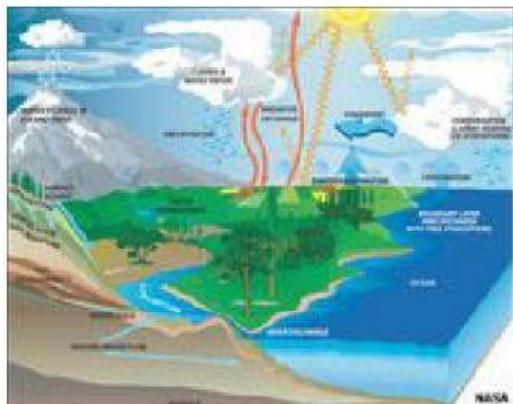
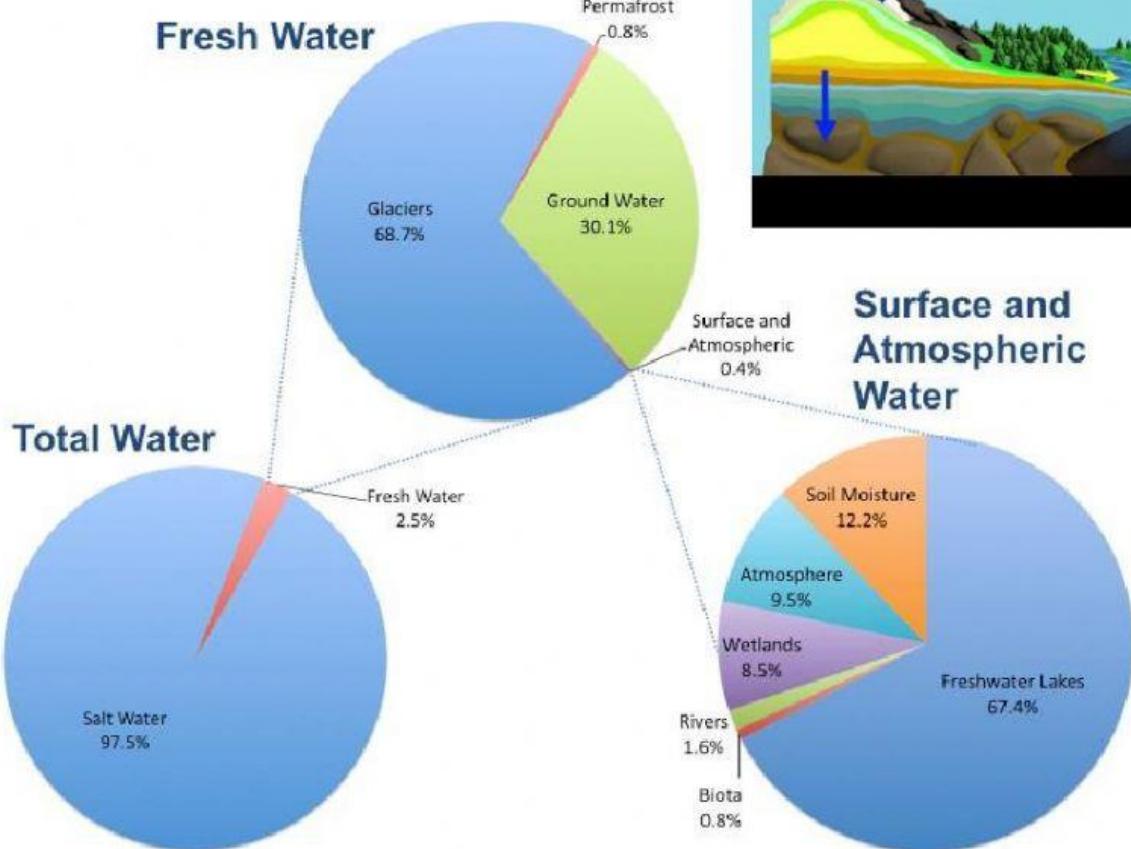
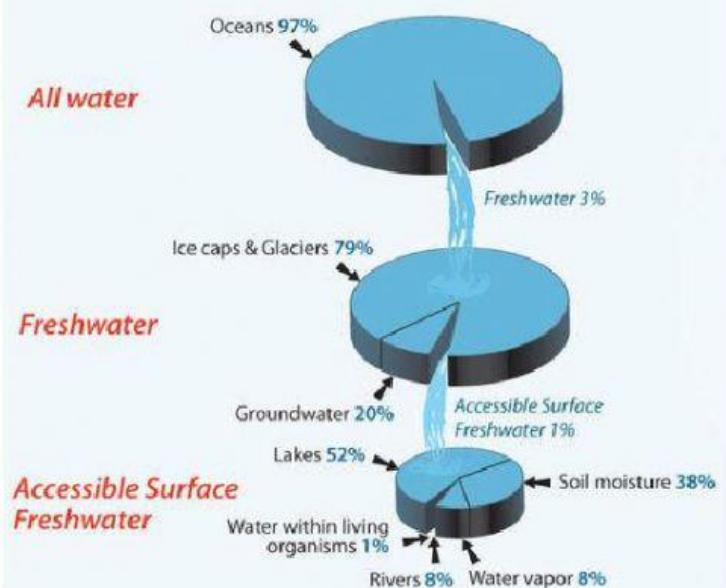


## 8.1 Distribution of Water on Earth

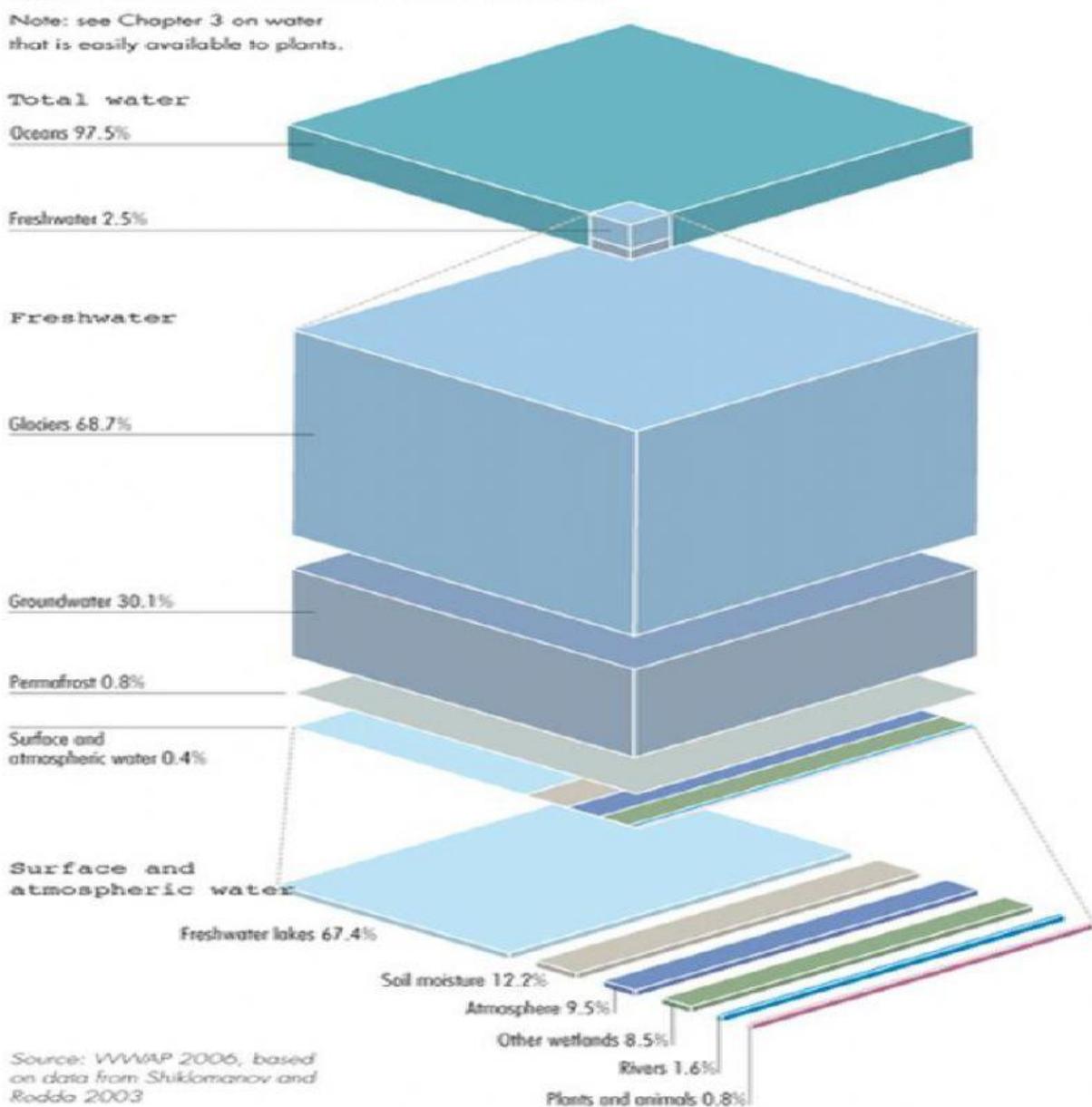


### Distribution of the World's Water



**Figure 4.1 Global distribution of the world's water**

Note: see Chapter 3 on water that is easily available to plants.



1. How much of Earth's surface is covered with water? What is most of this water in?
2. What percent of Earth's water is salty? How much is fresh water?
3. Of all of the fresh water, what percentage is ice, what is shallow groundwater, what is deep groundwater, what is in lakes and rivers and what is in the atmosphere as water vapor?
4. How much of Earth's fresh water is available for human consumption?



