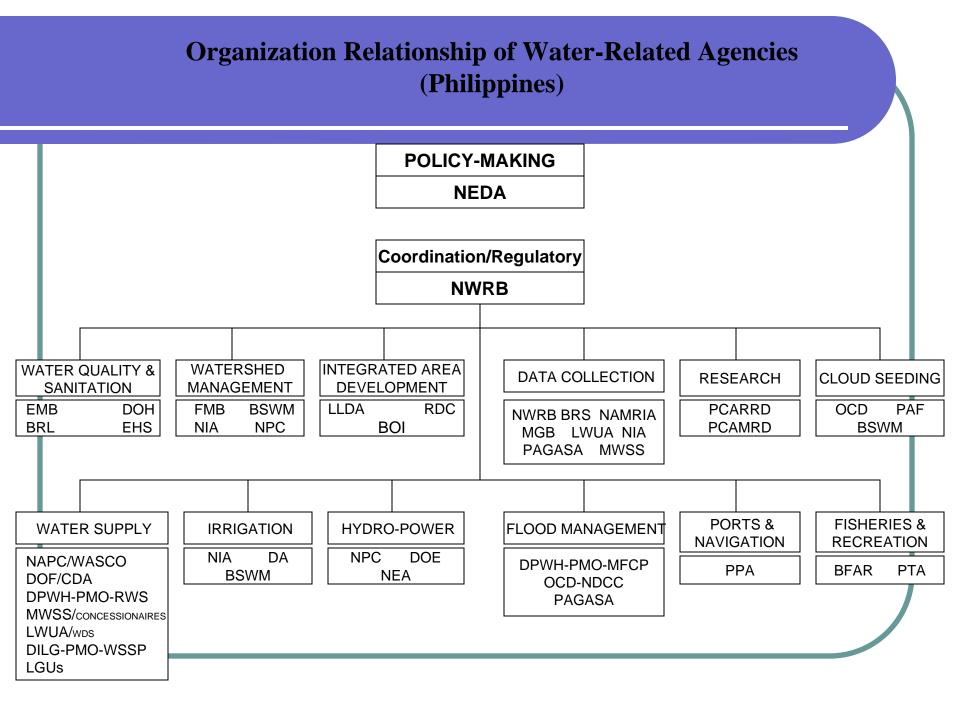
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

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PHILIPPINE WATER RESOURCES I. Ilocos II. Cagayan Valley Land area : 300,000 km² Annual Average rainfall : 2,400 mm III. Central Luzon The Philippines has: 12 water resources regions V. Bicol IV. Southern 421 principal river basins Tagalog 18 major river basins VIII. Eastern Visayas Surface water dependable water supply VI. Western (80% probability) - 125,790 MCM/year Visayas The recharge or extraction potential X. Northern VII. Central Visayas Mindanao of groundwater is estimated at 20,200 MCM/year IX. Southwestern Mindanao XI. XII. Southern Southeastern Mindanao

Mindanao

Water Resources Region Map

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ISSUES / PROBLEMS

- Fragmented water sector
- Lack of clarity/understanding of water issues

FRAGMENTED WATER SECTOR

 National Water Resources Board (NWRB)

 Coordination, integration of water resources development activities of the Philippines

32 government agencies

LACK OF CLARITY OR UNDERSTANDING ON WATER ISSUES

 Conflicting laws (Philippine Water Code, Provincial Water Utilities Act, Local Government Code, Indigenous Act

INTERVENTION / MEASURES

- Revise/amend conflicting provisions of existing laws
- Issuance of Executive Order by the President
- Memorandum of Agreement with Local Government Units (LGUs)
- Operationalizing the IWRM



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