

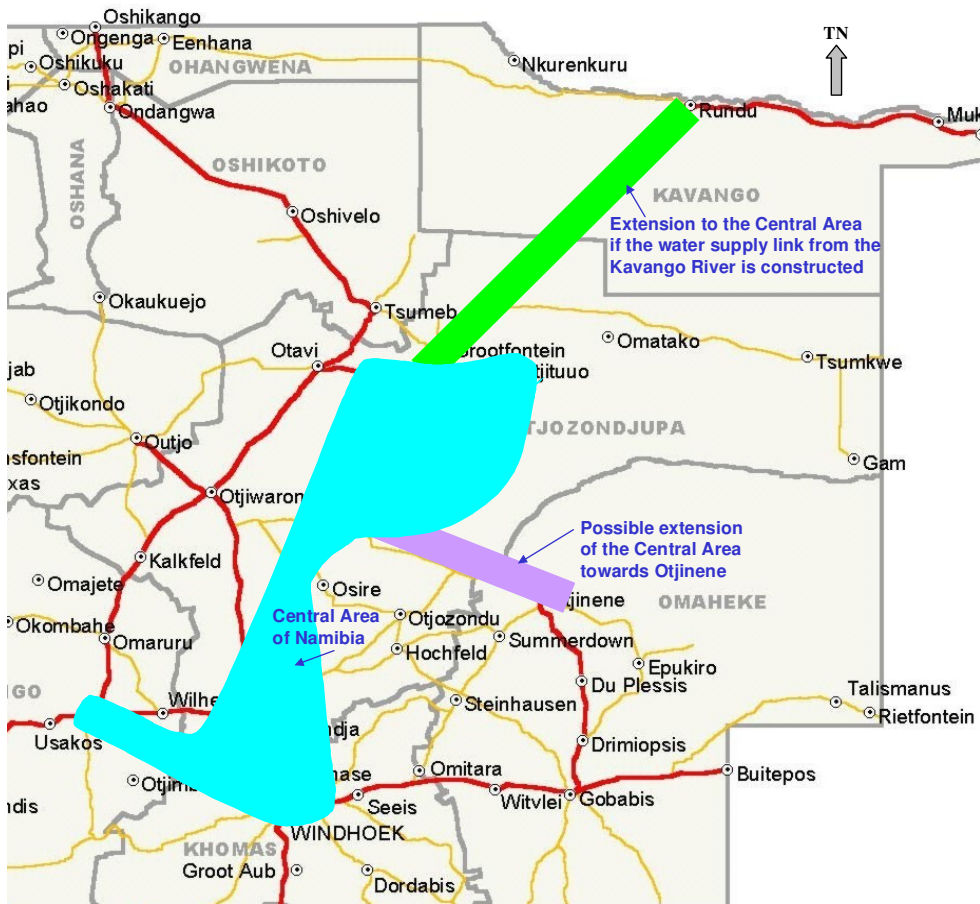
# WINDHOEK MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE



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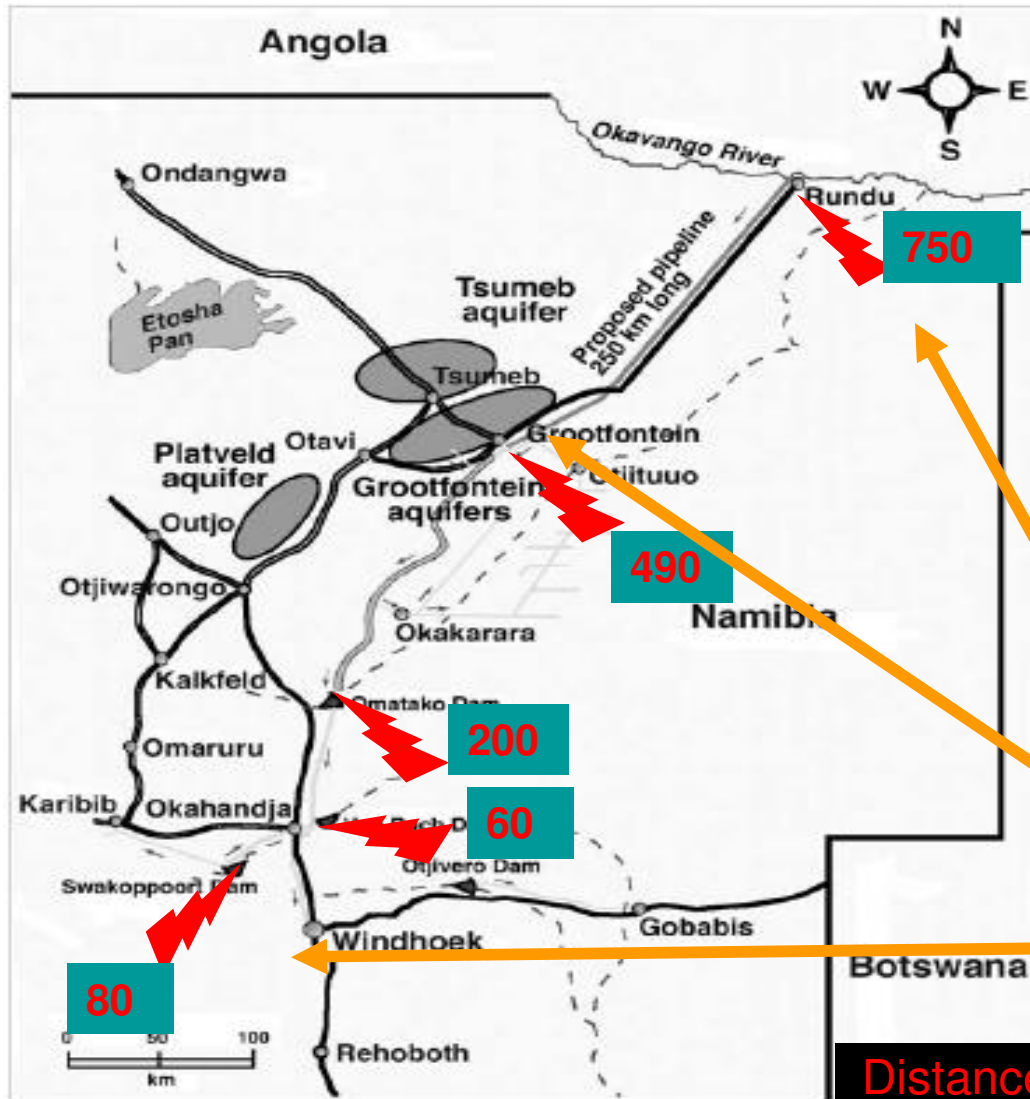
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# Water Supply to the Central Areas of Namibia with a view towards Managed Aquifer Recharge and creating a Water Bank

- -Water Supply Set-up
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- -Key Issues and Economic benefits

# Water Supply and Relevant Cost to Windhoek



## Cost of Water (2013)

### Windhoek supplies

N\$/m<sup>3</sup>

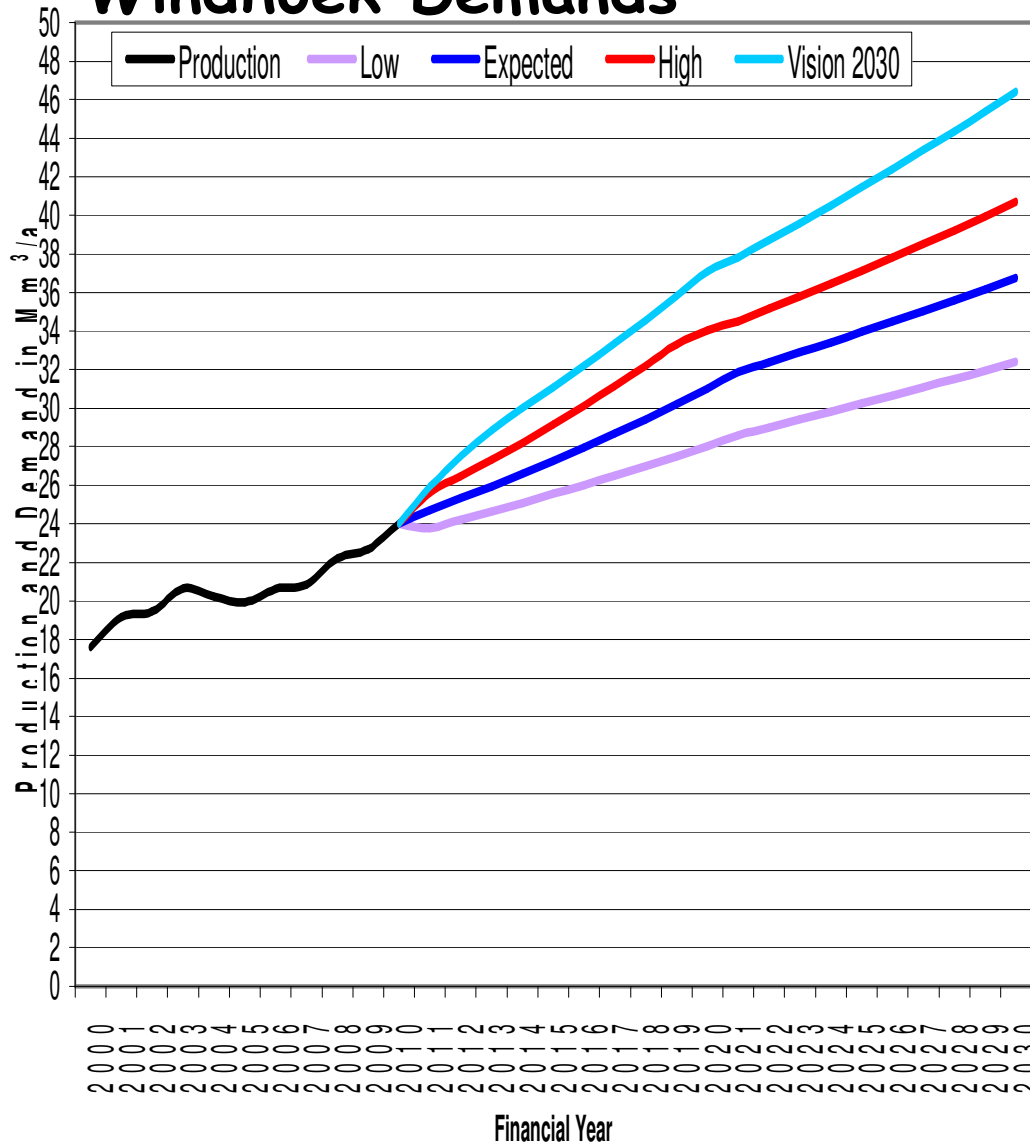
Ground water	4.80
NamWater Supply	9.00
Reclaimed	9.00
Re-use irrigation	6.30

### Additional supplies

Okavango pipeline	45.00
Tsumeb aquifer	30.00
Aquifer Recharge	16.20

Distances in km

## Windhoek Demands



## Available Sources

### Conventional Sources Mm³/a

Three dam system	17
Ground water Karst	2.8
Windhoek boreholes	1.73

### UNCONVENTIONAL SOURCES

WDM: 30%+ realised  
 Savings since 1994 (+/-) 96

### POTABLE REUSE (1968)

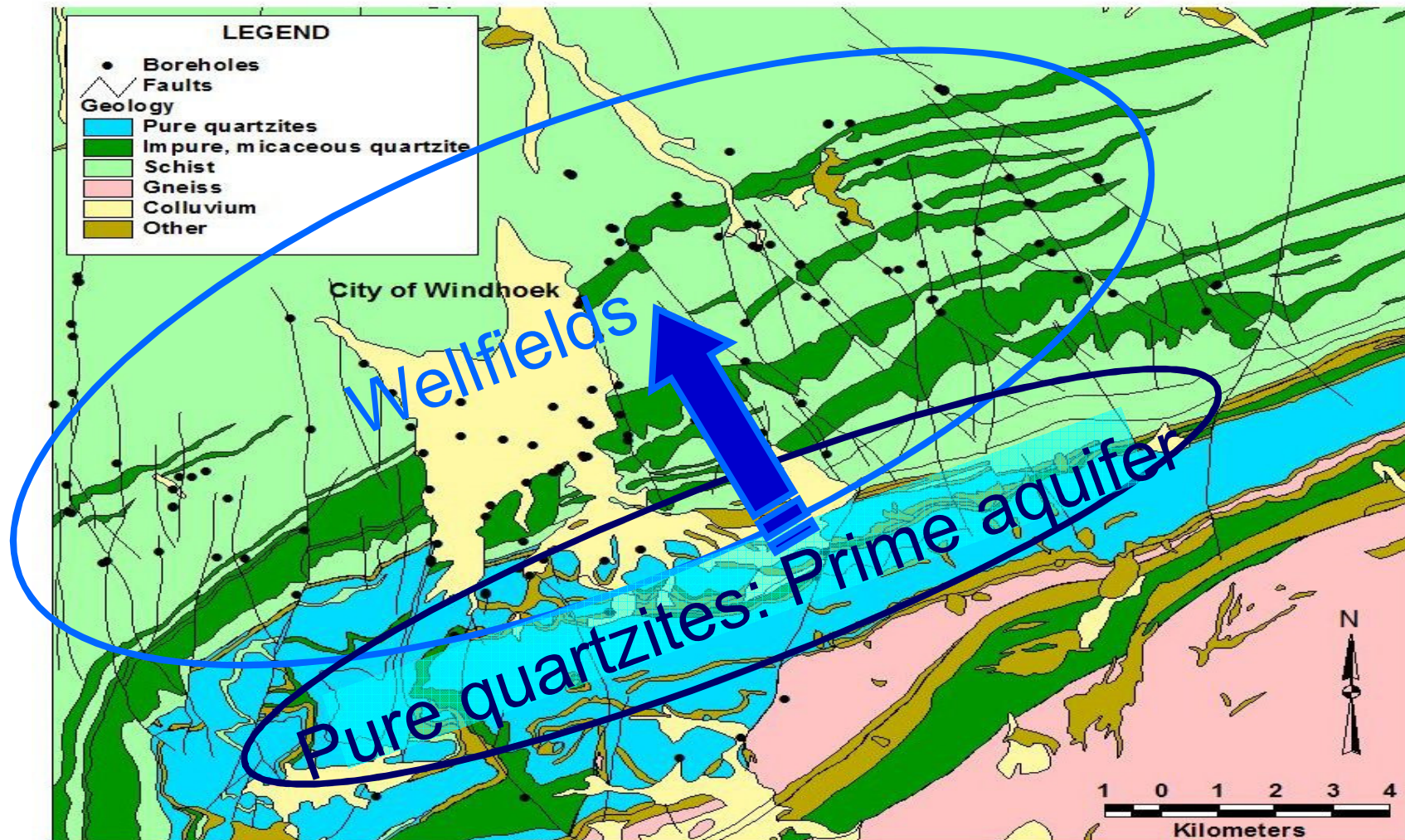
Plant capacity 7.6  
 % total supply 32%  
 (7% unblended)

# Shortfalls in the Past

- In 1981/84 shortfall of 40%
- In 1996/97 shortfall 50%, inflow 6 weeks before restrictions, Berg Aukas pipeline collar failure took 3 years to fix
- November 2010, Von Bach 34% Swakoppoort water not treatable as result of Blue Green Algae



# Hydrogeological Set-up

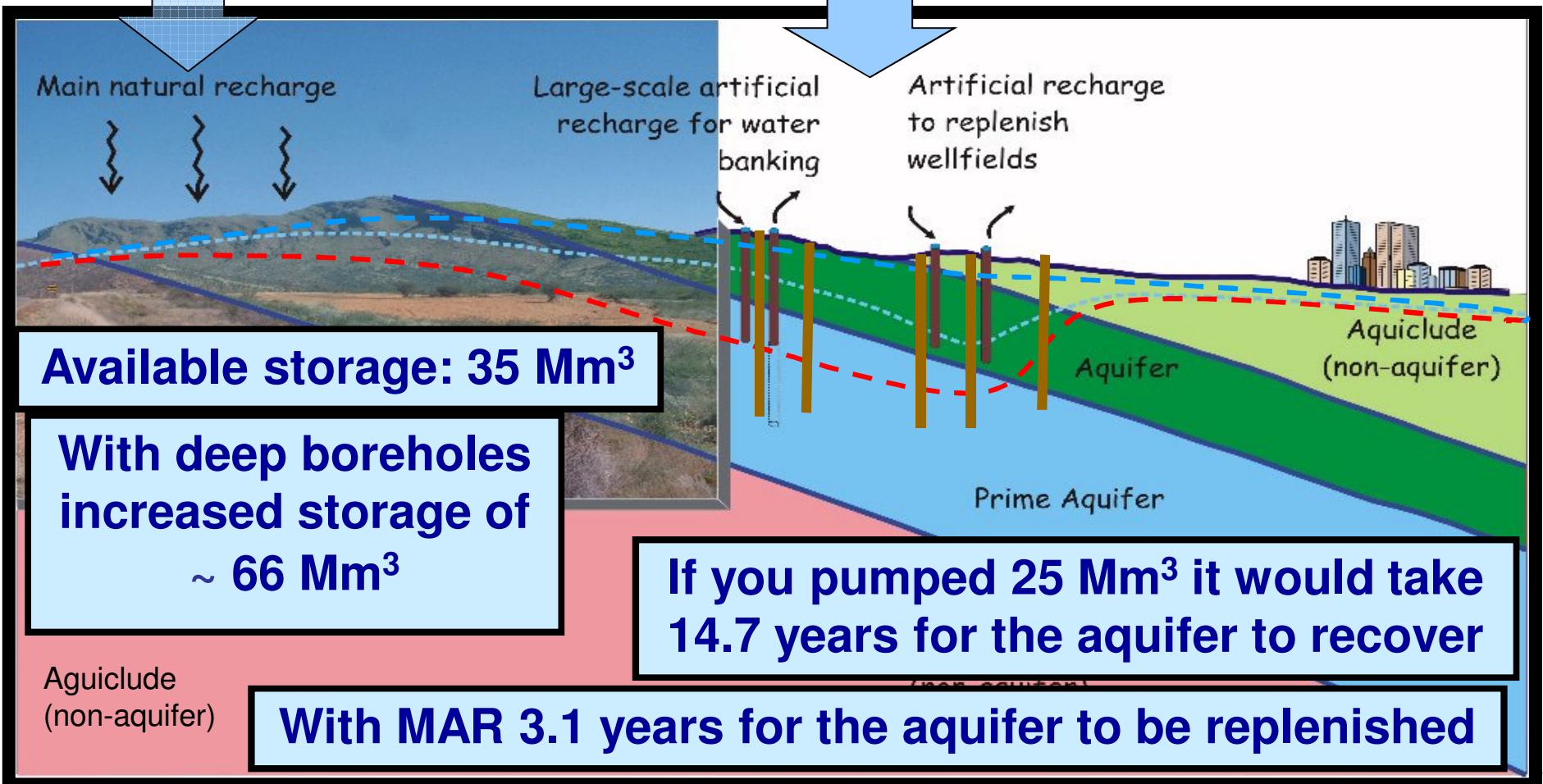


# VALUE WITH MAR

**Natural  
replenishment  
1.7 Mm<sup>3</sup>/year  
(~ 7% of demand)**

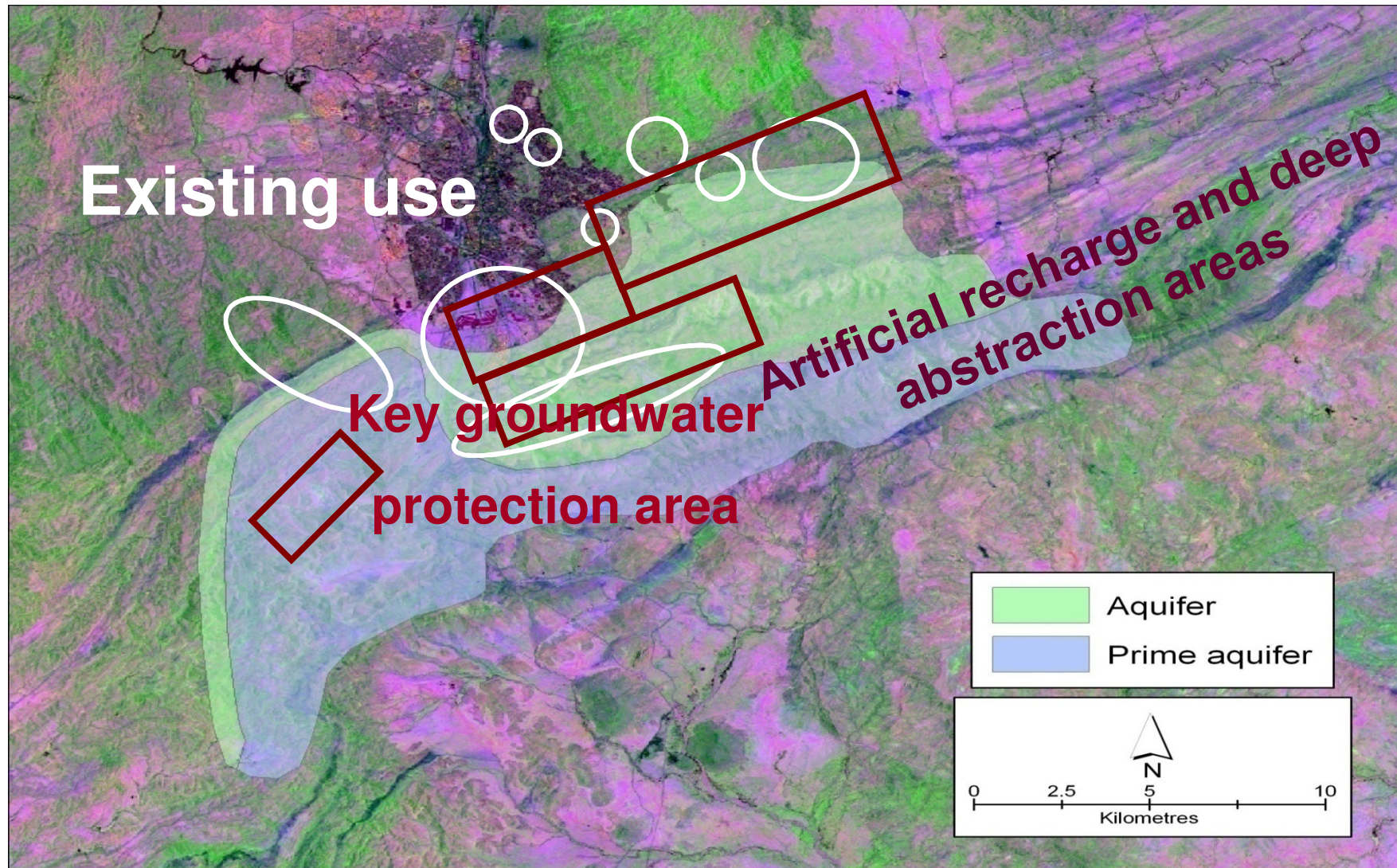
**Borehole  
injection  
8 Mm<sup>3</sup>/year  
(~ 32%)**

**City's water use:  
Currently ~ 25 Mm<sup>3</sup>/year**





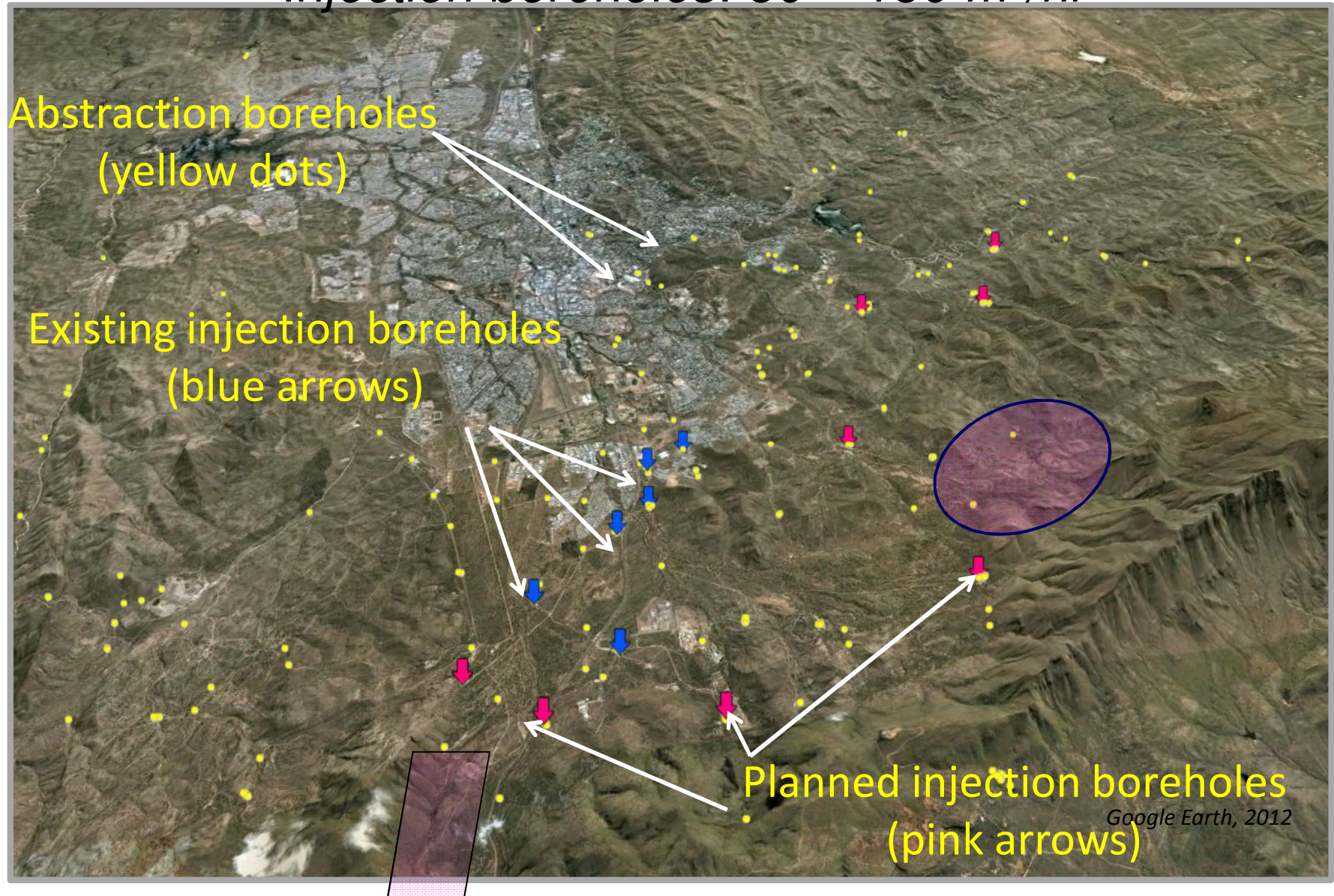
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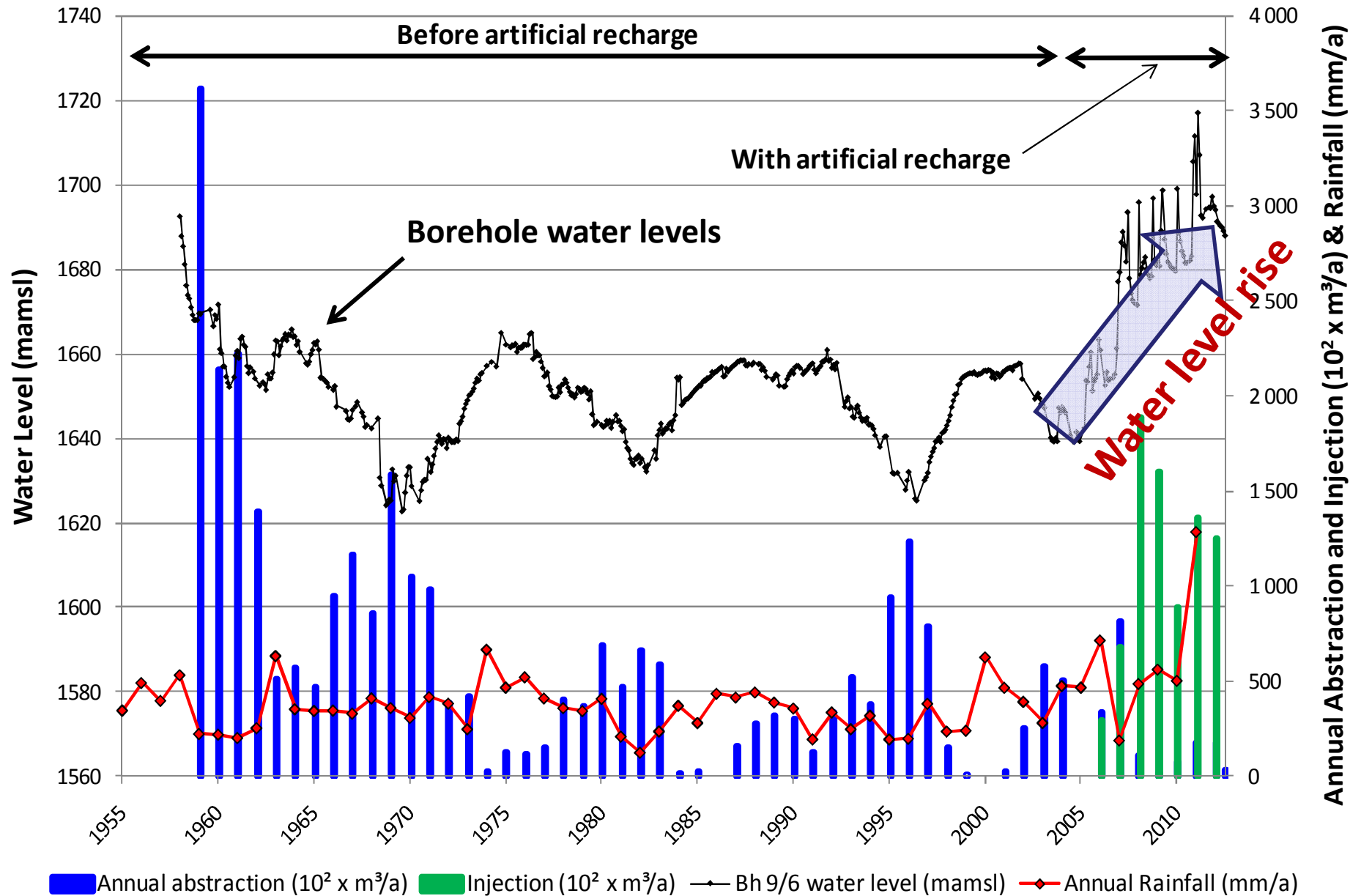


*Abstraction boreholes: Planned pump depths up to 350 m;  
yields up to 200 m<sup>3</sup>/hr*

*Injection boreholes: 50 – 150 m<sup>3</sup>/hr*



## Borehole 9/6 - Water level vs Annual Abstraction and Injection



**The water levels are back to their pre-1960 levels for the first time**

# Benefits to SADC and Windhoek

- Reduction of potential abstraction from the Okavango River or other sources
- Demonstration project for other arid SADC countries
- It is an efficiency improvement of existing sources (lower evaporation, bigger water bank)
- Previously non-viable sources become viable to keep the "water bank" full
- Water demand management actions will free up water for injection
- Lower peaks on the bulk system through aquifer storage and recovery
- The environmental impacts are minimal



# MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE

(Unconventional, R&D 1998/99, Phase 1 2004 completed)

Year	2004 (Mm <sup>3</sup> /a)	2008 (Mm <sup>3</sup> /a)	2011 (Mm <sup>3</sup> /a )	2018 (Mm <sup>3</sup> /a)
Required abstraction rate	5.5	11.0	16.5	19.0
Estimated aquifer storage	35.0	47.0	66.0	66.0
Total artificial recharge	3.1	4.0	4.0	8.0

- Boreholes completed up to 2008 target
- Borehole infrastructure way behind
- Injection infrastructure 3.5 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a
- CoW capital investment to date 57.8 million

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# WATER QUALITY PRINCIPLES

- No negative environmental impact of significance.
- Sustainable use of water from the Windhoek Aquifer for drinking water purposes preferably with limited treatment such as stabilisation and disinfection:
  - a) The recharge water should meet modern drinking water standards)
  - b) No additional health risk for the residents of Windhoek.
- No technical problems should arise due to injection water quality, such as clogging, corrosion and demand for extensive treatment of water before distribution.
- Accept a deterioration of certain quality parameters of the water within the aquifer provided that the water quality after abstraction complies with acceptable water quality guidelines.

# OPERATIONAL WATER QUALITY

- Injected water:

- Average salinity: 68 mS/m or 456 mg/L TDS (based on a 95% percentile)
- Average Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC): 4.9 mg/L (based on a 95% percentile and 2.9 mg/L on a 50% percentile).
- AOC not measured

- Recovered water:

- The water is blended with natural groundwater.
- Average salinity : 91 mS/m or 610 mg/L TDS (based on a 95% percentile)
- Average DOC of 1.1 mg/L (based on a 95% percentile and 0.4 on a 50% percentile).

# NAMWATER PROJECTS

Project	Institution	Costs (N\$ million)	Remarks
Pump station upgrade	NamWater	200	Required not only for WMARS
Von Bach recycling of supernatant	NamWater	23,5	Important for security of supply. Recycle water is enough to supply water to Okahandja and surrounding users.
Von Bach Windhoek Pipeline	NamWater	908	Required not only for MAR
DAF Swakoppoort	NamWater	47,8	Important for security of supply
Powerline upgrade Swakoppoort	NamWater	34	Not required for WMARS important for security of supply



# CoW ESTIMATED CAPITAL

Component	Total (N\$ Million)
Reservoir storage	10
Pipelines and Recharge Pump Stations	150
Boreholes	65
Mechanical & Electrical Works including supply	130
Civil Works	10
<b>Total Development Cost</b>	<b>365</b>

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Indicator	Discount Rate WACC (13.42%/y)	Discount Rate Bonds (11.28%/y)
NPV N\$ million until 2030	220.19	448.43
IRR until 2030	16.40%	16.40%
PI until 2030	1.08	1.15

# CHALLENGES

## SWAKOPPOORT DAM (Blue Green Algae)

- Quality of water put underground
- Pollution threat (existing & new developments)
- MAR Scheme management  
(Company?)
- Implementation on time



# ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

1. Loss by industry Windhoek & Okahandja =  
estimated N\$ 5.35 billion/a (17 N\$ Million/day)
2. Loss by stopping new buildings/construction =  
estimated N\$ 2.45 billion/a+ (2012)
- 3 Potential job losses in general industry and  
building/construction = approximately 6% of total  
employment in the country

## Required Capital Investment

NamWater	N\$ 200 million
City of Windhoek	N\$ 375 million



# LARGE DIAMETER DEEP BOREHOLE





# CARBON FILTRATION 1998







*"We are faced with a series  
of great opportunities  
brilliantly disguised  
as impossible situations"*

*Adapted from Charles Swindoll*

**"If you can't fly run. If you can't walk, crawl.  
But whatever you do keep moving"**

Martin Luther King