

# Abstract

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## Tackling Interlinked Problems in Coastal Management in Viet Nam's Mekong Delta for a Stronger Coast

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The Mekong Delta is home to 17 million people, and is Viet Nam's most important agricultural region. Accounting for 52% of national rice production, the Mekong Delta feeds over 145 million people in Asia. The Mekong Delta is the reason why Viet Nam, once afflicted by shortages of food, is now the world's second largest rice exporter. But the very existence of the Mekong Delta is at risk. The rising sea level, coastal erosion, retreat of mangrove forests and soil salination, poor agricultural and fishery practices, and dams in other upstream nations are all leading to a situation where the balance of the coastal ecosystem is being disrupted, posing a threat to the future of the entire Mekong Delta. This is why the Integrated Coastal Management Programme (ICMP) tackles these interlinked challenges by strengthening the coast of the Mekong Delta. This paper presents integrated coastal management efforts in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam and explores the potential for a Mekong Delta Climate Resilience Initiative (MECRI) using an innovative, coordinated and comprehensive strategy.



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