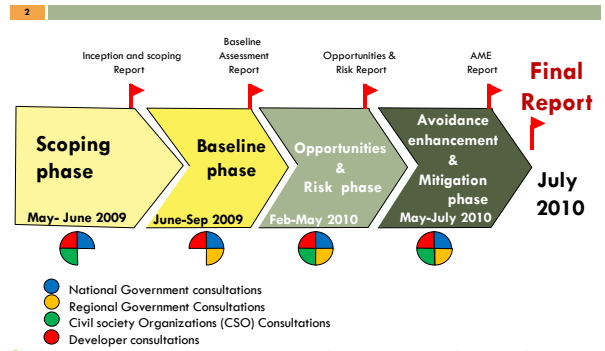


SEA NEXT STEPS

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SEA OF HYDROPOWER ON THE MAINSTREAM MEKONG

SEA reporting to date



Completion of final SEA report



- Final "SEA Report" – end July 2010

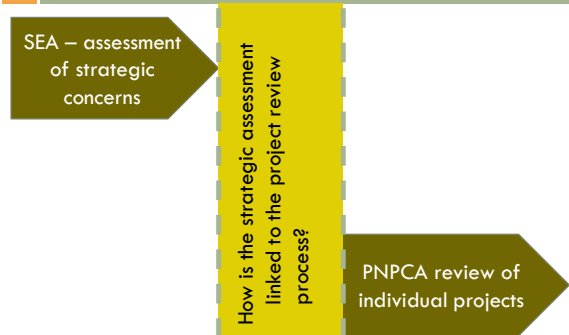
Why did LMB countries conduct the SEA?

- Mainstream development – the most important strategic decision ever made by LMB countries on use of shared resources
- The goal of an SEA is to influence strategic decisions – to help shape decisions and plans so that development is equitable and ecologically sustainable
- To help identify in clear terms the trade-offs involved in strategic options
 - What will be lost
 - What will be gained
 - Who will lose and who will gain

The relationship between the SEA and individual project review process

- How to ensure the SEA report is relevant – ie will support and have influence on mainstream development decisions?
- How to ensure that strategic consultations on the SEA report happen in each country before project specific decisions are made?
- What needs to happen at strategic level before the PNPCA process is triggered?
- What strategic level of national policies, plans and decisions need to be reviewed before project specific decisions are made?

Linking strategic assessment to project specific decisions



What will happen to the report before project specific decisions are made?

- Consideration of report by MRCS Joint Council
- Consideration of report by National Mekong Committees
- Consideration of report by national cabinets
- Consideration of report by natural resources and environment parliamentary committees
- Further technical consultation on report with line agencies in each country
- Multi-stakeholder conference to discuss the report
- Establish regional technical task forces on the key strategic issues where uncertainties remain

How will the report be used once the PNPCA process is initiated

- How is the SEA process linked to the PNPCA process?
- How does the SEA process help shape the BDP – will that influence be timely in terms of mainstream decisions
- The PNPCA is a process focusing on projects – How to express the SEA outcomes in terms of project specific guidance?