

# STATE OF THE RIVER NILE BASIN 2012

This inaugural *State of the River Nile Basin* report presents information on the general health of the Nile Basin, and is intended to raise awareness and improve understanding of biophysical, socio-cultural, and economic conditions within the basin. It highlights water 'hotspots' and 'hopespots', and observes that cooperation amongst the riparian states is crucial for solving the basin's multiple environmental and socio-economic problems.

The report targets policy makers and the general population, and seeks to catalyze and facilitate discussion, information sharing, knowledge-based decision-making, and collective action at basin-wide level.

The State of Basin reports provide a framework for pressure–state–response analysis, and will be published every three years as a flagship knowledge product of the Nile Basin Initiative.

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