

interests and highlights the risk that sustainability issues will carry the least weight in the decision-making process.

In Japan there is a strong need for utilization of reservoirs but also an increasing awareness of the need for sustainable development. Thus a new policy has been introduced with more emphasis than before on, among other things, rehabilitation of existing dams and establishment of comprehensive water utilization projects. The planning process has been changed in order to allow for public participation, and all new projects are now planned with due consideration of landscaping, reforestation, and recreation facilities for the public.

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