



Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Regional Water Knowledge Hub for Groundwater Management

IGES Expertise

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) was established in 1998 to conduct pragmatic and innovative strategic policy research to support sustainable development in the Asia–Pacific region. IGES aims to influence the policy-making processes of international organizations as well as national and local governments, and the activities of businesses, NGOs and local citizens. IGES, through its Freshwater (FW) Project, has conducted research on groundwater management since 2004 to develop innovative and practical methods to monitor and improve groundwater quality in urban areas. IGES is building expertise for groundwater management in rural areas in collaborating with partners.

IGES Services

IGES research is problem-driven, solution-oriented, multi-dimensional and inter-disciplinary. As the regional water knowledge hub for groundwater management, IGES assists national and local government organizations through research, capacity building and knowledge networking, by:

- Reviewing and sharing of up-to-date information on groundwater and its management in the region;
 - Conducting comparative studies of groundwater policies and management options in the region;
 - Assisting clients to prepare, reform or restructure regulatory, legal and institutional framework to improve groundwater management in the region;
 - Conducting capacity building programs primarily targeted at national and local governmental officials working on groundwater management;
 - Sharing information and knowledge through international workshops/conferences/meetings targeted at professionals/individuals and institutions working on groundwater management; and
 - Raising political and public awareness on importance of groundwater resources among relevant stakeholders.
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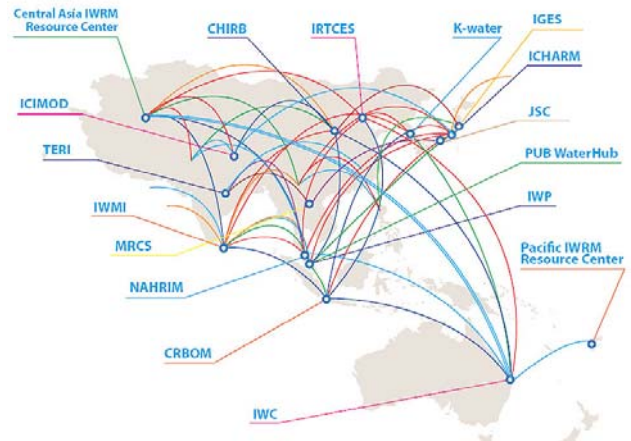
IGES Knowledge Partners

IGES works closely with more than 48 partner organizations from various national and international organizations, and research and academic institutions to share knowledge, develop capacity, and coordinate services. Interested local, national, regional and international organizations are invited to join the network of clients and partners for groundwater management. Initial knowledge partner organizations include:

- UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Sri Lanka
- International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM), Australia
- National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM)
- Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)
- Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand
- University of Tokyo (UT), Japan
- University of Yamanashi (UY), Japan

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About KnowledgeHubs

KnowledgeHubs, the Asia-Pacific Water Forum's network of regional water knowledge hubs, is a family of internationally recognized institutions committed to generating and sharing water knowledge and building capacity in the Asia-Pacific region. Each hub takes the lead in networking with clients and partners on a priority water topic such as urban water management, water quality in river basins, flood management, river basin organizations and management, water and climate change adaptation, hydroinformatics, irrigation service reform, water governance, and more. For more information, visit

www.apwf-knowledgehubs.net.

About the Asia-Pacific Water Forum

The Asia-Pacific Water Forum is an independent, not-for-profit, nonpartisan, and nonpolitical network dedicated to improving sustainable water management by championing best practices, boosting investments, building capacity, and enhancing cooperation in the water sector. For more information, visit www.apwf.org.