

Causes and effect from dam

The Lower Sesan 2, China built the dam that cut the Mekong River Basin has caused a lot of damage to the economy and destroyed the ecosystem with thousands of migrating fish species in Cambodia.

By cutting off two rivers, millions of people on the Mekong River cannot catching and selling fish because people are fishing from this river and the dam prevents fish from traveling up and down, disrupting their feeding and reproductive cycles.

Some groups of people refused to resettle and live on forest land close to the water. They were affected with this dam because normally they can catch 40 kilos for each day before the dam was built, but right now they can catch less than 2 kilos per day. And yields of fruits and rice have also decreased because the fields cannot be fertilized by silt during the rainy season.

Geography in Cambodia is not suited for hydroelectric power. Cambodia has large mountains and gorges, so the dam has to be wide to ensure the falling of water to create the sufficient pressure to power hydroelectric turbines. The Cambodian government wanted to get money from building the dam to invest in infrastructure for the country but was not concerned about the effect on the environment.

From this case we can see that people are not concerned about the environment, they only care for themselves, so it makes the economy in their country plummet and people don't get a better life.

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