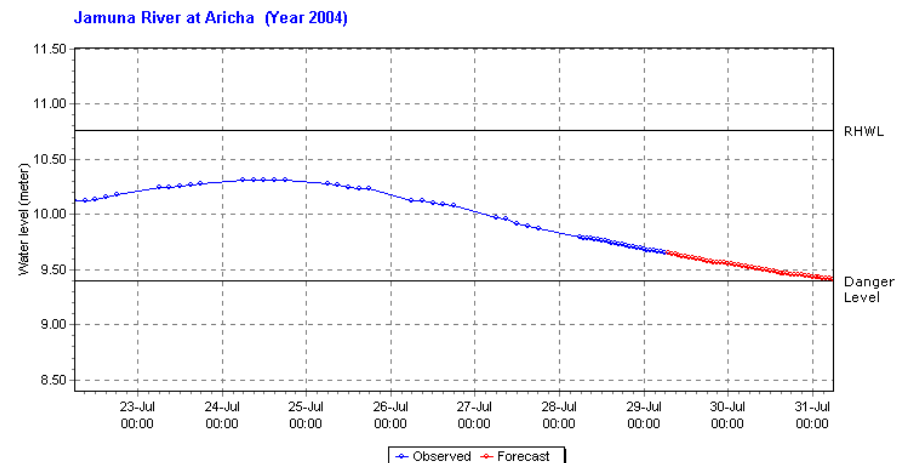


# Transboundary Flood issues: (1) Regional Flood Forecasting- dreams slowly becoming reality !

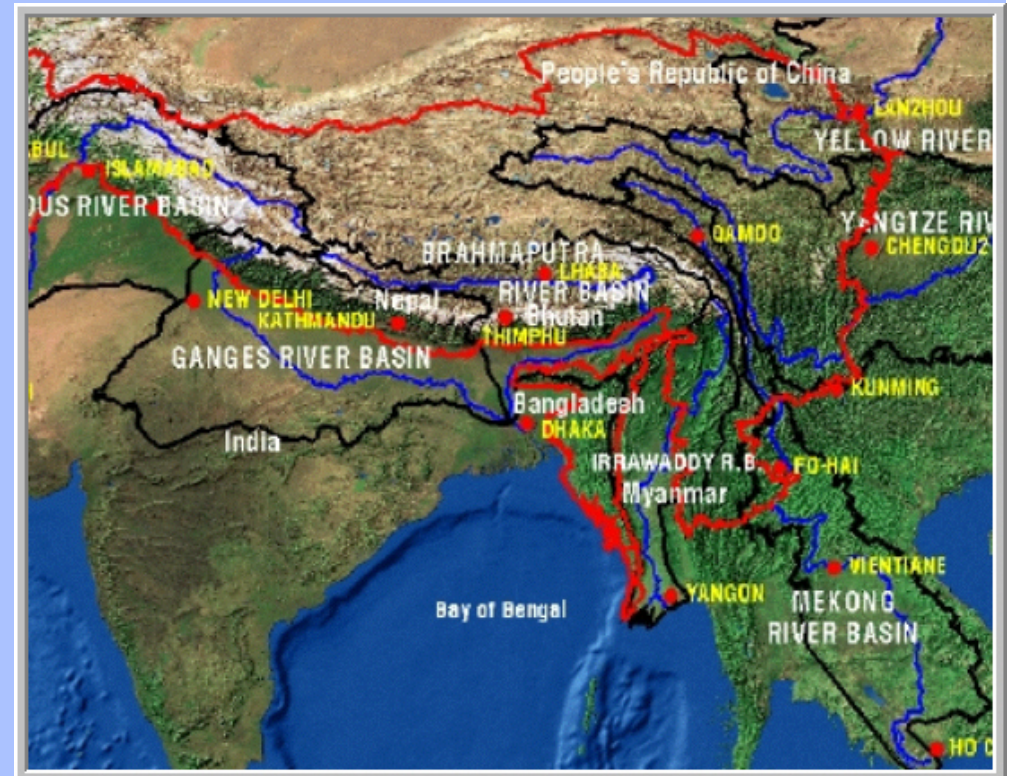


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# Two major transboundary river systems

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1. Ganges - Bhramputra-Meghna River system:  
=> Focus on flood forecasting only
2. Mekong River System  
=> Focus on flood management including forecasting



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## Concepts and requirements of a Regional Flood Forecasting Centre

Many models:

1. Do every thing (un-realistic)
2. Conduct only meetings and seminars (100th AFF) !
3. Only mainstream forecasting (limited use)
4. **Coordinated role with national forecasting centres**

# Regional Forecasting: Useful and achievable

- IFF the basic data of catchment, rivers, floodplain, structures and their operation is available
- IFF data collected and communicated in time (rainfall, Water level, flow)
- IFF Flood forecast and warning disseminated in time and to the right people

## Technology & Cooperation

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### Technology:

**Data:** Collection and compilation of data:

Basin data (topology): basic and timely update

**Meteorological, hydrological data** (real time, high frequency)

**ICT** for data transmission and dissemination

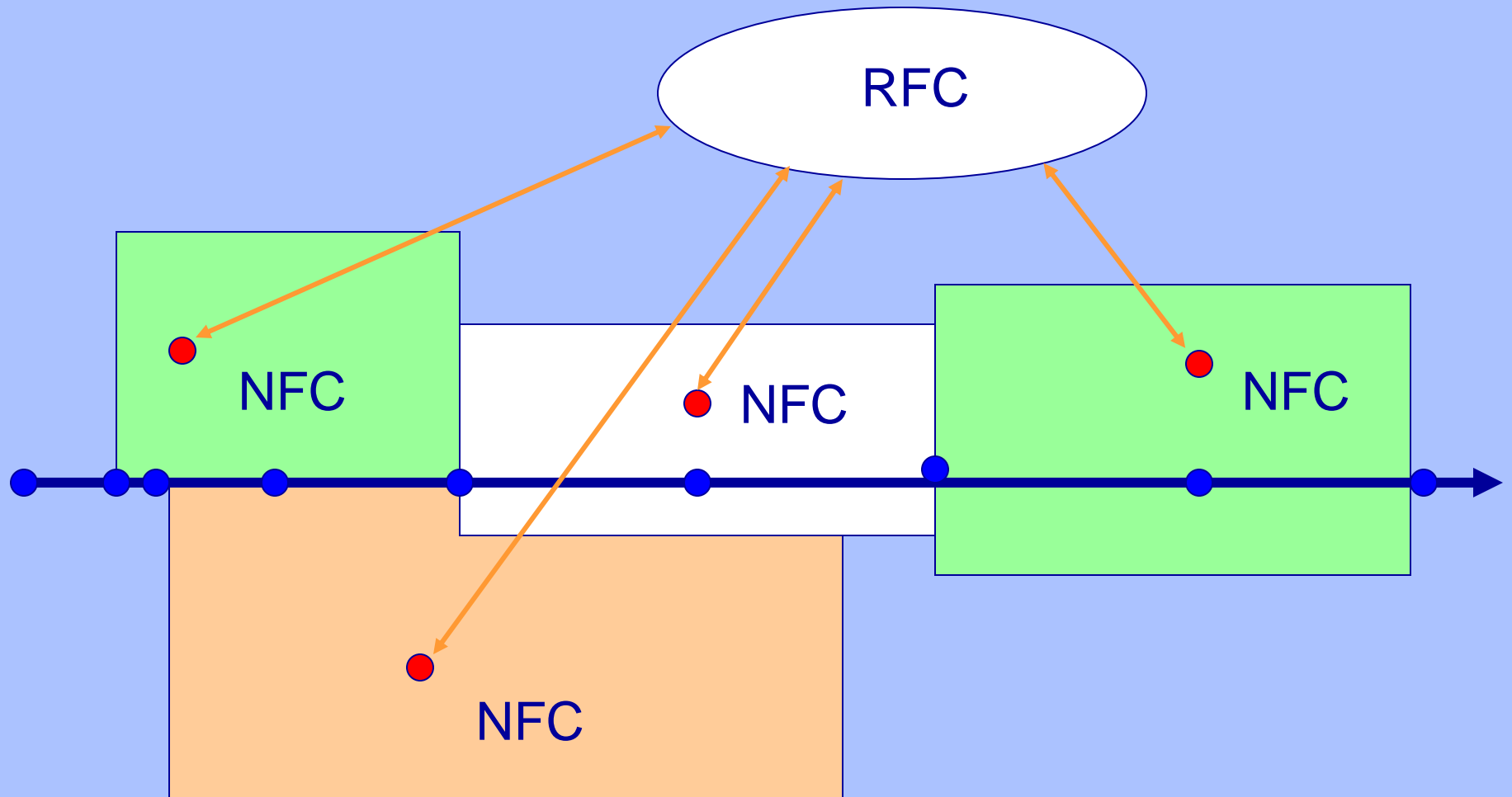
**Modelling** to forecast floods in rivers and floodplains

**Internet** to facilitate the whole thing

**Cooperation:** MRC, AFF, WMO, ....., .....



# A viable regional flood forecasting system



# Fully Developed National flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (**NFC**)

Collecting real time data within national territories and from the mainstream

Sharing data and forecasts with the **RFC**

Capable of running the regional flood model to generate boundary conditions for the national model (Web based modelling)

Providing useful and effective flood warning is the mandate & responsibility of **NFC (not of RFC)**



# Fully Developed Regional Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (**RFC**)

Collecting real time data from the whole basin

Maintaining and operating a regional flood model

Providing regional flood warnings

Sharing data and forecasts with the **NFCs**

Providing updated technological support (data collection, transmission, modelling, warning dissemination) to NFCs.

Example of a dream: [www.southasianfloods.org](http://www.southasianfloods.org)

Establishment of regional flood information exchange:

## **WMO+ ICIMOD initiative**

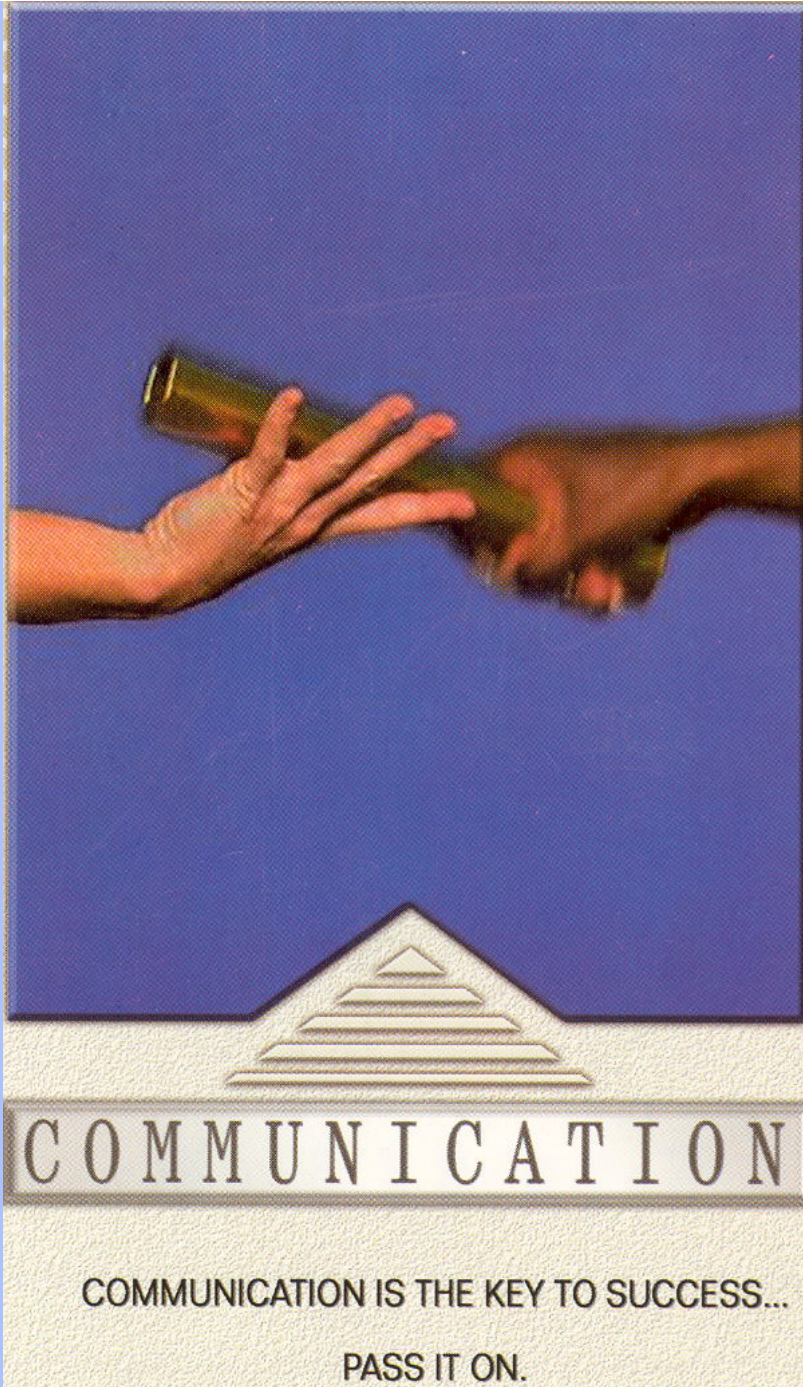
(including a Hindukush Himalayn HYCOS)

(India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Pakistan)

from May 2001 to-date: 9 meetings, next one in May 2005.

## **Fully Developed Regional Flood Centre (RFC) dealing with other flood issues:**

In similar lines of regional forecasting and warning, a regional flood centre can play a key role in solving other flood related issue.



Thank you