

International RiverFoundation

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International RiverFoundation is a charity that promotes the restoration, protection, and sustainable management of the world's rivers and watersheds

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Our Vision

“A world in which all rivers and their watersheds are healthy and sustainably managed”



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Programs to empower and inform

- Riverprize** ➡ Identify, recognise, reward best practice
- Twinning** ➡ Applying best practice
- Sponsored Delegates** ➡ Developing countries attending *Riversymposium*
- Scholarships** ➡ Creating developing country professionals
- On-ground projects** ➡ IRBM in action
- Internat'l Riversymposium** ➡ Global cross-sector knowledge sharing
- River Recovery** ➡ Cross sector collaboration for river restoration



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IRF Riverprizes

- Thies International Riverprize (A\$300,000)
- European Riverprize
- North American Riverprize
- Australian Riverprize
- New Zealand Riverprize
- Emerging River Professional Award

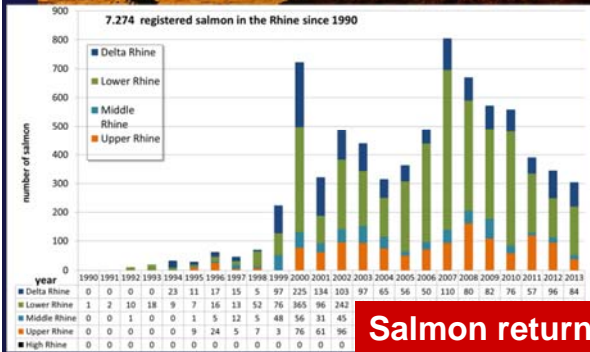


IRF Riverprize Winners



EXCELLENCE IN IRBM RESTORATION

River Rhine – from sewer of Europe to recovery



Full suite of species



Salmon return!

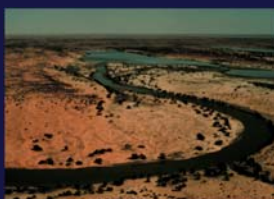
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2014 Thiess International Riverprize winner

EXCELLENCE IN IRBM PROTECTION

The Lake Eyre Basin Partnership –protecting one of the world's great river systems



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2014 Australian Riverprize winner

Benefits of Riverprizes

- Showcases excellent river protection and restoration
- Gives recognition and increases awareness
- Provides financial reward and incentive
- Increases winner's profile and credibility
- Builds global networks
- Benchmarks best practice



IRF Twinning Programs



Twinning benefits

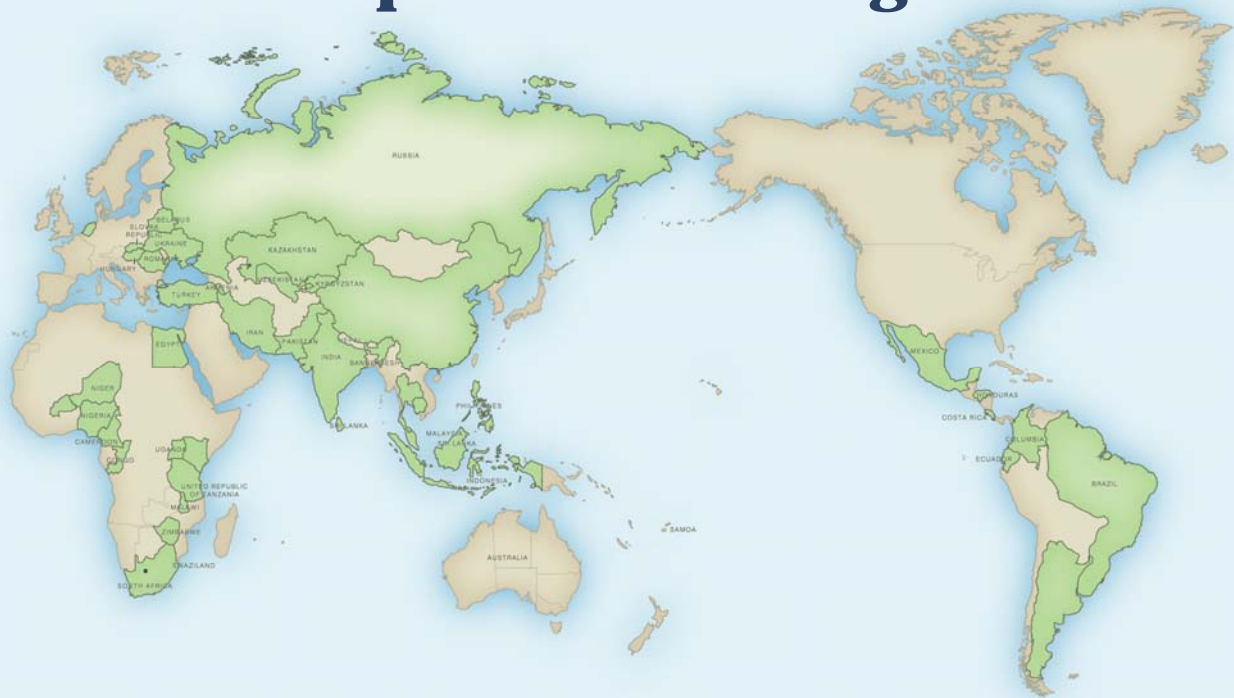
- Applies best practice to rivers and communities in need
- Twinning projects often in developing countries
- Develops extraordinary professional relationships
- Works across borders, cultures and politics
- Generates true knowledge exchange
- Expands our global network of best practice

International Riversymposium

- Annual forum to share river and basin knowledge and network
- Cross-sectorial: science, government, communities, indigenous and industry
- Showcases *Riverprize* winners, finalists and twinnings
- Australia to date – Asia in 2016
- Cutting edge presentations with art, culture and film



IRF Sponsored Delegates



Since 2003, over 300 delegates from 40 developing countries attending *Riversymposium*

Benefits for Sponsored Delegates

- **Professional development**
- **Sharing of ideas, lessons, challenges and expertise**
- **Building global networks**
- **'Students meet the Keynotes'**
- **Speed-talks & posters**
- **Exposure to innovation and world best practice**



European River Restoration Conference & IRF European Riverprize

- First of 5 regional riverprizes
- Automatic qualification to Thies International Riverprize
- Winner of the 2014 International Riverprize
- Twinning multi-lateral knowledge exchange with UNECE and GEF-IW:LEARN



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River Recovery

- Cross sector, holistic approach
- Long-term sustainable outcomes
- Opportunity for private sector and community engagement
- Designed with local stakeholders who take ownership
- Includes all aspects of integrated river basin management



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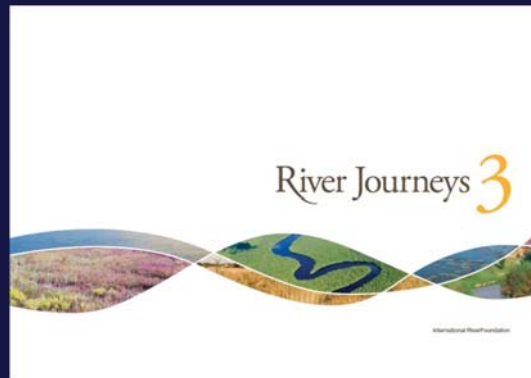
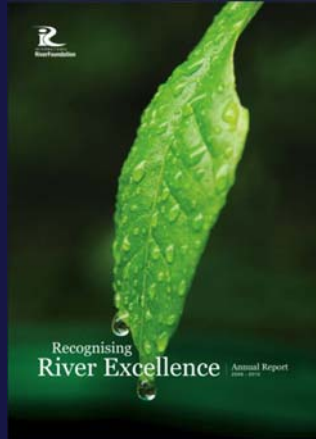
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