



# **UNDP/GEF**

## **Kura Aras Project**

### **Azerbaijan National Water Policy Dialogue**

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# Overview



- Who we are
- What we do
- Our activities in Azerbaijan



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# Who we are

- Regional UNDP/GEF International Waters Project
- UNDP + UNEP + World Bank = Global Environmental Facility
- GEF Transboundary waters for Kura Aras River Basin
- Staffing in Azerbaijan and Region
- June 2011 – May 2014



# What we do

1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA)
2. National Integrated Water Resource Management Plans and Strategic Action Programme (IWRM/SAP)
3. Stakeholder Activities
4. Demonstration Project



# What we do

## 1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA)

Reduction and  
Change in  
Hydrological Flows

Deterioration of  
Water Quality

Ecosystem  
Degradation

Flooding



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# What we do

## National IWRM Plans and SAP

- ✓ Capacity Needs Assessment for IWRM
- ✓ UNDP/GEF EU Kura Aras IWRM Academy



- Development of National IWRM Plans
- Common priorities to form basis for the SAP



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## Stakeholder Activities

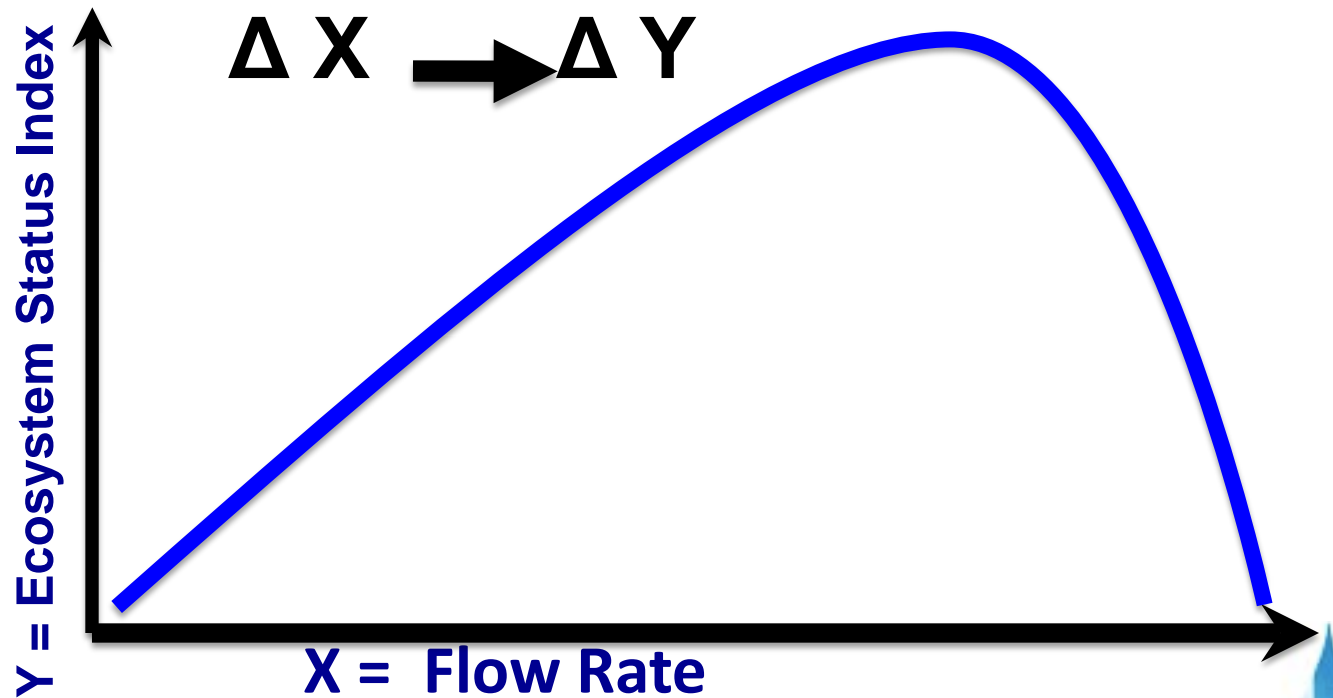
- Internet Presence <http://www.kura-aras.org>
- Regional NGO Forum
- Development of MSc in IWRM Curriculum with Baku State University
- *Regional and national programs*
- *International, regional and national expertise*
- *Interdisciplinary integrated curriculum for future water managers*



# What we do

## Demonstration Project

Y = Index =  
Biomonitoring  
with macro  
invertebrates  
+  
rapid  
ecological  
assessment



X = Hydrological Changes in River Basin



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# Our activities in Azerbaijan

- Transboundary impacts and issues including trend analysis for future development
- IWRM Capacity Building and National IWRM Plans working with you all
- SAP to address key transboundary issues
- MSc Curriculum development
- Demonstration project and baseline data



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**Thank you!**  
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