

Governing Indonesia's Water Resources: Managing the Lifeline of an Archipelagic Nation

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Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia Policy to Practice: Regional Exchange on Integrated Water Resources Management

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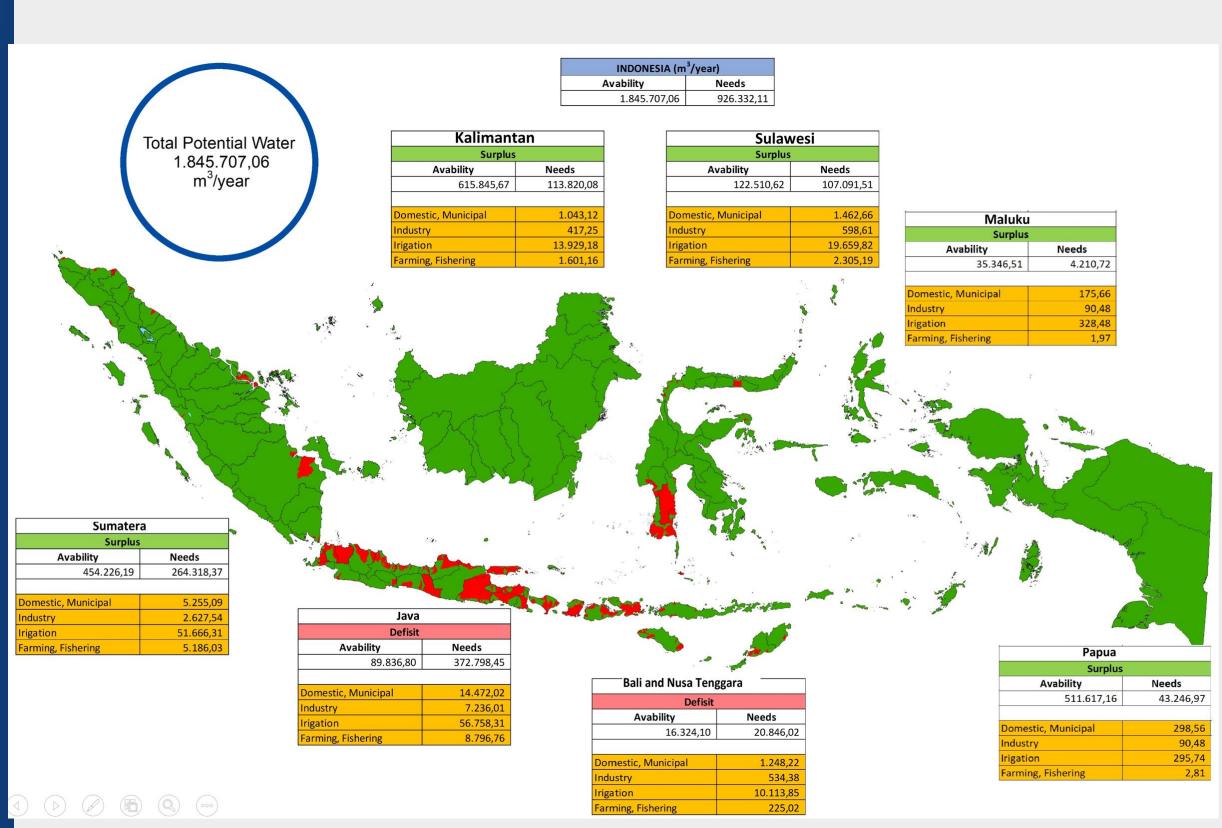
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WATER RESOURCES POTENTIAL IN INDONESIA





- Total Potential Water: 1.845.707,06
 m3/year
- Total Water Requirement 354.933,08
 m3/year
- Java Island Experiencing the most severe water Deficit. Needs (95.383,92 m3/year) significantly outweigh Availability (89.836,80 m3/year)
- The highest water requirements in Indonesia are concentrated on Java Island.
 Data indicates that the Irrigation sector on Java Island is the largest nationally, 56.758,31 m3/year, and its Domestic and Industrial sector demand is also the highest at 21.708 m3/year

Metric (Billion m3/year)	Study 2016 (Data up to 2015)	Study 2022 (Data up to 2022)	
Average Water Availability	2,78	2,97	
Reliable Water Availability (Dependable Yield)	2,09	1,85	

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES (1)





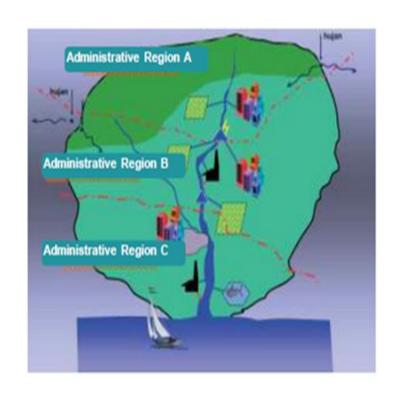
Water Resources Law No. 17/2019:
Mandates Integrated Water Resources
Management (IWRM) as the core principle

National Water Resources Policy

Presidential Regulation No. 37/2023

- 1 Water Resource Conservation
- 2 Water Resource Utilization
- **3** Water Destructive Power Control





Information:

A river basin is a water resources management unit that encompasses one or more watersheds and/or small islands with an area of less than or equal to 2,000 km².

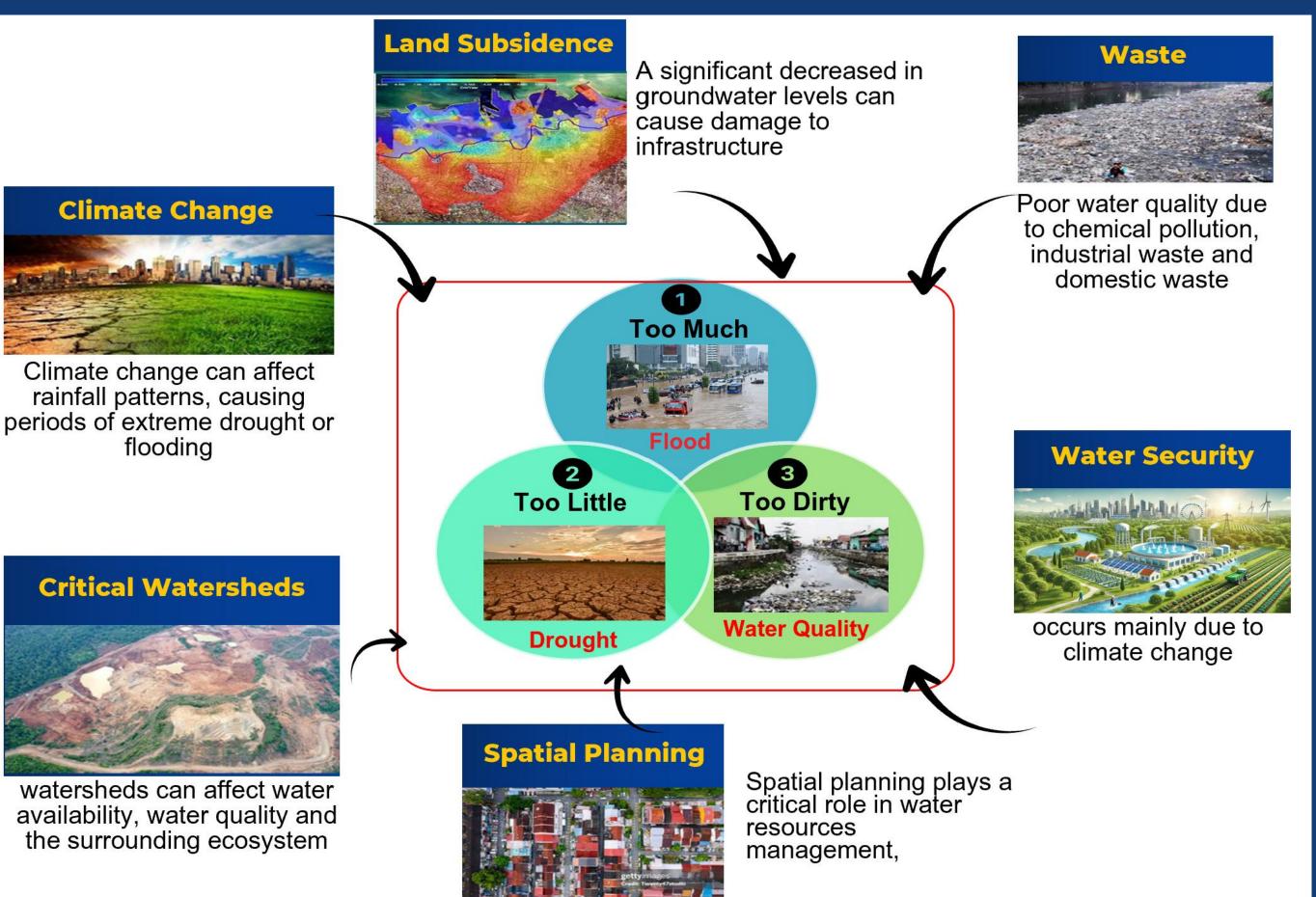
A single river basin may include one or more administrative regions (provinces) with an area of less than or equal to 2,000 km².

128 River Basin Territory

No.	Status of River Basin Territory (RBT)	Total of RBT	Authority
1	International Trans-Boundary RBT	5	Central Government
2	Trans-Province RBT	31	Central Government
3	National Strategic RBT	28	Central Government
4	Trans-Regency / District RBT	52	Provincial Government
5	One Regency / District RBT	12	Regencial Government
	Total	128	

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES (2)





WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES (3)



The emergence of these problems provides an indication
THE ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS THE
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE PROCESS
IS MEDIUMLY | EXPERIENCED DAMAGE





- Between regions
- Between sectors
- Between user groups
- Between individual users



IWRM

National Issue:

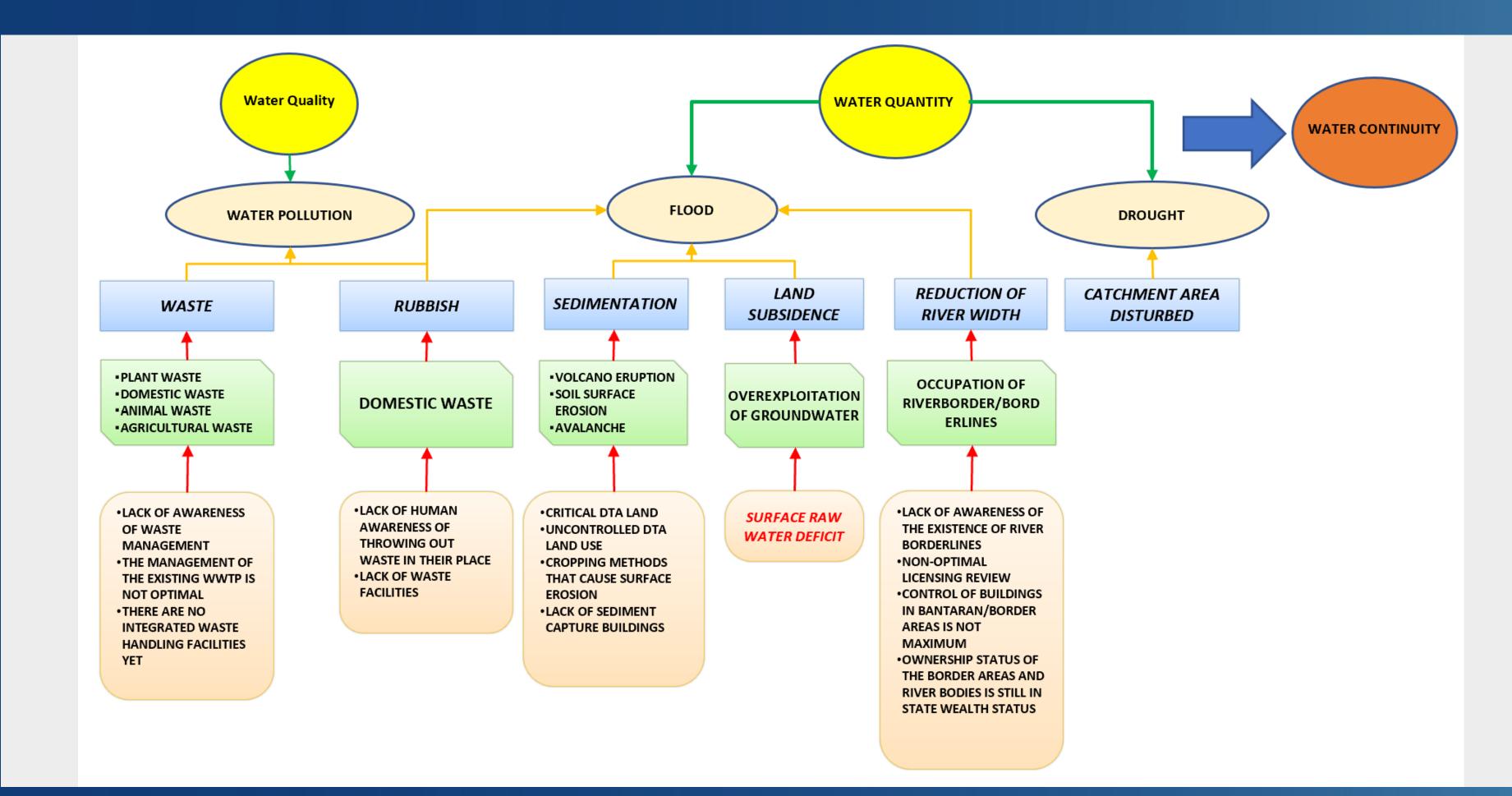
- 1)Water Security
- 2)Food Security
- 3) Energy Security
- 4) Global Climate Change.

Local Issue:

- 1) Water Body Pollution (Pollution from domestic, industrial, and agricultural waste)
- 2) Groundwater Over-extraction (Leading to a decline in groundwater levels and seawater intrusion in coastal areas)
- 3) Damage to River Ecosystems and Water Sources (Such as land-use change in river buffer zones and degradation of upstream forests)
- 4) Erosion and Sedimentation (Resulting from land degradation in water catchment areas)
- 5)Local Water Use Conflicts (Between sectors or among users at the local/regional level)

WATERSHED PROBLEM SCHEME





IWRM FRAMEWORK POLICY



Indonesia's Water Resources Law (Law No. 17/2019) and Government Regulation No. 30/2024 on Water Resources Management emphasize that water management should be holistic — covering conservation, utilization, hazard control, community empowerment, and governance.

Water Resources Conservation

Conservation ensures the longterm availability and quality of water by maintaining hydrological balance and ecosystem



Water-Related Hazard Control

Managing water-related hazards such as floods and droughts → early warning system



Water Resources Utilization

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Utilization aims to balance water use among sectors (agriculture, domestic, industry) while maintaining efficiency and fairness.

Governance and Water Information Systems

Effective water governance relies on transparent institutions and reliable data for coordinated decisionmaking.



Community and Stakeholder Empowerment

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Active participation of communities and stakeholders ensures local ownership, social equity, and shared responsibility in water management.





The Link Between Water Resources Management (WRM/PSDA) & Spatial Planning (RTRW)







Water Resources Management (WRM/PSDA)

Spatial Planning (RTRW)

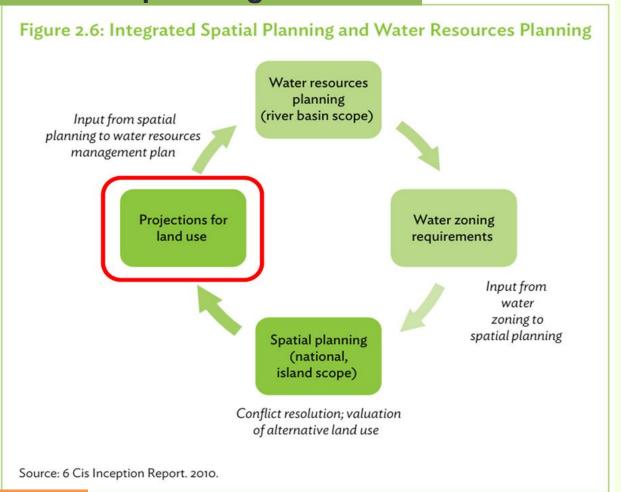
- WRM and Spatial Planning are fundamentally connected: land use determines water health, and water availability dictates land use potential.
- Spatial Plan → Impacts Water: The RTRW's designations for urban, agricultural, or forest areas directly affect runoff, pollution, and groundwater recharge.
- Water Resources Data → Informs Spatial Plan: WRM provides crucial data on water availability, flood zones, and groundwater protection areas. This data must be used to zone land in the RTRW, restricting harmful activities in sensitive areas.

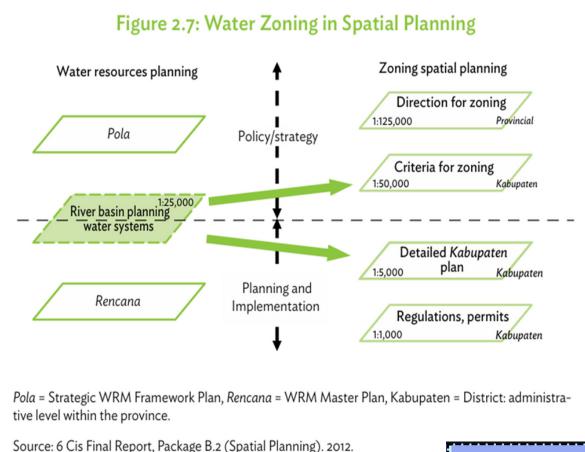
Integration landuse & water resources planning

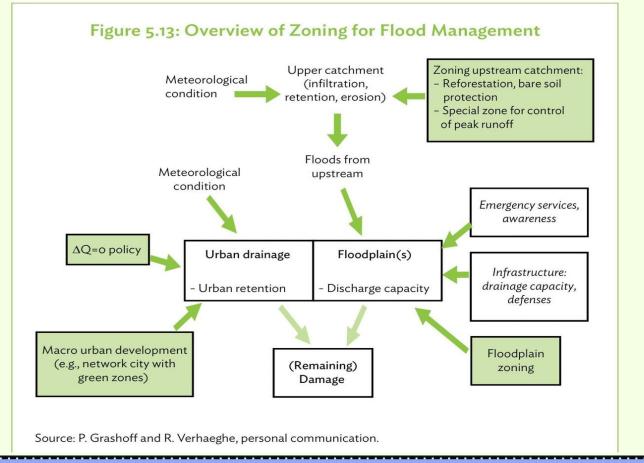
Implementation of IWRM in Indonesia (2)



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Climate

(3-4 YEARS)

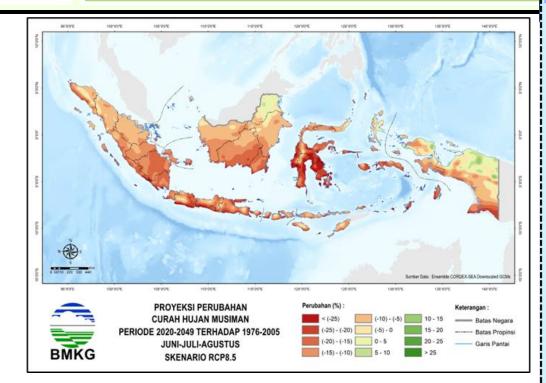
CHANGES IN RAINFALL PATTERNS INDONESIA IS INFLUENCED Increase in Air BY GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEMS: Temperature and Decrease in Humidity Monsoon Graph of Average Air Temperature per Year El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Dipole Mode Events (DME) (300-500 mm/month) and Very Heavy Raintall (>500 mm/month) **Rainfall Trends** DME **ENSO EOCCURRENCE PERIOD:** REOCCURRENCE PERIOD · Extreme (return-period) rainfall tends to increase 15 MONTHS 5-7 YEARS (by 0.4%-3.18%), while annual rainfall remains

relatively stable (1975-2023)

YPICALLY AROUND 4 YEARS

INDONESIA MUST STRENGTHEN ITS LOCAL AND MICRO-CLIMATE RESILIENCE

TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF GLDBAL CLIMATE VARIABILITY



BMKG confirms that climate change is intensifying extreme daily rainfall in Indonesia. This elevated potential for floods and landslides is projected to worsen over the coming decades, making urgent and comprehensive water resources management adaptation essential.

Framework of Water Resources Planning in Indonesia

- 2. Water Resources Management Plan (Rencana PSDA)
 - 20 Year Period
- · output: Follow-up Effort to Address Issues (Matrix of Basic Programs & Activities)
- River Basin Level

- 4. Activity Plan (Rencana Kegiatan)
- Annual
- Output: Description of Annual **Activity Plans**
- Line Ministry (K/L) or Local Government Agency (SKPD) Level











- 1. Water Resources **Management Strategic** Planning (Pola SDA)
 - 20 Year Period
 - · Output: List of **Operational Policies**
 - River Basin Level

- 3. Program Plan (Rencana Program)
- 5 Year Period
- Output: List of Thematic Activity **Plans**
- 5 Year Period
- Line Ministry (K/L) or Local Goverbment Agency (SKPD) Level
- 5. Annual Budget Work Plan (RKA-K/L or RKA - SKPD)
 - Output Selected Activities For the **Ongoing Year**

CLIMATE CHANGE - INDONESIA WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANNING







a basic framework for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating water

resources management.



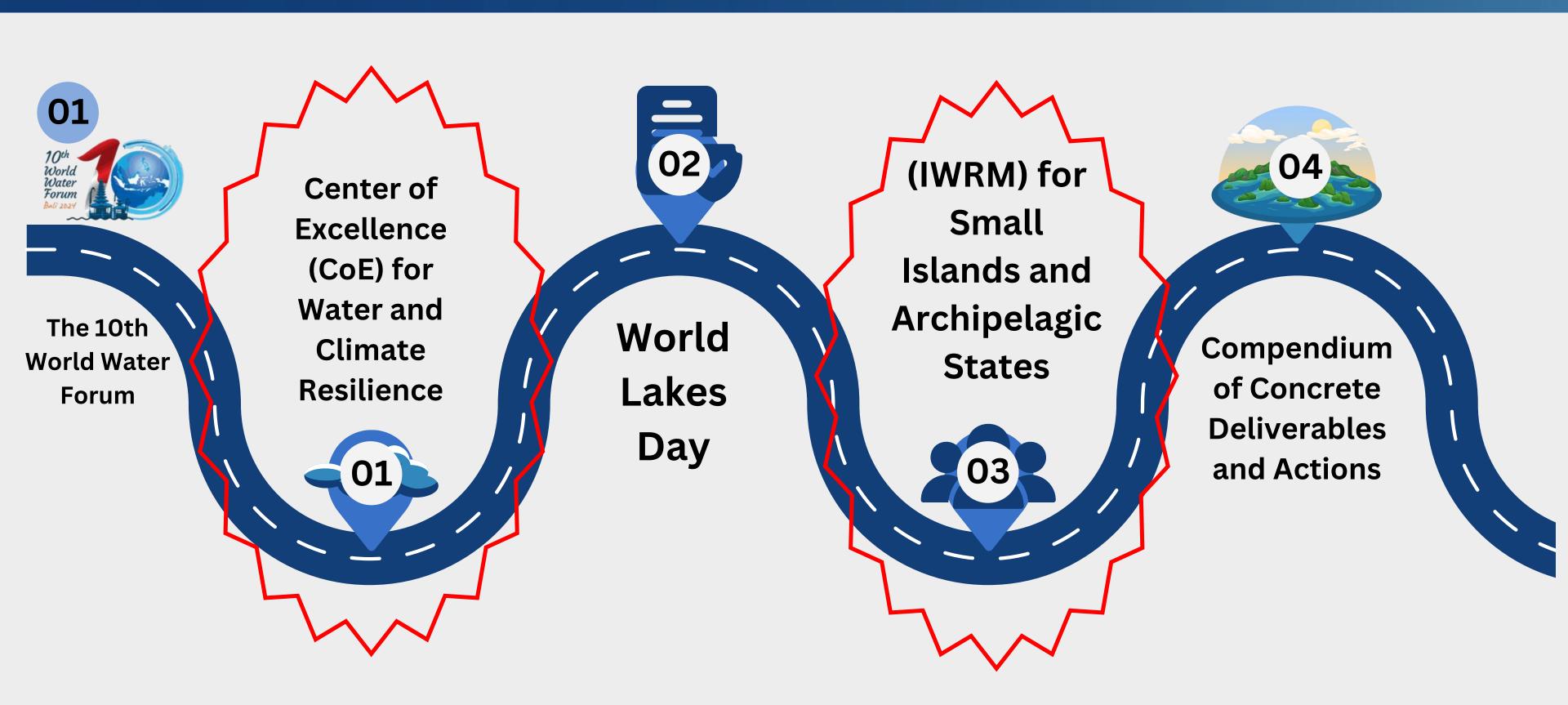
This integrated scenario-based approach ensures river basin strategies remain adaptive, resilient and sustainable amid changing climate and land use conditions

The role of hydrology in Integrated River Basin Management To Support SDG 6:

Ensure Availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Key Outcomes the 10th World Water Forum (WWF-10)





Strengthening International Collaboration through the Center of Excellence for Water and Climate Resilience

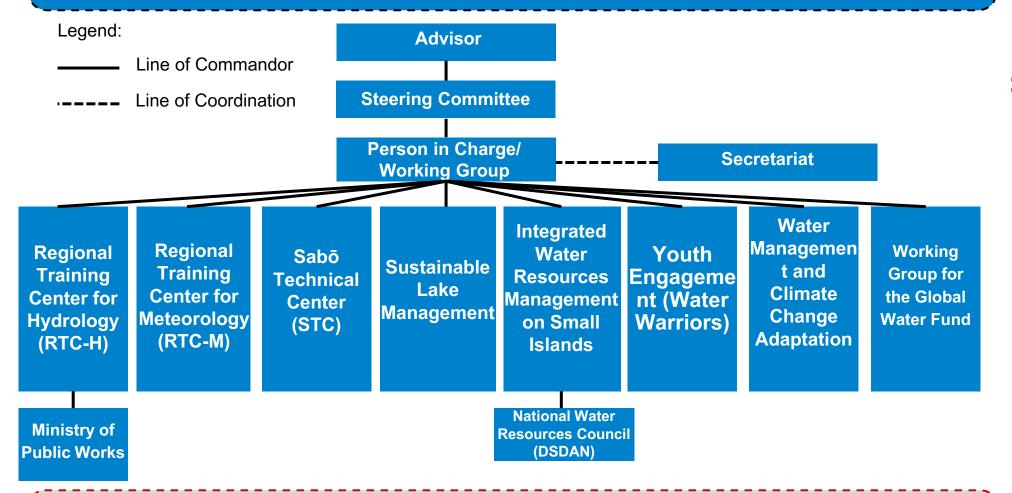


Connecting nations to advance sustainable water management and climate adaptation strategies.

Center of Excellence (CoE) for Water and Climate Resilience

Indonesia proposed and gained consensus for the creation of a global Center of Excellence aimed at enhancing capacity building, knowledge exchange, and research collaboration in the fields of water management and climate change adaptation

TEAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COE4WCR ACTIVITIES

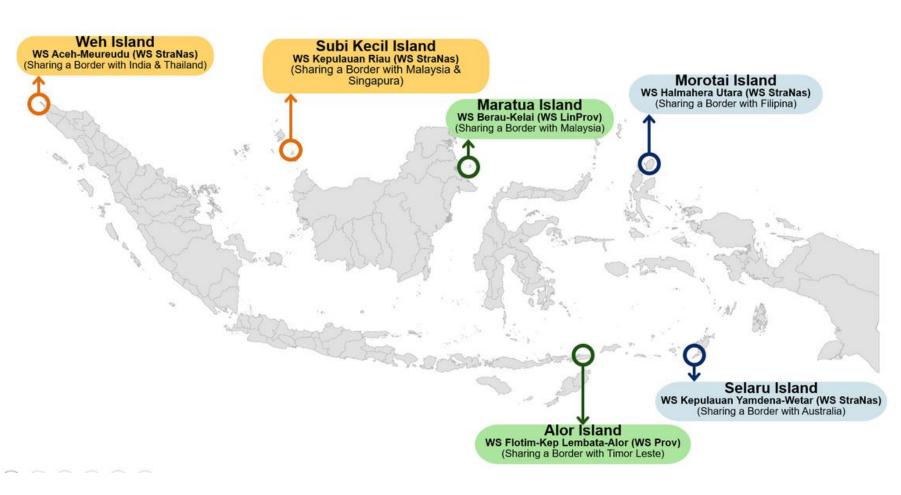


The Ministry of Public Works plays an active role in the WMO Regional Association V (RA-V) as the Regional Training Center for Hydrology (RTC-H), supporting the Center of Excellence on Water and Climate Resilience in addressing water resources management challenges under climate change.

International Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange in Water Resources Management

- Facilitating knowledge and experience exchange on integrated and sustainable water resources management through the Indonesia Regional Training Center for Hydrology (INA RTC-H).
- Supporting delegation visits from Nepal to strengthen cooperation and capacity development in water management.
- Sharing knowledge and best practices with NEPA Afghanistan to enhance capabilities in water and environmental management.

Five Small-Island Pilot Projects-Pokja Air: Indonesia's WWF10 Follow-Up



Water-Climate Sector Linkages under GWP Strategy 2026-2030 (Focused on Climate Resilience)





Mobilise high-level commitments



Build partnerships, capacity, and mutual accountability



Accelerate regional, transboundary, national investment programmes and project pipelines

1. Governanc

Integrates national water policies and river basin management with climate adaptation plans to create adaptive governance that supports risk reduction and sustainable water resilience.

3. Partnerships & Inclusion

Builds multi-stakeholder partnerships connecting water and climate actors through joint platforms to create shared ownership and strengthen institutional cooperation.



Unlock innovative blended public-private finance



Advance climate resilience, gender equality, and social inclusion

2. Knowledge, Capacity & Digital Transformation

Combines hydrological and climate data systems through joint knowledge platforms and early warning systems to enable timely decision-making and climate-smart responses.

4. Implementation Programmes

Executes integrated water management and climate adaptation initiatives through global investment programmes to achieve operational synergy in delivering SDG 6 (Water) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

This unified strategy merges systemic planning with actionable finance. It establishes resilient governance, data-driven systems, and inclusive partnerships to integrate water and climate management. Simultaneously, it mobilizes high-level commitments and blended investments to accelerate project pipelines, ensuring climate resilience and social inclusion are advanced through tangible onground implementation.

Strengthening National Resilience through Water, Food, and Energy Security — Alignment with Asta Cita Vision and National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN)



The Water Security Index has become one of the development indicators in Astacita 2

The National Development Plan (RPJPN) 2025–2045					
National Priority 2	Strengthening the National Defense and Security System and Promoting National Self-Reliance through Food, Energy, Water, Sharia Economy, Digital Economy, Green Economy, and Blue Economy Self-Sufficiency				
Development Target 4	Increased national self-reliance in sustainably meeting water needs through a Food, Energy, and Water (FEW) Nexus approach				
Performance Indicator 10	National Water Security Index				

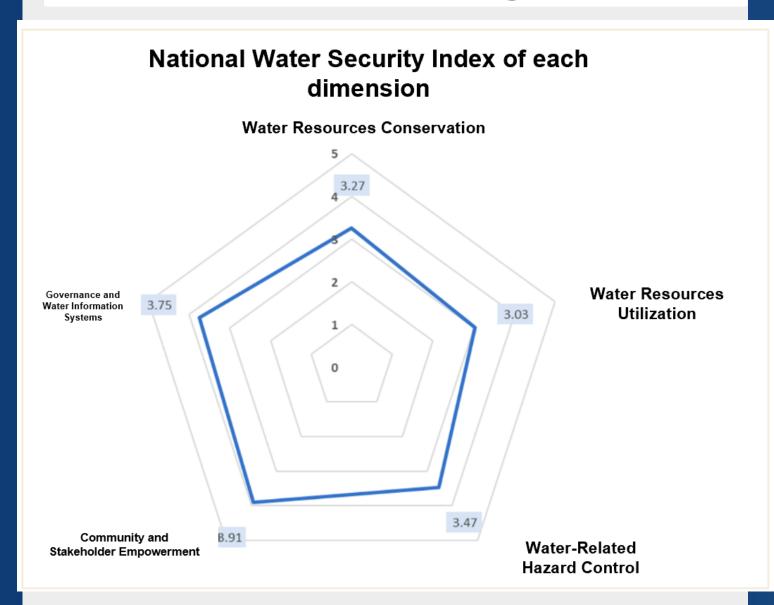


WATER SECURITY INDEX

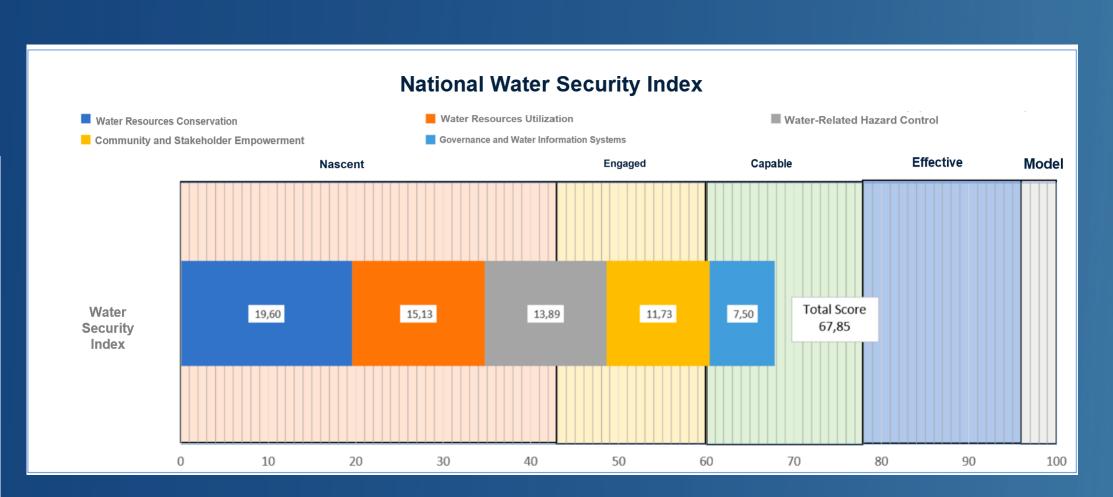
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to support strategies for improving natural resource management policies

The dimensions for calculating the Water Security Index refer to the 5 (five) Pillars of Water Resources Management



National Water Security Index: 3.48 (Capable)



Water Security Index	Score		Range Index	Stage	
5	96	≤ x ≤	X	$4.8 \le x \le x$	Model
4	78	≤ x <	96	$3,9 \le x < 4,8$	Effective
3	60	≤ x <	78	$3 \le x < 3,9$	Capable
2	42	≤ x <	60	$2,1 \le x < 3$	Engaged
1	0	≤ x <	42	$0 \leq x < 2,1$	Nascent

IWRM Implementation in Indonesia across Sectors, Ministries, and Institutions

Building on the key challenges identified, these pathways outline Indonesia's water resilience agenda for 2025–2029

Strengthening IWRM Implementation

Enhance crosssectoral and
inter-regional
coordination
through robust
River Basin
Organizations
(RBOs).

Central Government National Water Resources Council (NWC)

MoECRT

National School Sanitation Policy.

MoPWH

(DG.CK) Drinking Water
Supply & Wastewater:
Guidelines & Standard,
Construction Program,
Benchmarking Water Utilities,
Promoting & Facilitating
PPP/PSP.

MoVDDRT

Regulates Village Budgetting, Planning & Village Owned Enterprise.

MoASP

Regulation, Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatial Plans.

MoEF

Issues total pollution load capacity, regulates Environmental Water Quality, prescribes Effluent Standard, rehabilitates Critical Lands, protect Upper Catchment and Conservation Areas.

Mol

Regulates bottled drinking water businesses.

Involved in the planning of Bonded/Economic Zones and facilitates bulkwater provision in these zones.

MoSOE

Regulates Ownership, Organization, Reorganization, Financials, Assets, Capital of SoE.

MoEMR

Regulates Groundwater Planning Allocation & Conservation, issues technical recommendations.

MoF

Regulates tax & non tax state income, financial planning & budgetting.

MoPHW

Surface Water, Allocation & Planning Framework; Oversees National-Level RBOs; Drinking water supply, sanitation, domestic wastewater; drainage; irrigation infrastructure; facilitates National Water Resources Council

MoHA

Regulates Region Owned Enterprise, Regional Assets, Regional Budget.

MoA

Creates National Level
Agricultural Policy, Foster
farmer groups. In charge of
irrigation areas more than 300
hectares cross-provincial and
cross-country irrigation areas
and national strategic
irrigation areas.

Provincial Government Provincial Water Resources Council

Agency for Provincial Government (Dinas*). Depending on the province, agency in charge of water resources could be a standalone agency or such function can be merged with other functions such as spatial planning, public works or energy and mineral resources.

Provincial Agricultural
Agency

Provincial Health Agency (Dinkes) Provincial Planning
Agency (Bappeda)

MoH

Regulate Drinking Water Quality.

Bappenas

Sanitation and Hygiene.

Coordinates National Planning,

Monitors Execution, Focus on

(1) Domestic Waste water

drainage & Sanitation;

(2) Water Resources

Management; and (3) Water

Resources Conservation.

Provincial Education Agency (Disdik) Provincial Agency for Environment (DLH)

Agency in charge of Villages (DPMPD) and/or Civil Registry (Dukcapil)

City/ Regency Government City/Regency Water Resources Council

Agency for City/Regency Government (Dinas*). Depending on the city/regency, agency in charge of water resources could be a standalone agency or such function can be merged with other functions such as spatial planning, public works or energy and mineral resources.

City/Regency Agricultural Agency City/Regency Health Agency (Dinkes) City/ Regency Planning Agency (Bappeda)

City/Regency Education Agency (Disdik) City/Regency Agency for Environment (DLH)

Agency in charge of Villages (DPMPD) and/or Civil Registry (Dukcapil)

Village Government

Provincial River Basin Organization
Dinas/Balai PSDA
Provincial Level RBO, manages RBTs crossing

River Basin Organization [B(B)WS]

National

Agency under City/Regency (Dinas)
RBTs within a single city/regency are managed
directly by Dinas

Conclusion:



Key Takeaways on Indonesia's Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

- **1.Systemic Challenges:** Indonesia faces complex water security challenges, including uneven water distribution, flooding, drought, pollution, and land subsidence, exacerbated by climate change and rapid land-use changes.
- 2.IWRM as the Core Solution: The national response is anchored in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), mandated by Law No. 17/2019. This holistic framework integrates five pillars: Conservation, Utilization, Hazard Control, Community Empowerment, and Governance.
- **3.Critical Integration of Sectors:** A vital success factor is the **integration of spatial planning (RTRW) with water resources management.** Land use decisions directly impact water health, and water data must inform zoning to protect critical areas.
- **4.Adaptive and Forward-Looking Planning:** Future water security depends on **adaptive river basin management** that incorporates climate change projections and land-use scenarios into 20-year strategic plans (*Pola SDA*) to assess risks and ensure resilience.
- **5.Global and Local Collaboration:** Indonesia is strengthening its approach through **international collaboration**, exemplified by the **Center of Excellence for Water and Climate Resilience**, and by implementing practical IWRM pilot projects, especially in vulnerable small islands.

Indonesia's strategy involves a coordinated, multi-sectoral, and datadriven approach to move from policy to practice, aiming to achieve a capable and effective water security status for a sustainable future.



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Thank You

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