
CDP Scoring Methodology Changes: 2022 to 2023

CDP Water Security 2023



1. Introduction

Developments to our questionnaires and scoring methodologies reflect and drive best practice and improve both data quality and the disclosure experience. In line with CDP's 2021-2025 strategy, developments to the scoring methodology in 2023 reflect CDP's strategic priorities to track organizations transition to align with a 1.5 degree, nature-positive world.

The 2023 Water Security questionnaire contains 9 new questions on plastics and the mapping, management, and impact of plastics for companies and their value chain. This is the first-year questions on plastic pollution are included in the questionnaire, so they will not be scored in 2023.

This document aims to indicate where changes to the scoring of questions have occurred in the 2023 Water Security methodology, and where new questions have been introduced and are being scored. Some questions have modified scoring as a result of the question being modified in 2023, and it is noted where this is the case.

The table below includes a table detailing where the 2023 Water Security Scoring Methodology differs from the 2022 methodology, due to clarifications (no change to scoring criteria), minor/Modified scorings, modifications in the scoring criteria or the addition of new criteria.

The 2023 Water Scoring Methodology, including sector-specific criteria and the Minimum Version of the scoring methodology can be viewed at [Guidance for companies - CDP](#).

2. 2022 to 2023 changes

This table indicates where the water scoring methodology has been revised based on the 2023 scoring methodology.

Question no.	Question text	Revisions from 2022	Details of revisions
W0 Introduction			
W0.1	Give a general description and introduction to your organization.	Modified scoring	Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria added to award points for 100% disclosure across whole questionnaire.
W-CO0.1a/ W-MM0.1a	Which activities in the metals and mining and coal sectors does your organization engage in?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for CO sector; no change from 2022 MM criteria. Scored at Disclosure level.
W-FB0.1a/ WAC0.1a	Which activities in the food, beverage, and tobacco sector does your organization engage in?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for AC sector; no change from 2022 FB criteria. Scored at Disclosure level.
W0.6a	Please report the exclusions.	Minor change	Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route B criterion i) strengthened to require merger/acquisition to have occurred during the reporting year and for data to be included in the next reporting year.
W1 Current state			
W1.1	Rate the importance (current and future) of water quality and water quantity to the success of your business.	Modified scoring	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 9 to 6. Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 6 to 4. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This question is no longer scored at Management level. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This question is no longer scored at Leadership level.
WFB-1.1a/ W-AC1.1a	Which water-intensive agricultural commodities that your organization produces and/or sources are the most significant to your business by revenue? Select up to five.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FB criteria. Scored at Disclosure and Awareness levels.
W1.2	Across all your operations, what proportion of the following water aspects are regularly measured and monitored?	Minor change	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has increased from 11 to 12 (12 to 13 for OG/MM/CO) to reflect change in question structure. Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. New route added to account for companies that send 100% of their wastewater to third parties for treatment. EU companies: change to criteria for companies that generate 70% or more of their electricity from hydropower, wind or solar energy. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has increased from 5.5 to 6 to reflect change in question structure.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed specific requirements for the free text response in Route A) criterion i) to reflect change in question structure Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. The number of points available has increased from 1.1 to 1.2 to reflect change in question structure.
W-EU1.2a	For your hydropower operations, what proportion of the following water aspects are regularly measured and monitored?	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option '1-25' no longer accepted. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring has been introduced at Leadership level.
W1.2b	What are the total volumes of water withdrawn, discharged, and consumed across all your operations, and how do these volumes compare to the previous reporting year, and how are they forecasted to change?	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. 2022 Management criterion ii) moved to Awareness level, but specific requirements for the free text response have been removed in line with new columns with drop-down options added for 2023. The number of points available has increased from 3 to 4.5. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Leadership criterion ii) moved to Management level and expanded to apply to row 'Total consumption' as well as 'Total withdrawals.' Companies reporting higher water withdrawals or consumption due to a recent merger or acquisition will still be awarded points. New columns 'Five-year forecast' and 'Primary reason for forecast' scored. The number of points available has decreased from 6 to 5 to reflect change in question structure. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. New columns 'Five-year forecast' and 'Primary reason for forecast' scored to incentivise lower or stable five-year forecasts for total withdrawals. Companies forecasting higher water withdrawals due to a merger or acquisition will still be awarded points.
W-OG1.2c	In your oil & gas sector operations, what are the total volumes of water withdrawn, discharged, and consumed – (by business division), –how do they compare to the previous reporting year, and how are they forecasted to change?	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. New criteria introduced. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New criteria introduced. Leadership

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. • Scoring added to increase ambition.
W1.2d	Indicate whether water is withdrawn from areas with water stress, and provide the proportion, how it compares with the previous reporting period, and how it is forecasted to change.	Modified scoring	<p>Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of points available has increased from 5 to 8 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring routes removed. • Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed for companies using 'WRI Aqueduct' or 'WWF Water Risk Filter'. • Comparison of water withdrawals from water-stressed areas with the previous reporting year assessed. • Five-year forecast for water withdrawals from water-stressed areas assessed. • The number of points available has increased from 1 to 3 <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring has been introduced at Leadership level to incentivise lower or stable trends as well as future forecasts for water withdrawals from water-stressed areas.
W-FB1.2e/ W-AC1.2e	For each commodity reported in question W-FB1.1a/W-AC1.1a, do you know the proportion that is produced/sourced from areas with water stress?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FBT criteria.
W-FB1.2f/ W-AC1.2f	What proportion of the produced agricultural commodities reported in W-FB1.1a/W-AC1.1a originate from areas with water stress?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FBT criteria.
W-FB1.2g/ W-AC1.2g	What proportion of the sourced agricultural commodities reported in W-FB1.1a/W-AC1.1a originate from areas with water stress?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FBT criteria.
W1.2h	Provide total water withdrawal data by source.	Minor change	<p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Awareness points are now required to be eligible to receive Management points. • Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed for Route A criterion i) in line with new columns with drop-down options added for 2023. • Route C) is redundant due to eligibility criteria and removed.
W1.2i	Provide total water discharge data by destination.	Minor change	<p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. <p>Management</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Awareness points are now required to be eligible to receive Management points. Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed for Route A criterion i) in line with new columns with drop-down options added for 2023. Route C) is redundant due to eligibility criteria and removed.
W1.2j	Within your direct operations, indicate the highest level(s) to which you treat your discharge.	Minor change	<p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-check with W1.2b added as eligibility criteria. Route C) is redundant due to eligibility criteria and removed.
W1.2k	Provide details of your organization's emissions of nitrates, phosphates, pesticides, and other priority substances to water in the reporting year.	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure and Awareness level.
W1.3	Provide a figure for your organization's total water withdrawal efficiency.	Minor change	<p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points now required to be eligible for Awareness points. New cross-check with W1.2b
W-CH1.3	For your top five products by production weight/volume, provide the following water intensity information associated with your activities in the chemical sector.	Minor changes	<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria wording altered for clarity.
W-CO1.3a/ W-MM1.3a	For your top 5 products by revenue, provide the following intensity information associated with your metals and mining activities.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for CO sector, no change from 2022 MM criteria. Scored at Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership levels.
W-FB1.3/ W-AC1.3	Do you collect/calculate water intensity for each commodity reported in question W-FB1.1a/W-AC1.1a?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FB criteria.
W-FB1.3a/ W-AC1.3a	Provide water intensity information for each of the agricultural commodities identified in W-FB1.3/W-AC1.3 that you produce.	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FB criteria.
W-FB1.3b/ W-AC1.3b	Provide water intensity information for each of the agricultural commodities identified in W-FB1.3/W-AC1.3 that you source.	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for AC sector, no change from 2022 FB criteria.
W-OG1.3a	Provide water intensity information associated with your activities in the oil & gas sector.	Minor change	<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring approach wording altered.
W-EU1.3a	Provide the following intensity information associated with your electricity generation activities.	Minor change	<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria altered for clarity.
W1.4	Do any of your products contain substances classified as hazardous by a regulatory authority?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure, Awareness and Management level.
W1.4a	What percentage of your company's revenue is associated with products containing substances classified as hazardous by a regulatory authority?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure and Awareness level.
W1.5	Do you engage with your value chain on water-related issues?	Question number change (2022 W1.4); Modified scoring	<p>Note: All companies see W1.5 in 2023 due to changed question dependency so cross-check with W1.1 in Route B) is redundant and removed at all levels.</p> <p>Disclosure</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has increased from 1 to 6 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure. Only row 'Suppliers' scored in 2023 to incentivise engagement with supply chain on water-related issues. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Awareness points are now required to be eligible to receive Management points. Only row 'Suppliers' scored in 2023 to incentivise engagement with supply chain on water-related issues.
W1.5a	Do you assess your suppliers according to their impact on water security?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership levels. Criteria introduced for this new question to assess the considerations, approach and threshold for defining 'substantive impact' in the assessment of suppliers impact on water security.
W1.5b	Do your suppliers have to meet water-related requirements as part of your organisation's purchasing process?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership levels.
W1.5c	Provide details of the water-related requirements that suppliers have to meet as part of your organisation's purchasing process, and the compliance measures in place.	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership levels. Criteria introduced for this new question to assess the % of suppliers with a substantive impact who required to comply with water-related requirements; the % of those who are in compliance as well as monitoring and response mechanisms.
W1.5d	Provide details of any other water-related supplier engagement activity.	Question number change (2022 W1.4b); Modified scoring	<p>Scoring approach: Only one row will be scored in 2023 and this will be the best performing row.</p> <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible for Awareness points. The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 1.5. 2022 criterion iv) removed to reflect column removal. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 criterion i) removed. Criteria i) and ii) clarified. The number of points available has decreased from 3 to 2 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria modified to reflect change in question structure. The number of points available has decreased from 1.5 to 1 to reflect change in question structure.
W1.5e	Provide details of any water-related engagement activity with customers or other value chain partners.	Question number change (2022	<p>Scoring approach: Only one row will be scored in 2023 and this will be the best performing row.</p>

		W1.4c); Modified scoring)	<p>Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure. The number of points available has increased from 1 to 5 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria added to reflect question structure change from free text to a table format. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Awareness points are now required to be eligible to receive Management points. 2022 criterion ii) removed in line with new columns 'Type of engagement' and 'Details' of engagement' with drop down options. The number of points available has decreased from 3 to 2.
W2 Business impacts			
W2.1	Has your organization experienced any detrimental water-related impacts?	Minor Change	<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor update to cross check criteria.
W2.1a	Describe the water-related detrimental impacts experienced by your organization, your response, and the total financial impact.	Modified scoring	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former criteria i) and ii) combined into one criterion (i) and clarified. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification added to criterion ii).
W2.2	In the reporting year, was your organization subject to any fines, enforcement orders, and/or other penalties for water-related regulatory violations?	Modified scoring	<p>Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure. The number of points available has increased from 1 to 2 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification to reflect question structure change. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New criteria introduced to incentivise compliance with water-related laws and regulation.
W3 Procedures			
W3.1	Does your organization identify and classify potential water pollutants associated with its activities that could have a detrimental impact on water ecosystems or human health?	New question for General, MM, CO & AC; Modified scoring for OG, FB, EU and CH.	<p>New question for General and MM methodologies and new sectors AC & CO. (Previously sector-specific question for MM/OG/EU/FB).</p> <p>Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure from free text to table. The number of points available has decreased from 5 to 2 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Awareness</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria changed to reflect change in question structure. The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 1 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Awareness points are now required to be eligible to receive Management points. 2022 criterion iii) changed to focus on metrics/indicators used in pollutant identification. Scoring Route B added to assess plans to identify and classify water pollutants if not already done so. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New criteria introduced in line with monitoring and classifying potential water pollutants being leadership actions. The number of points available has increased from 0 to 1 to reflect change in question structure.
W3.1a	Describe how your organization minimizes the adverse impacts of potential water pollutants on water ecosystems or human health associated with your activities.	New question for General, MM, CO & AC; Minor change for OG, FB, EU and CH.	<p>New question for General and MM methodologies and new sectors AC & CO. (Previously sector-specific question for MM/OG/EU/FB).</p> <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 8 to 3.
W-MM3.2/ W-CO3.2	By river basin, what number of active and inactive tailings dams are within your control?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for CO sector, no change from 2022 MM criteria.
W-MM3.2a/ W-CO3.2a	Do you evaluate and classify the tailings dams under your control according to the consequences of their failure to human health and ecosystems?	Minor Change	<p>New question for CO sector.</p> <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New options added to Route A.
W-MM3.2b/ W-CO3.2c	By river basin, what number of active and inactive tailings dams are within your control?	New question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question for CO sector, no change from 2022 MM criteria.
W-MM3.2c/ W-CO3.2c	To manage the potential impacts to human health or water ecosystems associated with the tailings dams in your control, what procedures are in place for all of your dams?	Minor Change	<p>New question for CO sector</p> <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criterion i) clarified. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. Criteria removed.
W3.3a	Select the options that best describe your procedures for identifying and assessing water-related risks.	Minor Change	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former criterion ii) is assessed at Awareness level so has been removed. The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 3. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criterion i) updated to require 'Impact on human health' to be covered in risk assessment.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion v) added to align with SDG 6 to ensure access to WASH services across supply chain. • Eligibility criteria adjusted to reflect change in total Management points available. • The number of points available has increased from 3 to 3.5.
W3.3b	Describe your organization's process for identifying, assessing, and responding to water-related risks within your direct operations and other stages of your value chain.	Modified scoring	<p>Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of points available has increased from 1 to 4 to reflect change in question structure. <p>Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria updated in line with change in question structure from free text to table. <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility criteria introduced to request a rationale for the coverage of the risk assessment if 'Partial' coverage selected in W3.3a. • Former criteria iii) and iv) removed. • The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 2.
W3.3c	Why does your organization not undertake a water-related risk assessment?	Modified scoring	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed.
W4 Risks and opportunities			
W4.2	Provide details of identified risks in your direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.	Modified scoring	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria i) and iii) clarified. • Criterion ii) replaced with former Leadership criterion i). <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former criterion i) moved to Management level. • Criterion iii) clarified. • The number of points available has decreased from 3 to 2.
W4.2a	Provide details of risks identified within your value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.	Modified scoring	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria i) and iii) clarified. • Criterion ii) replaced with former Leadership criterion i). <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former criterion i) moved to Management level. • Criterion iii) clarified. • The number of points available has decreased from 3 to 2.
W4.2b	Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?	Minor Change	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion ii) updated to reflect change to module 3 questions. • Criterion iii) clarified. • Former criterion iv) removed. • The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 3.

W4.2c	Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion ii) updated to reflect change to module 3 questions. • Criterion iii) clarified. • Former criterion iv) removed. • The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 3.
W4.3a	Provide details of opportunities currently being realized that could have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business.	Modified scoring	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion i) clarified. • Criterion ii) replaced by former Leadership criterion i) • The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 3. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. • Former criterion i) moved to Management level. • Criterion i) clarified. • The number of points available has decreased from 2 to 1.
W4.3b	Why does your organization not consider itself to have water-related opportunities?	Minor Change	Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Management points are now required to be eligible to receive Leadership points. • Criterion i) clarified.
W5 Facility level water accounting			
W5.1	For each facility referenced in W4.1c, provide coordinates, water accounting data, and a comparison with the previous reporting year.	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring note altered to account for facilities reporting zero withdrawals.
W5.1a	For the facilities referenced in W5.1, what proportion of water accounting data has been third party verified?	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies that send 100% of their wastewater to third parties are accounted for in Route B). This will be verified in a cross-check with W1.2j.
W6 Governance			
W6.1	Does your organization have a water policy?	Modified scoring	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of points available has decreased from 5 to 1. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria updated to incentivise a public water policy. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring removed as this is now at Management level.
W6.1a	Select the options that best describe the scope and content of your water policy.	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. • New cross-check with W6.1 introduced to incentivise a public water policy. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former criterion ii) removed in line with specific requirements for the free text response being removed.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 5 to 3. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list of policy content items awarded points in criterion i) has been updated in line with new drop-down options being added to the question.
W6.2a	Identify the position(s) (do not include any names) of the individual(s) on the board with responsibility for water-related issues.	Modified scoring	Scoring approach: Only one row will be scored in 2023 and this will be the best performing row. Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 6 to 2. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former criterion i) removed. Former Leadership criteria i) and ii) moved to Management Level. The number of points available has increased from 1 to 2. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring removed.
W6.2b	Provide further details on the board's oversight of water-related issues.	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criterion i) updated. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New eligibility criterion introduced, requiring the reviewing and guiding strategy to be integrated as part of governance mechanisms. New criterion (ii) introduced, incentivizing the integration of at least three water-related governance mechanisms. The number of points available has increased from 1 to 2. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring removed
W6.2c	Why is there no board-level oversight of water-related issues and what are your plans to change this in the future?	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed. A maximum of 0/2 points can be awarded.
W6.2d	Does your organization have at least one board member with competence on water-related issues?	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria strengthened in line with other corporate themes.
W6.3	Provide the highest management-level position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals).	Modified scoring	Scoring approach: Only one row will be scored in 2023 and this will be the best performing row. Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New criteria (i and iii) added, replacing former Leadership criteria. New criterion (ii) to incentivize selection of at least three water-related responsibilities.

			Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership level criteria revised to incentivize links between water-related management responsibilities and board level oversight of water-related issues (in question W6.2b), in line with scoring in other corporate themes. The number of points available has decreased from 1.5 to 1.
W6.4	Do you provide incentives to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues?	Minor Change	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 1.
W6.4a	What incentives are provided to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals)?	Modified scoring	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has increased from 6 to 8 to reflect new column.. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Row 'Monetary reward' is assessed in line with other corporate themes. Former Leadership criterion i) moved to Management level. New column 'Contribution of incentives to the achievement of your organization's water commitments' assessed. The number of points available has increased from 1.25 to 1.5. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Row 'Monetary reward' is assessed in line with other corporate themes. Former criteria i) and iii) removed. Leadership scoring modified in accordance with modified selections in columns and to link to board-level oversight (in question W6.2b) The number of points available has increased from 1 to 2.
W6.5a	What processes do you have in place to ensure that all of your direct and indirect activities seeking to influence policy are consistent with your water policy/water commitments?	Minor change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former criteria i) and ii) merged and clarified. The number of points available has decreased from 2 to 1.
W7 Business strategy			
W7.1	Are water-related issues integrated into any aspects of your long-term strategic business plan, and if so how?	Minor Change	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure points are now required to be eligible to receive Awareness points. Former criterion ii) is redundant and has been removed.
W7.3a	Provide details of the scenario analysis, what water-related outcomes were identified and how they have influenced your organization's business strategy?	Minor Change	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criterion i) clarified.
W7.5	Do you classify any of your current products and/or services as low water impact?	Modified scoring	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criterion i) introduced to request a definition used to classify products/services as low water impact.
W8 Targets			
W8.1	Do you have any water-related targets?	Modified scoring	Disclosure

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria altered to reflect modifications to question structure. The number of points available has decreased from 6 to 1. Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to criteria and the number of points available has decreased from 5 to 2. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring removed. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring removed.
W8.1a	Indicate whether you have targets relating to water pollution, water withdrawals, WASH, or other water-related categories.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scored at Disclosure, Awareness, Management and Leadership levels. Criteria introduced for this new question to incentivise setting of targets in all three categories: Water Pollution; Water withdrawals & WASH services. Selections made in W8.1a will be validated with a cross-check in W8.1b.
W8.1b	Provide details of your water-related targets and the progress made.	Question number change (2022 W8.1a); Minor change	Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of points available has increased from 11 to 12 to reflect modifications to question structure. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New eligibility criterion introduced to accommodate new column on 'Target status' and incentivise reporting a target that is active or completed in the reporting year. Former criterion i) removed in line with modifications to question structure. The number of points available has decreased from 4 to 2. Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modification to criterion i) for assessing progress made relative to the base year of the target.
W8.1c	Why do you not have water-related target(s) and what are your plans to develop these in the future?	Modified scoring	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to point allocation. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific requirements for the free text response have been removed. A maximum of 0/5 points can be awarded.
W9 Verification			
W9.1	Which data points within your CDP disclosure have been verified, and which standards were used?	New criteria	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New scoring criterion introduced.
W9.1a	Do you verify any other water information reported in your CDP disclosure (not already covered by W5.1a)?	New criteria	Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New scoring criterion introduced. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New scoring criterion introduced.

W10 Plastics			
W10.1	Have you mapped where in your value chain plastics are used and/or produced?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.2	Across your value chain, have you assessed the potential environmental and human health impacts of your use and/or production of plastics?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.3	Across your value chain, are you exposed to plastics-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.4	Do you have plastics-related targets, and if so what type?	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.5	Indicate whether your organization engages in the following activities.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.6	Provide the total weight of plastic polymers sold and indicate the raw materials.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.7	Provide the total weight of plastic durable goods/components sold and indicate the raw materials.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.8	Provide the total weight of plastic packaging sold and/or used and indicate the raw materials.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.
W10.8a	Indicate the circularity potential of the plastic packaging you sold and/or used.	New Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question not scored for 2023.