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Council Study

Overall Progress Update



5th RTWG Meeting
Siem Reap, Cambodia
13-14 August 2015

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Note: Details will be presented in subsequent presentations today and tomorrow!

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BACKGROUND

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Objectives

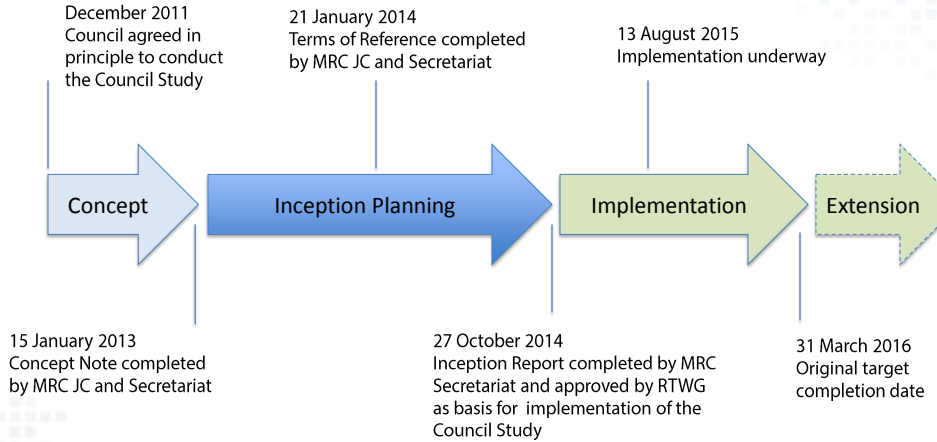
- Further develop/establish a reliable scientific evidence of positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts of water resources development
- Integrate results into the MRC knowledge base to enhance the BDP process
- Promote capacity and ensure technology transfer to Member Countries



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Overall Timeline Perspective

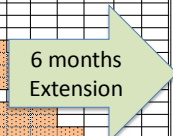


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Revised Implementation Schedule Proposed During 41st JC Meeting



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Note: Duration of proposed extension is based on technical inputs of the CS Teams

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JC Decision on the Proposed Extension



- All MCs in principle agreed to extend the Council Study implementation schedule
- Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam supported the proposed 6-month extension
- Cambodia suggested to discuss further during the 5th RTWG meeting and propose during the next JC meeting a more appropriate duration of extension

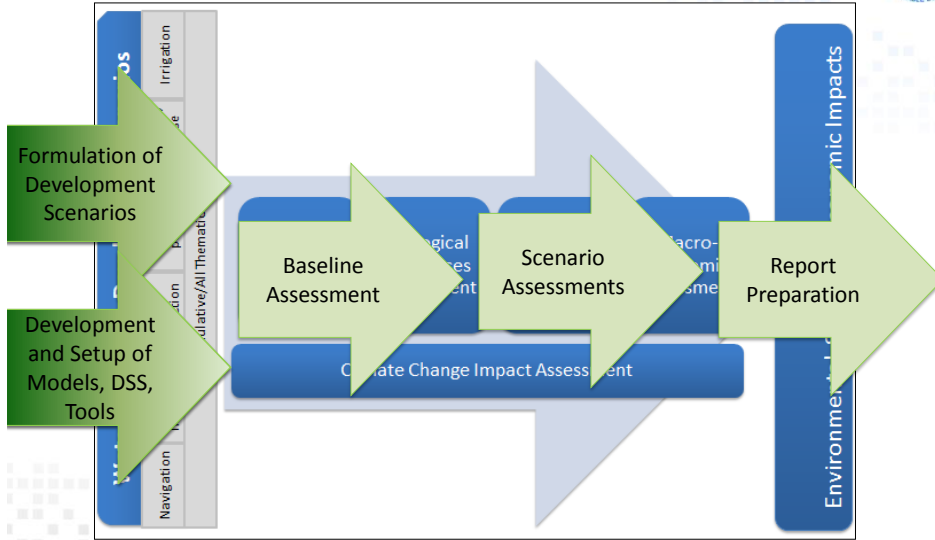
Call for Action: MRCS and RTWG to evaluate progress of the implementation of the Council Study and decide appropriate duration of proposed extension

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OVERALL PROGRESS BY ACTIVITY

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Assessment Framework

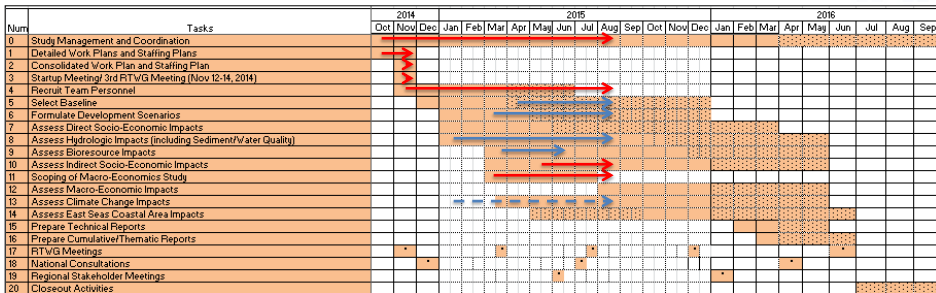


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Implementation Progress To Date



Progress on management and coordination tasks



Progress on technical tasks

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Formulation of Development Scenarios

5th and 6th RTWG Meetings – Review and Approval

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Status: Schedule adjusted to be realistic and also compatible with Programme work load and capacity

4th RTWG Meeting – Agreement on Three Main Development Scenarios

Internal Kickoff Meeting – Develop schedule and overall approach for formulating both approved main development scenarios and proposed thematic scenarios

National consultations



Development of Detailed Modeling Approach

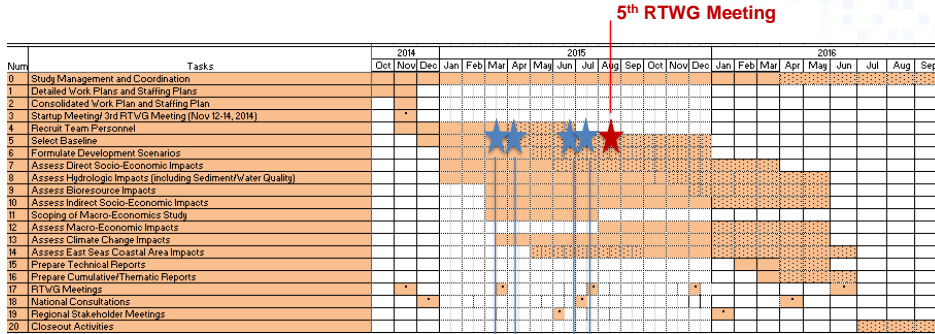
Technical meeting on WUP-FIN

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Status: Schedule adjusted to reflect additional time available due to the adjustment in schedule of the formulation of development scenarios

Completed Draft Final Detailed Modeling Approach
 Small Technical Group Meeting - Details
 4th RTWG Meeting – Review and Guidance
 IKMP TACT Meeting – Approval of Overall Approach

Baseline Selection



5th RTWG Meeting

Status: Significantly delayed and will have schedule implications on dependent tasks

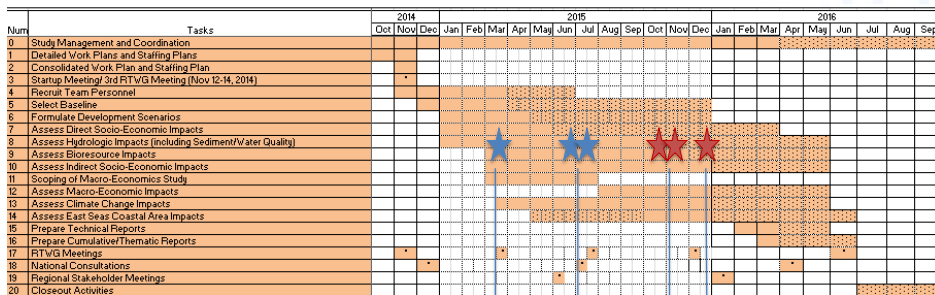
4th RTWG Meeting: Guidance on Baseline Selection

11th TACT Meeting

Working Paper Supplement:
Modeling Results: Option 2000 vs. 2007

Small Technical Group Meeting: Options and Working Paper: Baseline Selection

Biological Assessment Activities



Status: Largely on track, however, schedule will be adjusted due to adjustments in predecessor tasks

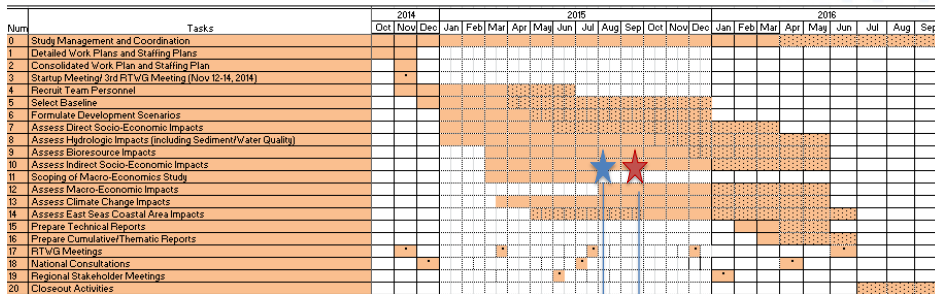
Field Visit (Delta and Tonle Sap) and Preliminary Delineation of Focus Areas and Selection of Indicators

DSS Completed (FAs 1 – 6)

Technical Working Meetings – Calibration of Response Curves

Technical Working Meetings – DSS Setup and Development of Response Curves

Social and Economic Assessment Activities



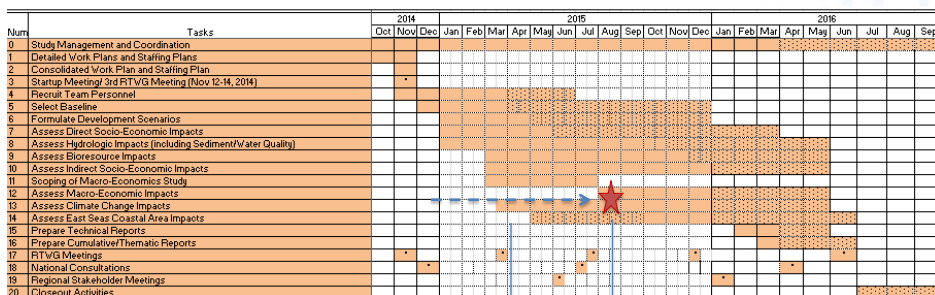
Status: Scheduled adjusted to be compatible with preceding tasks and availability of funding

Scoping Mission

Information Exchange with CCAI on MASAP Socio-Economic Assessment

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Climate Change Activities



Status: Schedule adjusted to reflect adjustments in other tasks

5th RTWG – Approval of Proposed CC Scenarios for the Council Study

Activities under CCAI MASAP

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Draft Technical Documents Completed



- Formulation of development scenarios (March 2015)
- Thematic Team Work Plans for Formulation of Development Scenarios (June – July 2015)
- Baseline Selection for the Council Study (April 2015)
- Supplement to the Baseline Selection for the Council Study (June 2015)
- Modeling Framework for the Council Study (May 2015)
- Comparison of Environmental Flow Assessment Tools (November 2014)
- Comparing the Current DRIFT Version for the Council Study from the IBFM Predictive Tool (January 2015)
- Focus Area and Indicator Selection (April 2015)
- Field Trip Part 1 Specialist Field Notes (April 2015)
- DRIFT DSS-Setup for the LMB (August 2015)

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Council Study Web Site/Team Site



- Key work plans, technical documents, presentations can be downloaded from the CS Team Site

The screenshot displays the Mekong River Commission website. The header includes the MRC logo and the text "Mekong River Commission For Sustainable Development". A navigation menu contains links for Home, About MRC, Mekong Basin, Topics, Publications, News & Events, Working with MRC, Highlights, and Data Portal. The main content area features a large image of a sunset over a river with a boat. Below the image, it states: "The Council Study objectives are threefold: 1) Further develop/establish reliable scientific evidence base on the environment, social and economic consequences (positive and negative) of development in the...". To the right, there is a "Login" button for team members, a list of "Key MRC documents" including Concept Note, Terms of Reference, and Inception Reports (I-IV), and a "Latest Consultations" section listing various forums and projects.

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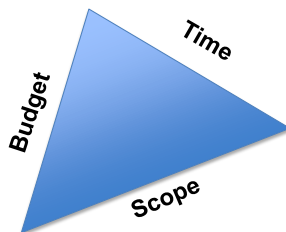
CHALLENGES

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Challenges Now and Ahead

Management and Coordination Challenge



- Issues in Scope
- Implementation Schedule
- Funding Gap

Details will be discussed during
the last session of the RTWG
Meeting

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In Summary



- Implementation Progress : Steady but Delays Creeping In
 - Detailed Progress will be presented individually by Thematic and Discipline Teams
- Implementation Schedule: Corrective extension agreed in Principle by JC
- Significant Funding Gap: Discuss and agree on what can be delivered for the given budget (2015 or early 2016)

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The RTWG is specifically requested to:



- Take note of the progress knowing that detailed progress will be presented and discussed during team's presentations
- Consider the overall challenges on scope, budget, and schedule as specific activities and topics are presented in the next two days
- Provide overall feedback and guidance at this time when necessary

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