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Ecuador : Manabí pilot River Basin District

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The recent Constitution declares "a right to water for all", in which water is a strategic national heritage, for public use, unalienable, indefeasible, imperceptible and essential for life. It also establishes a single "water authority" for water resources planning and management : the SENAGUA (National Secretariat for Water) is thus responsible for the implementation of integrated water management policies.

The new water law, enacted on 6 August 2014, structures the territory into 9 River Basin Districts and plans the establishment of Basin Councils. Each district is managed by a decentralized division of SENAGUA.

On the occasion of the French-Ecuadorian Water Days in October 2014, the Adour-Garonne Water Agency (AEAG) and IOWater were asked to provide support to the Ecuadorian Water Policy.

A cooperation protocol was devised for :

- Establishment and functioning of a pilot Basin Council - and organization of an inter-ministerial technical secretariat of this Basin Council ;
- Methodological support to the drafting of the Basin Management Plan ;
- Participatory Review of the program funding mechanisms ;
- Development of an information and data management system.
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The assignments carried out in this context allowed :

- Interactive work with all partners of the "National Strategic Water System" to facilitate data exchange and organize participatory work.
- Providing operational proposals for the training of stakeholders, widening the consultation circle, organizing commissions and working groups and communication at different levels, working closely with SENAGUA teams.
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The strong political will and clear population support are major assets for the country and will facilitate achieving the objectives of this cooperation.