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Notes for compilers:

- 1. The RIS should be completed in accordance with the attached Explanatory Notes and Guidelines for completing the Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands. Compilers are strongly advised to read this guidance before filling in the RIS.
- 2. Further information and guidance in support of Ramsar site designations are provided in the Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 7, 2nd edition, as amended by COP9 Resolution IX.1 Annex B). A 3rd edition of the Handbook, incorporating these amendments, is in preparation and will be available in 2006.
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2. Date this sheet was completed/updated: 10 Feb 2012	_
3. Country: Viet Nam	
4. Name of the Ramsar site: The precise name of the designated site in one of the three official language (s), should be given in particular of Mui Ca Mau National Park	

5. Designation of new Ramsar site or update of existing site:

This RIS is for (tick one box only):

[Local name: Vuon Quoc Gia Mui Ca Mau]

	a) Designation of a new Ramsar site ☑; or b) Updated information on an existing Ramsar site □
Ć	6. For RIS updates only, changes to the site since its designation or earlier update:
a	a) Site boundary and area
	The Ramsar site boundary and site area are unchanged: \Box
	or If the site boundary has changed: i) the boundary has been delineated more accurately ii) the boundary has been extended □; or iii) the boundary has been restricted** □
	and/or
	If the site area has changed: i) the area has been measured more accurately ii) the area has been extended □; or iii) the area has been reduced** □
t	* Important note: If the boundary and/or area of the designated site is being restricted/reduced, the Contracting Party should have followed the procedures established by the Conference of the Parties in the Annex to COP9 Resolution IX.6 and provided a report in line with paragraph 28 of that Annex, prior to the submission of an updated RIS.
	b) Describe briefly any major changes to the ecological character of the Ramsar site, including in the application of the Criteria, since the previous RIS for the site:
F	7. Map of site: Refer to Annex III of the Explanatory Note and Guidelines, for detailed guidance on provision of suitable maps, including digital maps.
2	 a) A map of the site, with clearly delineated boundaries, is included as: i) a hard copy (required for inclusion of site in the Ramsar List): □;
	ii) an electronic format (e.g. a JPEG or ArcView image) ☑ ; JPEG and MapInfo
	iii) a GIS file providing geo-referenced site boundary vectors and attribute tables ${\bf \boxtimes}$.
e	Describe briefly the type of boundary delineation applied: .g. the boundary is the same as an existing protected area (nature reserve, national park, etc.), or follows a catchment boundary, or follows a geopolitical boundary such as a local government jurisdiction, follows physical boundaries such as roads, follows the horeline of a waterbody, etc.
	The boundary of the site is the boundary of Mui Ca Mau National Park, as shown on the map. In he sea-side, it is the coastline from Bay Hap River mouth to the point where Truong Phi canal

8. Geographical coordinates (latitude/longitude, in degrees and minutes):

and Dat Mui Protection Forests.

Provide the coordinates of the approximate centre of the site and/or the limits of the site. If the site is composed of more than one separate area, provide coordinates for each of these areas.

joins the sea. The inland boundary follows canals that share borders with Nam Can, Trang Sao,

Centre: 8°41'00"N, 104°47'32"E

9. General location:

Include in which part of the country and which large administrative region(s) the site lies and the location of the nearest large town.

Mui Ca Mau National Park is situated in the southernmost tip of Vietnam. It is located in Dat Mui, Vien An and Dat Moi Communes (Ngoc Hien District) and Lam Hai Commune (Nam Can District) of Ca Mau Province. The park is located 100 km southwest of Ca Mau City.

10. Elevation: (in metres: average and/or maximum & minimum)

The site is generally plain with an average elevation of 1 m above mean sea level.

Minimum: 0 m above mean sea level Maximum: 1.5 m above mean sea level

11. Area: (in hectares)

Mui Ca Mau National Park has a total area of 41,862 hectares, comprised of 4 functional zones as follows:

Terrestrial zones:

Strictly Protected Zone: 12,203 hectares
Ecological Rehabilitation Zone: 2,859 hectares
Administration and Service Zone: 200 hectares
and a Marine Protected Zone: 26,600 hectares

12. General overview of the site:

Provide a short paragraph giving a summary description of the principal ecological characteristics and importance of the wetland.

Mui Ca Mau National Park is situated at the southernmost tip of Vietnam. The site was originally covered in natural mangrove forest but the vast majority was destroyed during the American War and, later, by conversion to aquacultural ponds and agricultural land. Most of the aquacultural ponds inside the park are abandoned, and now support extensive areas of re-colonising mangrove forest. There are extensive mudflats, which are also being colonised by mangrove. The site is continually expanding due to coastal accretion of up to 50 m per year in places (Buckton *et al.* 1999). In this aspect, Mui Ca Mau typically retains ecological characteristics of new and continuing aggradational lands in the southernmost Mekong Delta, Vietnam.

Mui Ca Mau Ramsar Site is situated at the junction between the East Sea and Gulf of Thailand and is the only place in Vietnam where two different tidal regimes interact, i.e. the east coast has an uneven bi-daily tide while the west coast has a daily tide. These tidal regimes contribute to the aggradation that is building new mud-flats around Ca Mau. These create favourable habitats for many aquatic and submerged species. Mui Ca Mau also provides very important passaging and wintering habitats for a large number of waterbirds.

The park is divided into 4 zones: the strictly protected zone, ecological rehabilitation zone, administrative and service zone and the marine protected zone. Specific functional and management activities have been clearly defined for each zone.

13. Ramsar Criteria:

Tick the box under each Criterion applied to the designation of the Ramsar site. See Annex II of the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines for the Criteria and guidelines for their application (adopted by Resolution VII.11). All Criteria which apply should be ticked.

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14. Justification for the application of each Criterion listed in 13 above:

Provide justification for each Criterion in turn, clearly identifying to which Criterion the justification applies (see Annex II for guidance on acceptable forms of justification).

Criterion 1:

Almost all of the 1.6 million hectares of the Ca Mau Peninsula's natural wetlands have been converted to agriculture and aquaculture making this ecosystem rare in the Indochina Mangroves biogeographic region. Mui Ca Mau, with an extensive area (c. 13,400 ha) of mangroves and alluvial flats (c. 26,000ha), is the largest natural area of what remains of the Ca Mau Peninsular.

Phan Nguyen Hong (1997) stated Ca Mau Peninsular support a largest area of mangrove in Vietnam (c. 150,000ha). In 2010, VIFEP (2010) report an area of c. 60,000 ha of mangroves remains in the Peninsular. Most of these mangroves located in Ngoc Hien District (c. 34,000ha) and the most intact areas are now only found in the Ramsar Site. The site therefore supports one of most important sample for intact mangrove and mudflat habitats in the Indochina Mangroves biogeographic region.

Criterion 2:

There are a number of globally threatened species (IUCN 2011) was recorded for Mui Ca Mau, most noteworthy are those of otters, primates, waterbirds, reptiles and fishes (see table)

Scientific Name	Common Name	IUCN	CITES	CMS	VRD
Mammalia					
Macaca arctoides	Stump-tailed Macaque	VU	II		VU
Lutra sumatrana	Hairy-nosed Otter	EN	II		EN
Aonyx cinerea	Asian Small-clawed Otter	VU	II		VU
Viverra megaspila	Large-spotted Civet	VU			VU
Prionailurus viverrinus	Fishing Cat	EN	II		EN
Manis javanica	Sunda Pangolin	EN	II		EN
Aves					
Platalea minor ¹	Black-faced Spoonbill	EN	II	I	EN
Egretta eulophotes	Chinese Egret	VU		Ι	
Numenius madagascariensis	Far Eastern Curlew	VU			
Reptilia					
Ophiophagus hannah	King Cobra	VU	II		CR
Batagur baska	Four-toed Terrapin	CR	I		
Cuora amboinensis	Southeast Asian Box Turtle	VU	II		VU
Hieremys annandalii	Yellow-headed Temple Turtle	EN	II		EN
Malayemys subtrijuga Snail-eating Turtle		VU	II		VU
Siebenrockiella crassicollis Black Marsh Turtles		VU	II		
Amyda cartilaginea	Southeast Asian Softshell Turtle	VU	II		VU

¹At list three individuals were recorded in November-December 2010, one of them was carrying radio tracking transmitter by a South Korean/Japanese collaborative programme of tracking Black-face Spoonbills (Le Trong Trai pers. comm.).

Scientific Name	Common Name	IUCN	CITES	CMS	VRD
Chondrichthyes					
Himantura gerrardi	Whitespotted Whipray	VU			
Actinopterygii					
Hippocampus kuda	Estuary Seahorse	VU	II		EN
Pangasius krempfi	Catfish	VU			

Mui Ca Mau is also home to other fish species that are ranked as High or Very High Vulnerability by fishbase.org (see more in Criterion 8 and section 22). In addition, there is information on the annual visits of Dugong *Dugong dugon* (VU) and Irrawaddy Dolphin *Orcaella brevirostris* (VU) close to tidal flats of the park (Han Thanh Phong pers. comm., and VIFEP 2010). From unconfirmed records, Silver Langur *Trachypicthecus germaini* (EN) is also inhabit Mui Ca Mau's mangroves. However, there is a need of more survey to confirm the distribution of this species inside the proposed Ramsar Site (Hoang Minh Duc pers. comm.²).

Criterion 6:

Mui Ca Mau regularly supports >1% of the individuals in the populations of one species and one subspecies of waterbirds.

Common name	Scientific name	Count	Year	Season/Reference	1% level*
Chinese Egret	Egretta eulophotes	83	Mar 2000	Winter (Moore and Nguyen Phuc	35
		36	Dec 2000	Bao Hoa 2000)	
		43	2007	Nguyen Duc Tu per. comm.3.	

^{*} Li and Mundkur 2007 and Wetlands International 2006

Criterion 8:

Mui Ca Mau maintains a wide range of natural and semi-natural ecosystems, including intertidal mudflats and mangroves of different ages, which are important breeding and spawning grounds for many important species of brackish water fishes, especially perciforms (order Perciformes) with account for more than 50% number of fish species recorded from the site (FFI 2007). Of them, the most important ones are Barramundi Lates calcarifer, snappers Lutjanus spp., Fourfinger threadfin Eleutheronema tetradactylum, Bronze croaker Otolithoides biauritus, Spotted scat Scatophagus argus, . Other important species include gobies such as Mudskippers Pseudapocryptes spp., Giant Mudskipper Periophthalmodon schlosseri, sleepers such as Butis spp. or Dusky Sleeper Eleotris fusca, mackerels such as Chacunda Gizzard Shad Anodontostoma chacunda, Thai Gizzard Shad Anodontostoma thailandiae, and Chinese Gizzard Shad Clupanodon thrissa. These species contribute a significant proportion income for local fisher households in the area (VIFEP 2010).

In addition, the site is important for a number of commercially important species that migrate from the brackish-water to fresh-water for breading, especially eel-catfishes *Plotosus* spp., catfishes *Arius* spp., *Plotosus* spp. and *Pangasius* spp. including the globally vulnerable *Pangasius krempfi* (VIFEP 2010).

The mudflat and mangrove forest also support the larva of many economic marine organisms such as Giant tiger prawn *Penaeus monodon*, Flower shrimp *Penaeus semisulcatus*, Greasyback shrimp *Metapenaeus ensis*, Spear shrimp *Parapenaeopsis* spp., Mud crab *Scylla serrata*, clam species *Meretrix* spp., cockle species *Anadara* spp. and *Saccostrea* oysters spp.. The larvae and seedlings of these species,

²A specimen collected by Truong Minh Hoat in Mui Ca Mau in 1977. In 2007, Hoang Minh Duc recorded one captive individual in Dat Mui Commune, the man who kept this langur declared that it was taken from mangroves inside Mui Ca Mau.

³Asian Waterbird Census Data Sheet, 2007

which found with large amounts in the park, are importance sources for aquacultural production around the park (FFI 2007 and VIFEP 2010).

15. Biogeography (required when Criteria 1 and/or 3 and /or certain applications of Criterion 2 are applied to the designation):

Name the relevant biogeographic region that includes the Ramsar site, and identify the biogeographic regionalisation system that has been applied.

a) biogeographic region:

This area falls within **IM1402 (Indochina Mangroves)** Ecoregion within Tropical & Subtropical Moist Broadleaf Forests of Indo-Malayan Region.

b) biogeographic regionalisation scheme (include reference citation):

Olson et al. (2001) Terrestrial Ecoregions of the World: A New Map of Life on Earth.

16. Physical features of the site:

Describe, as appropriate, the geology, geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth, water permanence; fluctuations in water level; tidal variations; downstream area; general climate, etc.

Geology and geomorphology:

Mui Ca Mau is a young alluvial flat that was built up during marine transgressions in the mid-Holocene. Moving from land to the sea, the area consists of following landforms:

- (i) Marine-swampy accumulation area in parts of Dat Mui, Vien An, Lam Hai and Dat Moi Communes. The surface soils consist of sediment materials carried to the coast by rives. These materials accumulate in the coast and gradually form the marine swamps.
- (ii) Estuarine mud-flat accumulation area supports mangrove trees is situated from Bai Boi to Bay Hap river mouth. The surface soils consist of grey silts.
- (iii) Marine-riverine accumulation area in the west of the park in Lam Hai and Dat Moi Communes. The surface soils formed from marine-riverine alluvial materials.

Geochemical characteristics of soils

- Neutral soil (pH: 6.21-7.35)
- High salinity: 20-30 ppt

Generally, soils in the area are neutral, high salinity, soil fertility is relatively high, sulfidic layers are generally not present. On other hand, the east coast is strongly eroded under impacts from wave dynamics, sediment materials from erosion area are carried to the sea forming large alluvial flats in the east side of Mui Ca Mau. The erosion rate can reach tens of meters a year. Waves and coastal flows gradually erode the coastal soils and vegetations forming low ridges in the coast with exposed materials include coarse and fine sands, cascajos, bivalve's shells and vegetation relics. Due to erosion, the area is losing hundreds hectares of forests land in the east coast.

Hydrology:

Water quality

- pH: varies from 7.82 ± 0.19 in rainy season, and 7.74 ± 0.17 in dry season
- Salinity: 2 25ppt in rainy season, and 29,3 32,4ppt in dry season
- Dissolved oxigen (DO): 5.1 ± 1.3 mg/l in rainy season, and 5.5 ± 0.9 mg/l in dry season
- Mineral salts
 - $+ PO_4 P: 0.1 0.02 \text{ mg/l (rainy season)}; 0.04 0.08 \text{ mg/l (dry season)}$
 - $+ NH_4 N: 0.00378 0.0076 \text{ mg/l (rainy season)}; 0.0021 0.005 \text{ mg/l (dry season)}$

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+ N0_2 - N: 0.008 - 0.024 \text{ mg/l}
+ Si0_3 - Si: 0.221 \text{ mg/l} - 0.228 \text{ mg/l} (rainy season); 0.300 \text{ mg/l} - 0.408 \text{ mg/l} (dry season)
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The park consists of intertidal flats that are influenced by two tidal regimes: daily tidal in the East Sea and bi-daily tidal in the Gulf of Thailand. The tidal amplitude varies from 0.8 to 1m. The continental part of the parks is cut by an interlacing canal network. As the tidal range in the East Sea is higher than in the Gulf of Thailand, there are tidal flows from east to west. For this reason, most of canals flow from the south (East Sea) to the north (Cua Lon River). At the same time, the Cua Lon River is slopes slightly from east to west, causing a flow of Bo De River from the East Sea to the Gulf of Thailand.

The tidal pattern is very important in influencing the flows of canals and movement of sediments in the area. The alluvia of sediments facilitate movement of materials from East Sea to the Gulf of Thailand following Cua Lon River and deposit them in Ong Trang river mouth with the average contents of 70-80 mg/l in dry season and 30 mg/l in rainy season. It is estimated that the Cua Lon River carries 1.03 million tons of alluvial materials from East Sea to the Gulf of Thailand each year.

The well-developed canal network offers good navigation. However, the flow regimes of canals in the area are complicated due to tidal impacts. Such natural conditions and hydrological patterns influence the soil environment, ecology as well as all socio-economic activities in the area.

Climate

Mui Ca Mau National Park is situated in the sub-equatorial tropical monsoon climate zone with the total rainfall and accumulated calorie relatively higher than other areas in the Mekong Delta.

Rainy season is from May to November, highest rainfall months are August and September. Dry season is from December to April, moths of highest numbers of sunny days are from January to Aril.

Average annual rainfall is 2,390mm, maximum can reach to 2,900mm in some years, and minimum is 2,000mm. Average number of rainy days is 165 days an year, varied from 130 to 200 days.

Average annual temperature is 26.8°C. Lowest temperature falls in January (24-26°C), and higher temperature falls in April (27.5-28.5°C).

Average annual humidity is 85.9%, varying from 83.5% to 89.0%, the most humid months are September and October. Average annual evapotranspiration is 1,074 mm.

The northeast wind starts from November to April. The southwest wind starts from June to September. May and October are months of transition between these two dominated winds. This climate is generally creating favourable conditions for growth and development of plant and animal species.

17. Physical features of the catchment area:

Describe the surface area, general geology and geomorphological features, general soil types, and climate (including climate type).

Mui Ca Mau is situated in the Ca Mau Peninsular in the Mekong Delta in the south of Vietnam. The peninsular covers 1.6 million hectares. It has complicated hydrological, hydraulic and pedologial regimes, and is influenced by two tidal regimes.

The Ca Mau Peninsular can be divided into six sub-zones, namely West Bassac, U Minh Thuong (Upper), U Minh Ha (Lower), South Ca Mau and Bac Lieu-Vinh Chau Coast. Water from this peninsular draines to the seas via Cai Lon, Cai Be, Ong Doc, Ganh Hao, and My Thanh rivers.

These rivers are important for reducing floods in the region. Water supply of the region comes from rains and water from Bassac River via an extensive canal and channel network. Aside from water supply, the West Bassac sub-zone provides the functions of flood control (mostly floods from the Long Xuyen Quadrangle), regulate watelogs, supply freshwater and control saline water in the areas contiguous with Cai Lon and Cai Be rivers. Mui Ca Mau National Park is situated in the South Ca Mau subzone where support some highest biodiversity and high potential for fishery and aquaculture.

The Ca Mau Peninsular was mostly formed in the Holocene transgressions. Most of the peninsular is dominated by saline, sulphate, peat and alluvial soils. In the sediments of the peninsular, there are three major minerals were found including hydromica, kaolinite and smectit (Le Xuan Thuyen, 1996). However, traversing landward from the sea, the content of smectit is strongly reduced from the new sediments of the coastal mangroves to the older sediments of inland areas. (Nguyen Ngoc Hoa (ed), 1990).

The peninsular is located in the northern hemispheral tropic, sub-equatorial, and in the Asian Monsoon Zone. Such location defined climate characteristics of monsoon sub-equatorial of the region. The common climate features are high and stable temperature, and high and seasonal varied rainfall. Average annual temperature varies from 26-27°C (however, relatively lower than it of the overall Mekong Delta). The peninsular experiences a highest rainfall in the Mekong Delta. Average annual rainfall is c. 2,400mm. Rainfall allocation is seasonal. Rainy season from May to November accounts for 90-93% of total rainfall. Dry season starts from December to April.

18. Hydrological values:

Describe the functions and values of the wetland in groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilization, etc.

Mui Ca Mau is situated in between two tidal regimes, where the tidal water flows from east to west via a network of rivers and canals. The tidal regimes significantly affect the flows of canals and sedimentary movement forming aggradational mudflats in the tip. These mudflats are very important in supporting park's biodiversity, and also, providing important breeding, feeding and roosting grounds for a number of species of high economical value. Well-developed canal network facilitate navigation activities, positively affects the soil and natural environments, and the socio-economic activities in the region. The tides also bring alluvial materials to the coast supporting the creation of new soil layers, hold back the sulphate soil activation, regulate the salinity of soils, and subsequently support the activities of biotic organisms in soil and water. Canals facilitate the movement of larvae of aquatic species and nutrients into wetlands and serve as a basic for the development of aquaculture in the site. The accumulation of alluvia and tidal dynamics create favourable conditions for the expansion and development of mangroves in Ca Mau tip.

19. Wetland Types

a) presence:

Circle or underline the applicable codes for the wetland types of the Ramsar "Classification System for Wetland Type" present in the Ramsar site. Descriptions of each wetland type code are provided in Annex I of the Explanatory Notes & Guidelines.

b) Dominance:

List the wetland types identified in a) above in order of their dominance (by area) in the Ramsar site, starting with the wetland type with the largest area.

A (Permanent shallow marine waters) - G (Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats) - I (Intertidal forested wetlands) - B (Marine subtidal aquatic beds) - M (Permanent rivers/streams/creeks) - F (Estuarine waters) - L (Permanent inland deltas) - H (Intertidal marshes) - E (Sand, shingle or pebble shores) - 1 (Aquaculture ponds) - 9 (Canals and drainage channels, ditches) - Ts (Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soils)

20. General ecological features:

Provide further description, as appropriate, of the main habitats, vegetation types, plant and animal communities present in the Ramsar site, and the ecosystem services of the site and the benefits derived from them.

Mui Ca Mau National Park contains extensive areas of intertidal mudflat, and large areas of mangrove forest, dominated by *Avicennia alba*, *A. officinalis*, *A. marina*, *Rhizophora apiculata* and *Kandelia candel*. Also, *Bruguiera* sp. and *Sonneratia* sp. occur sporadically (Buckton *et al.* 1999).

Some small areas of old growth *Rhizophora apiculata* mangrove remain. This vegetation type probably covered much of the area in the past. Evidence of over-exploitation is abundant, with many old logged bases of large *Rhizophora apiculata* trees present. There are still some big trees over 20 years old, though generally the habitat is degraded. Signs of mangrove forest regeneration, however, have been observed at Mui Ca Mau. There are also extensive *Rhizophora apiculata* plantations in the national park (Buckton *et al.* 1999).

Mui Ca Mau National Park is considered to be an important site for a number of migratory waterbirds and contains two Important Bird Areas: Dat Mui and Bai Boi (Tordoff 2002).

21. Noteworthy flora:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy (expanding as necessary on information provided in 14, Justification for the application of the Criteria) indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc. Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the RIS

Fauna and Flora International (2007) recorded 60 vascular plant species for the Mui Ca Mau National Park, of which 26 species are true-mangrove trees that are very important for the formation of mangroves in the region (se Appendix 5). There no obvious variation between forest types such as mixed forest, *Rhizophora* forest and *Avicennia* forest, indicating the forests in the site are mature and about in climax. Most dominant species in the mangroves are *Rhizophora apiculata* and *Avicennia alba*. In addition, *A. officinalis*, *A. marina*, *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Kandelia candel*, *Bruguiera* sp. and *Sonneratia* sp. occur sporadically (BirdLife International 2004).

Mangrove in Mui Ca Mau is the best example for the natural succession of the forests with domination of *Rhizophora* spp. and *Avicennia* spp. in the estuarine areas, especially in the river mouth islands. Making a transect landward from the sea, we first see vegetation which is entirely dominated by *Avicennia* spp. growing in the soft substances, in the middle of island, *Rhizophora apiculata* appears to establish the mixed vegetations of *Avicennia-Rhizophora* species, further inland, where the substances are more stabilised, *Avicennia* spp. disappears giving room for monospecies vegetation of *Rhizophora apiculata* (Buckton *et al.* 1999).

22. Noteworthy fauna:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy (expanding as necessary on information provided in 12. Justification for the application of the Criteria) indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc., including count data. Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the RIS.

There are 26 mammal, 94 bird, 43 reptile, 9 amphibian and 137 fish species were recorded for the Mui Ca Mau National Park to date (FFI 2007 and WWF 2010).

Aside of globally threatened species as listed in Criteria 2, there are a number of species that are ranked by IUCN (2011) as globally near-threatened (NT) or data deficient (DD) including

Mammals: Large Flying-fox Pteropus vampyrus (NT), Large Indian Civet Viverra zibetha (NT);

Birds: Spot-billed Pelican Pelecanus philippensis (NT), Oriental Darter Anhinga melanogaster (NT), Painted Stork Mycteria leucocephala (NT), Black-headed Ibis Threskiornis melanocephalus (NT), Black-tailed Godwit Limosa limosa (NT), Eurasian Curlew Numenius arquata (NT), and Asian Dowitcher Limnodromus semipalmatus (NT);

Reptiles: Asiatic Rock Python *Python molurus* (NT), Tay Minh Water Snake *Enhydris innominata* (DD), and Jagor's Water Snake *Enhydris jagori* (DD);

Fishes: Numbray Narke dipterygia (DD), Scaly whipray Himantura imbricata (DD), Sole Zebrias crossolepis (DD), and few other species that are listed as High or Very vulnerability by fishbase such as: Zebra Bullhead Shark Heterodontus zebra, Daggertooth Pike Conger Muraenesox cinereus, Milkfish Chanos chanos, Giant Catfish Arius thalassinus, Gray Eel-catfish Plotosus canius, Barramundi Lates calcarifer, John's Snapper Lutjanus johnii, Blackmouth Croaker Atrobucca nibe, Bronze Croaker Otolithoides biauritus, Fourfinger Threadfin Eleutheronema tetradactylum, Largescale Mullet Liza macrolepis, and Largehead Hairtail Trichiurus lepturus.

23. Social and cultural values:

a) Describe if the site has any general social and/or cultural values e.g., fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological sites, social relations with the wetland, etc. Distinguish between historical/archaeological/religious significance and current socio-economic values:

Most of the natural wetlands in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam in general and of the Ca Mau peninsular in particular have been converted to agriculture and aquaculture. The proposed Ramsar Site is protecting the last remnants of mangrove and tidal flat landscape in the delta. Moreover, Ca Mau is the southernmost tip of Vietnam, making it a valuable natural and cultural asset of the nation, with unique features of the delta region that need to be maintained for future generations. The beauty of Ca Mau attracted a number of domestic and international visitors and is an inspiration for numerous work of art including poems, literatures, music and movies.

In the French and American Wars, Ca Mau forests served as the resistant base for the southern army and people, it was one of the places where received the "No-Number Vessels" carrying weapons from the North assisting the South. Therefore, Mui Ca Mau is bearing a number of historical values, and is an educational ground for future generations.

Although a new land with the populations is newly established in last few centuries, the site remains a typical cultural feature of the Kinh-Khmer reclaimer communities. Some of the traditional festivals were formed and maintained for hundreds of years such as Nghinh Ong Festival (offering to the Whale).

Mangroves of Ca Mau National Park have an important role in provision of foods, medicines, and other products that are vital for the livelihood of local communities in and around the park. Mangroves also serve as a natural belt to protect other inland ecosystems from natural disasters or climate events such as storms, tropical cyclones and surges. A number of aquatic species including

fishes, clams and shells, crabs and shrimps are strongly depend whole or parts of their life cycles to the mangroves (see Criterion 4).

Most of local communities leaving in and around Mui Ca Mau National Park are poor and strongly depend on the wetland natural resources for their livelihood. In the war time, local inhabitants subsidised themselves by 'sky's birds' and 'water's fishes'. After reunification in 1975, a reclamation programme was started. Large areas of brackish and sulfated wetlands were washing for rice cultivation. Other areas of forest were cut down and after that converted to cultivation land for taro, pumpkin, mellow and maize (these lands are over-nutrient so that not suitable for rice cultivation). In late 1980s, a booming of shrimp aquaculture in the delta leading to a large area of mangroves in Ca Mau Peninsular was cleared for shrimp ponds. Late 1990s, as a result of setback of shrimp production together with the later establishment of Mui Ca Mau National Park, the mangroves and other natural intertidal flats have been rehabilitated.

b) Is the site considered of international importance for holding, in addition to relevant ecological values, examples of significant cultural values, whether material or non-material, linked to its origin, conservation and/or ecological functioning?

If Yes, tick the box \square and describe this importance under one or more of the following categories:

- i) sites which provide a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland:
- ii) sites which have exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland:
- sites where the ecological character of the wetland depends on the interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples:
- iv) sites where relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland:

24. Land tenure/ownership:

a) within the Ramsar site:

100% of the park area is owned by the government.

b) in the surrounding area:

Land in the surrounding area is privately owned by individual farmers.

25. Current land (including water) use:

a) within the Ramsar site:

100% area of the site is a National Park. It is a protected area that serves for biodiversity conservation and ecotourism. Local communities are allowed by the park authority to harvest resources (non-timber forest products and invertebrates) on a limited basis under the supervision and control of the park rangers.

b) in the surroundings/catchment:

The entire land area outside the park has been used for agricultural-forestry-fishery purposes.

26. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land (including water) use and development projects:

a) within the Ramsar site:

The mangrove forests of Mui Ca Mau have been severely degraded in the last few decades, largely as a result of illegal encroachment and conversion to aquacultural ponds. Considerable effort has been made to restore the site and many illegal settlers have been evicted. However, there are substantial numbers of people living in or around the site, who frequently encroach it and exploit the remaining mangrove. In addition, illegal fishing, which has been documented as being widespread at the site, is thought to cause significant disturbance to the avifauna. If unregulated, this activity could lead to declines in abundance of local marine life. The largest potential threat to biodiversity at Mui Ca Mau is afforestation of the intertidal mudflats with mangrove or of areas of disused agricultural land (which is also an important habitat for migratory birds) with tree species. Typhoons are another potential threat to biodiversity at the site (Tordoff (eds.) 2001).

In detail, the Site faces a number of factors affecting its ecological character, including:

- High pressure from population density, poverty and the low awareness on the importance of biodiversity conservation;
- Illegal encroachment of the local peoples in the park, even in the strictly protected zone, for over-exploitation of plant and animal resources that affecting biodiversity and environment;
- Wildlife trade and utility in the region is not yet controlled;
- Mangrove cutting for house making, charcoal and fuelwood etc. severely affected the forest stock and area;
- Park authority is lack of capacity (in term of human resource, equipment as well as legal and institutional support) for appropriate law enforcement; and
- The collaboration between park managers and local authority in management and protection of the park is not effective as expected.

b) in the surrounding area:

A number of issues in the wider landscape also affect the ecology of the park, including:

- Poverty and dependency of local community on wetlands resources place a great pressure on the park. Almost all of the people living in and around the park are engaged in aquacultural and fishery activities which are heavily depend on the natural resources in the parks in term of encroachment for land conversion and over exploitation of aquatic species. As this is a developing area, infrastructure and public facilities are fairly limited. General educational standards of local communities are low, and their livelihoods are unstable. Illegal encroachment to harvest wetland plant and animal products is a serious problem threatening biodiversity of the park. Park management board are now collaborating with local government to implement poverty alleviation programmes that aims to reduced the pressures on the park's natural resources.
- Another pressure comes from seasonal clam larvae collectors. In the season, the immigration population in the park sometimes reaches to c. 2,000 outsiders (accounting for 50% of the park's population).

27. Conservation measures taken:

a) List national and/or international category and legal status of protected areas, including boundary relationships with the Ramsar site:

In particular, if the site is partly or wholly a World Heritage Site and/or a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, please give the names of the site under these designations.

Mui Ca Mau was designated as a national park, the highest category in the national protected areas system of Vietnam. During the French colonial period, part of the site was designated as Tam

Giang Ornamental Forest. In 1983, the southern part of the site was designated as Dat Mui Nature Reserve by the provincial people's committee. This nature reserve was included on Decision No 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, under the name Ca Mau (MARD 1997). In 1990, an investment plan was prepared for Dat Mui Nature Reserve, and, subsequently, a management board was established under Ca Mau Provincial FPD. Prior to 2003, the northern part of the site was designated as Bai Boi Coastal Protection Forest, and managed with the aim of preventing coastal erosion and protecting inland areas from flooding and other severe weather conditions. A management board for the coastal protection forest was established under the management of Ca Mau Provincial FPD.

In 2003, Dat Mui Nature Reserve and Bai Boi Coastal Protection Forest were combined, together with adjacent areas of natural habitat, to form Mui Ca Mau National Park, which was decreed by Decision No. 142/TTg of the Prime Minister, dated 14 July 2003.

In addition, Mui Ca Mau was designated as one of core zones of Mui Ca Mau Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2009 (UNESCO-MAB 2009)4.

b) If appropriate, list the IUCN (1994) protected areas category/ies which apply to the site (tick the box or boxes as appropriate):

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- c) Does an officially approved management plan exist; and is it being implemented?:
- No Management Plan exists. In Vietnam, the most important plan for a protected area is the investment plan approved by MARD that consists of the programmed of works and required budget for a given period. In Mui Ca Mau, the Investment Plan for the period of 2004-2010 and amendment for the period of 2010-2020 is being implemented.
- d) Describe any other current management practices:

In 2004, Ca Mau Provincial People's Committee decided to fund the Investment Plan for Protection and Development of Mui Ca Mau National Park for the period of 2004-2010 with a total amount of VND 63.7 billion (c. USD 3 million). This plan was partially implemented and recently revised for the period of 2010-2020 will a total amount of VND 167 billion (c. USD 8 million).

Following the plan, the terrestrial and coastal parts of the national park was divided into three functional zones: Strictly Protection Zone, Ecological Zone and Administration and Service Zone with the specified management procedures are applied for each zone. The plan includes specific programmes such as Management and Protection, Scientific Research, and Ecotourism etc..

The National Park Management Board is implementing a wide range of collaborative activities with the local authorities and peoples to involve them in the conservation work and allow the locals to wisely use some wetland resources such as NTFP and molluscs on the mangrove grounds. In coming time, the park is planning to further this collaboration to establish of community groups in management and utilisation of the park's natural resources, and to participate in the ecotourism activities (Mui Ca Mau National Park 2008).

28. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:

e.g. management plan in preparation; official proposal as a legally protected area, etc.

 $^{{}^4\}underline{\text{http://www.unesco.org/mabdb/br/brdir/directory/biores.asp?code=VIE+07\&mode=all}}$

A new Investment Plan for the period of 2010-2020 was prepared and submitted for the approval by Ca Mau Provincial People's Committee and in hope that funding from the central government will be approved in this year. This Investment Plan will be include some key programmes including:

- Mangrove protection;
- Biodiversity conservation;
- Establishment of a marine protected area;
- Ecotourism;
- Community awareness; and
- Development of infrastructures for protection and management.

29. Current scientific research and facilities:

e.g., details of current research projects, including biodiversity monitoring; existence of a field research station, etc.

The park has no a technical section yet, park staff are not equipped with equipment and knowledge for monitoring biodiversity as well as environmental quality. Only a simple monitoring programme focusing water quality, hydrological indexes, flora and vegetation, waterbirds and aquatic species has been operated. Monitoring data are being used for development of approaches for sustainable management of the park. They are also serving for biodiversity conservation, aquatic resource management, water resource management, ecotourism, community development, environmental education, scientific research and environmental quality monitoring planning.

Since 1998, under national 661 programme (also known as Five Million Hectare of Forest Programme initiated by the Prime Minister's Decision No. 661/QD-TTg dated 29 July 1998), the park carried out following research activities:

- Inventory, survey and monitoring forest status;
- Preparation plant specimens for the park's herbarium; and
- Monitoring the coastal dynamics (erosion and aggradations) of East and West coasts.

With support from Biodiversity Conservation Agency of MoNRE, the park continues piloting 60 ha of mangrove recolonisation in the mudflat.

In collaboration with several research institutes, the park has carried out few inventories on migratory birds and fishes, and other wildlife.

30. Current communications, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities related to or benefiting the site:

e.g. visitors' centre, observation hides and nature trails, information booklets, facilities for school visits, etc.

The park has a conservation awareness program targeting local communities and schools to raise their awareness on the importance of conservation of wetlands. The activities include propaganda campaigns, quiz contests, training courses of forest fire presentation and wise-use of the wetlands.

31. Current recreation and tourism:

State if the wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type(s) and their frequency/intensity.

Situated in the southernmost tip of Vietnam, the Dat Mui ecotourism site attracts a number of international and domestic visitors every year. However, due to difficult access, tourism development is somehow limited. Most of tourists only visit the park in day, not many overnight guests due to lack of standard accommodation for visitors.

The headquarters of the park has 12 guestrooms. Most of visitors to the park are bird watchers and researchers. In 2009, Mui Ca Mau National Park received 31,200 visitors, of which 2,100 were international visitors; in 2010, received 35,600 visitors, of which 2,700 international visitors.

32. Jurisdiction:

Include territorial, e.g. state/region, and functional/sectoral, e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment, etc.

Territorial Jurisdiction: Ca Mau Provincial People's Committee.

Functional Jurisdiction: Mui Ca Mau National Park Management Board.

33. Management authority:

Provide the name and address of the local office(s) of the agency(ies) or organisation(s) directly responsible for managing the wetland. Wherever possible provide also the title and/or name of the person or persons in this office with responsibility for the wetland.

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Annex 1: Mammal species list for Mui Ca Mau National Park (Source: FFI 2007)

Scientific name	English name	Notes
I. INSECTIVORA	Ĭ	
1. Soricidae		
Suncus murinus	House Shrew	
II. SCANDENTIA		
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	Small Asian Mongoose	
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	Fishing Cat	EN
	Wild Boar	
Manis javanica	Sunda Pangolin	EN
10. Sciuridae		
Tamiops rodolphei	Cambodian Striped Squirrel	
Callosciurus finlaysonii	Finlayson's Squirrel	
Menentes bermorei	Indochinese Ground Squirrel	
11. Muridae		
Bandicota indica	Greater Bandicoot Rat	
Rattus norvegicus	Brown Rat	
Rattus mollicullus	Lampobatang Sulawesi Rat	
Rattus argentiventer	Ricefield Rat	
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Rattus exulans	Polynesian Rat	
	1. Soricidae Suncus murinus II. SCANDENTIA 2. Tupaiidae Tupaia belangeri III. CHIROPTERA 3. Pteropodidae Pteropus vampyrus IV. PRIMATES 4. Cercopithecidae Macaca arctoides Macaca fascicularis V. CARNIVORA 5. Mustelidae Aonyx cinerea Lutra sp. 6. Viverridae Paradoxurus hermaphroditus Viverra megaspila Viverra zibetha Viverricula indica Herpestes javanicus 7. Felidae Prionailurus viverrinus VI. ARTIODACTYLA 8. Suidae Sus scrofa VII. PHOLIDOTA 19. Manidae Manis javanica VIII. RODENTIA 10. Sciuridae Tamiops rodolphei Callosciurus finlaysonii Menentes bermorei 11. Muridae Bandicota indica Rattus norvegicus Rattus argentiventer Rattus argentiventer Rattus argentiventer Rattus ardamanensis Rattus rattus	I. INSECTIVORA 1. Soricidae Suncus murinus II. SCANDENTIA 2. Tupaia belangeri III. CHIROPITERA 3. Pteropodidae Pteropus vampyrus IV. PRIMATES 4. Cercopithecidae Macaca artoides Macaca fuscicularis V. CARNIVORA 5. Mustelidae Aonyx cinera Large Flying-fox Stump-tailed Macaque Crab-eating Macaque V. CARNIVORA 5. Mustelidae Aonyx cinera Latru sp. Otter sp. Otter sp. 6. Viverridae Paradoxatrus bermaphroditus Common Palm Civet Viverra zibetha Large-spotted Civet Viverra gaspila Large-spotted Civet Viverra spetha Large Indian Civet Herpestes javanicus T. Felidae Prionailurus bengalensis Leopard Cat Prionailurus bengalensis Leopard Cat Prionailurus viverinus Fishing Cat VI. ARTIODACTYLA 8. Suidae Sus scrofa Wild Boar VII. PHOLIDOTA 19. Manidae Manis javanica VIII. RODENTIA 10. Sciuridae Tamiops radolphei Callosciurus finlaysonii Finlayson's Squirrel Indochinese Ground Squirrel 11. Muridae Bandicota indica Rattus mollicullus Lampobatang Sulawesi Rat Rattus morvegicus Brown Rat Rattus mollicullus Lampobatang Sulawesi Rat Rattus rattus Indochinese Forest Rat Rattus rattus House Rat

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
27	Mus musculus	House Mouse	

Notes: EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, and NT=Near-threatened as per IUCN (2010)

Annex 2: Bird species list for Mui Ca Mau National Park (Source: FFI 2007)

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
	I. PELECANIFORMES		
	1. Pelecanidae		
1	Pelecanus philippensis	Spot-billed Pelican	NT
	2. Pharacrocoracidae		
2	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant	
3	Phalacrocorax niger	Little Cormorant	
	3. Anhingidae		
4	Anhinga melanogaster	Oriental Darter	NΤ
	II. CICONIIFORMES		
	4. Ardeidae		
5	Ardea cinerea	Grey Heron	
6	Ardea purpurea	Purple Heron	
7	Casmerodius albus	Great Egret	
8	Mesophoyx intermedia	Intermediate Egret	
9	Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	
10	Egretta eulophotes	Chinese Egret	VU
11	Bubulcus ibis	Cattle Egret	
12	Ardeola bacchus	Chinese Pond-heron	
13	Ardeola speciosa	Javan Pond-heron	
14	Butorides striatus	Striated Heron	
15	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-heron	
16	Ixobrychus sinensis	Yellow Bittern	
	5. Ciconiidae		
17	Mycteria leucocephala	Painted Stork	NT
18	Anastomus oscitans	Asian Openbill	
19	Ciconia episcopus	Woolly-necked Stork	
	6. Threskiornithidae		
20	Threskiornis melanocephalus	Black-headed Ibis	NT
21	Plegadis falcinellus	Glossy Ibis	
22	Platalea minor	Black-faced Spoonbill	EN
	III. ANSERIFORMES		
	7. Anatidae		
23	Dendrocygna javanica	Lesser Whistling-duck	
	IV. FALCONIFORMES		
	8. Pandionidae		
24	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	
	9. Accipitridae		
25	Elanus caeruleus	Black-winged Kite	
26	Haliastur indus	Brahminy Kite	
	10. Falconidae		
27	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	
	V. GALLIFORMES		
	11. Rallidae		
28	Gallirallus striatus	Slaty-breasted Rail	
29	Amaurornis phoenicurus	White-breasted Waterhen	

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
30	Gallicrex cinerea	Watercock	
	VI. CHARADRIIFORMES		
	12. Recurvirostridae		
31	Himantopus himantopus	Black-winged Stilt	
	13. Charadriidae		
32	Vanellus cinereus	Grey-headed Lapwing	
33	Pluvialis fulva	Pacific Golden Plover	
34	Pluvialis squatarola	Grey Plover	
35	Charadrius mongolus	Lesser Sand Plover	
36	Charadrius leschenaultii	Greater Sand Plover	
37	Charadrius sp.		
	14. Scolopacidae		
38	Limosa limosa	Black-tailed Godwit	NT
39	Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel	
40	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew	NT
41	Numenius madagascariensis	Far Eastern Curlew	VU
42	Tringa totanus	Common Redshank	
43	Tringa stagnatilis	Marsh Sandpiper	
44	Tringa nebularia	Common Greenshank	
45	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper	
46	Tringa sp.		
47	Xenus cinereus	Terek Sandpiper	
48	Actitis hypoleucos	Common Sandpiper	
49	Heteroscelus brevipes	Grey-tailed Tattler	
50	Arenaria interpres	Ruddy Turnstone	
51	Limnodromus semipalmatus	Asian Dowitcher	NT
52	Calidris ferruginea	Curlew Sandpiper	
	15. Laridae		
53	Larus brunnicephalus	Brown-headed Gull	
54	Chlidonias hybridus	Whiskered Tern	
55	Gelochelidon nilotica	Gull-billed Tern	
56	Hydroprogne caspia	Caspian Tern	
57	Sterna hirundo	Common Tern	
	VII. COLUMBIFORMES		
	16. Columbidae		
58	Streptopelia tranquebarica	Red Collared-dove	
59	Streptopelia chinensis	Spotted Dove	
60	Treron bicincta	Orange-breasted Green-pigeon	
	VIII. CUCULIFORMES		
	17. Cuculidae		
61	Cacomantis merulinus	Plaintive Cuckoo	
62	Eudynamys scolopacea	Asian Koel	
63	Phaenicophaeus tristis	Green-billed Malkoha	
64	Centropus sinensis	Greater Coucal	
65	Centropus bengalensis	Lesser Coucal	
	IX. APODIFORMES		
	18. Apodidae		
66	Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	
	X. CORACIIFORMES		

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
	19. Alcedinidae		
67	Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher	
68	Pelargopsis capensis	Stork-billed Kingfisher	
69	Halcyon smyrnensis	White-throated Kingfisher	
70	Halcyon pileata	Black-capped Kingfisher	
71	Todiramphus chloris	Collared Kingfisher	
	20. Picidae	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
72	Dendrocopos macei	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	
73	Picus vittatus	Laced Woodpecker	
74	Picus sp.		
75	Chrysocolaptes lucidus	Greater Flameback	
	XI. PASSERIFORMES		
	21. Hirundinidae		
76	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	
	22. Motacillidae		
77	Motacilla cinerea	Grey Wagtail	
78	Motacilla alba	White Wagtail	
79	Anthus novaeseelandiae	Australasian Pipit	
	23. Pycnonotidae		
80	Pycnonotus jocosus	Red-whiskered Bulbul	
	24. Irenidae		
81	Aegithina tiphia	Common Iora	
	25. Turdidae		
82	Copsychus saularis	Oriental Magpie-robin	
	26. Sylviidae		
83	Acrocephalus orientalis	Oriental Reed-warbler	
84	Orthotomus sutorius	Common Tailorbird	
85	Orthotomus ruficeps	Ashy Tailorbird	
86	Phylloscopus fuscatus	Dusky Warbler	
	27. Monarchidae		
87	Rhipidura javanica	Pied Fantail	
	28. Nectariniidae		
88	Nectarinia jugularis	Olive-backed Sunbird	
	29. Zosteropidae		
89	Zosterops palpebrosus	Oriental White-eye	
	30. Ploceidae		
90	Passer montanus	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	
	31. Sturnidae		
91	Acridotheres grandis	White-vented Myna	
92	Acridotheres tristis	Common Myna	
	32. Dicruridae		
93	Dicrurus macrocercus	Black Drongo	
	33. Corvidae		
94	Crypsirina temia	Racket-tailed Treepie	

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Annex 3: Herptile species list for Mui Ca Mau National Park (Source: FFI 2007)

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
	REPTILIA		
	I. SQUAMATA		
	1. Gekkonidae		
1.	Gekko gecko	Tokay Gecko	
2.	Hemidactylus frenatus	Common House Gecko	
3.	Hemidactylus garnoti	Indo-Pacific Gecko	
4.	Cosymbotus platyurus	Flat-tailed House Gecko	
	2. Agamidae		
5.	Acanthosaura lepidogaster	Scale-bellied Tree Lizard	
6.	Calotes versicolor	Oriental garden lizard	
7.	Draco maculatus	Orange-winged Flying Lizard	
	3. Scincidae		
8.	Mabuya multifasciata	East Indian Brown Mabuya	
9.	Lygosoma quadrupes	Short-legged Skink	
	4. Varanidae		
10.	Varanus salvator	Common Water Monitor	
	5. Xenopeltidae		
11.	Xenopeltis unicolor	Asian Sunbeam Snake	
	6. Uropeltidae		
12.	Cylindrophis ruffus	Red-tailed Pipe Snake	
	7. Boidae		
13.	Python molurus	Asiatic Rock Python	NT
14.	Python reticulatus	Asiatic Reticulated Python	
	8. Colubridae		
15.	Ahaetulla prasina	Oriental Whipsnake	
16.	Cerberus rhynchops	Dog-faced Water Snake	
17.	Chrysopelea ornata	Golden Tree Snake	
18.	Dendrelaphis pictus	Painted Bronzeback	
19.	Elaphe radiata	Radiated Ratsnake	
20.	Enhydris bocourti	Bocourt's Water Snake	
21.	Enhydris enhydris	Striped Water Snake	
22.	Enhydris innominata	Tay Minh Water Snake	DD
23.	Enhydris jagori	Jagor's Water Snake	DD
24.	Enhydris plumbea	Boie's Mud Snake	
25.	Erpeton tentaculatum	Tentacled Snake	
26.	Fordonia leucobalia	White-bellied Freshwater Snake	
27.	Homalopsis buccata	Puff-faced Water Snake	
28.	Oligodon cyclurus	North-east Indian Kukri Snake	
29.	Psammodynastes pulverulentus	Common Mock Viper	
30.	Ptyas korros	Indochinese Rat Snake	
31.	Ptyas mucosus	Oriental Ratsnake	
32.	Xenochrophis piscator	Chequered Keelback	
	9. Elapidae		
33.	Bungarus fasciatus	Banded Krait	
34.	Naja siamensis	Black And White Spitting Cobra	
35.	Ophiophagus hannah	King Cobra	VU

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
	10. Viperidae		
36.	Trimeresurus popeorum	Pope's Tree Viper	
37.	Trimeresurus albolabris	White-lipped Tree Viper	
	III. TESTUDINATA		
	11. Emydidae		
38.	Batagur baska	Four-toed Terrapin	CR
39.	Cuora amboinensis	Southeast Asian Box Turtle	VU
40.	Malayemys subtrijuga	Mekong snail-eating turtle	VU
41.	Siebenrockiella crassicollis	Black Marsh Turtles	VU
42.	Hieremys annandalii	Yellow-headed Temple Turtle	EN
	12. Trionychidae		
43.	Amyda cartilaginea	Southeast Asian Softshell Turtle	VU
	AMPHIBIA		
	I. GYMNOPHIONA		
	1. Ichthyophiidae		
1.	Ichthyophis bannanicus		
	II. Anura		
	2. Bufonidae		
2.	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	Asian Common Toad	
	3. Ranidae		
3.	Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	East Asian Bullfrog	
4.	Fejervarya cancrivora	Crab-eating Frog	
5.	Fejervarya limnocharis	Asian Grass Frog	
6.	Rana macrodactyla		
	4. Rhacophoridae		
7.	Rhacophorus leucomystax		
	5. Microhylidae		
8.	Kaloula pulchra	Malaysian Narrowmouth Toad	
9.	Microhyla heymonsi	Arcuate-spotted Pygmy Frog	
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Notes: CR= Critical endangered, EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, NT=Near-threatened, and DD=Data Deficient as per IUCN (2010)

Annex 4: Fish species list for Mui Ca Mau National Park (Source: FFI 2007)

No	Scientific name	English name	Notes
	CARCHARHINIFORMES		
	Scyliorhinidae		
1	Atelomycterus macleayi Whitley, 1939	Australian marbled catshark	
	HETERODONTIFORMES		
	Heterodontidae		
2	Heterodontus zebra Gray, 1831	Zebra bullhead shark	HV
	RAJIFORMES		
	Dasyatidae		
3	Himantura gerrardi (Gray, 1851)	Sharpnose stingray	VU
4	Himantura imbricata (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Scaly whipray	DD
	TORPEDINIFORMES		
	Narkidae		
5	Narke dipterygia (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Numbray	DD
	GONORHYNCHIFORMES		
	Chanidae		
6	Chanos chanos Forskal, 1775	Milkfish	HV
	ELOPIFORMES		
	Megalopidae		
7	Megalops cyprinoides (Broussonet, 1782)	Indo-Pacific tarpon	
	ANGUILLIFORMES		
	Muraenesocidae		
8	Muraenesox cinereus Forskal, 1755	Daggertooth pike conger	HV
9	Congresox talabonoides (Bleeker, 1853)	Indian pike conger	
	Congridae		
10	Ariosoma anago (Temminck, 1846)	Silvery conger	
	Ophichthidae		
11	Pisodonophis cancrivorus (Richardson, 1848)	Longfin snake-eel	
12	Ophichthus rutidoderma (Bleeker, 1853)	Olive snake eel	
	CLUPEIFORMES		
	Clupeidae		
13	Anodontostoma chacunda (Hamilton, 1822)	Chacunda gizzard shad	
14	Anodontostoma thailandiae Wongratana, 1983	Thai gizzard shad	
15	Clupanodon thrissa Linnaeus, 1758	Chinese gizzard shad	
16	Escualosa thoracata (Valenciennes, 1847)	White sardine	
17	Ilisha melastoma (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Indian ilisha	
	Dussumieriinae		
18	Dussumieria acuta Valenciennes, 1847	Rainbow sardine	
	Engraulidae		
19	Coilia grayii Richardson, 1845	Gray's grenadier anchovy	
20	Coilia macrognathos Bleeker, 1852	Longjaw grenadier anchovy	
21	Coilia rebentischii Bleeker, 1858	Many-fingered grenadier anchovy	
22	Setipinna breviceps (Cantor, 1849)	Shorthead hairfin anchovy	
23	Setipinna phasa (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic hairfin anchovy	
24	Setipinna taty (Cuvier, 1848)	Scaly hairfin anchovy	
25	Setipinna melanochir (Bleeker, 1849)	Dusky-hairfin anchovy	

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26	Stolephorus commersonii Lacepede, 1803	Commerson's anchovy	
	SILURIFORMES	•	
	Ariidae		
27	Arius thalassinus (Ruppell, 1837)	Giant catfish	HV
28	Arius maculatus (Thunberg, 1792)	Spotted catfish	
29	Arius microcephalus Bleeker, 1855	Squirrelheaded catfish	
30	Arius sagor (Hamilton, 1822)	Sagor catfish	
31	Osteogeneiosus militaris (Linnaeus, 1758)	Soldier catfish	
	Plotosidae		
32	Plotosus lineatus (Thunberg, 1787)	Striped eel catfish	
33	Plotosus canius Hamilton, 1822	Gray eel-catfish	HV
	Bagridae	,	
34	Anchoa argentivittata (Regan 1904)	Regan's anchovy	
	Pangasiidae		
35	Pangasius krempfi Fang & Chaud, 1949		HV
36	Pangasius polyuranodon Bleeker, 1852		11,
	AULOPIFORMES		
	Synodontidae		
37	Harpadon nehereus (Hamilton, 1822)	Bombay-duck	
31	SYNBRANCHIFORMES	Bonibay duck	
	Synbranchidae		
38	Ophisternon bengalense McLelland, 1844	Bengal eel	
30	AULOPIFORMES	Deligai eei	
	Synodontidae		
39	Saurida tumbil (Bloch, 1795)	Greater lizardfish	
40	Saurida undosquamis (Richardson, 1848)	Brushtooth lizardfish	
41	Saurida elongata (Temminck & Schlegel, 1846)	Slender lizardfish	
71	GADIFORMES	Sicher hzardish	
	Bregmacerotidae		
42	Bregmaceros mcclellandi Thompson, 1840	Unicorn cod	
42	BATRACHOIDIFORMES	Chicom cod	
	Batrachoididae Batrachoididae	+	
43		Three-spined frogfish	
43	Batrachomoeus trispinosus (Günther, 1861)	Banded frogfish	
44	Halophryne diemensis (Leseuer, 1823) ATHERINIFORMES	Danded Hoghsh	
	Atherinidae	+	
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45	Hypoatherina temminckii (Bleeker, 1853)	Samoan silverside	
	BELONIFORMES		
1.0	Belonidae	0 1 1 5 1	
46	Strongylura strongylura (van Hasselt, 1823)	Spottail needlefish	
47	Hemiramphidae	0: 11 12 1	
47	Hyporhamphus sindensis (Regan, 1905)	Sind halfbeak	
48	Hemiramphus far Forskal, 1775	Black-barred halfbeak	
	SYNGNATHIFORMES		
	Syngnathidae		
49	Hippocampus kuda Bleeker, 1852	Spotted seahorse	VU
50	Ichthyocampus carce (Hamilton, 1822)	Pipefishes	

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	SCORPAENIFORMES		
	Synanceiidae		
51	Minous monodactylus (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Grey stingfish	
	Platycephalidae		
52	Platycephalus arenarius Ramsay & Ogilby, 1886	Northern sand flathead	
	PERCIFORMES		
	Centropomidae		
53	Lates calcarifer (Bloch, 1790)	Barramundi	HV
	Ambassidae		
54	Ambassis gymnocephalus (Lacepède, 1802)	Bald glassy	
	Serranidae		
55	Cephalopholis argus Bloch & Schneider, 1801	Peacock hind	
	Terapontidae		
56	Terapon jarbua (Forsskål, 1775)	Jarbua terapon	
57	Terapon theraps (Cuvier, 1829)	Largescaled terapon	
	Apogonidae		
58	Apogon fasciatus White, 1790	Broadbanded cardinalfish	
	Sillaginidae		
59	Sillago sihama (Forsskål, 1775)	Silver sillago	
60	Sillago maculata Quoy & Gaimard, 1824	Trumpeter sillago	
	Carangidae		
61	Decapterus maruadsi (Temminck 1844)	Japanese scad	
62	Selaroides leptolepis (Cuvier, 1833)	Yellowstripe scad	
63	Parastromateus niger (Bloch, 1795)	Black pomfret	
	Leiognathidae	1	
64	Leiognathus equulus (Forskal, 1775)	Common ponyfish	
65	Leiognathus daura (Cuvier, 1829)	Goldstripe ponyfish	
66	Leiognathus brevirostris (Valenciennes, 1835)	Shortnose ponyfish	
67	Secutor ruconius (Hamilton, 1822)	Deep pugnose ponyfish	
	Lutjanidae		
68	Lutjanus erythropterus (Block, 1790)	Crimson snapper	
69	Lutjanus johnii (Bloch, 1792)	John's snapper	HV
	Lobotidae		
70	Lobotes surinamensis (Bloch, 1790)	Tripletail	
	Haemulidae		
71	Pomadasys maculatus (Bloch, 1793)	Saddle grunt	
	Gerreidae		
72	Gerres lucidus Cuvier, 1830	Saddleback silver-biddy	
	Sciaenidae		
73	Atrobucca nibe (Jordan & Thompson, 1911)	Blackmouth croaker	HV
74	Otolithes ruber (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Tigertooth croaker	
75	Panna microdon (Bleeker, 1849)	Panna croaker	
76	Otolithoides biauritus (Cantor, 1849)	Bronze croaker	HV
77	Chrysochir aureus (Richardson, 1846)	Reeve's croaker	
78	Pennahia pawak (Lin, 1940)	Pawak croaker	
79	Dendrophysa russelii (Cuvier, 1829)	Goatee croaker	
80	Nibea maculata (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Blotched croaker	
81	Johnius amblycephalus (Bleeker, 1855)	Bearded croaker	
82	Johnius belangerii (Cuvier, 1830)	Belanger's croaker	

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83	Johnius dussumieri (Cuvier, 1830)	Sin croaker	
	Mullidae		
84	Parupeneus barberinoides (Bleeker, 1852)	Bicolor goatfish	
85	Parupeneus barberinus (Lacepède, 1802)	Dash-and-dot goatfish	
	Drepaneidae		
86	Drepane longimana (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Concertina fish	
	Toxotidae		
87	Rhacochilus toxotes Agassiz, 1854		
	Scatophagidae		
88	Scatophagus argus (Linnaeus, 1766)	Spotted scat	
	Polynemidae		
89	Eleutheronema tetradactylum (Shaw, 1804)	Fourfinger threadfin	HV
90	Polynemus borneensis Bleeker, 1852	Blackhand paradise fish	
	Pomacentridae		
91	Abudefduf bengalensis (Bloch, 1787)	Bengal sergeant	
	MIGILIFORMES		
	Mugilidae		
92	Liza macrolepis (Smith, 1846)	Largescale mullet	HV
93	Liza melinoptera (Valenciennes, 1836)	Otomebora mullet	
94	Liza subviridis (Valenciennes, 1836)	Greenback mullet	
95	Mugil cephalus Linnaeus, 1858	Flathead grey mullet	
	Eleotridae		
96	Butis butis (Hamilton, 1822)	Duckbill sleeper	
97	Butis melanostigma (Bleeker, 1849)	Black-spotted gudgeon	
98	Eleotris fusca (Schneider & Forster, 1801)	Dusky sleeper	
99	Prionobutis koilomatodon (Bleeker, 1849)	Mud sleeper	
100	Ophiocara porocephala (Valenciennes, 1837)	Northern mud gudgeon	
101	Acentrogobius chlorostigmatoides (Bleeker, 1849)	Greenspot goby	
	Gobiidae		
102	Acentrogobius caninus (Valenciennes, 1837)	Tropical sand goby	
103	Oxyurichthys microlepis (Bleeker, 1849)	Maned goby	
104	Pseudapocryptes borneensis (Bleeker, 1855)	Mudskipper	
105	Pseudapocryptes elongatus (Cuvier, 1816)		
106	Parapocryptes serperaster (Richardson, 1846)		
107	Aulopareia janetae Smith, 1945	Scalycheek goby	
108	Boleophthalmus boddarti (Pallas, 1770)	Boddart's goggle-eyed goby	
109	Glossogobius aureus Akihito & Meguro, 1975	Golden tank goby	
110	Glossogobius giuris (Hamilton, 1822)	Tank goby	
111	Periophthalmodon schlosseri (Pallas, 1770)	Giant mudskipper	
112	Rhinogobius ocellatus (Fowler, 1937)	Goby	
113	Stigmatogobius sadanundio (Hamilton, 1822)	Goby	
114	Taenioides cirratus (Blyth, 1860)	Bearded worm goby	
115	Taenioides nigrimarginatus Hora, 1924	Blackfin eel goby	
116	Trypauchen vagina (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Eel goby	
	Siganidae		
117	Siganus javus (Linnaeus, 1766)	Streaked spinefoot	
	Trichiuridae		
118	Trichiurus lepturus Linnaeus, 1758	Largehead hairtail	HV
119	Eupleurogrammus muticus (Gray, 1831)	Smallhead hairtail	

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	Scombridae		
120	Rastrelliger kanagurta (Cuvier, 1816)	Indian mackerel	
121	Auxis thazard Dresslar & Fesler, 1889	Frigate tuna	
122	Scomberomorus commerson (Lacepède, 1800)	Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	
	Stromateidae		
123	Pampus argenteus (Euphrasen, 1788)	Silver pomfret	
124	Pampus chinensis (Euphrasen, 1788)	Chinese silver pomfret	
	PLEURONECTIFORMES		
	Soleidae		
125	Zebrias crossolepis Cheng & Chang, 1965	Sole	DD
	Cynoglossidae		
126	Cynoglossus arel (Bloch & Schneider, 1801	Largescale tonguesole	
127	Cynoglossus lingua Hamilton, 1822	Long tonguesole	
128	Cynoglossus microlepis (Bleeker, 1951)	Smallscale tonguesole	
129	Cynoglossus cynoglossus (Hamilton, 1822)	Bengal tongue sole	
130	Cynoglossus suyeni Fowler, 1934	Tonguesole	
	TETRAODONTIFORMES		
	Ostraciidae		
131	Ostracion rhinorhynchos Bleeker, 1852	Horn-nosed boxfish	
	Tetraodontidae		
132	Lagocephalus lunaris (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Lunartail puffer	
133	Tetraodon fluviatilis Hamilton, 1822	Green pufferfish	
134	Chelonodon patoca (Hamilton, 1822)	Milkspotted puffer	
135	Tetraodon cutcutia Hamilton, 1822	Ocellated pufferfish	
	MUGILIFORMES		
	Sphyraenidae		
136	Sphyraena langsar Bleeker, 1854	Yellowtail barracuda	
137	Sphyraena chrysotaenia Klunzinger, 1884	Yellowstripe barracuda	

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HV = 'High to very high vulnerability' follow fishbase.org

Annex 5: Plant species list for Mui Ca Mau National Park (Source: FFI 2007)

No	Scientific name	No	Scientific name
	Polypodiophyta		Rhizophoraceae
	Pteridaceae	27	Rhizophora apiculata Bl.
1	Acrostichum aureum L.		Rhizophora mucronata Poir. In Lamk.
2	Stenochlaena palustris (Burm.f.) Bedd.		Kandelia candel (L.) Druce.
	Magnoliophyta	28	Ceriops decandra (Griff.) Ding Hou.
	Magnoliopsida	29	Ceriops tagal (Perr.) C.B. Rob.
	Acanthaceae	30	Bruguiera parviflora (Roxb.) W. & Arn. ex Griff.
3	Hygrophila phlomoides Nees. in Wall.	31	Bruguiera gymnorrhiza (L.) Lamk.
4	Acanthus ilicifolius L.	32	Bruguiera sexangula (Lour.) Poir. in Lamk.
5	Acanthus eberacteatus Vahl.	33	Bruguiera cylindrica (L.) Bl.
	Aizoaceae		Rubiaceae
6	Sesuvium portulacastrum L.	34	Psychotria serpens L.
Ü	Annonaceae	35	Morinda citrifolia L. var. bracteata Hook.F.
7	Annona glabra L.	33	Sonneratiaceae
/	Asclepiadaceae	36	Sonneratia caseolaris (L.) Engl.
8	Tylophora tenius Bl.	37	Sonneratia caseotaris (L.) Engl. Sonneratia alba J.E.
9	Tylophora indica (Burm. f.) Merr.	38	Sonneratia ovata Bak.
10	Gymnanthera nitida R. Br.	30	Verbenaceae
10	Finlaysonia aborata Wall.	39	Cleodendron inerme (L.) Gaertn.
	Asteraceae	40	Avicennia alba Bl.
11	Wedelia bifolia (L.) DC.	41	Avicennia avia Bi. Avicennia officinalis L.
12	Eclipta prostrata (L.) L.	42	Avicennia marina (Forssk.) Vierh.
13	Pluchea indica (L.) Lees.	12	Vitaceae
13	Bignoniaceae	43	Cayratia trifolia (L.) Domino.
14	Dolichandrone spathacea (L.f.) K. Schum.	73	Lilioppsida
17	Combretaceae		Arecaceae
15	Lumnitzera racemosa Willd.	44	Nypa fructican Wurmb.
13	Convolvulaceae	45	Phoenix paludosa Roxb.
16	Ipomaea macrantha Roem. & Schult.	73	Cyperaceae
10	•	16	 **
17	Euphorbiaceae Glochidion littorale Bl.	46	Scirpus littoralis Schrab. Fimbristylis caesia Miq.
18	Excoecaria agallocha L.	48	Fimbristylis miliacea (L.) Vahl.
10	Fabaceae	49	Cyperus exaltatus Retz.
19	Derris trifolia Lour.	50	Cyperus castaneus Willd.
20	Sesbania cannabina (Retz.) Pers.	51	Cypurus pumilis L.
21	Sesbania sesban (L.) Merr.		Flagellariaceae
	Malvaceae	52	Flagellaria indica L.
22	Hibiscus tiliaceus L.	32	Poaceae
23	Thespesia populnea (L.) Soland. ex Correa	53	Phragmites vallotaria (L.) Veldk.
	Meliaceae	54	Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.
24	Xylocyrpus moluccensis (Lamk.) Roem.	55	Dactyloctenium aegyptiacum (L.) Willd.
25	Xylocarpus granatum Koen.	56	Chloris barbata Sw.
59	Echinochloa crus-galli (L) P. Beauv.	57	Panicum repens L.
60	Paspalum vaginicum Swort.	58	Panicum maximum Jacq.
-	Myrsinaceae		J 1
26	Aegiceras corniculatum (L.) Blanco.		