Expected contribution of UNDP/GEF to the work of the ICPDR



















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The ICPDR and the DRPC

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR): frame for co-operation to assure protection of water and ecological resources and their sustainable use in the Danube River Basin.



Danube River Protection Convention

signed: 29 June 1994, Sofia

entered into force: 22 October 1998

The ICPDR and the EU WFD

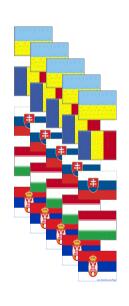


- Comprehensive water directive of the European Union to ensure the "good status of all waters" by 2015.
- Based on the principle of integrated river basin management and stakeholder participation.

ICPDR nominated as platform for coordination

The ICPDR Tisza Group





7th Ordinary Meeting adopted the Tisza MoU

MoU signed by the five Tisza countries

International integrated Tisza river basin cooperation development...

Tisza Group Objectives



The overall objective of Group is in line with the MoU, to produce a **TRBM Plan by 2009** aiming the objectives set by the EU WFD as implemented through the Danube River Protection Convention and the ICPDR Flood action Programme

The first step in achieving the objective was the preparation of a **Tisza Analysis Report**

Tisza Group Meetings/workshops





The ICPDR Tisza Group held/organised

- ➤ 10 meetings since 2004 (organised in the Tisza Countries)
- one workshop

Workshop on `Key -, and Cross-Cutting Water Management Issues` 19th February 2007, Bucharest (RO)

a `Side Event` and Press Conference

`Environment for Europe Conference` - 11th October 2007, Belgrade

Tisza Group Side Event – Press Conference



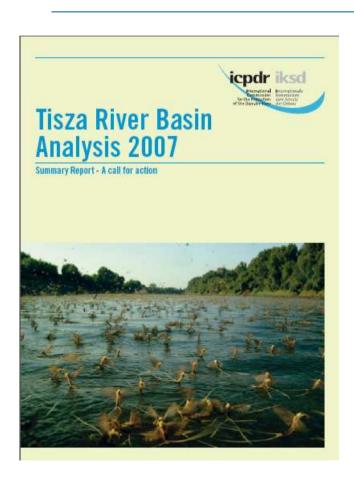


The `Tisza River Basin Analysis – Summary Report 2007 was introduced and endorsed by high level representatives of the Tisza Countries in the frame of the Belgrade EfE event.

All countries gave their statements and expressed their satisfaction in connection to the document as well as their willingness to follow the process, which is now undergoing in Tisza Sub-Basin level.

Tisza Analysis Report Results/Outcomes





Analysis Report:

Analysis of the Tisza River Basin – 2007

(Towards Tisza River Basin Management Plan - 2009)

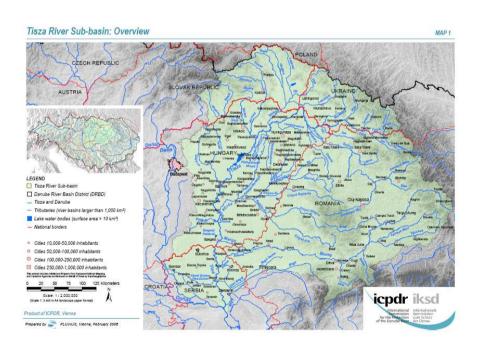
Summary (Layman's Report):

Tisza River Basin Analysis – 2007

(Summary Report – A call for action)

Tisza Analysis Report Content





Analysis Report:

Part I – Characterisation

Part II – Water Quality

Part III – Water Quantity

Part IV – Cross cutting water management issues

Solutions & Challenges





Tisza Group highlighted that still much work need to be done – the analysis has helped to

- >identify gaps in data and information
- ➤identify next steps short and long-term actions

Conclusions





The Tisza River Basin Management Plan shall integrate issues of both water quality and water quantity in a combined approach for land and water management – (expected output of UNDP/GEF MSP)

To achieve the success in the Tisza River Basin, countries must work together and with all other partners





What are the expected outcomes of this project in relation to the ICPDR Tisza Group activities...?

What is more....?





In 2007 in the frame of the TISAR-2007 EU - Grant



✓ Analysis of the Tisza River Basin – 2007 was developed as a basis of the TRBMP





UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP takes the ICPDR work further by

- ✓Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive: development of a river basin management plan
- ✓ Consideration of EU Flood Directive
- ... in the Tisza River Basin





WHAT IS MORE ... ?

- ✓ Developing pollution reduction, flood and drought management strategies;
- ✓ Focus on wetlands and floodplains;
- ✓ Focus on **integration** of water quality and water quantity issues;
- ✓ Focus on **implementation** through demonstration projects;

The UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP Expected outcomes (comp 1)



- ✓ Agreement on strategies to balance water resources and water use, with a specific focus on the utilisation and restoration of wetlands and floodplains;
- ✓ Agreement on strategies to reduce nutrient and toxic substance pollution, with a focus on the reductions/retention that can be achieved through improved management of wetlands and floodplains;
- ✓ Adoption and implementation of an integrated plan endorsed by all countries;
- ✓ Agreement to introduce new policies with regards to wetlands / floodplains within the basin;
- ✓ Testing of GEF sub-basin management approaches utilising existing institutional structures;
- ✓ Dissemination and replication plan

The UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP Expected outcomes (comp 2)



- √ Stakeholder workshops and reports
- ✓ Agreed demonstration sites and projects
- √ Completion and evaluation of demonstration projects
- ✓ Results of demonstration projects having an influence on the development of river basin management plans
- ✓ Demonstration projects resulting in changes in policy at a local and national level with regards to the multiple uses of wetlands and floodplain
- ✓ Dissemination and replication plan



The UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP and Tisza Group





- ✓ 11th Tisza Group meeting harmonisation of the work of UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP and Tisza Group activities:
- harmonisation of deadlines (strategies and ITRBMP)
- agreement on the content of the ITRBMP
- harmonise content of the strategies with the ITRBMP

Thank you



ICPDR Tisza Group website:

http://www.icpdr.org/icpdr-pages/tisza_group.htm