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Promoting the River Basin Approach to the SDGs in Ghana (West Africa)

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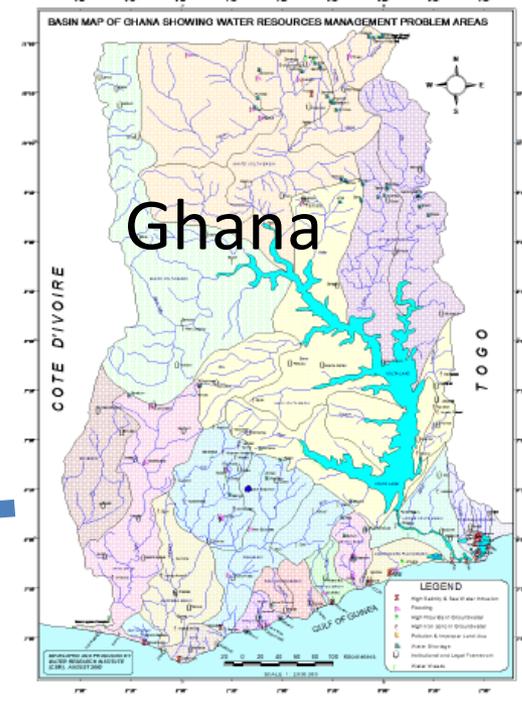
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Major River Basins of West Africa



Countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo

Management: Volta Basin Authority (Regional Coop Management Body)

Issues: Land Degradation, Flooding, Water Scarcity, Growth of Aquatic Weeds, Loss of Biodiversity, Water Quality Degradation, Water-borne Diseases, Coastal Erosion

Programs: Development of Water Charter, investments in agriculture, reforestation, riverbank protection, and community livelihood improvement.

INDC: Climate change and Environment, Agriculture, Water resources, Awareness and Knowledge development, Health, strengthened Early Warning Systems, Gender, Land use, Coastal Zone Management

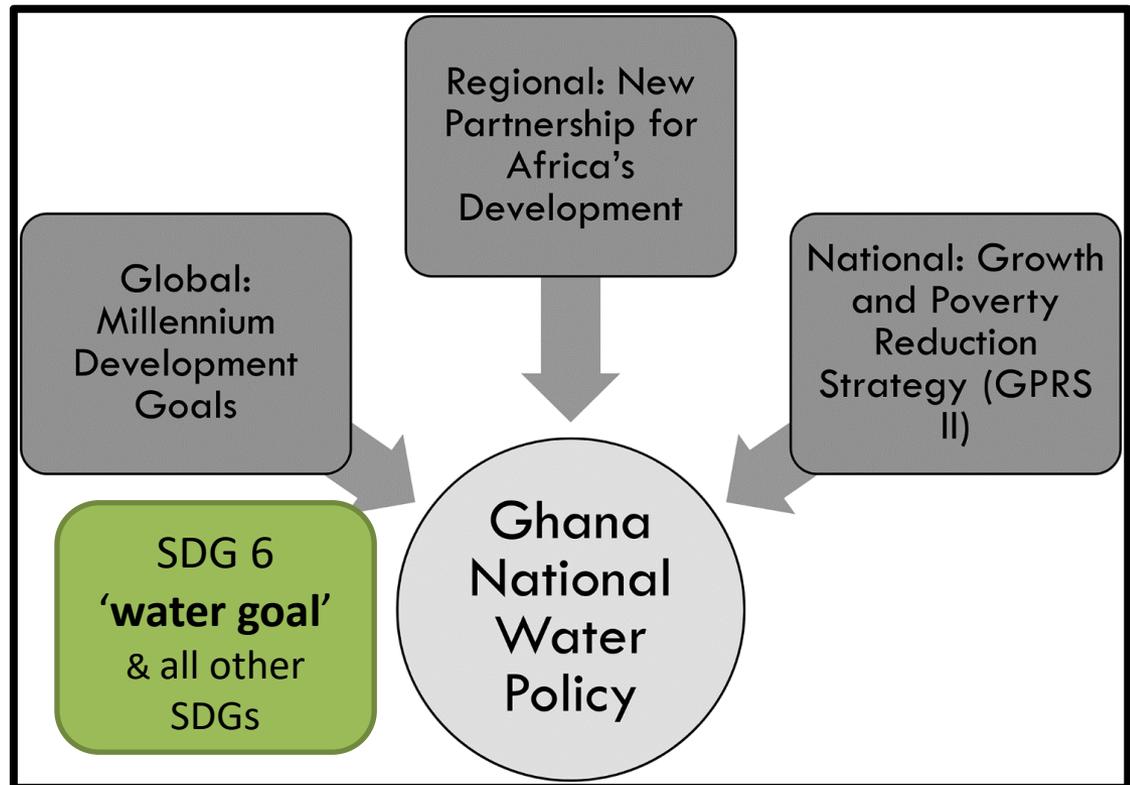
SGDs: Monitoring SDG 6 & 13 and SDG 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,15,17

Ghana's IRBM Strategy

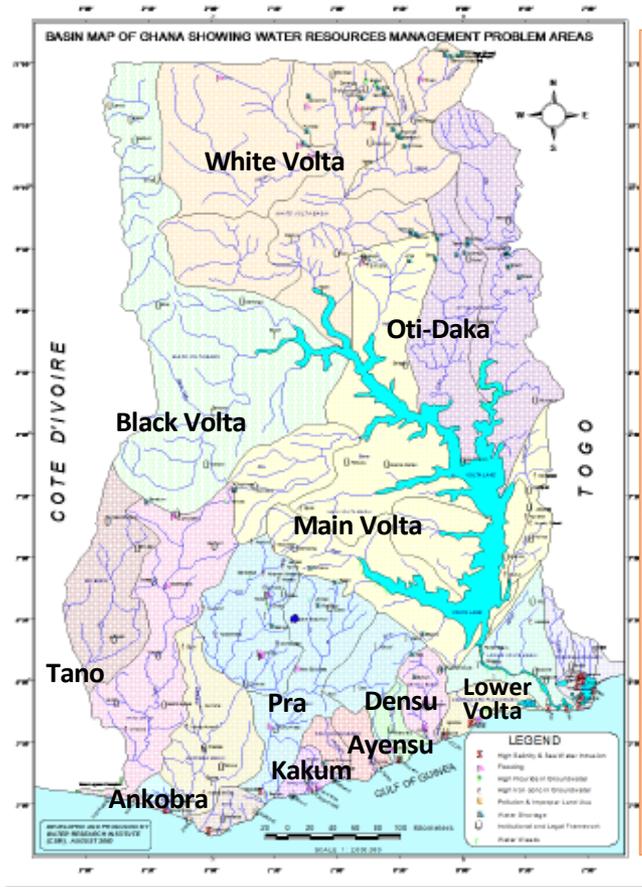
Ghana Sustainable Water Management Policy Principles

GPRS,
MDGs/SDGs
NEPAD

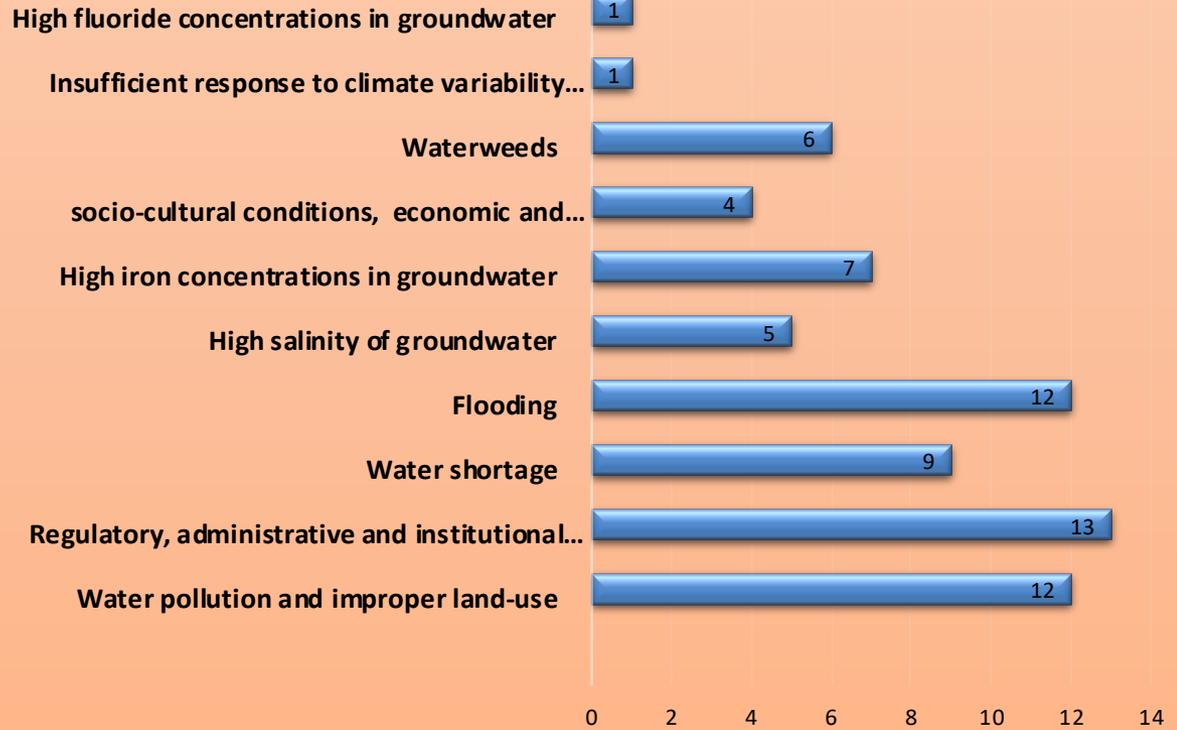
- “Africa Water Vision”



River Basins in Ghana and WRM Issues



IWRM Issues



IRBM and SDGs in Ghana



Water Policy

Sustainable Water Res. Use

- Poverty alleviation,
- Socio-economic Development,
- Regional Cooperation
- Environment



Agric. Policy

- Planting for Food & Jobs
- Fertilizer Subsidies, etc



Mining Policy

- Small Scale –Mining
- Buffer regime



Sanitation and Fisheries Polices

Precursors for Achieving SDG



- **Improve water services**
- **Increase hygiene and sanitation Productive living**
- **Enhance School Enrolment and Retention of girls in school,**
- **Enhance women's dignity**
- **reduce morbidity and mortality,**
- **reduce pre and post-natal**
- **prevent vector and water borne diseases. Health, nutrition and food production,**



All SDGs are Linked

Some Thoughts

Co-designing solutions to integrate SDGs into policies and practices through education and capacity development

- Universality
- Leave no one Behind
- SDG Interconnected and Indivisible
- Inclusiveness
- Multi-stakeholders Partnerships

SDGs

- should be integral part of long-term national dev. planning
- reflected in the medium-term development frameworks to provide guidelines for MDAs and MMDAs development plans,
- Mandatory that all sector to comply with the guidelines
- Budgets be allocated SDG Monitoring in all National Programs

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