

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018

The project “Strengthening cooperation on water quality management in Central Asia”

BACKGROUND

This Annual Work Plan (AWP) is designed in order to support regional cooperation, the development of efficient national policies and capacity building on water quality issues in the context of integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Central Asia.

In 2017, the project successfully implemented actions of the previous Annual Work Plan and received official nominations to establish a permanent Regional Working Group on water quality (RWG).

One of the activities was the assessment of needs of national hydrometeorological services on water quality monitoring issues with respect to national and regional interests (information and data, lab-capacities, transboundary cooperation). On the basis of this assessment, the project developed five national reports and the joint regional report on water quality and monitoring systems of CA.

The second prioritized action was the capacity building for professionals involved in the water quality management, monitoring and planning in their countries. According to the identified priority, in December 2017 the project conducted the regional training on "Joint planning of the transboundary monitoring network and visualization of monitoring data" for specialists from hydrometeorological agencies of CA countries.

In order to present the results of needs assessment of national monitoring systems, the training was followed by the meeting of the Regional Working Group (RWG) on water quality. Building on the progress of the project in 2017, the RWG members prioritized the following activities to be implemented in the final phase of the project:

- Elaboration and endorsement of the mandate of the Regional Working Group on Water Quality in Central Asian countries;
- Translation and dissemination of the regional report on needs assessment of water quality monitoring systems in Central Asia;
- Organization of a study-tour to UzHydromet for representatives of respective agencies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan to learn about their methodology of hydrobiological monitoring and its application in Uzbekistan. The study-tour will also include a regional session aimed at discussing the results of the project, drawing conclusions from the project and outlining the areas of future interventions in the area of water quality in the region.

Some of the activities, in particular, the 3rd meeting of the Regional Working Group on water quality expand beyond the project timeframe and will be implemented in case of additional external funding opportunities.

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EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	2018									
		APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Block 1. Mandate of the Regional Working Group on water quality											
The Regional Working Group on water quality is functioning under its officially endorsed mandate and has elaborated a long-term action plan towards better water quality in the region.	1.1 Development of the mandate of the Regional Working Group on water quality (RWG), including its mission, circle of responsibilities / Terms of Reference;	X	X	X	X	X	X				
	1.2 Endorsement of the mandate of the RWG in Central Asian countries;						X	X	X	X	
	1.3 Carry out the 3rd RWG meeting.							X	X	X	
Block 2. Needs assessment and experience exchange between Hydromet agencies											
Respective environmental institutions at national, regional and international levels are acquainted with results of the needs assessment of water quality monitoring systems in CA countries and learned the methodology of hydrobiological monitoring of UzHydromet.	2.1 Dissemination of national and regional reports on needs assessment in Central Asia (in Russian and English) at regional and international platforms;			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	2.2 Carry out a study-tour to UzHydromet for representatives of respective agencies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.			X	X	X	X				