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Context

- ◆ 2015 EAS Congress theme: **Global targets, local benefits**
- ◆ Need for **regional cooperation** (message of DPM Mr. Hoang Trung Hai and MONRE DM Mr. Chu Pham Ngoc Hien)
 - ◆ Interconnectivity of the East Asian Seas region: shared values and shared threats
 - ◆ Viet Nam's contribution to strengthening regional ocean governance (bilateral and multilateral cooperation; meeting regional and international commitments)
- ◆ **Major milestones** in ICM implementation in Viet Nam
 - ◆ Legal framework (Law of Sea and Islands; Law on Natural Resources and Environment of Sea and Islands); long term strategy and action plan (ICM Strategy and National Action Plan); institutional arrangement (establishment of VASI and provincial agencies)
 - ◆ ICM implementation in selected provinces

Objectives

- Needs, opportunities and challenges
 - promoting and strengthening cooperation between Viet Nam and other East Asian Seas countries in the conservation and protection of natural resources and environment for sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia.
- Review the evolution of ICM practices in Vietnam over the past 2 decades
 - good practices
 - areas for strengthening and collaboration
 - support mechanisms to facilitate the development and implementation of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the Vietnam ICM Strategy to 2020 and Vision to 2030.

Expected outputs

- Viet Nam's message to be reported to the Ministers' during closing of international conference
- Recommendations to policy makers and scientific researches on ICM implementation and management, exploitation, use and protection of natural resources and environment of the Seas of East Asia
- Summary of good practices on ICM implementation
- Strategic actions for the implementation of the National ICM Strategy and SDS-SEA implementation plan in Vietnam.



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Mechanics

- Forum has 3 parts.
 - ◆ Part 1 – opportunities and needs for strengthening cooperation for achieving sustainable coastal development in the Seas of East Asia
 - ◆ Part 2 – ways and means to strengthen ICM implementation in Vietnam
 - ◆ Part 3 – conclusions and recommendations
- 8 presentations, Q & A, facilitated discussion