


THE COMMODIFICATION OF THE COMMONS : ISSUES AND RESISTANCES

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The Seed Issues

- Indonesia : Tropic with high ecosystem diversity → high biodiversity
ex : paddy varieties in Indonesia are more than 200
- Green revolution
monoculture → super seed; pesticide; fertilizer
the whole package is promoted by the state to the benefit of TNC/MNC
- WTO step in
→ AOA : diminished all state protection → corporate taking position
→ TRIP's : Intellectual rights/Patent → seed ≠ grain

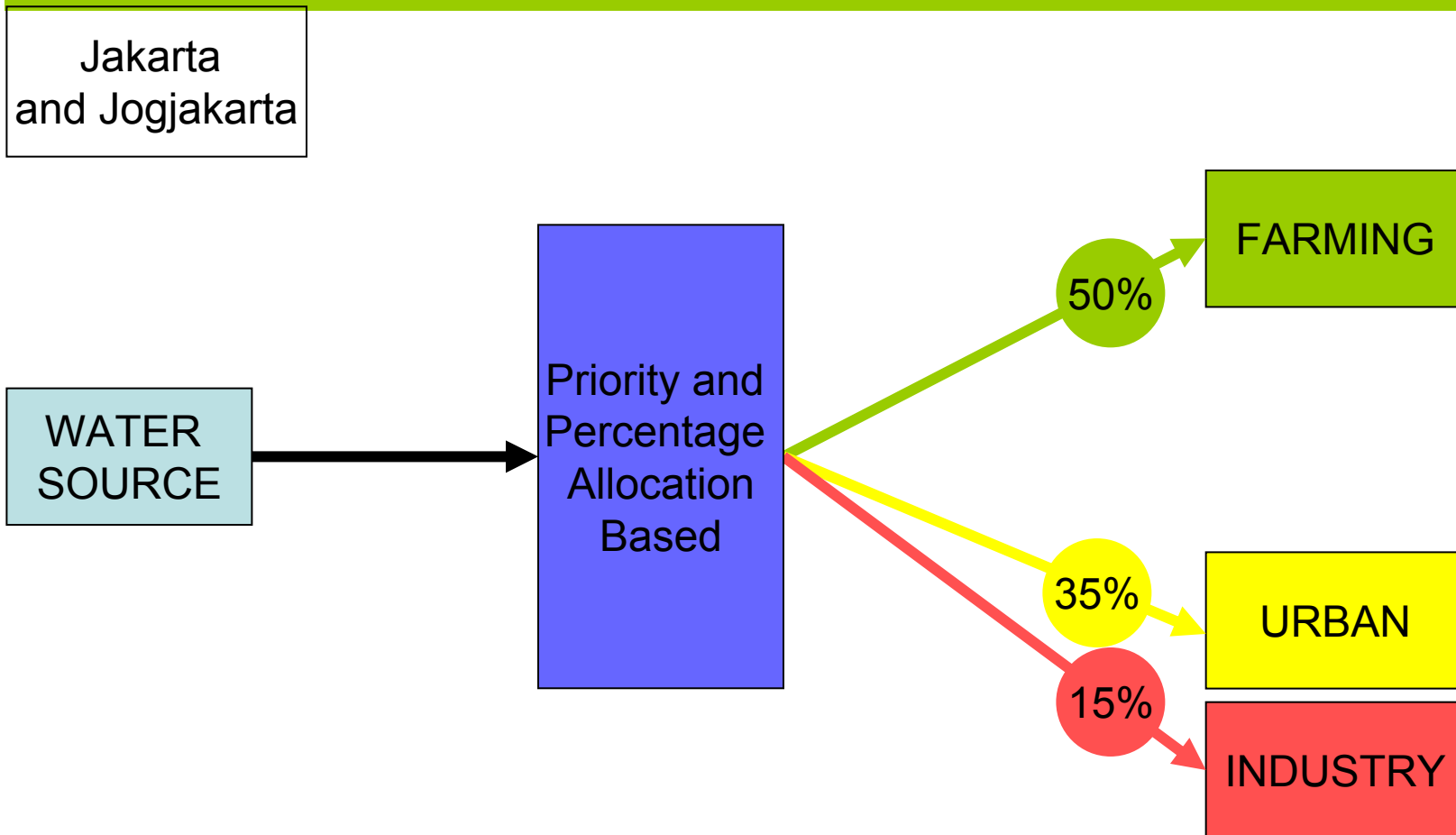
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- No Patent on life in Indonesia → UU No.29/2000 Plants varieties Protection
 - PT BISI (seed corporation) started to filing suits on farmers into the court
 - The suits were all legally incorrect
 - Patent/Intellectual right means
 - farmer marginalization : functionally or economically
 - seed domination
 - food sovereignty lost

The Water Issues

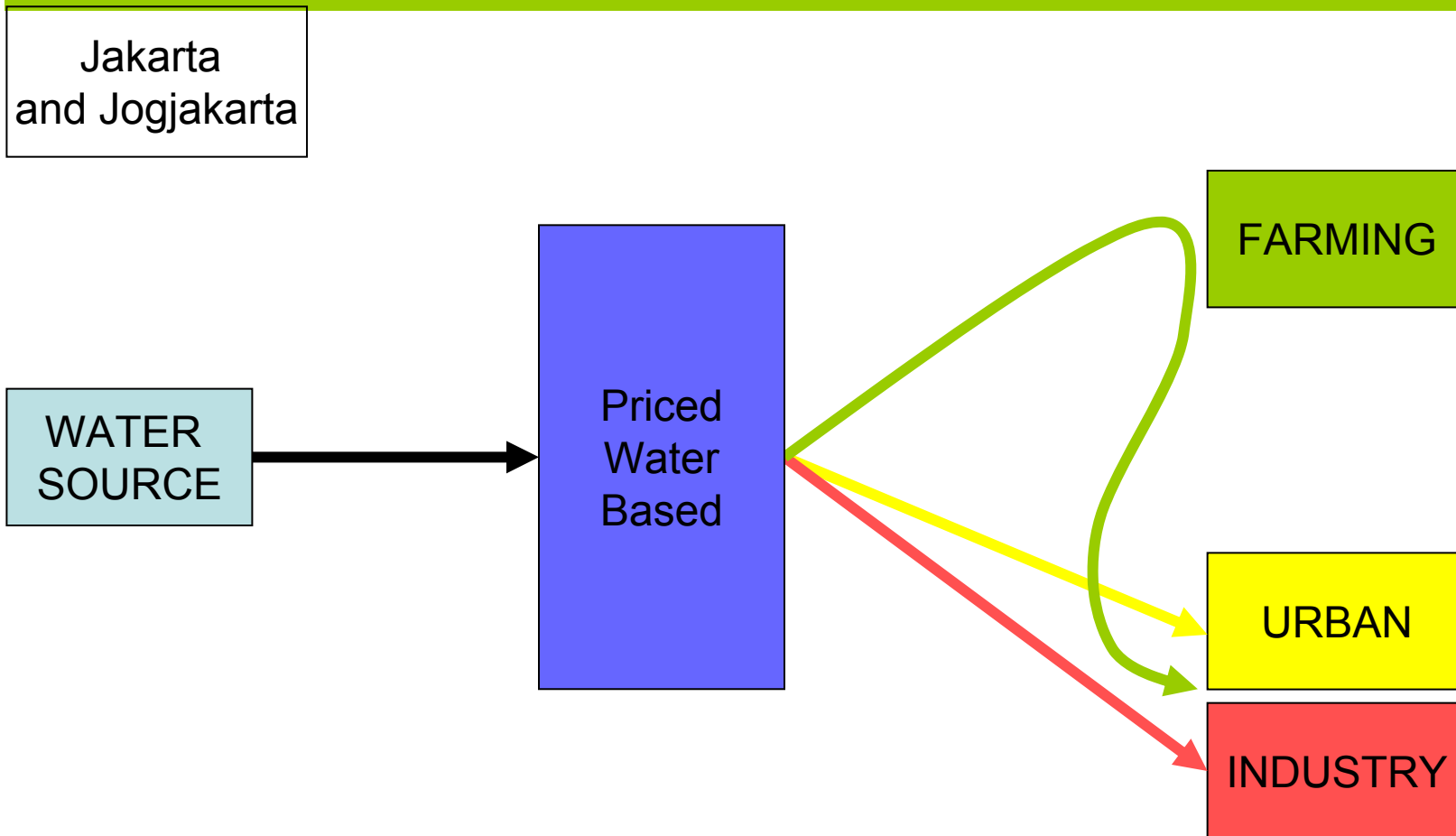


- Limited water resources, to whom they are allocated?
- WB Water Management policy (1992)
- Water rights concept-shifting common property to private property
- WATSAL Project (1998)-UU SDA No.7/2004
- Economic value will shift water from agriculture to industrial purpose, from rural to urban.
→ High value user vs low value user

Cases



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Threat to food sovereignty

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