

# Development of a web-supported MAR concept for a pilot study in Recife, Brazil

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# **Reasons for MAR application**

- Water scarcity and water quality issues: Storage and Treatment
- Temporal availability of water resources when not required
- Prevention of salt water intrusion
- Protection of groundwater and fresh water ecosystems



# **Risks when applying MAR**

- Public health: e.g. WQ of source water and extracted water
- Technical: e.g. clogging, recovery efficiency, salinization, residence time
- Environmental risks: Climate Change, urban development
- Resources constraints: infrastructure, capacities, etc.
- -> Tools and Methodologies are needed for addressing these risk: SMART Control\* aims at developing capacities for applying tools (INOWAS Platform)

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2. Trainings: Capacity Development on SMART Control Tools, Technology Information, Demonstration of technology at pilot site, identification of replication options

1. Meetings and Workshops: stakeholder engagement, awareness generation, Needs assessment, situational analysis, risk identification

 Presentation of solution: creating enabling environments with key stakeholders and beneficiaries for application of SMART solution

3. Transfer Concept: Application of tools, Pre-Feasibility studies including technical concept barrier analyses, risk assessments 5. Project Development Workshops: Elaboration of project concepts incl. mode of implementation and operation

Stakeholder Dialogs

\*based on the UNFCC framwork for technology transfer

# Case Study for addressing risks of MAR application: Recife, Brazil



Urbanisation process Recent droughts Insufficient public water supply Illegal private wells Frequent heavy rain events Urban flooding Overexploitation of groundwater resources Risk of subsidence Degradation of water quality Saltwater intrusion





Source: COQUEIRAL Project (Cary et al. 2015)

# Pilot Study for Transfer Concept in Recife, Brazil: Public Market





- Roofed market places with RW harvesting system \_ currently under construction
- High demand of fresh water for market related activities
- Saline groundwater due to over extraction



**Risks to be addressed:** 1 Quantity of collected water 2 WQ of collected rainwater 3 Clogging of infiltration 4 horizontal GW flow 5 efficiency of recovery 6 WQ of recoverdwater 7 public health



# Assessment of technical feasibility of ASR-Coastal

Table 1. Water balance and geohydrological input data for the Technical and Economical Tool

Water balance	Value
Annual water demand	2900 m3 (CSURB 2018)
Annual precipitation	1884 mm (APAC 2018)
Existing rain water harvest- ing system	Yes
Harvesting area	31,501 m <sup>2</sup> (CSURB 2018)
Storage capacity	A cistern is planned: 500,000 m³
Geohydrology	Value
Aquifer layers	Boa Viagem and Beberibe (Costa <i>et al.</i> , 1998)
Electrical conductivity	751 μS/cm (Cary <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
Salinity of the groundwater	4024 mg TDS/L
Hydraulic conductivity	1.93 m/d
Groundwater table	93 m BLS
Porosity	0.13
Hydraulic head	26 m BLS (Montenegro et al., 2006)

### Application of feasibility tool:



Fig. 4. Visual representation of the subsurface with suggested depths of the MPPW-layers' tops and bottoms. Layer 1 is an unconfined aquifer, the Layers 2 and 4 are aquitards and Layer 4 is another aquifer.

Table 2. Total volumetric water balance for a dry year (yearly)

Availability Demand	5930 m³/year
Demand	
	2900 m³/year
Target Storage Volume (TSV)	340 m³/year
Total freshwater availability to bridge the seasonal/temporal mis- match	3370 m³/year



Neutral period

Freshwater v

3000

2000 1000

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Period of net

availability

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Period of net

shortage

# **Capacity Building on SMART Control Tools**

# T1. Initial risk assessment (QMRA, HRT)

#### **Public Health:**

Identify risks and efficiently address water quality issues, reduction of DALYS

# T2. Real-time monitoring and control



# T3. Automatic model update and simulations

**Resource Constraints:** Quick GW models and scenarios with online interface Easy access to all information



# T4. Predictions for advanced system management

**Societal Development:** Assess sustainability impacts of different scenarios

Optimise MAR systems and make them more resilient



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# Thanks for your attention, Questions, Comments?

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