



International Waters: Learning Exchange and  
Resource Network (IW:LEARN)



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## INTER-PROJECT STAKEHOLDER EXCHANGE EVALUATION REPORT



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## 2.0 Host Institution(s)/Projects

Please mention the key people met

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Persons Met</i>
19-02-2018	CSE-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the CSE</li> <li>• Presentation on the WACOM</li> <li>• Visit of the different services of CSE</li> <li>• Presentation on ANDE</li> <li>• Presentation on EMIS project</li> <li>• Stocktaking of WACOM national focal point activities</li> </ul>	CSE	Thioro Niang Assize Toure Marianne Diallo Sau Amadou BA Taibou Seck Dienaba Sall Moussa Abdoulay Faye Traore Fatou Adja Adama Luc Mathurin
20-02-2018	CSE-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the CSE data base</li> <li>• Presentation on the SIENA (National Environmental Information System of Senegal)</li> <li>• Presentation on the Coastal zone integrated management project (GIZC) in Senegal</li> <li>• Presentation on GIZC data base</li> </ul>	CSE DEEC	Thioro Niang Marianne Diallo Sau Amadou BA Taibou Seck Dienaba Sall Moussa Traore Fatou
21-02-2018	CSE-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on WACOM Data base</li> <li>• Presentation on the EMIS project Geoportal</li> </ul>	CSE	Thioro Niang Marianne Diallo Sau Amadou BA Taibou Seck Dienaba Sall Moussa Traore Fatou
22-02-2018	CSE-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on WACOM Master plan related to the regional coastal zone</li> <li>• Contribution on the EMIS project Geoportal to WACOM</li> </ul>	CSE	Sau Amadou Sall Moussa Traore Fatou
23-02-2018	CSE-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on lessons learned and recommendation from CSE side</li> <li>• Presentation on lessons learned and recommendation from EMIS project side</li> <li>• Closure ceremony</li> <li>• Group photo</li> </ul>	CSE DEEC	Thioro Niang Assize Toure Marianne Diallo Sau Amadou BA Taibou Seck Dienaba Sall Moussa Abdoulay Faye Traore Fatou Adja Adama

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*Please, see attached the presence list of the first day*

### 3.0 Purpose of the Exchange

*Insert exchange objectives here, from proposal approved by IW:LEARN or from the workshop agenda*

The exchange opportunity between the West African Coastal Observation Mission (WACOM) hosted in CSE (Dakar, Senegal) and the GEF Project on Côte d'Ivoire Coastal area Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) aims at :

- Strengthening the capacity of the EMIS project team in charge of the management of the Geoportal through experiences sharing with respect to coastal data and information management ;
- Fostering Integrated Coastal zone Management (ICM) data and information sharing between Côte d'Ivoire (through the Geoportal) and the WACOM.

### 4.0 Lessons Learned

4.1 Briefly, how did this mission benefit you, your GEF IW project and/or home institution? Considering the purposes of the mission (Section 3.0), what are the 3-5 most valuable lessons you learned through this exchange?

The entire Ivorian delegation has been impressed by the tremendous jobs the CSE has been doing with respect to the protection of coastal zone, monitoring of rangeland, bushfires and agricultural production. The CSE in partnership with the other national projects and Institutions generate data and information to report regularly on the status of the environment in Senegal.

We have also learned that based on its extensive experience in development projects implementation, CSE got lot of data and information that it decided to re-structured and harmonized and standardized through the setting up of its own geo-data base. This experience was very useful to us since we think that similar initiative could be implemented by the Ivorian Environment National Agency (ANDE) which carries out several impact studies and could take advantage of the data and information deriving from these studies to put in place a sectoral data base.

Additionally, under the leadership of CSE a National Environmental Information System (SIENA) was set up in partnership with the key national institutions producing environmental data. These institutions signed a common MoU for information sharing. The SIENA platform helped Senegal to adopt a national referential for geo-data base. We have been impressed by the approach used to establish this SIENA. Actually, in Côte d'Ivoire, apart from the EMIS Project Geoportal that focuses on coastal area we do not have yet a national Environmental Information system. Therefore, taking advantage of Senegal Experience regarding the establishment of SIENA, Côte d'Ivoire could build up on the EMIS project to engage more national stakeholders and scale the EMIS geoportal up and put in place a National Environmental Information System (SIE).

The mission was an opportunity for the team of Côte d'Ivoire GEF EMIS project to benefit from a sharing of a set of data from WACOM related to our country coastal zone. The Ivorian delegation is now further familiar with the data format of the WACOM. We have learned about WACOM subdivision of west African coastline into 44 zones and 179 sectors. For Côte d'Ivoire WACOM set up 7 sectors with 5 hotspots where continuous and regular monitoring of socio-economic and environmental parameters should be carried out in order to update WACOM data base. Actually,

the data set of the Geoportal of the EMIS GEF Project is not organized according to these 7 sectors.

The lessons learned through this exchange mission are the followings:

- There is a need to have in addition to the commitment of the key players at the national level, a strong leadership of the Ministry of Environment not only to setup a National Environmental Information System but to sustain its activities in the long run;
- To engage national institutions in a platform of environmental information sharing, it is crucial to highlight the win-win characteristic of such an initiative;
- Since the update of data is often a challenge within national institutions, the opportunity of any project implementation should be seized to collect data and information;
- The governance arrangement of the Environmental Information System is key for the sustainability of such a strategic and decision-making tool.

#### 4.2 What new issues or questions emerged that remain unanswered from your exchange?

We were able through this exchange mission to touch the key issues and capitalize on solutions that worked with respect to WACOM data and information management.

### 5.0 Results (Follow-up Activities and Schedule)

#### 5.1 What actions will you take or what will you do differently as a result of this exchange? And when?

Our exchange mission has been highly fruitful and mutually beneficial (for WACOM and EMIS GEF Project). Indeed, the WACOM was looking for a way to get updated data coming from the 7 sectors of Côte d'Ivoire coastal zone. And the EMIS GEF Project was looking for ways to capitalize on Cote d'Ivoire data managed at regional level by WACOM in Dakar. Generally, most of the data collected at the national level and sent to WACOM were not vulgarized in Cote d'Ivoire so as to help in the national and local development planning process. Therefore, the two parties (Ivorian delegation and WACOM representatives) have decided that (in terms of key outcomes of the mission):

- The EMIS Geoportal will be the national platform that will be fed with the data collected by the WACOM national Focal Point. And then the Geoportal will be a channel whereby the Regional WACOM will access Cote d'Ivoire data and information on coastal zone management. A technical mechanism will be put in place within the EMIS project Geoportal so that a connection could be made online with both data bases (WACOM and EMIS Cote d'Ivoire).
- A specific MoU will be established between the GEF EMIS Project and the Tropical Geography Institute (IGT) hosting WACOM national focal Point so that the institution could contribute to the updating of data within the Geoportal and provide technical and scientific supports to the team in charge of the management of the Geoportal (**timeline: February- March 2018, responsible Hafsa Ouattara/EMIS project**);
- The data and information on the coastal zone within the EMIS Project Geoportal will be reorganized according to the 7 sectors of Cote d'Ivoire Coastline established by Regional WACOM (**timeline March- June 2018, responsible WACOM national focal point/IGT**);

- Cote D'Ivoire set of data already in WACOM data base will be shared with the EMIS project Geoportal to contribute to the dissemination of information at national level (**timeline: April to June, WACOM Dakar**);
- The Intersectoral committee of fight against coastal erosion will be used as the governance body of the EMIS geoportal. A workshop is scheduled in this regard with the members of this national committee to present the EMIS Geoportal and the results of WACOM (**timeline: March 2018, responsible Hafsa Ouattara/EMIS project**).

5.2 How will you disseminate lessons learned from this exchange to your stakeholders (and the rest of the GEF IW portfolio)?

The website of the EMIS project will be a channel for the dissemination of the lessons learned. In addition, the opportunities of workshops for the promotion of this decision-making tool (EMIS Geoportal) will be used in this regard. The meeting of IW: LEARN is also a wonderful platform to share with other GEF projects our lessons learned from this exchange mission.

