Study on the Sustainable Management and Development of the Mekong River Including Impacts of Mainstream Hydropower Projects (Council Study)

Objectives

- Further develop/establish a reliable scientific evidence of positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts of water resources development
- Integrate results into the MRC knowledge base to enhance the BDP process
- Promote capacity and ensure technology transfer to Member Countries

Assessment Framework

Building on Previous MRC Studies

- Increase in resolution and thematic scope of assessments
- Detailed account of impacts on river ecosystem and the value of ecosystem services to society
- Identification of risks and opportunities of climate change
- Performance of thematic focused assessments in addition to cumulative assessments
- Development of comprehensive basin-wide assessment framework
- Assessment of past and exogenous developments to provide full picture