

Pakistan- Water Issues, constraints and objectives

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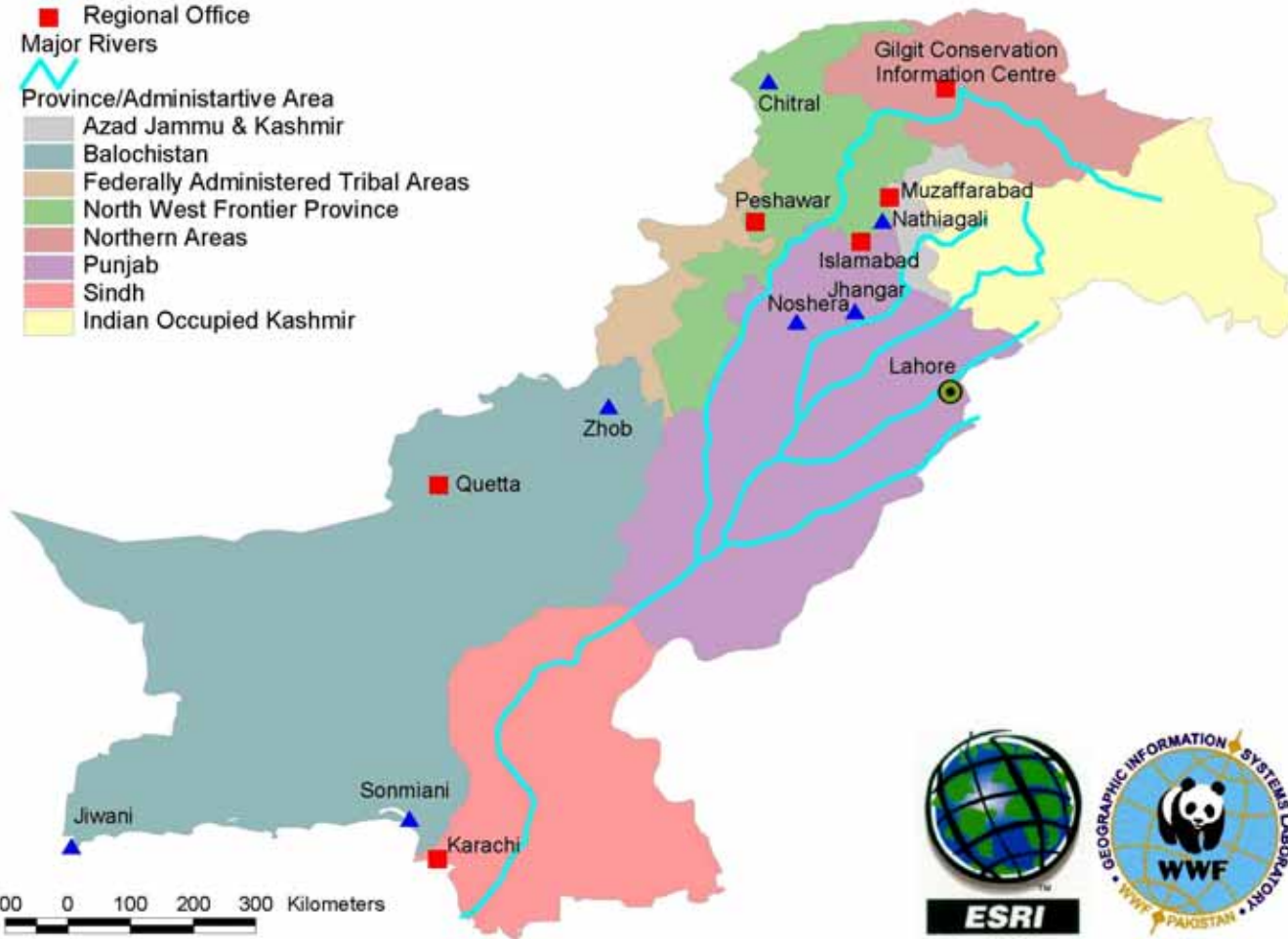
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Major Rivers



Province/Administrative Area

- Azad Jammu & Kashmir
- Balochistan
- Federally Administered Tribal Areas
- North West Frontier Province
- Northern Areas
- Punjab
- Sindh
- Indian Occupied Kashmir



Issues

- **Ownership** (transboundary and inter-provincial)
- **Water scarcity** (water availability declined from 5,300 m³ per capita in 1954 to 1,200 m³ per capita at present)
- **Water resource management**
 - **Distribution** (equitable distribution at inter-provincial and local levels)
 - **Allocation** for different sectors
 - Poor enforcement of **policies/legislation**
 - Poor **infrastructure** management

Issues (contd.)

- Waterlogging & salinity – drainage effluent disposal
- Overexploitation of ground water
- Poor rainwater harvesting
- Decreasing water quality (saline aquifer, municipal/industrial waste)
- Environmental degradation – sea water intrusion
- Overuse – outdated irrigation practices.

Constraints

- Bureaucratic & political hurdles
- Institutional weaknesses
- Centralized management
- Lack of awareness
- Poor policies and legislation – outdate legislation 1873)
- Poor database
- Lack of resources (financial, capacity, technology, R&D)

Constraints (contd.)

- Lack of adoption of innovative technologies.
- Supply-oriented approach
- Lack of integrated approach at national level.
- Water charges not linked to quantity
- **No water rights** on groundwater
- Lack of **financial sustainability** for O& M (higher transaction costs)
- **Inappropriate Cropping patterns** (water intensive crops)

Objectives – vision for future

- **Water for all** - Ensure sustainable management through **wise and equitable distribution**
- Promote **participation** through devolved management and public–private partnership
- Promote **responsible attitude** towards water issues both at on-farm and off-farm levels (**innovative practices and technologies**)
- **Awareness** and **coordination** among the stakeholders
- **Recycle & Reuse** unless it is no fit for use (safe disposal)