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Search Model For Deep Aquifers Along Passive Margins - Somalia

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-Innovative oil technology combined with applied hydrogeology can mitigate current and future water crisis around the world and help alleviate major water related problems.



GLOBAL WATER RESERVES (USGS)



D=1385km Volume= 1 390 013 860 km³

> Taken from: Illustration by Jack Cook, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; USGS. <u>https://water.usgs.gov/edu/gallery/global-water-volume.html</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF EARTH'S WATER



Source: Igor Shiklomanov's chapter "World fresh water resources" in Peter H. Gleick (editor), 1993, Water in Crisis: A Guide to the World's Fresh Water Resources.



THE SEARCH MODEL FOR DEEP GROUNDWATER







SEARCH MODEL FOR DEEP AQUIFERS ALONG PASSIVE MARGINS





THE KIMBIJI AQUIFER - TANZANIA





HYDROGEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE





OIL FIELD PERSPECTIVE



KIMBIJI RESULTS



Sustainable Kimbiji Aquifer output 200-260.000 m³/day Water capacity for a population of 1.200.000 pe!

The Kimbiji Aquifer concept was originally viewed with raised eyebrows by national and regional stakeholders. **Like so many other trend-breaking activities** (including offshore oil and gas activities), the Search Model is built on sound scientific and technical analyses. Nothing similar had been attempted in Tanzania or East Africa before. However, results of the KAA project has validated the concept, **and initial scepticism has been replaced by expectation**. Importantly, the deep aquifer concept and Kimbiji experience **can be exported and applied** to other passive margin regions of Africa, **including the African Horn/Somalia**.

SOMALIA



Somalia has a **total area of 637,657 km2** and an estimated **population of 14.7 million**. It is considered an arid and **semi-arid country** and its population faces a **critical water situation**.



Approximately, **95 % of the Somali population rely** on <u>shallow</u> alluvial groundwater for human consumption and for irrigation; and less than **45% have access to safe drinking water**. However, the alluvial aquifers are under stress and cannot meet growing demands.

This project focuses solely upon deep aquifers, of various categories.

Shallow aquifers will not be addressed by this project.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF DEEP GROUNDWATER RESOURCES IN SOMALIA





Area of Study



Example of onshore seismic lines in Somalia. Taken from "Petroleum Geology of the Nogal Basin and Surrounding Area, Northern Somalia, Part2: Hydrocarbon Potential" M. Y. Ali and J. H. Lee. July 2019

Based Upon Information From Oil Sector







Using Oil Sector Technology

Blending With Traditional Groundwater Technology

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