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Guanabara Bay Governance

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1) Main problems caused by GB Watershed/ from municipalities sources:
untreated sewage/waste water (circa 30-35% now treated), solid waste launched in the rivers, industrial efluents discharge, environmental accidents, etc.

2) On the GB waterbody itself:
abusive use, low water quality, contaminated sediment, conflicts involving fisherman and another infrastructure uses.
Multiplicity of actors (stakeholders):

- Federal and State public institutions
- 15 municipalities, 7 at the waterfront
- Private and public users (Industries, Gas and Oil Plants, Ports, Navy Industry, Airports, Fishery, Crab Collecting, Transportation, Tourism and Leasure, others)
- Civil Society Organizations
- Scientific, Educational and Research Institutions
Multiplicity of actors (2): Ensembled groups

- Guanabara Bay Watershed Committee and its subcommittees - since 2005;
- COMLESTE - East Region Intermunicipal Development Consortium - since 2006;
- COMPERJ Forum - 2007
- GB Western Region Public Consortium (Baixada Fluminense) since 2013.
Guanabara Bay Watershed Committee

- Created at 2005 under the Water Resources State of Rio de Janeiro Politics
- Main regional emsembled body
- 6 Subcommittees, being 2 at the BG basin
- Decision competency for managing sweet water
- Strong Agenda for the Costal Region (GERCO)
- Insuficient financial
- Resources from the Water Resources Fund
Governance: Definition and Concept

- Enlargement of the traditional concept of Government
- Involvement of multiple stakeholders - governmental and non-governmental institutions
- Emphasis for a major social actors participation
- Reinforcement for a more efficient coordination and controlling of governmental actions - internal and external
Governance in resume:

- Articulate and integrate public actors considering pre-existent consortiuns, ensembles and spontaneous qualified iniciatives;
- Clear and realistic vision for the GB problems and challenges;
- Institucional committment;
- Sustainability of investments;
Governance in resume (2):

- Strengthening the GB Committee:
  - creation of the Basin Agency (Secretary),
  - reinforcement of the participation of strategic actors;
  - engagement of the ones that still do not participate,
  - controlling investments, mediation of divergences, representation and representativity;
Governance in resume (3):

- Technical basis for the management: monitoring, data and information for the decision making process; assessment and control of politics;

- Knowledge Management based on a ecosystem vision.