

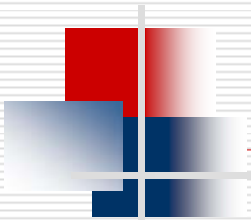


LEGISLATION AND STRATEGY ON THE WATER RESOURCES IN VIETNAM



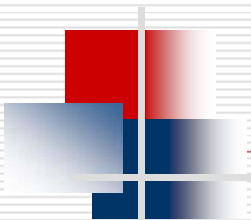
-  The Law on Water Resources
-  National Water Resources Strategy
-  Transboundary Water Cooperation
-  Expectations from IWRM-based BDP





LEGAL DOCUMENT ON WATER RESOURCES

1. The Law on Water Resource (May 1998)
2. Decree No.179/1999/ND-CP stipulating implementation of the Law on Water Resources (Dec. 1999)
3. Decree No.149/2004/ND-CP licensing exploitation, extraction and utilisation and waste water discharge in water sources (2004)
4. Decree No.34/2005/ND-CP on sanctions against administrative violations of water resources management regulations (Mar. 2005)
5. Circular guiding implementation of the Decree No.34/2005/ND-CP providing for sanctions against administrative violations of water resources management regulations (Jul. 2005)



LAW ON WATER RESOURCES

- The Law regulates the management, protection, exploitation and prevention, combat against and overcoming of harmful effect caused by water
- 10 chapters
- 75 Articles



Chapter I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Chapter II
PROTECTING THE WATER RESOURCE

Chapter III
EXPLOITATION AND USE OF WATER RESOURCE

Chapter IV
**PREVENTING, COMBATING AND OVERCOMING THE CONSEQUENCES
OF FLOODS AND OTHER HARMFUL EFFECTS OF WATER**

Chapter V
**EXPLOITATION AND PROTECTION OF WATER
CONSERVANCY WORKS**





Chapter VI

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN WATER RESOURCE

Chapter VII

STATE MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCE

Chapter VIII

SPECIALIZED INSPECTION ON WATER RESOURCE

Chapter IX

REWARDS AND HANDLING OF VIOLATIONS

Chapter X

IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS



Water resource owned by the people and managed uniformly by the State

Organizations and individuals entitled to exploit and use the water resource for life and production

All taken full responsibilities to protect the water resource, prevent and overcome harmful effect may caused by water resources

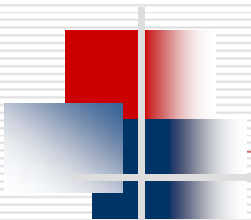




National Water Resources Strategy towards the Year 2020

Decision 81/2006/QĐ-TTg on 14 April 2006

- ⊗ Aiming at strengthen protection, exploitation, utilization and development of water resources, prevention and mitigation of adverse impacts caused by water
- ⊗ Accompanying with 18 priority projects for the period 2006-2010





Guiding Principles

1. Strategy implemented in comprehensive manner with concentration on national development targets
2. Management, protection and development of water resources reflected the integration nature of river basin, including aquatic and ecological systems
3. Enforcement and effectiveness of the State management of water resources strengthened
4. Socio-economic development plan based on real potentials of the water source
5. Water utilization oriented to multi-purpose approaches, incorporating interests of sectors, localities and communities to ensure highest socio-economic efficiencies and balanced development and protection
6. The State shall ensure necessary resources with appropriate policies to sustainable development and protection of the water resources



Missions

1. Enhancing protection of water resources and aquatic eco-systems
2. Ensuring sustainability and effectiveness in exploitation and use of water resources
3. Sustaining development of water resources
4. Mitigating adverse impacts caused by water
5. Improving institutional arrangements
6. Strengthening capacities in basic investigation, scientific research and technology development










Overall objective

Protection, exploitation and sustainable development of water resources on the basis of integrated and unified management to meet water demands for people's living and socio-economic development while ensuring national defence and security and environmental protection and mitigation of adverse impacts caused by water





Specific Objectives

1. Protection of water resources 
2. Exploitation and utilization of water resources 
3. Water resources development 
4. Mitigation of adverse impacts caused by water 
5. Strengthen of institutional capacity in water resources management 





Measures to Implementation

1. Communication, education, public awareness improvement and encouragement of community participation
2. Strengthening legislation and Institution
3. Increasing public investment and enhancing community participation in the provision of water services
4. Development of human resources, science and technology
5. Extension and improvement of international cooperation
6. Renovation of financial mechanisms





Priorities to Implementation of the National Water Resources Strategy in the Period 2006 - 2010

1. Inventory and assessment of national water resources and establishment of national water resources information and data system
2. Water resources sharing with priority given to domestic uses and securing water for power generation of key hydropower plants in cases of drought occurrence
3. Ensuring water security for provinces with severe water shortage by water allocation and regulation
4. Re-structuring cropping patterns for a more economical and efficient water use
5. Development of regulatory reservoirs operational rules for major river basins
6. Protection and preservation of groundwater in large cities
7. Implementation of community participation in water service provision, development of multi-sectoral water industries in accordance with a socialist-oriented market economy
8. Protection of precious aquatic species
9. Ensuring environmental flows, maintaining aquatic eco-systems and hydropower reservoirs and dams.

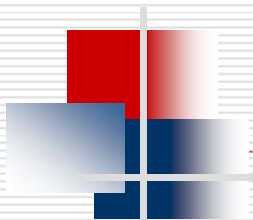


Priorities to Implementation of the National Water Resources Strategy in the Period 2006 - 2010

10. Protection and rehabilitation of protective forests for major watersheds
11. Development of the management mechanism of irrigation and hydropower reservoirs for economy and tourism development, environment protection and improvement of people's living standard
12. Bilateral cooperation with neighbouring countries in water resources basic survey, information and data sharing, protection, exploitation and uses of transboundary water sources
13. Rehabilitation and modernisation of the sea dyke systems
14. Revising and amending the Law on Water Resources
15. Developing economic tools for water resources management
16. Communication and improvement of public awareness on water resources
17. Developing curricula on water resources at different education levels
18. Mobilization of Nation-wide involvement in water resources management and protection



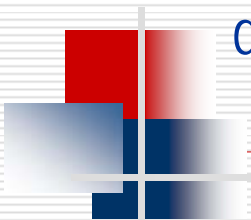
TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION





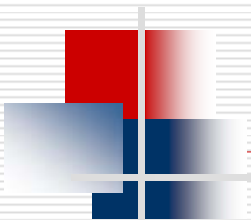
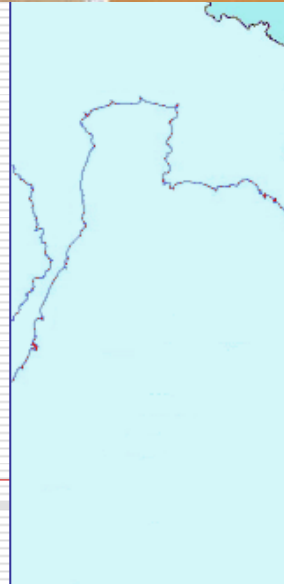
Bilateral cooperation

- Assisting each other in implementation of MRC programs (elaboration and implementation of rules/procedures on Water utilization)
- Promoting exchange of data/information related to development in upstream parts
- Facilitating bilateral cooperation between relevant ministries, sectors
- Formulating joint projects in 3-S zone under ADB initiation (Lao – Cambodia – Vietnam) and Join projects in Mekong delta under assistance of WB (Vietnam – Cambodia)
- Strengthening capacity building in interested fields (technical and managerial fields)
- Exchange visit at various levels for promoting cooperation and discussion on issues of mutual concern



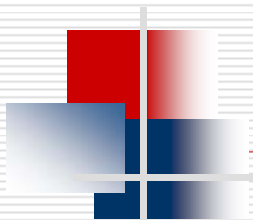


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Strengthen bilateral cooperation with LNMC and CNMC through MOUs signed by Chairman – Ministers and its action plan





**Memorandum of Understanding
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The Viet Nam National Mekong Committee
and**



**Dr. Cao Duc Phat
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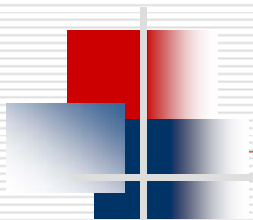
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**Strengthening
Water Resource**



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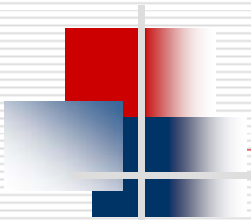
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Lessons and Experiences from regional cooperation

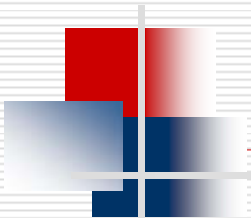
- Well directed by national LAWs and Policies
- Goodwill and strong national commitments confirmed
- Regional and bilateral cooperation promoted
- Roles of regional and national RBOs actively played
- Development - Protection well balanced
- Cooperation at all levels in all possibilities
- Qualified human resources





Expectations from IWRM-Based BDP Country's Views

- Regional development opportunities realized and shared for better collaboration/cooperation and national integration
- Good and updated long-term plan followed the Basin-wide strategy and Scenario
- Development activities coordinated and well balanced with environment protection
- Analysis/assessment tools well developed and widely applied
- Human resources qualified in planning and management
- Public involvement in water planning process strengthened





Thank you

