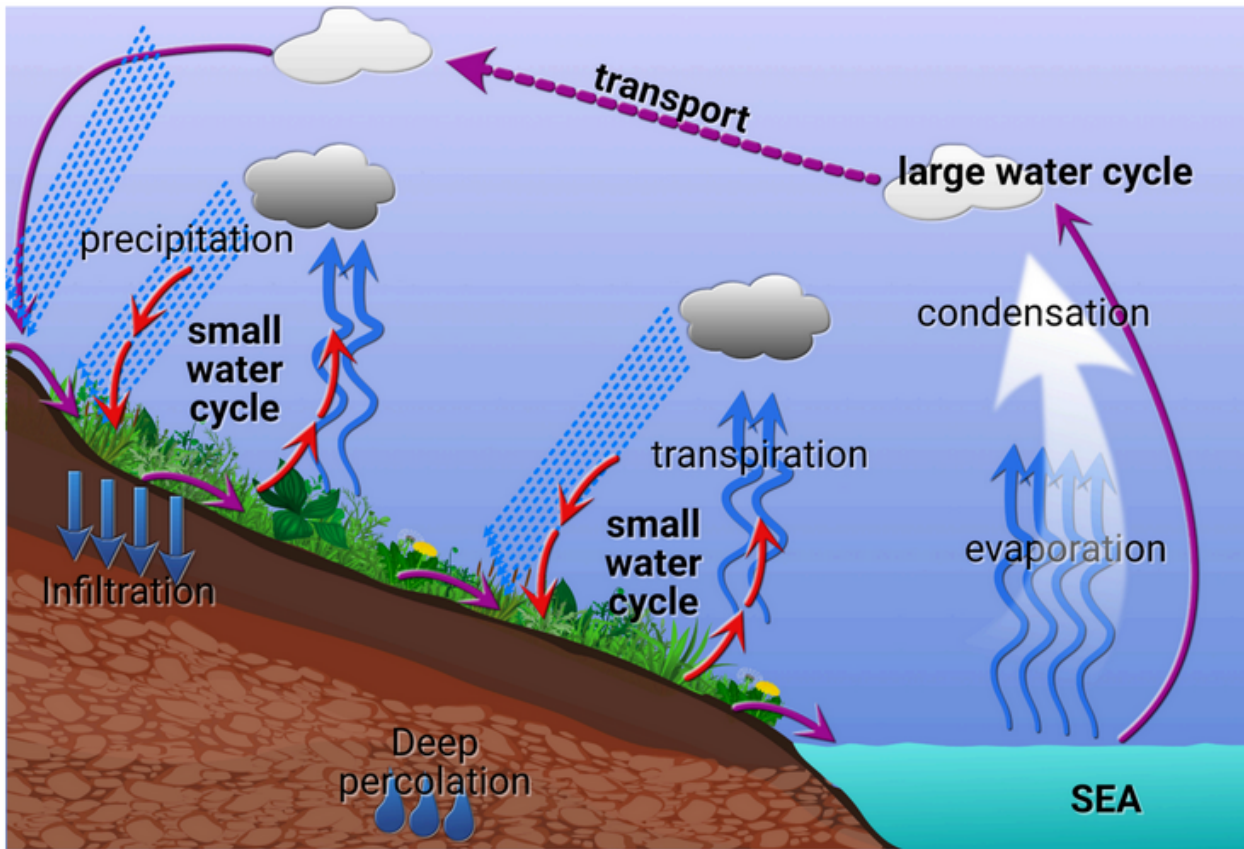


Water Cycle (Large and Small) Infographic



large water cycle →
small water cycle →

Adapted from Kravčik 2015

The “large” water cycle:

Water evaporates from the sea and condenses into clouds. These are transported over land by the winds and fall (precipitates) as rain or snow. Subsequent surface run-off and sub-surface flows return the water to the sea.

The “small” water cycle:

The precipitation from the clouds and transpiration from plants (evaporation through their leaves) occurs in the same terrestrial environment. The small water cycle is disrupted when there is little, or no, vegetation covering the soil.

Alterations in the small water cycle impact the large water cycle.

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