



United Nations Development Programme

GEF International Waters Portfolio

UNDP's Comparative Advantage:

- Global network of over 135 Country Offices and Sub-Regional Facilities
- Strong relationships with GEF recipient governments, NGO's and the private sector at the national level
- Ability to mainstream global environmental issues into UNDP's other focal areas of governance, gender and poverty
- Through ongoing capacity building, field offices have developed good knowledge of GEF policies, procedures and portfolio
- Broad experience with GEF transboundary waters issues and approaches;
 mandate and capacity to operate effectively at the regional level
- Largest (\$225 million) and very mature GEF project portfolio including several multi-phase interventions (Black Sea, Danube, East Asian Seas, Caribbean Bays, etc.)
- Excellent working relationships with key UN Executing Agency partners (UNOPS, UNIDO, IMO, DESA) and NGO Executing Agencies (REC, Tides)
- Over \$1 billion in commitments to water resource projects since 1990
- Mandate for donor coordination at national, regional and global levels.
- Active participants in Global Water Partnership and ACC Sub-Committees for Freshwater Resources and Ocean/Coastal Areas
- Trust Fund and Cost-Sharing relationships with major donors to facilitate cofinancing to GEF projects