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Mapping global karst groundwater: a tool to enhance water security



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The World-wide Hydrogeological Mapping and Assessment Programme – WHYMAP

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Motivation

- Awareness rising for groundwater
- General overview on potentials/risks, simple legend
- Full coverage world-wide
- Globally harmonised view on groundwater resources
- Contribute to the world-wide efforts to better study and manage
 - aquifer resources
- Groundwater as a possible solution of increasing water shortage

problems ("water crisis")







More information at: <u>www.whymap.org</u>

WHYMAP online viewer: www.whymap.org/whymap-viewer





















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WOKAM, the new WHYMAP: A global approach for karst aquifer mapping

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WOKAM – Mapping units and legend

Carbonate rocks continuous / discontinuous

Evaporite rocks continuous / discontinuous

Mixed carbonate and evaporite rocks



Border between exposed and non-exposed karstifiable rocks

Continuous: karstifiable rocks > 65%

- Discontinuous: karstifiable rocks 15 65%
- Mixed: > 15% of each rock type

- Spring with low flow discharge ≥ 2 m³/s
- Spring with low flow discharge < 2 m³/s
- Submarine spring
- Thermal spring
- Water abstraction structure in karst
- Ω Cave system



Presentation of non-exposed carbonate (or evaporite) rocks

→ potential deep freshwater or thermal-mineral water resources



WOKAM Workflow

- Five major work steps
- Working scale 1:10 Million
- Printing scale 1:40 Million
- Sphere Robinson Projection
- Mapping procedure and map of Europe were already published in Hydrogeology Journal (2017)



ATLANTIC PACIFIC OCEAN PACIFIC INDIAN OCEAN OCEAN OCEAN **Global distribution of carbonate rocks:** Continuous Discontinuous Total % % % 9.3 5.4 14.7 Without Antarctica

The World Karst Aquifer Map (1:40 Million)

The World Karst Aquifer Map (1:40 Million)

Total 17.9% Continuous 12.9% Discontinuous 4.9%

Total 21.6% Continuous 15.2% Discontinuous 6.4%

> Total 12.8% Continuous 8.3% Discontinuous 4.5%

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PACIFIC

Total 4.3% Continuous 2.5% Discontinuous 1.8%

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Total 18.3% Continuous 10.3% Discontinuous 8.0%

> **Total 6.2%** Continuous 4.6% Discontinuous 1.6%

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INDIAN



- Heterogeneous availability and quality hydrogeological maps and data
- Different availability of Regional Experts
- This map was created to the best knowledge of the WOKAM team. Suggestions and input for its improvement are welcome: www.whymap.org/wokam-contact



Karst Aquifer Map of Europe

Carbonate rocks in Europe:

ContinuousDiscontinuousTotal%%15.26.4

Detailed statistics is published in the paper of the WOKAM team (Chen et al. 2017)

Karst Aquifer Map in detail



Karst Aquifer Map – with selected caves



Karst Aquifer Map – with selected springs

- Spring with low flow discharge $\geq 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ •
- Spring with low flow discharge < 2 m³/s ٠
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No.	Name	Low [m ³ /s]	High [m ³ /s]
B19	Source de la Vise	0.5	n.d.
B21	Fontaine de Vaucluse	4	150
B23	Source de l'Areuse	0.7	39
B24	Source de l'Orbe	2	80
B26	Mortola Springs	n.d.	n.d.
B27	Aachquelle	1.1	28
B29	Buchbrunnenquelle	0.6	1.5
B32	Pießlingursprung	2.2	40
B33	Kläfferquelle	0.4	34
B34	Livenza Group	11,4	n.d.
B36	Timavo	30,2	n.d.
B37	Bistrica	2,1	63
B38	Ljubljanica	1,5	120
B40	Riječina	0	150

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Impact of climate change in karst regions

(change of annual precipitation amount by 2100 after GCMs)



Impact of climate change in karst regions

(change of annual mean temperature by 2100 after GCMs)





Carbonate rocks

continuous / discontinuous

Karst Aquifer Map of North America



Karst Aquifer Map of South America

Detail: Patagonia



Carbonate rocks in South America:

Continuous	Discontinuous	Total
%	%	%
2.5	1.8	4.3

Karst Aquifer Map of Africa



Carbonate rocks continuous / discontinuous



Mixed carbonate and evaporite rocks

Border between exposed and non-exposed karstifiable rocks

Carbonate rocks in Africa:

Continuous	Discontinuous	Total
%	%	%
8.3	4.5	12.8

Including many metamorphic carbonate rocks







Karst Aquifer Map of Australia and Oceania

Carbonate rocks in Australia and Oceania:

Continuous	Discontinuous	Total
%	%	%
4.6	1.6	6.2

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Regional and local scale case studies – DIKTAS and regional waterworks for the Montenegrin Coast

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PROJECT Dinaric Karst Transboundary Aquifer System (2010-2015)

The Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and the Strategic Action Program for the Sustainable Management





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DIKTAS AREA

Dinaric Karst - "Classical" karst region where science on karst - Karstology was born

DIKTAS - I Phase (Protection and Sustainable Use of the Dinaric Karst Transboundary Aquifer System) was GEF project implemented by UNDP and UNESCO's IHP, aimed to improve the understanding of shared water resources and to facilitate their equitable and sustainable utilization, including the protection of dependent ecosystems in the four countries of Dinaric karst: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro. Dinaric karst also includes parts of Italy, Slovenia, Serbia, FRY Macedonia.









DIKTAS

- Project partners: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro
- Regional partners: Slovenia, Greece and Italy
- International partners: GWP-Med, IGRAC, IAH Karst Commission, Karst Research centres...
- The full size GEF regional project 2010-2015
- Budget ca M\$5.2
- PCU hosted by the Water Agency in Trebinje, BiH



Project Components of DIKTAS



IV - Stakeholder Participation, Consultation and Communication

DIKTAS – Working Plan

The project is addressing the issue of sustainable management of karst groundwater and ecosystems and is a collective effort to:

• Facilitate the equitable and sustainable utilization of the transboundary water resources of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System and

• Protect the unique groundwater dependent ecosystems that characterize the Dinaric Karst region of the Balkan Peninsula.

- 1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA; 2011-2013)
- 2. Environmental status indicators
- 3. A multi-country consultative body (CIE)
- 4. Environmental quality targets & a joint harmonized monitoring program
- 5. A coordination mechanism with other projects
- 6. National Inter-ministerial Committees (NICs)
- 7. A Strategic Action Program (SAP)
- 8. A partnership conference
- 9. Stakeholders Analysis and information and communication activities
- 10. Targeted capacity building programs
- 11. IW:LEARN activities.





The DIKTAS Project followed a methodology common to GEF projects, based on conducting a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis

(TDA) and preparing a Strategic Action Programme (SAP).

The TDA, a substantial scientific and technical assessment, was used to enhance the

understanding of the groundwater resources' environmental status, in order to identify,

quantify, and set priorities for the transboundary environmental concerns



TDA

- Is a scientific and technical **fact-finding** analysis
- It is an objective assessment and not a negotiated document
- Identifies, quantifies, and sets priorities for the water-related environmental & water resources **problems** that are transboundary in nature.
- Acts as a diagnostic tool for measuring the effectiveness of SAP implementation



- The Project Team was organised in four Working Groups (WGs), reflecting the main issues of regional analysis:
 - WG1 hydrogeological characterization
 - WG2 environmental and socioeconomical assessment
 - WG3 assessment of legal and institutional frameworks and policies
 - WG4 stakeholder analysis













DIKTAS - GIS HG Map



DIKTAS - Web site











DIKTAS - International conference

International Conference and Field Seminar

Karst Without Boundaries

PROCEEDINGS



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Protectors and Sustainable Use of the Dinarie Kanst Transboundary Aquilie System

DIKTAS

Local and international capacity building





International Course



Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers

Trebinje, Bosnia & Herzegovina, June, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018...

This course is supported by:

Hydrological

Programme



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During the past five years and same number of courses around 100 participants from 22 countries were join the lectures and field seminars. They were lectured every year by 10 professors from different countries, half of them rotated every year.

























After the regional analysis was completed, transboundary aquifers were delineated and in depth analysis of the

transboundary aquifer areas

was conducted.

In total, eight TBA are selected for detailed analyses: Una, Krka, Cetina, Neretva, Trebišnjica (all shared by CRO and B&H), Bilećko Lake and Piva (B&H and MNE) and Cijevna/Cemi (MNE and ALB). Six of these TBAs belong to the Adriatic Sea catchment area and only two (Una, Piva) are part of the Black Sea basin. The TBAs comprise of in total a surface area of 12,000 km², which is around 10% of the entire study area. The surface area of individual TBA varies from 668 km² (Krka) to 3,455 km² (Cetina).









Examples of complexity : transboundary aquifers B&H -Croatia



-All relevant documents are used in process of delineation of TBA: geological and hydrogeological maps, studies, national water management strategies, RBC Reports-e.g. Cetina, RBMP e.g. Trebišnjica-Neretva and Sava etc.
-Results : -delineateded TBA between B&H and Croatia
-base for characterisation of TBA











Environmental and Socio-Economic Analysis

The analysis of the environmental and socio-economic situation in the DIKTAS project countries showed a degree of similarity and regional interconnectivities. The countries share the same or similar geographic characteristics, the common or related history and similar trends.

The four countries represent very important sources of clean water, protected and unprotected nature, specific local economies, habits, traditions and future prospects. Each of the countries has many possibilities for development based on the wise exploitation of natural resources; tourism is and will most probably be one of the major sources of economic growth in the years to come.









Legal and Institutional Framework and Policy

The DIKTAS countries have a wide experience with international cooperation on transboundary waters. The countries are party to a multilateral framework convention, and have bilateral and multilateral agreements at the interministerial level covering transboundary water issues.

By the adoption of the Water Laws in all four countries, the key provisions of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) have been transposed into their legislation including designation of authorities for water management and identification of the river basin districts. The countries are making significant efforts to develop a wide range of secondary legislation, but these are not yet completed.









A SWOT analysis was performed to map the

strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats the karst management is currently faced with, by collecting information on the legal, institutional and policy

setting in the region. Common approaches and principles as well as areas of concern shared among partner countries were identified, along with contradicting national strategies and gaps in national legislations that may have an adverse effect on decision making related to the water resources management framework.

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A Stakeholder Analysis was used to identify the characteristics and understand the opinions and perceptions of the stakeholders regarding the management of the water resources. A number of stakeholder groups including water management competent ministries, regional authorities, research institutions, tourism

organizations, NGOs working on nature and ecosystems, as well as private sector

industries and hydropower units, were consulted for the preparation of the TDA and the SAP through focus group meetings, roundtables and internet

DIFTAmeetings, ro

The main findings of the TDA

The main challenges in groundwater management include: cross-sectoral coordination, lack of implementation of IWRM principles in groundwater governance, as well as lack of public administration capacity and public participation in decision-making procedures.

The inappropriate disposal of solid waste and wastewater was recognized as the most important threat to groundwater. Karst groundwater pollution is also owed to agricultural and industrial activities. Infrastructure for hydropower production, a significant

part of energy production in all DIKTAS countries, has negative impacts. The lack of financial means, the unregulated market economy and the weak environmental values have an overall negative impact on the management of the karst water resources. Due to lack of monitoring at local and regional level there is limited assessment of the status quo and future trends with regards to karst groundwater quality and quantity.







The outcomes of TDA show that state of groundwater in the DIKTAS project region is **in general good** with a few exceptions and with a number of **serious potential threats**.

- The main threat to the groundwater quality in the DIKTAS region is **solid- and waste water disposal.**
- **Agriculture** and industry also pollute groundwater and form a major threat but to a lesser degree that the waste.
- Currently no common legal and institutional framework and no common criteria exist for a) the delineation of water source sanitary protection zones, and b) setting cost-efficient measures for groundwater protection in the Dinaric Karst region

There is a **concern of some stakeholders about impact of hydrotechnical constructions in the region**, especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina









The main findings of the TDA –

Weakest point: Lack of GW Monitoring

Croatia: Characterization of GW bodies completed; Monitoring is taking place in accordance with EU WFD (Hrvatske Vode responsible).

- **B&H:** Characterization of GW bodies recently completed under IPA; methodology for GW status/risk assessment established; inappropriate monitoring.
- Albania: Preliminary characterization of GW bodies performed within CEMSA project. Currently, characterization undertaken by Albanian geological Survey (scale 1:200 000); rare GW monitoring.
- **Montenegro:** Characterization of GW bodies firstly made in 2005 (ICPDR), a new one is taking place; Methodology for GW status/risk assessment is actually creating; almost no any GW monitoring.







Proposed Actions	Proposed for TBAs, not exclusive to facilitate actions
1. Establishment of a common groundwater monitoring program;	All TBAs
2. Improvement of wastewater treatment especially in the Bihać region	Una, Neretva (Ljubuski town)
 Harmonisation of hydrogeological criteria for delineation of source protection zones as the basis for policy harmonisation and protection of karst springs in B&H, Croatia, Montenegro and Albania, used for public water supply; 	Una, Neretva, Cetina, Bilećko Lake, Cemi/Cijevna
 Create future projections of water demands depending on socio-economic analysis 	Una, Neretva, Trebišnjica, Cetina, Bilecko Lake
 Definition of common criteria for: a) delineation of the sanitary protection zones and b) for setting cost-efficient measures for groundwater protection in karst areas; 	All TBAs
 Definition of legal framework for establishment and law enforcement in sanitary protection zones 	Una, Neretva, Cetina
 Inventory of non-point and point sources of pollution (landfills, septic tanks, quarries, wastewater discharges, and others); 	All TBAs
 Establishment of regulations between the countries to set up regulatory frameworks concerning the discharge of wastewaters into the land stressing the importance of a unified policy 	All TBAs
Fostering better control of the current agricultural and similar practices;	Neretva
10. Promotion of eco-tourism	Neretva
 Existing ways of usage of land and water should be determined and a plan for future utilization should be drafted in order to minimize the negative effects on water resources. 	Cetina
 Identification of the permanent and local sources of pollution in Albania and Montenegro and their influence in these countries; 	Cemi/Cijevna
 Future systematic investigation of potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) characteristics and proposal of special protection measures for possible joint management plan of the Cijevna River as a joint Natura 2000 site. 	Cemi/Cijevna



















- Negotiated policy document, based on the TDA
- Establishes clear **priorities** for action
- Identifies policy, legal and institutional reforms and investments required
- The preparation of a SAP is

 a cooperative process among key
 stakeholders in the countries
 of the region.







Vision and the Long Term Objectives

Based on the outcomes of the TDA and other DIKTAS project activities, a concept SAP document was prepared by the DIKTAS Project Team and subsequently discussed by the project countries and the project Steering Committee.

Reduction: From 5 objectives to 3 strategic (priority) actions

The five Water Resources & Ecosystem Quality Objectives identified by the SAP:

Ensure sufficient groundwater availability in dry periods, to support water supply and environmental flow.

Maintain and improve (where required) karst groundwater quality.

Ensure protection of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems, specific features and their ecosystem services for the future.

Support equitable use of groundwater resources.

Raise awareness and build capacities related to karst water and dependent ecosystems management.









SAP/ Strategic Action 1:

Joint design and testing of a regional groundwater quantity and quality **monitoring network** and associated data exchange and analysis protocols.

SAP/ Strategic Action 2:

Harmonization of criteria for (content and extend) of sanitary protection zones.

SAP/ Strategic Action 3:

Application and promotion of joint principles of sustainable management and equitable use of transboundary Dinaric karst aquifers.









The expected benefit from execution of proposed SAP activities is manifold. These activities will substantially contribute to:

Ensuring sufficient quantities of groundwater in dry periods in the areas of transboundary aquifers by improving bilateral cooperation among the neighbouring countries; based on:

• Appplication of methodology to determine the maximum permitted abstraction quantities for renewable groundwater resources and

• Criteria for water allocation between the aquifer countries under the general principle of equitable use.

Meeting the prerequisites for the development and improvement of integrated river basin management plans as required by the EU WFD, taking into account the specifics of the Dinaric karst. This implies:

- Improvement and development of national monitoring of karst groundwater quantitative status and prepared monitoring programme for every individual transboundary aquifer, which is an obligation for every country in the process of implementing the EU WFD.
- Development of coordinated methodology for establishment and implementation of national monitoring of karst groundwater chemical status, which is also an obligation for every country in the process of implementing the EU WFD.
- Adoption and implementation of guidelines for the preparation of a register of GWDEs in the process of implementing the EU WFD.







 Development and implementation of coordinated legal mechanisms for integrated and sustainable management of Dinaric karst resources, including:

 Adopted national-level decisions on amendments to the existing legislation about implementation of the Rulebook – agreed and adopted on the level of the DIKTAS Project – for determination of sanitary protection zones and accompanying protection measures;

• Adopted Guidelines – prepared on the level of the DIKTAS Project – for improvement of national institutional and legal frameworks with the aim of achieving more efficient protection and management of GWDEs in the Dinaric karst.

Raising awareness of the public and target groups about karst water and their dependent ecosystems and capacity building through dissemination of specific knowledge in these domains.









Suggested priority actions include:

The establishment of a common groundwater monitoring program followed by intense capacity building in the public sector.

The harmonization of criteria for the delineation of source protection zones, aimed at a harmonized policy/regulatory framework.

The establishment of a legal framework in transboundary sanitary protection zones.

A Shared Vision for the management of the karst water resources is proposed:

To achieve joint sustainable and equitable use and protection of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System.

Now is under preparation GEF Project Document for

DIKTAS Phase II - Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System: improving groundwater governance and sustainability of related ecosystems







Bolje sestre Intake for Regional Water Supply of Montenegrin Coast – Conception, Research, Solutions, Application

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Discharge of karst aquifer in Dinaric karst

- Concerning karstic groundwater resources, the Dinaric region is by far the richest in all of Europe. Some areas, such as southern Montenegro, are characterized by a very intensive water balance: the average specific yield is over 40 l/s/km².
- Some authors stated that in the Dinaric region of ex-Yugoslavia there are 230 springs with a minimal discharge over 100 l/s, while about 100 springs have minimal discharge over 500 l/s.
- In Albanian karst there are roughly about 110 springs with average discharge exceeding 100 l/s. Of these, 17 have discharges exceeding 1000 l/s (Eftimi, 2010).





There are several large cities in SE Europe with populations of over a half of million that depend on karst aquifers and their discharge regimes. Among them are the six capitals Roma, Vienna, Tirana, Skopje, Sarajevo, and Podgorica.



Tapping karstic springs - Traditional way of water supply since Roman time

- An ancient art in the region.
- For example, 11 long aqueducts delivered more than 13 m³/s of water to Rome from distances ranging from 16-91 km.
- Several water supply systems from that time are completely reconstructed but still use the same springs and pipeline routes.



Bolje sestre – CEKA 2018

Roman heritage








New intake for Montenegro coast



New intake for Montenegro coast





- Sub lacustrian springs in Skadar basin
- The total pipeline length to be ca. 140 km.
- The system is planned for a maximum capacity of 1.5 m³/s in two stages.
- The water discharges through several registered points near the shore.
- Order: Avoid mixture of water (fresh groundwater and lake)

The identified set of major problems that require adequate responses includes the following:

- Source minimal capacity;
- Source intake;
- Source water quality;
- Source protection against pollution;
- Water treatment;
- Water pumping and transfer to the other side of the lake.





How to manage and achieve all this requirements?





 Complex investigation programme included: hydrology, geophysical survey (geoelectric tomography and electromagnetic VLF method),drilling, tracing tests, hydrogeological mapping, diving, permanent sampling and analyses of the water quality (biological, chemical, radiological).











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Final Solution: Specific intake - The concrete elliptical coffer dam covers an area of some 300 m² and has a rubber gate spillway





Concrete aside walls (non-flow part) are of an elliptical shape, 5.1 - 7.0m high and with a crest at an altitude of 9.5 m a.s.l. The width of the wall is 0.6m.







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"Project which changed the Montenegro"



There is one final fact worthy of special attention: the current cost of the survey on and design of the two intakes and their future construction is calculated to be in the range of 1-2% of the total investment for the implementation of this project!? On proud of involved researchers and engineers.

Thank you for your attention









The World Karst Aquifer Map (1:40 Million)

