



Regional Stakeholder Forum

on Mekong Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan

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Mekong Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan: Formulation Process



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Background - History: Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI)



- 2007: MRC Council asked for development of the CCAI
- 2008: Expert teams were established to develop the CCAI Framework 2009-2025



CCAI: a regional collaborative initiative supports the member countries in adaptation to the impacts & new challenges posed by climate change



Background - History: Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI)



- CCAI was initially supported by Australia with intention that it leads to broad multi-donor collaboration
- By end of 2012, CCAI was fully funded by 7 donors including Australia, Denmark, EU, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg & Sweden with 15.9 millions USD for 2011-2015
- Timeframe was then extended till June 2017 with the EU fund

Background - History: Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI)



- Major outputs include MASAP, Basin-wide Assessments, Status Report on CC and Adaptation, Monitoring & Reporting System, and capacity building

Background: What is MASAP?



- A general plan of action for guidance and addressing the impacts of CC in the LMB
- Set out strategic priorities and actions for **Transboundary CC adaptation** of the MRC
- Aims at supporting the MCs to enhance their capacity to adapt through planning for addressing **transboundary impacts of CC** and needs for **transboundary adaptation**
- Will be reviewed and updated every 5 years

Background: Why MASAP?

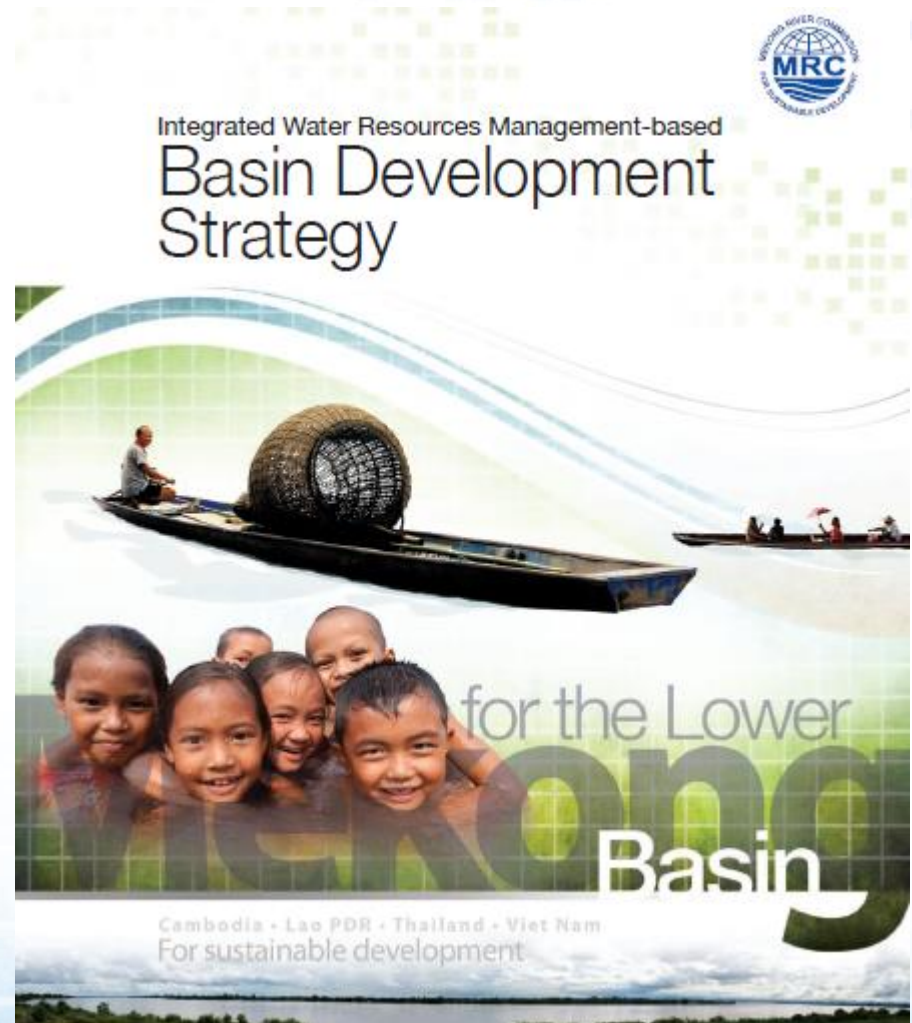


- Water resources are climate change vulnerable & further consequence on human societies & ecosystems
- CC & adaptation is important & has relevance to the MRC
- Impacts on hydrology, ecology, agriculture, fisheries & aquaculture, navigation & hydropower dev't, all of which are core aspects of the MRC cooperation
- An important output required for 2011-2015 and 2016-2020, as stipulated in the **Basin Development Strategy (BDS)**

Background: Why MASAP?



- **Guide the way to integrate CC adaptation** into the updating BDS
- **Tools for adaptation to climate change** in the MRC



Consideration in formulation of the MASAP



- Include evaluation of the policy, legal and institutional framework
- Ensure common understanding and appreciation of the projected impacts and vulnerabilities
- Ensure ownership of the member countries
- Allow ample time for participation
- Account for measures taken at the local level
- Identify joint benefits

Consideration in formulation of the MASAP

- Include ecosystem based adaptation measures
- Include looking for opportunities and innovation
- Information on impact and vulnerability assessment
- CC time horizon: 2030, 2060
- In agreement with and having synergies to national climate change adaptation strategies
- Allowing for updating of the plan

Formulation Process of the MASAP



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
	Preparation	Formulation			Finalization	Approval
Information inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature review on climate change studies Capacity need assessment Lesson learned from demonstration projects Multi-stakeholder dialogue (1st round-table discussion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of climate change and adaptation Extreme climate change analysis Projected climate change scenarios Basin-wide assessments of climate change impacts and vulnerability Identification of adaptation options Compilation of experiences from international, national and local levels Multi-stakeholder dialogue (2nd roundtable discussion, 1st Rhine-Mekong symposium, 2nd Mekong Climate Change Forum) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final basin-wide assessment results Multi-stakeholder dialogue (MASAP stakeholder forum/ 3rd Mekong Climate Change Forum) Guidance from JC and Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiation on pending issues Endorsement from JC and approval from Council
Timeframe	→	→		→	→	
Outputs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed roadmap 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st draft of strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draft of strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final strategy
High-level consultation				JC	JC	C



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Thank you

