On February 28, 2024, the Vietnam Clean and Sustainable Shrimp Alliance, in collaboration with Southern Shrimp Joint Stock Company and Symmetry, organized a workshop in Ca Mau province to launch the project "Scaling climate resilient mangrove shrimp farming in the Mekong Delta". The workshop attracted nearly 60 attendees, including the Vice Chairman of PPC for Ca Mau Province, representatives from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), various departments and agencies of Ca Mau province, international development organizations, agriculture experts, and shrimp farmers from the project site.

The project will be implemented in Lam Hai commune, Nam Can district, Ca Mau province, Vietnam, under the Forest Management Board West Sea protection. The area designated for the project covers more than 2,500 hectares of mangrove forest and involves over 600 participating households. The project will run from 2024 to the end of 2025.

This project promises to create important breakthroughs in supporting the integrated mangrove shrimp farming industry to adapt to climate change in the Mekong Delta. The partnership will train smallholder farmers to practice climate-resilient farming techniques to improve the shrimp supply chain while enhancing mangrove landscapes. It will also seek to mobilise further investment to continue to scale integrated shrimp mangrove production across the 80,000 ha of protection and production mangrove forest in the Province, acting as a critical buffer against accelerating climate risks.

*To read more about the project, please visit:* <u>https://thebpp.com.au/partnership/scaling-</u> climate-resilient-mangrove-shrimp-farming-in-the-mekong-delta