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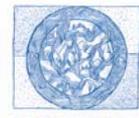


Public Participation and Solidarity in Basin Management: *Local Innovations and Lessons Learned*

The experience of Procuencia San Juan in Public participation

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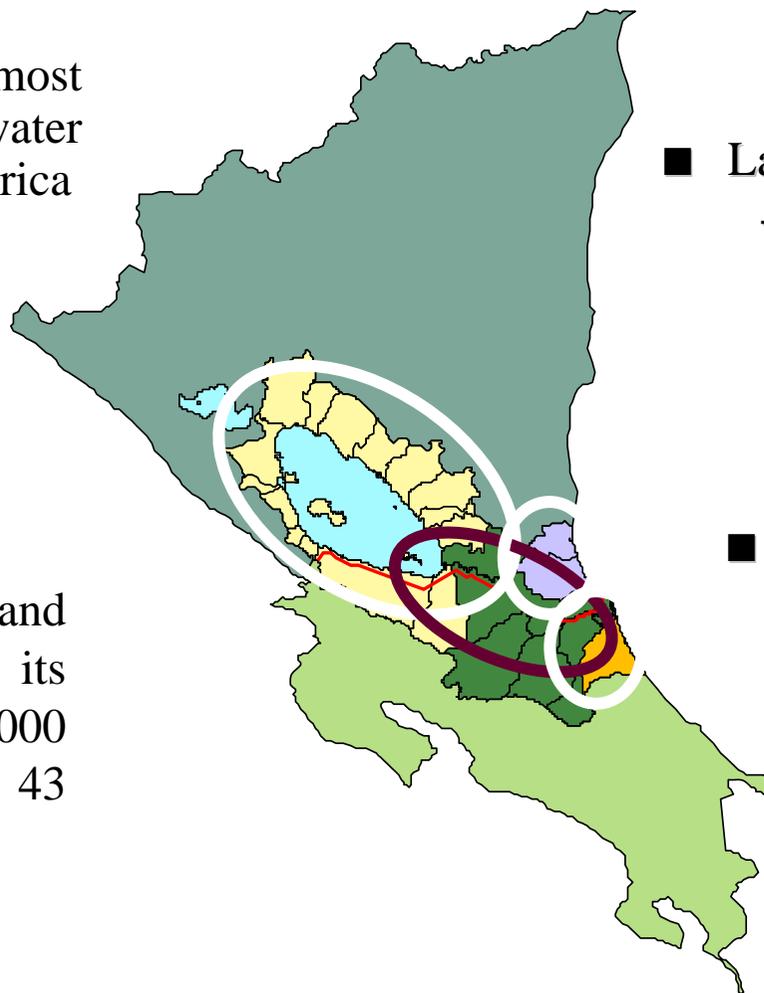
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PROCUENCA SAN JUAN AREA

- Constitutes the most significant freshwater reserve in Central America

- Shared by Costa Rica and Nicaragua and its population is 1 200 000 habitants in 43 municipalities



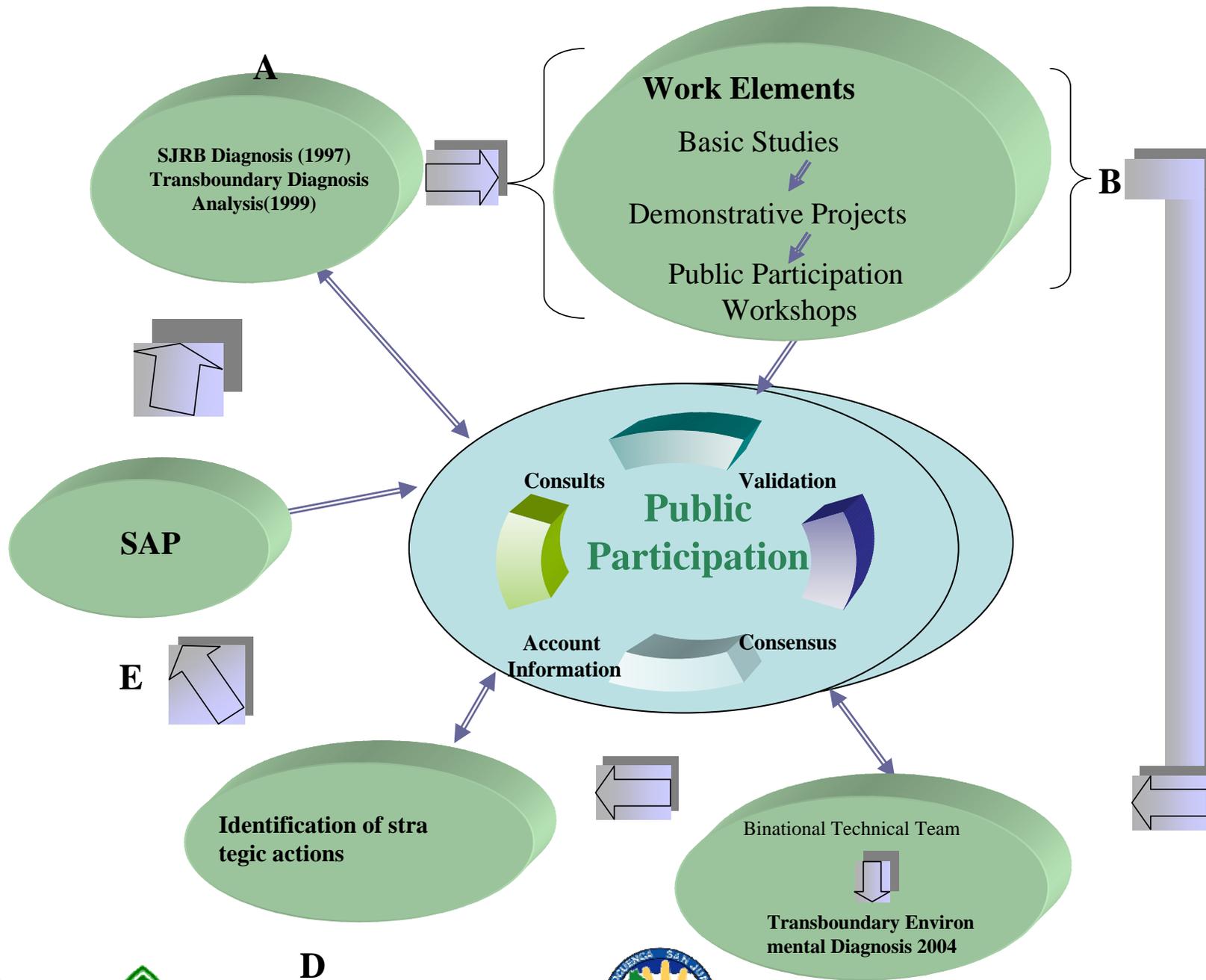
■ Land Area

- Covers 38,569 km²
 - 24,684 km² (64%) in Nicaragua
 - 13,885 km² (36%) in Costa Rica

■ Coastal/Marine Zone

Includes valuable habitats at the mouth of the San Juan River and the sedimentation plume in the marine zone





DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS FOR ADEQUATE LAND USE



WORKING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS



TRAINING AND STRENGTH FOR THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION



LEARNING AND SHARING LOCAL EXPERIENCIES



THE OWNERSHIP AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION



VALIDATION WORKSHOPS



PROCUENCA-SAN JUAN INSTITUTIONAL MAPPING:

An information and communication tool for taking decisions in the San Juan River Basin and its coastal zone.

Establishing strategic and building the institutionalism with the stakeholders in the national territories and through the borders.

Local government organizations for management of ecosystems and transboundary hydrological resources.

Collaboration agreements for research and studies about quantity and water quality, aquatic critical habitats and sedimentation.

Transboundary cooperation for the integrated management of coastal and marine zone.

THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAP

- ✓ ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AS MEMBER IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF PROCUENCA SAN JUAN
- ✓ AS DIRECT EXECUTIONERS
- ✓ INTEGRATED IN BASIN COMMITTEES
- ✓ PARTICIPATING IN VALIDATION WORKSHOPS OF THE PROJECTS AND MAIN DOCUMENTS OF PROCUENCA SAN JUAN



Actions for the formulation and implementation of SAP

- ❑ Building the IDENTITY of Procuencia San Juan
- ❑ Promoting the comprehensive and opened public participation empowering to the stakeholders through the their ownership
- ❑ Doing institutional arrangements
- ❑ Following and monitoring the real Public participation

