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TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Transboundary River Basins Assessment

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River Basin Assessment Approach



- **Need to assess all 280+ transboundary basins**
- **Develop a simple, scalable methodology**
- **Use existing information and modelling**
- **Use of composite indicators**
- **Short-listing criteria:**
 - **Availability** (i.e. cost efficiency in acquisition)
 - **Acceptability** (i.e. ownership to information among stakeholders)
 - **Applicability** (i.e. relevance to transboundary issues)
 - **Aggregation** at river basin level and comparability between basins





Relative Risk Categories

Raw indicator values -> Relative risk categories

- Global comparative assessment
- Comparability across indicators
- Scorecards for individual basins (Factsheets)

Relative Risk Category



1 Very low

2 Low

3 Moderate

4 High

5 Very high

ESDB_GUY	85.45	25.25	2.05	47.09	2	8.78	2,082.23		
ESDB_VEN	35.09	9.06	3.28	0.00	0	22.48	213.52		
Total in Basin	120.54	34.31	5.33	47.09	2.56	31.25	586.76		0.08

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area (1000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population (1000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./1000 km ²)
ESDB_BSA	0	0.00	0	0.78	0.94			0	11,208.08	0	0.00
ESDB_GUY	115	0.75	41	0.36	0.22	3.59	96.41	0	3,846.53	0	0.00
ESDB_VEN	39	0.25	164	4.22	0.99			0	14,414.75	0	0.00
Total in Basin	154	1.00	205	1.33	1.30	6.72	19.26	0	12,302.78	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator*

Thematic Group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU	1	2	3												
ESDB_BR				5			7			7	1	2	1	3	4
ESDB_GUY	1	1	2				3	3	1	2	2	5	3	4	1
ESDB_VEN	1	1	2				5	1	2	2	2	3	4	1	2
River Basin	1	1	2	2	5	2	1	2	1	5	4			3	4








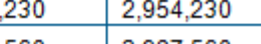


Indicators

1 - Environmental water stress 2 - Human water stress 3 - Agricultural water stress 4 - Nutrient pollution 5 - Wastewater pollution 6 - Wetland disconnectivity 7 - Ecosystem impacts from dams 8 - Threat to fish 9 - Extinction risk 10 - legal framework 11 - hydrological services 12 - Enabling environment 13 - Economic dependence on water resources 14 - Societal well-being 15 - Exposure to floods and droughts

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Projected Indicator

Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropp. official transfer	
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected	
Basin BCU										
ESDB_BSA										
ESDB_GUY	2	1	1	1					1	1
ESDB_VEN	2	1	1	1					2	3
River Basin	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	4

* Unlined (or dotted) cells indicate a lower degree of certainty in results due to global modelling limitations and other gap-filling methods.

Population	Runoff (km ³)	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	Av
Population	Runoff [km ³]	Environmental Water Stress	Human Water Stress	Agricultural Water Stress	Nutrient Pollution	Urban Water Pollution	Ecosystem impacts of dams	Threat to Fish	Institutional Resilience	Enabling Environment	Economic Dependency on Water Resources	Societal Well-being	vulnerability to Climate-related Natural Disasters	Unweighted normalised Score
4,498,008	270,498,008	1.00	1.00	0.96	0.50	0.69	0.80	0.66	0.41	0.64	0.44	0.08	1.00	0.68
89,570	6,289,570	0.63	0.80	0.86	0.75	0.63	0.64	0.69	0.64		0.47	0.56	0.57	0.66
505,570	10,505,570	0.38	0.79	0.72	0.50	0.61	1.00	0.82	0.25	0.26	0.81	0.89	0.49	0.63
148,620	17,148,620	0.50	0.86	0.94	0.50	0.63	0.77	0.66	0.59	0.73	0.23	0.34	0.64	0.62
26,820	4,126,820	0.38	0.76	0.71	0.50	0.66	0.84	0.59	0.50	0.90	0.49	0.57	0.46	0.61
54,230	2,954,230	0.50	0.76	0.85	0.50	0.63	0.83	0.70	0.75	0.36	0.25	0.63	0.58	0.61
87,560	3,987,560	0.38	0.80	0.74	0.50	0.63	0.96	0.56	0.53		0.48	0.66	0.50	0.61
		0.50	0.82	0.87	0.25	0.61	0.87	0.60	0.22		0.84	0.22	0.52	0.64

Transboundary River Basin Indicators



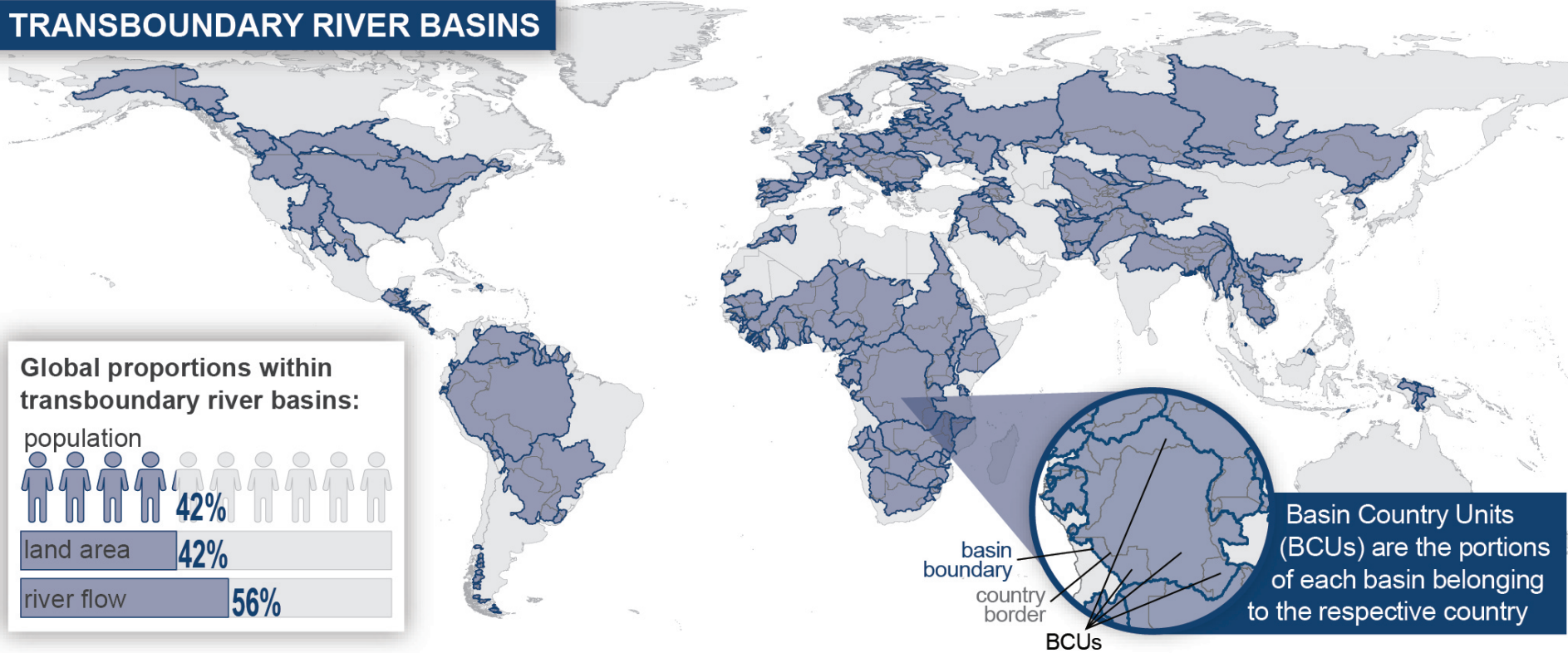
THEMATIC GROUP		INDICATOR
Baseline Transboundary Status (2010)		Projected Transboundary Stress (2030/2050)
Water Quantity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental water stress 2. Human water stress 3. Agricultural water stress 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental water stress 2. Human water stress
Water Quality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Nutrient pollution 5. Wastewater pollution 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Nutrient pollution
Ecosystems	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Wetland disconnectivity 7. Ecosystem impacts from dams 8. Threat to fish 9. Extinction risk 	[Environmental water stress]
Governance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Legal framework 11. Hydropolitical tension 12. Enabling environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Exacerbating factors to hydropolitical tension
Socioeconomics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Economic dependence on water resources 14. Societal wellbeing 15. Exposure to floods and droughts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Change in population density
Water Systems Links		
Lakes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lake influence 	
Coastal areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Delta vulnerability (sea level rise, wetlands, population and governance) 	



Assessment Scope

286 Transboundary River Basins – 796 Basin Country Units (BCUs)
/+26 selected deltas/

TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS



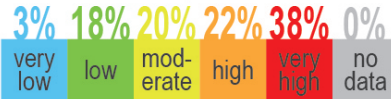
Basin & Basin Country Units (BCUs) results



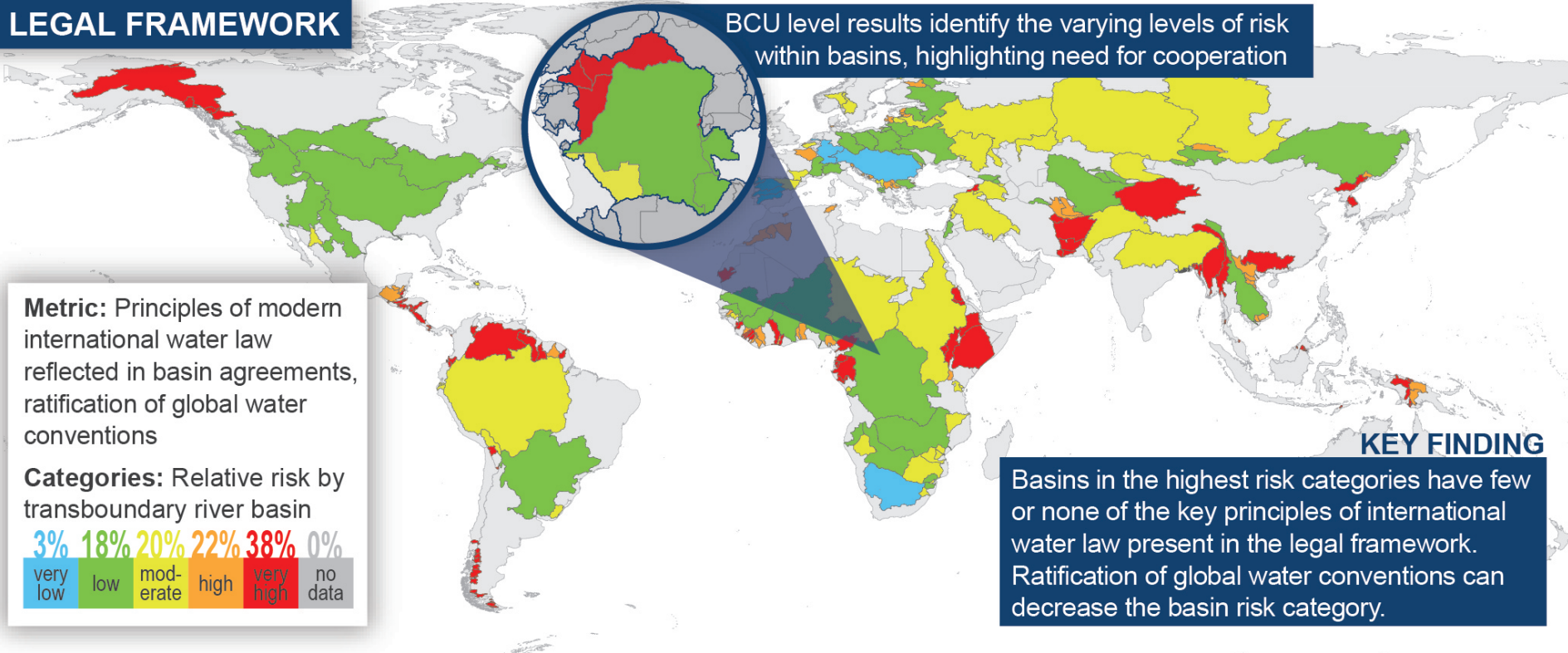
LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Metric: Principles of modern international water law reflected in basin agreements, ratification of global water conventions

Categories: Relative risk by transboundary river basin



BCU level results identify the varying levels of risk within basins, highlighting need for cooperation



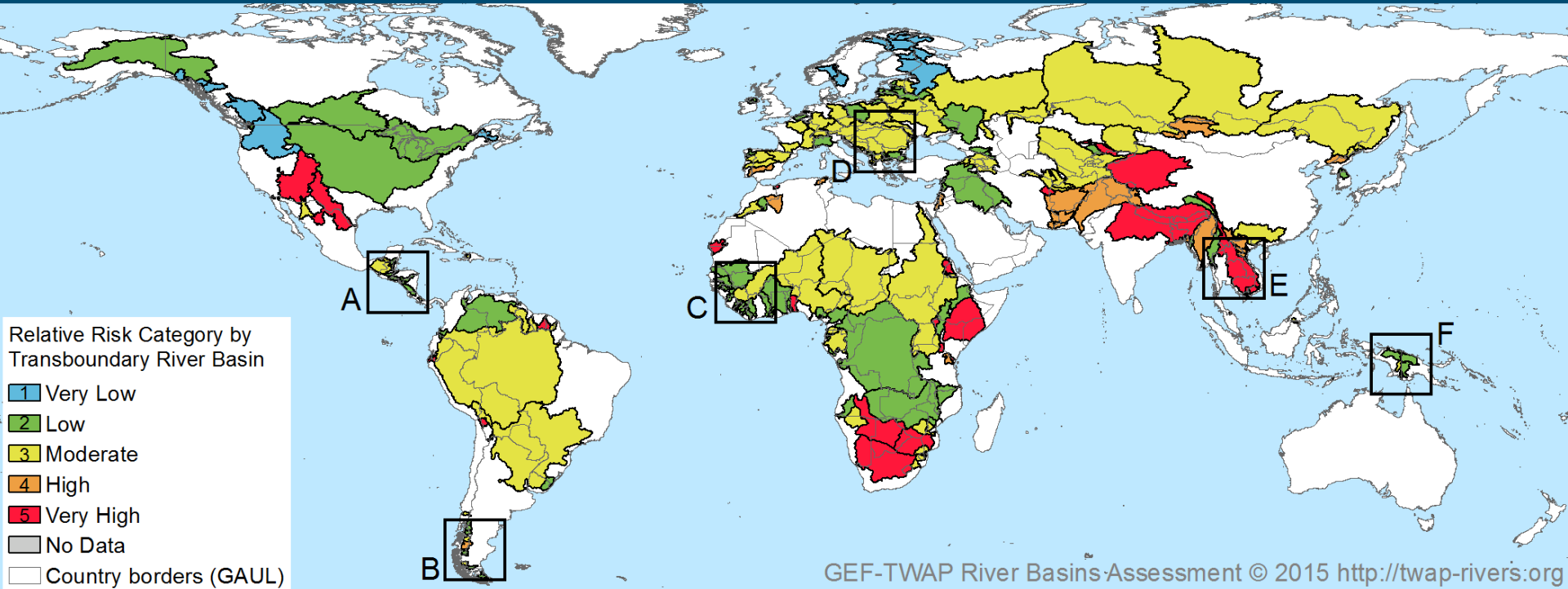
KEY FINDING

Basins in the highest risk categories have few or none of the key principles of international water law present in the legal framework. Ratification of global water conventions can decrease the basin risk category.

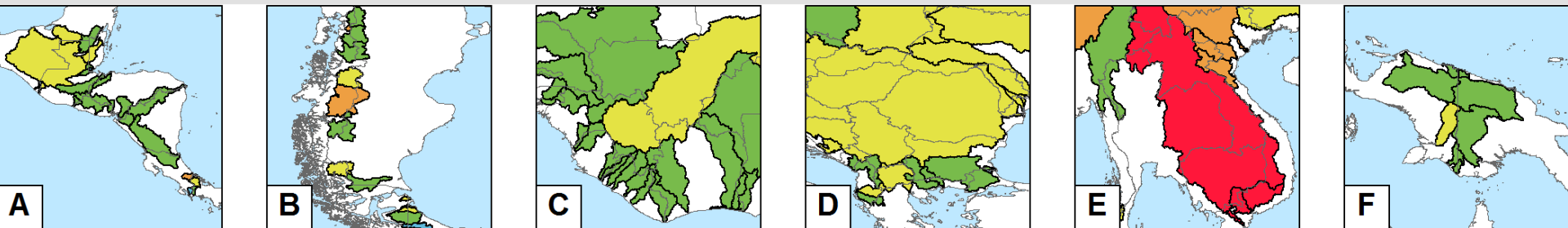
Example: Basin level

Exposure to Floods and Droughts

Basin Level



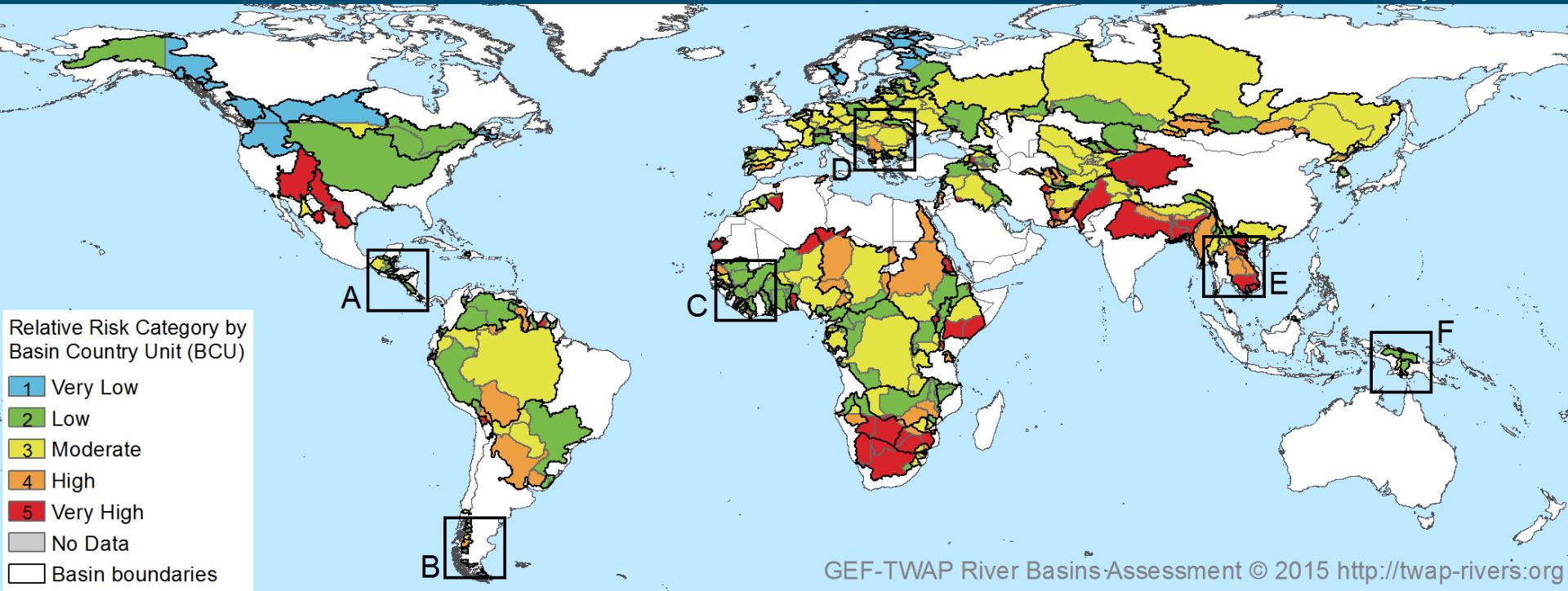
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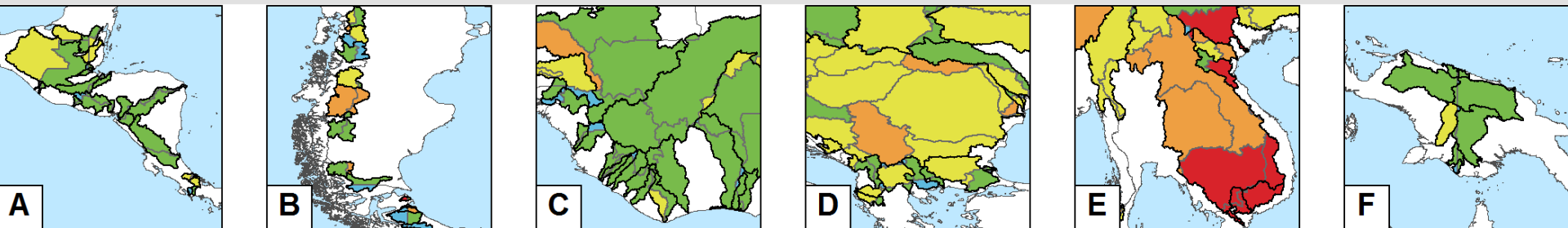
Example: BCU level

Exposure to Floods and Droughts

Basin Country Unit Level



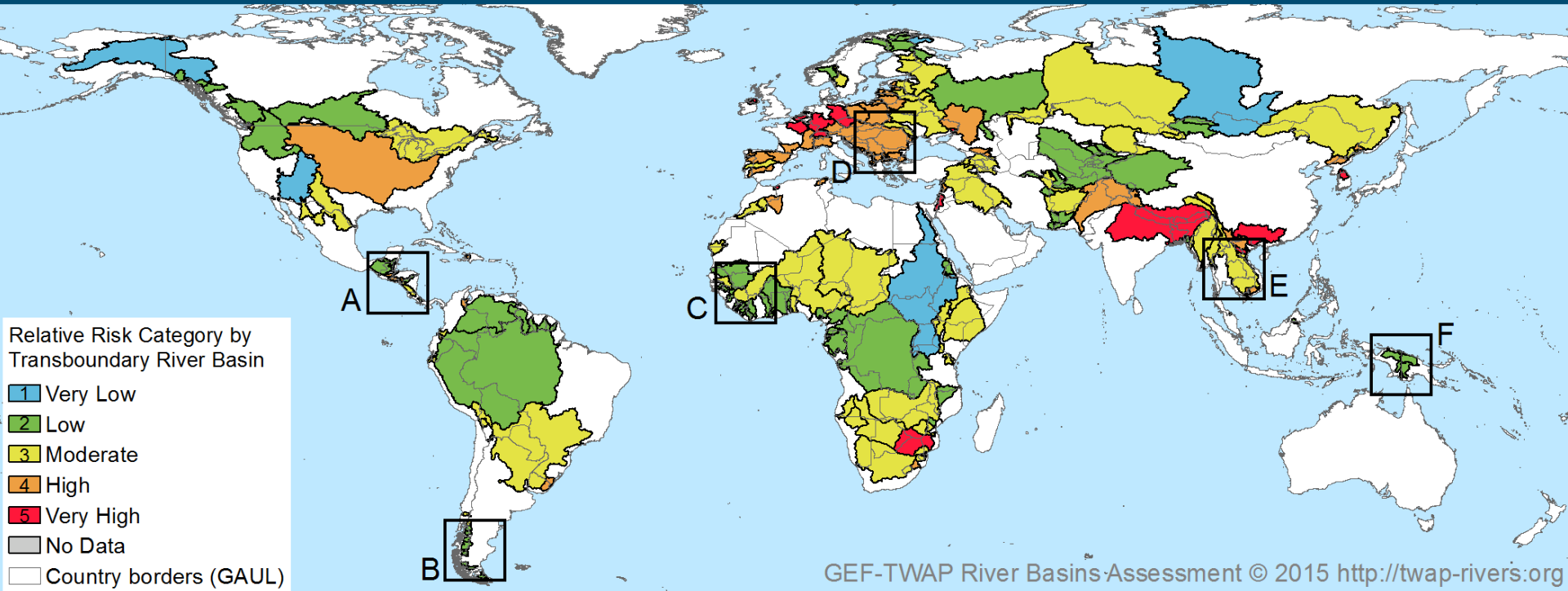
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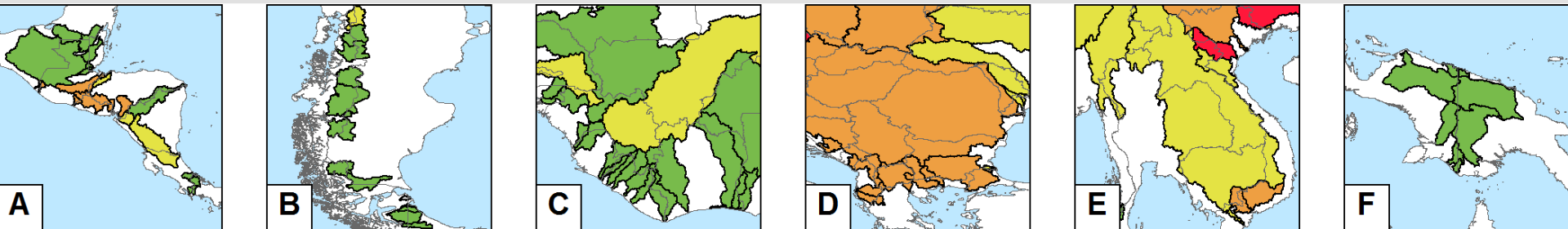
Example: Baseline

Nutrient Pollution

Basin Level



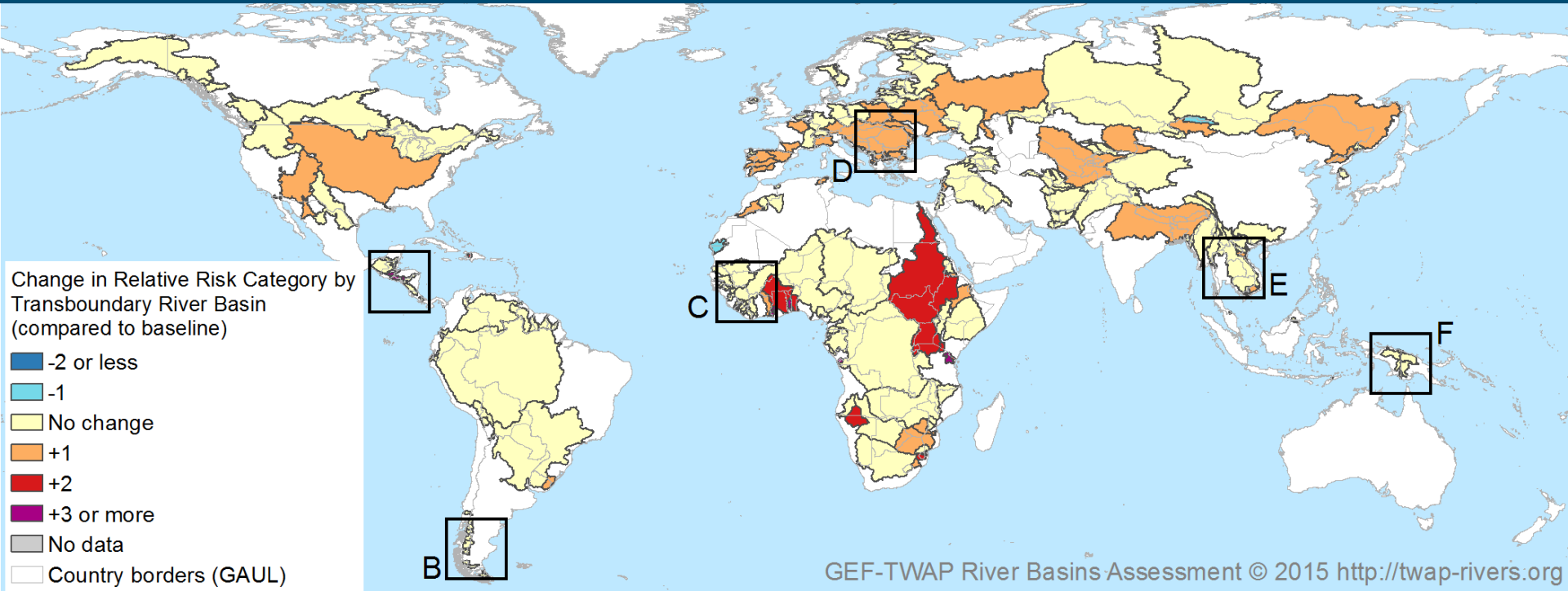
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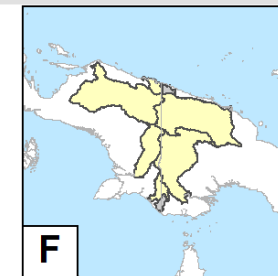
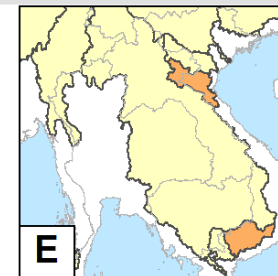
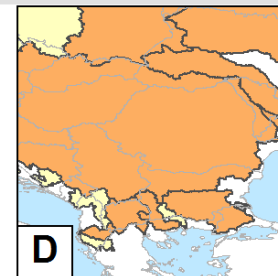
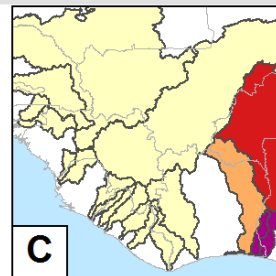
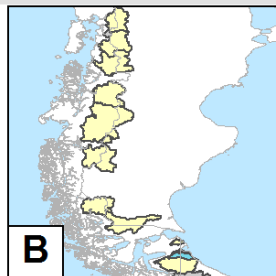
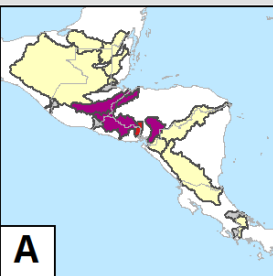
Example: Projected change

Nutrient Pollution - Projected Risk Change (2050)

Basin Level



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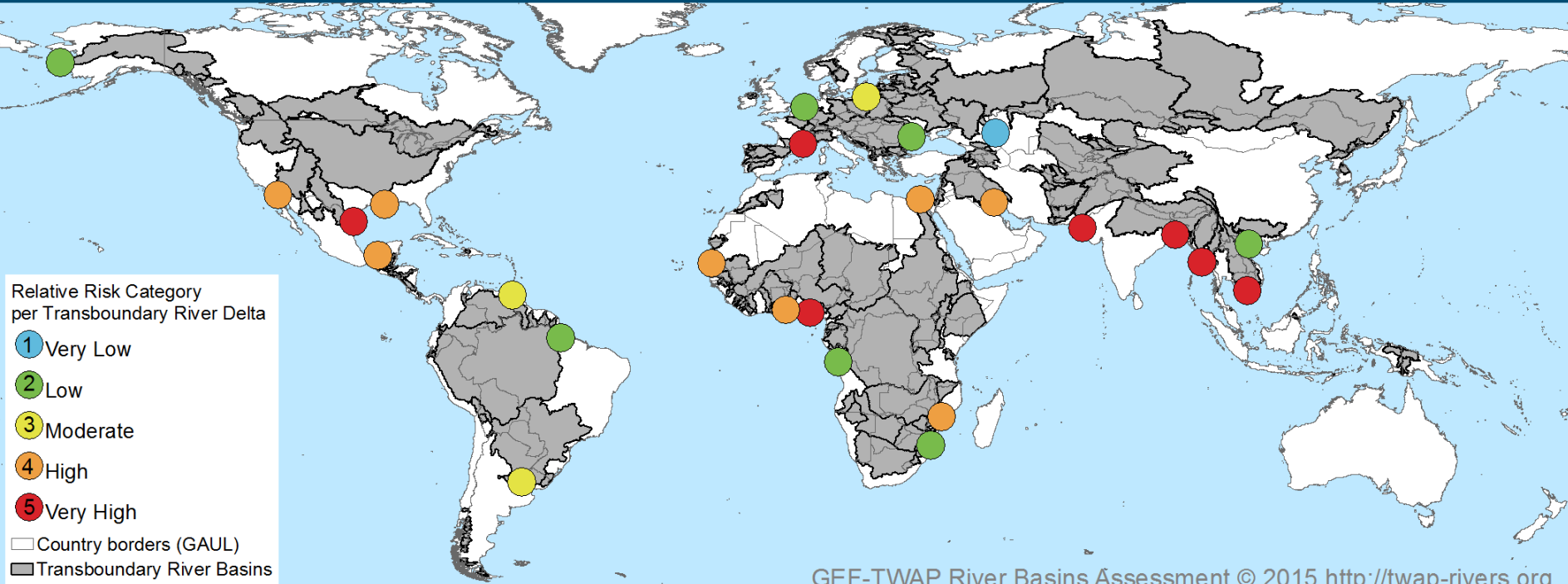


Example: Deltas



Relative Sea Level Rise (RSLR)

Deltas



Transboundary River Basins Website



TWAP RB Assessment Report: Status and Trends

The final technical report of the TWAP RB assessment (March 2016). Contains results and results maps for all assessment indicators, as well as integrated analysis across indicators. The technical report is accompanied by Summary for Policy Makers.

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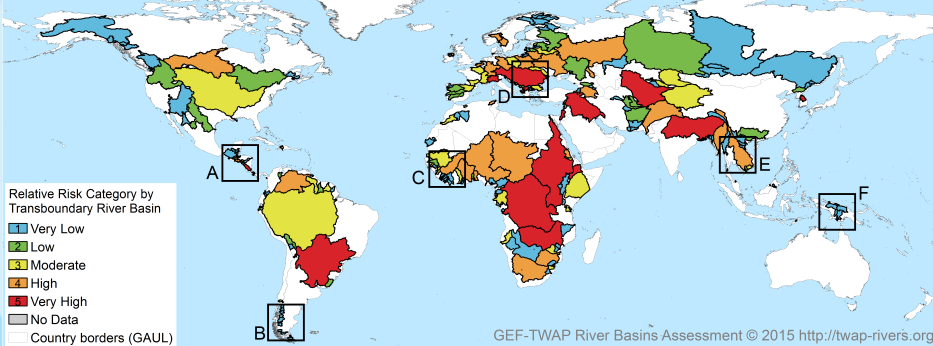


- ✓ On-demand assessment results maps: basin, BCU, deltas level
- ✓ Background layers (River basins map, deltas map, etc.)
- ✓ Results summaries
- ✓ User defined indices
- ✓ River basin factsheets
- ✓ Results files and metadata sheets

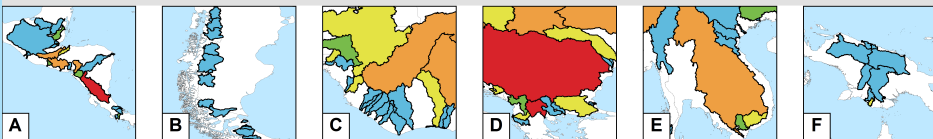


Hydropolitical Tension

Basin Level

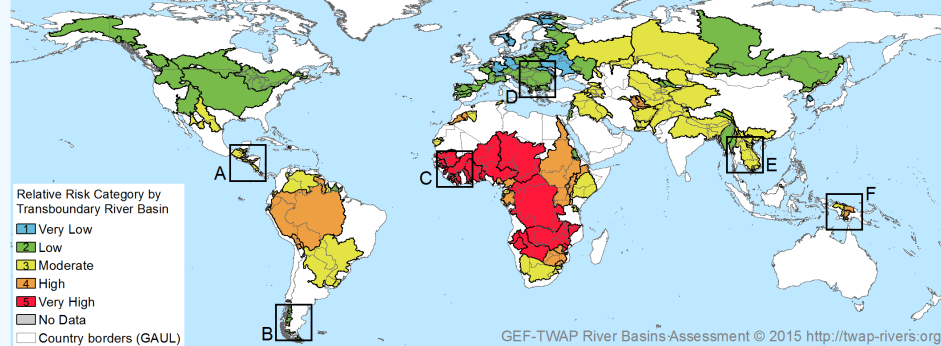


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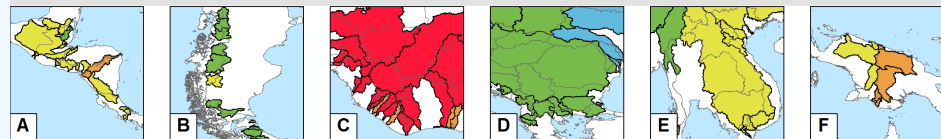


Societal Wellbeing

Basin Level

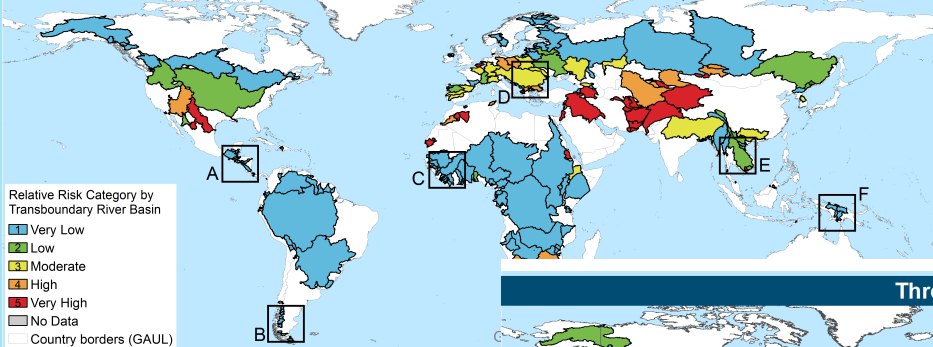


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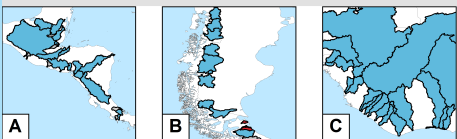


Human Water Stress

Basin Level

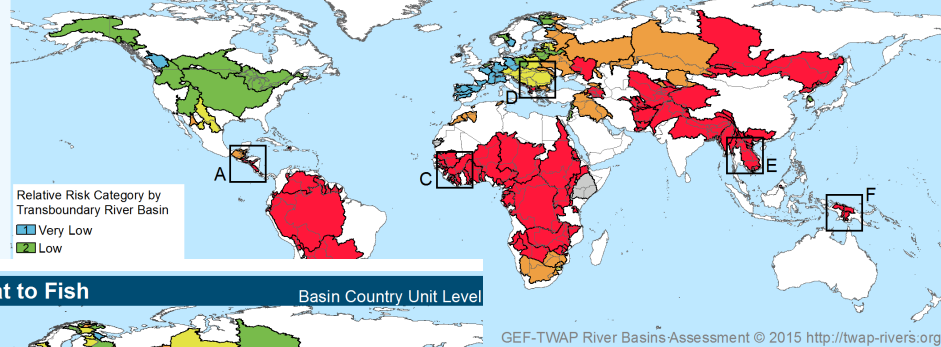


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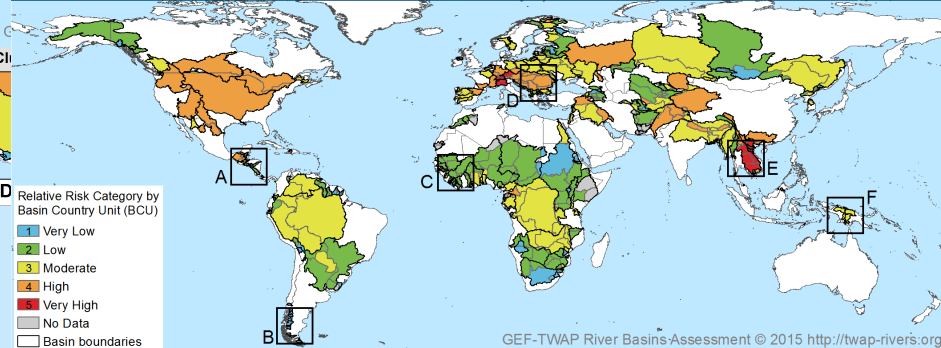
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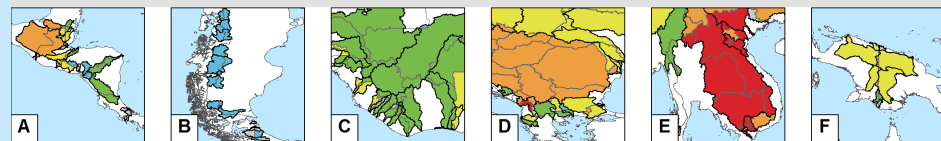


Threat to Fish

Basin Country Unit Level



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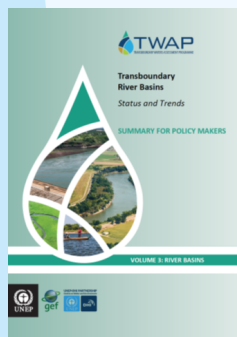


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Status and Trends



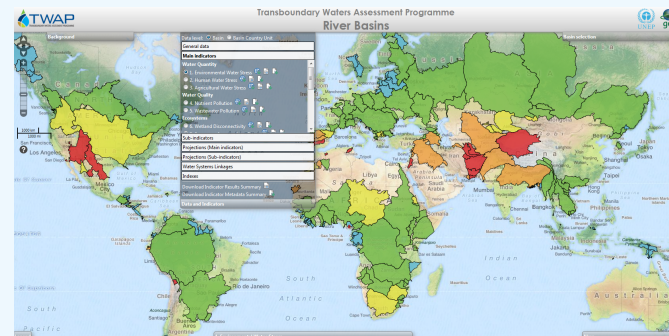
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