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A global vision of regional and local initiatives

Since its start in 2000, ISARM has launched a number of global and regional initiatives. More than 200 transboundary aquifers have been identified. Inventories undertaken in the Americas, Asia, Africa, South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus, and Middle East have been already published separately. This Atlas presents a compilation of available data.

A common knowledge for shared management

In recent years water security for people and the natural environment have taken a centre stage in much of the dialogue on international policy.

Coordination among countries is essential for the sustainable management of transboundary aquifers.

This atlas is intended to be a valuable reference that will encourage the sound and sustainable management of transboundary aquifers.