



## Outline of WEPA project

### ***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. The initiative is registered as a regional action in CSD- WAND (CSD Water Action Network Database)
- Project period: 5 years (April ‘04-March ‘09)

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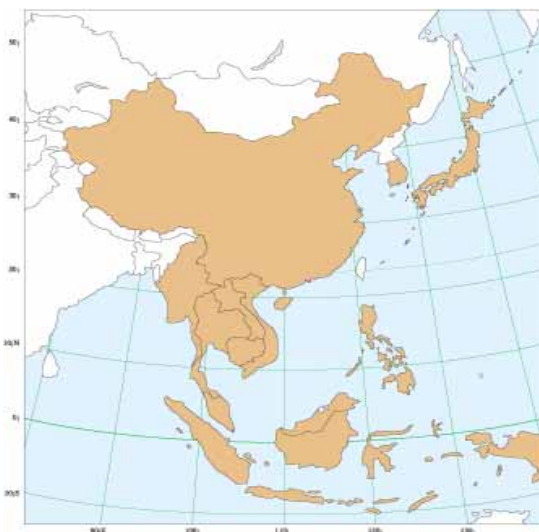
## Objectives of WEPA

- To strengthen governance and management capabilities on the water environment
- To contribute to the human resource development
- To share data, knowledge, and experiences of similar natural and socio-economic conditions (WEPA Database)

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## WEPA Partner Countries

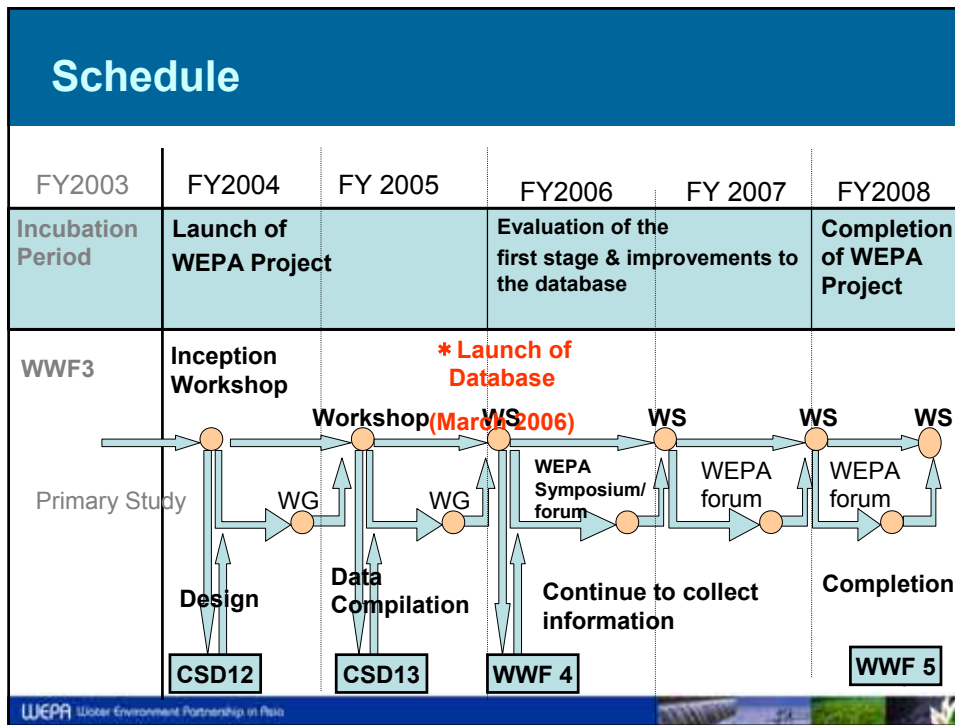


### 11 Countries in Asia

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

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## WEPA Database

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### WEPA

Water Environment Partnership in Asia  
The database will be available from 2006.

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

#### News

- October 12, 2005: The Second WEPA Working Meeting for Policy Related Information Database is held in Tokyo, Japan on October 12-13, 2005.
- June 16, 2005: The First Working Meeting of WEPA Technologies for Water Environment Conservation Database is held in Tokyo, Japan on June 16-17, 2005.
- April 2005: The WEPA homepage is partly published on the internet.
- January 24, 2005: The First International Workshop of the WEPA is held in Tokyo, Japan on January 24-25, 2005.

**POLICES**

The state of water environmental issues and water environmental policies.

**TECHNOLOGIES**

Water environment conservation technologies and systems.

**NGOs & GOs**

Information about activities by NGOs and GOs, and governmental activities on education and awareness raising.

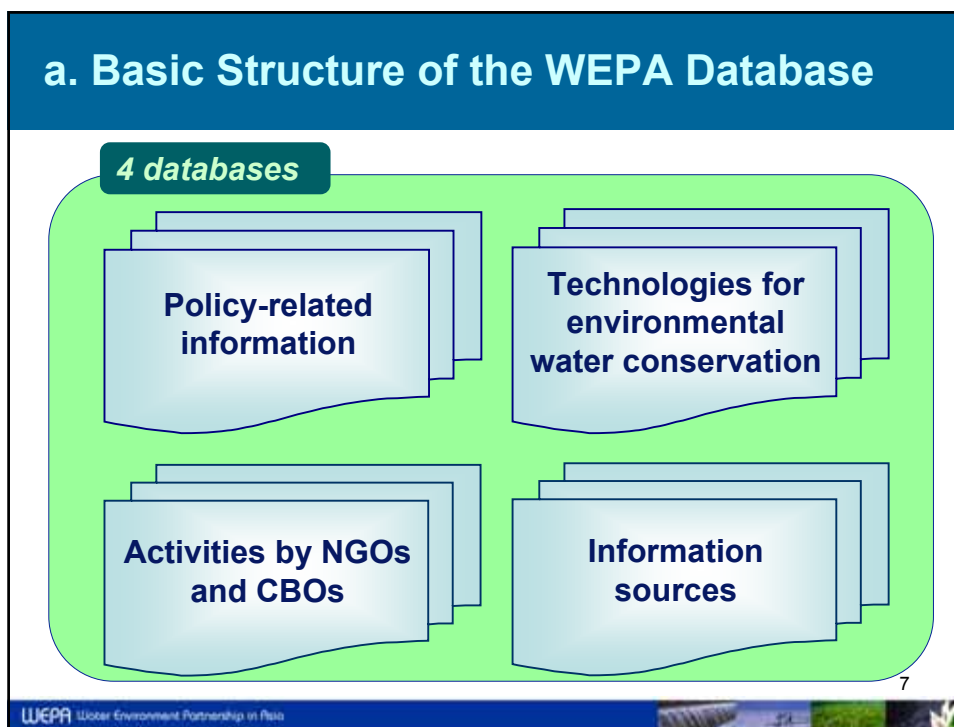
**SOURCES**

Access to various environmental sources about water environment.

<http://www.wepa-db.net/>

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### c. Effects of the WEPA Database Construction in Relevant Countries

- Prompt re-evaluation of policy responses
- Promotion of exchange of information with other countries, which will be useful for policy making
- Development of networks among domestic institutions and overseas organisations, which will be promoted further to acquire more useful information
- Enhancement of staff capacity building through collaborative work on database construction

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### WEPA Activities (FY2007)

For further data collection to WEPA data base and human network development

- ✓ The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum in Beppu City (Japan) (3-4 December, 2007)
- ✓ Bilateral meetings between partner countries and Japan (Philippine, **Lao PDR**)
- ✓ Data and information gathering by local partners (researchers)

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## Finally

- **To provide the information on water environment in Lao PDR**

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- **Apply for the presentation to the 3rd international forum**

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***Thank You !***

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