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Preliminary results on the biogeochemistry in the Mekong estuary and delta (Vietnam).

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The Mekong River is the tenth largest river in the World in terms of freshwater discharge but little biogeochemical data are available to date. We carried out 3 field cruises in December 2003 (start of the dry season), April 2004 (end of the dry season) and October 2004 (middle of the monsoon) to sample in surface waters dissolved inorganic carbon and ancillary data. We present preliminary results from these cruises and seasonal variations of dissolved inorganic carbon and ancillary data are discussed in terms of the seasonal changes of the freshwater discharge.