Global Groundwater Maps

The World-wide Hydrogeological Mapping and Assessment Programme (WHYMAP)

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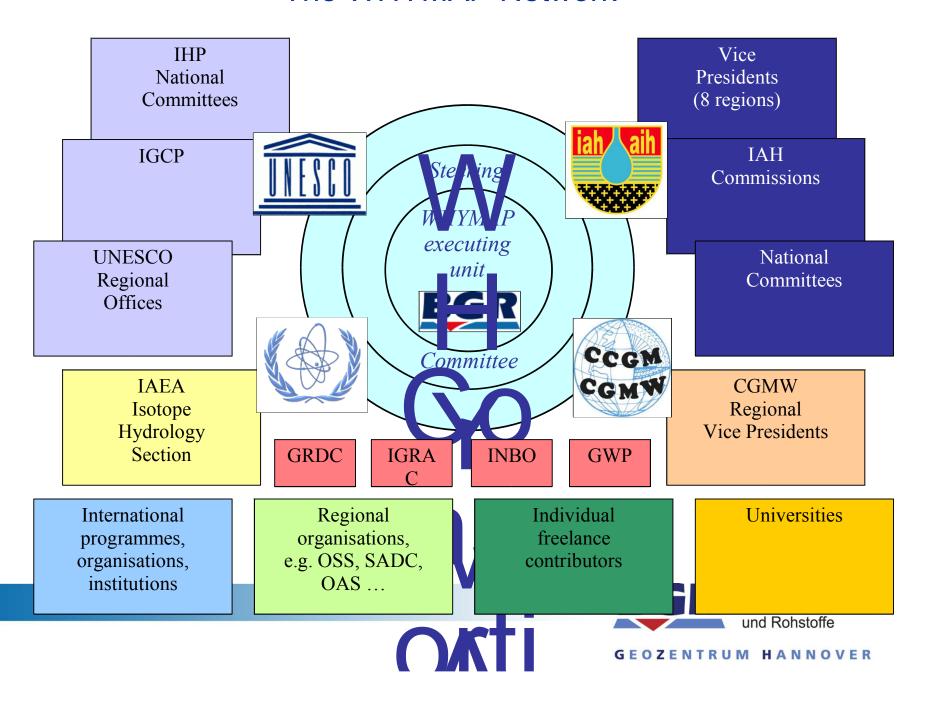
Motivation

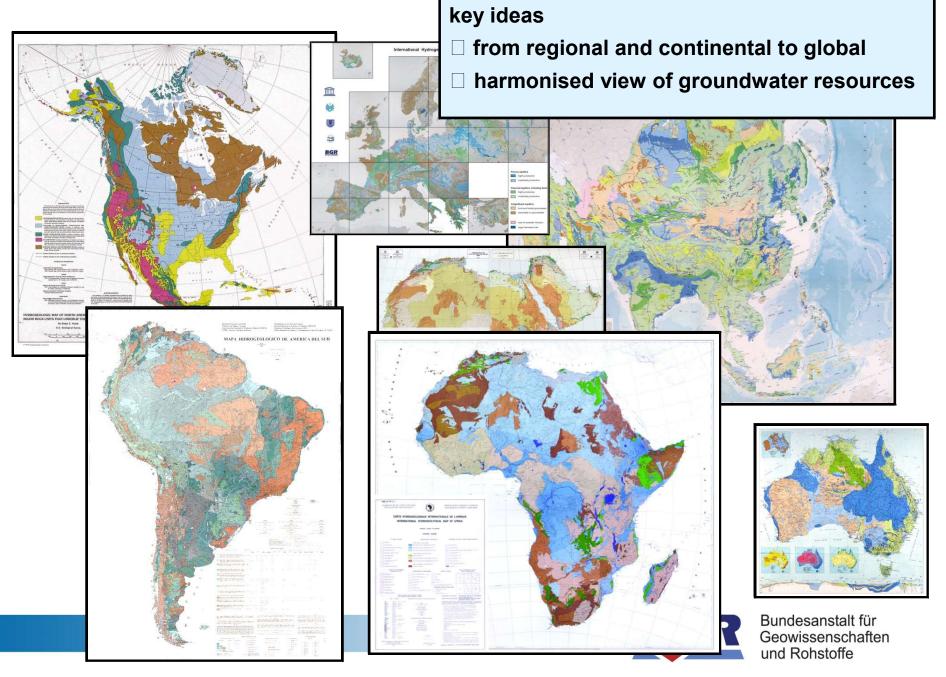


- rising political and public awareness of groundwater in discussions on global water issues
- communicate groundwater related information in an appropriate way to experts as well as non-experts
- educationalpurposes
- contribute to the world-wide efforts to better study and manage aquifer resources (knowledge still weak in many places)
- groundwater as a possible solution of increasing water shortage problems ("water crisis")



The WHYMAP Network





global map of groundwater resources

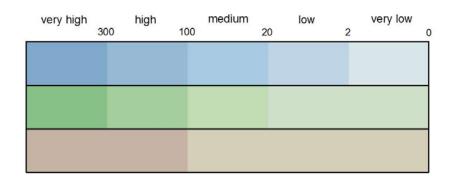




Map legend

Groundwater Resources of the World 1: 25 000 000

Groundwater resources and recharge (mm/year)



in major groundwater basins

in areas with complex hydrogeological structure

in areas with local and shallow aquifers

Special groundwater features

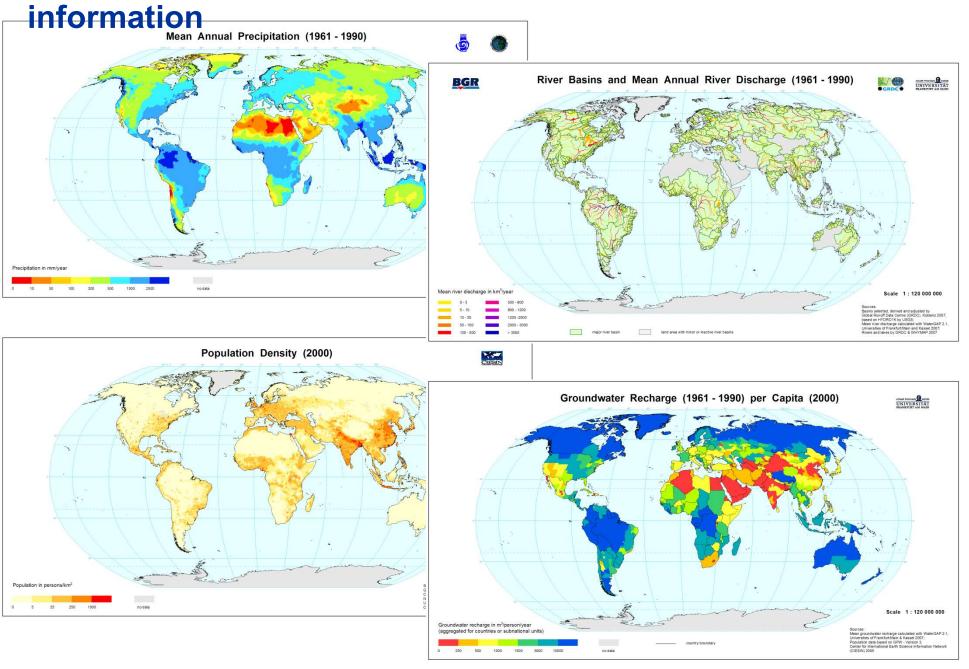


- natural groundwater discharge area in arid regions
- area of heavy groundwater abstraction with over-exploitation
- area of groundwater mining



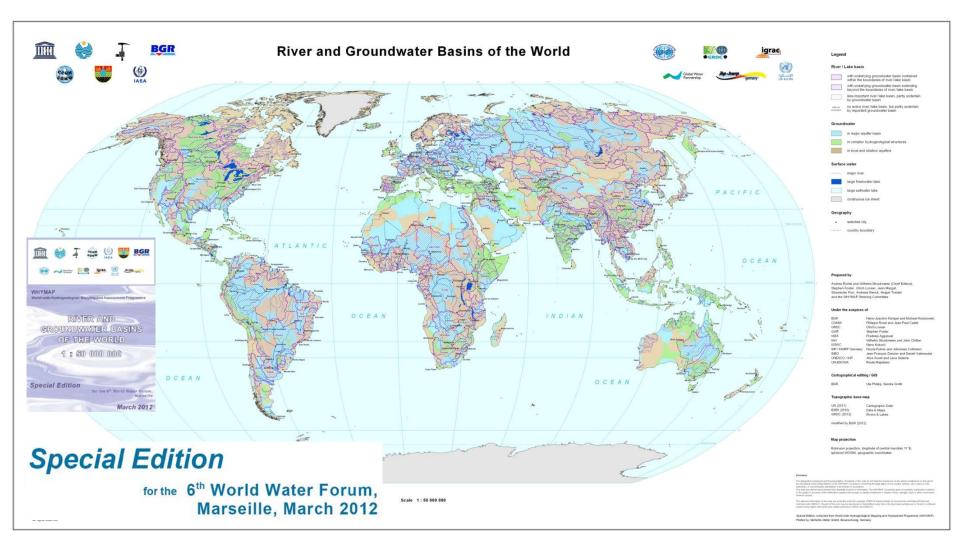


Insert maps with additional groundwater related information



The global groundwater resources maps 1/25 M and 1/50M Groundwater Resources of the World Special Edition

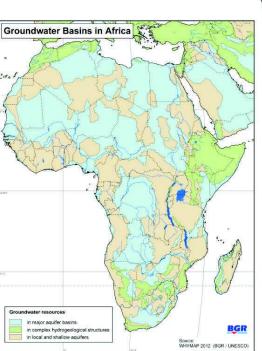
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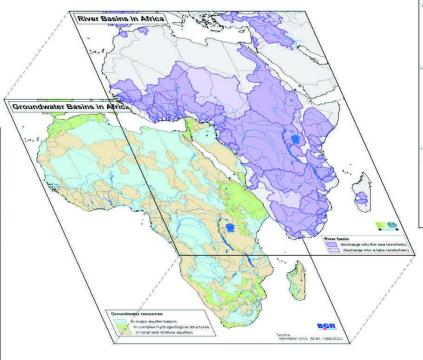


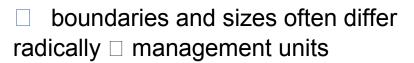


Surface Water vs. Groundwater

comparing river/lake basins and aquifer systems







both have to be addressed in IWRM



River Basins in Africa

Source: Global Runoff Data Centre (GRDC Koblenz 2012

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Global Map of River and Groundwater Basins

- explanatory notes -



RIVER AND GROUNDWATER BASINS OF THE WORLD

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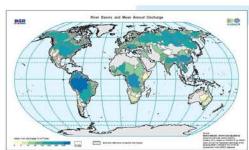
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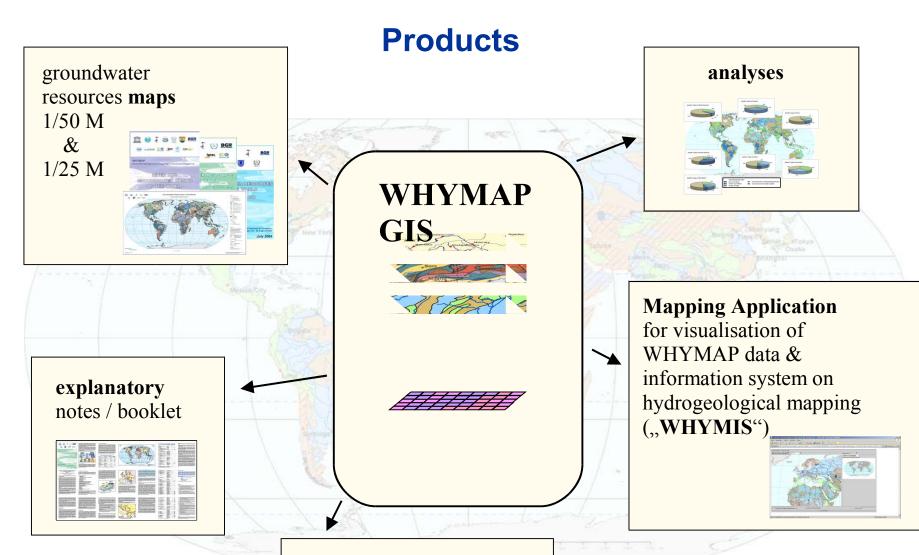


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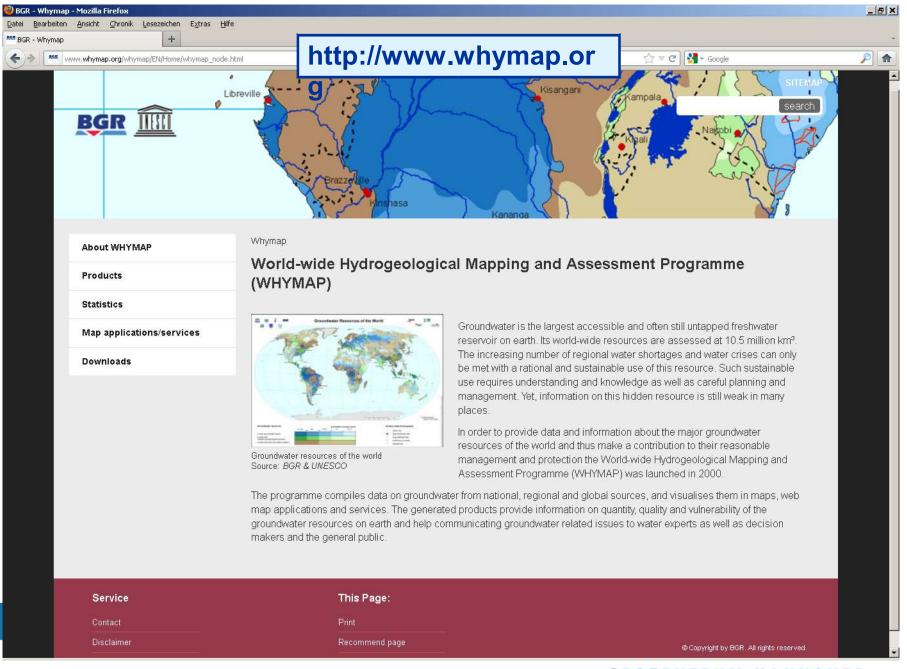


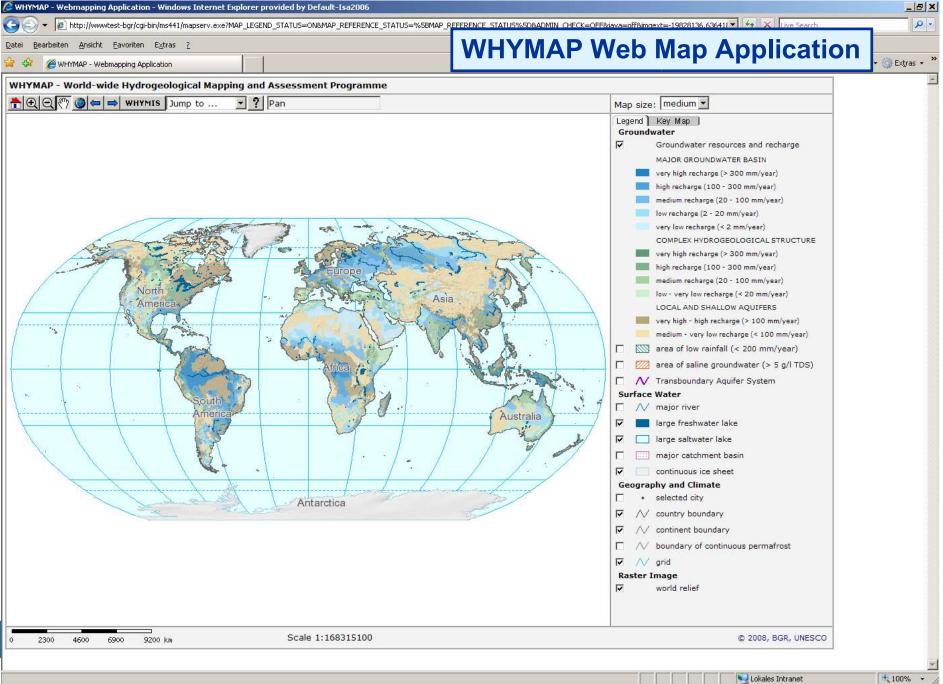
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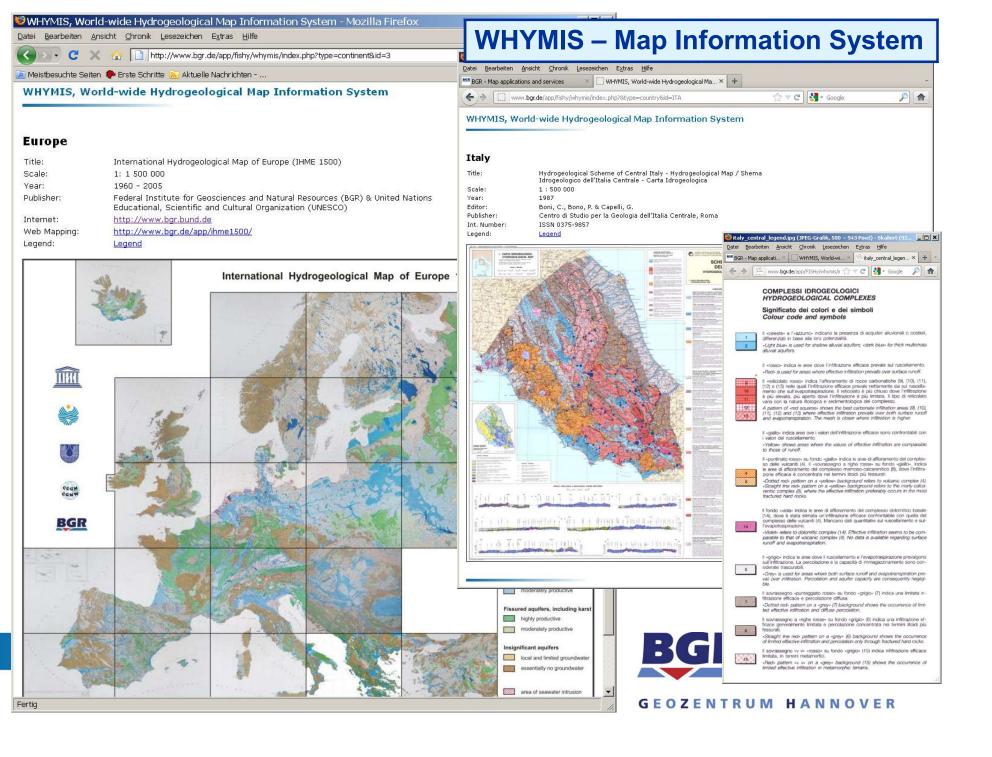
e.g. small sketch-maps

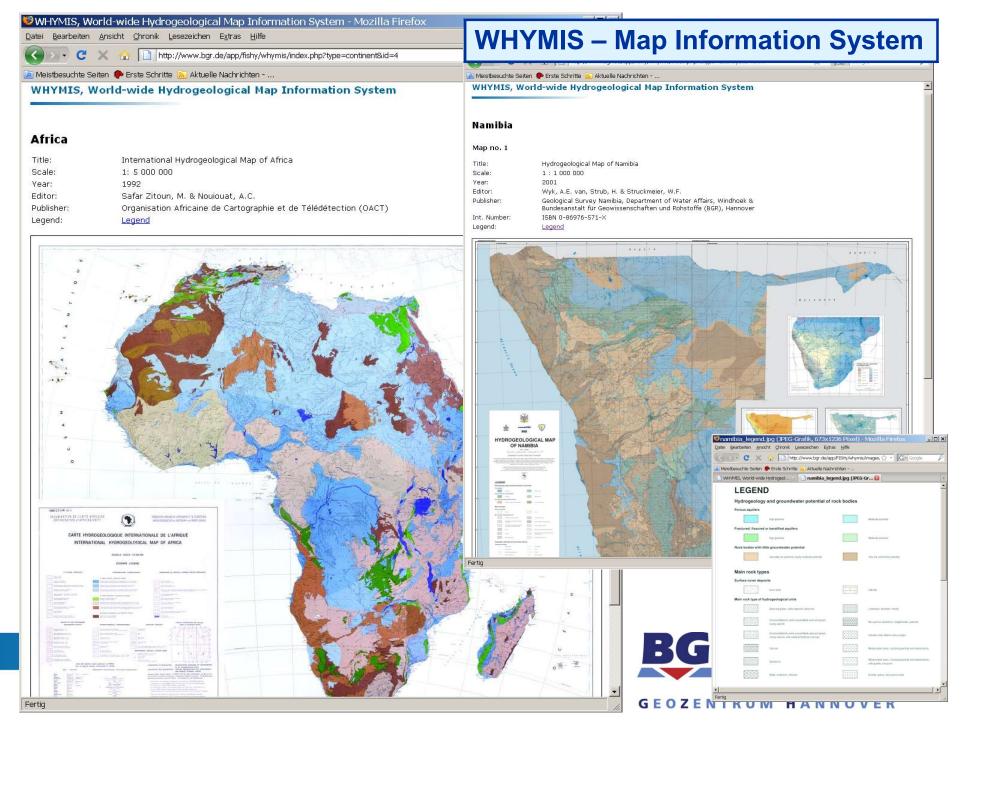


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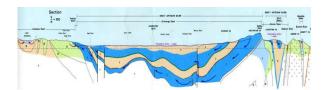






Outlook: next steps of WHYMAP

- correction and improvement of the existing maps
- compilation of new thematic layers (e.g. karst, submarine gw-discharge, climate change/population growth, etc.)
- towards the third dimension: include hydrogeological sections



- preparation of new map products
- WHYMAP information system "WHYMIS": complete / establish a network and information base for "map makers" of gw maps



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THANK YOU!

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