



Viet Nam SEA Training Program

(VN SEA TOT Program)

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Introduction to the VN SEA TOT Program

- The VN SEA TOT Program aims to support the implementation of Viet Nam Environmental Law by developing basic capacities for running national and sector-specific SEA training courses for decision-makers and experts

Introduction – Objectives (2)

Overall objectives during a period of 12 months, is to develop skills of trainers on:

- Awareness raising on SEA system in Vietnam and about principles for SEA application;
- Implementation of SEA
- Basic capacity development for review of SEA studies

Introduction – Resources(3)

Who was involved?

- MONRE - Overall management
- International team leader, National coordinator, 2 international and 2 national experts,
- 32 trainers – nominated from 6 ministerial sectors and academic institutions

Who provided support?

- SIDA
- SDC
- GTZ

Main activities

- Organising three training workshops where initial SEA training package developed by national and international SEA experts will be introduced;
- Coaching for participants to develop training package for their own sector;
- Providing financial and technical assistance to conduct “pilot” training for selected trainers or trainer groups in their sector
- Providing final workshop to exchange lessons learnt from sector pilot training, and in combination with a seminar day focus on criteria for reviewing SEA.

Achievements

- Pool of SEA trainers for
 - universities, research institutions in Hanoi, HCMCity and central of Viet Nam (17 people);
 - 6 ministerial sectors, including MONRE, MARD, MPI, MOIT, MOT, and Tourism (15 people);
- The General Training Materials on SEA have been adapted for academia group and the 6 sectors.
- About 300 people attended in pilot follow-up sectors training which have been conducted by the trainers;

Achievements (continue)

- SEA trainers are being invited/employed to conduct future SEA trainings for:
 - Programs organized by ministries, such as:
 - General Department of Tourism;
 - Ministry of Industries and Trade
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Program sponsored by other donor, such as:
 - MPI – DANIDA Capacity Development Support for Environment Planning and Management

Future plan

Priority target groups	Capacity building instruments
Consultants & research communities, planning authority	Methodology & techniques of SEA
Managers	General introduction & SEA review
Leadership level (head of Depts. and PPCs)	Include info. on SEA into their internal bulletins, Awareness raising workshops, include SEA into training schools for public officials
Pool of national SEA trainers	Facilitate their involvement in pilot SEA projects
Lecturers in colleges	New TOT programme for this group
Mass media	General knowledge on SEA

Future plan (continue)

- Promote cross-organisational networking and future joint activities by national SEA Trainers
 - VN SEA TOT Program / MONRE suggested to take the lead in coordinating the network of SEA trainers and practitioners. (there is a need for a person/organization to take care of this)
 - Web-page and blog or email list to serve as an exchange forum for these trainers and expand for others.
- Advanced thematic workshops on specific SEA issues for national trainers
- Publication of the General Training Material
- National trainers asked to be given opportunity to participate in real-life SEAs

Details sector plan in 2009

- Tourism:
 - Human resources for undertaking SEA are still limited while the sector has to carry out 5 SEA approved by the PM in 2009
 - Master Plan for Tourism Development in the border of Vietnam-Laos-Cambodia
 - National Strategy on Tourism Development until 2020 and vision toward 2030
 - Vietnam Coast and Island Tourism Strategy until 2020
 - Master Plan for Vietnam Tourism Development until 2020 and vision toward 2030
 - Master Plan for Mekong River Delta Tourism Development until 2020
 - MOF approved budget 1b VND for 2 plans - SEA application is constrained by 3% clause in the MPI circular
 - Some external support is needed for conducting - but the General Dept of Tourism was yet unable to get any support from donors

Details sector plan in 2009

- MARD

- High demand on SEA trainings as there are 5 sectors within MARD: Agriculture; Fishery; Forestry; Water Resources Management; Salt Production.
- Method of SEA appraisal for each sector of MARD
- Some preparation works which need extra support, such as:
 - develop sub-sector SEA technical guideline
 - develop sub-sector training materials
 - developing criteria of SEA appraisal for each sector

Details sector plan in 2009

- MOIT

- High demand on SEA trainings for the implementation of SEA in heavy industry and light industry planning. In 2009, priorities are:
 - Electricity production plan
 - High technology development plan
 - Mining & processing of mineral resources plans
 - Planning of industrial joints

Details sector plan in 2009

- MPI
 - Revise sector training materials & modules for different target groups at MPI (for awareness raising, for detailed training, etc.)

Details sector plan in 2009

- MONRE
 - Expand capacity building for sectors
 - Awareness raising for decision makers and mass media
 - Develop in-depth training materials and carry out these training
 - Establish SEA information and database system
 - Promote SEA networking at national and international level

Details sector plan in 2009

- MOT
 - MOT was just restructured and SEA was re-assignment to Dept of Env.
 - SEA technical guidance will be developed by MOT's development strategies institute by limited government funding source
 - National SEA Trainers will be involved in this process

Details sector plan in 2009

- Academia
 - Academia group suggests the VN SEA TOT Program to support SEA academia group networking, for example,
 - involving trainers from the group into practical SEA;
 - exchanging lectures between north & south if there will be an opportunity;
 - administrative, uploading, maintaining SEA web-page and forum
 - HCMCity academia express their needs for more SEA TOT training for lecturers, researcher in Mekong Delta Universities (An Giang, Can Tho, etc.,). In order to conduct SEA TOT, they need to support in publish SEA training materials in the way the document become official training
 - GTZ Tam Dao project plans to support Thai Nguyen University to host the SEA training for universities in the north & north-west region. It will take place in early 2009.

Thank you for your attention.

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