



Water Stewardship and River Basin Scorecards: An International Perspective

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Our Mission

Conserve nature
and reduce the most
pressing threats to
the diversity of life
on Earth.

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We have more than 5 million supporters

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WWF works in more than 100 countries on 6 continents



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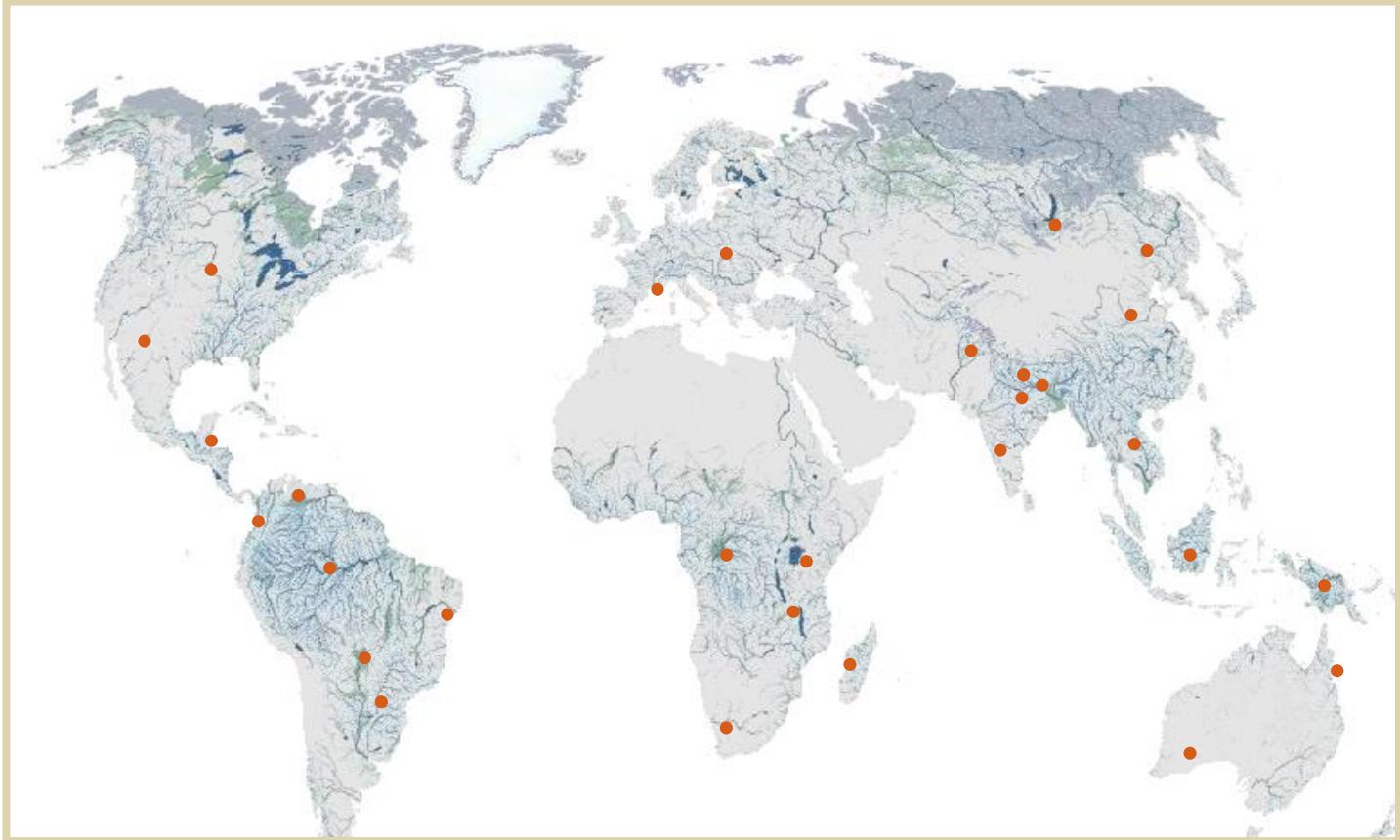
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WWF, a leading organization since 1961

Our Mission Secure water for people & nature:

By 2020, the world's major river basins have measurably improved the sustainability of their freshwater systems in order to maintain nature's diversity, strengthen climate resiliency, and support human well-being.





Water Issues: *Trends and Projections*

We are on a water scarcity trajectory ...



Cycles of drought and changing usage patterns are not new

... BUT ...

Surge in Demand



Increasing population and resource needs

- 60% more food by 2050
- 80% more energy by 2050
- 55% more water by 2050

Supply Challenges



Long term "droughts" Public Policy

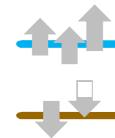
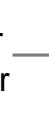


- weather predictability
- water rights

Depleted Assets



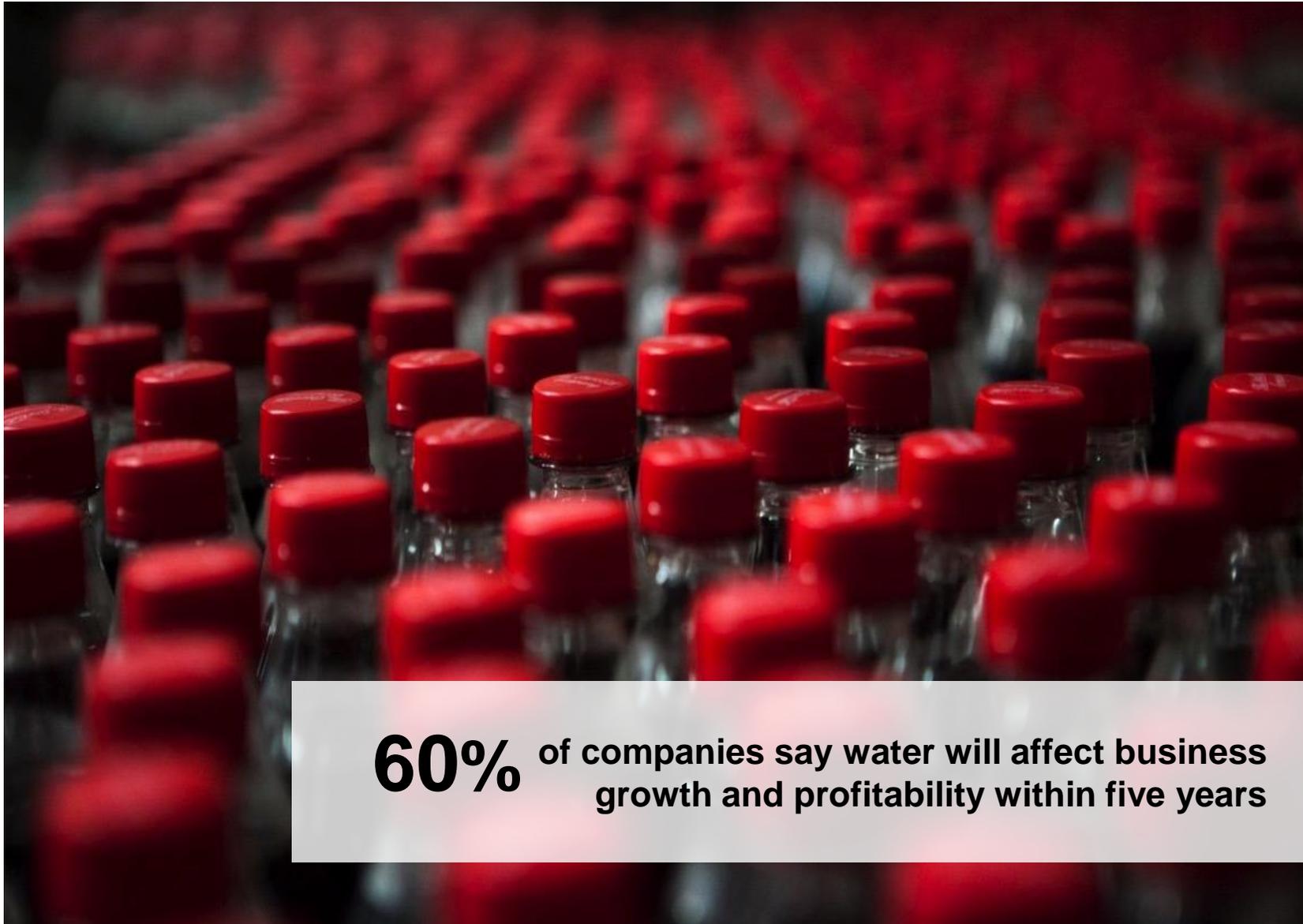
Groundwater Surface water



- greater extraction
- lower recharge



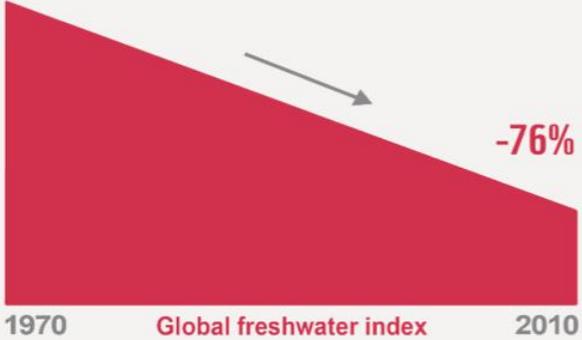
More than **2.7** billion people live in river basins that experience severe water scarcity at least one month a year



60% of companies say water will affect business growth and profitability within five years



2014 Living Planet Index shows significant decline in the freshwater index - with the greatest drop in the tropics



Freshwater species are most at risk

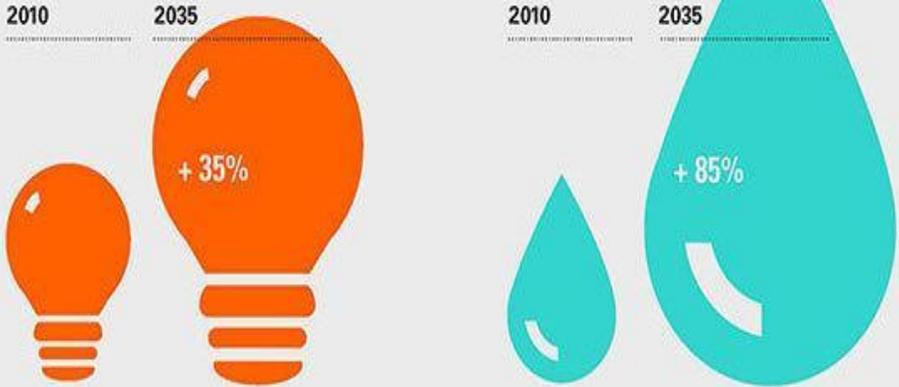
Energy

By 2035,
energy consumption
will increase by

35%

which
will increase
water consumption by

85%



increasing pressure on
finite water resources

Source: IEA, 2012

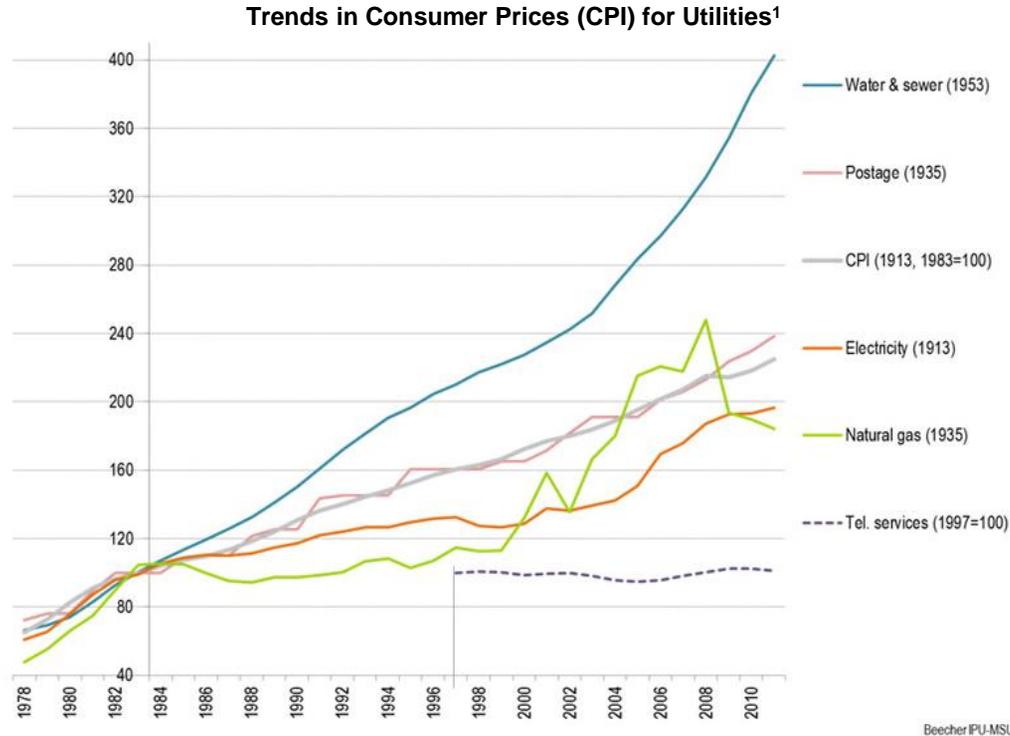
Integrating Our Focus





Business Implications

Water prices are beginning to increase

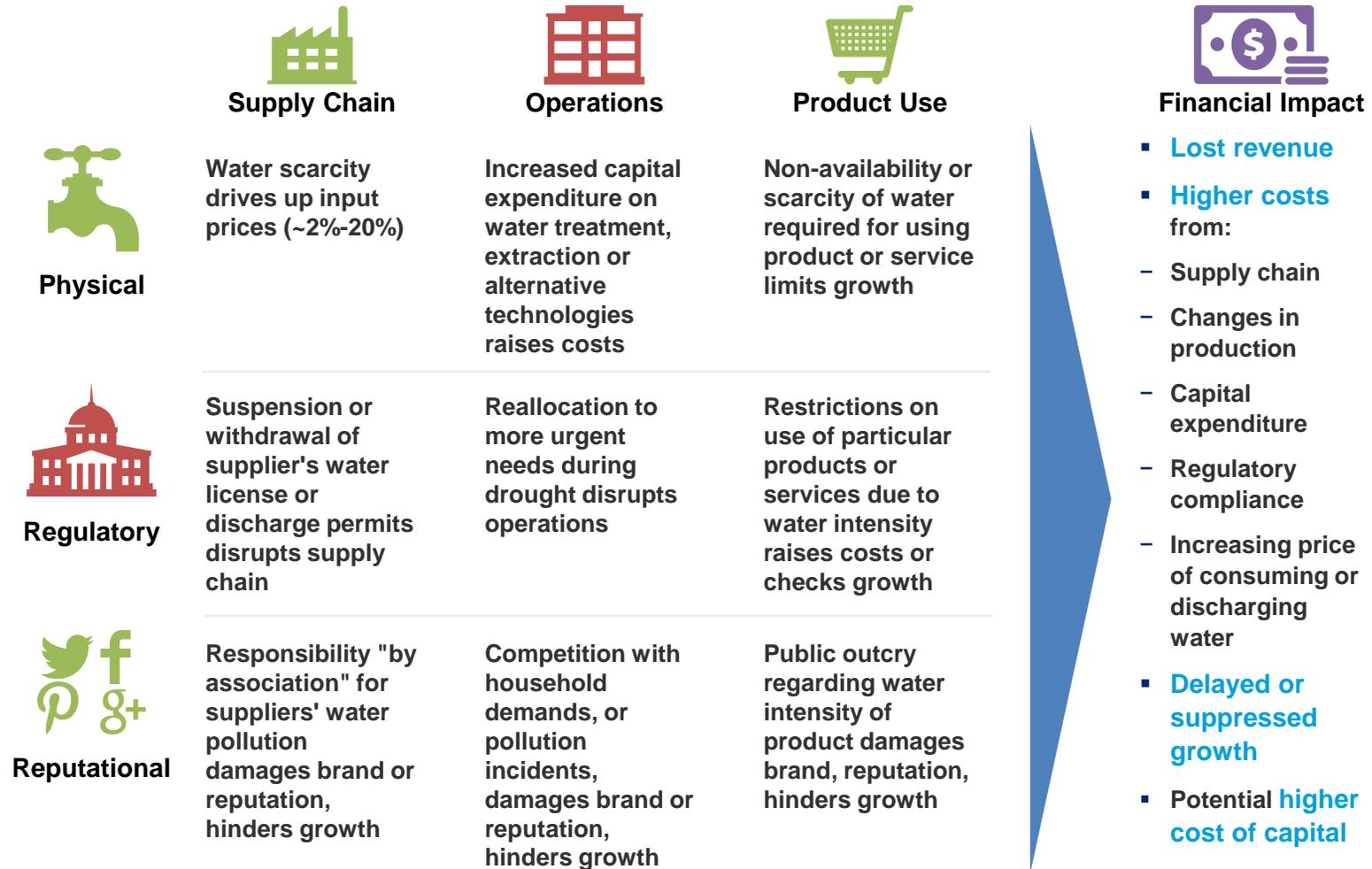


Trends in the Consumer Price Index for utilities (general, 1979-2011). The index is set to 100 for 1982-1984 except for telephone services, where the index is set to 100 for 1997.

- **US water prices are increasing at approximately 6-7% annually and have increased 25% since 2010²**
- The amount that Americans pay for water is rising faster than US inflation and faster than the amount paid to any other utility service³
- Energy and water conservation are becoming linked (“conservation synergy”)

Sources: ¹“Trends in Consumer Prices (CPI) for Utilities Through 2011,” Michigan State University, 2012; ²“The Price of Water 2013,” Circle of Blue, 2013; ³“The Price of Water 2012,” Circle of Blue, 2012.

Water risk – physical, regulatory, reputational



1 – “[Watching Water](#).” JP Morgan Chase Global Equity Research, April 2008.



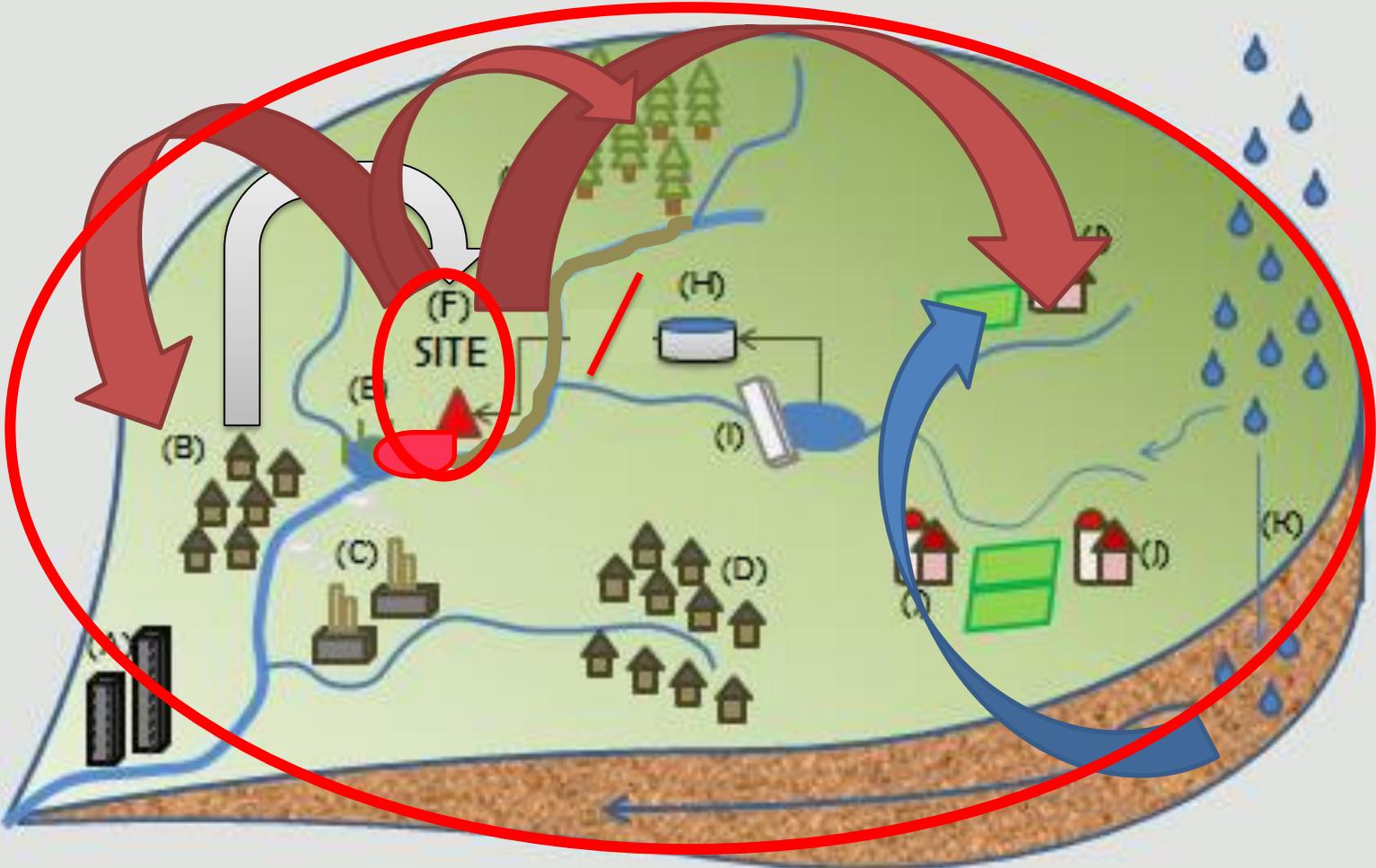
Becoming a Water Steward

WATER STEWARDSHIP DEFINITION

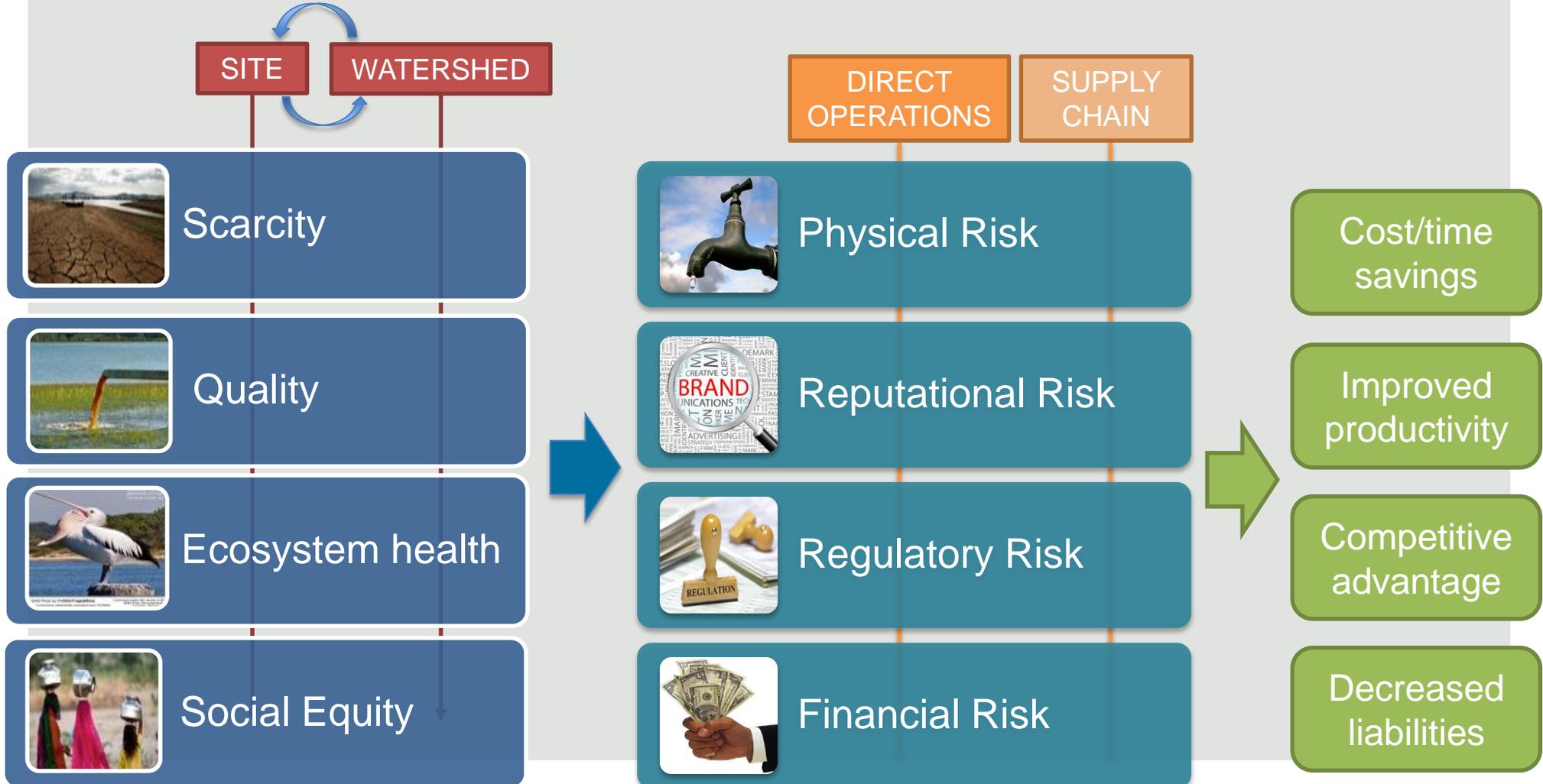


“The use of water that is socially equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial, achieved through a stakeholder-inclusive process that involves **site and catchment-based actions.**”

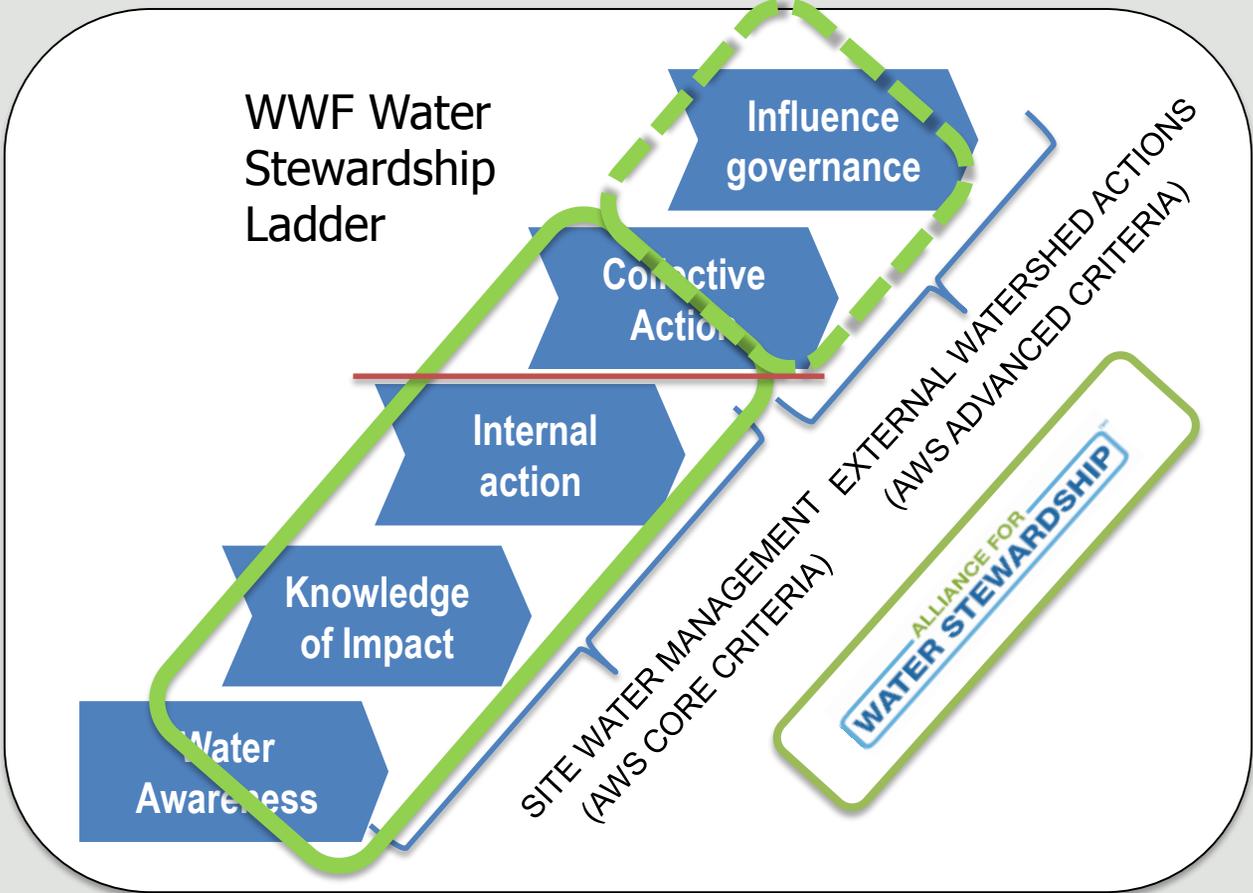
STEWARDSHIP



UNDERLYING CATCHMENT CHALLENGES & THEIR BUSINESS IMPACTS



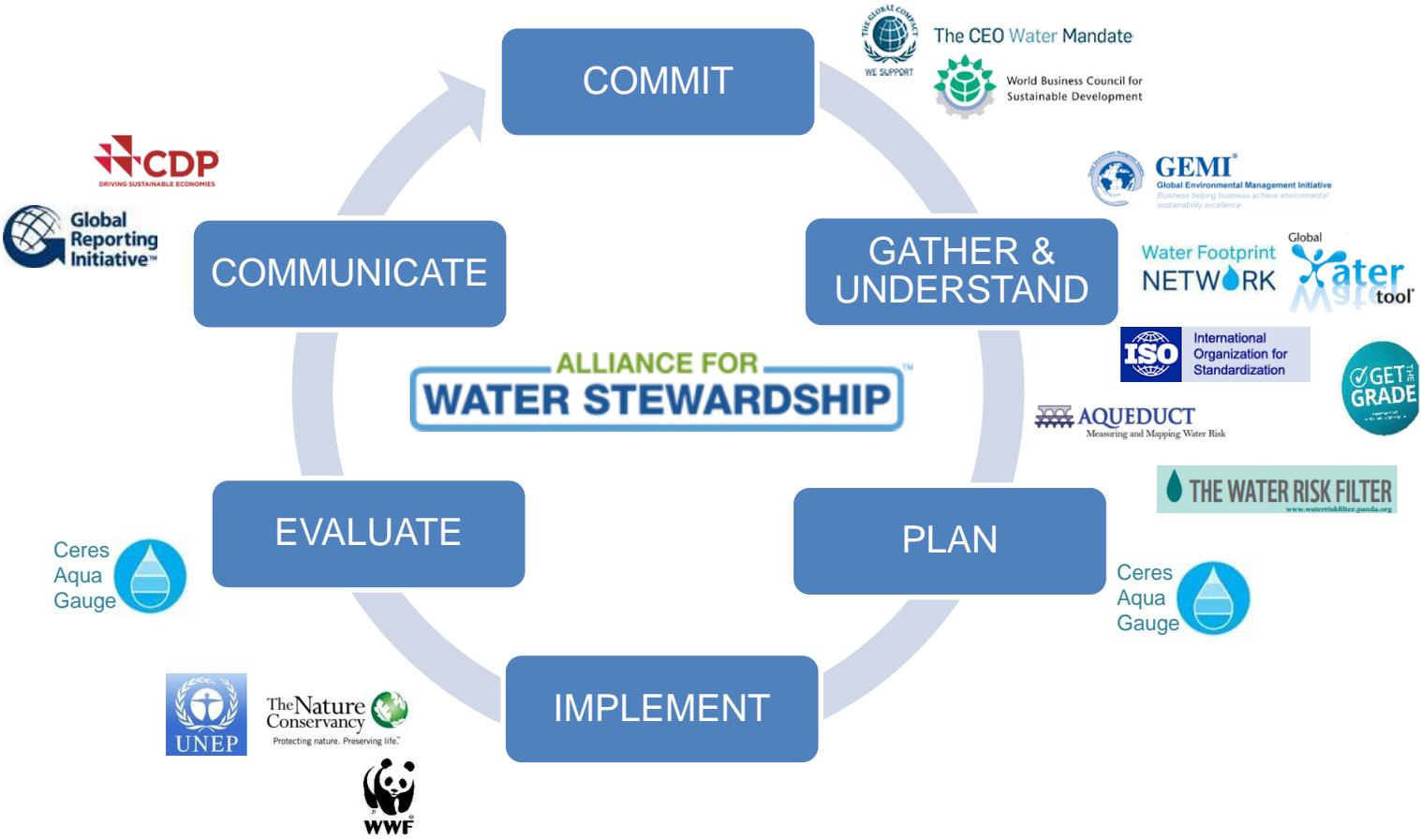
WWF'S WATER STEWARDSHIP LADDER





Tools & Resources

Landscape of Water Stewardship: Information, Tools & Programs





The CEO Water Mandate

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New Mandate/WWF Discussion Paper on Shared Water

READ

What is the CEO Water Mandate?

The CEO Water Mandate seeks to mobilize a critical mass of business leaders to advance corporate water stewardship – in partnership with the United Nations, civil society organizations, governments, and other stakeholders.

(click here for more information)

WATER AND THE BOTTOM LINE

Learn how local water supplies affect your business and discover ways to improve water efficiency.

TAKE ACTION

Browse through this clearinghouse for more information and tools to help you get started.

ABOUT THE CEO WATER MANDATE

The Mandate's Six Core Elements



THE WATER RISK FILTER

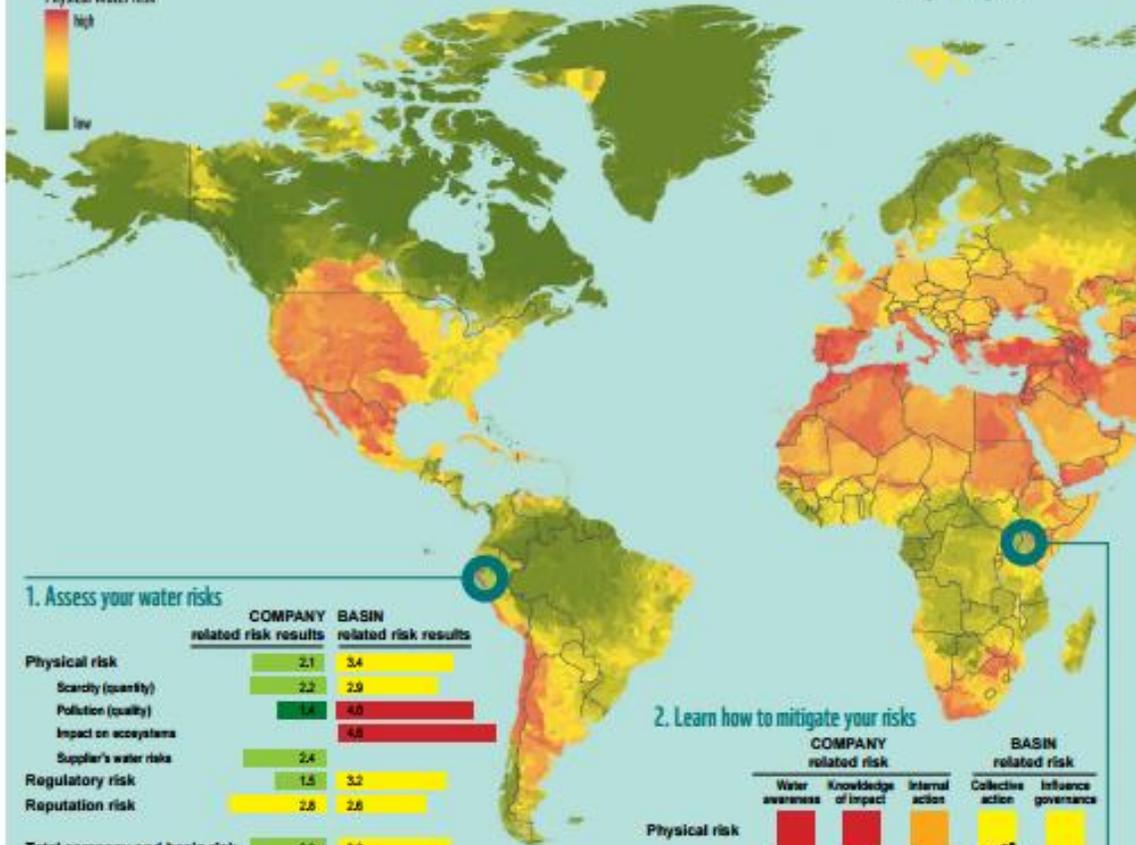
www.waterriskfilter.panda.org

WWF has leveraged our extensive local networks and global expertise to develop strategies to facilitate collective action in WWF's priority rivers, and engage communities, businesses and government at an unprecedented scale to improve water management. The focus on collective action is essential to highlight our shared dependence on and responsibility for this vital resource. Together, we can develop solutions to achieve sustainably and equitably managed freshwater ecosystems that meet the needs of all users.

The Water Risk Filter helps users progress along the five steps of water stewardship, starting with step 2: knowledge of impact. It also inspires companies to take internal action (step 3) and join collective action initiatives (step 4) by providing concrete risk mitigation responses.

- 1 Water awareness
- 2 Knowledge of impact
- 3 Internal action
- 4 Collective action
- 5 Influence governance

Physical Water Risk



1. Assess your water risks

	COMPANY related risk results	BASIN related risk results
Physical risk	2.1	3.4
Scarcity (quantity)	2.2	2.9
Pollution (quality)	3.4	4.8
Impact on ecosystems		4.8
Supplier's water risks	2.4	
Regulatory risk	1.5	3.2
Reputation risk	2.6	2.6
Total company and basin risk	2.2	3.3

2. Learn how to mitigate your risks



The Water Risk Filter 3.0

120,000+ ASSESSMENTS

100 RISK INDICATORS

125 CROPS

35 INDUSTRIES

4 LANGUAGES

4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRES

98,000 HYDROSHEDS

300+ MITIGATION RESPONSES

195 COUNTRY DATA SETS





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[Coca-Cola Water Efficiency Toolbox](#)

Welcome to The Coca-Cola Company/WWF Water Efficiency Tool Box

This CD-ROM is your one-stop tool box for water efficiency within your plant. You will be able to easily access or calculate your water-use ratio (WUR) and access tools to help you improve your plant's water efficiency.

By using this tool box, you can clearly see how your plant's water efficiency compares to others in your country, division, operating group, and peer group (similar plants throughout the system).

This tool will help you quickly find the appropriate tools to reduce your water use and save money - there are many ideas to consider when addressing water minimization and we have designed this tool to help you focus on the ones that make the most sense for your plant, based on your current efficiency and product/package mix.

Next



Three important tools for you to know about:

WASTE\$mart
 A basic training course on the methodologies of minimization
DOWNLOAD

Water Saver
 A benchmarking and good practices tool to understand use & target critical minimization points
DOWNLOAD

Aquacheck
 A 30-day, comprehensive assessment designed to maximize the efficiency of the system
LEARN MORE

Sort your water efficiency priorities:

Select priority
 Select priority
greatest change to water-use ratio
 absolute water savings
 cost savings
 associated cost

See results

Plant

Water-Use ratio

4.14

- ✓ 5.47 country average
- ✓ 4.53 division average
- ✗ 2.60 company average
- ✗ 3.50 comparable plants
- ✗ 3.30 peer group
- 58 % population in this country without safe drinking water

← CHOOSE ANOTHER PLANT



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Implement your source water protection plan to meet your 2020 goals.

Practices and Implementation Tools for Water Stewardship

Find Practices for Your Plant:

by Risk/Vulnerability



OR by Goal



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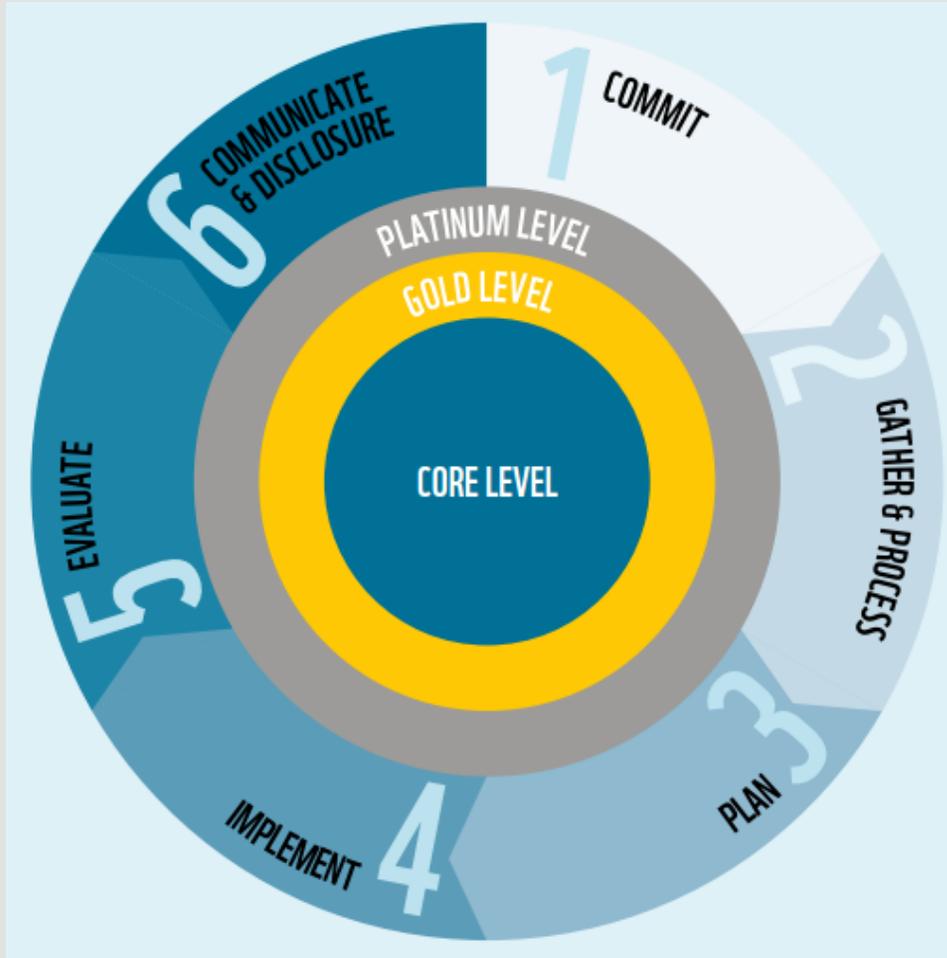
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Click inside the plant, around the plant, or on the greater watershed and community to find practices from global bottlers.

VIEW PRACTICES
in the greater watershed
and community »



The AWS Water Stewardship Standard



FOUR KEY OUTCOMES

1. Good water governance
2. Sustainable water balance
3. Good water quality status
4. Healthy important water-related areas



Basin Report Cards



River Basin Scorecards

- **Understanding More than Your Company**
- **The Importance of Public Education**
- **What is an River Basin Scorecard?**
- **Dissemination of Scorecards**
- **Adaptation in Colombia**
- **The Importance of Private Sector Engagement**



Importance of Public Education

- **Leaders need watershed concepts**
- **Watershed management needs support of the people**
- **People need to know the specific problems of the river**
- **More understanding leads to more effective solutions**
- **An accessible, concise, non-technical report is needed**



What is a River Basin Scorecard?

- **An annual score of environmental indicators**
- **Letter or numerical grades**
- **Important categories include pollution, habitat, fisheries, water quantity, natural resource-related employment, and public health**
- **Specific environmental indicators within each category**



The Chesapeake Bay Watershed



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STATE OF THE BAY

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How We Create Our Report

The *State of the Bay* report is based on the best available information about the Chesapeake for indicators representing three major categories: pollution, habitat, and fisheries. Monitoring data serve as the primary foundation for the report, supplemented by in-the-field observations.

We measure the current state of the Bay against the healthiest Chesapeake we can describe—the Bay Captain John Smith depicted in his exploration narratives from the early 1600s, a theoretical 100.

We assign each indicator a score and then average the scores in the three categories to determine the overall state of the Chesapeake Bay. Our number scores correlate with letter grades as follows:

70 or better	A+
60–69	A
50–59	B+
45–49	B
40–44	C+
35–39	C
30–34	D+
25–29	D
20–25	D-
Below 20	F

ABOUT THE COVER:

A team of internationally known photographers from the International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP) donated time to help CBF. Many photos in this year's *State of the Bay* report are from their expeditions in August, 2010, including this beautiful aerial shot of wetlands.

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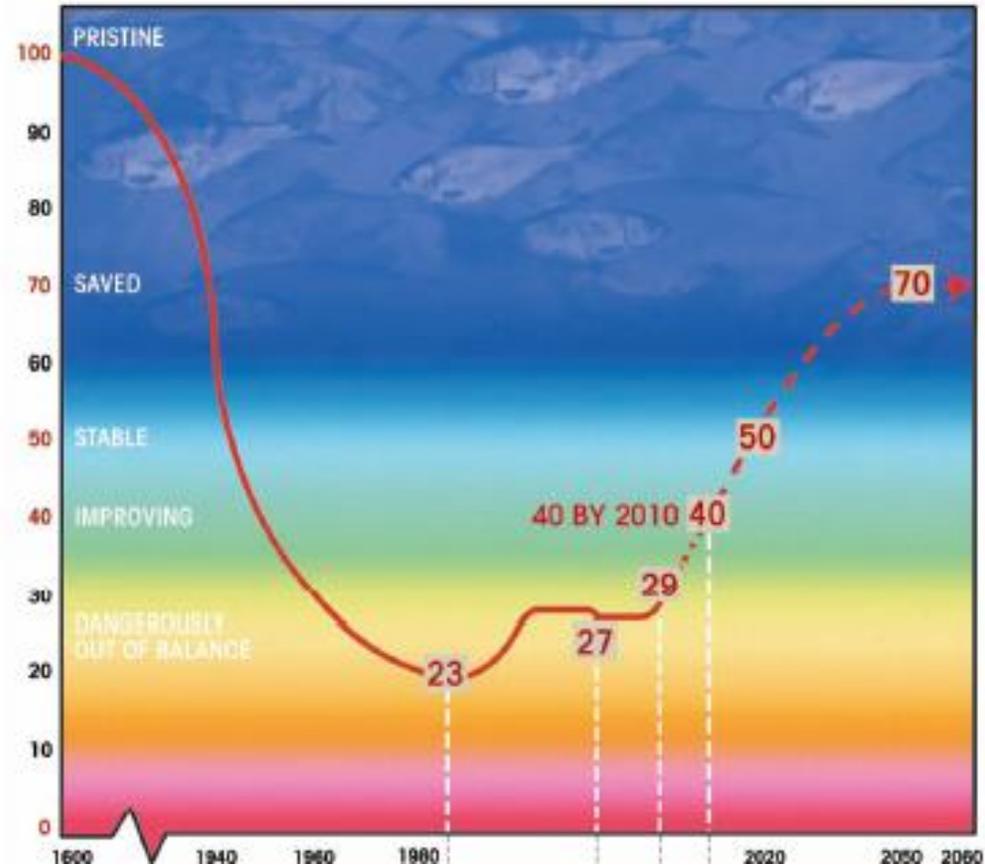
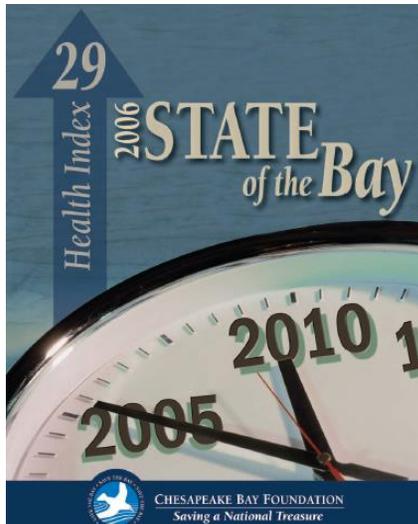
CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED



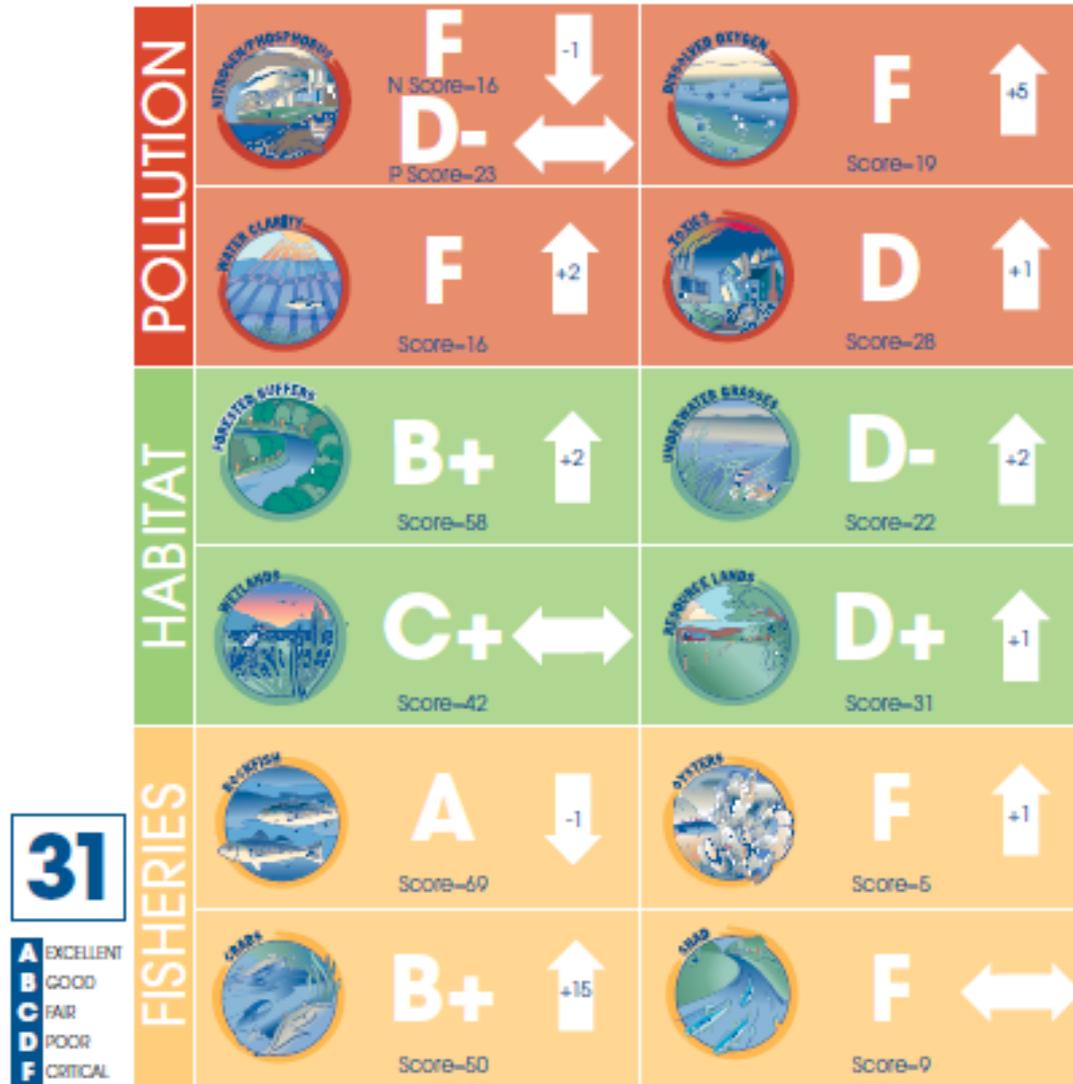
The Chesapeake Bay's 64,000-square-mile watershed covers parts of six states and is home to more than 17 million people.



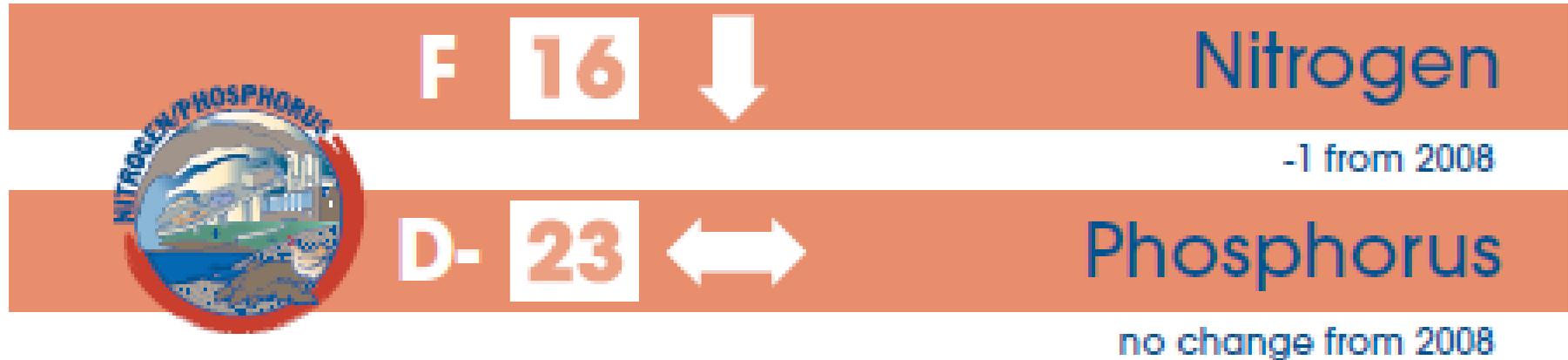
The Chesapeake Bay Remains Dangerously Out of Balance



State of the Bay in 2010



POLLUTION



Amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution to the Chesapeake remain highly influenced by river flows. In 2010, river flows and the associated pollution loads were well above normal during the winter and early spring (remember all that snow), but below normal in the late spring and early summer.

The total annual average ten-year loads to the Chesapeake Bay are 300 million and 18 million pounds respectively for nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. These loads are well above the recommended limits to restore the Chesapeake and the rivers and streams that feed it. The Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), or pollution budget, calls for a 187-million pound cap on nitrogen and a 12-million pound cap for phosphorus.

To achieve these caps, the jurisdictions must reduce and better manage stormwater pollution from urban and agricultural areas, protect and restore natural filters like riparian forest buffers and wetlands, and control erosion from shorelines and construction sites. And, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must see to it that the states effectively implement these programs.



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Wetlands

no change from 2008

Wetlands are natural filters that improve water quality by trapping and treating polluted runoff. They also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife and protect shorelines from the effects of flooding.

Despite these important ecological services, efforts to restore wetlands in the Bay watershed have fallen far short of established goals. As of 2009, the Bay states had achieved little more than half of the 25,000 acres restoration goal for 2010. States made some progress last year; in particular, Maryland was responsible for more than half of the 600 acres that were created between 2008 and 2009 (the most recent year for which data were available). In addition, permitted losses of wetlands have slowed in recent years, likely a reflection of the economic slow down and its continuing impact on land development.

CBF supports increasing efforts to protect and restore these ecologically valuable, and vulnerable, habitats.



What are we doing?

- WWF and the University of Maryland's Center for Environment Science launched the Basin Report Card initiative in 2015
- Catalyzing credible report cards developed locally in all of the world's major basins, thus dramatically improving how water is managed around the world
- Improving, packaging and sharing report card development process to help businesses, communities, public officials and NGOs create science-based report cards
- Piloting this "homegrown report card" process by helping local stakeholders develop a report card for the Colombian portion of the Orinoco river basin

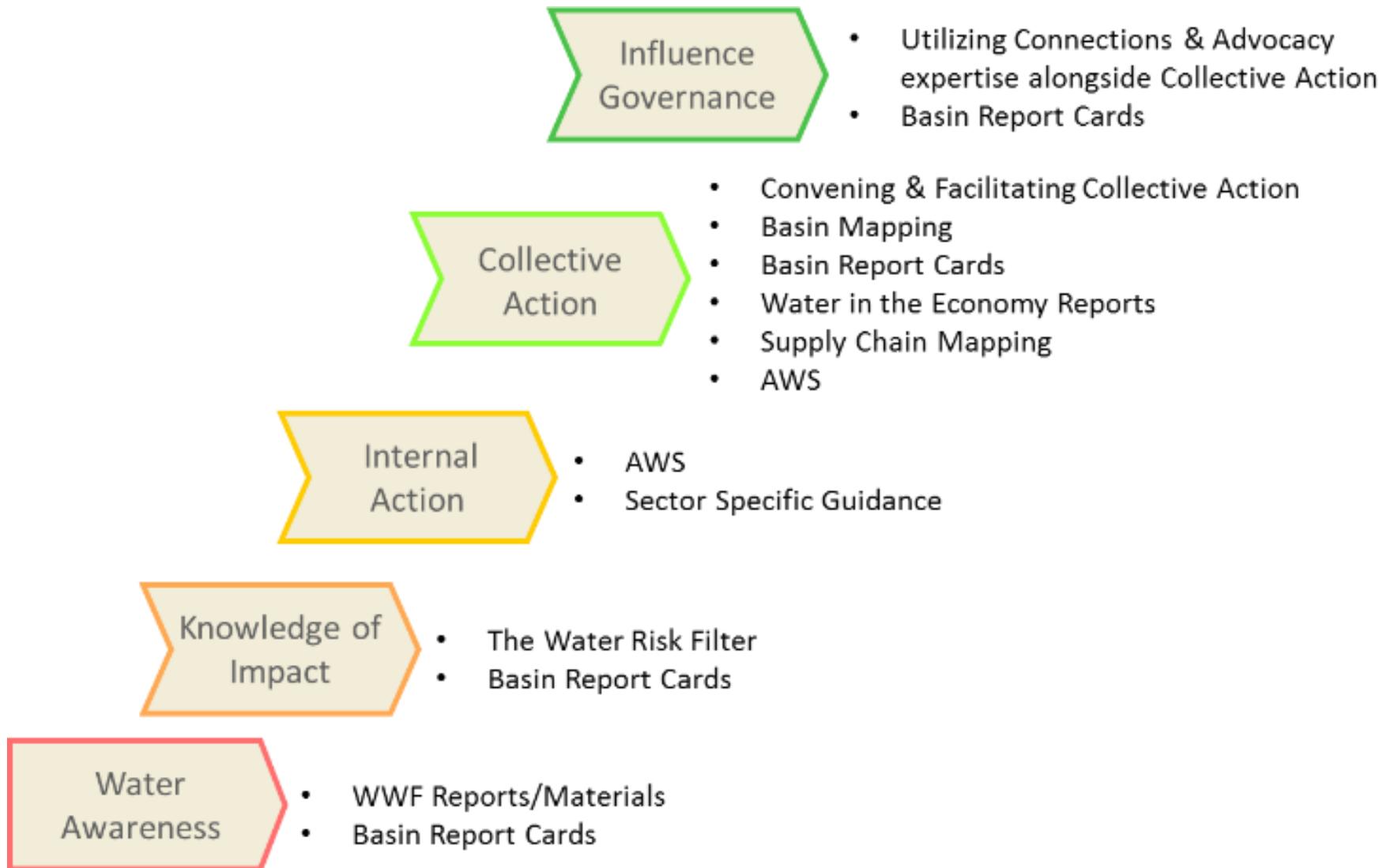


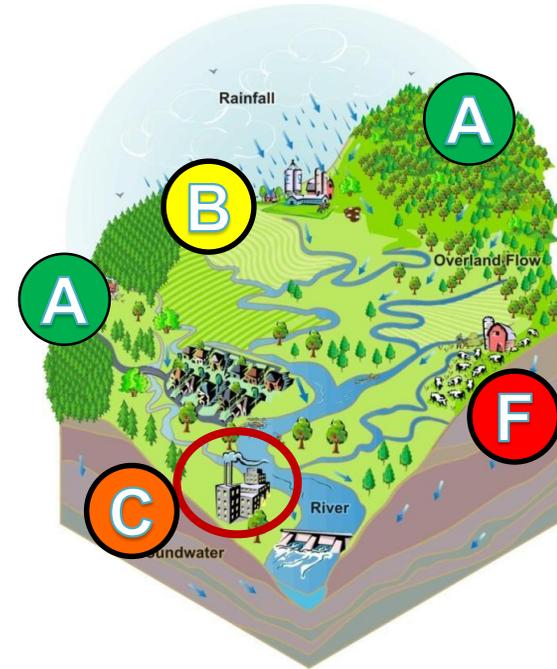
Figure 1. illustrates how BRCs can be leveraged to advance work across multiple steps in WWF's WS Ladder.

Report Card Process

Develop relationships with diverse stakeholder groups
(e.g. Businesses, policy makers, communities)

Understand Basin Impacts
(e.g. water quality, balance, governance)

- 1. Values and Threats in the Basin**
Understand the major water uses in the basin (e.g. industrial, agricultural, commercial, institutional)
- 2. Identify Indicators**
- 3. Set Thresholds/Vision for Ideal Condition**
- 4. Calculations**
- 5. Communications**





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