The Unu-Water Exercise

A Step-by-Step
Introduction to
Environmental –Economic Accounts
for Water
(SEEA-Water)

Workbook

The following are the standard definitions provided in the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, Central Framework (SEEA-CF). The specific paragraphs in the SEEA-CF, where the definitions can be found, are provided in parenthesis:

Abstraction Abstraction is defined as the amount of water that is removed from any source, either

permanently or temporarily, in a given period of time.

Water used for hydroelectric power generation, is considered as abstraction and is recorded as a use of water by the abstractor. Water abstracted but not used in production, such as water flows in mine de-watering, are recorded as natural resource residuals. Water abstraction is disaggregated by source and by industry. (SEEA-CF

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Final Water Use Final Water Use is equal to evaporation, transpiration and water incorporated into

products. (Also referred to in the SEEA-Water as "water consumption") (SEEA-CF

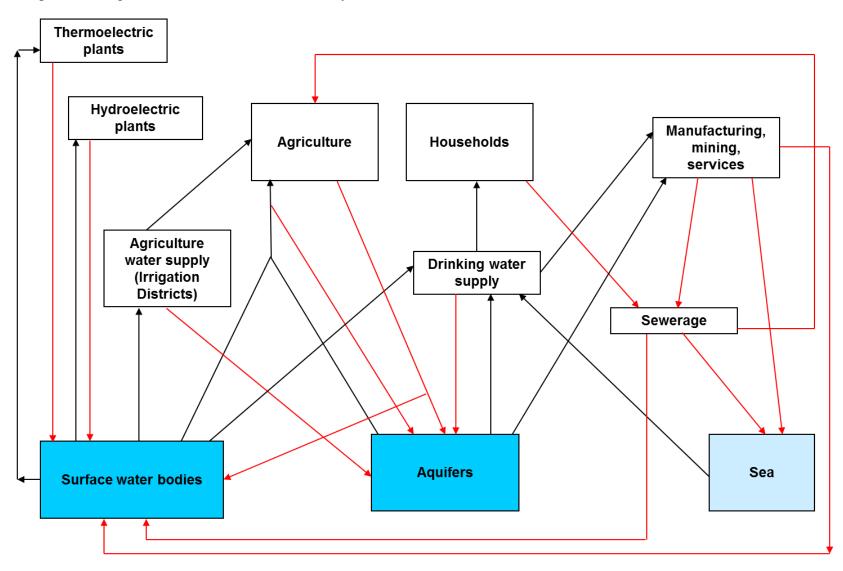
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Return Flows of Return flows of water comprise water that is returned to the environment. (SEEA

Water 3.210)

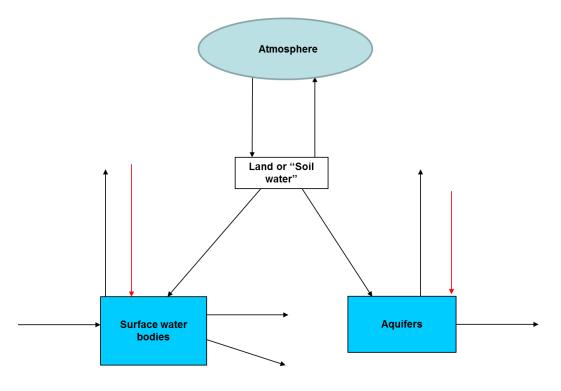
Module I: Basic understanding of the water cycle in the economy

Template for diagram of water flows in the economy



Module II: Basic understanding of the natural water cycle

Template for diagram of water flows in the natural water cycle



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