



Sustainable Water  
Integrated Management (SWIM) -  
Support Mechanism



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## **Session III: Enforcement of Water Legislation.**

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**STEP I**

**IN (2012)**

**DIAGNOSIS OF THE ROOT  
CAUSES OF IWRM**

**IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS**

# In 2012

## SWIM-SM

1. Assessed the status of national water planning in PCs in implementing IWRM.
2. Organized a regional dialogue to review & validate the findings of the assessment.
3. Held a regional training workshop for Government Officials to develop capacity in implementing IWRM.

# MAIN IWRM CONSTRAINT

- One of the most prominent constraints in implementing IWRM was identified as

**Ineffective water governance**

**particularly rule of law**



# **HOW DID SWIM-SM APPROACH THE PROBLEM?**

- SWIM designed an integrated plan for 2013 & 2014 that included:
  1. Regional assessments with focus on selected PCs.
  2. Involving experts in verifying SWIM results.
  3. Developing guidelines.
  4. Formulating voluntary policy options.
  5. BC.

# **STEP II**

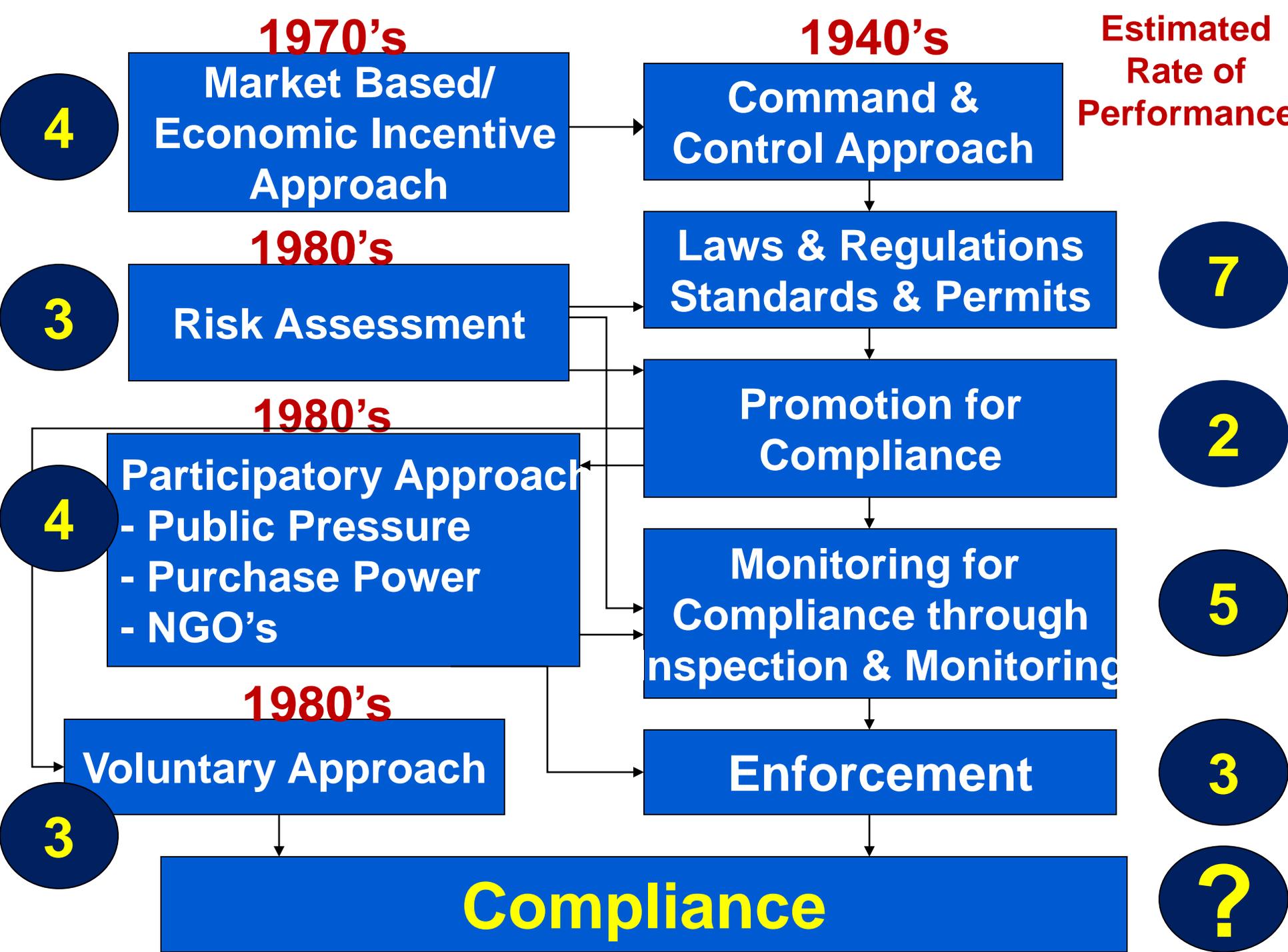
**IN 2013**

**ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT  
OF THE IDENTIFIED PROBLEM**

# In 2013

## SWIM-SM:

1. Assessed the degree of compliance with water & aquatic environment legislations in the region.
2. Assessed available enforcement capacity & mechanisms currently practiced in the region with focus on 5 PCs.
3. Developed regional guidelines on measures for improving compliance.
4. Developed & executed a capacity development program for water & environment prosecutors & investigators in 3 European countries.



# **STEP III**

**IN 2014**

- 1. ASSESSED WATER & ENVIRONMENT JUDICIARY CAPACITY IN THREE PCs,**
- 2. DEVELOPED GUIDELINES TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL WATER & AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT PROSECUTION SYSTEMS,**
- 3. DEVELOPED VOLUNTARY REGIONAL POLICIES THROUGH A HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE.**

# **SWIM:**

1. Assessed the adequacy of legislations in terms of their compliance & enforcement in three PCs.
2. Assessed the institutional & judiciary capacities (prosecutors and judges responsible for water & aquatic environment) to handle cases of violations.
3. Developed a regional guideline for the establishment of water & environment prosecution systems & magistrates.

## **2014 SWIM Product:**

1. A review of best practices in prosecuting violators of water & aquatic environment legislations from 3 developed countries.
2. An assessment of the adequacy of the existing water & environment legislations in terms of their compliance & enforcement in the 3 PCs.
3. An assessment of current institutional & judiciary capacities to handle cases of water & aquatic environment violations in 3 PCs.

4. A set of recommendations on measures, institutional & legislative capacity needed for the prosecution of non-compliance in the 3 PCs.
5. A regional guideline for the establishment of adequate water & environment prosecution systems & magistrates as part of the national judiciary systems.
6. Development, discussion & finalization of a voluntary policy brief in a high level meeting.

**STEP IV**

**2015 extension year**

**EXTRAPOLATING FROM REGIONAL  
TO NATIONAL**

**NATIONAL POLICIES FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER & AQUATIC  
ENVIRONMENT PROSECUTION &  
MAGISTRATES SYSTEMS IN TWO SWIM  
COUNTRIES**

# OBJECTIVE

**To improve compliance with water & aquatic environment regulations in two SWIM countries.**

1. To identify national policies & measures to strengthen IWRM system through defining permitting system & the related administrative sanctions.
2. To propose amendments to penal sanction classification to fit the most common violations.

3. To assess & develop national plan to create or improve specialized engineers & build an inspectorate at relevant administrative level.
4. Designing national CB training & study tours programs for prosecutors & magistrates.

- Representatives from two PCs were invited to:
  1. Reflect on their experience,
  2. Evaluate the outcomes of this series of activities,
  3. Demonstrate how the two countries have (possibly) benefited from this effort, and
  4. Advise on the way forward.

*Thank you  
for your kind attention*

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