# **River Basin Management**

### **Course Outline**

Following the recent enactment in Europe of the Water Framework Directive, the Landfill Directive and the Groundwater Regulations, and the international imperatives of the Millenium Development Goals, there is a high demand for trained, experienced scientists and engineers with specialist knowledge of river basin management and an understanding of the broader principles of integrated water resources planning. The WRA course in River Basin Management is designed to give practicing professionals the required knowledge and exposure to a range of skills used in the sustainable and integrated management of the water resources in a large drainage basin.

### **Course Content**

The course will be taught through four main modules, tackling the key components of river basin management, and integrated water resources planning.

### **Management Framework and Institutions**

Basic principles of River Basin Management Environmental economics Water Resources policy and institutional framework Water Resource systems and assessment GIS applications for river basin management Water Framework Directive in Europe

### **Hydrological Science**

Catchment Scale and the River Basin Management Plan [RBMP] Water Quality, River and Aquifer Conservation

Diffuse and Point pollution

Impact of land management on water quality

Biodiversity and ecology at river basin scale

Renewable energy focussing on hydro-power and windfarms

Climate change and hydrological modelling

Remote sensing tools

### Monitoring

River Basin Processes

Natural River Systems and restoration

Field techniques and Monitoring requirements of RBMPs

#### **Case Studies**

The course will draw on the wealth of WRA experience and project examples, to exemplify key aspects of river basin management, and case studies will be used in hands-on work.

Course lecturers are regularly involved in teaching and research activities at the Universities of Oxford, Reading, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne and University College London.

Courses can be tailored to the specific requirements of clients, and delivered as a closed course at any location.

# **♦ WRA Software**



HYSIM: Hydrological catchment model with database engine for resource assessment and flow naturalisation.

AQUATOR: Conjunctive use water resource system model.

HYDRO: Multi-purpose reservoir operation and analysis.

CDIG: Digitising software for hydrological data.

LASER: Liming control model.

HERMES: River water quality model.

INCA-N: Integrated catchment model for water quality

[nitrates]

INCA-P: Integrated catchment model for water quality

[nutrients, sediment, macrophyte dynamics]

DISPRIN: General purpose program for simulation of water

quality dispersion along river systems.

PTFIT: Interpretation and analysis of pumping test data.

WDT: Well design toolkit for Water wells

# **♦ Training**

Project design: Designing projects with logical frameworks and team-up tools.

Well analysis: Provision and use of software for simulation and analysis of pumping, and observation well behaviour, including analytical prediction of well losses.

Rainfall/runoff modelling: Use of rainfall/runoff models for a variety of applications.

Water quality modelling: Use of river, catchment and lake models.

River Basin Management: Use of river, catchment and lake models.

# **♦ To Find Out More**

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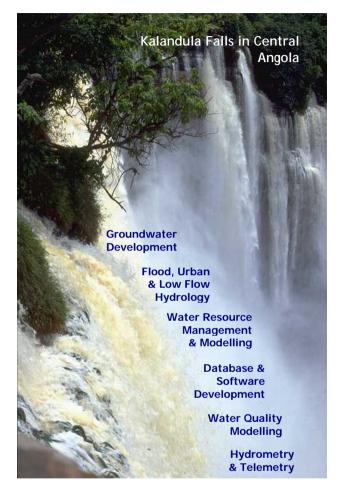
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# Water Resource Associates



# RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT COURSE





Water Resource Associates Ltd was founded in 1994 and provides specialist consultancy services, world-wide. The Directors have previously worked for a range of organisations including the Institute of Hydrology, British Geological Survey, firms of consulting engineers, the British water industry and International agencies. They have experience of working on problems in the water environment in over 120 countries across the full spectrum of arid to humid climates.

# Project Portfolio



Canada: Lake Simcoe Nutrient Modelling [Trent University and Ontario Ministry of the Environment].

Norway: SEALINK project, examining changes in nutrient fluxes to the sea from air and land sources in the Vansjø-Hobøl Basin

Scotland & Northern Ireland: HYSIM-AQUATOR software for surface water yield assessment [SNIFFER]

British Waterways: Development of hydrological models for reservoir and canal feeders throughout England and Scotland.

Belgium: Flood Study of Meuse tributary [Namur City Council].

Romania: Modelling metals in the Aries and Mures Rivers [Rosia Montana Gold Corporation]

Turkey: Yeşilirmak River Basin assessment of impact of climate change on irrigation and hydropower [Solventa].

Azerbaijan: Surface Water Studies for Sangachal terminal and Serenja hazardous waste facility [BP Exploration Shah Deniz]

Russia: Reservoir optimisation for Volga navigation study at Nizhny Novgorod [SWK for ROSRECHFLOT]

Middle East Peace Process: Development of national water data banks & Environmental early warning system [EU and GEF]

Jordan: Modelling ancient and modern hydrology for the Water, Life and Civilisation project [Leverhulme Trust]

Lebanon: Water Resource study of the Hasbani Basin to assess equitable use of the Jordan River resources [EU-Relex]

Yemen: Sayhut and Noujad Dam feasibility Studies [Conser, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development]

Botswana, Namibia: Effects of proposed pumped abstractions on Okavango Delta [Ministry of Water, CSIR, South Africa]

Malawi: Environmental and Natural Resources Management Action Plan for Upper Shire Basin [LTS-MCC]

Lake Victoria Basin Commission: Control rules for hydro-power operation and management of lake water level [with CEH]

Tanzania: Dar-es-Salaam future water supply [Norconsult]

Mozambique: Hydropower part of Energy Master Plan

Nepal: Upper Tama Koshi hydropower feasibility study

Brunei: Temburong Transfer Scheme & Batu Apoi Dam feasibility study [Montgomery Watson, for Min of Public Wks]

Indonesia: South Java flood control study [Min of Public Works; Bintan Industrial Estate Water Supply [Sembcorp Parks]

# **Hydrology**



WRA expertise covers hydrometric network design, instrumentation, data capture and processing, flood estimation and forecasting, low flow, yield and drought studies, hydropower operation, modelling complex conjunctive use water resources systems, arid zone hydrology and wetland hydrology.

We also specialise in producing high quality hydrological software either as bespoke applications or as products for general use. Software products include catchment models, conjunctive-use water-resource simulation models, river water quality models and chart digitising software.

# Water Quality and Hydro-ecology



Water quality and hydro-ecological studies are key WRA activities, including modelling, management, and development of software for rivers, lakes and catchments.

Capability includes environmental impact assessment, integrated catchment management and investigation of land-use and climate change, assessment of nitrogen balance, movement of metals, acidification and real-time forecasting and control. Services include hydrochemistry, time series analysis, water quality sampling and analysis, liming control software for acid rivers and lakes, aquatic and river corridor surveys.

# Groundwater Management



WRA provides services for groundwater development and management in most global geologies. The company has provided advice on centralised management of groundwater for large-scale irrigation and water supply projects, as well as developing frameworks for provision for Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Schemes & installing individual water supply points.

Environmental issues and sustainable water supplies are central to many water resource projects, requiring knowledge of man's influence as well as natural variation in water quality.

Support has been given to the UK water industry at many levels. Writing and use of specialised software for tackling complex problems include borehole design, pumping test analysis and deployable output assessment. WRA is supported by Groundwater Drilling & Monitoring Ltd, and can off hydrometry as well as soil and aquifer test services.

### **WRA** websites

www.waterwelldesign.com www.lowcarbonoptions.net www.climatedata.info www.ema.com.mk www.oxscisoft.com www.southernhydropower.co.uk www.hydro-gis.co.uk

### The WRA Team



### **Directors**

Frank A K Farquharson: Flood hydrology and Real-time forecasting, water resource assessment & management.

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