

## Introduction

The COAST Facility is a component of the Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST) programme, part of the UK Government’s Blue Planet Fund. The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Viet Nam approved the COAST Facility project document at ‘Decision 4198/QD-BNNMT’ on 10 October 2025 following ‘Decree 242/20025’ on technical assistance project “Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST)”, funded by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The COAST Facility works with governments, communities and local organisations to help coastal areas adapt to climate change and build a sustainable blue economy. Our approach combines grant support with technical expertise so that local voices can lead the way in shaping solutions. In Vietnam, the COAST Facility will work, through grants and technical assistance, in partnership with Agriculture Project Management Board (APMB – part of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment), and other relevant organisations to sustainably protect, restore, and enhance ecosystem services, build resilient livelihoods, and promote inclusive governance

The COAST Facility Viet Nam is open to applications for the Vietnam Grant Fund “Roadmap to Coastal Resilience”. We invite organisations registered in Vietnam to submit project ideas that are innovative, inclusive and scalable, with the goal of strengthening the resilience and prosperity of coastal communities. Projects must address at least one of the Facility’s priority areas of work as summarised in our four strategic outcomes described below. Successful applicants will receive grant funding, networking opportunities, and access to knowledge and capacity strengthening support to deliver their projects.

## What we want to achieve

In Vietnam, our work focuses on four outcomes:

- (1) Vulnerable coastal communities are more resilient to climate change and environmental degradation through the restoration and rehabilitation of mangroves, seagrass beds, coral reefs, and integration of natural disasters and climate risk reduction measures.** This outcome recognises the critical role of healthy ecosystems in providing vital services, such as coastal protection, fisheries support, and climate change mitigation.

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- (2) Vulnerable coastal communities achieve more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive livelihoods through the adoption of climate-smart practices, improved value chains, and access to certification and investment.** This outcome acknowledges the need for diversified and sustainable livelihoods to strengthen economic resilience and food security.
- (3) Critical marine and coastal ecosystems are better protected over the long term through strengthened governance frameworks, improved laws enforcement and incentives, integration of innovative financial mechanisms, and the use of evidence, data, and technologies.** This outcome focuses on establishing a robust and sustainable foundation for long-term conservation efforts.
- (4) Coastal communities gain greater influence over the ecosystems they rely on through more inclusive, equitable, and collaborative governance, planning, and implementation of resource management initiatives.** This outcome highlights the importance of empowering local communities and ensuring their active participation in decision-making processes.

This “Roadmap for Coastal Resilience” call for applications is an opportunity for organisations across the country to shape the future of coastal resilience in Vietnam. Your proposed grants must address at least one of our four country strategic outcomes, and we expect to see integrated approaches aligned with multiple outcomes to ensure impactful grants. We also expect our final portfolio of projects to address all of the outcomes, therefore successful grants will be judged on their individual contribution to the outcomes and on their contribution to the wider programme portfolio.

Specifically, we are seeking grant ideas that are innovative, practical, scalable and replicable, that help us to implement at least one of the following technical themes:

- **Restore and conserve coastal ecosystems:** Revitalise degraded ecosystems such as coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass through restoration and conservation measures that safeguard against future climate impacts.
- **Manage marine and coastal resources sustainably:** Develop integrated management models and partnerships that ensure inclusive decision-making and long-term stewardship. Include capacity-strengthening for stakeholders to strengthen governance.
- **Advance sustainable aquaculture and fisheries:** Promote responsible aquaculture practices, strengthen value chains (e.g., shrimp, clams), and implement sustainability and traceability schemes to improve market access. Explore innovations such as marine insurance and post-harvest business development.

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- **Diversify coastal livelihoods:** Introduce new income-generating opportunities beyond fishing and aquaculture, such as eco-tourism, women and youth-led seafood processing, and conservation-linked enterprises that connect biodiversity protection with local markets and investors.

In addition, successful grants must show how they have considered and integrated the following areas irrespective of the technical themes mentioned above:

- Transformational Gender, Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) approaches that address multiple, overlapping barriers to equality and inclusion that marginalised groups face and address unequal power relations, support institutional and societal change and present clear evidence that women and marginalised groups will have active control over the resources and decisions in the context of the project.
- Contribution to poverty alleviation with underpinning evidence responding to factors leading to poverty.
- Integration of strategies and actions that ensure long-term resilience of project investments. These actions might include, but are not limited to, community preparedness and response capacities to climate-related hazards and natural disasters. Applications should clearly state what these actions will be and the expected impact they will have on sustaining benefits under future climate and disaster scenarios.

### What we want to fund

We welcome applications from organisations registered in Vietnam and in COAST target provinces. We welcome applications from non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations and civil society groups (including those led by or representing women and/or marginalised groups), academic institutions, multi-lateral organisations, cooperatives and social enterprises, and private sector organisations. We are especially looking to support organisations that have initiatives under way and are ready to take them to the next level of scale, sustainability and impact. COAST will also prioritise initiatives that are led by women and marginalised groups or directly benefit women and marginalised groups. While new ideas are valuable, this call will **not** prioritise new or pilot initiatives. We also encourage organisations to work together, e.g. in a consortium, to achieve collective and inclusive impacts.

Funding available for this call is between GBP200,000 and GBP1,500,000 per grant over a timeframe from 12 to 36 months with all projects to complete delivery by 31<sup>st</sup> September

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2029 at the latest. Grants which budget exceed GBP1,500,000 can be considered but will need special conditions and justification.

COAST target provinces are Quang Ninh, Hai Phong (Northern Region), Da Nang, Khanh Hoa, Gia Lai (Central Region), An Giang, Can Tho, Ca Mau (Southern Region). Grants can be designed to support vulnerable communities in either one or more target provinces. COAST would welcome multi-province approaches that could build impactful interventions and partnerships.

More details on funding rules and requirements are provided in the application guide and templates, which will be shared with interested applicants.

### **How to apply**

**Enquiry period:** This is a two-week enquiry period between the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in which interested organisations can request further information on the grant call. During this time, we will organise a webinar to provide further guidance on the application process (a recording will be available for organizations that cannot attend). At the end of this period a FAQ document will be shared with all organisations to access.

**If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the Expression of Interest here:** [COAST Facility Vietnam Grants Competition - Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#)

Details of the webinar will be shared with you on completion the Expression of Interest form. If you have problems accessing the Expression of Interest form, please contact the COAST Vietnam Grants Manager, Mr. Hung Dao at [Hung.Dao@our-coast.com](mailto:Hung.Dao@our-coast.com).

**Flexigrant:** The CN and FP and supporting documentation must be submitted through [the COAST Grants portal](#). Flexigrant is an online application and grants management portal. Applicants will need to register in order to complete their application and can do this before the grant window is open. The portal will be open to applications from the beginning of the submission period below:

#### **Grant Schedule:**

##### Concept Note

- Enquiry period (stakeholder engagement and address questions from partners): January 26 — February 6, 2026 (2 weeks)
- Submission period: February 9 – March 6, 2026 (3 weeks – excluding Tet Holiday)

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- Review of concept notes: March 9 - March 20, 2026 (2 weeks)
- Notification of shortlisted applicants: March 27, 2026

### **Full Proposal**

- Enquiry period: March 30 — April 3, 2026 (1 week)
- Submission period: April 6 – April 29, 2026 (4 weeks)
- Review of Full proposal: May 4 – May 15, 2026 (2 weeks)
- Notification of successful applicants: May 22, 2026
- Due Diligence on partners (3 weeks from notification)
- Grant agreement signing (6 weeks from notification)

At the COAST Facility Viet Nam, we believe that with creativity, collaboration and courage, local initiatives can spark change that protects our oceans, secures livelihoods and empowers people to lead. We look forward to receiving your ideas and working together to turn them into actions that will inspire, endure and shape a sustainable blue future for generations to come.