

## *“Working Group on e-flows”*: mandato

- Comprensione comune delle e-flows e di come usarle nei RBMPs
  - Deliverable: guidance EU sulle e-flows
  - Tempistica: ott 2013 – ott 2014
  - Ambito di applicazione: corpi idrici naturali
- (Ambito ridotto per non interferire con il lavoro attualmente in corso su HMWB e GEP nel gruppo ad hoc all'interno di ECOSTAT)

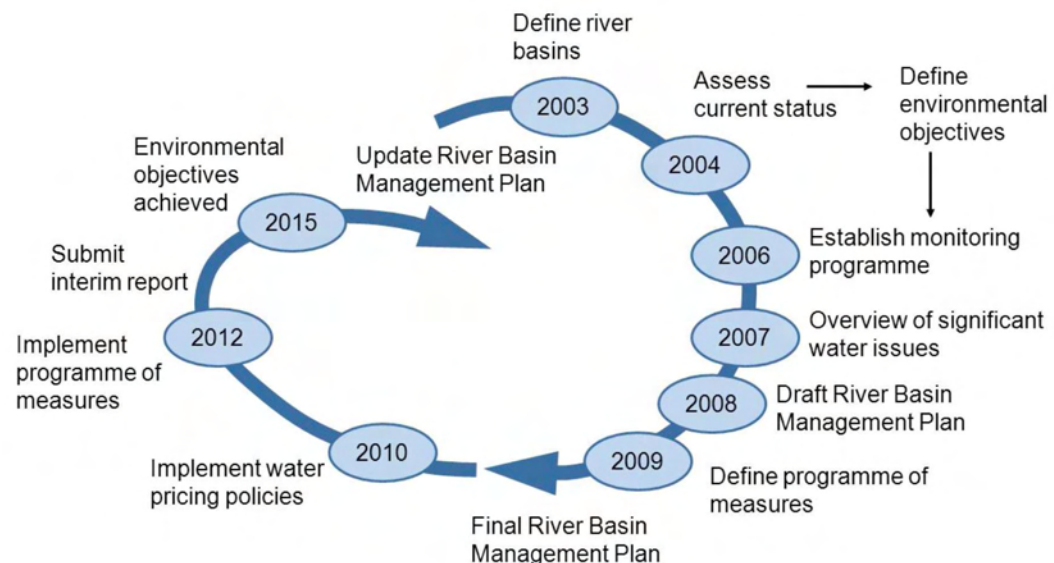
# E-flows guidance



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# *Principali argomenti*

- Setting the scene
- Eflows in status assessment and environmental objectives
- Assessment of hydrological pressures and impacts
- Establishment of monitoring programmes
- Defining e-flows and analysing the gap with current situation
- Measures for the achievement of ecological flows
- Heavily modified water bodies and exemptions
- Public Participation
- Appendix
- Case Studies



# ENVIRONMENTAL VS ECOLOGICAL FLOWS

>> 200 definizioni di e-flows in letteratura

Soglia su portata minima tollerabile (es. DMV statico)



Esigenze idrologico/idrauliche di una particolare specie o comunità



Regime idrologico che garantisca la sussistenza degli ecosistemi acquatici e dei servizi ecosistemici che la società ritiene più rilevanti, dopo negoziazione con tutti i diversi portatori di interessi

Working definition:

**ecological flows:** the flow regime consistent with the achievement of good status of water bodies

Ecosystem water needs only

# WFD (Hydrological?) cycle + Objectives!

HYDROLOGICAL  
PRESSURES



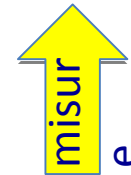
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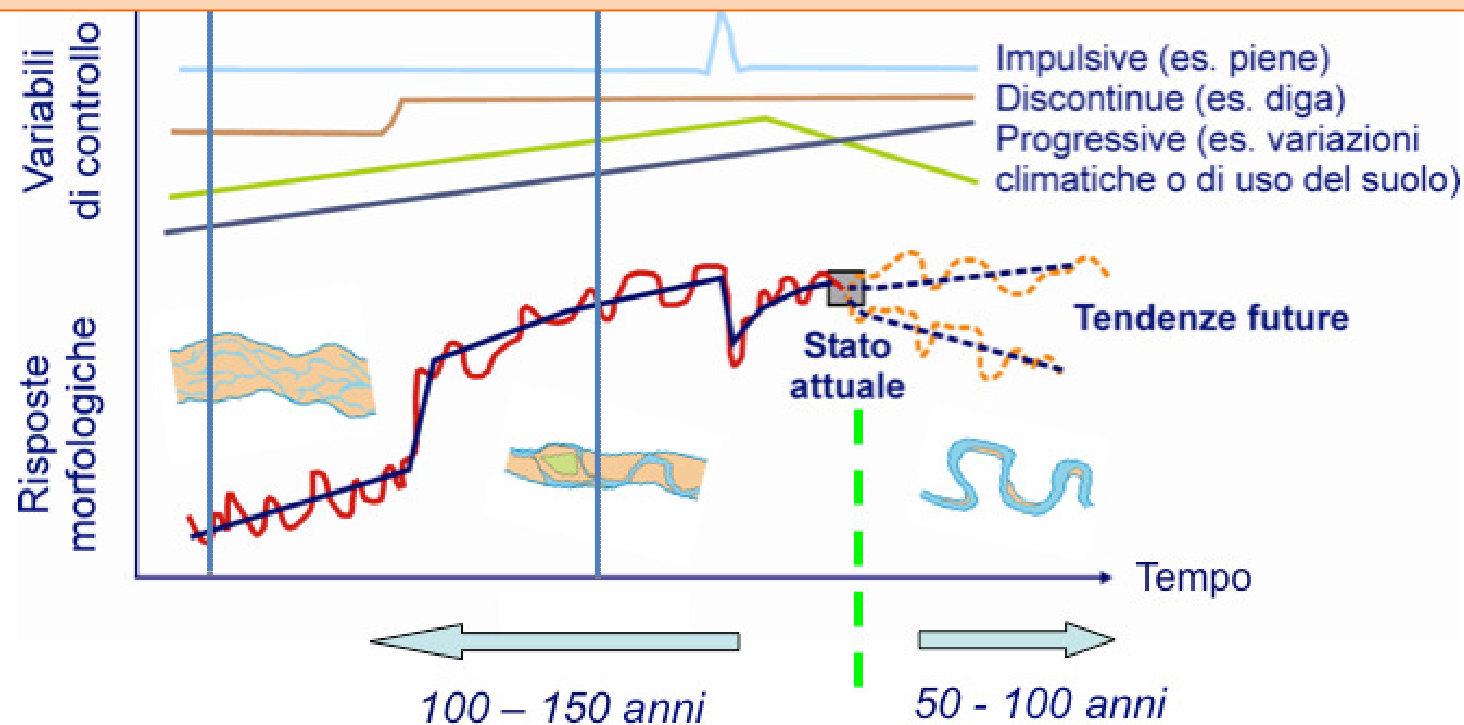


CURRENT  
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REGIME



E-FLOWS

- Regime di riferimento collegato a nuovo assetto
- Necessità di conoscenza dei processi geomorfologici: evoluzione passata, tendenze future
- Necessità di formare basi conoscitive per valutare le correlazioni acqua-sedimento-biota necessarie a determinare le e-flows e le strategie ad esse collegate



## 2. Pressioni e impatti idrologici

Term	Definition
Driver	An anthropogenic activity creating a water demand that may affect the hydrology such as agriculture (irrigation), industry, water supply, electricity production, etc.
Pressure	The direct effect of the driver such as abstraction and impoundment of water to satisfy the water demand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• steady abstraction (e.g. groundwater and surface water abstraction, and run-of-river hydropower dam);</li> <li>• seasonally varying abstractions (e.g. spray irrigation);</li> <li>• direct supply reservoirs for water supply;</li> <li>• regulating reservoirs for water supply, hydroelectric power generation, other water uses of flood mitigation;</li> <li>• water transfers to other water bodies, subcatchments, river basins or river basin districts;</li> <li>• pumped storage reservoirs.</li> </ul>
State	Effects of the pressures on the physical environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direct hydrological effects that result from the pressures;</li> <li>• hydraulic effects that result from hydrological changes;</li> <li>• direct or indirect geomorphological effects (incl. erosion-sedimentation);</li> <li>• changes in water quality (e.g. temperature, nutrient and sediment loads);</li> <li>• combination of these (alongside other physical-chemical properties), creating the habitat state in which aquatic organisms live which is the principal link between the pressures exerted by human water use and aquatic organisms.</li> </ul>
Impact	Responses of individual organisms, populations and communities and ecosystem functions; Impacts on other water or water body uses (abstractions, recreational, navigation, angling, etc.); Changes in landscape (and its perception), and associated secondary effects.
Response	The measures taken to improve the state of the water body, such as re-flows, overall water allocation and specific abstractions rules, dam flow/sediment management rules, or other non-hydrological measures, such as habitat improvement)

### *3. Monitoraggio idrologico*

Secondo la WFD è FONDAMENTALE e quindi: obbligatorio sempre (Annex V WFD)!

- In sorveglianza, supporta anche l'analisi delle variazioni nel lungo termine (es. impatti CC)
- In operativo, assieme a quello morfologico e biologico, supporta la valutazione delle alterazioni e degli effetti delle misure messe in atto



Necessità del monitoraggio idrologico (inclusi i prelievi) per una gestione flessibile delle risorse idriche!



# 4. Metodi per la stima delle e-flows

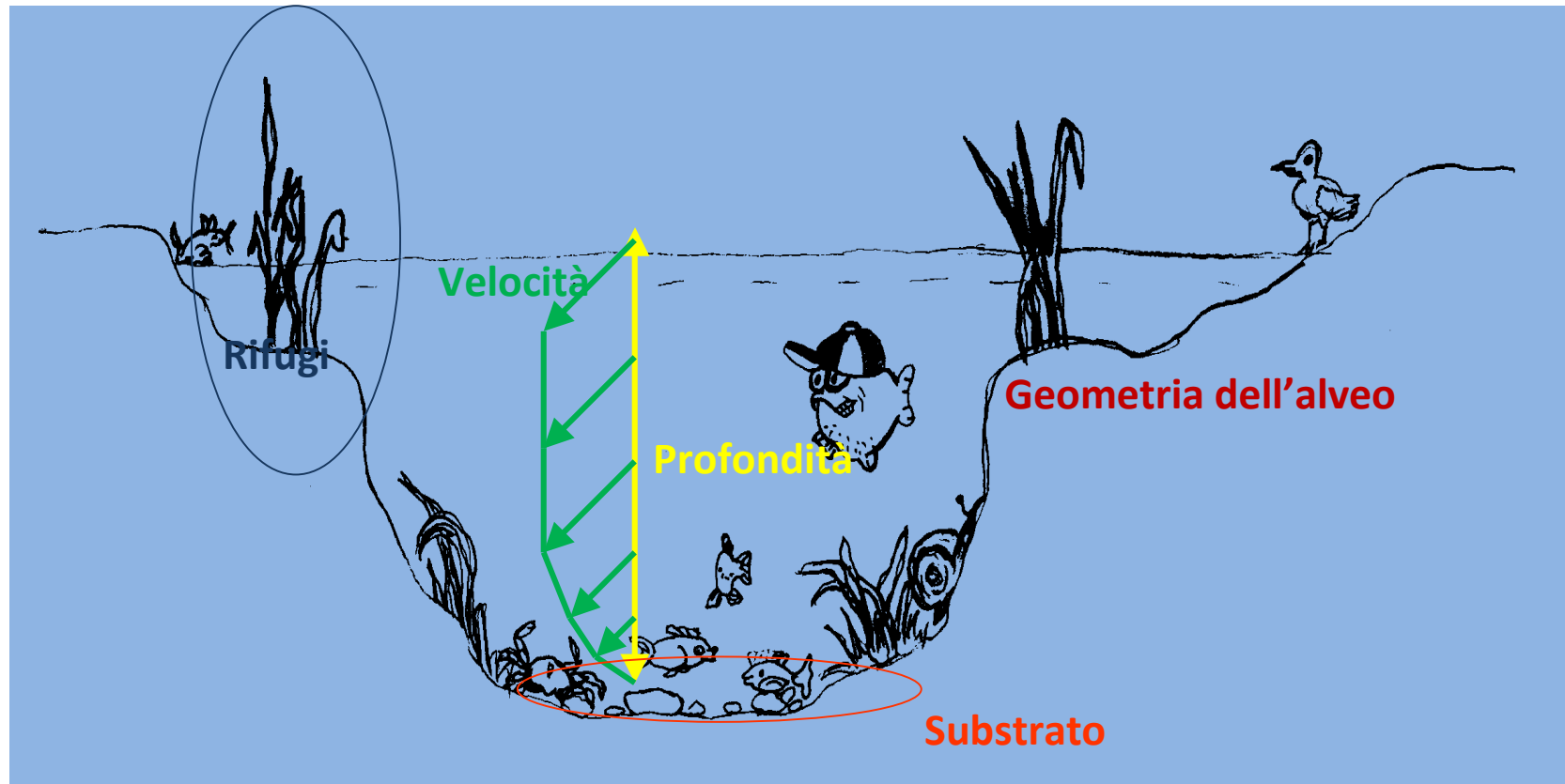
Pro e cons, campo di applicazione

Methodology category	General purpose	Scale	Duration of assessment (months)	Relative costs	Relative frequency of use	
Hydrological	Examination of historic flow data to find flow levels that naturally occur in a river and can be considered "safe" thresholds for flow abstractions	Whole rivers; applicable for regional assessments	1-6	+	+++	NATURAL WB Macroregione
Hydrobiological	Examination of change in the amount of physical habitat for a selected set of target species or communities as a function of discharge	Applied at a study site / river segment scale, upscaling to whole river basin based on the assumption of "representative" site conditions	6-18	++	++	Distretto Bacino Corpo idrico
WSHGI	Examination of flows in an expert opinion workshop leading to recommendation of flows for all components of the river ecosystem, including societal and recreational uses	Whole rivers; applicable regional or river specific scales	12-36	++-+++	+(increasing)	HMWB Corpo idrico

# *Regime idrologico > morfologia > habitat... biota!*

$\Delta Q > 0 = \Delta h, \Delta L, \Delta v, \Delta A$  Area bagnata = unità di habitat disponibile

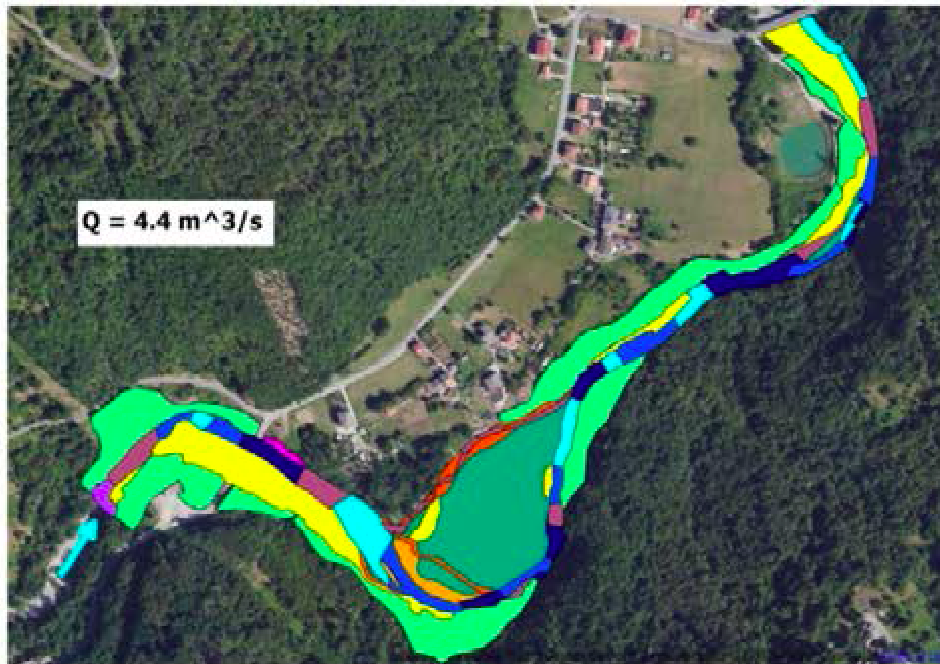
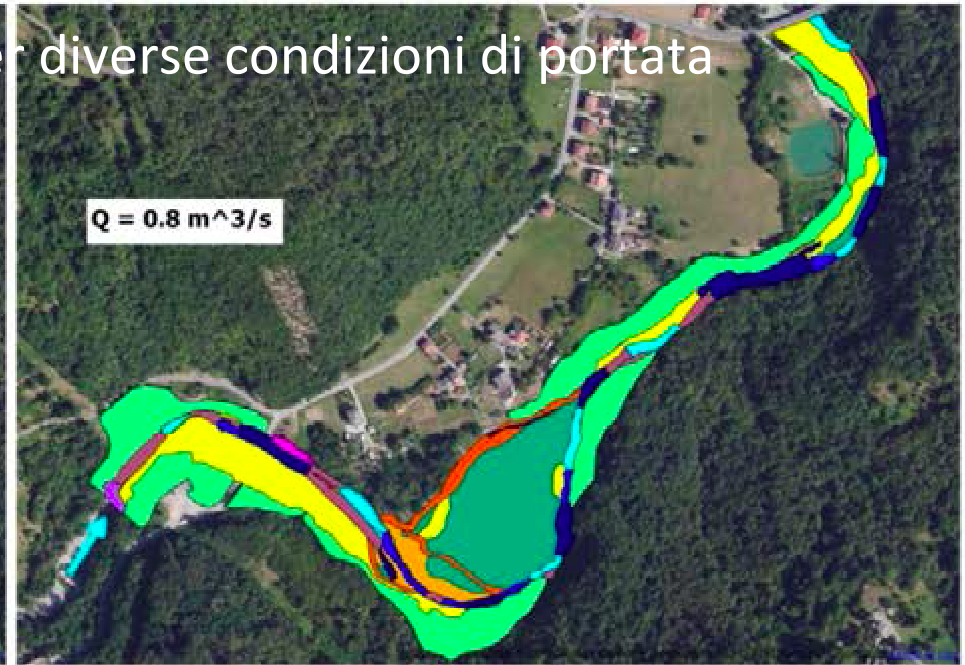
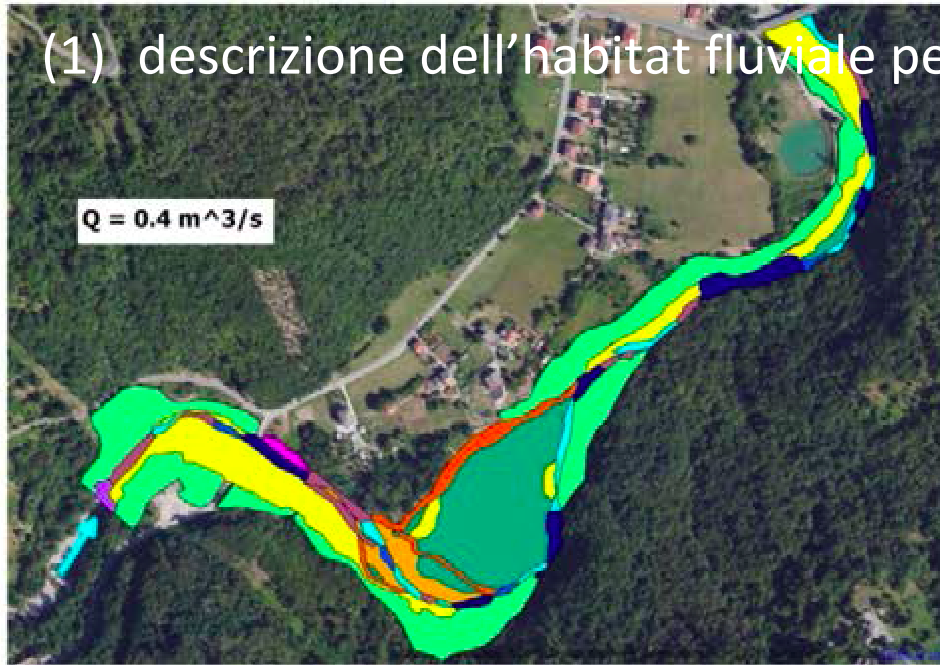
% alveo bagnato nel tempo = disponibilità spazio temporale di habitat



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Parametro diretto, misurato quantitativamente: metodi quantitativi sulla disponibilità spazio-temporale di habitat (es. Vezza et al. 2014) possono supportare direttamente il processo valutativo WFD.

(1) descrizione dell'habitat fluviale per diverse condizioni di portata



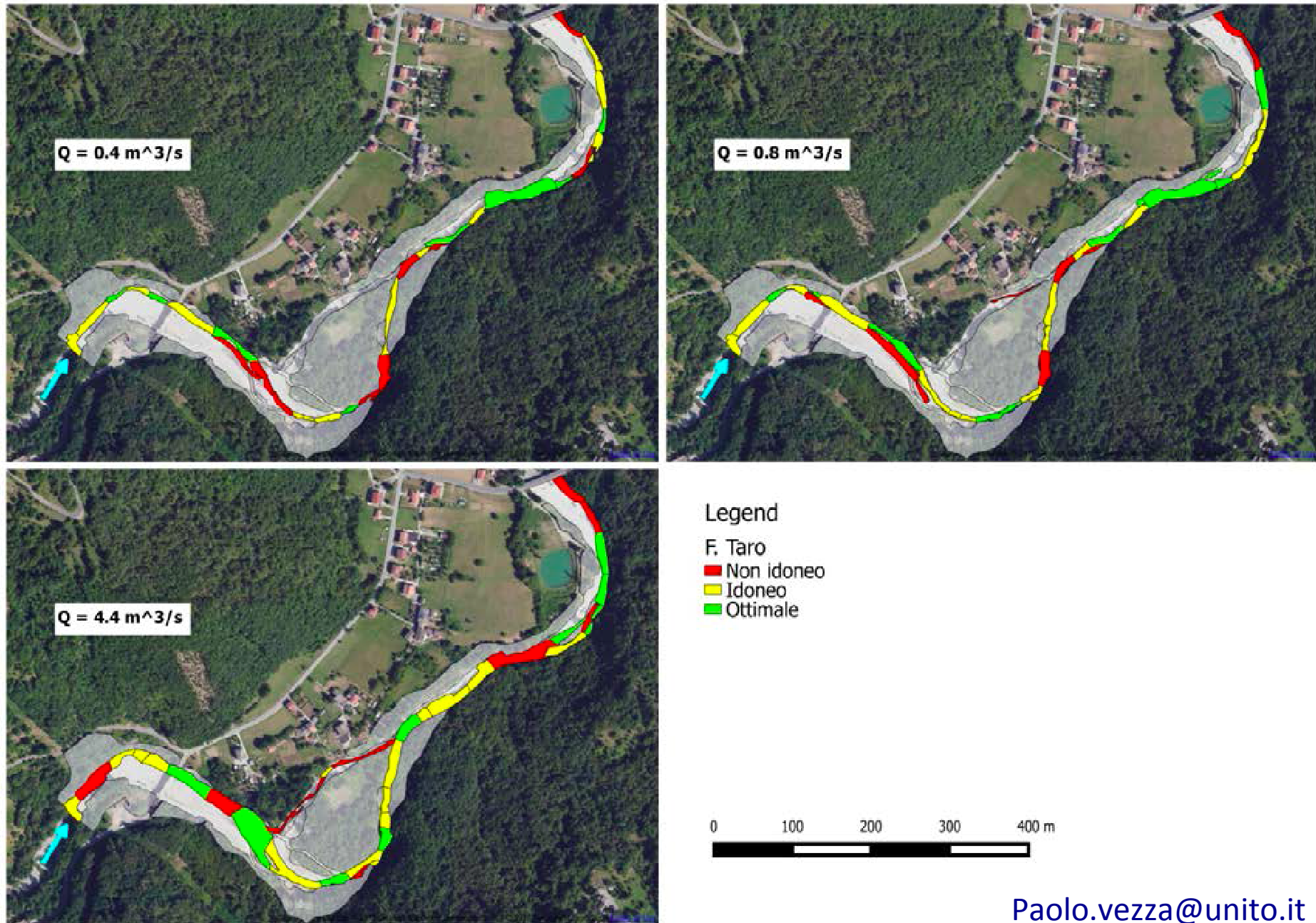
Legend

- F. Taro
- CP - *plunge pool*
- CP - *pool*
- CR - *rapid*
- CF - *riffle*
- CG - *glide*
- EC - *barra centrale*
- EA - *barra laterale*
- FM - *bench*
- ED - *canale emerso*
- VI - *isola*
- F - *zona ripariale*

Classificazione SUM  
(ISPRA 2015)



## 2. applicazione dei modelli biologici di idoneità d'habitat





### 3. IH – Indice di integrità dell'habitat

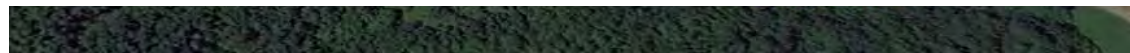
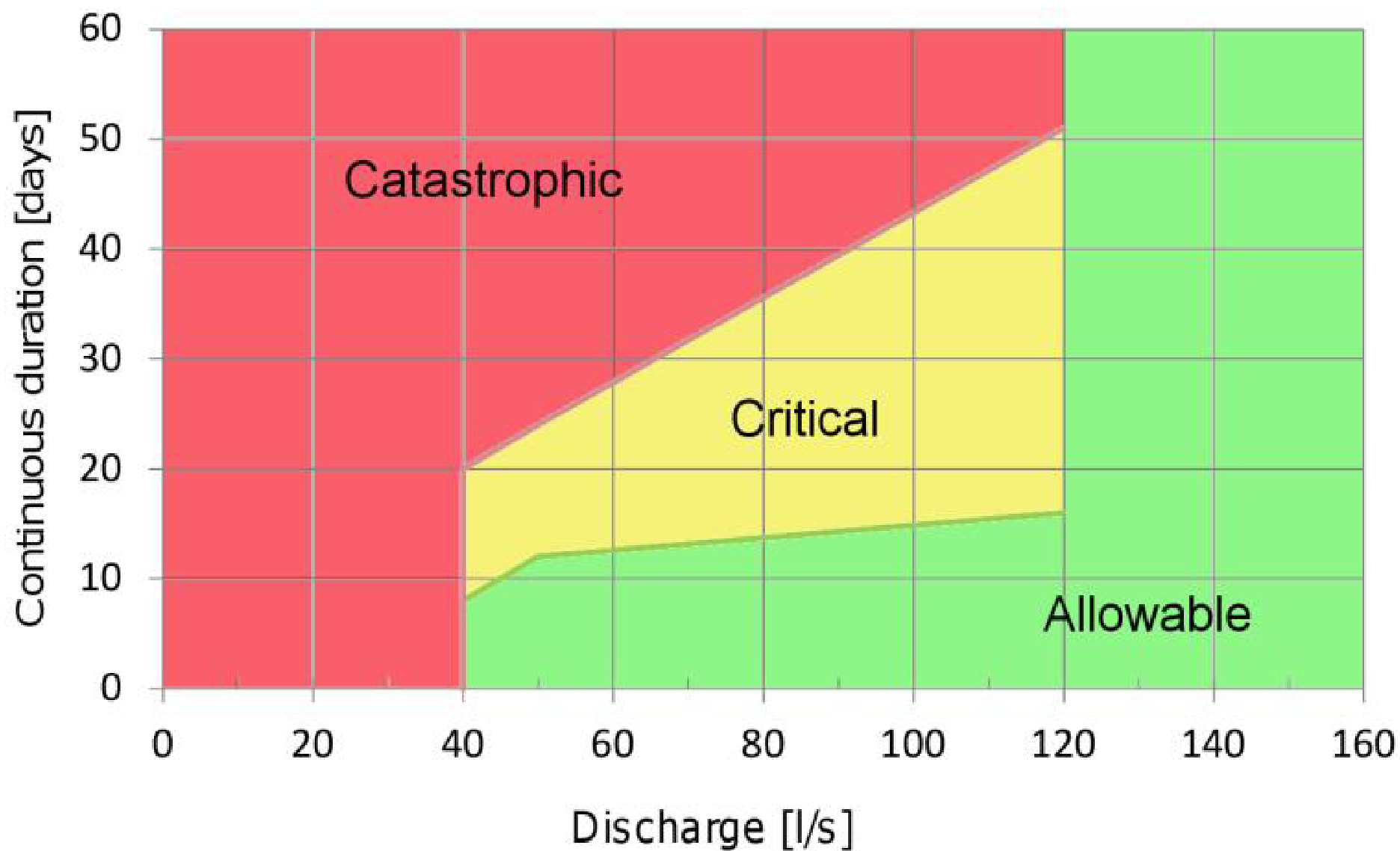




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## SUM

**Sistema di rilevamento e  
classificazione delle unità  
morfologiche dei corsi  
d'acqua**




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NATURAL WB



HMWB

Macroregione



Distretto  
Bacino  
Corpo idrico

Corpo idrico

Necessità di dati idromorfologici consistenti per avere stime di e-flows con grado accettabile di incertezza!

## *Criticità e conclusioni*

- Mancanza di dati hymo limita la stima delle e-flows: necessità monitoraggio hymo!
  - Non considerazione dinamica sedimenti nella stima e-flows mina raggiungimento obiettivi ambientali: non disaccoppiare hy-mo!
  - Mancanza di conoscenze sulle relazioni quantitative tra press/misure hymo e risposta biologica: più monitoraggio hymo e bio ..(FP7 REFORM: [www.reformeurivers.com](http://www.reformeurivers.com))
- Bilancio idrico in tempo quasi-reale per modificare rapidamente ed efficacemente le strategie di gestione regime idrologico!





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**Sistema di rilevamento e**  
**classificazione delle**  
**morfologiche**



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MANUALI E GUIDA

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**GRAZIE PER L'ATTENZIONE**