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TRANSBOUNDARY WATERSHEDS:

Where Conservation meets Development

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Summary

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- 2. Basin-specific case studies**
- 3. Global and regional policy initiatives**
- 4. Proposals for strengthening GEF's work in the period 2010-2014**



1. About WWF



International Waters: A Case for Multi-Level Governance



Governance components:

Legal

Policy targets/processes

Institutional

Capacity building

Financing

Best practice tools/approaches

2. Case studies

a) Mekong

b) Congo





Mekong



The Greater Mekong Sub-Region





Greater Mekong Regional Climate Change Adaptation Agreement

“Asia’s first”





Congo River Basin



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Congo River Basin

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY INTERVENTIONS:

A proposed agenda item for Yaoundé

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Congo River Basin: Cross-Sectoral Interventions



**Improving
freshwater
management
and adaptive
capacity**

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3. Global and regional policy initiatives

- **WWF input to key international processes/bodies** developing, reviewing, implementing international water law and policy

- **UNECE Water Convention:**

Ratification process of an amendment: 14 Parties

Implementation process: assistance in the development of Guidelines on Water and Climate Change Adaptation

3. Global and regional policy initiatives

- **Draft Articles on Transboundary Aquifers:**

Drafting process: completed in late 2008

- **UN Watercourses Convention:**

Ratification process: 18 Parties, 17 to go

4. The Global Initiative



Everything you need
to know about the
**UN Watercourses
Convention**

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International Water Law

Because rivers know no borders...

WWF calls on governments to collaborate on the protection, equitable use, and sustainable management of the world's river basins that cross international borders. These river systems sustain millions of people and support vast vulnerable ecosystems.

"Civilization has been a permanent dialogue between human beings and water."
- Paolo Lugari

Inland waters.
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Current Situation:

There are 263 transboundary river basins around the globe, covering nearly half of the earth's land surface and crossing the territories of 145 countries. Such basins are home to 40% of the world's population and generate around 60% of global freshwater flow.

News and Information:

- WWF UN Freshwater Agreements Project: [Newsletters](#)
- WWF Regional and Thematic Assessments on the UN Watercourses Convention
- Upcoming events:

- 5th World Water Forum: Istanbul, Turkey, 16-22 June 2008



Entry into force by 2011

Sign for it

Sharing Water for People and the Planet

Dear Mr. James Leape,

I share your concern that the world's transboundary water resources often fall victim to *poor international coordination between states*, with dramatic consequences to biodiversity, livelihoods, and the economy. This represents a major threat to international peace and to the world's energy and food security, and climate change will only make things worse.

I agree that, although good progress has been achieved in many places, sound international legal instruments can aid basin/aquifer states in doing better and facilitate development cooperation. I offer my personal support to WWF's call for bringing into force the *1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses* and pledge to work proactively towards having my own country *[insert your country]*

join it too and become engaged in these efforts.

Name: _____

Title: _____

NB: you can also drop your signed postcard at the WWF Sharing Water Pavilion during the World Water Forum in Istanbul on 14 March 2009.

SharingWater
for People and the Planet.



To
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Officials from 18
countries have
already signed.

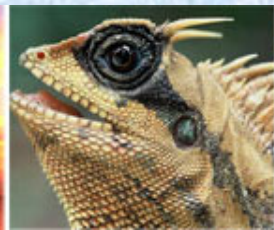
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- **Strengthen the concern with the negotiation, ratification and implementation of international legal instruments**

4. Proposals for strengthening GEF's work in the period 2010-2014

- Foster global dialogue on areas for improving the governance of transboundary waters, e.g.:**

Better levels of strategic regional dialogue around transboundary water management





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