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ICM Scaling up in Viet Nam: Supporting the Implementation of the National Action Plan

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The approval of the Viet Nam National ICM Strategy to 2020 and Vision to 2030 in December 2014 by the Prime Minister ushers in tremendous opportunities for ICM implementation in Viet Nam. Taking advantage of the good practices and lessons learned that were generated from almost two decades of ICM implementation through the efforts of various programs and projects of the government, donors, international organizations, non-government organizations, the academe and civil society groups, along with the supporting policies, legal and institutional arrangements, Viet Nam is ready to scale up ICM implementation to cover the 28 coastal provinces.

This presentation discusses the proposed strategies and mechanisms for ICM scaling up in Viet Nam in line with the objectives, targets and strategic actions identified in the National Action Plan to implement the National ICM Strategy for the period 2016 – 2020. It will show in particular how the common ICM framework and process that have been applied across the East Asian Region in the past two decades can be utilized to strengthen the governance mechanisms at the national and local level and the implementation of management programs in priority sites to address challenges to sustainable coastal development. Initial developments on the ICM scaling up process, the key components and supporting mechanisms (e.g., policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, capacity development, knowledge management and networking and monitoring, evaluation and reporting) will be discussed, including actions to promote synergy and collaboration among coastal management-related programs and initiatives being implemented in the country by key players.



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Ms. Bermas has extensive working experience in the East Asian Region developing, implementing and scaling up ICM and supporting policies and programs at the national and local government levels. She is involved in the development and implementation of ICM capacity building programs at the regional, national and site levels, and provides advice and technical support to stakeholders in the application of ICM processes and tools. Nancy has researched and written extensively on ICM and has numerous published works on the sustainability issues of the seas and coasts. Nancy holds a Masters Degree in Biology from the University of the Philippines.