



# Alliance for Water Stewardship

## Consulting and Certification

### What is AWS?

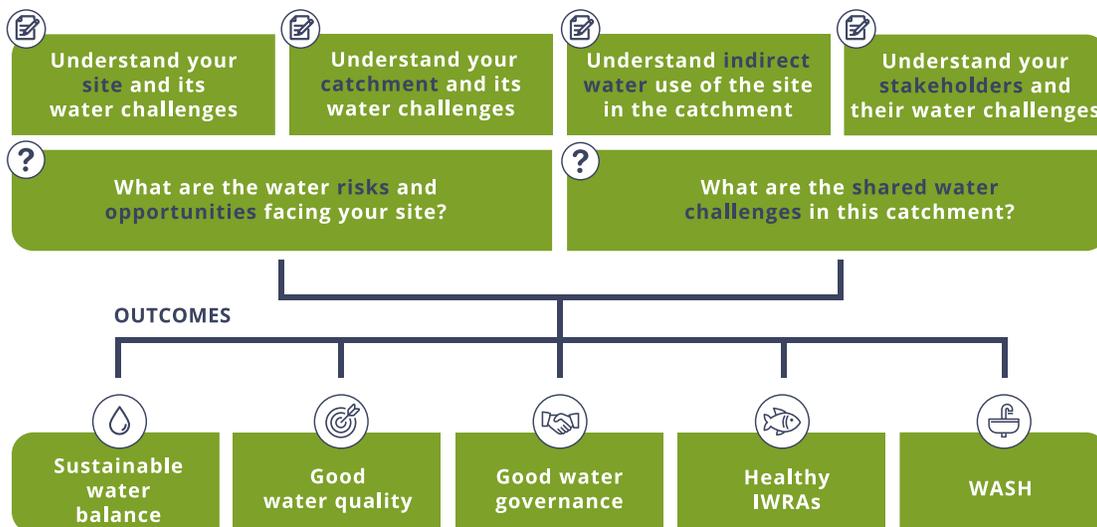
The Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) International Water Stewardship Standard is the first comprehensive global standard defining the responsible use of water for industry, agriculture, commercial businesses or institutional water users. The comprehensive standard goes beyond setting minimum thresholds for compliance and provides detailed framework for sustainable water management for water users of any size.

**“The use of water that is socially equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial, achieved through a stakeholder-inclusive process that involves process that involves site and catchment-based actions.”**

– Alliance for Water Stewardship

### Steps Toward Stewardship

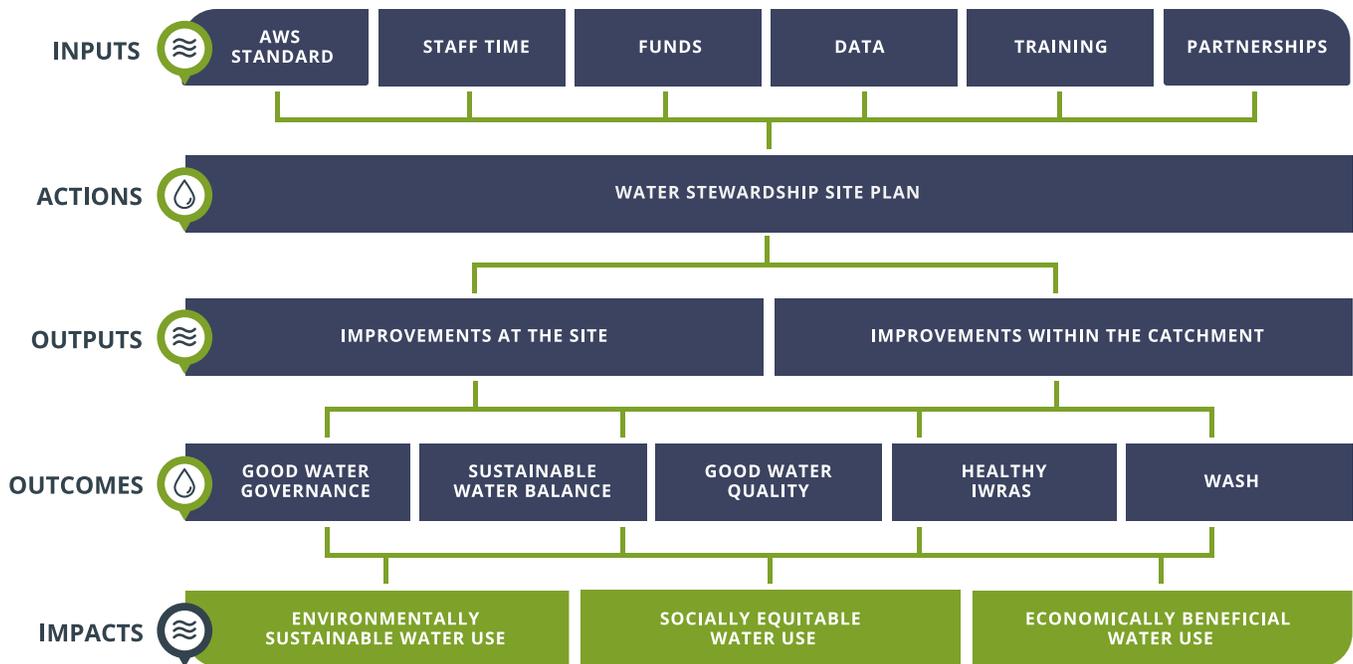
The AWS Standard provides a strategic framework with a defined set of water stewardship criteria and indicators for water management at the site and within the catchment. Implementers establish and commit to a site water stewardship plan, prioritizing targets, with actions and responsibilities for improved water management. The Standard seeks to achieve four important outcomes at your site and in your catchment.



Good water stewards understand their own water use, catchment context and shared risk and then engage in collective actions that benefit people and nature.

## Site-level actions result in catchment-level impacts

The Standard is a water management framework for the site to identify risks, challenges and opportunities to improve water management. The site level focus keeps efforts manageable and allows for impacts to be traced back to actions in your Stewardship Plan. Certification is for those seeking independent assurance of responsible water governance, a sustainable water balance, good water quality, healthy water-related sites, and safe water, sanitation and hygiene.



## Are you ready?

- Demonstrate responsible water stewardship backed by a rigorous assurance system and seal
- Reduce current and future water risks by identifying and implementing appropriate mitigation strategies
- Share water management challenges with other stakeholders in your watershed and discover solutions within the broader AWS network
- Differentiate your facility by obtaining Gold or Platinum Level Compliance

## SCS Global Services

For companies in the beginning stages of their water stewardship journey or for those who just need more assistance preparing for conformance to AWS, SCS offers a full suite of consulting and certification services. SCS experts can help you develop your water stewardship program from the ground up, be more successful with your stakeholder outreach or just clear up any non-conformities discovered in your preliminary or internal audits to the AWS standard.

Please see our website for more Information on the AWS Standard and Water Stewardship certificate holders:

[www.scsglobalservices.com/services/alliance-for-water-stewardship-aws](http://www.scsglobalservices.com/services/alliance-for-water-stewardship-aws)

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