

Policy on freshwater use

Freshwater is considered a renewable resource, however in some regions of the world the use of freshwater may exceed the ability of natural processes to replace it. When this combination occurs, situations of water scarcity can occur which can impact negatively society and business.

Freshwater is important for Mowi as it is used:

- directly in the initial stages of farming to produce smolts prior to sea transfer. Mowi continues to invest where possible to improve water use efficiency through technological innovations at our freshwater farming sites.
- directly at our processing plants to keep high hygienic standards and
- indirectly from the use of agricultural feed raw materials. Mowi uses certification schemes, where available, to ensure agricultural raw materials are sourced from areas where water management is considered.

Mowi's freshwater use

The majority of freshwater in our business is used to produce the initial life stages of Atlantic salmon. Such production is done in countries and areas with no water scarcity. We use the World Resource Institute water risk map to help us identify if any areas where we farm our salmon are located in areas of medium or high risk. All our farming regions are located in a low risk rating both from a water stress and water depletion perspectives (WIR Aquaduct, 2019).

Regarding our downstream operation, some of our processing plants are location in countries/areas of medium risk and therefore our conservation efforts are directed there. None of our processing plants are located in countries/areas of high risk for water stress/depletion.

Mowi's target on freshwater use

Mowi focus on increasing freshwater use efficiency at processing plants without compromising the need of using water to maintain the high hygienic standards at the plants.

Mowi's actions towards the implementation of this policy:

1. Work towards an improved efficiency of freshwater use at our processing sites by:
 - developing water efficiency plans at our processing plants.
 - stimulating innovative solutions to reduce water withdrawal or reuse
 - sharing solutions and efficiency improvement plans amongst business units
 - reporting data on freshwater use as requested in the sustainability reporting
2. Ensure that Mowi's operations do not compromise the right of local communities to access water
3. Treat wastewater effectively following as a minimum national regulations
4. Raise awareness on effective water stewardship by supporting our employees to understand this policy

