

Operation Role of Environmental CSOs in Myanmar

Based on Myitsone Dam' case and
Community-led Research on Ayeyarwady
River

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Background of Myanmar

- Unfinished armed Conflicts

Resources exploitation by neighboring countries
Esp China (investment risks)

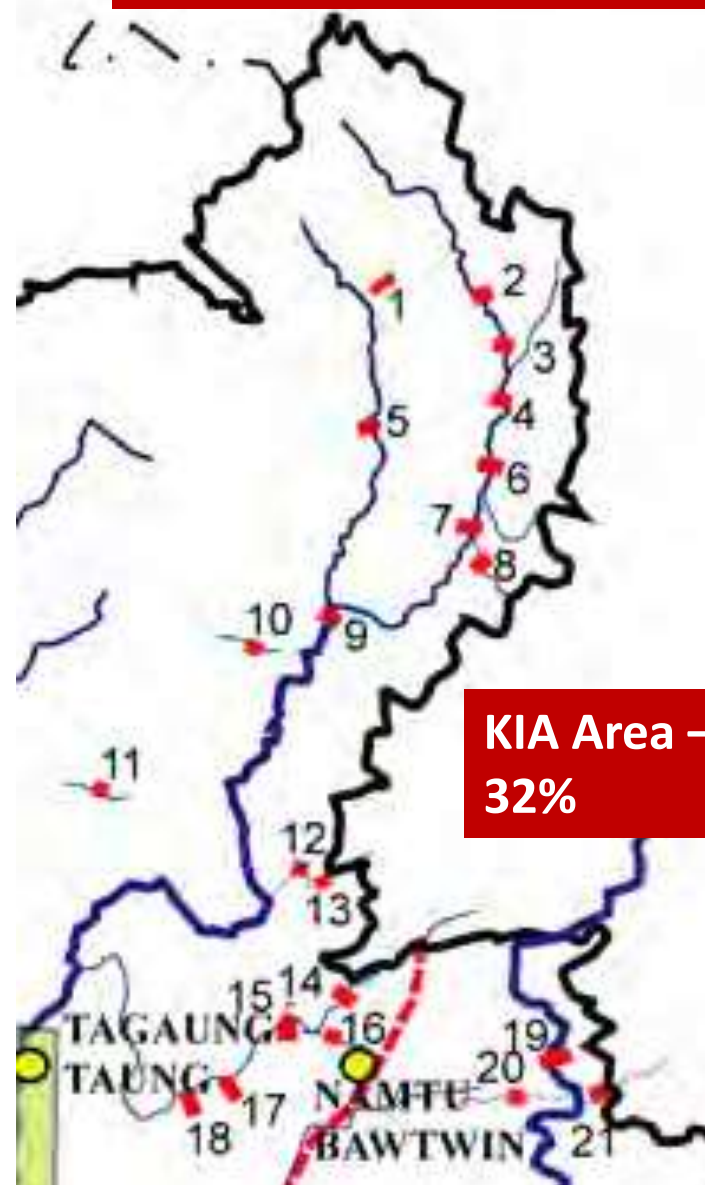
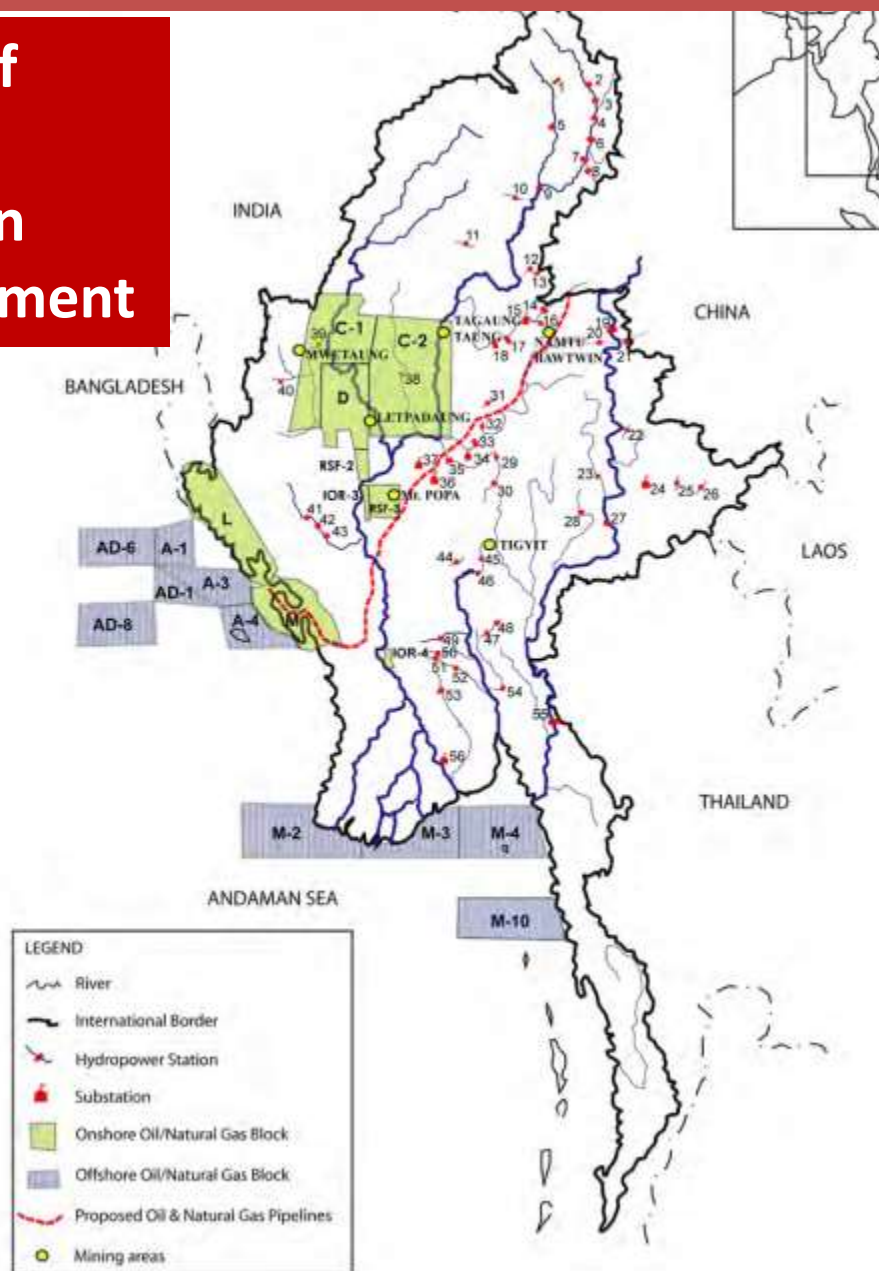
Bad management by The Government

Became a dumping ground(landfill)

MAP OF COMPLETED, CURRENT AND PLANNED HYDROPOWER, OIL AND NATURAL GAS, AND MINING PROJECTS IN BURMA WITH CHINESE INVOLVEMENT

40% of
total
foreign
investment

Kachin state only– 13 = 23%



KIA Area – 18 =
32%

Current Situation of CSO's work in Reality

- Grassroots environmental organizations are very active responding to issues
- No real public participation happens by WB, ADB, and IFIs, almost decision making process already decided

Environmental CSOs are now more united and collaboration

- Still overlapping in some activities and weak in research work

Myitsone Dam Case

- Wide Range of Responses to the Cancellation of the Myitsone Project



Inside campaign



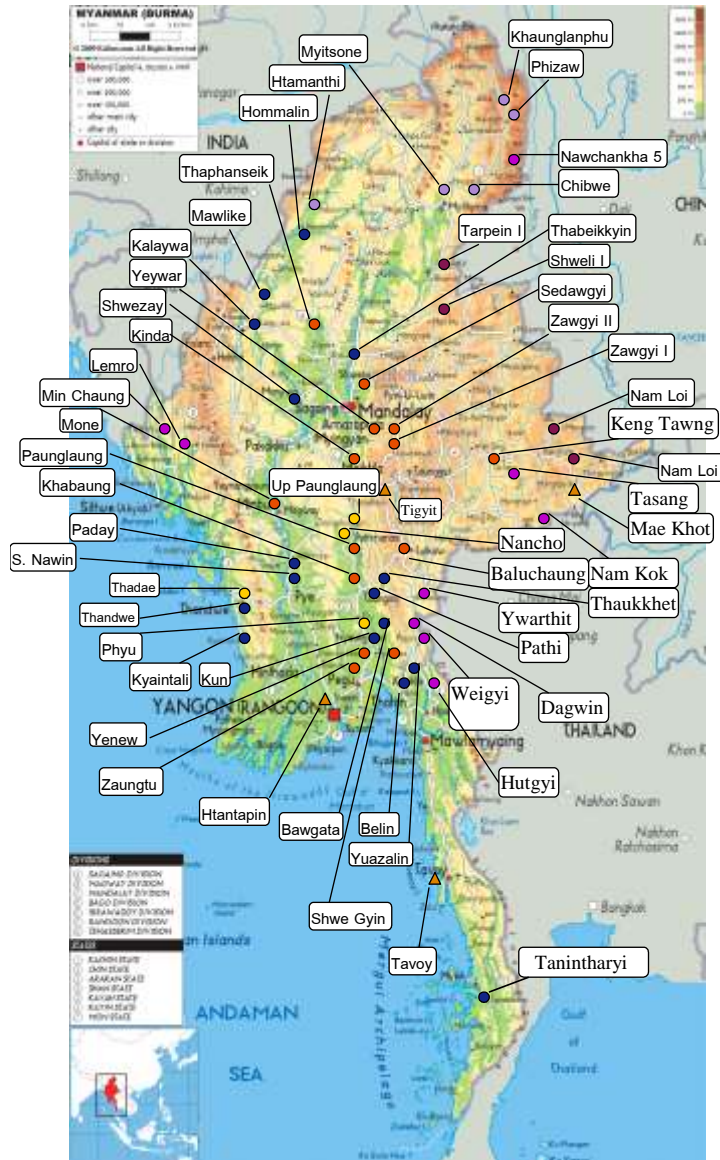
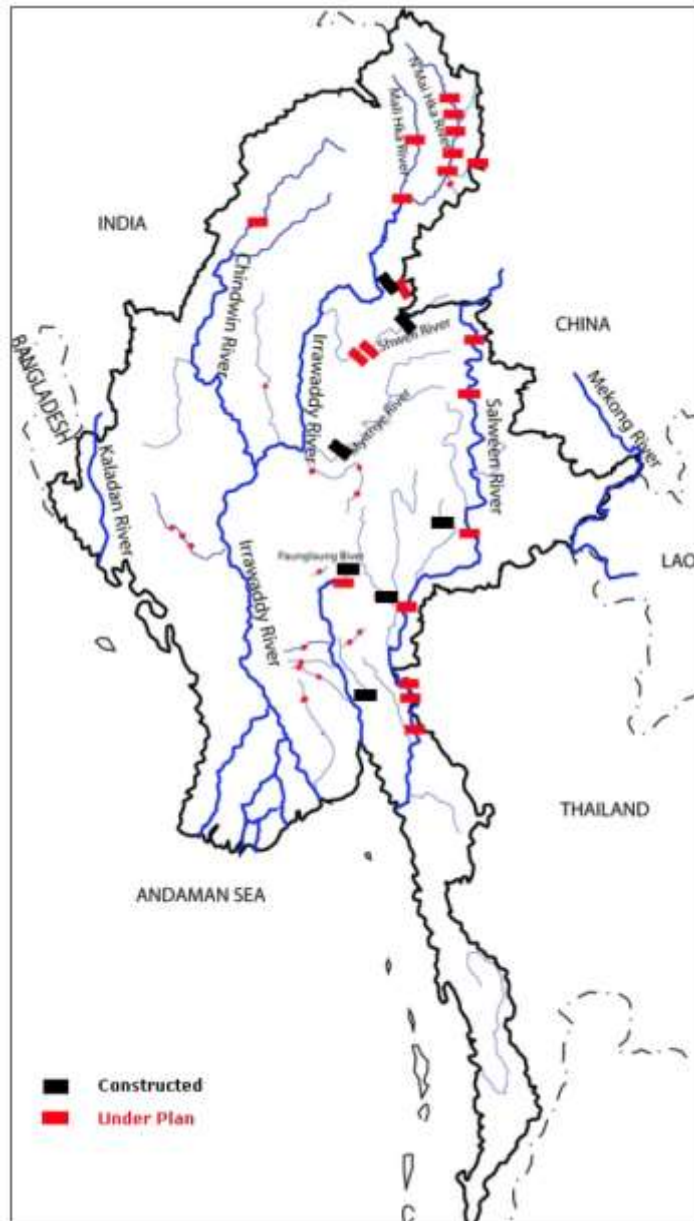
Inside Campaign activity



Not finish yet



Myitsone and other dam plans in Myanmar



Source: MEE Net 2012

Community-centered Strategic Environmental Assessment(CSEA)



Objectives of a community SEA

- empowering local communities and local scholars
- information including local knowledge of the river system in the Ayeyarwady river basin
- plan for the sustainable management of communities along the Ayeyarwady
- participatory assessment to produce local knowledge by communities

Process of CSEA



Illegal logging in Kachin State



Illegal logging to China











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Ayeyarwady's Forum in Dec 2013



Salween River's workshop between Academics and CSOs in 2014



Media coverage



Local community facing industrial waste problem

CSEA became a good model for
environmental CSOs in Myanmar

“A Nation that destroys its land, destroys itself”

Franklin D Roosevelt

မလိအင်မိုင်ဇွပ်

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Thank You!!!

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