This study also showed that in the context of improving democracy in Vietnam, communities and non-state actors had more space to participate in environmental governance. Their involvement was an important factor to enhance environmental governance. The legal framework to enhance environmental governance, including the existing laws and regulations, needs to be strengthened. The Vietnamese government needs to support local communities to participate in environmental governance. In response, local communities need to build trust with the Vietnamese government. The Vietnamese government needs to provide resources and support to local communities to participate in environmental governance.}

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