

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

**Mid – Term Report**

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## **1. Background**

The inception report of the project was submitted on 8 February 2008, and it outlined the management procedure, work schedule and activities to be followed for the second meeting as well as the activities required for the Yom working groups to perform.

The mid-term report is to report on the activities performed by the working group, and a more precise working procedure as well as identification of the follow up work for the working group. More detailed information can be found in the attached report of the second meeting on 3-4 March 2008 at Sukhothai Province.

## **2. The second meeting**

As was agreed during the first meeting that the second meeting will be held in Sukhothai province which is part of the Lower Yom, so that meeting was held at Pailyn Hotel in Sukhothai during 3 and 4 March 2008. The first half day was devoted to sought out any problem concerning the implementation of the project and to set further guide line for the smooth implementation of the project. A total number of 33 participants consist of representatives from Government agencies, civil society, Local authority and staff members from Department of Water Resources.

For the second day, the morning session was devoted for reviewing reports from the working group which carried out stakeholders meetings in the Upper Yom. While in the afternoon, the working group and other stakeholders discussed about the targeted issues for carrying out the piloting activities. There were 46 participants for the second day meeting.

## **3. Results of the meeting**

For the afternoon of 3 March 2008, the meeting came up with the following conclusion.

On the matter with regard to information required, the Regional DWR office 9 will collect and provide plans and projects of all relevant agencies in the Yom basin to the Working group. While Dr. Apichart will purchase the standard 1 : 50,000 scale maps of the whole Yom river by using the budget provided by ADB. All this has to be done by the middle of March. However, due to some technical problem, the maps will be given to the working group only during the next meeting on 9-10 April 2008.

In order to utilized the limited budget efficiently, it was agreed to concentrate on some potential areas of the Yom basin for testing the new approach, and the following areas were selected.

Upper Yom :

- (i) Tambon Phachangnoi, Tambon Oeu, Tambon Ngim of Pong District, Phayao Province.
- (ii) Tambon Sa-eab of Jong District and Tambon Namlao of Rongkwang District, Phrae Province

Lower Yom :

- (i) Tambon Ta-tong of Sawankalok district, Tambon Pak-kway of Muang district and Tambon Kraiklan of Kongkrailard district, Sukhothai Province
- (ii) Tambon municipalities of Samyarn and Kampengdin of Samyarn District, Tambon municipality of Poetalay of Poetalay district and Tambon numinipality of Poepratubchang of Peopratubchang District, Pichit Province

For the meeting on 4 March 2008, the meeting divided into morning and afternoon sessions

Morning session, the Upper Yom working reported on results of the stakeholders meeting conducted by Mr. Seree Supajai, Mr. Saeng Kwanyeon and Mrs. Pakping Bruns. Mr. Seree's meeting centred on the problem stemmed from the Government, the Local Government and the Civil Society, while Mr. Saeng's meeting centred on water related problems on household water supply, deforestation, agriculture water requirement, socio-economic, water quality and health. Whereas Mrs. Pakping's meeting centred on a wide-range of issues with respect to the communities living in the upper watershed area, Local Government and Government Policies.

The meeting had a chance to debate on the key issues and agreed that it may be necessary to narrow down the main issues which this project want to address, because the project approach was aimed to start with a few key issues and trying to find appropriate procedure to tackle the issues, and if successful then widen the scope of the project to address wider issues.

Afternoon session, the meeting further debated on the main issues for testing during this project, and resolved to the following ;

- (1) For the start, the main issues for the project are
  - Water related problems
    - flooding
    - drought
    - waste water
    - household clean drinking water
  - Forest related problems
    - deforestation, illegal forest cutting
    - rehabilitation/ reforestation
  - Agriculture related problems
    - cultivate crops according to land capability

- the use of chemical
- erosion
- (2) Reaffirm of the selected target areas (as described in 3.1.2)
- (3) For all future activities should emphasize on the participation of Government sector and stakeholders
- (4) The Upper and Lower Yom working groups were assigned to conduct stakeholder meeting in the selected areas in order to come up with potential activities/ projects for implementation in the month of March, and to report the results back to the project team during the third meeting in April.
- (5) The next meeting or the third meeting according to the work plan shall take place in Phrae on 8-9 April 2008. (But due to 7 April 2008 is a national holiday, so for convenient of travel, the meeting is now scheduled for 9-10 April 2008)

#### **4. Conclusion**

The progress of the project is still according to plan, while the project team especially the working group demonstrate commitment to undertake the project seriously within the given budget and time frame. It is also important to note that the working groups are knowledgeable about their problems, and share the same desire to start with addressing urgent problems in a limited target areas first. There were some discussion about the big projects, but agreed not to be part of this piloting exercise.