Water rights and rules

• Already exiting rules
• Accepted and practiced
• Part of official record and judiciary system
• Allocation and distribution
• Changing situation – disturb, influence, adjust
Factors influencing

• Changes in river passage due to climatic factors
• Relocation of diversion structures
• Political and government factors
• Modern irrigation structures
Sindh Spate Irrigation Management (traditional)
This is Anambar Weir, Balochistan (Pakistan)

What happened here?
This newly constructed weir interfered with the water rights of the downstream landowners.

Ultimately it was mutually agreed between upstream and downstream water users that the best course of action was to blow up the structure.
To avoid conflicts and powerplay

Water rights recorded in 1872 still used daily

In enforcing water rules it is often useful if this is done with the local government

Local tax official administers water distribution
• Needs careful consideration while planning
• Helping to settle rights among share holders
• Sharing the experiences of similar situation
• Capacity building
• Documenting the rights by stakeholders in order to institutionalise the rights and rules