



Country Fact Sheet Mauritania

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit
Area			
Country total area	2016	103 070	1 000 ha
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2016	461	1 000 ha
Population			
Total population	2015	4 068	1 000
Population density	2016	3.947	inhab/km ²
Rural population	2015	1 626	1 000
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	863	1 000
As % of total economically active population	2014	49.43	%
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit
Long-term average annual precipitation			
Depth		92	mm/year
Volume		94.82	km ³ /year
Long-term average annual RWR			
Internal (IRWR)		0.4	km ³ /year
External (ERWR)		11	km ³ /year
Total Actual (TRWR)		11.4	km ³ /year
Dependency ratio		96.49	%
TRWR per capita	2014	2 802	m ³ /year
Total dam capacity	2015	0.5	km ³
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	2004	1.223	km ³
Municipal	2005	0.0954	km ³
Industrial	2005	0.0318	km ³
Total	2005	1.35	km ³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2005	405.6	m ³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal		-	km ³
Groundwater withdrawal		-	km ³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2005	1.348	km ³
Desalinated water produced	2005	0.002	km ³
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater		-	km ³
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2005	11.82	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2004	10.73	%
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit
Area equipped for irrigation			
Full control irrigation	2004	45.01	1 000 ha
surface irrigation		1 000 ha	
sprinkler irrigation		1 000 ha	
localized irrigation		1 000 ha	
Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha
Total area equipped for irrigation	2004	45.01	1 000 ha
As % of cultivated area	2004	10.95	%
Area actually irrigated	2004	22.84	1 000 ha
As % of area equipped for irrigation	2004	50.74	%

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²