

Dong Nai RBO Annual Report 2007

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1. About the organization

(1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office

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(2) The representative of the organization

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Head of the DNRBO Office

(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

The Dong Nai river basin comprises the catchments of the Dong Nai, Song Be, Sai Gon, and Vam Co Dong rivers. After the Mekong and Red River basins, the Dong Nai river basin is the largest basin in Vietnam. The total catchment area is in the region of 50,075 square kilometers of which some four percent lies outside the national boundary in Cambodia. The basin represents over 14 percent of the land area of Vietnam and is shared by ten provinces and by Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest conurbation. Although not strictly within the basin, three further provinces to the south-west of the coastal mountain range are considered to be included in the planning area of the Dong Nai river basin.

The basin includes 10 provinces and Ho Chi Minh City with the population in 2006 of 16 million people. The DNRB is highly developed, with a relatively low share of agricultural GDP, relatively high income per capita, and a high population density, compared with other regions in Vietnam. It accounts for slightly more than half of total industrial GDP in Vietnam. Industrial production is concentrated in the Southern focus economic zone.

The Dong Nai River Basin Organization (DNRBO) is a non-profit body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam. The DNRBO was established on April 9, 2001 according to the Decision No. 38/2001 by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam to implement river basin planning management in the river basin pursuant to Article 64 of the Law on Water Resources. Being under MARD, the RBO is an advisory forum associated with State Management of Water Resources. Its working environment includes government agencies that play a

role in this State Management.

The Office of DNRBO officially put into operation since April 2004 when the Regulations on Organization and Operation of the office of RBOs in Vietnam was issued.

Office of the DNRBO is based at the Southern Institute for Water Resources Planning (SIWRP) at 271/3 An Duong Vuong St, District 5th, Ho Chi minh City. Dr. To Van Truong- Director of SIWRP is also Head of the Office of DNRBO. The Office of DNRBO has the secretariat board with 5 members.

b) Purposes and roles of the organization

As part of the implementation of the LWR, the DNRBO was established by Decision No.38. Under that Decision, the DNRBO's mandate is to:

- i) develop river basin plans, submit for approval and monitor the implementation; ensure the coordination between integrated planning management and section administration;
- ii) coordinate related agencies, Ministries, sectors and provinces in basic investigation; water resources inventory and assessment; development, submission for approval and monitoring of the implementation of plans for sub-basins under the Dong Nai River; and
- iii) recommend solutions for disputes over water resources in the Dong Nai River basin;

(4) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

RRBO comprises 30 members, including:

- Chairman: Pro.Dr. Dao Xuan Hoc, Vice Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD);
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Vu Van Thang, Director of Water Resources Department (MARD) and a Director of the Department of Water Resources Management of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE);
- and regular members.

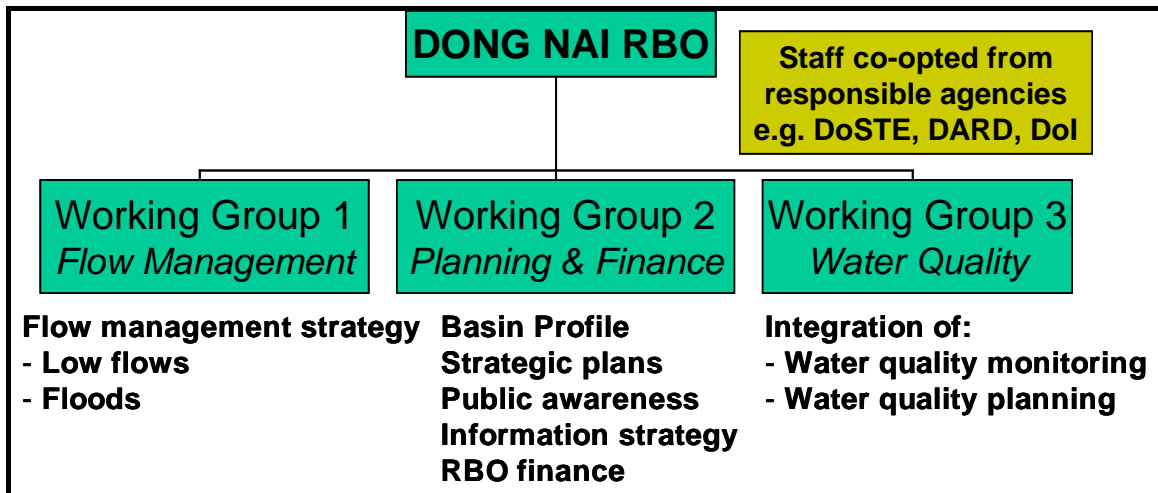
Members are directors of relevant Departments under MARD, directors of provincial Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARDs) in the Dong Nai river basin, and directors of relevant departments of ministries of Natural Resources and Environment, Industries, Fishery, Construction, Transport, Health, National Defense, and General Center of Hydro-meteorology.

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2007

Funds for operation of RRBO Office are provided from the State budget upon approval

by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). In 2007, total operation funds provided to the DNRBO were VND 210 million, equivalent to approximately US\$13,200. The funds were just for regular operation of the Office. Funds to implement planning projects are from various sources including central budget, provincial budget, and others.

3) Organizational chart



4) Ongoing projects

- Integrated Water Resources Uses Planning in Dong Nai River Basin,
- Review the Water Resources Planning for Lam Dong Province,
- Review of the Water Resources Plan for Bac Hung Hai hydraulic scheme,
- Water Resources Planning for Ninh Binh province.

(5) Main events in 2007

- Completion of an important project on Water Resources Management Planning for Dong Nai river basin;
- Field visits of the secretaries of the Office of DNRBO to all the provinces located in river basin as a regular activity to member provinces.
- Organize the workshop to determine the main problems for all the stake holder in the river basin;
- Co-operate with MARD in finding solutions for inundated prevention for Ho Chi Minh City;

2. About NARBO activity

(1) The contact person and organization's web-site

1) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

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

www.siwrp.org.vn

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2007 as the member

No action!

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2008

1) Your organization's resolutions

- Participate in NARBO activities,
- Providing resource persons for NARBO thematic workshops.

2) Expectations of NARBO activities

- Advanced training course on river IWRM and related topics for the RRBO Office and its members.
- Experience exchange among RBOs to strengthen cooperation and its self capacity.

3. Questions to RBO members

(1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2007

In year 2007, DNRBO has first time applied the Water Resources Management Planning in Dong Nai river basin.

(2) The way in which your organization was able to do so

DNRBO has applied the new approach of IWRM on water management in planning process.

(3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization