

Managing Transboundary Conflicts in the Lower Mekong Basin

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Members of the Lower Mekong Basin (LMB) have labored through negotiating a workable agreement to address transboundary issues. Even with modest goals, members have been slow in agreeing on issues. This paper provides a theoretical tool to assist countries in identifying and assessing problems of a transboundary nature. It also proposes, and provides as an example of, a vulnerability assessment tool that could be used to assess the country's vulnerability in facing such a challenge.

The paper argues that the discussion of the issues will reach a sub-optimum gain, if other riparian countries such as China and Myanmar are not engaged.

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