

## Endangered River Deltas



- 1 *Megacities grow larger and larger.*
- 2 *Megacities sink because of soil compaction and the extraction of groundwater, oil, and natural gas.*
- 3 *Destruction of natural coastal protections like mangroves.*
- 4 *Rising sea levels.*
- 5 *Soil salinization caused by seawater.*
- 6 *Reduced sediment deposits in deltas due to construction of dams, etc.*
- 7 *Less sediment leads to stronger erosion.*
- 8 *Storms from the sea magnify incidents of flooding.*
- 9 *Strong precipitation (monsoons) leads to river flooding and to rising water levels in the deltas.*