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# Bang Pakong Dialogue Initiative

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## Snapshot

Project site	Bang Pakong, Thailand
Cost	US\$ 50,000
Status	Completed
Approval date	February 2004
Completion date	July 2006
Category	Basin
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## Report card

Completed in June 2006, this PDA

- Conducted an information campaign to increase stakeholder awareness on dialogues, consultations, workshops, and seminars on various water issues in the basin.
- Established an independent water resources network for information and experiences sharing to address conflicts and preserve mutual interests.
- Helped stakeholders choose the Water Evaluation and Allocation Program software for simulating different water supply and demand scenarios, and finding fair allocation solutions.

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## Description

The Bang Pakong River basin supports communities involved in agroforestry, irrigated crops, livestock, fisheries and industries. The river basin is also an important estuarine ecosystem with remarkable biological diversity.

Bang Pakong's water resources are heavily exploited for productive use in agriculture, industry, and tourism. Conflicts between different users occur, especially in areas of intense activities. Some instances of misunderstanding and distrust between government agencies and stakeholders about water resources infrastructure projects already exist, and others will

emerge in the absence of acceptable water allocation mechanisms. This PDA will help establish an effective river basin organization responsible for managing water resources and resolving conflicts and misunderstandings.

## Expected outcomes

- Generalized water allocation principles and guidelines within Bang Pakong
- Mechanisms and procedures for resolving conflicting claims to water through a river basin dialogue conducted by a strengthened river basin committee
- A platform for all stakeholders to discuss water resources management
- Improved access to data and information for stakeholders in the basin
- Greater awareness on water resources issues and demands in the basin among local stakeholders and government agencies

## Related

- More on water and sanitation
- Thailand and ADB
- Champion: Sukontha Aekaraj: Bang Pakong River Basin
- Thailand Pilot: Water Allocation in Bang Pakong
- Pilot and Demonstration Activities
- Final Report (English Version) (July 2006)
- Final Report (Thai Version) (July 2006)
- Inception Report (December 2004)
- Proposal (April 2004)

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