

world WATER vision



Making Water Everybody's Business

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- More than a billion people do not have access to safe drinking water.
- More than half the population do not have access to adequate sanitation.
- At least 3–4 million people die every year of water related diseases.
- More than half the world's wetlands were destroyed during the last century.

There is a chronic world water shortage and without change we are likely to run out of water to produce food for a growing population. The crisis is a crisis of management - at the heart of it is the question of whether water can be used more efficiently. The greater our productivity with the same amount of water, the less the need for infrastructure development, the less the competition for water, the greater the local food security, the more water for agricultural, household and industrial uses and the better for the environment.

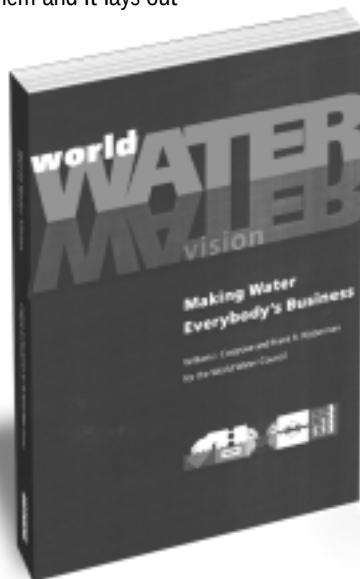
World Water Vision presents the results of the most comprehensive analysis of the world's water resources ever undertaken. Based on contributions from thousands of experts involved in regional, national and sector consultations, it provides an authoritative diagnosis of these resources and the pressures on them and it lays out the steps we must take.

The accompanying CD-ROM contains the complete set of background documents produced during the Vision exercise and comprises thousands of pages of regional and sector scenarios, special studies, newsletters and infosheets – a invaluable reference archive.

Comprehensive and authoritative, this is the essential sourcebook for policy makers, politicians and professionals working in the field of water management. It will also be useful for students, academics, researchers, policy makers in geography, natural resources management and international affairs.

Contents: Introduction • Use of Water Resources Today • Water Futures • A Vision of Water Use in 2025 • Investing for the Water Future

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