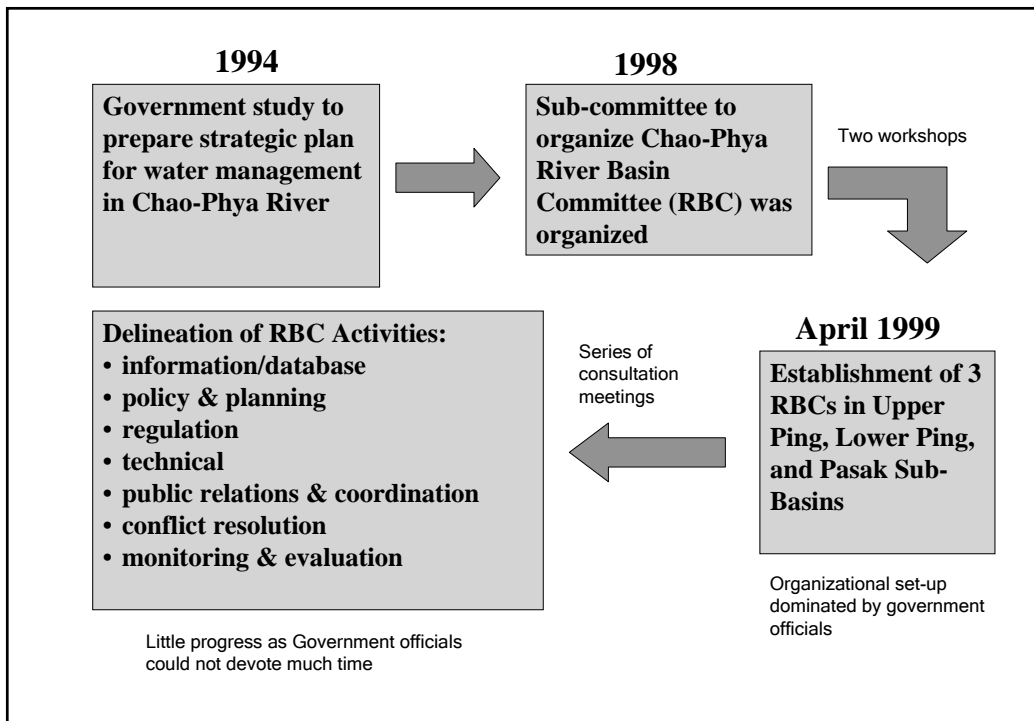
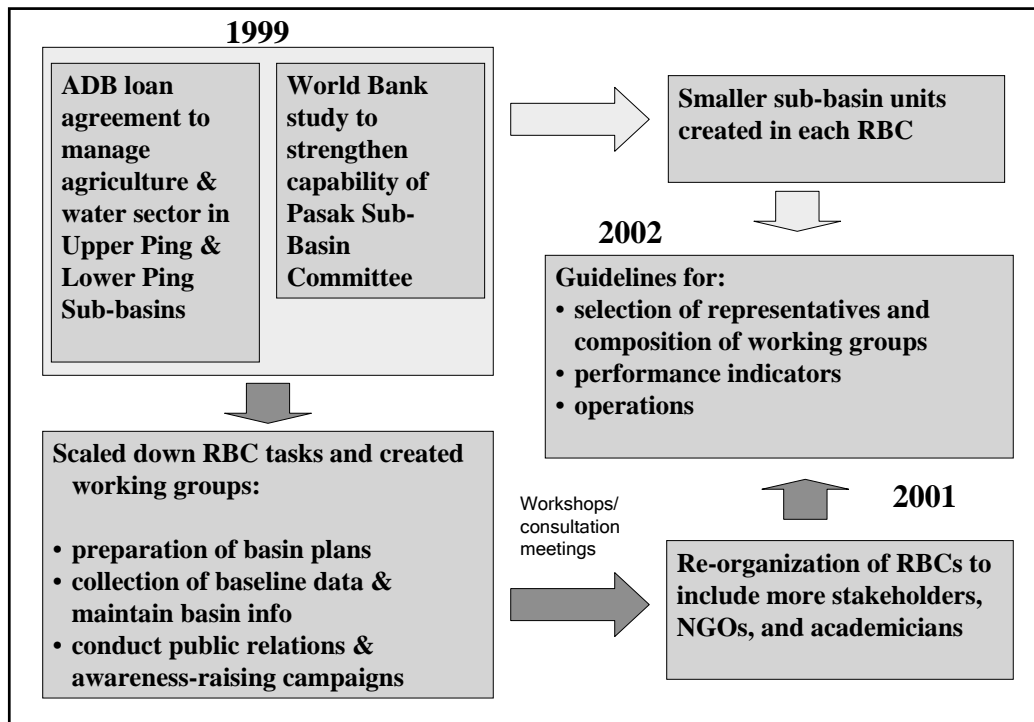


# Evolving Participatory Process of River Basin Management in Thailand

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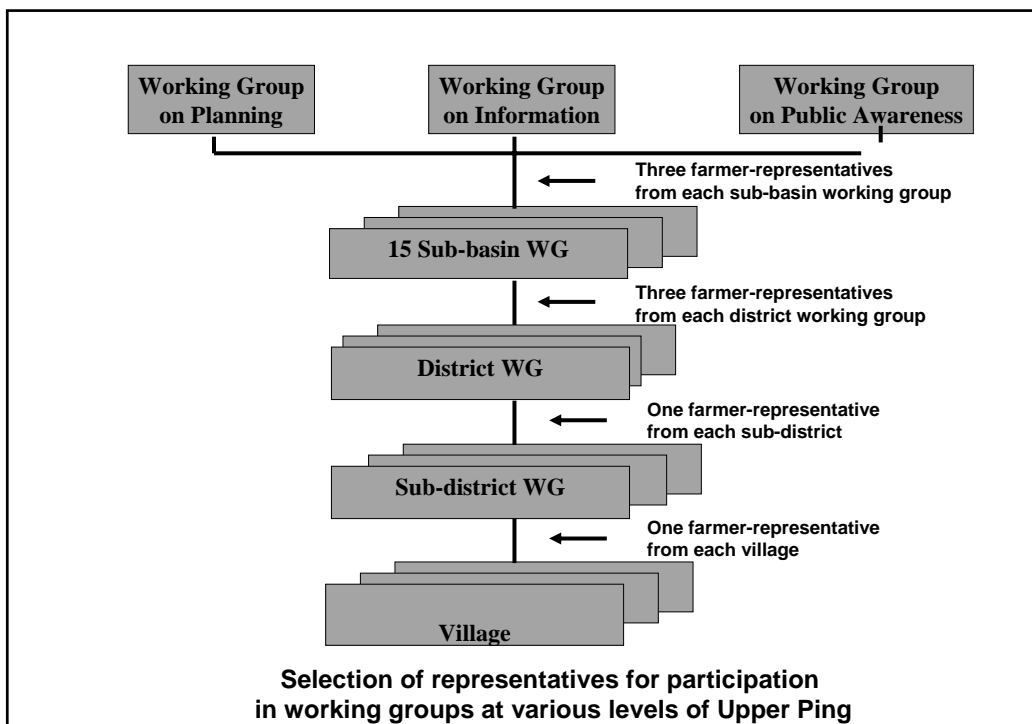
## Analysis of Evolving Process

- **DORMANCY.** Initial stage was characterized by top-down type of meetings and operations by government agencies and ONWRC. Diversity of members without any real driver and with little inputs from stakeholders resulted to little progress.
- **TURNING POINT.** WB and ADB studies identified flaws in the existing set-up and catalyzed operations and efforts

- **EVOLVING.** Establishment of participatory working groups made local stakeholders to realize their importance in planning and decision-making processes

- **Clear role of consultants as “Facilitators” to draw local ideas and community-defined structures for operations encouraged local commitment and responsibility for river basin management**

- **Participatory, grassroots involvement enhances identification and development of locally appropriate models for river basin management**



## Composition of Working Groups at Various Levels

### 1. Composition at sub-district, district and sub-basin levels

#### 1.1 Sub-District Working Group

- one farmer-representative from each village
- sub-district chief
- chairman of Tambon Administrative Organization
- sub-district community development worker
- sub-district agricultural extension worker
- District Officer responsible for each sub-district
- Respected local person e.g, teacher or monk

#### 1.2 District Working Group

- one farmer-representative from each sub-district working group
- district community development worker
- district agricultural extension worker
- representative of local administration
- district officer responsible for planning
- Respected local person e.g, teacher, retired official, or monk
- representatives from commercial and industrial sectors

### **1.3 Sub-Basin Working Group**

- three farmer-representatives from each district
- district officers responsible for planning
- district community development workers
- district agricultural extension workers
- representative of local administration
- respected local person (e.g., teacher, retired official, or monk)
- representatives from commercial and industrial sectors

**2. The district selects three representatives from the district working group to work with the three RBC working groups, i.e. one for each working group (planning, information, public relation and awareness raising)**

**2. Farmer representatives in the three RBC working groups select from among themselves 15 members to work in the river basin committee (RBC).**

### **Composition of River Basin Committees**

**MODEL 1 (suitable for larger basins and high degree of competition for water)**

<b>Government officials</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Academicians and NGO</b>	<b>6</b>

**MODEL 2 (suitable for smaller basins and low degree of competition for water)**

<b>Government officials</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Academicians and NGO</b>	<b>3</b>

## Applied IWRM principles

### **Enabling Tools:**

- **political decision to establish RBCs**
- **provision of budget to support RBCs**
- **external support through WB and ADB programs**

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### **Institutional Enhancement Tools:**

- **decentralization of authority within RBCs**
- **evolution of process by allowing active involvement of NGOs**
- **involvement of stakeholders from the lowest level**

## Applied IWRM principles

### **Management Tools:**

- **technical support from experts (e.g., managing workshops and designing programs)**
- **technical support to gather and use relevant data and information**
- **capacity building activities**