Sustainable Water Resource Management Framework: IWRM in Korea

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My Presentation

I. Background & Objectives

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Background



Objectives

Assessment of Water Environment IN Korea

Analyze the Current Situation of water in Korea

Identify Problems

Understanding the Concept of IWRM and IWM

Sustainable Level of IWRM in Korea

Finding Suitable Way of Implementation

The Unit of IWRM

Guideline Establishment

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II . Water Resource in Korea

- **1.** Amount of Water
- 2. Water Quality
- **3. Flood Control**
- 4. Institutional Framework

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Amount of Water in Korea

Water Deficiency

- Increasing Absolute Amount of Water
- Conflict by Region and Sector
- Estimated Amount of Deficiency: 1.8 billion tons by 2011

Task Force

- Ministry of Construction & Transportation: Dept. of Water Resource
- Sustainable Water Resource Research Center
- All other Related Gov't and NGOs

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Water Quality in Korea





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Water Quality in Korea

1. Concentrated Discharge

- Fast Economic Growth
- Population Growth
- 2. Lack of Treatment Facilities
 - 2,618,000m³ of Waste Water
 - Only 50 ~ 55% Capacity to Treat

3. Lack of Enforcement

- There is a Law, but no enforcement
- **No Comprehensive Institutional Framework**

4. In Recent.....

- Special Law for 4 Major Rivers and Reservoir
- New Approach based on River Basin instead of Regional Base

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Flood in Korea



Institutional Framework of Water Management



III. IWRM and IWM in Korea

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Concept...Sustainability

1. IWRM

- Gaining Momentum Last Few Years
- Sustainable Resource Management System

2. Integrating...What?

Water is an Economic Goods and also Public Goods

What is the Sustainable Level of Integrating?

3. Identification of Current Problem

- Social and Economic Factors
- Characteristics of water

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Basic Concept of Water Resource Mgt



Integrating Economic into Water Mgt



Water Resource is... Capital of a Nation

How much do we supply ?

- for Drinking
- for Industry
- for Agriculture
- for environment





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How much do they make social benefits?

Engineering Approach Economical Approach

- Water Resource Planning
- Policy & Policy Evaluation



IWRM in Small River Basin: Ahnyang River



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Project Title: Ahnyang River Restoration

1. Ahnyang River

- The First Branch of the Han River
- The Second Biggest River of Han River
- Total River Basin: 288km²

2. Current Status

- Economic Development Deteriorated Water
- Foundation of "Water Quality Counterplan Council: WQCC
- Ahnyang River Restoration Network: NGO Group of River Basin
- WQCC has only little power to control River Basin
- Research Project has Launched for 7 Years

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Key Issues of of Project

1. Institutional Framework: WQCC

- The Corporation of 13 Cities and District
- Participation of Citizen Group
- Independent Body for the Decision Making
- 2. Appropriate Financial Plan
 - No Guaranteed Budget
 - Most of the Finances are allocated based on Administrative Unit
 - Systematic Funding by Various Sources
- 3. The Support of Central Gov't
 - Set Legal & Institutional Framework
 - Participation Process of Decision Making
 - Enforcement of Written Regulation

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Conclusions

Need to Establish its Own Concept

- Different Characteristics of Water
- Different Institutional Framework
- Different Social Background

Decide the Level and Unit of Integration

- Central or Regional Level?
- Including Administrative Body?

Starting with a Small Watershed

- Easy Assessment
- Less Risky
- Easy Operation

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