Access to clean water is a human right. It is also one of the most valuable resources on Earth, and at risk to become scarce in the future. Climate change intensifies water cycles, resulting in more intense rainfalls and associated flooding in some regions as well as more intense droughts in others. This may also impact our operations and value chain.

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Our water-related sustainability targets…

- By 2025, at all production sites will have installed water reporting.
- By 2025, all production sites in water scarce areas will have implemented own Water Consumption Reduction Plans.
- By 2030, all our plants in water scarce areas will have implemented individual water management plans.

….and some actions

- Our subsidiary Hanson Cement in the UK reduced its water consumption by over 90% at several sites by implementing measures like converting to closed circuits and reducing water pressure.
- Being a good neighbour: For years, our operations in India have collected more water from sustainable sources such as rainfall than they consume* and excess water is shared with local stakeholders and neighbouring communities.
- Reduce climate-related risks: At one of our Australian quarries, employees have developed an innovative system to effectively manage and treat stormwater runoff.
- All our countries have taken action to assure that all our sites comply with the WASH Pledge for access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene latest by the end of 2021.

* In 2018, HeidelbergCement India has been certified as over six times net water positive by TÜV SÜD

HeidelbergCement strictly adheres to environmental regulations to ensure that our raw material quarrying does not endanger local surface water or groundwater resources.

We report our key figures in the area of water annually in our Sustainability Report. We have also disclosed water data in the renowned ranking by global environmental non-profit CDP in recent years and have consistently received an ‘A-’ rating in the Water Security category since 2019. This confirms our position among industry leaders in responsible water use.