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Policy Review is a publication of People and Nature Reconciliation (PanNature) covering natural resources, the environment and sustainable development in Vietnam. Each quarter, we manage to update and provide relevant information to organizations and individuals who are interested in the making, drafting, promulgation and enforcement processes of Vietnam's natural resources and environmental laws and policies.

The Policy Review will be published in Vietnamese and English. We will provide a limited number of hard-copies to interested organizations and individuals. Preferably, we will send the electronic version to those who sign up for our newsletters via email. Furthermore, the Policy Review will be posted on PanNature's website for public access.



During the first quarter of 2011, there were 42 legal documents related to the natural resources and environment sector promulgated or put into effect. These documents focus on institution and finance in the natural resources and environment sector; environmental management and environmental pollution; forest management; biodiversity; mineral resource management; water resource management; and climate change.

We hope to receive feedback, suggestions and comments regarding this edition so that we can improve the quality of our next newsletter. PanNature is also willing to publish articles, policy analysis, and discussion concerning natural resources-environment-sustainable development issues from readers in our newsletter, as well as on our daily news website ThienNhiem.Net.

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New revenue stream from forest environmental services

Decree No.99/2010/ND-CP on the policy for payment for forest environmental services (FPES) was put into effect on 01.01.2011

According to Decree No.99/2010/ND-CP, it is for the first time that Vietnamese organizations and individuals benefiting from forest environmental services will have to pay forest owners.

This legislation covers all special-use, protection, and production forests that supply forest environmental services, such as maintenance of water sources for hydropower plants, water resources for production and living activities of the society, and eco-tourism.

Those entitled to payment for forest environmental services are owners of forests that supply forest environmental services; as well, organizations, households, individuals or village communities contracted for long-term forest protection by owners of forests that have payments for FPES.

Revenues from FPES is made directly or indirectly through the Vietnam Forest Protection

and Development Fund or through the provincial Forest Protection and Development Funds.

The PFES mechanism is expected as one further step to successfully socialize the forestry sector in Vietnam, as well as gradually establish economic facilities for contributing to environmental and ecosystems protection, and to improve the quality of forest environmental services.

For guiding this decree, the Prime Minister has recently issued the Decision No.2285/QD-TTg dated December 13th, 2010 on "Implementation of the Government's Decree No.99/2010/ND-CP dated September 24th, 2010 on the policy on payment for forest environmental services".

This Decree became effective from January 1st, 2011.

Allocation and lease of forests in association with forest land

Inter-ministerial Circular No. 07/2011/TTLT-BNNPTNT-BTNMT

On January 29th, 2011, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) promulgated the inter-ministerial Circular No. 07/2011/TTLT-BNN-BTNMT on guiding allocation and lease of forests in association with forest land. This circular provides instructions for coordination between agencies under MARD and MONRE in implementing tasks related to allocation and lease of forests in association with forest land for the first time; finalization of filing documents for forest allocation and lease; completion of land-use files in cases that forests have been allocated and leased but forestland has not been allocated and leased, or land-use certificates have not yet been granted. Maps used in these cases must be in in VN-2000 reference system with a basic rate of 1/10.000 or 1/5000.

This inter-ministerial circular was put into effect on March 15th, 2011.

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Related to forest allocation and lease, the Government has issued a number of legal documents, including:

- Decision No.178/2010/QD-TTg dated November 12th, 2000 of the Prime Minister concerning the benefits and obligations of households and individuals receiving allocation, lease or contracts of forests and forestland.
- Decision No.304/2005/QD-TTg dated November 23rd, 2005 of the Prime Minister on the forest land allocation pilot program for ethnic minorities in the Central Highland.

- Inter-ministerial Circular No.80/2003/TTLT/BNN-BTC dated September 3rd, 2003 on guiding the implementation of the Prime Minister's Decision No.178/2001/QD-TTg issued in November 12th, 2001 on benefits and obligations of households and individuals receiving allocation, lease or contracts of forests and forestland.
- Circular No.38/2007/TT-BNN dated April 25th, 2007 of MARD on guiding the process and procedures for allocation, lease or withdrawal of forests from organizations, households, individu-

- als and village communities.
- Decision No. 2704/QD-BNN-KL dated September 20th, 2007 of MARD on implementing the project "Forest allocation and lease during 2007 – 2010".
- Decision No. 2925/QD-BNN-KL dated October 5th, 2007 of MARD on implementing the project "Supporting sustainable agro-forestry on slash-and-burn farming land in upland communities".

For the English translation of these legislations, please visit http://www.isgmard.org.vn/LegalDocs_MARDBrief.asp

Decree no.117/2010/ND-CP: New legal framework for the organization and management of special-use forests

Vietnam's special-use forest (SUF) system was established nearly 50 years ago. The system's main function is to conserve the forests' ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as their natural landscape, cultural, and historical values.

With the government's efforts and the support of the international community, 2,198,744 hectares have been identified as a special-use forests; of which, 164 sites have been marked off as examples of important eco-systems including 30 national parks, 55 natural reserves, 11 species and habitat conservation areas, 45 landscape conservation areas, and 20 research forests.¹

Nevertheless, this special-use forest system has faced many challenges in planning, management, organization and conservation as results of lack of sufficient participation of relevant stakeholders. Meanwhile, the rate of biodiversity degradation is still increasing due to illegal logging, commercial plantation, wildlife harvest and hunting, wildlife trade, and other economic activities such as mining and hydropower constructions.

The Decree No.117/2010/ND-CP dated December 12th, 2010 aims at creating a new legal framework for unifying the organization and management of special-use forests in Vietnam.

The decree cover a wide range of issues, including planning, identifying, and establishment of SUFs; land use conversion; scientific research and eco-tourism in SUFs, sustainable use of forest resources; organization of the management board; ranger units; wildlife rescue; conservation and development; buffer zones; management of planning work, finance and investment in SUFs. With regards to biodiversity and forest ecosystem conservation, the government is trying to increase decentralization to local authorities in SUF management; thereby creating one relationship between the rights, interests and responsibilities of local communities, and increasing their participation in nature conservation.

The decree is expected to change the current approach of SUF management. It will also serve as a basic legal framework for activities to protect, conserve, maintain, and develop special natural values; standard specimens of forest ecosystem; biodiversity and forest gene sources; historical-cultural relics or scenic places; and scientific research. Furthermore, it will help to provide environmental services to reduce the impacts of climate change and to ensure sustainable economic and social development.

The decree took effect on January 3rd, 2011.



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On February 28th, 2011, in Hanoi, MARD organized the National Conference on Implementing Decree 117/2010/ND-CP. There were over 100 participants and representatives of related ministries and agencies, the management boards of national parks and natural reserves, academic institutions, international and local NGOs, and the media.

¹ Tran The Lien, 2010. Assessment of Special-Use Forest Planning. Environmental Workshop's Presentation 2010. Conservation Affair, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.



E NVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND MANAGEMENT

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R egulation on determination of environmental damage

Decree No.113/2010/ND-CP dated December 3rd, 2010 of the Prime Minister came into force on January 18th, 2011

In September 2008, Vedan, the Taiwanese seasoning powder producer, was caught disposing waste water in the Thi Vai River (Dong Nai Province), which it had been doing for 14 years. In the wake of the Vedan violation, MONRE has been advising the government to develop and approve

Decree No.113/2010/ND-CP dated December 3rd, 2010. The decree guides the determination of environmental damage, which includes collection of data and proof for determining the extent of the environmental damage, computation of environmental damage, and identification of those liable for the environmental damages that were caused by pollution of water, soil, natural ecosystems and species prioritized for protection under the law.

Based on the data and proof collected, as well as the results from the damage computation, relevant authorities will decide to settle compensation for damages by the following methods: reaching an agreement on compensation with the damage-causing party; requesting an arbitrator to handle the case; or instituting a lawsuit in court.

The decree is an important legal tool based on the “Polluter Pays Principle” (PPP). It is an initial step required to help tackle the legal barriers and challenges that state authorities, litigators, and communities face when they engage in environmental damage compensation lawsuits.

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Related to this decree, PanNature worked with environmental law experts to study and publish a report: *The right to initiate lawsuits for compensation for damages caused by environmental infringement in Vietnam: Legal basis and implementation process* (2009). Available at: <http://nature.org.vn/vn/2009/12/quyen-khoi-kien-boi-thuong-moi-truong/> (Vietnamese version).

R egulations on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

To detail and complete regulations on SEA and EIA of investment projects in Vietnam, based on Decree No.80/2006/ND-CP detailing and guiding the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Environmental Protection, and Decree No.21/2008/ND-CP on amending and supplementing a number of articles of

the Government’s Decree No.80/2006/ND-CP, related ministries have promulgated a number of guiding circulars.

Circular No.218/2010/TT-BTC dated on December 29th, 2010 of the Ministry of Finance provides

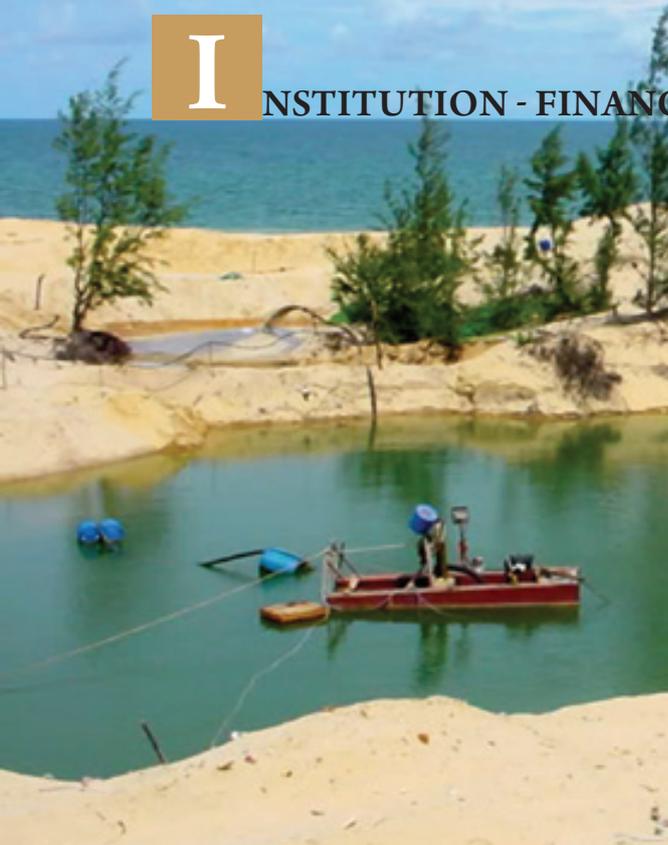
instructions for the collection rates, collection regime, and payment and management of use of fees for appraisal of EIA reports. According to this circular, 90% of appraisal fees are used for related activities, such as salary, equipment and technical costs, appraisal meetings, and appraisal reports. The remaining 10% of fees collected will go to the national budget. This circular came into effect on January 22nd, 2011.

Circular No.01/2011/TT-BXD dated on January 27th, 2011 of the Ministry of Construction involves guiding SEA in construction and urban planning. The circular regulates the capacity conditions and responsibilities of SEA specialists, steps and methods used in SEA, as well as other important issues regarding SEA in construction and urban planning. This circular came into effect on March 15th, 2011.

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Related to EIA regulations, PanNature published a policy brief, *Vietnam’s Environmental Impact Assessment: From Law to Practice* (2009). A full report is available at: <http://nature.org.vn/vn/2009/04/thao-luan-chinh-sach-danh-gia-tac-dong-moi-truong-o-vietnam/> (Vietnamese version).

I NSTITUTION - FINANCE



Inter-ministerial Circular No.197/2010/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT: Payment for Informants

On December 8th, 2010, the inter-ministerial Circular No. 197/2010/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT of the Ministry of Finance and MONRE provided guidelines for the collection and payments of fines, and the management and use of proceeds from administrative sanctions in the field of environmental protection.

According to this circular, the agency responsible for conducting inspections, monitoring, and administering punishment for environmental violations can use 70% of the total proceeds from administrative sanctions (held by the financial department or state treasury) for relevant activities, such as: inspection, monitoring, punishment, and disclosure of environmental violation information. As well, proceeds will pay for other costs such as equipment, stationery, training, and database building

The latest regulation is called “payment for information”. This is the budget for paying individuals for providing information on cases of environmental violations. The payment for each case is not over 10% of the fines and it’s paid up to a maximum of 50,000,000 VND (fifty million VND).

2011 Inspection Plan of MONRE

On February 25th, 2011, the Minister of MONRE approved Decision 302/QĐ-BTNMT on the inspection plan for 2011 in the natural resources and environment sector. The inspection plan will focus on three main areas:

- Compliance inspection of land legislation in urban projects nationwide from March to June 2011 in 7 cities and provinces: Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, Vinh Phuc, Dak Lak, Kien Giang, Ninh Binh and Ninh Thuan.
- Compliance inspection of land, environmental protection, mining and water legislation in titanium exploitation projects in the central coastal provinces from March to June 2011 in Thua Thien Hue, Binh Dinh, Quang Ngai and Binh Thuan.
- Compliance inspection of environmental protection, land, water resources, and hydro-meteorology legislation in small and medium hydropower projects in 15 mountainous provinces in the North: Ha Giang, Cao Bang, Bac Kan, Tuyen Quang, Lao Cai, Yen Bai, Thai Nguyen, Lang Son, Bac Giang, Phu Tho, Quang Ninh, Hoa Binh, Son La, Dien Bien, and Lai Chau.



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In June 2011, PanNature will publish a research paper on “Hydropower and impacts on the special-use forest system in Vietnam”. The objective of this research is to sum up the development status of small and medium hydropower projects in or around Vietnam’s national parks and protected areas.

HIGHLIGHTS



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Formulation of the National REDD+ Steering Committee

Vietnam is one of nine pilot countries to implement the United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD), and one of the first countries on its way to entering phase 2 of the UN-Program.

Phase 1 was started in September 2009. After 18 months, significant progress has been made, including establishing national coordination between relevant ministries, a national REDD network, a technical working-group and REDD national strategy, implementing Free & Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) in Lam Ha and Di Linh – 2 pilot districts in Lam Dong Province, capacity building training, and technical researches.

Phase 2 will start in the middle of 2011 with a total budget of approximately 100 million USD. It is funded by the Norwegian government through the UN-REDD program. Overall, the goal of this program is to promote sustainable forest resource management, and to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. The main activities of UN-REDD Phase 2 include implementation of National REDD Strategy, coordination mechanism, participatory carbon measurement, and equitable sharing of REDD benefits. The Phase 2 experiment will target the 6 provinces which have the highest levels of forest cover: Bac Kan, Binh Thuan, Ca Mau, Ha Tinh, Lam Dong and Lao Cai.

Continuing with the success of REDD, Vietnam moves towards the implementation of REDD+(Reducing Emission for Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Sustainable Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancing Forest Carbon Stocks).

After receiving approval from the Prime Minister of Vietnam, the Minister of MARD, Mr. Cao Duc Phat, signed Decision 37/2010/QD-BNN/TCCB on establishing of the Steering Committee for Implementing of the Initiative on “Reducing Emission for Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Sustainable Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancing Forest Carbon Stocks (REDD+) in Vietnam”.

The decision was put into effect on January 7th, 2011.



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In 2010, PanNature published the Vietnamese version of CIFOR’s “Moving Ahead with REDD: Issues, Options and Implications”. A number of analysis and commentaries on different angles of REDD has been published online on PanNature’s environmental news website in Vietnamese at www.ThienNhiem.Net (searchable with “REDD” keyword).



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Draft of the Amended Law on Water Resources to Ensure Water-Use Efficiency

The draft amendment of the law on water resources aims to protect water resources and to ensure that they are used responsibly. Furthermore, the draft amendment intends to prevent and overcome damage caused by water, while strengthening the government's management of water resources in a new context.

The most important issues considered in the draft amendment include river-basin management, water quality management, integrated planning of water use, as well as changing water resources into a commodity.

In order to ensure the quality of the draft, MONRE proposed to postpone submitting the draft to the government until August 2011, instead of April 2011, as was originally planned.

Oil and Gas Exploitation

On December 15th, 2010, the Prime Minister promulgated Decision No.84/2010 on the regulation of the exploitation of oil and gas.

The regulation engages with the following topics: petroleum development planning and other exploitation activities; oil-well exploration, oil-bearing beds; oil-well operation; and natural resource protection. In terms of exploitation output, the regulation defines it as the responsibility of operators to ensure that they rationally carry out their extraction of oil and gas based on the petroleum industry's routines and suitable technologies. These have been proven to achieve the

coefficient of oil and gas recovery with stable exploitation output in the approved oil field development planning. Operators must present forecasts for next year's exploitation plan, as well as updates for the whole exploitation time forecasts for each oil-bearing bed before the 1st of October annually to PetroVietnam.

The regulation also emphasizes general requirements of building petroleum exploitation constructions, such as: secure work place; concern for the local environment; adequate staff training; production activities related to gas and oil exploitation; information security; and handling the infringement of regulations by individuals and organizations.

The regulation, which includes 12 chapters and 83 articles, applies to government agencies, organizations, and individuals related to oil and gas exploitation activities within the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of Vietnam.

The decision was put into effect on February 15th, 2011 and substituted for Decision No.163/1998/QĐ-PTg dated on September 7th, 1998, regarding the regulation of the exploitation of oil and gas.



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LIST OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS - QUARTER I/2011

Official Number	Description
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I. Institution - Finance

197/2010/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT	Inter-ministerial Circular No.197/2010/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT of the Ministry of Finance and MONRE providing guidelines for the collection and payments of fines, and the management and use of proceeds from administrative sanctions in the field of environmental protection. <i>Date issued: 18 December 2011 Effective: 03 January 2011</i>
01/2011/TT-BTNMT	Circular of MONRE on adding a 3rd item, article 8 of Circular 07/2009/TT-BTNMT of MONRE detailing a number of articles of the Decree No. 102/2008/ND-CP dated 15/09/2008 of the government regarding the collection, management, exploitation, and use of data on natural resources and the environment. <i>Date issued: 21 January 2011 Effective: 08 May 2011</i>
302/QD-BTNMT/2011	Decision on inspection organization of the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment. <i>Date issued and effective: 25 February 2011</i>
1150/VPCP-KGVX	Official letter from the government office regarding citizen participation in the environmental protection program until 2015, orientation towards 2020. <i>Date issued: 25 February 2011 Effective: 25 February 2011</i>

II. Environmental Management – Pollution

113/2010/ND-CP	Decree on determination of environmental damage. <i>Date issued: 03 December 2010 Effective: 18 January 2011</i>
81/2010/QD-TTg	Decision on the acquisition, storage, processing, exploitation, and use of national remote sensing data. <i>Date issued: 13 December 2010 Effective: 15 February 2011</i>

Circulars of MONRE providing for the national technical standards on the environment

39/2010/TT-BTNMT	<i>Date issued: 16 December 2010 Effective: 15 February 2011</i>
41/2010/TT-BTNMT	<i>Date issued: 28 December 2010 Effective: 15 February 2011</i>
42/2010/TT-BTNMT	<i>Date issued: 28 December 2010 Effective: 01 April 2011</i>
43/2010/TT-BTNMT	<i>Date issued: 28 December 2010 Effective: 01 April 2011</i>
24/2010/TT-BXD	Circular of the Ministry of Construction providing guidelines for organizing the initial implementation of investment in constructing an interprovincial disposal area for solid waste. <i>Date issued: 24 December 2010 Effective: 06 February 2011</i>

Official Number	Description
218/2010/TT-BTC	Circular of the Ministry of Finance providing for the collection rates and the regime on collection rate, and use management of fees for appraisal of environmental impact assessment reports. <i>Date issued: 29 December 2010 Effective: 21 January 2011</i>
01/2011/TT-BXD	Circular of the Ministry of Construction on guiding the strategic environmental assessment in construction and urban planning. <i>Date issued: 27 January 2011 Effective: 15 March 2011</i>
08/2011/TT-BTNMT	Circular on amending and supplementing some articles of Circular No. 39/2009/TT-BTNMT of MONRE regulations on the process and the economic-technical norm for building natural resource and environmental database. <i>Date issued: 28 March 2011 Effective: 11 May 2011</i>
21/2011/ND-CP	Decree providing detailed regulations, and guiding the implementation of the law to use energy economically and effectively. <i>Date issued: 29 March 2011 Effective: 15 May 2011</i>
12/2011/TT-BGTVT	Circular of the Ministry of Transportation providing regulations on authorizing and recovering certificates of insurance or financial security under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage in 1992. <i>Date issued: 30 March 2011 Effective: 01 June 2011</i>
III. Mineral Resources	
84/2010/QD-TTg	Decision on the regulation of the exploitation of oil and gas. <i>Date issued: 29 March 2011 Effective: 15 May 2011</i>
33/2010/TT-BTNMT	Circular of MONRE on exploration and classification of reserves of iron mines. <i>Date issued: 19 December 2010 Effective: 28 January 2011</i>
357/TCT-CV	Official letter of the General Tax Agency on the Value Added Tax (VAT) for natural resources and minerals for export. <i>Date issued and effective: 26 January 2011</i>
0539/QD-BCT	Decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to supplement the zoning plans for exploration, exploitation, processing and use of chromite and manganese ores between 2007 and 2015, towards 2025. <i>Date issued and effective: 28 January 2011</i>
190/QD-TTg	Decision of the Prime Minister to approve the organization and operation charter of the VietNam Oil and Gas Group. <i>Date issued and effective: 29 January 2011</i>
17/2011/TT-BTC	Circular of the Ministry of Finance to guide the appropriation, management, and use of oil and gas exploration fund. <i>Date issued: 10 February 2011 Effective: 27 March 2011</i>

Official Number	Description
13/2011/ND-CP	Decree to secure safety of inland petroleum projects. <i>Date issued: 11 February 2011 Effective: 05 April 2011</i>
0836/QD-BCT	Decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to supplement the zoning plans for exploration, exploitation, processing and use of gold ore, copper, nickel, and molybdenite between 2007 and 2015, towards 2025. <i>Date issued and effective: 11 February 2011</i>
03/2011/TT-BCT	Circular of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on the national technical standards of safety in coal underground exploitation. <i>Date issued: 15 February 2011 Effective: 01 April 2011</i>
0908/2011/QD-BCT	Decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to supplement the zoning plans for exploration, exploitation, processing and use of limestone, feldspar, kaolin, and magnesite between 2007 and 2015, towards 2025. <i>Date issued and effective: 01 March 2011</i>
0540/2011/QD-BCT	Decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to supplement the zoning plans for exploration, exploitation, processing and use of limestone, feldspar, kaolin, and magnesite between 2007 and 2015, towards 2025. <i>Date issued and effective: 01 March 2011</i>
418/2011/QD-TTg	Decision of the Prime Minister to approve the organization and operation charter of the Vietnam Coal and Mineral Industries Holding Corporation Limited (VINACOMIN). <i>Date issued and effective: 21 March 2011</i>
IV. Forest	
99/2010/ND-CP	Decree on the policy for payment for forest environmental services. <i>Date issued: 24 September 2010 Effective: 01 January 2011</i>
117/2010/ND-CP	Decree on the organization and management of special-use forests system. <i>Date issued: 24 December 2010 Effective: 01 March 2011</i>
25/CT-BNN-TCLN	Directive on the implementation of measures for forest protection and forest fire prevention in the dry season of 2011. <i>Date issued and effective: 06 January 2011</i>
135/QD-BNN-TCLN	Decision of MARD to approve implementation plans for “Implementing Decree No.99/2010/ND-CP on the policy for payment for forest environmental services”. <i>Date issued and effective: 25 January 2011</i>
07/2011/TTLT-BNNPTNT-BTNMT	Inter-ministerial circular of MARD and MONRE on guiding allocation and lease of forests in association with forestland. <i>Date issued: 29 January 2011 Effective: 25 March 2011</i>

Official Number	Description
V. Biodiversity	
01/2011/TT-BNNPTNT	Circular of MARD on an amendment of the list of endangered aquatic species in Vietnam which need protection and help with reproduction in Decision No.82/2008/QD-BNNPTNT. <i>Date issued and effective: 05 January 2011</i>
VI. Climate Change	
204/2010/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT	Inter-ministerial Circular of the Ministry of Finance and MONRE on amending and supplementing a number of contents contained in Inter-ministerial circular No. 58/20008/TTLT-BTC-BTNMT in Inter-ministerial Circular No. 58/2008/TTLT-BTCBTNMT dated July 4th, 2008 of MOF and MONRE on providing guidelines for the implementation of a number of articles of Decision No. 130/2007/QD-TTg dated August 2nd, 2007 of the Prime Minister on a number of mechanisms and policies on investment projects under the clean development mechanism. <i>Date issued: 15 December 2011 Effective: 29 January 2011</i>
39/QD-BNN-TCCB	Decision of MARD on the establishment of the Steering Committee for Implementing of the Initiative on “Reducing Emission for Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Sustainable Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancing Forest Carbon Stocks (REDD+) in Vietnam”. <i>Date issued and effective: 25 January 2011</i>
199/QD-BGTVT	Decision of the Ministry of Transportation on promulgating an action plan for climate change adaptation. <i>Date issued and effective: 26 January 2011</i>
38/TB-VPCP	Announcement of Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung’s conclusion at the National Steering Committee’s meeting on the national target program to respond to climate change. <i>Date issued and effective: 03 March 2011</i>
762/TTr-BNN-TCLN	Statement 2011 on policy mechanisms and measures to strengthen forest protection management. <i>Date issued and effective: 22 March 2011</i>
VII. Water Resources	
645/QD-BTC	Decision announcing the average commodity electricity-selling prices to be applied as the price for calculating royalties on natural water used for hydropower generation in 2011. <i>Date issued and effective: 21 March 2011</i>
QH12	Draft amendment of the Law on Water Resources, 2011.



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