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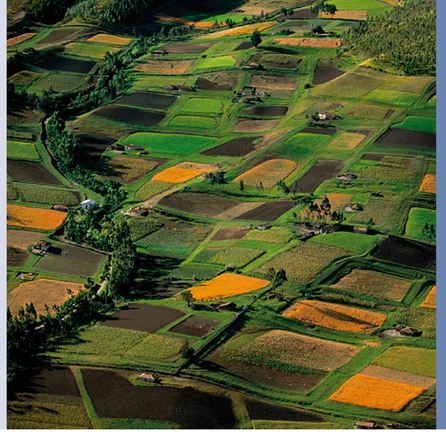

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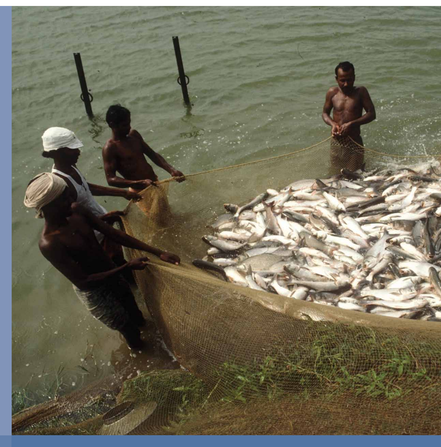

Monitoring and Reporting on the State, Use and Management of the World's Freshwater Resources

The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) is a United Nations system-wide effort to develop the tools and skills needed to achieve a better understanding of the processes, management practices and policies that will help improve the supply and quality of global freshwater resources. Founded in 2000, WWAP is a programme of UN-Water, hosted and led by UNESCO.

The principal objective of the Programme is to assess and report on the state, use and management of the world's freshwater resources and the demands on these resources, define critical problems and assess the ability of nations to cope with water-related stress and conflict. Its primary product, the United Nations World Water Development Report, is produced every three years.

Initially housed in UNESCO's headquarters in Paris, the WWAP Secretariat has been relocated to Villa La Colombella, its new headquarters, in Perugia, Italy.

UN World Water Development Report

WWAP produces the triennial United Nations World Water Development Report, as well as case studies and recommendations resulting from the findings of these reports. The series of reports include:

- "Water in a Changing World" (2009)
- "Water: A Shared Responsibility" (2006)
- "Water for People, Water for Life" (2003)

The fourth edition of the Report will be launched in March 2012.

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