

**COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORT:
VIETNAM**

**PSC MEETING OF THE GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA PROJECT ON
SCALING UP IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDS-SEA
JULY 24, 2017**

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Summary of Major Achievements/Outputs in 2016 – 2017

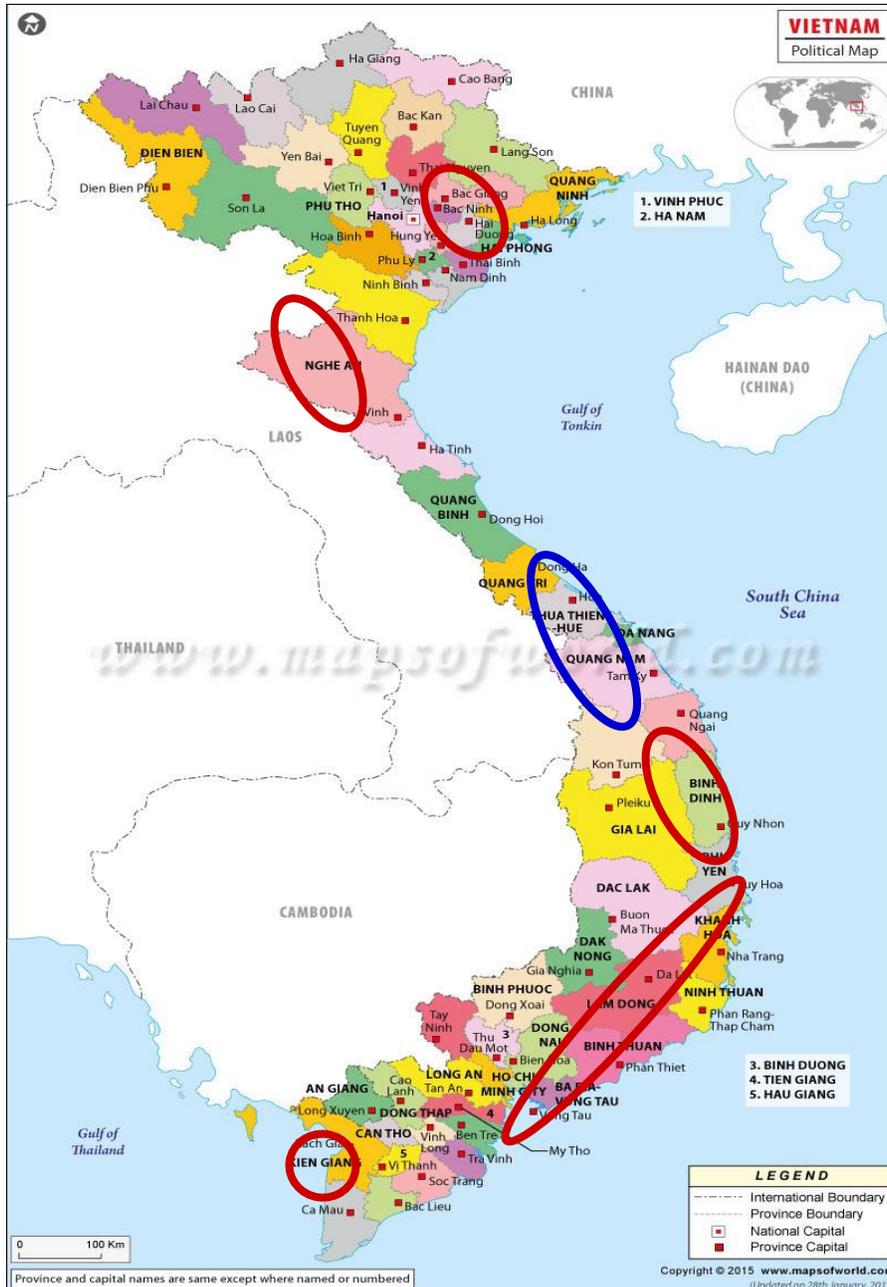
National Level:



- SEA Knowledge Bank Road Show and field visit conducted on 3-5 July 2016, Hanoi and Nghe An
- National Orientation Workshop on SOC and IIMS conducted on 15-20 August 2016 with the participation of 14 provinces
- ICM Circular drafted; National Consultation Workshop conducted on 21 April 2017
- Contract and TOR for VASI drafted
- VASI submitted project document to the Government of Viet Nam for final approval
- Participation in regional trainings:
 - Training Workshop on Marine Ecosystem Services Valuation and Spatial Management Tools, 23-26 August 2016, Busan, RO Korea (Danang University)
 - Orientation Training on the Application of Nutrient Load Model and Workshop on the Development of Pollution Reduction Opportunity Analysis, 19-20 October 2016, Manila, Philippines (VASI and DONRE Quang Nam)
 - Regional Workshop on Ocean Health Index, 13-14 March 2017, Manila, Philippines (Danang University)

GEF/UNDP PEMSEA Project ICM Scaling up Sites

- Danang: CCA/DRR; habitat protection and livelihood development
- Hai Phong: pollution reduction
- Kien Giang: CCA/DRR
- Quang Nam: habitat conservation and livelihood development
- Quang Ninh: pollution reduction
- Thua Thien Hue: water use management and sand beach mgmt.
- ICM scaling up in 8 additional provinces: Nghe An, Soc Trang, Khanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan, Binh Dinh, Binh Dinh, Ba Ria Vung Tau and Nam Dinh



Local Level:

- Contracts and TORs drafted for the 6 priority provinces and cities
- GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop (ECW) for Asia conducted in Danang on 5-7 April 2017; Danang's story on coastal tourism, beach management and sustainable fisheries and livelihood development showcased during the ECW.
- Danang identified as venue for the 6th GEF General Assembly in 2018



Existing collaboration with other projects or programmes in the country

Discussions initiated:

- GIZ for collaboration in the Mekong Delta Region under the Integrated Coastal and Mangrove Protection Program
- IUCN for collaboration in Quang Nam under the Mangroves for the Future Programme
- World Bank for ICM training

Impacts:

- VASI and DONRE officials of targeted provinces acquire better knowledge on ICM and the supporting tools such as SOC, IIMS, coastal use zoning; ecosystem services and their importance in the implementation of management programs related to habitat conservation and livelihood development, pollution reduction, integrated management of fisheries and CCA/DRR under the ICM framework;
- ICM knowledge obtained through the implementation of the project, especially through training and consultation workshops and meetings;
- ICM mainstreamed into the Law on Marine Resources and Environment, which came into force on 1 July 2016;
- Facilitated the implementation of National ICM Strategy and ICM National Action Plan in all coastal provinces and cities in Viet Nam.

Challenges:

- The final approval of the internal project document is anticipated to happen in August 2017, after which the contracts for VASI and ICM sites can be signed.
- Understanding about ICM and ecosystem-based management approach, valuation of ecosystem services and blue economy is still very limited.
- Local officials have difficulties in ICM implementation due to limited understanding and support from provincial leaders.
- Conflicts between sector legal documents and ICM legal documents still exist and difficult to resolve.

Lessons Learned:

- Better understanding of ICM and the mechanisms for ICM implementation at the national and local levels are important.
- Stronger support for ICM implementation from local leaders backed with a complete legal system on ICM is needed for successful ICM implementation.
- Training workshops on ICM concept, related legal documents that support implementation are needed at all levels, most especially at the local level.
- The participation of local residents and communities is vital for a successful ICM program, especially in the conservation and better management of coastal and marine and fishery resources.
- ICM awareness raising is needed for all sectors related to coastal and marine natural resource use and exploitation, and environmental protection and management.

Priority/Target Activities (2017-2018):

| | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Component 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Signing of Contract and TOR▪ Draft National State of Oceans and Coasts Report▪ ICM Circular finalization and adoption▪ Mid-term evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ICM National Coordination Committee regular meetings▪ Implementation of communication and advocacy plan▪ Final review document on national ocean and coastal policy, sector-based policies, legislation and institutional mechanisms▪ Final National State of Oceans and Coasts Reports▪ National ICM Forum▪ Participation in the 2018 East Asian Seas Congress |

| | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Component 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signing of 6 Contracts and TORs ▪ National ICM Orientation ▪ PNLG tracking system (4 LGU members) ▪ Mid-term evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of SOC reports ▪ Completion of ICM plans; implementation of ICM plans ▪ ICM Code implementation in Batangas, Bataan, Cavite and Guimaras ▪ Participation in the 2018 PNLG Forum and 2018 EAS Congress ▪ Designation of new ICM Learning Centers |

Budget Summary 2017 – 2018

| | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Component 1 | 30,000 | 98,500 |
| Component 2 | 56,627.68 | 223,530 |
| Component 3* | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | USD 86,627.68 | USD 322,030 |

*Budget for Component 3 is incorporated in Components 1 & 2