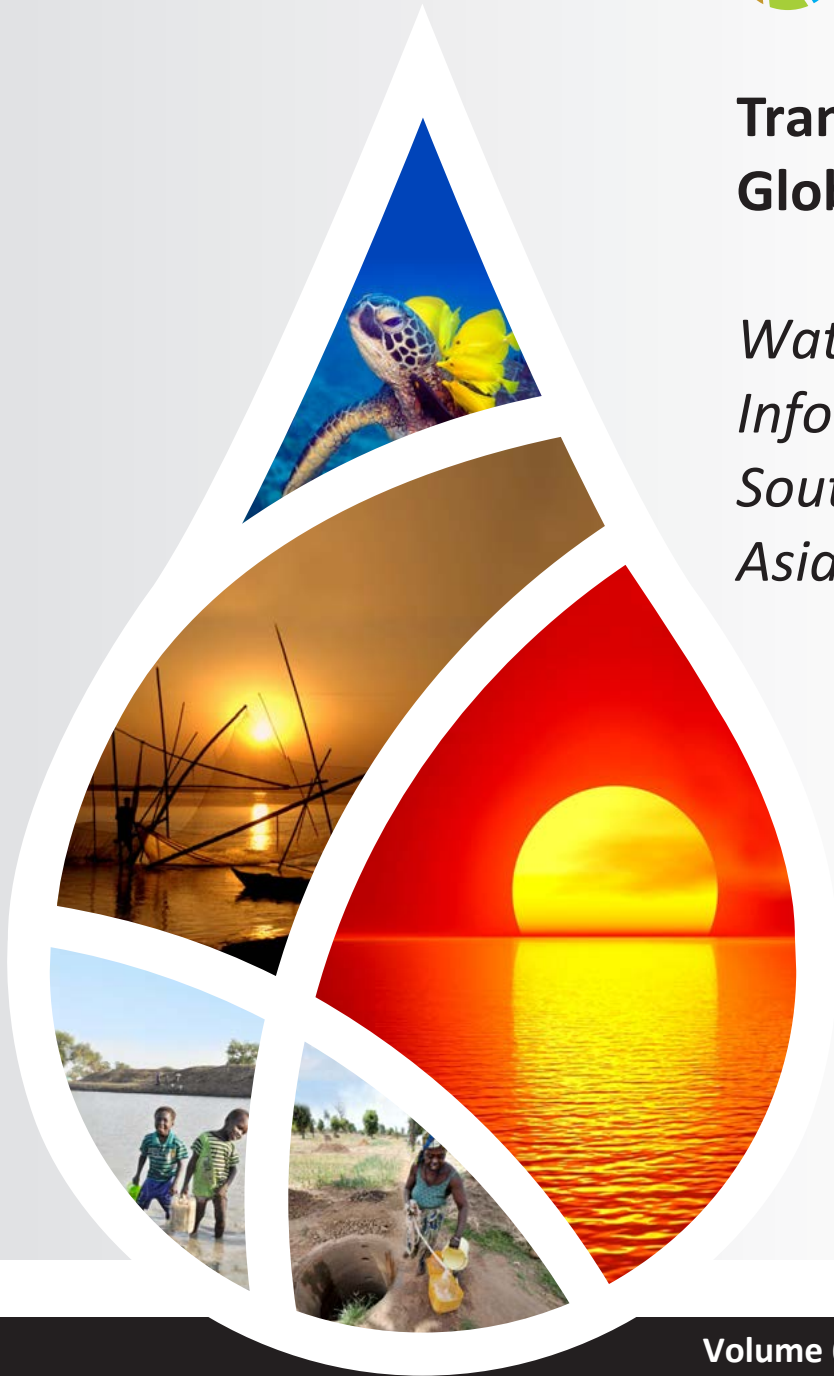


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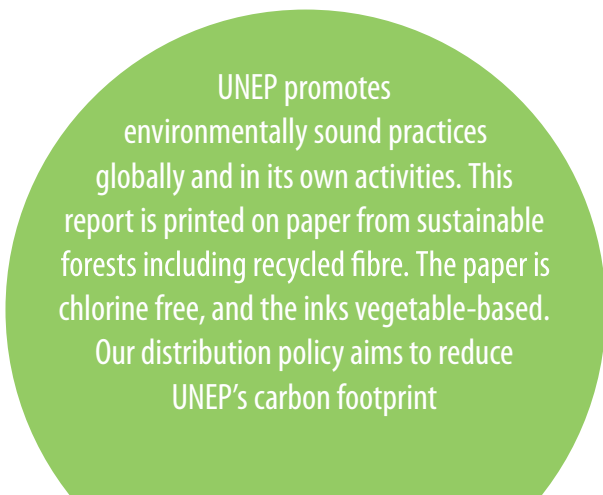
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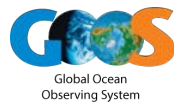
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The five water-category specific assessments cover 199 transboundary aquifers and groundwater systems in 43 small island developing states, 204 transboundary lakes and reservoirs, 286 transboundary river basins; 66 large marine ecosystems; and the 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.

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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: <http://twapviewer.un-igrac.org>
- Transboundary Lakes/ Reservoirs: <http://ilec.lakes-sys.com/>
- Transboundary River Basins: <http://twap-rivers.org>
- Large Marine Ecosystems: <http://onesharedocean.org>
- 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.



Regional Risks by Theme

TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS: SOUTHERN ASIA

The region has an average Human Development Index of 0.618, belonging to the Medium HDI group with a total population of 1800 million in 2015.

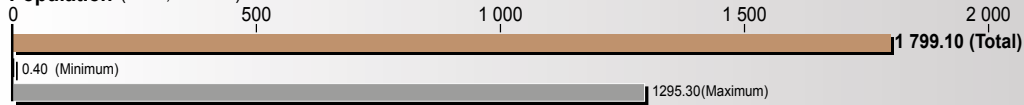
Contemporary risks of water systems by water category and theme expressed as percentages are shown at top right.

Pooling across 30 transboundary water systems in the region (bottom left), 38% of the water systems are at high socioeconomic risk, 60% are subject to moderate governance risk, and 43% are at high biophysical risk.

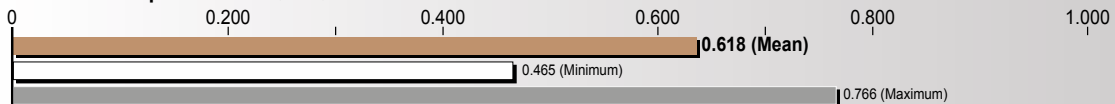
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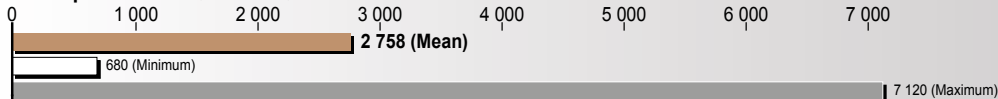
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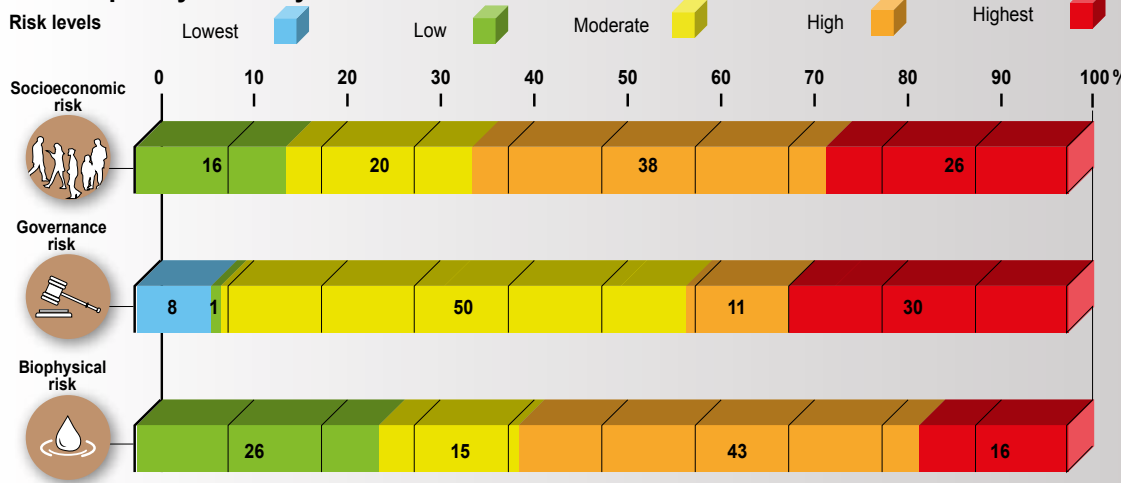
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Per Capita Income (2015, US\$)



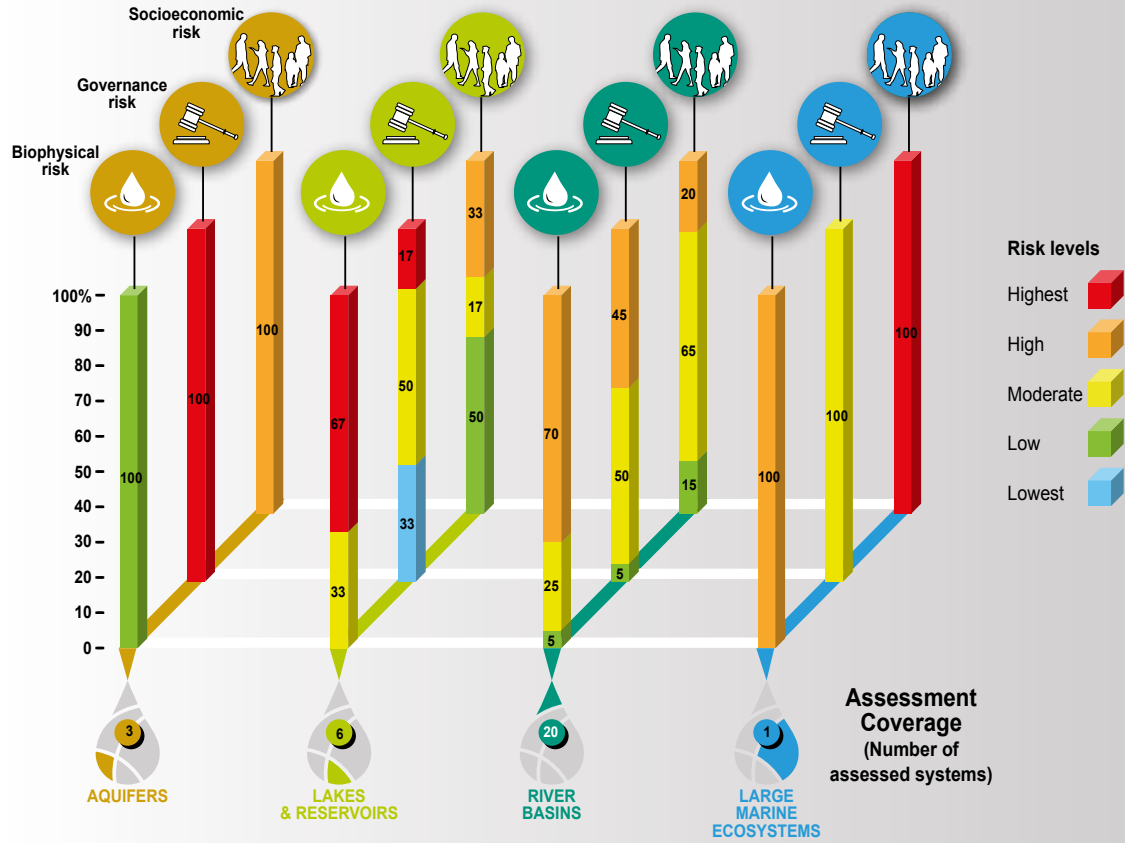
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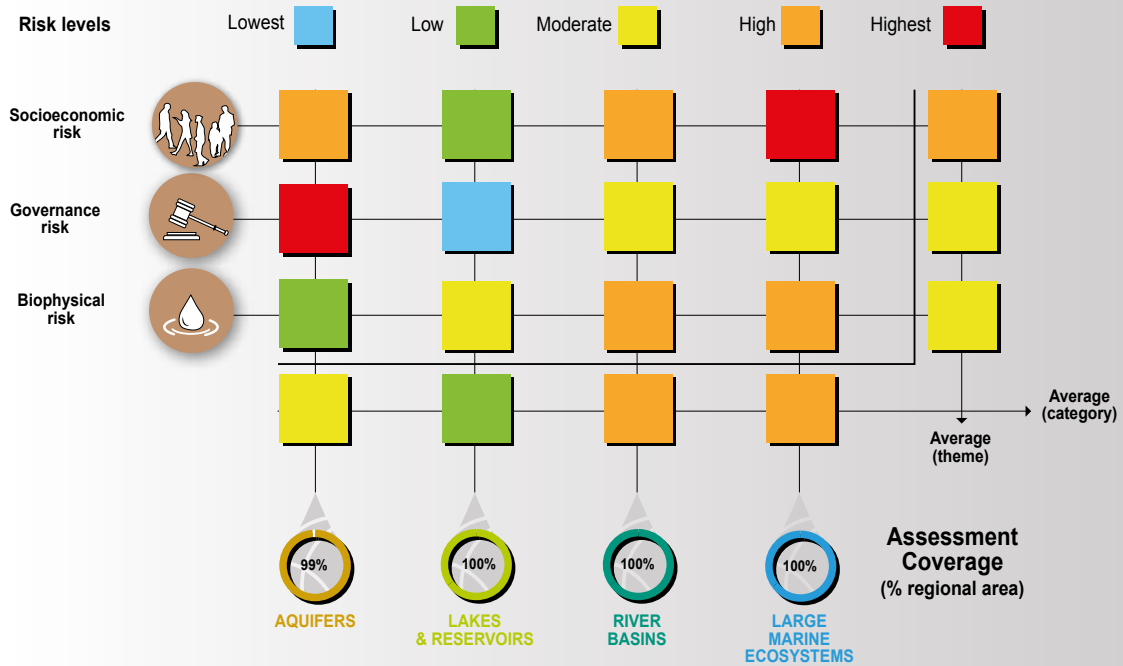


Regional Risks by Water Category

Contemporary Risks by Water Category



Average Risks





Transboundary Aquifers of Southern Asia

1. East Ganges River Plain Aquifer
2. Indus River Plain Aquifer
3. South of Outer Himalayas Aquifer

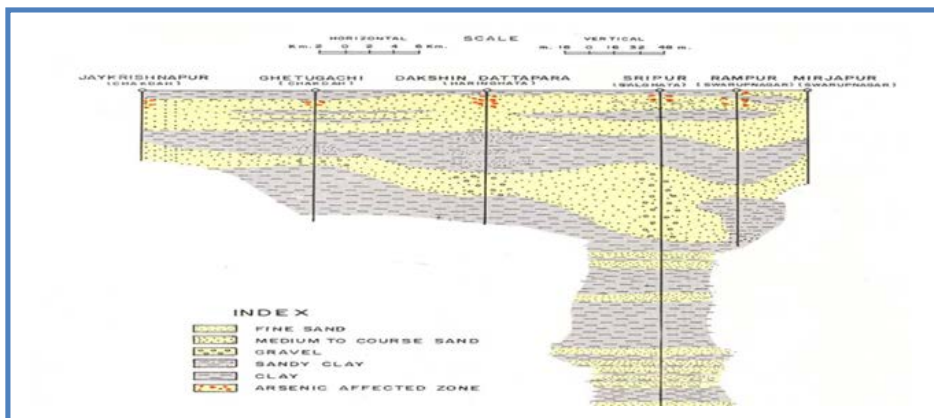
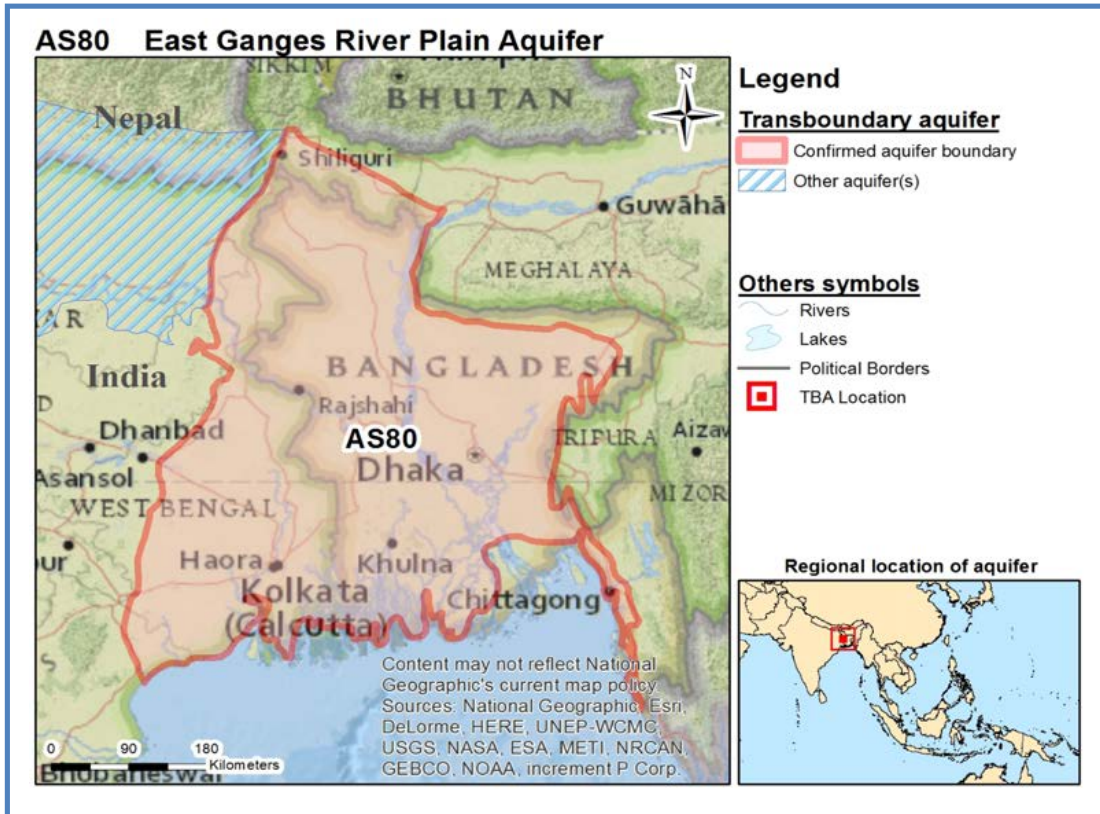
AS80 – East Ganges River Plain Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 180 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: Bangladesh, India
 Population: 230 000 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1900

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple 3-layered hydraulically connected system
 Degree of confinement: Mostly confined but some parts unconfined
 Main Lithology: Sediment – sand



Schematic cross-section Chakdah Swarupnagar Tract Nadia North 24- Parganas Districts, West Bengal (Ganga Basin)

Map and cross-section are only provided for illustrative purposes. Dimensions are only approximate

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/yr) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /yr/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/yr)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Bangladesh							1400		D	
India	<1	<1	70		2	B	1100			
TBA level							1300			

- (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

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /yr/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
Bangladesh	380	320	-18	-24	55	45	62	7
India	330	290	-16	-22	36	16	52	12
TBA level	360	310	-17	-23	46	31	58	11

	Groundwater depletion (mm/yr)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
Bangladesh	4	1200	25	37	48	8	18
India	5	1200	23	34	51	8	12
TBA level	4	1200	24	36	49	8	16

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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	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m ² /d)
Bangladesh	<5	<5	400	Aquifer mostly confined, but some parts unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits		1500
India	10	7	600	Aquifer mostly confined, but some parts unconfined				4500
TBA level								

* Including aquitards/aquicludes

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

Aquifer description

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a multiple 3-layered hydraulically connected system that is mostly confined but some parts unconfined. The average depth to the water table varies between <5 m (Bangladesh) and 10m (India). The average depth to the top of the aquifer varies from <5 m (Bangladesh) to 7 m (India) while the average thickness of the aquifer system is between 400 m (Bangladesh) and 600m (India).

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand that has a high primary porosity with a high horizontal and a low vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value varies between 1 500 m²/d and 4 500 m²/d. The total groundwater volume within the system in India is 4253 km³. The average amount of recharge into the system within India should be reviewed. There are extreme recharge events but no data is available for average extreme amounts. A significant portion of the recharge is not through natural causes but is through return flows from irrigated lands. The annual amount of groundwater depletion within India is 0.18 km³ (2000 – 2010) that is probably due to over-pumping.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of natural recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area and through recharge from river flood plains. The major discharge mechanism is through river base flow and through groundwater flow into another aquifer.

Environmental aspects

Within India around 30% of the aquifer area is naturally unsuitable for human consumption over a significant part of the aquifer. This is mainly due to elevated salinity and due to excessive amounts of arsenic. Within Bangladesh a significant amount of anthropogenic groundwater pollution over extensive areas has occurred but this has not been quantified. Within India about 15% of the aquifer area is polluted over a significant part of the aquifer. The main causes are through municipalities, industrial waste disposal, and mining activities. Around 8 % of the aquifer within India is characterised

AS80 – East Ganges River Plain Aquifer

by shallow groundwater, whereas around 10% of the aquifer area is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total amount of 39.20 Mm³ of water was abstracted from the system during 2010 within India. No data is available on the total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area.

Legal and Institutional aspects

Currently there is no Transboundary Agreement with scope within Bangladesh.

Priority Issues

Due to a decrease of Transboundary River flow through excessive pumping / withdrawal from the aquifer, a declining groundwater table has resulted. This has also led to arsenic contamination and salinity encroachment. This matter needs to be addressed.

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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.

Both TBA countries contributed to the information. Information was adequate to describe the aquifer in general terms. Some quantitative information was also available, but this was not enough to calculate most of the indicators.

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.

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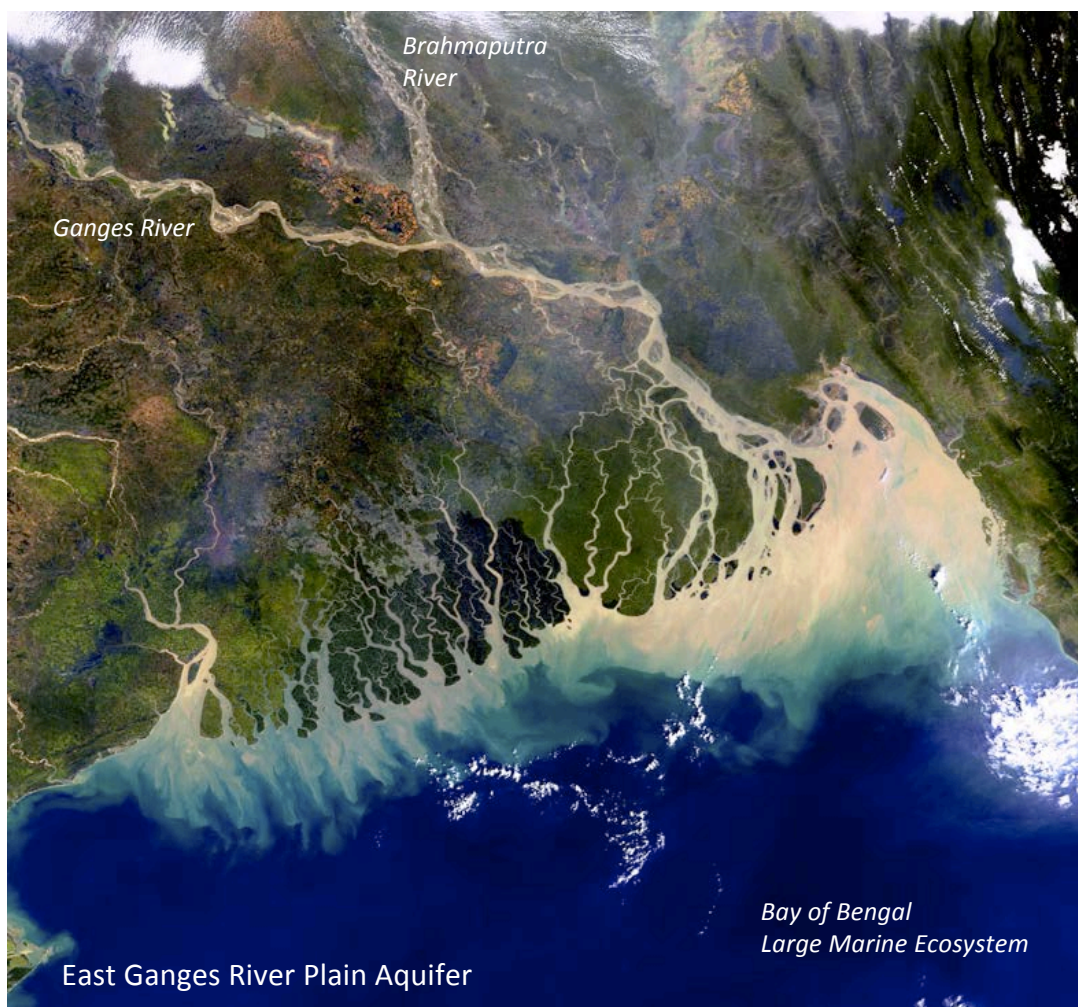
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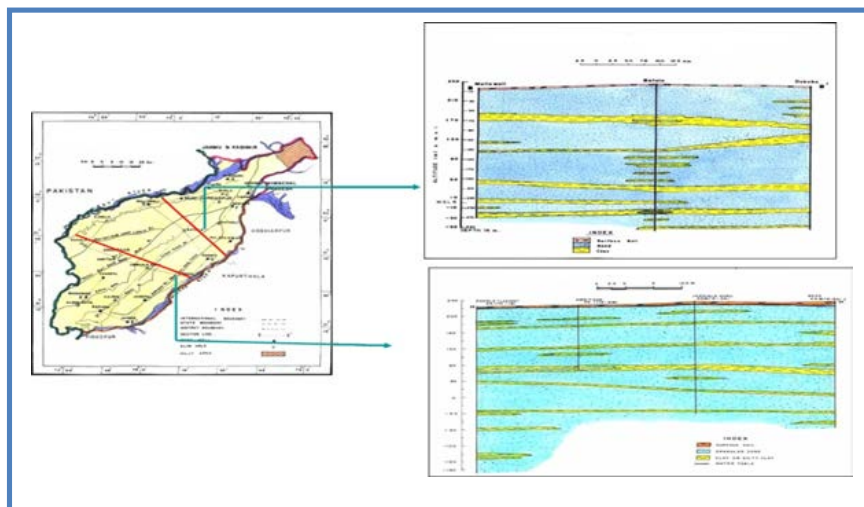
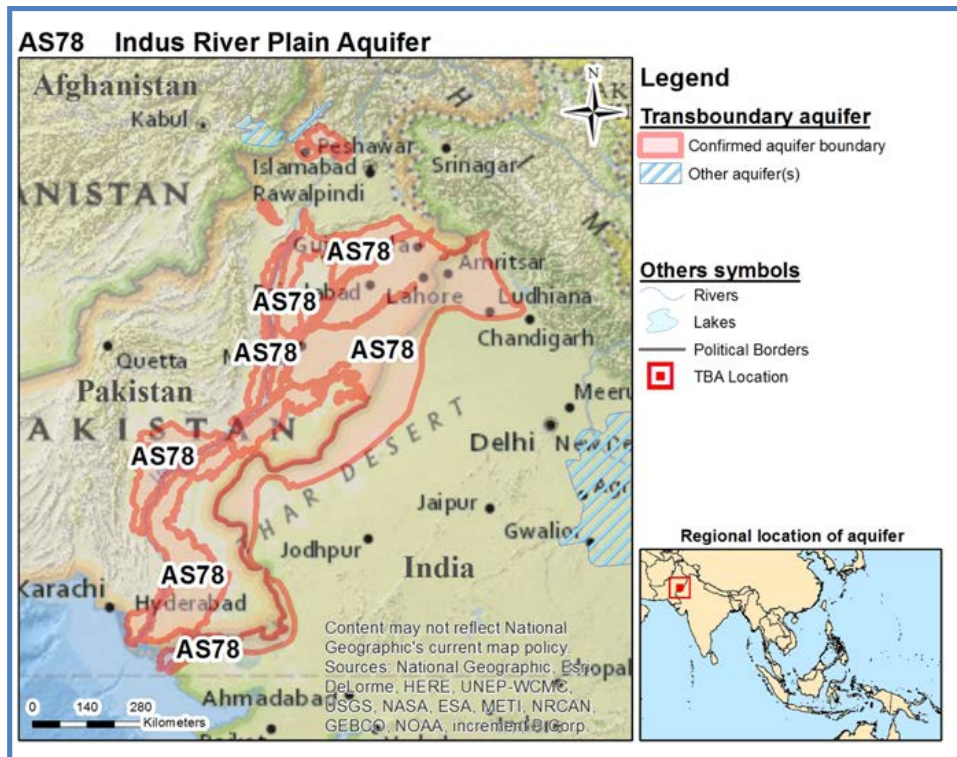
AS78 – Indus River Plain Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 260 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: India, Pakistan
 Population: 110 000 000
 Climate Zone: Arid
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 280

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layered hydraulically connected and single layer
 Degree of confinement: Mostly unconfined, but some parts are confined
 Main Lithology: Sediment - Sand



Sub-surface lithological cross sections showing the configuration of aquifer zones

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
India	<1	<1	90		100		250			
Pakistan	<1	1	20	65	120		520	>1000	D	C
Disputed land*							420			
TBA level							430			

(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.

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* To define country segments of the transboundary aquifers the country borders from FAO Global Administrative Unit Layers (2013) was used.

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
India	270	1000	-10	-20	35	71	32	66
Jammu and Kashmir	200	450	-16	-22	71	70	71	70
Pakistan	390	810	-27	-40	18	36	18	5
TBA level	350	860	-24	-36	20	44	19	21

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	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
India	28	260	27	4	35	10	18
Jammu and Kashmir	0	440	23	34	47	28	43
Pakistan	2	480	43	75	36	2	8
TBA level	10	410	40	69	36	4	10

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 (m ² /d)
India	20	60	95	Aquifer mostly unconfined, but some parts confined				2500
Jammu and Kashmir								
Pakistan	9		200	Aquifer mostly unconfined, but some parts confined	Sediment - Sand	Primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits	No secondary porosity	3000
TBA level								

* Including aquitards/aquicludes

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Aquifer description

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a Multiple 3-layered hydraulically connected system in India but it is single layered within Pakistan. The aquifer is mostly unconfined, but some parts are confined. The average depth to the water table varies between 9 m in Pakistan and 20 m in India. The average depth to the top of the aquifer within India is 60 m and the average thickness of the aquifer system varies between 95 m (India) and 200 m (Pakistan).

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand that has a high primary porosity with no secondary porosity. The formation is also characterised by a high horizontal connectivity. The average transmissivity value varies between 2 500m²/d and 3 000 m²/d (India, Pakistan). The total groundwater volume within the system is 1 622 km³. The average recharge into the system is 62.85 Mm³/yr and the

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aerial extent of the major recharge area is over 507 000 km². During the drought periods the average amount of recharge drops to 51.44 Mm³/yr (Pakistan). Within Pakistan only 25% of the recharge is from natural recharge processes. The long-term trend does indicate signs of groundwater depletion that is probably due to over-pumping and this amounts to 8.6 km³/yr (India) and 20.3 km³/yr (Pakistan).

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through runoff into aquifer area within India and through human induced recharge within Pakistan. The major discharge mechanism is through river base flow within India and through evapotranspiration within Pakistan.

Environmental aspects

Around 10 % of the natural groundwater within India and 82 % within Pakistan are unsuitable for human consumption. This is only within the superficial layers within India but it is over a significant part of the aquifer within Pakistan. This is mainly as a result of elevated amounts of natural salinity and that also includes high levels of fluoride and arsenic within Pakistan. Some anthropogenic pollution has been identified within India where it is only over the superficial layers but the data is not available to determine the percentage of the aquifer area that has been affected. Within Pakistan a significant amount of pollution over the superficial layers has occurred and it is estimated to be the case in excess of 80 % of the aquifer. Within India 13 % of the aquifer has shallow groundwater whereas this increases to 37 % within Pakistan. In both countries <5 % of the aquifer area is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total of 71 895 Mm³ of water was abstracted from the system during 2010. A total amount of 110 805 Mm³ of fresh water was abstracted over the aquifer area for the same year.

Legal and Institutional aspects

No Transboundary Agreement with Scope currently exists. Within Pakistan the national institution has a full mandate and capacity.

Priority Issues and Hotspots

The degradation in the water quality of a significant part of the aquifer due to pollution needs to be addressed. Other current problems include water logging & inland salinity, groundwater pollution (fluoride, nitrate, selective occurrence of arsenic), and over-exploitation. Groundwater mining is currently taking place in Bari Doab, due to desiccation of Ravi and Sutlej Rivers. The Indus River Commission is dealing only with surface water and groundwater should be included. A detailed study and groundwater investigation is required for the management and development of the transboundary aquifers. Due to heavy subsidies, groundwater levels are declining in Indian Punjab, resulting in possibility of transboundary groundwater flows. Currently the information is lacking, and knowing these possible flow directions is important for management of these transboundary resources.

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Considerations and recommendations

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Two TBA countries contributed to the information. Information was adequate to describe the aquifer in general terms. The quantitative information that was made available was sufficient to calculate most of the indicators.

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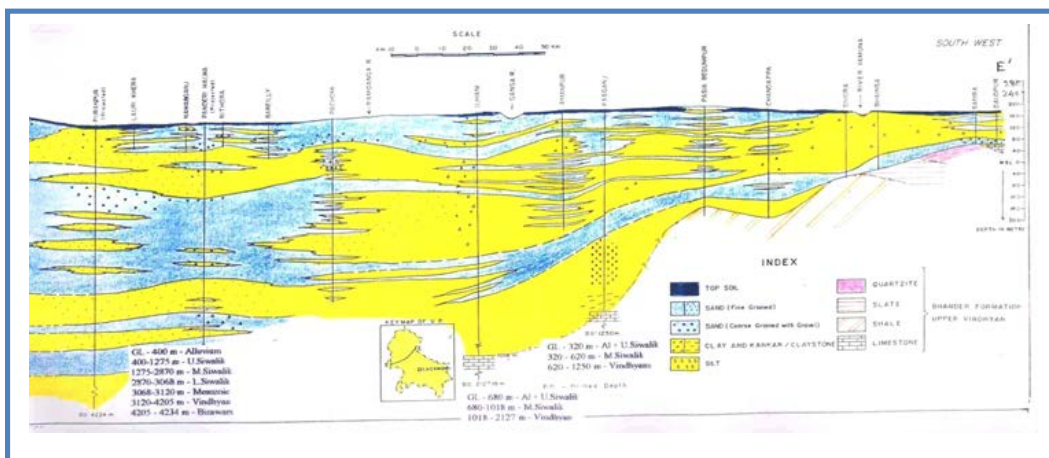
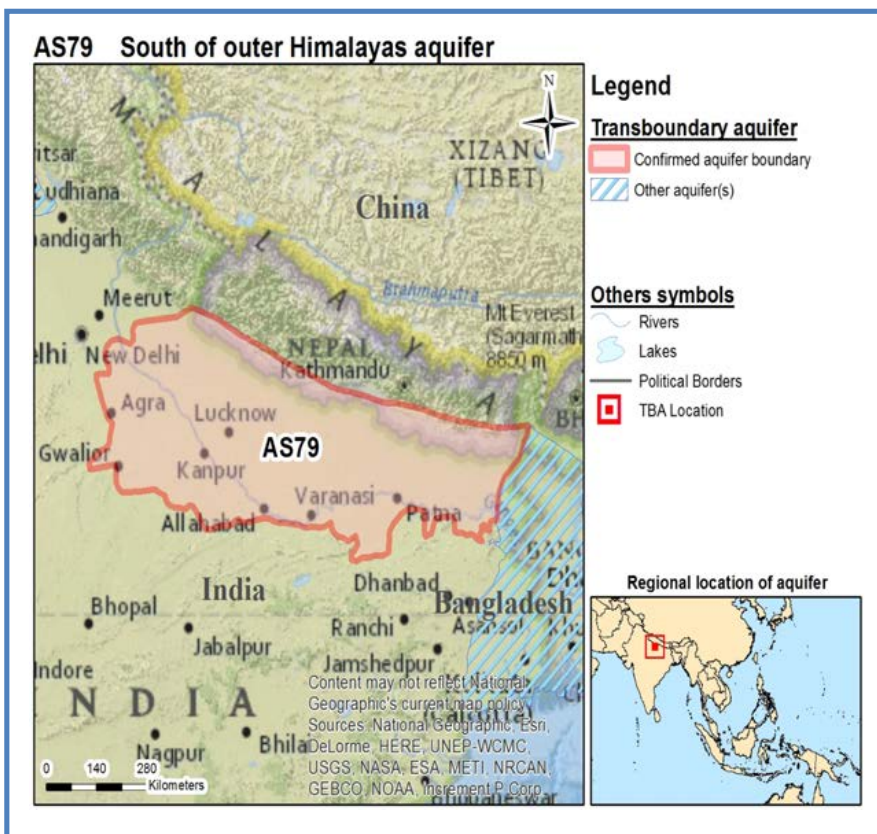
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Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 310 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: India, Nepal
 Population: 250 000 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1100

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple-layered hydraulically connected
 Degree of confinement: Mostly confined, but some parts unconfined
 Main Lithology: Sediment – sand



Sub-surface cross-section of AS79 (India Portion)

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
India	<1	<1	90	<5	3		860	<5		
Nepal							420			
TBA level							810			

- (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).
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		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)					Projection 2050 (% change to current state)
India	240	270	-17	-23	45	26	54	23
Nepal	230	500	-23	-33	34	33	34	23
TBA level	240	280	-17	-23	44	27	53	23

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density		Groundwater development stress			
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
India	13	890	23	34	82	14	21
Nepal	1	460	33	55	22	3	9
TBA level	11	840	24	36	75	12	19

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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	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m ² /d)
India	110	140	400	Aquifer mostly confined, but some parts unconfined	sediment – sand			1800
Nepal								
TBA level								

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Aquifer description

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a multiple-layered hydraulically connected system, containing 3 layers within India, that is mostly confined, but some parts are unconfined. The average depth to the water table is 110 m, and the average depth to the top of the aquifer is 140 m while the average thickness of the aquifer system is 400 m within India.

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand and data is not available for much of the aquifer hydraulics. The average transmissivity value within India 1800 m²/d. The total groundwater volume within the system in India is 3576 km³. The average recharge into the system within India is 66.4 Mm³/yr and the aerial extent of the major recharge area is 241 000km². The annual amount of groundwater depletion is 0.7 km³/yr that is probably due to over-pumping.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The major discharge mechanism is through river base flow within India.

Environmental aspects

Within India around 10 % of the aquifer area is unsuitable for human consumption within the superficial layers. This is mainly due to elevated amounts of natural salinity, Fluoride, and Nitrates. Within India a significant amount of anthropogenic groundwater pollution within the superficial layers has occurred and this amounts to 35 % of the aquifer within the country. The main causes are through municipalities, industrial waste disposal, and through agricultural practices. This produces elevated volumes of salinisation, and heavy metals. Around 17 % of the aquifer within India is characterised by shallow groundwater whereas 36 % is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total of 39.58 Mm³ of water was abstracted from the system during 2010 within India. The total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area within India for the same year 71.34 Mm³.

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Legal and Institutional aspects

Currently there is no Transboundary Agreement and nationally there is no regulating body or Act to regulate groundwater within Nepal. No further information was available with regard to the legal and institutional aspects.

Priority Issues and Hotspots

Over-exploitation of groundwater for agriculture, domestic and industrial uses in the long run is problematic. Furthermore, Arsenic contamination in the shallow aquifer of some selected districts is of concern. The international impact on groundwater abstraction/ degradation has in the past been neglected against a focus on national water resources planning. However, increased stresses on Regional water resources will require shared aquifer management as a component of long-term planning. Water logging & inland salinity, groundwater pollution (arsenic in some selected areas and natural source) and over-exploitation are causes for concern.

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1. Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari
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3. Lake Darbandikhan
4. Lake Mangla
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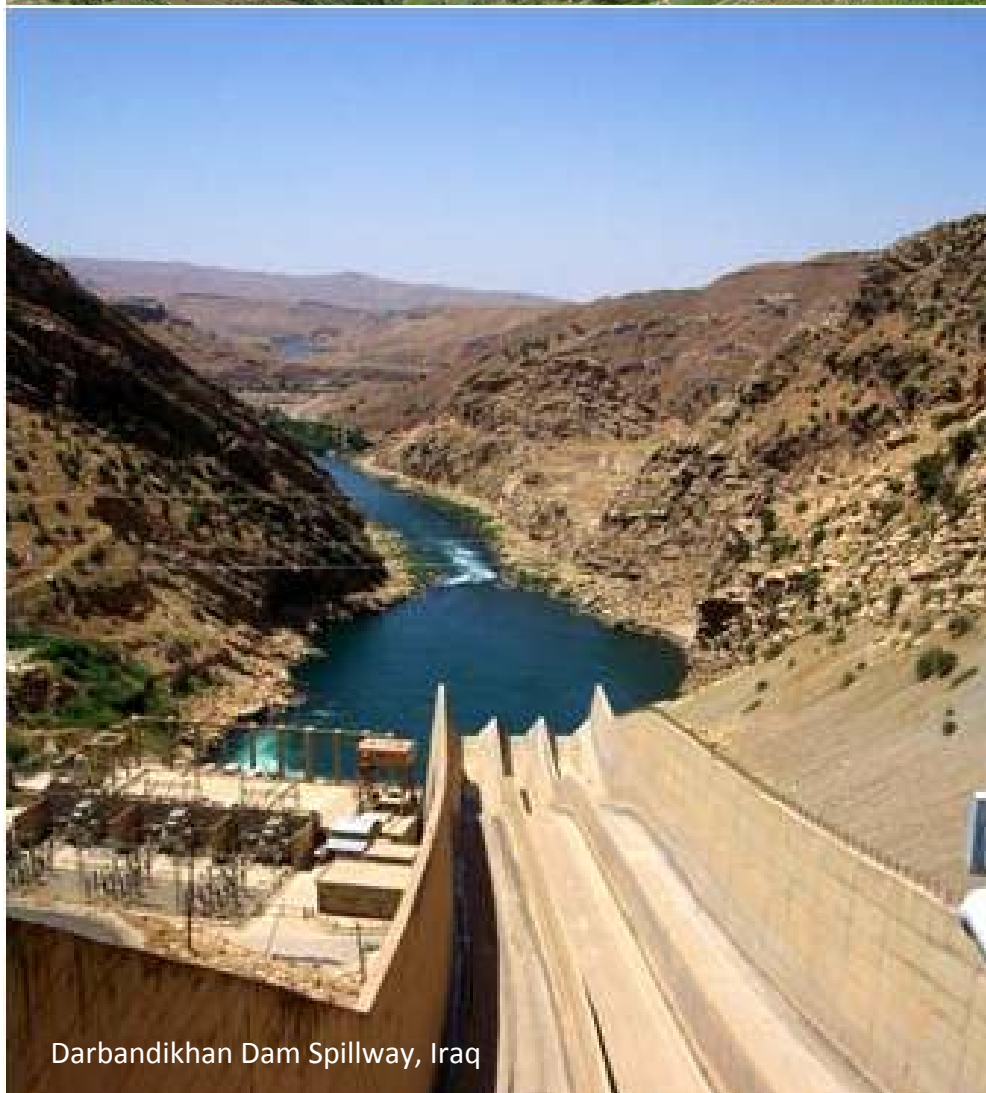


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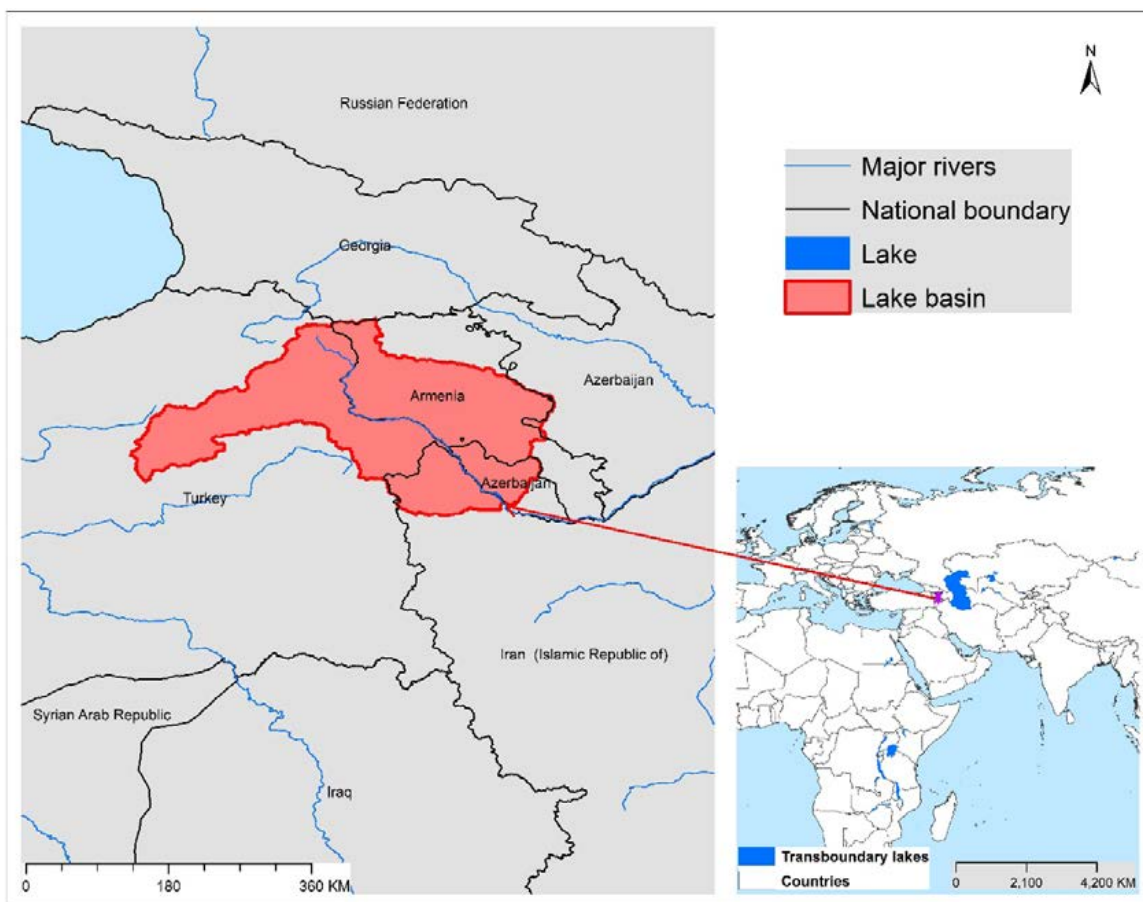
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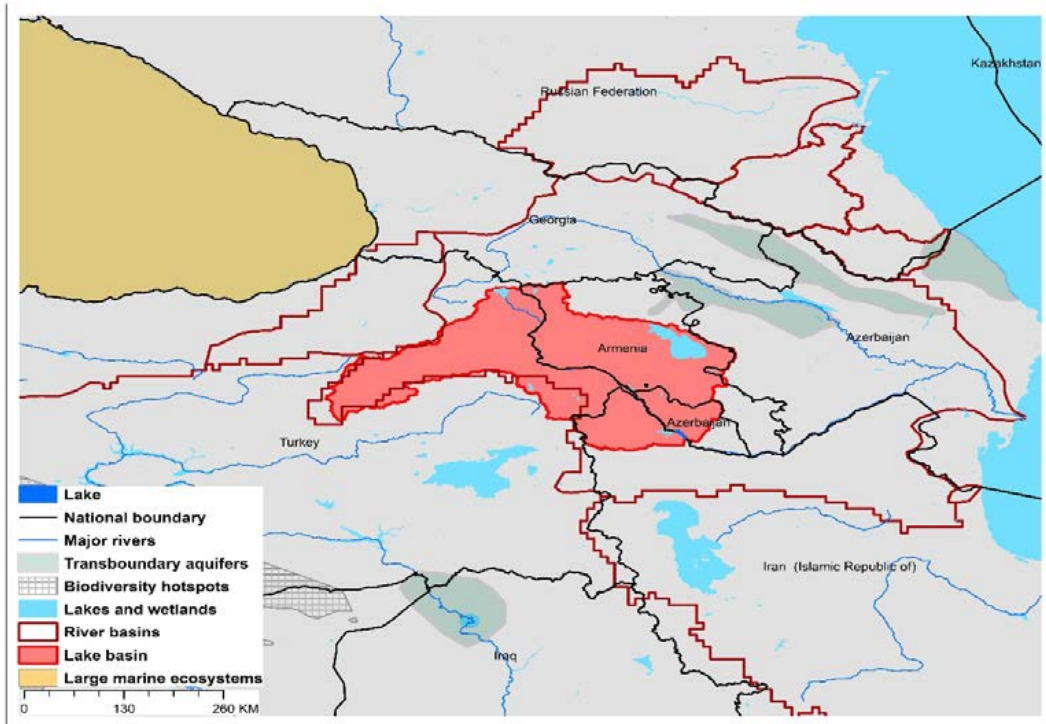
Geographic Information

Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari is a reservoir on the Aras River constructed for hydropower production, being shared by the Azerbaijan Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Since its opening, the reservoir also has provided irrigation water for more than 400,000 ha of arable land in the two countries. At its normal water elevation, the reservoir capacity is 1.35 km³. The reservoir has a long history of bilateral discussions between Iran and Azerbaijan regarding its operation and management. There is little information, however, regarding the need for GEF-catalyzed management interventions for any transboundary environmental issues.

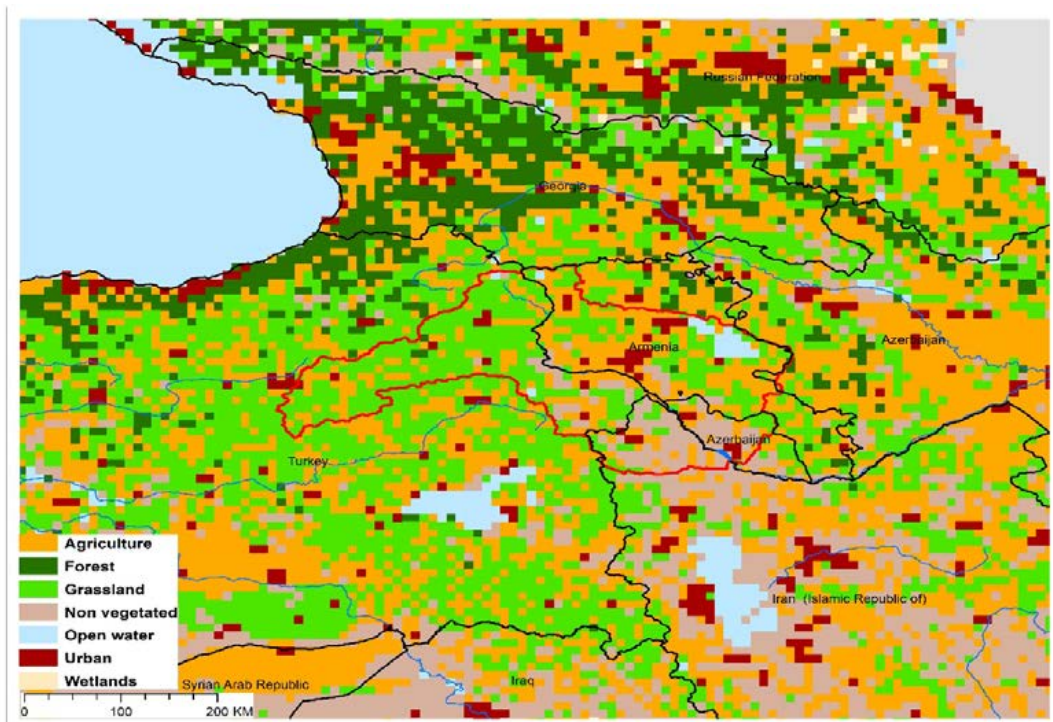


TWAP Regional Designation	Northern Africa & Western Asia; Southern Asia	Lake Basin Population (2010)	3,924,400
River Basin	Kura-Arkas	Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km⁻²)	52.3
Riparian Countries	Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran	Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr⁻¹)	460.6
Basin Area (km²)	49,434	Shoreline Length (km)	66.7
Lake Area (km²)	52.1	Human Development Index (HDI)	0.73
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.001	International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	Yes

Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari Basin Characteristics



(a) Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari basin land use

Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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. Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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
0.89	15	0.47	45	0.73	36

It is emphasized that the Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari indicates a moderately high threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes.

The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari, which is meant to describe its biodiversity sensitivity to basin-derived degradation, places the lake in a low 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari basin in a moderately low threat rank in regard to its health, educational and economic status.

Table 2. Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 figures; 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
15	35	45	59	33	50	26	94	34

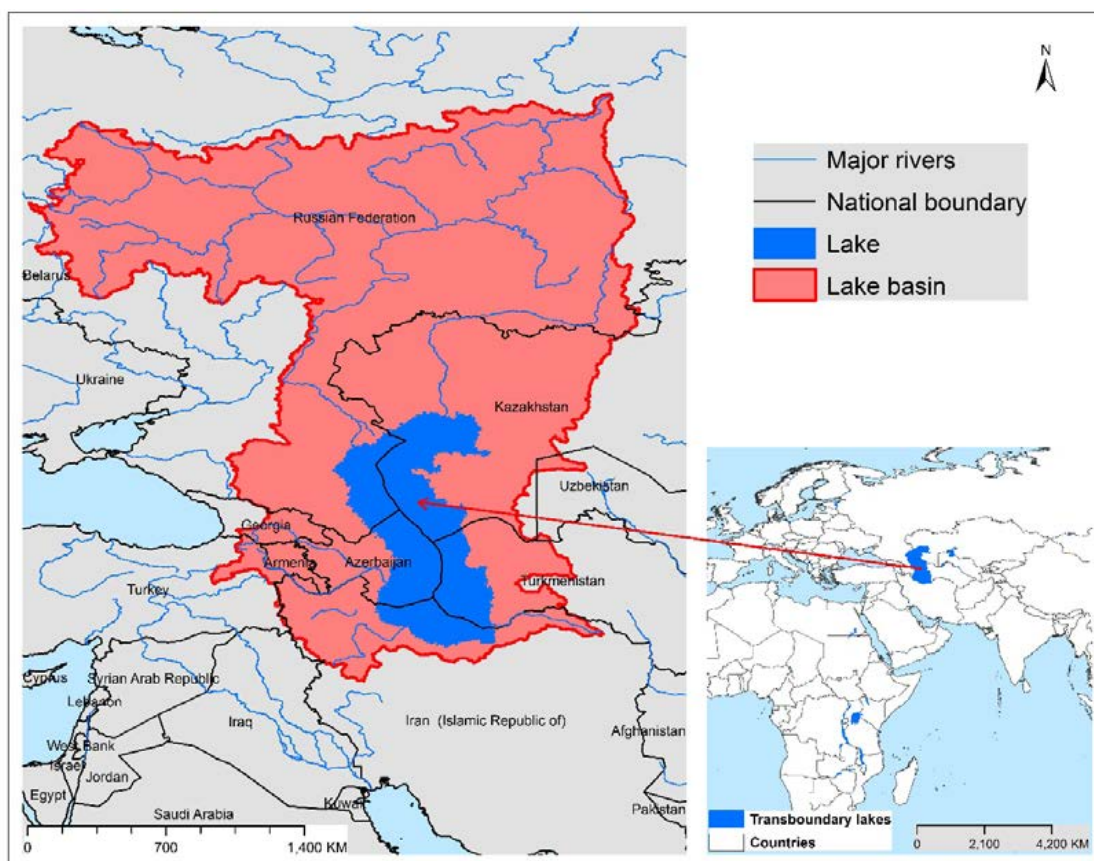
When multiple ranking criteria are considered together in the threat rank calculations, the Adj-HWS and HDI scores place Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari in the upper half of the threat ranks. The relative threat decreases when the Adj-HWS and RvBD threats are considered together. Considering all three ranking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

Interactions between the ranking parameters for Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari indicate differing sensitivity to basin-derived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari 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 Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari, 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.

Caspian Sea

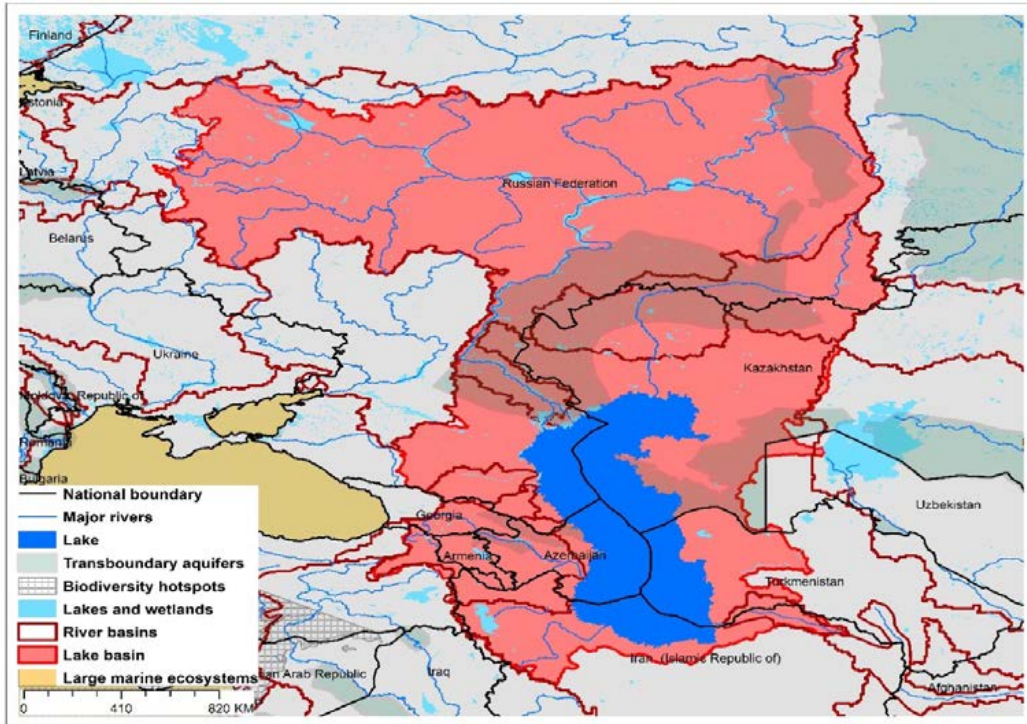
Geographic Information

The Caspian Sea, a terminal lake, is the world’s largest single enclosed inland waterbody. It also is the largest salt lake in the world, containing about one-third of its inland surface waters, with a mean salinity about one-third of Earth’s oceans. The Volga River contributes about 80% of its inflow. The lake has exhibited dramatic water level changes over the centuries synchronized largely with Volga River inflows, and more recently to climate change. The Volga River is thought to be the principal source of transboundary contaminants to the lake. The lake contains a heavily-exploited sturgeon population (caviar source), to the point banning sturgeon fishing has been advocated until the population recovers, although the high caviar prices constrain this goal. Another major environmental concern is oil and natural gas production activities along the lake edges. The lake has already received GEF funding, and consideration of further GEF-catalyzed management interventions requires a review of its GEF status.

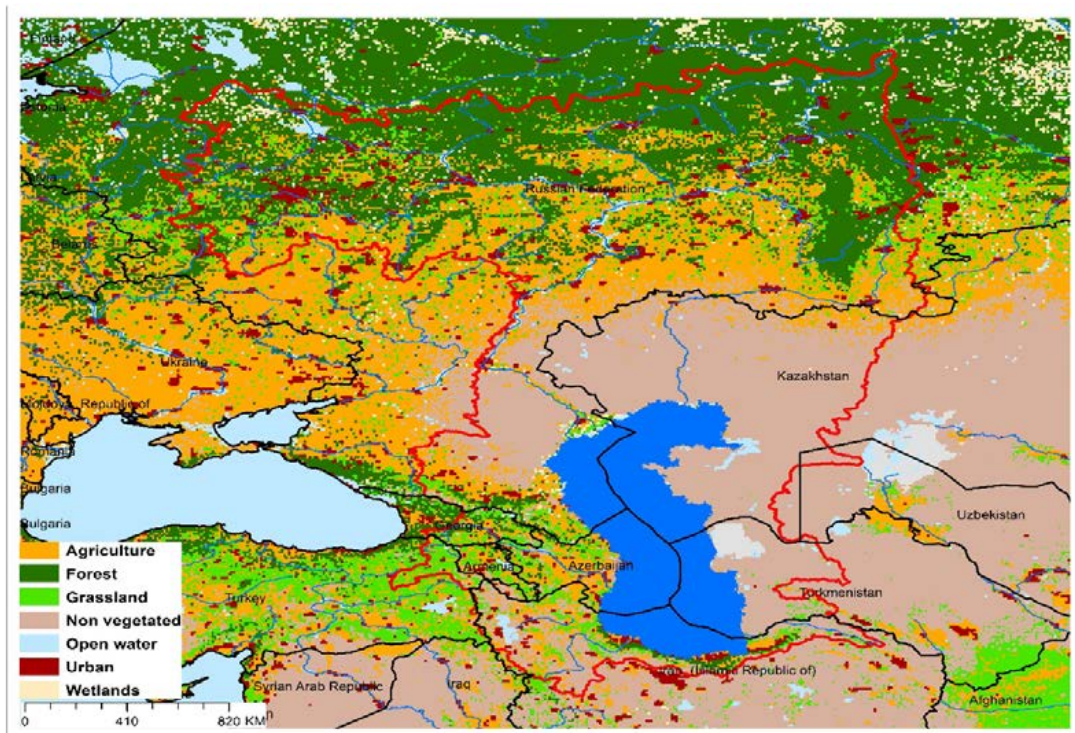


TWAP Regional Designation	Northern Africa & Western Asia; Eastern & Central Asia; Southern Asia; Eastern Europe	Lake Basin Population (2010)	105,000,000
River Basin	Caspian (endorheic)	Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km⁻²)	20.1
Riparian Countries	Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia	Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr⁻¹)	448.5
Basin Area (km²)	3,412,322	Shoreline Length (km)	9,042
Lake Area (km²)	377,543	Human Development Index (HDI)	0.77
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.117	International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	Yes

Caspian Sea Basin Characteristics



(a) Caspian Sea basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Caspian Sea basin land use

Caspian Sea 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 Caspian Sea 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 Caspian Sea 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 Caspian Sea 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. Caspian Sea 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
0.79	39	0.60	27	0.77	41

It is emphasized that the Caspian Sea 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 Caspian Sea indicates a moderately low threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes.

The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Caspian Sea, 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 Caspian Sea basin in a moderately low threat rank in regard to its health, educational and economic conditions.

Table 2. Caspian Sea 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
39	41	27	66	36	80	40	107	38

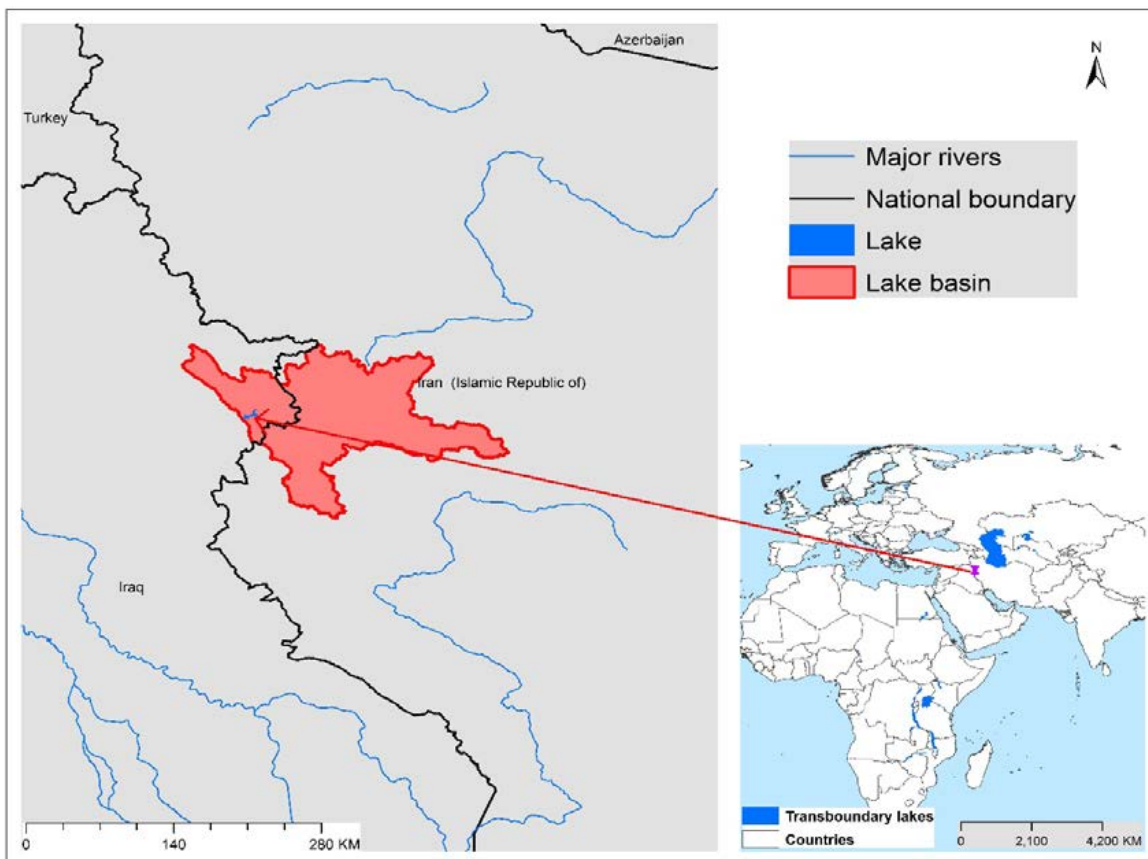
When multiple ranking criteria are considered together in the threat rank calculations, the Adj-HWS and HDI scores considered together place Caspian Sea in the lower quarter of the threat ranks. The relative threat is somewhat increased when the Adj-HWS and RvBD threats are considered together. Considering all three ranking criteria together, Caspian Sea exhibits an overall moderately low threat ranking.

Interactions between the ranking parameters for Caspian Sea indicate differing sensitivity to basin-derived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Caspian Sea 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 Caspian Sea basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Caspian Sea, 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.

Lake Darbandikhan

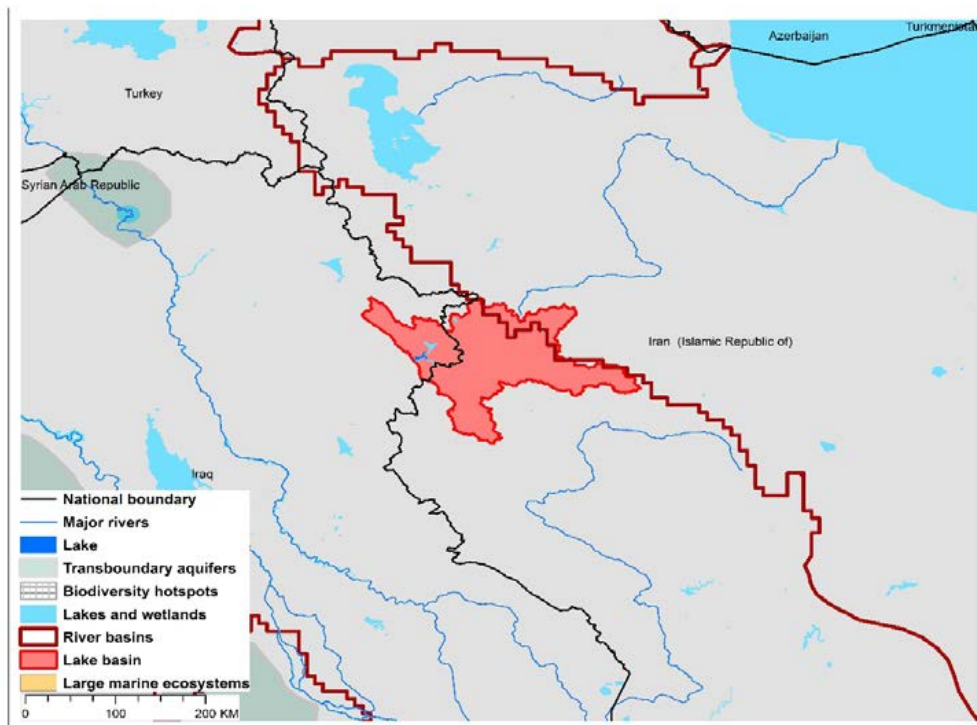
Geographic Information

Lake Darbandikhan is a reservoir constructed for irrigation, flood control, hydropower production and recreation. Its dam has undergone several repairs since its construction between 1956 - 1961, attributed to poor construction and neglect. Several slope failures have occurred since its construction. The dam spillway and power station suffered damage during the Iran-Iraq war, with the power station recently rehabilitated. The area as a whole supports significant bird life, as well as recreational use and a fishery. Nevertheless, the lake is reported to be facing water quality degradation resulting in occasional fish kills. It is not clear that the riparian countries have any direct interest in addressing these issues through an international intervention facilitated by the GEF. Any consideration of a GEF-catalyzed management intervention should be preceded by an assessment of the current scientific and political situation.

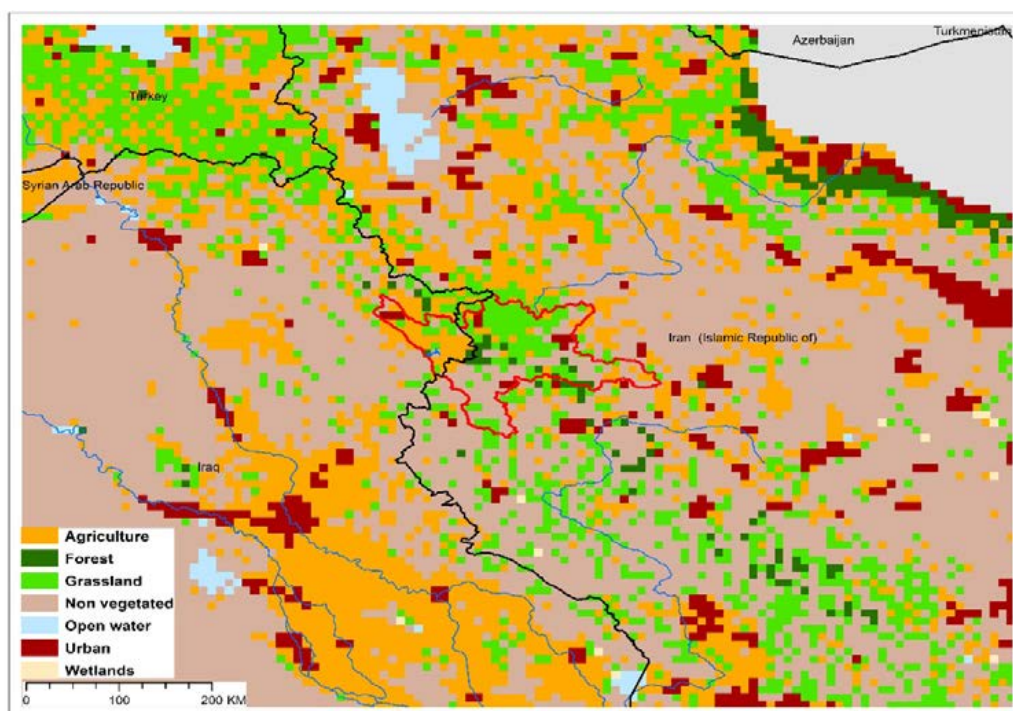


TWAP Regional Designation	Northern Africa & Western Asia; Southern Asia	Lake Basin Population (2010)	1,822,575
River Basin	Tigris/Euphrates	Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km⁻²)	76.6
Riparian Countries	Iran, Iraq	Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr⁻¹)	610.0
Basin Area (km²)	15,725	Shoreline Length (km)	94.0
Lake Area (km²)	114.3	Human Development Index (HDI)	0.68
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.002	International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	No

Lake Darbandikhan Basin Characteristics



(a) Lake Darbandikhan basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Lake Darbandikhan basin land use

Lake Darbandikhan 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 Danbandikhan 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 Danbandikhan 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 Danbandikhan 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 Darbandikhan 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
0.87	18	0.46	46	0.68	30

It is emphasized that the Lake Danbandikhan 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 Danbandikhan indicates a moderately high threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes.

The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Lake Danbandikhan, which is meant to describe its biodiversity sensitivity to basin-derived degradation, places the lake in a low 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

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

Table 2. Lake Darbandikhan 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
17	30	46	63	35	47	23	93	33

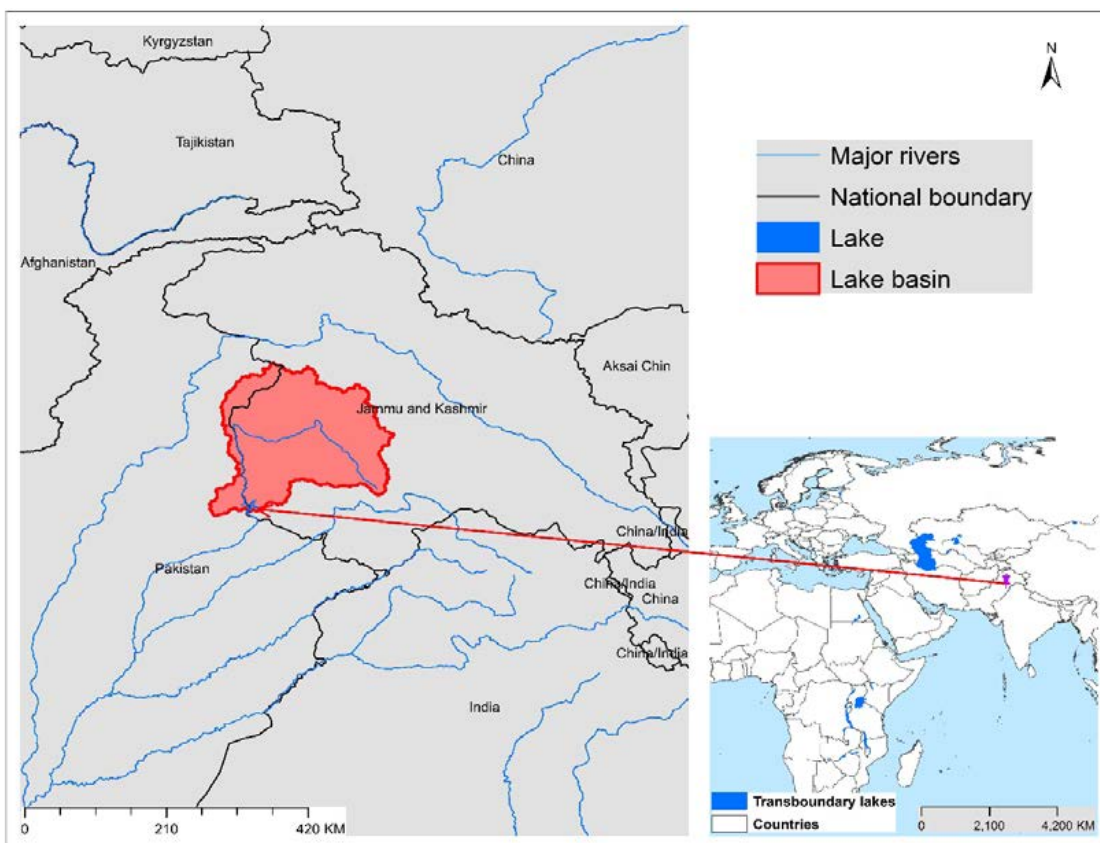
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Interactions between the ranking parameters for Lake Danbandikhan indicate differing sensitivity to basin-derived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Lake Danbandikhan must be considered on the basis of educated judgement 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 Danbandikhan basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Lake Danbandikhan, 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.

Lake Mangla

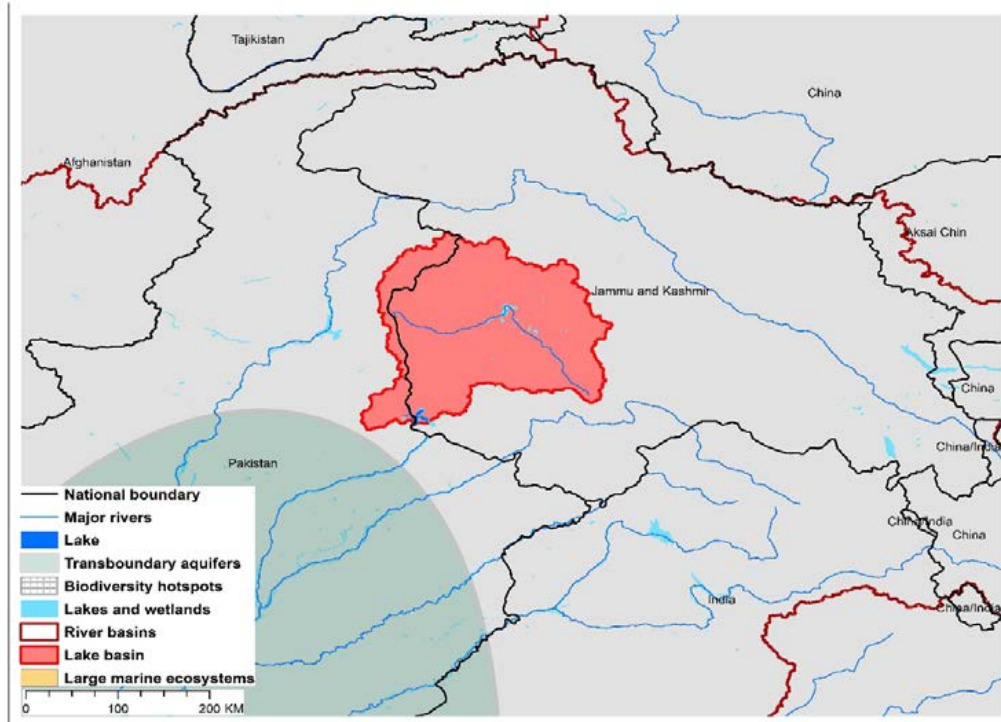
Geographic Information

Lake Mangla is a multipurpose reservoir constructed as a result of the Indus Waters Treaty between Pakistan and India. The entire Pakistani irrigation system was previously dependent on unregulated Indus River flows, characterized by low water availability during critical growing periods because of seasonal river flow variations attributed to a lack of storage reservoirs to store surplus water during the monsoon high river discharge periods. The Mangla Dam, the seventh largest in the world, was constructed in part to strengthen this irrigation situation. The Mangla Power Station is the second biggest in Pakistan, with approximately 280 villages being submerged, and more than 100,000 people displaced because of the dam construction. Although the operation and management of Lake Mangla has been the subject of many bilateral discussions between Pakistan and India, there is little information regarding the need for GEF-catalyzed management interventions for any transboundary environmental issues.

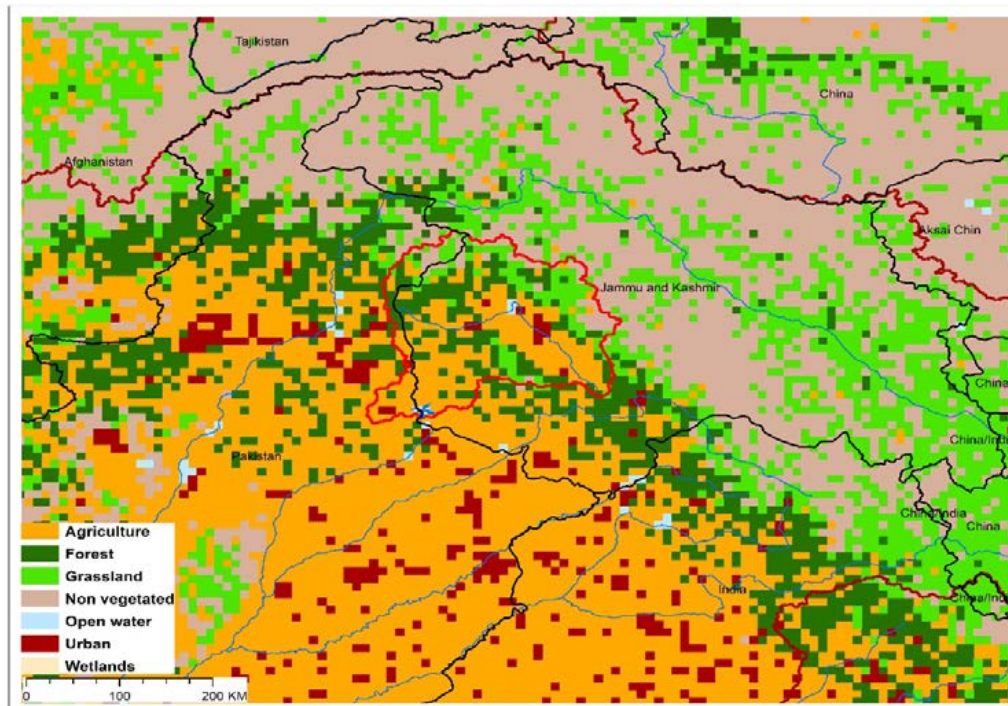


TWAP Regional Designation	Southern Asia	Lake Basin Population (2010)	9,832,974
River Basin	Indus	Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km⁻²)	210.2
Riparian Countries	India, Pakistan	Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr⁻¹)	804.3
Basin Area (km²)	85.4	Shoreline Length (km)	266.0
Lake Area (km²)	31,114	Human Development Index (HDI)	0.54
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.002	International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	Yes

Lake Mangla Basin Characteristics



(a) Lake Mangla basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Lake Mangla basin land use

Lake Mangla 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 Mangla 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 Mangla 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 Mangla 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 Mangla 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
0.84	16	0.38	52	0.54	25

It is emphasized that the Lake Mangla 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 Mangla indicates a moderately high threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes.

The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Lake Mangla, which is meant to describe its biodiversity sensitivity to basin-derived degradation, places the lake in a low 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

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

Table 2. Lake Mangla Threat Ranks, Based on Multiple Ranking Criteria
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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
18	25	53	71	39	43	22	96	36

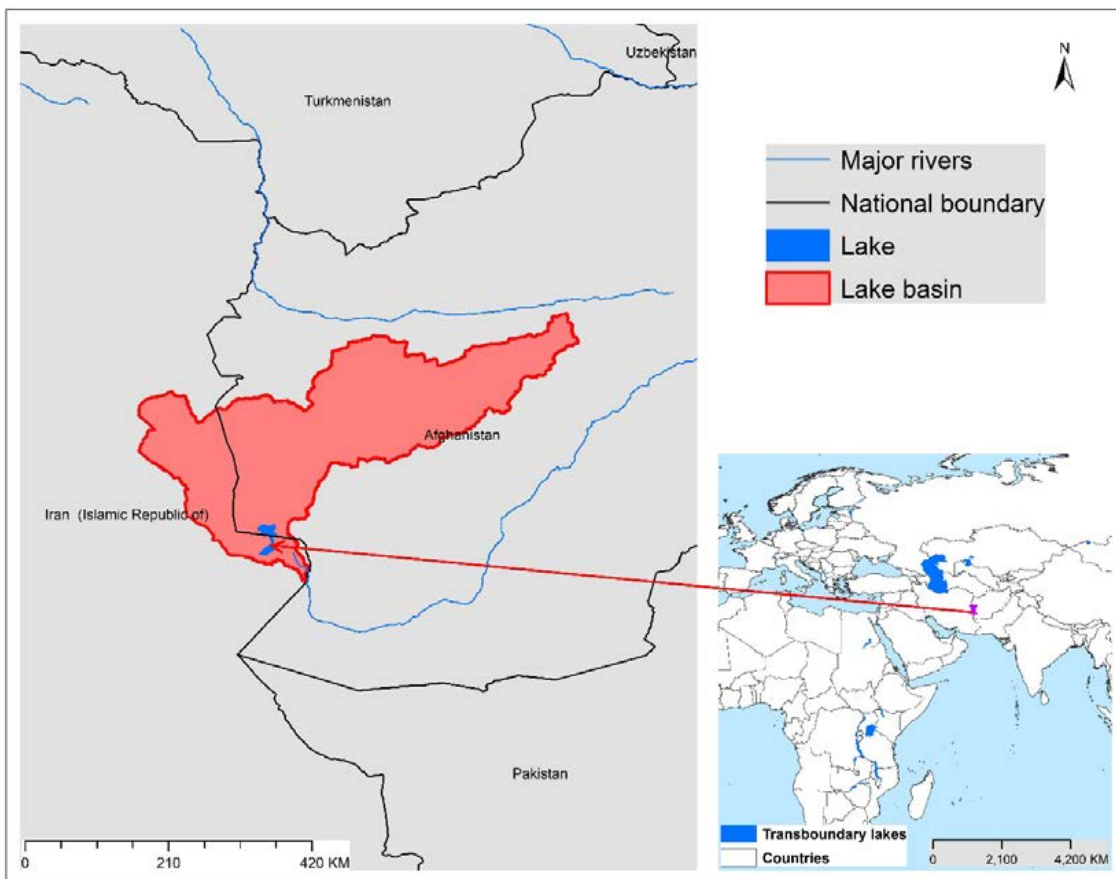
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Interactions between the ranking parameters for Lake Mangla indicate differing sensitivity to basin-derived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Lake Mangla must be considered on the basis of educated judgement and accurate 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 Mangla basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Lake Mangla, 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.

Lake Sistan

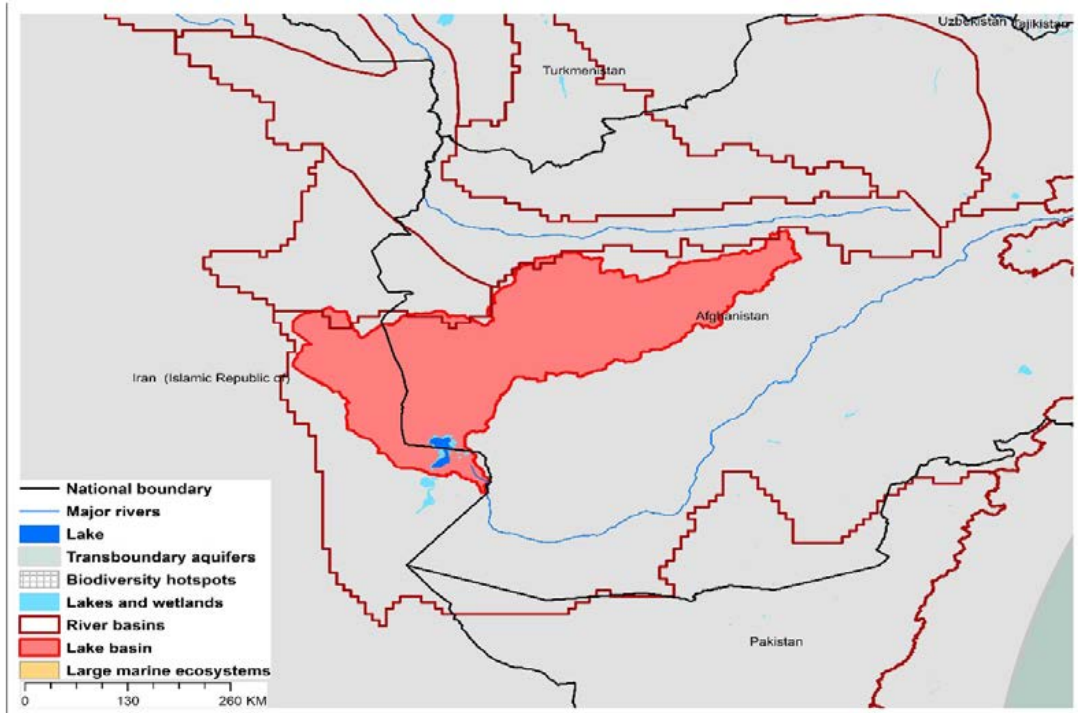
Geographic Information

Lake Sistan is a shallow, marshy lake, part of the extended wetlands of the endorheic Sistan basin occupying a larger border region between eastern Iran and Afghanistan the two countries. It was previously designated as a Ramsar Site. Although the lake is fed primarily from rivers draining into it from Afghanistan, which previously kept the lake level relatively constant, it essentially dried up in Iran in the early-2000s, impacting both wildlife and fisheries, as well as shoreline inhabitants. There have been subsequent efforts to ameliorate the situation with water policy changes, accompanied by subsequent increased rainfall in the region. The lake previously received GEF funding, and any future GEF-catalyzed management interventions should require a review of its GEF status.

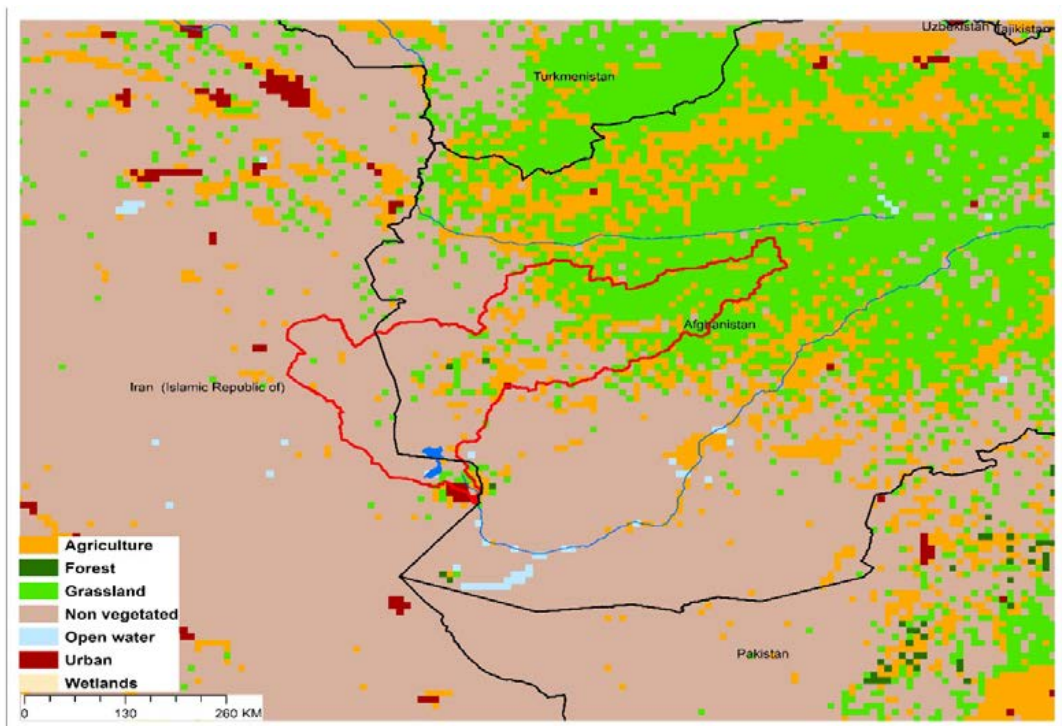


TWAP Regional Designation	Southern Asia	Lake Basin Population (2010)	908,284
River Basin	Helmand	Lake Basin Population Density (2010; # km⁻²)	8.6
Riparian Countries	Afghanistan, Iran	Average Basin Precipitation (mm yr⁻¹)	156.8
Basin Area (km²)	70,951	Shoreline Length (km)	302.6
Lake Area (km²)	488.2	Human Development Index (HDI)	0.46
Lake Area:Lake Basin Ratio	0.004	International Treaties/Agreements Identifying Lake	No

Lake Sistan Basin Characteristics



(a) Lake Sistan basin and associated transboundary water systems



(b) Lake Sistan basin land use

Lake Sistan Threat Ranking

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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 Sistan 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 Sistan 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 Sistan 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 Sistan 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
0.98	1	0.62	25	0.46	14

It is emphasized that the Lake Sistan 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 Sistan indicates the highest threat rank compared to other priority transboundary lakes.

The Reverse Biodiversity (RvBD) for Lake Sistan, 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

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

Table 2. Lake Sistan 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
1	20	25	26	6	21	8	46	14

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

Interactions between the ranking parameters for Lake Sistan indicate differing sensitivity to basin-derived stresses. Identifying potential management interventions needs for Lake Sistan 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 Sistan basin? Accurate answers to such questions for Lake Sistan, 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 15th 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 km²), sparse basin populations (< 5 persons km⁻¹), or that were frozen over for major portions of the year (annual air temperature <5 °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 km² 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°]) 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 15th 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.

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

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

(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				
Lake	Cont.	Surface Area (km ²)	Adj-HWS Threat Score	Rank	Lake	Cont.	Surface area (km ²)	RVBD Threat Score	Rank	Lake	Cont.	Surface area (km ²)	HDI Score	Rank
Sistan	Asia	488.2	0.98	1	Lake Congo River	Afr.	306.0	0.80	1	Lake Congo River	Afr	306.0	0.34	1
Ihema	Afr.	93.2	0.97	2	Sarygamysk	Asia	3777.7	0.75	2	Selingue	Afr	334.4	0.36	2
Azuei	S.Am	117.3	0.96	3	Chiuta	Afr.	143.3	0.74	3	Rweru/Moero	Afr	125.6	0.36	3
Rweru/Moero	Afr.	125.6	0.96	4	Mweru	Afr.	5021.5	0.72	4	Cohoha	Afr	64.8	0.38	4
Cohoha	Afr.	64.8	0.96	5	Aral Sea	Asia	23919.3	0.72	5	Kivu	Afr	2371.1	0.38	5
Edward	Afr.	2232.0	0.94	6	Tanganyika	Afr.	32685.5	0.71	6	Mweru	Afr	5021.5	0.38	6
Natron/Magadi	Afr.	560.4	0.93	7	Abbe/Abhe	Afr.	310.6	0.71	7	Abbe/Abhe	Afr	310.6	0.40	7
Abbe/Abhe	Afr.	310.6	0.93	8	Titicaca	S.Am	7480.0	0.71	8	Tanganyika	Afr	32685.5	0.40	8
Victoria	Afr.	66841.5	0.91	9	Chiwa	Afr.	1084.2	0.70	9	Turkana	Afr	7439.2	0.41	9
Albert	Afr.	5502.3	0.91	10	Salto Grande	S.Am	532.9	0.70	10	Chiuta	Afr	143.3	0.41	10
Kivu	Afr.	2371.1	0.91	11	Turkana	Afr.	7439.2	0.70	11	Chiwa	Afr	1084.2	0.41	11
Malawi/Nyasa	Afr.	29429.2	0.91	12	Cahora Bassa	Afr.	4347.4	0.69	12	Malawi/Nyasa	Afr	29429.2	0.42	12
Dead Sea	Eur	642.7	0.90	13	Chungarikota	S.Am	52.6	0.69	13	Edward	Afr	2232.0	0.43	13
Turkana	Afr.	7439.2	0.90	14	Malawi/Nyasa	Afr.	29429.2	0.68	14	Nasser/Aswan	Afr	5362.7	0.43	14
Aras Su														
Qovsaginin Su	Asia	52.1	0.89	15	Nasser/Aswan	Afr.	5362.7	0.68	15	Cahora Bassa	Afr	4347.4	0.43	15
Anbari														
Mangla	Asia	85.4	0.87	16	Selingue	Afr.	334.4	0.68	16	Chad	Afr	1294.6	0.43	16
Galilee	Eur	162.0	0.87	17	Kivu	Afr.	2371.1	0.67	17	Kariba	Afr	5358.6	0.43	17
Darbandikhan	Asia	114.3	0.87	18	Natron/Magadi	Afr.	560.4	0.67	18	Ihema	Afr	93.2	0.44	18
Selingue	Afr.	334.4	0.87	19	Lago de Yacuyeta	S.Am	1109.4	0.66	19	Sistan	Asia	488.2	0.46	19
Shardara/Kara-Kul	Asia	746.1	0.86	20	Kariba	Afr.	5258.6	0.66	20	Albert	Afr	5502.3	0.46	20
Nasser/Aswan	Afr.	5362.7	0.86	21	Edward	Afr.	2232.0	0.65	21	Azuei	S.Am,	117.3	0.46	21
Chiwa	Afr.	1084.2	0.86	22	Abv	Afr.	438.8	0.65	22	Victoria	Afr	66841.5	0.47	22
Josini/Pongola-poort Dam	Afr.	128.6	0.85	23	Chad	Afr.	1294.6	0.64	23	Natron/Magadi	Afr	560.4	0.51	23

Chad	Afr.	143.3	0.85	24	Albert	Afr.	5502.3	0.63	24	Abay	Afr.	438.8	0.52	24
Aral Sea	Asia	23919.3	0.84	26	Sistan	Asia	488.2	0.62	25	Mangla	Asia	85.4	0.54	25
Tanganika	Afr.	32685.5	0.84	27	Amistad	N.Am	131.3	0.61	26	Aral Sea	Afr.	23919.3	0.60	26
Abay	Afr.	438.8	0.83	28	Caspian Sea	Asia	377543.2	0.60	27	Josini/Pongola-poot Dam	Afr.	128.6	0.61	27
Cahul	Eur	89.0	0.82	29	Cohoha	Afr.	64.8	0.59	28	Shardara/Kara-kul	Asia	746.1	0.65	28
Chungarkkota	S.Am	52.6	0.82	30	Itaipu	S.Am	1154.1	0.58	29	Sarygamysh	Asia	3777.7	0.67	29
Titicaca	S.Am	7480.0	0.82	31	Rweru/Moero	Afr.	125.6	0.58	30	Darbandkhan	Asia	114.3	0.68	30
Sarygamysh	Asia	3777.7	0.82	32	Azuel	S.Am	117.3	0.57	31	Cahul	Eur	89.0	0.69	31
Mweru	Afr.	5021.5	0.81	33	Ihema	Afr.	93.2	0.56	32	Titicaca	S.Am	7480.0	0.71	32
Cahora Bassa	Afr.	4347.4	0.78	34	Victoria	Afr.	66841.5	0.56	33	Chungarkkota	S.Am	52.6	0.71	33
Itaipu	S.Am	1154.1	0.75	35	Scutari/Skadar	Eur	381.5	0.55	34	Dead Sea	Eur	642.7	0.72	34
Kariba	Afr.	5258.6	0.75	36	Shardara/Kara-kul	Asia	746.1	0.54	35	Lago de Yacyreta	S.Am	1109.4	0.73	35
Lago de Yacyreta	S.Am	1109.4	0.75	37	Huron	N.Am	60565.2	0.53	36	Aras Su	Asia	52.1	0.73	36
Lake Congo River	Afr.	306.0	0.75	38	Josini/Pongola-poot Dam	Afr.	128.6	0.52	37	Qovsaginin Su	Asia	52.1	0.73	36
Caspian Sea	Asia	377543.2	0.73	39	Champlain	N.Am	1098.9	0.51	38	Itaipu	S.Am	1154.1	0.73	37
Salto Grande	S.Am	532.9	0.67	40	Ohrid	Eur	354.3	0.51	39	Salto Grande	S.Am	532.9	0.74	38
Scutari/Skadar	Eur	381.5	0.62	41	Macro Prespa	Eur	263.0	0.51	40	Ohrid	Eur	354.3	0.74	39
Neusiedler/Ferto	Eur	141.9	0.58	42	Dead Sea	Eur	642.7	0.51	41	Macro Prespa	Eur	263.0	0.75	40
Szczecin Lagoon	Eur	822.4	0.53	43	Maggiore	Eur	211.4	0.49	42	Caspian Sea	Asia	377543.2	0.77	41
Erie	N.Am	26560.8	0.51	44	Szczecin Lagoon	Eur	822.4	0.49	43	Scutari/Skadar	Eur	381.5	0.78	42
Macro Prespa)	Eur	263.0	0.51	45	Ontario	N.Am	19062.2	0.47	44	Szczecin Lagoon	Eur	822.4	0.83	43
Falcon	N.Am	120.6	0.50	46	Aras Su	N.Am	19062.2	0.47	44	Falcon	N.Am	120.6	0.85	44
Amistad	N.Am	131.3	0.49	47	Qovsaginin Su	Asia	52.1	0.47	45	Amistad	N.Am	131.3	0.86	45
Ontario	N.Am	19062.2	0.48	48	Anbari	Asia	114.3	0.46	46	Galliee	Eur	162.0	0.88	46
Ohrid	Eur	354.3	0.47	49	Darbandkhan	Asia	114.3	0.46	46	Neusiedler/Ferto	Eur	141.9	0.88	47
Michigan	N.Am	58535.5	0.44	50	Galliee	Eur	162.0	0.45	47	Lake Maggiore	Eur	211.4	0.89	48
Huron	N.Am	60565.2	0.42	51	Michigan	N.Am	58535.5	0.44	48	Ontario	N.Am	19062.2	0.92	49
Maggiore	Eur	211.4	0.33	52	Erie	N.Am	26560.8	0.43	49	Huron	N.Am	60565.2	0.93	50
Champlain	N.Am	1098.9	0.29	53	Neusiedler/Ferto	Eur	141.9	0.39	50	Erie	N.Am	26560.8	0.93	51
					Cahul	Eur	89.0	0.39	51	Champlain	N.Am	1098.9	0.94	52
					Mangla	Asia	85.4	0.38	52	Michigan	N.Am	58535.5	0.94	53
					Falcon	N.Am	120.6	0.38	53					

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)

Cont.	Lake Name	Adj-HWS Threat	RvBD Threat	HDI	Adj-HWS Rank	HDI Rank	RvBD Rank	Sum Adj-HWS + RvBD	Relative Rank	Sum Adj-HWS + HDI	Relative Rank	Sum Adj-HWS + RvBD + HDI	Overall Rank
Afr	Abbe/Abhe	0.93	0.71	0.40	7	7	7	14	1	14	3	21	1
Afr	Turkana	0.90	0.70	0.41	13	10	9	22	2	23	10	32	2
Afr	Selingue	0.87	0.68	0.36	16	2	15	31	11	18	5	33	3
Afr	Malawi/Nyasa	0.91	0.68	0.42	9	12	14	23	3	21	9	35	4
Afr	Chiuta	0.85	0.74	0.41	23	9	3	26	5	32	15	35	4
Afr	Cohoha	0.96	0.59	0.38	3	4	28	31	2	7	1	35	4
Afr	Kivu	0.91	0.67	0.38	12	6	18	30	8	18	4	36	7
Afr	Rweru/Moero	0.96	0.58	0.36	4	3	30	34	16	7	2	37	8
Afr	Lake Congo River	0.75	0.78	0.34	35	1	1	36	18	36	19	37	8
Afr	Tanganyika	0.84	0.71	0.40	26	8	6	32	14	34	17	40	10
Afr	Edward	0.94	0.65	0.43	6	13	22	28	7	19	6	41	11
Afr	Chilwa	0.86	0.70	0.41	21	11	10	31	10	32	14	42	12
Afr	Mweru	0.81	0.72	0.38	33	5	4	37	21	38	20	42	12
Asia	Sistan	0.98	0.62	0.46	1	20	25	26	6	21	8	46	14
Afr	Natron/Magadi	0.93	0.67	0.51	8	23	17	25	4	31	13	48	15
Afr	Nasser/Aswan	0.86	0.68	0.43	20	16	16	36	19	36	18	52	16
Afr	Albert	0.91	0.63	0.46	10	19	24	34	15	29	12	53	17
Afr	Ihema	0.97	0.56	0.44	2	18	33	35	17	20	7	53	17
S.Am,	Azuai	0.96	0.57	0.46	5	21	31	36	20	26	11	57	19
Asia	Aral Sea	0.84	0.62	0.60	27	26	5	32	13	53	31	58	20
Asia	Sarygamysh	0.82	0.75	0.67	29	29	2	31	9	58	32	60	21
Afr	Cahora Bassa	0.78	0.69	0.43	34	15	13	47	25	49	25	62	22
Afr	Victoria	0.91	0.56	0.47	11	22	32	43	24	33	16	65	23
Afr	Chad	0.84	0.64	0.43	25	17	23	48	26	42	21	65	23
Afr	Kariba	0.75	0.66	0.43	36	14	19	55	30	50	28	69	25

S.Am	Titicaca	0.82	0.71	0.71	32	32	8	40	22	25	35	72	26
Afr	Aby	0.83	0.65	0.52	28	24	21	49	27	52	30	73	27
S.Am	Chungarikkota	0.82	0.69	0.71	31	33	12	43	23	64	34	76	28
Asia	Shardara/Karakul	0.86	0.54	0.65	22	28	35	57	31	50	27	85	29
Eur	Dead Sea	0.90	0.51	0.72	14	34	38	52	29	48	24	86	30
Afr	Josini/Pongola-poort Dam	0.85	0.52	0.61	24	27	37	61	34	51	29	88	31
S.Am	Salto Grande	0.67	0.70	0.74	40	38	11	51	28	78	39	89	32
Asia	Darbandikhan	0.87	0.46	0.68	17	30	46	63	35	47	23	93	33
S.Am	Lago de Yacyreta	0.75	0.66	0.73	38	36	20	58	32	74	38	94	34
Asia	Aras Su Qovsaginin Su Anbari	0.89	0.47	0.73	15	35	44	59	33	50	26	94	34
Asia	Mangla	0.87	0.38	0.54	18	25	53	71	39	43	22	96	36
S.Am	Itaipu	0.75	0.58	0.73	37	37	29	66	37	74	37	103	37
Asia	Caspian Sea	0.73	0.60	0.77	39	41	27	66	36	80	40	107	38
Eur	Galilee	0.87	0.45	0.88	19	46	47	66	38	65	36	112	39
Eur	Cahul	0.82	0.39	0.69	30	31	51	81	42	61	33	112	39
Eur	Scutari/Skadar	0.62	0.55	0.78	41	42	34	75	41	83	41	117	41
N.Am	Amistad	0.49	0.61	0.86	47	45	26	73	40	47	40	118	42
Eur	Macro Prespa (large Prespa)	0.51	0.51	0.75	44	40	40	84	43	84	42	124	43
Eur	Ohrid	0.47	0.51	0.74	49	39	39	88	46	88	44	127	44
Eur	Szczecin Lagoon	0.53	0.49	0.83	43	43	43	86	44	86	43	129	45
N.Am	Huron	0.42	0.53	0.93	51	50	36	87	45	101	51	137	46
Eur	Neusiedler/Ferto	0.58	0.39	0.88	42	47	50	92	47	89	45	139	47
N.Am	Ontario	0.48	0.47	0.92	48	49	45	93	48	97	49	142	48
Eur	Lake Maggiore	0.33	0.50	0.89	52	48	42	94	50	100	50	142	48
N.Am	Falcon	0.50	0.38	0.85	46	44	52	98	53	90	46	142	48
N.Am	Erie	0.51	0.43	0.93	45	51	49	94	51	96	48	145	51
N.Am	Champlain	0.29	0.51	0.94	53	52	41	94	49	105	53	146	52
N.Am	Michigan	0.44	0.44	0.94	50	53	48	98	52	103	52	151	53



Transboundary River Basins of Southern Asia

1. Aral Sea
2. Astara Chay
3. Atrak
4. BahuKalat/ Rudkhanehye
5. Dasht
6. Fenney
7. Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna
8. Hamun-i-Mashkel/ Rakshan
9. Hari/ Harirud
10. Helmand
11. Indus
12. Irrawaddy
13. Kaladan
14. Karnaphuli
15. Kowl E Namaksar
16. Kura-Araks
17. Muhuri (aka Little Feni)
18. Murgab
19. Tarim
20. Tigris-Euphrates/ Shatt al Arab

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GLOBAL
IGBP International
Geosphere-Biosphere
CHANGE Programme

Center for International Earth
Science Information Network
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CESR Center for
Environmental
Systems Research



Aral Sea Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	1,218,514
No. of countries in basin	9
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), China (CHN), Jammu and Kashmir (CHN/IND/PAK), Kazakhstan (KAZ), Kyrgyzstan (KGZ), Pakistan (PAK), Tajikistan (TJK), Turkmenistan (TKM), Uzbekistan (UZB)
Population in basin (people)	50,052,293
Country at mouth	Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	277

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	12
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	4

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems (No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	26
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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
ARAL_AFG		152.08			50.10	0.28
ARAL_CHN						
ARAL_CHN/IND/PAK						
ARAL_KAZ		58.48			35,953.32	1,052.79
ARAL_KGZ		183.11			559.17	23.26
ARAL_PAK						
ARAL_TJK		283.48			909.70	64.50
ARAL_TKM		34.42				

¹ For details on Treaties and Agreements please see <http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/>

² For details on River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and Commissions please visit <http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/>

ARAL_UZB		47.27			32,040.61	944.50
Total in Basin	126.09	103.48			69,512.90	2,085.34

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
ARAL_AFG	23,182.41	22,882.68	22.35	13.38	80	183.83	2,451.97	
ARAL_CHN								
ARAL_CHN/IND/PAK								
ARAL_KAZ	12,543.10	11,783.48	14.72	153.73	358	232.91	5,337.13	
ARAL_KGZ	4,189.63	3,718.16	23.03	8.25	82	357.95	1,233.78	
ARAL_PAK								
ARAL_TJK	8,750.53	7,166.32	16.29	16.08	843	708.84	1,319.86	
ARAL_TKM	4,006.23	3,750.04	4.84	103.56	63	84.45	3,436.33	
ARAL_UZB	53,973.95	48,720.07	108.92	1,291.89	516	3,336.82	1,995.02	
Total in Basin	106,645.86	98,020.75	190.15	1,586.88	1,943.30	4,904.79	2,130.69	84.58

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000.000 km ²)
ARAL_AFG	166	0.14	9,455	56.82	2.58	0.00	100.00	3	678.35	0	0.00
ARAL_CHN	0	0.00	1	3.13	0.51			0	6,807.43	0	0.00
ARAL_CHN/IND/PAK	0	0.00	0	52.10				0		0	0.00
ARAL_KAZ	358	0.29	2,350	6.56	1.10	0.00	100.00	2	13,171.81	2	5.59
ARAL_KGZ	119	0.10	3,396	28.59	1.13	8.76	91.24	2	1,263.45	6	50.51
ARAL_PAK	0	0.00	0	9.66	1.80			0	1,299.12	0	0.00
ARAL_TJK	141	0.12	6,630	47.00	1.28	0.67	99.33	2	1,036.58	6	42.54
ARAL_TKM	58	0.05	1,166	20.06	1.20	0.00	100.00	1	7,986.70	0	0.00
ARAL_UZB	376	0.31	27,054	71.97	1.12	0.00	100.00	15	1,878.09	9	23.94
Total in Basin	1,219	1.00	50,052	41.08	1.85	0.68	99.31	25	2,170.92	23	18.88

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ARAL_AFG	4	4	5		5	2	2	3	3	4	3		2	3	3
ARAL_CHN					5	1			3	4	3	2	1	3	1
ARAL_CHN/IND/PAK									3	5	3		1	5	1
ARAL_KAZ	3	4	5		4	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
ARAL_KGZ	3	3	3		5	3	4	2	3	2	1		3	2	3
ARAL_PAK					5	4			3	5	3	3	1	3	1
ARAL_TJK	2	3	3		5	3	4	3	3	2	1	5	5	2	3
ARAL_TKM	4	5	5		5	4	3	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2
ARAL_UZB	5	5	5		5	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	5	2	3
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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
ARAL_AFG	5	5	4	5			3	5	4
ARAL_CHN							1	2	3
ARAL_CHN/IND/PAK									3
ARAL_KAZ	5	5	4	4			1	2	3
ARAL_KGZ	5	5	3	3			2	2	1
ARAL_PAK									3
ARAL_TJK	5	5	3	3			2	3	2
ARAL_TKM	5	5	5	5			2	3	2
ARAL_UZB	5	5	5	5			2	3	3
River Basin	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	3	3

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TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

Indicators
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Astara Chay Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	402
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Azerbaijan (AZE), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN)
Population in basin (people)	71,368
Country at mouth	Azerbaijan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
ATCY_AZE						
ATCY_IRN						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
ATCY_AZE								
ATCY_IRN								

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Total in Basin										
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
ATCY_ AZE	0	0.40	23	144.14	1.35			0	7,811.79	0	0.00
ATCY_ IRN	0	0.60	48	199.94	1.18	0.00	100.00	0	4,763.30	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	71	177.40	1.32	0.00	67.17	0	5,764.08	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
ATCY_ AZE									3
ATCY_ IRN									3
River Basin					4	4			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					

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Atrak Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	36,421
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Turkmenistan (TKM)
Population in basin (people)	1,098,623
Country at mouth	Turkmenistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	325

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	3
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
ATRK_IRN		126.93				
ATRK_TKM		89.41				
Total in Basin	3.97	108.94			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
ATRK_IRN	3,803.63	3,426.36	6.08	203.54	31	136.70	3,629.73	
ATRK_TKM	2,909.03	2,607.08	3.65	207.11	27	63.92	57,361.00	

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Total in Basin	6,712.66	6,033.44	9.73	410.65	58.22	200.62	6,110.07	169.19
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
ATRK_IRN	25	0.68	1,048	42.40	1.18	0.00	100.00	1	4,763.30	0	0.00
ATRK_TKM	12	0.32	51	4.33	1.20			0	7,986.70	0	0.00
Total in Basin	36	1.00	1,099	30.16	1.33	0.00	95.38	1	4,912.10	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
ATRK_IRN	5	5	5	5			1	2	2
ATRK_TKM	5	5	5	5			1	2	2
River Basin	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	2	2

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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BahuKalat/Rudkhanehye Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	20,633
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Pakistan (PAK)
Population in basin (people)	234,086
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	138

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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Water Resources

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RDKH_IRN		78.73				
RDKH_PAK						
Total in Basin	1.62	78.73			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
RDKH_IRN	710.78	645.67	4.17	4.72	5	51.61	3,057.69	
RDKH_PAK								

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Total in Basin	710.78	645.67	4.17	4.72	4.61	51.61	3,036.39	43.76
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
RDKH_IRN	21	1.00	232	11.32	1.18			0	4,763.30	1	48.68
RDKH_PAK	0	0.00	2	18.03	1.80			0	1,299.12	0	0.00
Total in Basin	21	1.00	234	11.35	1.33	0.00	0.00	0	4,739.17	1	48.47

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
RDKH_IRN	5	5	5	5			1	2	3
RDKH_PAK									4
River Basin	5	5	5	5	2	3	1	2	3

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

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Dasht Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	30,984
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Pakistan (PAK)
Population in basin (people)	629,033
Country at mouth	Pakistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	109

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
DSHT_IRN		81.64				
DSHT_PAK		57.49				
Total in Basin	1.91	61.73			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
DSHT_IRN	198.76	42.31	0.71	145.42	0	10.32	2,833.07	
DSHT_PAK	2,136.76	2,105.75	10.79	0.00	0	20.22	3,823.33	

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Total in Basin	2,335.53	2,148.06	11.51	145.42	0.00	30.54	3,712.88	122.11
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
DSHT_IRN	6	0.20	70	11.10	1.18			0	4,763.30	0	0.00
DSHT_PAK	25	0.80	559	22.66	1.80	0.00	100.00	0	1,299.12	0	0.00
Total in Basin	31	1.00	629	20.30	1.62	0.00	88.85	0	1,685.49	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

Indicators

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
DSHT_IRN	5	5	5	5			2	2	3
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TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index			
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Fenney Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	3,028
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND)
Population in basin (people)	1,778,226
Country at mouth	Bangladesh
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,069

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
FNNY_BGD						
FNNY_IND		1,150.62				
Total in Basin	3.48	1,150.62			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
FNNY_BGD								
FNNY_IND	229.41	197.58	4.38	0.00	0	27.45	509.40	

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Total in Basin	229.41	197.58	4.38	0.00	0.00	27.45	129.01	6.58
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
FNNY_BGD	2	0.50	1,328	879.79	1.12	0.00	100.00	0	829.25	0	0.00
FNNY_IND	2	0.50	450	296.56	1.43	0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	1,778	587.29	1.23	0.00	100.00	0	998.84	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Basin BCU									
FNNY_BGD									3
FNNY_IND	2	3	2	3			1	2	2
River Basin	2	3	3	3	5	5	1	2	3

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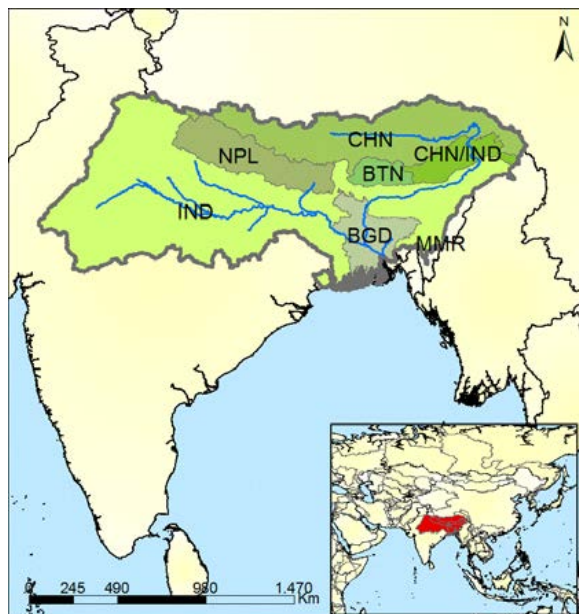
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Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	1,652,367
No. of countries in basin	7
BCUs in basin	Arunachal Pradesh (CHN/IND), Bangladesh (BGD), Bhutan (BTN), China (CHN), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR), Nepal (NPL)
Population in basin (people)	704,221,090
Country at mouth	Bangladesh
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,387

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	2

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

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Groundwater	
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Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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GANG_BGD		1,296.60			76.90	0.60
GANG_BTN		1,196.48				
GANG_CHN		506.82			1,641.70	27.52
GANG_CHN/IND		3,580.37				
GANG_IND		720.50			1,480.80	45.71
GANG_MMR						
GANG_NPL		1,078.23				
Total in Basin	1,420.98	859.97			3,199.40	73.82

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GANG_BGD	69,546.63	62,745.29	225.90	2,098.07	1,215	3,262.62	494.23	
GANG_BTN	160.06	127.06	4.50	0.00	4	24.76	58.84	
GANG_CHN	725.42	613.54	38.24	0.00	0	73.64	386.09	
GANG_CHN/IND	173.97	117.96	5.53	1.25	0	49.22	168.36	
GANG_IND	422,355.42	342,858.61	1,634.40	8,129.41	48,189	21,543.52	798.88	
GANG_MMR								
GANG_NPL	7,122.92	6,292.46	109.87	1.96	104	614.46	244.13	
Total in Basin	500,084.42	412,754.93	2,018.43	10,230.69	49,512.15	25,568.22	710.12	35.19

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000.000 km ²)
GANG_BGD	110	0.07	140,717	1,284.52	1.12	0.00	100.00	23	829.25	1	9.13
GANG_BTN	38	0.02	2,720	72.20	1.93	14.92	85.08	0	2,498.39	0	0.00
GANG_CHN	318	0.19	1,879	5.91	0.51	0.00	100.00	1	6,807.43	1	3.15
GANG_CHN/IND	70	0.04	1,033	14.85		0.00	100.00	0		0	0.00
GANG_IND	970	0.59	528,686	545.27	1.43	0.00	100.00	165	1,498.87	79	81.48
GANG_MMR	1	0.00	9	10.35	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
GANG_NPL	147	0.09	29,177	197.91	1.87	0.32	99.68	5	694.10	1	6.78
Total in Basin	1,652	1.00	704,221	426.19	1.23	0.07	99.93	194	1,347.53	82	49.63

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GANG_CHN	2	1	2		5	2	4	3	3	5	5	2	1	3	3
GANG_CHN/IND	1	1	2			2	4	4	3	5	5		5	3	3

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GANG_IND	4	4	3		5	4	5	3	3	2	3	1	5	3	5
GANG_MMR					5	1			3	5	3	4	1	3	1
GANG_NPL	2	1	2		5	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	5	3	4
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Hamun-i-Mashkel/Rakshan Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	116,508
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Pakistan (PAK)
Population in basin (people)	1,073,458
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	102

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
HIMR_AFG						
HIMR_IRN		57.37				
HIMR_PAK		50.86				
Total in Basin	6.16	52.89			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
HIMR_AFG								

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HIMR_IRN	530.01	480.07	3.45	0.00	0	46.49	1,075.39	
HIMR_PAK	1,564.17	1,528.09	15.24	0.00	0	20.84	2,694.13	
Total in Basin	2,094.18	2,008.17	18.68	0.00	0.00	67.33	1,950.87	33.98

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
HIMR_AFG	0	0.00	0	6.83				0	678.35	0	0.00
HIMR_IRN	36	0.31	493	13.52		0.00	100.00	0	4,763.30	0	0.00
HIMR_PAK	80	0.69	581	7.25				0	1,299.12	0	0.00
Total in Basin	117	1.00	1,073	9.21	1.50	0.00	45.91	0	2,889.61	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
HIMR_AFG									4
HIMR_IRN	5	5	5	5					3
HIMR_PAK	5	5	5	5					4
River Basin	5	5	5	5	2	2			4

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TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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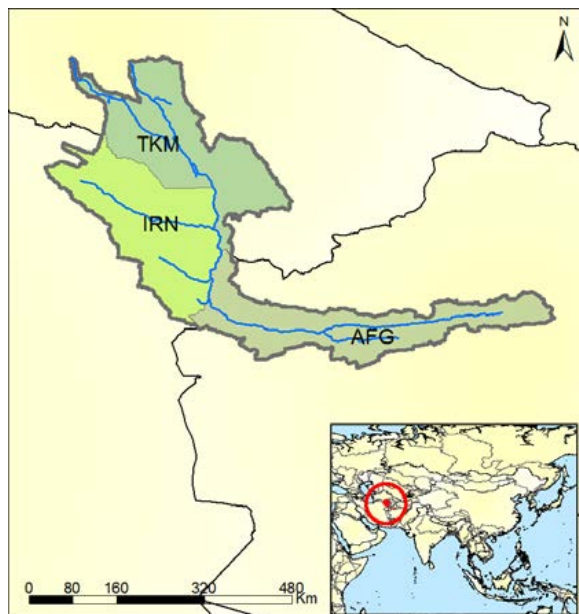
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Hari/Harirud Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	119,096
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Turkmenistan (TKM)
Population in basin (people)	5,667,828
Country at mouth	Turkmenistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	240

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine	0
Ecosystems	

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
HARI_AFG		127.45				
HARI_IRN		82.15				
HARI_TKM		36.86			197.10	0.83
Total in Basin	8.87	74.46			197.10	0.83

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)

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HARI_AFG	4,562.53	4,506.82	4.01	0.00	26	26.17	2,856.43	
HARI_IRN	8,412.06	7,236.95	6.77	633.13	112	423.38	2,362.27	
HARI_TKM	6,159.80	6,024.38	3.49	0.00	54	77.63	12,089.08	
Total in Basin	19,134.39	17,768.16	14.27	633.13	191.66	527.18	3,375.96	215.77

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
HARI_AFG	39	0.33	1,597	41.07	2.58	0.00	100.00	1	678.35	0	0.00
HARI_IRN	41	0.34	3,561	87.16	1.18	0.00	100.00	1	4,763.30	0	0.00
HARI_TKM	39	0.33	510	12.95	1.20	0.00	100.00	0	7,986.70	1	25.42
Total in Basin	119	1.00	5,668	47.59	1.63	0.00	100.00	2	3,901.88	1	8.40

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HARI_AFG	5	5	5		5	3	3	2	3	5	3		1	3	2
HARI_IRN	5	5	5		5	1	4	3	4	5	3	2	1	3	3
HARI_TKM	5	5	5		5	1	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	4
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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
HARI_AFG	5	5	5	5			3	5	4
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Helmand Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	403,040
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Pakistan (PAK)
Population in basin (people)	12,041,539
Country at mouth	Afghanistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	185

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	5
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
HLMD_AFG		86.62			637.97	6.25
HLMD_IRN		47.63			706.53	6.26
HLMD_PAK		63.46				
Total in Basin	31.83	78.97			1,344.50	12.50

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
HLMD_AFG	32,941.58	32,624.24	27.19	0.17	116	173.87	3,769.47	

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HLMD_IRN	2,538.44	2,366.37	5.44	70.32	10	86.56	2,712.01	
HLMD_PAK	5,250.04	5,116.46	10.10	73.53	0	49.95	2,218.49	
Total in Basin	40,730.06	40,107.07	42.73	144.02	125.86	310.38	3,382.46	127.97

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
HLMD_AFG	312	0.77	8,739	27.98	2.58	0.00	100.00	1	678.35	2	6.40
HLMD_IRN	47	0.12	936	20.08	1.18	0.00	100.00	2	4,763.30	0	0.00
HLMD_PAK	44	0.11	2,366	53.60	1.80	0.00	100.00	1	1,299.12	0	0.00
Total in Basin	403	1.00	12,042	29.88	2.18	0.00	100.00	4	1,117.87	2	4.96

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU															
HLMD_AFG	5	5	5		5	2	3	2	3	5	2		3	3	3
HLMD_IRN	4	5	5		5	3	3	2	3	5	2	2	1	3	4
HLMD_PAK	5	5	5		5				3	5	3	3	1	3	5
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Indus Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	855,900
No. of countries in basin	7
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Aksai Chin (CHN/IND), China (CHN), India (IND), Jammu and Kashmir (CHN/IND/PAK), Nepal (NPL), Pakistan (PAK)
Population in basin (people)	189,911,699
Country at mouth	Pakistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	489

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	4
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems (No. of overlapping water systems)

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INDU_AFG		277.38				
INDU_CHN		147.72			1,101.00	28.96
INDU_CHN/IND		39.05			94.62	1.49
INDU_CHN/IND/PAK		360.83			599.97	7.63
INDU_IND		529.78			505.90	7.91
INDU_NPL						
INDU_PAK		95.70			481.61	3.47
Total in Basin	176.38	206.08			2,783.10	49.46

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Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
INDU_AFG	9,299.45	8,657.09	23.08	10.91	396	212.25	875.06	
INDU_CHN	13.50	2.69	7.19	0.00	0	3.62	321.90	
INDU_CHN/IND	2.05	1.20	0.39	0.00	0	0.47	108.11	
INDU_CHN/IND/PAK	5,157.10	4,048.52	64.83	12.78	399	631.77	299.80	
INDU_IND	35,927.28	32,359.43	67.79	618.99	1,738	1,142.89	1,493.48	
INDU_NPL								
INDU_PAK	244,313.92	234,078.17	524.29	5,034.59	519	4,157.38	1,770.83	
Total in Basin	294,713.31	279,147.10	687.56	5,677.28	3,053.00	6,148.37	1,551.84	167.09

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000.000 km ²)
INDU_AFG	71	0.08	10,627	149.02	2.58	0.00	100.00	4	678.35	2	28.05
INDU_CHN	82	0.10	42	0.51	0.51	0.00	100.00	0	6,807.43	0	0.00
INDU_CHN/IND	10	0.01	19	1.86				0		0	0.00
INDU_CHN/IND/PAK	184	0.21	17,202	93.49		0.00	100.00	2		2	10.87
INDU_IND	79	0.09	24,056	305.35	1.43	0.00	100.00	7	1,498.87	4	50.77
INDU_NPL	0	0.00	0	3.01	1.87			0	694.10	0	0.00
INDU_PAK	429	0.50	137,966	321.34	1.80	0.00	100.00	45	1,299.12	23	53.57
Total in Basin	856	1.00	189,912	221.89	1.49	0.00	99.99	58	1,173.10	31	36.22

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU															
INDU_AFG	4	3	3		5	1	4	3	3	4	2		4	3	2
INDU_CHN	3	1	2		5	1	3	3	3	5	3	2	1	3	3
INDU_CH	1	1	2			1	4	3	4	5	3		1	3	5

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N/IND															
INDU_CHN/IND/PAK	2	2	2			2	4	4	3	5	5		5	3	3
INDU_IND	4	5	4		5	3	5	4	3	2	3	1	1	3	3
INDU_NPL					5				4	5	3	4	1	3	1
INDU_PAK	5	5	5		5	4	5	4	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
River Basin	4	5	5	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	3		4	3	4

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
INDU_AFG	5	5	4	5			3	5	3
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TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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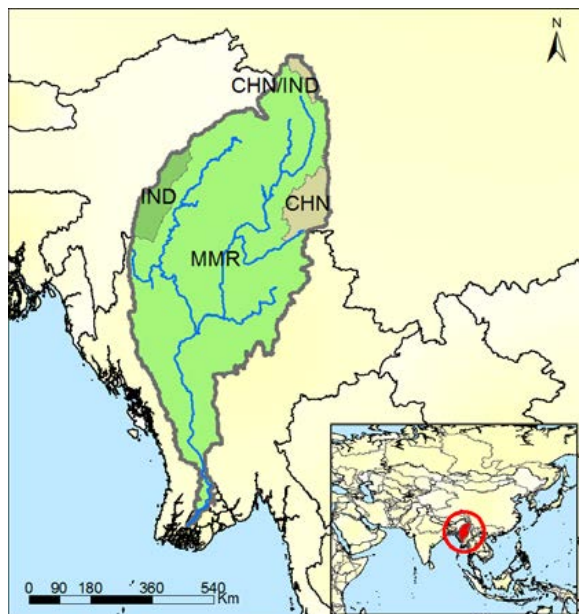
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Irrawaddy Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	375,475
No. of countries in basin	4
BCUs in basin	Arunachal Pradesh (CHN/IND), China (CHN), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	28,582,552
Country at mouth	Myanmar
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,887

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	4
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
IRWD_CHN		1,813.70				
IRWD_CHN/IND						
IRWD_IND		1,331.40			292.40	0.88
IRWD_MMR		1,458.16			263.00	2.22
Total in Basin	551.76	1,469.51			555.40	3.09

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)

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IRWD_CHN	338.05	297.19	4.29	0.00	0	36.57	183.96	
IRWD_CHN/IND								
IRWD_IND	232.36	64.68	10.00	18.86	39	100.28	80.87	
IRWD_MMR	8,077.66	7,235.52	92.75	57.90	197	494.58	338.38	
Total in Basin	8,648.07	7,597.39	107.05	76.75	235.45	631.43	302.56	1.57

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km ²)
IRWD_CHN	21	0.06	1,838	85.70	0.51	0.00	100.00	1	6,807.43	0	0.00
IRWD_CHN/IND	0	0.00	0	6.71				0		0	0.00
IRWD_IND	17	0.05	2,873	165.78	1.43	0.00	100.00	1	1,498.87	1	57.70
IRWD_MMR	337	0.90	23,872	70.91	0.70	0.00	100.00	10	0.00	10	29.70
Total in Basin	375	1.00	28,583	76.12	0.88	0.00	100.00	12	588.32	11	29.30

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IRWD_CHN	1	1	2		5	1	4	2	2	5	5	2	1	3	2
IRWD_CHN/IND						1			1	5	3		1	3	1
IRWD_IND	1	1	2		5	1	4	3	3	5	3	1	1	2	3
IRWD_MMR	2	1	2		5	3	3	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	4
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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
IRWD_CHN	2	3	1	1			1	1	5
IRWD_CHN/IN D									3
IRWD_IND	2	3	1	1			1	2	3
IRWD_MMR	2	3	1	1			1	1	5
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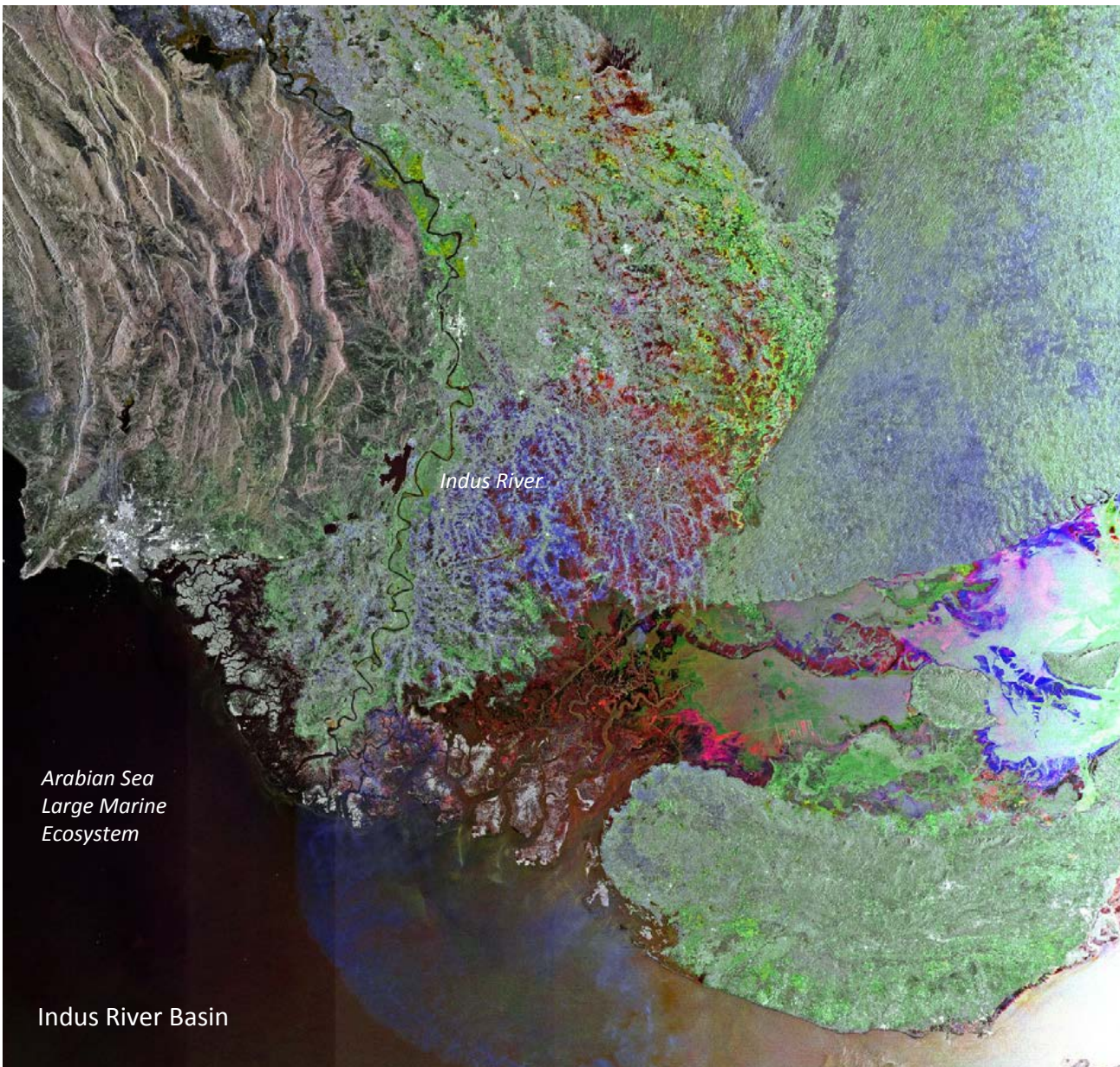
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Kaladan Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	21,391
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	628,332
Country at mouth	Myanmar
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,085

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KALD_BGD						
KALD_IND		2,260.02				
KALD_MMR		2,114.98				
Total in Basin	46.27	2,163.03			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
KALD_BGD								

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KALD_IND	49.80	21.11	1.47	11.06	0	16.17	145.43	
KALD_MMR	33.75	9.21	5.06	0.00	2	17.55	118.16	
Total in Basin	83.55	30.31	6.52	11.06	1.93	33.72	132.96	0.18

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
KALD_BGD	0	0.00	0	22.81				0	829.25	0	0.00
KALD_IND	8	0.38	342	41.82	1.43	0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	0	0.00
KALD_MMR	13	0.62	286	21.65	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
Total in Basin	21	1.00	628	29.37	1.07	0.00	54.50	0	817.22	0	0.00

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BCU															
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KALD_IND	1	1	2		5		3	3	1	5	3	1	1	3	2
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Basin BCU									
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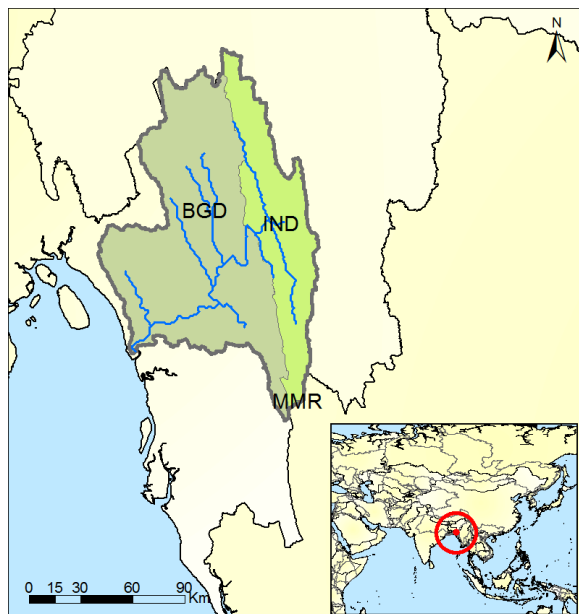
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Karnaphuli Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	13,923
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	6,233,894
Country at mouth	Bangladesh
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,816

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KNFL_BGD		1,611.92			490.80	13.80
KNFL_IND						
KNFL_MMR						
Total in Basin	22.44	1,611.92			490.80	13.80

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
KNFL_BGD	2,936.50	2,393.20	17.11	241.52	62	222.90	481.62	

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KNFL_IND									
KNFL_MMR									
Total in Basin	2,936.50	2,393.20	17.11	241.52	61.77	222.90	471.05	13.08	

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
KNFL_BGD	10	0.71	6,097	621.13	1.12	0.00	100.00	1	829.25	1	101.87
KNFL_IND	4	0.29	136	33.30	1.43	0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	0	0.00
KNFL_MMR	0	0.00	0	32.86	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
Total in Basin	14	1.00	6,234	447.73	1.22	0.00	99.99	1	843.83	1	71.82

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
KNFL_BGD	4	4	1	2			2	2	3
KNFL_IND			1	1			1	2	2
KNFL_MMR									3
River Basin	4	5	1	1	4	4	2	2	3

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TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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Kowl E Namaksar Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	42,272
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN)
Population in basin (people)	469,629
Country at mouth	Afghanistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	219

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KOWL_AFG		41.31				
KOWL_IRN		46.43				
Total in Basin	1.89	44.79			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
KOWL_AFG	638.03	632.70	2.18	0.00	0	3.15	6,270.61	
KOWL_IRN	2,871.43	2,803.10	6.99	5.60	1	54.33	7,805.34	

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Total in Basin	3,509.46	3,435.80	9.18	5.60	1.41	57.48	7,472.83	185.34
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
KOWL_AFG	14	0.33	102	7.34	2.58			0	678.35	0	0.00
KOWL_IRN	28	0.67	368	12.95	1.18			0	4,763.30	0	0.00
Total in Basin	42	1.00	470	11.11	1.56	0.00	0.00	0	3,878.26	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU															
KOWL_AFG	5	5	5		5	5	3	2	3	5	3		1	3	4
KOWL_IRN	5	5	5		5				3	5	3	2	1	3	5
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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
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River Basin	1				

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Kura-Araks Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	190,033
No. of countries in basin	6
BCUs in basin	Armenia (ARM), Azerbaijan (AZE), Georgia (GEO), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Russian Federation (RUS), Turkey (TUR)
Population in basin (people)	14,462,042
Country at mouth	Azerbaijan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	519

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	5
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	6
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KURA_ARM		128.01			1,249.90	11.25
KURA_AZE		108.83			604.70	8.26
KURA_GEO		254.40				
KURA_IRN		92.76			106.80	0.70
KURA_RUS						
KURA_TUR		95.16			121.20	2.55
Total in Basin	25.28	133.02			2,082.60	22.76

Water Withdrawals

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KURA_ARM	2,634.36	1,814.64	10.29	448.32	108	253.06	696.90	
KURA_AZE	12,076.35	9,493.69	35.09	1,817.57	103	627.13	2,733.08	
KURA_GEO	1,762.26	1,077.83	17.16	162.42	175	329.97	622.44	
KURA_IRN	8,470.13	7,015.19	22.92	860.06	108	464.24	3,531.53	
KURA_RUS								
KURA_TUR	1,335.29	1,242.64	7.16	3.84	11	71.15	1,297.94	
Total in Basin	26,278.39	20,643.98	92.63	3,292.21	504.03	1,745.54	1,817.06	103.95

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km ²)
KURA_ARM	30	0.16	3,780	127.61	0.17	0.36	99.64	2	3,504.77	4	135.03
KURA_AZE	60	0.31	4,419	73.93	1.35	0.00	100.00	1	7,811.79	2	33.46
KURA_GEO	35	0.18	2,831	82.03	-0.57	0.41	99.59	2	3,602.17	4	115.89
KURA_IRN	37	0.20	2,398	64.63	1.18	0.00	100.00	3	4,763.30	2	53.90
KURA_RUS	0	0.00	5	30.52	-0.12			0	14,611.70	0	0.00
KURA_TUR	29	0.15	1,029	35.65	1.31	0.00	100.00	0	10,945.92	1	34.65
Total in Basin	190	1.00	14,462	76.10	0.71	0.17	99.79	8	5,581.58	13	68.41

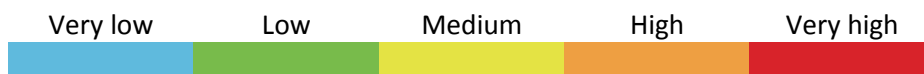
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Muhuri (aka Little Feni) Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	3,787
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND)
Population in basin (people)	3,312,578
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,567

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine	1
Ecosystems	

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MHRI_BGD		1,319.94				
MHRI_IND						
Total in Basin	5.00	1,319.94			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MHRI_BGD	3,011.35	2,717.19	9.12	41.96	66	176.85	1,182.18	
MHRI_IND								

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Total in Basin	3,011.35	2,717.19	9.12	41.96	66.23	176.85	909.07	60.24
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Socioeconomic Geography

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MHRI_BGD	1	0.34	2,547	1,988.29		0.00	100.00	1	829.25	0	0.00
MHRI_IND	3	0.66	765	305.35		0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	1	398.99
Total in Basin	4	1.00	3,313	874.62	1.23	0.00	100.00	1	983.95	1	264.03

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
MHRI_BGD	3	4	4	4					4
MHRI_IND									3
River Basin	3	4	3	3	5	5			4

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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Murgab Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	93,335
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Turkmenistan (TKM)
Population in basin (people)	1,843,826
Country at mouth	Turkmenistan
Average rainfall (mm/year)	250

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
MRGB_AFG		148.54				
MRGB_TKM		57.01			62.70	0.53
Total in Basin	8.65	92.68			62.70	0.53

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MRGB_AFG	1,893.84	1,868.78	4.44	0.00	0	20.62	2,132.44	
MRGB_TKM	5,137.18	4,225.68	4.86	697.97	98	111.11	5,375.21	

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Total in Basin	7,031.02	6,094.46	9.30	697.97	97.56	131.73	3,813.28	81.28
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
MRGB_AFG	39	0.42	888	22.92	2.58	0.00	100.00	1	678.35	0	0.00
MRGB_TKM	55	0.58	956	17.51	1.20	0.00	100.00	1	7,986.70	1	18.32
Total in Basin	93	1.00	1,844	19.75	1.83	0.00	100.00	2	4,466.51	1	10.71

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Basin BCU									
MRGB_AFG	5	5	5	5			3	5	4
MRGB_TKM	5	5	5	5			2	2	3
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Tarim Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	1,097,723
No. of countries in basin	7
BCUs in basin	Afghanistan (AFG), Aksai Chin (CHN/IND), China (CHN), Jammu and Kashmir (CHN/IND/PAK), Kazakhstan (KAZ), Kyrgyzstan (KGZ), Tajikistan (TJK)
Population in basin (people)	10,321,989
Country at mouth	China
Average rainfall (mm/year)	70

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	33
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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
TRIM_AFG						
TRIM_CHN		9.83			3,604.40	42.59
TRIM_CHN/IND		0.12			170.90	2.35
TRIM_CHN/IND/PAK		83.65				
TRIM_KAZ		209.25				
TRIM_KGZ		98.90				
TRIM_TJK		146.95				
Total in Basin	13.30	12.11			3,775.30	44.94

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BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
TRIM_AFG								
TRIM_CHN	50,997.97	50,528.36	63.09	34.73	0	371.80	5,041.56	
TRIM_CHN/IND	4.14	0.86	1.48	0.00	0	1.81	93.38	
TRIM_CHN/IND/PAK	2.95	0.00	0.15	0.00	0	2.80	41.32	
TRIM_KAZ	1.26	0.00	0.23	0.00	0	1.02	1,564.89	
TRIM_KGZ	123.57	110.24	2.56	0.00	0	10.77	1,382.30	
TRIM_TJK	0.38	0.00	0.08	0.00	0	0.30	643.70	
Total in Basin	51,130.27	50,639.46	67.59	34.73	0.00	388.49	4,953.53	384.53

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000.000 km ²)
TRIM_AFG	0	0.00	0	0.54	2.58			0	678.35	0	0.00
TRIM_CHN	1,048	0.96	10,116	9.65	0.51	0.00	100.00	4	6,807.43	0	0.00
TRIM_CHN/IND	22	0.02	44	2.00				0		0	0.00
TRIM_CHN/IND/PAK	2	0.00	71	35.19				0		0	0.00
TRIM_KAZ	0	0.00	1	7.44				0	13,171.81	0	0.00
TRIM_KGZ	24	0.02	89	3.73	1.13			0	1,263.45	0	0.00
TRIM_TJK	1	0.00	1	0.61	1.28			0	1,036.58	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1,098	1.00	10,322	9.40	0.50	0.00	98.00	4	6,683.29	0	0.00

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Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU															
TRIM_AFG					5				4	5	3		1	4	1
TRIM_CHN	5	5	5		5	1	4	4	3	5	5	2	3	3	5
TRIM_CH	5	5	3			2	4	4	4	5	3		1	3	5

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N/IND	2	5	1												
TRIM_CHN/IND/PAK	2	5	1				4	4	4	5	3		1	3	3
TRIM_KAZ	1	1	1		4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	1	2	1
TRIM_KGZ	3	1	2		5	2	4	3	3	3	3		1	2	2
TRIM_TJK	1	1	1		5	1	4	4	3	3	3	5	1	2	1
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Basin BCU									
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Tigris-Euphrates/Shatt al Arab Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	868,060
No. of countries in basin	6
BCUs in basin	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IRN), Iraq (IRQ), Jordan (JOR), Saudi Arabia (SAU), Syrian Arab Republic (SYR), Turkey (TUR)
Population in basin (people)	65,437,198
Country at mouth	Iraq
Average rainfall (mm/year)	357

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	7
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	27
Large Marine	
Ecosystems	0

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TIGR_IRN		298.74			404.61	2.92
TIGR_IRQ		89.08			5,376.79	131.98
TIGR_JOR		0.40				
TIGR_SAU		23.86				
TIGR_SYR		83.66			638.60	9.39
TIGR_TUR		278.37			1,864.30	28.05
Total in Basin	147.67	170.12			8,284.30	172.34

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TIGR_IRN	27,566.02	24,603.83	43.33	636.32	472	1,810.17	2,142.50	
TIGR_IRQ	50,923.51	44,463.97	35.62	4,524.60	347	1,552.22	1,765.88	
TIGR_JOR	1.44	0.00	0.10	0.00	0	1.34	1,085.14	
TIGR_SAU	5.28	0.00	0.39	0.84	0	4.00	142.66	
TIGR_SYR	13,644.50	12,518.08	21.58	311.18	129	664.20	1,155.71	
TIGR_TUR	19,567.23	17,779.30	62.61	310.42	323	1,092.06	1,645.84	
Total in Basin	111,707.97	99,365.18	163.63	5,783.37	1,271.81	5,123.99	1,707.10	75.65

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TIGR_IRN	164	0.19	12,866	78.58	1.18	0.00	100.00	12	4,763.30	6	36.64
TIGR_IRQ	398	0.46	28,838	72.54	2.93	0.00	100.00	19	6,669.54	7	17.61
TIGR_JOR	0	0.00	1	5.98	2.94			0	5,214.19	0	0.00
TIGR_SAU	17	0.02	37	2.21	2.65			0	25,851.60	0	0.00
TIGR_SYR	114	0.13	11,806	103.55	1.98	0.00	100.00	5	0.00	1	8.77
TIGR_TUR	176	0.20	11,889	67.63	1.31	0.00	100.00	13	10,945.92	19	108.08
Total in Basin	868	1.00	65,437	75.38	1.97	0.00	99.94	49	5,879.19	33	38.02

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
TIGR_IRN	4	4	4		5	1	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	2
TIGR_IRQ	4	5	5		5	4	5	3	3	2	3	3	5	2	3
TIGR_JOR	5		1		3					4	3	2	1	2	5
TIGR_SAU	4	5	1		4				4	5	3	3	1	2	5
TIGR_SYR	4	5	5		1	2	5	3	3	4	4		4	2	3
TIGR_TUR	3	2	3		3	1	5	4	3	3	3		4	3	2
River Basin	4	5	5	3	4	2	5	4	3	3	3		5	3	2

Indicators

³ Lined (or dotted) cells indicate a lower degree of confidence in results due to global modelling limitations and other gap-filling methods.

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



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

Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
TIGR_IRN	5	5	4	4			1	2	3
TIGR_IRQ	5	5	5	5			3	5	4
TIGR_JOR	5	5					3	4	3
TIGR_SAU	5	5	5	5					3
TIGR_SYR	5	5	5	5			2	4	4
TIGR_TUR	5	5	3	4			1	2	4
River Basin	5	5	5	5	3	4	2	4	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	5	4	2	3	5

Indicators
 17 – Lake influence indicator 18 – Relative sea level rise (RSLR) 19 – Wetland ecological threat 20 – Population pressure 21 – Delta governance

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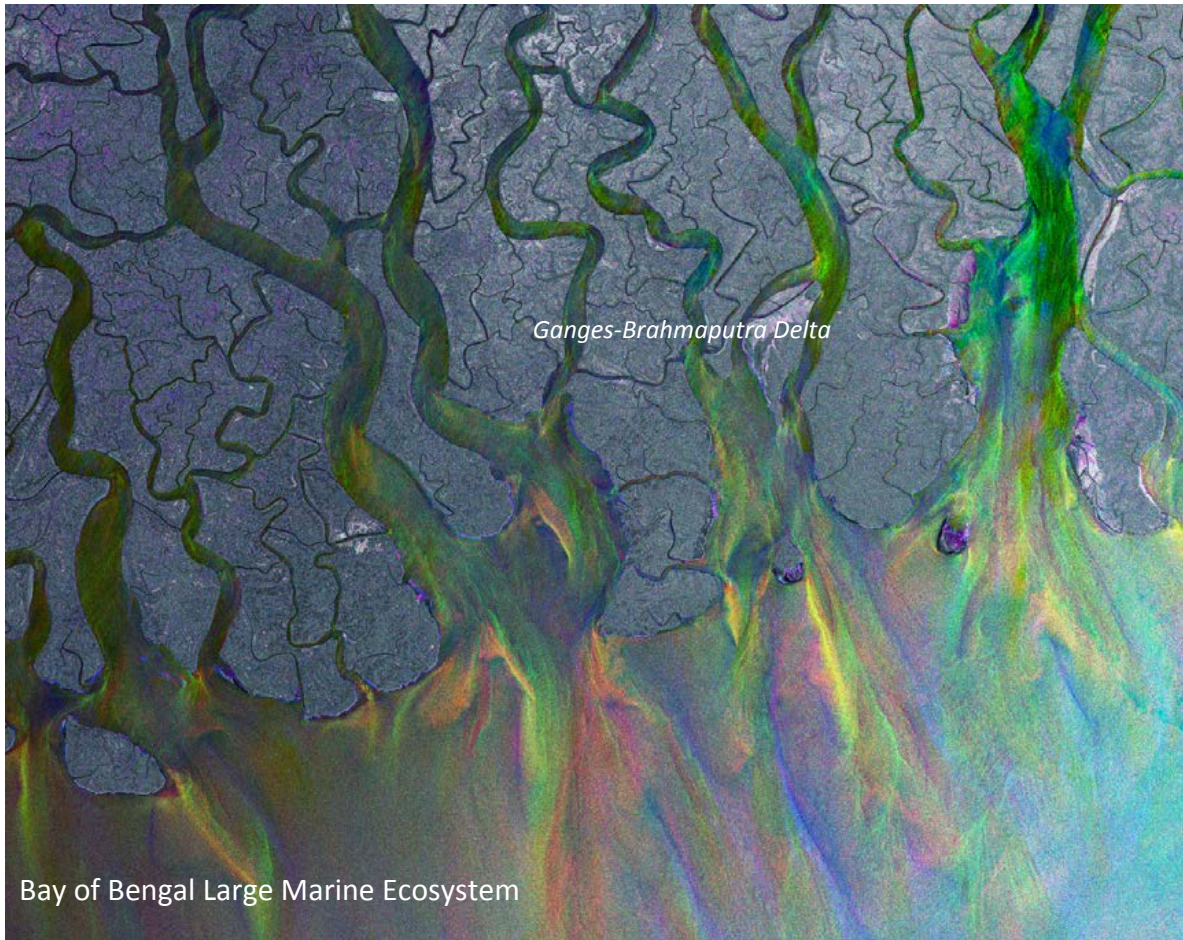
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Large Marine Ecosystems of Southern Asia

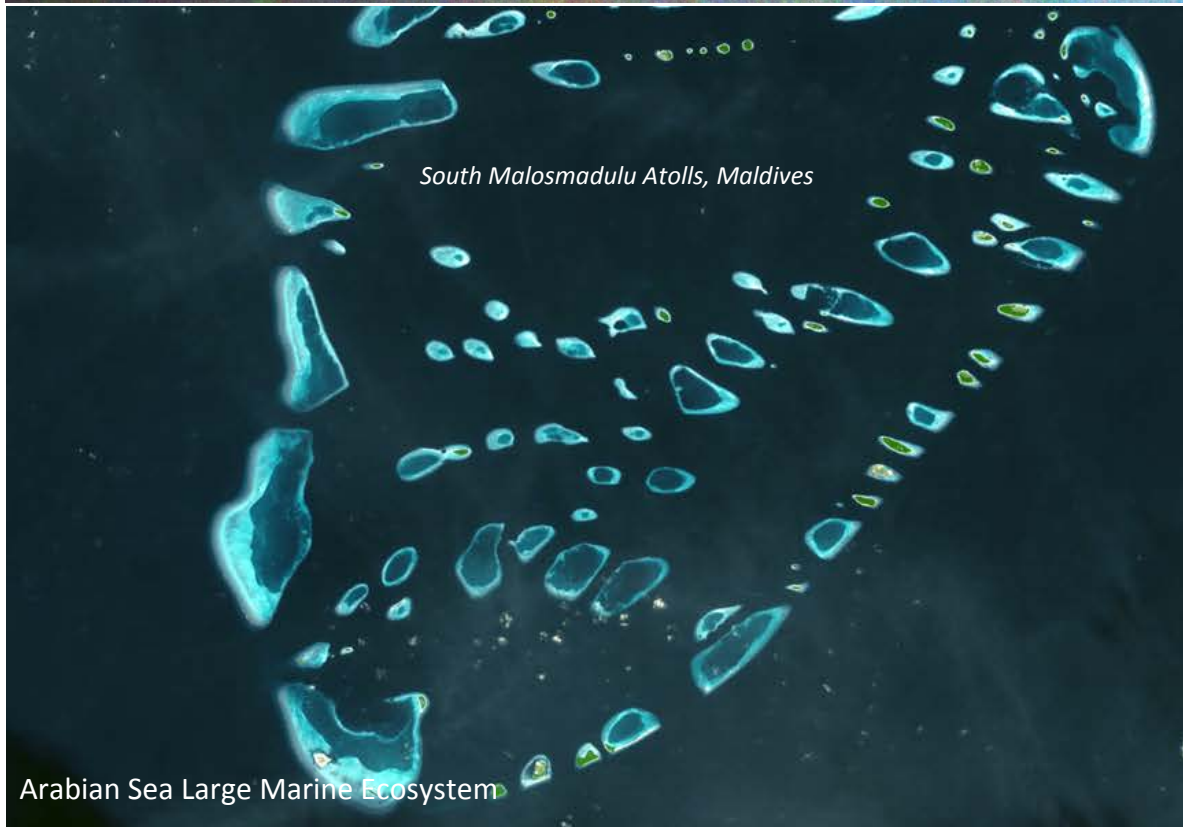
1. LME 32 – Arabian Sea
2. LME 34 – Bay of Bengal





Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem

ESA



Arabian Sea Large Marine Ecosystem

NASA Earth Observatory

LME 32 – Arabian Sea



Bordering countries: Bahrain, Djibouti, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

LME Total area: 3,950,421 km²

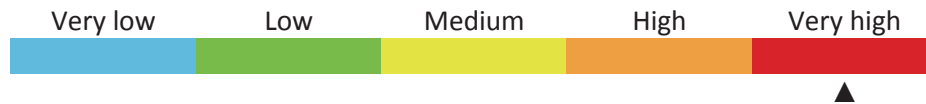
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LME overall risk

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 very high.

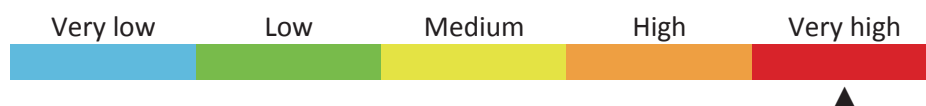
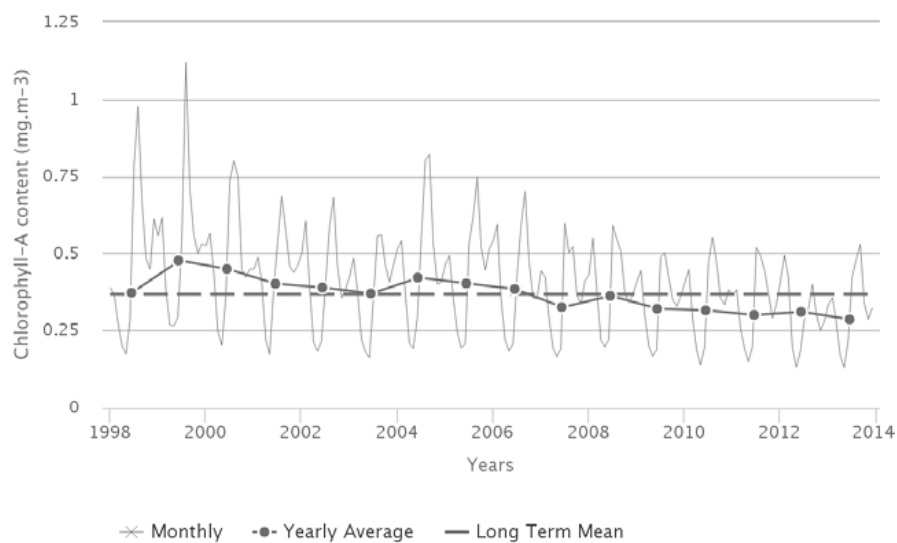


Productivity

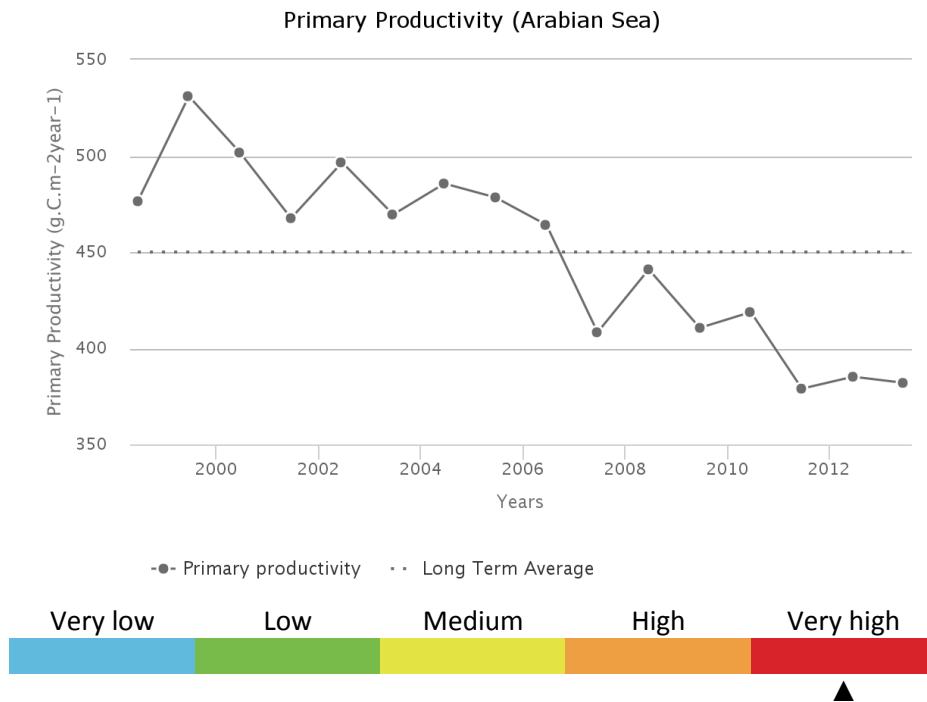
Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.674 mg.m^{-3}) in August and a minimum (0.176 mg.m^{-3}) during May. The average CHL is 0.368 mg.m^{-3} . Maximum primary productivity ($531 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) occurred during 1999 and minimum primary productivity ($379 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) during 2011. There is a statistically insignificant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -18.2% from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is $450 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$, which places this LME in Group 5 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).

Chlorophyll-A (Arabian Sea)

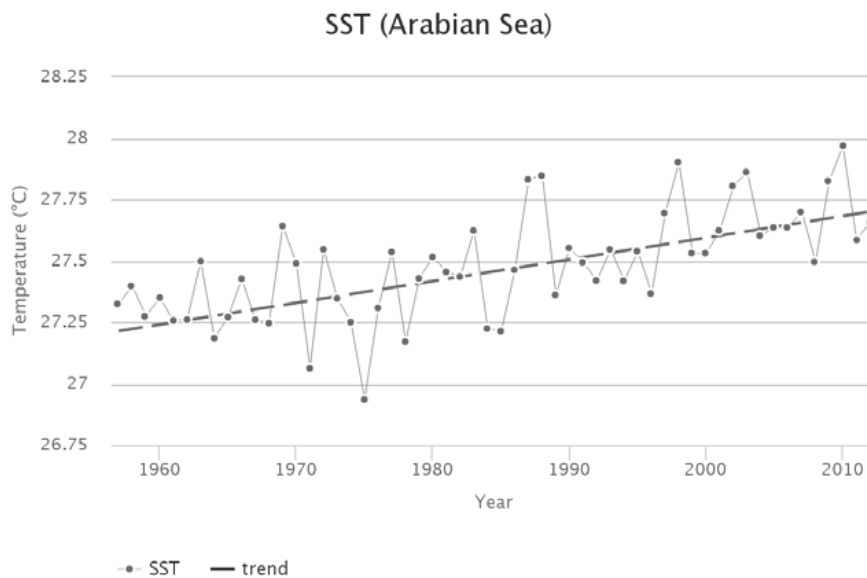


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Arabian Sea LME #32 has warmed by 0.48°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). Like all Indian Ocean LMEs, the Arabian Sea warmed slowly and steadily, except for a sharp drop below 27°C in 1975. Interannual variability of SST in this LME is relative small, with a magnitude of ~0.5°C. The most pronounced event, the all-time minimum of 1975, was likely caused by large-scale forcing since it occurred simultaneously across the entire northern Indian Ocean, including the Red Sea LME #33 and the Bay of Bengal LME #34. The near-all-time maximum of 1998 occurred simultaneously with most Indian Ocean LMEs and only one year before a near-all-time maximum of 1999 in the Red Sea. The rapid warming between 1985 and 1987 ushered in the modern warm epoch in the Arabian Sea. This warming occurred nearly synchronously with a similar warming in the Somali Coastal Current LME #31.

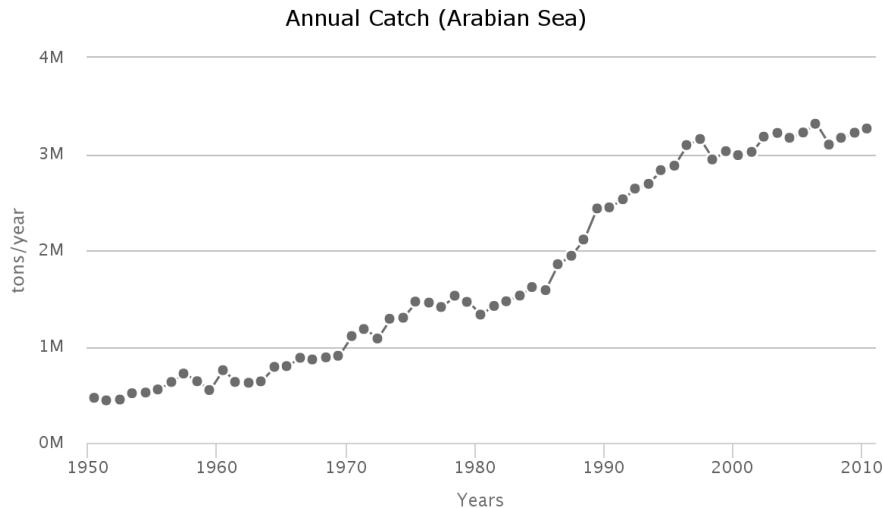


Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Arabian Sea LME are multi-gear and multi-species and include both artisanal and commercial sectors, with the former being dominant. Among the major exploited groups are Indian oil sardine (*Sardinella longiceps*), caught mainly off India’s west coast. However, nearly half of the reported landings in the LME are identified only as ‘marine fish’.

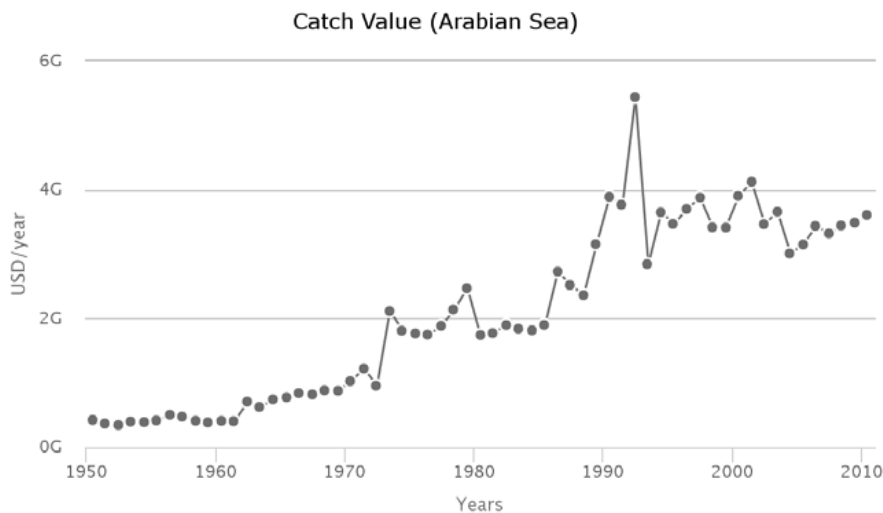
Annual Catch

Total reported landings increased steadily, reaching 3.3 million t in 2006.



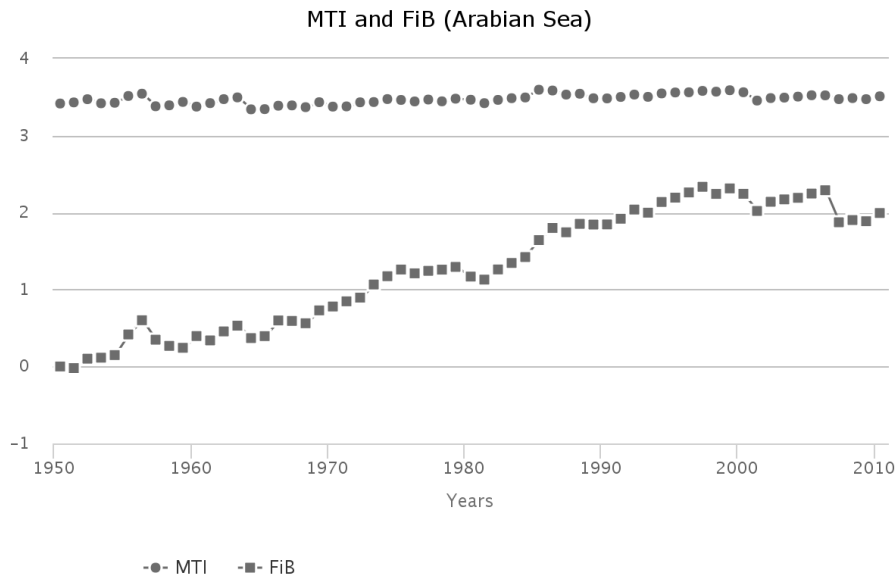
Catch value

The value of the reported landings reached around 5.5 billion US\$ (in 2005 value) in 1992.



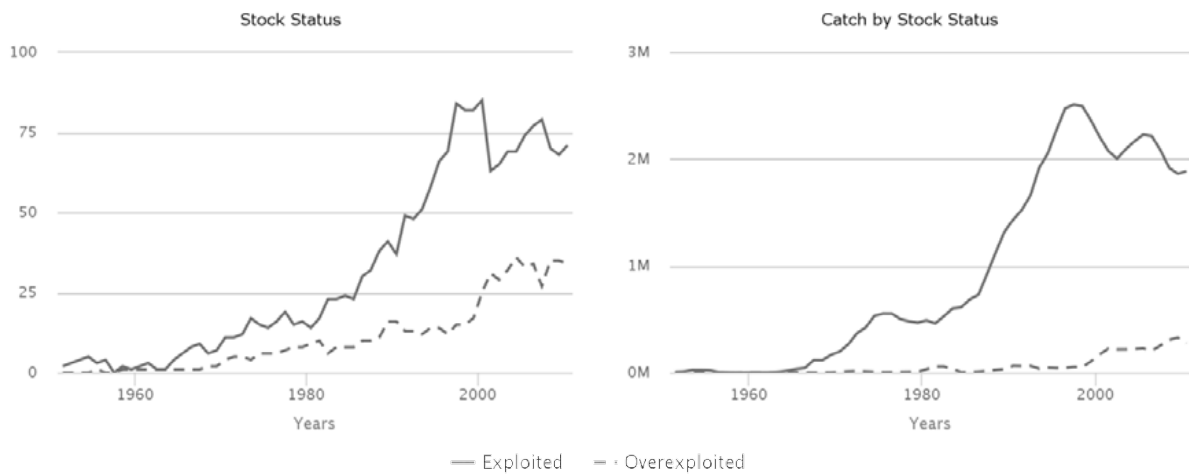
Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

From the early 1980s to the late 1990s, both the MTI and the FiB index showed an increase, consistent with a spatial (offshore) expansion of fisheries targeting high trophic level large pelagic fishes in the region. However, MTI computed without the landings of tuna and other large pelagic species shows a steady decline since 1975, suggesting the occurrence of a strong ‘fishing down’ effect.



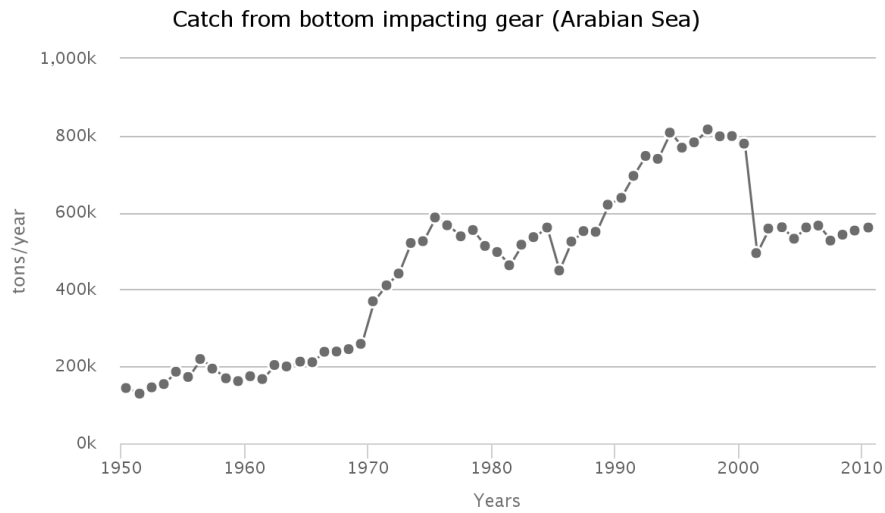
Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that the number of collapsed and overexploited stocks in the LME have been rapidly increasing, to more than 30% in recent years, but that over 80 % of the catch is still taken from fully exploited stocks.



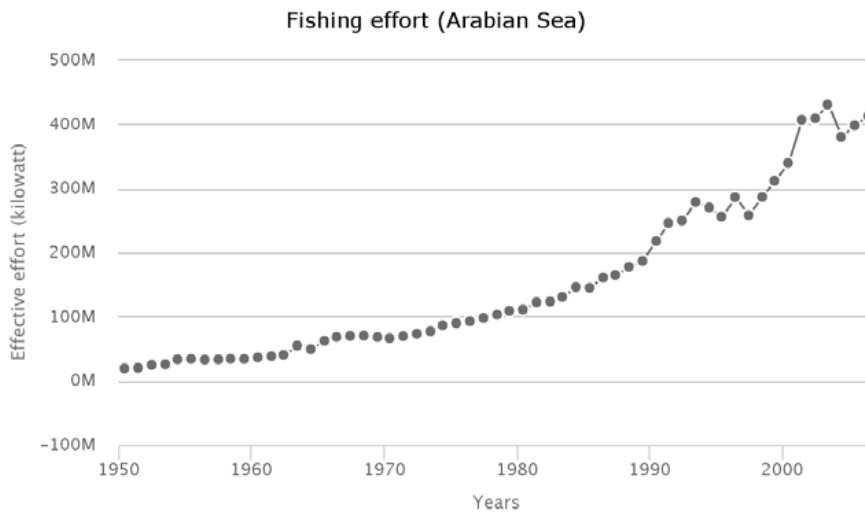
Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch increased from 30% in the 1950s to its first peak at around 40% in 1971. Then, this percentage kept decreasing and fluctuated around 17% in recent decade.



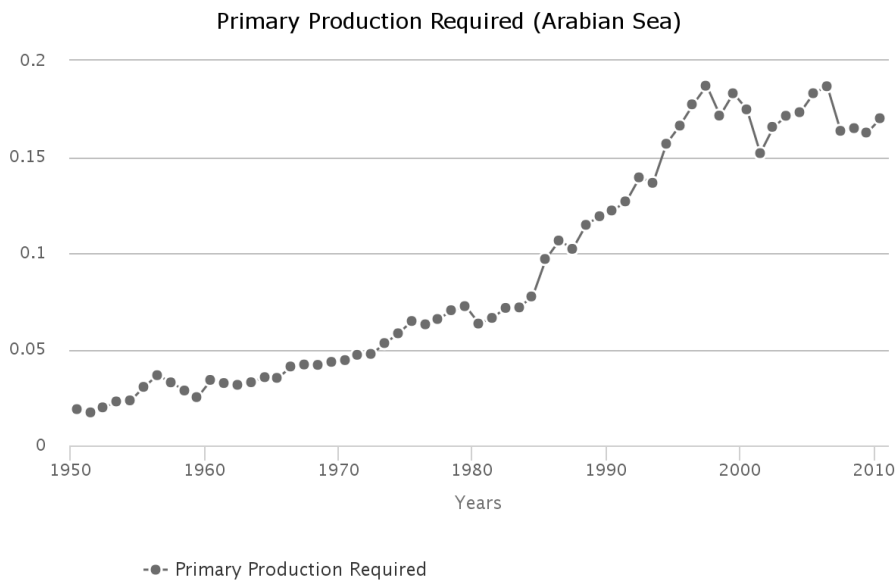
Fishing effort

The total effective effort continuously increased from around 20 million kW in 1950 to its peak around 430 million kW in the mid-2000s.



Primary Production Required

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME reached 20% of the observed primary production in the mid-1990s, but has since declined.



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.

Nutrient ratio

The Nutrient Ratio (ICEP) risk level for contemporary (2000) conditions was moderate (3). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and increased to high in 2050.

Merged nutrient indicator

The risk level for the Merged Nutrient Indicator for contemporary (2000) conditions was moderate (3). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and increased to high in 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
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4

Legend: ■ Very low ■ Low ■ Medium ■ High ■ Very high

POPs

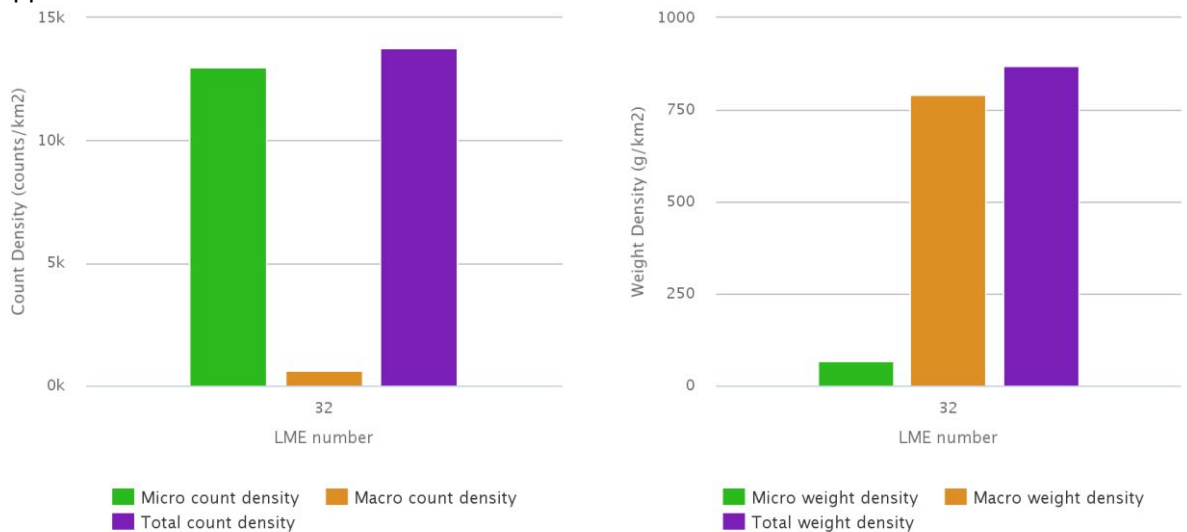
Data are available for only one sample at one location in Mumbai, India. This location shows moderate concentration for PCBs (53 ng.g⁻¹ of pellets), corresponding to risk category 3, and low concentration for DDTs (10 ng.g⁻¹) and minimal concentration for HCHs (1.8 ng.g⁻¹), corresponding to risk category 2 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Moderate concentration of PCBs could be derived from old electronic instruments. Due to the rapid economic growth and associated pollution concerns, extensive monitoring is necessary in this LME.

Locations	PCBs		DDTs		HCHs	
	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk
1	53	3	10	2	1.8	1

Legend: ■ Very low ■ Low ■ Medium ■ High ■ Very high

Plastic debris

Modelled estimates of floating plastic abundance (items km⁻²), 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 than those LMEs with lowest values. There is limited evidence from sea-based direct observations and towed nets to support this conclusion.



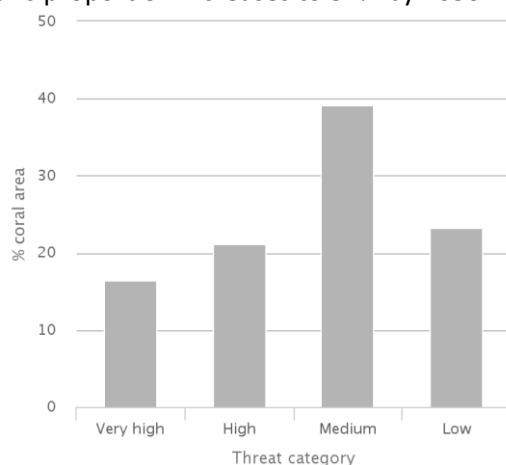
Ecosystem Health

Mangrove and coral cover

0.03% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 0.1% 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 231. 22% of coral reefs cover is under very high threat, and 15% 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 24% and 25% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 23% 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 37% by 2050.

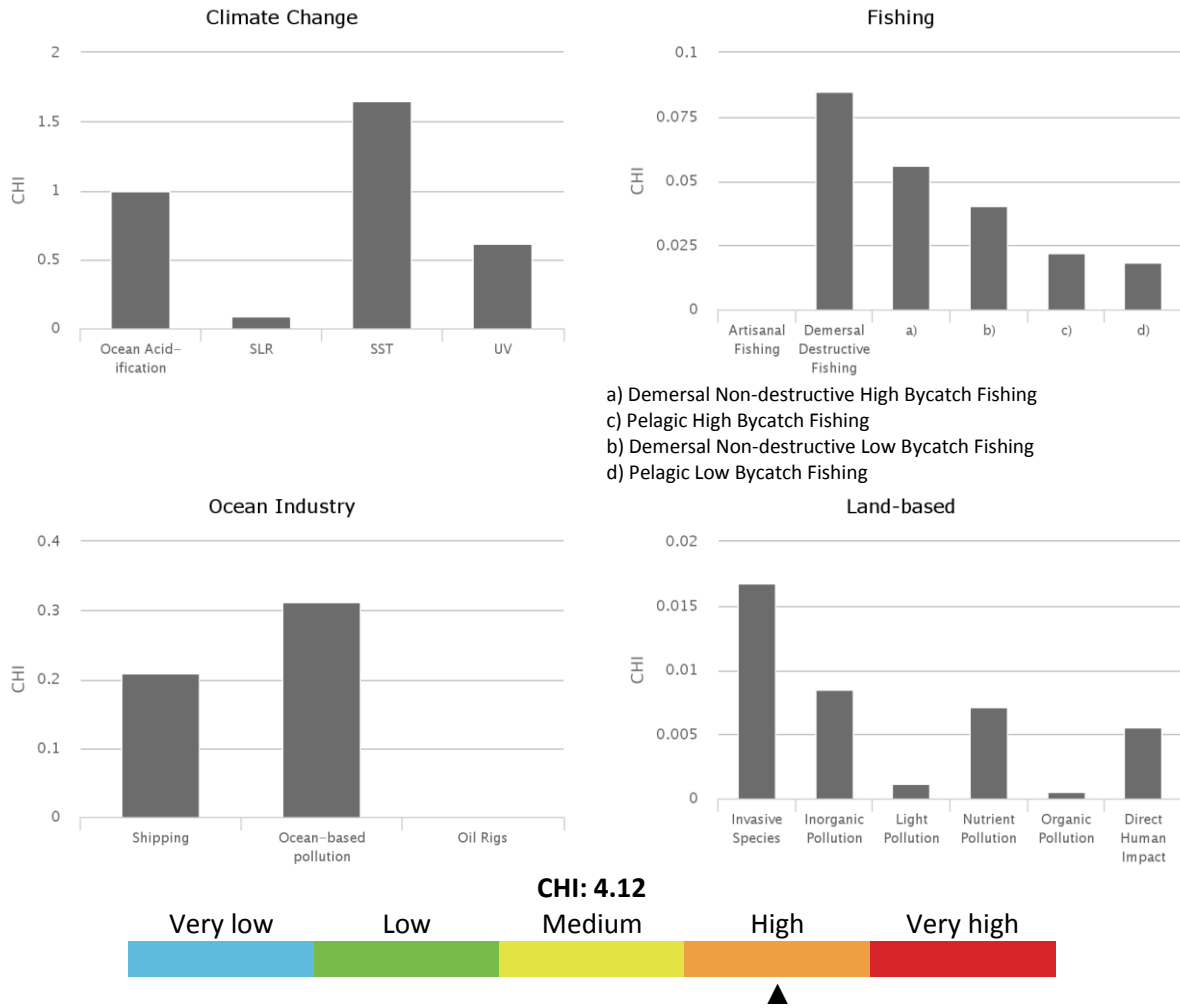


Marine Protected Area change

The Arabian Sea LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 2,071 km² prior to 1983 to 12,449 km² by 2014. This represents an increase of 501%, within the low category of MPA change.

Cumulative Human Impact

The Arabian Sea LME experiences an above average overall cumulative human impact (score 4.12; maximum LME score 5.22), which is also well above the LME with the least cumulative impact. It falls in risk category 4 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 (1.00; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.61; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), and sea surface temperature (1.65; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Other key stressors include commercial shipping, sea level rise, ocean based pollution, demersal destructive commercial fishing, and demersal non-destructive low-bycatch commercial fishing.

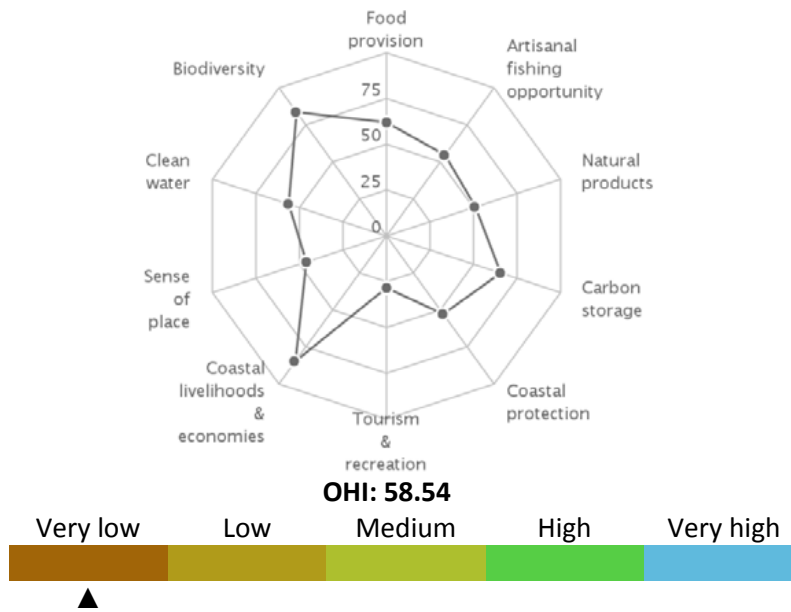


a) Demersal Non-destructive High Bycatch Fishing
c) Pelagic High Bycatch Fishing
b) Demersal Non-destructive Low Bycatch Fishing
d) Pelagic Low Bycatch Fishing

Ocean Health Index

The Arabian Sea LME scores below average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 66 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82). 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 remained unchanged compared to the previous year. This LME scores lowest on mariculture, coastal protection, tourism & recreation, and sense of place goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities and coastal economies goals. It falls in risk category 5 of the five risk categories, which is the highest level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).

Ocean Health Index (Arabian Sea)



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 this 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 stretches over 513 873 km². A current population of 27 950 thousand in 2010 is projected to increase to 108 998 thousand in 2100, with a density of 54 persons per km² in 2010 reaching 202 per km² by 2100. About 58% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 68% in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
192,379,489	316,830,284	94,565,089	164,612,205

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 24% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and in the high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor

43,095,719

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the low-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$230 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 \$12 134 million places it in the low-revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 7% 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 this LME falls in the category with high risk.

Fisheries Annual Landed Value	% Fish Protein Contribution	Tourism Annual Revenues	% Tourism Contribution to GDP	NLDI
4,130,753,748	11.7	53,384,607,318	7.2	0.7750

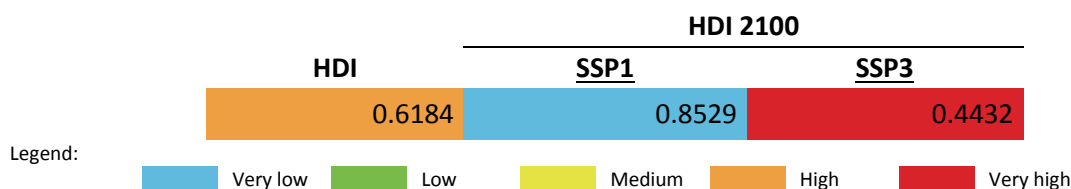
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Human Development Index

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day LME HDI belongs to the low HDI and high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.648, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.352, 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). This LME is projected to assume a place in the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway. Under a fragmented world scenario, the LME is estimated to place in a very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income levels and increased population values from those in a sustainable development pathway.



Climate-Related Threat Indices

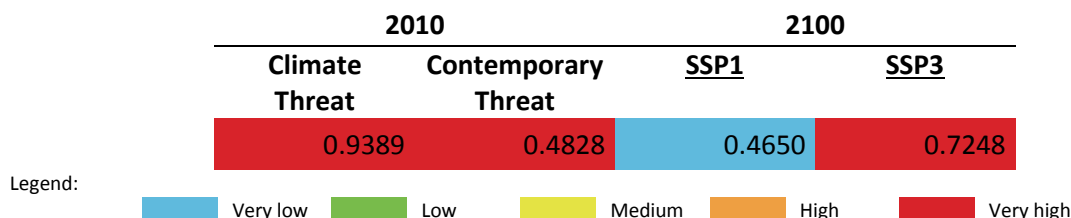
The Climate-Related Threat Indices utilize the HDI Gaps for present-day and projected 2100 scenarios. The contemporary climate index accounts for deaths and property losses due to storms, flooding and extreme temperatures incurred by coastal states during a 20-year period from 1994 to 2013 as hazard 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 × 10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index of this 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 high. In a sustainable development scenario, the risk index from sea level rise in 2100 is very low, and increases to very high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

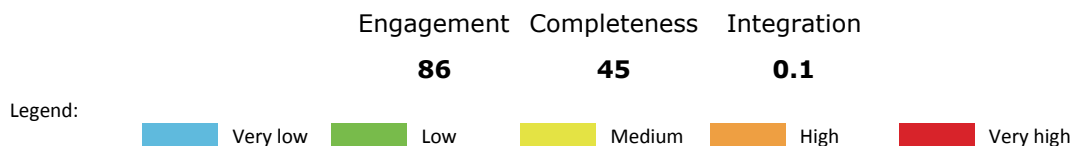


Governance

Governance architecture

While this LME has two separate regional seas agreements (in place covering pollution (LBS and MBS) and biodiversity (Kuwait and Jeddah Conventions and protocols), no overarching integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organisation 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. In terms of transboundary fisheries arrangements, these are also not formally integrated although informal linkages may be present at some level.

The overall scores for ranking of risk were:



LME 34 – Bay of Bengal



Bordering countries: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

LME Total area: 3,657,502 km²

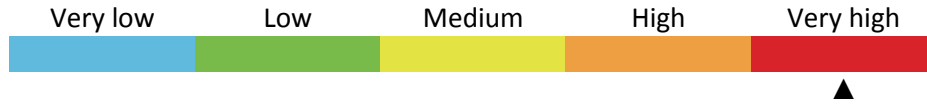
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LME overall risk

This LME falls in the cluster of LMEs that exhibit low to levels of economic development (based on the night light development index) and high pollution from plastic debris.

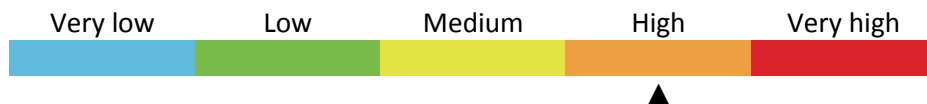
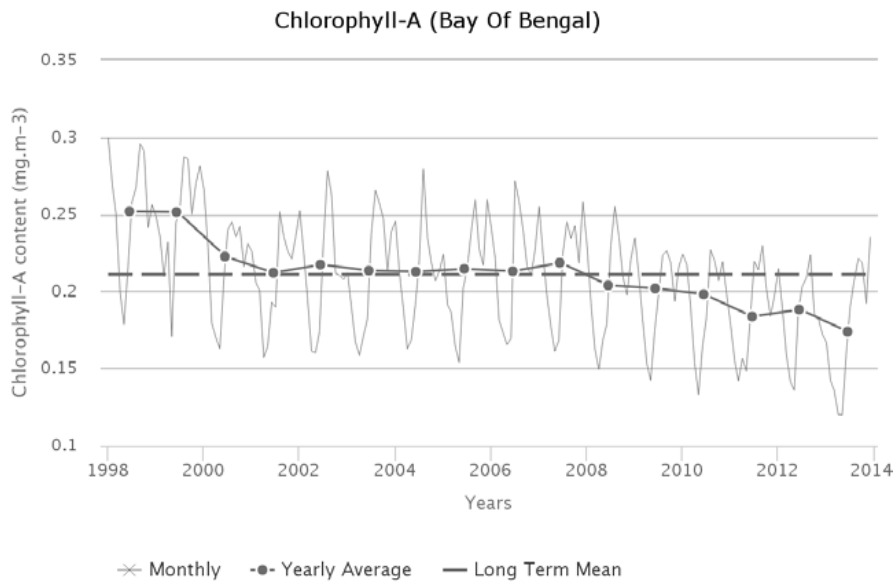
Based on a combined measure of the Human Development Index and the averaged indicators for fish & fisheries and pollution & ecosystem health modules, the overall risk factor is very high.



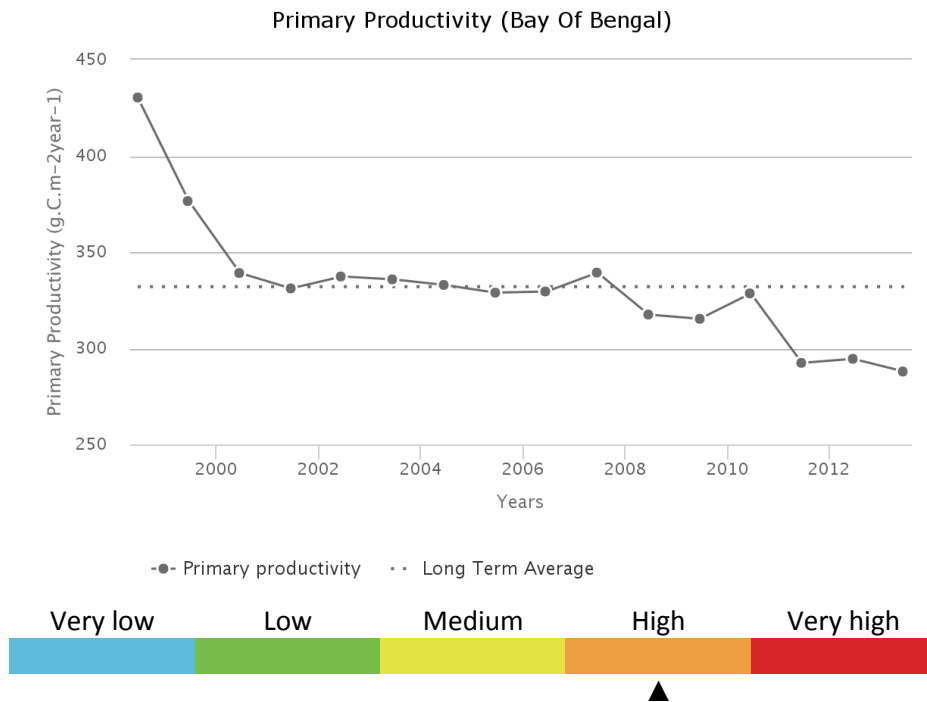
Productivity

Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.253 mg.m⁻³) in August and a minimum (0.162 mg.m⁻³) during May. The average CHL is 0.211 mg.m⁻³. Maximum primary productivity (430 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹) occurred during 1998 and minimum primary productivity (288 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹) during 2013. There is a statistically insignificant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -5.76 % from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is 332 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹, which places this LME in Group 4 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).

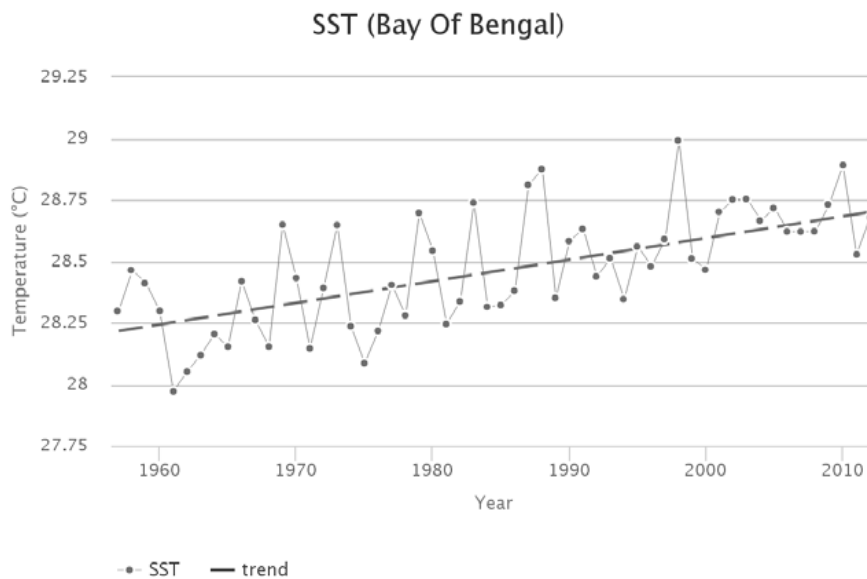


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Bay of Bengal LME #34 has warmed by 0.53°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). The steady warming of the Bay of Bengal was modulated by interannual (every 3-to-5 years) variations with a typical magnitude of <0.5°C. The all-time maximum of 1998 occurred simultaneously with other Indian Ocean LMEs and could be linked to the El Niño 1997-1998. Temperature history of the Bay of Bengal is linked to its salinity regime and freshwater discharge of three great rivers, Ganges, Brahmaputra and Irrawaddy. Interannual variability of the Indian monsoon largely determines the river discharge, hence salinity regime and eventually SST variability, in the Bay of Bengal LME.

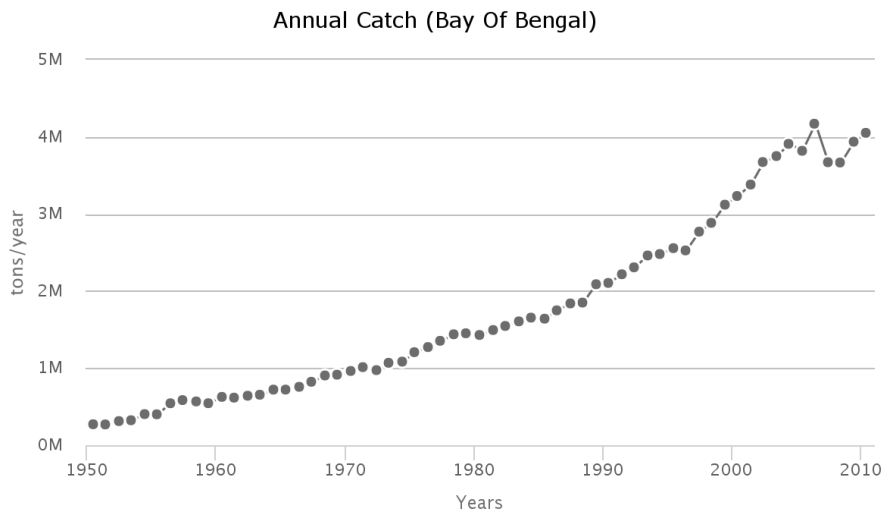


Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Bay of Bengal LME target a wide range of species, including sardine, anchovy, scad, shad, mackerel, snapper, emperor, grouper, pike-eel, tuna, shark, shrimp, bivalve and other shellfish.

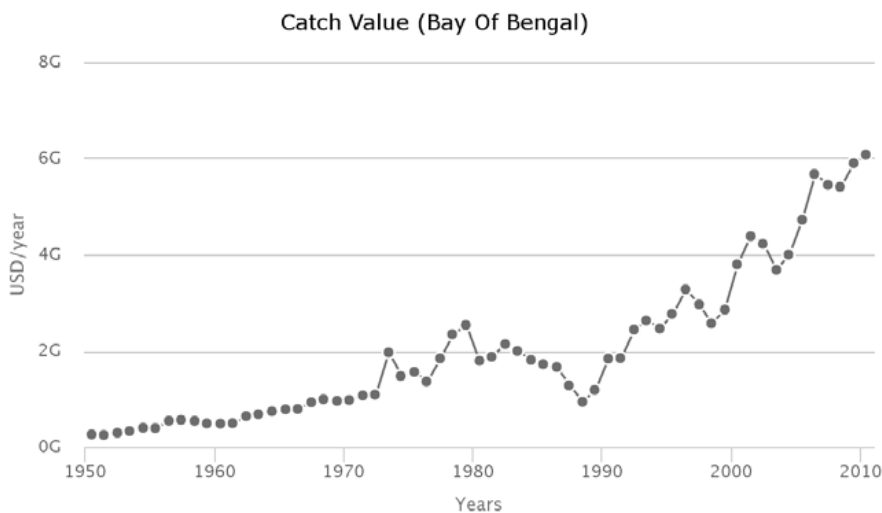
Annual Catch

Catches from commercial and subsistence fishing equal or exceed those from industrial fisheries. During the last decade, several countries have developed offshore fishing for tuna. There are strong indications that the continuous increase in the reported landings, particularly of unidentified fishes is a product of deficiencies in the underlying statistics, rather than improvements in the performance of the fisheries in the LME.



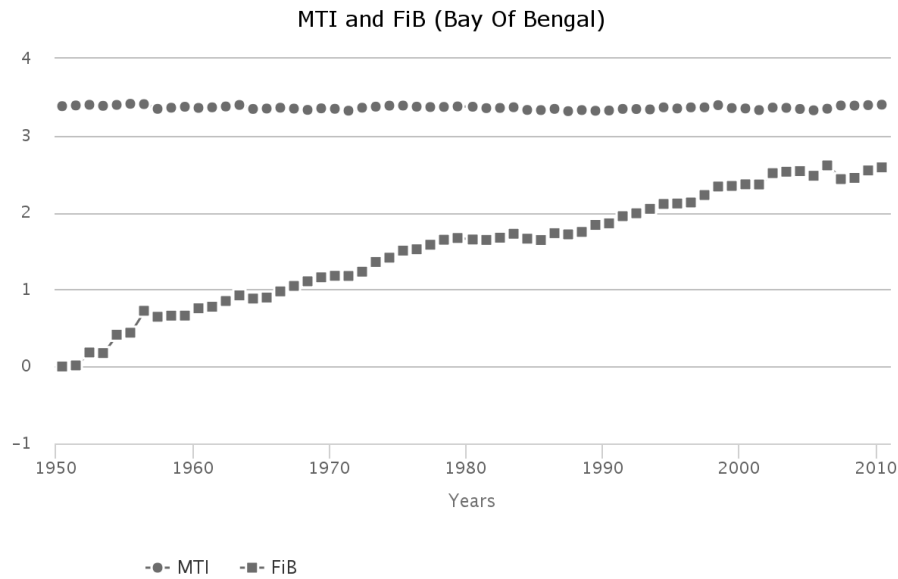
Catch value

Reported landing rose to about 1.2 million t in 2006 and the value of the reported landing reached a peak of about 5.7 billion US\$ (in 2005 real US\$) in the recent 5 years (2006 – 2010), but this figure is also questionable.



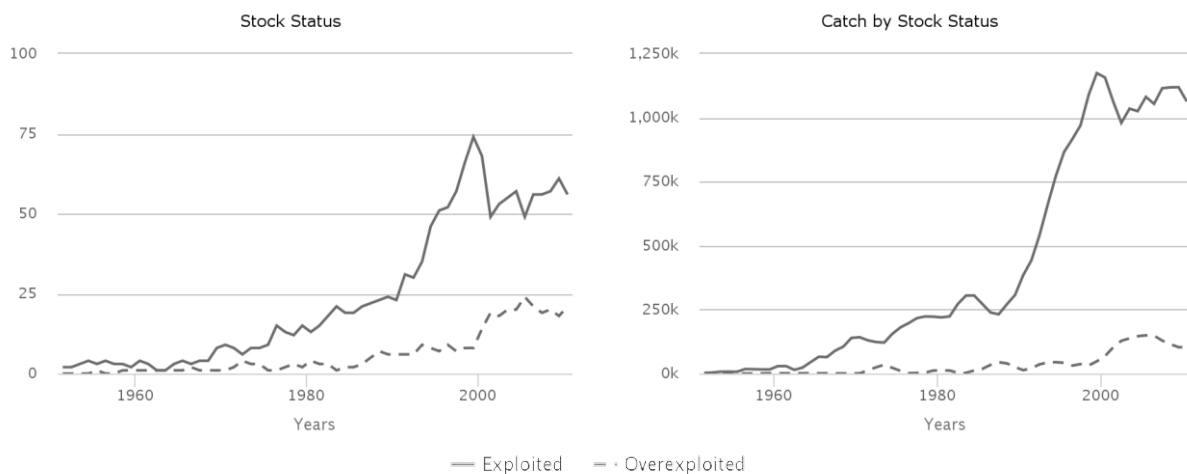
Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The MTI shows a steady decline over the past 60 years, while the FiB index increased over the same period. Due to the nature of the underlying landings statistics, it is not difficult to draw reliable conclusions from these indices; however, a detailed analysis of the MTI and FiB index of Western India, found that a ‘fishing down’ of the food webs indeed occurs in the region.



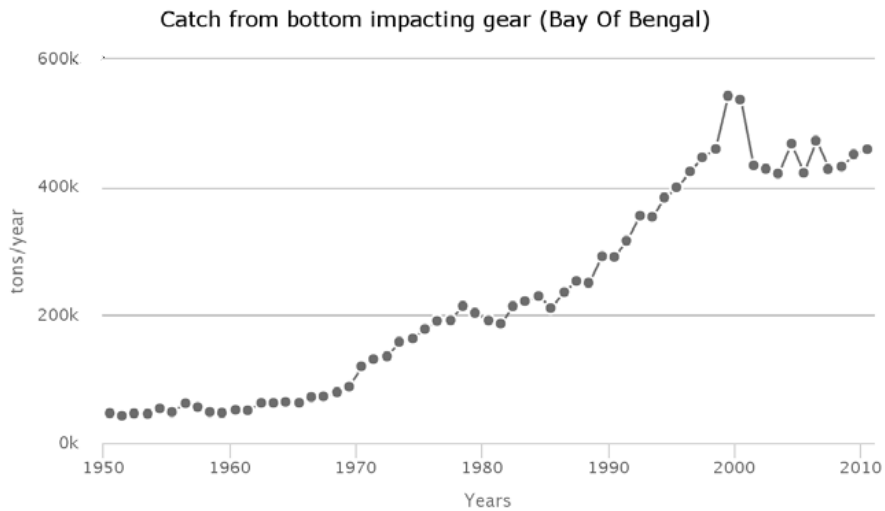
Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that the number of collapsed and overexploited stocks in the LME is low but on the rise, with over 50% of the reported landings from fully exploited stocks. Again, the questionable quality of the underlying landings statistics must be noted.



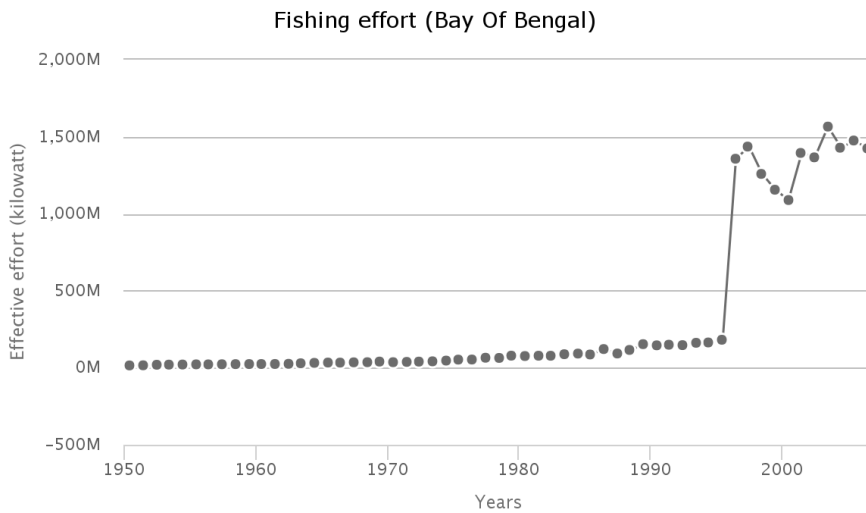
Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch decreased from 17% in 1950 to around 8% in the 1960s. Then, this percentage fluctuated between 10 and 18% in the following years.



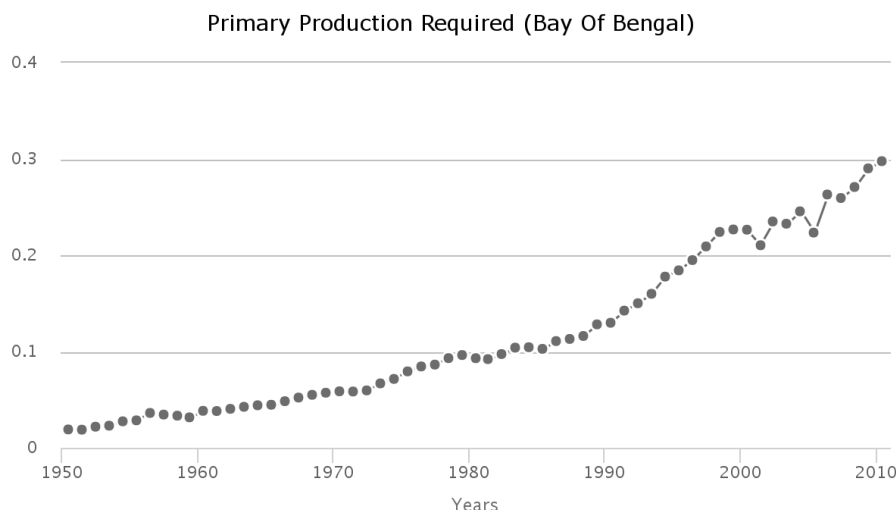
Fishing effort

The total effective effort was below 200 million kW from 1950 to the mid-1990s. Then, it increased sharply to 1,400 million kW in 1996 and it fluctuated around 1,400 million kW in the recent decade.



Primary Production Required

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME has increased over the years, and reached 20% of the observed primary production in 1998, which may be another indication that the reported landings for this LME is overestimated.



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 very high (5). 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.

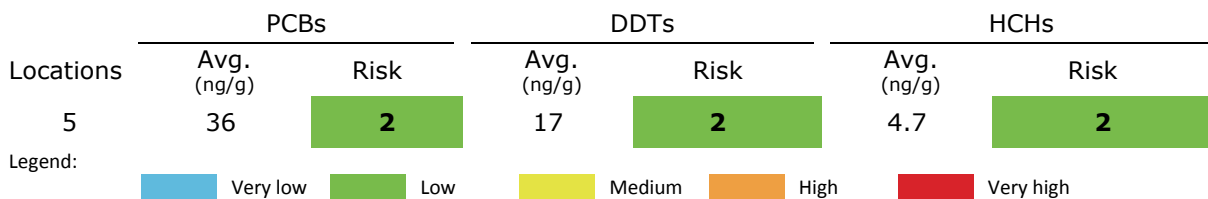
2000			2030			2050		
Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator	Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator	Nitrogen load	Nutrient ratio	Merged nutrient indicator
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Legend:



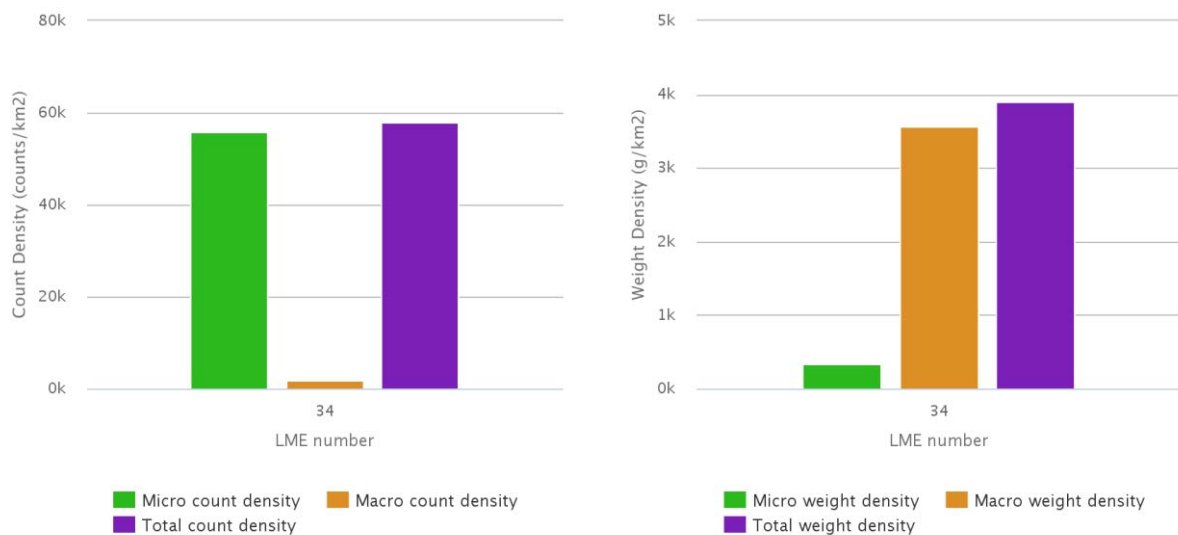
POPs

This LME covers the east coast of India, Sri Lanka and the west coast of Malaysia. Five samples at five locations are available. Average concentrations (ng.g⁻¹ of pellets) were low: 36 (range 2-139 ng.g⁻¹) for PCBs, 17 (range 1-3 ng.g⁻¹) for DDTs, and 4.7 (range 3.2-6.2 ng.g⁻¹) for HCHs. All indicators correspond to risk category 2 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Higher PCBs concentration at Chennai, India (139 ng.g⁻¹) may come from old electronic instruments, although the other location shows almost background level. Moderate concentrations of HCHs at a location in Port Dickson, Malaysia (6.2 ng.g⁻¹ pellet) may suggest current usage of Lindane pesticide. Continuous monitoring and increase in spatial coverage is recommended.



Plastic debris

Modelled estimates of floating plastic abundance (items km⁻²), for both micro-plastic (<4.75 mm) and macro-plastic (>4.75 mm), indicate that this LME is in the group with the highest 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 relative importance of these sources in this LME. The abundance of floating plastic in this category is estimated to be on average over 400 times higher than those LMEs with lowest values. There is good evidence from sea-based direct observations and towed nets to support this conclusion.



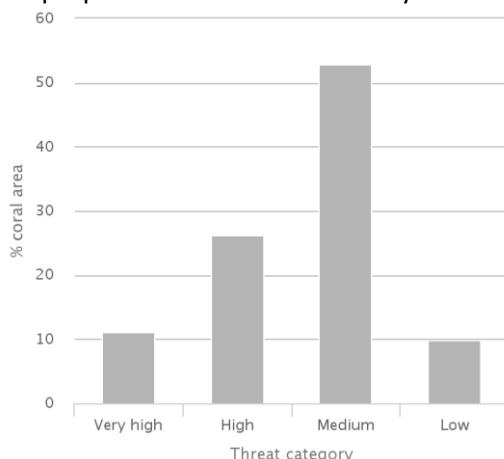
Ecosystem Health

Mangrove and coral cover

0.52% of this LME is covered by mangroves (0.52% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 0.13% by coral reefs (Global Distribution of Coral Reefs, 2010).) and 0.13% 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 238. 11% 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 21% and 27% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 23% 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 37% by 2050.

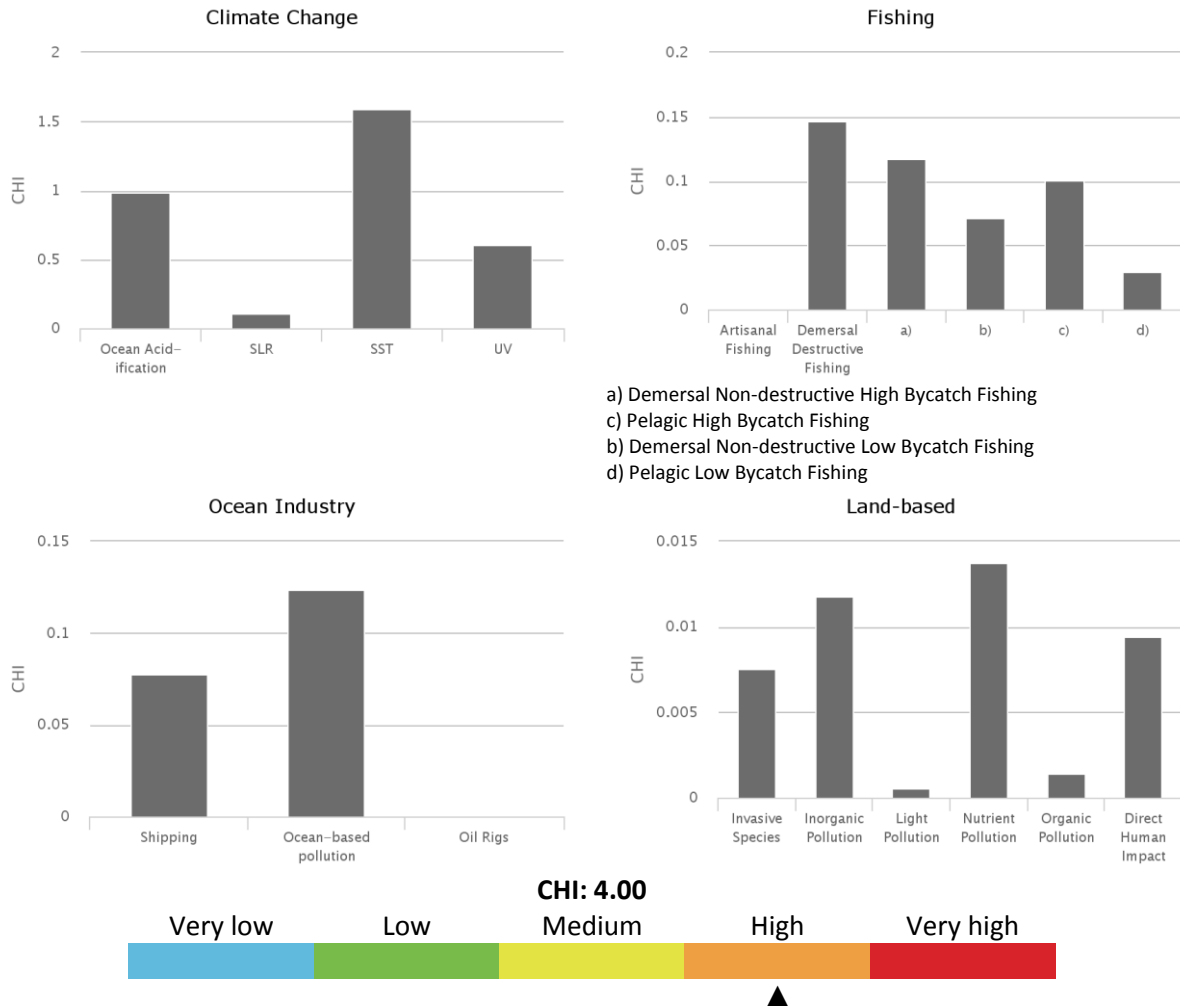


Marine Protected Area change

The Bay of Bengal LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 4,354 km² prior to 1983 to 10,687 km² by 2014. This represents an increase of 145%, within the low category of MPA change.

Cumulative Human Impact

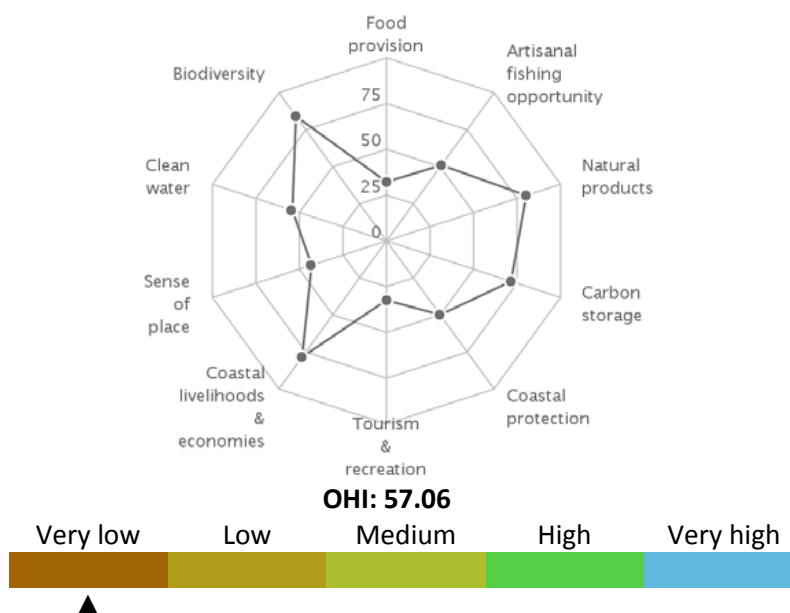
The Bay of Bengal LME experiences an above average overall cumulative human impact (score 4.00; maximum LME score 5.22). It falls in risk category 4 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This LME is most vulnerable to climate change. Of the 19 individual stressors, three connected to climate change have the highest average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (0.98; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.61; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), and sea surface temperature (1.59; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Other key stressors include commercial shipping, sea level rise, ocean based pollution, pelagic high-by-catch commercial fishing, and all three types of demersal commercial fishing (demersal destructive, non-destructive low-by-catch, and non-destructive high-by-catch).



Ocean Health Index

The Bay of Bengal LME scores below average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 62 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82). 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 increase 2 points compared to the previous year, due in large part to changes in the score for coastal economies. This LME scores lowest on food provision, coastal protection, tourism & recreation, and sense of place goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities, coastal economies, and habitat biodiversity goals. It falls in risk category 5 of the five risk categories, which is the highest level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).

Ocean Health Index (Bay Of Bengal)



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 this 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 stretches over 874 413 km². A current population of 323 389 thousand in 2010 is projected to increase to 501 774 thousand in 2100, with a density of 370 persons per km² in 2010 reaching 574 per km² by 2100. About 64% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 67% in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
323,388,537	501,774,392	205,745,155	333,816,233

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 25% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and in the very high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor

81,353,809

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the very high-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$5 891 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 32% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013

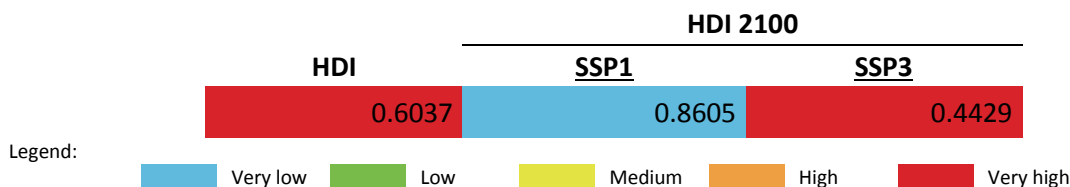
\$57 951 million places it in the high-revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 15% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies 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 this LME falls in the category with high risk.



Human Development Index

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day LME HDI belongs to the very low HDI and very high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.604, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.396, 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). This LME is projected to assume a place in the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway. Under a fragmented world scenario, the LME is estimated to place in a very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income levels and increased population values from those in a sustainable development pathway.



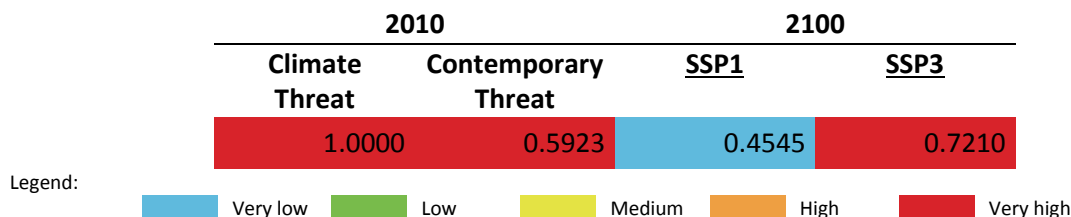
Climate-Related Threat Indices

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 × 10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index of this 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 very low, and increases to very high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

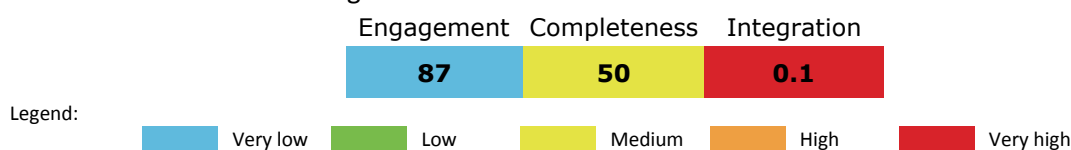


Governance

Governance architecture

This LME is served by two Regional Seas Programme initiatives and several transboundary fisheries arrangements only one of which, the BOB IGO, is focussed on the LME. There does not appear to be any agency that is formally mandated to provide transboundary integration for the issues dealt with above. The BOBLME Project may be filling this role in an unofficial capacity. It also supports integration by facilitating and catalyzing cooperative activities and capacity development.

The overall scores for ranking of risk were:





Regional Risks by Theme

TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS: SOUTHEASTERN ASIA

The region has an average Human Development Index of 0.686, belonging to the Medium HDI group with a total population of 624 million in 2015.

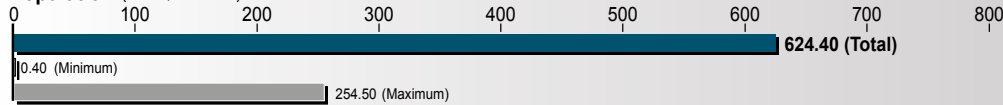
Contemporary risks of water systems by water category and theme expressed as percentages are shown at top right.

Pooling across 40 transboundary water systems in the region (bottom left), 37% (10% + 27%) of the water systems

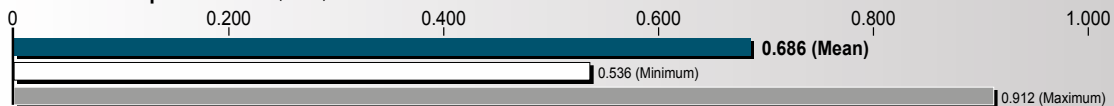
are at high to highest socioeconomic risk, 36% are subject to the highest governance risk, and 50% (28% + 22%) are at moderate to high biophysical risk. On average, the region's transboundary waters (bottom right) are subject to high socioeconomic and governance risks and to moderate biophysical risks. LMEs are at high risk and aquifers and river basins are at moderate risks across all risk themes.



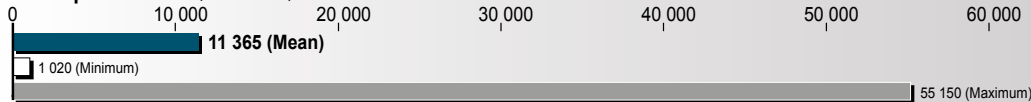
Population (2015, Millions)



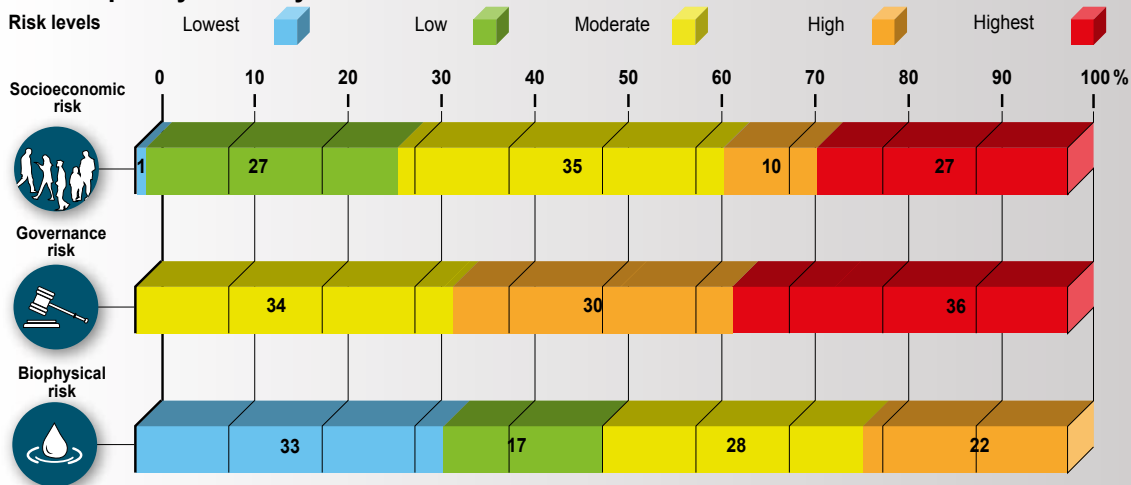
Human Development Index (2014)



Per Capita Income (2015, US\$)



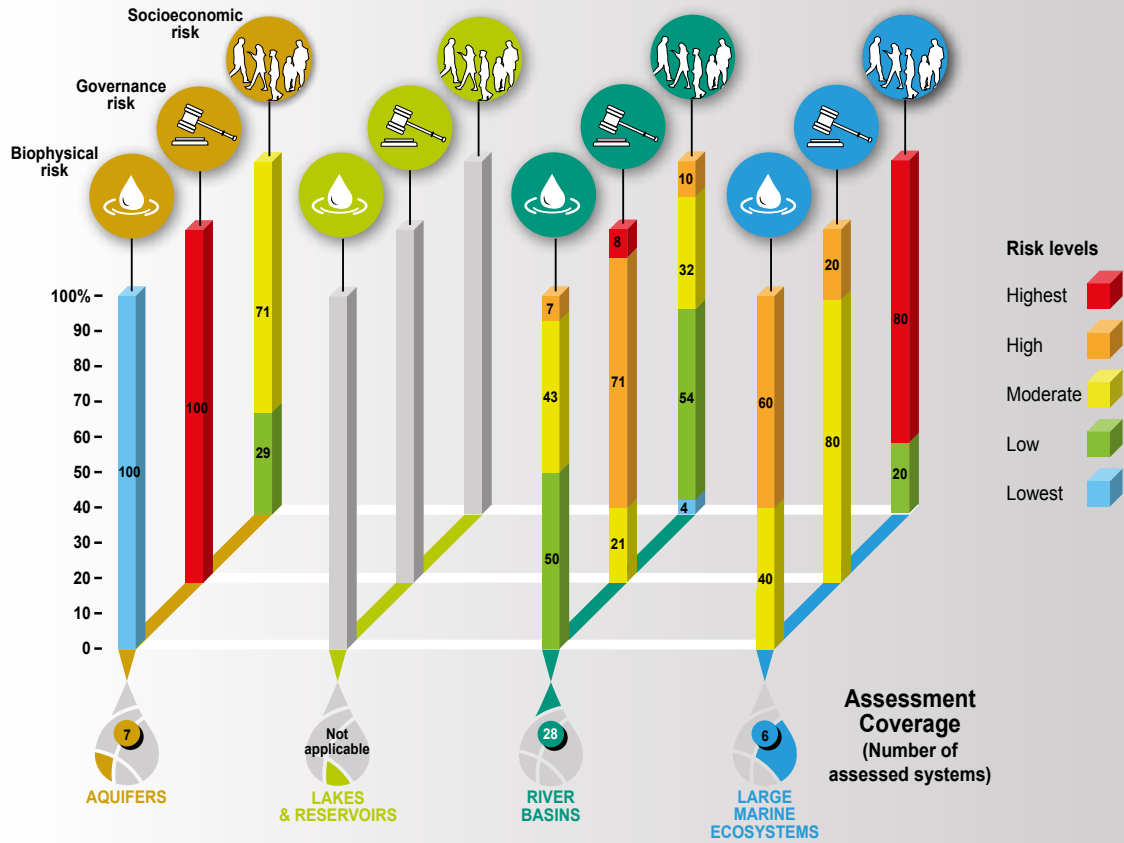
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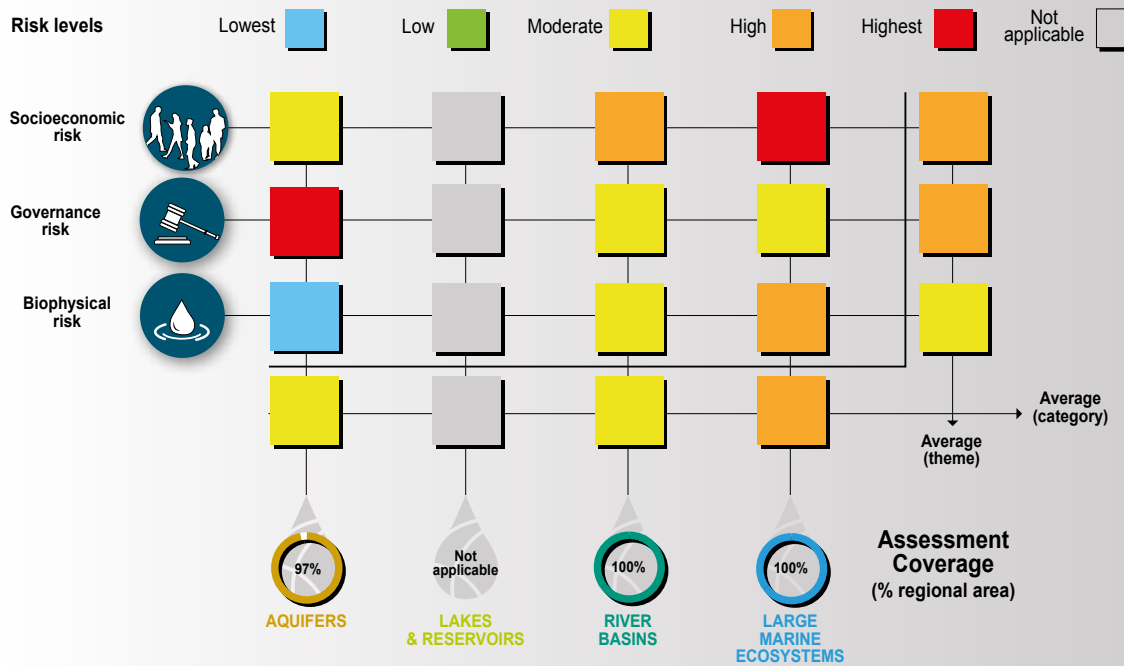


Regional Risks by Water Category

Contemporary Risks by Water Category



Average Risks





Transboundary Aquifers of Southeastern Asia

1. Cambodia Mekong River Delta Aquifer
2. Downstream of Lancang River
3. Hong River Basin
4. Karst Aquifer of Upper Zuojiang Valley
5. Khorat Plateau Aquifer
6. Limbang Aquifer
7. Lower Mekong River 1 Aquifer
8. Lower Mekong River 2 Aquifer
9. Nu River Valley Aquifer
10. Salween River Aquifer

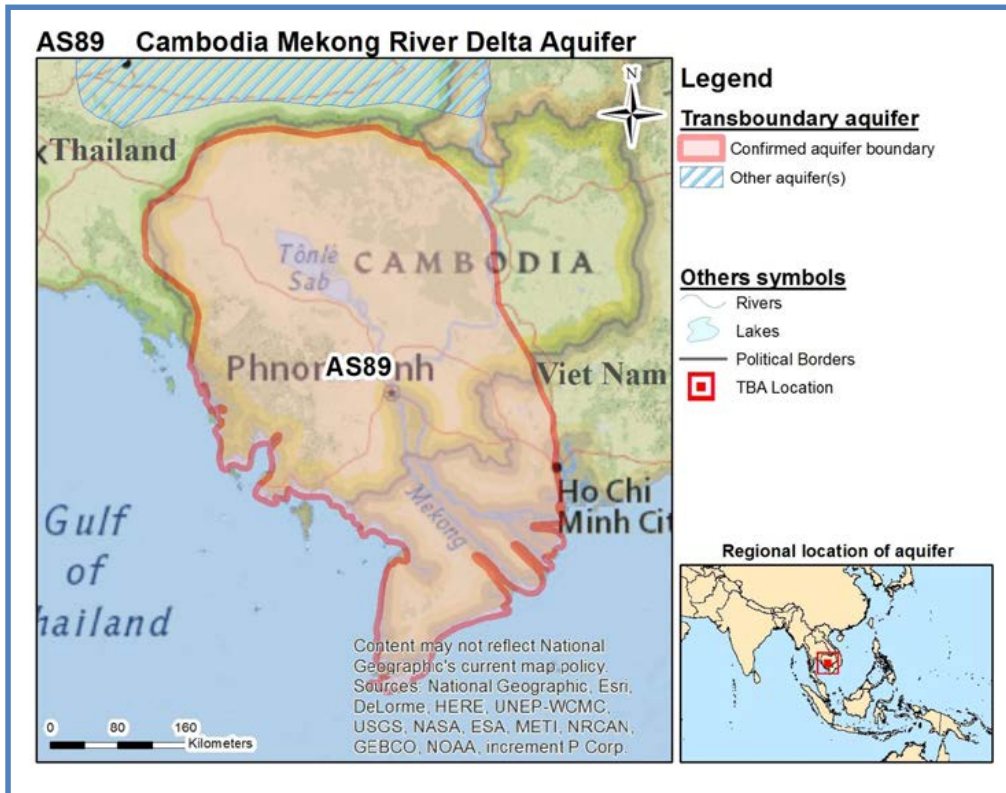
AS89 - Cambodia Mekong River Delta Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 180 000
 No. countries sharing: 3
 Countries sharing: Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam
 Population: 39 000 000
 Climate Zone: Tropical Dry
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1700

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically connected
 Degree of confinement: Mostly confined, but some parts are unconfined
 Main Lithology: Sediment - gravel



No cross-section available

Map and cross-section are only provided for illustrative purposes. Dimensions are only approximate

AS89 - Cambodia Mekong River Delta Aquifer

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/yr) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /yr/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/yr)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Cambodia	<1	<1	80	10		B	120	>1000		
Thailand							69			
Viet Nam							510			
TBA level							220			

- (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

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /yr/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
Cambodia	250	2400	-28	-39	0	3	0	1
Thailand	420	4500	-16	-20	2	21	0	0
Viet Nam	440	930	-16	-20	1	3	0	2
TBA level	300	1500	-23	-30	1	3	0	2

	Groundwater depletion (mm/yr)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
Cambodia	3	110	33	56	<1	0	0
Thailand	3	92	13	18	<1	0	0
Viet Nam	-1	480	21	28	1	0	1
TBA level	2	200	25	39	1	0	0

AS89 - Cambodia Mekong River Delta Aquifer

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	Av. Transmissivity (m ² /d)
Cambodia	5	100	15	Aquifer mostly confined, but some parts unconfined	Sediment - Gravel	High primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits		1000
Thailand								
Viet Nam								
TBA level								

* Including aquitards/aquicludes

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Aquifer description

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

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a multiple-layered hydraulically connected system that is mostly confined, but some parts are unconfined. The average depth to the water table is 5 m, and the average depth to the top of the aquifer is 100 m while the average thickness of the aquifer system is 15 m.

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – gravel that has a high primary porosity and a high vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value is 1000 m²/d. The average recharge into the system is 17.6 Mm³/yr.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The predominant discharge mechanism within Cambodia is through river base flow.

Environmental aspects

Within Cambodia around 20% of the aquifer area is unsuitable for human consumption over a significant part of the aquifer and this is largely due to elevated levels of arsenic. Some anthropogenic groundwater pollution has been identified/ suspected but the data is not available to determine the percentage of the aquifer area that has been affected. It is estimated that around 10% of the aquifer area within Cambodia is polluted within the superficial layers. The main causes are through households and agricultural practices resulting in salinisation, and excessive amounts of pesticides. Although most of the aquifer within Cambodia is characterised by shallow groundwater, no data is available on the percentage of the area that is covered with shallow groundwater nor on the extent of groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total amount of 145 Mm³ of groundwater was abstracted from the system during 2010 within Cambodia. The total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area within Cambodia for the same year was 1 678Mm³.

AS89 - Cambodia Mekong River Delta Aquifer

Legal and Institutional aspects

The Mekong River Commission does provide a platform for Transboundary cooperation although the status and mandate with respect to Transboundary matters has not been recorded. At a national level there is an institution that manages the groundwater resources but the extent of the mandate and capacity is uncertain.

Priority Issues

Population increase within the area is increasing the use of groundwater resulting in groundwater decline (amount not recorded). This matter together with the problem of a high concentrations of arsenic within parts of the aquifer, are matters that must be further investigated. Furthermore mechanisms to cooperate and share the knowledge for sustainable management of the shared aquifer are necessary.

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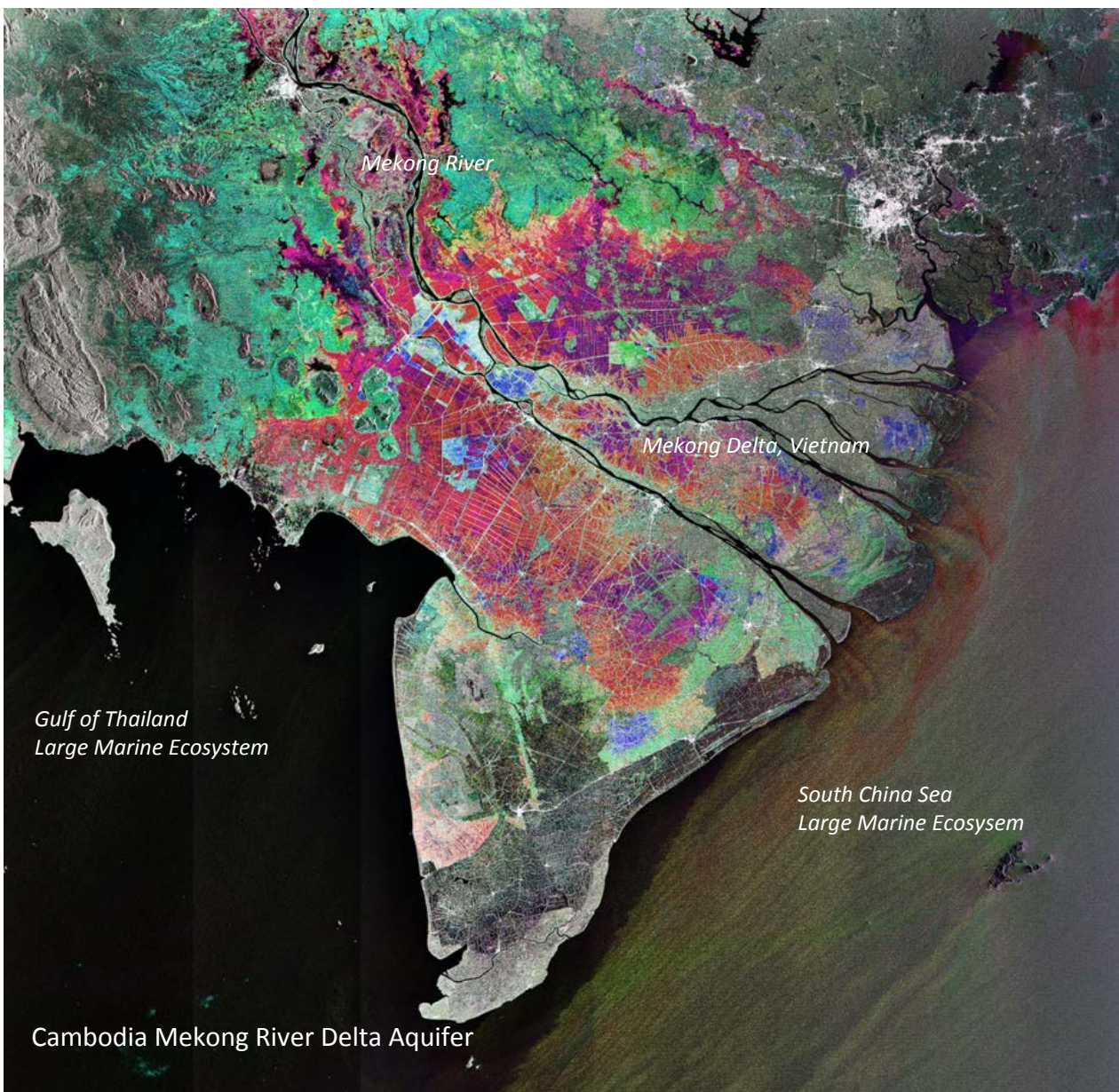
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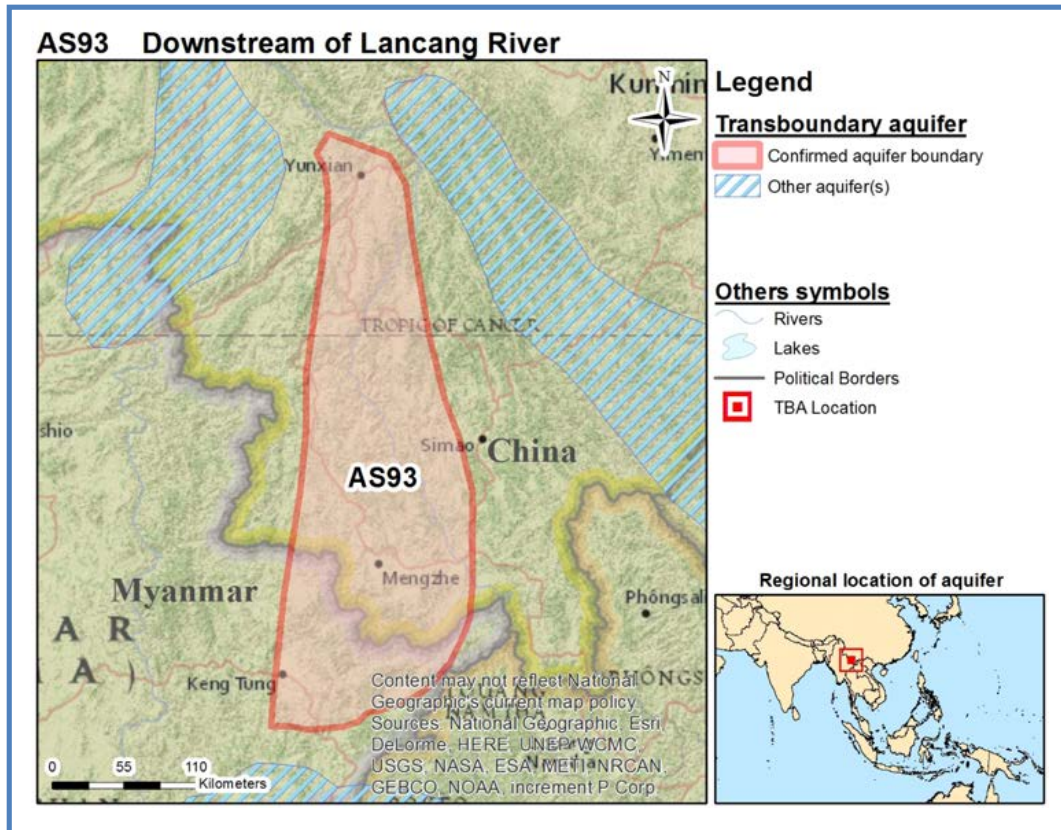
AS93 - Downstream of Lancang River

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 40 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: China, Myanmar
 Population: 2 400 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1400

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Single-layered system
 Degree of confinement: Semi-confined
 Main Lithology: Sediment –sand



No Cross-section Provided

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
China	<1	<1	100	40	700		70	>1000	A	A
Myanmar							28			
TBA level							60			

(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.

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
China	160	2200	-8	6	1	4	0	0
Myanmar	150	5900	-19	-17	6	16	1	0
TBA level	160	2600	-9	3	1	5	0	0

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
China	0	70	3	-6	<1	0	0
Myanmar	-1	25	15	18	<1	0	0
TBA level	0	60	4	-4	<1	0	0

Key parameters table from Global Inventory

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	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 (m ² /d)
China	10	<5	180	Whole aquifer semi-confined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Fractures	3500
Myanmar								
TBA level								

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Aquifer description

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Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a single-layered system. The average depth to the water table is 10 m, and the average depth to the top of the aquifer is <5 m while the average thickness of the aquifer system is 180 m. The entire aquifer is semi-confined.

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment –sand that has a high primary porosity with secondary porosity: fractures. It furthermore has a high horizontal and vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value is 3500 m²/d. The total groundwater volume is 160 km³. The average recharge into the system is 94 Mm³/yr and the aerial extent of the major recharge area is over 26 000km².

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The predominant discharge mechanism within China is through river base flow.

Environmental aspects

Within China the natural groundwater quality of the aquifer is suitable for human consumption and only superficial amounts of natural salinity are found but this is only over small areas. Besides minor amounts within the superficial layers being affected by landfills and waste disposal sites, no further anthropogenic groundwater pollution has been identified. Around 20 % of the aquifer within China is characterised by shallow groundwater whereas 80 % of the aquifer area is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total amount of 2 Mm³ of groundwater was abstracted from the system during 2010 within China. The total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area within China for the same year was 10 Mm³.

Legal and Institutional aspects

According to China a Full Scope signed Transboundary Agreement does exist and a Transboundary Institute with a Full Mandate and capacity is present.

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Emerging Issues

No issues were identified.

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Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 61 000
 No. countries sharing: 3
 Countries sharing: China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam
 Population: 4 600 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1500

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple-layered hydraulically connected
 Degree of confinement: Whole aquifer unconfined
 Main Lithology Sediment - sand



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	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
China	<1	<1	100	60	900		86	>1000	A	A
Lao People's Democratic Republic							12			
Viet Nam							63			
TBA level							75			

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		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
China	130	1400	-11	2	1	4	0	0
Laos	250	18 000	-30	-38	1	3	1	0
Viet Nam	200	3000	-24	-26	2	3	0	0
TBA level	160	2000	-17	-11	1	3	0	0

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
China	1	88	4	-5	<1	0	0
Laos	1	14	29	46	<1	0	0
Viet Nam	0	67	18	23	<1	0	0

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	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
TBA level	0	78	9	6	<1	0	0

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China	10	<5	200	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Fractures	4000
Lao People's Democratic Republic								
Viet Nam								
TBA level								

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Aquifer geometry

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Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment –sand that has a high primary porosity with secondary porosity: fractures. It furthermore has a high horizontal and vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value is 4000 m²/d. The total groundwater volume is 160 km³. The average recharge into the system is 100 Mm³/yr and the aerial extent of the major recharge area is over 20 000 km².

Linkages with other water systems

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Environmental aspects

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Socio-economic aspects

A total amount of 3 Mm³ of groundwater was abstracted from the system during 2010 within China. The total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area for the same year was 5 Mm³.

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AS119 - Karst Aquifer of Upper Zuojiang Valley

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 19 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: China, Vietnam
 Population: 1 900 00
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1500

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Single layered
 Degree of confinement: Entire aquifer unconfined
 Main Lithology: Sediment - sand



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China	<1	<1	100	50	2800		100	>1000	A	A
Viet Nam							94			
TBA level							98			

(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).

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Key parameters table from Global Inventory

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China	10	<5	240	Whole aquifer unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Fractures	5000
Viet Nam								
TBA level								

* Including aquitards/aquicludes

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Aquifer description

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Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is single layered system and the entire aquifer is unconfined. The average depth to the water table is 10 m. This aquifer protrudes to the surface and the average thickness of the aquifer system is 240m.

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand that has a high primary porosity with secondary porosity: fractures. The formation is also characterised by a high horizontal and vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value is relatively high at 5000 m²/d. The total groundwater volume within the system is 16 km³. The average recharge into the system is 12 Mm³/yr and the aerial extent of the major recharge area is over 32 000km². The long-term trend does indicate signs of groundwater depletion that is probably due to over-pumping but the amounts needs to be verified.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The major discharge mechanism is through river base flow.

Environmental aspects

The natural groundwater quality is suitable for human consumption with only some superficial layers having a higher level of natural salinity. Besides minor amounts of pollution on parts of the superficial layers, no anthropogenic groundwater pollution has been recorded. Within China around 30% of the aquifer is characterised by shallow groundwater whereas 80% of the TBA is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total of 3 Mm³ of water was abstracted from the system during 2010 within China. A total amount of 6 Mm³ of fresh water was abstracted over the aquifer area for the same year.

Legal and Institutional aspects

According to China a Bilateral Agreement with full scope for TBA management signed by all parties does exist. Furthermore a Dedicated Transboundary Institution is fully operational.

Emerging Issues

The extent of groundwater depletion that is probably due to over-pumping needs to be verified and control measures should be put in place.

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Considerations and recommendations

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One of the TBA countries contributed to the information. The information was adequate to describe the aquifer in general terms. Quantitative information was also available, and the indicators at the national level could also be calculated.

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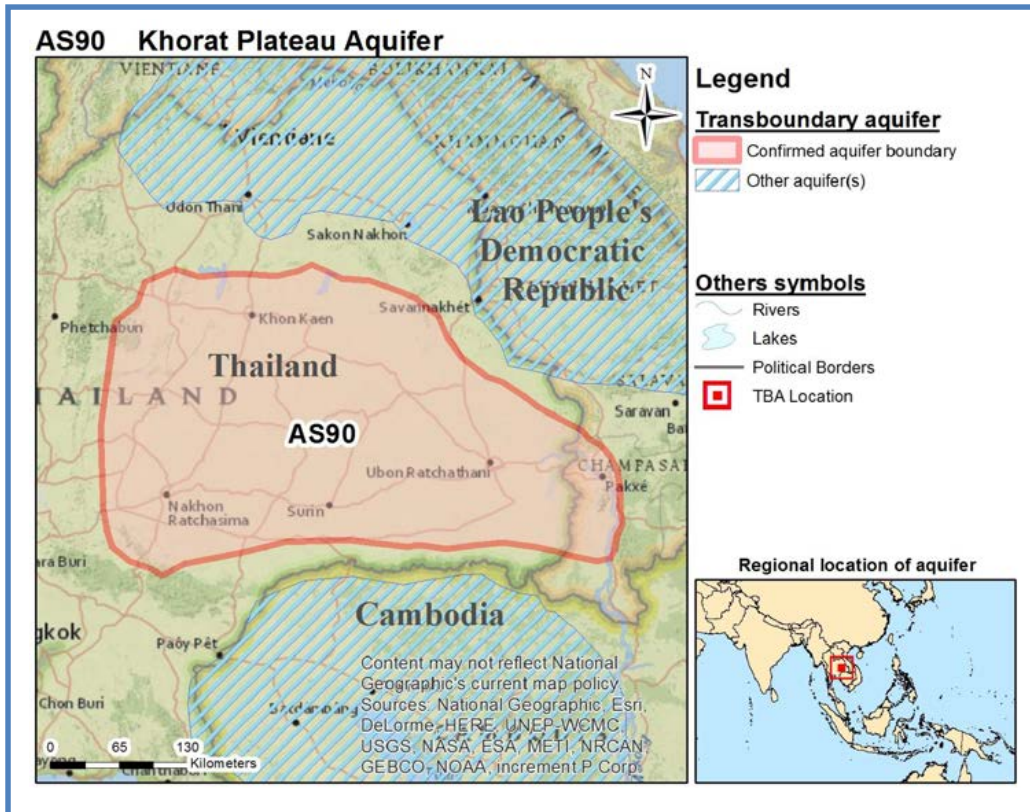
AS90 - Khorat Plateau Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 100 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: Laos, Thailand
 Population: 15 000 000
 Climate Zone: Tropical Dry
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1400

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Data not available
 Degree of confinement: Data not available
 Main Lithology: Data not available



No cross-section available

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AS90 - Khorat Plateau Aquifer

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

No data available.

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
Lao People's Democratic Republic	410	5600	-31	-41	1	3	1	3
Thailand	250	1600	-15	-14	5	22	2	6
TBA level	260	1700	-15	-15	5	22	2	6

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1	74	35	60	<1	0	0
Thailand	-1	150	9	10	1	1	2
TBA level	-1	150	10	11	1	1	1

Key parameters table from Global Inventory

No data available.

Aquifer description

No data available.

Contributors to Global Inventory

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AS151 – Limbang Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 6300

No. countries sharing: 2

Countries sharing: Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam

Population: 180 000

Climate Zone: Tropical Wet

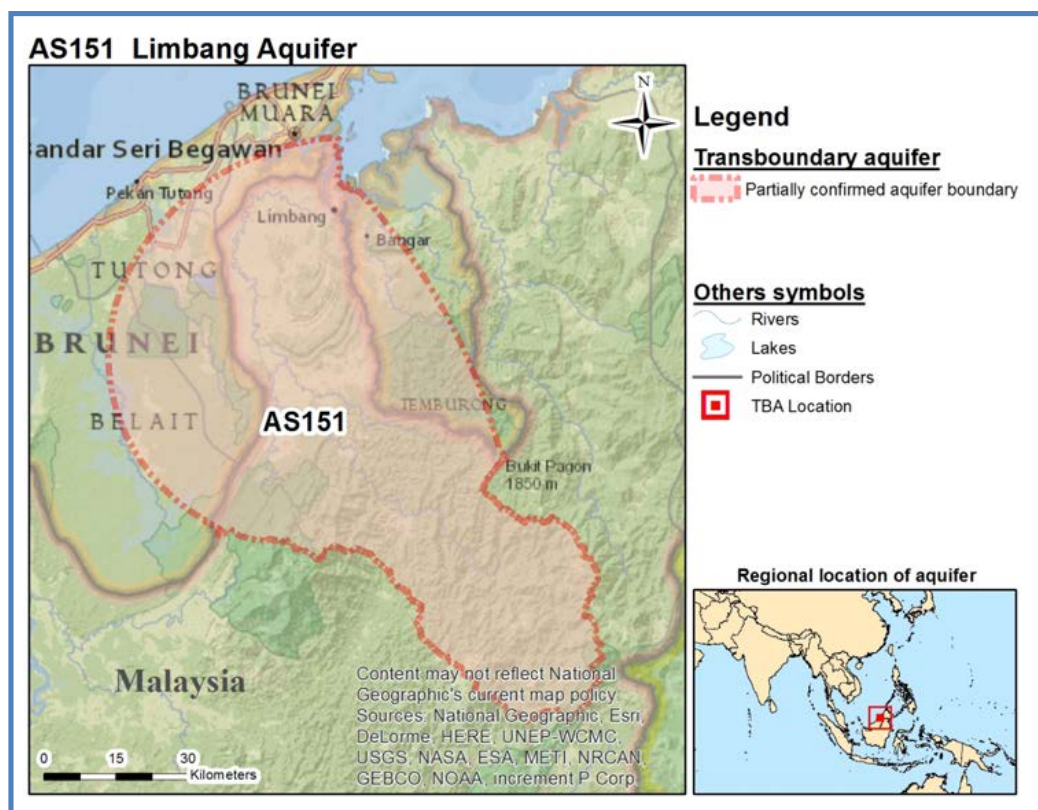
Rainfall (mm/yr): 3400

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Single layered

Degree of confinement: Unconfined

Main Lithology: Sediment - Sand



No Cross-section Provided

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AS151 – Limbang Aquifer

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
Brunei Darussalam							42			
Malaysia							22		D	E
TBA level							29			

- (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.
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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	Predominant type of porosity (or voids)	Secondary Porosity	Transmissivity (m ² /d)
Brunei Darussalam								
Malaysia	<5			Unconfined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: Weathering	
TBA level								

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



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Aquifer description

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is single layered system that is unconfined. The average depth to the water table is less than 5 m (Malaysia).

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand that has a high primary porosity with secondary porosity: due to weathering. The formation is also characterised by a low horizontal and vertical connectivity. No data is available on the average transmissivity value, on the groundwater volume, and on the amount of recharge that occurs, as well as on the long-term trend of the water levels with regard to groundwater depletion.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The major discharge mechanism is through river base flow.

Environmental aspects

The natural groundwater quality is generally suitable for human consumption, except for a few isolated localities where an increase in the natural salinity levels occurs but the data is not available to determine the percentage of the aquifer area that has been affected. Some anthropogenic groundwater pollution over a significant part of the aquifer has been identified/ suspected but the data is not available to determine the percentage of the aquifer area that has been affected. The main causes are through landfills/ waste disposal sites, households, municipalities, industrial waste disposal, and agricultural practices. This has resulted in salinisation, higher nitrate levels, excess hydrocarbons, pathogens, pesticides, heavy metals, and industrial organic compounds. Within the Malaysia part of the system <5 % of the aquifer is characterised by shallow groundwater whereas 50 % of the aquifer area is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

No data is available on the total amount of groundwater that was abstracted from the system nor on the total amount of freshwater that was abstracted over the aquifer area.

Legal and Institutional aspects

No Transboundary Agreement exists, nor is one under preparation. Furthermore no institution exists for TBA management.

Emerging Issues

Legal and institutional support is needed in order to introduce Transboundary cooperation and to promote joint groundwater control and management mechanisms.

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Only 1 of the 2 TBA countries have provided information. This information did not allow for an adequate description of this aquifer system. Although some quantitative information was available, it was not enough to calculate indicators with.

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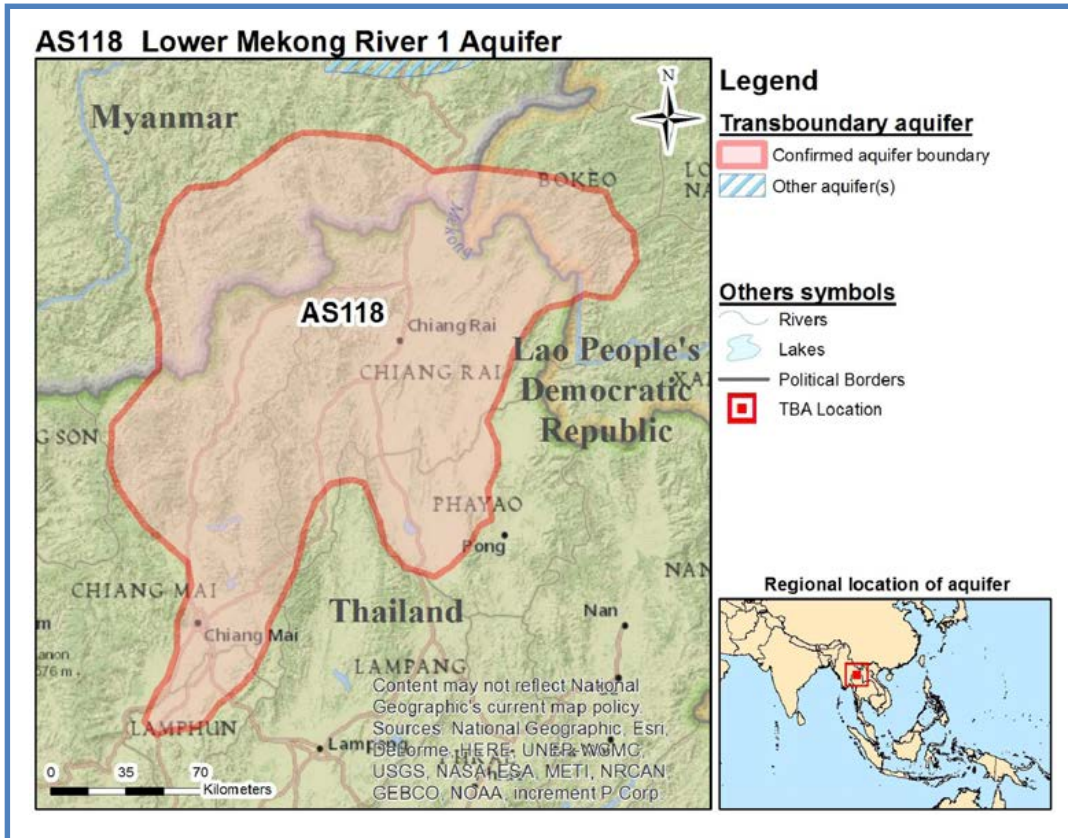
AS118 - Lower Mekong River 1 Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 32 000
 No. countries sharing: Laos, Myanmar, Thailand
 Countries sharing: 3
 Population: 2 700 000
 Climate Zone: Tropical Dry
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1400

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Data not available
 Degree of confinement: Data not available
 Main Lithology: Data not available



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No data available.

Key parameters table from Global Inventory

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Aquifer description

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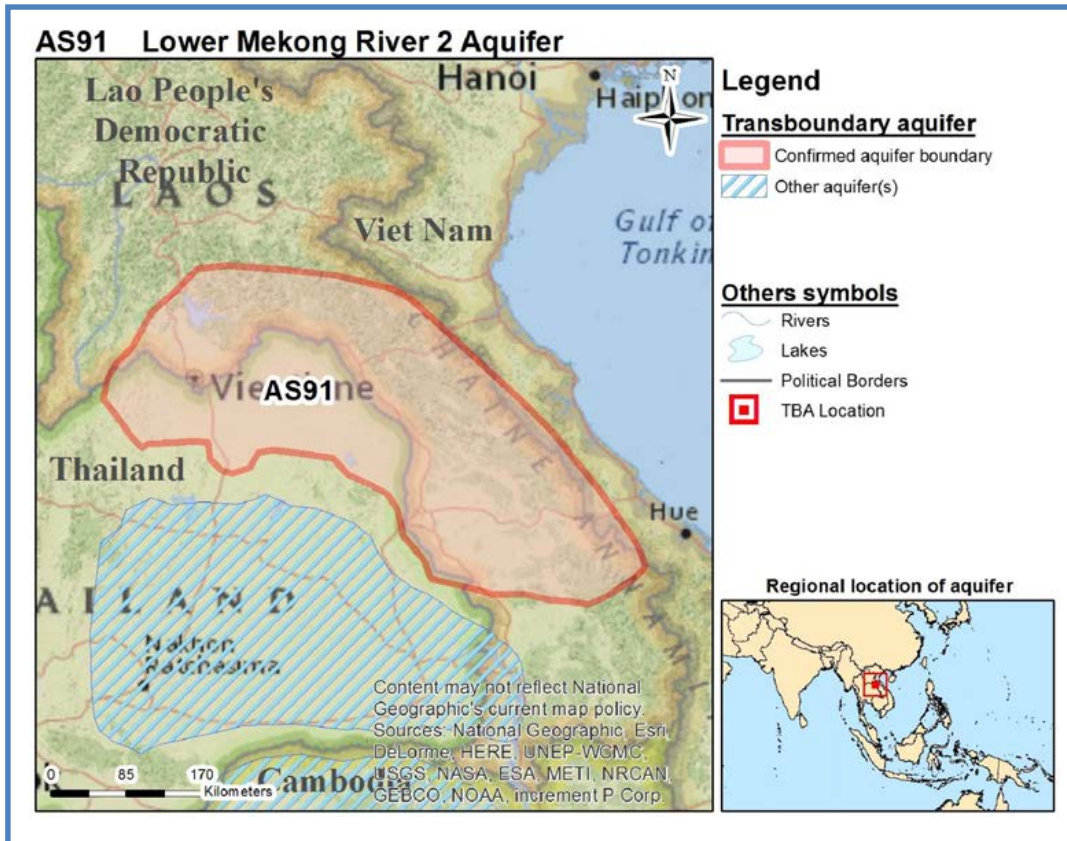
AS91 - Lower Mekong River 2 Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 110 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: Laos, Thailand, Vietnam
 Population: 7 200 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 2 100

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Data not available
 Degree of confinement: Data not available
 Main Lithology: Data not available



No cross-section available

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AS91 - Lower Mekong River 2 Aquifer

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

No data available.

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
Lao People's Democratic Republic	350	8700	-29	-38	3	11	1	3
Thailand	360	2900	-19	-20	7	22	2	9
Viet Nam	200	5500	-20	-24	1	3	0	2
TBA level	350	5300	-23	-28	5	17	2	5

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	40	31	51	<1	0	0
Thailand	2	130	13	17	1	1	1
Viet Nam	0	37	22	32	<1	0	0
TBA level	2	66	20	31	<1	0	0

Key parameters table from Global Inventory

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Aquifer description

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Contributors to Global Inventory

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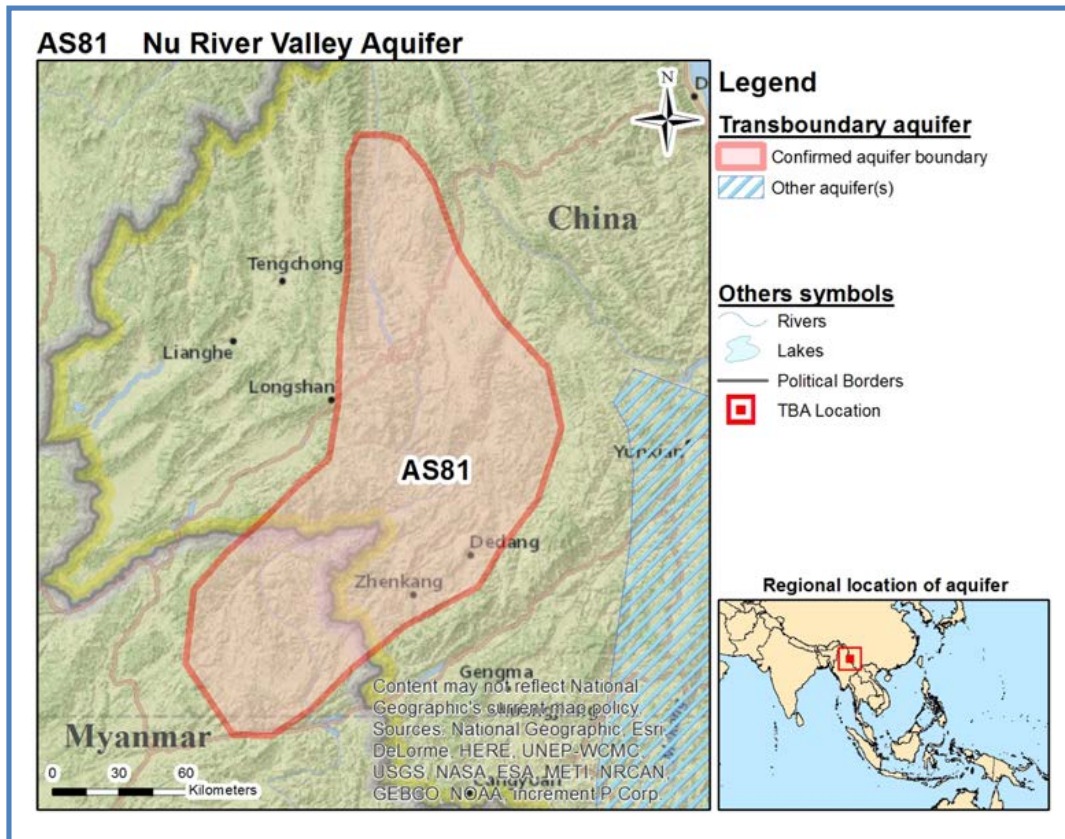
AS81 - Nu River Valley Aquifer

Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 18 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: Myanmar, China
 Population: 1 800 000
 Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 1300

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layered hydraulically connected system
 Degree of confinement: Mostly unconfined, but some parts confined
 Main Lithology: Sediment – sand



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AS81 - Nu River Valley Aquifer

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

	Recharge (mm/y) (1)	Renewable groundwater per capita (m ³ /y/capita)	Natural background groundwater quality (%) (2)	Human dependency on groundwater (%)	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Groundwater pollution (%) (3)	Population density (Persons/km ²)	Groundwater development stress (%) (4)	Transboundary legal framework (Scores) (5)	Transboundary institutional framework (Scores) (6)
China	<1	<1	100	40	1500		120	>1000	A	A
Myanmar							39			
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).
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	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 (m ² /d)
China	10	<5	200	Aquifer mostly unconfined, but some parts confined	Sediment - Sand	High primary porosity fine/ medium sedimentary deposits	Secondary porosity: fractures	4000
Myanmar								
TBA level								

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AS81 - Nu River Valley Aquifer

Aquifer description

Aquifer geometry

This aquifer is a multiple-layered hydraulically connected system that is mostly unconfined, but some parts are confined. The average depth to the water table is 10m within China. The average depth to the top of the aquifer is <5 m while the average thickness of the aquifer system is 200m.

Hydrogeological aspects

The predominant aquifer lithology is sediment – sand that has a high primary porosity with secondary porosity: fractures. It has a high horizontal and vertical connectivity. The average transmissivity value is relatively high at 4000 m²/d. The total groundwater volume within the system in China is 30 km³. The average amount of recharge into the system within China that was provided should be reviewed and the aerial extent of the major recharge area is 25 000km². There is an annual amount of groundwater depletion that has occurred, probably due to over-pumping, but the realistic amount based on the groundwater trends must be reviewed.

Linkages with other water systems

The predominant source of natural recharge is through precipitation over the aquifer area. The major discharge mechanism within China is through river base flow.

Environmental aspects

With regard to the natural groundwater quality within China, besides some superficial areas with higher salinity levels and elevated amounts of Fluoride, the entire aquifer is generally suitable for human consumption. Currently besides some of the superficial layers being slightly polluted through landfills and waste disposal sites, no larger-scale anthropogenic groundwater pollution has been detected. Around 20% of the aquifer within China is characterised by shallow groundwater, whereas around 80% of the aquifer area is covered with groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Socio-economic aspects

A total of 2 Mm³ of water was abstracted from the system during 2010 within China. The total amount of fresh water that was abstracted over the aquifer area over the same period was 5 Mm³.

Legal and Institutional aspects

According to China there is a signed Bilateral Agreement with full scope, where there is also a Transboundary Institute with full a full mandate and capacity.

Emerging Issues

The current status of the institutional set-up and capacity within Burma should be reviewed.

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Considerations and recommendations

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Only 1 of the 2 TBA countries contributed to the information. Information was adequate to describe the aquifer in general terms. The quantitative information that was also available, was sufficient to calculate most of the indicators at the national level.

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.

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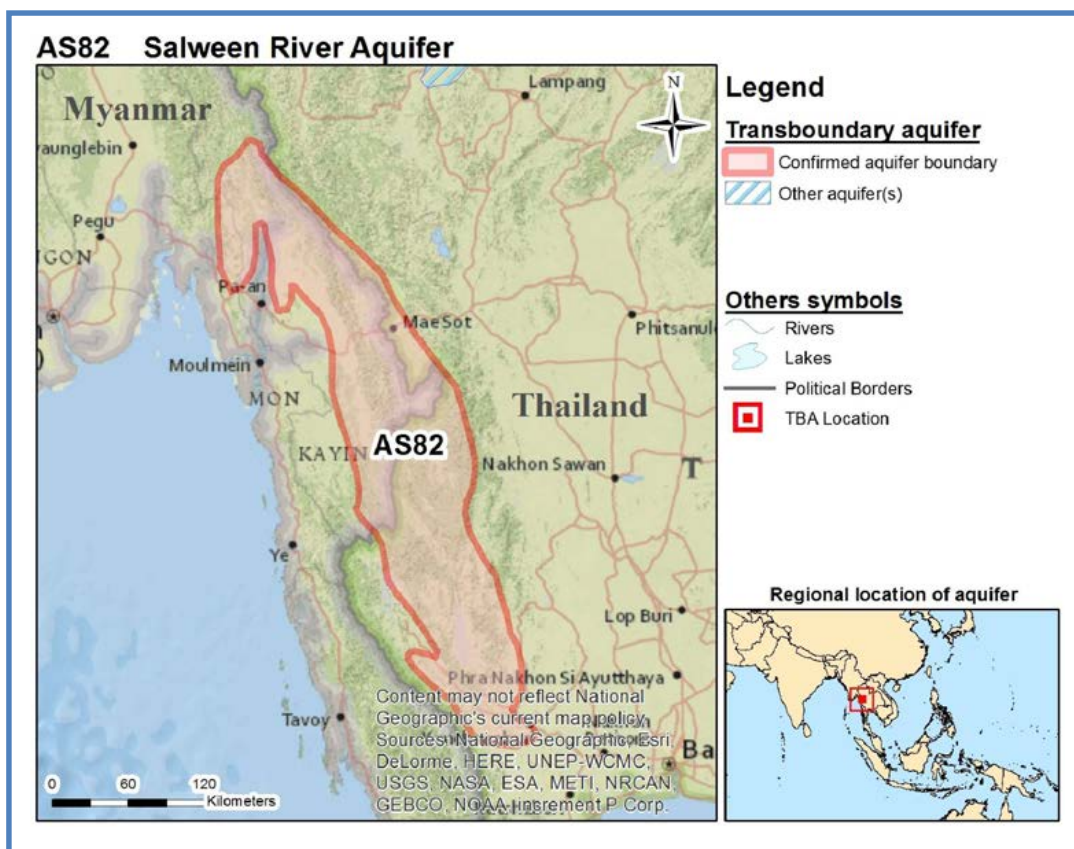
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Geography

Total area TBA (km²): 34 000
 No. countries sharing: 2
 Countries sharing: Myanmar, Thailand
 Population: 1 100 000
 Climate Zone: Tropical Wet
 Rainfall (mm/yr): 2000

Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Data not available
 Degree of confinement: Data not available
 Main Lithology: Data not available



No cross-section available

Map and cross-section are only provided for illustrative purposes. Dimensions are only approximate

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TWAP Groundwater Indicators from Global Inventory

No data available.

TWAP Groundwater Indicators from WaterGAP model

	Recharge, incl. recharge from irrigation (mm/yr)	Renewable groundwater per capita			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(%)
		Current state (m ³ /y/capita)	Projection 2030 (% change to current state)	Projection 2050 (% change to current state)				
Myanmar	410	8400	-16	-19	5	22	3	6
Thailand	220	8000	-11	-11	4	22	2	0
TBA level	310	8200	-14	-16	4	22	2	1

	Groundwater depletion (mm/y)	Population density			Groundwater development stress		
		Current state (Persons/km ²)	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)
Myanmar	0	49	16	21	<1	0	0
Thailand	0	27	10	11	<1	0	0
TBA level	0	37	14	17	<1	0	0

Key parameters table from Global Inventory

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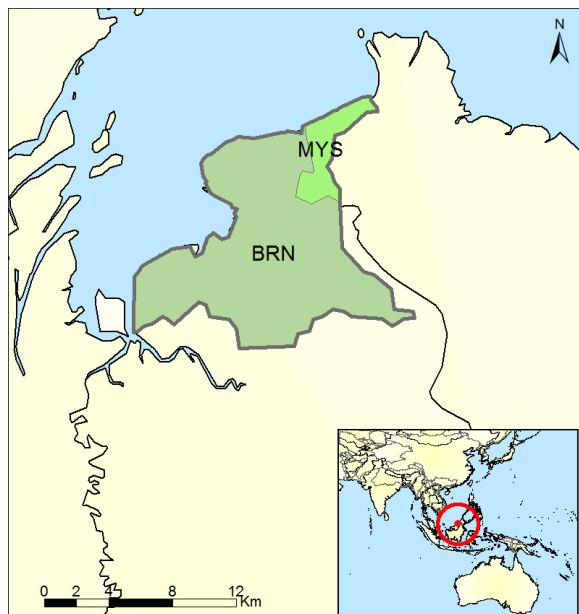
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Transboundary River Basins of Southeastern Asia

1. Bangau
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4. Ca/ Song-Koi
5. Digul
6. Fly
7. Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna
8. Golok
9. Irrawaddy
10. Jayapura
11. Kaladan
12. Karnaphuli
13. Loes
14. Ma
15. Maro
16. Mekong
17. Pakchan
18. Red/ Song Hong
19. Saigon
20. Salween
21. Sebuiku
22. Sembakung
23. Sepik
24. Song Vam Co Dong
25. Tami
26. Tjeroaka-Wanggoe
27. Vanimu-Green

Bangau Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	130
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Brunei Darussalam (BRN), Malaysia (MYS)
Population in basin (people)	1,495
Country at mouth	Brunei Darussalam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
BNGU_BRN						
BNGU_MYS						
Total in Basin					0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
BNGU_BRN								
BNGU_MYS								

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Total in Basin										
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
BNGU_BRN	0	0.90	1	11.19	1.88			0	38,563.31	0	0.00
BNGU_MYS	0	0.10	0	14.33	1.69			0	10,513.71	0	0.00
Total in Basin	0	1.00	1	11.50	1.37	0.00	0.00	0	35,171.56	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

Indicators

1 - Environmental water stress 2 – Human water stress 3 – Agricultural water stress 4 – Nutrient pollution 5 – Wastewater pollution
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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydrop olitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
BNGU_BRN									3
BNGU_MYS									3
River Basin					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					

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17 – Lake influence indicator **18** – Relative sea level rise (RSLR) **19** – Wetland ecological threat **20** – Population pressure **21** – Delta governance

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Bei Jiang/Hsi Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	401,083
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	China (CHN), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	77,098,396
Country at mouth	China
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,450

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	7
Large Marine	1
Ecosystems	

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
HSIX_CHN		728.63			427.20	17.01
HSIX_VNM		626.16				
Total in Basin	291.06	725.69			427.20	17.01

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
HSIX_CHN	43,564.12	26,128.97	386.36	6,620.98	6,149	4,278.33	572.92	
HSIX_VNM	544.75	324.71	5.24	37.58	0	177.21	514.12	

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Total in Basin	44,108.87	26,453.68	391.61	6,658.56	6,149.48	4,455.54	572.11	15.15
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km ²)
HSIX_CHN	390	0.97	76,039	195.22	0.51	0.00	100.00	40	6,807.43	49	125.80
HSIX_VNM	12	0.03	1,060	91.56	1.10	0.00	100.00	0	1,910.53	0	0.00
Total in Basin	401	1.00	77,098	192.23	0.50	0.00	100.00	40	6,740.13	49	122.17

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Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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HSIX_CHN	2	3	2		5	2	4	4	5	5	5	2	2	3	3
HSIX_VNM	1	2	2		5		3		3	4	5	5	1	3	3
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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
HSIX_CHN	2	2	3	3			1	1	5
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Beilun Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	840
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	China (CHN), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	116,863
Country at mouth	China, Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,388

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

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Ecosystems	

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BLUN_CHN		1,261.11				
BLUN_VNM						
Total in Basin	1.06	1,261.11			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
BLUN_CHN	92.43	79.77	1.11	0.00	0	11.55	932.51	
BLUN_VNM								

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Total in Basin	92.43	79.77	1.11	0.00	0.00	11.55	790.88	8.73
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
BLUN_ CHN	1	0.85	99	139.23	0.51	0.00	100.00	0	6,807.43	0	0.00
BLUN_ VNM	0	0.15	18	138.68	1.10			0	1,910.53	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	117	139.15	0.58	0.00	84.81	0	6,063.69	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU	2	3	1	1			1	1	3
BLUN_ CHN	2	3	1	1			1	1	3
BLUN_ VNM									3
River Basin	2	3	1	1	4	5	1	1	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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Ca/Song-Koi Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	27,246
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Lao People'S Democratic Republic (LAO), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	2,740,642
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,732

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
CAXX_LAO		670.75				
CAXX_VNM		812.06				
Total in Basin	20.73	760.83			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
CAXX_LAO	21.94	14.92	1.56	0.00	0	5.04	128.72	
CAXX_VNM	1,582.66	552.74	10.58	12.40	366	640.83	615.78	

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Total in Basin	1,604.60	567.66	12.13	12.40	366.54	645.87	585.48	7.74
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
CAXX_ LAO	9	0.34	170	18.29	1.50			0	1,645.74	0	0.00
CAXX_ VNM	18	0.66	2,570	143.37	1.10	0.00	100.00	1	1,910.53	0	0.00
Total in Basin	27	1.00	2,741	100.59	1.10	0.00	93.78	1	1,894.07	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
CAXX_ LAO	2	2	1	1			2	3	3
CAXX_ VNM	3	3	2	2			1	2	5
River Basin	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	5

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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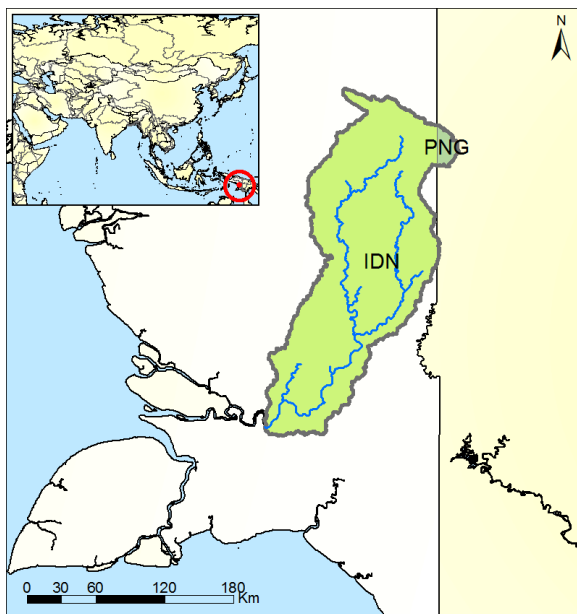
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Digul Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	25,484
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	65,143
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,732

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	2
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
DIGL_IDN		2,723.86				
DIGL_PNG						
Total in Basin	69.42	2,723.86			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
DIGL_IDN	8.82	0.32	0.14	3.24	0	5.12	137.93	
DIGL_PNG								

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Total in Basin	8.82	0.32	0.14	3.24	0.00	5.12	135.36	0.01
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
DIGL_IDN	25	0.98	64	2.56				0	3,475.25	0	0.00
DIGL_PNG	1	0.02	1	2.38				0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	25	1.00	65	2.56	1.23	0.00	0.00	0	3,449.45	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
DIGL_IDN	2	2	1	1					3
DIGL_PNG									3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2			3

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Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
River Basin	1				

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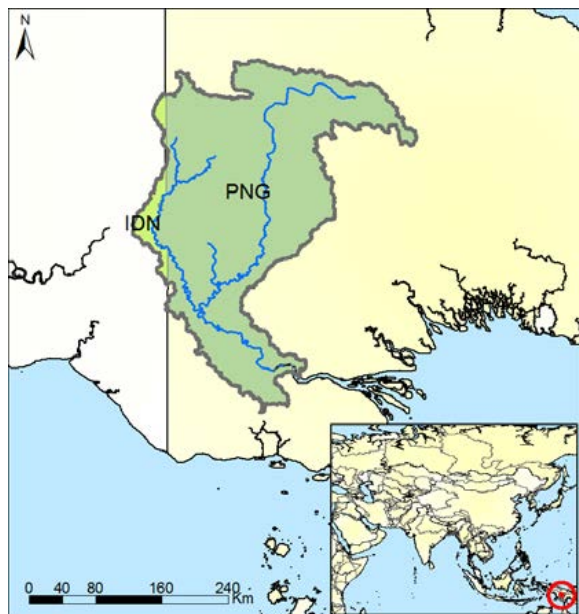
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Fly Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	63,886
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	349,358
Country at mouth	Papua New Guinea
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,476

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	3
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
FLYX_IDN		2,142.01				
FLYX_PNG		2,563.17			782.00	4.07
Total in Basin	162.82	2,548.65			782.00	4.07

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
FLYX_IDN	0.30	0.00	0.01	0.00	0	0.30	56.56	
FLYX_PNG	25.32	0.00	0.56	13.47	0	11.28	73.60	

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Total in Basin	25.62	0.00	0.57	13.47	0.00	11.58	73.33	0.02
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
FLYX_IDN	3	0.04	5	2.07	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
FLYX_PNG	61	0.96	344	5.61	2.36	0.00	100.00	0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	64	1.00	349	5.47	2.12	0.00	98.46	0	2,109.69	0	0.00

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FLYX_IDN	1	1	1		5	5	1	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	2
FLYX_PNG	1	1	1		5	4	1	3	1	4	2		1	3	2
River Basin	1	1	1	2	5	5	1	3	1	4	2		1	4	2

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
FLYX_IDN	2	2	1	1			1	2	2
FLYX_PNG	2	2	1	1			2	4	2
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2

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River Basin	1				

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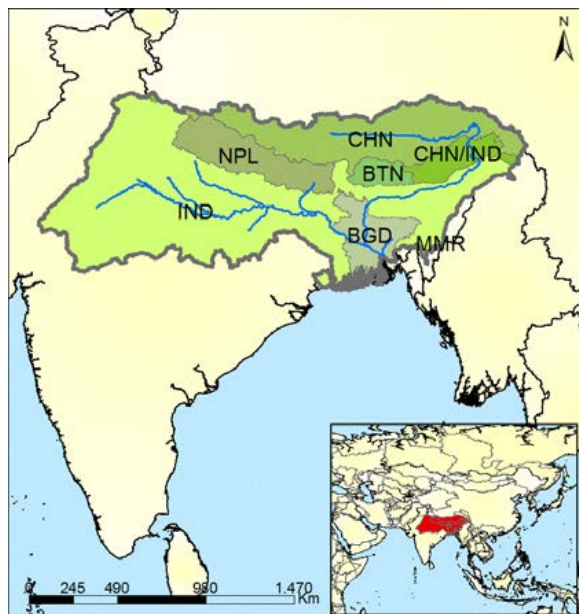
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Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	1,652,367
No. of countries in basin	7
BCUs in basin	Arunachal Pradesh (CHN/IND), Bangladesh (BGD), Bhutan (BTN), China (CHN), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR), Nepal (NPL)
Population in basin (people)	704,221,090
Country at mouth	Bangladesh
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,387

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	2

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	25
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
GANG_BGD		1,296.60			76.90	0.60
GANG_BTN		1,196.48				
GANG_CHN		506.82			1,641.70	27.52
GANG_CHN/IND		3,580.37				
GANG_IND		720.50			1,480.80	45.71
GANG_MMR						
GANG_NPL		1,078.23				
Total in Basin	1,420.98	859.97			3,199.40	73.82

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Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
GANG_BGD	69,546.63	62,745.29	225.90	2,098.07	1,215	3,262.62	494.23	
GANG_BTN	160.06	127.06	4.50	0.00	4	24.76	58.84	
GANG_CHN	725.42	613.54	38.24	0.00	0	73.64	386.09	
GANG_CHN/IND	173.97	117.96	5.53	1.25	0	49.22	168.36	
GANG_IND	422,355.42	342,858.61	1,634.40	8,129.41	48,189	21,543.52	798.88	
GANG_MMR								
GANG_NPL	7,122.92	6,292.46	109.87	1.96	104	614.46	244.13	
Total in Basin	500,084.42	412,754.93	2,018.43	10,230.69	49,512.15	25,568.22	710.12	35.19

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000.000 km ²)
GANG_BGD	110	0.07	140,717	1,284.52	1.12	0.00	100.00	23	829.25	1	9.13
GANG_BTN	38	0.02	2,720	72.20	1.93	14.92	85.08	0	2,498.39	0	0.00
GANG_CHN	318	0.19	1,879	5.91	0.51	0.00	100.00	1	6,807.43	1	3.15
GANG_CHN/IND	70	0.04	1,033	14.85		0.00	100.00	0		0	0.00
GANG_IND	970	0.59	528,686	545.27	1.43	0.00	100.00	165	1,498.87	79	81.48
GANG_MMR	1	0.00	9	10.35	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
GANG_NPL	147	0.09	29,177	197.91	1.87	0.32	99.68	5	694.10	1	6.78
Total in Basin	1,652	1.00	704,221	426.19	1.23	0.07	99.93	194	1,347.53	82	49.63

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BCU															
GANG_BGD	2	4	3		5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	5	3	5
GANG_BTN	1	1	2		5	3	3	3	3	5	5	4	5	3	4
GANG_CHN	2	1	2		5	2	4	3	3	5	5	2	1	3	3
GANG_CHN/IND	1	1	2			2	4	4	3	5	5		5	3	3

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GANG_IND	4	4	3		5	4	5	3	3	2	3	1	5	3	5
GANG_MMR					5	1			3	5	3	4	1	3	1
GANG_NPL	2	1	2		5	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	5	3	4
River Basin	4	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	5	3	5

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
GANG_BGD	2	3	4	4			2	2	4
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GANG_IND	5	5	4	4			1	2	4
GANG_MMR									3
GANG_NPL	3	3	1	2			2	3	4
River Basin	4	4	4	4	5	5	1	2	4

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index			
		18	19	20	21
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Golok Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	2,320
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Malaysia (MYS), Thailand (THA)
Population in basin (people)	489,877
Country at mouth	Malaysia, Thailand
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,727

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
GLOK_MYS		1,630.76				
GLOK_THA		1,146.70				
Total in Basin	3.03	1,308.10			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
GLOK_MYS	291.23	236.63	0.48	0.00	14	39.71	1,487.93	
GLOK_THA	408.14	349.97	1.74	0.00	17	39.04	1,387.52	

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Total in Basin	699.37	586.60	2.22	0.00	31.80	78.75	1,427.64	23.05
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
GLOK_ MYS	1	0.43	196	197.86	1.69			0	10,513.71	0	0.00
GLOK_ THA	1	0.57	294	221.10	0.71	0.00	100.00	0	5,778.98	0	0.00
Total in Basin	2	1.00	490	211.19	0.85	0.00	60.05	0	7,670.69	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
GLOK_ MY S	1		2		5	3			3	5	3	3	4	2	4
GLOK_ TH A	2		2		5	4			3	5	3	3	1	2	2
River Basin	2		2	2	5				2	5	3	3	2	2	3

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Basin BCU									
GLOK_ MYS	2	3							3
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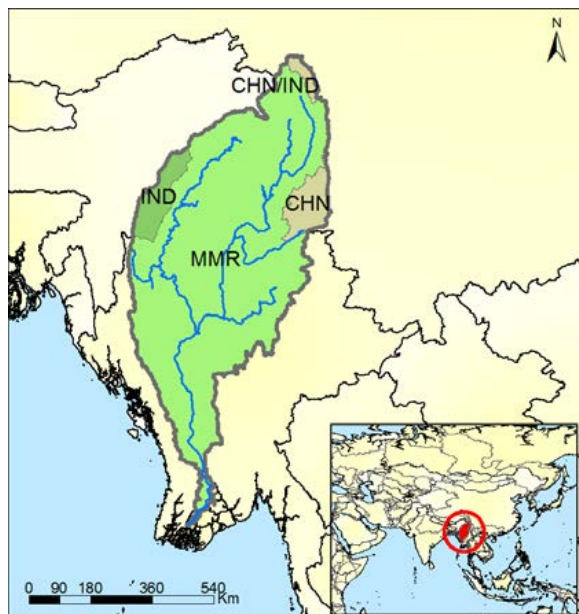
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Irrawaddy Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	375,475
No. of countries in basin	4
BCUs in basin	Arunachal Pradesh (CHN/IND), China (CHN), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	28,582,552
Country at mouth	Myanmar
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,887

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)	
Groundwater	
Lakes	4
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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IRWD_CHN		1,813.70				
IRWD_CHN/IND						
IRWD_IND		1,331.40			292.40	0.88
IRWD_MMR		1,458.16			263.00	2.22
Total in Basin	551.76	1,469.51			555.40	3.09

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)

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IRWD_CHN	338.05	297.19	4.29	0.00	0	36.57	183.96	
IRWD_CHN/IND								
IRWD_IND	232.36	64.68	10.00	18.86	39	100.28	80.87	
IRWD_MMR	8,077.66	7,235.52	92.75	57.90	197	494.58	338.38	
Total in Basin	8,648.07	7,597.39	107.05	76.75	235.45	631.43	302.56	1.57

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km ²)
IRWD_CHN	21	0.06	1,838	85.70	0.51	0.00	100.00	1	6,807.43	0	0.00
IRWD_CHN/IND	0	0.00	0	6.71				0		0	0.00
IRWD_IND	17	0.05	2,873	165.78	1.43	0.00	100.00	1	1,498.87	1	57.70
IRWD_MMR	337	0.90	23,872	70.91	0.70	0.00	100.00	10	0.00	10	29.70
Total in Basin	375	1.00	28,583	76.12	0.88	0.00	100.00	12	588.32	11	29.30

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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IRWD_CHN/IND						1			1	5	3		1	3	1
IRWD_IND	1	1	2		5	1	4	3	3	5	3	1	1	2	3
IRWD_MMR	2	1	2		5	3	3	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	4
River Basin	2	1	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	3	4	2	4

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Basin BCU	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
IRWD_CHN	2	3	1	1			1	1	5
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IRWD_IND	2	3	1	1			1	2	3
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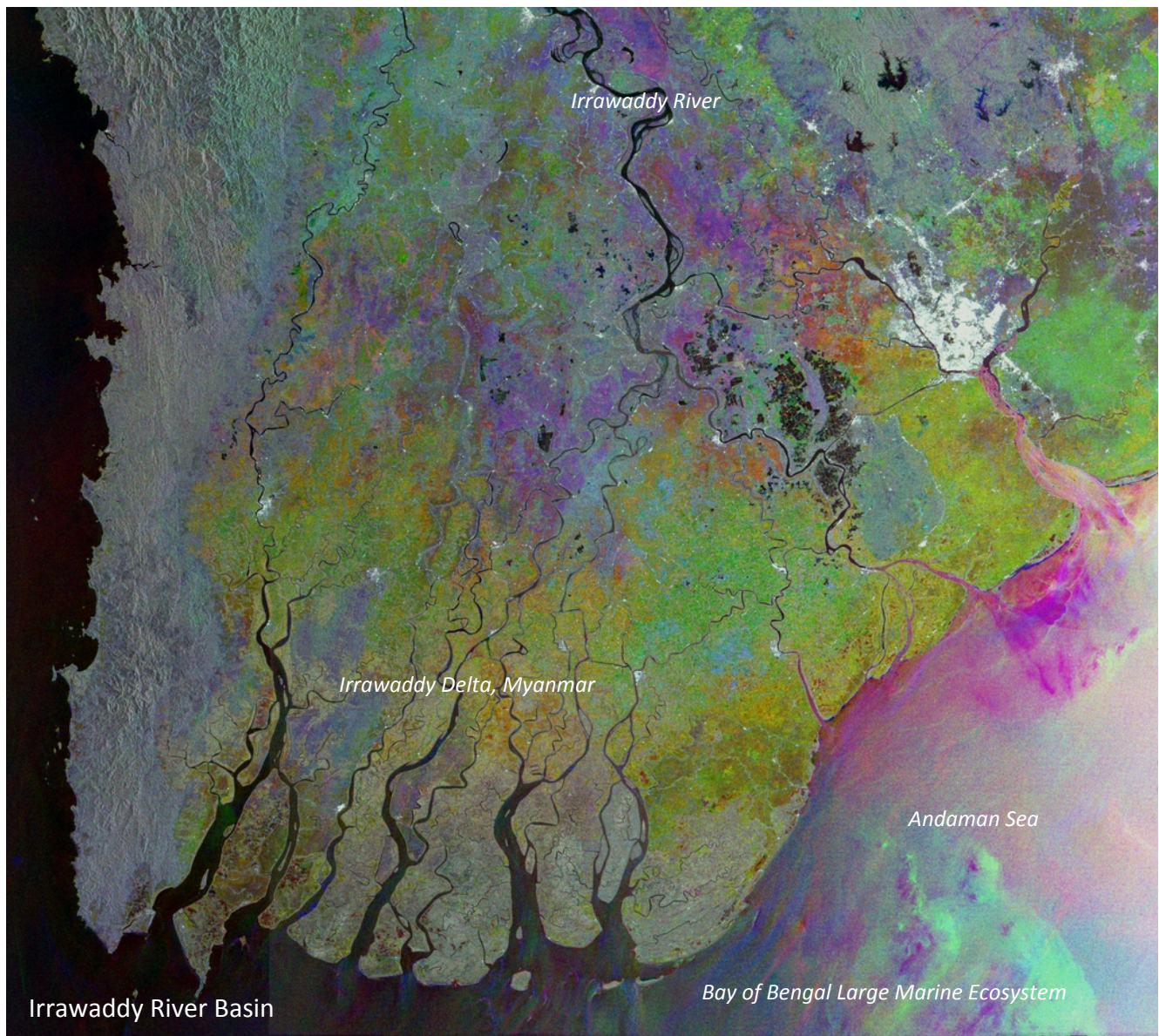
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Jayapura Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	5,253
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	328,736
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,151

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
JAPR_IDN		738.36			100.70	0.62
JAPR_PNG						
Total in Basin	3.88	738.36			100.70	0.62

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
JAPR_IDN	14.66	0.16	0.11	1.79	0	12.60	45.01	
JAPR_PNG								

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Total in Basin	14.66	0.16	0.11	1.79	0.00	12.60	44.60	0.38
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
JAPR_IDN	5	0.91	326	68.35		0.00	100.00	1	3,475.25	0	0.00
JAPR_PNG	0	0.09	3	6.18				0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	5	1.00	329	62.58	1.22	0.00	99.08	1	3,462.52	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
JAPR_IDN	1	2	1	1					3
JAPR_PNG									3
River Basin	1	2	1	1	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	2				

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Kaladan Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	21,391
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	628,332
Country at mouth	Myanmar
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,085

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KALD_BGD						
KALD_IND		2,260.02				
KALD_MMR		2,114.98				
Total in Basin	46.27	2,163.03			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
KALD_BGD								

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KALD_IND	49.80	21.11	1.47	11.06	0	16.17	145.43	
KALD_MMR	33.75	9.21	5.06	0.00	2	17.55	118.16	
Total in Basin	83.55	30.31	6.52	11.06	1.93	33.72	132.96	0.18

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
KALD_BGD	0	0.00	0	22.81				0	829.25	0	0.00
KALD_IND	8	0.38	342	41.82	1.43	0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	0	0.00
KALD_MMR	13	0.62	286	21.65	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
Total in Basin	21	1.00	628	29.37	1.07	0.00	54.50	0	817.22	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
KALD_BGD									4
KALD_IND	2	3	1	1			1	2	3
KALD_MMR	2	3	1	1			1	1	3
River Basin	2	3	1	1	3	4	1	2	3

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

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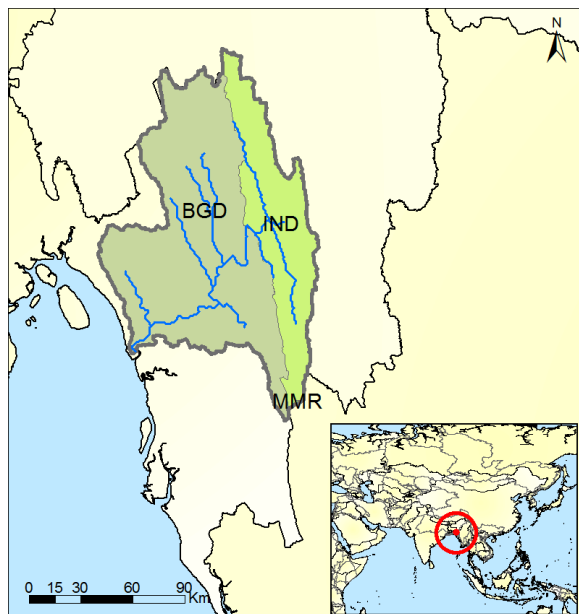
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Karnaphuli Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	13,923
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	Bangladesh (BGD), India (IND), Myanmar (MMR)
Population in basin (people)	6,233,894
Country at mouth	Bangladesh
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,816

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	1

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
KNFL_BGD		1,611.92			490.80	13.80
KNFL_IND						
KNFL_MMR						
Total in Basin	22.44	1,611.92			490.80	13.80

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
KNFL_BGD	2,936.50	2,393.20	17.11	241.52	62	222.90	481.62	

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KNFL_IND									
KNFL_MMR									
Total in Basin	2,936.50	2,393.20	17.11	241.52	61.77	222.90	471.05	13.08	

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
KNFL_BGD	10	0.71	6,097	621.13	1.12	0.00	100.00	1	829.25	1	101.87
KNFL_IND	4	0.29	136	33.30	1.43	0.00	100.00	0	1,498.87	0	0.00
KNFL_MMR	0	0.00	0	32.86	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
Total in Basin	14	1.00	6,234	447.73	1.22	0.00	99.99	1	843.83	1	71.82

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
KNFL_BGD	4	4	1	2			2	2	3
KNFL_IND			1	1			1	2	2
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Loes Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	2,567
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Timor-Leste (TLS)
Population in basin (people)	186,375
Country at mouth	Timor-Leste
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,416

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

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Groundwater	
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Large Marine	3
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LOES_IDN						
LOES_TLS		282.63				
Total in Basin	0.73	282.63			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
LOES_IDN								
LOES_TLS	2,112.34	94.63	4.47	2,000.78	0	12.47	21,179.74	

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Total in Basin	2,112.34	94.63	4.47	2,000.78	0.00	12.47	11,333.84	291.19
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
LOES_IDN	1	0.28	87	122.10	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
LOES_TLS	2	0.72	100	53.71	2.14	0.00	100.00	0	1,370.67	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	186	72.62	1.91	0.00	53.51	0	2,349.04	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
LOES_IDN									3
LOES_TLS	3	4	3	4					3
River Basin	3	4	3	4	4	4			3

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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Ma Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	29,512
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Lao People'S Democratic Republic (LAO), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	2,984,577
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,646

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
MAXX_LAO		647.07				
MAXX_VNM		820.84				
Total in Basin	22.51	762.90			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MAXX_LAO	86.53	50.24	1.68	0.00	17	17.70	288.23	
MAXX_VNM	2,013.13	538.39	11.45	1.13	675	787.56	749.95	

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Total in Basin	2,099.66	588.63	13.12	1.13	691.53	805.26	703.50	9.33
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500 ,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 .000 km ²)
MAXX_LAO	13	0.43	300	23.84	1.50	0.00	100.00	0	1,645.74	0	0.00
MAXX_VNM	17	0.57	2,684	158.65	1.10			0	1,910.53	0	0.00
Total in Basin	30	1.00	2,985	101.13	1.13	0.00	10.06	0	1,883.90	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
MAXX_LAO	2	2	1	1			2	3	5
MAXX_VNM	3	3	3	3			1	2	5
River Basin	2	3	2	2	4	5	1	2	5

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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Maro Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	3,319
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	6,672
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,761

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
MARO_IDN		999.97				
MARO_PNG		1,212.86				
Total in Basin	3.67	1,106.42			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
MARO_IDN	18.61	16.33	0.04	0.00	0	2.25	4,973.72	
MARO_PNG	0.31	0.19	0.01	0.00	0	0.11	106.37	

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Total in Basin	18.93	16.52	0.05	0.00	0.00	2.36	2,836.77	0.52
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
MARO_IDN	2	0.50	4	2.25				0	3,475.25	0	0.00
MARO_PNG	2	0.50	3	1.77				0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	7	2.01	1.61	0.00	0.00	0	2,866.35	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
MARO_IDN	2	2							3
MARO_PNG	2	2							3
River Basin	2	2			2	2			3

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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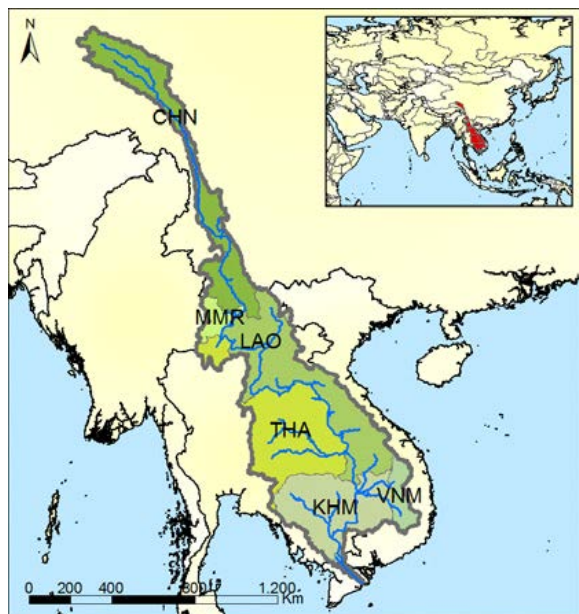
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Mekong Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	773,231
No. of countries in basin	6
BCUs in basin	Cambodia (KHM), China (CHN), Lao People'S Democratic Republic (LAO), Myanmar (MMR), Thailand (THA), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	58,742,817
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,462

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	5
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	3

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	9
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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MEKO_CHN		402.06			247.00	2.72
MEKO_KHM		740.27			2,569.90	2.57
MEKO_LAO		848.38			443.80	6.19
MEKO_MMR		591.71				
MEKO_THA		510.91			946.60	9.24
MEKO_VNM		1,058.06				
Total in Basin	500.39	647.15			4,207.30	20.72

Water Withdrawals

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MEKO_CHN	1,820.05	1,451.31	57.50	0.00	34	277.50	271.25	
MEKO_KHM	2,664.79	2,234.27	38.99	120.76	52	218.85	195.01	
MEKO_LAO	1,521.85	974.64	26.47	50.05	320	150.58	247.06	
MEKO_MMR	28.05	17.69	2.98	0.00	0	7.38	62.61	
MEKO_THA	13,198.09	10,509.17	63.16	674.56	491	1,460.53	530.97	
MEKO_VNM	10,326.79	8,403.42	19.30	26.05	406	1,472.14	1,495.84	
Total in Basin	29,559.62	23,590.49	208.39	871.42	1,302.34	3,586.98	503.20	5.91

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Population ('000 people)	Population density (people/km ²)	Annual pop. growth (%)	Rural population ratio (% pop. rural)	Urban population ratio (% pop. urban)	Large Cities (>500,000)	GDP per capita (USD)	No. of dams	Dam Density (No./000 km ²)
MEKO_CHN	165	0.21	6,710	40.73	0.51	0.00	100.00	3	6,807.43	3	18.21
MEKO_KHM	154	0.20	13,665	88.68	1.14	0.14	99.86	2	1,007.57	0	0.00
MEKO_LAO	206	0.27	6,160	29.83	1.50	0.88	99.12	3	1,645.74	3	14.53
MEKO_MMR	22	0.03	448	20.62	0.70	0.00	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MEKO_THA	188	0.24	24,856	132.11	0.71	0.00	100.00	4	5,778.98	13	69.09
MEKO_VNM	38	0.05	6,904	181.40	1.10	0.00	100.00	4	1,910.53	1	26.28
Total in Basin	773	1.00	58,743	75.97	0.94	0.12	99.88	16	3,854.40	20	25.87

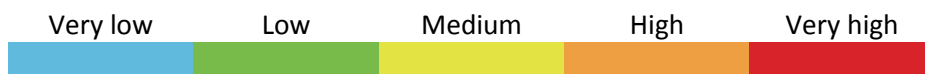
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MEKO_LAO	2	1	2		5	2	3	5	4	2	3	3	5	3	4
MEKO_MMR	1	1	2		5	2	3	4	3	5	4	4	1	3	3
MEKO_THA	2	3	2		5	3	5	5	4	2	3	3	4	2	4
MEKO_VNM	2	3	2		5	1	3	5	4	1	3	5	3	3	5
River Basin	2	2	2	3	5	3	3	5	4	2	3	3	4	3	5

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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.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
MEKO_CHN	3	4	1	1			1	1	4
MEKO_KHM	2	2	2	2			2	3	4
MEKO_LAO	2	3	1	1			2	3	3
MEKO_MMR	2	2	1	1			1	1	4
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River Basin	3	3	2	2	4	4	1	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	5	2	4	3

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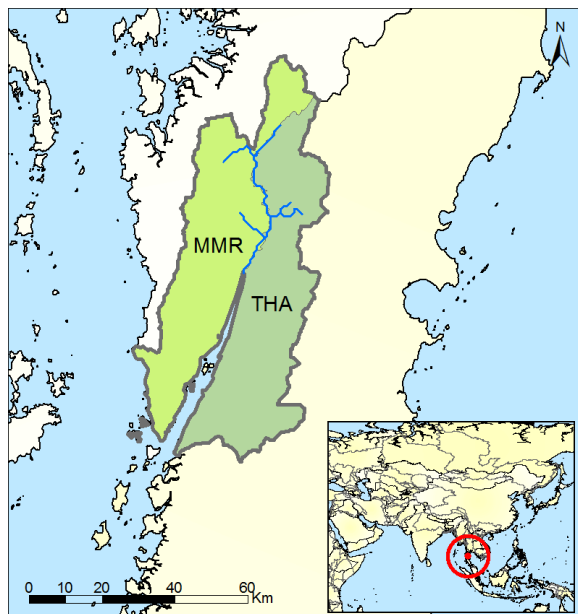
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Pakchan Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	3,226
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Myanmar (MMR), Thailand (THA)
Population in basin (people)	134,566
Country at mouth	Myanmar, Thailand
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,301

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine	1
Ecosystems	

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 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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
PKCN_MMR					7.55	0.04
PKCN_THA		2,030.82			14.33	0.08
Total in Basin	6.55	2,030.82			50.69	0.29

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
PKCN_MMR								
PKCN_THA	118.66	95.11	0.67	2.74	0	20.14	1,303.98	

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Total in Basin	118.66	95.11	0.67	2.74	0.00	20.14	881.78	1.81
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
PKCN_MMR	2	0.49	44	27.58	0.70			0	0.00	0	0.00
PKCN_THA	2	0.51	91	55.28	0.71	0.00	100.00	0	5,778.98	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	135	41.72	0.51	0.00	67.62	0	3,907.90	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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

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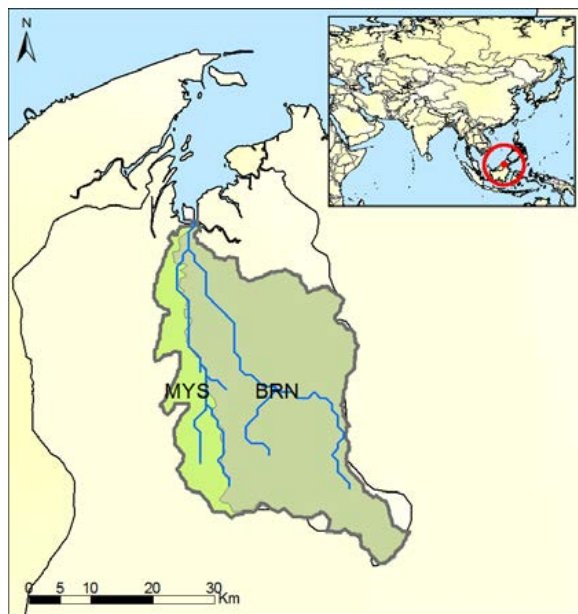
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Pandaruan Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	1,202
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Brunei Darussalam (BRN), Malaysia (MYS)
Population in basin (people)	13,864
Country at mouth	Brunei Darussalam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	3,804

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
PNDR_BRN						
PNDR_MYS		1,984.45				
Total in Basin	2.39	1,984.45			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
PNDR_BRN								
PNDR_MYS	300.79	2.78	0.90	259.10	0	38.01	45,014.43	

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Total in Basin	300.79	2.78	0.90	259.10	0.00	38.01	21,696.70	12.61
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
PNDR_ BRN	1	0.81	7	7.39	1.88	100.00	0.00	0	38,563.31	0	0.00
PNDR_ MYS	0	0.19	7	28.91	1.69			0	10,513.71	0	0.00
Total in Basin	1	1.00	14	11.53	1.47	51.80	0.00	0	25,043.56	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
PNDR_ BRN									3
PNDR_ MYS	2	3							3
River Basin	2	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
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Red/Song Hong Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	139,930
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	China (CHN), Lao People's Democratic Republic (LAO), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	17,864,328
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,515

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
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Water Resources

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REDX_CHN		560.19				
REDX_LAO		949.90				
REDX_VNM		1,006.75			259.50	1.82
Total in Basin	107.18	765.94			259.50	1.82

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
REDX_CHN	3,391.27	2,631.23	50.14	363.68	4	342.12	486.31	

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REDX_LAO	6.31	5.30	0.09	0.00	0	0.92	280.02	
REDX_VNM	10,199.92	1,973.79	41.95	403.62	4,401	3,379.53	938.49	
Total in Basin	13,597.49	4,610.33	92.18	767.30	4,405.12	3,722.57	761.15	12.69

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
REDX_CHN	75	0.54	6,973	92.92	0.51	0.00	100.00	0	6,807.43	0	0.00
REDX_LAO	2	0.01	23	13.91	1.50			0	1,645.74	0	0.00
REDX_VNM	63	0.45	10,868	171.80	1.10	0.00	100.00	3	1,910.53	2	31.61
Total in Basin	140	1.00	17,864	127.67	0.83	0.00	99.87	3	3,821.73	2	14.29

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Thematic group	Water Quantity			Water Quality			Ecosystems			Governance			Socioeconomics		
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BCU															
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REDX_LAO	1	1	2		5		2	5	2	5	3	3	1	3	1
REDX_VNM	2	2	2		5	2	3	5	3	4	5	5	1	3	5
River Basin	2	2	2	4	5	1	3	5	3	4	5	3	1	3	4

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Basin BCU									
REDX_CHN	3	3	2	2			1	1	5
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Saigon Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	29,643
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Cambodia (KHM), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	10,911,289
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,100

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
SAIG_KHM		1,109.80				
SAIG_VNM		1,160.86				
Total in Basin	34.32	1,157.67			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SAIG_KHM	443.47	401.24	1.18	0.00	0	41.05	9,222.04	
SAIG_VNM	8,515.07	3,476.86	15.37	559.34	2,430	2,033.03	783.85	

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Total in Basin	8,958.53	3,878.10	16.55	559.34	2,430.47	2,074.08	821.03	26.11
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
SAIG_KHM	1	0.02	48	74.35	1.14			0	1,007.57	0	0.00
SAIG_VNM	29	0.98	10,863	374.65	1.10	0.00	100.00	3	1,910.53	4	137.95
Total in Basin	30	1.00	10,911	368.09	1.05	0.00	99.56	3	1,906.55	4	134.94

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SAIG_KHM	2	2	1	1					3
SAIG_VNM	2	2	3	3			1	2	5
River Basin	2	2	3	3	4	5	1	2	5

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	265,362
No. of countries in basin	3
BCUs in basin	China (CHN), Myanmar (MMR), Thailand (THA)
Population in basin (people)	7,851,021
Country at mouth	Myanmar
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,196

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	8
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
SALW_CHN		376.47			174.10	2.15
SALW_MMR		1,022.64			311.50	1.88
SALW_THA		545.70				
Total in Basin	175.70	662.11			485.60	4.03

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SALW_CHN	881.12	720.68	27.39	0.00	0	133.05	235.98	

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SALW_MMR	794.86	598.82	23.42	62.71	17	93.38	228.09	
SALW_THA	910.24	778.35	4.33	54.35	0	73.20	1,439.50	
Total in Basin	2,586.22	2,097.85	55.14	117.07	16.53	299.64	329.41	1.47

Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/km ²)	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 ²)
SALW_CHN	137	0.52	3,734	27.30	0.51	0.00	100.00	2	6,807.43	3	21.94
SALW_MMR	109	0.41	3,485	31.87	0.70	0.00	100.00	1	0.00	1	9.15
SALW_THA	19	0.07	632	32.83	0.71	0.00	100.00	0	5,778.98	0	0.00
Total in Basin	265	1.00	7,851	29.59	0.65	0.00	100.00	3	3,702.99	4	15.07

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SALW_CHN	3	4	1	1			1	1	5
SALW_MMR	2	2	1	1			1	1	5
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Sebuku Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	3,070
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Malaysia (MYS)
Population in basin (people)	15,505
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,588

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
SBKU_IDN		1,061.92				
SBKU_MYS						
Total in Basin	3.26	1,061.92			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SBKU_IDN	4.86	0.00	0.01	0.00	0	4.85	356.71	
SBKU_MYS								

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Total in Basin	4.86	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	4.85	313.44	0.15
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Socioeconomic Geography

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SBKU_IDN	3	0.87	14	5.11				0	3,475.25	0	0.00
SBKU_MYS	0	0.13	2	4.63				0	10,513.71	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	16	5.05	1.26	0.00	0.00	0	4,328.97	0	0.00

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SBKU_IDN	2	2	1	1					3
SBKU_MYS									3
River Basin	2	3	1	1	2	2			3

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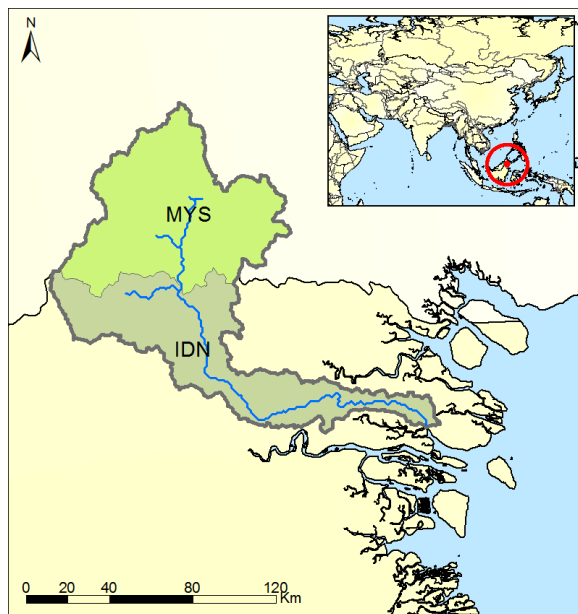
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Sembakung Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	10,253
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Malaysia (MYS)
Population in basin (people)	52,056
Country at mouth	Indonesia
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,781

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

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SMBK_IDN		1,458.15				
SMBK_MYS		1,238.93				
Total in Basin	13.60	1,326.69			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SMBK_IDN	13.92	11.22	0.02	0.00	0	2.68	1,332.08	
SMBK_MYS	53.59	19.50	0.15	0.07	1	33.13	1,288.03	

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Total in Basin	67.51	30.72	0.17	0.07	0.74	35.81	1,296.87	0.50
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
SMBK_IDN	5	0.47	10	2.17	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
SMBK_MYS	5	0.53	42	7.66	1.69			0	10,513.71	0	0.00
Total in Basin	10	1.00	52	5.08	1.54	0.00	0.00	0	9,100.97	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SMBK_IDN	2	3	1	1			1	2	3
SMBK_MYS	2	2	1	1			2	3	3
River Basin	2	3	1	1	2	2	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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Sepik Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	79,778
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	970,816
Country at mouth	Papua New Guinea
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,963

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	1
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	1
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
SEPK_IDN		5,805.71				
SEPK_PNG		1,684.61			177.30	0.53
Total in Basin	144.06	1,805.78			177.30	0.53

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SEPK_IDN	0.96	0.06	0.03	0.00	0	0.88	47.70	
SEPK_PNG	37.22	0.00	1.42	3.54	2	30.22	39.15	

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Total in Basin	38.18	0.06	1.45	3.54	2.04	31.10	39.32	0.03
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
SEPK_IDN	3	0.04	20	5.83	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
SEPK_PNG	76	0.96	951	12.46	2.36	0.00	100.00	0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	80	1.00	971	12.17	2.11	0.00	97.92	0	2,117.15	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SEPK_IDN	2	2	1	1					3
SEPK_PNG	2	2	1	1			2	4	3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	3

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

Thematic group	Lake Influence Indicator	Delta Vulnerability Index			
		17	18	19	20
Basin/Delta	17	18	19	20	21
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Song Vam Co Dong Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	15,526
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Cambodia (KHM), Viet Nam (VNM)
Population in basin (people)	5,171,971
Country at mouth	Viet Nam
Average rainfall (mm/year)	1,540

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine	1
Ecosystems	

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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 (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
SVCD_KHM		661.74				
SVCD_VNM		526.62				
Total in Basin	8.77	565.13			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
SVCD_KHM	245.35	215.85	3.97	0.00	3	22.95	139.51	
SVCD_VNM	9,308.83	6,801.69	7.94	263.86	1,087	1,148.22	2,727.24	

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Total in Basin	9,554.18	7,017.53	11.91	263.86	1,089.70	1,171.17	1,847.30	108.89
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
SVCD_KHM	7	0.43	1,759	263.28	1.14	0.00	100.00	0	1,007.57	0	0.00
SVCD_VNM	9	0.57	3,413	385.87	1.10	0.00	100.00	0	1,910.53	0	0.00
Total in Basin	16	1.00	5,172	333.12	1.31	0.00	100.00	0	1,603.48	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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Projected Indicator	1.Environmental water stress		2.Human water stress		4.Nutrient pollution		16.Change in population density		11.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
SVCD_KHM	2	2	5	5			2	3	3
SVCD_VNM	2	2	5	5			1	2	3
River Basin	2	2	5	5	4	4	2	2	3

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Tami Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	78,667
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	535,821
Country at mouth	Indonesia
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,841

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	2
Large Marine Ecosystems	0

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
TAMI_IDN		1,801.52			134.10	1.38
TAMI_PNG						
Total in Basin	141.72	1,801.52			134.10	1.38

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
TAMI_IDN	48.25	0.83	0.85	2.71	0	43.86	90.55	
TAMI_PNG								

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Total in Basin	48.25	0.83	0.85	2.71	0.00	43.86	90.06	0.03
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BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
TAMI_IDN	78	0.99	533	6.81	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
TAMI_PNG	0	0.01	3	6.19	2.36			0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	79	1.00	536	6.81	1.21	0.00	0.00	0	3,467.66	0	0.00

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

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	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
TAMI_IDN	2	2	1	1			1	2	3
TAMI_PNG									3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3

TWAP RB Assessment results: Water System Linkages

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River Basin	1				

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Tjeroaka-Wanggoe Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	8,049
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	60,982
Country at mouth	Indonesia
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,066

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
Lakes	0
Large Marine Ecosystems	1

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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
TJWA_IDN		916.89				
TJWA_PNG		1,155.35				
Total in Basin	7.76	964.55			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
TJWA_IDN	6.02	1.24	0.10	0.00	0	4.68	106.80	
TJWA_PNG	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	0	0.11	25.91	

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Total in Basin	6.14	1.24	0.11	0.00	0.00	4.79	100.66	0.08
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Socioeconomic Geography

BCU	Area ('000 km ²)	BCU area in basin (%)	Populati on ('000 people)	Populati on density (people/ km ²)	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 ²)
TJWA_IDN	5	0.68	56	10.36	1.08			0	3,475.25	0	0.00
TJWA_PNG	3	0.32	5	1.77	2.36			0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	8	1.00	61	7.58	1.28	0.00	0.00	0	3,369.99	0	0.00

TWAP RB Assessment Results: BCU and Basin Relative Risk Category per Indicator³

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

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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.Hydropolitical tension
	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	P-2030	P-2050	Projected
Basin BCU									
TJWA_IDN	2	2	1	1			1	2	3
TJWA_PNG	2	2	1	1			2	4	3
River Basin	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	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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Vanimo-Green Basin



Geography

Total drainage area (km ²)	2,670
No. of countries in basin	2
BCUs in basin	Indonesia (IDN), Papua New Guinea (PNG)
Population in basin (people)	16,208
Country at mouth	XXX
Average rainfall (mm/year)	2,442

Governance

No. of treaties and agreements ¹	0
No. of RBOs and Commissions ²	0

Geographical Overlap with Other Transboundary Systems

(No. of overlapping water systems)

Groundwater	
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Water Resources

BCU	Annual Discharge (km ³ /year)	Annual Runoff (mm/year)	Av. Groundwater Recharge (km ³ /year)	Av. Groundwater Discharge (km ³ /year)	Lake and Reservoir Surface Area (km ²)	Lake and Reservoir Volume (km ³)
VAGR_IDN						
VAGR_PNG		860.41				
Total in Basin	2.30	860.41			0.00	0.00

Water Withdrawals

BCU	Total (km ³ /year)	Irrigation (km ³ /year)	Livestock (km ³ /year)	Electricity (km ³ /year)	Manufacture (km ³ /year)	Domestic (km ³ /year)	Per capita (m ³ /year)	Total withdrawal as a % of Total Actual Renewable Water Resources (%)
VAGR_IDN								
VAGR_PNG	1.20	0.00	0.04	0.50	0	0.67	74.49	

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Total in Basin	1.20	0.00	0.04	0.50	0.00	0.67	73.99	0.05
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VAGR_IDN	0	0.01	0	2.79				0	3,475.25	0	0.00
VAGR_PNG	3	0.99	16	6.12				0	2,088.35	0	0.00
Total in Basin	3	1.00	16	6.07	2.12	0.00	0.00	0	2,097.75	0	0.00

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VAGR_PNG	1		1		5			1	5	3			1	3	2
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Basin BCU									
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VAGR_PNG	2	2							3
River Basin	2	2			2	2			3

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Large Marine Ecosystems of Southeastern Asia

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3. LME 36 – South China Sea
4. LME 37 – Sulu-Celebes Sea
5. LME 38 – Indonesian Sea





Jesse Allen, NASA, using Landsat data from U. Maryland Global Land Cover Facility & Karen Seto (Stanford U.)

LME 34 – Bay of Bengal



Bordering countries: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

LME Total area: 3,657,502 km²

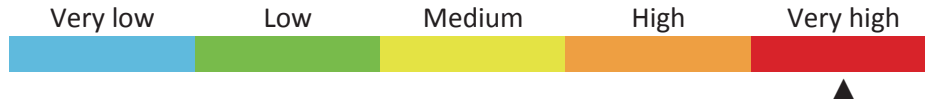
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LME overall risk

This LME falls in the cluster of LMEs that exhibit low to levels of economic development (based on the night light development index) and high pollution from plastic debris.

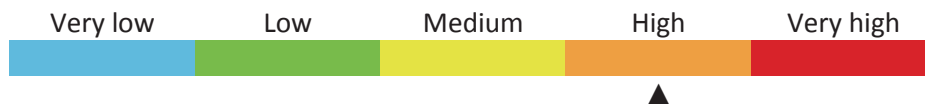
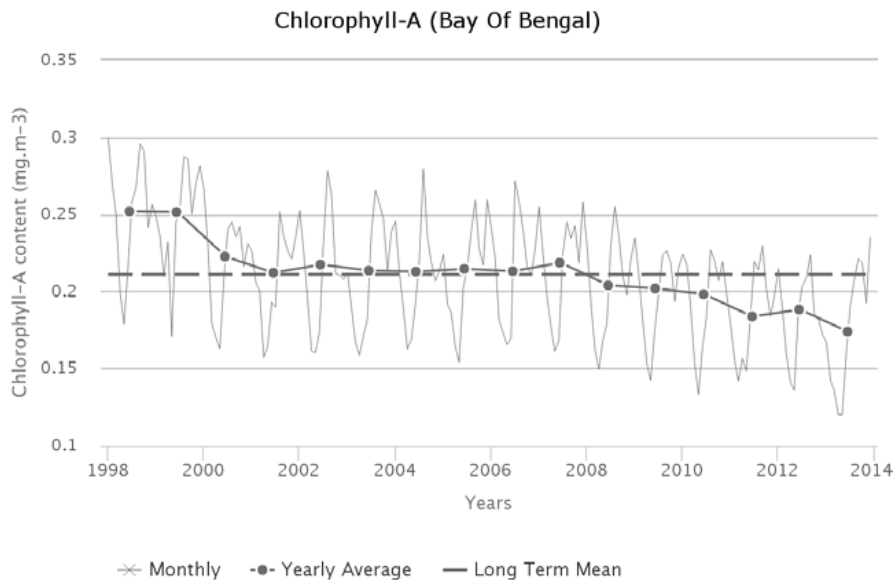
Based on a combined measure of the Human Development Index and the averaged indicators for fish & fisheries and pollution & ecosystem health modules, the overall risk factor is very high.



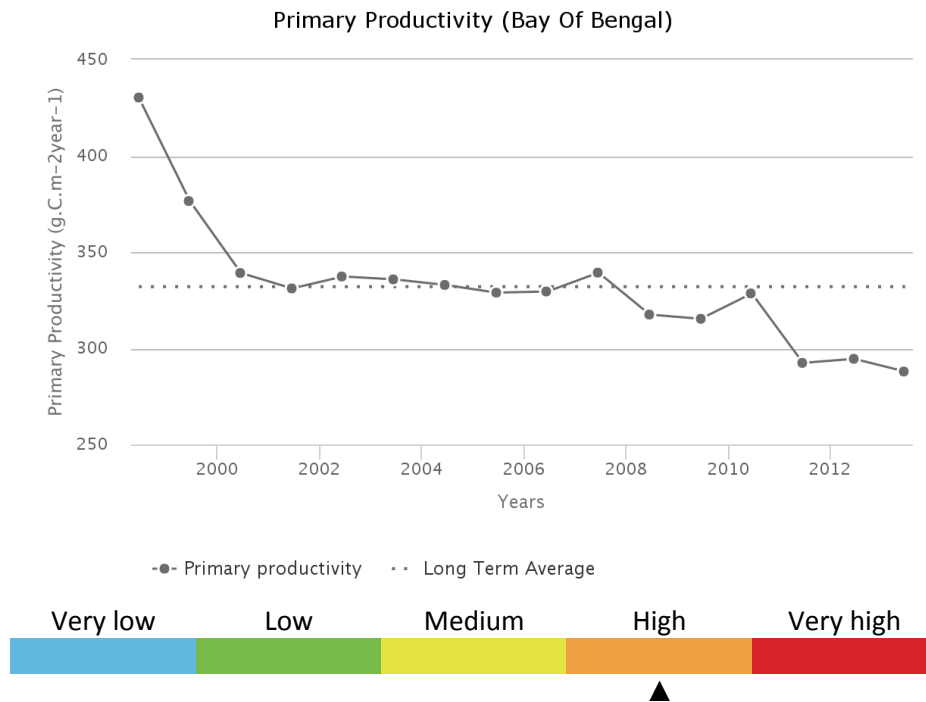
Productivity

Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.253 mg.m^{-3}) in August and a minimum (0.162 mg.m^{-3}) during May. The average CHL is 0.211 mg.m^{-3} . Maximum primary productivity ($430 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) occurred during 1998 and minimum primary productivity ($288 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) during 2013. There is a statistically insignificant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -5.76% from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is $332 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$, which places this LME in Group 4 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5 = highest).

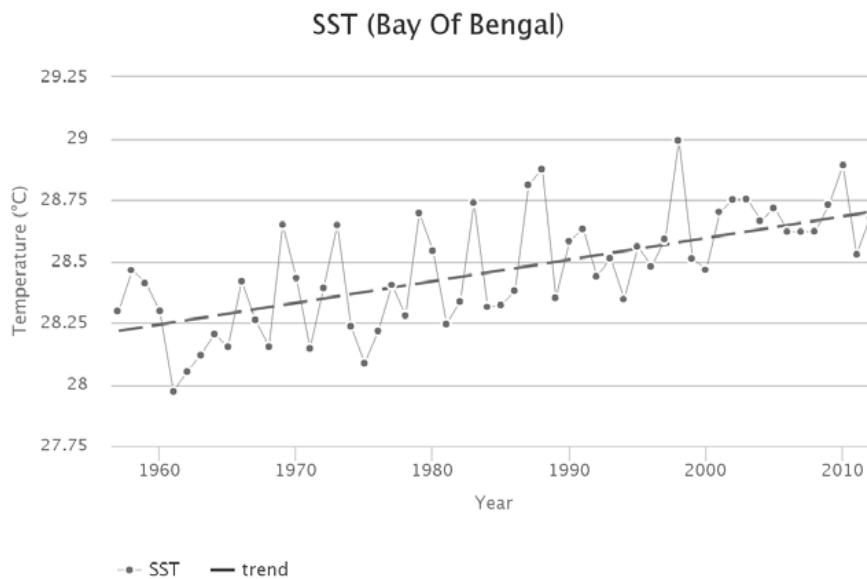


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Bay of Bengal LME #34 has warmed by 0.53°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). The steady warming of the Bay of Bengal was modulated by interannual (every 3-to-5 years) variations with a typical magnitude of <0.5°C. The all-time maximum of 1998 occurred simultaneously with other Indian Ocean LMEs and could be linked to the El Niño 1997-1998. Temperature history of the Bay of Bengal is linked to its salinity regime and freshwater discharge of three great rivers, Ganges, Brahmaputra and Irrawaddy. Interannual variability of the Indian monsoon largely determines the river discharge, hence salinity regime and eventually SST variability, in the Bay of Bengal LME.

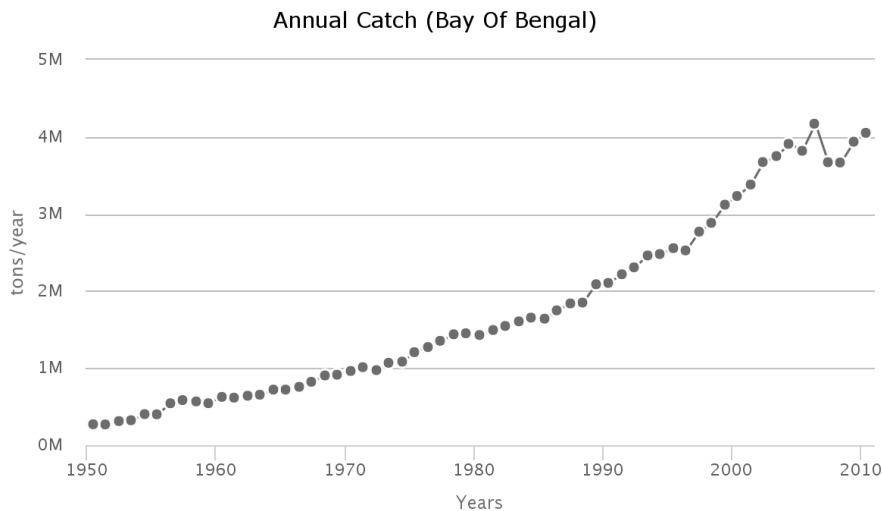


Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Bay of Bengal LME target a wide range of species, including sardine, anchovy, scad, shad, mackerel, snapper, emperor, grouper, pike-eel, tuna, shark, shrimp, bivalve and other shellfish.

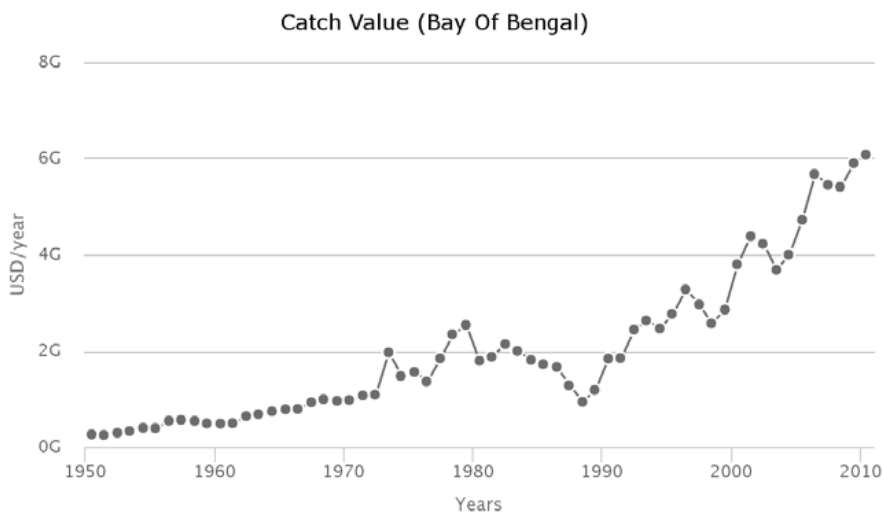
Annual Catch

Catches from commercial and subsistence fishing equal or exceed those from industrial fisheries. During the last decade, several countries have developed offshore fishing for tuna. There are strong indications that the continuous increase in the reported landings, particularly of unidentified fishes is a product of deficiencies in the underlying statistics, rather than improvements in the performance of the fisheries in the LME.



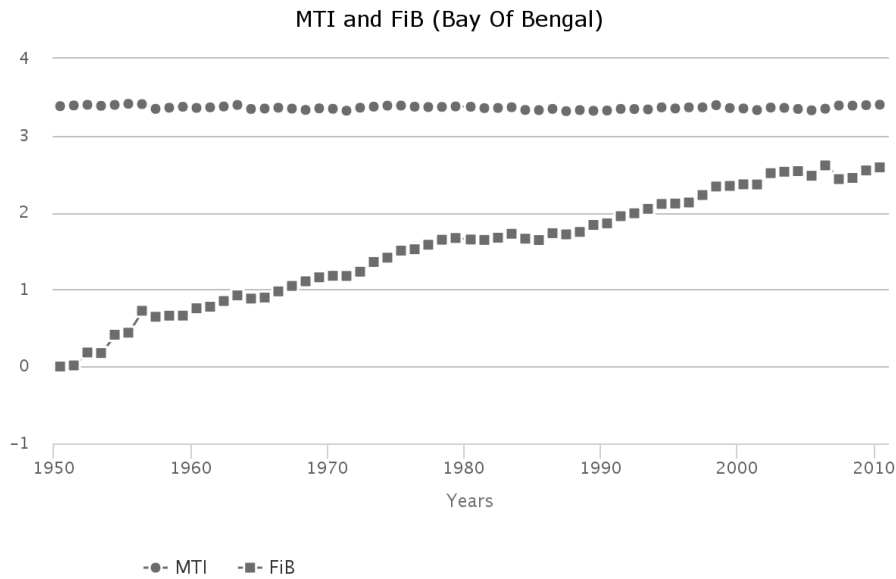
Catch value

Reported landing rose to about 1.2 million t in 2006 and the value of the reported landing reached a peak of about 5.7 billion US\$ (in 2005 real US\$) in the recent 5 years (2006 – 2010), but this figure is also questionable.



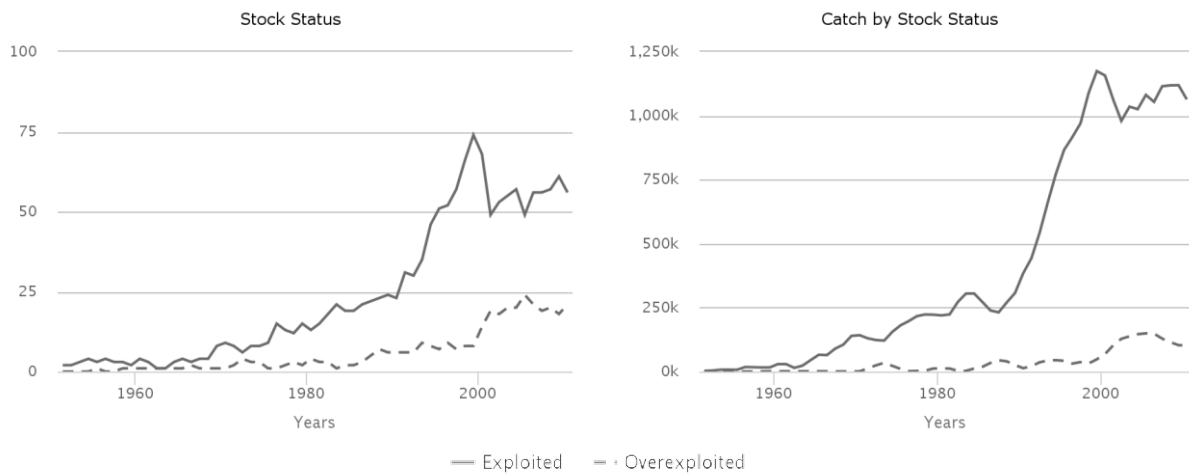
Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The MTI shows a steady decline over the past 60 years, while the FiB index increased over the same period. Due to the nature of the underlying landings statistics, it is not difficult to draw reliable conclusions from these indices; however, a detailed analysis of the MTI and FiB index of Western India, found that a ‘fishing down’ of the food webs indeed occurs in the region.



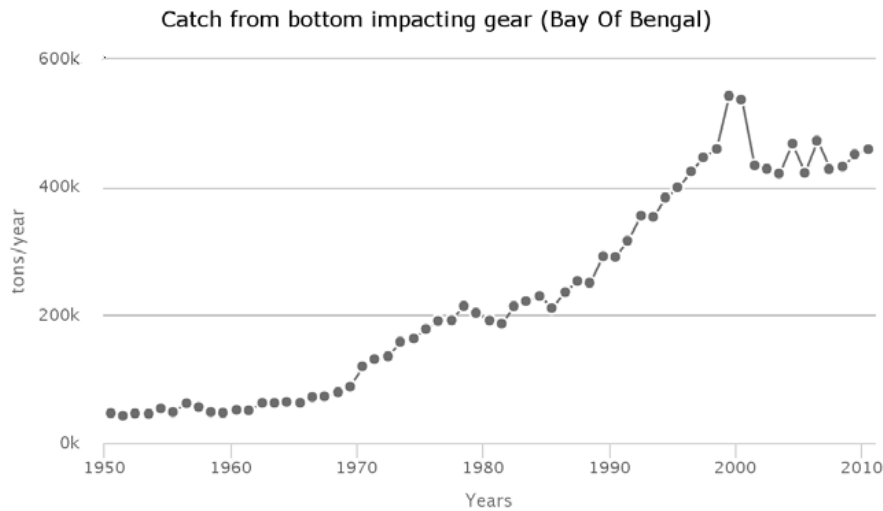
Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that the number of collapsed and overexploited stocks in the LME is low but on the rise, with over 50% of the reported landings from fully exploited stocks. Again, the questionable quality of the underlying landings statistics must be noted.



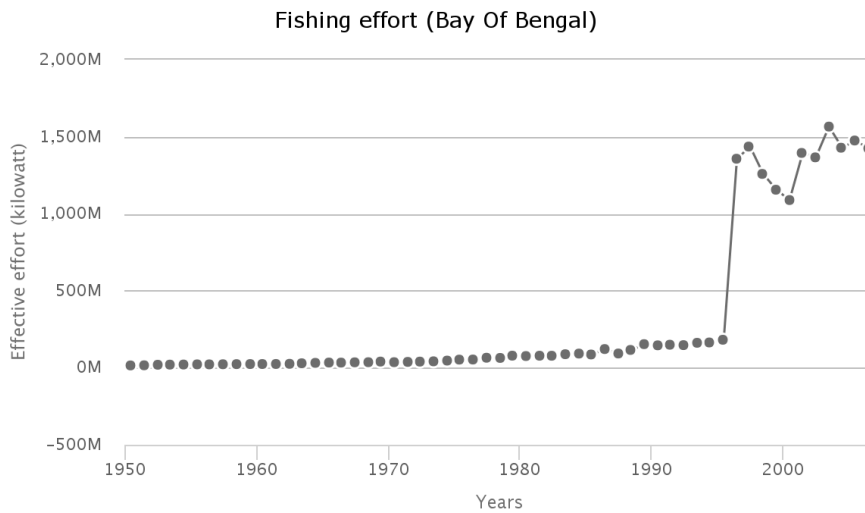
Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch decreased from 17% in 1950 to around 8% in the 1960s. Then, this percentage fluctuated between 10 and 18% in the following years.



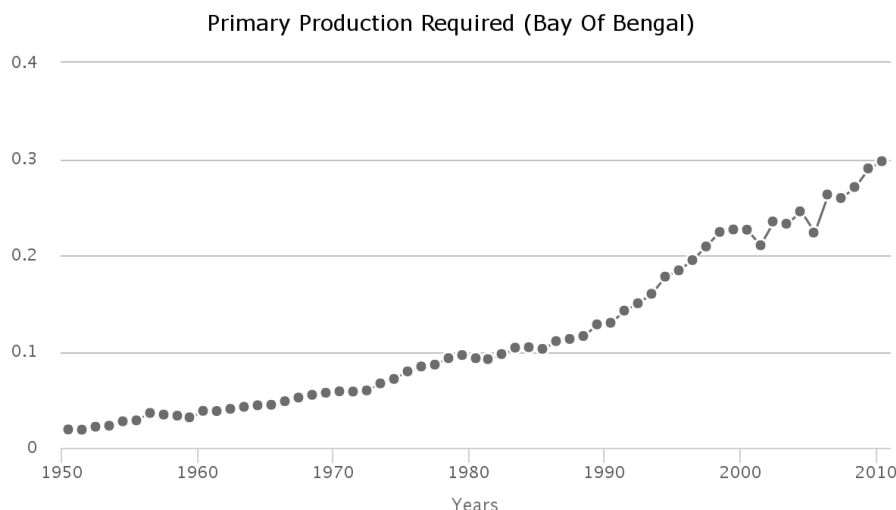
Fishing effort

The total effective effort was below 200 million kW from 1950 to the mid-1990s. Then, it increased sharply to 1,400 million kW in 1996 and it fluctuated around 1,400 million kW in the recent decade.



Primary Production Required

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME has increased over the years, and reached 20% of the observed primary production in 1998, which may be another indication that the reported landings for this LME is overestimated.



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 very high (5). 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
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Legend:

Very low
 Low
 Medium
 High
 Very high

POPs

This LME covers the east coast of India, Sri Lanka and the west coast of Malaysia. Five samples at five locations are available. Average concentrations (ng.g⁻¹ of pellets) were low: 36 (range 2-139 ng.g⁻¹) for PCBs, 17 (range 1-3 ng.g⁻¹) for DDTs, and 4.7 (range 3.2-6.2 ng.g⁻¹) for HCHs. All indicators correspond to risk category 2 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Higher PCBs concentration at Chennai, India (139 ng.g⁻¹) may come from old electronic instruments, although the other location shows almost background level. Moderate concentrations of HCHs at a location in Port Dickson, Malaysia (6.2 ng.g⁻¹ pellet) may suggest current usage of Lindane pesticide. Continuous monitoring and increase in spatial coverage is recommended.

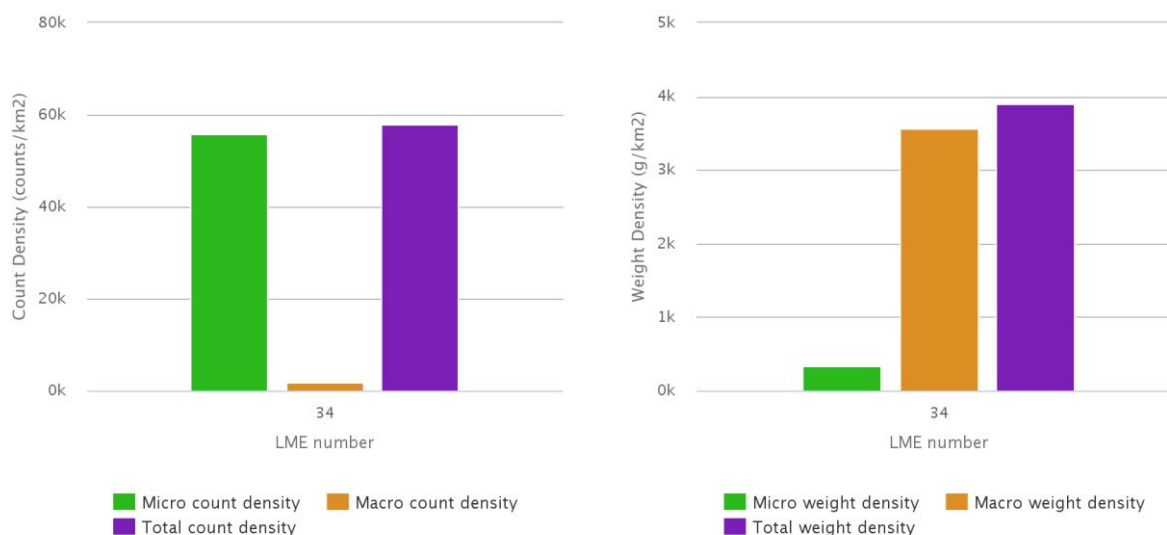
Locations	PCBs		DDTs		HCHs	
	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk
5	36	2	17	2	4.7	2

Legend:

■ Very low	■ Low	■ Medium	■ High	■ Very high
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Plastic debris

Modelled estimates of floating plastic abundance (items km⁻²), for both micro-plastic (<4.75 mm) and macro-plastic (>4.75 mm), indicate that this LME is in the group with the highest 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 relative importance of these sources in this LME. The abundance of floating plastic in this category is estimated to be on average over 400 times higher than those LMEs with lowest values. There is good evidence from sea-based direct observations and towed nets to support this conclusion.



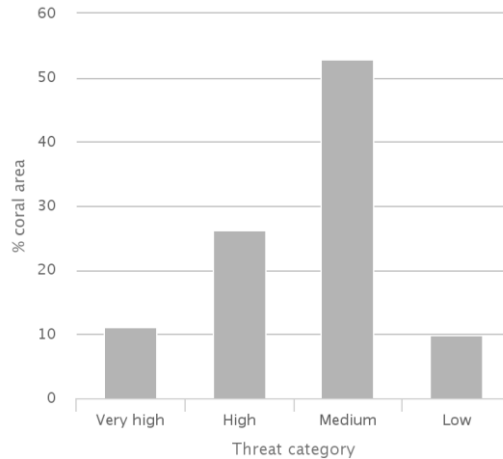
Ecosystem Health

Mangrove and coral cover

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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 238. 11% 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 21% and 27% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 23% 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 37% by 2050.

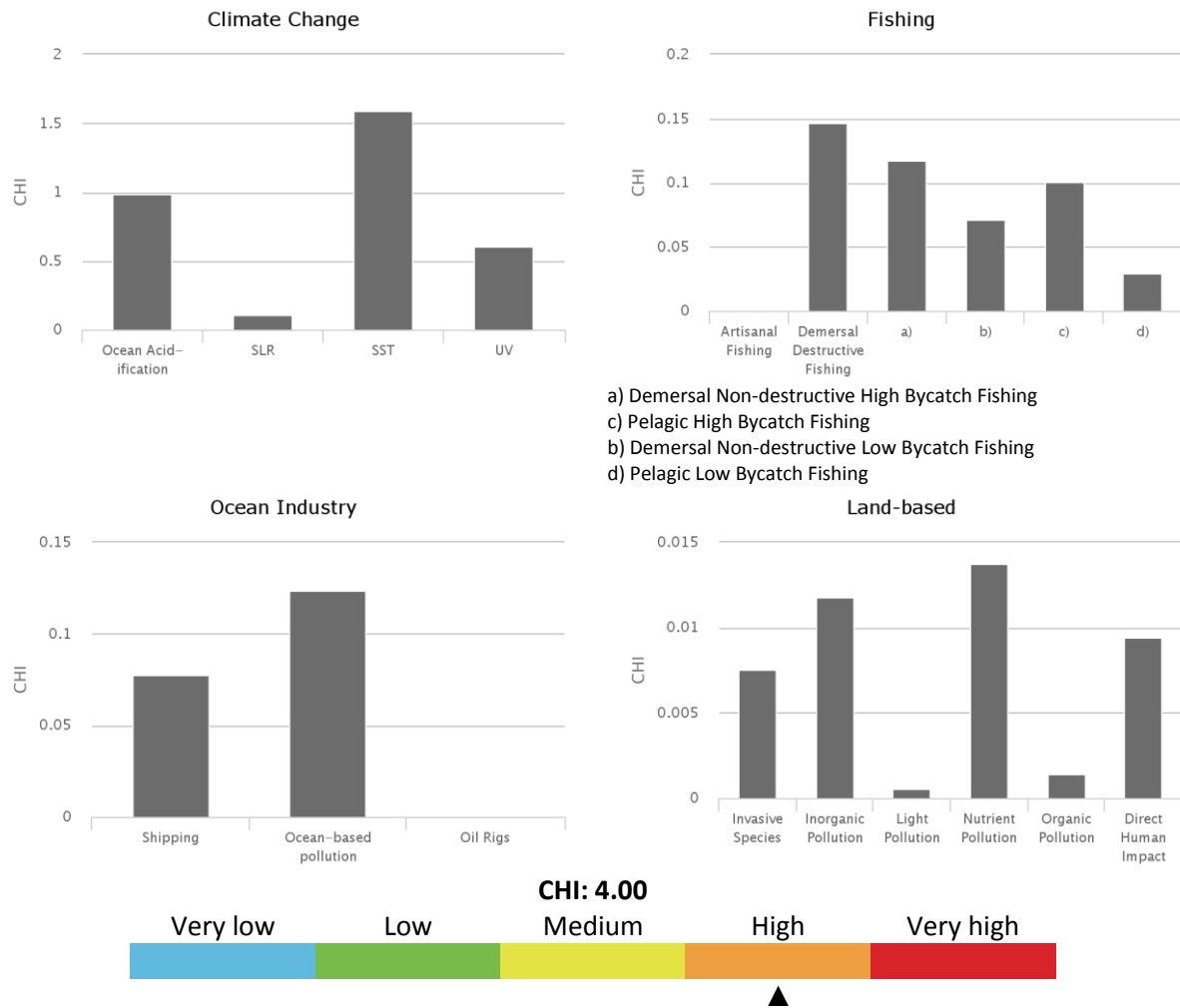


Marine Protected Area change

The Bay of Bengal LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 4,354 km² prior to 1983 to 10,687 km² by 2014. This represents an increase of 145%, within the low category of MPA change.

Cumulative Human Impact

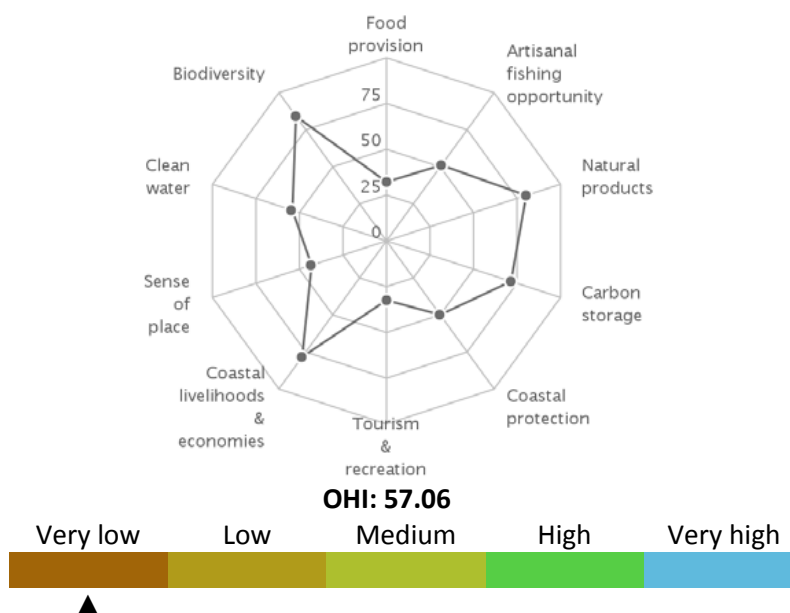
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Ocean Health Index (Bay Of Bengal)



Socio-economics

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Population

The coastal area stretches over 874 413 km². A current population of 323 389 thousand in 2010 is projected to increase to 501 774 thousand in 2100, with a density of 370 persons per km² in 2010 reaching 574 per km² by 2100. About 64% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 67% in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
323,388,537	501,774,392	205,745,155	333,816,233

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 25% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and in the very high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor

81,353,809

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the very high-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$5 891 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 32% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013

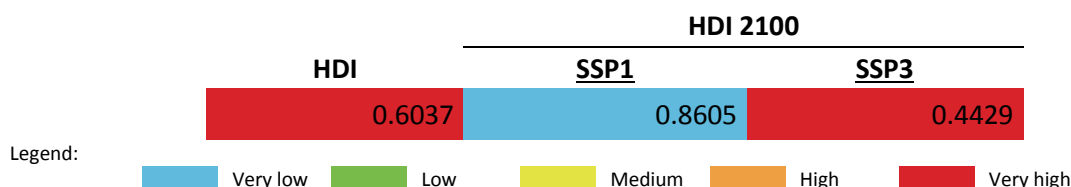
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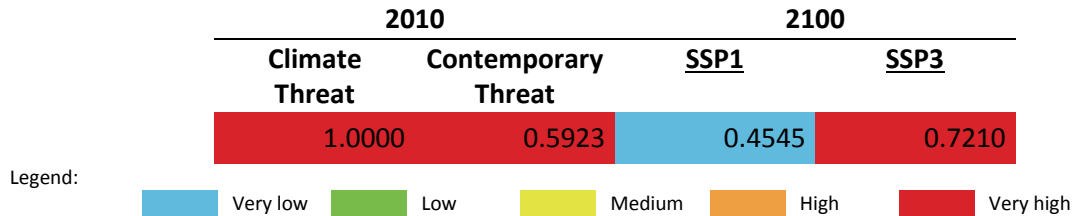
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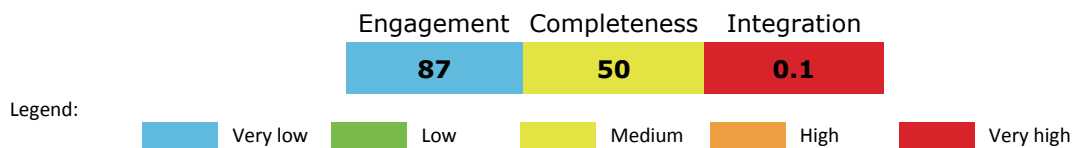


Governance

Governance architecture

This LME is served by two Regional Seas Programme initiatives and several transboundary fisheries arrangements only one of which, the BOB IGO, is focussed on the LME. There does not appear to be any agency that is formally mandated to provide transboundary integration for the issues dealt with above. The BOBLME Project may be filling this role in an unofficial capacity. It also supports integration by facilitating and catalyzing cooperative activities and capacity development.

The overall scores for ranking of risk were:



LME 35 – Gulf of Thailand



Bordering countries: Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam

LME Total area: 391,665 km²

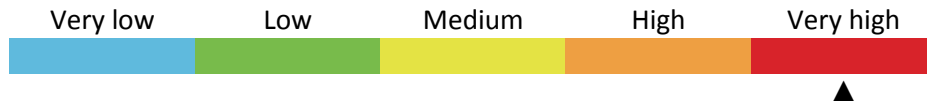
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LME overall risk

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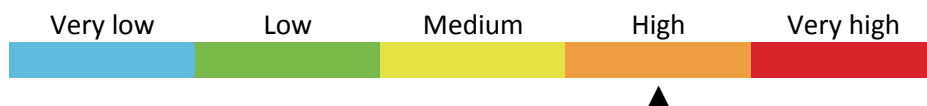
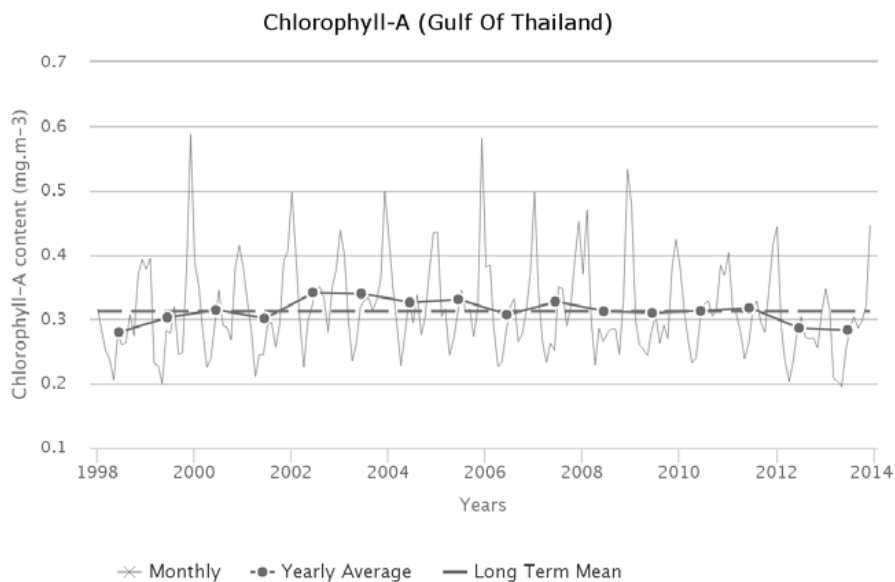
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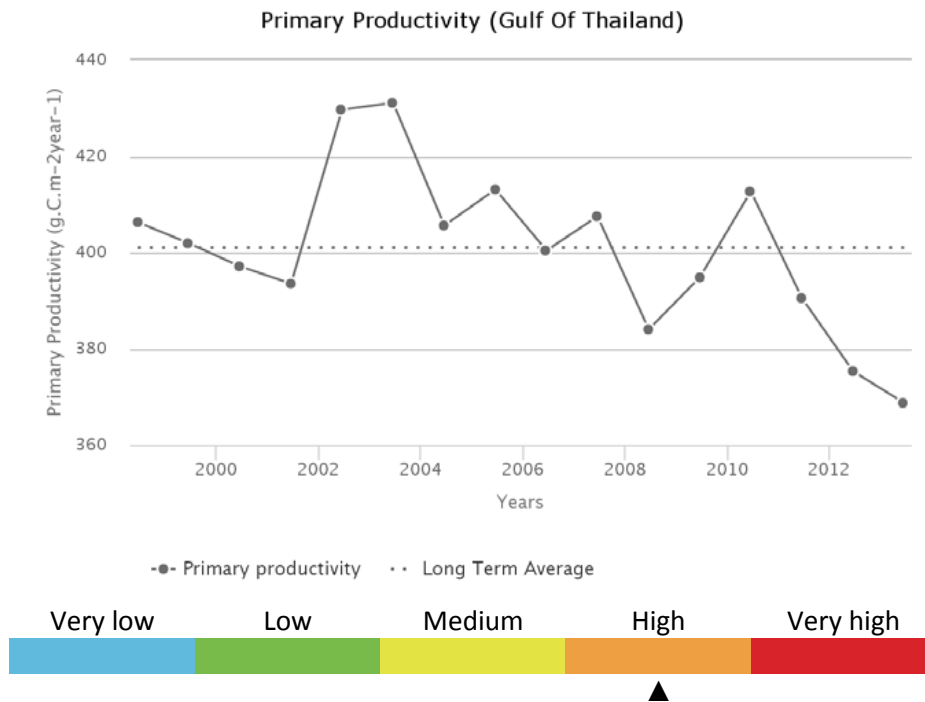
Productivity

Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.437 mg.m^{-3}) in December and a minimum (0.236 mg.m^{-3}) during April. The average CHL is 0.312 mg.m^{-3} . Maximum primary productivity ($431 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) occurred during 2003 and minimum primary productivity ($369 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$) during 2013. There is a statistically insignificant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -1.84% from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is $401 \text{ g.C.m}^{-2}.\text{y}^{-1}$, which places this LME in Group 4 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).

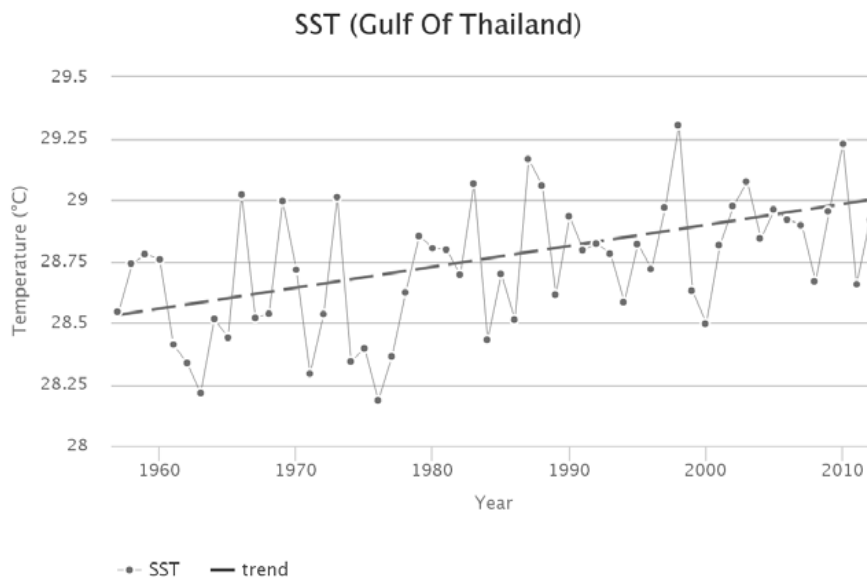


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Gulf of Thailand LME #35 has warmed by 0.42°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). The Gulf of Thailand LME is wide open to the South China Sea LME #36, so their thermal regimes are linked. The relative magnitude of corresponding peaks and troughs is however different between these LMEs. The Gulf of Thailand’s steady warming was modulated by relatively strong interannual variability with year-to-year variations exceeding 0.5°C. The SST peak of 1998 stands out. This event was likely related to the El Niño 1997-98. Other pronounced events are: (1) near-all-time minimum of 1963, simultaneous with a SST minimum in the South China Sea LME #36; (2) absolute minimum of 1976, which corresponds to a minimum in the South China Sea.

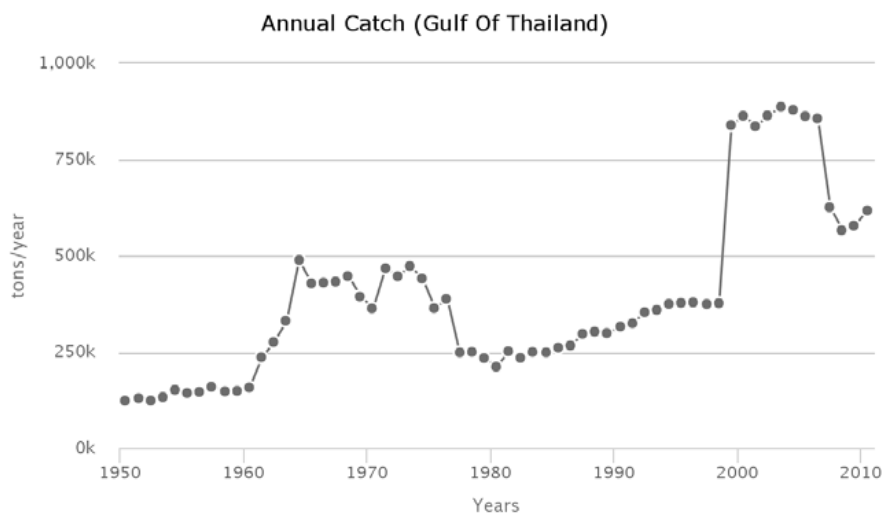


Fish and Fisheries

The catch composition of the Gulf of Thailand LME is a tropical multi-species mix and includes food fish, trash fish, squid and cuttlefish, shrimp, shellfish and crab. Until the early 1960s, the fisheries were dominated by small pelagics (mainly Indian mackerels, *Rastrelliger spp.* and anchovies, *Stolephorus spp.*), caught by artisanal fishers for local markets. In the 1960s, the introduction of trawl gear led to the development of demersal trawl fisheries targeting various demersal fishes, shrimps and squid.

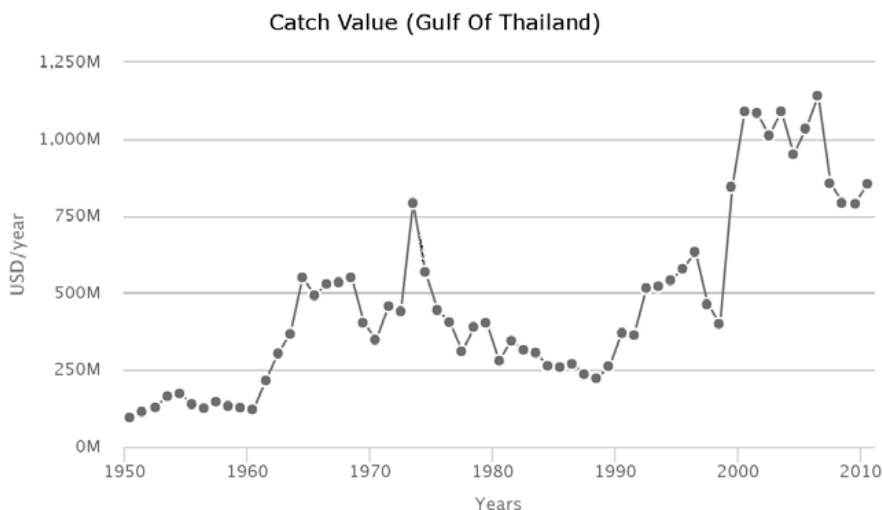
Annual Catch

Total reported landings rose to over a million t in 1969, but this is probably due to misreporting of fish caught outside the Gulf. After 1969, the landings declined to less than 500,000 t by the late 1970s, but gradually returning to just under 900,000 t by 2003. Again, a large fraction of the increased landings in recent years was probably caught outside of the LME, notably tuna. Note the high level of ‘mixed group’ in the reported landings.



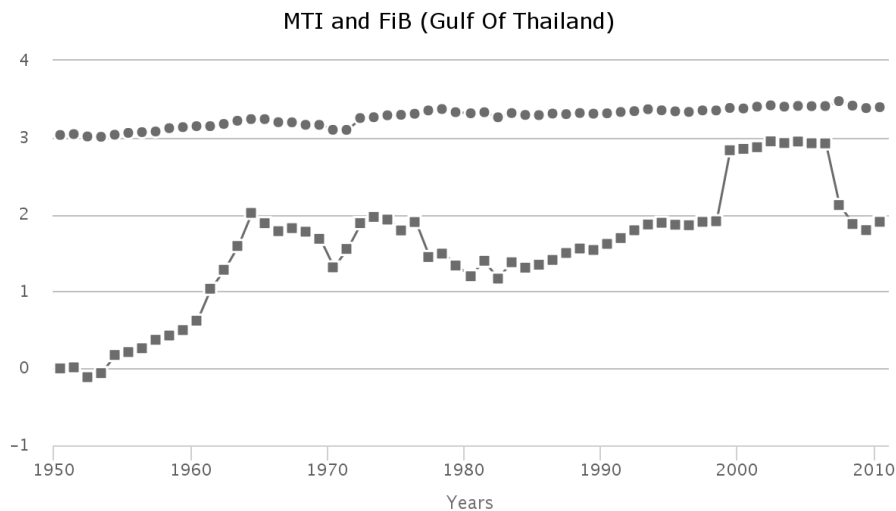
Catch value

The value of the reported landings peaked at about 1.1 billion US\$ (in 2005 real US\$) in 2006.



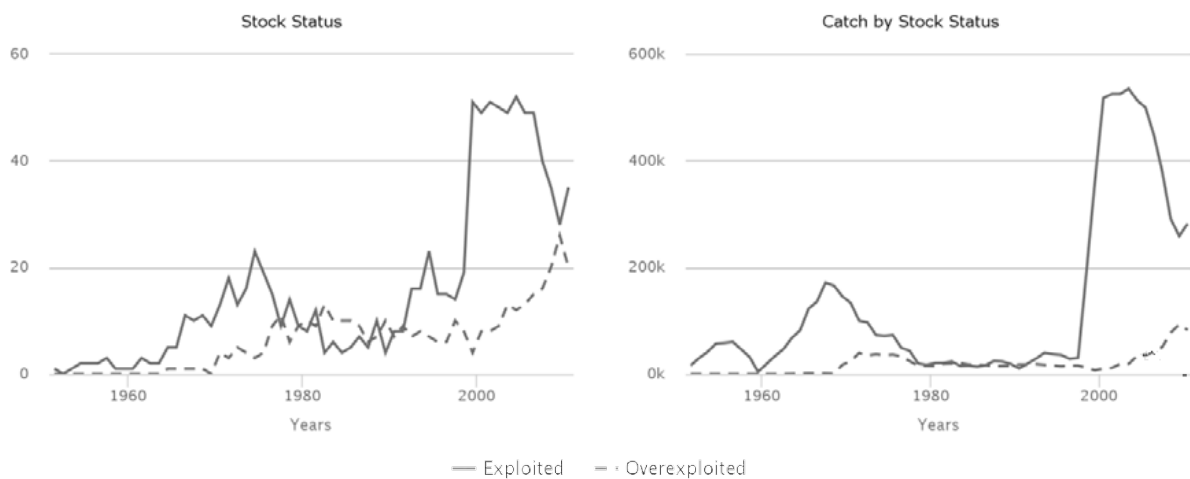
Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The trends in the MTI and the FiB are indicative of growing fisheries in the LME. However, due to the poor taxonomic details in the underlying landings statistics it is highly likely that such diagnosis is incorrect.



Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that almost 30% of the stocks in the LME are either collapsed or overexploited, and that they contribute less than 15% of the catch. Again, the high degree of taxonomic aggregation in the underlying statistics must be noted in regards to problems in the interpretation of these plots.



Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch increased from 14% in the 1950s to its first peak at around 29% in 1972. Then, this percentage kept decreasing and fluctuated around 25% in recent decade.



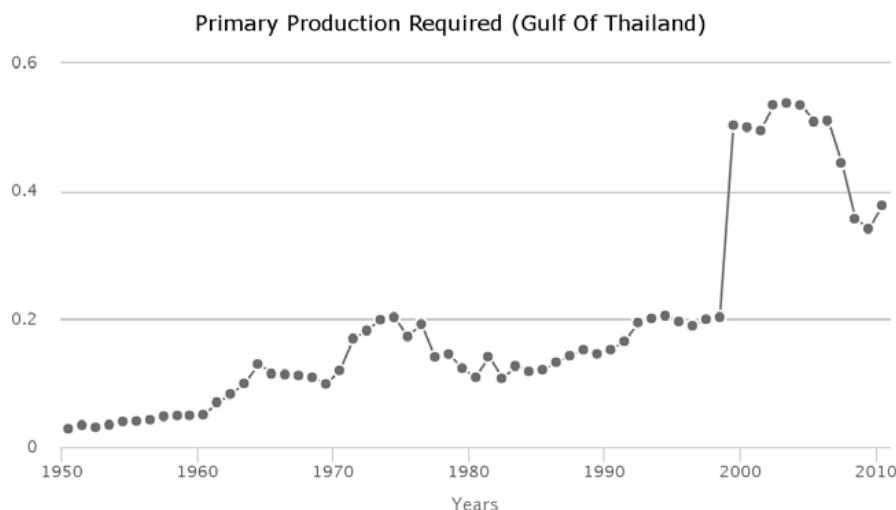
Fishing effort

The total effective effort continuously increased from around 10 million kW in the 1950s to its peak around 200 million kW in 1999.



Primary Production Required

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME peaked in the early 1970s at 30% of the observed primary production, and following a period of low PPR, has again reached this level 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 low (level 2 of the five risk categories, where 1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Based on a “current trends” scenario (Global Orchestration), this remained low in 2030 and increased to moderate by 2050.

Nutrient ratio

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

Merged nutrient indicator

The risk level for the Merged Nutrient Indicator for contemporary (2000) conditions was low (2). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this remained the same in 2030 and increased to moderate in 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
2	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3

Legend:

Very low
 Low
 Medium
 High
 Very high

POPs

Data are available only for one sample at one location in Thailand. This location shows minimal concentration (ng.g^{-1} of pellets) of 5 ng.g^{-1} for PCBs and 0.2 ng.g^{-1} for HCHs, while moderate concentration of 26 ng.g^{-1} for DDTs. These correspond to risk categories 1 for PCBs and HCHs, and 3 for DDTs, of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). Recent application of DDT pesticide for Malaria control might have occurred. Extensive monitoring is necessary in this LME.

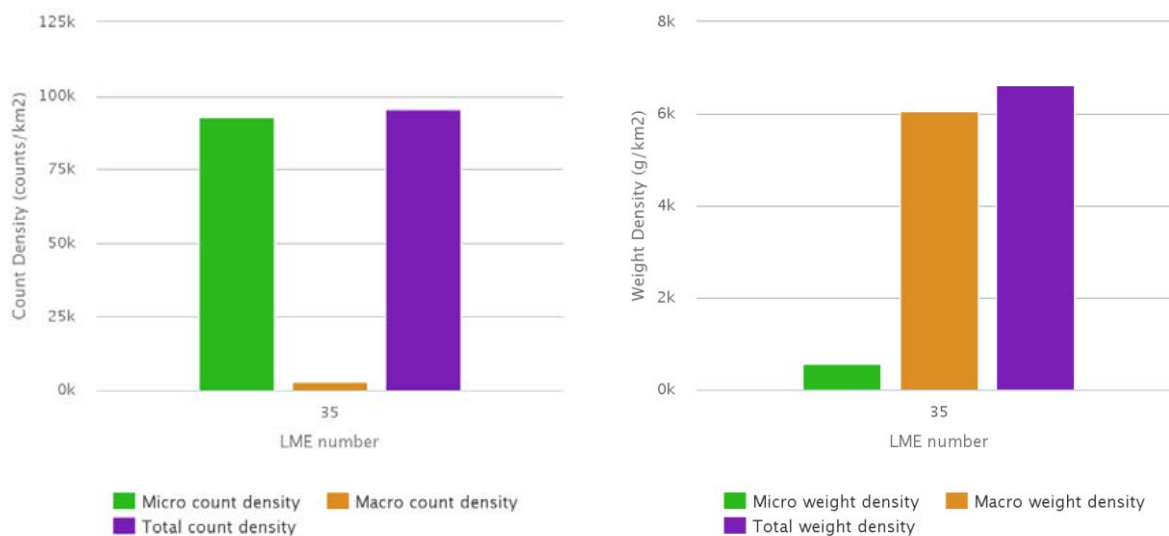
Locations	PCBs		DDTs		HCHs	
	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk	Avg. (ng/g)	Risk
1	5	1	26	3	0.2	1

Legend:

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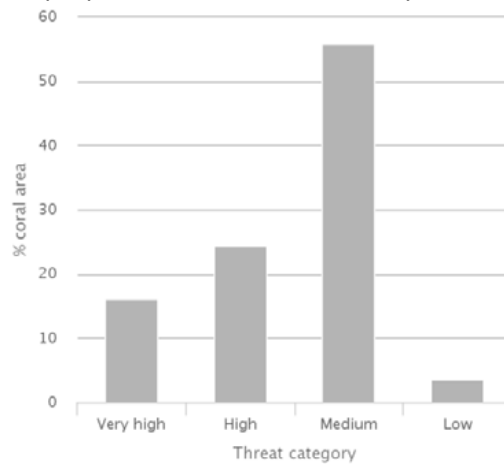
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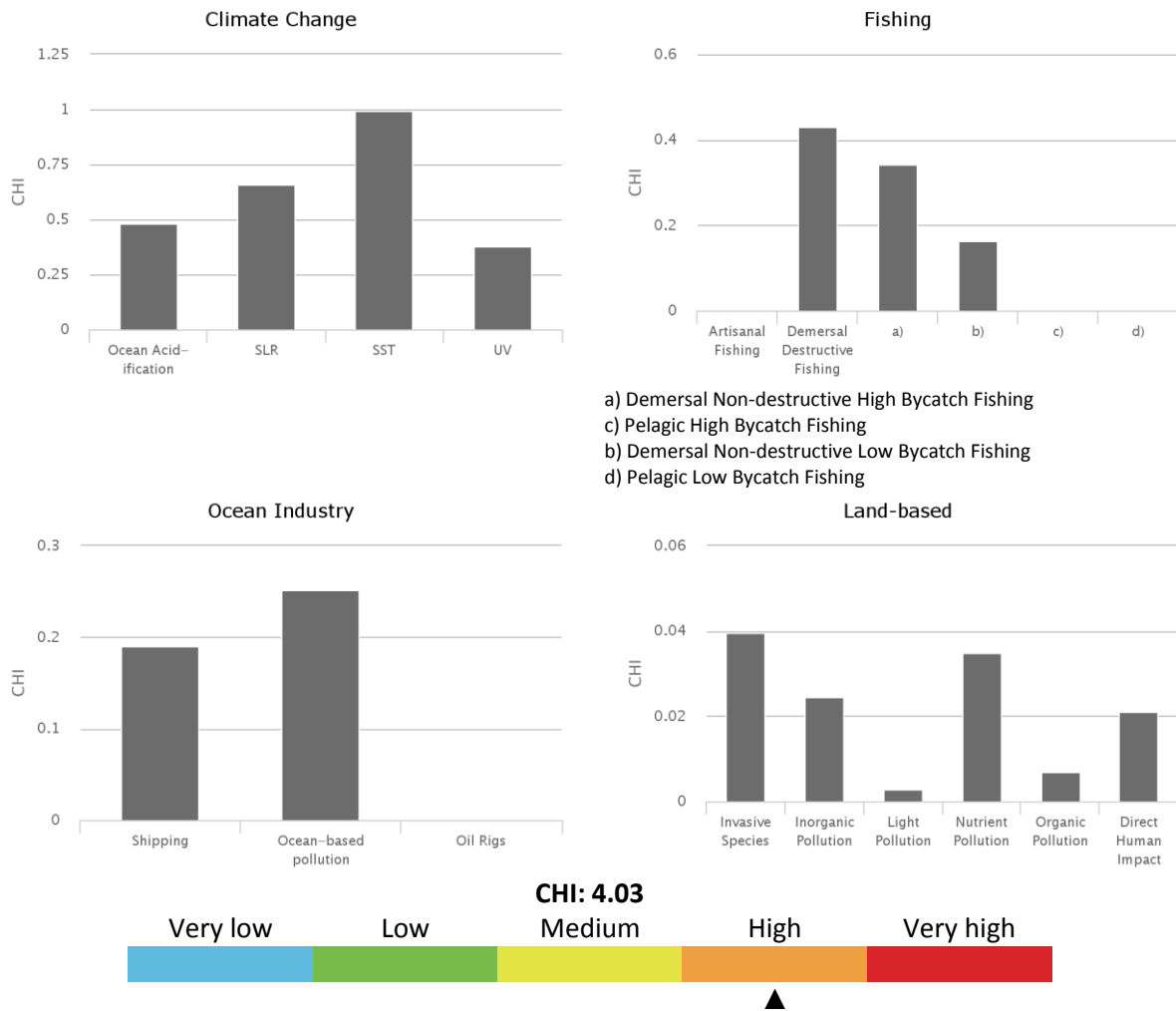


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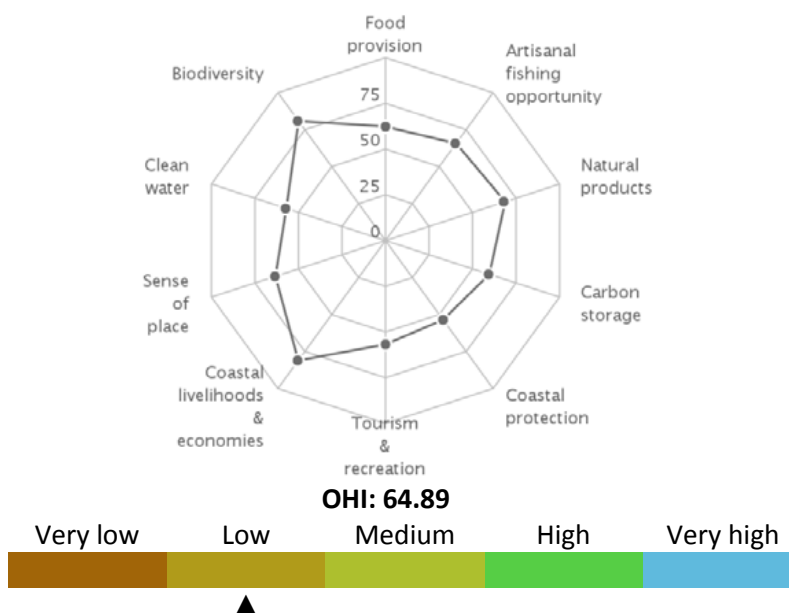
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Total population		Rural population	
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Legend:



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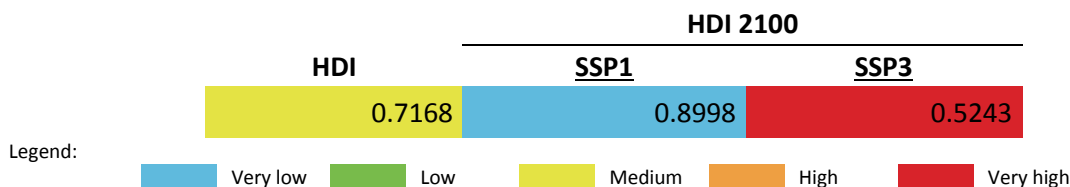
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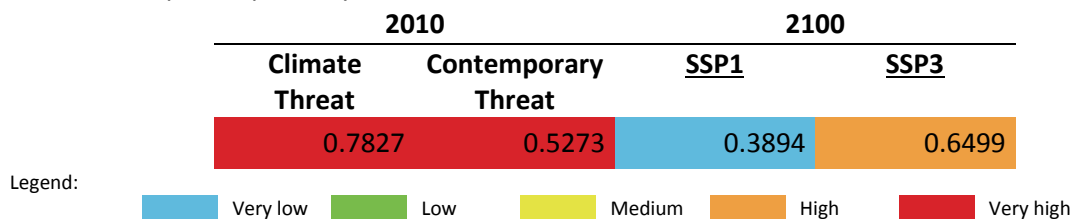
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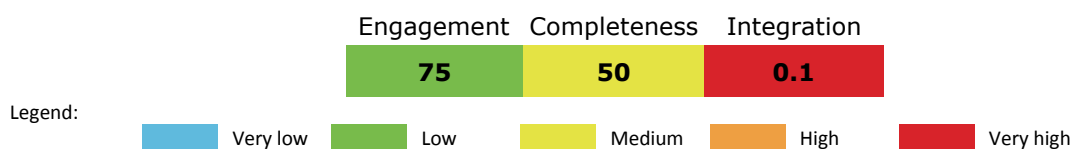


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LME 36 – South China Sea



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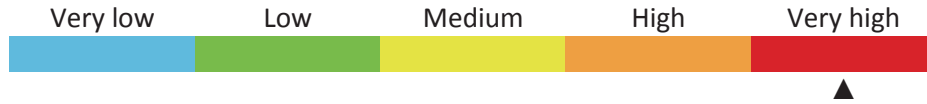
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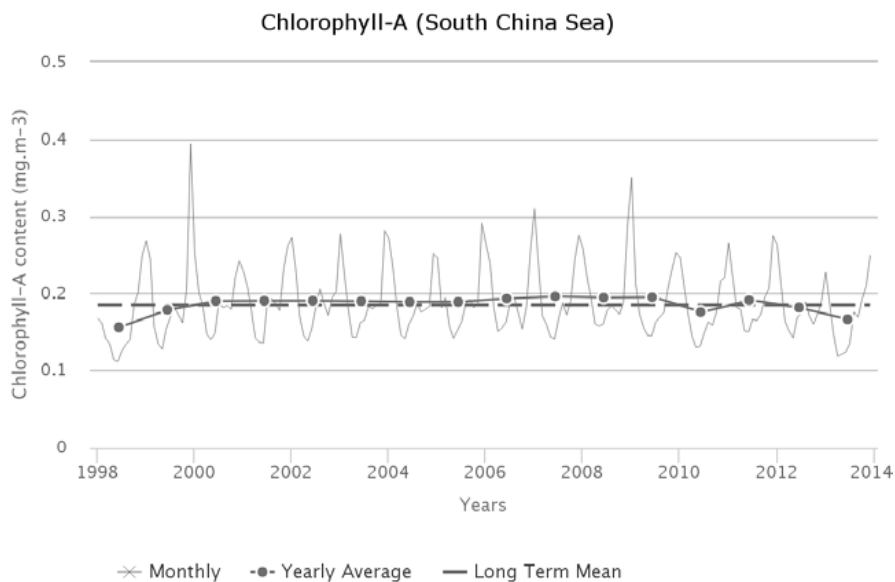
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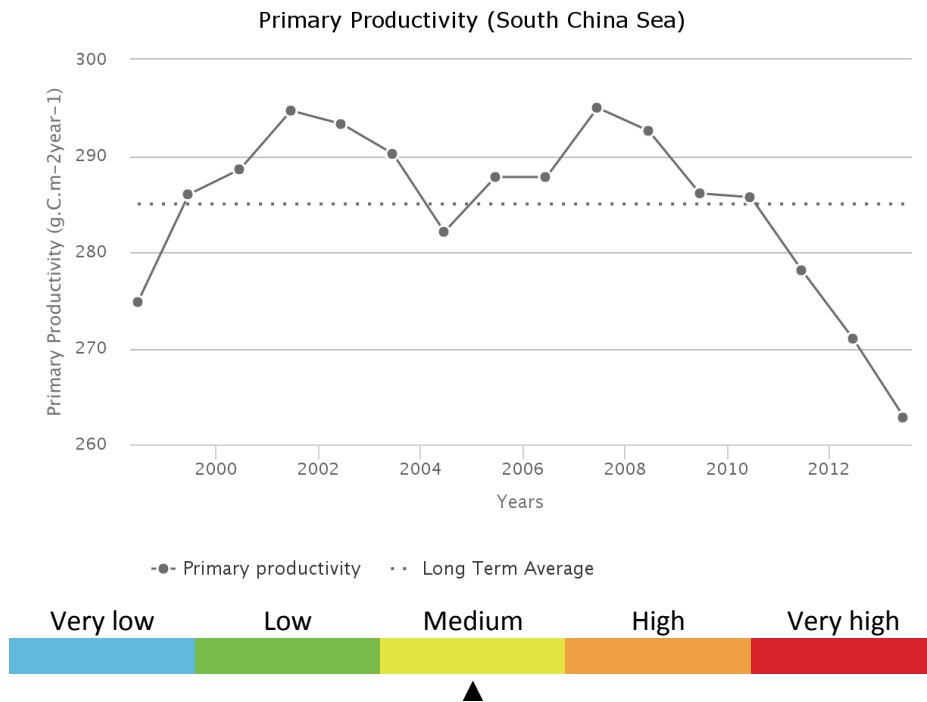
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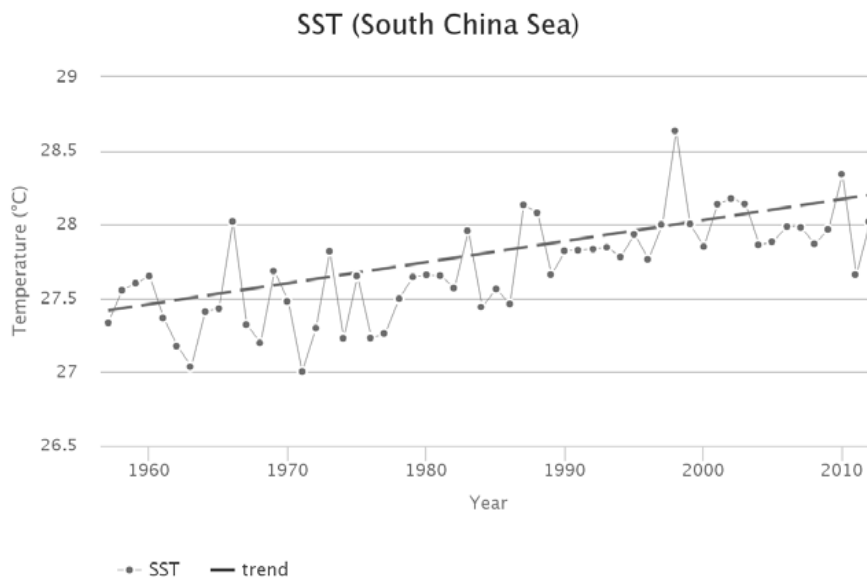


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the South China Sea #36 has warmed by 0.80°C, thus being on a threshold between Categories 2 and 3 (fast-to-moderate warming LME). The thermal history of the South China Sea is linked to that of the Gulf of Thailand LME #35. Interannual and decadal variability in the South China Sea are relatively small, <0.5°C. The observed stability of the South China Sea can be partly explained by the existence of the so-called South China Warm Pool (Li et al., 2007). The South China Warm Pool changes seasonally and inter-annually (He et al., 2000): It grows in summer; shrinks and retreats to the southwest in winter, and it is modulated inter-annually by the ENSO (El Niño-Southern Oscillation). The all-time maximum SST exceeded 28.6°C in 1998, coinciding with El Niño.



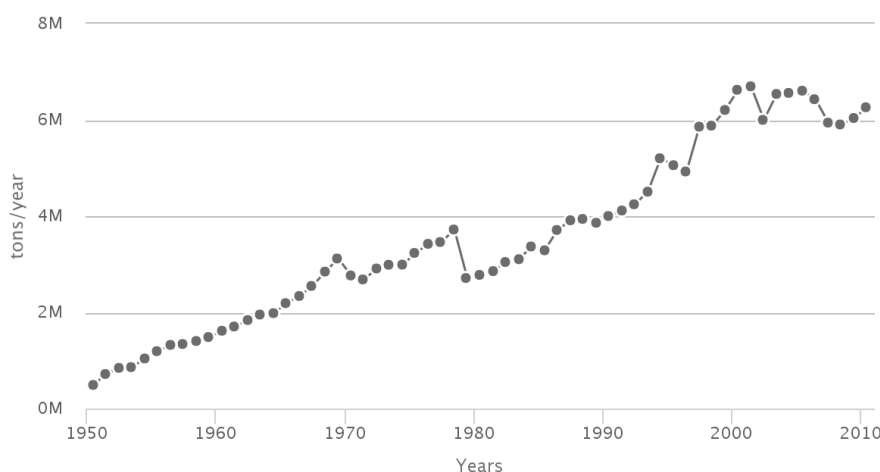
Fish and Fisheries

Reported landings from the South China Sea LME are in the order of 6 million t, although substantial uncertainty is associated with these high figures. The marine fisheries target groups that include tuna, billfishes, mackerels and sharks for the pelagic species, and a huge array of demersal fish and invertebrates, especially *penaeid* shrimps.

Annual Catch

The steady increase of the reported landings, from 490,000 t in 1950 to a peak of over 6 million t in 2001 is primarily due to a significant increase in the landings of unidentified fishes (included in ‘mix group’), which account for two-thirds of the landings in recent years. In general, a high proportion of unidentified fishes in landings statistics is a symptom of deficiencies in a reporting system.

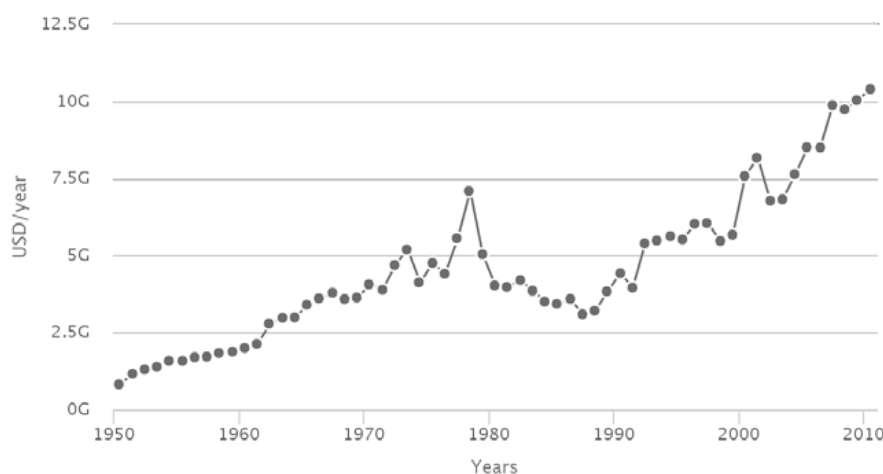
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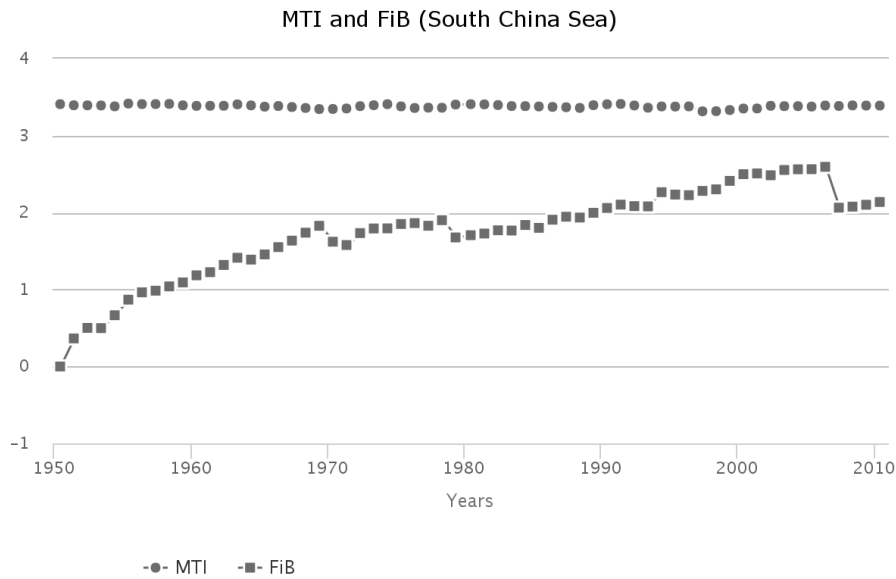
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Catch Value (South China Sea)



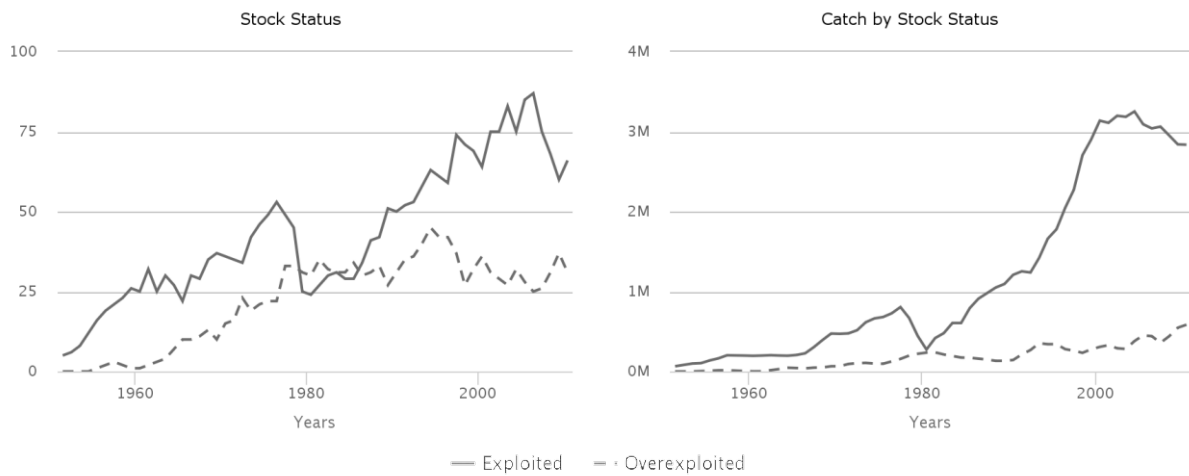
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Stock status

The Stock-Catch Status Plots indicate that almost 40% of the stocks in the LME are collapsed or overexploited. However, the majority of the catches are supplied by fully exploited stocks. Such diagnosis is probably optimistic, and is again likely a result of the high degree of taxonomic aggregation in the underlying statistics.



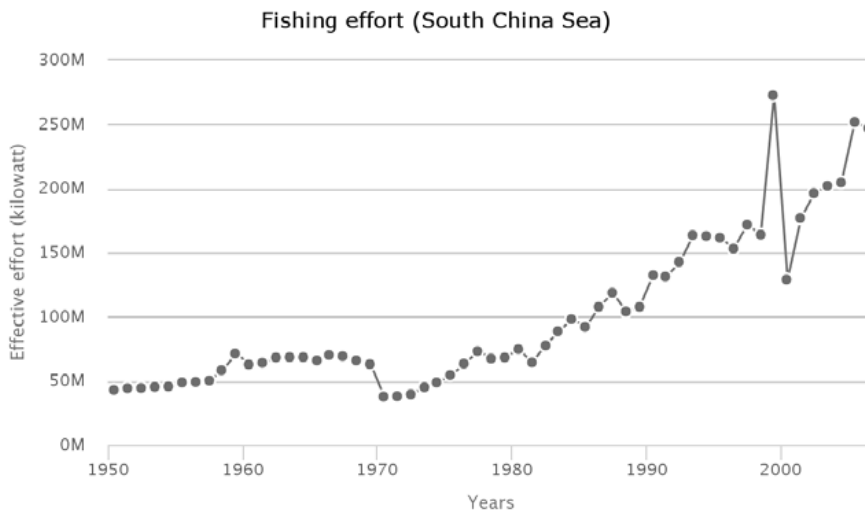
Catch from bottom impacting gear

The percentage of catch from the bottom gear type to the total catch fluctuated between 12 and 24% from 1950 to 2010. This percentage fluctuated around 22% in the recent decade.



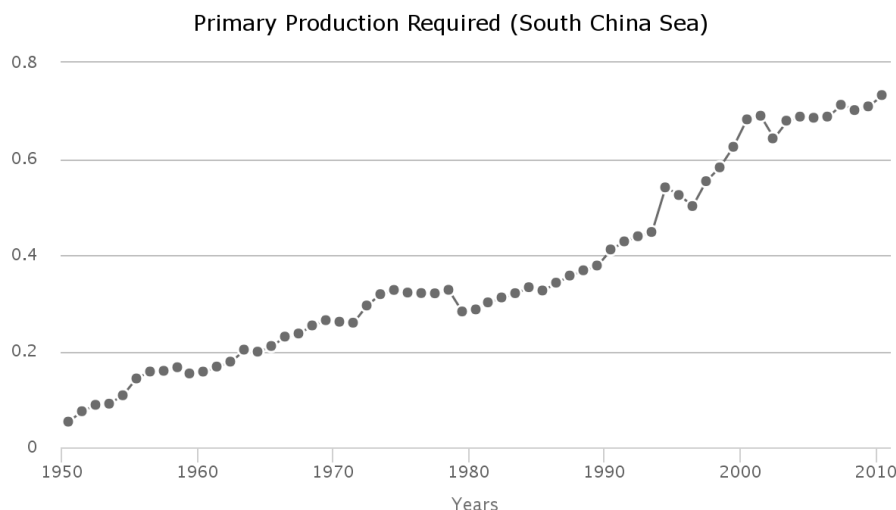
Fishing effort

The total effective effort continuously increased from around 45 million kW in the early 1950s to its peak at 270 million kW in 1999.



Primary Production Required

The primary production required (PPR) to sustain the reported landings in this LME is increasing with the reported landings, and since 2000, it is over 60% of the observed primary production, yet another indication that the reported landings from this LME may be unrealistically high.



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 low (2). According to the Global Orchestration scenario, this increased to high in 2030 and remained high in 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.

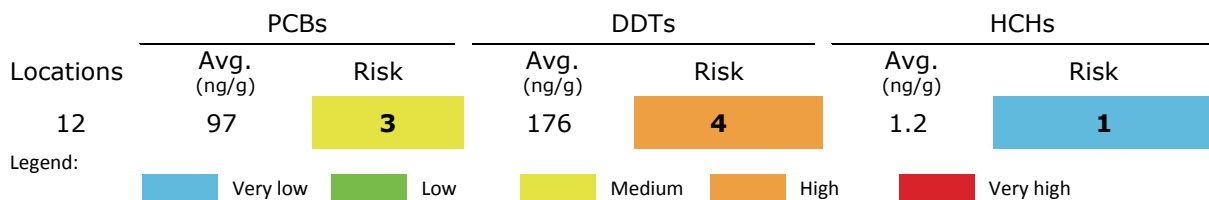
2000			2030			2050		
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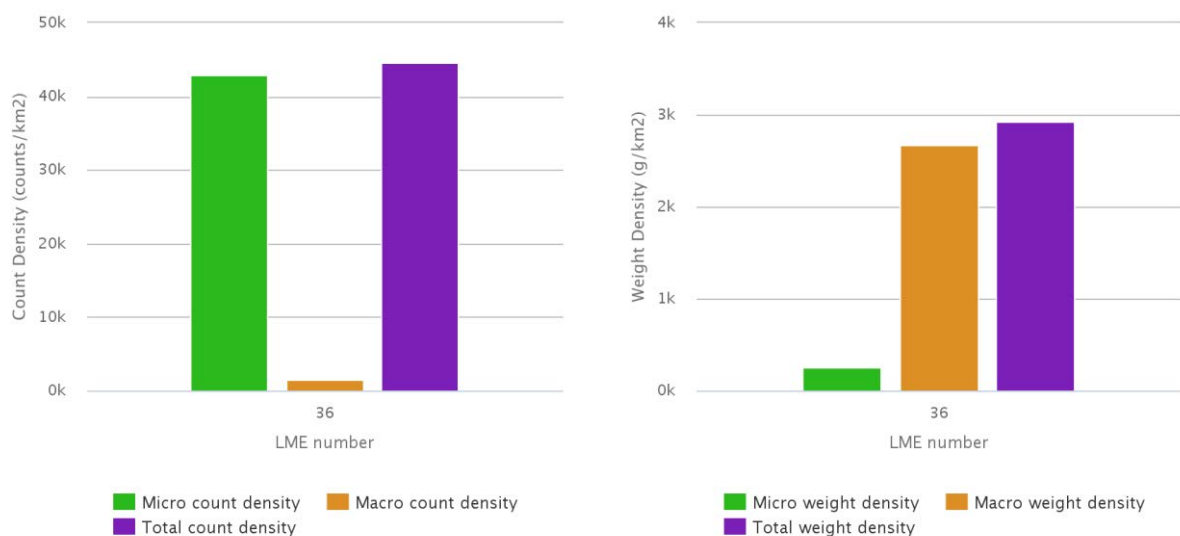
POPs

This LME includes Vietnam and Southern China. Twelve samples at 11 locations are available. Average concentrations (ng.g⁻¹ of pellets) were high for DDT (176, range 1-558 ng.g⁻¹), moderate for PCBs (97, range 8-757 ng.g⁻¹), and minimal for HCHs (1.2, range 0.2-208 ng.g⁻¹). These averages correspond to risk categories 4, 3, and 1, respectively, of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). High concentrations of DDTs were recorded both for northern Vietnam (163 – 558 ng.g⁻¹) and southern China including Hong Kong. Dominance of DDT over the degradation products (DDD and DDE) indicates current usage of DDT pesticide. DDT application for Malaria control could explain high DDTs concentrations in northern Vietnam and Haikou Bay (China), which have a tropical climate. Another possibility is illegal use of DDT pesticide for agricultural fields. In Hong Kong, the application of DDT to antifouling agents for boats is suspected. High DDTs concentrations were recorded even in the more recent samples. Source identification is highly recommended. Although the average PCBs concentration is moderate, the latest sample from Hong Kong showed an extremely high concentration (757 ng.g⁻¹), corresponding to risk category 5. This level may require regulatory and/or remediation action for food security.



Plastic debris

Modelled estimates of floating plastic abundance (items km⁻²), for both micro-plastic (<4.75 mm) and macro-plastic (>4.75 mm), indicate that this LME is in the group with the highest 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 relative importance of these sources in this LME. The abundance of floating plastic in this category is estimated to be on average over 400 times higher than those LMEs with lowest values. There is limited evidence from sea-based direct observations and towed nets to support this conclusion.



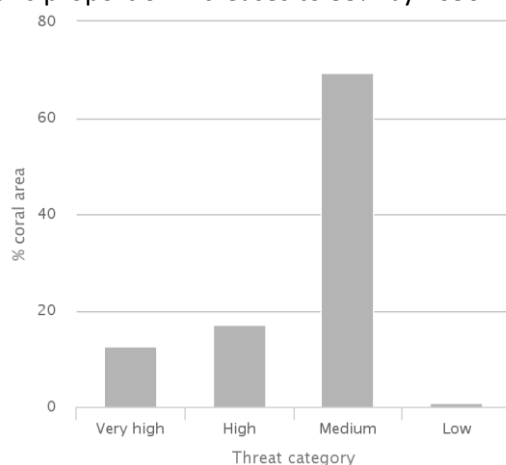
Ecosystem Health

Mangrove and coral cover

0.2% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 0.42% 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 241. 12% of coral reefs cover is under very high threat, and 17% 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 19% and 24% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 26% 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 35% by 2050.

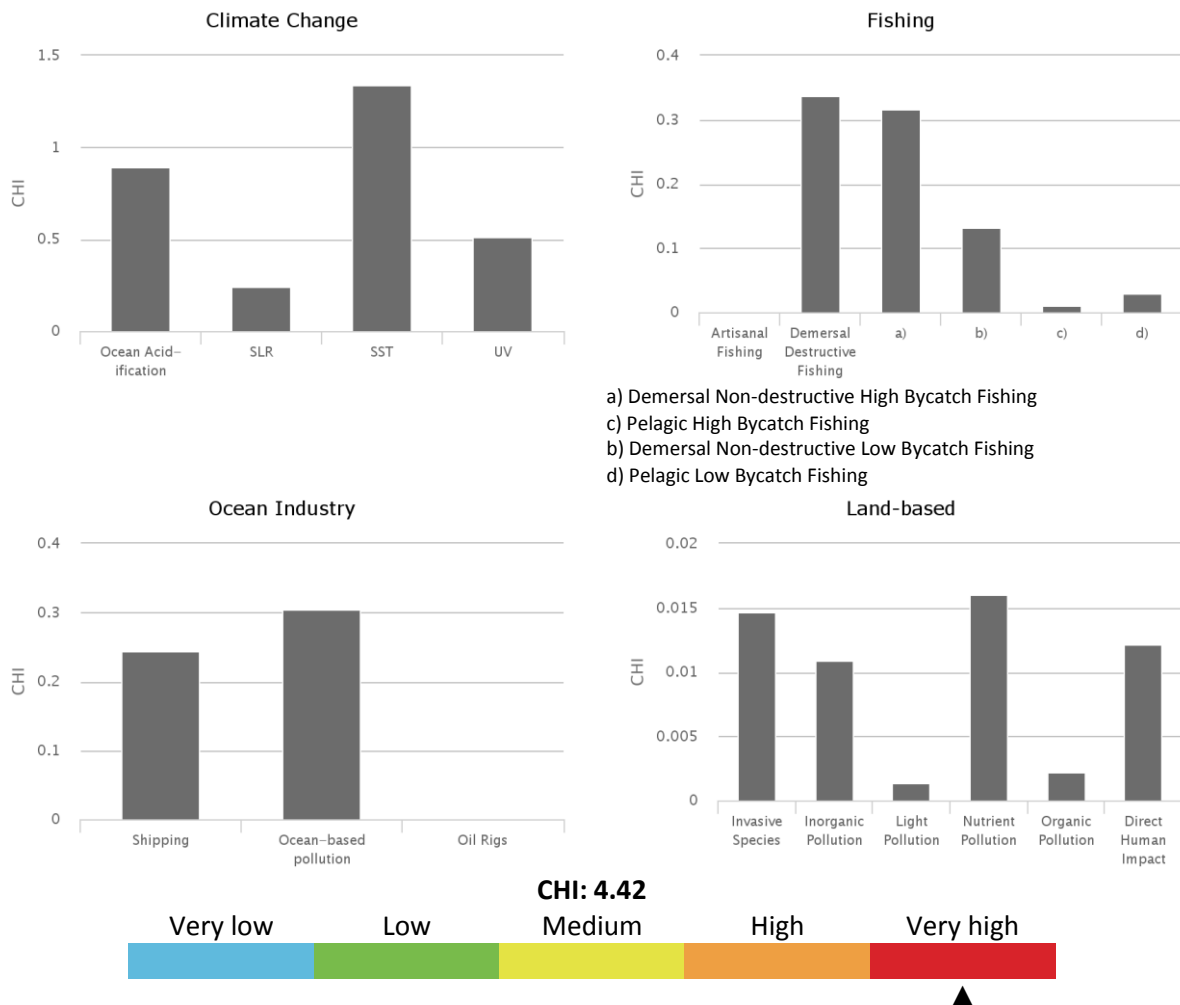


Marine Protected Area change

The South China Sea LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 1,504 km² prior to 1983 to 91,480 km² by 2014. This represents an increase of 5,981%, within the medium category of MPA change.

Cumulative Human Impact

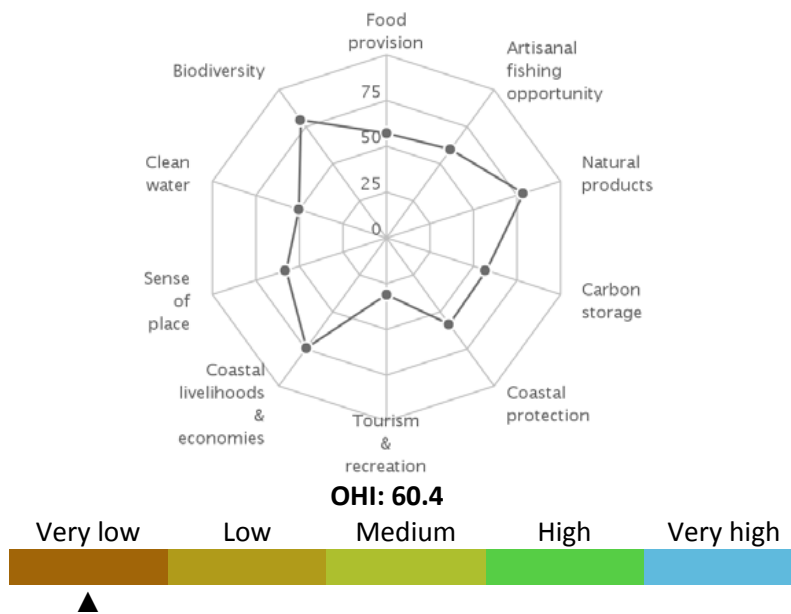
The South China Sea LME experiences well above average overall cumulative human impact (score 4.42; maximum LME score 5.22). It falls in risk category 5 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This LME is most vulnerable to climate change. Of the 19 individual stressors, all four connected to climate change have high average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (0.89; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.51; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), sea level rise (0.24; maximum in other LMEs was 0.71), and sea surface temperature (1.34; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Demersal destructive commercial fishing (0.34; maximum in other LMEs was 0.56) and demersal non-destructive high-by-catch (0.32; maximum in other LMEs was 0.60) also had high impact. Other key stressors include commercial shipping, ocean based pollution, and demersal non-destructive low-by-catch commercial fishing.



Ocean Health Index

The South China Sea LME scores below average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 63 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82). 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 1 point compared to the previous year, due in large part to changes in the score for coastal economies. This LME scores lowest on food provision, coastal protection, carbon storage, tourism & recreation, sense of place and clean waters goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities. It falls in risk category 5 of the five risk categories, which is the highest level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).

Ocean Health Index (South China Sea)



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 this 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 stretches over 765 002 km². A current population of 271 695 thousand in 2010 is projected to decrease to 213 297 thousand in 2100, with a density of 355 persons per km² in 2010 decreasing to 279 per km² by 2100. About 47% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to increase in share to 58% in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
271,695,309	213,297,270	127,398,450	123,833,770

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 14% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the low-risk category based on percentage and in the very high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor

37,747,161

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the very high-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$10 287 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 28% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013

\$234 946 million places it in the very 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 this LME falls in the category with high risk.

Fisheries Annual Landed Value	% Fish Protein Contribution	Tourism Annual Revenues	% Tourism Contribution to GDP	NLDI
10,286,720,935	27.5	234,946,000,000	12.1	0.8019

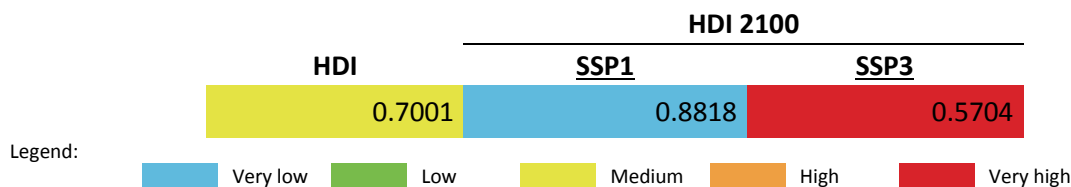
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Human Development Index

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day LME HDI belongs to the medium HDI and medium-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.700, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.300, 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.

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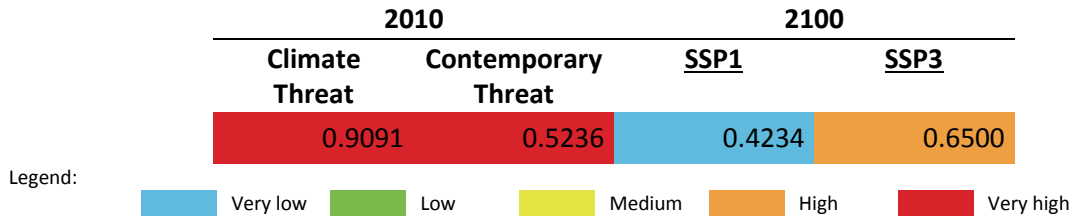
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The 2100 sea level rise threat indices, each computed for the sustainable world and fragmented world development pathways, use the maximum projected sea level rise at the highest level of warming of 8.5 W/m² in 2100 as hazard measure, development pathway-specific 2100 populations in the 10 m × 10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index of this 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 very low, and increases to high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

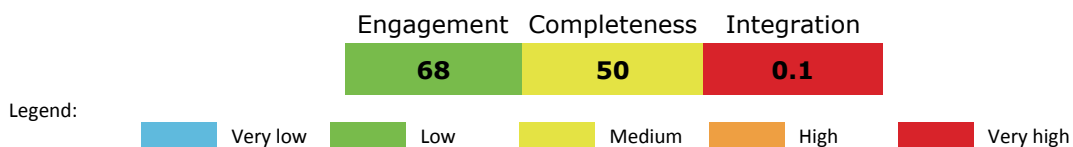


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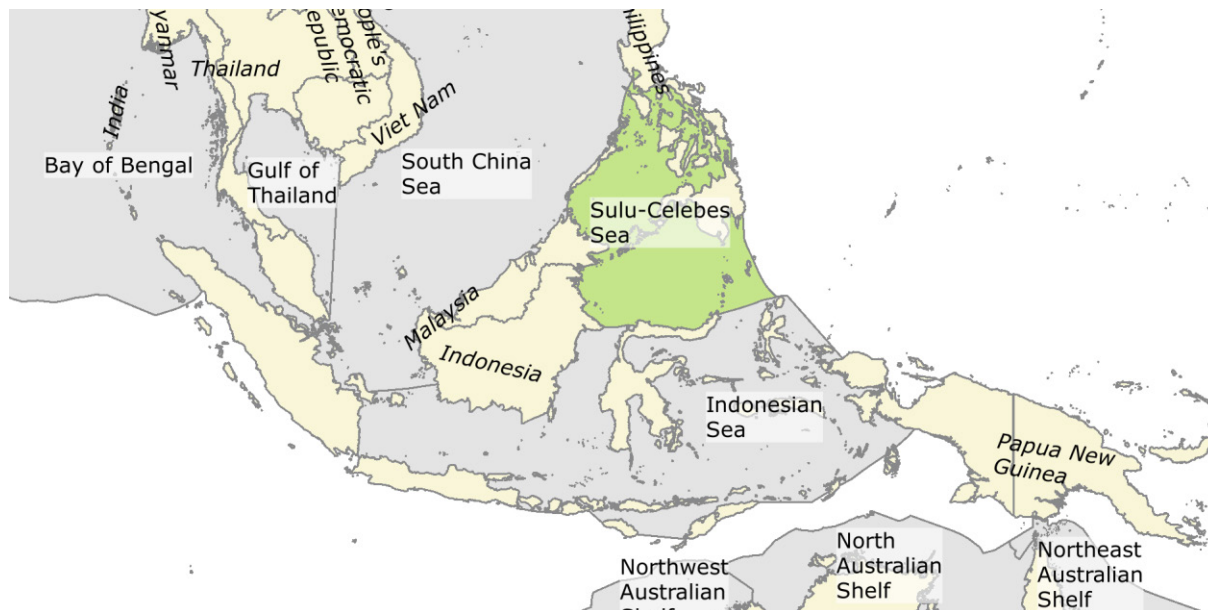
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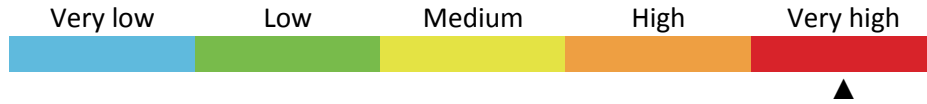
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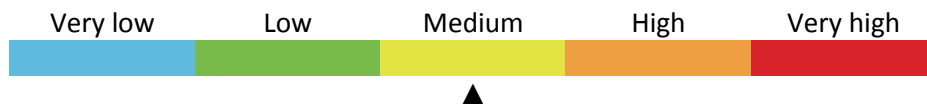
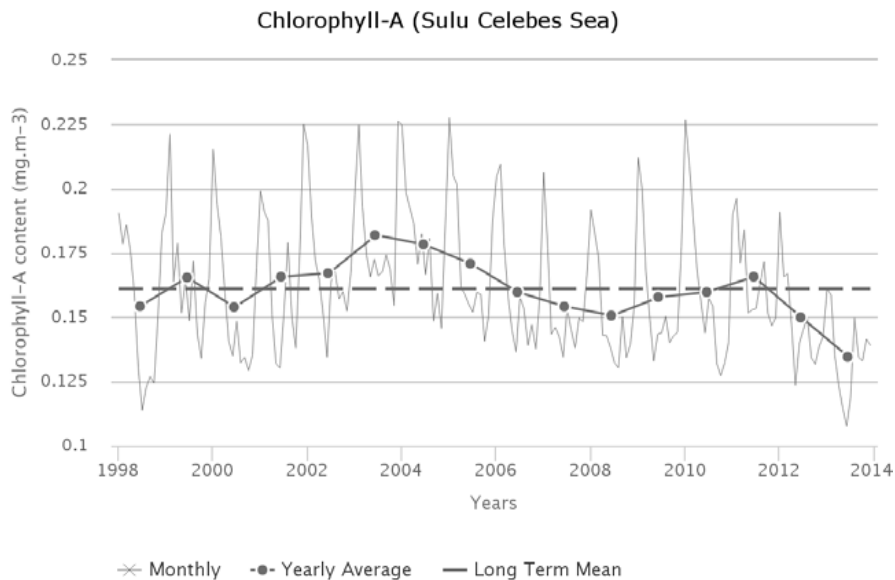
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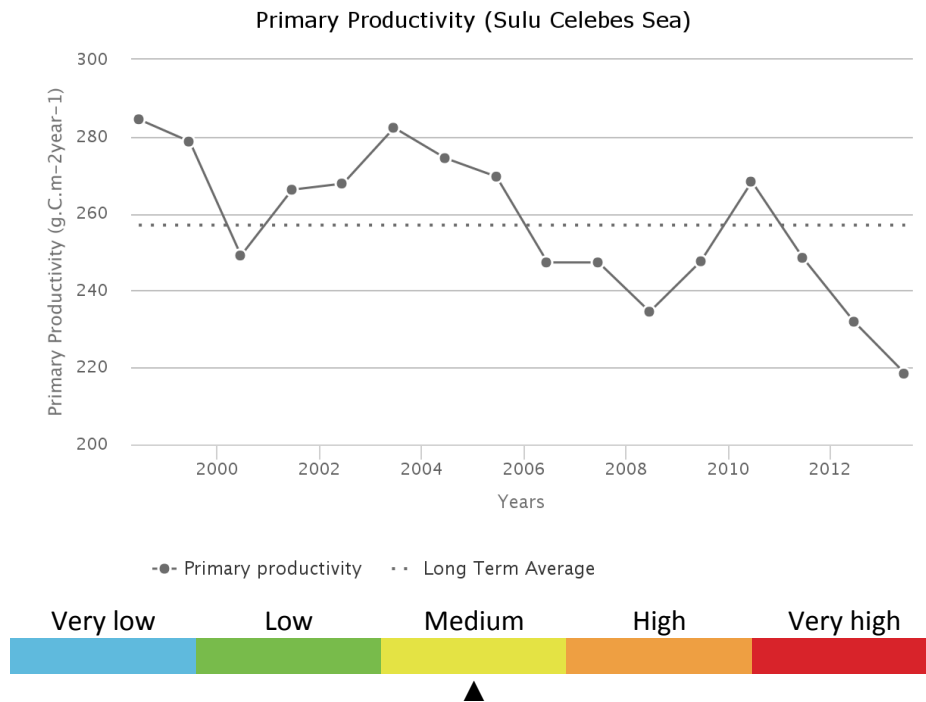
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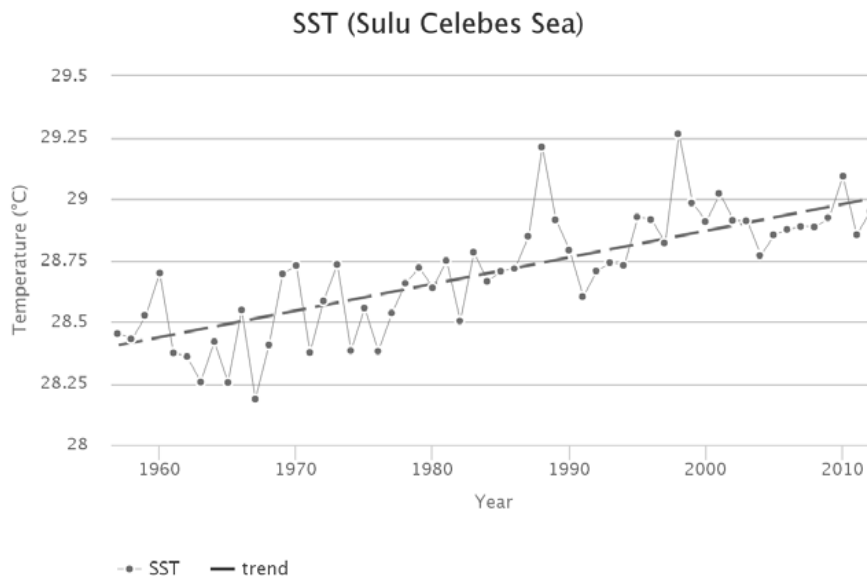


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Sulu-Celebes Sea LME #37 has warmed by 0.64°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). The steady warming of the Sulu-Celebes Sea was accentuated by two warm events, in 1988 and 1998, the latter being of the global scale (El Niño 1997-98). The warm event of 1988 occurred simultaneously in the Indonesian Sea LME #38, North Australian Shelf LME #39, West-Central Australian Shelf LME #44, and Northwest Australian Shelf LME #45; and only one year prior to the warm event of 1989 in the Southeast Australian Shelf LME #42. Apparently, the warm event of 1988 was caused by large-scale forcing. The all-time minimum of 1967 occurred simultaneously in the Indonesian Sea LME #38 and one year prior to the all-time minimum of 1968 in the West-Central Australian Shelf LME #44. The strong correlation between the Sulu-Celebes Sea's thermal history and those of adjacent seas could be explained by oceanic circulation, particularly, the Indonesian Throughflow that flows through these LMEs.

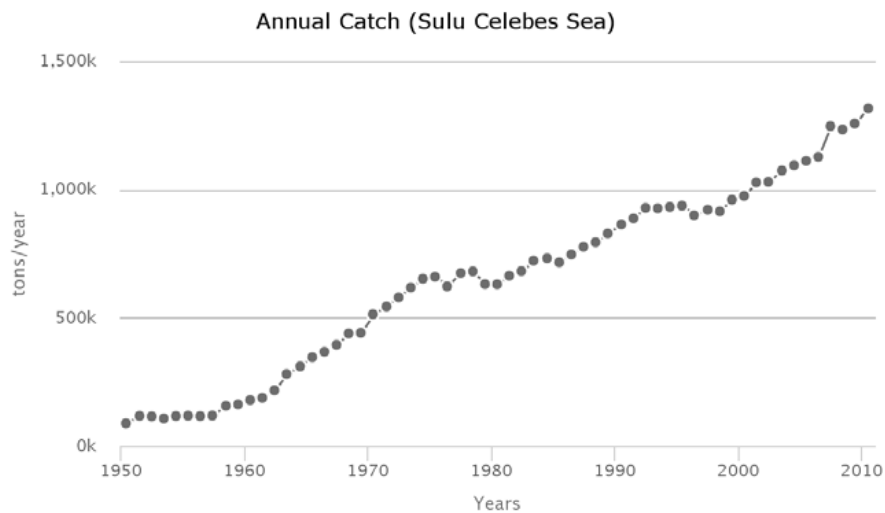


Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Sulu-Celebes Sea LME are multi-gear and multi-species. Reef fisheries provide essential sustenance to artisanal fishers and their families throughout the region while high value fish products are exported to expanding international, national as well as local markets.

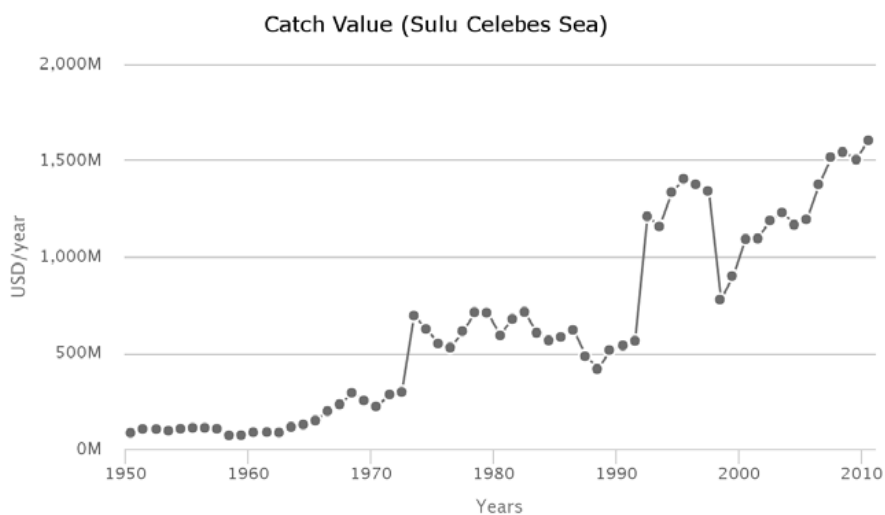
Annual Catch

Total reported landings in the LME have increased steadily, recording an average of one million t in the recent decade (2001 – 2010), although there is a significant proportion of the landings being reported simply as unidentified fishes in the available statistics.



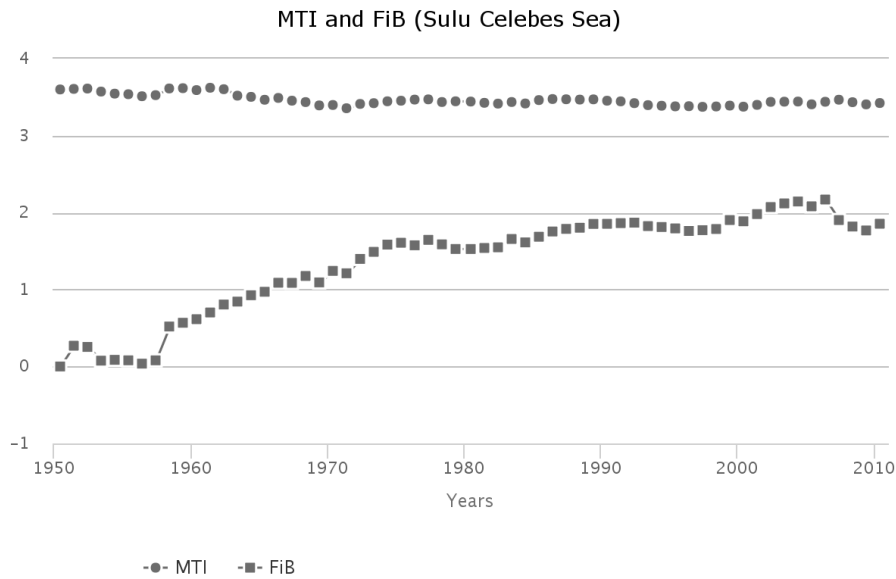
Catch value

The value of the reported landings has also increased, exceeding 1.5 billion US\$ (in 2005 real US\$) in recent years.



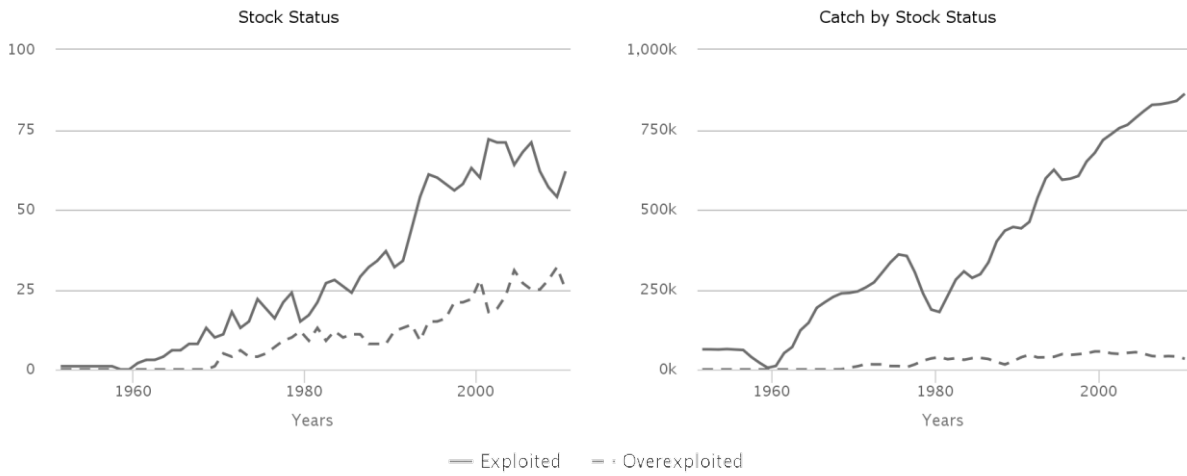
Marine Trophic Index and Fishing-in-Balance index

The trends in MTI and FiB are not conclusive, likely because of the poor quality of the underlying landings statistics. However, a decline in the MTI can be seen from 1950 to 1974, a period in which the proportion of unidentified fish in the landings statistics was relatively small, an indication that a 'fishing down' of the food web is occurring in the LME, only to be drowned out by the high level of taxonomically over-aggregated catches in recent years.



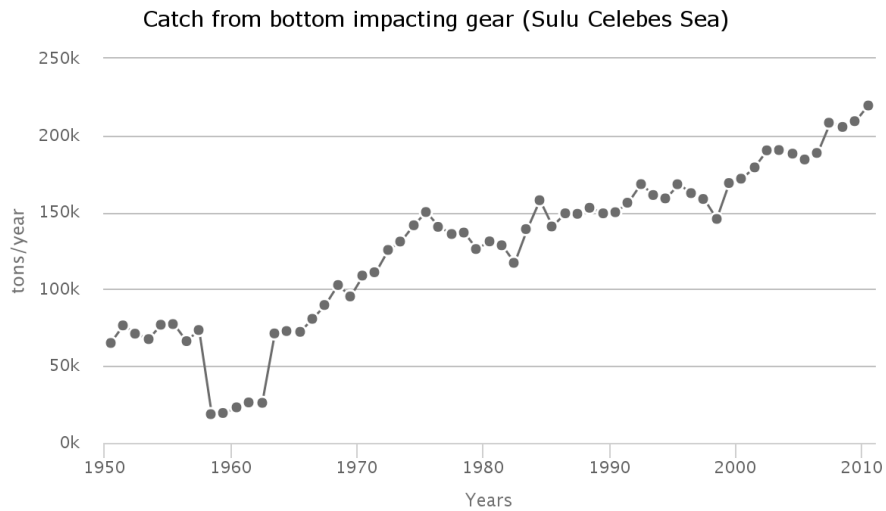
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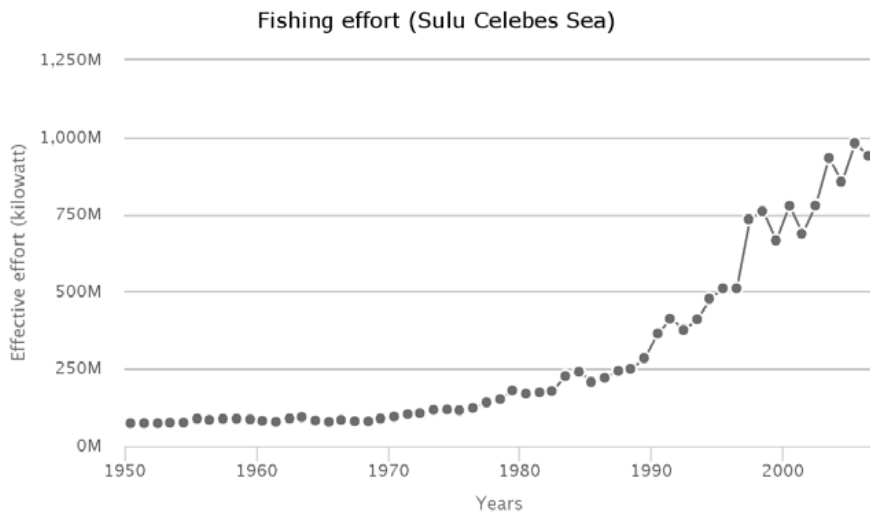
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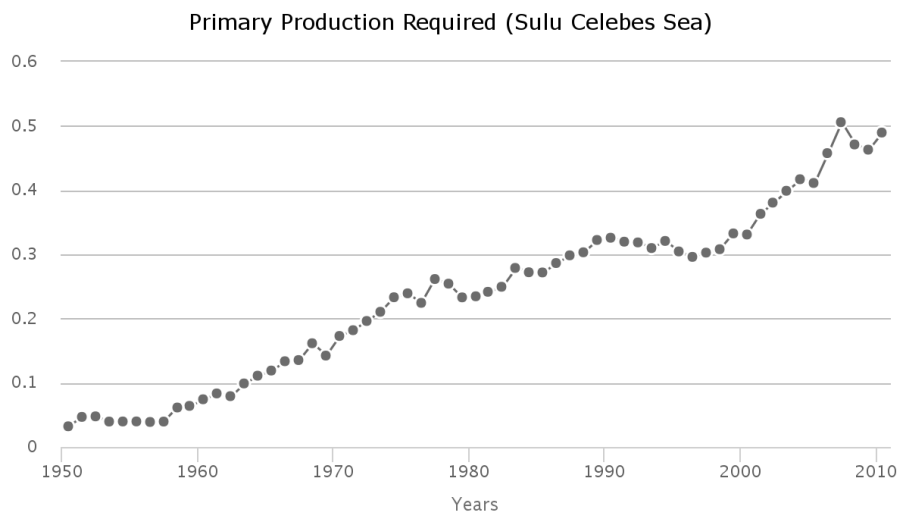
Fishing effort

The total effective effort continuously increased from around 75 million kW in the 1950s to its peak around 1,000 million kW in the mid-2000s.



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Pollution and Ecosystem Health

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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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POPs

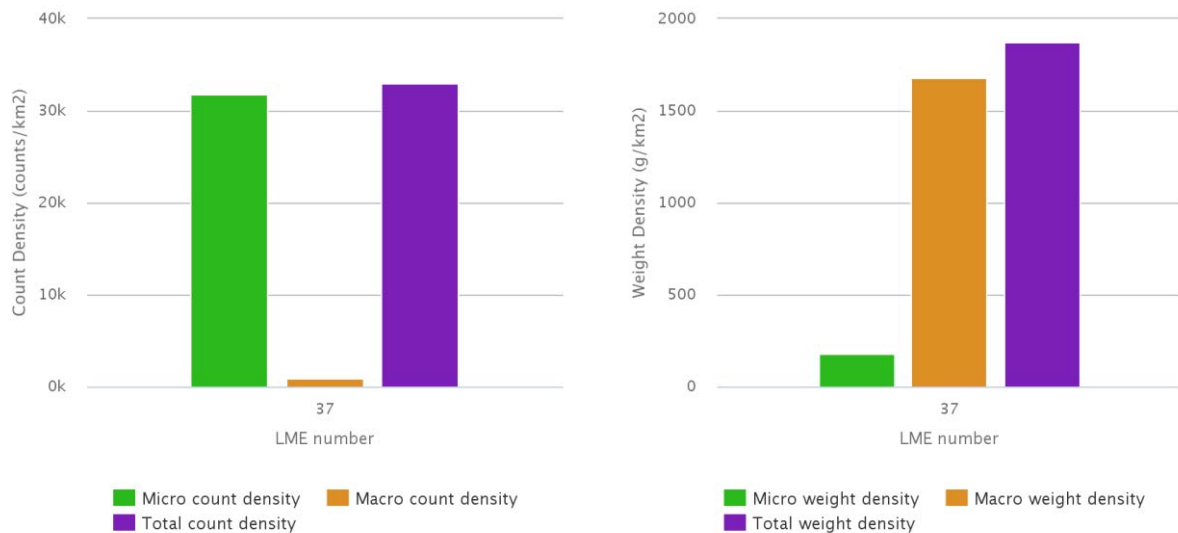
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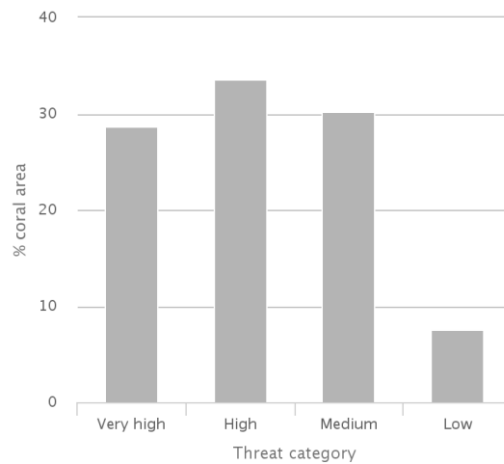
Ecosystem Health

Mangrove and coral cover

0.7% of this LME is covered by mangroves (US Geological Survey, 2011) and 1.99% 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 284. 29% of coral reefs cover is under very high threat, and 34% 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 change to 43% and 28% for very high and high threat categories respectively. By year 2030, 61% 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 62% by 2050.

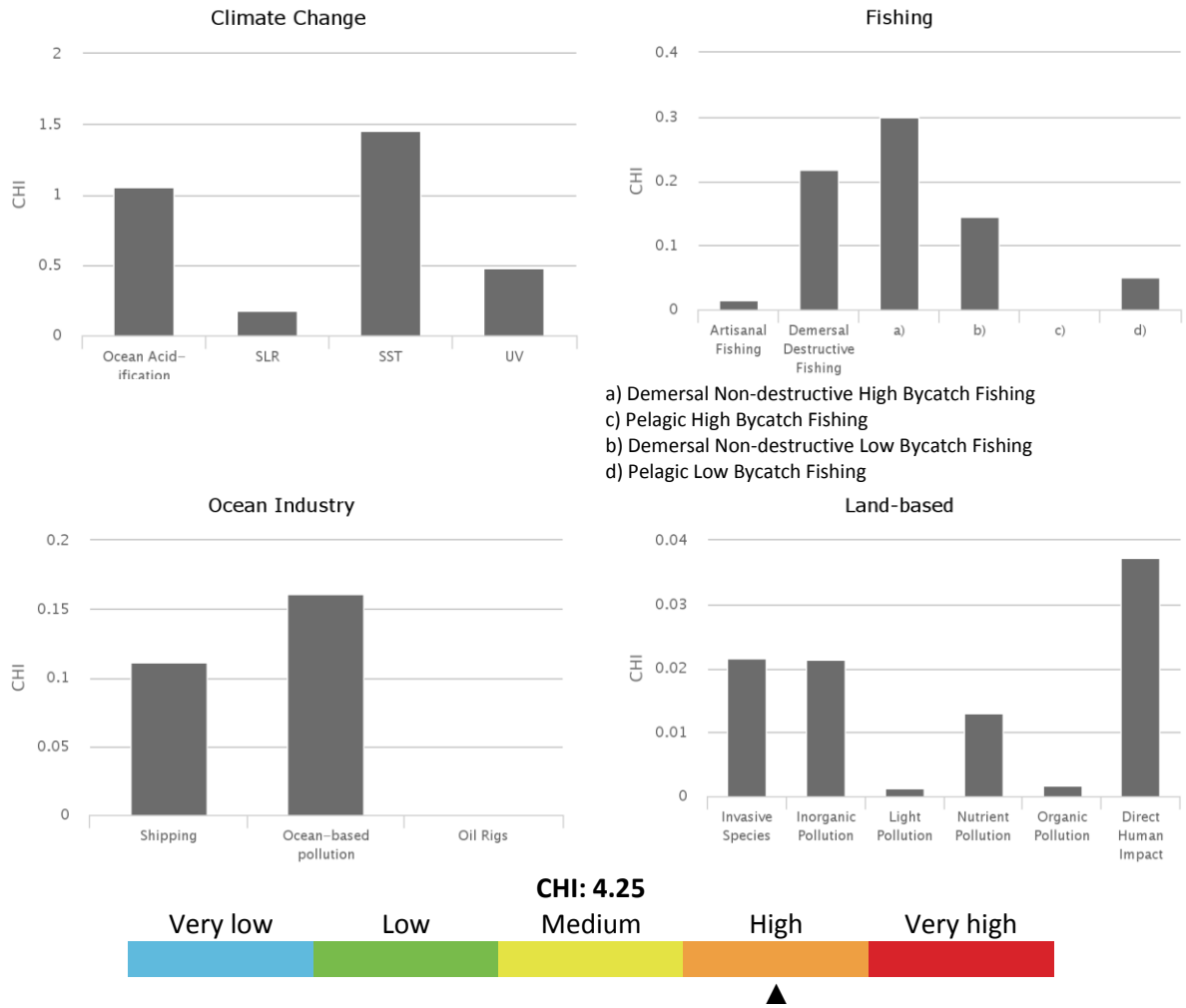


Marine Protected Area change

The Sulu-Celebes Sea LME experienced an increase in MPA coverage from 615 km² prior to 1983 to 27,582 km² by 2014. This represents an increase of 4,387%, within the medium category of MPA change.

Cumulative Human Impact

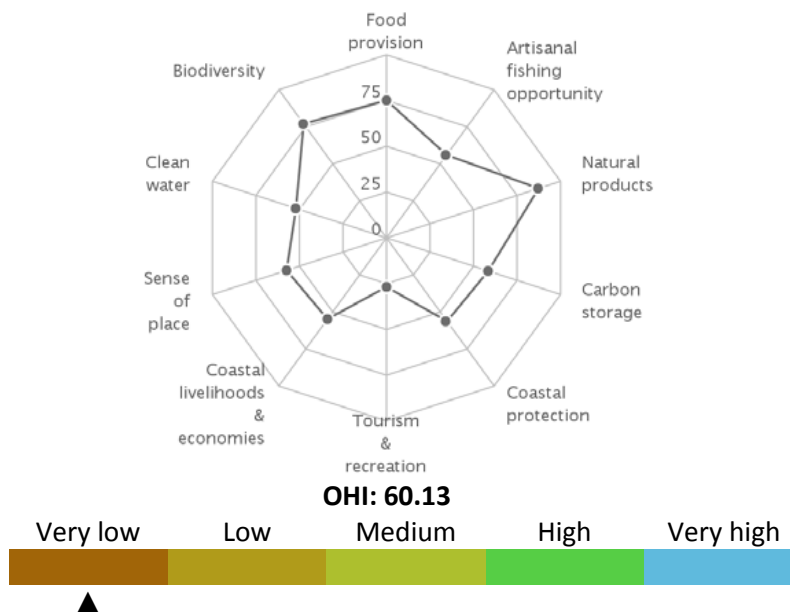
The Sulu-Celebes Sea LME experiences above average overall cumulative human impact (score 4.25; maximum LME score 5.22), which is also well above the LME with the least cumulative impact. It falls in risk category 4 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk). This LME is most vulnerable to climate change. Of the 19 individual stressors, three connected to climate change have the highest average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (1.05; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.47; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), and sea surface temperature (1.45; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Demersal destructive commercial fishing (0.22; maximum in other LMEs was 0.56) and demersal non-destructive high-bycatch (0.30; maximum in other LMEs was 0.60) also had high impact. Other key stressors include commercial shipping, sea level rise, ocean based pollution, pelagic low-bycatch commercial fishing, and demersal non-destructive low-bycatch commercial fishing.



Ocean Health Index

The Sulu-Celebes Sea LME scores below average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 62 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82). 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 2 points compared to the previous year, due in large part to changes in the scores for coastal economies and clean waters. This LME scores lowest on mariculture, coastal protection, carbon storage, coastal livelihoods, tourism & recreation, sense of place and clean waters goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities. It falls in risk category 5 of the five risk categories, which is the highest level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).

Ocean Health Index (Sulu Celebes Sea)



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 this 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 stretches over 327 980 km². A current population of 82 399 thousand in 2010 is projected to increase to 116 545 thousand in 2100, with a density of 251 persons per km² in 2010 reaching 355 per km² by 2100. About 67% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to remain the same in share in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
82,399,159	116,545,183	55,510,217	78,160,910

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 25% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the very high-risk category based on percentage and in the very high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

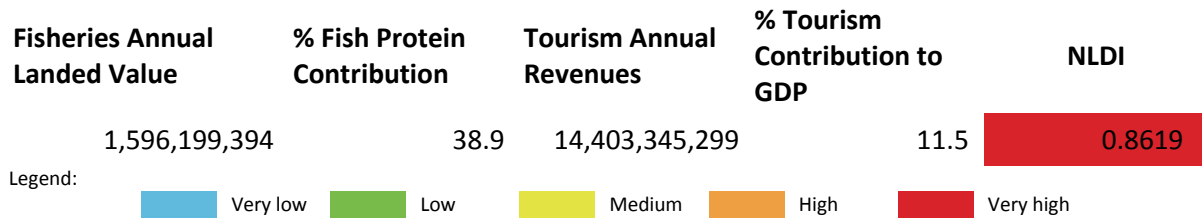
Coastal poor

20,749,617

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the high-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$1 596 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 39% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013

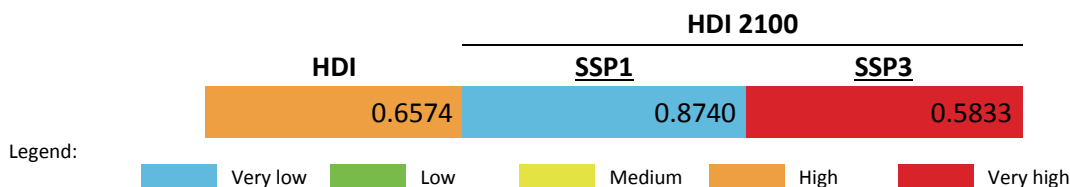
\$14 403 million places it in the low-revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 12% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies 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 this LME falls in the category with very high risk.



Human Development Index

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day LME HDI belongs to the low HDI and high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.657, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.343, 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). This LME is projected to assume a place in the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway. Under a fragmented world scenario, the LME is estimated to place in a very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income levels and increased population values from those in a sustainable development pathway.



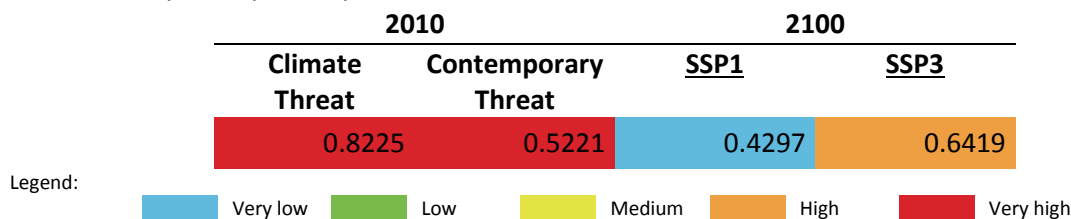
Climate-Related Threat Indices

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 × 10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

Present day climate threat index of this 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 very low, and increases to high risk under a fragmented world development pathway.

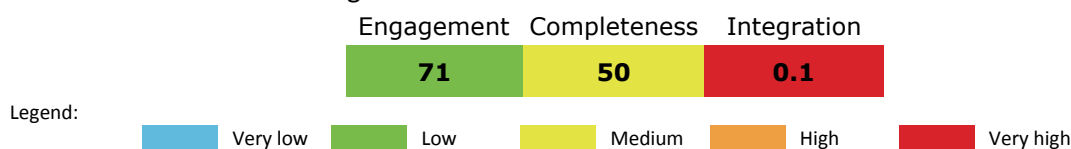


Governance

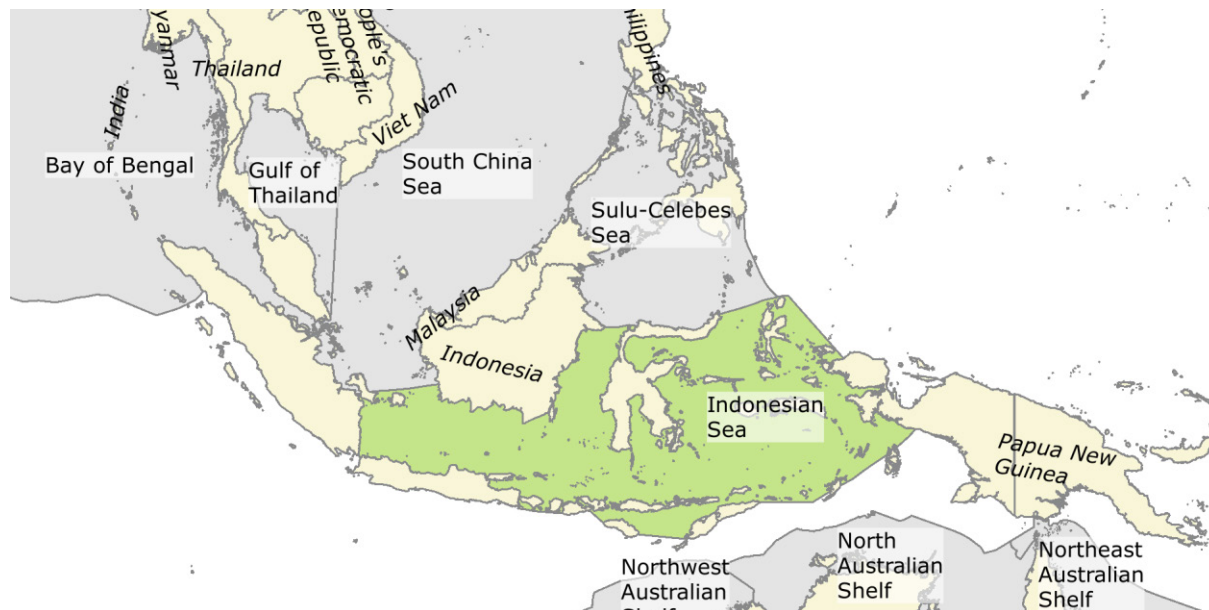
Governance architecture

The two transboundary arrangements for fisheries (WCPFC and APFIC) in this LME each cover high seas highly migratory tuna and tuna-like fisheries and the fisheries within national jurisdiction. There does not appear to me any formal connection between the two arrangements, possibly since they have different areas of competence. However, the arrangement for the Regional Seas Programme, the Coordinating Body of the Seas of South East Asia (COBSEA), covers both pollution and biodiversity with linkages to the Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). However neither of these within national jurisdiction arrangements appears to be integrated with the other or with the tuna arrangement. No integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organisation 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 ranking of risk were:



LME 38 – Indonesian Sea



Bordering countries: East Timor, Indonesia

LME Total area: 2,289,597 km²

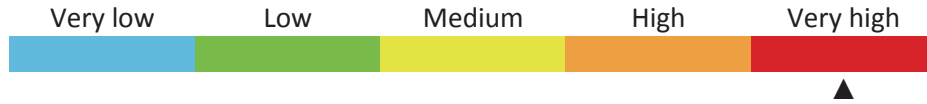
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LME overall risk

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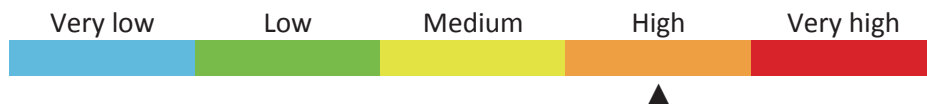
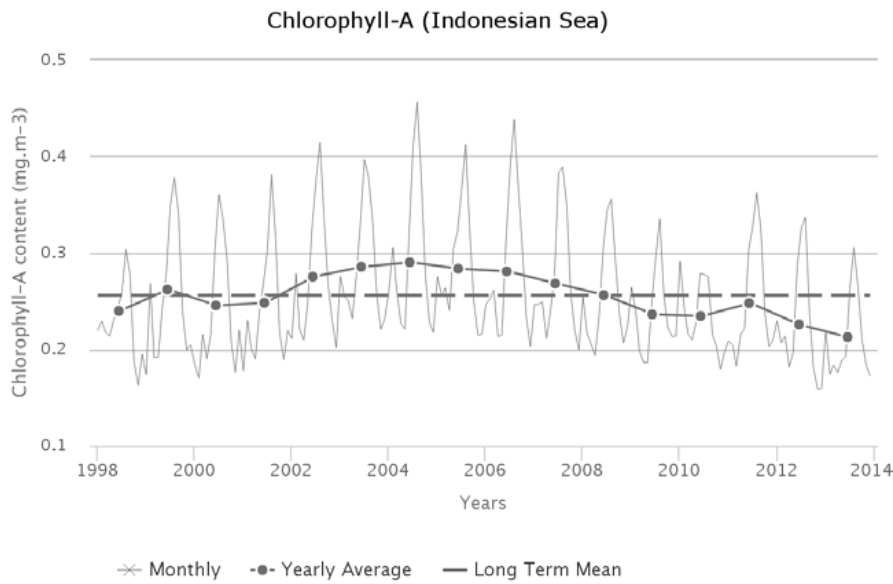
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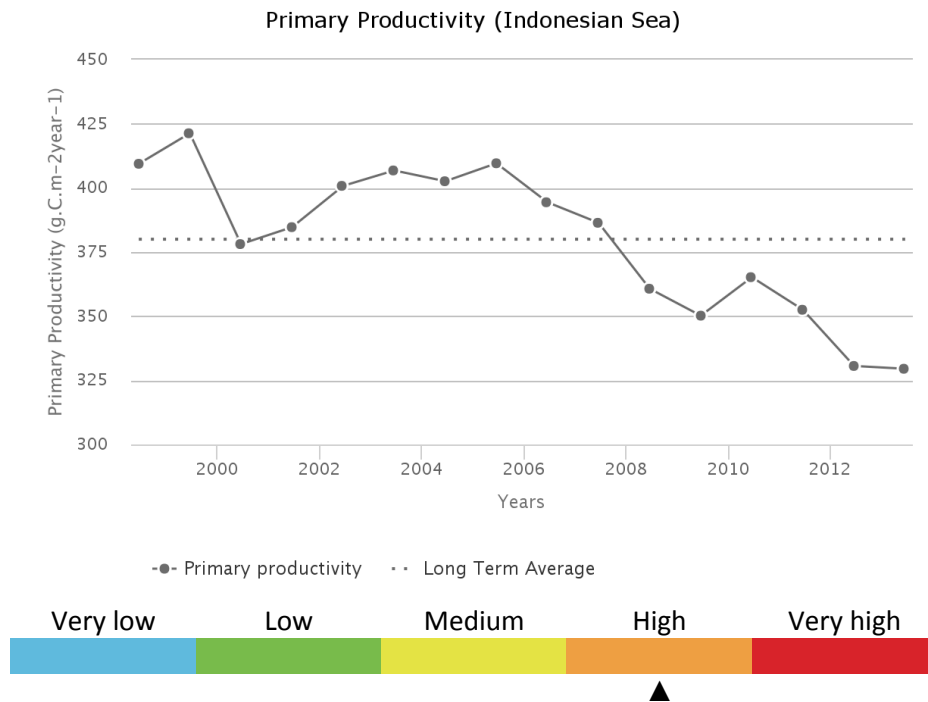
Productivity

Chlorophyll-A

The annual Chlorophyll a concentration (CHL) cycle has a maximum peak (0.369 mg.m⁻³) in August and a minimum (0.205 mg.m⁻³) during April. The average CHL is 0.256 mg.m⁻³. Maximum primary productivity (421 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹) occurred during 1999 and minimum primary productivity (329 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹) during 2013. There is a statistically significant decreasing trend in Chlorophyll of -15.8 % from 2003 through 2013. The average primary productivity is 380 g.C.m⁻².y⁻¹, which places this LME in Group 4 of 5 categories (with 1 = lowest and 5= highest).

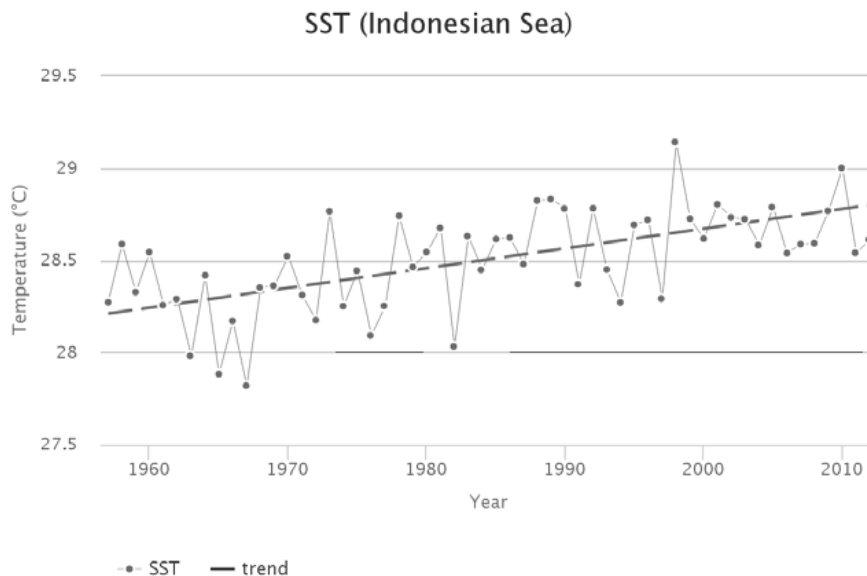


Primary productivity



Sea Surface Temperature

From 1957 to 2012, the Indonesian Sea LME #38 has warmed by 0.54°C, thus belonging to Category 3 (moderate warming LME). The thermal history of the Indonesian Sea since 1957 included a cooling epoch through 1967, when SST dropped to 27.8°C, and steady warming ever since. The all-time minimum of 1967 occurred simultaneously with the all-time minimum in the Sulu-Celebes Sea LME #37 and only a year prior to the all-time minimum of 1968 in the West-Central Australian Shelf LME #44 and a minimum of 1968 in the North-West Australian Shelf LME #45. This sequence of events can be explained by advection of the low-temperature signal of 1967 from the Indonesian Sea toward Western Australia with the Indonesian Throughflow. The 1982 minimum occurred simultaneously in the North and Northeast Australian Shelf LMEs #39-40, but not off Western Australia; this can be explained by long-time variability of circulation pattern. The 1998 all-time maximum of >29.1°C was likely caused by the El Niño 1997-98.

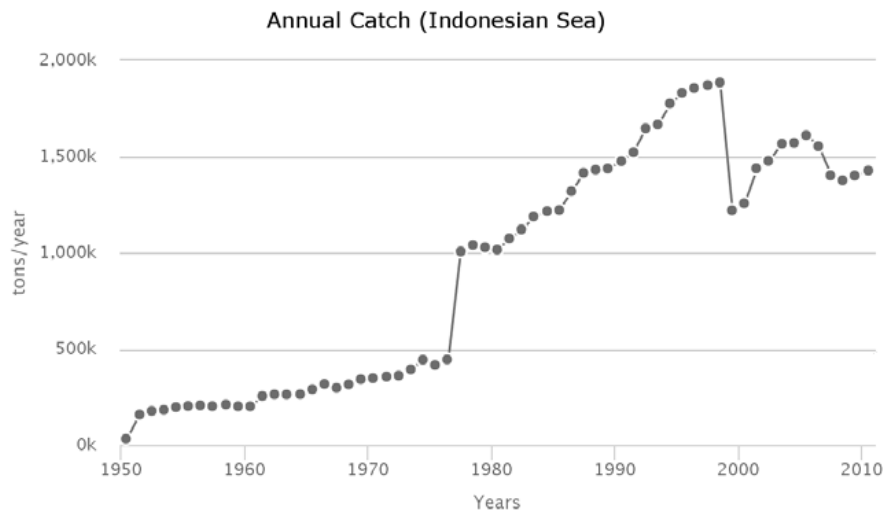


Fish and Fisheries

The fisheries of the Indonesian Sea LME are very complex and diverse. Although much of the catch comes from its artisanal sector, industrial fisheries contribute considerably more in terms of value, since they target high-value shrimp and tuna stocks. Major species caught in the LME include tuna, sardines, anchovy, mackerel, as well as a range of reef fishes. Reef fisheries are vital to subsistence fishers and their families in the region but are also important in supplying high value products for expanding international, national and local markets.

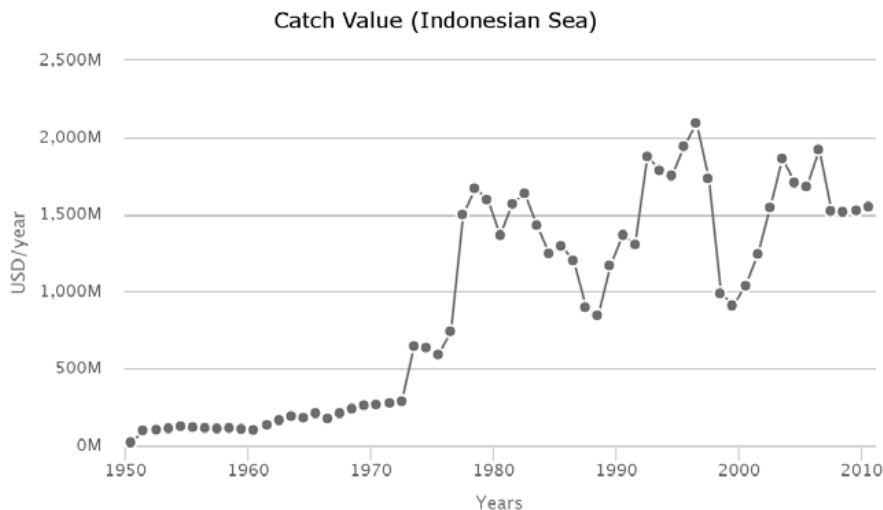
Annual Catch

Total reported landings in the LME have increased steadily from the 1950s, with a sharp increase from less than half a million t to over one million t in the mid-1970s, probably a statistical artifact.



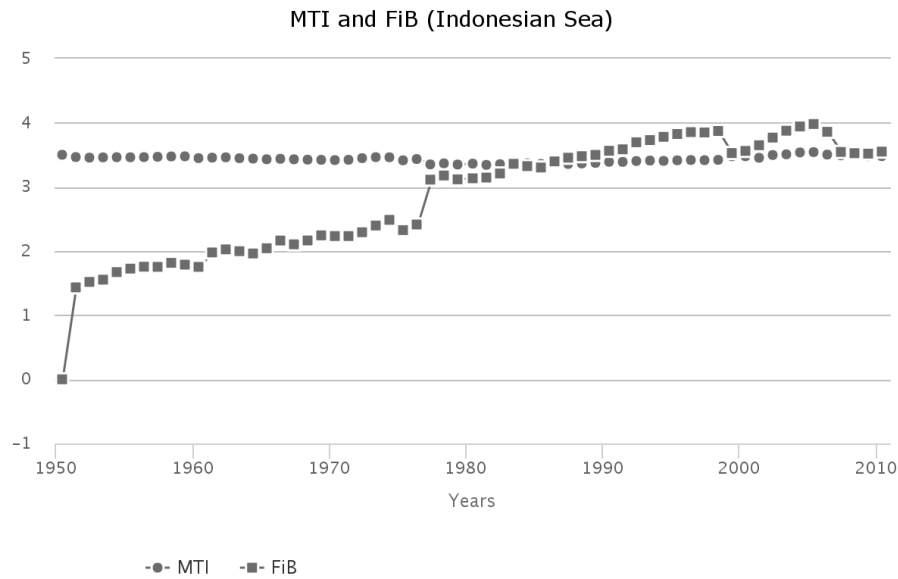
Catch value

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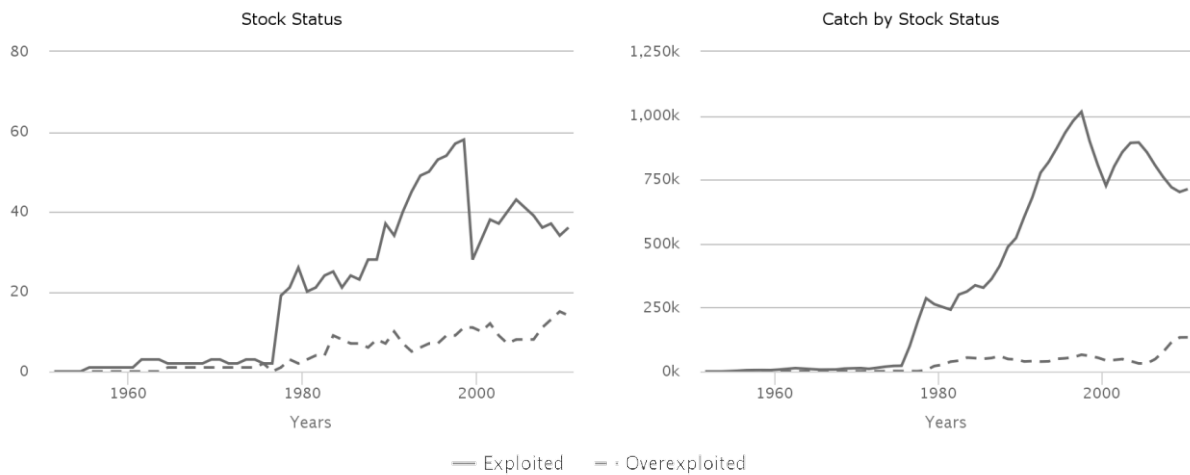
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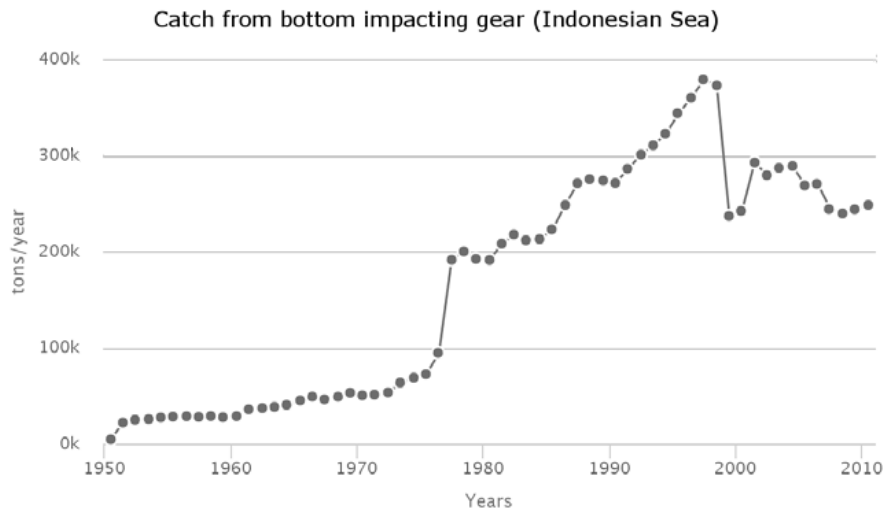
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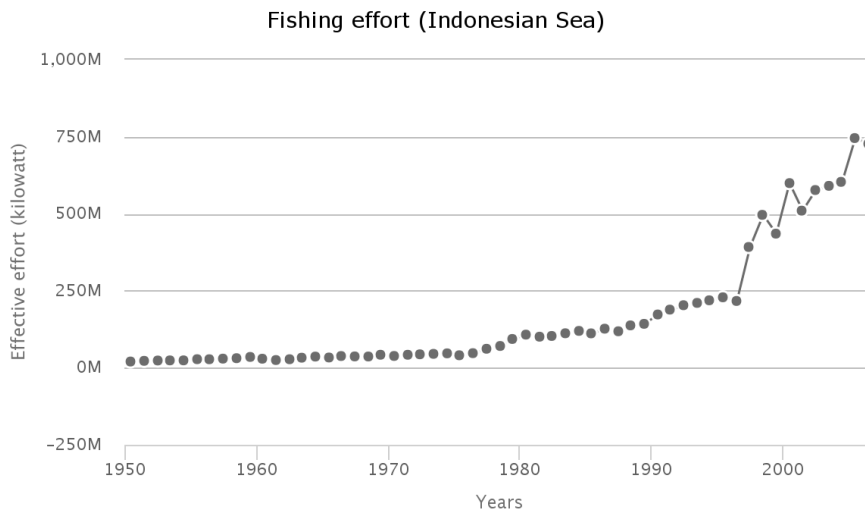
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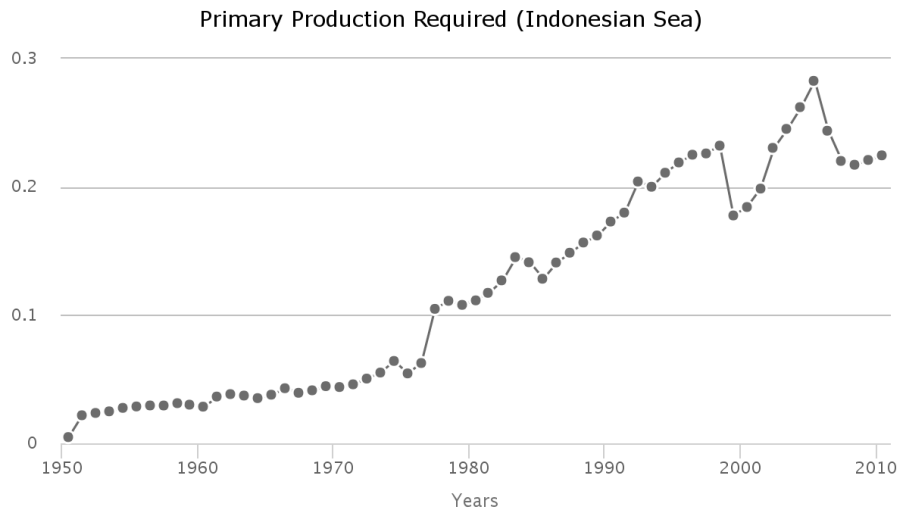
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Nutrient ratio

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Merged nutrient indicator

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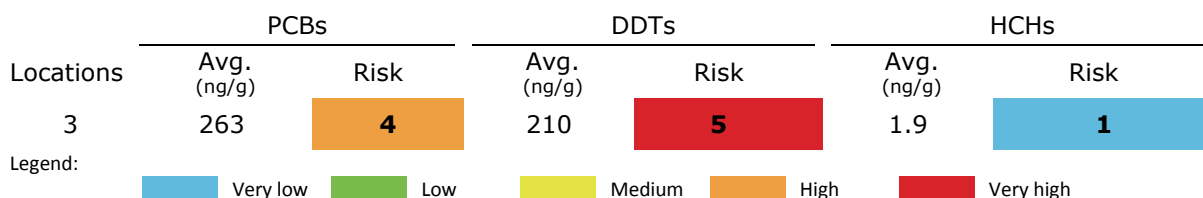
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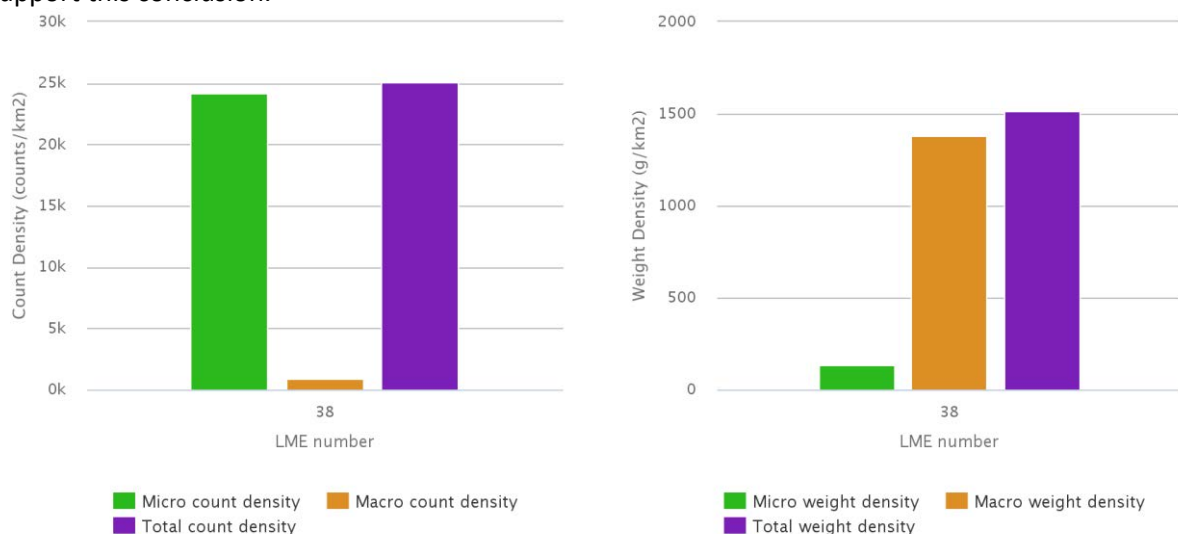
POPs

Data are available for three samples at two locations in Jakarta Bay. One was collected in 2007, while the others were collected in 2012. Extremely high average concentrations (ng.g⁻¹ of pellets) of PCBs (263, range 14-756) and DDTs (210, range 14-590), both corresponding to risk category 5 of the five risk categories (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk) were observed in a sample collected in 2012, though minimal and low concentrations were observed in the other two samples including one collected in 2012. The average concentration of HCHs was 1.9 (range 1.1- 3.5), risk category 1. Continuous monitoring is recommended.



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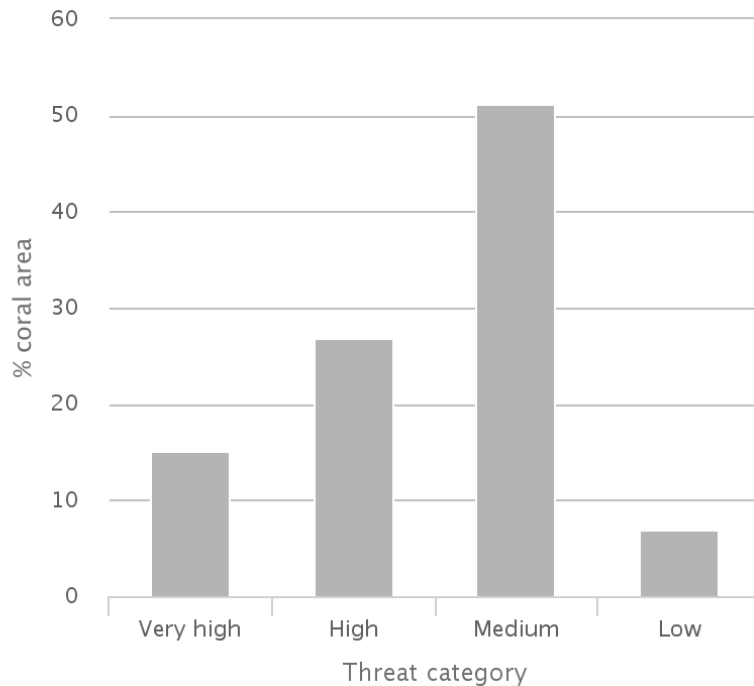
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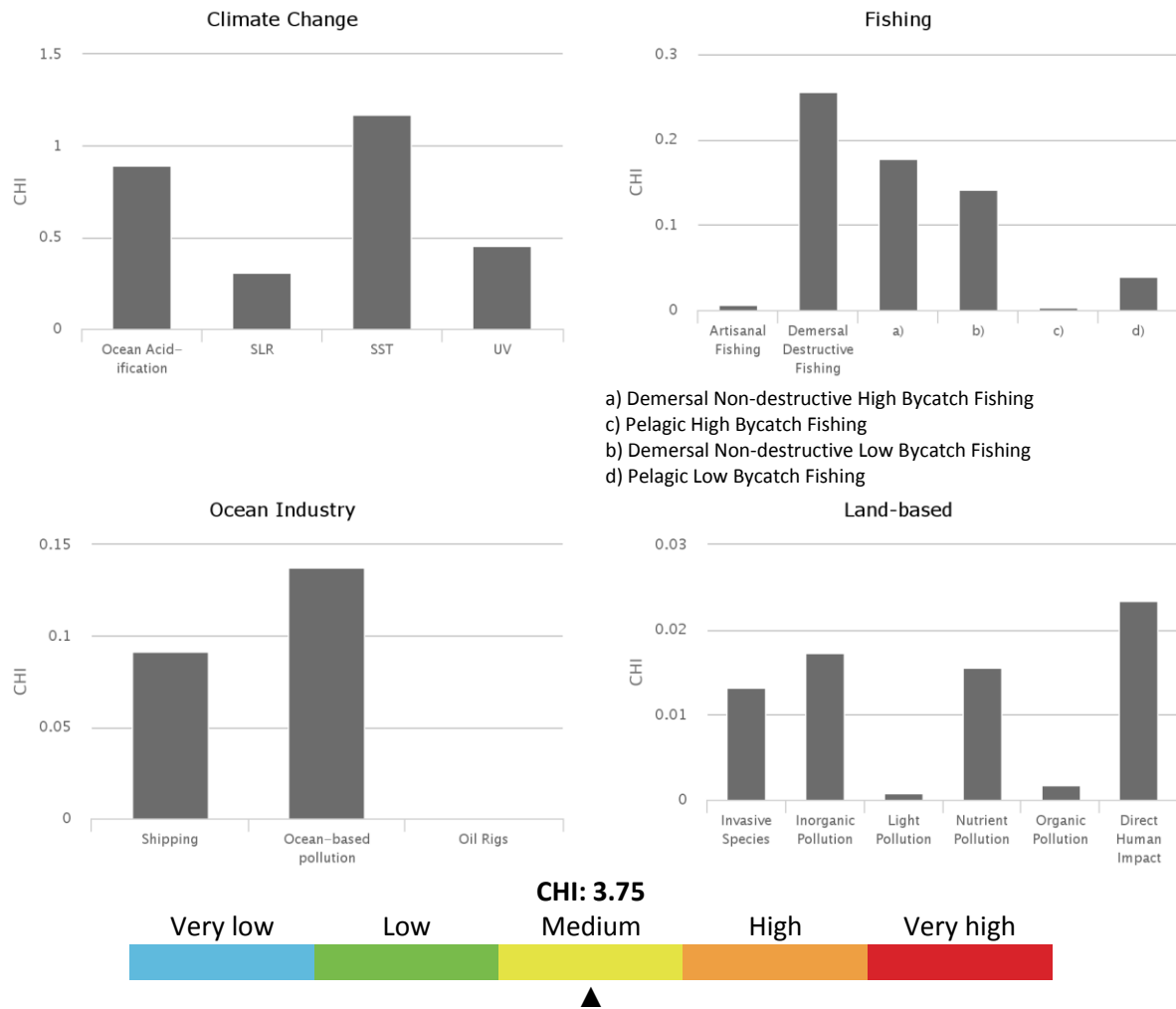


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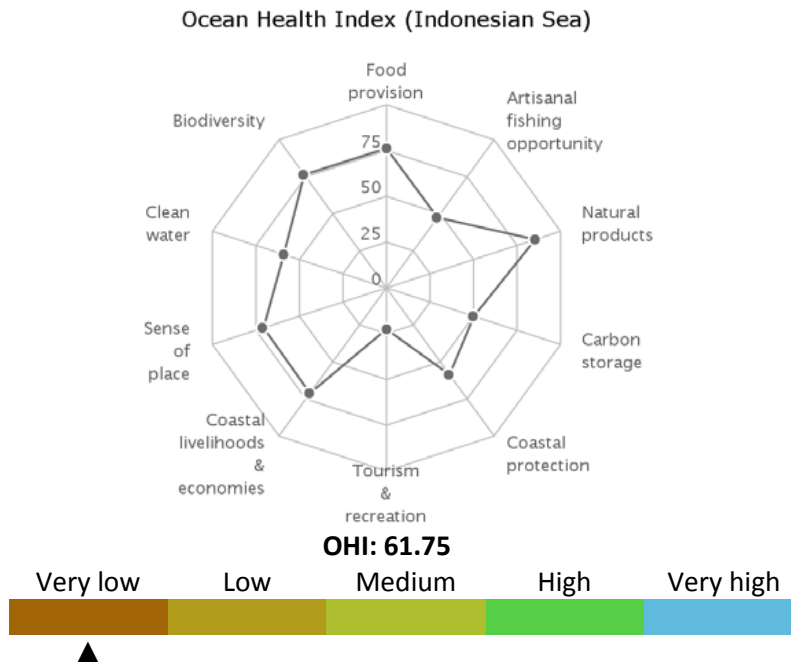
Cumulative Human Impact

The Indonesian Sea LME experiences an above average overall cumulative human impact (score 3.75; maximum LME score 5.22), which is also 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, all four connected to climate change have the highest average impact on the LME: ocean acidification (0.89; maximum in other LMEs was 1.20), UV radiation (0.46; maximum in other LMEs was 0.76), sea level rise (0.31; maximum in other LMEs was 0.71), and sea surface temperature (1.17; maximum in other LMEs was 2.16). Other key stressors include commercial shipping, ocean based pollution, pelagic low-bycatch commercial fishing, and all three types of demersal commercial fishing (demersal destructive, non-destructive low-bycatch, and non-destructive high-bycatch).



Ocean Health Index

The Indonesian Sea LME scores below average on the Ocean Health Index compared to other LMEs (score 67 out of 100; range for other LMEs was 57 to 82). 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 1 point compared to the previous year, due in large part to changes in the score for coastal economies. This LME scores lowest on mariculture, coastal protection, carbon storage, coastal livelihoods, tourism & recreation, and iconic species goals and highest on artisanal fishing opportunities and coastal economies goals. It falls in risk category 4 of the five risk categories, which is a relatively high level of risk (1 = lowest risk; 5 = highest risk).



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 this 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 stretches over 756,153 km². A current population of 172 294 thousand in 2010 is projected to increase to 242 699 thousand in 2100, with a density of 228 persons per km² in 2010 reaching 321 per km² by 2100. About 58% of coastal population lives in rural areas, and is projected to decrease in share to 56% in 2100.

Total population		Rural population	
2010	2100	2010	2100
172,293,928	242,699,415	100,139,797	137,086,093

Legend:



Coastal poor

The indigent population makes up 14% of the LME's coastal dwellers. This LME places in the low-risk category based on percentage and in the very high-risk category using absolute number of coastal poor (present day estimate).

Coastal poor

23,807,269

Revenues and Spatial Wealth Distribution

Fishing and tourism depend on ecosystem services provided by LMEs. This LME ranks in the high-revenue category in fishing revenues based on yearly average total ex-vessel price of US 2013 \$1 912 million for the period 2001-2010. Fish protein accounts for 54% of the total animal protein consumption of the coastal population. Its yearly average tourism revenue for 2004-2013 of US 2013

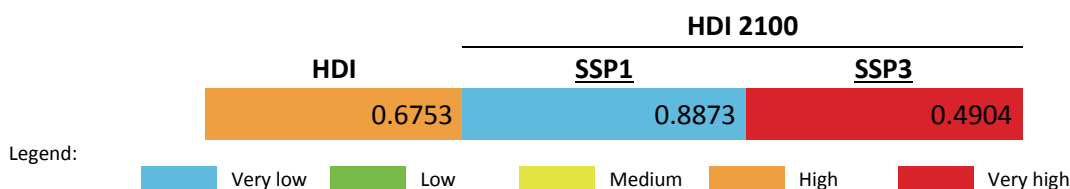
\$53 153 million places it in the high-revenue category. On average, LME-based tourism income contributes 10% to the national GDPs of the LME coastal states. Spatial distribution of economic activity (e.g. spatial wealth distribution) measured by night-light and population distribution as coarse proxies 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 this LME falls in the category with high risk.



Human Development Index

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) that integrates measures of health, education and income, the present-day LME HDI belongs to the low HDI and high-risk category. Based on an HDI of 0.675, this LME has an HDI Gap of 0.325, 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). This LME is projected to assume a place in the very low risk category (very high HDI) in 2100 under a sustainable development pathway. Under a fragmented world scenario, the LME is estimated to place in a very high-risk category (very low HDI) because of reduced income levels and increased population values from those in a sustainable development pathway.



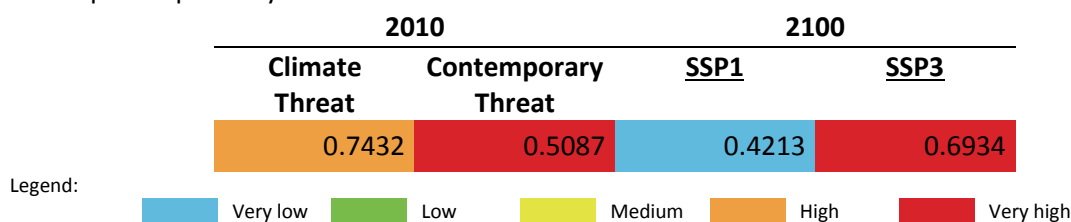
Climate-Related Threat Indices

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 × 10 km coast as exposure metrics, and development pathway-specific 2100 HDI Gaps as vulnerability estimates.

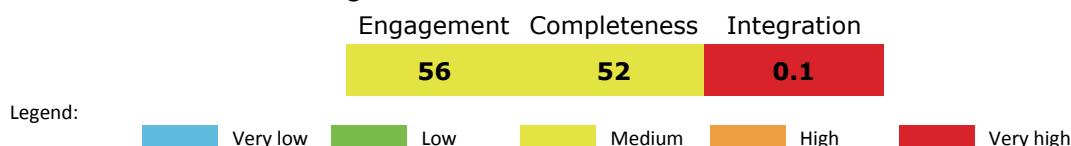
Present day climate threat index of this LME is within the high-risk (high threat) category. The combined contemporaneous risk due to extreme climate events, degrading LME states and the level of vulnerability of the coastal population, is very high. In a sustainable development scenario, the risk index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



Governance

Governance architecture

In this LME, there are three transboundary arrangements for fisheries, one each cover high seas highly migratory tuna and tuna-like fisheries in the Western Central Pacific (WCPFC) and the Indian Ocean (IOTC) and the remaining arrangement (APFIC, FAO) covers the fisheries within national jurisdiction. There does not appear to be any formal connection between the three arrangements, possibly as they have different areas of competence. However, it is to be expected that at some high level, the two Commissions (WCPFC and IOTC) for the large highly migratory fisheries would connect. In contrast, the arrangement for the Regional Seas Programme, the Coordinating Body of the Seas of South east Asia (COBSEA), covers both pollution and biodiversity, with linkages to the Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). However neither of the “within national jurisdiction” arrangements for fisheries or pollution/biodiversity appears to be integrated with the other or with the tuna arrangements. The specific biodiversity arrangement for turtles (IOSEA) does not appear to be integrated with any of the other arrangements in the LME. Further, no integrating mechanisms, such as an overall policy coordinating organisation for the LME, could be found. There may be interaction amongst the arrangements through participation in other intergovernmental partnerships or with each other’s meetings, but this appears to be informal. The overall scores for ranking of risk were:



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