

Activities in NARBO by Knowledge Partners - Healthy Rivers and Aquatic Ecosystems Knowledge Hub

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Background

- 2007 - IWC accepted into the Asia- Pacific Water Forum
- 2009 - 4 November Healthy Rivers Hub officially launched with 16 government agencies and private companies agreeing to achieve the objectives of the Healthy Rivers Hub, 120 attendees from throughout Asia and the Pacific
- 2010 – IWC Attendance at Knowledge Management Workshop in Manila
- 2010 – Full-day planning meeting of 16 Healthy Rivers Hub collaborators
- 2010 – Discussions held with prospective clients throughout Asia-Pacific region (Mark Pascoe; Eva Abal; Fiona Chandler)
- 2010 – Project officer employed (Ms Cameron Davidson)
- 2011 – February - detailed business plan revised and finalised
- Healthy Rivers Knowledge Hub is one of 17 APWF Knowledge Hubs

Vision

Working together to achieve healthy rivers



Mission

Building relationships, knowledge and capacity to tackle complex river health and integrated water resource management problems in the Asia – Pacific Region



Objectives

- facilitate **identification, generation, and exchange of best knowledge and information** through a network of knowledge institutions, experts and champions
- foster a **stimulating and innovative collaborative space** to develop **local solutions**
- support healthy rivers contribute to achievement of the **Millennium Development Goals, poverty reduction and sustainable economic development.**
- deliver **capacity development services** such as education, training, and professional development programs to support healthy river management.
- support **river basin communities** develop integrated solutions and **effective management frameworks** for ecosystem health.
- demonstrate **leadership and maintain excellence in products and services** to satisfy by maintaining a network of experts, water leaders and champions who have the necessary knowledge, skills, and passion for the protection and improvement of aquatic ecosystems.

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Needs identified by attendees at Hub Launch

- **River health monitoring and evaluation frameworks and report cards**
- **Education and training** to further develop skills and capabilities in specific river health management
- **Networking and collaboration** to gather and disseminate information, establish links with other organizations and develop linkages with new organizations
- **Sharing knowledge and communication** to learn from people who have already been managing rivers
- **River health management** strategies e.g. sustainable solutions to water pollution, water resource protection, water sensitive urban design/ infrastructure, community involvement, water rights and entitlements
- **Community participation**

The Hub will address four knowledge sharing components

- undertaking strategic and collaborative, applied research programs
- delivering custom-designed education, training and capacity development initiatives
- providing highly targeted expertise for specific healthy rivers issues; and
- encouraging access to knowledge through the Healthy Rivers Hub website, and IWC staff and knowledge partners

Healthy Rivers Hub potential clients

- Water, Natural Resources and Environment Ministries / Governments
- River Basin Organisations
- Client countries for ADB, AusAID, JICA
- Research and Education Institutions
- Non-government river management organisations
- Other APWF *Knowledgehubs*
- Donor agencies and entrepreneurial funding organisations

What next?

- In 2011 the Healthy Rivers Knowledge Hub will be open for business
- Web site launch
- I'd be pleased to catch up with attendees who have been talking with IWC staff involved in the Knowledge Hub (Mr Mark Pascoe; Ms Fiona Chandler; and Assoc Prof Eva Abal) while we are in Makassar