



GGGI Vietnam: Fact Sheet

Water and Green Growth for the Mekong Delta

Challenges

Vietnam's considerable economic growth over recent decades has come at the cost of environmental degradation throughout the country. The Mekong Delta region, a critical source of food security and an underdeveloped engine of potential national growth, is facing considerable challenges including:

- Adequate water resources management
- Rapid urbanization and insecure land tenure
- Land degradation due to drought, soil erosion, and the unregulated and excessive use of chemical inputs, which increase salinity and acidification

Activities

The Government of Vietnam recognizes that to achieve the sustainable development goals identified in its "National Strategy on Green Growth for the period 2011-2020 with vision to 2050", modernizing the Mekong Delta's agricultural production and water resource management systems will be critical. In support of this goal, GGGI has partnered with the Vietnam National Mekong Committee (VNMC) to implement the Water and Green Growth Mekong Delta project, which is:

- Promoting the inclusion of green growth principles within the development context of the Mekong Delta
- Supporting VNMC and relevant ministries to design green growth water-sector policies
- Identifying possible green growth intervention opportunities and developing appropriate policy recommendations
- Developing water thematic knowledge-sharing practices and platforms engaging local, regional, and global stakeholders
- Raising awareness among institutional stakeholders on water and green growth issues

Overall Objectives

- Support the implementation of water sector green growth policies for the Mekong Delta
- Develop water green growth awareness and buy-in among government officials and relevant stakeholders

Implementing Partners

- Vietnam National Mekong Committee (VNMC)

Contributing Partners

- Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC)

Results to Date

- Scoping Report: Unleashing Green Growth in the Mekong Delta – a multi-stakeholder approach to identify key policy options, June 2014
- Conference Report: 'Green Growth on the Rise in the Mekong River Basin: From Concept to Reality International Conference,' July 2014