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The involvement of the public or relevant stakeholders in transboundary water management in the basin, sub-basin, part of a basin or group of basins in different basins/cooperation arrangements

For the Mekong river basin: The consultation process is implemented under the Mekong Agreement following the Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA):

**Notification:** requires a country proposing a project to notify the details of the project to other member countries before it commences the proposed use.

**Prior consultation:** involves a six-month process of technical evaluation and formal consultations, where notified member states have an opportunity to assess any potential transboundary impact on eco-systems and livelihoods, and to recommend measures to address those issues before water is used.

**Specific Agreement:** requires a thorough negotiation to achieve a consensus on terms and conditions of the proposed project among all member states prior to the proposed use of water.
Prior consultation process framework

Consultations: To hear concerns and views of the public and interested parties, consultations at both national and regional levels are conducted by the MRC Secretariat and the National Mekong Committee (NMC) of each member country, the governmental body that coordinates MRC’s work nationally.
Challenges in reporting

13. Are the public or relevant stakeholders involved in transboundary water management in the basin, sub-basin, part of a basin or group of basins?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, how? (please tick all applicable)
- Stakeholders have observer status in a joint body or mechanism [ ]
- Stakeholders have an advisory role in the joint body [ ]
- Stakeholders have a decision-making role in the joint body [ ]

If yes, please specify the stakeholders for the joint body or mechanism: [fill in]

- Intergovernmental organizations [ ]
- Private sectors organizations or associations [ ]
- Water user groups or associations [ ]
- Academic or research institutions [ ]
- Other non-governmental organizations [ ]
- General public [ ]
- Other (please specify): [fill in] [ ]
- Availability of information to the public [ ]

- Confusing to chose the role of stakeholders
- the definition of public or relevant stakeholders involved in the consultation process;
- sort of the water projects should be carried out the public consultation process;
- the method to measure the effectiveness of the consultation process.
THANK YOU