

**Characteristics of pollutants discharged into rivers/streams &  
Plan to reduce CSOs in Urban Area when Raining**

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# 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

- WHY REDUCING AND MANAGING CSOs

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# 1) Impact of Urbanization and Pollutant Discharge

## Urbanization & Water Cycle

### Flows in Nature

- Increase in impermeable surface by urbanization
- Precipitation, evaporation, surface drainage, infiltration, storage etc.

- Distorted water cycle due to increased impermeable surface
- Urban flood by increased peak flow when concentrated precipitation
- **Stream water contamination when raining**

Population increase with urbanization  
Adverse impact on water cycle by increased impermeable surface



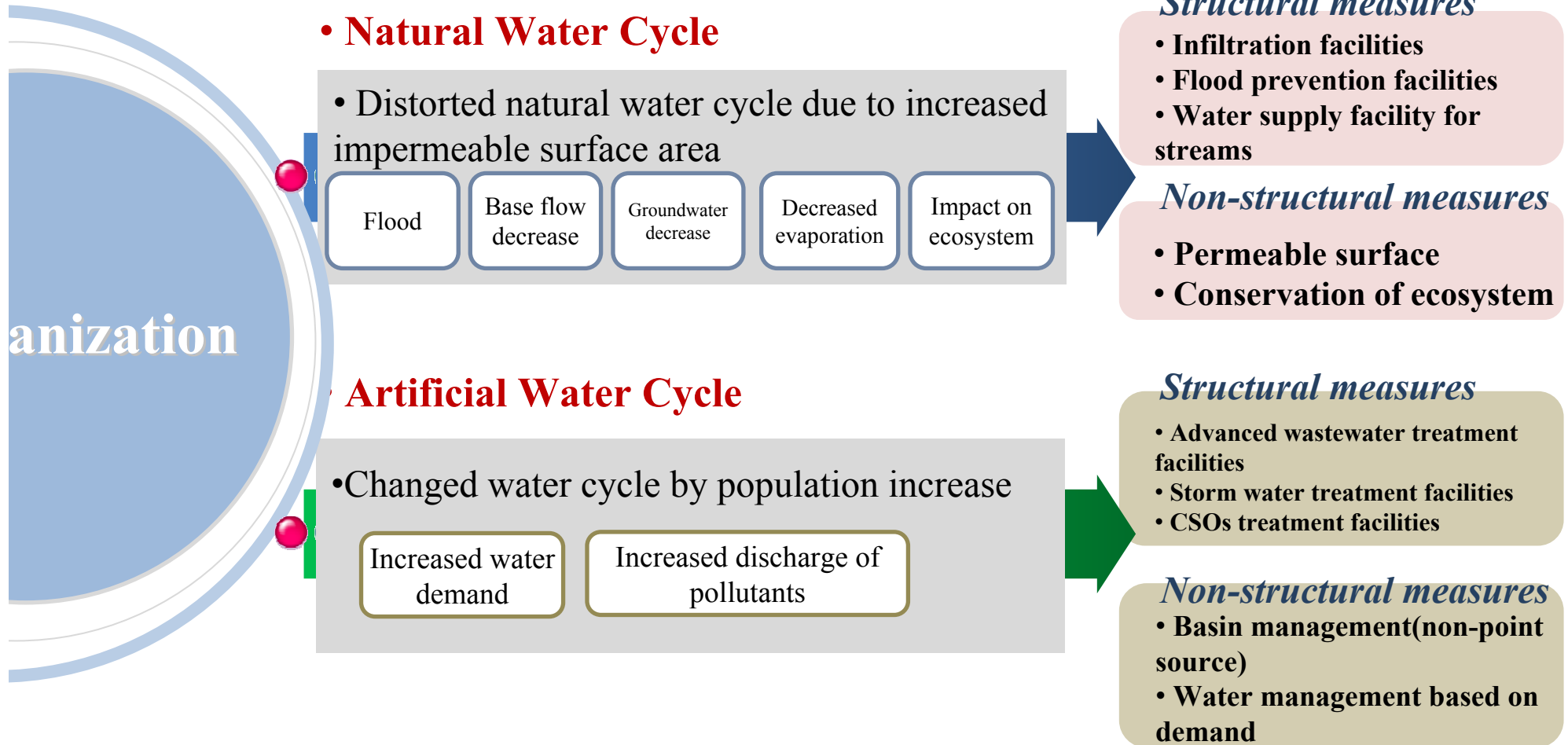
### Flows in Society

- Increased population density by urbanization
- River water intake, groundwater use, cut-off rain and wastewater
- Water cycle related with citizens daily lives

- Increased surface drainage by increased demand for water and facilities for rain and wastewater drainage
- Decreased natural storage
- Dry stream and reduction of habitat
- **Increased discharge of urban pollutant**

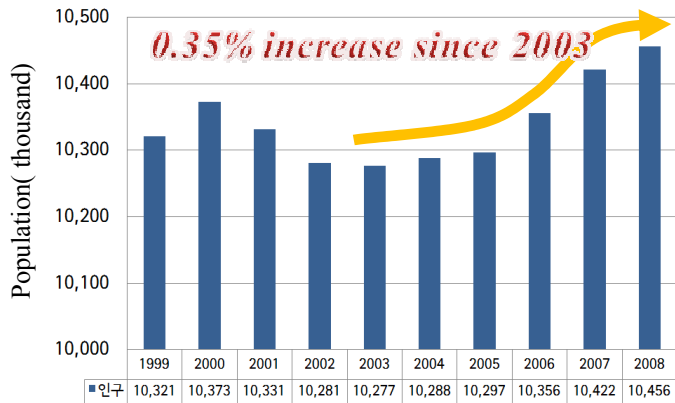
**Recovering Water Cycle by Reducing impermeable surface, Rain water management, Water demand management, and Pollution management**

# 1) Impact of Urbanization and Pollutant Discharge



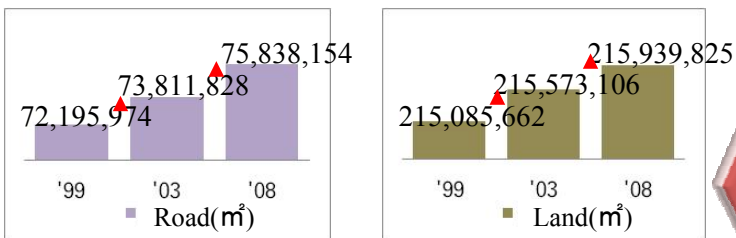
# 1) Impact of Urbanization and Pollutant Discharge

## • Increased Population



Population of 10,456,034 (As of 2008)

## • Increased impermeable surface

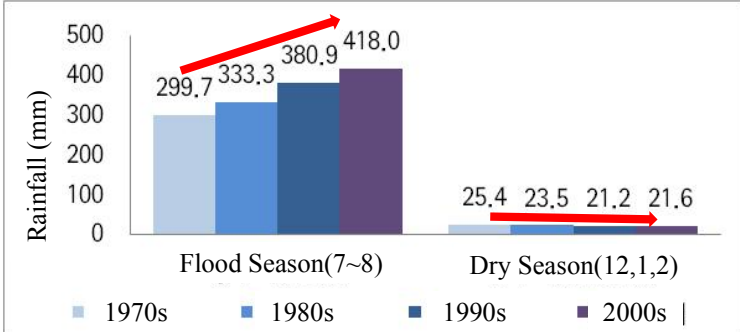


Paved road area increase by 5.04%

Land area increase by 0.40%

Increased impermeable surface area including roads and lands by urbanization

## • Decreased precipitation in dry season



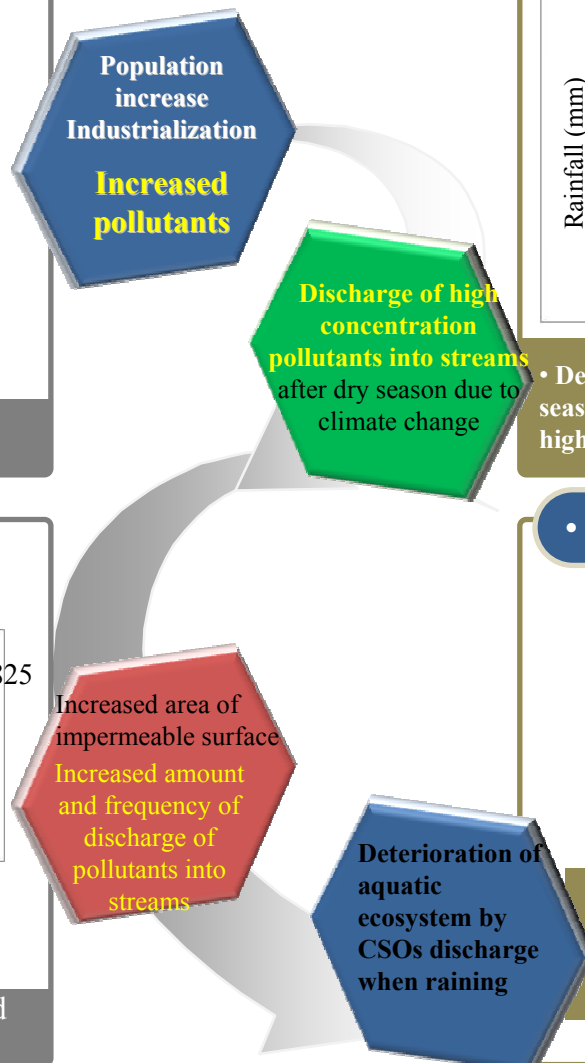
• Decrease in amount and frequency of precipitation in dry season – non-point source pollutants accumulation – Discharge of high concentration pollutants in Spring with small amount of rain

## • Deterioration of stream ecosystem

CSOs discharge into streams when raining (May ~ August)

Fish kills by water quality deterioration due to temporary DO exhaustion

10 cases of fish kills during the recent 5 years since 2006



## 2) Definition and characteristics of pollutants discharge when raining

### Non-point source pollution

“Discharging pollutants from dispersed sources such as roads, farms, land, and construction sites.



### CSOs

Wastewater overflowed from combined sewers through storm overflow outlet



### City area

- Sediments from buildings and impermeable surfaces
- Pollutants from industrial area
- Intensive discharge into stream through sewer pipe when raining
- CSOs

### Road

- Pollutants including heavy metals accumulated on surface by precipitated pollutants from atmosphere and emission from vehicles
- Soil from construction

### Stream area

- Collection of sand and gravel around stream shore
- Construction for shore protection
- Development in upstream area

### Agriculture

- Pesticide and fertilizer
- Cattle excretion around cattle shed
- Erosion of soil and suspended materials

Deterioration of water quality and aquatic ecosystem by intensive discharge into stream when raining

### 3) Management of pollutants discharge when raining

Streams in dry period

Bright side

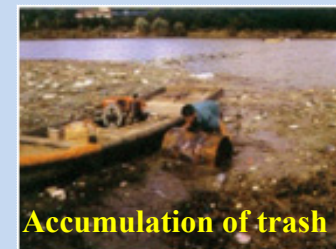
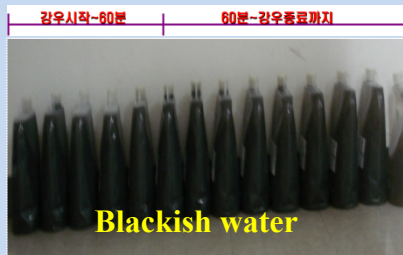
Providing water-friendly culture and resting area for citizens



Streams during wet period

Dark side

Deterioration of aquatic ecosystem by influx of pollutants

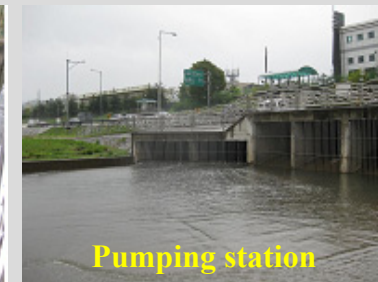


## WHY?

Pollutants accumulated in city, road, and construction site washed out by rain and flow into sewer pipe (non-point source)



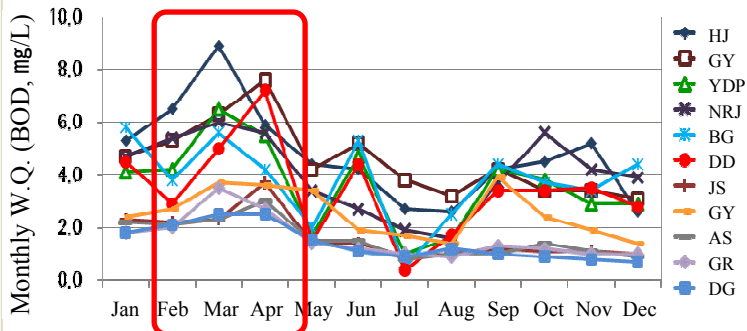
High concentration of wastewater directly discharged into streams when the amount is much larger than the capacity of wastewater treatment plant ✕ CSO





### 3) Management of pollutants discharge when raining

Monthly water quality of the Han river

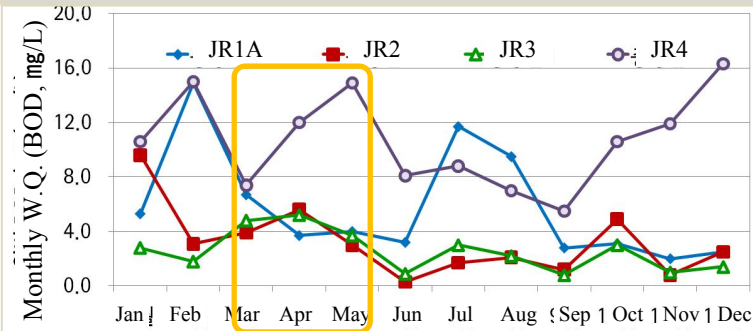


Lack of water flow during dry season and increased amount and frequency of pollutants discharge due to CSOs



Water quality deterioration with storm water

Monthly water quality of JoongRang stream



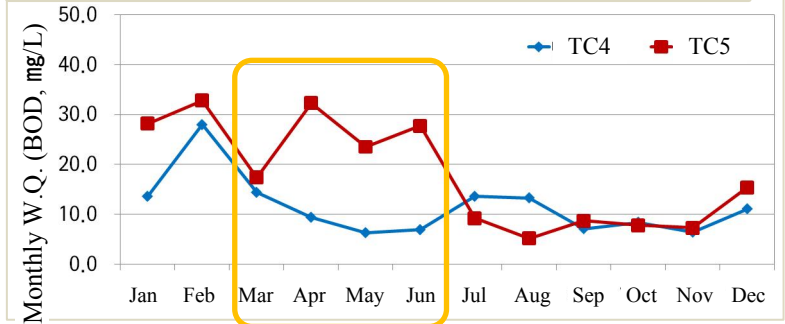
Deterioration of water quality of the Han river and the 4 main streams in Spring



Water quality management plan needed according to characteristics of pollutants discharge when raining in Spring

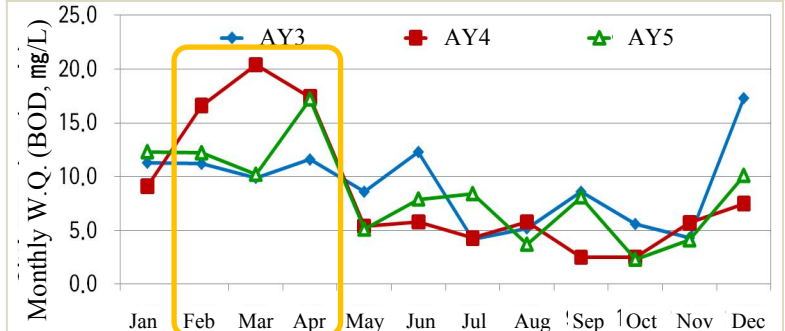
Deteriorated water quality

Monthly water quality of Tanchun stream



Deteriorated water quality in February

Monthly water quality of Anyangchun stream



Deteriorated water quality in March

## 4) Management of Pollutant Discharge when raining

### Management of Pollutant Discharge when raining Paradigm shift in policy of water quality management

#### Measurement for non-point source pollutants

#### High ratio of treated point source pollutants

*Limits in improvement of water quality through advanced treatment project*

VS

#### Lack of treatment for non-point source pollutants

- Pollutants from non-point sources (first flush water and CSO) discharged directly into streams when raining
- Pollutants when raining (77 day/yr) are **2.5 times more pollutants** of normal days (288 days/yr)

#### Implementation of total pollutant load control system

*Implementation of the rule to the Han river basin from June 2013*

#### Measurement for non-point source pollutant required

Measurement to achieve water quality goal due to implementation of the regulation is urgently required

Pollutants control required due to limit of water quality goal achievement through advanced treatment at WWTP

**Projects on non-point source pollutants required to reduce CSOs and storm water**

#### “National River Rehabilitation Project” Ministry of Environment

**Maximization of “4 Big Rivers Project”  
Providing healthy and safe stream environments**

*Branch stream water quality improvement project from 2011 (“National River Rehabilitation Project”)*

#### Project Plan

- All the branch streams – less than BOD 5 mg/L
- Continuous investment of government subsidies by 2020
- Main investment project: CSOs reduction project

Non-point source pollutants reduction project of Seoul supported by government subsidies

## 4) Management of Pollutant Discharge when raining

### Implementation of policy to reduce non-point source pollutants



### Regulations for management of CSOs and non-point source pollutants

Law of sewerage (implemented July 1, 2009, No. 335 ME)

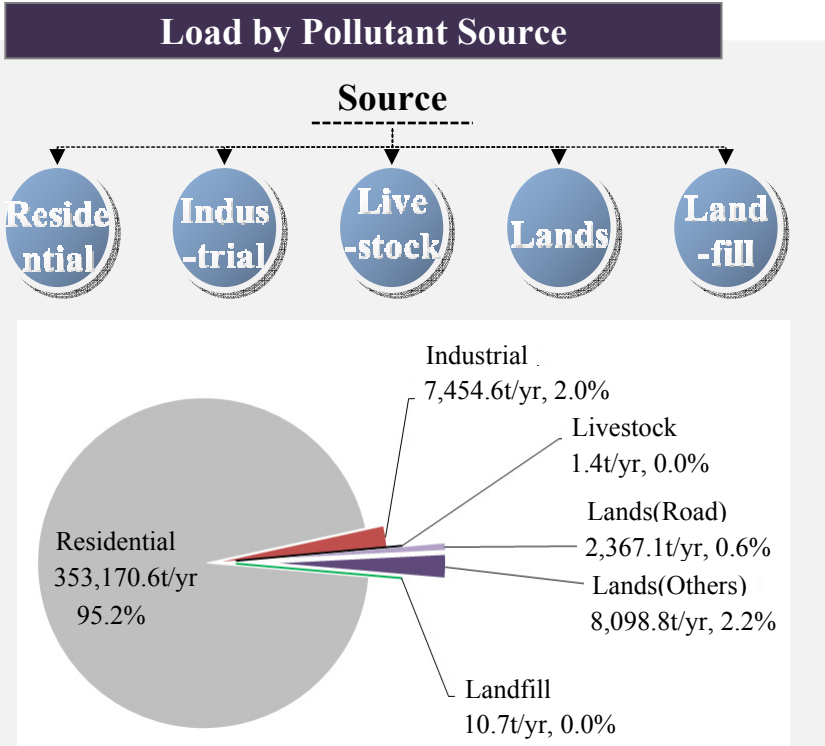
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## **2. CSO MANAGEMENT TARGET AND DISCHARGE CHARACTERISTICS**

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# 1) CSOs Management Targets and Loads Discharged

## ① Pollutants

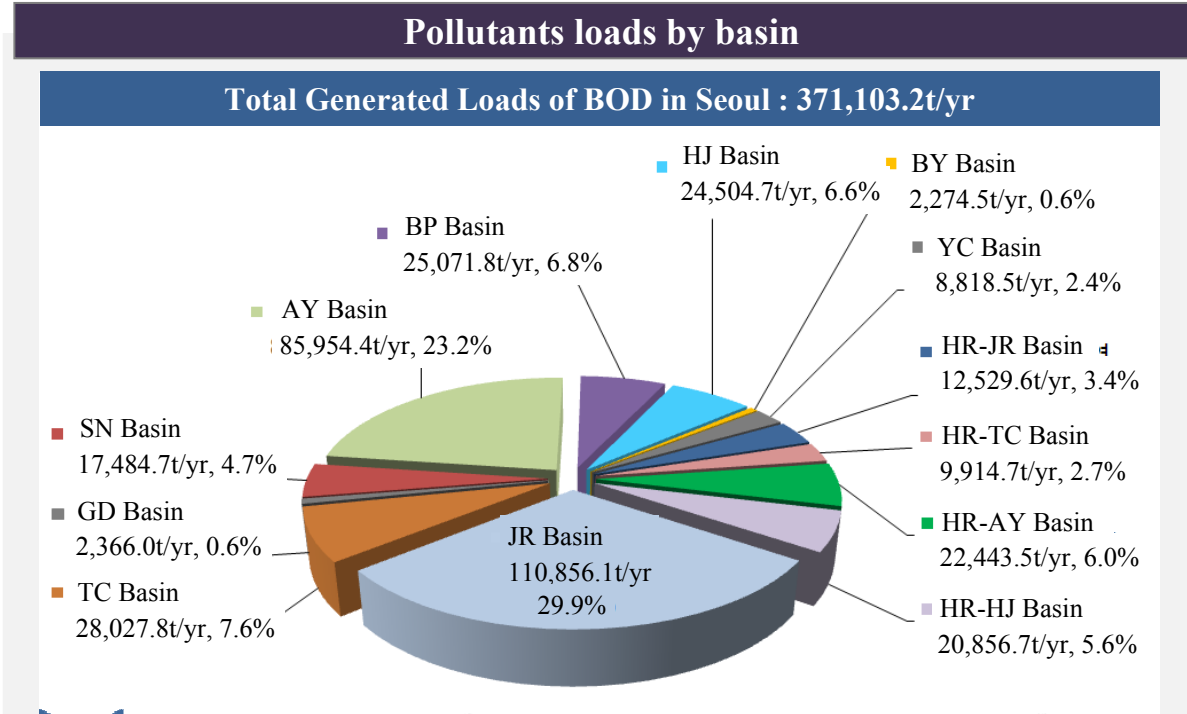


**Residential**

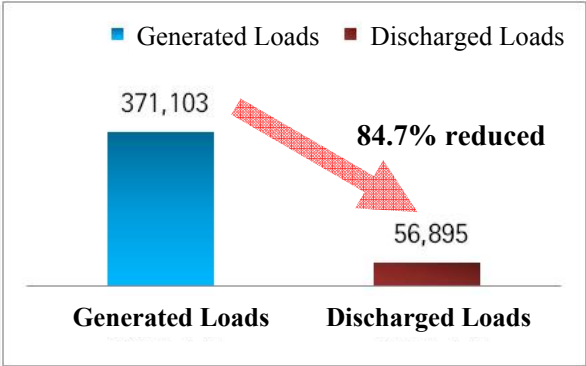
- 95.2% of total loads, 353,170,600 t/yr

**Lands**

- 0.6% of total load from road. 2,367,100 t/yr



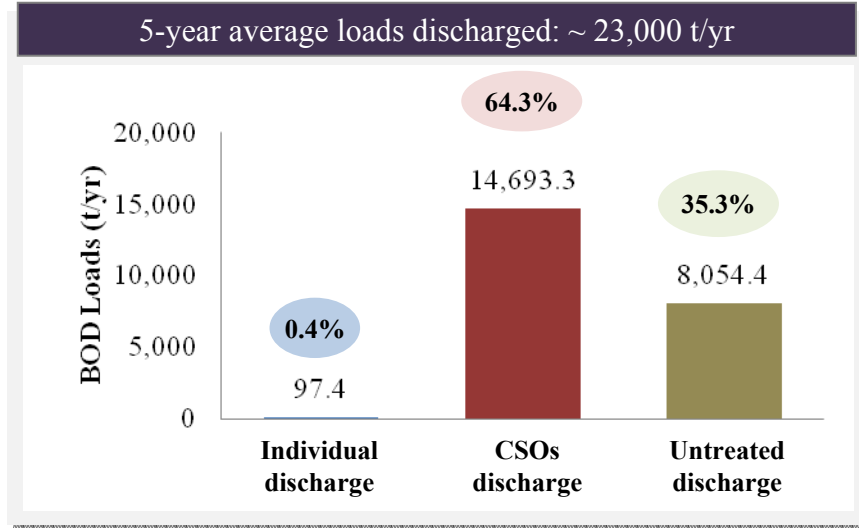
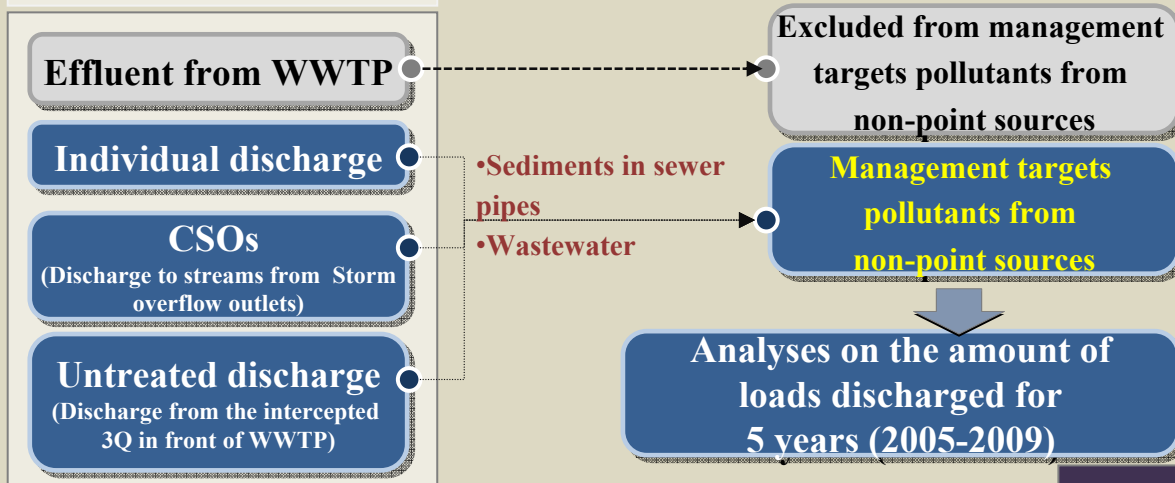
**Total Loads Discharged : 56,894,800 t/yr**



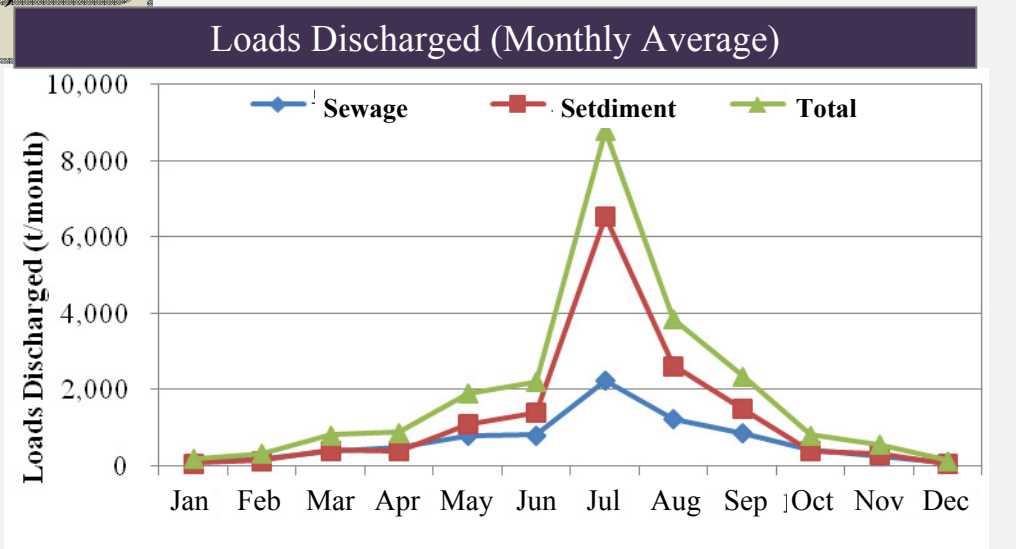
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## ② Management Targets: Non-point source

### Total Loads Discharged



Average Loads Discharged(t/yr)						
Class.	Residen-tial	Indus-trial	Live-stock	Lands (road)	Lands (others)	Total
Individual	0.0	0.0	0.1	48.7	48.6	97.4
CSOs	14,115.9	12.5	0.0	124.8	440.0	14,693.3
Untreated	7,572.8	7.5	0.0	96.7	377.4	8,054.4
Total	21,688.7	20.1	0.1	270.2	866.0	22,845.1
Ratio (%)	94.9	0.1	0.0	1.2	3.8	100.0



# 1) CSOs Management Targets and Loads Discharged

## ③ Loads Discharged by Management Targets: Pollutants from Non-point sources

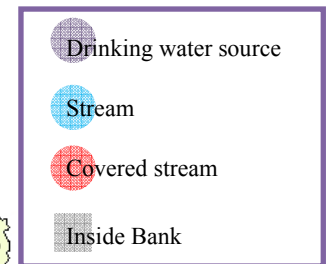
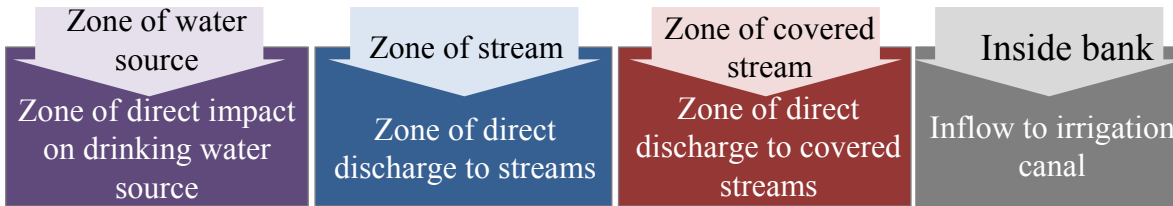
5-year averaged total BOD loads discharged from non-point sources in Seoul: 23,000 t/yr

	Wastewater (BOD loads t/yr)						Sediments in sewer pipes (BOD loads t/yr)						Total (t/yr)	Ratio (%)
	Residential	Industrial	Livestock	Lands (road)	Lands (others)	Sub Total	Residential	Industrial	Livestock	Lands (road)	Lands (others)	Sub Total		
Individual	0.0	0.0	0.1	48.7	48.6	97.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.4	0.4
CSOs	2,970.7	3.1	0.0	102.2	419.0	3,494.9	11,145.2	9.4	0.0	22.7	21.1	11,198.4	14,693.3	64.3
Untreated	3,843.9	4.2	0.0	89.6	370.9	4,308.6	3,728.9	3.4	0.0	7.0	6.4	3,745.7	8,054.4	35.3
Total	6,814.6	7.3	0.1	240.5	838.5	7,900.9	14,874.1	12.8	0.0	29.7	27.5	14,944.1	22,845.1	100.0
Ratio (%)	29.8	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.7	34.6	65.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	65.4	100.0	

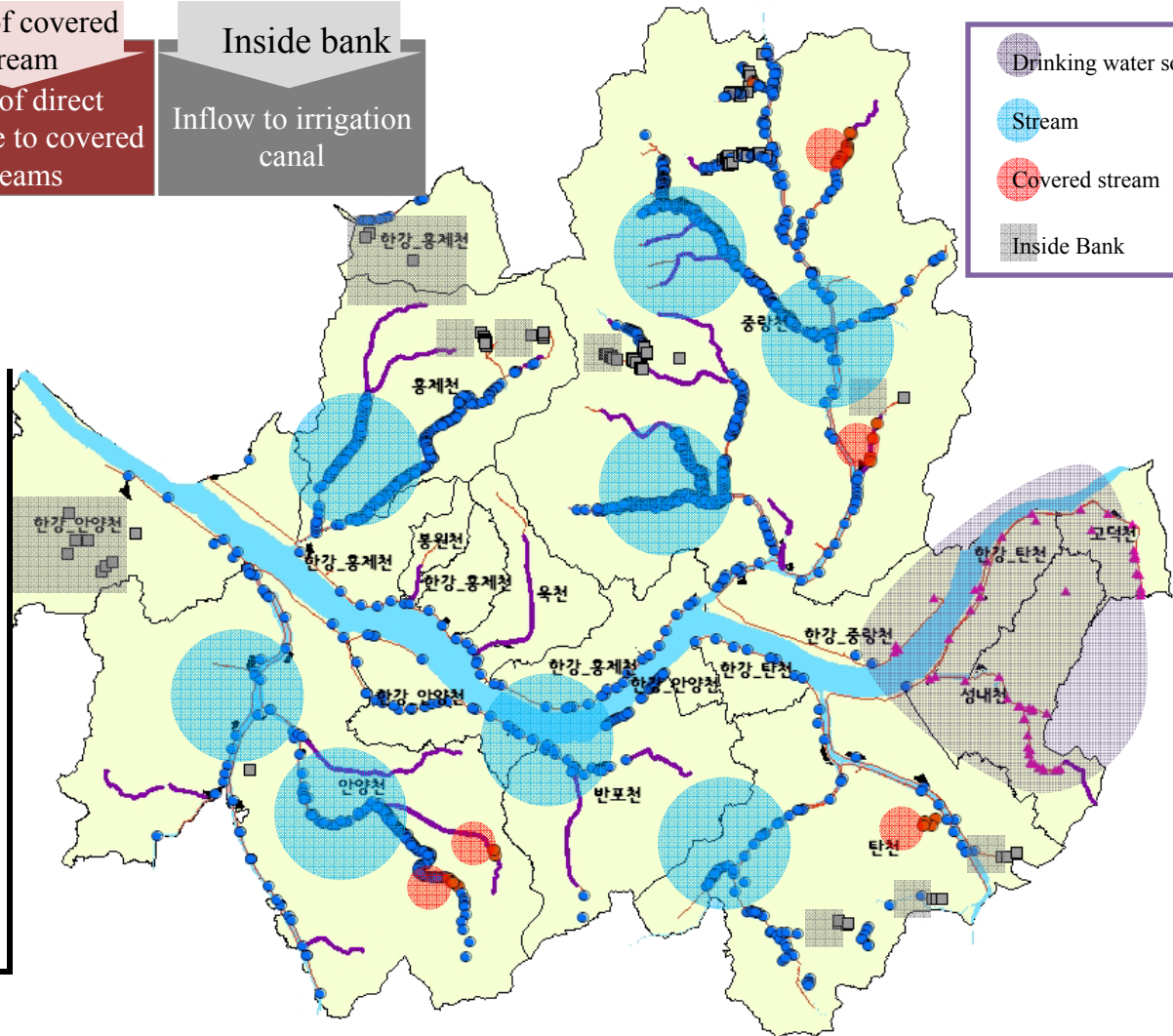
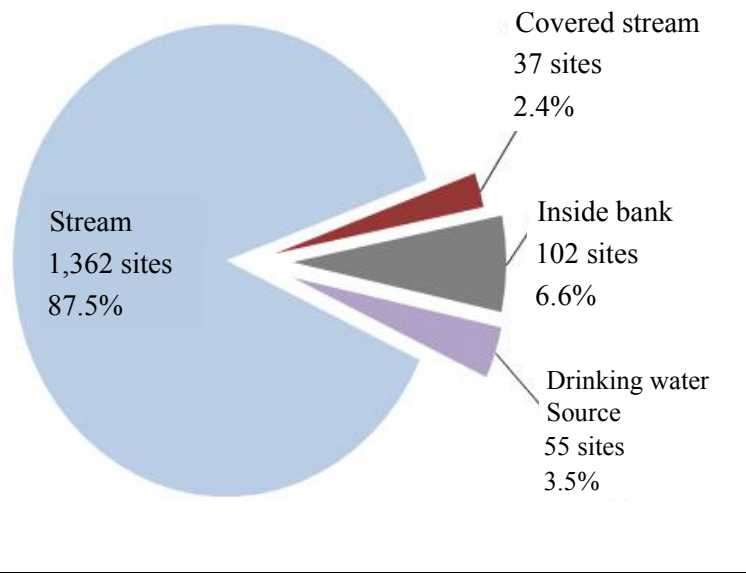
- Sediments took 65.4% (15,000 t/yr) of total loads discharged. Management on pollutants from non-point sources required, i.e., dredging sediments from sewer pipes
- Non-point source pollutants from road took 1.2% (270 t/yr)

## 2) Pollutant discharge path in stream basin

### Characteristics of storm overflow outlets



Storm overflow outlets: 1,556





### 3) Characteristics of CSOs Discharge

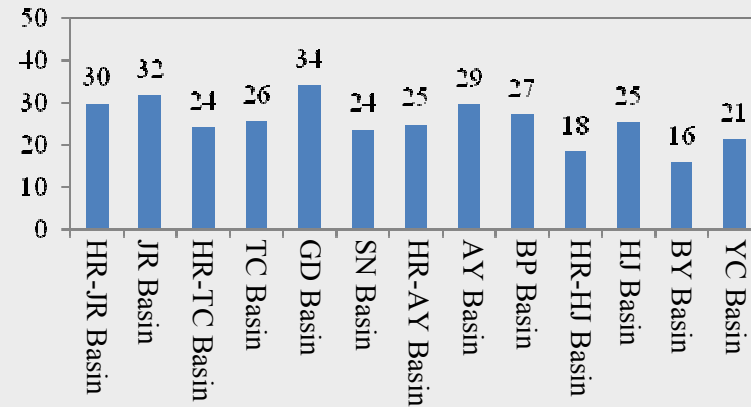
#### ① Number of Events: CSOs and Untreated Wastewater

Number of events over BOD 40 mg/L (Standards for CSOs in stream)

• CSOs: Discharged to streams 25.4 times/yr

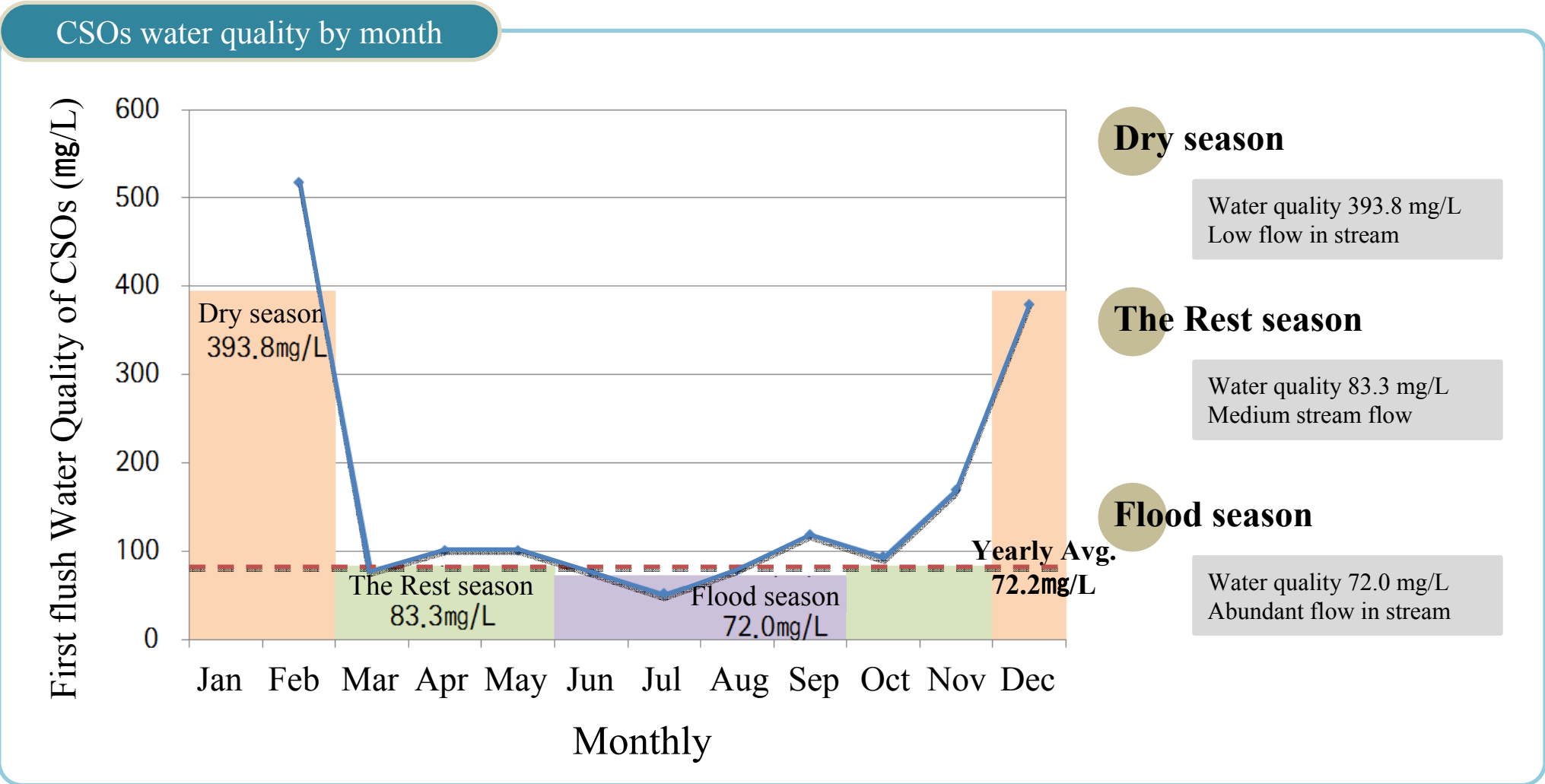


• 32 times/yr in Joongrangchun basin (JR Basin)



### 3) Characteristics of CSOs Discharge

#### ② Average Influent Water Quality of CSOs within 10 minutes



# 3. TREATMENT PLAN FOR CSOs

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# 1) Goal and Approach of CSOs Management Plan

## Approach

More practical and economical CSOs management system establishment through integrated management of river (streams) and basins

- Reducing overflows through management on sources of pollutants
  - ▶ Dredging sewer pipes, rain water management, road wash with water, reducing infiltration water in sewer pipes
- Treatment of CSOs
  - ▶ Reducing discharge load: water quality of overflow, less than BOD 40 mg/L
  - ▶ Selecting project by priority: installing eco-stream, protection zone for source of drinking water, zone for water entertainment
  - ▶ Using existing facilities: installation of underground storage tanks in rainwater detention reservoir

## Laws on wastewater, rule for practice (2009.7.1., ME 335)

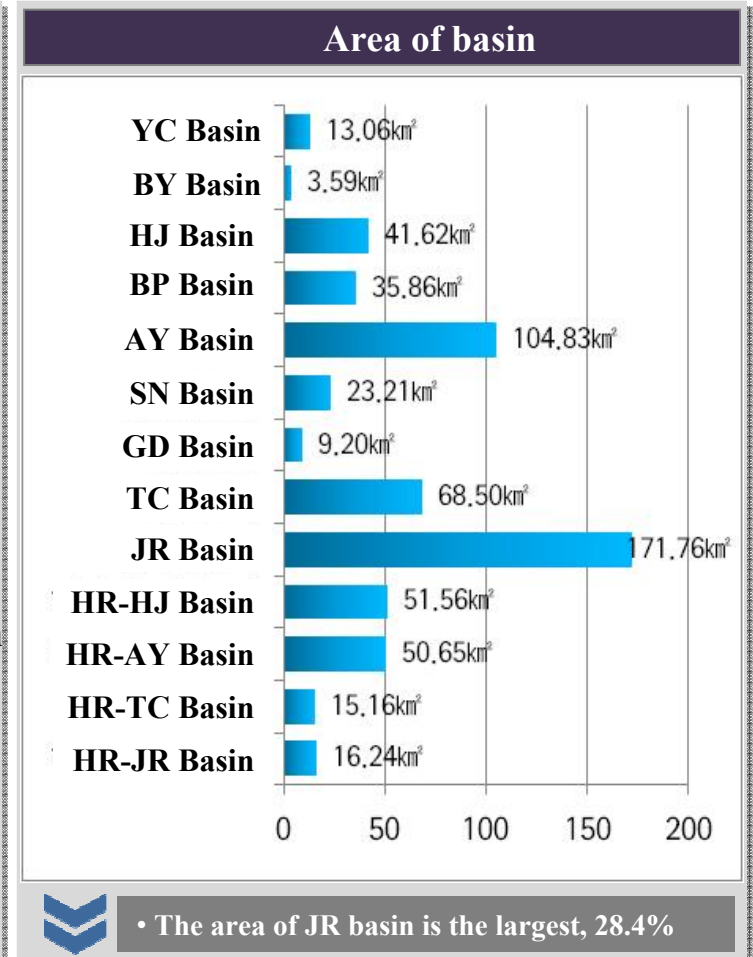
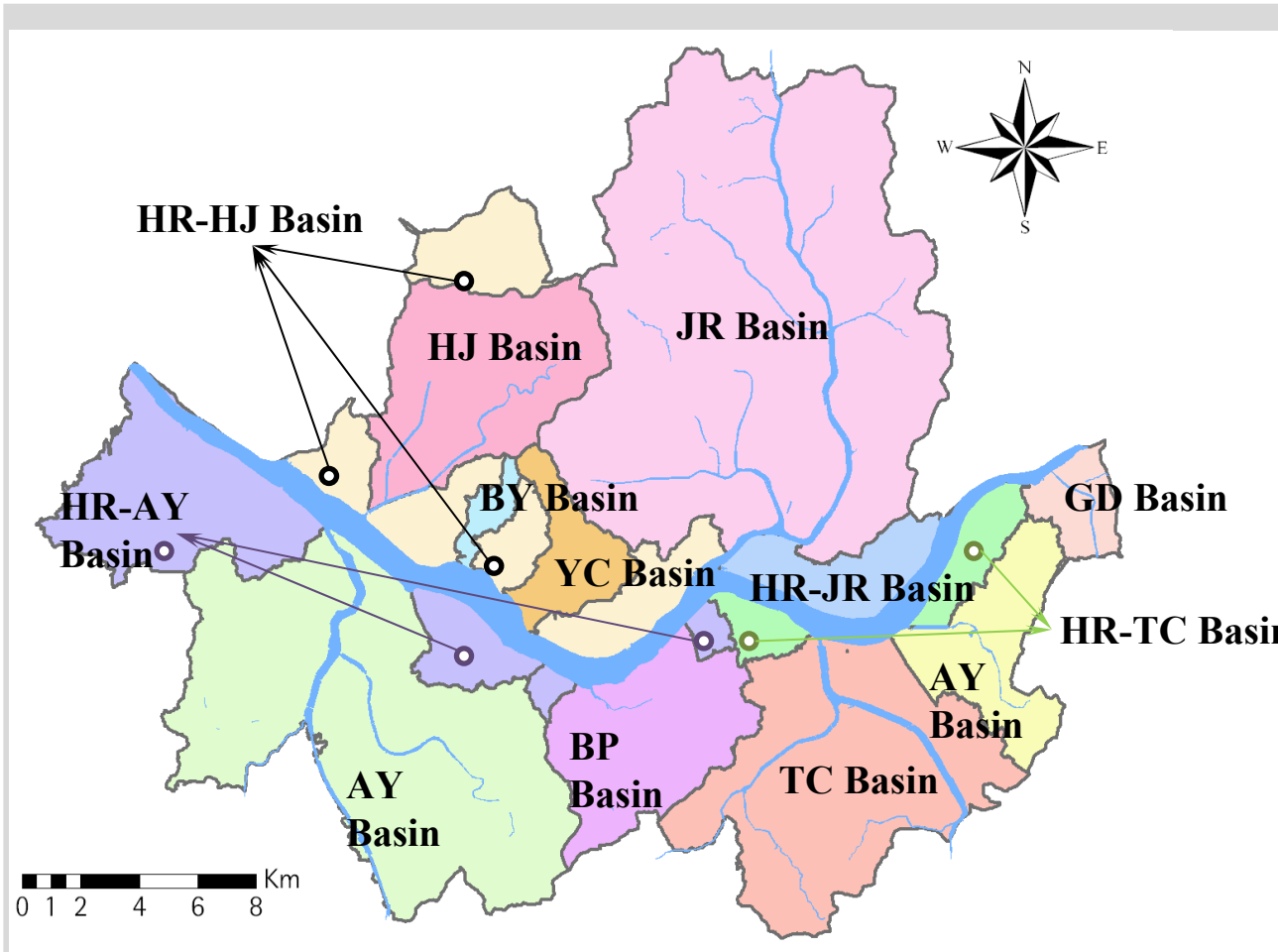
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## 2) Unit of CSOs Management

### CSOs management zones in Seoul

#### Division by stream basin

3 stream basins according to the characteristics of pollutants discharged



## 2) Unit of CSOs Management

### CSOs management zones in Seoul

Zones for effective management of CSOs

Zones divided considering 1,027 storm overflow outlets, network of sewer pipes, and geography

36 and 13 stream basins (considering up-, mid-, and down-stream characteristics)

CSOs management zones: 13 stream basins, 70 management zones

Zone by WWTP

NJ

• 12 zones

JR

• 25 zones

SN

• 19 zones

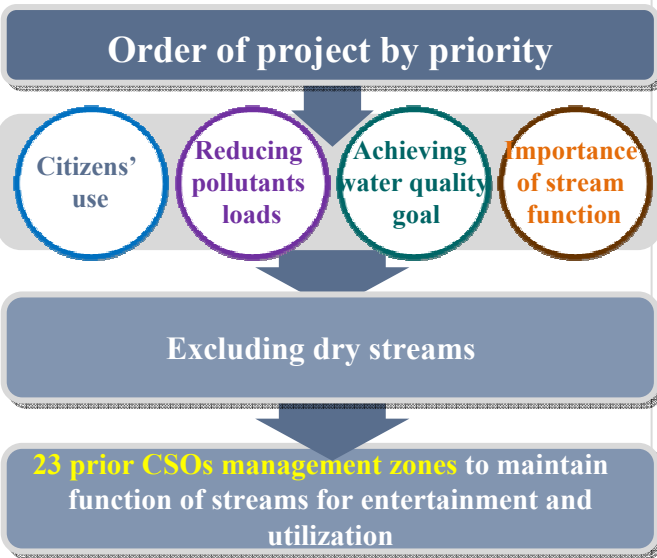
TC

• 14 zones



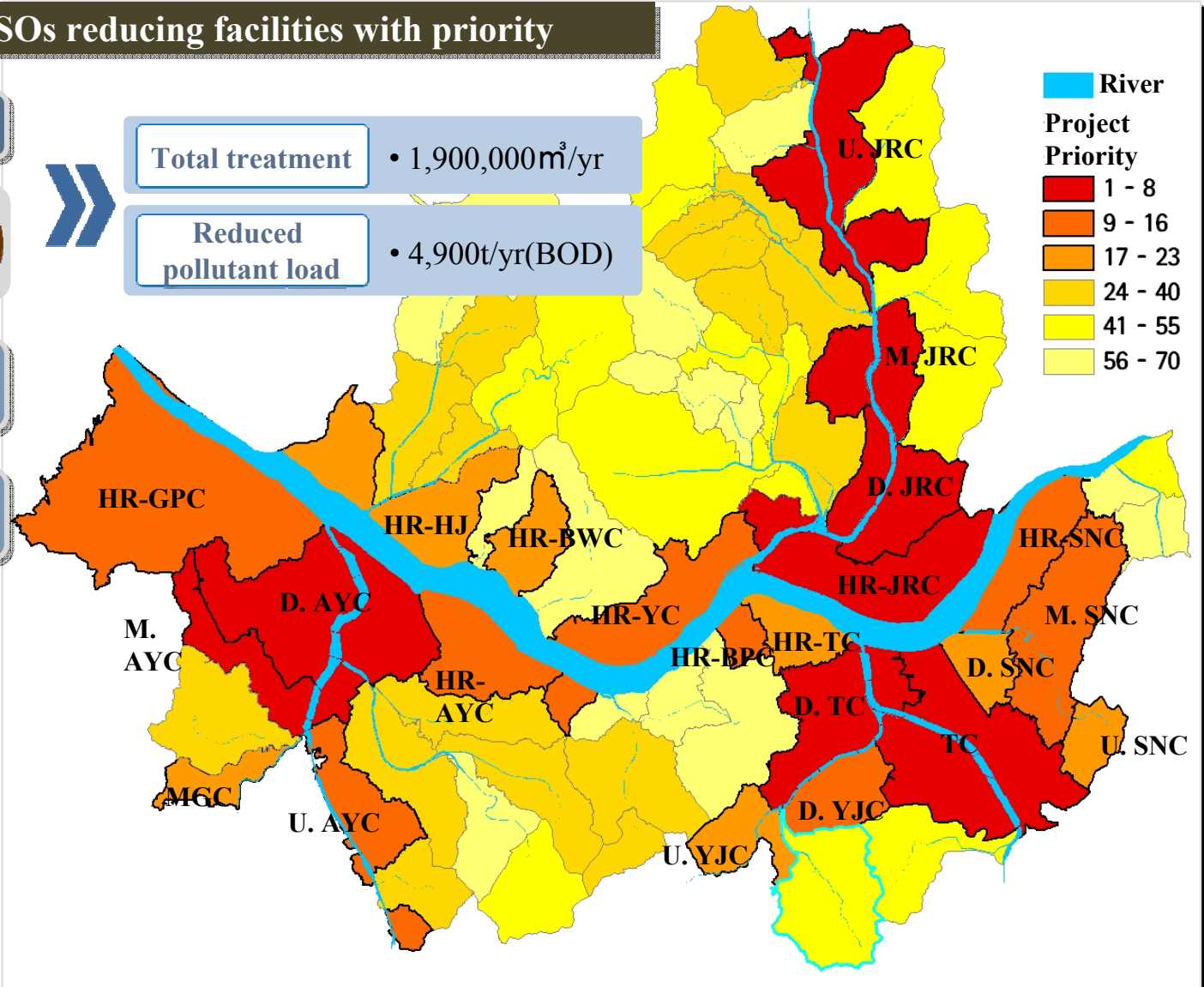
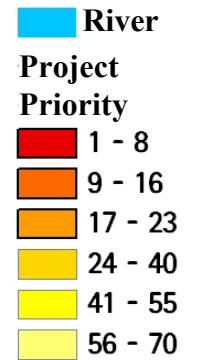
### 3) Order of Priority of CSOs Management

#### ① Management zones installed CSOs reducing facilities with priority



Total treatment • 1,900,000m<sup>3</sup>/yr

Reduced pollutant load • 4,900t/yr(BOD)

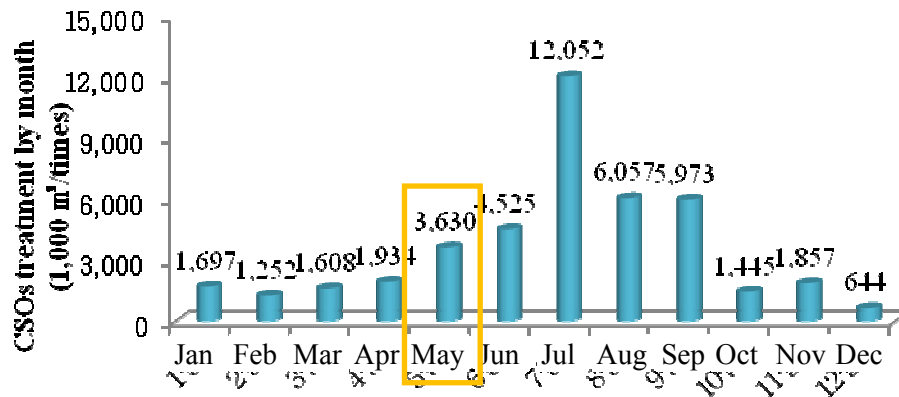


Zone 1~8	Zone 9~16	Zone 17~23
D. JRC	M. SNC	D. SNC
M. JRC	D. YJC	HR-HJ
TC	U. AYC	U. SNC
D. AYC	HR-UC	HR-TC
U. JRD	HR-AYC	MGC
HR-JRC	HR-SNC	HR-BW
M. AYC	HR-GPC	U. YJC
D. TC	HR-BPC	

# 4) CSOs Treatment Plan by Basins

## CSOs treatment over BOD 40 mg/L by month

CSOs treatment by month



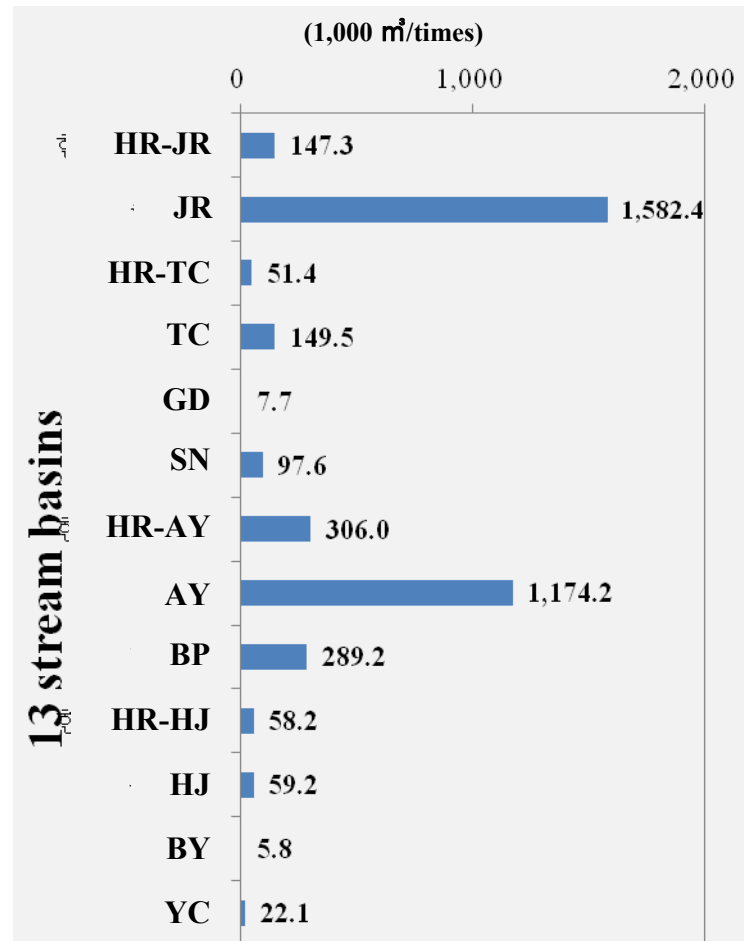
• CSOs treatment (excluding flood season of June~Sept.)

**- 3,950,600 m³/times**

(unit: 1,000m³/times)

Month	Residen-tial area	Com-mercial area	Industrial area	Road	Green belt	etc	Total
Year	900.2	54.8	32.2	20.9	1,379.6	2,603.3	4,991.2
Dry(12-2)	168.9	15.4	8.7	7.2	355.8	550.5	1,106.5
Rest(3-5,10,11)	345.2	28.3	20.6	10.8	647.9	1,118.1	2,171.0
flood(6-9)	1,406.2	82.5	46.2	28.8	2,055.7	3,964.5	7,583.7

CSOs treatment of 13 stream basins





# 4. CSOs TREATMENT PLAN AND ITS EFFECT

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# 1) Treatment plan on pollutants discharged with rain

Approach to treat non-point source pollutants

CSOs treatment

CSOs :3,950,000m<sup>3</sup>

Approach to treat pollutant discharged with rain

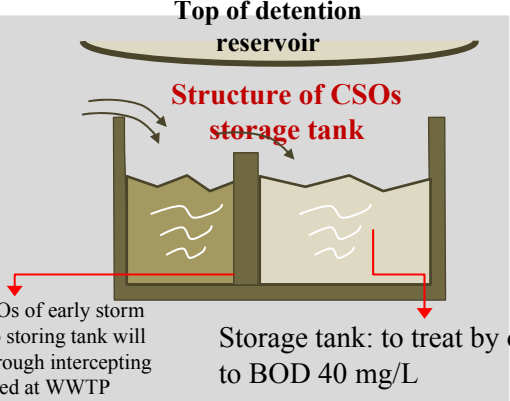
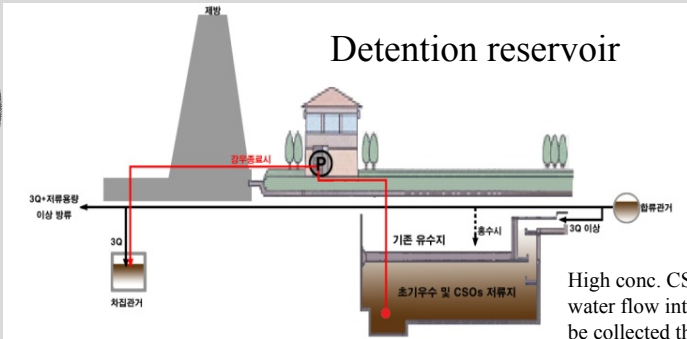
CSOs treatment

Plan for management of storage tank (storage tank installation at detention reservoir)  
 -To treat at WWTP within its capa.  
 -To treat on-site over WWTP treatment capa.

Plan to manage mechanical type facilities  
 - To install the equipment at storm overflow outlet

## ① Treatment plan for CSOs

Reservoir type



High conc. CSOs of early storm water flow into storing tank will be collected through intercepting sewer and treated at WWTP

Storage tank: to treat by on-site facilities up to BOD 40 mg/L

Mechanical type



- Filtration
- Vortex
- Screen
- Coagulation-Settling
- Biological treatment

# 1) Plan to discharge pollutants when raining

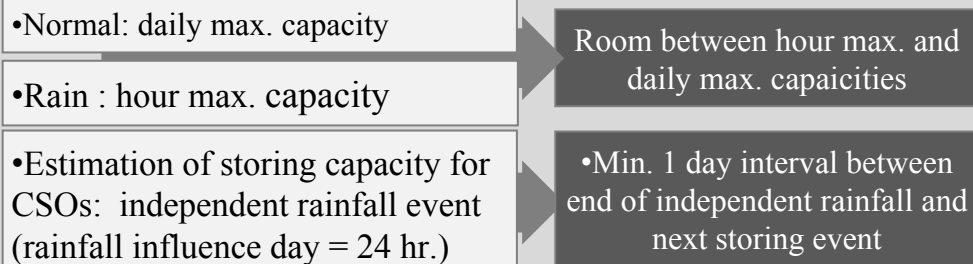
## ② Plan for Storing CSOs and Treatment at WWTP

Review on CSOs treatment capacity of WWTP

### • Storing and treatment plan for CSOs

- Storing plan: settling tank + storing tank
- Treatment plan: high concentration of pollutants in settling tank – treated at WWTP, low conc. Pollutants in storing tank – treated at on-site treatment facilities

### • CSOs treatment plan of WWTP



High conc. CSOs of early storm water event flow into storing tank will be collected through intercepting sewer and treated at WWTP

### • CSOs treatment capacity of WWTP

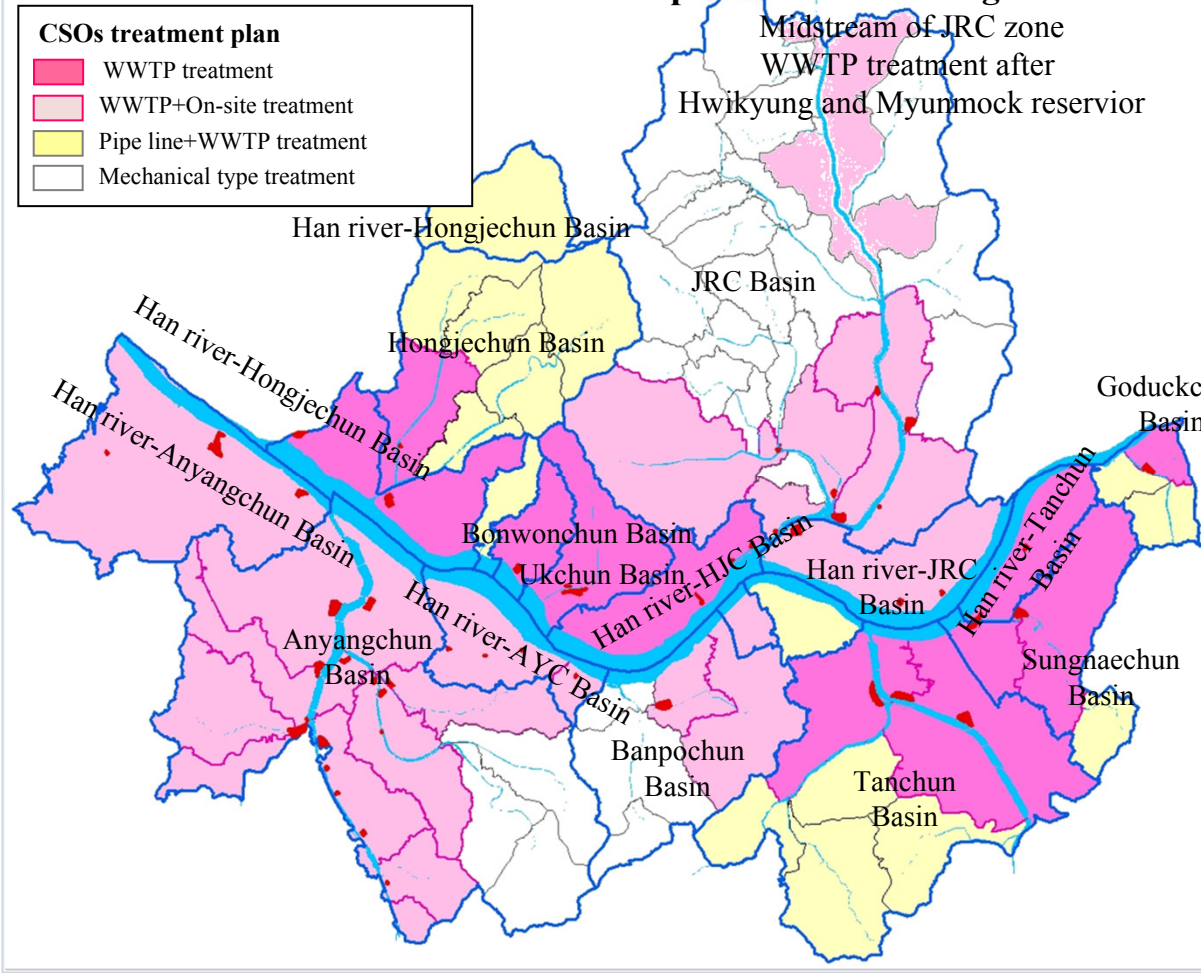
WWTP	CSOs capa. (1,000 m <sup>3</sup> )	Storage (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )	Treat. In WWTP (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )	Ratio of WWTP (%)
JR	1,730	1,019	261	26
TC	306	306	356	100
SN	1,769	1,459	481	33
NJ	145	145	158	100
<b>total</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>41</b>

All of CSOs is treated at WWTPs in Tanchun and Nanji areas

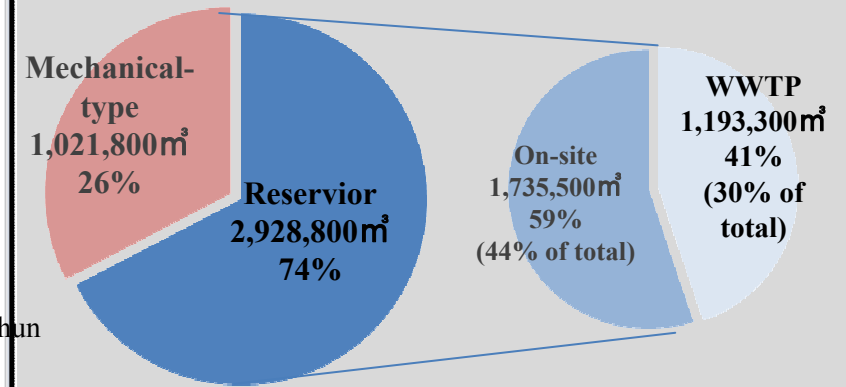
# 1) Plan to discharge pollutants when raining

## ③ CSOs management and treatment plan

### Upstream JRC management zone



### CSOs treatment plan (3,951,000m<sup>3</sup>)



WWTP	CSOs Treatment (1,000 m <sup>3</sup> )	Managing Plan (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )		Storing Plan (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )	
		Reservoir	Mecha.	WWTP	On-site
JR	1,729.7	1,018.4	711.3	261.0	757.4
TC	306.2	306.2(71.2)		306.1	
SN	1,769.5	1,459.0	310.5	481.0	978.0
NJ	145.2	145.2(92.7)		145.2	
Total	3,950.6	2,928.8	1,021.8	1,193.3	1,735.5
		3,950.6		2,928.8	

## 2) Project Plan to Divide CSOs Management Zone in 2020

### ① Project Plan of CSOs treatment facilities installation in 2020

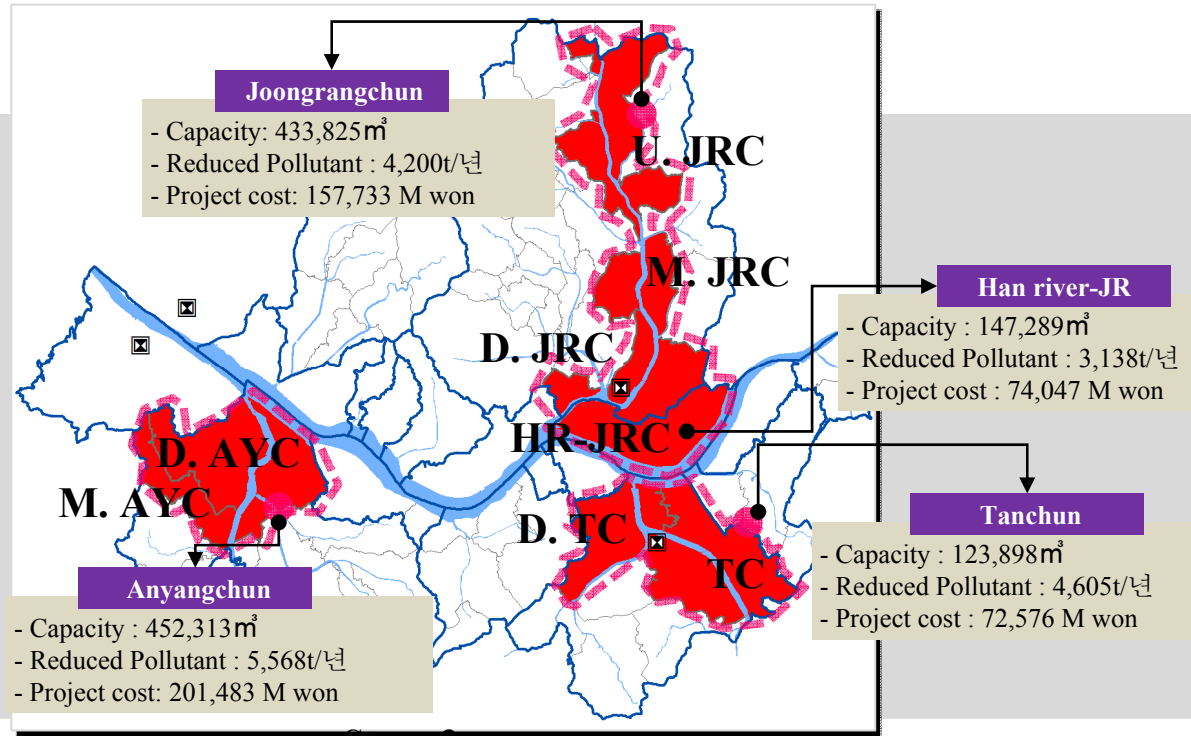
*Start CSOs project before Zone management*

*1~8 CSOs Management Zones: Capacity of treatment and Project Cost*

**Capacity** • 1,157,325m<sup>3</sup>/yr

**Reduced Pollutants** • BOD 17,511t/yr

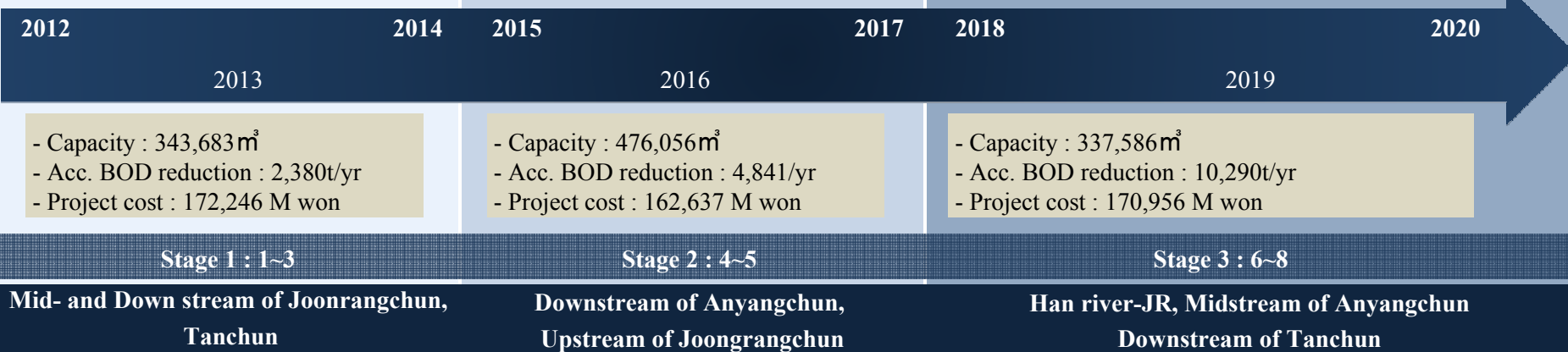
**Project cost** • 505,839 M won



#### Stage 1

#### Stage 2

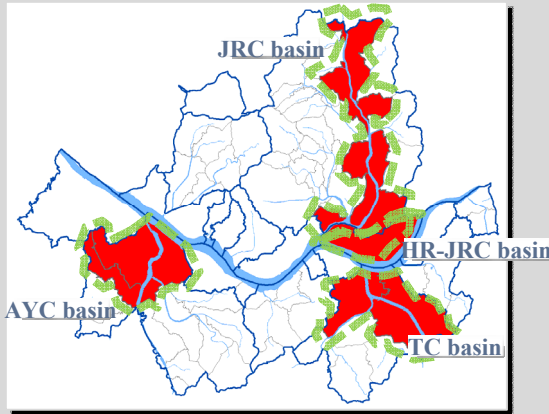
#### Stage 3



### 3) 2020: Effects of CSOs treatment facilities and Disaster Prevention Facility Transforming Project

#### ① Effects of the Project to install CSOs treatment facilities

Pollutants discharge reduction after installation of facilities



**Joongrang** 31.8%  
(502,500 m<sup>3</sup>/1,582,400 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Han river – Joongrang** 100%  
(147,300 m<sup>3</sup>/147,300 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Tanchun** 82.9%  
(123,900 m<sup>3</sup>/149,400 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Anyang chun** 38.5%  
(452,300 m<sup>3</sup>/1,174,200 m<sup>3</sup>)

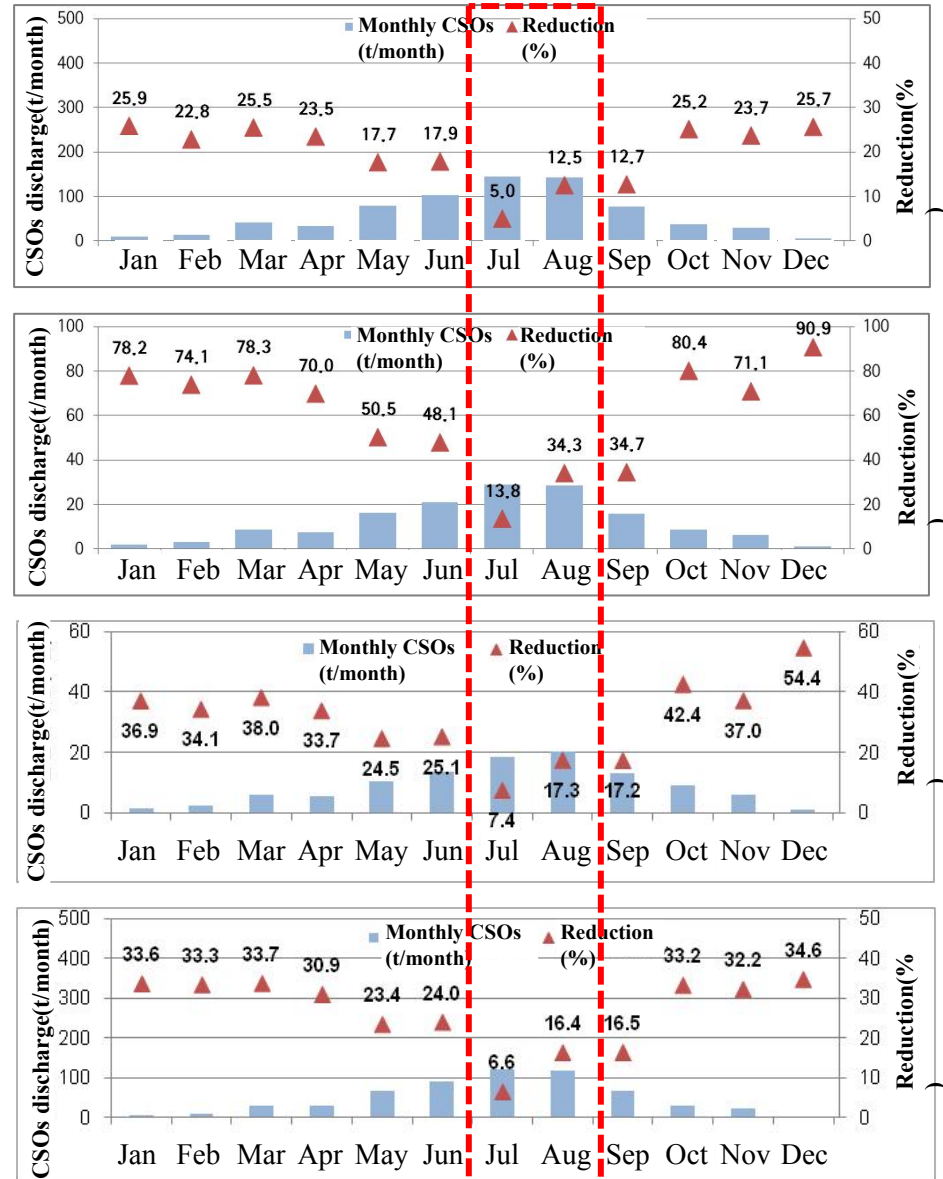
**Joongrang**  
11.3%  
Reduction

**Han river – Joongrang**  
32.0%  
Reduction

**Tanchun**  
17.3%  
Reduction

**Anyang chun**  
14.9%  
Reduction

#### Transformed into Disaster Prevention Facilities in July~August



## 4) Effect of Treatment of Non-point Source Pollutants in 2020

### ■ Effect of the Project

#### ● Water Quality Improvement

- Target water quality management goal of Total Pollutant Control regulation: BOD 4.1 mg/L, T-P 0.236 mg/L at Hangjoo point by 2020.
- Stable water quality goal achievement through advanced treatment at WWTP and CSOs reduction

#### ● Flood reduction ⇒ Prevention of flood damage

- Flood prevention by rain water storing during July – August (Operation of facilities for disaster prevention)
- Increasing capacity of rain water reservoir 230%
- Currently operated facilities: 365 reservoirs with capacity of 240,000 m<sup>3</sup>

#### ● Customer satisfaction

- Water-friendly environments for the citizens by improving water quality of branch streams and restoring aquatic ecosystem
- Improved happiness index of the citizens by reducing odor by pollutants when raining

**THANK YOU**