
Autonomous Desalination System Concepts for Sea Water and Brackish Water in Rural Areas with Renewable Energies - ADIRA

Potentials, Technologies, Field Experience, Socio-technical and Socio-economic Impacts

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Context of the project



- Focus on clean water supply for rural areas, that suffer from salty water and at the same time are often not connected to the electricity grid

- Financed by the European Commission under the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and Regional Programme for Local Water Management

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- Financial contribution by MEDREC (Middle East Desalination Research Center)

- Duration: 4 years (2003-2007)

Main objective of the ADIRA project

Problem

- Clean drinking water is becoming scarce or never has been available in certain rural areas!

Approach

- Water and energy supply are expected to stimulate socio-economic development and to enhance the quality of life
- Decentralised water treatment systems, powered by renewable energy are becoming important to manage scarce regional water resources

Objective

- Field investigation of ADS concepts for fresh water supply in rural areas
- Making use of non-conventional water resources

Main Objectives of the ADIRA project

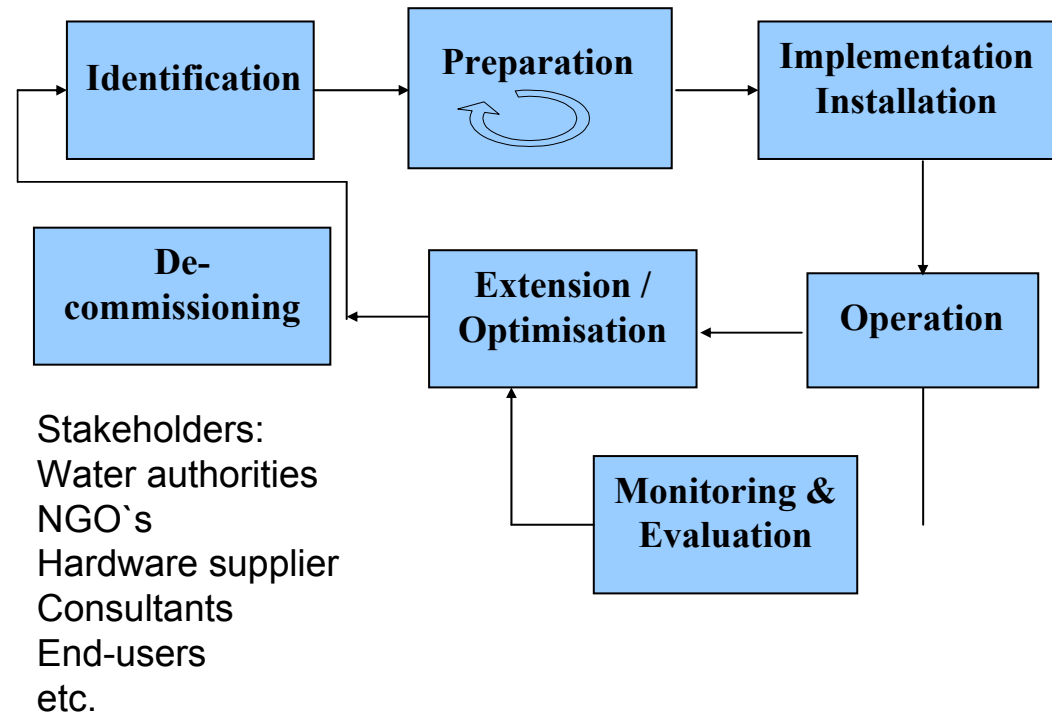
Objectives

- Evaluation of possible & sustainable solutions for regions & countries targeted in this project (up to 15 pilot installations are planned)
- Taking into account technical, economical, environmental, legal and social aspects
- Elaboration of methodologies and tools (e.g. handbook, questionnaires, concepts) to assist stakeholders in the realisation of future ADS projects
- Multidisciplinary, participative and integrated problem solving approach
- Top-down & bottom up approach

Process cycle model: Field experience in different phases

- each phase includes different tasks with different people
- success of a project is dependent on careful planning and execution of each phase
- the consideration of socio-technical aspects in every phase of the project

Project Cycle Model



Target Areas for Autonomous Desalination Systems (ADS)

- Pilot installations in Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Cyprus and Jordan



- South Mediterranean and Middle East Region
 - lowest per capita amount of water supply in the world
 - water supply severely strained in the next 20 years, due to
 - e.g. population growth
 - e.g. expansion in the economic sectors

Main lines of action to boost the implementation of ADS:



1. **Identification and quantification of regions**, where decentralised desalination units are a solution for the fresh water supply problem
2. Generating information on market available desalination systems through a **technical study and development of technical concepts** for installing sustainable desalination units in certain areas
3. **Planning, implementation and monitoring of small-scale, stand-alone desalination systems** in the field to achieve detailed results on technical viability, socio-technical and socio-economic concerns

Main lines of action to boost the implementation of ADS:

4. **Process- oriented actor analysis and masterplans:**

Gaining information about actors in the field of water and energy supply, possible investors and the political framework in order to be able to identify potentials and barriers to boost the implementation of decentralised desalination units.

5. **Preparation of tools, data bases, training and awareness raising materials** for supporting the systems designers, installers, operators and final water users in the implementation and sustainable running of decentralised desalination units.

6. **Dissemination of the project results**, the lessons learned and experiences at all levels in order to raise awareness among all relevant stakeholders at local, national and international level.

Partners



Istanbul Technical
University (**ITU**)



National Center for Scientific
Research (**NCSR**), DEMOKRITOS



Agriculture University of
Athens (**AUA**)



Fraunhofer Institute for Solar
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Egyptian Energy and Water
Association (**EWE**)



Jordan University of Science
and Technology (**JUST**)



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Canary Islands (**ITC**)



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The Middle East Desalination Research
Center (**MEDRC**)



Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
(**ULPGC**)



Munich, Germany (**WIP**)



Study

Country
identification + quantification of regions

- Water resources
- Energy resources
- Demography
- Meteorology

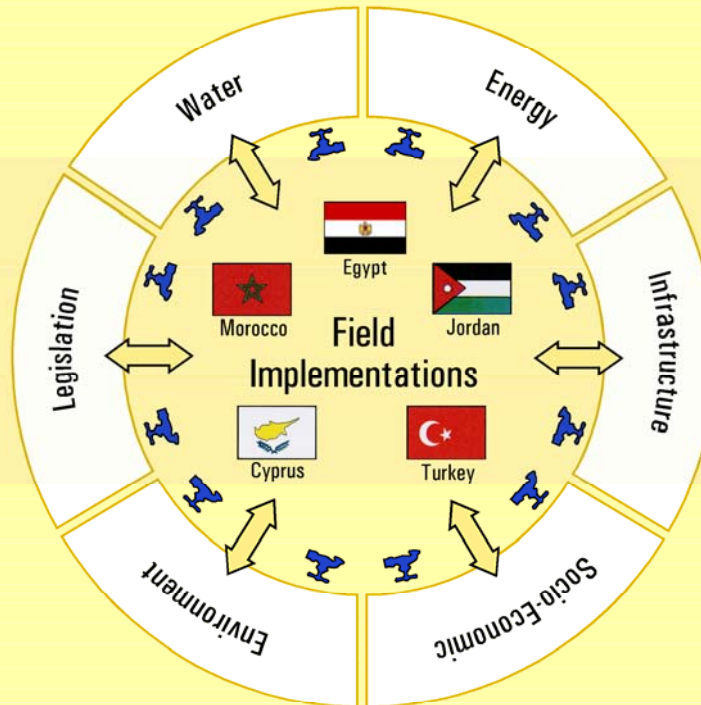
Technology

- Supplier list
- Market available technology
- Energy supply for ADS
- Expert list
- Installed small-scale ADS

Stakeholder

- Governmental organisation
- Non-governmental organisation
- Large enterprise
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)
- University / research institute
- Local authority
- Financial institution (bank etc.)

Implementation



Result

Dissemination Activities

- National workshops (before & after implementation)
 - Brochures, leaflets, posters, magazines
 - International conferences / scientific papers
- Website: www.adira.info

ADIRA-DB

- ADIRA-DB (database) contains information on all project topics and incorporates numerous links to related sources in the internet
- It is easily accessed by (technical or non-technical) users through user-friendly displays

DST

- Decision Support Tool (DST) software
- Software to identify the most adequate solution under the given framework and site specific conditions

Master Plans

- Analysis of stakeholders in the water sector
- Identification of possible "ADS Operator Groups"
- Analysis of economic and political framework
- Development of master plans addresses policy modules (e.g.: legislative framework, institutional set-up, water pricing schemes, building capacity, raising awareness and mobilising financial resources)

ADIRA-Handbook

- A handbook for training and reference, addressed to researchers, analysts, planners, designers, installers and operators of ADS
- The handbook will serve to assist the user. The planning and implementation phases as well as the operation of ADS will be described in detail

A wide variety of field installations

- Users
- Desalination technology
- System size and design
- Energy source
- Usage / Outcome / Product
- Financing schemes
- Management schemes

Cyprus - Nikosia and Pafos



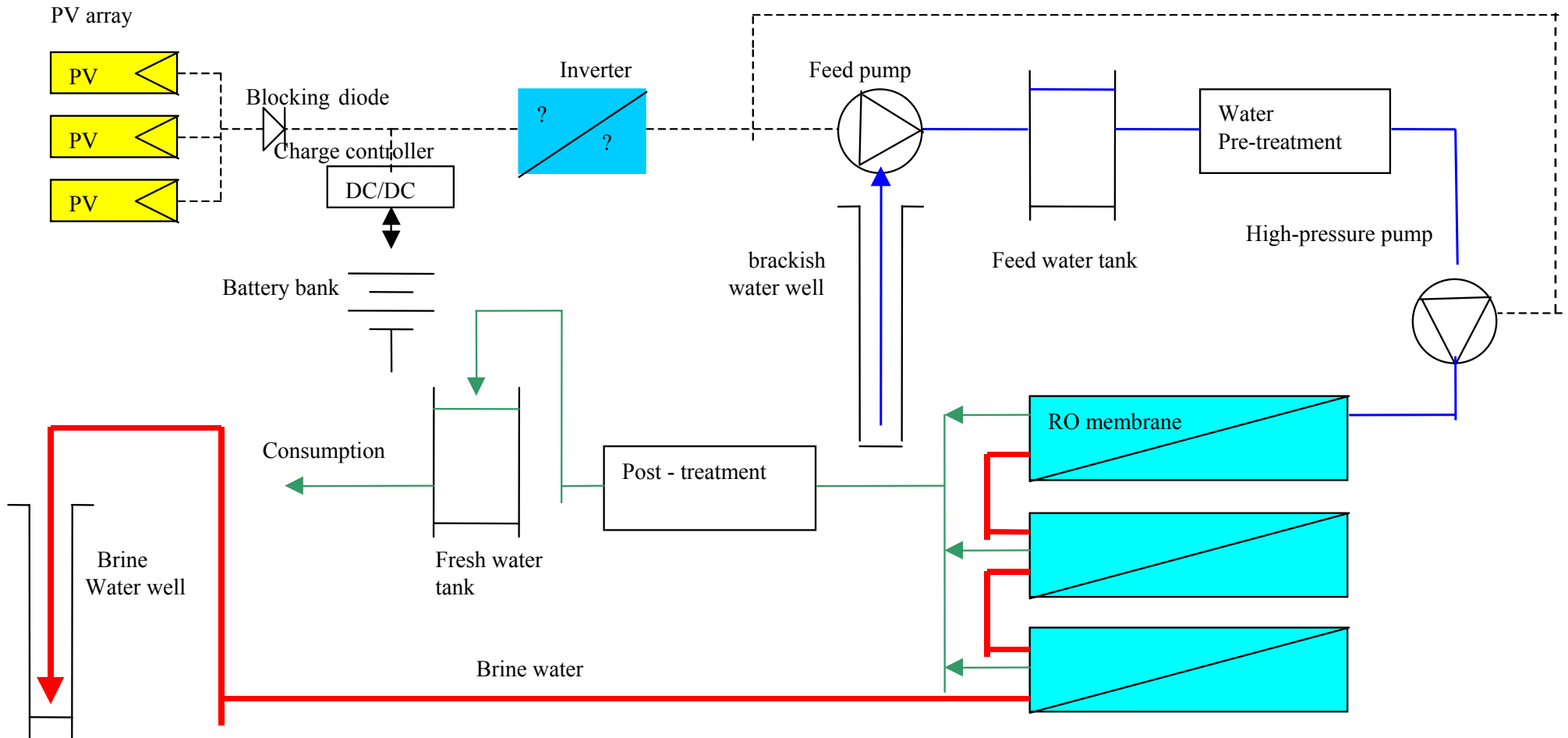
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Cyprus - Nikosia

- Supply of a sporting club
- It already has a water supply, but faces supply problems during summer
- Number of users will be 150 - 200
(25 - 30 m³/day fresh water production)
- Annual average solar radiation: 5.4 kWh/m²/day
- Brackish groundwater

Cyprus - Nikosia



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- PV-RO system
- PV array 8.5 kWp
- PV area required 300 m²
- Capacity of the battery bank 950 Ah
- Water recovery ratio is 35%
- Expected fresh water production is 25 m³/day
- 10 m³ drinking water tank
- PV-batteries

Egypt - i-Sinai



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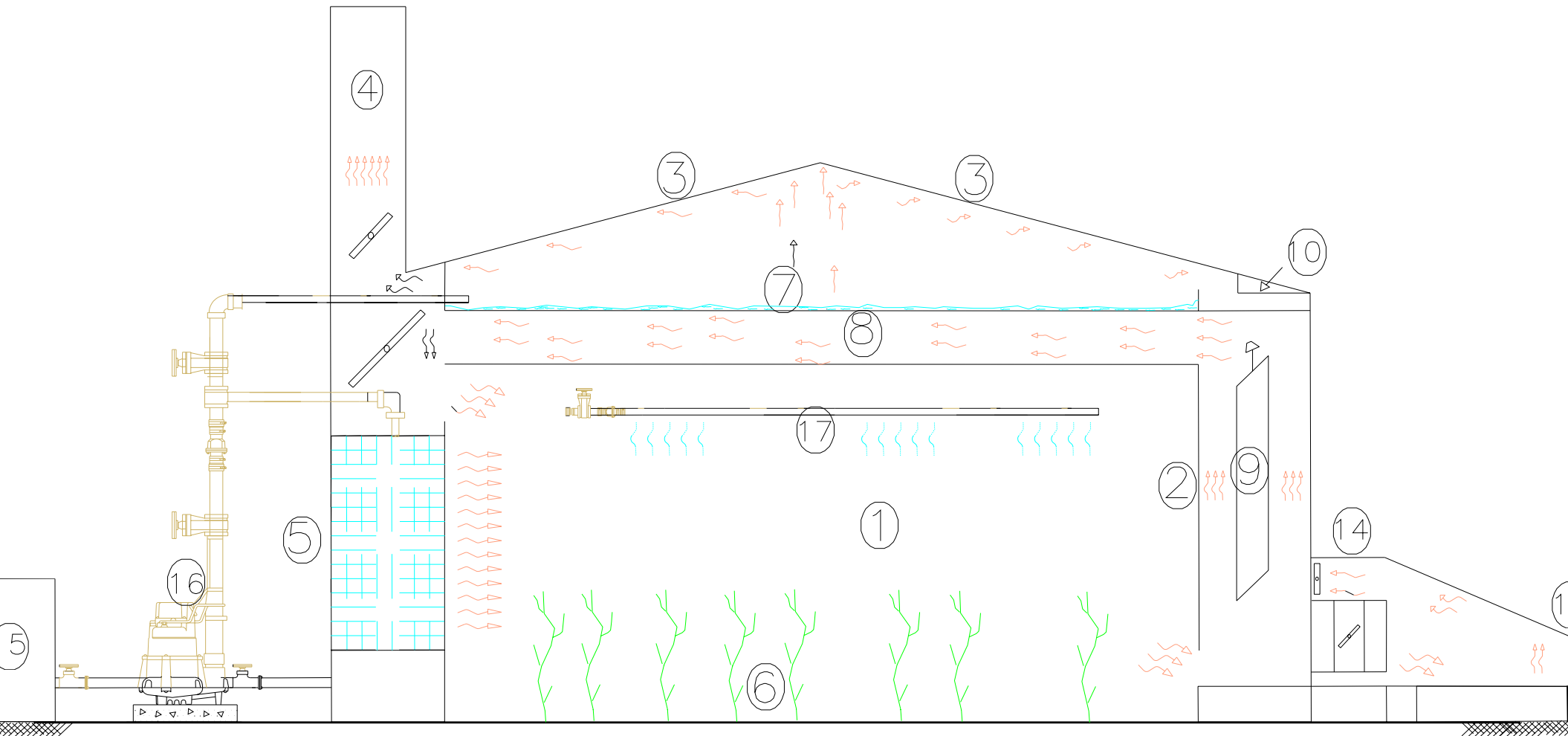
Egypt - i-Sinai

- Sea water
- Solar stills
- Wind and PV

Poduction of:

- Drinking water ca.1 m³/d
- Irrigation water ca. 3 m³/d
- Salt
- Electricity

Egypt - Greenhouse with Built-in Roof Still



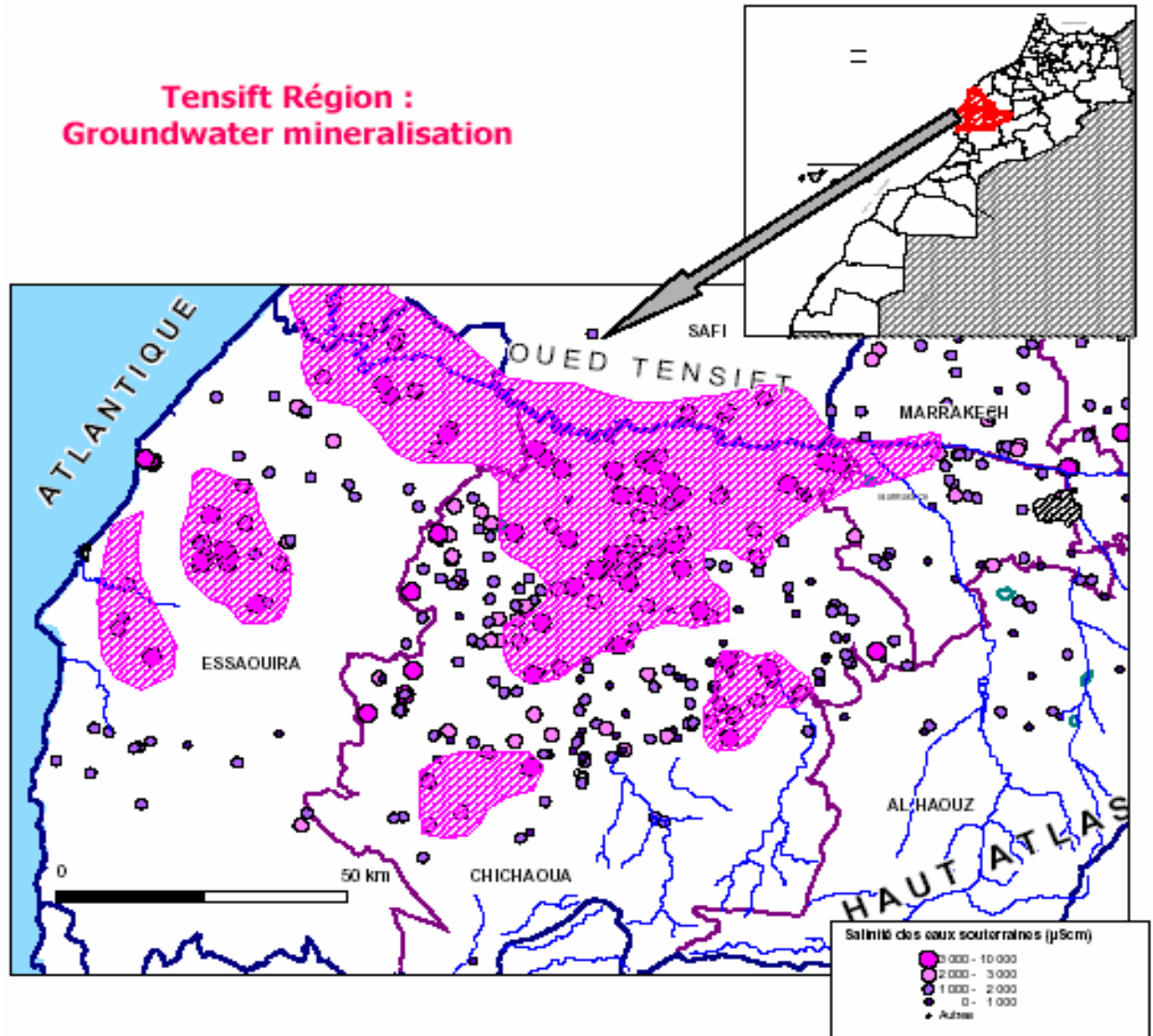
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Morocco - Tensift



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Description of the site:

- Name of the village: BOUJRAIN
- Rural Community: Abadou
- Circle: Ait Ourir
- Province: Al Haouz
- Location of the village is located 80 km east from Marrakech

Morocco - Tensift

- **Infrastructure:**
village connected to grid but the brackish water source (well) site is not.
- **Demography:**
Number of households: 100
Population: 577
- **Water consumption:**
Human: 25 to 30 liters/day/Inhab.
Livestock: 30 to 35 liters/day/Inhab.
- **Water demand:**
35 m³/d

Morocco - Tensift

Characteristics of the water point:

- Water source: well
- Total depth: 150 m
- Water level/ground: 7 m
- Measured flow rate : 8 l/s
- TDS: 6 g/l





General results

- Field experience in all project phases
- Technical knowledge about sustainable ADS concepts
- Social-technical implementation strategies
- Know-how transfer to other regions and countries

Specific outcomes

- Handbook
- Decision Support Tool
- Database
- Economical and legal masterplans for target countries
- Training materials
- Dissemination material
- Workshops
- active expert network

Thank you for your attention!

