

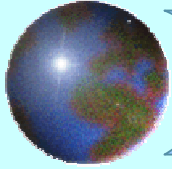
Overview of the Lake Basin Management Initiative

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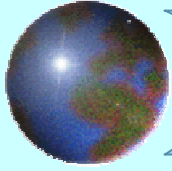
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“Managing Lakes and their Basins for Sustainable Use: A Report for Lake Basin Managers and Stakeholders”

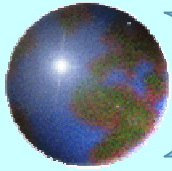
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Background

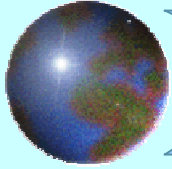
- ✓ *Process* – Three year interactive effort with a wide range of stakeholders
- ✓ *Outcome* – Common view of the issues, trends and opportunities
- ✓ *Product* – Comprehensive and innovative report*
- ✓ *Next Steps* – Series of complementary actions for improved lake basin management

* available at <http://www.ilec.or.jp/eg/index.html>



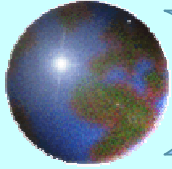
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- ✓ Guided by principles of World Lake Vision issued at 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto
- ✓ Shifts from traditional focus on the management of individual lakes to more comprehensive focus on lake basins
- ✓ Recognizes importance of lake basins for sustainable management of water resources, conservation of ecosystems and improvement of livelihoods.



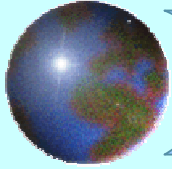
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- ✓ Mainstreams Lake Basin Management in regional, national and local water resources sector strategies
- ✓ Developed “lessons-learned” from three regional conferences, 28 Lake Basin Briefs (including Lake Ohrid), and Thematic Papers
- ✓ Supports development of sustainable institutions: community-based and local, national, & international/transboundary



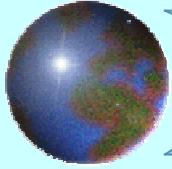
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- ✓ Promotes broad-based partnerships for long-term cooperation, knowledge sharing and capacity-building for Lake Basin Management
- ✓ Supports actions for dissemination of information developed under the Initiative to a wide range in audiences



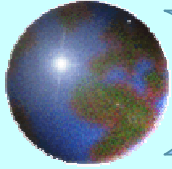
Key Findings

- ✓ Complex relationships between land and water
- ✓ Vulnerable and fragile systems -- often closed or semi-closed with long pollutant retention
- ✓ Ecological integrity of many lake basins has become threatened
- ✓ Competition between resource user groups
- ✓ Implies special management approach



Key Findings

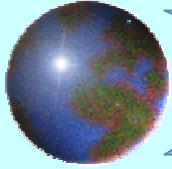
- ✓ Political leaders and civil society need to be broadly and sustainably engaged
- ✓ Diverse institutional approaches and arrangements can be effective
- ✓ Management decisions often need to be taken with incomplete information
- ✓ Coordination between planners, managers and the public is essential
- ✓ Integration of priorities into budget had been a key constraint



This International Roundtable

Links the *Petersberg Phase II - Athens Declaration* processes with the *Lake Basin Management Initiative*:

- § Facilitates dialogue among lake basin managers and stakeholders in SE Europe
- § Transfers practical knowledge & experience
- § Enhances partnerships within and beyond the region



Looking Ahead

Fostering integrated management of lake basins as a long-term element of:

- § Government and public priorities
- § Land use and economic development plans
- § Integrated water resources management programs
- § Habitat and biodiversity conservation programs