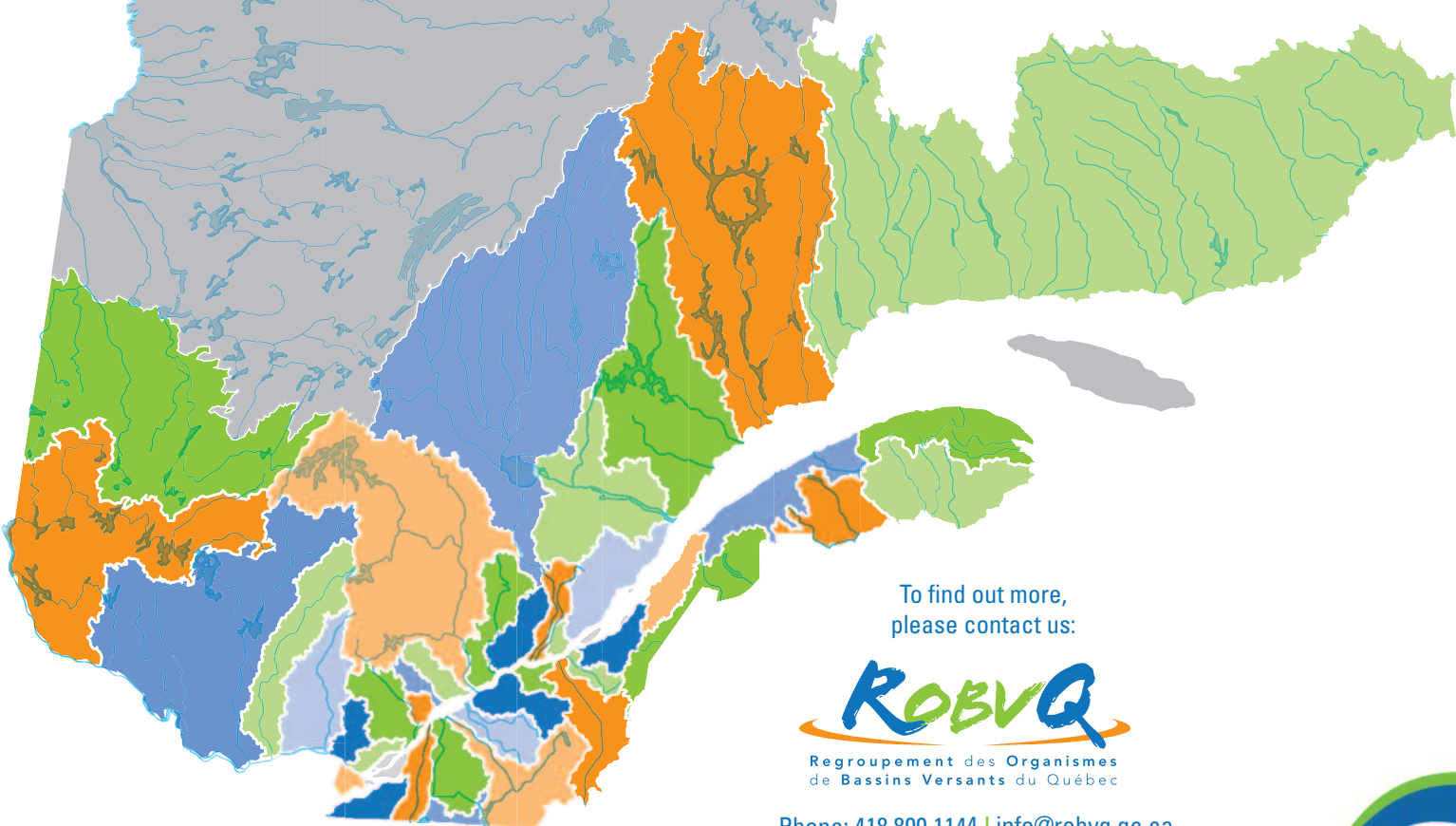


# 40 BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

In 2009, the Quebec Government deployed an Integrated Water Resource Management (GIEBV) approach throughout the Southern Region of Quebec. It, therefore, recognized 40 basin organizations for the same amount of territories.



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# WATER MANAGEMENT IN QUEBEC GO WITH THE FLOW!

To improve utilization of our water resources, to ensure the provisioning and water quality controls, and to help protect the biodiversity of the aquatic, terrestrial, and riparian ecosystems, while supporting the social and economic development; this is the focus of integrated water management.

A **BASIN** is a territory limited by natural frontiers, independent of the administrative boundaries, and characterized by a river system from which all waters flow towards the same outlet, whether lake, river, stream, or ocean.



It does not matter where we are; we are always  
in a basin area.

## Integrated Water Resource Management (GIEBV)

Integrated Water Resource Management (GIEBV) describes the framework that lets the water stakeholders act in accordance with the practices and activities that affect the waters and are happening on the basin's territory.

Advantages of this approach:

- it takes into account the **interests** and concerns of the stakeholders;
- it **involves** the stakeholders, including the citizens, of a given basin into the **decision-making process**;
- it favours an efficient coordination of all **actions** for the territory;
- it contributes to the establishment of a **common vision** and thus promotes sustainable development.

The coordination of Integrated Water Resource Management in Québec is ensured by the basin organizations (OBV).







## QUÉBEC'S OBVs TAKING ACTION FOR THE WATER

The Québec basin organizations (OBV) work to mobilize and regroup both the stakeholders and citizens from a given basin territory. Using a detailed management plan of the water resources, they support these organizations to facilitate the related activities.

The mission of the OBVs is defined by the Act which affirms the collective nature of water resources and provides for increased water resource protection, adopted in 2009. Under this act, their mission is to elaborate and update a Water Master Plan, and to promote and monitor its implementation. Each basin organization must complete its mission by making sure it has a balanced representation of users and various interested parties, such as government, natives, municipal, environmental, agricultural, and community (Art.14 (3) 1).



In this sense, the OBVs, mandated by the Act and legally constituted, plan relevant and targeted actions for their communities in order to protect and develop their territory's water resources.

## WATER MASTER PLAN (PDE)

**THE WATER MASTER PLAN (PDE)** is a tool used to help plan the actions to be accomplished, and which will ensure sound and efficient management of all activities and usages linked to the waters of the basin's territory. It is developed in concert with the community stakeholders and implemented by the same. The PDE regroups all information required to understand the various water, environmental, territorial or social concerns, and presents the objectives and actions to be taken. It is updated continuously.



## YOU ARE A WATER STAKEHOLDER!

The term "water stakeholder" represents any people in contact with the resource, either through their work environment, leisure activities or to answer specific needs. Farmer, citizen, fisherman, elected official, forestry producer, etc.; everyone is a water stakeholder!



### TO GET INVOLVED...

You want to help manage our water? To get involved, don't hesitate to contact your region's basin organization (OBV). For example, you could be a member of the organization's roundtable or participate in the implementation of the various actions linked to the Water Master Plan (PDE)!