

Member's Annual Report 2008

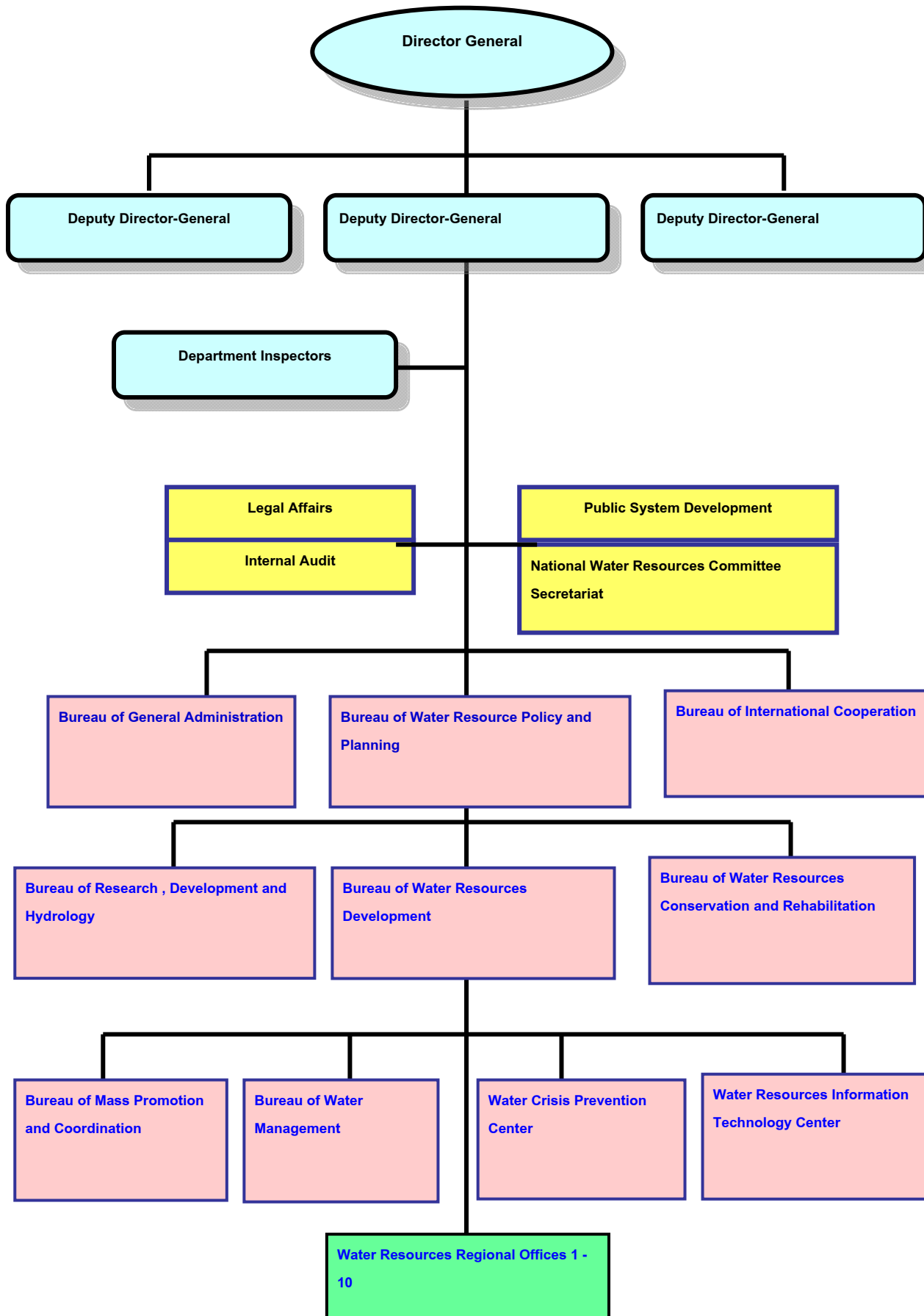
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1. About the organization

- (1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office
Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
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- (2) The representative of the organization
Representative: Mr.Kasemsun Chinnavaso
Director General, Department of Water Resources
- (3) Purposes and roles of your organization
 - a) Historical background of the organization
Department of Water Resources as the core organization in water resources management in Thailand was established on 3 December 2002 under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, conforming to the Bureaucratic Reform Act 2002.
 - b) Purposes and roles of the organization
Department of Water Resources is aimed at managing integrated water resources in the river basin system by encouraging participation from all sectors with effectiveness, equity and sustainability. Its responsibilities are as follows:
 1. To be the core agency in proposing policy, master plan, and measures for water resources management, development, rehabilitation, utilization and problem solving as well as directing and coordinating the implementation;
 2. To set guidelines on preparation of action plans for water resources management, development, conservation and rehabilitation, with emphasis on public participation;
 3. To study, conduct research, survey, develop, conserve and rehabilitate water resources;
 4. To monitor and evaluate water resources management in accordance with the policy, master plans, action plans and measures specified for national and basin levels;
 5. To develop database and information network systems pertaining to water resources;
 6. To specify or recommend amendments or additions to laws, rules and regulations relating to the management of the country's water resources;
 7. To promote, disseminate, publicize, and transfer water-related technology including campaigns to build awareness and understanding among various organizations and stakeholders to fully realize the importance of water resources;
 8. To coordinate with other countries and international organizations in relation to water resources;
 9. To promote and provide technical support and advice on standards and legislation in relation to water resources management to government agencies and local authorities; and
 10. To carry out other duties as stipulated by law or assigned by the Ministry or the Cabinet.
- (4) Outline of the organization
 - a) Number of staff
2,543 persons (30 December 2008)
 - b) Amount of the annual budget in 2008
Approximately 2,584 Million Bath

c) Organizational chart



- d) Ongoing projects
 - Installation of Early Warning System in flood-landslide prone areas in steep mountainous and slope areas
 - Improvement and rehabilitation of water sources by dredging existing shallow water sources
 - Improvement of water infrastructures (reservoirs, overflow weir, and distribution system)
 - Operation of water supply concession
 - Capacity building and participation promotion in water resources management

- e) Main events in 2008
 - Arranging the exhibition and activities of Thailand in Expo Zaragoza 2008 organized by the Government of Spain at Zaragoza, Spain
 - Holding seminar to celebration the World Water Day in cooperation with the United Nations
 - National Day of River and Canal Conservation and Development 2008
 - Assistance to the flood victims in Lop Buri, Nan and Prachin Buri provinces

2. About NARBO activity

- (1) The contact person and organization's web-site
 - a) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

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 - b) The organization's web-site URL (English and local language respectively)

www.dwr.go.th

- (2) Activities your organization implemented in 2008 as the member
 - Hosting the 4th Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures in Bangkok, Thailand

- (3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2009
 - a) Your organization's resolutions
 - To support and participate in NARBO's workshops, meetings and other activities.
 - b) Expectations of NARBO activities
 - Providing of knowledge and best practices in water resources management.
 - Supporting of new technologies in water resources management.
 - Development of NARBO members' staff involved in water resources management and related fields.

3. Questions to RBO members

- (1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2008
 - Participatory Water Resources Management

- (2) The way in which your organization was able to do so
- Establishment of River Basin Committees (RBCs), water user groups and related water networks
 - Provision of knowledge, technologies, budget, staff, and experiences to RBC and other related stakeholders in the river basins
 - Formulation of river basin plans, monitoring water situations, collecting water data, and implementation of other water related tasks in the river basins by people's participation
 - Organizing workshops, meetings, dialogues, and public hearings for participatory decision on projects undertaken in the river basin by the Department of Water Resources
- (3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization
- Support for training of water resources management or scholarship programs as well as transferring of technology, information, experience and knowledge related to water resources management