

APPLICATION OF COMPOSITE GROYNES IN STABILIZING DUBAI BEACHES



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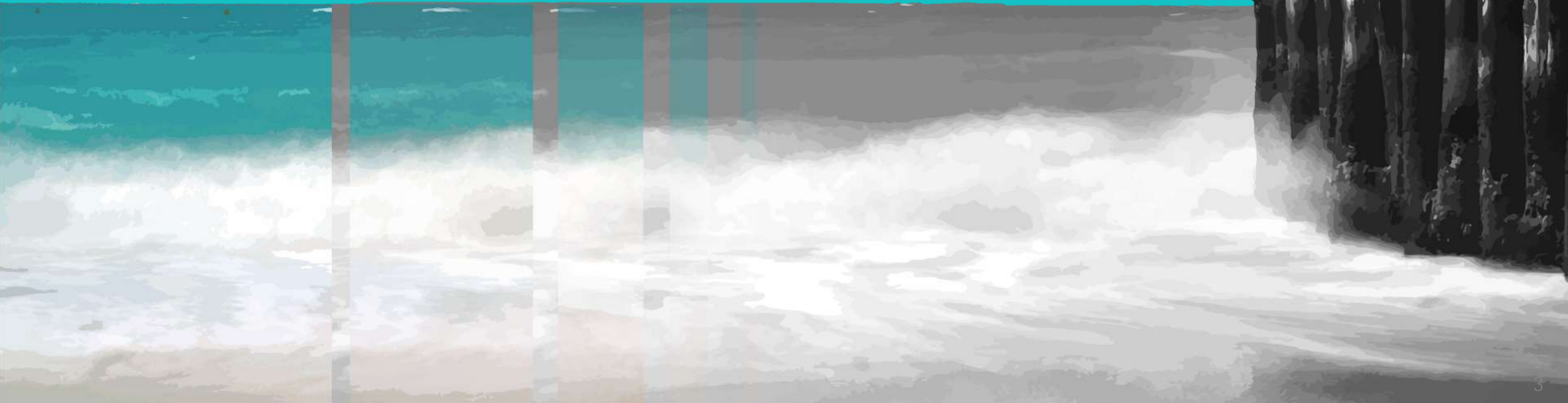
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Dubai Coastal Zone

Introduction to Dubai Beaches

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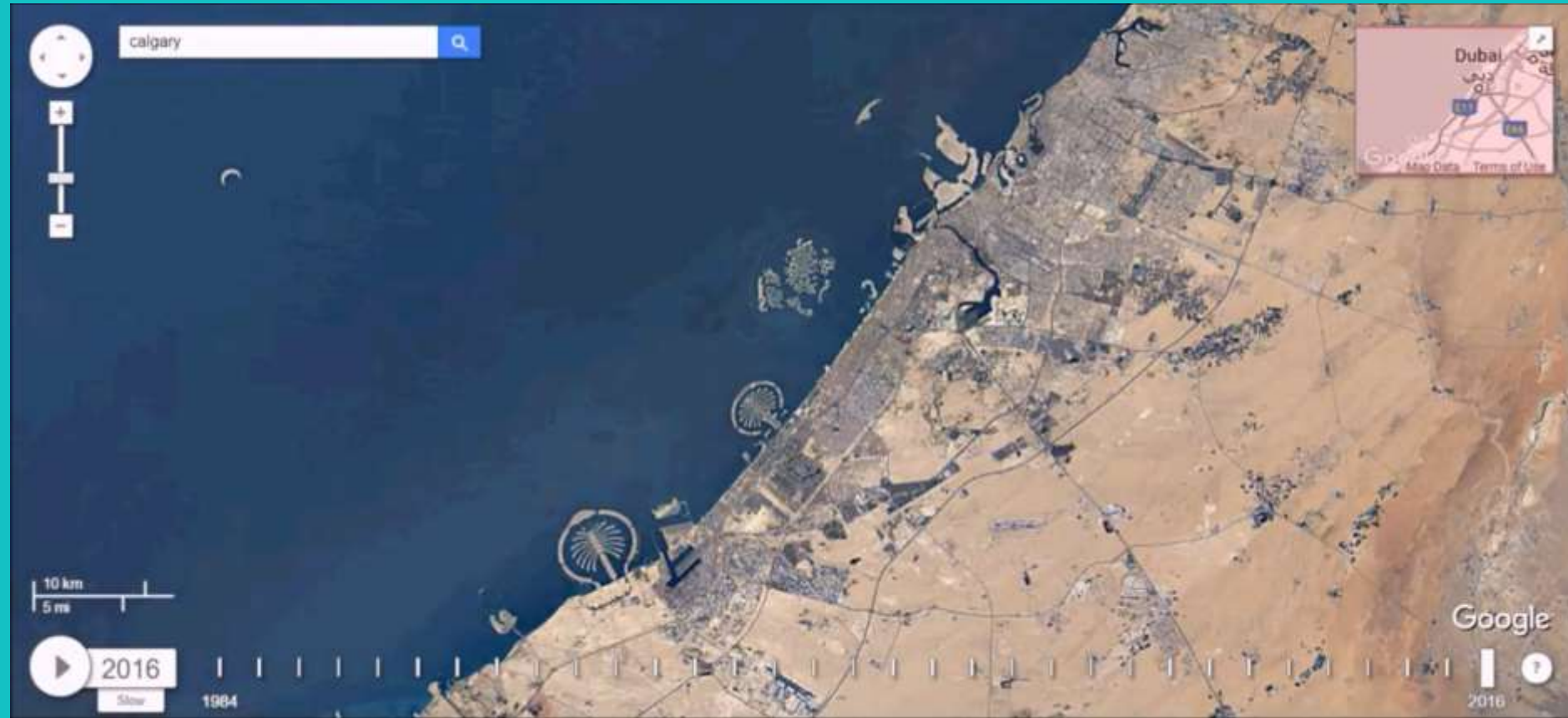


Location Map



Dubai Coast

Due to recent (post Year 2000) coastal developments along the Dubai Coast, the length of the coastline has exponentially increased from 75 km to more than 1200 km.

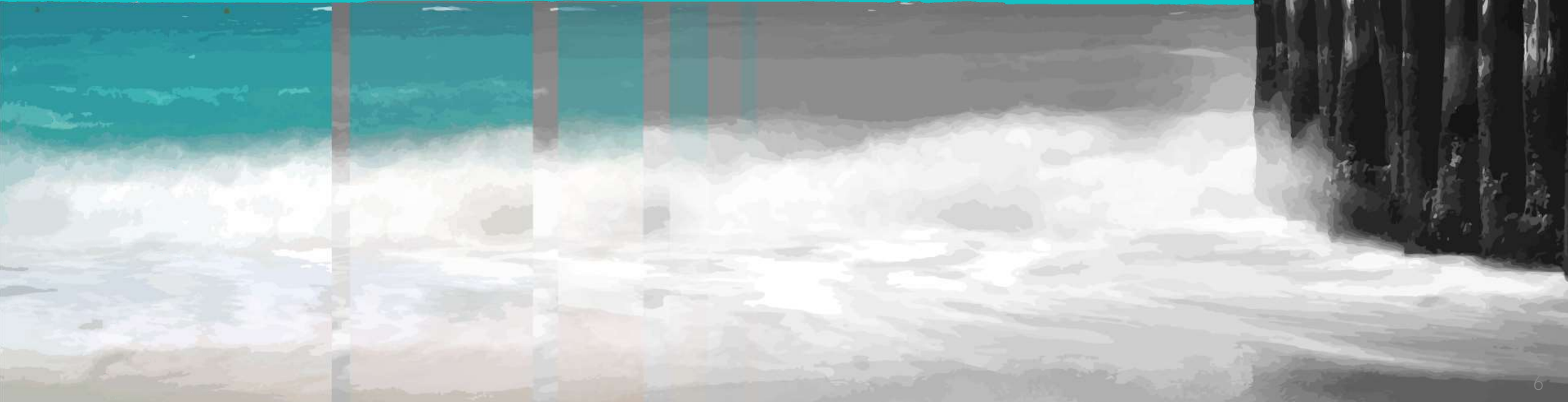


Deira Islands	18.87 km ²	Island 2	0.83 km ²	HH Island at Al Sufouh	0.02 km ²	Palm Jebel Ali	15.28 km ²
The World	9.84 km ²	R999 Peninsula	0.26 km ²	Palm Jumeirah	8.41 km ²	Dubai Waterfront	3.12 km ²
Dubai Maritime City	2.37 km ²	Private Island at Jumeirah	0.13 km ²	Dubai Promenade	0.17 km ²		
Pearl Jumeirah	0.73 km ²	Porto Dubai	0.1 km ²	Blue Waters	0.44 km ²	Total	64.02 km ²
La Mer	0.71 km ²	Burj Al Arab	0.03 km ²	Jebel Ali Port	2.7 km ²		

Offshore Projects

Impacts of Offshore Reclamation Developments

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Offshore Reclamation Projects

Impacts



— Pre-ODS
— Post-ODS

* Equilibrium orientation is defined as the beach orientation that gives a net annual littoral drift equal to zero

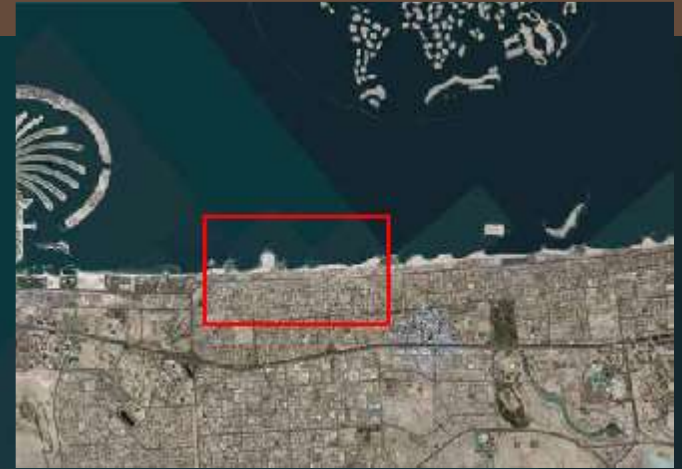
Case Study 1

Umm Suqeim Beach

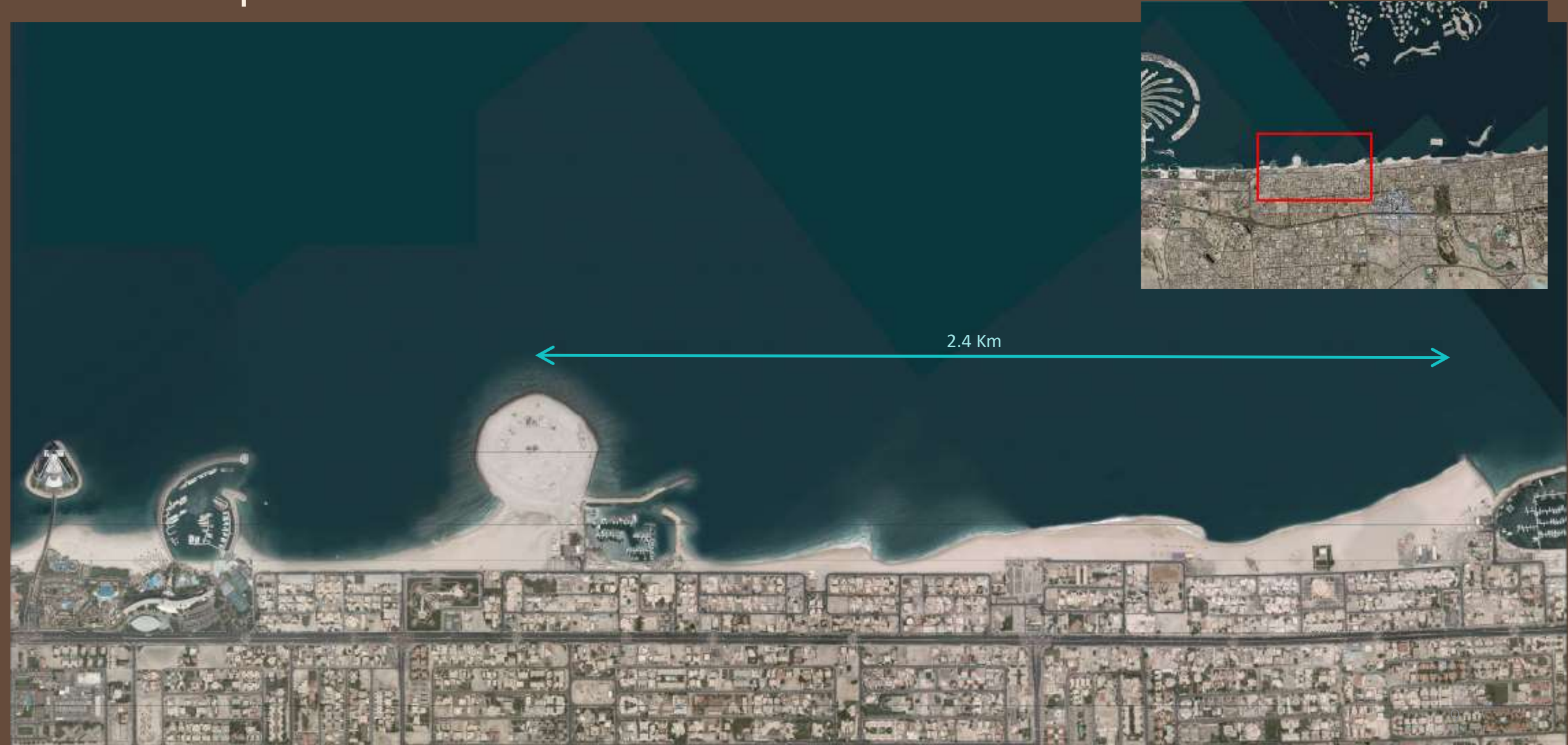
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Um Suqeim Beach



2.4 Km



Historical Shoreline Evolution

1993



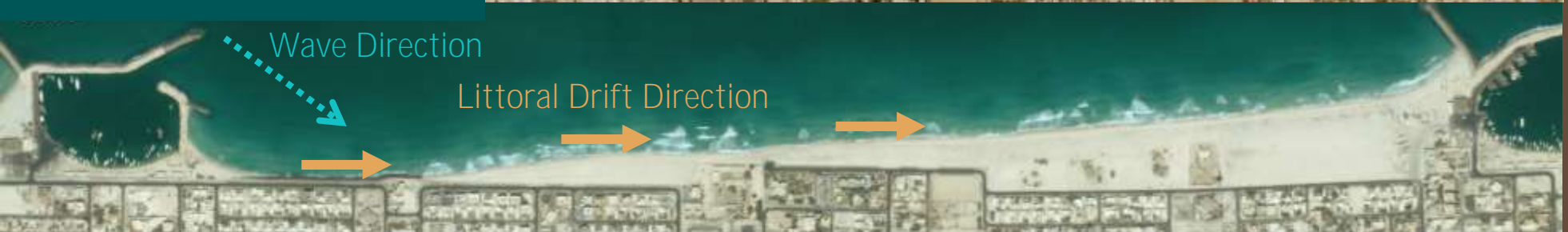
1997



2001



2003



Status of Shoreline 2003



Historical Shoreline Evolution

2004

April



2004

July



2005

April



2005

October



Status of Shoreline

2004 to 2005



Historical Shoreline Evolution

2006

May



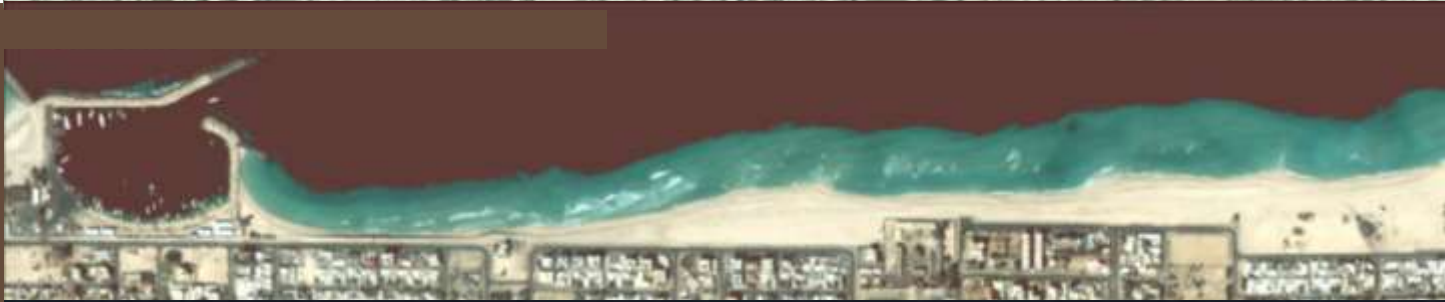
2006

August



2006

December



2007

April



Volume Changes Analysis

Lidar Data 2007 and 2013

2007

Elevation (M DMD)

10 - 12
8 - 10
6 - 8
4 - 6
2 - 4
0 - 2
-2 - 0
-4 - -2
-6 - -4
-8 - -6
-8.59 - -8



2013

Elevation (M DMD)

10 - 12
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Volume Changes Analysis

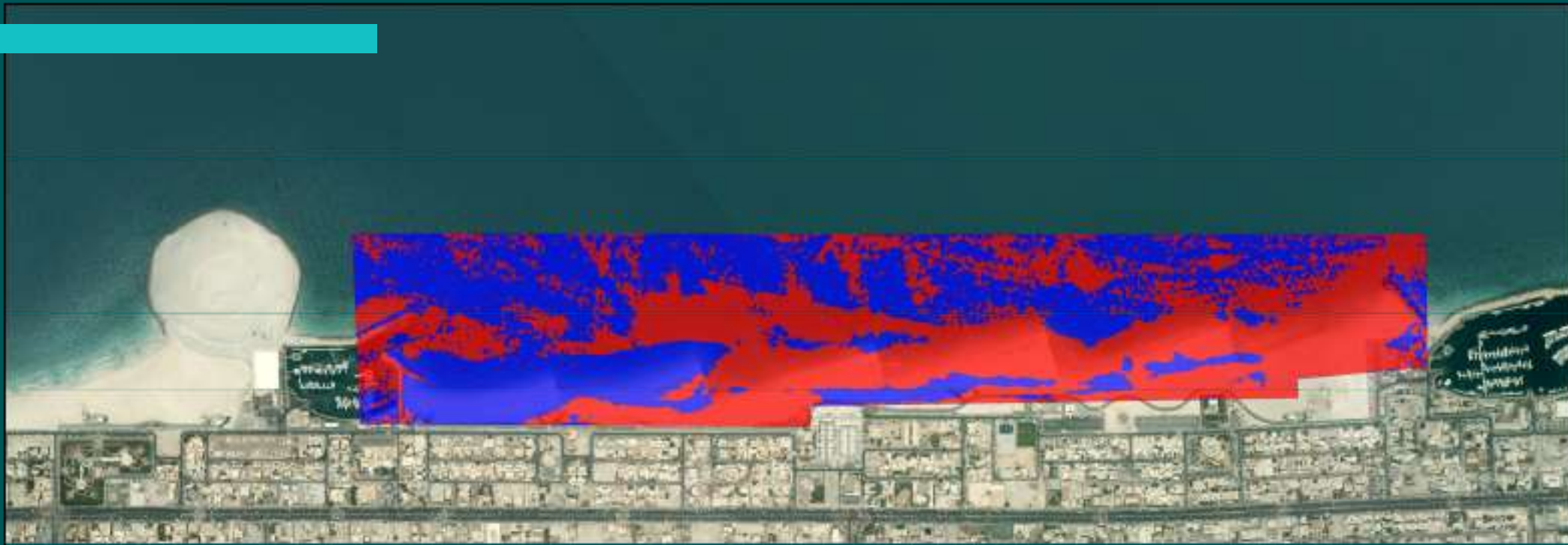
Lidar Data 2004 and 2007

Change in
volume
between 2007
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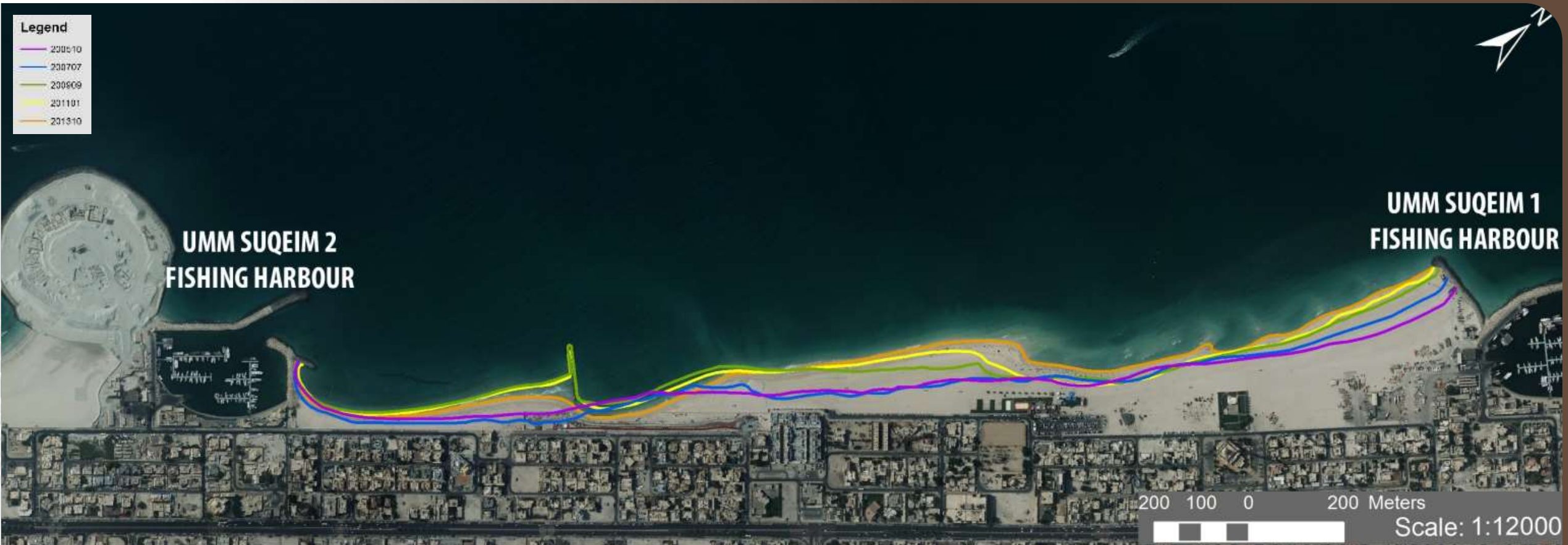
Legend

VOLUME

- Net Gain=307218.08 m3
- Unchanged
- Net Loss=187520.13 m3



Historical Shoreline Evolution



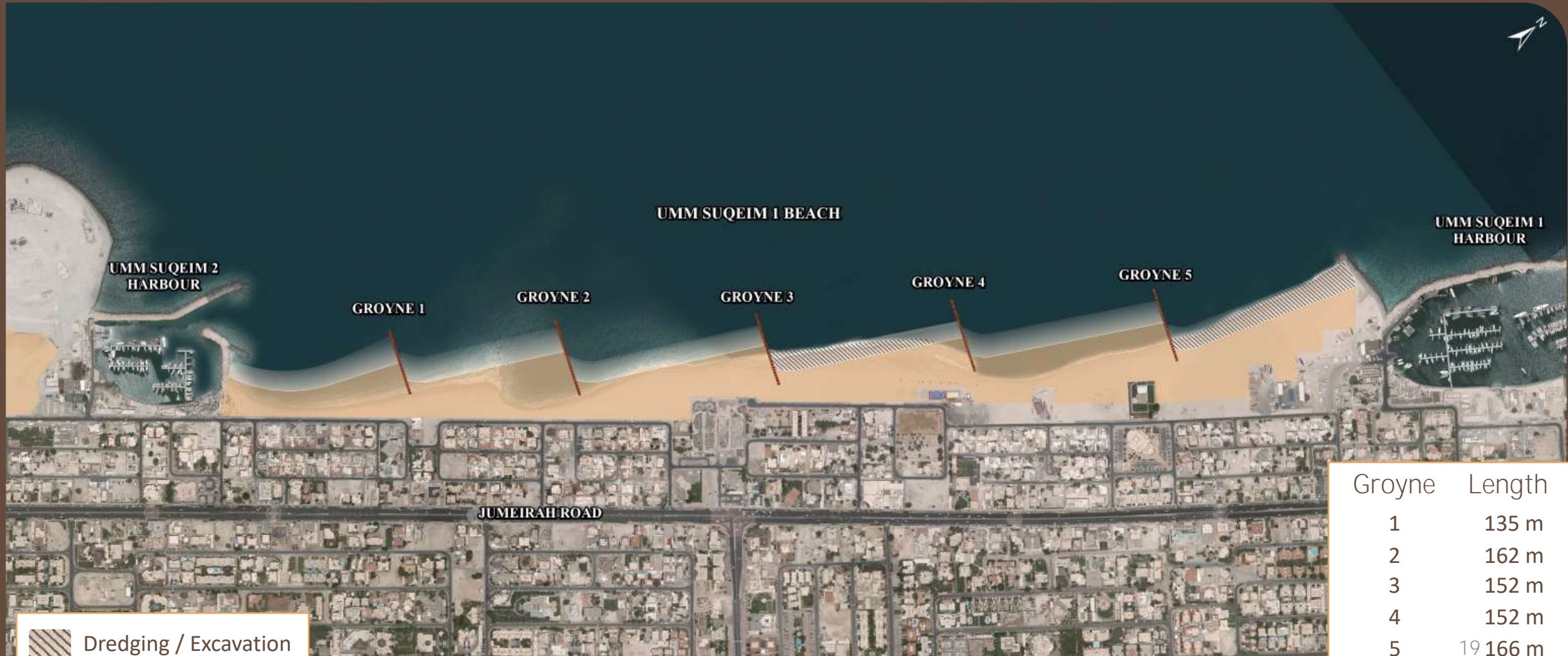
Causes of erosion

1. Obstruction to littoral drift by the breakwaters of Umm Suqeim 1 fishing harbor
2. Effect of ' THE WORLD' Islands – Change in wave direction and affecting the equilibrium beach orientation



New Stabilization Scheme

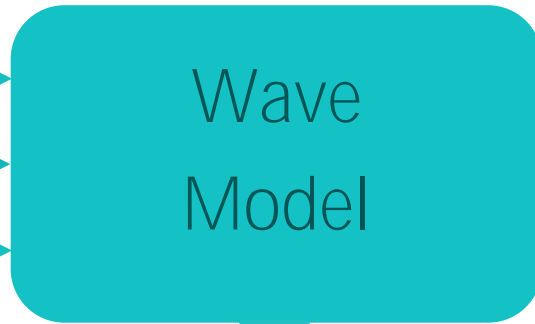
Series of Composite Groynes Coupled with Beach nourishment



Shoreline Evolution Modeling

Input Data

- Bathymetry
- Offshore Wave Data
- Wind



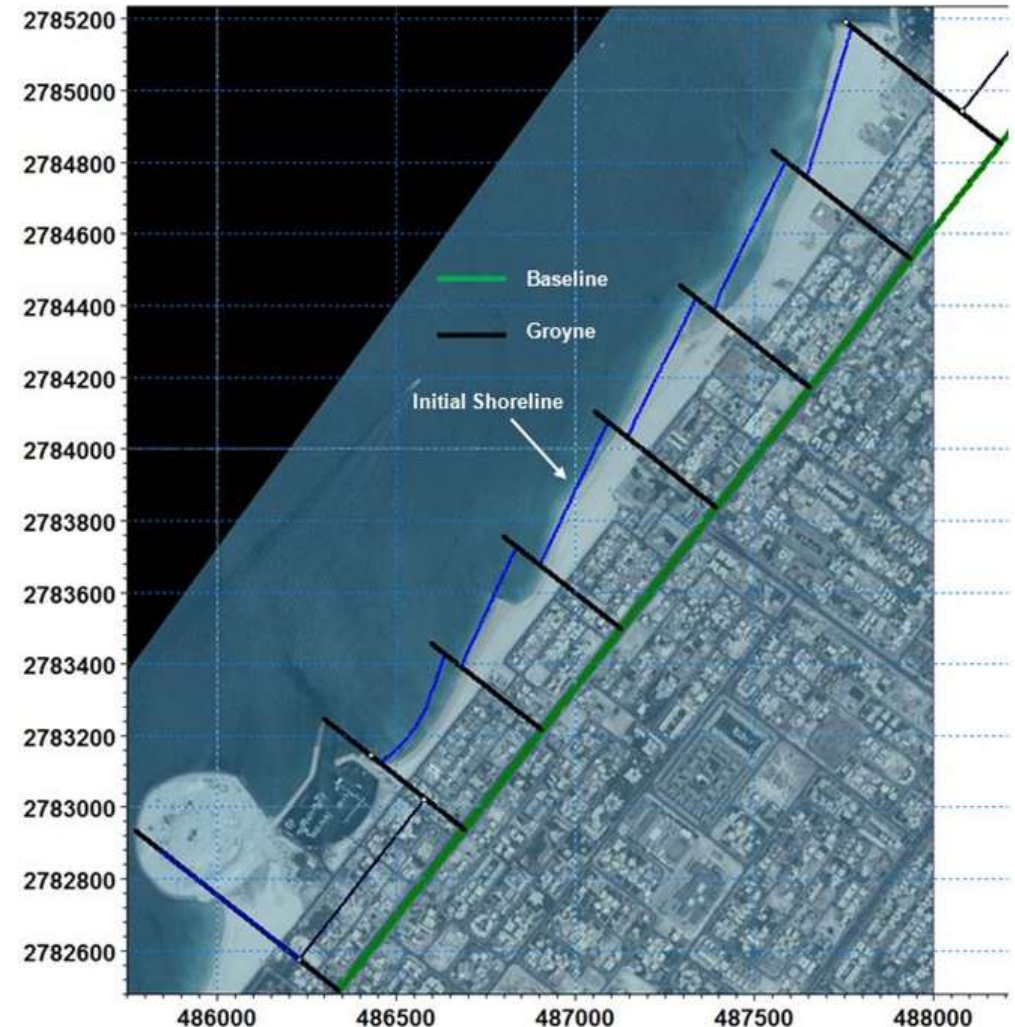
Nearshore Wave Climate

Input Data

- Initial Coastline
- Cross Shore Profile
- Sediment Characteristics
- Coastal Structures



Shoreline Evolution

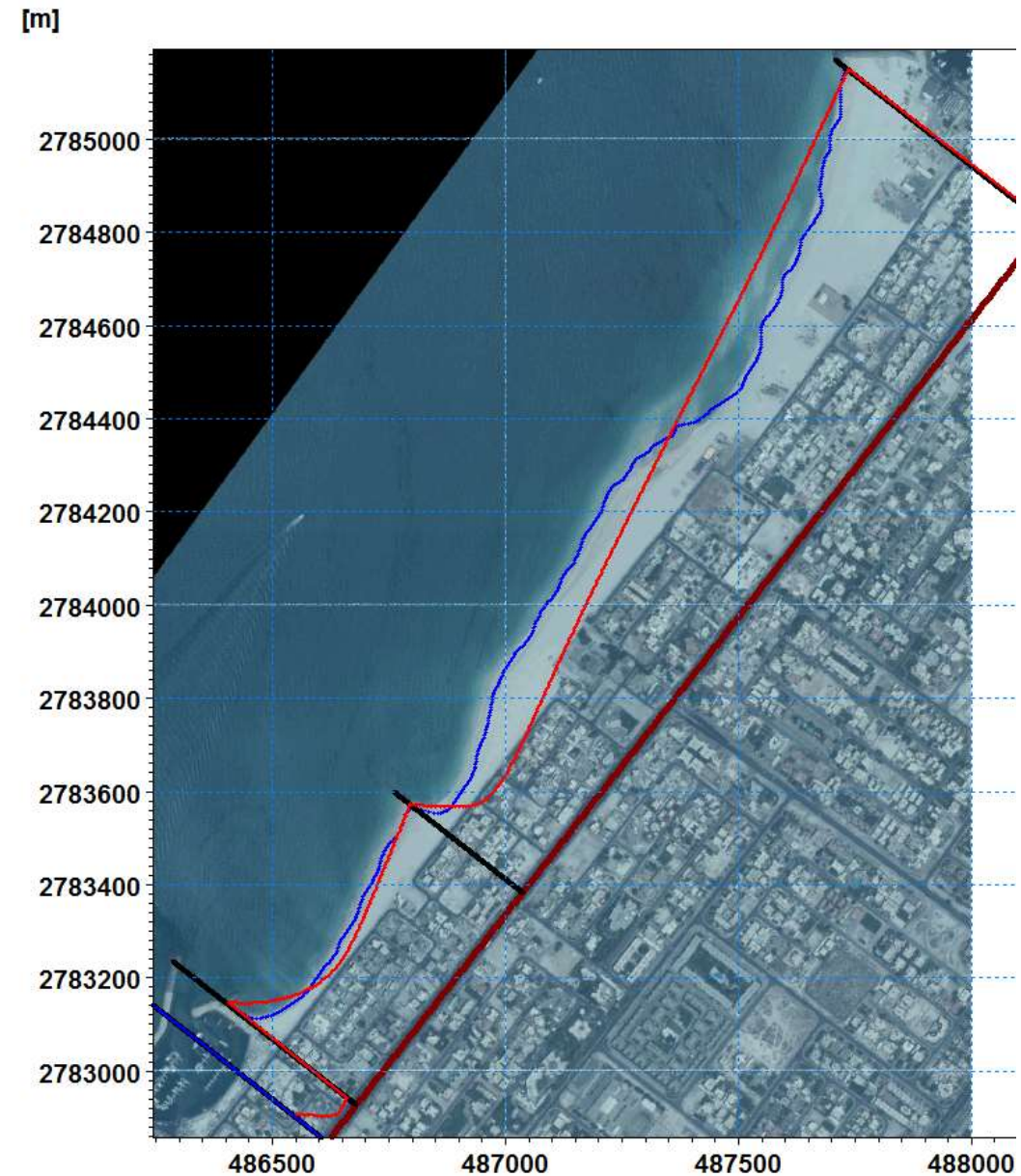


LITLINE model setup

Shoreline Evolution

Do nothing scenario

— Initial
— 10 years

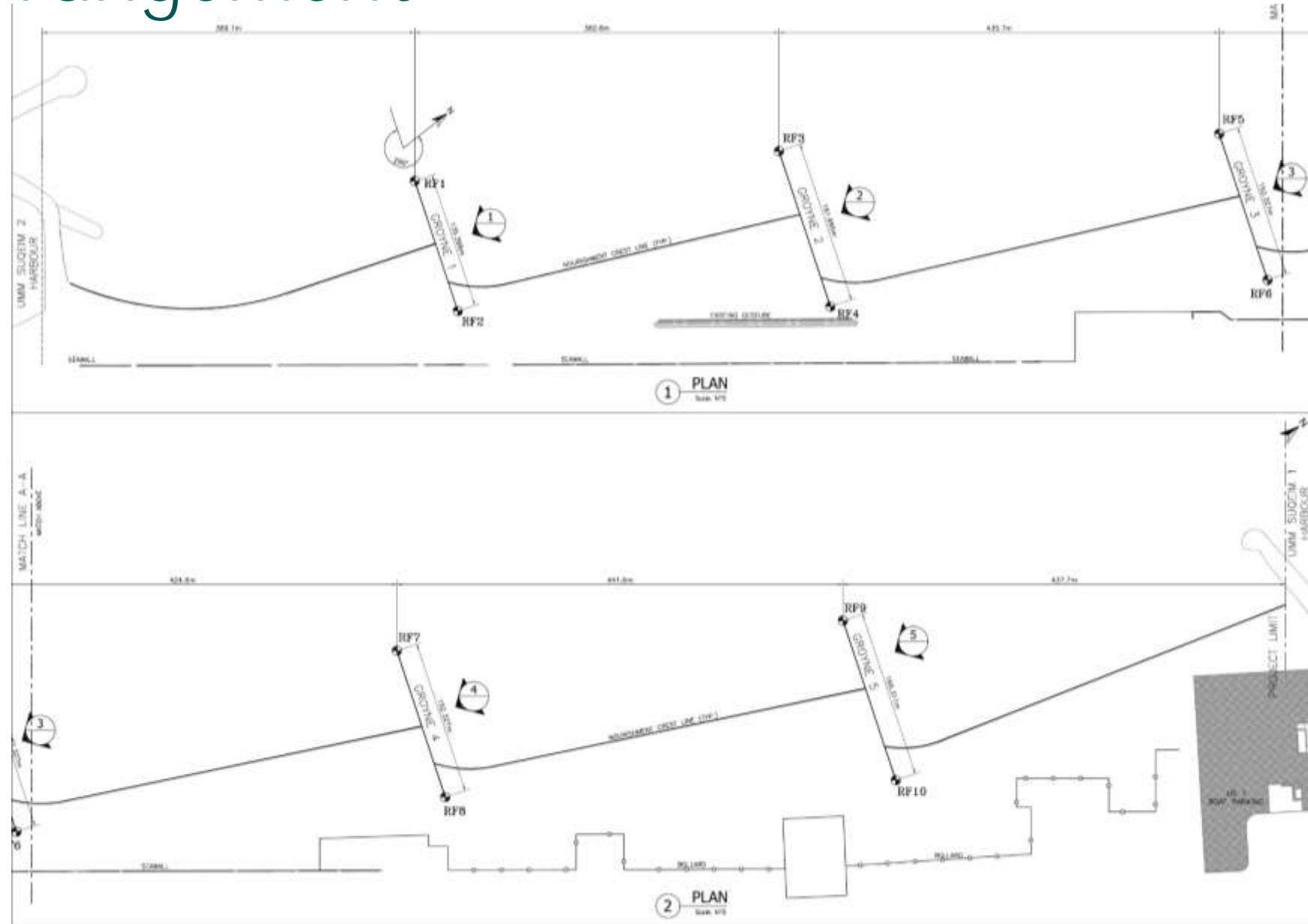


Shoreline Evolution With Stabilization Scheme



General Arrangement

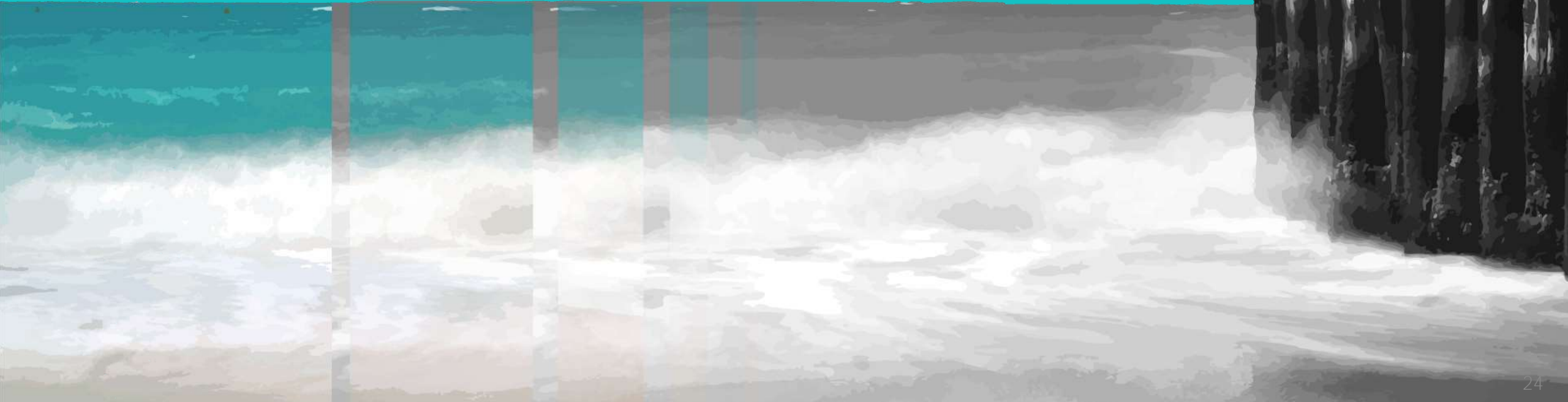
Minimum dry beach width is 40 m from the existing corniche



Groynes

Types of Groynes

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Selection of Groyne Type

Types of Groynes

- Rock
- Steel sheetpiles / Tubular piles
- Geotubes
- Timber

Advantages of Timber Groynes

- Less foot print compared to conventional rock groyne
- Aesthetic look

Drawbacks of existing concepts of Timber Groyne

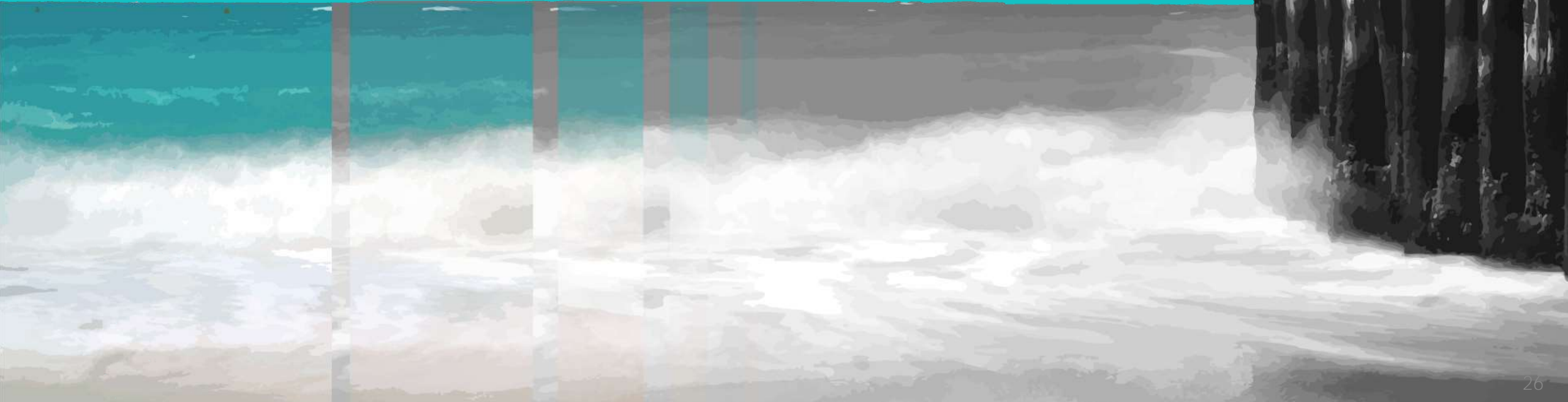
- Limited to shallow water depths, as procuring logs of uniform dimensions beyond certain length (>6m) is impractical
- Frequent maintenance required for the steel fixtures and planks



Groynes

Innovative Composite Groynes

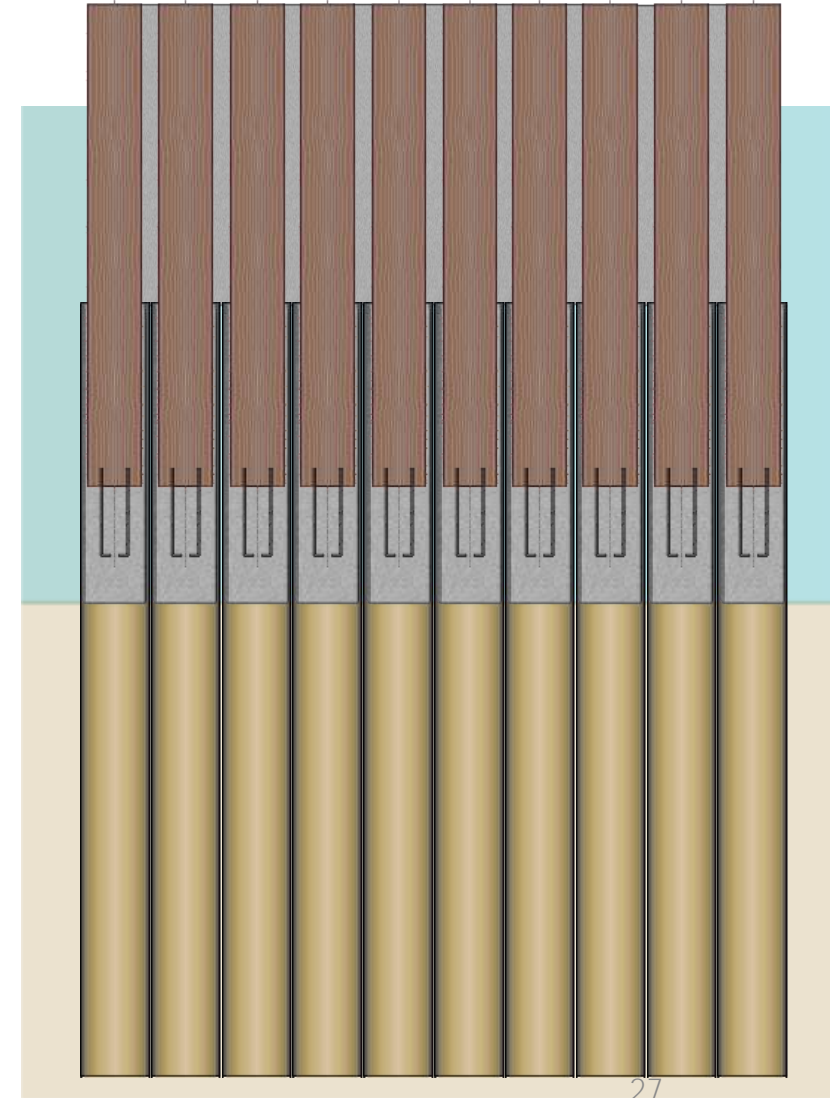
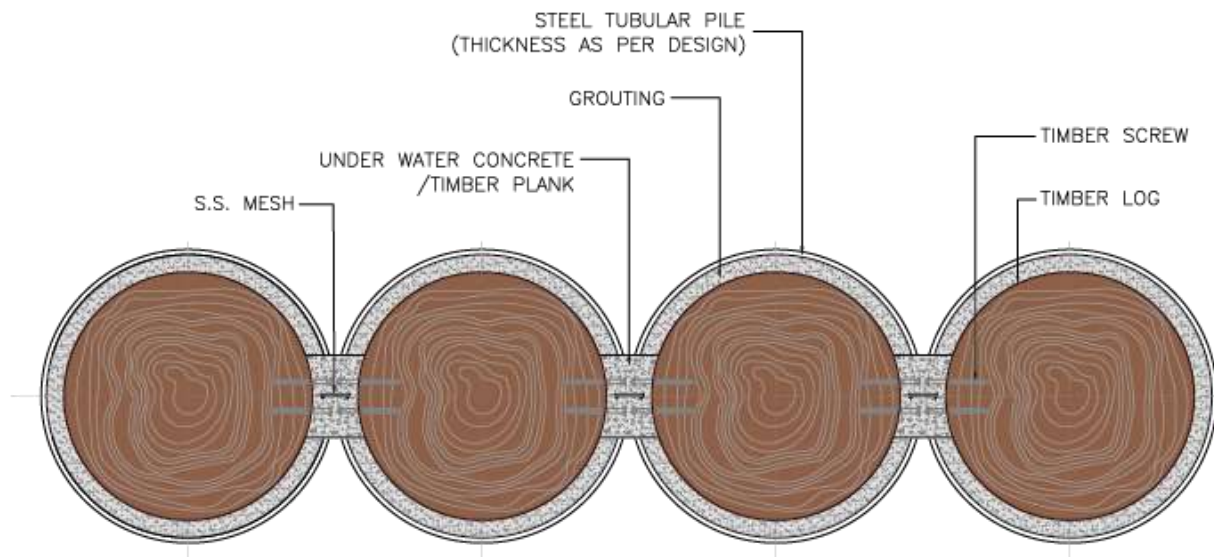
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Innovative Composite Groynes

Composite Groynes

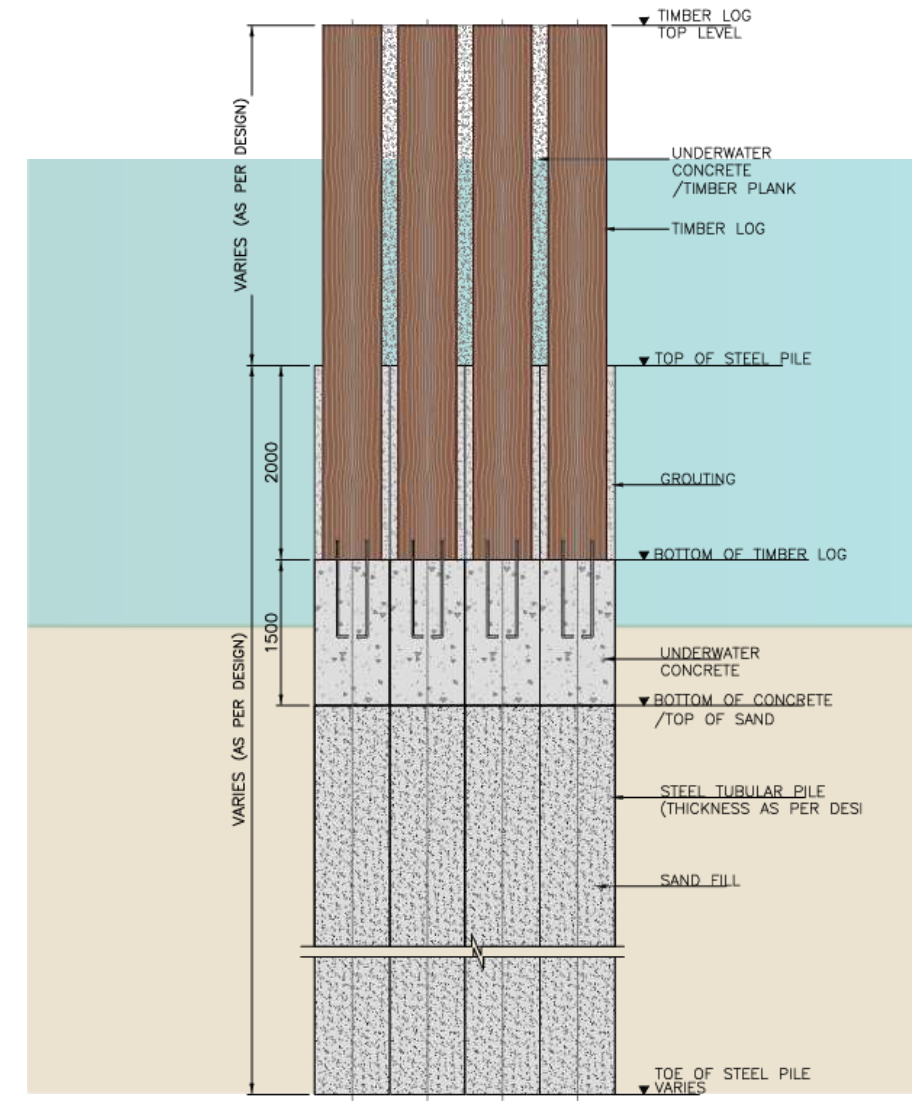
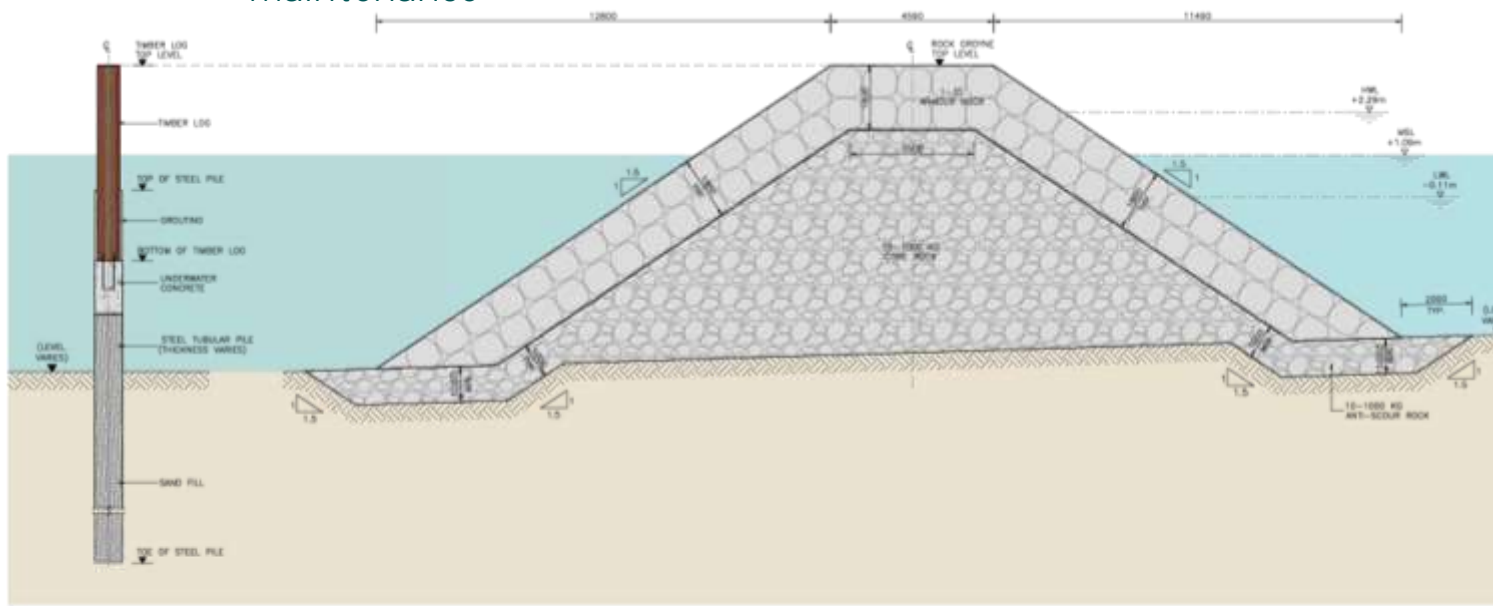
- Timber logs fixed to continuously driven steel tubular piles
- Timber logs are plugged through fresh concrete, partially filled inside steel piles
- Gap between successive logs is filled with concrete to form an impermeable groyne



Innovative Composite Groynes

Advantages of Composite Groynes

- Less foot print compared to conventional rock groyne
- Maintain aesthetic look
- Strength derived from steel piles and procuring steel piles of required lengths and mechanical properties is practical.
- Planks & steel fixtures are eliminated – meaning reduced maintenance



Functional Design

Length
Spacing

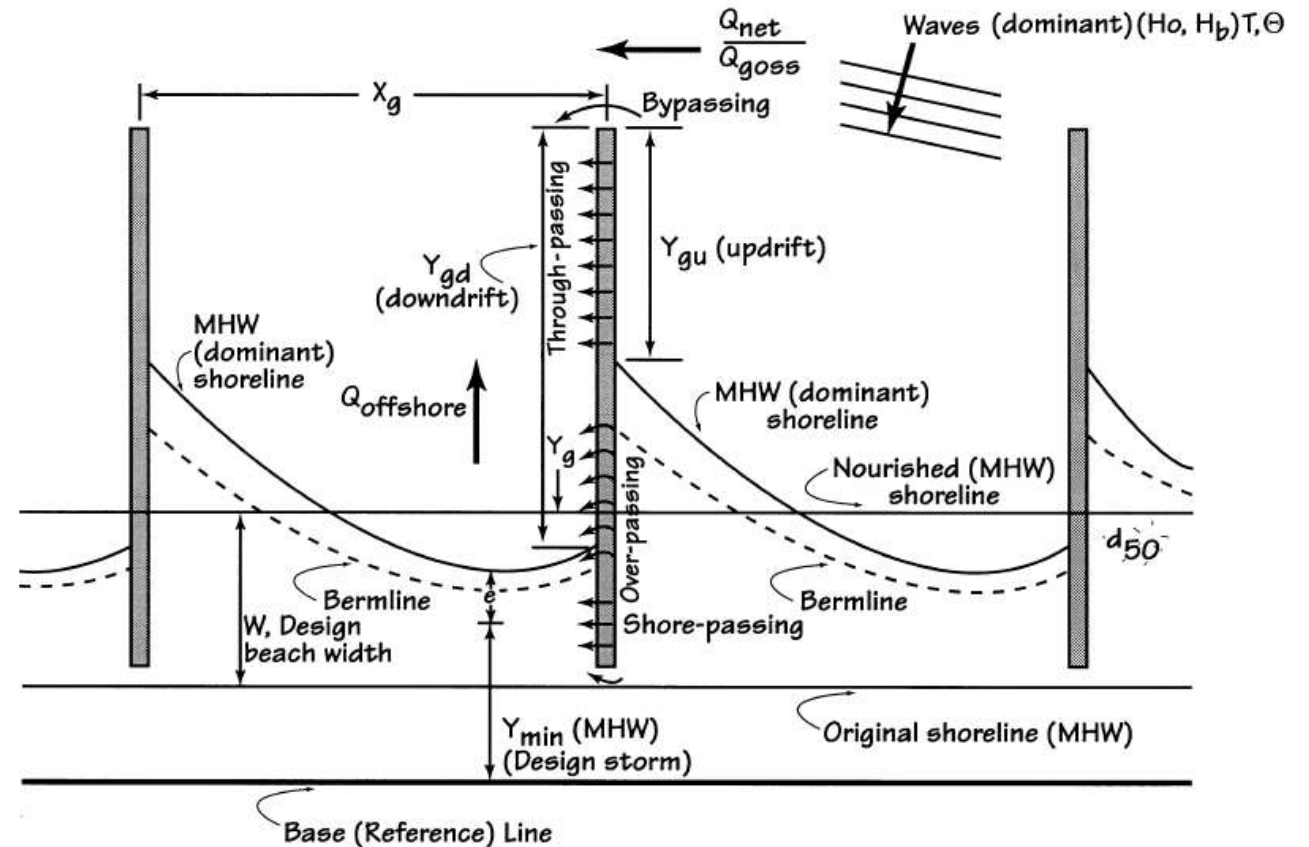
$$X_g / Y_g = 2 \text{ to } 3$$

Permeability → Impermeable

Orientation → Normal to the shoreline

Grain size D_{50} → 0.2mm to 0.3mm
(reclamation fill)

Min. dry beach width → 40 m from the existing cornice

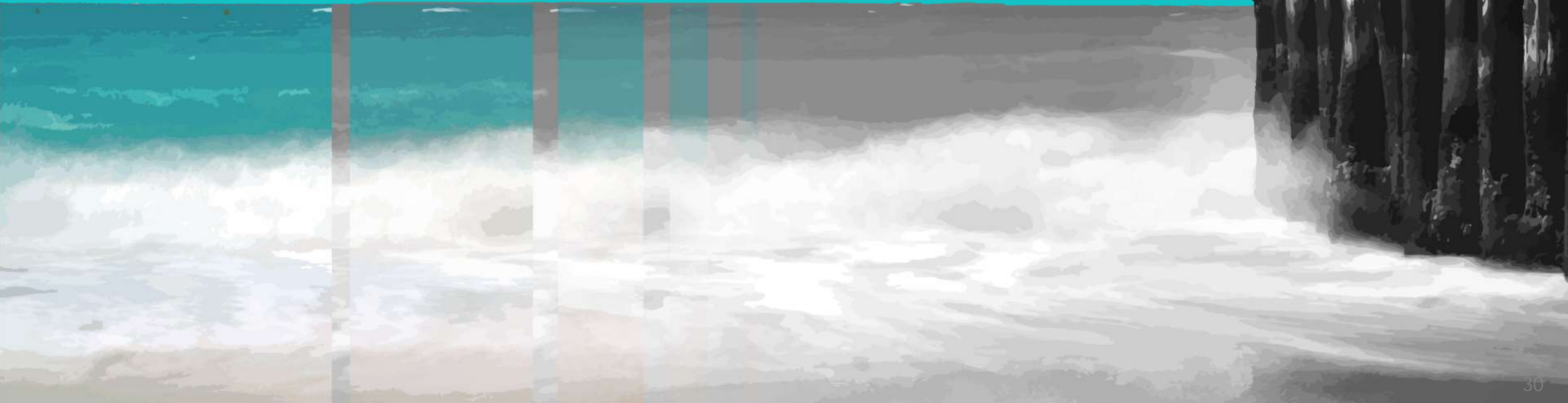


Groynes

Application of Composite Groynes

Umm Suqeim Beach

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Structural Design of Groynes

Disturbing Forces

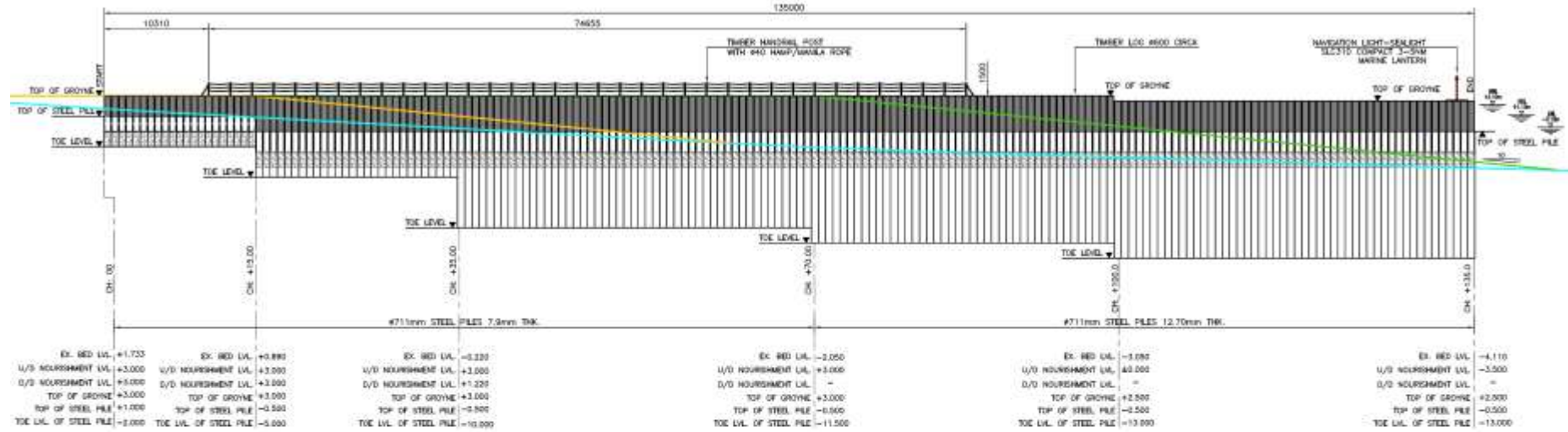
- Active earth pressure from updrift side
- Wave impact – Goda's Method
- Bed scour (reduction in penetration depth)

Stabilization Forces

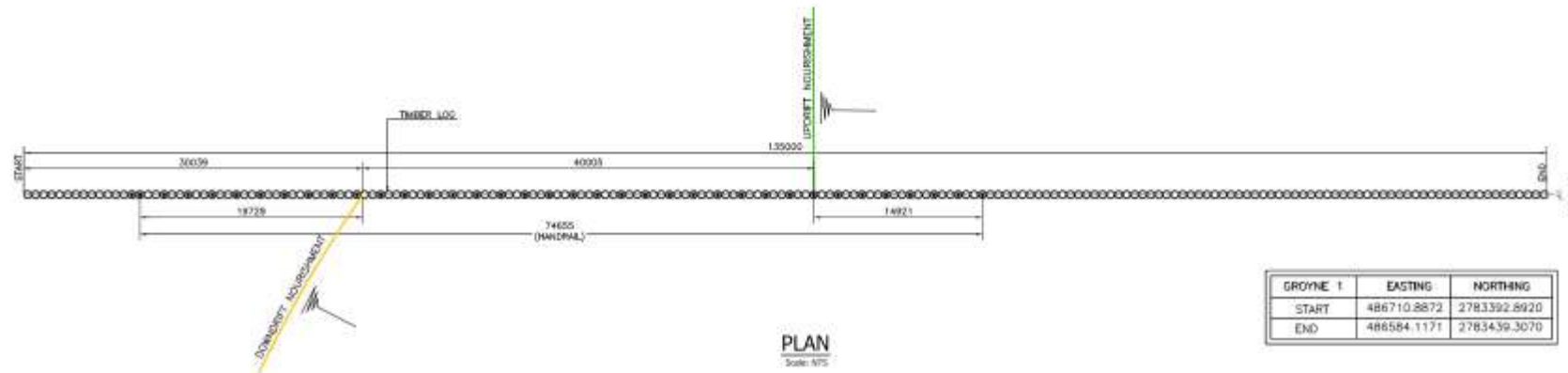
- Passive earth pressure from downdrift side



Design of Composite Groynes



1 VIEW 1 - ELEVATION
Scale: NTS



Construction Sequence

Stage 1 - Temporary cofferdam using steel sheet piles to enable pile driving and timber log installation



Stage 2: Driving Steel Tubular Piles



Stage 3: Preparation of Timber Logs



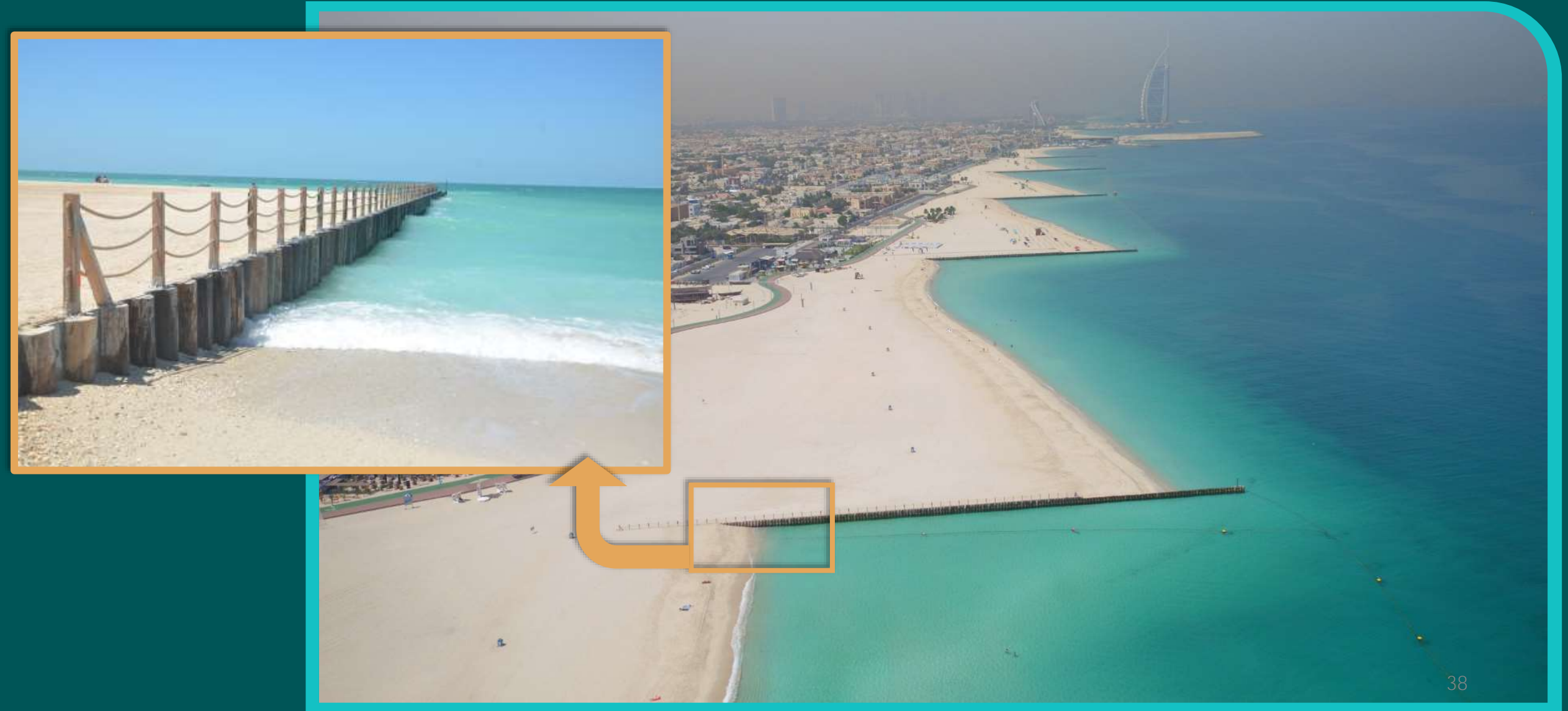
Stage 4: Fixing Timber Logs



Stage 5: Grouting the gap Between the Timber Logs



Upon Completion



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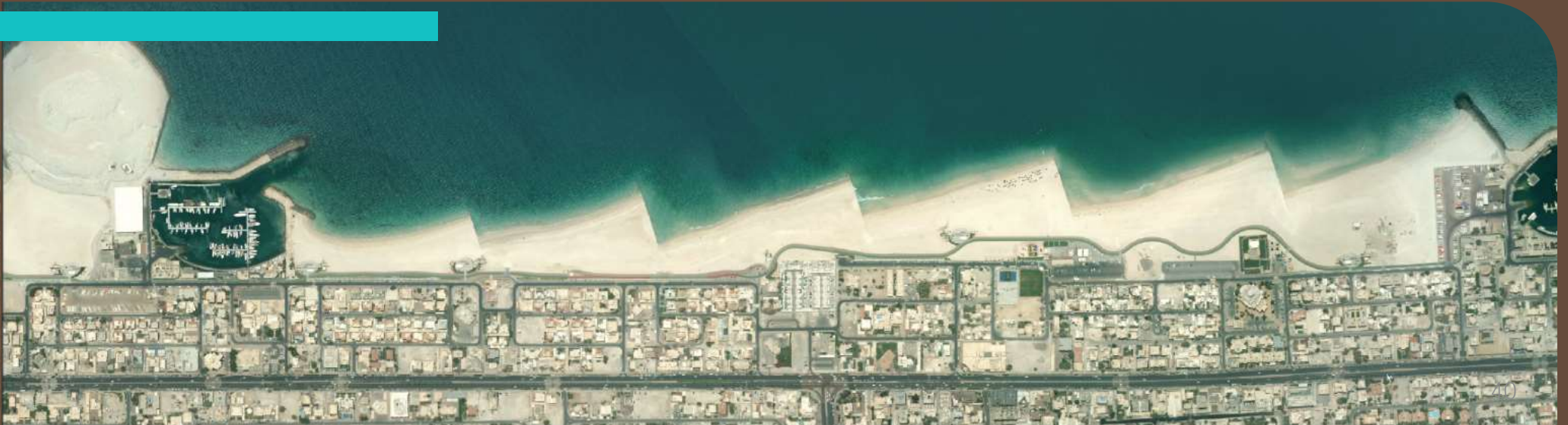


Project Outcome

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Pre
implementation

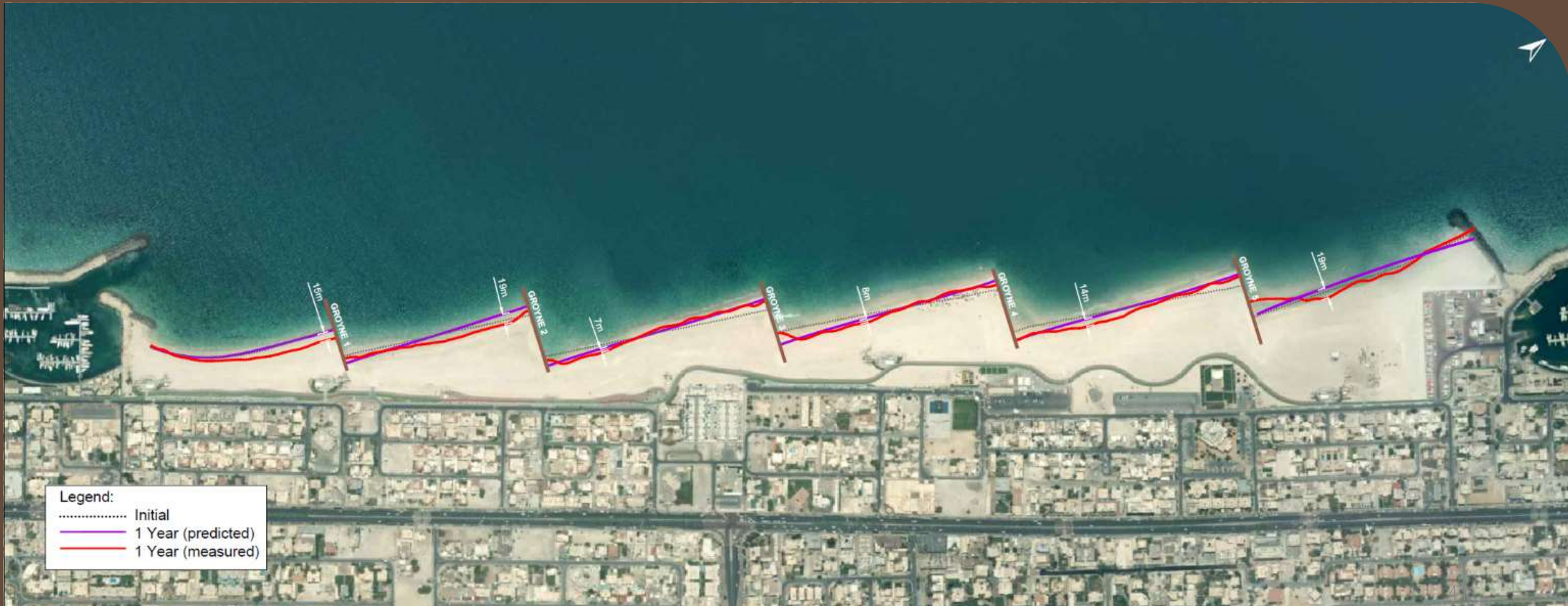


2015
Post
Implementation



Performance of the Implementation scheme

Shoreline comparison – Predicted vs. Measured – February 2016



Shoreline Monitoring Till Date



Recreational Uses

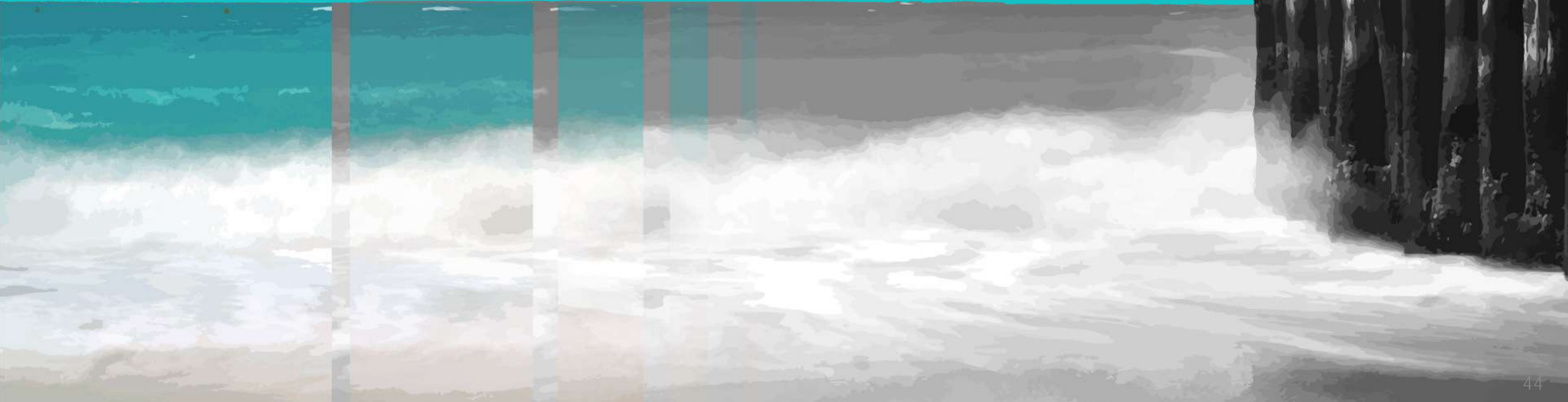
After Completion of Stabilization Scheme



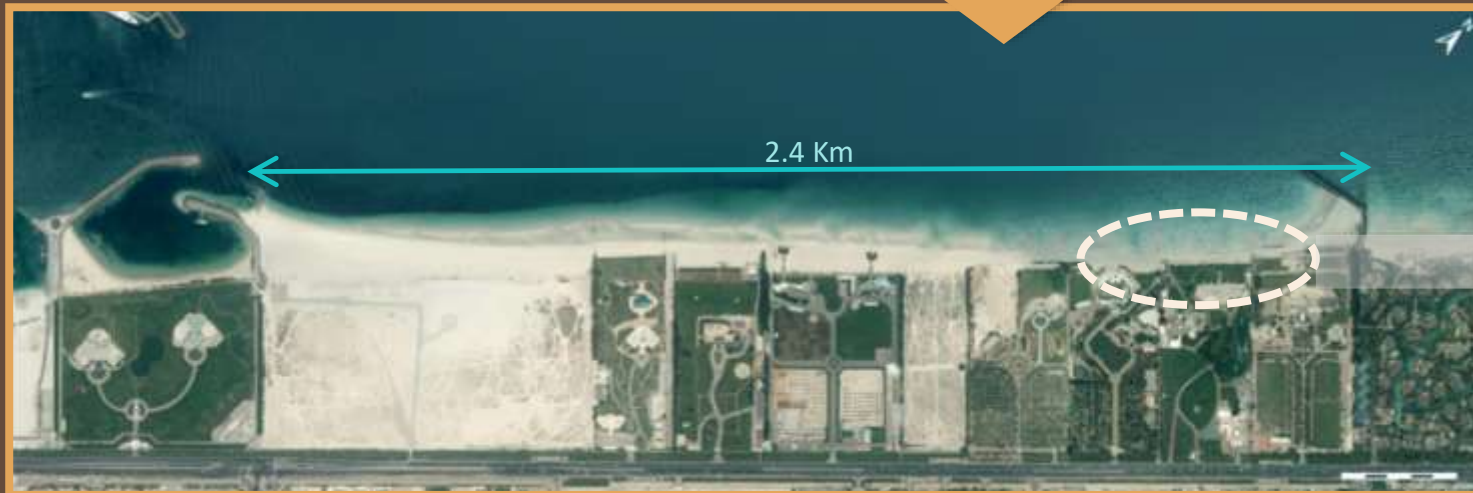
Case Study 2

Al Sufouh Beach

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Al Sufouh Beach



Al Sufouh Beach

Do nothing scenario

LEGEND

- INITIAL SHORELINE
- SHORELINE AFTER 1 YEAR
- SHORELINE AFTER 5 YEARS
- SHORELINE AFTER 10 YEARS
- SHORELINE AFTER 20 YEARS
- SHORELINE AFTER 30 YEARS



Al Sufouh Beach Stabilization Scheme

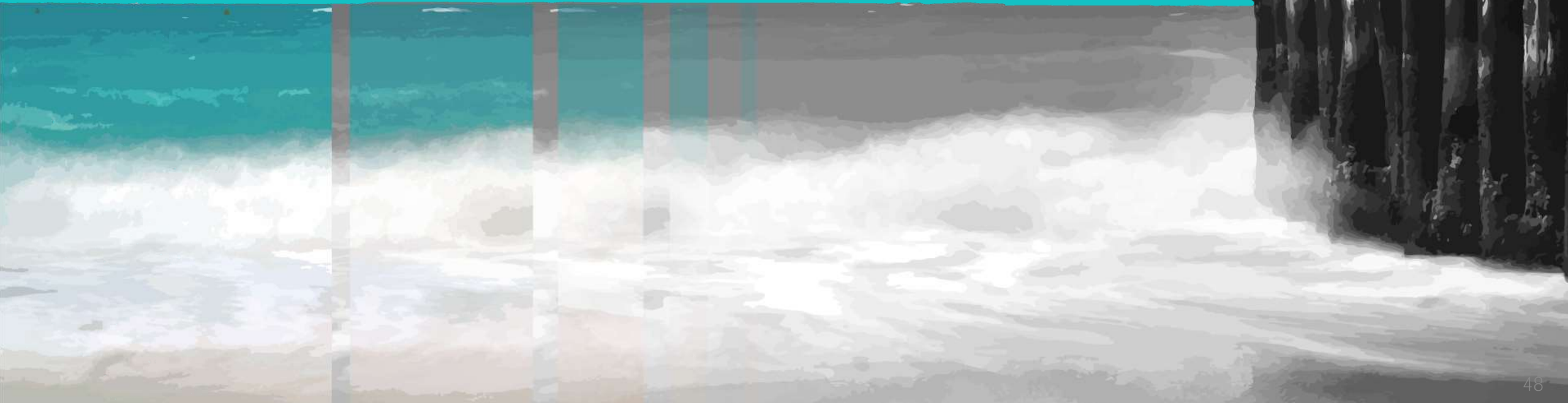


Groynes

Application of Composite Groynes

Al Sufouh Beach

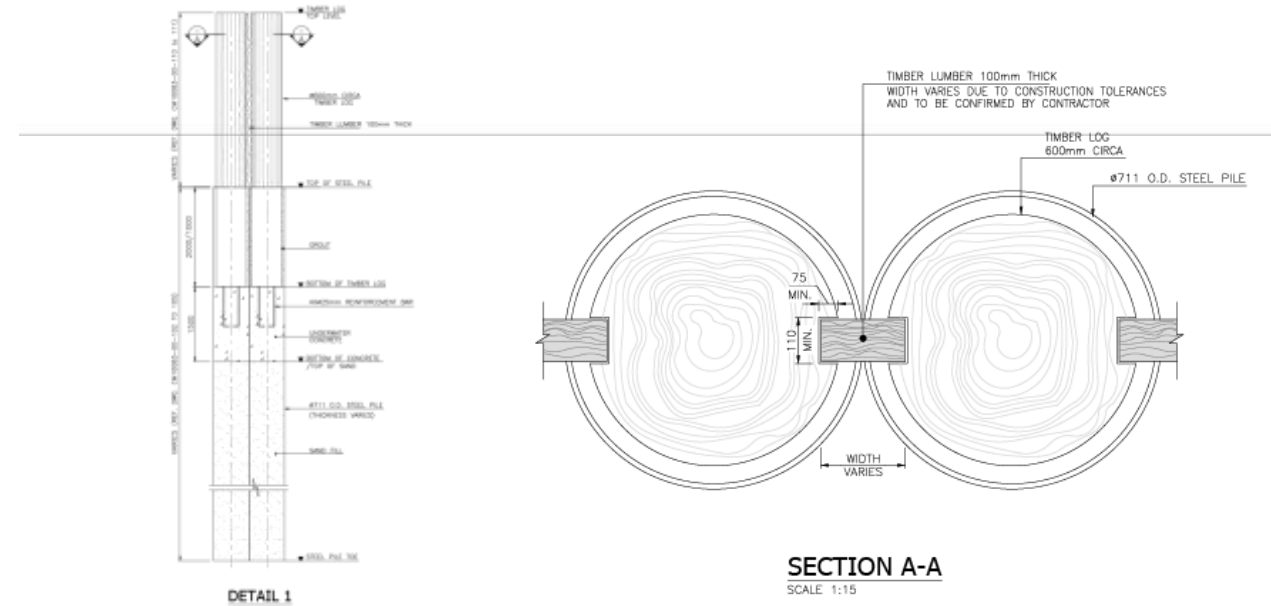
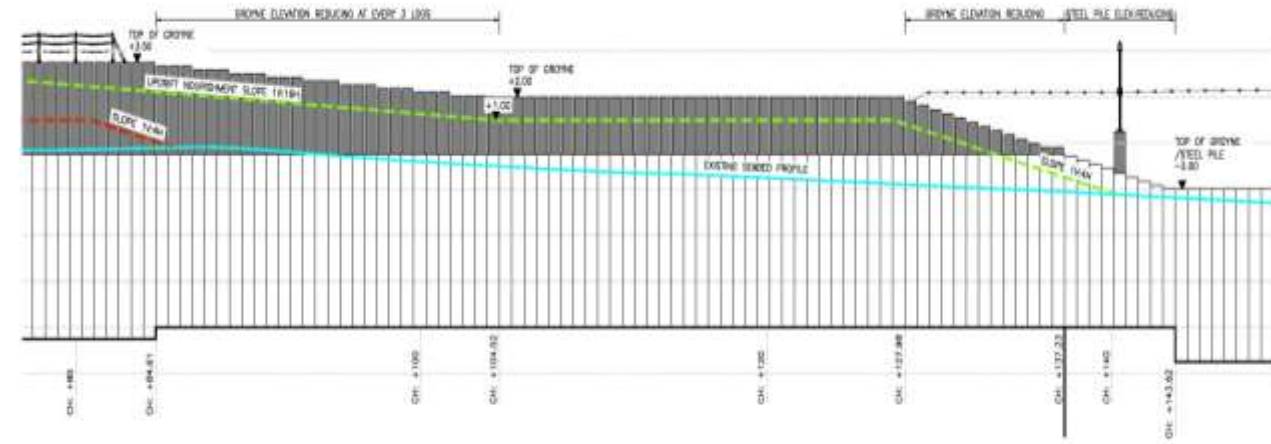
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Stabilization Scheme

Design Improvements:

- Gradually varying type.
Groyne top level follows the proposed beach slope
- Gap between successive timber logs is filled with timber planks avoiding concrete

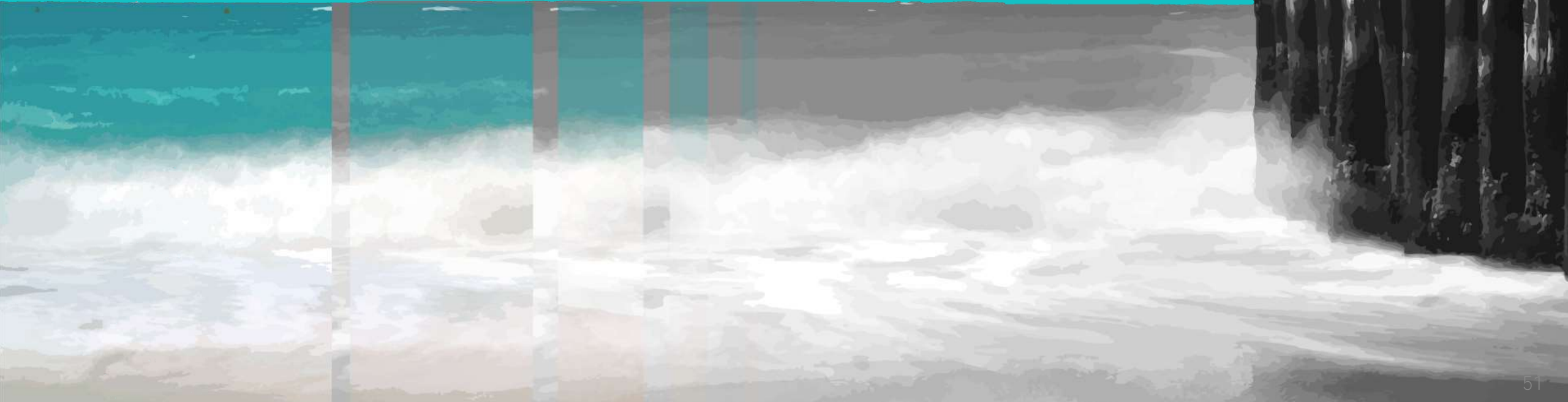


Construction Progress



Conclusion

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Summary

- The offshore reclamation developments has affected the wave climate and littoral drift causing erosion at several stretches along Dubai coast.
- Stabilization schemes with innovative composite groynes have been implemented successfully at the affected beaches.

Thank you



Timber as a Construction Material

Attractive characteristics

- Renewable source which can be sustainable if managed properly
- Relatively light weight with a good strength / weight ratio
- Attractive appearance and natural durability

Potential Drawbacks

- Natural material with inherent flaws and variability in properties
- Particular properties (large sections, long lengths or high durability) - available in limited quantities from particular species.
- Only renewable over a relatively long timescale, making it difficult to demonstrate sustainability.
- Few sources of tropical hardwoods are currently certified.

Timber Classification

Hard Wood

- Broad leafed trees
- Eg. Ekki, Greenheart, Oak, Teak, **Balau**

Source

Timber logs of Yellow Balau species are procured from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified suppliers in Malaysia

BS EN 350		BS 5589	Approximate life in ground contact	Examples
Class 1	Very durable	Very durable	> 25 years	Jarrag, Greenheart, Iroko, Ekki
Class 2	Durable	Durable	15 – 25 years	European Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Robinia, Yellow Balau