

# Session 6 - Implementing arrangements (Section II, questions 4-8)

## Question 5 on Ecosystem protection

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## 5. How is the transboundary basin, sub-basin, part of a basin or group of basins protected, including the protection of ecosystems, in the context of sustainable and rational water use?

- Regulation of urbanization, deforestation, and sand and gravel extraction
- Environmental flow norms, including consideration of levels and seasonality
- Water quality protection, e.g. nitrates, pesticides, faecal coliforms, heavy metals
- Water-related species and habitats protection
- Other measures (please describe): [fill in]

### Suggestions to be included in the Guide

#### 1. Definition/scope

- Explain the meaning of ‘protection of ecosystems’
- Provide an explanation for each of the measures listed here
- Provide examples of ‘other measures’ that can be taken to protect ecosystems

## ⇒ Question reformulated

⇒ to be more focused on ecosystem protection and

⇒ better grasp the extent to which key aspects of the ecosystem approach are incorporated into agreements or arrangements

## Questions for discussion

- Do we need to explain all measures? And if so which definition do we use
  - What kind of examples are needed?
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- Examples of other measures:
    - protection of coastal zones