

WATER EFFICIENCY IN AGRI-PROCESSING

OVERVIEW, BEST PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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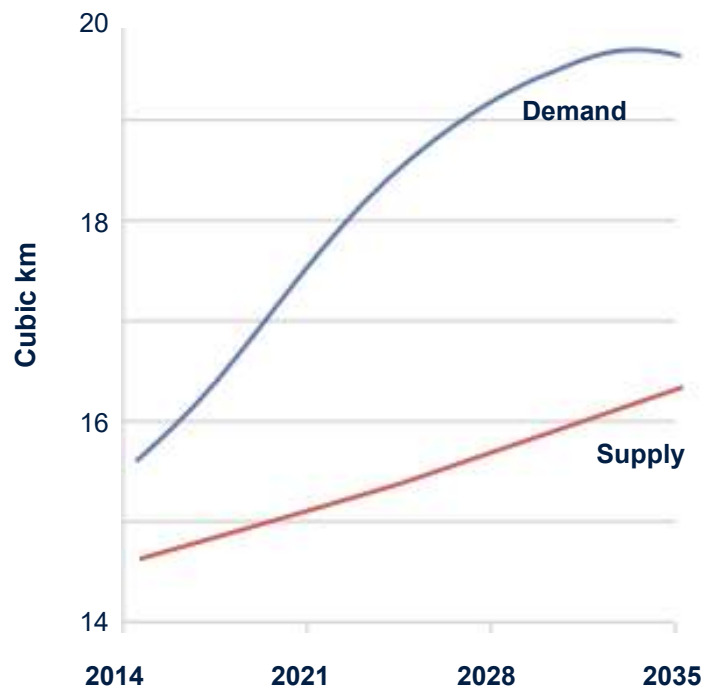
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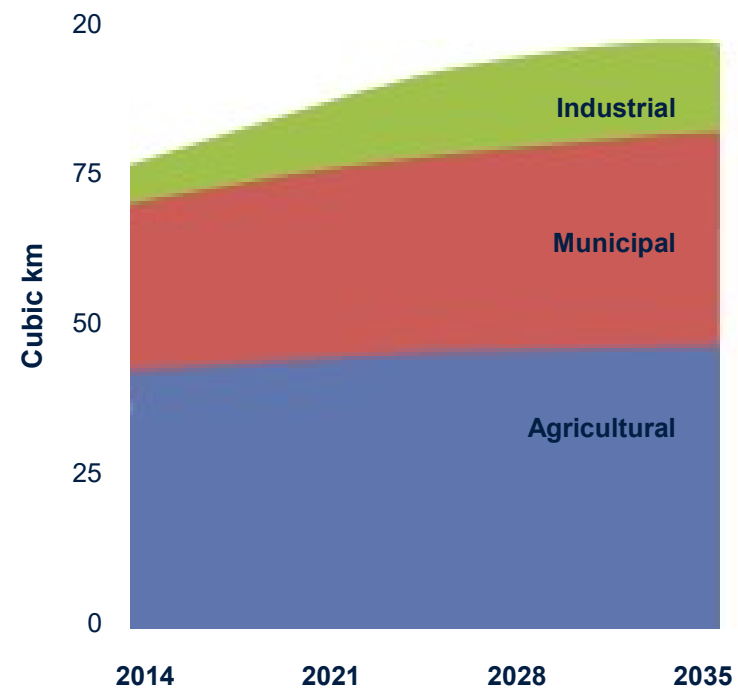
Why water efficiency in South Africa?

Forecasts indicate an increasing gap between supply and demand, with growth in industrial use contributing to growth in demand

South Africa's increasing gap between water demand and supply



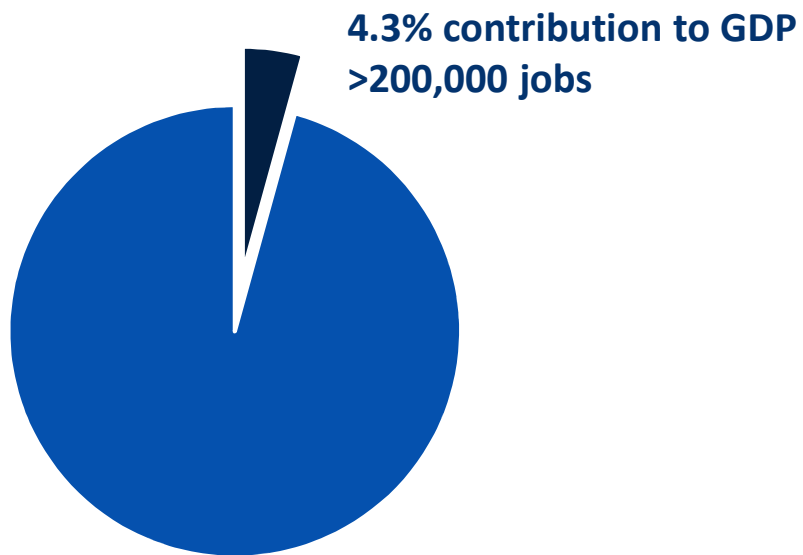
Base case forecast of South African water demand by sector



Source: Hedden and Cilliers, 2014, Parched prospects: The emerging water crisis in South Africa

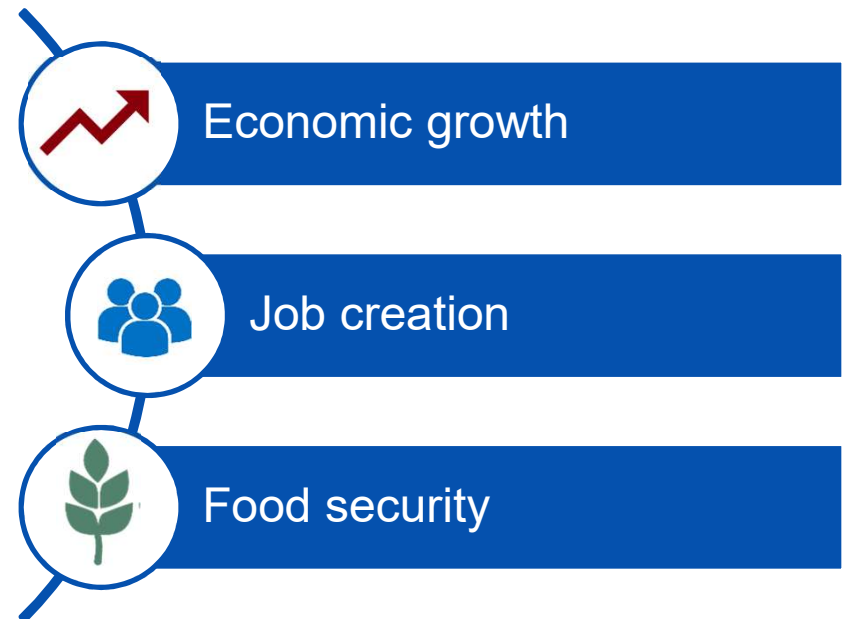
Water use in agri-processing

Agri-processing industry makes a significant contribution to the SA economy

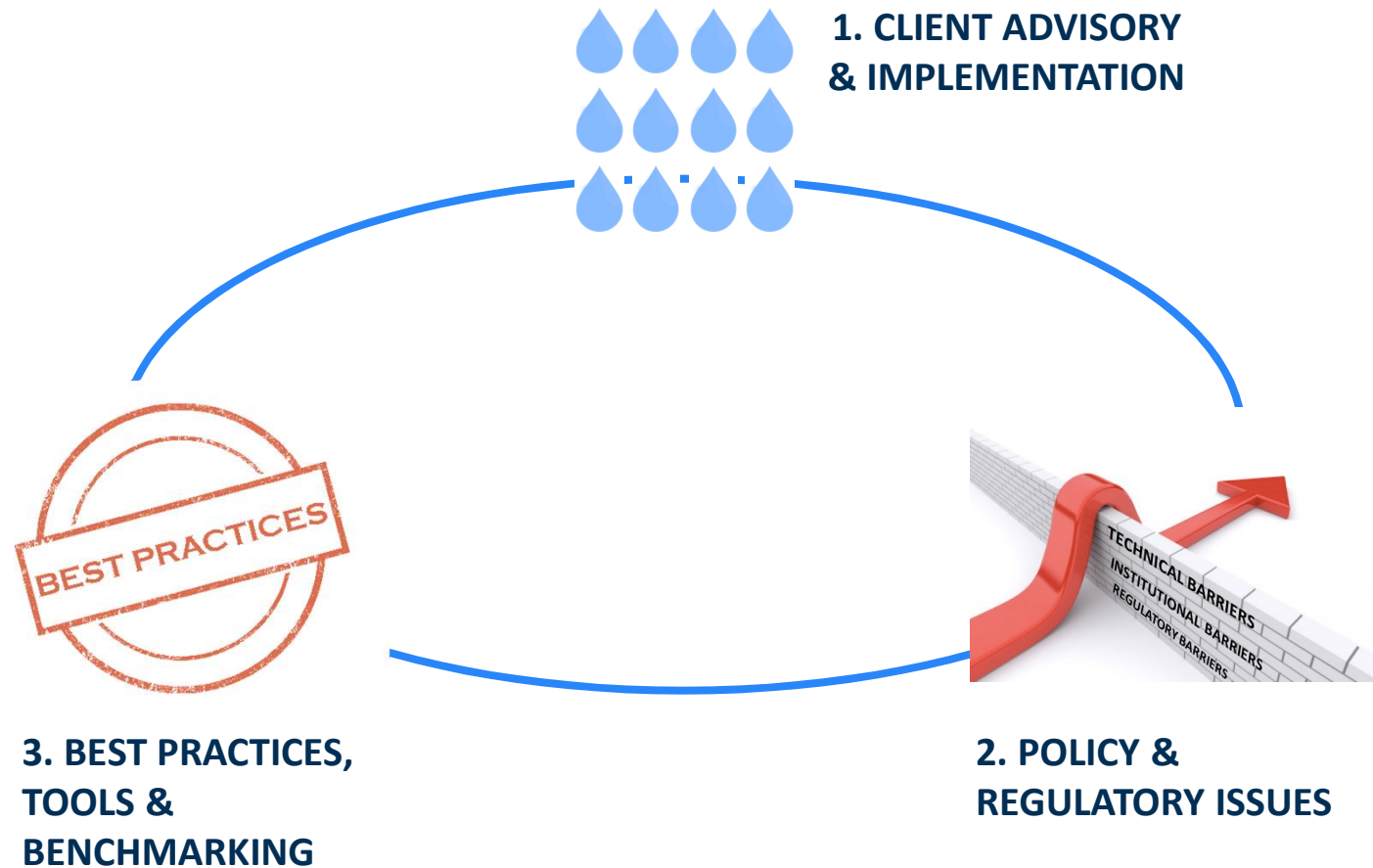


Sources: Department of Agriculture, 2017, Forestry and Fisheries, 2017, Agri-processing support, the dti, 2013, Agri-processing sector

Realization of benefits is closely tied to water availability



Resource Efficiency in Agri-Processing in South Africa: An initiative focused on water solutions



Why benchmarking?



True cost of water:

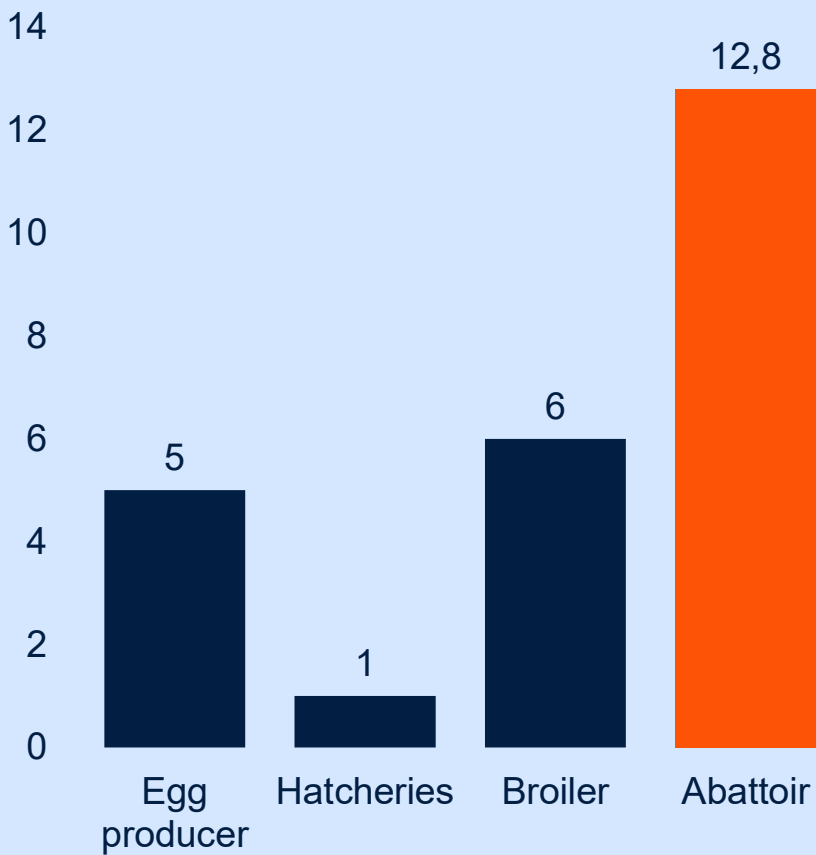
- Water treatment
- Effluent treatment and discharge
- Value of lost raw materials and product
- Pumping
- Maintenance
- Capital depreciation of equipment

Companies that adopt a systematic approach to water reduction typically achieve a 20 – 50% decrease in amount of water used.

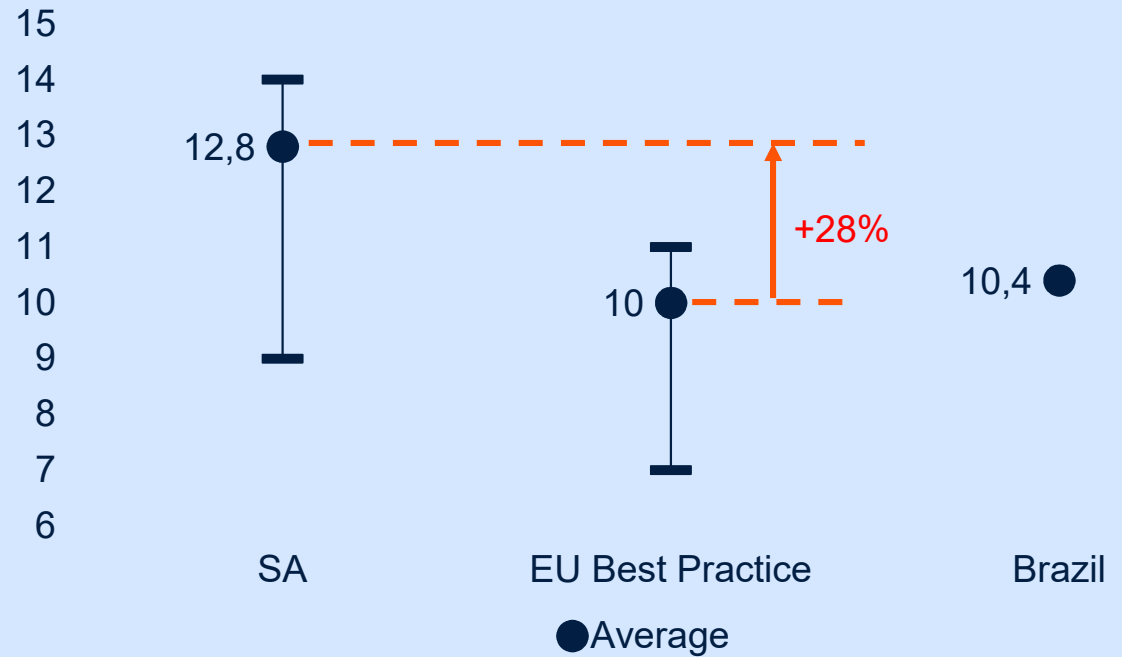
Benchmarking: Poultry



Water usage in SA Poultry Sector [ℓ/bird]



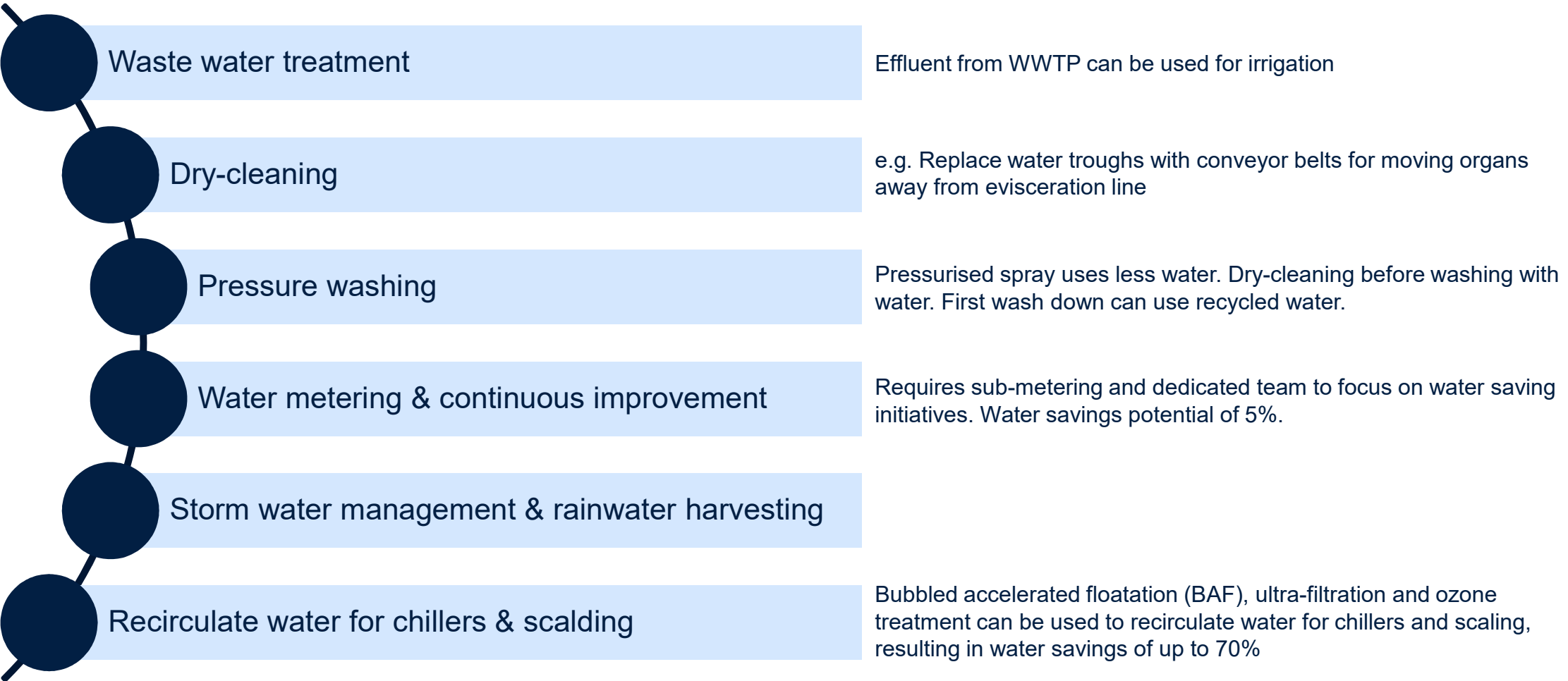
Water usage in Abattoir [ℓ/bird]



SA poultry abattoirs on average use 28% more water than EU best practices

Pocock, G. Joubert, H. (2017). *NATSURV 9: Water and waste water management in the poultry industry*, Water Research Commission
European Commission. (2005). *Integrate pollution prevention control: Reference document on best available techniques in the slaughterhouse and animal by-products industries*
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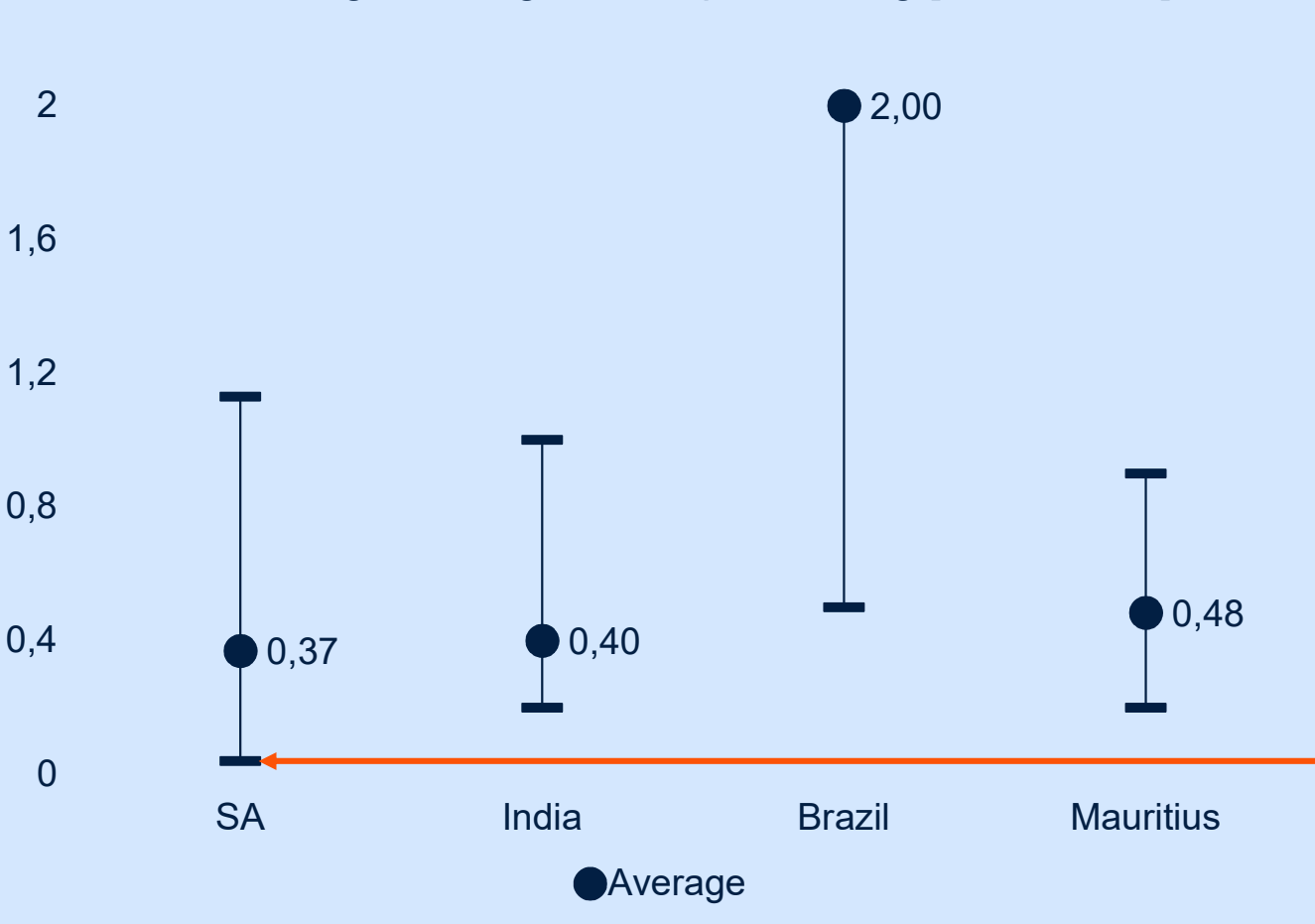
Some water-use best practices: Poultry



Benchmarking: Sugar cane processing



Water usage for sugar cane processing [kℓ/ton cane]



Water usage of sugar cane processing in SA is good on average but there are some outliers

One sugar mill in SA recorded water use of 0.04 kℓ/ton cane. This mill does not have access to river water. 50% of its water intake is from municipal potable water and therefore made a concerted effort to implement best-practice policies and water-saving infrastructure

Some water-use best practices: Sugar cane processing



Simple water-saving measures

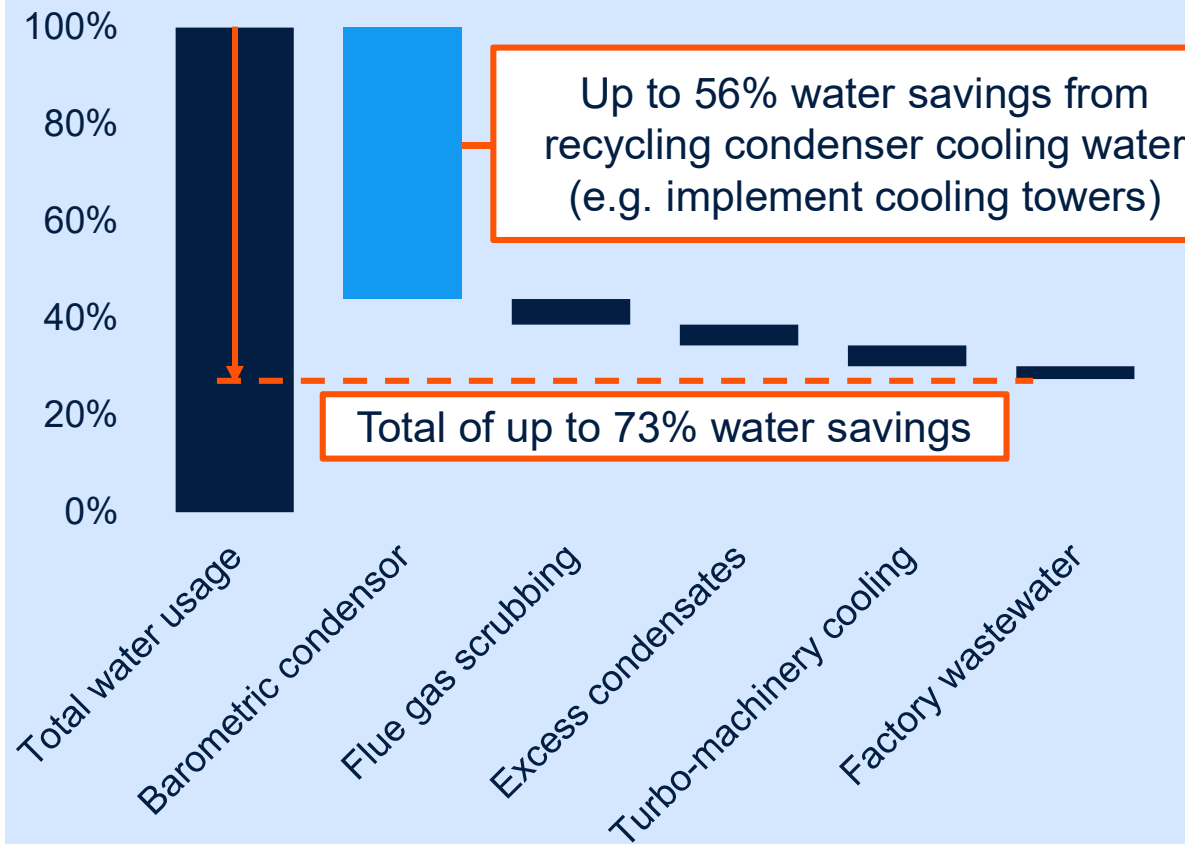
Simple equipment upgrades

Dry clean-up

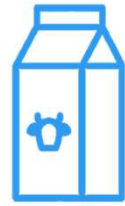
Water-use targets

Water monitoring

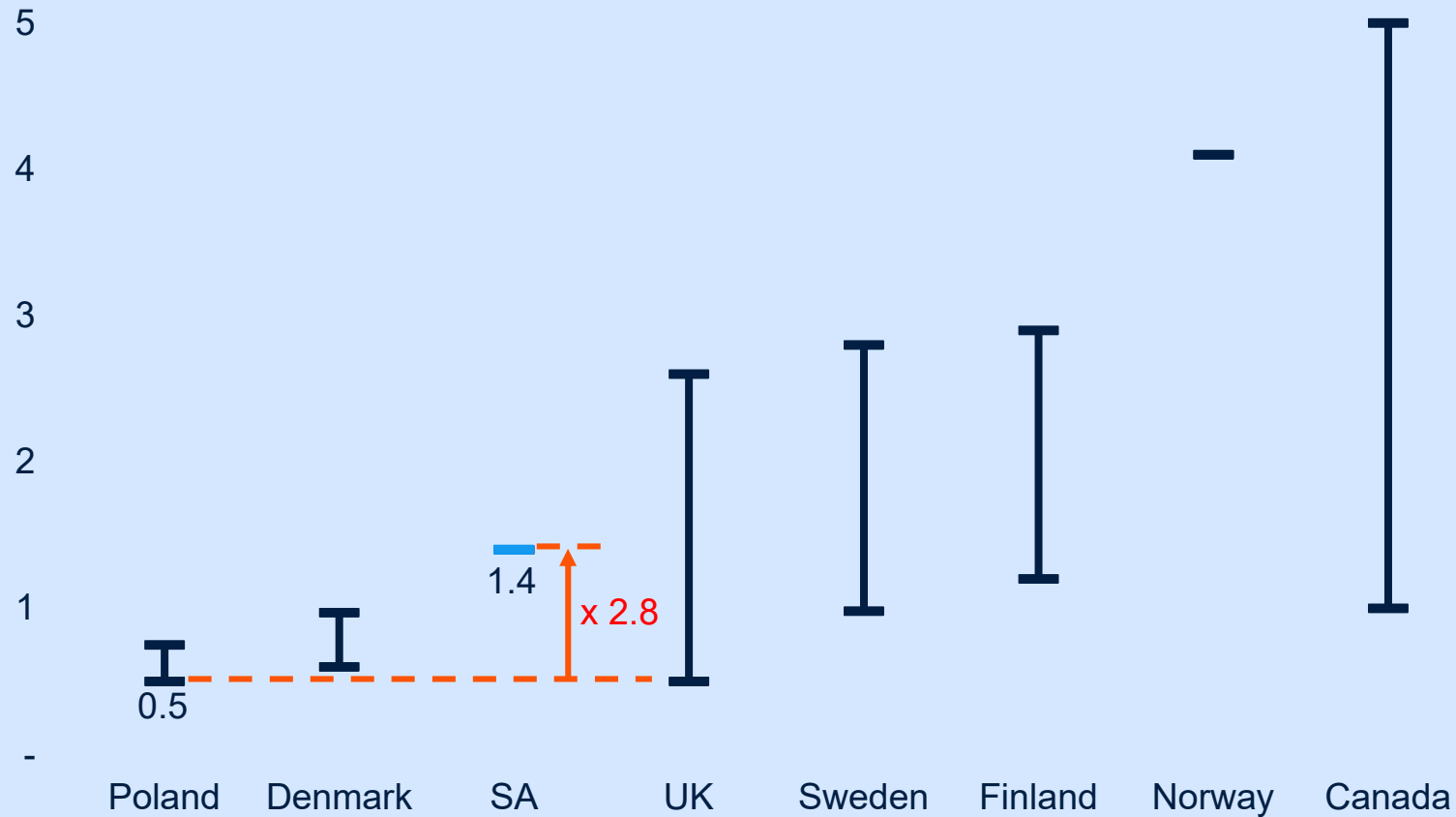
Water savings from water recycling [% of total water usage]



Benchmarking: Dairy

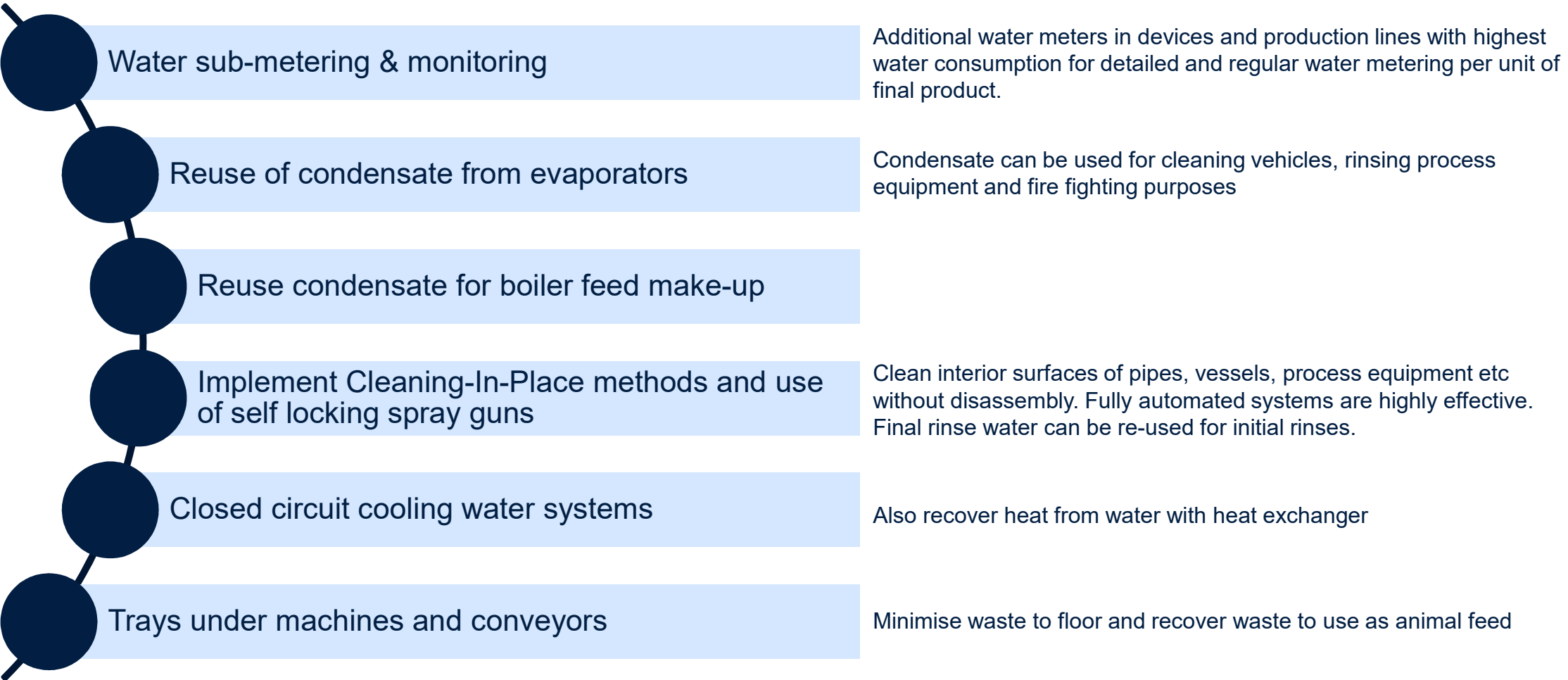


Range of water usage in dairy factories to produce milk
[ℓ water / ℓ milk]



Water use in SA dairy factories compares well to other sophisticated markets but is still 2.8 times more than the best practice

Some water-use best practices: Dairy



Sector-level initiative example: IFC food benchmarking tool

Facilitates international performance comparisons across 12 agri- and food processing subsectors

Focus on energy, water, wastewater and waste (8 key groups of indicators)

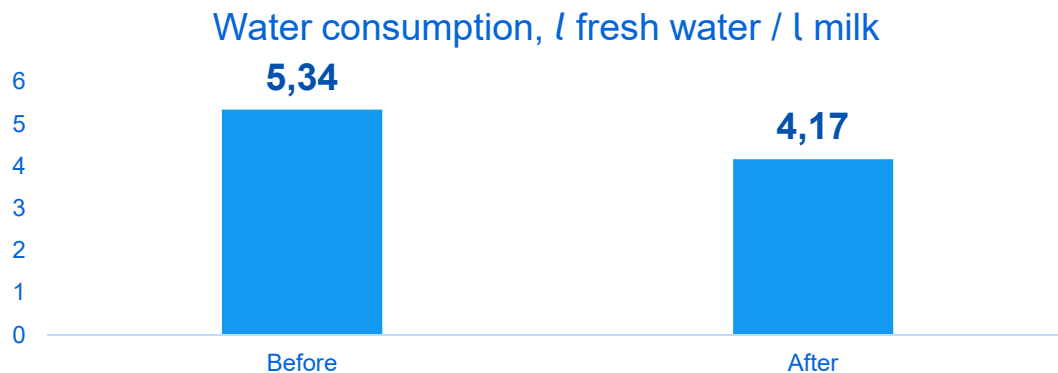
Includes data from international best practice guides, EU, US, Australia and Eastern European countries

Over 1,500 benchmarks in total across all subsectors and categories

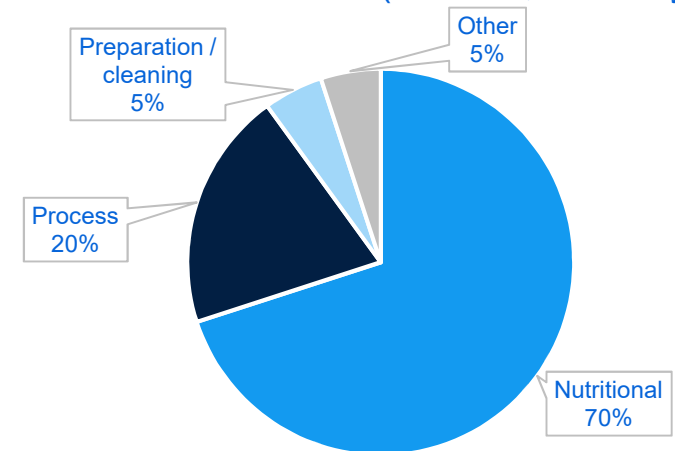
IFC Food Benchmark Tool Version 1.7													
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Benchmark Type		Sub sectors (To select benchmarks for sub sectors, place 'X' in the table below.)											
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		Meat processing	Fish processing	Fruit and vegetables processing	Milk processing	Bakeries and pasta processing	Drinks & beverages (incl. mineral & drinking water)	Sugar (beet)	Sugar (cane)	Cocoa, Coffe & Tea processing	Vegetable oils & fats manufacturing	Grain processing	Alcohol production
1	Water consumption per unit of production				x								
2	Energy consumption per unit of production												
3	Waste water generation per unit of production												
4	BOD generation per unit of production												
5	COD generation per unit of production												
6	Waste generation per unit of production												
7	Organic waste generation per unit of production												
8	Packaging waste generation per unit of production												
		Record ID	Value_low	Value_high	Benchmark unit	Production process or its part where it applies	Technology info related to benchmark	Information on measurement units	Year of publication (source)				
		4480	7.00	12	kL/kL	Total	Value_low (Best), Value_high (Worst)	Water consumption per kL of product	after 2000				
		3343	9.07	14.5152	l/kg			liter water per kg of product					
		4013	20.00		hL/hL Beer	whole process	High consumption facilities	water intake					
		4021	5.00		hL/hL Beer	whole process	Low consumption facilities	water intake					
		4026	5.30	11.9	kg/hL Beer	whole process	Not specified (typical consumption date in EU breweries)	water intake					
		4029	6.60	8.6	kg/hL Beer	whole process	Not specified (typical consumption date in EU breweries)	water intake					
		4032	5.90	11.1	kg/hL Beer	whole process	Not specified (typical consumption date in EU breweries)	water intake					
		4035	7.40	10.6	kg/hL Beer	whole process	Not specified (typical consumption date in EU breweries)	water intake					

Project example: a dairy farm in Canada

- The company: a medium-sized dairy farm
- The challenge: water scarcity risk
- Detailed water footprint assessment conducted to determine use breakdown and benchmark performance
- Limited potential to reduce nutritional water
- Projects focused on water reuse: recovery of condensate from evaporators, boilers; closed circuit cooling, change in prep/cleaning protocols
- Total savings: 6,236 m³/year (18.9%)



Water use breakdown (total: 33,000 m³/year)



Project example: a vegetable processing company in Egypt

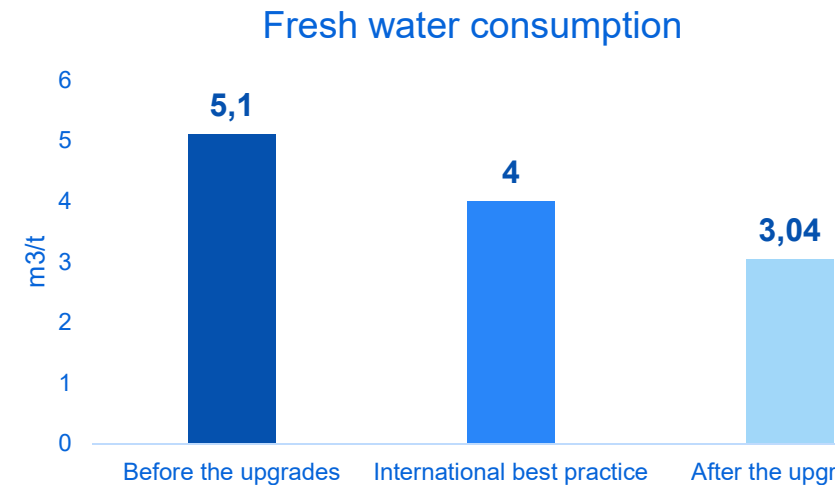
The company: a major frozen vegetable producer
Resource efficiency already a priority with the use of:

- Modern chillers
- Cooling towers
- Water-efficient washing system

The challenge: water consumption still high;
wastewater discharge putting pressure on the
sewerage system and the environment

Implemented projects:

Project	Savings
Elimination of leakages	26,000 m ³ /year
Wastewater / greywater reuse	120,000 m ³ /year



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