World Water Forum 2006
Living Lakes: International Network to protect lakes and wetlands
Global Nature Fund

- Non-governmental
- Non-profit
- Founded in 1998
- Headquarters at Lake Constance, Germany
International Lake Partnership created and coordinated by the Global Nature Fund
42 Partnerlakes represented by 55 organisations
Objectives

- Carrying out concrete environmental campaigns and model projects
- Promote sustainable development according to the UN Agenda 21
- Exchange of experience & information
- Mutual support
Main Fields of Activity

- Restoration of habitats & Species Protection
- Improvement of Water Quality and Quantity
- Management of lakes and wetlands
- Renewable Energy (Solar, biomass)
- Environmental Education /Capacity Building
- Sustainable Development of lake regions (tourism, Agriculture, Fishery, forestry ….)
- Poverty Alleviation
Main sources of funding for the network

- Individual Donations
- Public Sector (EU, GTZ, national ministries ...)
- Private Foundations
- Cooperation with Businesses (Sponsoring, support for projects)
Cooperation with Businesses

Sika®

Unilever

DAIMLERCHRYSLER

Lufthansa

ZIEMANN

KÄRCHER

Global Nature Fund
Examples

Nature Guides St. Lucia, South Africa
Examples
EU LIFE – Sustainable Management of Wetlands
Environmental friendly Antifouling for boats
Nature Summer Camps

Lufthansa

DAIMLER CHRYSLER
Baikal, Russia
Kenya

Renewable Energy for Fisherfolks
First Living Lakes Afrika Konferenz
Kenia - Oktober 2005
EU Post Tsunami Project in Sri Lanka

50 new houses with sanitary installations and green filter. Mangrove Restoration.
Colombia
Laguna Fuquene
International Partnerships & Strategic Alliances

• Ramsar – Cooperation (October 2004)
• UNESCO - UN Decade „Education“ (November 2005)
• UNEP/CMS (Bonn Convention) – November 2005
• Rotary
• Planed: ICLEI, Caritas, Misereor, Fundación FUNGAP, IUCN
GNF's vision and strategic goals for Living Lakes
Objectives and milestones for the next 5 years

• Establish Living Lakes as the leading NGO Lake & Wetland Network worldwide
• Increase the number of active partner lakes to 60+
• Establish and intensify strategic alliances
• Realise 6 – 8 concrete model projects with Living Lakes partners
• Involve more national Unilever companies in concrete projects
• Establish new business partnerships and external funding
• Build Regional Networks (Iberoamerica, Africa, East Europe)
• International Awareness and Presence
• PR and Media Work
• Capacity Building
Conclusions /Recommendations

Establishment of an International Lake Framework Directive following the example of the EU Water Framework Directive:

• Recognition of Lakes and Wetlands as global + public goods
• Common objective = good status of all lakes + wetlands until 2016
  • Analysis of current situation of lakes and wetlands according to international accepted common indicators
  • Approved Management Plans for all lakes and wetlands with concrete objectives, responsibilities, measures, time table, resources
  • Participation of all relevant stakeholders in all phases of management
  • Monitoring and reporting according to international standards

International UN Programme to support International Lake Framework Directive = support for investigation + scientific studies, model projects, exchange of know how + experience