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## **GROUNDWATER ECOSYSTEM SERVICES: CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

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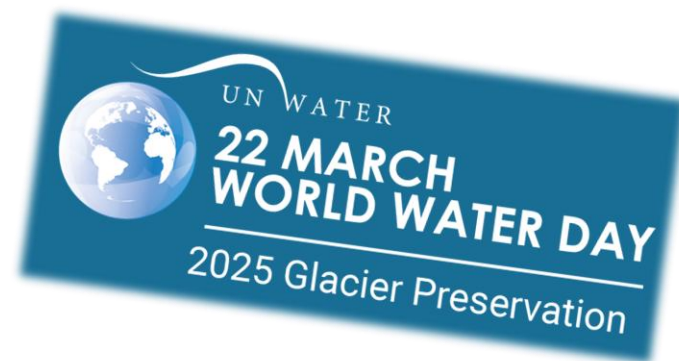


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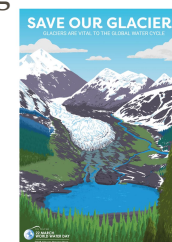
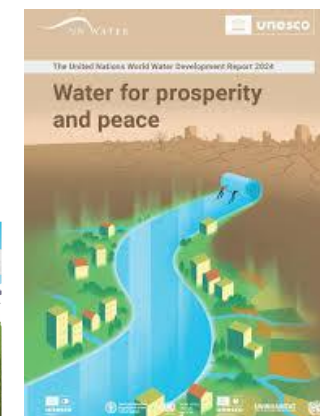
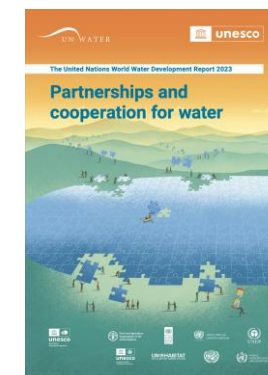
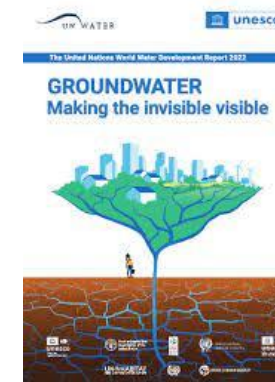
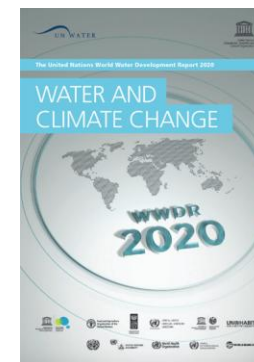
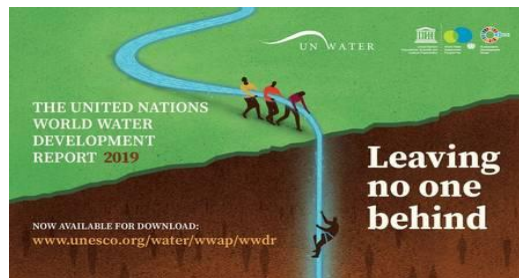
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# Water resources and sustainable development



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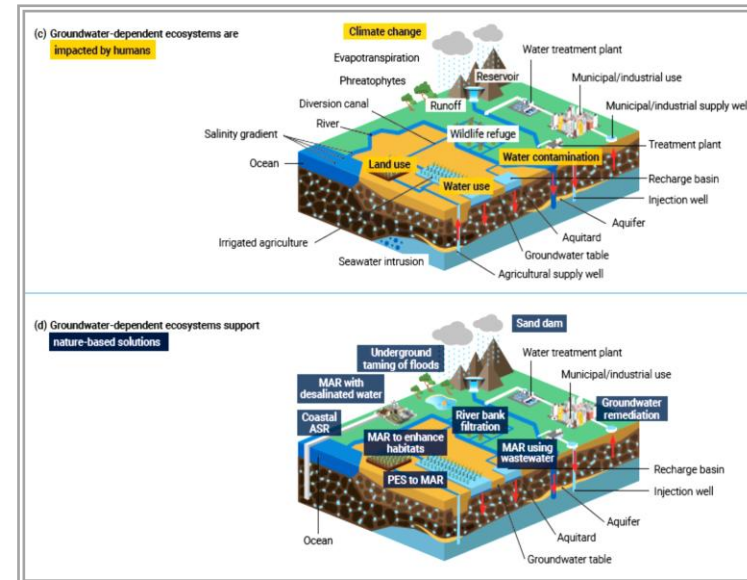
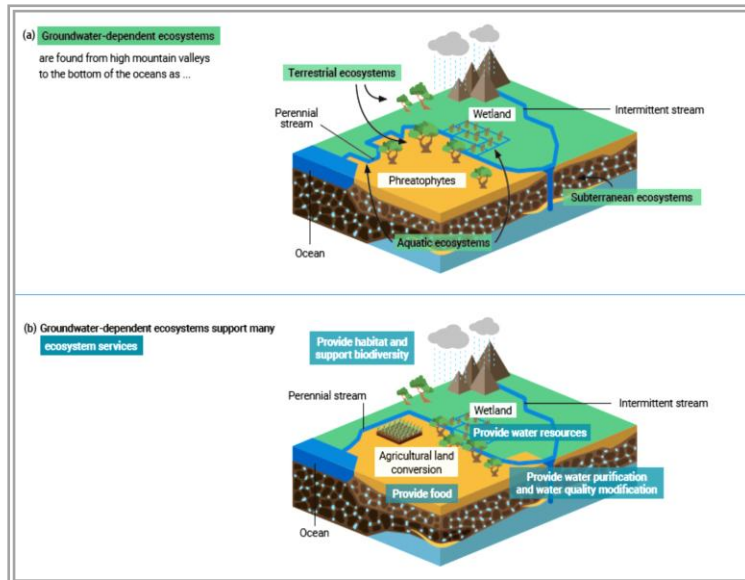
- ✓ Monitor, assess and report on the world's freshwater resources and ecosystems, water use and management, and identify critical issues and problems;
- ✓ Help countries develop their own assessment capacity;
- ✓ Raise awareness on current and imminent/future water related challenges to influence the global water agenda;
- ✓ Learn and respond to the needs of decision-makers and water resource managers;
- ✓ Promote gender equality;
- ✓ Measure progress towards achieving sustainable use of water resources through robust indicators; and
- ✓ Support anticipatory decision-making on the global water system including the identification of alternative futures.



# Water resources and ecosystem services

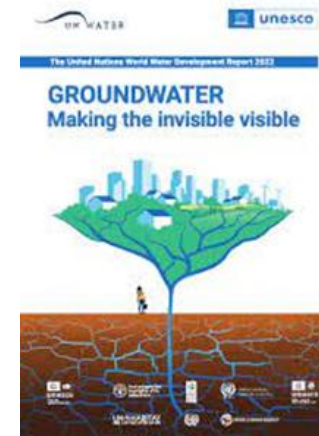
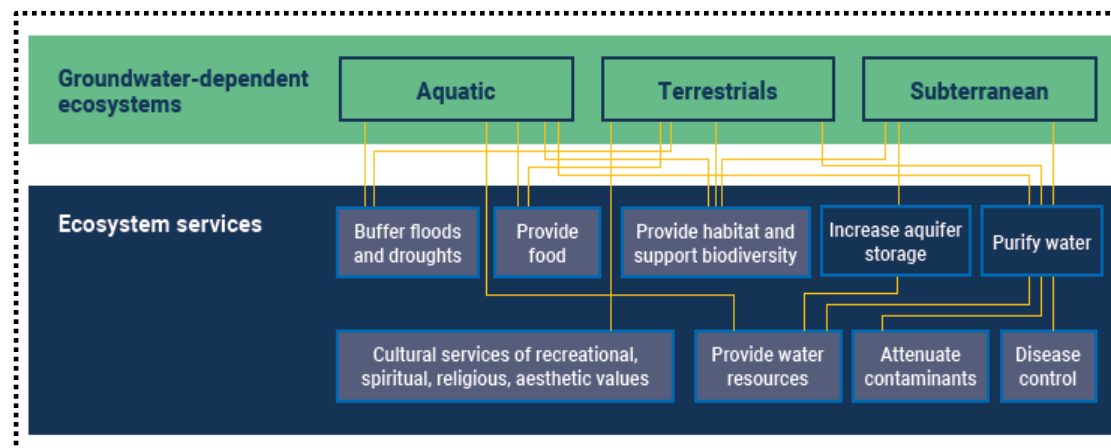
## Groundwater

Interactions between groundwater, ecosystems, human activity and nature-based solutions



Sources: (a), (b) and (c) based on Maven's Notebook (2015); (d) based on Villholth and Ross (n.d.)

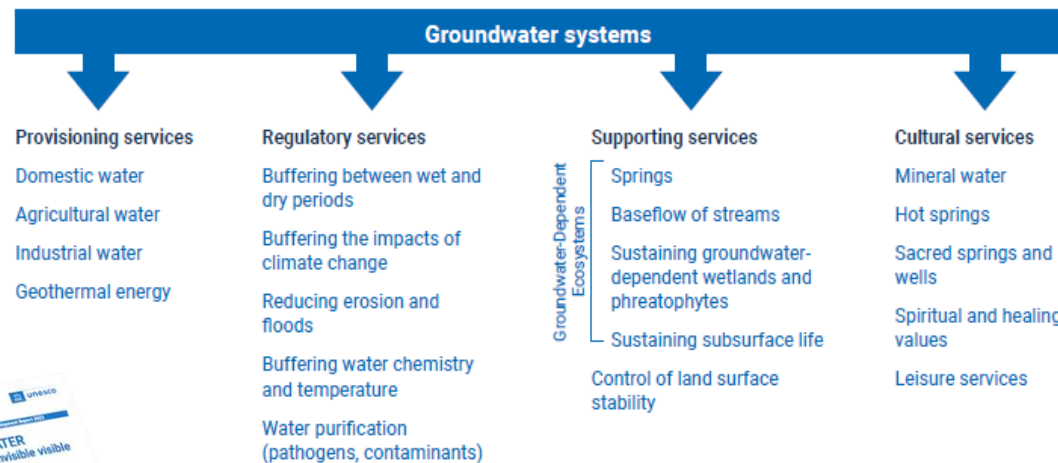
Connecting groundwater-dependent ecosystem types (GDEs) with the ecosystem services they provide



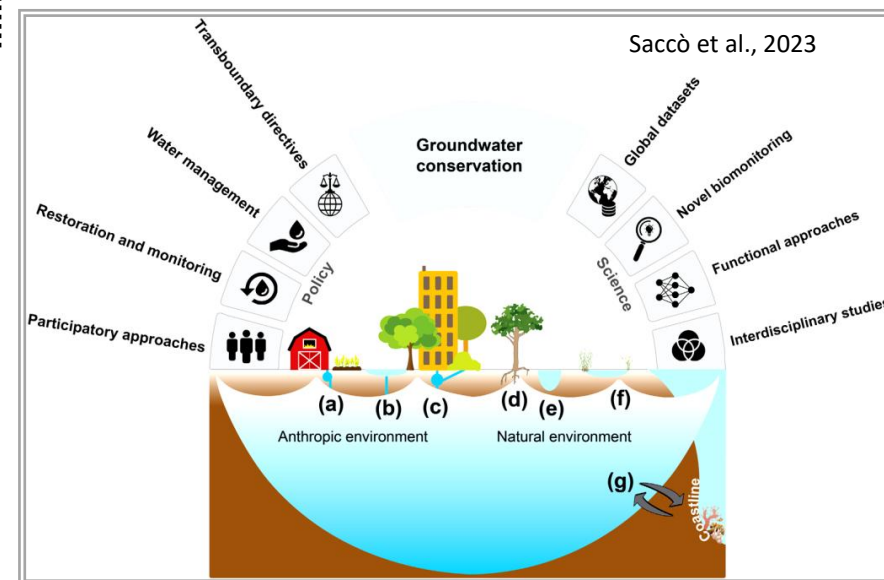


# Water resources and ecosystem services

## Groundwater



Ecosystem services are defined as the numerous and wide-ranging benefits to humans afforded by the natural environment (IPBES, 2019). GDEs support critical ecosystem services. Each type of GDE supports a number of ecosystem services across the categories of supporting, provisioning, regulating and cultural services



Examples of groundwater ecosystem services within anthropic (a, b, c) and natural (d, e, f, g) frameworks and recommended guidelines for groundwater conservation in terms of scientific advancements (top right) and policy developments (top left).

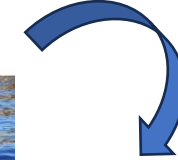


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## Groundwater

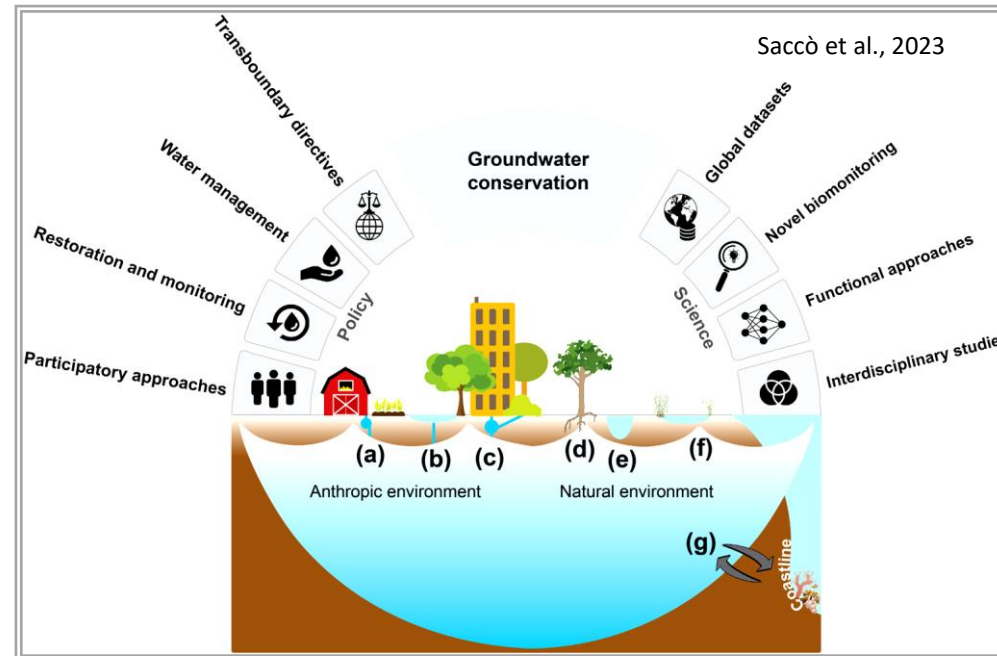


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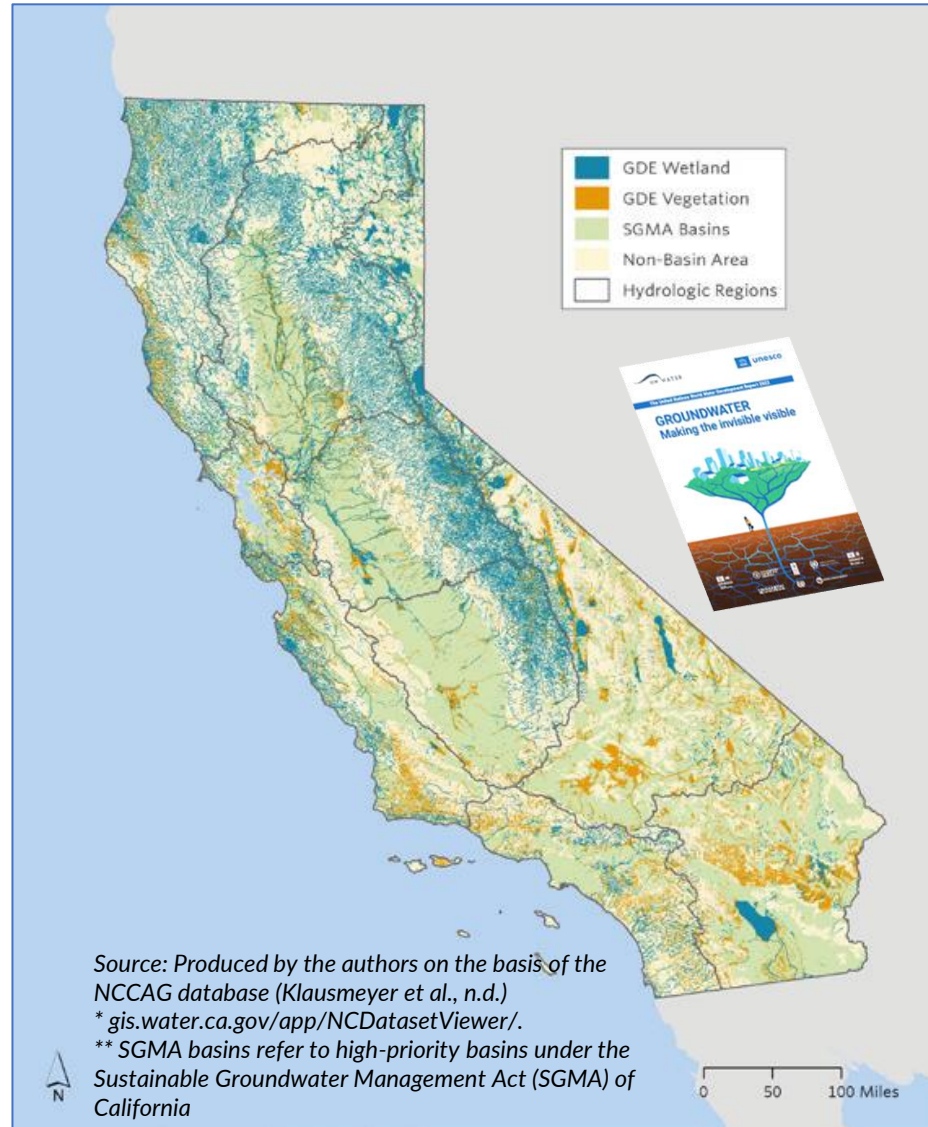
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# Water resources and ecosystem services

## Groundwater mapping and policy



Policy	Overall aim	The role of GDEs and how they are included in the policy
Ramsar convention	Protection of habitats	This agreement provided the first framework for protection of wetlands on a voluntary basis. Protect breeding and resting areas of which some are GDE.
Birds directive	Protection of birds	Protect valuable habitats of which many are GDE such as wetlands and springs. Natura 2000 sites form a EU-wide network of protected areas.
Habitats directive	Protection of habitats and biodiversity	WFD Guidance document 12 state: (I) Protect, enhance and restore wetlands identified as water bodies, where this is necessary to support the achievement of good ecological status or potential. (II) Prevent more than very minor anthropogenic disturbance to the hydromorphological condition of surface water bodies at high ecological status including the structure and condition of riparian, lakeshore or inter-tidal zone and hence the condition of any wetlands encompassed by these zones. (III) Establish measures to control and mitigate modifications to the structure and condition of riparian zones within wetlands. (IV) Wetlands could play a relevant role in facilitating the achievement of other WFD requirements concerning protected areas that do not target wetlands directly.
Water Framework Directive	Sustainable use of water resources and to achieve good surface water quality	GDEs have a central role in since the update of the directive in 2006. Groundwater bodies are classified as poor if GDEs are damaged due to pollution from groundwater or less groundwater due to other groundwater uses. The directive requires to control and remedy anthropogenic alterations to groundwater quality and water levels to the extent needed to ensure that such alterations are not causing (I) significant damage to terrestrial ecosystems that directly depend on groundwater bodies and (II) significant diminution in the chemical or ecological quality of bodies of surface water associated with bodies of groundwater.
Directive on Groundwater Protection	Achieve good groundwater status, prevent deterioration (quantitative and chemical), prevent or limit the input of pollutants, implement measures to reverse any significant and sustained upward trend in groundwater bodies	This directive will be implemented in conjunction with the WFD through the coordination of flood risk management plans and RBMPs. Water retention measures are encouraged as an important buffer in the prevention of flooding. This will help to conserve wetlands (and other GDEs).
Flood Risk Management Directive	Reduce vulnerability to floods	Actions mentioned include: (I) to address biodiversity loss and climate change in an integrated matter, and to (II) explore the potential for policies and measures to boost ecosystem storage capacity for water. Guidelines should be drafted by 2010 to deal with the impact of climate change on the management of Natura 2000 sites.
Climate change (EU white paper)	Reduce vulnerability to the impact of climate change	

Klove et al., 2011

Relevant EU policies and their role in GDE management



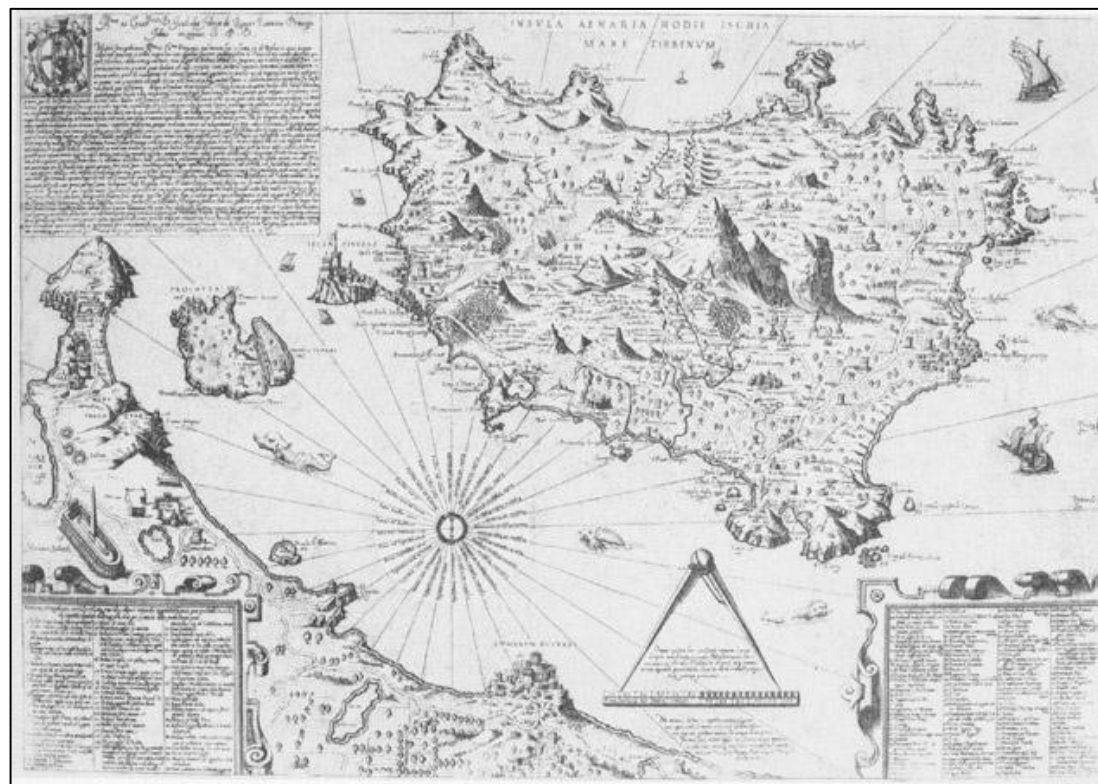
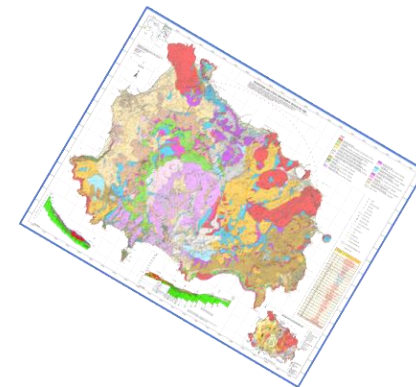


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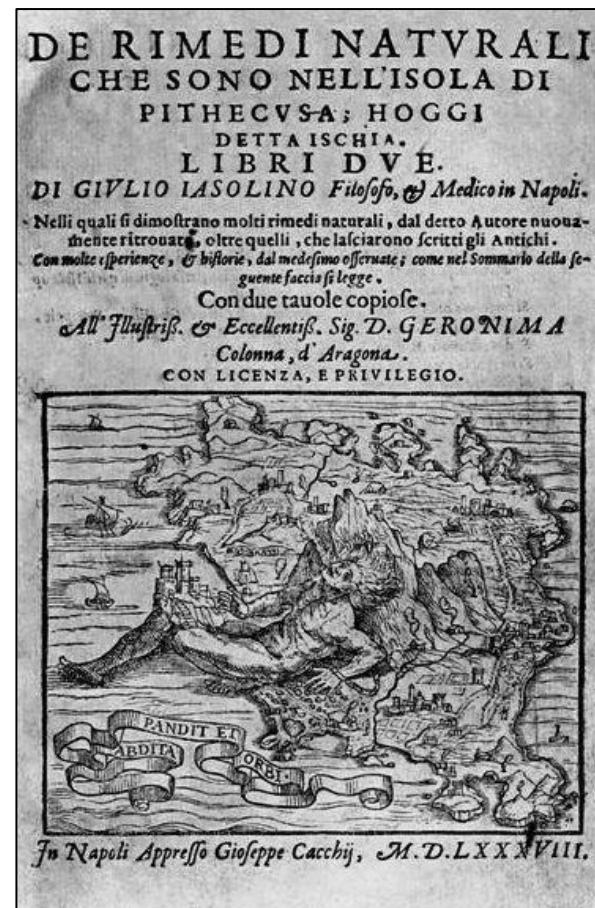
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The map of Ischia, engraved by Mario Cartaro, is dated August 15, 1586.



«Già sono quattordici anni ne' quali io di mia libera volontà, per comune utilità del mondo, così aiutandomi la divina bontà e clemenza, ogn'anno vado visitando questi bagni d'Ischia, vedendo diligentemente i luoghi et esaminandovi tutte le miniere et le cave, et finalmente, co'l maggior giuditio che posso, osservando i varii et stupendi effetti et utilità che operano ne corpi ammalati e ne gli sani»

Jasolino, De' Rimedi, cit., 164



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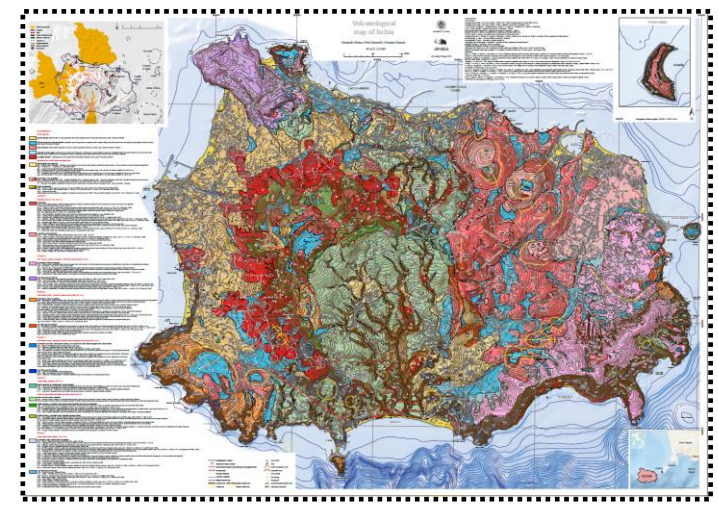
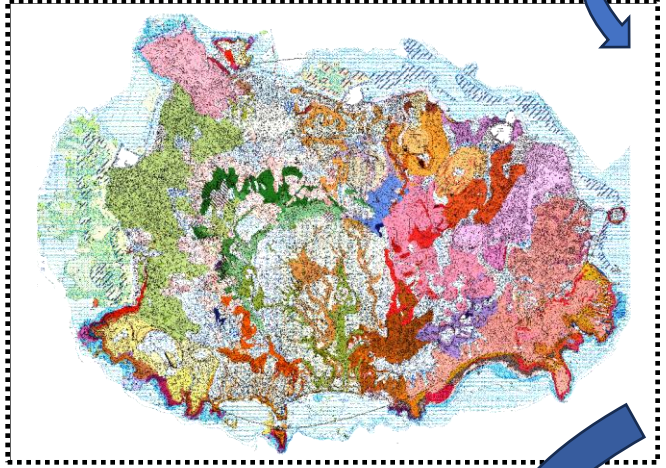
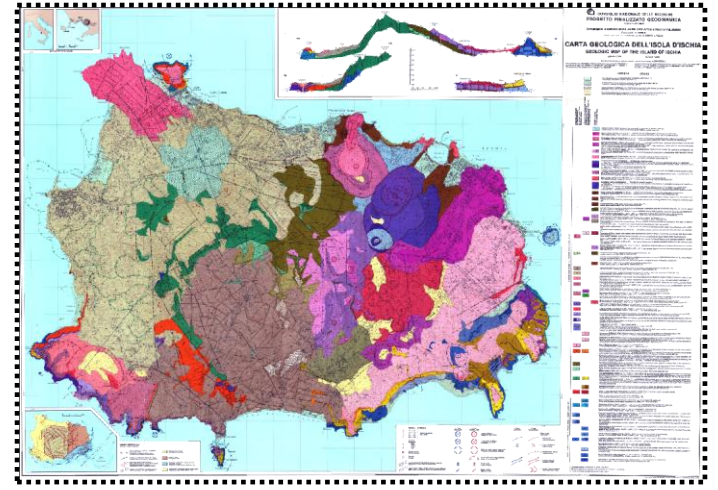
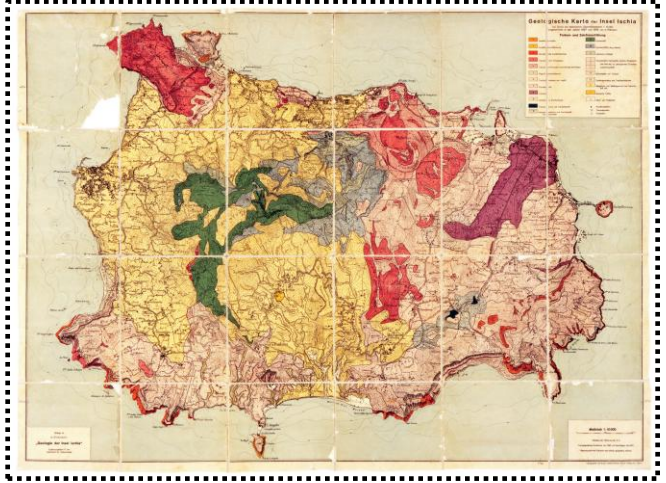
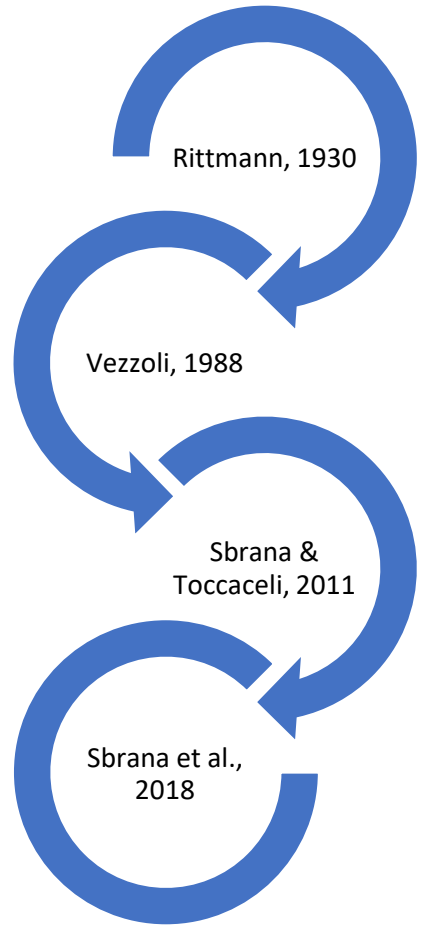


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## Ischia on the geological maps



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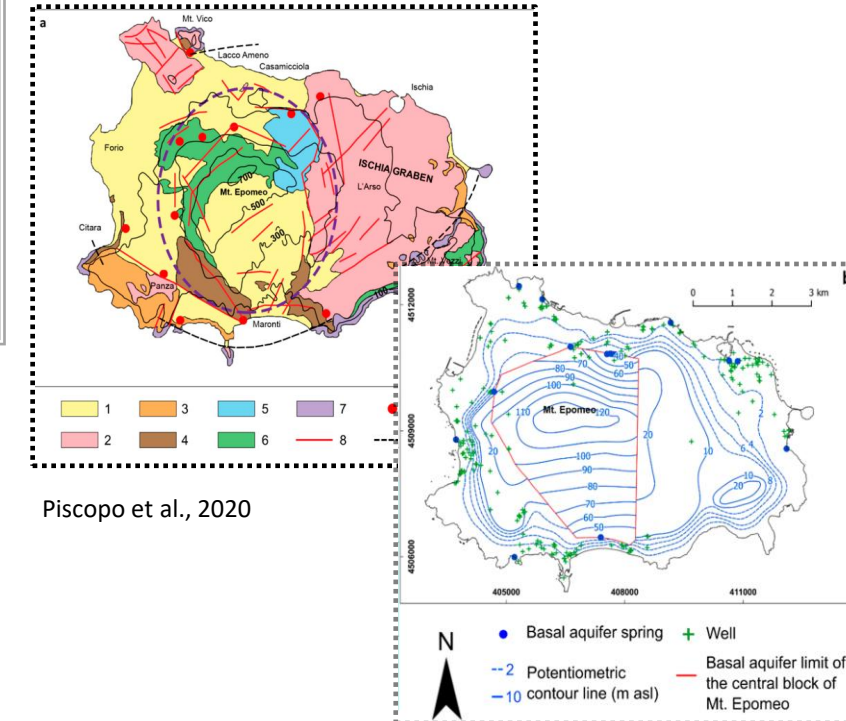
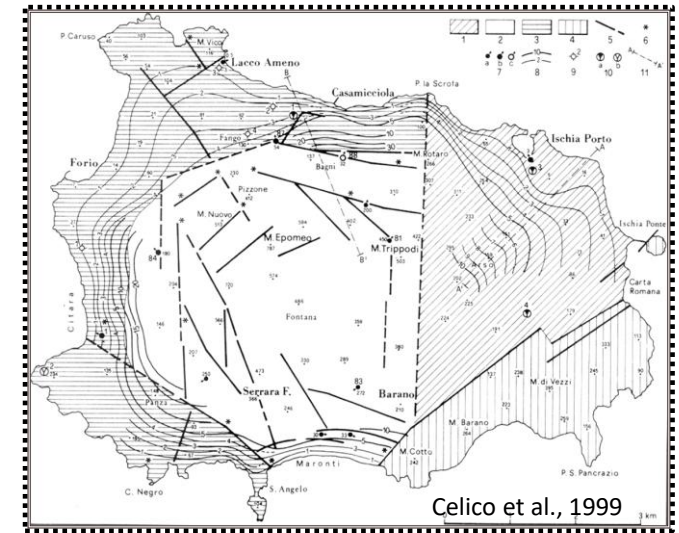
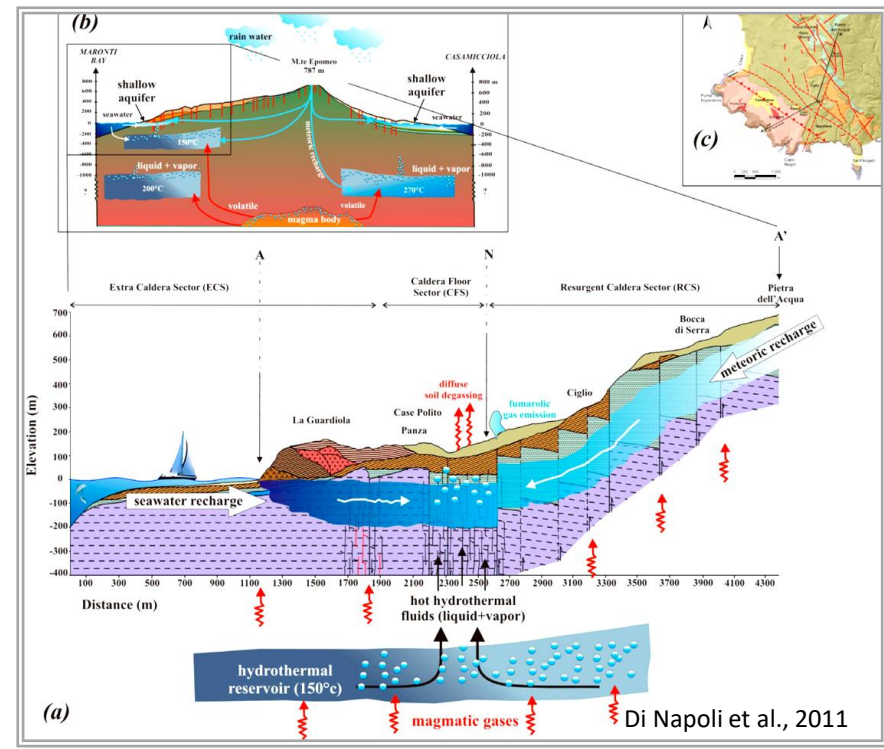
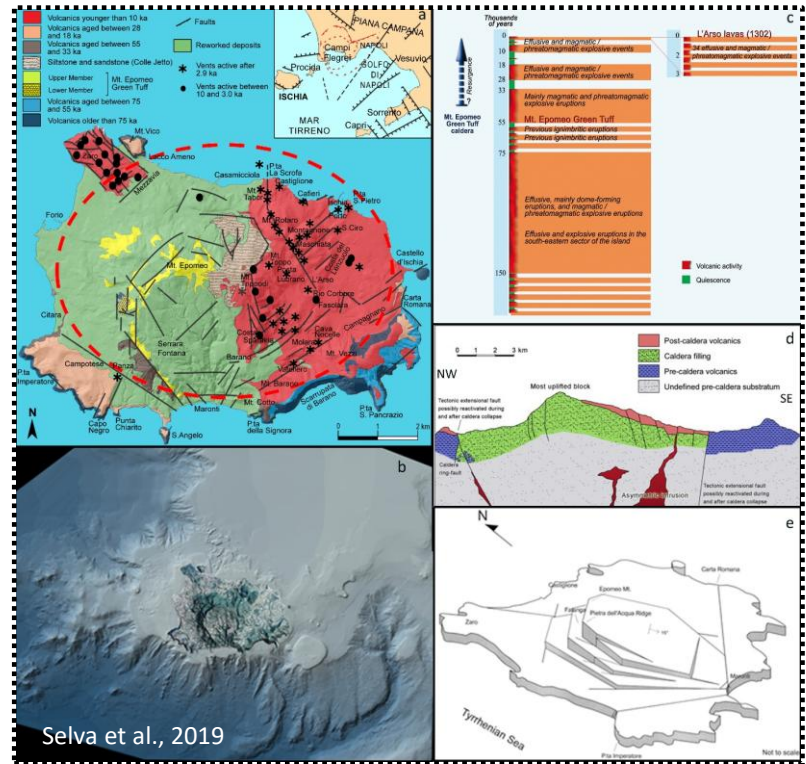


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## Groundwater flow and deep hydrothermal system



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# Groundwater and active volcanic area

## Geohydrologic units of Ischia Island



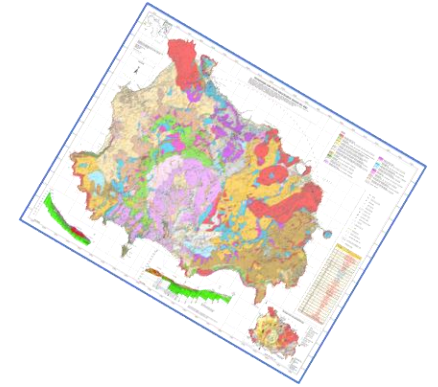
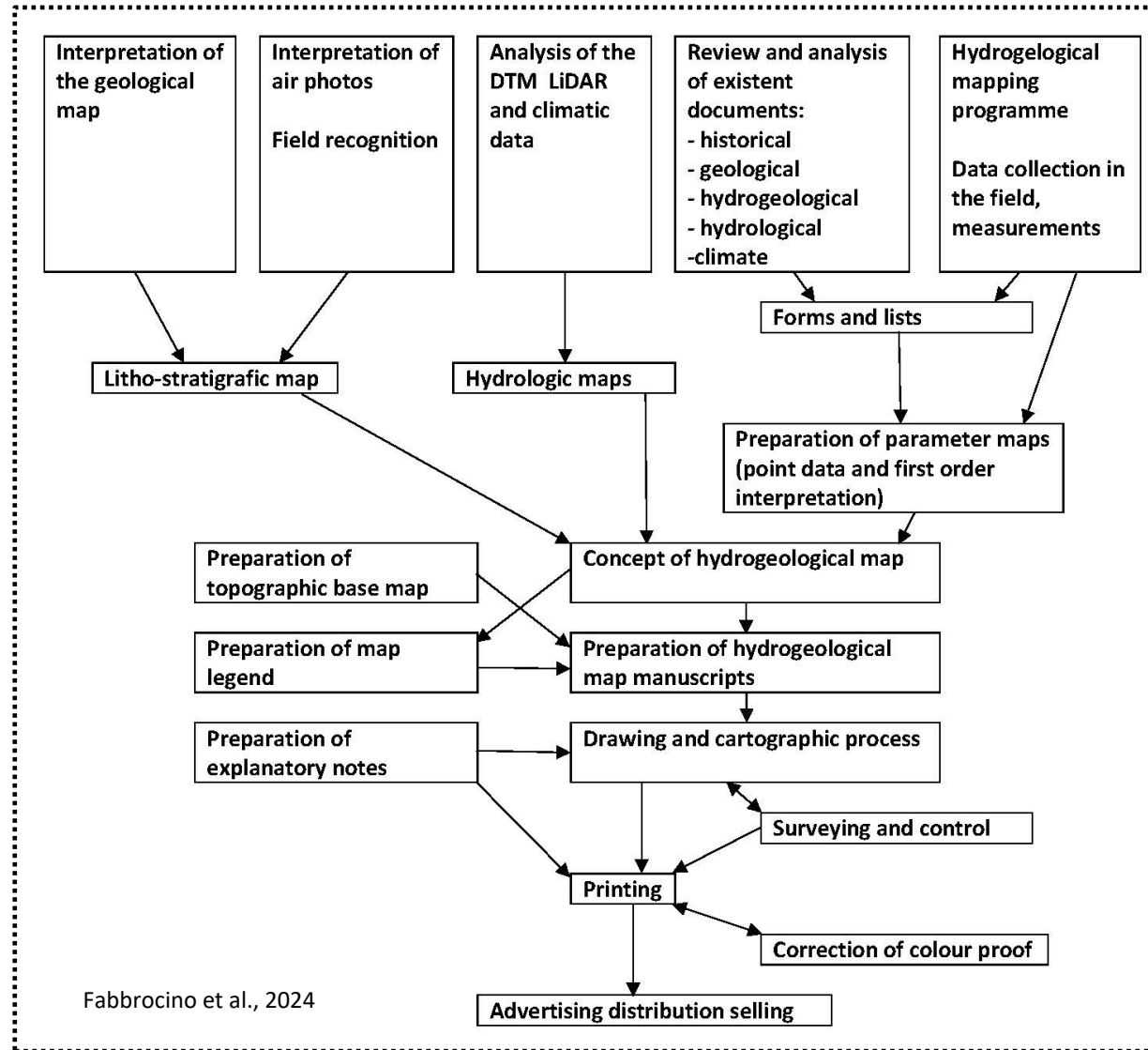
Fabbrocino et al., 2024



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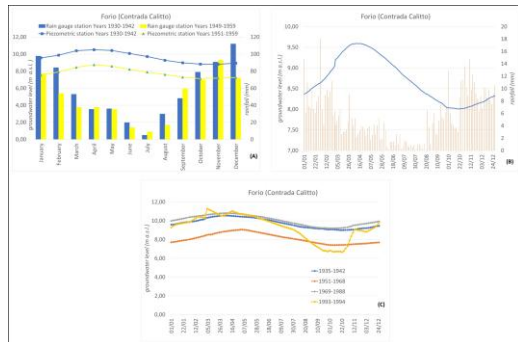
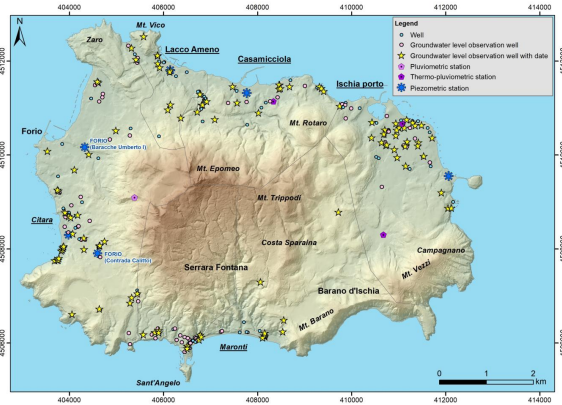


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## Volcanic islands and hydrogeological database



Rainfall

Piezometric water levels

Geochemical data

Pumping test

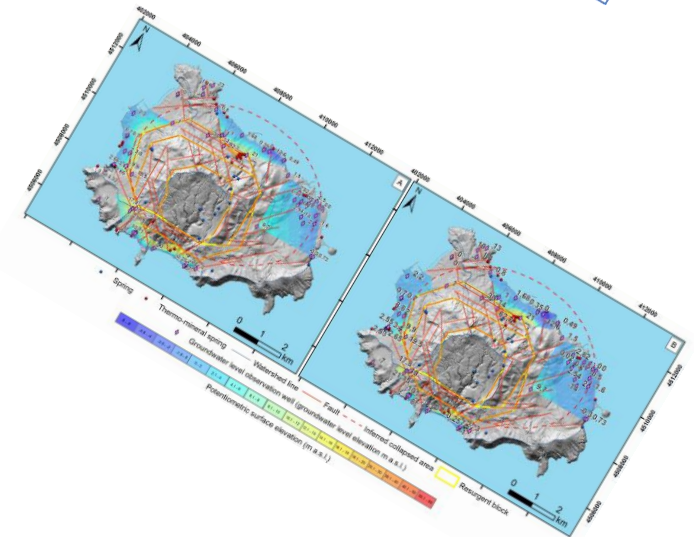
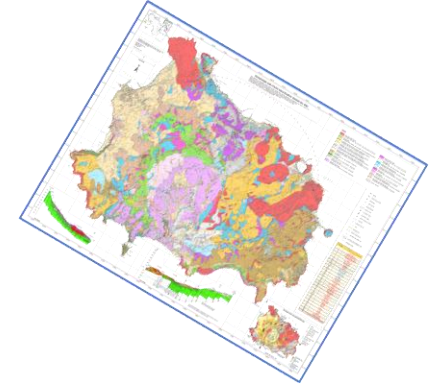
Spring discharges

Stratigraphical logs

Gaining novel insights;  
Developing and enhancing predictive  
models for climate change adaptation  
and mitigation;

Testing and verifying models;  
Reducing uncertainties in probabilistic  
models;

Inspiring new simulation models,  
including new data-driven methods



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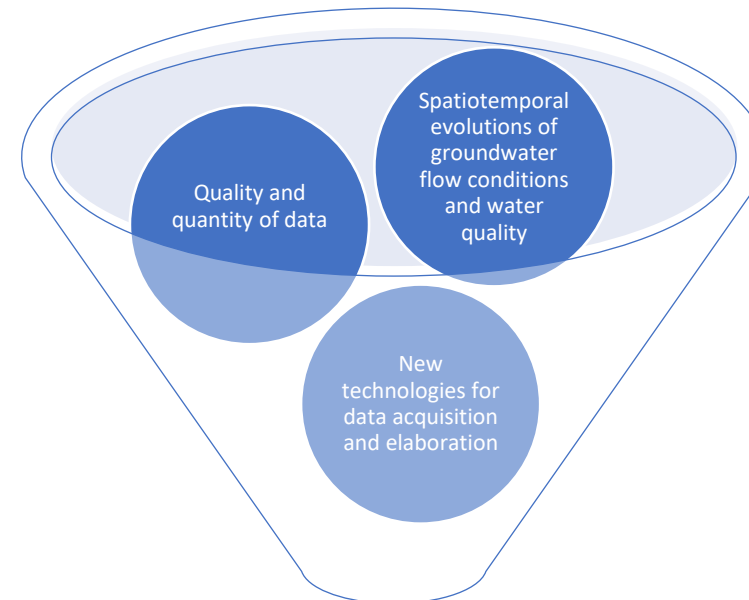
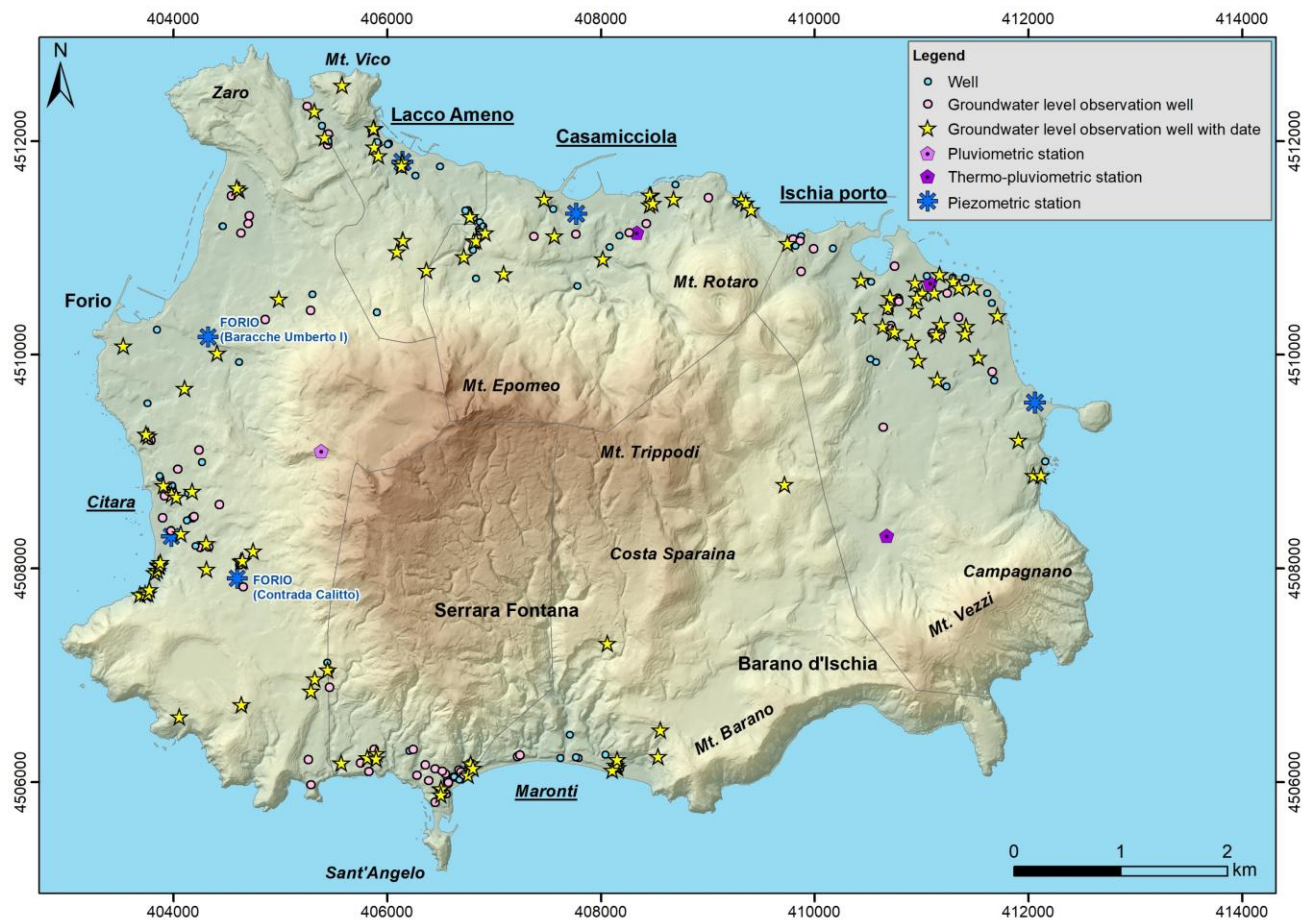


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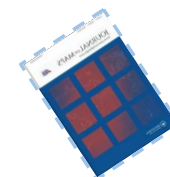


Design of monitoring networks  
Resource and risk management



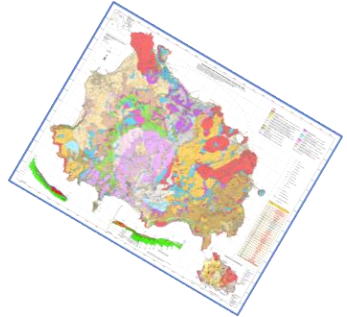
INGV-GIS groundwater database of Ischia

Fabbrocino et al., 2022



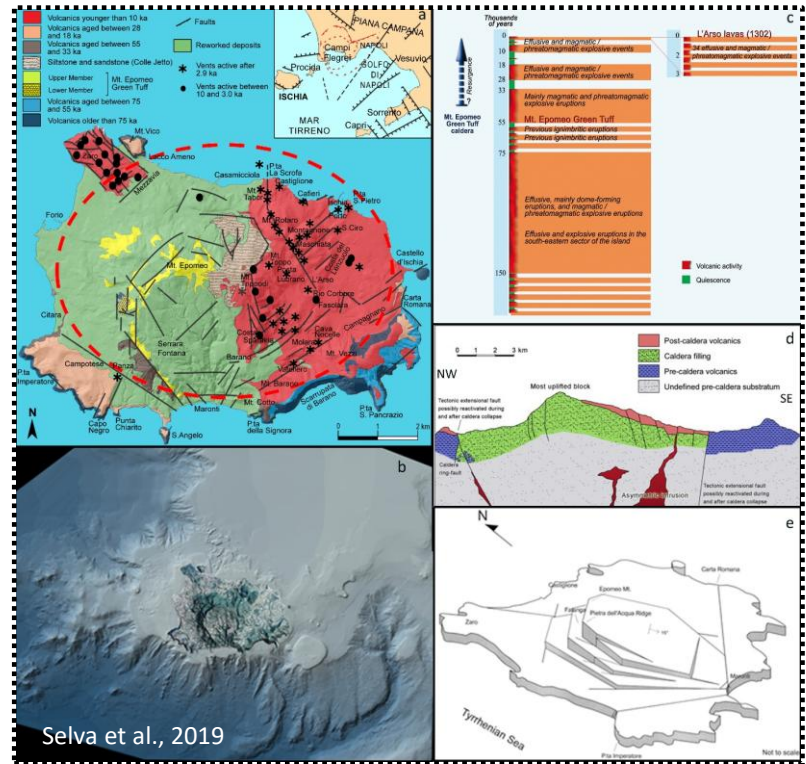
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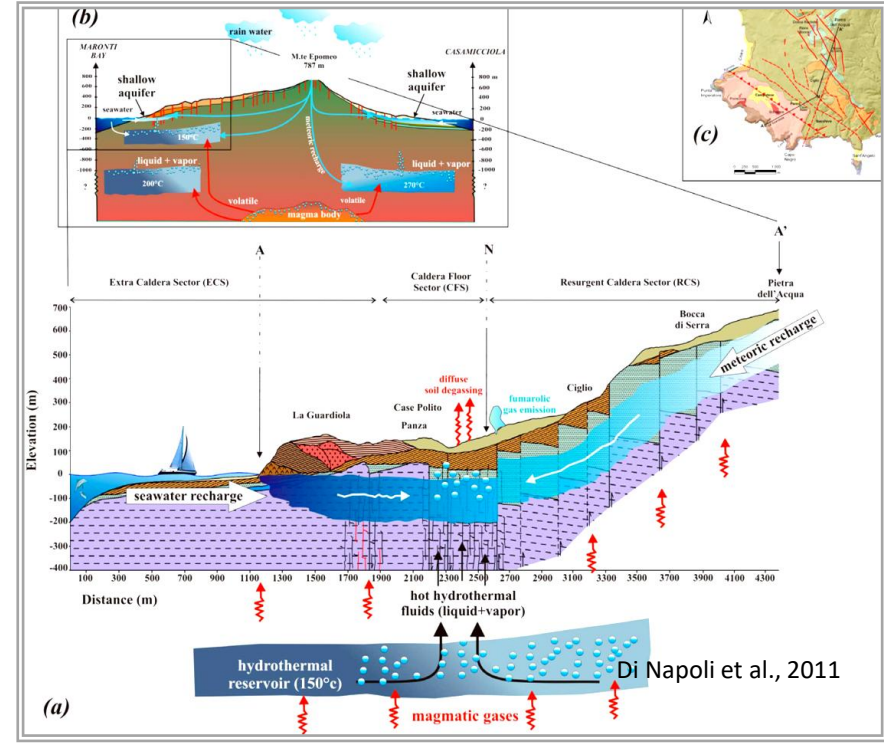


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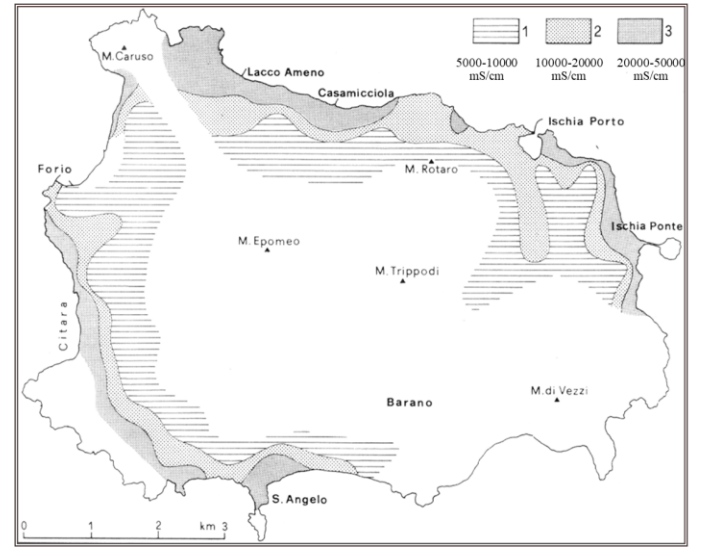
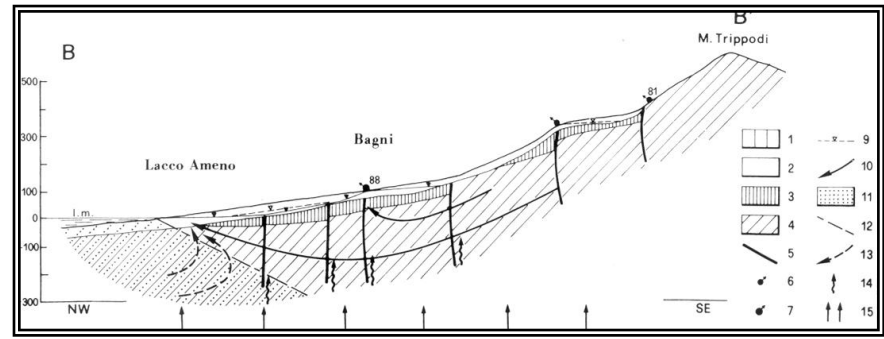
## Complex aquifer systems



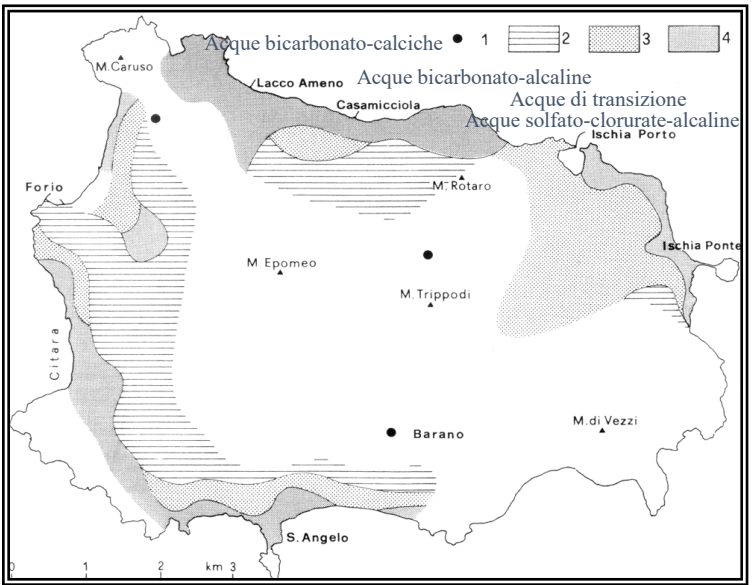
Selva et al., 2019



Di Napoli et al., 2011



Celico et al., 1999



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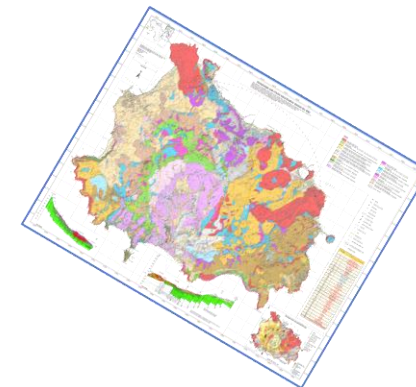
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## Hydrothermal System



Is the data quality and quantity suitable for this task and processing?

Hydrogeological  
model

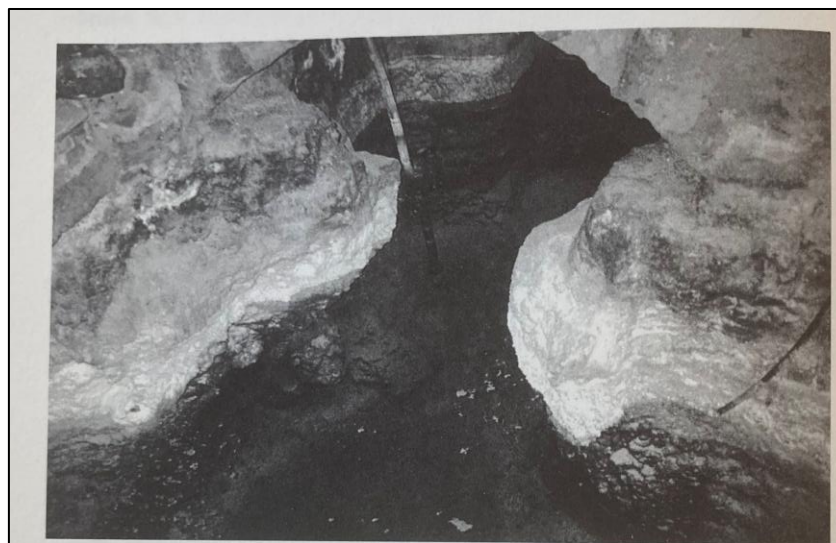
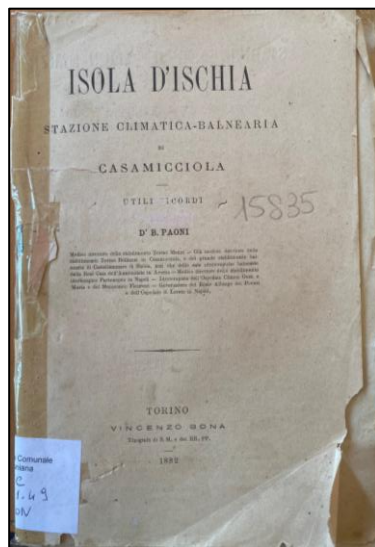
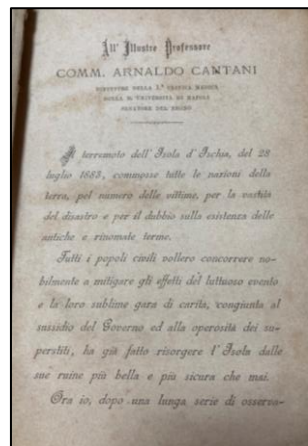
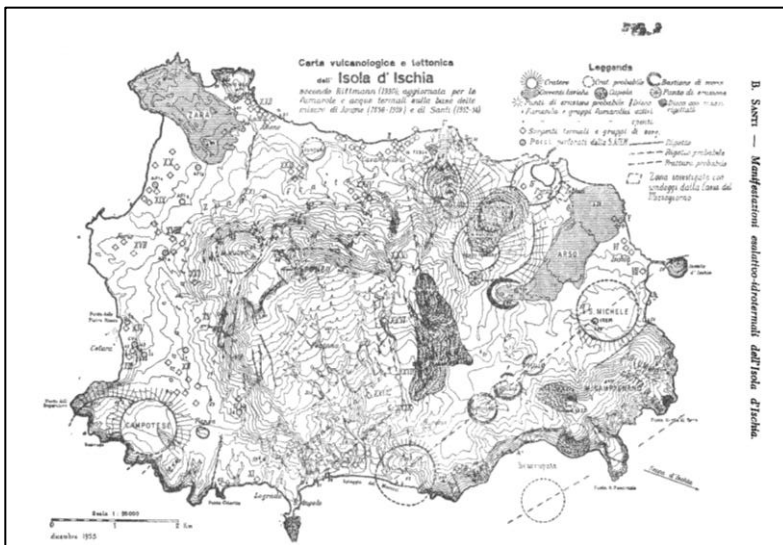
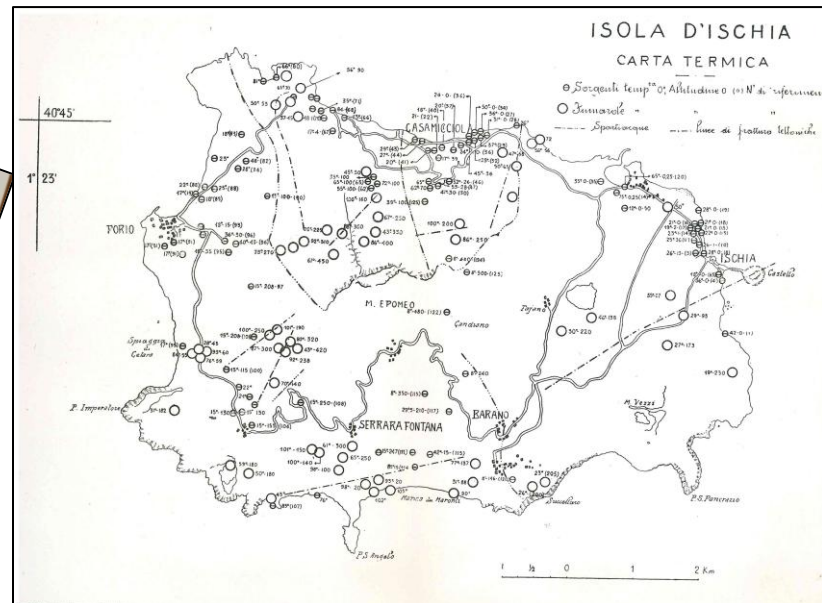
Hydrothermal  
flowpaths

What are ways to use existing data, which are incomplete and sparse, to aid in understanding changes in flow conditions and resource quality over time?

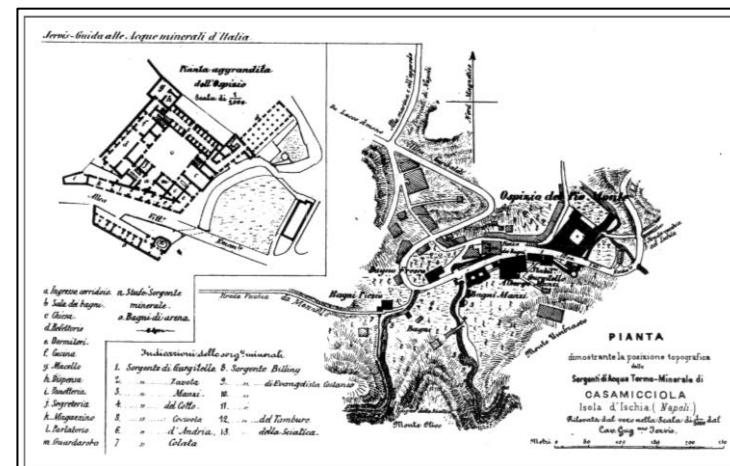
Can we improve their use to plan more effective monitoring networks for mitigating and managing extreme events that we are increasingly exposed to?

In what ways can new technologies assist in the acquisition, processing, and interpretation of data?





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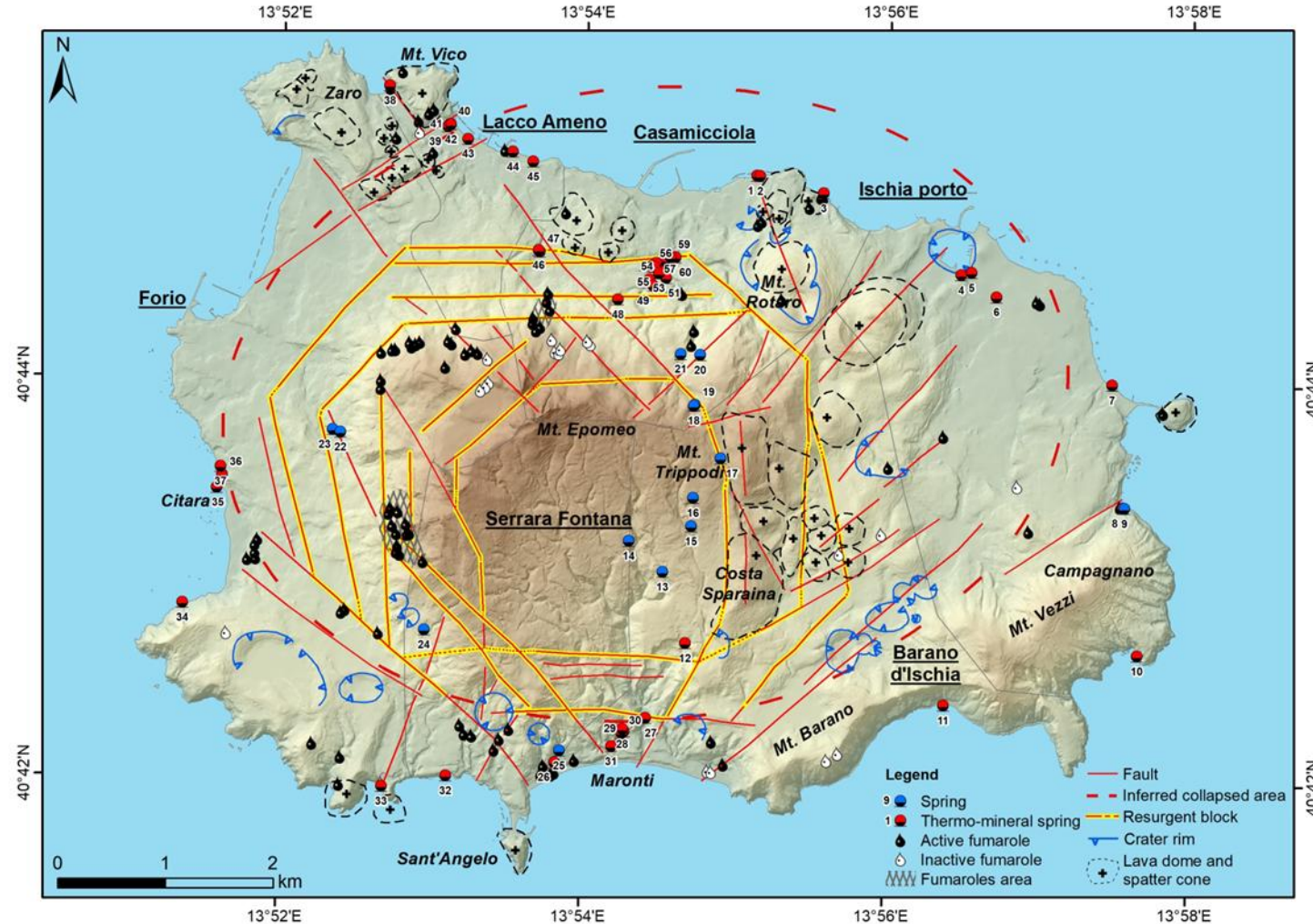


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# Groundwater and active volcanic areas

## Springs and fumaroles

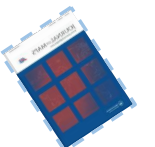


Type of unrest	Geochemical signal	Indication
Unrest	CO <sub>2</sub> flux above background	Changes in deep degassing dynamics
	Increase in T of hot springs and/or fumaroles	Increased heat input
	Changes in H <sub>2</sub> O/CO <sub>2</sub> ratios in fumaroles	Changes in water/gas ratio
	Appearance of new fumaroles and/or hot springs	Aerial extension of activity
Magmatic unrest	Appearance of acidic gases (SO <sub>2</sub> , HCl, HF)	Changes in mid- to shallow magma dynamics
	T fumarole >119 °C	Remobilisation of sulphur
	SO <sub>2</sub> flux > X t/d	SO <sub>2</sub> flux above background, volcano-dependent
	Increase in CO <sub>2</sub> /SO <sub>2</sub> ratio	Arrival of an undegassed magma at depth
Magmatic eruption	Extreme increase in T fumaroles (>300 °C)	Towards magmatic T
	Decreasing CO <sub>2</sub> /SO <sub>2</sub> ratios after increase	More superficial magma degassing
	Increase in Cl, Br, F concentrations in hot springs/pools	Input of highly soluble acidic gases
	Decrease in H <sub>2</sub> O/CO <sub>2</sub> and/or H <sub>2</sub> S/SO <sub>2</sub> and/or SO <sub>2</sub> /HCl ratios	More gas with a more magmatic signature
Hydrothermal unrest	New fumaroles	Aerial extension of activity
	Anomalous glacier defrosting	Sudden removal of water mass... lahars
	Water to vapour transition	Pushing vapour front from below
	Changes in hydrothermal features	Variations or aerial extension of activity
	Increase in B and/or NH <sub>4</sub> in waters	Input of vapour
	Increase in CH <sub>4</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub> in fumaroles	A more hydrothermal signature in fumaroles
Hydrothermal eruption	Variations in phreatic level in aquifers	Pushing vapour front from below
	120 °C < T fumarole <200 °C	Self-sealing by a change in S viscosity
	Extension of alteration areas or fumarolic fields	Aerial extension of activity
	Appearance of muddy pools	Clearing bugs and vents, unplugging
	Boiling/bubbling of pools that previously didn't	Rising vapour front and/or extra heating and degassing

Rouwet et al., 2017

Thermal springs, fumaroles and clay deposits are the traces of deep hydrothermal conditions

The heat and gases released by magma affect the overlying aquifer system which is fed mainly by meteoric water, but the conditions of shallower groundwater flow may attenuate or obliterate the signal that the volcanic system provides



The first hydrogeological map of Ischia Island



# Groundwater and active volcanic areas

## Springs and fumaroles



Number ID	Name	Classification	Elevation (m a.s.l.)	Temperature (°C)	Discharge (l/s)
1	Casa Coma	Thermo-mineral spring	0.13	from 17 to 56 (1936-1939); from 18 to 70 (1952-1954) (Santi, 1955)	
2	Sorgente della Scrofa	Thermo-mineral spring	0.00	from 17 to 56 (1936-1939); from 18 to 70 (1952-1954) (Santi, 1955)	
3	Sorgente di Castiglione	Thermo-mineral spring	0.00	37.5-40 (Chevalley De Rivaz, 1837, Morgera, 1890); 30-40 (Piscopo et al., 2020)	<1 (Piscopo et al., 2020)
4	Fornello and Fontana Springs	Thermo-mineral spring	4.09	55 (Morgera, 1890); 52 Fornello and 54 Fontana (Rebuffat, 1900); 55-58 (Iovene, 1934); 46-63 (Santi, 1955), 54-62 (Buchner, 1959); 50-60° (Rittmann & Gottini, 1980)	0.86 Fontana and 1.48 Fornello (Morgera, 1890; Iovene, 1934); 2.31 (Rittmann & Gottini, 1980)
5	Stabilimento Militare	Thermo-mineral spring	2.59	from 58 to 63 (Santi, 1955)	
6	Felix	Thermo-mineral spring	1.48	38 (Piscopo et al., 2020)	2 (Piscopo et al., 2020)
7	Bagno del Sasso	Thermo-mineral spring	0.00	36 (Santi, 1955)	
8	Carta Romana	Thermo-mineral spring	0.00	42 (Iovene, 1934) 32 (Piscopo et al. 2020); 35.5 (July 15, 2020)	<1 (Piscopo et al. 2020)
9	Campagnano	Spring	0.16		
10	Cefaglioli	Thermo-mineral spring	0.00		

*“A total of 60 spring/thermal spring locations were identified/rediscovered...Groundwater discharges from the volcanic aquifer system occur at an altitude that goes from 0 to about 451 m asl and the flow rate is generally a few litres per second.*

*The total spring flow (clearly outdated) appears to be about 10% of the estimated aquifer recharge (about 340-380 l/s; Piscopo et al., 2020a); at a basin scale, coastal groundwater discharge accounts the main natural overflow.*

*The areal distribution of springs and fumaroles (elevation between 0 and 557 m asl) highlights that they are commonly associated with main morpho-structural elements. They take place largely (about 93%) along the coastline and/or the caldera boundaries as well as along the main faults around the resurgent block, becoming fingerprints of the basin-scale hydrogeological processes; they reveal the geological/volcanological features that create transmissive pathways or barriers to flow. “*

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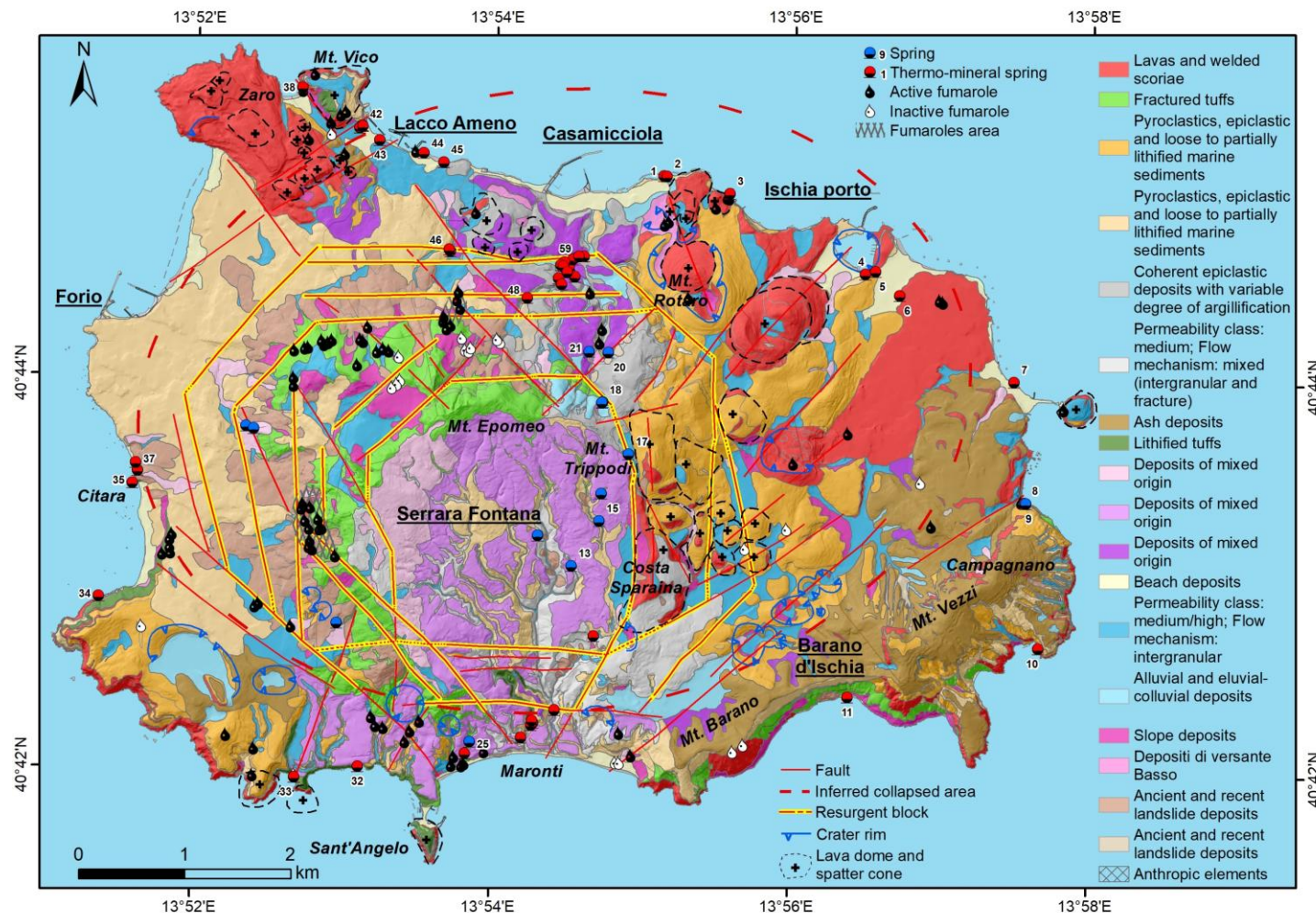
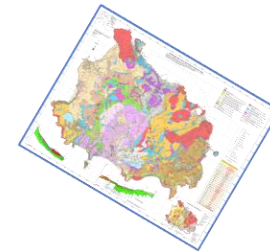


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# Groundwater and active volcanic areas

## Springs and fumaroles



“...the main faults of the resurgent block and the caldera boundaries should be related to barriers to horizontal groundwater flow, even if they act as vertical conduits for deep groundwater flow. In addition, the vertical displacement and the pattern of identified vents often constraint the juxtaposition of lithostratigraphic units with contrasting permeabilities.”



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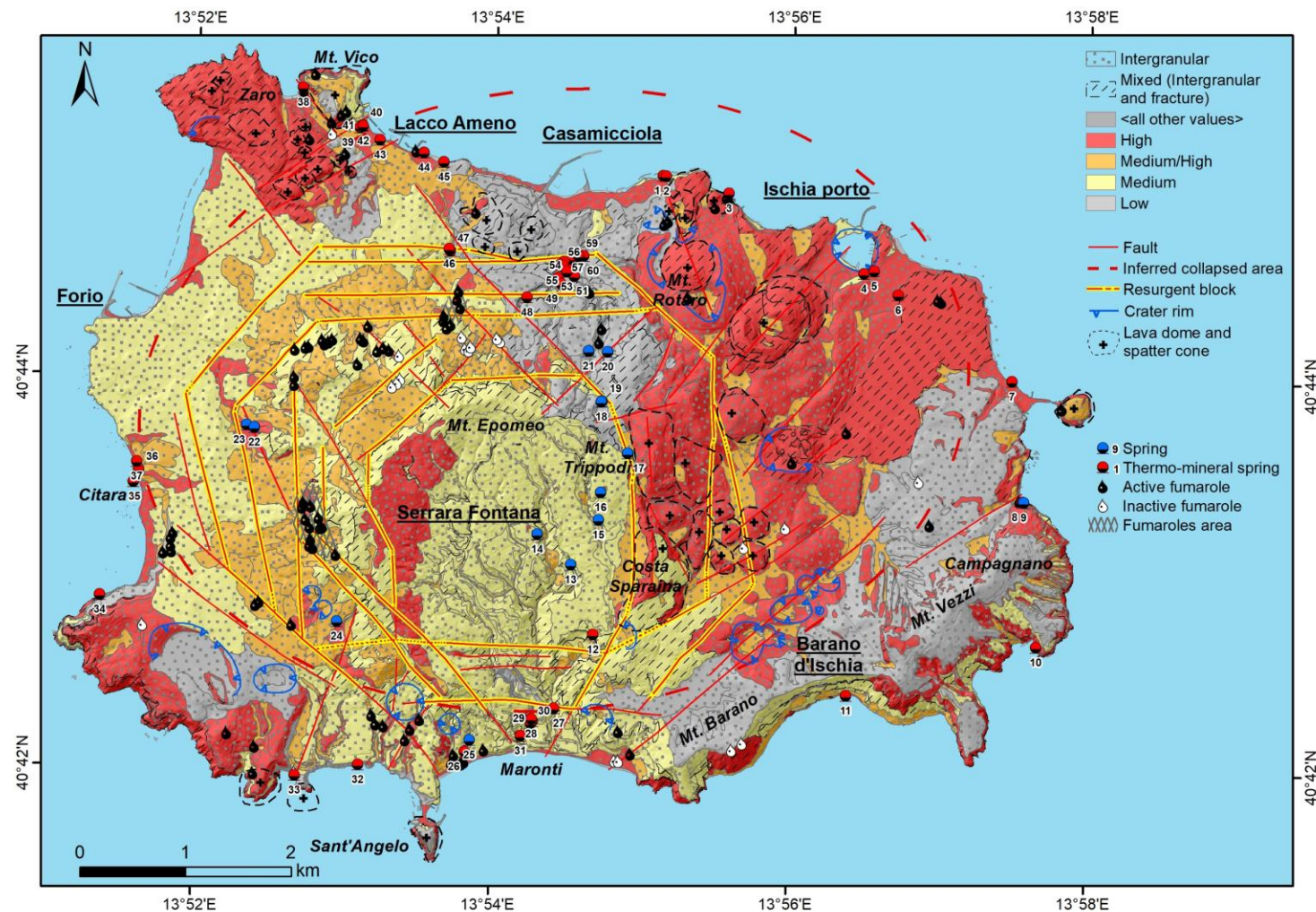


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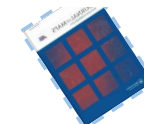
## Geohydrologic units and hydrostratigraphic sequence



	GEOHYDROLOGIC UNITS					
SEDIMENTARY QUATERNARY DEPOSITS	Beach deposits (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (12)	Alluvial and clastic-coluvial deposits (Permeability class: medium/high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (13)	Slope deposits (Permeability class: medium/high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (15)	Ancient and recent landslide deposits (Permeability class: medium/high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (17)	Deposits of mixed origin (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (9)	Deposits of mixed origin (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (10)
		Alluvial and clastic-coluvial deposits (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (14)	Slope deposits (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (16)	Ancient and recent landslide deposits (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (18)	Deposits of mixed origin (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (11)	
PHASE 1 - POST CALDERA ACTIVITY: GENERAL DE CALDERA RESURGENCE AND VOLCANISM (180-130 A.D.)	Lavas and welded scoriae (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: mixed) (1)	Beach deposits (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (12)	Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (3)	Deposits of mixed origin (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (10)	Coherent epiclastic deposits with variable degree of agglutination (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: mixed) (8)	
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PHASE 2 - POST CALDERA ACTIVITY: GENERAL DE VOLCANISM (130-80 A.D.)	Lavas and welded scoriae (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: mixed) (1)		Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (3)			
			Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (4)			Lithified tuffs (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (6)
PHASE 3 - POST CALDERA ACTIVITY: BEGINNING OF MT. EPOMEIO RESURGENCE (55-35 A.D.)			Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (3)	Deposits of mixed origin (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (10)		
	Fractured tuffs (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: mixed) (2)		Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: medium; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (4)		Coherent epiclastic deposits with variable degree of agglutination (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: mixed) (5)	Lithified tuffs (Permeability class: low; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (6)
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PHASE 1 - PRE-CALDERA ACTIVITY (>150-75 A.D.)	Lavas and welded scoriae (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: mixed) (1)		Pyroclastics, epiclastic and loose to partially lithified marine sediments (Permeability class: high; Flow mechanism: intergranular) (3)			
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- ✓ high permeability,  $k > 10^{-3}$  m/s;
- ✓ medium permeability,  $10^{-4} < k < 10^{-3}$  m/s;
- ✓ low permeability,  $10^{-9} < k < 10^{-4}$  m/s



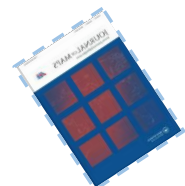


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## Geohydrologic unit and hydrostratigraphic sequence – Appendix 1

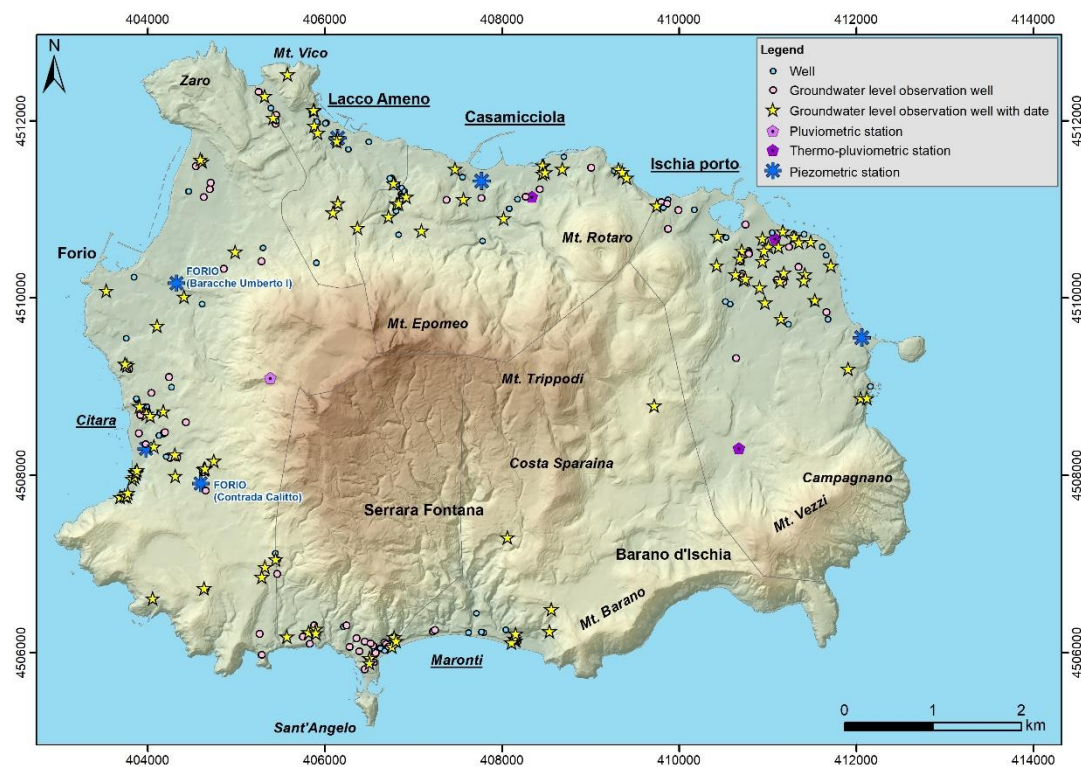
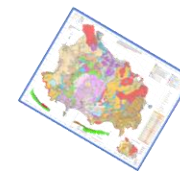


- Eighteen geohydrologic units (a lithostratigraphic unit, or a group of lithostratigraphic units, that by virtue of its hydraulic properties has a dominant flow mechanism and a small range of permeability values) have been identified on Ischia Island;
  - They classify the lithostratigraphic units according to their capacity to transmit, store and yield water (aquifer or confining unit) and identify the basic unit of the hydrogeological map
  - Their extension, structure, and geometry characterize the aquifer systems and affect/depict the groundwater flow
  - The identification of these geohydrologic units reveals the impact of volcano-tectonic features on the groundwater circulation
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- *The lithostratigraphical unit name and a brief lithological description give the combination with the CAR.G Project formations (National Geological CARtography) (Sbrana & Toccaceli, 2011; Sbrana et al., 2018) and /or lithostratigraphic units recognized in de Vita et al., 2010;*
  - *The permeability index describes the predominant flow mechanism, specifically intergranular, fracture or mixed (intergranular and fracture), and the attributed permeability class;*

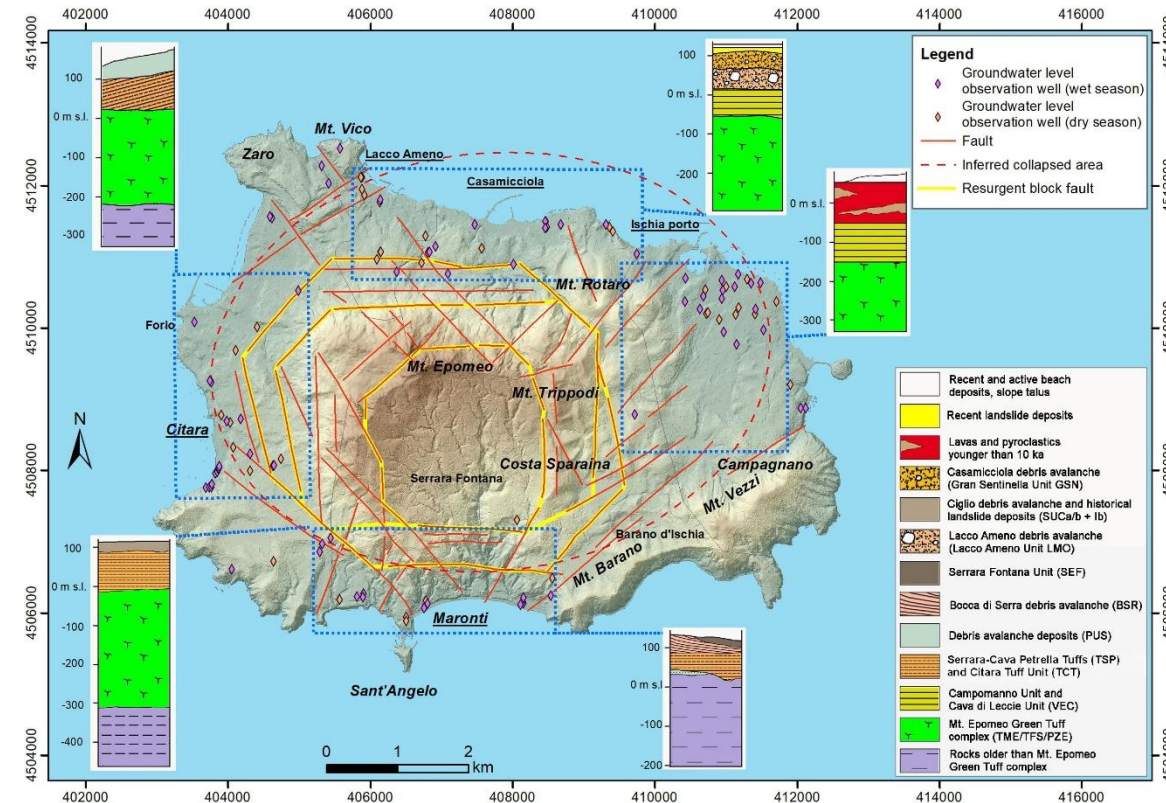


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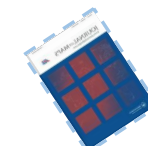
## Hydrodynamic setting



INGV-GIS groundwater database of Ischia. Available site descriptive information includes well location and groundwater level data. The National Hydrographic and Mareographic monitoring networks is also indicated. DEM derives from the Regional Technical Map, scale 1:5000



Stratigraphical and structural sketch map of Ischia. Available groundwater level datasets are shown; site descriptive information includes well depths and stratigraphic logs. Blue dashed lines highlight the four distinct sectors used for the reconstruction of a reliable potentiometric surface. Stratigraphic data are based on drilling information.

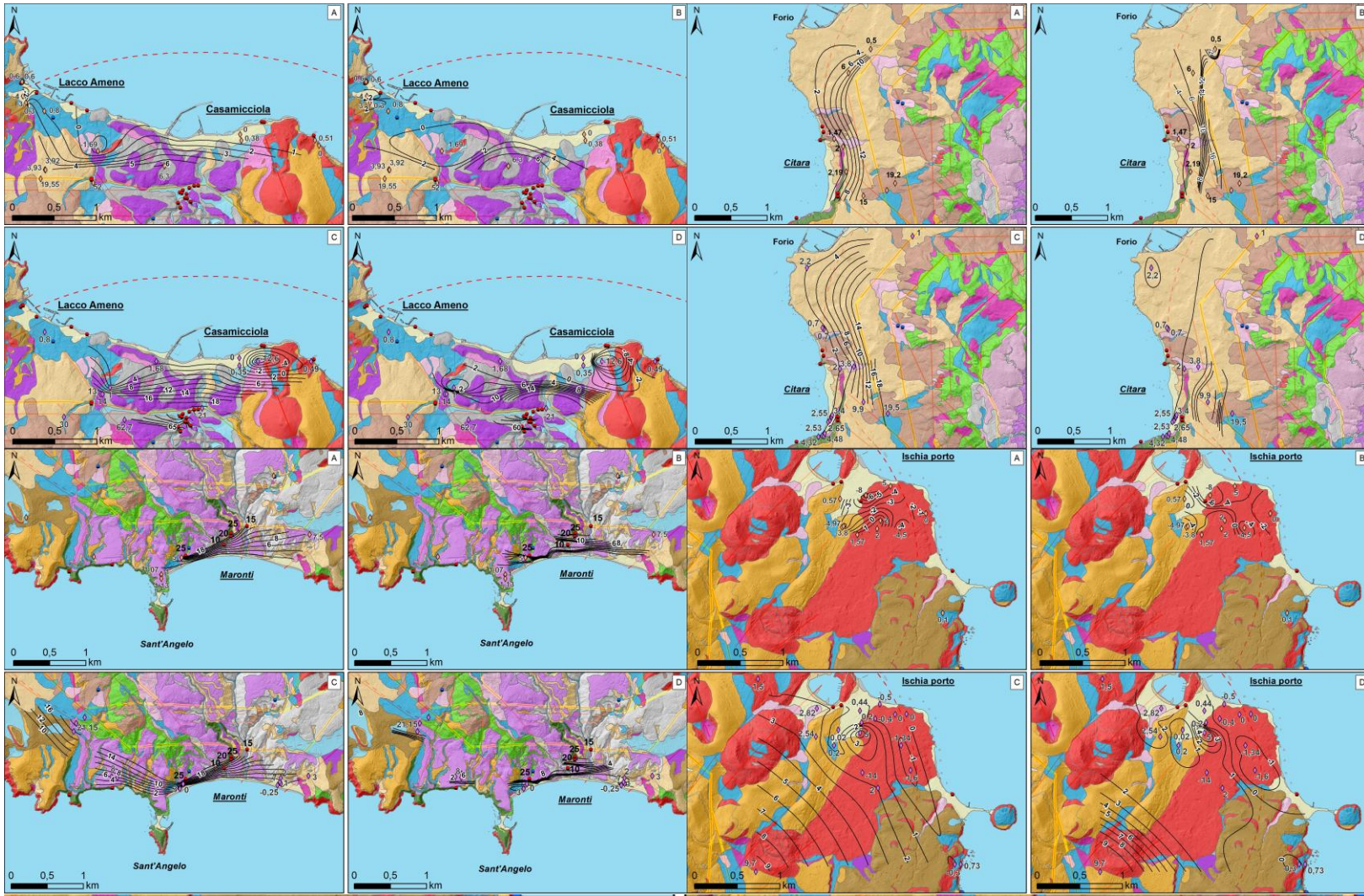






# Groundwater and active volcanic areas

## Hydrodynamic setting



Piezometric surface map of the four selected sectors: Casamicciola-Lacco Ameno, Citara, Maronti e Ischia Porto.

A) NaN interpolation, B) IDW interpolation (dry season);  
C) NaN interpolation, D) IDW interpolation (wet season)

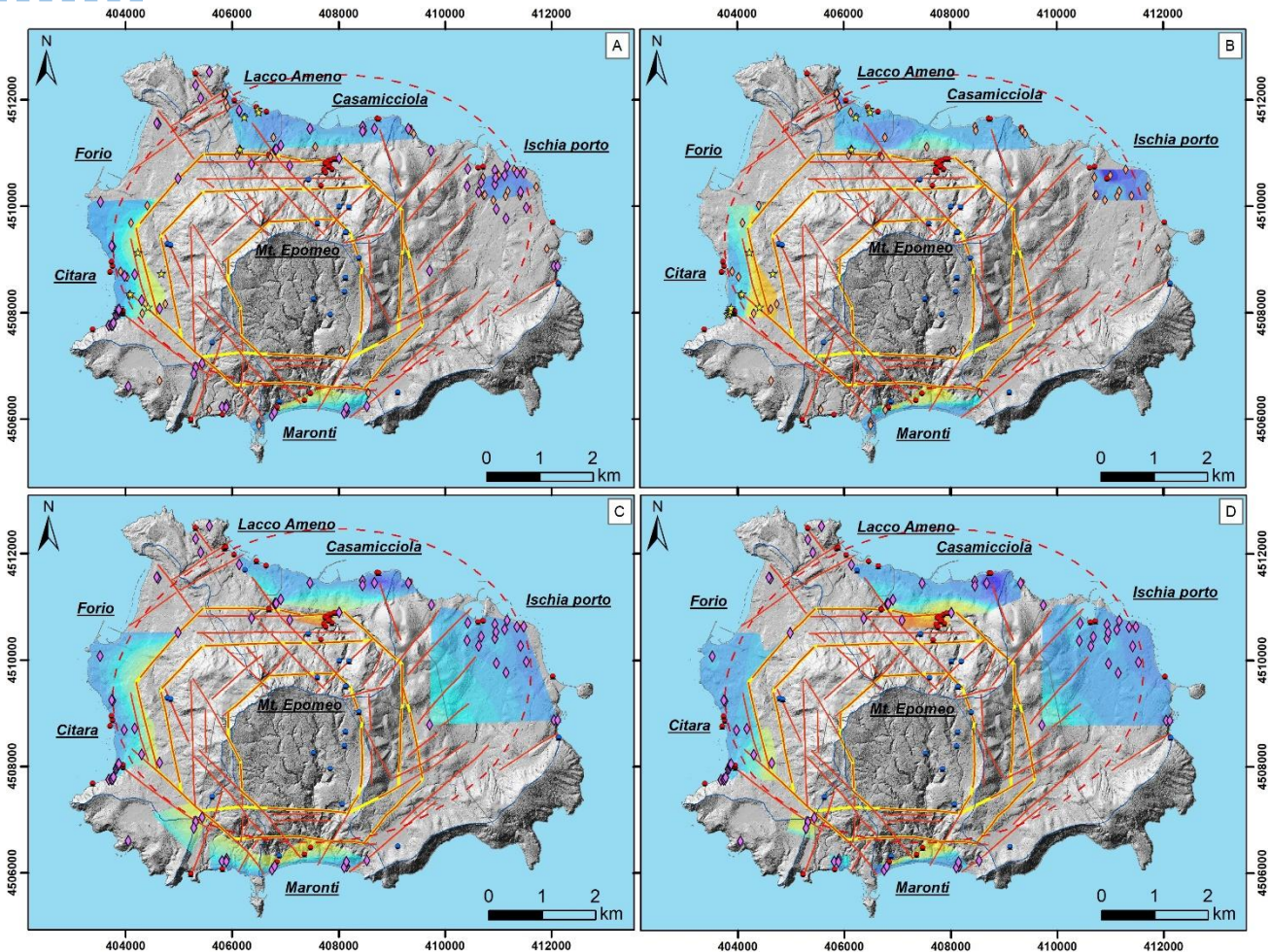
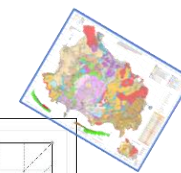






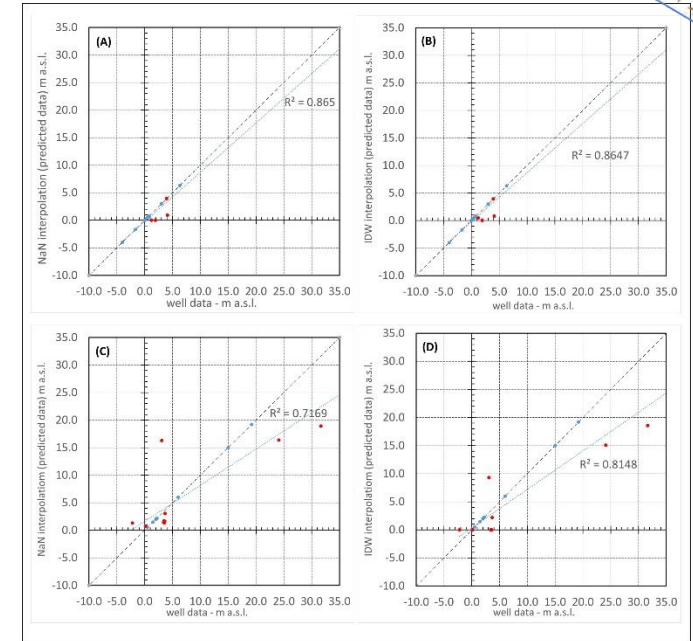
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## Hydrodynamic setting



**A GIS-Based Hydrogeological Approach to the Assessment of the Groundwater Circulation in the Ischia Volcanic Island (Italy)**

Abstract: The hydrogeological setting of the Ischia Volcanic Island (Italy) is characterized by a complex geological structure, which is the result of the interaction between the volcanic and the tectonic processes. The hydrogeological setting is characterized by the presence of the Mt. Epomeo, which is the main source of groundwater. The groundwater circulation is controlled by the geological structure and the tectonic processes. The hydrogeological setting is characterized by the presence of the Mt. Epomeo, which is the main source of groundwater. The groundwater circulation is controlled by the geological structure and the tectonic processes.



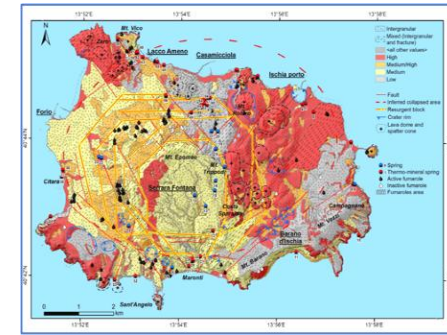
Structural sketch map of Ischia Island and reconstructed piezometric surfaces of the four main geothermal areas: (A) NaN interpolation (dry season) and (B) IDW interpolation (dry season); (C) NaN interpolation and (D) IDW interpolation (wet season). The geometry of datasets used for the interpolation is shown; the location of wells used for the validation is reported, as well as all springs/thermo-mineral springs surveyed during field activities.



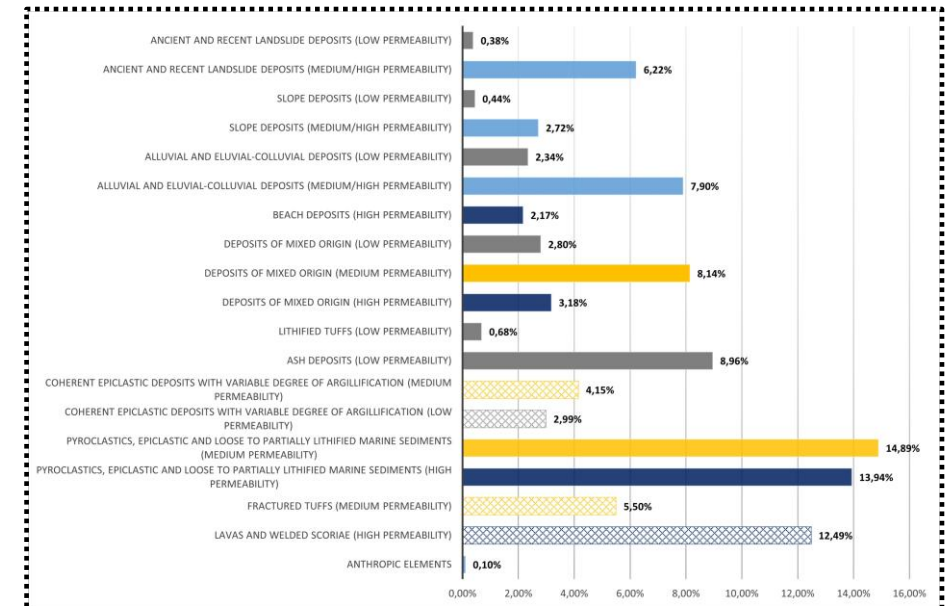


# Hydrogeological map of Ischia Island

## Summary and perspectives



- The geohydrologic units ranging from high to medium/high permeability are the main aquifers
  - Lavas, welded scoriae and fractured tuffs
  - Loose to partially lithified pyroclastic and sedimentary deposits
- The coherent epiclastic and marine deposits from the main period of stasis and the lithified tuffs confine and constrain the groundwater flow
- The sedimentary Quaternary deposits have a permeability combination that is influenced by the characteristics of their origin
  - They influence the infiltration and runoff processes
  - They control the location of the spring, «cold water»
  - They highlight the morpho-structural control of groundwater hydrodynamics

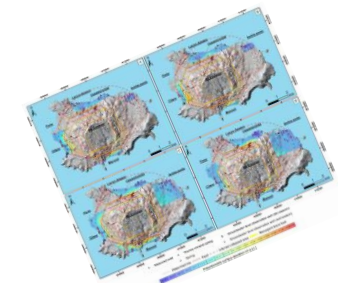


# Hydrogeological map of Ischia Island

## Summary and perspectives



- Springs and fumaroles take place largely (93%) along the coastline and/or the caldera boundaries as well as along the main faults around the Monte Epomeo resurgent block, revealing the geological/volcanological features that create transmissive pathways or barriers to flow
- The main volcano-tectonic structures (caldera and resurgent block) and eruptive vents control the continuity of the hydrofacies
- The relationship between the caldera/resurgent block and main eruptive vents enables the identification of several different hydrostructures
- The first assessment of the average seasonal fluctuations in the potentiometric surface is about 2 m
- Pumping wells controls the spatiotemporal fluctuations of hydraulic head
- The upgrade of the hydrogeological model, where the so called «basal aquifer» of the shallower volcanic aquifer system, cannot be considered continuous, may assist in highlighting critical issues and improving the hydrogeological, geochemical, seismic and volcanic monitoring system.





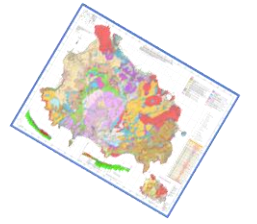


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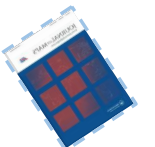
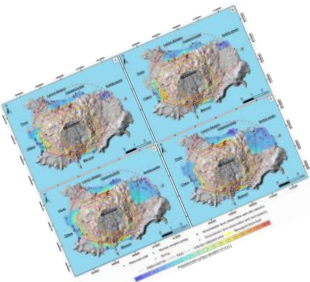
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# Hydrogeological map of Ischia Island

## Summary and perspectives



- A rigorous scientific process is followed by the developed cartographic project for a basic geological/hydrogeological map, which satisfies the current and essential socio-economic needs of territories that require managing natural both resources and hazards/risks.
- A technical/hydrogeological map is essential for designing effective territorial/environmental planning and risk management strategies
- Hydrogeological information generated on a scale of 1:10,000 makes it possible to give priority to the recurrence and distribution of the cover deposits, or to detail the geohydrologic unit outcrops which constitute the shallower layers of the subsoil; at the same time, it ensures that the morphostructural setting, which controls the basal aquifer and/or confining units and so the groundwater flow conditions, is not neglected.
- As planned, the map of the geohydrologic units at 1:10,000 scale is a useful and innovative technical/decision tool for the implementation of effective strategies in terms of environmental sustainability and socio-economic development



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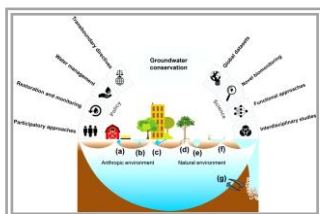
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# Groundwater and ecosystem services

## Science and policy integration



- The water, energy, and food security based on a groundwater sustainable management, well-maintained sanitation systems, sustaining human health, livelihoods, and ecosystems with their valuable services, and climate change mitigation are all pieces of a large and complex puzzle
- The way in which societies choose to balance the distribution of groundwater resources between socio-economic activities and natural ecosystems has a strong impact on the quality of life and on sustainable development of the territory
- Investing in cultural education, as well as geological, environmental, social, and economic knowledge of the territory, is crucial
- The arduous challenge is to give an effective and efficient contribution to promote coherent strategies especially between policies for groundwater and the environment, spatial planning and land use



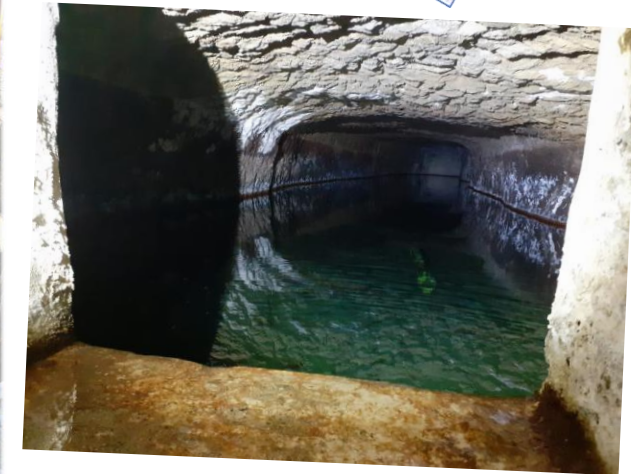
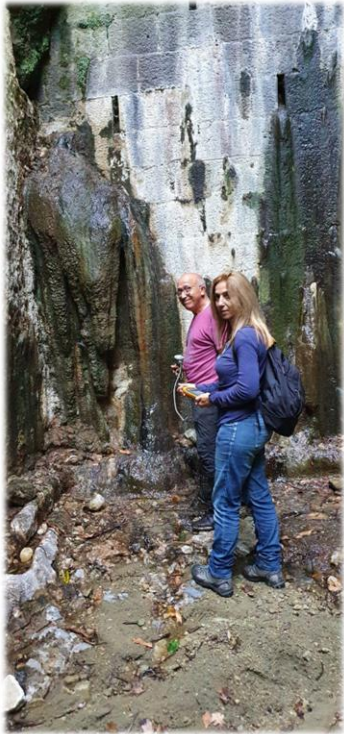
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