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# A Source of Peace - Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia



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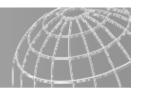
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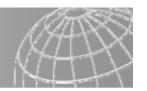




## Background

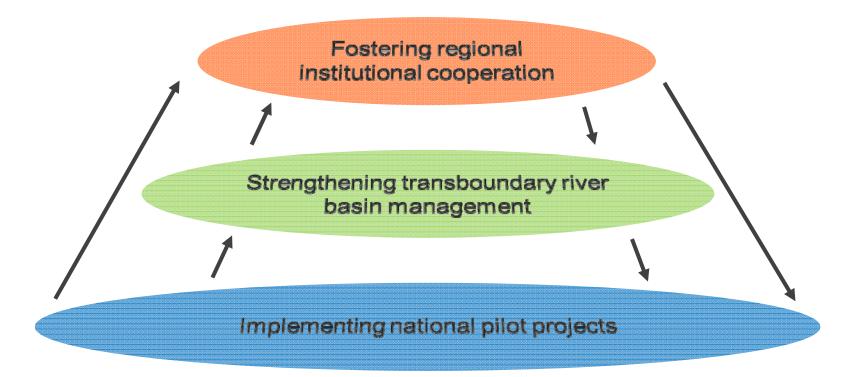
- EU-Strategy for Central Asia
- 'Berlin Process'
  - Supporting the CA states in water management
  - Water as a subject of intensified transboundary cooperation
- Programme objective:
  - The Central Asian states jointly develop practical approaches for sustainable regional water management and implement selected measures.





## Programme strategy

3 components







## Background (1/2)

### Modern information tools:

- Geogragraphical information systems (GIS),
- Mobile communication technologies,
- Remote sensing tools (RS),
- Modeling
- Data bases

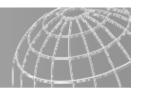




## Background (2/2)

- In Central Asia: (national or sub-national level)
  top-down approach
- Since mid 1990's SIC ICWC, IFAS by support of EU
- Projects WARMAP and WARMIS
- Since 2001 with support of Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)
- Central Asia Regional Water Information Base (CAREWIB)





## Challenges

- Increasing variability in water resources availability (Climate Change)
- Different sectors and water users
- Increase in numbers of water users, particularly within agricultural sector





## **Principles**

- Main partners: Water management organisations from CA countries
- bottom-up approach from WMO-operational level in provinces, districts, basin organisations
- Participatory approach: Systematising, inventory, filling, working with and storage of the DB and land use map jointly with partners from Water management organisations (-> ownership)





## Data management for IWRM

- Goal: WMO on provincial and national levels are professionalised with regard to river basin planning in their respective area of responsibility
- Intermediary objectives: support WMOs in selected sites to establish Integrated Data Bases enabling partners to:
  - Systematise regular flow of data on water management
  - Improve regular reporting and reports
  - Conduct comprehensive analysis of water management (basin analysis)
  - Prepare and analyse different water management scenarios (basin plans)



## Approach

- Supply of hard and software
- Satellite images
- Establishment of centers for DB management

Technical support

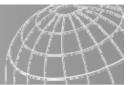
### Capacity building

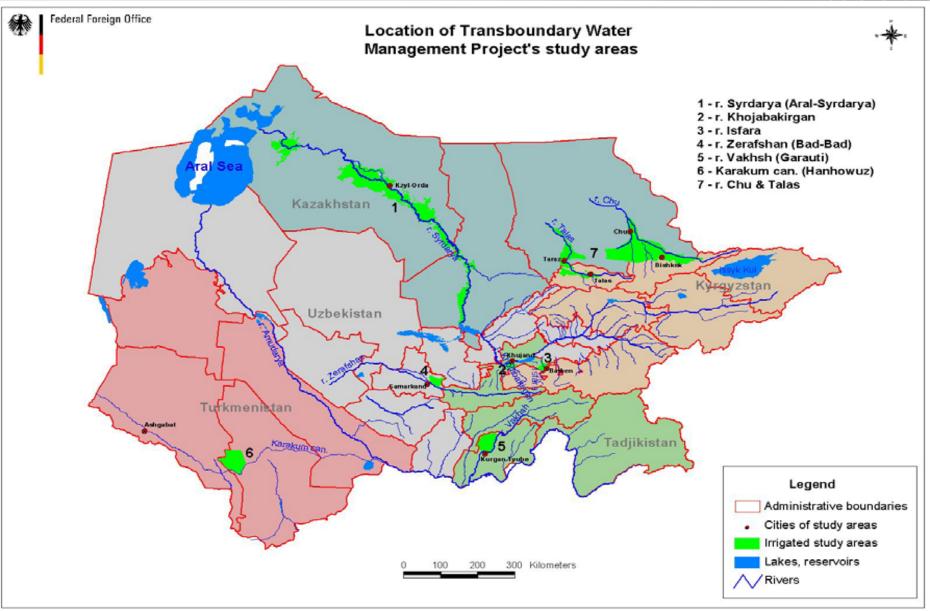
- Trainings on GIS, DB and RS
- On- job trainings

- Water management plans
- Monitoring of hydrotechnical facilities
- Spatial division of the irrigated area
- Water Management assessment
- Water Use plans

Improvement of the decision making process









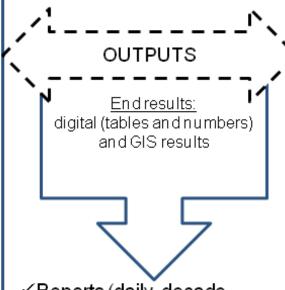
### Main instruments

### **DATABASE**

<u>Instruments:</u> Internet based software, for data storage and analysis

#### Structure/Content:

- Waterresources-climate data
- Hydrology and water use
- 3. Hydrotechnical facilities
- Hydrological/hydro-geological conditions
- 5. Economic conditions
- Administrative conditions



- √ <u>Reports (daily, decade, annual)</u> WMO (on levels of basins, various statistical agencies etc.)
- √ <u>Basin analysis</u> (every 5 years)
- -retrospective (water balance)
- ✓ <u>Basin plan</u> (every 5 years)scenarios (water balance)

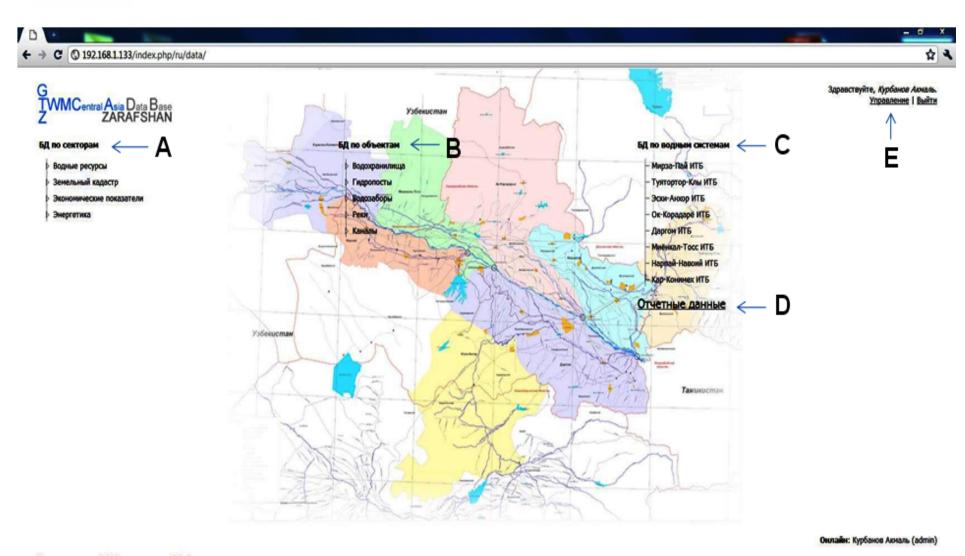
### **GIS/LAND USE MAPS**

<u>Tools: GIS maps</u>, satellite images, GPS measures etc.

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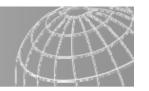
- Irrigated areas
- 2. Water objects
- 3. Alluvial plains
- 4. Forests and different lands
- 5. Settlements
- 6. Water resources formation zone
- 7. Hydrotechnical facilities (infrastructure)

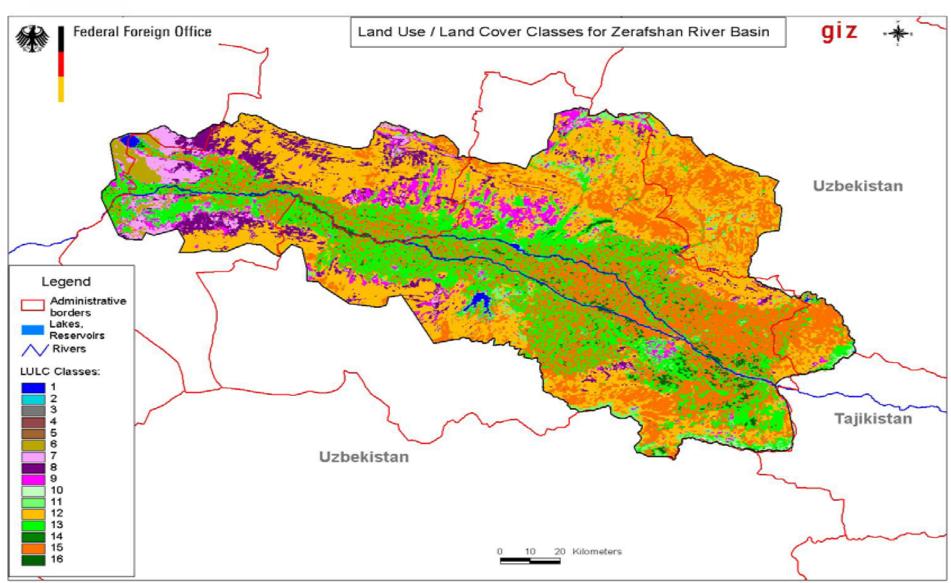




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- IWRM principles in Data Management <u>stepwise</u> approach:
  - It allows to build up sectoral data management systems first that makes easy coordination in later stages
  - Most of the data protocols and reporting system in CA are similar
- DM for IWRM is <u>fitting into the</u> regular reporting/data flow system of the WMOs

- IWRM principles in Data Management <u>stepwise</u> approach:
  - absence of efficient institutions for coordination of different sectors, uses and levels of water managementlack of data exchange
- Different <u>capacities</u> of WMO staff and experts- sustainability issue:
  - Additional support by external staff
  - Slow process

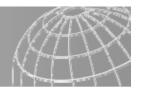




- Growing <u>awareness of</u> <u>usefulness of the IT</u> <u>technologies</u> (cell phone, internet, computers)
- Data Management <u>saves</u> finances and timetraveling time, less printing, reporting is quicker- this recognized by partners
- National Reforms and donor community are <u>supportive</u> of Data Management tools

- Business as usual approach
  - of national agencies: paper backed reports are preferred
- Too many <u>Data Projects</u>mainly for data collectionsuspicion -too many <u>projects</u> <u>popping</u> up and uncoordinated
- Political background not supportive for data exchange
- Too many <u>internal initiatives</u>
  with no proper understanding of the concept





## Next steps

- Creation of data base networks-linking up different units
- Developing of Analysis and Planning section of the Data Base
- Merging GIS and Data Base sections
- Adding more sectors and levels into Data Management
- Data quality control and data generation- new and reliable data



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