

# Groundwater-based natural infrastructure solutions: The missing link to resilience?”

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# Managed Aquifer Recharge in Nebraska

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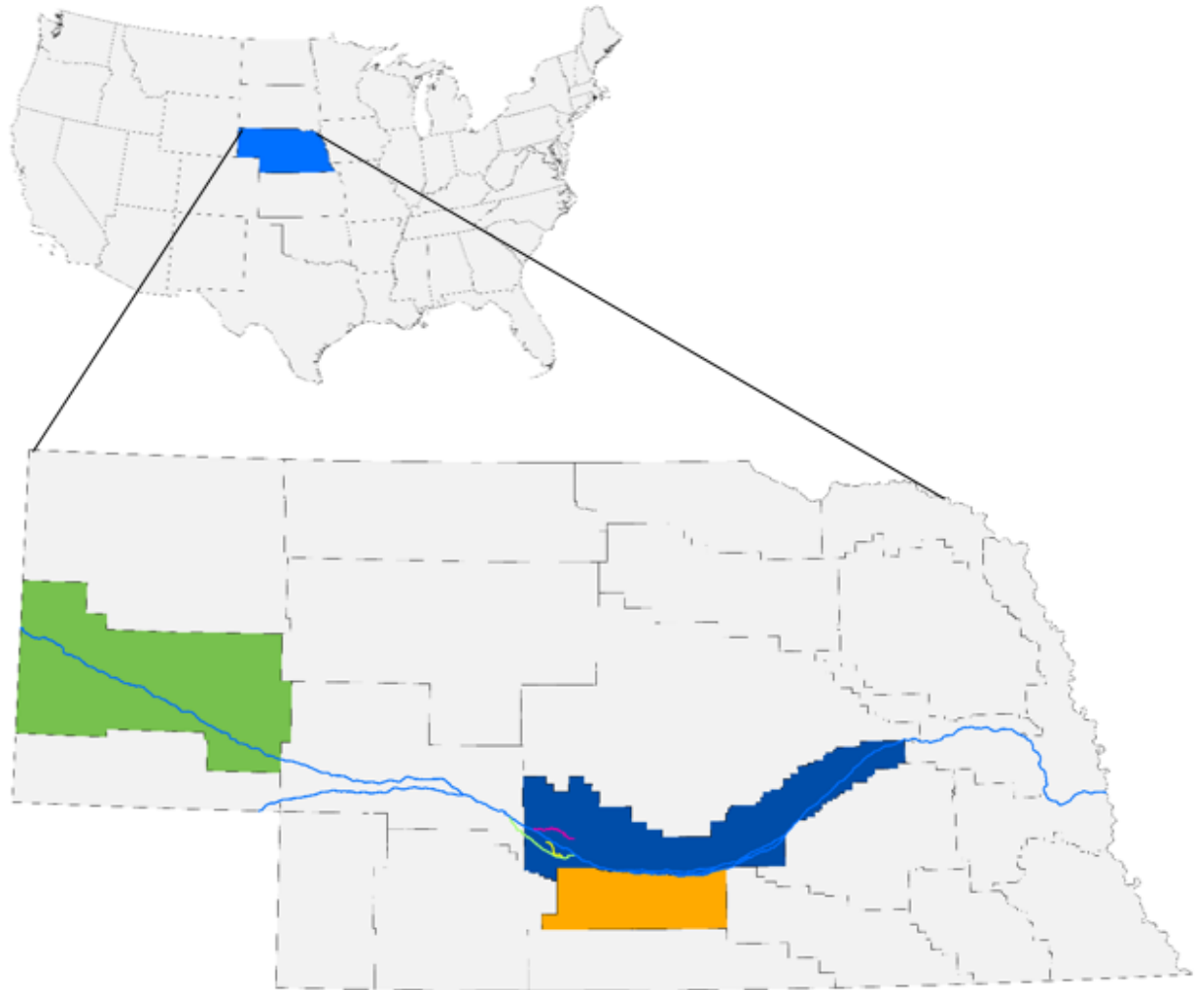


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# Nebraska overview

- Large irrigated area
- Management issues around transboundary surface water allocation and endangered species
- Strong local groundwater governance system (Natural Resources Districts)
- MAR efforts to use flood flows to increase recharge for both irrigation and ecosystem purposes



# Irrigation Canals - Central Platte NRD

Central Platte NRD is a public groundwater management agency that has been rehabilitating and reoperating private canal infrastructure. Goals:

1. Ensure continued delivery of surface water for irrigation
2. Re-time surface water flows into the adjacent Platte River
3. Use excess flow diversions from the river to recharge groundwater via canals

Total expenditures \$15 million over 5 years



# Irrigation Canals - Central Platte NRD



# Other approaches

## **Canals**

North Platte NRD diverts excess springtime flows to irrigation canals, paying drainage companies to do so

## **Wetlands**

The Tri-Basin NRD delivers excess flows from the Platte River to five wetlands:

- Ensures additional flooded wetland habitats for migratory birds
- Contributes to groundwater recharge under the wetlands

## Other approaches

- **Tri-Basin NRD** has installed check structures along a creek to slow streamflow and facilitate groundwater recharge.
- The inter-state **Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP)** works to improve endangered species habitats along the Platte River. PRRIP has created 6.5 miles of small earthen berms (constructed wetlands) over a 1.7 km<sup>2</sup> area along the Platte River for habitat and recharge.

# MAR lessons learned

- Collaboration between multiple entities is essential for MAR development and implementation
- Many projects reoperate existing canal infrastructure
- Project infrastructure and land acquisition costs are high
- Excess streamflow eligible for diversion and eventual recharge cannot be guaranteed each year



# Payment for ecosystem services (PES) for groundwater recharge through paddy fields in Kumamoto Japan

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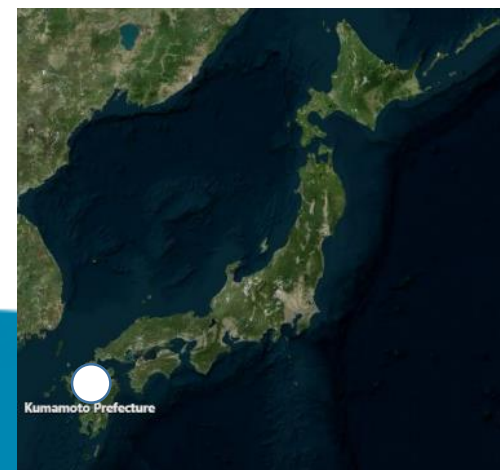
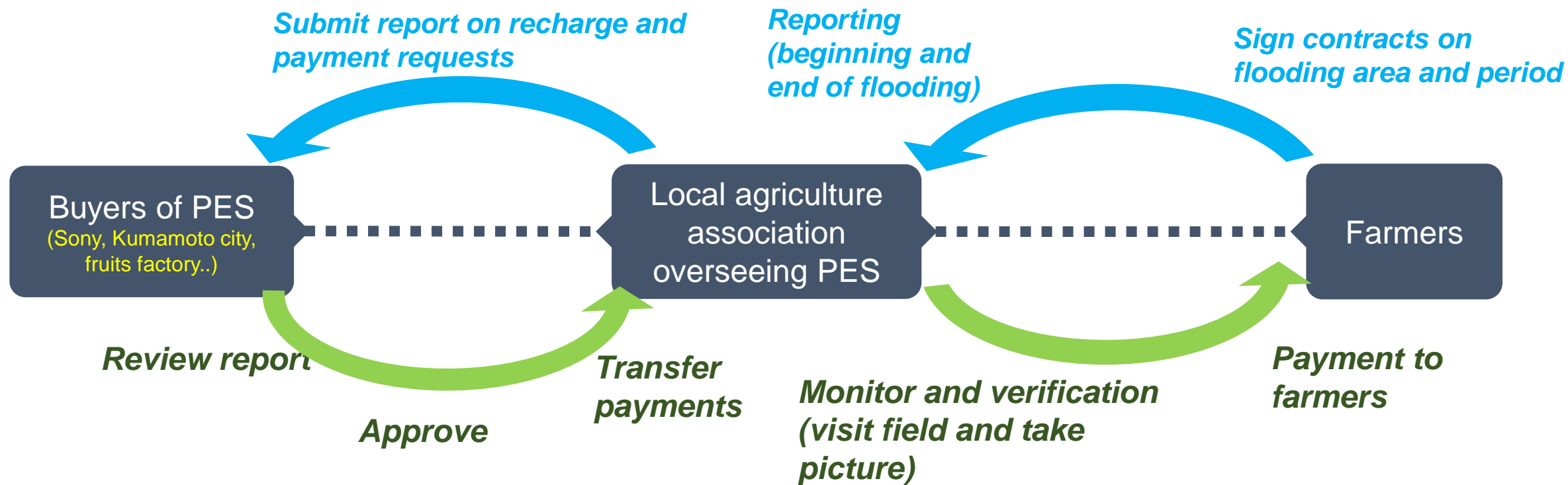


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## CONDITION

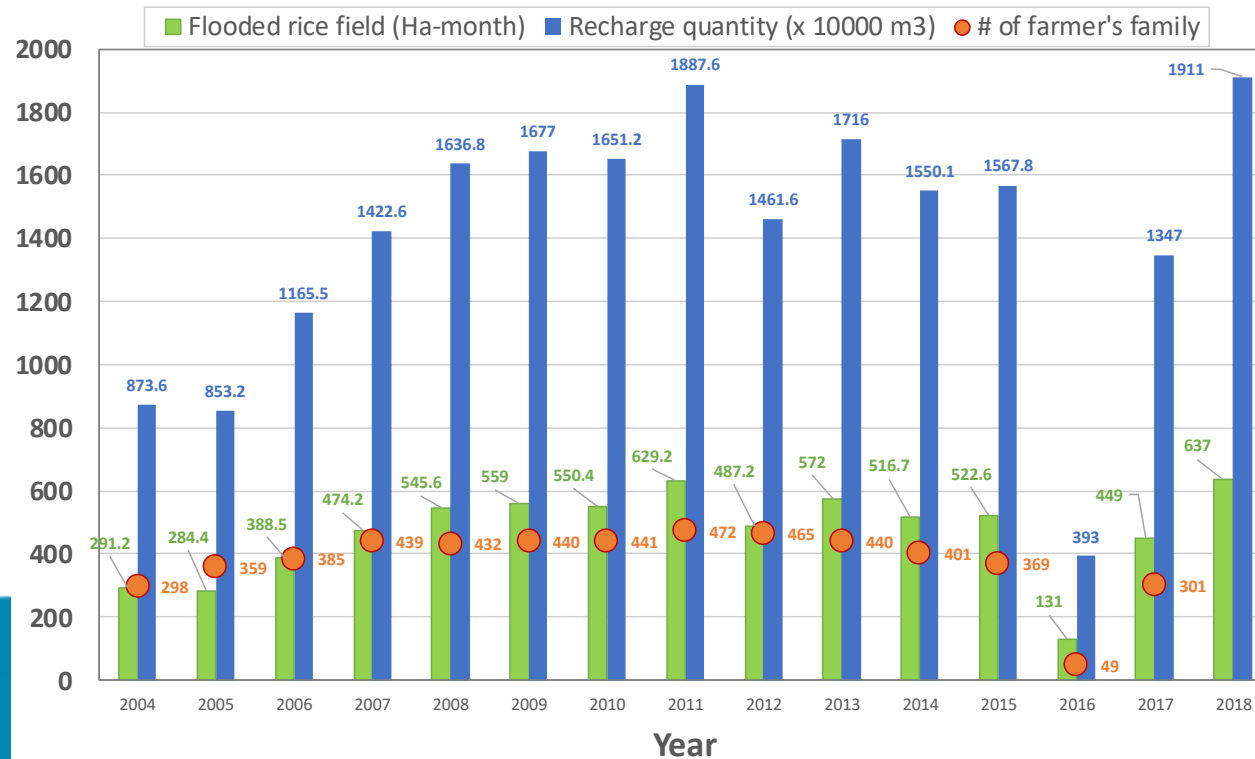


## PROGRESS/IMPACTS

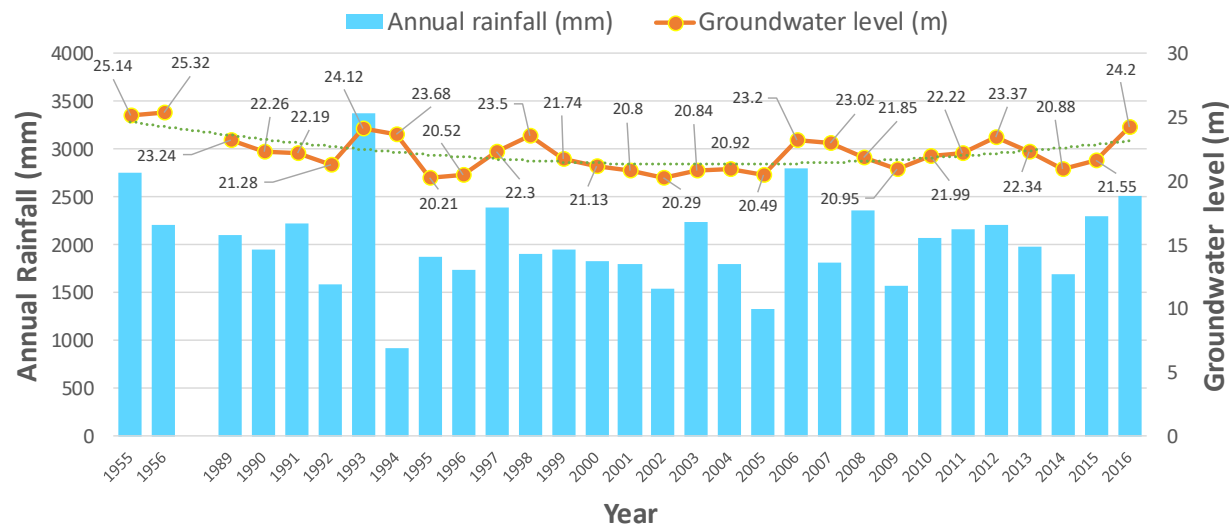
Fully operational since 2004,

The recharge area has expanded by the participation of 5 companies in addition to Kumamoto City Water Supply Utility

Expected recharge in 2018 is 19110000 m<sup>3</sup>, more than doubled since 2004;



## PROGRESS/IMPACTS



Gradual recovery of groundwater table;



Beverage company **SUNTORY** signing a new contract with another group of farmers (11 ha area);

Groundwater recharge is one of the important water resource management priorities of the city.

- PES for MAR: a unique approach developed out of a need
- Operation of PES system: transparency, flexibility, and trust
- Visible impacts
- Public support and evolution of parallel voluntary schemes



- Is this model only applicable in the developed country (i.e., Japan) situation?
- Could PES be an answer to deal with operational constraints of MAR schemes?
- Then, what are the “low hanging” options that could be readily transferred to other situations?

# Underground 'Taming' of Floods for Irrigation, India

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## Objectives

1. Develop a sound evidence-based case for Underground Taming of Floods for Irrigation (UTFI)
2. Facilitate opportunities for scaling up in prospective parts of the Ganges

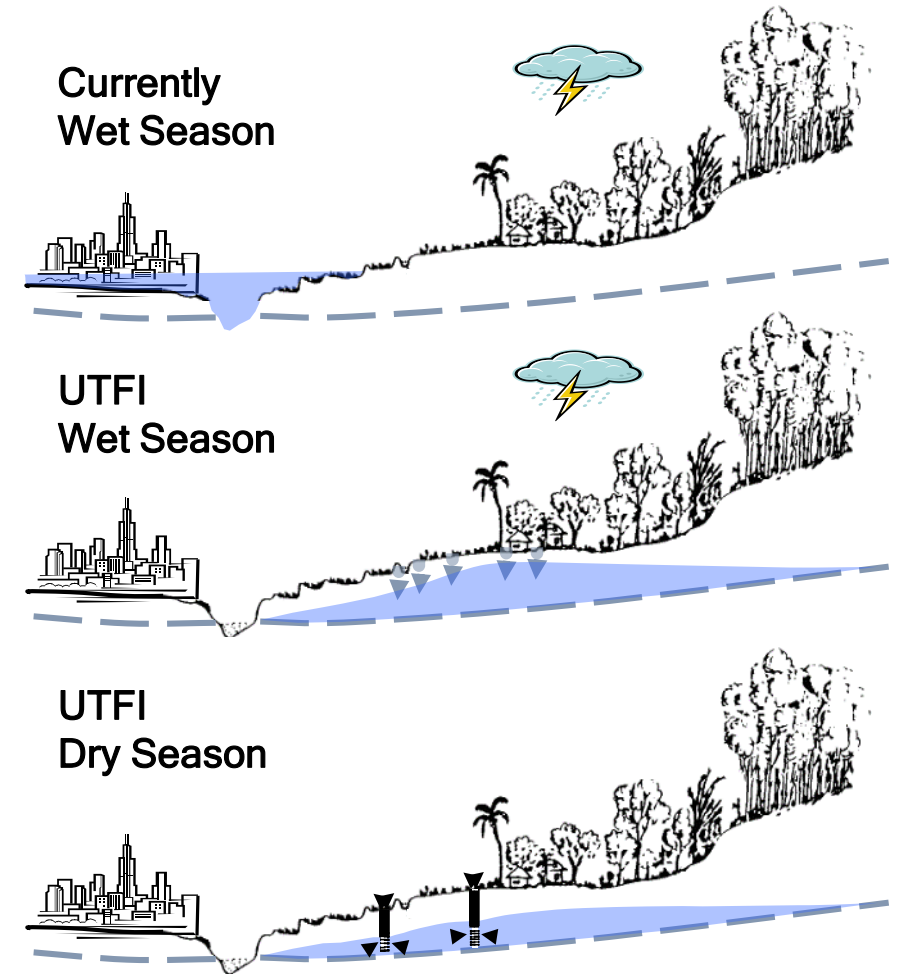
## Interdisciplinary Approach

**Research** - mapping, hydrologic/ hydraulic modelling, pilot testing (technical, social/gender, economic, institutional, environmental analysis)

**Engagement** - workshops, open days, dialogue, trainings



## UTFI Concept



Source: IWMI



# Impact / engagement

## Pilot Trial

- UTFI pilot demonstration trial since 2015
- Detailed monitoring and evaluation underway
- $40\text{-}70 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$  excess water recharged seasonally
- '000s of village ponds underutilized in the region

## Engagement/Impact

### Village Level:

*Consultation with villagers*



### State Level:

*Dist. Irrig. Plan.*



### District Level:

*Meeting CDO, Rampur*



### National Level:

*MWR visit*



MWR site visit



BEFORE



AFTER

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*Community pond converted for UTFI on the Gangetic Plain. The village is periodically flooded and groundwater levels have been falling, which impact on domestic water supplies and agricultural livelihoods.*

# Ways Forward

## Advance Knowledge:

- Strengthen local institutions & governance
- Evaluate benefits to local farm households
- Establish how CC affects scaling up parameters
- Examining relationship between upstream land use practices & UTFI

## Policy & Outreach:

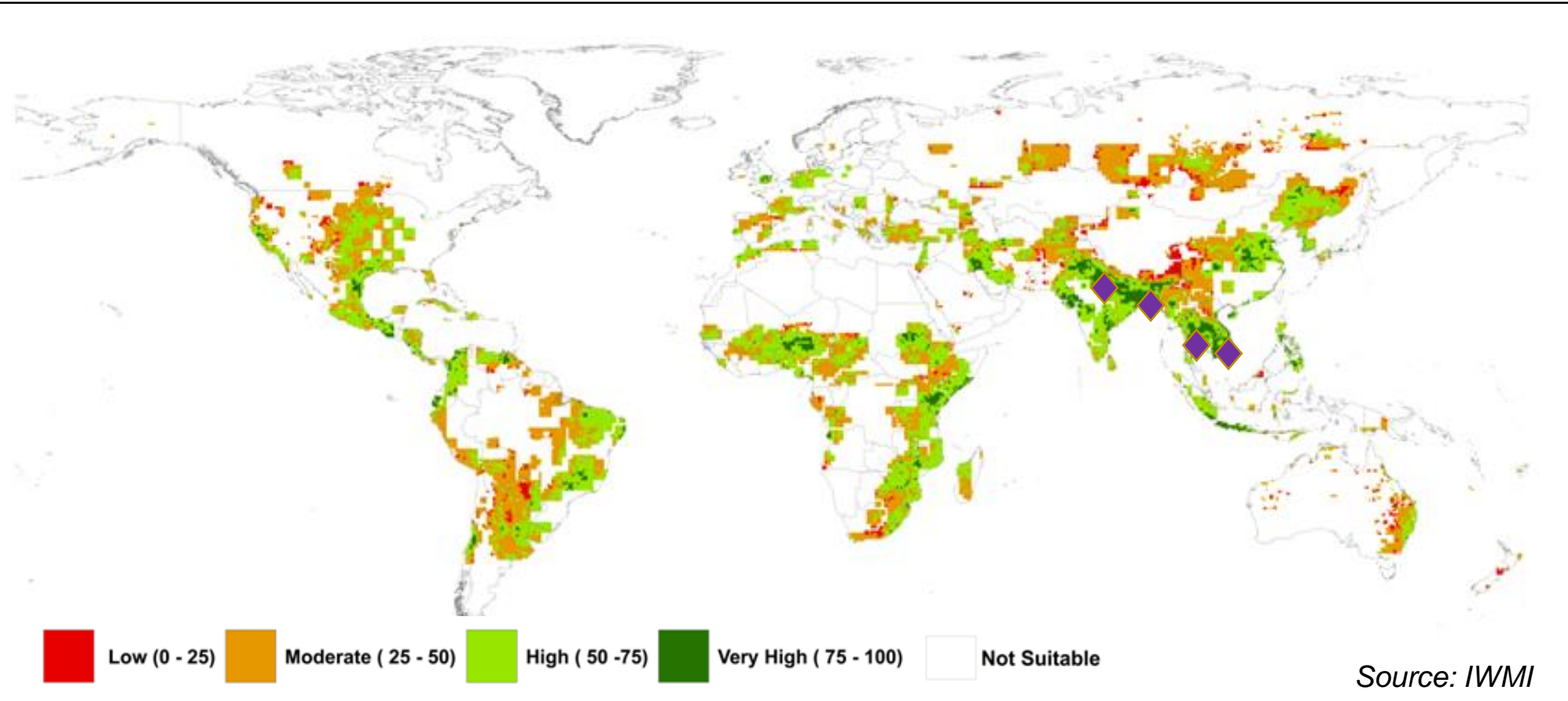
- Support scaling up efforts
- Awareness raising



Further Information:  
<http://utfi.iwmi.org/>



# Opportunities

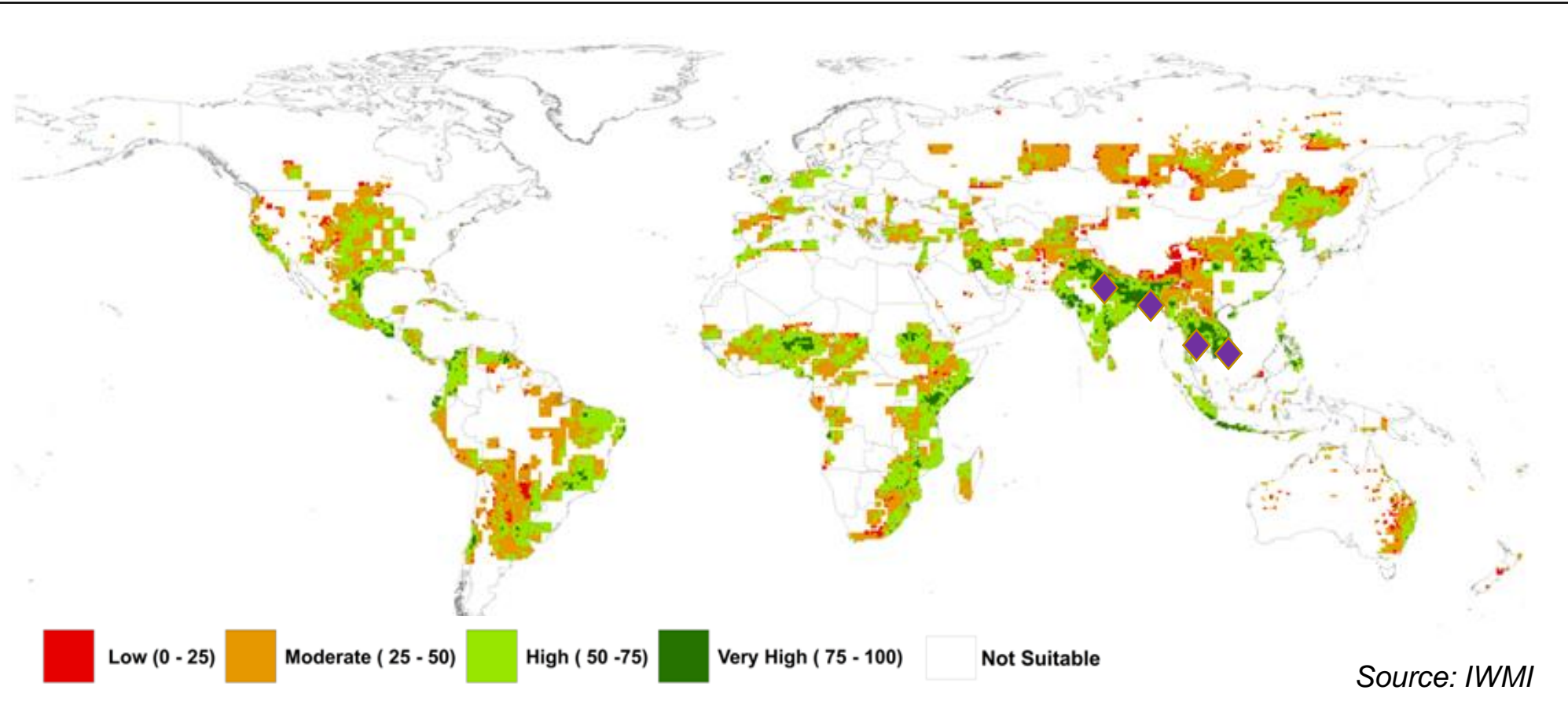


Green shaded areas highlight where the scope for UTFI is promising. These areas account for 50% of the global population and 40% of the crop area.

Areas where research has taken place are highlighted by diamonds (◆) above.



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# Stormwater harvesting via brackish aquifers

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## Background and rationale

- In semi-arid urban areas, stormwater in the wet winter season is often considered a nuisance
- Urban stormwater can be collected to provide a reliable summer water supply for urban green spaces and peri-urban agriculture
  - and injected into and stored in brackish aquifers
- These systems are called Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) schemes.
  - In Adelaide South Australia (SA), ASR schemes were developed through government funded research and pilot operations

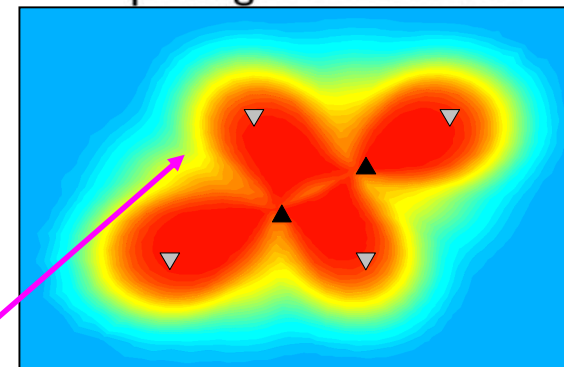
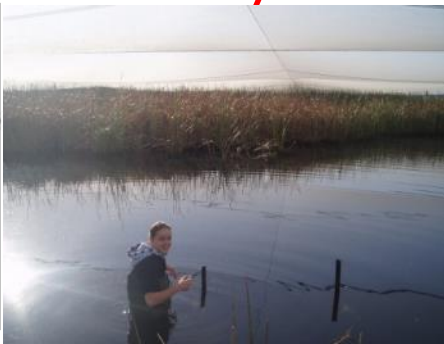
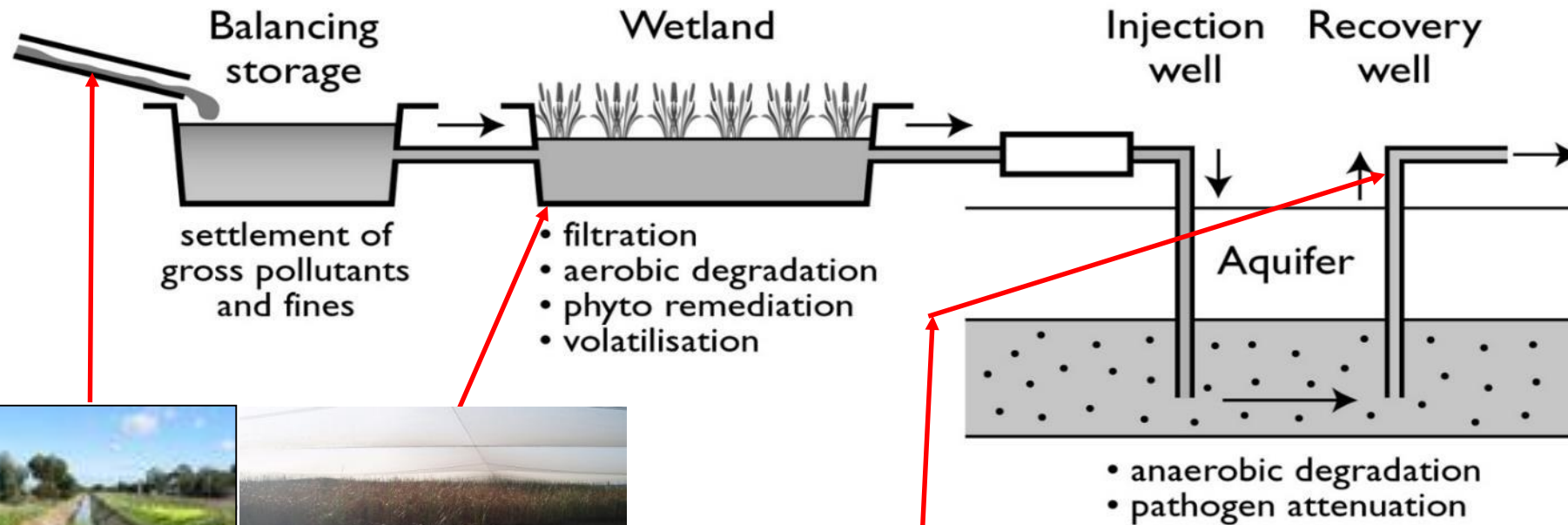


## Approach: ASR with suburban stormwater, Andrews Farm, SA



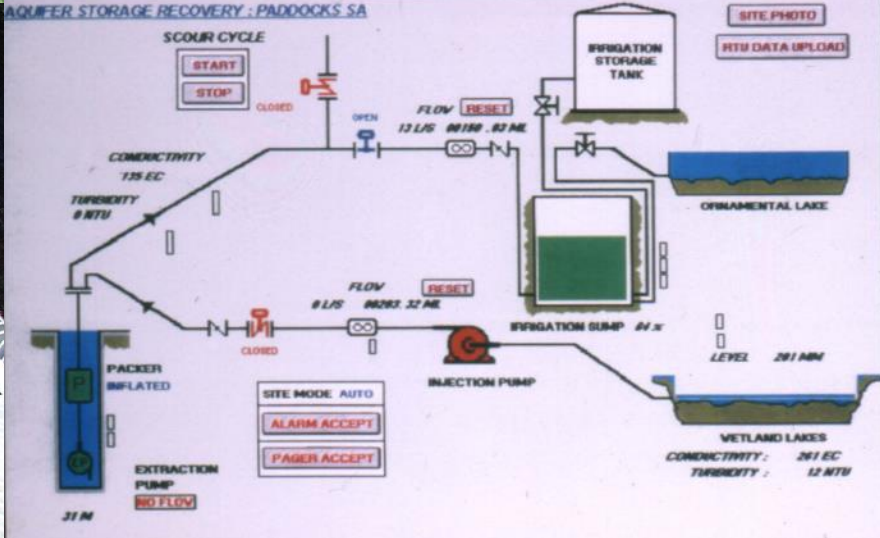


# ASR: MAR and Stormwater Use Options



[www.clw.csiro.au/astr](http://www.clw.csiro.au/astr)

# Engagement: ASR with suburban stormwater: The Paddocks, City of Salisbury SA



water level  
conductivity &  
turbidity intake  
controls

SCADA operation



# Impact and Lessons learned

In Adelaide, stormwater harvesting via ASR has been practiced since 1989

- in 2017 58 ASR schemes with stormwater and recycled water around Adelaide (10-1000 ML/year)
- currently meet ~10% of the city's water supplies.

Total recharge capacity exceeds 20 million cubic meters per year.

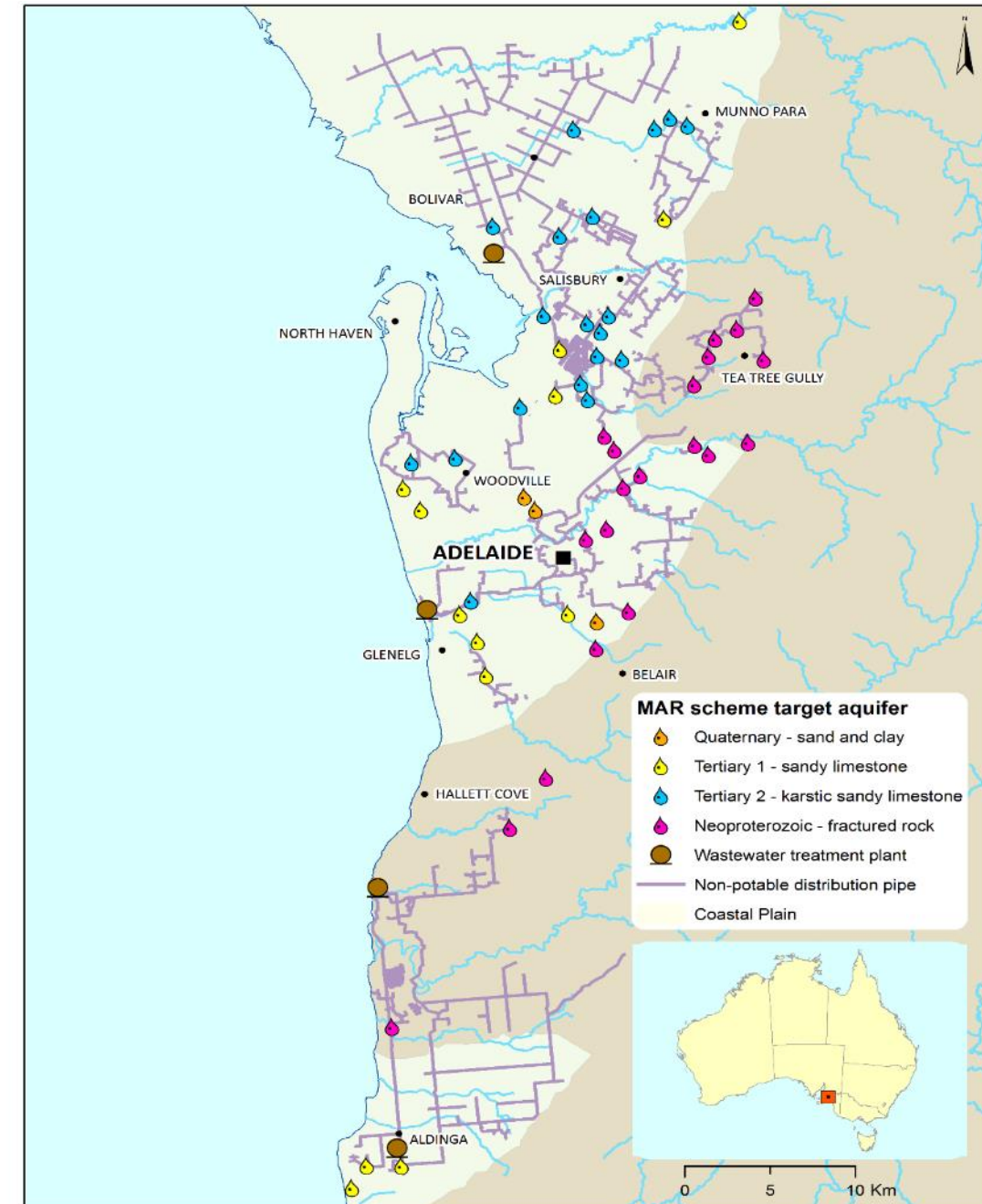
- 750 km of pipelines transfer water from pumping wells to place of use

Most Sites are operating successfully

- a few schemes had issues with equipment specification, water quality, operations or governance

Schemes based on recovered stormwater generally much cheaper than other sources

- and have higher public acceptance than desalination



Kretschmer, P. (2017) Managed aquifer recharge schemes in the Adelaide metropolitan area. DEWNR Technical Report 2017/22, Govt. of South Australia.

<https://apps.geodan.nl/igrac/ggis-viewer/mim/documents/view/13201498>

Dillon P., et al (2014). *Managed Aquifer Recharge Stormwater Use Options: Summary of Research Findings*, Goyder Institute for Water Research, Technical Report 14/13.



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# Green Roads for Water



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# Why Green Roads: Big Scale and Big Impact



Roads are major investment globally  
(1-2 Tr USD/year)

For instance: road network in SSA is to increase to  
2.8 million kilometer by 2025 (up 80%)



Roads are one of the major impacts on  
(surface and subsurface) hydrology and  
flood patterns and air quality



At same water causes 35-80% of road  
damage



Impact now often negative: turn around  
'green roads' as instruments for  
(climate) resilience, beneficial water  
management and dust control





Can we think of roads beyond transport?



Can we make roads instruments for resilience, better water management, regreening, and for better health?

**YES**

We can  
&  
We should



# Yes = many things are done:

Retaining water with road drifts



Feeding soil moisture with road drainage



Road side tree planting



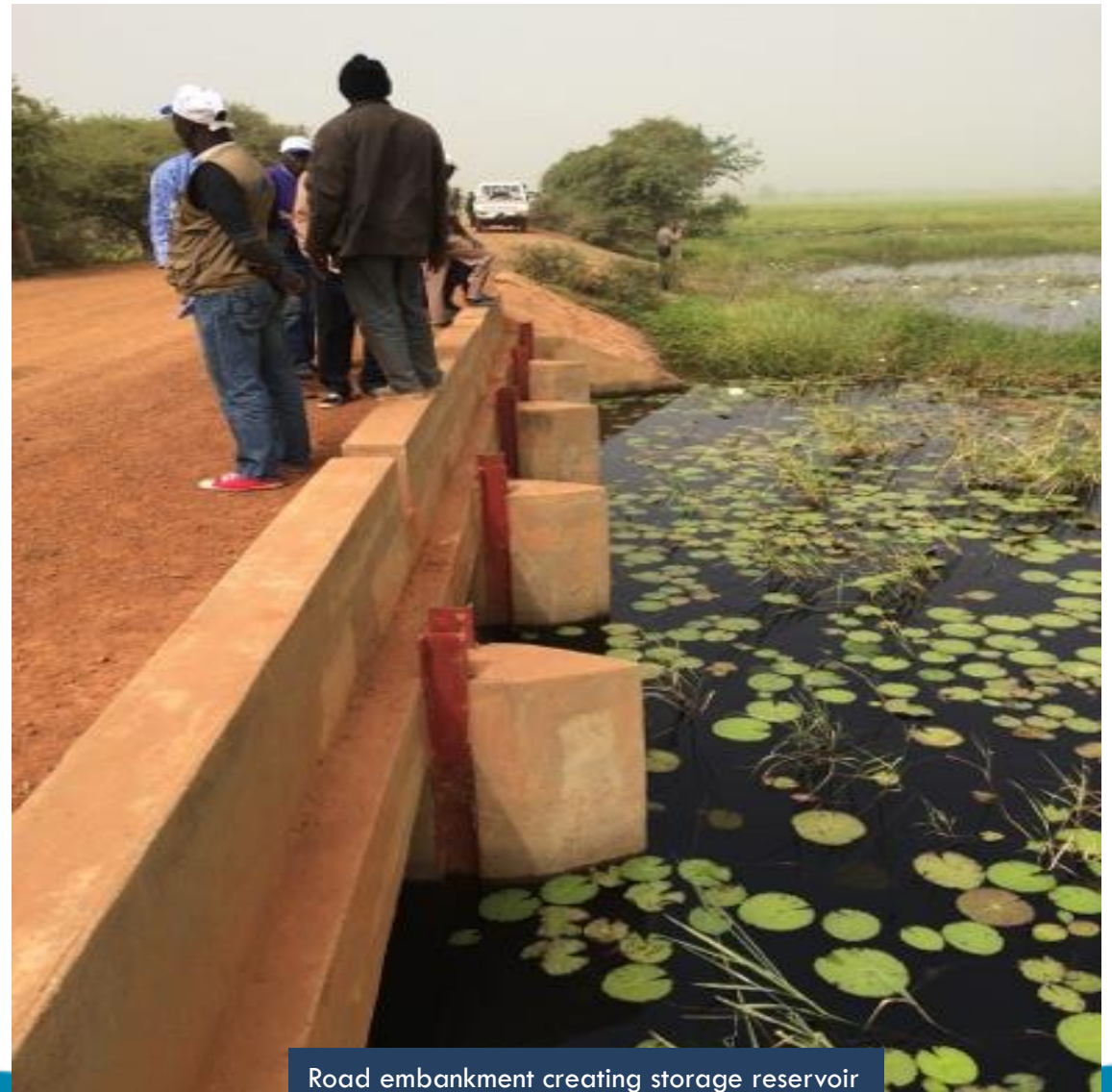
Gardening with road side wells



Borrow pit converted to water storage



Road embankment creating storage reservoir



# The Green Roads Initiative: what are the ambitions?

- To promote Green Roads: to have roads for systematically used for water management, regreening and climate resilience as an industry standard in at least 50% of countries in the world by 2025
- To fast track climate change adaptation by retooling roads for water and regreening and at the same time have more reliable transport connections







- Global Road Achievement Award 2015
- Runner Up Resilience Award 2018
- Active in 12 countries
- World Bank Global Guidelines in preparation
- Road for Water Campaigns since 2015

Where are we?







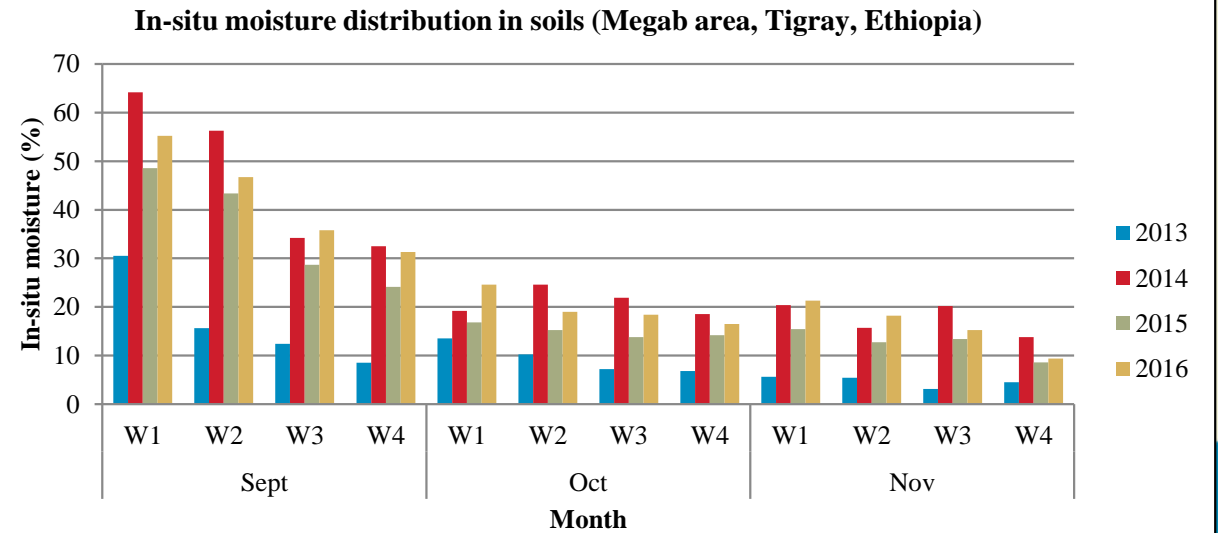
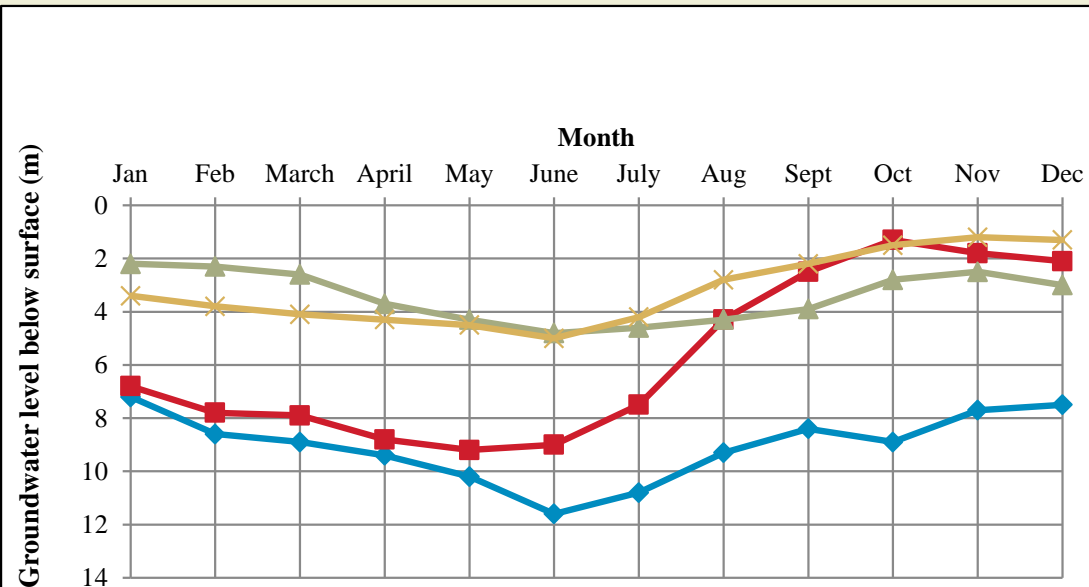
Road Water harvesting campaigns  
> 3 Million people benefitted since 2015





# Impacts

## Effects on soil moisture from road spreader





# Unmanaged recharge with poor outcomes, India

Jenny Grönwall, SIWI



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# Textile production

Wet processing (bleaching, dyeing, finishing steps)  
→ heavy metals, inorganic compounds

Wastewater treatment  
primary, secondary  
(tertiary = reuse)



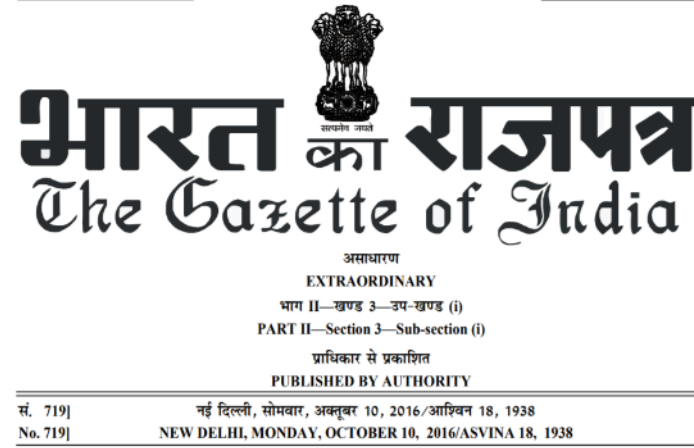
# Effluent discharge standards

## allowing discharge for 'irrigation'

## with *treated* effluents

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th October, 2016

**G.S.R. 978(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Environment (Protection) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2016.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, in Schedule-I:-

3. The treated effluent shall be allowed to be discharged in the ambient environment only after exhausting options for reuse in industrial process / irrigation in order to minimise freshwater usage.

### STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENTS FROM TEXTILE INDUSTRY

S. No.	Industry	Parameter	Standard (applicable for all modes of disposal*)
1	2	3	4
"6"	All Integrated textile units, units of Cotton / Woollen / Carpets / Polyester, Units having Printing / Dyeing / Bleaching process or manufacturing and Garment units.	<b>TREATED EFFLUENTS</b>	Maximum concentration values in mg/l except for pH, colour, and SAR
		pH	6.5 to 8.5
		Suspended Solids	100
		Colour, P.C.U (Platinum Cobalt Units)	150
		Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand [3days at 27°C] (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	30
		Oil and Grease	10
		Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	250
		Total Chromium as (Cr)	2.0
		Sulphide (as S)	2.0
		Phenolic Compounds (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	1.0
		Total Dissolved Solids , Inorganic (TDS)	2100**
		Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR)	26**
		Ammonical Nitrogen (as N)	50

NOTES:



Discharge to  
percolation  
ponds =  
'irrigation'?

... or misuse  
of GBNI?



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## Impact



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<https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/does-tn-environment-minister-live-bubble-blames-soap-toxic-foam-noyyal-river-68900>

- ***Managed Aquifer Recharge***  
–not ‘accidental’ infiltration, (un)intentional percolation or coconut tree irrigation
- ***Good water governance imperative***  
*Improved capacities & tech-skills,  
‘proper’ regulation,  
closing of the implementation gap,  
additional incentives & pressure  
(incl. from end-consumers?!)*



# Planning and Assessment of MAR applications

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# Managed aquifer recharge

*“Intentional recharge of water to aquifers for subsequent recovery and/or environmental benefit”*

## CHALLENGES

achieving the  
qualitative and  
quantitative  
development goals

## TOOLS

Guidelines

Case studies

Modeling

Piloting

Regulations

Good practices

Monitoring

Policies

Lessons learned

Smart ICT

## SUSTAINABILITY

adequate  
protection of  
human health  
and environment



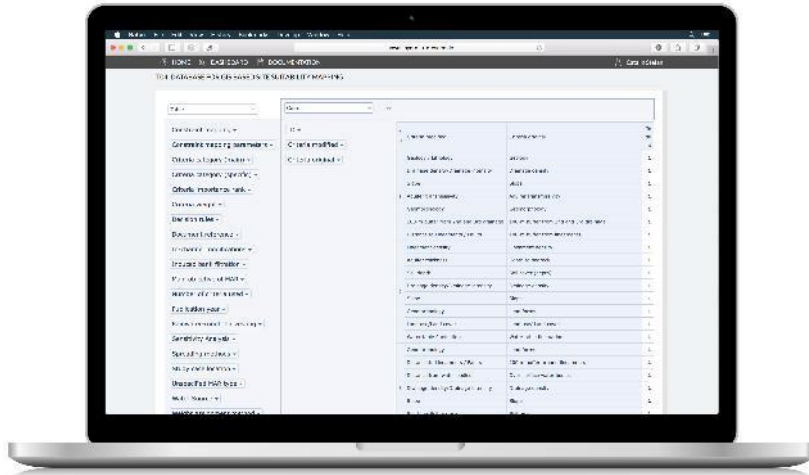
# INOWAS DSS

Free, web-based modeling platform for planning, management and optimisation of managed aquifer recharge (MAR) applications

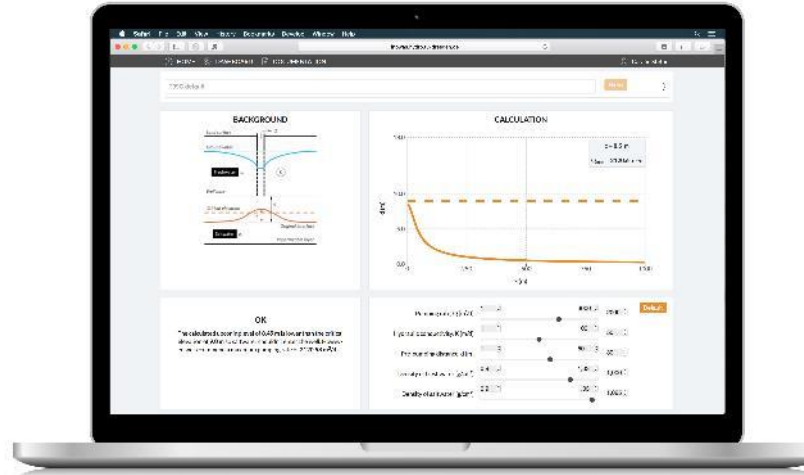
-  Web-based interface
-  Worldwide accessibility
-  Cloud modelling
-  Online collaboration
-  Detailed documentation
-  Open source > FREE



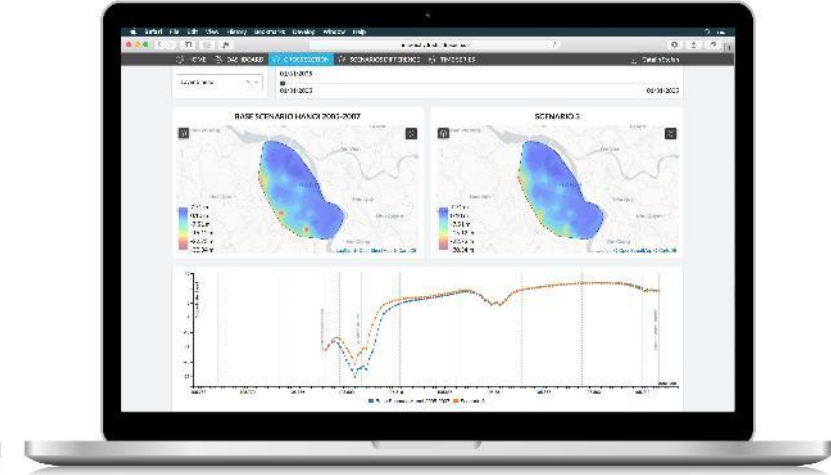
## EASY



## MEDIUM



## ADVANCED



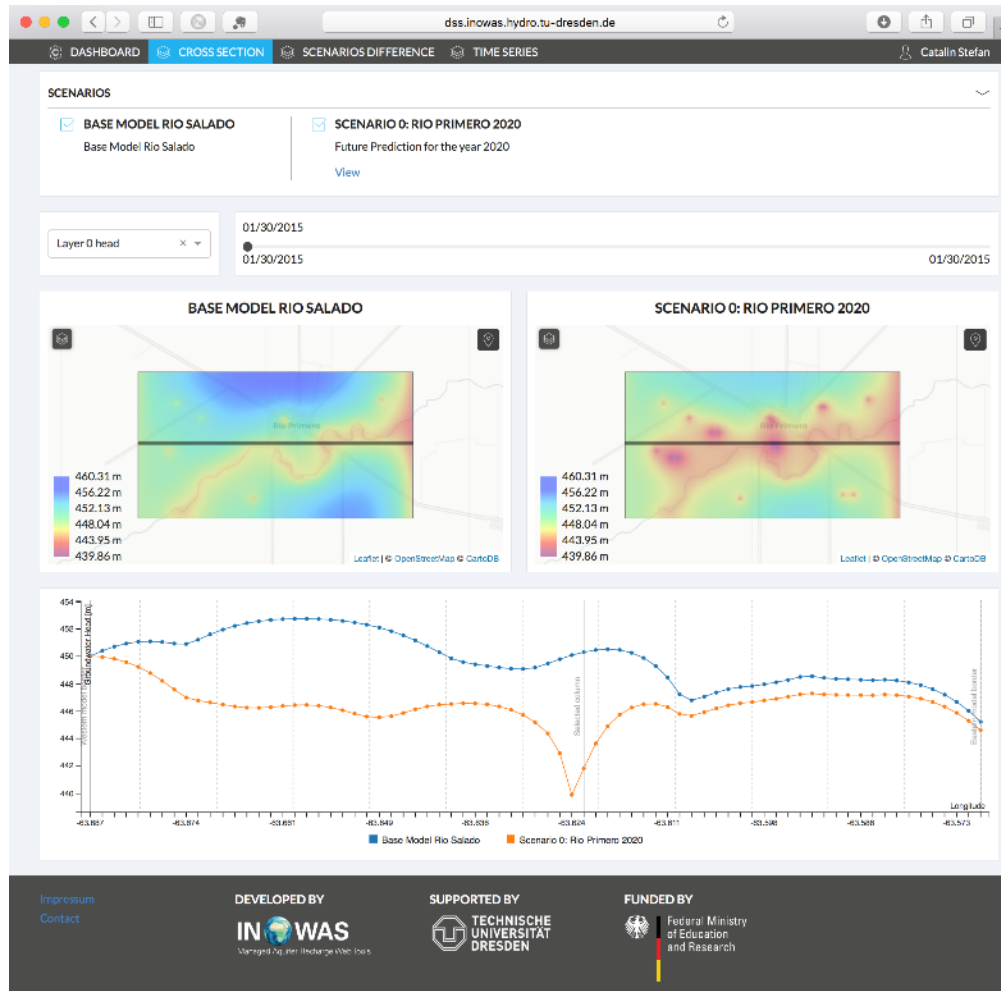
Database MAR site selection  
Selection of MAR method  
MAR basins design  
Global MAR Portal

Saltwater intrusion  
Travel time calculator  
Solute transport equations  
Groundwater mounding

Groundwater flow modeling  
Advanced scenarios analysis  
MAR numerical optimisation



# Opportunities



- Enable quick decision-making by sharing ready-to-use MAR solutions via internet;
- Easily modify MAR components and assess their impact on groundwater;
- Increase system performance by applying automatic optimisation tools;
- Side-by-side comparison of different MAR approaches;
- Plan and assess MAR schemes before starting detailed investigations.

<https://inowas.hydro.tu-dresden.de>

# Join us!

- International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), Commission on Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)

Symposia and Workshops, MAR Working Groups, International MAR Networks, Training Events and so much more...

<https://recharge.iah.org>



**Upcoming**

ISMAR10 in Madrid, Spain, 20-24 May 2019

<https://www.ismar10.net>



# The Global MAR Portal

Arnaud Sterckx, IGRAC, International Groundwater  
Resources Assessment Centre



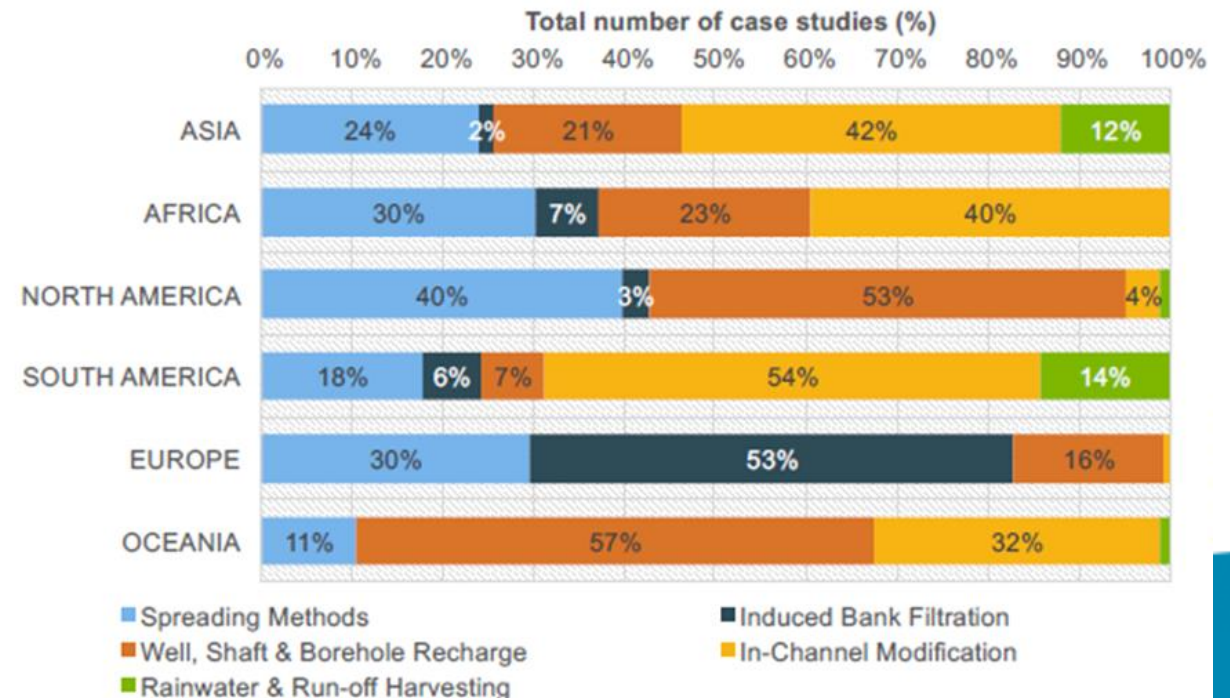
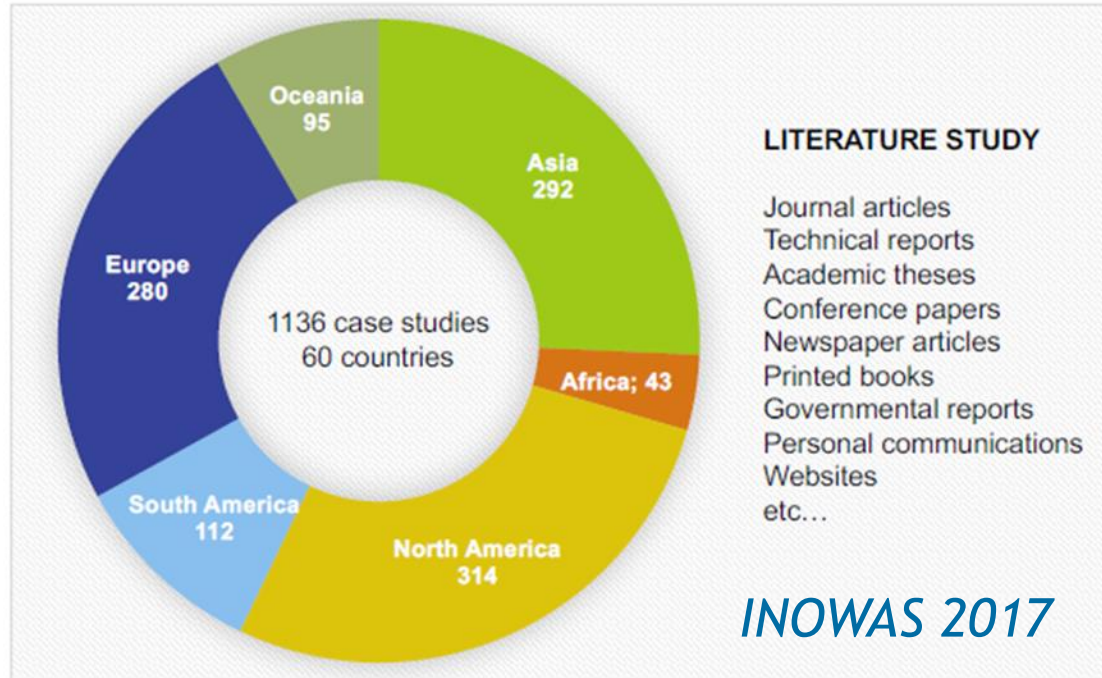
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# MAR Global Inventory

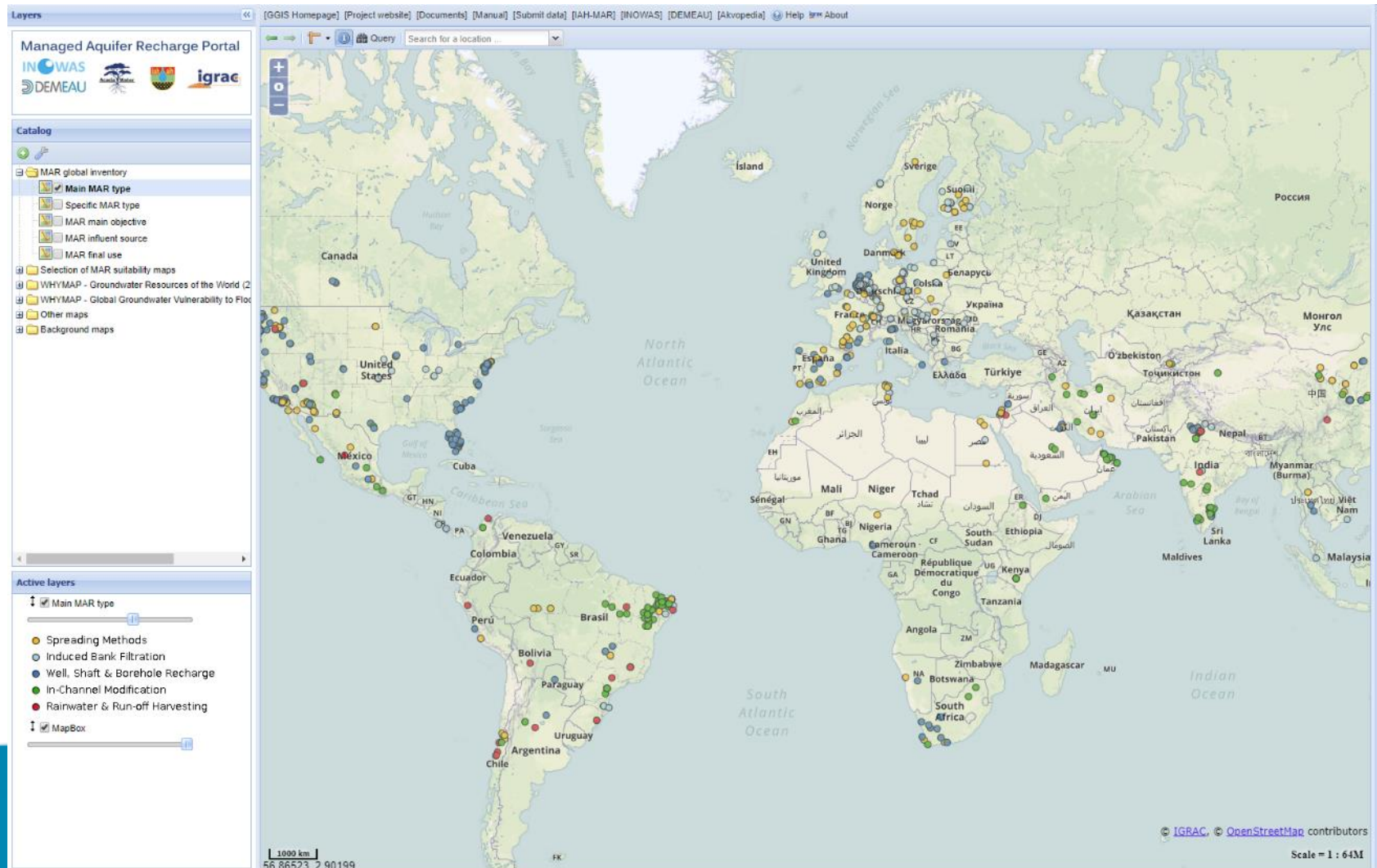
- IAH working group (since 2015)
- DEMAU project: over 280 sites in Europe (*Sprenger et al. 2017*)
- INOWAS research group: about 1200 sites worldwide (*Stefan & Ansems 2018*)





# MAR Portal

→ [www.marportal.un-igrac.org](http://www.marportal.un-igrac.org)

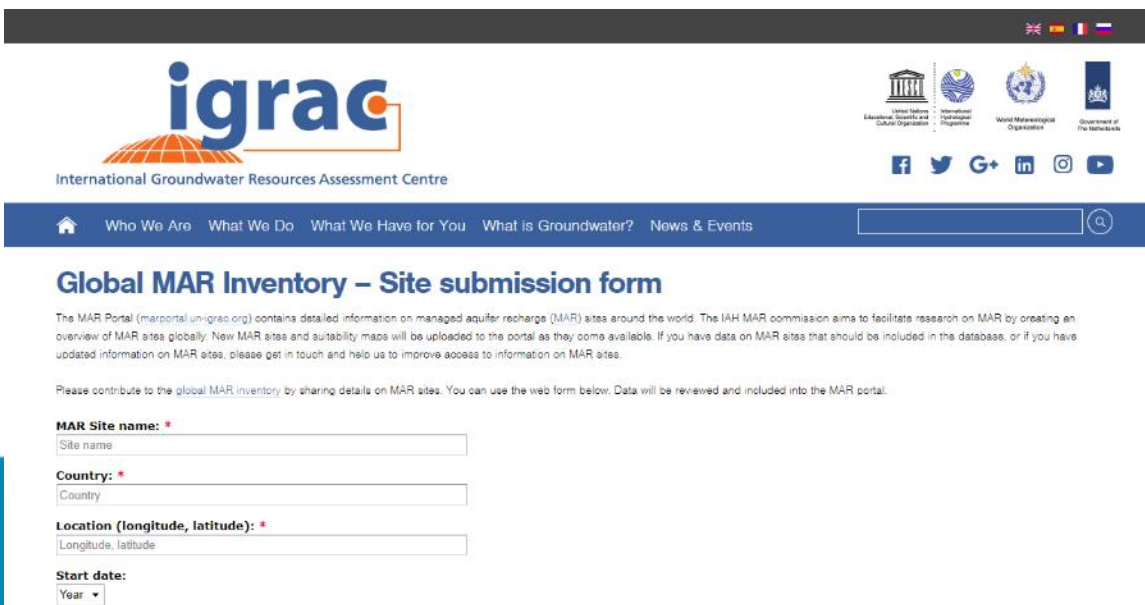


Features of Main MAR type					
Specific MAR type	Link to more inf...	Influent source	Final use	Main objective	References (author and year)
Recharge Dam	<a href="#">Recharge dams</a>	River water	Ecological	Maximize Natural Storage	Powell, B. J. Loi and N. G. Christiano Lockyer Valley Alluvial Plains, South-E Bulletin, Queensland, Australia. Deepar <a href="https://oldgov.softlinkhosting.com.au/11mode-BASIC&amp;corporation=DEPM&amp;inEast-Queensland&amp;resourceCollection">https://oldgov.softlinkhosting.com.au/11mode-BASIC&amp;corporation=DEPM&amp;inEast-Queensland&amp;resourceCollection</a>
ASR/ASTR	<a href="#">ASR/ASTR</a>	Storm water	Agricultural	Water Quality Management	Malik, R. S., B. S. Jhorar, R. K. Jhorar, Successful Operation of Existing Brad Irrigation by Indian Farmers. In Manag Proceedings of the 4th International Sy ISAR-4, Adelaide, South Australia, 22- Lisse, Exton, PA: A.A. Balkema.
ASR/ASTR	<a href="#">ASR/ASTR</a>	Storm water	Domestic	Ecological Benefits	Pavelic, P., Dillon, P., Barry, K., Armstr (2008) Lessons Drawn from Attempts: Aquifer

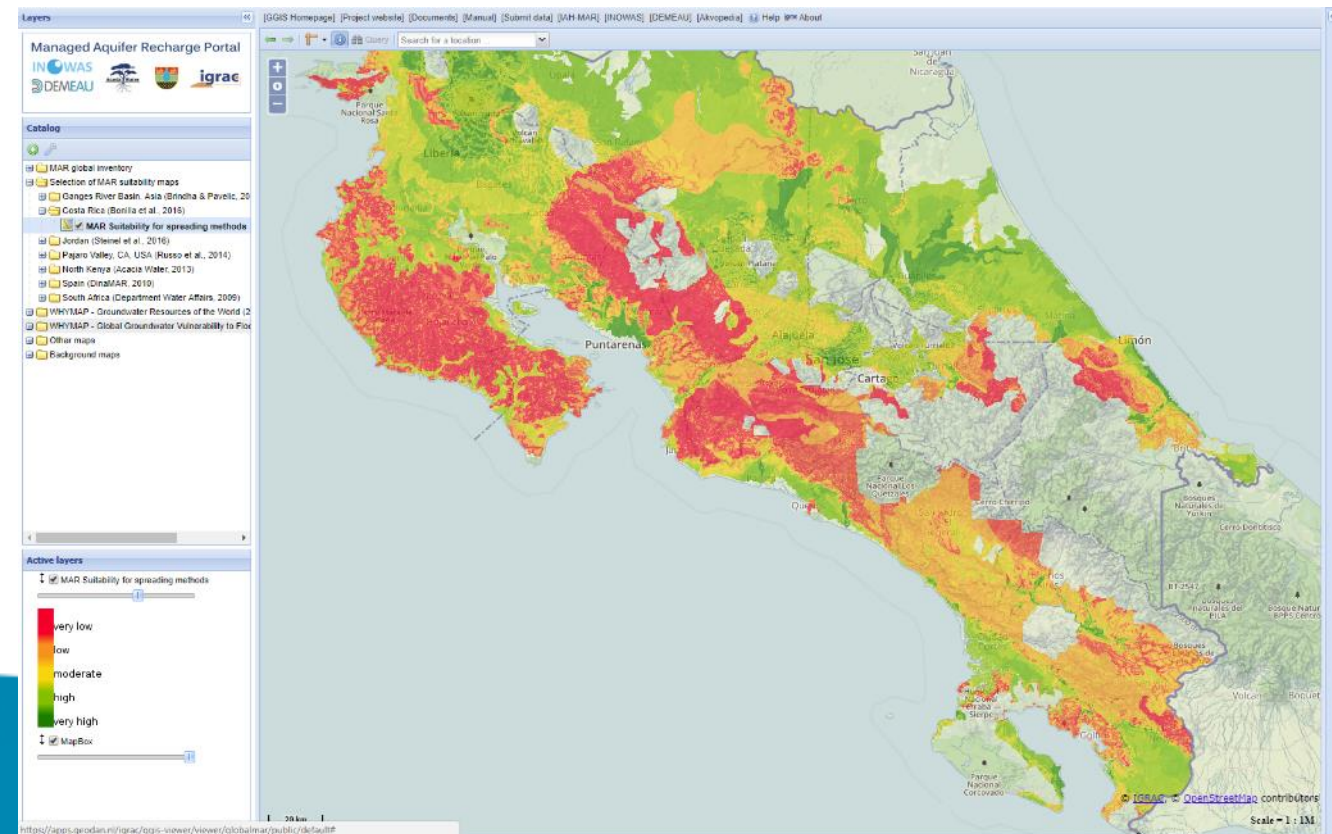


# More content: how can you contribute?

- Additional MAR sites
- Selection of MAR suitability maps
- Selection of good practices?
- Any other suggestion?



The screenshot shows the IGRAC website's 'Global MAR Inventory – Site submission form'. The header includes the IGRAC logo and navigation links. The form is titled 'Global MAR Inventory – Site submission form' and includes a brief description of the MAR Portal. Below the description, there is a section for 'Please contribute to the global MAR inventory by sharing details on MAR sites. You can use the web form below. Data will be reviewed and included into the MAR portal.' The form fields are: 'MAR Site name: \*' (text input), 'Country: \*' (text input), 'Location (longitude, latitude): \*' (text input), and 'Start date: \*' (text input).



**The MAR Portal is a powerful tool for sharing MAR-related information, connecting water managers, experts and non-experts, and promoting new MAR applications.**