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**GOOD GOVERNANCE**

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**Target 3: By 2021, increase by 30% the number of river basin management plans (analysis of initial status and main issues)**

Target Rationale

It is widely acknowledged that water bodies are best managed according to hydrological boundaries, within national or transboundary basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers. This can be based on basin units with specific basin institutions (basin organization) in charge of water management.

To be effective and efficient, water management, whether it is at transboundary or national level, requires long-term management plans, prepared and implemented by the relevant basin organization. Such plans define the medium and long-term objectives to be achieved within the basin, according to the priority issues identified through an initial status analysis (water quality and quantity, various uses and activities impacting water quantity and quality ...) and the prior identification of external drivers water resources (population, urbanization, land use, industrialization, deforestation ...). In addition, the management plan is one way for making stakeholder participation concrete and reflecting the real needs of all stakeholders into the basin. At transboundary scale, management plans and programmes of measures can play an important role in successful cooperation across and within riparian states.

Therefore, the development of long-term management plans or master plans at the basin or aquifer system level has to be highly encouraged, in particular by using the relevant experiences around the world on this matter. The multiyear management plan should be completed by a concrete action program or measure program, a monitoring system, a mechanism for measuring the achievements of actions, and a set of key performance indicators (water management, governance, etc.).

Target Description

Around the world, several existing basin organisations – whatever their form- have already experimented the basin management plan approach. The first step is therefore to collect those case studies. From those experiences, the TSG members will draw the conditions for the working out, the implementation and the evaluation of the management plans, and the various solutions implemented to make it efficient. In particular, solutions would address the different phases of the management plan development: initial status analysis, gap analysis, studies and forecasting, issues and stakes in terms of prioritization, objective definition, action plan development, stakeholders' involvement throughout the process, civil society consultation, monitoring, updating, and evaluation of outcomes, based on performance indicators.

The solutions will be presented during the forum for feeding a large debate among the participants. A target action plan (2012 – 2021) prepared by the TSG members will be discussed during the session. In particular, this action plan should define how to support basin organisations in developing their management plans and using the identified solutions (guideline, capacity building, expertise, institutional support ...). It will be also necessary to organise the monitoring of the action plan and the reporting in WWF 2021.

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