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REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A selection of Internet addresses.

BLACK SEA ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

www.blacksea-environment.org/



The Black Sea is widely recognized as one of the regional seas most damaged by human activity. Almost one third of the entire land area of continental Europe drains into this sea. It is an area, which includes major parts of seventeen countries, thirteen capital cities and some 160 million persons.

www.grid.unep.ch/bsein/

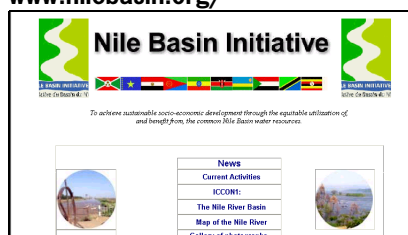
This Internet Node contains information on: organizations and scientists studying the Black Sea; (inter) national research projects/programs (since 1990); cruise summary reports (since 1979); Black Sea bibliography (since 1974); acronyms and abbreviations; meta level information on environmental data for the Black Sea region; selected satellite images; Black Sea Red Data Book.

www.netcoast.nl/coastlearn/website/gis/case_study.htm

This example is taken from the Black Sea Environment Programme to develop a spatial plan with GIS (Geographical Information System).

NILE BASIN INITIATIVE

www.nilebasin.org/



To achieve sustainable socio-economic development through the equitable utilization of, and benefit from, the common Nile Basin water resources.

LAKE VICTORIA PROGRAM

www.lvemp.org/



Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP) is a comprehensive environmental program for the conservation of Lake Victoria and its basin. It is a regional Project formed under a Tripartite Agreement signed on 5th August 1994 by the three riparian countries – the Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda; which provided for its preparation and implementation.

The major objective of the LVEMP is to restore a healthy, varied lake ecosystem that is inherently stable and able to support, in a sustainable way, the increasing activities in the lake and its catchments for the benefit of the people of the riparian countries as well as the international community.

www.swedemb-dar.com/pages/downloads/swestrat.pdf

Strategy for Swedish Support to Sustainable Development in the Lake Victoria Region.

www.science.uwaterloo.ca/research_groups/african_lakes/links.html

18 links to the Lake Victoria Program.

LAKE PEIPSE

www.ctc.ee/

Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation is an international, non-governmental organization, which works to promote sustainable development and cross border cooperation in the border areas of the Baltic States and the New Independent States (NIS).

www.panda.org/europe/freshwater/pdf/BalticBul07.pdf

www.grid.unep.ch/activities/sustainable/peipsi/

Case Study on Environmental Dispute Resolution.

COALITION CLEAN BALTIC

www.ccb.se/



The main goal of CCB is the protection and improvement of the Baltic Sea environment and natural resources. CCB is a politically independent, non-profit association. Currently CCB unites 26 member organizations from Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden.

www.lib.kth.se/~lg/baltic.htm

Links to the Baltic Sea Region.

www.helcom.fi/

The Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission)

www.epa.gov/glnpo/baltic/index.html

The Great Lakes/Baltic Sea Partnership Program aims to provide a cooperative environment in which to share scientific research, information and experiences towards reducing risk to environmental and human health in the Great Lakes and Baltic Sea Regions.

beids.tec-hh.net/english/initiatives/index.php

Many links to the subject.

AGENDA 21 FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

www.ee/baltic21/

In 1996, the Prime Ministers of the Baltic Sea Region took the initiative to develop an Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region. This was the start of the Baltic 21 process, and sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region – encompassing economic, social and environmental aspects – is the objective of that process.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES

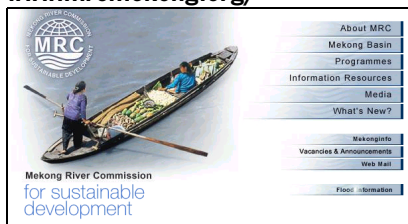
www.forestsandcommunities.org/



The Network was founded on the knowledge that the health and well being of forest ecosystems and human communities are interdependent. The founders of the Network also recognized that, across the globe, the degradation of forest ecosystems and the social fabric of human communities dependent on them was occurring at an alarming and increasing rate.

THE MEKONG RIVER

www.mrcmekong.org/



To promote and co-ordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being by implementing strategic programmes and activities and providing scientific information and policy advice.

www.mekonginfo.org/

MekongInfo is an interactive system for sharing information and knowledge about participatory natural resource management (NRM) in the Lower Mekong Basin.

www.irn.org/programs/mekong/
International Rivers Network.

www.thewaterpage.com/mekong_river.htm



The Water Page about Mekong.

www.solidaritetshuset.org/fivas/pub/power_c/k7.htm#03

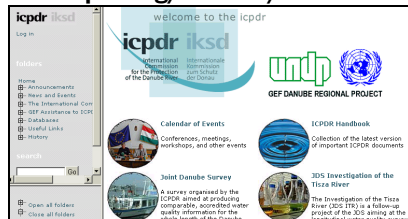
Norwegian page about Regional Cooperation around Mekong.

www.anu.edu.au/asianstudies/mekong.html

Some Mekong-studies links.

THE DANUBE RIVER

www.icpdr.org/danubis/



The 2001—2005 Joint Action Programme is directed towards:

- improvement of the ecological and chemical status of the water,
- prevention of accidental pollution events,
- minimisation of the impacts of floods.

www.ceit.sk/wwwisis/danis.htm

Environmental Programme for Danube River Basin.

MOUNTAIN FORUM – REGIONAL NETWORK

www.mtnforum.org/regions/regions.htm



The Mountain Forum promotes global action toward equitable and ecologically sustainable mountain development. This is achieved through information sharing, mutual support and advocacy. In order to achieve these objectives the Mountain Forum uses modern and traditional communications, supports networking and capacity building and encourages members to be proactive in advocating sustainable development of mountain areas.

DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE GROUP

www.devalt.org/



A non-profit Indian organisation established in 1983. The corporate objectives are to innovate and disseminate the means for creating sustainable livelihoods on a large scale, and thus to mobilise widespread action to eradicate poverty and regenerate the environment.

THE CARPATHIAN ECOREGION

www.carpathians.org/



The Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative is bringing together people in Central and Eastern Europe to secure conservation and sustainable development in the Carpathians. This initiative, begun in summer 1999, involves an international partnership dedicated to the protection of one of the most important natural areas of Europe. The initiative seeks to combine conservation efforts with actions to support the local economy and culture.

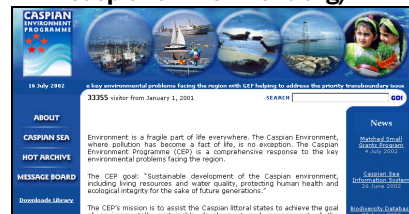
INTERCOUNTRY COOPERATION FOR SHARED/WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

www.un.org/esa/sustdev/success/coop_wrd.htm

Intercountry cooperation for shared/water resources development. The project was undertaken to develop close inter-country cooperation for co-ordinated use of shared water resources in the SADC subregion in late 1980s and is a continuing process.

THE CASPIAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

www.caspianenvironment.org/



The Caspian Environment Programme (CEP) is a regional programme developed for and by the five Caspian Littoral States, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan, aiming to halt the deterioration of environmental conditions of the Caspian Sea and to promote sustainable development in the area.

www.dhi.dk/News/news20000908.htm

www.grida.no/enrin/baku/workshop_report.pdf

Report on the first workshop on information management and reporting on the environment and sustainable development in the Caspian Sea Basin. July 2001.

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

www.rec.org/



REC is a non-advocacy, not-for-profit organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The Center fulfils its mission through encouraging cooperation among non-governmental organisations, governments and businesses.

PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM

www.forumsec.org.fj/default1.htm



Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Vision Statement:

... Resources, including fisheries, forestry, minerals, water and land, are developed with proper regard for conservation, the legacy of past generations and the future; ...

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES NETWORK

www.sidsnet.org/



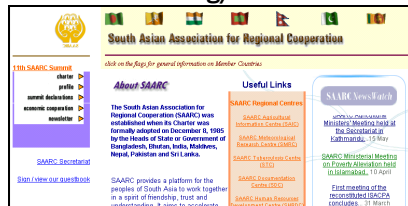
SIDSnet connects 43 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Pacific, Caribbean, Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and African island nations. SIDSnet's main goal has been to utilise information and communication technologies (ICTs) to link SIDS in supporting the implementation of the sustainable development objectives of the BPOA.

www.unep.ch/islands.html

Links to web resources regarding islands.

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

www.saarc-sec.org/



The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was established when its Charter was formally adopted on December 8, 1985 by the Heads of State or Government of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

GREAT LAKES INFORMATION NETWORK

www.great-lakes.net/



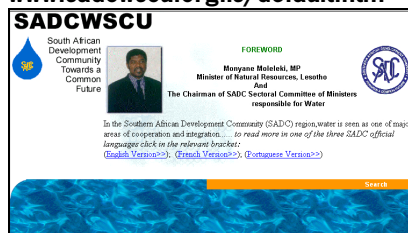
The Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN) is a partnership that provides one place online for people to find information relating to the binational Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region of North America. GLIN offers a wealth of data and information about the region's environment, economy, tourism, education and more.

www.epa.gov/glnpo/baltic/glbalticlinks.html

Links.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

www.sadcwscu.org.ls/default.htm



Ongoing Efforts in Regional Cooperation in the Water Sector. In the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, water is seen as one of major areas of cooperation and integration. This owes to its nature of often being transboundary and shared between two countries or more. Water resources define our wealth as individuals, nations, and community.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION IN THE THIRD WORLD

www.enda.sn/english/index.htm



ENDA is an international non-profit organisation based in Dakar, Senegal. Founded in 1972. ENDA collaborates with grassroots groups in search of alternative development models on the basis of the experience, expectations and objectives of marginalized peoples.

RIVERNET

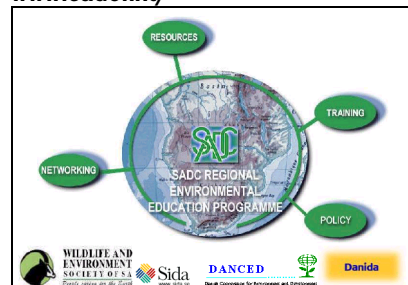
www.ern.org/bassin.htm



Rivernet's page about Riverbasin, Campaigns & Projects.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

www.sadc.int/



The objectives of SADC are to

- Achieve development and economic growth, alleviate poverty, enhance the standard and quality of life of the people of Southern Africa and support the socially disadvantaged through regional integration;
- Achieve sustainable utilisation of natural resources and effective protection of the environment;
- Promote self-sustaining development on the basis of collective self-reliance, and the interdependence of Member States; ...

Many links, for instance

www.sadc-reep.org.za/
SADC Regional Environmental Education Programme

ARTIC COUNCIL

www.arctic-council.org/



The Arctic Council is a high-level intergovernmental forum that provides a mechanism to address the common concerns and challenges faced by the Arctic governments and the people of the Arctic.

EAST ASIAN SEAS:

Regional agreements and actors of relevance to marine litter

marine-litter.gpa.unep.org/regional/East_Asian_Seas2.htm

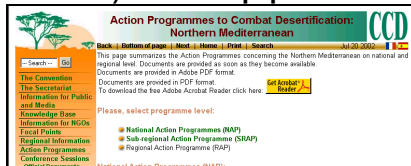
On the initiative of the five States of the East Asian region — Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — the Governing Council of UNEP in 1977 decided that "steps are urgently needed to formulate and establish a scientific programme involving research, prevention and control of marine pollution and monitoring" for a regional action plan in East Asia.

www.un.org/esa/sustdev/success/sids7.htm

The Programme supports 11 participating East Asian governments in prevention, control and management of marine pollution, both at national and sub-regional levels, on a long-term and self-reliant basis by strengthening regional capability to manage marine pollution.

NORTHERN MEDITERRANEAN: Action Programmes to Combat Desertification

www.unccd.int/actionprogrammes/northmed/northmed.php



This page summarizes the Action Programmes concerning the Northern Mediterranean on national and regional level.

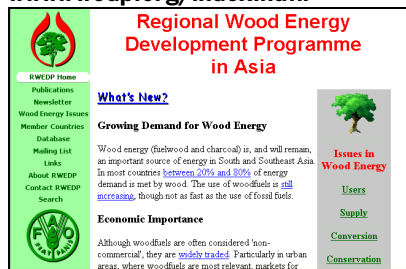
AFRICA:

Action Programmes to Combat Desertification

www.unccd.int/actionprogrammes/africa/africa.php

REGIONAL WOOD ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN ASIA

www.rwedp.org/index.html



The Regional Wood Energy Development Programme in Asia (RWEDP) aims to assist 16 developing countries in South and Southeast Asia in establishing and strengthening their capabilities to

- assess wood energy situations
- plan wood energy development strategies, and
- implement wood energy supply and utilization
- programmes.

REGIONAL COOPERATION ON UNIVERSITY LEVEL

BALTIC UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

www.balticuniv.uadm.uu.se/



The Baltic University Programme is a network of more than 170 universities and other institutes of higher learning in the Baltic Sea region. The network is coordinated by the Baltic University Programme Secretariat at Uppsala University, Sweden.

The Programme focuses on questions of sustainable development, environmental protection and democracy.

UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTIC

www.uarctic.org/



The University of the Arctic is a network of academic institutions and programs in the circumpolar North. We are currently developing our program structures, which will deliver higher education in the North, for the North, and by the North. This site presents information on our organization and its current and future activities.

OTHER

THE WWW VIRTUAL LIBRARY – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

www.ulb.ac.be/ceese/meta/sustvl.html

A comprehensive list of internet sites dealing with sustainable development, including organisations, projects and activities, electronic journals, libraries, references and documents, databases, directories or metadatabases.

This page is maintained by the Center for Economic and Social Studies on the Environment, located at Université Libre de Bruxelles.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

www.gefweb.org



The Global Environment Facility (GEF) helps developing countries fund sustainable development projects that also protect the global environment. Established in 1991, GEF is the designated financial mechanism for international agreements on biodiversity, climate change, and persistent organic pollutants. GEF also supports projects that combat desertification and protect international waters and the ozone layer.

REGIONAL SEAS CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS

www.unep.ch/seas/main/hconlist.html

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION NETWORK

www.sdcn.org/

The Sustainable Development Communications Network (SDCN) is a group of leading civil society organizations seeking to accelerate the implementation of sustainable development through broader, integrated information and communications about what we know.

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