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PREFACE

In response to the request from the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Government of Japan decided to conduct the Study for the Formulation of High Speed Railway Projects on Hanoi – Vinh and Ho Chi Minh – Nha Trang Section and entrusted the program to the Japan International cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA dispatched a team to Vietnam between April 2011 and June 2013, which was headed by Mr. IWATA Shizuo of ALMEC Corporation and consisted of ALMEC Corporation, Japan International Consultants for Transportation Co., Ltd., Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd., Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. and Japan Transportation Consultants, Inc.

In the cooperation with the Vietnamese Counterpart Team including the Ministry of Transport and Vietnam Railways, the JICA Study Team conducted the study which includes traffic demand analysis, natural and socio-economic conditions, alignment planning, consideration of various options including the upgrading of existing railway, technical standards for high speed railway, implementation schedule and institutions, and human resource development. It also held a series of discussions with the relevant officials of the Government of Vietnam. Upon returning to Japan, the Team duly finalized the study and delivered this report in June 2013.

Reflecting on the history of railway development in Japan, it is noted that Japan has indeed a great deal of experience in the planning, construction, operation, etc., and it is deemed that such experiences will greatly contribute to the railway development in Vietnam. JICA is willing to provide further cooperation to Vietnam to achieve sustainable development of railway sector and to enhance friendly relationship between the two countries.

It is hoped that this report will contribute to the sustainable development of transport system in Vietnam and to the enhancement of friendly relations between the two countries.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials of the Government of Vietnam for their close cooperation.

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ABBREVIATIONS

5ECSR Alt	Five-Year Environmental Current Status Report Alternative
BI	Bird International
CSFC	Committee for Storm and Flood Control
DARD	Department of Agricultural and Rural Development
DGMV	General Department of Geology and Minerals of
Dom	Vietnam
DOCST	Department of Culture, Sport and Tourism
DONRE	Department of Natural Resources and Environment
EBA	Endemic Bird Area
GIS	Geographic Information System
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
HSR	High Speed Railway
IBA	Important Bird Area
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LU	Landuse
LU (C)	Current landuse map
LU (P)	Landuse plan map
mQII path	Middle Pleistocene (Phan Thiet Formation)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
Pop.	Population
QIII3	Upper Pleistocene
QII-III	Middle-Upper Pleistocene
SCFSC	Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control

SDFSC	Sub-Department for Flood and Storm Control
SDI	Sub-Department of Irrigation
SHM	Stakeholder Meeting
vQ	Undivided Quaternary
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature / World Wildlife Fund

1 OUTLINE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY MAPS

1.1 Objectives of Environmental Sensitivity Maps

1.1 It was planned to prepare an environmental sensitivity maps in order to meet following objectives:

- (i) To identify the potentially sensitive areas that may require environmental and social considerations.
- (ii) To prepare the above data sets in order to contribute to the alignment planning.
- (iii) To clearly show that the selected alignments are drawn based on the due considerations of environmental and social aspects.

1.2 Contents of Environmental Sensitivity Maps

1.2 Considering 1) the important and useful information in planning alignment and station of HSR, 2) the information which can be analyzed on the GIS and 3) existing and available geographical data, following layers were selected for the environmental sensitivity maps. The environmental sensitivity maps were defined as the data set of maps consisting of the following layers in Table 1.2.1.

No.	Layer	Description	Major Sources of Information		
01	Protected Area	Special-use forest area from land use map (in the environmental sensitivity maps, special- use forest is recorded as "protected forest")	Land-use map prepared by DONREForest area map prepared by DARD		
02	Protection and Production Forest	Production forest and protection forest from land use map	Land-use map prepared by DONREForest area map prepared by DARD		
03	Flood Prone	Flood prone areas and/or flood affected areas in the record	 Flood prone area map prepared by DARD Flood affected information by Provinci Storm and Flood Control Committee Interview with DARD 5 Year Environmental Current State Report (5ECSR) 		
04	Landslide	Landslide prone areas and/or landslide affected areas in the record	 Landslide prone area map prepared by DARD Landslide affected information by Provincial Storm and Flood Control Committee Interview with DARD 5ECSR 		
05	Geology	Geologically sensitive areas	Geology map		
06	Cultural Heritage	Cultural heritages	Land-use map prepared by DONRETourism map		
07	Ethnic Minority	Population density of ethnic minority by communes	Census data 2009		
08	Population Density	Population density by communes	Census data 2009		
09	Industrial Zone	Industrial zone areas identified in land-use map	Land-use map prepared by DONRE		
10	Cemetery Land	Cemetery areas identified in land-use map	Land-use map prepared by DONRE		
11	Pagodas/Churches	Areas identified as faith land and religious land	Land-use map prepared by DONRE		
12	Army Area	Areas identified as national defense land and security land	Land-use map prepared by DONRE		

 Table 1.2.1
 Layers included in the Environmental Sensitivity Map

No.	Layer	Description	Major Sources of Information
13	Development Area	Areas Identified as Buildings	Topographic map prepared by JICA Study Team based on Satellite Imagery
14	Typhoon Prone	Typhoon prone areas and/or typhoon affected areas in the record	 Typhoon affected information by Provincial Storm and Flood Control Committee Typhoon affected information by Provincial Sub Department of Flood and Storm Control Interview with DARD 5ECSR
15	Important Bird Area and Endemic Bird Area	Important Bird Area and Endemic Bird Area which are recognized widely by international NGOs, such as Birdlife International, WWF and IUCN	Important Bird Area and Endemic Bird Area Maps in the website of Birdlife International
16	Overlaid Environmental Sensitivity Map	Overlaying 01,02,06,09,10,11 and 12 as the integrated map	Land-use map prepared by DONRE

Source: JICA Study Team

2 OUTPUT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY MAPS

2.1 Collected Information and Output

2.1 The information was collected from the cities/provinces along the target sections, namely the north section (Hanoi-Vinh) and the south section (HCMC-Nha Trang).

2.2 In Vietnam, the most important source of landuse information for the environmental sensitivity map is the land use map (both current land use and planning land use) prepared by the cities/provinces. The JICA Study Team acquired following land use information and produced the data set of the environmental sensitivity map through careful overlaying process. The data set produced as both shape files (.shp, Arc GIS format) and picture files (.jpg). Blue shaded part in Tables 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 means that data set and map were produced based on the information clarified in the "data source".

2.3 With regard to the geography, geology map (hard copy) was available all along the alignment, and only the specific area were identified as sensitive to be digitized into the environmental sensitivity maps. The area includes vQ sand dunes area, and surrounding Pleistocene areas which are considered to be soft (QII-III: Middle-Upper Pleistocene, QIII3: Upper Pleistocene, mQII pth: Middle Pleistocene or Phan Thiet Formation, and vQ: Undivided Quaternary).

2.4 Forest map are produced in two patterns namely (1) protection and production forest map, (2) forest distribution map (special use/protection/production forest).

2.5 Ethnic minority map are produced in two patterns as well, namely (1) ethnic minority density map and (2) ethnic minority population map.

			01 Hanoi	02 Ha Nam	03 Nam Dinh	04 Ninh Binh	05 Thanh Hoa	06 Nghe An
01	Protected Areas	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
02	Protection and	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Production Forest	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
03	Flood Prone	GIS Data Set	Available	No information available	No information available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	Map on Natural Hazard Prone Area of Hanoi City (year/unknown)	-	-	Detailed Planning Report on Flood and Dike Control for Inland Rivers/ 2009	5ECSR/2006- 2010	Report on some hazards in Nghe An Province/2010
04	Landslide	GIS Data Set	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	Available	Available
		Data Source	-	-	-	-	5ECSR/2006- 2010	Report on some hazards in Nghe An Province/2010
05	Geology	GIS Data Set	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area
		Data Source	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999

 Table 2.1.1
 Layers of Environmental Sensitivity Maps (North Section)

		01 Hanoi	02 Ha Nam	03 Nam Dinh	04 Ninh Binh	05 Thanh Hoa	06 Nghe An
06 Cultural Heritage	GIS Data Set	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	Available	No information available
	Data Source	-	-	-	-	DOCST	-
07 Ethnic Minority	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Data Source	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009
08 Population	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
density	Data Source	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009
09 Industrial zone	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
10 Cemetery Land	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
11 Pagodas/Church	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
es	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	DOCST	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
12 Army area	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
-	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
13 Development	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Area	Data Source	Topography	Topography	Topography	Topography	Topography	Topography
		Мар	Мар	Мар	Мар	Мар	Мар
14 Typhoon	GIS Data Set	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
	Data Source	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Important Bird	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Area and	Data Source	Birdlife	Birdlife	Birdlife	Birdlife	Birdlife	Birdlife
Endemic Bird Area		International	International	International	International	International	International
16 Overlaid	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Environmental Sensitivity Map	Data Source	LU(C), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020	LU(C), to 2010
		Vac. 2010	Vac. 2010	Vac. to 2010	Vac. 2010	Vac. 2010	Vac. 2010
DONRE Landuse	map (Current)	Yes, 2010 Not available	Yes, 2010	Yes, to 2010	Yes, 2010	Yes, 2010	Yes, 2010
DONRE Landuse	DONRE Landuse map (Plan)		Landuse, 2010	Yes, to 2020	Landuse, 2010	Yes, to 2020 (draft)	Not available

SCFSC: Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control

SDFSC: Sub Department of Flood and Storm Control

LU(C): Current landuse map

LU(P): Landuse plan map

Source: JICA Study Team

Table 2.1.2 Layers of Environmental Sensitivity Maps (South Section)

			07 Khanh Hoa	08 Ninh Thuan	09 Binh Thuan	10 Dong Nai	11 HCMC
01	Protected Areas	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
02	Protection and	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Production Forest	Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
03	Flood Prone	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
			Marked location maps by Sub- department of Irrigation/2011	Annual Report of SCSFC/2005- 2009	Annual report of SCSFC/1995- 2010	Annual report of SCSFC/2010	Official letter of SDFSC/2011

			07 Khanh Hoa	08 Ninh Thuan	09 Binh Thuan	10 Dong Nai	11 HCMC
04	Landslide	GIS Data Set	No information available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	-	Annual Report of SCSFC/2005- 2009	Annual report of SCSFC/2005- 2010	Annual report of SCSFC/2010	Official letter of SubDeptFSC/201 1
05	Geology	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	No Sensitive Area	No Sensitive Area
		Data Source	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999	DGMV 1999
06	Cultural Heritage	GIS Data Set	Available	No information available	Available	No information available	No information available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	-	LU(P), to 2010	-	-
07	Ethnic Minority	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009
08	Population density	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009	Census, 2009
09	Industrial zone	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
10	Cemetery Land	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
11	Pagodas/Churches	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
12	Army area	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
13	Development Area	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	Topography Map	Topography Map	Topography Map	Topography Map	Topography Map
14	Typhoon Prone	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		Data Source	5ECSR/2006- 2010	Annual reports of SCSFC/1998- 2010	5ECSR/2005- 2009	Annual report of SCSFC/2010	Official letter of SDFSC/2011
15	Important Bird Area	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	and Endemic Bird Area	Data Source	Birdlife International	Birdlife International	Birdlife International	Birdlife International	Birdlife International
16	Overlaid	GIS Data Set	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Environmental Sensitivity Map	Data Source	LU(P), to 2020	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2010	LU(P), to 2020
	DONRE Landuse map	(Current)	Yes, to 2005	Yes, to 2005	Yes, to 2005	Not available	Not available
	DONRE Landuse map	(Plan)	Yes, to 2020 (draft)	Yes, to 2010	Yes, to 2010	Yes, 2010	Yes, 2020

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LU(C): Current landuse map LU(P): Landuse plan map

Source: JICA Study Team

2.2 Utilization of Environmental Sensitivity Maps

2.6 Prepared data set were utilized to consider the alternative alignment and the location of the stations. As described in the objective of the environmental sensitivity map above, they were also utilized to visualize the environmental and social considerations of this study for stakeholders, especially in the 2nd SHM.

2.7 The result of overlaying alignment options on the environmental sensitivity maps was utilized for the alternative comparison in the IEE study and also for the provisional scoping.

2.8 Table 2.2.1 and Table 2.2.2 are the explanation on alignments shown in the environmental sensitivity maps. Because the alignment was revised in the north section after the 2^{nd} SHM in cities/provinces and the revised version was shown in the plenary session of the 2^{nd} SHM, both alignments were shown on the maps. For the south section, alignments shown in the 2^{nd} SHM in cities/province and the plenary session were the same.

Table 2.2.1	Output of Environmental Sensitivity Maps (North Section)
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Section	Alignment	Line	Note
North	Alt1 (revised)	Red	Revised alternative alignment 1 (which was shown and discussed in the plenary session of the 2 nd SHM in Hanoi and HCMC, and was evaluated optimal in this study)
	Alt1 (initial)	Red	Alternative alignment 1 which was shown and
		(broken line)	discussed in 2 nd SHM in the cities/provinces
	Alt2	Blue	-
	Alt3	Light Green	-

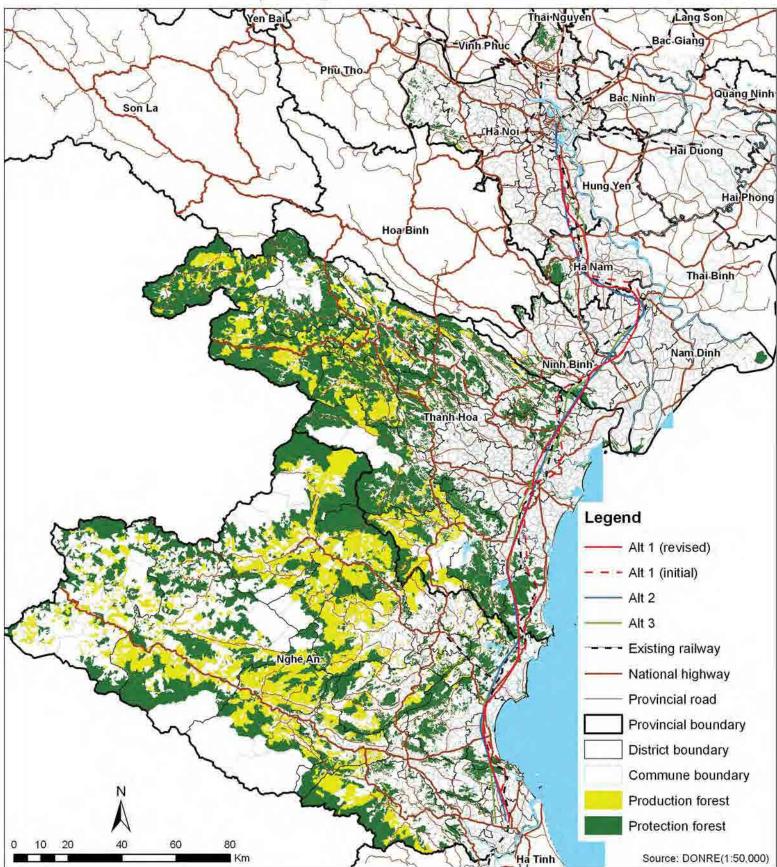
Table 2.2.2 Output of Environmental Sensitivity Maps (South Section)

Section	Alignment	Line	Note
South	Alt1	Red	This alignment was evaluated optimal in the study.
	Alt2	Blue	-
	Alt3	Light Green	-

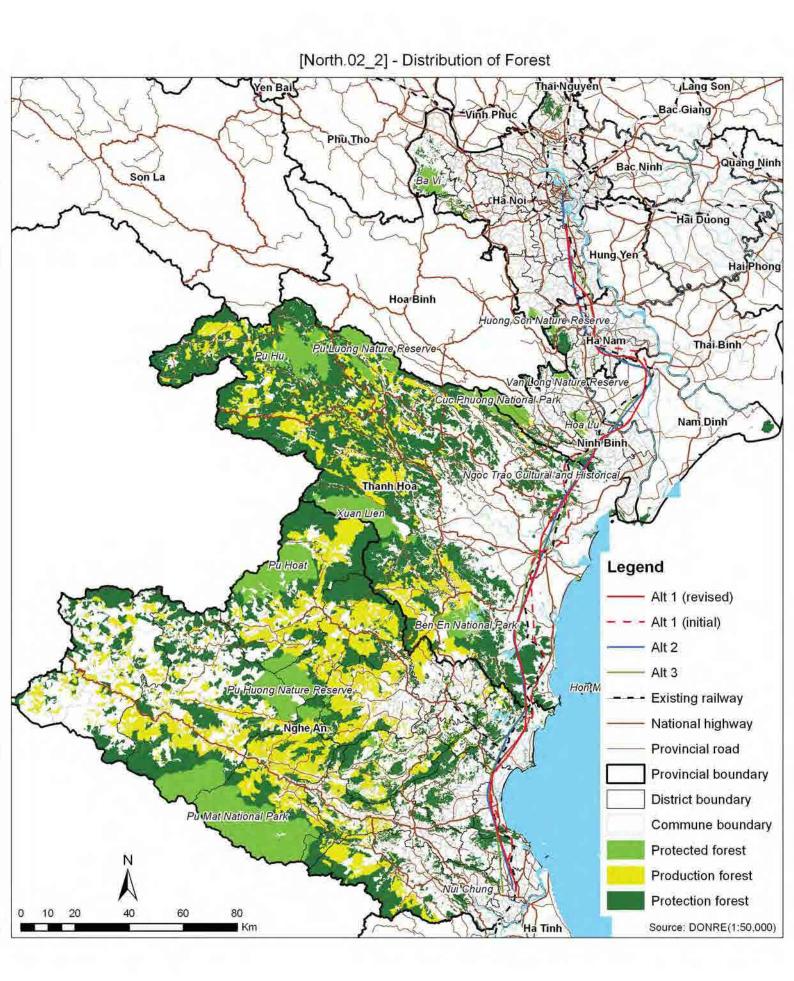
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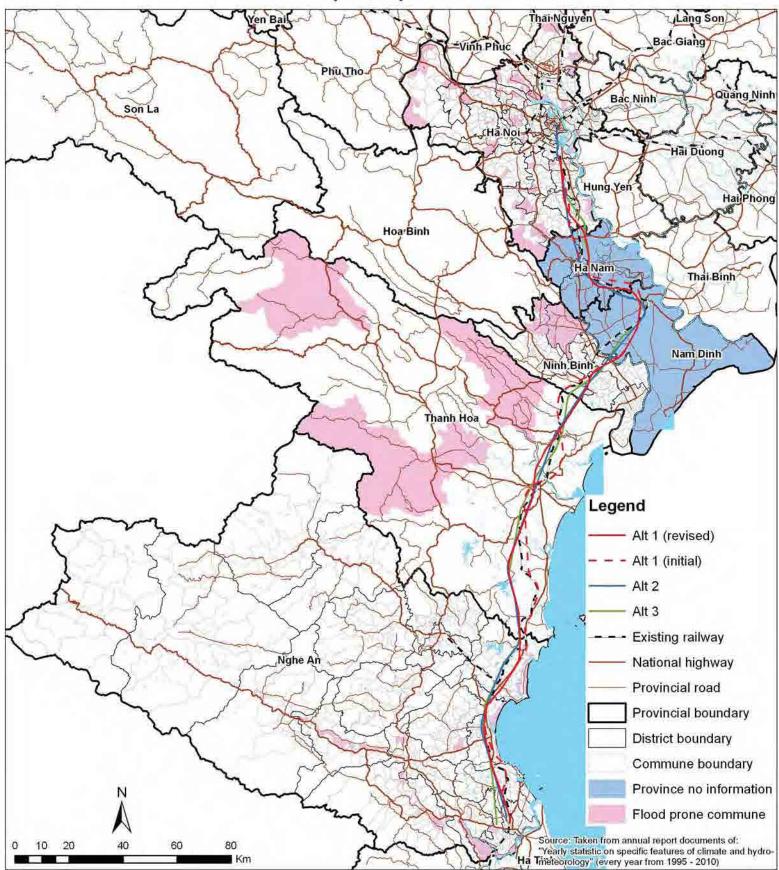
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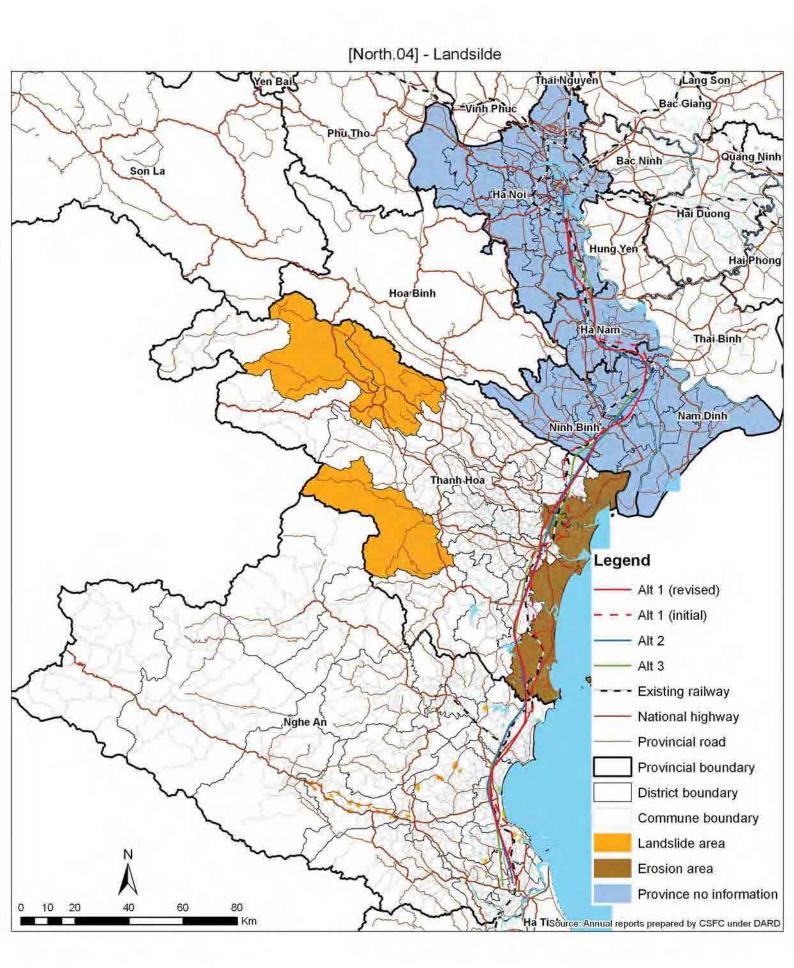


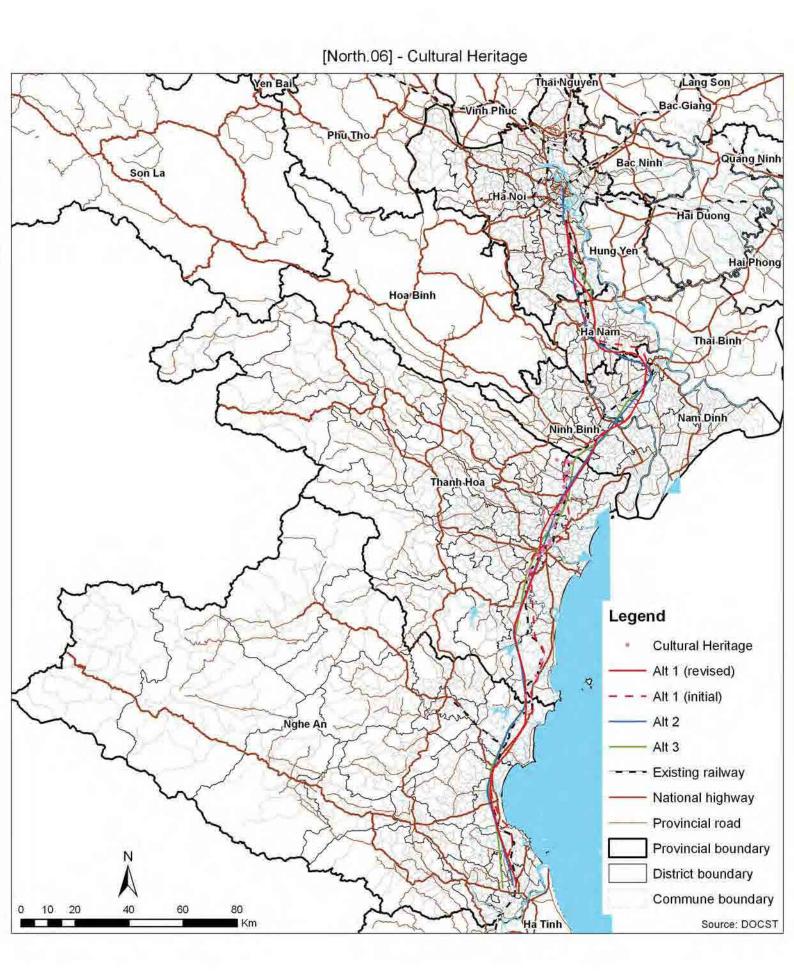
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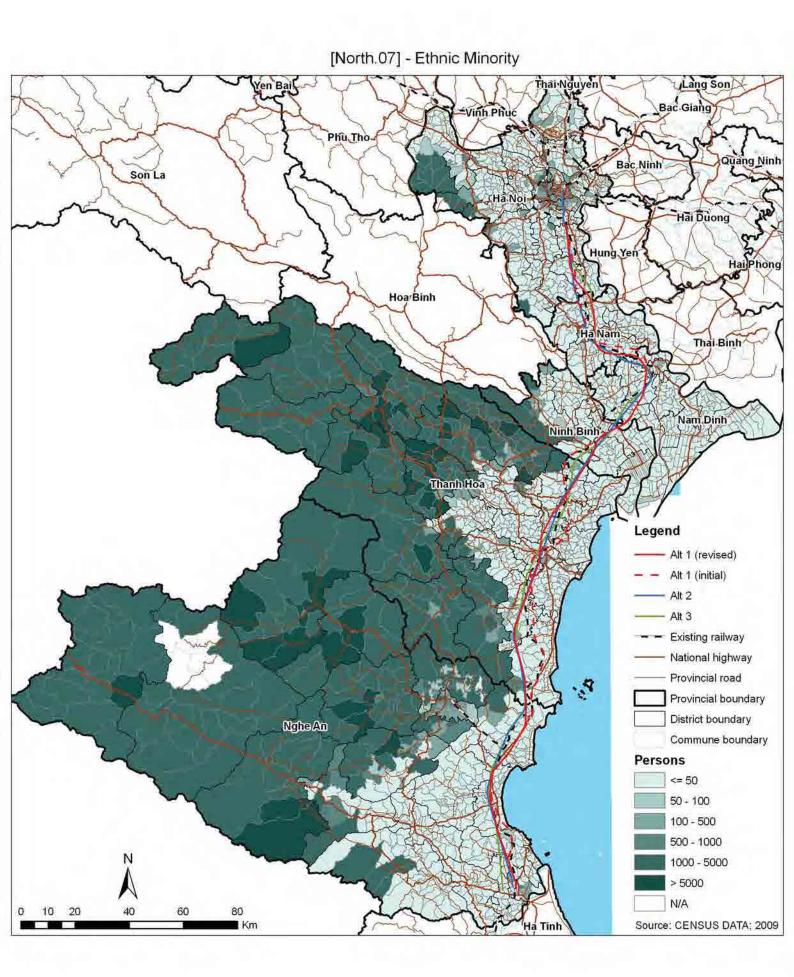


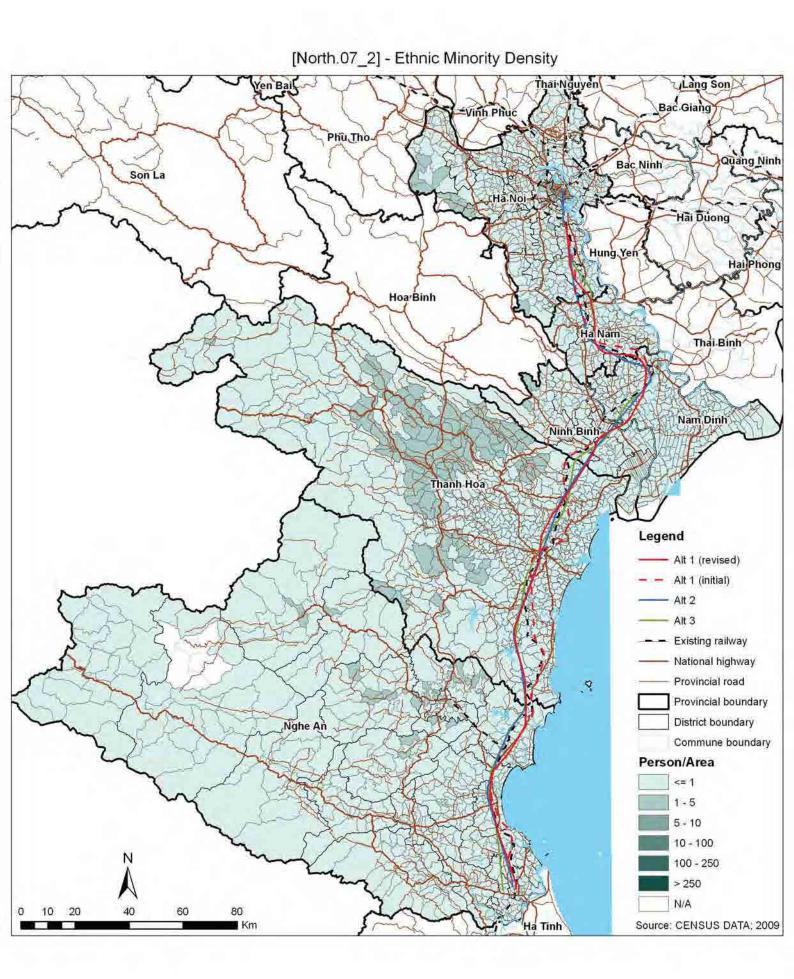
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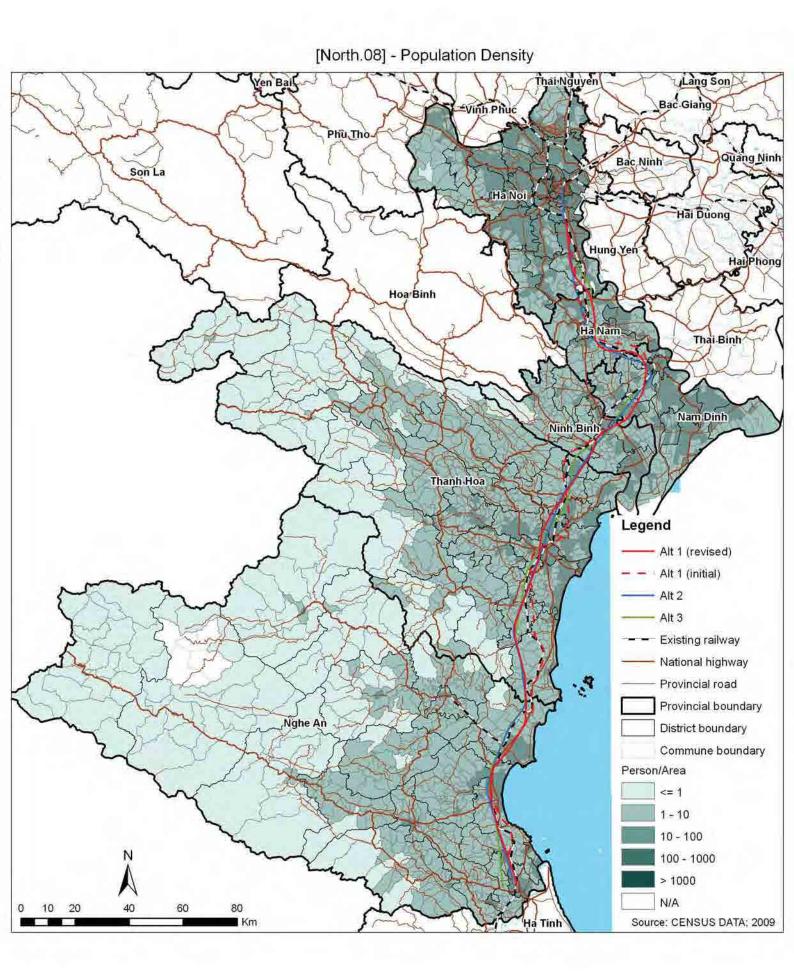


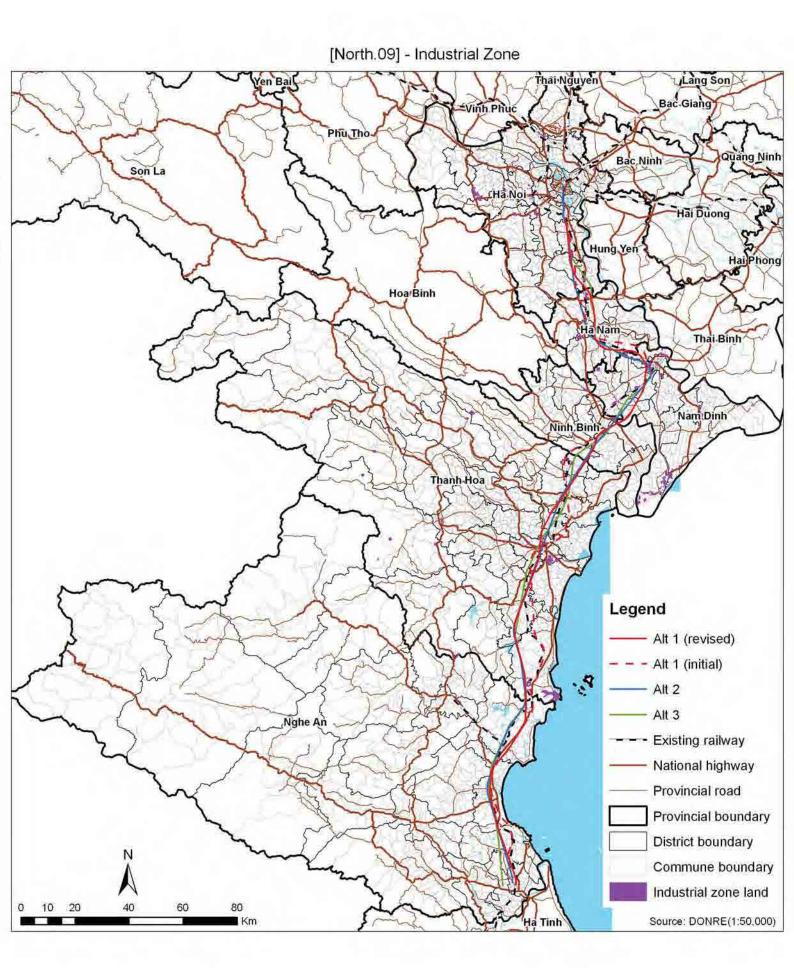


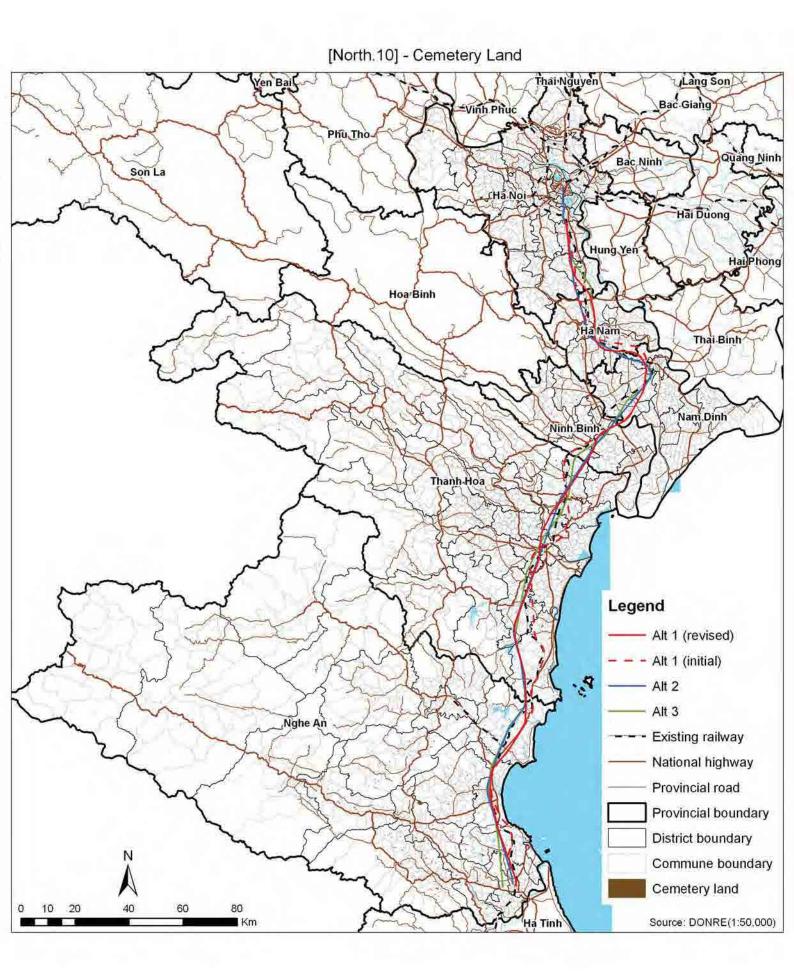


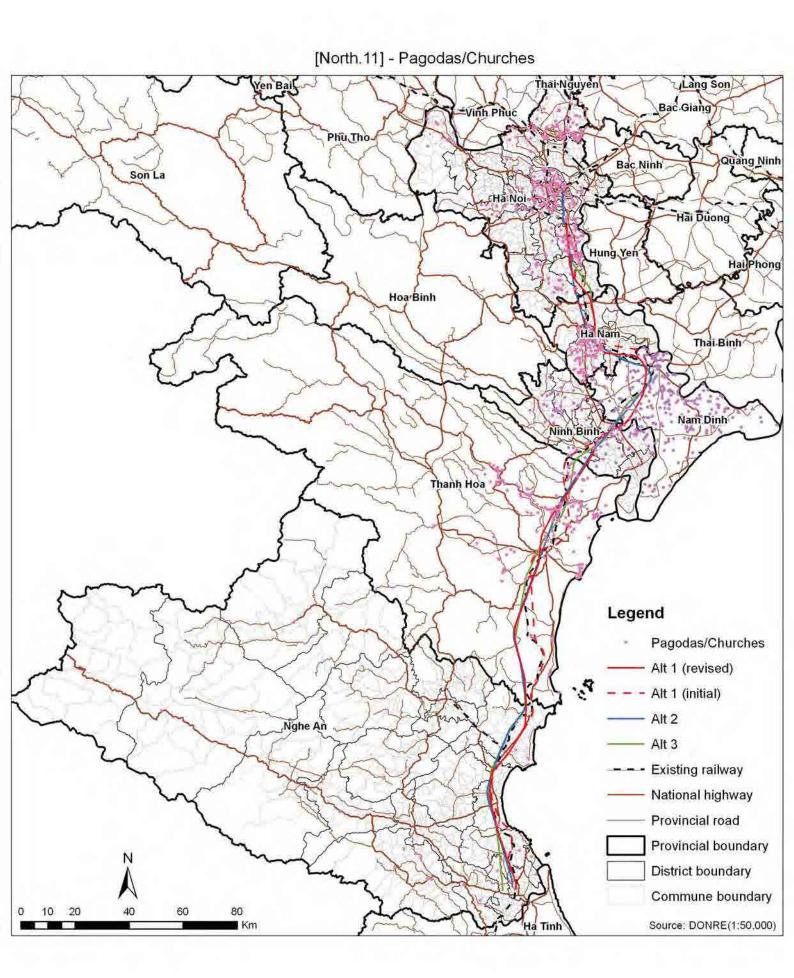


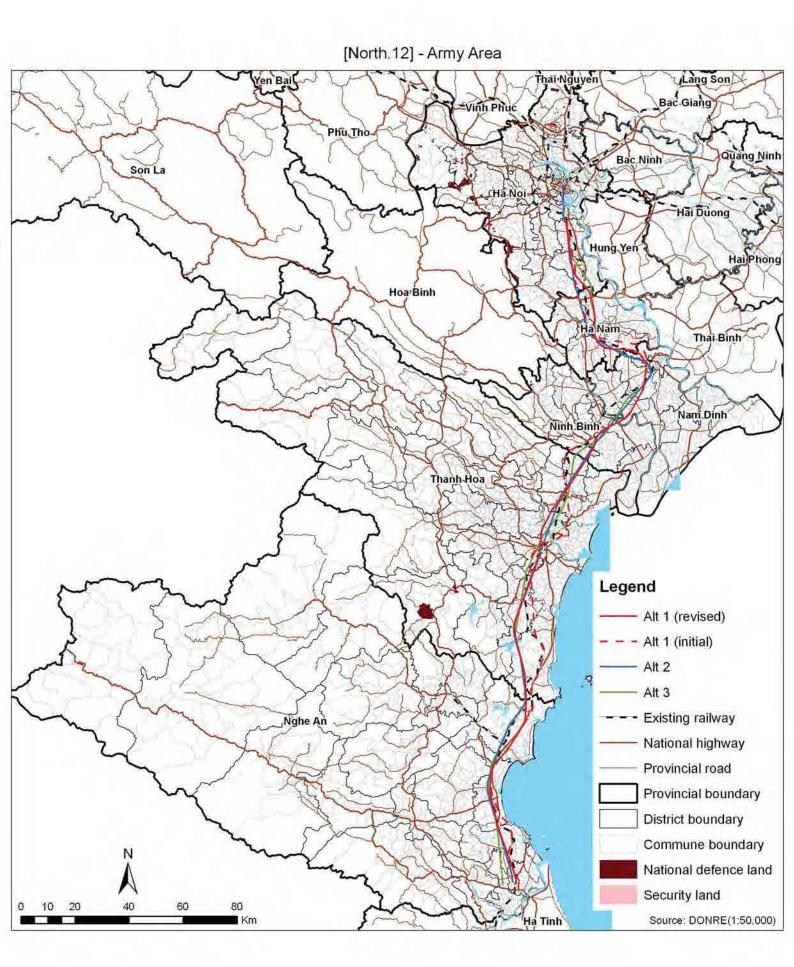


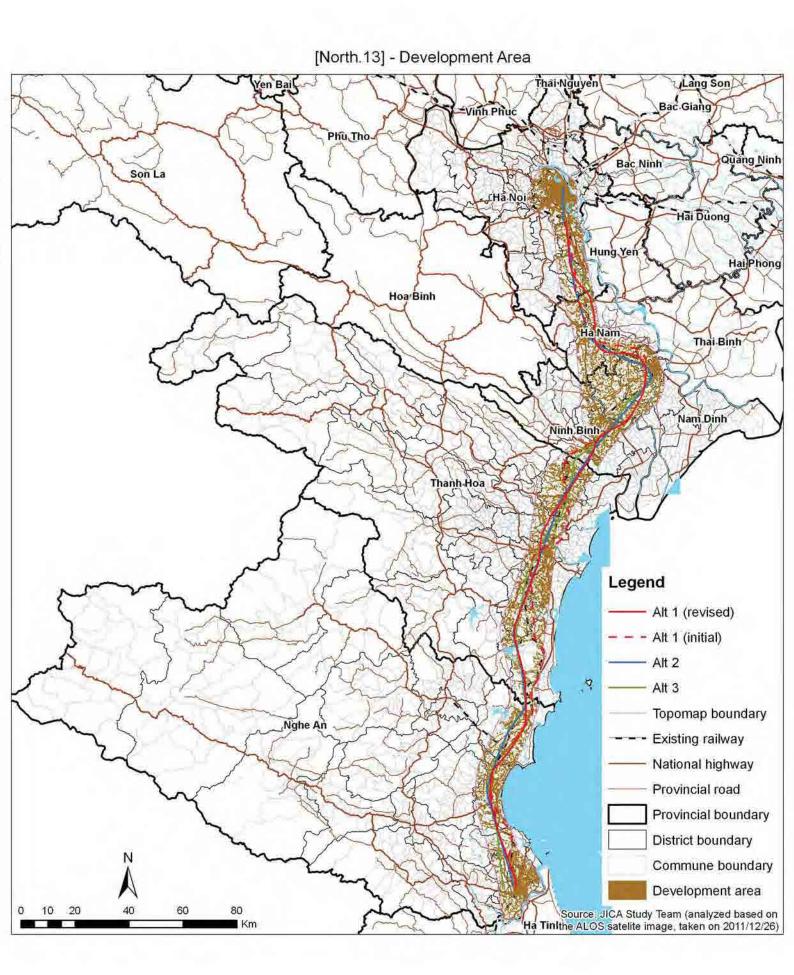


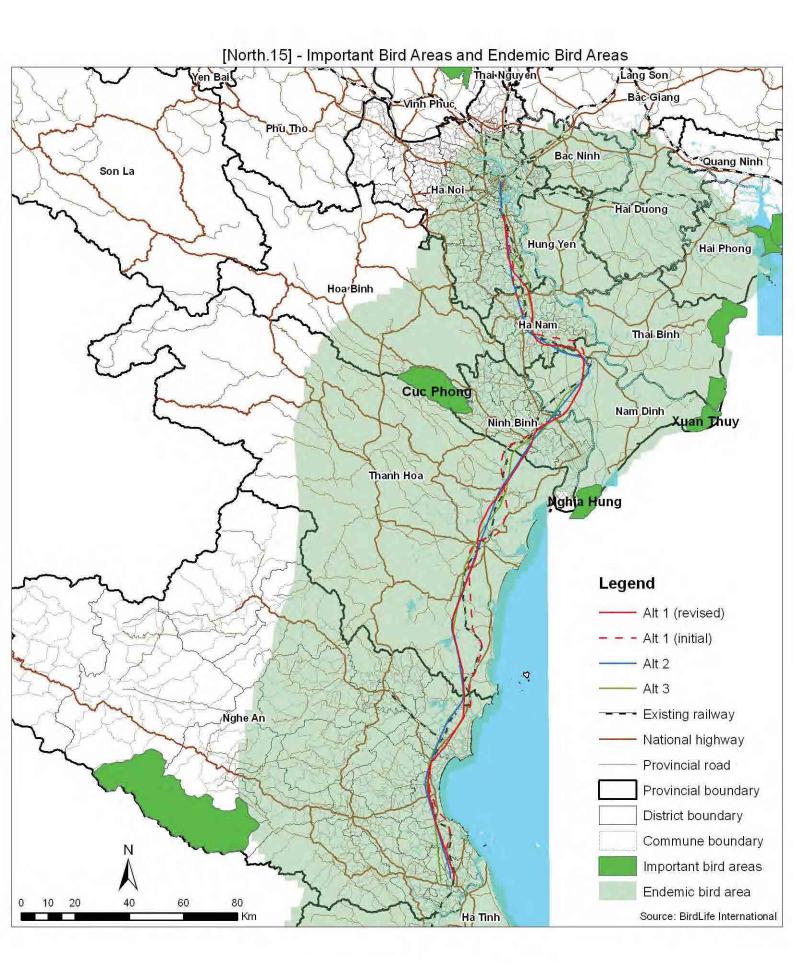


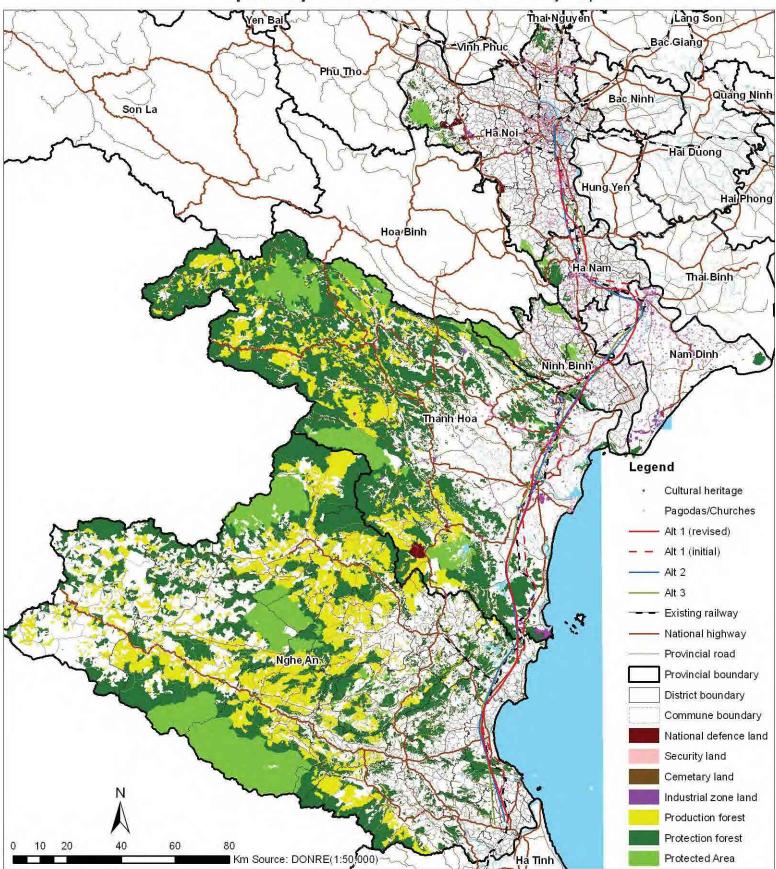










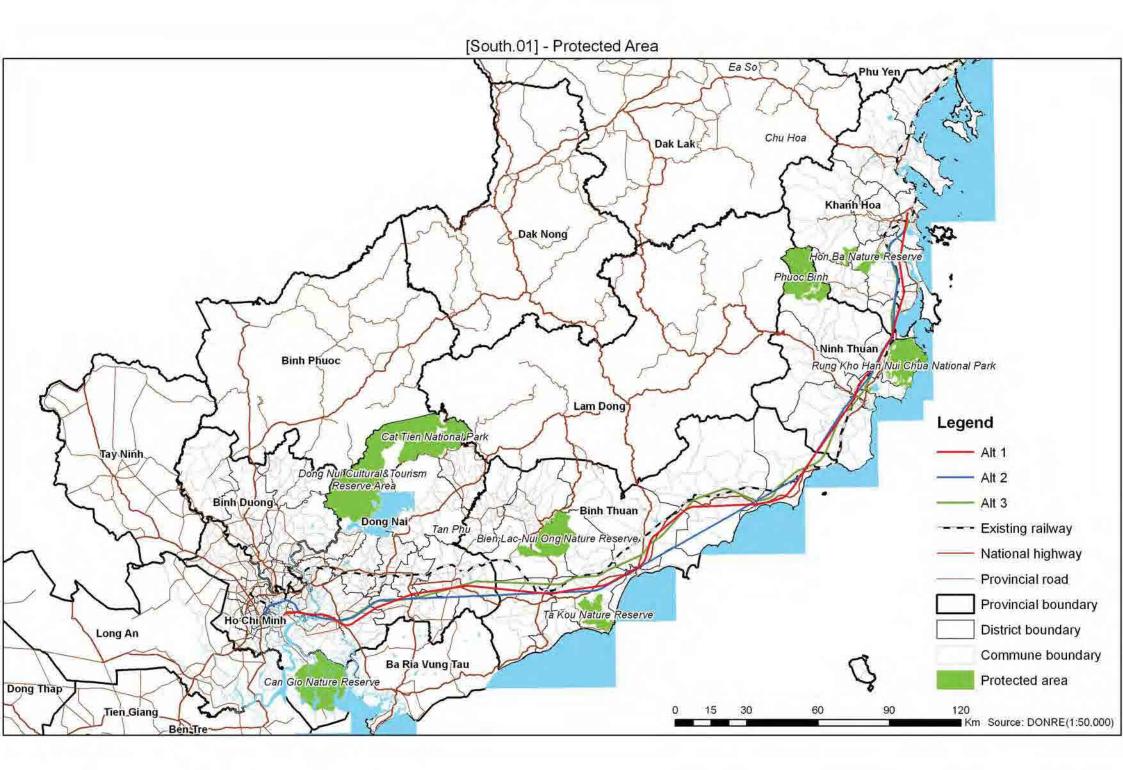


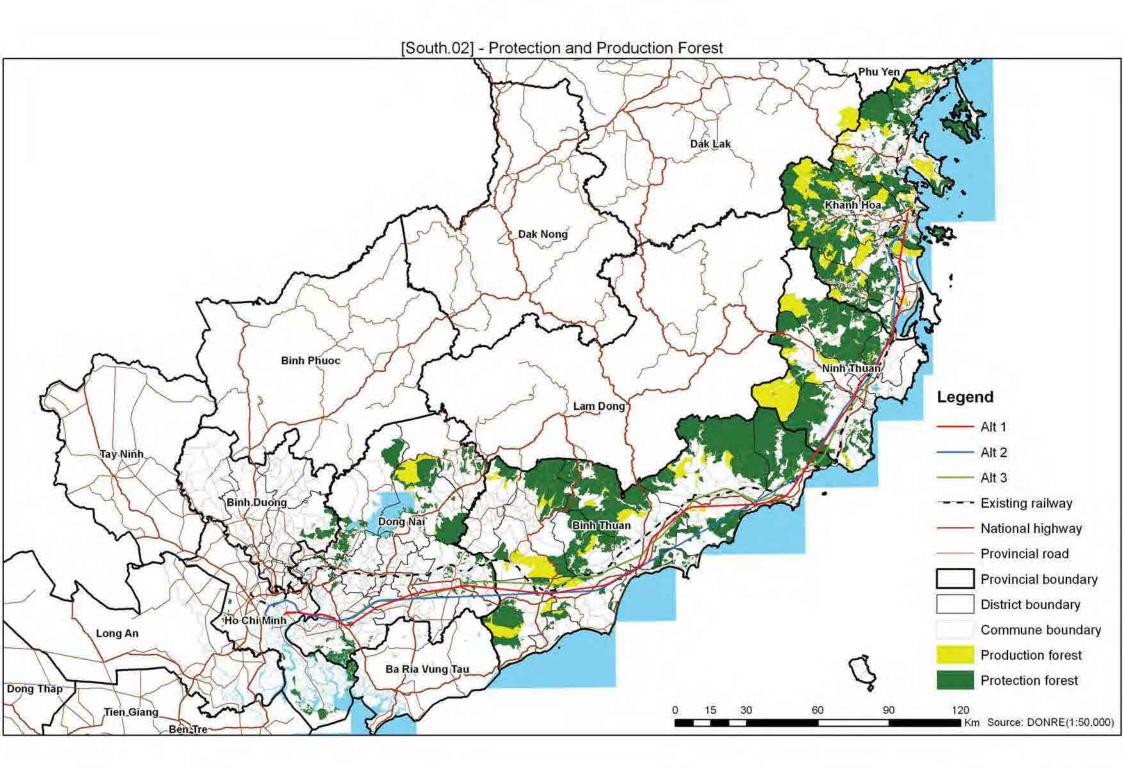
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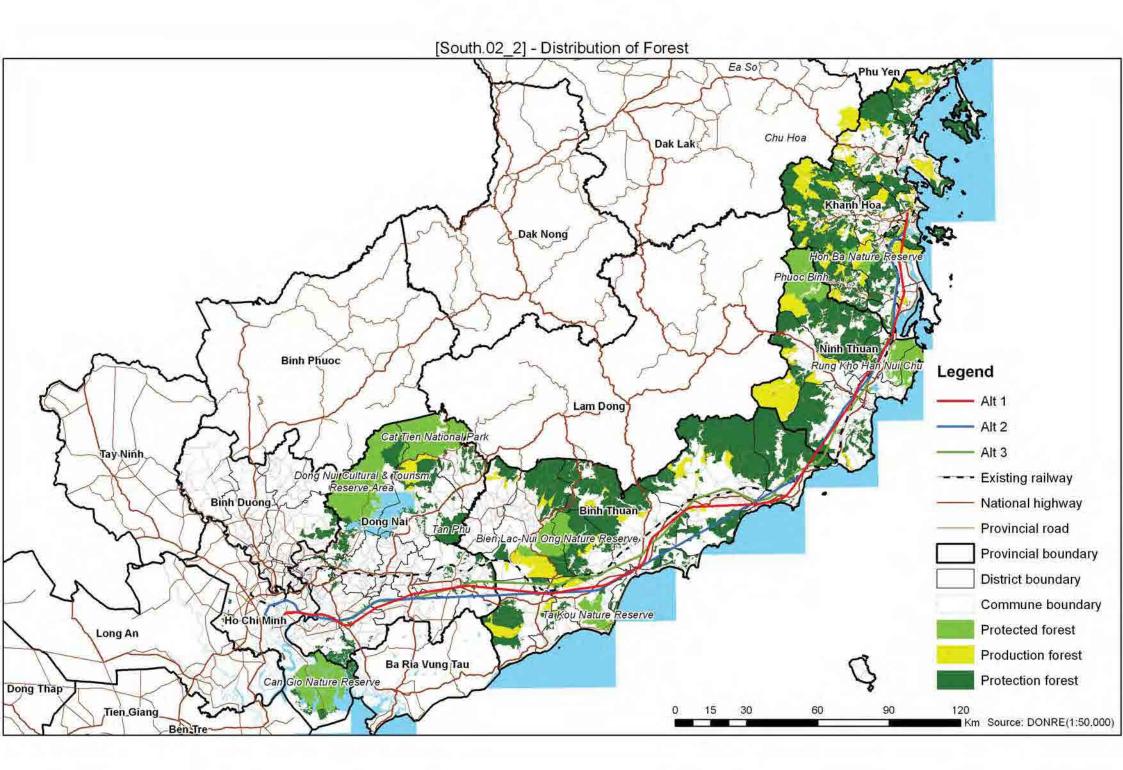
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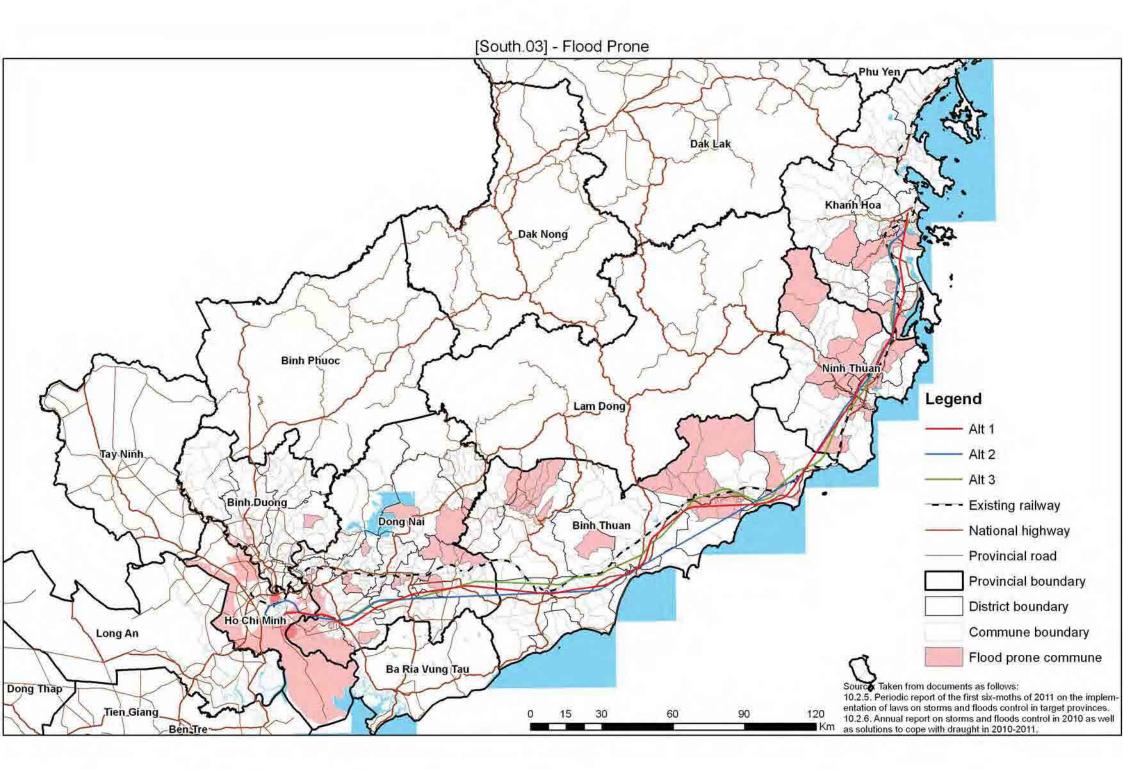
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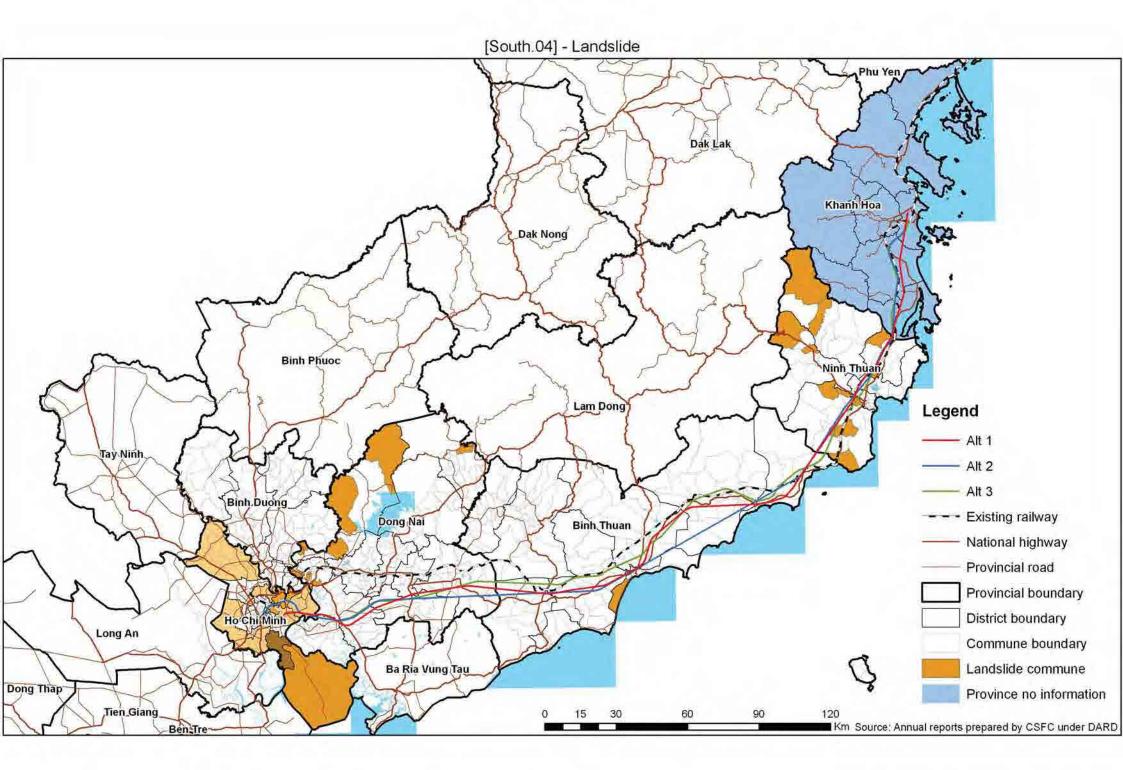
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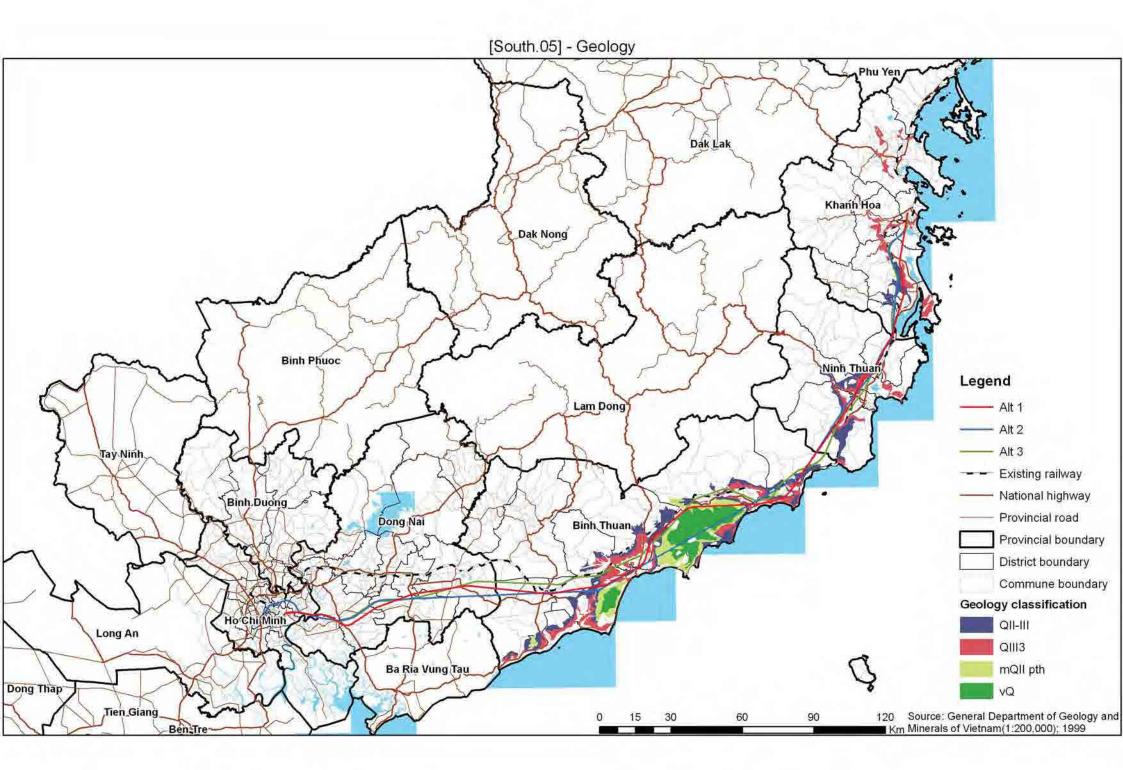


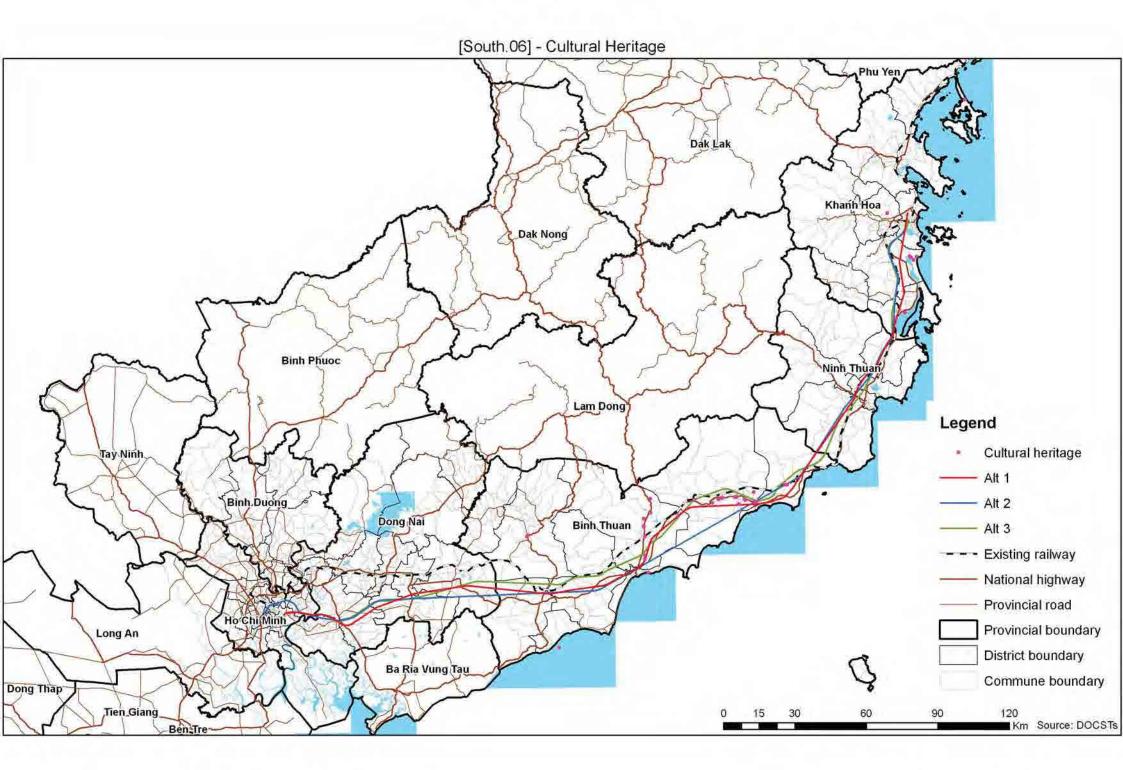


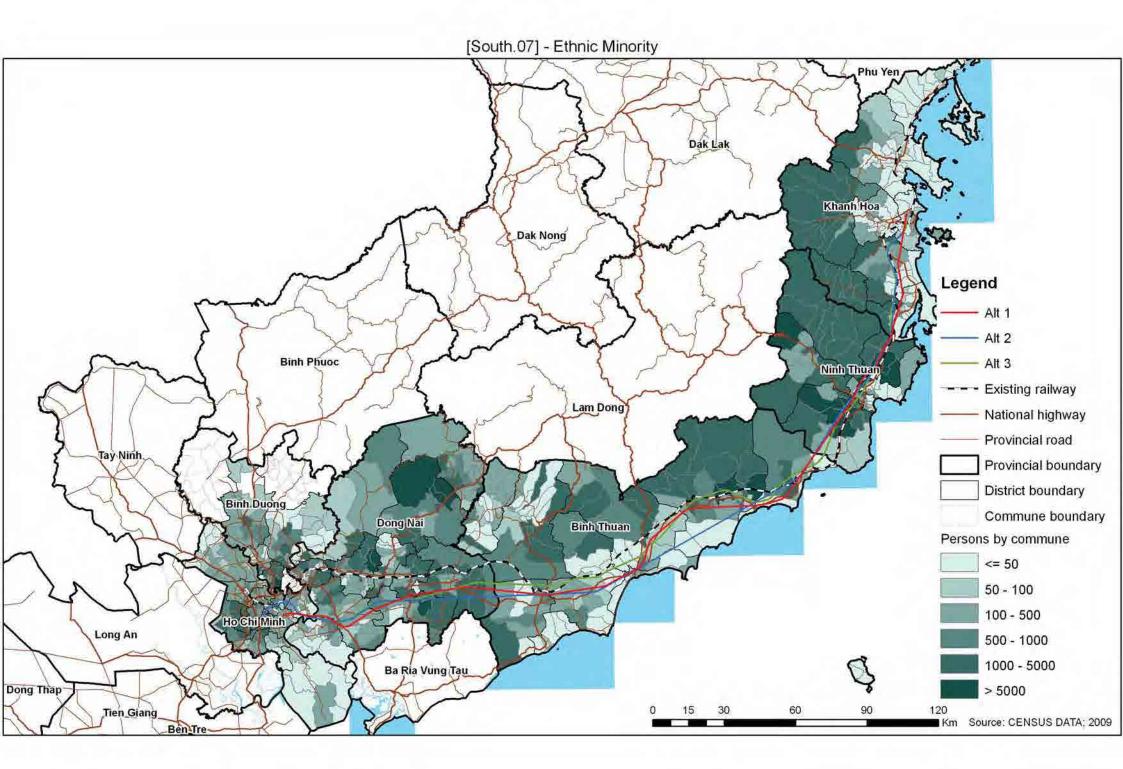


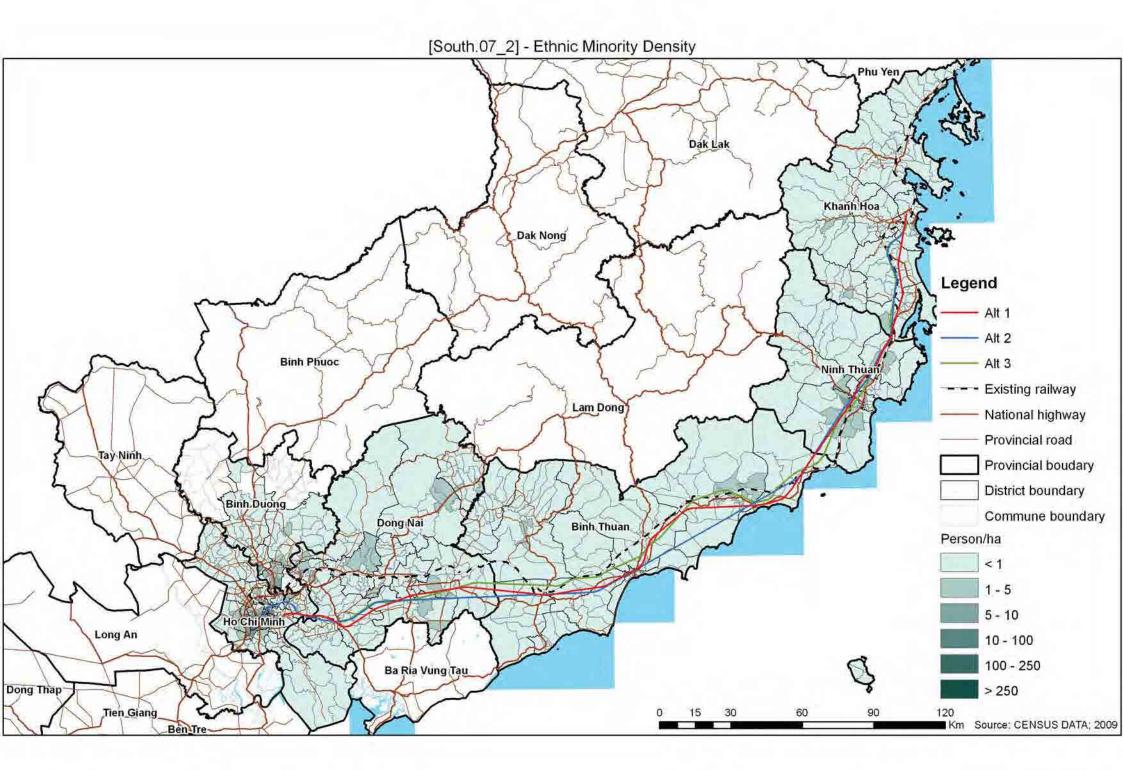


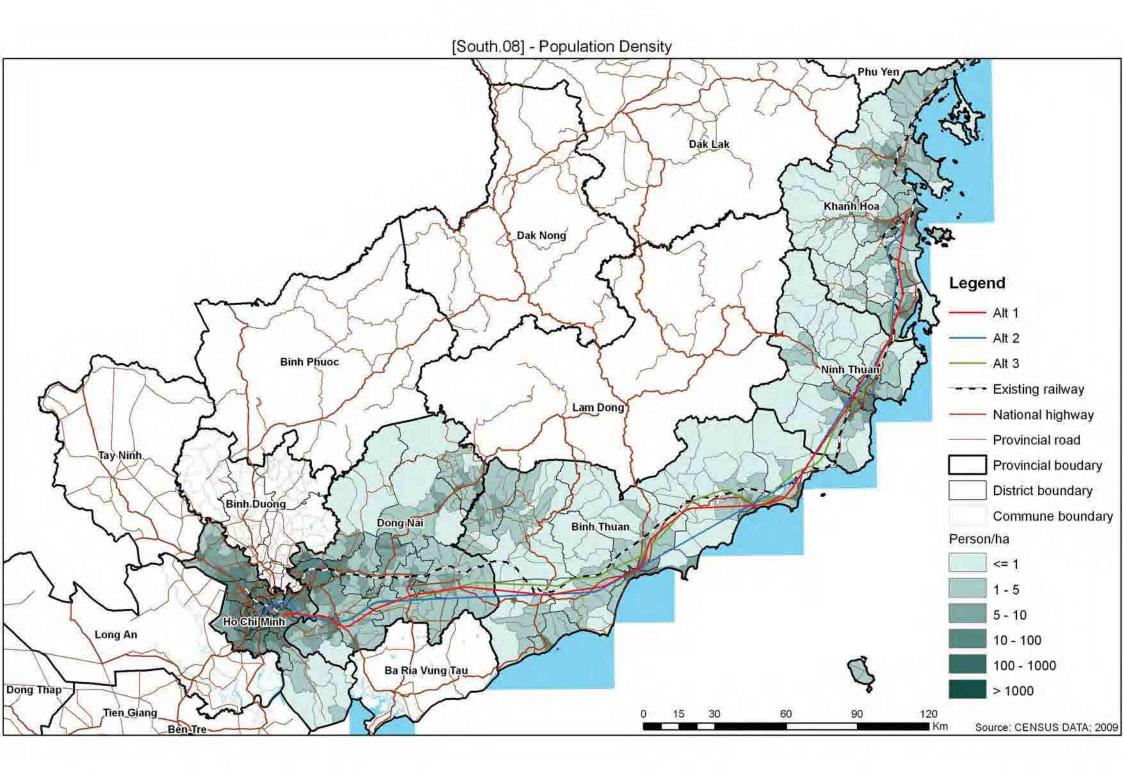


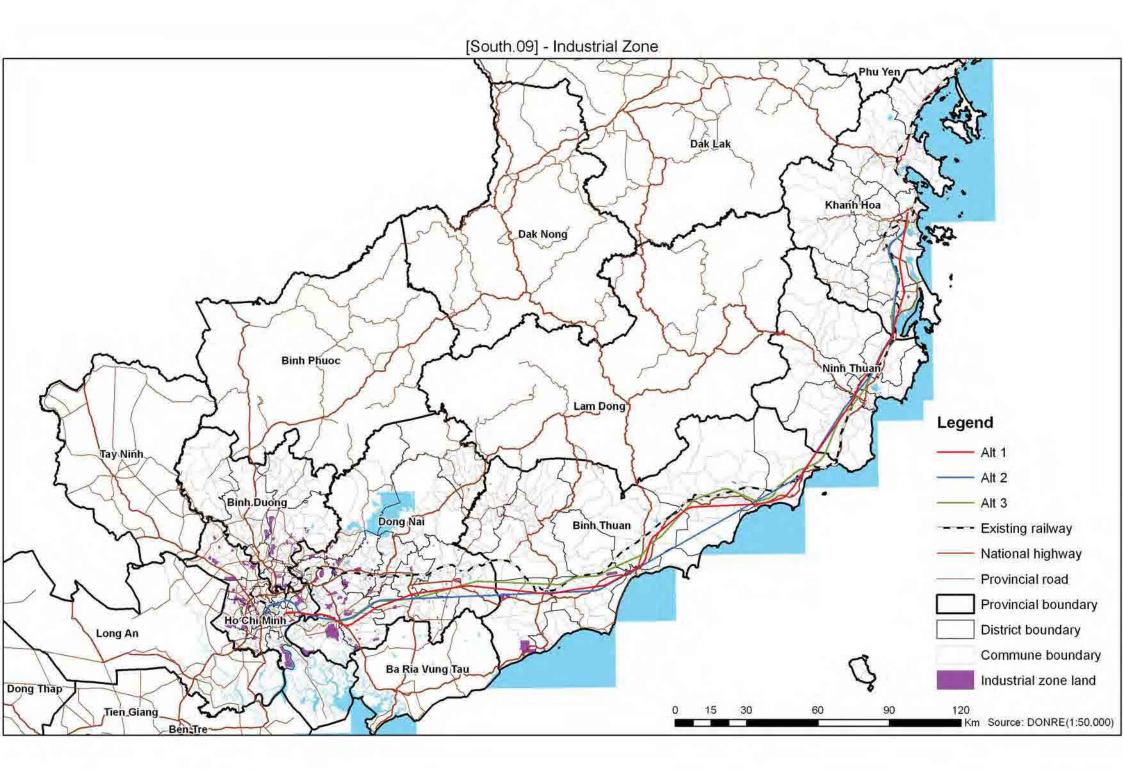


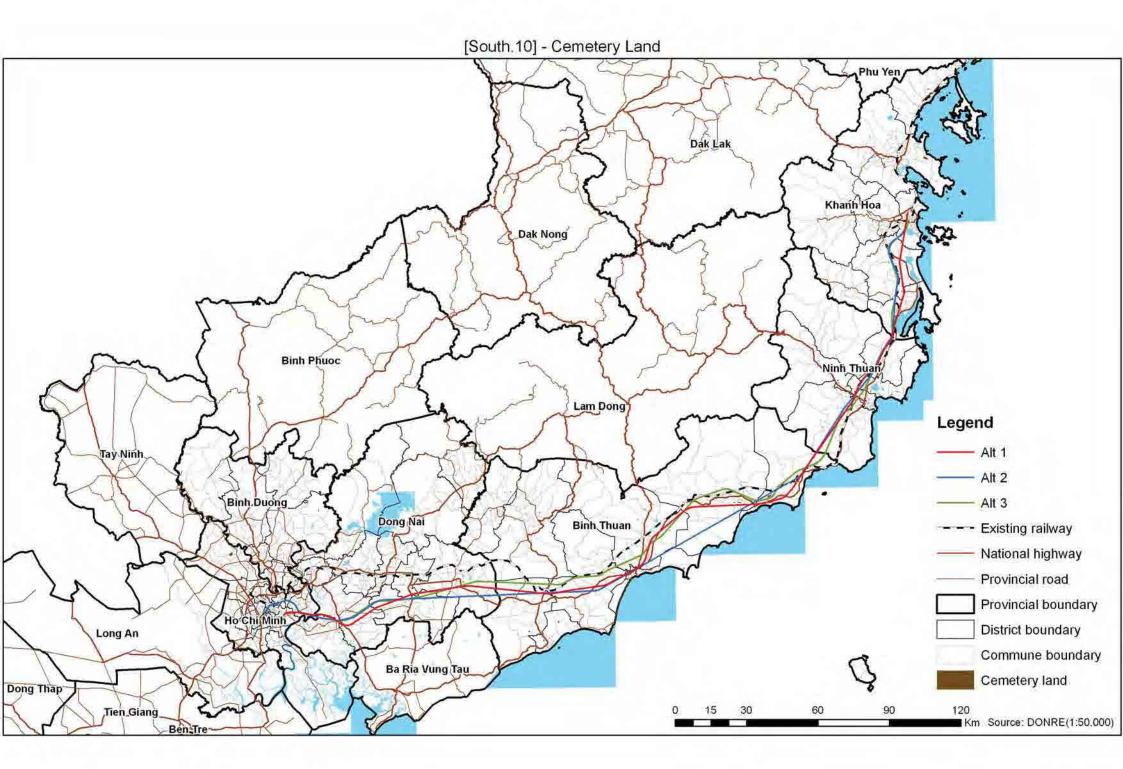


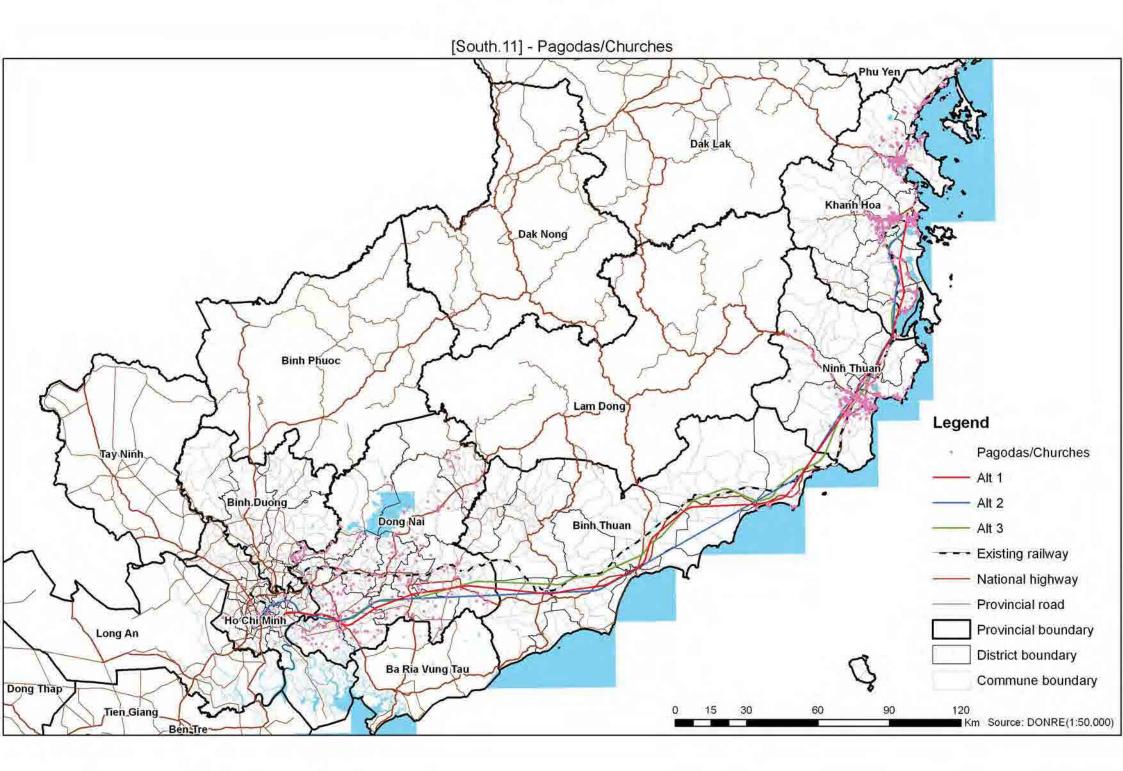


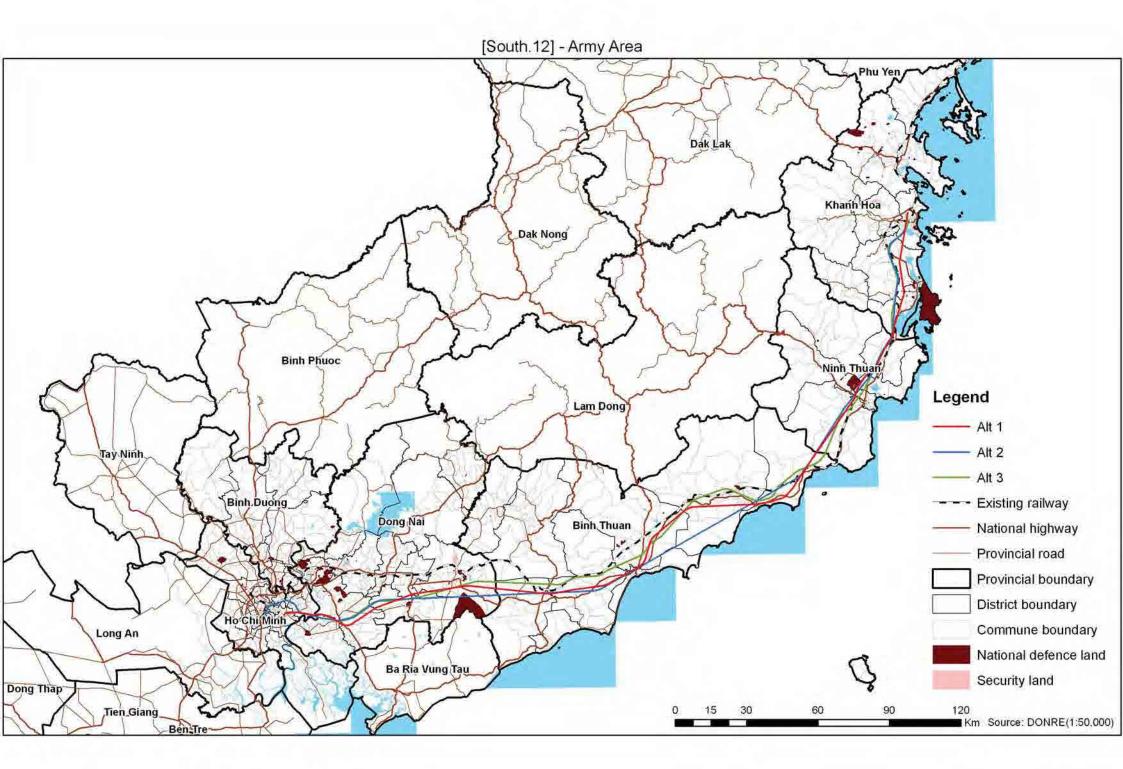


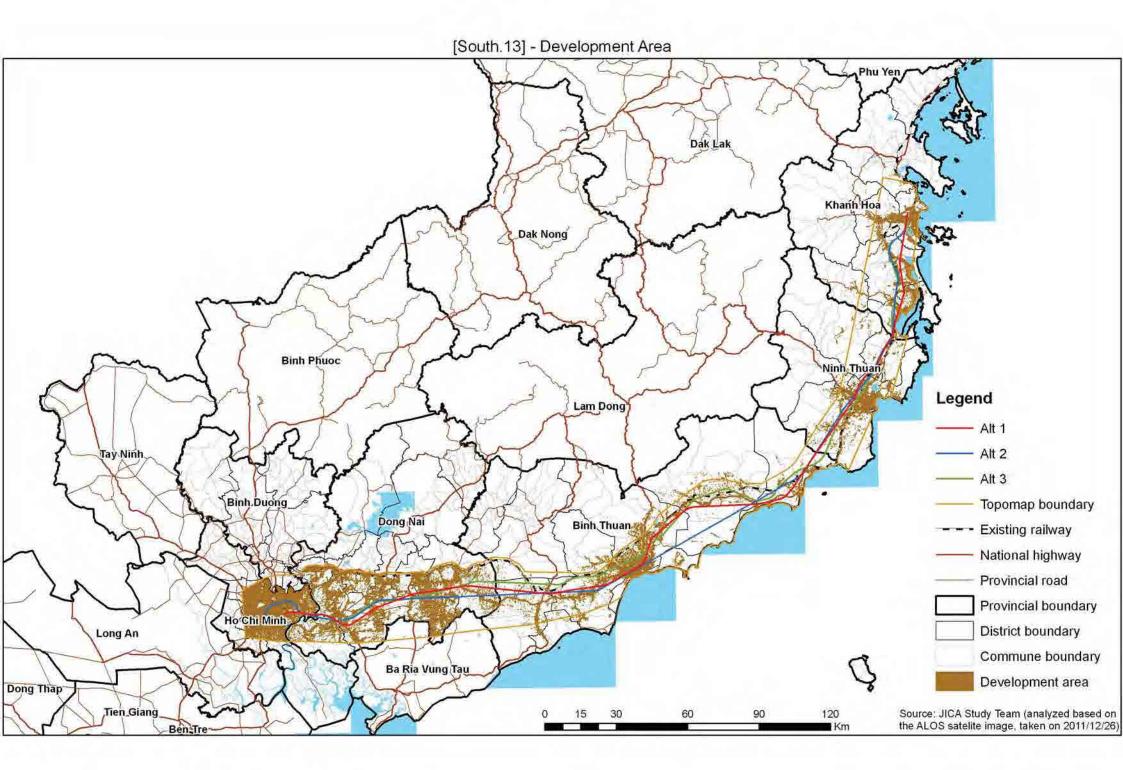


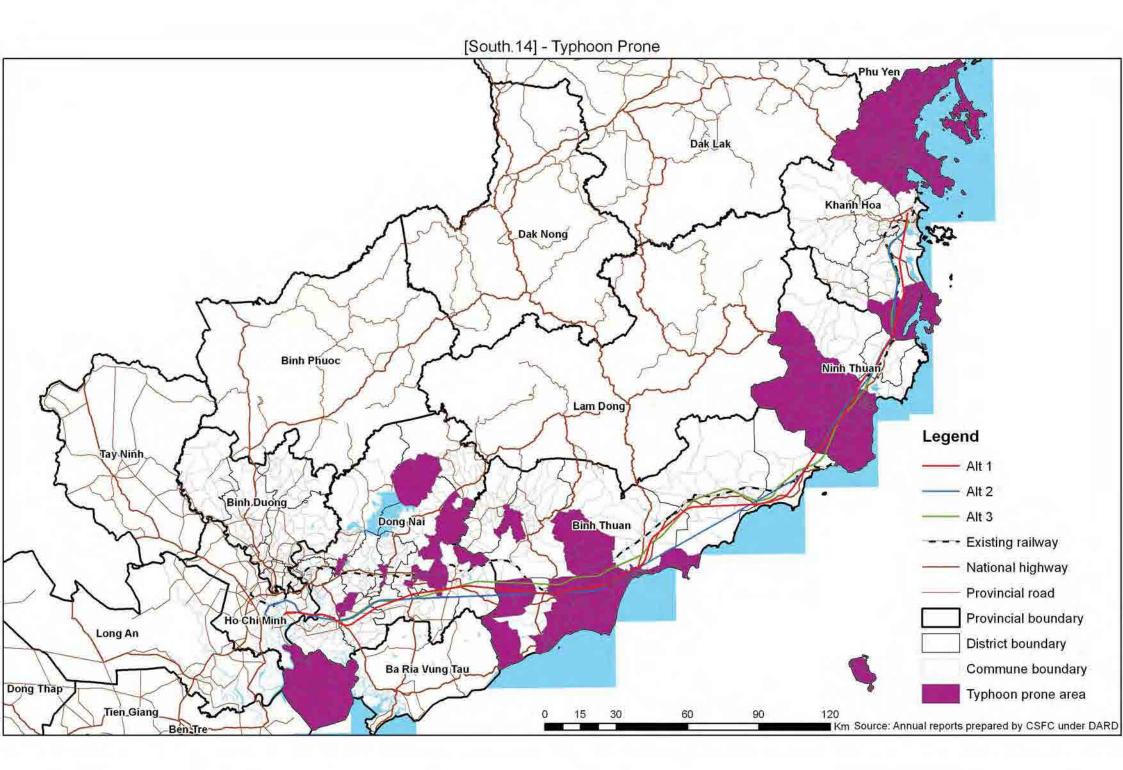


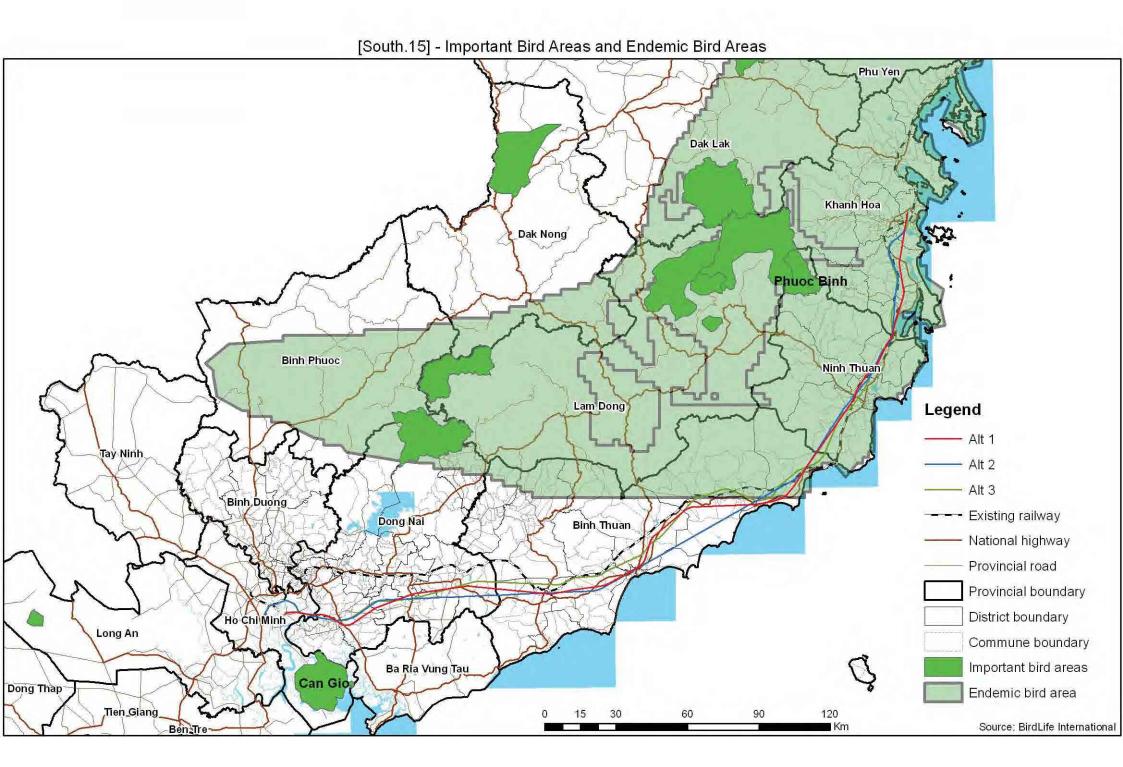


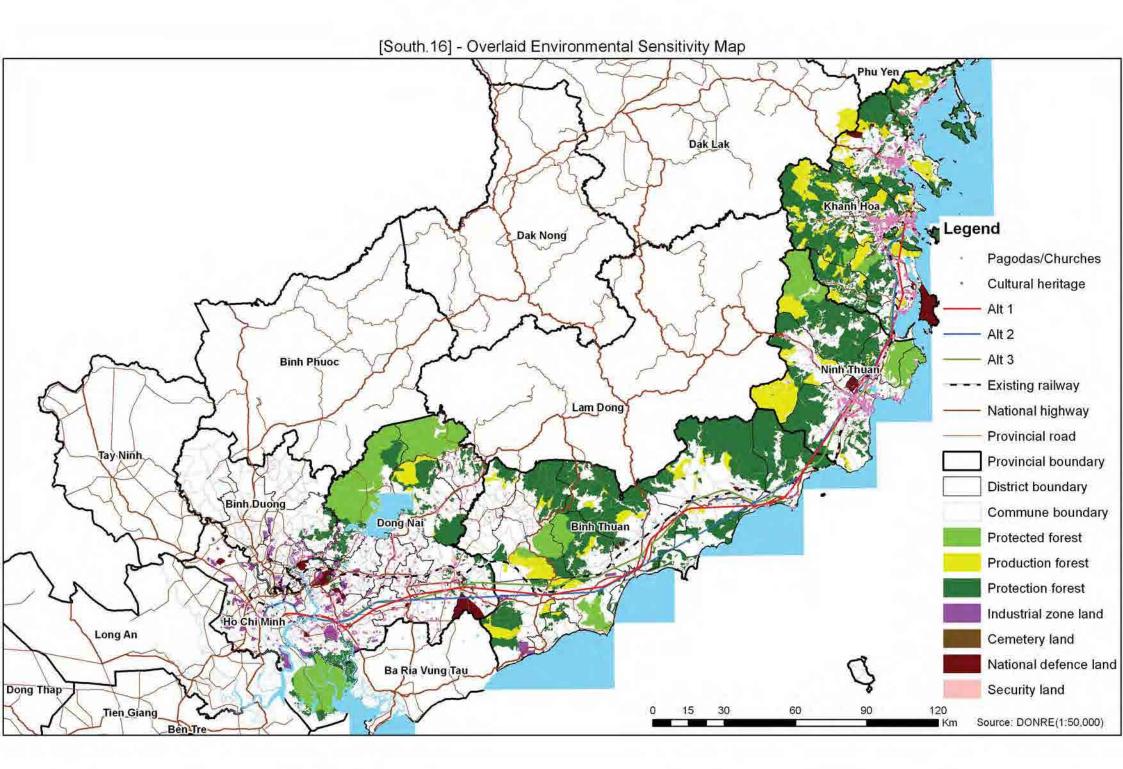










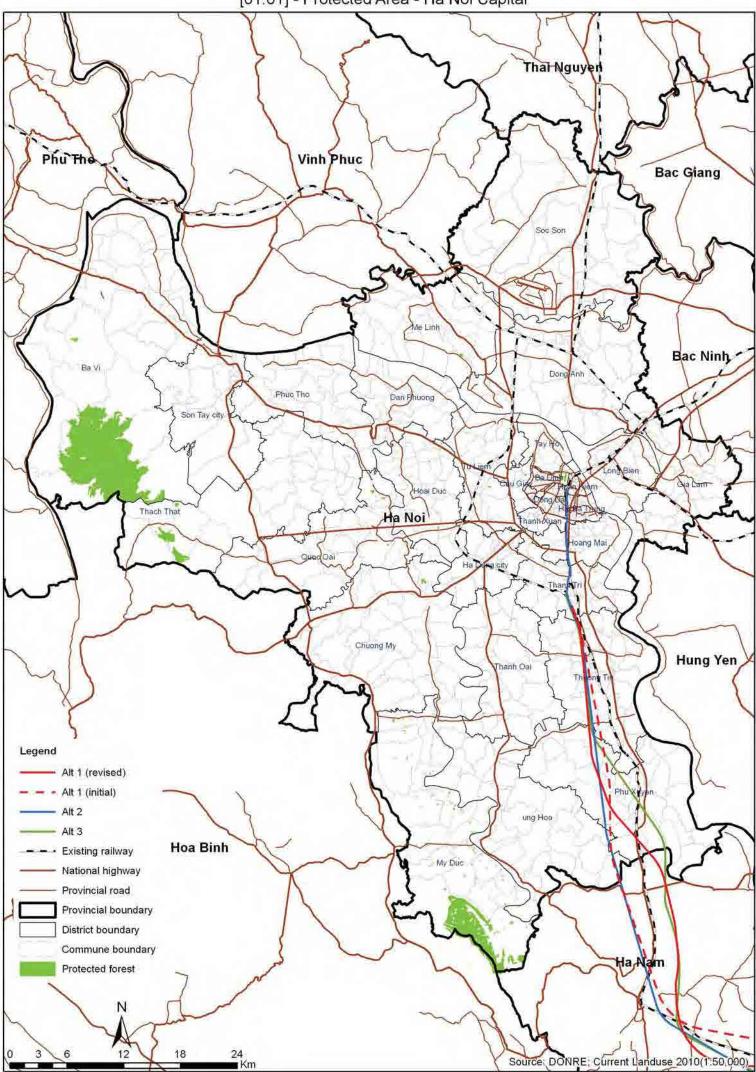


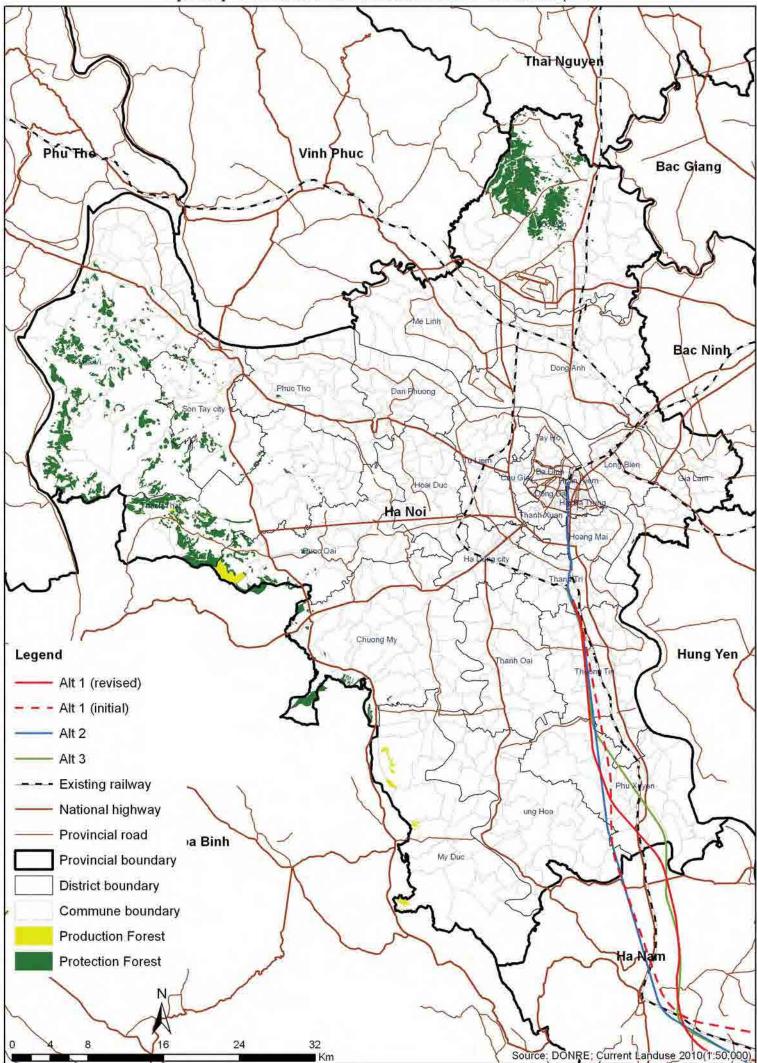
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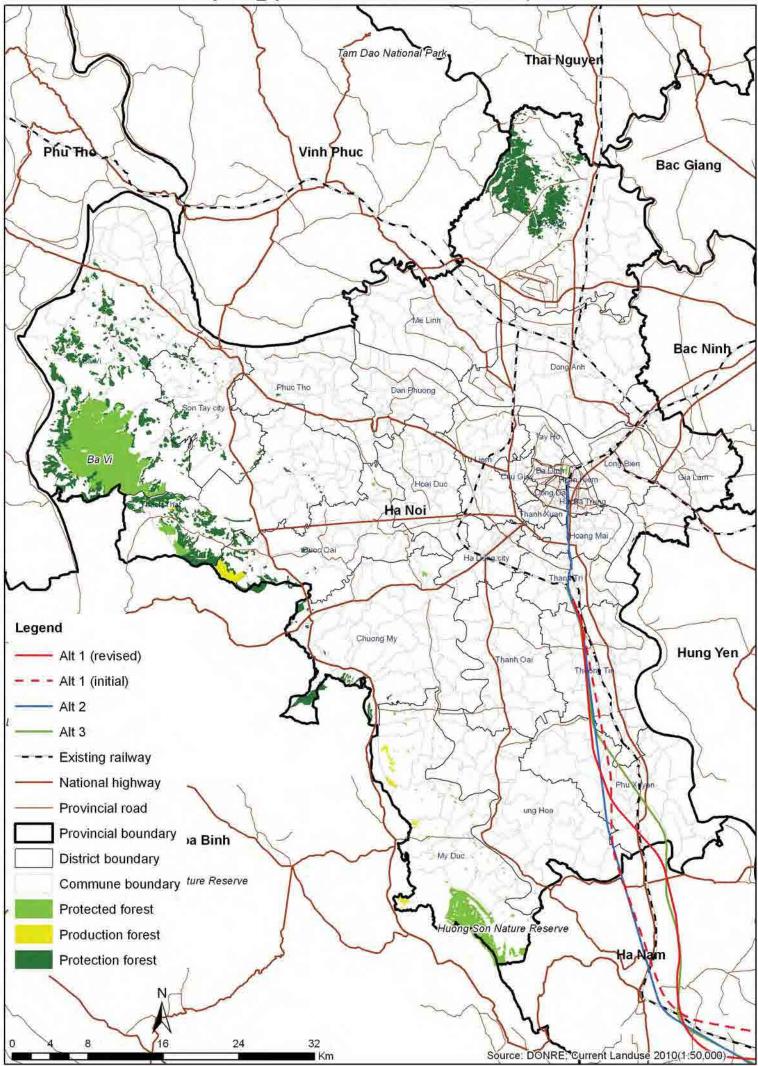
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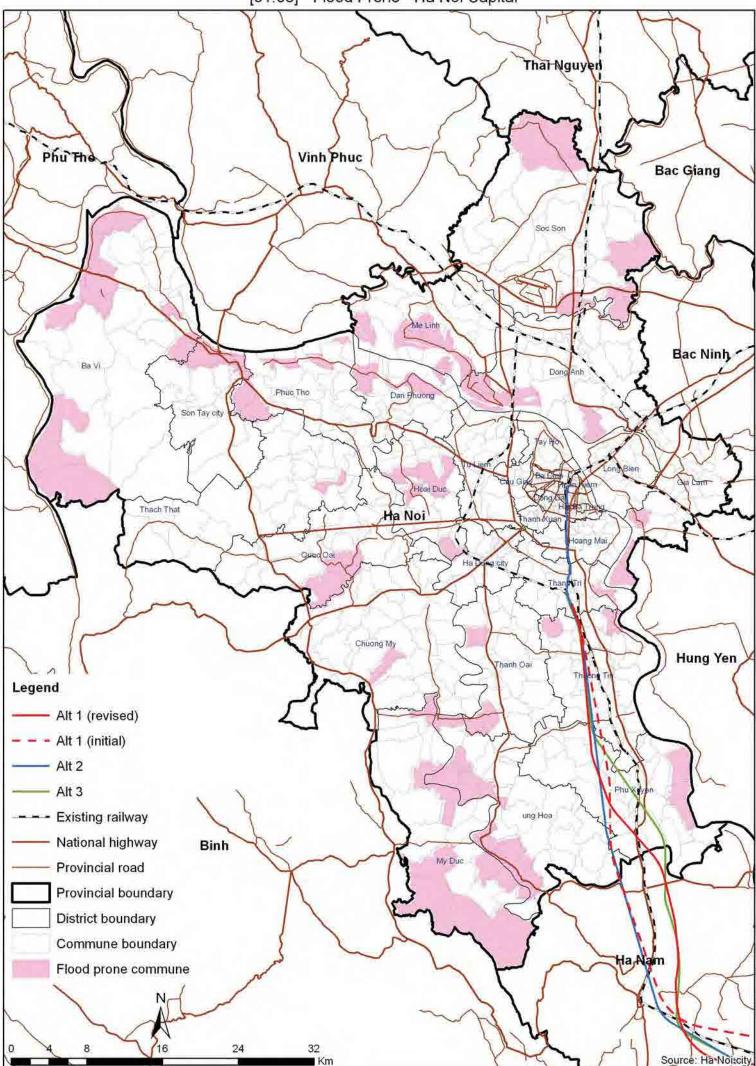


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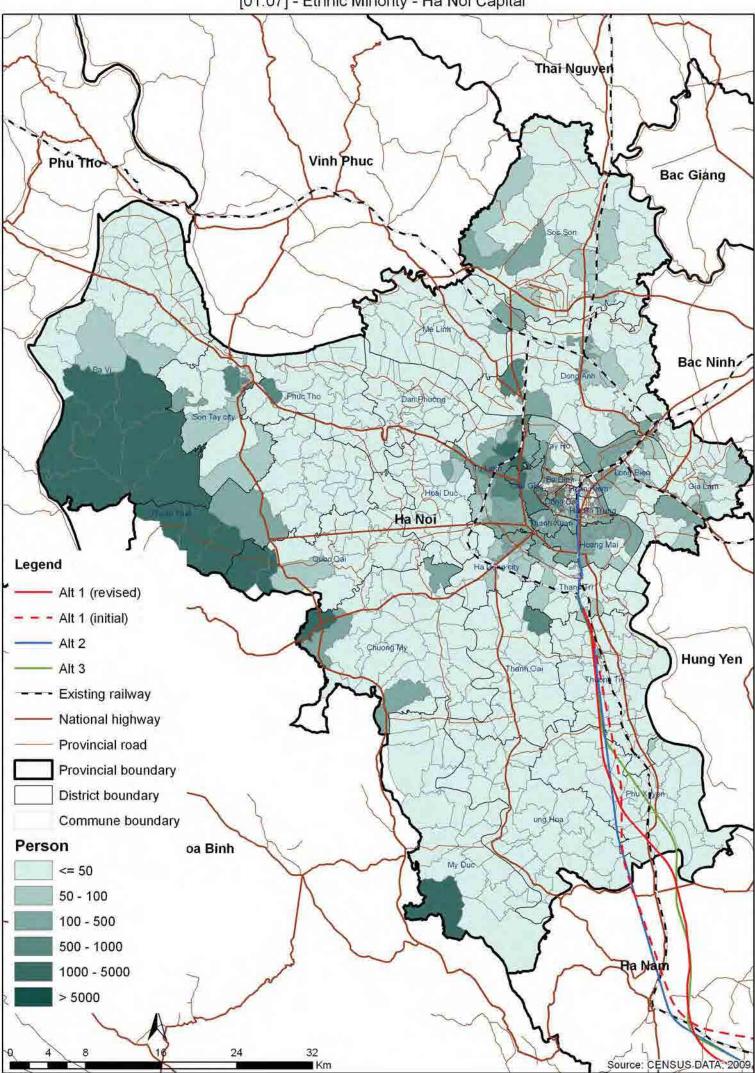


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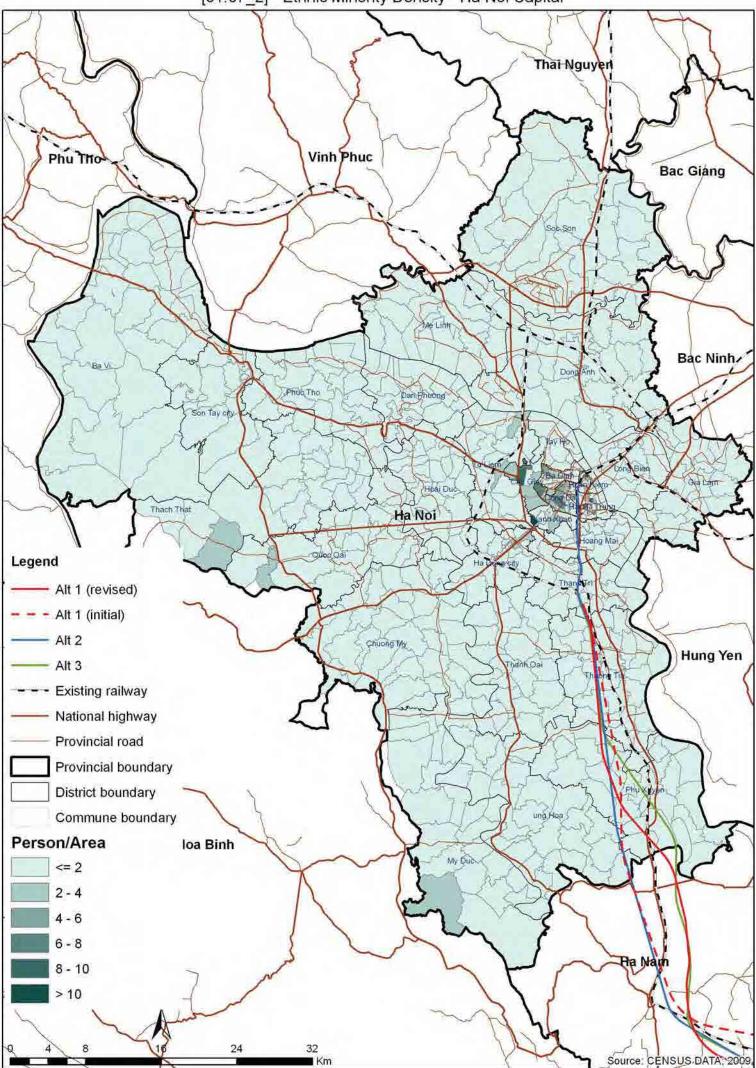
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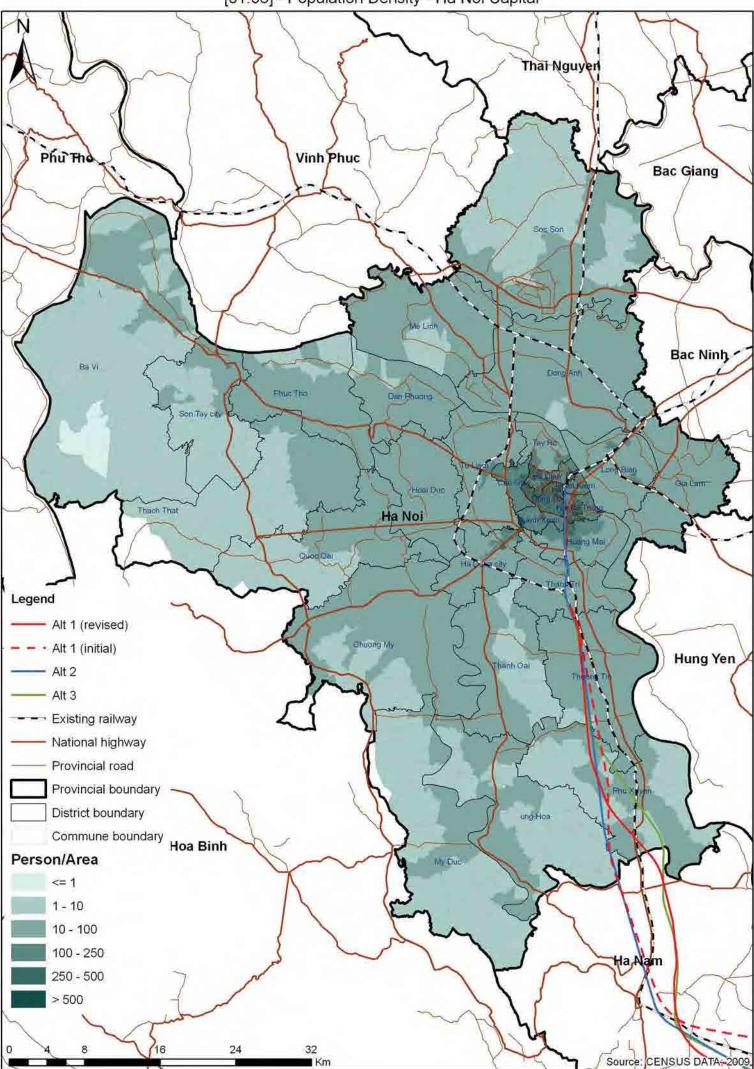
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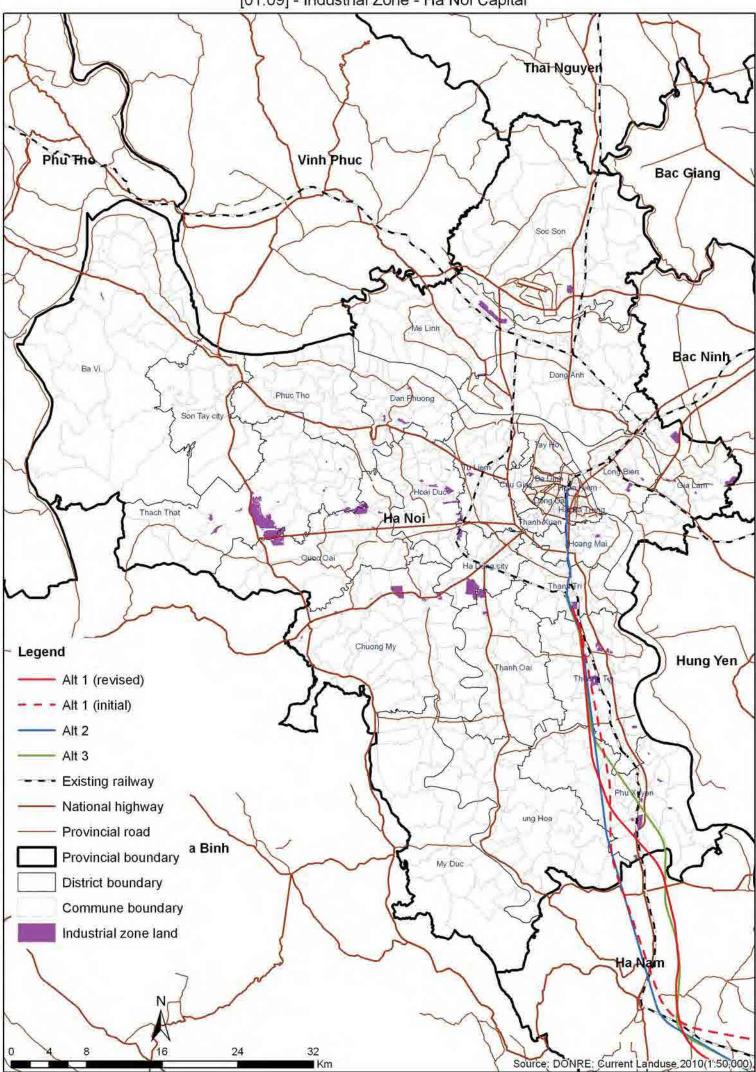
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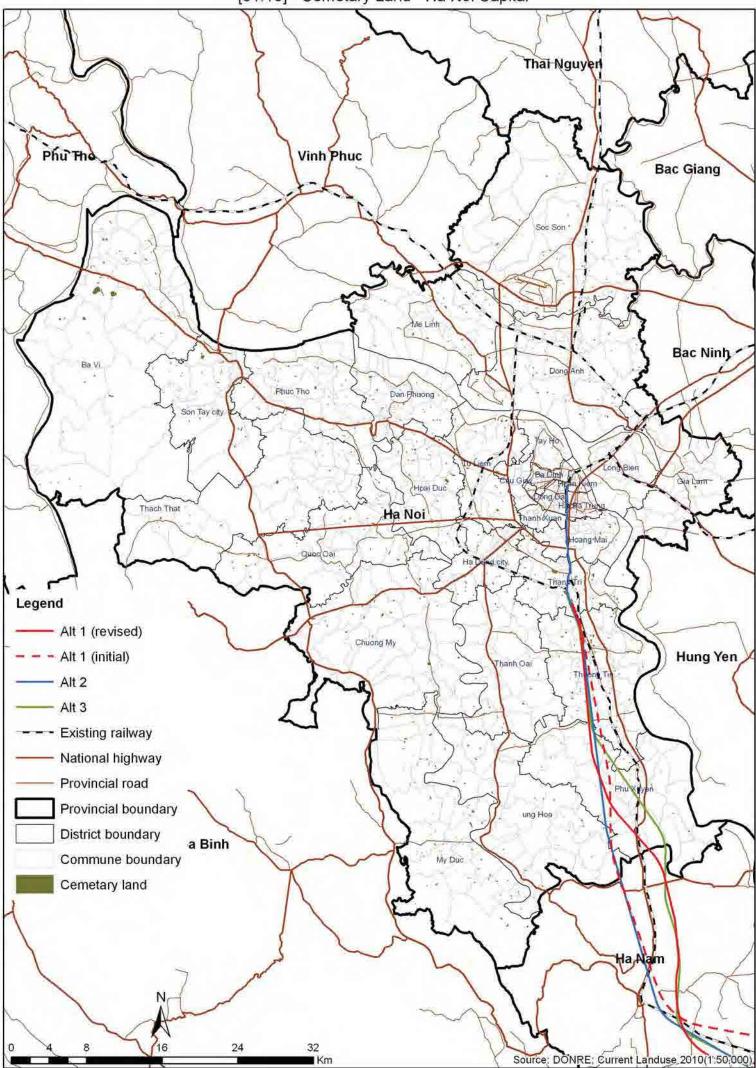
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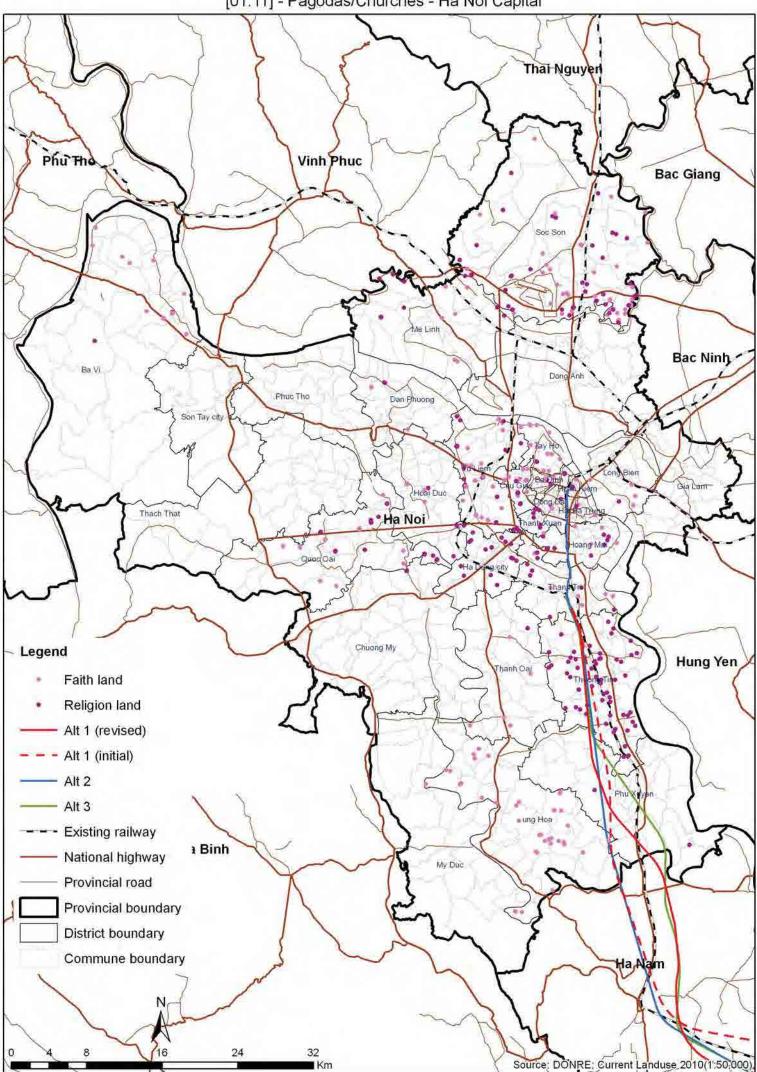
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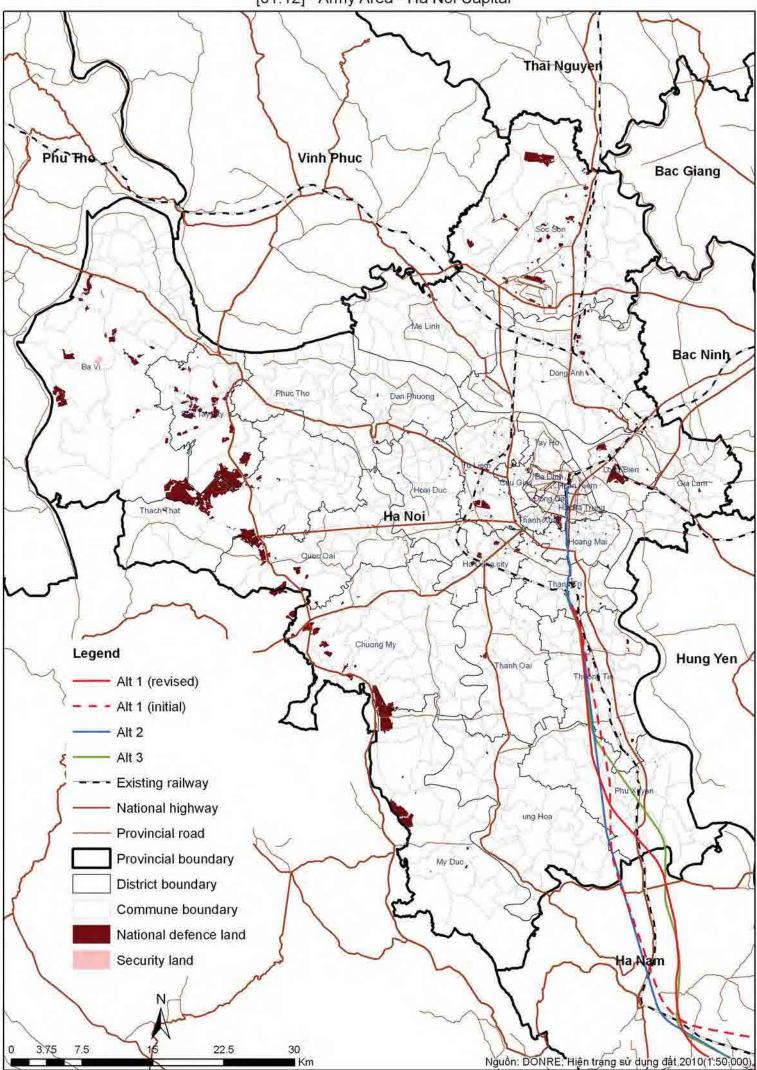
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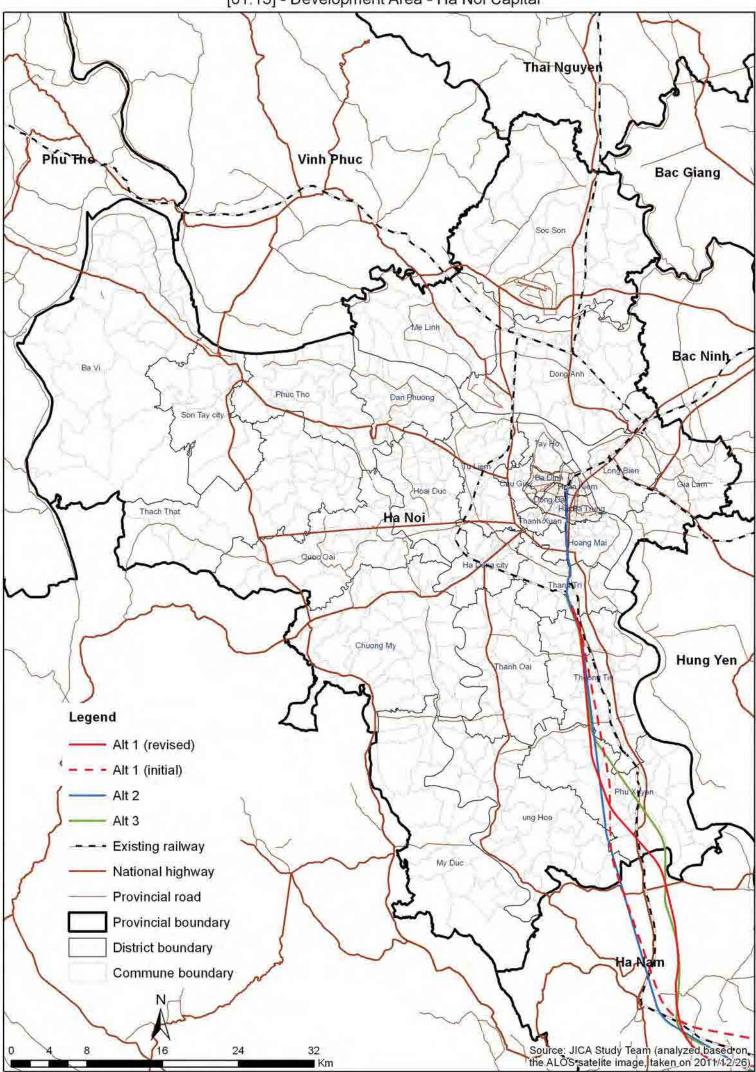
[01.11] - Pagodas/Churches - Ha Noi Capital



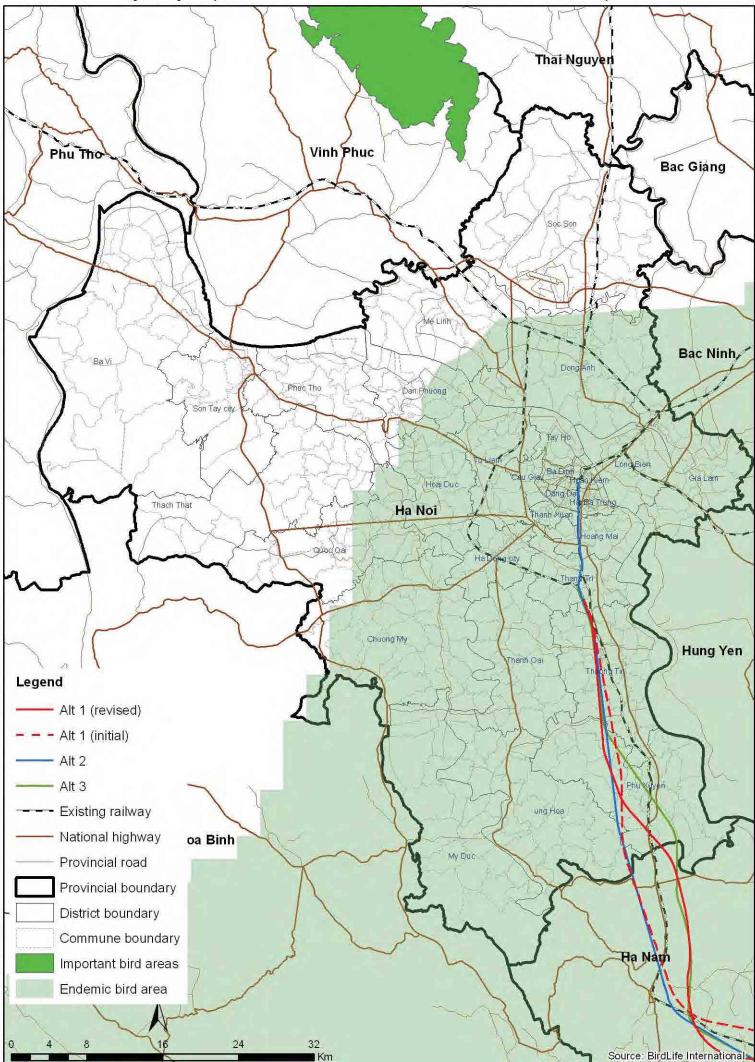
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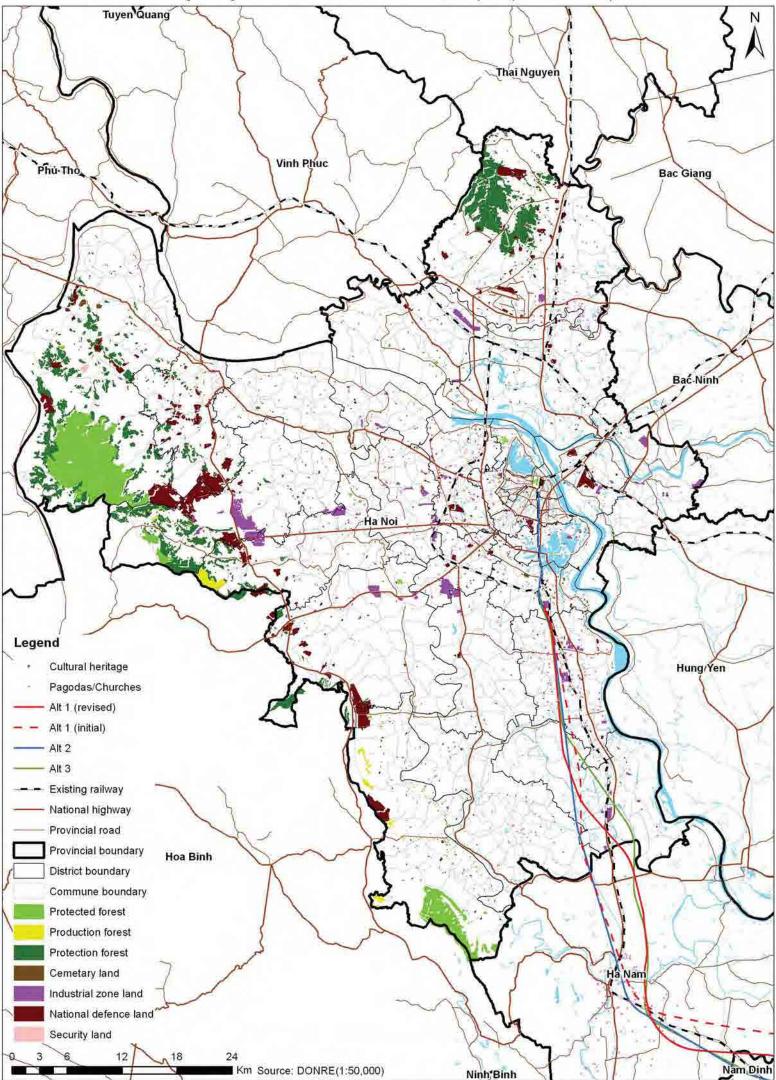


[01.13] - Development Area - Ha Noi Capital



[01.15] - Important Bird Areas and Endemic Bird Areas - Ha Noi Capital





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[01.16] - Overlaid Environmental Sensivity Map - Ha Noi Capital