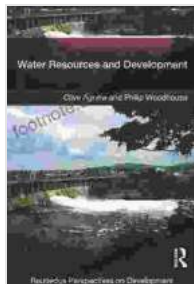


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Water, the elixir of life, is an indispensable resource for human civilization and economic prosperity. Recognizing the paramount importance of water, the United Nations has declared access to clean water and sanitation a fundamental human right. However, the world is facing an unprecedented water crisis: over 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, while an alarming number of water bodies are polluted, degraded, or overexploited.

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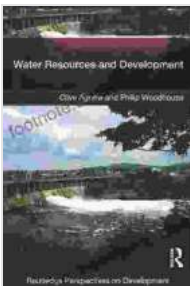
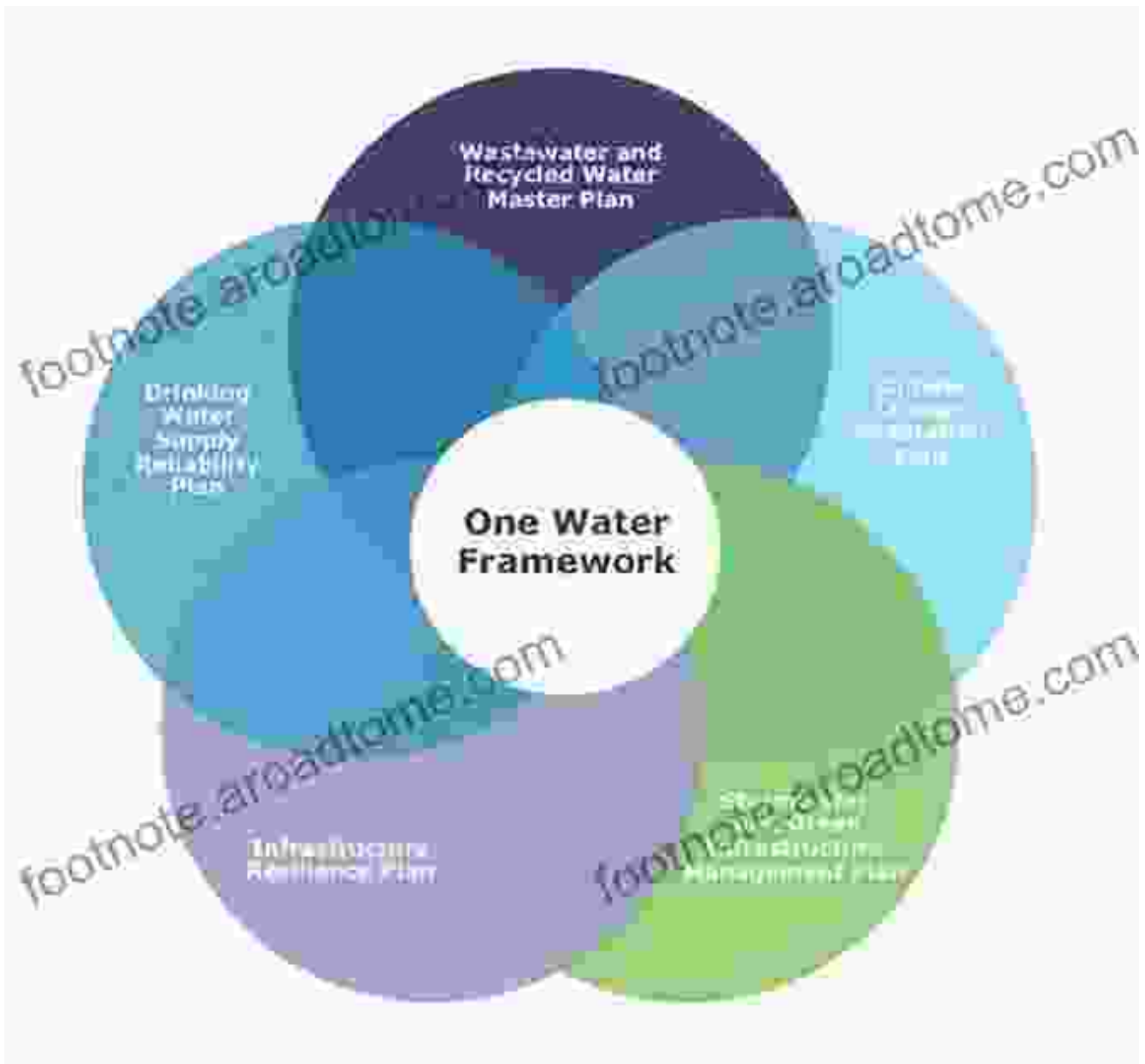
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