

WEPA Informal Meeting (Japan)

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What is WEPA?

WEPA : Water Environment Partnership in Asia

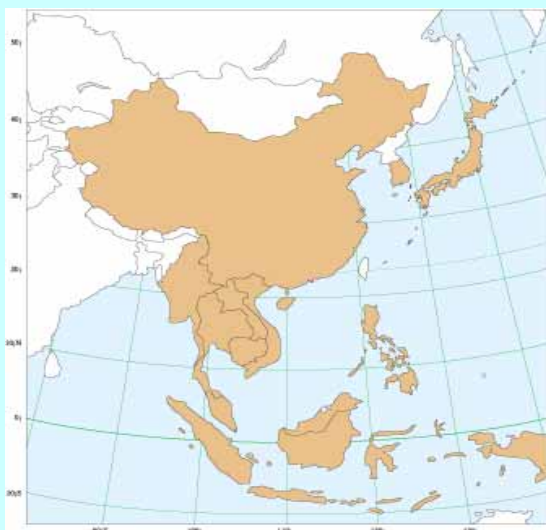
- The Japanese Ministry of the Environment proposed the initiative at wwf3 in March 2003
- Registered in the “Portfolio of Water Actions” (PWA), an outcome of the ministerial conference of wwf3
- Project period : 5 years (April ‘04-March ‘09)



Objectives

- To strengthen governance and management capabilities with regards to the water environment in the Asia monsoon region
- To contribute to the human resource development of
 - partner countries through collaborative work on database construction
 - Asia monsoon region through discussion at WEPA international symposiums/ forums
- To share the data, knowledge and experiences in the region of similar natural and socio-economic conditions by means of the WEPA Database

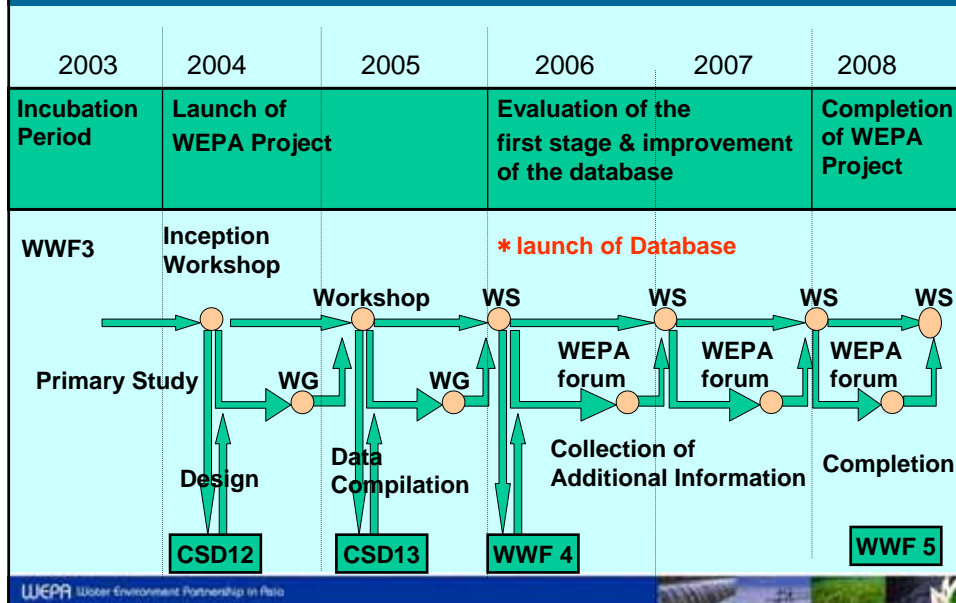
Partner Countries



11 countries in Asia

Cambodia
China
Indonesia
Japan
Lao PDR
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Thailand
Viet Nam

Schedule



The WEPA Database

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The database will be available from 2006.

"Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)" aims to provide good governance in water environment management by providing necessary information and knowledge of water environment management in the region through Database.

News

- October 12, 2005: The Second WEPA Working Meeting for Policy Related Information Database is held in Tokyo, Japan on October 12-13, 2005.
- July 16, 2005: The First Working Meeting of WEPA Technologies for Water Environment Conservation Database is held in Tokyo, Japan on July 16-17, 2005.
- April 2005: The WEPA homepage is partly published on the internet.
- January 26, 2005: The First International Workshop of the WEPA is held in Tokyo, Japan on January 24-26, 2005.

Project

- Water in water environment policy
- Water protection technologies and systems
- Information about activities for NGOs and CEOs, and governmental activities on education and economic saving
- Access to various information about water environment

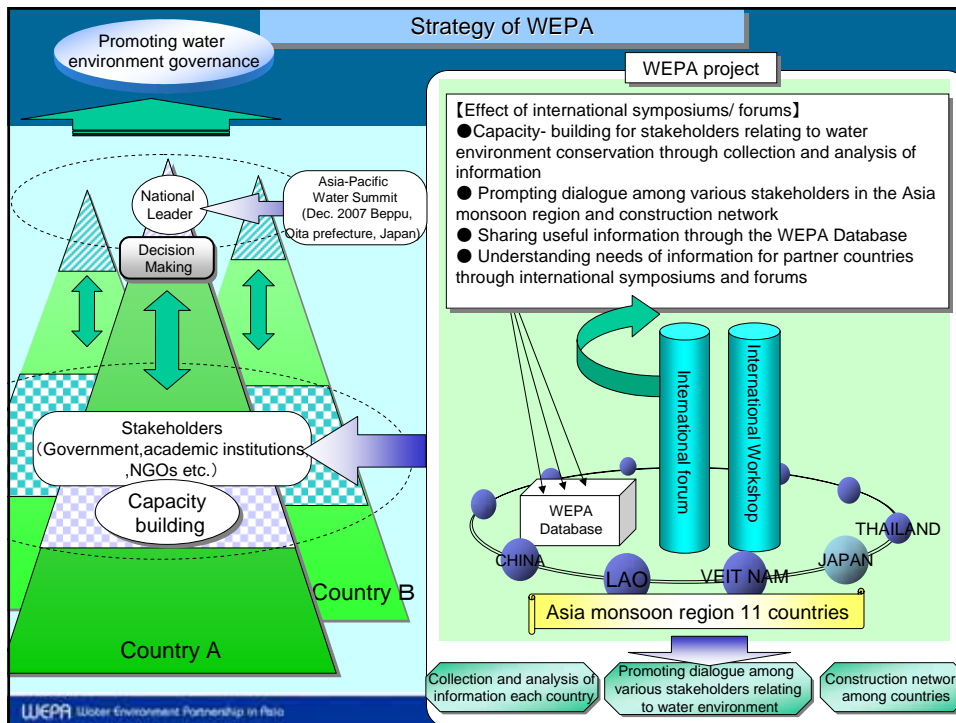
Basic Structure of the WEPA Platform

4 databases



Further Challenges

- **Further data collection from other institutions & fields and NGOs & CBOs, especially on backgrounds for policy responses, underlying causes & scientific basis, adequate technologies & traditional practices on wastewater treatment**
- **Share the knowledge and experiences of water environment conservation in Asian monsoon region**



WEPA International Symposium/Forum

Date: 8 December, 2006

Title: **The International Symposium on Community Activities for Conservation of Water Environment –Lessons Learned from Community Activities**

Theme: Community activities for the conservation of water environment

Aim: To promote Asian community activities in order to share the experiences of various stakeholders in their endeavours to conserve water quality and aquatic ecology, and to strengthen the linkage among stakeholders and make their conservation activities better known.

WEPA International Symposium/Forum

Date: 14-15 March, 2007

Title: **The International Forum on Water Environmental Governance in Asia** –*Technologies and Institutional Systems for Water Environmental Governance*

Themes: Useful and innovative institutional arrangements and endeavours, actions, and technologies

Aim: The promotion of water environmental governance through promoting dialogue between various stakeholders in Asian monsoon regions.



Thank You !

