





Information Management & Mine Action Programs

| MONTHLY REPORT                                       |   |
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#### A. OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR LAST MONTH - OVERVIEW

In the context of the project "Impact evaluation of SLM options to achieve land degradation neutrality in Tunisia", different tasks were performed for the period 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, targeting specifically the following objectives:

(1) finalise the mapping of the SLM technologies across the land use cover types of the two pilot sites and surrounding areas, clean the geodatabase and produce the metadata files;

(2) write a technical report on the mapping of the SLM practices. Further details will be provided on the mapping method and the interpretation of the outputs;

(3) upload the mapped SLM technologies into the WebGIS OxC and check for the correct properties of the raster database domain of the WebGIS OxC.

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### B. OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS IN GIS-BASED SLM OxC DATA DEVELOPMENT

Table 1 below provides an overview of the SLM being mapped in the two sites. The site of Zaghouan is covered by the SAEZ 2, 3, 4 and 5 whereas the Medenine site in the south covers SAEZ 8 and 9. For the Excel templates, the percentage of progress is provided relatively to reference data source as provided in WOCAT database and LADA report of Tunisia. These databases are the most well documented literature available on SLM technologies in Tunisia.

| SLM  | Technique | References                     | Socio-                  | Land Use        | Name of documented of   | Name of visual file of the SLM                                    |
|------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| ID   |           |                                | Agricultural            | System (LUS)    | the SLM OxC template  | <b>OxC</b> (syntax: <technique>_<saez< th=""></saez<></technique> |
|      |           |                                | Ecological              | (if the SLM is  | (syntax:  | code>_ <alus code="">_<short name<="" th=""></short></alus>       |
|      |           |                                | Zone (SAEZ)             | selected, then  | <technique>_<saez< th=""><th>of documenter&gt;.zip; zip file</th></saez<></technique> | of documenter>.zip; zip file                                      |
|      |           |                                | (if the SLM is          | write the       | code>_ <alus< th=""><th>includes: 5 files of GIS shape + a</th></alus<>               | includes: 5 files of GIS shape + a                                |
|      |           |                                | selected, then          | relevant code   | code>_ <short name="" of<="" th=""><th>Google Earth image of an example</th></short>  | Google Earth image of an example                                  |
|      |           |                                | write the               | in <u>ANNEX</u> | documenter>.xlsm)   | site in jpg + 1-2 field photos in jpg                             |
|      |           |                                | relevant code in        | <u>1b</u> )     |   | + a technical sketch of the                                       |
|      |           |                                | ANNEX 1a)               |                 |   | technique in jpg)   |
|      |           | ecifically water and so        |                         |                 |   |   |
| 1.1. | Jessours  | Tunisian LADA                  | SAEZ8                   | ALUS2           | Jessours SAEZ8 ALUS2 B  | Jessours SAEZ8 ALUS2 BD.zip                                       |
|      |           | Report 2010;                   |                         |                 | <u>D.xlsm</u>   | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                               |
|      |           | WOCAT Database                 |                         |                 | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |   |
|      |           | 2017                           | <b>A</b> 1 <b>B B B</b> |                 |   |   |
|      |           |                                | ZAEZ9                   | ALUS2           | Jessours_SAEZ9_ALUS2_B  | Jessours_SAEZ9_ALUS2_BD.zip                                       |
|      |           |                                |                         |                 | $\underline{\text{D.xlsm}}$   | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                               |
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| 1.2. | Tabia     | Tunisian LADA                  | SAEZ8                   | ALUS2           | Tabias SAEZ8 ALUS2 BD   | Tabias SAEZ8 ALUS2 BD.zip   |
|      |           | Report 2010;<br>WOCAT Database |                         |                 | <u>.xlsm</u><br>(1st version completed)   | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                               |
|      |           | 2017                           |                         |                 | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |   |
|      |           | 2017                           | SAEZ8                   | ALUS5           | Tabias SAEZ8 ALUS5 BD   | Tabias SAEZ8 ALUS5 BD.zip   |
|      |           |                                | SALZO                   | ALUSJ           |   | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                               |
|      |           |                                |                         |                 | $(1^{\text{st}} \text{ version completed})$   | (1 version completed)   |
|      |           |                                |                         |                 | (1 version completed)   |   |
|      |           |                                | SAEZ9                   | ALUS2           | Tabias SAEZ9 ALUS2 BD   | Tabias SAEZ9 ALUS2 BD.zip   |
|      |           |                                |                         |                 | <u>.xlsm</u>  | (1st version completed)   |
|      |           |                                |                         |                 | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |   |

Table 1. Overview of the mapping SLM technologies

|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ9 | ALUS5 | Tabias_SAEZ9_ALUS5_BD<br>.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)        | Tabias_SAEZ9_ALUS5_BD.zip<br>(1st version completed)          |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--|---|
| 1.3. | Mechanical bench<br>terraces | Roose E. (2002)<br>Roose E. (2005) | SAEZ2 | ALUS1 | <u>Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ</u><br><u>2 ALUS1 BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed) | Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ2_ALU<br>S1_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ2 | ALUS2 | Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ<br><u>2 ALUS2 BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)        | Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ2_ALU<br>S2_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ2 | ALUS3 | Mechanised terraces SAEZ<br><u>2_ALUS3_BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)        | Mechanised terraces SAEZ2 ALU<br>S3_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ3 | ALUS1 | Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ<br><u>3 ALUS1 BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)        | Mechanised terraces_SAEZ3_ALU<br>S1_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ3 | ALUS3 | Mechanised_terraces_SAEZ<br><u>3 ALUS2 BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)        | Mechanised terraces_SAEZ3_ALU<br>S2_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ3 | ALUS3 | Mechanised terraces SAEZ<br><u>3_ALUS3_BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)        | Mechanised terraces SAEZ3 ALU<br>S3_BD.zip<br>(75% completed) |
| 1.4. | Manual bench<br>terraces     | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010       | SAEZ2 | ALUS2 | Manual terraces SAEZ2 A<br>LUS2_BD.xlsm<br>(25% completed)                   | Manual terraces SAEZ2 ALUS2<br>BD.zip<br>(100% completed)     |
| 1.5. | Stone bund<br>terraces       | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010       | SAEZ2 | ALUS2 | Stone bundsSAEZ2ALUS2BD.xlsm(25% completed)                                  | Stone bunds SAEZ2 ALUS2 BD.<br>zip<br>(100% completed)        |
|      |                              |                                    | SAEZ9 | ALUS7 | Stone_bunds_SAEZ9_ALU<br>S7_BD.xlsm  | <u>Stone_bunds_SAEZ9_ALUS7_BD.</u><br>zip                     |

|  |  |   |  | (25% completed)   | (100 % completed)  |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Gabion check<br>dams                                   | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010   | SAEZ8   | ALUS1  | Gabions_SAEZ8_ALUS1_B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | <u>Gabions_SAEZ8_ALUS1_BD.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |
|  | WOCAT Database<br>2017   | SAEZ9   | ALUS1  | Gabions SAEZ9 ALUS1 B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | Gabions SAEZ9 ALUS1 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
|  |  | SAEZ2   | ALUS1  | Gabions SAEZ2 ALUS1 B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | Gabions SAEZ2 ALUS1 BD.zip   |
|  |  | SAEZ2   | ALUS2  | Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS2_B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS2_BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
|  |  | SAEZ3   | ALUS1  | Gabions SAEZ3 ALUS1 B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | Gabions SAEZ3 ALUS1 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
|  |  | SAEZ3   | ALUS2  | Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS2_B<br>D.xlsm<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  | Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS2_BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
| Individual micro-<br>catchment                         |  | SAEZ2   | ALUS2  | <u>Micro-</u><br><u>catchment_SAEZ2_ALUS2</u><br><u>BD.xlsm</u><br>(25% completed)  | <u>micro-</u><br><u>catchment_SAEZ2xALUS2_BD.zi</u><br><u>p</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |
| 2. Techniques for controlling sand dune mobility       |  |   |  |   |  |
| Usage of palm<br>leaves for sand<br>dune stabilisation | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010;<br>WOCAT Database<br>2017  | SAEZ8<br>SAEZ8  | ALUS1<br>ALUS3   | Palm_fences_SAEZ8_ALUS1_BD.xlsm(75 % 1st version completed)Palm_fences_SAEZ8_ALUS3_BD.xlsm(75 % 1st version completed)  | Palm_fences_SAEZ8_ALUS1_BD.<br>zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)<br>Palm_fences_SAEZ8_ALUS3_BD.<br>zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |
|  | dams dams lindividual micro- catchment lindividual micro- catchment lindividual micro- catchment | dams       Report 2010         WOCAT Database 2017         WOCAT Database 2017         Individual micro-catchment         Individual micro-catchment         Usage of palm leaves for sand dune mobility         Vusage of palm leaves for sand dune mobility         WocAT Database         WOCAT Database | damsReport 2010WOCAT Database<br>2017SAEZ9SAEZ2SAEZ2SAEZ2SAEZ2SAEZ3SAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3 | damsReport 2010WOCAT Database<br>2017SAEZ9ALUS1WOCAT Database<br>2017SAEZ2ALUS1SAEZ2ALUS1SAEZ2ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2Individual micro-<br>catchmentSAEZ3ALUS2 | Gabion check<br>dams     Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010     SAEZ8     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ8_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       WOCAT Database<br>2017     SAEZ9     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ9_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       SAEZ2     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       SAEZ2     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       SAEZ2     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       SAEZ2     ALUS2     Gabions_SAEZ2_ALUS2_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       SAEZ3     ALUS1     Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS1_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       Individual micro-<br>catchment     SAEZ3     ALUS2     Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS2_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       Individual micro-<br>catchment     SAEZ2     ALUS2     Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS2_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(1st version completed)       Individual micro-<br>catchment     SAEZ2     ALUS2     Gabions_SAEZ3_ALUS2_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(2st completed)       Individual micro-<br>catchment     SAEZ2     ALUS2     Micro-<br>catchment_SAEZ2_ALUS2_B<br>D_xlsm<br>(2st completed)       Usage of palm<br>leaves for sand<br>dune stabilisation     Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010;<br>WOCAT Database<br>2017     SAEZ8     ALUS1     Palm fences_SAEZ8_ALU<br>S3_BD_xlsm |

| 2.2.   | Biological   | Tunisian LADA   | SAEZ9       | ALUS6 | Biological_fixation_dunes_S  | Biological_fixation_dunes_SAEZ9                                     |
|--------|--|---|-------------|-------|--|---|
|        | stabilisation of sand dunes                              | Report 2010;<br>WOCAT Database<br>2017                  |             |       | <u>AEZ9_ALUS6_BD.xlsm</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                                   | <u>ALUS6_BD.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)          |
| 3. Tec | hniques for rangelaı                                     | nds management and i                                    | improvement |       |  |   |
| 3.1.   | Rangeland fallow<br>cropping<br>(rangeland<br>resting)   | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010;<br>WOCAT Database<br>2017 | SAEZ9       | ALUS6 | Rangeland         resting_SAEZ9_ALUS6_B         D.xlsm         (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed) | Rangeland<br>resting SAEZ9_ALUS6_BD.zip<br>(Not yet)                |
| 3.2.   | Conservation of<br>degraded<br>rangelands                | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010;                           | SAEZ9       | ALUS6 | Not mapped because an approx<br>enclosure techniques   | ach for rangeland resting and area                                  |
| 3.3.   | Area enclosure   |   | SAEZ8       | ALUS6 | Area enclosure BD.xlsm<br>(75 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                                 | Area enclosure BD.zip<br>(75% completed)                            |
| 4. Agr | onomic techniques a                                      |   |             |       |  |   |
| 4.1.   | Deficit irrigation<br>with salted water<br>in arid areas | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010                            |             |       | Deficit_irrigation.xlsm<br>(pending)   | Deficit_irrigation.zip<br>(pending)                                 |
| 5. Tec |  | ecifically water harve                                  | sting       |       |  |   |
| 5.1.   | Hill reservoirs<br>(lakes and dams)                      | Technical reports<br>(DGACTA, 2005)                     | SAEZ2       | ALUS1 | Hill_dam_SAEZ2_ALUS1_<br>BD.xlsm<br>(50 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                       | Hill_dam_SAEZ2_ALUS1_BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
|        |  |   | SEAZ3       | ALUS1 | Hill dam SAEZ3 ALUS1<br>BD.xlsm<br>(50 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                        | Hill dam SAEZ3 ALUS1 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)  |
|        |  |   | SAEZ2       | ALUS1 | Hill_lake_SAEZ2_ALUS1_<br>BD.xlsm<br>(50 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                      | Hill_lake_SAEZ2_ALUS1_BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed) |
|        |  |   | SAEZ3       | ALUS1 | Hill lake SAEZ3 ALUS1<br>BD.xlsm<br>(50 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                       | Hill lake SAEZ3 ALUS1 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed) |
|        |  |   | SAEZ5       | ALUS1 | Hill lake SAEZ5 ALUS1  | Hill lake SAEZ5 ALUS1 BD.zip  |

|         |                               |                              |       |       | BD.xlsm   | (1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)   |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|---|---|
|         |                               |                              |       |       | $(50 \% 1^{\text{st}} \text{ version completed})$   | (i version completed)   |
| 5.2.    | Citerns                       | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010 | SAEZ8 | ALUS3 | Citerns_SAEZ8_ALUS3_B<br>D.xlsm<br>(75 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)               | <u>Citerns_SAEZ8_ALUS3_BD.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                    |
|         |                               |                              | SAEZ9 | ALUS3 | <u>Citerns SAEZ9 ALUS3 B</u><br><u>D.xlsm</u><br>(75 % 1 <sup>st</sup> version completed) | <u>Citerns SAEZ9 ALUS3 BD.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                    |
| 5.3.    | Wells in desert               | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010 | SAEZ8 | ALUS5 | Wells in         desert SAEZ8 ALUS5 BD.         xlsm         (20 % completed)             | <u>Wells in</u><br><u>desert SAEZ8xALUS5.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)     |
| 5.4.    | Oasis in desert               | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010 | SAEZ8 | ALUS3 | Oasis SAEZ8 ALUS3 BD.<br>xlsm<br>(20 % completed)   | Oasis SAEZ8 ALUS3 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                             |
|         |                               |                              | SAEZ9 | ALUS3 | Oasis SAEZ9 ALUS3 BD.<br>xlsm<br>(20 % completed)   | Oasis SAEZ9 ALUS3 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                             |
| 5.5.    | Artesian well                 |                              | SAEZ8 | ALUS4 | Artesian well SAEZ8 ALU<br><u>S4 BD.xlsm</u><br>(20 % completed)                          | Artesian well SAEZ8 ALUS4 B<br>D.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                 |
| 5.6.    | Recharge wells                | WOCAT database               | SAEZ9 | ALUS1 | Recharge         well       SAEZ9xALUS1       BD.x         lsm       (75 % completed)     | Recharge<br>well SAEZ9xALUS1 BD.zip<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed)                  |
| 6. Tree | e-based techniques            |                              |       |       |   |   |
| 6.1.    | Reforestation/tree plantation | Tunisian LADA<br>Report 2010 | SAEZ3 | ALUS4 | Tree_plantation_SAEZ8_ALUS4_BD.xlsm(75 % 1st version completed)                           | <u>Tree_plantation_SAEZ8_ALUS4_</u><br><u>BD.zip</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> version completed) |

# C. FURTHER DETAILS IN ASSOCIATED OUTCOMES OF COMPLETED OBJECTIVES

**C1.** (**Objective 1**). mapping of the SLM technologies and clean the geodatabase and produce the metadata files

Regarding this objective, the mapping of SLM technologies was pursued in terms of the spatial occurrence in the two study sites. The database was reorganized per socio-agro-ecological zones (SAEZ) (<u>Annex 1a</u>) and aggregated land use systems (ALUS) (<u>Annex 1b</u>) as given in the <u>overview table</u> above. The <u>full database of the SLM technologies</u> contains the following:

- GIS shapefile data (ESRI format) for each SLM technology
- Google Earth image (.jpg format) for showing the patterns of each SLM technology. The images are described by a short title, the location, the scale
- 1 to 2 field photos (.jpg format) of the SLM technologies. Each field photo is described by providing a short caption, the source and the date taken.
- Filled in standardised SLM OxC form (.xlsm format) for each SLM technology;
- Technical sketch (.jpg format) for some SLM technologies (based on the availability). The source and some technical specifications (if available) of the sketch are mentionned.

Though twenty-one (21) SLM were the mapping focus for both sites, currently the database is prepared for <u>19 SLM techniques</u>. The underlying reason of the reduction of the SLM number is the confusion between SLM technologies and SLM approaches. Consequently, some of the previously listed SLMs techniques (which are approaches) cannot be mapped as an approach refers to "*the ways and means used to implement an SLM Technology, including the stakeholders involved and their roles*" (WOCAT definition). Referring to the same source, an SLM technology is "*a land management practice that controls land degradation and enhances productivity and/ or other ecosystem services*". So, only concrete implementation of an SLM approach on the ground (i.e. SLM the technology) can be mapped in the context of this research. In addition, some SLM technologies cannot be located since they were not visited during field works. In addition, even though the SLM OxC templates are filled in for the SLM techniques "Mgouds", "Meskats", and "Salt water deficit irrigation", they could not be mapped as their exact location cannot be detected.

The database cleaning is not yet fully undertaken as it may require some revisions from the supervisors to tailor the database according to the need and expectation of the project. In this regard, the metadata files production is pending and will be finalized once the database is cleaned. Follow-up work will be reported in June report. C2. (Objective 2): writing a technical report on the mapping of the SLM practices.

Planned for the month of May, the further details on the mapping and description of the SLM technologies in the two sites of Tunisia were not provided as expected. The reorganisation of the database took much more time than planned. In addition, other activities mentioned in Sub-section C4 affected the work flow planned for the month. Currently, a draft <u>skeleton</u> of the technical report is built.

**C3.** (**Objective 3**). Upload the mapped SLM technologies into the WebGIS OxC and checking for the correct properties of the raster database domain of the WebGIS OxC.

- Uploading SLM online for testing

The SLM GIS database generated during April were uploaded on the WebGIS for testing and improving if needed. The information stored in the SLM templates were used to generate the ESRI shapefile attributes. The <u>uploaded test data</u> and their <u>visualisation</u> in the WebGIS are being improved in collaboration with the WebGIS developer.

- Checking RASTER dataset in the WebGIS

All the raster data in the WebGIS domain were checked to ensure consistency of their properties with the original datasets. The revised list of raster and their correct properties is provided in an <u>Excel file.</u>

**C4.** (Other activities). These tasks refer to the unplanned package performed during the month.

- Overview of SLM database in WOCAT online and Liniger (2011)

An overview of the SLM technologies available in <u>WOCAT online</u> and in the WOCAT book (Liniger et al, 2011) were retrieved to produce a <u>database</u> (Excel format) at national, regional levels. In addition, the WOCAT online data were used to generate database on the spatial distribution of the SLM technologies in <u>Africa and MENA regions</u>. The Liniger et al (2011) book was used to generate the distribution of SLM in <u>SubSaharan Africa</u>. All the database is stored as ESRI <u>GIS shapefile</u>.

- Mapping the global food security index for feeding the WebGIS tool

A map of the global food security index (GFSI) was generated based on <u>downloaded</u> <u>primary data</u> specific to 113 countries. These data in <u>Excel model</u> (.xlsm format) were used to generate a <u>GIS database</u> (ESRI shape files, raster map and other associated files) on GFSI. This raster is generated for feeding the WebGIS data domain.

- SLM form revisions Excel template and online form:

The different sections of the SLM online form were reviewed in collaboration with other project team members to ensure easy data inputs, checking variables and options in line with the Excel OxC template. The latter was reorganised according to the different sections (Version 3 in English). In coordination with other project team members, assistance is being provided to the web developer to improve the SLM online form.

- Learning the WebGIS platform

Some learning steps in how to monitor and handle GIS Raster in the WebGIS domain were undertaken using the WebGIS installation guide. Further learning is on-going for mastering the steps for uploading, changing or removing raster files in the WebGIS domain.

#### D. ASSOCIATED CHALLENGES OF COMPLETED MONTHLY OBJECTIVES

Challenges during this month are threefold:

- Challenge is related to the on-screen identification through Google Earth engine of some non-visited SLM technologies. The case of "deficient salt water irrigation" for instance. This also reduces the number of final elected SLM technologies to be mapped in the context of this project.
- The second challenge associated to the same objective is the filling of the full SLM form. There is no sufficient information available to fully fill in all the standardised SLM OxC templates.
- A third challenge is mostly related to the learning of the WebGIS platform which requires some knowledge in programing/coding. So basically, there is a need to undertake basic understanding of the programing languages (Java, Python and Linux Ubuntu).

#### E. NARRATIVE & LESSONS LEARNED

Many different tasks to be performed during this month of May. In connection with my supervisors, the SLM database will continuously be improved and shaped (as a data is always subjected to revisions if needed) to fit the needs of the project. Based on the performed tasks, it is always surprising to realize that the extent and soundness of the planned activities are far beyond the time frame, especially when the work focus is not only related to the scheduled activities.

Even though the tasks were hectic and time-consuming, there was a simulating environment for exploring new knowledge and tools domains. Although self-paced and self-learning demarche, I found interesting the exploration of these new domains. Given the priority of certain tasks (mostly related to generating the SLM database and improving the SLM online form), less focus was given to the learning processes. Hopefully that improvement will be made during the next months.

#### F. OBJECTIVES PROJECTED FOR NEXT MONTH

Given that the objective on mapping SLM is uncompleted during the reported month, the main tasks for June 2017 will be:

- Clean the SLM database and finalise the online uploading
- Finalise the technical report on the SLM mapping
- Raster uploading, removal and change processes in the WebGIS
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## LIST OF ANNEXES

| Name of SAEZ     | CODE of | Key characterization  | Reference                |
|------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|
|                  | SAEZ    |   |                          |
| Mogods and       | SAEZ1   | <b>Area</b> : 319 518 ha  | CNEA/Elaboration         |
| Kroumerie        |         | Subdivisions: none  | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                  |         | Climate: humid;   | de désertification pour  |
|                  |         | Vegetation/Tree density: Forests/high                                       | une gestion durable      |
|                  |         | Land use: important siylvo-pastoral potential                               | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                  |         | <b>Relief</b> : Hills and mountains   |                          |
|                  |         | Governorates: Beja; Jendouba  |                          |
| Nord Est Cap Bon | SAEZ2   | <b>Area</b> : 802 395 ha  | <b>CNEA</b> /Elaboration |
|                  |         | Subdivisions: none  | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                  |         | Climate: Humid, sub-humid, semi-arid  | de désertification pour  |
|                  |         | Vegetation/Tree density: Forest/medium                                      | une gestion durable      |
|                  |         | Land use: Tree and cereal crops   | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                  |         | <b>Relief</b> : plains, hills (^200 m), large valleys, domes (^637 m)       |                          |
|                  |         | Governorates: Bizerte, Ariana, Beja, Ben Arous, Nabeul, Zaghouan            |                          |
| Dorsale et Tell  | SAEZ3   | <b>Area</b> : 2 365 584 ha  | <b>CNEA</b> /Elaboration |
|                  |         | <b>Climate</b> : Sub-humid to semi-arid ( $Pmm = 500 - 900 \text{ mm/yr}$ ) | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                  |         | Vegetation/Tree density: Forests/ Low (on top hills)                        | de désertification pour  |
|                  |         | Land use: Tree and cereal crops   | une gestion durable      |
|                  |         | <b>Relief</b> : hills (>200 m) and mountains (up to 1300 m), vast plains    | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                  |         | Governorates: Jendouba, Beja, Kef, Bizerte, Kairouan, Siliana,              |                          |
|                  |         | Sousse, Kasserine   |                          |
| Basse steppe     | SAEZ4   | <b>Area</b> : 1 866 494 ha  | <b>CNEA</b> /Elaboration |
|                  |         | Sub-divisions: Sidi Mhaddeb; Sousse sahel, Sfax sahel, Basse steppe         | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                  |         | Climate: Humid to subhumid  | de désertification pour  |
|                  |         | Vegetation/Tree density:  | une gestion durable      |

Annex 1a. List of Socio-agricultural ecological zones (SAEZ)

|                      |       | Land use: tree crops, cereal crops, rangelands                       | des RN/Avril2007         |
|----------------------|-------|--|--------------------------|
|                      |       | <b>Relief</b> : Plateaus, plains, domes                              |                          |
|                      |       | Governorates: Sfax, Gabes, Mhadia, Sousse, Sidi BouZid, Kairouan,    |                          |
|                      |       | Monastir   |                          |
| Haute steppe         | SAEZ5 | <b>Area</b> : 1 243 012 ha   | CNEA/Elaboration         |
|                      |       | Subdivisions : Hautes steppes agricoles ; Hautes steppes alfatières  | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                      |       | Climate: Semi-arid   | de désertification pour  |
|                      |       | Vegetation/Tree density: Shrubs & herbaceous/Low                     | une gestion durable      |
|                      |       | Land use: tree crops, cereal crops                                   | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                      |       | Relief: plains, Plateaus (700 m), Mountains                          |                          |
|                      |       | Governorates: Kasserine, Siliana, Kairouan, Sidi BouZid, Sfax, Gafsa |                          |
| Chainons atlassiques | SAEZ6 | <b>Area</b> : 698 554 ha   | <b>CNEA/Elaboration</b>  |
|                      |       | Subdivisions: none   | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                      |       | Climate: Arid  | de désertification pour  |
|                      |       | Vegetation/Tree density: Sparse shrubs/ Low                          | une gestion durable      |
|                      |       | Land use: agriculture  | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                      |       | <b>Relief:</b> Mountains $(400 - 600 \text{ m})$                     |                          |
|                      |       | Governorates: Gafsa, Sidi Bouzid, Kebili, Sfax, Gabes                |                          |
| Chotts               | SAEZ7 | <b>Area</b> : 1 964 074 ha   | <b>CNEA</b> /Elaboration |
|                      |       | Sub-divisions: none  | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                      |       | Climate: arid  | de désertification pour  |
|                      |       | Vegetation/Tree density: sparse steppe, psammophile                  | une gestion durable      |
|                      |       | Land use: tree and cereal crops in oasis, Rangelands                 | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                      |       | Relief: Plains   |                          |
|                      |       | Governorates: Kebili, Tozeur, Gafsa, Gabes                           |                          |
| Dahar et Matmata     | SAEZ8 | <b>Area</b> : 1 879 603 ha   | <b>CNEA</b> /Elaboration |
|                      |       | Sub-divisions: none  | d'une étude sur l'état   |
|                      |       | Climate: arid  | de désertification pour  |
|                      |       | Vegetation/Tree density: Mountain alfa and forest patches, sparse to | une gestion durable      |
|                      |       | dense low vegetation   | des RN/Avril2007         |
|                      |       | Land use: rare crops, rare rangelands                                |                          |

|                   |        | <b>Relief</b> : hills, mountains                |                         |
|-------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|
|                   |        | Governorates: Gabes, Kebeli, Medenine, Tatouine |                         |
| Jeffara- El Ouara | SAEZ9  | <b>Area</b> : 1 591 197 ha                      | CNEA/Elaboration        |
|                   |        | Sub-divisions: El Ouara, Jeffara                | d'une étude sur l'état  |
|                   |        | Climate: arid (Saharan Mediterranean)           | de désertification pour |
|                   |        | Vegetation/Tree density: halophile steppe       | une gestion durable     |
|                   |        | Land use: Rangelands, tree crops, cereal crops  | des RN/Avril2007        |
|                   |        | <b>Relief</b> : plains                          |                         |
|                   |        | Governorates: Medenine, Tatouine, Gabes         |                         |
| Grand Erg         | SAEZ10 | <b>Area</b> : 2 761 748 ha                      | CNEA/Elaboration        |
| 0                 |        | Subdivisions: None                              | d'une étude sur l'état  |
|                   |        | Climate: arid                                   | de désertification pour |
|                   |        | Vegetation/Tree density: sparse vegetation      | une gestion durable     |
|                   |        | Land use: rare rangelands, parks and reserves   | des RN/Avril2007        |
|                   |        | <b>Relief</b> : sand dunes                      |                         |
|                   |        | Governorates: Kebili, Gabes, Tataouine          |                         |

| Annex 1b. List of Aggregated Land Use Sy | ystems (ALUS). Sources: DGACTA- Tunisia (2008) |
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| Aggregated LUS (ALUS)              | CODE for ALUS | Primary LUS in Tunisian LADA classification     | Code for primary LUS    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|
|                                    |               | (multiple categories be separated by semicolon) |                         |
|                                    |               | Citrus trees                                    | Cr_irrig_citrus         |
|                                    |               | Tree crops                                      | Cr_irrig_tree           |
| Irrigated Crops                    | ALUS1         | Garden market crops                             | Cr_irrig_gard           |
|                                    |               | Palm trees                                      | Cr_irrig_palm           |
|                                    |               | Great crops                                     | Cr_irrig_great          |
|                                    |               | Citrus trees                                    | Cr_rain_citrus          |
|                                    |               | Garden market crops                             | Cr_rain_gard            |
|                                    |               | Great crops                                     | Cr_rain_great           |
| Rainfed crops                      | ALUS2         | Olive trees                                     | Cr_rain_oliv            |
| -                                  |               | Palm trees                                      | Cr_rain_palm            |
|                                    |               | Orchards  | Cr_rain_orch            |
|                                    |               | Vineyard  | Cr_rain_vine            |
| <b>NT • • 4 1</b>                  | ALUS3         | Intensive breeding                              | No_irrig_agro_past_int  |
| Non-irrigated agro-<br>pastoralism |               | Semi-intensive breeding                         | No_irrig_agro_past_semi |
|                                    |               | Extensive breeding                              | No_irrig_agro_past_ext  |
|                                    |               | Intensive breeding                              | Irrig_agro_past_int     |
| Irrigated agro-pastoralism         | ALUS4         | Semi-intensive breeding                         | Irrig_agro_past_semi    |
|                                    |               | Extensive breeding                              | Irrig_agro_past_ext     |
|                                    |               | Extensive                                       | Past_bare_ext           |
| Pastoralism on bare soils          | ALUS5         | Semi-intensive                                  | Past_bare_semi          |
|                                    |               | Intensive                                       | Past_bare_int           |
|                                    |               | Extensive                                       | Past_sh_ext             |
| Pastoralism on shrub lands         | ALUS6         | Semi-intensive                                  | Past_sh_semi            |
|                                    |               | Intensive                                       | Past_sh_int             |
| NI-4                               |               | Bare soils                                      | Bare_ar                 |
| Natural zones                      | ALUS7         | Water   | Water                   |

|                            |        | Forests                                    | Forest    |
|----------------------------|--------|--|-----------|
|                            |        | Shrubs- Mosaic of sparse shrubs herbaceous | Sh_h_ar   |
| Urban areas                | ALUS8  | Excluded                                   | Urb       |
| Parks and natural reserves | ALUS9  | Excluded                                   | Protect_1 |
| Ramsar sites               | ALUS10 | Excluded                                   | Protect_2 |