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# IWRM in River Basins: Keys for Success

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## The Case of the Nam Ngum River Basin in Lao PDR

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# Ongoing / Planned IWRM Initiatives in the Nam Ngum River Basin

1. Proposed a mechanism for interagency coordination and collaboration in the NNRBSDP
2. Succeeded in defining the distinction of mandates among line agencies with seemingly overlapping roles in IWRM
3. Provided watershed planning frameworks appropriate to each level of organizational unit involve in project implementation
4. Provided the strategies and mechanism for the creation of River Basin Management Council for NNRBSDP
5. Provided a sample/model of a watershed landscape continuum development plan

# Keys for Success with IWRM in the Nam Ngum

1. Sound land use allocation policies
2. Appropriate land use and natural resource management along the landscape continuum
3. Stable, diversified and sustainable rural livelihood inside the watershed
4. Strict implementation of forestry and environmental protection and conservation laws
5. Strong multi-sectoral/interagency collaboration
6. Good partnership among the grassroots, private sector and the government
7. High public awareness, good extension service and strong research and development programs
8. Mainstreaming local governance in natural resource management
9. Good data base and GIS-skilled watershed experts
10. Setting up of information/decision support system

# Expectations from CRBOM & Networks

1. Performance Benchmarking
  - Come up with common benchmark indicators
  - Data exchange and sharing mechanism among network members
2. Roadmaps for IWRM Investment
  - Multi-stakeholders' certification of partnership commitment
  - Local governments' expressed commitment to share counterpart responsibility/resources
3. IWRM Processes
  - Models of River Basin Management Council
  - Cases of successful institutionalization of *Payment for Environmental Services*

# Proposed Collaboration with CRBOM

1. IWMU-NNRBSDP staff short-course training and educational trips to network member countries
2. Joint-cross countries' field studies
3. Exchange research fellows
4. Joint-project proposal preparation
5. Network publication and news update
6. Regular network meetings and conferences