Geographical Water Resources Information System as an Essential Element of the IWRM



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IWRM is a highly interlaced procedure covering different spatial scales and various fields of expertise.

This management is **impossible** to be <u>effective</u> in the case

of a lack of information of the state and the use of the water resources in the past, for the time being,

and without prognosis for near and distant future.



The interdependence between water, on one side, and sustainable environment development and human society, on the other side.

The typical feathers of the available data in Bulgaria:

• Large volume covering long periods of time;

 <u>Scattered</u> in different institutions, <u>not well structured</u>, and usually <u>gathered in unusable formats</u> and <u>files</u>;

Incompleteness of the records. Inaccuracy and errors;

The Geographical Information Systems (GIS's) are very important suitable device for easy communication between the different groups of data interested in the assessment of the water resources distribution and utilization.

They must be sophisticated

by inclusion of procedures and models

to process

the primary data

to more expressive information

for assessment of the water resources.

The structure of Geographical water resources information system for Bulgaria is composed by river basins, the layers are formatted and the system is applied to the Yantra River basin

Basic principles of a structure of <u>Geographical Water</u> <u>Resources Information and Assessment System</u>



• **Strong system of database**, covering all the necessary information;

Containing models for data interpretation and analysis;

The requirements to the data in a water resources IS:

- To cover different areas of the nature and the society;
- To be reliable;
- To be well structured;
- To be easy used;

 To be generated in long synthetic time series needed for the mathematical simulation of the water resources systems functioning;

Data structure required by IWRM

The watershed as a basic logical unit, an ideal unit to balance production and conservation;

The combined use of the data

in the visualization,

in the procedures and in the models of processing,

in the analysis and the prognosis;

The specific requirements of the basic GIS.

The data in the System are:

Primary data - in result of direct measuring;

✓ Processed (generalized) data -

received from the primary data by digital processing depending some rules and models.



Watersheds on the territory of Bulgaria



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Combined use of data for several watersheds in Bulgaria.



The general groups of data, proceeding from the requirements of IWRM

are:

- Data defining the topography of the watershed;
- Meteorological data;
- Hydrological data;
- Geological and hydro-geological data;
- Land use and vegetable cover data;
- Water quality data;
- Demographic data;
- Data for the man-made water systems and hydraulic

structures;

- Data for national parks, reserves and protected zones;
- Gravel and sand pits;

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Data defining the topography of the watershed:

A) Topographic maps, satellite and aerial photographs,
 - primary data for the IS.

The practice permits to identify the scale of **1:50000** as satisfactory for IWRM,

but often the **operation management** requires more detailed maps.



Set of topographic maps of Bulgaria, scale 1:50000 and map sheets of the Yantra river watershed activated

B) Contours and digital elevation model (DEM)

The contours are primary data for the **IS**, extracted from the topographic maps.

DEM is received by processing the contours data and is

used for:

- Visual presentation of the watershed surface;
- Source of information of the different objects level;
- Automatic drawing of the watershed divides;
- Automatic defining:
 - the flood surfaces;
 - the surface slope in the simulation models of the

non-point water pollution;

- the river bed slope.

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Fragment of the contours layer and resulting DEM



DEM. Hill shade image

Meteorological data:

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Meteorological monitoring points. Blue points – precipitation monitoring, Red points – precipitation and temperature monitoring

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Hydrological data:

Rivers net;
Lakes, reservoirs and marshlands;
Hydrometric stations;
Watersheds;





River net and Hydrometric stations

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Attribute table of the **runoff gauge stations**



Geological and hydro-geological data:

The polygons of:

- the geological structure;
- the water saturated geological layers;
- different kinds of soils.





Fragment of the

• geological layer

•Hydro-geological layer

Yantra river watershed.



Soil vector layer

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Land use and vegetable cover data

- Raster layers containing the satellite and air photographs
 Raster layers containing the specialized map sheets of land use
- Vector layers containing the drawing maps of land use parcels.
- Vector layer containing the polygons of the land areas specified by kind of use and the vegetable cover.



Land use layer

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Yantra river watershed. Land parcels of the settlement Novgrad

Water quality data

• Layer of water quality monitoring points;

• Layer of wastewater outlets.



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Water quality monitoring points

The parameters, subject of the monitoring are:

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Demographic data:

• Districts;

• Municipalities;





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Municipalities and settlements

Data for the man-made water systems and hydraulic structures:

From point of view <u>the water use</u> - the man-made water systems can be: water supply systems (drinking and industrial), irrigation systems, draining systems, hydropower systems, or sewage systems.

From point of view the information system - they are composition of functionally related hydraulic structures.

The man-made water system is presented in the information system by the combination of hydraulic structures and their parameters.

Layers of hydraulics structures:

<u>Layers of point</u> objects:

- Water intakes;
- Wells;
- Dams;
- Hydropower stations;
- Pump stations;
- Drinking water;
- Treatment plants;
- Wastewater treatment plants;
- Water supply tanks (reservoirs);
- Gravel and sand pits;

<u>Layers of line</u> objects:

•Water transport facilities;

Layers of polygon objects:

- Reservoirs;
- Watersheds;
- Irrigated areas;
- Drained areas;
- National parks, reserves and protected zones;

Projects

With the intend to help **IWRM** in GeoWateRIAS V. 0 were created **<u>scripts</u>** which, activated, give to the user a combination of layers and objects, related to one or more watersheds.

They can be edit and supplemented depending the desire of the user or created new ones using the standard procedures of GIS.



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Hydro-energy system "Rositza".



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Procedures and models for processing the primary data

The processing of data needs the creation and applying <u>sophisticated</u> <u>models</u>, based on scientifically grounded models and schemes.

Simulation models:

- Hydrological;
- Non-point pollution and point pollution;
- In-stream water quality and
- Water distribution.

The <u>simulation models</u> and <u>codes</u> are created and imbedded in the <u>IS</u>. They are calibrated and validated for a given watershed on the base of the entered data.



Streamflow,



stream flow simulation of



Application

for

of the hydrological model

Yantra river basin





is used for creation of

the Water resources system balances for the follow Bulgarian river watersheds:



Conclusion

The rational use of the water resources for sustainable development of the society and the environment

is **impossible** without new approach to the water resources management as is the IWRM and the inseparable database and tools for their interpretation.

In the same time it is necessary to tell that the inquiry of the needed data and their preparation in suitable format to enter in the system is an expensive activity and it must be provided sufficient funds and technological time.

