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Role of Basin Organisations in promoting management and restoration of ecosystems

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Knowledge of the Basin ...



- Basin Organizations are developing Water
 Information System, base for Basin Management
- WIS must address not only water resources,
 water uses, impacting sectors but also status,
 quality, degradation of aquatic ecosystems
- In developing knowledge bases at basin level, BO:
 - Supports knowledge development about ecosystems
 - Helps defining priority areas
 - · Play a role of expert close to decision makers



Basin Management Planning ...



- BO needs first a Strategy: include strategic orientations related to ecosystem conservation, management
- BO in charge of developing Basin River
 Management Plan and Programme of Measues
- Introduce in those instruments Actions and measures to protect and restore the ecosystems
- Everything done in line with the 2 other pillars of SD: Economic & Social



Participation ...



- Basin Organization is a way for more participation thanks to the Basin Commission
- Basin Commission has to take on board NGOs, Environmentalists, Biologists, experts on ecology, biodiversity, civil society ...
- Local commissions, working groups, are also place for participation of all representatives, including "environment": give voice to "environment" as one stakeholder
- Basin Commission and other groups allow debate to convince the members (win - win, benefits to economic sectors)



Financing ...



- Basin Organization play a role in financing water (charges, taxes, redevances ...)
- Role to mobilise funding (transboundary)
- Part of funding has to be used according to the plan, for ecosystem protection & restoration
- Role of BO in collecting taxes/ charges for protection of aquatic ecosystems + environment service payment



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