

the UNDP is working closely across key ministries to map out the necessary interventions in each sector and region and to mobilise the most up-to-date and reliable scientific information on current and forecasted impacts of climate change.

The UNDP is deepening its partnership with the Vietnamese government to protect vulnerable groups from the impacts of climate change with integrated storm and flood resilient programmes in coastal provinces, water management in the central highlands and environmental governance in the Mekong Delta region, to ensure that no-one is left behind in the process of adapting to climate change.

The agency is also developing a major new project that aims to build resilience for coastal communities and implement natural-based solutions in mangrove and coral protection while supporting local livelihoods and eco-tourism, Wiesen added.

*(Source: VNA)*

### **VIETNAMESE RICE EXPORTS SURPASS US\$1 BILLION**

Vietnam's rice exports during the initial four months of the year has rebounded impressively with the export value exceeding US\$1 billion, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).

Most notably, the price of local rice remains at a higher level than that of regional peers such as Thailand and India.

April alone witnessed the nation export approximately 550,000 tonnes of rice worth

US\$273 million, thereby bringing the total volume in the opening four months of the year to 2.05 million tonnes worth US\$1 billion. This marks a rise of 4.4% in volume, but a decline of 6% in value against the same period last year.

Despite suffering a drop in value, the nation's rice price remains at a higher level



than in other countries.

Furthermore, after rising to US\$425 per tonne in mid-April, Vietnamese 5% broken rice fell to US\$415 per tonne, equivalent to the March's average price.

Elsewhere, the Philippines continues to represent the largest consumer of Vietnamese rice with a 42.6% market share.

In particular, strong import growth was recorded in Ivory Coast, which saw an increase of 76% compared to last year's corresponding period.

According to figures given by the MARD, Vietnamese rice exports are anticipated to pick up over the coming months, with stronger demand from markets such as China, Bangladesh, Iran, and Sri Lanka.

*(Source: VOV)*