

Red-Thai Binh RBO Annual Report 2009

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1. About the organization

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

Red – Thai Binh River Basin Organization (RRBO)

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Vietnam

(2) The representative of the organization

<Please write the name and position of the representative>

Dr. To Trung Nghia – Director of Institute of Water Resources Planning

Head of the RRBO Office

(Note: Dr. To Trung Nghia, Director of the Institute, Head of the RRBO Office is retired from March 1, 2010, M.E Bui Nam Sach replaces him to be Director of the Institute cum Head of the RRBO Office)

(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

Red-Thai Binh River system is the second biggest river system of Vietnam. The river originates in China and runs through Laos and Vietnam before merging into the East sea. Total river basin area is 169,020 km² including 81,240 (48%) km² in China territory, 1,100 km² (0.65%) in Laos territory, and 86,660 km² (51.35%) in Vietnam territory. In terms of hydrology, the basin consists of 5 sub-basins of Lo - Gam, Thao, Da, Thai Binh and Red rivers. Administratively, the Red River basin covers 25 provinces with a population of 25 million people (in 2008).

The Red River Basin Organization (RRBO) is a non-profit body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam. The RRBO was established on April 9, 2001 according to the Decision No. 39/2001 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.

The RRBO officially put into operation since April 2004 when the Regulations on Organization and Operation was issued. Dr. Pham Hong Giang, former Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development was the first Chairman of the RRBO and the current

Chairman is Prof. Dr. Dao Xuan Hoc, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Office of the RRBO is based at the Institute of Water Resources Planning (IWARP) at 162A Tran Quang Khai Street, Hanoi. Dr. To Trung Nghia - Director of IWARP is also Head of the Office.

There are 2 sub-RBOs under the RRBO: Day Sub-RBO and Cau Sub-RBO. Day Sub-RBO (with 6 member provinces) was formed on December 1, 2005, in accordance with Decision 3365/QD-BNN/TCCB signed by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. Cau Sub-RBO (with 7 member provinces) was formed on May 11, 2006, in accordance with Decision 1363/QD-BNN/TCCB signed by Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

b) Purposes and roles of the organization

RRBO was set up to implement water resources planning management in Red-Thai Binh river basin in conformity with Article 64 of the Law on Water Resources. Its tasks are to:

- Prepare and submit for approval the Red – Thai Binh River Basin Plan and monitor its implementation to ensure consistent management of the river basin plan with the administrative boundary;
- Coordinate with relevant Ministerial, sectoral and local agencies in baseline water resources investigation, inventory preparation and assessment of the Red – Thai Binh and in preparing, submitting for approval, and monitoring the implementation of river basin plans for tributaries of the Red – Thai Binh system;
- Propose resolution for water resources disputes in the Red–Thai Binh River Basin.

(4) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

RRBO comprises 50 members, including:

- Chairman: Prof. Dr. Dao Xuan Hoc, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- 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 46 regular members.

Members are directors of relevant Departments under MARD, directors of provincial Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARDs) in the Red-Thai Binh river

basin, and directors of relevant departments of ministries of Natural Resources and Environment, Industries, Fishery, Construction, Transport, Health, National Defense, and General Services of Hydro-meteorology.

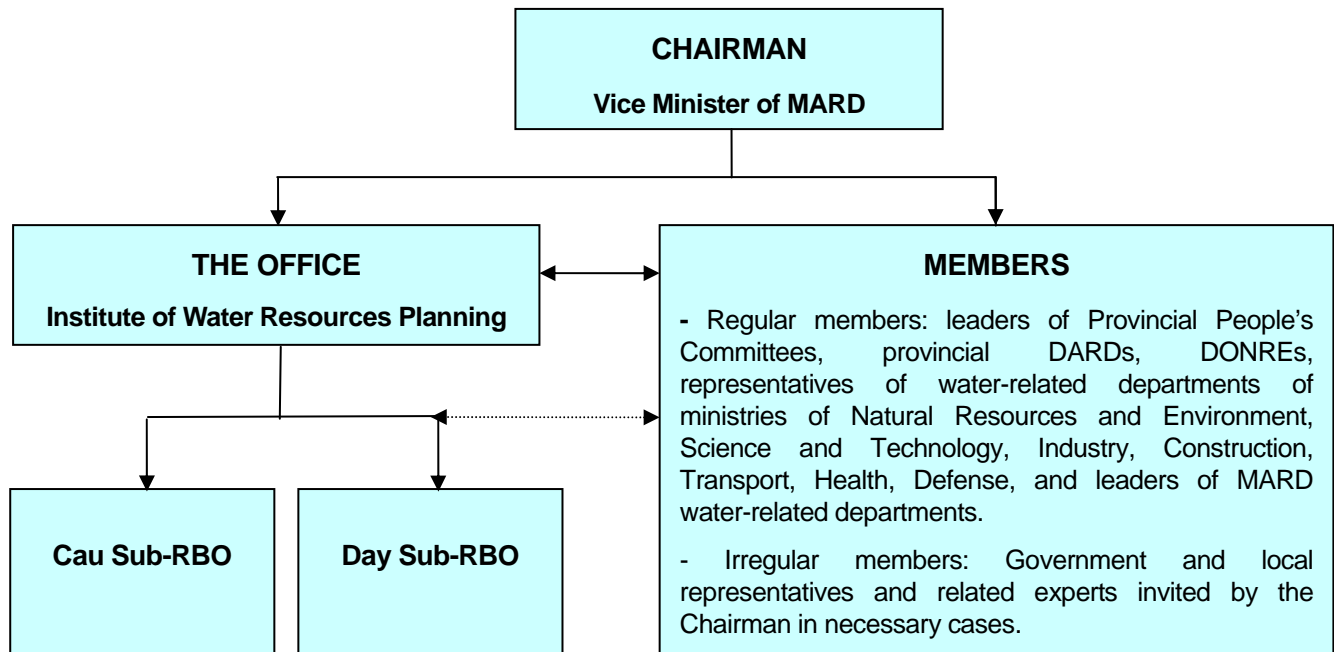
At the RRBO Office, there are 10 officers of IWARP working part-time to run daily operation

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2009

Funds for operation of RRBO Office are provided from the State budget upon approval by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). In 2009, total operation funds provided to the RRBO were VND 700,000 million, equivalent to approximately US\$ 40,000 (including VND 524,650 or US\$ 30,000 for the RRBO Office, VND 88,390 million or US\$5,050 for Day Sub-RBO; VND 86,96 million or US\$4,950 for Cau Sub-RBO). 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

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4) Ongoing projects

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- Continue the finalization of the project on Integrated Water Resources Planning for Red – Thai Binh river basin to submit to the Prime Minister for approval
- Implement projects on Water Resources Plan for Day – Nhue rivers, water resources planning for Bac Duong irrigation and drainage scheme, flood control planning for Day river basin, etc.

(5) Main events in 2009

<Please write about the main events which were held in 2009 which your organization involved in>

- Field visits to 6 provinces in the basin, namely Phu Tho, Tuyen Quang, Ha Giang (in June), Lai Chau, Dien Bien and Son La (in November) as a regular activity to member provinces to grasp information on water resources management serving economic development, constraints in water resources river management, water-related disasters, investment portfolio in hydraulic works in 2009 and further of the provinces.
- Coordination with Water Resources Department and Department for Dike Management and Flood Control (MARD) in flood control activities (regular duty during June 15 - September 15 for flood forecast) and regulation of multipurpose reservoirs such as Hoa Binh, Thac Ba and Tuyen Quang. RRBO Office sent missions to Ha Nam, Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Bac Kan, Ha Giang, Cao Bang, and Lang Son provinces for inspection of rehabilitation and improvement of dike systems.
- Leading and coordination with the two sub-RBOs in making water resources management plans at sub-basin level.
- Study visit to Department of Water Resources and Bang Pakong river basin (Thailand) to learn experiences in river basin management.
- Gathering comments of members on functions and responsibilities of the RRBO.
- Issuing quarterly newsletters (issues Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24) to inform activities of the RRBO as well as new relevant water-related regulations and provisions, and NARBO activities;
- Keeping the RRBO website updated to provide relevant information and facilitate information exchange among members and provinces;

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 website URL (English and local language respectively)

www.rrbo.org.vn (for both English and Vietnamese)

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2009 as the member

- Nominate two participants (Ms. Nguyen Thuy Hang and Ms. Vo Thi Thu Thuong) to attend the 5th NARBO IWRM training in Vietnam (February 2009),
- Submit the RRBO annual report 2008 (March 2009)
- Nominate a participant (Mr. Le Hong Tuan) to attend the CRBOM launching workshop in Indonesia (April 2009)
- Nominate a speaker (Ms. Nguyen Thuy Hang) for the 6th NARBO IWRM training in Vietnam (December 2009).