





GIS and Water resources management (part 1)

Use of GIS for the management of environmental information. Open-source GIS tools and online data sources. Creation of water related maps.

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Water Resources Management

Until the end of the 20th century Water Resources Management was, almost exclusively, oriented to hydrotechnical works focusing on the technical reliability and economic efficiency of projects covering water demands and securing human's life and wealth.





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The transition from this dipole development scheme to the current one, where environmental protection and social prosperity forms part of the development equation, emerged with the sustainable development concept (year 1987).

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development report "Our Common Future", commonly called the Brundtland Report

United Nations' Millennium Declaration identified principles and treaties on sustainable development, including economic development, social development and environmental protection.



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At the same period, integrated water resources management (IWRM) established a multidisciplinary and multisectoral approach on setting the management of waters as part of a system rather than an autonomous process.

"IWRM is a process which promotes the co-ordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems."

Source: Integrated Water Resources Management in Action. WWAP, DHI Water Policy, UNEP-DHI Centre for Water and Environment, 2009.





Water Resources Management

One of the latest advancements is attributed to public participation on water management decision making processes, also known as stakeholders' participation, which plays an important role to the water management contemporary era.



Figure's source: Jonsson A. Public participation in water resources management: stakeholder voices on degree, scale, potential, and methods in future water management. Ambio. 2005 Nov;34(7):495-500. PMID: 16435737.



Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information Systems -GIS is a modern technology, which is developing rapidly in conjunction with the science of Geoinformatics, which is the sector of information technology that deals with the processing and analysis of geographically reported data.

GIS is defined as "the equipment, the software, the data, the methods and the human resources for the import, processing, storage and presentation of data − that have spatial information"





Geographic Information Systems



Soil data maps + Land Use maps \rightarrow Curve Number (CN)

DTM \rightarrow flow direction, flow accumulation, slopes...

Use of GIS for the creation of geodatabases

- **Database** is a collection of information organized in such a way that a computer program can quickly select desired pieces of data.
- Geodatabase is the common data storage and management framework for ArcGIS. It combines "geo" (spatial data) with "database" (data repository) to create a central data repository for spatial data storage and management.
- The serving of georeferenced data that are stored in geodatabases over the Internet is based on the technology known as Web Map Service (WMS).

Commercial GIS products





Autodesk's Map 3D and Civil 3D products





GeoWebPublisher



LizardTech's Express Server





Freeware, open source (OS) (GIS)



Commercial WebGIS products





Autodesk's Map 3D and Civil 3D products





GeoWebPublisher



LizardTech's Express Server

Freeware, open source WebGIS products



Google maps

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GIS on water resources



Transboundary River & Lake Basins



Cover 45% of the land surface of the Earth; Affect 40% of the world's population; Account for approximately 60% of global river flow;

Cross the political boundaries of 148 countries











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