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ICLEI'S REACH

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network.

We have put 'urban' firmly on the sustainability agenda, working with and effectively advocating for local and subnational governments in the global arena for

30+ years



Working with

2500+

local & regional
governments



Active in

125+

countries



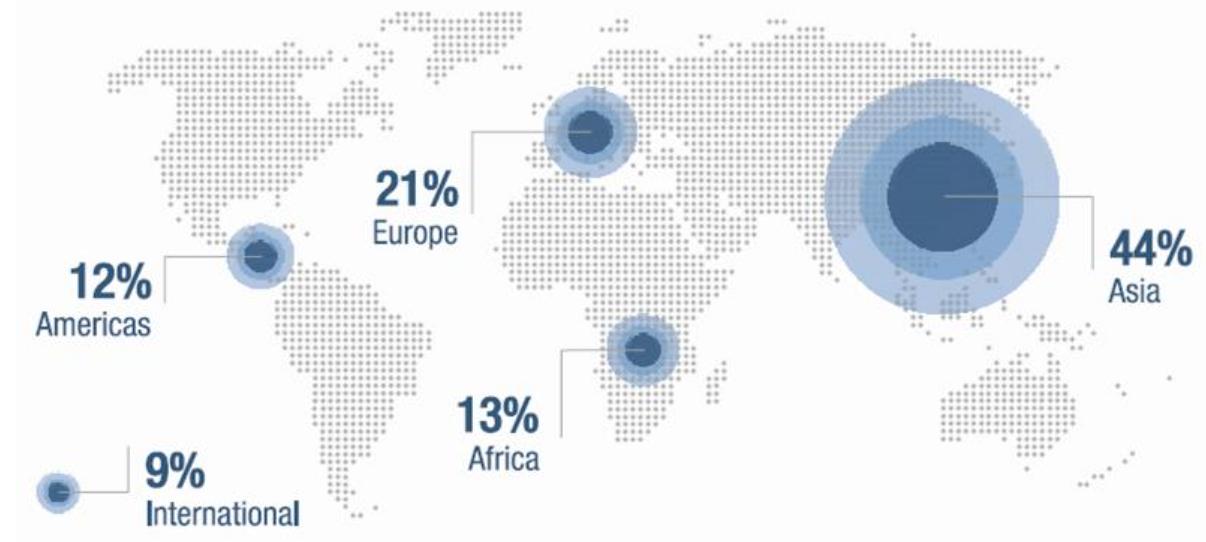
Together we make water a political priority for all.

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Created in 1996 to :

- Promote political action, advocacy and hydrodiplomacy
- Bring together every stakeholders to enhance new innovative solutions to protect water
- Organize every three years the World Water Forum, gathering more than 20 000 persons

250⁺ members accross 50⁺ countries



An International Multi-Stakeholders Platform Organization

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Water:
Too little, too much or too dirty...

(Prof Kader Asmal – Minister of Water in
South Africa 1994-1999)



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ICLEI Global Urban Water Resilience Programme Framework

The ICLEI framework aims to address the interconnected challenges of water management in urban areas by focusing on three main areas: **Values, Connections and Investments.**



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Urban Water Resilience

Values

Human Right to
Water and
Sanitation

Ecosystem Health
and Resilience

Value of Water

Connections

Urban-Catchment Links
Ecosystem Connectivity

Stakeholder
Participation and
Engagement

Inter-sectoral
Collaboration

Investments

Infrastructure
Development

Nature Based Solutions

Project Preparation

Knowledge, Institutions
and Capacity

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ICLEI & WWC Series of webinars 2025

Aim: highlight the experience of cities in developing urban water resilience

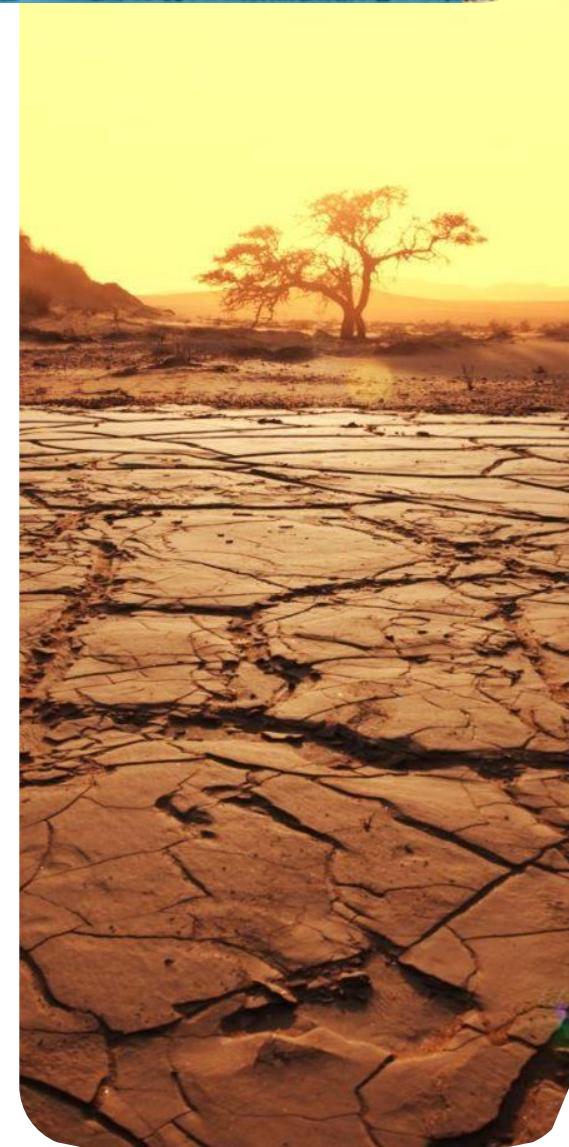
Webinar 1, **Too Little**: 26 March

Webinar 2, **Too Much**: 18 June TBC

Webinar 3, **Too Dirty**: September

Webinar 4, **International Partnerships**:

November



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ICLEI & WWC International Photography Competition

Aim: showcase and celebrate innovative local actions

Submit 1 photo in one or more of the following categories:

- **Too little water**
- **Too much water**
- **Too dirty water**

Submission deadline: **30 June 2025**



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ICLEI & WWC International Photography Competition

A dedicated prize of **€1,000** per category and for the best **youth** entrant (18-29 years) courtesy of our generous sponsors:



Government of the Netherlands



Water as Leverage
For Resilient Cities



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SURVEY:

Rank these actions for overcoming water scarcity in order of importance...

<https://www.menti.com/algf2bibkn4v>

Join at menti.com with the code: 1642 0120



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City of Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA



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*Senior Professional Officer, Water and Sanitation Directorate
City of Cape Town*



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Formal areas

3.5 million people, 650,000 connections



Informal settlements

0.5 million people



**businesses,
industry &
institutions
40,000
customers**



CITY OF CAPE TOWN
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STAD KAAPSTAD

Water and Sanitation Department:

- 12 branches; 4,800 staff; 63 Depots
- R7.5 billion opex; R3 billion capex

Water Supply:

- 6 large dams
- 12 water treatment plants
- 24 reservoirs
- 11,000 km of pipelines
- 1,400 million litres/day peak production

Sanitation:

- 9,000 km of sewers
- 26 wastewater treatment works
- 3 sea outfalls

Storm water drainage

R75 billion assets

Introduction : City of Cape Town

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The City of Cape Town drought response

Water Conservation

DAMS AT 23.5%
121 DAYS WATER
LEFT!

Encouraging water saving behaviour

Water Demand Management



Technical interventions to reduce water loss

Augmentation



Establishing new sources of water

Disaster Planning



A plan in place for a worst case

DAY ZERO 04 | 06 | 2018

THE DAY WE MAY HAVE
TO QUEUE FOR WATER

Day Zero is based on the previous week's daily consumption average of 526Ml/day.
NOTE: Level 6b water restrictions are in effect from 1 February, which requires all to drop their daily use to 50 litres pp/day or less. To find out what you can do, visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater

THE CITY
The City's progress on securing alternative
water sources.

THE DAMS
Combined level of dams supplying the city.
For more info click here.

CAPETONIANS
Percentage of residents using 87l or less
per day.



62%



24.9%

Under review due to new
water use targets.

50%

Cape Town Harbour (Desalination)

WEEKLY TREND - 0.6% ▼



- Legend
- Reticulation Valves
 - Reticulation Hydrants
 - Reticulation Water Mains
 - Bulk Water Reticulation
 - POD Site
 - Water Pipeline
 - Fencing
 - Standpipe
 - Refuse Bins
 - Hand Sanitiser Stand
 - First Aid
 - Toilets
 - Emergency Vehicles
 - VOC
 - Disabled Area

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Pilot projects and Request for information
on what is on Market

Section 80 Committee with water Experts

Business continuity and crisis coordination

Tariff

Pressure reduction and cautions on high buildings in case of
Fire

New Water
Programme

Resilience
Strategy

Water
Demand
management
plan

Customer
centric –
Contact centre

Leak detection

Pressure management

Network management

Meter management



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KEY LESSONS FROM COMMUNICATION

Message must be data driven and not generic from the start

Building trust with Technical experts to drive communication

Institution to drive water conservation across All departments not just in the Water Department – LEAD the public from the START

Crisis communication vs Reputational communication and the complexities of a segmented market

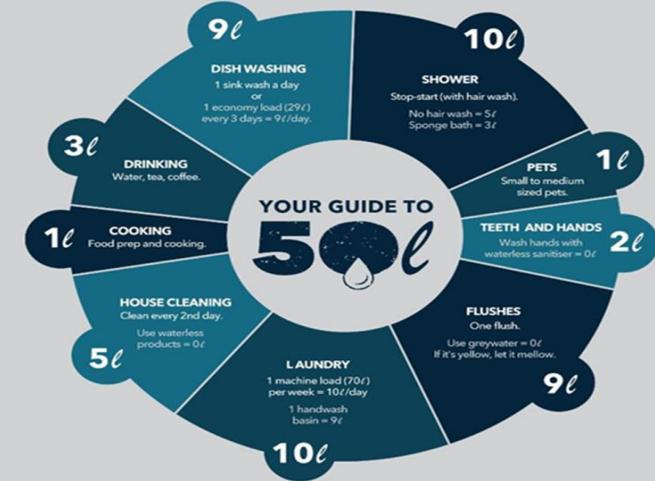
There is no such thing as over communication during a crisis

Citizens to be Water Ambassadors from the start of your campaign

Do a press conference at the beginning of the crisis parallel to campaign to counter the negative narrative and miss-information of a “hoax” or “government made crisis”



LET'S BEAT DAY ZERO WITH 50ℓ OR LESS PER DAY

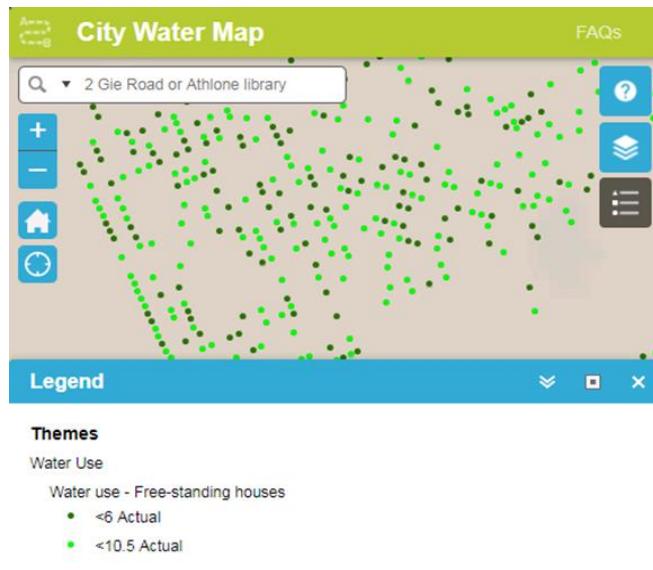


Does operations drive communication or communication driven by operation to build the Trust – communicate immediately and brief journalist with the technical and operational data

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Informal traders
– Car Wash ,hair
dressers etc.

New Technology pilots –
Water Map

Retrofit project in the
informal settlements

Religious groups ,
Diversity , Culture,
Equity and social
inclusion

Household & business
adaptation

Community Engagement
and door to door
Awareness

Stakeholder Engagement –
Economy and Tourism
industry and Business
Commerce

Academic and Industry
experts

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WHAT WORKED WELL

- INNOVATION – water Map
- WATER BYLAWS RESTRICTIONS
- GOVERNANCE
- DATA EXPERTISE
- COMMUNICATION AND CAMPAIGNS
- CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGES
DISASTER PLAN



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KEY LESSONS FROM THE DROUGHT

- **Cape Town is vulnerable to climate change-related risks**

The City needs to diversify its water sources

- **We survived the drought by dramatically reducing demand.**

It is important to focus on water saving while you still have water and cautiously raise restrictions when necessary. This was a joint effort between the municipality and every customer.

- **You can't build your way out of a drought.**

Need to plan and build ahead of time, diversify sources and improve regional bulk supply. One cannot start planning, design and constructing schemes during a drought. The planning and design where possible has to happen upfront. This is why proactive planning is essential.

- **The Importance of data and information**

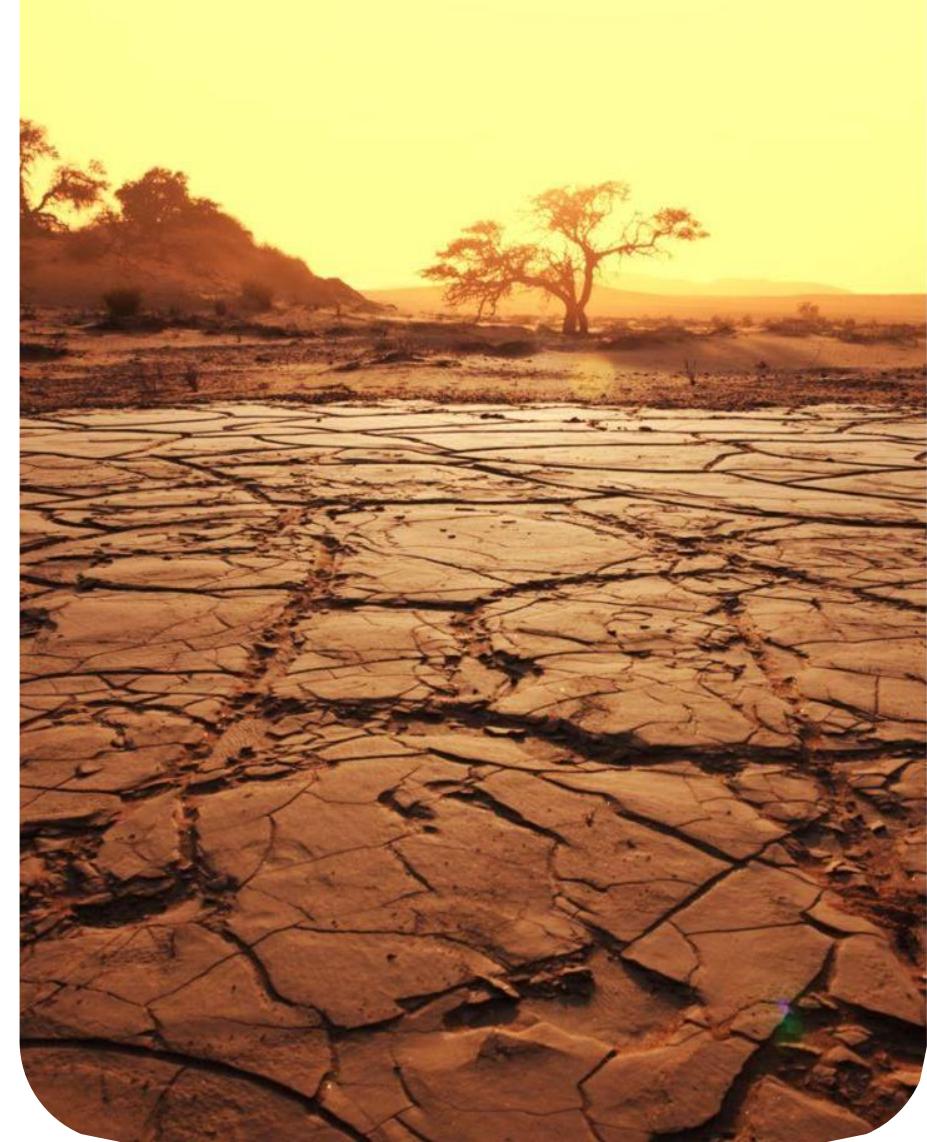
This helps in understanding the magnitude of the drought, management of water resources and in communication. The City also developed a Decision Support System post drought to help with the management of water resources

- **We are using the shock of the drought to build water resilience**

The shock of the recent drought has resulted in Cape Town (City and its residents) reassessing its relationship with water.

- **Don't let a good crisis go to waste**

Use the crisis to improve inclusion, sewerage, customer orientation and financial sustainability





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FIVE COMMITMENTS

- 1. Safe access** to water & sanitation **for all** Inclusion
- 2. Wise use** by all water users Resilience
- 3. Sufficient, reliable water from diverse sources**
- 4. Shared benefits & managed risks from regional water resources**
- 5. Water sensitive city by 2040** Sustainability



Making progress possible. Together.

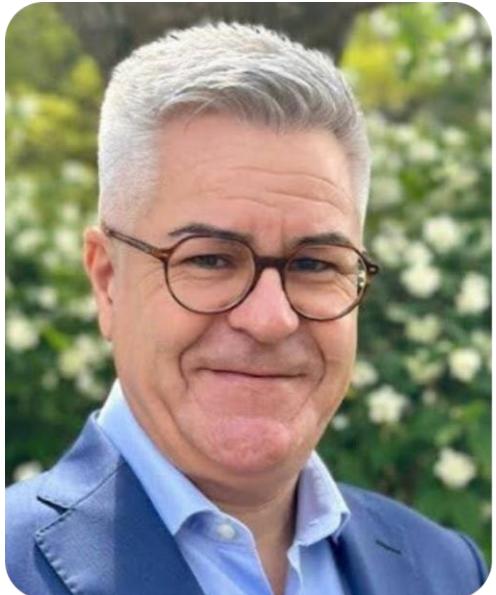
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City of Barcelona

SPAIN



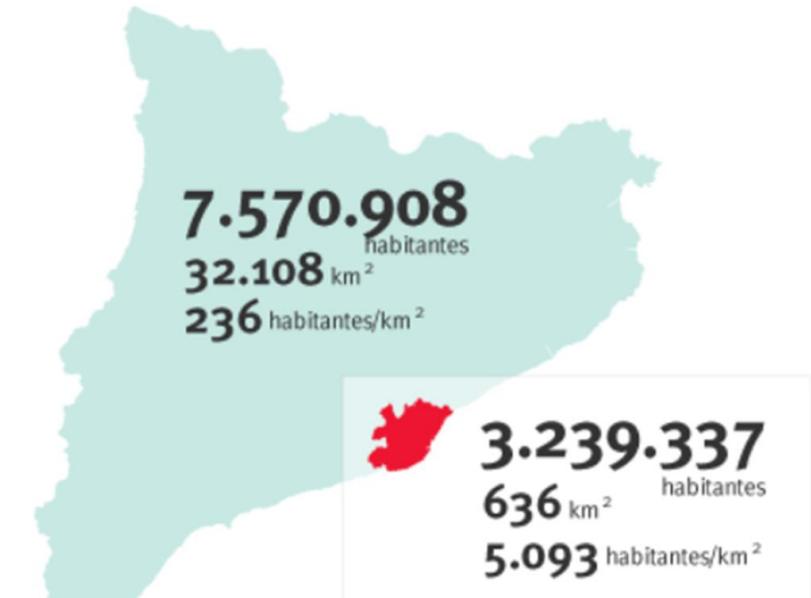
Mr. Fernando Cabello, PhD

*Director of Serveis del Cicle de l'Aigua
Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB)*



Barcelona metropolitan Area

- AMB is a metropolitan public authority, which provides services to 36 municipalities (including Barcelona) and has full competences in water management.
- 199 hm³/year of potable water consumption (2024)
- 42.8% of Catalonia's population lives within just 2% of its territory



A long-lasting and severe drought

- An intense drought lasting over three years (over the last two weeks, significant rainfall has finally started)
- On March 6, 2024, the reservoirs in the region hit a historic minimum, providing a guarantee of drinking water supply for only a few months – possibly just weeks



Efficiency of the water distribution network and domestic consumption

- The efficiency of the public water distribution network is approximately 85%
- Water leakage represents only 5% of total losses in the network. 10% is due to under-registration by water meters and unrecorded consumption, including some cases of fraud
- Domestic consumption is 102 L/person/day

The challenge is due to a shortage of water resources, rather than excessive consumption or poor management practices

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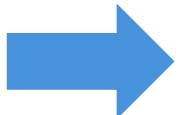
Most significant measures implemented

- Public awareness campaigns focused on responsible water consumption
- Pressure reduction in the water distribution network to decrease consumption and water losses
- Expanded production of desalinated water
- Indirect drinking water reuse

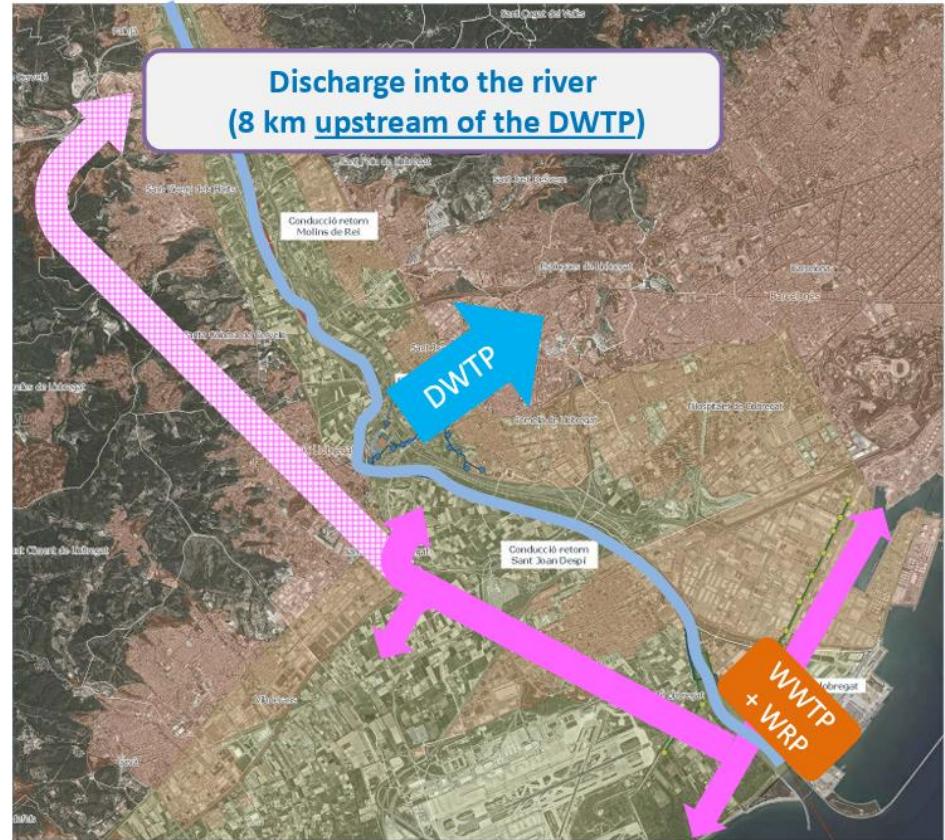


Indirect drinking water reuse

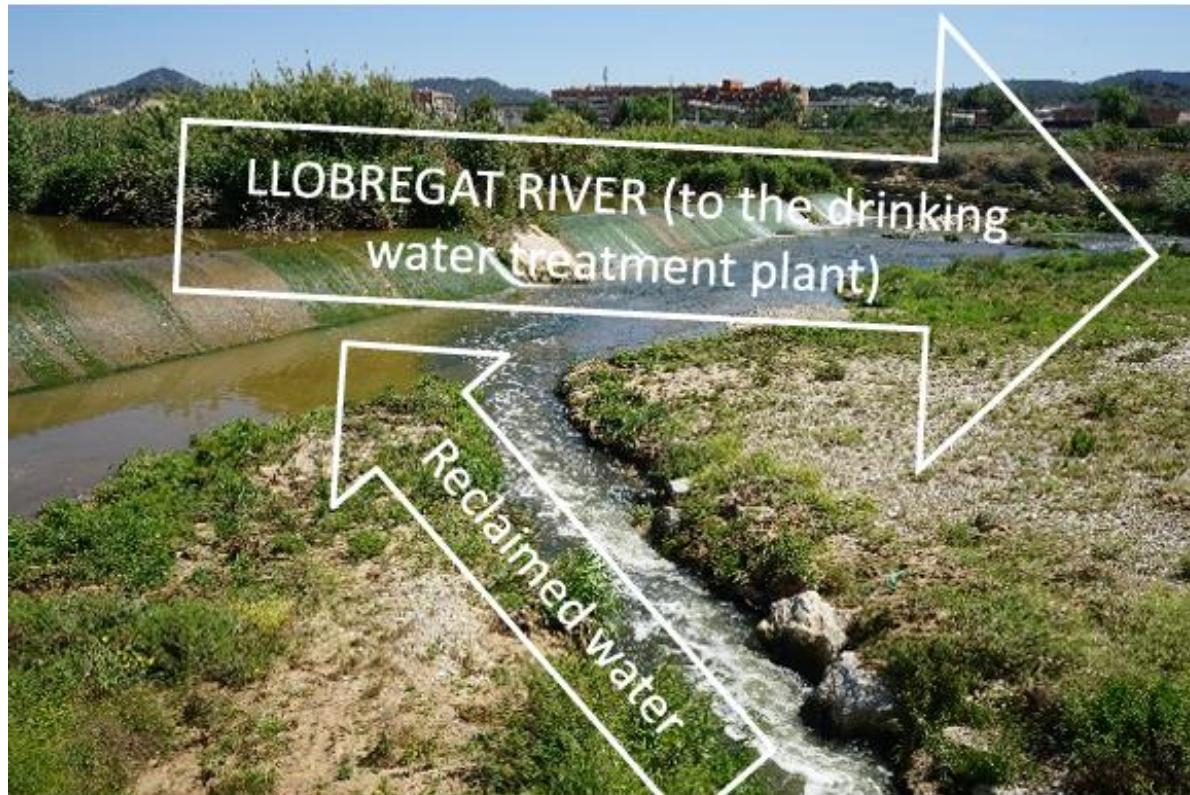
Barcelona's water supply from Llobregat river



Indirect drinking water reuse during extreme drought



Indirect drinking water reuse



- ✓ Conceives as a safety network, it has been in continuous use for 1,5 years
- ✓ Up to 1,75 m³/s of reclaimed water was discharged into the Llobregat river, 8 km upstream of the Barcelona's DWTP
- ✓ Dilution reached 1:1 (river water : reclaimed water)
- ✓ During the most critical phase of the drought, 25% of the potable water supply came from reclaimed water and 33% from desalinated sources, with non-conventional resources representing a total of 58%.

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2030 Government's goal

- **By 2030, the aim is to ensure than over 70% of the water consumption should come from non-rainfall-dependent sources.**
- The objective will be reached by increasing the number of water reclamation plants and desalination facilities.



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City of Sao Paulo

BRAZIL



Mr. Benedito Braga

Former CEO of SABESP & current President of Latin-American Water Council



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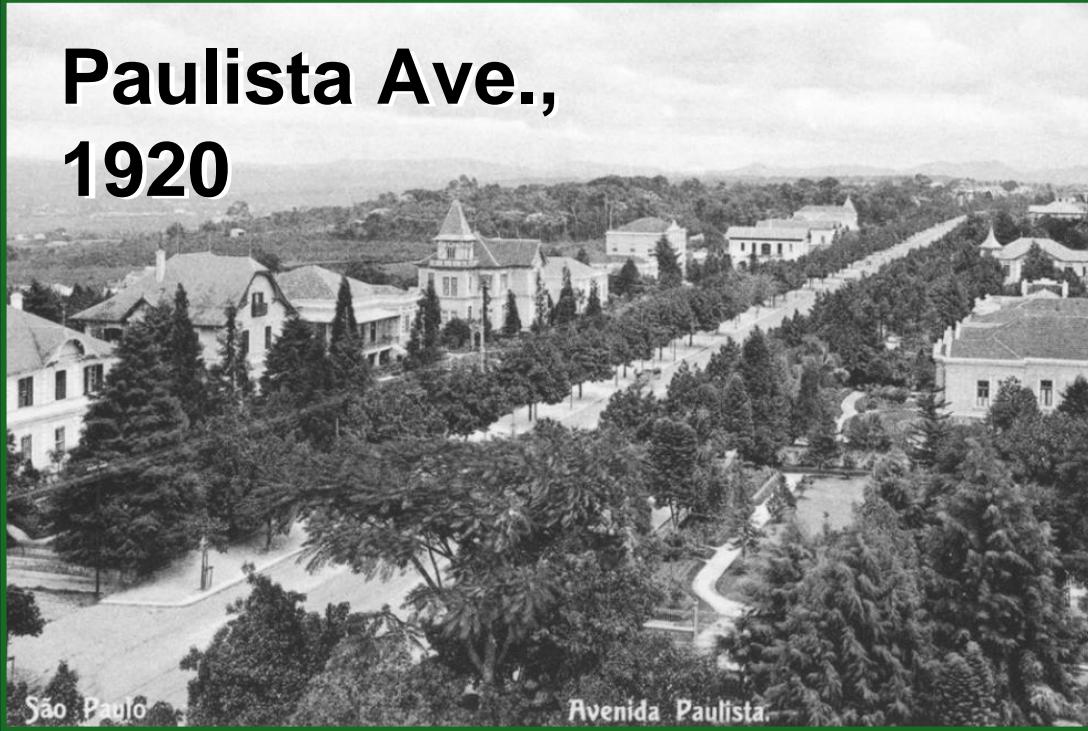
Sao Paulo Metropolitan Region



8th most populated region worldwide

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Southeast region (Brazil): | 90 inhab./km ² |
| • São Paulo State: | 180 inhab./km ² |
| • Metropolitan Region of São Paulo | 2,700 inhab./km ² |

**Paulista Ave.,
1920**

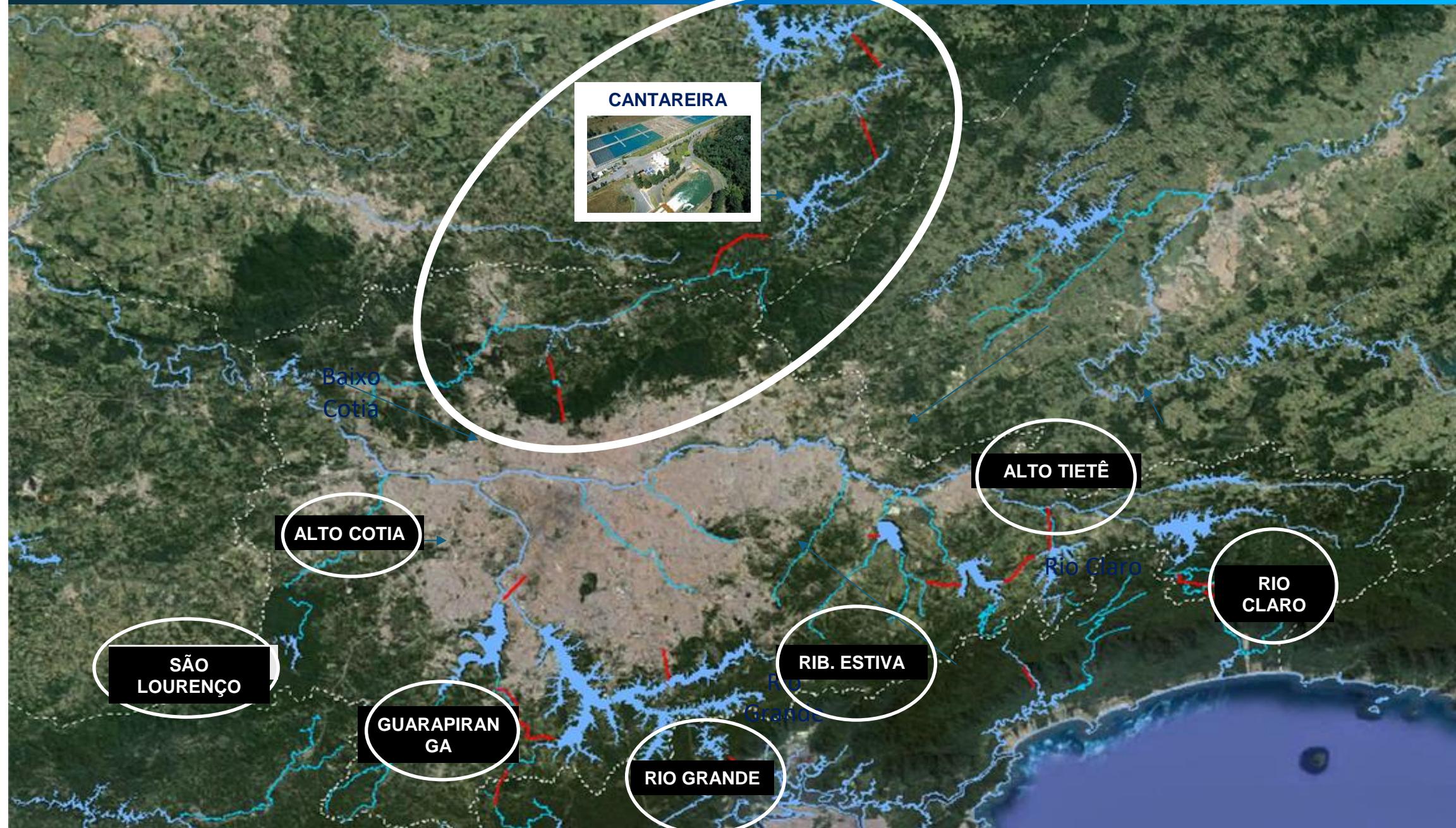


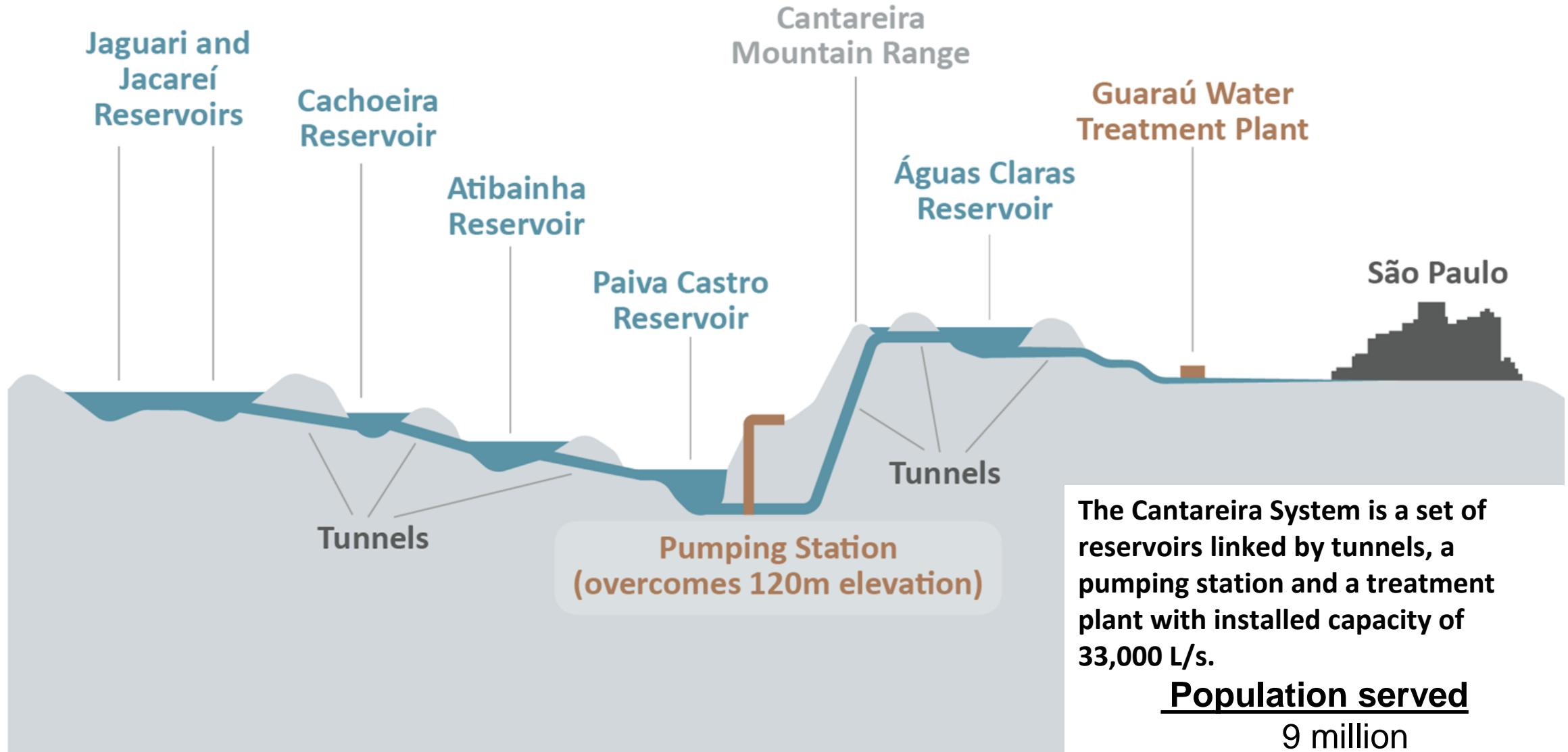
**Paulista Ave.,
2025**



Rapid growth of urban population has been a general trend in most developing countries over the past century

Sao Paulo Metropolitan Region

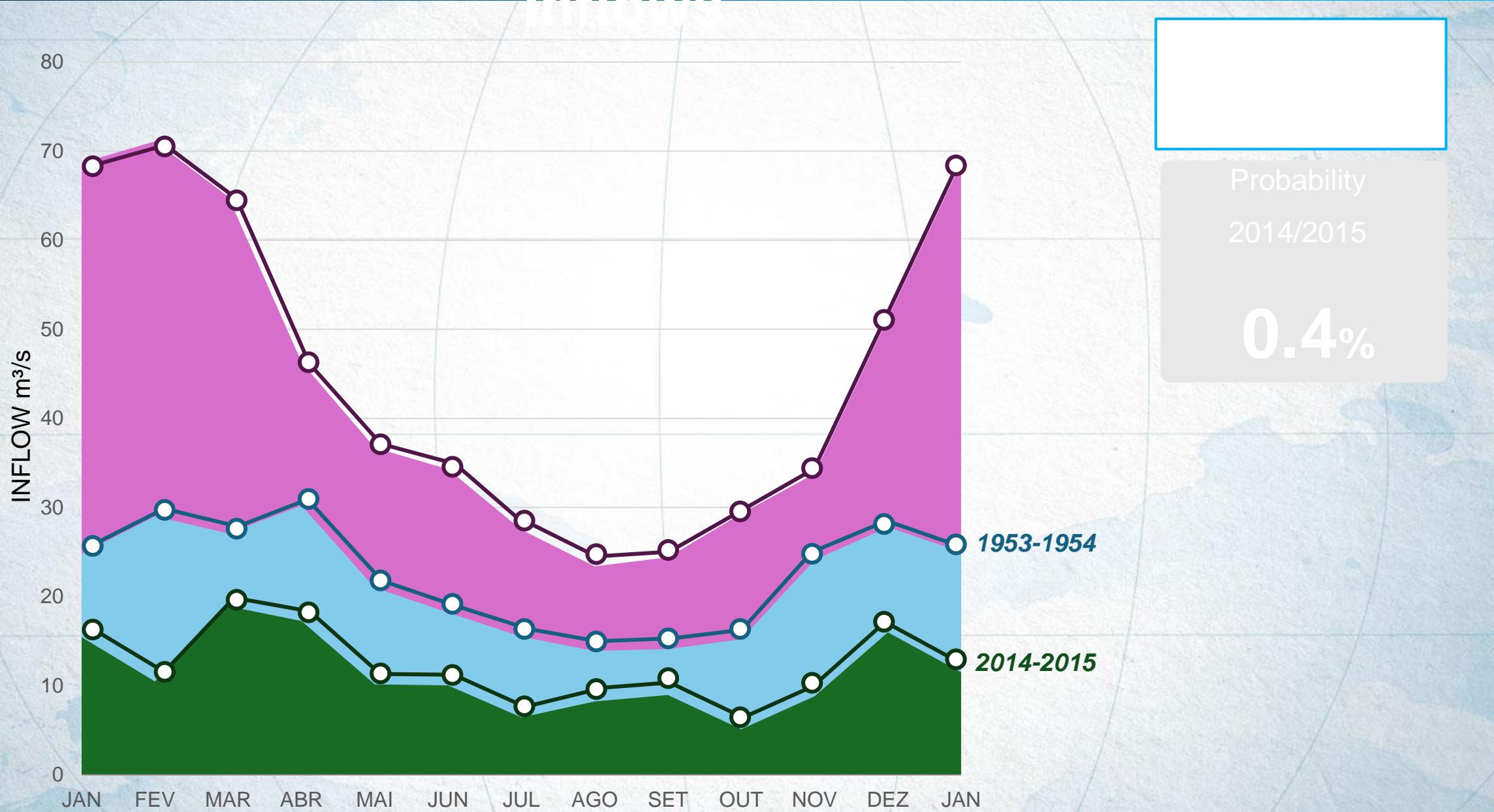




The Cantareira System is a set of reservoirs linked by tunnels, a pumping station and a treatment plant with installed capacity of 33,000 L/s.

Population served
9 million

Cantareira System – Monthly Average Inflows





Water intake
Tunnel 7

Jacareí reservoir
46% storage
volume



Jacareí reservoir
February 2015
5 % storage volume



Water intake - Tunnel 7
30 meters high

Brazil's worst drought in history prompts protests and blackouts





Strategy to face the Water Crisis

*Economic
Incentives for
rational water
consumption*

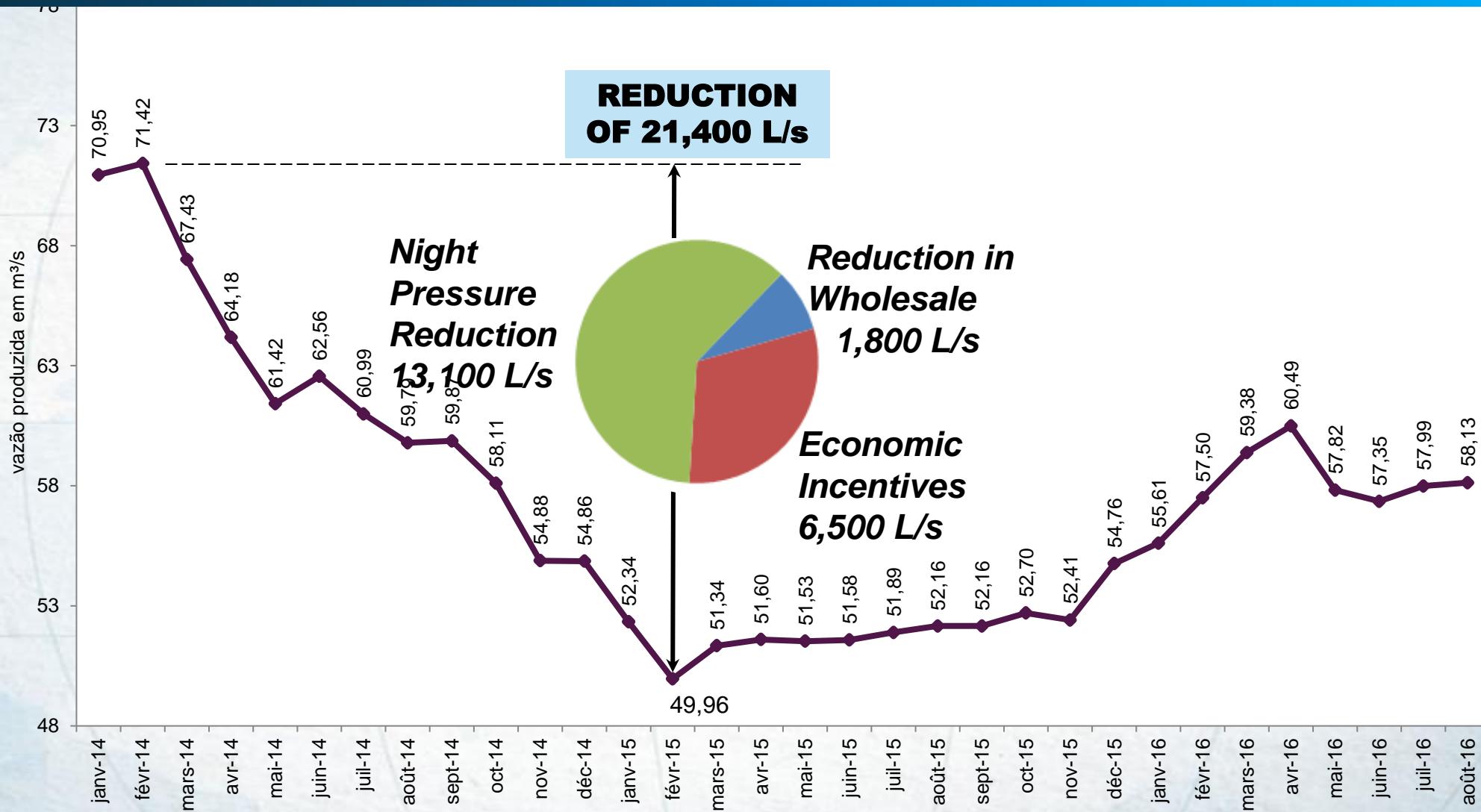
*Water Transfers
among 8 treatment
systems*

*Tapping dead storage
water in Cantareira
System*

*Night water
pressure
reduction to
reduce leakages*

*Implementation
of infrastructure
planned for
2027 at
emergency rate*

SPMR total treated water reduction





Dead storage I: adding 184 billion Liters



REDUNDANT INFRASTRUCTURE

SÃO LOURENÇO INTERBASIN TRANSFER

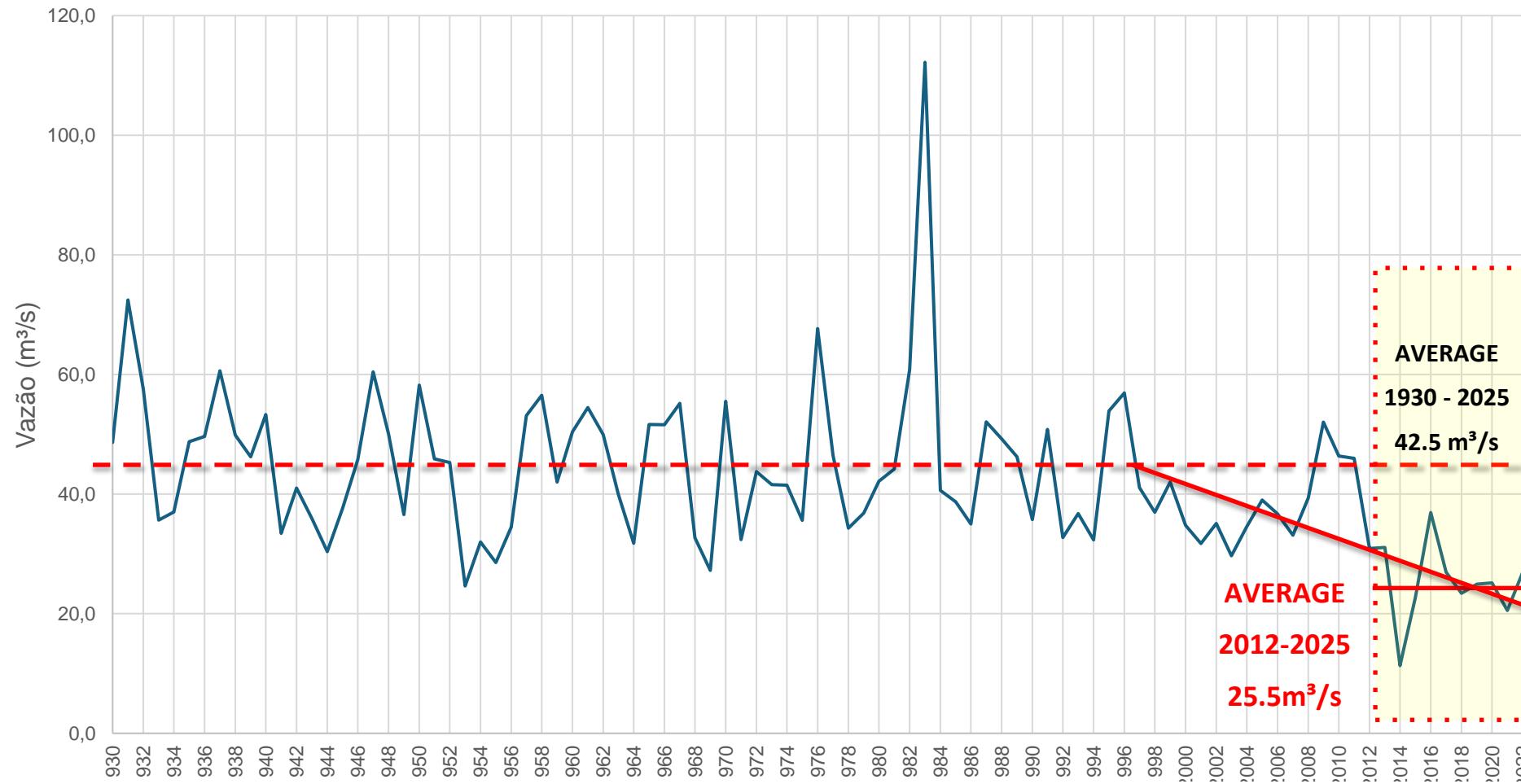
82 km from the intake, adding up to 6,400 L/s to the West Side of SPMR - 2 million people served. Investment R\$ 2.2 billion



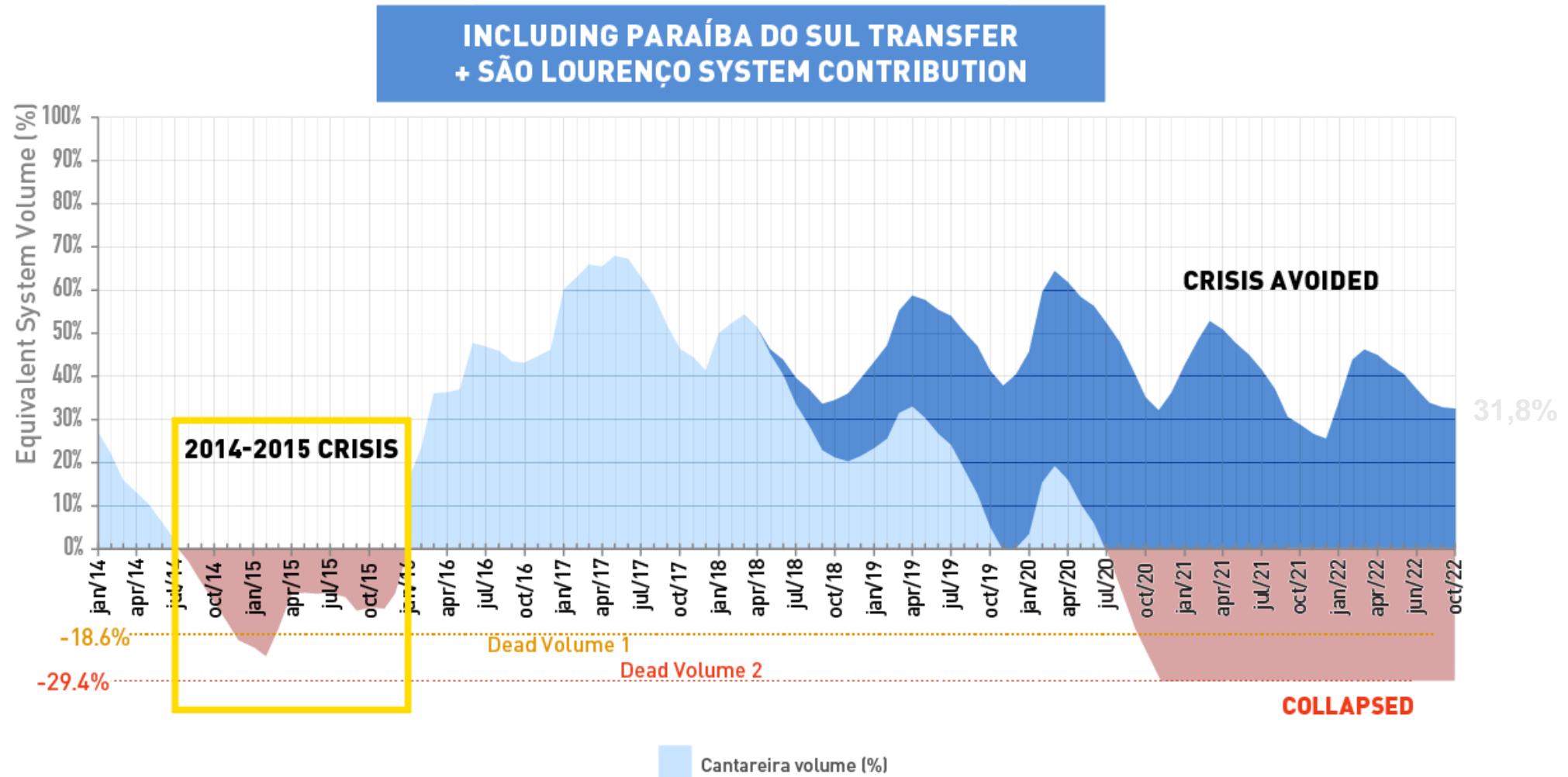
JAGUARI – ATIBAINHA INTERBASIN TRANSFER

13.2 km (6.4 km tunnel) - Transf. of up to 8,500 L/s. From Jaguari dam, Paraíba do Sul basin to Atibainha dam (Cantareira system). Investment R\$ 550 million

AVERAGE ANNUAL INFLOW CANTAREIRA SYSTEM (m³/s)



CANTAREIRA SYSTEM 2014 – 2022 – Storage volume (m^3/s)





LESSONS LEARNED

- **Redundant infrastructure is needed to face current high climate variability.**
- **Economic instruments to incentivize rational and efficient water use are important and can be implemented during water crisis.**
- **Correct, transparent and technically sound communication is fundamental for the success of implementing the necessary tough measures.**
- **Crisis situations are also an opportunity for professional class to convince the political class to act towards improving financing and regulation in the water sector.**

Thank you for your kind attention

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Marrakech

MAROC



Mohamed El Idrissi

1er Vice President

De la commune de Marrakech



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Ministère De L'intérieur
Wilaya De La Région Marrakech Safi et préfecture de Marrakech
Commune de Marrakech
Direction Générale des Services
Division des études, planification et transformation digitale



Gestion du stress hydrique au niveau de la ville de Marrakech

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Ressources en eau limitées

Climat :

Semi-aride

Précipitations :

en moyenne **250mm/an**

Températures moyennes mensuelles :

Hiver : 5° à 18° C
Eté : 19° à 38° C

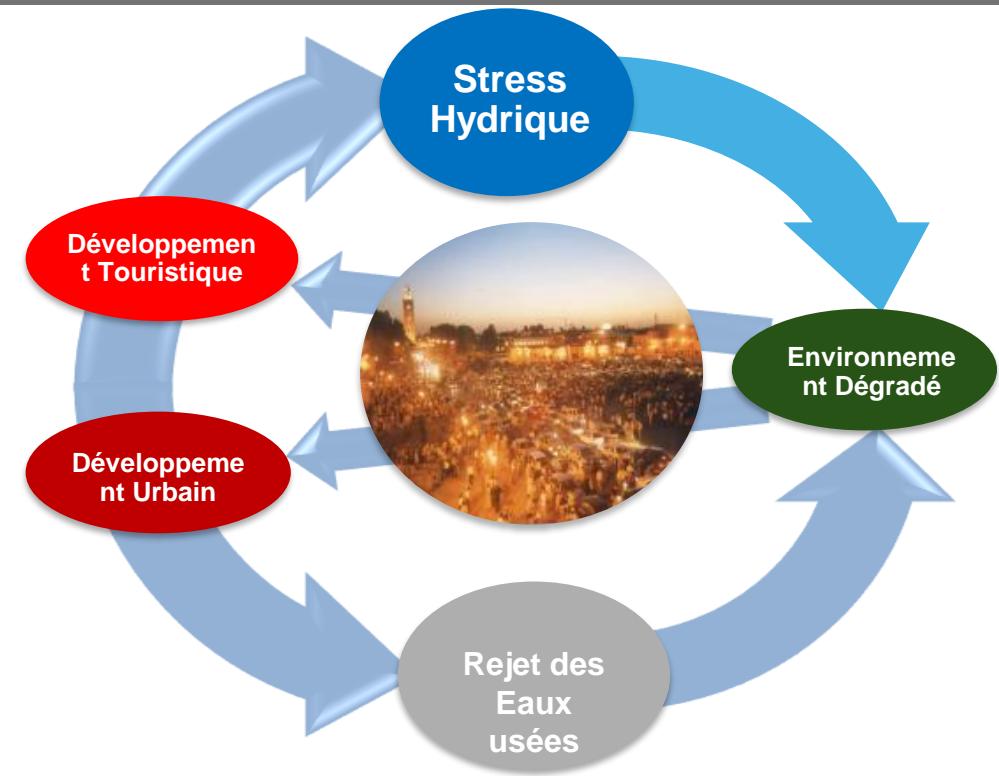
Région à stress hydrique :

Déficit : dépassant **200 Mm³/an**

Région à vocation agricole

Usage de l'eau :

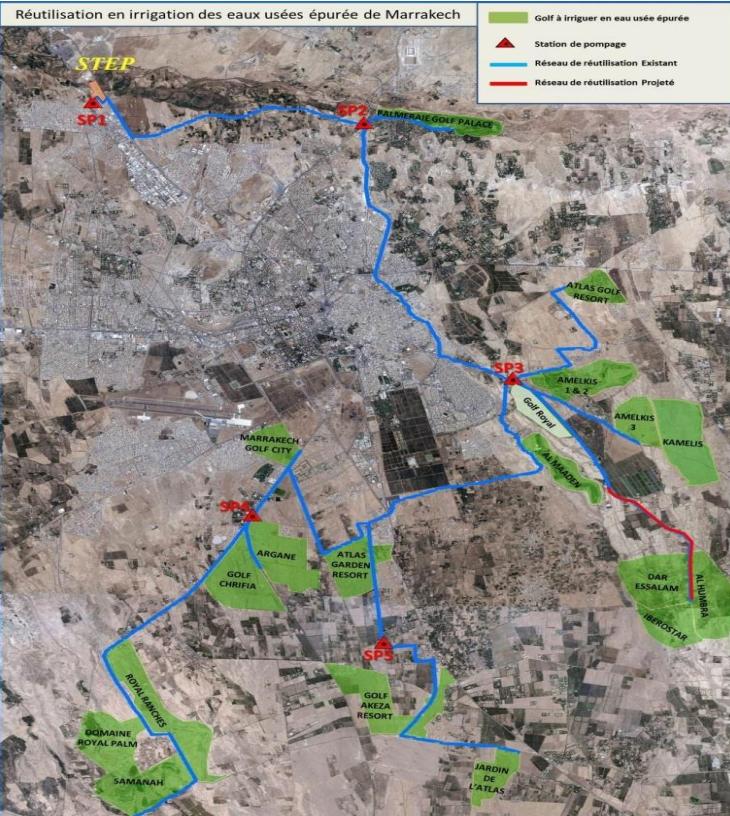
Eau Potable :	11 %
Agriculture :	89 %



**Stress accentué
Dérèglements Climatiques**

**Mesure d'adaptation
Recours aux eaux non conventionnelles**
Réutilisation des eaux usées épurées
(potentiel de 33 Mm³ /an)

Projet identifié en 2010 pour l'irrigation de **21** projets golfiques (**19 Mm³/an**), de la palmeraie (**1,5 Mm³/an**) et des espaces verts (**3,6 Mm³/an**) soit **24,1 Mm³/an**



Assurer une ressource alternative

33 Mm³/an

Limiter les déficits hydriques

Réutilisation des eaux usées épurées

Soutenir le développement urbain & touristique

Pallier les pénuries d'eau

Préserver les ressources naturelles

Procédé d'économie circulaire d'eau
(Adhésion des promoteurs)

Composantes du Projet

1- Station d'épuration des eaux usées

- Traitement primaire & secondaire :

Boues activées 1 800 000 EH
143 600 m³/jour

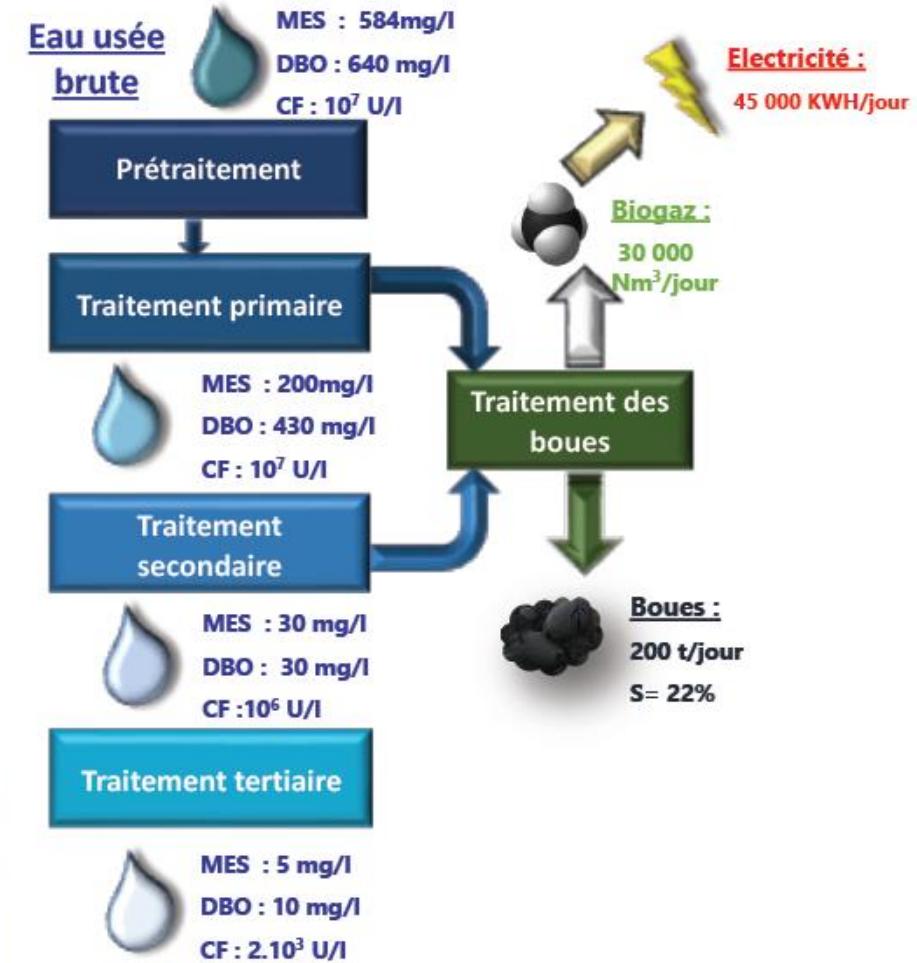
- Traitement tertiaire :

Filtration + Désinfection UV
84 000 m³/jour

2- Réseau de distribution des eaux usées épurées

87 km de réseau
5 stations de pompage

Un investissement global de
1,505 Milliard DH



Niveau dépollution : >95%

Traitement tertiaire : Eaux usées épurées conformes aux exigences de la Classe A de la norme marocaine & de l'OMS

STEP : 33 Mm³ → capacité maximale de traitement tertiaire

Montage initial					Situation actuelle (2025)						
21 Golfs (19 Mm ³)		Irrigation de la palmeraie (1,5 Mm ³)		Irrigation des espaces verts (3,6 Mm ³)		13 Golfs (10 Mm ³)		Irrigation de la palmeraie		Irrigation des espaces verts (3,6 Mm ³)	
<u>Investissement</u> 1 505 MDH-HT			<u>Investissement</u> 53,9 MDH-HT			<u>Investissement</u> 1 505 MDH-HT			<u>Investissement</u> 53,9 MDH-HT		
<u>RADEEMA</u>	<u>Etat</u>	<u>Bénéficiaire</u>	<u>Etat</u>	<u>Commune Marrakech</u>	<u>RADEEMA</u>	<u>Etat</u>	<u>Bénéficiaire</u>	<u>Etat</u>	<u>Commune Marrakech</u>		
780,5 MDH	211,5 MDH	513 MDH	36,7 MDH	17,2 MDH	963,5 MDH	211,5 MDH	330 MDH	36,7 MDH	17,2 MDH		
52%	14%	34%	68%	32%	65%	14%	21%	68%	32%		



Objectif

Irrigation 400 000 palmiers des palmeraies Oulja et Abiad en EUe

Coût d'investissement

16,75 MDH-TTC

Etat d'avancement

Zone Oulja : En exploitation



26

Espaces verts

307 ha

Superficie totale à arroser

228 ha

Superficie utile

3.6 Mm³/an

Besoin annuel moyen

19 700m³/jour

Besoin journalier de pointe

9

Piquages

16

Bâches de pompage

20 km

Conduites d'extensions

64,7 MDH TTC

Coût Global

PNAM

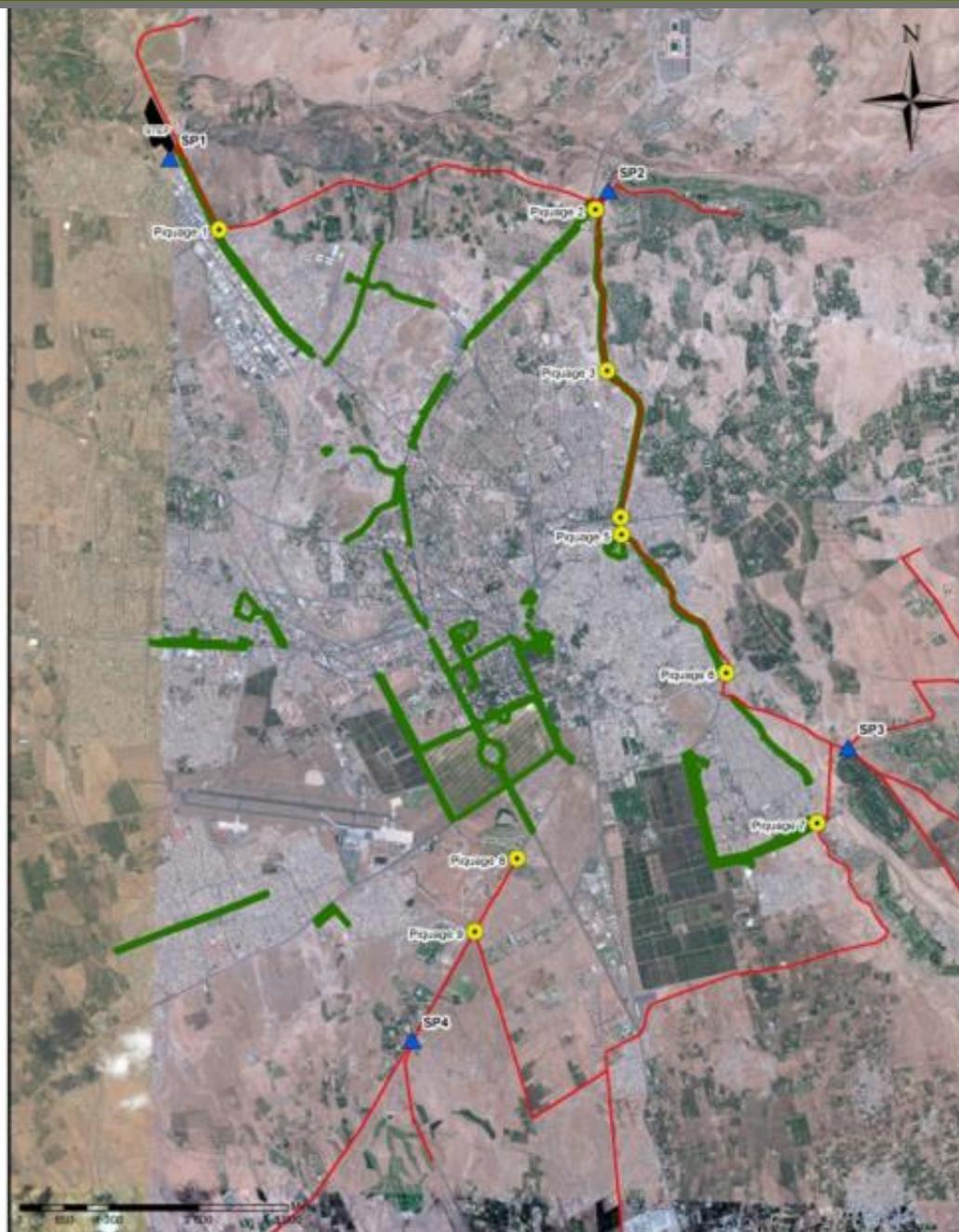
26 MDH-TTC

DGCT

18 MDH-TTC

Commune de Marrakech

20,7 MDH-TTC



Les travaux d'infrastructures de réseau primaire d'arrosage liés à la ville de Marrakech – Tranche 1 :

- **SP14** : Bvd Abdelkrim Al Khattabi
- **SP18** : Bvrd Mohamed 6 ; Bvd MY Rachid (ghabat chabab) ; Bvd AL Ordoun;
- **SP18** : Bvd Mohamed 6 ; Bvd MY Rachid (Nzahat My AL Hassan) ;Bvd Kennedy ; Bvd Al Khattabi (place d'arme) ; Bvd AL Moukaouama (college Lalla Maryem).
- **SP17** : Ghabat chabab (Bvd Guemassa) ; Bvd EL Yarmouk Giratoire zanbouaa
- **SP17** : Ghabat chabab (Bvd EL YArmouk) ; Bvd EL Yarmouk entre Giratoire Bab Jdid ; Arsat Moulay Abdesalam.
- **SP13** : Bvd route Asafi vers MCDO ;Bvd Abdelkrim Al Khattabi vers giratoire koudya et Bvd 18 Novembre
- **SP11** : Bvd route Asafi vers giratoire Ayachi



terrassement



pose de conduite



remblais



équipements



regards



réfection

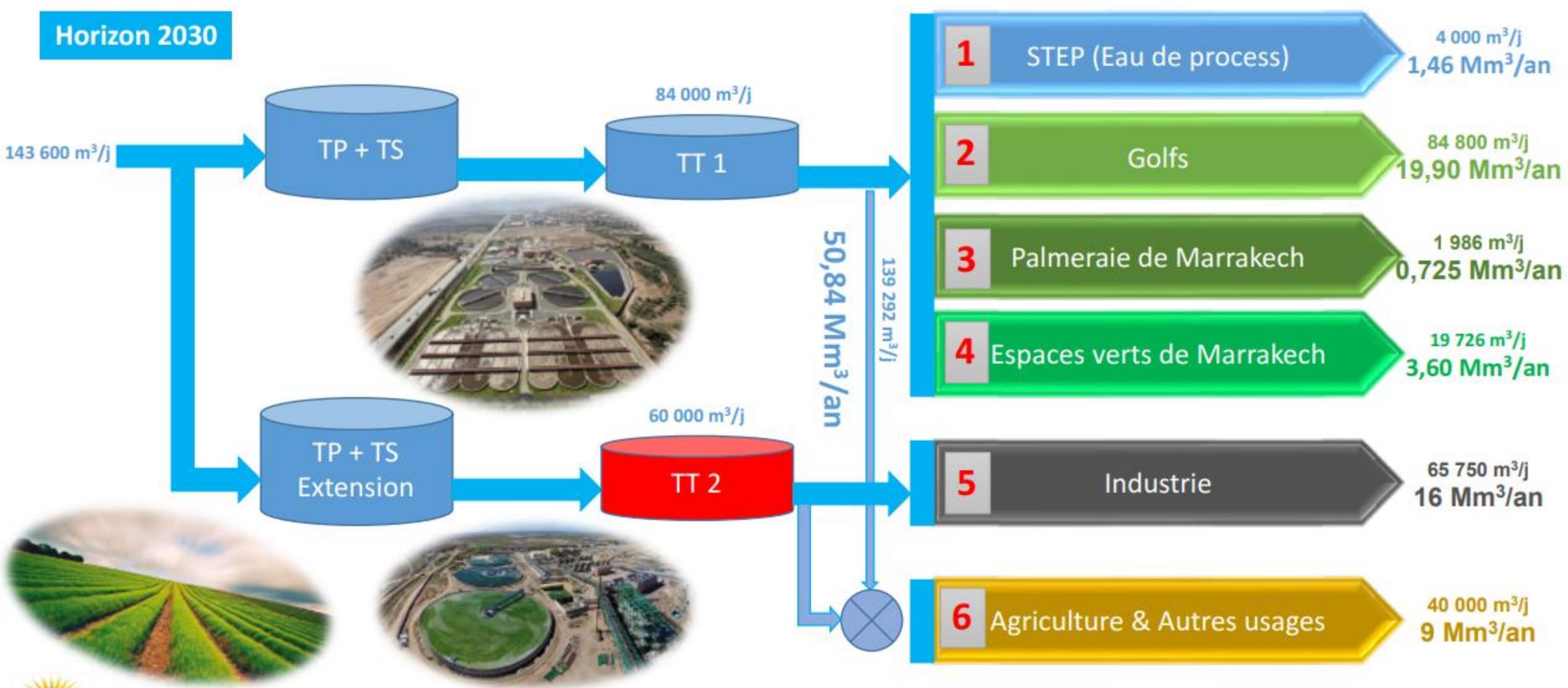








Mobilisation des eaux usées épurées de Marrakech - Priorisation :



Objectif du projet Pour la ville de Marrakech

« La gestion de l'eau en milieu urbain à Marrakech est davantage axée sur l'économie circulaire et la résilience climatique ».

Visions:

- Une bonne gestion des risques urbains relatifs à l'eau (sécheresse et inondations);
 - Une planification et un aménagement urbains intégrant le secteur de l'eau;
 - Une économie considérable de l'eau à Marrakech à l'issu de l'économie circulaire.

Pour:

Une meilleure gestion hydrique et un cadre de vie amélioré pour les citadins de Marrakech



Objectif du projet Pour la ville de Marrakech

- Élaboration de la vision de la ville
- Projet bancable pour la ville couplant l'eau et l'urbanisme
- Renforcement des capacités



Sécheresse



Inondations

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