

First Half 2006 Progress Report

# Component A - Information Sharing: UNEP

#### A1 IW-IMS

#### A1.1 - IW IMS Development

- Launched new GEF International Waters resource center at www.iwlearn.net (Activity A1)
- Launched an integrated web discussion/mailing list tool
- Implemented a decentralized management system for content gathering, vetting, updating, etc
- Implemented a online/automated new letter sub-system
- Implemented content syndication via RSS feeds (towards linking/integration with project websites)
- Implemented syndication mechanism for accessing content on other websites (e.g. search PEMSEA, SCS, etc from IWLEARN)
- Put in place a remotely accessible website monitoring system (<a href="http://stats.iwlearn.net/awstats/awstats.pl?config=www.iwlearn.net">http://stats.iwlearn.net/awstats/awstats.pl?config=www.iwlearn.net</a>)
- Implemented a workgroup/collaborative environment for the IW-IMS (packaged for re-use by toolkit)
- Implemented a IW Calendar tool (packaged for re-use by toolkit)
- Prepared a detailed Contact Database for all the GEF IW projects. The list expands to IA, EA, and PCU contacts. This will be used to update IW:LEARN project database with appropriate project contacts.

#### A1.2 Regional/thematic modules

- Finalized MoU with IGRAC to implement a ground water module (est. Q4/2006)
- Revamped the contact database (includes mail out reminders, linkage with project database, etc)
- Developed a project module/template
- Developed beta project fact sheet functionality component to standardize general project information across project websites
- Developed an expert roster module being tested by SEA-RLC

# A1.3 IW Help Desk

- Addressed 13 requests received from projects for issues related to decentralized website management, layouts, and content editing.
- Addressed 6 requests for decentralized website management, layouts, and content editing not directly related to IW project websites

# A2 - Support and Training

- In addition to planned activity implemented tracking system to manage request, etc
- In support of porting websites to the interoperable platform used by IW:LEARN ~15 website layouts were developed to encourage projects, programmes and agencies to adopt the toolkit and/or approach. The list includes:

- o GEFSEC
- o UNEP/GEF
- o STAP

# • Layouts and status:

Project Title	Work Status	URL	Next step
GEFSEC	Developed a website to demonstrate possibilities of technology to GEFSec	http://plone- dev.unep.org/gefsec	
DNIPRO	Adopted IWLEARN platform. We designed the website and are helping the project to port over entire content in English over to new website. (~1person month)	http://dnipro.iwlearn.org	Train the DNIPRO staff to enable them port Russian content to website & maintain website thee after
IWCAM	Adopted IWLEARN platform	http://iwcam.iwlearn.org	Finalize layout with IWCAM. Train the staff
YSLME partnership website	In progress. a site for partnerships (not main project website)	TBD	Get agreement from YSLME to use platform for main website
YSLME	Created an YSLME website on toolkit.  Project later suggested revamping the site, so proposed a layout for the new site.	http://yslme.iwlearn.org	Assess with YSLME benefits of using IW:LEARN platform
UNEPSCS	Working on using RSS technology to develop linkage between UNEPSCS and IW:LEARN sites.		Agree on a common interface to reflect content from project websites.
PEMSEA	In progress. Expressed interest from PEMSEA to use IW:LEARN platform. Mock done.	http://pemsea.iwlearn.org	Follow-up with PEMSEA to establish schedule for transfer
WIOLAB	Fully operational website built by IW:LEARN	http://www.wiolab.org	
Globallast	Demonstrated a site based on toolkit to Globallast PCU. IMO/UNEP dialogue at stand still.	http:// globallast.iwlearn.org	Resume dialogue with globallast on using RSS on existing website
Lake Chad	PCU contacted IW:LEARN to help them build a website		resume contact with the PCU and work on the website based on the new toolkit being

			developed.
BCLME	PCU contacted IW:LEARN to help them build a more reliable website		resume contact with the PCU and work on the website based on the new toolkit being developed.
Guarani	PCU contacted IW:LEARN to help them build a more manageable website.  Proposed few layouts to the PCU of Guarani for the website	www.sg- <b>guarani</b> .org	PCU has not yet come back to IW:LEARN team with their ideas.
Blacksea	PCU showed interest in trying out new toolkit to manage their website. Also wishes to explore more on Archiving service provided by IW:LEARN	www.bserp.org	Reinitiate contact for website once new Toolkit has been fully developed.

#### A2.1 - IW Workshops

2 workshops planned for Q4/2006 (Africa & Asia) Trained GC-LME to use the website-toolkit Trained SEA-RLC to apply website-toolkit

# A2.2 - IT Project Network (95% of site connected by 2008)

# See table above

#### Component D Innovation

# D1 Southeast Asia Regional Learning Center -- SEA START RC

- Key website/portal developments
  - 1. Launch of SEA-RLC Expert Roster (http://www.iwsea.org)!
  - 2. Development of wiki online collaborative tool (to be utilised for SEA-RLC consultancies) (http://www.iwsea.org/IT/plone/testwiki/).
  - 3. Development of GEF Projects Search tool (http://www.iwsea.org).
  - 4. Development of 'Asia Water Resources News' portlet (http://www.iwsea.org).
  - 5. Addition of Plone website resources (http://www.iwsea.org/IT/plone/).
  - 6. Addition of SEA-RLC website usage statistics information (two software packages displayed to date)(http://www.iwsea.org/Statistics/).
  - 7. Near-real-time infrared imagery of Southeast Asia region linked to home page (source: Kochi University, Japan).

# Outreach activities

 Development of web-based SCS Metadatabase –now available online (http://www.unepscs.org/ metadata/).

- 2. Development of SCS Metadatabase package with aim of making available for other projects and organisations. The installation manual is almost complete (but need to look at copyright and licencing issues re software distribution).
- Ongoing development of SCS GIS database.
   Submission of paper to SEAFDEC (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center) publication (prepared in collaboration with Chris Paterson from UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project.