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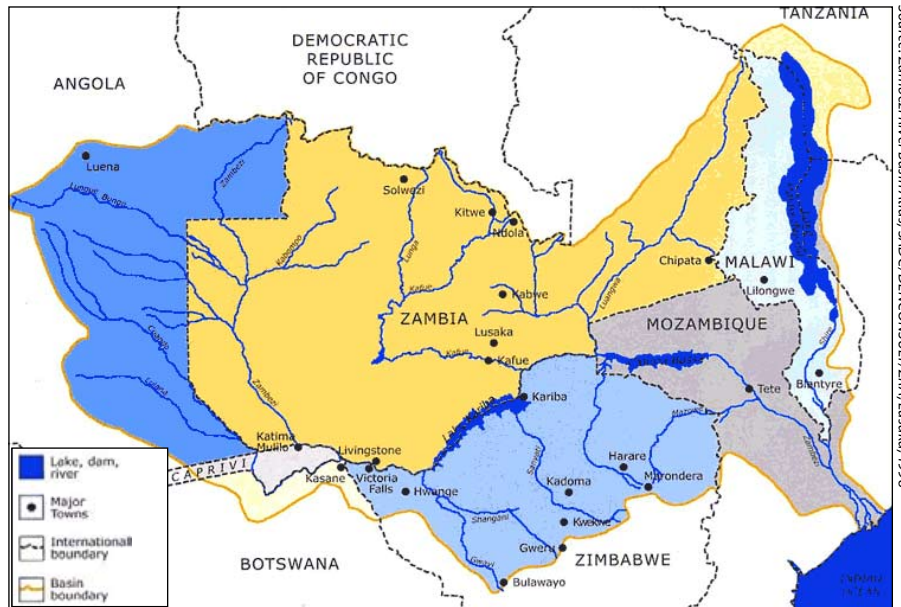
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Seminar in Stockholm on selected reports

The GIWA assessment from selected regions, representing different environmental and socio-economic situations, will be presented at a seminar in Stockholm on August 15. The seminar is part of the World Water Week to be held in Stockholm August 10-16.

The worldwide assessment is being finalized in many parts of the world. Local experts, working in transboundary teams using the GIWA methodology to evaluate the environmental concerns in each water regions, carry out the main part of the project.

The preparation for the output from the selected regions is done at the GIWA Core Team in Sweden. An editorial team has been formed to secure the reports from the sub-regions via peer reviewers to the stakeholders. Ms UllaLi Zweifel, Scientific Editor, PhD in Marine Microbiology, is heading the team,



Source: Zambezi River Basin Atlas, SADC/DECONCONSULT/ZRA, Lusaka, 1998

Transboundary waters in southern Africa, an example of many shared waters. These issues will be discussed at the GIWA seminar in Stockholm on August 15.

and the group members are experts in fields such as Natural Resource Management and Tropical Coastal Management and also GIS, Geographical Information Systems.

In August a sample of the early reports will be introduced to the participants of the World Water Week. There are 66 sub-regions, several of them divided into separate sections, and a number of reports will be ready for peer review within the next few months.

The August seminar in Stockholm will

be an excellent opportunity to learn about the GIWA assessment on transboundary waters and the task to analyze root causes and predict scenarios of future development.

For participation see <http://www.siw.org/waterweek2003/frameset.html>

The joint GIWA-Kalmar University symposium on transboundary waters, initially planned for August 18-20, has been postponed until June 2004.

Dear GIWA friends,

The rain was pouring down from the skies but the school children were there to study just that - water. It was a joy to see them running to the shore with landing nets to catch small creatures in this Kalmar drainage system. They got freshwater on their heads as well as on their feet!

GIWA is presently working with a school project to celebrate the UN year of freshwater 2003. Children are learning about the future situation of freshwater through guided

experiments. It is fun and serious at the same time, also in the rain. Water is an essential issue for children in all parts of the world. That is why this year's World Environment Day on June 5 is also focusing on water. The slogan is "Water – Two Billion People are Dying for It!" The theme is calling on each of us to help safeguard the most precious source of life on our planet.

We at GIWA are working on fulfilling this mission. Our aim to develop scenarios for the future conditions of the world's water

resources will help today's children to enjoy all the goods provided by water also in the future, drinking water, food, fish, recreation etc. At the ages of 12 or 13 they might not understand how they can contribute individually, but by making them think globally we believe they will participate in the future. Public awareness, especially among the next generations, is an important part of the work for all of us in international missions.

Dag Daler, Scientific Director



Freshwater for the world's children

The UN international year of freshwater is receiving a lot of attention in the schools in the Kalmar region where the GIWA Core Team has its office. Through collaboration with a local science center, XL, a number of school classes are focusing on freshwater this year.

The name of the project is "Vattentanken" in Swedish, a word that has two meanings: thinking of water and a water tank. School children, mainly in ages 8–13, learn about the freshwater issues through several activities. They study UNICEF lessons on water and discuss in the classroom, they do Internet research, they visit the science center to do water experiments and they do outdoor activities.



The school children do experiments to learn about the water quality.

- Good water is an issue that many children get very engaged in, says Camilla Nilsson, educationalist at the science center XL. In Sweden children are spoiled by the fact that there is always clean water available. But they do have ideas on how to help other parts of the world solving water shortage.

Many school children are proud to know that the GIWA project, working to solve water-related problems globally, is located in their hometown.



Viktor learns about water by making his own water wheel.



The GIWA freshwater project includes outdoor activities – also in pouring rain!



On the World Environment Day GIWA's Scientific Director Dag Daler met a school class that presented their ideas on water with a flag.

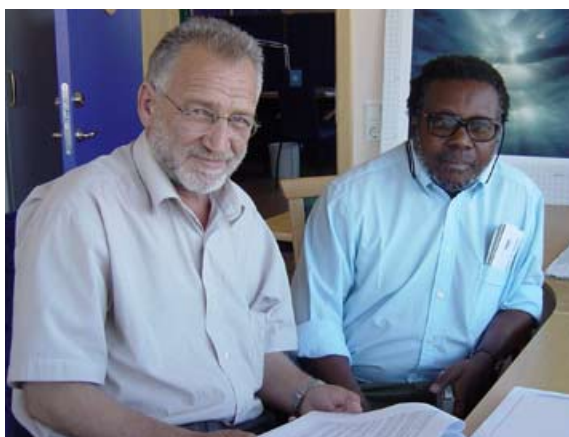
New steering group members

The GIWA steering group has two new members: Mr Jing Zhang, State Key Laboratory of Estuarine and Coastal Research (SKLEC) at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shanghai, China, and Mr Jerson Kelman, National Agency of Waters (ANA) in Brasilia, Brazil.

Fisheries experts

In order to address fisheries in the GIWA context, its relations to environmental issues and ecosystem management, GIWA is planning a Fisheries Expert Symposium in Kalmar on August 28-29.

GIWA experts in Kalmar



The two professors Mhammed Tayaa, Rabat Institutes, Rabat, Morocco, (focal point for Canary Current) and Chris Magadza, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, (focal point for Agulhas current) have visited the Core Team in Kalmar to train for analysis work.

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