

Vietnam

ON THE FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE CHANGE



More than 3,200 km of coastline

➔ risk of extreme weather events, from floods and typhoons to drought, storms and coastal erosion



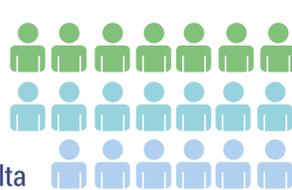
➔ in 2019

96.5 million inhabitants

residing mainly in the Red River Delta and the Mekong Delta

➔ by 2050

120 million inhabitants



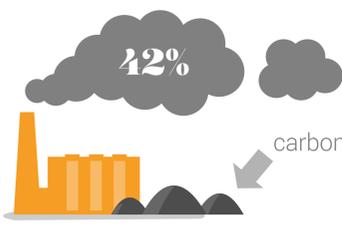
Deforestation is threatening biodiversity

and damaging mangrove forests, which provide natural protection against rising sea levels and help reduce emissions



An economy that is still highly dependent on carbon:

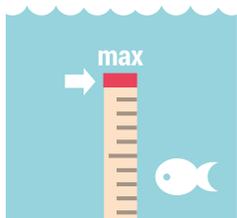
42% of the country's electricity production capacity comes from coal-fired power stations



The Mekong Delta, a region under threat

The country's largest agricultural hub:

- 50% of rice production
- 65% of aquaculture production
- and 70% of fruit production



30%

of the Mekong Delta could be submerged in the event of a **50 cm** rise in sea levels



18 to 36%

of the Mekong Delta's surface area affected by saltwater intrusion by **2050**, due to the relative rise in sea level and sand extraction



Excessive pumping of groundwater

(domestic and agricultural use) and sediment starvation (dams)

➔ Land subsidence

Gemmes: research for climate adaptation

Gemmes* Vietnam is a network made up of more than 60 Vietnamese, French and international researchers responsible for assessing the socio-economic effects of climate change and adaptation strategies.

Actions

1



Producing scientific results and maps

to inform discussion of public policy with the Vietnamese government

2



Supporting research

and coordinating a network made up of French and Vietnamese researchers

3



Publishing strategic reports

intended for use by decision-makers at key moments in international climate negotiations

*Gemmes : General Monetary and Multisectoral Macrodynamics for the Ecological Shift

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Supporting a just energy transition (JETP)

To accelerate the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, AFD is supporting renewable energy development and the upgrading of infrastructure in Vietnam.



Extension of the Hoa Binh hydropower plant

The energy generated by this iconic dam accounts for 5% of national consumption. It also helps prevent flooding, supplies water for irrigation in the dry season, and facilitates river transportation.

Objectives

Increase capacity from 2,000 MW to 2,480 MW to meet growing demand for renewable energy and **reduce** greenhouse gas emissions.



Se San solar power plant

Objectives

Reduce annual emissions by the electricity sector by **30%** from 240 to 170 megatons by 2030.
Increase the share of renewable energy in the electricity mix from 36% to **47%** by 2030.



2 Adapting to climate change

In the provinces of Ninh Binh, Ha Tinh and the Mekong Delta, AFD is supporting local adaptation to increasingly extreme climatic events and rising sea levels.

Actions

- **Construct** a dam and lock system at Kim Dai (Ninh Binh)
- **Renovate** the irrigation and drainage system (Ha Tinh), protecting the banks of the Can Tho river

Results

- **Extension** of irrigated areas and improved drainage systems, increase in agricultural and aquaculture production and higher incomes for producers
- **Reduced** risk of flooding
- **Improved** surface water quality and by extension, general hygiene



3 Mitigating the effects of climate change

Since 2008, coastal erosion has been accelerating in the center of the country around the city of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. AFD is supporting the implementation of protection measures.

Combating coastal erosion in Hoi An

Actions

- **Implement structural measures:** breakwaters, beach maintenance and the installation of groynes
- **Improve** public policy for integrated coastal area management
- **Raise awareness** of coastal risks and climate change

Objectives

- **Protect** land, homes and infrastructure, and promote socio-economic development
- **Create jobs** for local residents
- **Build capacity** in terms of integrated coastal area planning and management, including coastal monitoring

