



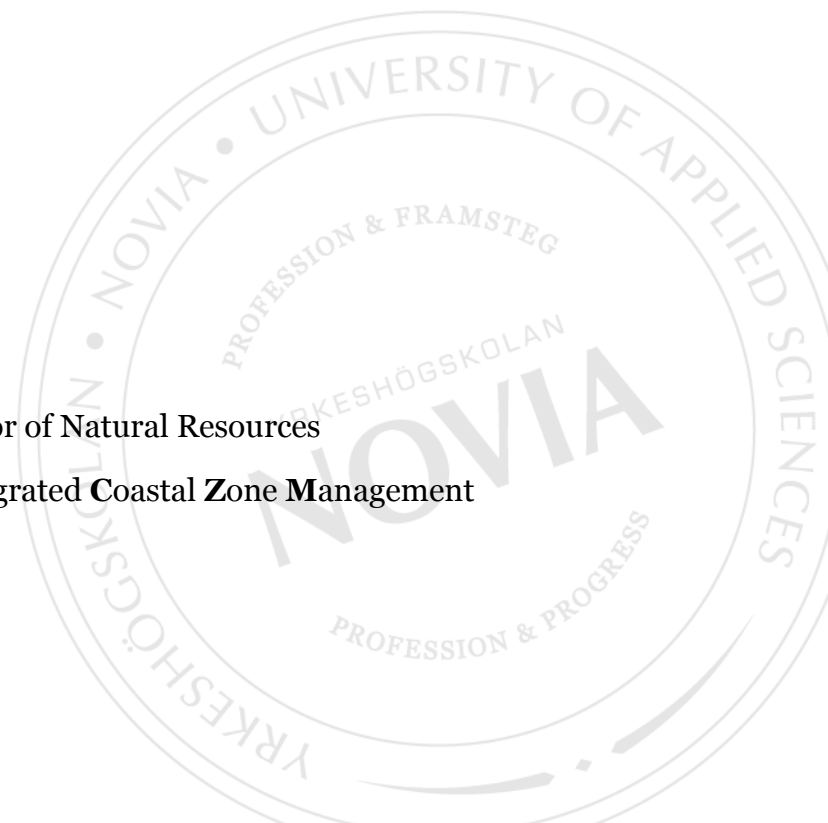
# **Assessing the Water Footprint of Tofu Produced from Organically Cultivated Crops**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study employs a comprehensive approach in analysing products' water footprint. Today, millions of people around the globe are without adequate and safe freshwater supply, which is rightly captured in the Millennium Development Goals. This phenomenon can be attributed to myriads of factors including pollution from point and diffuse sources, inadequate sanitation systems as well as climate variability. Addressing these impediments requires a holistic approach that involves not only direct water pollution of any activity or products but also the use of freshwater from the root of a product.

Semi-structured interviews, questionnaires and a number of scientific papers and reports were used to collate information. The data includes countries of origin of primary crops, soy sauce, conditions of primary crop cultivation (irrigation vs. rain-fed) as well as OY Soya AB's own production processes.

The study investigates the volume of freshwater needed to produce 270 g of tofu using organically cultivated crops. The investigations revealed, inter alia, that the indirect water footprint associated with the production of tofu contributed approx. 90 % of OY Soya AB's annual freshwater use. Averagely, 250 litres of freshwater (0.25 m<sup>3</sup>) is needed to produce a packaged tofu (270 g).

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## GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

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3Rs	Reduce, Recycle, Reuse
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
CH <sub>4</sub>	Methane
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CWR	Crop Water Requirement
CWU	Crop Water Use
EAP	Ecological Agricultural Project
EF	Ecological Footprint
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
g	Gram
GHG	Greenhouse gas
ha.	Hectare
HFCs	Hydrofluorocarbons
JOAA	Japan Organic Agricultural Association
Kg	Kilogram
KWH	Kilowatt-hour
l	Litre
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
l <sub>gp</sub>	Length of Growing Period
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic metres
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
mm	millimetre
MWH	Megawatt-hour
N <sub>2</sub> O	Nitrous Oxide
PAS2050	Publicly Available Specification 2050
PFCs	Perfluorocarbons
SF <sub>6</sub>	Sulphur hexafluoride
t	Ton
UN	United Nations

UNEP United Nations Environment Program  
WF Water Footprint  
yr Year.

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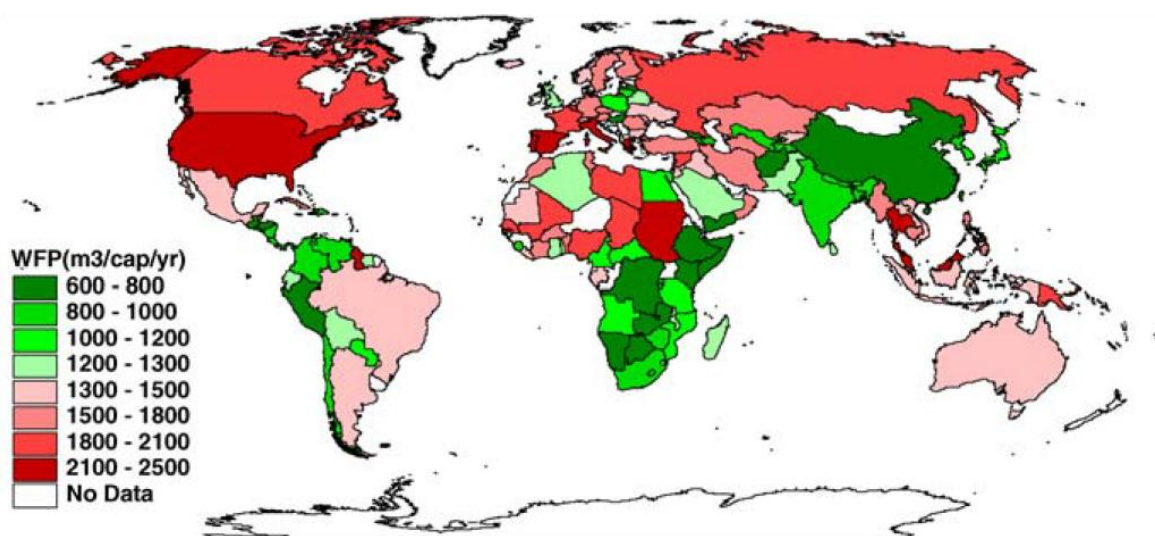
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

It is an undeniable fact that the earth is endowed with abundant water. Nevertheless, about 97.5 % of global water distributions consist of saltwater mostly found in the oceans. Freshwater, which is found in the ground, rivers and lakes, and in the permafrost of the polar caps or glaciers, represent only 2.5% of the total water on earth (Lundin, Hultman, & Eriksson, 2009). Interestingly, 69.4% of the total freshwater exists in the form of ice, and as such it is not directly accessible for the use of humanity (Lundin et. al., 2009). Meanwhile, about 99% of the remaining fresh water exists in the ground water aquifers, which indicates that the total amount of surface freshwater on earth is less than 1%. (Lundin et. al., 2009). Water distribution in the hydrosphere has been presented in **Appendix I**.

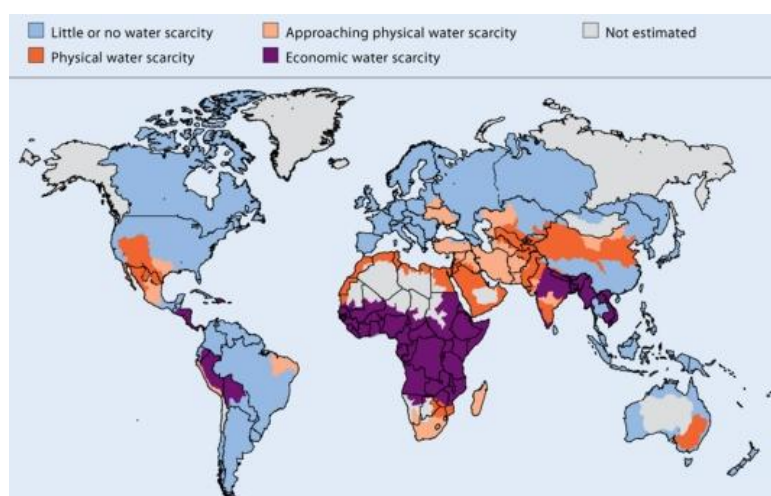
In terms of per capita, the Finnish consumer has one of the largest water footprints in Scandinavia. The water footprint of the average Finn is 1 727 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr, while the global average amounts to 1 243m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2008). The average water footprint for Swedish consumers amounts to 1 621 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr, Norwegian 1 467 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr, Danish 1 440 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr and Icelandic ones 1 327 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/yr (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2008)



**Figure 1** Nations' water footprint per capita (m<sup>3</sup>/capita/year). Green indicates nations with per capita water footprint below global average; while countries in red have per capita water footprint greater than global average (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2006).

Undoubtedly, the most common, but essential aspect of life is water. It is life, a source of poverty alleviation, development and a major tool for global peace and security. We live in an era when the global community is faced with enormous challenges to ensure adequate supply and better access to safe drinking water as well as sanitation services to billions of people. Hence, the UN's declaration of 2005-2015 "water for life" decade ;(Annan, 2005). This has been rightly captured in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and several other treaties and resolutions at global, regional and local levels such as EU Water Framework Directive, UN Convention on the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, and Nile Basin Initiative. It has been predicted that with adequate improvement in the water quality, ensuring efficiency and equitable distribution of the resource will go a long way in helping individual nations achieve their developmental targets. This will indeed lead to improving the standard of living thereby ensuring poverty alleviation. However, for better management and improved access to safe drinking water, there are myriads of tools and instruments needed by the water manager (Taylor, Gabbrielli & Holmberg, 2008).

It is equally important to understand that freshwater withdrawals have increased more than twice faster than population growth, and currently,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the global population live in countries that experience medium to high water stress especially in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (Taylor et al. 2008). Pollution is further exacerbating the problem of freshwater scarcity, reducing water usability downstream. The concerns about climate change and climate variability require punitive measures and improved management systems of water resources in order for humanity to adapt and cope with more intense droughts and floods.



**Figure 1.1** Areas with physical and economic water scarcity. Source: UNEP, 2007.

- *Little or no water scarcity: indicates areas with abundant water resources relative to use – less than 25% of water is withdrawn for human use.*
- *Physical water scarcity: more than 75% of freshwater is withdrawn for agriculture, industry and domestic purposes.*
- *Approaching physical water scarcity: more than 60% river flows are withdrawn. Areas experiencing this phenomenon will witness water scarcity in the near future.*
- *Economic water scarcity: this is associated with inadequate human, institutional and financial capital. These factors limit access to water despite the availability of the resource locally to meet human demand. Less than 25% of the water from rivers is withdrawn (UNEP, 2007).*

From a layman's perspective, however, water scarcity is directly associated with lack of drinking water (Savenije, 1998). This misconception is based on the man-freshwater relationship; as such, the reasons are not farfetched. Drinking water in terms of quantity is relatively very small. The notion which most people, including media and socio-political commentators create as the major reason for freshwater need is that of thirst. We read in the newspapers, on the internet and watch images on televisions, showing long queues of people to collect a gallon of water, or people walking long distances in search of drinking water. Of 1 243 m<sup>3</sup>/capita/year of global average, about 1 % of the total is used as drinking water; the remaining 99 % is used in the production of consumer goods and services (Chapagain & Hoekstra, 2010). Water consumption and pollution can be associated with specific activities, such as irrigation, bathing, washing, cleaning, cooling and processing (Hoekstra, Chapagain, Aldaya & Mekonnen 2009).

## **1.2 The concept of water footprint**

In 2002, Arjen Y. Hoekstra et. al., introduced the concept of water footprint, indicating the process of understanding and measuring freshwater use along the full supply chain. This idea gained widespread recognition for individuals and cooperate entities in their quest for freshwater appropriation. It is worth noting that understanding the total volume of fresh water needed to produce a given consumer goods or services is the only

way forward through which efficiency and the resource appropriation can be assured. Water footprint of a product is therefore defined as the total volume of fresh water needed to produce the product throughout the entire production chain (Hoekstra et. al., 2009).

It is imperative to note that problems associated with freshwater pollutions are not independent from activities of humankind such as agriculture, industries and households. Conventionally, government agencies and ministries responsible for water management have directed all their efforts and policies towards what could be termed as 'water users' (households' and businesses' own use of freshwater). This approach has been the tradition over the years. Invariably, the approach has limitations (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2007, 2008). The targeted scope is indeed narrow, neglecting major players of freshwater users including all business activities, retailers, traders and final consumers in the supply and production chain. This means that goods such as cotton, meat, wheat, cheese, leather, pulp, coffee, etc., which contribute significantly to water use and pollution, have been ignored in the governments' management policies. Meanwhile, global water resource use is directly linked to consumption of goods and services. In this regard, there is therefore the need for a concerted effort to integrate all stakeholders in the mitigation processes with the aim of understanding and/or identifying especially water-intensive consumer goods and services.

In view of a holistic approach towards sustainable use and management of freshwater, the 'water footprint' concept has been identified as a parameter that does not only look at the use of water from a narrow perspective but also from the point of view of the entire production chain of both direct and indirect use of freshwater (Hoekstra, 2003). In this regard, the water footprint of a country, community, organization, project or an individual is defined as the total amount of freshwater that is used to produce the goods and services consumed by the country, community, individual or produced by a business (Hoekstra et. al., 2009).

Global freshwater distribution has both a spatial and a temporal dimension; thus, freshwater availability is directly dependent on time and place. The distribution is accessed and measured in terms of space (place or geographic location) and time (the period of access and measurement) (Hoekstra et. al., 2009). In this sense, the measurement of water footprint is expressed in terms of freshwater volumes consumed (evaporated) and/or polluted per unit of time. This means that the water footprint does

not only show the volume of freshwater used or polluted, but also includes the locations where the water was extracted from. This process can be used to calculate water footprint for any well-defined group of producers (e.g. public organization, private enterprise or economic sector) or consumers (e.g. an individual, family, village, city, province, nation or state). The water footprint of a product is therefore defined as the total volume of fresh water used to produce the product, measured at a place where the product is actually produced and including the whole production chain (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2009).

### 1.3 Components of water footprint

Unlike ecological footprint (Box 1) which has six components (built up lands, grazing land, forest land, fishing grounds, crop land, and carbon sinks) and carbon footprint (Box 2) which also has six components, otherwise known as ‘Kyoto basket of six’ (carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), water footprint can only boast of three components; thus, blue, green and grey water footprints (Wackernagel, 2010, GHG Protocol, 2011 & Hoekstra, 2009).

#### **Box 1** *Components of Ecological Footprint*

Ecological Footprint (EF) analysis is a method of calculating society’s use of nature’s assets (Wackernagel, 2010). It compares humanity’s EF (the demand our consumption of consumer goods and services places on the biosphere) with biocapacity (the biosphere’s ability to respond and meet these demands), this analysis in a way provides a kind of statement of account for the planet (Wackernagel, 2010). EF encompasses six components: 1- Built-up land; 2- Carbon uptake land; 3- Cropland; 4- Grazing land; 5- Forest; 6- Fishing ground (Global footprint Network, 2009). It is indeed disturbing to understand that, today, less than 20% of global population live in the countries whose ecosystems can absorb their emissions greenhouse gases comparative to 1960s (Wackernagel, 2010). Statistics show that, humanity is using resources and turning them into wastes faster than the earth’s living systems can absorb. The results of 2006 of global EF show that, our footprint now overshoots biocapacity by 41% (Wackernagel, 2010). This indicates, inter alia, that the planet living systems need to grow for about a year and five months to meet the demand we are placing on them in a single year (Wackernagel, 2010). In *Herman Daly’s* words “we are going to have to think of ourselves as a subsystem, part of the natural world and that we depend upon it in two ways: we’ll have to take from the natural world resources at a rate at which the natural world can regenerate and we’ll have to throw back the wastes from using those natural resources at a rate the natural world can assimilate”.

### 1.3.1 Blue water footprint

The blue water footprint refers to the volume of groundwater or fresh surface water consumed per unit of time or per product unit (Hoekstra, 2009). The process of water footprint is usually expressed in water volume per unit of time. However, when it is divided by the quantity of products that resulted from the process, it is then expressed as water volume per product unit. The most common term in blue water footprint is ‘consumptive water use’ which refers to one of the following:

- Water evaporates or transpires through plants’ stomata;
- Water is embedded or incorporated in the product (virtual water);
- Water does not return to the same catchment area from where it has been extracted, but seldom it returns to a different catchment area or sea;
- Water does not return in the same period as it was extracted, for instance, it is withdrawn in dry season and returned in rain or wet season (Hoekstra, 2009).

Of all the four components of blue water stated above, the first, evaporation is by far the most significant in a water footprint of a product. Hence, the common use of the term ‘consumptive water use’ in relation to blue water footprint. Nevertheless, the remaining three components should be given much attention when dealing with specific cases such as water footprint of a nation or water footprint of national consumption. These two cases require adequate consideration of spatiotemporal explication of water footprint analysis. For instance, assessing water footprint for Ghana during the rainy season will differ significantly from the assessment conducted in dry season. It is important to understand that ‘consumptive water use’ does not necessarily mean that the water has disappeared in the system; it is always returned into the hydrological system in one form or another. Even the water we drink returns into the system in a different form. However, the question of its returning into the system at the same period and/or to the same area from where it has been withdrawn is what we need to find out.

It is equally necessary to understand that the amount of water that recharges groundwater aquifers and fresh water that flows through a river is not equally available at all times. These waters are used in agricultural activities for irrigation, households and industrial purposes. Water is indeed a renewable resource. However, its availability is limited (Hoekstra et al., 2009). In dry periods for example, one cannot consume more water than is available (Hoekstra, 2009). Therefore, the blue water footprint measures

the amount of available water in a certain period that is used or consumed (i.e. not immediately returned within the same catchment area). By this process, it provides the total amount of water consumed by humankind. The unused groundwater and fresh surface water flows are therefore left to sustain ecosystems.

The blue water footprint in the process step is calculated as:

$$WF_{proc, blue} = BlueWaterEvaporation + BlueWaterIncorporation + LostReturnflow$$

### 1.3.2 Green water footprint

Green water refers to part of the precipitation (rain) that does not run off or recharge groundwater but stays in soil or vegetation (Hoekstra, 2009). Subsequently, this part of precipitation evaporates or transpires through plants' stomata. It is important to note that, not all precipitation is absorbed by plants, but a significant amount of the total precipitation returns into the hydrological system, and there will always be evaporation from the soil. Furthermore, crop water needs are not the same in all periods of the year (Hoekstra, 2009).

The green water footprint can, therefore, be defined as the total volume of rain water consumed during the production process. This is primarily relevant in agriculture and forestry-based products (thus, products based on crops or wood) (Hoekstra, 2009). The green water footprint is actually the total rain water evapotranspiration (from fields and plantations) plus water embedded into the harvested crop or wood (Hoekstra, 2009). Therefore, the green water footprint in the process step is illustrated as:

$$WF_{proc, green} = GreenWaterEvaporation + GreenWaterIncorporation$$

It is important to acknowledge that, there is a significant difference between blue and green water footprints as far as their economic and social impacts are concerned. The social and economic impacts of rain water on vegetation differ significantly from the impacts of irrigation using surface water nearby, especially in dry seasons (Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2008). It is important to understand that for instance, for a community in northern Ghana whose livelihood depends on a nearby river or stream, it will be a catastrophic move for a farmer or group of farmers to go into massive irrigational agriculture during the dry season. However, socioeconomic impacts on the said



community cannot be the same if the activity takes place in the rainy season. Indeed, there will be supplementary green water for the crops as well as enough flow of the surface water (river). In the measurement of green water consumption, a set of empirical formulae or crop models are used to estimate the evapotranspiration based on climate, soil and crop characteristics data (Hoekstra, 2009).

### 1.3.3 Grey water footprint

The final component of water footprint is associated with what is commonly known as grey water footprint. The process step of this component indicates the degree of freshwater pollution that is associated with the production process of consumer goods and services stemming from the production chain. It is defined as the volume of freshwater that is required to assimilate the load of pollutants based on the existing ambient water quality standards (Hoekstra, 2009).

It is important to note that, once a pollutant gets into a freshwater body (either groundwater or surface freshwater); it is difficult, if not impossible, to extract or remove the pollutant. For instance, we can assume without admitting that if 50 000 kg of nitrate enters River Volta in Ghana, West Africa, due to massive application of nitrogen-based fertilizers within the catchment areas, it will be practically impossible to remove this pollutant (nitrate) from the river. What is required is extra freshwater from the main source of River Volta or from various tributaries or even precipitation to dilute the pollutants in the river. The grey water footprint is then calculated as the volume of fresh water that is required to dilute pollutants to such an extent that the quality of the ambient water remains above agreed water quality standards (Hoekstra, 2009). The grey water footprint can therefore be said to indicate the requirement of dilution water. It is an indicator of pollution; therefore, to have very low, if not nil of grey water footprint, it is important to drastically if not totally eradicate pollutants in water bodies.

The grey water footprint is calculated by dividing the total load of pollutant ( $L$ , in mass/time) by the difference between the ambient water quality standard for that pollutant (the maximum acceptable concentration  $C_{max}$ , in mass/volume) and its natural concentration in the receiving water body ( $C_{nat}$ , in mass/volume) (Hoekstra, 2009). This is illustrated as:

$$WF_{proc, grey} = \frac{L}{C_{max} - C_{nat}}$$

However, it is imperative to note that when chemicals are directly discharged into a surface water body, the total amount of load applied can be directly quantified. For instance, if 50 kg of a nitrogen-based fertilizer is applied on an agricultural field, it is then known that 50 kg of fertilizer has been applied. However, it is not all the 50 kg of the fertilizer that will pollute the surface fresh water through run-off, or ground water through leaching. It has been estimated that only 10 % of an applied unit of a nitrogen-based fertilizer pollutes the blue water (Aldaya & Hoekstra, 2010). In this case, the pollutant load is the fraction of the total amount of chemicals applied that reaches the ground or surface water (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

In the formula above, the natural concentration ( $C_{nat}$ ) in receiving water body represents the concentration that would occur in the absence of human interference in a given catchment area (Hoekstra et al., 2009). In Sweden for instance, the maximum acceptable nitrate concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) in freshwater is 50 mg/litre (Lundin et. al., 2009). However, it is possible to have an ambient water quality ( $C_{nat}$ ) higher than the maximum allowable concentration set by policy-makers to for instance 35 mg/litre. It is, therefore, paramount to make reference to the natural concentration in the fact that the grey water footprint is an indicator of appropriate assimilation or dilution capacity. This assimilation capacity of a receiving water body depends on the difference between the maximum allowable and the natural concentration of a substance (Hoekstra et al., 2009). It is also important to consider the fact that pollution and concentration in a receiving water body is not constant over time as such, it changes with the change in magnitude of chemical application. Predictably, one can expect that massive application of nitrogen-based fertilizer will invariably result in high concentration of nitrate in water bodies nearby. However, the question that arises will be whether the assimilation capacity could cope with a period of higher concentration which is obviously changing all the time.

The critical load ( $L_{crit}$ , in mass/time) is the load of pollutants that will fully overwhelm the assimilation capacity of the receiving water body (Hoekstra et al., 2009). It can be calculated by multiplying the runoff of the water body ( $R$ , in volume/time) by the

difference between the maximum acceptable and natural concentrations (Hoekstra et al., 2009). This can be illustrated as follows:

$$L_{crit} = R \times (C_{max} - C_{nat})$$

The two equations above have one thing in common; both assume that, the decay of a pollutant or substance is negligible in a short of period. This indicates that a load given at a certain point in time will invariably and immediately result in raising the concentrations in a receiving water body. When the load into a flowing water body reaches the critical load, the grey water footprint will be equal to the runoff, which also indicates that a full runoff is needed for the assimilation of pollutants (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

In the likely event that pollutants are an integral part of an effluent discharge into a freshwater body, the pollutant load can be calculated as the effluent volume ( $E_{effl}$ , in volume/time) multiplied by the difference between the concentration of the pollutant in the effluent ( $C_{effl}$ , in mass/volume) and its natural concentration in the receiving water body ( $C_{nat}$ , in mass/volume) (Hoekstra et al., 2009). The grey water footprint can be calculated as follows:

$$WF_{proc, grey} = \frac{L}{C_{max} - C_{nat}} = \frac{E_{effl} \times (C_{effl} - C_{nat})}{C_{max} - C_{nat}}$$

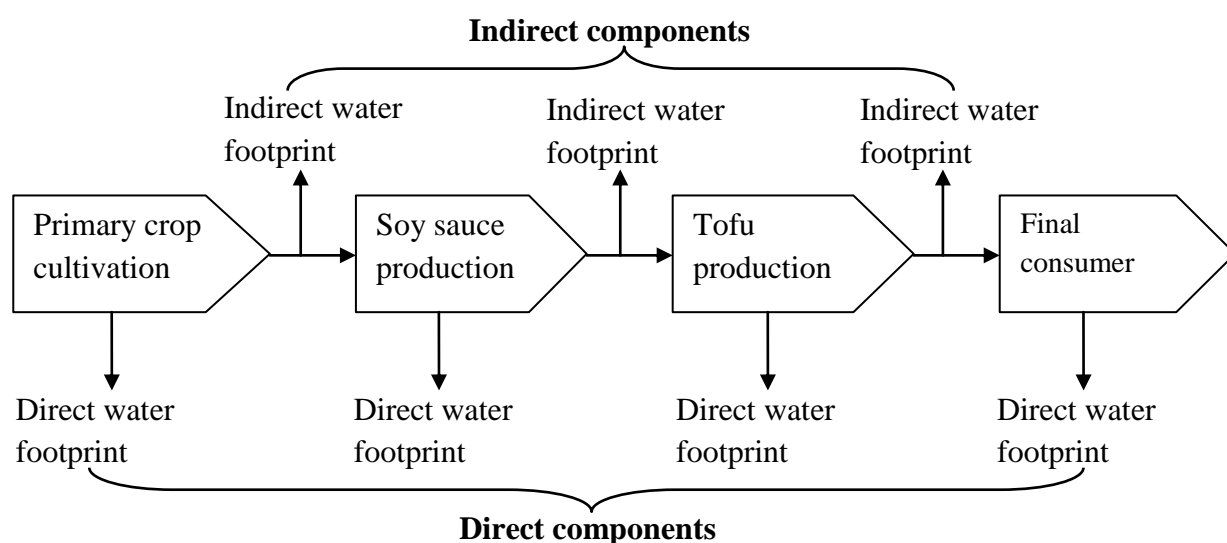
where  $L$  represent load of pollutants in a given water body.

#### 1.4 The scope of water footprint

Both carbon footprint and water footprint are complementary tools needed to ensure sustainability in natural resource use (Hoekstra, 2009). However, while carbon footprint accounting involves flexibility with regard to the scope (scopes 1 & 2 are mandatory; scope 3 is voluntary), a general recommendation concerning water footprint is to include both scopes (direct and indirect) in a given water footprint measurement (Hoekstra et al., 2009). By calculating only their direct water footprint, consumers will invariably neglect the fact that the largest proportion of part of their water use is associated with products they buy, not the products they process by themselves at home (Hoekstra et al., 2009)

## Box 2 The scopes of corporate carbon footprint.

A carbon footprint is the total emissions of carbon dioxide and its equivalents of other green house gases (GHGs) for a defined system or activity (Adam, 2008). In corporate carbon footprint measurements, three ‘scopes’ have been defined (PAS 2050, 2008). Scope 1 refers to the accounting of ‘direct’ GHG emissions which occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the company. Example: owned combustion sources, site own vehicles, on-site electrical generation, Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) losses from owned refrigeration equipments, emissions from chemical production in owned or controlled process equipment etc. Scope 2 refers to measurements of ‘indirect’ GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the company; it could be steamed or high temperature hot water, it could be negative (e.g. electricity from landfill gas). Scope 3 refers to other indirect GHG emissions which are as a result of activities of the company, but occur from outside the control and not owned by the company. Example: transportation of purchased material or goods, employee business travel, employee commuting impacts, outsourced work, transportation of waste, vegetation and trees, transportation of purchased fuel, use of sold products and services, etc. Whereas in carbon footprint ‘scope 3’ is not mandatory in corporate accounting, water footprint of a consumer or producer incorporate both direct and indirect water use. This means that, without specification, the term water footprint refers to the sum of direct and indirect water use. It is important to note that the distinction between scopes 2 and 3 in carbon footprint accounting is not useful in the case of water footprint analysis (Hoekstra et al., 2009). Thus, in water footprint, there are only two ‘scopes’: ‘direct’ and ‘indirect’ water footprints.



**Figure 1.2** Direct and indirect water footprint in the production chain of tofu (Hoekstra et al., 2009)

Analysis has shown that, for most businesses, the water footprint in the supply chain is much bigger than the water footprint of their own operations. Therefore, strategic measures to ensure improvements in the efficient and prudent operational water use will be more cost-effective in the whole production chain (direct and indirect water footprints) than in their own operations only (direct water footprint) (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

### **1.5 WF of a nation vs. WF of national consumption**

To better understand the importance of encompassing both direct and indirect water footprint of a given product or process, it is important to briefly discuss the water footprint of a nation, and water footprint of national consumption. These are two different but identical scenarios necessary to ensure water dependency and sustainability of imports and exports of consumer goods and services.

The ‘water footprint within a nation’ refers to the total freshwater volume consumed or polluted within the territory of a nation (Hoekstra et al., 2009). It does not only include water used for making products consumed domestically, but also export products. This, however, differs significantly from ‘water footprint of national consumption’, which refers to the total amount of water that is used to produce the goods and services consumed by the inhabitants of the nation (Hoekstra et al., 2009). It refers to both water used to domestically produced consumer goods and services, and water used to produce imported consumer goods and services in other countries (outside the territory of the nation) (Hoekstra et al., 2009). The water footprint of national consumption thus includes both internal and external components. This holistic analysis of water footprint is very vital in the presentation of national consumption of consumer goods and services to the effect that, in considering water management strategies, efficiency and sustainability, one will not only consider the water use within the nation (direct) but also take into account the water use outside the territory of the nation (indirect). Considering the water footprint within the nation is sufficient when the interest lies with the use of domestic water resources only (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

## **2 AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The aim of this study is to quantify freshwater used to produce 270 g of *tofu* from both direct and indirect use of freshwater in the production chain of a given product. This is in line with the OY Soya AB’s ‘Corporate Social Responsibility’ through the following objectives:

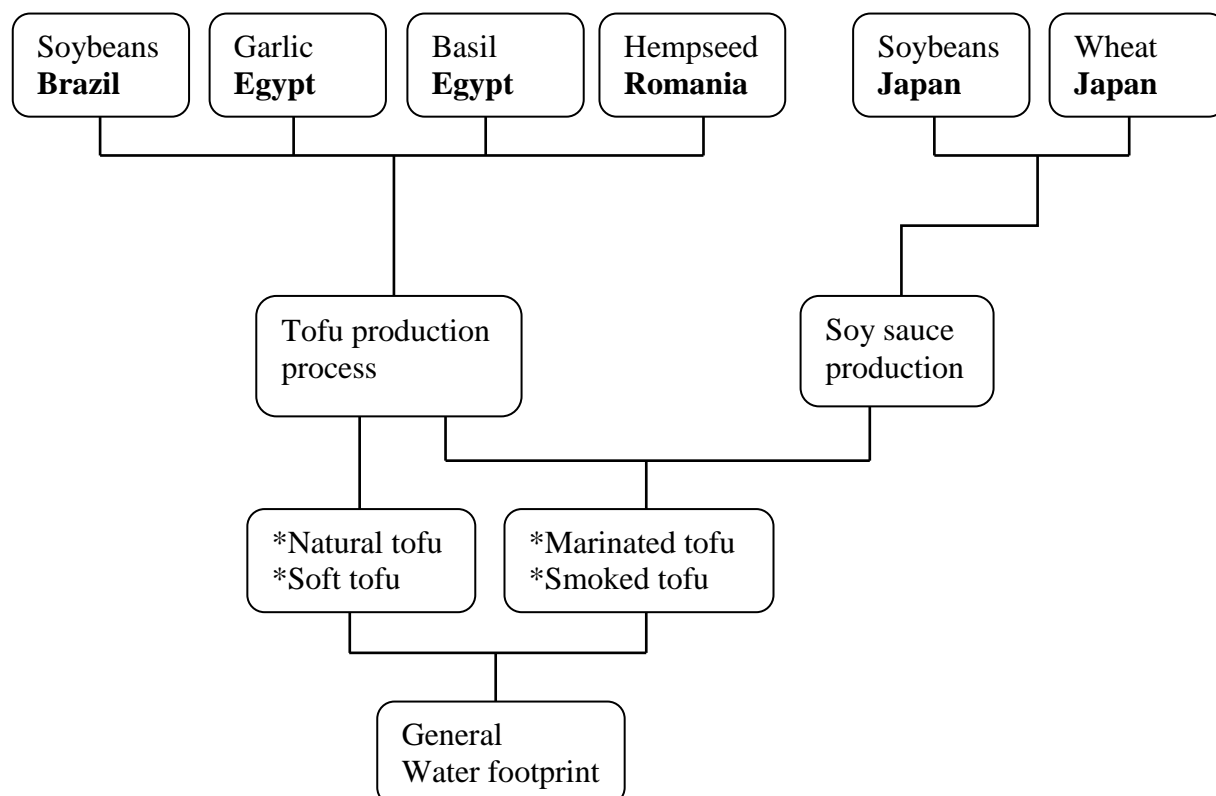
- elaborate the general concept of water footprint
- quantify total fresh water used in the cultivation of primary crops
- estimate amount of fresh water (in m<sup>3</sup>) used to produce 8000 litres of soy sauce
- quantify how much water is used in the processing of primary crops and

- to quantify the average water footprint per package tofu (270 g).

## 2.1 The system boundary

In defining the scope of this study, all raw materials as well as activities that might contribute significantly (more than one per cent) were integrated in the overall water footprint of tofu. On the basis of this, the analysis focuses on all primary crops and their corresponding water requirements as well as tofu production process.

It is important to note that the water footprint concept is still evolving as such, information on water use for some consumer goods and services such as energy were very limited at the time of this study. This problem could further be exacerbated when the energy used in the production process comes from different sources (e.g. Combined Heat and Power, Geothermal, Hydroelectricity, Coal, Peat, Boilers etc.). The flowchart below illustrates schematically the system boundary:



**Figure 2.1** Info graph of the system boundary.

### 3 MATERIAL AND METHOD

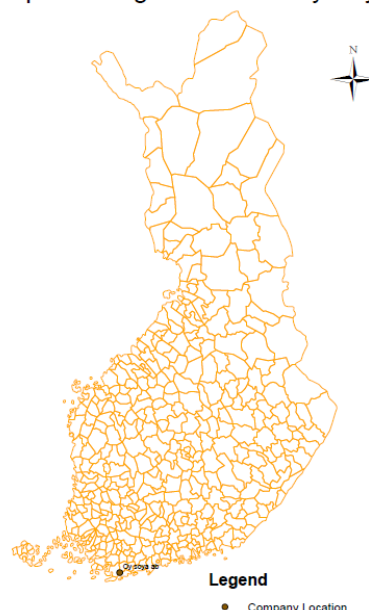
Semi-structured face-to-face interview was used to sample information from the management of OY Soya AB. These include sources of primary crops, soy sauce and the company's own production processes. A questionnaire was also sent to some of the producers of primary crops to ascertain under which conditions (irrigation/rain fed) the products were produced. A series of scientific papers and reports were also used in this study. The questionnaire to the management of OY Soya AB can be found under **Appendix II**.

To facilitate easy quantification and water footprint analysis of the products, the study focused on 2009 data of the company. This includes total purchase of all ingredients, number of production days, types of production lines, number of packages produced per day, average weight per package as well as information regarding production process.

#### 3.1 About OY Soya AB

OY Soya AB is relatively small company with 11 employees. It is located in the southwestern part of Finland, about 6 km from the town of Ekenäs (Tammisaari in Finnish). The company was established in 1989 with the primary aim of producing *tofu* from organically cultivated crops. The module operandi of the company, producing a high quality product without compromising the environmental quality, placed them on a solid foundation at a time when certifications of fair trade have not been consulted. The study is considering activities of the company based on 2009 data. This is to establish a benchmark regarding the water footprint of the product upon which improvement strategies could be introduced.

Map Showing Location of Oy Soya AB



**Figure 3.1** (a): Picture of Oy Soya Ab. Photo: Ilyass Usman (2010) (b): Location

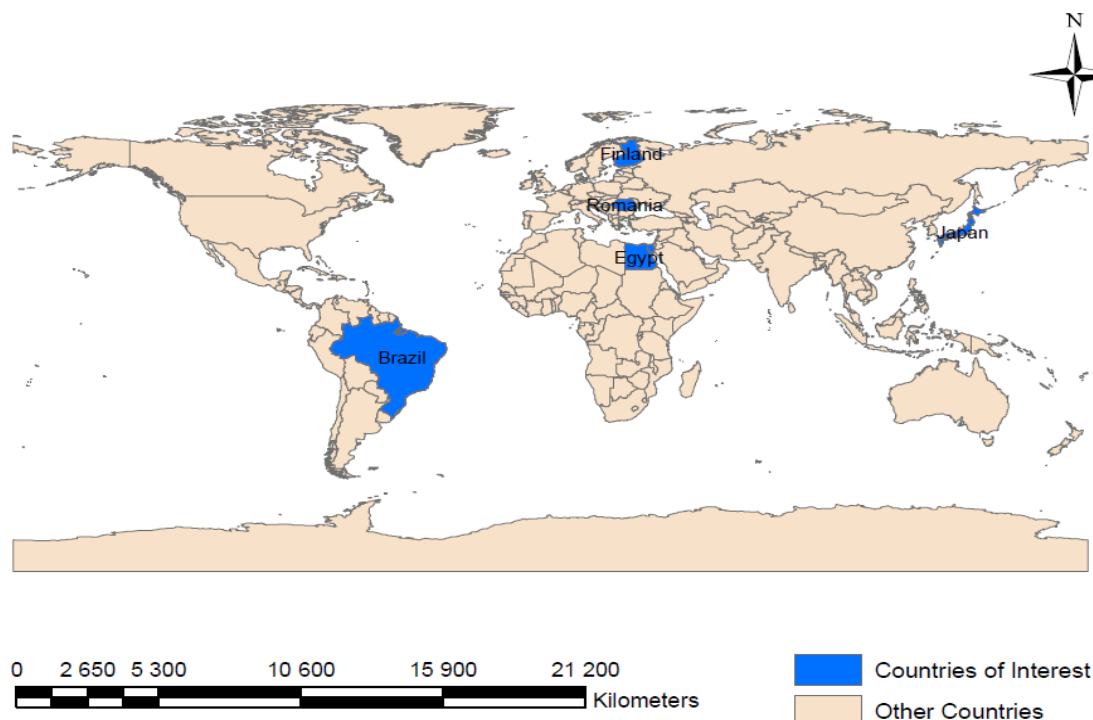
Detail studies have been conducted on the water footprint of different products, including bio-ethanol, biodiesel, pasta and pizza, rice, coffee, tea (Chapagain & Hoekstra, 2010). However, this study addresses specific products not studied before; *tofu*. The study focuses on Brazil, Japan, Romania and Egypt, where the primary products are imported from, as well as Finland where processing and consumption takes place.

**Table 3.1** Total purchase of primary crops and soy sauce in 2009

Primary crop/product	Country of origin	Quantity purchased (t/year)	Source of information
Soybeans	Brazil	132	Atte Lönn of marketing department of Oy Soya Ab.
Garlic	Egypt	0.36	Atte Lönn of marketing department of Oy Soya Ab.
Basil	Egypt	0.18	Atte Lönn of marketing department of Oy Soya Ab.
Hempseeds	Romania	2.1	Atte Lönn of marketing department of Oy Soya Ab.
Soy sauce	Japan	8000 (litres)	Atte Lönn of marketing department of Oy Soya Ab.



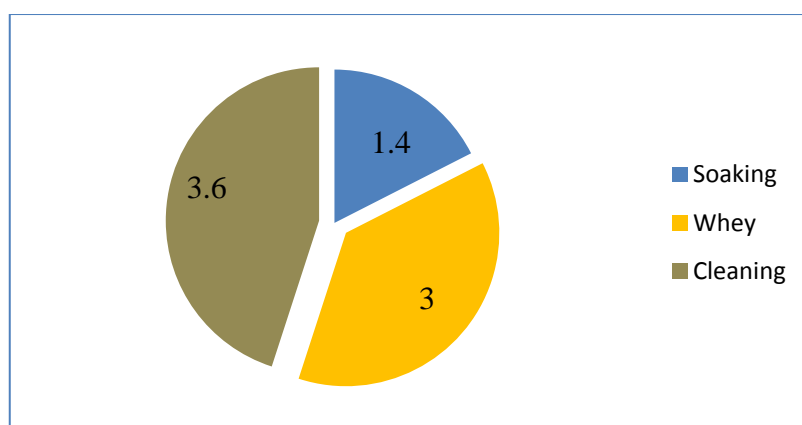
## Map Showing Countries of Primary Crops



**Figure 3.2** *Geographic locations of origin of crops under investigation*

### 3.1.1 Source of freshwater

The company uses ground water for their operations. For this, they used water pumps which they installed within the parameters of the company for the withdrawal. On an average, the company uses 8 m<sup>3</sup> (8 000 litres) of freshwater per day. This includes water used for soaking soybeans, whey water which results from crushed soybeans, and water used for cleaning tubes and general utensils.



**Figure 3.3** *Daily water footprint (m<sup>3</sup>) of the activities of OY Soya AB.*

### 3.1.2 Production days per year (2009)

According to the management of OY Soya AB, active production takes place during four days per week, Mondays to Thursdays. This gives rise to 16 days in a month. It is also important to note that there are also national holidays which are enjoyed by all people in Finland and the management of Oy Soya AB is not different. On the basis of this, the study considered 200 working days per year (2009) in the analysis. Therefore, we multiply 8 m<sup>3</sup>/day by 200 working days. This yields us a total freshwater use for processing primary crops of 1 600 m<sup>3</sup> in 2009.

### 3.1.3 Production lines and volumes

On the average, 22 sacks of soybeans are processed per day, of which a sack weighs 30 kg. Therefore, about 660 kg of soybeans are processed per day. Approximately 510 kg of tofu are derived from processing 660 kg of soybeans, while Okara (chaff of soybeans) takes the rest of the fraction (150kg). A total of 3000 packages are produced per day with each package weighing 270 g (0.27 kg). At the time of this study the company engages in the production of four different brands of tofu in appropriate packages:



**Figure 3.4** The production brands of tofu. Photo: Oy Soya Ab

However, about 13% of total productions in 2009 which include all the above production lines were wasted, chiefly due to product development (PD) and testing to improve production lines which inevitably result in faulty packaging and leakages. In this regard, the study has also considered water footprint for wasted tofu. The most significant difference between the four product lines from the perspective of this study is the integration of soy sauce, which is included only in marinated and smoked tofu.

**Table 3.2** *Production line and volume of tofu produced in 2009*

<b>Product</b>	<b>Packages</b>	<b>% share</b>	<b>Source of information</b>
Marinated	160354	27	Atte Lönn of Oy Soya Ab.
Smoked	108136	18	Atte Lönn of Oy Soya Ab.
Natural	205884	35	Atte Lönn of Oy Soya Ab.
Soft	45017	8	Atte Lönn of Oy Soya Ab.
Wasted & PD	75000	13	Atte Lönn of Oy Soya Ab.
<b>Total</b>	<b>594391</b>	<b>100</b>	

The 8 000 litres of soy sauce were distributed on a proportional basis between marinated and smoked tofu. Indeed, the distribution can be influenced by the volume of the production line. Therefore, a production line with relatively high volume in terms of packages can have a reciprocal large share of soy sauce.

It is also important to note that not all the wasted tofu has the inclusion of soy sauce. The calculations were therefore based on the assumption that the contribution of each of the production lines to the wasted tofu will be proportional to the production volume per production line. This means that a production line with relatively high volume will have a higher fraction of the wasted tofu and vice versa. In this regard, a total of 628 m<sup>3</sup> of water was wasted, representing 22 % of soy sauce WF of combined volume of marinated and smoked tofu (fig.4.3 A). Soy sauce distribution per PL was calculated based on the proportional contribution to the overall production and reciprocal contributions to the waster fraction (Table 3.3). By computation, a total of 402 litres, which represent 5% of purchased soy sauce (8000 litres), was wasted (fig. 4.3 B).

**Table 3.3** *Share of soy sauce in the production line, 2009*

<b>Share of soy sauce per product lines (pl)</b>	<b>Package/yr, 2009</b>	<b>Share (l)/pl</b>	<b>% share S. Sauce</b>
Marinated	160354	4542	57
Smoked	108136	3056	38
Soft	45017	0	0
Natural	205884	0	0
Wasted & PD	75000	402	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>594391</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>100</b>

## 3.2 Primary crops

First of all, the study analysed per country the water footprints of the four primary crops: Soybeans (FAO crop code 236), garlic (FAO crop code 406), basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) and hempseed (FAO crop code 336) as well as water footprint associated with the production of soy sauce in Japan (wheat – FAO crop code of 15, and soybeans).

In this study, the water footprint calculations of the primary crops were based on the methodology developed by Hoekstra et. al., (2009). It indicates the difference between blue, green and grey water footprints in the production process of primary crops. However, as the company uses organic crops for the production of their products, thus, absence of nitrogen-based fertilizers and pesticides, grey water footprint in the production of primary crops is nil. The total crop water requirement, effective rainfall (the part of rainwater that does not end up in rivers, lakes, sea, etc. but stays in the soil for crop use) and irrigation requirements using the FAOSTAT models from *water footprint of nations* by Chapagain & Hoekstra, (2004) were used.

### 3.2.1 Soybeans

Soybeans (FAO crop code 236) belong to the family of legumes and are native to East Asia. It is one of the most essential world crops necessary for oil and protein (FAO, 2010). The crop grows in a variety of soils and in different climatic conditions, ranging from tropical Brazil to the snowy island in the north of Japan. As the crop matures in a pod, they ripen into hard, dry beans. The most common species is yellow in colour; there are also rare varieties that are brown, green and/or black. The crop is mainly widely cultivated under rain-fed conditions but supplemental irrigation is evolving rapidly (FAO, 2010). Currently, the global world production of soybeans is about 176.6 million tons over a total of 75.5 hectares of land (FAO, 2010).



**Figure 3.5** (a): *Brown soybeans. Photo: Bloomimage* (b): *green soybeans. Photo: Chris (2008)*



(c): *black soybeans. Photo: Ningxia*

The product is cultivated in Capanema, a relatively small village in southern Brazil; and imported by OY Soya Ab through Gebana, a company also situated in Capanema. The green water footprint of the crop ( $\text{m}^3/\text{ton}$ ) has been estimated as the ratio of the green water used ( $\text{m}^3/\text{ha}$ ) to the crop yield ( $\text{ton}/\text{ha}$ ). The study further reveals that the cultivation of soybeans in Capanema ( a town in southern Brazil) is entirely rain-fed (green water). However, since data on rain-fed and irrigation production per crop were not available, the Crop Water Requirement (CWR) per length of growing period (lgp) was therefore assumed to be fully met.

### 3.2.2 Soybean Water Requirements

The soybean is widely grown under warm conditions and is relatively resistant to low and very high temperatures. However, the growth rates decrease at temperatures above  $35^\circ\text{C}$  and below  $18^\circ\text{C}$  (FAO, 2010). Crop evapotranspiration depends on the climatic condition of the region. High humid areas especially in the tropics and subtropics have

relatively high evapotranspiration. Therefore crop yield is highly dependent on Crop Water Use (CWU) and soil. Crop water deficiency has a significant impact on the output (yield) (FAO, 2010). If there is evidence of inadequate, effective rainfall, blue water by means of irrigation is applied.

The Crop Water Requirement (CWR) value used in this study was taken from FAOSTAT database in *water footprint of nations* by Hoekstra & Chapagain. This value is in mm/lgp (length of growth period) as such, it cannot be directly equated to yield in terms of m<sup>3</sup>/ha or m<sup>3</sup>/ton. The guideline for calculating water footprint per hectare by Hoekstra et al., 2009 was used. It is calculated as effective rainfall (mm/length of growing period) multiplied by ten (10) equals water footprint per hectare (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

The average evapotranspiration in Brazil is 3.11, and soybeans' water requirement (mm/crop period) is 261(Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2004). This figure is largely dependent on the climatic parameters of individual countries. The Crop Water Requirement value can be found in **Appendix V-6**.

### 3.2.3 Yield

Oy Soya Ab purchases soybeans through a wholesale company (Gebana) who engages many farmers in their transactions. It is therefore difficult to ascertain how much soybeans (ton/ha) an individual farmer produces. Based on this difficulty and lack of information regarding the exact farmer from whom the soybean was purchased, the study focused on the average yield from three different sources in Brazil.

**Table 3.1** *Cultivation water footprint of purchased soybeans*

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (t/ha.)</b>	<b>Purchased t/yr, 2009</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr, 2009</b>	<b>Source</b>
soybeans	Brazil	3.6	132	95700	The Amazon, Brazil's final soybeans frontier
soybeans	Brazil	2.4	132	143550	World agriculture and environment
soybeans	Brazil	2.1	132	164062.8	Soybeans planting pace in Brazil
<b>Average</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>127604.4</b>	

Detail calculations of the above table can be found in **Appendix III-1**.

### 3.3 Garlic

Garlic (FAO crop code 406) is used as both medicinal and food crops. It is one of the winter crops in Egypt, cultivated between January and April (Allam, 2002). The North African country, like other water-scarce countries is confronted with significant water demand versus inadequate fresh water resources (Allam, 2002). The crop has been integrated as an ingredient in the production of *tofu*. The crop is organically cultivated in Egypt and imported by Oy Soya Ab through *Organic Flavour Company BV*, based in the Netherlands. The Egyptian summer is hot and dry in most parts of the country. This invariably results in high evapotranspiration from crops and other vegetations. The crop water requirement (mm/growing period) of garlic, which was also taken from FAOSTAT, is 641. Garlic water requirement is presented in **Appendix V-7**.



**Figure 3.6** Garlic (FAO crop code 406). Photo: Hester

#### 3.3.1 Yield

As a winter crop cultivated between November and March, garlic is widely cultivated in Egypt, including Beni Ebeid command areas. Invariably, this made Egypt one of the countries with a relatively high yield of garlic cultivation per hectare (Allam, 2002).

**Table 3.2** *Cultivation water footprint of purchased garlic*

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (t/ha.)</b>	<b>Purchased t/yr, 2009</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr, 2009</b>	<b>Source</b>
Garlic	Algeria	3.69	0.36	724.9	Water footprint of nations – Volume 2
Garlic	Argentina	9.82	0.36	294.0	Water footprint of nations – Volume 2
Garlic	Armenia	9.52	0.36	236.7	Water footprint of nations – Volume 2
<b>Garlic</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>22.23</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>103.8</b>	Water footprint of nations – Volume 2

*Calculations of the above purchased garlic WF is found in Appendix III-2*

### 3.4 Basil

In general, basil is cultivated as a culinary herb, spice or condiment. The leaves, which can be used fresh or dried, are primarily applied in foods as a spice ingredient. The crop also contains essential oils extracted from fresh leaves, and flowers are seldom used as aroma additives in food, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics (Javanmardi, Stushnoff, Locke & Vivanco, 2002). Basil has been traditionally used as a medicinal crop in the treatment of headaches, coughs, diarrhoea, constipation, warts, worms and kidney-related problems (Kandil, Khatab, Ahmed & Schnug, 2009). The Egyptian weather conditions and soils are good for the cultivation of the crop, which plays a significant role in the export of the country (Kandil et al., 2009).

Basil (*genus Ocimum*) includes about 11 species, and subspecies are predominantly native to tropical and subtropical regions of the world. The species *Ocimum basilicum* L. which this study is focusing on, is widely cultivated primarily for the production of important oils and it is also available on sale as a herb, either fresh, dried or frozen (Kandil et al., 2009).





**Figure 3.7 (a):** Sweet Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*). Photo: Marie **Figure.3.7 (b)** Holy Basil or tulsi (*ocimum sanctum*. Photo: Leslie.

The CWR value of basil in Egypt was not available at the time of this study. This is assumed to have the same water requirement as garlic which is 641 mm/lgp (length of growing period) since both crops are cultivated in the same country (Egypt). This assumption was based on the fact that the CWR value was calculated based on the evapotranspiration in Egypt. By deduction, the study assumed that, there will not be a significant difference in CWR between the two crops.

### 3.4.1 Yield

In 2003 and 2004, a research was conducted, based on the yield of the plant (basil) by the Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Production Department (MAPPD), National Research Centre, Dokki, Cairo, Egypt. The research aimed at comparing the yield between cultivation of the plant under organic condition versus conventional (nitrogen-based fertilizer application and pesticides) in Egypt (Kandil et. al, 2009). The focus of the study was to find out the variation in the crop yield (ton/ha) as well as oil output (l/ha) based on different rates (25%, 50%, 75% and 100%) of fertilizer applications relative to control (cultivation without fertilizer application) (MAPPD, 2003, 2004). In this study however, the average of the two control (organic) values for the study periods (2003/2004) were used since the product (*tofu*) under investigation stems from organic primary crops.

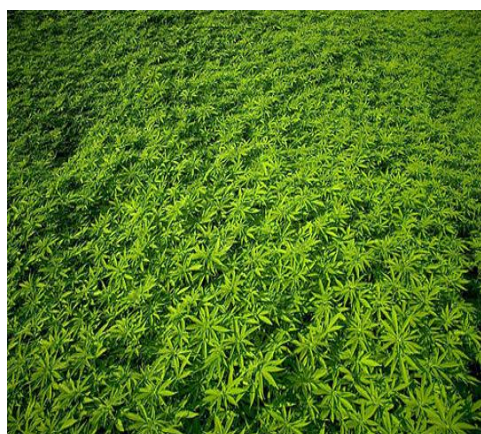
**Table 3.3** Cultivation water footprint of purchased basil.

Crop	Country	Yield (t/ha.)	Purchased t/yr, 2009	WF m <sup>3</sup> /yr, 2009	Source
Basil	Egypt, 2003	19.8	0.18	58.3	MAPPD, Cairo, Egypt.
Basil	Egypt, 2004	19.3	0.18	59.8	MAPPD, Cairo, Egypt.
<b>Average</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>59.2</b>	

Detail calculations of basil cultivation water footprint can be found in **Appendix III-3**

### 3.5 Hempseed

Hemp (*cannabis sativa L*) belongs to the *Cannabaceae* family with about 22 different species (Small & Marcus, 2002). The crop is used, among other things, as crop fibre, textiles, pulp and paper, plastic composites used in automobiles and other manufacturing companies, building material, and animal bedding (Small & Marcus, 2002). In the European Union (EU), the cultivation of the crop is heavily weighted in the production of fibre rather than oilseed. The 1999 statistics indicate that approx. 27 000 tons of hemp fibre was produced in the EU but only about 6,200 tons of hempseeds stemmed from the total cultivation, predominantly in France (Small & Marcus, 2002).



**Figure 3.8.** (a): Hempseed. Photo: Loakes

**Fig.3.8** (b).Hemp. Photo: Kristen

Today hempseed is being used as an integral part of certain foods including snack bars, spreads, bread, pretzels, cookies, yogurts, pancakes, porridge, fruit crumble, frozen desert (ice cream), pasta, burgers, pizza, salad dressing, mayonnaise, etc. In alcoholic beverages, hempseeds are seldom used as flavourants (Small & Marcus, 2002). The seeds contain most of the essential amino acids, i.e. the building blocks of protein,

which the body of humankind cannot produce on its own (Kristen, 2009). In this regard, Oy Soya Ab purchases the organic hempseed from *Canah Green Living*, a company in Romania and uses it as an ingredient in the production of *tofu*.

### 3.5.1 Yield

Romania has a temperate and continental climate with some oceanic influences from the west, the Mediterranean from the south-east and continental-excessive from the north-east (Pintilie, 2004). This induces the average annual temperature to be highly dependent on the latitude (between 8°C in the north and 11 °C in the south) and altitude (between 2.5 °C in the mountain areas and 11.6 °C in the plain). However, the average annual precipitation decreases between 600-500 mm from west to east in Romanian plain areas and increases in the mountain areas from 1000-1400 mm (Pintilie, 2004).

When the soil temperature is 5 °C, the sowing takes place between 1-15 April. However, with a temperature level of 7-8 °C, at 4-5 cm depth, the sowing period is from the end of March to the beginning of April and seed harvesting is mostly done between September and October (Pintilie, 2004). Ideally, the crop grows better when mean daily temperatures are between 13°C and 22 °C (Cochran et al., 2000).

According to the project report which was carried by Ecological Agricultural Projects (EAP), 1994, in the Eastern Europe and Asia seeking to find out the history, uses, cultivation, yield and future prospects of hemp, revealed, inter alia, that most countries in these regions have improved hemp yield characteristics. For instance, dry stem yield was 15 t/ha, while hemp fibre and hemp seeds were 2.6 t/ha and 0.94 t/ha respectively (EAP 1994). According to Erin Michelle Young of Lund University, Sweden, who quoted Pate, 1999 and Callaway, 2004 as stating, among other things, that the average yield of hemp seed in Europe ranges from 0.5 – 1.0 t/ha. However, up to 2.0 t/ha has been recorded in the northern climate of Finland. According to FOASTAT 1997-2001, hempseed (FAO crop code 336) CWR is 397 mm/lgp (length of growing period). This value can be traced in **Appendix V-9**.

**Table 3.4** *Cultivation water footprint of purchased hempseed.*

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (t/ha.)</b>	<b>Purchased t/yr, 2009</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr,2009</b>	<b>Source</b>
Hempseed	Eastern Europe	0.94	2.1	8869.1	EAP, 1994
Hempseed	Europe	0.5	2.1	16674	Young, 2005
Hempseed	Europe	1.0	2.1	8339.1	Young, 2005
Hempseed	Finland	2.0	2.1	4168.5	Young, 2005
<b>Average</b>		<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7579.1</b>	

*Detail calculations of water footprint for purchased hempseed can be found in*

*Appendix III-4*

### **3.6 Soy sauce**

In 2009, the company (Oy Soya Ab) purchased 8 000 litres of soy sauce which is originally produced by Japan-based Company *Shoyu* through *Clearspring ltd*, a retail company based in England. All effort to find out production process and freshwater use from Shoyu proved futile. As a result of the difficulty in getting information from this company, the study took into consideration the general production process of soy sauce and recipe.

#### **3.6.1 Soy sauce production process**

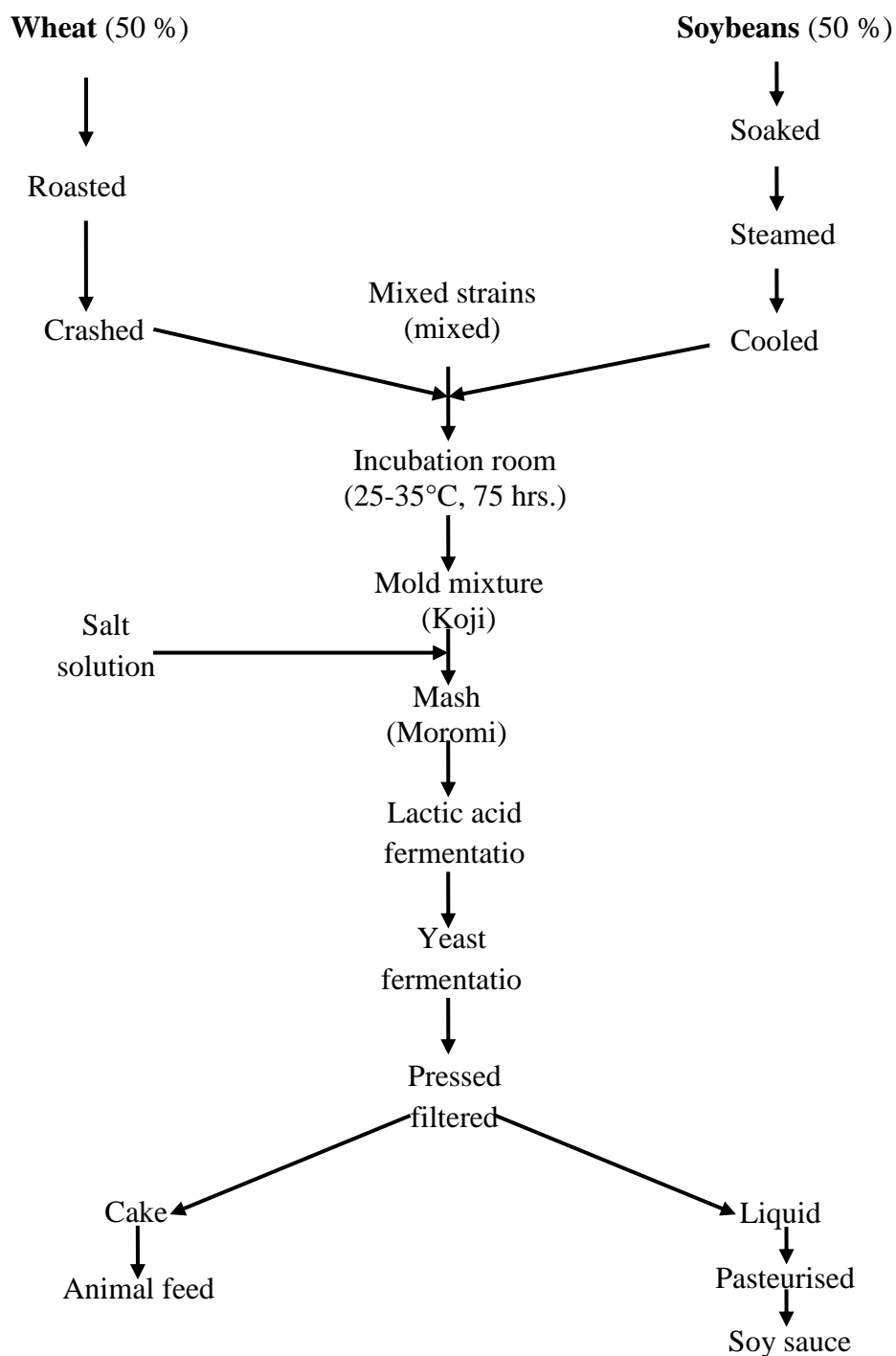
The product (soy sauce) is a dark brown salty liquid with a unique aroma primarily used to season oriental foods. The four main ingredients of soy sauce are water, salt, wheat and soybeans (Luh, 1995). It is important to understand that salt is mainly produced from saline water; meanwhile, the idea behind the concept of water footprint is to ensure freshwater appropriation without regard to saline water. On the basis of this fact, however, this study did not take into account the water footprint of salt since the product (salt) does not make a significant material contribution to the overall water footprint of soy sauce. The rule of thumb according to Hoekstra et al., 2009 states that you should “include the water footprint of all processes within the production system (production tree) that ‘significantly’ contribute to the overall water footprint”. However, the question that may be asked is, what is the significant level? In this regard a level

larger than 1% for a relatively small production as in this study (8 000 litres) is significant. A 10% threshold is assigned for the largest component of a production process (Hoekstra et al., 2009).

In this process, a 50:50 proportion of wheat and soybean is needed for the production of soy sauce. The wheat is roasted and crushed to release the nutrient (Luh, 1995). The soybeans are soaked, steamed until it is softened enough and amenable to processing. Salt is then dissolved in water and the two combined ingredients (crashed wheat and soybeans), known as *koji*, which is a dry mash, is added to the dissolved salt. The result of these three recipes (crashed soybeans, wheat and dissolved salt) is commonly referred to as *moromi* (Kikkoman, 2011). A complex fermentation process is required for the production of soy sauce where carbohydrates are converted (fermented) to alcohol and lactic acid. In this process, the proteins are further broken down to peptides and amino acids. Fermented *Moromi* is then poured into clothes and pressed. The result is liquid raw soy sauce, which is brown in colour and is further refined and pasteurised (Luh, 1995).



**Figure 3.9** Soy sauce. Photo: Kikkoman



**Figure 3.10** Soy sauce production trees.

Source: Luh (1995)

The study estimated the total freshwater used to produce 8 000 litres of soy sauce based on ingredients and the production process. A total of 4 tons for each of the two main ingredients (wheat with FAO crop code of 15 and soybeans) was used in this study. An estimate of 1 m<sup>3</sup> of water was assigned for soaking and another 1 m<sup>3</sup> of water for steaming (boiling) a ton of soybeans. It is worth noting, that the above values were purely estimates and it does not represent *Shoyu's* volume of ingredients and water

needed to produce 8000 litres of soy sauce. However, the estimate (Table 3.5) took into account, among other things, OY Soya AB's own processing of soybeans.

The product stems from organically cultivated primary crops. However, there is limited information regarding provision of crop water use either irrigation or rain-fed. According to Japan Organic Agriculture Association (JOAA), annual precipitation is in the range of 1 200 to 3 000 mm per year. Meanwhile, details of the exact farmer from whom the primary crops were purchased are not known. Based on this fact, the study considered FAO's average yield of primary crops (t/ha) in Japan and FAO's crop water footprint ( $\text{m}^3/\text{t}$ ) in this analysis. Average water footprint for primary crops per country can be found in **Appendix IV**.

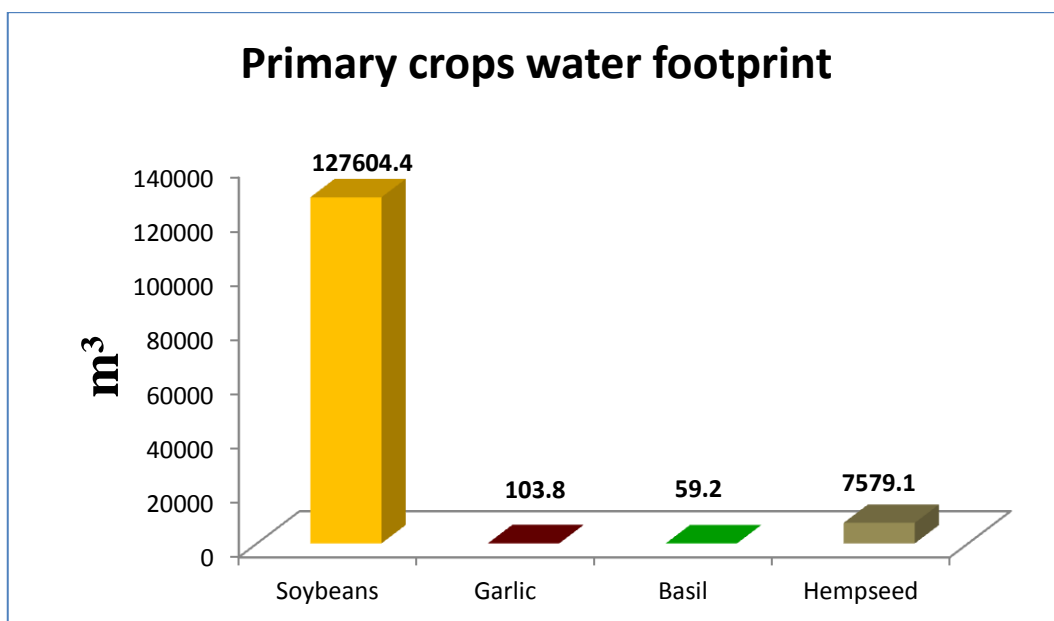
**Table 3.5** *water footprint for 8000 litres of soy sauce*

<b>Crop/Activity</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>FAO crop WF (<math>\text{m}^3/\text{t}</math>)</b>	<b>WF<math>\text{m}^3/\text{yr}</math>,(2009)</b>	<b>Source</b>
Wheat	Japan	1334	5334	EAP, 1994
Soybeans	Japan	1789	7155	Young, 2005
Soaking beans		1	4	Young, 2005
Boiling beans		1	4	Young, 2005
<b>Total</b>			<b>12497</b>	

*Detail calculations of soy sauce production process water footprint can be found in **Appendix VII**.*

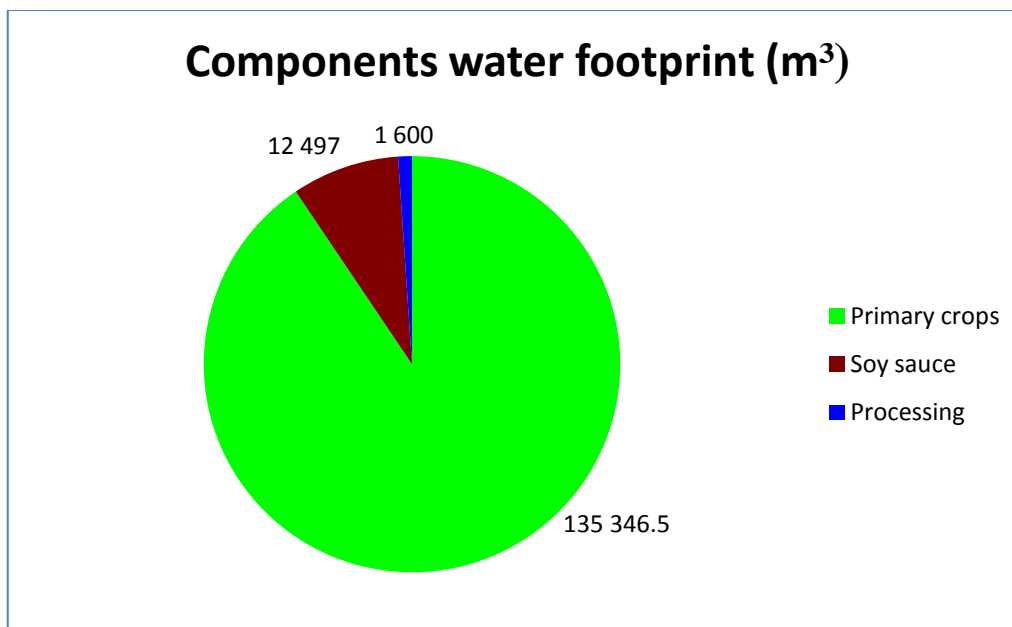
## **4 RESULTS**

In summing up the direct and the indirect use of freshwater, the annual (2009) water footprint associated with operations of Oy Soya Ab from both direct and indirect use of freshwater amounted to 149 445 cubic metres. However, water footprint for the production of primary crops contributed more than 91%. A package (0.27 kg) of tofu has on an average a water footprint of 250 litres ( $0.25 \text{ m}^3$ ). Detailed calculations of water footprint per package are found in **Appendix III-6**.



**Figure 4.1** Water footprint ( $m^3$ ) of purchased primary crops.

The figure above (Primary crops water footprint) shows the green water component used in the cultivation of the products. It is important to understand that the calculations were done using the crop water requirement values in respective countries. Predictably, one will expect, among other things that soybeans will contribute significantly to the overall water footprint of primary crops since soybeans constitute approx. 98% of the ingredients used in the production of tofu.

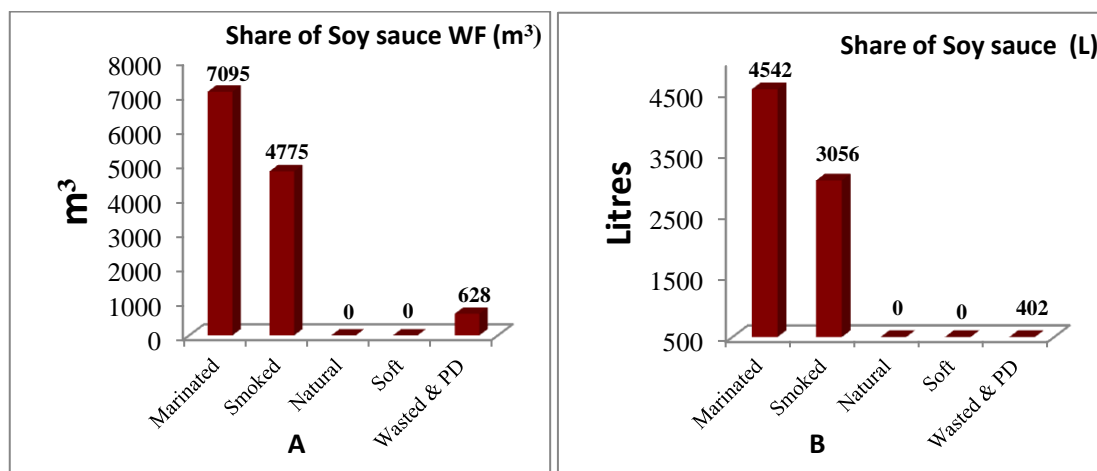


**Figure 4.2** WF ( $m^3$ ) per component.

The component's water footprint summarizes the overall water use of Oy Soya Ab. However, the component soy sauce, which is relatively salty, has been estimated

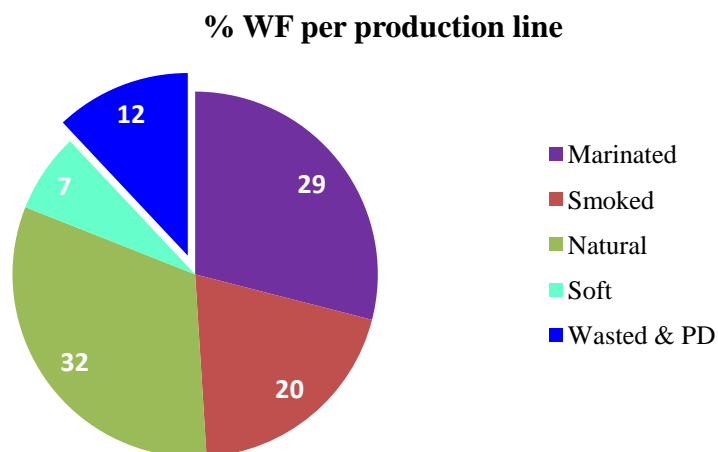


without regard to water use in the production of salt as indicated earlier in this study. This is a result of the fact that the source of water used in the production of salt is saline water (Sea water) which falls outside the scope of the water footprint concept.



**Figure 4.3** Allocation of soy sauce (l) per production line (A) and soy sauce WF (m<sup>3</sup>) per production line (B).

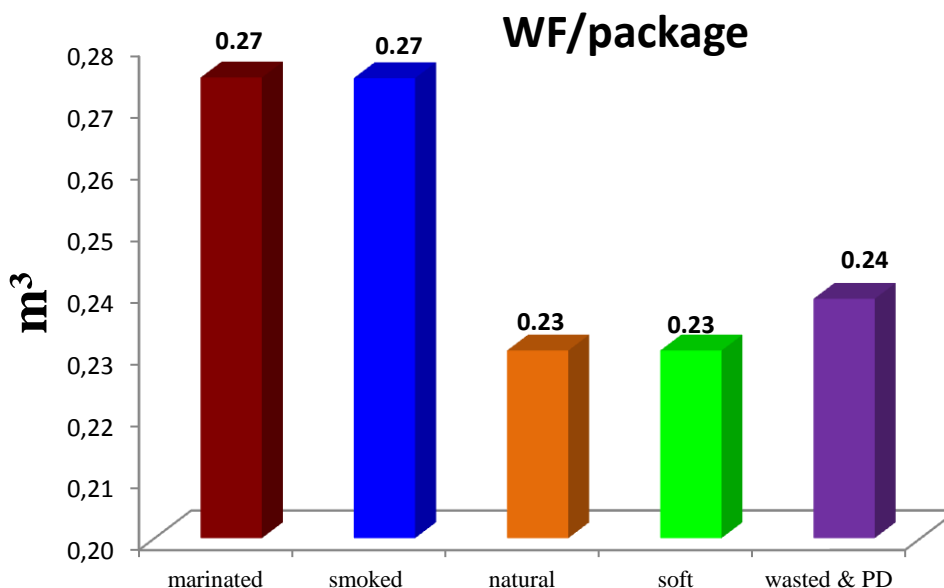
The above figure shows the distribution and allocation of soy sauce along the production line (A). The figure (B) on the right shows the corresponding water footprint. The calculations were done with reference to production volume per production line.



**Figure 4.4** Percentage WF (m<sup>3</sup>) per production line

Figure 4.4 indicates the overall production line water footprint in percentages. It is important to understand that despite the exclusion of soy sauce in the production of natural tofu, the product line (natural tofu) still contributes with the greater proportion

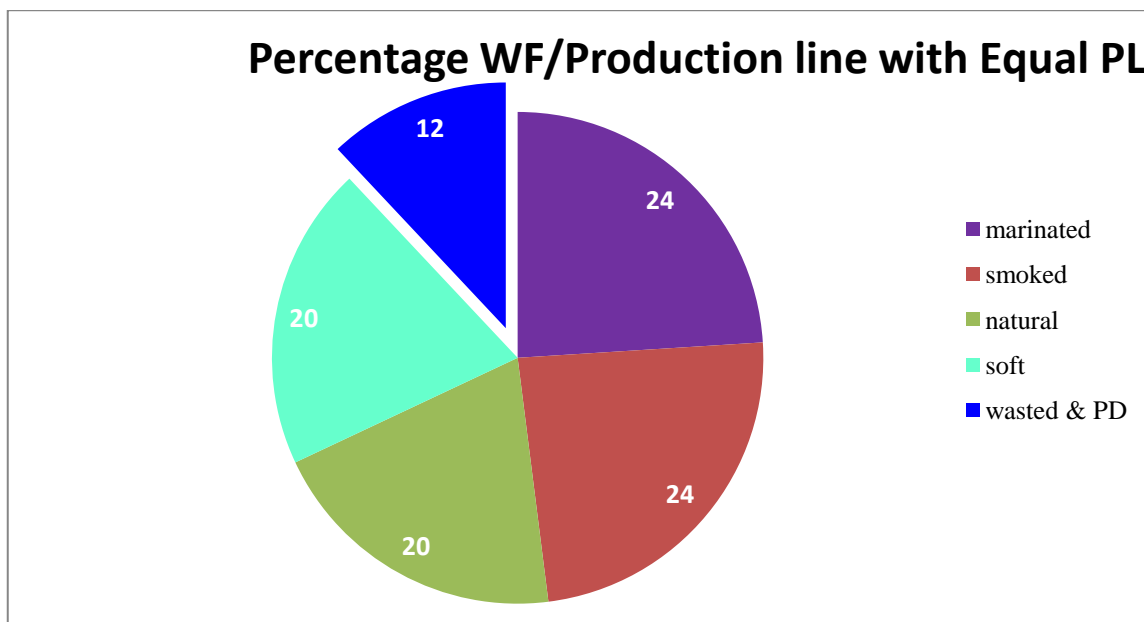
(32%) of the annual (2009) water footprint. This is as a result of its larger share in the product line (natural tofu)



**Figure 4.5** *WF (m<sup>3</sup>) per package (0.27kg)*

The figure above (fig. 4.5) shows the water footprint per package of 270 g of tofu. It can be noticed that in figure 4.4 (percentage water footprint per production line), the water footprint of natural tofu represents the greater proportion; comparatively, it represents one of the lowest water footprints (230 litres) per package of the production lines. This is a result of total package of natural tofu, which is greater than the rest of the production lines.

However, assuming that there were an equal number of packages per production lines, water footprint per package would have remained the same but with a significant change in the production lines. This can be seen in the figure below:



**Figure 4.6** *Water footprints per production line with equal number of packages.*

The focus of the study aims at quantifying the water used to produce a package of OY Soya products ranging from the entire production chain. The average water footprint per package of tofu (270 g) is 250 litres.

## 5 DISCUSSION

This study demonstrates the importance of understanding the amount of virtual water (water embedded in products) associated with consumer goods and services and shows practically how corporate entities and organizations can assess their water footprint without difficulty. The results indicate clearly that a significant amount of water used in the production of consumer goods and services stems from an indirect water footprint in the supply chain of a product or service. In this study, however, about 91 per cent of the annual water footprint associated with the operations of OY Soya AB derived from the supply chain and not their own operations.

On the basis of the above, it is indeed paramount for policy-makers, water managers and all stakeholders to take advantage of this new concept of WF in addressing water-related problems. This could be achieved through a paradigm shift from the traditional approach of management of this all-important resource which seeks to concentrate only on water users, to the holistic approach that truncates the management measures and processes from ‘cradle to grave’ of a given consumer goods or services.

It will not be a misplaced priority if a comparison between tofu and some other product(s) is introduced here. This is important to the effect that the primary idea behind the WF concept is to inform producers, consumers as well as policy-makers, with regard to the need for prudent measures and better choices between products with the aim of ensuring sustainable use of the resource. I have, therefore, decided to introduce Italian pizza and pasta in this regard.

Although countries of origin of primary crops as well as ingredients used in the production of above-mentioned products differ significantly, I consider it important to illustrate a kind of comparison of the product of this study with a different product. All the primary crops needed to produce the pizza and pasta are conventionally cultivated in Italy (Aldaya & Hoekstra, 2010). WF in the cultivation of durum wheat, bread wheat and industrial tomato as well as the production process of durum wheat flour, bread wheat flour and puree from industrial tomato needed to produce Italian pizza and pasta were quantified (Aldaya & Hoekstra, 2010). Also included in the measurement is the WF impact in the production of feed ingredients for the dairy cows.

In the final analysis, a kilogram of pasta yielded a total water footprint of 1 924 litres (1.924 m<sup>3</sup>), while a volume of 1 216 litres of water (1.216 m<sup>3</sup>) is needed to produce 725 g of pizza margherita (Aldaya & Hoekstra, 2010). Comparatively, 270 g (0.27 kg) of pasta will yield a total WF of 519 litres (0.519 m<sup>3</sup>) while the same quantity (270 g or 0.27 kg) of pizza will require 453 litres (0.453 m<sup>3</sup>) of water to be produced. The difference between the WF of tofu on one hand, and pizza and pasta on the other, can be attributed to three reasons: a) differences in the countries of cultivation of primary crops (CWR); b) differences in ingredients and c) differences in the cultivation system (organic vs. conventional) which is by far the most significant.

## **5.1 Limitations**

Water footprint is still an evolving concept with some information yet to be ascertained. In this regard, there were some gaps and difficulties in assessing the water footprint associated with some products and services. Water footprint of energy (electricity) with specific reference to different sources is lacking. Oy Soya Ab buys their electricity from *Jyväskylä Energia* that generates electricity from combustion of peat. Data regarding

for e.g. water footprint for KWH or MWH electricity from some sources of energy including peat, were not available.

It is also important to understand that Oy Soya AB's products (tofu) are packaged in plastic films. However, as the concept of water footprint is still evolving, there is very little, if any, information regarding water footprint per unit (g, kg and/or ton) of plastic film. Hence, the packaging was excluded in this study.

Another limitation encountered during this study was the lack of direct interaction with the management of *Shoyu*, the company from whom the soy sauce was purchased. All effort to have answers to our questionnaire regarding the amount of soybeans and wheat needed to produce 8 000 litres of soy sauce as well as the amount of water used in the production process of the product (soy sauce) proved futile. This we believe would have gone a long way in providing us with accurate as well as primary information and thereby reduce the rate of uncertainty in calculating WF of soy sauce.

It is imperative to mention the difficulty in contacting the farmers whose products are used in the production of tofu. Direct interaction with these farmers from various countries would have gone a long way in solving the problem of using average values in the calculations. They would have been in the best position to provide us with the exact yields per hectare of their respective crops. It would also have confirmed or contradicted, the source of freshwater (rain-fed or irrigation) they used in the cultivation of the crops.

## **5.2 Significance of the study**

It is indeed difficult, if not impossible, to claim to have improved on one's environmental performance if the current performance is unknown. The study has undoubtedly set a benchmark for Oy Soya Ab by quantifying the annual water footprint of their products stemming from the production chain. The company can set reduction targets for the future with freshwater use and appropriation. The study has indeed placed the company in a position as one of the entities responding to the call for transparency in their operations.

The study has revealed that there is a need for a greater efficiency in the operations of OY Soya AB. It is worth noting that 17 280 m<sup>3</sup> of water – representing 13 % of the

annual production of tofu goes to waste mainly due to the wrong packaging and other factors. In this instance, however, ensuring efficiency will drastically reduce water footprint per package of tofu and also maximize the profit base of the company.

Today, due to the growing scarcity of water in some parts of the world, it is extremely important for entrepreneurs to consider various factors including fresh water availability when establishing a business; especially businesses considered to be water intensive. One of the most significant features of the WF concept is that it offers an opportunity for entrepreneurs to decide where to locate a particular business. In fact, it will be disingenuous, if not suicidal to establish a pulp industry in Niger, West Africa, or a cotton industry in Palestine. These two industries are water intensive, and the two countries mentioned are already in water crises. Therefore, any plan to establish any of the industries in one of the countries means planning for collapse.

### **5.3 Achievements**

The study has explained to a large extent the water footprint concept. Definitions of various components (blue, green and grey) as well as the scopes of water footprint have been unambiguously elaborated. A Brief comparison with carbon and ecological footprint has been outlined in this study.

It is worth mentioning that the study has succeeded in quantifying water footprint of organically cultivated soy beans, garlic, basil and hempseed in the respective countries of concern. This is indeed significant, especially in a comparative study regarding WF of organic and conventional production of primary crops.

As sustainable development (SD) continues to gain much recognition, many people are becoming environmentally conscious. The numbers of people, who are critical with regard to what they eat, drink, and wear as well as mobility options continue to grow disproportionately. The study has succeeded in bringing to the notice of the consumers the water footprint associated with 270 grams of OY Soya AB's tofu. This achievement could, in one way or the other, influence consumer behaviour from three different perspectives: a) it could attract more consumers whom hitherto were patronizing different tofu other than that of OY Soya AB; b) it can influence consumers to switch to different tofu whose water footprint is said to be lower than that of OY Soya AB; and c)

it could attract new consumers who are conscious of the environmental aspects of producers and people advocating for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

#### **5.4 Improvement strategies**

One important strategy Oy Soya Ab can adopt is to establish a relatively small wastewater treatment plant in their company. This will enable the company to reuse the recycled water in their subsequent operations and thereby reducing drastically the water footprint of the operations. Indeed, the 3Rs (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse) are important as a complementary tool for sustainability, and one way of achieving this is for corporate entities to introduce their individual improvement strategies.

It is also worth noting that the total waste fraction of 13% (75 000 packages) of annual production of tofu resulted mainly from leakages and faulty packaging. This requires greater efficiency to minimize the amount of wasted tofu, if not total eradication. This will in turn reduce the amount of wasted freshwater.

Another improvement measure is a concerted effort from the management of Oy Soya Ab to investigate and find out different countries producing these primary crops (soybeans, garlic, basil, hempseed) but having a relatively low primary crops evapotranspiration. This will go a long way in reducing the water footprint of primary which has contributed approx. 90 % of the company's annual (2009) water footprint.

#### **5.5 Applications of water footprint**

It is clear from this study that an analysis of water footprint, like an analysis of carbon footprint, can be carried out on any product stemming from its production chain. The analysis can be conducted on consumer products produced within the nation as well as products from international communities. Understanding the concept of water footprint of a given product could help policy-makers in the formulation of their water management strategies.

## 6 CONCLUSION

Water is life it is said; as such its importance for the well-being of humanity cannot be over-emphasized. There is a significant variation in the spatial distributions of water both within and between nations. People in the northern part of Ghana, in West Africa, for e.g. cannot boast of adequate portable water like those down south. Likewise Israel and Palestine cannot have the same abundance of the resource compared to Canada. Therefore, understanding the growing scarcity of the resource through water footprint assessment from all spheres of life will help policy-makers to truncate management strategies through the entire production and supply chain of a product or activity. Finally, consumers and producers in general should take equal responsibility by demanding transparency and responding to the call for corporate social responsibility. It is my firm belief that this approach will go a long way in helping alleviate the suffering that over one billion people are facing today (Taylor, [2008](#)).



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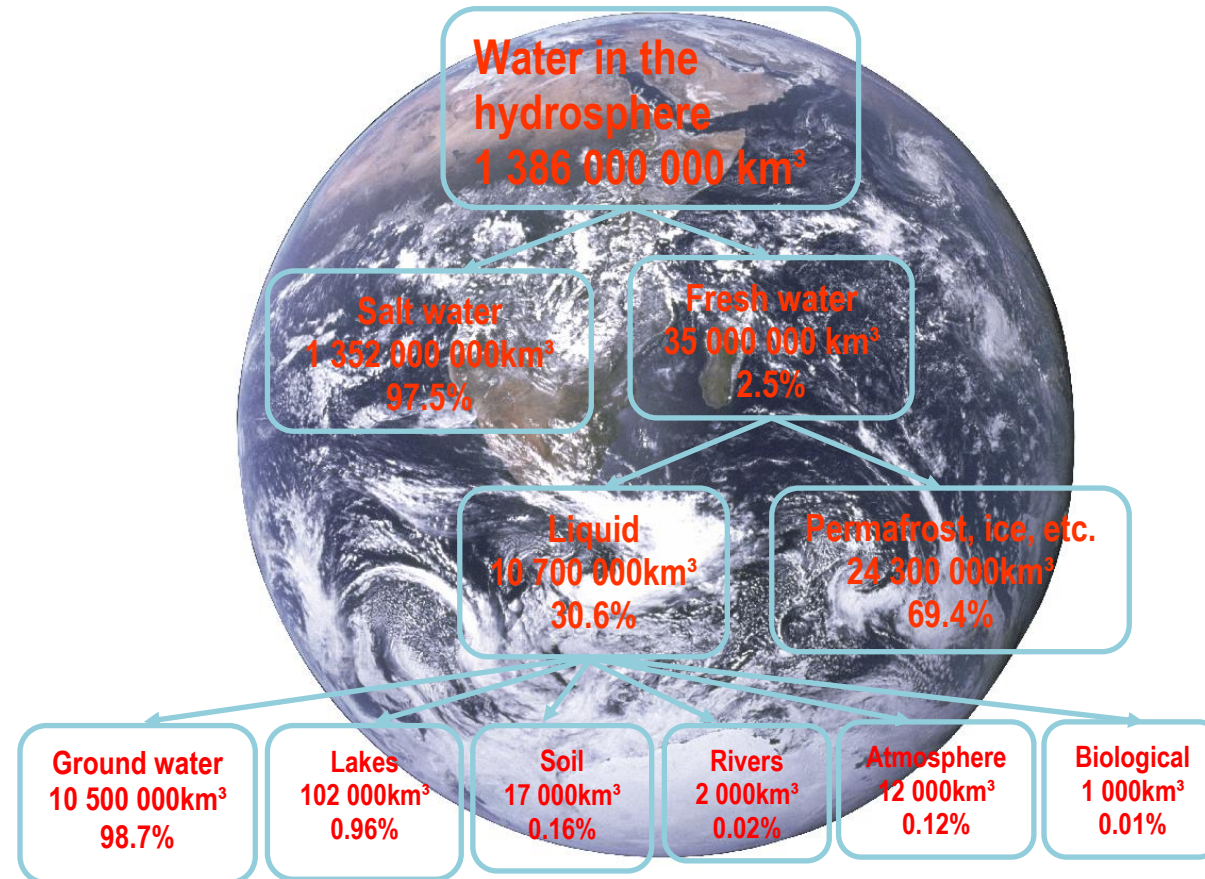
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## 8. APPENDICES

### Appendix I. Water distribution in the hydrosphere



## Appendix II. QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Briefly describe the production process of your product(s)
2. How many production lines do you engaged in?
3. What is/are the name(s) of your product(s)?
4. What is/are the raw material(s) (primary crops) used in the production of your product(s)?
5. Where do you buy your raw material(s) from?
6. Which type of raw material(s) do you use in the production of your product(s), conventional or organically cultivated?
7. What was the total purchase of raw material(s) for 2009 fiscal year?
8. What type of freshwater does the company used in the production process, surface or ground water?
9. On the average, what is the quantity of freshwater (m<sup>3</sup>) do you use per production day?
- 9.1. What is/are the processing steps does the above freshwater is typically used?
10. How many production days do you have per year?
11. What is the average production volume (# packages) per production day?
12. What is the average weight (kg) per package of your product?

### Appendix III-1. Detail calculations of purchased soybeans WF.

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (t/ha.)</b>	<b>CWR, mm/lgp</b>	<b>X 10</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/ha</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/t</b>	<b>Purchase t/yr (2009)</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr (2009)</b>	<b>Source</b>
Soybeans	Brazil	3.6	261	10	2610	725	132	95700	The Amazon, Brazil's Final Soybean Frontier
Soybeans	Brazil	2.4	261	10	2610	1087.5	132	143550	World agriculture and the environment
Soybeans	Brazil	2.1	261	10	2610	1242.9	132	164062.8	Soybean Planting Pace in Brazil
<b>Average</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2610</b>	<b>966.7</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>127604.4</b>	

**Appendix III-2. WF of purchased garlic**

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (ton/ha.)</b>	<b>CWR, mm/lgp</b>	<b>X 10</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/ha</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/t</b>	<b>Purchase t/yr (2009)</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr (2009)</b>	<b>Source</b>
Garlic	Algeria	3.69	743	10	7430	2013.5	0.36	724.9	Water footprint of nations Volume2
Garlic	Argentina	9.82	802	10	8020	816.7	0.36	294.0	Water footprint of nations Volume2
Garlic	Armenia	9.52	626	10	6260	657.6	0.36	236.7	Water footprint of nations Volume2
<b>Garlic</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>22.23</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6410</b>	<b>288.3</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>103.8</b>	Water footprint of nations Volume2

**Appendix III-3. Yield and total water footprint of purchased basil at different time intervals in Egypt.**

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country &amp; year</b>	<b>Yield (ton/ha.)</b>	<b>CWR Mm/lgp</b>	<b>X 10</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/ha.</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/t</b>	<b>Purchase t/yr</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr (2009)</b>	<b>Source</b>
Basil	Egypt-2003	19.8	641	10	6410	323.7	0.18	58.3	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Production Department, Cairo, Egypt.
Basil	Egypt-2004	19.3	641	10	6410	332.1	0.18	59.8	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Production Department, Cairo, Egypt.
<b>Average</b>		<b>19.5</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6410</b>	<b>328.7</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>59.2</b>	

**Appendix III-4.** *Hempseed yield and WF in Europe.*

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Yield (ton/ha.)</b>	<b>CWR, mm/lgp</b>	<b>X 10</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/ha</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/t</b>	<b>Purchase t/yr (2009)</b>	<b>WF m<sup>3</sup>/yr (2009)</b>	<b>Source</b>
Hemp seeds	Eastern Europe	0.94	397	10	3970	4223.4	2.1	8869.1	EAP 1994
Hemp seeds	Europe	0.5	397	10	3970	7940	2.1	16674	Young 2005
Hemp seeds	Europe	1.0	397	10	3970	3970	2.1	8339.1	Young 2005
Hemp seeds	Finland	2.0	397	10	3970	1985	2.1	4168.5	Young 2005
<b>Average</b>		<b>1,1</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3970</b>	<b>3609.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7579.1</b>	

**Appendix III-5.** *Total water footprint in the production of 8000 litres of soy sauce.*

<b>Product/ activity</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Crop yield (t/ha)</b>	<b>WF (m<sup>3</sup>/t)</b>	<b>Purchased (t/yr)</b>	<b>Litre/yr (2009)</b>	<b>m<sup>3</sup>/yr (2009)</b>	<b>source</b>
Wheat	Japan	1.8	1334	4		5334	FAO database
Soybeans	Japan	3.6	1789	4		7155	FAO database
Soaking beans			1	4		4	
Boiling beans			1	4		4	
<i>purchased sauce</i>					8000		
<b>Total</b>						<b>12497</b>	



**Appendix III-6.** *Detail calculations of water footprint for Oy Soya Ab products for 2009 fiscal year.*

<b>Production Lines</b>	<b>No. Of packages per year</b>	<b>WF (m<sup>3</sup>)/PL (without soy sauce)</b>	<b>% share without soy sauce</b>	<b>Share of soy sauce</b>	<b>% share of soy sauce</b>	<b>WF (m<sup>3</sup>)/PL with soy sauce</b>	<b>% share with soy sauce</b>	<b>WF (m<sup>3</sup>) per package</b>	<b>% share per package</b>
Marinated	160354	36945	27	7095	57	44040	29	0.27	22
Smoked	108136	24914	18	4775	38	29689	20	0.27	22
Natural	205884	47435	35	0	0	47435	32	0.23	18
Soft	45017	10372	8	0	0	10372	7	0.23	18
Wasted &PD	75000	17280	13	628	5	17908	12	0.24	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>594391</b>	<b>136947</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>149445</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>100</b>

**Appendix IV. Global average water footprints of primary crops (m<sup>3</sup>/ton) over the period 1997-2001**

<b>FAO crop code</b>	<b>Crop</b>	<b>Global production (ton/yr)</b>	<b>Global water consumption (106 m<sup>3</sup>/yr)</b>	<b>Average water footprint (m<sup>3</sup>/ton)</b>	<b>Share in global water consumption for crop production.</b>
<b>15</b>	Wheat	594594467	792917	<b>1334</b>	12.4%
<b>27</b>	Rice, Paddy	593173644	1358732	2291	21.3%
<b>44</b>	Barley	139624574	193760	1388	3.0%
<b>56</b>	Maize	603140262	548387	909	8.6%
<b>71</b>	Rye	22039337	19866	901	0.3%
<b>75</b>	Oats	27315146	43616	1597	0.7%
<b>79</b>	Millet	28078732	129057	4596	2.0%
<b>83</b>	Sorghum	59471080	109660	2853	2.7%
<b>89</b>	Buckwheat	3194238	7538	2360	0.1%
<b>92</b>	Quinoa	50097	166	3306	0.003%
<b>94</b>	Fonio	243399	1219	5008	0.02%
<b>97</b>	Triticale	8918570	2035	228	0.03%
<b>101</b>	Canary Seed	211684	533	2519	0.01%
<b>103</b>	Mixed Grain	5160032	5703	1105	0.1%
<b>108</b>	Cereals nes	2156489	7033	3261	0.1%
<b>116</b>	Potatoes	309166871	78832	255	1.2%
<b>122</b>	Sweet Potatoes	135528398	41043	303	0.6%
<b>125</b>	Cassava	172162312	104174	605	1.6%
<b>135</b>	Yautia (Cocoyam)	274204	253	922	0.004%
<b>136</b>	Taro (coco Yam)	8403549	9566	1138	0.1%
<b>137</b>	Yams	37054604	14072	380	0.2%
<b>149</b>	Roots and Tubers nes	7308442	3043	416	0.05%
<b>156</b>	Sugar Cane	1258303380	219999	175	3.4%
<b>157</b>	Sugar Beets	253329446	28706	113	0.4%
<b>161</b>	Sugar Crops nes	752324	645	858	0.01%
<b>176</b>	Beans, Dry	16625282	70706	4253	1.1%
<b>181</b>	Broad Beans, Dry	3694817	7573	2050	0.1%
<b>187</b>	Peas, Dry	11286838	16955	1502	0.3%
<b>191</b>	Chick-Peas	8241196	26623	3230	0.4%

**Appendix IV-1**

FAO crop code	Crop	Global production (ton/yr)	Global water consumption (106 m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Average water footprint (m <sup>3</sup> /ton)	Share in global water consumption for crop production.
195	Cow Peas, Dry	3374903	36602	10845	0.6%
197	Pigeon Peas	2941131	12067	4103	0.2%
201	Lentils	2993099	18456	6166	0.3%
203	Bambara Beans	48947	202	4123	0.003%
205	Vetches	960110	3673	3826	0.1%
210	Lupins	1656525	3090	1865	0.05%
211	Pulses nes	3314462	13024	3929	0.2%
216	Brazil Nuts	61115	12	196	0.0002%
217	Cashew nuts	1457185	28082	19271	0.4%
220	Chestnuts	886672	2743	3094	0.04%
221	Almonds	1503454	14687	9769	0.2%
222	Walnuts	1202524	5092	4235	0.1%
223	Pistachios	434748	4723	10864	0.1%
224	Kolanuts	216260	4780	22103	0.1%
225	Hazelnuts (Filberts)	754423	5187	6876	0.1%
226	Area nuts (Betel)	621441	5593	8999	0.1%
234	Nuts nes	599678	4613	7692	0.1%
236	Soybeans	160094723	286371	1789	4.5%
242	Groundnuts in Shell	33172799	104329	3145	1.6%
249	Coconuts	50828645	129353	2545	2.0%
254	Oil Palm Fruit	111579670	117452	1053	1.8%
260	olives	14826152	65128	4393	1.0%
265	Castor Beans	1237818	12997	10500	0.2%
267	Sunflower seed	24815556	76161	3069	1.2%
270	Rapeseed	37881111	61011	1611	1.0%
277	Jojoba Seeds	400	5	12344	0.0001%
280	Safflower Seed	730600	4068	5567	0.1%
289	Sesame Seed	2768107	24602	8888	0.4%
292	Mustard Seed	497252	783	1575	0.01%
296	Poppy Seed	58398	102	1741	0.002%

Appendix IV-2

FAO crop code	Crop	Global production (ton/yr)	Global water consumption (106 m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Average water footprint (m <sup>3</sup> /ton)	Share in global water consumption for crop production.
299	Melonseed	562617	2372	4215	0.04%
310	Kapok Fruit	382541	2512	6568	0.04%
328	Seed Cotton	54643172	199111	3644	3.1%
333	Linseed	2392679	10577	4420	0.2%
336	Hempseed	33640	103	3052	0.002%
339	Oilseeds nes	1632423	3345	2049	0.1%
358	Cabbages	54628782	11542	211	0.2%
366	Artichokes	1273954	1089	855	0.02%
367	Asparagus	4124145	6073	1473	0.1%
372	Lettuce	17108911	2269	133	0.04%
373	Spinach	8163112	1178	144	0.02%
388	Tomatoes	101019065	18571	184	0.3%
393	Cauliflower	14069374	2239	159	0.04%
394	Pumpkins, Squash, Gourds	15669868	3674	234	0.1%
397	Cucumbers and Gherkins	30995626	7506	242	0.1%
399	Eggplants	24634989	5120	208	0.1%
401	Chilies & Peppers, Green	19498241	6293	323	0.1%
402	Onions + Shallots, Green	3921305	841	214	0.01%
403	Onions, Dry	45925829	15900	346	0.2%
406	Garlic	10067021	5218	518	0.1%
407	Leeks and Oth. Alliac. Veg.	1477132	295	200	0.005%
414	Beans, Green	5285835	1897	359	0.03%
417	Peas, Green	7947915	2725	343	0.04%
420	Broad Beans, Green	983258	772	785	0.01%
423	String Beans	1603523	647	403	0.01%
426	Carrots	19749408	2586	131	0.04%
430	Okra	4846380	2025	418	0.03%
446	Green Corn (Maize)	8489281	4325	509	0.1%
461	Carobs	225602	1296	5746	0.02%
463	Vegetables Fresh nes	199804422	54484	273	0.9%

Appendix IV-3

FAO crop code	Crop	Global production (ton/yr)	Global water consumption (106 m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Average water footprint (m <sup>3</sup> /ton)	Share in global water consumption for crop production.
486	Bananas	63859046	54842	859	0.9%
489	Plantains	30547811	75682	2478	1.2%
490	Oranges	64405126	29416	457	0.5%
495	Tang. Mand. Clement. Satsma	17577225	10156	578	0.2%
497	Lemon and Limes	10494779	5863	559	0.1%
507	Grapefruit and Pomelos	5181384	1845	356	0.03%
512	Citrus Fruit nes	5247605	9839	1875	0.2%
515	Apples	57944530	40416	697	0.6%
521	Pears	15694965	11418	727	0.2%
526	Apricots	2541712	3535	1391	0.1%
530	Sour Cherries	934289	1255	1343	0.02%
531	Cherries	1770325	2732	1543	0.04%
534	Peaches and Nectarines	12531350	14960	1194	0.2%
536	Plums	8548286	13783	1612	0.2%
541	Stone Fruit nes, Fresh	374222	704	1881	0.01%
544	Strawberries	3045746	840	276	0.01%
547	Raspberries	362871	259	713	0.004%
549	Gooseberries	174250	85	488	0.001%
550	Currants	636089	235	369	0.004%
552	Blueberries	195850	77	395	0.001%
554	Cranberries	300249	46	152	0.001%
558	Berries nes	481043	232	482	0.004%
560	Grapes	60514393	39609	655	0.6%
567	Watermelons	69288603	11080	160	0.2%
568	Cantaloupes & oth Melons	19440734	3566	183	0.1%
569	Figs	1086378	3433	3160	0.1%
571	Mangoes	24135800	38212	1583	0.6%
572	avocados	2439312	3132	1284	0.05%
574	Pineapples	13619660	3441	253	0.1%
577	Dates	5733931	17376	3030	0.3%

Appendix IV-4

<b>FAO crop code</b>	<b>Crop</b>	<b>Global production (ton/yr)</b>	<b>Global water consumption (106 m<sup>3</sup>/yr)</b>	<b>Average water footprint (m<sup>3</sup>/ton)</b>	<b>Share in global water consumption for crop production.</b>
<b>591</b>	Cashew apple	1608203	5888	3661	0.1%
<b>592</b>	Kiwi Fruit	942329	406	430	0.01%
<b>600</b>	Papayas	5412553	3583	662	0.1%
<b>603</b>	Fruit tropical Fresh nes	13344102	19022	1426	0.3%
<b>619</b>	Fruit Fresh nes	22288589	31293	1404	0.5%
<b>636</b>	Maize for Forage + Silage	404096136	57937	143	0.9%
<b>637</b>	Sorghum for forage + Silage	23203584	2731	118	0.04%
<b>638</b>	Rye Grass, Forage + Silage	33383525	3886	116	0.1%
<b>639</b>	Grasses nes, Forage + Silage	266002100	44482	167	0.7%
<b>640</b>	Clover for Forage + Silage	83426949	11489	138	0.2%
<b>6412</b>	Alfalfa for Forage + Silage	481260838	64504	134	1.0%
<b>642</b>	Green Oilseeds for Fodder	57785040	11968	207	0.2%
<b>643</b>	Leguminous nes, For + Sil	43560752	7517	173	0.1%
<b>644</b>	Cabbage for Fodder	3179735	320	100	0.005%
<b>646</b>	Turnips for Fodder	2745117	372	135	0.01%
<b>647</b>	Beets for fodder	11513377	316	27	0.005%
<b>648</b>	Carrots for Fodder	15066	2	140	0.00003%
<b>649</b>	Swedes for Fodder	2324208	143	62	0.002%
<b>655</b>	Vegetables + Roots, Fodder	24766501	1926	78	0.03%
<b>656</b>	Coffee, Green	6835469	118750	17373	1.9%
<b>661</b>	Cocoa beans	3176682	86464	27218	1.4%
<b>667</b>	Tea nes	2978704	27419	9205	0.4%
<b>674</b>	Tea	170480	4255	24960	0.1%
<b>677</b>	Hops	103044	282	2736	0.004%
<b>687</b>	Pepper, White/Long/Black	264013	1299	4921	0.02%
<b>689</b>	Pimento, Allspice	2211046	23438	10601	0.4%
<b>692</b>	Vanilla	4800	465	96949	0.01%
<b>693</b>	Cinnamon (Canella)	91998	1664	18083	0.03%
<b>698</b>	Cloves, Whole + Stems	94417	5788	61304	0.1%
<b>702</b>	Nutmeg, Mace, Cardamoms	65257	2678	41041	0.04%

Appendix IV-5

FAO crop code	Crop	Global production (ton/yr)	Global water consumption (106 m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Average water footprint (m <sup>3</sup> /ton)	Share in global water consumption for crop production.
711	Anise, Badian, Fennel	326746	1828	5594	0.03%
720	Ginger	899134	1611	1792	0.03%
723	Spices nes	1046463	3976	3800	0.1%
748	Peppermint	62936	35	557	0.001%
773	Flax Fibre and Tow	494420	1549	3134	0.02%
777	Hemp Fibre and Tow	61962	155	2507	0.002
780	Jute	2800765	7512	2682	0.1%
782	Jute-Like Fibres	445445	1662	3732	0.03%
788	Ramie	151972	611	4021	0.01%
789	Sisal	338816	2530	7468	0.04%
800	Agave fibre nes	58546	369	6302	0.01%
809	Abaca (Manila Hemp)	98551	1663	16878	0.03%
821	Fibre Crop nes	289953	2091	7210	0.03%
826	Tobacco Leaves	7147923	15815	2213	0.2%
836	Natural Rubber	6712513	87655	13058	1.4%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>6391398</b>		<b>100%</b>

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Côte d'Ivoire				287	422	1213	1151									248									406									401	433	302									356			
Croatia				491				509			394	463						78								480			317		489			403	433	597	190			290	348				453			
Cuba					351	1310																				526					495	267	351	337	366		690	660										
Cyprus					561			867								472										559	1156	127	130	377	145	264	452	656	195	160	429	410	160	250	305	320		692	134			
Czech Republic				396							319	367						131	48				344	319	386			262	148	393	358		327	351	480	129		235	287			373						
Denmark												339						131					330		361			248	369	340		313			447					278			355					
Djibouti																									781			363	619		406	515	477	517	402								488	350				
Dominica						1123																			453			238	412		233	297											343					
Dominican Republic					407	1393	1322																		559		298	512	281	368	390	422			755	722								426				
Ecuador				218	320	1016	964			883	304					249							492	330		427		249	354	256	226	260		348	262		551		181	264	372		326					
Egypt		1581	754	652			1131				273				546							725	722		701	1536	209	215	550	237	362	521	742	320		670	641		334	423	490		827	219				
El Salvador			332	493	1500		1057								332								633			549					336		501		897													
Equatorial Guinea						961	912																																									
Eritrea					540											465								638	513																							
Estonia											40													298		331						327	322		303				387	368		290		100				
Ethiopia		1334	309	461						1251	489				632	313							645	423	440	563			347	539						359	840	804										
Faeroe Islands																																																
Fiji Islands					395	1140																				493					368		266	289	405	434									288			
Finland												268														329				354	317		297				355			223	272			81				
France			460				486				369	435					144	80					395	395	369	450	660	574	300	162	458	414	278	377	405	405	220	561	190	220	271	326	333	300	426	423		
French Guiana						1276																				612			296	392			374							239								
French Polynesia						1159																				520			305	359		282	311		424	324								291	380			
Gabon			212	312			881																												303													
Gambia					605		1796								383																																	
Georgia			521	383							412												524			497							421				523								230			
Germany			415								334	385					141	55						361			405	500	282	159	412	376		344			506		212	246	301	294	394					
Ghana		1364		555	1474	1399																			608			533				597		289	529	572			958		273				356			
Greece			625	518			754				131					434			459								492	993	899	93	95	308	105	219	421	613	146	116	336	321	116	213	250	256		628		
Grenada					1585																										354	598		326	396										505			
Guadeloupe		1271				1332																									276	489		274	354	364	394		711			196			397			
Guam		1081				1151																													275	314			652					220				
Guatemala		1308	275	417	1389	1318										331											528			301		551	302						428	786	752			545	440	271		
Guinea				469	1413	1341									287																															412		
Guinea-Bissau					531	1650	1565																																									
Guyana				438	1401																						598					497		326	362	438	474	358				247				314		
Haiti				351	1245					1094						334															253	259	460							661	632							
Honduras			255	396	1390	1319										340												531			280		558	283	273	347	371	403		767	733					422		
Hungary			463								371	89							63																													
Iceland																																																
India			419	347	1159					1024	242	233				389	293		237																													
Indonesia		1097	246	364	1155	1096				996																																						
Iran Islamic Republic		1427	852	623			1005				670					650	509																															
Iraq		2023	1123	947			1403				243					790																																
Ireland													286																																			
Israel		1451		615			1028				240					525																																
Italy		854	549				595				439	524														468	439																					

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Tokelau				1249																																															
Tonga			399	1063																																															
Trinidad and Tobago				1234																					494		278			466	282	259	311	365	359																
Tunisia		1255				883				194	542										540	648			552	1178	1026	142	145	396	154	255	446	652	217	166	460	440		239	295	341		699							
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Turkmenistan		1354																			880				841					834														367							
Tuvalu				1331																																															
Uganda			401	577					1421	553					353						725				553																										
Ukraine		662	477						663	384	65																																								
United Arab Emirates																										882		269	275	670	300	439	661	366	400	325											384				
United Kingdom											260																245		299	387	217	316	276	252	271	321	339			323	180	223	220			145					
United States of America		741	483	344			515			384	119			370		156											471	395		455	692	610	319	174	451	423	294	388	412	415		505	480		282	342		311	209	509	487
Uruguay			253	324			824			512																																				534	566				
Uzbekistan		1252		608			858			681	173			649	515																																				
Vanuatu				376	1099																																														
Venezuela, Bolivia Republic			297	447	1366	1296				429											619																														
Viet Nam		998	178	276	1045				915						275						500																										297	467			
Wallis and Futuna Islands					1177																																														
Western Sahara																																																			
Yemen														484																																					
Zambia			621	617						373																																									
Zimbabwe		1480	542	580						445																																									

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Côte d'Ivoire				433	1374	1374	835			835	835																						1245	933	467					1245	999													
Croatia				433			493	493	493			651	651		613	651	651	651	651		371	423							424	334		493											432				111							
Cuba				366	1487	148	898	898	898	898	898																		504	293		1326	1027	494					1027	1326	1109													
Cyprus		1206		195	1409		839	839	839	839	839	1098	1098		1031		1098	1098	1098		717							778	454	427	839		1004					1161		1216	1098	696			590									
Czech Republic				351								510	510		480	510	510	510	510		282	321	282	221			192	341													510	352				68								
Denmark				334								460	460				460		460		249	282		204																		338		334	309	45								
Djibouti				517			1240	1240	1240					1549																633	371		1834			1724					1834													
Dominica				339	1277	1277	770		770	770																			428			1140	878												946									
Dominican Republic				422	1584	1584	955		955	955																				325	1415	1089	525					1089		1174														
Ecuador				348	1159	1159	696	696	696	696	696	852	852		794			852	852		519						266	488	376	239	696	1038	792	380				792	1038	852														
Egypt				320	1831		1097	1097	1097	1097	1097	1407	1407		1319			1407	1407	1319	862						501	943	550	508	1097	1603			1534					1603	1407					907								
El Salvador				501	1699	1699	1033	1033	1033																				636	395		1534	1158	576					1158		1242													
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Eritrea				576																																											1622							
Estonia				319								457					457		457		245	275	245	204			180	321															302				319							
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Faeroe Islands																																																						
Fiji Islands				434	1305		780																							406	279		1171		424				886	1171	951													
Finland				314								408									218	243	218	181																														
France				405			470	470	470	470	470	619	619		582		619	619	619		352	401		256	218		218	398	312	285	470		565					652				404	323	402	363	114								
French Guiana				420	1465	1465	870	870	870	870	870																				1301	1005	466						1005	1301	1086													
French Polynesia				424	1328		792	792		792	792																			393	268		906	427							1187	975												
Gabon				328	1056	1056					638																																											
Gambia				607																													1934															1568						
Georgia				451			540					715	715		672	715	715	715	715		426							453	344															715	455			399						
Germany				369								544	544		512	544	544	544	544		299	339	299	240				359																		369				81				
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Grenada				502	1800	1800	1088		1088	1088	1088	1328																				1615	1234									1615	1328											
Guadeloupe				394	1514	1514	913	913	913	913					1049															505	305		1351	1043	502					1043	1351													
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Guatemala				428	1574	1574	954		954			1161								694									659	568	340		1414	1080	530					1080		1161												
Guinea				468	1596	1596					975																						1449		548											1449								
Guinea-Bissau				537	1862	1862	1138		1138																							1689		640								1272						1363						
Guyana				474	1598	1598	960		960	960	960									1174										526		1433	1092	525					1174								1433							
Haiti				361	1416	1416	854	854	854	854																					286		1263	976	470															1053				
Honduras				403	1574	1574	955		955	955	955	1167																	674	569	331		1412	1084	530								1084								1167			
Hungary				397								610	610		574	610	610	610	610		339	386	330	363					402	317	289																610	390			372	90		
Iceland																											111																											
India				259	1306		796		796	796	796	989	989		925		989	989	989	925								422	611	471	236	796		1164		442						914	1164	989										
Indonesia				402	1319		791																										1182	901	431								901	1182	969									
Iran Islamic Republic				734	1628		973	973	973	973	973	1267	1267		1190	1267	1267	1267	1267	1190	729							446	762	570	522	973	1411			1365			1334	1160					1267									
Iraq				289			1355	1355	1355	1355					1789	1789														1296	749	707	1355																	1789				1295
Ireland				274								427											229	258		199			170																				427					
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Jamaica											1213	1213						1277						530	530											705		641	394																	
Japan				253		384				165			840																													301														
Jordan		263																																									503													
Kazakhstan										242																																		535												
Kenya											1419		1721				572	1492	1492		1492	1492	572	490	490										852		1706						406													
Kiribati																																																								
Korea People's Democratic Republic																409														249															319											
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Kuwait																										1433																														
Kyrgyzstan									212								543	935								597																					465									
Laos										1032		1252						1085				1085														815											353									
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Lebanon		185																						216		727																					350									
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Liechtenstein																																																								
Lithuania										168																			367																											
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Malaysia											1022	1022	1240				351	1075				1075	1075		412																							322	1075							
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Malta				242																																																				
Marshall Islands																																																								
Martinique												1336								1405																																				
Mauritania																																																								
Mauritius														1205											314	314																						607	272							
Mexico		329				461	278		461		1264	1264					351	1332	1332					351		591																						432	1332	1332						
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Mongolia										208																																														
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Myanmar											1103		1334						1156																																	654	407	1156		
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Nauru																																																								
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Netherlands		293					141																		321						153																									
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Jamaica											1213	1213						1277					530	530													705		641	394									
Japan				253		384				165			840			381																									301								
Jordan		263																																							503								
Kazakhstan										242																																535							
Kenya											1419		1721				572	1492	1492		1492	1492	572	490	490													852		1706		406							
Kiribati																																																	
Korea People's Democratic Republic															409															249												319							
Korea Republic													1000		446									472					278													350							
Kuwait																									1433																								
Kyrgyzstan										212							543	935								597																		465					
Laos											1032		1252					1085				1085																						815		353			
Latvia										160																		352																					
Lebanon		185																						216	727																			350					
Lesotho																																																	
Liberia												1136	1136																																1196				
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya																																													625				
Liechtenstein																																																	
Lithuania										168																			367																				
Macedonia, the fmr Yug Rp		419		350			183																																						409				
Madagascar											1165	1165	1415				476	1227	1227	1227	1227	1227	476	394	394							375		709										680	321				
Malawi											1254		1528				461	1325	1325				1325	461	479																					320			
Malaysia											1022	1022	1240				351	1075			1075	1075		412																						322	1075		
Maldives																		1355																															
Mali													2671				718	2315																													733		
Malta				242																																													
Marshall Islands																																																	
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Myanmar											1103	1334						1156												437	437																654	407	1156
Namibia																																																	
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Nepal											748	910						788					788	382	382																							277	
Netherlands		293					141																321						153																				
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New Zealand		318			272	267	55		267							116																																454	

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Syrian Arab Republic		208		389																			240																483										
Tajikistan							199				206																														467								
Tanzania Unite Republic											1166	1166	1419					1231				1231	1231																			713		616	298				
Thailand											1249	1249	1510					436	1309						455	455					489	489										748	444	1309					
Timor-Leste																			1181																														
Togo											1428	1428											1496			468																		463					
Tokelau																																																	
Tonga											1010																																						
Trinidad and Tobago											1172	1172											1233		474																				377				
Tunisia																			1257					217		734																				364			
Turkey		541		460				225																																					540				
Turkmenistan											316																																			661			
Tuvalu																																																	
Uganda											1526	1526	1851																																	440			
Ukraine								172																																						364			
United Arab Emirates		352																																												613			
United Kingdom					299	275	120																																										
United States of America		382	334																						467																					364			
Uruguay																																														165			
Uzbekistan											302																																			464			
Vanuatu												1042	1042																																				
Venezuela, Bolivia Republic												1299	1299																																				
Viet Nam											223	992	1205																																				
Wallis and Futuna Islands																																																	
Western Sahara																																																	
Yemen		410										1604																																					
Zambia												1467	1791																																				
Zimbabwe												1464	1783																																				

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