

**Session II – Envisioning New Approaches to Managing Great Deltas, Great Rivers,  
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**Wetland Conservation Issues at Tram Chim National Park**

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**Abstract**

Tram Chim National Park, the last 1% of the original Plain of Reeds of 700,000 hectares in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam, contains tremendous biodiversity important to conservation and local livelihoods.

There are 4 main issues of wetland conservation at Tram Chim National Park: (1) habitat degradation, (2) declining resources, (3) conflict with the locals, and (4) capacity of park managers.

The paper presents the root causes of the four mentioned issues through analyzing (a) common thinking and beliefs which result in (b) in appropriate management practices and (c) inappropriate policies for wetland management, (d) the consequences of the inappropriate management practices, (e) lessons learned, and (f) science-based actions being taken (facilitated by the WWF-Coca Cola Project) to address the issues.