

# Public Participation and RBO Function in Thailand

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Thailand started RBC in 1999

- Piloting 2 river basins

Now 29 RBC<sub>s</sub> are established

**Purposes:**

- Decentralization and giving stakeholders
  - development initiatives
  - decision
  - resources to work

# **Composition of RBCs**

- Government
- Society
- Private
- Academia

# **Mandate of RBCs**

- Setting policy on
- Planning for development projects
- Overall water allocation
- Conflict resolution

## **Benefit?**

- Toward river basin's water resources
  - By allowing local people to decide and work

## **Needs?**

- Facilitation
- The process for working together of all the parties concerned
- Scientific knowledge back-up

## **How to sustain?**

## **More needs**

Mutual perception in

- Shared purpose
- Coordinated actions
- Sharing of risk and benefit
- Openness and straightforward

Activities

- Networking and communication
- Platforms
- Projects mutually decided

# Bang Pakong Dialogue

Started in May 2003 by supporting of

- FAO
- UNEP
- Dialogue Secretariat at IWMI Columbo

Worked on creating platforms and network with BP-RBC and other societal



Figure 1. The Bang Pakong River Basin

## Bang Pakong Dialogue (Continued)

- From July 2004 - present supported by ABD's PDA
- Worked in collaboration with IWMI-SEA

### Work packages

- Water use scenario and allocation
- Capacity building for BP-RBC
- Awareness Raising and Promoting Involvement



## Water use scenario and allocation

- Create a decision support system for BP-RBC and others to understand more on the topic

## Capacity building for BP-RBC

- Training
- Study tour
- Joining NARBO's benchmarking

## Awareness Raising and Promoting Involvement

- Focus groups consultations
- Networking, communication, consultations
- Identify small localized projects and facilitate implementation

## Concurrence Activities

- Endorsing the river basin development plan in water resources
- Training
- Consultation platforms

## Conclusion

- Complementary two types of participation needs RBO capacity building