

FACTS ON WATER POLLUTION

- In developing countries, 70 percent of industrial waste is dumped untreated into waters where they pollute the usable water supply.
- Up to 90 % of wastewater in developing countries flows untreated into rivers, lakes and highly productive coastal zones, threatening health, food security and access to safe drinking and bathing water.
- 80% of sewage in developing countries is discharged untreated directly into water bodies.
- Industry dumps an estimated 300-400 MT of polluted waste in waters every year.
- Every day, 2 million tons of human wastes are disposed of in water resources.
Source: World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
- Nitrate from agriculture is the most common chemical contaminant in the world's groundwater aquifers.
Source: WWDR, 2012
- Projected increases in fertilizer use for food production and in wastewater effluents over the next three decades suggest there will be a 10-20 percent global increase in river nitrogen flows to coastal ecosystems.

Source: Global Environment Outlook: environment for development (GEO-4)

