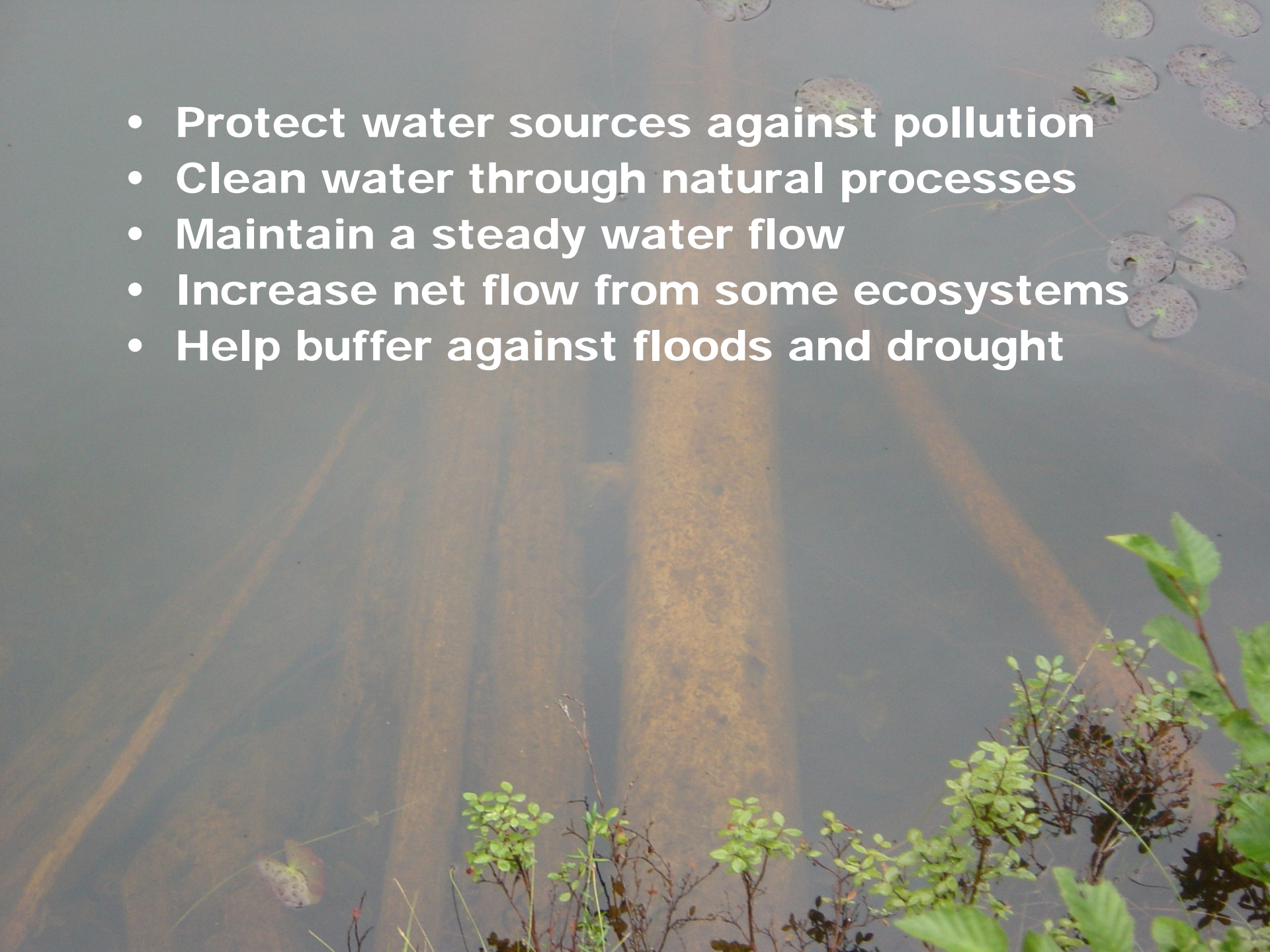






Protected areas are a primary, but often
unrecognised, tool for achieving water security

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- The background image shows a calm pond with several lily pads floating on the surface. In the foreground, there are green plants with small leaves. In the background, several large, brown, submerged tree trunks are visible, suggesting a natural, possibly protected, water source.
- Protect water sources against pollution
 - Clean water through natural processes
 - Maintain a steady water flow
 - Increase net flow from some ecosystems
 - Help buffer against floods and drought



We have the arguments and case studies, and a growing number of governments, municipalities and companies are recognising the importance of protected areas ...

...but we still haven't brought protected areas into mainstream of debate about water security

This is what we aim to do at and after the World
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- Managing protected areas to benefit water services
- Water for life
- Water and cities
- Water system and garage: how can we better maintain our wetland engines
- Valuing natural capital – protected areas and water
- Guaranteeing high quality water
- Connectivity and water services
- Water funds and social impacts
- Freshwater ecosystems in protected areas: effective protection through nature conservation law



Natural Solutions website and capacity building material to provide tools, evidence and lessons learned

