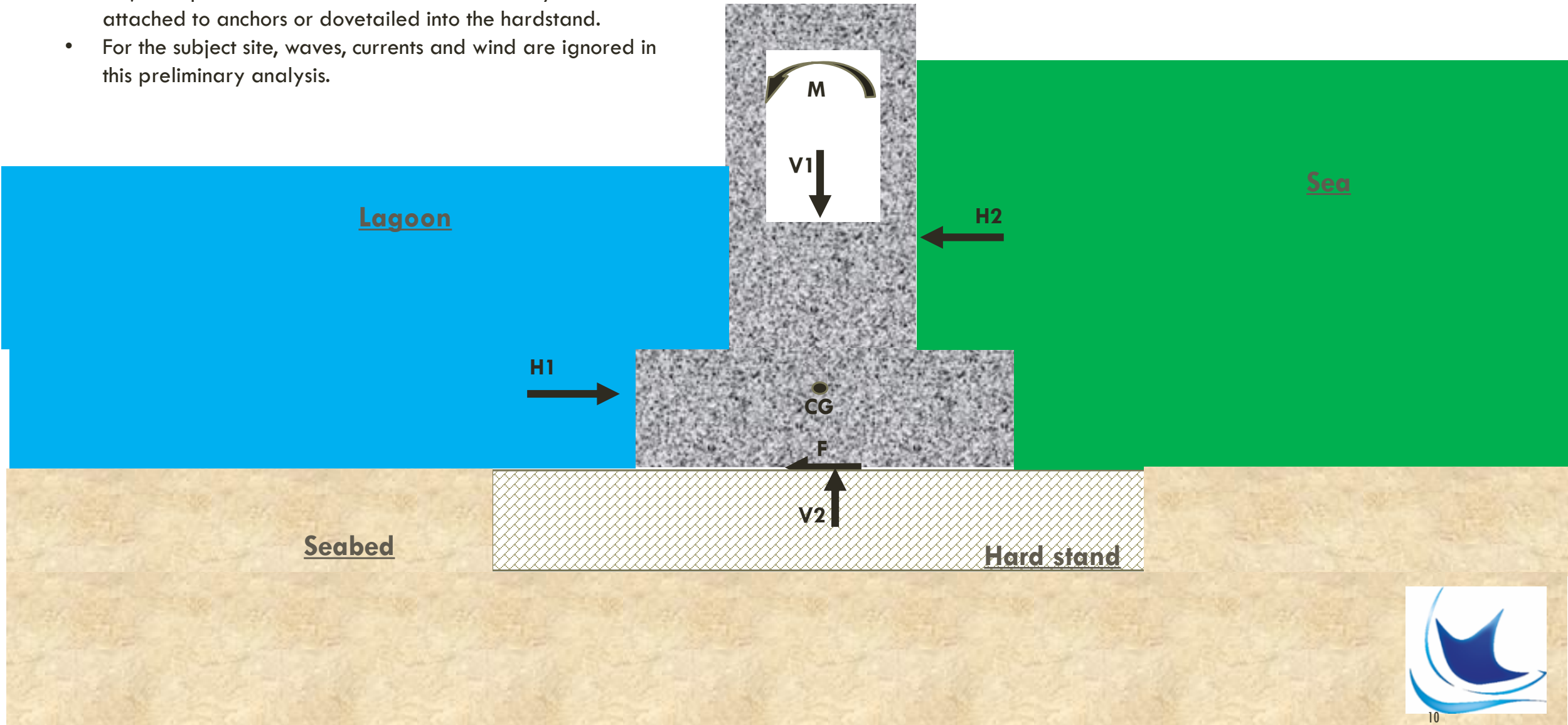
- **CONCRETE BOX WITH ADJUSTABLE BUOYANCY**
- **SUBMERGE BY BALLASTING**
- **PRODUCTION ONE PER WEEK**
- **100 TO 200 YEARS SERVICE LIFE**



FORCES AT PLAY

- H_1 = total hydrostatic pressure due to water in lagoon
- H_2 = total hydrostatic pressure due to water in sea
- F = friction from hardstand (less than limiting friction = $H_2 - H_1$) As a precaution the base of the caisson may be attached to anchors or dovetailed into the hardstand.
- For the subject site, waves, currents and wind are ignored in this preliminary analysis.

- V_1 = total weight of caisson and ballast minus buoyancy uplift
- V_2 = reaction from hardstand ($=V_1$)
- M = overturning moment



BENCHMARKING THE SOLUTION AGAINST THE 17 SDGs





MEYER Group has unveiled the world's very first floating cruise terminals.



"MEYER Group had recognized great potential in the floating solutions business", Kaj Casén, CEO at MEYER Floating Solutions.

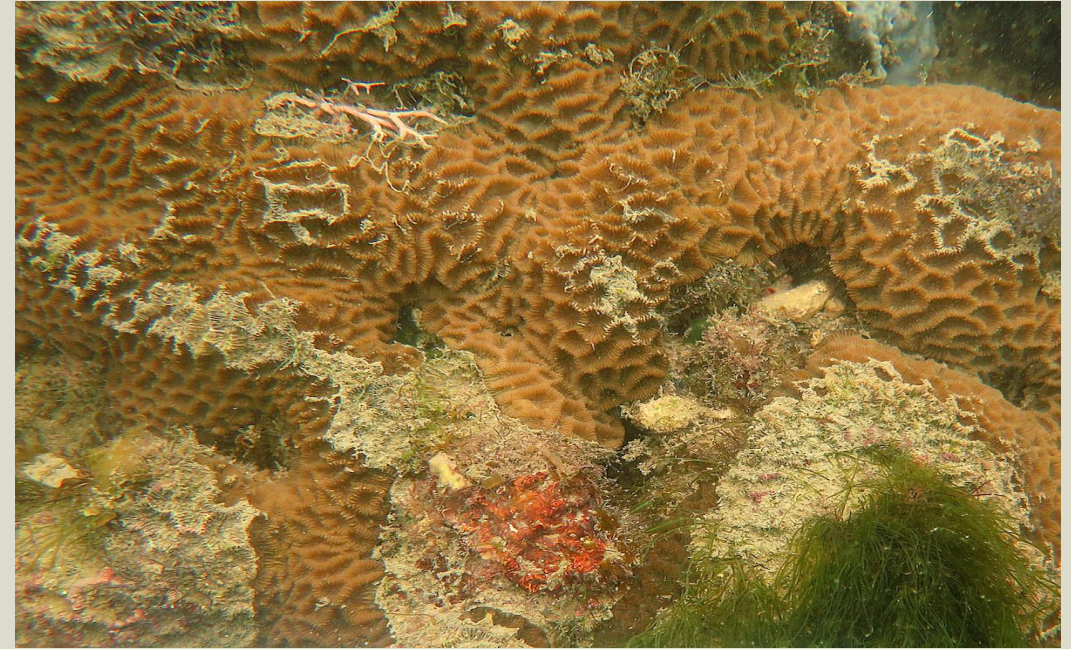
INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Goal 9 concerns industry, innovation and infrastructures.

**SOLUTION STIMULATES &
FOSTERS INNOVATION**





Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

SOLUTION CONSERVES BIODIVERSITY

Coral reefs are believed by many to have the **highest biodiversity of any ecosystem on the planet**—even more than a tropical rainforest. Occupying less than **one percent of the ocean floor, coral reefs are home to more than 25% of all marine life.**

<https://coral.org/en/>





LARGEST
FLOATING STRUCTURE
IN THE WORLD

Saudi Arabia plans to develop the world's largest floating industrial city, named Oxagon,



7KM



A modular design of a floating resort

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

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Peace, Justice and
Strong Institutions

**SOLUTION PROVIDES SPACIOUS AND
CLEAN LIVING & WORKING
ENVIRONMENT**



THE BOTTOM LINE



- Procuring excavated material from poorer nations is morally and socially improper.
- As one of the world's richest nation, it behooves us to act ethically and to respect the life sustaining resources of poorer nations.
- Biodiversity & Climate are interlink. We need to preserve both.
- Reclamation damages the viability of biosphere.
- Material use for reclamation may be infested with alien species that could obliterate the natural resources of LEDC.
- A barrage is a maintenance-free solution and sustainable for impounding water.
- Floatable caissons are proven technology and ideal for forming barrages.
- The proposed solution embodies at least 3 SDGs (9,14 & 16).