

Final Outcome of the Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights

Material (1) - Issue (1)

Country Name: Thailand

Name of Organization: Department of Water Resources

The issue you selected	Water can be accessed openly and freely when it flows in natural waterway, no regulation abided by law for its uses.
Please describe the bad impact or real trouble derived from the issue (Concrete Example)	Water uses in different sectors and at different areas can cause conflict to users especially when demand increased. Even in irrigated area where operation to control water existed in form of various facilities, in dry season conflict of water use among farmers still exists.
Causes of the issues	No water law to regulate water use; Lack of social process to cope with conflict that may arise from water uses;
Proposal (1)	Consultations and dialogue with stakeholders concerned to create a social process that prevent and mediate conflicts.
Proposal (2)	In realization of what rules and regulations are needed then an appropriate law for regulation of water uses can be properly issued. Water right study is included in this proposal.
Proposal (3)	
Remarks	Time is needed for such a process because it is a time consuming activity and then piloting case of small sub-basin to test the process is an important factor to success because too large an area may not easily get an achievement.

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Material (1) - Issue (2)

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**Name of Organization: Department of
Water Resources**

The issue you selected	Between government sector and people sector there is no data set of water use that will convey to a mutual decision in allocating water.
Please describe the bad impact or real trouble derived from the issue (Concrete Example)	Water allocation needs cooperation between government and people to jointly make a decision following with an implementation. When mutually accepted data of water used is not in place, an effective decision in water allocation cannot be made.
Causes of the issues	Data of water uses is always a projection one and it was estimated at the river basin level. This data is quite far from understanding of people sector. Therefore, when considering the scenario of water uses there is a lack of acceptance from the stakeholder groups (mostly from the RBO) that attended the workshops.
Proposal (1)	Collection of water uses data at the community level for sharing between public and people sector which will lead to a decision made.
Proposal (2)	Sharing of the other water resources information including knowledge in relevant fields which are hydrology, socio-economic, and environmental sciences at the level of river basin particularly with RBO.
Proposal (3)	
Remarks	

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Material (2) - Proposal (1)-1 (For Issue (1))

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Name of Organization : Department of Water Resources

The issue you selected	Water can be accessed openly and freely when it flows in natural waterway, no regulation abided by law for its uses.					
Proposal 1	Consultations and dialogue with stakeholders concerned to create a social process that prevent and mediate conflicts.					
How to realize the above proposal?(Procedures/Processes for your proposal)	<p>a) Stakeholders identification in a pilot sub-basin;</p> <p>b) Small group consultations in order to identify common interest and create sense of belonging that water resources must be managed by local people with technical support from the public/government sector;</p> <p>c) Workshops between small sub-areas that has connectivity;</p> <p>d) Strategy of the river basin should be formulated by the people themselves;</p> <p>e) Coordination between public sector and people sector must be well defined and practiced as there are numerous especially when it is up-scaling;</p>					
Evaluation (1) from the viewpoint of effectiveness (Expected Impact/Outcome)	Local people will be a unit of managing water and this will help solving water problems particularly conflict of uses at the smallest unit; One important factor is linkage of many small units must be formulated in order to tackle to the problem at the river basin which will create an effective way of solving the problems.					
Evaluation (2) from the viewpoint of feasibility (For example, financial, technical or administrative feasibility)	To be feasible in term of personnel and managerial skill restriction it is suggested to select only some core groups to be involved in the first place; Financial should not be a restriction because this kind of proposal will not use much money; Knowledge in relevant fields which are hydrology, socio-economic, and environmental sciences is in fact a very important factor and such an interdisciplinary knowledge is usually lack in one organization alone. Restriction in this area should be considered and solved through networking of resources persons.					
Evaluation (3) from the viewpoint of sustainability(Your proposal is sustainable from financial, technical or other viewpoints?)	To be sustainable there is a need to provide continuity of technical support to the activities. Knowledgeable persons should be involved in planning and act as facilitators in each consultations and local people should be identified as change agents who will coordinate the proposal. The proposal is purely related to an interface between human being and knowledge which is a continuous process that must be promoted throughout the project lifetime.					
Implementation Agenda	Items in procedure processes	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Selecting a pilot sub-basin	—				
	Stakeholders identification	—————				
	Small group consultations		—————	—————	—————	
	Workshops to link with the river basin			—————	—————	
	Formulation of water strategy at the river basin				—————	
Difficulty in Implementation of your proposal	Acceptance from public/government sector as a measure to alleviate conflicts of water uses. This may hamper an expansion of using this method.					
Other Related Organizations	Royal Irrigation Department, other public sector offices, organized civil societies, and local people.					

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Material (2) - Proposal (1)-2 (For Issue (1))

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Name of Organization : Department of Water Resources

The issue you selected	Water can be accessed openly and freely when it flows in natural waterway, no regulation abided by law for its uses.					
Proposal 2	In realization of what rules and regulations are needed then an appropriate law for regulation of water uses can be properly issued. Water right study is included in this proposal.					
How to realize the above proposal? (Procedures/Processes for your proposal)	Issuing law is out of control because it depends on the parliament then it is appropriate to try the regulation issuing in the pilot case. After consultations and analyzing the components of water allocation in the pilot case, regulations for working out the allocation process will be discussed and identified. If they are from the consultations and socially accepted, then it can be practiced in the pilot case and the process should be expanded in the other sub basins throughout the river basins.					
Evaluation (1) from the viewpoint of effectiveness (Expected Impact/Outcome)	Regulations on water uses are in place to help the process of allocation be smoothly implemented. And an introduction to water right starts in the pilot case.					
Evaluation (2) from the viewpoint of feasibility (For example, financial, technical or administrative feasibility)	If proposal 1 carries out well enough then this proposal can be combined into its content and it is feasible when there is sufficient support in term of knowledgeable resource persons and technical support staff. However, it can be emphasized in a selected area where it is chosen to be a pilot case.					
Evaluation (3) from the viewpoint of sustainability (Your proposal is sustainable from financial, technical or other viewpoints?)	Factors that will contribute to its sustainability are the same with proposal 1. And in this proposal a personnel of an important area that is needed is the one who is familiar with conflict resolution and the technique should be learned among local people in order to become facilitators on their own.					
Implementation Agenda	Items in procedures/processes	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Selecting a pilot sub-basin	_____				
	Consultations on allocation using acceptable data	_____	_____			
	Preparing regulations that are mutually accepted		_____	_____	_____	
	Expanding the same process to the other sub basins				_____	_____
Difficulty in Implementation of your proposal	Acceptance from public/government sector as a measure to alleviate conflicts of water uses. This may hamper an expansion of using this method.					
Other Related Organizations	Royal Irrigation Department, other public sector offices, organized civil societies, and local people.					

Discussion Material (2) – For Each Proposal
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Material (2) - Proposal (2)-1 (For Issue(2))

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Name of Organization : Department of Water Resources

The issue you selected	Between government sector and people sector there is no data set of water use that will convey to a mutual decision in allocating water.					
Proposal	Collection of water uses data at the community level for sharing between public and people sector which will lead to a decision made.					
How to realize the above proposal? (Procedures/Processes for your proposal)	a) Formulation of a format for data collection; b) Selecting a pilot case in a sub-basin; c) Assigning work among public-people sectors; d) Collection of data of water use; e) Consultations to analyze the data among villagers concerned; f) Involving industry into the process of data collection; g) Create water use scenarios for a decision to be made; h) Expand the same procedure to the other sub-basin.					
Evaluation (1) from the viewpoint of effectiveness (Expected Impact/Outcome)	Water use either in natural and man-made source will be realized and hence it will be easier to raise awareness for involvement of people in sharing water through an allocation process. All other instruments for example regulations, a model for decision making, an economic tool, and etc. will be defined and tested.					
Evaluation (2) from the viewpoint of feasibility (For example, financial, technical or administrative feasibility)	Coordination of various agencies concerned including non-governmental organization and local people to cooperate in the process is an important factor for carrying on the project. In this regard, financial support from government agencies and other organizations is needed and technical content to facilitate such cooperation must be provided from the government agencies concerned, in this case they are DWR, RID, and academic institutes.					
Evaluation (3) from the viewpoint of sustainability (Your proposal is sustainable from financial, technical or other)	After data collected then data analyzing and data system for local people to access is needed in order to be sustained.					
Implementation Agenda	Items in procedures/processes	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Formulation of a format for data collection	—				
	Selecting a pilot sub-basin	—				
	Assigning work among public-people sectors	—				
	Collection of data of water consultations to analyze the data among villagers	—				
	involving industry into the process of data					
	Expand same procedure to other sub-basin			—	—	
	Create water use scenarios			—	—	
Difficulty in Implementation of your proposal	Coordination of various agencies concerned including non-governmental organization to cooperate in the process is one of the difficulty foreseen.					
Other Related Organizations	Royal Irrigation Department, other public setor offices, orgnized civil societies, and local people.					

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Material (2) - Proposal (2)-2 (For Issue(2))

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The issue you selected	Between government sector and people sector there is no data set of water use that will convey to a mutual decision in allocating water.					
Proposal	Sharing of the other water resources information including knowledge in relevant fields which are hydrology, socio-economic, and environmental sciences at the level of river basin particularly with RBO.					
How to realize the above proposal? (Procedures/Processes for your proposal)	a) Gathering experts in related various fields; b) Consultations to exchange information and dissemination of knowledge; c) Identifying topics that will be presented and exchanged viewpoints; d) Study tour and exchanging knowledge and experiences; e) Reporting of knowledge concerned.					
Evaluation (1) from the viewpoint of effectiveness (Expected Impact/Outcome)	There is civil society that has knowledge in water resources and can use it to help managing the resources.					
Evaluation (2) from the viewpoint of feasibility (For example, financial, technical or administrative feasibility)	Need budget for dissemination of knowledge and also personnel who will concentrate in working in this area for the basin selected. There is the responsible Bureau in DWR but it has to work for the whole country and cannot concentrate in any of the basin for a concrete achievement.					
Evaluation (3) from the viewpoint of sustainability (Your proposal is sustainable from financial, technical or other viewpoints?)	The problem of sustainability is crucial. There is the responsible Bureau in DWR but it has to work for the whole country and cannot concentrate in any of the basin for a concrete achievement.					
Implementation Age	Items in procedures/processes	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Gathering experts in related various fields	_____				
	Consultations to exchange information and dissemination of knowledge	_____	_____			
	Identifying topics that will be presented and exchanged viewpoints	_____	_____			
	Study tour and exchanging knowledge and experiences			_____	_____	
	Reporting of knowledge					
Difficulty in Implementation of your proposal	To find a multidisciplinary knowledge in one or two persons is difficult. In order to implement this it has to find a pool of people to work together. And in working process like this one cannot depend on the consultant hired. It has to be done by the agency itself with knowledge partners.					
Other Related Orga	Royal Irrigation Department, other public sector offices, organized civil societies, and local people.					