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Feasibility Study for the information component of the Information and Training Centre for Water in Lebanon

Validation workshop

First catalogue and geoportal for data inventory and sharing

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Why metadata?

✓ Does the data I am looking for exist?

→ Where to find it?

✓ Does it responds to my need?

→ Reference date?

→ Right to use it?

→ Meaning of file attributes?

✓ How to access it? Who to contact?

→ Owner?

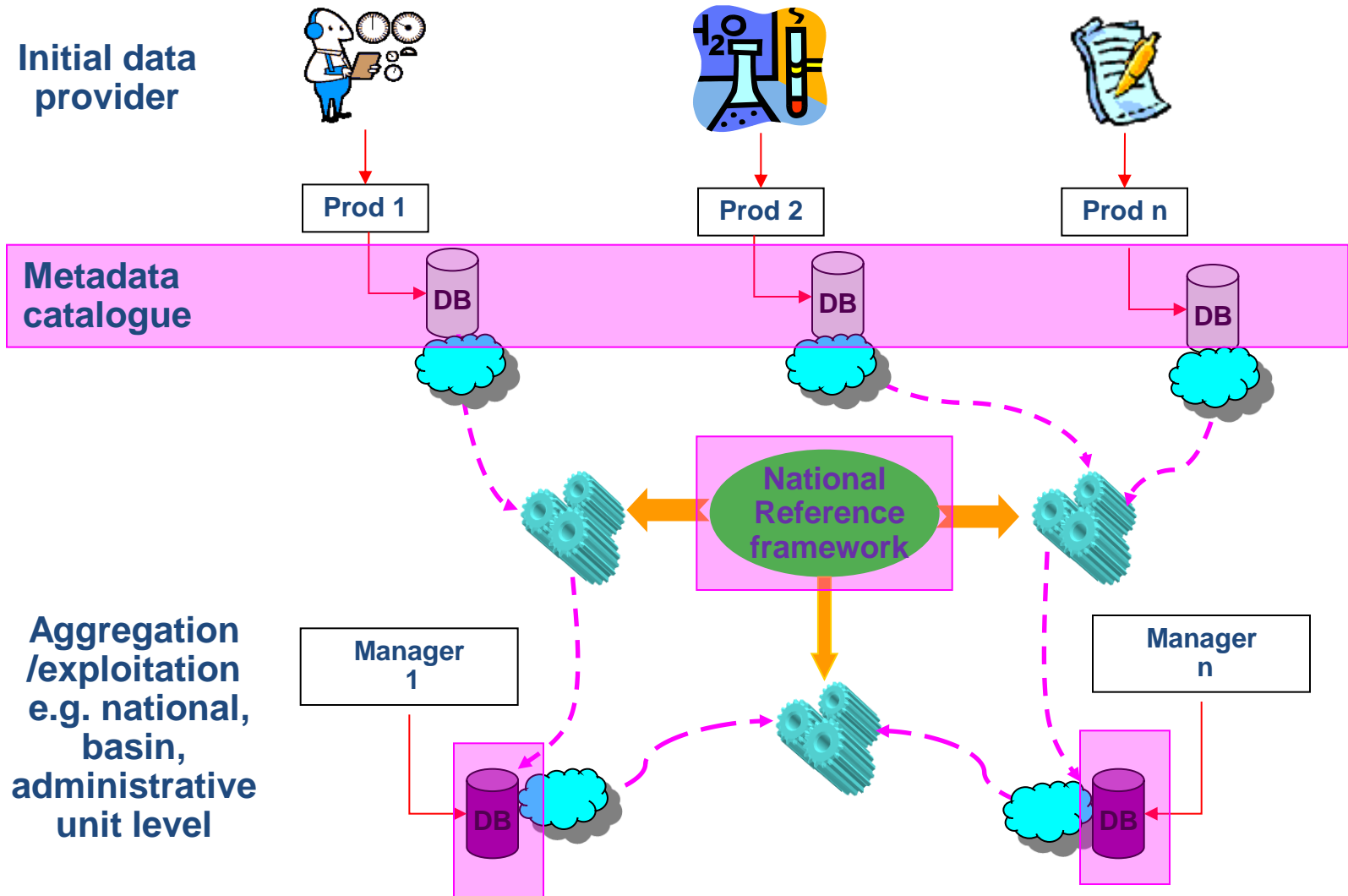
→ Can be published?

→ Scale?

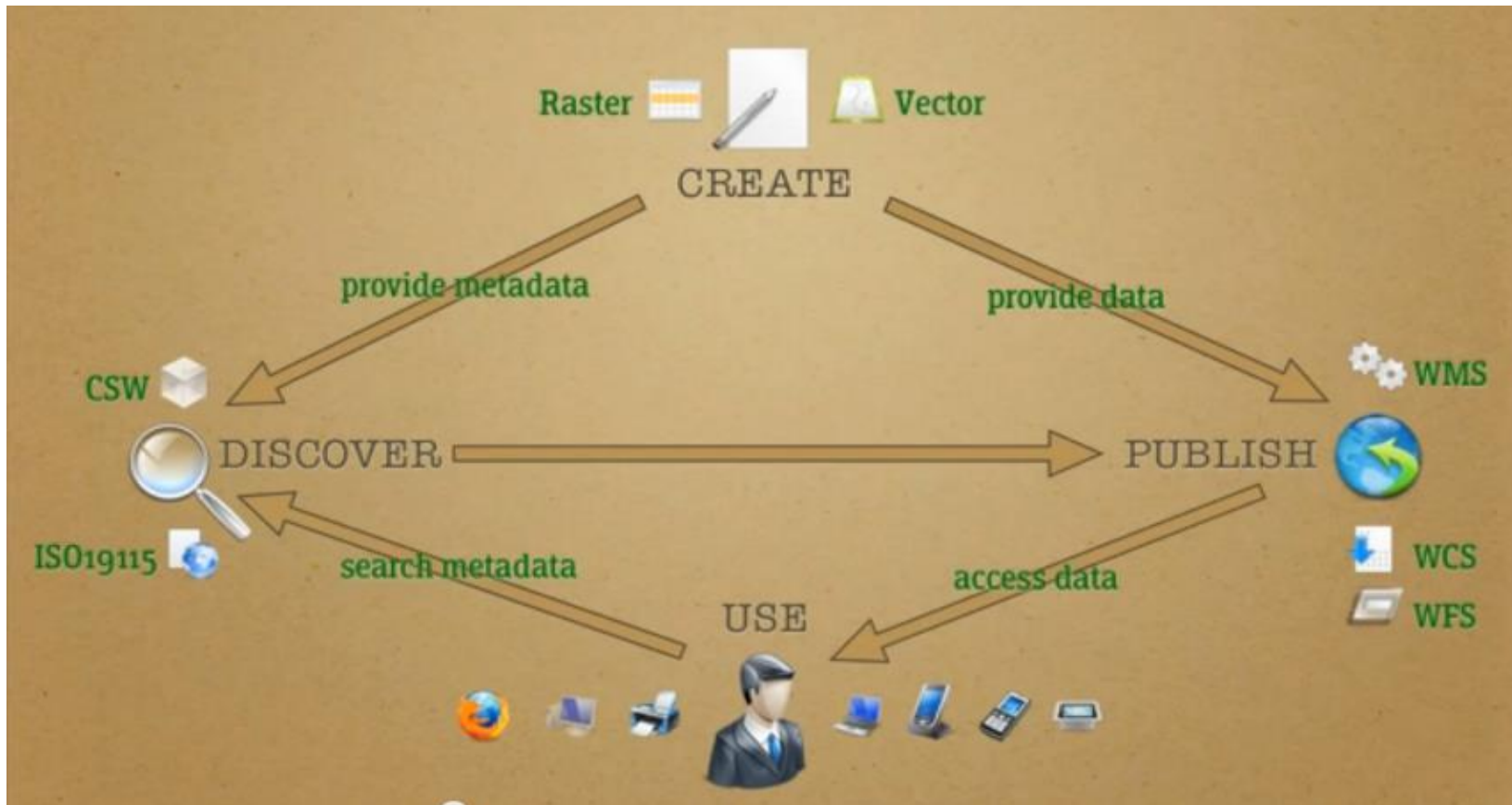
→ Licence?

→ Projection system?

Organising data exchanges



The Story of Data and metadata



Similar approach & tools for geographical or non geographical data

Catalogue : Who does what Data about data

- **2 main features**

Declaration → Inventory

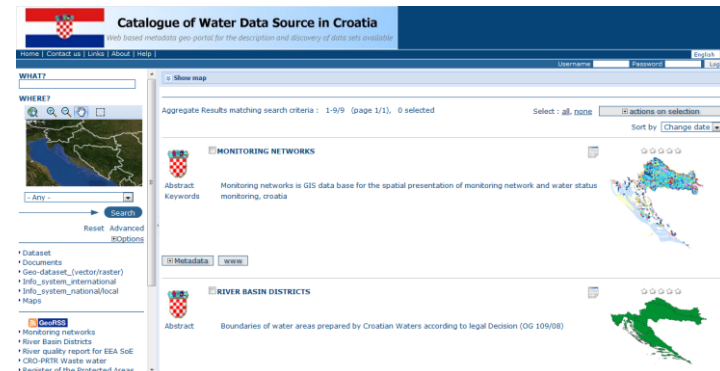
Searching → Discovery

- **Additional features:**

Data access (download)

Data visualisation

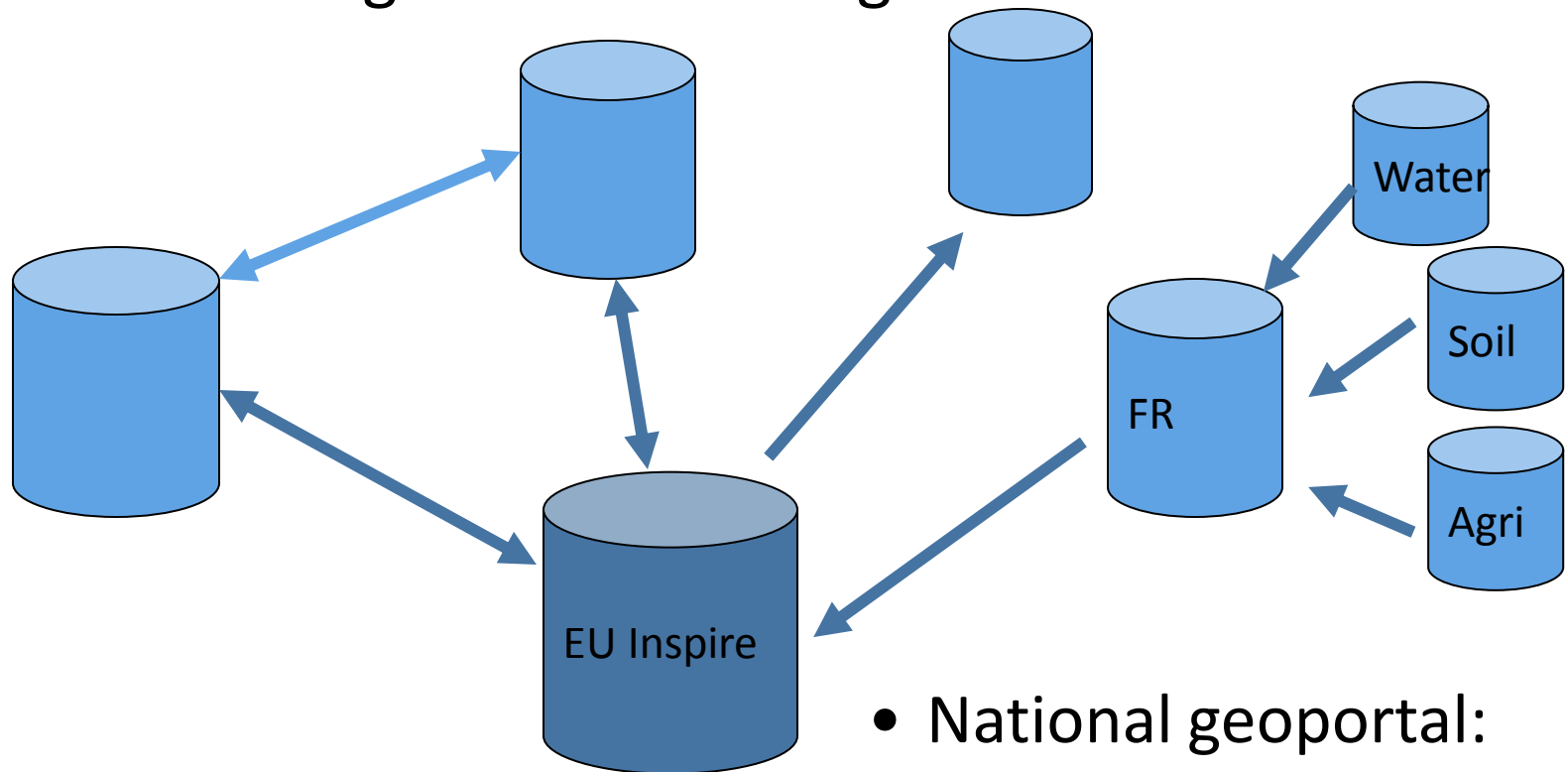
- **Each producer describes its own data source (produced or managed)**
- **Web based application (different software tools available)**
- **Based on international standards (ISO) => interoperability**



Allowing metadata Synchronization (harvesting)

Inspire

EU level harvesting national catalogues



- National geoportal:
 - harvesting thematic catalogues

Geonetwork in a nutshell

- **Open source software**
- **1st prototype by UN-FAO in 2000**
- **Widely used**
 - UN: FAO, UNEP, MAP, WHO, etc.
 - ESA, EEA, National administrations
- **Can be customised**
- **Built on Standards :**
 - ISO (International Standards Organization)
 - OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium)
- **Community website**
 - Documentation center (FAQ, Manuals)
 - Software center
 - Mailing lists for Users & Developers

Proposal for a Lebanese water geoportal

Lebanese water geoportal Search Map Sign in English

Search ... Search over 6 data sets, services and maps, ...

Browse by topics



- Inland waters 2
- Location 1
- Imagery base maps earth cover 2
- Farming 1
- Dataset 5

Latest news Most popular

- Irrigated areas of Lebanon Dataset
- Re-afforestation areas in Lebanon Dataset
- Law No.221 of 2000 on Water Sector Organization. Publications, websites
- Land use map of Lebanon Dataset
- Rivers of Lebanon Dataset
- Major Towns Settlement of Lebanon Dataset

<http://geoportal.lb.semide.net/geonetwork>

Confidentiality & Access rights

 Manage groups  Manage users

Groups

Filter

- BMLWE
- BWE
- CNRS
- LARI
- LRA
- Meteo
- MEW
- NLWE
- SLWE






[+ New group](#)


 Need help

Privileges - Lebanese watersheds

Who has access

Filter

Groups ↓	 Publish	 Interactive Map	 Download	 Editing	 Notify	Set all privileges
All	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Intranet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
MEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BWE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NLWE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LARI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SLWE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMLWE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 [Replace by selected](#)

Customisation of classification schemes

Agences de Bassin Maroc (place)

Continents, countries, sea regions of the world. (place)

GEMET (theme)

GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0 (theme)

NEXUS (theme)

[+ Ajouter un thesaurus](#)

[? Besoin d'aide](#)

GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0 (theme)

IWRM Country Basin (place)

IWRM themes (theme)

Plan de gestion (theme)

[+ Ajouter un thesaurus](#)

Identifiant **Type de thesaurus**

Espace de nommage

Activer
En mode multinoeud, utiliser cette option pour activer ou désactiver ce thesaurus dans ce noeud.

Mots-clés

[+ Ajouter un mot clé](#)

Analyse économique URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#056974cf-b6d5-48ef-aefb-29815b232a63		
Contexte bassin URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#6cddf510-e993-4927-9f0b-42fb732a1aee		
Demande en eau URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#6741e49d-fb23-4f79-9b1b-0177134f0270		
Etat des eaux URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#27ba31cc-ffb2-4a29-ac68-bd3bace91ad5		
Etat des lieux - eaux de surface URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#48675e7-af99-4c21-9b82-0dcdaf864eaa		
Etat des lieux - eaux souterraines URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#30f27ac8-1926-4168-a758-bb06bd4426ea		
Plan d'actions URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#ff98472f-0386-4552-b677-79483c06eadf		
Risque de sécheresse URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#f652180f-15c8-4948-9c7a-ff1241b5eb9b		
Risque d'inondation URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#21b9bb0e-cb52-4bce-be3a-47e6d7430322		
Scénarios tendanciels URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#52a3d0b2-732a-4447-a7bb-e5837c7e689		
Zones protégées URI: http://www.abhsebou.ma/thesaurus#f62da541-9039-4e20-9db9-fc3992dea686		

Identifiant

Espace de nommage

Type de thesaurus

Activer
En mode multinoeud, utiliser cette option pour activer ou désactiver ce thesaurus dans ce noeud.

Les thesaurus externes sont en lecture seule.

The Thesaurus of type place contient une bounding box pour chaque concept. They could be use to automatically compute record extent from keywords.

Mots-clés

Nombre max. de mots clés

- Agence de Bou Regreg
- Agence de Guir-Ziz-Rhéis
- Agence de la Moulouya
- Agence de l'Oum Er-Rbia
- Agence de Tensift
- Agence du Loukkos
- Agence du Sakia El Hamra et Oued Eddahab
- Agence du Sebou
- Agence du Souss-Massa-Draa

[+ Ajouter](#)

Geographical Thesaurus

▼ Etendue

▼ Emprise géographique

ABH ▼

Choisir un territoire



WGS84

- Agence du Loukkos
- Agence de la Moulouya
- Agence du Sebou
- Agence de Bou Regreg
- Agence de l'Oum Er-Rbia
- Agence de Tensift
- Agence du Souss-Massa-Draa
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Dessiner une zone

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Download and Visualisation

The screenshot displays the 'Lebanese water geoportal' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the portal logo, a search bar, and links for 'Map', 'Contribute', and 'Admin console'. The user is identified as 'Eric MINO ADMINISTRATOR' and the language is set to 'English'. The main content area shows search results for '3 results', sorted by relevancy. The results are categorized into three items:

- Major Towns Settlement of Lebanon:** A map layer depicting the locations of various towns in Lebanon. The feature name field is 'Townname' and the feature link field is 'Mtownll_id'. The map layer covers the whole country with map extents of 33.0 deg. latitude and 35.1 deg. longitude in the South and 34.7 deg. latitude and 36.6 deg. longitude in the North. It is credited to Ing. Samir Sfeir and John Latham.
- Irrigated areas of Lebanon:** A map layer depicting the irrigated areas of Lebanon. The layer has been produced by SKE using data from various sources: the Irrigation layer (NCRS Map 20000) and the Land Use Map (FAO-Khatib & Alami - July 1997). The data have been modified slightly from the original received. 'Other' has been added as a parameter in the 'lrytype' field to populate records that John Latham and Ing. Samir Sfeir.
- Rivers of Lebanon:** A layer depicting the rivers of Lebanon. The layer is selectable, and its feature link and ID fields are both 'name'. The layer is also Value Rendered based on the 'Type' field. There is also a unique ID field called 'Riverl_ID' that could also be used as a link field in the future, since there are many rivers that are labelled as 'Name N/A' in the database. It is credited to Ing. Samir Sfeir and John Latham.

On the left side, there is a 'Basket' section with 'PREFERRED RECORDS (1)' and a search bar for records. Below that is a 'Filter' section with options to 'Expand' or 'Collapse' and several filter categories: 'TYPE OF RESOURCES' (Dataset (3)), 'AVAILABLE ACTIONS' (Downloadable (3), Viewable (3)), 'TOPICS' (Farming (1), Inland waters (1), Location (1)), 'KEYWORDS' (Farming (1), Inland waters (1), Irrigation (1), Lebanon (3), Rivers (1)), 'CONTACT FOR THE RESOURCE' (FAO - SDRN (3), Food and Agriculture organization of th... (3), Ministry of Agriculture - Project of Agric... (3)), and 'PROVIDED BY'.

At the bottom right, there is a map viewer showing a map of Lebanon with a yellow bounding box around the central region. The map includes labels for various cities and regions in Arabic and French, such as 'طرابلس', 'بيروت', 'دمشق', 'صيدا', 'الناحية', 'بنيت جبيل', 'مخاريط', 'السدقاء', and 'درعا'. A 'MAP' button is visible on the right side of the map viewer.

Creating your own map

The screenshot displays the 'Lebanese water geoportal' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following elements: the portal logo, a search bar, a 'Map' button, 'Contribute' and 'Admin console' links, the user name 'Eric MINO ADMINISTRATOR', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. Below the navigation bar is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Search a place'. The main area is a map of Lebanon, where water features are highlighted in blue. A 'Manage layers' panel is open on the right side of the map, showing two checked layers: 'Major Towns and Settlements' and 'Rivers of Lebanon', each with a 'Show legend' link. Below the layers, it indicates the 'Background map: OpenStreetMap'. The map itself shows various towns and settlements across Lebanon, with labels in Arabic. The interface also includes standard map navigation controls on the right side, such as zoom in/out buttons and a full-screen button.

Live demo



Lebanese water geoportal

Search

Map

Contribute

Admin console



Abbas Fayad
USERADMIN

English



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Browse by topics

Boundaries ⁷

Farming ¹

Inland waters ³

Location ¹

Imagery base maps earth cover ²

Browse resources

Dataset ¹³

Latest news

Most popular



Irrigated areas of Lebanon
Dataset



Re-afforestation areas in Lebanon
Dataset

Law No.221 of 2000 on Water Sector
Organization.
Publications, websites

Lebanese watersheds
Dataset

Lebanese Mohafaza
Dataset

Template for Vector data in ISO19139
(preferred!)
Dataset



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