

CDP Water Program - an important sustainability reporting on the rise

We support you on your way to water stewardship

Why report on water?

CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) plays a central role in driving companies and their suppliers worldwide to report on carbon and climate change risks and opportunities. Companies voluntarily respond to the CDP's questionnaire, and develop carbon and climate change mitigation and adaption strategies. In 2010 CDP started to invite companies to report on water-related risks and opportunities, according the growing expectations by investors, civil society and NGOs for transparency and quantitative measurement of progress. The goal is to catalyse action on corporate water stewardship to safeguard water resources and address the global water crisis.

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) builds on basic information on water resources and use. Today the nomenclature surrounding water information is yet not fixed and allows different interpretations leading to confusion. Besides CDP the United Nations (UN) are working on International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) to help strengthen national information systems for water in support of design and evaluation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) policies. IRWS was adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) at its 41st session in 2010.

Cate Lamb, head of the CDP's water program stated in an interview with greenbiz*:

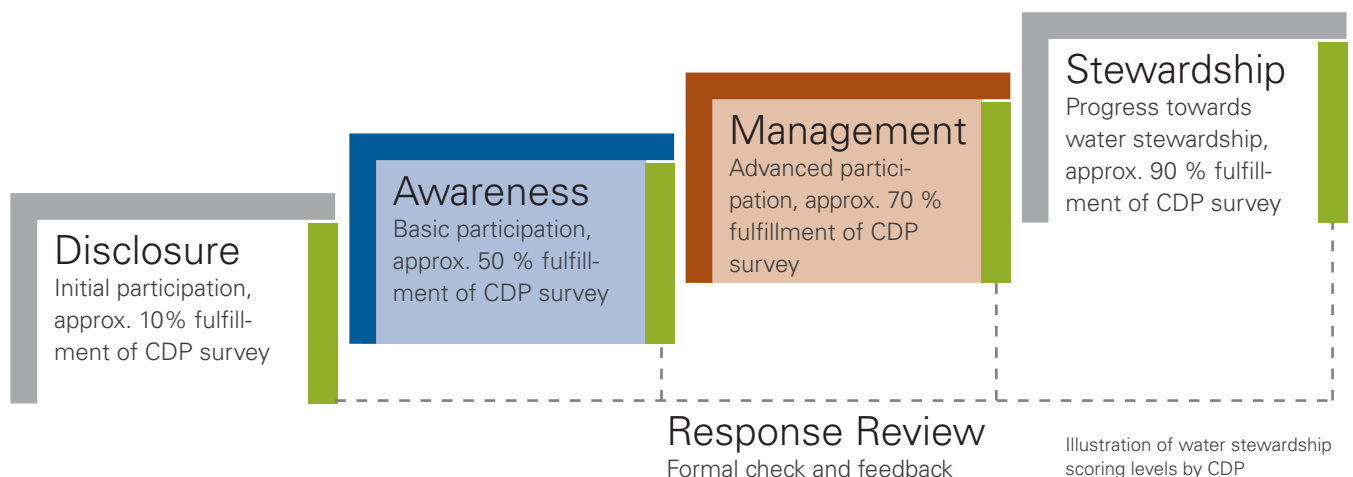
"A good score will communicate to all stakeholders that good water stewards are superior, forward-looking companies with a sound understanding of their risk profile."

The best execution for your water stewardship strategy

Since 1999, DFGE works as a carbon footprint and ecology expert for small and mid-sized companies as well as for Fortune 500 corporations. DFGE is a CDP silver climate change consultancy partner. We help companies to participate in the CDP programs - from carbon, supply chain to the water program.

Depending on your company's needs and goals of CDP participation, we provide 3 dedicated service packages for the CDP Water Program:

- CDP Response Review
- CDP Water Awareness Package
- CDP Water Management Package



From basic water data to water footprint and water management

DFGE services to improve your performance related to water

DFGE Response Review of your CDP water disclosure

Only a few companies who started early to collect and report water data to CDP have already reached the level of water stewardship. Many companies are just starting to integrate water data and related risks in their corporate strategies. These are rated by CDP into the scoring levels of "Disclosure", "Awareness" and "Management" (see graphic on page1). Independent of these scoring levels we can support you in your CDP water program submission with our DFGE Response Review.

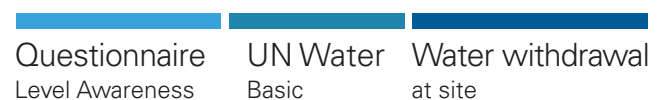
We evaluate your responses and check them regarding completeness, consistency and validity of content. Our findings will be documented in a presentation and explained in a feedback call. This fixed price package helps you to optimize your answers before submission to CDP.



DFGE Water Awareness Package

You are not prepared for the invitation to the CDP water program? You're lacking capacities and knowledge for this sustainability reporting? We've put together a service package of basic support including the preparation of your responses at "Awareness" level. We determine your company's relative exposure to water risks and impacts and calculate your water withdrawal at site.

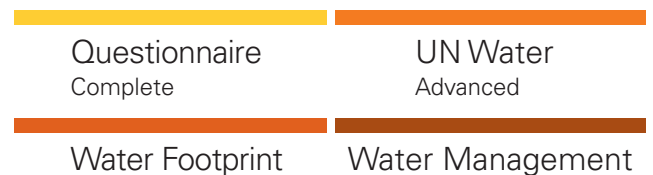
By this we address questions like where your production is facing issues of water scarcity or how your tier-one suppliers are affected by water resources. The UN water category "Basic" is used in this process as a benchmark.



DFGE Water Management Package

Your company plans to move towards good water management with the goal to establish leadership over time? You're looking for expertise to improve your CDP scoring? Our water management package supports your company with answers to the CDP questionnaire at "Management" level. We consult you in policy development, governance and target setting as well as in identifying your stakeholder interests and external engagement.

Our services include detection of water consumption, water withdrawal by source type and in your value chain. Also here we relate to the UN category "advanced" as a supporting benchmark.



Contact us for more information and references!

