



Stewardship team

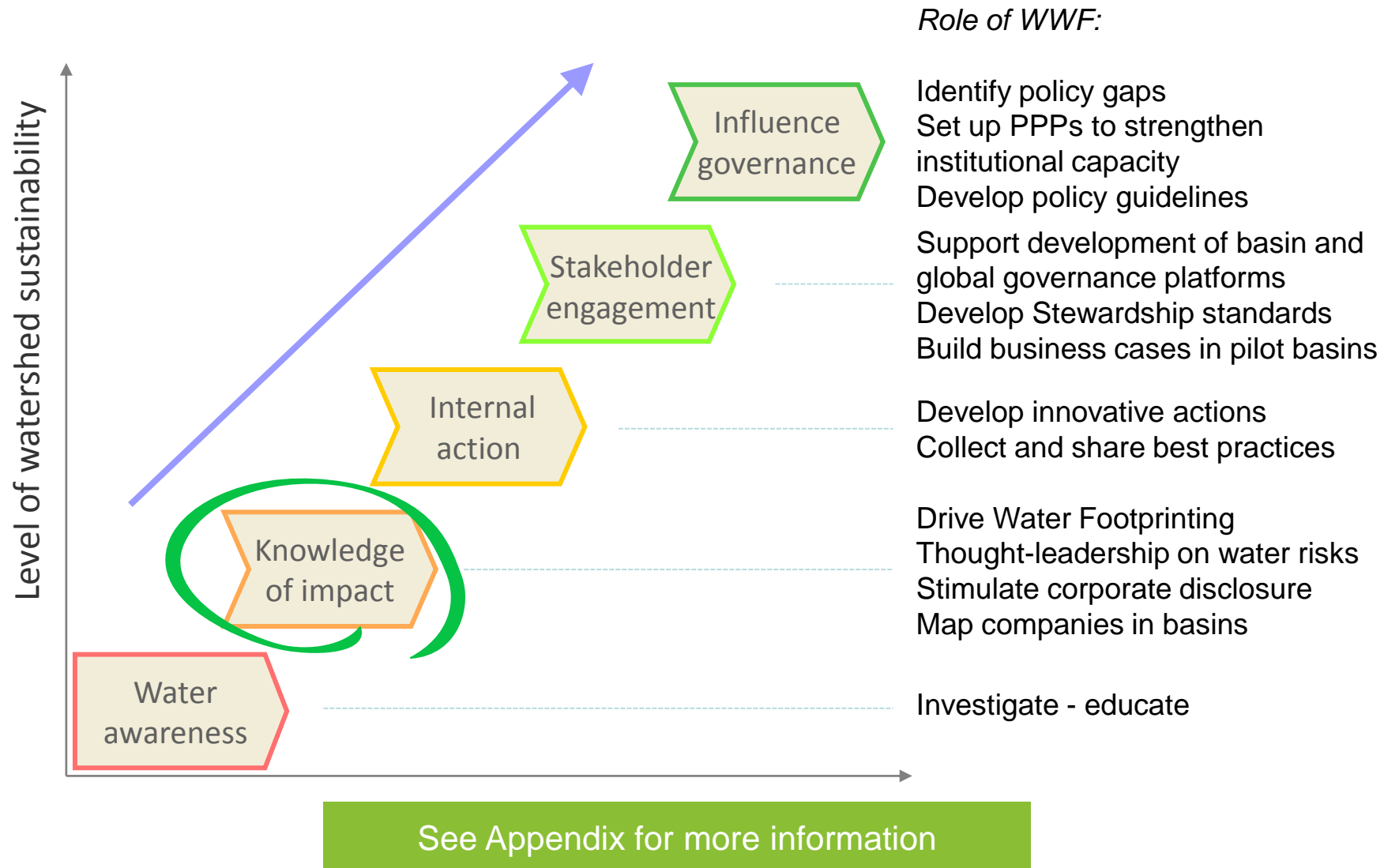
# WWF-DEG Water risk filter

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# WWF works with companies on a Water Stewardship journey towards sustainable river basins





# WWF-DEG Water Risk Filter project to turn 'red into green'

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## Development of Water risk filter

- to assess the exposure to water related risks of investment portfolio, covering **all** industries and **all** countries in the world
- to be shared with other organizations to turn 'red into green', not for go/no-go decisions

## Holistic approach: should cover all relevant water risk indicators

- Basin and Company (direct operations and supply chain) aspects
- Physical (quantity, quality, ecosystem impact), Regulatory and Reputational risks

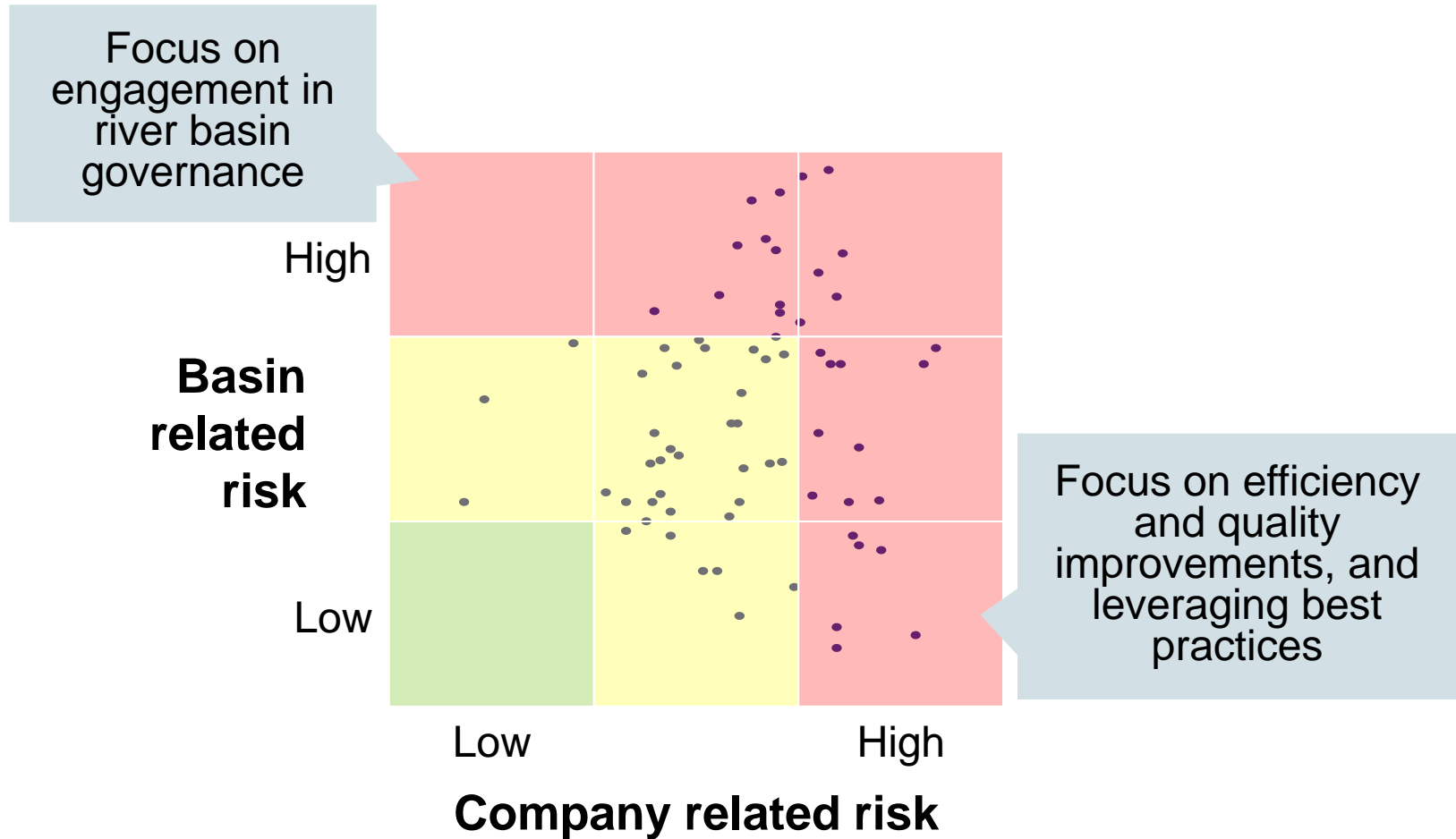
## Balance: easy-to-use tool fed with scientific data

## Input data:

- Client company database
- Results client company online survey
- 81 new and detailed country data sets, quantitative and qualitative
- 57 industry data sets
- World Resources Institute (WRI) global basin information database
- New global GIS maps



## Results on portfolio level







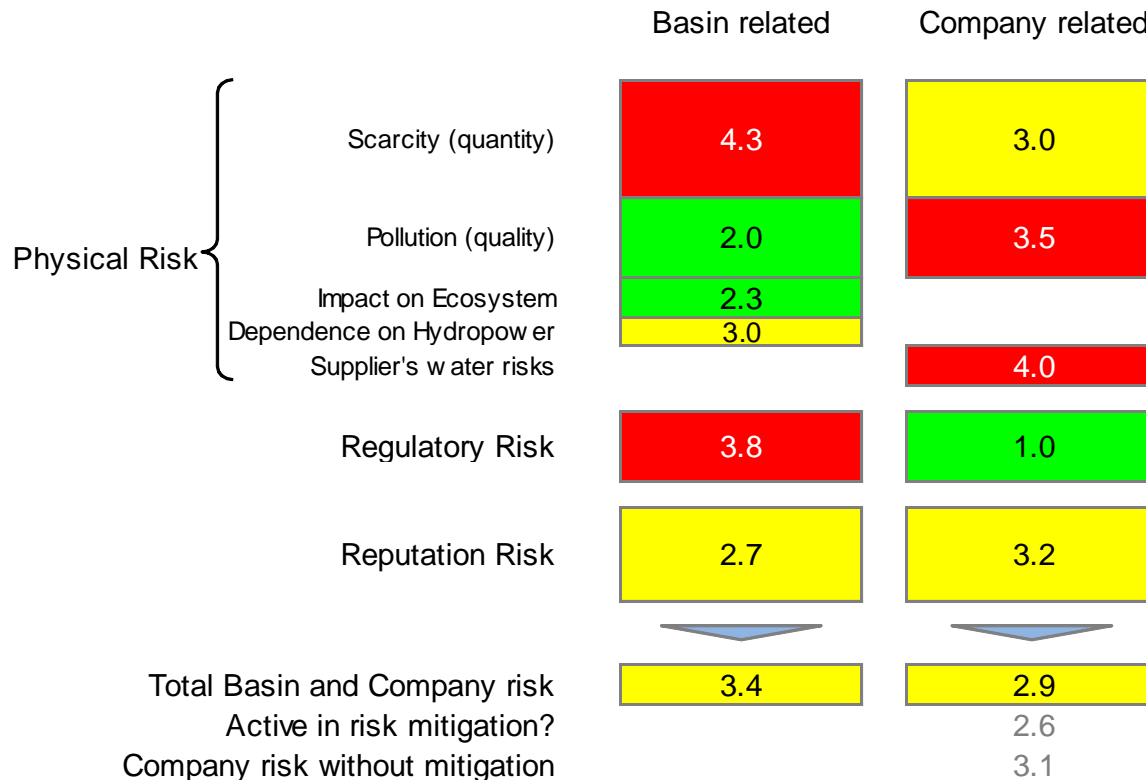
# Heat maps on company level provide more insights (I)

## RESULTS SPECIFIC COMPANY: **CONFIDENTIAL**

Select company&location number:

**2892-1**

**CONFIDENTIAL**





## Heat maps on company level provide more insights (II)

### Basin specific risks for **CONFIDENTIAL**

| Risk     | Risk Item           | # | Question                            | Score | Answer  |
|----------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Physical | Scarcity (Quantity) | 1 | Water availability (qualitative)    | 3     | Vulnerable  |
|          |                     | 2 | Freshw ater availability per capita | 5     | <500 m3/capita/year: Extreme w ater scarce                        |
|          |                     | 3 | 2025 w ater availability per capita | 5     | <500 m3/capita/year: Extreme w ater scarce                        |
|          |                     | 4 | Withdraw al as % of availability    | 2     | Demand is 10-20% of available supply: Sufficient                  |
|          |                     | 5 | Impact climate change               | 4     | Water is predicted to be less available w ith a risk of increased |
|          |                     | 6 | Impact of droughts                  | 5     | >25% of the country affected by a                                 |
|          |                     | 7 | Impact of floods                    | 4     | High risk of flooding   |
|          | Pollution           | 8 | Water pollution                     | 2     | Low probability, low severity of                                  |



# Pre-assessment tool

## High level risk indication in minimum time

**INPUT**

1 Select country:

2 Do you know the location of the company?

In that case, please fill in the WB CSD Global Water Tool and select the resulting answers in the following boxes too assess the risks based on the basin level instead of on the country level.

2.1  Annual renewable water supply per person (1995)  
2.2  Forecasted annual renewable water supply per person (2025)  
2.3  Mean Annual Relative Water Stress Index

3 Select industry:

**RESULTS**

Basin related risk   
Industry related risk  *High risk! Please perform full water risk assessment*

|        |     |        |      |                       |
|--------|-----|--------|------|-----------------------|
| High   |     |        |      | Basin related risk    |
| Medium |     |        |      |                       |
| Low    |     |        |      |                       |
|        | Low | Medium | High | Industry related risk |

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Basin related risk    | Medium           | Low             |
| Industry related risk | High             | High            |
|                       | Quantity related | Quality related |



## Used risk definitions

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### Physical risk

Relates to water quantity (scarcity and flooding), water quality that is unfit for use (pollution), the impact of both quality and quantity on the surrounding ecosystem. On a company specific level, it also includes the physical risks of suppliers.

- Potential causes as lack of basin governance or of enforcement of water legislation is included in Regulatory risk

### Regulatory risk

Relates to the imposition of restrictions on water use by government. This may include the pricing of water supply and waste discharge, licenses to operate, water rights, quality standards etc.

- In this project, lack of basin governance is also part of Regulatory risk
- In this project, the risk relating to the potential for conflict or political disagreement over transboundary river basins, or national political imperatives, such as trade restrictions on food crops with embedded water are part of Regulatory risk for simplicity reasons (defined by Lloyd's as Geopolitical risk)

### Reputation risk

Relates to the impact on a company's brand and that can influence customer purchasing decisions. Manifests through tensions and conflict around access to water or the degradation of local water resources. In a highly globalised information economy, public perceptions can emerge rapidly around business decisions that are seen to impact on aquatic ecosystems or local communities' access to clean water.

- Under socially and politically unstable conditions, companies may be blamed by local stakeholders just because they provide an easy target (Coca Cola example)
- In this project, the tensions around local access to water or local water degradation are part of Reputation risk for simplicity reasons (defined by Lloyd's as Community risk)





Each country data set includes quantitative indicators ...

...as well as  
qualitative  
description of local  
context



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In principle, this filter can be used by any investor/financial institution

- Future versions aim for providing as much insights as possible without need of client survey
- Even minority investors can (together) demand transparency and improvements in corporate reporting

This filter can be tailored to suit specific other industries outside financial sector for assessments across the globe

- In the final phase, weightings will be adjusted per industry, and country data sets will be expanded to cover the entire world

## Some of the feedback so far

### DEG

Very enthusiastic about model to quantify risks and about usability

Now we can and should start to work with our investments to actually improve things

### Development banks

Can we be part of further development?

As mainly majority investors, this is exactly what we are looking for since long

### Commercial banks

Comprehensive tool with correct risk mathematics

Difficult for minority investors to demand from client companies to fill in surveys

(Bloomberg)  
Can we talk about your database?

### Other industries

Next version should have different weightings per industry

Please make it available for our industry as well

### NGO's / scientific organizations

This is first complete risk assessment tool, no key element is missing

Highest level of granularity currently available for all basins

We should co-operate ...



# Final phase of Water Risk project starts now, ready in January 2012

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## **Improve risk filter** for use by FI's and other industries

- Underlying data sets
- Alignment on risk definitions, data sources and corporate disclosure questionnaires with WFN, WRI, and CDP
- More detailed supplier risk assessment
- Second round of testing
- From Excel to web-based application

## **Prepare 'mitigation toolbox'**

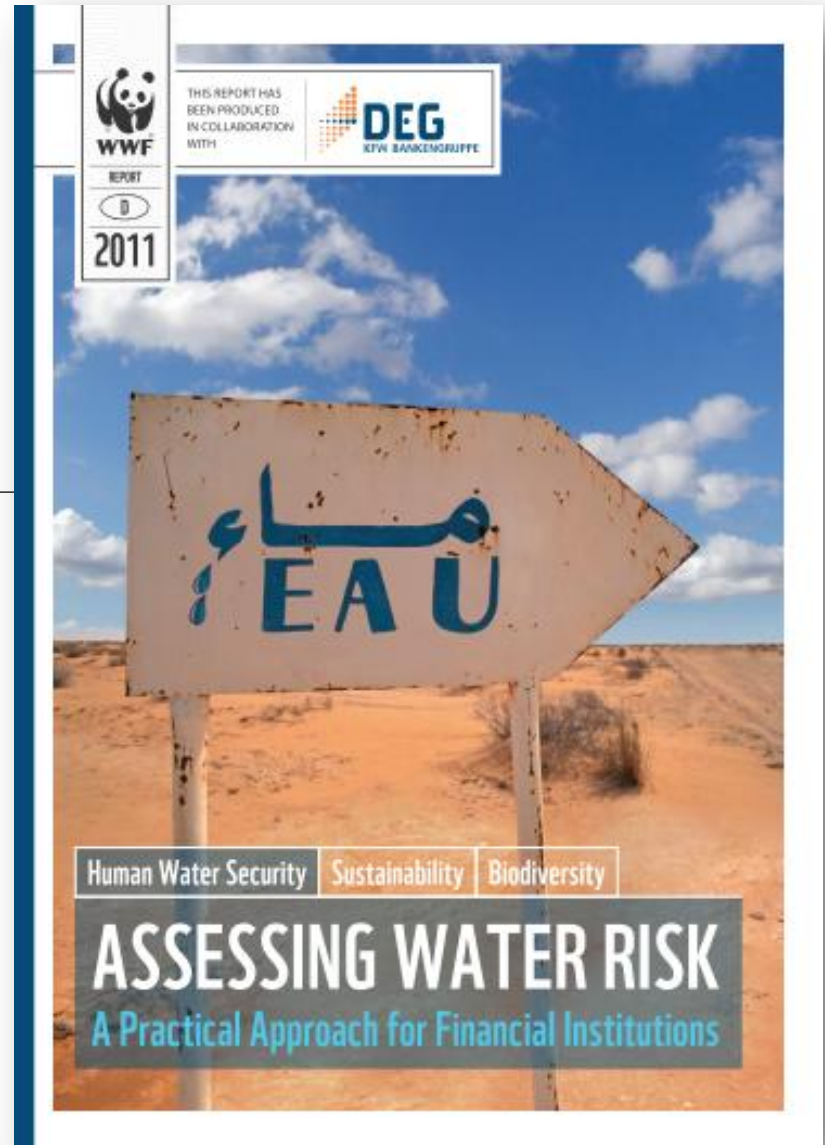
- 'Know your risks and know what to do'
- Ranging from public policy engagement to technical assistance

Water Risk Filter and Mitigation Toolbox will be ready to be shared with other parties in January 2012



# Thank you

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Download the report at

[http://wwf.panda.org/about\\_our\\_earth/about\\_freshwater/freshwater\\_news/?199886/Water-shortage-becoming-growth-risk-for-business-says-DEG-and-WWF-report](http://wwf.panda.org/about_our_earth/about_freshwater/freshwater_news/?199886/Water-shortage-becoming-growth-risk-for-business-says-DEG-and-WWF-report)



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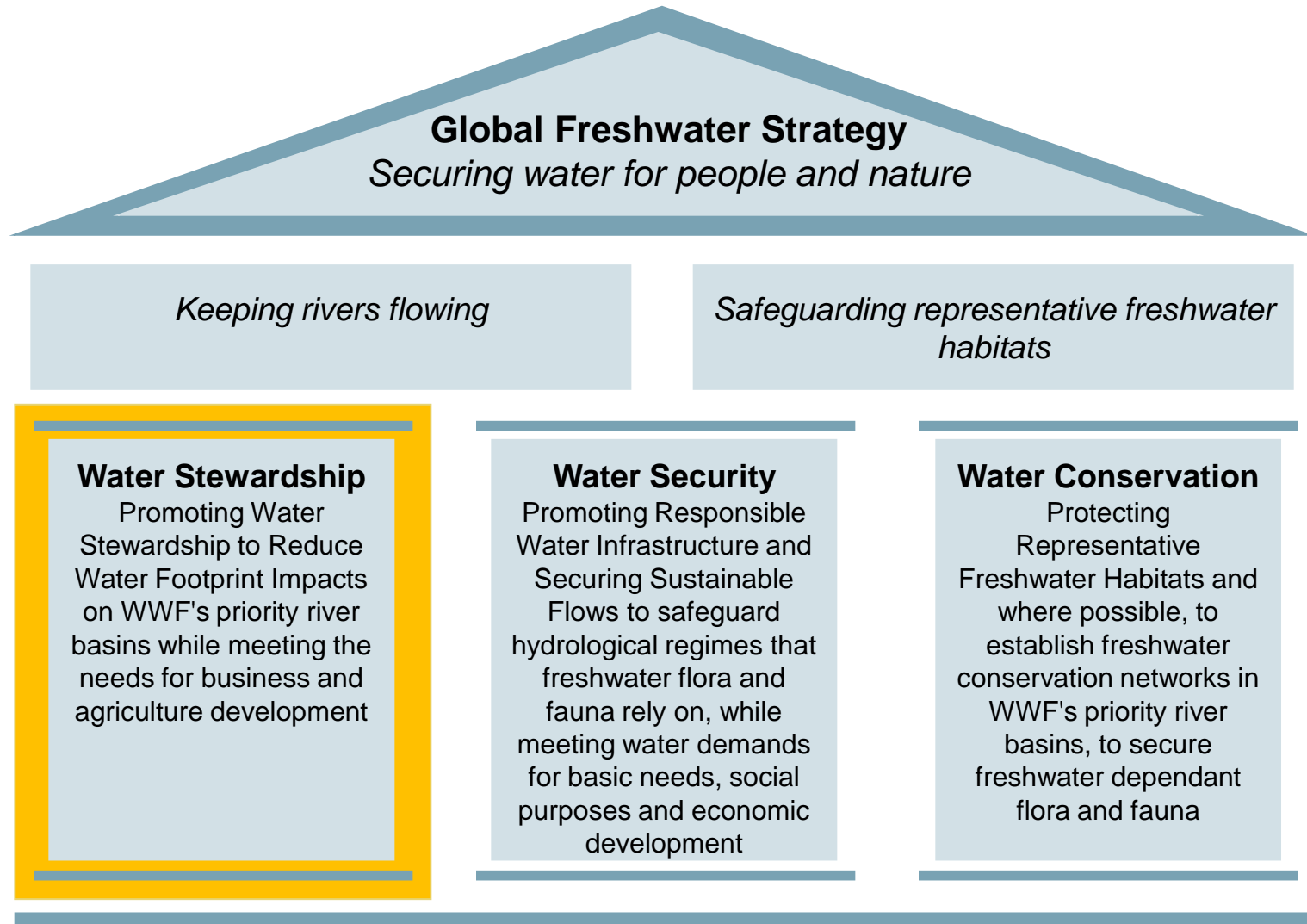
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# Water Stewardship is part of the Freshwater Network Priority

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## Water Stewardship

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### *Vision:*

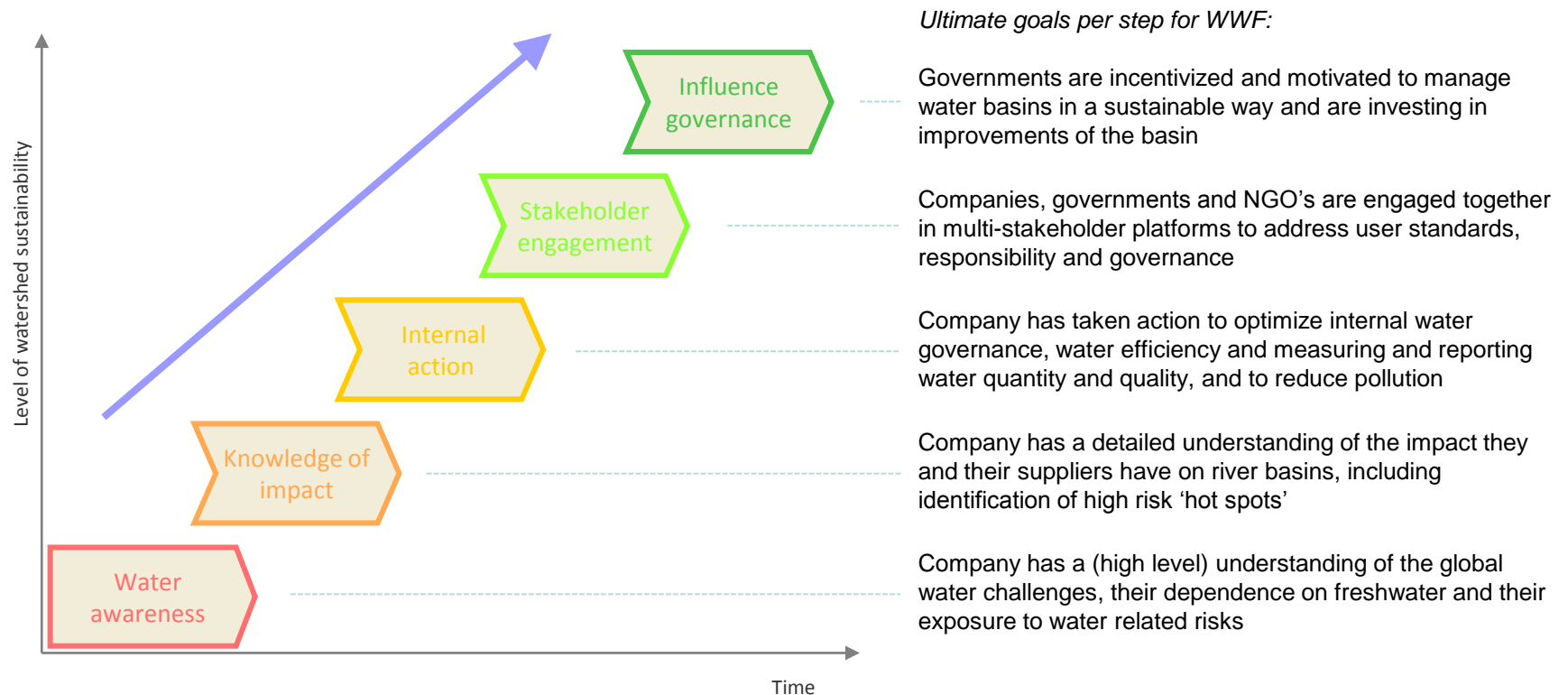
All stakeholders in our priority river basins, including an active private sector, are fully engaged in efforts to secure water for people and nature by recognizing and taking responsibility of their role in managing freshwater within the wider water cycle, and integrating the principles of good stewardship into their core (business) activities

- By reducing the impacts of their own water footprints
- By taking voluntary action to conserve freshwater ecosystems
- By participating in constructive public policy and industry standard dialogues to improve water resource management

*We firmly believe that active cooperation with key private sector companies is crucial to achieve our goals*



## To achieve this vision, WWF has developed the Water Stewardship strategy





## Water: moving from CSR to CEO

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Water is different from for example carbon

Companies increasingly understand that insufficient amounts of good quality freshwater directly impacts company's profit

Water topic is therefore increasingly treated as a business (operational) risk, not just a reputational risk

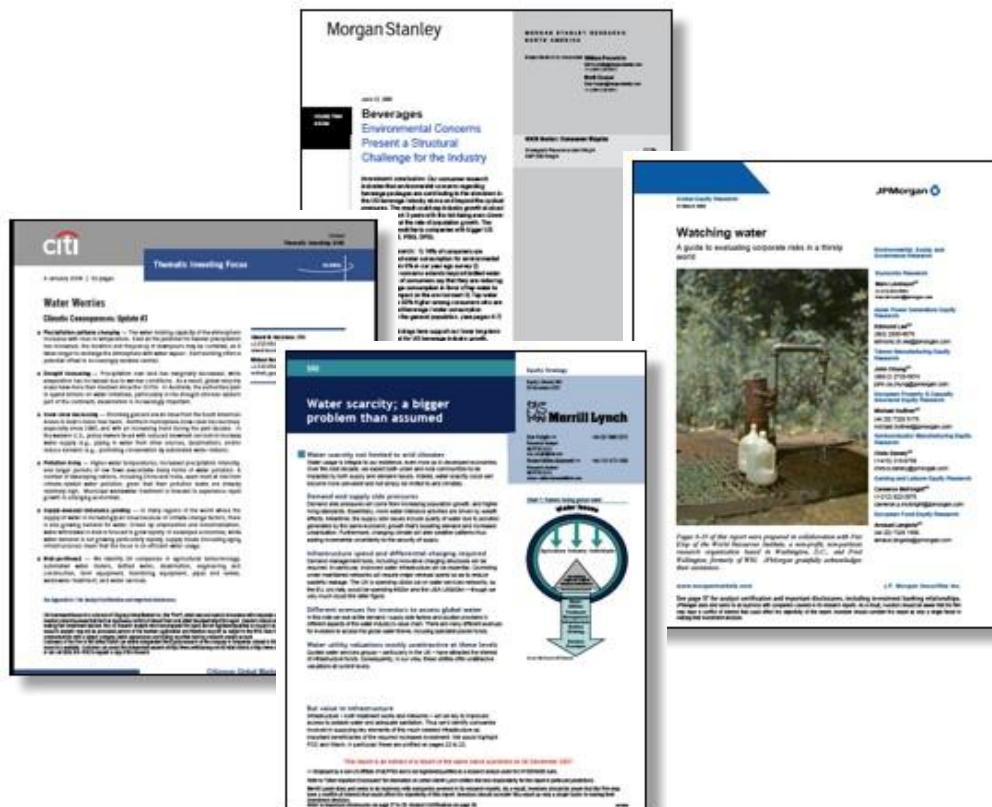
Increasing importance to companies leads to different dynamics: from CSR (marketing departments) to boardrooms...

...And more available funds to mitigate water related risks

But first... a company needs to understand their exposure to these risks



# Investors increasingly demand disclosure



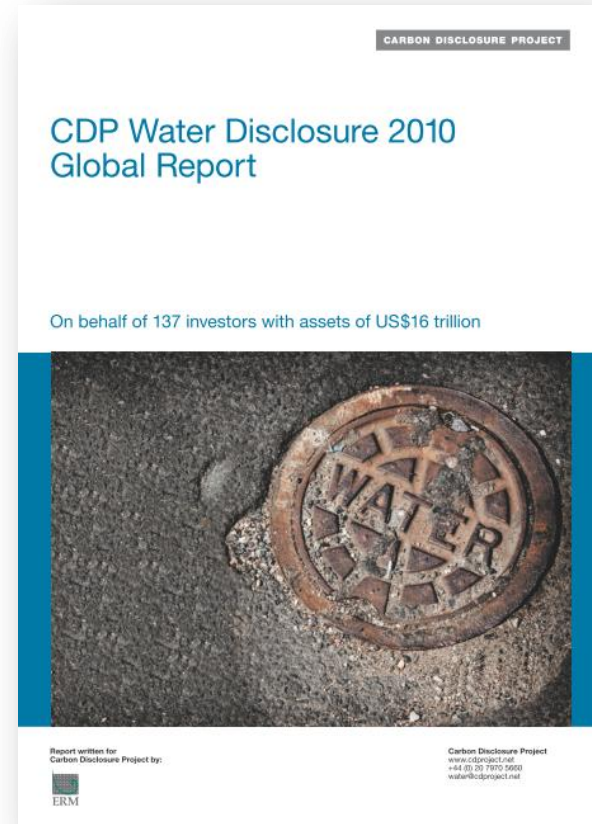
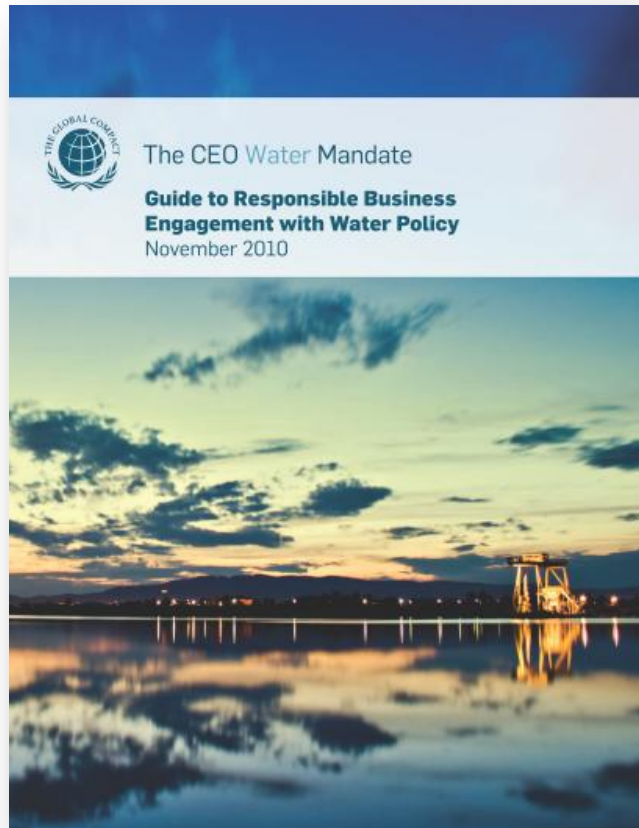
***“Corporate disclosure of water-related risks is seriously inadequate and is typically included in environmental statements prepared for public relations purposes”***

***JP Morgan Global Equity Research, March 2008***



## WWF is supporting initiatives which enable companies to act - examples

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## Global water challenges

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Today we live in a water scarce world, which not only affects humans but also our freshwater ecosystems and species.

Our current global water challenges:

- Of all species, freshwater species are declining the fastest, especially in the tropical regions (70% decline of Living Planet Index since 1970)
- 41% of the world's human population lives in areas of severe water stress
- 1.1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water
- 2.6 billion lack adequate sanitation services
- >60% of rivers longer than 1000 km do not reach the sea
- Water pollution is high, especially in developing countries where up to 70% of industrial wastewater is disposed without treatment

These challenges will grow as a result of three megatrends in particular:

- First, the world's population is expected to peak at 9 billion by 2050. Already in 2025, 65% of the world's population and 1/3 of the land area will be in severe water stress due to additional food and water requirements. Most of the 3 billion additional people will live in cities in the developing world with poor water and sanitation infrastructure. Increasing water scarcity leads to increased potential for conflicts.
- Temperature increase of 1-2 degrees by 2050. Climate change results in higher weather variability, less freshwater stored in ice, more droughts and floods, and changes in the ecosystem due to higher water temperatures.
- Urbanization and rising incomes, especially in BRIC countries, leading to higher consumption patterns. To feed the larger and richer population a near doubling of water for irrigation is needed and will result in higher per capita water requirements, especially through shifts in demand for different types of food.