

**TA 6325 Piloting an Adaptive Approach
to Implement Integrated Water Resources
Management (IWRM) in Yom River Basin**

Inception Report

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1. Letter of Agreement

LOA for TA 6325 – REG : Promoting Effective Water Policies and Practices (Phase 5) – Pilot and Demonstration Activity of Thailand : Piloting an Adaptive Approach to Implementing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Yom River Basin was signed between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Thailand Water Resources Association (TWRA) on 8 January 2008, and the project period is therefore from 2 January 2008 to 31 October 2008. TWRA is acting as EA of the project in close cooperation with the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

2. Management Set-up

In consultation with DWR, the Director General has appointed a working group consist of 5 staffs from DWR with the Director of Water Resources Regional office 9 as Chairman on 7 January, 2008 to coordinate with TWRA for the implementation of the project. Dr. Apichart Anukularmphai representative of EA had several meetings with the working group during December 2007 and January 2008 in order to plan the start-up of the project. An inception meeting was organized during 24 -25 January 2008 at Phrae Province.

The management of the project will be divided into 2 levels as follow;

The central level will be the working group and Dr. Apichart with the duty to set over all plan and coordinate with the regional level working group. Also to handle the reporting requirement to ADB.

The regional level will be selected by the recommendation of the stakeholders in the Basin with the duty to be the key players in organizing local meetings to disseminate and receive feed-back from the grass-root level on water issues and tentative solutions. The regional level working group will also be responsible to address the key water resources issues and propose actions in a step by step process or the adaptive management approach.

3. Implementation approach

It is envisaged that there will be a series of meetings of the regional level working group and a number of grass-root level workshops organized by the regional level working groups. Specific tasks will be defined at each meeting and the regional working group will carry out the work necessary such as gathering of opinions, awareness raising, propose of action program etc. and report back at the next meeting. There will be monthly meetings of the regional level working group with the participation of EA and DWR to provide technical support and coordinate with other supporting agencies. It can be summarized that the central level working group will serve as advisor to the regional level working group by applying the adaptive management approach, while the regional or Basin level working group will be the driver in implementing IWRM to solve the Basin water resources issues.

4. Work Plan

The detailed work plan presented here is the result of the inception meeting, however it is flexible and can be adjusted as situation dictated in line with the adaptive management approach.

Activities	Action	Time	Responsible Organization
1. Set-up Yom Basin Working group	To proposed to DWR for the DG to officially appoint 9 members of the Yom Basin Working group	First week of February (order signed on 1 February)	Water Resources regional office 9
2. Collect all relevant information of the basin	To coordinate with all concerned agencies in order to obtain all relevant information of the Basin	February on ward	Water Resources regional office 9
3. Hold grass-root level workshops to gather suggestions about problems and solutions	To organize grass-root level meetings/workshops for upper and lower Yom stakeholders	February	Yom Basin working group
4. Hold 2 nd workshops to define priority problems	To hold 2 nd Yom Basin meeting in order to consider the feed back from the grass-root level workshops to identify common problem of both upper and low Yom stakeholders and to set priority	Last week of February	WR-RO 9 and Yom working group
5. Develop share vision	1. To organize grass-root level workshop for their vision of the Yom Basin 2. To Hold 3 rd Yom basin meeting in order to develop share vision of the Basin and priority action program	March End of March	Yom working group WR-RO9 and Yom working group
6. Prepare short term action program	1. Yom working group to discuss with stakeholders about the tentative priority action program 2. To hold 4 th Yom Basin meeting to prepare short term action program and set frame work for field activities	April End of April	Yom working group WR-RO 9 and Yom working group
7. Execution of the field activities	1. Yom working group and WR-RO 9 to start implementing of the priority actions with close cooperation of all stakeholders 2. To hold bi-monthly follow-up meeting	May to September June and August	WR-RO9 and Yom working group WR-RO9 and Yom working group
8. Monitoring and Evaluation	EA and central DWR working group with some local resources persons conduct periodic M&E	May to September	EA and DWR central working group
9. Evaluation of the 10 months program and propose next action plan	To hold final meeting with the Yom Working group and key stakeholders to sum-up the lessons learned and propose next stage plan	Middle of October	EA, DWR central working group and Yom working group

5. Financial

EA will disburse money to cover each of the planned meeting/ workshop according to the work plan and the request of the DWR-RO 9 director. The Yom Basin working group will prepare detailed cost estimate for each grass-root level meetings based on number of participants and necessary supports for submission to Director of DWR-RO 9 for approval.