



World Water Day
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Clean Water for a Healthy World



water quality = health

Water quality is essential for life. Quality is as important as quantity in sustaining ecosystems and people. Ecosystems provide essential services. They:

regulate

ecosystem processes by maintaining water quality through natural purification, filtering wastewater, controlling floods, and regulating climate

provide

freshwater, food, timber and other necessities of life

support

key ecosystem functions such as nutrient recycling, photosynthesis, and soil formation

enrich

human culture through recreation, ecotourism, aesthetic pleasure and spiritual enrichment.



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