

Module: Introduction

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W0.1

Introduction

Please give a general description and introduction to your organization.

Darden Restaurants, Inc., (NYSE: DRI) is a family of restaurants that features some of the most recognizable and successful brands in full-service dining, and served over 439 million meals in fiscal 2014. As of May 25, 2014, Darden operated through subsidiaries, 2,207 restaurants in the United States and Canada that generated over \$8.76 billion in annual sales. Our restaurant brands – Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 52, The Capital Grille, Eddie V's and Yard House – reflect the rich diversity of those who dine with us. At the conclusion of fiscal 2014, Darden entered into an agreement to sell the Red Lobster brand and other assets and associated liabilities.

Headquartered in Orlando, Fla., and employing more than 150,000 people, Darden is recognized for a culture that rewards caring for and responding to people. In 2014, Darden was named to the FORTUNE “100 Best Companies to Work For” list.

W0.2

Reporting year

Please state the start and end date of the year for which you are reporting data.

Period for which data is reported
Sat 01 Jun 2013 - Sat 31 May 2014

W0.3**Reporting boundary**

Please indicate the category that describes the reporting boundary for companies, entities, or groups for which water-related impacts are reported.

Companies, entities or groups over which operational control is exercised

W0.4**Exclusions**

Are there any geographies, facilities or types of water inputs/outputs within this boundary which are not included in your disclosure?

No

W0.4a**Exclusions**

Please report the exclusions in the following table

Exclusion	Please explain why you have made the exclusion

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W1.1

Please rate the importance (current and future) of water quality and water quantity to the success of your organization

Water quality and quantity	Direct use importance rating	Indirect use importance rating	Please explain
Sufficient amounts of good quality freshwater available for use	Vital for operations	Important	The availability of water for Darden's operations is vital. Quality freshwater has a direct impact on our ability to serve our guests. It is used in our operations by the food preparation in all of our kitchens, cleaning and sanitization of our facilities, irrigation of the landscaping at our restaurants, water consumed by our guests, as well as the sinks and toilets in restaurant restrooms. Similar to its direct use, access to good quality freshwater is important for Darden's indirect use for the purposes of water use by our suppliers (agriculture, packaging, dry goods, etc.).
Sufficient amounts of recycled, brackish and/or produced water available for use	Not very important	Have not evaluated	Darden does not use or anticipate using sufficient amounts of recycled, brackish and/or produced water across our own operations. Though we do incorporate a water recycling system at our corporate headquarters, this is a relatively small amount of water used compared to the direct usage from our restaurants. With regard to indirect use, to date, Darden has not conducted an assessment of our value chain's reliance on recycled, brackish, and/or produced water. Therefore, we cannot disclose the level of importance recycled water plays on indirect usage.

W1.2

For your total operations, please detail which of the following water aspects are regularly measured and monitored and provide an explanation as to why or why not

Water aspect	% of sites/facilities/operations	Please explain
Water withdrawals- total volumes	76-100	Darden's restaurants need significant water to run our operations. In an effort to better understand our water footprint and the effect we have on available reserves, we've established ongoing consumption

Water aspect	% of sites/facilities/operations	Please explain
		tracking at a facility level and tracking toward a corporate goal. All of Darden's restaurants track water withdrawals, with the majority of Darden's facilities being supplied with potable water from municipal sources.
Water withdrawals- volume by sources	76-100	The majority of Darden's facilities are supplied with potable water from municipal sources.
Water discharges- total volumes	76-100	Water discharges from Darden restaurants are tracked by the local utilities in regions where we operate. For a few of our brands, water discharges (wastewater) is not tracked, but we anticipate tracking this at all sites in the future.
Water discharges- volume by destination	Less than 1%	Darden does not track this aspect of water management.
Water discharges- volume by treatment method	Less than 1%	Darden does not track this aspect of water management, but all water discharge is sent to municipal water treatment systems.
Water discharge quality data- quality by standard effluent parameters	Less than 1%	Darden does not track this aspect of water management.
Water consumption- total volume	76-100	Darden has conducted a water sensitivity analysis to help evaluate waste water volumes which includes total water consumption (e.g., drinking water served, water used in food preparation). Due to lack of significant data available, a 1-to-1 ratio is used for reporting of waste water volumes, total withdrawals and total consumption. This value accounts for water consumption at all managed sites.
Facilities providing fully-functioning WASH services for all workers	Less than 1%	Darden does not track this aspect of water management, as all direct operations are located in areas with appropriate water infrastructure.

W1.2a

Water withdrawals: for the reporting year, please provide total water withdrawal data by source, across your operations

Source	Quantity (megaliters/year)	How does total water withdrawals for this source compare to the last reporting year?	Comment
Fresh surface water	0	Not applicable	
Brackish surface water/seawater	0	Not applicable	
Rainwater	0	Not applicable	
Groundwater - renewable	0	Not applicable	
Groundwater - non-renewable	0	Not applicable	
Produced/process water	0	Not applicable	
Municipal supply	20525	Lower	In FY2014, Darden realized a decrease in overall water consumption. As Darden's water withdrawal is sourced from municipal supplies, these savings are allocated to this water source.
Wastewater from another organization	0	Not applicable	
Total	20525	Lower	

W1.2b

Water discharges: for the reporting year, please provide total water discharge data by destination, across your operations

Destination	Quantity (megaliters/year)	How does total water discharged to this destination compare to the last reporting year?	Comment
Fresh surface water	0	Not applicable	

Destination	Quantity (megaliters/year)	How does total water discharged to this destination compare to the last reporting year?	Comment
Brackish surface water/seawater	0	Not applicable	
Groundwater	0	Not applicable	
Municipal treatment plant	102.05	This is our first year of measurement	Water discharges from Darden restaurants are tracked by the local utilities in regions where we operate. For a few of our brands, water discharges (wastewater) is not currently tracked, but we anticipate tracking this at all sites in the future.
Total	102.05	This is our first year of measurement	

W1.2c

Water consumption: for the reporting year, please provide total water consumption data, across your operations

Consumption (megaliters/year)	How does this consumption figure compare to the last reporting year?	Comment
20525	Lower	Darden has conducted a water sensitivity analysis to help evaluate waste water volumes which includes total water consumption (e.g., drinking water served, water used in food preparation). Due to lack of significant data available, a 1-to-1 ratio is used for reporting of waste water volumes, total withdrawals and total consumption.

W1.3

Do you request your suppliers to report on their water use, risks and/or management?

No

W1.3a

Please provide the proportion of suppliers you request to report on their water use, risks and/or management and the proportion of your procurement spend this represents

Proportion of suppliers %	Total procurement spend %	Rationale for this coverage

W1.3b

Please choose the option that best explains why you do not request your suppliers to report on their water use, risks and/or management

Primary reason	Please explain
Reporting implementation in progress	Though Darden does discuss the potential effects of water risks with key suppliers and organizations, we do not require that they report on these issues. We consider this information important, and will continue to engage on an ongoing basis.

W1.4

Has your organization experienced any detrimental impacts related to water in the reporting period?

No

W1.4a

Please describe the detrimental impacts experienced by your organization related to water in the reporting year

Country	River basin	Impact indicator	Impact	Description of impact	Length of impact	Overall financial impact	Response strategy	Description of response strategy
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W1.4b

Please choose the option below that best explains why you do not know if your organization experienced any detrimental impacts related to water in the reporting year and any plans you have to investigate this in the future

Primary reason	Future plans
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Module: Risk Assessment

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W2.1

Does your organization undertake a water-related risk assessment?

Water risks are assessed

W2.2

Please select the options that best describe your procedures with regard to assessing water risks

Risk assessment procedure	Coverage	Scale	Please explain
Water risk assessment undertaken independently of other risk assessments	Direct operations	All facilities	Darden's restaurants need water to operate. In an effort to better understand our water usage, we've established ongoing consumption tracking at a facility level and tracking toward a corporate goal. To date, Darden has not yet conducted a water risk assessment of our suppliers' reliance on water for its operations.

W2.3

Please state how frequently you undertake water risk assessments, what geographical scale and how far into the future you consider risks for each assessment

Frequency	Geographic scale	How far into the future are risks considered?	Comment
Annually	Country	>6 years	

W2.4

Have you evaluated how water risks could affect the success (viability, constraints) of your organization's growth strategy?

Yes, evaluated over the next 10 years

W2.4a

Please explain how your organization evaluated the effects of water risks on the success (viability, constraints) of your organization's growth strategy?

Darden's restaurants need water to operate. In an effort to better understand our water usage, we've established ongoing consumption tracking at a facility level and tracking toward a corporate goal. Furthermore, we've invested in water efficiency projects that lower our demand and make us an attractive partner in communities to operate within due to our water reduction efforts.

Darden also factors in resource and regulatory issues in the context of assessing water risks. For example, in 2015, the state of California entered its fourth year of a record-breaking drought. Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January 2015 and imposed strict conservation measures state-wide. The viability of sufficient amounts of potable water in different regions, as well as regulations associated with the management of water, are included in our growth strategy. Through on-going facility level water data tracking, we are able to evaluate our sites' performance since before 2013 and continue to improve performance exceeding our 2015 company-wide goal of 15% water reduction.

W2.4b

What is the main reason for not having evaluated how water risks could affect the success (viability, constraints) of your organization's growth strategy, and are there any plans in place to do so in the future?

Main reason	Current plans	Timeframe until evaluation	Comment
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W2.5

Please state the methods used to assess water risks

Method	Please explain how these methods are used in your risk assessment
Internal company knowledge WRI Aqueduct	Darden connects with internal and external shareholders on water issues and risks which help to inform short-term and long-term company decisions. WRI Aqueduct is one of the best publicly available web-based tools available and allows for greater insight into water risks related to water stress and river flood impacts at a country, state, and river basin scale. After identifying the Darden restaurants consuming the top 10% of our inventory's water withdrawal (absolute), we utilize WRI Aqueduct to identify additional water risks based on location. (For the purposes of this risk assessment, Red Lobster sites were excluded given the sale of brand and other assets in 2014).

W2.6

Which of the following contextual issues are always factored into your organization's water risk assessments?

Issues	Choose option	Please explain
Current water availability and quality parameters at a local level	Relevant, not yet included	Darden's ability to serve its guest is directly dependent on our restaurants' access to sufficient amounts of potable water. Water risks are determined in the context of Darden's continued ability to serve our guests.
Current water regulatory frameworks and tariffs at a local level	Not evaluated	
Current stakeholder conflicts concerning water resources at a local level	Not evaluated	
Current implications of water on your key commodities/raw materials	Relevant, not yet included	
Current status of ecosystems and habitats at a local level	Not evaluated	
Current river basin management plans	Not evaluated	
Current access to fully-functioning WASH services for all employees	Relevant, not yet included	

Issues	Choose option	Please explain
Estimates of future changes in water availability at a local level	Relevant, included for some facilities/suppliers	One of the methods in which Darden evaluates the need for greater water efficiency projects at its restaurants is partly based on the future availability of sufficient water supplies at a local level. For several years, Darden has been tracking its water withdrawal values and evaluating its highest and lowest performers. With the recent Executive Order in California focusing on a reduction in water consumption, Darden is well positioned to address future changes in water availability.
Estimates of future potential regulatory changes at a local level	Relevant, not yet included	One of the methods in which Darden evaluates the need for greater water efficiency projects at its restaurants is partly based on future potential regulatory changes at a local level.
Estimates of future potential stakeholder conflicts at a local level	Not evaluated	
Estimates of future implications of water on your key commodities/raw materials	Not evaluated	
Estimates of future potential changes in the status of ecosystems and habitats at a local level	Not evaluated	
Scenario analysis of availability of sufficient quantity and quality of water relevant for your operations at a local level	Not evaluated	
Scenario analysis of regulatory and/or tariff changes at a local level	Not evaluated	
Scenario analysis of stakeholder conflicts concerning water resources at a local level	Not evaluated	
Scenario analysis of implications of water on your key commodities/raw materials	Not evaluated	
Scenario analysis of potential changes in the status of ecosystems and habitats at a local level	Not evaluated	
Other	Not evaluated	

Which of the following stakeholders are always factored into your organization's water risk assessments?

Stakeholder	Choose option	Please explain
Customers	Relevant, included	Darden's ability to serve its guest is directly dependent on our restaurants' access to sufficient amounts of potable water. Water risks are determined in the context of Darden's continued ability to serve our guests.
Employees	Relevant, not yet included	Water is critical resource for healthy communities and employees.
Investors	Not evaluated	
Local communities	Relevant, not yet included	Water is critical resource for healthy communities and employees.
NGOs	Not evaluated	
Other water users at a local level	Not evaluated	
Regulators	Not evaluated	
River basin management authorities	Not evaluated	
Statutory special interest groups at a local level	Not evaluated	
Suppliers	Relevant, not yet included	Darden recognizes the importance of water availability in food supply chains, but does not currently engage with suppliers to track water-related risks.
Water utilities/suppliers at a local level	Not evaluated	
Other	Not evaluated	

W2.8

Please choose the option that best explains why your organisation does not undertake a water-related risk assessment

Primary reason	Please explain
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Module: Implications

Page: W3. Water Risks

W3.1

Is your organization exposed to water risks, either current and/or future, that could generate a substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure?

Yes, direct operations only

W3.2

Please provide details as to how your organization defines substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure from water risk

With respect to water risks, Darden attributes substantive changes to financial indicators such as significant increases in energy costs or costs of goods sold, decreases in revenue or impact in guest traffic at our restaurants. Shortages or interruptions in the supply of food items and other supplies to our restaurants -- caused by natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts and earthquakes -- are considered such substantive changes. Such shortages or interruptions could adversely affect the availability, quality and cost of the items we buy and the operations of our restaurants. We may have a limited number of suppliers for certain of our products. Supply chain risk could increase our costs and limit the availability of products that are critical to our restaurant operations. If we raise prices as a result of increased food costs or shortages, it may negatively impact our sales. If we temporarily close a restaurant or remove popular items from a restaurant's menu, that restaurant may experience a significant reduction in sales during the time affected by the shortage or thereafter as a result of our guests changing their dining habits.

W3.2a

Please provide the number of facilities* per river basin exposed to water risks that could generate a substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure and the proportion of total operations this represents

Country	River basin	Number of facilities	Proportion of total operations exposed to risk within river basin (%)	Comment
United States of America	Other: Los Angeles Basin	3	Less than 1%	
United States of America	Other: Santa Ana River	2	Less than 1%	
United States of America	Mississippi River	1	Less than 1%	
United States of America	Nueces River	1	Less than 1%	
United States of America	Other: Carson River Basin	1	Less than 1%	
United States of America	Other: San Gabriel River	1	Less than 1%	

W3.2b

Please provide the proportion of financial value that could be affected at river basin level associated with the facilities listed in W3.2a

Country	River basin	Financial reporting metric	Proportion of chosen metric that could be affected within the river basin	Comment

W3.2c

Please list the inherent water risks that could generate a substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure, the potential impact to your direct operations and the strategies to mitigate them

Country	River basin	Risk driver	Potential impact	Description of impact	Timeframe	Likelihood	Magnitude of potential financial impact	Response strategy	Costs of response strategy	Details of strategy and costs
United States of America	Other: Los Angeles Basin	Physical-Increased water stress	Other: Restaurant operation disruption leading to reduced sales	According to evaluations from the WRI Aqueduct water risk assessment tool, several of Darden's restaurants are located within the Los Angeles Basin which may be subject to extremely high water stress in the future.	1-3 years	Probable	Low-medium	Infrastructure investment	Similar to other water efficiency projects, it is estimated that investment in such projects will not exceed \$5,000 per at-risk restaurant.	Part of Darden's approach for greater water efficiency is to invest in water efficiency projects that lower our demand and make us an attractive partner in communities to operate within due to our water reduction efforts. Sites are evaluated as candidates for such projects based on existing water consumption, water costs, and size/performance of the facility.

W3.2d

Please list the inherent water risks that could generate a substantive change in your business operations, revenue or expenditure, the potential impact to your supply chain and the strategies to mitigate them

Country	River basin	Risk driver	Potential impact	Description of impact	Timeframe	Likelihood	Magnitude of potential financial impact	Response strategy	Costs of response strategy	Details of strategy and costs
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W3.2e

Please choose the option that best explains why you do not consider your organization to be exposed to water risks in your direct operations that could generate a substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure

Primary reason	Please explain
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W3.2f

Please choose the option that best explains why you do not consider your organization to be exposed to water risks in your supply chain that could generate a substantive change in your business, operations, revenue or expenditure

Primary reason	Please explain

W3.2g

Please choose the option that best explains why you do not know if your organization is exposed to water risks that could generate a substantive change in your business operations, revenue or expenditure and discuss any future plans you have to assess this

Primary reason	Future plans
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W4.1

Does water present strategic, operational or market opportunities that substantively benefit/have the potential to benefit your organization?

Yes

W4.1a

Please describe the opportunities water presents to your organization and your strategies to realize them

Country or region	Opportunity	Strategy to realize opportunity	Estimated timeframe	Please explain
Company-wide	Ensuring supply chain resilience	Because Darden sees water, energy and climate change as interlinked issues with potential to increase food costs, we take a resource-focused approach to our sustainability strategy. We are	Current-up to 1 year	We believe that, over time, our sustainability efforts will help us proactively identify and manage risks, insulate our supply chain from potential disruptions, attract and retain employees,

Country or region	Opportunity	Strategy to realize opportunity	Estimated timeframe	Please explain
		continuously making efforts to reduce water withdrawals and drive water efficiencies at our restaurants.		expand our appeal to a broader base of guests, and strengthen our relationships with other stakeholders.
Company-wide	Cost savings Improved water efficiency	Because Darden sees water, energy and climate change as interlinked issues with potential to increase food costs, we take a resource-focused approach to our sustainability strategy. We are continuously making efforts to reduce water withdrawals and drive water efficiencies at our restaurants.	Current-up to 1 year	Reducing our water withdrawals will help to lower our operating costs, reduce energy demand associated with pumping and heating water, and ensure adequate water supplies in the long term. For example, a suite of water-saving measures rolled out in 2009, has allowed us to reduce or avoid an estimated 1 billion gallons of water per year for all of Darden's restaurants.

W4.1b

Please choose the option that best explains why water does not present your organization with any opportunities that have the potential to provide substantive benefit

Primary reason	Please explain

W4.1c

Please choose the option that best explains why you do not know if water presents your organization with any opportunities that have the potential to provide substantive benefit

Primary reason	Please explain
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Module: Accounting

Page: W5. Facility Level Water Accounting (I)

W5.1

Water withdrawals: for the reporting year, please complete the table below with water accounting data for all facilities included in your answer to W3.2a

Facility reference number	Country	River basin	Facility name	Total water withdrawals (megaliters/year) at this facility	How does the total water withdrawals at this facility compare to the last reporting year?	Please explain the change if substantive
		Other:				

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Darden has made water conservation a priority at all restaurants. We set a goal to reduce water use per restaurant by 15% by 2015. Since 2008, Darden's restaurant water use has declined by 23.7%, including 10% in FY2014 alone. We do not currently disclose facility level-data on any business related metrics, including water.

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W5.1a

Water withdrawals: for the reporting year, please provide withdrawal data, in megaliters per year, for the water sources used for all facilities reported in W5.1

Facility reference number	Fresh surface water	Brackish surface water/seawater	Rainwater	Groundwater (renewable)	Groundwater (non-renewable)	Produced/process water	Municipal water	Wastewater from another organization	Comment
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

W5.2

Water discharge: for the reporting year, please complete the table below with water accounting data for all facilities included in your answer to W3.2a

Facility reference number	Total water discharged (megaliters/year) at this facility	How does the total water discharged at this facility compare to the last reporting year?	Please explain the change if substantive

W5.2a

Water discharge: for the reporting year, please provide water discharge data, in megaliters per year, by destination for all facilities reported in W5.2

Facility reference number	Fresh surface water	Municipal Treatment Plant	Seawater	Groundwater	Comment
	0	0	0	0	

W5.3

Water consumption: for the reporting year, please provide water consumption data for all facilities reported in W3.2a

Facility reference number	Consumption (megaliters/year)	How does this compare to the last reporting year?	Please explain the change if substantive
	0		

W5.4

For all facilities reported in W3.2a what proportion of their water accounting data has been externally verified?

Water aspect	% verification	What standard and methodology was used?
Water withdrawals- total volumes	Not verified	
Water withdrawals- volume by sources	Not verified	
Water discharges- total volumes	Not verified	
Water discharges- volume by destination	Not verified	
Water discharges- volume by treatment method	Not verified	
Water discharge quality data- quality by standard effluent parameters	Not verified	
Water consumption- total volume	Not verified	

Further Information

Module: Response

Page: W6. Governance and Strategy

W6.1

Who has the highest level of direct responsibility for water within your organization and how frequently are they briefed?

Highest level of direct responsibility for water issues	Frequency of briefings on water issues	Comment
Senior Manager/Officer	Scheduled-annual	

W6.2

Is water management integrated into your business strategy?

Yes

W6.2a

Please choose the option(s) below that best explain how water has positively influenced your business strategy

Influence of water on business strategy	Please explain
Water is factored into procurement directives	Approximately 30% of Darden's procured \$2.6 billion in food products per year is protein. We consider water in our business strategy in the context of sustainable sourcing that are well managed to not only protect supply, but for protection of water ecosystems. For example, in FY14, Darden, in collaboration with the Walton Family Foundation (WFF), announced the launch of a Fishery Improvement Partnership (FIP) Fund, an innovative new investment model designed to help address overfishing – one of the biggest threats to the global seafood supply. Darden also proactively collaborates with suppliers on challenges within food supply chains, especially around protein supply. We are members of the Global Roundtable of Sustainable Beef, and as of June 2015, a founding member of the US Roundtable of Sustainable Beef. We are also members of Business for Social Responsibility and support efforts around sustainable procurement.

W6.2b

Please choose the option(s) below that best explains how water has negatively influenced your business strategy

Influence of water on business strategy	Please explain
No measurable influence	

W6.2c

Please choose the option that best explains why your organization does not integrate water management into its business strategy and discuss any future plans to do so

Primary reason	Please explain

W6.3

Does your organization have a water policy that sets out clear goals and guidelines for action?

Yes

W6.3a

Please select the content that best describes your water policy (tick all that apply)

Content	Please explain why this content is included
Publicly available Company-wide Incorporated within group environmental, sustainability or EHS policy	Darden publishes an overall environmental policy which includes a policy of reducing our environmental footprint through water conservation and improved effluent water quality. Part of current goal period is a water goal specifying a 15% reduction in water per restaurant by 2015. This goal has already been achieved, as our per restaurant water use has declined by 23.7%, including 10% in FY2014.

W6.4

How does your organization's water-related capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operating expenditure (OPEX) during the most recent reporting period compare to the previous reporting period?

Water CAPEX (+/- % change)	Water OPEX (+/- % change)	Motivation for these changes

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Page: W7. Compliance

W7.1

Was your organization subject to any penalties, fines and/or enforcement orders for breaches of abstraction licenses, discharge consents or other water and wastewater related regulations in the reporting year?

No

W7.1a

Please describe the penalties, fines and/or enforcement orders for breaches of abstraction licenses, discharge consents or other water and wastewater related regulations and your plans for resolving them

Facility name	Incident	Incident description	Frequency of occurrence in reporting year	Financial impact	Currency	Incident resolution
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W7.1b

What proportion of your total facilities/operations are associated with the incidents listed in W7.1a

W7.1c

Please indicate the total financial impacts of all incidents reported in W7.1a as a proportion of total operating expenditure (OPEX) for the reporting year. Please also provide a comparison of this proportion compared to the previous reporting year

Impact as % of OPEX	Comparison to last year
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Page: W8. Targets and Initiatives

W8.1

Do you have any company wide targets (quantitative) or goals (qualitative) related to water?

Yes, targets and goals

W8.1a

Please complete the following table with information on company wide quantitative targets (ongoing or reached completion during the reporting period) and an indication of progress made

Category of target	Motivation	Description of target	Quantitative unit of measurement	Base-line year	Target year	Proportion of target achieved, % value
Other: Reduction of water intensity	Water stewardship	15% reduction per restaurant (aggregate) by 2015	% reduction per business unit	2008	2015	100%

W8.1b

Please describe any company wide qualitative goals (ongoing or reached completion during the reporting period) and your progress in achieving these

Goal	Motivation	Description of goal	Progress
Watershed remediation and habitat restoration, ecosystem preservation	Water stewardship	Darden provides funding for research to the Everglades Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to leading efforts to restore and protect the greater Everglades ecosystem. The efforts of the Everglades Foundation align with Darden's commitment to effective water management programs to preserve natural systems and freshwater resources.	Much of Darden's contributions are dedicated to research on water management plan development as a response to the impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise on the Everglades ecosystem.

W8.1c

Please explain why you do not have any water-related targets or goals and discuss any plans to develop these in the future

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Module: Linkages/Tradeoff

Page: W9. Managing trade-offs between water and other environmental issues

W9.1

Has your organization identified any linkages or trade-offs between water and other environmental issues in its value chain?

No

W9.1a

Please describe the linkages or trade-offs and the related management policy or action

Environmental issues	Linkage or trade-off	Policy or action
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Module: Sign Off

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W10.1

Please provide the following information for the person that has signed off (approved) your CDP water response

Name	Job title	Corresponding job category
Kristine Young	Manager, Sustainability	Environment/Sustainability manager

W10.2

Addressing water risks effectively, in many instances, requires collective action. CDP would like to support you in finding potential partners that are also working to tackle water challenges in the river basins you report against. Please select if your organization would like CDP to transfer your publicly disclosed risk and impact drivers and response strategy data from questions W1.4a, W3.2b, W3.2c, W4.1a and W8.1b to the United Nations Global Compact Water Action Hub.

No

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CDP