# The water footprint of the activities of the Food Bank of Navarra

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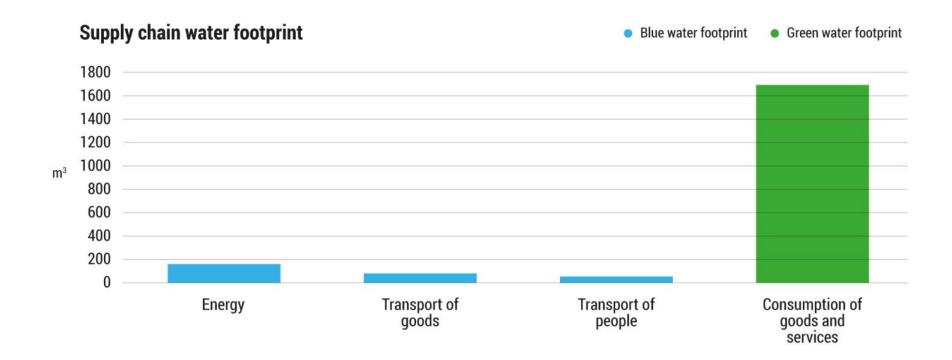
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#### 1. Water footprint assessment

- Water Footprint Assessment Manual: Water footprint of an organization
  - Measures the total water consumed and contaminated, directly or indirectly, by an organization.
  - Unit: m³ of freshwater
  - Water footprint calculations are measured in terms of:
    - Green WF
    - Blue WF
    - Grey WF

# 2. Water footprint of the activities of the Food Bank of Navarra

- $\rightarrow$  Direct WF  $\implies$  0 m<sup>3</sup>
- $\rightarrow$  Indirect WF  $\Longrightarrow$  WF Green WF Blue WF Grey  $\Longrightarrow$  1925 m<sup>3</sup>



# 3. Water used in a scenario without the activities of the FBN

Water used as a result of two elements:

 The additional food production that would be necessary for the beneficiaries to feed in the absence of the FBN.

 The waste management, mostly organic, that the food wasted would generate.

# 3. Water used in a scenario without the activities of the FBN

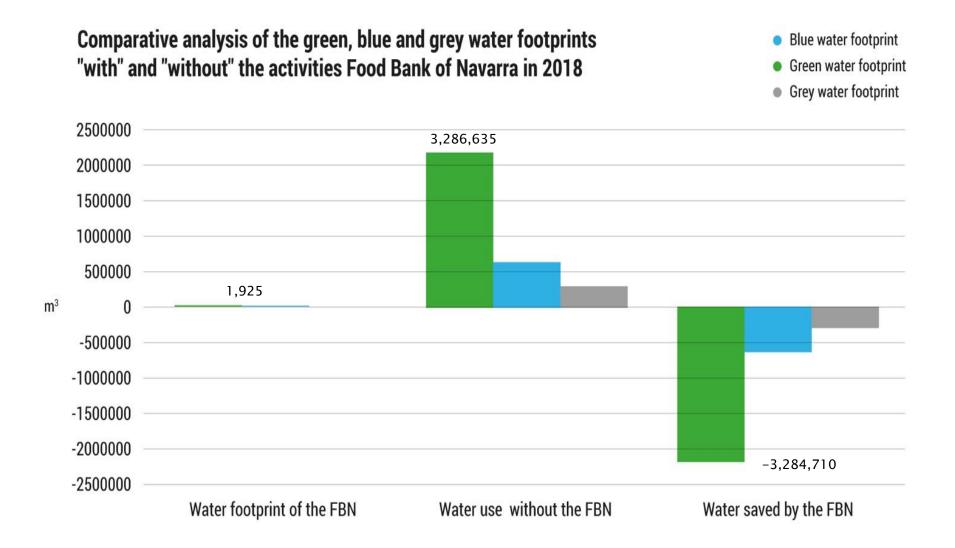
Water footprint of the additional food production

Green WF	Blue WF	Grey WF		
2,379,370	556,550	310,677		3,3 million m <sup>3</sup>

Water footprint of the waste management

Green WF	Blue WF	Grey WF	
0	4,851	35,187	40 thousand m <sup>3</sup>

# 4. Comparison of the water used "with" and "without" the action of the FBN



#### 5. Conclusions

- The water footprint of the FBN was 1925 m<sup>3</sup> of fresh water in 2018, mostly green water associated with the consumption of paper and wood.
- The water use avoided by the use of food, which would otherwise be wasted, is 1997 times higher than those uses caused by the activities of the FBN.
- Consequently, the activity of the FBN prevented the use of 974 Olympic swimming pools of fresh water in 2018.
- These results highlight the importance, not only social but also environmental, of the FBN, since it prevents a large amount of fresh water from being wasted.

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