CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

What is a CMA?
A CMA is a body or institution established to:
- Manage water resources in a defined Water Management Area (WMA) that has been declared by a responsible authority.
- Co-ordinate the functions of other institutions involved in water-related matters.
- Involve local communities in water resource management.

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Roles and Functions of CMAs

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Public participation

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How does public participation happen?
While there is no blueprint for public participation, the process goes through the following broad phases:

Phase 1: Awareness raising and engagement
- Initiate broad possible透过 stakeholders and water users
- To discuss, debate and give input on the implementation of water management strategy
- To share information about water resources and stakeholders
- To inform on the importance of participatory development

Phase 2: Stakeholders make diverse contributions.
- The diversity is important to ensure that the full range of voices is included.
- This phase needs skillful facilitation.

Phase 3: Stakes involved with supporting
- To investigate and advise on the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources in the water management area.
- To implement co-operative governance with the relevant local municipalities in the water management area.
- To develop a Catchment Management Strategy and its own financial and business plans.
- To coordinate the activities of water users and water management institutions in the water management area.
- To prepare and implement the water services development plans by Water Service Authorities in the water management area.
- To promote community participation in the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources in the water management area.
- To involve local communities in water resource management.

How is a CMA established?
When a CMA is established, the following functions, which are called initial functions, are performed:

- Develop the proposed institutional and organisational viability of the CMA.
- Develop the proposed CMA functions – initially and over time.
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What issues must a Catchment Management Strategy address?

Catchment Management Strategies

Catchment Management Strategies must be in harmony with the philosophy and objectives of the National Water Resource Strategy.

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Catchment Management Strategies are an overall plan that sets out:
- A framework for managing water resources within a water management area (WMA).
- How water resources are a water management area will be protected, used, developed, conserved, managed and controlled.

The CMA is not a slice of pie for managing water sources, but part of a phased, participatory, integrated process that is managed every five years.

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Participate in what?

In water resources management in their water management area.
- In ensuring that their water-related needs and expectations are taken into account.

How can the public participate?

By engaging responsibly:
- Using their knowledge about local water management resources and stakeholders to contribute to the process,
- Ensuring that the issues are properly represented,
- Getting involved and participating in these structures,
- By giving input to the catchment management strategy.

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CMA PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

Conduct initial investigations

To be achieved:
- Completed water management area situation assessment including:
  - Existing water supplies
  - Current and anticipated future use
  - Comparison of current water requirements and available resources
  - Key water resource issues
  - Key management and financial issues

How to achieve this:
- Conduct situation assessment and initial viability study in the water management area

CMA proposal development

To be achieved:
- CMA proposal finalised and approved by all stakeholders
- CMA proposal is approved by Minister
- Advisory Committee is appointed

How to achieve this:
- Identify key resources and issues from situation assessment
- Consider the CMA's powers and functions
- Examine functional, institutional and organisational options
- Consider operational and technical support arrangements
- Develop an implementation plan
- Develop final proposal
- Appoint the Advisory Committee

Initiate participation

To be achieved:
- Relevant stakeholders are identified
- Stakeholders demonstrate their willingness to participate
- Trust is established between stakeholders
- Catchment forum's are established as needed

How to achieve this:
- Identify stakeholders in the water management area
- Ensure thorough and inclusive consultation and participatory processes through:
  - Awareness creation and education
  - Initiating initial diverse opinions and contributions
  - Facilitating convergence of opinions
  - Finding decision points
  - Building consensus

Formalise representation

To be achieved:
- Stakeholders verify the public participation processes
- Suggestion for catchment structures are made based on local water resources management needs
- Representivity in terms of race, gender and geography
- Representative stakeholder structures are established (e.g. WUAs)

How to achieve this:
- Establish legitimacy
- Establish Executive Committee or Interim Management Team
- Develop CMA Business Plan
- Perform initial CMA functions to complement DWAFs functions:
  - Investigate and advise interested persons on the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources in the water management area
  - Undertake the responsible authority to act in an advisory capacity
  - Establishes support Water Management Institutions
  - Investigate and advise interested persons
  - CMA performs its initial functions

CMA establishment

To be achieved:
- Advisory Committee is established
- CMA is established as a body corporate
- CMA Governing Board is appointed by the Minister
- Initial staff are appointed
- CMA performs its initial functions

How to achieve this:
- Advisory Committee advises the Minister on representation on the Governing Board of the CMA
- The Minister calls for nominations for the Governing Board
- Appoint CEO and support staff
- Develop initial policies and procedures
- Capacity and institution building
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Fully functional CMA

To be achieved: The CMA
- CMA develops and implements the Catchment Management Strategy
- Plans for the development, allocation and utilisation of water resources
- Undertakes the responsible authority functions
- Establishes support Water Management Institutions
- Coordinates the implementation of water resources management programmes, projects and activities by Water Management Institutions in the water management area
- Monitors, collates, stores and assesses water resources management data and information
- Audits water resources management within the water management area
- Undertakes administrative, legal and financial support functions

How to achieve this:
- Make decisions about the CMA organisational structure
- Conduct training and institution building
- Finalise CMA policies and procedures
- Identify and implement outsourcing options
- Appoint CMA staff
- Continued public participation
- Develop partnerships
- Implement cooperative governance

CMA ESTABLISHMENT

Equity, efficiency, sustainability and representivity in the management of water resources in its water management area

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION