

# **CEP Country Highlights Viet Nam**

**WGE SAM3**

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- **SEA process successfully piloted for hydropower planning as part of national power development process**
- **Strong engagement with and uptake of recommendations by the Ministry of Industry and Trade as the plan owners**
- **Assessment methodology, valuation of impacts and mitigation measures proposed are consistent with Viet Nam's least cost planning models**

- SEA has been regulated under the Law on Environmental Protection 2005 and the guiding documents
  - Section 1, Chapter III, LEP 2005 regulates SEA implementation, including:
    - *Article 14. Objects subject to elaboration of strategic environmental assessment report*
    - *Article 15. Elaboration of strategic environmental assessment reports*
    - *Article 16. Contents of strategic environmental assessment report*
    - *Article 17. Appraisal of strategic environmental assessment reports*

- **Biodiversity Law approved on 13th November 2008, BCI decree under development**
- **BCI pilot site established in Quang Nam and Quang Tri provinces**
- **Commune development funds established for select villages in BCI site**
- **Land allocation for livelihood plantation tested successfully within BCI site**

- 1. Good progress being achieved towards national EPA reporting, expansion of priority concern to include emerging issues**
- 2. Environmental performance indicators increasingly incorporated into line and sector agency reporting**
- 3. Actively seeking applications of EPA in support of sub-national environmental management and planning, and concerning transboundary biodiversity conservation**

- **EPA is regulated under LEP 2005**
  - **Article 98. Environmental Indicator**
  - **Article 99. Provincial-level Environmental Status Reports**
  - **Article 100. Environmental impact reports of branches and domains**
  - **Article 101. National environment report**



**Thank you for your attention**