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Desperately short of living space and dangerously prone to flooding, the Netherlands plans to start building homes, businesses and even roads on water. With nearly a third of the country already covered by water and half of its land mass below sea level and constantly under threat from rising waters, the authorities believe that floating communities may well be the future. Six prototype wooden and aluminum floating houses are already attached to something off Amsterdam, and at least a further 100 are planned on the same estate, called Ijburg. “ Everybody asks why didn ’ t we do this kind of thing before, ” said Gijsbert Van der Woerdt, director of the firm responsible for promoting the concept.

“ After Bangladesh we ’ re the most densely populated country in the world. Building space is scarce and government studies show that we ’ ll need to double the space available to us in the coming years to meet all our needs. ” Before being placed on the water and moved into position by tugboats ( 拖船 ) , the hou 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)