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## Integrated Coastal Management in Viet Nam: Opportunities and Challenges

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This paper provides an overview of the opportunities and challenges in applying and implementing ICM in Viet Nam. This is the result of analysis and assessment on the actual status of Viet Nam's ICM application at both the central and local level for the past 20 years.

ICM approach has been applied in Viet Nam since the end of the decade 19 of the 20th century, with the starting is National Pilot Project on ICM at Da Nang City supported by PEMSEA; and Viet Nam ICM Project supported by the Netherlands Government.

The application and implementation of ICM in Viet Nam earned some significant achievements since 2000 until now. Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands at the Central Level and 26/28 Sub-agencies of Seas and Islands at provincial level were established. The Law of Viet Nam Seas; Law of Sea and Island Resources and Environment and National Strategy of ICM up to 2020 and a Vision to 2030 were promulgated. A significant number of coastal localities (such as Nghe An, Quang Ngai, Phu Yen, Binh Thuan, etc.) has been applying and implementing the ICM approach using local budget. Despite these achievements, these are challenges and difficulties that Viet Nam is facing. These include: (1) Lack of unification on ICM approach between coastal localities; (2) Limitation in coordination and cooperation; lack of frequent information sharing and exchange between the governmental levels and relevant bodies; (3) The increase in the profit conflicts in using and exploiting coastal resources and space; (4) limitations of capacity for implementing ICM, and 5) limited sources of financing.

To implement more effective ICM approach, Viet Nam should put priority and focus on the following activities as: (1) Improving the policy and law in ICM; (2) Strengthening the capacity and awareness on ICM; and (3) Promoting the implementation of ICM approach at coastal localities.



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