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Council Study

3rd RTWG Recap

Start-up Workshop/3rd RTWG Meeting
Office of the Secretariat in Vientiane
12 – 14 November 2014

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Inception Report Presentation

- Presented changes in the latest version of the inception report to address latest round of comments (from 2nd RTWG)
- There is agreement that the latest version of the inception report can be used as a basis for detailed work planning/staffing planning and implementation
- Portions of the inception report may be revisited/reevaluated in the future as the Council Study is being implemented and Inception Report revised

Comparison of DRIFT with other EFA Methodologies

- Large proportion of available EFAs are prescriptive and cannot describe consequences of flow change
- DRIFT compares well with other similar available decision support systems
- Shortcomings shared by many DSS especially with respect to use of expert opinion

Consolidated Work Plan

- Increase national consultations either through CS-focused national consultations or in conjunction with Program activities
- Request to clarify/refine roles and contribution of certain programs (BDP, IKMP, EP) in the Council Study
- Clear understanding of work plans of Navigation, CCAI, and Hydropower

Consolidated Work Plan

- Concise Framework for Program Activities (in relation to CS)
 - Use FP as Template

Communication and Coordination

- Consider possible expanded role of MCs National Working Group in Council Study or Programmes
- Monitoring and Evaluation Requirement
- Council Study Website

Baseline Selection, Scenario Development Formulations and Climate Change Scenarios

- Proposed Road Map
- Review/Leverage Program Activities
 - Baseline (IKMP and CCAI)
 - Scenario Development (BDP)

DSF-DSS Updates

- DSF Present Capabilities
 - Flow/water level
 - Flood/salinity level
 - Future: Water quality
- Impacts of Changes and Interventions
 - Land use changes
 - Climate change and sea level rise
 - Irrigation
 - Dams, etc.
- Baseline Period – Justification for an extended baseline simulation period to 2007-2008
- Suite of Models for the Council Study

Mekong Delta Study

- Currently, in Baseline Assessment Phase with draft report completed
- SWAT, Mike-Basin, Mike 11/21/21c, Ecolab
- Complementary roles of CS and MDS
- Strong steering committee with top management participating – one of the keys to success
- Strong financial support
- Focal points work closely
- Data collection support from other countries

Synergies between CS and MDS

- Thematic areas coverage
- Model coverage similar, focus of impact assessment different
- Suite of models different (except for SWAT)
- Coastal modeling
- Data Collection – tops, fisheries surveys, and biodiversity hotspots, HH surveys
- DRIFT vs. expert assessments
- Employ large team of experts
- Timelines present potential opportunities
- Continue discussion – obligated to look for opportunities for synergies

Next Steps

- Meeting Notes and Other Meeting Materials
- Continue refining work plans/staff plans
 - Scope vs. team personnel
 - Program contributions/roles in CS
- Recruitment of Consultants
- Operationalise MRCS CS Coordinating Group and related communication/coordination mechanisms

Next Steps

- Scoping Plans/Specification Plans
 - Baseline selection
 - Formulation of development scenarios
 - Climate change scenarios (with CCAI)
 - Suite of models (with special TAC assistance)
- Initiate and plan national consultation and CS regional stakeholder meeting

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Thank You!
Questions and
Comments?



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