



INTERNATIONAL WATERS EXPERIENCE NOTES

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Guidance on the Production of GEF IW Experience Notes (IWEN)

WHAT IS A GEF IW EXPERIENCE NOTE?

An Experience Note is a three-to-six page case study of a given project experience or innovation. Experiences include successful practices, approaches, strategies, lessons, and methodologies, that emerge in the context of transboundary water management (TWM). It includes a brief project description, the issue faced, a description of how it was addressed (including challenges faced), the results of the intervention, how the intervention can be replicated by other projects and finally what is significant about it. References to related materials are also included. The existing catalogue of IW Experience Notes can be reviewed at: <http://www.iwlearn.net/experience>.

OBJECTIVE

Experience Notes are intended to facilitate the community of GEF IW projects and partners improve (TWM) through the replication of its own practical experiences & results.

JUSTIFICATION

The importance of Experience Notes lies in the fact that they offer greater detail and reference to given project activities than the average conference presentation and are simultaneously shorter & more accessible than more technical documents (evaluations, implementation reports, et.al.). The [iwlearn.net](http://www.iwlearn.net) website includes many presentations from projects. The issue is however, that although Powerpoint presentations have improved dramatically in quality, without the accompanying audio of the speaker, the actual slides themselves do not offer much in terms of conveying their actual content. IW Experience Notes offer a solution, being in a sense, the "written version" of a presentation.

PROCESS

Projects and partners should prepare an experience note for submission using the template and guidance as outlined in the following pages. The draft note should be sent Refugia PCU via somboon@seafdsec.org. After an initial review and conversion to the publication template, the note will be reviewed and subsequently posted to www.iwlearn.net/experience (the note will also occasionally be disseminated in print form at key events).



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TEMPLATE

[[Title indicating issue addressed and region - Maximum two lines]]

A striking, but relevant photograph capturing the experience described in the note

Abstract: A short abstract which captures the seminal point from each section of the heading list (i.e. one sentence each on the project, the issue, how it's addressed, two sentences on results, replication and significance...space permitting)

**[[Author or Editor(s)
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[[Project or Institutional Affiliation]]**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Briefly summarize the project's objectives, expected outcomes and timeframe (from the project document or elsewhere).

In a second paragraph, if the IWEN pertains to a specific project activity, please describe that activity as well.

THE EXPERIENCE

Issue

Provide a short paragraph describing the transboundary waters management issue[s] this project addressed. *For example, the X stress is affecting X ecosystem in the following way, with the following consequence. The project proposed to mitigate the problem by...X.*

Addressing the Issue

Provide multiple paragraphs on the specific actions undertaken by the project to address the issue. These might be sequential or simultaneous interventions.

RESULTS AND LEARNING

Summarize the impacts of this experience on the issues, the project and its partners. What was learned from this experience? Moreover, please attempt to include technical information and references to your project's indicators where possible. *For example, as a result of the X intervention, discharge of X into X was reduced by X%. The outcome of this activity is that the affected-population will realize X benefits. This intervention demonstrates that given an investment of \$X can leverage \$X of cost-savings.*

REPLICATION

What implementation challenges should others expect to encounter when replicating this experience? Highlight specific conditions needed for others to replicate or benefit from this experience. *For example, the strategy pursued in this case only works given the following (climatic, socioeconomic, political) conditions...*

SIGNIFICANCE

Why is this experience significant to GEF IW projects and to transboundary water resources management? *For example, this experience represents the first time a GEF IW project has done X.*

REFERENCES

How can someone interested in using or adapting this experience get more information? Please provide relevant website(s), documentation and contact information. If you have further materials otherwise unavailable, GEF IW:LEARN is happy to post them to iwlearn.net

KEYWORDS

What 2-5 keywords could be used to help others search and find this experience note? Please provide at least one of each of the following:

- ◆ South China Sea
- ◆ Fisheries Refugia
- ◆ Ecosystem Approach
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