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The Bali Water Protection Program

Om sarwa prani hitangkaram
May all that breathes be well

A few days ago, Julien Goalabré, the communication and fundraising officer of the **Bali Water Protection Program**, sent me the following email. I have added the graphics and the hot links.

Dear Aquadoc,
I have just read your **last publication** on ***The Source Magazine***
Great piece.

We sure share your passion for aquifer recharge in Bali, home of **IDEP foundation** and its **Bali Water Protection program** (BWP).

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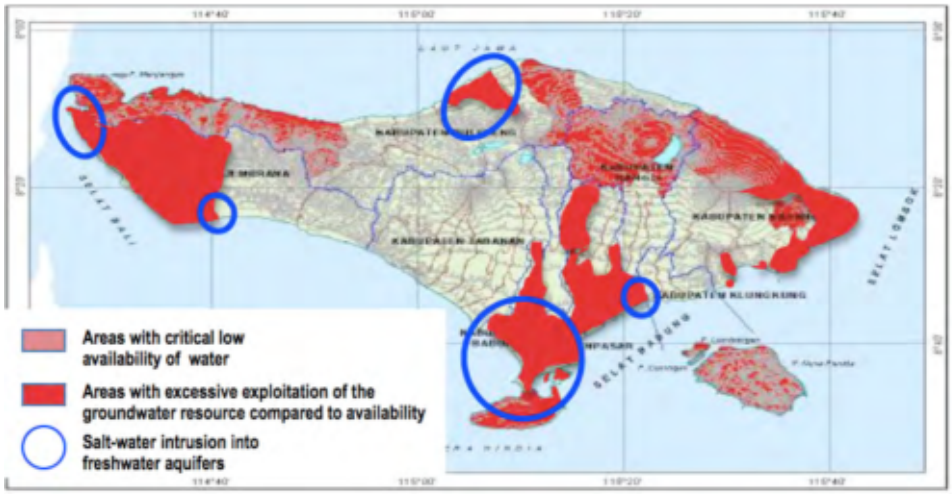
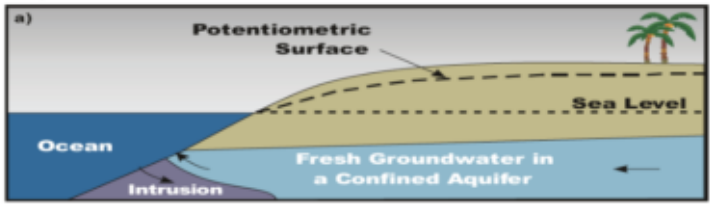
On the brink of ecological collapse
Water Emergency



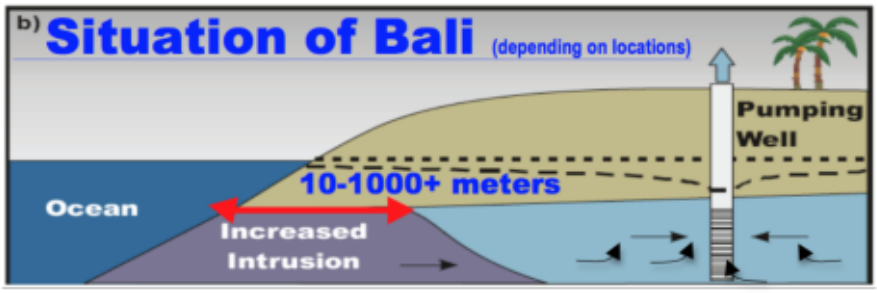
➔ Diminishing and/or Disappearing freshwater tables
➔ Salt-water intrusion into freshwater aquifers
➔ Water pollution

We are indeed part of what you called "The recharge revival" since we aim to replenish the depleted Balinese aquifer with a network of 136 recharge wells.

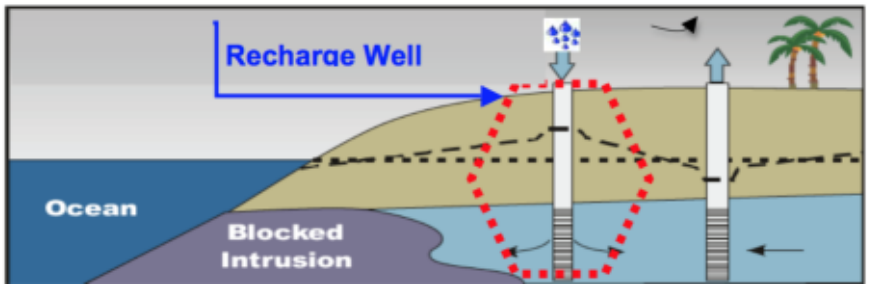
A healthy water table:



Situation of Bali: excessive extraction of water causes salt-water intrusion



Solution: return freshwater into the aquifer: Rainwater Harvesting



Years of mass tourism and associated uncontrolled urbanization has dried the aquifer to levels that, if nothing is done, will lead to an environmental disaster.

I take the chance to contact you to discuss the possibility for BWP to be featured in your blog. We are in fundraising stage and the maximization of exposure could surely help us to move forward with this critical phase prior to implementation.

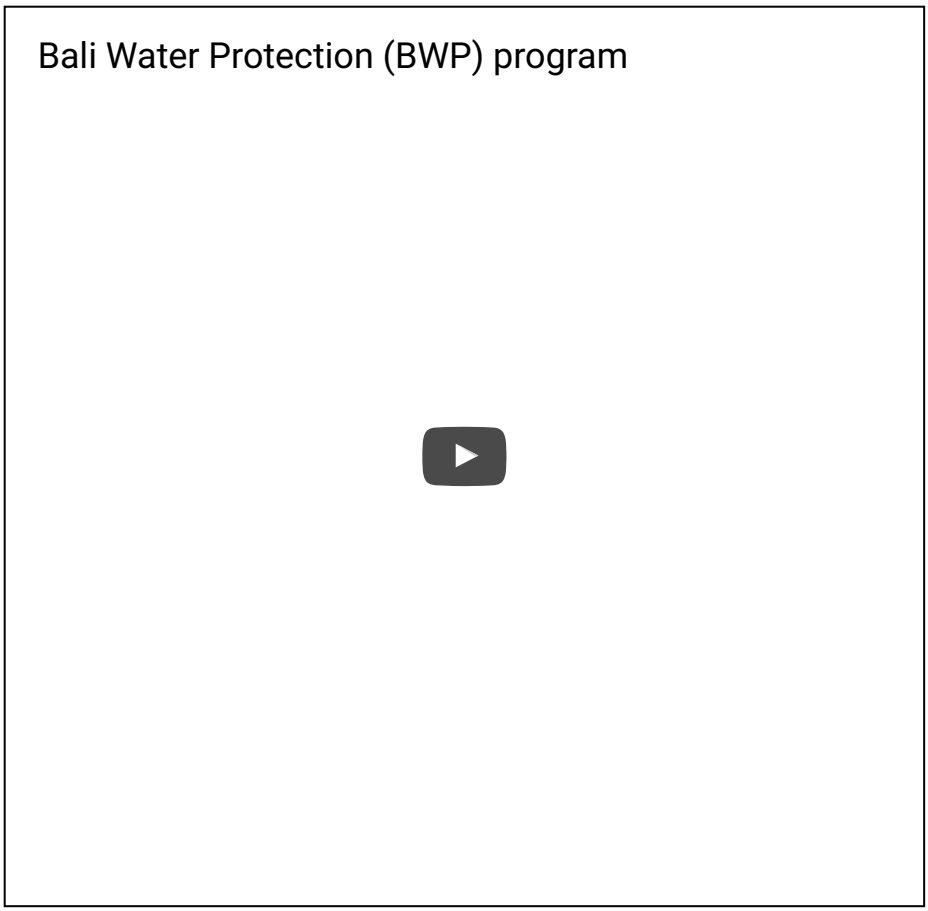
I invite you to read our full program's description in the file attached. If 6 minutes is all you might have, our **official video** will give you the basics of what we are up to:

Download BWP_Full_Program_Description

All the best, Michael.

Sounds like BWP has a great program in progress with stakeholder buy-in.

Here is the video [**click here** if the embedded video is not working]:



Sad to see that, like a number of other areas, Bali has been victimized by its great natural beauty and all the tourists it draws. I have never been there but I have a beautiful wall hanging courtesy of some friends who spent several weeks there - adding to the depletion of the aquifer, no doubt. But the Bali residents are also to blame - it's not solely on the tourists.

Read the program description and view the 6-minte video. Take whatever action you deem appropriate. I know I will. And check out BWP's **Facebook** page.

Enjoy!

"Have no fear of perfection. You'll never reach it." - Salvador Dali in @Forbes via @TheWeek

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