

THE REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007

1. Introduction of the organization:

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The history of the organization:

River Basin Planning Management Office was founded under the Decision Numbered 13/2004/QĐ-BNN-TCCB, dated April, 8th, 2004 on Formation River Basin Planning Management Office by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. River Basin Planning and Management Office is under Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and carries out permanent operations and management of river basin management offices in Vietnam, including:

- + organization and collaboration with basins' local ministries and industries to implement tasks of river basin planning and management offices all over Vietnam,
- + Gathering of petitions on settling water source disputes in our country's river basins,
- + Regular supervision of and report on river basin management efforts.
- + Consultancy and cooperation with international organizations in planning Vietnam's river basins.

+ Collaboration with river basin planning and management board offices in preparing contents and programmes for meetings, conferences and seminars held by River basin management and planning management board and finalizing regular reports at the request of Head of River basin management and planning management board.

+ Collaboration with relevant agencies and units in planning, estimating and distributing annual operation budget for river basin planning and management boards.

For the last three years of its operation, the river basin planning and management office has made a big contribution to improvement of effectiveness of Vietnam's river basin planning and management boards.

In 2007, the river basin planning and management office with the budget of 250,000,000 VND had 6 specialists in charge of office work.

The river basin planning and management office's main operations in 2007 is as follows:

* To support river basin organizations such as the river basin planning and management board of the Hong – Thai Binh river and the river basin planning and management sub-board of the Cau river for their more effective performance.

+ To join in managing the Hong river basin project in the second phase of ADB3.

+ To popularize Vietnam's river basin management efforts through regional conferences and leaflets.

+ To preside over and collaborate with other river basin organizations in Vietnam in research on, establishment of and supervision of the yearly river system's water quality in the basins for river management, for example, water

quality supervision of the Hong – Thai Binh river, the Cuu Long river and Vietnam-based Mekong river.

+ To preside over construction and to supervise changes of riverbeds of big rivers such as the Hong – Thai Binh river, the Dong Nai river and the Cuu Long river.

+ To set up and compile the file of Vietnam’s big river basins for the river basin management board’s reference and propagation of Vietnam’s river basin management to the world.

2. Participation into NARBO’s operations:

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2.2. The office’s operations as a NARBO member:

In 2007, as a NARBO member, River Basin Planning and Management Office participated into all Narbo’s operations, as follows:

+ To collaborate with the Secretariat in building Twinning Program.

+ To attend the conference on “NARBO Symposium on Catalyzing IWRM investment in Asia-Pacific Region” held in Beppu, Japan from December, 1st, 2007.

+To attend the conference on “The 3rd Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructure’s held in Sri Lanka, on 12-16 December 2007 .

+ To attend the conference on “First Thematic Workshop in Asian country on water related disaster & its management” held in Indonesia from 25th to 29th, November, 2007

+ To collaborate with NARBO Secretariat to successfully hold the conference on “The 1st Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures” held in Vietnam from 11th to 14th, June, 2007.

+ To collaborate with Hong River Planning Management Board for preparation for the conference on “The Last Performance Benchmarking Pilot and Peer Review of the RRBO” held in Hanoi, from 12th to 15th, June, 2007.

2.3 Operations in 2008:

As a NARBO member, River Basin Planning and Management Office will enthusiastically participate into NARBO’s operations in 2008.

River Basin Planning and Management is looking forward to NARBO’s efforts including further exchange of river basin and water resource management-related information and experience sharing among its members through conferences; capability improvement for NARBO members including Vietnam; conferences on adaptation to climate changes and poverty; implementation of Twinning programme attended by 3 officers from Water Resource Department to learn river basin management experiences from Japan; further exchange of river basin management experiences in such countries with effective river basin organizations as China; and further domestic and international propagation of river basin management efforts.