

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES for water treatment: Water reuse issues

Cost/benefit analysis of the available and planned technologies



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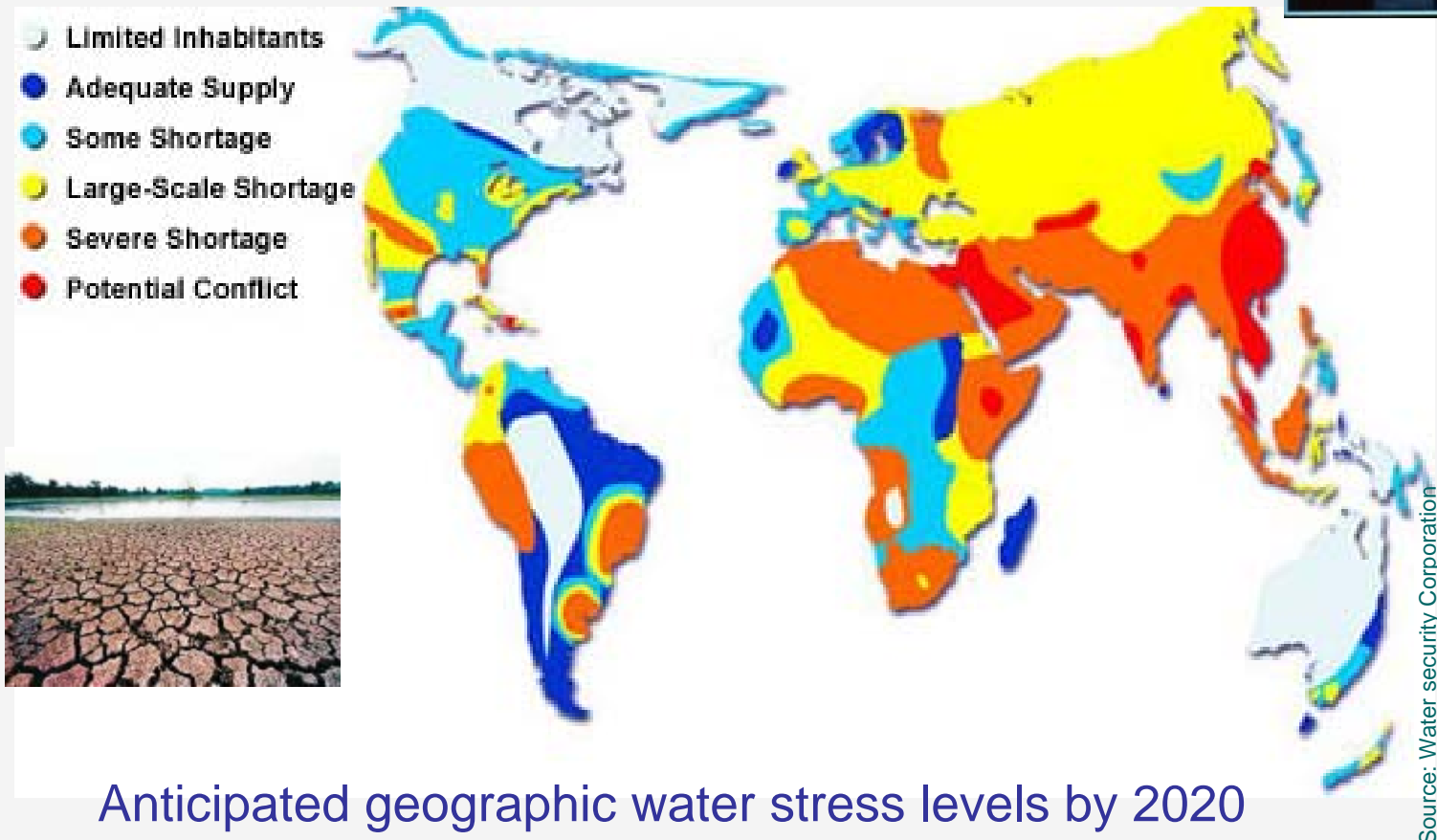
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Outline

- **Introduction:** Drivers of Water Reuse
- **Technical Challenges** in Closing Water Cycle by Water Reuse
- **Examples:** What is the Best Technology for a Given Water Reuse Application?
- **Conclusions:** Costs, Benefits and Keys of Success of Water Reuse

Main drivers of water reuse

- Increased water demand
- Reduced water availability



1999 ⇒ 2025
Moderate or high water stress:
- 2/3 of the world's population

Anticipated geographic water stress levels by 2020

Main drivers of water reuse

- 1. Wastewater management needs
- 2. Environment protection,
- 3. Impact of new laws, policies & regulations,
- 4. Public awareness & politic pressure:
 - Increase in drinking water price
 - Sustainable development



- *Water reuse is included in several state/national policies: Australia, California, Florida, Hawaii, Israel, Japan, Singapore, ...*
- ***More and more regulations introduce requirements for water reuse: volume, %, given types of reuse as golf courses, high-rise buildings or industry***

Solution?

Integrated resource management



Natural resources

Storage & treatment

Urban & industrial uses



Water bodies

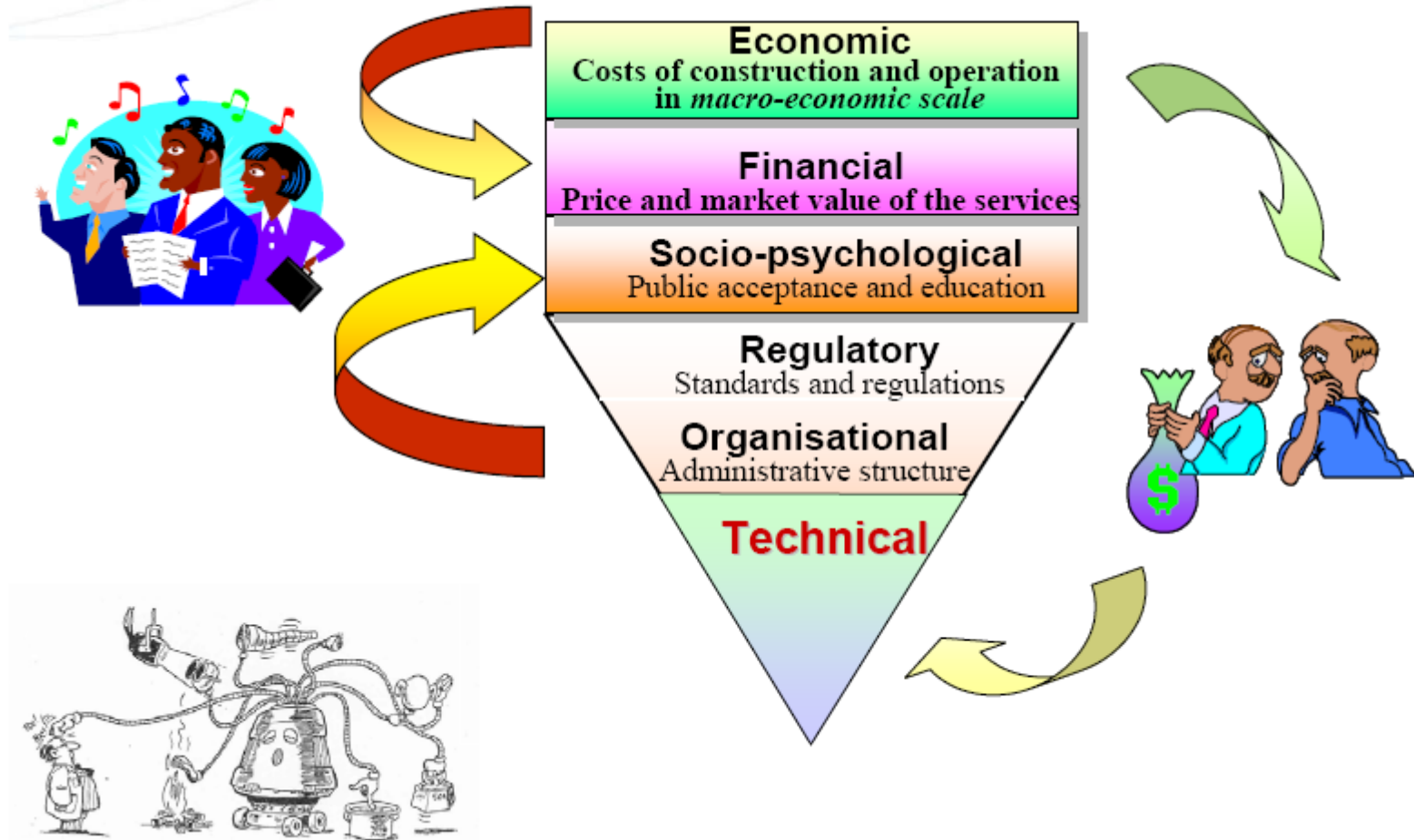


Water reuse

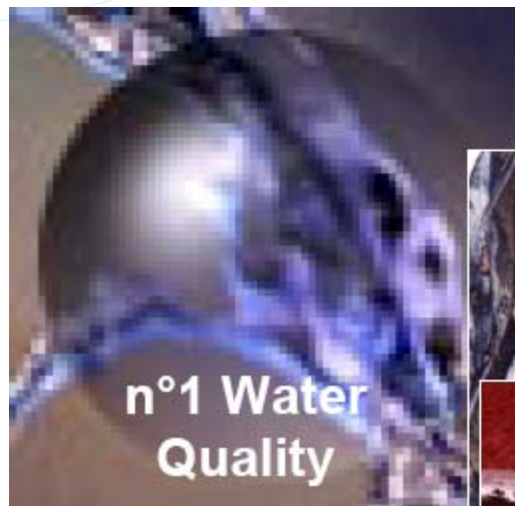


Wastewater treatment

Water reuse challenges



Main technical challenges



- ① **Variability**
- ② **Contaminants**
(Ammonia, bacteria, trace organics, etc.)
- ③ **Salinity** (TDS)
- ④ **Emerging parameters**



- ① **Water quality control**
- ② **Scale, fouling and corrosion control**
- ③ **Best reuse practices**



- ① **High performances**
- ② **Economic viability**
- ③ **Best available technologies**
- ④ **Redundancy**

Risk management : science & engineering

R&D & Technical support of Our Environment



UK-Langford/ Northumbrian Group

Application: Indirect Potable Reuse

R&D: Advanced Treatment/ Endocrine disruptors/ Environmental Impacts



DORE (CIRSEE), France

R&D: Water quality control/ Treatment systems



Bolivia / Aguas de Illimani

Applications: Irrigation

Techniques: Red beads

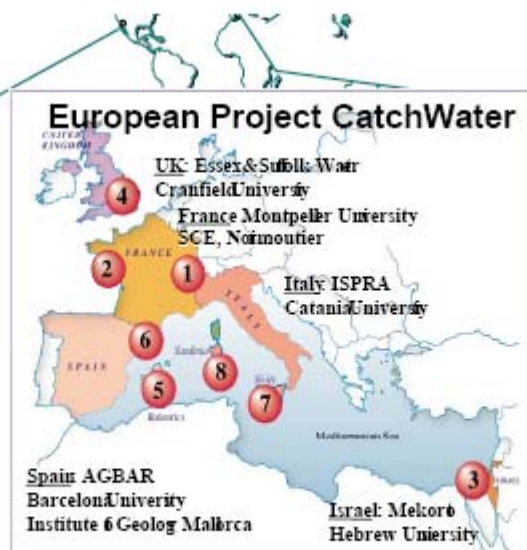
R&D: Capex/Opaex optimization, Disinfection



West Basin / WBMWD and United Water

Application: aquifer recharge, irrigation, industrial uses

R&D: - UV/ Aquifer recharge/Trace organics/Quality in distribution network



Spain / AGBAR

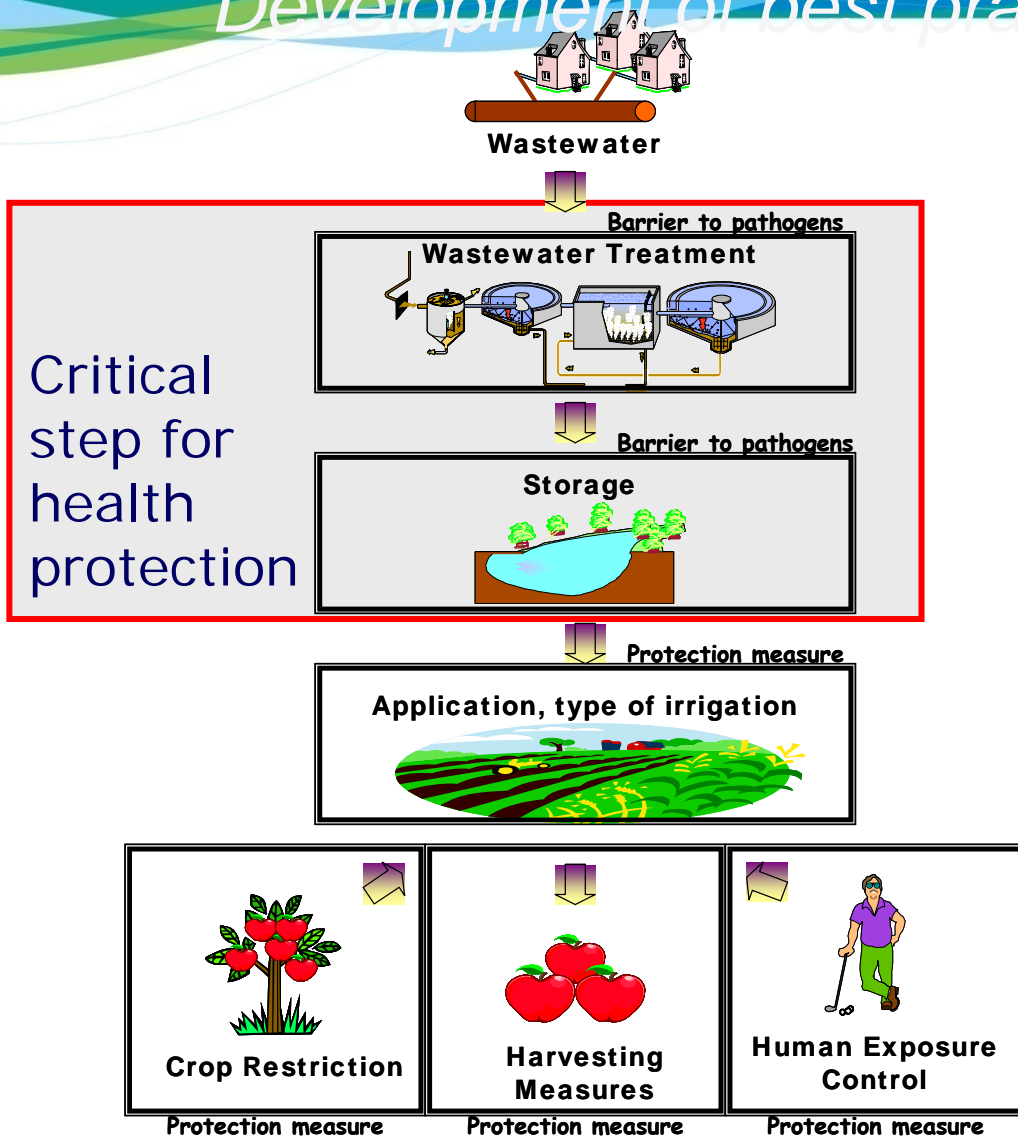
Applications: Irrigation and aquifer recharge

R&D: - Treatment lines including Infiltration-percolation, UV, ozone

- membranes (MF/RO, MBR)
- cost optimisation

Science and Know-how management

Development of best practices and guidelines



- ① Guidelines for design and operation,
- ② Best practices of irrigation with recycled water.



Operation: Goals & challenges

1. **Support client's goal**
2. **Provide technical assistance & R&D support**
3. **Safely/reliably & cost effectively process operation**
4. **Operability 24 hrs & 365 days a year**
5. **Suggest innovative uses of high-quality recycled water**

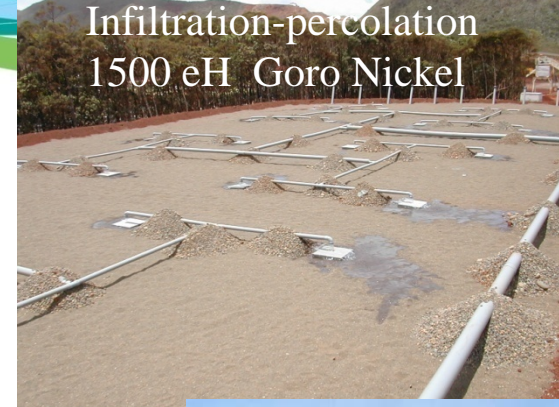


Best technologies for a given use?



Non conventional technologies

- **Applications:** Irrigation (agriculture, landscape)
- **Target for disinfection:** <1000 FC or *E.coli*/100 mL
- **Optimum size:** small to medium treatment facilities
- **Main advantages:** Low operation costs and ease of operation



Conventional tertiary treatment

- **Applications (non-potable uses)**

- ✓ Landscape irrigation
- ✓ Urban uses
- ✓ Industrial uses

- **Targets for disinfection:**



Noosa Waste Water Treatment Plant, Noosa Heads, Queensland

Project	Waste Water Treatment Plant
Client	Noosa Council
Contract	Develop, Build and Operate
Completed	1997
Contract Period	25 years
Estimated Population Served (EP)	45,0000
Plant Capacity	18ML/day Average Dry Weather Flow (Stage 2)

Membrane treatment

⇒ High growth and demand for membrane systems

- * Physical barrier for microorganisms
- * Improved removal of priority substances and emerging parameters
- * Small land footprint
- * Fully automated
- * Numerous proved technologies
- * Decreasing capital costs



Membrane treatment and repurification

- **Applications**

- ✓ Unrestricted urban uses
- ✓ Indirect potable reuse/Aquifer recharge
- ✓ Industrial uses

- **Targets for disinfection**

- ✓ 0 to <200FC/100 mL)

- **Other Targets**

- ✓ Trace organics, emerging parameters, desalination



Microfiltration

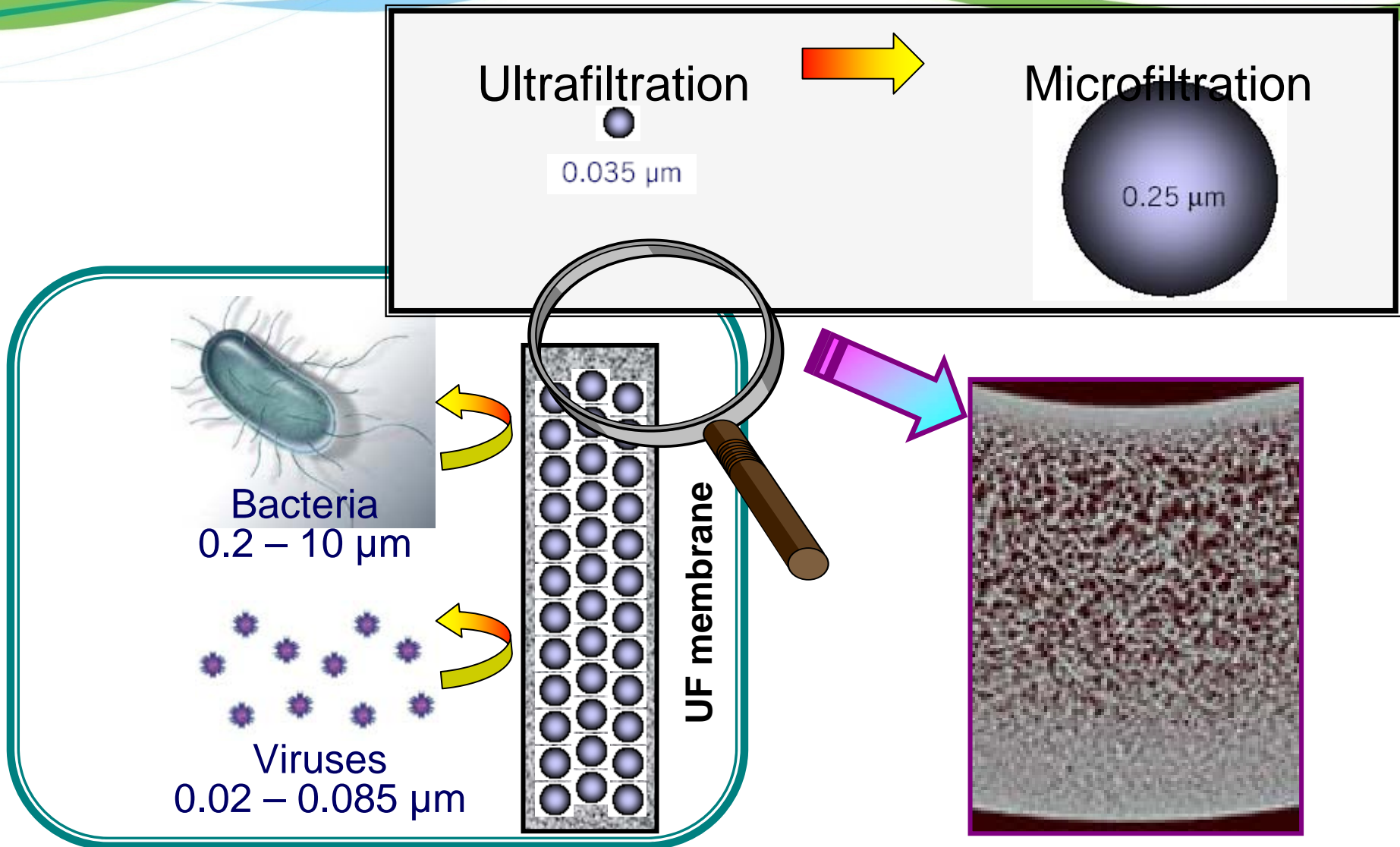


Reverse osmosis

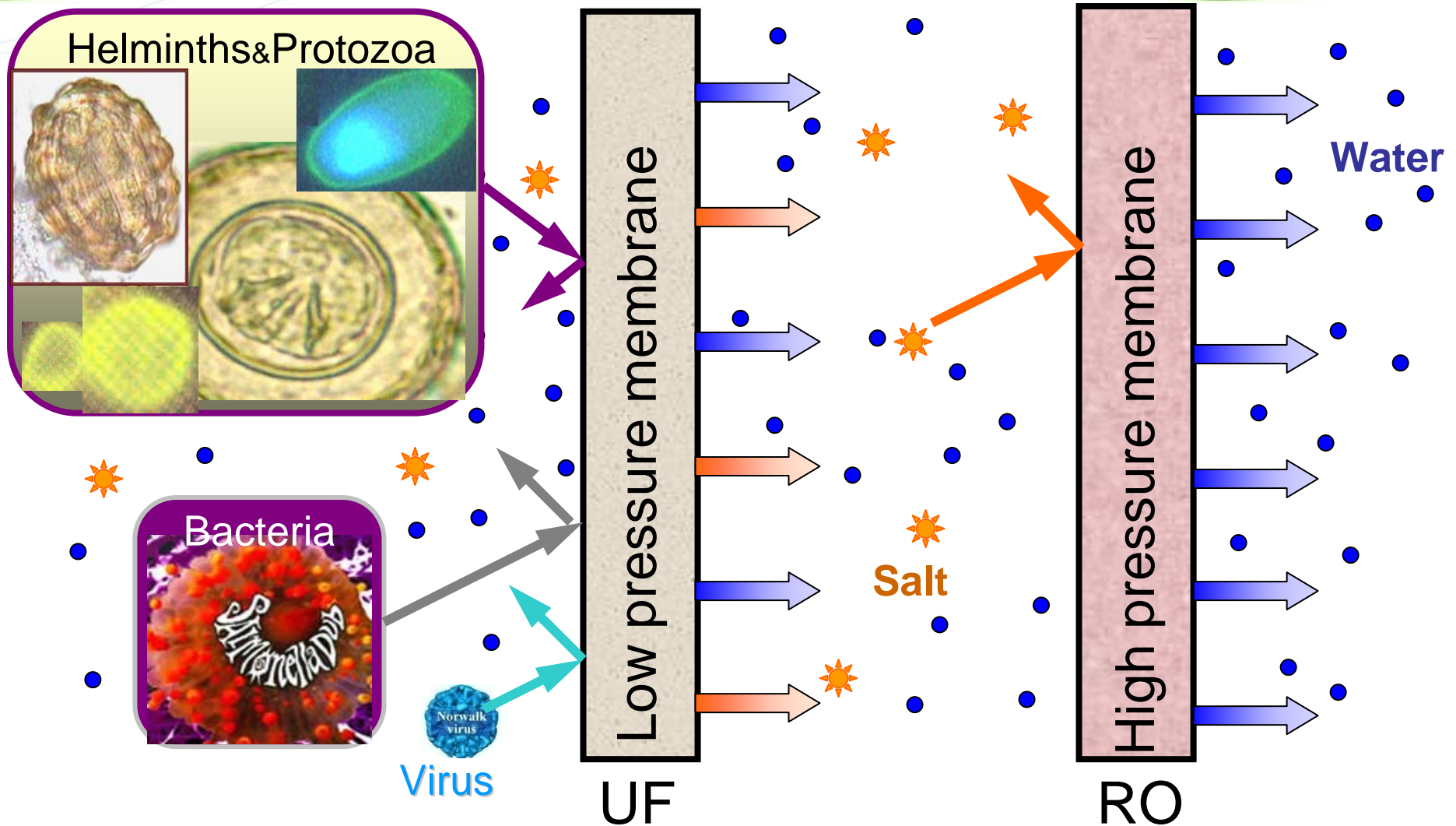


Submerged membranes

Disinfection efficiency of ultrafiltration

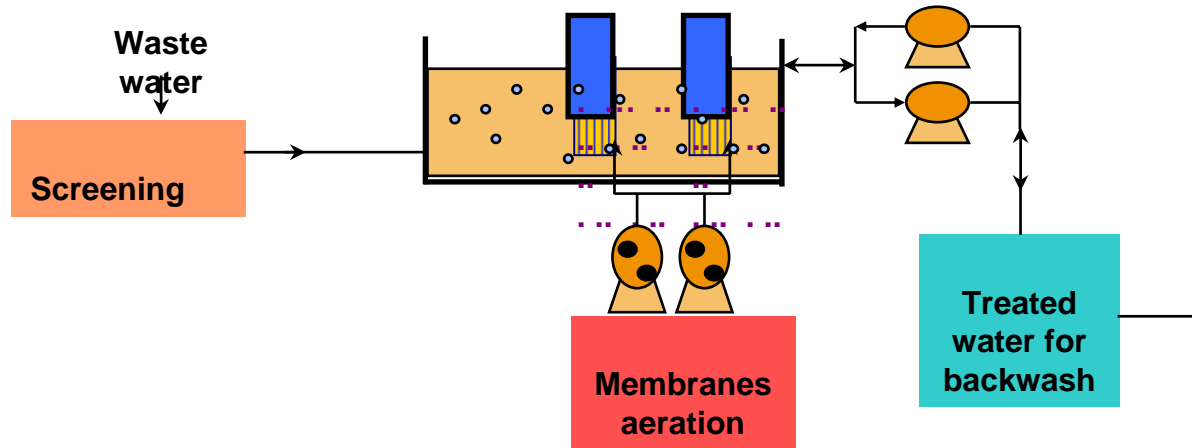


Membrane coupling

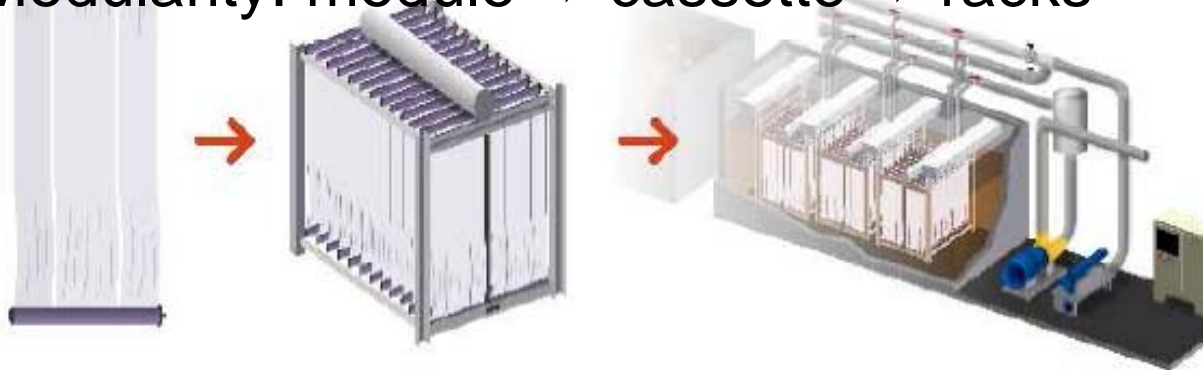


Principle of operation of tertiary submerged membranes

- Filtration / cleaning cycles based on the following scheme:



- Modularity: module \Rightarrow cassette \Rightarrow racks



Urban water reuse in Bora Bora

- Drivers: water shortage & repetitive droughts
- Political awareness: incentives of BB's Major
- Policy of sustainable development:
 - * Pavillon Bleue Europe since 6 yrs
 - * 1st price SUEZ 2005 Innovation Trophies

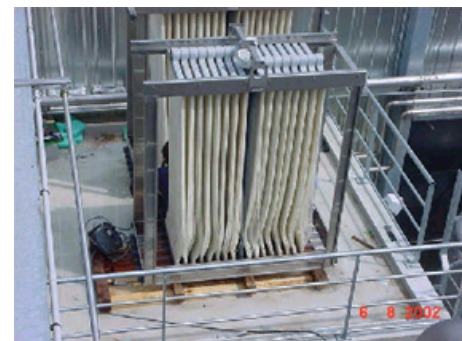


Goro Nickel 1500 ep WWTP

- Prestine area preservation
- Health security for treated water reuse on dust road
- Treated effluent quality guarantee for reuse

ULTRAFOR water quality

Paramètres	Eau Brute	Boues activées conventionnelles	CYCLOR	Biofiltration	ULTRAFOR
DBO5 (mg/l)	200-300	5-6	4-5	5-6	3
DCO (mg/l)	550	55	45	55	30-35
N.NH4 (mg/l)	35-50	1	1	1-2	1
N Total (mg/l)	50-70	10	10	10	7
MES (mg/l)	250-300	15-25	5-10	10-15	< 2
Pt (mg/l)	10-15	1	1	1	0,5
Turbidité (NTU)		8-12	5	6-10	0.5

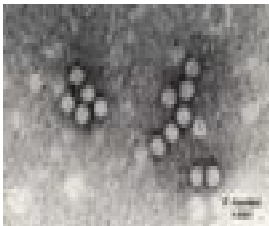
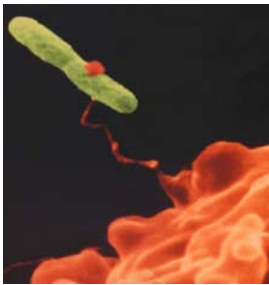


Activated sludge Treated effluent

Goro Nickel 1500 ep WWTP

- BRM = answer to prestine area preservation

Watering standards achievement



	Classical	UF
Helminthe eggs	Partial removal without sand filter	Total removal
Tot Coli	1,5 to 2 log	> 4 log
Fec Coli	1,5 to 2 log	> 3 log

Recycled water end-users

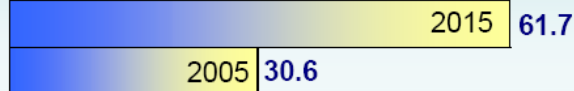
- * Luxury hotels, mostly landscape irrigation
- * Boat washing
- * Civil engineering
- * Fire protection
- * Agriculture



use experience worldwide

Market forecast: fast growth

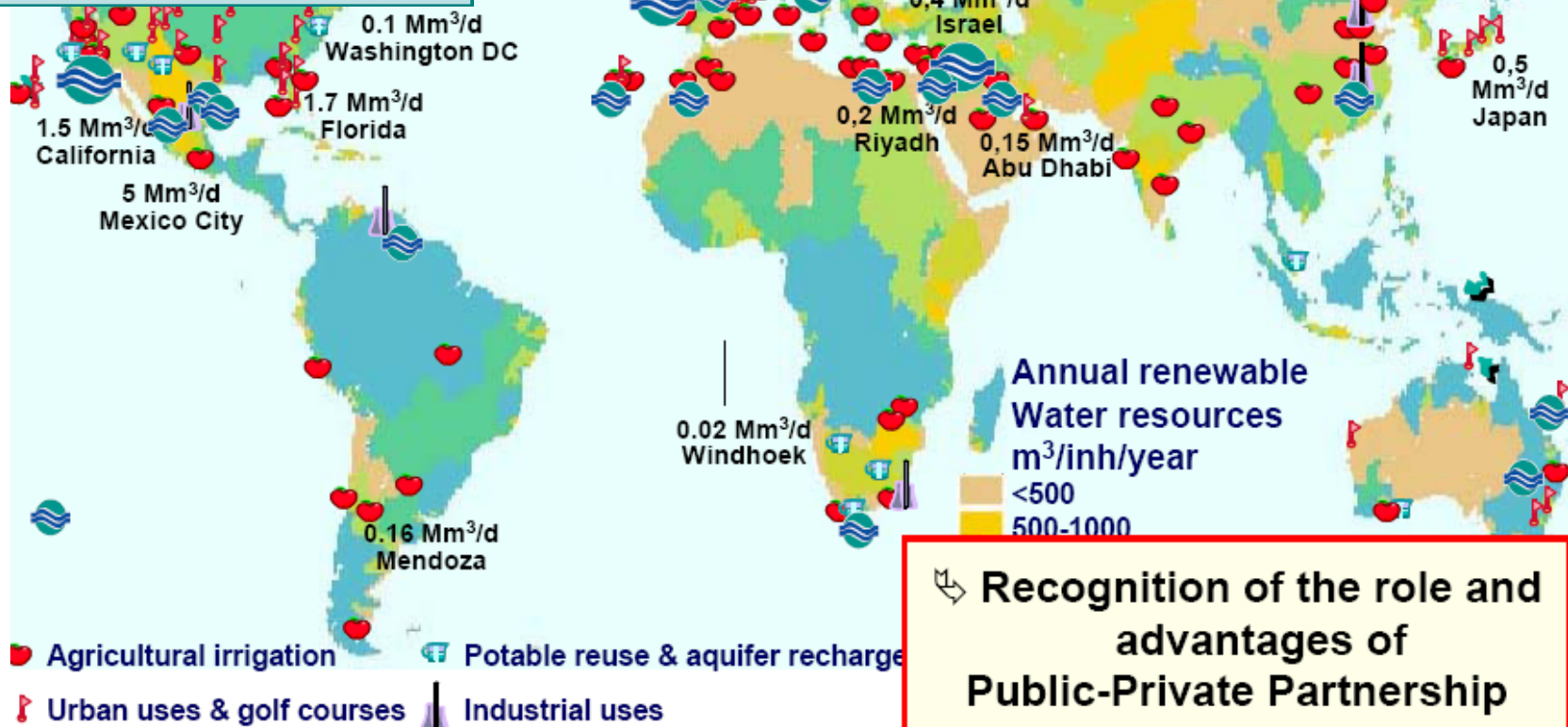
Desalination, Mm³/d (+102%)



Water reuse, Mm³/d (+181%)



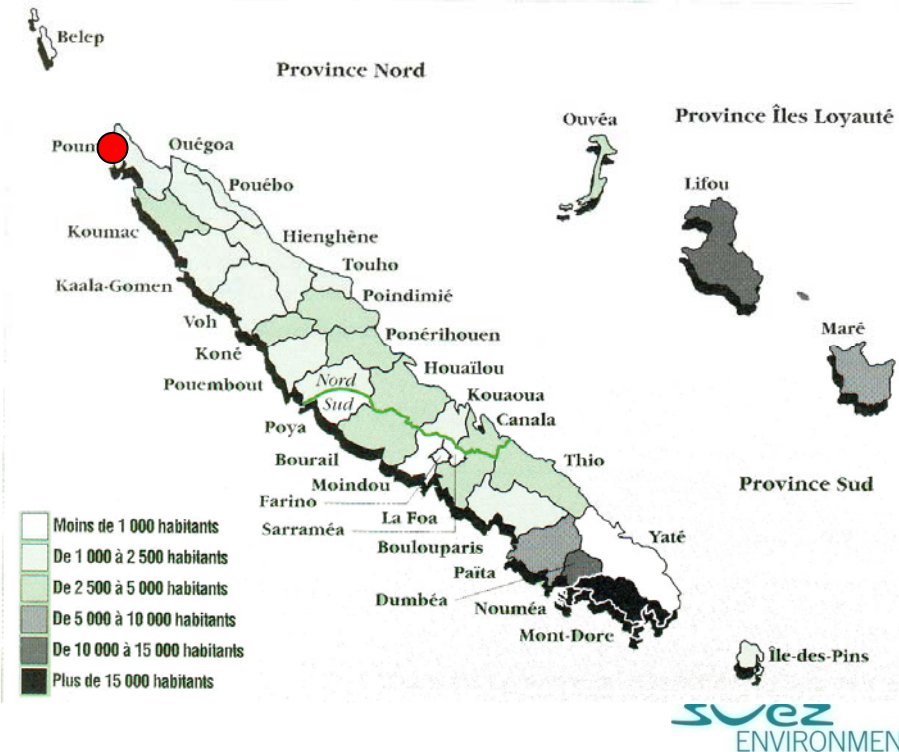
Global World



World: >2000 plants
Suez Environment: > 15 plants
Agbar: > 200 plants
Degrémont: >100 plants

👉 **Recognition of the role and advantages of Public-Private Partnership**

Desalination: Potable water with reverse osmosis (140 m³/d) for Malabu Hotel, New Caledonia



Desalination: Perth, Australia

o Capacity : 150 000 m³/d



ONG MARS 2 x 5 Tons/day

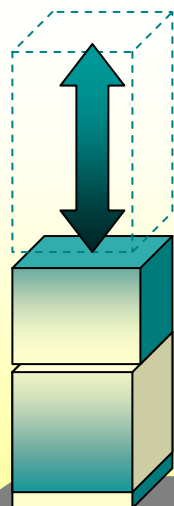


CONCLUSIONS

Costs of water reusing

Typical water reuse costs

Predominantly small and medium size projects
<5,000-40,000 m³/d



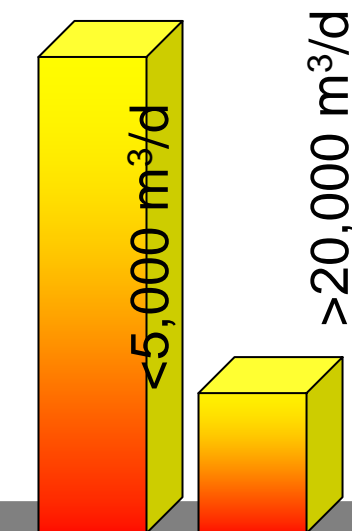
MF/RO 1.0 €/m³

UF/RO 0.5 €/m³

MBR 0.3 €/m³

UV 0.02 €/m³

Water reuse



UF/RO, MF/RO
MBR



2.5-10 €/m³

0.86 €/m³

0.45 €/m³

Existing
plus small
and medium
size projects

Recent bids
for large
projects
30,000-
280,000 m³/d

Desalination

CONCLUSIONS

Benefits of water recycling

- **Alternative resource**
 - ⇒ Reliable, secure and drought-proof water source
 - ⇒ Fast and easier implementation than new freshwater supply (high value for Islands)
- **Water conservation**
 - ⇒ Saving of high quality freshwater water for potable water supply (high value in tourist areas)
- **Environmental value**
 - ⇒ Reduced pollutant discharge (beaches, lagoons)
- **Economic value**
 - ⇒ Avoided costs for new freshwater resources development, transfer and pumping (water transfer, new desalination plants, etc.)
 - ⇒ Secondary economic benefits for customers and industries
 - ✓ for example in 2005 in Bora Bora, 2-3 M€ saving for construction companies and hotels thanks to the supply of recycled water

CONCLUSIONS

Water recycling keys success

- **Strong support** by local authorities & end-users with recognition of water reuse benefits,
- **Careful design & good operation** for reliable production of high quality recycled water,
- **Technical know-how** and R&D support,
- **Communication & public education.**