



Salt water intrusion in coastal aquifers by Luc Lebbe and Gualbert Oude Essink

In the CLIWAT project, we determine the physical impacts of climate change on groundwater and surface water systems in a part of the North Sea region. In this newsletter, we focus on the topic of salt water intrusion. Tools and methods are presented that are used in the research to increase our knowledge of the present physical system in the coastal water system (via monitoring) and to assess the future changes (via modelling).

The Phenomenon of Salt Water Intrusion

Fresh groundwater resources in many coastal regions in the world, especially low-lying deltaic areas, are used intensively for domestic, agricultural and industrial purposes. The availability of huge quantities and the high quality of this fresh groundwater relative to the surface water makes it a popular

resource. In the future, the exploitation of fresh groundwater resources will increase due to population and economic growth, intensified agricultural development, and the loss of surface water resources due to contamination. In addition, the anticipated sea level rise and changes in recharge and evapotranspiration patterns will exacerbate the pressures on the coastal groundwater system. Many aquifers in low-lying deltaic areas already experience an intensive salt water intrusion as well as the upconing of saline groundwater from old marine deposits due to natural and anthropogenic causes (Figure 1 and 2, p.2). Salinisation of the aquifers can lead to a severe deterioration of the quality of existing fresh groundwater resources. In addition, human interferences, such as mining of natural resources (water, sand, oil and gas) and land reclamation (causing subsidence) threaten coastal lowlands even more. **(cont'd./... p.2)**

Editorial

Since the October 2009 newsletter, the CLIWAT group has been working hard in the seven pilot areas, collecting data for the groundwater models. The extensive field work was carried out with a wide array of equipment, and included many ground-based and airborne surveys. In addition to obtaining significant and informative data sets the field work increasingly receives media coverage. Especially the airborne surveys have attracted a lot of attention. This has resulted in more than 50 newspaper articles, radio spots and TV coverage for the CLIWAT project during the last year. The UN Climate Change Conference in December 2009 did not result in binding CO2 emission targets. Nevertheless, a process towards binding targets was started, but the rates of reduction are lower than those already recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This means that communities in the North Sea region are facing higher temperatures, a greater rise in sea level and more pronounced changes in precipitation patterns than was first estimated. These climatic changes will undoubtedly affect groundwater systems. In order to prepare for these inevitable changes, and to determine useful and necessary protection measures, it is essential that the adaptation process is based on sound knowledge derived from verifi-

able scientific research. In general, most countries have an idea of what to expect when dealing with temperature increases, changing precipitation and sea level rises. But when it comes to changes in groundwater dynamics and how to deal with the related changes, there is far greater ignorance. CLIWAT will employ groundwater models, and present strategies to deal with the consequences of changes in groundwater systems. Communities need to know which climate scenarios are most probable, so that they can plan for their environmental systems including groundwater. While southern parts of Europe are facing a lack of groundwater in the future, the major problem for the North Sea region will be how to deal with increasing groundwater levels, and how to protect groundwater. In this third newsletter, the hot topic is salt water intrusion. Especially on the coastal islands of the North Sea this is increasingly becoming an important issue. Furthermore, interesting articles about field work and water supply are presented. Last but not least, upcoming relevant events are indicated in the calendar. We hope you will find the newsletter worth reading. Feel free to comment and post questions on our web site, www.cliwat.org. This is also the place where you can subscribe to the newsletter, view our new GIS solutions and see results from the pilot studies.

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About CLIWAT: Adaptive and sustainable water management and protection of society and nature in an extreme climate

The project will focus on the effects of climate change on groundwater systems. CLIWAT aims to identify the challenges caused by the higher water levels, and to develop climate scenarios focusing on surface water and water supply as well as the impacts on buildings. The quality changes of the groundwater resource caused by salinisation, outwash from point sources and new demands for irrigation are some of the issues which will be investigated. This

will enable the North Sea Region to react more efficiently to the consequences of climate change. The project will build on and improve existing geophysical and geochemical methods; these will be tested in the partner regions in order to be able to develop groundwater models and furthermore recommendations for the North Sea Region on how to deal with the consequences of increased groundwater levels.

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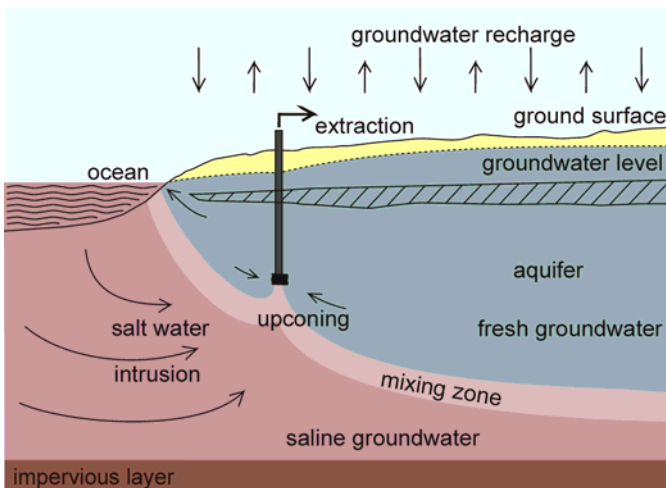


Figure 1: Salt water intrusion and upconing of saline groundwater in the coastal zone

Consequently, salinities of surface water systems increase and land degradation due to salt damage may occur as soils become more saline.

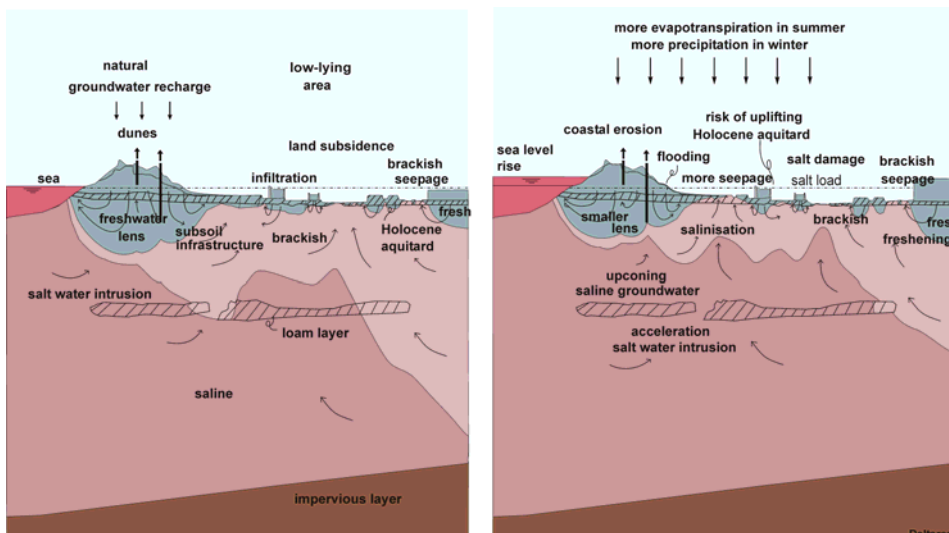


Figure 2: Conceptualisation of the (a) present and (b) future groundwater system in a low-lying deltaic area

Tools and methods: monitoring and modelling

We strongly believe that by combining various kinds of tools and methods, the relevant subsurface processes in the

coastal zone can be better understood. In addition, sophisticated numerical modelling tools make the prediction of the future state of water system more reliable. In CLIWAT, we are able to merge common existing techniques with new innovative methods such as SkyTEM/HEM data (in a later newsletter). Especially in the determination of the fresh-brackish saline distributions in the groundwater system, various techniques are combined, such as groundwater samples, geo-electrical borehole logs, electrical CPT, VES, EM31, EM34, groundwater extractions, CVES and TEC probe data. In this newsletter we discuss two techniques: 1) geophysical borehole measurements, and 2) numerical modelling of variable density groundwater flow and coupled salt transport (we use the code MOCDENS3D, which is similar to SEAWAT).

Geophysical borehole measurements

As basic data for the modelling of salt water intrusion two kinds of geophysical borehole measurements are very important: 1) the electrical conductivity of the sediments and, 2) natural gamma radiation of the sediments. One of the most interesting methods to measure the electrical conductivity is the focused electromagnetic induction log

in an observation well with a short screen at maximum survey depth. This allows the measurement of electrical conductivity of the sediments versus depth and the collection of pore water of the sediments at the depth of the well screen of which electric conductivity can be measured. First of all the electrical conductivity of the sediments contains information about the electrical conductivity of the pore water and in a lesser extend information about the porosity and the electrical conductivity of the matrix. The natural gamma radiation contains primarily information about the clay content and to a lesser extent information about the porosity. The porosity and/or the formation factor are also a function of the pore water conductivity. By a joint

interpretation of the induction log, the natural gamma log and the observed pore water conductivities one can be deduced the variation of the pore water electrical conductivity versus depth and made an estimation of the variation of the porosity and of the hydraulic conductivity versus the depth.

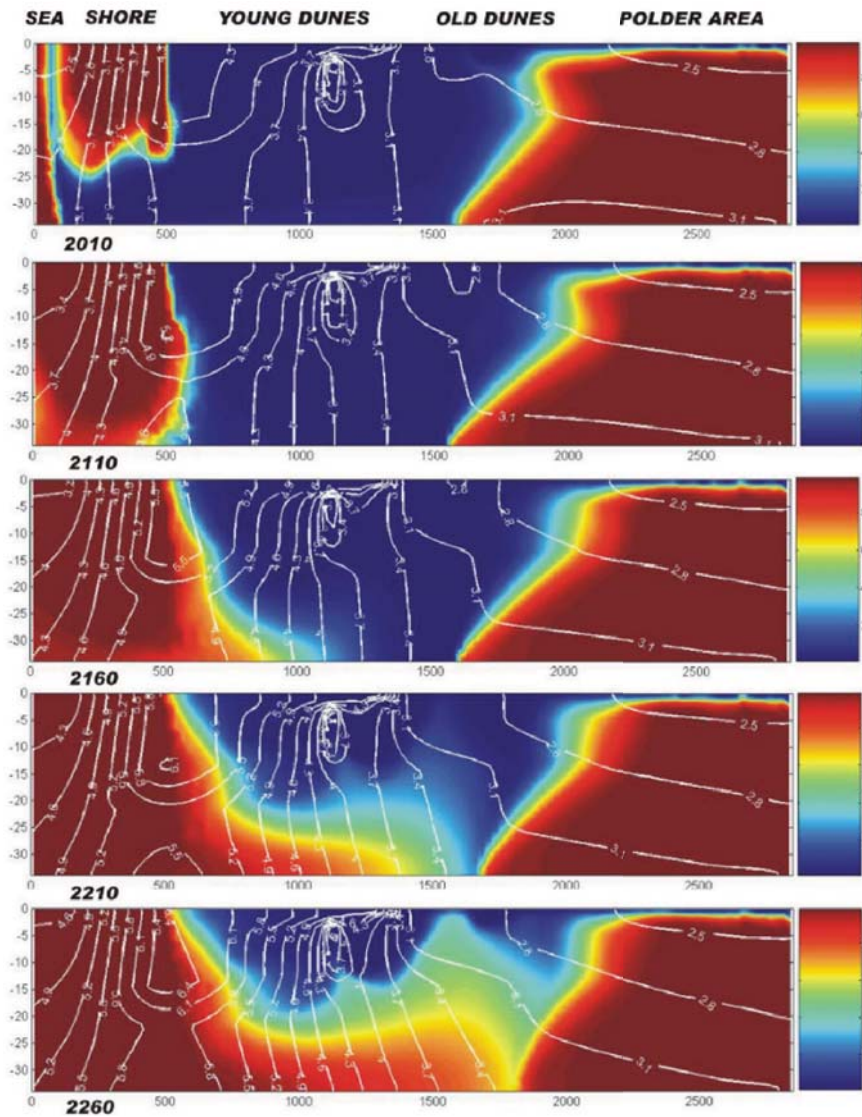


Figure 3: Simulated evolution of the fresh-salt water distribution in north-south cross-section near the village of De Haan. Colours represents the salt water percentage (0% is fresh water (blue colour) with TDS = 500 mg/l, 100% is salt water (red colour) with TDS = 28 g/l). White contour lines are fresh water heads in mTAW (Belgium national reference level). On vertical axis level in mTAW and horizontal axis is distance in m.

Case in Middenkust, Belgium

To simulate the impact of sea level rise on the withdrawal of fresh groundwater in the Belgian coastal plane a special approach was chosen. The model program interface (SWI-FLEC3D) was developed which allows the generation of the input files for the MOCDENS3D code with a minimum number of input data. These data are generated using the hydrogeological data base of the Belgian coastal plain. This approach allows to simulate the fresh-salt water flow in detail in a selected area. This selected area can even be a cross section as will be demonstrated here. This cross section is perpendicular to the Belgian coastline, and is located near the village of De Haan and runs approximately in the N-S direction. The northern boundary is situated under the sea bed/level about 100 m north of the low-low water line (Figure 3).

Southbound the cross section traverses consecutively the shore, the recent dunes, the old dunes and the polder area. The three-dimensional finite difference grid consists of 114 rows, 3 columns and 34 layers. All model cells of the finite difference grid have the same squared surface with a side of 25 m. All layers have the same thickness of 1 m. In the middle of the modelled dune area ground water (51% of the recharge on the young and old dunes) is withdrawn. In the simulation period of 250 year the sea level rises with a velocity of 0.9 m/century. As a consequence the fresh water head of the uppermost model cells under the shore and at the vertical boundary under the North Sea rises with 0.09 m per decade. The water table in the polder area is controlled by the same traditional drainage system so that the fresh water head at uppermost model cells under the polder area and under the southern vertical boundary are unaltered during the simulation period. In Figure 3 the simulated evolution of the fresh-saltwater distribution is shown.

Case in The Netherlands, the whole coastal zone

In collaboration with the Dutch Hydrological Modelling Instrument (NHI) Programme, a 3D numerical model of the entire groundwater system in the Dutch low-lying coastal zone, where fresh-brackish-saline groundwater is present next to each other, has been constructed for CLIWAT. National databases on topography, geology (REGIS), chloride concentration (combining VES, borehole measurements and analyses with the brackish-saline interface within the ZZREGIS database, Figure 4a) and geo-hydrology (ex-

traction rates) and hydrology (precipitation, evapotranspiration, drainage and water channels characteristics) are consulted to set up a 3D model to simulate variable-density groundwater flow and coupled salt transport. The model consists of 20.6 million active model cells of 250 by 250m² and will be used in the CLIWAT project to simulate the impacts of sea level rise, land subsidence, climate change (changes in groundwater recharge over seasons), and if applicable human compensating measures on the Dutch fresh groundwater resources. At this point in time, some preliminary results are shown to give an impression of the possible output of the model (Figure 4b and 5). Figure 4b displays that the zone of influence is surprisingly limited to areas within 10 km of the coastline and the main rivers. This is because the increased hydraulic head in the first aquifer near the coast can easily

be released through the highly perforated Holocene confining layer.

Conclusions

By combining various tools and methods on monitoring and modelling, our knowledge about the most relevant processes on flow and transport processes in the groundwater system in coastal zone on both local and regional scales will be improved significantly in the CLIWAT project.

these simulations, no-regret adaptation or mitigation measures can be implemented in time to secure fresh water resources in the coastal zone in a changing world.

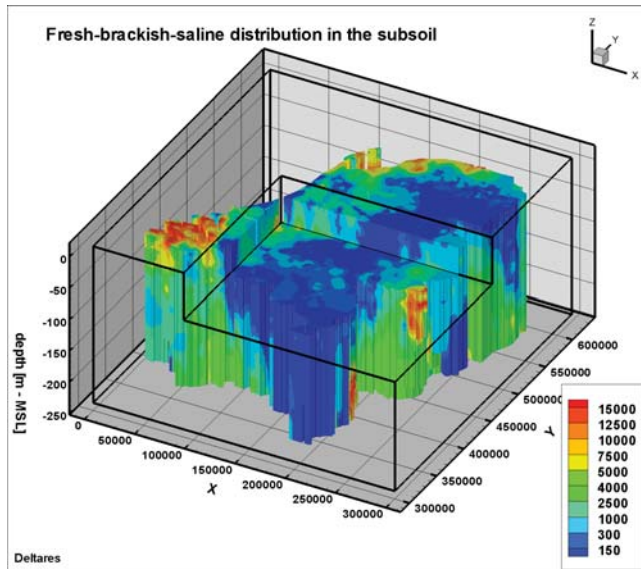


Figure 4a: 3D chloride distribution in the Netherlands, based on monitoring results and interpolation techniques

In addition, the numerical models, developed with this new knowledge, will improve the reliability of numerical results on future changes in coastal groundwater systems. Based on

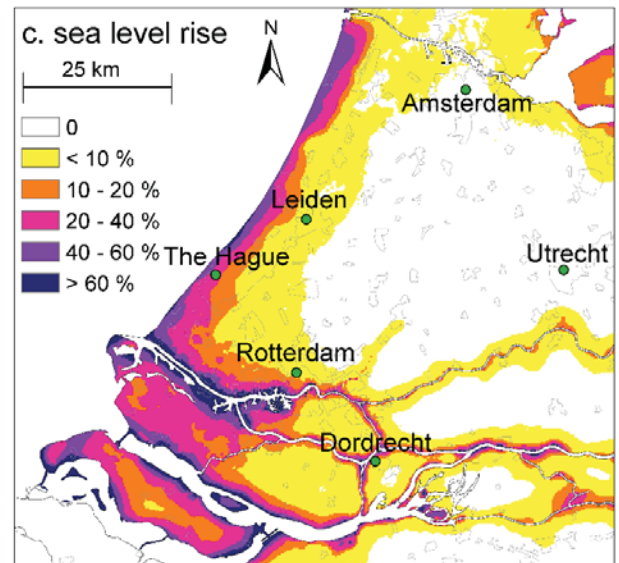


Figure 4b: Modelled increase of hydraulic heads in the first aquifer in a part of the Dutch coastal zone caused by sea level rise, expressed in percentage of absolute sea level rise

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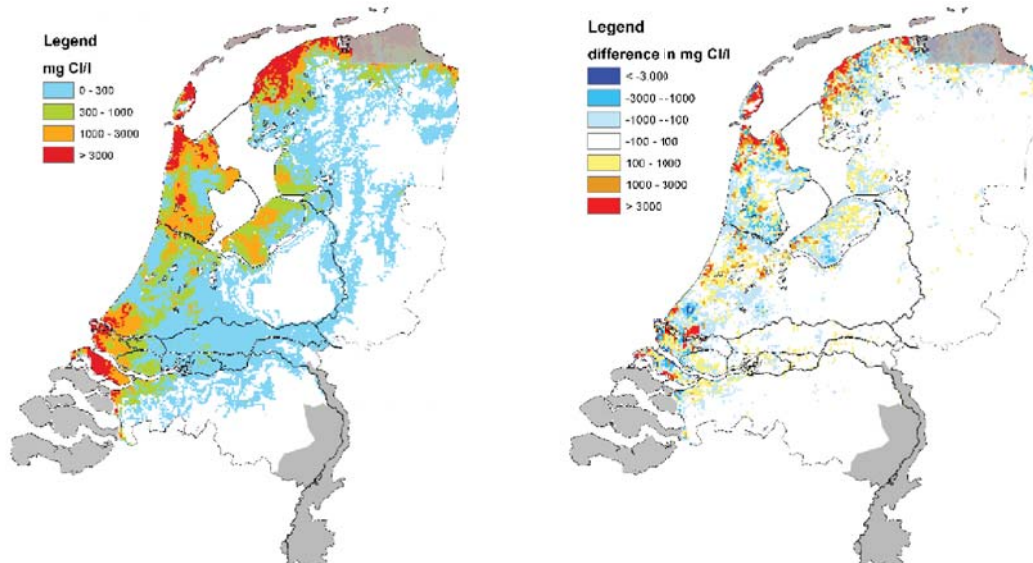


Figure 5: a) Present chloride concentration at the bottom of the Holocene aquifer; b) Difference in chloride concentration at the bottom Holocene aquifer, viz. situation at 2100 for climate scenario W+ (dry climate scenario plus 85 cm sea level rise, 2100) minus present situation at 2000: red means salinisation of groundwater system, blue means freshening

Modelling climate change in the Egebjerg area, Denmark: What are we going to do? by Klaus Petersen

Current knowledge about how subsurface waters and especially groundwater will respond to climate change and climate change-driven variability is very limited. Furthermore, many groundwater systems have been distorted by human activities not necessarily related to climate change. Consequently, there is an urgent and ongoing need to deal with the expected impact of climate change and its consequences.

The impact of climate change on specific water resources (and water supply) is closely related to local geography (geological and hydrological). The Danish Meteorological Institute's (DMI) predictions for the Danish climate indicate stressed groundwater resources. Additionally, a Danish regional study conducted by van Roosmalen et al (2007), showed that, with regards to IPCC climate change scenarios, geological factors are vital in determining the outcome (model predictions) on both groundwater as well as surface water systems. Highly consistent and detailed geo models are therefore essential when dealing with any hydro-geological climate change scenario.

Overall challenges facing water resources management:

- Increased flood risk in river basins, along coastal zones, and “groundwater-flooding”
- Decreased water availability – during summer season
- Deteriorated water quality (including saltwater intrusion)

Fieldwork and model work in Egebjerg pilot area F will incorporate these challenges, as will the CLIWAT project, providing a lot of new knowledge on these issues.

The Egebjerg area

The Egebjerg area is situated in eastern Jutland, near the city of Horsens. The model area is approximately 200 km², and its central part (90 km²) is the main focus of CLIWAT (see Figure 1). Land use is mainly agriculture with a few villages. The area supplies Horsens and surrounding villages with groundwater from wells located in aquifers 20–140 m below the surface. Aquifers are located in two or three levels, protected by thick layers of clay tills/clays. Buried valleys dominate the subsurface geology, and complicate the interpretation of groundwater flow and its interaction with surface water. In general, the groundwater quality is good though there are major problems with naturally occurring arsenic. However, most of the waterworks are able to deal with the arsenic problem using simple water treatment. Waterworks abstract approximately 3.5 mil. m³ of water per year in the central Egebjerg area.

The maximum permitted amount of groundwater that can be abstracted is 6.5 mil. m³ per year.

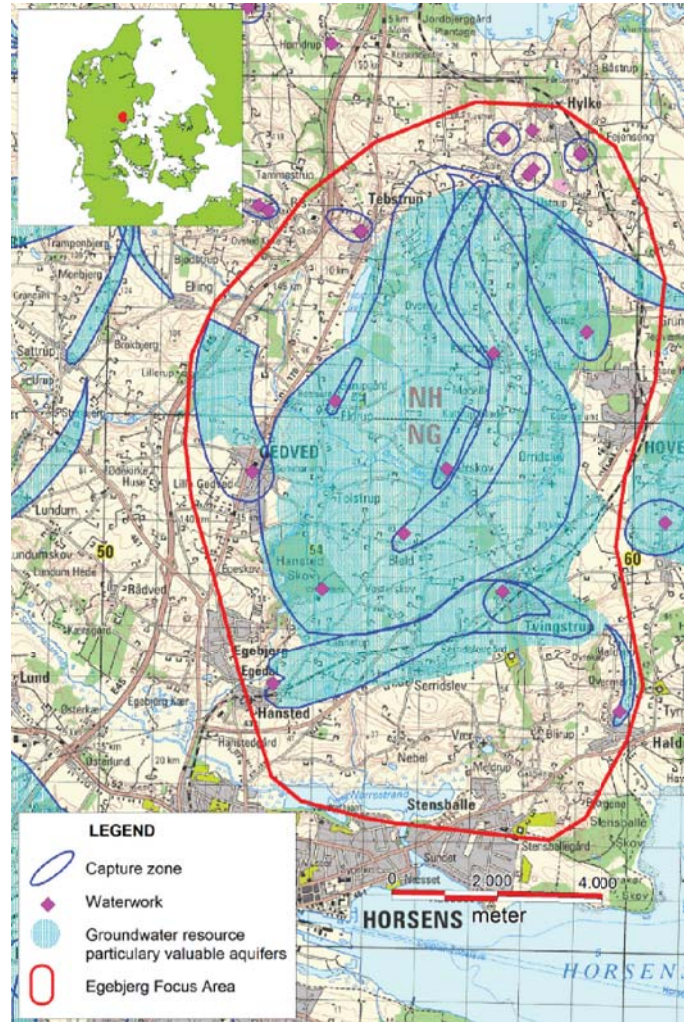


Figure 1: Map of Egebjerg area showing groundwater resources

A vulnerable resource

Previous studies indicate a limited groundwater resource and a level of water abstraction that is just in balance with the amount of abstracted groundwater (3.5 mil. m³ per year). Climate change impact is expected to adversely affect this balance and decrease the potential water supply. In addition, the waterworks may well use the entire permissible amount (6.5 mil. m³ per year), which will almost certainly result in problems of severe over-exploitation. Waterworks (administered by the municipality of Horsens) abstract vital amounts of groundwater in Egebjerg, and supply domestic water to Horsens and the nearby villages. The groundwater resources in Egebjerg must be protected to meet the current and future demands for domestic water. The need to adapt to the predicted climate changes is urgent, and the Egebjerg project as well as the CLIWAT project in general will provide the basis on which adaptations can be made. (cont'd... p.8)

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Grondmetingen met helikopter



Dezer dagen vloog boven Terschelling een helikopter met daaronder een kabel met een meetsonde lang oer. Zoals gemeind beoef het hier een onderzoek van de Provincie Fryslân, Wetenskap Fryslân en Vitens. Het doel van de metingen is het in kaart brengen van de opbouw van de ondergrond en de diepte van zout grondwater. Het in kaart brengen van zout grondwater maakt deel uit van een Europees project (CLIWAT). Het gaat erom inzicht in de effecten van klimaatverandering op de waterhuishouding in Noordwest Fryslân en op Terschelling te krijgen. De opbouw van de ondergrond en de diepte van het zoute grondwater wordt gedetailleerd in kaart gebracht. Deze kaart dient als basis voor nader geohydrologisch (model)onderzoek.

n-Radar dem uf der Spur



Foto: Uwe Stephan Lessing (l.) und Matthias Lischper.

schung von Düngemitteln und Pestiziden sowie aus Altlastenflächen gerechnet, heißt es in der Projektbeschreibung des Landesamtes. „Es ist wichtig zu erfassen, wohin das Wasser fließt“, erklärt Stephan Lessing dazu. Es könne zum Beispiel passieren, dass sich bei größeren Einträgen die Fließrichtung ändert und schadstoffhaltiges Wasser in die Nähe von Brunnen in einem Wasserschutzgebiet gelangt. „Um solche Effekte abschätzen zu können, werden die Messungen gemacht“, erläutert Stephan Lessing.

„Wir fahren die Feldwege entlang und mit diesem Gerät schauen wir in den Boden und können sehen, wie tief das Grundwasser liegt“, erklärt Stephan Lessing und deutet auf das Stangenraster mit den zwei grauen Kästen hinter dem Kleinbus. Der eine enthält den Sender, der andere den Empfänger des Bodenradars. Stabilisiert wird das Ganze mit einer Dreiradkonstruktion, die unmittelbar an den Kleinbus gekoppelt ist. Das Bodenradar funktioniert nach dem Prinzip eines Echolots. Die Da-

ten erfasst ein Computer im Bus und stellt in schwarz-weiß das geologische Muster des Untergrundes dar, aus dem sich die Beschaffenheit des Bodens und der Verlauf Grundwasser-spiegels erkennen lässt. Mit dem Bodenradar wird der Untergrund bis in Tiefen von zehn bis 20 Metern erfasst, erklärt Stephan Lessing und versichert, dass die Daten nur für seine Diplomarbeit und das Projekt CLIWat verwendet werden.

Begonnen wurde mit den Messungen im Mai in Süderlügum. Inzwischen haben sich die beiden Studenten entlang der deutsch-dänischen Grenze von Süderlügum bis Medelby vorgearbeitet. Weitere Messungen stehen in den nächsten Wochen im gleichen Gebiet, eventuell auch auf Föhr an. Zusätzlich wird für das Projekt CLIWat das Leibniz-Institut für Angewandte Geophysik (Hannover) ab dem 10. August seismische Messungen im Bereich Süderlügum durchführen. Es handelt sich dabei um die Fortsetzung der Messungen von Mai dieses Jahres, über die bereits berichtet wurde.

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Rolf Johnsen (i baggrunden) tjekker boringen ved Madsvej, og de elektroniske oplysninger sendes over i Lars Ernsts computer. (Foto: Martin Ravn)

Geologer holder godt øje med grundvandet

EU-projekt skal afhjælpe klima-problemer i bl.a. Horsens

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HORSENS - Gennem 20 boreriger tjekkes vandkvaliteten og vandpejlet på grundvandet i Horsens hvert kvarter.

På den måde forsøger geologerne hos Region Midtjyllands afdeling for jord og råstoffer at dan-

Den viden skal bruges til at foregribe og afhjælpe problemer, der kan opstå ved øget nedbør og stigende lavpejle i forbindelse med klimændringer. Det er den lokale del af et stort klima-projekt, som er sat i gang inden for EU med samarbejdspartnere i Danmark, Tyskland, Holland og Belgien. I forbindelse med projektet har region Midtjyllands boret 12 nye boreriger i Horsens. Der var otte i forvejen. Hållerne, der er mellem tre og 10 meter dybe er lavet forskelligt steder i byens 11 villa-kvarterer på Poppevej, i det gamle ind-

Region Midtjyllands borerigt har lavet 12 nye boreriger i Horsens og skal videre til den sydlige ø Borkum for at bore. (Foto: Lars Ernst, Region Midtjyllands)



stigning på en halv meter. Den halve meter havspejlestigning er også gældende for Horsens. Der vil komme oversvømmelser, og vi skal have vandet ud

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EU-projekt
EU-projektet Clivat kører over tre år og har et budget på 40 mill. kr. Hævdelsen af pengene betales af EU's Nordprogram. Der er 18 samarbejdspartnere i projektet, bl.a. Region Midtjylland og Horsens Kommune. Regions budget er på godt fem mill. kr., hvoraf EU betaler 2,8 mill. kr. Projektet, der foregår i Danmark, Tyskland, Holland og Belgien, koordineres fra Region Midtjyllands afdeling for jord og råstoffer. Afdelingen ligger på Bastian i Horsens. Projektleder er geolog Rolf Johnsen. Region Midtjylland laver også undersøgelser på den nedlagte Eskelund kasseplads ved Åhus. Der er lavet en følgegruppe af interessenter bestående af bl.a. Børnestyrelsen, Vækstretoriet, VIA Horsens, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet, Rådgivende Danske Ingeniører, Geoteknisk Forening, Danmarks Naturfredningsforening og en række kommuner der følger resultaterne af projektet undervejs.

Klimawandel und Grundwasser

Wrixums Bürgermeisterin Heidi Braun staunte nicht schlecht, als sie beim Gemeinde-Biotop unerwartet auf einen Messtrupp stieß. Das Geheimnis war rasch aufgeklärt: Der Trupp nahm seismische Messungen zur Ergründung des Führ Grundwassers vor, die beim Amt ordnungsgemäß angemeldet waren.

Führ/len - „Unsere Messungen auf der Insel haben in keiner Weise etwas mit den Überlegungen zur CO₂-Verpressung zu tun“. Dr. Helga Wiederhold vom Leibniz-Institut für angewandte Geophysik in Hannover sind die Befürchtungen der Nordfriesen in Bezug auf Planungen der Energieunternehmen sehr wohl bewusst. Deshalb finden ihre ersten Messungen zum EU-Projekt „Clivat - Climate and Water“ nicht wie ursprünglich geplant bei Leck, sondern bei Wrixum statt.

„Unsere seismischen Messungen erreichen außerdem nur eine Tiefe von etwa 200 Metern und sind also längst nicht so tief wie etwaige Untersuchungen zur CO₂-Einlagerung, die

über 1000 Meter weit reichen würden“, so Wiederhold weiter.

Bei diesem Vorhaben, das aus dem europäischen Interreg IV B-Nordsee-Programm kofinanziert wird, geht es, wie die Wissenschaftlerin berichtet, um den Einfluss des Klimawandels auf die Grundwasser-

systeme. Von Belgien über die Niederlande, den deutschen Küstenbereich und Dänemark erstrecken sich die Projektgebiete, wobei in Schleswig-Holstein das Landesamt für Landwirtschaft, Umwelt und ländliche Räume mit im Boot ist. „Der Klimawandel wird den Kreislauf des Wassers beeinflussen“, davon ist Helga Wiederhold überzeugt. Zunehmende Nieder-



Musste mit ihrem Projekt auf die Insel Föhr ausweichen: Dr. Helga Wiederhold. Fotos: Ilen

schlagsmengen werden zu Anstieg und Ausweitung des Grundwasserspiegels führen und könnten, gerade auch auf Föhr, zur Folge haben, dass die Süßwasserlinse und das Salzwasser des Meeres in Kontakt kommen, womit die Trinkwasserversorgung vor massive Probleme gestellt würde. Der erste Schritt dieses Projektes, das sich über mehrere Jahre erstreckt, war übrigens bereits im vergangenen Jahr über Föhr und Nordfriesland zu beobachten: Bei Hubschrauberbefliegungen wurde die elektrische Leitfähigkeit der einzelnen Gebiete systematisch erfasst.

Bei den seismischen Messungen, die bis zum 20. August auf der Insel durchgeführt werden, wird erforscht, wie die Schichten des Untergrundes aufgebaut sind. Dazu sendet ein Spezialfahrzeug, der Vibrator, Schallwellen - ähnlich einem leichten Erdbeben, in den Untergrund. Sie werden von den verschiedenen Formationen reflektiert und durch so genannte Geophone, die alle zwei Meter entlang einer etwa 1200 Meter langen Meeslinie in den Bo-

puters im Messfahrzeug dargestellt. Die Geophysikerin vergleicht dieses Messverfahren, die Reflexionsseismik, mit einem Echolot, das auf Schiffen zur Feststellung der Meerestiefe eingesetzt wird. Dabei ist dieses Verfahren so empfindlich, dass Fußgänger, Ponys und sogar der Wind, der durch das Gras streicht, auf dem Monitor von Siegfried Grüneberg sichtbar werden. Zum Messtrupp gehört auch Eckhardt Großmann, zuständig für den Vibrator und den zur manuellen Herstellung von Schallwellen eingesetzten Messhammer.

„Es entsteht bei den Messungen ein unendlicher Wust an Daten die dann später am Rechner verarbeitet werden müssen“, klärt Helga Wiederhold auf. Hier werden die verschiedenen Messungen, wozu auch frühere Bohrungsergebnisse gehören, zu geologischen 3-D-Modellen der Küstenregionen zusammengefügt. Diese Bestandsaufnahme der einzelnen Grundwassersysteme soll letztlich zusammengefasst werden und zu Handlungsempfehlungen führen. Doch bis dahin



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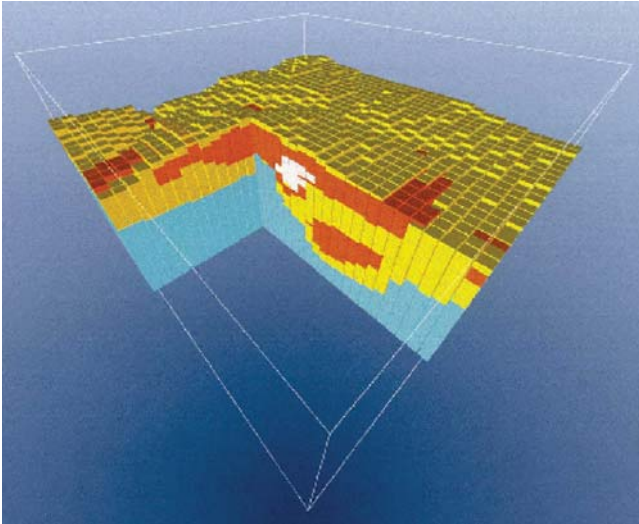


Figure 2: Modelling the geology with voxels (volumetric pixels)

The main objectives of the Egebjerg project

The main objectives of the Egebjerg pilot area are to develop a 3-D geological model, to map the spatial distribution of sub-surface groundwater bodies, and to evaluate quantitative and qualitative effects of climate change on groundwater and surface water from simulations generated by an integrated hydrological model. The hydrological model will use data from the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) climate scenarios (A2 and B2). The results will provide an important input (as well as tool) for current and future quantitative and chemical status assessments of groundwater according to the Water Framework and Groundwater directives as well as for the planning of strategies for flood defence. The results will also be accompanied with guidelines and recommendations for the management of the water supply and the protection of the groundwater resources.

Output of the modelling work:

- Determine the local effect of climate change on groundwater resources;
- Quantify and visualise the changes to groundwater and surface water flow;
- Evaluate protection strategies and methods for groundwater reservoirs and capture zones (well fields) under changed climatic conditions;
- Devise guidelines for hydro-geological mapping in Denmark in the context of climate change;
- Devise guidelines for managing groundwater resources in relation to environmental standards, groundwater protection plans (water plans) and adaptation strategies.

The modelling work will be carried out in close cooperation with the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS). In particular, the hydrological model will be modi-

fied in relationship to the Egebjerg area and the objectives of the CLIWAT project. The geological modelling software is GeoScene 3D (for more details visit www.i-gis.dk), and the integrated hydrological modelling uses the MIKE SHE software (for more details visit www.dhigroup.com). The geology is modelled in voxels (volumetric pixels) in blocks of 5 x 100 x 100 metres (see Figure 2). The geological model will be completed in April 2010. Figure 2 illustrates a part of the interpreted geo model.

The Roosmalen regional study

Using a distributed hydrological simulation model, a study of projected regional climate change effects in Denmark on groundwater recharge, storage and discharge to streams was carried out by van Roosmalen et al. (2007). Increase in precipitation, temperature, and potential evapotranspiration were predicted in each of the two 30-year climate scenarios (IPCC A2 and B2). Groundwater recharge as well as resulting sub-surface storage and discharge were predicted to increase in sandy soils, while only small changes were predicted in clayey sediments and soils. Climate change effects on groundwater recharge and discharge to streams were found to vary seasonally. Potential effects of climate change on water availability were also predicted to vary seasonally. The geological factors are vital for the results of the modelling. The results and methods of this study are used as a 'path finder' for the investigations and modelling work in Egebjerg. The Egebjerg area represents a local scale (clayey sediments), so it is obvious its outcome should be compared with the outcome of the van Roosmalen study, which was carried out on a regional scale.

Perspectives

Because of the National Groundwater Mapping Project and other national databases, a lot of groundwater data and geo-physical data are readily available in Denmark. On the basis of the existing data and models, it is possible to illustrate the effects of climate change on a national scale but not on a local scale. Groundwater models need to be developed that can predict local change. The availability of local-scale data and data coverage is therefore vital for the models. Adaptation strategies based on national or local-scale models may be quite different. Local factors more or less directly affect the adaptation strategy, for instance in the case of waterworks. The work and conclusions of pilot area Egebjerg F will make an important contribution to local-scale expert knowledge, especially in clay dominated sediments. The same kind of modelling should be done in other geological settings to compare and evaluate the variability.

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The pilot survey on Terschelling by Arjen Kok and Esben Auken

In autumn 2009 a survey coast was conducted on the island of Terschelling in the Dutch North Sea. Using the SkyTEM system aboard an aircraft an overall distance of 400 km was covered. The aim of the survey was to identify the fresh-salt water boundary.

Results from the survey reveal that the fresh-salt water boundary can be accurately mapped together with the clay layers which control the groundwater flow to some extent. Furthermore, the outflow of freshwater to the sea is mapped several hundred metres distance from the shore line and more than 10 m below the North Sea surface. In March 2010 all these field data were combined with helicopter data from another survey, and interpreted during a two-day meeting in Århus. Geophysicist from Denmark shared their knowledge

with Dutch geophysicist and hydrologists. The results correlate significantly with CPT's, ground-based CVES and TEM measurement and boreholes. With this information the existing geo-hydrological model can be updated, which provides an excellent basis for modelling the effects of sea level rise.

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“Climate In Practice” – an innovative outcome of the CLIWAT project by Rolf Johnsen

During the last six months, Central Denmark Region has gathered experts from Danish universities, engineering consulting companies and knowledge centres to discuss climate change issues. These workshops helped to obtain a better understanding of climate change-induced water challenges the region will face in the future. This project runs in parallel to the CLIWAT project.

The aim of the *Climate In Practice* project is to provide local businesses with a better knowledge platform from which they may innovate and create new products that can address the expected challenges related to climate change and water. Six workshops were held, each on its own specific topic:



Stakeholders and experts during the workshop (© Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen)

- Open country (new nature, wetlands, changed conditions for agriculture);
- Water supply, groundwater protection, outwash of pollutants;
- Surface water and sewage and treatment plants and systems;
- Safety of infrastructure, residences, buildings and other technical equipment;
- Planning and urban development;
- Cross sectors.

One of the key messages from the workshops was the need to handle water locally, to prevent down stream damages during flood events. Furthermore, it is important that people cooperate across sectors to build the most robust and sustainable solutions.

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Evaluation of landfill disposal boundaries by means of induced polarisation and electrical resistivity imaging by Aurélie Legaz, Esben Auken and Anders Vest Christiansen

In November 2009, researchers from the HydroGeophysics Group, Aarhus University started a survey of the former municipal landfill Eskelund (Denmark). Induced polarisation measurements (IP) and electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) were used to define the spatial boundaries of the dump site. The joint application of these two methods allows the discrimination between materials displaying an identical signature in resistivity (e.g., brine and clay).

The Eskelund landfill belongs to a complex of four landfills, covering an area of approximately 0.15 km². The site has been uncontrolled, and was established without any kind of membranes, leachate capture or isolation systems.

Previous geo-chemical surveys and underground water samples confirm the contamination, resulting from water seepage through the landfill. The substratum of the waste mainly consists of mud and silt; the silt layer provides only slight protection from percolation from the landfills. Moreover, the silt layer leaks at some places, which results in a direct contact between the waste and the underlying aquifer.

The goal of this work is to characterise the spatial boundaries of the Eskelund landfill itself, and to investigating the contamination plume in the vicinity of the waste site. In general this work contributes to develop an efficient tool for the characterisation of abandoned landfill areas. If conclusive, this tool could be applied for the recognition of a large number of buried and abandoned dump sites

all over Europe. The overall area was investigated with the collection of 12 profiles of 355 m depth each. In collaboration with Region Midtjylland, the dataset was then completed by an E-log drilling to a depth of 24 m. The drilling was made with the intention to collect in-situ resistivity and induced polarisation data for accurate correlation between the geology and the geophysical measurements. These data were measured every half meter (an article was dedicated to the drilling in the Århus newspapers, see <http://stiften.dk/article/20100125/AAS/701259959/1002>). Soon we will be able to provide a 3-D model of the data with joint interpretation of drilling information of the near surface geology (up to 50 m depth). As soon as these images and results are available, they will be published on the CLIWAT web page.



The Århus university crew installing the rick for drilling

The waste mainly consists of domestic waste, but also industrial waste including oils and chemical waste. The landfill was established in the meadows adjacent to Århus creek.

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First CLIWAT transnational board meeting by Sophie Rotter

Following the project partner meeting stakeholders from the four case study countries came together for the first transnational board meeting of the CLIWAT project. During this meeting a broad overview of the various national approaches to adapt to climate changes on water related issues was given with regard to national, regional and local scaling levels. Clear differences could be mapped between the various countries.

damages, taking sea level rise into account. This is expressed in the *Dutch Delta Programme* and its counterpart in Belgium – the *Sigma Plan*. Moreover, in Belgium further initiatives are on the way, as for instance the *Flemish Adaption Plan*, which is due in 2012. Another example is the integrated master plan for Flanders’ future safety which is supposed to keep the coast safe until 2050.

Further differences between the countries also exist in respect to activities regarding adaptation strategies to climate change. Due to the political system in Belgium adaptation efforts are only made on regional and local level, whilst in Denmark the regions are not much involved at all. Discussing the most urgently required policy instruments and measures in the various countries CLIWAT results that meet these needs were identified.

In Belgium for instance, groundwater flooding is at the moment not taken into account in climate change scenarios. CLIWAT will deliver models that includes this information. Furthermore, groundwater and surface water interaction is modelled in Zeeland as well as at the German-Danish boarder. The demand of the German stakeholders not to follow a regional but an eco-regional approach is implemented along the ‘eco region’ islands Borkum, Föhr and Terschelling. Appreciated policy instruments in Denmark are guidelines taking climate change into account, for example, when building roads. Policy recommendations being delivered by CLIWAT based on an improved knowledge on the potential development of groundwater bodies in the future could support this process. In the Netherlands the CLIWAT models will support decision makers with regard to future land use and water supply, which was seen as an important issue to be solved. The models are here focused on the salinisation of ground water but can also be used in other perspectives. In a nutshell CLIWAT results will improve the knowledge on the effect of climate change on groundwater bodies. Longer term discussion in society can be based on forecasts to be used on regional level. However, there are, of course, limitations as well. Meaningful modelling on local scale is not feasible at the moment, and climate models introduce uncertainty which cannot be avoided. For more information please refer to the meeting minutes on our website.



Project partners applying card sorting method (© Klaus Hinsby)

During the discussion the most essential requirements for policies and measures to adapt to climate change focusing on groundwater in each of the countries could be identified. Furthermore, the participants pointed out which already existing policies and measures need to be adapted. Finally, the participating project partners highlighted which of the identified adaptation requirements could be supported by CLIWAT project results. The discussion was guided by using the so called card sorting method which helps to structure the discussion. The participants were asked to fill in a structure making sure that all important topics are covered and documented.

In the following a short overview over the main discussion outcomes is given. Not surprisingly, since 2008 strategies to adapt to climate change are implemented in all four countries (Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands). However, the extent of the progress with implementation differs significantly. In Denmark and Germany currently potential impacts of climate change are mapped, and are incorporated into the planning of potential measures on the national level (German Action Plan for the Adaptation in 2011). The Netherlands and Belgium, however, are already a step further having identified the most effective measures to protect their countries against

the meeting minutes on our website.

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Schedule of events

Events				
Date	Event	Content	Location	Link
29/9-1/10/2010	Deltas in Times of Climate Change	International conference on climate change issues in deltas	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	http://www.climatedeltaconference.org
18/09/2010	2. Borkumer Tag der Energie	open house	Stadtwerke Borkum, Germany	http://www.stadtwerke-borkum.de/
9-11/08/2010	XXVI Nordic Hydrological Conference	NORDIC WATER 2010: From research to water management	Riga, Latvia	www.nordicwater-2010.com
5-8/7/2010	iEMSSs	International Congress on Environmental Modelling and Software	Ottawa, Canada	www.iemss.org/iemss2010
21-25/6/2010	2 st Salt Water Intrusion Meeting (SWIM)	SWIM21 – AZORES 2010 this year at the University of Azores	São Miguel, Azores, Portugal	http://www.swim21-azores2010.com/
May/June 2010	CLIWAT field measurements	DC/IP (AU)	Århus River, Denmark	
18/5/2010	Danish national board meeting	National meeting of Danish CLIWAT stakeholders	Bygholm Hotel, Horsens, Denmark	http://cliwat.eu/
11/12/5/2010	CLIWAT Partner Meeting	CLIWAT partner meeting in Akademie Sankelmark	Oeversee, Germany	file:www.akademie-sankelmark.de
April/July 2010	CLIWAT field measurements	CVES and CPT's (Vitens) measurements	at sea and in Fryslan, Netherlands	
April/June 2010	CLIWAT field measurements	DC/IP, magnetics and TEM (AU)	H/orl/okke, Denmark	
April/May 2010	CLIWAT Field measurements	gravity survey (EC-Ribe)	South Jutland, Denmark	http://cliwat.eu/
12-23/04/2010	CLIWAT Field measurements	seismic survey by LIAG	Föhr, Germany	http://cliwat.eu/
11-17/4/ 2010	ICCCM10	International Conference on Coastal Conservation and Management in the Atlantic and Mediterranean	Estoril, Cascais, Portugal	http://icccm.dcea.fct.unl.pt
April 2010	CLIWAT field measurements	methane flux estimation (RM)	Århus River, Denmark	
23/03/2010	Norddeutscher Interreg IV – Wasserworkshop	Northern German Interreg IV workshop on water	Bad Bevensen, Germany	

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