



Workshop DP4.1:

# How to find the balance between economic and natural sustainability – 5 WWF delta cases

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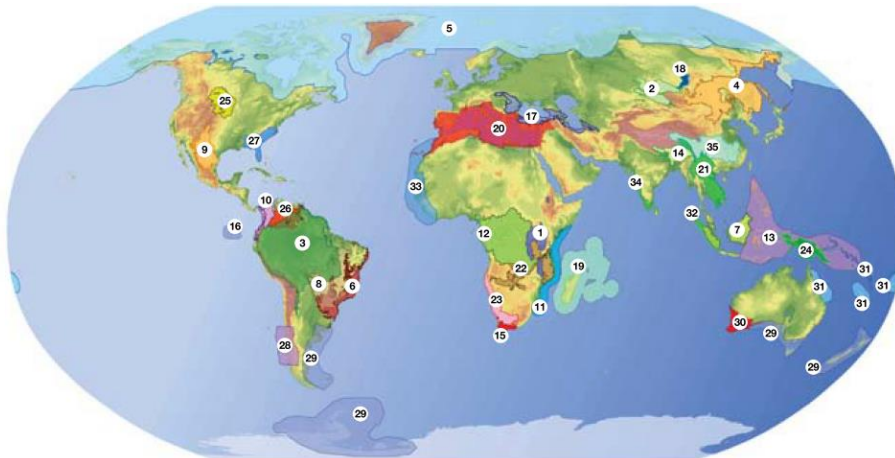
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Deltas in times of climate change II

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WWF priority places cover many deltas





## Workshop programme

- 5 WWF best-practices
    - The Yangtze delta
    - The Sundarbans delta
    - The Mekong delta
    - The Rhine-Meuse delta
    - The Estuary of the Guadalquivir
  
  - Discussion about 5 conclusions from best practices
  
  - Closure
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## WWF best-practices

A river basin approach is essential to cope with the impacts of climate change in deltas. Upstream measures can affect river and sediment flows, which are essential for an ecological and economic vital delta.

Create space for natural development of wetlands land inwards. By engaging people who live there now to move to new places, where opportunities for work and education are actively enhanced. In this way deltas can deliver long term security for inland cities.

Green adaptation is a sound adaptation strategy and is proven cost effective. When benefits for local communities are taken into account it even delivers value.

Truly integrated solutions to delta management deliver more winners than nature alone and thus open ways to strategic partnerships in promoting natural deltas.

Partial knowledge leads to partial solutions and does not address the real challenge.

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