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Report on Viet Nam's wetlands released

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Ha Noi (VNA) - The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment released an overview of wetland areas in Viet Nam 15 years after the implementation of the International Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Ha Noi on Jan. 16.

According to Tran Hong Ha, Director of the Ministry's Environment Department, the report provides general data on national marshes collected over 15 years of research and preservation activities. The report also analyses Vietnamese and international policies and regulations on globally preserving global wetlands.

The report was completed with financial and technical assistance from the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme, and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The report is useful for administrators, policy makers, organisations and individuals to research and develop plans of action to protect and preserve wetland areas. It also proposes solutions for future management of wetlands.

Viet Nam's 68 inland and coastal wetland areas, with high environmental and biological value, play an important role in socio-economic development, poverty reduction and natural disaster mitigation.-Enditem

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