



International Rivers

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Dear Friend of International Rivers,

I'm delighted to introduce our first annual report under our new name, International Rivers, and with the new look that goes with it. As many of our readers will know, in 2007 we dropped the "Network" from our name, stopped being an acronym, and unveiled an updated logo, a more engaging look to our publications, and a greatly improved website. If you haven't had a chance to see it, please visit internationalrivers.org.

While our look and feel might have changed, our commitment to healthy rivers and human rights remains as solid as ever. And with a growing staff and budget we've been able to do more than ever before to translate that commitment into changes on the ground (and in the water).

One notable milestone for dam-fighters and river-lovers in 2007 was the decision by a Mexican judge to temporarily suspend the La Parota Dam. This project threatens to flood 17,000 hectares of land, displace 25,000 people and harm 75,000 more downstream. Our Mexican friends hope that the suspension can be turned into an outright halt. Another milestone was the Chinese government's cancellation of a highly controversial dam in the iconic Tiger Leaping Gorge on the Upper Yangtze. More than 100,000 residents, mostly farmers from ethnic minority groups, would have been evicted to make way for the project.

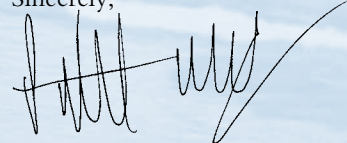
An exciting internal development for International Rivers in 2007 was that we secured the resources for a major expansion of our work in Chile. We hired experienced campaigner Aaron Sanger to support the work of the Chilean Patagonian Defense Council. Our strategies include targeting US lumber sales of Chilean companies that want to dam the wild and majestic rivers of Patagonia.

The "think-tank" part of our work continued to get attention in 2007, in particular with our report, *Before the Deluge: Coping with Floods in a Changing Climate*. This took an in-depth look at the flaws with structural flood-control techniques like dams and levees and the superiority of flood-risk management approaches. The report generated substantial media attention including interviews with myself and report contributor Himanshu Thakker on the BBC, op-eds in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Baltimore Sun*, and several African newspapers, and articles in some development industry magazines.

In order to accommodate our growing staff, we began negotiations in 2007 to move into the Brower Center, a state-of-the-art green building and non-profit community center currently being built in downtown Berkeley. If you're in Berkeley, California, after March 2009, we'd be delighted if you could drop in and see our swanky new, energy- and water-efficient digs.

As always, I would like to extend a word of thanks to our members and funders. Our work is possible only thanks to your commitment and your vision. Thank you for your solidarity and support.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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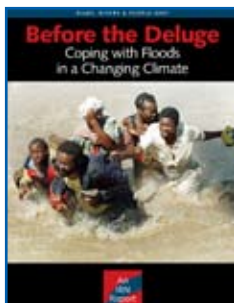
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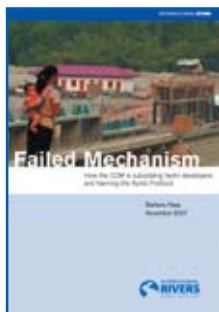
Before the Deluge: Coping with Floods in a Changing Climate

International Rivers' annual "Dams, Rivers and People" report focused on the issue of floods. The report asserts that improving our ability to cope with floods requires moving away from an over-reliance on dams and levees and adopting a "soft path" of flood risk management, which seeks to adapt and work with the forces of nature. The report was widely distributed and received extensive media coverage.



Failed Mechanism: How the CDM is subsidizing hydro developers and harming the Kyoto Protocol

This influential report showed evidence for widespread cheating by hydro developers applying for funds from the UN's offset scheme, the Clean Development Mechanism. The report, which we disseminated at the UN climate conference in Bali, also showed systemic problems with the design of the CDM. "Failed Mechanism" has helped persuade the CDM to tighten its approval procedures, although they remain deeply flawed.



In 2007, we launched our program to monitor the activities of the government of China and China's dam financiers and dam building companies. This program received widespread media coverage in China and internationally. Through the work of partner organizations in China, the ExIm Bank has revised its environmental policy.

We helped coordinate the Fourth Mesoamerican Forum of Dam-Affected Peoples, which was attended by close to 300 people from throughout the region. The main focus was on alternative energy and community organizing.



We coordinated, distributed and publicized expert studies on the impacts of planned dams on the Madeira River, the Amazon's largest tributary. These studies have generated considerable public debate in Brazil about the feasibility of the projects.

We launched our Patagonia campaign to keep Chilean Patagonia's rivers free-flowing. Our first task will be to stop a series of dams planned for the Baker and Pascua Rivers in Patagonia's Aysén region.



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2007 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

the Export-Import (ExIm) Bank more broadly. This work has Because of this spotlight and revised and strengthened its

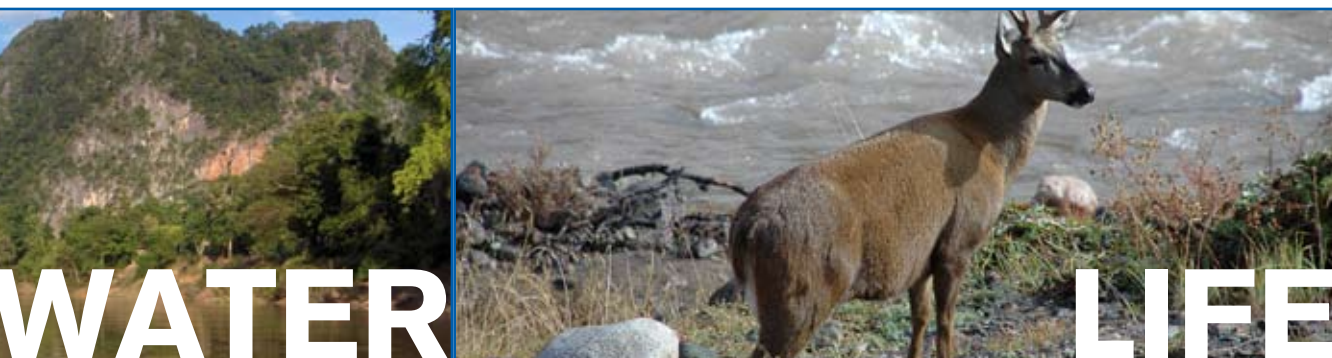
We worked to discourage World Bank support for the Lom Pangar Dam in Cameroon and raise the capacity of our partner NGO in Cameroon. This effort included participating in a roundtable event to discuss dams and development in Cameroon and assisting our partner NGO to create their strategic plan. The World Bank has not yet taken a formal position on the project.

In Pakistan, we focused on the planned multi-billion dollar Bhasha dam, which would likely be funded by the Asian Development Bank and World Bank. We visited the region to establish ties with local NGOs and attended the World Bank's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC to raise awareness of the negative impacts of previous Bank-funded projects in Pakistan and the Bank's unwillingness to address the legacy of damage it has caused in Pakistan and globally.



We supported the African Rivers Network by being an active advisor to its coordinating committee, and by organizing an exchange visit between member groups in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We helped facilitate an African Rivers Network strategy and networking meeting, and gave a training workshop on using community mapping for advocacy work.

We continued our intensive monitoring of the Nam Theun 2 Hydropower Project in Laos, including two visits to the project area and publication of a detailed field report. Our efforts have pressured project proponents to ensure that mitigation and compensation measures are implemented. As a result, some affected communities have finally received compensation promised to them years ago, and the company has taken action to reduce water quality problems.



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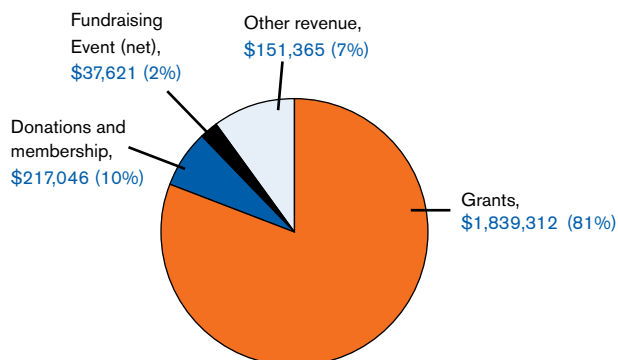
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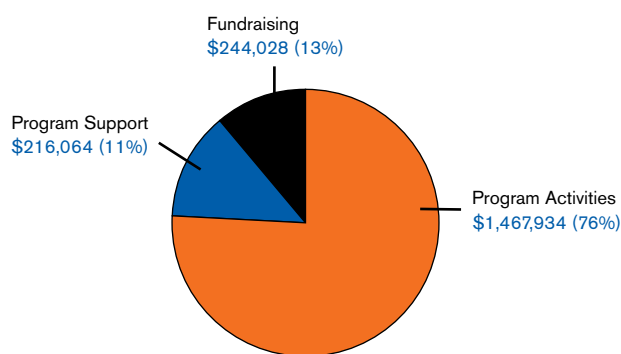
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INCOME



TOTAL INCOME \$2,245,344

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TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,928,026

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- Insurance Policies
- Deferred Employee Benefits
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