

<b>IHA PROTOCOL SECTION I - STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT</b>
Assesses the strategic basis for a hydropower project. This section of the Protocol can be used prior to and to inform the decision that there is a strategic basis to move forward with project preparation.
<b>IHA PROTOCOL SECTION II - HYDROPOWER PROJECT PREPARATION</b>
Assesses the preparation stage of a hydropower project during which investigations, planning and design are undertaken for all aspects of the project. This section of the Protocol can be used prior to and to inform the decision to move forward with project implementation.
<b>IHA PROTOCOL SECTION III - HYDROPOWER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION</b>
Assesses the implementation stage of a hydropower project during which construction, resettlement and other management plans and commitments are implemented. This section of the Protocol can be used prior to and to inform the decision to move forward with project commissioning.
<b>IHA PROTOCOL SECTION IV - HYDROPOWER FACILITY OPERATION</b>
Assesses the operation of a hydropower facility. This section of the Protocol can be used to inform the view that the facility is operating on a sustainable basis with active measures in place towards continuous improvement.