



# **Network of Asian River Basin Organizations**

### **NARBO**

NARBO is the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations. Announced at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003, NARBO was officially established in February 2004 to promote integrated water resources management (IWRM) in monsoon areas of Asia.

The goal of NARBO is to help achieve IWRM in river basins throughout Asia. The objective of NARBO is to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of RBOs in promoting IWRM and improving water governance, through training and exchange of information and experiences among RBOs and their associated water sector agencies and knowledge partner organizations.staff from organizations who fund RBO activities.

## Relationship between NARBO and IWC

NARBO invited International WaterCentre to become the Training Director of the 5th NARBO Training program Keys for Success with IWRM because it believes the IWC, the Regional Water Knowledge Hub for Healthy Rivers and Ecosystems, has the necessary experience and capacity to deliver training on integrated water resource management. As a joint venture of four leading Australian universities and partner of International Riverfoundation and Healthy Waterways Partnership, IWC is ideally positioned to develop and deliver programs involving leading academics and accomplished professionals in water management.

Training Program participants will review a case study of the Vu Gia-Thu Bon river basin. Participants will discuss a wide variety issues including flooding, hydropower, bio-diversity, land use, water allocation, coastal management and others – issues that are complex, inter-related and common to many river basins throughout Asia. The event will be a great opportunity for learning and networking while working towards NARBO goals and objectives.

### International WaterCentre

### **IWC**

International WaterCentre (IWC) is the business centre for building international capacity in integrated water management.

IWC undertakes education, training, research and consulting activities to promote whole-of-water cycle approaches to water management. IWC is a joint venture of University of Queensland, Griffith University, Monash University and the University of Western Australia.

IWC aims to be a leader in promoting new ways of thinking about water management, consciously encouraging people to acknowledge the multi-dimensional nature of future water challenges and the critical role culture, politics and society have in shaping solutions. Recognizing that water management requires experts from fields as diverse as sociology, science, economics and engineering, IWC brings together specialists from its four Australian universities and other knowledge partners to tackle water problems through interdisciplinary solutions.

