Wastewater in the Peri-Urban Area of Great Casablanca (Morocco): Status Quo, Treatment and Potential Reuse in Urban Agriculture

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Urban Agriculture Casablanca is a research and development project with a main project phase of five years duration (04/2008 – 03/2013).
Casablanca is spread over a surface:
- Form arcs oriented northeast - southwest.
- More than 150 Km²
- Maximum length: 30 km,
- Maximum width: 15 km.
More than 4.5 million inhabitants or more than 15% of the population of Morocco

More than 2400 industrial units (50% of Moroccan industry)

Urbanization
- 15,000 hectares urbanized or a rate of 200 to 300 ha / year.
- For a population of over 5 millions inhabitants in 2027.
The project focuses on peri-urban agriculture in the development of the future megacity Casablanca and its adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

Urban agriculture is key to the development of space, food security of the city, the water management and reuse, energy efficiency and other topics of sustainable development.

The project places the three dimensions of agriculture, urban development and climate change together in a new perspective framework.
The research project is not limited to academics and research, but is also visible due to the implementation of 4 PILOT PROJECTS, which experiment with the synergies between agriculture and activities of the city.
Pilote Project 1 « Agriculture and Industry »
(In the area of Mohammed V Airport)
Overall objective

Demonstration of successful forms of coexistence between industry and urban agriculture by optimizing the use of water in various industrial processes and treatment and reuse of wastewater in agriculture.
The idea of the project is to use treated wastewater from industrial sites either for neighboring agricultural production or for industrial purposes within the companies (closed water loops). The PP is located at the “Aeropole” industrial park (120 ha) near the “Mohamed V” international airport.
Potable water in Casablanca

- 55 millions m³/year
- 50 millions m³/year
- 2 millions m³/year
- 70 millions m³/year

Legend:
- El Jadida
- Casablanca
- Rabat
- Kenitra
- SEODER
- ONEP
- LYDEC
- Oued Oum Er Rbia
- Oued Bou Regreg
Wastewater and sanitation in Casablanca

- 26 outlets
  - 11 for Wastewater
  - 15 for rainwater

- 3,700 km of sewerage network

- About 50 pumping stations
- 1 wastewater pretreatment plant with a pipeline to the sea (3.6 km)
- 39 storm water basins (500,000 m³)
Western Area (pretreatment plant of El Hank): 300 000 m³/d

Eastern sector of the coast of Casablanca in Ain Sbâa, Beroussi and Mohammedia: 200 000 m³/d (without treatment)

Wastewater in Casablanca: 500 000 m³/d discharged into the sea

Nouaceur/Mohammed V Aeroport: 4,000 m³/d (In groundwater)

Médiouna: 2,000 m³/d (In Hassar river)

Tet Mellil – Sidi Hajjaj: 2,000 m³/d (In cesspool)

Deroua: 2,000 m³/d (lagoon treatment plant)

Others: Douars, Hammams,..etc

About 2,000 m³/d (In septic tanks/cesspools)

Wastewater in peri-urban Casablanca: More than 10,000 m³/d discharged (groundwater and rivers)
The study areas

Three peri-urban areas of Casablanca have been the subject of our study including: The area of the airport Mohammed V and the towns of Deroua and Médiouna.
Measurement methods and analysis used are summarized in the following table:

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1- The area of the airport Mohammed V / Nouaceur

- It is located almost 30 km south-east of downtown Casablanca.

- It includes:
  - A residential area with a population of about 8000 inhabitants.
- The airport infrastructure (terminals, various buildings, military barracks..)

- An industrial park (Aeropole) hosting approximately sixty companies (commerce, engineering, metal industries, food and pharmaceutical, electronic and electrical and special chemicals.)
Overall distribution of potable water consumption (in m³/d) at the Mohamed V airport in 2009 (Data provided by ONDA, 2010)

TOTAL: 3380 m³/d with a maximum of 3800 m³/d recorded in August.

In addition to potable water, some companies of the industrial park aeropole and other activities use well water approximately: 1200 ou 1500 m³/d.

The total volume of water consumed at the airport area is on the order of 4500 m³/d (maximum: 5000 m³/d).