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A trilingual sensitisation website on Past Water Management around the Mediterranean

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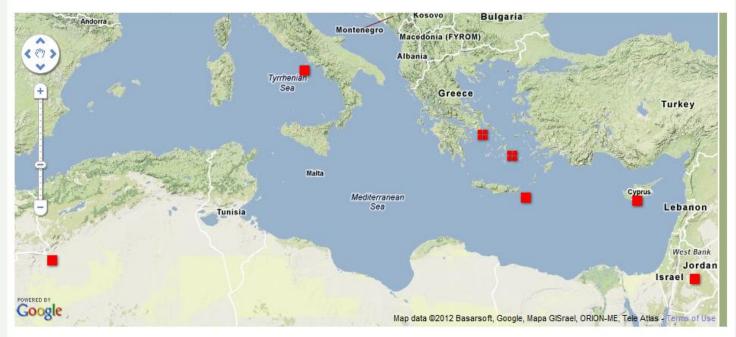
(I) The case study ID

- WHEN /By WHOM: An Initiative of MIO-ECSDE that run in three phases (I) 2008 – 2009, (II) 2010 – 2011, (III) 2012 – 2013 with funds from UNESCO, the EU and ALF.
- For WHOM: The website aims the internet-user from the Euro-Mediterran area, speaking English, Arabic, or Greek language. Target audience includes educators, historians, researchers, visitors, etc.
- WHAT & HOW: The site resents a series of CASE STUDIES through texts, photos and animations.

Collection, Storage & Distribution of Water in Antiquity Linking Ancient Wisdom to Modern Needs HYDRIA Project water management and importance about partners english

Discover the wealth of the Mediterranean water management heritage. Browse case studies by:





Latest case studies



Water & Culture News

23/02/2012

HYDRIA chosen as an outstanding example linking ESD and Culture by UNESCO

23/01/2012

Presentation of HYDRIA at the international conference for entitled Water Shapes

Animated waterworks

Water management at Ventotene Island, Italy



(II) The water and education interface

- Water agenda: in each CASE the ancient/past hydraulic system is explained. Where relevant, today's potential recovery of such a system, using modern technology is explained.
- Education agenda: in each CASE the social, cultural and economic dimensions are described. Presentation includes also what is the current situation of the site, tips for visitors of the site, etc.

(III) Challenges

- Developing a coherent way of presentation for all CASES following the same series of chapters (TABS) : *Importance, Setting, WaterWorks, People/culture, Present Status, Timeline*
- The varying background of authors including NGO staff, academicians, historians, etc. having different language skills, expertise, and viewpoints towards the CASES.
- Balancing between Overdetailed ⇔ Basic info; Technical, Scientific ⇔ Simplistic language;

(IV) Lessons Learnt

- Investing long working hours and human resources in translating texts, at an era of "Auto Translators" could have been avoided.
- Keeping the level of IT programming low, so the cases can be enriched by the us (no need for advanced IT skills) was an asset.
- Starting with small (6 cases in phase I), and looking for opportunities to take it one step further, enlarge, grow was an asset.

(V) Next steps

- Extend the number of case studies presented in the site (now 39)
- Extend the types of case studies (e.g. include intangible heritage)
- Combine the webpage with other types of activities to valorise the sites, i.e. school visits, artistic performances,
- Do some small scale small scale infrastructures or restoration works in some CASES, the less valorised.

Key Message to WWF7

 The past knowledge and wisdom in the Water Sector can be a source of inspiration in ways modern water technologies are developed and applied today.