



NAJWYŻSZA IZBA KONTROLI

**Supreme Audit Office Regional Branch
in Wrocław
„Disasters caused by floods”**

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Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes

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Presentation structure

1. General information about the region and SAO regional branch in Wroclaw
2. Occurring disasters – flood context
3. Conducted audits
4. Parallel audit



Lower Silesia Region

Some figures...

- 2.9 mln people
- 29 counties
(second level of local government administration)
including 3 towns with district rights
- 91 cities
- 169 municipalities



Supreme Audit Office – regional branch in Wrocław

Some figures...

- total number of employees - 57
- Director + Deputies – 3
- Audit supervisors – 14
- Auditors – 34
- Administrative jobs - 6

DISASTERS AND CATASTROPHES (major events)

Floods in the region:

- 1997 (Flood of the millennium)
- 2010 (Bogatynia)



Source: www.google.pl

Millennium Flood of 1997

The main information:

- 54 deaths
- damage estimated at about 12 billion zł
- 7000 people lost their home
- property was destroyed in 9000 companies
- the water destroyed or damaged:
 - 680 000 dwellings
 - 843 schools
 - 4000 bridges



Source: www.google.pl

Flood in 2010

The main information:

- damage estimated at over 12.5 billion zł
- it affected:
 - over 266 000 people
 - 811 municipalities
 - 18 000 buildings
 - 59 bridges
- Bogatynia – damage estimated at about 125 million zł



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Major audits ...

- Implementation of the Programme for Odra River 2006
- Reconstruction after the Millenium Flood of 1997
- Implementation of the Odra Basin Flood Protection Project
- Aid to the victims of the floods of 2010



Programme for Odra River 2006

What is Programme for Odra

- establishment:
 - the Act of 6 July 2001
- implementation period:
 - 2002-2016
- planned program costs:
 - total costs about 9 billion zł
 - from the state budget 5.5 billion zł
- the main objective:
 - to build a passive and active flood protection
- programme components:
 - 1) regulatory structures
 - 2) flood control structures
 - 3) land use planning
 - 4) monitoring to prevent floods
 - 5) reconstruction and modernization



Audit examples...

Objective of the audit:

- Evaluation of the Programme for Odra 2006 implementation

Assessment of audit:

- Negative

Findings:

- insufficient efforts to develop a plan for flood protection in the country
- delays in implementation of the Programme
- spending of funds contrary to the objectives of the Programme
- insufficient coordination of the Programme implementation

Recommendation:

- to intensify supervision of the Programme implementation to improve the time of its performance
- to eliminate spending of funds contrary to the objectives of the Programme
- to intensify efforts to develop documents related with flood protection throughout the country

Odra Basin Flood Protection Project

What is OBFPP:

- international agreement
May 11, 2007 (WB, CEB)
- completion date - May 31, 2014
- planned program costs:
 - total costs about 505 mln Euros
 - from the state budget 30 mln Euros
- project components:
 - 1) Construction of Racibórz dry polder
 - 2) Modernization of Wrocław Floodway System
 - 3) Improvement of flood protection measures, monitoring, evaluation and supervision
 - 4) Project Management, technical assistance and training



Audit Examples...

Objectives of the audit:

- opinion on the financial statements of the Project
- assessment of the progress of the project and performance of tasks

Assessment of audit:

- Financial statements – positive assessment
- Advancement of the tasks – negative assessment

Findings:

- Project progress is too slow (despite the passage of 42 out of 83 months for the project, financial progress was only 2.8% of the estimated total cost)
- taking action without the required approval of the World Bank (to change the scope of the contract)
- inadequate performance of tasks by consultants

Recommendation:

- to take any action boosting the Project performance
- to verify the reality of meeting the critical deadline for completion of the Project
- to receive written consent from the World Bank to change the scope of the contract

Parallel Audit

■ Title of the audit:

The use of public funds for flood prevention and elimination of floods consequences.

■ Objectives of the audit:

1. Assessment of existing legal frameworks for crisis management system, with particular emphasis on regulations concerning flood protection and elimination of flood effects.
2. Assessment of flood risk analysis processes from the viewpoint of classification of the different areas of the country in terms of risk (risk map) and the solutions for the protection of these areas.
3. Evaluation of flood risk monitoring systems.
4. Assessment of the availability of funds for flood protection and elimination of consequences of floods and the regularity of their use and settlement.
5. Evaluation of implemented methods for analyzing the effectiveness of flood protection activities in the context of costs and benefits.

Parallel Audit

- Number of entities:
22 units
- Ministry of Interior
- National Water Management Authority
- The State Fire Service
- Voivodships
- Local authorities

Parallel Audit

■ Present situation:

- 1) The audit programme has been completed
- 2) Predicted commencement of the audit - March
- 3) Completion of the audit activities - June



Thank you for your attention