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## SEDIMENT CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT IN THE DIVERSION AND MAIN CANAL

## GASH AGRICULTURAL SCHEME, SUDAN

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## Outline

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## Introduction

 Sedimentation causes several problems: Change in flow condition and Direction Unsatisfactory water distribution Block intakes and channels Raise irrigable areas – making them out of command These problems are more severe in spate irrigation 0.02% in perennial - 10% in spate floods Control at the intake, flushing, good design and proper **O&M** could minimize sedimentation

## Background

#### • Sudan

Iocated in the North Eastern part of Africa < cultivable land: 86 M ha. 😂 less than 20% utilized at present Agricultural is major route to food security > The study particularly focused on GAS









Ethiopia

- Tropical climate:
  - Relative humidity 20% to 50%,
    Annual rainfalls 160 mm to 280 mm
  - Semperature: 26 ℃ to >42 ℃
- Agricultural Land
  Total gross area: 280,000 ha
  cultivable area: 180,000 ha
  Total irrigated area: 100,000 ha
  Annually irrigated: 30 000 ha



# Specific Study area Fotta Diversion Intake Fotta Main Canal



## **Problem Descriptions**

- Sedimentation is a major problem in Gash:
  - 5.5 13 million tons of sediment annually deposited in the River course:
    - River bed rising and creating flood on Kassala city 2003 and 2007 devastating floods occurred
    - Fotta canal intake completely blocked, >1.8 m sediment deposit
    - Fotta canal discharge abstraction reduced by a max 70%
    - Irrigable land in Fotta scheme reduce by more than 50%



## **Research Questions**

- *How much* sediment is being annually *deposited* at the diversion intake and the main canal network
- How much is the *magnitude of impact* on the main canal conveyance capacity (discharge)?
- How effective is the existing operation and maintenance for sediment control?
- What sediment minimization measures could be recommended?

## **Objectives**

• Overall Objectives

To quantatively assess the sedimentation problem at the Fotta Diversion Intake and Main Canal and recommend alternative remedial measures.



## Methodology



- Model selection
  - Many models exist: DUFLOW, SETRIC, SOBEK, SIC, SHARC, HECRAS, Delft3D...etc
  - Out of this SHARC and Delft3D are selected
- Selection Criteria
  - Freely availability and its user friendly
  - Availability of data
  - Capability to model sediment transport

## **Data Analysis**

## • Hydrologic Data analysis

The historical flow of the River Gash at the Kassala Bridge





Sediment Data analysis

## Since the sediment data has missing values, a trained line is used with the available measured data to fill the missing values



Sediment sample is collected from three different site and sieve

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analysis was done in the HRS Laboratory;

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• Topography Survey and structure size measurement









- Operation and Maintenance Program
  - 2 phase rotation
  - I phase has a duration of 25 to 30 days
  - Irrigation schedule /irrigated missgas per each phase
  - Annually the canal maintained and specially at Fotta there is stand by Excavator to clean sediment

## Model Setup, Calibration & Validation

Delft3D Model Setup

Area selection , Grid and Bathymetry generation







- R<sup>2</sup> is equal to 73.10% and correlation factor equal to 85.50%
- Adjusting some observed and simulation value for some days then R<sup>2</sup> becomes 85% and correlation factor changes to 92%





Adjusting some observed and simulation value for some days then R<sup>2</sup> becomes 72% and correlation factor = 85% Using Hydrodynamic calibrated and Validated model the morphology of the Gash River at the Fotta intake was analyzed/qualitatively/

> bed level in water level plants (n 10<sup>4</sup> D1\_AU2006 00 00:00

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#### Initial bed level

• SHARC Model Setup

The 6 km Fotta main canal Schematized in SHARC model system





#### SHARC Model Calibration Fotta Main Canal Longitudinal Profile

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Profile for Fota MC Canal. Run: Scheme title - Gash River





• Additional Reference for SHARC Model

## 24km Salamalikum main canal Schematized to used as a reference





## **Results and Discussion Based on Scenarios**

- Using Delft3D
  - Scenario I, Existing Condition





### •Using Delft3D

### Scenario II, Constructing one long guiding wall(270m)



## •Using Delft3D

Scenario III, Modifying the intake(removing the right side wall of the intake which is extended in to the river side and increasing the sill height of the intake by 1.2 m) and constructing groyens/spur s(100m, 50m, 120m)













## Using SHARC Model system /Fotta Main Canal Scenario I, Existing Condition



The total sediment deposited in the canal =0.0359 *Million*  $m^3$ 

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## Scenario II, Improving the slope the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 reaches only (0.05%) the whole reach (0.1%)



= 0.047 Million m<sup>3</sup>

## Scenario III, Settling Basin Intervention Two settling basin with different size (200\*30\*3m and 200\*25\*3m)



## Scenario IV, Operation & Maintenance Intervention

- •Settling basin maintenance (two or three/year)
- •¼ of the total missa 5 irrga



## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Conclusions

There is more than 1.8m depth of sediment deposition at the diversion intake as well as in the canal which reduce the Fotta canal water abstraction by 78%

By the intervention of guiding wall, sediment deposition reduced to 0.8 m depth at intake (scenario II)

By spurs combination with intake modification there is no sediment deposition at the intake (scenario III)

Solution  $\Rightarrow$  By improving the slope of the canal by 0.1%  $\rightarrow$  up to 96%

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By the intervention of settling basin with proper operation & maintenance it is possible to increase the conveyance capacity by up to 89 - 93%

Recommendation

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Scenario III, Removing the right side wall of intake which is extended into the river and bed level of the intake and constructing groyens/spur(100m, 50m, 120m)

Spurs is common practice in the area

Provide good sediment deposition reduction

Availability of construction materials

Scenario IV case 1, Settling Basin intervention with improved O&M (one desilting in b/n irrigation phase & last missga always operating)

It will be practically impossible increasing the whole slope

Settling basin desilting more than once with in the irrigation time may be impractical

Two parallel settling basin may be important to avoid interruption of irrigation during maintenance

@Improving their data base system../ could further improve the reliability of the model results/

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