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## Reversal of land and water degradation trends in the Lake Chad basin ecosystem project

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- 1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action program (SAP) were successfully adopted.
- Six Riparian states and the Federal Government of Nigeria approved a catchment Water Charter for the Komadugu-Yobe Basin.
- Successful local microgrant activities were implemented in most pilot projects with intensive involvement of stakeholders.

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#### **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the project is to build capacity within the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and its national committees, so that it can better achieve its mandate of managing land and water resources in the greater Conventional Basin of Lake Chad.

### **RESULTS: PROCESS**

### INDICATOR 1. Completion and adoption of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP), with a framework, timeline and Financing Plan for implementation of priority activities.

The SAP was endorsed by the Council of Ministers in June 2008, but the Investment Plan for SAP implementation was not developed within the duration of the project.

A comprehensive Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) was completed at national and regional levels. The TDA analysis was conducted through a participatory process and presents the transboundary problems as identified and prioritised by the basin stakeholders. The TDA identifies three overarching root causes of the transboundary problems caused by unsustainable resources use practices, i.e. (i) the absence of sustainable development on the political agendas of the riparian countries, (ii) low standards of environmental education and awareness, and (iii) population pressure. Based on the findings of the TDA, the SAP was completed as a regional policy framework for the Lake Chad Basin

### INDICATOR 2. LCBC has been reformed, is operating more effectively and its capacity to sustainably develop LCB resources has been strengthened according to an endorsed IA.

The Institutional Assessment (IA) was endorsed in the Extraordinary CoM (June 2008). CBOs and local stakeholders proposed and implemented projects addressing local concerns. National teams developed the National Action Plans for the implementation of IWRM.

#### **RESULTS: STRESS REDUCTION**

INDICATOR 1. Pilot project activities provide opportunities for stakeholder involvement and lessons on land and water management practices for inclusion in NAPs and SAP. Catchment Management Plans (CMP) for integrated natural resources management were prepared and adopted for the Chari- Logone Basin, Lake Fitri and the Lake Chad Shorelines & Northern Diagnostic Basin. The CMP for the Komadugu-Yobe (K-Y) Basin was developed jointly with the K-Y Basin Project (IUCN-NCF) and the Joint Wetlands Livelihoods Project (DFID-funding). The cooperation with these projects yielded a significant success in establishing a Water Charter for the Sustainable and Equitable Management of the K-Y Basin.

Local priorities were supported with 56 micro-grants to demonstrate environmentally sustainable approaches to reverse land and water degradation, as a basis for poverty alleviation.

A Bio-diversity Study was also completed and a Regional Protected Area Strategy was approved by stakeholders and adopted by the countries.

### **RESULTS: WATER RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS**

N/A

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