



We tend to take the availability of water for granted; yet we totally depend on it. That is why water will continue to receive our attention as one of the seven focus areas on our sustainability agenda.

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The information included in this section has been compiled using environmental reports returned by our production units, which include breweries and soft drink plants. The data presented here covers all operations where we hold more than 50 percent of the shares or where we have technical control. Production units that did not report are Brau Holding International (Bad Brambach, Chemnitz, Karlsruhe, Rosenheim and Würzburg).

The performance data covering the organic load of effluent are not fully accurate. We aim to improve the reporting systems in order to remove the current uncertainties around the accuracy of these data. More information about the basis of our reporting parameters can be found in Appendix 2.

## Water strategy

Water is an important raw material for our business. It is used as a raw material for the brewing of our beer, but also as a utility for cleaning, cooling and heating. The primary objective of our water strategy is to reduce usage of utility water by carrying out cleaning processes more efficiently and improving heat exchange processes. In addition, we also aim to achieve further reductions in the organic load and nitrogen and phosphorous discharges into the environment. The performance data for water are gathered through the same environmental monitoring system that we described in the first paragraph.

Our water sources are ground water, city water, surface water and sea water. More information about this subject can be found on our website: [www.heinekeninternational.com](http://www.heinekeninternational.com).

Production units with water consumption higher than 7hl per hl of beer and soft drink  
Number of production units

