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How to integrate water resources management?

The question of how to integrate water resources management has been carefully studied in the new book entitled “*Integrating Water Resources Management - Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Strategies in Practice*” by IWA Publishing. This is the second book originating from the STRIVER project co-ordinated by NIVA and Bioforsk (both Norway).

The book “*Integrating Water Resources Management Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Strategies in Practice*” provides a rich and varied picture of IWRM frameworks, the main issues at stake, the challenges and problems that face the implementation of IWRM in different parts of the world, and how one research project, STRIVER, has attempted to find solutions to existing and potential problems. Twinning activities founded upon a problem-based approach have been performed in the four case river basins of the project in Asia and Europe.

Besides being a book for the scientific community the book provides water managers, proponents of IWRM, policymakers, stakeholders and the public with insights into the ways in which IWRM, still more a philosophy than a finished method, might be implemented and developed in different parts of the world.

The book is a combination of theoretical and empirical work, which still remains unusual in the field of water management and integrated water resource management (IWRM). 34 authors from varied disciplines, backgrounds and perspectives have contributed to the book, which has been edited by Geoffrey D. Gooch (Linköping University), Alistair Rieu-Clarke (UNESCO Centre Dundee) and Per Stålnacke (Bioforsk).



Sampling of algae on the Sesan River in Cambodia. Photo: M. Tiodolf.
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