



# 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



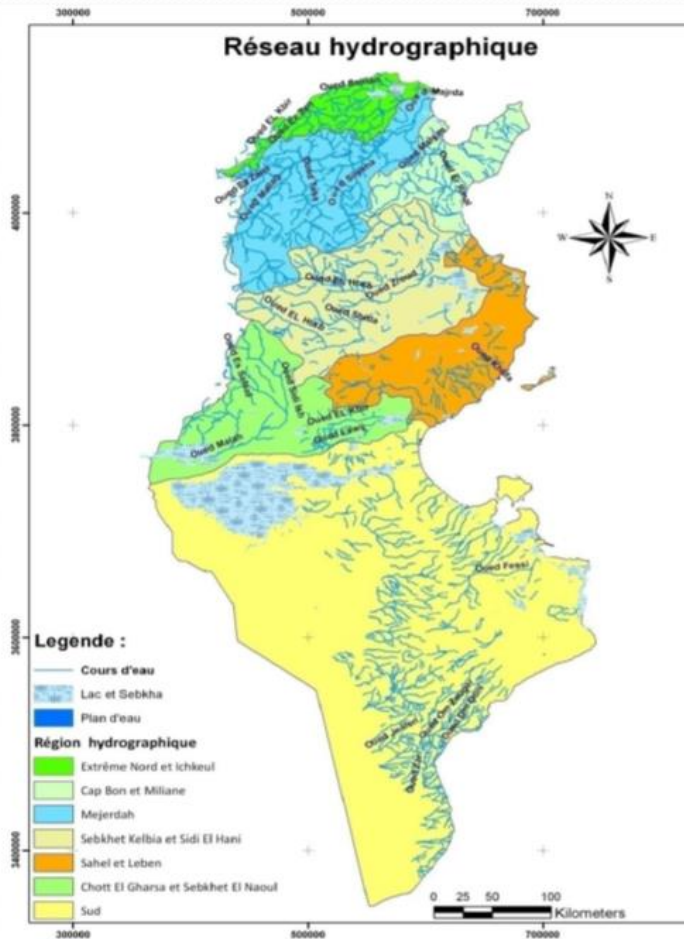
## Tunisia experience in 6.3.2 Indicator submission

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# Water Resources in Tunisia : surface water resources



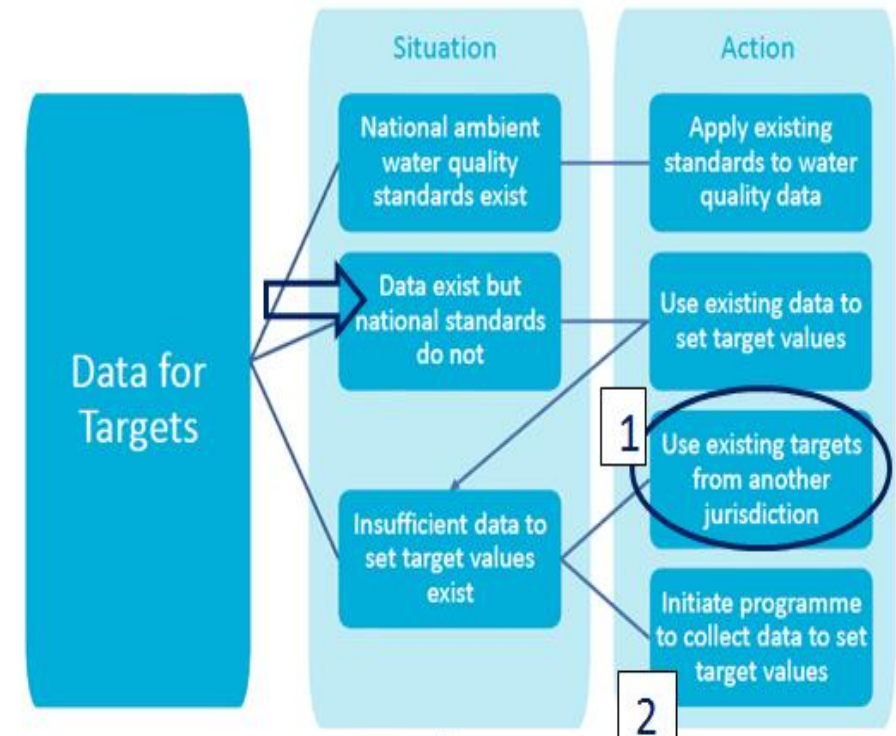
Secteurs	Apport moyen Mm <sup>3</sup> /an	Pourcentage %
Extrême Nord et Ichkeul (Bassin 3)	960	36
Cap Bon, O. Miliane et Sahel Nord (Bassin 4)	250	9
Méjerdah-Ghar el Melh (Bassin 5)	1000	37
Sebkhates Kelbia – Sidi el Hani (Bassin 6)	212	8
Sahel de Sousse et Sfax et l'oued Lebben (Bassin 7)	63	2
Chott el Gharsa et Sebkhates Naouel – Sidi Mansour (bassin 8)	95	4
Sud (bassin 9)	120	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>100</b>

- Semi-arid region, growing population and economy, erratic rainfall, overexploited underground resources : Tunisia's big challenge in next years is Water scarcity.
- Maximum rate of mobilization : 90%
  - ✓ 35 dams
  - ✓ 234 hill dams
- The per capita endowment is at about **450 cm** per capita per year. This ratio will reach **315 cm** per capita per year in 2030, (<1000 cm).

## Water Quality Legislation and Standards in Tunisia first challenge in 6.3.2 reporting

- **Drinking water**
  - ✓ N.T 09.14 (1983) – quality of potable water.
  - ✓ N.T 09.13 (1983) – quality of surface water that can be used as potable water source.
- **Effluents**
  - ✓ Decree 2018-315 du 26 mars 2018 – regulating the discharge of treated wastewater in Public water domain, Public maritime domain and public sewer system
  - ✓ Decree No. 94-1885 (1994) regulating the discharge of wastewater (other than domestic water) into the environment.
  - ✓ NT 106.03 identifying conditions for the reutilization of treated wastewater for irrigation.
- **Ambient waters or ecosystem quality**

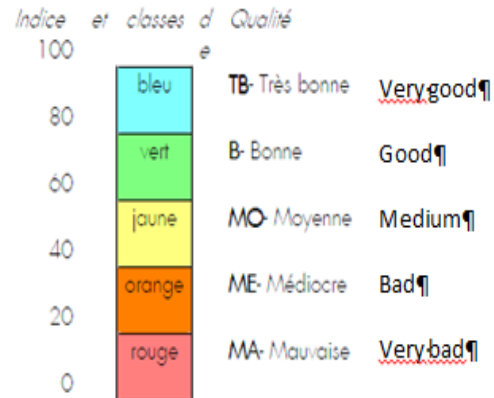
**There is no legislation regarding ambient water quality.**



To evaluate surface water bodies, we referred to DCE standards (Good quality)  
To evaluate ground water bodies, we referred to NT 09.14 for drinking water standards

Cooperation between stakeholders is very important regarding this point, a bigger database would help determining reference conditions and setting targets.

## Surface water bodies targets : European evaluation system for rivers water quality



### Grilles d'évaluation SEQ- Eau

- Parameters are clustered in 16 alterations
- The system allows to define:
  - Water ability to ensure biology
  - Water ability to ensure uses
  - **Water Quality Index**

Classe de qualité	→	Bleu	Vert	Jaune	Orange	Rouge
Indice de qualité	→	80	60	40	20	
<b>3 - NITR - NITRATES</b>						
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/l NO <sub>3</sub> )		2	10	25	50	
<b>4 - PHOS - MATIERES PHOSPHOREES</b>						
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (mg/l PO <sub>4</sub> )		0,1	0,5	1	2	
<b>8 - ACID - ACIDIFICATION</b>						
pH	min	6,5	6,0	5,5	4,5	
	MAX	8,2	9	9,5	10	
<b>9 - MINE - MINERALISATION</b>						
Conductivité (µS/cm)	min	180	120	60	0	
	MAX	2500	3000	3500	4000	

## Ground water aquifers targets: NT 09.14 for drinking water standards

Ground water is supposed to be used either as tap water, or for irrigation. We referred to Tap water standards in setting targets for aquifers.

**Norme Tunisienne Enregistrée** **NT 09.14(1983)**  
Deuxième édition juin 1997  
N° : 132  
Date : 09-09-1983

Qualité des eaux de boisson

NT 09.14(1983)  
**Tableau 2** Substances et propriétés susceptibles de rendre l'eau plus ou moins impropre aux usages domestiques

Substance ou propriété	Effets indésirables éventuels	Concentration maximale souhaitable	Concentration maximale admissible	Méthodes de dosage
pH	Goût désagréable Corrosion	7,0 à 8,0	6,5 à 8,5	a) Mesures au pH mètre électronique avec électrodes de verre b) Emploi de solutions indicatrices et d'un comparateur. Méthode utile pour l'évaluation préliminaire sur le terrain

**3.2.2 Nitrates**

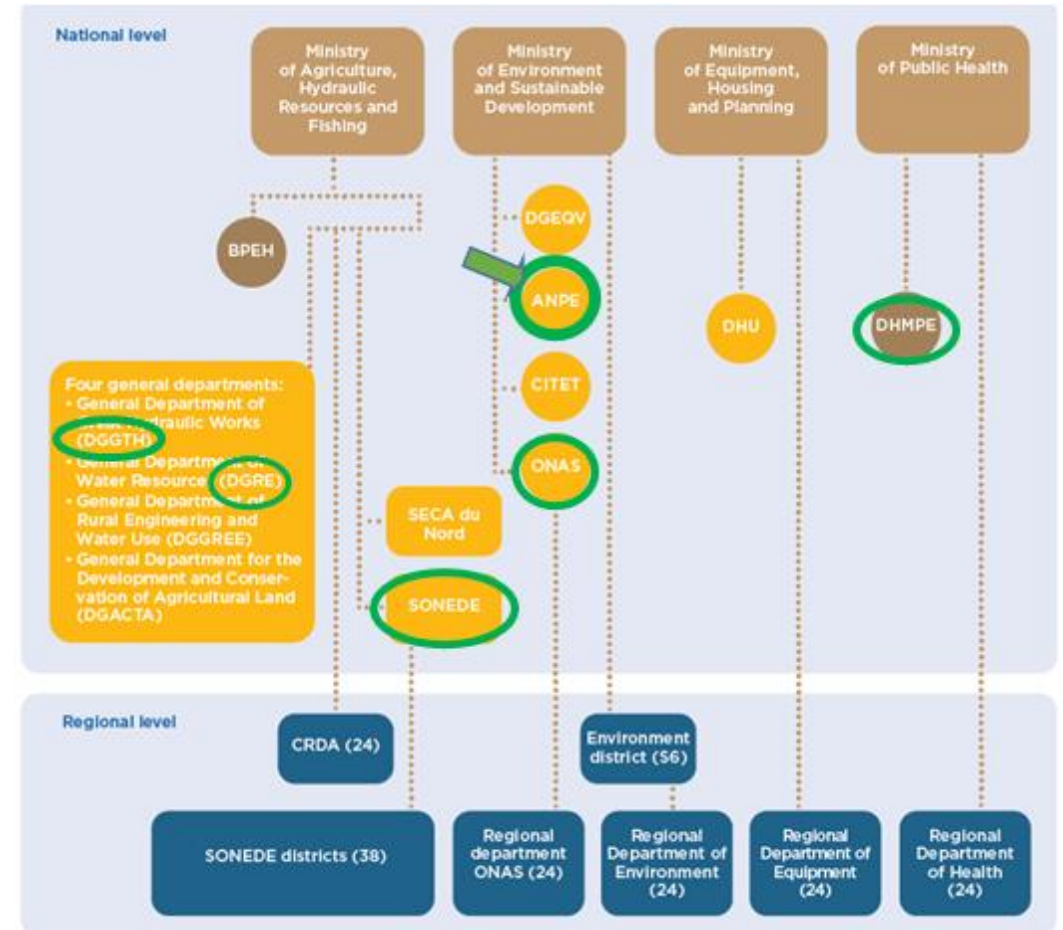
Une teneur en nitrates supérieure ou égale à 45 mg/l (exprimée en NO<sub>3</sub>) est une limite pour la santé de certains enfants âgés de moins d'un an.

Pour doser les nitrates dans l'eau, il est recommandé d'utiliser la méthode décrite dans la norme tunisienne NT 09.30 : Qualité des eaux - Dosage des nitrates.

# Water Quality Monitoring networks :

## Diversity that makes indicator calculation more difficult

- **Agriculture Ministry :**
  - Surface and ground water monitoring at national level, two parameters are measured (salinity and nitrates),
  - Dams water quality monitoring.
  - Drinking water monitoring,
- **Public Health Ministry :**
  - Also monitoring drinking water
- **Environment Ministry :**
  - Treated waste water monitoring (released by water treatment plants)
  - Copeau : National Network for water quality monitoring at national level, different types of water



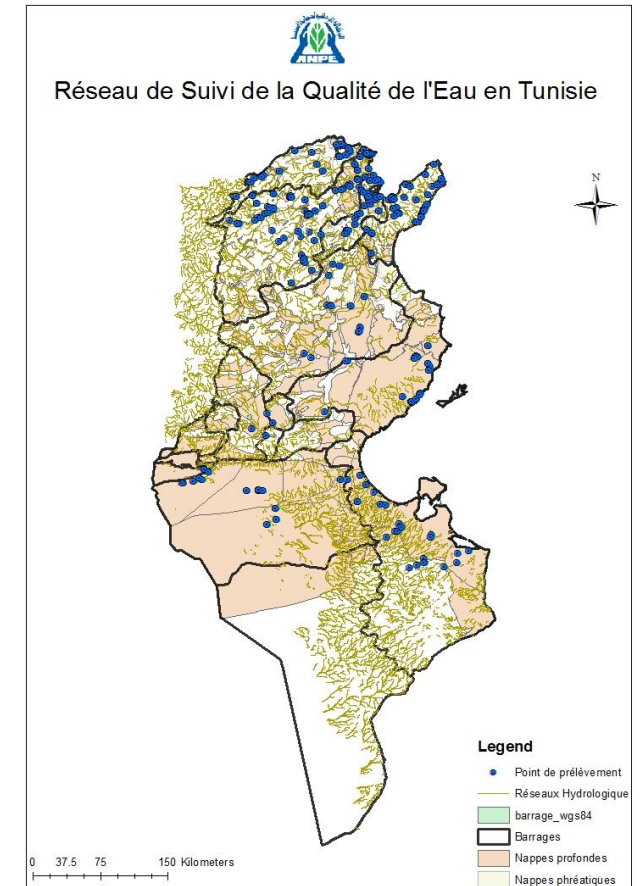
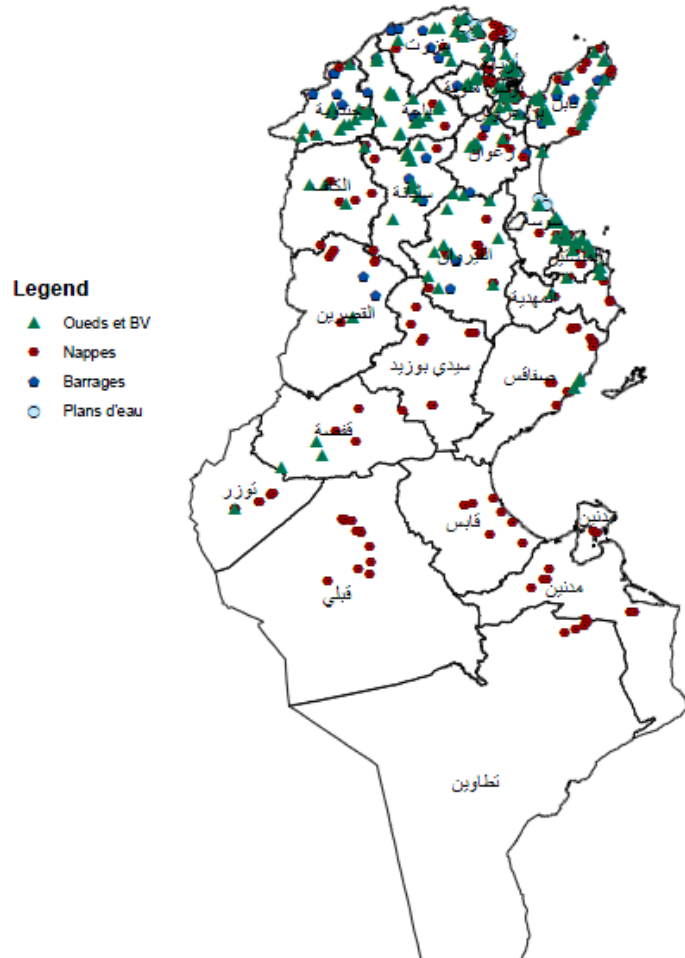
Even if having several water quality is a major asset in water management system, this split makes computing 6.3.2 indicator much more challenging

# Ambient Water Quality Monitoring network Copeau Network

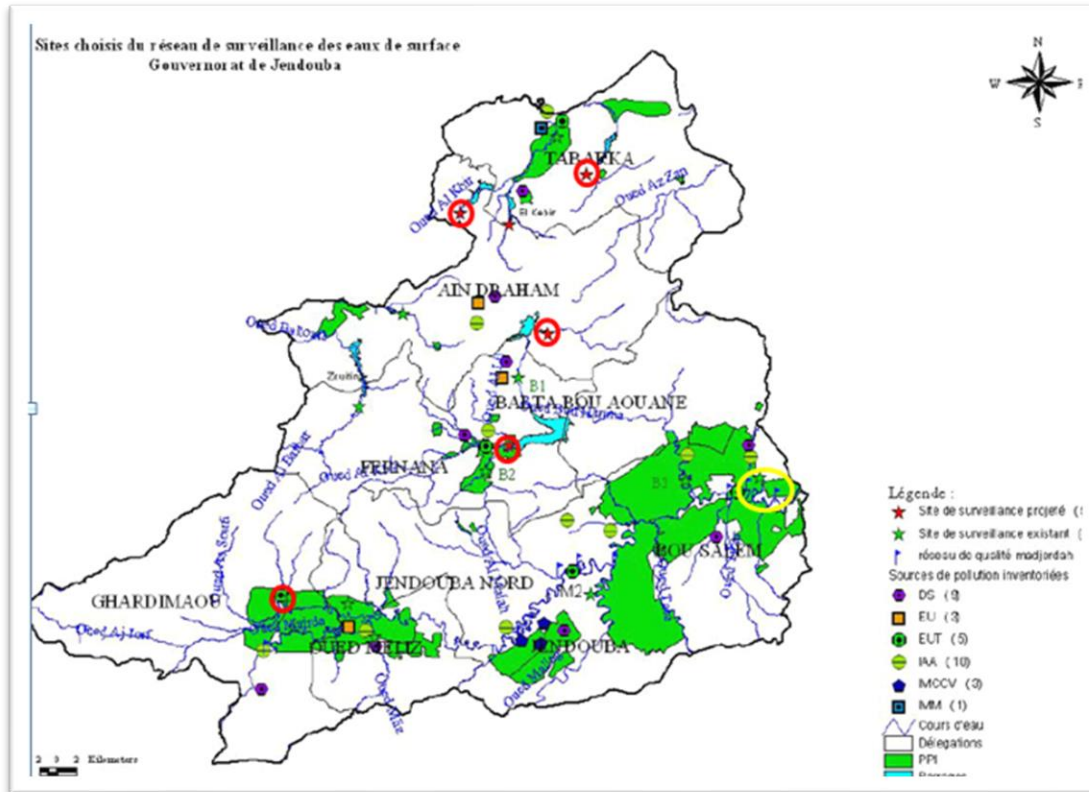
More than 400 monitoring points distributed as follows:

- 110 MP located in rivers
- 35 MP located in dams and 27 MP located in wetlands.
- 170 MP to monitor groundwater
- 88 MP for releases (treated and untreated).

**Monitoring locations reflect pressures observed in the water body. MP are much more frequent in waterbodies where potential pollution sources exist, than waterbodies located in unaffected areas.**



# Monitoring Program Design



## Monitoring Points identification based on:

- Water vulnerability, rivers which flow in dam or wetland are considered more vulnerable
- Existant monitoring points (cooperation and complementarity between stakeholders is considered)
- Inventory and classification of pollution sources,

## Targets

- Water quality status determination (or estimation) at a certain time and location,
- Spatial and temporal trends Analysis regarding water quality
- Helping in establishing cause/effect relations : at least giving basic elements in estimating :
  - impacts of pollution on water quality degradation in short and long terms,
  - impacts and effectiveness of measurements taken by authority to fight water quality pollution

Administrative units were taken into consideration, and not water masses, same thing for underground waters, we didn't consider aquifers.

- No MP found for many surface water bodies and aquifers (absence of significant contamination source)
- Difficulties in identifying MP located in sufficiently mixed waters

# Monitoring Programme Operation

- Commonly monitored parameters
  - Physicochemical analysis
    - In situ measurements : **pH**, Temperature, **Conductivity**, Turbidity, **Dissolved Oxygen (intermittent measuring)**, Total Dissolved Solids, salinity,
    - Lab measurements
      - ❖ **Nitrates** and **Ortho Phosphates** (frequent measurements)
      - ❖ Sulfates
      - ❖ COD (frequent but not for all MP) and BOD (intermittent)
      - ❖ Hardness (intermittent)
      - ❖ Heavy metals : Cr IV, Zn, Fe, Pb, Ni, ...
- Additional parameters
  - Bacteriological : E.Coli, TC, FC
  - HydrocarbonsOnly In some special cases
- **Frequency of sampling : twice a year**
- **We considered only nitrates in stead of Total Oxidised Nitrogen (Nitrate + Nitrite) because we don't measure Nitrite**

- Copeau Network operates in Tunisia since 2004, it was extended in 2010 : Project with Aquapole/Liège.
- Copeau Network operates sampling and analysis in one Central laboratory and one regional laboratory.





# Finally : how we computed 6.3.2 indicator 2017-2019

CDC\_SDG\_632\_Data Input\_Tunisa\_2020\_12\_Final.xlsx - Microsoft Excel

Formules: =SI(H1<=S\$2;1;0)

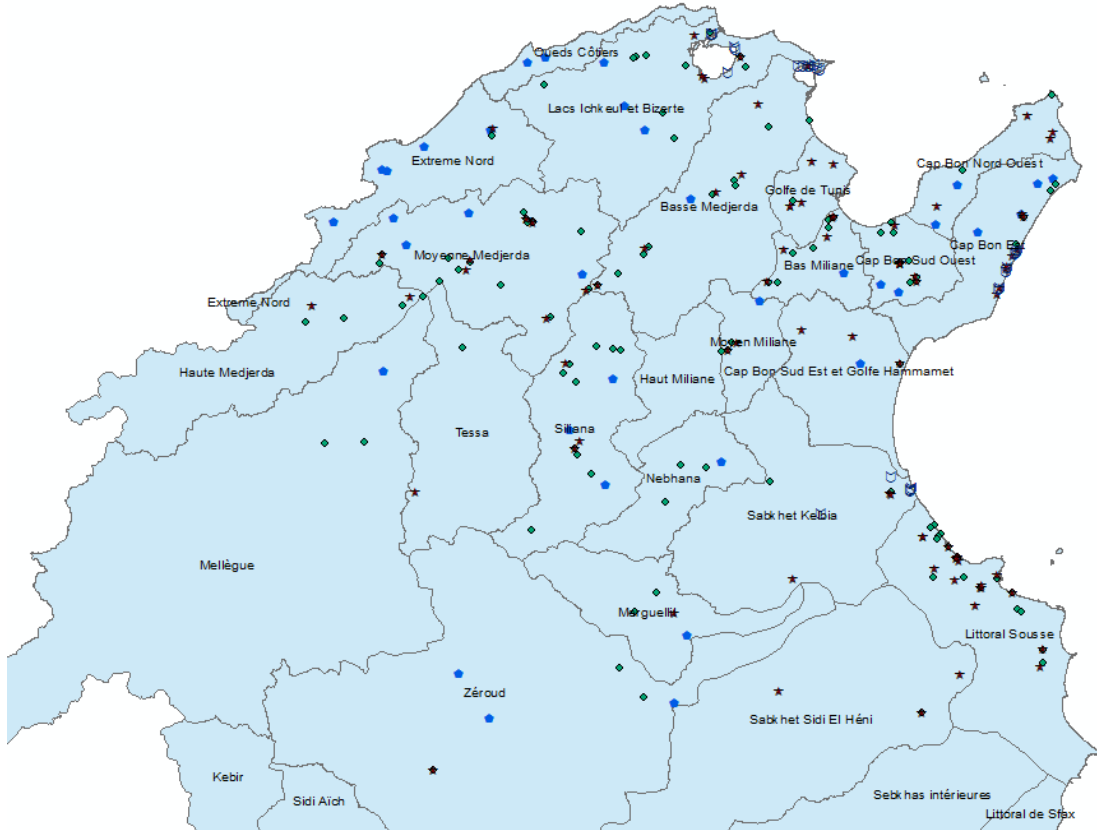
Parameter	Type	Lower	Upper	
Conductivity	upper		3	River
pH	range	6	9	
OP	upper		0,5	
NO3	upper		10	
Parameter	Type	Lower	Upper	
pH	range	6,5	8,5	Gtound Water
NO3	upper		45	

Basin	WB Type	WB Code	WB Name	Site	Sample code	SamplingDate	Cond (mg/l)	Cond_Target	pH	pH_Target	OP (mg/l)	P_Target	Nitrate (mg/l)	N_Target
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/03/2017	1,86	1	8,7	1	0,5	1	4	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/10/2017	2	1	8	1	3,8	0	8	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/02/2018	0,8	1	8,45	1	31	0	30,7	0
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/12/2018	1	1	9	1	18	0	10	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/04/2019	1,9	1	8,4	1	1,8	0	1	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Ghardimaou	CE51PS1.1	01/11/2019	1,4	1	8,9	1	3,2	0	6	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/03/2017	2,53	1	8,3	1	0,5	1	0,7	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/10/2017	2,4	1	8	1	4	0	10	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/02/2018	1	1	8,65	1	19	0	6,7	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/12/2018	2,4	1	8,5	1	11,4	0	3	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/04/2019	1,77	1	8,5	1	0,4	1	5,7	1
Medjerda	River	51	Haute Medjerda	Od Medj Jendouba	CE51PS1.2	01/11/2019	1,6	1	9	1	0,5	1	4,2	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Bou Hertma	BR54PS1.44	01/05/2017	0,5	1	9	1	0,5	1	4,8	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Bou Hertma	BR54PS1.44	01/09/2017	0,6	1	8,73	1	0,2	1	6	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Bou Hertma	BR54PS1.44	01/09/2019	0,6	1	7,6	1	0,2	1	5,7	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Bou Hertma	BR54PS1.46	01/05/2017	0,42	1	8,54	1	0,5	1	8,3	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Kasseb	BR54PS1.46	01/09/2017	0,38	1	8,9	1	0,1	1	4,5	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Br Kasseb	BR54PS1.46	01/09/2019	0,4	1	7,64	1	0,3	1	6,3	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Béja	CE54PS1.18	01/10/2017	0,8	1	8,3	1	0	0	5	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Béja	CE54PS1.18	01/02/2018	0,84	1	8,2	1	1,8	0	8,8	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Béja	CE54PS1.18	01/12/2018	0,81	1	8,9	1	2,1	0	4,3	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Béja	CE54PS1.18	01/04/2019	0,8	1	8,2	1	2,2	0	1,1	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Béja	CE54PS1.18	01/11/2019	0,93	1	8,8	1	1,7	0	1,3	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Bouhertma	CE54PS1.16	01/03/2017	1,5	1	8,53	1	0,4	1	3,5	1
Medjerda	River	54	Moyenne Medjerda	Od Bouhertma	CE54PS1.16	01/10/2017	4,6	0	7,7	1	0,1	1	4,9	1

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# 85 : National Indicator score



Basin	WB	WB Type	Score/M	Score/W	"good water quality"	Monitoring Value
Duebs côtiers		R	81,3	81,3	1	32
Br Gangoum			81,3			16
Br Zlatine			81,3			16
Bas Miliane		R	72,9	73	0	48
Br Bir Mcherga			68,8			16
Br El Hma			81,3			16
Od Meliane			68,8			16
Basse Medjerda		R	81,3	82	1	72
Br Laâroussia			75,0			24
Od Medj Slougua			87,5			24
Od Medj Testour			83,3			24
Cap Bon Est		R	86,7	87	1	60
Br Chiba			95,0			20
Br Elmlaaba			80,0			20
Br Lebna			85,0			20
Cap Bon Nord Ouest		R	75,0	75	0	40
Br Bezirh			80,0			20
Br Laabid			70,0			20
Cap Bon Sud Est et Golfe Hammamet		R	91,7	92	1	24
Br Rimel			91,7			24
Cap Bon Sud Ouest		R	87,5	88	1	48
Br Masri			85,0			20
Br Tahouna			91,7			12
Od Jdida			87,5			16
Extreme Nord		R	90,4	91	1	52
Br Kebir			91,7			12
Br Moulâ			87,5			16
Br Sidi Barrak			91,7			12
Bizarga			91,7			12
Haute Medjerda		R	81,3	81	1	48
Od Medj Ghardimaou			75,0			24
Od Medj Jendouba			87,5			24
Lac Ichkeul et Bizerte		R	82,7	82	1	52
Br Ghezela			75,0			16

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
P2INABVA			82,5				8
Berkoulech Duechteta		G	100,0	100	1		6
P1NBSIO			100,0				6
Cote Orientale		G	87,5	87	1		40
P1NCOBK			75,0				12
P2INCDC			83,3				6
P3NCOBK			100,0				12
P4NCOBK			90,0				10
Djebryana		G	100,0	100	1		14
P1NJ1			100,0				8
P2NJ2			100,0				6
Fahs		G	91,7	92	1		12
P1NF/F			91,68667				12
Gabès Nord		G	100,0	100	1		10
P1NGN			100				10
Gabès Sud		G	95,5	95	1		44
P1NGSK			100				10
P2INGSIM			100				10
P3INGSIM1			83,33333				6
P4INGSIM2			90				10
P5INGSIT			100				8
Gromballa		G	87,5	88	1		24
P1NGIG			100				12
P2INGSIS			75				12
Hencha		G	94,4	95	1		18
P1NH1			90				10
P2NH4			100				8
Manouba		G	100,0	100	1		14
P1NMEV			100				8
P2NMIL			100				6
MV Medjerda		G	100,0	100	1		6
P1NMMB			100				6
Nappe Basse Vallée		G	96,7	97	1		30
P1NBEV			100				12
P2NBEVBT			90				10
P3NBEVU			100				8
Nelzaoua Septentrionale		G	84,2	88	1		38
P1NFSIS			100				8
P2NFSITAK			87,5				8
P3NFSISLZ			77,27273				22
Oasis du Djid		G	92,9	92	1		42
P1NCUN1			100				6
P2NCUN2			100				6
P3NCUT3			100				10

- 12 surface water masses among 27 were considered to compute surface indicator score : 83
- 22 ground water masses among 37 (that are monitored by Copeau Network) were considered to compute ground indicator score : 86
- 1030 monitoring values were used to generate a national water quality index : (600 in rivers and 430 in aquifers)

**Thank you for your attention**