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In December 2015, the University of Washington hosted the RiverINFEWs workshop to explore the nexus between food, water, and energy systems (FEW) in the Mekong River Basin. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and in collaboration with Florida State University, the workshop brought together 40 scientists from eight countries across multiple disciplines with expertise in one or more aspect of the FEW system in the Mekong with the goal of identifying key emergent properties and future scientific questions in the context of sustainability.

*“The grand challenge of our time will be feeding and supplying energy to the planet while maintain some sort of semblance of ecosystem integrity and long-term sustainability. Many agencies now recognize this. Our goals for this workshop was to start getting on paper what we know and, more importantly, what we need to learn in order to implement lasting food, energy, and water sustainability in the world’s large river basins.”* Gordon Holtgrieve, project co-PI and workshop host.

Workshop outputs will include a white paper and journal article outlining unique features of FEW in large river systems, key unanswered scientific questions, and current capacity to address these questions.



More information can be found at the workshop [website](#) or by contacting the workshop PIs at the numbers below.

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