Water Quality Management:
Capacity Building

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If the current trend continues, sub-Saharan Africa will not reach the MDG target

Figure 4 Progress in drinking water coverage, 1990 - 2002

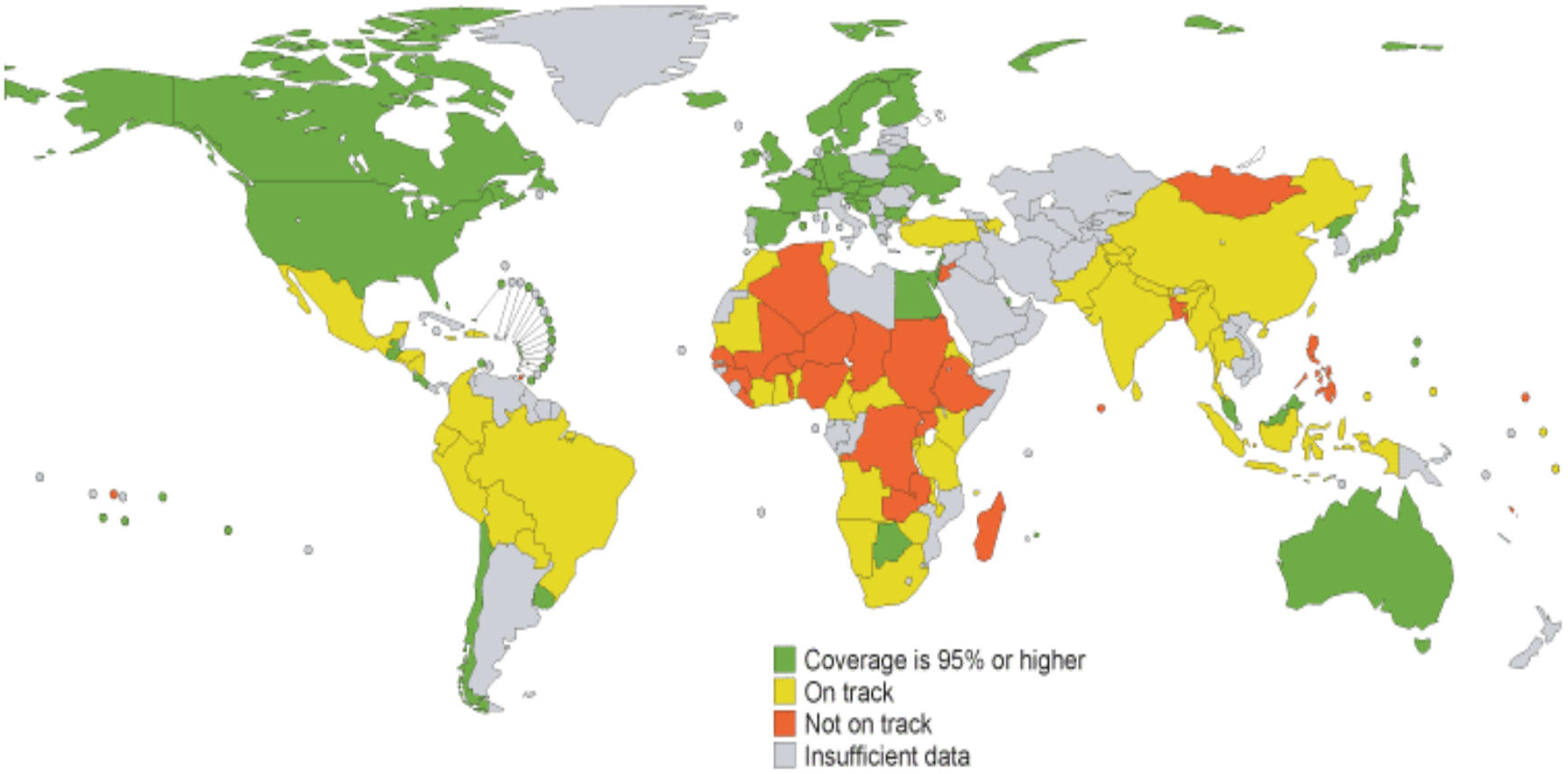

Figure 1. Summary of the World Distribution of Documented Problems with Arsenic in Groundwater and the Environment

Source: *Modified after Smedley and Kinniburgh 2002.*

Note: *In China, arsenic has further been identified in the provinces of Jilin, Qinghai, Anhui, Beijing, and Ningxia (reported at Regional Operational Responses to Arsenic Workshop in Nepal, 26–27 April 2004).*

In India, further affected states are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura.

The Workshop

- 10 participants
- Eight countries
- Objectives:
  - Issues
  - Address 10 questions
  - Recommendations

Existing Situations

- WQ related to all sectors and hydrologic cycles
- Consequences multi-dimensional and significant
- WQ policies, guidelines, standards and MDGs
- National monitoring; institutional, inadequate and irregular
- International monitoring; limited- GEMS, WWAP
- Measurement methods; limited, complicated and/or costly
- Use of the data: rarely, questionable reliability
- Data sharing: rarely, limited demand, and/or institutional problems

Important issues to address

- Recognition
- Lack of: knowledge/interest, technology and fund
- Scopes in remote sensing: temp., depth, chlorophyll, suspended solids, clarity, soil moisture, salt water intrusion, algal blooms……. Channel morphology, rainfall, ..
- Data from satellite sensors (LANDSAT, MODIS, IKONOS….) for mapping, estimation, risk analysis

Capacity Building Needs

- Recognition
- Public education and awareness
- Training and skill development
- Integration and coordination of agencies, sectors (IWRM), and themes (floods, droughts, rural, urban, etc,)
- Access to satellite and in-situ data at local, national and international level (regional data base)
- Infrastructure strengthening; monitoring, GO-NGO partnership, etc.
- Funding

Recommendations

- **Endorse water quality as an integral component of water management and development**
- **Propose Asian WQ initiative under the GEO framework:**

  - submission of a paragraph to GEO

  - recognition by GEO

  - workshops / training

  - task team

  - demonstration proposal

Directions

- Water Cycle workshop (immediate) and GEO workshop?
- *Important sectors, interlinkages and basic indicators
- *Data needs, sources, ways; in-situ and satellite (policies..)
- *Institutional (national and international) needs
- *National and regional international data collection and use
- *Training needs
  - types
  - levels and stakeholders
- *Discuss possible demonstration projects
- River basin based; one/country +?
- Task team…..same one focal person/country to coordinate
- Submit water quality data


Thank you