

# The Global Groundwater Information System

A Tool For Sharing Groundwater Information

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Knowledge Inventory  
for hydrogeology research

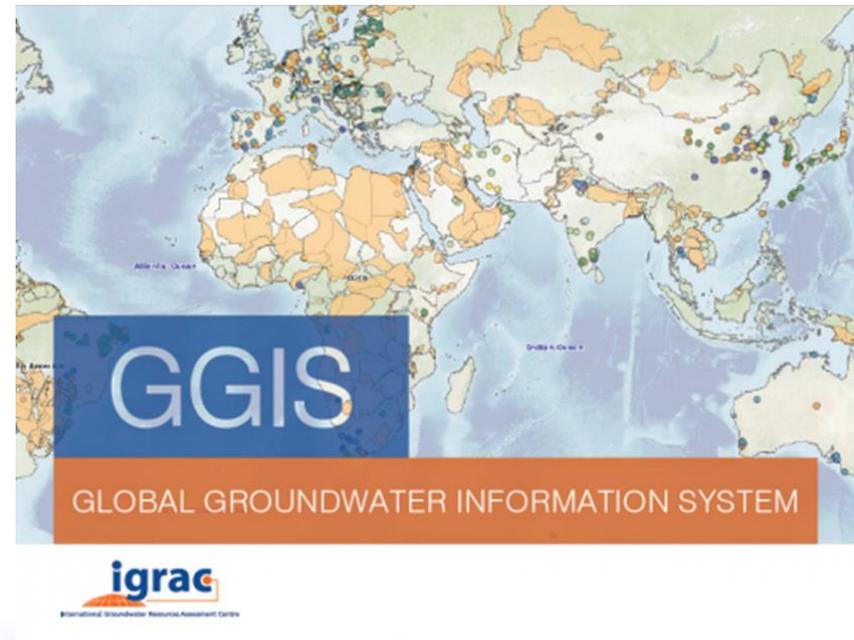
# The Role of IGRAC

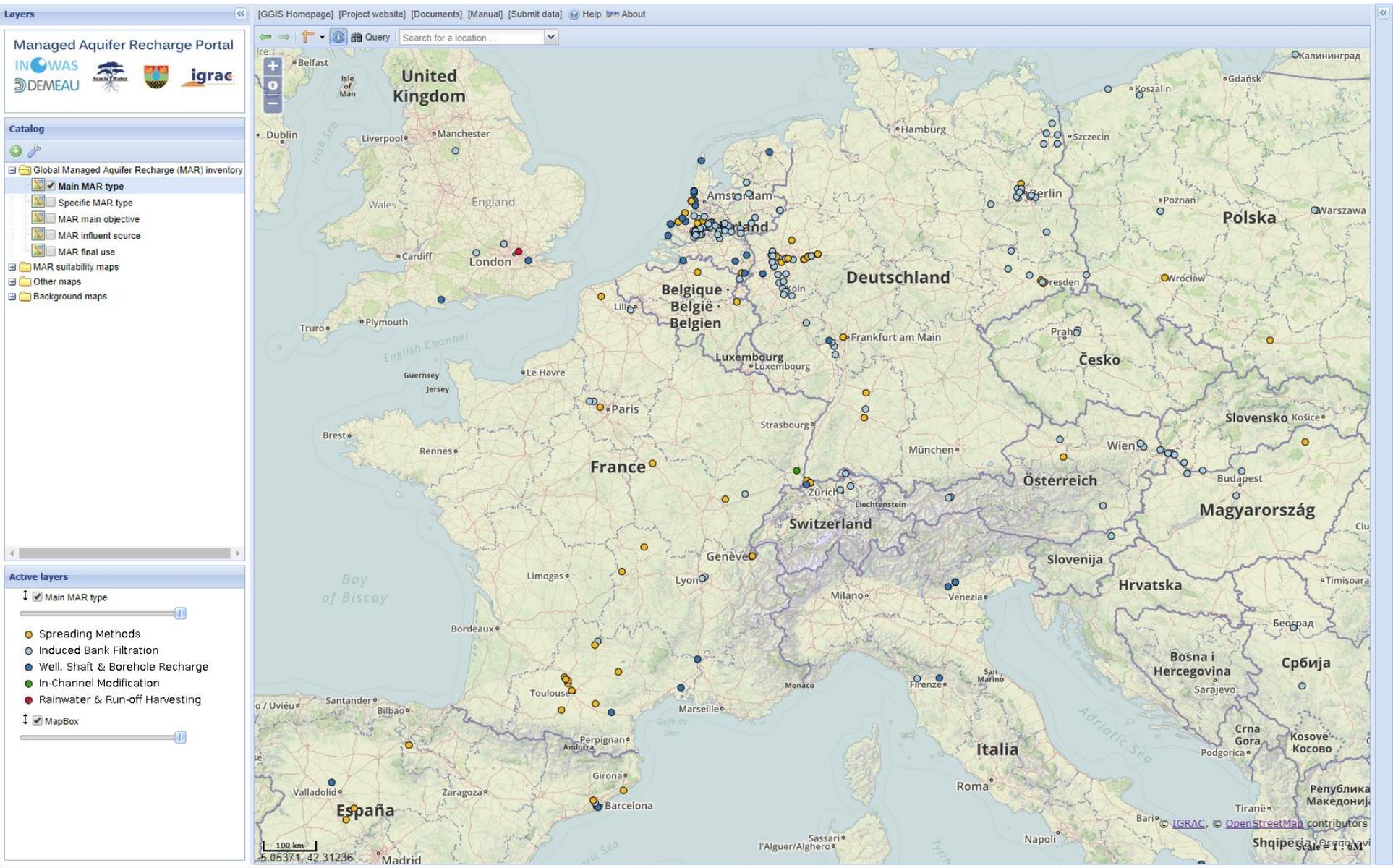
- IGRAC is the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre. It is a UNESCO centre working under the auspices of the WMO.
- Provide relevant information and knowledge on groundwater resources of the world, with particular emphasis on developing countries, in order to support their sustainable use
- Activities were initially axed on groundwater resources assessment and monitoring but IGRAC has developed expertise in other groundwater-related topics such as governance, training, managed aquifer recharge, transboundary aquifers and climate change adaptation.

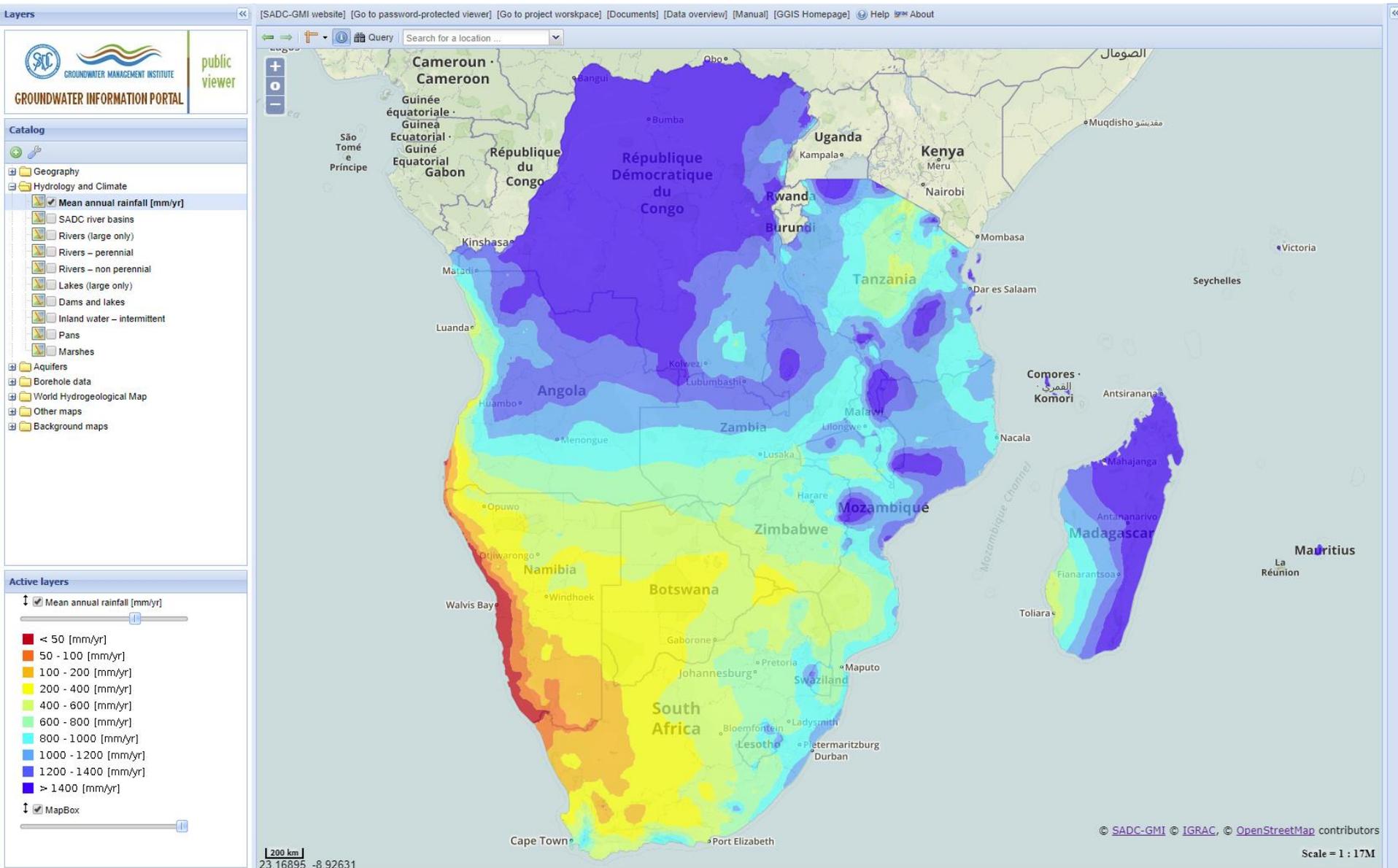
# The Global Groundwater Information System (GGIS)

- Global, interactive and transparent online portal for groundwater-related information and knowledge
- Several viewers can be accessed via the portal, dedicated to different projects/regions/themes
- Based on international standards (Open Geospatial Consortium)
- Collect, process, store, visualise and download information

<https://www.un-igrac.org/>







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Explore All - Global Groundwater Information System

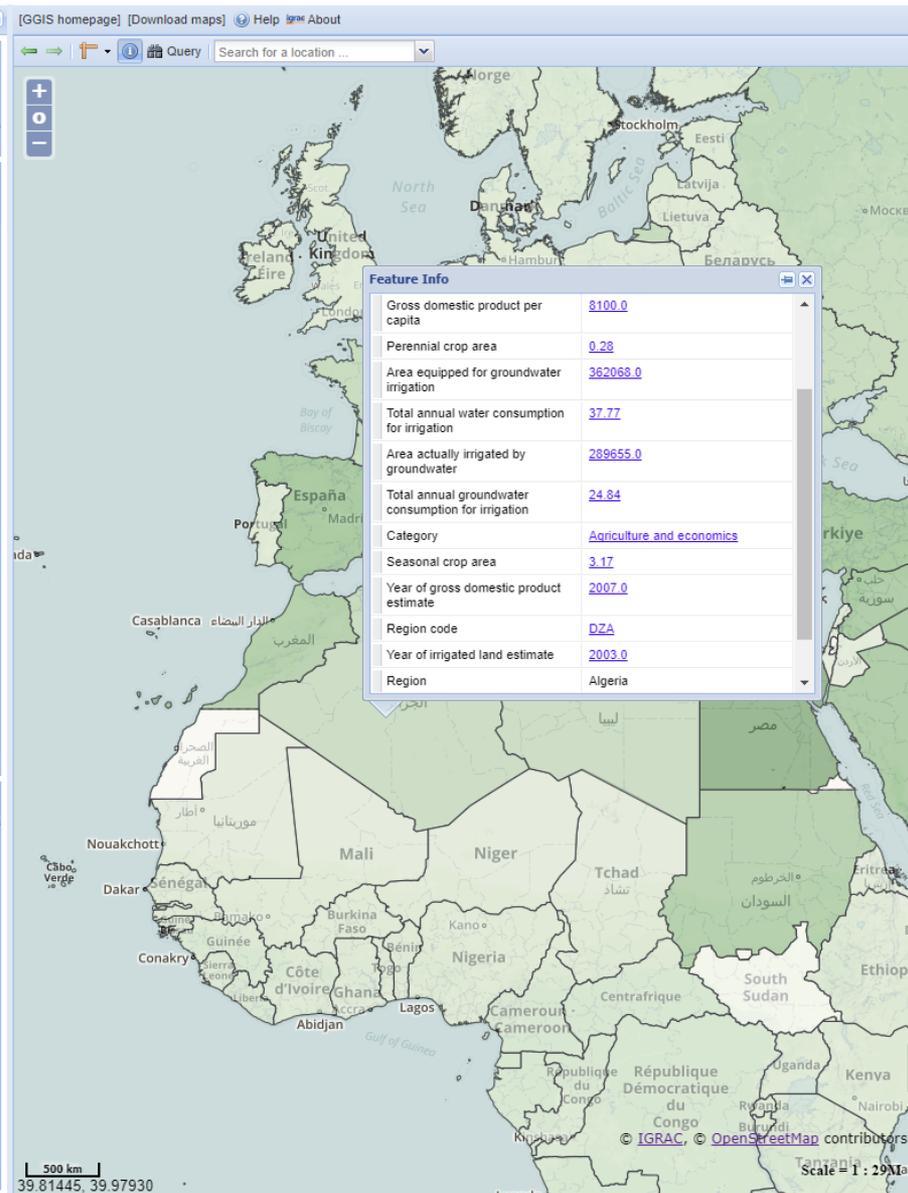
**Catalog**

- Data per region
  - Country based data
    - Agriculture & economics
      - Total annual water consumption for irrigation [km<sup>3</sup>/year]**
        - Total annual groundwater consumption [km<sup>3</sup>/year]
        - Seasonal crop area [% of total area]
        - Perennial crop area [% of total area]
        - Irrigated land area [% of total area]
        - Gross domestic product per capita [€]
        - Area equipped for irrigation [ha]
        - Area equipped for groundwater irrigation [ha]
        - Area actually irrigated by groundwater [ha]
        - Area actually irrigated [ha]

- Aquifer characteristics
- Demography
- Groundwater development use
- Groundwater management
- Groundwater problems
- Groundwater quality
- Groundwater quantity
- Physiography
- Africa
- Southern Africa - Ramotswa aquifer
- South East Asia - Indo-Gangetic Basin aquifer
- Europe - Dinaric Karst
- Small Island Developing States

**Active layers**

- Total annual water consumption for irrigation [km<sup>3</sup>/year]
  - <20 km<sup>3</sup>/year
  - 20-50 km<sup>3</sup>/year
  - 50-100 km<sup>3</sup>/year
  - 100-300 km<sup>3</sup>/year
  - >300 km<sup>3</sup>/year
  - No information available
- MapBox



**Features of Total annual water consumption for irrigation [km<sup>3</sup>/year]**

Area equipped f...	Gross domestic...	Perennial crop ...	Area equipped f...	Total annual wa...	Area actually irri...
3422178.0	5400.0	0.5	331927.0	469.07	331927.0
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91502.0	1900.0	11.53	13725.0	2.29	9813.0
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# The Meta-Information Module (MIM)

- Online tool for sharing groundwater-related information and knowledge in addition to maps, e.g. manuals, reports, references, images.



## Search for meta information

Meta Information Module (MIM) is the reference core of the Global Groundwater Information System (GGIS). It contains all references documents of the GGIS, other interesting groundwater related documents and meta information on groundwater specialists and water organisations.

You can enter any search term to search the information you are looking for. The filter options on the left hand side of the page can be used to narrow down the total list of results.

The screenshot shows the search interface. On the left, there are three filter panels. The first panel, titled 'Type', lists: 'People (2471)', 'Document (2156)', 'Organisation (1298)', and 'Guidelines and Protocols (429)'. The second panel, titled 'Location of organisation/people', lists: 'Abyei (2)', 'Afghanistan (3)', 'Albania (2)', 'Algeria (15)', and 'All countries Global (67)'. Below this list is a link 'Show the remaining 95 items'. The third panel, titled 'Region/country of expertise', lists: 'A-Sand/B-Sand - Guyana (1)' and 'A-Sand/R-Sand - Suriname (1)'. On the right, there is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter any search term' and a dark blue 'Search' button.

# The Meta-Information Module (MIM)

Type
<a href="#">People (2471)</a>
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<a href="#">Afar Rift valley / Afar Triangle Aquifer - Djibouti (1)</a>
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[Show the remaining 95 items](#)

Theme
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<a href="#">Climate and groundwater (21)</a>
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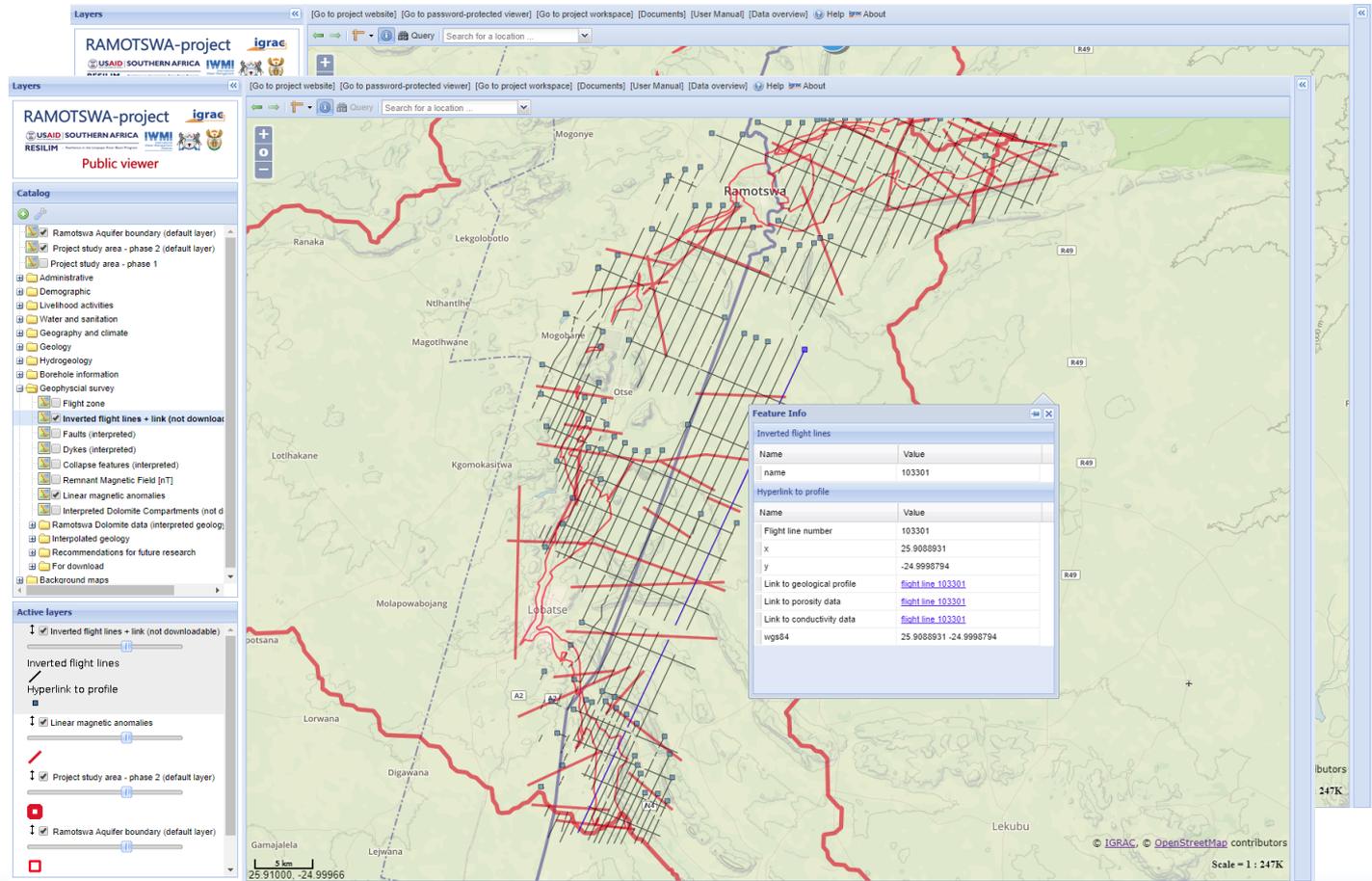
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Nature
<a href="#">Operational (8)</a>
<a href="#">Methodological (7)</a>
<a href="#">Conceptual (4)</a>
<a href="#">Theoretical (3)</a>

- Meta-Information is uploaded directly by the users

# Ways For Improvement

- Further develop the software for adding new options, tools, capabilities



# Ways For Improvement

- New viewers add on every year, it may become difficult to find back the information.



Explore all

Contains all regional and national groundwaters data.

[ACCESS HERE](#)



Explore all -  
Transboundary  
Groundwaters

Contains all transboundary aquifers' data.

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# Ways For Improvement

- Clean the MIM
- Control the upload of documents in the future
  - Where to find the national experts?

# Conclusion

- The GGIS is an interactive, user-friendly and versatile platform supporting data acquisition and sharing.
- It connects a very large audience: researchers, water managers, decision-makers.
- KINDRA has shown very interesting ways of improvement.
  - Synergy?

*Thank you for your attention*



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