## **PV SYSTEMS Floating Photovoltaics**





FLOATVOLTAICS are PV systems supported by floating strutures on body of waters



#### Benefits

Land saving Increased Efficiency (albedo, temperature) Reduced Evaporation of water Less dust effect

#### Impacts

Increased costs (anchoring, O&M)

Degradation (corrosion, soiling) Environmental and socioeconomic impacts

Can be

positive!!



Source: World Bank Group, ESMAP, and SERIS 2019.

#### Choosing the site...

- Close to load and to the grid
- High solar irradiation and low wind (no freezing water)
- Preferrably fresh water
- No competition with recreational uses
- Avoid natural habitat of preserved species





Relevant decrease in operating temperature >>> increased efficienct



#### \$/WDC 2020 USD



https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy22osti/80695.pdf.



Dropping from seabirds may be a O&M challenge













#### Wind protection solutions

















Source: Adapted from Ciel & Terre International.







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In summary

- Floating PV is an emerging market with high growth potential
- Increased system costs may be justified by higher generation and land savings
- Very convenient synergy with hydropower generation
- Environmental impacts are site specific
- Lifetime to be tested