

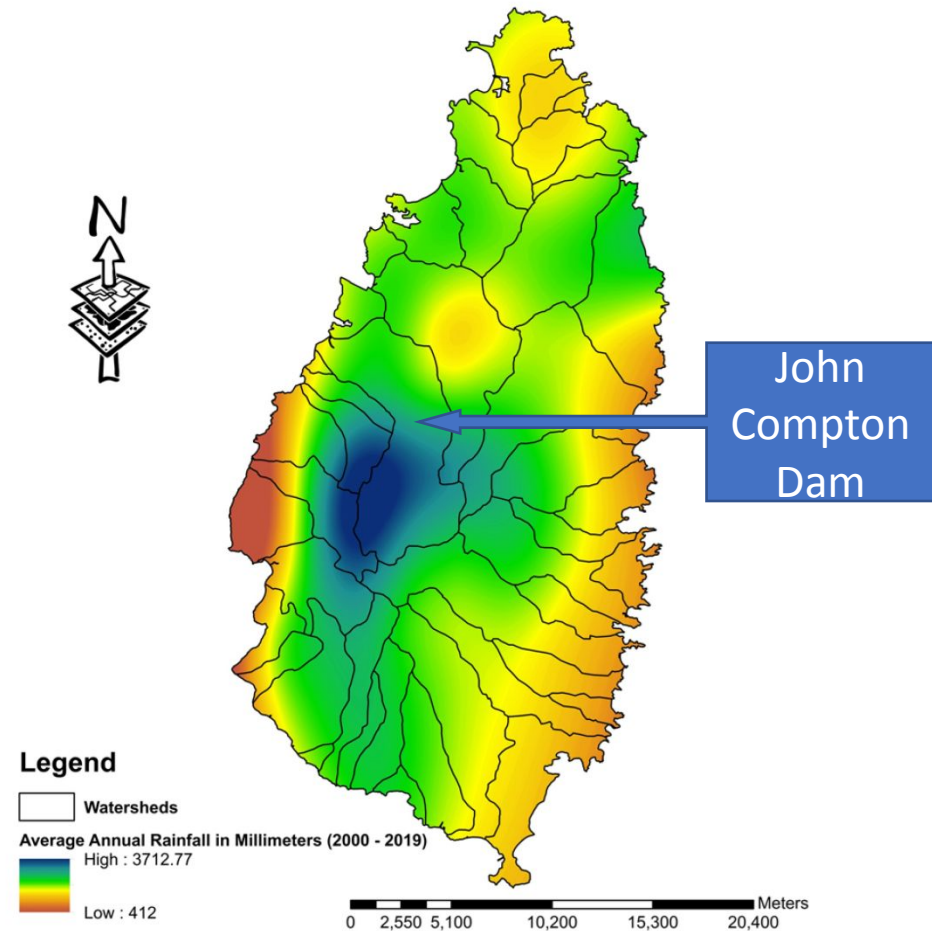
Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in “Country”

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Country Context

AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION MAP OF SAINT LUCIA



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- 37 watersheds
- Wet season – June to November
- Dry Season – December to May
- Dependence on surface water (rivers and tributaries)
- Tourism: high contributor to GDP

Overall status of SDG 6 at the national level

- Overall status of SDG 6 achievement (Achievements, key water- and sanitation-related challenges). Potential impact (how many people may benefit) if SDG 6 targets and indicators are achieved in your country by 2030?

- Based on official SDG reporting: a report was submitted for SDG 6.5.1 in 2020.
- We are in the process of initiating reporting for 2023.
- Improved Water Access above 90%
- Improved Water and Sanitation Access above 90%

Final
Score: 40

Country and year of data capture	Coverage by wastewater technologies				Total (%)
	Centralised sewerage systems (%)	Septic tanks (%)	Pit latrines (%)	Other (%)	
St. Lucia (2006)	7	63	23	7	93

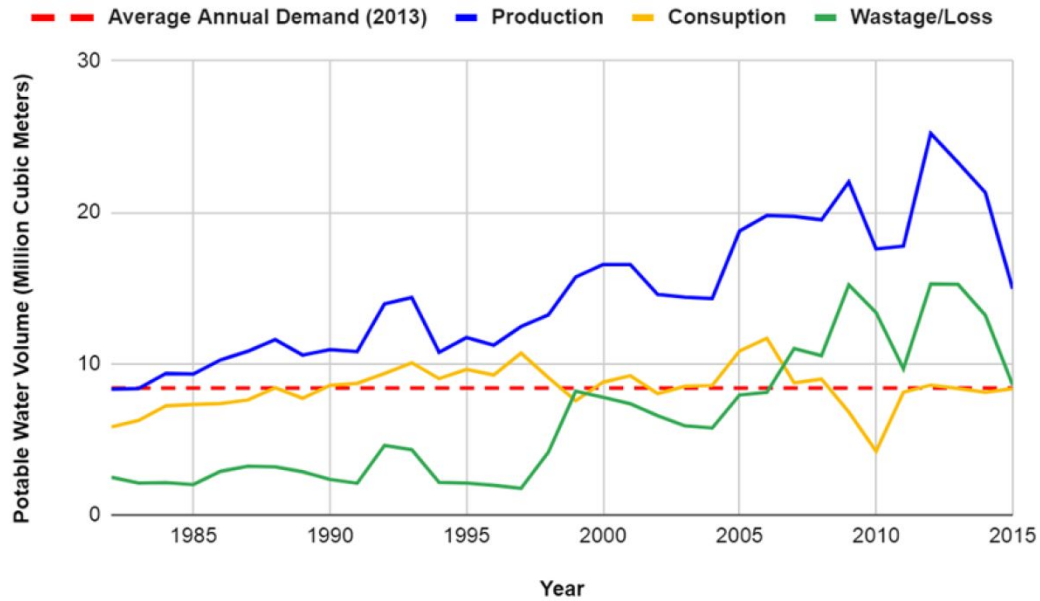
Treatment systems
need some focus

Water utility: operates 2 WWTPs

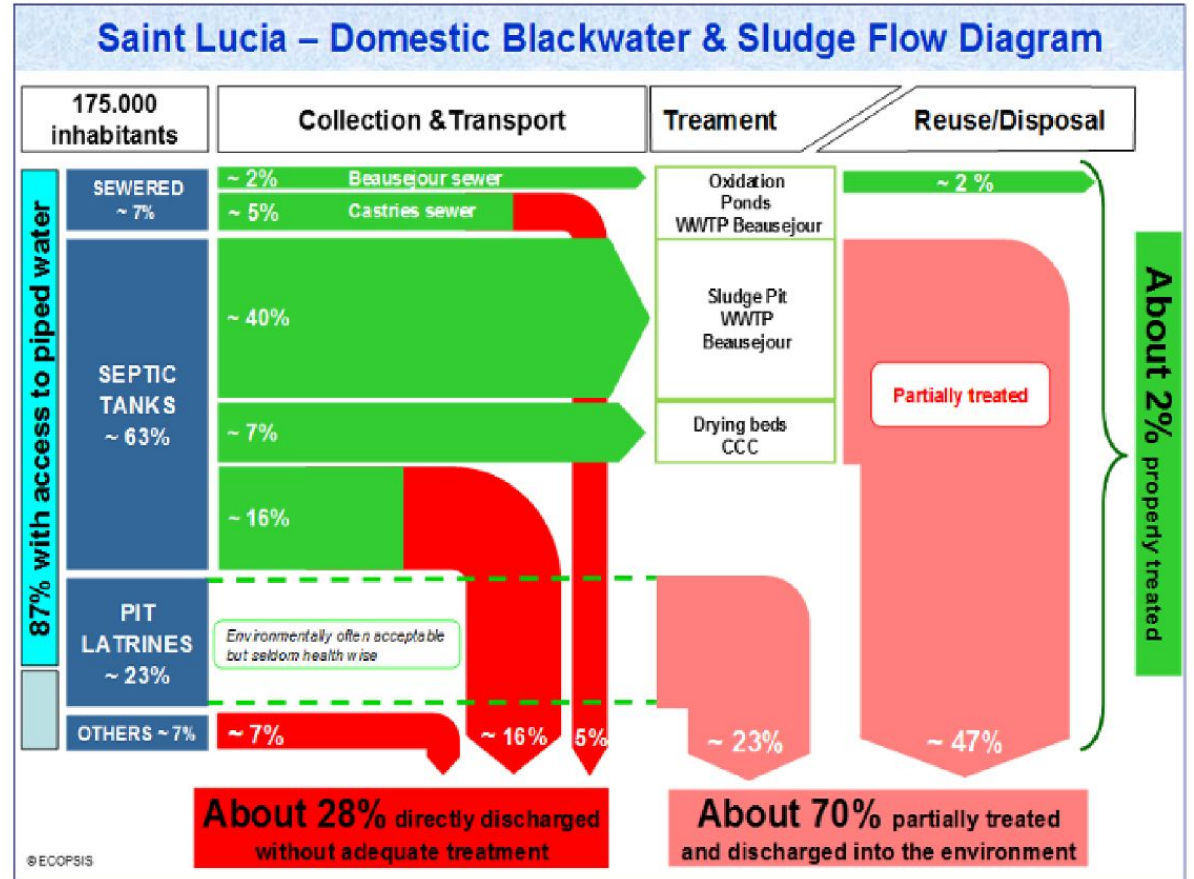
Tourism sector: some major hotels have installed WWTPs

Yachting sector : needs attention

NBS: may help with low cost treatment



Silted intakes during wet season and dry conditions during dry season cause intermittency in supply



National agencies involved in SDG 6 achievement

- Names of the ministries, national institutions, any other relevant entity

- Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology

- Department of Sustainable development

Oversight of all
SDGs

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- Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and the Youth Economy

- The Central Statistical Office of Saint Lucia

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- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Rural Development

- Water Resources Management Agency (WRMA)

- Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports, Transport, Physical Development and Urban Renewal

- Water and Sewerage Company (WASCO)

- National Utilities Regulatory Commission (NURC)

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- Most important target(s) and indicator(s)

Target	Indicator	Reasons for importance
6.1 Drinking Water	6.1.1- Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services	Water Policy and Water and Sanitation Act . Water Policy is currently under review.
6.2 Sanitation and Hygiene	6.2.1- Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services, including a hand washing facility with soap and water	Same as above
6.3 Water Quality and Wastewater	6.3.1- Proportion of wastewater safely treated 6.3.2- Proportion of bodies of water with good ambient water quality	Draft Wastewater Policy and Strategic Plan . LBS protocol Resilient Ecosystems Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (2020-2030).
6.4 Water use and scarcity	6.4.1- Change in water use efficiency over time 6.4.2- Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources	Sectoral Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for the Water Sector (2018-2028)
6.5 Water Resources Management	6.5.1- Degree of integrated water resources management implementation (0- 100)	Water Policy and Water and Sanitation Act. Water Policy is currently under review (and is incorporates IWRM)
6.6 Water Related Ecosystems	6.6.1- Change in the extent of water related ecosystems over time	Forest, Soil and Conservation Act Resilient Ecosystems Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (2020-2030),

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- Least important target(s) and indicator(s)

Under target 6.5: indicator 6.5.2	6.5.2- Proportion of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangement for water cooperation	As an island country , transboundary issues (international) are not apparent.
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Reflections on SDG-PSS and its online course

- Contribution of SDG-PSS online course in using SDG-PSS and navigating its main features? Was the course helpful in using SDG-PSS or not? What is needed to improve the course further?
 - The course was succinct and to the point.
 - The basic steps for using the SDG-PSS were clearly explained.
 - The combination of video and written content from the user manual helped to foster a deeper understanding the content.

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

- Most relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?
 - Finance: National Policies and Strategic Plans have been developed but **implementation of programs have been slow due to funding limitations.**
 - Policy/institutional (to foster effective collaboration): Policies exist, however the institutional frameworks (**established interagency working relationships**) for making them effective need to be formalized.
 - Capacity: Human resource and technical capacity within the sector requires some improvement (**data processing, quality management for accurate/reliable reporting**).

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

- Least relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?
 - Gender: there has been some focus on gender issues within the sector through the gender affairs unit but there is still room for improvement (in rural areas during droughts and water shortages; for certain professional roles).
 - Integrity: There are robust legislative instruments and regulations for the sector through for achieving the mandate of the Water Resources Management Agency, The National Utilities Regulatory Commission and The Department of Environmental Health. However, enforcement needs strengthening.

Suggestion

- Partnerships for promoting the tool could also be sought through:
 - The [Organization of Eastern Caribbean States \(OECS\) Commission](#) (link to the [Eastern Caribbean Heads of Government](#))
 - [Global Water Partnership – Caribbean \(GWP-C\)](#) and [STATIN \(Jamaica\)](#) which have developed the [SDG 6 Monitoring Guide for Caribbean SIDS](#)