respondents were purposively selected from the population of the communities chosen and divided into three categories. The composition of each informant group is detailed in table 2.

Province	Community
Chaiyaphum	Rawe Swamp, Nong Bua Rawe, Nong Bua Rawe District Ampan Swamp, Ban Tal, Bamnet Narong District
Nakhon Ratchasima	La Han Luk Nok Swamp, Ban Lueam, Ban Lueam District Samrong Swamp, Samrong, Gaeng Sanam Nang District
Buriram	Huai Yang Reservoir, Don Arang, Nong Kee District Nong La Han Sai Reservoir, Nong La Han Sai

Table 1. Communities studied during this investigation

Group	Individuals	Number
Key Informants	Government representatives Private sector representatives (Industrialists and Agriculturalists) Community Leaders	18 12 18
Casual Informants	Workers of the irrigation department, householders, people with knowledge of local water resources	78
General Informants	Local residents and people in similar communities	20

Table 2. Informants providing data for this investigation

Data in the field were collected by basic survey, participant and non-participant observation, structured and unstructured interview and focus group discussion. Observations were conducted according to the research principles of Sin Panpinit and interviews were conducted following the suggestions of Supang Chantavanit. All data was validated using a triangulation method. The verified results were then categorised according to the three research aims and analysed by typological analysis and analytic induction. The results are presented here as a descriptive analysis.