

GEF-UNEP/IW:LEARN

International Waters Best Practice Database System

(http://www.eco-insight.org)



The Challenge

Knowledge Sharing:

- How can we capture institutional memory of best practices and lessons learned?
- During project planning and implementation?
- How can we efficiently transfer experiences and innovations between physically separated IW managers?



The Solution

- Create a web-enabled database for storing, searching and retrieving best practices and lessons learned.
 - Accessible, user-friendly tool
 - Intuitive structure
 - Self-sustaining population process
 - Low cost



Sponsoring Organisations

- UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)
- GEF (Global Environment Facility)
- IW:LEARN (International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network)

Why your input is needed ?

- Design of Database:
 - What information should be stored in the database?
 - How should this tool be improved to better serve your needs?
- Works in Progress:
 - See the Prototype at www.eco-insight.org
 - Everything, from URL name to database structure, needs your constructive criticism!
 - Your colleagues need access to information about YOUR valuable experiences. Please share your contributions!!



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Methodology

Transboundary Water Projects

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Technical contacts Task managers, Project coordinators, Consultants, etc.

High level issues, causes, etc;

Capture lessons learnt through analysis, feedback and surveys;

Link issues to more specific actions taken in the field & associated lessons learned -- "drill down".

Categorize contributions (e.g. long term benefit, transferability, cost effectiveness, etc)

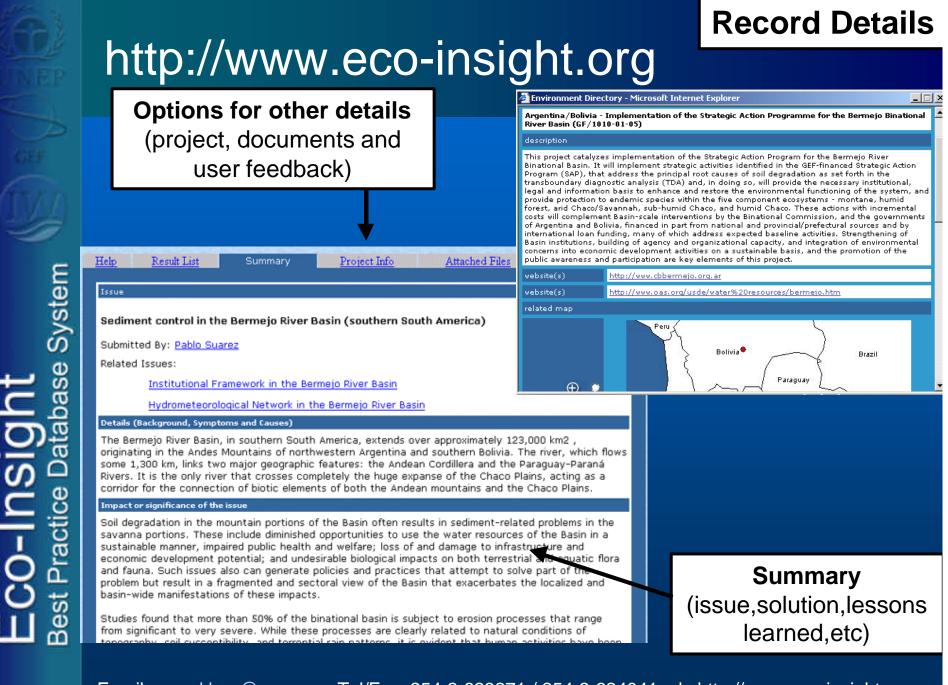
Best Practices

Synthesis of captured experiences and lessons learned





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Next Steps...

- Improve guidelines and methodology for capturing best practices and lessons learned (based on your feedback)
- Improve usability of the website
- Refine submissions to the database
- Implement strategy to publicize your contributions
- Up to \$25,000 in awards announced during World Water Forum (March 2003)