

2 Water footprint

Definition and scope

This indicator measures the total volume of freshwater used (and/or polluted) to produce the goods and services consumed by individuals, the community, or by companies.

NOTE: Not updated since 2005. This macro indicator has been reported on once in relation to the global water footprint. It has since been followed up with the related SDG indicators.

Factsheet rationale

It Measures the overall freshwater used (directly and indirectly throughout the whole supply chain) in both production and consumption activities; it could be used for communication around overall SCP progress in terms of freshwater abstraction by humans.



Key message

The Water footprint is a complex calculated indicator that is a seed for newer water use and water efficiency indicators that evolve as the world situation changes.

Links

<https://waterfootprint.org/en/>