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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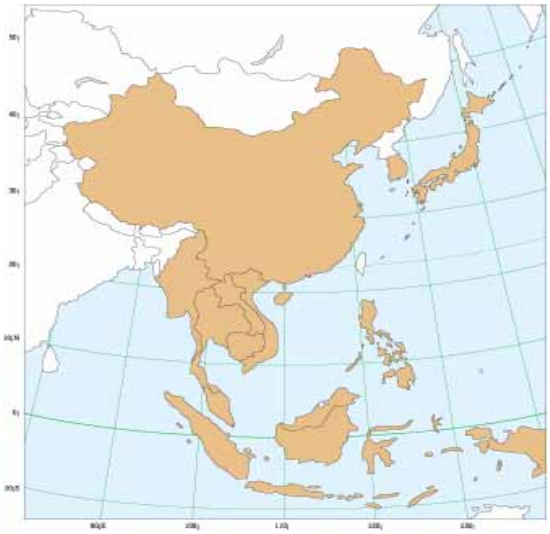
WEPA Partner Countries



11 Countries in Asia

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

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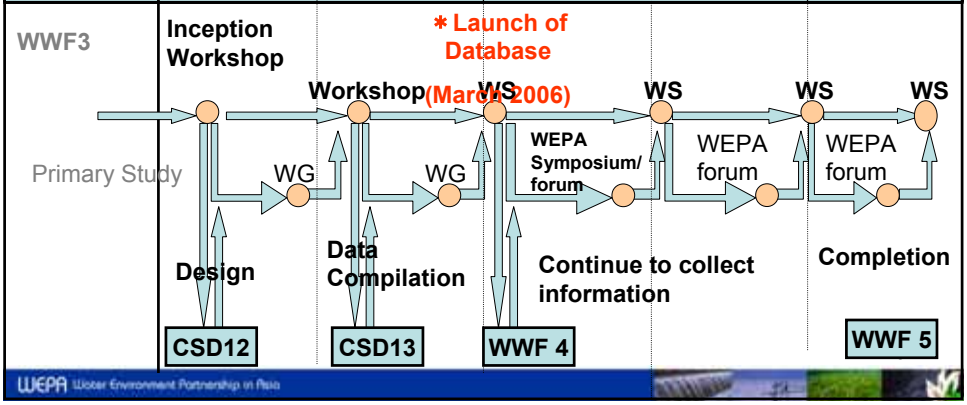
Schedule

FY2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY2006	FY 2007	FY2008
Incubation Period	Launch of WEPA Project		Evaluation of the first stage & improvements to the database		Completion of WEPA Project



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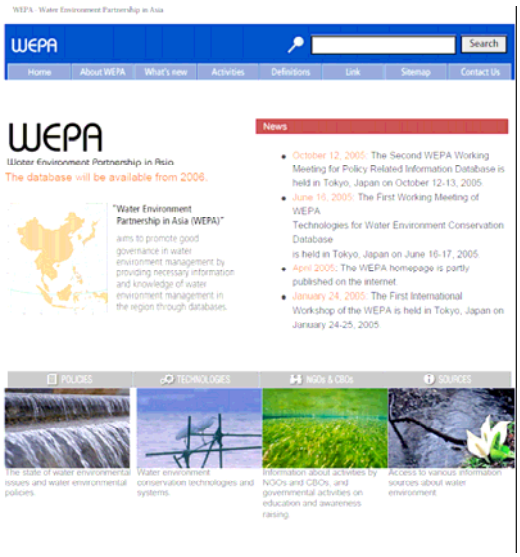

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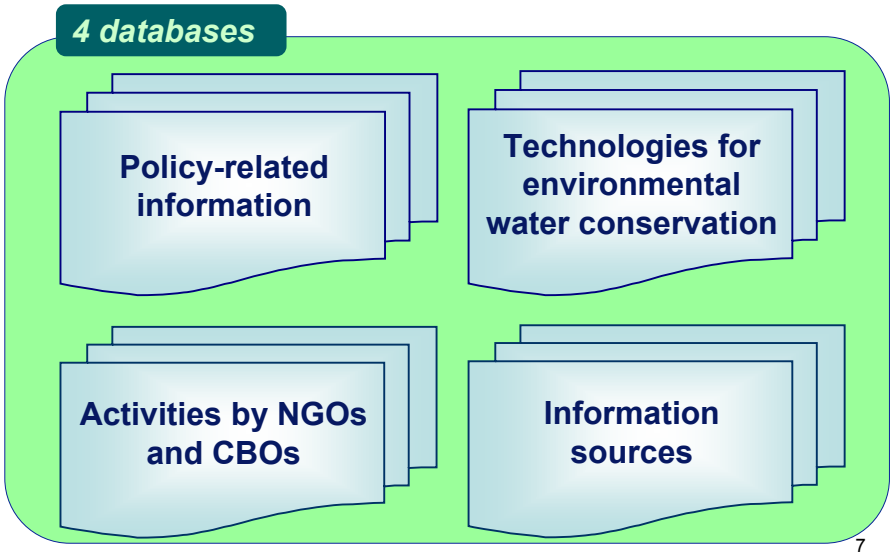
a. Basic Structure of the WEPA Database



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b. Basic Principles behind the Construction of the WEPA Database

- Primary target users: Government officials and aid-agency staff
- Provision of original information through cooperative work between countries
- Effective utilisation of existing databases

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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 2nd 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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