



# TWAP

TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

## Component 1

### Transboundary Aquifers and Groundwater Systems in Small Island Developing States

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# Overview

1. TWAP Groundwater knowledge products
2. Core indicators for groundwater
3. Groundwater database structure
4. TBA and SIDS information sheets
5. Data analysis
6. Other functions

# 1. TWAP Groundwater knowledge products

- Information Management System  
<http://twapviewer.un-igrac.org>
- TWAP Groundwater Project Website  
[www.twap.isarm.org](http://www.twap.isarm.org)
- Aquifer and SIDS Information Sheets
- Methodology for groundwater assessment
- Final Reports (GW Methodology, Status and Trends, SIDS, GW Modelling, etc)

## 2. Core indicators for groundwater

Thematic cluster	Core Indicators (Projected indicators in bold)
QUANTITY	Groundwater Recharge Groundwater Depletion
QUALITY	Groundwater natural background quality Groundwater pollution
SOCIO-ECONOMIC	<b>Population density</b> <b>Renewable groundwater per capita</b> <b>Human dependence on groundwater</b> <b>Groundwater development stress</b>
GROUNDWATER GOVERNANCE	Transboundary legal framework Transboundary institutional framework

### 3. Database structure

- Transboundary aquifers
- Small Island Developing States

**TWAP DATA**

- Boundaries
- WHYMAP data
- Other overlays
- Background maps

**OTHER DATA SOURCES**

# 3. Database structure

**Layers**



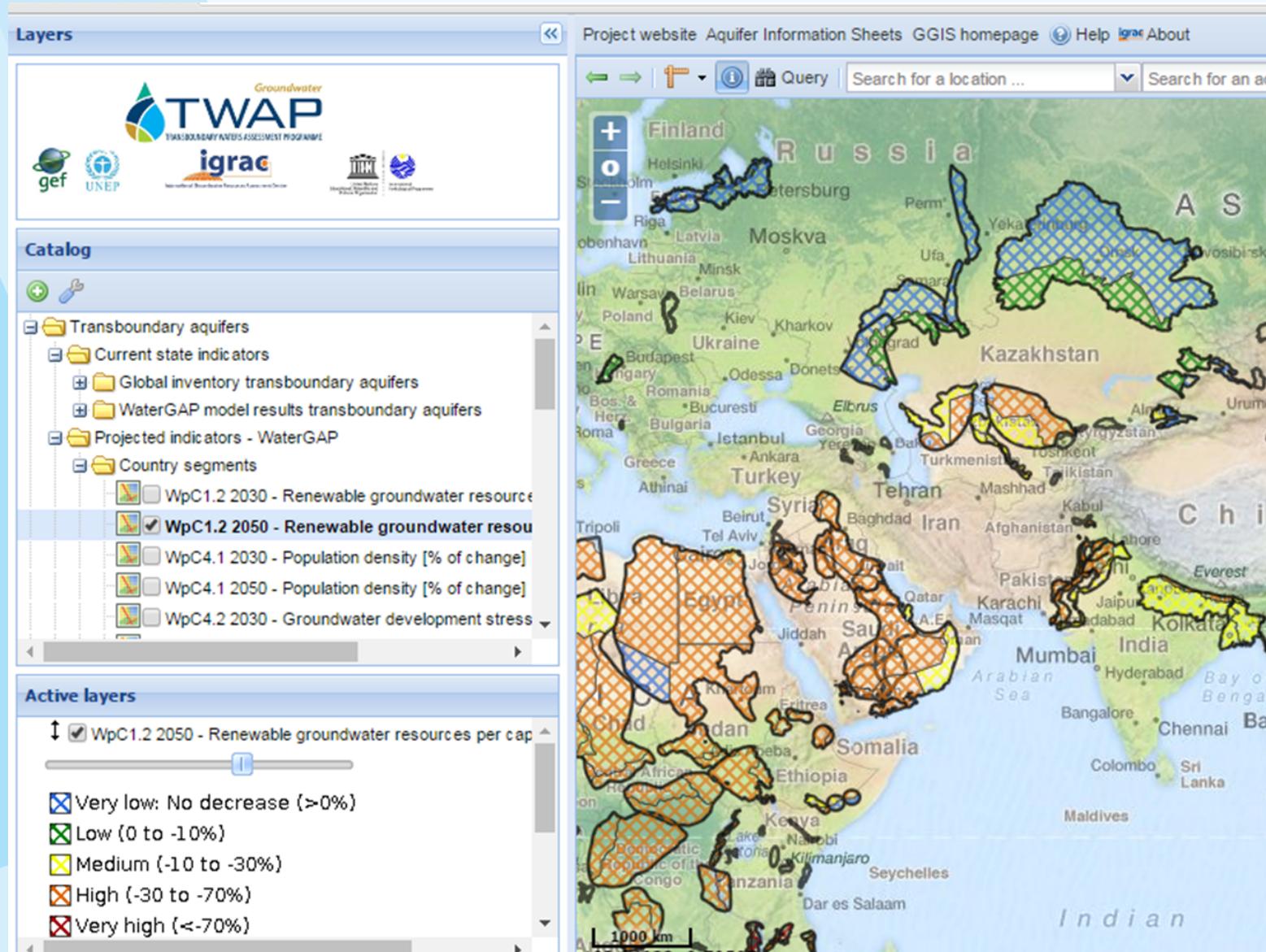
The screenshot shows a GIS application interface with the following sections:

- Project website Aquifer Information S**: Top right corner.
- Catalog**: Left sidebar with icons for adding (+) and deleting (-).
  - Transboundary aquifers**
  - Small Island Developing States**
  - Boundaries**
  - WHYMAP data**
  - Other overlays**
  - Background maps**
    - None
    - OpenStreetMap
    - OpenStreetMap (Mapquest)
    - BlueMarble (NASA)
    - BlueMarble light (NASA)
    - DEM (GTOPO30)
- Active layers**: Bottom left sidebar.
  - Transboundary Aquifers (TWAP Project)
  - 
  - TWAP Small Islands Developing States
- Legend**: Bottom left corner.
  - Area island <100 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Area island 100-300 km<sup>2</sup>
- Map View**: Main area showing a map of the Americas with various data layers overlaid, including coastlines, rivers, and political boundaries. A scale bar indicates 1000 km.

# 3. Database structure

- ❑ **Transboundary aquifers**
  - ❑ **Current state indicators**
    - ❑ Global inventory TBAs  
(TBA>5,000 km<sup>2</sup> and other relevant aquifers)
    - ❑ WaterGAP model results (TBA>20,000 km<sup>2</sup>)
  - ❑ **Projected indicators – WaterGAP**
    - ❑ Country segments
    - ❑ Complete aquifer
    - ❑ Future hotspots on groundwater stress
  - ❑ Basic parameters and variables

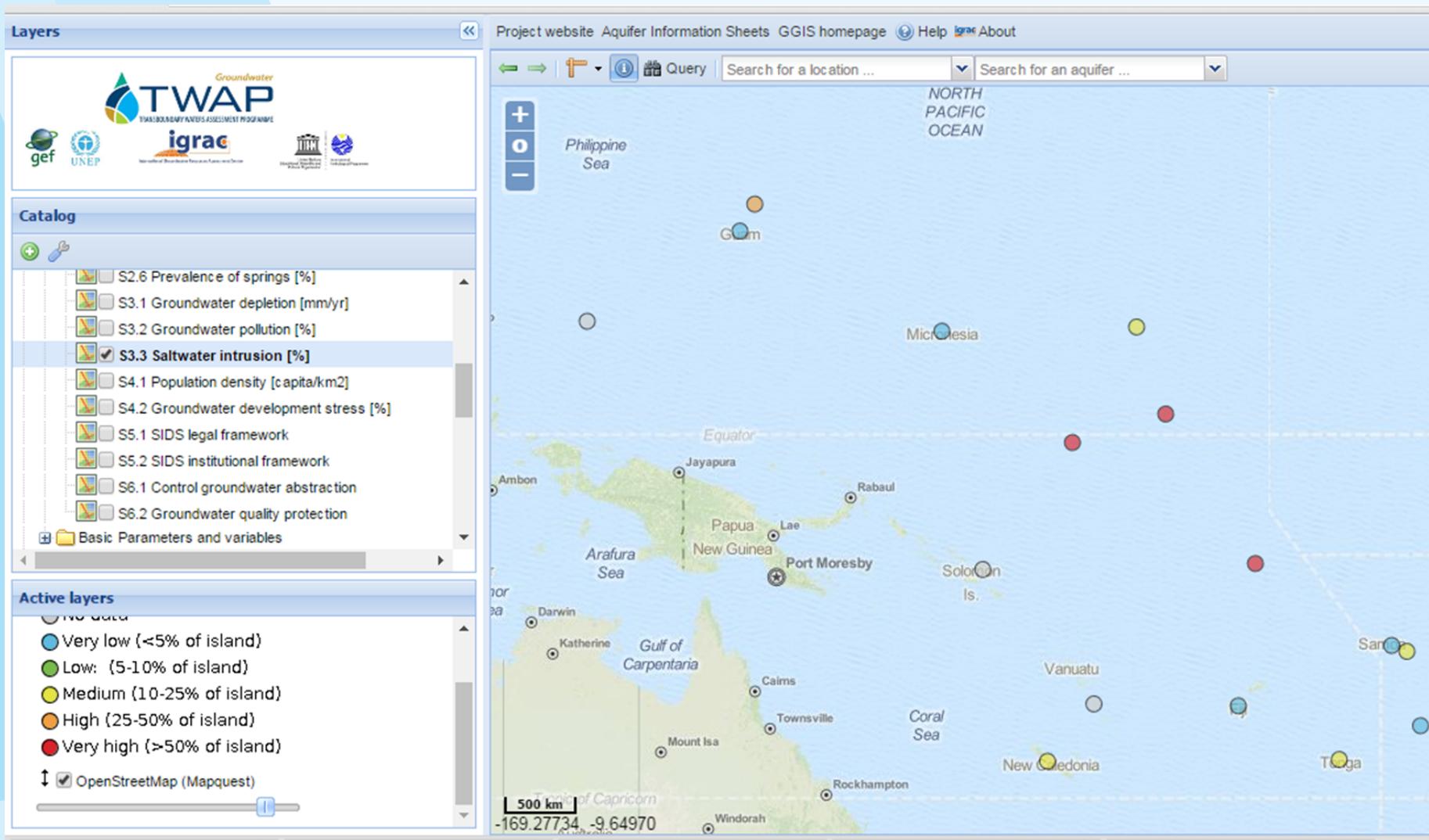
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### 3. Database structure

- ❑ **Small Island Developing States**
  - ❑ **Current state indicators**
    - ❑ S1.1 Groundwater recharge
    - ❑ S1.2 Renewable groundwater resources
    - ❑ ...
  - ❑ **Basic parameters and variables**

# 3. Database structure



# 4. TBA information sheets

- Basic geographical and hydrogeological info
- Location map with delineation
- Cross-section (if available)
- Table with core indicators
- Table with key variables

## Transboundary Aquifer Information Sheet



### AF52 - Lake Chad Basin

#### Geography

Total area TBA (km<sup>2</sup>): 2 000 000

No. countries sharing: 7

Countries sharing: Algeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Libya, Niger, Nigeria

Population: 40 000 000

Climate Zone: Arid

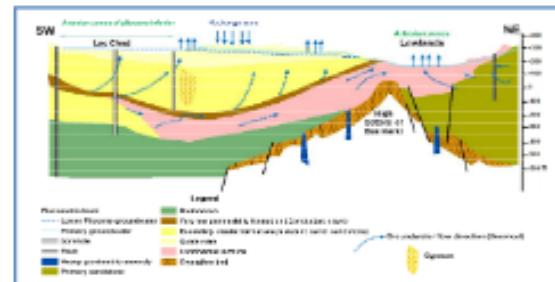
Rainfall (mm/yr): 300

#### Hydrogeology

Aquifer type: Multiple layers hydraulically connected

Degree of confinement: Mostly unconfined but some parts confined

Main lithology: Sediment - Sand and Limestones



Cross section along Maiduguri to the SW and Faya Langue to the NE of the lake Chad Basin (after Schneider & Wallf, 1992 modified)

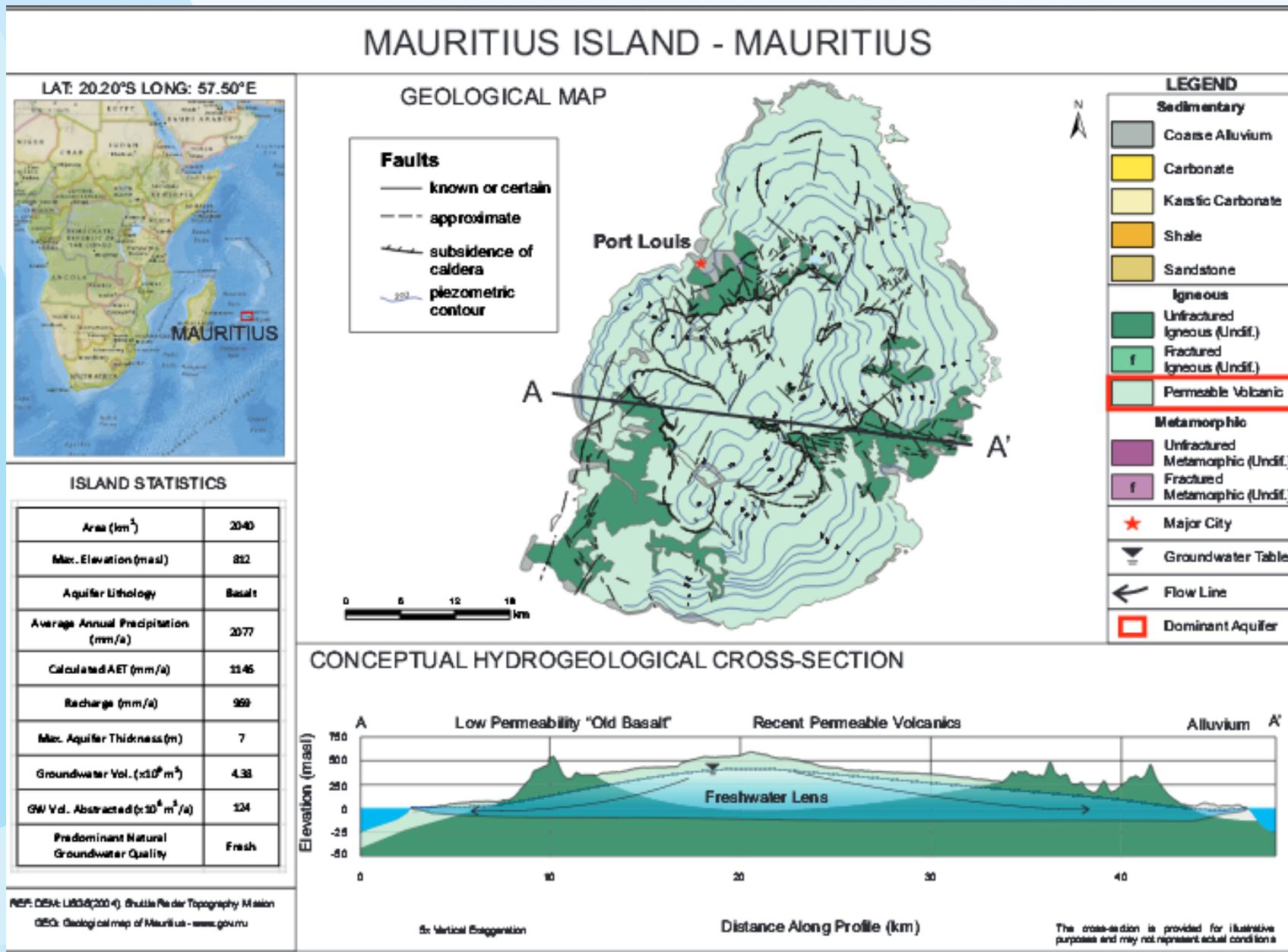
Map and cross-section are only provided for illustrative purposes. Dimensions are only approximate.

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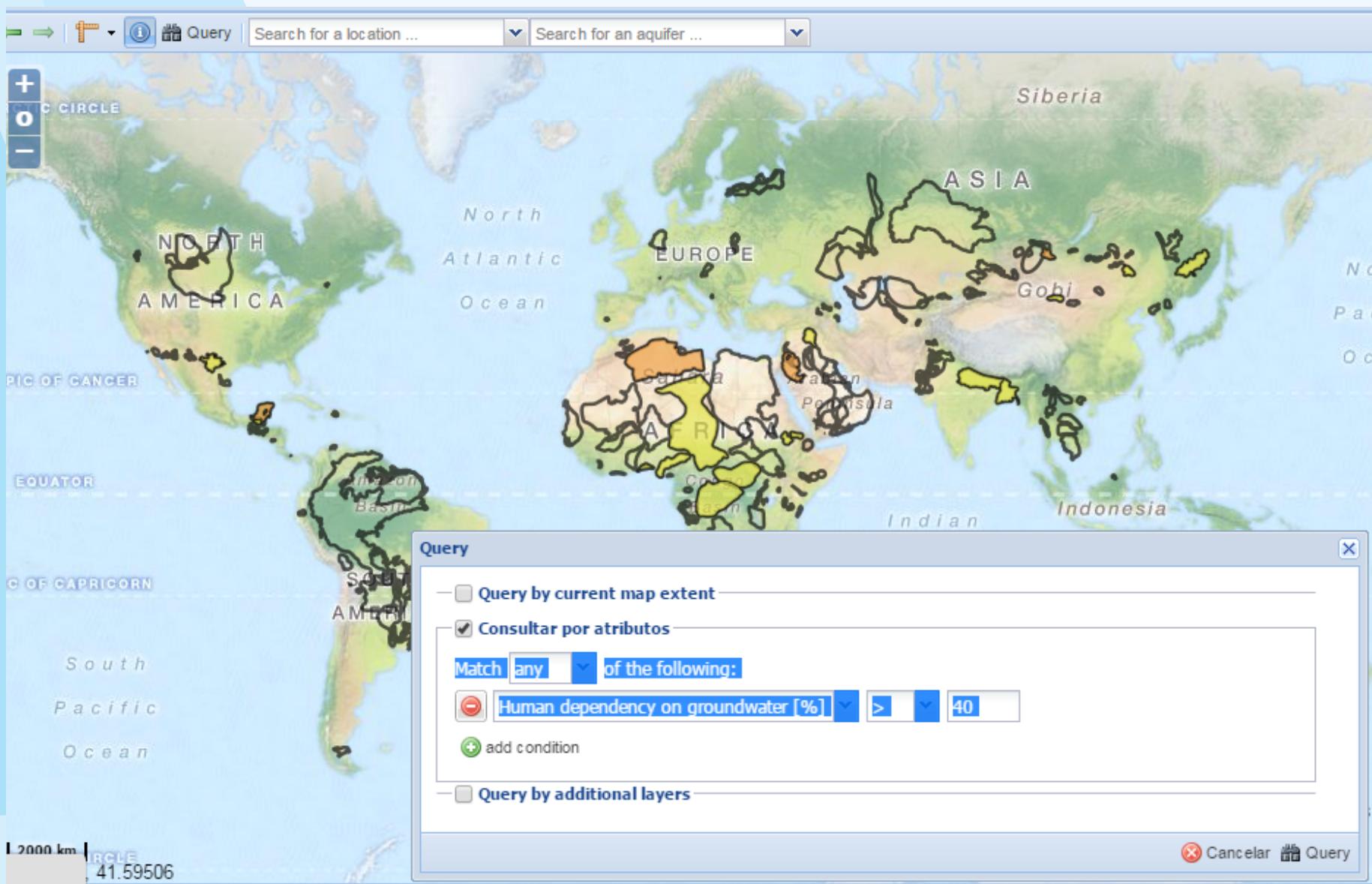
Narratives of:

- ✓ Aquifer geometry
- ✓ Hydrogeological aspects
- ✓ Linkages with other water systems
- ✓ Environmental aspects
- ✓ Socio-economic aspects
- ✓ Legal and Institutional aspects
- ✓ Priority issues and Hotspots

# 4. SIDS information sheets



# 5. Global data analysis



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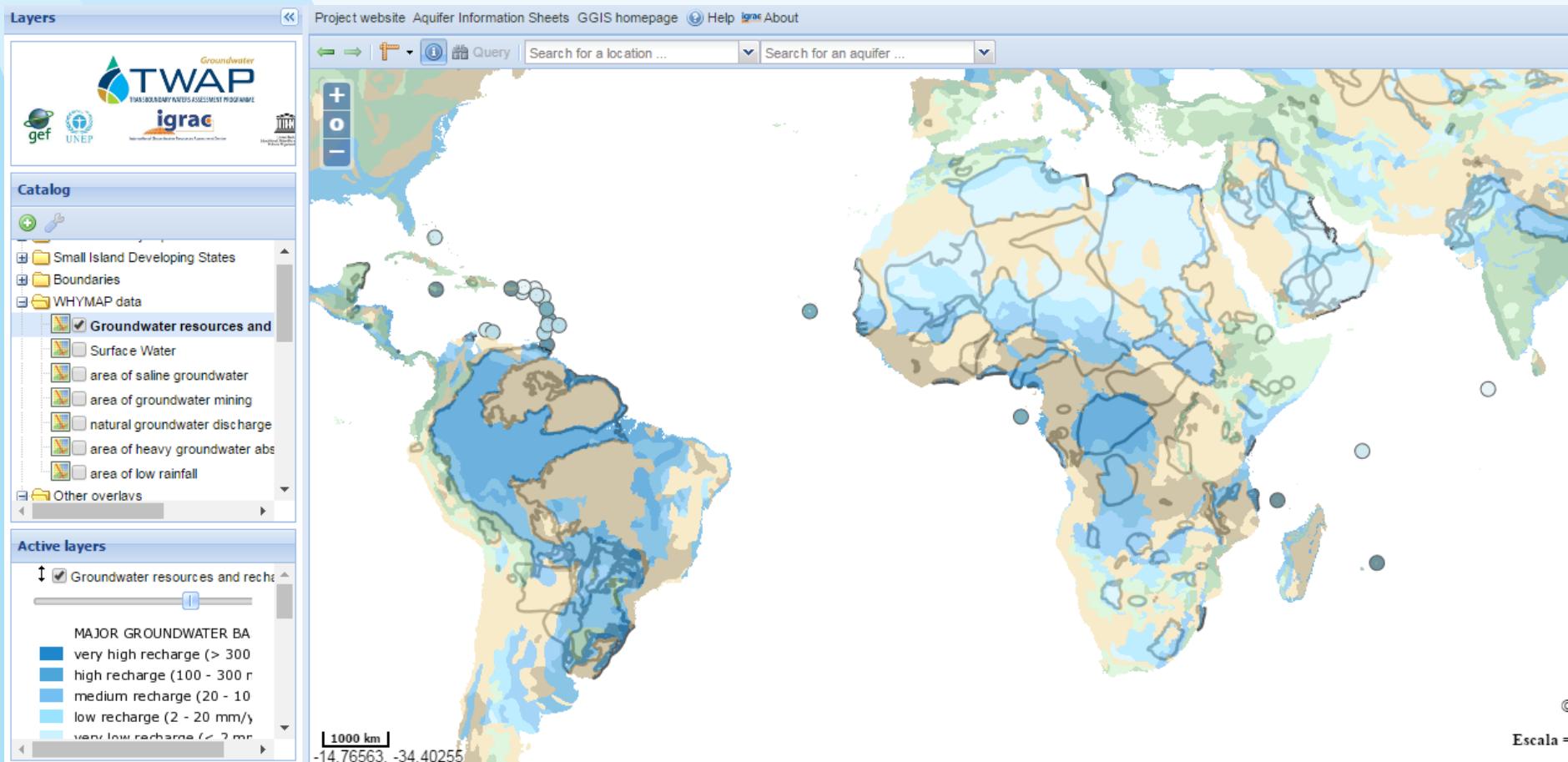
✓ Download indicators as Excel file

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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2	twap_ind_	65 M26_AS126	Merged: Tawil Quaternary Aquifer Sy	188980.9	M26_AS126		
3	twap_ind_	60 W16N	Edwards-Trinity-El Burro	105928.7	W16N		
4	twap_ind_	47 W5C	Boca del Cerro-San Pedro	21279.05	W5C		
5	twap_ind_	79 W7C	Península de Yucatán-Candelaria-Ho	137394.9	W7C		
6	twap_ind_	43 WAF25	Karoo-Carbonate	544534.4	WAF25		
7	twap_ind_	54 WAF29	Cuvette	791124.3	WAF29		
8	twap_ind_	55 WAF48	Keta / Dahomey / Cotier basin aquife	32601.96	WAF48		
9	twap_ind_	65 WAF5	SE Kalahri Karoo Basin / Stampriet	71968.24	WAF5		
10	twap_ind_	43 WAF51	Aquifer Vallee de la Benoue	197839	WAF51		
11	twap_ind_	48 WAF52	Lake Chad Basin	1983821	WAF52		
12	twap_ind_	41 WAF61	Gedaref	51243.63	WAF61		
13	twap_ind_	64 WAF69	Northwest Sahara Aquifer System (N	1054145	WAF69		
14	twap_ind_	52 WAF73	Mereb	34249.14	WAF73		
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16	twap_ind_	51 WAS111	Dankhan Khudgiin Sair aquifer	24013.12	WAS111		
17	twap_ind_	52 WAS125	Neogene Aquifer System (North-We:	66258.05	WAS125		
18	twap_ind_	44 WAS79	South of outer Himalayas aquifer	311589.5	WAS79		
19	twap_ind_	46 WAS80	East Ganges River Plain Aquifer	180381.9	WAS80		
20	twap_ind_	45 WAS87	Middle Heilongjiang - Amur River Ba	113574.7	WAS87		
21	twap_ind_	66 WAS97	Delger River	22704.9	WAS97		
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## 6. Other functions

- ✓ Search for a country (e.g. a SIDS)
- ✓ Search for an aquifer
  
- ✓ Connect other data (internal and external) layers to view with TWAP data (e.g. WHYMAP, NASA, GRACE data...)

# 6. Other functions





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