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Council Study

Overall Progress



4th RTWG Meeting
Office of the Secretariat in Vientiane
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Study Objective #1

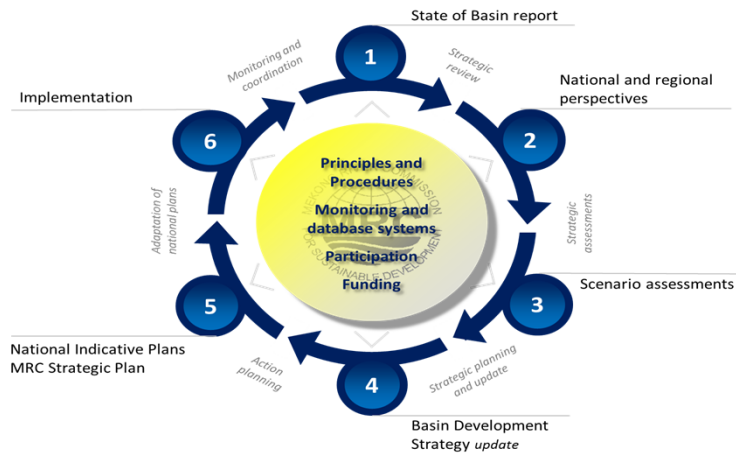
- Further develop/establish a reliable scientific evidence

... of positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts of water resources developments



Study Objective #2

- Integrate results into the MRC knowledge base to enhance the BDP process



Study Objective #3

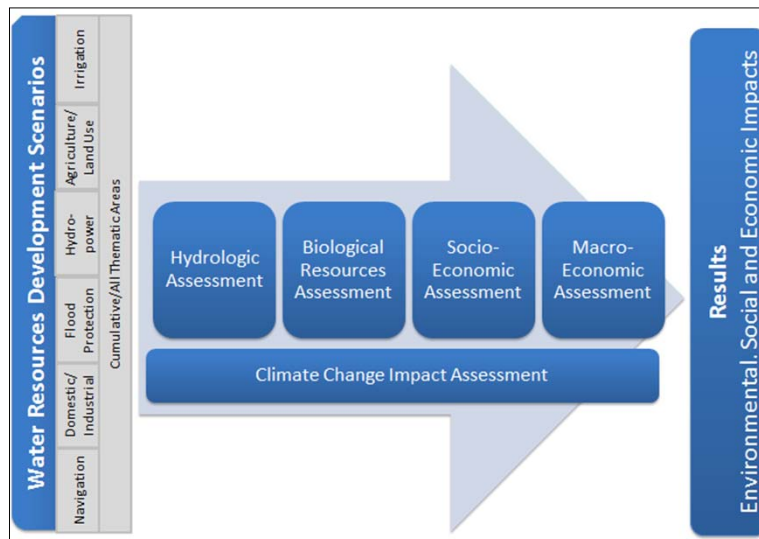
- Promote capacity and ensure technology transfer to Member Countries



Why this Study is Important?

- All Development Thematic Areas
- Cumulative and Transboundary Impacts
- Policy Recommendations for Improve Water Resource Development and Management
- Both Product and Process Improvement Oriented
 - Capacity Building
 - Sustainability and Scalability of Assessment Framework
 - Integrated and Collaborative Working Relationships Among MCs and all Programmes of MRC Secretariat

Assessment Framework



Progress to Date

- Important progress milestones have been achieved since the 3rd RTWG in November 2014 – the start of the Implementation Phase

Specific Implementation Accomplishments (1)

- Consolidated and Individual Team Work Plans and Staffing Plans Completed
- National/Regional/International Consultant TORs Drafted
- 13 Priority International/Regional Consultants Successfully Recruited
- Modeling Approach Approved by TACT

Specific Implementation Accomplishments (2)

- Completed Proposed Scope for the Formulation of Development Scenarios, Climate Change Scenarios and Baselines
- Prepared Logistic Plan for Field/Site Visits in March 2015 by the Biological Resource Expert Team
- Initial (internal) scoping meetings conducted for the socio-economic and macro-economic assessment discipline teams

Specific Implementation Accomplishments (3)

- Participated in meetings with various stakeholders and partners
- Launching of the Council Study Web Site

Selected Ongoing Specific- Programme Activities Directly Contributing to the Council Study

- Update of the Irrigation Database
- CCAI Work on Climate Change Scenarios for the Region
- DSF Calibration/Validation (1985-2007/8)
- ISH Risk Mitigation Project
- FMMP Initial Studies
- MRC Monitoring Systems

Council Study Web Site


The screenshot displays the Mekong River Commission website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About MRC, Mekong Basin, Topics, Publications, News & Events, Working with MRC, Highlights, and Data Portal. The main content area features a large image of a sunset over a river with a small boat. Below the image, the text states: "The Council Study objectives are threefold: i) Further develop/establish reliable scientific evidence base on the environment, social and economic consequences (positive and negative) of development in the". To the right of the image, there is a "Log in" button and a list of "Key MRC documents" including Concept Note, Terms of Reference, Inception Reports (27 October 2014), and various Annexes (I-VI). Further right, there is a "Latest Consultations" section listing the 4th Regional Forum on the Basin Development Strategy, Don Sahong Hydropower Project, Xayaburi Hydropower Project Prior Consultation Process, Panel of Experts on the Basin Development Plan Phase 2, and the 4th BDP Regional Forum on the Basin Development Strategy - Powerpoint Presentations. At the bottom right, there is a "Latest News" section mentioning a Media Advisory about the Twenty-first Meeting of the MRC Council and a link to "Every year, water and environment".

Council Study Website – Team Site





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2nd RTWG Meeting, 11-12 September 2014, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

File	Title
 Draft Agenda 2nd RTWG meeting.pdf	Draft Agenda 2nd RTWG meeting
 DRAFT Meeting Notes of the 2nd RTWG Meeting 11-12 Sept 2014 revised 7-10-2014.pdf	DRAFT Meeting Notes of the 2nd RTWG Meeting 11-12 Sept 2014
 List of participants 2nd RTWG.pdf	List of participants 2nd RTWG

Start-up Workshop/3rd RTWG Meeting, 12-14, October 2014, Vientiane, Laos

File	Title
 Draft Final Agenda Startup Meeting November 12-14 2014.pdf	Draft Final Agenda Startup Meeting November 12-14 2014
 Briefing Notes Package - Council Study Startup Workshop and 3rd RTWG Meeting - v2 clean.pdf	Briefing Notes Package - Council Study Startup Workshop and 3rd RTWG Meeting
 3rdRTWG Meeting Notes-15-12-2014rev.pdf	DRAFT Meeting Notes of the 3 rd RTWG Meeting 14 November 2014
 Comparison of Environmental Flow Assessment Tools Including DRIFT.pdf	Comparison of Environmental Flow Assessment Tools Including DRIFT
 18 - Day 1 Recap	Start-up Day 1 Recap
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Latest Consultations

4th Regional Forum on the Basin Development Strategy

Don Sahong Hydropower Project

Xayaburi Hydropower Project Prior Consultation Process

Panel of Experts on the Basin Development Plan Phase 2

4th BDP Regional Forum on the Basin Development Strategy - Powerpoint Presentations

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Latest News

Media Advisory: Twenty-first Meeting of the MRC Council Every year, water and environment ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam convene to review and come to mutual conclusion on the management and

Fish migration, potential environmental impacts and

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- Overall Schedule
- List of Key Events
- Documents Under Review
- Technical Document Deliverables and Presentations
- Meeting Materials from Various Meetings (2nd, 3rd, and 4th RTWG meetings for example)
- Literature Review Documents (including links to actual documents when available)

Challenges Now and Ahead

- Scope
- Compressed Implementation Schedule
- Funding Gap
- Management and Coordination Challenge

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The RTWG may wish to take note of the progress made on the Council Study and provide further guidance as needed.



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