

MODELLING THE IMPACT OF URBANIZATION ON GROUNDWATER USING SYSTEM DYNAMIC TECHNIQUE. A CASE STUDY OF ARUSHA MUNICIPAL WELL FIELD IN NORTHEASTERN TANZANIA.

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ABSTRACT

This paper is concerned with the impact of urbanization in aquifer well-system located in the Municipal area of Arusha city, Tanzania. A system dynamic (SD) model was built under VENSIM PLE workbench from twenty-five years (1978-2003) physical and non-physical data to simulate their interactions and relations. This involved use of mathematics ideas and concepts in studying the physical and non – physical components separately, and finally putting them together in new form (model) and study their relations. After model was found to be structurally complete and simulate properly by using the model and unit check tool of VENSIMPLE, parametric calibration of the model follows. Model output results were then compared with existing field conditions and information's with the help of Excel spreadsheet. Historical data of population, rainfall, GDP, aquifer characteristics and land use was used as inputs. The model was trained for data series of 1978 to 1990 and examined for data series of 1990 to 2003. Model efficiency criteria R², suggested by Nash and Sutcliffe (1970), produced good results ranging from 0.6333 to 0.9868 during calibration and 0.9833 to 0.9985 during verification. The model reveals that urbanization has enormous impact on population which was increasing at a rate of 4% from 1978 to 2003, which in turn caused increase in water demand for about 6% annually; as a result aquifer well-system was overstressed due to over-pumping. Lastly a prediction of the situation for 2025 was carried out in succession, and then interpretations and discussion concludes the paper.

Key words: Groundwater Resources, Urbanization, Population, System Dynamic, VENSIM PLE, Arusha Municipality, Tanzania

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Human being has always settled in areas where there is possibility to get water, practically only there. The existence of populous ancient civilizations is linked to the presence of large rivers (Katiko, 1984); likewise, increased population and activities in many cities today apart from availability of high quality services like good shelter, health facilities, road and transport plus education; their existence are supported by availability of water services whether natural or man-made. Arusha in particular depends on groundwater to augment the surface water scarcity, but in most

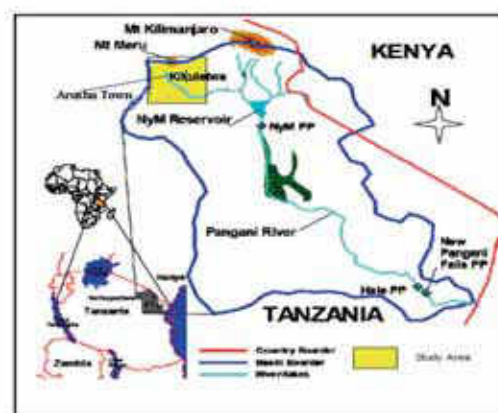


Figure 1: Location Map of Arusha City Study Area Modified from Rohr, P.C.,(

cases demand exceeds supply as a result excessive utilization renders the service to be significant.

Arusha, located in the Northeastern part of Tanzania near the Mount Meru frontiers (Figure1), covers an area of 93 km². In 1961 after Tanzania independence it becomes the center for tourism, business, traders and politics. In 1975 it witnessed remarkable expansion, Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex (OFDM). Although OFDM offers attractive performances it has proved not to sustain the noise levels in power-line network and therefore there are still demands to improve the use of OFDM to form a more appropriate modulation scheme in power-line. In order to improve performance a combination of OFDM with Direct-Sequence Code Division Multiple Access (DS-CDMA) to form Multi-Carrier Code Division Multiple Access (MC-CDMA) was suggested (Yee and Fettweis, 1993; Fazel and Papke, 1993). With MC-CDMA signals were modulated through different conventional (M-PSK) modulations and performance of each measured. It was observed that optimum growth and development activities and changes such as construction of buildings and roads, deforestation and many other anthropogenic activities, which sacrificed fertile lands such as Themis Coffee and Sisal Estates, which was converted into industrial and residential area. This has resulted in modification on land use and land cover as well as increased demand for land and water

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Water demand for domestic, agriculture and industrial activities have outpaced the supply from unconfined Arusha aquifer (JBG, et al., 1987). Rivers network crossing the town have turned to be perennial streams. Previously, before 1977 the town and its periphery were relying mainly on gravity water tapped from natural springs, which was found to be sufficient to take care of the then population of 85,553 inhabitants and few factories and industries (JBG, et al., 1987, WSPA, 1996, Kashimbiri, 2009). Only recently remarkable development of groundwater extractions has been manifested, which was accompanied by an alarming significant lowering of the hydraulic head, drying of stream as well as unexpected water and muddy flood following a short rainfall. It is believed that the main cause is due to increasing population. To justify and manage this behavioural extreme change it is of necessity to assess the situation of

aquifer serving the Arusha community in its totality. In this publication a simple assessment integrating Aquifer Drawdown; Population Increase; Rainfall, Runoff and Recharge, Forest and Economy were separately analysed and combined under SD models to assist in decision making involving multi-sectored variations.

DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY AREA

General

Arusha Municipality is located in the Northern part of Tanzania at latitudes 3°24' S and 3°18' S of the equator and longitudes 36°39' E and 36°44' E of Greenwich Meridian. Its altitude is about 1300m a.m.s.l on the southern foot slopes of an ancient volcano namely Mount Meru (4565m a.m.s.l). Its population as of 2003 census was over 282,712 inhabitants with a growth rate of 3.8% per annum on an area of about 93 sq km. (www.tanzania.go.tz/census/arusha.htm, 2003). An extra 60,000 people are estimated to come into the town every day for business and other activities making an estimated population of about 345,000 during the day. With this trend it is expected that by year 2015 there will be over 452,632 inhabitants assuming net migration. Secondly, as industries and other water demanding activities are increasing current source of water will not equal the demand.

Arusha Municipality is supplied with water from three different sources namely, springs boreholes and rivers, the spring sources include Olesha-Masama springs along Themis River located 4 km north of the Municipality and Ngarendolu Springs Located within the Municipality. There are 13 deep wells (boreholes) located in the northern part of the Municipality in Arumeru district and two boreholes located one within the Municipality area and the other near Nduruma River along Moshi Arusha Highway in Arumeru district. Boreholes contribute nearly half of the daily water production whereas the springs and river the other half. The production capacity fluctuates seasonally from an average of 27,000m³/day in dry season to 44,000m³/day during the rainy season. The daily demand by year 2008 is estimated to the tune of 56,707 m³/day (WSPA, 1996). This point to the fact that additional sources are required, to maintain adequate supply during dry seasons or incase of failure of rains as it happened recently (Arusha Region Water Master Plan, 2000).

Topography, Geomorphology and Drainage

This consists of gently sloping terrain dissected by the valleys of rivers Themí, Naura, and Ngarenarok, Kijenge and Goliondoi which all converge to join Themí in the south. They generally run in the North-South and South-East direction from slopes of Mount Meru towards Shambarai Swamp and the Kikuletwa river where they joins with rivers from Mount Kilimanjaro on their way to Indian Ocean through Nyumba ya Mungu Dam.

Other features include two springs, which are the major collection points of spring water: Ngarenaro Spring located in the town center and Olgilai Spring at the northeast boundaries.

The soil in this area are composed of clayey of recent sediments and weathered mantling ash. The characteristic for the southwestern part of Arusha is extremely extensive black cotton soils, which during the dry season is shrinking leaving cracks on and in the ground surface of up to 50mm wide and 1.5m deep (Ongor, 2000; Arusha Urban and Water Sewerage Engineering, 1990).

Vegetation of this area vary spatially from natural to manmade, whereby the southern Maasai steppe are largely bushed grassland and wooded or forested on occasional ranges of hills and mountains. Elevated northern areas are either forested or wooded with few open steep grasslands. The middle medium elevated area is largely cultivated towards the north where it is covered with bushy grasslands and built towards the south. The middle reach of the area is built and overpopulated. Over 95% of the population depends on land resources for survival (Ntembeleha, 2000). Nevertheless building works, animal husbandry, and wildlife are threatening the agricultural activities. This has necessitated migration and encroachment of agricultural and animal grazing activities into the slopes of Mount Meru. This creates not only conflict between the people but also cause land degradation, erosion, river cessation, destruction of recharge area for groundwater, drying of spring sources and contamination of both surface and groundwater.

Climate

Climatically, the area belongs to temperate category, with normal rainfall ranging from 738 mm in the south and 2500mm at the summit of Mount Meru.

Annual average for the study area based on five stations is about 1550mm (Figure 2). This might have been influenced by Mount Meru and Maasai steppe towards Indian Ocean as Arusha is close to the equator (at lat. 3020DS). About 75% of annual rainfall occurs during March to May season and the remaining from September to November. The latter seems to be the most important rainfall as it bridges the rain gap of June to February. Average evapotranspiration is about 385mm per annual. The mean annual temperature is about 20°C with the absolute maximum and minimum temperatures of 33°C in February and 4°C in October respectively. The hottest month is March with an average of 21°C and coolest month is July with an average temperature of 17°C. High rate of evaporation rates of 7.6 to 8.5mm per day has been registered in October and November corresponding to high temperatures, radiation and strong winds. During this time there is little or no any recharge to the ground (Ong'or, 2007,2000).

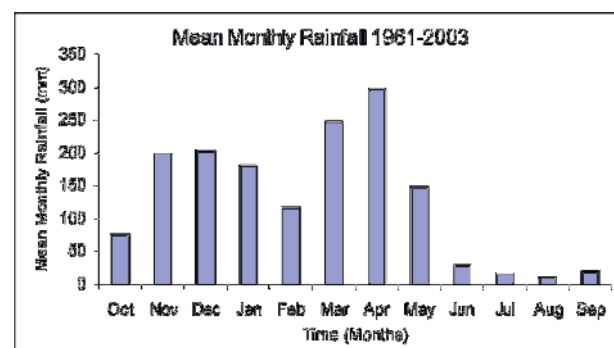


Figure 2: Seasonal Rainfall Regime at Olmotonyi Forest Station (09336000)

Geological and Hydrogeological Setting

The geology is in volcanic area consisting of igneous rocks, which was formed when magma cooled and solidified (crystallized), which occurs either beneath or on the surface. The Mount Meru a stratovolcano built of both pyroclastic and lava material is one of the 20 volcanoes in the eastern part of the Great Rift Valley, stretching 6400 km from Jordan to Mozambique. Mount Meru stratovolcano has a symmetrical structure and its volcanic activity is very violent. Lava varies from thin to thick intrusive domes. Inside the main cone is a caldera (basin-shaped volcanic depression) of 3.5 km in diameter (VolcanoWorld, 2005; Johansson and Nilsson, 2003).

The urban area of Arusha and part of Arumeru district is composed of Neogene volcanic rocks and sediments derived from decomposed weathered volcanic rocks. The main eruption centre for volcanic rocks Mount Meru is made up of alternative layers of basalts, volcanic ashes and tuffs. Materials eroded from ash beds, agglomerates, tuffs and occasional lava flows were washed down the slopes of Mount Meru as mud and debris forming a low gradient apron around the base of the mountain consisting of boulders, pebbles, cobbles and gravel in matrix of clay (Temba, 2004, Johansson and Nilsson, 2003; JBG et al., 1987).

On parts where lava cooled on the surface there is extrusive (commonly of basaltic origin) or volcanic igneous rocks of igneous rocks. Generally the area geology varies mainly between volcanic ash, sand and basalt (Temba, 2004). Area towards Mount Meru north of Arusha town contains a basement depression possibly formed during volcanic activities. The basin could have partly shaped by tectonic movements. Stratigraphy and layers thickness vary considerably over short distances while, the deepest portions of the basin contains a thick layer of fine sand and clay with features of sand and gravel, above it is a thick fluvial volcanic sequence of sand, gravel and volcanic ash, intersected by basaltic layers (JBG et al., 1987).

Hydrogeology

Tarbuck and Lutgens (2002) reported that the flow (movement) rate and the storage amount of groundwater depend on the subsurface materials porosity and permeability, which can measure a material's capacity of yielding groundwater (Table 1). Porosity is the percentage of the total volume of rock or sediment that are made up of voids or openings. Voids can be spaces between sedimentary particles, joints, faults, cavities and vesicles (voids created when gases left lava). Permeability is the ability of material to transmit a fluid. Different porosity characteristics occur when extrusive rocks cools and solidifies rapidly on the surface. Porosity of basalt ranges from 1% to 2% because it is formed from magma of low gas content. Tuffs can have porosity of 14% to 40%, recent volcanic ash 50%, weathered volcanic deposit can exceed 60% and pyroclastic material can have high porosities, which is formed by molten volcanic material thrown into the air (Fetter,

2001). According to Tarbuck and Lutgens (2002), the hydraulic characteristics of volcanic rocks depend on chemical composition, mineralogy, volatile content, temperature and mode of extrusion.

Table 1: Porosity, Specific Yield and Specific Retention For Some Geological Materials in Arusha Well field (Tarbuck and Lutgens,2002).

Material	Porosity (%)	Specific Yield (%)	Specific Retention (%)
Clay	50	2	48
Sand	25	22	3
Gravel	20	19	1

Ecology

Ecologically the area has diversified organisms, animals and vegetations. Availability of water may be the likely factor regulating their co-existence and reproduction. Only recently due to water stress the imbalances occurred due to human development activities that required water diversions, abstractions within and the periphery of town. This has caused significant

change in land use pattern and impacts on the surrounding environmental ecosystem . Coupled with climatic variability a rampant deterioration on biotic and abiotic components of ecosystem is experienced. Overdraft and Groundwater mining are causing most of rivers to go dry shortly after rain season an indication of a likely damage in aquifer. Water maintains natural ecosystems, which sustain biodiversity, help to regulate the hydrological cycle and bring value to people in the form of goods and service derived from activities in these ecosystems. Barth and Hill (2005) pointed out that environmental sector is an important water user, but often it finds itself at the bottom of the list of priorities when supplies become scarce. It is increasingly being recognized that one of the costs of urbanization is the draining of groundwater or reduced river flows that starve environments of their water. Likewise inflow of municipal wastewater into streams and water bodies' changes water quality and water levels, which in the long run affects aquifer, plant and animals.

Ecological understanding of the complex interactions between human population, environment, economics, political, social/cultural factors is of paramount

importance for sustainable solution of groundwater quality and quantity in water stressed area. Referring to Falkenmark (1989) water stress occurs when population experience water shortages locally for food

production and basic hygiene. Africa Development Bank (ADB,2000) quantified water stress as a situation whereby internal renewable water resources are between 1,000 and 1,667 cubic meters per capita.

Table 2: Population Data (Source: CIA World Fact Book, 2003)

Year	1967	1978	1988	1995	1996	1998	2000	2002
Population	46362	85553	132861	179127	186785	202747	220073	282712

Population Information's

According to population census of 2002, Arusha Municipality (Arusha District) consists of 17 Wards and 10 villages and a population of 282,712 people.

The annual growth rate is about 3.8% slightly higher than the average national annual growth rate of 2.091%. Population as of 1967 to 2003 is as indicated in table 2.

The average population density is over 35 per square kilometer, however varies from the central highly populated to the lower plains, which have scattered population. Population growth rates and density in Arusha increased slightly in 1970s compared to the 1980s. Being one of the of tourist attractions it has become an attractive settlement not only to people from neighboring districts but also to foreigners. In the lowlands, livestock exceed the estimated carrying capacity of 15 livestock units per km² and can be one of the major causes of degradation.

Table 3: Gross Domestic Product (TShs and USD)

Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	2003
Tshs X 103	396	462	481.2	384	297.6	417.6	169.2	146.4	168	250.8	261.6	214.8	180	198	279.7	852
USD	330	385	401	320	248	348	141	122	140	209	218	179	150	168	233.1	710

Socio-economics Information's

Goods and services which may include recreation, tourism, water supply, education, administration, protection against disaster (hospital, armed forces etc) and many others; most of these are not traded on commercial markets which makes them to have no direct market value (Monetary terms). In this case GDP (Gross Domestic Product) has been used to represent an approximate economic value of the Arusha Municipality Table 3.

Land Use and Land Cover Changes

Arusha Municipality is dominantly used as a residential area. For a distance of about 800m north of Nairobi-Moshi Road where the well fields are located, the houses are mainly one-storey brick houses and traditional mud houses. Between the houses are plots for cattle's and growing vegetables and fruits. Many petrol stations and car washes exist

along Nairobi-Moshi Rd. Shops, restaurants and some lodges are located in the city center. The intensity of housing development decreases further north and the plots get larger. In the north part of the well field the major land use is agriculture and forest.

Roads in this area are unpaved while at the middle reach (city center) roads are paved and buildings are over two storeys. In the city periphery intensity of houses becomes higher with unpaved roads and in the far south population is highly scattered. The far southern part is lowland covered with short grasses typical of Maasai steppe.

Arusha like any other expanding town in Tanzania is facing land degradation, destruction of biological diversity, disturbance of the ecosystem, and threatening water resources (Table 4). Rainfall fluctuations and human interventions, through fire, overgrazing, encroachment, fuel wood, construction

timber/poles, furniture's wood/timber, creates loss of about 0.5% of forest and 4.0% of grass cover annually. Newman and Römberg (1992) and Sandström (1995) reported that woodland and bushland covered 73% of catchment area in 1960, but only 11% in 1990, corresponding figures for cultivated land are 23% and 58%. Altogether, 81% of the land area has changed character over the past 30 years.

Table 4: Land Use and Land Cover Areas Rate of Change (Source:Kashimbiri, 2009)

Land Area	Value (km2)	Rate of change
Watershed	100	None
Constructed	30	+12.5%
Vegetated	60	- 4.5%
Well Field Extent	20	None

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

In this paper, model variables (rainfall, stream flows, population GDP and Forest) were individually analyzed to obtain rates of change and pattern which assisted in formulating equations which was required as an input to Vensim PLE (Ventana Simulation Personal Learning Edition-Software) environment for further analysis of their relations and interactions with groundwater variability in Arusha well field aquifer.

Rainfall and River flows Analysis

Monthly Rainfall data from 1971 to 1993 station no.09336000 (Olmotonyi Forest Rainfall station at 03°18'00"S latitude & 36°39'00"E Longitude) and data from 1927 to 2003 at station no.09336011

(Selian Coffee Estate at 03°21'00"S latitude & 36°36'00"E Longitude), and Monthly Flows data from IDE10 (Thembi River at 03°22'00" S Latitude & 36°42'00"E Longitude) for 1961 to 1974 in Excel Spread Sheet assisted in extension of rainfall data and flows in a study area, which was not enough for analysis of rainfall pattern and aquifer response. By using linear regression technique (Equation 1& figure 3) it was possible to extend rainfall at station no. 09336000 from 1971 to 2003 by using data from station no. 09336011. Water Balance Equation(Equation 4) assisted in extension of river flow data at Thembi River gauging station No.1DE10 from 23 years to 77 years (Kashimbiri, 2009). With the evaporation data from three stations (Arusha Maji, Arusha Airport and KIA), resulting Rainfall and Flows were then tabulated and used as inputs into a water balance (equation 2) (Moreda and Bauwens, 1997) to extend flows at IDE10.Finally the rainfall and flow was used in building a system dynamic model under Vensim PLE modeling tool environment for assessment of its link with society and its economy.

$$R_{olmotonyi} = \beta R_{selian} \quad (1)$$

Where by: $R_{olmotonyi}$ is monthly rainfall for a representative recharge area station.

R_{selian} is monthly rainfall from a rainfall station with the longest data namely index station.

β is a regression coefficient equal to 1.1016 (figure 3)

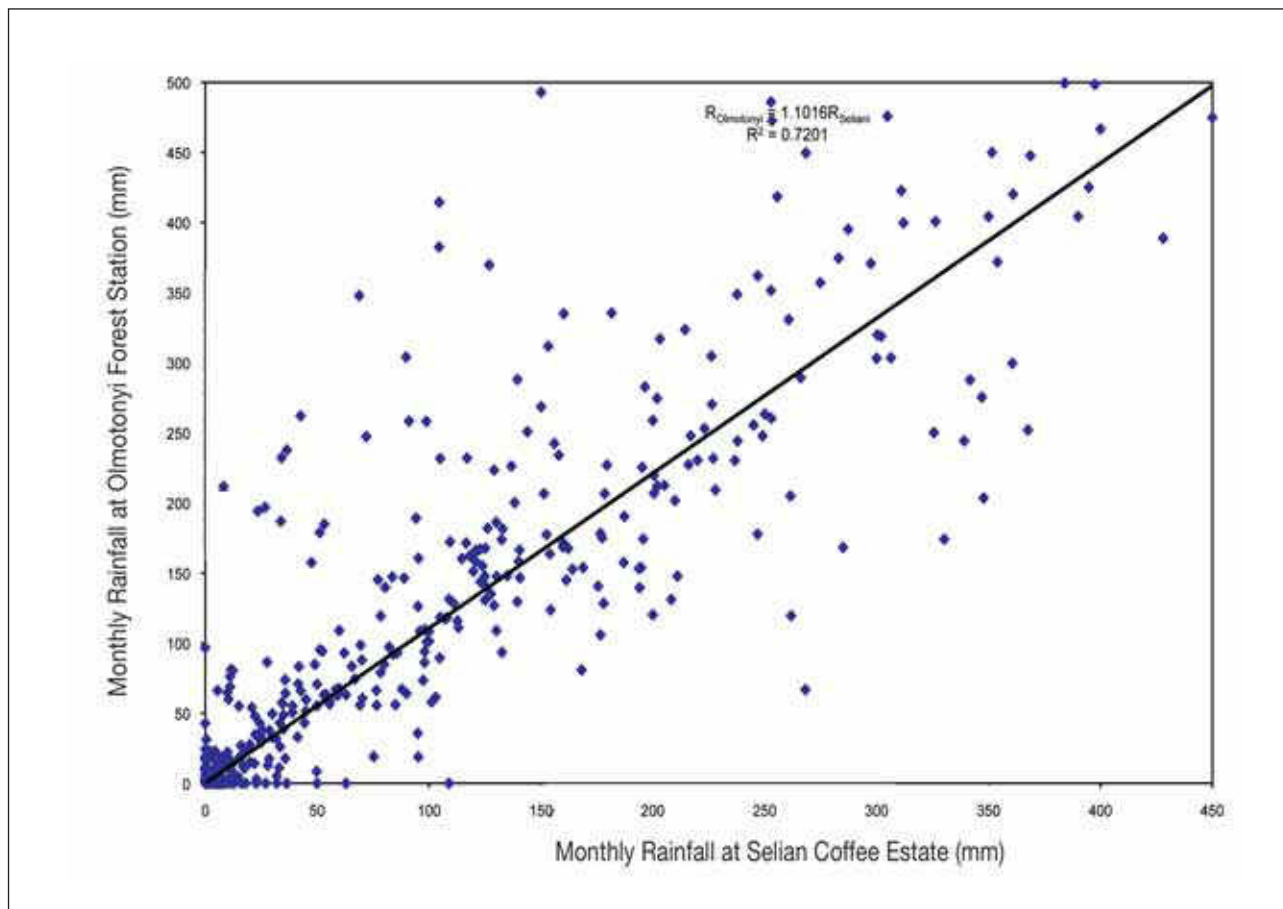


Figure 3: Relationship Between Selian Coffee Estate and Olmotonyi Forest Monthly Rainfall.

Finally, a water balance equation (2) was used to extend stream flows at 1DE10.

$$M_t = M_{t-1} + P_t - \Gamma_t - d_t \quad (2)$$

Where by: M_t = Soil Moisture Storage

P_t = Precipitation

Γ_t = actual evapo-transpiration

d_t = Stream flows

t = month

Groundwater Information's

The aquifer under investigation is basically made up of weathered crystalline basement and volcanic formations and is situated on the southern slopes of Mount Meru; North of Namanga- Moshi Road. Its western point is located 2.1km west of Arusha Technical College and the most Eastern location is

1 km east of the Mount Meru Hotel. The West-East extent is 6km. The most north point of exploration is 2.7 km North of the Namanga Moshi Road (figure 4). The aquifer area is laterally characterized by immediate changes between ashes, sand, tuffs and basalts whereas the sequence is irregular, but vertically there is a succession to be recognized starting from below with ashes, sands, tuffs and basalts.

The average depth, area and volume of aquifer which was required as input in modeling were computed from groundwater levels, well field base, and surface levels by using Surfer Software (Table 5). The software assisted also in contouring using Kriging Method, location of relative position of wells in a well field and estimation of direction of groundwater flows (Figure 4 &5).

Table 5: Wells and well field Information's

Well No	Well Name	X	Y	Surface level a.m.s.l	initial water table	Aquifer base (a.m.s.l)	wells capacity (m3/hr)	Discharge Rate
1	Moivo II	4264	4653.8	1437.0	1338.0	1333.48	85	31
2	Sanawari	3604	4653.9	1430.2	1370.7	1288.68	130	91
3	Moivo I	4000	5653.8	1458.7	1380.0	1325.00	80	21
4	Loruvani New	4190	6264.0	1499.9	1399.9	1295.80	100	60
5	Ilkilorit	3385	5423.0	1443.8	1399.8	1262.28	85	40
6	Ilboru	3012	6000.0	1472.8	1413.0	1330.34	185	119
7	Mianzini	2346	4615.4	1437.3	1359.0	1295.79	65	43
8	Oltulelei	1808	5846.2	1472.1	1388.1	1288.58	215	164
9	Emco	4050	1862.0	1335.4	1300.0	1181.64	120	44
10	Sakina	385	4192.3	1410.0	1359.9	1318.56	30	26
11	Sekei	4846	4615.4	1445.0	1380.9	1289.07	20	18
12	Old Sanawari	3808	5384.6	1461.8		1387.91	42	42
13	Loruvani Yard	3923	6384.6	1500.0	1420.1	1378.95	30	24
14	Loruvani Bondeni	3377	6623.0	1520.0		1436.00	90	80
15	Kiranyi	1000	6000.0	1433.0	1383.0	1233.00	320	39
15	Ngarendolu Spring	1886	4544.5	1394.0	1394.0	1200.00	166	
16	Oliglai Spring	6656	5591.4	1582.0	1582.0	1380.00	1083	
17	ATC	4000	4653.9	1430.2	1370.7	1288.68	130	91

Usually Transmissivity (T) and Storativity (S) are aquifer parameters required to assess groundwater potential and its management in any area. In this case by using predetermined aquifer porosity (Table 1), computed volume of aquifer by SURFER software (Table 5) and equation 3 we were able to estimate the storage capacity of an aquifer as about 35 km³ of water

$$V_i = nV \tag{3}$$

where n = porosity

V_i = voids

V = volume of sample

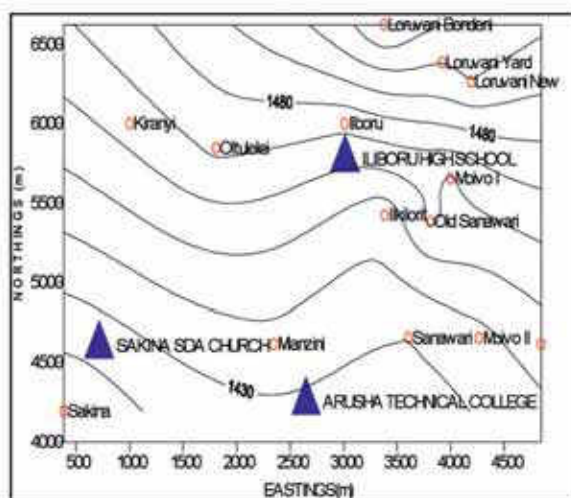


Figure 4. Arusha Contour Map With Relative Position of Wells

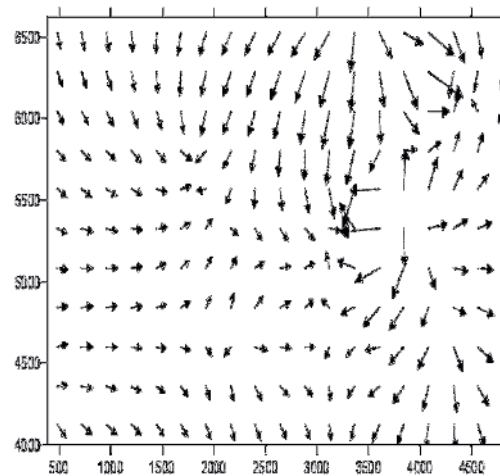


Figure 5: Vector Diagram indicating Groundwater Flow Direction

The average value of recharge which is probably the most difficult of all measures in the analysis was computed by modifying empirical relation which was first developed by Chatuverdi in 1973 (Chatuverdi 1973) and modified by Kumar and Seethpathi in 2002 (Kumar et al.,2002). Due to difference in location of study area having different soil properties and aquifer characteristics the following empirical expression was modified from Chatuverdi expression by using regression analysis and used (equation 4).

$$R = 1.15(P - 80.0)^{0.76} \quad (4)$$

The 80.0 value in the Chatuverdi expression was considered from a rainfall of October which showed no direct contribution to the recharge during data collection, but this might be the useful rainfall for the recharge of November to May as it prior wets the drier ground. Kumar pointed out that this value may account for runoff, soil moisture deficit, interception, and evaporation losses (Kumar et al., 2002). It was then estimated that 18.46% of annual rainfall is contributing to recharge which is about 285.98 mm annually (Table 6). The annual recharge value was computed by other methods and then related with findings made by other researchers like Ntembeleha, 2000 and Ongor, 2000 that was found to relate (Table 7).

Table 6: Average Annual Monthly Rainfall and Groundwater Recharge (Olmotonyi Forest Rainfall Station -0933600

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Rainfall (mm)	180.7	118.8	248.6	297.6	148.2	29.6	15.6	10.4	19.7	77.5	199.1	203.3
Recharge (mm)	36.74	17.71	54.19	65.78	27.24	0	0	0	0	0	41.60	42.72

Table 7: Summary of Estimation of Natural Groundwater Recharge in Arusha Well Field

S.No.	Estimation Technique	Recharge Rate mm/year	Percentage Rate of Recharge	Volume Mm3/year
1.	Chatuverdi Empirical (Kashimbiri, 2009)	285.98	18.46	6.1
2.	CRD Method (Kashimbiri, 2009)	255.94	16.52	5.4
3.	CRD Method (Ntembeleha, 2000)	309.86	20.00	6.6
4.	Regression Technique (Kashimbiri, 2009)	267.10	17.24	5.8
5.	JBG Approach (AUWSD,1990)	207.20	13.37	4.5
6.	Numerical Methods (Odero, 1998)	212.25	13.70	4.5
7.	Modflow +ArcViewGIS(Ongor, 2007)	122.00	07.87	2.6

System Dynamic Technique

To take care of diversified interests in a watershed, system dynamic SD is proposed and applied as one of the simple technique using simple tools in assessment of the impacts of population in well field aquifer on areas with inadequate information's experiencing stress in its water resources.

Jeffers (1978) pointed out that system analysis is not a mathematical technique, nor even a group of mathematical techniques. It is a broad research strategy that certainly involves the use of mathematical techniques and concepts, but in a systematic, scientific approach to the solution of complex problems. System Dynamic (SD) models have the major benefit of making explicit all

assumptions about how things are connected and that it is not a replacement for experimentation and mathematical analysis, but a supplement that allows more insights and understanding at the early stages of skill development and finally on decision. Hence, it provides us with tools for precisely understanding complex man-land systems through a conceptual framework of thought, handling complex interactions (Kashimbiri et al., 2005; Chen et al., 2004 & Forrester, 1978). This interdependence of elements of the model helps to consider a basin as a system made up of interacting parts rather than isolated parts.

Model Building and Assessment

VENSIM PLE modeling Software, which uses a workbench toolbox metaphor to deal with models and data, is used in building a SD model for assessment of effect of Urbanization in groundwater resources (Figure 8). The Workbench contains a menu, a model, a variable, datasets, a toolbar, one or more toolsets, controls, tool output windows and model building windows (VENSIM, 2002). In this paper VENSIM PLE a public domain software package which can freely be downloaded from the website <http://www.vensim.com/> is not discussed, but used as a tool to achieve the objective where its performance is

checked against real world (field) information's. Yearly Rainfall, GDP, Population, Stream Flow, and Water Levels data from Arusha watershed was chosen for model assessment which included training (calibration) period 1978 to 1990 and examination (verification) period 1990 to 2003. For model efficiency, criteria suggested by Nash and Sutcliffe (1970) equation 5, has been applied in assessing the accuracy of SD model developed for both training and examination periods.

$$R^2 = \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \{Q_{obs} - \hat{Q}_{est}\}^2}{\sum_{k=1}^N \{Q_{obs} - \bar{Q}_{calib}\}^2} \right] \times 100\% \quad (5)$$

Where Q_{obs} are actual observed values
 \hat{Q}_{est} are model output values,
 \bar{Q}_{calib} are mean values obtained during calibration period
 N is the corresponding number of Q .

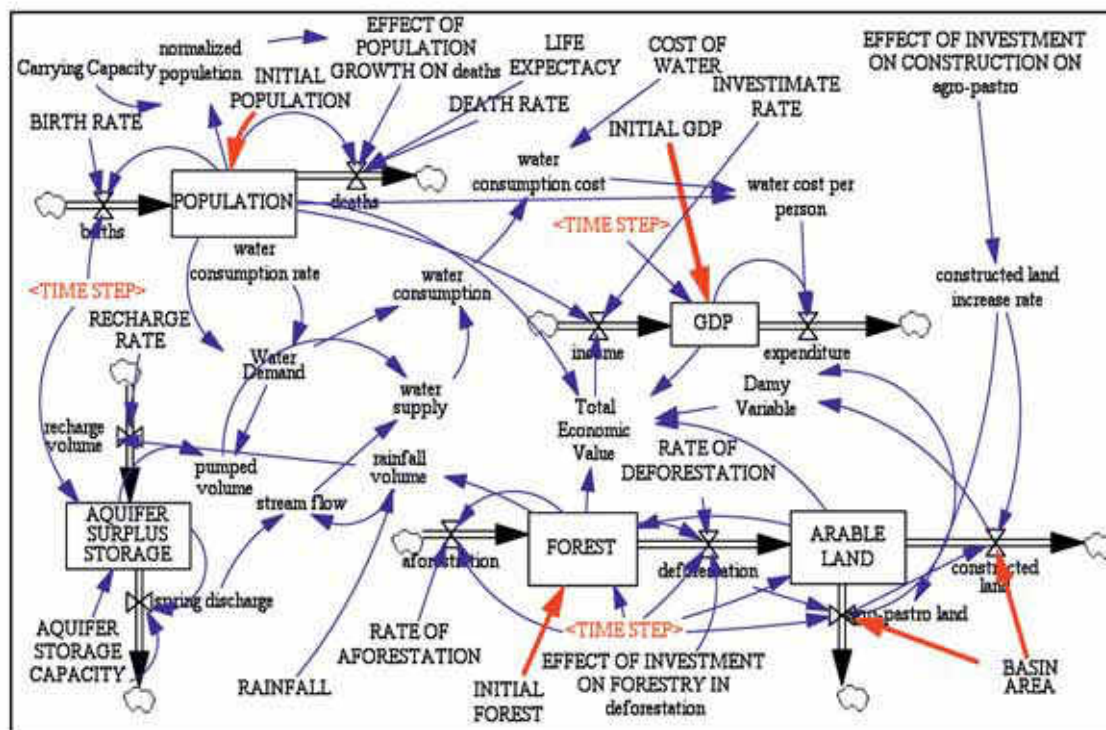


Figure 8: Nature and Society Interaction Model

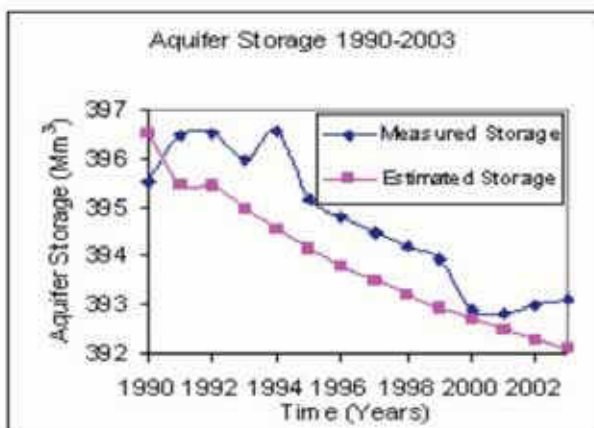
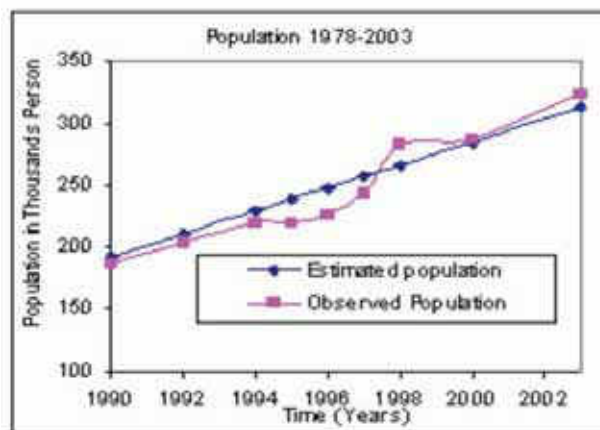
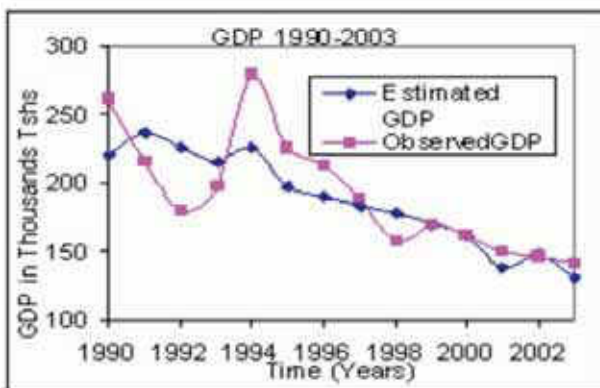
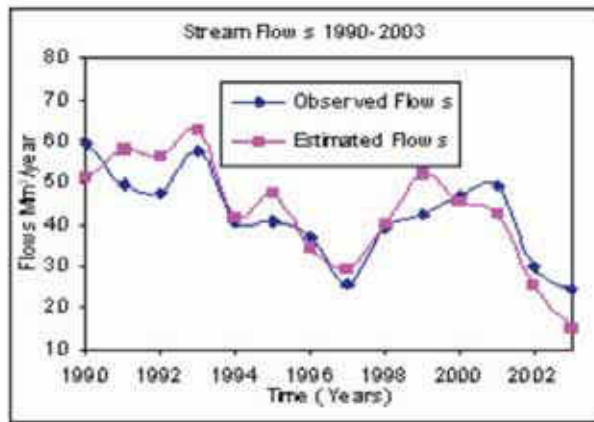


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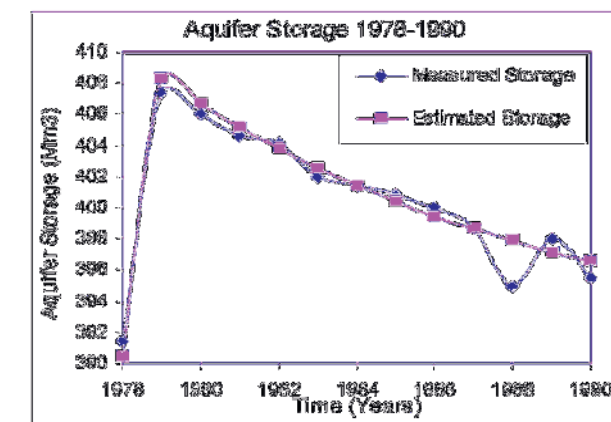
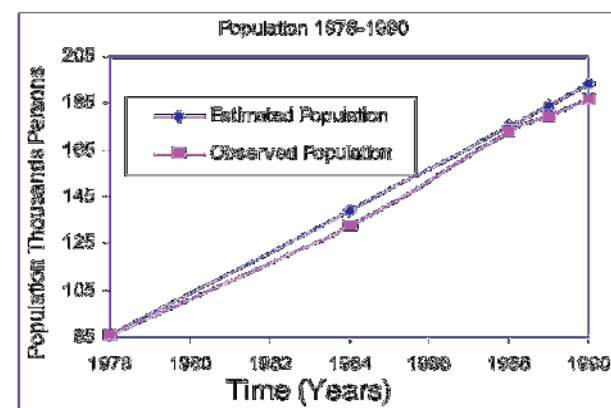
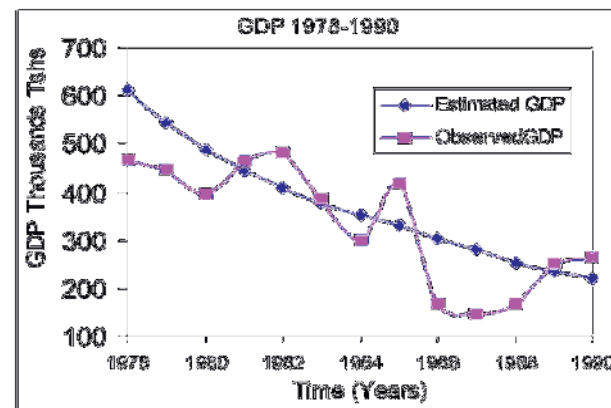
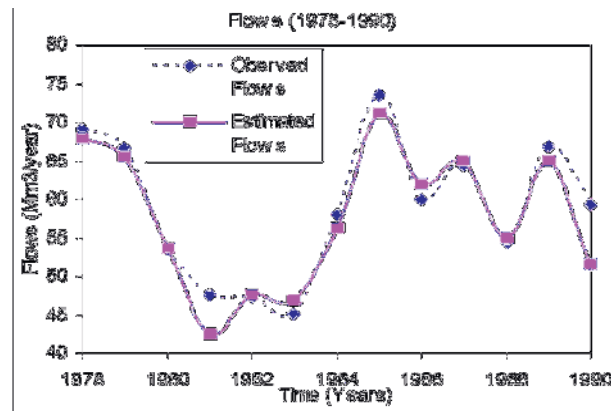


Figure 6: Model Validation Efficiency 1978 - 1990

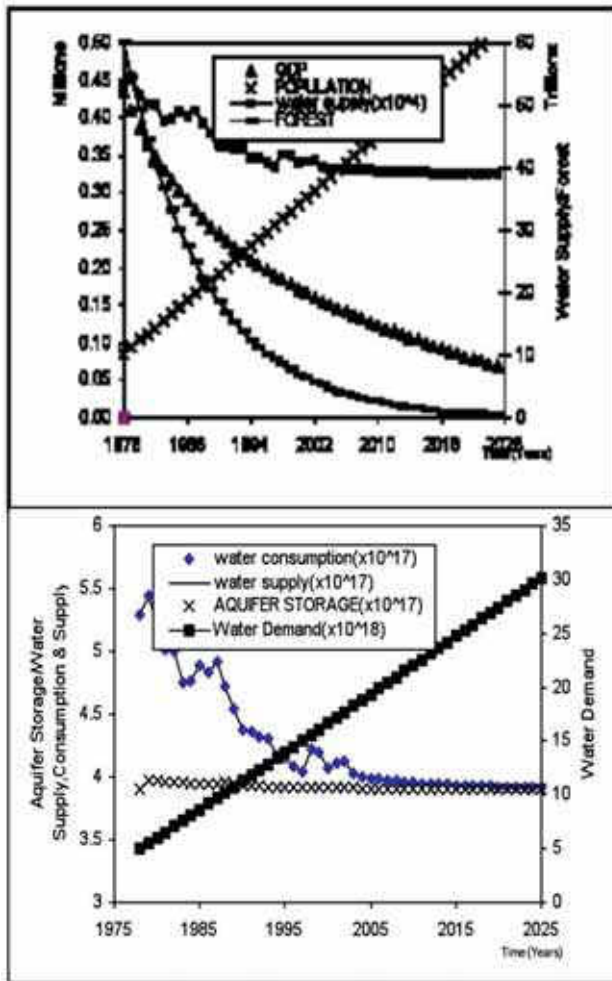


Figure 9: Ecological Relation between Human and Water (mm³)

RESULTS

After model was found to be structurally complete and simulates properly by using the model and unit check tool command of VENSIM PLE, calibration of the model followed. Calibration involved finding the values of model Constants that make the model generate behavior curves that best fit the real world data. Then performance of reality check (Validation) followed. The model efficiency R2 (Nash and Sutcliffe, 1970), are as tabulated in table 8.

Figure 9 clearly indicates that urbanization has caused a rampant increase in population from 8,553 persons in 1978 to 309,245 persons in 2002, which is 3.8% per year. This obviously caused high demand for water resources and land. However on simulating the model, deaths was found to be increasing more quickly than population, as population was growing to a large size. Probably this may be caused by

the fact that higher populations are nearer limit of resources (i.e. water & food) and therefore on average people die more quickly. At the same time study depicts that rainfall and flow has not changed very much over the years although there is indication of decreased groundwater storage. In one year Arusha Municipality receives a total of 150Mm³ from rain, which is over 96% of its current domestic demand of 20.7Mm³ per year. But due to uncontrolled human activities and nature of the area only an average of 13Mm³ are available for use, which is less than 37.2% of the current demand.

Table 8: Model Performance Results

Parameter	Calibration 1978-1990	Verification 1990-2003
Population	0.9976	0.9730
GDP	0.5770	0.5708
Flows	0.7224	0.3820

Likewise, in the first few years of production, the aquifer supply was found to be increasing and there after it started to decrease. This can best be explained by the supply and demand principle, where by at the beginning, pumped (removed) water from the aquifer created space for extra storage, but as time went on and withdrawal exceeded recharge (return to the aquifer was less than what was withdrawn). This can be depicted by river flow cessation and groundwater drawdown.

Therefore the time will be reached where there will be no balance in an aquifer and the replaced air in the pore spaces may damage the aquifer due to compression, since $\rho_{air} < \rho_{water} \Leftrightarrow$ Atmospheric Pressure < Hydrostatic Pressure.

CONCLUSIONS

Although Arusha is stressed, development activities that require water diversions, abstractions and storage are still being carried out at various scales in several parts, within and at its outskirts. This has caused significant change in land use patterns. These changes in turn have significant impacts on the surrounding environment ecosystem. Coupled with climatic variability, these changes may eventually lead to the deterioration of ecosystem. Ecosystem in this context includes biotic (living organisms: human; plants, animals etc) and abiotic (non-living: water) components.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Arusha Municipality should start thinking of the means of retaining the rainfall instead of just living the runoff to be wasted. Likewise settlement should be away from the recharge and the well field areas. Currently the Municipal needs about 7Mm³ extra to meet only its domestic annual demand.

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