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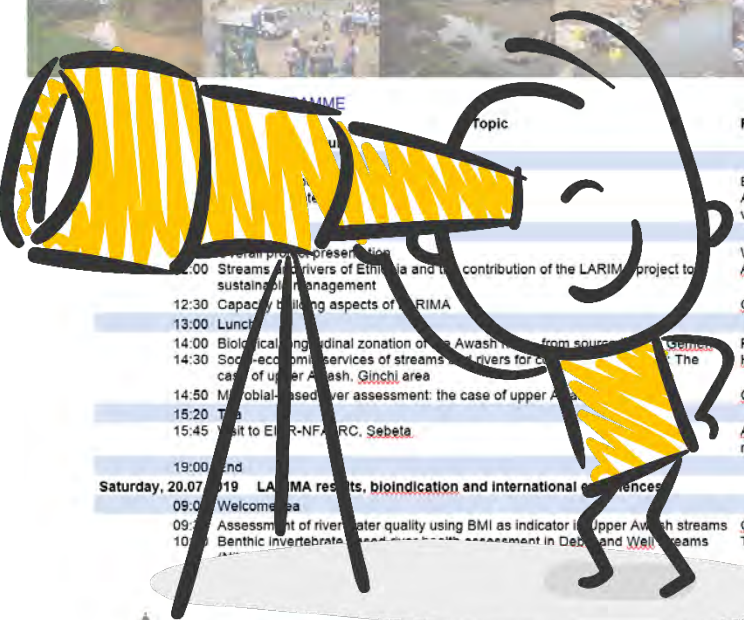
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Structure of the conference

Look back



| Topic | Presenter | Chair |
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| General presentation | EIAR, DDG AU-president, vice-president | Dr. Zenebe |
| Streams as drivers of Ethiopia and the contribution of the LARIMA project to sustainable management | Wolfram Graf, Aschalew Lakew | Dr. Zenebe |
| Capacity building aspects of LARIMA | Geda Oncho | |
| Biological and zonation of the Awash river from source to delta | Paul Meulenbroek | |
| Socio-economic services of streams as drivers for capacity building in the case of upper Awash, Ginchi area | Hiwot Teshome | Dr. Zenebe |
| Microbial-based river assessment: the case of upper Awash | Geda Oncho | |
| Visit to EIAR-NFA/IRC, Sebeta | Aschalew Lakew, researchers | |

Saturday, 20.07.2019 LARIMA results, bioindication and international conferences

09:00 Welcome tea

09:30 Assessment of river water quality using BMI as indicator in upper Awash streams

10:00 Benthic invertebrate-based river health assessment in Deb and Welb streams

10:30 Capacity development and networking

11:00 Tea

11:30 Animal biodiversity of Ethiopia and major threats

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Bioindication and bioassessment concepts in Europe

13:00 ACESS-HKH and experience in capacity building and bioindication in streams in Nepal

13:30 Bioindication and biomonitoring approaches in Kenya: a historical perspective and current status

14:00 Tea

14:30 Bioassessment methods for integrated water resource management in South Africa: frameworks, scales and lessons learned

15:00 Bridging the gap between research and national development agencies - Uganda

15:30 Discussion - Challenges and the way forward

16:00 End

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International expert input

Way forward



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| 11:00 Tea | | |
| 11:30 Morphological and genetic variations of <i>O. niloticus</i> population in Ethiopia | Dr. Zenebe | |
| 12:00 Ecological status of Guna Mountain Range and its impact (an Alpine ecosystem which is a water tower and a source of Blue Nile River) | Dr. Zenebe | |
| 12:30 Lunch | | |
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| 15:30 Bioassessment methods for integrated water resource management in South Africa: frameworks, scales and lessons learned | Ulrike Ross-Gillespie | |
| 16:00 Bridging the gap between research and national development agencies - Uganda | Lillian Idrakula, Aschalew Lakew, Silke Drexler | Prof. Waldbacher |
| 16:30 Discussion - Challenges and the way forward | | |
| 18:00 End | | |
| Sunday, 21.07.2019 Biodiversity, bioassessment and the way forward | | |
| 09:00 Welcome tea | | |
| 09:30 Integrative Taxonomy and Bioassessment in Freshwaters | Steffen Paul | |
| 10:00 Biodiversity data and international cooperation | Astrid Schmidt-Kloiber, Nzulu Kitani, Tadesse Fetahi, Gebachew Benebera, Gerold Winkler | Dr. Ross-Gillespie |
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Sustainable Highland Rivers Management in Ethiopia- LARIMA



- **Partners**

- Ethiopian Institute of Agriculture Research at National Fishery and Aquatic Life Research Center (EIAR- NFALRC), Ethiopia
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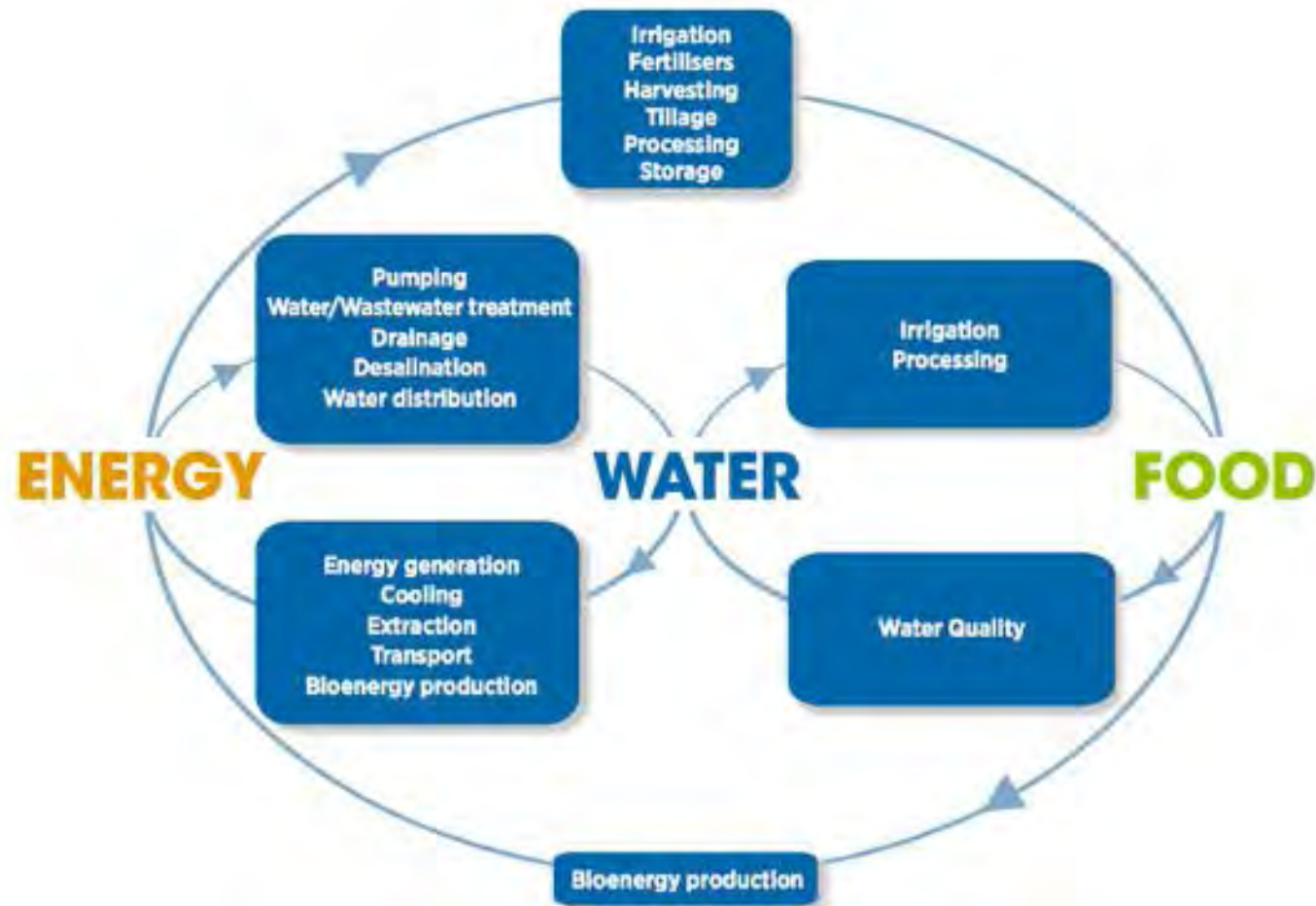
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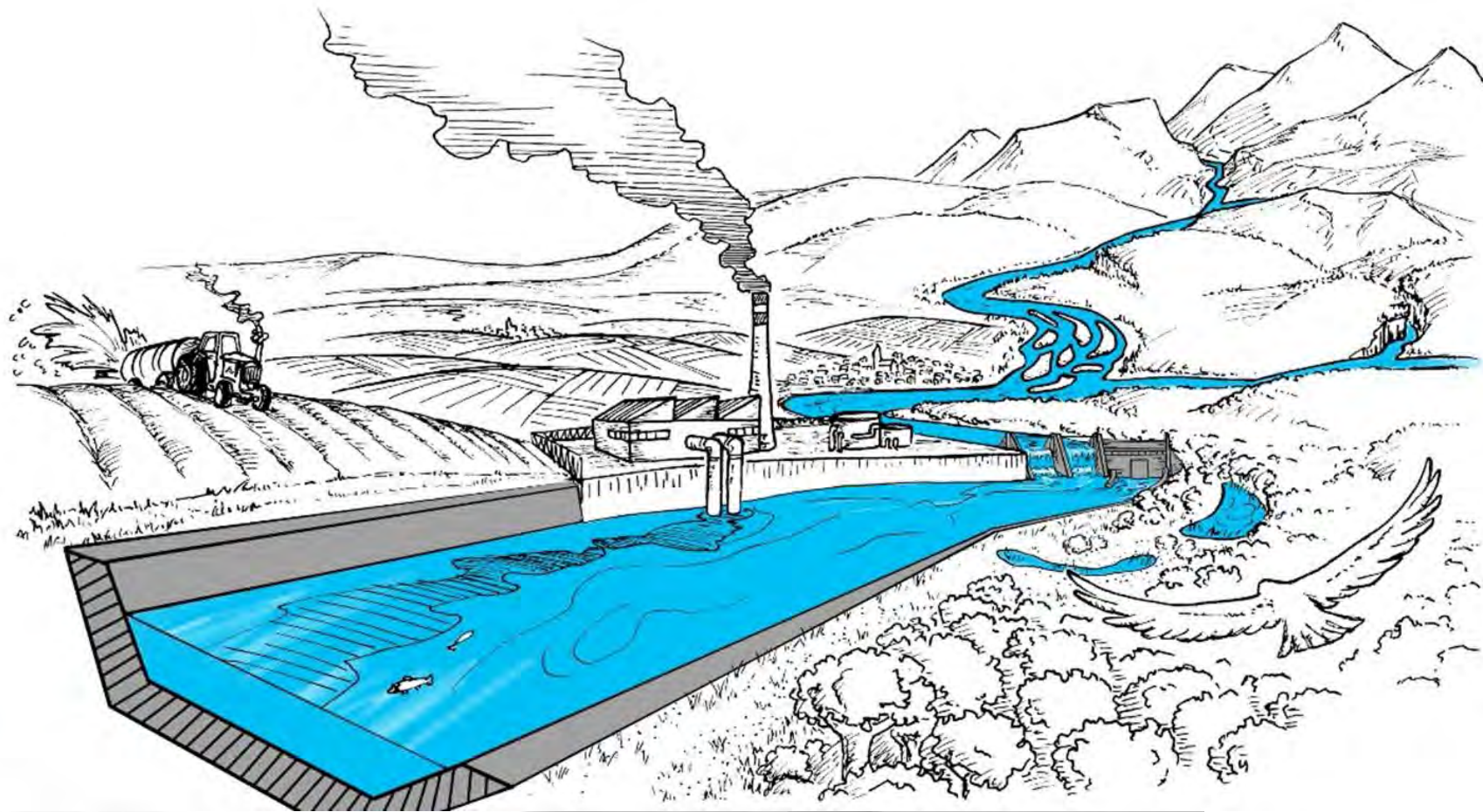
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WP1

Biomonitoring framework to assess the status of Ethiopian highland rivers

WP2

Watershed based case-study sites for education, training and capacity building on aquatic ecosystem management

WP3

Socio-economics and aquatic ecosystem services in Ethiopian highlands

WP4

Human & institutional capacity building for sustainable use of aquatic resources including curriculum enhancement

WP5

Dissemination framework

Scientific and administrative project management



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Metadata on existing information and data for river basins in the Ethiopian Central Highlands



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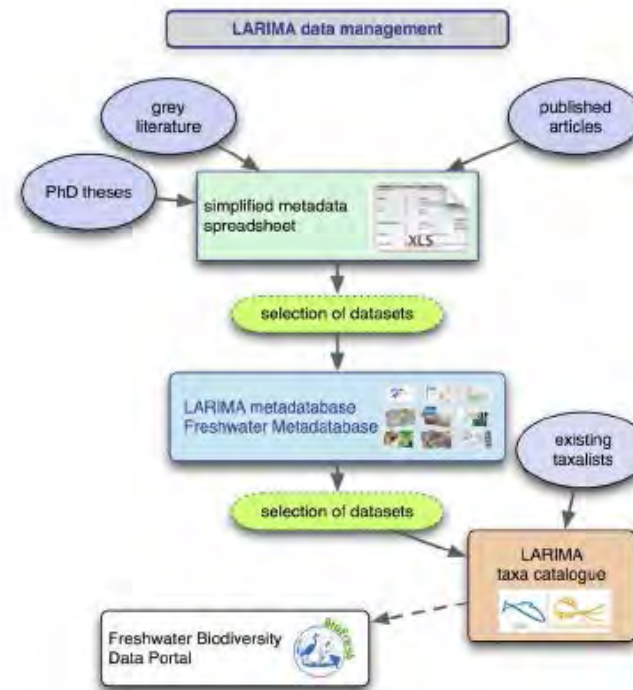
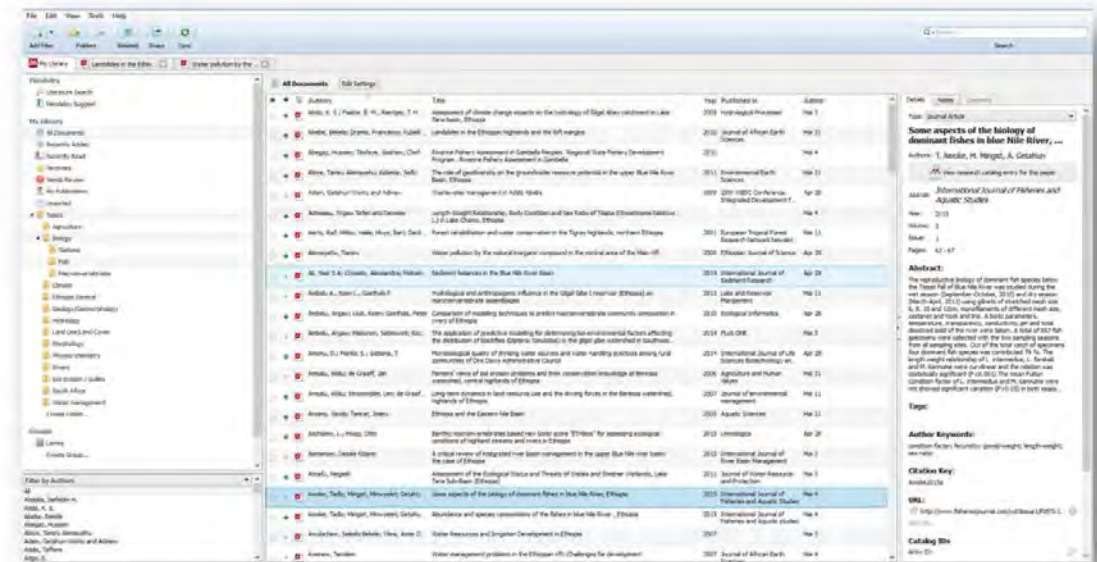


Figure 1: LAR

Data were stored in the Excel template (see above). Additionally, we created a Mendeley literature archive (see 3.1) that is available to all the LARIMA partners.



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Paul Meulenbroek: Biological longitudinal zonation of the Awash river – from source to lake Gemeri

Biodiversity issues



- Ethiopia is outstanding in the afrotropical region
- Highland faunas and isolated mountain ranges
- High rate of endemism is expected
- What is known?
 - Scattered publication, no catalogue (of invertebrates)
 - Aim: complete check list of aquatic fauna: Fauna Aquatica Ethiopica



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Biodiversity issues



are prerequisites for

- Typology; based on distribution of selected organisms
- Bioassessment; based on taxonomical knowledge
- Conservation; based on 1) endemic species, 2) rare species, 3) faunal shifts due to anthropogenic pressure

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Example: Screening of literature

ON THE TRICHOPTERA OF ETHIOPIA
By D. E. KIMMINS

SYNOPSIS

A study of collections made by Dr. A. Tjønneland and others has resulted in raising the number of species recorded from Ethiopia to fifty-one, of which seventeen are here described as new. The genus *Hydropsychodes* Ulmer has been placed as a synonym of *Cheumatopsyche* Wallengren.

UNTIL Dr. A. Tjønneland began collecting with the aid of a mercury vapour light trap, the trichopteran fauna of Ethiopia was almost unknown. A selection of his catches, together with collections made by two of his colleagues and by Mr. Bob G. Hill in the Dire Dawa district, form the subject of this study. They have increased the number of species recorded to fifty-one, of which seventeen are here described as new.

Despite this considerable addition to the known fauna, much of the country is still unworked and it is probable that further representatives of families of Trichoptera which occur elsewhere in Africa remain to be discovered. These include the Rhyacophilidae, Philopotamidae, Polycentropodidae, Hydroptilidae, Calamoceratidae, Leptoceeridae and Lepidostomatidae.

Of the species now known to occur in Ethiopia, eleven are found also in East Africa, seven extend into West Africa and five are widespread African species. One species was originally described from SW. Arabian material and another is closely allied to a species from that area.

The author wishes to express his thanks to Dr. A. Tjønneland, of University College of Addis Ababa, for the opportunity of working on this collection and for allowing the British Museum (Natural History) to retain most of it, including the holotypes and allotypes. Paratypes, where available, and named duplicates have been returned to the University College of Addis Ababa. Dr. Tjønneland has also made collections of Ephemeroptera in Ethiopia, which it is hoped to deal with in due course.

In the present paper, to save space, in recording localities the word ETHIOPIA has been omitted. In indicating the location of types and paratypes, the abbreviations (BMNH) and (UCA) have been used for the British Museum (Natural History) and the University College of Addis Ababa respectively.

Family PHILOPOTAMIDAE
***Chimarra abyssinica* Banks**

Chimarra abyssinica Banks, 1913 : 235, (♀); Ulmer, 1930 : 479-482, figs. 1-3, (♂).
Gamo Province, Gughé Highlands, Bonghé, c. 9,000 ft., 29. xii. 1948, from foliage of willows and flood refuse by stream in flat valley, 1 ♂, 1 ♀; Chenchia, c. 8,900 ft.,
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TRICHOPTERA FROM A KENYA HIGH ALTITUDE STREAM
By N. E. HICKIN
(*Falcourt Research Laboratories, East Grinstead, Sussex*)

A COLLECTION of trichopteran larvae was made on 6th and 7th October, 1956, from a small sub-alpine stream—the Kipkurere river—in the Timboroa forest reserve in Kenya. The collecting station, known locally as Austin's Bridge, was about five miles

FIGS. 1-4.—Larva of *Trisanoedes hishini*: (1) lateral view; (2) larva in case, from above; (3) head, from above; (4) head, from below.

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BRAUERIA (Lunz am See, Austria) 42:31-35 (2015) spitz erscheint. Der PA hat ein Paar nach unten und außen gewendeter Krallen.
Holotypus ♂: Äthiopien, Kleiner Waldbach N von Addis Abeba, 1.11.2013, leg. W. Graf.

Einige neue afrikanische Köcherfliegen (Trichoptera)
Hans MALICKY & Wolfram GRAF

Abstract. Six new species from Ethiopia (in the genera *Helyethira*, *Stactobia*, *Orthotrichia*, *Cheumatopsyche*, *Athripsodes*, *Oecetis*), one new species from Sudan (*Orthotrichia*) and one new species from Morocco (*Wormaldia*) are described and figured. A list of a collection from Ethiopia is added.

Häufige Abkürzungen: LA Lateralansicht, DA Dorsalansicht, VA Ventralansicht, VFL Vorderflügelänge, KA Kopulationsarmaturen, OA obere Anhänge, UA untere Anhänge

Orthotrichia thariefi n.sp. (Hydroptilidae)
Braun, VFL 3 mm. ♂ KA (p. 33): Wie bei den meisten Orthotrichia-Arten ist es unmöglich, eine genaue Beschreibung in Worten zu geben; man muß die Abbildungen vergleichen. In DA sieht man links einen großen, im Bogen abstehenden, nach hinten gerichteten Arm, dorsal in der Mitte einen fast geraden Finger und distal eine längliche Platte, die spitz nach rechts gerichtet ist. Ventral sieht man zwei krumme Vorsprünge, die möglicherweise die UA sind. Der Innendorn ist mäßig lang, schlank, leicht gewellt und spitz.
Material: Sudan, Wadi Halfa, 26.-31.1.1962, leg. Kasy: 1 ♂.

Orthotrichia gudiefi n.sp.
Ganz hellbraun, VFL 3 – 3,5 mm. ♂ KA (p. 33): Ebenfalls nicht exakt mit Worten beschreibbar. Bei dieser Art ist der Ventralarm, an dem oft noch die UA zu erkennen sind, zu einem unförmigen länglichen Gebilde verformt. In LA sieht man ventral einen auffallend langen Fortsatz, der in VA als schlanker, spitzer Finger erscheint. Der Innendorn hat eine kleine basale Knolle und ist lang, schlank, gerade und spitz.
Holotypus ♂ und 2 ♂ Paratypen: Äthiopien, Kleiner Waldbach N von Addis Abeba, 1.11.2013, leg. W. Graf.

Die Details der äthiopischen Fundorte sind wie folgt:
Chanco River N von Chanco, 9°20'N, 38°45'E, 2500m, 30.10.2013, leg. W.Graf

Keta River N von Sululta, 9°12'N, 38°45'E, 2570m, 31.10.2013, leg. W.Graf

Kleiner Waldbach N von Addis Abeba, 9°05'N, 38°43'E, 2800m, 1.11.2013, leg. W.Graf

Helyethira mariach n.sp. (Hydroptilidae)
Hellbraun, Beine und Unterseite des Abdomens gelblich, Spornformel 034, Ocellen vorhanden. VFL 3,5 – 4 mm. ♂ KA (Seite 32): 9. Segment in LA fast kreisrund, mit einer vorspringenden dorsokaudalen Ecke. Das 10. Segment ist in DA länglich trapezförmig. Neben ihm entspringt ein Paar nach hinten und unten gebogener stumpfer Arme. UA in LA oval mit konvexer Ventralkante und mehreren großen, nach unten und innen gerichteten Borsten, von denen eine besonders lang ist; in VA sind sie basal breit, rasch nach außen verschmälert und dort annähernd löffelförmig nach hinten gerichtet. Wir sind nicht sicher, ob diese Art tatsächlich zu *Helyethira* gehört, da sie von allen uns bekannten Arten abweicht. Sie sei einstweilen hierher gestellt.
Holotypus ♂ und 1 ♂ Paratypus, dazu ein vermutlich dazugehöriges ♀: Äthiopien, Kleiner Waldbach N von Addis Abeba, 1.11.2013, leg. W. Graf.

Cheumatopsyche themaz n.sp.
Körper und Flügel graubraun, Beine, Palpen und Antennen hellbraun. VFL 8,5 – 9 mm. ♂ KA (p. 34): 9. Segment in LA mit konvexer Vorder- und konvexer Hinterkante, letztere mit einem bauchigen Vorsprung in der Ventralhälfte. Das 10. Segment ist ungewöhnlich gebaut, und wir kennen keine ähnliche Art: in DA ist es trapezförmig mit einem halbrunden behaarten Höcker (die sonst üblichen paarigen behaarten Warzen fehlen), in VA hat es drei eckige Vorsprünge (siehe Abbildung). Das erste Glied der UA ist relativ dick, das zweite Glied ist dünn und nach oben gebogen, etwa ¼ so lang wie das erste. PA sowohl in LA als auch in VA in der Basalhälfte auffallend bauchig.
Holotypus ♂ und 2 ♂ Paratypen: Äthiopien, Kleiner Waldbach N von Addis Abeba, 1.11.2013, leg. W.Graf.

Stactobia ruthiefi n.sp. (Hydroptilidae)
Originalfärbung nicht mehr erkennbar. VFL 2 mm. Spornformel 124, aber der Tibiensporn ist winzig und kaum erkennbar. Ocellen vorhanden. ♂ KA (p. 32): Das 9. Segment hat einen mäßig langen vorderen Vorsprung der Ventralkante; dorsal trägt es ein Paar spitzer, leicht nach innen geneigter Stäbe. Der Ventralteil hat ein Paar großer, nach unten und innen gebogenen breiten Haken und ventral davon eine breite paarige Struktur, die in LA einfach und

Cheumatopsyche plutonis Banks 1913 (?)
Hier (p. 34) bilden wir eine Art aus der äthiopischen Ausbeute ab, die nach den Abbildungen von ULMER (1930) *C. plutonis* sein könnte; die Abbildung von BANKS (1913) ist unkenntlich. Eine Untersuchung des Holotypus wäre erwünscht.



Description of the larva of *Oecetis mizrain* Malicky & Graf, 2012 (Trichoptera, Leptoceridae) and *Lepidostoma scotti* (Ulmer, 1930) (Trichoptera, Lepidostomatidae) from Chilimo Forest, Central Ethiopia

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Abstract

The Ethiopian caddisfly fauna comprises 85 species, including 10 *Oecetis* species and three *Lepidostoma* species. In this context we provide the first species-level descriptions of Ethiopian caddisfly larvae. We describe and illustrate the larvae of *O. mizrain* and *L. scotti*, with additional notes on their habitats and distribution.

Keywords

caddisfly larvae, distribution, ecology, Afrotropical Region, diversity, ecological management

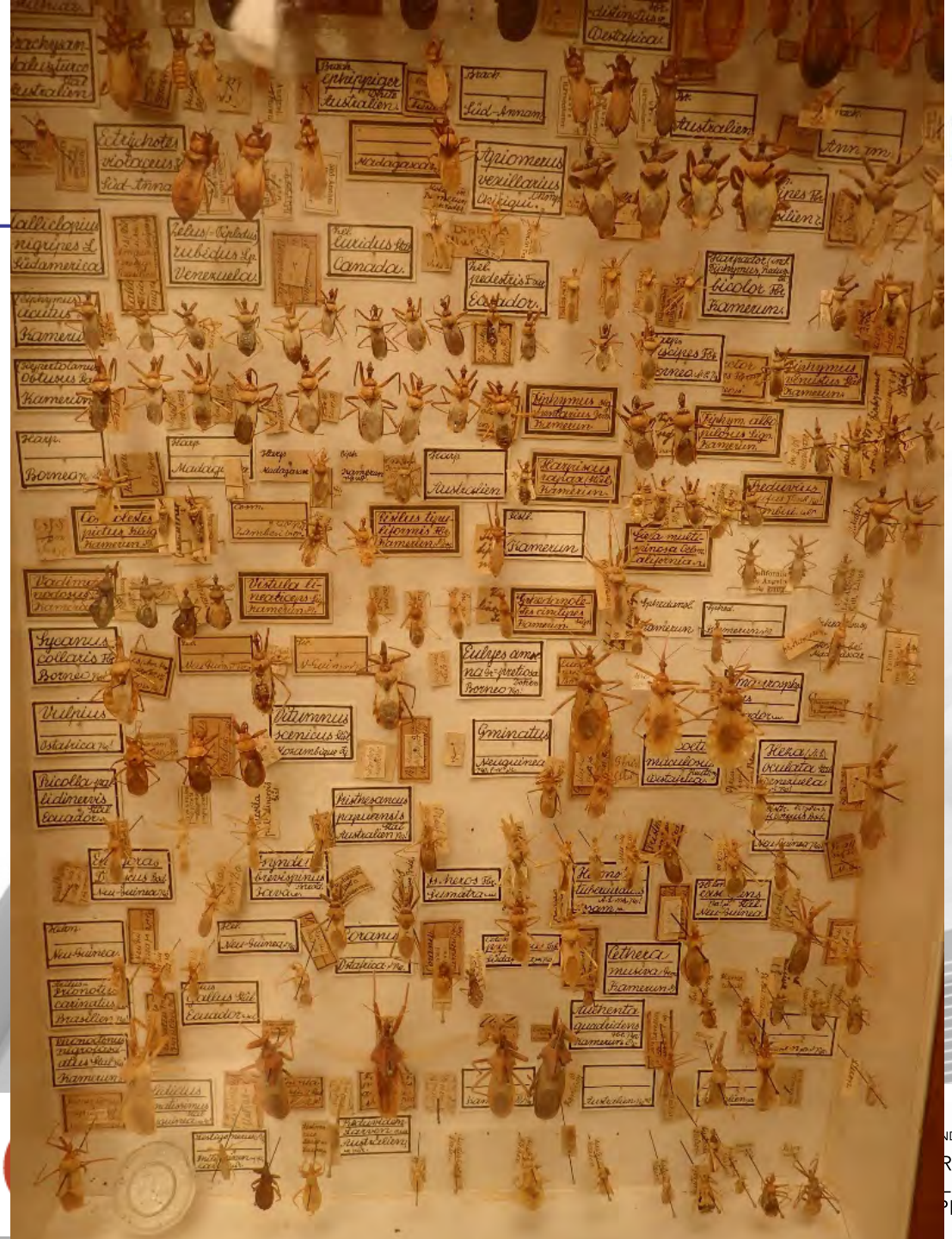
Introduction

Caddisflies are one of the most diverse aquatic insect groups, distributed all over the world. The order Trichoptera comprises approximately 15,000 species (including 685 fossils) in 616 genera and 49 families (Morse 2017). The Oriental region



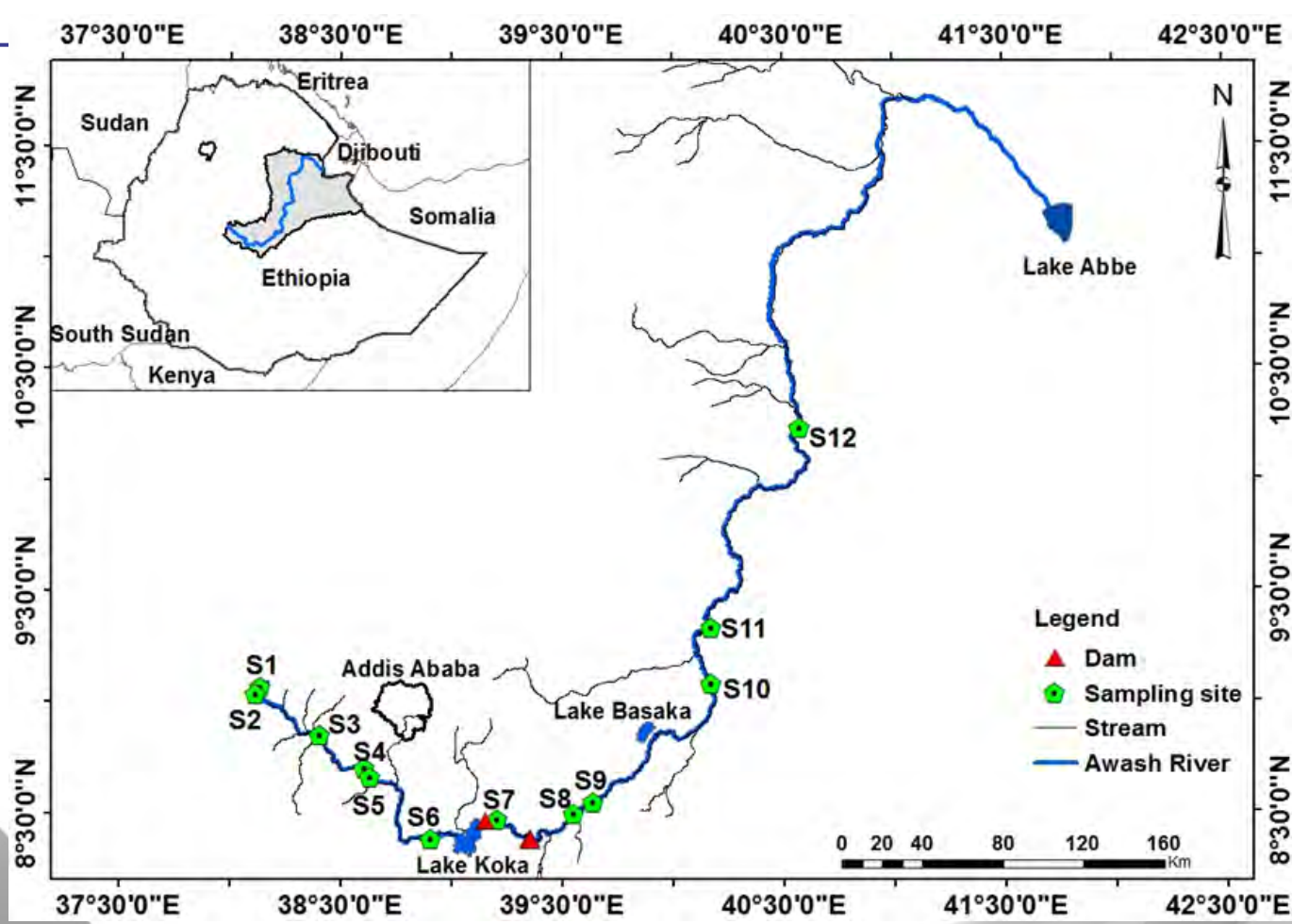
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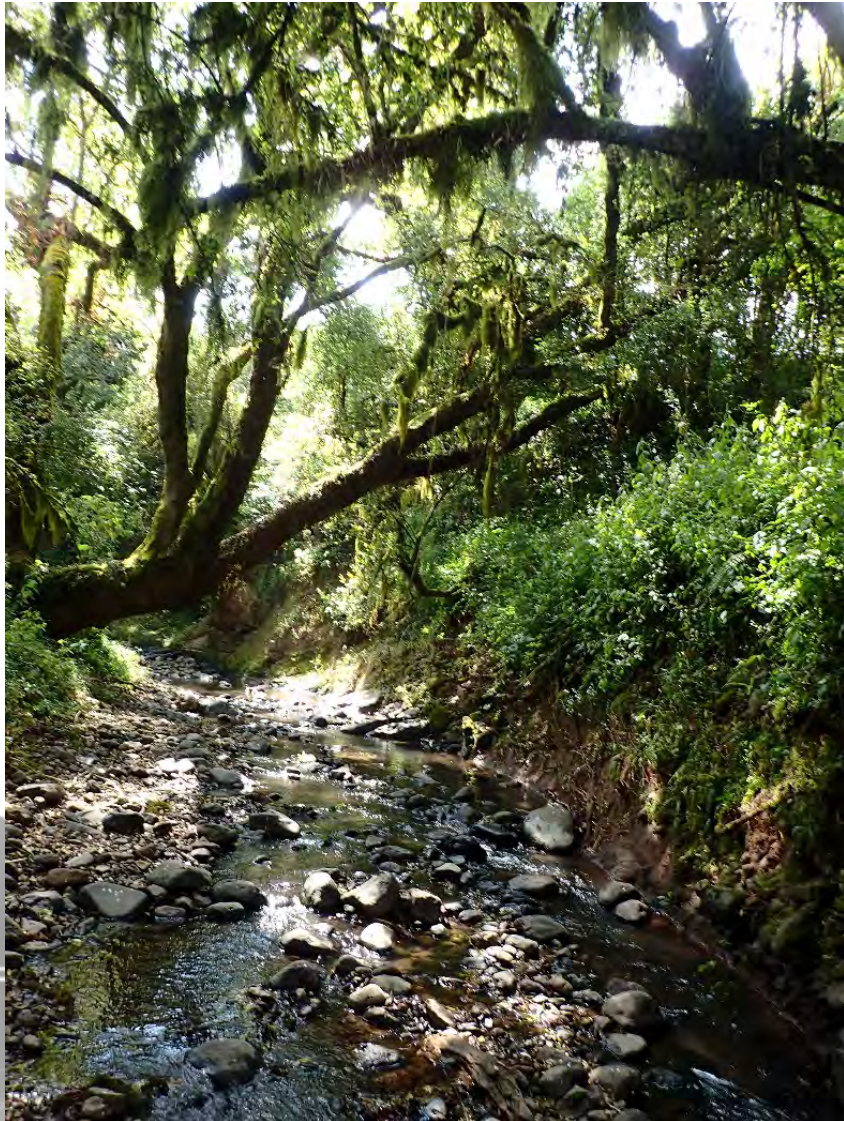
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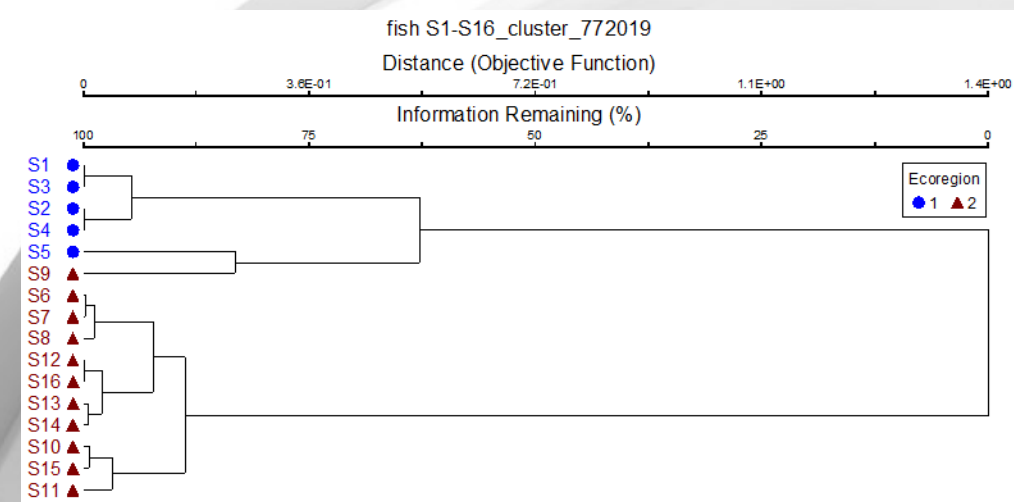
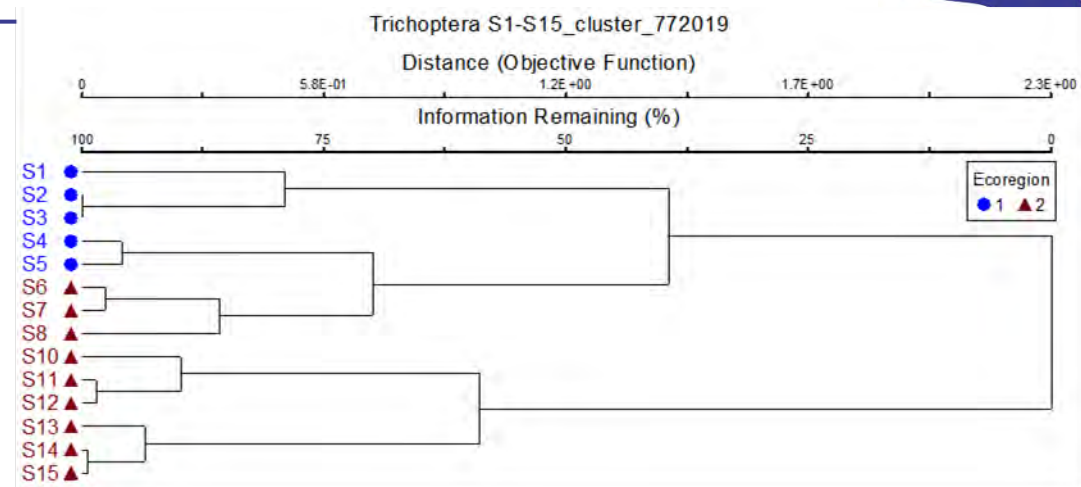
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| S2 - Gare Arera | 2244 | 15 | Highland | Z1 |
| S3 - Awash Belo | 2065 | 76 | Highland | Z1 |
| S4 - Awash Kunture | 2003 | 120 | Highland | Z1 |
| S5 - Sulula | 1916 | 128 | Highland | Z1 |
| S6 - Lafessa | 1608 | 201 | Lowland | TZ1 |
| S7 - Wonji | 1552 | 254 | Lowland | TZ1 |
| S8 - Korkada | 1260 | 324 | Lowland | TZ1 |
| S9 - Yimre | 797 | 464 | Lowland | TZ1 |
| S1 - - Worer | 743 | 528 | Lowland | Z2 |
| S11 - Kada Bada | 570 | 763 | Lowland | Z2 |
| S12 - Kalle Alli | 460 | 950 | Lowland | Z2 |
| S13 - Dubti | 378 | 1080 | Lowland | Z2 |
| S14 - Asaita | 362 | 1136 | Lowland | Z2 |

Awash - Ginchi



Awash - Lafessa





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LARIMA Activity 1.3.

Adjustment of a top-down operative stream classification system (typology)

Classification of Ethiopian highland streams and rivers



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Top-down operative stream classification system (typology) for Ethiopian highlands

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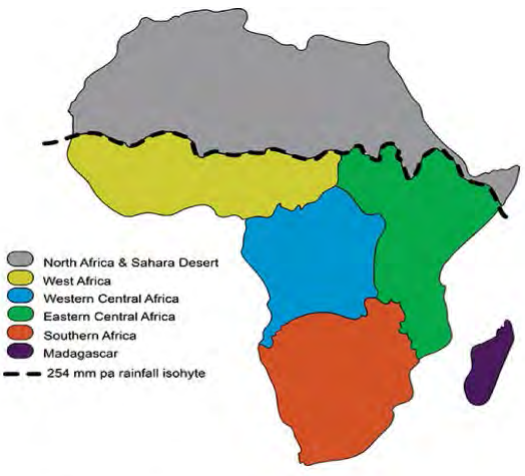


Figure 30: Sub-regions of Ethiopia in Africa

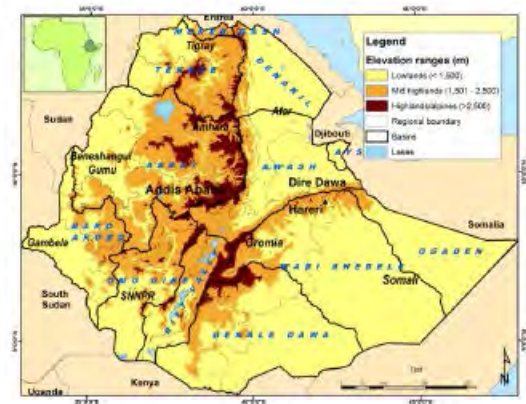


Figure 1: Distribution of Ethiopian highlands across 12 drainage basins

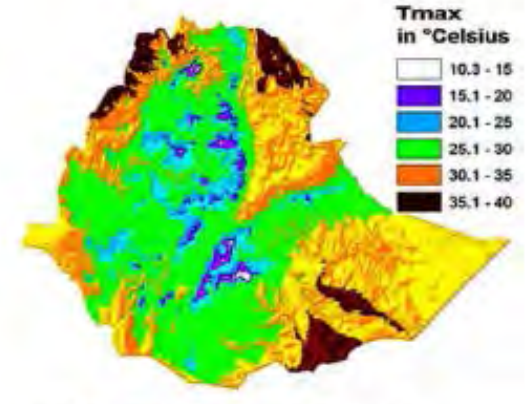


Figure 6: Mean annual temperature in Ethiopia



Figure 4: Drainage basins of Ethiopia

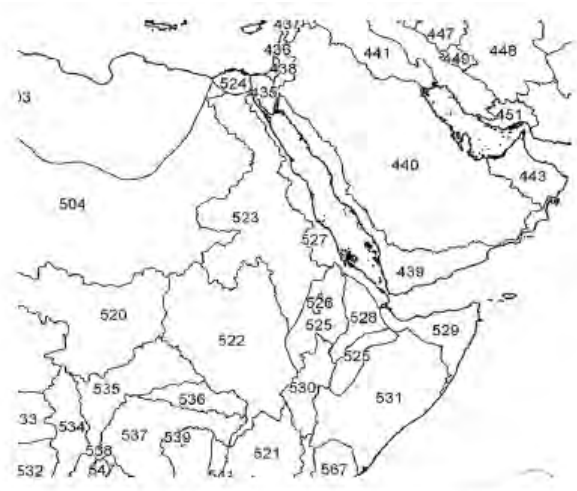


Figure 10: The map provided is a detail of the FLOW regions that cover the area of Ethiopia.

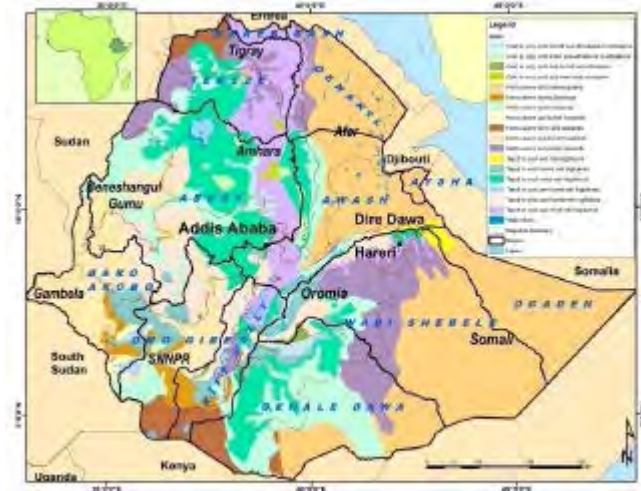


Figure 9: Agro-ecology of Ethiopia

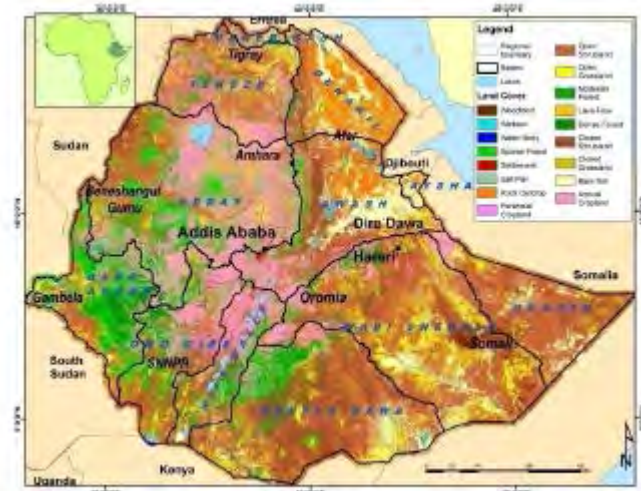


Figure 8: Land cover of Ethiopia

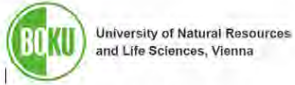
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ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS OF ETHIOPIAN STREAMS USING MACROINVERTEBRATES AS INDICATOR: COMPARING DIFFERENT AFRICAN APPROACHES AT THE UPPER SECTION OF THE AWASH RIVER

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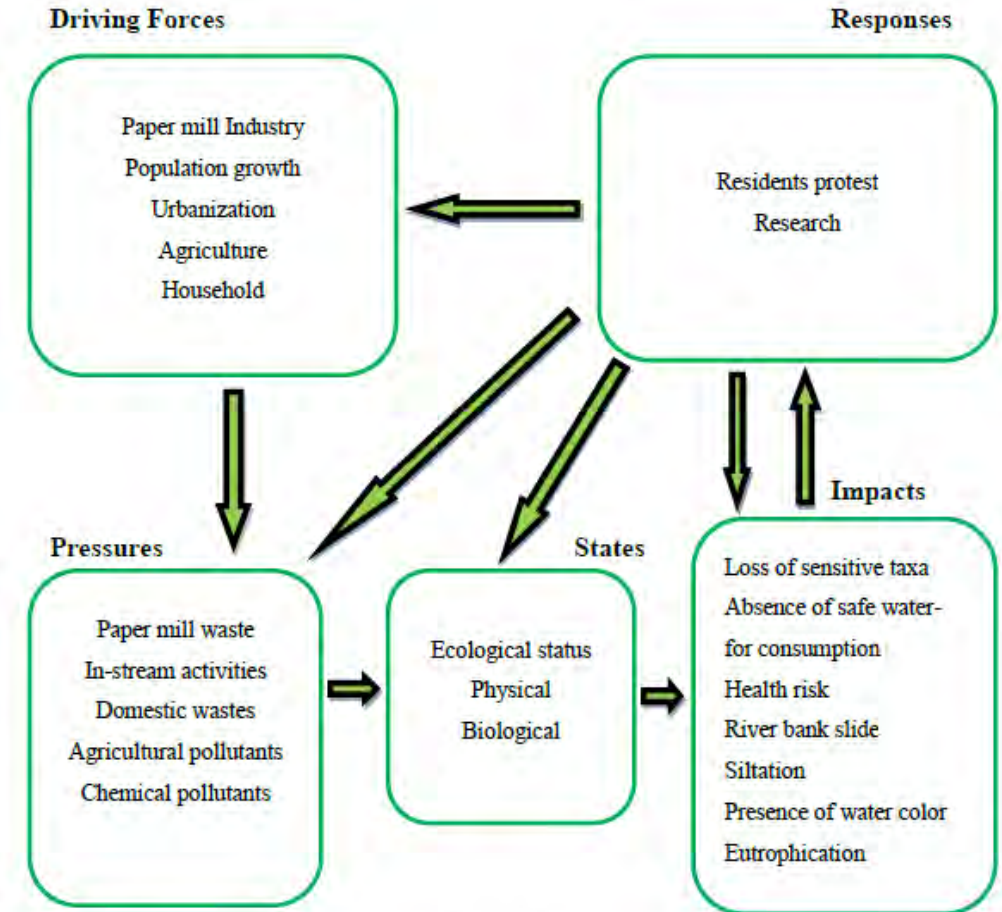


Figure 10: DPSIR model of upper Awash River in Ginchi study area.

WP3

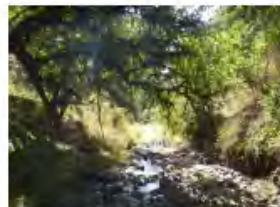
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Socio-economic services of streams and rivers for community livelihood: The case of upper Awash, Ginchi area



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Assessment and analysis of gender disaggregated aquatic ecosystem services over time

Table 6. Respondent's perception on water quality across two case study sites

| Factors for river water quality | Chilimo | | | | Ginchi | | χ^2 |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Has no negative impact | No idea | Has negative impact | Has no negative impact | No idea | Has negative impact | |
| Industrial influence | 7 | 17 | 23 | 4 | 4 | 77 | 31.79*** |
| Over grazing | 4 | 1 | 42 | 3 | 2 | 80 | 6.225 |
| Agricultural practices/irrigation... | 2 | 2 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 81 | 1.793 |
| Chemical residue from herbicide/pesticide | 3 | 3 | 41 | 3 | 5 | 77 | 2.095 |
| Chemical residue from fertilizer | 2 | 0 | 45 | 7 | 31 | 47 | 6.112 |
| Infrastructure expansion (e.g road, electricity...) | 2 | 5 | 40 | 3 | 5 | 77 | 4.141 |
| Open defecation /animal waste | 32 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 76 | 16.194*** |
| Clearing of forest | 29 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 75 | 11.627*** |

*** Significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table 7. Respondent's perception on water quality across sex of the respondents

| Factors for river water quality | Male | | | Female | | | χ^2 |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Has no negative impact | No idea | Has negative impact | Has no negative impact | No idea | Has negative impact | |
| Industrial influence | 8 | 14 | 89 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 1.482E*** |
| Over grazing | 6 | 1 | 104 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 8.529* |
| Agricultural practices/irrigation... | 4 | 2 | 105 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 0.792 |
| Chemical residue from herbicide/pesticide | 1 | 5 | 105 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 0.353 |
| Chemical residue from fertilizer | 3 | 5 | 103 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 0.588 |
| Infrastructure expansion (e.g road, electricity...) | 4 | 10 | 97 | 1 | - | 20 | 4.660 |
| Open defecation /animal waste | 9 | 3 | 99 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 0.566 |
| Clearing of forest | 8 | 3 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 0.287 |

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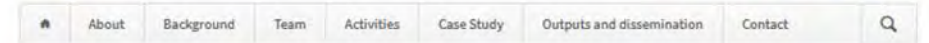
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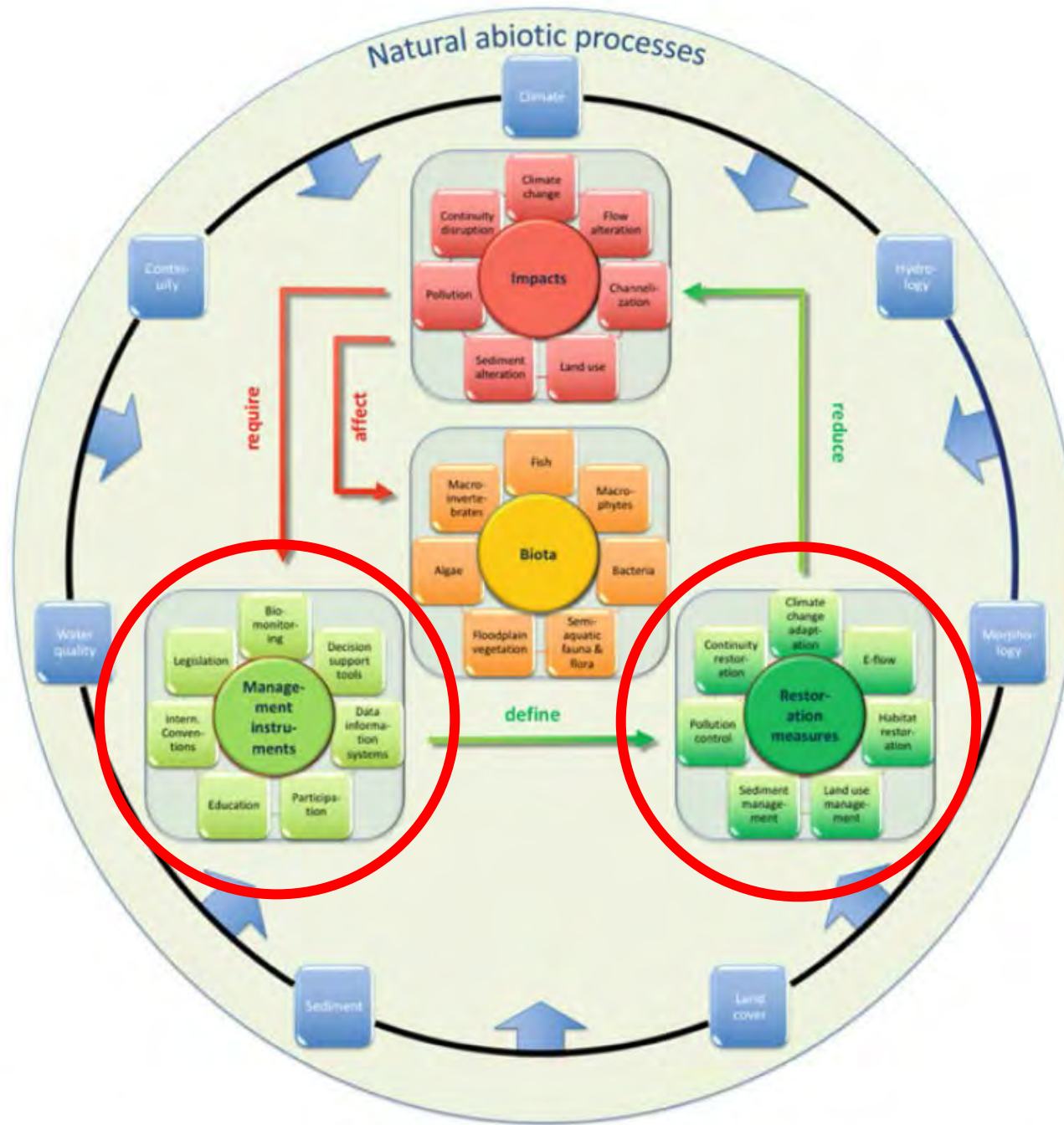
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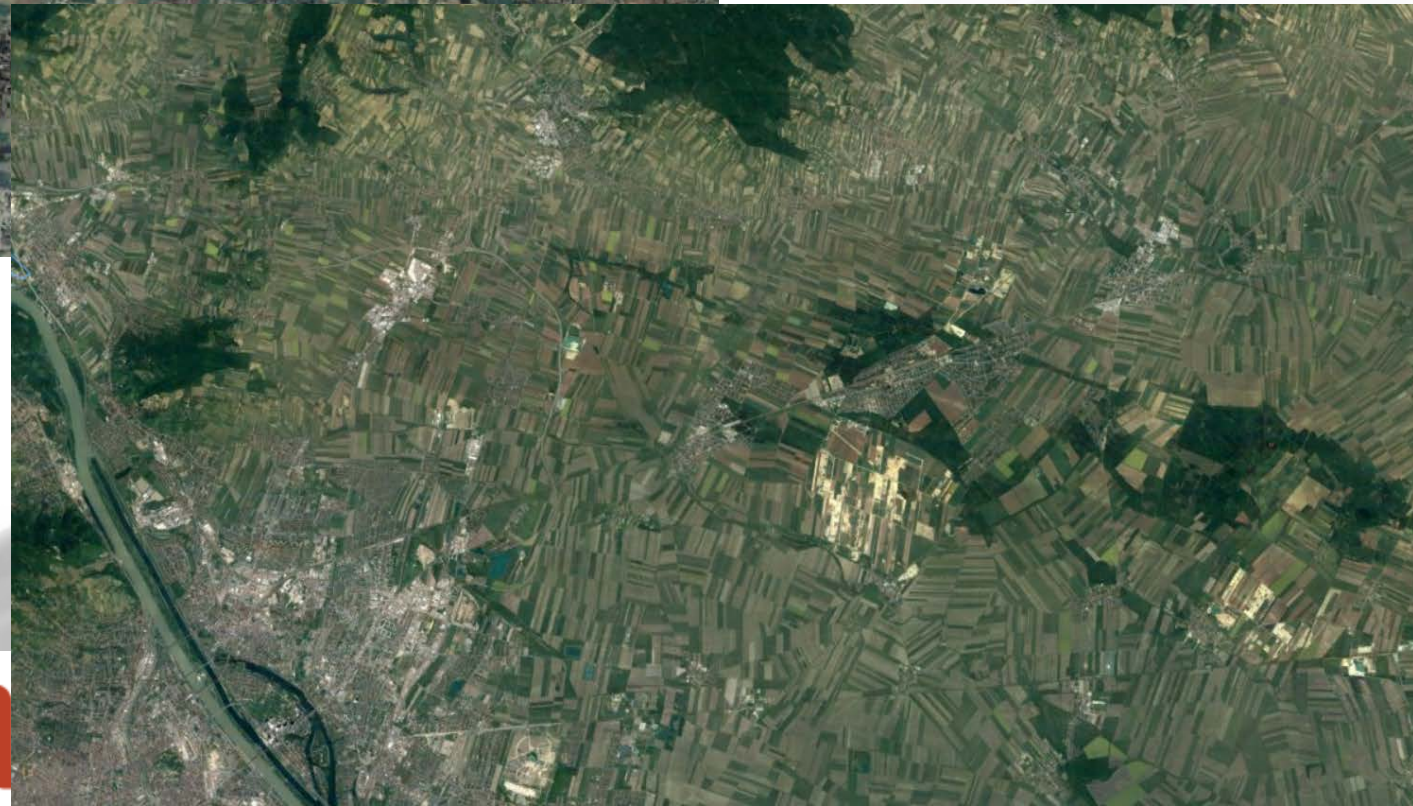


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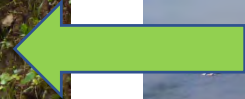


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From “reference” to “poor ecological status” and back?? Sustainable management!



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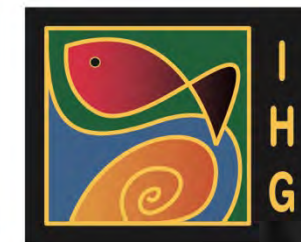
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Fig. 1.2 DPSIR framework
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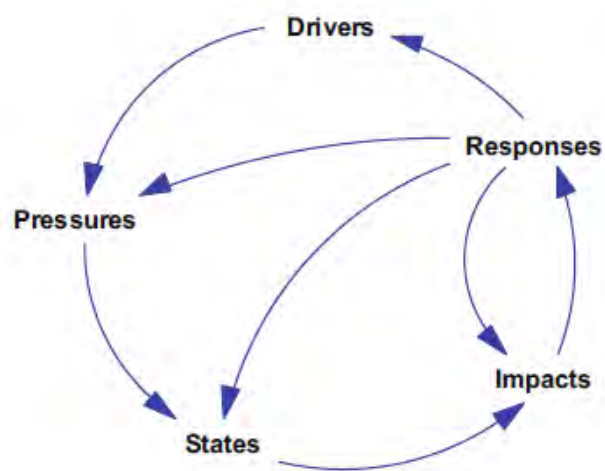
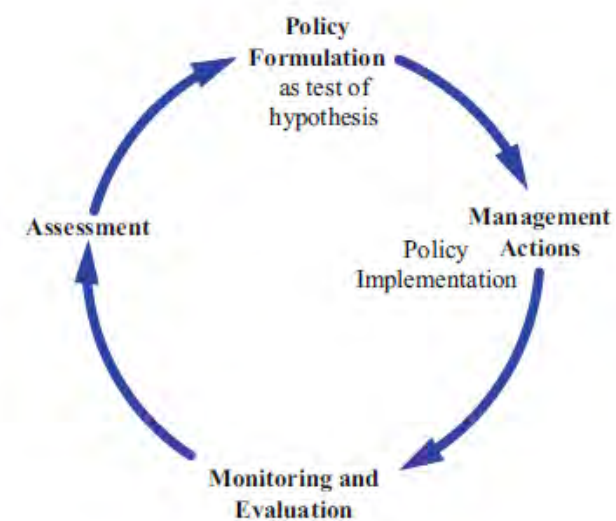


Fig. 1.3 Adaptive management: cyclic learning—decision process
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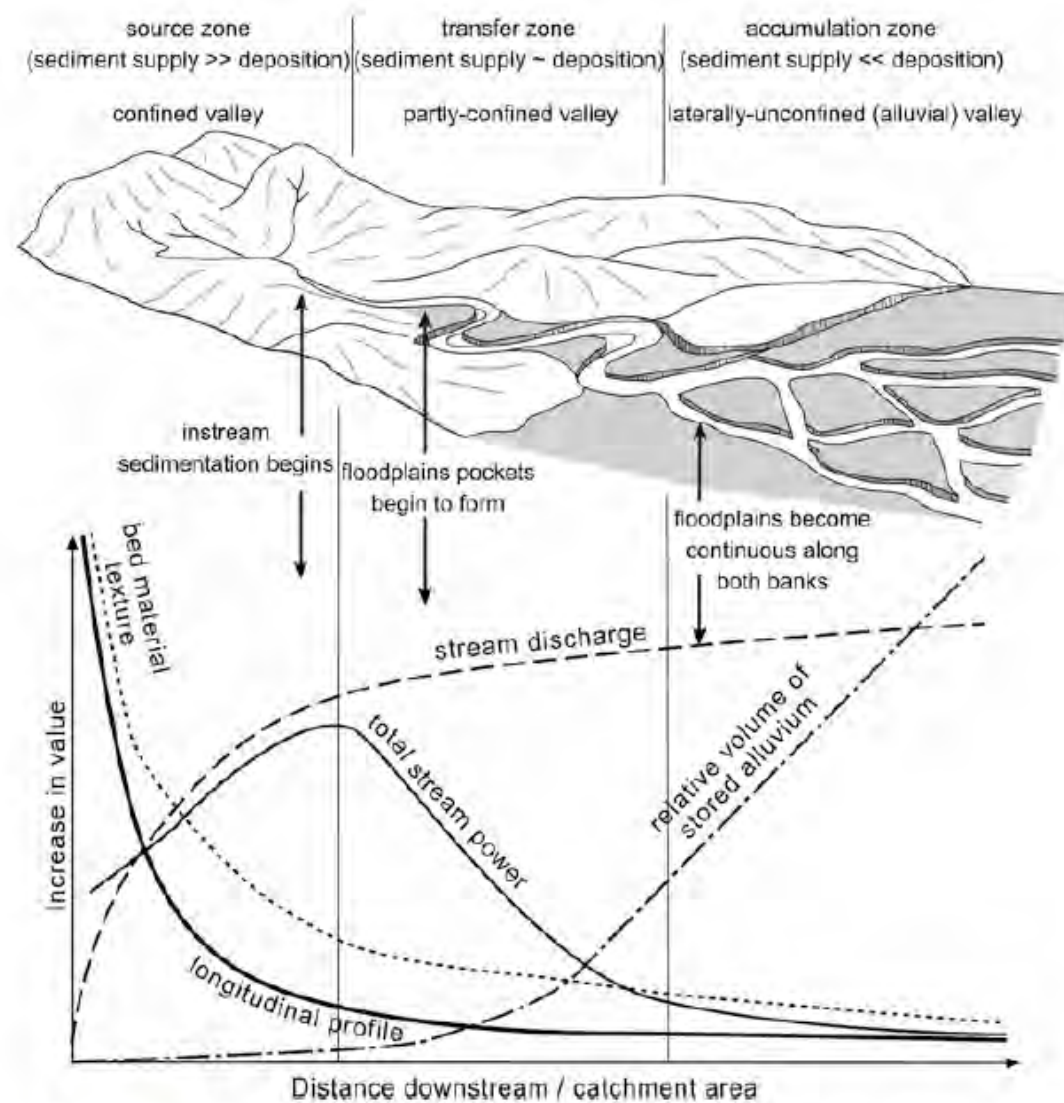


Fig. 3.1 Channel controlling factors and channel characteristics along a schematic river course

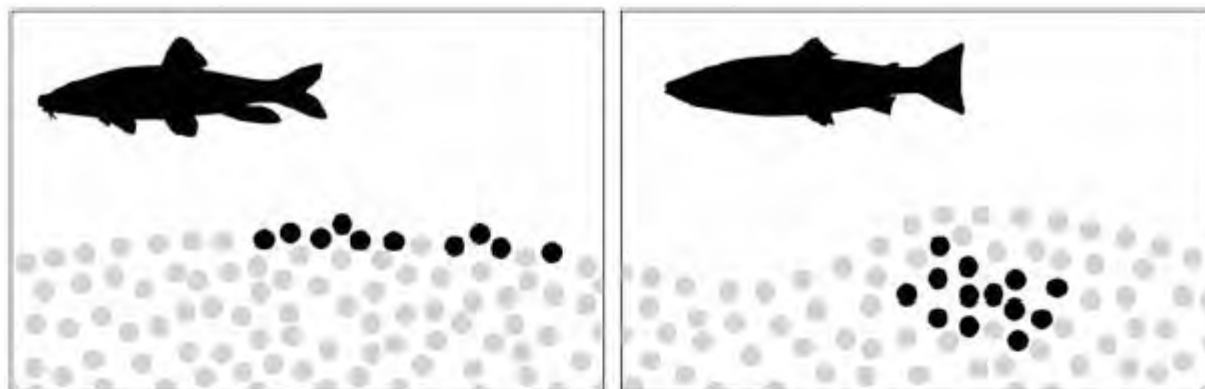


Fig. 8.4 Egg deposition of on-substrate spawners (left, e.g., many cyprinids) and interstitial spawners (e.g., many salmonids)

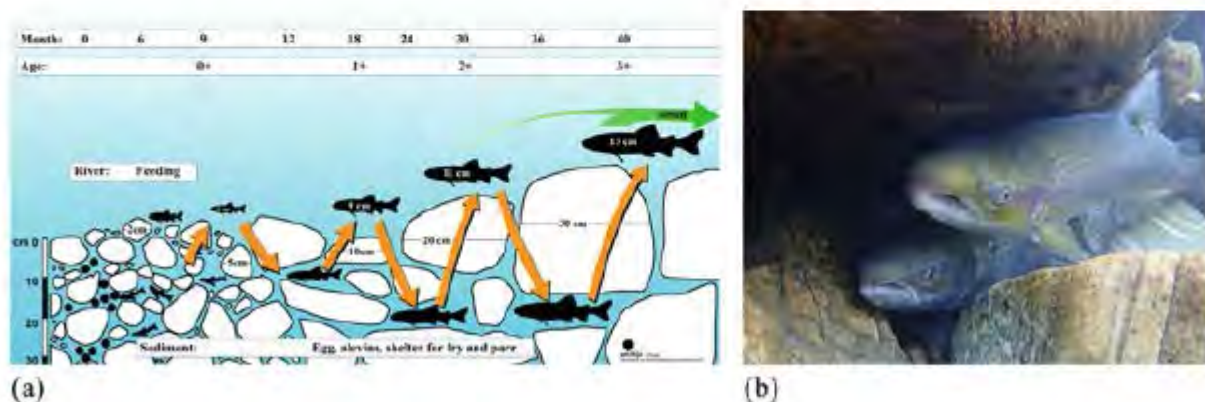


Fig. 8.5 (a) Habitat use of Atlantic Salmon and brown trout juveniles in relation to grain size distribution in Norwegian salmonid rivers (figure adapted from Pulg et al. 2017). (b) Adult Atlantic salmon of approx. 100 cm in length seeking shelter in the river bottom of the boulder-dominated cascade river Nordøla in Western Norway (Photo: Ulrich Pulg).

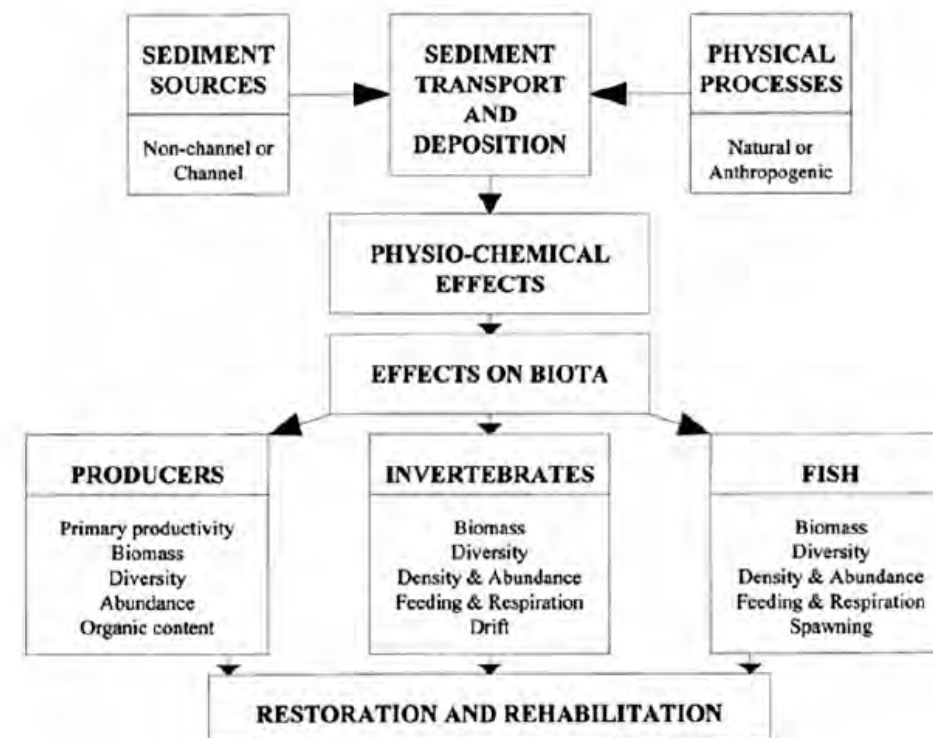


Fig. 8.3 A holistic overview of fine sediment in the lotic ecosystem, after Wood and Armitage (1997) (© Environmental management, Biological effects of fine sediment in the lotic environment, 21(2), 1997, 203–217, Wood, P. J., Armitage, P. D. With permission of Springer)

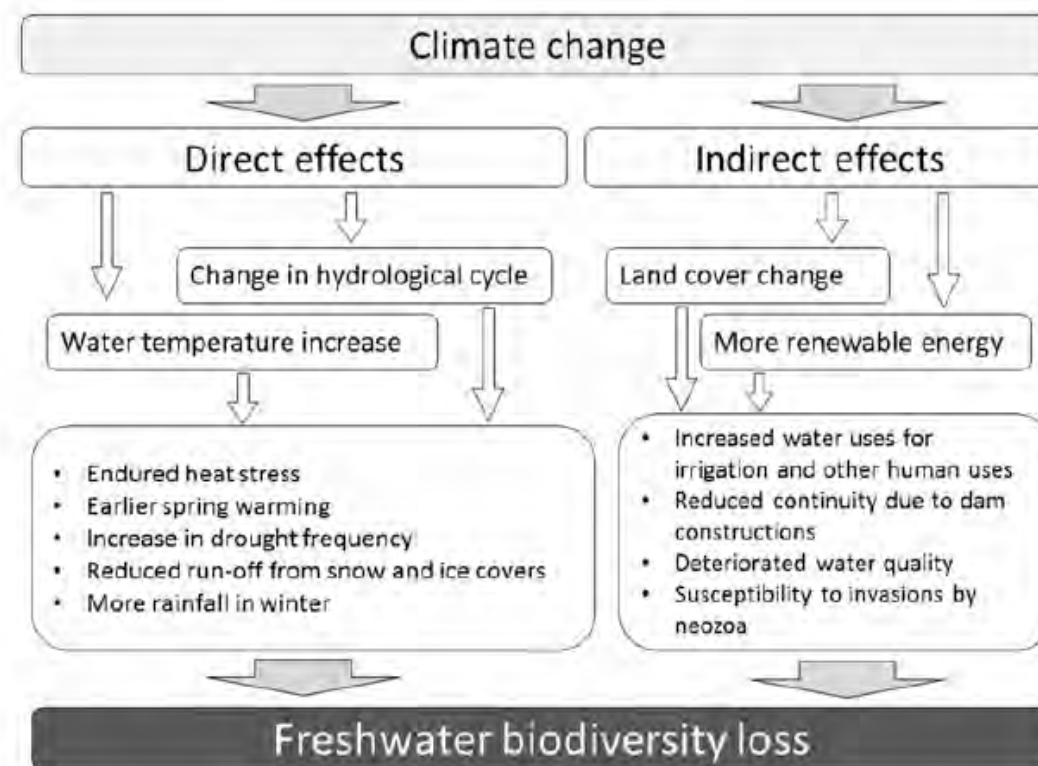


Fig. 11.3 Conceptual description of direct and indirect climate change effects on freshwater biodiversity in rivers (adapted after Fenoglio et al. 2010)

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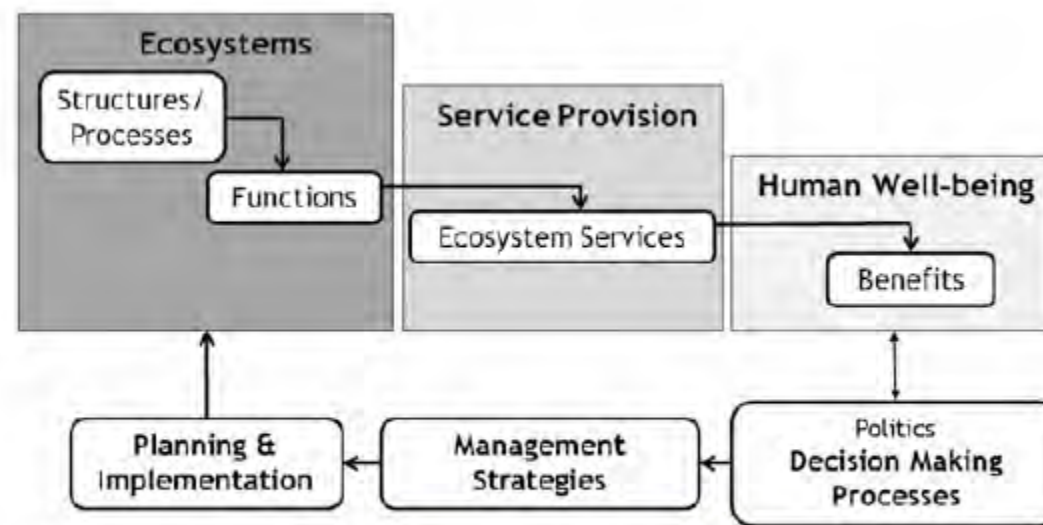


Fig. 21.1 Cascade model showing the link between ES and human well-being (Böck et al. 2015 based on Haines-Young and Potschin 2010; De Groot et al. 2010; Van Oudenhoven et al. 2012)

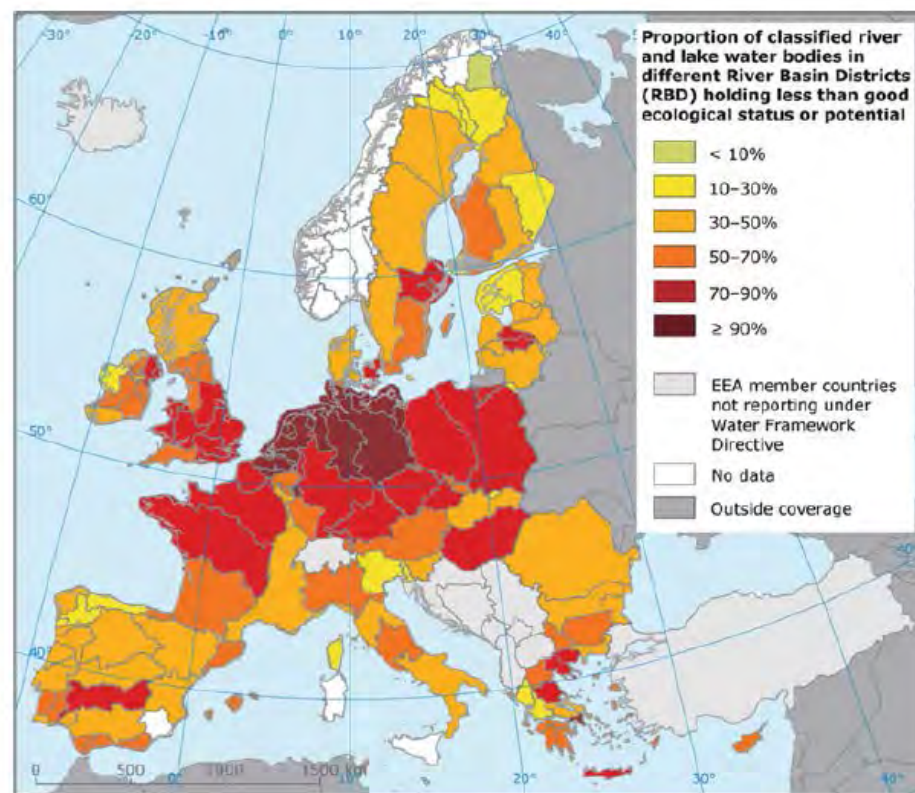
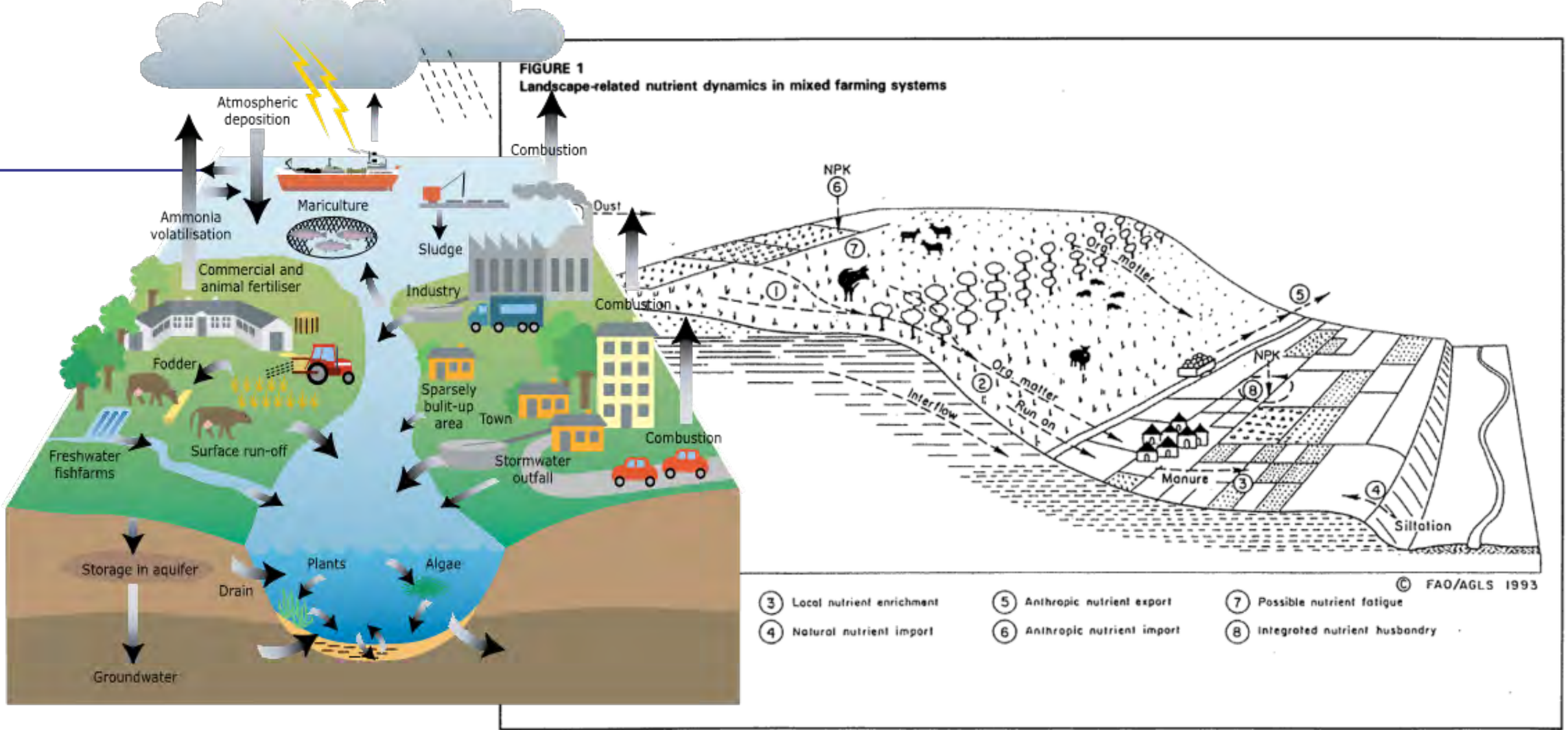


Fig. 29.1 Ecological status of surface waters in EU countries (www.eea.europa.eu, accessed 21 October 2016)



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Fig 1: The degree of river catchment degradation at selected site

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Fig 2: Shows how the land has been sliding away from the river catchment

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The effectiveness of benthic macro-invertebrates to evaluate the impact of different stressors on ecological health of upper Awash river

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Introduction

One of the common resources for all life forms on the planet is water. Water never exists alone, but it is a part and parcel of ecological unit consisting of land, substrate structures, flora and fauna.

In highlands of Ethiopia, human activities such as land modification, urbanization, industrial wastes and other practices associated with rapid population growth are the major river water quality degrading factors.

Agricultural practices such as crop cultivation adjacent to streams can lead to soil erosion and subsequent runoff of fine sediments, nutrients and pesticides in the river water.

Similarly stream banks along the stream channel are commonly inspected by cattle for year round availability of green grass which could lead to soil slide into the river and causes siltation.

Diverse types of pollutants such as suspended solids, organic matter and nutrient have adverse impact on water and biota in the river system.



Objective & Study Area

The purpose of this study was to determine the impact of different stressors on benthic macroinvertebrates community structure as bioindicator in the near source of upper Awash River.

The study area is located near to Ginchit town about 80 km west from the capital Addis Ababa, lying between latitude 8°00N and 8°10N and longitudes 38°00E and 38°40E.

Four sampling sites were selected based on major stressor type impacting the river section.

- Site 1: about 500 meters from the confluence of Asera and Welabo spring flowing through natural forest in the stream bank and Eucalyptus plantation in the near settlement. Annual watering in some of the important activity in this site.
- Site 2: a river section about 3 km from site 1 and mainly dominated by farmlands both in the left and right banks of the river. A grass buffer zone about 30m width in both sides and scattered bushes and trees with no shading on the stream.
- Site 3: a river section below the major bridge from Addis Ababa to Ambo and impacted by physical in-stream activities such as intensive cloth washing, car washing, cattle watering and domestic waste dumping.
- Site 4: a river section about 600m below site 3 and 100m below the paper mill waste discharge.



Biological Indicators

Biological indicator organisms, benthic macroinvertebrates (BMI) are widely applied for assessment of wadeable streams and rivers.

BMI are affected by changes in a stream's chemical and/or physical structure and they are sensitive in varying degrees to temperature, dissolved oxygen, sedimentation, nutrient enrichment, chemical and organic pollution.

This sensitivity allows them to be effective indicators of specific stressors affecting the water quality and overall river health.



Results

EPT taxa groups were highly reduced in the paper mill waste site (site 4) and represented by few tolerant species and Hydropsychidae.

On the other hand tolerant taxa such as Chironomidae (red color) were dominant in site 3 and 4 which shows high nutrient enrichment largely from the paper mill and in-stream activities in a significant amount.

The dramatic decrease of EPT taxa as well as decreasing ETHbios scores from site 1 to 4 is highly corresponding with the decreasing forests along the river. The natural forest coverage corresponds to less anthropogenic influence and might be a good indicator for river health.



Conclusion & Recommendations

Compared to the less impacted stream site in Chillo forest, downstream sites shows decreasing water quality and habitat degradation which altered benthic macro invertebrates community structure.

A clear trend in biotic metric was observed to predict alterations caused by specific stressor, mainly the point source pollution, as the case in paper mill waste. The river water is used for a variety of purposes such as drinking, irrigation, cattle watering and domestic purposes without prior treatment which may cause serious health problem and affect the livelihood of the local community.

Therefore, enforcement of environmental law to control point source of pollution and propagating environmental education to the community is crucial. Moreover, continuous water quality monitoring should be employed using reliable methods and the local communities should be aware of the potential dangers of using polluted water for various purpose.

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