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#### 14 Abstract

Human and livestock excreta were intensively used as a source of nutrients in 15 crop cultivation in Asia over the years. However, rapid economic growth 16 induced changes in waste management and subsequently in nutrient flow. 17 Recently, chemical fertilizers became a more popular source of nutrients than 18 human and livestock excreta. In northern Vietnam, a large amount of human 19 and livestock excreta have been traditionally applied to paddy fields, but much 20 of them are not used currently and especially a significant amount of the latter 21 is discharged directly into ponds for fish farming. Fish ponds, in this context, 22 may play an important role for waste management and material cycle in the 23 area. This study investigated the historical changes in waste management and 24 25 clarified the impact of fish ponds on those changes as a case study in an agricultural community in suburban Hanoi, Vietnam. A material flow model of 26 nitrogen and phosphorus was applied to the study area. The results showed that 27 the crop-livestock system that intensively used human and livestock excreta in 28 the area changed between 1980 and 2010, which led to an increase of pollution 29 loads to open water body. In 2010, nitrogen and phosphorus loads to open 30 water body were 1.9- and 3.2-fold higher, respectively, than those in 1980. 31 Nutrients inputs to fish ponds were 41.7 kg-N·ha<sup>-1</sup> and 9.8 kg-P·ha<sup>-1</sup> in 2010; 32 these values were 7.2- and 6.2-fold higher than those in 1980, respectively. 33

Beside, 41% of nitrogen and 82% of phosphorus released to fish ponds still remained in the sediment or discharged unintentionally after a heavy rainfall. As a conclusion, the system was transformed from crop-livestock system into crop-livestock-fish system, and fish ponds has play a role of nutrient sink in the system. The use of pond sediment as a source of nutrients in paddy fields would improve the material cycle.

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41 Keywords: material flow analysis, fish pond, historical changes, nitrogen,
42 phosphorus.

### 43 **1. Introduction**

Human and livestock excreta was widely used as a source of nutrients in 44 crop cultivation in Asia over the years, and the system that involved the 45 intensive use of human and livestock excreta as a source of nutrients in crop 46 cultivation was called crop-livestock system (Berg, 2002; Devendra and 47 Thomas, 2002; Edwards et al., 1990). However, rapid economic growth 48 induced changes in waste management and subsequently in nutrient flow. In 49 northern Vietnam, chemical fertilizers recently became more popular than 50 human and livestock excreta as a source of nutrients. While human excreta are 51 currently preferred to be treated in septic tanks, a large amount of livestock 52 excreta is released into fish ponds for fish farming although a significant 53 amount of them are still used for agriculture. Crop-livestock system is likely 54 to be replaced by crop-livestock-fish system. 55

Since farming activities changed and likely affected material balance, it is required to understand the transitions of waste management manners and clarify the impact of fish ponds on those transitions from the aspect of pollution control and nutrient management. Recently, several studies have been conducted using material flow analysis (MFA) that is a systematic tool for quantifying flows and stocks of materials within a well-defined system in space and time (Brunner and Rechbenger, 2004). Yan *et al.* (1999) and Chen *et* 

*al.* (2008) applied MFA to estimate nutrient budget in agricultural systems and
their environmental impact in China. Briggs and Fvnge-Smith (2008) applied
MFA to estimate nutrient balance in shrimp ponds in Thailand. Similarly,
Montangero *et al.* (2007), Harada *et al.* (2010), and Nga *et al.* (2011) applied
MFA to develop nutrient flows and estimate nutrient loads delivered to the
environment in northern Vietnam.

Although material balances of farming activities likely changed in many 69 Asian countries, due to the rapid socio-economic development, previous 70 studies focused on current waste and nutrient management and evaluated their 71 impact on environmental pollution at a specific time. Little is known about the 72 role of fish ponds in a system along with the historical changes in waste 73 74 management, and subsequently in nutrients flow. The objective of this study was to understand the historical changes in waste management from 1980 to 75 2010 and the impact of fishponds on the nutrient management and water 76 pollution by a material flow model of nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P). 77

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#### 79 **2. Materials and methods**

80 2.1 Study area

81 The study area was Trai hamlet, Phu Xuyen district, which is 40km south 82 of central Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam and extends approximately 1 km along

83	the bank of the Nhue River (Figure 1). This hamlet is located at a typical
84	suburban agricultural district, where farming is the main occupation of locals
85	and rice is the dominant crop. Paddy fields, which did not change in area from
86	1980 to 2010, cover more than 90% of the total area. Nhue river is a main
87	irrigation source for paddy fields in the area. Some general information on Trai
88	hamlet is summarized in Table 1.
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90	(Figure 1 Map of Hanoi and Trai hamlet)
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92	(Table 1 General information in the study area)
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94	Recently, rapid socio-economic development and modernization in this
95	area led to changes in farming systems. Along with crop cultivation and small-
96	scale livestock breeding, fish farming has been practiced in many households.
97	The hamlet has 21 ponds, which were originally excavated prior to 1980 to
98	obtain soil materials to construct dikes (Local socio-economic report, 2010).
99	The area of the ponds has not changed from 1980 to 2010 and out of 21, 18
100	ponds are currently utilized for fish cultivation. At the beginning of fish
101	farming season, water from irrigation channel is used to fill up the ponds
102	before adding new fish stock. Livestock excreta are these days commonly

discharged to these ponds along with commercial fish feed. When fish are
harvested, pond water flows back into the irrigation channels and ends up to
the Nhue River. After fish harvesting, a new fish-farming season starts.

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107 2.2 Material flow model

A material flow model for N and P was developed based on Harada et al. 108 (2010) and applied to the study area for nutrients balance flows from 1980 to 109 2010. Conceptual framework of the model was illustrated in Figure 2. The 110 model is composed by eight components  $(X_i)$ , of which household  $(X_i)$ 111 112 including two sub-components: septic tanks and biogas systems, livestock (pigs, poultry, and cattle)  $(X_2)$ , fish pond  $(X_3)$ , and paddy field  $(X_4)$  are within 113 the boundary, while market  $(X_5)$ , open water bodies including Nhue river and 114 115 drainage systems  $(X_6)$ , soil/ground water  $(X_7)$ , and atmosphere  $(X_8)$  are out of the boundary. The arrows represent for the flows/reaction processes of relevant 116 goods such as human excreta, livestock excreta, chemical fertilizers, etc. 117 transferred from one component to other components. Within the system, the 118 net reaction rate of a single component may be affected by a number of 119 different input or output processes. Based on the principle of Mass 120 Conservation Law, the net reaction rate for a component inside the boundary is 121 considered to be the mass balance: 122

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} l_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 0_j$$
(Eq.1)124Most of flows can be calculated by unit value method:125 $I_i = \sum (U_k \times C_k \times R_k)$ (Eq.2)126 $O_j = \sum (U_l \times C_l \times R_l)$ (Eq.3)127where  $I_i$ : an input flow of a component (g/ha/year)128 $O_j$ : an output flow of a component (g/ha/year)129 $U_k, U_l$ : composition of good  $k, l$  (g/unit amount/year)130 $C_k, C_l$ : amount of good  $k, l$  (amount)131 $R_k, R_l$ : ratio of good  $k, l$  transferred from a component to another132component.133 $n, m$ : total number of input and output flows of a component134The flow which could not be calculated by unit value method was calculated135based on mass conservation law:136 $I_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} O_j - (\sum_{i=1}^{i-1} I_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} I_i)$  (Eq.4)137Thus, the details description of each reaction process of the material flow138model is shown in Table 2.139(Table 2 Description of reaction process of the material flow more via142matrix expression)

### 143 **2.3 Data collection**

#### 144 **2.3.1 Characterization of fish ponds**

All the 18 fish ponds owners were interviewed on daily activities and 145 management practices, including the intensity of excreta use and the frequency 146 of water exchange. Each interviewee was asked to describe the current (in 147 2010) and past activities around 1980, 1990 and 2000, and the answers were 148 used as data in 2010, 1980, 1990 and 2000, respectively. Also, all the fish 149 ponds were surveyed from October to November 2012 to identify the pond 150 shape, depth, area, and water quality. Pond shape was marked using on-site 151 Global Positioning System (GPS) plotting and then pond area was calculated 152 using a Geographical Information System (GIS). Pond depth was measured by 153 a flow rate meter (AEM213-D, JFE Advantech Co., Ltd) at the central point of 154 the pond, in cases that it was accessible by boat. The depth of 11 ponds was 155 measured, while for the other seven ponds information on the depth was 156 collected from the interviewees due to the difficulties in accessibility. Water 157 samples were collected from all ponds (n=18) and irrigation canals (n=1) to 158 measure the total nitrogen and total phosphorus concentrations using Hach DR 159 2800 and DRB 200 (Hach Ltd). 160

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#### 163 2.3.2 Secondary data

Secondary data that used in this study are presented in Table 3. Some of 164 data were only available at a single year. Among these, greywater and kitchen 165 waste composition had a larger possibility of the significant change but the 166 impact of these composition change on the whole material balance was limited 167 according to the sensitivity analysis of the model. Therefore, we assumed that 168 data of waste composition did not change from 1980 to 2010. For the N and P 169 concentration in the Nhue River water quality, although N and P concentration 170 data in 2010 were available, the available oldest data were those in 2007 by 171 VEA (2012). Since the socio-economic growth in the area has been 172 accelerated from the middle of 2000s, we assumed that the concentrations had 173 not changed significantly from 1980 to 2007; and the concentration data in 174 175 2007 were used as those in 1980, 1990 and 2000, as the impact of N and P concentrations in 2007 was limited on the flows. 176

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178 (**Table 3** Secondary data used in the material flow model)

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#### **3 Results and Discussion**

#### 181 **3.1** Characteristics of fish ponds and harvesting manner

182 The study area included 18 fish ponds and their characteristics are

183	presented in Table 4. Fish ponds regularly received greywater, kitchen waste,
184	human excreta, livestock excreta, and commercial fish feed. When fish were
185	harvested, pond water was pumped out to the irrigation channels. The
186	frequency of fish harvesting ranged from zero to three times per year. However,
187	in 1980, fish were harvested without water removal, probably due to the small
188	scale of fish farming, and as a result, no water exchange occurred.
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190	(Table 4 Characteristics of fish ponds in the study area)
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192	3.2 Historical changes in nutrients flow
193	N and P flows in the study area are illustrated in Figure 3 and 4. The
194	dominant input to the system was chemical fertilizer from market both with N
195	and P flow in 1980 and 2010; dominant output from the system was paddy field
196	runoff to open water bodies with N and soil accumulation and discharge with P
197	both in 1980 and 2010. It was indicated that paddy fields, which cover more
198	than 90% of the total area, played a major role in nutrient flow in the study
199	area. Additionally, fish ponds covering only 6% of the total area had the
200	highest contribution of P load to open water bodies.
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203	(Figure 3 Flow of nitrogen in 1980 (left) and 2010 (right) (kg·ha <sup>-1</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> ).
204	Abbreviations in the figure indicate as follows. Exc.: Excreta; F: Food; P:
205	Product; CF: Chemical fertilizer; Re.: Residue; Ir.: Irrigation; Acc. & Dis.:
206	Accumulation and Discharge; Ro.: Runoff; Em: Emission.)
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208	(Figure 4 Flow of phosphorus in 1980 (left) and 2010 (right) (kg·ha <sup>-1</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> ).
209	Abbreviations in the figure indicate as follows. Exc.: Excreta; F: Food; P:
210	Product; CF: Chemical fertilizer; Re.: Residue; Ir.: Irrigation; Acc. & Dis.:
211	Accumulation and Discharge; Ro.: Runoff.)
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213	The biggest differences between N and P flows in 1980 and those in 2010
214	were the appearance of septic tanks and biogas systems in 2010, leading to the
215	changes of compost and manure recycling manners. As a custom in Vietnam,
216	the application of compost to paddy fields has a long history. In 1980, 97% of
217	total N and P from human excreta (25.8 kg-N·ha <sup>-1</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> and 3.8 kg-N·ha <sup>-1</sup>
218	<sup>1</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> ) were applied to paddy fields. Those ratios were decreased to 50% in
219	case of N and 49% in case of P in 2010. Instead of being used to intensively
220	apply to paddy fields, human excreta were flowed to septic tanks or fish ponds.
221	From the effects of modernization, 44% of households changed their traditional
222	dry chamber toilets to flush toilets connected to septic tanks in 2010. Similar

to compost, the recycling practices of manure have also changed remarkably. 223 Although the amount of manure increase since the government has a policy of 224 livestock production increase (ACI, 2002), the ratio of N and P derived-manure 225 apply to paddy fields decreased from 54 and 80% in 1980 to 30 and 42% in 226 2010. Instead, those to biogas systems or fish ponds were increased because 227 biogas promotion program were implemented in 2006 in the study area (Dung 228 et al., 2009) and fishing activities became more popular in many households in 229 2010. Indeed, under the modernization process, the farming system has 230 changed from crop-livestock system to crop-livestock-fish one and fish ponds 231 232 seemed to become more important in waste and nutrient management in the study area. 233

As shown in Figure 5, the differences in N and P loads to open water 234 bodies were significant between 1980 and 2010. Total N and P load to open 235 water bodies increased by 2.1- and 4.0-fold, respectively between 1980 and 236 2010. In addition, N load derived from the paddy fields accounted for a large 237 proportion of the total N load; 131.3 kg-N·ha<sup>-1</sup>·year<sup>-1</sup> in 2010, which was 1.8-238 fold higher than that in 1980. In contrast, fish ponds were the main contributor 239 of P, which accounted for 59% of total P load to open water bodies. In 2010, P 240 load from fish ponds to open water bodies was 6.2-fold higher than that in 241 1980. 242

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(Figure 5 Nutrient inputs to open water bodies)

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Thus, significant differences were observed between N and P balances. 246 The differences can be partly explained by the higher runoff ratio of N to 247 surface water and the larger proportion of P that is accumulated in the 248 sediment. (Carpenter et al., 1998). The increase in N load from the paddy 249 fields was probably a result of the excessive application of N. As shown in 250 Figure 3 and 4, chemical fertilizers was already a major source of nutrients 251 252 than human and livestock excreta even in 1980. N input from chemical fertilizers in paddy fields was 174.3 kg·ha<sup>-1</sup> in 2010, which was 1.3-fold higher 253 than that in 1980, and also exceeded the optimum levels (100-140 kg N·ha<sup>-</sup> 254 <sup>1</sup>·year<sup>-1</sup>; Huan *et al.*, 2000). 255

The dramatic increase in P load to open water bodies could be explained by the increase in livestock excreta discharged into the fish ponds. **Figure 6** shows the historical changes of P load derived from livestock excreta from 1980 to 2010. Based on the national policy on the increase of livestock production (ACI, 2002), livestock number in the study area greatly increased in 2000 as presented in **Table 1**. Corresponding to this increase, P load from livestock excreta in 2000 was 2.9-fold higher than that in 1980. A slight

263	decrease from 2000 to 2010 can be explained by poultry influenza H5N1 and
264	pig diseases by porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus. Practices
265	of livestock excreta use for paddy field also changed significantly. The ratio of
266	P flowed from livestock to paddy fields decreased from 80% in 1980 to 42% in
267	2010; in contrast, the load to fish ponds and biogas system greatly increased. P
268	input of livestock excreta to fish ponds in 2010 was 30-fold higher than that in
269	1980. In 2010, livestock excreta were contributed 3.9 kg $P \cdot ha^{-1}$ to fish ponds,
270	which accounted for 40% of the total P load into fish ponds.
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272	Figure 6 Phosphorus (P) load derived from livestock excreta
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274 275 276 277 278 279	pigs, was implemented in 2003 for suburban and rural areas, aiming to increase farm income and reduce environmental pollution (Dung <i>et al.</i> , 2009). This program was introduced to the study area in 2006, resulted in significant increase of the load from livestock to biogas system. However, in 2010, only 16% of households breeding pigs had a biogas system to treat livestock excreta,

help fish to grow faster than other feed. Thus, fish ponds likely received moreP from livestock excreta.

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### 286 **3.3 Historical changes in nutrient balance of fish ponds**

Differences in the nutrient balance of the fish ponds between 1980 and 287 2010 are presented in Table 5. In 2010, the total nutrient input to fish ponds 288 was 41.7 kg N·ha<sup>-1</sup>·year<sup>-1</sup> and 9.8 kg P·ha<sup>-1</sup>·year<sup>-1</sup>, which was 7.2- and 6.2-fold 289 higher, respectively, than those in 1980. In 1980, when nutrient from 290 household and livestock were intensively applied to paddy fields (Figure 3, 4 291 and 6), nutrient inputs to fish ponds were mainly from commercial fish feeds. 292 In 2010, livestock excreta became a source of feed for fish ponds together with 293 commercial feed and accounted for 41% of the N and 40% of the P inputs. 294 Although livestock excreta became the main source of nutrients for fish ponds, 295 the nutrients derived from commercial fish feed increased rapidly too and was 296 4.0- and 4.3-fold higher for N and P, respectively, in 2010 than in 1980. 297 Nutrients in fish production were 8.5 kg N·ha<sup>-1</sup> and 1.3 kg P·ha<sup>-1</sup> in 2010, which 298 accounted only for 20% and 13% of the N and P inputs, respectively. The 299 results of this study were in accordance with those reported by Briggs and 300 Fvnge-Smith (2008), who reported that only 24% of nitrogen and 13% of 301 phosphorus inputs were incorporated into shrimp harvest. Jackson *et al.* (2002) 302

also showed that shrimps could use only 22% of N input. The remaining N and
P are either accumulated in the sediment or discharged intentionally during the
removal of water from the pond and unintentionally after a heavy rainfall.

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307 (**Table 5** Nutrient balances of fish ponds in the study area)

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Excessive application of nutrients to fish ponds led to the high 309 accumulation in the sediment. If the sediment is used as a nutrient source in 310 paddy fields, it may have a positive impact on not only nutrient management 311 312 but also the control of water pollution; however, this practice was not popular in the study area. According to our interview, 61% of fish ponds never 313 practiced sediment removal, 39% did at least once before, and only 11% did 314 regular removal, every two or three years. Removed sediment were mostly 315 used for the construction of dikes in the area. Only one out of 18 pond owners 316 used the sediment as a vegetable fertilizer. Some recent studies investigated 317 the possibility of utilizing the sediment as a crop fertilizer. According to 318 Rahman et al. (2004), plants absorbed 62%, 67%, and 64% of available 319 nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in sediment, respectively. Phu et al. 320 (2012) confirmed the possibility to use the sediment from catfish 321 (Pangasianodon hypothalamus) ponds for paddy field fertilization. Thus, the 322

use of the sediment to paddy fields could be promoted for establishing better
nutrient cycle and reducing water pollution in the area, especially of P, because
of its higher accumulation in sediment compared to N.

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#### 327 **4 Conclusions**

By developing a material flow model of nitrogen and phosphorus, this 328 study showed the historical changes in nutrient flow of the study area and 329 estimated the impact of fish ponds on these temporal changes. Due to 330 modernization, farming systems changed from a crop-livestock system to a 331 crop-livestock-fish system. As a result, traditional waste recycling manners 332 changed and led to changes in material balance in the study area. Nitrogen and 333 phosphorus loads in open water body gradually increased by 1.9- and 3.2-fold, 334 respectively, from 1980 to 2010. In 2010, fish ponds were considered the 335 largest contributor of phosphorus, which accounted for 71% of phosphorus 336 load in open water body. The results show that fishponds play an important 337 role in nutrient cycle within the study area, especially for phosphorus, because 338 of its higher accumulation in the sediment than nitrogen. 339

Nutrient input into and accumulation in the fish ponds were highly increased from 1980 to 2010. A large amount of nutrients was estimated to remain in the sediment and to be released unintentionally after a heavy rain,

accounted for 41% and 82% of total nitrogen and phosphorus inputs in 2010, 343 respectively. If sediments were applied in paddy fields, the application of 344 equivalent amount of chemical fertilizers could be potentially reduced, 345 accounting for 10% for nitrogen and 14% for phosphorus. It would not only 346 improve a material cycle, but also would lead to an improved water quality in 347 the study area, especially for phosphorus, because of its higher accumulation 348 compared to nitrogen. Thus, fish ponds play a key role in material cycle and 349 water pollution control in the area. 350

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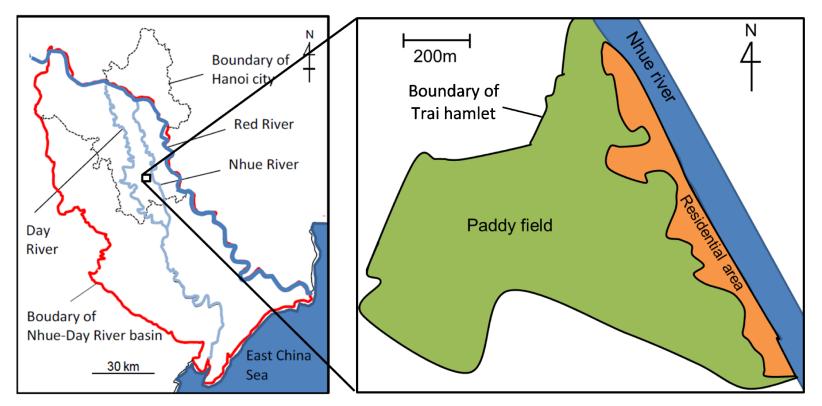


Figure 1 Map of Hanoi and Trai hamlet

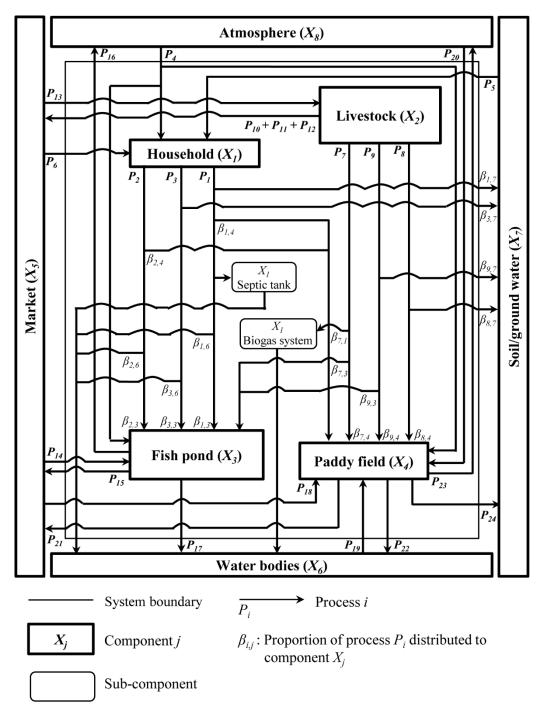


Figure 2 A material flow model in this study

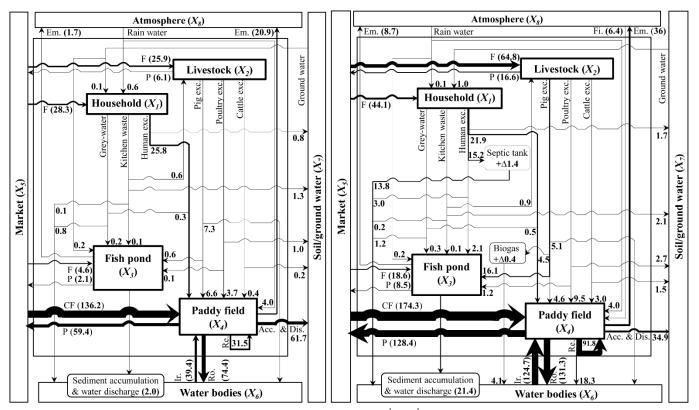


Figure 3 Flow of nitrogen in 1980 (left) and 2010 (right) (kg·ha<sup>-1</sup>·year<sup>-1</sup>). Abbreviations in the figure indicate as follows. Exc.: Excreta; F: Food; P: Product; CF: Chemical fertilizer; Re.: Residue; Ir.: Irrigation; Acc. & Dis.: Accumulation and Discharge; Ro.: Runoff; Em: Emission.

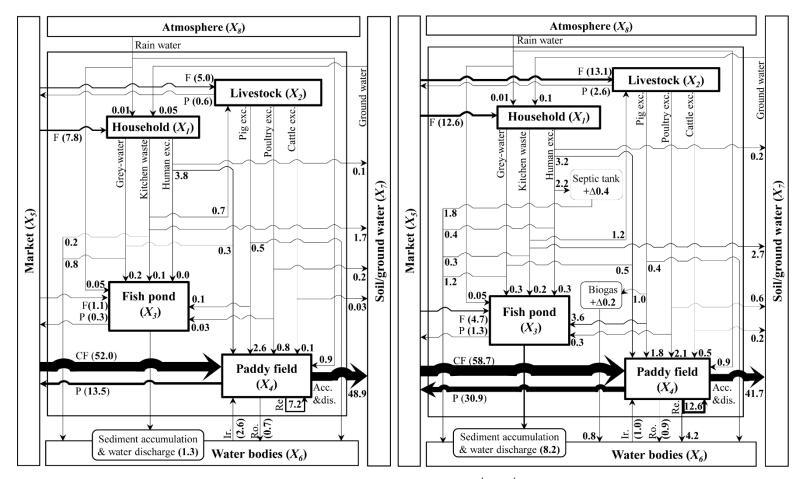


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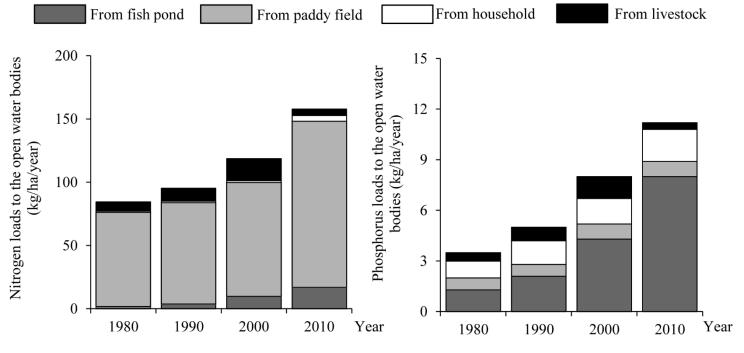


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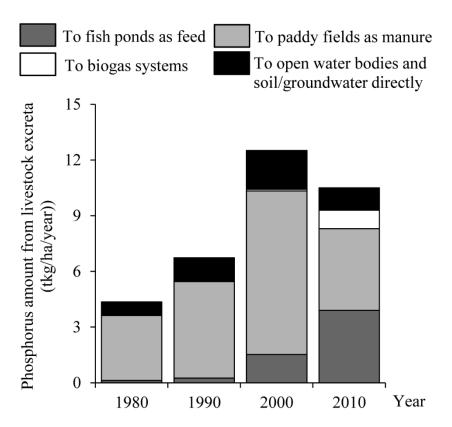


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Information	Symbol	Unit	Data						
			1980	1990	2000	2010			
Population	$P_o$	People	505	686	782	800			
Number of household Number of livestock	$N_{hh}$	Household	240	240	240	240			
Pig	$N_{pi}$	Head	109	152	293	229			
Poultry	$N_{po}$	Head	2101	3342	6106	5810			
Cattle	$N_{ca}$	Head	3	12	16	22			
Residential area	$S_{hh}$	1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	8	8	8	8			
Paddy field area	$S_a$	1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	526	526	526	526			
Total area	$\Sigma S$	$1.000 \text{ m}^2$	561	561	561	561			

 Table 1 General information in the study area

## Table 2 Description of reaction processes of the material flow model via matrix expression

	$\begin{array}{l} \text{Component } [X_j] \to \\ ess[P_i] \downarrow \end{array}$	$X_{I}$	$X_2$	<i>X</i> <sub>3</sub>	$X_4$	$X_5$	<i>X</i> 6	<i>X</i> <sub>7</sub>	$X_8$	Reaction rate of $Pi[\rho_i]$ (kg-N/year or kg-P/year)
$P_1$	Human excreta discharge	-1+ $\beta_{l,st}$		β1,3	$\beta_{1,4}$		$\beta_{1,6}$	$\beta_{1,7}$		$C_{l,N(P)} \times P_o \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
$P_2$	Greywater discharge	- 1		β <sub>2,3</sub>	β2,4		$\beta_{2,6}$			$C_{2,N(P)} \times P_o \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>P</i> <sub>3</sub>	Kitchen waste discharge	- 1	β3,2	β3,3			β3,6	β3,7		$C_{3,N(P)} \times P_o \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
$P_4$	Rain water supply	$\frac{S_{hh}}{\sum S}$		$\frac{S_p}{\overline{\Sigma}S}$	$\frac{S_a}{\Sigma S}$				- 1	$C_{4,N(P)} \times Q_r \times \sum S \times 10^{-6}$
<b>P</b> 5	Ground water supply	+ 1						- 1		$C_{5,N(P)} \times Q_{gr} \times P_o \times 365 \times 10^{-6}$
$P_6$	Food supply to households	+ 1				- 1				$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 - \frac{S_{hh}}{\Sigma S} \times P_4 - P_5$
<b>P</b> <sub>7</sub>	Pig excreta discharge	$eta_{7,bio}$	- 1	β <sub>7,3</sub>	$\beta_{7,4}$					$C_{7,N(P)} \times N_{pi} \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
$P_8$	Cattle excreta discharge		- 1		$\beta_{8,4}$			$eta_{8,7}$		$C_{\delta,N(P)} \times N_{ca} \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>P</b> 9	Poultry excreta discharge	$eta$ 9, $_{bio}$	- 1	β9,3	β9,4			β9,7		$C_{9,N(P)} \times N_{po} \times 365 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>P</b> 10	Pig product		- 1			+ 1				$C_{10,N(P)} \times N_{pi} \times W_{pi}$
$P_{11}$	Poultry product		- 1			+ 1				$C_{11,N(P)} \times N_{po} \times W_{po}$
<i>P</i> <sub>12</sub>	Cattle product		- 1			+ 1				$C_{12,N(P)}  imes N_{ca}  imes W_{ca}$
P13	Food supply to livestock		+ 1			- 1				$P_7 + P_8 + P_9 + P_{10} + P_{11} + P_{12} - \beta_{3,2}$ × P_3 - P_{13} - $\alpha_{res}$ × $\beta_{17,2}$ × P_{23}
<i>P</i> <sub>14</sub>	Water filling in fish ponds			+ 1			- 1			$\sum [C_{14,N(P)} \times S_{Pk} \times D_{Pk} \times f_{Pk} \times 10^{-3}]$
<i>P</i> <sub>15</sub>	Commercial feed for fish ponds			+ 1		- 1				$C_{15,N(P)} \times P_f \times FCR$
P16	Water removal from fish ponds			- 1			+ 1			$\sum \left[C_{16k,N(P)} \times S_{Pk} \times D_{Pk} \times f_{Pk} \times 10^{-3}\right]$
<b>P</b> 17	Fish harvesting			- 1		+ 1				$C_{17,N(P)} \times P_f$
P18	N emission from pond surface			- 1					+1	$(P_{1} \times \beta_{1,3} + P_{2} \times \beta_{2,3} + P_{3} \times \beta_{3,3} + P_{4} \times \frac{S_{P_{1}}}{\Sigma S} + P_{7} \times \beta_{7,3} + P_{9} \times \beta_{9,3} + P_{14} + P_{15}) \times k_{N,emis}$
<i>P</i> <sub>19</sub>	Sedimentation & unintentional discharge from fish ponds			- 1			+ 1			$(P_{1} \times \beta_{1,3} + P_{2} \times \beta_{2,3} + P_{3} \times \beta_{3,3} + P_{4} \times \frac{S_{P_{i}}}{\Sigma^{S}} + P_{7} \times \beta_{7,3} + P_{9} \times \beta_{9,3} + P_{14} + P_{15} \times P_{16} - P_{16} - P_{17} - P_{18}$
<b>P</b> <sub>20</sub>	Chemical fertilizer application				+ 1	- 1				$C_{20,N(P)} \times m_{cf} \times S_a$
<i>P</i> <sub>21</sub>	Irrigation water to paddy fields				+ 1		- 1			$C_{21,N(P)} \times Q_{ir} \times S_a$
P <sub>22</sub>	N fixation				+ 1				- 1	$337 \times e^{-0.0098 \times P_{2o}/S_a} \times S_a$
P <sub>23</sub>	Agricultural product harvesting		$lpha_{res} imes$ $eta_{23,2}$		$\frac{-(1 + \alpha_{res}) + \alpha_{res} \times \beta_{23,4}}{\alpha_{res} \times \beta_{23,4}}$	+ 1		$lpha_{res} imes$ $eta_{23,7}$		$C_{23,N(P)} \times P_a$

P <sub>24</sub>	Agricultural runoff			- 1	+ 1			$ \begin{array}{l} (P_{1} \times \beta_{1,4} + P_{2} \times \beta_{2,4} + P_{3} \times \beta \\ _{3,4} + \frac{S_{a}}{\Sigma^{5}} \times P_{4} + P_{7} \times \beta_{7,4} + P_{8} \times \beta_{8,4} + \\ P_{9} \times \beta_{9,4} + P_{20} + P_{21} + P_{22} + P_{23} \times \beta \\ _{17,4} \times \alpha_{res}) \times R \end{array} $
P25	N emitted from paddy fields			- 1			+1	$(P_1 \times \beta_{1,4} + P_7 \times \beta_{7,4} + P_8 \times \beta_{8,4} + P_9 \times \beta_{9,4}) \times k_{N,ex} + P_{20} \times k_{N,cf}$
P <sub>26</sub>	Soil accumulation &discharge from paddy fields			- 1		+ 1		$ \begin{array}{l} (P_1 \times \beta_{1,4} + P_2 \times \beta_{2,4} + P_3 \times \beta_{3,4} \\ + \frac{S_a}{\Sigma s} \times P_4 + P_7 \times \beta_{7,4} + P_8 \times \beta_{8,4} + P_9 \times \\ \beta_{9,4} + P_{20} + P_{21} + P_{22} + P_{23} \times \beta \\ _{23,4} \times \alpha_{res}) (1 - R) - (1 + \alpha_{re}) \times P_{23} - \\ P_{25} \end{array} $
Net re (kg/yr	eaction rate r)	$r_{j} = \sum_{i} (\nu_{i})$ $(i = 1)$	$\mu_{ij} \times \rho_i$ 1,2,26		$i = \sum_{i} (\nu_i)$ $i = 1, 2,$		-	

Note: Details of symbols are explained in Figure 2 and Table 1,3 and 4.

# **Table 3** Secondary data used in the material flow model

Expla	nation	Unit	1980	1990	2000	2010	
B <sub>1,3</sub>	Ratio of human excreta going to fish ponds	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	
81,4	Ratio of human excreta going to paddy fields	-	0.97	0.97	0.93	0.52	1
1,6	Ratio of human excreta going to water bodies	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	
1, st	Ratio of human excreta going to septic tank	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	
2,3	Ratio of greywater going to fish ponds	-	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	
2,4	Ratio of greywater going to paddy fields	-	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	
3 <sub>2,6</sub>	Ratio of greywater going to water bodies	_	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	
3,2 33,2	Ratio of kitchen waste going to livestock	_	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	
3 <sub>3,3</sub>	Ratio of kitchen waste going to fish ponds	_	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	
3,5 3 <sub>3,6</sub>	Ratio of kitchen waste going to water bodies	_	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	
3,0 3 <sub>3,7</sub>	Ratio of kitchen waste going to soil/groundwater	-	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	
3,7 37,bio	Ratio of pig excreta going to biogas system	_	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	
3 <sub>7,3</sub>	Ratio of pig excreta going to fish ponds	_	0.01	0.01	0.15	0.13	
3 <sub>7,4</sub>	Ratio of pig excreta going to paddy fields	_	0.96	0.95	0.13	0.33	
		-	0.90	0.93	0.67	0.32	
3 <sub>8,4</sub>	Ratio of cattle excreta going to paddy fields	-		0.07	0.07	0.07	
3 <sub>8,7</sub>	Ratio of cattle excreta going to soil/groundwater	-	0.33				
3 <sub>9,bio</sub>	Ratio of poultry excreta going to biogas system	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	
3 <sub>9,3</sub>	Ratio of poultry excreta going to fish ponds	-	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.09	
8 <sub>9,4</sub>	Ratio of poultry excreta going to paddy fields	-	0.76	0.75	0.73	0.70	
8 <sub>9,7</sub>	Ratio of poultry excreta going to soil/groundwater	-	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	
B <sub>11,2</sub>	Ratio of agricultural residue going to livestock	-	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	
811,4	Ratio of agricultural residue going to paddy fields	-	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.73	
3 <sub>11,7</sub>	Ratio of agricultural residue going to	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	
	soil/groundwater						
$\chi_{res}$	Ratio of agricultural residue to production (rice)	-		0.53			
	Ratio of agricultural residue to production (bean)	-		1.00			
$C_{I,N}$	N amount in human excreta	g/cap/d	8.10				
$C_{I,P}$	P amount in human excreta	g/cap/d	1.20				
$C_{2,N}$	N amount in grey water	g/cap/d	0.40				
$C_{2,P}$	P amount in grey water	g/cap/d		0.40			
<i>C</i> <sub>3,N</sub>	N amount in kitchen waste	g/cap/d		0.6	5		
C <sub>3,P</sub>	P amount in kitchen waste	g/cap/d		0.83	3		
$C_{4,N}$	N amount in rain water	mg/L		0.25	5		
$C_{4,P}$	P amount in rain water	mg/L		0.00	6		
C <sub>5,N</sub>	N amount in ground water	mg/L		4.60	C		
$C_{5,P}$	P amount in ground water	mg/L		0.40	C		
$Q_{gr}$	Ground water consumption	L/cap/d		60.00			
$\tilde{2}_r$	Average rainfall	mm/year		1,612			
27,N	N amount in pig excreta	g/head/d		20.33	3		
C7,P	P amount in pig excreta	g/head/d		4.59			
$Z_{8,N}$	N amount in cattle excreta	g/head/d		31.60			
28,P	P amount in cattle excreta	g/head/d		5.13			
29,N	N amount in poultry excreta	g/head/d		0.30			
29,N 29,P	P amount in poultry excreta	g/head/d		0.08			
29,F 210,N	N amount in pig	kg/kg		0.02			
-10,N C10,P	P amount in pig	kg/kg		0.00			
-10,P C11,N	N amount in poultry			0.02			
-11,N C11,P		kg/kg kg/kg		0.00			
	P amount in poultry N amount in cattle	kg/kg		0.00			
C12,N	P amount in cattle	kg/kg					
C <sub>12,P</sub>		kg/kg		0.0	1		
$W_{pi}$	Pig meat product	kg/head		96 1 C			
$N_{po}$	Poultry meat product	kg/head		1.6			
$N_{ca}$	Cattle meat product	kg/head		410			1
C <sub>15,N</sub>	N amount in commercial feed for fish	kg/kg		0.04			1
C <sub>15,P</sub>	P amount in commercial feed for fish	kg/kg		0.0			1
C <sub>17,N</sub>	N amount in fish	kg/kg		0.03			1
C <sub>17,P</sub>	P amount in fish	kg/kg		0.00	045		1
$\mathbf{P}_{f}$	Fish production	kg/year	3,875	6,200	9,900	15,850	1
FCR	Feed conversion ratio	-		1.6	5		1

k <sub>N,emis</sub>	N emission from surface water	-		0.2			10)
$C_{20,N}$	N amount in chemical fertilizer	%	5-46%	r types)	1)		
$C_{20,P}$	P amount in chemical fertilizer	%	10-16%	1)			
$C_{2I,N}$	N amount in irrigation water (Nhue river)	mg/L	2.60	12)			
$C_{2I,P}$	P amount in irrigation water (Nhue river)	mg/L	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.66	12)
$Q_{ir}$	Irrigation water consumption	m <sup>3</sup> /ha	16,200				13)
$C_{23,N}$	N amount in rice	kg/kg	0.0114				14)
	N amount in bean	kg/kg			14)		
$C_{23,P}$	P amount in rice	kg/kg		15)			
	P amount in bean	kg/kg			15)		
$P_a$	Rice production	ton/year	292	342	571	631	11)
	Bean production	ton/year	0	0	0	50	11)
$k_{N,ex}$	N emission factor of excreta	-		0.2	•	•	16)
$k_{N,cf}$	N emission factor of chemical fertilizer	-		0.1			16)
$R_N$	Ratio of runoff in case of N	-	0.3				17)
$R_P$	Ratio of runoff in case of P						
	Rice	-			17)		
	Bean	-		0.0	2		17)

<sup>1)</sup>Giang *et al.*,2012 <sup>2)</sup>Montangero *et al.*,2007 <sup>3)</sup>Busser *et al.*,2006 <sup>4)</sup>Shouw *et al.*, 2002; World Bank, 2004; Nakamura and Yuzuyama, 2005; Kawai, 2007 <sup>5)</sup>Khanh, 2000; Huong *et al.*,2007<sup>6)</sup>Anh and Toda, 2005 <sup>7)</sup>HSO, 2010 <sup>8)</sup>MEXT, 2008 <sup>9)</sup>GSO, 2008; Harada *et al.*, 2008 <sup>10)</sup> Nga *et al.*, 2011 <sup>11)</sup>GSO, 2010; GSO, 2004 <sup>12)</sup>VEA, 2012<sup>13)</sup>FAO, 2013 <sup>14)</sup>FAO, 2003; FAO, 2004; Thuy *et al.*, 1998); Nakamura and Yuzuyama, 2005 <sup>15)</sup>USDA, 2014 <sup>16)</sup>IPCC, 2000<sup>17)</sup>Takamura *et al.*,1976.

**Table 4** Characteristics of fishponds in the study area

Characteristics	Unit	Data			
Total area of fish pond	$1,000 \text{ m}^2$	27 $(S_p)$			
Surface area	$1,000 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (avg.} \pm \text{s.d.)}$	$1.5 \pm 1.0$			
Depth	m (avg. $\pm$ s.d.)	$1.04 \pm 0.10$			
Frequency of water	times/year	0 (Prior to 2010)			
exchange& fish harvesting		$2 \pm 1$ (After 2010)			

**Table 5** Nutrient balances of fish ponds in the study area

		Ν				Р			
		1980		2010		1980		2010	
		kg/ha	(%)	kg/ha	(%)	kg/ha	(%)	kg/ha	(%)
Input	Commercial feed	4.6	(79)	18.6	(45)	1.1	(69)	4.7	(48)
	Livestock excreta	0.7	(12)	17.3	(41)	0.1	(6)	3.9	(40)
	Household waste	0.3	(5)	2.5	(6)	0.3	(19)	0.8	(8)
	Water filling	-	-	3.1	(7)	-	-	0.3	(3)
	Precipitation	0.2	(3)	0.2	(1)	0.1	(6)	0.1	(1)
	Total input	5.8	(100)	41.7	(100)	1.6	(100)	9.8	(100)
Output &Accumulation	Fish production	2.1	(36)	8.5	(20)	0.3	(19)	1.3	(13)
	N release	1.7	(29)	8.7	(21)	-	-	-	-
	Water removal	-	-	7.5	(18)	-	-	0.5	(5)
	Sediment accumulation &Unintentional discharge	2.0	(34)	17.0	(41)	1.3	(81)	8.0	(82)
	Total output &Accumulation	5.8	(100)	41.7	(100)	1.6	(100)	9.8	(100)