

## Seawater Air-Conditioning (SWAC): Opportunities for Implementation



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## Seawater Air-Conditioning (SWAC)

uses inexhaustible cold deep seawater to replace conventional, energy intensive cooling.

SWAC can address surging cooling demands in a cost-effective and sustainable way for island states



SWAC systems **operate around the** including Tahiti's largest hospital complex



SWAC can **save more than 85% of electricity** compared to conventional systems



Customers include **resorts, airports, office/municipal buildings and industrial zones**



In addition to cooling, the ocean water is used for **aquaculture, agriculture and desalination**



SWAC **substantially lowers CO2 emissions** to help meet climate targets

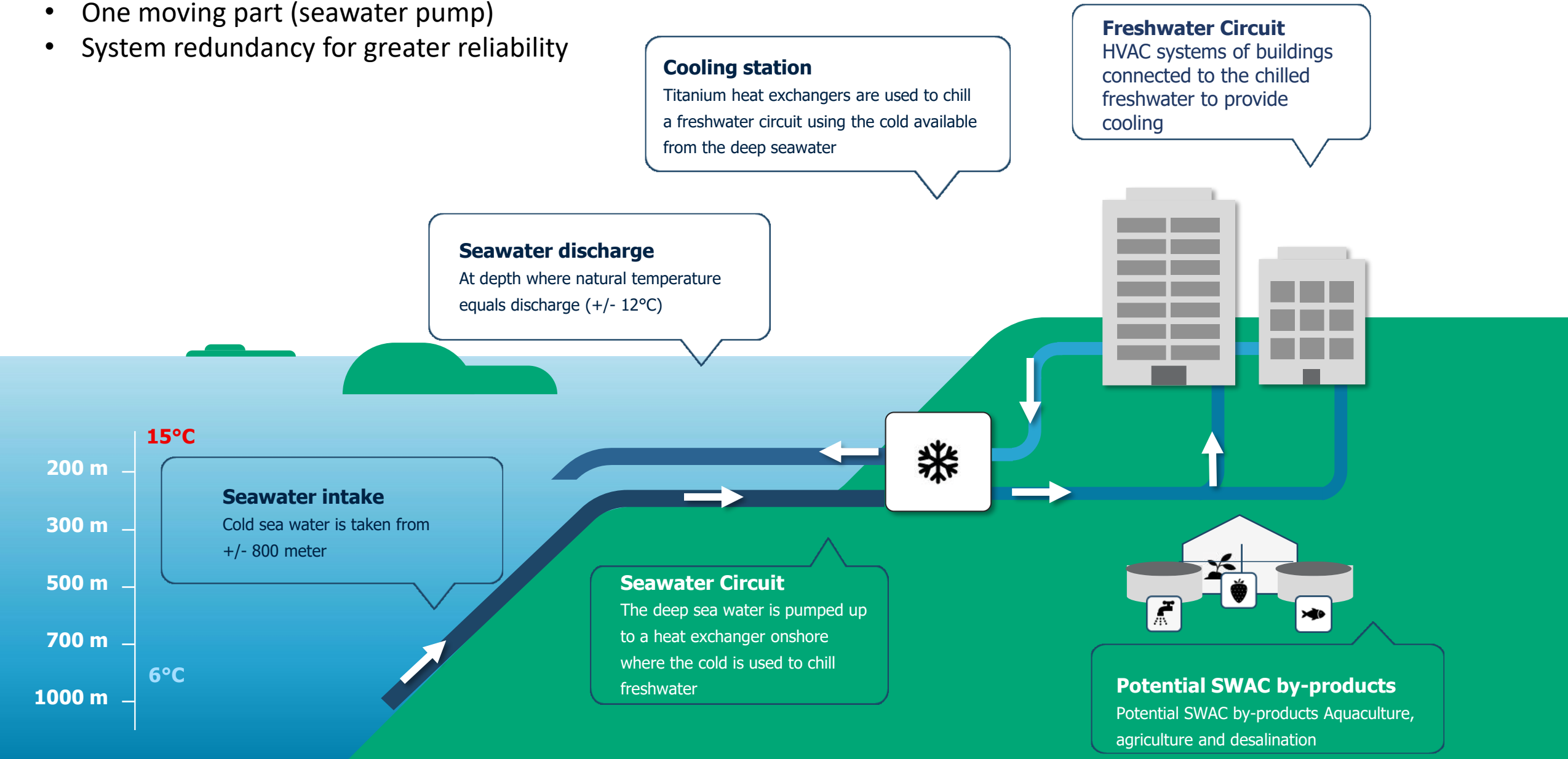


SWAC brings **investment, jobs, and reduced fossil fuel imports**

**World Bank** has completed a project to identify SWAC potential in the Caribbean

# SWAC Design

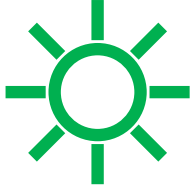
- Technology off-the-shelf and well-understood
- One moving part (seawater pump)
- System redundancy for greater reliability



# Operational and planned sea water cooling systems demonstrate reliability



# Beyond cost savings, multiple benefits from a SWAC system



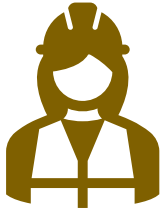
## Green Branding

Establishes resorts as premier green and sustainable tourist destination



## Drives New Investment

Catalyzes investment from private and public sector to Jamaica



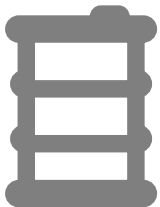
## Creates Jobs

Leads to jobs across various stages and components of construction



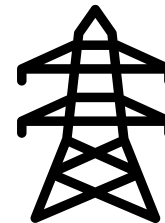
## Climate Resilience and Mitigation

SWAC will help adapt to a changing climate and reduces CO2 emissions significantly



## Reduces Fossil Fuel Imports

Reduces substantial BBL of oil imports / year



## Reduces Electricity Usage

90% reduction in power needs shaves approx 4 MW off peak demand and reduces nearly 18k MWhs per year



# SWAC can be the cornerstone of a multi-use facility

The cold, clean, nutrient and pathogen-free deep seawater has multiple uses:

**District Cooling:** low-cost cooling for multiple residential, commercial and municipal customers

**Enhanced Industrial Productivity:** Low-cost cooling and heat sink increases efficiency of industrial processes

**Aquaculture:** The cold, deep seater is very advantageous for many forms of aquaculture

**Agriculture:** The low-cost, always available cooling can enhance greenhouse-based agricultural production

**Premium seaweed and water:** Deep ocean water combines purity with naturally occurring electrolytes for premium seaweed and water

**Marine research:** Deep water and pipelines offer many opportunities for world class oceanographic research



A Hawaii facility with deep ocean pipelines has more than 40 companies using the ocean water

# Potential Options for SWAC Ownership / Governance Structures

## 1) Ownership by Hosts

- Hotels jointly own and run the SWAC facility
- SWAC facility provided on EPC, turn-key basis by credible construction firm with performance guarantee
- Regular maintenance managed by hotels and provided by global SWAC experts

## 2) Public Ownership

- Government takes full/partial ownership stake in the SWAC facility as a global public good
- Responsible for operations (likely outsourced)
- Gets revenues from hotels for provision of cooling to repay CapEx

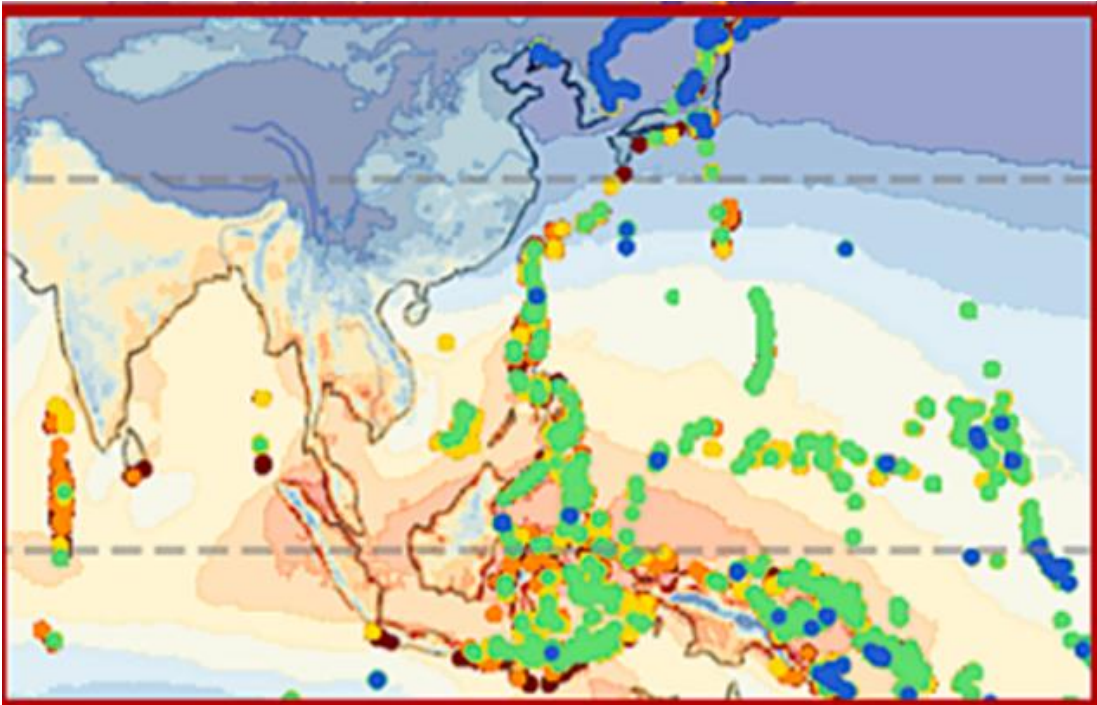
## 3) SWAC SPV

- Company establishes special purpose vehicle (SPV) to finance, own and operate SWAC facility
- Possible government stake via PPP
- SWAC installed via EPC contract with guarantee on performance
- Sells cooling to hotels via Cooling Sales Agreement

# Projections of SWAC Global Potential

## East Asia

(each dot represent site with accessible cold water)



## Caribbean, Mexico

(each dot represent site with accessible cold water)



**Number of  
facilities  
with  
access to 5  
C water**

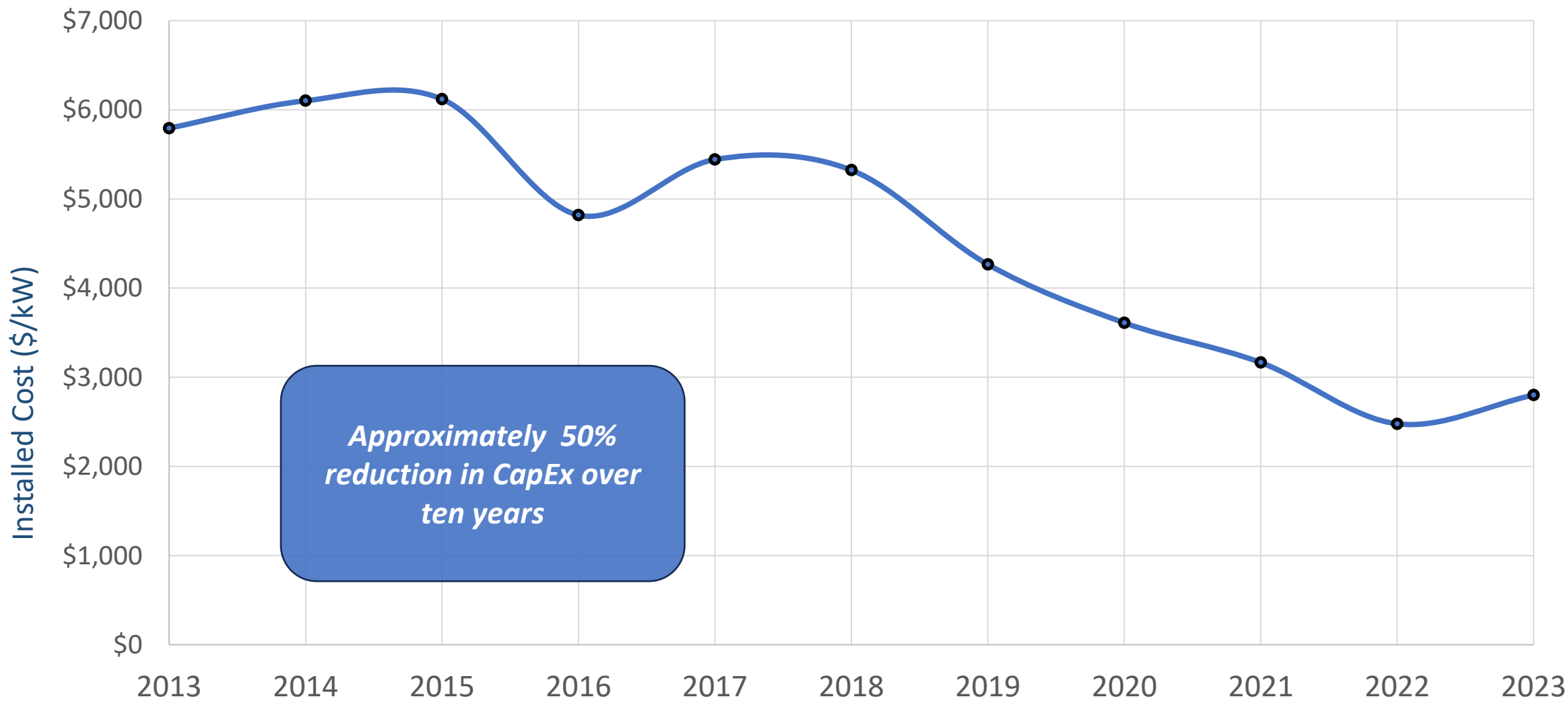
Distance to 5 C	N America	Eastern Asia	Europe	Total
0 - 2.5 km	418	13,319	5,627	19,364
2.5 - 5 km	2,354	17,926	2,976	23,256
5 - 7.5 km	9,830	40,951	2,914	53,695
7.5 - 10 km	11,160	33,499	1,498	46,157
Total	23,762	105,695	13,015	<b>142,472</b>


Source: K. Sanjiv et al, Exploring global accessibility of deep ocean water for sea water air conditioning (SWAC) process; Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessments (61) 2024



# Lessons on Cost Trends from Similar Technologies

## Installed Cost of Offshore Wind

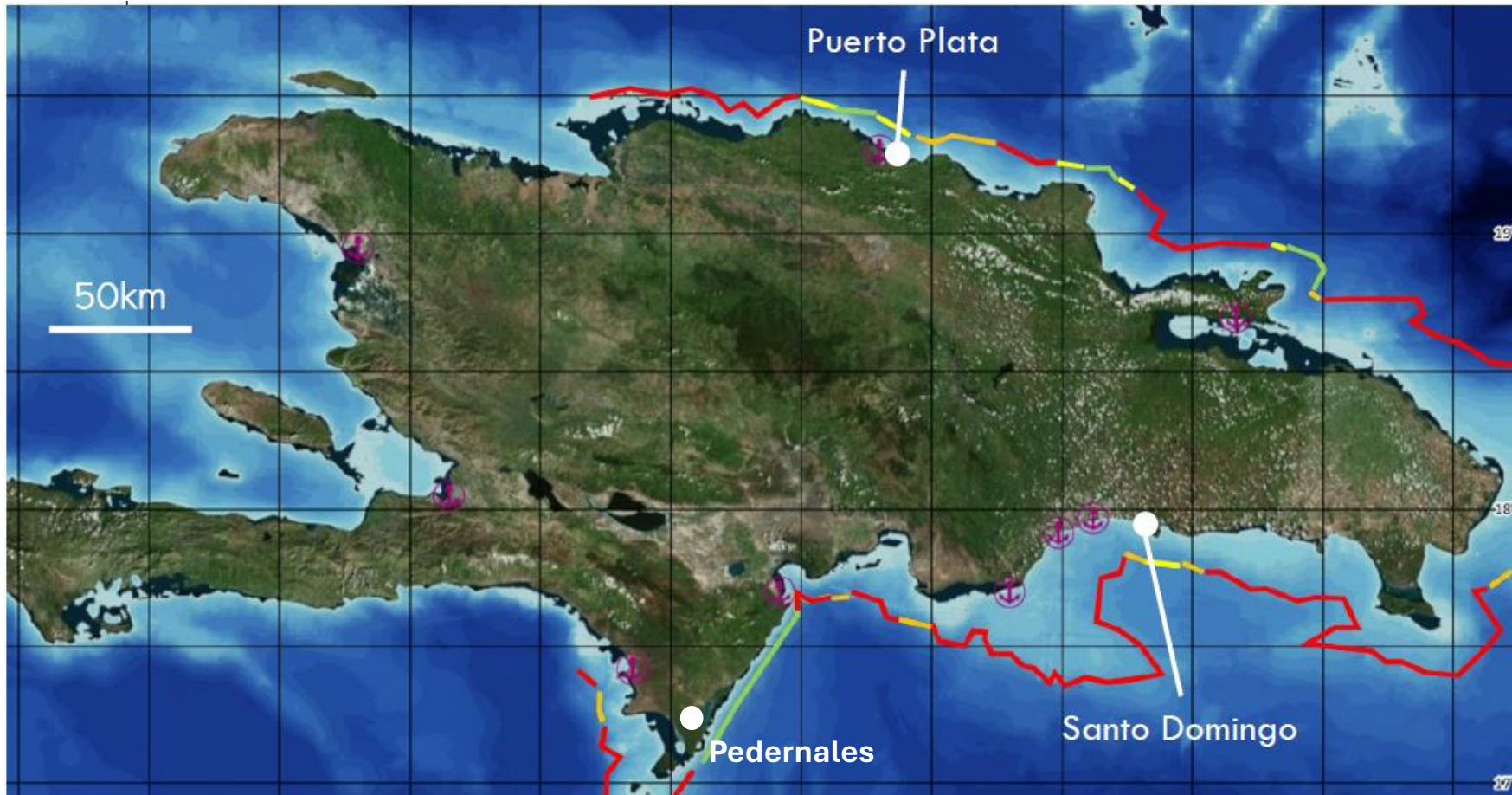


A close-up, high-speed photograph of a water surface, showing a dense layer of small, clear bubbles and ripples. The water is a deep blue color, and the lighting creates a shimmering effect on the bubbles.

# **SWAC Technical and Financial Assessment in Dominican Republic | Jamaica | Grenada**

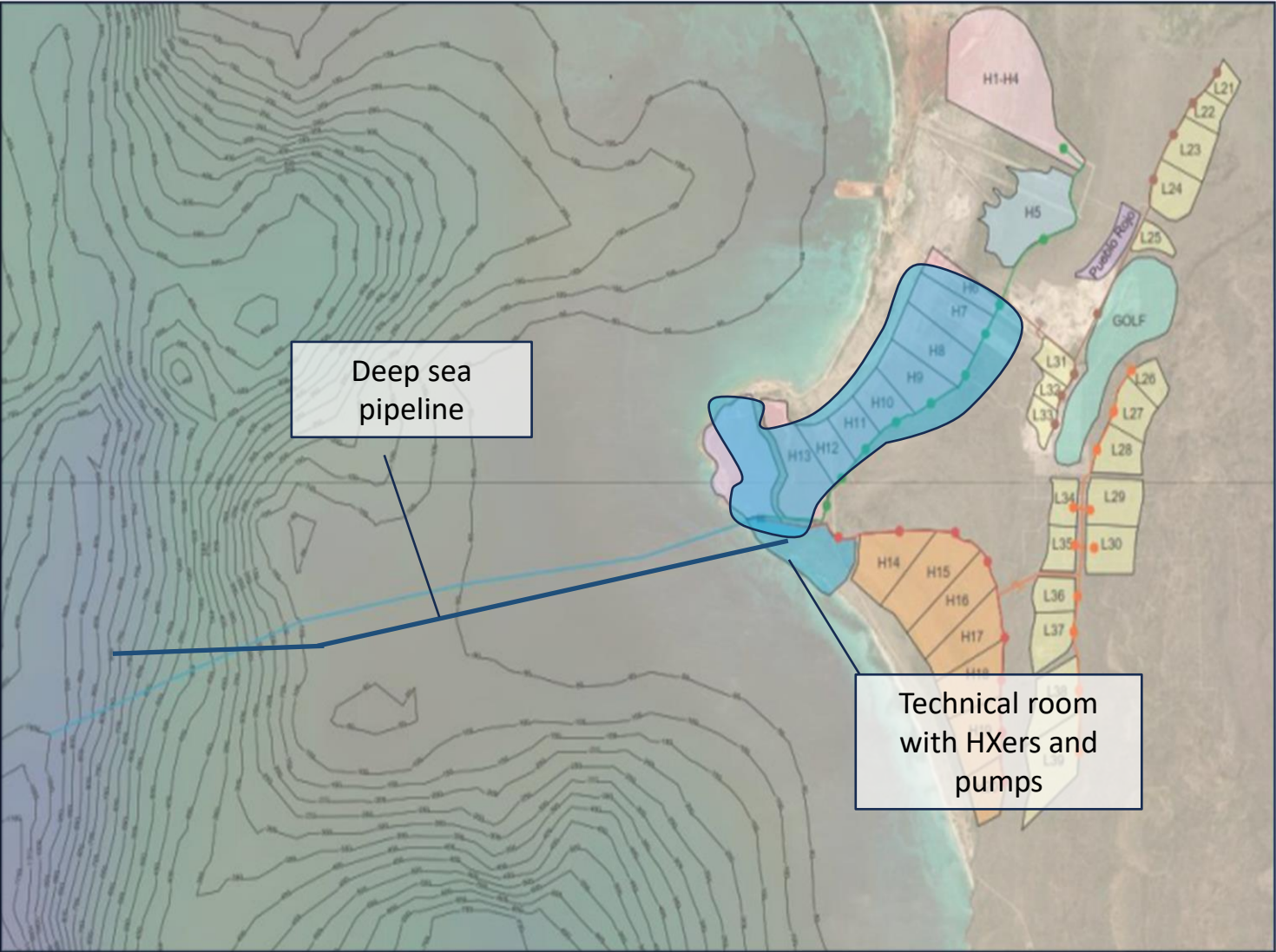


# Preferred locations for SWAC facilities in Dominican Republic



- Pedernales offers a more strategic location to deploy SWAC. It has excellent bathymetry for easy access to cold, deep seawater and substantial cooling demand.

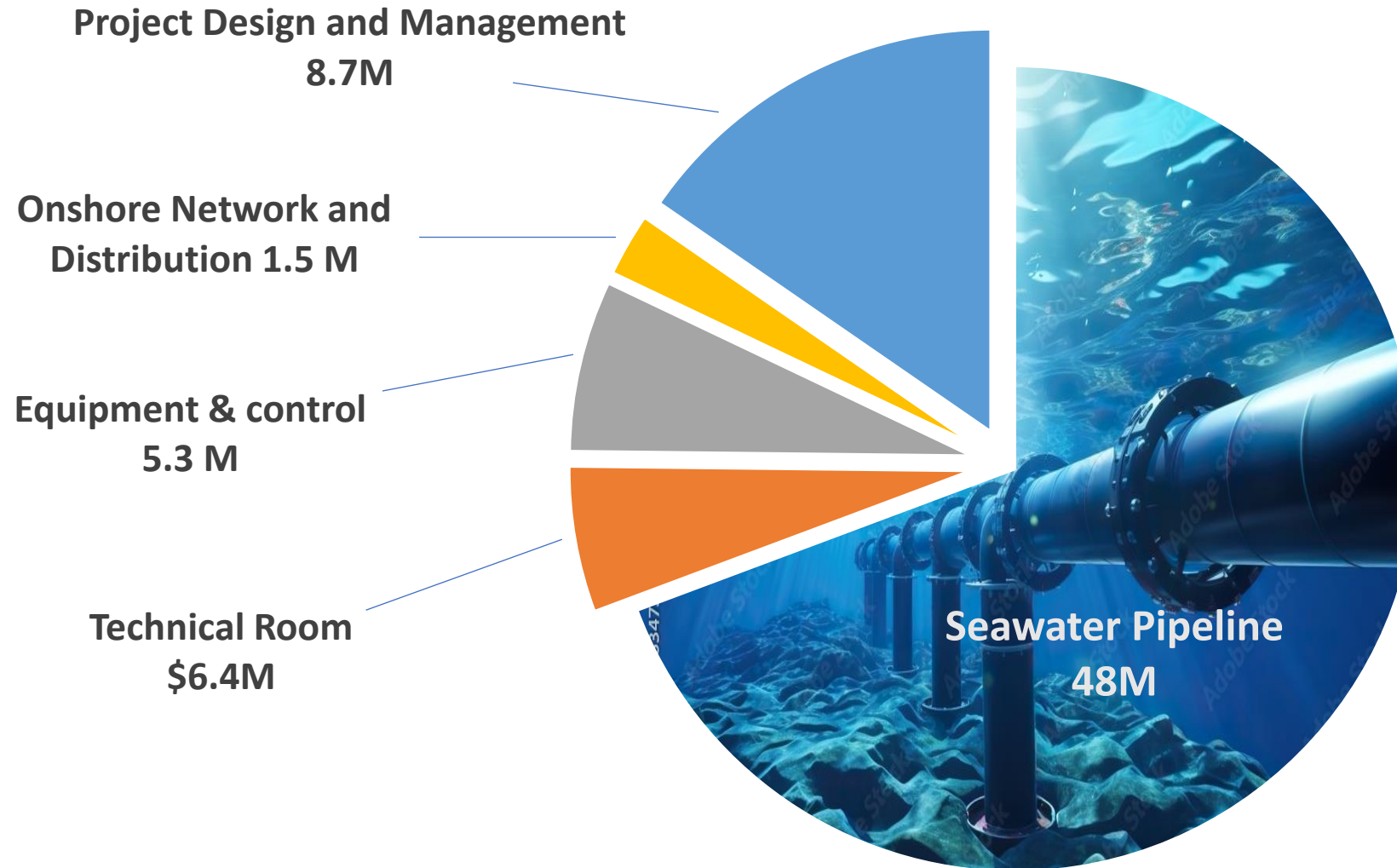
# System Specifications Summary



Cooling Power	7,100 ton
Operating temperature	7°C – 12 °C
Pipeline length	7,850 m
Seawater intake depth	958 m
Seawater flow rate, m3/hr	4,340 m3/hr
Pipeline outer diameter	1400 mm



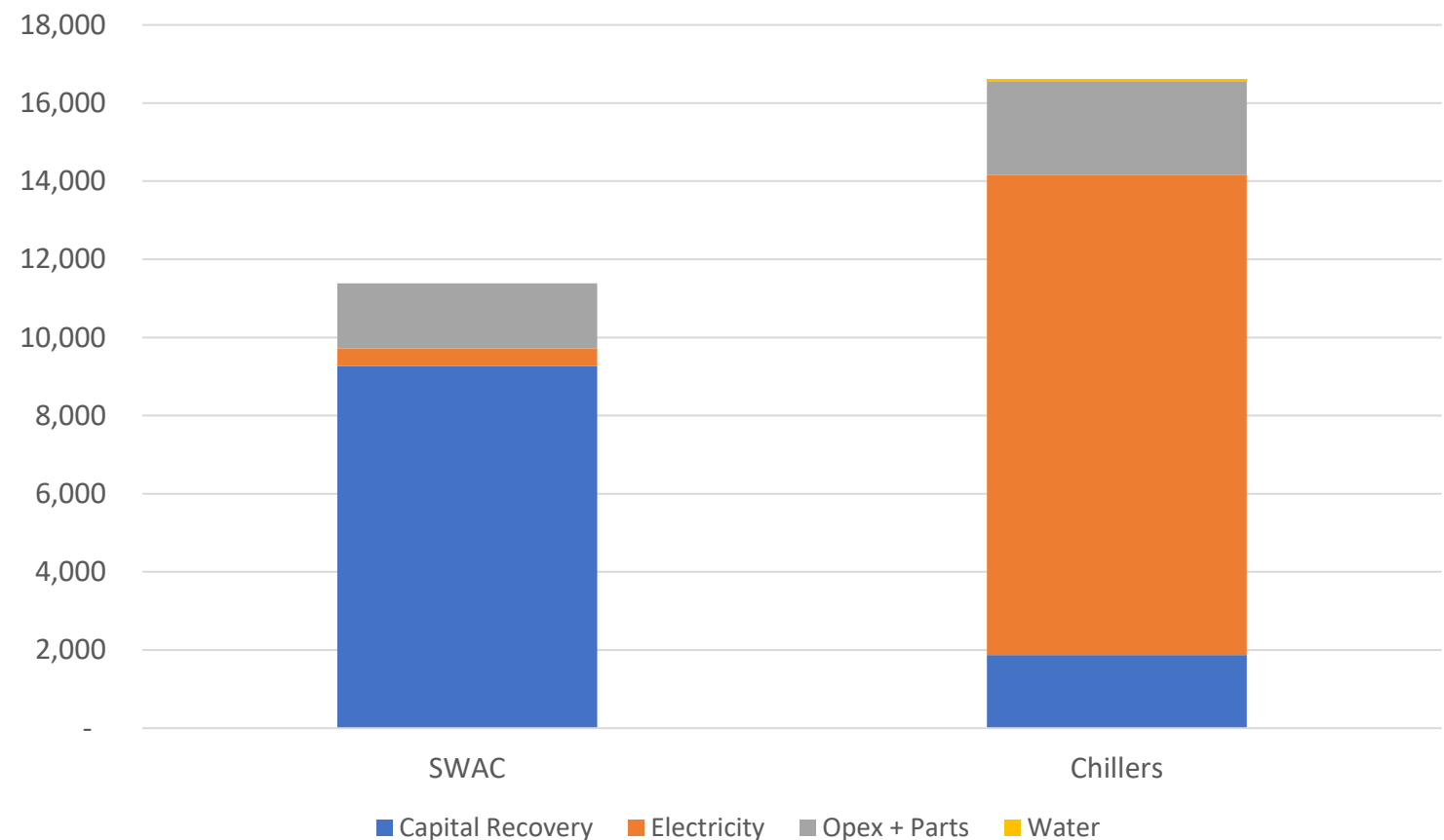
# Capital Expenditures - SWAC Facility at Pedernales



**\$ 70M**  
**Total CapEx**

# Projected SWAC all-in cost 30% less than mechanical chillers

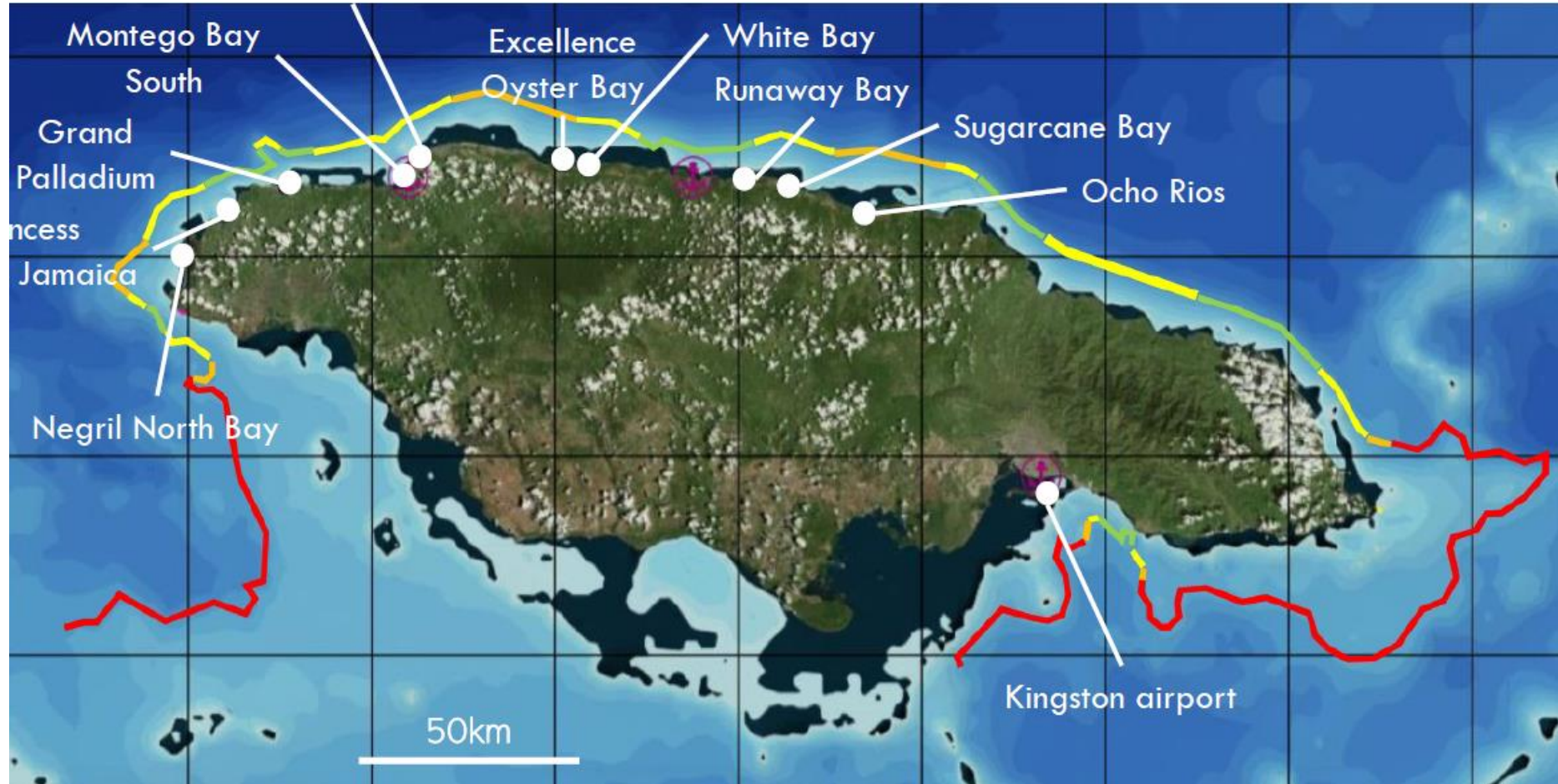
SWAC vs Chiller  
Annual Costs



**Lifetime cost savings of  
\$64 mn**

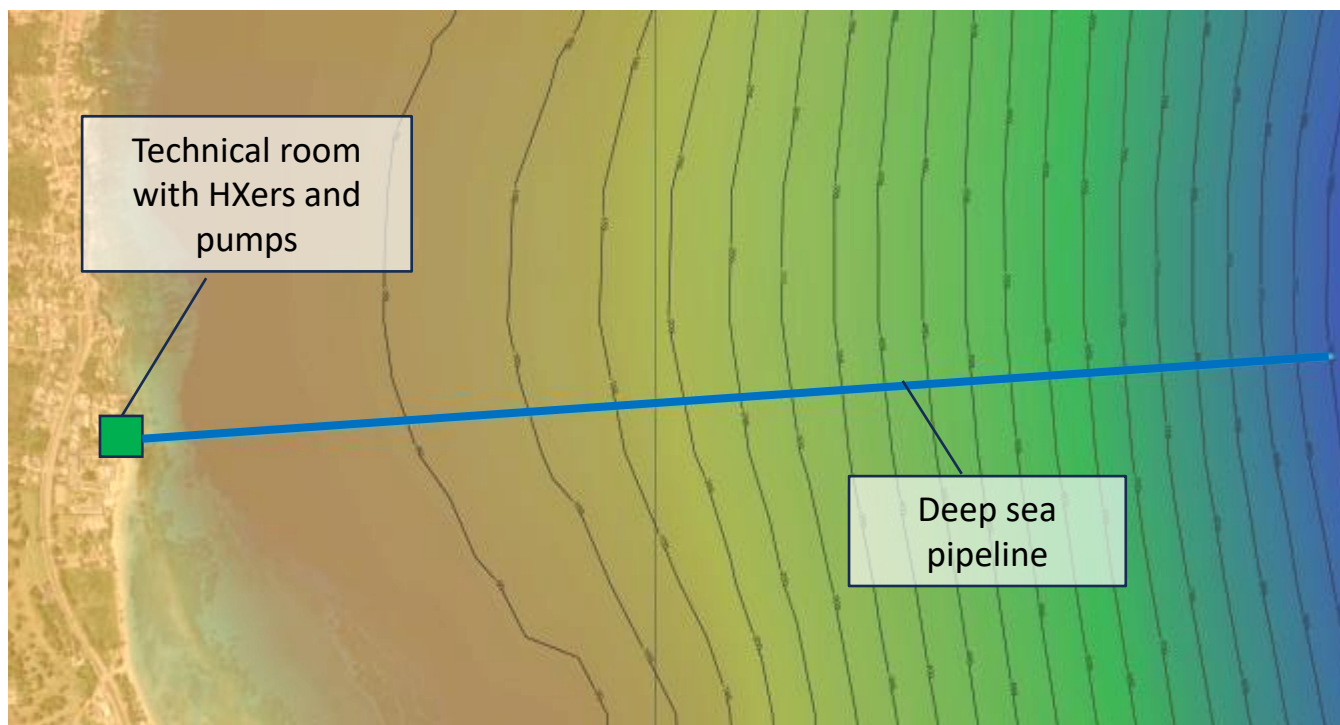
Cost of capital	10%
Concessional funds	Assume nothing but likely available
Price of electricity	US\$ 0.16/ kWh
Price of water	US\$ 0.15 / m3
Lifetime	15 years – expected longer lifetime brings greater savings
Capacity Factor	57% (5,000 hrs)
Pipeline inspection	Every three years
Replacement pumps	Every six years

# Preferred locations for SWAC facilities in Jamaica



- Runaway Bay was selected as the strategic location for SWAC based on its bathymetry and substantial cooling demand from hotels and resorts.

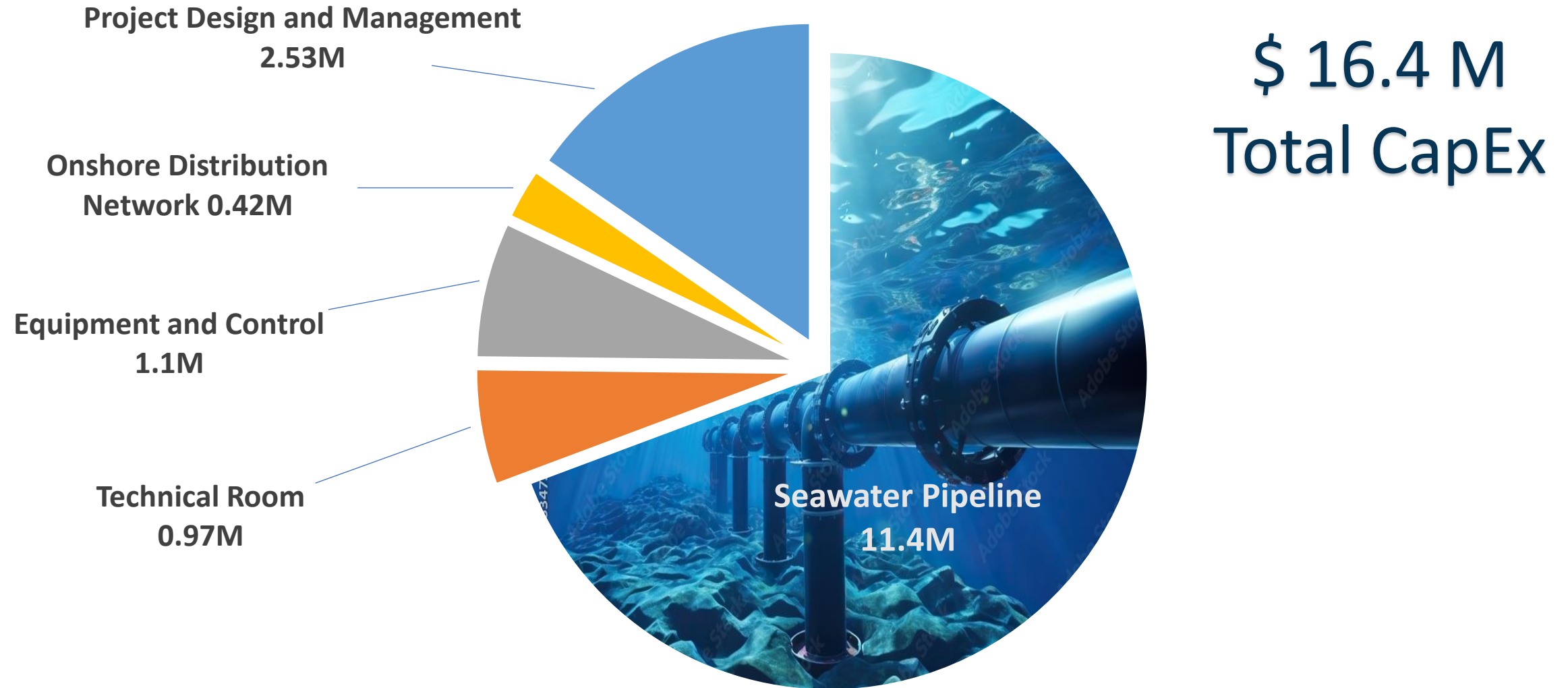
# System Specifications Summary



Cooling Power	854 Ton
Operating temperature	7°C – 12 °C
Pipeline length	4,418 m
Seawater intake depth	958 m
Seawater flow rate, m3/hr	521 m3/hr
Pipeline outer diameter	560 mm

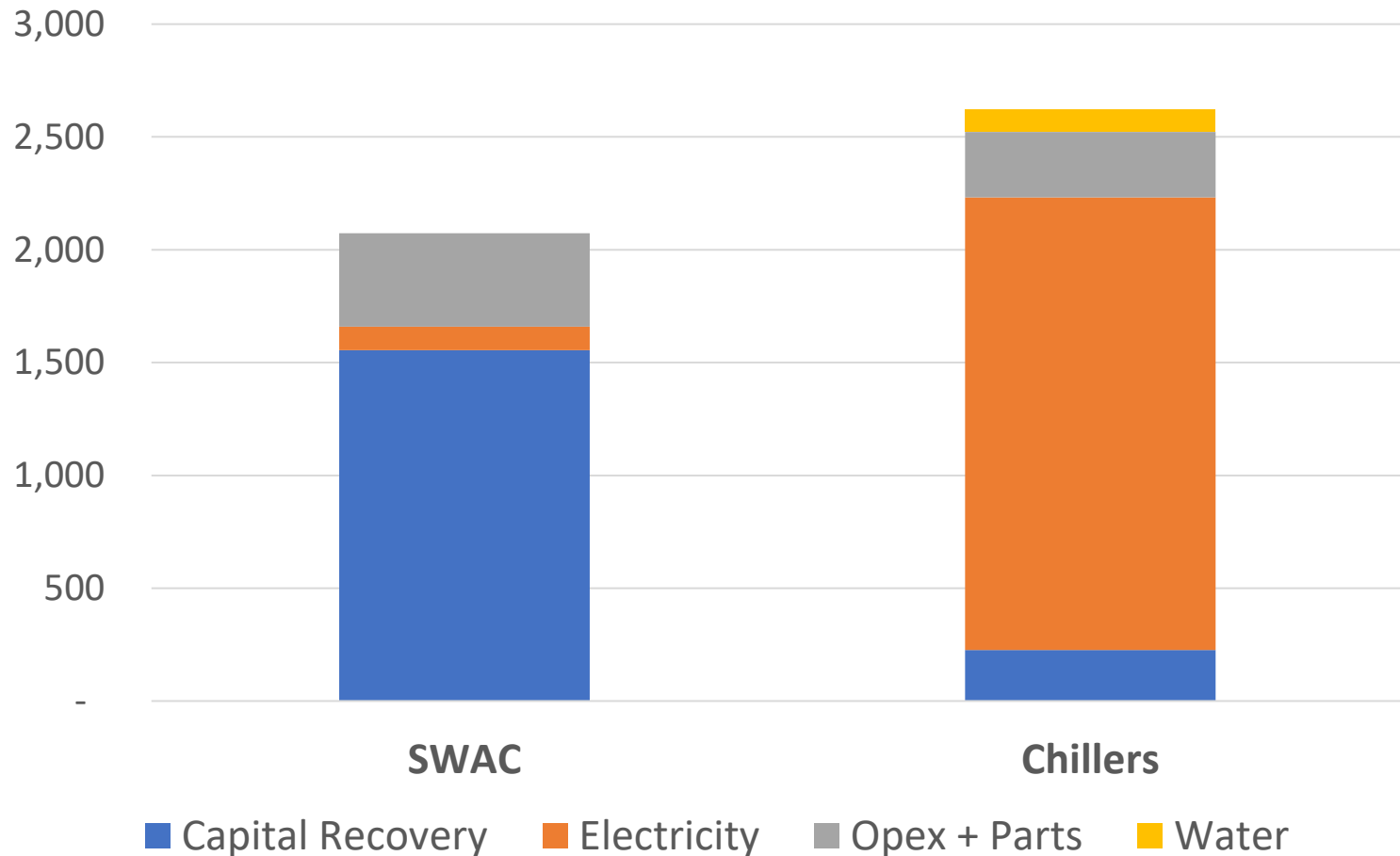


# Capital Expenditures - SWAC Facility at Runaway Bay



# Projected SWAC all-in cost 25% less than mechanical chillers

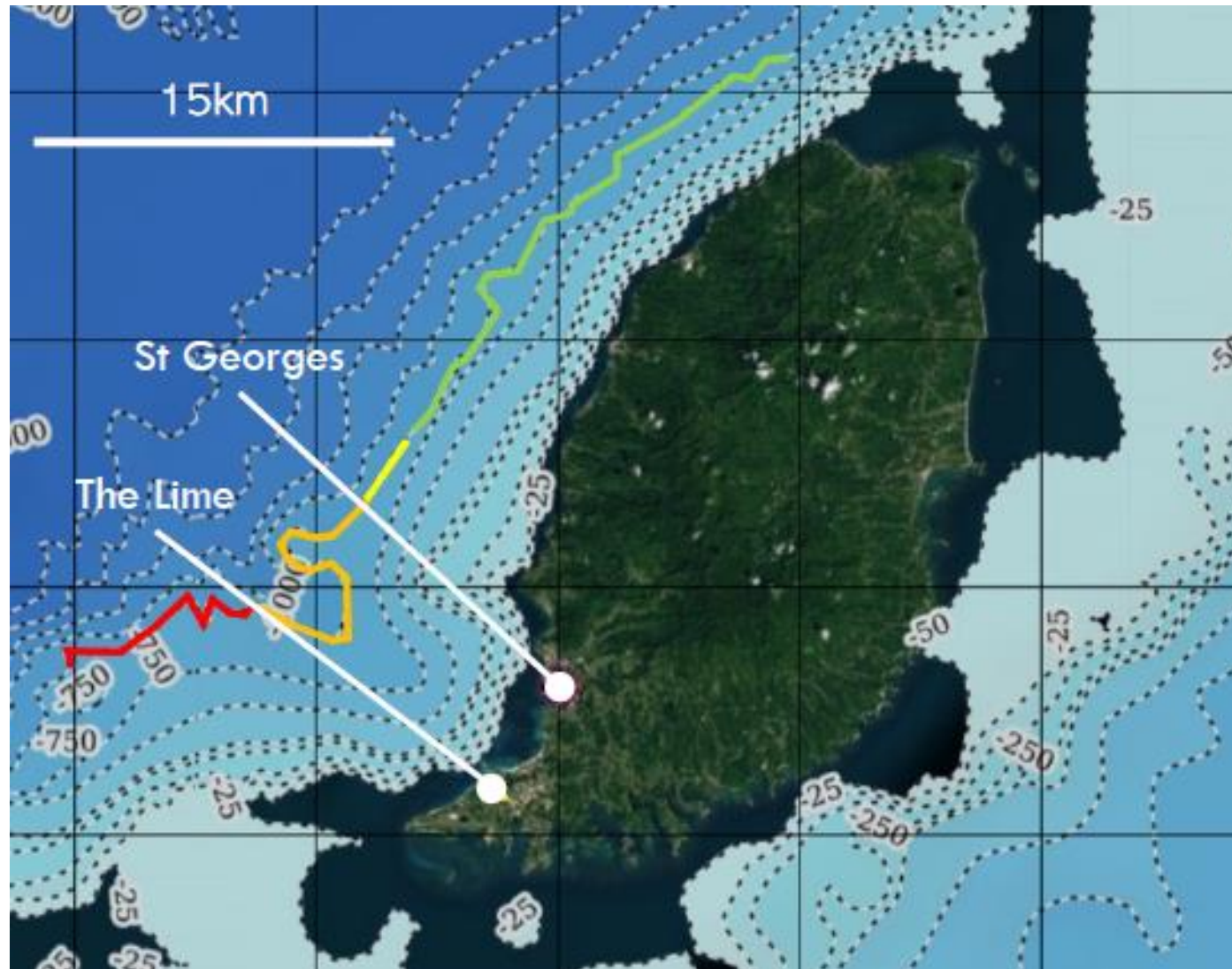
SWAC vs Chiller  
Average Annual Costs (\$000)



**Lifetime cost savings of  
\$13.2 mn**

Cost of capital	10%
Concessional funds	Assume nothing but likely available
Price of electricity	US\$ 0.38/ kWh
Price of water	US\$ 2.13 / m3
Lifetime	15 years – expected longer lifetime brings greater savings
Capacity Factor	57% (5,000 hrs)
Pipeline inspection	Every three years
Replacement pumps	Every six years

# Preferred locations for SWAC facilities in Grenada



- The Lime location was selected as the preferred site for SWAC deployment based on favorable conditions – bathymetry and cooling demand.



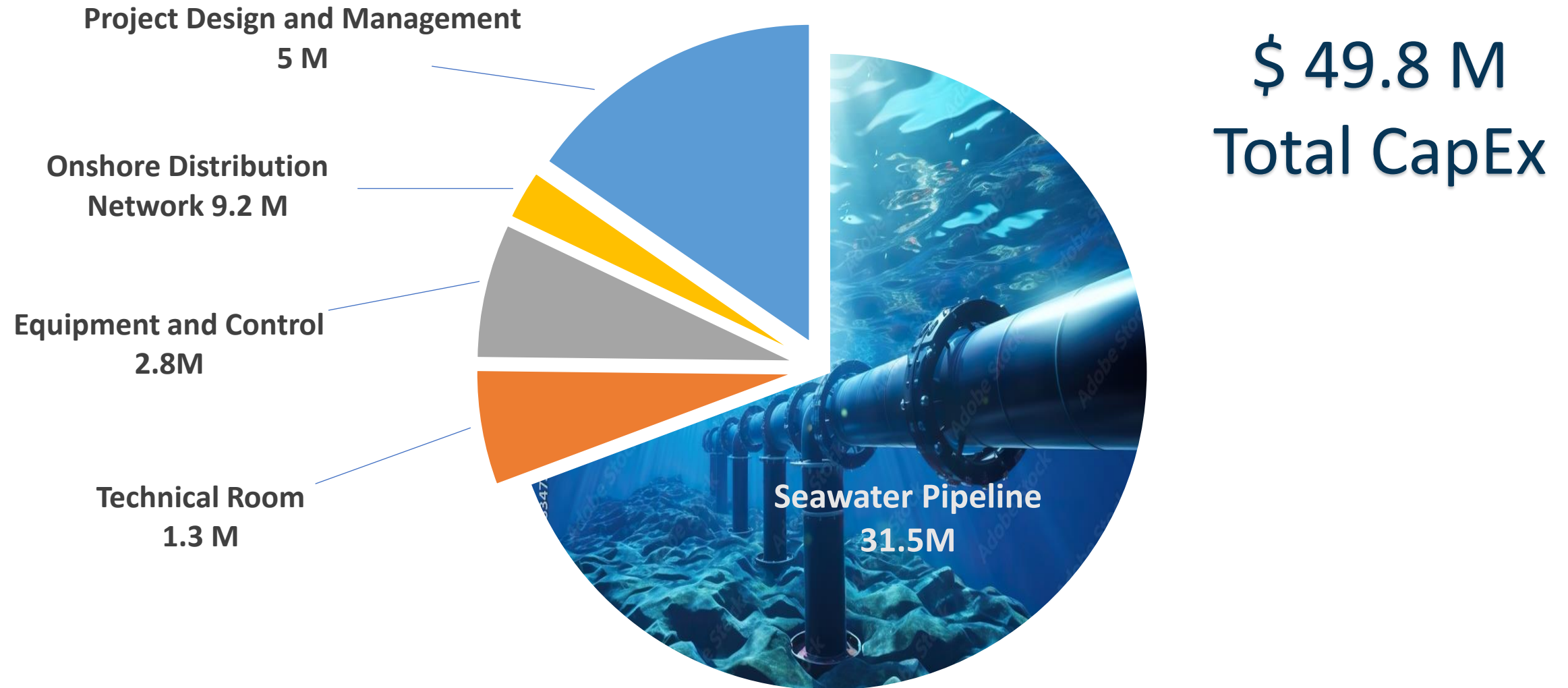
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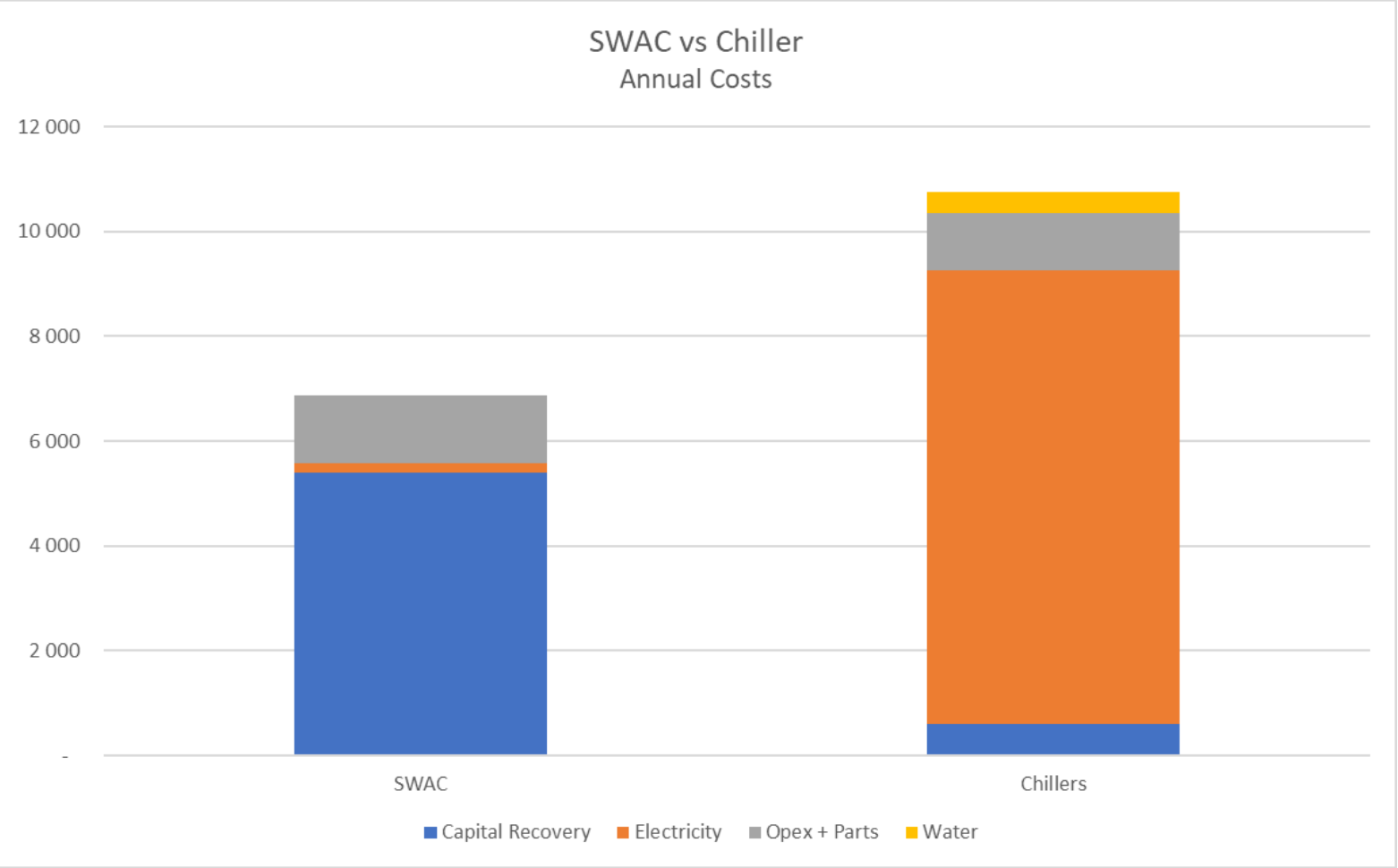
Cooling Power	3,500 Ton
Operating temperature	7°C – 12 °C
Pipeline length	7,657 m
Seawater intake depth	916 m
Seawater flow rate, m3/hr	2067 m3/hr
Pipeline outer diameter	1,100 mm



# Capital Expenditures - SWAC Facility at the Lime



# Projected SWAC all-in cost 40% less than mechanical chillers



**Lifetime cost savings of \$75 mn**

Cost of capital	10%
Concessional funds	Assume nothing but likely available
Price of electricity	US\$ 0.40/ kWh
Price of water	US\$ 2.16 / m3
Lifetime	15 years – expected longer lifetime brings greater savings
Capacity Factor	57% (5,000 hrs)
Pipeline inspection	Every three years
Replacement pumps	Every six years

## Summary of SWAC Results

Indicator	Dominican Republic	Grenada	Jamaica
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Seawater intake depth	958 m	916 m	958 m
Seawater flow rate, m3/hr	4,340 m3/hr	2067 m3/hr	521 m3/hr
Pipeline outer diameter	1400 mm	1,100 mm	560 mm
Total CapEx (US\$'M)	70	50	16

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