

MRC SEA REGIONAL AVOIDANCE, ENHANCEMENT & MITIGATION ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Ho Chi Minh City
28-29 June 2010

SEA OF HYDROPOWER ON THE MAINSTREAM MEKONG

INTRODUCTION TO AGENDA, OBJECTIVES & PARTICIPANTS

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Objectives

The objectives of this regional workshop on avoidance and mitigation of risks and enhancement of benefits are:

1. To discuss measures to avoid and mitigate risks and enhance benefits and opportunities identified in the SEA of the Basin Development Plan 20 year scenario LMB with mainstream hydropower development.
2. To receive inputs and comments from government and other stakeholders
3. To present and discuss next steps in the SEA including advice relating to PNPCA process

The workshop is to be hosted by the Vietnamese National Mekong Committee and the Mekong River Commission Initiative for Sustainable Hydropower.

AGENDA: morning session 28 June

Day 1: 28 June: 8:30 – 17:00		
MORNING SESSION		
	Topic	Responsibility
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	MRC Secretariat/VNMC
OPENING SESSION		
8:30 – 8:40	Opening statement	VNMC Director General
8:40 – 8:55	Opening statement	MRC Chief Executive Officer
8:55 – 9:10	Introduction to objectives, agenda and participants	ISH Project Manager
9:10 – 9:40	Overview of SEA process and outcomes	SEA Team
9:40 – 10:00	Discussion	Plenary
10:00 -10:20	<i>Coffee/team break</i>	
AVOIDANCE, MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENT BY STRATEGIC THEME		
10:20-10:50	Hydrology and sediment	SEA Team
10:50-11:20	Fisheries issues	SEA Team
11:20-11:50	Discussion	Plenary
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	

AGENDA: afternoon session 28 June

AFTERNOON SESSION		
13:30 -13:50	Aquatic systems	SEA Team
13:50-14:10	Terrestrial systems (including agriculture)	SEA Team
14:10-14:40	Energy and power	SEA Team and MRC ISH
14:40-15:10	Discussion	Plenary
15:10-15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15:30-16:00	Economics and livelihoods	SEA Team
16:00-16:30	Overview of draft SEA conclusions and recommendations for discussion	SEA Team
16:30-17:00	Discussion	Plenary
17:00	Close of workshop day 1	

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8:00 – 8:30	Registration	MRC Secretariat/VNMC
8:30 – 8:50	Introduction to the national working sessions on avoidance, mitigation and enhancement for each strategic option	SEA Team
NATIONAL WORKING SESSION ON STRATEGIC OPTIONS 1 AND 2: 1. Decide not to proceed with the mainstream projects 2. Defer a decision on whether or not to proceed and in what form and circumstances		
8:50 – 09:50	Country working session on strategic options 1 and 2	Country working groups
NATIONAL WORKING SESSION ON STRATEGIC OPTION 3: 3. Proceed with caution with mainstream development on a gradual phased basis		
9:50 – 10:50	Country working session on strategic option 3	Country working groups
10:50-11:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
NATIONAL WORKING SESSION ON OPTION 4: 4. Proceed with rapid development of all 12 mainstream projects		
11:10-12:10	Country working session on strategic option 4	Country working groups
12:10-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	

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AGENDA: afternoon session 29 June (i)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS REPORT BACK TO PLENARY		
13:30-13:55	Cambodia working group report back to plenary on: (i) Strategic options 1 and 2 (ii) Strategic options 3 (iii) Strategic options 4	Working group reporter
13:55-14:20	Lao PDR working group report back to plenary on: (i) Strategic options 1 and 2 (ii) Strategic options 3 (iii) Strategic options 4	Working group reporter
14:20-14:30	Questions and Answers	
14:30-14:55	Thailand working group report back to plenary on: (i) Strategic options 1 and 2 (ii) Strategic options 3 (iii) Strategic options 4	Working group reporter
14:55-15:20	Vietnam working group report back to plenary on: (i) Strategic options 1 and 2 (ii) Strategic options 3 (iii) Strategic options 4	Working group reporter
15:20-15:30	Questions and Answers	
15:30-15:50	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	

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AGENDA: afternoon session 29 June (ii)

15:50-16:15	International working group report back to plenary on: (i) Strategic options 1 and 2 (ii) Strategic options 3 (iii) Strategic options 4	Working group reporter
16:15-16:30	Observations from the Chinese delegation	China delegation
16:30-16:45	Discussion	Plenary
16:45-16:55	Next steps	MRCs Initiative on Sustainable Hydropower and SEA Team
CLOSING STATEMENT		
16:55-17:05	Closing statement	MRCs
17:05-17:15	Closing statement	VNMC
17:15	Close of workshop	

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