Minutes of the ALTOS Monitoring Board (MB) meeting #1 - part B on 20/10/2020.

People

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Activity description at both scales of project and Task.

Project coordination

- Absence of Lebanese partners --> Concertation with Lebanese partners about on-going difficulties on their side and about possible solutions to overcome these difficulties.
- Delays in project activities, with strong differences across partners --> Concertation with PRIMA office about project extension

• Remark about TK 1.1.

 Meeting with UNICA (Julio Vignoli) / CERTE (Fethi Lachaal) about activities on electromagnetic sounding --> to be conducted as soon as possible.

TK 3.2 / LISAH

 Update about works on integrated analysis with the coupling of crop modelling and hydrological modelling. Discussion about the choice of crop modelling: best solution seems to be AquaCrop rather SAFYE, since AquaCrop has been intensively investigated within the Mediterranean Basin over the last two decades.

• TK 3.2 / CESBIO and UCA

- Update about works on integrated analysis:
 - Implementing SAMIR WEAP MODFLOW and SAFRAN-ISBA-MODCOU (RAPID) within the Tensift plain.
 - Quantifying contribution of mountain relief surface runoff to plain aquifer refill with GR4J.

• TK3.2. UNICA

- Meeting including UNICA and INAT about SWAT improvement with hydraulic lift --> to be conducted as soon as possible.
- SWAT improved version to be implemented within Orroli Study areas (PhD program)?
 - No problem from the viewpoint of project consistency, to be evaluated in terms of feasibility.
 - Warning: major change according to the proposal --> to be verified with PRIMA office. Prior concertation between project leader and UNICA representative --> to be conducted as soon as possible.

TK3.2. INAT

Calibration and sensitivity study with SWAT and SWAT-CUP --> objective to be clarified.

TK4.1 LISAH / INRGREF

 Update about the setting up of scenarios for hilly lake networks and land use. Not much progress at this stage, ongoing discussions about (1) different spatial configurations for a same regional land use constitution (different desegregation scenarios at the field scale), and (2) geometries and densities of hilly lake networks for a given spatial extension.

TK4.1 INAT.

- Soil Water Conservation scenarios, to be defined with stakeholders via participative protocols.
- PhD Ines Gharnouki --> activities to be clarified.

TK4.1 UCA.

Scenarios about change in water management: from flood irrigation to drip irrigation.
 Relying on ongoing and previous works --> existing materials.

• TK4.2 LISAH / INRGREF

- Update about the overall framework for assessing the impact of land use and hilly lake network.
- Combination of AquaCrop / MHYDAS models, along with scenarios of land use and hilly lake network.
- Propositions about indicators for ranking scenarios: composite indicators at different spatial and temporal scales.

• TK 4.2 INRGREF

 PhD Abdelghaffar: antagonism on ecosystem services and related SDGs. Land use scenarios to be analysed with SWAT in terms of agricultural production, downstream and aquifer water production, erosion mitigation.

• TK 4.2 CERTE

- o Proposition about works on impact of upstream land use on aquifer refill.
 - To be discussed with INRGREF.
 - Warning: perhaps premature, to be considered once the current PhD on aquifer refill is finalized.
- Involvement in Merguellil activities with benches (Soil Water Conservation scenarios).

• TK4.2. UCA

- Assessing the impact of water management and land use on the fate of water resources.
 Means: SAMIR WEAP MODFLOW.
- Assessing the impact of climate change on aquifer refill by mountain snowmelt.

INAT

- Combination of (1) Soil Water Conservation scenarios and (2) improved SVAT model.
 Ranking of scenarios on the basis of acceptability by stakeholders.
- PhD Ines Gharnouki --> activities to be clarified.

• TK4.3 ALL

- To be conducted in the following months: collective brainstorming on indicators for scenario ranking.
- Which indicator compositing? At which spatial and temporal scale?

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- TK5.1: discussion in absence of task leader (CNRS-L, Lebanon)
 - o Metadata and Metamodels to be provided on the web site (e.g., IRTA and GitHub).
 - 1st modelling workshop to be launched as soon as possible by task leader. Challenges about model implementation. 3 slots about 3 hours across 10 days. Possible inclusion of topic on land use modelling.
 - o Mobility: ACCWA is about to be frozen for six months in a close future.

• TK5.2

- Question about training session in the context of COVID-19 crisis.
- Data management plan --> Task leader is in charge to collect from project PIs (partner representatives) the following material: (1) identification of data that can be disseminated,
 (2) identification of data that cannot be disseminated, and (3) metadata.
- Training sessions towards stakeholders. Capitalize on land surface modelling for transfer action on modelling tools. Missing piece on this issue since nothing done for a long time.
 Several actions were organized recently for integrating models. The relevance of forthcoming activities has to be analysed.
- Publication: special issue about ALTOS project.

• WP 6

- Update on website that is currently operational, forthcoming actions on social medias and scientific medias.
- Mobility plan to be finalized.
- Communication plan to be finalized.
- o Budget to me monitored.
- o Revisit deliverables with google doc: deliverable content for each partner.
- KOM to be launched at the beginning of 2021.