**PLANNING A REHABILITATION ACTIVITY**

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**Comprehensive Manual for River Rehabilitation in South Africa**

Planning is an essential tool that enables effective rehabilitation interventions to be implemented

(Rutherford et al*.*2000). When planning is neglected or only superficially addressed, projects end failing to achieve the original intentions, or projects provide little benefit to society or the aspects

of ecosystem functioning they were meant to improve.

Many river restoration projects fail because of inadequate planning due to:

* Setting overly ambitious goals;
* Selecting inappropriate sites and techniques;
* Losing stakeholder motivation;
* Poor implementation of the selected rehabilitation activity; and
* Neglecting to monitor, assess, and document projects.

**PLANNING /ADAPTIVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CYCLE**

