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What is the Africa Groundwater Literature Archive?

The [Africa Groundwater Literature Archive](#) (AGLA) currently contains more than 6000 references related to groundwater in Africa, including unpublished reports, manuals, maps, journal articles and conference papers. Some of the documents derive from groundwater exploration, research and development projects on which the British Geological Survey (BGS) worked from the 1970s to the present day, often in collaboration with other national and international organisations. We have tried to make as many documents as possible freely available to download, where copyright restrictions allow. Most of these downloads are available through URLs from the Archive to where the documents are stored elsewhere on the web; a few are available as pdf documents directly from the Archive. Where copyright restrictions don't allow full text downloads, we have tried to provide URLs to document abstracts.

The current Archive is by no means an exhaustive list of groundwater literature for Africa. It will be periodically updated as more references become available.

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