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ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTING

Water Accounting

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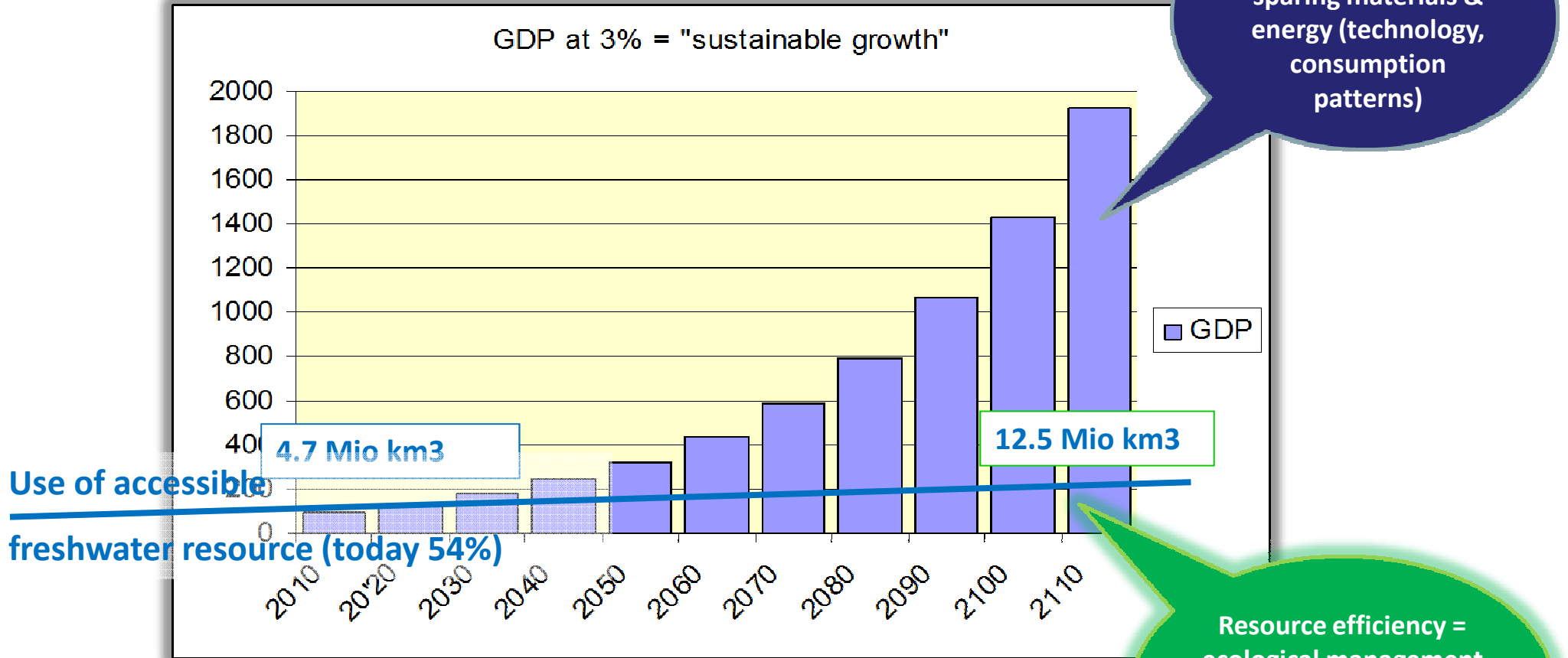
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Macro-economics: GDP growth and the need to account for natural resource use & ecosystem capital degradation



→ Beyond GDP 2008

→ "Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi" report 2009

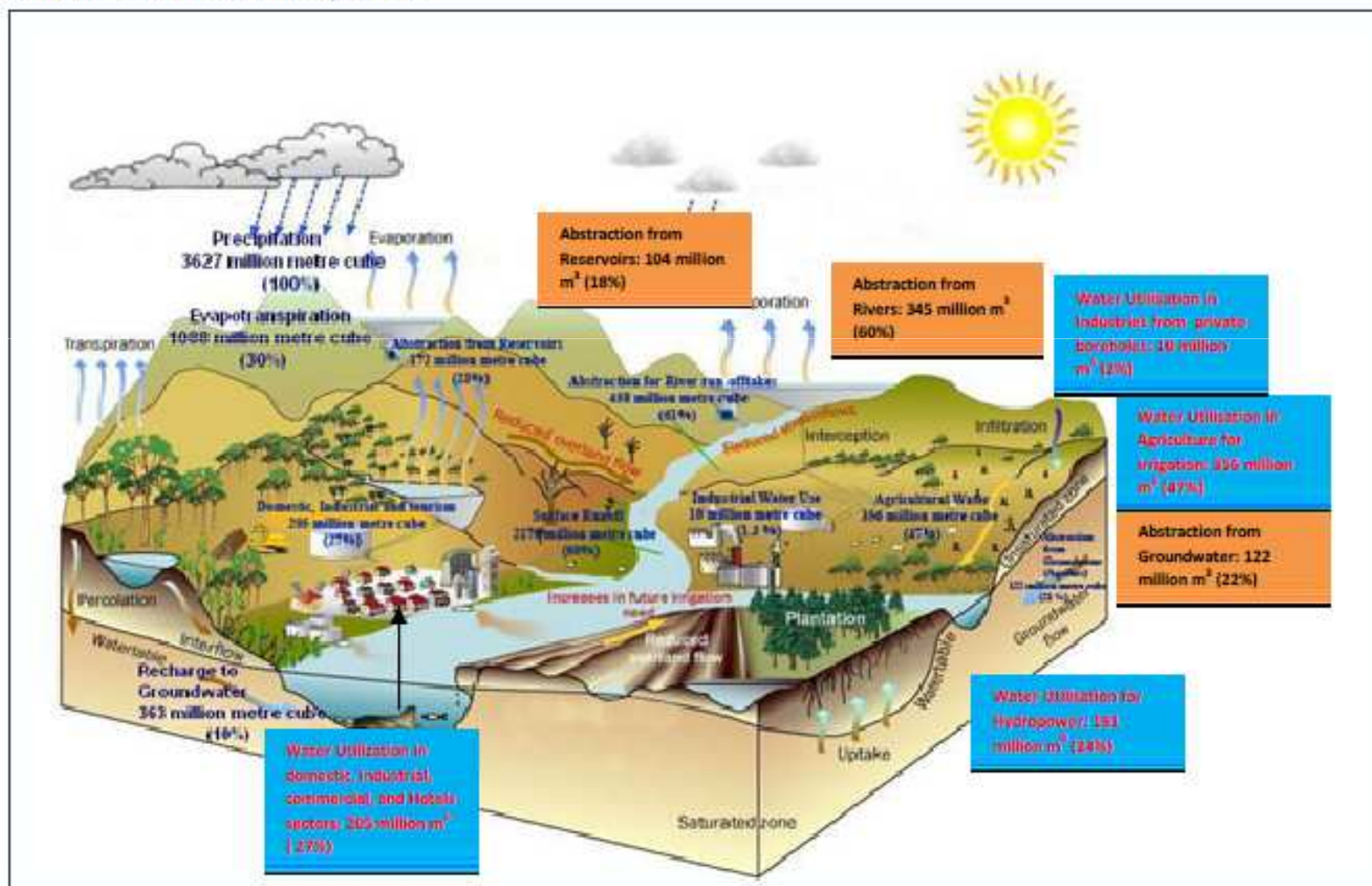
→ TEEB 2008-2010

→ WAVES/ WB Partnership 2011-2015

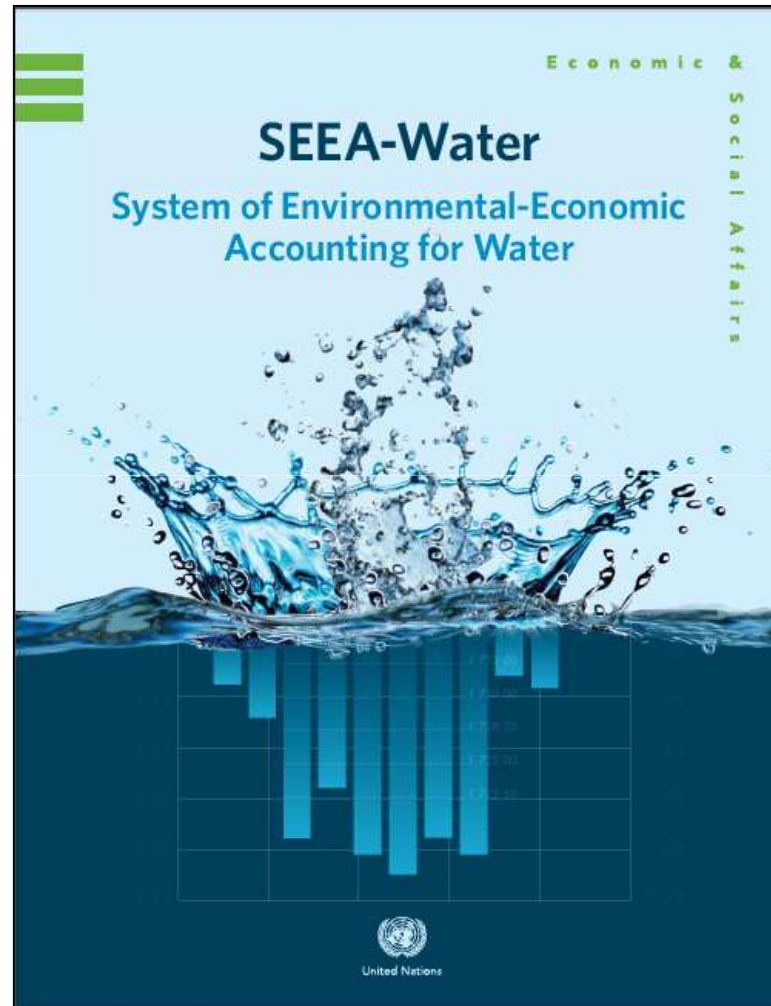
→ SEEA2003 / rev. 2012-13

What is water accounting about?

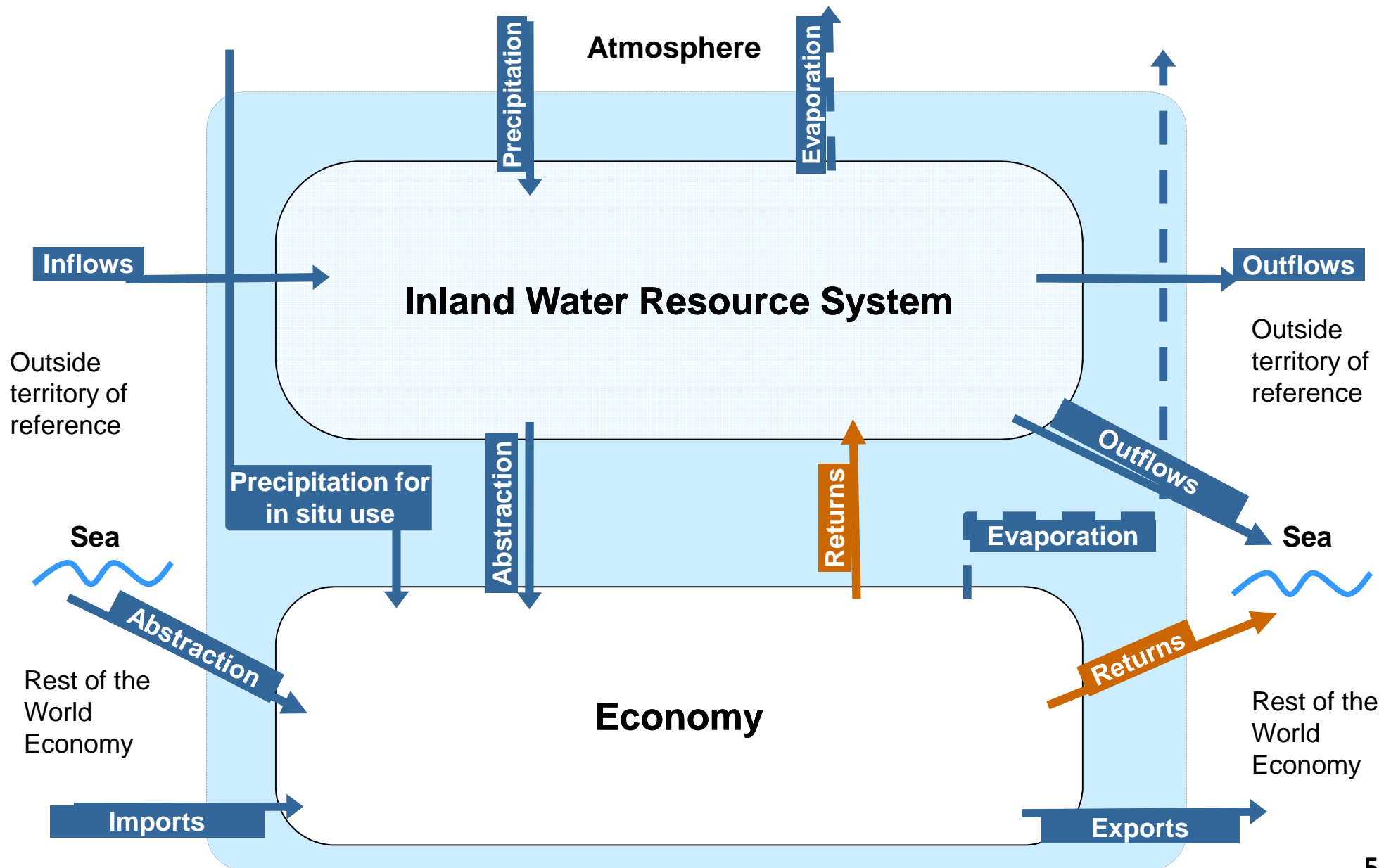
Figure 2(b) – The hydrological cycle with water balance, abstractions and utilizations for Island of Mauritius, 2011.



SEEA Water: “Interim standard” 2007



SEEA-Water is based on a stock-flow model comprising two main subsystems: the inland water resource system and the economy.



The details of each subsystem are shown in the following diagram

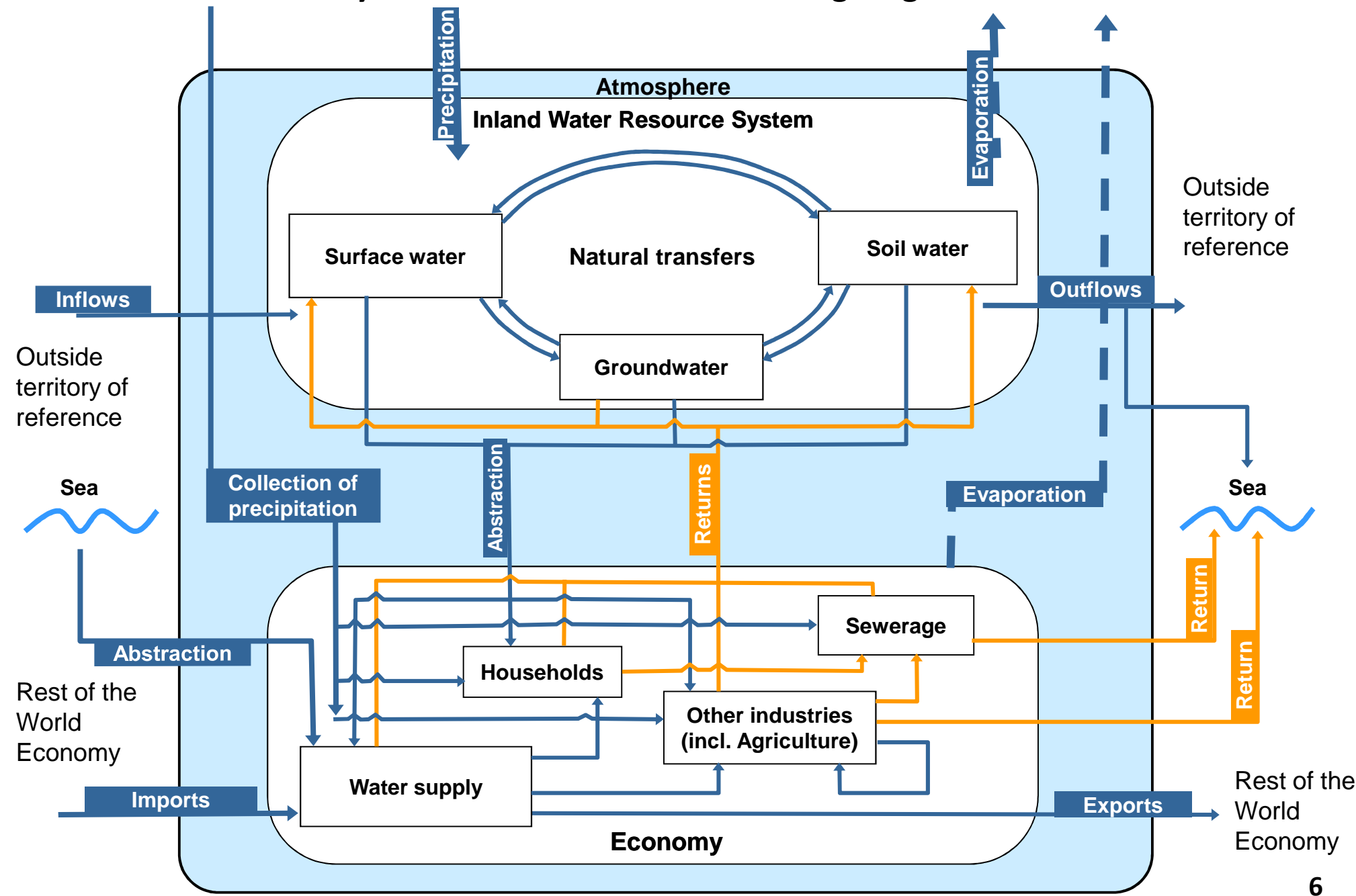


Table 1 - Detailed Physical water Use Table, 2011

		Industries (by ISIC ^a categories)							Households	Rest of the world	Total
		1-3	5-33, 41-43, 38,39, 45-99	3510 Hydroelectricity	3510 Cooling Thermoelectricity	36 Water utilities (drinking water)	37 Sewerage	Total			
From the environment	1. Total abstraction (=1.a+1.b=1.i+1.ii)	356.0	10.0	181.0	0.0	205.0	0.0	752.0			752.0
	1.a. Abstraction for own use	356.0	10.0	181.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	547.0			547.0
	Hydroelectric power generation			181.0				181.0			181.0
	Irrigation water	356.0						356.0			356.0
	Mine water							0.0			0.0
	Urban runoff ^a							0.0			0.0
	Cooling water										
	Other		10.0					10.0			10.0
	1.b. Abstraction for distribution					205.0		205.0			205.0
	1.i. From water resources:	356.0	10.0	181.0		205.0	0.0	752.0			752.0
	1.i.1 Surface water	350.0	5.0	181.0		94.0		630.0			630.0
	1.i.2 Groundwater	6.0	5.0			111.0		122.0			122.0
	1.i.3 Soil water							0.0			0.0
	1.ii. From other sources	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0
	1.ii.1 Collection of precipitation							0.0			0.0
	1.ii.2 Abstraction from the sea					0.0		0.0			0.0
Within the economy	2. Use of water received from other economic units		23.0				40.0	63.0	76.0		139.0
	of which:										
	2.a. Reused water							0.0			0.0
3. Total use of water (=1 + 2)		356.0	33.0	181.0	0.0	205.0	40.0	815.0	76.0		891.0

^a: International Standard Industrial Classification (see below)

Table 2 - Detailed Physical water Supply Table, 2011

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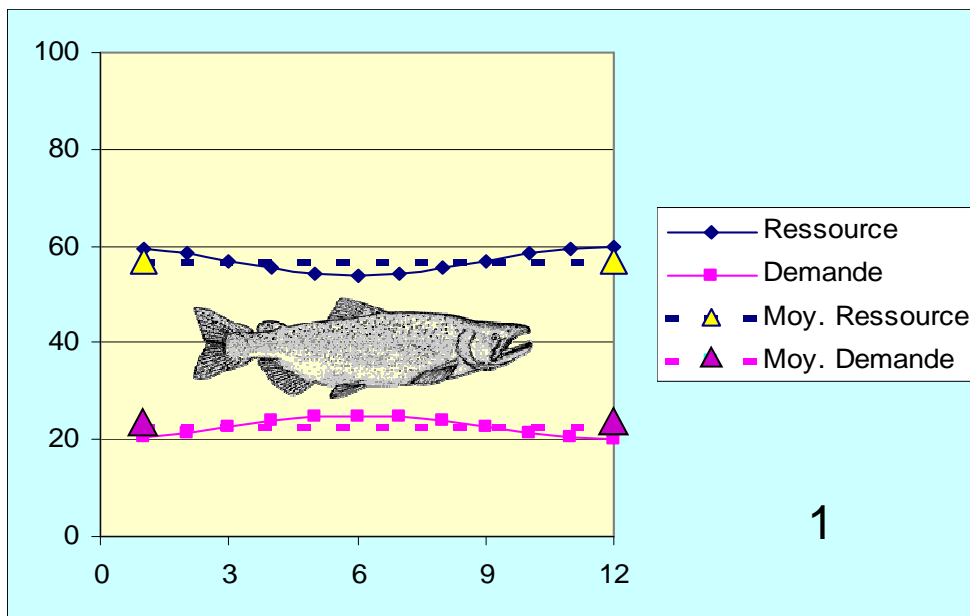
SEEA-Water limitations

- Accessible water resource not defined → misses a simple indicator of water use stress
- Quality de facto ignored
- Implemented for the hydrological system from questionnaire instead of data-mining from water agencies' databases (meteo, gauging stations...)
- **Starts with annual x national accounts,**
instead of seasonal x basin accounts

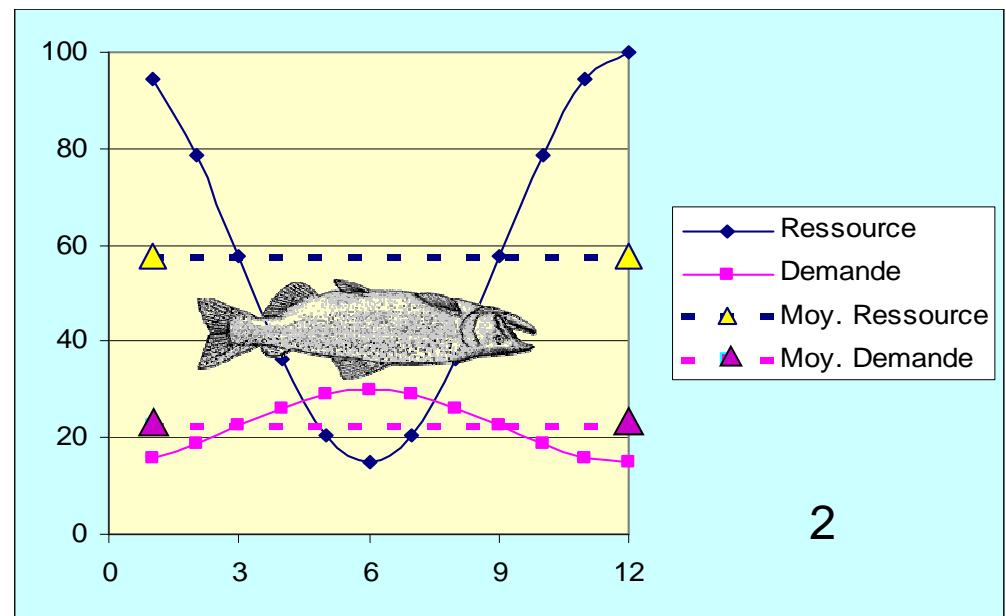
Need relevant time frame for monitoring impacts on ecosystems: e.g. water resource/demand

Mean annual resource is in both cases $>$ mean annual demand

No water shortage in case 1, important seasonal stress in case 2

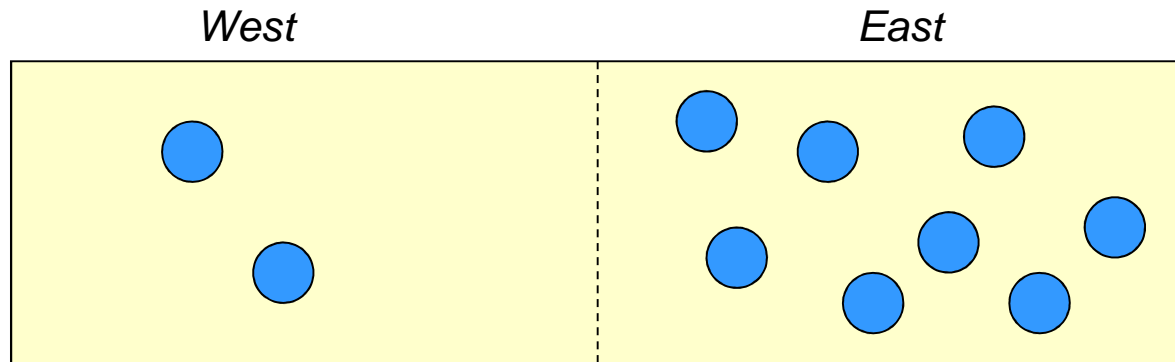


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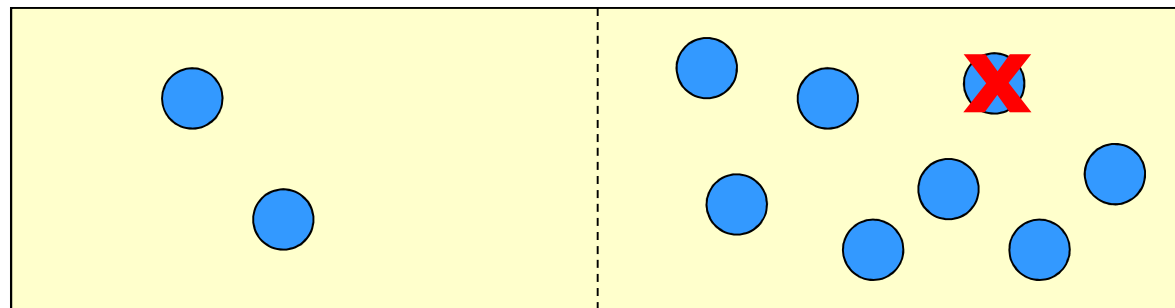
Importance of accounting by relevant functional units to measure impacts (e.g. catchments)



The total water resource of the country **10 lakes** distributed over **2 catchments**. The western catchment with 2 lakes is close to a scarcity threshold while water resource is abundant in the eastern catchment (8 lakes).

Scenario 1: 1 lake is lost in the east

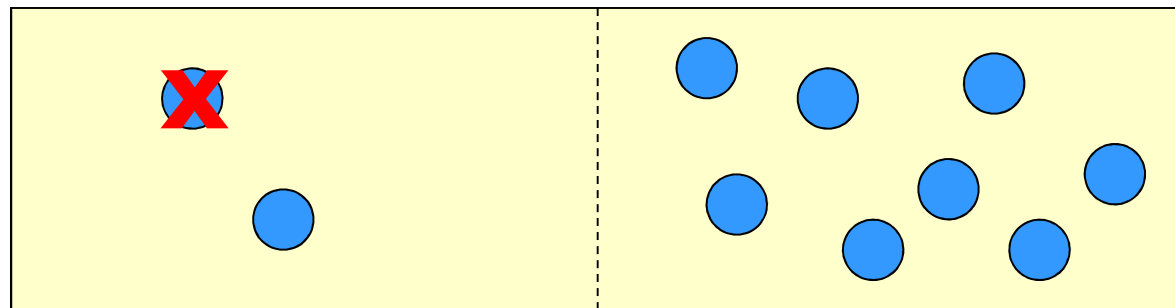
Scenario 2: 1 lake is lost in the west.



Resource loss of 1 lake in the **eastern** catchment

- (a) Aggregated national loss (without catchments): $(10-9)\% = \mathbf{10\%}$
- (b) National average of loss by catchments:

$$\frac{(2-2)\% + (9-8)\%}{2} = \mathbf{5.5\%}$$

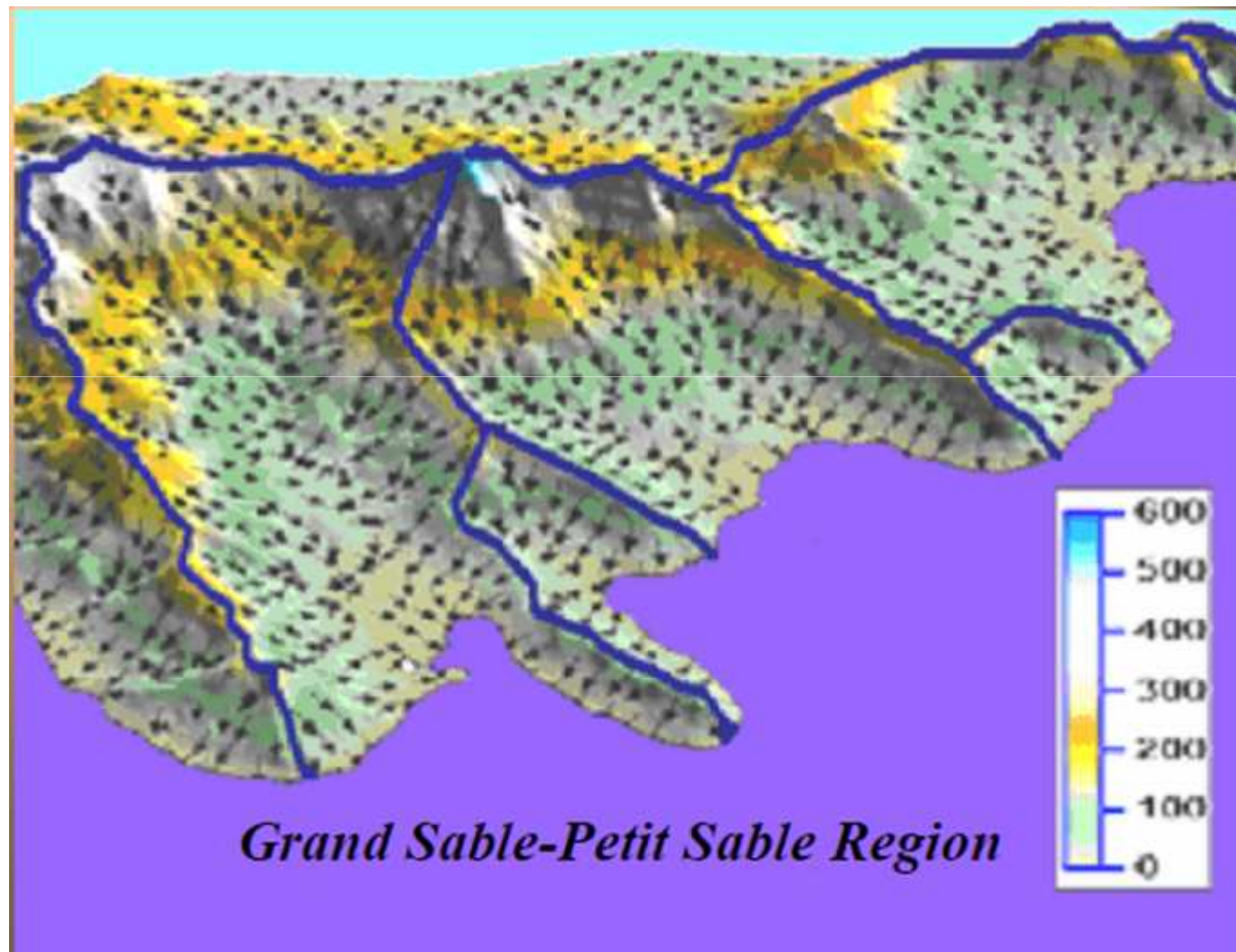


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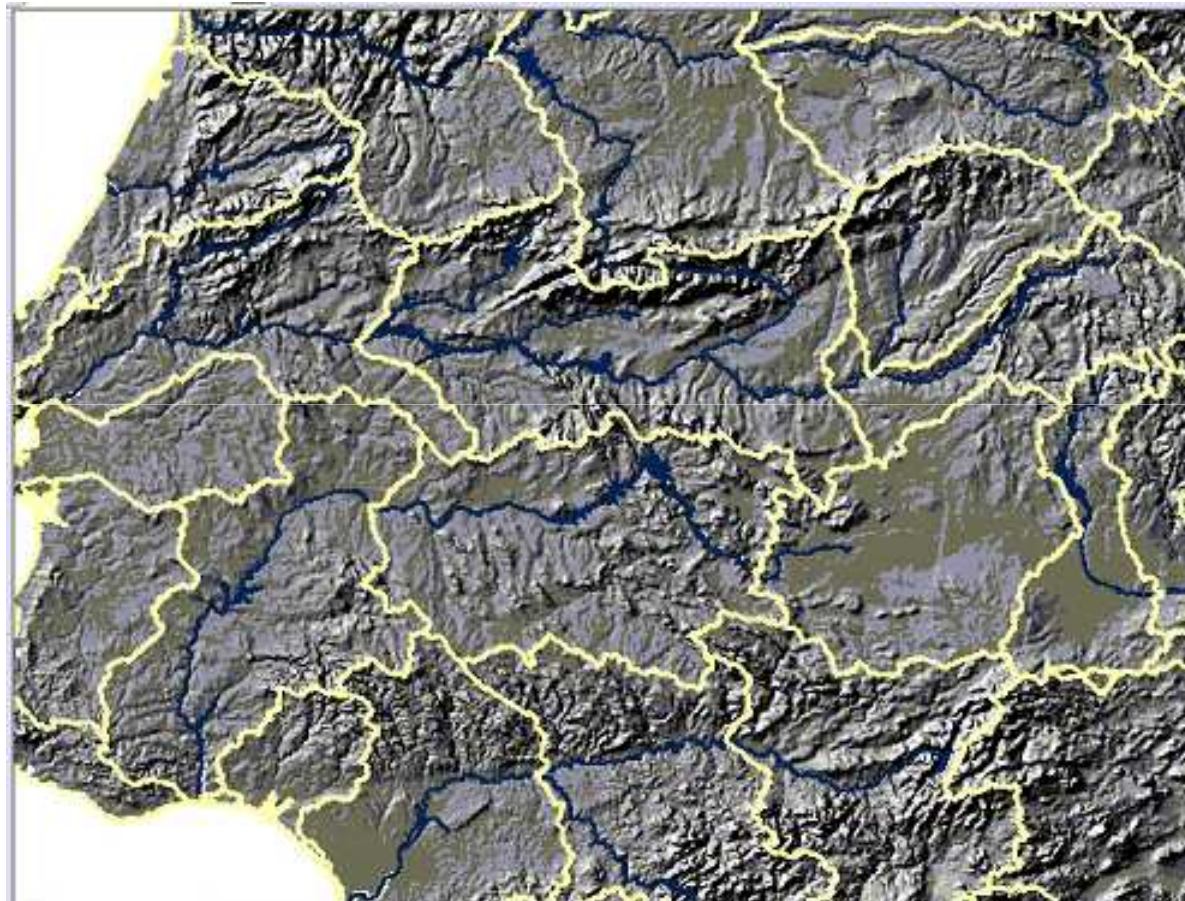
$$\frac{(2-1)\% + (9-9)\%}{2} = \mathbf{25\%}$$

Importance to account for water within drainage basins limits



Importance to account for ecosystems within drainage basins limits

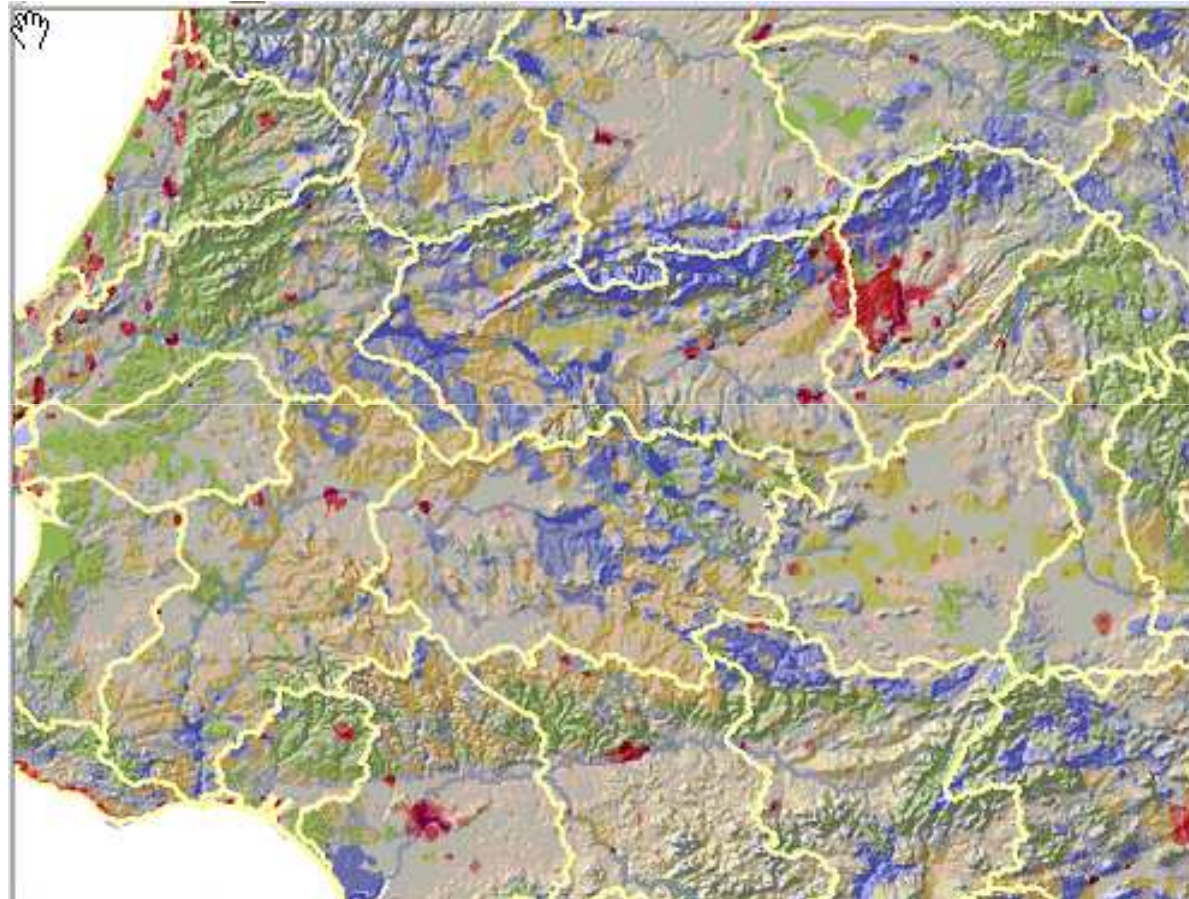
Mapping & classification of ecosystem accounting statistical units (or Socio-Ecological Landscape Units – SELU) **1- river basins and 2- relief**



Courtesy Emil D. Ivanov, 2011

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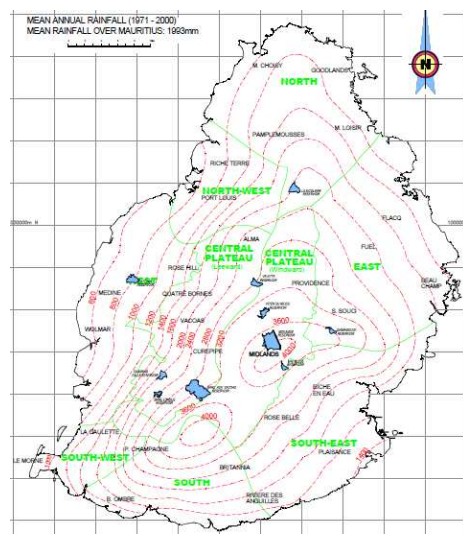
3- dominant landscape types (and land cover functional units (red= urban, yellow = agriculture, green = forest, blue = grass and shrubs, grey = mixed land cover...))



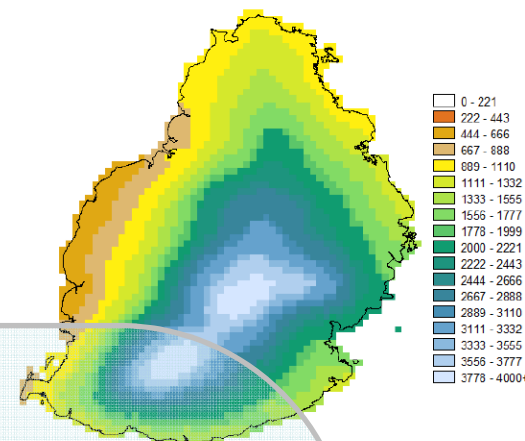
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Estimating water balances by drainage basins

From the
MU_CLEWS
report (IIASA,
GAEZ FAO
methodology)



Rasterisation
1kmx1km



Mauritius Meteorological Services

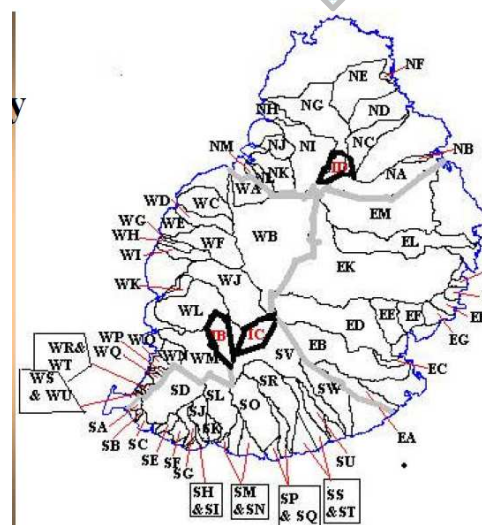
Region: North
Station: Pamplemousses

MONTH	TEMPERATURE				HUMIDITY		WIND		SUNSHINE		RAINFALL		NO OF DAYS WITH RAIN ALL > 1 MM	NO OF DAYS WITH RAINFALL > 5 MM
	Mean Max 1971-2000	Highest Max Recorded	Mean Min 1971-2000	Lowest Min Recorded	%	Mean Wind Speed km/h	Highest Gust km/h	Daily hrs per day	Mean Monthly	LTM 1971-2000	1971-2000			
January	31.1	35.2	22.1	16.1	82	10.4	159	8.1	250.2	206.2	16	8		
February	30.6	35.5	22.2	16.3	84	11.9	238	7.7	219.9	239.9	16	9		
March	30.6	34.0	21.7	14.5	83	10.4	134	7.6	235.5	158.9	15	7		
April	29.8	33.6	20.8	13.1	84	9.6	89	7.4	223.3	157.6	15	6		
May	28.1	32.0	18.6	11.0	83	9.3	72	7.6	235.9	99.2	12	5		
June	26.5	30.0	16.7	9.2	82	9.3	72	7.4	223.0	66.1	12	4		
July	25.7	29.0	16.1	9.0	82	11.3	70	7.6	236.8	72.9	14	5		
August	25.9	29.9	16.2	10.0	80	13.3	78	7.7	237.7	75.1	13	4		
September	27.0	30.5	16.6	10.7	78	12.2	72	7.5	225.0	48.0	9	2		
October	28.4	32.5	17.7	12.0	77	11.9	69	8.2	255.2	47.9	8	2		
November	30.0	35.0	19.1	12.9	78	12.2	105	8.7	260.9	49.5	8	2		
December	30.7	35.4	20.9	15.0	80	10.7	201	8.0	248.8	127.5	10	5		

Note: LTM = long term mean
Temperature is measured in degrees celsius
Rainfall is measured in millimetres

Meteo montly report for regional monitoring stations

Drainage
basins and
their
gauging
stations



Next step:
Simplified
basic
water
balances
by basins

A simplified basic water balance

Precipitation *

- Spontaneous Real EvapoTranspiration **

+ Net infiltration to soil/subsoil ***

+ *Inflows from upstream runoff*

+ Returns of used water & irrigation ^μ

= ***Available water resource***

- Use of water by activities & households ^μ

- Evapotranspiration by activities

= ***River basin runoff***

Sources:

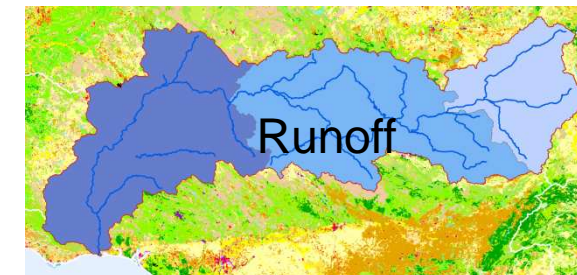
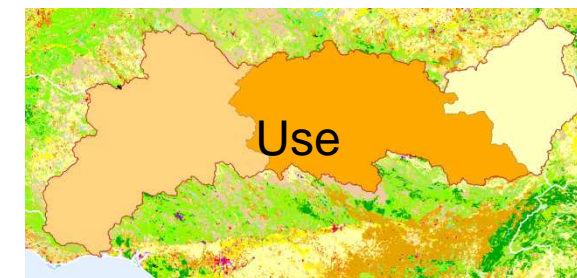
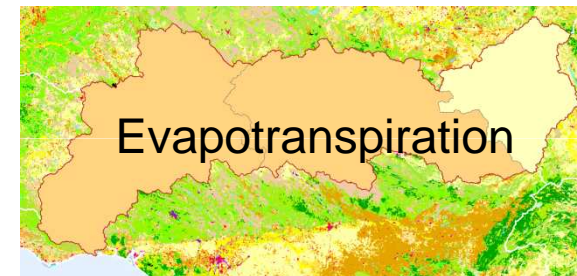
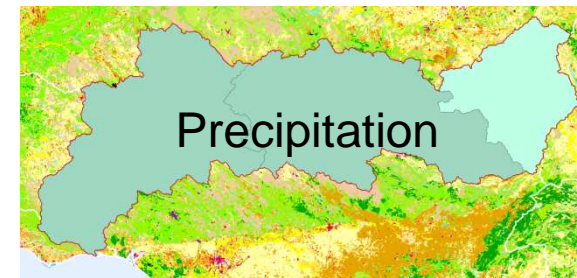
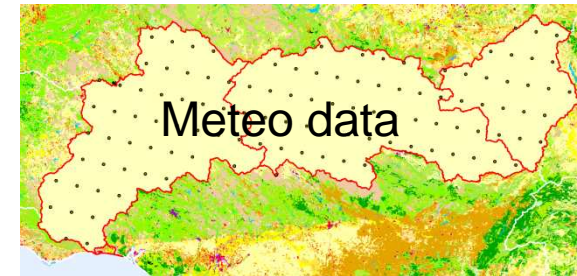
* Meteo

** Modelling from meteo data, land cover & NDVI

*** Hydrogeological modelling

^μ Estimation from land cover & socio-economic statistics

Bold Ital: accounting balances



Ecosystem water accounts

		Artificial reservoirs	Lakes	Rivers and streams	Glaciers, snow and ice	Groundwater	Soil/ Vegetation (by land cover)	TOTAL WATER ASSETS
Basic water accounts								
1. BASIC BALANCE/ STANDARD RESOURCE ACCOUNT								
WA1	Opening Stocks							
1.1 INCREASE IN STOCKS (NATURAL AND SECONDARY WATER RESOURCE FLOWS)								
WR10	Precipitation							
WR20	Net internal spontaneous transfers of water (received minus provided)							
WR21	Internal spontaneous water transfers received (+)							
WR22	Internal spontaneous water transfers provided (-)							
WR30	Natural inflows from other territories							
s/t (WR10+20+30)	Total natural renewable water resources (TRWR _{natural})							
WR40	Import of water from external territories and the sea							
WR41	Import of water from external territories							
WR42	Withdrawal of water from the sea							
WR50	Waste water discharge to inland water assets							
WR51	Discharge of untreated waste water (incl. urban runoff)							
WR52	Discharge of treated waste water							
WR60	Returns of abstracted water to inland water assets							
WR61	Losses of water in transport and storage							
WR62	Return of abstracted water for irrigation							
WR63	Return of water from hydroelectricity production							
WR64	Return of mine water							
WR65	Return of water from other production (incl. cooling)							
WR66	Other returns of water							
s/t (WR40+50+60)	Total secondary water resources (TSWR)							
WR1	Total increase in stocks (natural and secondary water resource flows)							
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1.2 DECREASE IN STOCKS (WATER ABSTRACTION, CONSUMPTION AND OUTFLOWS)	
WR70	Abstraction from water assets
WR71	Abstraction for distribution
WR72	Abstraction for own use by agriculture (incl. for irrigation)
WR73	Abstraction for own use by hydroelectricity production
WR74	Abstraction for own use by other production (incl. cooling)
WR75	Abstraction for own use by municipal and household use
WR80	Direct actual evapo-transpiration
WR81	Direct actual evapo-transpiration from rainfed agriculture and pasture
WR82	Direct actual evapo-transpiration from forests
WR83	Direct actual evapo-transpiration from natural land
WR84	Direct actual evapo-transpiration from water bodies
WR85	Direct actual evapo-transpiration from artificial land
WR90	Actual evapo-transpiration induced by irrigation
WR100	Evaporation from industry and other uses
s/t (WR80+90+100)	Total evaporation & actual evapo-transpiration
WR110	Natural outflows to other territories and the sea
WR120	Export of water to other territories and the sea
WR130	Other change in volume of stocks (+ or -)
WR2	Total decrease in stocks
WR3 = WR1-WR2	Net Ecosystem Water Balance (NEWB)
WA2	Closing Stocks

Ecosystem water accounts

2. BASIC BALANCE/ TABLE OF TOTAL WATER USES	
WU10 = WR70	Abstraction from inland water assets
<i>WU11</i>	<i>Abstraction for distribution</i>
<i>WU12</i>	<i>Abstraction for own use by agriculture (incl. for irrigation)</i>
<i>WU13</i>	<i>Abstraction for own use by hydroelectricity production</i>
<i>WU14</i>	<i>Abstraction for own use by other production (incl. cooling)</i>
<i>WU15</i>	<i>Abstraction for own use by municipal and household use</i>
WU20	Direct use of precipitation water
<i>WU21 = WR81+WR82</i>	<i>Precipitation water feeding agriculture and forestry (green water)</i>
<i>WU22</i>	<i>Collection of precipitation water (rainwater harvest)</i>
<i>WU23</i>	<i>Urban runoff (urban stormwater)</i>
WU1	Total use of ecosystem water
WU30 = WR41	Water imported from external territories
WU40 = WR42	Withdrawals of water from the sea
WU50	Use of water received from other economic units
WU60	Re-use water within economic units
WU2	Total water uses

Ecosystem water accounts

3. BASIC BALANCE/ ACCESSIBLE BASIC RESOURCE SURPLUS	
3.1 TOTAL INCREASE OF WATER RESOURCES STOCKS	
WR1	Total increase in stocks (natural and secondary water resource flow)
3.2 ADJUSTMENTS OF RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES	
WS10	Irregular renewable water resources (regular as > 90% of time) (-)
WS20	Legal reserved runoff (for dilution (BOD), aquatic life, navigation...) (-)
WS30	Inflow not secured through treaties, agreements, regulations or laws (-)
WS40	Outflow secured through treaties, agreements, regulations or laws (-)
WS50	Water natural resource unusable due to quality (incl. salinity) (-)
WS60	Non-renewable water resources (deep aquifers) (-)
WS70	Exploitable irregular renewable water resources/ annual storage (+)
WS80	Previous net accumulation in water stocks (+ or -)
WS90	Other accessibility adjustments of natural water (+ or -)
WS1	Total adjustment of natural renewable water resources
s/t (WR10+20+30) + WS1	Exploitable (or manageable) natural water resources
WS100	Secondary water resource unusable due to quality (-)
WS110	Other accessibility adjustments of secondary water (+ or -)
WS2	Total adjustment of secondary renewable water resources
s/t (WR40+50+60) + WS2	Exploitable (or manageable) secondary water resources
WS3 = WR1+WS1+WS2	Accessible basic water resource surplus

Cf. FAO AQUASTAT: exploitable resource http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/water_res/indexglos.htm

Ecosystem water accounts

4. TABLE OF INDEXES OF ECOSYSTEM STATE/DISTRESS	
4.1 INDEX OF INTENSITY OF USE IMPACT <i>[IF<1, = overuse, dilapidation; IF>1, accumulation]</i>	
WH1 = WS3/WU2	Water intensity of use impact
4.2 COMPOSITE INDEX OF ECOSYSTEM HEALTH CHANGE	
WH10	Bio-chemical quality
WH20	Nutrients excess, eutrophication
WH30	Change in species diversity
WH40	Water borne diseases
WH50	Dependency from artificial inputs
WH60	Change in probability of water stress
WH70	Other...
WH2	Composite index of change in ecosystem health
4.3 ANNUAL CHANGE IN INTERNAL ECOSYSTEM STATE/DISTRESS INDEX OF WATER RESOURCES	
WH3 = AVG(WH1+WH2)	Annual change in resources internal ecosystem state/distress index

= Accessible basic water surplus / Total use of ecosystem water

It should be always > or = to 1 ; when < 1, stress on resource → degradation

Data requirements for ecosystem water accounting

- The data used for the national SEEAW accounts,
- Meteo data on precipitation (by regions, monthly, 10 years), evapotranspiration (or variables to compute it)
- Isohyets maps
- Gauging of water discharge, if possible 1 by drainage basins
- Main uses of water by key economic sectors, with regional breakdowns...
- Mapping of irrigation, firstly for sugar cane
- Population data by municipalities
- Tourism data
- Wastewater discharge to the environment (map)
- Aquifers stocks, abstraction (at boreholes) and pollution (if any)

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