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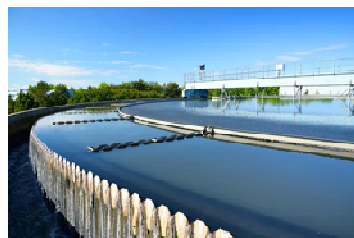
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APPLICAZIONE IN SICILIA DEL REGOLAMENTO EU
N. 741/2020 ”

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ASPETTI IGIENICO SANITARI CONNESSI AL RIUSO IRRIGUO DELLE ACQUE REFLUE

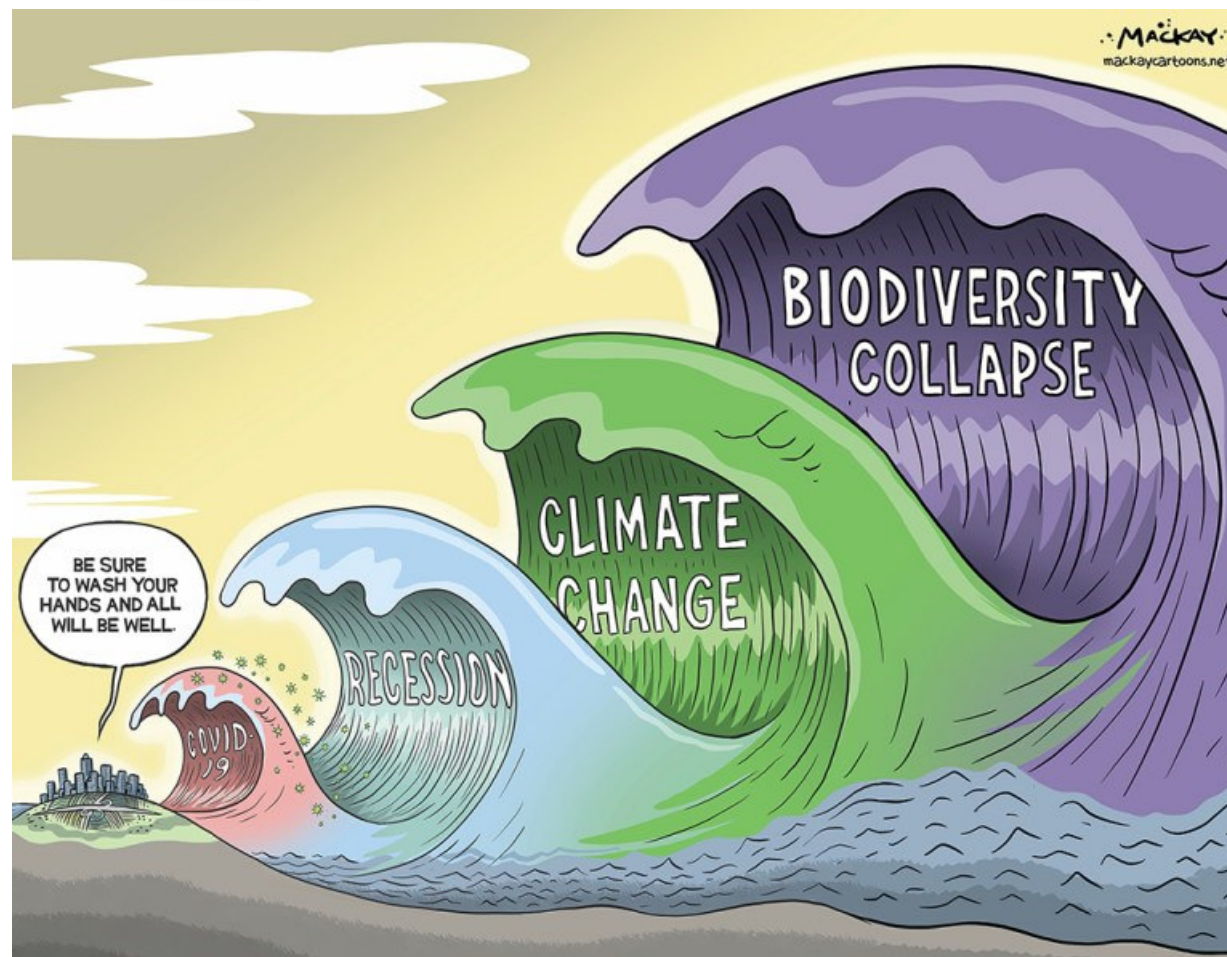
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Gli ultimi anni trascorsi sono stati caratterizzati da crisi sanitarie, economiche e ambientali che stanno modificando e modificheranno sempre di più il nostro stile di vita.





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Desertificazione, la Sicilia zona rossa

"In Italia il 10% del territorio è molto vulnerabile - riporta il dossier -. La Sicilia è la regione più colpita (42,9% della superficie regionale), seguita da Molise, Basilicata (24,4%) e dalla Sardegna (19,1%). Secondo il C.N.R. (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), le aree a rischio sono il 70% in Sicilia, il 58% in Molise, il 57% in Puglia, il 55% in Basilicata, mentre in Sardegna, Marche, Emilia-Romagna, Umbria, Abruzzo e Campania sono comprese tra il 30 e il 50%", dati che indicano che «il 20% del territorio italiano in pericolo di desertificazione». In Sicilia il dato allarmante sulla desertificazione è confermato dall'analisi dei dati diffusi dall'Osservatorio ANBI sulle Risorse Idriche e ad accentuare il pericolo non sono solo i quantitativi pluviometrici, ma l'andamento delle piogge con forti differenziazioni territoriali.

**UN QUINTO DELL'ITALIA È A RISCHIO DESERTIFICAZIONE
LE REGIONI PIÙ IN PERICOLO SONO SICILIA E PUGLIA**

AREE A RISCHIO DESERTIFICAZIONE*

| | |
|--|---------------|
| SICILIA | 70% |
| PUGLIA | 57% |
| MOLISE | 58% |
| BASILICATA | 55% |
| SARDEGNA, EMILIA ROMAGNA, MARCHE, UMBRIA, ABRUZZO | |
| CAMPANIA | 30/50% |

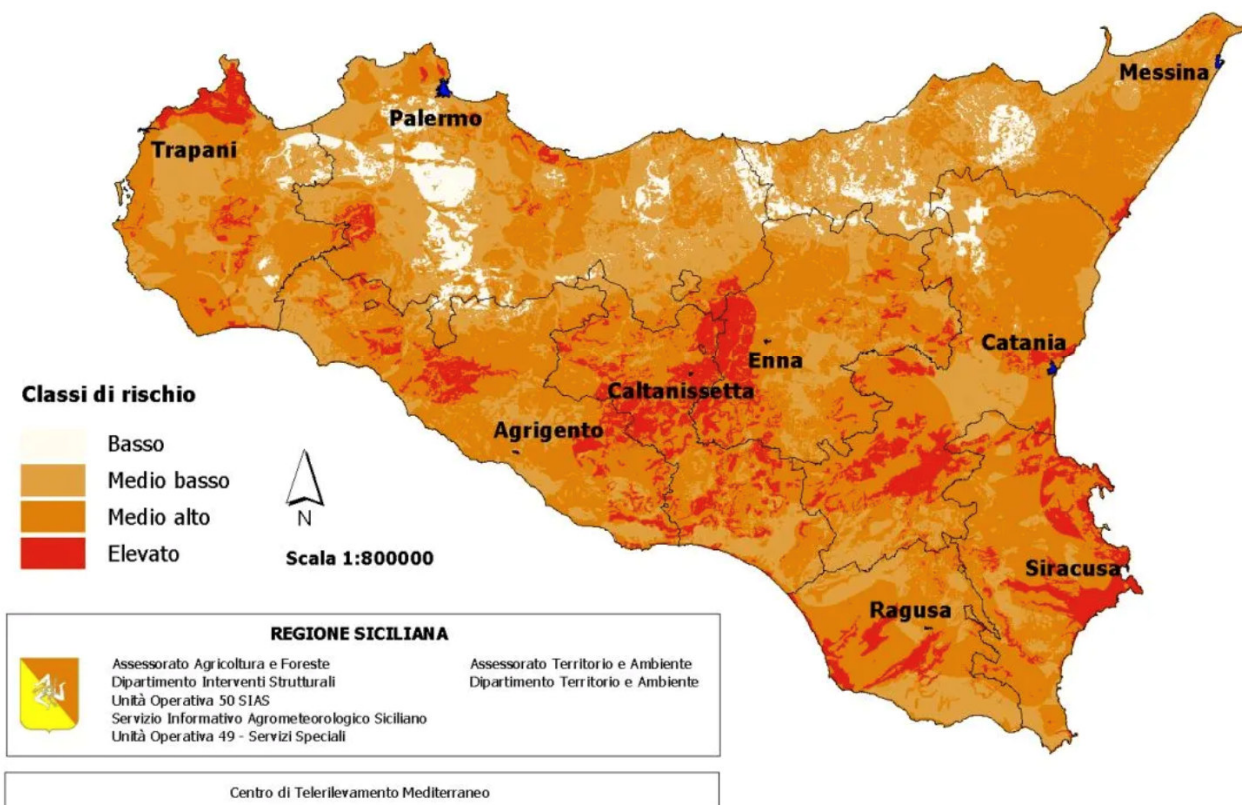


- Desertificazione > 55%
- Desertificazione ≥ 30 %
- Desertificazione < 30 %

*Elaborazione dati del CNRR



Carta delle aree vulnerabili alla desertificazione



DESERTIFICAZIONE

Trasformazione di un terreno produttivo in deserto, risultato dell'erosione del suolo ad opera dell'uomo, principalmente a causa di¹:

- disboscamento,
- uso indiscriminato del fuoco,
- coltivazioni di tipo estensivo,
- cattiva gestione delle coltivazioni,
- **utilizzo irrazionale delle risorse idriche**

¹ Auberville G., (1949), *Climate, Forests, et Desertification de l'Afrique Tropicale* Societe des Editions Geographique, Maritimes et Coloni.



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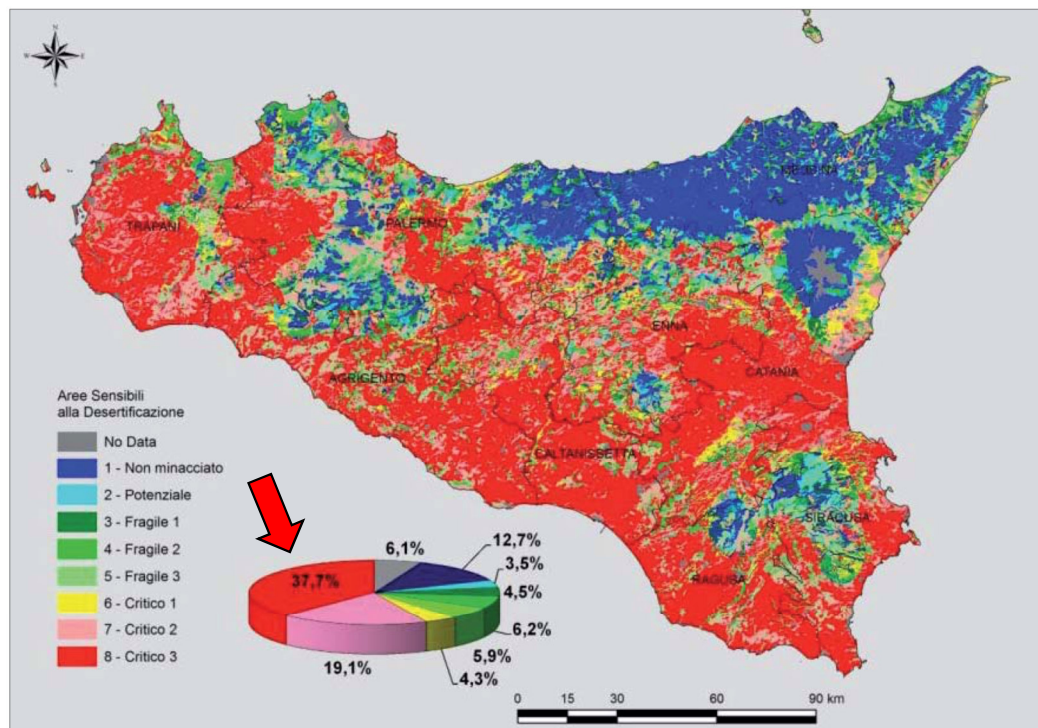


Tavola 3 – Carta delle Aree Sensibili alla Desertificazione in Sicilia (seconda metà XX Secolo)

previsione al 2030

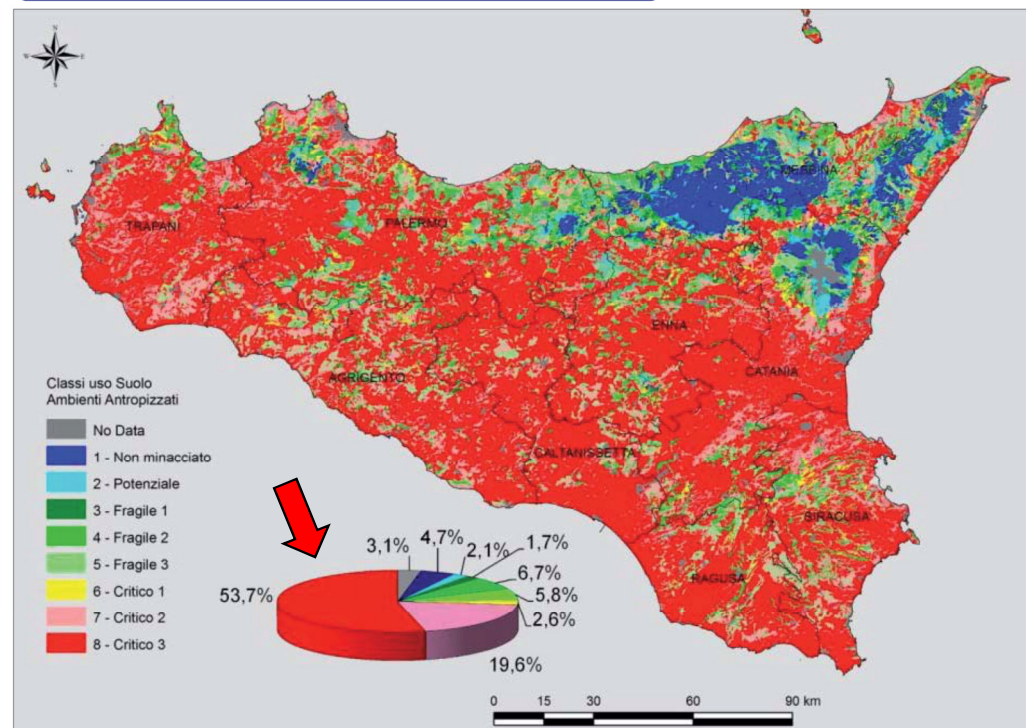


Tavola 6 – Carta delle Aree Sensibili alla Desertificazione in Sicilia (previsione al 2030)

Geologia dell'ambiente 01/2017; available at: https://www.settimanaterra.org/sites/default/files/geoeventi2017/2017-1%20GdA%20desertificazione_o.pdf



gestione territoriale e al contesto socioeconomico. Per quanto riguarda i fattori ambientali, il principale fattore limitante è la disponibilità idrica, che dipende dalle condizioni climatiche e dalla capacità di immagazzinamento idrico del suolo e che quindi limita la crescita delle piante. Diversi possono essere le motivazioni socioeconomiche che portano

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA



REGIONE SICILIANA

Presidenza

Autorità di Bacino del Distretto Idrografico della Sicilia



Strategia regionale di azione per la lotta alla desertificazione

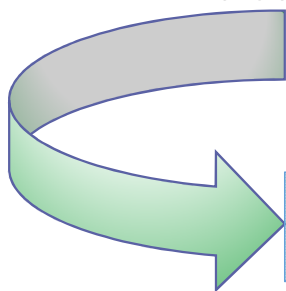
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La necessità di attuare una politica complessiva per il contrasto e la mitigazione dei fenomeni di desertificazione è stata ulteriormente ribadita dalla strategia nazionale di adattamento ai cambiamenti climatici.

La carenza d'acqua per i vari usi (civile, industriale, agricolo, ricreativo) che ne consegue, rende indispensabile il ricorso all'uso delle risorse idriche non convenzionali: ACQUE REFLUE E ACQUE SALINE.



INCENTIVAZIONE DEL RIUSO DELLE ACQUE REFLUE



In molte parti del mondo l'uso delle acque reflue è una pratica consolidata nell'ambito della gestione integrata delle risorse idriche per:



AUMENTARE LA DISPONIBILITÀ DI ACQUA PER USI
QUALITATIVAMENTE MENO ESIGENTI



RIDURRE L'INQUINAMENTO DEI CORPI RICETTORI



UTILIZZI



URBANO NON
POTABILE

- Alimentazione scariche WC
- Riserva antincendio
- Lavaggio strade
- Lavaggio autoveicoli
- Campi sportivi, aree cittadine a verde**
- Fontane e laghetti



AGRICOLO

- Tutte le colture in relazione al trattamento e al metodo irriguo**



INDUSTRIALE

- Siderurgia
- Tessile
- Petrochimica



AMBIENTALE

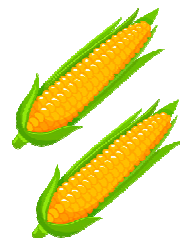
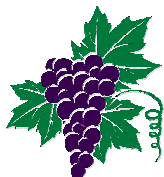
- Ricarica acquiferi
- Deflusso minimo vitale
- Creazione e recupero aree umide

IRRIGUO



USO IRRIGUO

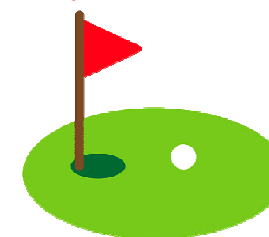
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PASCOLI PER LA MUNGITURA DI ANIMALI
FORAGGIO
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COLTURA DA SEME
ACQUACOLTURA
SERRE
VITICOLTURA



DA DESTINARE AL CONSUMO UMANO

IMPIANTI SPORTIVI (CAMPI GOLF, CALCIO...)
AIUOLE E VERDE PUBBLICO
GIARDINI SCOLASTICI
CIMITERI
CONDOMINI
PIANTE E FIORI

RICREATIVO/PRODUTTIVO





STATO DELL'ARTE



UPDATED REPORT ON WASTEWATER REUSE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

April 2013

2.4.14.1. Water reuse current state of art

A survey of Italian treatment plants estimated the total treated effluent flow at 2400Mm³/yr of usable water. This gives an estimate of the potential resource available for reuse. In view of the regulatory obligation to achieve a high level of treatment, the medium to large-sized plants (>100,000 inh. served), accounting for approximately 60% of urban wastewater flow can provide re-usable effluents for a favourable cost/benefit ratio.

Nowadays, treated wastewater is used mainly for agricultural irrigation covering over 4,000 ha. However, the controlled reuse of municipal wastewater in agriculture is not yet developed in most Italian regions and has decreased due to the low quality of water. Water reuse for industry is practiced in the metropolitan area of Turin. Municipal WWTP operator companies have already planned to build a separate supply network for wastewater reuse for industry (Azienda Po Sangone and CIDIU) in the Turin metropolitan area.



Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/blueprint/pdf/Final%20Report_Water%20Reuse_April%202013.pdf



Environmental and health risks associated with reuse of wastewater for irrigation

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The health effects of irrigating with wastewater can be both positive and negative. The positive effects are related to food security in poor areas. Wastewater is possible (and commonly the only way) to produce food and increase income in poor areas, thus also increasing nutrition and the quality of life. Negative effects are due to the presence of pathogens and toxic chemical compounds in wastewater [24]. Irrigation with treated wastewater poses a number of potential risks to human health via consumption or exposure to pathogenic microorganisms, heavy metals, harmful organic chemicals.

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Rischi per la salute

Il riuso delle acque reflue è una pratica che può presentare potenziali RISCHI PER LA SALUTE dell'uomo, degli animali e dell'ambiente in genere.

Per l'attuazione del riuso, questi rischi devono essere gestiti e il pubblico deve essere informato in modo chiaro e trasparente.



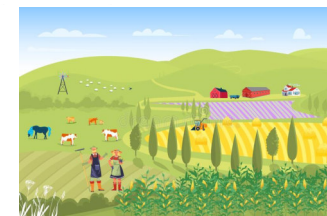
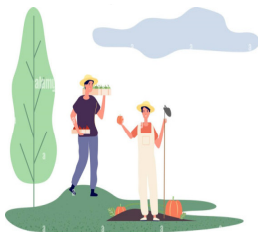
ACCETTAZIONE
PUBBLICA



Popolazioni suscettibili

Four groups are at risk: (1) agricultural workers and their families; (2) crop handlers; (3) consumers of crops, meat, and milk; and (4) those living near the areas irrigated with wastewater, particularly children, and the elderly.

Wastewater contains a variety of excreted organisms, and the types and concentrations vary depending upon the background levels of disease in the population. Many pathogens can survive for long enough periods of time in soil or on crop surfaces and thus be transmitted to humans or animals [25].





Quali sono i rischi per la salute?



RISCHIO
CHIMICO

RISCHIO
MICROBIOLOGICO

Convenzionali
Non convenzionali
Emergenti



Area geografica
Tipologia di refluo
Impianto di trattamento



While water quality investigations have traditionally focused on nutrients, bacteria, heavy metals and priority pollutants (compounds with known health effects such as pesticides, industrial chemicals, petroleum hydrocarbons) recent research has revealed the occurrence of hundreds of organic contaminants in wastewater and impacted urban surface waters.

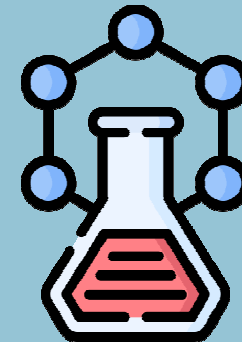
These novel contaminants belong to diverse compound classes and are typically detected at concentrations in the range 1 ng/L–1 µg/L although concentrations range up to 100 µg/L in some cases. Their toxicological significance is difficult to assess and generally accepted concentration limits for drinking water and discharge limits for wastewater effluent have not yet been established.

Nuove classi di contaminanti

Concentrazioni molto basse

Effetti sulla salute sconosciuti

Limiti normativa assenti





Helmecke *et al. Environ Sci Eur* (2020) 32:4
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12302-019-0283-0>

DISCUSSION

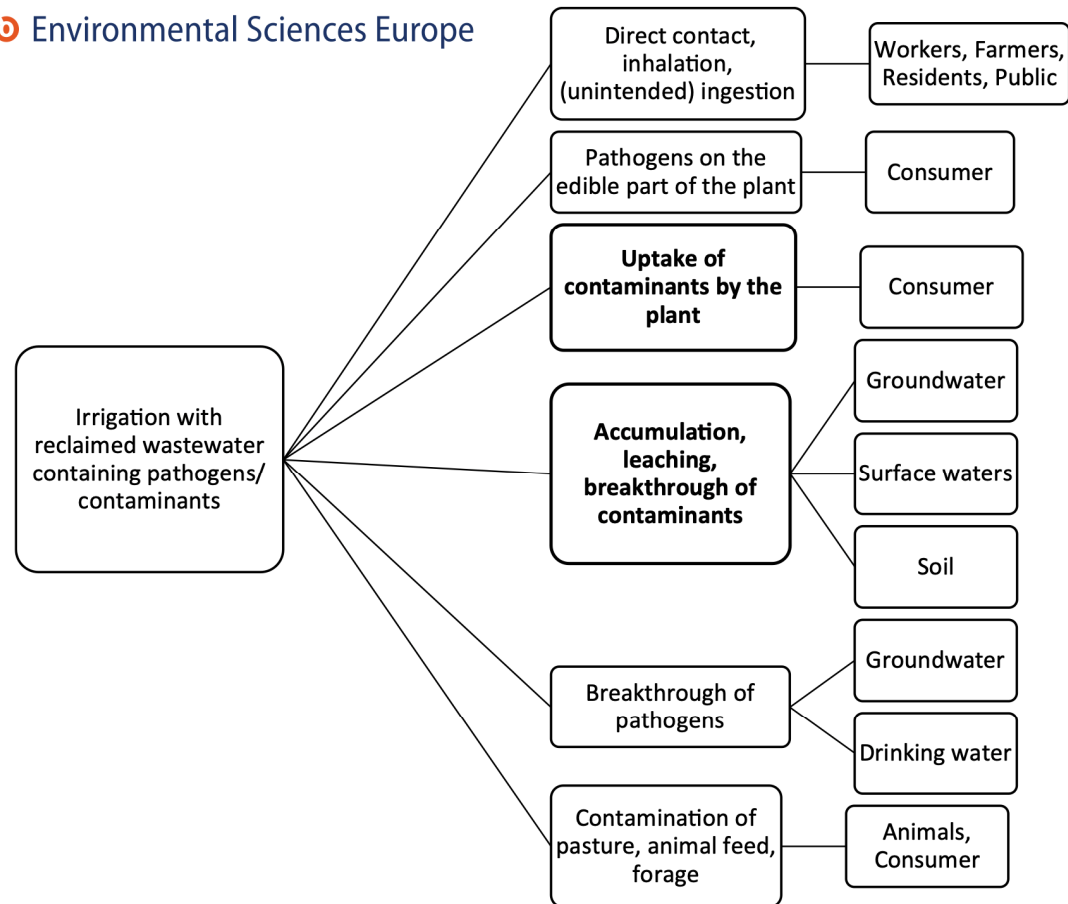
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Regulating water reuse for agricultural irrigation: risks related to organic micro-contaminants

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Rischio microbiologico

DECRETO MINISTERIALE 12 giugno 2003, n. 185
«Regolamento recante norme tecniche per il riutilizzo delle acque reflue in attuazione dell'articolo 26, comma 2, del D.Lgs. 11 maggio 1999, n. 152».
(G.U. 23 luglio 2003, n. 169)

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|--------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Parametri microbiologici | Escherichia coli Nota 3 Salmonella | UFC/100mL | 100 valore puntuale max Assente |
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Convenzionali

Coliformi, Escherichia coli

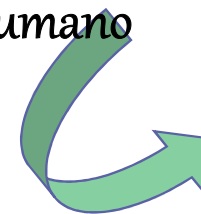
Non Convenzionali

Protozoi, Elminti

Emergenti

Virus enterici, altri virus di interesse umano

Assenza di colimetria





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Giardia Cysts in Wastewater Treatment Plants in Italy

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Occurrence of *Cryptosporidium* Oocysts and *Giardia* Cysts in Sewage in Norway†

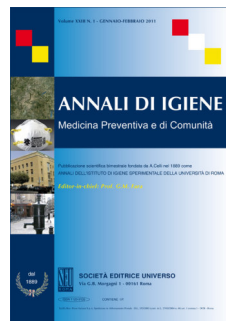
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WWTP (Acqua dei Corsari) = 2,7E7//

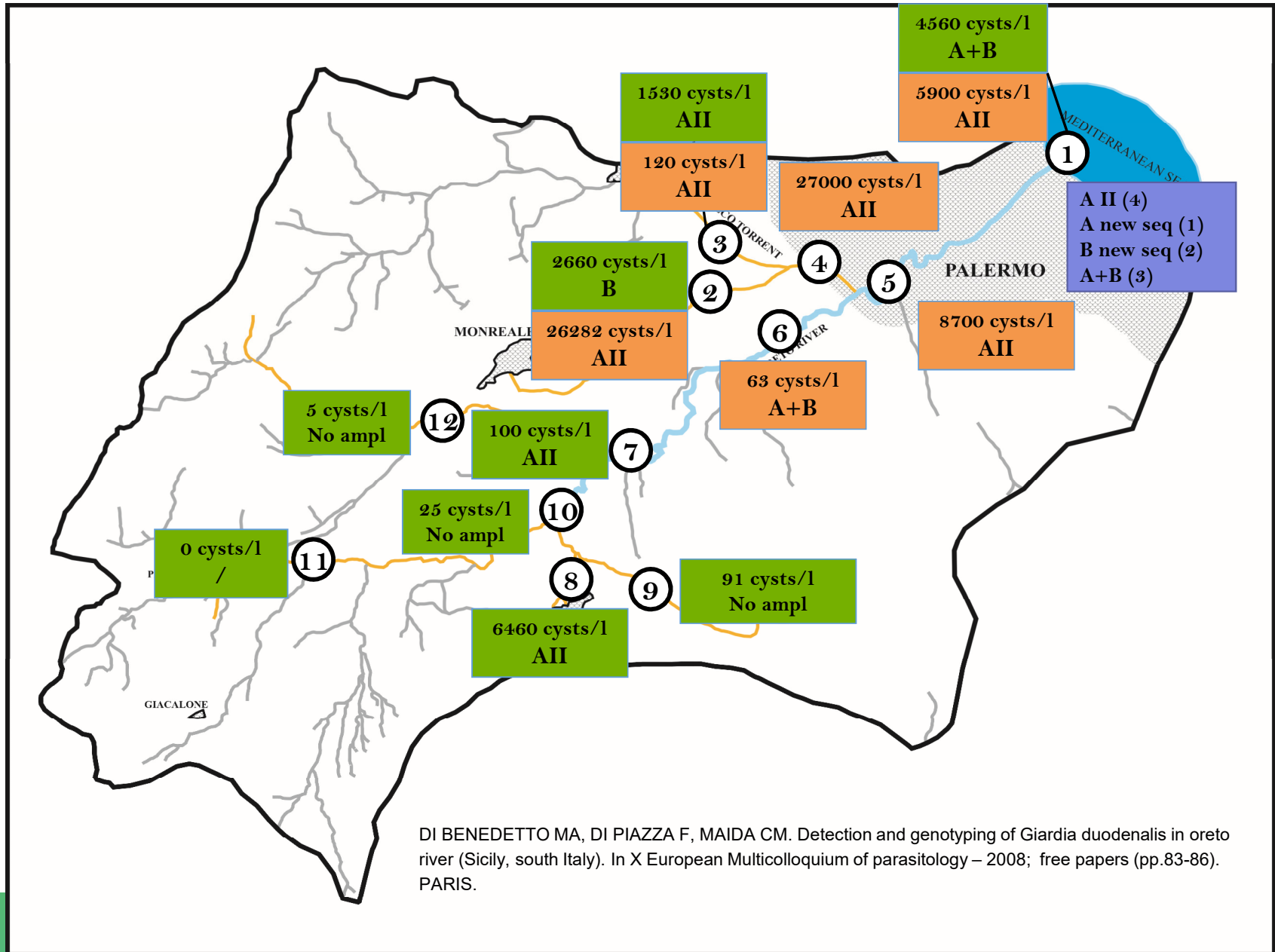
Surface water (Fiume Oreto) = 1,3E4//



Occurrence of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* in wastewater, surface water and ground water samples in Palermo (Sicily).

Di Benedetto MA, Di Piazza F, Maida CM, Firenze A, Oliveri R

Ann Ig 2005;17(5):367-367





Funzioni Utilità

- ▶ Report Statistici -Bollettino
- ▶ Gestione Distretti
- ▶ Gestione Casi Multipli
- ▶ Esportazioni Dati
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Lista Segnalazioni convaldate per Province

SICILIA

Elaborazione del: 09/10/2019

Malattia: GIARDIASI
Regione: SICILIA
Periodo dal: 01/01/2018
al: 09/10/2019



Valutazione dell'impatto sulla salute



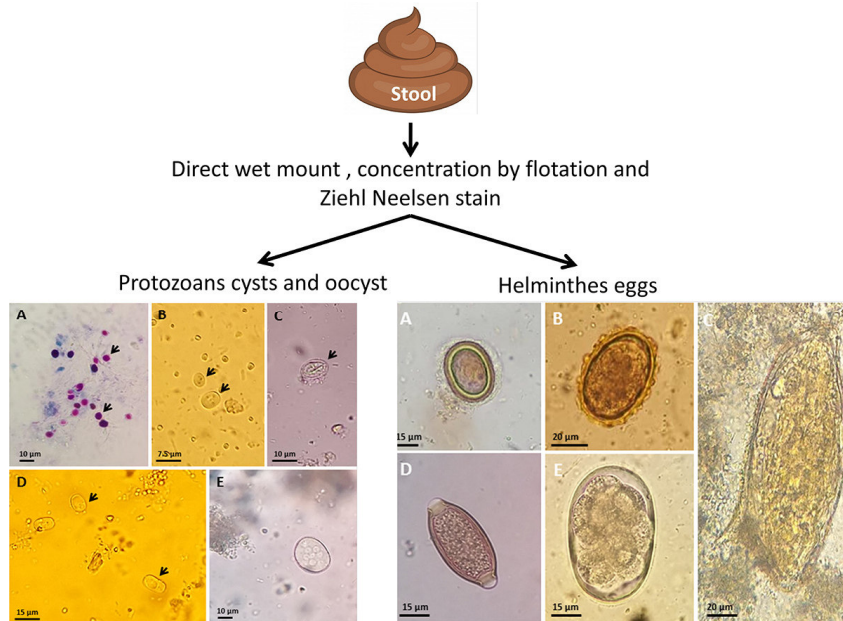
Studi ad hoc

| Classi di età | 0 - 11 MESI | | 12 - 24 MESI | | 3 - 4 | | 5 - 9 | | 10 - 14 | | 15 - 24 | | 25 - 34 | | 35 - 44 | | 45 - 54 | | 55 - 64 | | > 65 | | Totale | |
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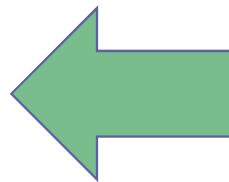
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Wastewater Reuse and Intestinal Parasitic Infections



Il contatto diretto tra
lavoratori aumenta il rischio
di infezioni da parassiti
OR = 3



Intestinal parasitic infections, especially soil-transmitted helminths, are reported as the major health concern associated with wastewater reuse (34). This is partly due to their high persistence in the environment. In line with this concern, epidemiological studies have shown an increase in parasitic infections from the use of wastewater (Figure 3). The main exposure route accounted for in these studies has been direct contact for farmers and other farm workers, where increased risks with ORs 0.58–3 have been reported (3, 19, 137, 138). In a study conducted in urban and peri-urban transition zones in Hanoi, Vietnam, Fuhrmann et al. (139) reported that peri-urban farmers had the highest adjusted odds of acquiring intestinal parasitic infection among various groups considered (OR 5.3, 95% CI: 2.1–13.7).

Adegoke A. et al.

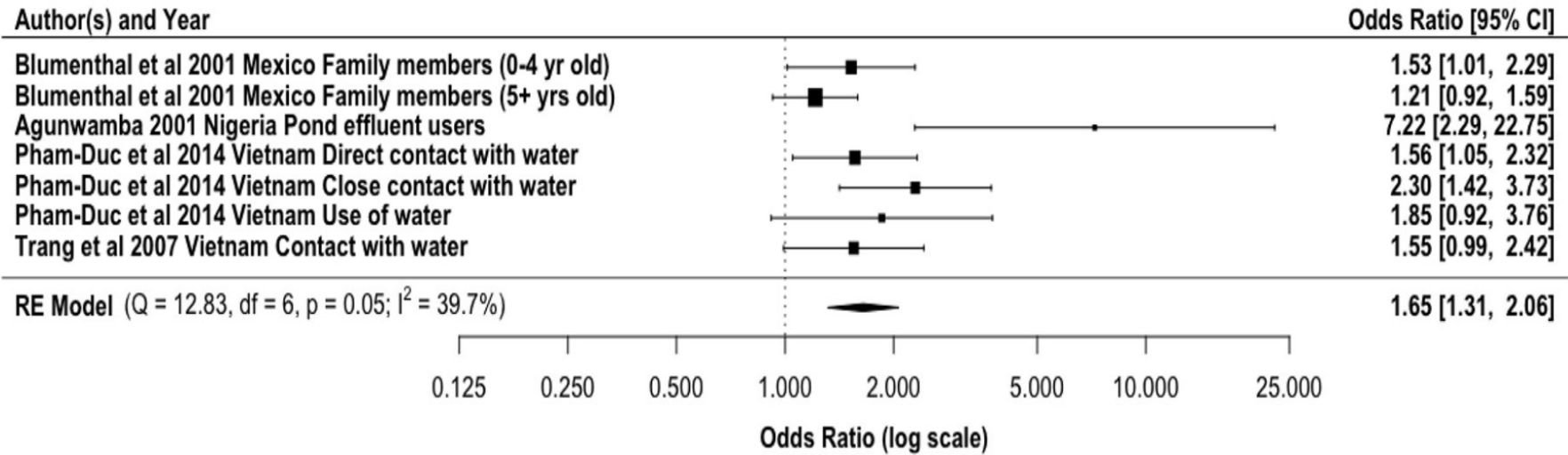


FIGURE 2 | Odds ratio for exposure to partially treated and untreated wastewater and diarrheal disease incidence from selected literature.



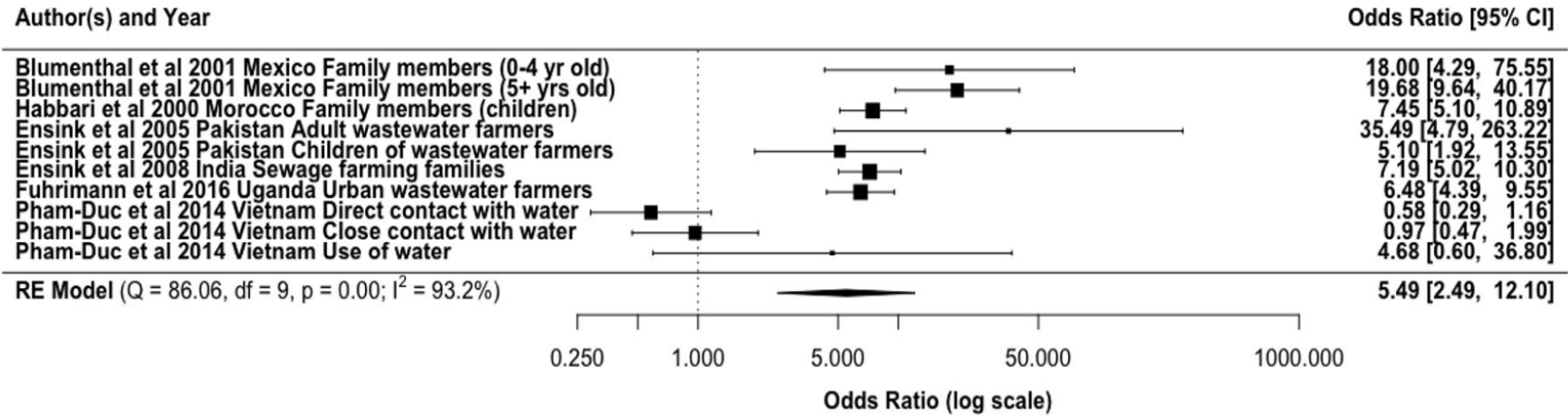


FIGURE 3 | Odds ratio for exposure to partially treated/untreated wastewater and helminth infections from selected literature.





TABLE 3 | Examples of food-borne outbreaks (human) associated with the consumption of fresh produce irrigated with wastewater from selected literature (Only the reports with year of outbreak, food implicated and number of cases were considered).

| References | Country | Pathogens | Outbreak year | Food implicated* | No of cases |
|------------|--------------|---|------------------|---|-------------|
| (115) | China | <i>Salmonella paratyphi A</i> | 2010–2011 | Consumption of raw vegetables | 600 |
| (106) | Unspecified | <i>Salmonella saintpaul</i> | 2008 | Jalapeño peppers, serrano peppers, tomatoes | 1,442 |
| (116) | Sweden | Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> | 2013 | Fresh salad | 19 |
| (104) | Denmark | Noroviruses and enterotoxigenic <i>Escherichia coli</i> | 2010 | Lettuce of the lollo bionda type | 260 |
| (117) | Norway | <i>Salmonella</i> species | 2004; 2006; 2007 | Rucola Lettuce | 21 |
| (112) | Sweden | <i>E. coli</i> 0157 | 2005 | Iceberg lettuce | 135 |
| (114) | Denmark | Norovirus | 2005 | Raspberries | >1,000 |
| (118) | Canada | <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> | 2011 | Basil | 17 |
| (119) | Germany | <i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> | 2000 | Green vegetables | 34 |
| (120) | Saudi Arabia | Hepatitis A virus | 1996 | Food (unspecified); specified not linked | 94 |

*Grown with contaminated (fecal) water.



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Contribution of Wastewater Irrigation to Soil Transmitted Helminths Infection among Vegetable Farmers in Kumasi, Ghana

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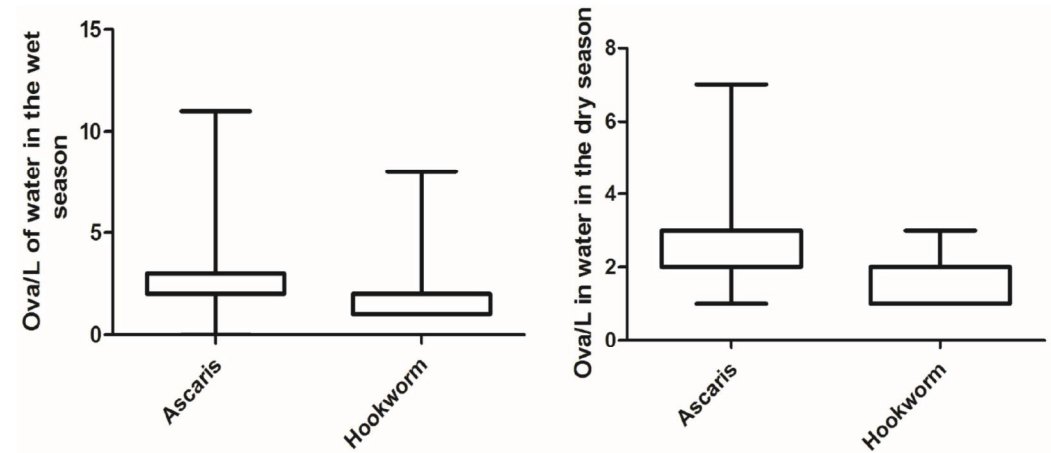


Fig 2. Distribution of *Ascaris* spp and hookworm ova in irrigation water in the dry (n = 71) and wet (n = 107) seasons.

doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0005161.g002

Table 1. Mean concentration (±S.D) of *Ascaris* spp and hookworm ova in irrigation water and soil for the dry and wet season in Kumasi, Ghana.

| | Water | | | Soil | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Wet season (n = 107) | Dry season (n = 78) | P value | Wet season (n = 107) | Dry season (n = 78) | P value |
| <i>Ascaris</i> spp (ova/L) | 2.82 (±0.25) | 2.62 (±0.13) | 0.41 | 3.70 (±0.23) | 2.90 (±0.21) | 0.01 |
| Hookworm (ova/L) | 2.05 (±0.23) | 1.38 (±0.10) | 0.01 | 2.01(±0.16) | 1.67 (±0.14) | 0.16 |

doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0005161.t001



Table 3. Odds of infection with *Ascaris* spp and hookworm for farmers involved in wastewater irrigation compared with a control group in Kumasi, Ghana.

| | DRY SEASON* | WET SEASON ^s |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Ascaris</i> spp | 0.92 (95% CI; 0.33–2.56) | 3.99 (95% CI; 1.15–13.86) |
| Hookworm | 1.21 (95% CI; 0.24–6.20) | 3.07 (95% CI; 0.87–10.82) |

*In the dry season the study population was 127 for farmers and 52 for the control group ^sIn the wet season the study population was 165 for farmers and 100 for the control group

Il rischio per la salute potenziale è basato sul numero di uova di parassiti nelle acque.

Il rischio per la salute reale tiene conto anche di:

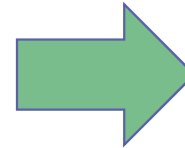
- Sopravvivenza dei patogeni nelle acque e nei suoli;
- Dose infettante;
- Fattori climatici;
- Difese dell'ospite;
- Abitudini igieniche degli esposti.

The elevated concentrations of STHs ova, above the WHO guideline levels, in the irrigation water and soil pose a risk of infection for farmers involved in the practice of wastewater irrigation. However, there is always a difference between the estimated risk and actual infections. The potential health risk is based on the number of pathogens in the wastewater or soil, while the actual health risk depends on an expansion of this concept, including: i) the period pathogens survive in water or soil; ii) the dose in which pathogens are infective to a human host and iii) host immunity for pathogens circulating in the environment [32]. The seasonal variation in STHs ova concentration in the irrigation water and soil was also apparent in the STHs infection intensity of the farmers, reflected in higher infection frequency in the wet season. There are other factors such as, climate, types of soils and hygiene behavior, which might have also contributed to this variation in infection rate [33].

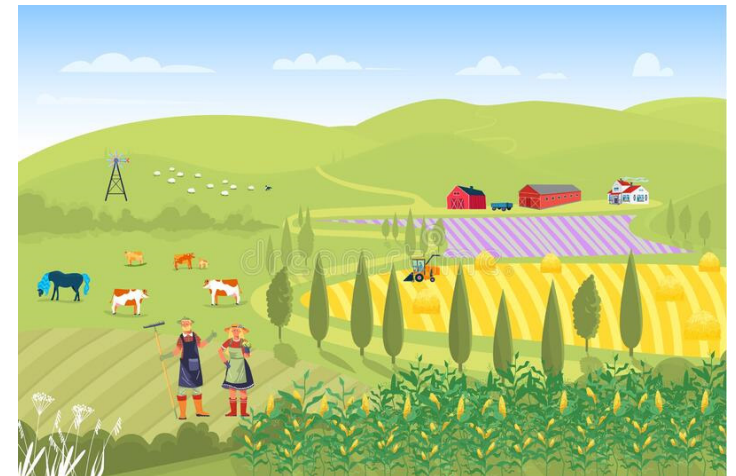
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The majority of the epidemiological studies on reuse and diarrheal diseases have focused on the direct exposure to the wastewater especially by the farmers and farm workers. However, Shuval et al. (60) demonstrated that aerosols could lead to a diarrheal incidence rate ratio of 1.08 for people living close to irrigation fields in Israel. Living in a household with someone engaged in untreated wastewater reuse could also result in higher risk of diarrhea (OR =2.69) (21). This relate to the possibility of additional human to human transmission within the home. This is important because domestic hygiene has been implicated in the increase in diarrheal diseases within the home setting for children (129, 130). Within the domestic domain several other sources of contamination, like from food, contaminated drinking water in the home (131) or direct exposure to feces from humans and animals will superimpose on the effects that is due to the irrigation with wastewater with linked exposure.



Il riuso, soprattutto con acque non trattate, determina una diffusa contaminazione ambientale che ha effetti sulle comunità





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| Reuse Category and Description | Treatment | Reclaimed Water Quality ² | Reclaimed Water Monitoring |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>Urban Reuse</p> <p><u>Unrestricted</u> The use of reclaimed water in nonpotable applications in municipal settings where public access is not restricted.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secondary⁽⁴⁾ ▪ Filtration⁽⁵⁾ ▪ Disinfection⁽⁶⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH = 6.0-9.0 ▪ ≤ 10 mg/l BOD ⁽⁷⁾ ▪ ≤ 2 NTU ⁽⁸⁾ ▪ No detectable fecal coliform /100 ml ^(9,10) ▪ 1 mg/l Cl₂ residual (min.) ⁽¹¹⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH – weekly ▪ BOD - weekly ▪ Turbidity - continuous ▪ Fecal coliform - daily ▪ Cl₂ residual – continuous |
| <p><u>Restricted</u> The use of reclaimed water in nonpotable applications in municipal settings where public access is controlled or restricted by physical or institutional barriers, such as fencing, advisory signage, or temporal access restriction</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secondary ⁽⁴⁾ ▪ Disinfection ⁽⁶⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH = 6.0-9.0 ▪ ≤ 30 mg/l BOD ⁽⁷⁾ ▪ ≤ 30 mg/l TSS ▪ ≤ 200 fecal coliform /100 ml ^(9, 13, 14) ▪ 1 mg/l Cl₂ residual (min.) ⁽¹¹⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH – weekly ▪ BOD – weekly ▪ TSS – daily ▪ Fecal coliform - daily ▪ Cl₂ residual – continuous |



| Reuse Category and Description | Treatment | Reclaimed Water Quality ² | Reclaimed Water Monitoring |
|---|--|--|---|
| Agricultural Reuse | | | |
| <p><u>Food Crops</u> ¹⁵ The use of reclaimed water for surface or spray irrigation of food crops which are intended for human consumption, consumed raw.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secondary ⁽⁴⁾ ▪ Filtration ⁽⁵⁾ ▪ Disinfection ⁽⁶⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH = 6.0-9.0 ▪ ≤ 10 mg/l BOD ⁽⁷⁾ ▪ ≤ 2 NTU ⁽⁸⁾ ▪ No detectable fecal coliform/100 ml ^(9,10) ▪ 1 mg/l Cl₂ residual (min.) ⁽¹¹⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH – weekly ▪ BOD - weekly ▪ Turbidity - continuous ▪ Fecal coliform - daily ▪ Cl₂ residual – continuous |
| <p><u>Processed Food Crops</u> ¹⁵ The use of reclaimed water for surface irrigation of food crops which are intended for human consumption, commercially processed.</p> <p><u>Non-Food Crops</u> The use of reclaimed water for irrigation of crops which are not consumed by humans, including fodder, fiber, and seed crops, or to irrigate pasture land, commercial nurseries, and sod farms.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secondary ⁽⁴⁾ ▪ Disinfection ⁽⁶⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH = 6.0-9.0 ▪ ≤ 30 mg/l BOD ⁽⁷⁾ ▪ ≤ 30 mg/l TSS ▪ ≤ 200 fecal coli/100 ml ^(9,13, 14) ▪ 1 mg/l Cl₂ residual (min.) ⁽¹¹⁾ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pH – weekly ▪ BOD - weekly ▪ TSS - daily ▪ Fecal coliform - daily ▪ Cl₂ residual – continuous |



Investigation and control of a Norovirus outbreak of probable waterborne transmission through a municipal groundwater system

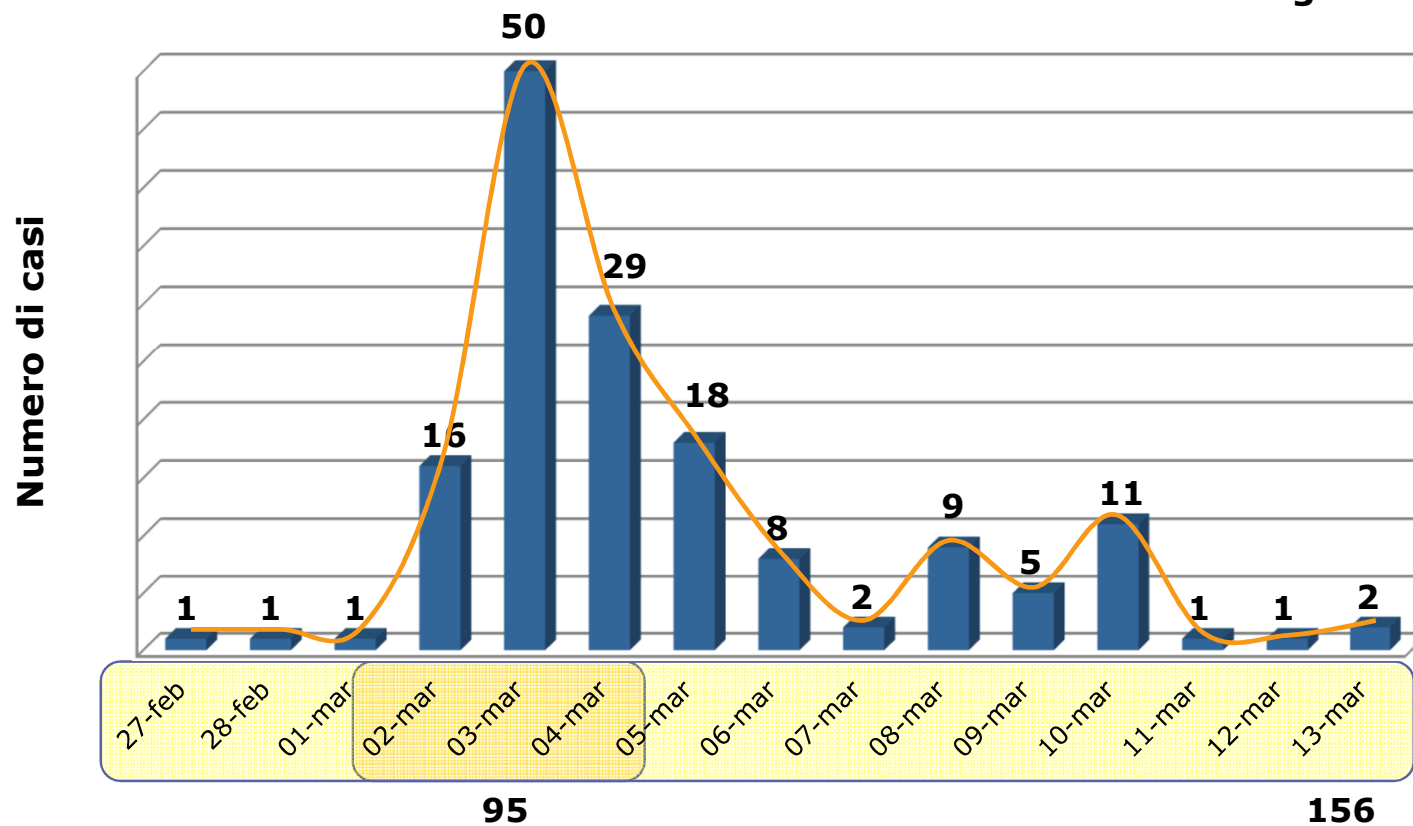
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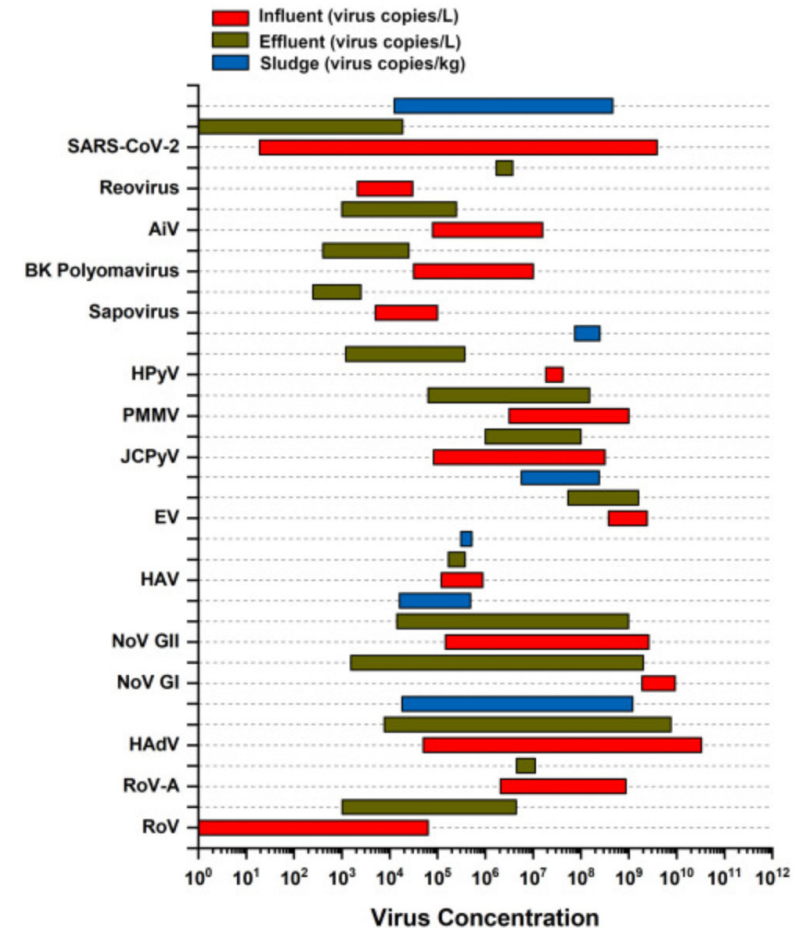
Viruses in wastewater: occurrence, abundance and detection methods

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VIRUS

Influent gc/L

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| HEV | 7.80E3 - 5.80E8 |
| RoV | 1.00E1 - 6.31E4 |
| NoV GI | 1.70E5 - 1.90E9 |
| NoVGII | 1.48E5 - 2.60E9 |
| HAV | 0.00 - 1,80E6 |
| SARS-CoV-2 | 1.90E1 - 3.00E6 |





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Table 6-3 Indicative log removals of indicator microorganisms and enteric pathogens during various stages of wastewater treatment

| Type of Microorganism | Indicator microorganisms | | | Pathogenic microorganisms | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | <i>Escherichia coli</i> (Indicator bacteria) | <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> | Phage (Indicator virus) | Enteric bacteria (e.g., <i>Campylobacter</i>) | Enteric viruses | <i>Giardia lamblia</i> | <i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i> | Helminths |
| Bacteria | X | X | | X | | | | |
| Protozoa and helminths | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Viruses | | | X | | X | | | |
| Indicative Log Reductions in Various Stages of Wastewater Treatment¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary treatment | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 1 | 0.5 - 2.5 | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 2 | 0.5 - 1.5 | 0.5 - 1 | 0 - 2 |
| Dual media filtration ² | 0 - 1 | 0 - 1 | 1 - 4 | 0 - 1 | 0.5 - 3 | 1 - 3 | 1.5 - 2.5 | 2 - 3 |
| Membrane filtration (UF, NF, and RO) ³ | 4 - >6 | >6 | 2 - >6 | >6 | 2 - >6 | >6 | 4 - >6 | >6 |
| Reservoir storage | 1 - 5 | N/A | 1 - 4 | 1 - 5 | 1 - 4 | 3 - 4 | 1 - 3.5 | 1.5 - >3 |
| Ozonation | 2 - 6 | 0 - 0.5 | 2 - 6 | 2 - 6 | 3 - 6 | 2 - 4 | 1 - 2 | N/A |
| UV disinfection | 2 - >6 | N/A | 3 - >6 | 2 - >6 | 1 - >6 | 3 - >6 | 3 - >6 | N/A |
| Advanced oxidation | >6 | N/A | >6 | >6 | >6 | >6 | >6 | N/A |
| Chlorination | 2 - >6 | 1 - 2 | 0 - 2.5 | 2 - >6 | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 1.5 | 0 - 0.5 | 0 - 1 |

(Sources: Bitton, 1999; EPHC, 2008; Mara and Horan, 2003; NRC, 1998; NRC, 2012; Rose et al., 1996; Rose, et al., 2001; EPA, 1999, 2003, 2004; WHO, 1989)



Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment:

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These findings highlight the importance of ensuring the microbial safety of water and sanitation services. The WHO water quality guidelines therefore emphasize that primary attention should be given to managing microbial hazards in the water cycle. In controlling these, there has traditionally been great emphasis on the examination of faecal indicator bacteria. At the turn of the millennium, it was increasingly recognized that this basis for the risk management of microbial hazards was:

- too little – viruses and parasites are significant microbial hazards in water; their fate and transport in the environment and water treatment processes are very different from those of (faecal indicator) bacteria; and outbreaks of waterborne disease have occurred while the water complied with the guidelines for faecal indicator bacteria; and
- too late – by the time the faecal indicator bacteria examination highlighted a potential health problem, the exposure to the water had already occurred.

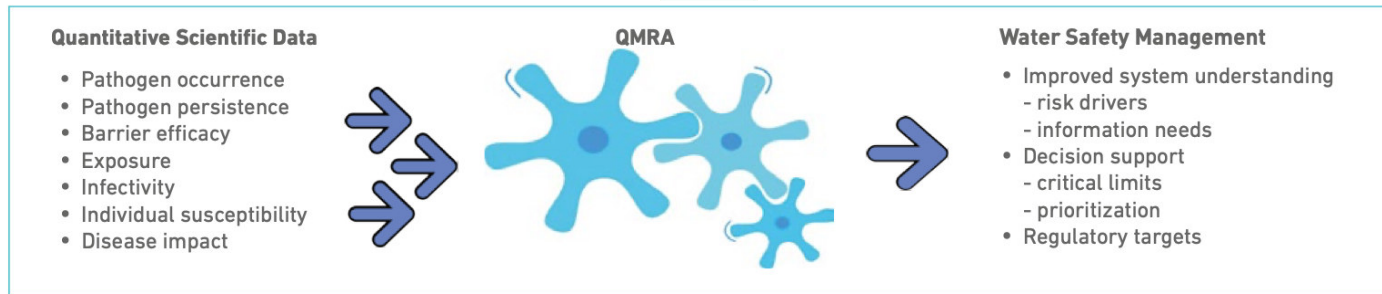


Table 2.4 Summary of the four-step framework for water-related QMRA

| Step | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Problem formulation | The overall context (reference pathogens, exposure pathways, hazardous events and health outcomes of interest) of the risk assessment is defined and constrained in order to successfully target the specific risk management question that must be addressed. |
| Exposure assessment | The magnitude and frequency of exposure to each reference pathogen via the identified exposure pathway(s) and hazardous events are quantified. |
| Health effects assessment | Dose–response relationships (linking exposure dose to probability of infection or illness) and probability of morbidity and mortality (depending on the health end-point of the assessment) are identified for each reference pathogen. |
| Risk characterization | The information on exposure and the health effects assessment are combined to generate a quantitative measure of risk. |



Rischio chimico

Convenzionali

Solidi sospesi totali, BOD, COD, Ammonio, Nitriti, Nitrati, Fosforo

Non convenzionali

Metalli Pesanti, Solidi totali disciolti, Pesticidi

Emergenti

Antibiotici, Farmaci, Prodotti per la cura personale, Droghe,
Nanoparticelle



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Occurrence of pharmaceutical residues, personal care products, lifestyle chemicals, illicit drugs and metabolites in wastewater and receiving surface waters of Krakow agglomeration in South Poland

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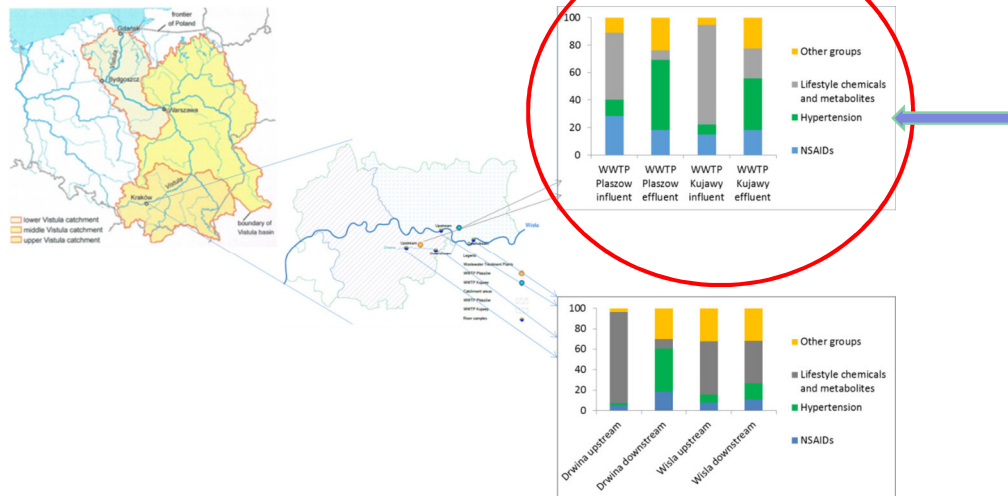
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Abstract

This is the first study of broad range of chemical classes CECs conducted in the upper Wisla river catchment including the biggest WWTPs in this region and surface waters. The list of compounds is extensive and the paper provides, for the first time, better understanding of environmental burden from PCPCs in Poland. Cumulative contribution of hypertension pharmaceuticals, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and lifestyle chemicals was 89% and 95% in wastewater influent, and 75% in wastewater effluent at both WWTPs. Significant removal efficiencies, exceeding 90%, were found for parabens, UV filters, NSAIDs, steroid estrogens, plasticizers, antibacterials/antibiotics, stimulants and metabolites and lifestyle chemicals. The comparison of the average mass loads of CECs between the influent and effluent, has shown that 27% and 29% of all detected CECs were removed by less than 50%. An increase of



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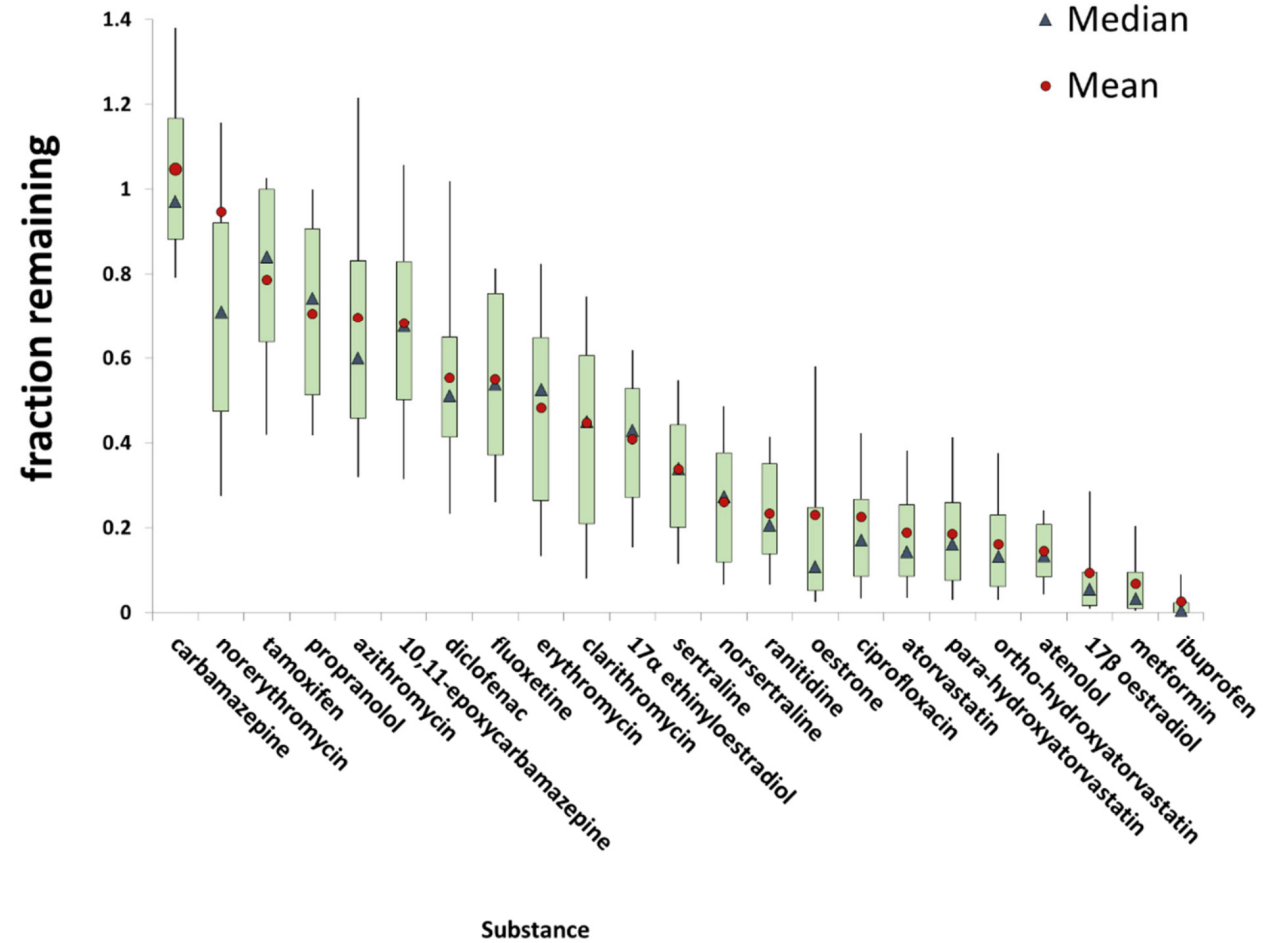
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The removal of pharmaceuticals during wastewater treatment: Can it be predicted accurately?

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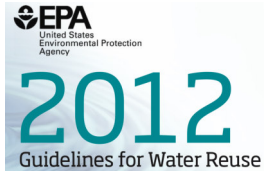


Table 6-5 Indicative percent removals of organic chemicals during various stages of wastewater treatment

| Treatment | Percent Removal | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | B(a)p | Antibiotics ¹ | Pharmaceuticals | | | | | Hormones | |
| | | | DZP | CBZ | DCF | IBP | PCT | Steroid ² | Anabolic ³ |
| Secondary (activated sludge) | nd | 10–50 | nd | – | 10–50 | >90 | nd | >90 | nd |
| Soil aquifer treatment | nd | nd | nd | 25–50 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | nd |
| Aquifer storage | nd | 50–90 | 10–50 | – | 50–90 | 50–90 | Nd | >90 | nd |
| Microfiltration | nd | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | nd |
| Ultrafiltration/ powdered activated carbon (PAC) | nd | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | nd | >90 | nd |
| Nanofiltration | >80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 |
| Reverse osmosis | >80 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 |
| PAC | >80 | 20–>80 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 20–50 | <20 | 50–80 | 50–80 | 50–80 |
| Granular activated carbon | | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | | >90 | |
| Ozonation | >80 | >95 | 50–80 | 50–80 | >95 | 50–80 | >95 | >95 | >80 |
| Advanced oxidation | | 50–80 | 50–80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 |
| High-level ultraviolet | | 20–>80 | <20 | 20–50 | >80 | 20–50 | >80 | >80 | 20–50 |
| Chlorination | >80 | >80 | 20–50 | –<20 | >80 | <20 | >80 | >80 | <20 |
| Chloramination | 50–80 | <20 | <20 | <20 | 50–80 | <20 | >80 | >80 | <20 |

(Sources: Ternes and Joss, 2006; Snyder et al., 2010)

B(a)p = benz(a)pyrene; CBZ = carbamazepine, DBP = disinfection by-product; DCF = diclofenac; DZP = diazepam; I nitrosodimethylamine; nd = no data; PAC = powdered activated carbon; PCT = paracetamol.

¹ erythromycin, sulfamethoxazole, triclosan, trimethoprim

² ethynylestradiol; estrone, estradiol and estriol

³ progesterone, testosterone



CECs enter water systems from various sources, such as sewage, industry and agriculture. Previous work indicated that the effluent from wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) was one of the major pathways for CECs' discharge into the aquatic environment. CECs are usually present at low concentrations in the environment (they range from pg L^{-1} to $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), but their levels can potentially cause undesired physiological effects in wildlife and humans (Hernando et al., 2011; Stuart et al., 2012; Pal et al., 2014; Zenker et al., 2014). This is more concerning considering that they do not appear individually, but as a complex mixture (Vasquez et al., 2014).



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Table 2a

Categories, sources, annual production and releases of representative EOCs and activities causing release into the UWC.

| Categories | Representative chemicals | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | Chemicals | Annual production capacity, year ^a , ref. | Annual release to water, year ^a , ref. |
| Plasticizers | Bisphenol A | 5,216,312.3 t (global), 2008, (Dow, 2012) | Plastic manufacture from plants; combustion of domestic waste; natural breakdown of plastics in environment; landfill leachates; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Perfluorinated compounds | PFOS | 73–162 t (global), 2005, (OECD, 2006) | Manufacturing wastes; via volatilization, oxidation & precipitation from pesticides, PCBs, flame retardants, upholstery, coatings, food-packaging etc.; landfill leachates; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Pesticides | Fipronil | 480 t (France), 1997, (Tingle et al., 2000) | Spray drift after various applications: pest control & crop protection, irrigation runoff |
| Surfactants | 4-nonylphenol monoethoxylate (NP1EO) | 118,000 t (Europe), 1997, (Wenzel et al., 2004) | Application of raw sludge to soils followed by landfill leachates; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Antibiotics | Sulfamethoxazole | 53.6 t ^b (Germany), 2001, (Huschek et al., 2004); 10.9 t ^b (Spain), 2009, (Ortiz de García et al., 2013) | Manufacturing wastes; domestic and farm disposal of unused, expired antibiotics; land use of animal manure and sewage sludge; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Pharmaceuticals | Acetaminophen | 621.6 t ^b (Germany), 2001, (Huschek et al., 2004); 1,460.2 t ^b (Spain), 2009, (Ortiz de García et al., 2013) | Manufacturing wastes; unused and expired drugs disposed from households; landfill leachates; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Hormones | Estrone (E1) | - | Hormones injected to livestock and fishes, released from animal farms and aquacultures respectively; human and animal excreta via <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Iodinated X-ray contrast media (ICM) | Iopromide | 64.1 t ^b (Germany), 2001, (Huschek et al., 2004); 23.7 t ^b (Spain), 2009, (Ortiz de García et al., 2013) | Manufacturing waste; excreted from human bodies after intravascular administration at hospitals and released via <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Artificial sweeteners | Sucralose (SCL) | 15,000 t (global), expected by 2018 (Searby, 2011) | Direct release from food industries, households, animal farming; <u>WWTP effluents</u> as excretion after consumption without undergoing change within the human bodies |
| Musks& fragrances | Galaxolide | 1000–5000 t (Europe), 2004, (Fernandes et al., 2013) | Applied as perfumes, cosmetics, soaps, lotions and washed by water; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| UV-filters | 4-methylbenzylidene camphor (4-MBC) | 10,000 t UV-filters (global), (Gago-Ferrero et al., 2012) | Use of sunscreens, shampoos, whitening lotions, cosmetics, lipsticks, hairsprays & dyes: released through swimming and showers |
| Antimicrobial preservatives | Benzylparaben | <7.7 t total parabens, (USA), (Dobbins et al., 2009) | Manufacturing wastes; runoffs through use in cosmetics, toiletries, pharmaceuticals, food; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Other personal care products | N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) | 1,814.4 t ^b , (USA), 1990, (USEPA, 1998) | Mosquito repellents: released through showers, swimming as <20% absorbed dermally; <u>WWTP effluents</u> |
| Fluorescent whitening agents (FWAs) | 4,4'-bis(2-sulfostyryl) biphenyl (DSBP) | 3,000 t estimated (global), 1992, (Kramer et al., 1996) | Used in laundry detergents: 5–80% remain in washing liquor and are disposed to sewers |
| Algal toxins | Microcystin | - | Many species of cyanobacteria produce toxins in water impacted by algal blooms |
| Off flavors | Geosmin | - | produced by: algal blooms, & natural bacterial populations such as actinobacteria |

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Review

Emerging contaminants of public health significance as water quality indicator compounds in the urban water cycle

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Da dove vengono
questi contaminanti
chimici?



Quali sono gli effetti sulla salute dell'uomo?

Table 2b
Release of EOCs in the UWC and their potential ecotoxicological effect.

| Categories | Representative chemicals | Potential health concerns of representative chemicals | | | | Ref. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | Humans | Animals | Aquatic species | Others | |
| Plasticizers | Bisphenol A | Possible carcinogenic effect, EDC | Meiotic aneuploidy, synaptic abnormalities, EDC | Estrogenic & reproductive effect | Possible EDC in birds | (Flint et al., 2012; Sharma et al., 2009; Wu et al., 2012) |
| Perfluorinated compounds | PFOS | Possibility of thyroid disease and low sperm count; | Reduced body weight and cholesterol, increased liver weight, neonatal mortality; carcinogenic to rodents | Mussel mortality observed | - | (Giesy et al., 2010; Lau et al., 2007; Lindstrom et al., 2011; Post et al., 2012) |
| Pesticides | Pipronil | May pose mild temporary health effect; possible carcinogen but no data so far | Increases thyroid tumors in rats by increasing plasma concentrations of thyroid stimulating hormones | Potential adverse effect on endocrine and neuromuscular systems of larval fish | Highly toxic to lizard, bees (LD50: 0.004 µg/bee), gallinaceous birds | (Beggel et al., 2012; Herin et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2010; Tingle et al., 2003) |
| Surfactants | NP1EO | Possible endocrine disruptive effect | Possible cardiotoxicity in dogs; possible endocrine disruptive effect | Weakly estrogenic to rainbow trout; weakly toxic to fathead minnow | NPEO mixture weakly toxic to earthworms, plants | (Ademollo et al., 2008; Chen et al., 2009b; Domene et al., 2009; Dussault et al., 2005; Montgomery-Brown & Reinhard, 2003; TenEyck & Markee, 2007) |
| Antibiotics | Sulfamethoxazole | Mixture with 12 other pharmaceuticals could potentially inhibit the growth of human embryonic kidney cells at ng/l | - | Mutagenic; acute, chronic toxicity at low mg/l; chronic effect on freshwater microalgae <i>P. subcapitata</i> ; acute effect on cyanobacterium <i>S. leopoliensis</i> | Antimicrobial resistance | (Bound et al., 2006; Pomati et al., 2006; Zhang et al., 2010; Zheng et al., 2012) |
| Pharmaceuticals | Acetaminophen | Alters steroidogenic pathway, increases estrogenicity in adrenal cell H295R high above aquatic concentrations | Chronic hepatotoxicity (cirrhosis and hepatocyte necrosis) in mice at high ppm levels | Affects embryonic development of zebrafish; survival of <i>Daphnia</i> and fish (<i>Oryzias latipes</i>) affected at ppm levels | - | (Blanset et al., 2007; Galus et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2012) |
| Hormones | Estrone | - | - | Fathead minnows: abnormal testicular growth in male at low ng/l; chronic exposure causes feminization | Potato plant, sunflower seedlings; affect flowering, root, shoot growth with E2 | (Hamid & Eskicioglu, 2012; Hanselman et al., 2003) |
| ICM | Iopromide | Possibility of low human toxicity | ICM iopamidol forms iodo-DBPs in chlorinated, chloraminated drinking water that are cytotoxic, genotoxic to mammalian cells | No chronic toxicity of the degradation product on zebrafish even at 100 ppm | Not microicidal to bacteria | (Duirk et al., 2011; Steger-Hartmann et al., 1999; Steger-Hartmann et al., 2002) |
| Artificial sweeteners | Sucralose | Not mutagenic, carcinogenic; no developmental or reproductive toxicity | No adverse effects on reproduction system of rats; not acutely toxic to mice | Low bioaccumulation in mussels, species of <i>Daphnia</i> , fish, algae; may be toxic to aquatic species at ≥ 1123 ppm; may affect locomotion in crustaceans | Not toxic to plant growth; food intake increases in one species of marine copepod | (Shwide-Slavin et al., 2012; Soh et al., 2011; Tollefsen et al., 2012; Wiklund et al., 2012) |
| Musks & fragrances | Galaxolide | Weak estrogenic effect at concentrations much higher than environmentally relevant levels | Risk ratios for predators on aquatic and soil organisms ≤ 0.01 | In marine mussel gills, inhibits activity of multidrug efflux transporters (that protect cells from damage by pumping out pollutants) | - | (Balk & Ford, 1999; Luckenbach & Epel, 2005; Schreurs et al., 2002; Seinen et al., 1999; Witorsch & Thomas, 2010) |
| UV-filters | 4-MBC | Effect on reproductive and thyroid hormone possible after dermal application of mixture of 3 UV-filters | Changes gonadal weight and steroid hormone production in male rats | Potency for estrogenic activity using fish MCF-7 cell lines; antiestrogenic activity using fish hER α ; mixture with other UV-filters may risk aquatic environment | Reproduction increased, mortality decreased in worm <i>Lumbriculus variegatus</i> | (Brauch & Rand, 2011; Fent et al., 2010b; Krause et al., 2012) |
| Antimicrobial preservatives | Benzylparaben | - | Potential EDC; but concentrations in surface water is much lower than PNEC | EDC in some fishes; toxic to some fish | Toxic to invertebrates | (Brauch & Rand, 2011) |
| Other personal care products | DEET | Not carcinogenic, developmentally toxic, or mutagenic; seizures at high dose | Not toxic to small mammals | Chronic and acute toxic effects on <i>Daphnia</i> and algae at concentrations much higher than aquatic concentrations | Slightly toxic to birds | (Aronson et al., 2012; Costanzo et al., 2007; USEPA, 1998) |
| FWAs | DSBP | May cause inhibition to estrogenic response | - | May cause inhibition to estrogenic response in rainbow trout | - | (Simmons et al., 2008) |
| Algal toxins | Microcystin | Liver cancer, death from liver failure, skin damage, respiratory problem | Disrupts hepatocyte cytoskeleton, damages DNA, promotes tumor in rats | Anemia, kidney dysfunction in carps; accumulation in livers of turtles | Accumulation in spleens and livers of ducks, waterbirds | (Chen et al., 2009c; Sedan et al., 2013) |
| Off flavors | Geosmin | Not toxic to humans | Study on monkey, dog shows non-toxicity | No acute toxicity to fish (copper fin); not mutagenic | Toxic to <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> | (Mochida, 2009) |



Emerging Contaminants

Antibiotics and Antibiotic Resistance Genes (ARGs) in Wastewater for Reuse

Antibiotic residues and antibiotic resistant genes ARGs have been reported in wastewater released from wastewater treatment plants (157–162). The presence of these in wastewater has been identified as a possible source of antibiotic resistance microorganisms (13, 163). This resistance could be developed through induction, selection or horizontal gene transfer of ARGs (162, 164). Varying antibiotic removal efficiencies from wastewater for reuse has been reported (165–167).

These studies show that most treatment plants have antibiotics in their effluents which when reused may impact and accumulate in soil and be taken up by the crops.

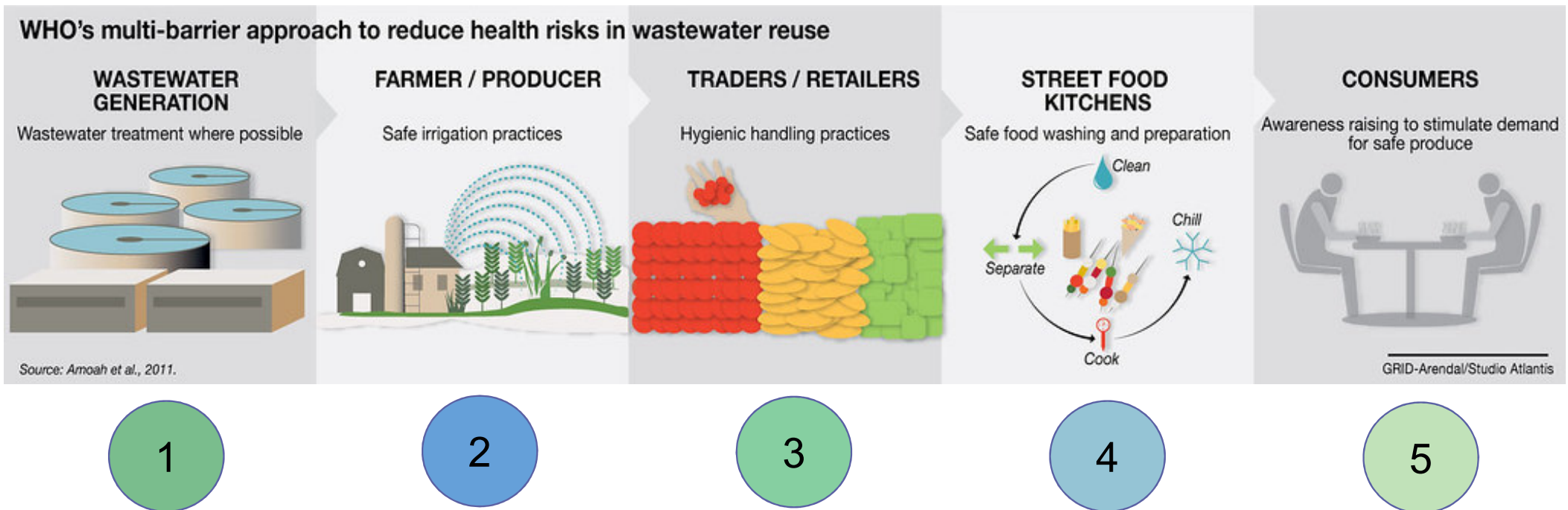
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Fattori limitanti il rischio

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Table 6-3 Indicative log removals of indicator microorganisms and enteric pathogens during various stages of wastewater treatment

| Type of Microorganism | Indicator microorganisms | | | Pathogenic microorganisms | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | <i>Escherichia coli</i> (indicator bacteria) | <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> | Phage (indicator virus) | Enteric bacteria (e.g., <i>Campylobacter</i>) | Enteric viruses | <i>Giardia lamblia</i> | <i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i> | Helminths |
| Bacteria | X | X | | X | | | | |
| Protozoa and helminths | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Viruses | | | X | | X | | | |
| Indicative Log Reductions in Various Stages of Wastewater Treatment ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary treatment | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 1 | 0.5 - 2.5 | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 2 | 0.5 - 1.5 | 0.5 - 1 | 0 - 2 |
| Dual media filtration ² | 0 - 1 | 0 - 1 | 1 - 4 | 0 - 1 | 0.5 - 3 | 1 - 3 | 1.5 - 2.5 | 2 - 3 |
| Membrane filtration (UF, NF, and RO) ³ | 4 - >6 | >6 | 2 - >6 | >6 | 2 - >6 | >6 | 4 - >6 | >6 |
| Reservoir storage | 1 - 5 | N/A | 1 - 4 | 1 - 5 | 1 - 4 | 3 - 4 | 1 - 3.5 | 1.5 - >3 |
| Ozonation | 2 - 6 | 0 - 0.5 | 2 - 6 | 2 - 6 | 3 - 6 | 2 - 4 | 1 - 2 | N/A |
| UV disinfection | 2 - >6 | N/A | 3 - >6 | 2 - >6 | 1 - >6 | 3 - >6 | 3 - >6 | N/A |
| Advanced oxidation | >6 | N/A | >6 | >6 | >6 | >6 | >6 | N/A |
| Chlorination | 2 - >6 | 1 - 2 | 0 - 2.5 | 2 - >6 | 1 - 3 | 0.5 - 1.5 | 0 - 0.5 | 0 - 1 |

(Sources: Bitton, 1999; EPHC, 2008; Mara and Horan, 2003; NRC, 1998; NRC, 2012; Rose et al., 1996; Rose, et al., 2001; EPA, 1999, 2003, 2004; WHO, 1989)

Table 6-5 Indicative percent removals of organic chemicals during various stages of wastewater treatment

| Treatment | Percent Removal | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | B(a)p | Antibiotics ¹ | Pharmaceuticals | | | | | Hormones | |
| | | | DZP | CBZ | DCF | IBP | PCT | Steroid ² | Anabolic ³ |
| Secondary (activated sludge) | nd | 10-50 | nd | - | 10-50 | >90 | nd | >90 | nd |
| Soil aquifer treatment | nd | nd | nd | 25-50 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | nd |
| Aquifer storage | nd | 50-90 | 10-50 | - | 50-90 | 50-90 | Nd | >90 | nd |
| Microfiltration | nd | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | <20 | nd |
| Ultrafiltration/ powdered activated carbon (PAC) | nd | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | nd | >90 | nd |
| Nanofiltration | >80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 |
| Reverse osmosis | >80 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 | >95 |
| PAC | >80 | 20->80 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 20-50 | <20 | 50-80 | 50-80 | 50-80 |
| Granular activated carbon | | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | >90 | | >90 | |
| Ozonation | >80 | >95 | 50-80 | 50-80 | >95 | 50-80 | >95 | >95 | >80 |
| Advanced oxidation | | 50-80 | 50-80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 | >80 |
| High-level ultraviolet | | 20->80 | <20 | 20-50 | >80 | 20-50 | >80 | >80 | 20-50 |
| Chlorination | >80 | >80 | 20-50 | <20 | >80 | <20 | >80 | >80 | <20 |
| Chloramination | 50-80 | <20 | <20 | <20 | 50-80 | <20 | >80 | >80 | <20 |

(Sources: Ternes and Joss, 2006; Snyder et al., 2010)

B(a)p = benz(a)pyrene; CBZ = carbamazepine; DBP = disinfection by-product; DCF = diclofenac; DZP = diazepam; I = nitrosodimethylamine; nd = no data; PAC = powdered activated carbon; PCT = paracetamol.

¹ erythromycin, sulfamethoxazole, triclosan, trimethoprim

² ethinylestradiol; estrone, estradiol and estriol

³ progesterone, testosterone



Article

Are Fresh Water and Reclaimed Water Safe for Vegetable Irrigation? Empirical Evidence from Lebanon

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in the order of $Cu < Cd < Ni < Cr < Zn$. The target hazard quotient values for all metals were lower than 1.0. Under trial conditions, the adoption of drip irrigation with water with less than 3 log *E. coli* CFU/100 mL proved to be safe, even for vegetables consumed raw, except for root crops such as onions and radishes that should not be irrigated with water having over 2 log *E. coli* CFU/100 mL. Treated wastewater had no adverse effect on vegetable quality compared to vegetables irrigated with other water sources. These results support efforts to update the Lebanese standards for water reuse in agriculture; standards proposed in 2011 by the FAO, and currently being reviewed by the Lebanese Institution of Standards. This research will inform a sustainable water management policy aimed at protecting the Litani River watershed by monitoring water quality.

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Tabella 1 — Classi di qualità delle acque affinate e tecniche di irrigazione e utilizzi agricoli consentiti

| Classe minima di qualità delle acque affinate | Categoria di coltura ^(*) | Tecniche di irrigazione |
|---|---|--|
| A | Tutte le colture alimentari da consumare crude la cui parte commestibile è a diretto contatto con le acque affinate e le piante da radice da consumare crude | Tutte |
| B | Colture alimentari da consumare crude la cui parte commestibile è prodotta al di sopra del livello del terreno e non è a diretto contatto con le acque affinate, colture alimentari trasformate e colture non alimentari, comprese le colture utilizzate per l'alimentazione di animali da latte o da carne | Tutte |
| C | Colture alimentari da consumare crude la cui parte commestibile è prodotta al di sopra del livello del terreno e non è a diretto contatto con le acque affinate, colture alimentari trasformate e colture non alimentari, comprese le colture utilizzate per l'alimentazione di animali da latte o da carne | Irrigazione a goccia ^(*) o altra tecnica di irrigazione che eviti il contatto diretto con la parte commestibile della coltura |
| D | Colture industriali, da energia e da sementi | Tutte le tecniche di irrigazione ^(*) |

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a) Prescrizioni minime di qualità delle acque

Tabella 2 — Prescrizioni di qualità delle acque affinate a fini irrigui in agricoltura

| Classe di qualità delle acque affinate | Obiettivo tecnologico indicativo | Prescrizioni di qualità | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|
| | | <i>E. coli</i> (numero/100 ml) | BOD ₅ (mg/l) | TSS (mg/l) | Torbidità (NTU) | Altro |
| A | Trattamento secondario, filtrazione e disinfezione | ≤ 10 | ≤ 10 | ≤ 10 | ≤ 5 | <i>Legionella</i> spp.: < 1 000 ufc/l se vi è rischio di diffusione per via aerea |
| B | Trattamento secondario e disinfezione | ≤ 100 | In conformità della direttiva 91/271/CEE (allegato I, tabella 1) | In conformità della direttiva 91/271/CEE (allegato I, tabella 1) | — | Nematodi intestinali (uova di elminti): ≤ 1 uovo/l per irrigazione di pascoli o colture da foraggio |
| C | Trattamento secondario e disinfezione | ≤ 1 000 | | | — | |
| D | Trattamento secondario e disinfezione | ≤ 10 000 | | | — | |





VALIDAZIONE DELLA QUALITÀ DELLE ACQUE A MAGGIORE CLASSE DI RISCHIO

Tabella 4 — Monitoraggio a fini di validazione delle acque affinate a fini irrigui in agricoltura

| Classe di qualità delle acque affinate | Microrganismi indicatori (*4) | Obiettivi prestazionali per la catena di trattamento (riduzione di log ₁₀) |
|--|--|--|
| A | <i>E. coli</i> | ≥ 5,0 |
| | Colifagi totali/colifagi F-specifici/colifagi somatici/colifagi (*5) | ≥ 6,0 |
| | Spore di <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> /solfobatteri sporigeni (*6) | ≥ 4,0 (in caso di spore di <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>) ≥ 5,0 (in caso di solfobatteri sporigeni) |



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EVITARE IL CONTATTO DIRETTO DEI REFLUI CON LE COLTURE

CESSATION OF IRRIGATION BEFORE HARVESTING

Keraita et al. studied the reduction of microbial contamination of lettuce following cessation of irrigation before harvesting. The study showed that the number of *Ascaris suum* eggs on lettuce decreased significantly after irrigation cessation. The results are summarized in the following table:

| Time after irrigation cessation (days) | Number of <i>Ascaris suum</i> eggs per lettuce head |
|--|---|
| 0 | 1000 |
| 1 | 500 |
| 2 | 250 |
| 3 | 125 |
| 4 | 62.5 |
| 5 | 31.25 |

Ascaris suum on lettuce following cessation of irrigation before harvesting.



3 INTRODURRE SPECIFICHE MISURE DI PREVENZIONE

| Classe di qualità delle acque affinate | Misure specifiche di prevenzione |
|--|---|
| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— I suini non devono essere esposti a foraggi irrigati con acque affinate, a meno che non vi siano dati sufficienti che indichino la possibilità di gestire i rischi legati a un caso specifico. |
| B | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Divieto di raccolta di prodotti irrigati umidi o caduti a terra.— Esclusione delle vacche da latte in lattazione dal pascolo finché quest'ultimo non è asciutto.— Il foraggio deve essere essiccato o insilato prima dell'imballaggio.— I suini non devono essere esposti a foraggi irrigati con acque affinate, a meno che non vi siano dati sufficienti che indichino la possibilità di gestire i rischi legati a un caso specifico. |
| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Divieto di raccolta di prodotti irrigati umidi o caduti a terra.— Esclusione degli animali dal pascolo per cinque giorni dopo l'ultima irrigazione.— Il foraggio deve essere essiccato o insilato prima dell'imballaggio.— I suini non devono essere esposti a foraggi irrigati con acque affinate, a meno che non vi siano dati sufficienti che indichino la possibilità di gestire i rischi legati a un caso specifico. |
| D | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Divieto di raccolta di prodotti irrigati umidi o caduti a terra. |

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