

Progress of the SDGs at Local Level: Vietnam

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1. Vietnam National Action Plan on Marine Plastic Debris Management

- The National Action Plan to implement the 2030 Agenda for SDGs (SDG NAP) was promulgated as per Decision 633/QĐ-TTg dated 10 May 2017 of the Prime Minister, in which 17 SDGs of Vietnam towards 2030 have been set including 115 specific targets. Goal 14 focuses on life below water with targets on reduction of waste into the sea, management of marine plastic debris...
- Resolution 36-NQ/TW of CPV Central Committee states “Prevent, control, and significantly reduce marine environment pollution; pioneering in decreasing marine plastic debris in the region”.
- **Decision 1746/QĐ-TTg dated 4 December 2019 approving National Action Plan on Marine Plastic Waste Management through 2030.**

1. Vietnam National Action Plan on Marine Plastic Debris Management

Overall objectives

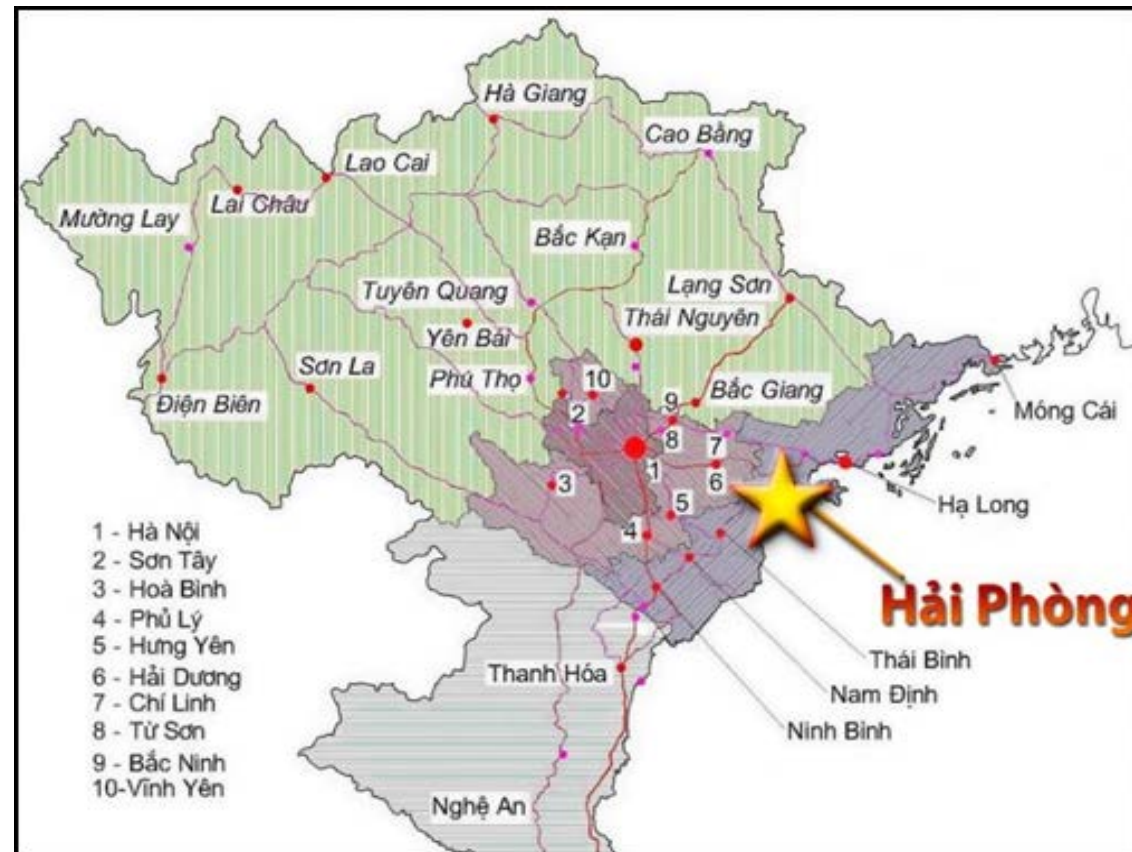
- Successfully implement Vietnam's initiatives and international commitments to address plastic waste issues with a focus on marine plastic debris; ensure the prevention of plastic waste discharge from land-based sources and activities at sea; and strive to make Vietnam a pioneering country in the region in reducing marine plastic debris.
- Contribute to the successful implementation of the National Strategy on Integrated Management of Solid Waste by 2025 with a vision through 2050, approved by the Prime Minister as per Decision No. 491/QĐ-TTg dated May 7th 2018 and ensure the effective development and implementation of the Strengthening Plastic Waste Management in Vietnam Project.
- Align with the circular economy approach, contribute to the recovery, recycling, and reuse of plastic waste in Vietnam.
- Improve awareness, behaviors and habits with regard to the use single-use plastic products and plastic bags at the community and society levels.

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Tasks and solutions:

- Education and change to behavior pertaining to plastics and marine plastic litter.
- Collection, classification, storage, transfer and processing of plastic waste from coastal and ocean-based activities.
- Control of plastic litter at source.
- International cooperation, scientific research, application, development and transfer of marine plastic litter processing technologies.
- Consistent and effective investigation, survey, review, research and formulation of mechanisms for marine plastic litter management.

2. FC Program in Hai Phong



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The context of Hai Phong

- Hai Phong has just started its new development strategy to strive to be a modern, smart and sustainable industrial city by 2030 and a leading city in the Asian region.
- Being a key coastal city and transport hub of the country, Hai Phong relies very much on the sea and the management of marine plastic waste is important to ensure the smooth transport of goods and people as well as for preserving natural resources for tourism and culture.
- The program contributes to solving the conflicting interests between economic growth and sustainable development of the city. The implementation of this project is further supported by related actions and plans issued by the city, such as on the development of marine economics and sustainable tourism development.

2. FC Program in Hai Phong

Objectives of the program in Hai Phong

- People's awareness of problems of plastic waste and ways to manage it is improved; target audience includes government officials, businesses, and households.
- People's understanding of their responsibilities in marine waste management is enhanced; target audience includes government officials, businesses, households, students, and tourists.
- Plastic waste dumped into the sea is reduced and prevented; target audience includes businesses, tourists, and households.
- Spillover effects of the project are acknowledged in different groups of people and locations within Hai Phong.

2. FC Program in Hai Phong

Main activities

- Report on the situation of plastic waste management in Hai Phong.
- Development of Action plan for enhancement of marine plastic waste management in Hai Phong.
 - Action Plan numbered 87/KH-UBND on the management of marine plastic debris in Hai Phong till 2030 dated 19 March 2020.
 - Some targets stated in the Action Plan are: reducing 75% marine plastic waste; 100% of waste from fishery tools are collected; 100% of tourist sites stop using single-use plastic products and persistent plastic bags; 100% marine protected areas have no plastic waste.
 - The Action Plan clearly states responsibilities and activities of 14 provincial departments, people's committee of every district, political-social organizations, etc.
- Pilot scheme of integrated marine plastic waste management at Lan Ha, Cat Ba bay.
 - Communication posters, banners, brochures, sign boards at bay station for Project.
 - Training for Office, Organization at Cat Hai District (Natural Resources and Environment; Bay management boats; Youth Union; Women Association, School principles...)
 - Education and Communication (EC) Conference for civil servants, tourists, fishermen, officials, pupils, residents
 - Establishing "Plastic waste collecting days" at communes, fishing village... (exchange plastic waste for books, magazines, plants...)

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- Waste collection in Lan Ha bay



- Waste collected after 1 hour



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- Banner at a local market



- EC Conference in Cat Ba island



3. Initial outcomes of FC program in Hai Phong

Results

1. Activities under the Program have attracted great attention of officials, households, housewives, businesses, teachers, students, the young and old, etc. Positive changes such as cleaner bays, no plastic bags on boats, reduction of nylon bags in markets... have been observed.
2. Hai Phong city was the first city that developed the marine plastic action plan at the local level following the national action plan and provided a good model case for other cities.
3. Given the Action Plan of the city and line departments' action plans, the objectives of the Program in particular and the goals of the city's Action Plan have become long term journey of the city with the participation from all sectors, levels, and stakeholders even after the Program has finished.

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Success factors

1. First is to understand the localities and localize the project goals.
2. Second is to design activities that are feasible, effective with potential long-term effects that the city currently needs. In the case of Hai Phong, since the legal framework and policies, plans have been well set, the project aimed at specific and concrete activities to realize macro available plans.
3. Third is to choose the right leading agency and reach strong determination and consensus of the whole administrative system and among stakeholders.

Thank you!