



VIETNAMESE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
ON BASIN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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Functions of SIWRP

- Responsible for integrated water resources planning in the Mekong Delta and Dong Nai River Basin
- Leading Agency in BDP Phase 1 for Sub-area 10V (Mekong Delta)



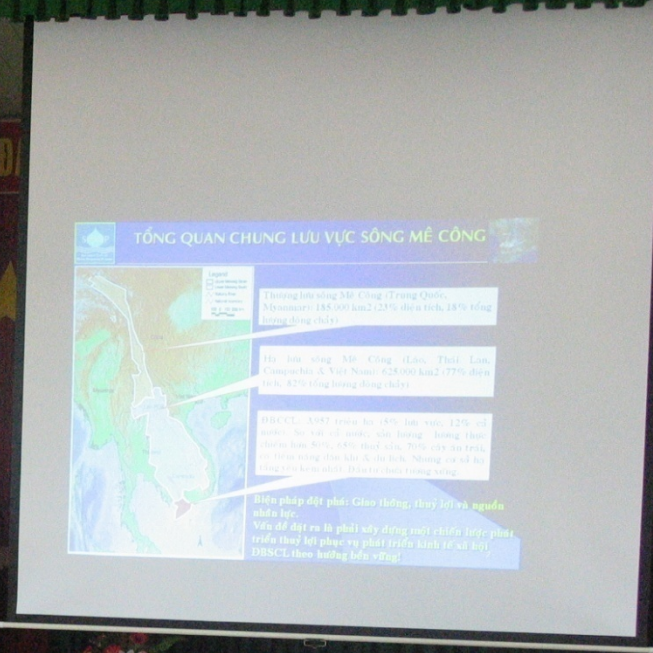
Composition of Sub-area Working Group

- ❖ Southern Institute for Water Resources Planning
- ❖ Sub-National Institute for Agriculture Planning and Projections
- ❖ Sub-Institute of Forestry Planning No II
- ❖ Sub-Institute of Economics and Fishery Planning
- ❖ Cooperation agencies: Ministry of Planning and Investment, local authorities of 13 provinces in the Mekong delta
- ❖ VNMC: guidance and monitoring the implementation of the study

Functions of WG

- ❖ Overall coordination of sub-area analysis
- ❖ Lead role in information collection and analysis, organize consultation with stakeholders
- ❖ Identify development opportunities and constraints, seek advice from local experts
- ❖ Formulation of Development Scenarios
- ❖ Selecting Priority Programs and Projects
- ❖ Prepare and review of report

- ❖ **Stakeholder consultation played a very important role in BDP Phase 1**
- ❖ **Work directly with provincial authorities (Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Department of Fisheries; Department of Transportation; Department of Planning and Investment etc...)**
- ❖ **Organize workshops with participation from relevant government agencies at state, ministerial and provincial levels.**





Issues Identified from Stakeholder Consultation in BDP Phase 1

- ❖ Flood management and mitigation
- ❖ Changes in patterns of flood flow
- ❖ Reducing flood damages and losses, increasing need to provide flood protected areas
- ❖ Maintaining/improving benefits from flood
- ❖ Increasing extent of saline intrusion
- ❖ Dry season water availability
- ❖ Acid sulfate soil management
- ❖ Water pollution (Industrial, Domestic, Agriculture, Aquaculture ...)
- ❖ Erosion and sedimentation

Issues Identified by Stakeholder Consultation in BDP Phase 1

- ❖ Year round access to “safe” domestic water
- ❖ Loss of wetlands and forests
- ❖ Management of protected species
- ❖ Shrimp farming having impact on other users
- ❖ Inadequate management of waste disposal
- ❖ Increased crop & fruit areas
- ❖ Community unawareness of “good” water resource management practices
- ❖ Implementation of by-laws and regulations
- ❖ International cooperation

Lessons Learnt from Stakeholder Consultation of BDP Phase 1

- ❖ Involving stakeholders from a range of areas (from various sectors at different levels) helped to identify a comprehensive set of issues that need addressing in the BDP.
- ❖ Working Group composition: Needs more participation from other relevant organizations, such as Institute of Strategy, Provincial Departments of Tourism and Health Care and Can Tho University
- ❖ In certain areas (e.g. deeply flooded area, acid sulphate soil area, saline area, water polluted area), the Working Group would benefit from inputs by other stakeholders such as the Women's Union, Youth Union, Farmer's Union, War Veteran's Union, Trade Unions, NGOs and Private Sector.

Expectations from Stakeholder Consultation of BDP Phase 2

- ❖ Organize Workshops with participation from relevant government agencies at state, ministerial and provincial levels as in BDP Phase 1
- ❖ Stakeholders from high level (Decision Makers, National Water Resources Council) and community level should be consulted in the BDP Phase 2
- ❖ How to facilitate participation of new members of the working group involve in the Basin Planning Process?
- ❖ How to facilitate participation of new stakeholders in special areas to the Basin Planning Process
- ❖ Budget for stakeholder consultation in BDP phase 2...?

Incorporating Stakeholder Feedback into Basin Planning

- ❖ **Planners need to take the concerns of the community seriously. A good professional planner should pay attention to the advantages of community consultation and works toward addressing concerns during the planning process.**
- ❖ **Decision makers need to balance the needs of the community with those of other stakeholders, at the same time consider a broad perspective of the area in the whole planning process.**
- ❖ **The lessons learnt from stakeholder consultation during Phase 1 will help us to improve the stakeholder consultation process in BDP Phase 2.**



Thank You !

