

# Role and Responsibilities

The Office of National Water Resources (ONWR) was created according to the National Council for Peace and Order Command number 46/2560 on the creation of the Office of National Water Resources for integration of water resource management for efficiency and sustainability. The responsibilities granted are according to the Ministerial Regulations on division of government structure for the ONWR, Office of the Prime Minister (B.E.2562)



01 responsible for the administrative work of the ONWR and related sub-committees



02 Scrutinising and proposing opinions to the National Water Committee on policy and master plan on water resources management, approving the plan of action, integrated budget plan for water resource management, and the master plan on usage, development, management, maintenance, rehabilitation and conservation of water resources in various river basins.



03 prepare a water grid plan to propose to the National Water Committee for approval.



04 coordinate with the River Basin Committee, government agencies, local administrative organisations, and various sectors involved to be in accordance with water resources laws.

05 assemble and prepare information, study analyse, research and initiate activities or projects for the benefit of the work of the National Water Committee.



06 provide advice and support government and local administration agencies involved with water resources management, as requested.



07 manage and regulate nationally-important projects or those related to water management that requires coordination among many agencies.



08 follow-up, evaluate and provide opinions on the water resource management committee of government agencies and local administration, and report to the National Water Committee.



09 regulate and manage information and communication system in normal and crisis times.



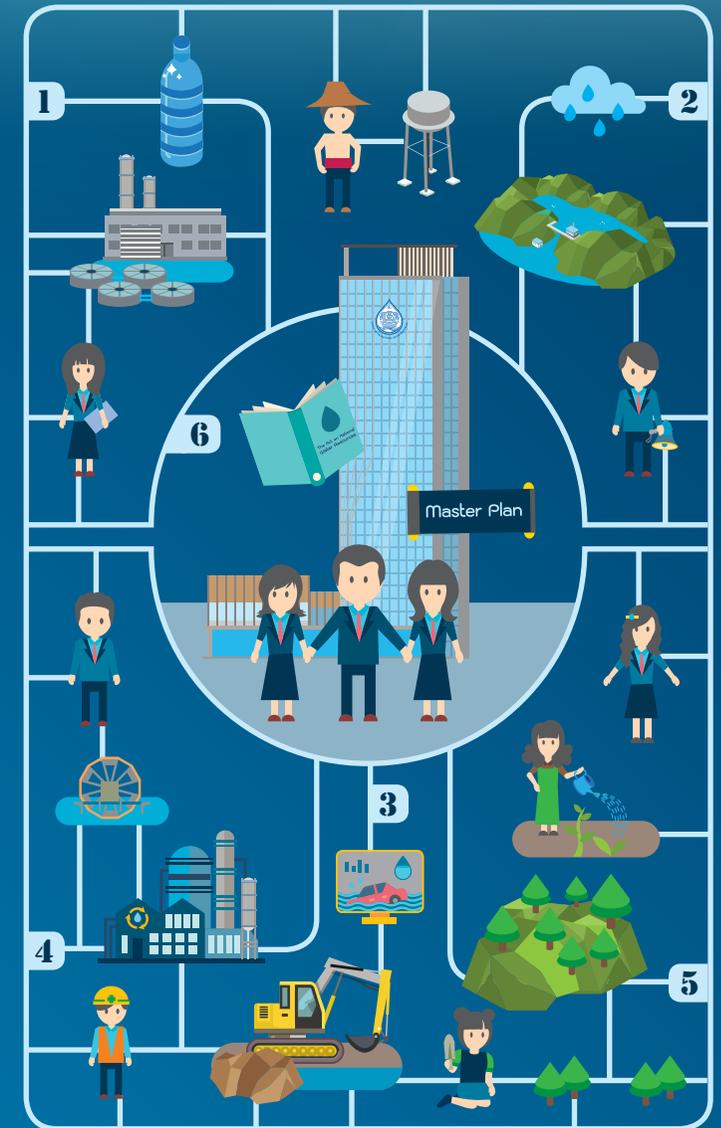
10 promote and support the private sector, people and community to participate in the use, development, management, maintenance, rehabilitation, preservation and other actions related to water resources.



11 propose opinions on the creation of the Special Command Centre



12 perform other tasks according to the law that is within the duty and power of the office or as assigned by the Prime Minister or Cabinet.



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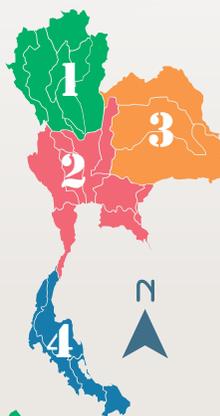
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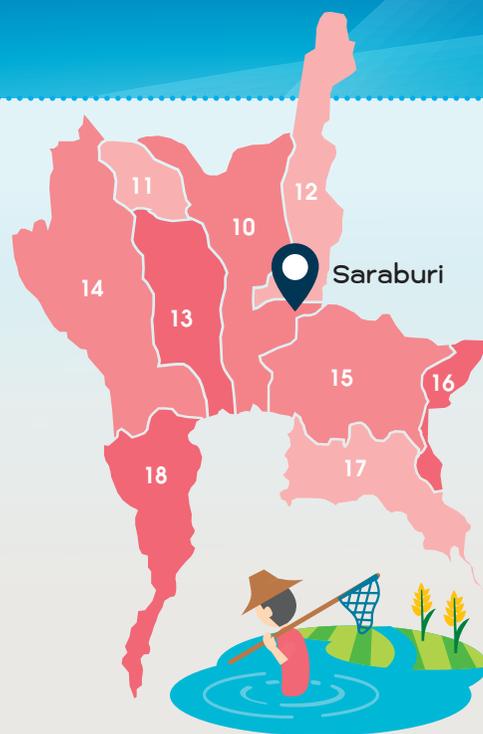
# Expansion of Water Management To the regional level

The Office of National Water Resources (ONWR) sees the changes prevalent in the current environment, resulting in water management that is not efficient enough. Furthermore, there is a lack of systematic coordination on water management with the central agencies. Therefore, to increase the efficiency and promote people's participation from local areas, Office of the National Water Resources, Regions Offices 1 - 4 was created to serve as a centre for integration of water issues in the region and to cover the following functions :



## Office of the National Water Resources, Regional Office 1 (North) Lampang Province

- 01 Salawin Basin
- 02 Northern Mekong Basin
- 06 Ping Basin
- 07 Wang Basin
- 08 Yom Basin
- 09 Nan Basin



## Office of the National Water Resources, Regional Office 2 (Central) Saraburi Province

- 10 Chao Phraya Basin
- 11 Sakae Krang Basin
- 12 Pa Sak Basin
- 13 Tha Chin Basin
- 14 Mae Klong Basins
- 15 Bang Pakong Basin
- 16 Tonle Sap Basin
- 17 East Coast Gulf
- 18 Phetchaburi - Prachuab Khiri Khan Basin

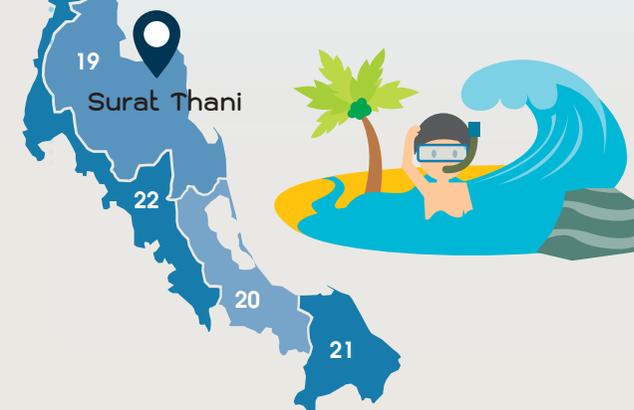
## Office of the National Water Resources, Regional Office 3 (Northeast) Khon Kaen Province

- 03 Northeastern Khong Basin
- 04 Chi Basin
- 05 Mun Basin



## Office of the National Water Resources, Regional Office 4 (South) Surat Thani Province

- 19 Upper Part of Peninsula-East Coast Basin
- 20 Thale Sap Songkhla Basin
- 21 Lower Part of Peninsula-East Coast Basin
- 22 Peninsula-West Coast Basin



These offices have the important tasks of administrating, regulating, monitoring 22 new river basins by coordinating with other government agencies, local administrative offices and water consumer organisations in enforcing laws related to the development, management, maintenance, rehabilitation and preservation of water resources. This includes laws related to the control of water pollution in a river basin areas, in line with the master plan for the use, development, maintenance, rehabilitation and preservation of water resources, as well as to prevent conflicts and have available an arbitration mechanism between water consumers in river basins and the River Basin Committee, for example.

