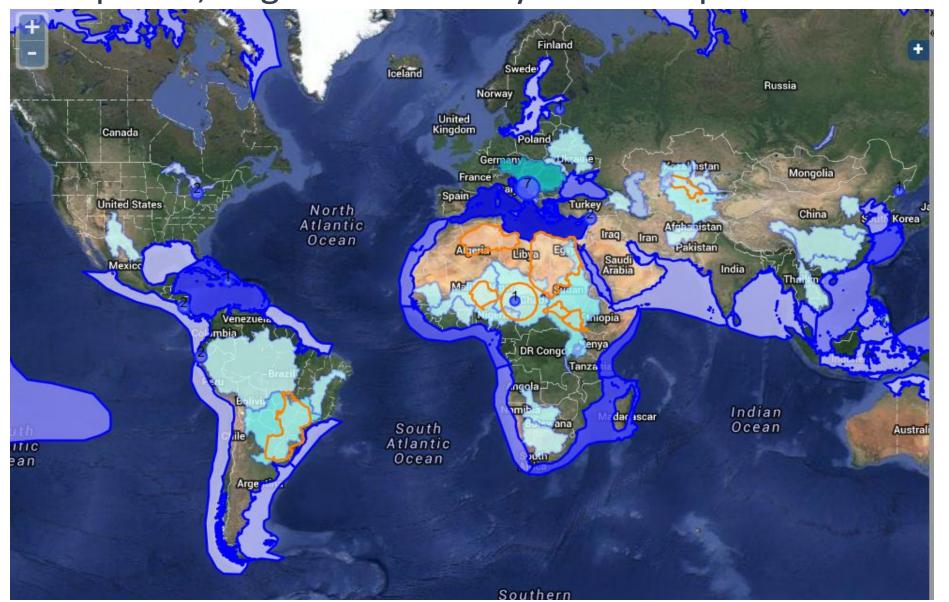


GEF 6 Programming International Waters

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International Waters: <u>transboundary</u> river basins, lakes, aquifers, large marine ecosystems & open oceans



GEF IW Ecosystem-Based Approach to Management at Multiple Scales

Large Marine Ecosystem Scale

(South China Sea LME-UNEP & PEMSEA UNDP)

Coastal Municipality/Provincial ICM scale

(Da Nang, Vietnam - UNDP PEMSEA)



River Basin Linkage Scale

(GPA Mekong River Basin/delta - World Bank)

Local Community-based Demo Sites

(Phu Quoc Fish Refugia Vietnam- UNEP)





Simplistic ill. on GEF IW investment modalities

Policy and cooperation framework



Delivering GEF International Waters Global **Environment Benefits** Transformational **Full-scale SAP Implementation** SAS Strengthening policy and legal and institutional frameworks **Foundational Capacity Building/Enabling environments, Basic**

International Waters GEF- 6 Strategy

Goal: To promote collective management of transboundary water systems and implementation of the full range of policy, legal and institutional reforms and investments contributing to sustainable use and maintenance of ecosystem services

Objective 1: Catalyze
Sustainable Management of
Transboundary Waters

Objective 2: Balance
Competing Water-uses in
the Management of
Transboundary Surface and
Groundwater

Objective 3: Rebuild Marine Fisheries, Restore and Protect Coastal Habitats, and Reduce Pollution of Coasts and LMEs







- **1.** Foster Cooperation for Sustainable use of Transboundary Water Systems & Economic Growth
- **3.** Advance Conjunctive Management of Surface & Groundwater systems

5. Reduce Ocean Hypoxia

2 .Increase Resilience & Flow of Ecosystems Services in Context of Melting High Altitude Glaciers

4. Water/Food/Energy/ Ecosystem Security Nexus

6. Prevent the Loss and Degradation of Coastal Habitat

7. Foster Sustainable Fisheries

GEF IW and the freshwater conventions

- The GEF will continue to Support:
 - nations addressing transboundary water issues
 - national and regional capacity building through transboundary investments and IWLEARN

 The GEF will not be able to support convention secretariats directly





GEF IW:LEARN

- Primary knowledge management and training mechanism for GEF IW focal area
 - Network of practitioners, a culture of learning and systematic replication of project experience
- Global and regional partnerships to build portfolio and partner capacity (incl UNECE)
- Targeted Support to the Freshwater Portfolio
- 2015-2019, \$4.9M, GEF UNDP/UNEP
- Consolidated service line
- www.iwlearn.net





