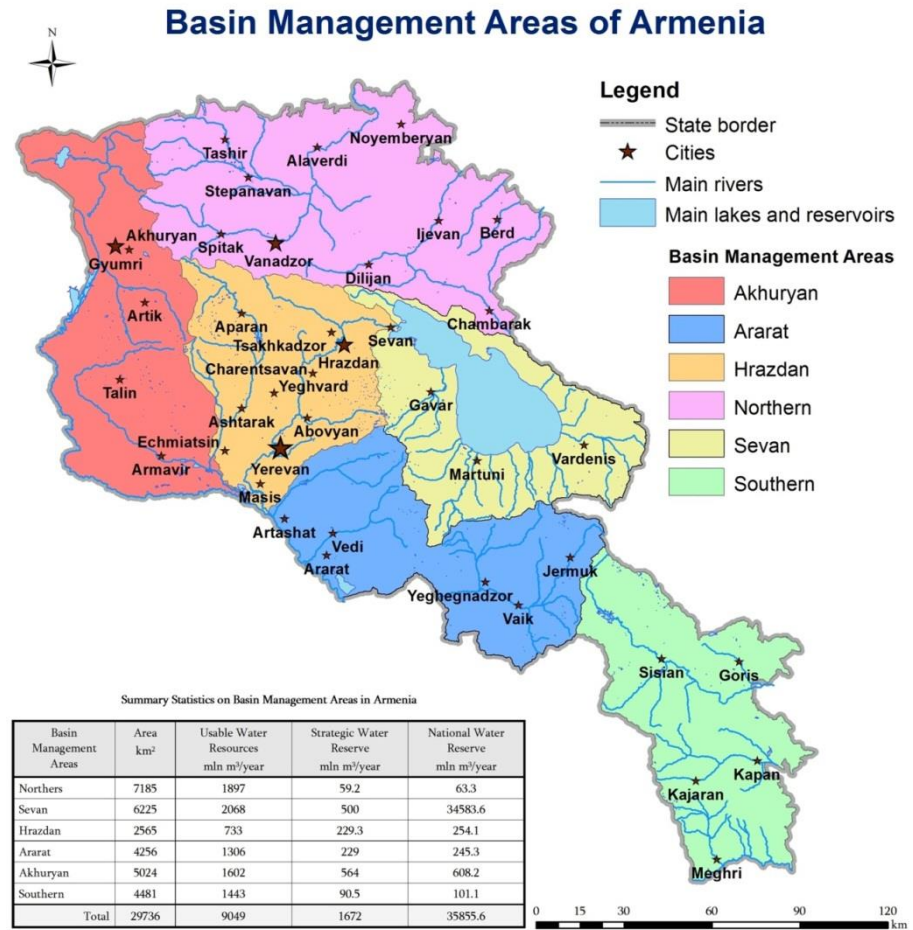


Outline

- First generation reforms
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First generation reforms

- Legal reforms
 - Water Code (2002), National Water Policy (2005), National Water Program (2006)
 - Over 200 legal acts to support implementation of the Water Code, including new Surface Water Quality Norms (2011), Outline of the Model RBMP (2011, supported by the NPD)
 - WFD compliant legislation in water sector, including application of the river basin planning principle



First generation reforms

- Institutional reforms

	Management and protection of water resources	Regulation of tariffs	Management of water systems
Authorized agency	Water Resources Management Agency and its 6 BMOs	Public Services Regulatory Commission	State Committee on Water Systems
Main functions	Monitoring and allocation of water resources; Strategic management and protection of water resources	Regulation of tariff for non-competitive water supply and discharges	Management of water systems under the state ownership; Support to WUAs
Enforcement tools	Water use permits	Water system use permit	Management contract



Current state of reforms

- Second generation reforms to further support decentralized management of water resources
 - Development of river basin management plans
 - Strengthening the role and capacities of BMOs
- Strengthening surface and groundwater quantity and quality monitoring, and compliance assurance
- Technical refurbishment of the State Water Cadaster Information System
- Further harmonization with the EU WFD principles and adoption of EU WFD methodologies



Current state of reforms

- Further development of legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks to address priority issues in water sector
 - e.g. protection and efficient use of groundwater resources in Ararat Valley; reduction of water losses, and etc.



Achievements

- Further amendments in the Water Code, National Water Program, adoption of 20 legal acts in the last two years
- Development of BMPs:
 - BMP for Ararat RBD formally adopted (Government Resolution No 338-N, March 31, 2016)
 - Southern BMP - submitted to the Government;
 - Akhuryan BMP – circulated among the stakeholders;
 - Northern BMP draft
- Revision of the law “On Nature Protection and Nature Utilization Payments”, supported by NPD
 - Increase in the water abstraction fees for fish farms from 5% to 50% of overall abstracted volumes in the Ararat valley



Follow-up Steps

- Protection and efficient use of groundwater resources in Ararat Valley:
 - Introduction of automatic centralized system
- Further development and adoption of RBMPs, implementation of the program of measures
- Reduction of water losses:
 - Introduction of modern technologies (closed or semi-closed) at fish farms,
 - Introduction of drip irrigation systems,
- Further strengthening of water quality and quantity monitoring system, introduction of biological monitoring
- Technical refurbishment of the State Water Cadaster Information System (software, hardware)
- Strengthening of the WRMA and the BMOs, capacity building and technical refurbishment



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