The identification of important transboundary groundwater bodies was based on the following criteria:

1. All transboundary groundwater bodies > 4000 km², and
2. Transboundary groundwater bodies < 4000 km², if they are very important; the identification as important has to be bilaterally agreed.

These may also include groups of groundwater bodies. Further clarification and harmonisation is necessary on some transboundary water bodies.

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