

# RIVER CONTINUITY RESTORATION IN MEDITERRANEAN RIVERS. THE SEGURA RIVER EXAMPLE

Session I. Ecological continuity restoration

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### 1-How main pressures have led to a reduced river continuity

### **RIVER BASIN BACKGROUND**

## Mediterranean climate:

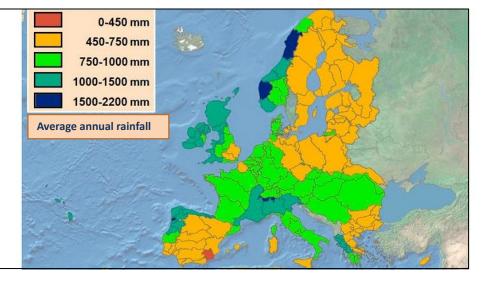
- Dry summers and wet winters
- Flash floods

## Main demands:

- Agriculture
- Tourism

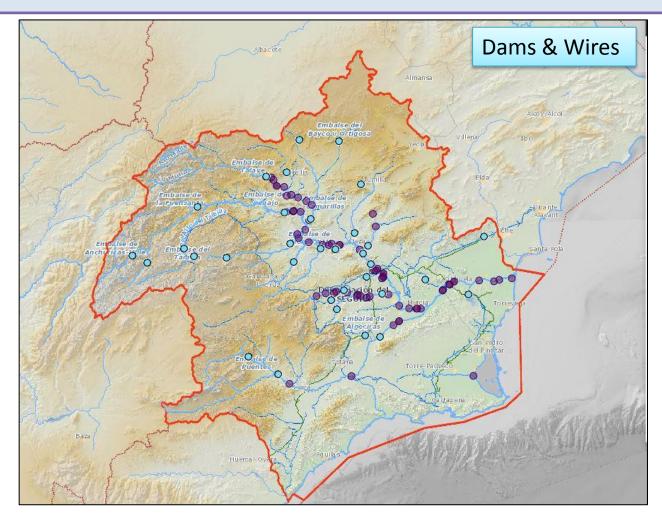
Water Scarce basin

Five different types of water supply High profitable agriculture



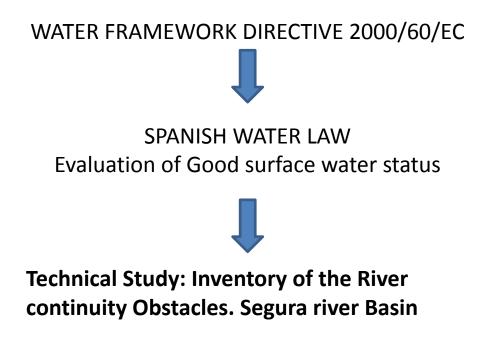


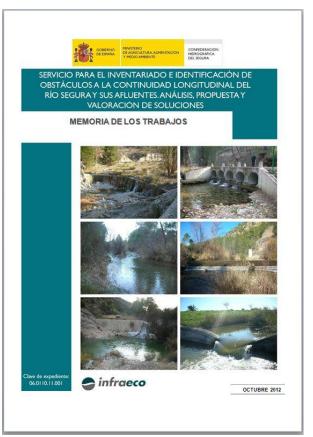
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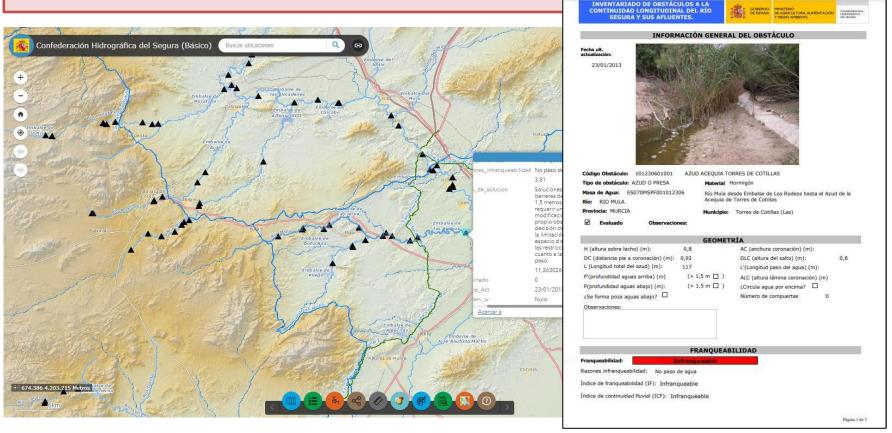
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Link: <u>https://www.chsegura.es/export/sites/chs/descargas/enlacesvisoresportal/Visor-obstaculos-continuidad-longitudinal</u>



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#### Main objective:

Improve connectivity between natural ecosystems by following courses of action aimed at renaturalising the river and recuperating its function as a green corridor

Link: <u>https://www.chsegura.es/en/cuenca/restauracion-de-rios/segurariverlink/</u> Responsible: Eduardo Lafuente Sacristan (<u>eduardo.lafuente@chsegura.es</u>)

Other objectives:

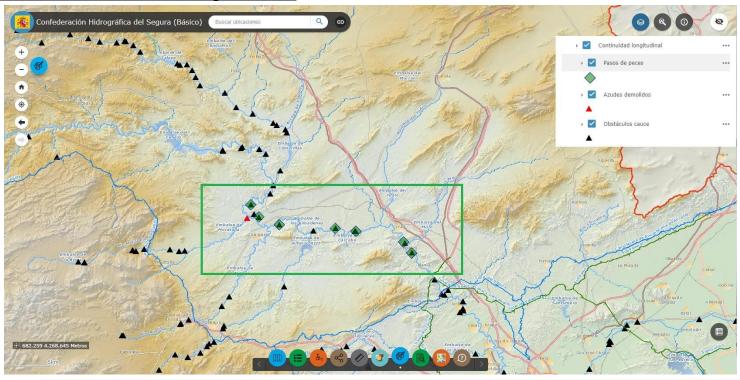
- To improve the ecological status of the bodies of water.
- Remove Invasive Alien Species (Arundo donax)
- To develop a Land Stewardship Network
- To increase public involvement in the management and public awareness of the problems affecting aquatic and riparian ecosystems



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#### **FISH PASS**

Viewer the obstacles to longitudinal continuity: <u>https://www.chsegura.es/export/sites/chs/descargas/enlacesvisoresportal/Visor-o</u> <u>bstaculos-continuidad-longitudinal</u>



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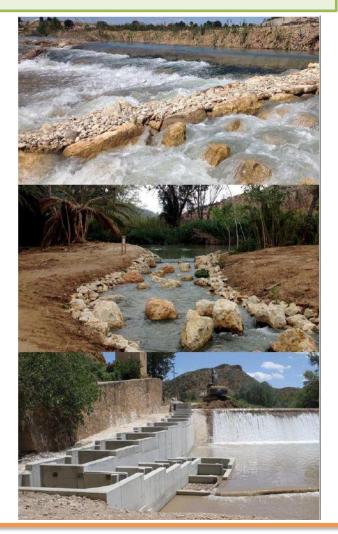


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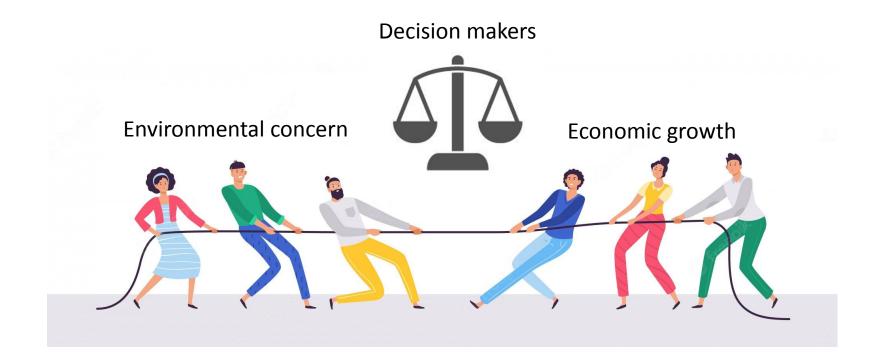
Type of Fish Pass used:

- Pool and weir fish pass
- Natural like bypass
- Vertical Slot Fish pass
- Bottom ramp with boulder sills





#### 4. How environmental, social and economic sectors are involved



... future steps



# Thanks for your attention!

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