

## FACTSHEET RISK ASSESSMENT AND MAPPING ACTIVITIES

## Mapping of areas vulnerable to soil water erosion - Determination of problem areas in the Czerwona Woda catchment (Case Study)

Where was it implemented?	Map/Example visualisation	
Czerwona Woda catchment - Zgorzelec district, Lower Silesian Voivodship, south-west Poland.		
Problem/background		
A large number of fire brigade interventions resulting from sudden floods caused by heavy rain. The occurrence of local floods caused by intensive precipitation events in the district of Zgorzelec is confirmed in the registry of fire brigades interventions. The most serious event of intensive rainfall that affected a flash flood in the Nysa Łużycka catchment in recent years took place on 68. August 2010.		
Unfavourable influence of intensive precipitation has been also shown in historical sources. Most of historical floods in the Zgorzelec district were related to river floods, especially precipitation-type floods. Some of the floods were caused by heavy precipitation when surface runoff was observed. The flood in 2010 was a multi-genesis-type as dams at Niedów reservoir were additionally broken.		

Description of methodological background and outcomes

Soil degradation might be a result of surface runoff caused by precipitation. Surface runoff is formed as a result of limited infiltration of water into the soil, resulting in a flood hazard in neighbouring areas. The occurrence and intensity of water erosion is affected by slope, soil type, rainfall intensity, and the way of land use.

The methodical approach to determine the problem areas was a multi-criteria analysis of soil type, slope, and also the way of land use.

Analyses were carried out in 4 stages:

- 1. Analysis of soil susceptibility to water erosion,
- 2. selection of the areas with soils of considerable water capacity on impermeable undersoil,
- 3. detailed analysis of the slope map, and
- 4. analysis of land use.

The aim of the analyses was to identify the places where there are factors contributing to the occurrence of water erosion.

Area and event characterisation		
Area type	Topography	
Rural	Hilly	
Land cover/land use distribution	Event	
60% non-irrigated arable land, 18% forests, 13% discontinuous urban fabric, 9% other agricultural areas	Not event-based	
Receptors	Flood type	
Buildings, technical infrastructure, agricultural land	Sudden weather phenomena that initialize surface runoff.	



Level of complexity	2	
Addressed SPRC element	Pathway, receptor, consequence	
Method group	Process-based approach	
Spatial scale(s) of application	Local	
Time scale/resolution	No temporal resolution	
Input datasets (type and scale/resolution)	Geological maps 1:50,000	
	Soil and agricultural map 1:50,000	
	DEM 250 m	
Output datasets (type and scale/resolution)	Map of areas vulnerable to soil water erosion	
Description of implementation		
Implementation	Users (reported/designated)	
• 03/2018 to 12/2018	Regional and local spatial planning departments	
Initiator/responsible	Involved stakeholders	
IMGW-PIB/RAINMAN project	Spatial development offices	
	Spatial planning departments	
	City planning department	
Lessons-learned		
Main success factor:	Main challenge:	
Reduction of soil susceptibility to runoff	• Data for detailed multi-criteria analysis of the area.	
Synergies/beneficial aspects:	Conflicts/Constraints:	
• Reduction of flood hazard in neighbouring areas.	• Maps availability - identification of the areas	
	• Future agricultural development in a given region	
Key message to others starting with a similar ta	ask Contact	
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