

WETLANDS IN VIET NAM: ACTION NEEDED NOW TO ADDRESS NEW THREATS

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And there is a new threat to the Mekong Delta: the construction of dams on the Mekong River. Globally, all deltas are sinking naturally because of sediment compaction. What keeps them above water is the inflow of fresh sediment. But if dams are built, the sediment supply is cut off, and the delta sinks under the ocean. This is what has happened to the Mississippi Delta and is predicted to happen to the Mekong Delta under current scenarios. The rate of sinking will be even faster than the rate of sea level rise predicted in climate change scenarios, and the two forces combined could lead to a rapid land loss.

To address these threats requires strong government leadership because maintaining the Mekong Delta in a more natural state means relaxing rice production targets and dealing with complex international waters issues.

IUCN would like to continue to support MONRE's efforts to increase the number of RAMSAR sites and strengthen wetlands conservation in Viet Nam.

Thank you.

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