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Council Study

Day 2 Recap - Key Comments

Note: Not presented due to time ran out. This will be included in meeting notes for review

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Siem Reap, Cambodia
13-14 August 2015

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On Day 1 Recap

- LNMC does not agree with modelling progress until concerns on the modeling approach addressed
- TNMC
 - suggested for Secretariat to prepare an action plan related to concerns on modeling approach raised during 11th TACT
 - TNMC does not impose to other MCs its practice of not providing data for basins that are not direct tributaries to the Mekong River
- VNMC
 - National Modeller will be available soon
 - Modeling approach should simulate sediment transport in Delta
 - Proposed Discussion with CS how MD Study results can be used
 - Comment on non-availability of data in selected subbasins should be clearly attributed to TNMC
- CNMC – need results from Council Study and Mekong Delta Study to be produced independently

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On Day 1 Recap



- TNMC on baseline
 - Use terminology “reference condition” instead of “baseline
 - Improve technical note to include additional options
- LNMC
 - Expressed preference to model natural flow conditions

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On Day 1 Recap



- Chair reminded RTWG to refer to the following documents:
 - ToR of RTWG
 - Inception Report
 - What has been agreed in the past RTWG meetings
 - RTWG to facilitate the technical process and minimize raising issues to JC when possible

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Climate Change



- Approved the proposed three climate change scenarios
- Appreciate the level of engagement of MCs in evaluating climate change scenarios

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Socio-Economic Assessment



- Appreciate proposed engagement of MCs in the Scoping Mission
- Challenges on data
 - Methodology that does require collection of new data
 - Review assumptions
 - Socio-economic database and SIM/VA available
 - Mission is not design to do additional work on MRC IF (no duplication of work)

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Bioresource Assessment – Overall

Progress

- Inception Report used as basis for implementation – version 27 October 2015
 - Reflect changes in the implementation arrangement from the July 2015 version
 - FP leading BioRA instead of EP
- TNMC Concerns
 - In the process of engaging NMCs especially in selecting locations for assessment
 - Dissemination of progress and interim results – putting in Web Site not adequate
- LNMC Concern
 - BioRA should be led by EP and not FP
 - Cause of misunderstanding is in the version of the Inception Report being used.
 - Earlier documents produced (ToR of the Council Study) also shows earlier version of the implementation arrangement
 - Action Item: Update these older documents (ToR) to be consistent with the Inception Report

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Bioresource Assessment – Overall

Progress (2)

- CNMC
 - Progress is more important
- VNMC
 - Not important who is leading what
- TNMC
 - Share view of CNMC and VNMC
 - Secretariat knows better where resources area
- Secretariat: Change in management of BioRA Team
 - Capacity and work load of EP
 - EP is already leading domestic/industrial and thematic team and was also leading socio-economic

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Bioresource Assessment – DRIFT



- Ecological Health Monitoring is a tool for a different purpose than DRIFT
 - EHM is for monitoring
 - DRIFT is for assessment (and can use data from EHM)
- DRIFT Testing
 - Good idea but timing should be considered
 - Testing is suggested to be conducted after the DSS (without Delta) is completed in December 2015 (Testing cannot be done without it)
- DRIFT Expiration
 - DRIFT for LMB is ongoing
 - Intentionally allow versions to expire to prevent old versions of the DRIFT – LMB to proliferate
 - When it is completed and stable, expiration will be removed
- Independent Review
 - Possible and has been done before
 - Initial list of people to review has been provided
 - When resource is limited: better to invest on testing (by MCs) than independent review
- Time series data transformation
 - DRIFT has tools to transform data

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Bioresource Assessment – DRIFT



- TNMC
 - Testing (to some extent) has been addressed in the past (with Hans G.)
 - Support Dr. Cate's presentation. MCs know about DRIFT via its earlier version used in IBFM by EP and WUP
 - Several technical reports produces in IBFM
 - Requires more information about DRIFT since TNMC would like to work more with it

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Bioresource Assessment – DRIFT



- VNMC
 - Acknowledge the tool for CA especially use of response curves
 - independent review suggested
 - Appears to be suitable to large basins – would appreciate publications
- CNMC
 - Appreciate new tool/model from last RTWG and continue to do so
 - DRIFT will provide good results
 - Suggest DRIFT understanding to be extended to MCs
 - How DSF/WUP-FIN integrated to DRIFT
 - Supports DRIFT use

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Bioresource Assessment – DRIFT



- LNMC
 - Appreciates new tool and not rejecting it
 - Suggest to test the new tool before application

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Bioresource Assessment – Field



Trip

- No Comments

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Bioresource Assessment – Indicators and Focus Areas



- TNMC
 - No difficulty in technical issue but concern is in the engagement of MCs in making conclusions
 - Proposed field trip and selection of focus areas
 - Some “premature” conclusions on the modeling
 - Dissemination of results (how/when)
- LNMC
 - No feedback on the technical progres
 - Suggestion on improved coordination with MCs and capacity building

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Status and Trends

- No Comments



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DSS Setup

- No data collection. Will use existing information



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Baseline Update from Chair



- Change term from “baseline” to “reference period”
- Details will be provided in a working paper

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Thank You

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