

CHAPTER 17 DETAILED EXAMINATION OF COUNTERMEASURES

17.1 General

The objectives of this chapter are to review the examination of Part A, and to confirm the stability of cut/ or embankment slopes and bridge foundation scouring in more detail. And most suitable countermeasures are to be selected against the each damage.

17.2 Review of the Status of Disaster Prevention Spots

17.2.1 Measures to the Seeped Water and Weathered Rocks in Rainy and Dry seasons

Just after rainy season, surface water, spring water with some hydraulic gradient and water film oozing were found to contain on wet conditions of slope surface. These wet conditions affect principally weathered layers consisting of a tuff group. The review of such as phenomenon for countermeasures is shown in Table 17.2.1.

Table 17.2.1 Influence Level of Slope Surface by Seeped Water and Weathering in Rainy and Dry Season

Route No. NIC-1							
Serial Number of Disaster Critical spots	Score of First Phase	Score of Second Phase	ID.No	Distance from Managua (km)	Type of disaster	Natural Condition Evaluation	Natural Condition Score
1	70	73	N001A260	508	R.F	A	10
2	73	84	N001A260	73.2	R.F	A	10
3	90	80	Juanitas	113.19	Bridge	B	6
4	100	100	San Mateo	135.64	Bridge	C	2
5	90	90	Las Chorreras (R.H.47)	150.33	Bridge	B	6
6	100	100	San Rafael	159.85	Bridge	C	2
7	81	84	N001A230	163.4	R.F	B	8
8	72	75	N001B230	196.6	R.C	B+	6
9	73	72	N001B200	169.8	R.C	C	2
10	72	72	N001B190	170.7	R.C	B-	4
11	73	81	N001B170	171.3	R.C	B	6
12	75	79	N001B150	175.0	R.C	A	10
13	74	76	N001B120	176.2	R.C	A	10
14	76	76	N001A110	176.7	R.F	B+	6
15	73	73	N001B100	187.9	R.C	B-	4
16	73	76	N001B070	204.7	R.C	B+	6
17	70	70	N001A050	214.7	R.F	A	10
18	100	100	Rio Viejo	225.89	Bridge	B-	4
19	100	100	Rio Viejo	233.245	Bridge	C	2
20	76	75	N001B030	222.5	R.C	B	6
21	73	73	N001A020	230.7	R.F	C	2
22	73	73	N001A010	259.6	R.F	B-	4
Sub-total							22spots

Route No. NIC-3							
Serial Number of Disaster Critical spots	Score of First Phase	Score of Second Phase	ID.No	Distance from Managua (km)	Type of disaster	Natural Condition Evaluation	Natural Condition Score
23	74	74	0039426	35	R.C	C	2
24	72	75	0039406	6.9	R.C	B+	6
25	80	80	0038320	7.4	R.C	B+	6
26	100	100	El Guaymasan	119.65	Bridge	A	10
27	74	76	N001B325	221	R.C	B-	4
28	70	72	N001B243	227	R.C	B-	4
29	73	72	N001B170	232	R.C	B-	4
30	83	83	N001B170	35.2	D.F	A	10
31	84	84	N001B170	35.2	D.F	A	10
32	84	84	N001B170	35.2	D.F	A	10
33	84	84	N001B170	35.2	D.F	A	10
34	81	83	N001B120	40	R.C	B	6
Sub-total							12spots

Route No. NIC-5							
Serial Number of Disaster Critical spots	Score of First Phase	Score of Second Phase	ID.No	Distance from Managua (km)	Type of disaster	Natural Condition Evaluation	Natural Condition Score
35	76	80	N002A010	24.6	R.F	A	10
Sub-total							1spots

Route No. NIC-15							
Serial Number of Disaster Critical spots	Score of First Phase	Score of Second Phase	ID.No	Distance from Managua (km)	Type of disaster	Natural Condition Evaluation	Natural Condition Score
36	70	70	N015E010	9.8	D.F	A	10
37	70	70	N015E020	11.1	D.F	A	10
38	70	70	N015E030	11.7	D.F	B-	4
39	70	70	N015E060	13.6	D.F	B-	4
Sub-total							4spots

Route No. NIC-26							
Serial Number of Disaster Critical spots	Score of First Phase	Score of Second Phase	ID.No	Distance from I.C. between San Isidro & Sabosa (km) Distance from Managua	Type of disaster	Natural Condition Evaluation	Natural Condition Score
40	71	71	N026A010	9.0	R.F	B	6
41	70	70	N026A020	12.7	R.F	B	6
42	71	71	N026A030	19.9	R.F	C	2
43	72	72	N026A040	20.9	R.F	C	2
44	70	73	N026A060	24.7	R.F	A	10
45	100	100	La Encarnata	270.82	Bridge	C	2
46	76	78	N026A100	29.5	R.F	B	6
47	73	73	N026B110	29.6	R.C	C	2
48	74	72	N026A130	33.6	R.F	B	6
49	83	80	N026B140	34.9	R.C	A	10
50	85	87	N026A150	34.2	R.F	A	10
51	86	86	N026B160	37.0	R.C	A	10
52	90	90	San Juan de Dios	156.786	Bridge	B	6
53	71	71	N026B210	45.5	R.C	B	6
54	80	80	Papua	106.454	Bridge	C	2
55	100	100	Sala	107.530	Bridge	C	2
Sub-total							16spots
Total							Nic1,3,5,15,26

R.F	Rock Falling
R.C	Rock Collapsing
D.F	Debris Flow
Bridge	Scouring of foundation

17.2.2 Measures to the Jumping and Rolling of Unstable Rocks

The wet conditions of slope surface induce new fall of rocks due to repeated dry and wet conditions, reduce bearing capacity due to hair crack-based spalling promotion or collapse due to increasing pore water pressure. This weathering process of the tuff group shifts much-cracked andesite rocks overlaid to overhanging blocks or generates toppling, which will soon lead to falling of the andesite rocks as shown in Figure 17.2.1 and Table 7.2.2. In addition, since the andesite rocks were originally produced by lava flow, they include vertical cooling joints (generates shrinkage cracks generated from lava cooling), the development of their weathering provides a causative factor to cause rock fall. The result of calculation for jumping height and rolling distance, and examination of shifting for road alignment are presented in Sub-section 17.3.7.

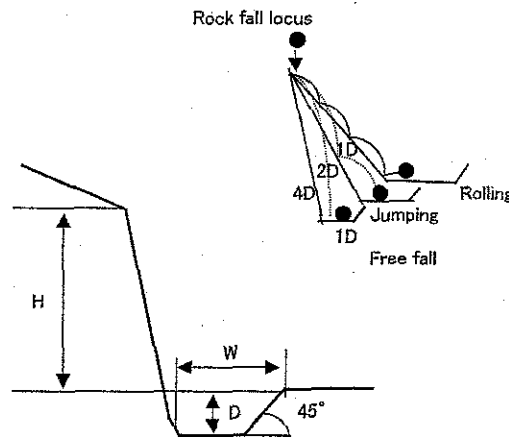


Table 7.2.2 Calculation Result of Rock Fall Analysis

This survey-based calculation and Ritchie's design case for rock fall prevention groove works (1998)						
	Slope gradient ($^\circ$)	Slope height (m)	This calculation example		Ritchie's design case	
			Rolling quantity	Jumping quantity	Groove width	Groove depth
Bedrock slope	80	5~10	2.0	5.0	3.7	1.0
		10~20	2.5	8.0	4.6	1.2
		>20	3.0	10.0	6.1	1.2
	70	0~10	1.5	2.8	3.7	1.0
		10~20	1.6	3.9	4.6	1.2
		>20	1.7	5.8	6.1	1.8'
		>30	2.0	6.5	7.6	1.8'
	60	5~10	1.2	2.8	3.7	1.2
		10~20	1.3	3.1	4.6	1.8'
		20~30	1.4	3.8	6.1	1.8'
		>30	1.7	3.9	7.6	2.7'
	50	0~10	0.4	0.0	3.7	1.0
10~20		0.7	1.0	4.6	1.2	
>20		0.8	1.3	4.6	1.8'	
40	0~10	0.3	0.0	3.7	1.0	
	10~20	0.3	0.0	3.7	1.5'	
	>20	0.7	0.5	4.6	1.8'	

($^\circ$): In case of using prevention fences, 1.2m shall be applied.

In this calculation case, a block diameter shall be 1m.

17.3 Preliminary Engineering Design for Slope Stability

17.3.1 General

Based on the result of geological observation, how to determine weathered and loosened slope gradients by height and by rock type is shown in Figure 17.3.1.

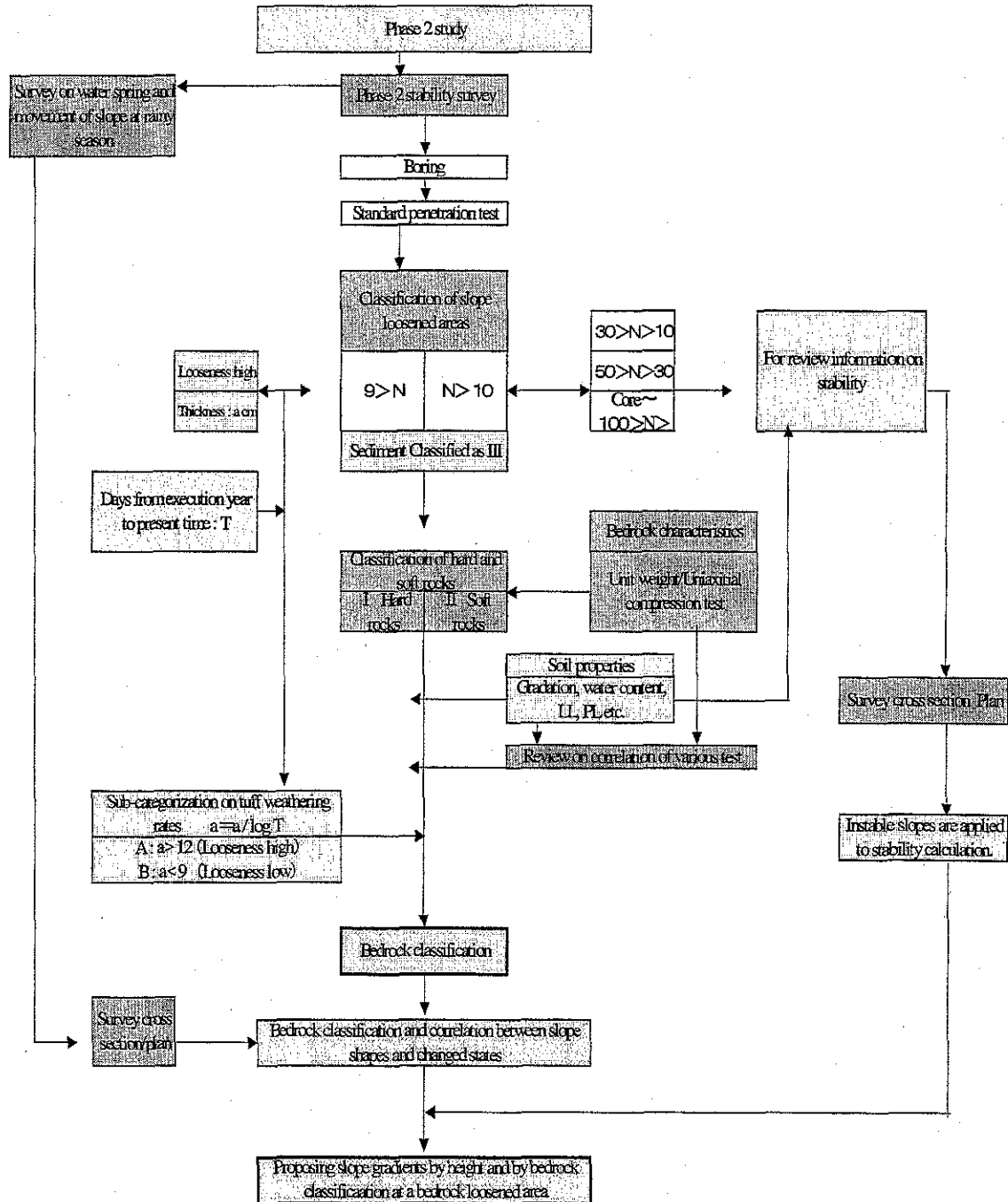


Figure 17.3.1 Analysis Method for Slope Gradient in a Bedrock Loosening Area

17.3.2 Analysis of Tuff and Andesite Groups

When incorporating slope condition where test samples were collected into the following correlation diagram of unit weight and uniaxial compression strength, the clear difference between slope collapses was considered on reaching uniaxial compression strength of 100kg/cm^2 and unit weight of 2.5t/cm^3 as shown in Figure 17.3.2.

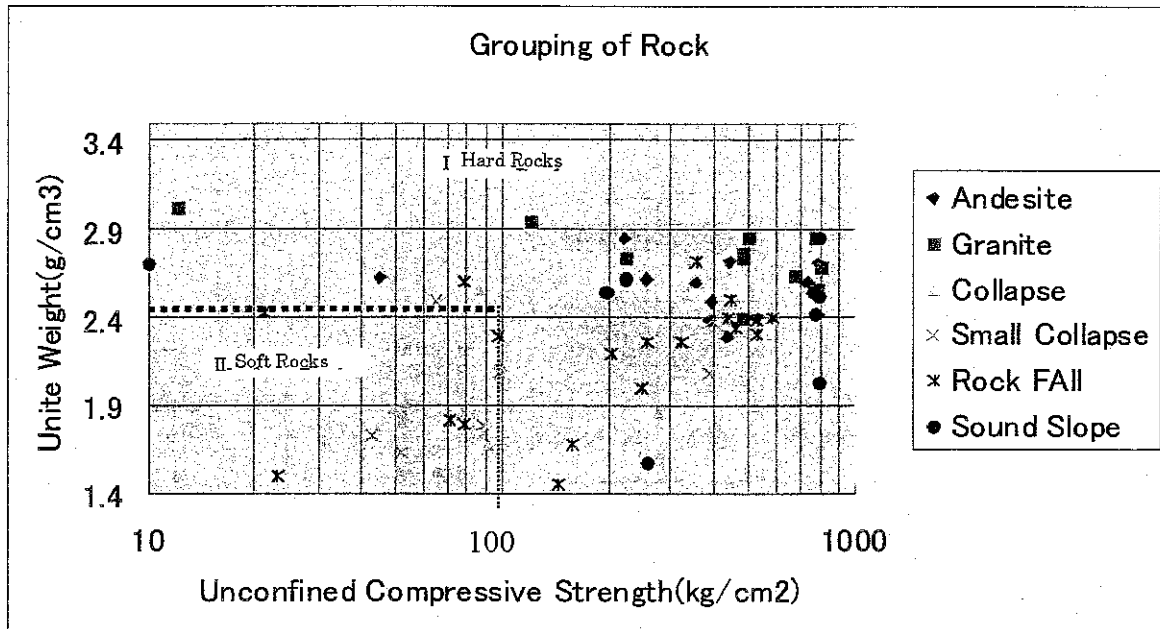


Figure 17.3.2 Grouping of Rock

Based on this figure, it was determined as follows;

- Group I** Andesite, Granite, Welded tuff, Quartz sandstone, and Paleozoic/Mesozoic stratum, Solider mudstone, Shale
- Group II** Tertiary tuff/mudstone/shale including metamorphic rock.
- Group III (Sediment)** Granite weathered soil, talus deposits.

17.3.3 Analysis of Loosening Rate in a weathered Layer

Focusing on the existence of very loose weathered layers with $N < 10$ in N-values based on the standard penetration test, it was determined that the layers were determined to be probably part of a weathered layer of stress released at least with cut. Information for those judgments are based on N-values resulting from boring conducted at a slope toe.

The loosening rate in a weathered layer,

$$\alpha = a / \log T$$

α : Loosening rate

a : $N < 10$ in thickness (cm)

T : Days from completion to the present time

These calculation conditions were summarized in Table 17.3.1 Analysis on loosening rate.

This result is shown as followed:

$\alpha > 12$ Fast loosening group

$\alpha < 9$ Slow loosening group

Table 17.3.1 Secondary Alteration-Based Lithology Category

Category	Descriptions	Loosing rate
A	Without any protection, it always causes secondary strength reduction after cutting.	$\alpha > 12$
B	Under normal conditions, its secondary strength reduction is low and does not damage slope stability.	$\alpha < 9$

Based on this category, local bedrocks were classified into four groups, I B, II B, I A and II A as shown in Table 17.3.2.

Table 17.3.2 Hardness-Based on Lithology Classification

Lithology Class	Rock Appearance	Hammer Approach	Representative Rock Types
I	It is hard and dense, and has fresh colors, hardly including weathered brown portinos. Rock structure can be perfectly found.	It has clear sound or dull sound. The head of a hammer cannot penetrate into it due to its hardness. Mudstone and siltstone can be broken only with difficult by hand. Block rock samples can be obtained.	Plutonic rocks such as granite, fresh metamorphic rocks such as schist group, volcanic rocks such as andesite, rhyolite, agglomerate and basalt, hard sedimentary rocks such as sandstone
II	Softened rocks by weathering, low consolidation rocks. Fine structure of the rocks is difficult to identify.	It sounds dull when being struck. The head of a hammer is struck into it. It is easily broken, and its small pieces are broken with fingers. Large samples are difficult to take.	Tertiary mudstone, shell, siltstone, and tuff. Weathered parts of the Class I rocks
III	Rocks strongly exposed to weathering and alteration, or they show no rock feature. They should be treated as sediment.	When being struck by a hammer, it will be broken as if being collapsed, or the hammer will stick into it. The head of a hammer is easily struck into it. A piece of rock is crushed with figures.	Unconsolidated layers, bedrocks weathered into soil, and talus

17.3.4 Analysis of Slope Gradients

Figure 17.3.3 shows the results of analysis on slope gradients of a loosened area in a weathered layer. tuff rocks, which alternately co-exist with andesite rocks and are partially by weathering force, increase their slope stability. So, this geologic structure could be reflected in measures against slope surfaces.

A step-wise line in the chart shows a proposed value that around 5 ° can be added to, when tuff rocks alternately co-exist with andesite rocks and when tuff spalling little occurs.

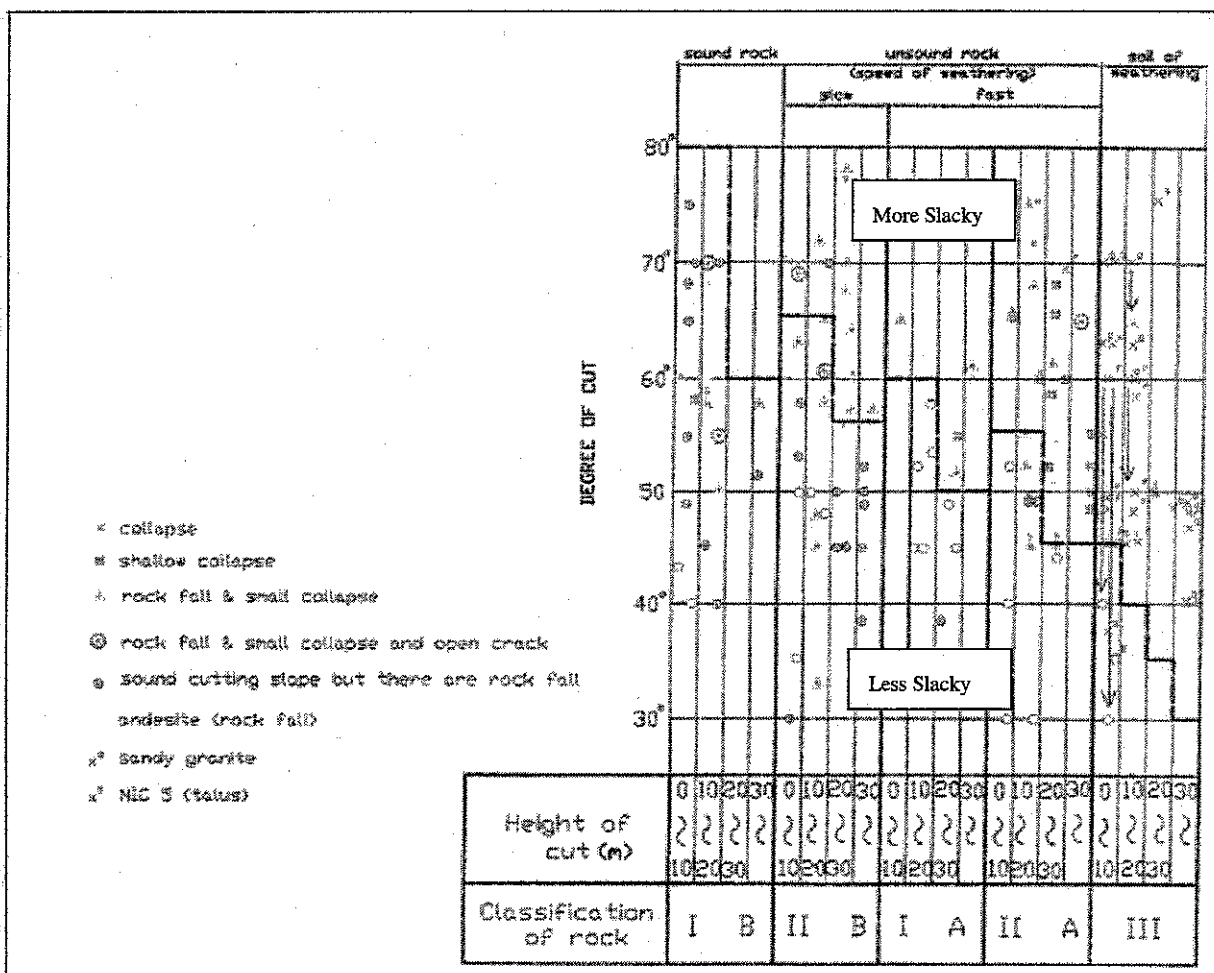


Figure 17.3.3 Analysis on Slope Gradients of a Loosened Area in a Weathering Layer

17.3.5 Results of Slope Stability Analysis

Stability analysis for circular failure is conducted, generally using the slice method assuming a circular sliding surface shown in Figure 17.3.4.

Calculate formula

$$F_s = \frac{\sum [C \cdot L + (W - u \cdot b) \cos \alpha \cdot \tan \phi]}{\sum W \cdot \sin \alpha}$$

- F : Factor of Safety
 C : Cohesion
 ϕ : Internal friction angle (°)
 l : Sliding surface length cut by a slice (m)
 W : Total weight of slices
 U : Pore water pressure
 b : Slice width
 α : Angle between a line-linking a middle point and a center of a sliding surface and a plumb line

The methods for stability calculation include total stress and effective stress methods. Experience shows that the two methods are currently used appropriately according to drainage environments such as ground materials, structure and target grounds due to easy selection of a strength constant and a pore water pressure.

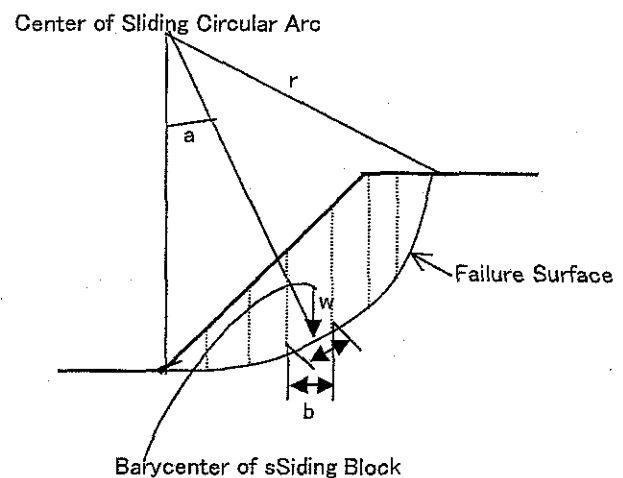


Figure 17.3.4 Stability Analysis by Sliding Circular Arc Method at Non-earthquake Condition

If a landslide type is identified from local topographical and geological features and if it is determined on the basis of a field survey whether landslide is active or not, lands with current safety factor shown in Table 17.3.3 can be roughly identified.

Table 17.3.3 Current Factor of Safety

	Bedrock landslide	Weathered rock landslide	Colluvial deposit landslide	Clayer soil landslide
Unmoving	1.10	1.05~1.10	1.03~1.05	1.0~1.03
Sliding	0.99	0.95~0.99	0.93~0.95	0.9~0.93

The stability results of disaster prevention spots are shown in Table 17.3.10 in the main text. However because the safety factors of some spots exceed the value of above-mentioned table, it is necessary to take countermeasures certainly.

17.3.6 Versatility of Slope Gradient in a Loosened Bedrock in Nicaragua

Table 17.3.4 shows a list of stratums to which these analysis results can be applied. In addition, these bedrocks spread two-dimensionally as shown in Figure 17.3.5. It was found that these results could be used very widely.

Table 17.3.4 Slope Gradient Applicable Stratums

Era		West		Center	East	North East
Quaternary	Holocene	Volcanic and Alluvium		Alluvium	Alluvial and Deposits	
	Pleistocene	Group Las Sierras		Indistinct	Residuals	
Tertiary	Pliocene	Fm.El Salto		Group Coyal	Fm.Bluefields	Group Coyal
	Miocene	Fm. El Fraile	Fm. Tamarindo		Group Matagalpa	Fm.Cukra
	Oligocene	Fm.Masachopa				
	Eocene	Fm.Brito				
	Paleocene	Fm.Rivas		Group Pre--Matagalpa		
	Superior					
Cretaceous	Inferior	Completo Nicola en Costa Rica				Fm.Metapan

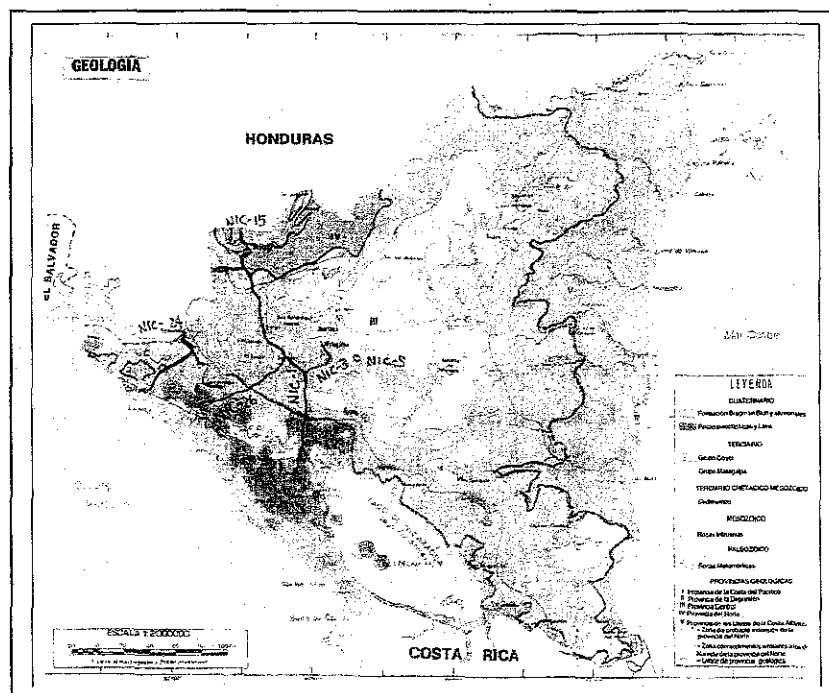


Figure 17.3.5 Geological Area

17.3.7 Selection of Countermeasure for Slope Disaster

1) Calculation of Jumping Height and Rolling Distance

Based on geological characteristics of the above-mentioned results, conditions of falling stones are shown in Table 17.3.5. And calculation result of jumping height and rolling distance, and size of protection wall and prevention net are shown in Table 17.3.6, 17.3.7 and 17.3.8. However spots that need to shift the road alignment for rockfallings exists at only N003E170 on NIC.3.

Final countermeasures are presented in Table 17.4.9 in the main text.

Table 17.3.5 Condition of Fallen Stone

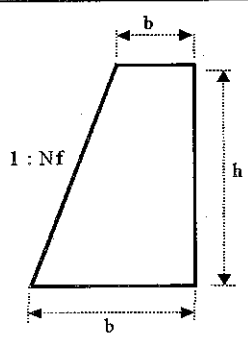
ID No.	Slope Gradient (degree)	Condition of Fallen Rock						
		Slope Height (m)	Slope Gradient (degree)	Size of Rock	Kind of Rock	Density(t/m ³)	Conversion to the Volume	
							Density (t/m ³)	φ (m)
N001A290	45~52	40	50	1.0m*1.0m*0.8m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N001A240	45~57	20	50	1.0m*1.0m*0.8m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N001B230	40~65	30	70	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N001B170	42~70	40	70	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N001B150	50~90	20	70	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N001B120	50~70	50	70	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N003B400	33~90	20	60	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N003B370	45~90	20	60	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N003E170	45~62	20	60	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N005A010	41~48	40	50	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Andesite IIB	2.5	2.6	1.50
N026A060	53~63	20	70	1.0m*1.0m*0.8m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N026B140	50~60	40	60	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N026A150	48~70	50	70	2.0m*1.5m*0.5m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50
N026B160	53~70	20	70	1.0m*1.0m*0.8m	Tuff IIB	1.7	2.6	1.50

Table 17.3.6 Jumping Height and Rolling Distance Calculations

ID No.	Range of Jumping qt	The ninth value	Range of Rolling qt	The ninth value	f (m)	Slope H (m)	Slope G (deg.)
N026A060	0.73 - 2.88m	2.85m	0.40 - 2.68m	2.61m	1.00	20.0	70.0
N026A160							
N001A240	1.05 - 3.44m	2.72m	0.38 - 3.97m	0.95m	1.50	20.0	50.0
N001A290	1.08 - 3.62m	2.98m	0.40 - 2.67m	0.97m	1.50	40.0	50.0
N005A010							
N003B400	1.16 - 4.33m	3.27m	0.39 - 4.50m	3.04m	1.50	20.0	60.0
N003B370							
N003E170							
N026B140	1.28 - 4.45m	3.78m	0.45 - 4.00m	3.20m	1.50	40.0	60.0
N001B150	1.67 - 6.14m	5.08m	0.73 - 5.12m	4.77m	1.50	20.0	70.0
N001B230	1.54 - 7.70m	6.31m	0.52 - 7.80m	6.88m	1.50	30.0	70.0
N001B170	1.57 - 14.56m	6.77m	1.05 - 14.17m	7.43m	1.50	40.0	70.0
N001B120	1.89 - 14.65m	10.82m	0.56 - 12.13m	6.97m	1.50	50.0	70.0
N026A150							

Table 17.3.6 Structure Required for Protection Wall

Type	Size (m)				
	h	b1	b2	Nf	Em (KJ)
A	2.00	0.50	1.50	0.50	8.94
B	2.50	0.75	2.00	0.50	21.01
C	3.00	1.00	2.50	0.50	40.90
D	3.50	1.25	3.00	0.50	70.21
E	4.00	1.50	3.50	0.50	110.41
F	4.50	1.75	4.00	0.50	163.21
G	5.00	2.00	4.50	0.50	229.76
H	5.50	2.25	5.00	0.50	310.77
I	6.00	2.50	5.50	0.50	406.73
J	6.50	2.75	6.00	0.50	518.11



Em: Allowable Absorable Energy

Table 17.3.8 Relationship between Type of Protection Wall & Natural Conditions

Boulder Weight (kN)	Slope Height (m)	Slope Gradient (degree)					
		30	40	50	60	70	80
1.7 (φ=0.5m)	10						
	20						
	30						
	40						
	50						
13.6 (φ=1.0m)	10						
	20					N026A170 N026B150	
	30						
	40						
	50						
45.9 (φ=1.5m)	10						
	20			N001A240	N003B400 N003B370 N003E170	N001B150	
	30					N001B230	
	40			N001A290 N005A010	N026B140	N001B170	
	50					N001B120 N026A150	
108.9 (φ=2.0m)	10						
	20						
	30						
	40						
	50						

Table 17.3.8 Required Dimensions for Prevention Nets

ID No.	Rope f 12 Mesh f 2.6							
	Net Data				Rock Data		Slope Data	
	Main Rope	Auxiliary Rope	Wire Mesh	Maximum Capacity	f (m)	W (kN)	Slope H (m)	Slope G (deg.)
N026A060	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	n=1.0	1.00	13.61	20.0	70.0
N026A160								
N001A240	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	20.0	50.0
N001A290	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	40.0	50.0
N005A010								
N003B400								
N003B370	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	20.0	60.0
N003E170								
N026B140								
N001B150	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	20.0	70.0
N001B230	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	30.0	70.0
N001B170	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	40.0	70.0
N001B120	f 12	f 12	f 2.6	NG	1.50	45.92	50.0	70.0
N026A150								

ID No.	Rope f 18 Mesh f 4.2							
	Net Data				Rock Data		Slope Data	
	Main Rope	Auxiliary Rope	Wire Mesh	Maximum Capacity	f (m)	W (kN)	Slope H (m)	Slope G (deg.)
N026A060	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=6.0	1.00	13.61	20.0	70.0
N026A160								
N001A240	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	20.0	50.0
N001A290	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	40.0	50.0
N005A010								
N003B400								
N003B370	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	20.0	60.0
N003E170								
N026B140								
N001B150	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	20.0	70.0
N001B230	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	30.0	70.0
N001B170	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	40.0	70.0
N001B120	f 18	f 18	f 4.0	n=1.0	1.50	45.92	50.0	70.0
N026A150								

17.4 Preliminary Engineering Design for Bridge Foundation Scouring

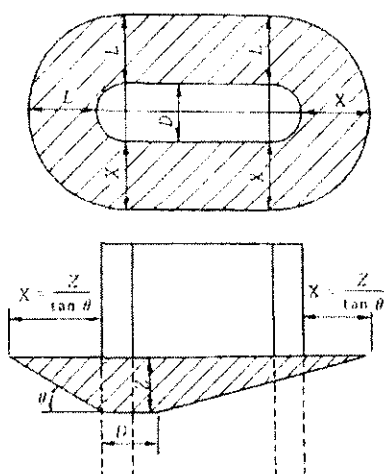
There are many factors for scouring of bridge foundations as follows:

- Change in river flow caused by piers,
- Obstruction ratio of river by piers shape,
- River obstruction ratio by pier width,
- Abutments located in the river flow,
- Lack of the free space under beam, and
- Lack of depth between footing face of bridge foundation and riverbed, etc.

Calculation results of scouring on bridge foundation are shown in Table 17.4.1. The bridges detected with scouring are Junquillal Bridge, LasChanilas Bridge, and Tacapali Bridge.

Table 17.4.1 Calculation Result of Scouring

River Name	UNIT	Junquillal	Las Chanillas	Inali	Tacapari	El Guayacan	San Juan de Dios	La Banderita
Width of river W :	m	29.3	62	64	109	17.5	17.9	31.6
Width of pier D :	m	0.4	0.7	0.8	1	0.9	0.4	1.1
flow velocity of High water level V :	m3/s	246.28	668.61	579.58	886.75	149.08	67.22	60.12
Average level of road surface	m	457.3	822	638.2	299.62	614	96.4	226.7
Average level of riverbed of High water level in flood	m	453.65	815	631.27	292	609.6	94	217.8
Mean water depth in flood ho :	m	4.36	2.765	3	3.952	4.99	2.25	2.67
Average grain diameter of riverbed materials dm :	mm	0.5	6	13	10	15	1	3
ho/D	-	10.90	3.95	3.75	3.95	5.54	5.63	2.43
Fr = (V/(W·ho))/v(g·ho) =	-	0.29	0.75	0.56	0.33	0.24	0.36	0.14
ho/dm	-	8720.0	460.8	230.8	395.2	332.7	2250.0	890.0
Z/D	-	1.48	1.8	1.68	1.45	1.2	1.55	0.8
Z	m	1.776	2.16	2.016	1.74	1.44	1.86	0.96
Angle of repose ?	Deg	31.0	34.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	31.0	32.0
tan?	-	0.60	0.67	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.60	0.62
X=Z/tan?	m	2.96	3.20	2.40	2.07	1.72	3.10	1.54
Result of site survey	Width(X)	m	3.0	3.0	-	2.0	-	-
	Length(L)	m	4.0	4.0	-	2.0	-	-
	Depth(Z)	m	0.7	0.8	-	1.0	-	-



X : Horizontal distance of the range of scouring
 Z : Maximum depth of scouring
 θ : Angle of repose
 D : Width of pier

As described in above-mentioned table, expected scouring locations are as follows:

- 1) Around piers,
- 2) Around abutments, and
- 3) Embankment for approaches.

Based on the result of calculation result, a range and a depth of bridge foundation by scouring are protected as shown in Table 17.4.2 and 17.4.3.

Table 17.4.2 Comparison of Prevention Measures for Foundation Scouring

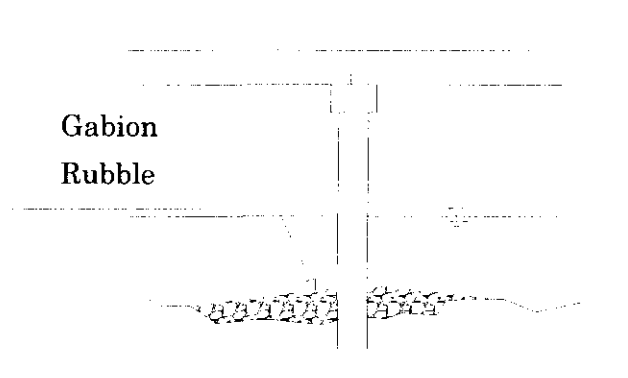
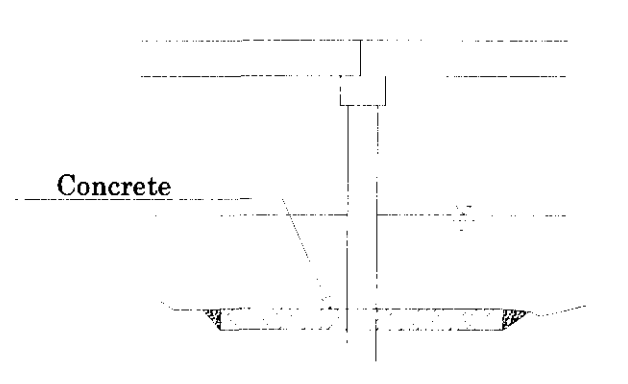
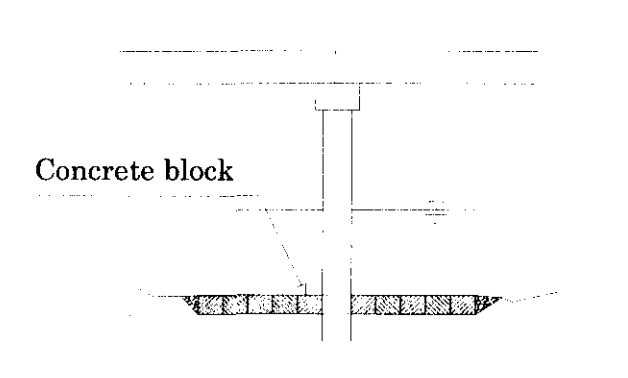
Material	Illustration	Remarks
Rubble and gabion		<p>This measure is for temporary works and for works in rivers with slow velocity.</p> <p>Economically efficient. Facility for construction is simple and easy (manual labor only is basically sufficient).</p> <p>The advantage of rubble is that it can change its form in response to differential settlement of the riverbed if the foundation is soft.</p> <p>Maintenance is necessary.</p>
Protection by the Concrete		<p>This measure is applied at sites with fast flows and strong riverbed foundations.</p> <p>This measure is inappropriate for sites with soft riverbed foundations because the structure might collapse due to differential settlement.</p> <p>Because, this measure requires the pouring of concrete on site, it is impossible to execute in the rainy season.</p>
Protection by precast concrete block		<p>By changing the size of concrete block in accordance with the velocity of water flow, this measure can be applied to all kinds of rivers.</p> <p>Because precast concrete is applied, construction can be implemented at any time except during floods.</p> <p>Maintenance is not necessary.</p> <p>This measure can bear small differential settlement.</p>

Table 17.4.3 Countermeasure Applicability by Bridge

Name	Rubble Gabion	Concrete	Concrete Block	Explanatory Remarks
Junqillal	A	C	C	It is predictable that the settlement will occur due to the soft riverbed. The velocity of water flow is slow. The river always has water flow.
San Nicolas	A	C	C	The velocity of water flow is slow. The river always has water flow.
Las Chanillas	C	B	A	The velocity of water flow is fast.
San Ramon	A	C	C	It is predictable that the settlement will occur due to the soft riverbed.
Inali	C	B	A	The velocity of water flow is fast.
Tapacali	C	B	A	The velocity of water flow is rather fast. The river always has water flow.
El Guayacan	A	A	A	The velocity of water flow is slow. There is a season when the water flow in the river disappears.
Solis	C	A	B	The velocity of water flow is fast. The riverbed is consisted of soft rock. The block is not economical because the width of river is narrow.
Papalon	C	A	B	The velocity of water flow is fast. The riverbed is consisted of soft rock. The block is not economical because the width of river is narrow.
San Juan de Dios	A	C	C	It is predictable that the settlement will occur due to the soft riverbed. The economical advantage is excellent.
La Banderita	A	C	C	The velocity of water flow is relatively fast. The economical advantage is excellent.

A : Advisable measure

B : Applicable measure

C : Measure difficult to apply

17.5 Selection of Spot Specific Countermeasures

The selection of countermeasures for slope damages and bridge foundations are presented in Section 17.6 in the main text. Spot specific countermeasures are in detail selected taking into account the alternative countermeasures against disaster features.

CHAPTER 18 CONSTRUCTION PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE

18.1 General

The following work items will be taken up in this chapter:

- Clarification of assumptions for making cost estimates,
- Estimate of quantities for each prevention spot,
- Examination of the unit rate for each prevention countermeasure,
- Drawing up of construction costs for each prevention spot, and
- Drawing up of maintenance costs for each Study route.

The lifespan of road disaster prevention measures, which take into account the probability of road-related disasters occurring, are as described below.

- Permanent disaster prevention measure: Effective for 20 years
- Temporary disaster prevention measure: Effective for 10 years

18.2 Cost Estimate Assumptions

Construction unit rates obtained from MTI were first reviewed and adjusted as necessary. The Study team then examined unit rates for new work items. As part of this work, the Study team requested unit rate quotations from three general contractors.

Construction costs for each prevention spot are estimated as a direct cost. Note that direct cost includes direct variable cost, which consists of costs for temporary facilities and is greatly dependent on the conditions of a particular spot. Therefore, construction cost is estimated by averaging direct costs.

18.3 Unit Rates

Unit rates for different types of work and their corresponding work items are as shown in Table 18.3.1.

Unit rates, which are based on the costs derived in Chapter 7, are revised in the Feasibility Study by considering additional work items and disaster prevention measures. Note that the types of prevention measures are the same as those in Chapter 7. The revised unit rates of the work items, the additional work items and the additional measures are shown in below.

■ Work items with a revised unit rate are marked with a ○ and are as follows:

- (7) Rock-fall prevention device: Net
- (9) Riverbank protection: Concrete revetment

■ Additional work items are marked with a □ and are as follows:

- (4) Structure: Concrete cribwork
- (9) Riverbank protection: Concrete cribwork for riverbed

■ Additional measures are as follows:

- (11) Bridge structure
- (12) Box culvert

Table 18.3.1 Unit Rates

Type of Work	Work Item	Remarks	Unit	Unit Rate	Reason for Modifying Unit Rate
(4) Structure	Shotcrete	T=10cm	m ²	48.30	Vegetation is used to harmonize with a nearby natural park.
	Concrete cribwork ?	0.3×0.3 @2.0m	m ²	100.00	
	Gabion mat		m ³	43.67	
(7) Rock-fall prevention device	Prevention net ?		m ²	8.53	Estimate changed to reflect prices from three local construction companies instead of just
	Barrier with gabion mat		m ³	97.49	
	Barrier with concrete wall		m ³	625.13	
(9) Riverbank protection	Concrete revetments ?		m ³	654.95	Estimate based on prices from two local construction companies was changed to one based on prices from four local construction companies.
	Gabion mat		m ³	97.49	
	Stone riprap with mortar		m ³	66.91	Concrete cribwork adopted for rapid river flows.
	Concrete cribwork for riverbed ?		m ²	39.49	
(11) Bridge structure	Steel bridge with concrete slab		m ²	406.24	Bridge is considered as an alternative.
	Gravity-type abutment		m ³	37.15	
	Reversal T-type abutment(RC)		m ³	197.26	
(12) Box culvert	Cast in place	3m×2m	m	1740.6	Box culvert type is considered as an alternative.

18.4 Spot Specific Construction Plans

The main types of equipment used for construction at each of the disaster prevention spots are as shown in tables 18.4.1 and 18.4.2.

Table 18.4.1 Main Equipment List for Slope Damage Repair

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Bulldozer	Back hoe	Pick hammer	Shotcrete machine	Truck crane	Vibration roller	Jumbo Breaker	Boring machine
N001A290	R.F	Recutting + Prevention net + Drainage		○	○		○			
N001A280	R.F	Horizontal drainage								○
N001A240	R.F	Recutting + Prevention net		○	○		○			
N001B230	R.C	Recutting + Prevention net		○	○		○			
N001B170	R.C	Recutting + Drainage		○	○				○	
N001B150	R.C	Recutting + Shotcrete + Drainage		○	○	○				
N001B120	R.C	Recutting + Drainage		○	○				○	
N003B400	R.C	Recutting + Drainage		○	○					
N003B370	R.C	Recutting + Drainage		○	○				○	
N003B320	R.C	Embankment + Concrete retaining wall + Vegetation	○	○	○			○	○	
N003C230	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Cribwork + Drainage Embankment + Vegetation + Drainage	○	○	○		○	○	○	
N003E170	D.F + R.C	Dam Recutting + Drainage	○	○	○		○	○	○	
N003C150	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Drainage Embankment + Vegetation	○	○	○			○	○	
N003C140	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Drainage Embankment + Concrete retaining wall + Vegetation + Drainage	○	○	○		○	○	○	
N005A010	R.F	Recutting + Drainage		○	○				○	
N026A060	R.F	Recutting + Shotcrete + Drainage		○	○	○				
N026B140	R.C	Recutting + Horizontal drainage + Drainage		○	○				○	○
N026A150	R.F	Recutting + Drainage		○	○				○	
N026B160	R.C	Recutting + Prevention net		○	○		○			

Note) R.F: Rock-fall/collapsing; R.C: Rock collapsing; S.S: Slope Slide; D.F: Debris flow

Table 18.4.2 Main Equipment List for Bridge Damage Repair

Bridge Name	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Bulldozer	Back hoe	Concrete breaker	Truck crane	Jumbo breaker
NIC.1	Junquillal	Bridge		○		○	
	San Nicolas	Bridge		○		○	
	Las Chanillas	Bridge		○		○	
	San Ramon	Bridge		○	○	○	
	Inali	Bridge	Gabion mat Revetment +Stone masonry		○	○	○
	Tapacali	Bridge	Gabion mat Revetment		○	○	○
NIC.3	Guayacan	Bridge	○	○	○	○	○
NIC.26	Solis	Bridge		○		○	
	Papalon	Bridge		○		○	
	San Juan de Dios	Bridge		○		○	
	La Banderita	Bridge		○		○	

Note) Bridge: Scouring of foundation

18.5 Summary of Spot Specific Work Quantities and Costs

18.5.1 NIC.1

Costs for each disaster prevention spot are as shown in Table 18.5.1- Table18.5.7.

Table 18.5.1 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Slope Failure

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)	
N001A290	R.F	Removal + Prevention net + Drainage	T	m ²	23,286	335
N001A280	R.F	Horizontal drainage	P	m	100	10
N001A240	R.F	Removal + Prevention net	T	m ²	950	26
N001B230	R.C	Removal + Prevention net	T	m ²	228	6
N001B170	R.C	Recutting + Drainage	P	m ³	36,028	1,590
N001B150	R.C	Recutting + Shotcrete + Drainage	P	m ²	252	27
N001B120	R.C	Recutting + Drainage	P	m ³	10,655	814
Total						2,808

Note) R.F: Rock fall; R.C: Rock collapsing; P: Permanent countermeasure; T: Temporary countermeasure

Table 18.5.2 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Bridge Foundation Scouring

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
Junquillal	Bridge	Gabion mat	T m ³	435	42
San Nicolas	Bridge	Gabion mat	T m ³	114	25
Las Chanillas	Bridge	Concrete block	T m ³	288	189
San Ramon	Bridge	Gabion mat	T m ³	86	9
Inali	Bridge	Gabion mat Revetment + Stone masonry	T m ³ m ²	1,138 1,758	828
Tapacali	Bridge	Gabion mat Revetment	T m ³ m ²	238 640	282
Total					1,375

Note) Bridge: Scouring of foundation; T: Temporary countermeasure

18.5.2 NIC.3

Table 18.5.3 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Slope Failure

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
N003B400	R.C	Recutting + Drainage	P m ³	290	40
N003B370	R.C	Recutting + Drainage	P m ³	1,676	175
N003B320	R.C	T-shaped retaining wall + Refilling + Vegetation + Drainage	P m ³	3,168	239
N003C230	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Cribwork + Vegetation + Drainage Embankment + Vegetation + Drainage	P m ² m ³	638 4,934	328
N003E170	D.F + R.C	Concrete dam + Box culvert Recutting + Drainage	P m m ³	20 2,670	310
N003C150	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Drainage Embankment + Vegetation + Drainage	P m ³	9,221 16,076	918
N003C140	S.S + R.C	Recutting + Horizontal drainage + Drainage Embankment + T-shaped retaining wall + Vegetation + Drainage	P m ³	5,408 3,176	749
Total					2,759

Note) R.C: Rock collapsing; S.S: Slope Slide; D.F: Debris flow; P: Permanent countermeasure

Table 18.5.4 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Bridge Foundation Scouring

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
El Guayacan	Bridge	New bridge construction	P m ²	500	1,379

Note) Bridge: Scouring of foundation; P: Permanent countermeasure

18.5.3 NIC.5

Table 18.5.5 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Slope Failure

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
N005A010	R.F	Recutting + Drainage	P m ³	10,760	389

Note) R.F: Rock fall; P: Permanent countermeasure

18.5.4 NIC.26

Table 18.5.6 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Slope Failure

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
N026A060	R.F	Recutting + Shotcrete + Drainage	P m ²	3,604	316
N026A140	R.C	Recutting + Horizontal drainage + Drainage	P m ³	11,495	904
N026A150	R.F	Recutting + Drainage	P m ³	2,113	210
N026B160	R.C	Removal + Prevention net + Drainage	T m ²	1,568	13
Total					1,443

Note) R.F: Rock fall; R.C: Rock collapsing; P: Permanent countermeasure; T: Temporary countermeasure

Table 18.5.7 Construction Cost for Countermeasures for Bridge Foundation Scouring

ID. No	Type of Disaster	Type of Countermeasure	Unit	Qty	Cost (US\$1000)
Solis	Bridge	Stone riprap with mortar Gabion mat	T m ³	72	66
				546	
Papalan	Bridge	Stone riprap with mortar Gabion mat	T m ³	50	51
				408	
San Juan de Dios	Bridge	Gabion mat	T m ³	115	5
La Banderita	Bridge	Stone riprap wall Gabion mat	T m ² m ³	162	31
				375	
Total					153

Note) Bridge: Scouring of foundation; P: Permanent countermeasure

18.5.5 Total Cost

Total construction cost for each route is as shown in Table 18.5.8.

Table 18.5.8 Total Construction Cost by Route

Objective Route	Cost (US\$1000)		
	Slope	Bridge	Total
NIC.1	2,808	1,375	4,183
NIC.3	2,759	1,379	4,138
NIC.5	389	0	389
NIC.26	1,443	153	1,596
Total	7,399	2,907	10,306

US\$1=C\$14.4 (exchange rate as of October 14, 2002)

CHAPTER 19 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

19.1 Method of EIA

The EIA assesses the level of consideration given by countermeasures to the environmental negative factors selected for each spot in Chapter 9. Validity of the method of environmental consideration is judged based on "The summary of general matters for environment observance in the construction stage" (Chapter 5 of NABCV in NIC 2000).

19.2 Evaluation of Environmental Consideration

19.2.1 Resettlement

Resettlement (a hotel under construction) was originally forecast at one spot (Nic3) among the target spots. However, this was averted by revising works as shown in Table 19.2.1.

Table 19.2.1 Consideration Items for Avoidance of Resettlement

Spot No.	Countermeasure	
	Initial Idea	Final Idea
N003B320	It was forecast that the hotel would fall on in the excavation line due to cutting works.	Cantilever retaining wall was adopted to ensure backfilling at the rear. .

Land acquisition needs to be carried out at some of objective spots presented in Table 19.2.2 in the main text. However there are no spots where expropriation causes a trouble judging from present conditions of use. Land acquisition is done in accordance with the Nicaraguan law.

19.2.2 Economic Activity

Concern was raised over the impact on economic activities at four of the spots; however, measures were taken at each spot to avert this economic impact as indicated in Table 19.2.2.

19.2.3 Ground Water

Concern was raised over the impact on three shallow wells that utilize non-artesian ground water. However countermeasures were devised to minimize impact on the water catchment volumes shown in Tables 19.2.3 and 19.2.4.

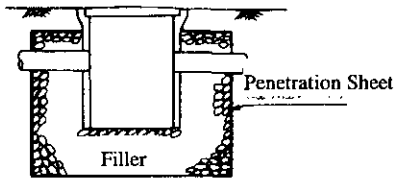
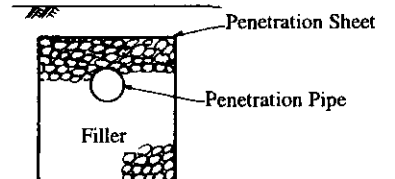
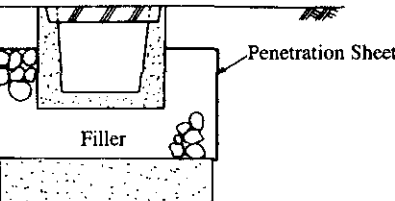
Table 19.2.2 Consideration Items for Economic Activity

Spot No.	Countermeasure	
	Initial Idea	Final Idea
Junquillal (Nic1)	An influence on the service water for rice fields on the downstream side was forecast by the shutoff of water under the construction.	It is the plan to secure the service water by half-section construction.
N003B320	As mentioned in the Table 19-1.	As mentioned in Table 19-1.
N003C140	It was forecast that a coffee field under the embankment will be affected by the construction.	It is the plan to avoid an influence by the wall.
N003C150	A coffee field was confirmed at the top of the slope as a result of the site re-survey.	Influence was minimized by countermeasures matched to the existing slope as much as possible.

Table 19.2.3 Consideration Items for Ground Water

Spot No.	Countermeasure	
	Initial Idea	Final Idea
N005A010	Re-cutting + Vegetation + Drainage	Concrete Frame + Vegetation + Drainage (permeation catch pit)
N026B140	Re-cutting	Concrete Frame + Cobble + Drainage (permeation catch pit)
N026B160	Judgment as use of the non-artesian water	Use of confined water.

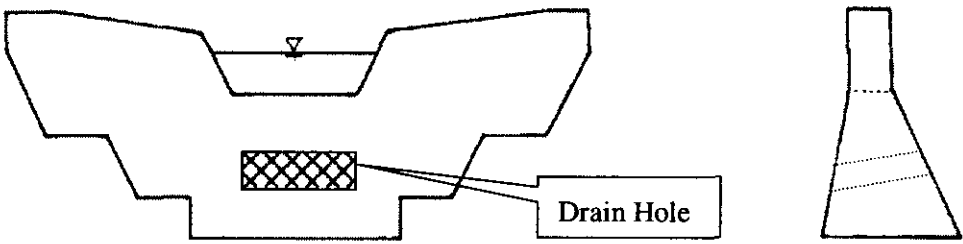
Table 19.2.4 The Drainage Structure in Consideration of the Underground Permeation

e.g. Structure	General Outline
	<p>Permeation Catch Pit</p> <p>Permeation catch pit is the structure composed of catch pit that it has perforations on the side and the bottom, and filling material on the circumference. And, rainwater is made to permeate from the sides and bottom to the ground.</p>
	<p>Permeation Trench</p> <p>Permeation trench is the structure composed of permeation pipe and filling material of the circumference. And, rainwater is made to permeate from the sides and bottom to the ground.</p>
	<p>Permeation Side Ditch</p> <p>A permeation side ditch is the structure composed of sides and bottom made from permeable or perforated concrete, and circumference made from filling material. And, rainwater is made to permeate from the sides and bottom to the ground.</p>

19.2.4 Lake and River

Concern was raised over the impact on the river (river use) in one place. However, the structure was revised so that impact on river flow was avoided as shown in Table 19.2.6.

Table 19.2.5 Consideration Item for River Use

Spot No.	Dam
N003E170	 <p>The diagram shows a plan view of a dam with a central spillway. A rectangular area with a cross-hatch pattern is located in the downstream channel, labeled 'Drain Hole'. To the right, a cross-section of the dam is shown, illustrating its trapezoidal shape and the location of the drain hole at the base of the downstream slope.</p>

19.2.5 Fauna and Flora

Concern was raised over the direct and indirect impact on the national conservation area (precious animals and plants) in the following two spots. However, it is the plan to avoid any influence as shown in Table 19.2.6.

Table 19.2.6 Consideration Items for Fauna and Flora

Spot No.	Pending Issue	Measure
San Nicolas (Nic1)	There was concern that water supply to the animals will decrease due to shutoff of water by the construction to the Cerro Tomabu national conservation area on the downstream side.	Carry out construction in the dry season without resorting to water shutoff.
N003C230	Because the spot was located in Cerro El Arenal national conservation area, countermeasures had to take vegetation regeneration into consideration.	It is the plan to regenerate vegetation by doing planting in the concrete frame. (Refer to Fig. 19.2.1) The planting is carried out using native species or latent natural seedings. And, the embankment is planted with trees to harmonize with the surrounding landscape.

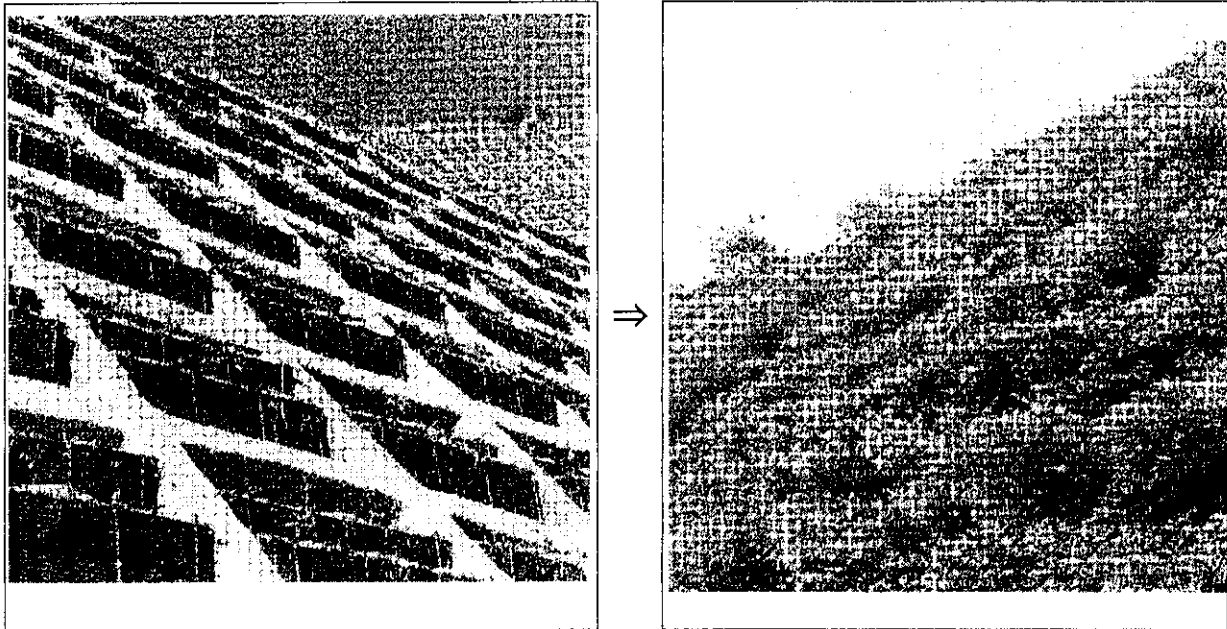


Figure 19.2.1 e.g. Planting in the Concrete Frame

19.2.6 Landscape

N003C230, where countermeasures are enforced directly in the national conservation area, was made the target for careful consideration to the landscape. As above mentioned, it is planned to take countermeasures here that give careful consideration to vegetation that matches with the surrounding natural landscape.

19.3 The Items to Concern for The Next Step

Concerning responsibility to the legal environment must be referred to the section 108 of NIC2000 in the construction contract stage. Furthermore, as for the items of concern with the environment in the stage of the basic design, the detailed design and the construction, it is important to confirm the mentioned items of NABCV fully. Detailed contents are described in the main text.

19.4 Evaluation at Present

It is judged that adequate countermeasures are being taken with respect to items that are immediately pertinent to minimization of environmental impact. Final evaluation of all site is shown in Table 19.4.1.

Table 19.4.1 Evaluation of Each Spot for Environmental Impact

Environment Item	Stage of IEE																														
	Nic.1														Nic.3						5		Nic.26								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Social Environment	1	Inhabitant Transfer	D*	B	D	D	D	D	B	B	B	B	D	D	B	B	D	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	D	B	B	B	D	D	D
	2	Economic Activity	D	D	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	D	D	D	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	3	Facility for Life and Traffic	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	4	Waste	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Natural Environment	5	Ground Water	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
	6	Lake/Liver	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	7	Fauna/Flora	D	D	D	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	R	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	8	Landscape	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Pollution	9	Air Pollution	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
	10	Water Pollution	B	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B	B	B*	B*	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B	
	11	Noise/Vibration	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	R	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	
Countermeasure by Primary Survey		GW	PN	GM	GM	GM	GM	PN	PN	R+S	R+S	R+S	GM	GM	R	R	RW	R	R+R E+C W+V	D	R+R E+C W+V	R+R E+C W+V	R+S D+V	R+S	GM	R	R+S	PN	GM	GM	GM

*: Existence of Particular Condition.

Environment Item	Stage of ELA																													
	Nic.1														Nic.3						5		Nic.26							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Social Environment	1	Inhabitant Transfer	B	B	D	D	D	D	D	B	R	B	B	D	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	R	B	B	D	B	B	B	D	D
	2	Economic Activity	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	3	Facility for Life and Traffic	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	4	Waste	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Natural Environment	5	Ground Water	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
	6	Lake/Liver	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	7	Fauna/Flora	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	8	Landscape	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Pollution	9	Air Pollution	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
	10	Water Pollution	B	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B	B	B*	B*	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B	B	B*	B	B	B
	11	Noise/Vibration	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	B	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	B	D	D	D
Countermeasure by Final Survey		CW+ BR+ SD	R+S D+V	GM	GM	GM	GM	BR+ PN	BR+ PN	CF+ SD+	SF+ SD+	R+C D+G D+V R	GM	R+C F+V	R+C F+V	NE	CW+ GD	R+C F+V +SD	D+R +CF	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	R+C F+V +SD	

- NIC.1
- 1 N001A290
- 2 N001A280
- 3 Turrialba
- 4 San Nicolas
- 5 Las Chorreras
- 6 San Ramon
- 7 N001A240
- 8 N001B230
- 9 N001B170
- 10 N001B150
- 11 N001B120
- 12 Realidad
- 13 Rio Tapachula
- NIC.3
- 14 003B400
- 15 003B370
- 16 El Guayabal
- 17 N003B320
- 18 N003C230
- 19 N003E170
- 20 N003C150
- 21 N003C140
- NIC.5
- 22 N005A601
- NIC.26
- 23 N026A006
- 24 La Esperanza
- 25 N026B140
- 26 N026A150
- 27 N026B160
- 28 San Juan de Dios
- 29 Papasod
- 30 Soto

Note: GM (Gabion Mat) CM (Concrete Mat) NB (New Bridge) GW (Gabion Wall) CW (Concrete Wall) CF (Concrete Frame) R (Recutting) S (Shotcrete)
 PN (Prevention Net) BR (Boulder Removal) CW (Counter Weight) D (Dam) V (Vegetation) C (Culvert) SD (Surface Drainage) GD (Ground Drainage)
 RW (Reconstruction Wing Wall) RE (Re-embankment) SF (Slope Faring) BP (Bank Protection)

CHAPTER 20 PROJECT EVALUATION

20.1 General

As noted in Chapter 13 the traffic benefits that would result from disaster prevention measures are evaluated by calculating the dis-benefits to traffic of a disaster occurring. When traffic re-routes to avoid the closed link it potentially incurs two types of dis-benefit;

- increased vehicle operating costs due to additional distance; and
- increased passenger time costs.

These two parameters are evaluated by the JICA STRADA model by running the model for two cases : with the affected link in place (a common base), and without the link in place. These are converted to monetary benefits using the parameters developed in the Chapter 11 and set out in Table 20.1.1.

Table 20.1.1 Vehicle Operating Costs and Passenger Costs, Nicaragua 2002

<i>Vehicle type</i>	<i>Operating Cost per 1000 km, US \$</i>	<i>Passenger Costs per vehicle hour</i>
Car	185.5	2.84
Utility	215.1	1.09
Average Bus	529.7	14.90
Light Goods	549.1	1.04
Medium Goods	768.2	1.04
Heavy Goods	878.5	0.75

Source : NIC2000 Transport Plan and year 2002 prices

Table 20.1.2 lists the parameters used in the economic evaluation.

Table 20.1.2 Economic Evaluation Parameters

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Source</i>
Discount Rate	10%	International Norm
Discount period	18 years	2003 to 2020
Maintenance cost for works	2% of capital cost per year	Assumption
Implementation of measures	2003	Assumption
Start year of benefit flow	2004	Assumption

20.2 Economic Analysis

Locations of vulnerable sites are shown in Figure 20.2.1.

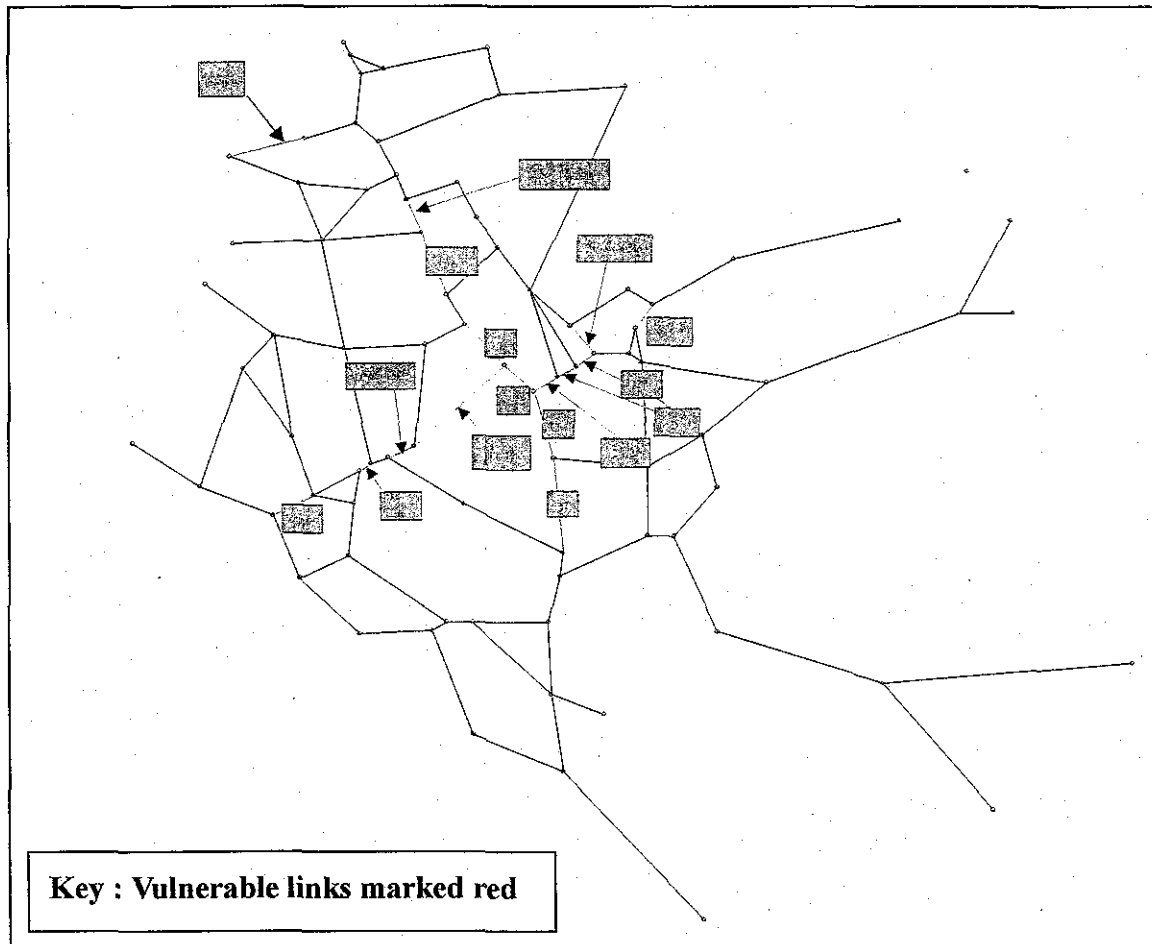


Figure 20.2.1 Locations of 30 Vulnerable Road Sites for Evaluation

The economic evaluation relies on quantifying disadvantages that flow from road closures due to a natural disaster. Moreover, the scale of the dis-benefits is a function of the amount of traffic and the length and quality of alternative routes available to traffic.

The Study has selected locations that urgently require the implementation of disaster prevention measures. Note, however, that although these locations recurrently experience disasters, it is difficult to quantify in terms of probability the frequency that disasters will occur. In Nicaragua, the “rainy” season (which includes the onslaught of typhoons) lasts from April to October. As a result of this six-month period of rains, it is unavoidable that some roads will become impassable due to land and rock slides, severe scouring of bridge foundations, etc. For this reason, it has been decided that the frequency of disasters should be derived applying past data that experienced the heaviest rains. Maximum hourly rainfall data for the past 20 years are as shown in Table 20.2.1. As the table indicates, there are

variations in the figure. For example, the figure for maximum hourly rainfall in the year that experienced Hurricane Mitch is abnormally large as compared to the figures for the previous and following years. Accordingly, after much consideration, the Study has selected 200 mm/h of rain or more as the figure for when rock foundations experience cracking due to water infiltration, land and rock slides occur, etc. Based on this, it can be seen that there were seven times that this figure was exceeded over the twenty year period from 1980 to 2000, meaning that every three years a road disaster would occur at the locations requiring disaster prevention measures.

Table 20.2.1 Maximum Annual Hourly Rainfall for the Past 20 Years

Year	Amount of Rainfall (mm/h)	Comments
1980	283.3	
1981	98.9	
1982	85.1	
1983	37.3	
1984	48.5	
1985	245.9	
1986	50.1	
1987	47.5	
1988	217.1	
1989	50.0	
1990	143.6	
1991	96.3	
1992	57.6	
1993	129.4	
1994	112.4	
1995	324.9	
1996	340.4	
1997	157.7	
1998	888.4	Hurricane Mitch
1999	215.0	
2000	82.6	

In addition, as described in Chapter 18, the lifespan of disaster prevention measures shown below are reflected in investment costs.

- Permanent disaster prevention measure: Effective for 20 years
- Temporary disaster prevention measure: Effective for 10 years

The construction period required for implementing road disaster prevention measures (With Project) and the costs for road restoration when no measures are implemented (Without Project) are as shown in Table 20.2.2. Furthermore, note that there are substantial variations in the construction period required for prevention measures depending on the scale and content of the work involved. For example, installation of the netting to prevent rocks from falling on to the surface a road requires little time, while re-cutting a slope or reinforcing embankments at certain locations will require up to two years.

The costs for road restoration for the "Without Project" case consists of the investment needed to restore a road to its previous condition prior to a disaster. In this case, it is assumed that there is no road closure, and the costs and scale for restoration work will vary depending on whether or not one lane of the existing road can be used or if a temporary detour road has to be built. For example, the use of locally available rock to deal with the scouring of bridges is an inexpensive method of restoration.

**Table 20.2.2 Construction Period for Road Disaster Prevention
Measures (With Project) & Road Restoration Costs (Without Project)**

Item No.	Site	Construction Period (Days)	Road Restoration Costs (US\$)
1	N001A290	195	2,000
2	N001A280	449	2,000
3	Junquillal	1663	1,000
4	San Nicolás	596	1,000
5	Las Chanillas	296	1,000
6	San Ramón	1023	1,000
7	N001A240	223	2,000
8	N001B230	213	2,000
11	N001B170	26	2,000
12	N001B150	204	2,000
13	N001B120	43	7,000
18	Rio Inalí	2	5,000
19	Rio Tapacalí	4	1,000
24	003B400	715	2,000
25	003B370	351	2,000
26	El Guayacán	59	1,000
27	N003B320	309	2,000
29	N003C230	44	3,000
30	N003E170	52	2,000
32	N003C150	22	2,000
33	N003C140	27	2,000
35	N005A010	33	2,000
44	N026A060	32	2,000
45	La Banderita	73	1,000
49	N026B140	32	2,000
50	N026A150	92	2,000
51	N026B160	1211	2,000
52	San Juan de Dios	198	1,000
54	Papalón	357	1,000
55	Solís	371	1,000

It is thought that Nicaragua will continue to gradually increase the size of its arterial and local road network and raise the overall quality of its road infrastructure. Furthermore, with the construction of new roads, it is envisioned that travel times in the case of disasters when

alternative routes are used will become shorter. Based on this, the following two future schemes were taken into consideration in the building of the traffic demand model with JICA's STRADA.

- NIC. 7, between San Benito and San Lorenzo (the Managua – Boaco road), will be upgraded to a high-standard road.
- The road between Santa Cruz and San Nicolas in the vicinity of Esteli will be paved.

As for the proposed rehabilitation and improvement of the Guayacan - Jintoega link, this should be taken into consideration in the economic evaluation. On the other hand, at the time of drafting of this report, the status of this scheme, which will have a major effect on the amount of the benefits from the disaster prevention measures for NIC.3 on the Jinotega-Matagalpa-Guayacan section, was not known. At the same time, it is known that the improvement of NIC.3 will affect the economic evaluation of the Jintoga-Guayacan link. Therefore, the evaluation of sites on NIC.3 was undertaken by varying the economic benefits of disaster prevention measures depending on when the improvements to the Jinotega-Guayacan link are completed.

The results of the economic evaluation for each of the Study's links are as shown in Table 20.2.3.

Table 20.2.3 Results of Economic Evaluation

Site No	ID No.	Cost (US\$)		Benefit (\$USM)		Benefits - Cost (\$US)	Net Present Value (\$US)	EIRR	B/C	Average	
		Total Cost (US\$)	Total Dis-counted Cost	Total Benefits	Total Dis-counted Benefits					EIRR	B/C
1	N001A290	959,018	616,618	6,747,338	3,276,470	5,788,319	2,659,851	4%	5.31		
2	N001A280	16,535	14,190	516,136	454,254	499,601	440,064	44%	32.01		
3	Junquillal	120,235	77,307	2,189,560	1,091,941	2,069,325	1,014,634	12%	14.12		
4	San Nicolas	71,569	46,016	1,141,730	584,712	1,070,161	538,695	12%	12.71		
5	Las Chanillas	541,058	347,883	1,015,448	510,686	474,390	162,803	0.4%	1.47		
6	San Ramon	25,765	16,566	1,015,448	510,686	989,684	494,120	30%	30.83		
7	N001A240	74,431	47,857	1,855,991	937,770	1,781,559	889,914	19%	19.60		
8	N001B230	17,176	11,044	472,346	241,134	455,169	230,091	24%	21.83		
11	N001B170	2,629,033	2,256,222	2,670,153	2,401,084	41,120	144,861	0.3%	1.06		
12	N001B150	44,644	38,313	823,606	730,977	778,962	692,684	24%	19.08		
13	N001B120	1,345,933	1,155,072	1,589,184	1,394,328	243,252	239,256	0.5%	1.21		
18	Rio Inali	2,370,350	1,524,059	857,206	420,114	-1,513,143	-1,103,945	0%	0.28		
19	Rio Tapacali	807,293	519,064	454,892	223,324	-352,401	-295,740	0%	0.43		12.3
24	N003B400	66,139	56,760	2,022,393	1,809,886	1,956,254	1,753,125	41%	31.89		
25	N003B370	289,359	248,326	1,023,196	910,609	733,837	662,283	4%	3.67		
26	El Guayacan	2,280,149	1,956,812	10,398,159	9,353,209	8,118,010	7,396,397	5%	4.78		
27	N003B320	395,182	339,143	531,581	468,155	136,400	129,012	69%	1.38		
29	N003C230	542,341	465,435	662,039	580,433	119,698	114,999	0.5%	1.25		
30	N003E170	512,579	439,892	785,681	696,845	273,102	256,952	1.0%	1.58		
32	N003C150	1,517,894	1,302,649	1,547,361	1,382,357	29,467	79,708	0.3%	1.06		
33	N003C140	1,238,456	1,062,837	1,276,078	1,138,202	37,621	75,365	0.3%	1.07		5.8
35	N005A010	643,204	551,994	1,051,918	936,458	408,714	384,464	1.1%	1.70		
44	N026A060	522,500	448,406	734,632	650,901	212,132	202,494	0.8%	1.45		
45	La Banderita	51,258	43,989	188,552	161,995	137,294	118,006	4%	3.68		
49	N026B140	1,494,746	1,282,783	2,132,684	1,909,148	637,938	626,365	0.9%	1.49		
50	N026A150	347,231	297,992	475,861	418,007	128,630	120,015	0.7%	1.40		
51	N026A160	37,216	23,928	1,528,608	774,707	1,491,390	750,778	33%	32.38		
52	San Juan de Dios	14,314	9,203	466,350	236,538	452,036	227,335	26%	25.70		
54	Papalon	146,000	93,873	4,004,273	2,057,405	3,856,273	1,963,531	21%	21.92		
55	Solis	188,941	121,483	2,008,137	1,031,535	1,819,196	910,052	7%	8.49		12.1
		19,310,546	15,415,719	52,186,537	37,293,870	32,875,991	21,878,151			12.8%	10.2

As the results of the economic evaluation indicate in the above table, the net present value figures for sites 18 and 19 are negative. This is due to the effectiveness of the alternative route, meaning that the existing route is not much more attractive than the alternative route even during normal times.

20.3 Budget Priorities

The analysis of a potential budget for the implementation of disaster prevention measures has been carried out in two stages:

- i) The creation of prioritized packages of work that maximize benefits, whilst minimizing cost;
- ii) Linking the funding packages to potential funding sources.

Table 20.3.1 and 20.3.2 list the links (and their disaster prevention schemes) in the order of largest to smallest in terms of benefit/cost ratio and EIRR, respectively.

It should be noted, however, that in the case where there is an existing road and relatively little new investment is needed, together with benefits occurring soon after project completion, the EIRR, which gives no indication of the size of costs or benefits, tends to overrate a project and is not such an appropriate indicator for comparison. Therefore, prioritization is carried out by grouping projects into three bands of benefit/cost (B/C) ratios: 1) a B/C ratio 10 or above, 2) a B/C ratio 1.5 or above but less than 10, and 3) a B/C ratio less than 1.5.

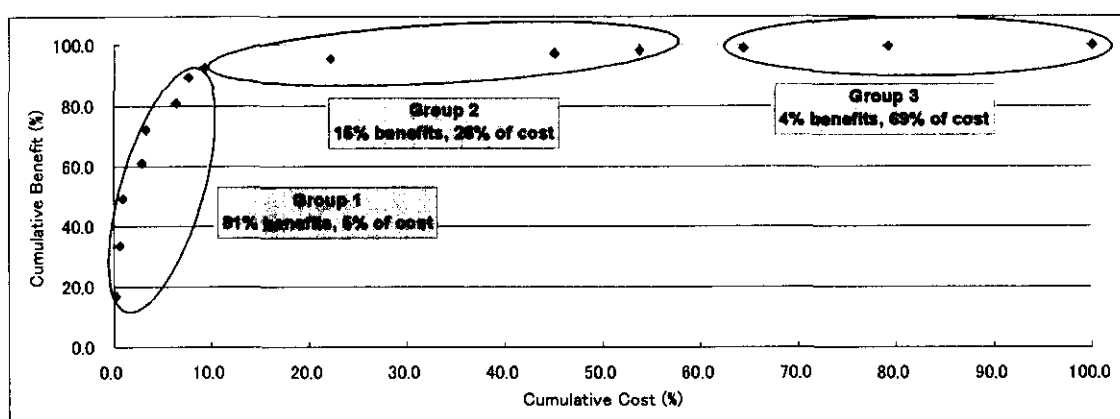
Table 20.3.1 Ranked Schemes with B/C

Site No	ID No.	Cost (US\$)		Benefits(\$USM)		Benefits - Cost (\$US)	Net Present Value (\$US)	EIRR	B/C	Average B/C
		Total Cost (US\$)	Total Dis-counted Cost	Total Benefits	Total Dis-counted Benefits					
51	N026A160	37,216	23,928	1,528,606	774,707	1,491,390	750,778	33%	32.38	
2	N001A280	16,535	14,190	516,136	454,254	499,601	440,064	44%	32.01	
24	N003B400	66,139	56,760	2,022,393	1,809,886	1,956,254	1,753,125	41%	31.89	
6	San Ramon	25,765	16,566	1,015,448	510,686	989,684	494,120	30%	30.83	
52	San Juan de Dios	14,314	9,203	466,350	236,538	452,036	227,335	26%	25.70	Priority Group 1
8	N001B230	17,176	11,044	472,346	241,134	455,169	230,091	24%	21.83	
54	Papalon	146,000	93,873	4,004,273	2,057,405	3,858,273	1,963,531	21%	21.92	
7	N001A240	74,431	47,857	1,855,991	937,770	1,781,559	899,914	19%	19.60	
12	N001B150	44,644	38,313	823,606	730,977	778,962	692,664	24%	19.08	
3	Junguillal	120,235	77,307	2,189,560	1,091,941	2,069,325	1,014,634	12%	14.12	
4	San Nicolas	71,569	46,016	1,141,730	584,712	1,070,161	538,695	12%	12.71	
55	Solis	188,941	121,483	2,008,137	1,031,535	1,819,196	910,052	7%	8.49	
1	N001A290	959,018	616,618	6,747,338	3,276,470	5,788,319	2,659,851	4%	5.31	
26	El Guayacan	2,280,149	1,956,812	10,398,159	9,353,209	8,118,010	7,396,397	5%	4.78	Priority Group 2
25	N003B370	289,359	248,326	1,023,196	910,609	733,837	662,283	4%	3.67	
45	La Banderita	51,258	43,989	186,552	161,995	137,294	118,006	4%	3.68	
35	N005A010	643,204	551,994	1,051,918	936,458	408,714	364,464	1.1%	1.70	
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44	N026A060	522,500	448,406	734,632	650,901	212,132	202,494	0.8%	1.45	
50	N026A150	347,231	297,992	475,861	418,007	128,630	120,015	0.7%	1.40	
27	N003B920	395,182	339,143	531,581	468,155	136,400	129,012	69%	1.38	
29	N003C230	542,341	465,435	662,039	580,433	119,698	114,999	0.5%	1.25	Priority Group 3
13	N001B120	1,345,933	1,155,072	1,589,184	1,394,328	243,252	239,256	0.5%	1.21	
33	N003C140	1,238,456	1,062,837	1,276,078	1,138,202	37,621	75,365	0.3%	1.07	
32	N003C150	1,517,894	1,302,649	1,547,361	1,382,357	29,467	79,708	0.3%	1.06	
11	N001B170	2,629,033	2,256,222	2,670,153	2,401,084	41,120	144,861	0.3%	1.06	
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18	Rio Inali	2,370,350	1,524,059	857,206	420,114	-1,513,143	-1,103,945	0%	0.28	1.1
		19,310,546	15,415,719	52,186,537	37,293,870	32,875,991	21,878,151			10.2

Table 20.3.2 Ranked Schemes with EIRR

Site No	ID No.	Cost (US\$)		Benefits (\$USM)		Benefits - Cost (\$US)	Net Present Value (\$US)	EIRR	B/G	Average EIRR
		Total Cost (US\$)	Total Dis-counted Cost	Total Benefits	Total Dis-counted Benefits					
27	N003B20	395,182	339,143	531,581	468,155	136,400	129,012	69%	1.38	Priority Group 1
2	N001A280	16,535	14,190	516,136	454,254	499,601	440,064	44%	32.01	
24	N003B400	66,139	56,760	2,022,393	1,956,254	1,956,254	1,753,125	41%	31.89	
51	N026A160	37,216	23,928	1,528,606	774,707	1,491,390	750,778	33%	32.38	
6	San Ramon	25,765	16,566	1,015,448	510,686	989,694	494,120	30%	30.83	
52	San Juan de Dios	14,314	9,203	466,350	236,538	452,036	227,335	26%	25.70	
8	N001B230	17,176	11,044	472,346	241,134	455,169	230,091	24%	21.83	
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3	Junquillal	120,235	77,307	2,189,560	1,091,941	2,069,325	1,014,634	12%	14.12	
4	San Nicolas Solis	71,569	46,016	1,141,730	584,712	1,070,161	538,695	12%	12.71	
55	El Guayacan	188,941	121,463	2,008,137	1,031,535	1,819,196	910,052	7%	8.49	
26	N001A290	2,280,149	1,956,812	10,398,159	9,353,209	8,118,010	7,396,397	5%	4.78	
1	N003B370	959,018	616,618	6,747,338	3,276,470	5,788,319	2,659,851	4%	5.31	
25	N003B370	289,359	248,326	1,023,196	910,609	733,837	662,283	4%	3.67	
45	La Banderita	51,258	43,989	188,552	161,995	137,294	118,006	4%	3.68	
35	N005A010	643,204	551,994	1,051,918	936,458	408,714	384,464	1.1%	1.70	
30	N003E170	512,579	439,892	785,681	686,845	273,102	256,952	1.0%	1.58	
49	N026B140	1,494,746	1,282,783	2,132,684	1,909,148	637,938	626,365	0.9%	1.49	
44	N026A060	522,500	448,406	734,632	650,901	212,132	202,494	0.8%	1.45	
50	N026A150	347,231	297,992	475,861	418,007	128,630	120,015	0.7%	1.40	
29	N003C230	542,341	465,435	662,039	580,433	119,698	114,999	0.5%	1.25	
13	N001B120	1,345,933	1,155,072	1,589,184	1,394,328	243,252	239,256	0.5%	1.21	
5	Las Chanillas	541,058	347,883	1,015,448	510,686	474,390	162,803	0.4%	1.47	
33	N003C140	1,238,456	1,062,837	1,276,078	1,138,202	37,621	75,365	0.3%	1.07	
11	N001B170	2,629,033	2,256,222	2,670,153	2,401,084	41,120	144,861	0.3%	1.06	
32	N003C150	1,517,894	1,302,649	1,547,361	1,382,357	29,467	79,708	0.3%	1.06	
19	Rio Tapacali	807,293	519,064	454,892	223,324	-352,401	-295,740	0%	0.43	
18	Rio Inali	2,370,350	1,524,059	857,206	420,114	-1,513,143	-1,103,945	0%	0.28	
		19,310,546	15,415,719	52,186,537	37,293,870	32,875,991	21,878,151			12.8

The schemes can be seen to fall into three distinct groups, which indicate the priorities for investment. These groups are shown in Figure 20.3.1. Note that in **Priority Group 1** there are 12 sites on 9 links, which account for 81% of total benefits and 5% of total costs. In **Priority Group 2** there are 7 sites located on 4 different links, which make up 15% and 26% of the total benefits and costs, respectively. As for **Priority Group 3**, it contains 11 sites on 3 links, and accounts for 4% of the total benefits and 69% of the total cost.



The above three priority groups provide the basis for prioritizing investment and creating work packages for disaster prevention. The schemes for each group are as described in Table 20.3.3

As for the assumptions of the economic evaluation for each of the work packages, they are as follows:

- Total disaster prevention facility costs were calculated by work package.
- Benefits accrue from preventing the adverse effects of a single disaster at a particular site for each respective package.
- As an example to illustrate the benefit stream, calculations were carried out for several locations with disaster prevention facilities for each package. That is, Site 51 (NIC.26) for Package 1, Site 26 (NIC.3) for Package 2, and Site 7,8,11,12, and 13 (NIC.1) for Package 3 were taken up.
- Benefits were considered to occur after the completion of construction of the disaster prevention facilities.

Table 20.3.3 Proposed Work Sub-packages in Priority Order

Package No.	Sub Package	Link	Site	Road	Cost (US\$)	
1	1a	2	N001A280	Nic1	12,339	
		3	Junquillal	Nic1	51,825	
		4	San Nicolas	Nic1	30,849	
		6	San Ramon	Nic1	11,105	
		7	N001A240	Nic1	32,082	
		8	N001B230	Nic1	7,404	
		12	N001B150	Nic1	33,316	
	Cost				178,921	
	1b	24	N003B400	Nic3	49,358	
		27	N003B320	Nic3	294,912	
	Cost				344,269	
	1c		51	N026A160	Nic26	16,041
			52	San Juan de Dios	Nic26	6,170
54			Papalon	Nic26	62,931	
Cost				85,142		
Package 1 Cost					608,333	
Package No.	Sub Package	Link	Site	Road	Cost (US\$)	
2	2a	1	N001A290	Nic1	413,370	
	Cost				413,370	
	2b		25	N003B370	Nic3	215,940
			26	El Guayacan	Nic3	1,701,604
			30	N003E170	Nic3	382,521
	Cost				2,300,064	
	2c	35	N005A010	Nic5	480,003	
	Cost				480,003	
	2d		45	La Banderita	Nic26	38,252
			55	Solis	Nic26	81,440
	Cost				119,692	
Package 2 Cost					3,313,129	
Package No.	Sub Package	Link	Site	Road	Cost (US\$)	
3	3a	5	Las Chanillas	Nic1	233,215	
		11	N001B170	Nic1	1,961,965	
		13	N001B120	Nic1	1,004,427	
		18	Rio Inali	Nic1	1,021,702	
		19	Rio Tapacali	Nic1	347,971	
	Cost				4,569,280	
	3b		29	N003C230	Nic3	404,732
			32	N003C150	Nic3	1,132,757
			33	N003C140	Nic3	924,221
	Cost				2,461,711	
	3c		44	N026A060	Nic26	389,925
49			N026B140	Nic26	1,115,482	
50			N026A150	Nic26	259,127	
Cost				1,764,534		
Package 3 Cost					8,795,526	
Grand Total					12,716,988	

CHAPTER 21 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

21.1 Execution Agency

The General Division of Planning, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (GDP), is the responsible government agency for the execution of the implementation of the Project. The Cooperation and Economic Relationship Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is also the executing agency for supporting the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure in donor assisted projects.

21.2 Project Packaging

As described in Chapter 20, three work packages result from the economic evaluation, and cost-effectiveness considerations. Package One contains disaster spots of NIC.1, NIC.3 and NIC.26. Package Two contains sites on NIC.3, NIC.5 and NIC.1. Package Three sites are restricted to NIC.1 and NIC.3. The order of implementation is related to the cost effectiveness of the construction works. The relationship of the package groupings and the disaster spots are shown in Table 21.2.1.

Table 21.2.1 Package Group and Disaster Spots

	Nic1	Nic3	Nic5	Nic26	Total
Package1	N001A280 Junquillal San Nicolas San Ramon N001A240 N001B230 N001B150	N003B400 N003B320		N026A160 San Juan de Dios Papalon	12
Package2	N001A290	N003B370 El Guayacan N003E170	N005A010	La Banderita Solis	7
Package3	Las Chanillas N001B170 N001B120 Rio Inali Rio Tapacali	N003C230 N003C150 N003C140		N026A060 N026B140 N026A150	11

21.3 Validity Evaluation to Each Countermeasure

21.3.1 Review to Environmental Issue

The four environmental impacts on NIC.3 have been identified. However these issues have been reviewed in consideration of the following countermeasures:

- The hotel of “N003B320 spot” will be safeguarded by constructing a retaining wall without re-cutting the slope,
- The natural park of “N003C230 spot” will be protected by planting vegetation into the cribwork after re-cutting the slope,
- The downstream area of “N003E170 spot”, where the mountain stream could be blocked, will be continue to be irrigated through an opening in the dam, and
- The coffee field of “N003C140 spot” will be safeguarded by constructing a retaining wall in order to reduce the embankment reach.

Thus, the issues related to the environment of each disaster spot have been completely settled by appropriate mitigation measures. Therefore each countermeasure is valid in relation to the environment aspects.

21.3.2 Validity of the Result of Economic and Financial Analysis

The construction costs, including measures to compensate for environmental impacts, have been included in the economic evaluation (Chapter 20). Most of the schemes will require some maintenance. The costs of maintenance of the permanent schemes were included in the economic evaluation at 2% of capital cost as shown in Table 20.1.4 of the main text. The resultant maintenance cost requirements are summarised in Table 21.3.1.

Table 21.3.1 Annual Maintenance Budget Estimates (US\$, 2002 prices)

Package	Annual Maintenance Cost (\$)
1	12,167
2	66,263
3	175,911
Total	254,340

Source : 2% of capital costs of permanent works

The sum total in Table 21.3.1 should be safeguarded for maintenance, to be deployed after the capital works have been undertaken. This sum is accounted for in the economic evaluation and hence the economic evaluation is valid. In addition, the sum in Table 21.3.1 will be sufficient to cover the required maintenance works identified in Table 21.4.2

of the main text. At the spots listed above where there will be a need for single-lane traffic working during construction, it is assumed that this will be controlled by temporary traffic signals, or manually. In both cases, traffic can expect to be delayed, depending on the length of road affected. This length affects the time taken for vehicles to clear when both directions are halted, and increases the disbenefit. Even a relatively long section (150m) should clear in 30 seconds. The maximum resultant disbenefits for each of the sites would be less 30 vehicle-hours per day. In monetary values these will always be much less than 1% of the potential benefits of the works, and the traffic disbenefits can be considered to be negligible. Hence the economic evaluation is valid.

21.3.3 Validity Evaluation of the Countermeasures

As above-mentioned, the countermeasures are have been validated from the results of the environmental impacts and the economic analyses. Furthermore, almost all of the construction materials and the construction machines are readily available in Nicaragua.

The benefits from this investment are due to the prevention of disasters at all 30 sites. The Internal Rate of Return of this project in avoiding disasters at each of the following sites over the next 10 years is set out in Table 21.3.2.

Table 21.3.3 Project Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) in Preventing Disasters on Each Road Link : Full Project Cost in Each Case

<i>Link</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>EIRR(%)</i>
Malpaisillo	NIC.26	27.9
Sebaco to Chagatuiillo	NIC.3	28.2
La Sirena to Condega	NIC.1	15.5
Average		23.5

Source : Project Evaluation Spreadsheets

The average EIRR for all the sites is 23.5%. This means that the project rate of return for the prevention of just one disaster is 23.5%, and the rate of return for preventing more than disaster will be higher. Therefore, the countermeasures planned through this Study are highly applicable to preventing the road disasters in Nicaragua.

21.4 Construction Period of Each Project Packaging

The construction period for each project package was estimated taking account of the work volume, site condition, weather condition, right-of-way situation, etc. The disaster spots have been divided into three categories, described as follows.

◆ **Package 1: Priority Site 1**

The disaster spots of Priority Site 1 are composed of NIC.1, NIC.3 and NIC.26. The main work items are to install gabion mats to prevent scouring of bridge foundations, to cut the weathered and steep slope surfaces, and to installation drainage and retaining walls. The detailed works are shown in Table 21.4.1. The estimated construction period for this package is 2 years.

Table 21.4.1 Construction Work of Package 1

Road No.	ID No.	Countermeasure	Total
Nic.1	N001AA280	Horizontal drainage	7
	Junquillal	Gabion mat	
	San Nicolás	Gabion mat	
	San Ramón	Gabion mat	
	N001A240	Removal of loose rocks, installation of netting	
	N001B230	Removal of loose rocks, installation of netting	
	N001B150	Cutting, shotcrete and drainage	
NIC.3	N003B400	Cutting and drainage	2
	N003B320	Retaining wall and fill, drainage and re-vegetation	
NIC.26	N026B160	Removal of loose rocks, Installation of netting and drainage	3
	San Juan de Dios	Gabion mat	
	Papalón	Gabion mat and riprap with mortar	

◆ **Package 2 : Priority Site 2**

The disaster spots of Priority Site 2 are composed of NIC.3, NIC.5 and NIC.26. The main work items are the construction of a new bridge, to install gabion mats, to cut the weathered and steep slope surfaces, and to install drainage. The detailed works are shown in Table 21.4.2. The estimated construction period for this package is 2 years.

Table 21.4.2 Construction Work of Package 2

Road No.	ID No.	Countermeasure	Total
NIC1	N001A290	Removal of loose rocks, Installation of netting and drainage	1
NIC.3	N003B370	Cutting and drainage	3
	El Guayacán	New bridge	
	N003E170	Cutting and drainage, concrete dam and Box culvert	
NIC.5	N005A010	Cutting and drainage	1
NIC.26	La Banderita	Masonry wall and gabion mat	2
	Solis	Gabion mat and riprap with mortar	

◆ Package 3 : Priority Site 3

The disaster spots of Priority Site 3 are composed of NIC.1 and NIC.3. The main work items are to install gabion mats to prevent scouring of bridge foundations, to cut the weathered and steep slope surfaces, and to install drainage. The detailed works are shown in Table 21.4.3. The estimated construction period for this package is 2 years.

Table 21.4.3 Construction Work of Package 3

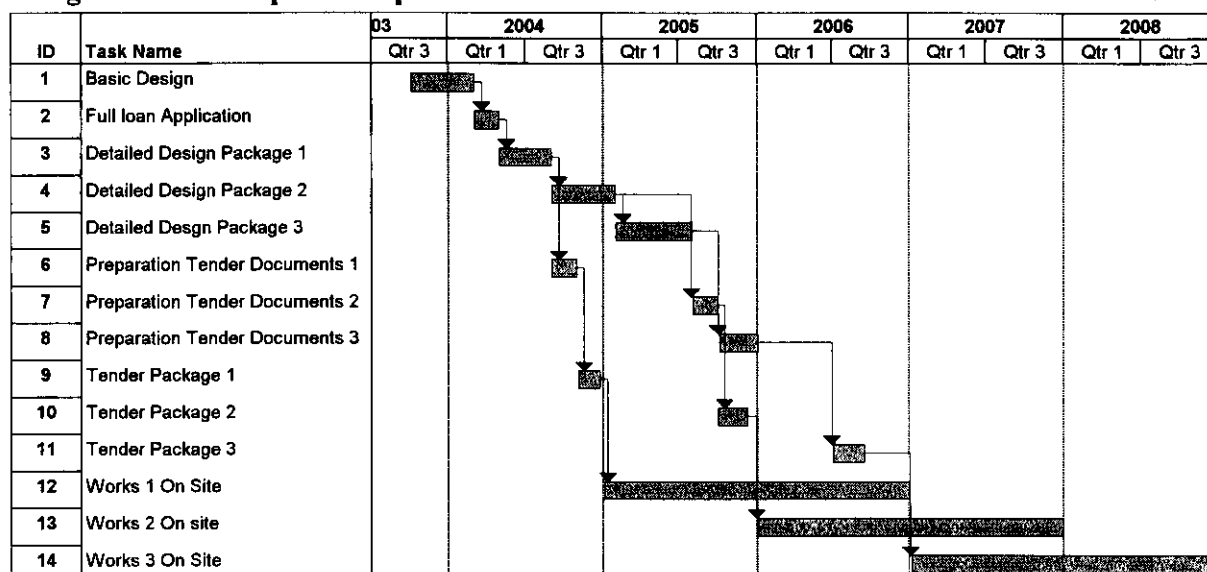
Road No.	ID No.	Countermeasure	Total
NIC.1	Las Chanillas	Concrete brocks	5
	N001B170	Cutting and drainage	
	N001B120	Cutting and drainage	
	Rio Inali	Gabion mat and stone masonry	
	Rio Tapasali	Gabion mat	
NIC.3	N003C230	Cutting and concrete protect with vegetation, Lower down embankment with drainage	3
	N003C150	Cutting and drainage above road, embankment, Vegetation and drainage below	
	N003C140	Cutting with drainage and horizontal drainage above road, embankment, vegetation and drainage below	
NIC.26	N026A060	Cutting, shotcrete and drainage	3
	N026B140	Cutting, drainage and horizontal drainage	
	N026A150	Cutting and drainage, lateral carriageway drainage	

21.5 Engineering Services

The proposed Engineering Services comprise two main components, which are included a detailed design and a tendering for the construction works. The total required period of the Engineering Services is 5 years.

21.6 Implementation Schedule

The implementation schedule was set up taking account of the construction period estimated for each project package and for the engineering services. The recommended implementation schedule is shown in Figure 21.6.1.

Figure 21.6.1 Proposed Implementation Schedule for Disaster Prevention Measures

21.7 Investment Programme

The investment programme of the Project has been made on the basis of the implementation schedule. The cost breakdown set out in Table 20.1.2 has been allocated to engineering services and construction works as follows;

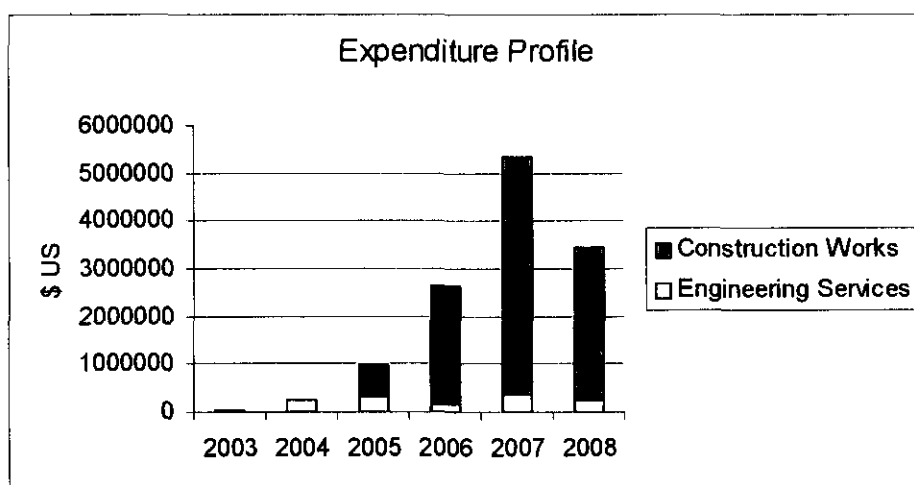
<i>Component</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
Engineering works	Construction works
Design	Engineering Services
Construction Supervision	Engineering Services
Client Costs	Construction Works
Transport of materials	Construction works
Contingency	Construction Works

Table 21.7.1 shows the tentative investment programme for the proposed disaster spots and structural strengthening projects.

Table 21.7.1 Potential Expenditure Profile for Disaster Prevention Measures
(\$US, 2002 prices)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Engineering Services</i>	<i>Construction Works</i>	<i>Total</i>
2003	30,918	-	30,918
2004	235,330	-	235,330
2005	293,840	672,110	965,950
2006	166,100	2,466,136	2,632,236
2007	341,803	5,042,143	5,383,945
2008	220,491	3,248,117	3,468,608
Total	1,288,482	11,428,506	12,716,988

Source : Allocation of Capital Costs (Table 20.3.3) to Implementation Schedule (Figure 21.7.1) in the main text



Source : Table 21.7.1

Figure 21.7.1 Potential Expenditure Profile for Disaster Prevention Measures

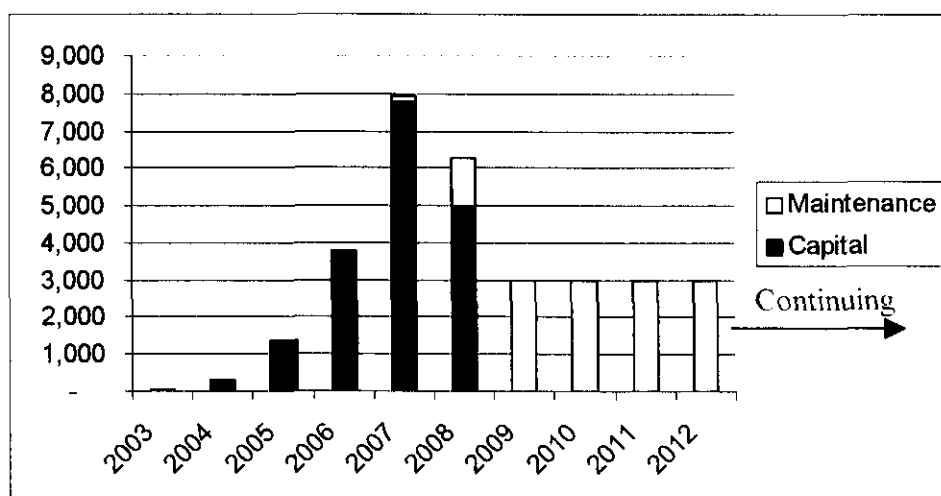
21.8 Financing Arrangements

As a result, it is anticipated that the necessary works can be funded by an International Donor, and the proposed implementation plan provides for the processing of an appropriate grant application. Typically, in Nicaragua grant aided highway projects are co-financed by the Government of Nicaragua at an average rate of 10% of the total project cost. It is therefore recommended that MTI makes budget provision for the implementation and maintenance of this project in accordance with Table 21.8.1 and Figure 21.8.1

Table 21.8.1 Proposed MTI Budget Provision for Implementation and Maintenance of Disaster Prevention Measures ('000s Cordoba)

Year	Capital	Maintenance
2003	45	-
2004	339	-
2005	1,391	-
2006	3,790	-
2007	7,753	165
2008	4,995	1,301
2009	-	2,984
2010	-	2,984
2011	-	2,984
2012	-	2,984

Source : Capital budget 10% of total of Table 21.8.1, Maintenance Budget as Table 21.4.1, both converted at \$1 = 14.4 Cordoba of the main text



Source : Table 21.8.1

Figure 21.8.1 Proposed MTI Budget Provision for Implementation and Maintenance of Disaster Prevention Measures ('000s Cordoba)

CHAPTER 22 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS SYSTEM

22.1 General Flow of Maintenance and Operations System

Taking into consideration the present status of road maintenance in MTI, an overall concept for a system of road maintenance and operations is proposed as shown in Figure 22.1.1.

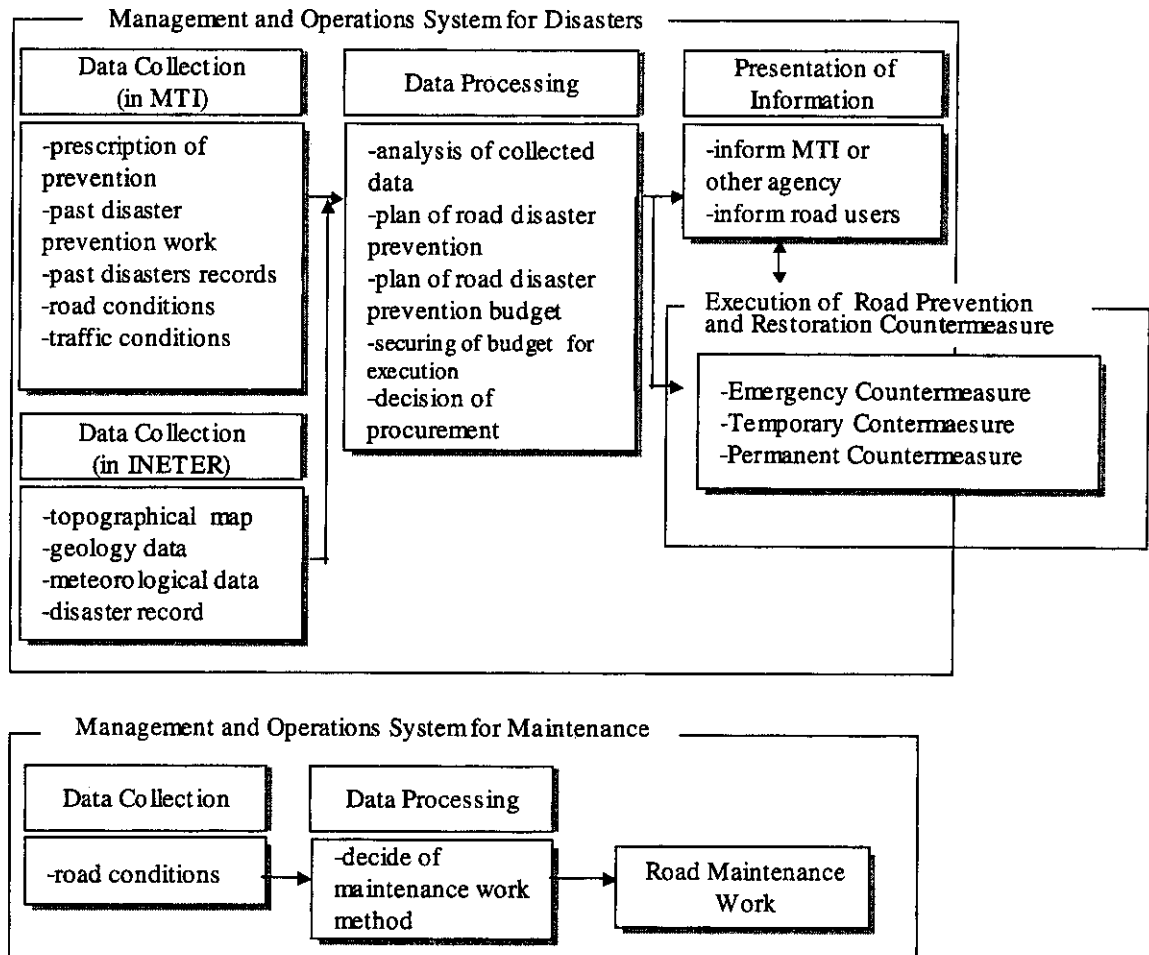


Figure 22.1.1 Concept of Maintenance and Operations System

22.2 Organization of Maintenance Division

1) Present Status of General Division of Roads

The General Division of Roads (GDR) is comprised of five departments: 1) Department of Road Construction, 2) Department of Road Maintenance, 3) Department of Road Management, 4) WB Affairs Department, and 5) IDB Affairs Department. Although the Department of Road Maintenance (DORM) is in charge of all aspects of maintenance work, most of the work carried out consists of road

surface restoration.

As for when there is damage to road structure, road users and/or local authorities report directly to a Disaster Prevention Technical Unit that comes directly under the MTL, which then reports to the Minister. However, together with many other outstanding issues, GDR receives information too late under this system, resulting in materials and manpower to deal with a disaster being slow and behind schedule. Moreover, as for road inspections in local areas, road inspectors have to be dispatched from the head office, who then return to said office to study the field results and draw up the appropriate response. Given this background, there is insufficient planning overall, an insufficient budget, and a lack of technical capability in the GDR to deal with road disasters. Furthermore, problems continue to pile up as a result of this situation.

2) The Role of GDR

In order to firmly carry out road disaster prevention, it is important for the DORM to plan on how to acquire the necessary information and technologies, to draw up annual plans indicating locations requiring road disaster prevention, to secure a sufficient budget, to plan inspections, to store data, etc., and to report regularly to the GDR.

3) The Role of Local Offices

In order to realize effective road inspections and maintenance, it is proposed that consideration be given to having the responsibility for this work be moved from the head office to the local offices to reduce costs, as well as establishing local offices. The role of local offices is to carry out inspections for their respective jurisdictions, to compile data from their fieldwork, to keep records of disasters, to keep the head office well informed, etc.

In order for the above to be executed without fail, the four personnel described below should be assigned to local offices for road disaster prevention purposes. However, other road maintenance experts can also be assigned to these offices.

- ? Director: 1 (engineer)
- ? Engineer: 1 (to establish and confirm locations requiring disaster prevention measures)
- ? Technicians: 2 (to transport inspection tools and assist the engineer)

Further, it is recommended that local offices be established in the following major cities: Managua, Leon, Matagalpa, Ocotal, Granada, and Juigalpa.

4) The Role of the General Division of Planning

The role of the General Division of Planning is to secure the budget for road disaster prevention, establish an investment plan for this, and to carry out the said plan.

The organizational chart and role of the DORM in MTI to be involved with future road prevention countermeasures is as shown in Figure 22.2.1.

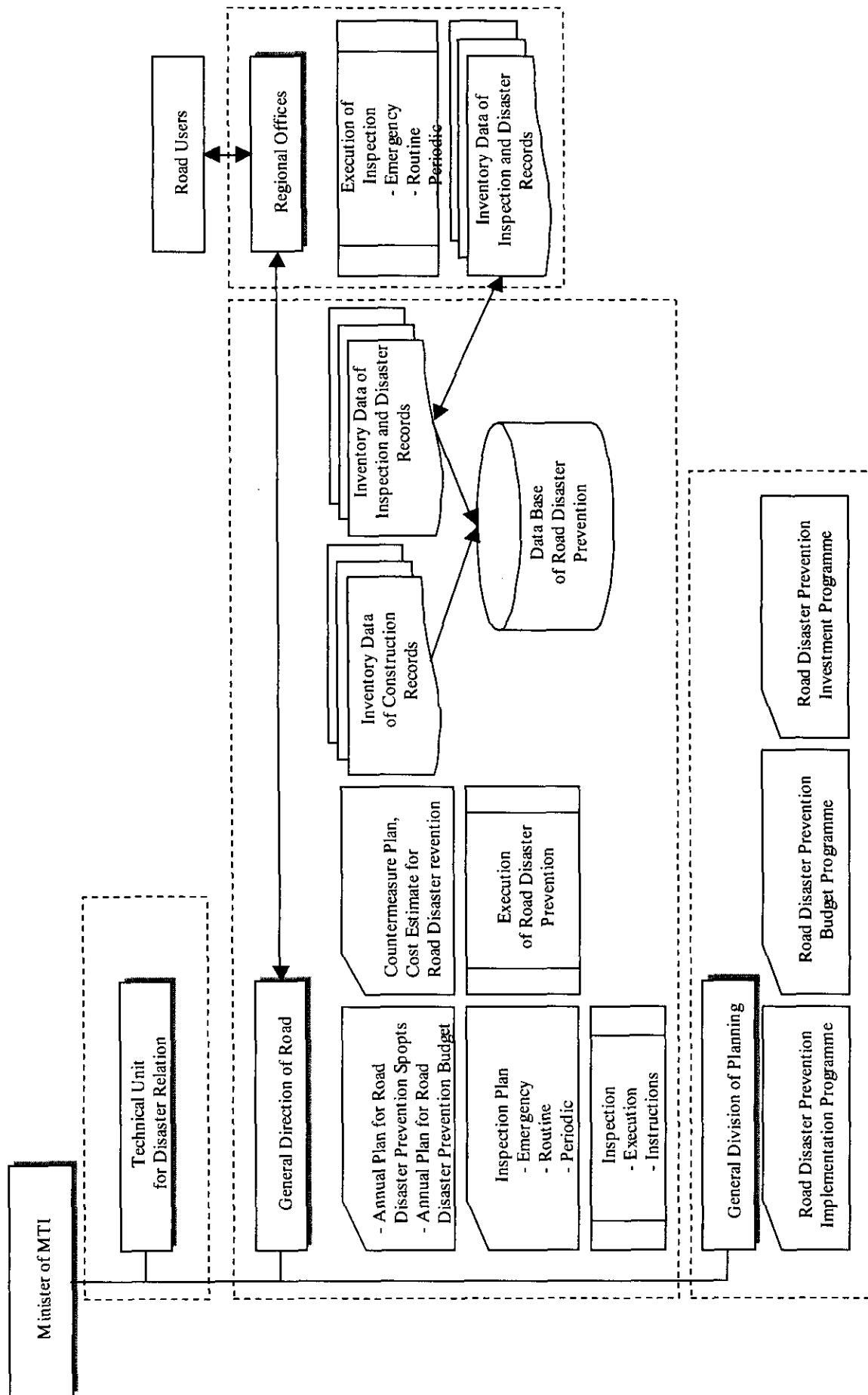


Figure 22.2.1 Organizational Chart of Maintenance Division

22.3 Inspection and Maintenance Work Methods

22.3.1 General

It is important to understand that insufficient maintenance not only affects road facilities such as slopes and bridges, which in turn can affect the flow of road traffic, but can also threaten life and property should they collapse, resulting in large costs being incurred for restoration, etc.

22.3.2 Types of Maintenance Inspection

Maintenance inspection consists of the following types:

- Routine inspection
- Periodic inspection
- Urgent inspection

Below, the purpose of each of these types of inspection is explained.

1) Routine Inspection

The purpose of routine inspection is to detect at an early stage minor damage and the potential for such damage to become more severe. The main work items in a routine inspection are as follows:

- Confirmation of smooth traffic flows
- Checking for rock and/or debris on roads.
- Inspection of the status of road structures, slopes, and drainage facilities. If damage and/or abnormalities are detected, execution of more detailed inspection and recording and reporting of results.
- In case of emergency, execution of urgent countermeasures.

2) Periodic Inspection

The purpose of periodic inspection is to inspect defects or potential defects of slopes, bridges, etc. close up and in detail. The main work items in a periodic inspection are as follows:

- Inspection of slope stability, damage to road facilities, level of damage and/or deterioration
- Check for seepage water from slopes and inspection of drainage system during rainy season to confirm functionality.
- Recording of results in a database.
- Decision on whether or not it is necessary to have further inspection by an engineer, technician, or specialist.

3) Urgent Inspection

The purpose of urgent inspection is to check for damage that poses a danger to road users and the surrounding community after the a natural disaster, such as a hurricane or earthquake, or when existing damage threatens to become a danger. The main work items in an urgent inspection are described below.

- More than one expert should do thorough detailed inspections simultaneously.
- Sketches indicating the locations, direction, and widths of cracks, together with present condition photographs and crack distribution charts, should be drawn up. Moreover, measurements should be performed if needed and topographical maps, cross-section sketches, etc. drawn up.
- Urgent inspections should be carried out rapidly after a disaster such as a rainstorm, hurricane, earthquake, etc., since road facilities such as slopes can be easily damaged in such circumstances. Should damage be detected, appropriate measures should be carried out.
- When symptoms of deformation appear, a partial or full detailed inspection of the object facility should be executed. Measurement equipment, such as an extensometer and inclinometer to check for soil movements and the progress of cracking, should be used.
- If soil movement is ongoing, it should be carefully monitored. It is assumed to factor of the stability judgment. From the result of factors, the part with the possibility of the occurrence of the disaster is separately inspected in detail. Strengthening of the countermeasure and observation is examined.
- When slope damage, landslides, etc. occur, boring should be carried out in order to ascertain present conditions. That is, boring should provide data to investigate the direction of soil movement, the existence of slide surface groundwater, soil composition, etc.

4) Inspection System

As described above, by executing inspections that are purpose oriented, it is possible to avoid a road disaster from occurring. For this reason, the following inspection team system is recommended:

- Total no. of members per inspection team: 3
- No. of engineers: 1 (to establish and confirm locations requiring disaster prevention measures)
- No. of technicians: 2 (to transport inspection equipment and assist engineer)

22.4 Methods of Repair/ Rehabilitation

Priority work items for repair and rehabilitation are listed below:

- The secondary disaster prevention gives priority after confirmation of dread of secondary disaster and work safety,
- Confirmation of detour road,
- Confirmation of appropriate amount of repair and rehabilitation work, and
- Selection of appropriate repair and rehabilitation methods taking into consideration availability of materials.

In determining the cause of road facility deformation or collapse, various inventory data are used.

Each type of repair and rehabilitation methods is presented in Figure 22.4.2 to Figure 22.4.6 of the main text. These types of countermeasures are the cracking of slopes, the boulder stone and loose stones on slopes, defect in drainage facility and weathering of shotcrete, slope damage from road surface water inflow, and landslide.

22.5 Procurement

Based on countermeasures, the Study team was able to confirm that all of the materials for the countermeasures could be procured in Nicaragua. As for equipment, everything could be procured except for a shotcrete machine.

As for contractual matters when the countermeasures are executed, two cases are considered. The first case is contracting with a private company and the second case with COERCO (or a public entity). The selection of the contract type is to be decided by MTI and will depend on the amount of construction work required.

22.6 Plan of Database System

It is important that the maintenance records, the facility conditions, condition of geological and weather characteristics are grasped in order to achieve the effective road maintenance. And several relative data, which are geology, topography and hydrology, should be arranged to use smoothly. Therefore the various database should be established promptly.

All of the data collected in this Study should be used for near future. The database of road maintenance in MTI is recommended as shown in Figure 22.6.1. The arranged data are as follows;

- Basic data (route number, distance, coordinates, type of structure, photographs),
- Survey records (topography, geology, weather, hydrology, traffic volume,

socio-economic index, etc.),

- Facility, road inventory,
- Construction records (as-built drawings, qualities, applied standards, construction method, etc.),
- Inspection frequency, inspection schedule, and
- Repair/ restoration records and its schedule.

The Bridge Management System (BMS), which was donated to the General Direction of Roads by DANIDA in October 2001, is operated and managed efficiently now. Therefore, in the future, this plan of database system should be managed in cooperation with BMS.

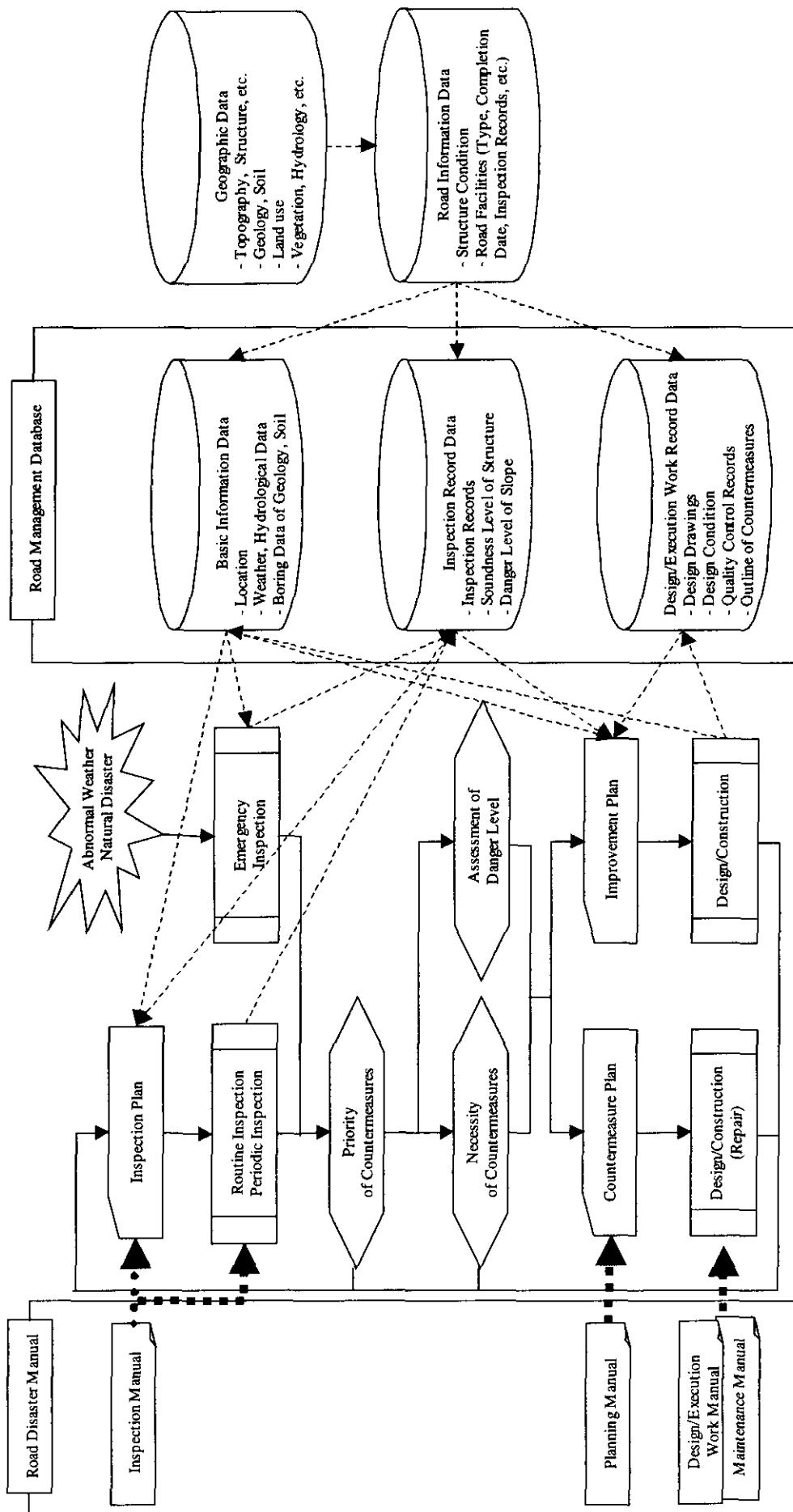


Figure 22.6.1 Management of Database System for Road Maintenance

CHAPTER 23 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The feasibility study proved that project spots of Package 1, 2 and 3 are technically, environmentally and economically feasible. The information and data surveyed in this Study can be finally concluded as follows.

23.1 Early execution of the disaster prevention spots

The identified disaster prevention spots are highly critical. Therefore, the disaster prevention work should be executed as early as possible in order to protect the safety of road users and the stability of traffic movement and the economy.

Therefore, the priority order of the project package should be considered as grouped in the following Table 23.1.1.

Table 23.1.1 Priority Order of Project Packages

Priority Order	Package No.	Road No.	ID No.	Countermeasure	Total
1	1	Nic.1	N001AA280	Horizontal drainage	7
			Junquillal	Gabion mat	
			San Nicolás	Gabion mat	
			San Ramón	Gabion mat	
			N001A240	Removal of loose rocks, installation of netting	
			N001B230	Removal of loose rocks, installation of netting	
			N001B150	Cutting, shotcrete and drainage	
		NIC.3	N003B400	Cutting and drainage	2
			N003B320	Retaining wall and fill, drainage and re-vegetation	
		NIC.26	N026B160	Removal of loose rocks, Installation of netting and drainage	3
San Juan de Dios	Gabion mat				
Papalón	Gabion mat and riprap with mortar				
2	2	NIC1	N001A290	Removal of loose rocks, Installation of netting and drainage	1
		NIC.3	N003B370	Cutting and drainage	3
			El Guayacán	New bridge	
			N003E170	Cutting and drainage, Concrete dam and Box culvert	
		NIC.5	N005A010	Cutting and drainage	1
		NIC.26	La Banderita	Masonry wall and gabion mat	2
			Solis	Gabion mat and riprap with mortar	
3	3	NIC.1	Las Chanillas	Concrete brocks	5
			N001B170	Cutting and drainage	
			N001B120	Cutting and drainage	
			Río Inali	Gabion mat and stone masonry	
			Río Tapascoli	Gabion mat	
		NIC.3	N003C230	Cutting and concrete protect with vegetation, Lower down embankment with drainage	3
			N003C150	Cutting and drainage above road, embankment, Vegetation and drainage below	
			N003C140	Cutting with drainage and horizontal drainage above road, embankment, vegetation and drainage below	
		NIC.26	N026A060	Cutting, shotcrete and drainage	3
			N026B140	Cutting, drainage and horizontal drainage	
N026A150	Cutting and drainage, lateral carriageway drainage				
Total Disaster Prevention Sites					30

23.2 Recommendation

In order to execute the projects, the MTI has been recommended to take the following actions.

- **Execution of Screening, Emergency/ Routine/ Periodic Inspection Survey,**

Approximately 80 over disaster potential spots were identified by the inspection survey on the objective six (6) roads, which are NIC.1, NIC.3, NIC.5, NIC.15, NIC.24 and NIC.26, in this Study. The screening and inspection surveys should be carried out for not only the objective roads but also other major roads and the rural roads.

- **Understanding Manuals and Standard Drawings,**

The manuals are composed of five (5) parts as below.

- An Inspection Manual,
- A Planning Manual,
- A Design/ Execution Works Manual,
- A Maintenance Manual, and
- A Design Standards/ Standard Drawings.

Each manual is applicable to conditions on Nicaraguan roads, and users must understand the contents of all 5 manuals.

- **Strengthening of Maintenance Division in MTI,**

The Direction of Road Maintenance is organized in General Division of Roads of MTI. However, its main work is only minor maintenance works of road surfaces on major roads. Almost all of major maintenance works are carried out by donations from the foreign countries.

In order to build up a strong maintenance organization, the following actions are recommended.

- Clarification of roles and responsibilities in the range of Direction and Division with a role in road maintenance,
- Establishment/ management of Database for the maintenance work, and
- Reorganization of reporting and liaison lines.

- **Establishment of Regional Offices, and**

In order to get information of disaster quickly, regional offices should be established at main towns on major roads. The roles of regional offices will be to carry out screening, and other inspection surveys for emergency, routine and periodic maintenance. Data collected from inspection surveys should be

analysed in regional offices and be reported to the main maintenance division in MTI. Thus the regional offices should take responsibility for major roads in their local areas.

● **Secure the Special Budget for Road Disasters**

A special budget for roads disaster should be established to a safeguard against possible loss. MTI should take on great responsibility for the management and control of major and rural roads in Nicaragua. If traffic accidents occur within MTI's responsibility, it is likely to be a result of very bad carriageway surfaces, very dangerous slope surfaces, very risky bridge condition, etc.

Therefore, in order to safeguard road safety and economic development to the road users, MTI should itself secure a special budget for road disasters.

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