



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

Third and Partial 4th Quarter 2006

Progress and Results Report

This document reports on progress and results AFTER most recent (2004-2006) PIR/APR/APPR.

In **2006 Q3Q4** (through 2006-11-19), GEF IW:LEARN Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) and PALs:

Component A – Information Sharing: UNEP

A1 IW-IMS

A1.1 - IW IMS Development

- ◆ Installed new features, including a multiple website search and a new layout, on www.iwlearn.net
- ◆ An IW:LEARN Website toolkit was released, offering a readily customizable platform to disseminate project outputs via the internet
- ◆ Omni-search of multiple GEF IW-related workshops launched (*beta release?*)
- ◆ 34,151 unique visitors to iwlearn.net since January 2006. (90% of 355,795 pages connected from personal bookmarks or typing URL; 8% from search engines; 1% via other Web sites, of which >5% via thegef.org, >3% from Wikipedia, but <0.1% via any other GEF IW project's Web pages)

A1.2 Regional/thematic modules

A1.3 IW Help Desk

- ◆ Fielded ## inquiries from ## projects (and ## not affiliated with projects).

A2 - Support and Training

A2.1 - IW Workshops

- ◆ Conducted an IW Information management system (Web development) workshop for ## participants from ## projects (Nov., Nairobi, Kenya). ## of ~70 active projects' Web sites now launched or re-deployed using IW:LEARN Web site toolkit, ## linked to IW-IMS (iwlearn.net).

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

Component B Structured Learning

B1 Regional Learning

B1.2 Africa: InWEnT

- ◆ Strengthening Transboundary Water Resources Management Among GEF IW projects in Africa Networking Workshop (Oct.-Nov., Nairobi, Kenya; with INWENT, WBI, GWP and UNEP)

B1.3 European Info Sharing/P2 Workshop: UNECE with CTC-St. Petersburg - Activity completed.

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B2 Water Body-Specific Learning

B2.1 Freshwater Ecosystems

B2.1.1 Aquifers - UNESCO – nothing to report.

B2.1.2 Lakes - LakeNet – nothing to report.

B2.1.3 Rivers - IUCN/WANI contract pending PAL signature.

- ◆ ### people from ## projects and ## nations participated in IW:LEARN Economic Valuation and Water-related Decision-making Training Workshop (Nov., Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; with IUCN-WANI, WBI, EIER, GWP-Africa)

B2.2 Marine Ecosystems

B2.2.1 Marine Ecosystems e-forum - IUCN/GMP

B2.2.2 LME Training: University of Rhode Island

- ◆ LME Governance Manual
- ◆ Produced 1,000 copies of *Handbook on LME Governance*, with 500 additional copies produced by GPA (Activity B2), sent to all GEF LME projects and LME workshop participants, posted to iwlearn.net and disseminated to GPA IGR-2 participants (Activity E2). Handbook has been viewed 585 times [-4x/day] via iwlearn.net since July 2006

B2.3 Coral Reefs: WorldFish?

- ◆ Over 25 GEF-affiliates participated in Coral Ecosystem Health Workshop (Oct. in Cozumel, Mexico; with World Fish Center and World Bank), piggybacking on ITMEMS conference.
- ◆ ## people attended ITMEMS "On-line Information and Learning Networks" workshop session, at which IW:LEARN presented its lessons learned in this domain.

B3 Inter-Project Stakeholder Exchanges

- ◆ Disseminated [## copies of] guide for projects on "Communicating for Results," developed by 5 GEF IW projects with support from IW:LEARN (Activity B3) Guide has been accessed (downloaded) from UNDP-Bratislava's waterwiki ## times since April 2006
- ◆ Supported GEF international conference with 75 participants on Nutrient Pollution Control in Chisinau, Moldova (Oct.), financially and through dissemination of outputs including presentations, papers, photos, video and rapporteur summaries. (Activity B3)

B4 P2 Training: ELI

- ◆ Public Participation Workshop for 8+ Latin American IW Projects (Dec. in Montevideo, Uruguay; with ELI, OAS and UNESCO)

Component C IW Conferences

C2 IW Conference 4: GETF

- ◆ GETF mission to South Africa
- ◆ Presenting IWC4 Plans to Steering Committee Meeting (Nov. 20)

Component D Innovation

D1 Southeast Asia Regional Learning Center: SEA START RC

- ◆ Key website/portal developments
- ◆ Outreach activities

D2 Southeastern Europe: GWP-Med

- ◆ Operation and update of the TWIENSEE website.
- ◆ As part of Athens-Petersberg process, 55 participants from ### nations and ## projects participated in 2nd roundtable -- on Southeastern European (SEE) lake basins and the Drin River basin (Oct., Macedonia, with Ohrid, Prespa, Skoder project proponents, govts of Germany and Greece, GWP-Med) -- and ## participants from ## nations and ## projects participated in 3rd (100% co-financed) roundtable (Nov., Sava River).

D2 IWRM Roundtables – completed; note Water Knowledge Fair session on IWRM (Activity E2)

Component E Partnership and Outreach

E1 Sustainability Planning

- ◆ Worked with GEFSec and others to formulate potential MSPs for continuing, extending IW:LEARN services beyond current FSP (ending October 2008).
- ◆ Reviewed and responded (via SC) to preliminary MTE recommendations regarding sustainability planning

E2 IW Contributions to Global TWM

E2.1 IW-related Side Events

- ◆ Held a side event at the GEF Assembly, and disseminated IW:LEARN and IW portfolio outputs to the Assembly (Activity E2)
- ◆ Announced to GEF IW community, delivered an IW:LEARN exhibit, co-moderated IWRM session and conveyed GEF IW experiences in public participation to UNDP virtual Water Knowledge Fair. (Activities D3, E2)
- ◆ At GPA IGR-2 (Oct.):
 - Premiered new GEF IW:LEARN video, *Turning the Tide: Sustaining Earth's Large Marine Ecosystems*, to over 100 nations' ministry representatives. At least 3 nations (China, Mexico, Romania) expressed interest in translating and broadcasting video.
 - 57 IGR-2 participants attended session GEF Strategic Partnerships, organized by us
 - 25+ attended session on Ocean Training, where IW:LEARN presented and for which IW:LEARN subsequently drafted and submitted follow-up inputs into IGR-2 ministerial declaration and 2007-2011 work plan to forge global team of ocean training centers
- ◆ Invited [100% co-financed] presentation, "Lessons for Management of the Euphrates-Tigris River Basin" from GEF International Waters Projects" (UNU); invited discussant for transboundary env. impact assessment study of water projects in GEF regions (SADC, Mekong, Lake Victoria), co-hosted by U. Tokyo, JSPS and ELI. (Nov., Tokyo, Activity E2)

E2.2 LME Video -- Francois Odendaal Productions

- ◆ 30 copies of LME video documentary produced on DVD, circulated to 11 African LME projects (Nov., Cape Town, S.A.), uploaded videos.google.com for global public access.

E2.3 Gender and Water Exhibit -- Gender and Water Alliance

- ◆ Africa Phase partner identified and engaged as sustaining partner for Gender & Water expo in Africa, University of the Western Cape Gender Equity Unit (Sep. mtg. in Cape Town with GWA task mgr, DWAF/GWP gender officer, UWC-GEU)

E2.3/E2.4 Outreach Materials (IW Bridges and IW Experience Notes)

- ◆ Disseminated 2 issues of the *GEF IW Bridges* (August, October) newsletter to over 100 mail recipients (including all GEF IW projects), over 300 email recipients.
- ◆ Published, printed and posted (to iwlearn.net) over a dozen issues of *IW Experience Notes*.
- ◆ 202, 290 and 48 copies of June, August and October IW Bridges issues, respectively-- and 323 copies of IW Experience Notes (~27 per issue) -- , picked up by participants at GEF Assembly, IGR-2, ITMEMS and other venues.