Policies and Programmes related to Water-Energy-Food for Red River and Mekong River Basins in Viet Nam

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Development of hydropower in Viet Nam

 Strategy for Development of hydropower in Vietnam: Development of hydropower must meet both socio economic and environment targets

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- Main hydropower plants in North of Viet Nam:
- Thac Ba (1973): **2.160** × 10⁶ m³
- Nui Coc (1979): **178 x 10⁶ m**³
- Hoa Binh(1990): **5,650 x 10⁶ m**³
- Tuyen Quang (2007): **1,699×10⁶ m**³
- Son La (2012): **6,504 x 10⁶ m**³
- Lai Chau (under construction): **759×10⁶ m**³

Up to 2020 total volume of reservoir: 20,115 ×10⁶ m³; at present: 17,730×10⁶ m³; remainder: 2,385 ×10⁶ m³

Development of hydropower Viet Nam

- Red River Basin: Among of the larges in the world (China, Lao, and Vietnam)
- Total area: 149,760
 Km²; Vietnam: 73,812 Km² (50.7%)
 - Land use: Forest:
 2,570,775 ha;
 Agriculture: 1,874,100 ha.



Negative impact of hydropower in Vietnam

- Many hydropower dams have constructed at upstream of the river caused of changing in flow regime and water quality (there are 21 hydropower plants constructed in China)
- Recently, water shortage occurs in reservoirs in Vietnam: Hoa Binh: +103 (+117m – design mean water level); Tyne Quang +103 (+120m – design mean water level).
- Impacts on: ecosystem (biodiversity), fishery (reduction, extinct), agriculture, transportation, salt intrusion (20-40km), sedimentation (reduce, erosion), living condition of people in downstream areas.

Contribution of water, sediment in Red River delta





After building dam (2014), volume of water decreased: 9.29.10⁶ m³/year



After building dam (2014), volume of sediment decreased: 50.308 .10⁶ ton/year

Concentration of TSS in coastal area



After building dam (2014)

After building dam (2014), total volume of sediment decreased: 58%

Nutrient contribution and fishery in Red River Basin

	TN (T/day)	TP (T/day)	Fish (10 ³ T/Year)	
Before building dam	47211 50	E296 E0	24 64	
(1975)	47211.50	5260.50	24.04	
After building dam	26958 00	2951 50	9.94	
(2014)	20550.00	2551.50	5.54	
Reduction (%)	42.90	44.17	59.66	





Density of species (number/m³)

Total number of species

Salt concentration in dry and rainy seasons in coastal area



Before building dam (1975)





After building dam (2014)

COD and BOD₅ at the river mouth





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(2014)	2.425	
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Development of hydropower in Mekong River

- Salt intrusion;
- Irregular flood regimes;
- Water shortage for living, agriculture, industry and other services;
- Decreasing in sediment and nutrient;
- Costal line erosion;
- Decreasing in ground water table ;
- Land subsidence;
- Environmental pollution;
- Negative impact for ecological system



Salt intrusion in Mekong River-Viet Nam



Flooding and water shortage in Mekong River-Viet Nam



Coastal erosion in Mekong River-Viet Nam



Biodiversity decrease in Mekong River-Viet Nam



Existing and ongoing/planning

pogrammes in Mekong Delta - Viet Nam

- 1. 1983-1990 (survey program): Natural conditions for planning of social-economic development
- 2. 2000-upto now (KC.08): Solution for flood control, drought, salt intrusion, environment.
- 3. 2011-2015 (scientific program for respond climate change respond): Adaptation and mitigation

Existing and ongoing/planning programmes in Mekong Delta- Viet Nam

- 4. 2014-2019 (Southern-west region program): Natural conditions for planning of socialeconomic development
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- 6. 2016-upto now (scientific program for climate change respond): Adaptation and mitigation

Existing and ongoing/planning projects in Mekong delta

- 7. Research on coastal erosion from Ca Mau Ha Tien;
- 8. 2000-upto now (KC.09): Solution for sustainable development of sea-economy;
- 9. Project: Denmark, Netherlands, WB (ODA)
- 10. Evaluation of ground water in in Me Cong Delta;
- 11. Evaluation of land subsidence in Me Cong Delta (Approved by VN Government-2016).

National action Programmes

- 1. Determine the water use under upstream conditions and climate change (Update the hydrological regime from upstream-China; evaluation of existing observation system)
- 2. Analysis and prediction of social-economic impact under different scenarios (water use; climate change)
- 3. Integrate solutions for sustainable development in consideration of natural resources (soil, water), energy, food security and climate change with regional scale.

National action Programmes

- 4.Apply advantage technology from developed countries to Mekong Delta.
- Install the automatic observation system for salt, sediment concentration.
- Use solutions (Engineering and management) for coastal line erosion, land subsidence.
- Green economy model (renewable energy, mangrove forest).
- Change the cropping patterns.

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