SEA NEXT STEPS
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SEA OF HYDROPOWER ON THE MAINSTREAM MEKONG

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Why did LMB countries conduct the SEA?

- Mainstream development – the most important strategic decision ever made by LMB countries on use of shared resources
- The goal of an SEA is to influence strategic decisions – to help shape decisions and plans so that development is equitable and ecologically sustainable
- To help identify in clear terms the trade-offs involved in strategic options
  - What will be lost
  - What will be gained
  - Who will lose and who will gain

SEA reporting to date

Inception and scoping Report
Baseline Assessment Report
Opportunities & Risk Report
Avoidance enhancement & Mitigation phase

National Government consultations
Regional Government Consultations
Civil society Organizations (CSO) Consultations
Developer consultations

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Impacts reporting
Mitigation reporting
Final SEA report

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The relationship between the SEA and individual project review process

- How to ensure the SEA report is relevant — i.e., will support and have influence on mainstream development decisions?
- How to ensure that strategic consultations on the SEA report happen in each country before project specific decisions are made?
- What needs to happen at strategic level before the PNPCA process is triggered?
- What strategic level of national policies, plans, and decisions need to be reviewed before project specific decisions are made?

Linking strategic assessment to project specific decisions

- SEA — assessment of strategic concerns
- PNPCA review of individual projects

How is the strategic assessment linked to the project review process?

What will happen to the report before project specific decisions are made?

- Consideration of report by MRCs Joint Council
- Consideration of report by National Mekong Committees
- Consideration of report by national cabinets
- Consideration of report by natural resources and environment parliamentary committees
- Further technical consultation on report with line agencies in each country
- Multi-stakeholder conference to discuss the report
- Establish regional technical task forces on the key strategic issues where uncertainties remain

How will the report be used once the PNPCA process is initiated?

- How is the SEA process linked to the PNPCA process?
- How does the SEA process help shape the BDP — will that influence be timely in terms of mainstream decisions?
- The PNPCA is a process focusing on projects — How to express the SEA outcomes in terms of project specific guidance?