

# Long term groundwater datasets

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## The Chronicles Consortium

The [Chronicles Consortium](#) is an international consortium of scientists from across Africa and beyond, who are collating and analysing multidecadal records of groundwater levels. These datasets represent long-term aquifer dynamics, and are vital in order to assess the impacts of groundwater use, climate variability and change, and land use change on groundwater storage across Africa.

This project, **Collation and analysis of multidecadal groundwater levels - observations in Africa**, is a joint initiative of the African Groundwater Network (AGW-Net), IAH Commission on Groundwater and Climate Change, and the UNESCO-IHP GRAPHIC programme, and is supported by the UPGro (Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor) programme of the UK government (DFID, NERC, ESRC) and the LMI-PICASSEAU programme of the French government (IRD).

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A central ambition of the Consortium is to work with national experts in uncovering and assembling multidecadal records of groundwater levels from around Africa. If you have or know of any such data, please contact the Consortium on [chronicles@un-igrac.org](mailto:chronicles@un-igrac.org)

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