# Water Resources Management and Climate Change in Myanmar

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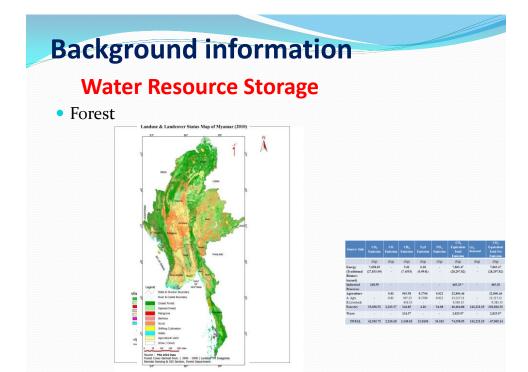
# **Background information**

### Vulnerable Situation to the Climate Change

- Natural: Geographic location, long coastal line, population growth, deforestation,
- Anthropogenic: population growth, deforestation, high dependency on natural resources, GHG emission from waste, Agriculture, Transportation, Energy, Industry and Mining

# Source of Water Resource

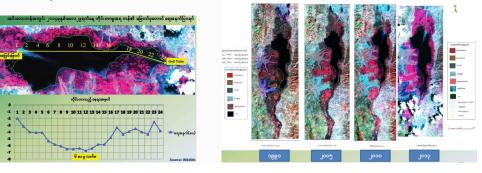
- Forest
- Snow cap mountain in the northern most
- Rain Water (5000 mm in South and west, 2000 -3000 mm in Delta, 1250 -3000 mm in North and eastern mountainous areas, and 750 mm in central MM)
  Ground Water
- Four Major Catchment Areas/ Basins and Rivers in coastal zones



# **Threats to the Water Resources**

- Population Pressure
  - 35.3 millions in 1983 and
    - **51.4 million** in 2014 (female 26.4 : male 25.0)
    - over 16 million increase within 31 years \_ 45.6%)
  - Deforestation (46.69% of forest cover in2010)
- Unsystematic Agricultural farming practices (e.g Inley Lake)
- Global Warming
- Climate Change
  - Temperature rise both global and nation wide (45 degree centigrade in April 2014 in Mandalay of Central Myanmar)

  - Drought Extreme rain fall pattern
  - Flood
  - Cyclone



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# Water Resource Storage

- Forest Cover (46.69 % of total land area)
- Large part of Myanmar falls in the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region which is basically water basins of Ayeyarwady, Chindwin and Thanlwin Rivers Sittaung River basin
  - Surface and Ground Water potential Est. Catch-ment area (thou. sq.km) Est ground--water Potentia (km<sup>3</sup>) annua No Name water (km<sup>3</sup>) Π to its con 193.30 227.920 92.599 ower Ayeyar 95.60 85.80 153.249 IV ouna 28.402 48.10 81.148 v Rakhine 58.30 139.245 41.774 VI Taninthari 40.60 130.927 39.278 VII Thanlwin Rive (From Myanma 257.918 74.779 158.00 oundary fo its mouth) VIII 28.60 17.634 7.054 737.80 1081.88 494.71

### **River Basins in Myanmar**

- There are Four Major Rivers 1. Ayeyarwady River- 2210 Km 2. Chindwin River - 900 Km 3. Sittoung River - 320 Km 4. Thanlwin River - 1224 Km Besides four main rivers,
  - coastal streams in the
  - 1. Rakhine State 2. Taninthayi Region



### Institutional Strengthening for Water Management

### National Water Resource Committee

- Formed with 23 members from 13 line ministries, 3 city development committees, regional or state Minister, president office advisor, water expert • team on 25 July 2013.
- Chaired by Vice President (2) •

### **Use of Water in Different Sectors**

		Surface Water	Groundwater	Total
1.	Domestic	1.15 (3%)	2.55 (68%)	3.7 (8%)
2.	Industrial	1.17 (3%)	0.33 (9%)	1.5 (3%)
3.	Irrigation	41.97(94%)	0.85 (23%)	42.82(89%)
	Total	44.29	3.73	48.02

Justification of Water Resources Management



# **Environmental Governance**

### Institutional Strengthening

- Environmental Conservation Committee ECC (reformed in 10 March 2014)

  - Sworking committee
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     Policy, Law, Rules, Regulations and Quality Standard WC (13 members)
     Industrial Projects, Urban and Rural WC (19 members)
     Actinate Change Adaptation and Mitigation WC (16 members)
     Environmental Education and Awareness WC (15 members)
- MOECAF (2011)
- Myanmar Climate Change Alliance-MCCA (2013)

## Policy and legislation

- > Constitution (2008)
- Environmental Policy (1994) Myanmar Agenda 21 (1997) The items adopted for implementation of environmental conservation works related to water are: Integrated management of land resources, Sustainable fresh water resources management, Sustainable management of coastal, marine and island ecosystem. 4
- National Sustainable Development Strategy –NSDS (2009)
- Environmental Conservation Law (2012)
- 8 Environmental Conservation Rules (2014)
- Procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment (Drafted)
- Sectoral Laws and Policies

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