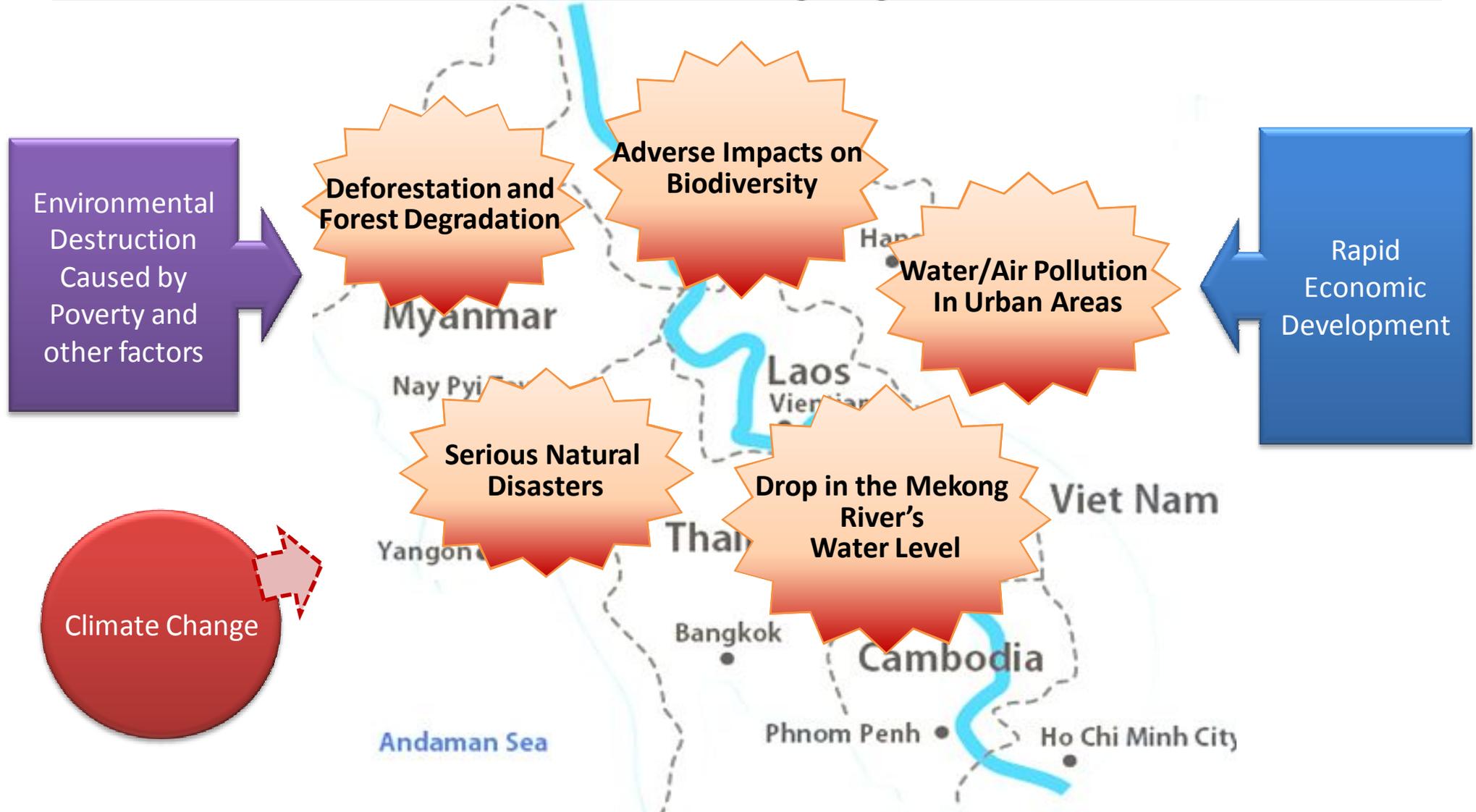


# Concept Paper for “A Decade toward the Green Mekong” Initiative

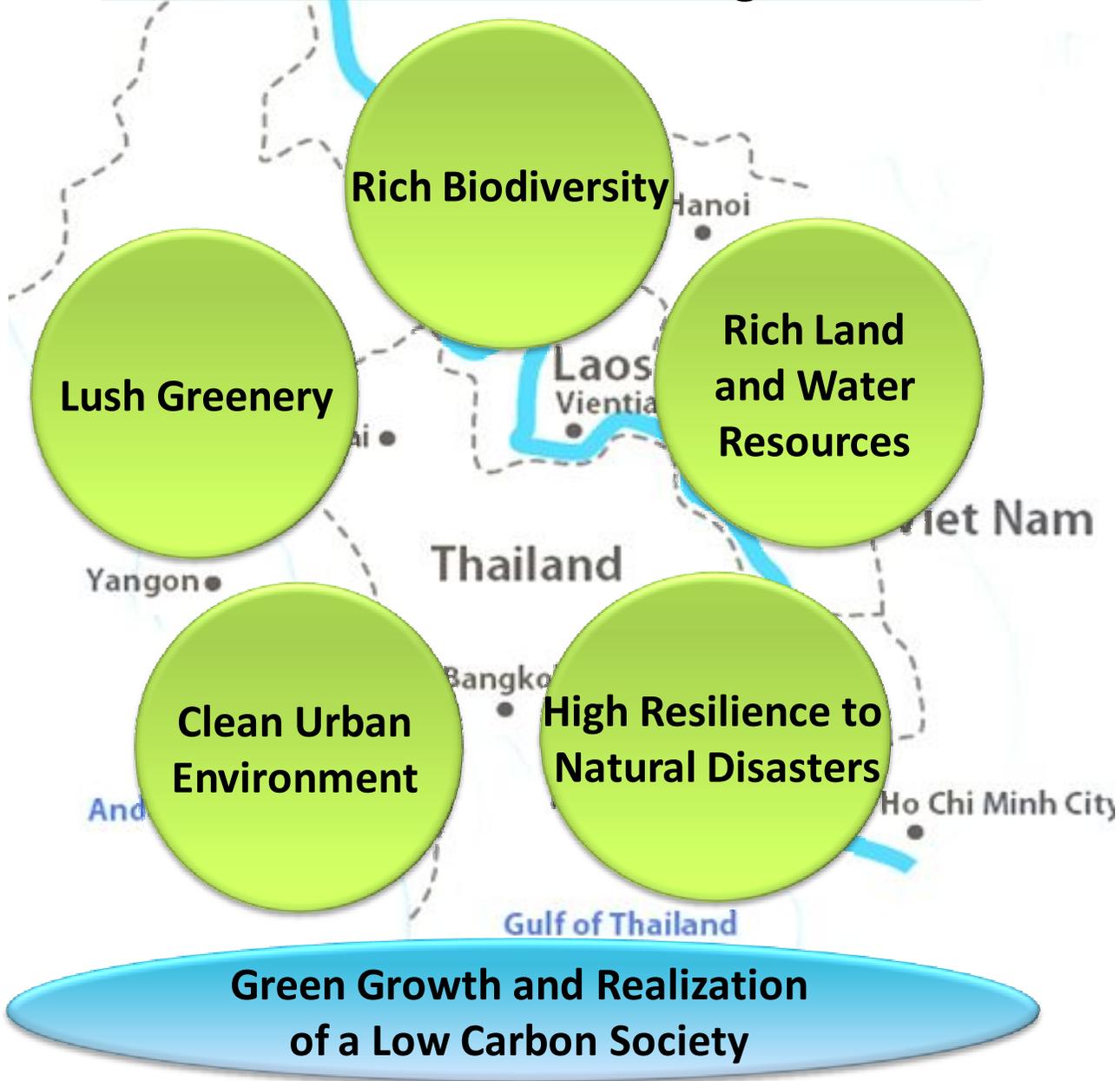
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**Future Visions We Must Aspire To:  
「The Green Mekong」**

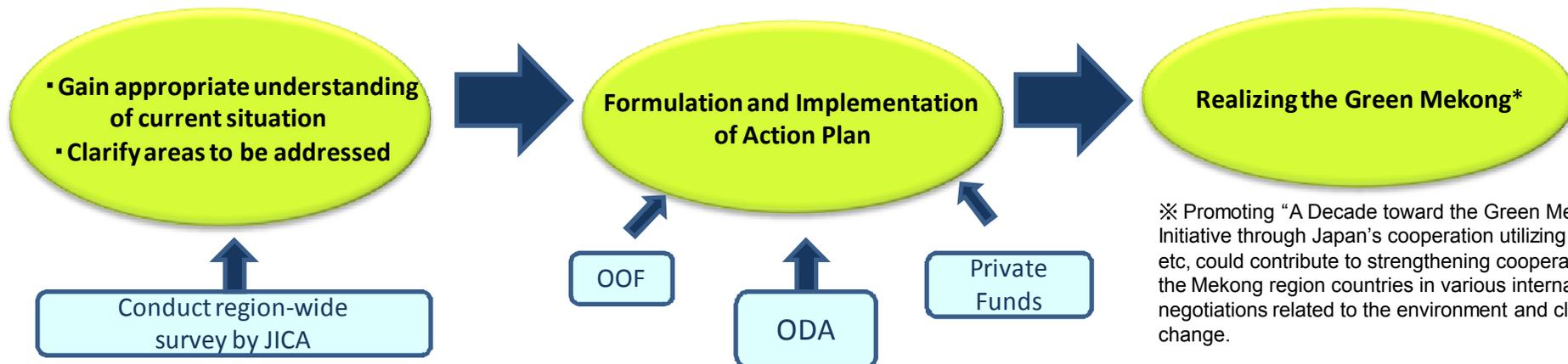


## Measures under “A Decade toward the Green Mekong” Initiative

**In order to realize the “Green Mekong” Initiative, the Mekong region countries and Japan will take the following measures:**

- To view issues related to the environment and climate change as issues of the entire Mekong region.
- To gain an appropriate understanding of the current situation and, as a pressing issue, clarify which areas require a long-term perspective in order to strengthen cooperation in individual areas. (\*Detail is described on the next slide.)
- To formulate an Action Plan and implement cooperation based on this Plan.
- Japan, proactively utilizing its advanced technology as well as its knowledge, will provide assistance to measures taken by the Mekong region countries not only through public funds, including ODA, but also through private funds.

※Japan’s ODA under this initiative will be implemented as a part of Japan’s policy, expressed in the First Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting in November 2009, to expand its ODA to the Mekong region as a whole by extending more than 500 billion JPY of ODA in the next 3 years starting FY 2010. A part of this ODA will be provided under Japan’s Fast Start Financing for developing countries up to 2012 for addressing climate change, which was announced last December to steadily progress implement international negotiations with a view to achieve fair and effective international framework by all major economies.



※ Promoting “A Decade toward the Green Mekong” Initiative through Japan’s cooperation utilizing ODA etc, could contribute to strengthening cooperation with the Mekong region countries in various international negotiations related to the environment and climate change.

# Measures under “A Decade toward the Green Mekong” Initiative

## Areas to be Focused Urgently

- Sustainable Forest Management
  - Afforestation / Reforestation
  - Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation.
  - Comprehensive Forest Management
- Water Resource Management
  - Strengthen cooperation with the Mekong River Commission (MRC)  
(Including formulating Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan)
  - Irrigation
- Disaster Prevention and Response to Disasters
  - Weather and Flood Forecasting Systems
  - Flood and Drought Management
  - Shore Protection/ Irrigation
  - Reduction of Haze (Forest Fires)
- Improvement of Urban Environment
  - Sewage/ Drainage Systems
  - Waste Disposal Systems
  - Urban Mass Transit

Proactive use of data gathered via observation satellites.

## Areas to be Focused with Long-term Perspective \*

- Capacity Building in Policy-Making
  - Preservation of Biodiversity
    - Conservation of Mangroves
    - Conservation of Biodiversity in the Mekong River including the preservation of Irrawaddy Dolphins.
  - Reduction of GHG Emissions
    - Transfer of Low Carbon Technology
- \*When determined necessary and appropriate, measures will be promptly taken.

- Human resource development both at central and local level.
- Enlightenment of local citizens.
- Development of related systems.