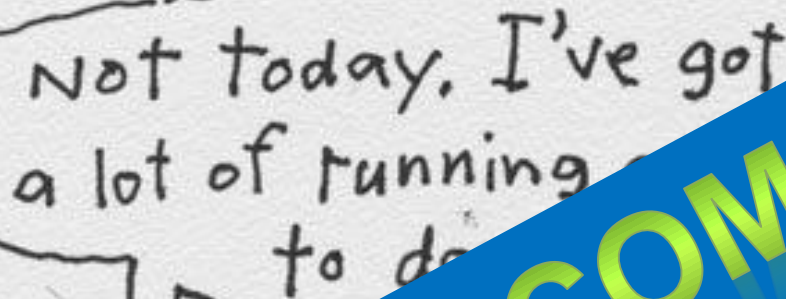


A photograph of a blue and brown pipe with water gushing out into a green field. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic, splashing effect. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and plants.

WATER STEWARDSHIP WWF

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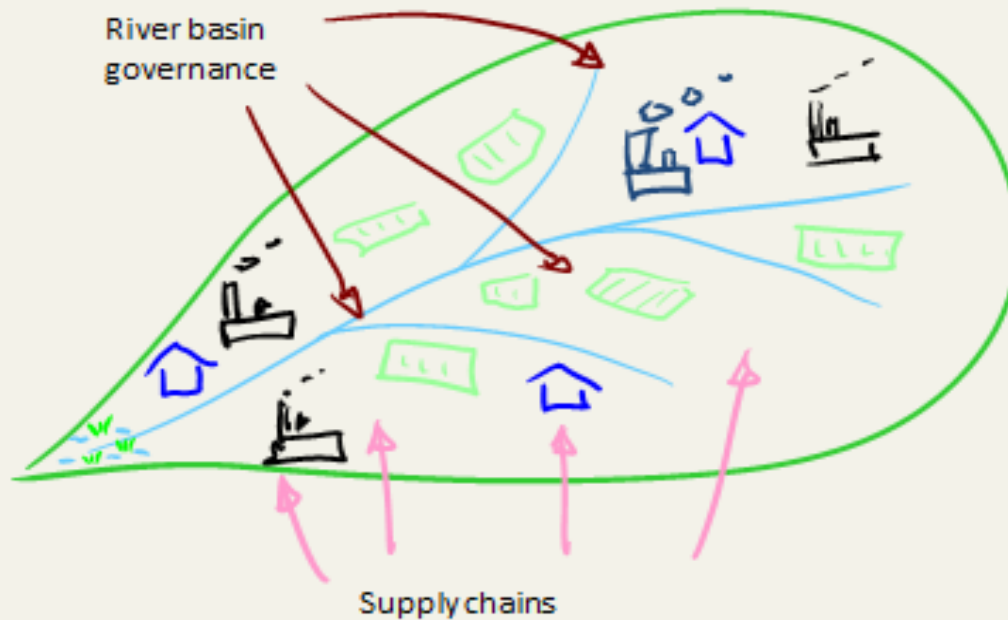
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WHAT IS WATER STEWARDSHIP?

Water stewardship is an overarching, dynamic framework for understanding & addressing water risks to your business. Through stewardship, you can understand the impacts caused by your operations, identify and manage the risks facing your operations, engage others to improve their performance (and in doing so, manage your own risk), and promote sustainable water management in the river basin of strategic importance to your business.

Water stewardship in production standards

- Retailers are interested to bring water-related questions into production standards
- These questions are designed to reduce their water risk
- Do they reduce the risk of the producer?
- Is there value in embracing the inclusion of water-related questions in production standards?
- How can you ensure that such questions increase your resilience against drought?





Groundwater

- **The use of groundwater is an essential augmentation to available water**
 - **Groundwater does not respect your farm boundaries**
 - **Do you (or anyone else) know how many boreholes exist in your immediate area?**
 - **Do you know how much is being pumped – on your farm and surrounds?**
 - **Do you measure your groundwater level?**
 - **Do you know if your groundwater source is being used sustainably?**
 - **Surface and groundwater are linked.....**
 - **If groundwater is over abstracted now, you can pump yourself into the next drought – can you afford this? (gearing up for a sprint if you are actually in for a marathon)**
 - **Would it make sense to promote collective monitoring and information gathering around your groundwater resources?**
 - **Have you any idea how to open such a conversation in your area?**
 - **Would you like to hear of other areas where this has been attempted?**
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Engaging with communities



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