

Appendix 10. Introduction to STREAM

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THE STREAM INITIATIVE IN VIETNAM

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



- STREAM is an initiative that has been developed at the request of member governments of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA), as a priority for the 2000-2005 work programme
- STREAM is also supported by AusAid, the UK Department for International Development (DFID-SE Asia), DFID Natural Resources Systems Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN, and Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)

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Rationale





1. Importance of aquatic resources to the poor
2. Sharing existing human and social capital
3. Addressing broader livelihoods & governance issues

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PURPOSE

- The purpose of STREAM is to strengthen or develop, and communicate strategies, processes, and practices that enable poor and vulnerable aquatic resource users to pursue their livelihood objectives.

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FOUR COMPONENTS (THEMES)





- Capacity building
- Learning initiatives
- Communication
- Policy development

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Component 1: Capacity building

- STREAM will support capacity building among local government institutions, NGOs, and community groups, via training and long-term practical support. Support will focus on:
 - livelihoods analyses and participatory approaches
 - Innovative communication approaches
 - Monitoring and evaluating management approaches

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Component 2: Learning initiatives





- STREAM will support new community-based learning initiatives, the practical experiences of which will combine with lessons learned from existing case studies and feed into STREAM's communication strategy to influence policy and practice in the region

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Component 3: Communications

- STREAM will develop a communications and learning strategy to increase the participation of poor aquatic resource users in decision-making processes and ensure policy-making is informed by lesson learning
- Approaches will include understanding of client livelihoods, facilitated debate of service provision, recipient case studies
- A network of national communication hubs linking physical national networks on the ground, workshops, field visits, translation of materials into local languages, use of the public media, discussion groups, pictorial communication, drama, etc

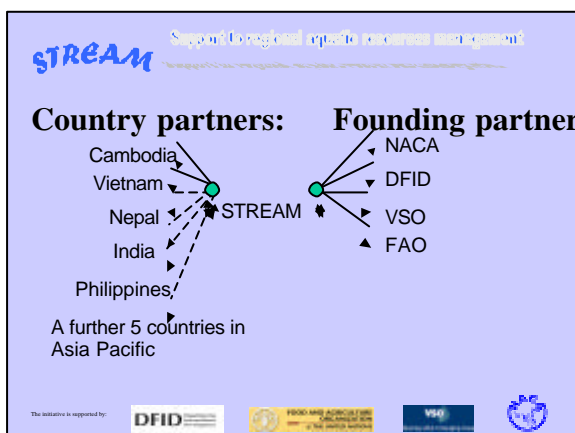
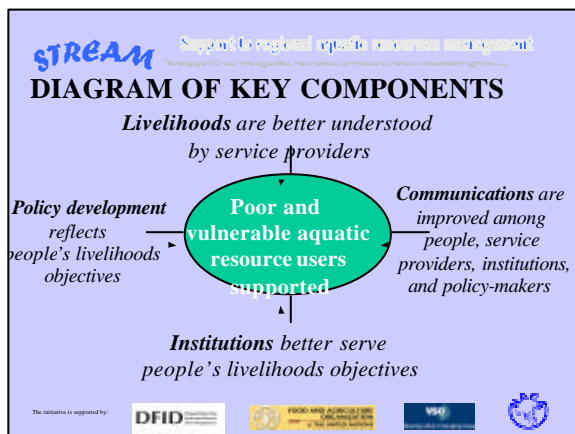
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Component 4: Policy development

- STREAM will support on-going policy and institutional changes, by:
 - Facilitating policy development at the national level
 - Increasing exposure to lessons and experience at the community level
 - Maximising utilisation of the existing regional knowledge base
 - Providing capacity-building support to the change process

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STREAM VIETNAM

- In Vietnam, STREAM signed a partnership agreement on 1 November 2001 with its host agency, the Ministry of Fisheries (MOF), to work with and assist in implementing the Sustainable Aquaculture for Poverty Alleviation (SAPA) Strategy.
- The Vietnam Country Office is led by a National Coordinator (Dr. Le Thanh Luu, RIA-1) and managed by a Communications Hub Manager.

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SAPA-STREAM IN 2002 (ctd.)



- In November 2002, SAPA and STREAM convened a *Learning Workshop on Livelihoods Analysis* hosted by the Long An People's Committees and attended by more than 30 representatives of international NGOs, university-based extension programmes, provincial DARDs, district-level Women's Unions and RIA 1. Learning took place through exchanges of lessons learnt from practical experience. Dr Nguyen Viet Thang, Vice Minister of MOFI, and Mr Pedro Bueno, NACA Director General, attended the opening.

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



- STREAM quarterly publications, the *STREAM Journal* and *STREAM Update*, and monthly Media Monitoring Reports are routinely translated into Vietnamese, published and distributed by the Vietnam Communications Hub. These are also posted on the STREAM website.
- STREAM Vietnam maintains regular contact with the Bangkok Regional Office and other STREAM Country Offices through e-mails and twice monthly netmeetings, in order to share experiences, practices and further develop collaborative work.

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SAPA-STREAM IN 2002 (ctd.)

- STREAM is developing a database of stakeholders in aquatic resources management in Vietnam and meets with a wide range of organisations.
- Using the STREAM Country Strategy Paper (CSP) Planning Kit, the STREAM Vietnam Country Office is developing a strategic plan.

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STREAM VIETNAM TARGETS FOR 2003

- Develop a strategic plan to address the priority areas jointly identified with stakeholders
- Strengthen communication links with stakeholders, particularly with those who work directly with poor people who manage aquatic resources

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STREAM VIETNAM TARGETS FOR 2003

- Continue supporting SAPA implementation and strengthen cooperation between provincial service providers and the Ministry of Fisheries
- Promote communications and information access through the activities of the Communications Hub, networking and the continued sharing of learning

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STREAM CSP for VIETNAM

- Comments on the overall initiative.
- Updated information for Aquatic Resources and Poverty Review: capture, aquaculture, poor household income.
- Priority areas and approaches

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