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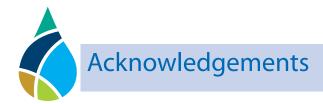
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The Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved a Full Size Project (FSP), "A Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme: Aquifers, Lake/Reservoir Basins, River Basins, Large Marine Ecosystems, and Open Ocean to catalyze sound environmental management", in December 2012, following the completion of the Medium Size Project (MSP) "Development of the Methodology and Arrangements for the GEF Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme" in 2011. The TWAP FSP started in 2013, focusing on two major objectives: (1) to carry out the first global-scale assessment of transboundary water systems that will assist the GEF and other international organizations to improve the setting of priorities for funding; and (2) to formalise the partnership with key institutions to ensure that transboundary considerations are incorporated in regular assessment programmes to provide continuing insights on the status and trends of transboundary water systems.

The TWAP FSP was implemented by UNEP as Implementing Agency, UNEP's Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA) as Executing Agency, and the following lead agencies for each of the water system categories: the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for transboundary aquifers including groundwater systems in small island developing states (SIDS); the International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC) for lake and reservoir basins; the UNEP-DHI Partnership — Centre on Water and Environment (UNEP-DHI) for river basins; and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO for large marine ecosystems (LMEs) and the open ocean.

The five water-category specific assessments cover 199 transboundary aquifers and groundwater systems in 43 small island developing states, 204 transboundary lakes and reservoirs, 286 transboundary river basins; 66 large marine ecosystems; and the open ocean, a total of 756 international water systems. The assessment results are organized into five technical reports and a sixth volume that provides a cross-category analysis of status and trends:

Volume 1 – Transboundary Aquifers and Groundwater Systems of Small Island Developing States:
Status and Trends

Volume 2 – Transboundary Lakes and Reservoirs: Status and Trends

Volume 3 – Transboundary River Basins: Status and Trends

Volume 4 – Large Marine Ecosystems: Status and Trends

Volume 5 – *The Open Ocean: Status and Trends* 

Volume 6 – Transboundary Water Systems: Crosscutting Status and Trends

#### A Summary for Policy Makers accompanies each volume.

Volume 6 presents a unique and first global overview of the contemporary risks that threaten international water systems in five transboundary water system categories, building on the detailed quantitative indicator-based assessment conducted for each water category. As a supplement to Volume 6, this global compendium of water system information sheets provides baseline relative risks at regional and system scales. The fact sheets are organized into 14 TWAP regions and presented as 12 annexes. Volume 6 and the compendium are published in collaboration among the five independent water-category based TWAP Assessment Teams under the leadership of the Cross-cutting Analysis Working Group, with support from the TWAP Project Coordinating Unit.



The technical teams of the Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme(TWAP) assessed transboundary aquifers, lakes & reservoirs, river basins, and large marine ecosystems and prepared information (fact) sheets for water systems that were evaluated. Each fact sheet provides basic geomorphological information and presents baseline values of quantitative indicators that were used to establish relative risk levels. The water system fact sheets are organized into 14 TWAP regions that were used in the Crosscutting Analysis described in Volume 6. The regional compilations are presented as 11 annexes (A-K) of a global compendium, combining Southern & Southeastern Asia into one annex (I), and the Pacific Island Countries, Australia & Antarctica into another (Annex K). Each annex highlights contemporary regional risks as well as water system-specific risks. The annexes are:

Annex A. Transboundary waters of Northern America

Annex B. Transboundary waters of Central America & the Caribbean

Annex C. Transboundary waters of Southern America

Annex D. Transboundary waters of Eastern, Northern & Western Europe

Annex E. Transboundary waters of Eastern Europe

Annex F. Transboundary waters of Western & Middle Africa
Annex G. Transboundary waters of Eastern & Southern Africa
Annex H: Transboundary waters of Northern Africa & Western Asia
Annex I: Transboundary waters of Southern & Southeastern Asia

Annex J: Transboundary waters of Eastern & Central Asia

Annex K: Transboundary waters of the Pacific Island Countries, Australia & Antarctica

In the case of the open ocean, which is the largest transboundary water system of planet earth, selected quantitative indicator maps prepared by the Open Ocean Assessment Team, are compiled in Annex L to highlight the contemporaneous state of the global ocean.

Annex L: Selected indicator maps for the open ocean

All information sheets and indicator maps for the open ocean may be downloaded individually from the following websites:

Transboundary Aquifers: <a href="http://twapviewer.un-igrac.org">http://twapviewer.un-igrac.org</a>
Transboundary Lakes/ Reservoirs: <a href="http://ilec.lakes-sys.com/">http://ilec.lakes-sys.com/</a>

Transboundary River Basins: <a href="http://twap-rivers.org">http://twap-rivers.org</a>
Large Marine Ecosystems: <a href="http://onesharedocean.org">http://onesharedocean.org</a>

Open Ocean: http://onesharedocean.org

All TWAP publications are available for download at http://www.geftwap.org

Over the long term, it is envisioned that these baseline information sheets will continue to be updated by future assessments at multiple spatial and temporal scales to better track the changing states of transboundary waters that are essential in sustaining human wellbeing and ecosystem health.



## TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS: CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

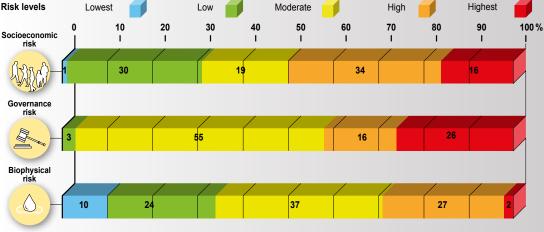
The region belongs to the High HDI group with a regional average HDI of 0.716, and a population reaching 212 million in 2015. Contemporary risks of water systems by water category and theme expressed as percentages are shown at top right. Across 41 transboundary waters in the region (bottom left), 50% experience high to highest socioeconomic risk; 97% are subject to moderate



to highest governance risk; and 66% are threatened by moderate to highest biophysical risk. On average (bottom right), the region's transboundary waters are at high socioeconomic risk, and are at moderate governance and biophysical risks. Aquifers, river basins and LMEs are at moderate risk across risk themes, but lakes are at high risk.

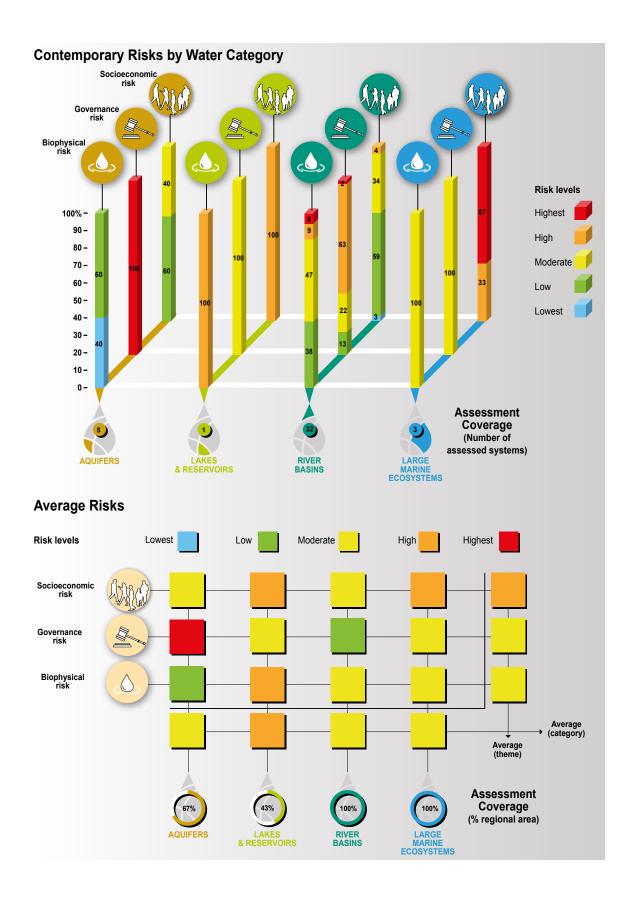


## Contemporary Risks by Theme Risk levels Lowest





## Regional Risks by Water Category





# Transboundary Aquifers of Central America & Caribbean

- 1. Cuenca Baja del Rio Bravo-Grande
- 2. Cuenca Baja del Rio Colorado
- 3. Edwards Trinity El Burro
- 4. Boca del Cerro-San Pedro
- 5. Ocosingo-Usumacinta-Pocóm-Ixcán
- 6. Soconusco-Suchiate/ Coatán
- 7. Esquipulas-Ocotepeque-Citalá
- 8. Península del Yucatán-Candelaria-Hondo











## Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 25 000 No. countries sharing: 2

Countries sharing: Mexico, United States of

America

Population: 2 600 000 Climate zone: Semi-arid Rainfall (mm/yr): 600

## Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Whole aquifer semi-

confined

Main Lithology: Sediment - sand



No cross-section available

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## **TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory**

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m³/y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/γ)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km2)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Mexico	11	120	<5	100	0		95	15	Α	С
United										
States of							130			
America										
TBA level							100			

- (1) Recharge: This is the long term average recharge (in m³/yr) divided by the surface area (m²) of the complete country segment of the aquifer (i.e. not only the recharge area).
- (2) Natural background groundwater quality: Estimate of percentage of surface area of aquifer where the natural groundwater quality satisfies local drinking water standards.
- (3) Groundwater pollution: A. No pollution has been identified; B. Some pollution has been identified; Positive number: Significant pollution has been identified (% of surface area of aquifer).
- (4) Groundwater development stress: Annual groundwater abstraction divided by recharge.
- (5) Legal framework: A. Agreement with full scope for TBA management signed by all parties; B. Agreement with limited scope for TBA management signed by all parties; C. Agreement under preparation or available as an unsigned draft; D. No agreement exists, nor under preparation; E. Legal Framework differs between Aquifer States (see data at National level).
- (6) Institutional Framework: A. Dedicated transboundary institution fully operational; B. Dedicated transboundary institution in place, but not fully operational; C. National/Domestic institution fully operational; D. National/Domestic institution in place, but not fully operational; E. No institution exists for TBA management; F. Institutional Framework differs between Aquifer States (see data at National level).
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#### TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

		Renewable	e groundwater	per capita	ncy (%)	ncy for	Human dependency on groundwater for irrigation (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for industrial water use(%)
	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Current state (m³/y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for domestic water supply (%)		
Mexico	92	1100	-14	-13	10	35	3	28
United								
States of	160	1400	-19	-13	10	12	12	6
America								
TBA level	110	1200	-16	-13	10	26	6	14









		Po	pulation dens	ity	Groundwater development stress		
	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Current state (Persons/km2)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Current state (%)	Projection 2030 (% point change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% point change to current state)
Mexico	-1	83	19	29	8	6	9
United States of America	-1	110	16	26	7	4	3
TBA level	-1	91	18	28	8	5	7

## Key parameters table from Global Inventory

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)* (m)	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Mexico	25	<5	150	Whole aquifer semi- confined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	No secondary porosity	540
United States of America								
TBA level								

<sup>\*</sup> Including aquitards/aquicludes

## **Aquifer description**

Only Mexico has provided information, so most of the information relates to the part of the aquifer within Mexico.

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple 7-layered, hydraulically connected, system. The whole aquifer is semi-confined. The average distance of the groundwater level is 25m and average total vertical thickness of the aquifer system is 150m.

## **Hydrogeological aspects**

The main lithology is sediment - sand. The material has high primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits. The average aquifer transmissivity is estimated as  $542 \text{m}^2/\text{d}$ . The average annual aquifer recharge is estimated at 200 Mm³/annum, coming from a recharge area of  $540 \text{ km}^2$ . The total groundwater volume is  $21 \text{ km}^3$ .

## Linkages with other water systems

Recharge into the aquifer system is from precipitation on the aquifer area and discharge from the system is through evapotranspiration.









X A value was provided in the questionnaire, but it was considered un-realistic and therefore removed from the table.



#### **Environmental aspects**

97% of groundwater across the aquifer area is unsuitable for human consumption as a result of elevated levels of natural salinity. Significant pollution has been identified, at this stage only in the surficial layers. The sources are landfills/waste disposal sites, households, agricultural practices and oil/gas production and transport activities. Observed contaminants are salinization, nitrogen species, and pesticides. There is 2% of aquifer area covered with shallow groundwater and with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The annual average groundwater abstraction has been estimated as 26 Mm³/annum, which is also the figure provided for total annual fresh water abstraction. There has been no groundwater depletion.

#### **Legal and Institutional aspects**

Mexico makes mention of a Bilateral Agreement with full scope. It also identifies its National Institution that has a full mandate and full capacity. Groundwater management is undertaken according to National law and regulations.

#### **Priority issues**

The large extent of unsuitable natural water quality for drinking purposes together with the significant amount of pollution makes this an important aspect on which to focus on and to protect further degradation of the water quality.

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Most data in the tables and text above have been provided by national and regional experts (listed above) or have been derived from the global WaterGAP model. See colophon for more information, including references to data from other sources.

The TBA system could not be described fully, because only one of the two TBA countries provided adequate numerical information.

Data gaps and also differences between data from national experts (Global Inventory) and data derived from WaterGAP highlight the need for further research on transboundary aquifers.









## Colophon

This Transboundary Aquifers information sheet has been produced as part of the Groundwater Component of the GEF Transboundary Water Assessment Programme (GEF TWAP). GEF TWAP is the first truly global comparative assessment of transboundary groundwater, lakes, rivers, large marine ecosystems and the open ocean. More information on TWAP can be found on: <a href="https://www.geftwap.org">www.geftwap.org</a>. The Groundwater component of TWAP carried out a global comparison of 199 transboundary aquifers and the groundwater systems of 41 Small Island Developing States. The data used to compile this transboundary aquifer information sheet has been made available by national and regional experts from countries involved in the TWAP Groundwater project. For aquifers larger than 20 000 km2 and which are not overlapping, additional data are available from modelling done by the Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany) as part of TWAP Groundwater. All data were compiled by UNESCO-IHP and the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC — UNESCO Category II Institute). Values given in the fact-sheet represent an approximate guide only and should not replace data obtained from recent local assessments. The editors of this information sheet are not responsible for the quality of the data.

For more information on TWAP Groundwater and for more data, please have a look at the TWAP Groundwater Information Management System which is accessible via <a href="https://www.twap.isarm.org">www.twap.isarm.org</a> or <a href="https://www.twap.isarm.org">www.un-igrac.org</a>.

#### Request:

If you have additional data or information about this transboundary aquifer that can improve the quality of this information sheet and the underlying database, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:info@un-igrac.org">info@un-igrac.org</a>. If appropriate, the information will be uploaded to the database of transboundary aquifers and will also be used in new versions of this information sheet.

#### References:

- Population: Population has been calculated based on the aquifer map and grid information on population. Source population data: Center for International Earth Science Information Network CIESIN Columbia University, United Nations Food and Agriculture Programme FAO, and Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical CIAT. 2005. Gridded Population of the World, Version 3 (GPWv3): Population Count Grid, Future Estimates. Palisades, NY: NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC). http://dx.doi.org/10.7927/H42B8VZZ. Accessed Jan 2015.
- Rainfall: Average rainfall per TBA has been calculated based on the aquifer map and grid data for precipitation. Source precipitation data: Hijmans, R.J., S.E. Cameron, J.L. Parra, P.G. Jones and A. Jarvis, 2005. Very high resolution interpolated climate surfaces for global land areas. International Journal of Climatology 25: 1965-1978. Grid data download from www.worldclim.org (2015): Data for current conditions (~1950-2000), ESRI grids, 30 arc seconds, Precipitation.
- Climate: Climate indicates the major climate zone which occurs in the aquifer area. If more than 1 climate zone is present
  the zone with the largest surface area was selected. Source climate data: ArcGIS Online (2015), Simplified World Climate
  zones. Owner: Mapping Our World GIS Education. Original map: National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers
  (1998).
- All other data: TWAP Groundwater (2015).

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## 9N - Cuenca Baja del Rio Colorado

## Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 16 000 No. countries sharing: 2

Countries sharing: Mexico, United States of

America

Population: 710 000 Climate zone: Arid Rainfall (mm/yr): 70

## Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Whole aquifer unconfined

Main Lithology: Sediment - Sand



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United										
States of							44			
America										
TBA level							43			

- (1) Recharge: This is the long term average recharge (in m<sup>3</sup>/yr) divided by the surface area (m<sup>2</sup>) of the complete country segment of the aquifer (i.e. not only the recharge area).
- (2) Natural background groundwater quality: Estimate of percentage of surface area of aquifer where the natural groundwater quality satisfies local drinking water standards.
- (3) Groundwater pollution: A. No pollution has been identified; B. Some pollution has been identified; Positive number: Significant pollution has been identified (% of surface area of aquifer).
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United								
States of								
America								
TBA level								

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## 9N - Cuenca Baja del Rio Colorado

## **Aquifer description**

Only Mexico has provided information

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple 2-layered, hydraulically connected, system. The whole aquifer unconfined. The distance to the groundwater level is 22m and the total vertical thickness of the aquifer system is 600m.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

The main lithology is sediment – sand that have a high primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits and no secondary porosity. The average aquifer transmissivity is estimated as 6 400 m<sup>2</sup>/d. The average annual aquifer recharge is estimated at 240 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum coming from a recharge area of 860 km<sup>2</sup>. Total groundwater volume is 100 km<sup>3</sup>.

#### Linkages with other water systems

Recharge to the aquifer system is from precipitation over the aquifer area and discharge from the system is through submarine outflow.

#### **Environmental aspects**

Groundwater quality on 64 % of the aquifer area is unsuitable for human consumption. The problem of elevated salinity occurs only in the superficial layers. Some pollution has been identified, occurring only in superficial layers. The main origin is agricultural practices and the impact has been local salinization. No part of the aquifer contains shallow groundwater or groundwater dependent ecosystems.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The annual average groundwater abstraction has been estimated as 260Mm³/annum, which is also the figure provided for total annual fresh water abstraction. There has been no groundwater depletion.

#### **Legal and Institutional aspects**

Mexico makes mention of a Bilateral Agreement with full scope. It also identifies its National Institution that has a full mandate and full capacity. Groundwater management is undertaken according to National law and regulations.

#### **Emerging issues**

Information is only available from one country. Noticeable is that the groundwater abstraction in Mexico is of the same order of magnitude as the average annual recharge to the aquifer in that country.

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## Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 110 000 No. countries sharing: 2

Countries sharing: Mexico, United States of

America

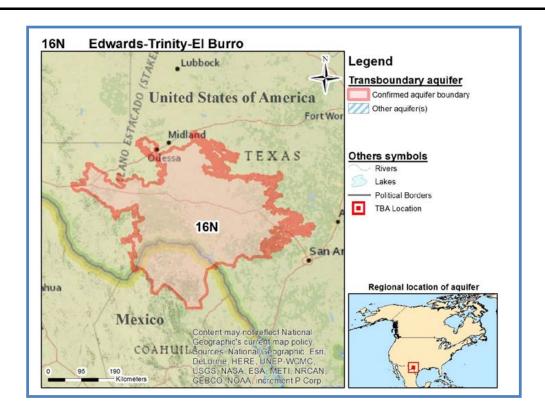
Population: 460 000 Climate zone: Semi-arid Rainfall (mm/yr): 460

## Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Whole aquifer unconfined Main Lithology: Sedimentary rocks - Limestone



No cross-section available

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	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m³/y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/γ)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km2)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Mexico	1	66	100	100	0	Α	9	5	Α	С
United										
States of							3			
America										
TBA level							4			

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## TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

		Renewable	groundwater	per capita	ncy (%)	for	ncy for	for
	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Current state (m³/y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for domestic water supply (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for irrigation (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for industrial water use(%)
Mexico	6	700	-2	-6	25	39	19	0
United States of America	18	4300	-24	-24	63	70	79	6
TBA level	16	3200	-24	-23	60	63	74	6









		Po	pulation dens	ity	Groundwa	ater developm	ent stress
	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Current state (Persons/km2)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Current state (%)	Projection 2030 (% point change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% point change to current state)
Mexico	0	8	20	30	14	6	14
United States of America	2	4	15	26	27	11	7
TBA level	2	5	17	27	26	10	7

## **Key parameters table from Global Inventory**

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)* (m)	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Mexico	6	<5	80	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sedimentary rocks - Limestone	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Fractures	99
United								
States of America								
TBA level								

<sup>\*</sup> Including aquitards/aquicludes

## **Aquifer description**

Only Mexico has provided information

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple 2-layered, hydraulically connected, system. The whole aquifer is unconfined. The average distance to the groundwater level is 6m and the average total vertical thickness of the aquifer system is 80m.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

The main lithology is sedimentary rocks - limestone that have a high primary porosity as well as secondary porosity: fractures. The average aquifer transmissivity is estimated at  $99\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ . The average annual aquifer recharge is estimated at  $12 \text{ Mm}^3/\text{annum}$ , coming from a recharge area of  $4 \text{ } 000 \text{ km}^2$ . The total groundwater volume is  $9 \text{ km}^3$ .

#### Linkages with other water systems

Recharge to the aquifer system is from precipitation on the aquifer area and discharge from the system is through evapotranspiration.







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#### **Environmental aspects**

Groundwater across the whole aquifer area is suitable for human consumption. No pollution has been identified. No areas with shallow groundwater or groundwater dependent ecosystems have been reported by the countries, although the Edwards Aquifer is notably known for the groundwater dependent ecosystems that are located over its area.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The annual average groundwater abstraction has been estimated as 0.6 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum, which is also the figure provided for total annual fresh water abstraction. There has been no groundwater depletion.

#### **Legal and Institutional aspects**

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#### **Emerging issues**

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## Geography

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Countries sharing: Guatemala, Mexico

Population: 260 000

Climate zone: Tropical Wet Rainfall (mm/yr): 1600

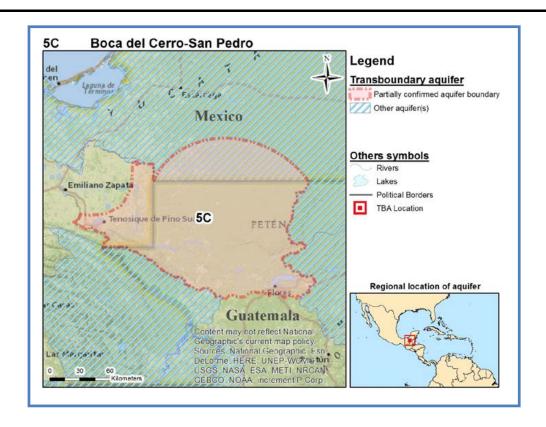
## Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Unconfined

Main Lithology: Karst rock and marine sediments



No cross-section available

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Guatemala							10			
Mexico	110	6400	100	100	0		17	<5	Α	С
TBA level							12			

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	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Current state (m³/y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Human dependen on groundwater (9	Human dependency on groundwater for domestic water supply (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for irrigation (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for industrial water use(%)
Guatemala	210	21 000	-42	-63	51	57	21	11
Mexico	250	17 000	-27	-44	45	51	12	34
TBA level	220	19 000	-36	-57	47	52	14	33

	_	Po	pulation dens	ity	Groundwa	ater developm	ent stress
	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Current state (Persons/km2)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Current state (%)	Projection 2030 (% point change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% point change to current state)
Guatemala	2	10	62	130	<1	0	1
Mexico	3	15	27	46	<1	1	1
TBA level	2	12	46	91	<1	0	1









## **Key parameters table from Global Inventory**

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)*	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Primary Porosity	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Guatemala								
Mexico	Х	X	260	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	Low primary porosity intergranular porosity	Secondary porosity: Fractures	х
TBA level								

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## **Aquifer description**

As most of the information was provided by Mexico, most of the values within this brief refer to the portion of the TBA within Mexico.

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a two layered, hydraulically connected aquifer system. The whole aquifer is unconfined, and shows levels of varying permeability, primary and secondary. Mexico reports an average vertical thickness of the aquifer system of 260 m.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

The aquifer system is located on limestone and dolomite with high degree of permeability by fracturing and development of extensive areas of karst circulation. In the middle and lower zones are terrigenous marine sediments, argillaceous limestone, sandstones and shales covered by recent sediments deposited in a continental environment. Groundwater recharge is very variable due to extreme recharge events. The mean annual groundwater recharge within Mexico is 790 Mm³/annum over a recharge area of 2900 km². Its estimate of total groundwater volume is 38km³.

#### Linkages with other water systems

Groundwater recharge is from precipitation over the aquifer area. The aquifer maintains base flow of rivers and riparian vegetation especially during periods of drought

#### **Environmental Aspects**

In some areas, the natural groundwater is characterized by its high content of sulphates and carbonates that make it unsuitable for human and animal consumption. There is no shallow groundwater and no pollution has been identified.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The aquifer supplies water to the populations of the central urban area of Peten (Guatemala) and the city of Tenosique. Groundwater abstraction in Mexico is estimated as 4.9 Mm³/annum on average, compared to a total fresh water abstraction over the aquifer area of 6.3 Mm³/annum.

#### **Legal and Institutional**

There is no common reporting here. Mexico makes mention of a signed Bi-lateral Agreement with full scope. Mexico also reports a dedicated national institution with full capacity for groundwater management.







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#### **Emerging issues**

The issue at present appears to be water quality in some areas unsuitable for human and animal consumption.

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Countries sharing: Guatemala, Mexico

Population: 820 000 Climate zone: Tropical Wet Rainfall (mm/yr): 2400

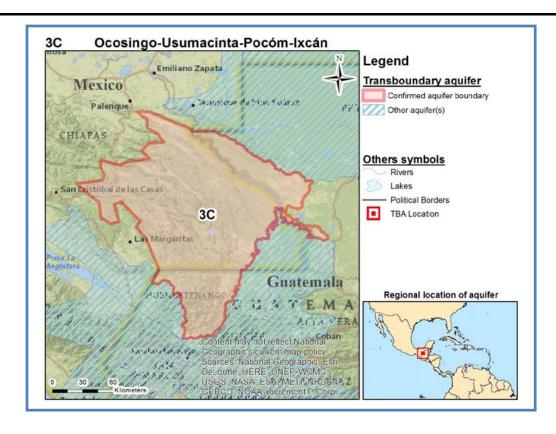
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#### TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

		Renewable	groundwater	per capita	ncy (%)	ncy for	ncy for	ncy for
	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Current state (m³/y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Human dependen on groundwater (9	Human dependen on groundwater ft domestic water supply (%)	Human dependen on groundwater fe irrigation (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for industrial water use(%)
Guatemala	480	7600	-42	-62	42	46	8	36
Mexico	390	12 000	-25	-40	22	18	12	50
TBA level	410	10 000	-34	-52	26	23	11	48

		Population density			Groundwater development stress			
	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Current state (Persons/km2)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Current state (%)	Projection 2030 (% point change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% point change to current state)	
Guatemala	1	64	66	140	<1	0	2	
Mexico	2	32	27	45	<1	0	1	
TBA level	2	41	44	85	<1	0	1	









## **Key parameters table from Global Inventory**

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)*	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Primary Porosity	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Guatemala								
Mexico	х	Х	100	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	Low primary porosity	Secondary porosity: Fractures	99
TBA level								

 <sup>\*</sup> Including aquitards/aquicludes

## **Aquifer description**

As most of the information was provided by Mexico, most of the values within this brief refer to the portion of the TBA within Mexico.

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple 2-layered, hydraulically connected, unconfined aquifer system. Mexico reports an average vertical thickness of the aquifer system of 100 m.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

The aquifer consists of karstic rocks representing a complex underground circulation system associated with large cavities and fractures. It has a low primary porosity and secondary fracture porosity. Groundwater recharge is very variable due to extreme recharge events. Mexico reports an average transmissivity of 99 m²/d and an average groundwater recharge, 100% natural, of 4 500 Mm³/annum over an area of 15 000 km². Its estimate of the total groundwater volume is 77km³.

#### Linkages with other water systems

Groundwater recharge is from precipitation on the aquifer. Groundwater flows from Guatemala into Mexico, and discharges into the Usumacinta River. The aquifer maintains the base flow of rivers and riparian vegetation especially during periods of drought.

#### **Environmental Aspects**

In some areas, the natural groundwater is characterized by its high content of sulphates and carbonates that make it unsuitable for human and animal consumption, but its extent was not specified. No anthropogenic pollution has been identified. It is estimated that 21% of the aquifer system within Mexico is characterised by shallow groundwater while 21% of the aquifer area is covered by groundwater dependent ecosystems.

#### Socio-economic aspects

Groundwater has relatively low importance, because the water levels are deep. The aquifer supplies the rural population that uses water for domestic and livestock purposes. It was estimate that the total amount of groundwater that was abstracted from the system during 2010 was 2.5 Mm<sup>3</sup>.

#### **Legal and Institutional**

There is no common reporting under this point. Mexico makes mention of a signed Bi-lateral Agreement with full scope. It also reports a National Institution with full mandate and full capacity.







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#### **Priority issues**

Access to the relatively deep groundwater and unsuitability of the water in some areas is probably the priority issue at this stage.

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# Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 4400 No. countries sharing: 2

Countries sharing: Guatemala, Mexico

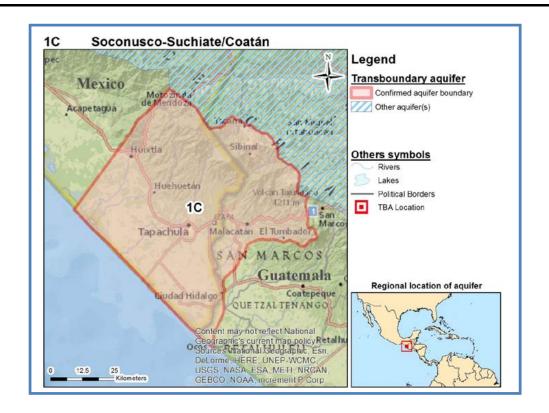
Population: 890 000 Climate zone: Tropical Dry Rainfall (mm/yr): 2 700

# Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Unconfined Main Lithology: Alluvial material



No cross-section available

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# **TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory**

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m³/y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km2)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Guatemala							230			
Mexico	300	1600	100	100	0	Α	190	15	Α	С
TBA level							200		•	

- (1) Recharge: This is the long term average recharge (in m<sup>3</sup>/yr) divided by the surface area (m<sup>2</sup>) of the complete country segment of the aquifer (i.e. not only the recharge area).
- (2) Natural background groundwater quality: Estimate of percentage of surface area of aquifer where the natural groundwater quality satisfies local drinking water standards.
- (3) Groundwater pollution: A. No pollution has been identified; B. Some pollution has been identified; Positive number: Significant pollution has been identified (% of surface area of aquifer).
- (4) Groundwater development stress: Annual groundwater abstraction divided by recharge.
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# **Key parameters table from Global Inventory**

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)* (m)	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Primary Porosity	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Guatemala								
Mexico	7	<5	<5	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	No secondary porosity	68
TBA level								

<sup>\*</sup> Including aquitards/aquicludes

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# **Aquifer description**

As most of the information was provided by Mexico, most of the values within this Brief refer to the portion of the TBA within Mexico.

#### **Aquifer geometry**

The aquifer system is two-layered system and is totally unconfined (phreatic). The system appears to be shallow, with and the average depth to the groundwater level of 7m. The top of the aquifer protrudes to the surface and the average thickness of the aquifer system has not been recorded.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

It consists of alluvial materials of varying particle size, overlying crystalline (granites, diorites) and Tertiary volcanic rocks (basalts and andesites emitted by the volcano Tacaná). The material has a high primary porosity and no secondary porosity. It has a low horizontal and vertical connectivity and the average transmissivity value is  $68m^2/day$ . There is a significant difference between recharge events and the average annual recharge is estimated by Mexico as about 940 Mm³/annum over a recharge area of around 3 100 km². The total groundwater volume is estimated as 15 km³.

#### Linkages with other water systems

The recharge source, as reported by Mexico, is through precipitation on the aquifer and outflow to lakes is the discharge mechanism. In the upper portion, the groundwater flow is from Guatemala to Mexico, and in the lower portion there is virtually no groundwater movement across the international border.

#### **Environmental aspects**

The system is exposed to saline intrusion in the coastal portion and its quality has been impaired by agricultural activities and deposition of liquid and solid wastes. At present, the risk of significant transboundary impacts are minimal, although extreme weather events such as droughts, hurricanes and tropical storms can affect the quality and the availability of water. The characterization of shallow groundwater and groundwater dependent ecosystems within the system was not recorded.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The aquifer is a major source for agriculture in the lower part of the basin and for domestic-livestock uses, in its entirety. Mexico reports an annual groundwater abstraction of 160 Mm³. The figure provided for the total fresh water abstraction is the same.

# **Legal and Institutional aspects**

There is no common reporting here. Mexico makes mention of a signed Bi-lateral Agreement with full scope. It also reports a National Institution with full capacity for groundwater management.

# **Priority issues**

The aquifer, which is already a major source for agricultural water supply and for domestic and livestock use, is impacted by pollution as well as seawater intrusion. National and bi-lateral management measures need to be put in place to sustain the multiple uses of the system.

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# Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 1400 No. countries sharing: 3 Countries sharing: El Salvador,

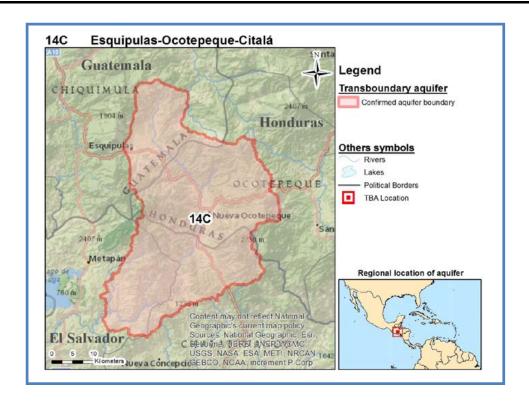
Guatemala, Honduras Population: 130 000 Climate zone: Highlands Rainfall (mm/yr): 1600

# Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Mostly unconfined Main Lithology: Sediment - Silt - Clay



No cross-section available

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# **TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory**

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m³/y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km2)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
El Salvador	84	920					92		Α	D
Guatemala	200	1900	80	100			110	50		
Honduras							85			
TBA level							93			

- (1) Recharge: This is the long term average recharge (in m<sup>3</sup>/yr) divided by the surface area (m<sup>2</sup>) of the complete country segment of the aquifer (i.e. not only the recharge area).
- (2) Natural background groundwater quality: Estimate of percentage of surface area of aquifer where the natural groundwater quality satisfies local drinking water standards.
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# Key parameters table from Global Inventory

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)*	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
El Salvador	12	40	80	Aquifer mostly unconfined, but some parts confined	Sediment - Silt - Clay	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Fractures	
Guatemala	8	7	65	Whole aquifer unconfined		High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	No secondary porosity	25
Honduras								









	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)*	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
TBA level								

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# **Aquifer description**

#### **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple 2 to 3-layered, hydraulically connected aquifer system. The aquifer mostly unconfined, but in some parts confined. Average distance to groundwater level is 12m and depth to the top of the aquifer is 7m in Guatemala and 40m in El Salvador. El Salvador reports a vertical thickness of the aquifer system of 80 m.

#### **Hydrogeological aspects**

It consists of sedimentary deposits of Quaternary alluvial valleys, with a high primary porosity, in fine to medium grain sediments with a high horizontal connectivity. Only El Savador reports on secondary porosity: fractured. The total amount of groundwater volume within Guatemala is 0.72km³. The average transmissivity within Guatemala is 25m²/d. The average annual recharge, which is 100% due to natural recharge, within El Salvador and Guatemala is 100 Mm³/annum. Extreme recharge events are known to occur within the area but this was not quantified.

#### Linkages with other water systems

Groundwater recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area and the discharge mechanism is through springs and river base flow.

#### **Environmental Aspects**

About 20% of the natural groundwater quality within Guatemala is unsuitable for drinking water but the reasons have not been recorded. Some anthropogenic contamination, resulting in high coliform bacteria counts, has been identified in the superficial layers of the aquifer. 75% of the aquifer area in Guatemala has shallow groundwater and 20% of the area has groundwater dependent ecosystems.

#### Socio-economic aspects

The primary use is domestic and agricultural. Guatemala reports annual groundwater abstraction as 11 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum, compared to a total fresh water abstraction of 28 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum.

#### **Legal and Institutional aspects**

There is a specific Multi-lateral legal agreement with full scope between the countries - the Commision Trinacional del Plan Trifinio, 1997. Only El Salvador reports on its National Institution which still has a limited mandate and capacity for groundwater management.

#### **Emerging issues**

The alluvial aquifer is vulnerable to pollution and all three countries need to initiate water quality monitoring and where necessary, pollution control measures.







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A reasonable description of the aquifer system was possible from the data provided by two of the three TBA countries. Calculation of TBA indicators was not possible.

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# Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 140 000 No. countries sharing: 3

Countries sharing: Belize, Guatemala,

Mexico

Population: 3 800 000 Climate zone: Tropical Wet Rainfall (mm/yr): 1200

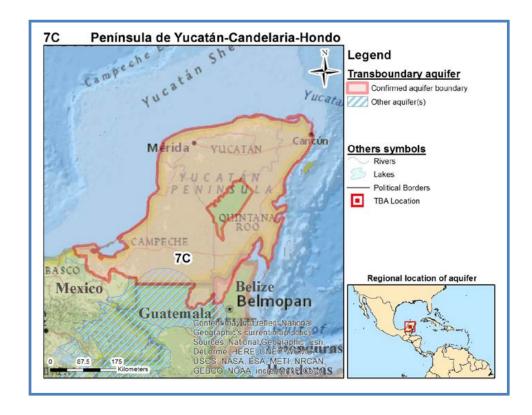
# Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically

connected

Degree of confinement: Unconfined

Main Lithology: Karst rock, sediment - sand



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# **TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory**

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m³/v/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km2)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Belize							12			
Guatemala							10			
Mexico	170	5900	100	100	0		28	10	Α	С
TBA level							28			

- (1) Recharge: This is the long term average recharge (in m³/yr) divided by the surface area (m²) of the complete country segment of the aquifer (i.e. not only the recharge area).
- (2) Natural background groundwater quality: Estimate of percentage of surface area of aquifer where the natural groundwater quality satisfies local drinking water standards.
- (3) Groundwater pollution: A. No pollution has been identified; B. Some pollution has been identified; Positive number: Significant pollution has been identified (% of surface area of aquifer).
- (4) Groundwater development stress: Annual groundwater abstraction divided by recharge.
- (5) Legal framework: A. Agreement with full scope for TBA management signed by all parties; B. Agreement with limited scope for TBA management signed by all parties; C. Agreement under preparation or available as an unsigned draft; D. No agreement exists, nor under preparation; E. Legal Framework differs between Aquifer States (see data at National level).
- (6) Institutional Framework: A. Dedicated transboundary institution fully operational; B. Dedicated transboundary institution in place, but not fully operational; C. National/Domestic institution fully operational; D. National/Domestic institution in place, but not fully operational; E. No institution exists for TBA management; F. Institutional Framework differs between Aquifer States (see data at National level).
- X A value was provided in the questionnaire, but it was considered un-realistic and therefore removed from the table.

#### TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

		Renewable	e groundwater	per capita	ncy (%)	ncy for	ncy for	ncy for
	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Current state (m³/y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Human dependen on groundwater (9	Human dependency on groundwater for domestic water supply (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for irrigation (%)	Human dependency on groundwater for industrial water use(%)
Belize	210	16 000	-37	-55	27	61	54	0
Guatemala	150	16 000	-37	-59	56	63	13	0
Mexico	110	3700	-26	-38	80	98	70	45
TBA level	110	3900	-26	-39	79	98	70	45









		Po	pulation dens	ity	Groundwater development stress			
	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Current state (Persons/km2)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)	Current state (%)	Projection 2030 (% point change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% point change to current state)	
Belize	3	13	4	88	<1	0	1	
Guatemala	1	10	53	100	<1	0	1	
Mexico	3	29	21	31	5	7	14	
TBA level	3	28	21	32	4	7	13	

# **Key parameters table from Global Inventory**

	Distance from ground surface to groundwater table (m)	Depth to top of aquifer formation (m)	Full vertical thickness of the aquifer (system)* (m)	Degree of confinement	Predominant aquifer lithology	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m²/d)
Belize								
Guatemala								
Mexico	7	<b>&lt;</b> 5	50	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Dissolution	х
TBA level		·						

Including aquitards/aquicludes

# **Aquifer description**

# **Aquifer geometry**

It is a multiple layered, hydraulically connected, aquifer system and the whole aquifer is unconfined. It is a shallow system, with an average distance to the groundwater of 7m. The average vertical thickness of the aquifer system is 50m as reported for Mexico.

# **Hydrogeological aspects**

The aquifer consists of sediment - sand within Mexico and sedimentary rocks - limestone within Belize. It has a high primary porosity and high secondary porosity, associated with dissolution cavities, where they have developed complex systems of underground circulation. The total groundwater volume within Mexico has been estimated as 350 km<sup>3</sup>. It has been calculated that the mean annual groundwater recharge within the Mexico part of the aquifer, that is 100% due to natural recharge, is 22 000 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum.

#### Linkages with other water systems

Groundwater recharge is from precipitation on the aquifer area. The main mechanism of aquifer discharge is indicated as evapotranspiration.







X A value was provided in the questionnaire, but it was considered un-realistic and therefore removed from the table.



# **Environmental Aspects**

With regard to the natural water quality some areas have higher amounts of natural salinity while high concentrations of sulphates, not suitable for human consumption and livestock, also occur within some areas but the extent has not been quantified. The aquifer is vulnerable to anthropogenic pollution (landfills and waste disposal) because the karst terrain has high infiltration capacity and virtually no ability to attenuate pollutants; however the abundant and rapid recharging water circulation promotes the dissolution and transport of contaminants, especially during heavy rains associated with hurricanes and tropical storms. Belize has reported on some pollution due to landfills and waste disposal sites that has led to some salinisation and high nitrates but no pollution has been detected within Mexico. No information has been recorded on shallow groundwater and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

# **Socio-economic aspects**

The aquifer system is the primary source of water for the rural population. Mexico estimates groundwater abstraction as 700 Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum and the total fresh water abstraction as 2 265Mm<sup>3</sup>/annum.

#### **Legal and Institutional**

There is no common reporting under this point. Mexico makes mention of a signed bi-lateral agreement with full scope. Mexico itself has a national groundwater institution with full capacity and impact on groundwater resources management.

# **Priority issues**

Natural water in places is unsuitable for human consumption as well as the pollution potential of the shallow Karst aquifer are priority issues at this stage.

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# Considerations and recommendations

Most data in the tables and text above have been provided by national and regional experts (listed above) or have been derived from the global WaterGAP model. See colophon for more information, including references to data from other sources.

The TBA system could not be described fully, because only one of the three TBA countries provided adequate numerical information.

Data gaps and also differences between data from national experts (Global Inventory) and data derived from WaterGAP highlight the need for further research on transboundary aquifers.

# Colophon

This Transboundary Aquifers information sheet has been produced as part of the Groundwater Component of the GEF Transboundary Water Assessment Programme (GEF TWAP). GEF TWAP is the first truly global comparative assessment of transboundary groundwater, lakes, rivers, large marine ecosystems and the open ocean. More information on TWAP can be found on: www.geftwap.org . The Groundwater component of TWAP carried out a global comparison of 199 transboundary aquifers and the groundwater systems of 41 Small Island Developing States. The data used to compile this transboundary aquifer information sheet has been made available by national and regional experts from countries involved in the TWAP Groundwater project. For aquifers larger than 20 000 km2 and which are not overlapping, additional data are available from modelling done by the Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany) as part of TWAP Groundwater. All data were compiled by UNESCO-IHP and the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC - UNESCO Category II Institute). Values given in the fact-sheet represent an approximate guide only and should not replace data obtained from recent local assessments. The editors of this information sheet are not responsible for the quality of the data.

For more information on TWAP Groundwater and for more data, please have a look at the TWAP Groundwater Information Management System which is accessible via www.twap.isarm.org or www.un-igrac.org.

#### Request:

If you have additional data or information about this transboundary aquifer that can improve the quality of this information sheet and the underlying database, please contact us via email at info@un-igrac.org. If appropriate, the information will be uploaded to the database of transboundary aquifers and will also be used in new versions of this information sheet.

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# 1. Azuei





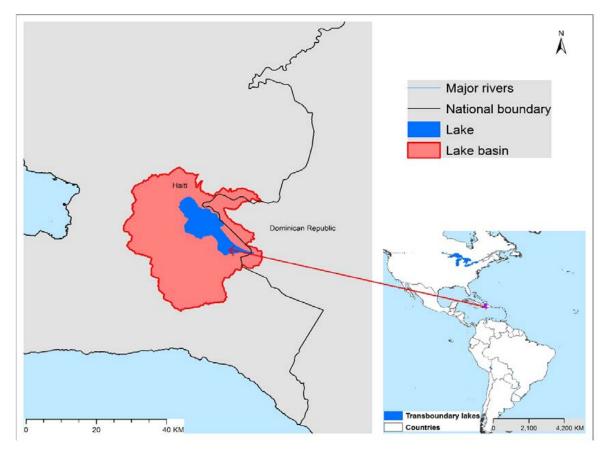




# Lake Azuei

# **Geographic Information**

Lake Azuei is the largest lake in Haiti and the second largest lake in Hispaniola after nearby Lake Enriquillo (which has itself become the first Dominican Ramsar Site). It is a terminal lake fed by springs and small streams draining into it from the surrounding area. It also is a degraded transboundary lake between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, being part of a chain of nearby saline lakes lying in the Hispaniolan Rift Valley. The area is experiencing highly-depressed economic conditions, and has only been slightly considered from the perspective of conservation and ecotourism in general. Lakes Azuei and Enriquillo are in the same region and become one waterbody during high rainfall years. The viability of possible GEF-catalyzed management interventions depends on many factors, including the potential economic and social development gains in this region from such interventions.



TWAP Regional Designation	Central America & Caribbean
River Basin	Receives inflows from springs and small streams around the lake
Riparian Countries	Dominican Republic, Haiti
Basin Area (km²)	844.8
Lake Area (km²)	117.3
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.118

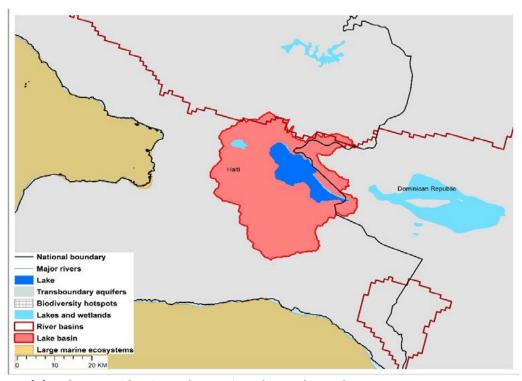
Lake Basin Population (2010)	205,664
Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km <sup>-2</sup> )	184.0
Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> )	1,232
Shoreline Length (km)	60.9
Human Development Index (HDI)	0.46
International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	No



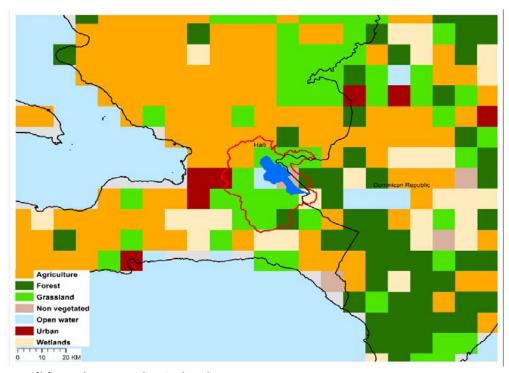




# **Lake Azuei Basin Characteristics**



# (a) Lake Azuei basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Lake Azuei basin land use







# **Lake Azuei Threat Ranking**

A serious lack of global-scale uniform data on the TWAP transboundary in-lake conditions required their potential threat risks be estimated on the basis of the characteristics of their drainage basins, rather than in-lake conditions. Using basin characteristics to rank transboundary lake threats precludes consideration of the unique features that can buffer their in-lake responses to basin-derived disturbances, including an integrating nature for all inputs, long water retention times, and complex, non-linear response dynamics.

The lake threat ranks were calculated with a spreadsheet-based interactive scenario analysis program, incorporating data and information about the nature and magnitude of their basin-derived stresses, and their possible impacts on the sustainability of their ecosystem services. These descriptive data for Lake Azuei and the other transboundary lakes included lake and basin areas, population numbers and densities, areal extent of basin stressors on the lake, data grid size, and other components considered important from the perspective of the user of the data results. The scenario analysis program also provides a means to define the appropriate context and preconditions for interpreting the ranking results.

The Lake Azuei threat ranks are expressed in terms of the Adjusted Human Water Security (Adj-HWS) threats, Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) threats, and the Human Development Index (HDI) score, as well as combinations of these indices. However, it is emphasized that, being based on specific characteristics and assumptions regarding Lake Azuei and its basin characteristics, the calculated threat scores represent only one possible set of lake threat rankings. Defining the appropriate context and preconditions for interpreting the lake rankings remains an important responsibility of those using the threat ranking results, including lake managers and decision-makers.

Table 1. Lake Azuei Relative Threat Ranks, Based on Adjusted Human Water Security (Adj-HWS) and Reverse Biodiversity Threats, and Human Development Index (HDI) Score

(Estimated risks: red – highest; orange – moderately high; yellow – medium; green – moderately low; blue – low)

Adjusted Human Water Security (Adj-HWS) Threat Score	Relative Adj-HWS Threat Rank	Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) Threat Score	Relative RvBD Threat Rank	Human Development Index (HDI) Score	Relative HDI Rank
0.96	3	0.57	31	0.46	21

It is emphasized that the Lake Azuei rankings above are discussed here within the context of the management and decision-making process, rather than as strict numerical ranks. Based on its geographic, population and socioeconomic assumptions used in the scenario analysis program, the calculated Adj-HWS score for Lake Azuei indicates a high threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes, a common situation for transboundary lakes in many developing countries.







The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Lake Azuei, which is meant to describe its biodiversity sensitivity to basin-derived degradation, places the lake in a medium threat rank, compared to the other transboundary lakes. Management interventions directed to improving the biodiversity status must be viewed with caution, however, since we lack sufficient knowledge and experience to accurately predict the ultimate impacts of biodiversity manipulations and preservation efforts. Further, the RvBD scores indicate the relative sensitivity of a lake basin to human activities, and high threat scores *per se* do not necessarily justify management interventions. Such interventions may actually increase biodiversity degradation, noting that many developed countries have already fundamentally degraded their biodiversity because of economic development activities. Thus, activities undertaken to address the Adj-HWS threats may actually degrade the biodiversity status and resources, even if the health and socioeconomic conditions of the lake basin stakeholders are improved as a result of better conditions, thereby increasing stakeholder resource consumption.

The relative Human Development Index (HDI) places the Lake Azuei basin in a moderately high threat rank in regard to its health, educational and economic conditions.

# Table 2. Lake Azuei Threat Ranks, Based on Multiple Ranking Criteria

(Scores for Adj-HWS, RvBD and HDI ranks are presented in Table 1; the ranks may differ in some cases because of rounding of tied threat scores; Estimated risks: red – highest; orange – moderately high; yellow – medium;

green - moderately low; blue - low)

Adj- HWS Rank	HDI Rank	RvBD Rank	Sum Adj- HWS + RvBD	Relative Threat Rank	Sum Adj- HWS + HDI	Relative Threat Rank	Sum Adj- HWS + RvBD + HDI	Overall Threat Rank
5	21	31	36	20	26	11	57	19

When multiple ranking criteria are considered together in the threat rank calculations, the Adj-HWS and HDI scores considered together place Lake Azuei in the upper quarter of the threat ranks. The relative threat decreases somewhat when the Adj-HWS and RvBD threats are considered together. Considering all three ranking criteria together, Lake Azuei exhibits an overall moderately high threat ranking.

Interactions between the ranking parameters for Lake Azuei indicate differing sensitivity to basinderived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Lake Azuei must be considered on the basis of educated judgement and accurate representations of its situation. A fundamental question will be how can one decide a given management intervention will produce the greatest benefit(s) for the greatest number of people in the Lake Azuei basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Lake Azuei, and other transboundary lakes, will require a case-by-case assessment approach that considers the specific lake situation and the anticipated improvements from specific management interventions, as well as interactions with water systems to which the lake is linked.







# METHODOLOGY AND CAVEATS REGARDING TRANSBOUNDARY LAKE THREAT RANKS

A serious lack of global-scale uniform data on the TWAP transboundary in-lake conditions required their potential risks be estimated on the basis of the characteristics of their drainage basins, rather than analysis of their in-lake conditions. The lake threat ranks were calculated with a scenario analysis program that allowed incorporation of specific assumptions and preconditions about the nature and magnitude of their basin-derived stresses, and their possible impacts on the sustainability of their ecosystem services, as defined by the user of the ranking results. Because the transboundary lake threat ranks are based on specific lake and basin assumptions, therefore, the calculated rankings represent only one possible set of lake rankings.

Using basin characteristics to rank transboundary lake threats precludes consideration of the unique features that can buffer their in-lake responses to basin-derived disturbances, including an integrating nature for all inputs, long water retention times, and complex, non-linear response dynamics. A global overview of river basin threats based on 23 basin-scale drivers under four thematic areas (catchment disturbance; pollution; water resource development; biotic factors) was modified for the transboundary lakes assessment. The driver weights were initially based on collective opinions of experts exhibiting a range of disciplinary expertise, subsequently being refined with inputs from lake scientists and managers participating in ILEC's 15<sup>th</sup> World Lake Conference.

A spreadsheet-based, interactive scenario analysis program was used to rank the transboundary lake threats. The lake basin characteristics were determined by superimposing the lake basins over the river basin grids, and scaling the driver data to lake basin scale. Selected basin drivers, weights and preconditions were used in the scenario analysis program to calculate the relative lake threat ranks, expressed in terms of the Incident (HWS) and Adjusted (Adj-HWS) Human Water Security and Incident Biodiversity (BD) threats.

The transboundary lake analyses incorporated several assumptions and preconditions. Small transboundary lakes (area  $<5~\rm km^2$ ), sparse basin populations ( $<5~\rm persons~km^{-1}$ ), or that were frozen over for major portions of the year (annual air temperature  $<5~\rm ^{\circ}C$ ), were eliminated from the analyses. The areal extent of the influences of the basin drivers was addressed with a sensitivity analysis that indicated an areal band of  $100~\rm km^2$  around a lake, appropriately clipped for the surrounding basin, was a realistic upper boundary for the scenario analysis program. The river basin grid size was problematic in that some grids (30' grid  $[0.5^{\circ}]$ ) were often larger than those of some transboundary lake basins, and about 10% of the transboundary lakes lacked driver data for some grids. Based on these considerations, a final list of 53 priority transboundary lakes was selected for the scenario analysis program calculations of relative threat scores.

Insights obtained from lake scientists and managers participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> World Lake Conference helped address some of these concerns. Region-specific lake questionnaires also were distributed in some cases, obtaining both quantitative and qualitative data regarding the transboundary lakes and their basins.

These various factors and concerns indicate the transboundary lake threat ranks must be considered within the context of the specific basin conditions and assumptions used to derive them, since they represent only one possible set of lake threat rankings. Other factors such as lake and basin area,







basin population and density, regional location, per capita Gross National Income (GNI), and Human

Development Index (HDI) could produce markedly different ranking results. Defining the appropriate context and preconditions for interpreting the lake ranking results, a task beyond the scope of this analysis, remains an important responsibility of those using the results, including lake managers and decision-makers.

The calculated ranks of the priority transboundary lakes, based on the specific assumptions and preconditions regarding the lakes and their drainage basins, is expressed below in terms of Adjusted Human Water Security (Adj-HWS) threats, Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) threats, and Human Development Index (HDI) status. The Incident Human Water Security (HWS) score would suggest the current threat ranks of the lakes. However, for identifying needed management interventions, the ability of the basin countries to undertake investments to reduce identified transboundary water threats (i.e., water supply stabilization, improved water services, etc.) is also a relevant factor. This ability is considered within the context of the Adj-HWS threat. Countries less able to make such investments, mainly developing countries, exhibited higher Adj-HWS threats. Thus, the Adj-HWS threat ranks provide a more realistic picture of the transboundary lakes most in need of catalytic funding for management interventions than those with lower Adj-HWS scores.

Our more limited knowledge and experience regarding the ultimate outcomes of ecosystem restoration and conservation activities precluded a BD metric identical to the Adj-HWS threat. The Adj-HWS threat rank is meant to identify the transboundary lakes in most need of management interventions from a water investment perspective. The native biodiversity of most developed countries, however, has already been largely degraded as a result of their economic development activities. Thus, the preservation of those ecosystems still exhibiting the most pristine or undisturbed conditions should be the major BD management intervention goal. To address this goal, a RvBD threat was developed as a BD surrogate to define relative BD threats. It was calculated as 1-BD score, with the resulting RvBD score indicating the relative 'pristineness' of a lake in regard to its biodiversity status. The higher RvBD scores calculated with this normalization procedure identify the transboundary lakes most likely to be sensitive to BD degradation and, therefore, the lakes most in need of management attention.

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite statistic used by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to reflect the relative life expectancy, education level, and per capita income of a country. A country whose inhabitants exhibit longer life spans, higher education levels, and higher per capita GDPs typically exhibit higher HDI scores, suggesting a higher overall condition of its citizens. It is meant to indicate that economic growth alone is not the sole criteria to assessment of a country, but that the status of its citizens and their capabilities also are important defining factors, therefore being an indication of potential human development.

Along with the assumptions and preconditions defining specific lake basin characteristics, these three criteria were major indicators considered within the context of the scenario analysis program to calculate the relative threat ranks of the transboundary lakes, as presented in the transboundary lake profile sheets.







# (b) Adjusted Human Water Security [Adj-HWS] Threats, and (c) Incident Biodiversity [BD] Threats Transboundary Lakes Ranked on Basis of (a) Incident Human Water Security [HWS] Threats,

Estimated risks: red – highest; orange – moderately high; yellow – medium; green – moderately low; blue – low) (Cont., continent; Eur, Europe; N.Am, North America; Afr., Africa; S.Am, South America;

(A) Lakes Ranked on Basis of Adjusted Human Water Security (Adj-HWS) Threats

(B) Lakes Ranked on Basis of Reverse

Biodiversity (RvBD) Threats

(C) Lakes Ranked on Basis of Human Development Index (HDI) Scores

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Afr.         5502.3         0.91         10         Salto Grande         S.Am         532.9         0.70         10         Chiuta         Afr.         143.3         0.41           Afr.         2371.1         0.91         11         Turkana         Afr.         7439.2         0.70         10         Chilwa         Afr.         1084.2         0.41           asas         Afr.         229429.2         0.91         12         Cahora Bassa         Afr.         4347.4         0.68         12         Malawi/Nyasa         Afr.         29429.2         0.43           Su         Afr.         7439.2         0.90         14         Masser/Aswan         Afr.         29429.2         0.68         14         Malawi/Nyasa         Afr.         29429.2         0.43           Su         Asia         52.1         0.89         15         Nasser/Aswan         Afr.         29429.2         0.68         14         Masser/Aswan         Afr         2322.0         0.43           Su         Asia         52.1         0.87         16         Selingue         Afr.         2394.2         0.68         15         Cahora Bassa         Afr         4347.4         0.43           Su         12 <td>ictoria</td> <td>Afr.</td> <td>66841.5</td> <td>0.91</td> <td>9</td> <td>Chilwa</td> <td>Afr.</td> <td>1084.2</td> <td>0.70</td> <td>9</td> <td>Turkana</td> <td>Afr</td> <td>7439.2</td> <td>0.41</td> <td>9</td>	ictoria	Afr.	66841.5	0.91	9	Chilwa	Afr.	1084.2	0.70	9	Turkana	Afr	7439.2	0.41	9
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Afr.         334.4         0.87         19         Lago de Yacyreta         S.Am         1109.4         0.66         19         Sistan         Asia         488.2         0.46           ara-         Asia         746.1         0.86         20         Kariba         Afr.         5258.6         0.66         20         Albert         Afr         5502.3         0.46           van         Afr.         5362.7         0.86         21         Edward         Afr.         2232.0         0.65         21         Azuei         S.Am,         117.3         0.46           van         Afr.         1084.2         0.86         22         Aby         Afr.         438.8         0.65         22         Victoria         Afr         66841.5         0.47           pola-         Afr.         128.6         0.85         23         Chad         Afr.         1294.6         0.64         23         Natron/Magadi         Afr         560.4         0.51	arbandikhan	Asia	114.3	0.87	18	Natron/Magadi	Afr.	560.4	0.67	18	Ihema	Afr	93.2	0.44	18
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	osini/Pongola- oort Dam	Afr.	128.6	0.85	23	Chad	Afr.	1294.6	0.64	23	Natron/Magadi	Afr	560.4	0.51	23









Champlain	Maggiore	Huron	Michigan	Ohrid	Ontario	Amistad	Falcon	Macro Prespa)		Erie	Szczecin Lagoon	Neusiedler/Ferto	Scutari/Skadar	Salto Grande	Caspian Sea	Lake Congo River	Lago de Yacyreta	Kariba	Itaipu	Cahora Bassa	Mweru	Sarygamysh	Titicaca	Chungarkkota	Cahul	Aby	Tanganyika	Aral Sea	Chad	
N.Am	Eur	N.Am	N.Am	Eur	N.Am	N.Am	N.Am	Eur		N.Am	Eur	Eur	Eur	S.Am	Asia	Afr.	S.Am	Afr.	S.Am	Afr.	Afr.	Asia	S.Am	S.Am	Eur	Afr.	Afr.	Asia	Afr.	Afr.
1098.9	211.4	60565.2	58535.5	354.3	19062.2	131.3	120.6	263.0		26560.8	822.4	141.9	381.5	532.9	377543.2	306.0	1109.4	5258.6	1154.1	4347.4	5021.5	3777.7	7480.0	52.6	89.0	438.8	32685.5	23919.3	1294.6	143.3
0.29	0.33	0.42	0.44	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51		0.51	0.53	0.58	0.62	0.67	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.78	0.81	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.85
53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45		44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
Falcon	Mangla	Cahul	Neusiedler/Ferto	Erie	Michigan	Galilee	Darbandikhan	Qovsaginin Su Anbari	Aras Su	Ontario	Szczecin Lagoon	Maggiore	Dead Sea	Macro Prespa	Ohrid	Champlain	Josini/Pongola- poort Dam	Huron	Shardara/Kara- Kul	Scutari/Skadar	Victoria	Ihema	Azuei	Rweru/Moero	Itaipu	Cohoha	Caspian Sea	Amistad	Sistan	Albert
N.Am	Asia	Eur	Eur	N.Am	N.Am	Eur	Asia	Asia		N.Am	Eur	Eur	Eur	Eur	Eur	N.Am	Afr.	N.Am	Asia	Eur	Afr.	Afr.	S.Am	Afr.	S.Am	Afr.	Asia	N.Am	Asia	Afr.
120.6	85.4	89.0	141.9	26560.8	58535.5	162.0	114.3	52.1		19062.2	822.4	211.4	642.7	263.0	354.3	1098.9	128.6	60565.2	746.1	381.5	66841.5	93.2	117.3	125.6	1154.1	64.8	377543.2	131.3	488.2	5502.3
0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.47		0.47	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.58	0.58	059	0.60	0.61	0.62	0.63
53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45		44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
Michigan	Champlain	Erie	Huron	Ontario	Lake Maggiore	Neusiedler/Ferto	Galilee	Amistad		Falcon	Szczecin Lagoon	Scutari/Skadar	Caspian Sea	Macro Prespa	Ohrid	Salto Grande	Itaipu	Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari	Lago de Yacyreta	Dead Sea	Chungarkkota	Titicaca	Cahul	Darbandikhan	Sarygamysh	Shardara/Kara- kul	Josini/Pongola- poort Dam	Aral Sea	Mangla	Aby
N.Am	N.Am	N.Am	N.Am	N.Am	Eur	Eur	Eur	N.Am		N.Am	Eur	Eur	Asia	Eur	Eur	S.Am	S.Am	Asia	S.Am	Eur	S.Am	S.Am	Eur	Asia	Asia	Asia	Afr		Asia	Afr
58535.5	1098.9	26560.8	60565.2	19062.2	211.4	141.9	162.0	131.3		120.6	822.4	381.5	377543.2	263.0	354.3	532.9	1154.1	52.1	1109.4	642.7	52.6	7480.0	89.0	114.3	3777.7	746.1	128.6	23919.3	85.4	438.8
0.94	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.86		0.85	0.83	0.78	0.77	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.65	0.61	0.60	0.54	0.52
53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45		44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24







# Transboundary Lake Threat Ranks by Multiple Ranking Criteria

(Cont., continent; Eur, Europe; N.Am, North America; Afr, Africa; S.Am, South America;

Adj-HWS, Adjusted Human Water Security threat; HWS, Incident Human Water Security threat; BD, Incident Biodiversity threat; HDI, Human Development Index, RvBD, surrogate for 'Adjusted' Biodiversity threat;

Estimated risks: Red – highest; Orange – moderately high; Yellow – medium; Green – moderately low; Blue – low)

Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Asia	Asia	S.Am,	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Asia	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	Afr	COIIC	Cop+	
Kariba	Chad	Victoria	Cahora Bassa	Sarygamysh	Aral Sea	Azuei	lhema	Albert	Nasser/Aswan	Natron/Magadi	Sistan	Mweru	Chilwa	Edward	Tanganyika	Lake Congo River	Rweru/Moero	Kivu	Cohoha	Chiuta	Malawi/Nyasa	Selingue	Turkana	Abbe/Abhe	ranc Maille	lake Name	
0.75	0.84	0.91	0.78	0.82	0.84	0.96	0.97	0.91	0.86	0.93	0.98	0.81	0.86	0.94	0.84	0.75	0.96	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.91	0.87	0.90	0.93	Threat	HW/S	٠ -
0.66	0.64	0.56	0.69	0.75	0.62	0.57	0.56	0.63	0.68	0.67	0.62	0.72	0.70	0.65	0.71	0.78	0.58	0.67	0.59	0.74	0.68	89.0	0.70	0.71	Threat	RvBD	
0.43	0.43	0.47	0.43	0.67	0.60	0.46	0.44	0.46	0.43	0.51	0.46	0.38	0.41	0.43	0.40	0.34	0.36	0.38	0.38	0.41	0.42	0.36	0.41	0.40	Š	5	
36	25	11	34	29	27	5	2	10	20	8	1	33	21	6	26	35	4	12	3	23	9	16	13	7	Rank	HW/S	> <u>1</u>
14	17	22	15	29	26	21	18	19	16	23	20	5	11	13	8	1	3	6	4	9	12	2	10	7	Rank	HD	
19	23	32	13	2	5	31	33	24	16	17	25	4	10	22	6	1	30	18	28	3	14	15	9	7	Rank	RvBD	
55	48	43	47	31	32	36	35	34	36	25	26	37	31	28	32	36	34	30	31	26	23	31	22	14	HWS+ RvBD	Adj-	Sum
30	26	24	25	9	13	20	17	15	19	4	6	21	10	7	14	18	16	8	2	5	3	11	2	1	Rank	Relative	
50	42	33	49	58	53	26	20	29	36	31	21	38	32	19	34	36	7	18	7	32	21	18	23	14	HWS +	Adj-	Sum
28	21	16	25	32	31	11	7	12	18	13	8	20	14	6	17	19	2	4	1	15	9	5	10	3	Rank	Relative	
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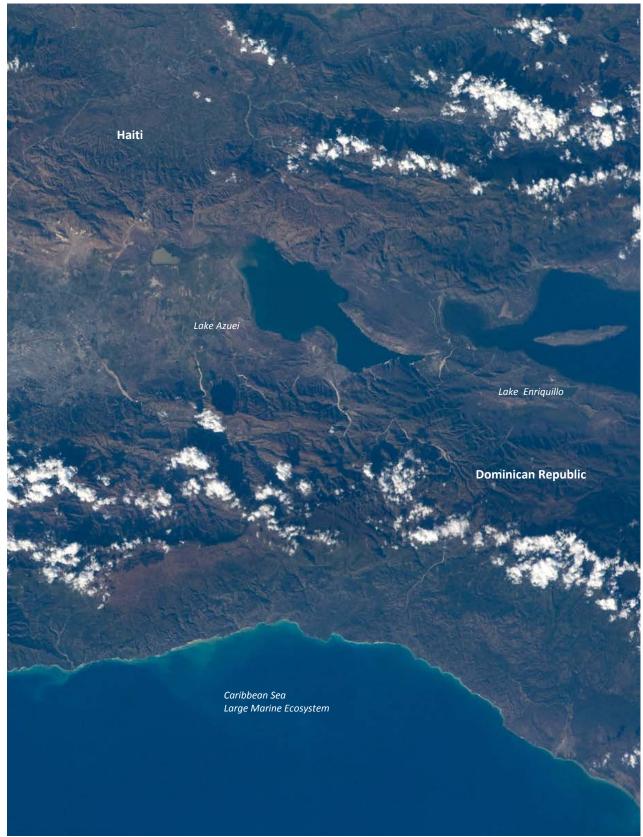


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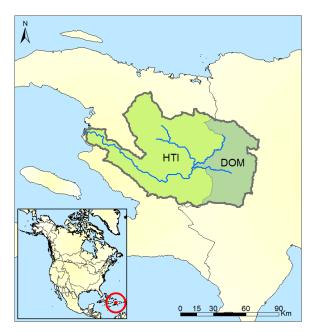








# **Artibonite Basin**



#### Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 8,860 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Dominican Republic (DOM), Haiti (HTI)

Population in basin

1,455,738 (people)

Country at mouth Haiti Average rainfall

1,345 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 2 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

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BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
ATBN_DOM		253.99				
ATBN_HTI		324.71				
Total in Basin	2.72	307.02			0.00	0.00

# **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
ATBN_DOM	267.83	168.04	2.36	0.00	3	94.68	1,873.53	
ATBN_HTI	790.50	602.81	13.17	23.63	5	146.07	602.15	

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Total in Basin	1,058.32	770.85	15.53	23.63	7.55	240.76	727.00	38.91
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Socioeconomic Geography

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
ATBN_ DOM	3	0.29	143	54.82	1.38	0.00	100.00	0	5,826.13	0	0.00
ATBN_ HTI	6	0.71	1,313	209.98	1.34	0.00	100.00	0	819.90	0	0.00
Total in Basin	9	1.00	1,456	164.31	1.39	0.00	100.00	0	1,311.51	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qual	lity	E	cosystem	s	G	iovernan	ce	Soc	ioeconoı	mics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ATBN_DO M	2		2		5	3			3	3	2		4	3	2
ATBN_HTI	2	2	2		5	4	2		3	3	4	5	3	4	3
River Basin	2	2	2	4	5	4	2		3	3	4	5	4	5	3

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	2.Human water stress 4.Nutrient pol		t pollution	_	n population sity	11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
ATBN_DOM	3	5							2
ATBN_HTI	3	4	3	4			2	3	4
River Basin	3	4	3	4	5	5	2	3	4

#### TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index								
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21						
River Basin	1										

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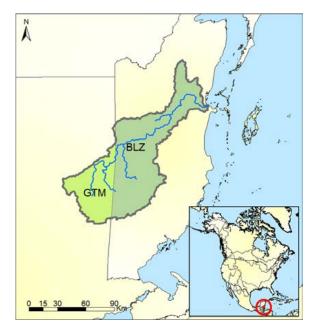
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# **Belize Basin**



#### Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 8,493 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM)

Population in basin (people)

109,916

Country at mouth Average rainfall (mm/year)

Belize 2,086

Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0

Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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#### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
BLZE_BLZ		618.06				
BLZE_GTM		670.31				
Total in Basin	5.34	628.53			0.00	0.00

# **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
BLZE_BLZ	31.46	1.57	0.32	3.98	21	4.15	424.90	
BLZE_GTM	1.10	0.25	0.17	0.00	0	0.68	30.65	

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	Total in Basin	32.56	1.82	0.49	3.98	21.44	4.83	296.20	0.61

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
BLZE_ BLZ	6	0.71	74	12.27	2.07	0.00	100.00	0	4,834.29	0	0.00
BLZE_ GTM	2	0.29	36	14.60	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
Total in Basin	8	1.00	110	12.94	2.43	0.00	67.36	0	4,391.51	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qual	lity	E	cosystem	ıs	G	iovernan	ce	Soc	cioecono	mics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BLZE_BLZ	1	1	2		5		1	3	2	5	3	4	3	2	3
BLZE_GT M	1	1	2		5		1	3	2	5	3	4	1	3	3
River Basin	1	1	2	2	5		1	4	2	5	3	4	2	2	3

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Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
BLZE_BLZ	3	3	1	1			2	4	3
BLZE_GTM	3	4	1	1			3	5	3
River Basin	3	4	1	1	2	2	3	5	3

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# **Candelaria Basin**



#### Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 14,609 No. of countries in basin

BCUs in basin Guatemala (GTM), Mexico (MEX)

Population in basin 168,179

(people) Country at mouth Mexico

Average rainfall

1,560 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 2 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

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CDLR_GTM		302.93				
CDLR_MEX		348.68				
Total in Basin	4.84	331.49			0.00	0.00

# **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CDLR_GTM	1.98	0.32	0.42	0.00	0	1.24	203.65	
CDLR_MEX	21.84	0.58	1.64	0.52	0	19.10	137.83	

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Total in Basin	23.82	0.90	2.06	0.52	0.00	20.34	141.63	0.49

**Socioeconomic Geography** 

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CDLR_ GTM	2	0.16	10	4.17	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
CDLR_ MEX	12	0.84	158	12.91	1.26	0.00	100.00	0	10,307.28	0	0.00
Total in Basin	15	1.00	168	11.51	1.30	0.00	94.22	0	9,912.40	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics					
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CDLR_GT M	1	1	2		5	3	1	3	1	4	2	4	1	3	2
CDLR_ME X	1	1	2		4	4	2	4	1	4	2	2	1	2	3
River Basin	1	1	2	2	4	4	1	4	1	4	2	2	1	3	3

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CDLR_GTM	4	4	1	1			2	4	2
CDLR_MEX	3	4	1	1			1	2	2
River Basin	3	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

# TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	21						
River Basin	1								

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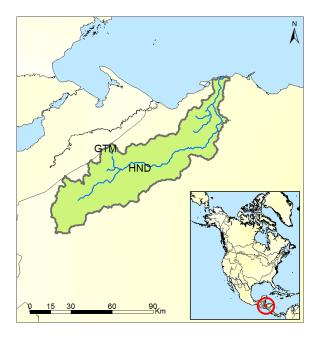
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# **Chamelecon Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 4,432 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Guatemala (GTM), Honduras (HND)

Population in basin

1,381,999 (people)

Honduras Country at mouth

Average rainfall 1,923 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 1 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CHAM_GTM						
CHAM_HND		645.26				
Total in Basin	2.86	645.26			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CHAM_GTM								
CHAM_HND	265.50	38.75	3.86	162.64	31	29.28	192.16	

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				462.64				
Total in Basin	265.50	38.75	3.86	162.64	30.98	29.28	192.12	9.28
			0.00					

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CHAM _GTM	0	0.00	0	72.98	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
CHAM _HND	4	1.00	1,382	312.06	1.99	0.00	100.00	2	2,290.78	0	0.00
Total in Basin	4	1.00	1,382	311.85	2.02	0.00	99.98	2	2,291.03	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	iter Quan	tity	W	ater Qua	lity	E	cosystem	ıs	G	overnand	ce	Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CHAM_G TM					5				3	5	3	4	1	4	
CHAM_H ND	4	1	2		5	1	4	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	2
River Basin	5	1	2	3	5	1	4	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	2

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CHAM_GTM									3
CHAM_HND	5	5	2	4			2	4	3
River Basin	5	5	2 4		4	4	2	4	3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnei	ability Index	
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin	1				

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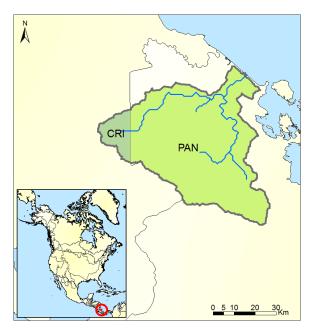
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# **Changuinola Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 3,216 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Panama (PAN)

Population in basin 68,125 (people) Country at mouth Panama Average rainfall

2,838 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CGNL_CRI						
CGNL_PAN		1,229.89				
Total in Basin	3.96	1,229.89			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CGNL_CRI								
CGNL_PAN	44.92	0.54	0.96	0.97	1	41.01	699.79	

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Total in Basin	44.92	0.54	0.96	0.97	1.44	41.01	659.31	1.14

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CGNL_ CRI	0	0.07	4	16.61	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
CGNL_ PAN	3	0.93	64	21.55	1.65	0.00	100.00	0	11,036.81	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	68	21.18	1.60	0.00	94.22	0	10,987.51	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CGNL_CRI					5				4	5	3	3	1	2	1
CGNL_PA N	1	1	1		4	1	2		4	5	3	3	1	3	3
River Basin	1	1	1	2	5	1	2	2	3	5	3	3	1	3	3

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CGNL_CRI									3
CGNL_PAN	2	2	1	1			2	3	3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	3

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Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index						
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River Basin	1								

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# **Chiriqui Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 1,403 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Panama (PAN)

Population in basin 90,273 (people) Country at mouth Panama

Average rainfall 3,617 (mm/year)

### Governance

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CHRQ_CRI						
CHRQ_PAN		2,458.58				
Total in Basin	3.45	2,458.58			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CHRQ_CRI								
CHRQ_PAN	47.66	1.33	2.81	0.00	3	40.93	540.10	

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	Total in Basin	17.66	1 22	2 01	0.00	2.60	<b>40 03</b>	527.94	1 20
	TOtal III basiii	47.66	1.55	2.01	0.00	2.60	40.53	327.94	1.36

		Jeography									
BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CHRQ _CRI	0	0.03	2	55.93	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
CHRQ _PAN	1	0.97	88	64.54	1.65	0.00	100.00	0	11,036.81	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	90	64.32	1.61	0.00	97.75	0	11,017.62	0	0.00

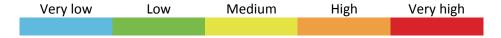
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CHRQ_CR I					5	4			3	5	3	3	1	2	1
CHRQ_PA N	1	1	2		4	4			3	5	5	3	2	3	2
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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CHRQ_CRI									3
CHRQ_PAN	2	2	1	1			2	2	5
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	5

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# **Choluteca Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 8,049 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Honduras (HND), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin 1,627,485

(people)

Country at mouth Honduras Average rainfall

1,297 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CHLT_HND		572.12				
CHLT_NIC		494.32				
Total in Basin	4.48	556.55			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CHLT_HND	287.59	66.36	5.40	151.64	31	32.83	178.21	
CHLT_NIC	6.06	1.56	0.93	0.00	1	2.99	442.49	

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	Total in Basin	293.65	67.92	6 3 3	151.64	31.94	35.82	180.43	6.55
	Total III Basili	233.03	07.32	0.55	131.01	31.31	33.02	100.15	0.55

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BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CHLT_ HND	8	0.97	1,614	207.71	1.99	0.00	100.00	1	2,290.78	0	0.00
CHLT_ NIC	0	0.03	14	48.92	1.30			0	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	8	1.00	1,627	202.19	2.01	0.00	99.16	1	2,287.08	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Wa	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics				
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CHLT_HN D	1	1	2		5	2	3	1	2	5	3	3	4	3	2
CHLT_NIC	1	1	2		5		2	1	1	5	3	5	1	3	1
River Basin	1	1	2	4	5	2	3	1	2	5	3	3	4	3	2

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 5 - Wastewater pollution
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 7 - Ecosystem impacts from dams
 8 - Threat to fish
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 12 - Enabling environment
 13 - Economic dependence on water resources
 14 - Societal well-being
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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CHLT_HND	2	3	3	4			2	4	3
CHLT_NIC	2	4	1	1			2	3	3
River Basin	2	4	2	4	4	4	2	4	3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulner	ability Index	
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin	1				

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# **Coatan Achute Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 679 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Guatemala (GTM), Mexico (MEX)

Population in basin (people)

126,533

Country at mouth

Mexico

Average rainfall

(mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CTAT_GTM						
CTAT_MEX						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

BCU	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CTAT_GTM								
CTAT_MEX								

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Total in Basin				

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CTAT_ GTM	0	0.39	44	164.97	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
CTAT_ MEX	0	0.61	83	199.81	1.26	0.00	100.00	1	10,307.28	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	127	186.28	1.67	0.00	65.59	1	7,957.16	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	ater Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qual	ity	E	cosystem	าร	G	overnanc	e	Soc	ioeconon	nics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CTAT_GT M					5				2	5	2	4	1	3	1
CTAT_ME X					4	4			2	5	2	2	1	2	1
River Basin				3	4				2	5	2	3	1	3	1

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrient pollution 16.Change in populati density			11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CTAT_GTM									2
CTAT_MEX							2	3	2
River Basin					4	4	2	3	2

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index									
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21							
River Basin												

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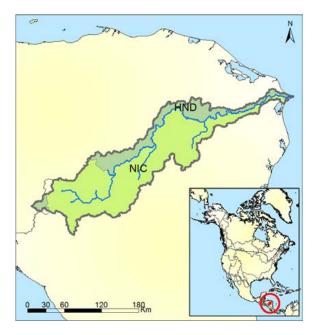
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# Coco/Segovia Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 24,509 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Honduras (HND), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin

895,266 (people)

Country at mouth Honduras, Nicaragua

Average rainfall 2,309 (mm/year)

Governance

Commissions<sup>2</sup>

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0

**Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems** 

(No. of overlapping water systems)

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Lakes 3 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
COCO_HND		1,513.70				
COCO_NIC		957.39				
Total in Basin	25.73	1,049.80			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
COCO_HND	0.92	0.03	0.18	0.00	0	0.71	11.86	
COCO_NIC	52.36	5.79	8.86	0.00	5	32.89	64.00	

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	Total in Basin	53.27	5.82	9.04	0.00	4.82	33.59	59.50	0.21
					5.55				V

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
COCO _HND	6	0.23	77	13.77	1.99	0.00	100.00	0	2,290.78	0	0.00
COCO _NIC	19	0.77	818	43.28	1.30	0.00	100.00	0	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	25	1.00	895	36.53	1.52	0.00	100.00	0	1,889.03	0	0.00

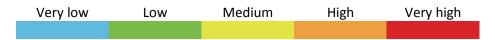
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Thematic group	Wa	iter Quan	tity	Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
COCO_H ND	1	1	1		5	2	1	2	1	5	3	3	1	3	2
COCO_NI	1	1	2		5	2	2	2	1	5	3	5	1	3	2
River Basin	1	1	1	2	5	2	2	2	1	5	3	5	1	4	2

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Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
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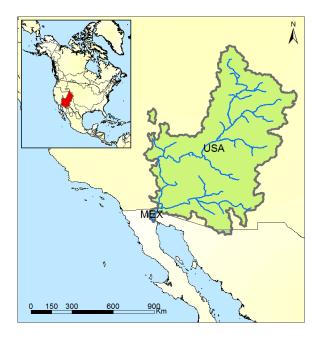
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# **Colorado Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 626,050

No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Mexico (MEX), United States (USA)

Mexico

Population in basin

8,794,418 (people)

Country at mouth Average rainfall

339 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 21 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

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Lakes 11 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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CLDO_MEX		10.06				
CLDO_USA		41.01			2,042.20	92.61
Total in Basin	25.19	40.23			2,042.20	92.61

BCU	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CLDO_MEX	3,160.74	3,034.55	3.31	18.72	21	83.38	11,483.49	
CLDO_USA	18,334.76	15,567.07	47.14	520.02	611	1,589.12	2,152.18	

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Total in Basin	21.495.50	18.601.62	50.45	538.74	632.20	1.672.49	2.444.22	85.34
TOLAL III DASIII	21,495.50	10,001.02	50.45	330.74	032.20	1,072.49	2,444.22	65.54

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CLDO_ MEX	6	0.01	275	44.90	1.26	0.00	100.00	1	10,307.28	0	0.00
CLDO_ USA	620	0.99	8,519	13.74	0.89	4.16	95.84	15	53,142.89	82	132.28
Total in Basin	626	1.00	8,794	14.05	0.73	4.03	95.97	16	51,802.25	82	130.98

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	iter Quan	tity	Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CLDO_ME X	5	5	5		4	4	5	5	1	2	1	2	2	2	5
CLDO_US A	4	4	5		2	2	5	4	2	2	1	2	1	2	5
River Basin	5	4	5	1	2	2	5	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	5

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrien	t pollution	16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CLDO_MEX	5	5	5	5			1	2	2
CLDO_USA	5	5	4	4			1	1	1
River Basin	5	5	4	5	1	1	1	2	1

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21					
River Basin	5	4	1	2	5					

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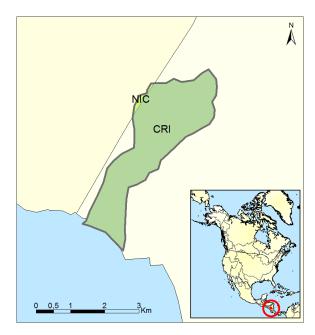
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# **Conventillos Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 7 No. of countries in basin

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin 182

(people)

Country at mouth Costa Rica

Average rainfall (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CONV_CRI						
CONV_NIC						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CONV_CRI								
CONV_NIC								

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Total in Basin				

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CONV _CRI	0	0.98	0	27.18	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
CONV _NIC	0	0.02	0	0.00	1.30			0	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	0	26.76	1.38	0.00	0.00	0	10,184.61	0	0.00

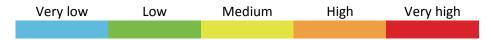
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Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics				
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CONV_CR I					5					5	3	3	1	2	1
CONV_NI C					5					5	3	5	1	3	
River Basin					5					5	3	3	1	2	1

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030 P-2050		P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CONV_CRI									3
CONV_NIC									3
River Basin									3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21					
River Basin										

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# **Corredores/Colorado Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 1,139 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Panama (PAN)

Population in basin 47,994

(people)

Costa Rica Country at mouth

Average rainfall 3,388 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
CORR_CRI		2,425.52				
CORR_PAN		624.01				
Total in Basin	1.74	1,524.19			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CORR_CRI	21.04	13.07	0.07	0.04	0	7.86	447.95	
CORR_PAN	39.55	4.01	1.46	6.61	2	25.66	38,816.36	

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	Total in Dasin	60.59	17.08	1 52	6.65	1 02	22.52	1 262 52	3 49
	Total in Basin	60.59	17.08	1.55	6.65	1.82	33.32	1,262.53	3.49

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
CORR_ CRI	1	0.98	47	41.89	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
CORR_ PAN	0	0.02	1	56.29	1.65			0	11,036.81	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	48	42.12	1.39	0.00	0.00	0	10,202.70	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qual	lity	E	cosystem	s	G	overnanc	ce	Soc	ioeconor	mics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CORR_CRI	1		2		5	5			2	5	3	3	1	2	1
CORR_PA N	1		2		4	5			2	5	3	3	3	3	1
River Basin	1		2	2	5				2	5	3	3	1	3	1

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Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
CORR_CRI	3	3							3
CORR_PAN	2	2							3
River Basin	3	3			2	3			3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index						
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River Basin	1							

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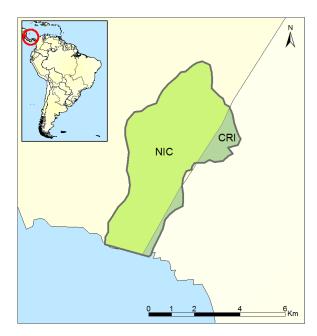
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# El Naranjo Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 24 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin

569

(people)

Country at mouth

Nicaragua

Average rainfall (mm/year)

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

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ELNA_CRI						
ELNA_NIC						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
ELNA_CRI								
ELNA_NIC								

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Total in Basin				

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ELNA_ CRI	0	0.12	0	10.43	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
ELNA_ NIC	0	0.88	1	25.47	1.30			0	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	1	23.71	1.47	0.00	0.00	0	2,279.73	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics					
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ELNA_CRI					5					5	3	3	1	2	1
ELNA_NIC					5					5	3	5	1	3	1
River Basin					5					5	3	5	1	3	1

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Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high

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

Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
ELNA_CRI									3
ELNA_NIC									3
River Basin									3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index								
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21					
River Basin										

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# **Goascoran Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 2,746 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin El Salvador (SLV), Honduras (HND)

Population in basin 247,324 (people)

El Salvador Country at mouth

Average rainfall 1,445 (mm/year)

Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

A BCU (Basin Country Unit) is defined as the portion of a country within a particular river basin. All BCUs have a BCU code which includes a Basin Code of four letters and a Country Code of three letters: XXXX-XXX

### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
GOSR_HND						
GOSR_SLV		434.48				
Total in Basin	1.19	434.48			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
GOSR_HND								
GOSR_SLV	15.76	1.23	1.68	0.34	3	9.19	87.01	

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	45.76	4.00	1.60	0.04	2 22	0.10	60.70	4.00
Total in Basin	15./6	1.23	1.68	0.34	3.33	9.19	63.73	1.32

		cograpity									
BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
GOSR_ HND	1	0.51	66	46.98	1.99			0	2,290.78	0	0.00
GOSR_ SLV	1	0.49	181	135.41	0.47	0.00	100.00	0	3,826.08	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	247	90.06	1.04	0.00	73.25	0	3,415.37	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Wa	ater Qual	lity	E	Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
GOSR_HN D					5	3			2	5	3	3	1	3	2	
GOSR_SL V	1	1	2		5	5	2	3	1	5	3	5	1	3	2	
River Basin	1	1	2	4	5	5	3	1	2	5	3	5	1	3	2	

### Indicators

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

Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrien	t pollution	_	n population sity	11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
GOSR_HND									3
GOSR_SLV	2	4	1	4			3	5	3
River Basin	2	4	1	3	4 4 3		5	3	

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnei	ability Index	
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin	1				

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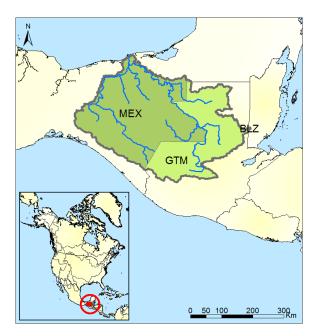
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# **Grijalva Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 125,675 No. of countries in basin

Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM), BCUs in basin

Mexico (MEX)

Population in basin 8,302,439

(people)

Country at mouth Mexico Average rainfall

2,201 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 2 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 5 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
GJLV_BLZ						
GJLV_GTM		1,176.36				
GJLV_MEX		933.51			1,143.80	13.56
Total in Basin	127.11	1,011.43			1,143.80	13.56

ВСИ	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
GJLV_BLZ								

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GJLV_GTM	116.31	14.27	6.31	0.00	26	70.14	34.16	
GJLV_MEX	1,074.90	135.45	29.46	0.25	190	720.15	219.51	
Total in Basin	1,191.21	149.72	35.77	0.25	215.18	790.30	143.48	0.94

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
GJLV_ BLZ	0	0.00	0	8.64	2.07			0	4,834.29	0	0.00
GJLV_ GTM	47	0.37	3,405	72.54	2.47	0.00	100.00	0	3,477.89	1	21.30
GJLV_ MEX	79	0.63	4,897	62.22	1.26	0.00	100.00	3	10,307.28	5	63.53
Total in Basin	126	1.00	8,302	66.06	1.76	0.00	100.00	3	7,505.98	6	47.74

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity			W	ater Qual	lity	E	cosystem	ıs	G	overnanc	ce	Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
GJLV_BLZ					5				2	5	3	4	1	2	1
GJLV_GT M	1	1	2		5	1	2	4	5	4	4	4	2	3	2
GJLV_ME X	2	1	2		4	3	3	4	5	4	4	2	1	2	3
River Basin	2	1	2	2	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	1	3	3

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 15 - Exposure to floods and droughts

Very low Low Medium High Very high

# 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.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
GJLV_BLZ									3
GJLV_GTM	2	3	1	1			3	5	4
GJLV_MEX	3	3	1	1			1	2	4
River Basin	3	4	1	1	3	3	2	4	4

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Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index						
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21				
River Basin	1	4	1	2	5				

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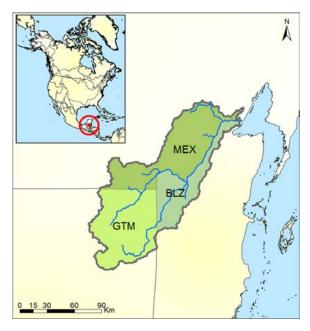
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# **Hondo Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 12,699 No. of countries in basin

Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM), BCUs in basin

Mexico (MEX)

Population in basin 162,784

(people)

Country at mouth Belize, Mexico

Average rainfall 1,475

(mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

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Lakes 1 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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HOND_BLZ		276.43				
HOND_GTM		346.60				
HOND_MEX		187.12				
Total in Basin	3.10	244.08			0.00	0.00

ВСИ	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
HOND_BLZ	5.17	1.15	0.17	0.00	3	0.91	179.61	

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HOND_GTM	2.40	0.24	0.53	0.00	0	1.62	45.29	
HOND_MEX	94.73	61.82	1.30	3.50	6	22.46	1,168.91	
Total in Basin	102.29	63.21	2.00	3.50	8.60	24.99	628.40	3.30

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
HOND _BLZ	3	0.21	29	10.64	2.07			0	4,834.29	0	0.00
HOND _GTM	5	0.39	53	10.78	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
HOND _MEX	5	0.40	81	15.95	1.26			0	10,307.28	0	0.00
Total in Basin	13	1.00	163	12.82	1.85	0.00	0.00	0	7,117.48	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Water Quality		E	Ecosystems		Governance		ce	Socioeconomics			
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HOND_BL Z	1	1	2		5		1	2	1	5	3	4	2	2	3
HOND_G TM	1	1	1		5		1	3	1	4	2	4	1	3	2
HOND_M EX	1	1	2		4	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	2	2
River Basin	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	2

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
HOND_BLZ	5	5	1	1					3
HOND_GTM	4	4	1	1			3	5	2
HOND_MEX	4	5	1	1			1	2	2
River Basin	4	5	1	1	3	3	2	3	2

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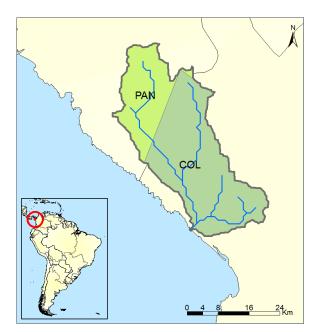
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# **Jurado Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 918 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Colombia (COL), Panama (PAN)

Population in basin

4,570 (people)

Colombia, Panama Country at mouth

Average rainfall

3,818 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
JURD_COL		2,573.37				
JURD_PAN		2,408.00				
Total in Basin	2.29	2,490.73			0.00	0.00

BCU	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
JURD_COL	1.85	0.00	0.70	0.00	0	1.16	534.85	
JURD_PAN	3.00	0.00	0.36	0.10	0	2.54	2,707.25	

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Total in Basin	4.85	0.00	1.06	0.10	0.00	3.69	1,061.16	0.21
Total III Basili	1.05	0.00	1.00	0.10	0.00	5.05	1,001.10	0.21

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
JURD_ COL	1	0.70	3	5.39	1.46			0	7,825.68	0	0.00
JURD_ PAN	0	0.30	1	4.03	1.65			0	11,036.81	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	5	4.98	1.36	0.00	0.00	0	8,603.64	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wat	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qua	lity	E	cosysten	ns	G	overnan	се	Soci	ioecono	mics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
JURD_CO L	1	1	1		5		1	2	2	5	3		1	3	1
JURD_PA N	1		1		4				2	5	3	3	1	3	1
River Basin	1	1	1	2	5		1	2	1	5	3		1	3	1

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change ii den	n population sity	11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
JURD_COL	2	2	1	1			1	2	3
JURD_PAN	2	2							3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index									
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21							
River Basin	1											

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# Lempa Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 18,216 No. of countries in basin

El Salvador (SLV), Guatemala (GTM), BCUs in basin

Honduras (HND)

Population in basin 4,609,138

(people)

Country at mouth El Salvador

Average rainfall 1,407 (mm/year)

## Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

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BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
LMPA_GTM		577.86				
LMPA_HND		541.56				
LMPA_SLV		621.78			229.80	3.12
Total in Basin	10.75	590.21			229.80	3.12

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
LMPA_GTM	33.57	4.06	1.51	9.82	8	10.36	93.67	

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LMPA_HND	27.34	5.42	2.10	0.00	7	12.80	69.69	
LMPA_SLV	189.12	38.05	6.50	79.23	8	57.78	49.01	
Total in Basin	250.03	47.52	10.12	89.05	22.41	80.93	54.25	2.33

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km <sup>2</sup> )
LMPA_ GTM	3	0.14	358	137.64	2.47	0.00	100.00	0	3,477.89	0	0.00
LMPA_ HND	5	0.30	392	71.75	1.99	0.00	100.00	0	2,290.78	0	0.00
LMPA_ SLV	10	0.56	3,858	380.34	0.47	0.00	100.00	7	3,826.08	3	295.72
Total in Basin	18	1.00	4,609	253.03	0.94	0.00	100.00	7	3,668.34	3	164.69

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wat	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qua	ity	E	cosystem	ıs	G	overnan	ce	Soc	ioecono	mics
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LMPA_GT M	1	1	2		5		4	3	4	5	1	4	1	3	1
LMPA_HN D	1	1	2		5	1	4	1	3	5	2	3	1	3	2
LMPA_SL V	2	1	2		5	1	4	3	3	5	3	5	5	3	2
River Basin	2	1	2	4	5	1	4	2	3	5	3	5	4	3	2

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Projected Indicator		1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected	
LMPA_GTM	2	3	2	4			3	5	1	
LMPA_HND	2	4	1	1			3	5	2	
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River Basin	2	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	3	

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Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index									
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21							
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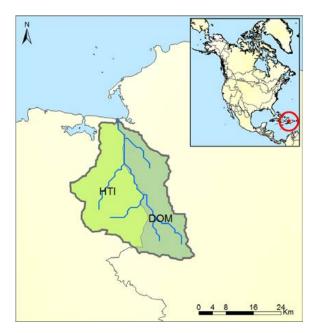
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# **Massacre Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 777 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Dominican Republic (DOM), Haiti (HTI)

Population in basin

151,871

(people) Country at mouth

Dominican Republic, Haiti

Average rainfall

1,027 (mm/year)

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and

Commissions<sup>2</sup>

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MASS_DOM						
MASS_HTI		29.51				
Total in Basin	0.02	29.51			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MASS_DOM								
MASS_HTI	238.82	200.06	1.08	3.34	1	33.23	1,877.59	

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Total in Basin	238.82	200.06	1.08	3.34	1.11	33.23	1,572.48	1,041.22

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
MASS_ DOM	0	0.46	25	68.69	1.38	0.00	100.00	0	5,826.13	0	0.00
MASS_ HTI	0	0.54	127	304.35	1.34			0	819.90	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	152	195.40	1.37	0.00	16.25	0	1,633.43	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Wa	ater Qual	ity	E	cosysten	ns	G	overnand	ce	Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MASS_DO M					5	3			3	3	2		1	3	3
MASS_HT I	2		5		5	3			3	4	2	5	2	5	4
River Basin	2		<b>10</b>	4	5				3	4	2		1	4	3

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
MASS_DOM									2
MASS_HTI	4	5							2
River Basin	4	5			5	5			2

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# **Moho Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 1,189 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM)

Population in basin 16,646 (people) Belize Country at mouth

Average rainfall 3,167 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
MOHO_BLZ						
моно_gtm		1,870.10				
Total in Basin	2.22	1,870.10			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MOHO_BLZ								
MOHO_GTM	1.23	0.11	0.19	0.00	0	0.93	99.62	

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Total in Basin	1.23	0.11	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.93	73.92	0.06

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km <sup>2</sup> )
MOHO _BLZ	1	0.61	4	5.92	2.07			0	4,834.29	0	0.00
MOHO _GTM	0	0.39	12	26.62	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	17	14.00	2.49	0.00	0.00	0	3,827.82	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Water Quality			E	Ecosystems			overnand	ce	Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MOHO_B LZ					5				2	5	3	4	1	2	2
MOHO_G TM	1	1	1		5		1	4	2	5	3	4	1	3	1
River Basin	1	1	1	2	5		1	4	2	5	3	4	1	3	2

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2030 P-2050		P-2050	Projected
MOHO_BLZ									3
моно_gtm	3	3	1	1					3
River Basin	3	4	1	1	2	2			3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index								
Basin/Delta	17	18	20	21							
River Basin	1										

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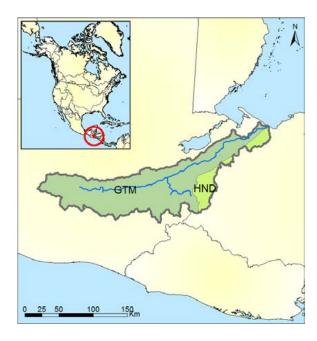
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# **Motaqua Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 16,271 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Guatemala (GTM), Honduras (HND)

Population in basin

3,846,114 (people)

Guatemala, Honduras Country at mouth

Average rainfall 1,771 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 2 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
MOTQ_GTM		930.11				
MOTQ_HND		583.73				
Total in Basin	13.60	835.74			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MOTQ_GTM	354.36	43.07	10.65	55.84	126	118.70	96.41	
MOTQ_HND	79.48	25.02	3.31	23.60	12	15.29	466.53	

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	Total in Basin	433.84	68.08	13.96	79.44	138.37	133.99	112.80	3.19
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BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
MOTQ _GTM	14	0.87	3,676	258.32	2.47	0.00	100.00	1	3,477.89	0	0.00
MOTQ _HND	2	0.13	170	83.47	1.99	0.00	100.00	0	2,290.78	0	0.00
Total in Basin	16	1.00	3,846	236.38	2.50	0.00	100.00	1	3,425.31	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics					
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MOTQ_G TM	1	1	2		5	1	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	2
MOTQ_H ND	1	1	2		5	1	3	2	4	5	3	3	1	3	2
River Basin	1	1	2	4	5	1	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	2

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human w	vater stress	4.Nutrien	4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030 P-2050		P-2030	P-2050	Projected	
MOTQ_GTM	2	3	3	4			3	5	3	
MOTQ_HND	2	3	1	1			3	5	3	
River Basin	2	3	2	4	4	5	3	5	3	

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index								
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21						
River Basin	3										

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# **Negro Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 6,159 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Honduras (HND), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin 474,077

(people) Country at mouth Nicaragua

Average rainfall 1,694 (mm/year)

Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
NEGR_HND						
NEGR_NIC		905.21				
Total in Basin	5.57	905.21			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
NEGR_HND								
NEGR_NIC	116.28	68.88	3.38	21.14	4	18.50	306.57	

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Total in Basin	116.28	68.88	3.38	21.14	4.37	18.50	245.28	2.09

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
NEGR_ HND	1	0.16	95	95.48	1.99	0.00	100.00	0	2,290.78	0	0.00
NEGR_ NIC	5	0.84	379	73.42	1.30	0.00	100.00	0	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	6	1.00	474	76.98	1.58	0.00	100.00	0	1,939.02	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics				
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
NEGR_HN D					5	4			1	5	3	3	1	3	2
NEGR_NI C	1	1	2		5	2	3	1	1	5	3	5	2	3	2
River Basin	1	1	2	3	5	2	3	2	1	5	3	5	2	4	2

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	2.Human water stress 4.Nutrient po		t pollution	_	n population sity	11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
NEGR_HND									3
NEGR_NIC	2	3	1	1			2	3	3
River Basin	2	3	1	1	4	4	2	3	3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index								
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21						
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# **Paz Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 2,177 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin El Salvador (SLV), Guatemala (GTM)

Population in basin

621,752 (people)

Guatemala Country at mouth

Average rainfall 1,739 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
PAZX_GTM		1,022.14				
PAZX_SLV		775.41				
Total in Basin	1.87	857.54			0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
PAZX_GTM	26.76	3.72	3.73	6.37	5	8.39	116.32	
PAZX_SLV	113.80	38.60	3.40	32.36	8	31.03	290.50	

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	Total in Basin	140.55	42.32	7.13	38.73	12.95	39.42	226.06	7.53
									7.55

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
PAZX_ GTM	1	0.56	230	189.50	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
PAZX_ SLV	1	0.44	392	406.73	0.47	0.00	100.00	0	3,826.08	0	0.00
Total in Basin	2	1.00	622	285.61	1.36	0.00	63.00	0	3,697.26	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Wa	ter Quan	tity	Water Quality		E	Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics			
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PAZX_GT M	1		2		5	1			2	5	2	4	1	3	2
PAZX_SLV	1		2		5	1			2	5	2	5	3	3	2
River Basin	1		2	4	5				1	5	2	5	2	3	2

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human water stress		4.Nutrien	t pollution	16.Change ii den		11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
PAZX_GTM	2	3							2
PAZX_SLV	3	3							2
River Basin	2	4			5	5			2

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulner	ability Index	
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin	1				

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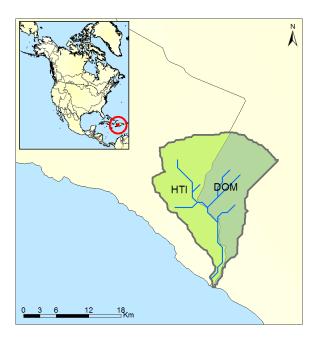
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# **Pedernales Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 320 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Dominican Republic (DOM), Haiti (HTI)

Population in basin

22,958 (people)

Dominican Republic, Haiti Country at mouth

Average rainfall

(mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
PDNL_DOM						
PDNL_HTI						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
PDNL_DOM								
PDNL_HTI								

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Total in Basin				

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km <sup>2</sup> )
PDNL_ DOM	0	0.48	4	25.12	1.38	0.00	100.00	0	5,826.13	0	0.00
PDNL_ HTI	0	0.52	19	114.58	1.34			0	819.90	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	23	71.83	1.37	0.00	16.71	0	1,656.46	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Wa	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics			
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PDNL_DO M					5				3	3	2		1	3	1
PDNL_HTI		1			5				3	3	2	5	1	5	1
River Basin		1			5				3	3	2		1	4	1

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrien	t pollution	16.Change ii den	11.Hydrop olitical tension	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
PDNL_DOM									2
PDNL_HTI			2	2			2	3	2
River Basin			2	2			2	3	2

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulner	ability Index	
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin					

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# **Rio Grande (North America) Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 538,402 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Mexico (MEX), United States (USA)

Population in basin 10,968,793 (people)

Mexico Country at mouth

Average rainfall 440

(mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 23 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 12 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
RGNA_MEX		25.79			687.83	8.69
RGNA_USA		20.01			536.57	8.03
Total in Basin	12.11	22.50			1,224.40	16.72

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
RGNA_MEX	8,114.88	6,704.13	51.05	99.06	268	992.53	1,041.93	
RGNA_USA	10,744.97	8,783.00	42.04	611.59	357	951.57	3,378.38	

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Total in Basin	18,859.84	15,487.13	93.10	710.66	624.86	1,944.11	1,719.41	155.68
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BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
RGNA _MEX	224	0.42	7,788	34.81	1.26	0.00	100.00	17	10,307.28	10	44.69
RGNA _USA	315	0.58	3,181	10.11	0.89	7.48	92.52	4	53,142.89	25	79.45
Total in Basin	538	1.00	10,969	20.37	1.07	2.17	97.83	21	22,727.90	35	65.01

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Thematic group	Wa	Water Quantity		Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
RGNA_M EX	4	5	5		4	1	5	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	5
RGNA_US A	5	5	5		2	2	5	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	5
River Basin	5	5	5	3	3	2	5	4	1	2	1	2	2	3	5

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Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human w	vater stress	4.Nutrien	t pollution	_	16.Change in population density	
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
RGNA_MEX	5	5	5	5			1	2	2
RGNA_USA	5	5	5	5			1	2	1
River Basin	5	5	5	5	3	3	1	2	2

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21					
River Basin	4	5	1	3	3					

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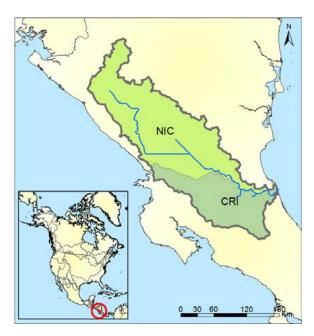
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# San Juan Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 41,360 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Nicaragua (NIC)

Population in basin 3,443,189 (people) Country at mouth Nicaragua

Average rainfall 2,287 (mm/year)

### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

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SJUA_CRI		1,885.66			191.50	3.88
SJUA_NIC		827.19			8,875.30	112.31
Total in Basin	50.18	1,213.26			9,066.80	116.19

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SJUA_CRI	724.76	54.56	1.33	4.61	224	440.58	755.11	
SJUA_NIC	382.90	155.24	14.83	69.81	29	113.88	154.19	

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Total in Basin	1,107.66	209.81	16.16	74.42	252.82	554.45	321.70	2.21

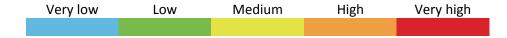
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SJUA_ CRI	13	0.32	960	73.03	1.56	0.00	100.00	0	10,184.61	1	76.09
SJUA_ NIC	28	0.68	2,483	88.01	1.30	0.00	100.00	1	1,851.11	0	0.00
Total in Basin	41	1.00	3,443	83.25	1.45	0.00	100.00	1	4,174.09	1	24.18

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Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance			Socioeconomics				
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SJUA_CRI	1	1	2		5	5	4	2	3	5	5	3	3	2	2
SJUA_NIC	1	1	2		5	5	3	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	2
River Basin	1	1	2	3	5	5	3	2	3	5	5	4	5	3	2

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

Projected Indicator	1.Environm str	ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	ress 4 Nutrient nolliition		16.Change ii den	n population sity	11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030 P-2050		P-2030	P-2050	Projected
SJUA_CRI	2	2	1	1			1	2	5
SJUA_NIC	2	3	1	1			2	2	5
River Basin	2	3	1	1	3	4	2	2	5

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21					
River Basin	4									

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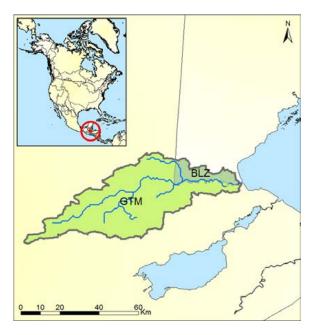
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# **Sarstun Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 2,165 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM)

Population in basin

77,911 (people)

Belize, Guatemala Country at mouth

Average rainfall (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

# **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 0 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
SRTU_BLZ						
SRTU_GTM						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

BCU	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SRTU_BLZ								
SRTU_GTM								

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Total in Basin				

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BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
SRTU_ BLZ	0	0.10	2	11.10	2.07			0	4,834.29	0	0.00
SRTU_ GTM	2	0.90	75	38.81	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
Total in Basin	2	1.00	78	35.99	2.52	0.00	0.00	0	3,520.50	0	0.00

# TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity		Water Quality		Ecosystems		Governance		Socioeconomics						
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SRTU_BLZ					5	1			3	5	3	4	1	2	4
SRTU_GT M					5	1			3	5	3	4	1	3	2
River Basin				2	5				3	5	3	4	1	3	2

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Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high

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SRTU_BLZ									3
SRTU_GTM									3
River Basin					3	3			3

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index							
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21				
River Basin									

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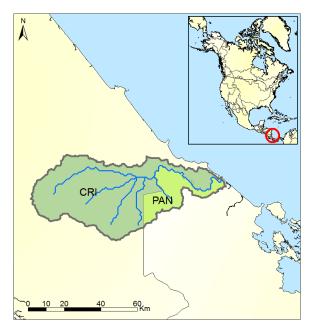
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## Sixaola Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 2,857 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Costa Rica (CRI), Panama (PAN)

Population in basin

48,109 (people)

Country at mouth Costa Rica, Panama

Average rainfall 3,161 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 0 agreements1 No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

## **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 1 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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#### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
SIOL_CRI		2,212.31				
SIOL_PAN		441.66				
Total in Basin	4.63	1,622.38			0.00	0.00

#### **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SIOL_CRI	48.56	3.92	0.20	0.00	6	38.82	1,290.49	
SIOL_PAN	5.85	0.00	0.02	0.00	0	5.82	557.82	

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Total in Basin 54.41	3.92	0.22	0.00	5.62	44.64	1,130.88	1.17

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
SIOL_C RI	2	0.82	38	16.12	1.56			0	10,184.61	0	0.00
SIOL_P AN	1	0.18	10	20.09	1.65			0	11,036.81	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	48	16.84	1.43	0.00	0.00	0	10,370.26	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Water Quality		E	cosystem	ıs	G	overnanc	ce	Socioeconomics			
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SIOL_CRI	1		2		5	2			3	5	2	3	1	2	3
SIOL_PAN	1		1		4	2			3	5	2	3	1	3	4
River Basin	1		2	2	5				2	5	2	3	1	3	4

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Very low Low Medium High Very high

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
SIOL_CRI	3	3							2
SIOL_PAN	3	3							2
River Basin	3	3			2	2			2

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Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnei	ability Index	
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## **Suchiate Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 1,409 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Guatemala (GTM), Mexico (MEX)

Population in basin

340,484 (people)

Country at mouth Guatemala, Mexico

Average rainfall

2,493 (mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and 1 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

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SUCT_GTM		1,848.13				
SUCT_MEX		1,282.30				
Total in Basin	2.07	1,471.05			0.00	0.00

## **Water Withdrawals**

BCU	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SUCT_GTM	63.51	5.61	2.91	15.26	21	18.61	224.75	
SUCT_MEX	203.79	34.35	1.39	0.00	42	126.35	3,519.00	

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	Total in Basin	267.30	39.96	4.30	15.26	62.83	144.95	785.06	12.89
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SUCT_ GTM	1	0.78	283	258.28	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
SUCT_ MEX	0	0.22	58	183.66	1.26	0.00	100.00	0	10,307.28	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	340	241.58	2.30	0.00	17.01	0	4,639.48	0	0.00

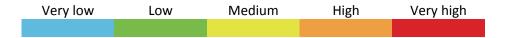
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SUCT_GT M	1		2		5	4			3	4	2	4	1	3	2
SUCT_ME X	1		2		4	4			3	4	2	2	1	2	3
River Basin	1		2	4	5				2	4	2	3	1	3	3

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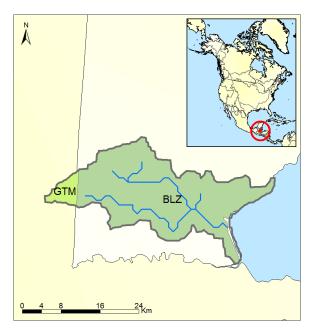
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## **Temash Basin**



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 472 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Belize (BLZ), Guatemala (GTM)

Population in basin 3,261 (people) Belize Country at mouth Average rainfall 3,075

Governance

(mm/year)

No. of treaties and 0 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 0 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

## **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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#### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
TEMA_BLZ		1,534.08				
TEMA_GTM						
Total in Basin	0.72	1,534.08			0.00	0.00

## **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
TEMA_BLZ	89.59	9.40	2.74	73.65	0	3.79	35,658.81	
TEMA_GTM								

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Total in Basin	89.59	9.40	2.74	73.65	0.00	3.79	27,468.52	12.37

Socioeconomic Geography

вси	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
TEMA _BLZ	0	0.94	3	5.63	2.07			0	4,834.29	0	0.00
TEMA _GTM	0	0.06	1	28.46	2.47			0	3,477.89	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	3	6.91	2.42	0.00	0.00	0	4,522.74	0	0.00

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	Water Quantity		tity	Wa	ater Qua	lity	E	cosysten	ns	G	overnan	ce	Soc	ioeconoı	mics
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
TEMA_BL Z	1		2		5	1			1	5	3	4	3	2	2
TEMA_GT M					5				1	5	3	4	1	3	1
River Basin	1		2	2	5				2	5	3	4	3	2	1

#### Indicators

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Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high

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Projected Indicator		ental water ess	2.Human v	vater stress	4.Nutrien	t pollution	16.Change in population density		11.Hydrop olitical tension
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	2030 P-2050 P-2030		P-2050	Projected
TEMA_BLZ	3	3							3
TEMA_GTM									3
River Basin	3	3			2	2			3

## TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator		Delta Vulnerability Index						
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21				
River Basin	1								

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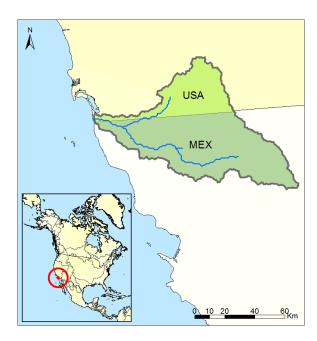
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## Tijuana Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 4,430 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Mexico (MEX), United States (USA)

Population in basin 1,067,632

(people) Country at mouth XXX

Average rainfall 341

(mm/year)

#### Governance

No. of treaties and agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

## **Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems**

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 1 Large Marine 1 Ecosystems

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#### **Water Resources**

BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
TIJU_MEX		68.21				
TIJU_USA		115.67				
Total in Basin	0.41	91.88			0.00	0.00

#### **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
TIJU_MEX	572.25	287.83	2.12	0.00	71	211.08	619.48	
TIJU_USA	844.05	89.46	1.60	30.91	249	473.56	5,866.32	

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Total in Basin	1,416.30	377.29	3.73	30.91	319.73	684.65	1,326.58	347.98
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Socioeconomic Geography

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BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
TIJU_ MEX	3	0.72	924	289.21	1.26	0.00	100.00	1	10,307.28	2	626.17
TIJU_U SA	1	0.28	144	116.42	0.89	5.27	94.73	0	53,142.89	2	1,618.36
Total in Basin	4	1.00	1,068	241.01	1.15	0.71	99.29	1	16,080.07	4	902.97

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	group Water Quantity  BCU 1 2 3		tity	Water Quality		E	Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
TIJU_MEX	5	5	4		4		3	4	2	2	1	2	1	2	5
TIJU_USA	5		3		2				2	2	1	2	1	2	5
River Basin	5	5	3	5	3		4	5	2	2	1	2	1	3	5

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TIJU_MEX	5	5	5	5			1	2	1
TIJU_USA	5	5							1
River Basin	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	2	1

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River Basin					

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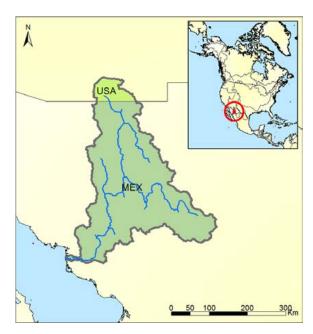
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## Yaqui Basin



## Geography

Total drainage area (km²) 72,879 No. of countries in basin 2

BCUs in basin Mexico (MEX), United States (USA)

Population in basin 559,911 (people) Country at mouth Mexico

Average rainfall 541

Governance

(mm/year)

No. of treaties and 3 agreements<sup>1</sup> No. of RBOs and 1 Commissions<sup>2</sup>

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(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater

Lakes 2 Large Marine 0 Ecosystems

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BCU	Annual Discharge (km³/year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km³/year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km³/year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km³)
YAQU_MEX		50.21			292.70	1.91
YAQU_USA		31.37				
Total in Basin	3.59	49.29			292.70	1.91

#### **Water Withdrawals**

вси	Total (km³/year)	Irrigation (km³/year)	Livestock (km³/year)	Electricity (km³/year)	Manufacture (km³/year)	Domestic (km³/year)	Per capita (m³/year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
YAQU_MEX	2,036.49	1,929.06	9.02	9.93	7	81.09	3,850.66	
YAQU_USA	83.90	79.91	0.18	0.00	0	3.81	2,702.74	

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Total in Basin	2,120.39	2,008.97	9.21	9.93	7.38	84.90	3,787.01	59.03

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural populati on ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km²)
YAQU _MEX	69	0.94	529	7.70	1.26	0.00	100.00	0	10,307.28	3	43.67
YAQU _USA	4	0.06	31	7.42	0.89	9.77	90.23	0	53,142.89	0	0.00
Total in Basin	73	1.00	560	7.68	1.19	0.54	99.46	0	12,682.26	3	41.16

## TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator<sup>3</sup>

Thematic group	BCU 1 2 3		Wa	ater Qual	ity	E	cosystem	ıs	Governance			Socioeconomics			
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
YAQU_M EX	3	2	3		4	1	5	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	3
YAQU_US A	5	5	4		2				1	3	2	2	1	2	5
River Basin	3	2	3	3	4	1	5	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	3

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River Basin	2				

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The GAUL project and original dataset maintains disputed areas in such a way to preserve national integrity for all disputing countries. The GAUL Set reports the international, first level and second level administrative boundaries delimiting, or falling within, the disputed areas in a way to enable the re-construction of the administrative units as they are specified by the individual disputing countries. Disputed areas are therefore shown as individual entities, not dependent from countries, with corresponding coding. Same approach has been taken by TWAP RB, reporting on disputed territories, as well as presentation of Basin Country Units.

#### **Basin Delineation**

TWAP RB assessment includes 286 transboundary river basins. Information on this layer and delineation methodology can be retrieved by downloading metadata sheet for the Basins layer from TWAP Rivers Data Portal at <a href="http://twap-rivers.org/indicators/">http://twap-rivers.org/indicators/</a> or by direct download from <a href="http://twap-rivers.org/assets/Basin%20and%20BCU%20Creation%20Documentation.pdf">http://twap-rivers.org/assets/Basin%20and%20BCU%20Creation%20Documentation.pdf</a>

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# Large Marine Ecosystems of Central America & Caribbean

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## LME 05 – Gulf of Mexico



Bordering countries: Mexico, United States of America

LME Total area: 1,530,387 km<sup>2</sup>

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Merged nutrient indicator



## LME overall risk

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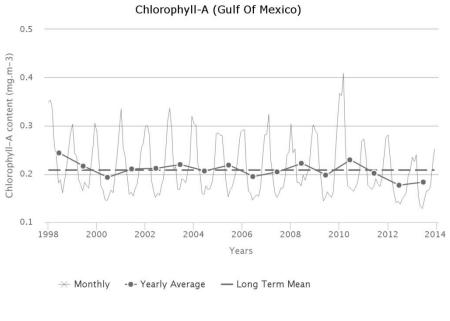
Based on a combined measure of the Human Development Index and the averaged indicators for fish & fisheries and pollution & ecosystem health modules, the overall risk factor is medium.



## **Productivity**

## Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.297 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>) in January and a minimum (0.159 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>) during June. The average CHL is 0.208 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>. Maximum primary productivity (317 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>) occurred during 1998 and minimum primary productivity (227 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>) during 2012. There is a statistically insignificant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -0.221 % from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is 270 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>, which places this LME in Group 3 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest)



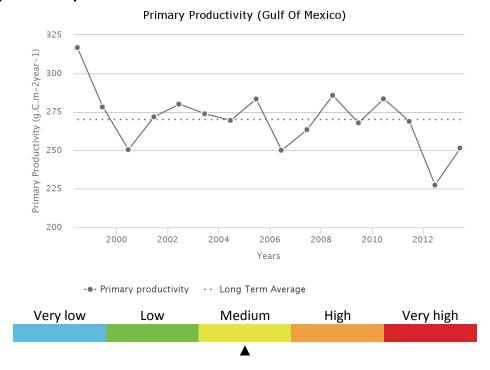






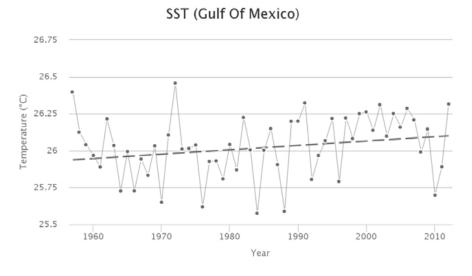


## **Primary productivity**



## **Sea Surface Temperature**

Between 1957 and 2012, the Gulf of Mexico LME #5 has warmed by 0.16, thus belonging to Category 4 (slow warming LME). The Gulf of Mexico's thermal history is quite peculiar. The global cooling of the 1960s transpired as an SST drop of <1°C, followed by a slow warming until present. The relatively slow warming of the last 50 years was modulated by strong interannual variability with a typical magnitude of 0.5°C. The all-time high of >26.4°C in 1972 was a major event as SST increased by 0.8°C in just two years. This event was localized within the Gulf of Mexico LME. The relative stability of the Gulf of Mexico's thermal regime can be explained by the Gulf Stream (Loop Current) flowing through the Gulf of Mexico.







· SST

— trend



## Fish and Fisheries

The Gulf of Mexico LME fisheries are multispecies, multigear and multifleet in character and include artisanal, commercial and recreational fishing. Species of economic importance include brown shrimp (*Penaeus aztecus*), white shrimp (*Penaeus setiferus*), pink shrimp (*Penaeus duorarum*), Gulf menhaden (*Brevoortia patronus*), king mackerel (*Scomberomorus cavalla*), Spanish mackerel (*S. maculatus*), red grouper (*Epinephelus morio*), red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*), seatrout, tuna and billfish

#### **Annual Catch**

Total reported landings showed an increase to over 1.6 million t in 1984, followed by a decline to 750,000 t in recent years.



#### Catch value

In 1981, the annual value of the reported landings was over 2.4 billion US\$ (in 2005 value).



#### Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

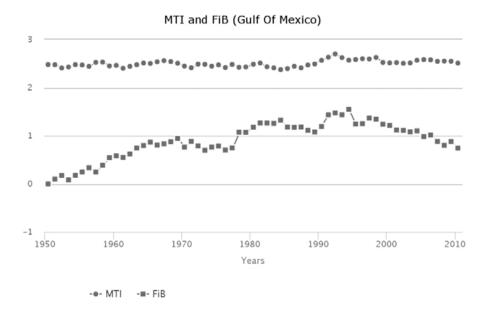
The MTI has increased slightly from the early 1950s to 2010. The very low value of the MTI (2.4-2.5) is due to the high proportion of small, low trophic-level fishes, especially Gulf menhaden and shrimps in the landings, and the exclusion of the shrimp trawler bycatch in estimating mean trophic levels. The decline of the FiB index from the mid-1980s is likely a result of the declining reported landings.





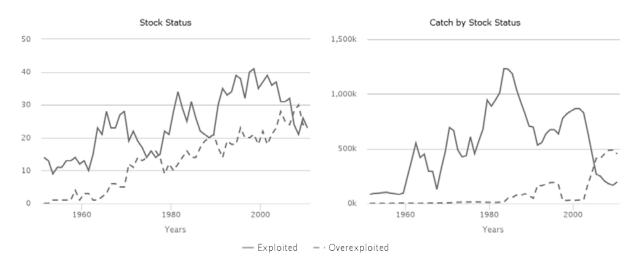






## Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that collapsed and overexploited stocks now account for about 60% of all commercially exploited stocks in the LME, with overexploited stocks contributing almost 70% of the reported landings.



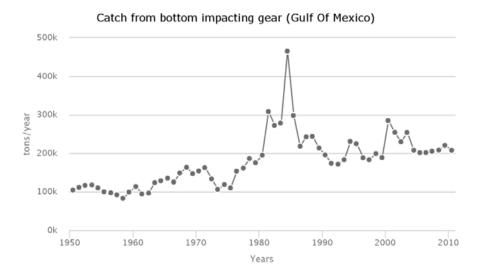
## **Catch from bottom impacting gear**

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch reaches its first maximum at 72% in 1953 and then this percentage declined steadily to around 19% in the 1970s. This percentage then further declined to around 10% in the recent decade.



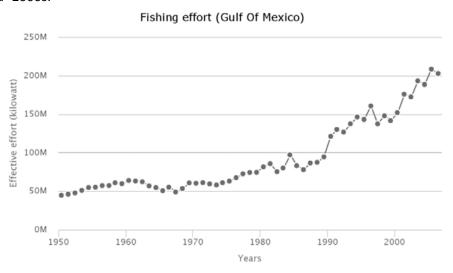






## **Fishing effort**

The total effective effort increased from around 2 million kW in the 1950s to its peak at 200 million kW in the mid- 2000s.



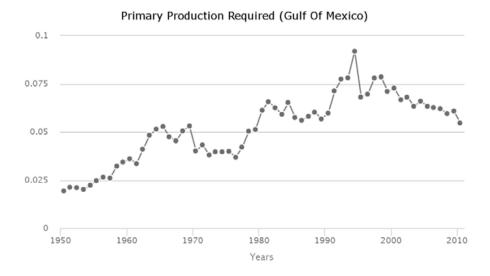
## **Primary Production Required**

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in the LME reached 8% of the observed primary production in 1994, but this is probably an underestimate due to the high level of shrimp bycatch absent from the underlying statistics.









## Pollution and Ecosystem Health

## **Pollution**

## **Nutrient ratio, Nitrogen load and Merged Indicator**

Human activities in watersheds are affecting nutrients transported by rivers into LMEs. Large amounts of nutrients (in particular nitrogen load) entering coastal waters of LMEs can result in high biomass algal blooms, leading to hypoxic or anoxic conditions, increased turbidity and changes in community composition, among other effects. In addition, changes in the ratio of nutrients entering LMEs can result in dominance by algal species that have deleterious effects (toxic, clog gills of shellfish, etc.) on ecosystems and humans. An overall nutrient indicator (Merged Nutrient Indicator) based on 2 sub-indicators: Nitrogen Load and Nutrient Ratio (ratio of dissolved Silica to Nitrogen or Phosphorus - the Index of Coastal Eutrophication Potential or ICEP) was calculated.

## Nitrogen load

The Nitrogen Load risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was very high. (level 5 of the five risk categories, where 1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Based on a "current trends" scenario (Global Orchestration), this remained the same in 2030 and 2050.

#### **Nutrient ratio**

The Nutrient Ratio (ICEP) risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was high (4). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and 2050.

## Merged nutrient indicator

The risk level for the Merged Nutrient Indicator for contemporary (2000) conditions was very high (5). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and 2050.

	2000			2030			2050	
Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator	Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator	Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator
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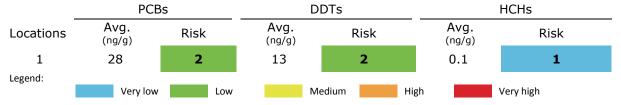






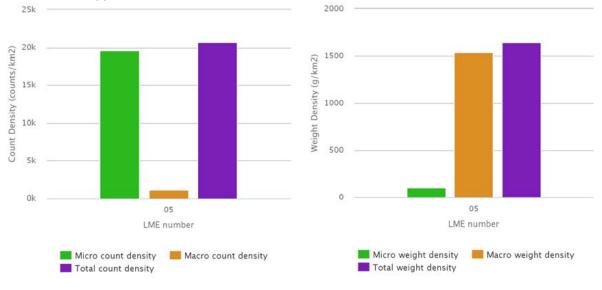
#### **POPs**

Data are available for only one sample at a rural location in Mississippi State (USA). The location shows a concentration (ng.g<sup>-1</sup> of pellets) of 28 for PCBs, 13 for DDTs, and 0.1 for HCHs. These correspond to risk category 2 for PCBs, 2 for DDTs, and 1 for HCHs, of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This is probably due to minimal anthropogenic activities involving the use of POPs (PCBs in industries and DDT and HCH pesticides in agriculture). More samples and locations are necessary to properly evaluate this LME.



#### Plastic debris

Modelled estimates of floating plastic abundance (items km<sup>-2</sup>), for both micro-plastic (<4.75 mm) and macro-plastic (>4.75 mm), indicate that this LME is in the group with relatively high levels of plastic concentration. Estimates are based on three proxy sources of litter: shipping density, coastal population density and the level of urbanisation within major watersheds, with enhanced run-off. The high values are due to the relative importance of these sources in this LME. The abundance of floating plastic in this category is estimated to be on average over 100 times higher that those LMEs with lowest values. There is limited evidence from sea-based direct observations and towed nets to support this conclusion.



## **Ecosystem Health**

## Mangrove and coral cover

0.36% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 0.09% by coral reefs (Global Distribution of Coral Reefs, 2010).

#### Reefs at risk

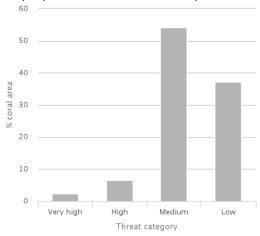
This LME has a present (2011) integrated threat index (combining threat from overfishing and destructive fishing, watershed-based and marine-based pollution and damage) of 174. 2% of coral reefs cover is under very high threat, and 6% under high threat (of the 5 possible threat categories, from low to critical). When combined with past thermal stress (between 1998 and 2007), these







values increase to 8% and 19% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 7% of coral cover in this LME is predicted to be under very high to critical level of threat from warming and acidification; this proportion increases to 9% by 2050.



## **Marine Protected Area change**

The Gulf of Mexico LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 6,671 km<sup>2</sup> prior to 1983 to 290,795 km<sup>2</sup> by 2014. This represents an increase of 4,259%, within the medium category of MPA change.

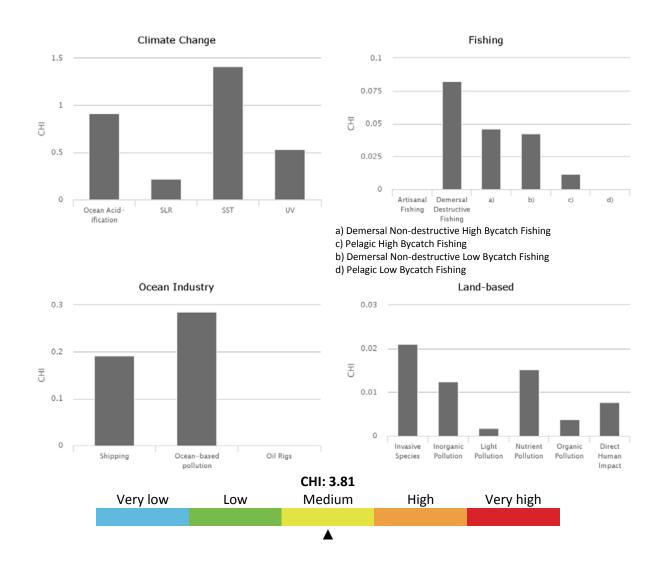
## **Cumulative Human Impact**

The Gulf of Mexico LME experiences an above average overall cumulative human impact (score 3.81; maximum LME score 5.22), which is well above the LME with the least cumulative impact. It falls in risk category 3 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This LME is most vulnerable to climate change. Of the 19 individual stressors, three connected to climate change have the highest average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (0.92; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.53; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), and sea surface temperature (1.41; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Other key stressors include commercial shipping, sea level rise, ocean based pollution, and demersal destructive commercial fishing.









#### **Ocean Health Index**

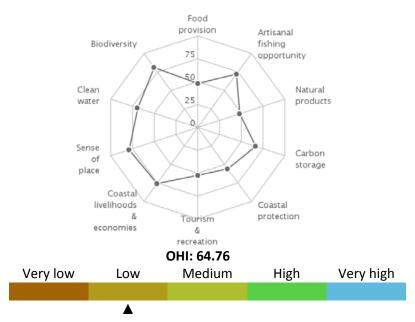
The Gulf of Mexico LME scores above average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 71 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82) but still relatively low. This score indicates that the LME is well below its optimal level of ocean health, although there are some aspects that are doing well. Its score in 2013 increased 5 points compared to the previous year, due in large part to changes in the scores for clean waters and natural products. This LME scores lowest on food provision, coastal protection, coastal livelihoods, and iconic species goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities, coastal economies, lasting special places and species diversity goals. It falls in risk category 3 of the five risk categories, which is an average level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).







#### Ocean Health Index (Gulf Of Mexico)

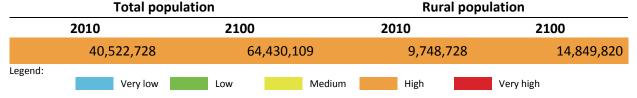


## Socio-economics

Indicators of demographic trends, economic dependence on ecosystem services, human wellbeing and vulnerability to present-day extreme climate events and projected sea level rise, are assessed for the Gulf of Mexico LME. To compare and rank LMEs, they were classified into five categories of risk (from 1 to 5, corresponding to lowest, low, medium, high and highest risk, respectively) based on the values of the individual indicators. In the case of economic revenues, the LMEs were grouped to 5 classes of revenues from lowest, low, medium, high and highest, as revenues did not translate to risk.

## **Population**

The coastal area includes the southern coast of the United States of America and the eastern shoreline of Mexico. Covering about 140,753 km², current and projected population in 2100 are both in the large population size category (high risk) with a density of 81 persons per km² in 2010 and increasing to 129 per km² in 2100. About 24% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to decrease slightly to 23% in 2100.



## **Coastal poor**

The indigent population makes up 31% of the LME's coastal dwellers. The Gulf of Mexico places in the highest-risk category based on percentage and absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor 12,438,783

## **Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution**

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. The Gulf of Mexico LME ranks in the high revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US









2013 \$1.7 billion (thousand million) for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 8% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013 \$252 billion places it in the highest revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 9% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies can range from 0.0000 (totally equal distribution and lowest risk) to 1.0000 (concentrated in 1 place and most inequitable and highest risk). The Night Light Development Index (NLDI) thus indicates the level of spatial economic development, and that for the Gulf of Mexico LME falls in the category with lowest risk.



## **Human Development Index**

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day Gulf of Mexico LME HDI belongs to the highest HDI and lowest risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.856, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.144, the difference between present and highest possible HDI (1.000). The HDI Gap measures an overall vulnerability to external events such as disease or extreme climate related events, due to less than perfect health, education, and income levels, and is independent of the harshness of and exposure to specific external shocks.

HDI values are projected to the year 2100 in the contexts of shared socioeconomic development pathways (SSPs). The Gulf of Mexico LME is projected to maintain its position in the lowest risk category (highest HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway or scenario. Under a fragmented world scenario, this LME is projected to slip to the high risk category (low HDI) because of reduced income level and bigger population size compared to estimated income and population values in a sustainable development pathway.



## **Climate-Related Threat Indices**

The Climate-Related Threat Indices utilize the HDI Gaps for present-day and projected 2100 scenarios. The contemporary climate index accounts for deaths and property losses due to storms, flooding and extreme temperatures incurred by coastal states during a 20-year period from 1994 to 2013 as hazard measures, the 2010 coastal population as proxy for exposure, and the present day HDI Gap as vulnerability measure.

The Contemporary Threat Index incorporates a Dependence Factor based on the fish protein contribution to dietary animal protein, and on the mean contribution of LME tourism to the national GDPs of LME coastal states. The HDI Gap and the degree of dependence on LME ecosystem services define the vulnerability of a coastal population. It also includes the average of risk related to extreme climate events, and the risk based on the degrading system states of an LME (e.g. overexploited fisheries, pollution levels, decrease in coastal ecosystem areas).

The 2100 sea level rise threat indices, each computed for the sustainable world and fragmented world development pathways, use the maximum projected sea level rise at the highest level of warming of 8.5 W/m2 in 2100 as hazard measure, development pathway-specific 2100 populations in

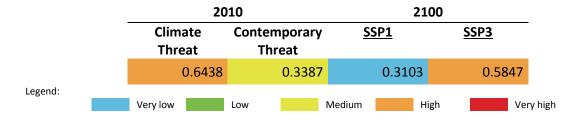






the 10 m  $\times$  10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index to the Gulf of Mexico LME is within the high-risk (high threat) category. The combined contemporaneous risk due to extreme climate events, degrading LME states and the level of vulnerability of the coastal population, is medium. In a sustainable development scenario, the risk index for sea level rise in 2100 is in the lowest risk category, and which increases to high-risk category under a fragmented world development pathway.



#### Governance

#### **Governance architecture**

In this LME, none of the transboundary arrangements for fisheries (OLDESPECA, WECAFC and ICCAT) appear to be closely connected. However, the arrangements for pollution and biodiversity within the LME are closely integrated within the Cartagena Convention. The specific biodiversity arrangement for turtles does not appear to be linked to any of the arrangements within the LME. Overall, no integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organisation for the LME, could be found. However, this is not to suggest that there is not an abundance of collaboration and interactions amongst the fisheries arrangements through participation in each other's meetings, complementing the integration found within the arrangements for pollution and biodiversity. The overall scores for ranking of risk were:









## LME 11 – Pacific Central American Coastal



**Bordering countries**: Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru **LME Total area**: 1,996,659 km<sup>2</sup>

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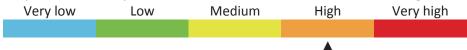
Merged nutrient indicator



## LME overall risk

This LME falls in the cluster of LMEs that exhibit low to medium levels of economic development (based on the night light development index) and medium levels of collapsed and overexploited fish stocks.

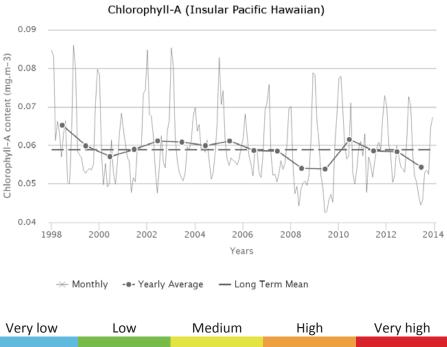
Based on a combined measure of the Human Development Index and the averaged indicators for fish & fisheries and pollution & ecosystem health modules, the overall risk factor is high.



## Productivity

## Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.343 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>) in March and a minimum (0.230 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>) during August. The average CHL is 0.281 mg.m<sup>-3</sup>. Maximum primary productivity (490 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>) occurred during 2000 and minimum primary productivity (336 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>) during 1998. There is a statistically insignificant increasing trend in Chlorophyll of 15.2 % from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is 407 g.C.m<sup>-2</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>, which places this LME in Group 4 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).



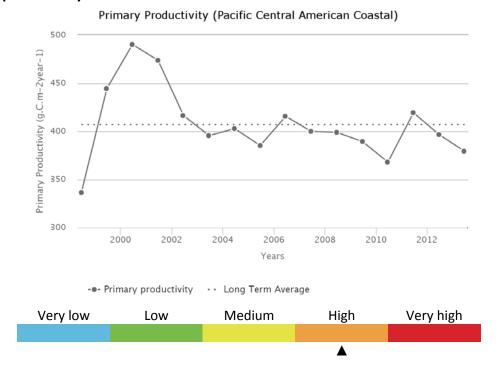








## **Primary productivity**



## **Sea Surface Temperature**

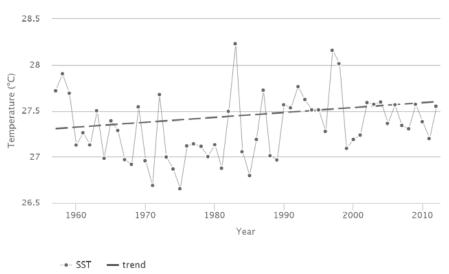
Between 1957 and 2012, the Pacific Central-American Coastal LME #11 has warmed by 0.27C, thus belonging to Category 4 (slow warming LME). The thermal history of this LME was non-monotonous. The cooling phase culminated in two minima, in 1971 and 1975, both associated with major La Niñas (National Weather Service/Climate Prediction Center, 2007), after which SST rose by approximately 1°C over the next 30 years. The absolute minimum of 1975 was synchronous with absolute minima in two other East Pacific LMEs: California Current LME #3 and Gulf of California LME #4. It also was roughly synchronous with the absolute minimum of 1974-1976 on the other side of the Central American Isthmus, in the Caribbean LME #12. The warming phase was accentuated by two sharp peaks, in 1983 and 1997, both associated with major El Niños (National Weather Service/Climate Prediction Center, 2007). Similar warm events were observed in other East Pacific LMEs, namely the Humboldt Current LME #13, Gulf of California LME #4, and California Current LME #3. All significant maxima and minima of SST observed in the Pacific Central-American Coastal LME #11 are associated with El Niños and La Niñas respectively (National Weather Service/Climate Prediction Center, 2007).









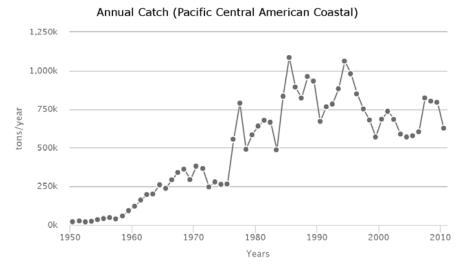


## Fish and Fisheries

The Pacific Central-American Coastal LME is rich in both pelagic and demersal fisheries resources. The most valuable fisheries in the region are offshore tunas and coastal penaeid shrimps, whose landed fish bycatch is usually not reported. More than 50% of the reported shelf catches consists of small coastal pelagic species such as anchoveta (*Engraulis ringens* and *Cetengraulis mysticetus*), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*) and Pacific thread herring (*Opisthonema libertate*), most of which are used for fishmeal and fish-oil.

## **Annual Catch**

Total reported landings have risen, with some fluctuations, to peak landings of 1 million t in 1985.



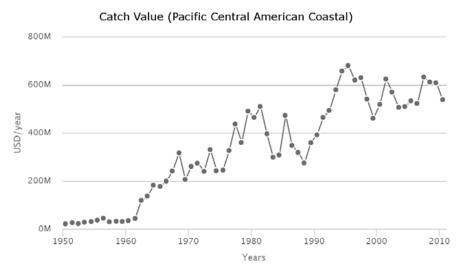
## **Catch value**

Fluctuations in the value of the reported landings correspond with the landings, with a peak of 680 million US\$ (in 2005 real US\$) recorded in 1995.



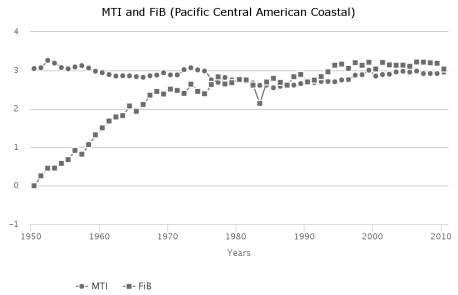






## Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The MTI is relatively low, and shows a declining trend until the mid-1980s, after which a slight increasing trend became apparent. The FiB index has increased, indicating that whatever "fishing down" may be occurring in the LME would be masked by either the geographic (offshore) expansion of the fisheries or the incompleteness of the underlying catch statistics.



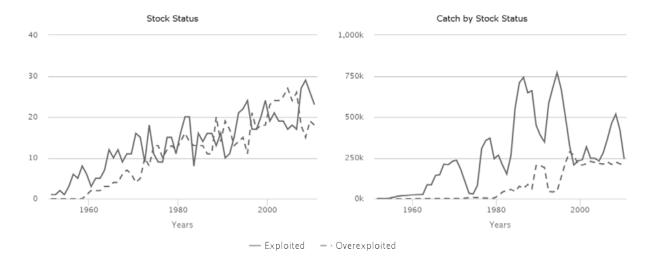
## Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that the number of collapsed and overexploited stocks are rapidly increasing in the LME. Approximately 40% of the reported landings are supplied by fully exploited stocks.









# Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch reaches its maximum at 40% in 1953 and then this percentage declined steadily. This percentage ranged between 5 and 9% in the recent decade.



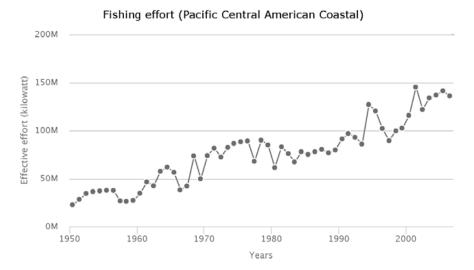
**Fishing effort** 

The total effective effort increased steadily from around 30 million kW in the 1950s to its peak at 145 million kW in early 2000s.



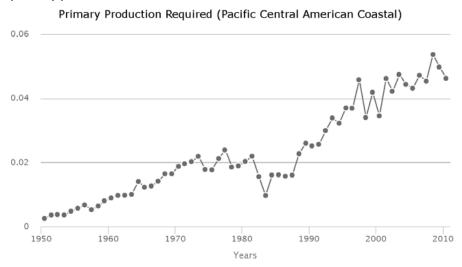






# **Primary Production Required**

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME reached 5% of the observed primary production in 2002.



# Pollution and Ecosystem Health

# **Pollution**

# **Nutrient ratio, Nitrogen load and Merged Indicator**

Human activities in watersheds are affecting nutrients transported by rivers into LMEs. Large amounts of nutrients (in particular *nitrogen load*) entering coastal waters of LMEs can result in high biomass algal blooms, leading to hypoxic or anoxic conditions, increased turbidity and changes in community composition, among other effects. In addition, changes in the *ratio of nutrients* entering LMEs can result in dominance by algal species that have deleterious effects (toxic, clog gills of shellfish, etc.) on ecosystems and humans. An overall nutrient indicator (*Merged Nutrient Indicator*) based on 2 sub-indicators: *Nitrogen Load* and *Nutrient Ratio* (ratio of dissolved Silica to Nitrogen or Phosphorus - the Index of Coastal Eutrophication Potential or ICEP) was calculated.

# Nitrogen load

The Nitrogen Load risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was moderate (level 3 of the five risk categories, where 1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Based on a "current trends" scenario (Global Orchestration), this remained the same in 2030 and 2050.







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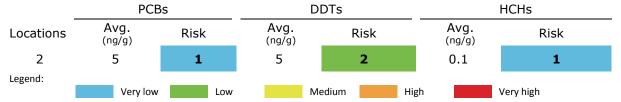
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L	egend:	Ver	y low	Low	Mediu	m I	High	Very high	

## **POPs**

Data are available for only two samples at two locations in Costa Rica and Panama. These locations show low concentration for all the indicators. The average concentration (ng.g-1 of pellets) was 5 (range 2-7 ng.g-1) for PCBs, 5 (range 5-6 ng.g-1) for DDTs, and 0.1 (range 0.04-0.3 ng.g-1) for HCHs. The PCBs and HCHs averages correspond to risk category 1 and DDTs average corresponds to risk category 2, of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This is probably due to minimal anthropogenic activities involving the use of POPs (PCBs in industries and DDT and HCH pesticides in agriculture). More samples and locations are necessary to properly evaluate this LME.



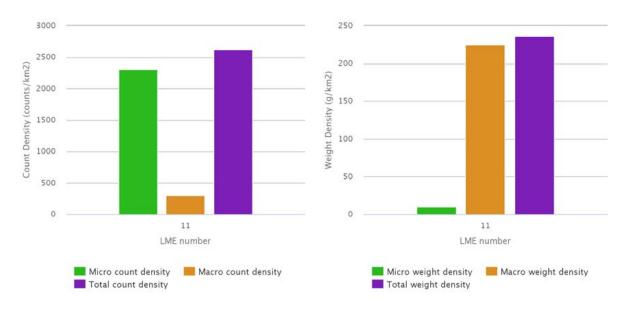
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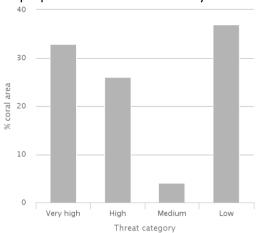
# **Ecosystem Health**

# Mangrove and coral cover

0.39% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 0.03% by coral reefs (Global Distribution of Coral Reefs, 2010).

#### Reefs at risk

This LME has a present (2011) integrated threat index (combining threat from overfishing and destructive fishing, watershed-based and marine-based pollution and damage) of 235. 7% of coral reefs cover is under very high threat, and 26% under high threat (of the 5 possible threat categories, from low to critical). When combined with past thermal stress (between 1998 and 2007), these values increase to 20% and 60% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 39% of coral cover in this LME is predicted to be under very high to critical level of threat from warming and acidification; this proportion increases to 42% by 2050.



## **Marine Protected Area change**

The Pacific Central-American Coastal LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 2,040 km² prior to 1983 to 29,444 km²by 2014. This represents an increase of 1,343%, within the low category of MPA change.

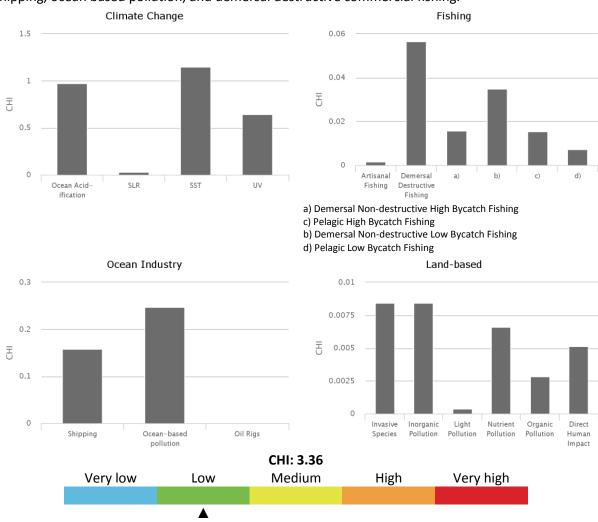






# **Cumulative Human Impact**

The Pacific Central-American Coastal LME experiences an average overall cumulative human impact (score 3.36; maximum LME score 5.22), but which is still well above the LME with the least cumulative impact. It falls in risk category 2 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This LME is most vulnerable to climate change. Of the 19 individual stressors, three connected to climate change have the highest average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (0.97; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.64; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), and sea surface temperature (1.15; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Other key stressors include commercial shipping, ocean based pollution, and demersal destructive commercial fishing.



#### **Ocean Health Index**

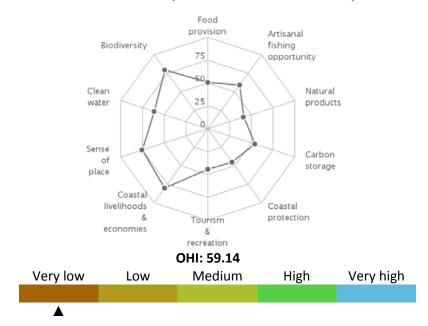
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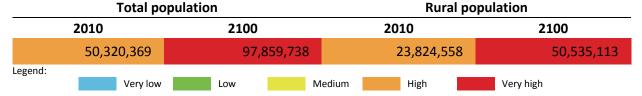


# Socio-economics

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# **Population**

The littoral area includes the Pacific coasts of southern Mexico, Central America, and the South American nations of Colombia, Ecuador and northernmost portion of Peru, covering a total of 585,973 km<sup>2</sup>. A current population of 50 million is projected to almost double to 98 million in 2100, as reflected in density increasing from 86 persons per km<sup>2</sup> in 2010 to 167 per km<sup>2</sup> by 2100. About 47% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 52% in 2100.



#### Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 44% of the LME's coastal dwellers. The Pacific Central American Coastal LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

21,995,749

## **Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution**

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. The Pacific Central American Coastal LME ranks in the medium revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total







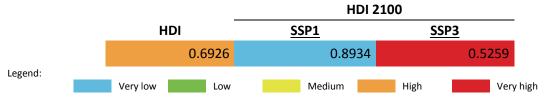


ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$672 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 7% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013 \$48,482 million places it in the high revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 12% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies can range from 0.0000 (totally equal distribution and lowest risk) to 1.0000 (concentrated in 1 place and most inequitable and highest risk). The Night Light Development Index (NLDI) thus indicates the level of spatial economic development, and that for the Pacific Central American Coastal LME falls in the category with high risk.

Fisheries Annual Landed Value	% Fish Protein Contribution		Tourism Annual Revenues	% Tourism Contribution GDP	to	NLDI	
672,041,692	6	5.9	48,482,410,060		11.9	0.8253	
Legend:	/ery low Low	v	Medium	High	·	Very high	

# **Human Development Index**

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day Pacific Central American Coastal LME HDI belongs to the low HDI and high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.693, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.307, the difference between present and highest possible HDI (1.000). The HDI Gap measures an overall vulnerability to external events such as disease or extreme climate related events, due to less than perfect health, education, and income levels, and is independent of the harshness of and exposure to specific external shocks. HDI values are projected to the year 2100 in the contexts of shared socioeconomic development pathways (SSPs). The Pacific Central American Coastal LME is projected to assume a place with the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway or scenario. Under a fragmented world scenario, this LME is estimated to place in the very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income level and increased population size compared to estimated income and population values in a sustainable development pathway.



#### **Climate-Related Threat Indices**

The Climate-Related Threat Indices utilize the HDI Gaps for present-day and projected 2100 scenarios. The contemporary climate index accounts for deaths and property losses due to storms, flooding and extreme temperatures incurred by coastal states during a 20-year period from 1994 to 2013 as hazard measures, the 2010 coastal population as proxy for exposure, and the present day HDI Gap as vulnerability measure.

The Contemporary Threat Index incorporates a Dependence Factor based on the fish protein contribution to dietary animal protein, and on the mean contribution of LME tourism to the national GDPs of LME coastal states. The HDI Gap and the degree of dependence on LME ecosystem services define the vulnerability of a coastal population. It also includes the average of risk related to extreme climate events, and the risk based on the degrading system states of an LME (e.g. overexploited fisheries, pollution levels, decrease in coastal ecosystem areas).

The 2100 sea level rise threat indices, each computed for the sustainable world and fragmented world development pathways, use the maximum projected sea level rise at the highest level of warming of 8.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> in 2100 as hazard measure, development pathway-specific 2100 populations in

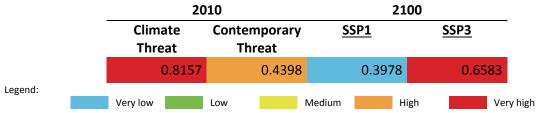






the 10 m  $\times$  10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index to the Pacific Central American Coastal LME is within the very high-risk (very high threat) category. The combined contemporaneous risk due to extreme climate events, degrading LME states and the level of vulnerability of the coastal population, is high. In a sustainable development scenario, the risk index from sea level rise in 2100 is lowest, and increases to very high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

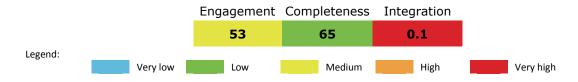


#### Governance

#### **Governance architecture**

There are three separate transboundary arrangements for fisheries in general within the EEZ (CPPS, OLDESPECA and OSPESCA) as well as the arrangement for tuna and tuna-like species (IATTC). No integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organization for the LME, could be found. However, somewhat unique among LMEs, is the Secretariat for the Regional Seas Convention being housed at the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS). While specific formal integration is not mentioned in the two Conventions, it is likely that the two Commissions have considerable informal linkages since the secretariats for both CPPS and the Lima Convention are within the same organization. Governance arrangements for this LME appear to be split along geographic lines with arrangements for the southern part of the LME being distinct from those for the northern part.

The overall scores for the ranking of risk were:









# LME 12 - Caribbean Sea



**Bordering countries**: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, France (Martinique), Mexico, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Venezuela

**LME Total area**: 3,305,077 km<sup>2</sup> This LME is GEF eligible

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## LME overall risk

This LME falls in the cluster of LMEs that exhibit low to medium levels of economic development (based on the night light development index) and medium levels of collapsed and overexploited fish stocks.

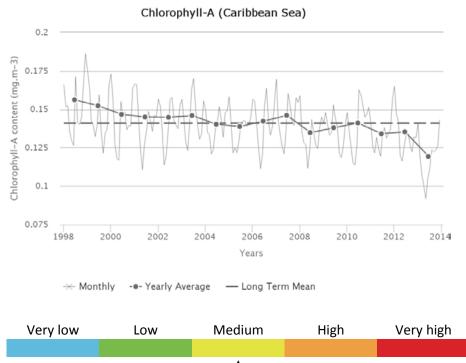
Based on a combined measure of the Human Development Index and the averaged indicators for fish & fisheries and pollution & ecosystem health modules, the overall risk factor is high.



# **Productivity**

# Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.159 mg.m $^{-3}$ ) in January and a minimum (0.121 mg.m $^{-3}$ ) during May. The average CHL is 0.141 mg.m $^{-3}$ . Maximum primary productivity (260 g.C.m $^{-2}$ .y $^{-1}$ ) occurred during 1998 and minimum primary productivity (206 g.C.m $^{-2}$ .y $^{-1}$ ) during 2013. There is a statistically insignificant increasing trend in Chlorophyll of 5.29 % from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is 232 g.C.m $^{-2}$ .y $^{-1}$ , which places this LME in Group 3 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).



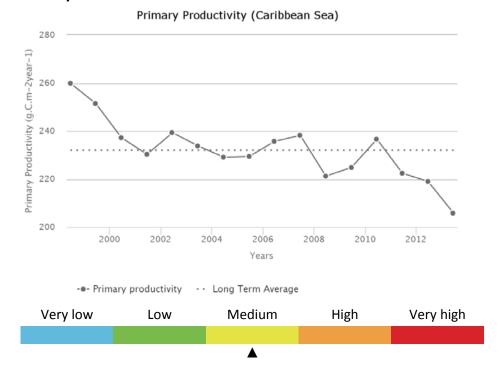








# **Primary productivity**



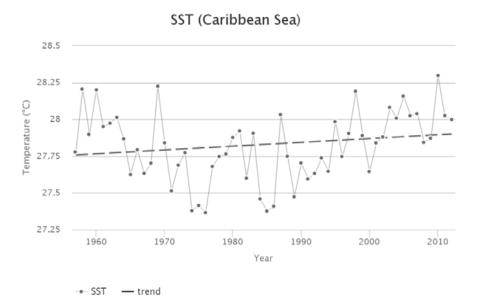
# **Sea Surface Temperature**

Between 1957 and 2012, the Caribbean Sea LME #12 has warmed by 0.15°C, thus belonging to Category 4 (slow warming LME). This LME went through three phases over the last 50 years: (1) cooling until 1974; (2) a cold phase with two cold spells, in 1974-1976 and 1984-1986; (3) warming since 1986. Using the year of 1985 as a true breakpoint, the post-1985 warming exceeded 0.9°C, from <27.4°C in 1985 to 28.3°C in 2010. Both cold spells were synchronous with cold events across the Central American Isthmus, in the Pacific Central-American Coastal LME #11. The first cooling period was interrupted by a major warm event (peak) of 1968-1970, when SST peaked at 28.2°C in 1969. This event was confined to the Caribbean Sea. None of adjacent LMEs experienced a pronounced warming in 1968-1970. All significant maxima and minima of SST in the Caribbean Sea correlate strongly with El Niños and La Niñas respectively (National Weather Service/Climate Prediction Center, 2007). This strong correlation is a good example of atmospheric teleconnections across the Central American Isthmus. This link is so strong that El Niños' and La Niñas' effects in the Caribbean Sea have comparable magnitudes with their counterparts in the Pacific Central-American Coastal LME #11 on the other side of the Isthmus.







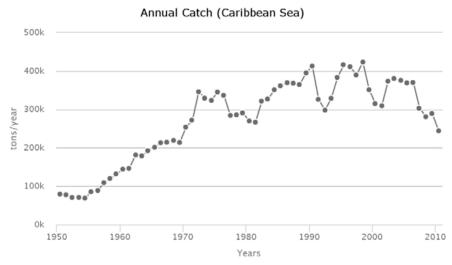


# Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Caribbean Sea LME are based on a diverse array of resources, and those of greatest importance are spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*), queen conch (*Strombus gigas*), penaeid shrimps, reef fish, continental shelf demersal fish, deep slope and bank fish and large coastal pelagics such as king mackerel (*Scomberomorus cavalla*), Spanish mackerel (*S. maculatus*), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*) and amberjack (*Seriola spp.*). In addition, fisheries based on stocks of large oceanic fish such as yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna, Atlantic blue marlin and swordfish, have expanded considerably.

# **Annual Catch**

Total reported landings in this LME, which is probably underestimated showed a general increase to about 430,000 t in the 1998, followed by a slight decline.



#### Catch value

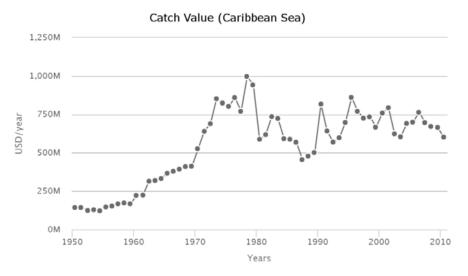
The reported landings peaked at just under 1 billion US\$ (in 2005 value) in 1978.





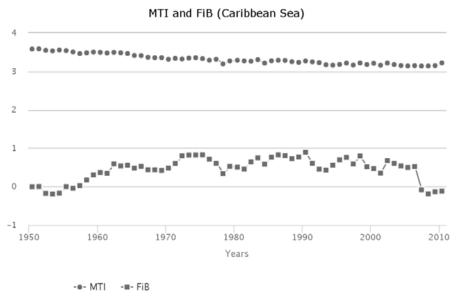






# Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The decline of the MTI is almost linear over the reported period, representing a classic case of 'fishing down' of the food web in the LME. Indeed, the decline in the mean trophic level would have been greater than the expansion of the fisheries from the mid-1950 to the mid-1980s as implied by the increasing FiB index.



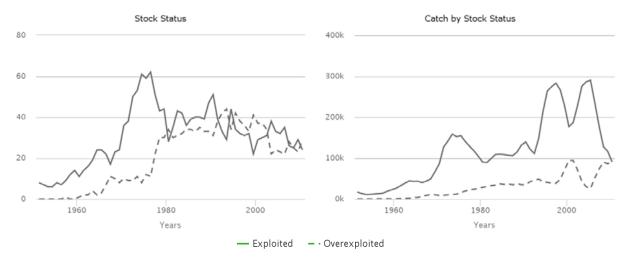
#### Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that nearly 60% of the commercially exploited stocks in the LME are either overexploited or have collapsed and these stocks now contribute 50% of the reported landings.



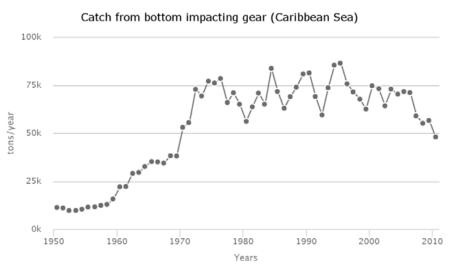






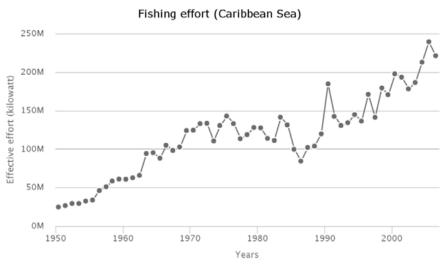
# Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch increased slightly from 11% in late 1950s to the peak at 25% in 1978. Then, this percentage fluctuated around 20% in the recent few decades.



# **Fishing effort**

The total effective effort continuously increased from around 40 million kW in the 1950s to its peak at 240 million kW in the mid-2000s.



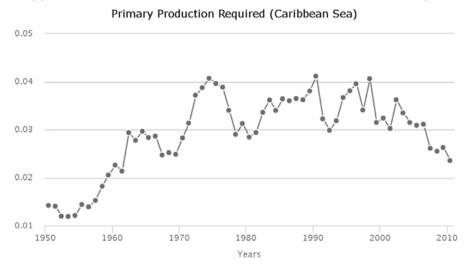






# **Primary Production Required**

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in the LME reached 3% of the observed primary production in 1994, and fluctuated between 2.5 to 3% in recent years.



# Pollution and Ecosystem Health

# Pollution

# **Nutrient ratio, Nitrogen load and Merged Indicator**

Human activities in watersheds are affecting nutrients transported by rivers into LMEs. Large amounts of nutrients (in particular nitrogen load) entering coastal waters of LMEs can result in high biomass algal blooms, leading to hypoxic or anoxic conditions, increased turbidity and changes in community composition, among other effects. In addition, changes in the ratio of nutrients entering LMEs can result in dominance by algal species that have deleterious effects (toxic, clog gills of shellfish, etc.) on ecosystems and humans. An overall nutrient indicator (Merged Nutrient Indicator) based on 2 sub-indicators: Nitrogen Load and Nutrient Ratio (ratio of dissolved Silica to Nitrogen or Phosphorus - the Index of Coastal Eutrophication Potential or ICEP) was calculated.

## Nitrogen load

The Nitrogen Load risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was moderate (level 3 of the five risk categories, where 1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Based on a "current trends" scenario (Global Orchestration), this increased to high in 2030 and remained high in 2050.

#### **Nutrient ratio**

The Nutrient Ratio (ICEP) risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was very low (1). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and 2050.

## Merged nutrient indicator

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2000					2030			2050			
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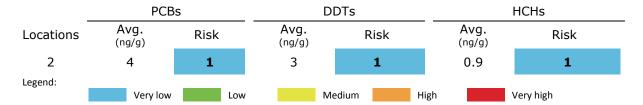






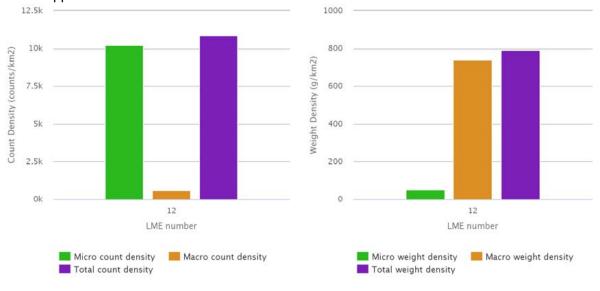
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# **Ecosystem Health**

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#### Reefs at risk

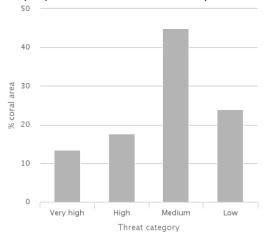
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29% of coral cover in this LME is predicted to be under very high to critical level of threat from warming and acidification; this proportion increases to 40% by 2050.



# **Marine Protected Area change**

The Caribbean Sea LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 6,463 km<sup>2</sup> prior to 1983 to 143,096 km<sup>2</sup> by 2014. This represents an increase of 2,114%, within the medium category of MPA change.

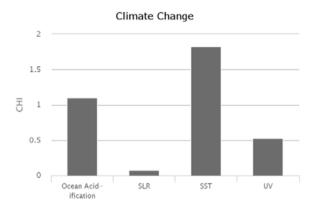
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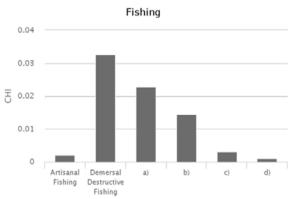
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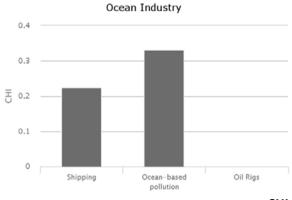


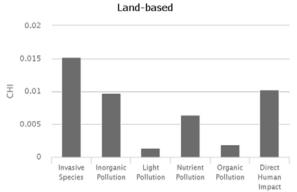






- a) Demersal Non-destructive High Bycatch Fishing
- c) Pelagic High Bycatch Fishing
- b) Demersal Non-destructive Low Bycatch Fishing
- d) Pelagic Low Bycatch Fishing





Very low Low Medium High Very high



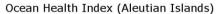


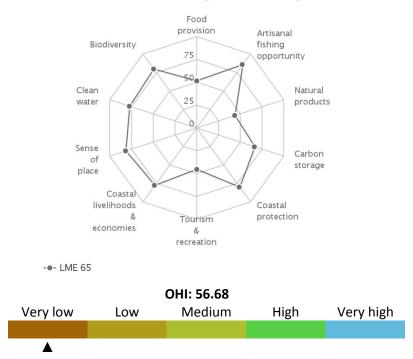




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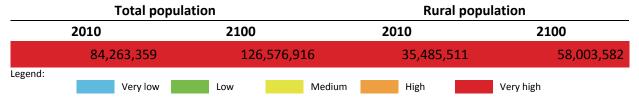


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#### **Population**

The littoral area includes the eastern coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, the Atlantic coast of Central America, Colombia and Venezuela, and 24 Caribbean island states covering a total of 794,777 km<sup>2</sup>. A current population of 84 million is projected to reach to 127 million in 2100, and density increasing from 106 persons per km<sup>2</sup> in 2010 to 159 per km<sup>2</sup> by 2100. About 42% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 46% in 2100.









# **Coastal poor**

The indigent population makes up 32% of the LME's coastal dwellers. The Caribbean Sea LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).



# **Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution**

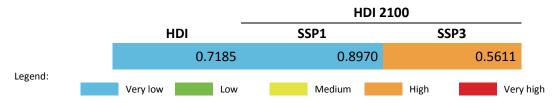
Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. The Caribbean Sea LME ranks in the high revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$810 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 9% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013 \$90,454 million places it in the very high revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 18% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies can range from 0.0000 (totally equal distribution and lowest risk) to 1.0000 (concentrated in 1 place and most inequitable and highest risk). The Night Light Development Index (NLDI) thus indicates the level of spatial economic development, and that for the Caribbean Sea LME falls in the category with medium risk.

Fisheries Annual Landed Value		% Fish Protein Contribution	Tourism Revenu	Annual es	Contrib	% Tourism Contribution to GDP		NLDI	
	810,509,42	8	8.7 90,454,3	384,76018	3.0	18.0		0.7499	
Legend:	•	Very low Lo	ow	Medium	High		Very high		

# **Human Development Index**

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day Caribbean Sea LME HDI belongs to the medium HDI and high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.718, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.282, the difference between present and highest possible HDI (1.000). The HDI Gap measures an overall vulnerability to external events such as disease or extreme climate related events, due to less than perfect health, education, and income levels, and is independent of the harshness of and exposure to specific external shocks.

HDI values are projected to the year 2100 in the contexts of shared socioeconomic development pathways (SSPs). The Caribbean Sea LME is projected to assume a place with the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway or scenario. Under a fragmented world scenario, this LME is estimated to place in the very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income level and increased population size compared to estimated income and population values in a sustainable development pathway.



#### **Climate-Related Threat Indices**

The Climate-Related Threat Indices utilize the HDI Gaps for present-day and projected 2100 scenarios. The contemporary climate index accounts for deaths and property losses due to storms, flooding and extreme temperatures incurred by coastal states during a 20-year period from 1994 to





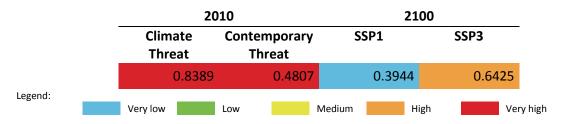


2013 as hazard measures, the 2010 coastal population as proxy for exposure, and the present day HDI Gap as vulnerability measure.

The Contemporary Threat Index incorporates a Dependence Factor based on the fish protein contribution to dietary animal protein, and on the mean contribution of LME tourism to the national GDPs of LME coastal states. The HDI Gap and the degree of dependence on LME ecosystem services define the vulnerability of a coastal population. It also includes the average of risk related to extreme climate events, and the risk based on the degrading system states of an LME (e.g. overexploited fisheries, pollution levels, decrease in coastal ecosystem areas).

The 2100 sea level rise threat indices, each computed for the sustainable world and fragmented world development pathways, use the maximum projected sea level rise at the highest level of warming of  $8.5~\text{W/m}^2$  in 2100 as hazard measure, development pathway-specific 2100 populations in the 10 m  $\times$  10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index to the Caribbean Sea LME is within the very high-risk (very high threat) category. The combined contemporaneous risk due to extreme climate events, degrading LME states and the level of vulnerability of the coastal population, is very high. In a sustainable development scenario, the risk index from sea level rise in 2100 is lowest, and increases to high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

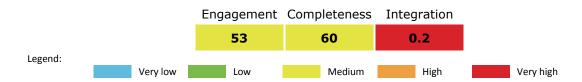


## Governance

## **Governance architecture**

Three arrangements for transboundary fisheries in this LME - CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC - are connected. OLDEPESCA is minimally connected within the LME. None of the fisheries arrangements are connected with ICCAT. The arrangements for pollution and biodiversity that fall under the Cartagena Convention are connected via the CEP, but do not appear well connected with fisheries or with the IAC. No integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organization for the LME, could be found. There may be interaction amongst the arrangements through participation in each other's meetings, but this appears to be informal.

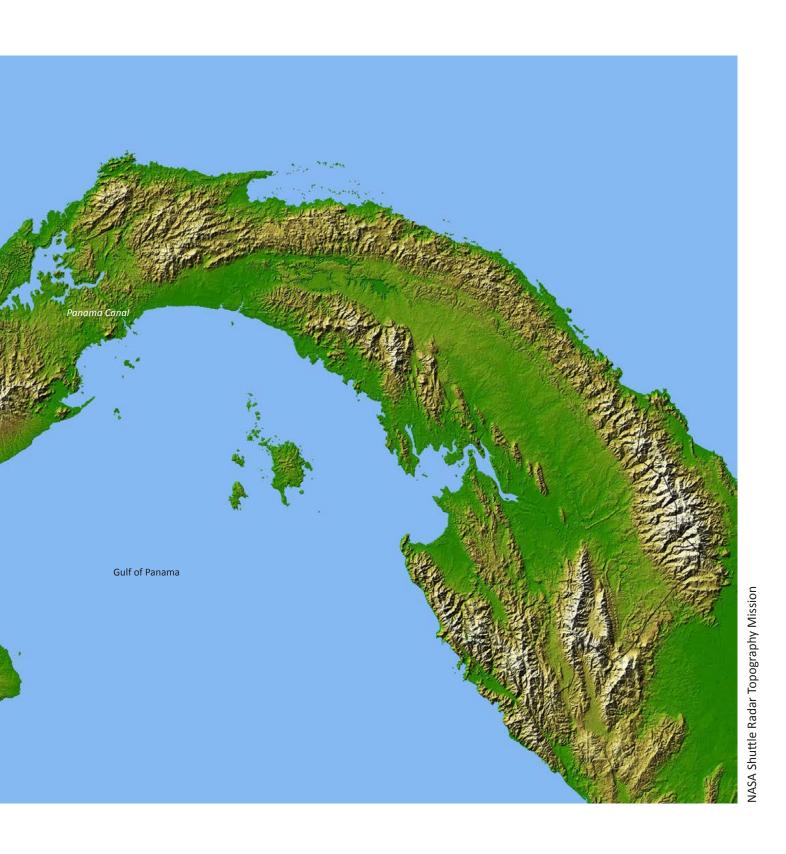
The overall scores for the ranking of risk were:





















The water systems of the world – aquifers, lakes, rivers, large marine ecosystems, and open ocean- sustain the biosphere and underpin the socioeconomic wellbeing of the world's population. Many of these systems are shared by two or more nations. These transboundary waters, stretching over 71% of the planet's surface, in addition to the subsurface aquifers, comprise humanity's water heritage.

Recognizing the value of transboundary water systems and the reality that many of them continue to be degraded and managed in fragmented ways, the Global Environment Facility Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme (GEF TWAP) was developed. The Programme aims to provide a baseline assessment to identify and evaluate changes in these water systems caused by human activities and natural processes, and the consequences these may have on dependent human populations. The institutional partnerships forged in this assessment are envisioned to seed future transboundary assessments as well.

The final results of the GEF TWAP are presented in the following six volumes:

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Volume 2 - Transboundary Lakes and Reservoirs: Status and Trends

Volume 3 – Transboundary River Basins: Status and Trends

Volume 4 – Large Marine Ecosystems: Status and Trends

Volume 5 – *The Open Ocean: Status and Trends* 

Volume 6 – Transboundary Water Systems: Crosscutting Status and Trends

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This annex – Transboundary waters: A Global Compendium, Water System Information Sheets: Central America & Caribbean, Volume 6-Annex B -- is one of 12 annexes to the Crosscutting Analysis discussed in Volume 6. The global compendium organized into 14 TWAP regions, compiles information sheets on 765 international water systems including the baseline values of quantitative indicators that were used to establish contemporary and relative risk levels at system and regional scales. Over the long term, it is envisioned that these baseline information sheets will continue to be updated by future assessments at multiple spatial and temporal scales to better track the changing states of transboundary waters that are essential in sustaining human wellbeing and ecosystem health.

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