

Abstract

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Technical and Policy Support Tools for Sustainable Nutrient Management

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Global Partnership on Nutrient Management partner organizations, Global Environment and Technology Foundation, World Resources Institute, and Energy Centre of the Netherlands, have developed a Global Nutrient Management Toolbox. The purpose of the toolbox is to demonstrate policy and technological options for nutrient management which offer such potential solutions to decision makers and practitioners alike.

The toolbox contains 5 components:

- A *synthesis report* of the current global best practices and their use in key nutrient 'hot spot' regions.
- *Case studies* that provide in-depth overviews of how select nutrient mitigation efforts are using best management practices to achieve nutrient management objectives.
- Searchable *best management practices database* of agricultural and urban best practices related to nutrient management.
- Searchable *policy database* of policy instruments around the world that have been implemented to address nutrient pollution.
- *Toolbox calculator* that allows users to explore nutrient loading implications of their management decisions and simulate alternate scenarios.

The toolbox will be an important new resource for decision makers who are faced with the challenge of managing water quality and nutrient pollution. It will allow these users to review over 130 examples of nutrient management policies and programs, determine what the implications of their current actions are, and evaluate what other actions may be more effective.

The toolbox will also be a valuable resource for practitioners such as agricultural extension officials who, for example, work with land owners to sustainably manage their natural resources. The toolbox has in-depth descriptions of 100 different types of best management practices that can be searched based on type of practice, land use, climatic zone, and applicability to small farms.

The toolbox is currently being tested and evaluated in pilot areas.



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