

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

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

Transformational Change

Full-scale SAP Implementation

TDA
SAP

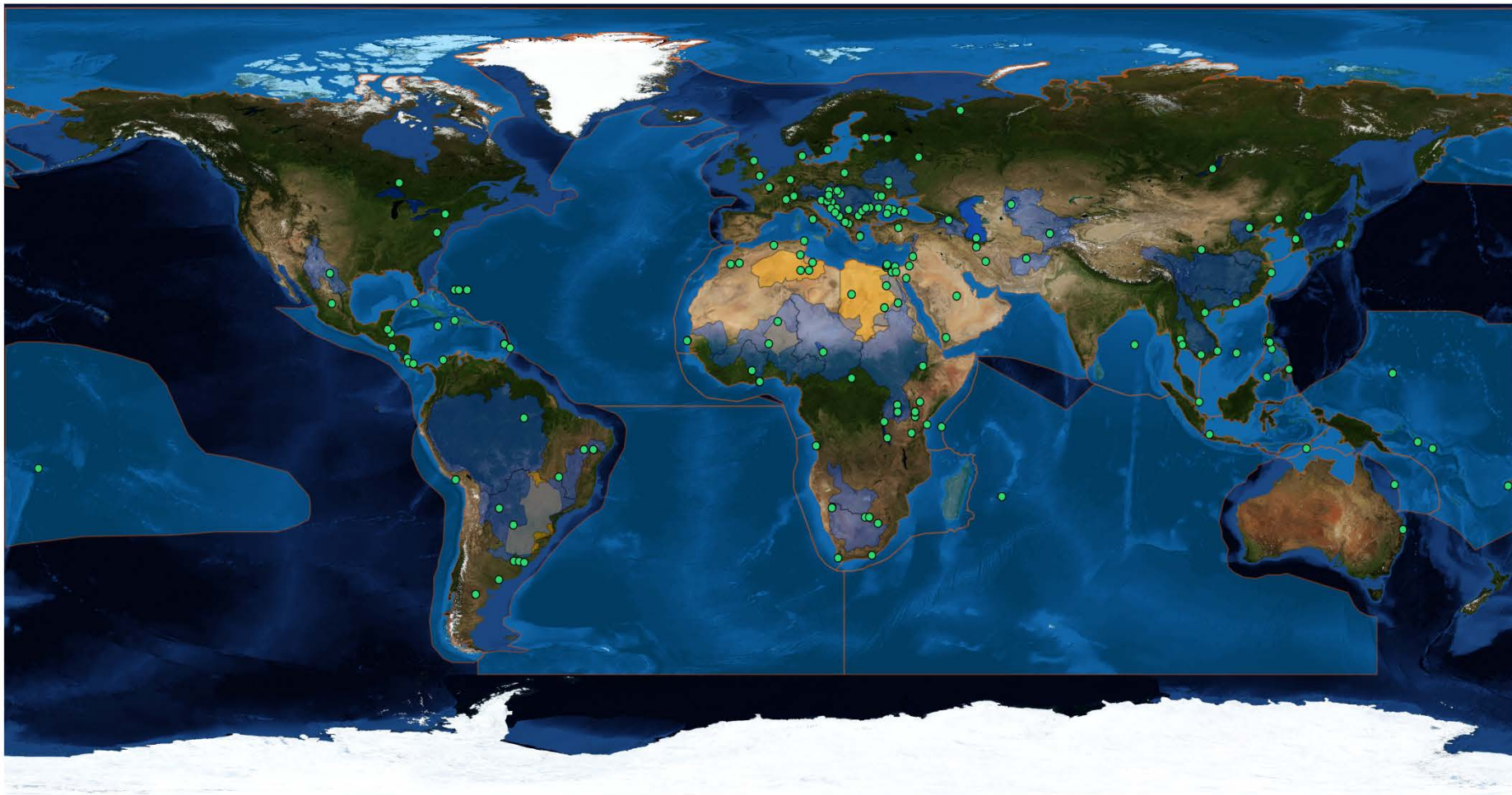
Strengthening policy and legal and institutional frameworks

30 SAPs

36 TDAs

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

GEF IW Portfolio 1991 - 2012



Legend

Project Management Offices

