

The Global Environment Facility International Waters Focal Area

- fostering transboundary cooperation leading to peace, regional stability and economic growth

Concerns of International Waters & People, Ecosystems, and Development

- Transboundary Pollution → Diseases
- Wasteful Water Use → Droughts, floods, conflicts
- Groundwater Q& Q → Drinking water, food shortages, ecosyst services
- Overfishing → Livelihoods & \$ 100 billion in annual trade in jeopardy
- Habitat loss → Coastal blue forests; invasive species, local livelihoods



Regional Peace, Stability, Security at risk

1995 GEF Operational Strategy- International Waters (GEF Council)

International Waters including

GEF IW Ecosystem-Based Approach to Management at Multiple Scales

Large Marine Ecosystem Scale

(South China Sea LME-UNEP)

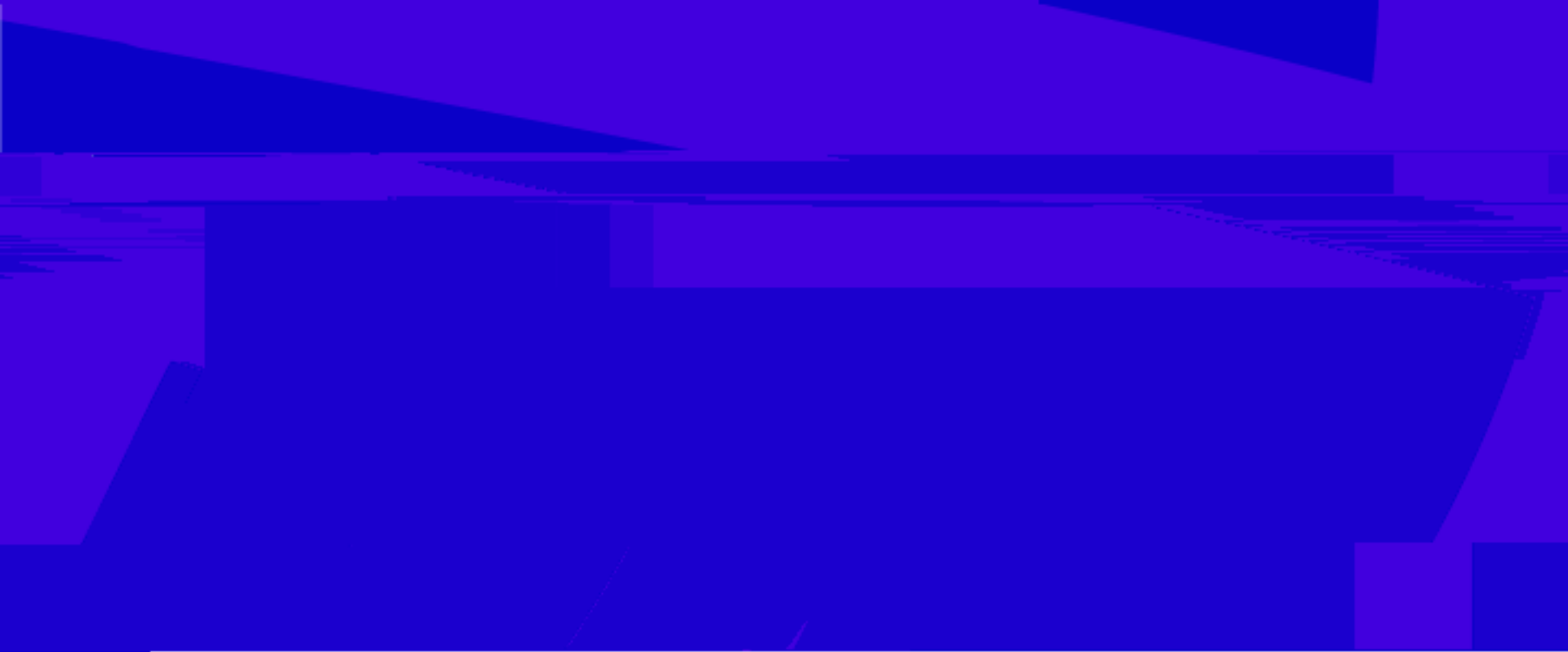
Coastal Municipality/Provincial ICM scale

(Da Nang, Vietnam - UNDP PEMSEA)



River Basin Linkage Scale

(GPA Mekong River Basin/delta - World Bank)



GEF IW Portfolio 1991 - 2012

