

## ACRONYMS

<b>ADB</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>AEAM</b>	Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management
<b>AOX</b>	Adsorbable Organic Halogens
<b>BC</b>	Benchmark Concentration
<b>BOD</b>	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
<b>CEA</b>	Cumulative Effects Assessment
<b>CEARC</b>	Canadian Environmental Assessment Research Council
<b>CEIA</b>	Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>CEQ</b>	Council on Environmental Quality (United States of America)
<b>CITES</b>	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
<b>EA</b>	Environmental Assessment
<b>EC50</b>	Effect Concentration (for 50% of the test organisms)
<b>EEC</b>	Expected Environmental Concentration
<b>EEM</b>	Environmental Effects Monitoring
<b>EES</b>	Environmental Effects Statement
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>EIED</b>	Environmental Impact Evaluation Decision (through OEPP, Thailand)
<b>EIS</b>	Environmental Impact Statement
<b>EMS</b>	Environmental Management System
<b>ETP</b>	Environment Training Program
<b>EPT</b>	Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, Tricoptera Index
<b>ERA</b>	Ecological Risk Assessment
<b>FIMC</b>	Foreign Investment Management Committee (Government of Lao PDR)
<b>GNP</b>	Gross National Product
<b>HQ</b>	Hazard Quotient
<b>IAA</b>	International Assisting Agency
<b>IEE</b>	Initial Environmental Examination
<b>IMWG</b>	Inter-Ministerial Working Group (Government of Lao PDR)
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union For Conservation Of Nature And Natural Resources
<b>K<sub>ow</sub></b>	Water-Octanol Coefficient
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization Designation
<b>Lao PDR</b>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<b>LC50</b>	Lethal Concentration (for 50% of the test organisms)
<b>LEP</b>	Law on Environmental Protection (Vietnam)
<b>LMB</b>	Lower Mekong Basin
<b>LOEC</b>	Lowest Observable Effects Concentration
<b>MOSTE</b>	Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (Thailand and Vietnam)
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MRB</b>	Mekong River Basin
<b>MRC</b>	Mekong River Commission
<b>MRCs</b>	Mekong River Commission Secretariat
<b>NEAP</b>	National Environmental Action Plan (Cambodia)
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act (United States of America)

<b>NEQA</b>	Enhancement and Conservation of the National Environmental Quality Act (Thailand)
<b>NGO</b>	Non Government Organization
<b>NOEC</b>	No Observable Effects Concentration
<b>OEPP</b>	Office of Environmental Policy and Planning (Thailand)
<b>PPPs</b>	Policies, Plans and Programs
<b>PRC</b>	People's Republic of China
<b>RRFAs</b>	Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions
<b>SEA</b>	Strategic Environmental Assessment
<b>SEIs</b>	Significant Environmental Impacts
<b>SoE</b>	State of the Environment
<b>STEA</b>	Science, Technology and Environment Agency (Lao PDR)
<b>TOC</b>	Total Organic Carbon
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>TSS</b>	Total Suspended Solids
<b>US EPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>VECs</b>	Valued Environmental / Ecosystem Components
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization