

Inland Waterways Opportunity Guide

Maritime, Shipping & Ports

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Assesses an inland-waterways cargo or passenger opportunity — cargo and route and navigability, vessels and terminals, economics versus road and rail, and policy support. Use it to evaluate an IWT venture, a growth area distinct from coastal and deep-sea.

Purpose of this tool & output

Assess an inland-waterways cargo opportunity

How the output is used

Use it to assess an inland-waterways cargo opportunity — the waterway, cargo, vessel and viability of an inland-waterways operation.

Important cautions

Inland-waterways viability hinges on year-round navigability and fairway depth and terminals and cargo aggregation, which are often the binding constraints; policy support is growing but variable. Confirm navigability and terminals with IWAI or the state authority and validate cargo and seasonality before investing.

Companion documents

- Ship Recycling Business & Compliance Guide
- Green Shipping & Decarbonisation Guide
- Sagarmala & Maritime Scheme Guide
- Maritime Expansion Plan
- Maritime Diversification Plan

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