The Global Environment Facility
International Waters Focal Area

- fostering transboundary cooperation leading to peace, regional stability and economic growth

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Concerns of International Waters & People, Ecosystems, and Development

- Transboundary Pollution → Diseases
- Wasteful Water Use → Droughts, floods, conflicts
- Groundwater Q& Q → Drinking water, food shortages, ecosyst services
- Overfishing → Livelihoods & $100 billion in annual trade in jeopardy
- Habitat loss → Coastal blue forests; invasive species, local livelihoods

Regional Peace, Stability, Security at risk
1995 GEF Operational Strategy- International Waters (GEF Council)

*International Waters* including transboundary river basins, lakes, aquifers, oceans, coasts and Large Marine Ecosystems

**Long-term Goals for the IW area:**

1) Agreement for collective, multi-state management of transboundary water systems

2) Implementation of the full range of technical, economic, financial, regulatory, and institutional reforms and investments contributing to sustainable use of those transboundary waters
GEF IW Ecosystem-Based Approach to Management at Multiple Scales

Large Marine Ecosystem Scale
(South China Sea LME-UNEP)

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-
GEF IW investment modality

Delivering GEF International Waters Global Environment Benefits

Foundational Capacity
Building/Enabling environments, Basic Policy and cooperation framework

Strengthening policy and legal and institutional frameworks

Full-scale SAP Implementation

Transformational Change

30 SAPs
36 TDAs

Black Sea/Danube Env. Status Improve.
Niger River Water Charter
Benguela Current Commission
Hai Basin pollution & water use reduction

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