



Regional Research Networking and Dissemination Meeting on Nature-Based Solutions: “Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) to Address Water and Social Vulnerability Challenges in the Mekong Region”

Date/Time: Thursday, 5 March 2026 at 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (ICT)

Format: Hybrid event; in-person in 3 countries; and online via Zoom

In-person attendance at:

- Vietnam: Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, 1 Lieu Giai Street, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Thailand: Khon Kaen University (KKU); Thailand: SEI Asia, Bangkok, Thailand
- Cambodia: My Village (MVi), Stung Treng, Cambodia

Note: The meeting includes live interpretation for onsite participants at the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences: English (the primary language of the presentations) into Vietnamese.

Link to join the online meeting via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://sei-org.zoom.us/j/69208952458?pwd=TxcG7oLO0BKlEaY29vDVY5RY29xkLB.1>

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Background

The regional meeting “Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) to Address Water and Social Vulnerability Challenges in the Mekong Region” is implemented as part of a project led by the Institute for Human, Family and Gender Studies (IHFGS) under the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), in collaboration with Khon Kaen University (Thailand) and My Village Cambodia (MVi), with funding support from the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils. The project aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in addressing water insecurity and social vulnerability in the Lower Mekong River Basin, while strengthening regional cooperation and developing context-appropriate research tools across the three countries.

This event is also co-organized and co-hosted with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI Asia); the Sustainable Mekong Research Network (SUMERNET); SUMERNET Young

Professionals (SYP); and the Department of Social Science and Development, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University.

Objectives

Overall Objective: To raise awareness and exchange knowledge around nature-based solutions to address water insecurity challenges and social vulnerability in the Mekong Region.

Specific Objectives:

- To present key research findings and gather feedback and recommendations from stakeholders on nature-based solutions (NbS).
- To raise awareness among communities and local authorities about water insecurity and climate adaptation strategies.
- To strengthen regional cooperation and knowledge exchange between participating organizations and members.

Participants: Local researchers and research groups from the Mekong Region; local government representatives and policymakers; community leaders and vulnerable groups (including women, ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities); and representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local stakeholders.

Agenda

Time	Program	Responsible Person/Unit
Overall Facilitator: Mr. Boripat Lebel, Department of Social Science and Development, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University		
08:30-09:00	Registration	Organizing team
09:00-09:10	Opening remarks	Dr. Trần Thị Hồng, Vice Director, IHFGS Ms. Sushmita Mandal, Senior Research Fellow, SEI Asia; SUMERNET
09:10-09:25	Presentation of NbS research results in the Mekong Region from SUMERNET	Dr. Ridhi Saluja, Research Fellow, SEI Asia; SUMERNET
09:25-09:35	Overview of NbS research results from the project led by IHFGS	Dr. Phan Thanh Thanh, IHFGS, Vietnam
09:35-09:45	Presentation of NbS research results in An Giang, Vietnam, from the GEDSI perspective	Dr. Thái Huỳnh Phương Lan, Tôn Đức Thắng University, Vietnam
09:45-10:00	Presentation of NbS research results in Nong Khai, Thailand	Dr. Aphiradee Wongsiri, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

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10:00-10:15	Presentation of NbS research results in Stung Treng, Cambodia	Dr. Narith Por, MyVillage Cambodia (MVi)
10:15-10:25	Group photo and break	Organizing team
10:25-10:40	Gender and nature-based aquaculture in the Red River Delta, Vietnam	Ms. Vo Thi Thu, AQUADAPT-Nature project
10:40-11:10	Q&A	Moderated by Mr. Boripat Lebel
11:10-11:20	Highlights of key discussion points	Dr. Phan Thanh Thanh and Mr. Boripat Lebel
11:20-11:30	Closing remarks	Prof. Dr. Nguyễn Hữu Minh, IHFGS, Vietnam