



The WEMRB Project

The Project for Strengthening Capacity
of Water Environmental Management in River Basin



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Project Personnel Appointed

The project implementation structure has been officially formulated to ensure smooth and effective execution of the project.

- **Joint Coordination Committee (JCC):**

The JCC with twelve (12) members headed by Dr. Võ Tuấn Nhân, Vice-Minister of MONRE is responsible to facilitate inter-organizational coordination.

- **Project Management Unit (PMU):**

The PMU shall manage all the activities of the Project and report to JCC about the important issues.

Dr. Mai Thanh Dung, Deputy Director General of VEA holds the position of the National Project Director

- **Task Force (TF):**

The TF is established to review and examine the pilot project activities and coordinate inter-provincial issues.

Main purpose of the "TF" is to ensure effective technical transfer and report to the PMU about the activities of pilot projects and issues occurred at river basin level.

- **Working Group (WG):**

The WG is established in each target province to conduct the pilot projects and coordinate inner-provincial technical matters. The WG shall report the results of the pilot project to TF and PMU.

The Pilot Project

Related to the Pilot Project activity, Short-term Expert Team (SET) commenced Subcontract Works and Initial Capacity Assessment.

Subcontract Works

SET is conducting subcontract works on Pollution Source Inventory in both river basins. Interim Reports of these subcontract work will be prepared in this August.

TORs for other subcontract works are now being prepared and they will be started sequentially from next SET assignment period.

Initial Capacity Assessment

The initial Capacity Assessment (CA) has been conducted in cooperation with MONRE/VEA, mainly ESI & WENID, and the concerned DONREs.

Based on the result of the initial CA, the detail capacity development plans will be prepared and carried out, as a part of the Pilot Projects.



A scene of the Chi Va River in Vung Tau

Development of Draft Circulars

Among the six target circulars of the project, one circular on compensation for environmental damages is on the way of finalization.

Compensation Circular

The Project is cooperating with the VEA side to develop the circular on guiding format and procedure of requesting environmental compensation for natural environment damages. The first draft of Circular has been completed.

During the development of the Circular, Site Surveys were conducted in Thanh Hoa and some provinces of the South in order to:

1. Review and study about previous case studies, which were resolved by local authorities, to complete shortcomings encountered during the development of circular;
2. Verify the applicability of some provisions in the draft Circular.

In additions to the publication of the draft Circular on the website, workshops shall also be organized to get more comments about the Circular. The Circular shall be promulgated in this year as required by MONRE.

Other target Circulars

The other target Circulars shall be subject to legal document review conducted at the central level and pilot projects at the provincial levels.

Review of the current legal system in Vietnam

The aim of this activity is to identify the current problems and constrains, especially in real execution occasions; to decide overall directions for developing the Circulars; to propose improvement measures; and to reflect review results for preparation of the four target circulars, including Circular/regulation on coordination mechanism; Circular on assessment of loading capacity and estimation of discharge permit; Circular on main wastewater discharge sources; and Circular on information sharing and disclosure system.

Currently, the TORs for review of the current legal system have been confirmed by JICA side and VEA side; and the contracts with consultants shall be signed soon.



Workshops conducted as the part of Site Survey
HCMC (above), Vung Tau (below)



Visiting Environmental Lab of VNU, HCMC,
as the part of Site Survey (7 June 2016)

Cooperation Activities

With MONRE

Project members jointed to survey or inspection related to the "Mass death of fish issue".

These incidents were happened mainly in four (4) northern and central provinces of the country in this quarter.

By the instruction of the central government, MONRE planned to send several missions to the sites.

In this relation, MONRE requested the project to send the members to join the missions.

With World Bank

The Project and a project funded by Work Bank shared some common activities, especially those related to loading capacity and discharge permit calculation.

In this connection, two projects had organized some meetings to agree on the manner of cooperation through sharing information and methodologies about the activities of the mutual interest.

Further cooperation shall be conducted continuously.



*A scene at the PMU Meeting
(18 May 2016)*



*A Technical Workshop held in VEA
(26 May 2016)*



*On a Birthday of ESI staff members
(1 June 2016)*

The Next Schedule

Counterparts' Visit to Japan

As the first counterpart training in Japan program of JICA, Dr. Phạm Văn Lợi, the Deputy Director of PMU, and others from national level and provincial level will visit to Japan from 6 to 13 July this year.

The counterpart will visit the Ministry of Environment of Japan in Tokyo, the Yodogawa River Committee in Osaka and so on.