



**VIETNAM NATIONAL SURVEY  
ON MARINE LITTER**

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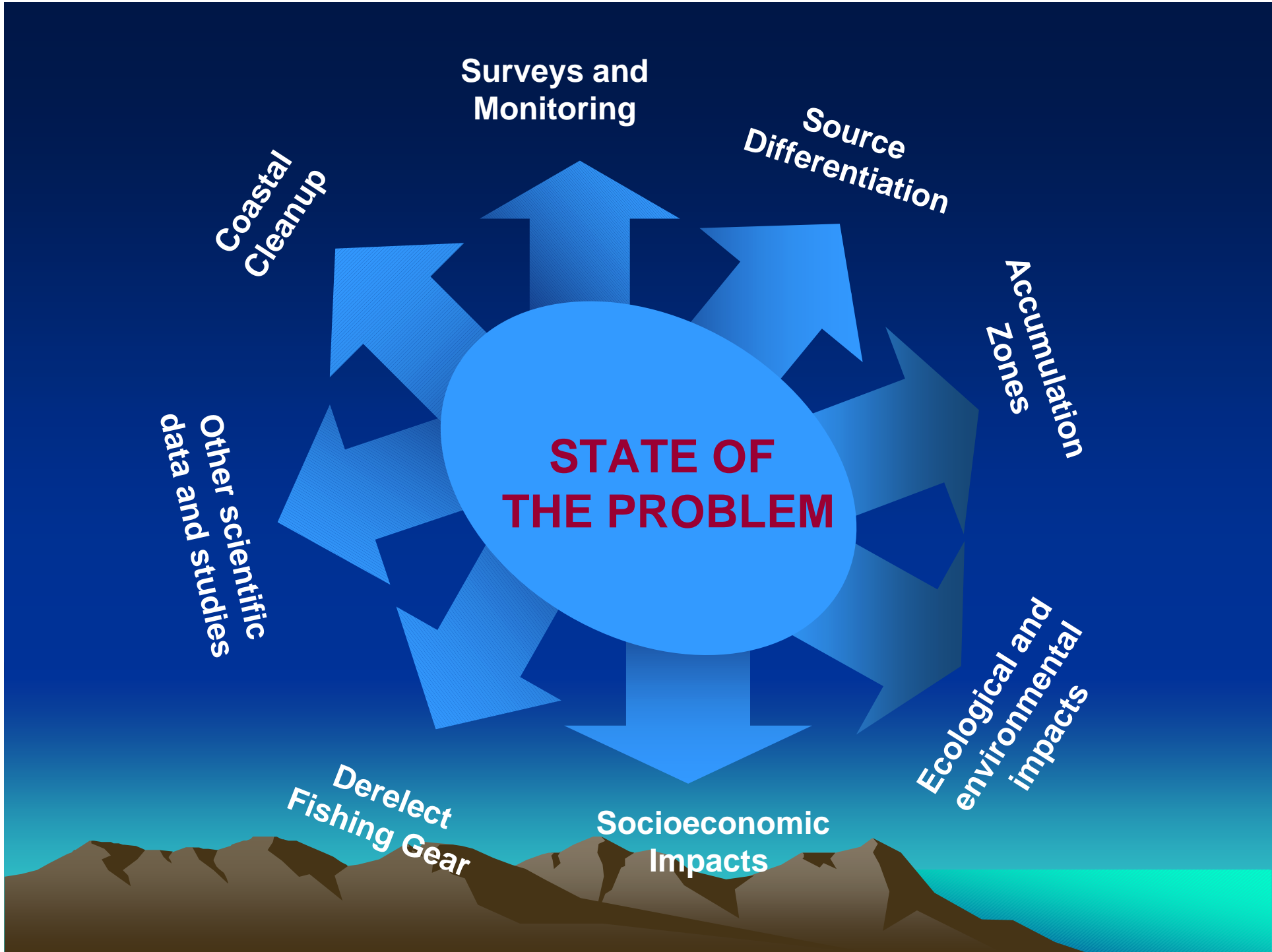
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# Surveys and Monitoring

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**There are only several scientific researches that are related to the marine litter undertaken by specialized organizations**

**These researches are mostly sectoral-purposed eg**

**Navigation: Research on building up waste treatment system for ships at seaports of Vietnam; Research on selection of technology and proposal of pre-feasible option in building up ship-waste treatment station for the area of Hai Phong and Quang Ninh.**

**Oil and gas: Research on effects of oil-originated and synthetic solutions generated by exploratory drilling activities to the marine environment.**

# Source Differentiation

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In Vietnam, there are not any available data on marine litter differentiate/identify the sources of marine litter (e.g. *the proportion that comes from land-based sources versus ship-based sources*).



## Accumulation Zones

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Because of shortage of surveys and datas on marine litter, consequently there is not any available information on ocean circulation patterns and accumulation zones for marine litter in Vietnam's waters and along the coastlines

# Ecological and environmental impacts

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Due to the lack of data and information on marine litter, therefore, it is unaware of impacts of marine litter on the biological, ecological and environment



## Socioeconomic Impacts

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As mentioned above, socio-economic impacts of marine litter are not available in Vietnam

# **Derelect Fishing Gear**

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**There is not any data or information specifically on the impacts of derelict fishing gear in Vietnam**

## **Other scientific data and studies**

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**Data and results from other studies, research and monitoring that are relevant to assessing the State of the Marine Litter problem is absent.**



# Coastal Cleanup

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Vietnam participates in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC)

[www.coastalcleanup.org](http://www.coastalcleanup.org)

- \* ICC firstly held in 2000 in only one coastal city
- \* Since 2000, ICC held annually in Vietnam
- \* Up to now, ICC program is expanded and held annually in many coastal provinces of Vietnam.

*Annually since 1994, the Clean Up the World takes place in not only coastal provinces, but also all provinces and cities of Vietnam*

*Vietnam also participates in Clean Up the World*

[www.cleanuptheworld.org](http://www.cleanuptheworld.org)

*World Environment Day is also celebrated annually in Vietnam by all provinces*







## Lead Agency

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At present, Vietnam does not have an official Lead Agency for Marine Litter Issues yet. However, so far Vietnam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA) still dealing with marine environment protection issues.

Because of VEPA functions and tasks, VEPA is considered the most suitable agency to take Lead Agency for Marine Litter issues.

## Task Force

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Vietnam does not have any cross-sectoral task-force, working group, committee or similar group with responsibility for, or interest in dealing with Marine Litter issues



# Policy and Laws

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Vietnam has many policies, legislation, regulations and other instruments that mention very generally the protection of marine environment from marine litter issues.

However, there is no a specific policy, legislation or regulation directly addressing marine litter.

- \* Law on environment protection 1993 and revision 2005;
- \* Vietnam Maritime Code 1990 and revision 2005;
- \* Law on Oil and Gas, 2000;
- \* Law on Mineral;
- \* Law on Water Resources;
- \* Decrees:



# Participation in International Conventions

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## MARPOL

On August 29, 1991 Vietnam officially signed and participated in MARPOL 73/78 Convention by signing Annexes of I and II of the Convention

Vietnam has not ratified Annex V of MARPOL yet. However, Ministry of Transport is promoting this participation process of Vietnam

## BASEL

Vietnam signed Basel Convention on March 13, 1989;

In March 13, 1995 Vietnam officially ratified the Basel Convention. It becomes the 85th country ratifying Basel Convention.

Other global/regional programs

PEMSEA

COBSEA

# Understanding and awareness

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Understanding and awareness about marine litter is very low  
Understanding and awareness are varied from different  
decision/policy making groups

## Economic Instruments

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There are some economic instruments but they are not applicable to  
marine litter.



**Specific regulations/laws on waste discharge to the seas or post-collection treatment not yet available;**

**Marine litter management Plans at all levels are not yet developed. Even, all seaports of Vietnam do not have their own environment management plans;**

**Waste treatment system at seaports not yet available**

**Integrated Management System for all marine activities not yet established**

**Information system and Information exchange mechanism among various sectors are extremely weak**

**Awareness of communities are weak**

**Expenditure for environmental protection is quite low**

**BARRIERS  
& GAPS**

# NATIONAL NEEDS & ACTION PLAN

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- ☺ **Develop relevant legal law and policies**
- ☺ **Build and strengthen capacity for both managers and professionals;**
- ☺ **Develop and establish mechanisms for marine litter management;**
- ☺ **Establish marine litter monitoring system;**
- ☺ **Periodically develop Report on State of marine litter;**



# NATIONAL NEEDS & ACTION PLAN

- ☺ Invest and upgrade infrastructure for management and treatment of marine litter;
- ☺ Propagate laws and regulations and awareness to relevant groups;
- ☺ Strengthen international cooperation;
- ☺ An official Lead Agency for Marine Litter in Vietnam should be nominated by the Government of Vietnam in order to facilitate international cooperation issues on marine litter.





**REGIONAL  
NEEDS &  
ACTION  
PLAN**

**Develop and adopt a Regional Cooperation Mechanism in managing marine litter in EAS;**

**Develop and approve a Regional Plan to manage marine litter. The plan with specific programs, projects and activities.**

**Establish a Regional Institution for marine litter management.**

**Develop a data and information management and sharing system at regional level**

**Training and raising awareness for managers, policy makers, ... on marine litter**

**Call upon financial supports for regional marine litter management.**



**Thank you  
for your attention!**

