Does the International Water Stewardship Standard deliver water security for some, or for all? Evidence from the first implementation in Africa

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Corporate water engagement



Concern with corporate water engagement

Water security for all

Securitization for the few

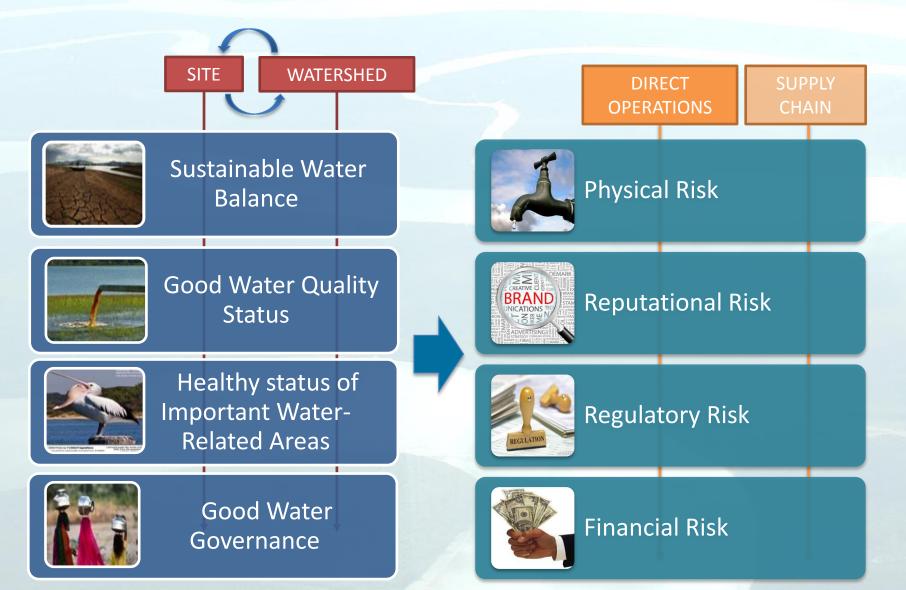


Alliance for Water Stewardship





International Water Stewardship Standard



Methodology



- Costs and benefits
- Challenges
- Likely outcomes of implementation

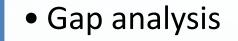


- 1. Scale up
- 2. Standard learning



Methodology continued





• Action plan

• Pre-assessment

• Time and resource tracking

• Develop guidance





The AWS International Water Stewardship Standard

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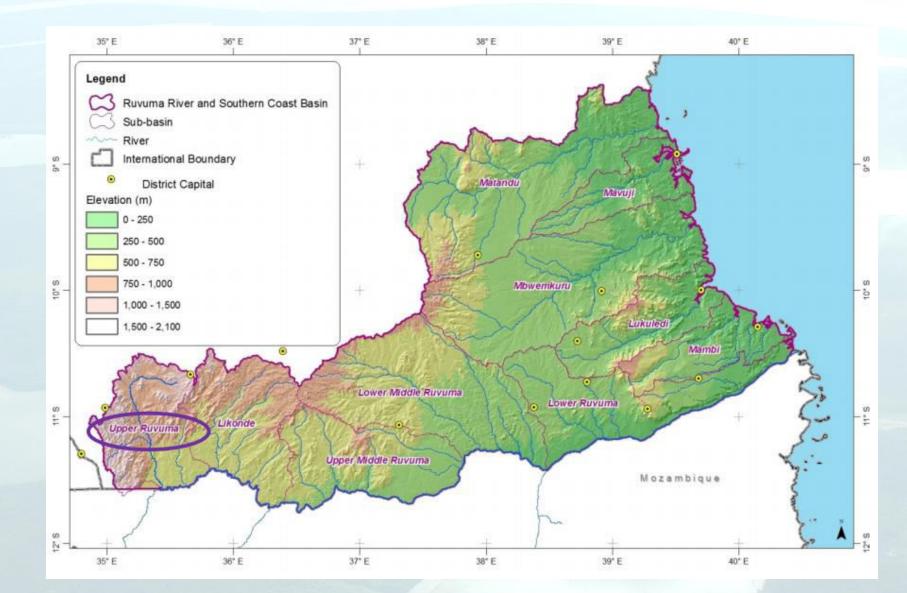
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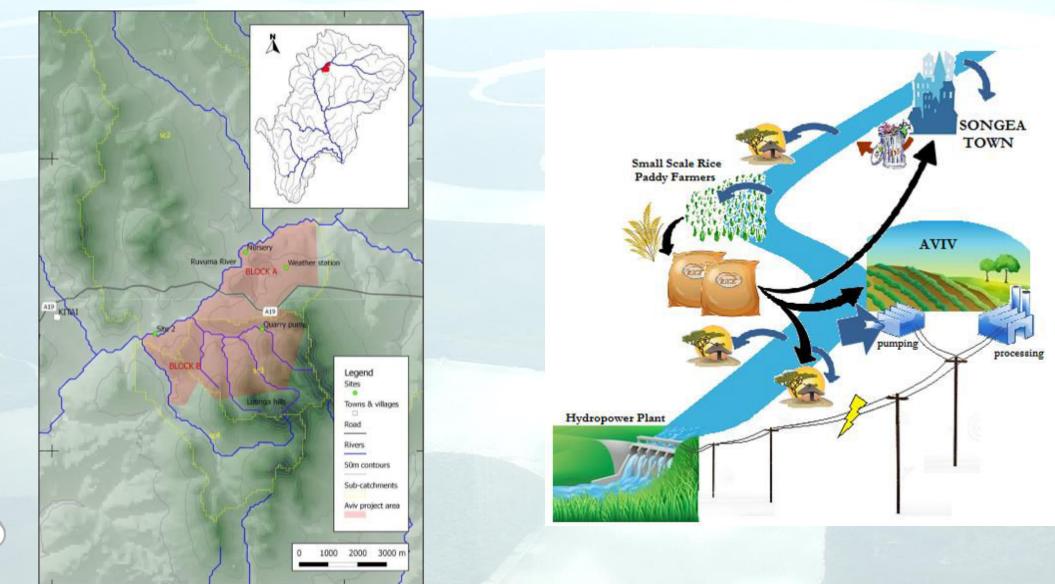


Catchment context



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Catchment context continued



Water security insights: On-site

Inadequate WASH provision

Activation of WASH legislation





Water security insights: On-site continued

Water quality: Run-off and sedimentation

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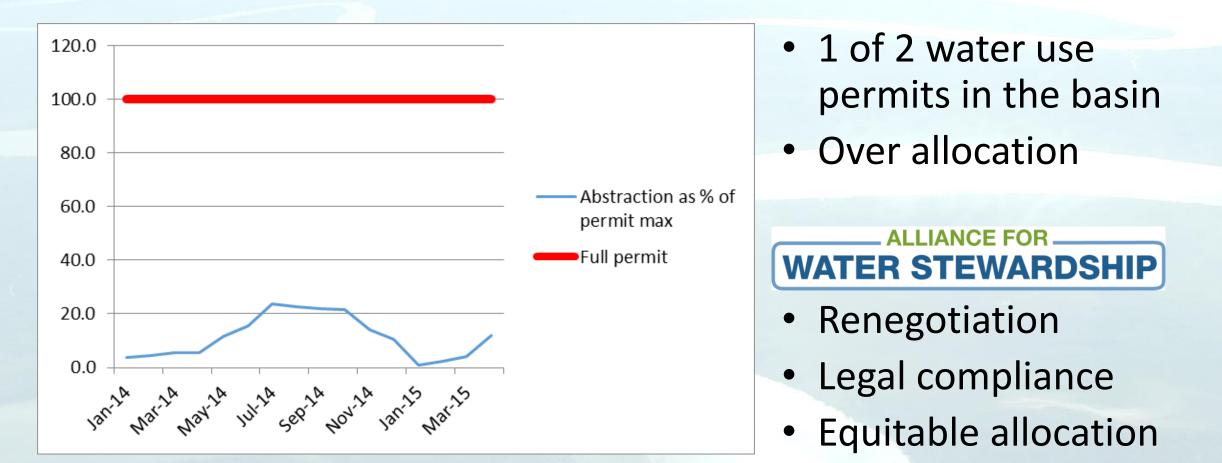
Water security insights: Catchment governance



- Recalibration of effort
- MoU with GIZ and Ruvuma Basin Water Board
- Formation of Water User Association
- Potential for:
 - Conflict resolution
 - Drought and flood managment



Water security insights: Water permit

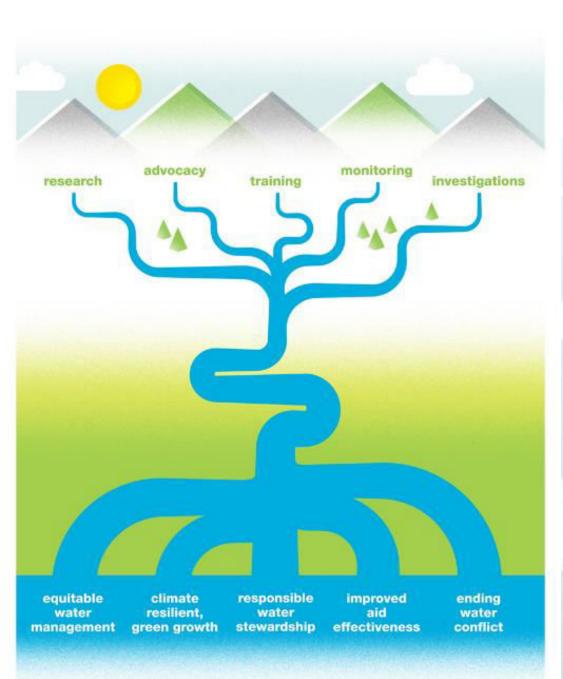




Conclusions

- Constructive engagement
- Powerful mechanism
- Interpretation in governance challenged catchments
- Proper scrutiny and quality of application
- Engagement and tracking to deliver benefits





Thank you!

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