

Title: **Development of Fisheries in Vietnam: Lessons and Challenges**

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Abstract: Fisheries in Vietnam has rapidly been developed from 1980s of last century. From total 600,000 T, the production has been increased up to 4,200,000 T in 2007 and particularly growth has been done in export and processing, from USD 11.2 in millions in 1980, export value has been increased to USD 3,750,000,000 in 2007. Vietnam is one of top ten in production and one of five at highest export in fisheries countries. Improvements was gathered by changed strategies and policies of development such as from centralized planning to market economy, in investment directions and production organization form. The fisheries industry has been developed base on development has been adapted with markets conditions and requirements and based on multi - sector with strong privatization process which based on the characters of fisheries. The transition of fisheries in Vietnam has been carried out under the United Government guideline, based on the internal strengths of fisheries ,&However, the development of fisheries is also causing many problems and challenges in social and environment which must to be resolved such as the conflicts with mangroves, with agriculture in water usage , the degradation of environment and pollution&. To reply on new strategies and policies that lead to develop fisheries by the more detail planning, focusing on sustainable and friendly environment approach and widely involving the resource users into management process, fisheries in Vietnam will contribute more for national economy and livelihood of the people.