

GEF International Waters Focal Area Study

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6th Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF

- ▶ Covers GEF 5th replenishment period (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018)
- ▶ Two main components:
 - 1) Institutional, governance and program issues
 - 2) Program performance and impact
- ▶ Presented to the GEF Council in 2017

Objectives of the IW Focal Area Study

- ▶ Assess the relevance of the focal area strategy
- ▶ Present a synthesis of IW results and impacts
- ▶ Assess the approaches and mechanisms through which results have been achieved
- ▶ Assess whether recently approved projects are consistent with the strategy and, to the extent possible, are likely to achieve outcomes
- ▶ Identify lessons for GEF-7

Key Questions

- ▶ What is the current relevance of the IW focal area to global environmental problems and key transboundary issues?
- ▶ How relevant is IW support provided during GEF-6 to the GEF IW focal area strategy as formulated in the GEF-6 Programming Directions and GEF Council Decisions?
- ▶ What are the strengths and weaknesses of GEF IW focal area strategy as formulated in the GEF-6 Programming Directions?
- ▶ What are the concrete achievements of the GEF IW focal area on the protection of transboundary water ecosystems on the levels of (i) process, (ii) stress reduction, and (iii) environmental status change?
- ▶ What are the trends in the performance and implementation of the GEF IW focal area support?

Thank You



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