Integrated Water Resources Management in Thailand

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General Information

- Total area 51
 average annual rainfall
 total volume of water 80

 (75%) evaporation, infiltration 59
 (25%) annual runoff 21

 population 62,27
 average water/population
 - UN standard
 - serious water shortage

512,870 km² 1,573 mm 804,372 M.m³ 590,949 M.m³ 213,423 M.m³ 62,270,000 3,427 m³/person <1,000 m³/person



Average annual runoff per capita in Southeast Asia

Surface water resources

Regions in Thailand	Catchment area	Average annual rainfall	Amount of rainfall	Amount of runoff
	(sq.km.)	(mm./year)	(mcm.)	(mcm.)
Northern	169,640	1,280	217,140	65,140
Central	30,130	1,270	38,270	7,650
Northeastern	168,840	1,460	246,500	36,680
Eastern	34,280	2,140	73,360	22,000
Western	39,840	1,520	60,560	18,170
Southern	70,140	2,340	164,130	49,240
Total	512,870	-	799,960	198,880

Groundwater Resources

- More than 200,000 groundwater well were undertaken by both government and private with total capacity of about 9.58 million m.³/day (3,500 million m.³/year)
- 75 % of domestic water is obtained from groundwater sources which can be served approximately 35 million of people in villages and urbans area
- Groundwater is mainly recharged by rainfall of about 101,171 million m.³ annually

Water Provision and Water Demand

Water Provision

- total runoff
- storage capacity (2005)
 - 650 large and medium scale projects 60,000 small scale

Water Demand

estimated water demand (2005) = 67,232 mcm

213,423 mcm 71,338 mcm



25 River Basins in Thailand



Water Provision and Water Demand:

Description of 25 River Basins in Thailand

		Δ	Channel	Land as a Discus					
lame of River Basin	Catchment Area (sq.km)	Average Runoff (mcm.)	Storage capacity (mcm.)	Area (rai)	Domestic Consumption	Tourism Industry	Ecological Balance	Irrigation Agriculture	Hydropower
Salawin	17 920	8,571	24.00	188 948 00	11 96	4 46	1 027 81	616 93	-
Mae Khong	57,422	19,362	1,551.00	1,692,333.00	132.57	1.98	1,145.69	4,323.33	_
Kok	7,895	5,279	30.00	520,767.00	14.90	0.43	680.00	401.39	-
Shi	49,477	8,752	4,246.00	1,863,173.00	195.17	49.62	573.33	3,052.82	2,156.00
Mun	69,700	26,655	4,255.00	1,819,785.00	337.88	94.30	956.63	2,628.85	591.30
Ping	33,898	7,965	14,107.00	1,942,927.00	75.26	1.00	457.27	2,428.20	3,623.00
Wang	10,791	1,104	197.00	472,350.00	20.21	1.00	48.00	487.42	45.00
Yom	23,616	3,117	98.00	994,205.00	53.87	0.08	315.36	859.13	-
Nan	34,330	9,158	9,619.00	1,780,637.00	66.29	0.32	315.36	2,870.80	2,583.00
Chao Phraya	20,125	22,015	33.00	5,731,375.00	1,594.40	646.05	1,250.00	8,768.59	-
Sakaekrang	5,191	1,297	162.00	436,410.00	8.62	-	3.35	878.75	-
Pasak	16,292	2,820	743.00	661,120.00	72.32	23.28	158.00	927.38	-
Thachin	13,682	22,300	416.00	2,385,259.00	94.94	310.25	1,000.00	4,292.11	-
Mae Klong	30,837	7,973	26,690.00	3,400,000.00	20.34	-	1,577.00	4,323.33	4,670.00
Prachinburi	10,481	5,192	57.00	733,862.00	8.08	2.78	377.00	838.32	-

Water Requirement (MCM./year)

Water Provision and Water Demand:

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lame of River Basin	Catchment Area (sq.km)	Average Runoff (mcm.)	capacity (mcm.)	Area (rai)	Domestic Consumption	Tourism 1 Industry	Ecological Balance	Irrigation Agriculture	Hydropowei
Bang Pakong Tonglesap East Coast Phetchaburi Prachuap Khiri Khan Coast	7,978 4,150 13,830 5,603 6,745	3,713 6,266 11,115 1,400 1,420	74.00 96.00 565.00 750.00 537.00	1,353,263.00 123,720.00 427,000.00 562,688.00 327,015.00	14.18 12.60 129.10 14.30 18.00	9.05 - 83.50 2.90 2.97	946.00 9.80 74.70 67.00 39.10	2,243.60 197.00 578.46 1,110.00 1,383.00	1.94 - 79.00 693.00 -
South East Coast Ta Pi Songkhla Lake Pattani South West Coast	26,353 12,225 8,495 3,858 21,172	23,270 12,513 4,896 2,738 25,540	5.00 5,865.00 28.00 1,420.00 20.00	1,780,481.00 245,970.00 905,550.00 337,878.00 339,273.00	56.40 25.90 56.45 31.20 53.20	8.70 10.00 37.50 2.44 18.90	161.70 3,085.20 312.00 670.80 74.80	1,129.10 144.60 2,994.70 441.11 253.00	2,577.00 2,596.00 - 1,152.00 -
TOTAL	512,066	244,431	71,388.00	31,025,989.00	3,118.14 <i>4.59</i> %	1,311.51 <i>1.93</i> %	15,325.90 <i>22.60</i> %	48,171.92 <i>70.90</i> %	20,767.24

Water Requirement (MCM /vear)

Problems Faced in Water Resources Management

National Level

- Policy and Plan
- Institutional Framework
- Budgeting
- Legal Framework
- Available Information

Problems Faced in Water Resources Management Basin Level

- Management Mechanism.
- Participation of stakeholders.
- Involvement of Stakeholders in the Development Process.
- Conflict management.
- Sense of Ownership and Sharing of Responsibility.

Strategic Planning and management Water Resources in Thailand

- National Level
 - National Vision & Policy
 - Arrangement at National Plan and Budget Allocation
 - Information network
 - Water law
 - Institutional Rearrangement

By the year 2025, Thailand will have sufficient water of good quality for all users through an efficient management, organizational and legal system that would ensure equitable and sustainable utilization of its water resources with due consideration on the quality of life and participation of all stakeholders.

Water Sector Budget







River Basin Committee

Composition	Proposed	Thatapao	Upper	Lowing	Pasak	
	Upper Mun		Ping	Ping		
(1) Agency	18	14	15	17	16	
(2) Water Users and	15	4	18	15	12	
Stakeholder						
(3) Local Administration	3	3	2	3	3	
(PAO, TAO)						
(4) NGO			2			
(5) Academic, researcher,	6	2	4	6	3	
independent scholar						
Total	42	23	41	41	34	

Integrated Basin Plan

» Integrated

- Development
- Allocation + Utilization
- Conservation
- Flood Mitigation
- Water Quality

» Participation

- Basin Organization
- Agencies Concerned

» Classification

- Structural + Non Structural
- Short term (5 yrs), Medium (10 yrs) and Long term (15 yrs)

Result of Integrated Basin Plan

- 1. Data base for Water Resources Management
 - General Characteristic of River Basin
 - Potential of Water Resources, Soil, Land use, Agriculture and Forest
 - Socioeconomic and Environment of people in River Basin
- 2. Integrated Basin Plan
 - Water Resource Development Plan
 - Water Resource Management Plan
 - Drought and Flood Mitigation Plan
 - Water Quality and Conservation Plan

Result of Integrated Basin Plan

- **3** Public Relation and Public Participation
 - Sub-committee of River Basin
 - Other Government Agency Concern
 - Local Organization
- 4 Capacity Building of the Local Organization
 - Public Relation
 - Meeting with Working Group and Seminar
 - Training on Planning Process
- 5 Water Resources Management Model
 - Mike Basin

Challenge facing water development and Management project in Thailand

- 1. Water Resources Development
 - Increase of Storage Capacity
 - Rainfed Area Development
 - Groundwater Development
 - Rehabilitation and Modernization of the Irrigation Project
 - Upper Watershed Development
- 2. Water Resources Management
 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 - Policy issues in the economical use of water
 - The Draft Water Resources Law