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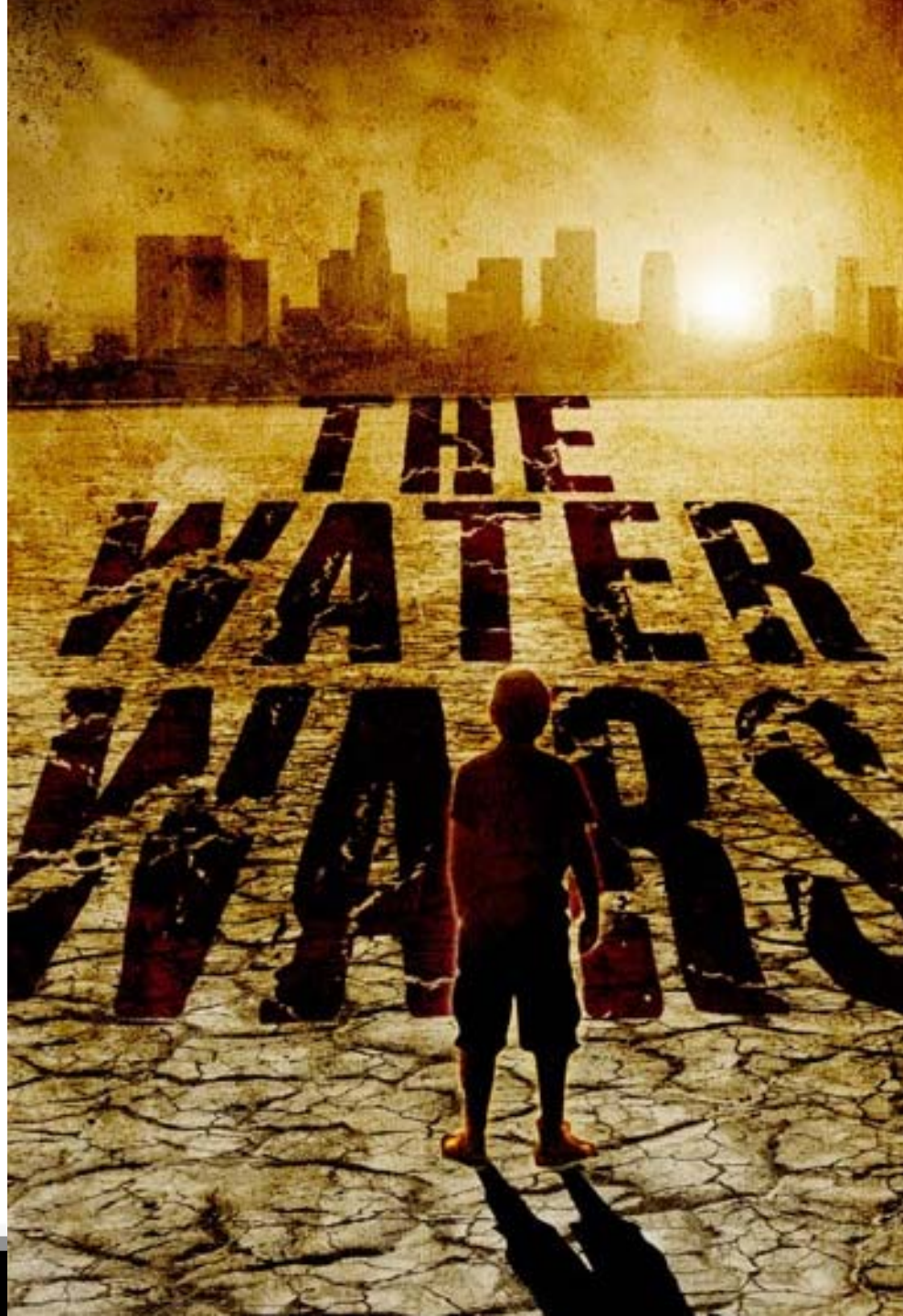


The Mekong River Commission

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What is the MRC?

- *An intergovernmental river basin organisation built on a foundation of nearly 50 years of knowledge and experience in the region.*
- *Formed on the 5th of April 1995 with the signing of the “Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin”*



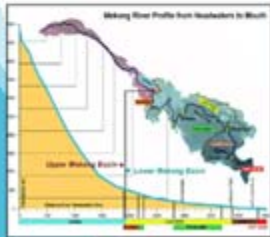
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*1995 Mekong Agreement
and Procedural Rules*

*“An economically prosperous
socially just and
environmentally sound Mekong
River Basin.”*



Meeting the Need, Keeping the Balance



Article 4. Sovereign Equality and Territorial Integrity

Article 10. Emergency Situations

Article 7. Prevention and Cessation of Harmful Effects

Article 6. Maintenance of Flows on the Mainstream

Article 2. Projects, Programs and Planning

Article 9. Freedom of Navigation

Article 3. Protection of the Environment and Ecological Balance

Article 5. Reasonable and Equitable Utilization

Article 1. Areas of Cooperation

Article 8. State Responsibility for Damages



MRC Procedures

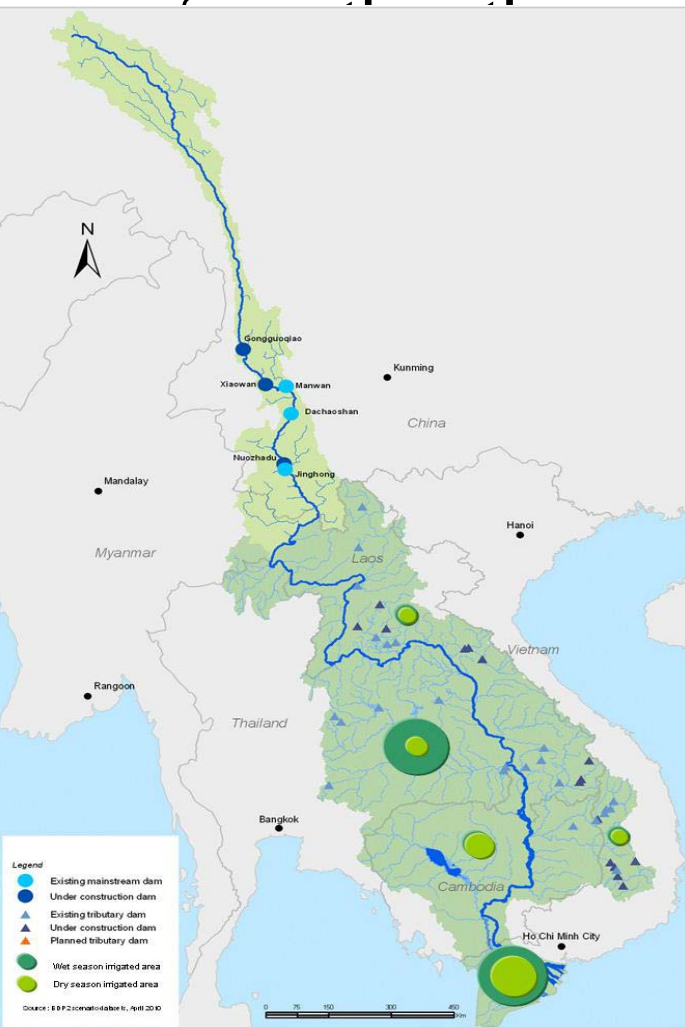
- Data Exchange and Information Sharing
- Maintaining Minimum Flows
- Monitor Water Use
- Notification and prior consultation on projects
- Water Quality





The IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy:

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- Approved in January 2011 by Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam
- Sets out how the MRC Member Countries will share, use, manage and conserve water and related resources of the Mekong
- Primary framework for cooperation for the implementation of the 1995 Mekong Agreement

Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (tbEIA)

- To ensure that transboundary impacts are identified and addressed in order to minimise negative impacts.
- Remains in progress.





The Mekong River Report Card on Aquatic Ecological Health 2008















Thank you

