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Transboundary water management challenges – current and future opportunities and constraints

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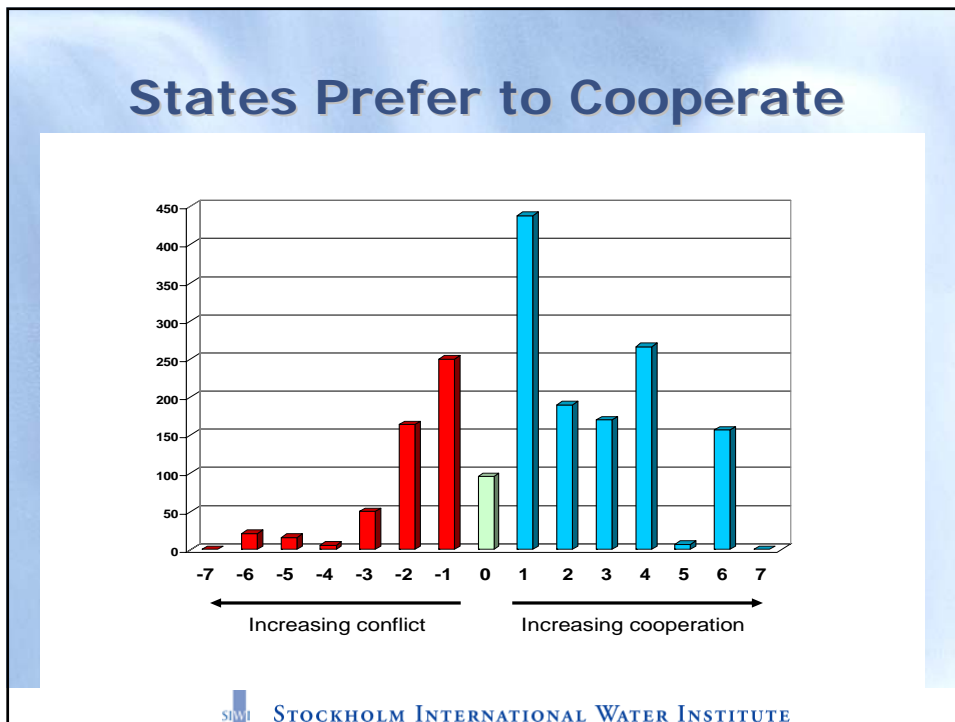
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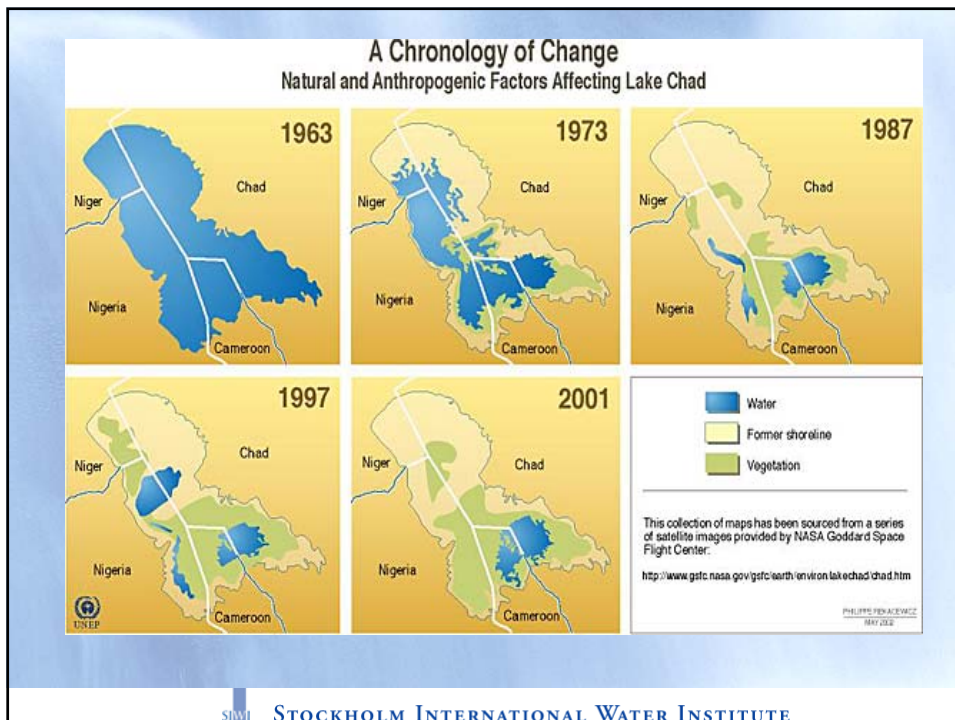
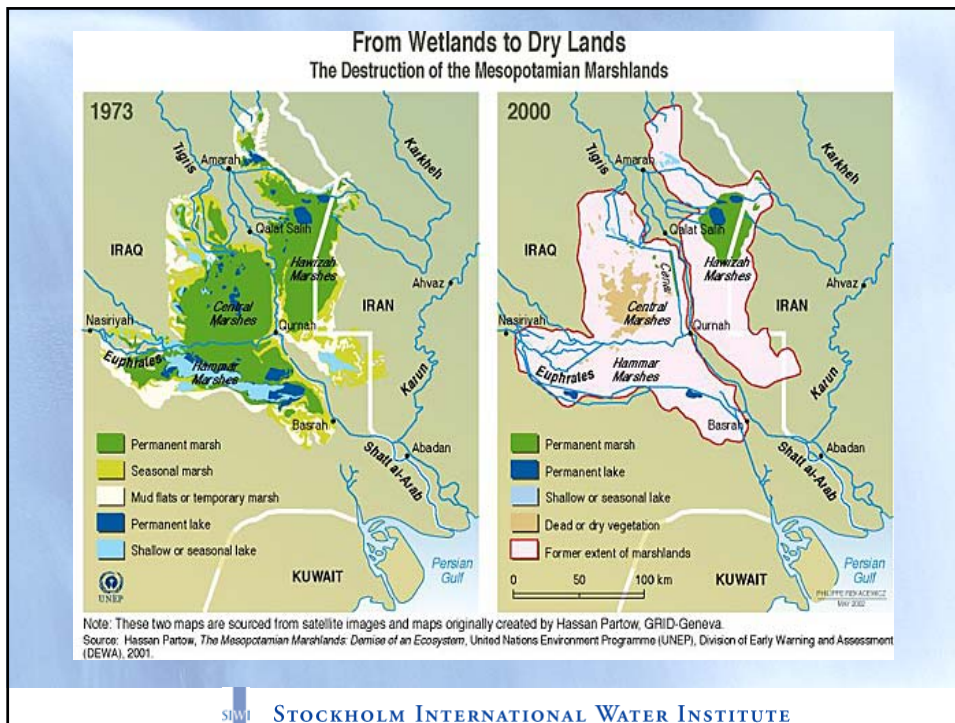
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1. Cooperative management of a transboundary river basin is an important source of public good benefits. UNECE transboundary water convention, forms a basis for advancement of these approaches
2. Developing and supporting transboundary river basin management are long term processes and requires process financing, could be an important catalysts for promoting economic growth and regional stability.
3. Riparians, donors and international organisations alike need to consider the issue of power relations between the involved parties to a much larger extent than has been the case previously. A thorough political analysis should be made in conjunction with a possible intervention
4. Donors and international actors can usefully support weaker parties as a means to 'level the playing field' in transboundary basins. The neutral role of OSCE could be usefully tapped in this regard, especially where the political momentum is weak or missing.
5. The concept of "Benefit sharing" is not utilised to it's full potential, Sharing of benefits of water instead of fighting over volumes of water can be a fruitful way forward, where there is a deadlock in negotiations



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