



**SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**  
**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you all know, on November 17, 2020, the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam passed the revised Law on Environmental Protection 2020. This event has marked a milestone for the natural resources and environment sector, following the great effort and contribution made in the development and finalization process of this important Law. The newly enacted Law includes 16 chapters and 171 articles, and will officially come into force from January 1, 2022, bringing comprehensive changes and many significant new policies, in harmony with the existing socio-economic legal system, and meeting the country's international integration requirements.

In celebrating this success, it is indispensable to acknowledge the valuable support and responsible contribution as well as the sharing of knowledge and experience, from development partners both at home and overseas given to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment during the process of developing the revised Law, from concept to the final draft.

The Law has now been officially passed; however, in order for the Law to really come to life, closely linked to the country's socio-economic development activities and the life of each citizen, there are still many things to be done, especially in the development and promulgation of legal and guiding documents, as well as in the organization of the implementation of the Law.

On behalf of the Government of Viet Nam and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you, development partners and international organizations, for your valuable and effective support for Viet Nam in general and for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in particular during the process of developing the revised Law. It is my sincere hope that MONRE will continue in such productive partnership with you, and will continue to benefit from further cooperation and support from international partners into the future.

Once again, thank you very much and on the occasion of the New Year 2021, I wish you all good health, happiness and success.

Yours sincerely,

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