

# Water Harvesting

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*Concept*

*Methods*

*Planning and Design*

*Implementation*

*Operation and Maintenance*

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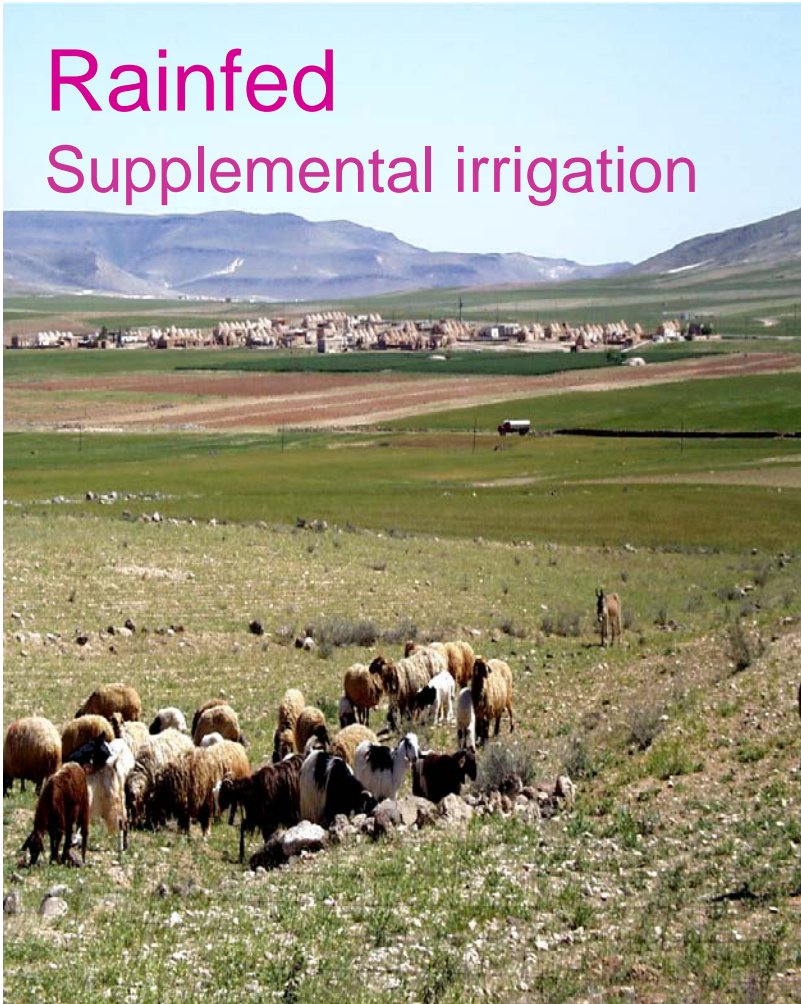
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# Major environments

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Rainfed

Supplemental irrigation



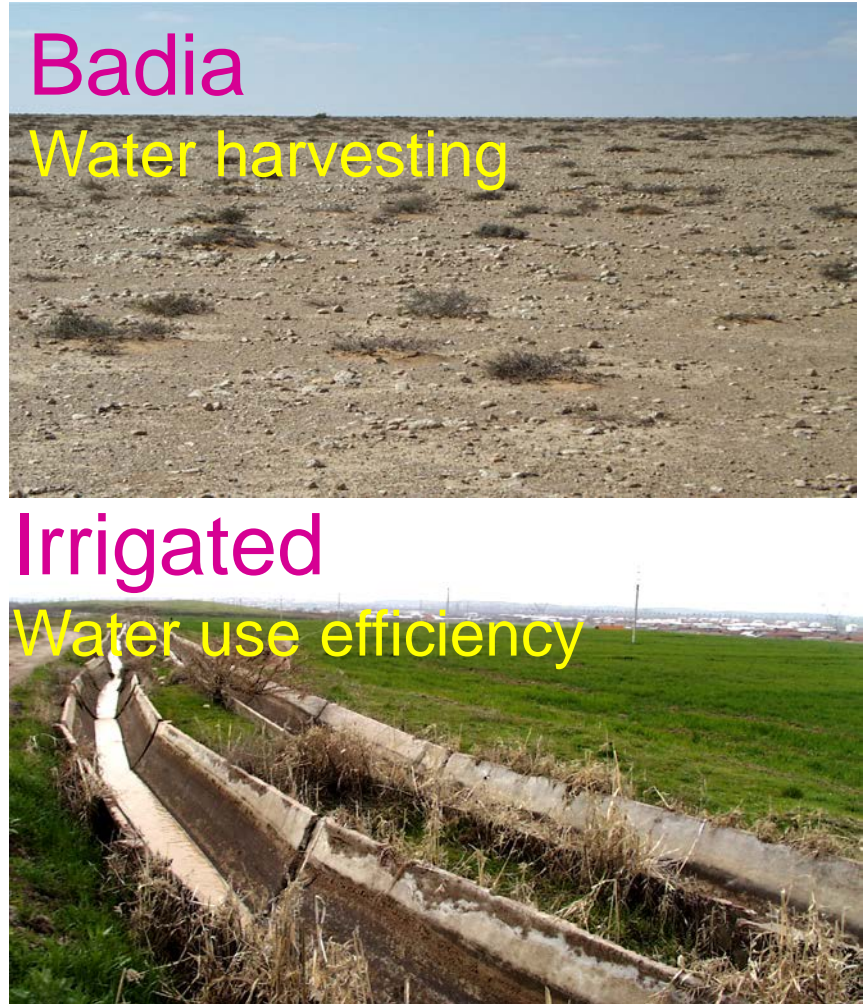
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Water harvesting



Irrigated

Water use efficiency





# Drier environments



- very low rainfall
- degraded land
- poverty



Rain lost in evaporation



# Runoff lost in salt sinks





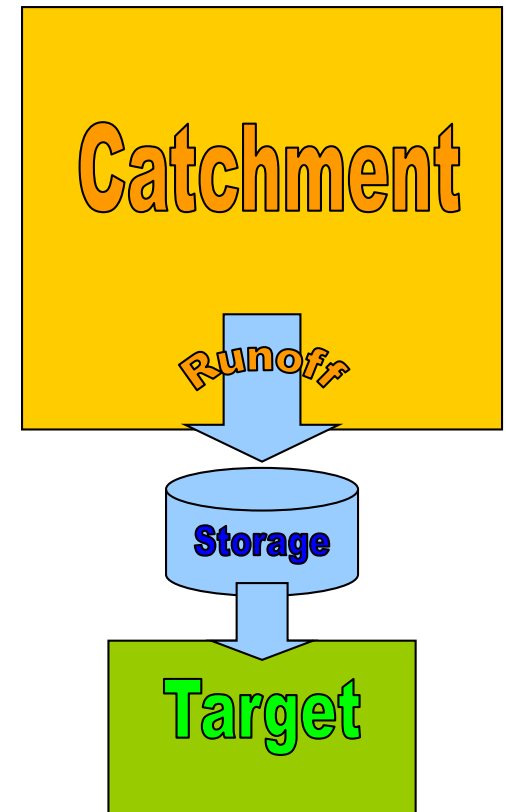
## **Water harvesting**

**Concentration of rainfall from larger area into smaller one through runoff for beneficial use**

# WH System Components

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- **The catchment**
  - Micro
  - Macro
- **The target**
  - Agriculture
  - domestic
  - industrial
  - environment
- **The storage facilities**
  - Surface
  - Soil
  - Ground
- **Runoff**
  - natural
  - induced

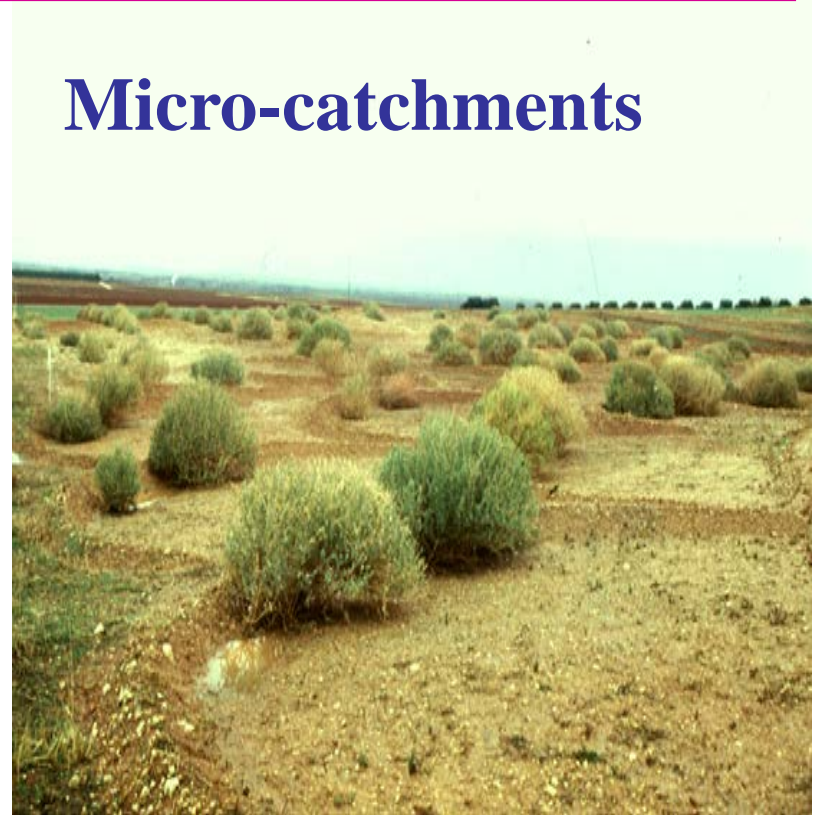


# WH techniques

**Macro-catchments**



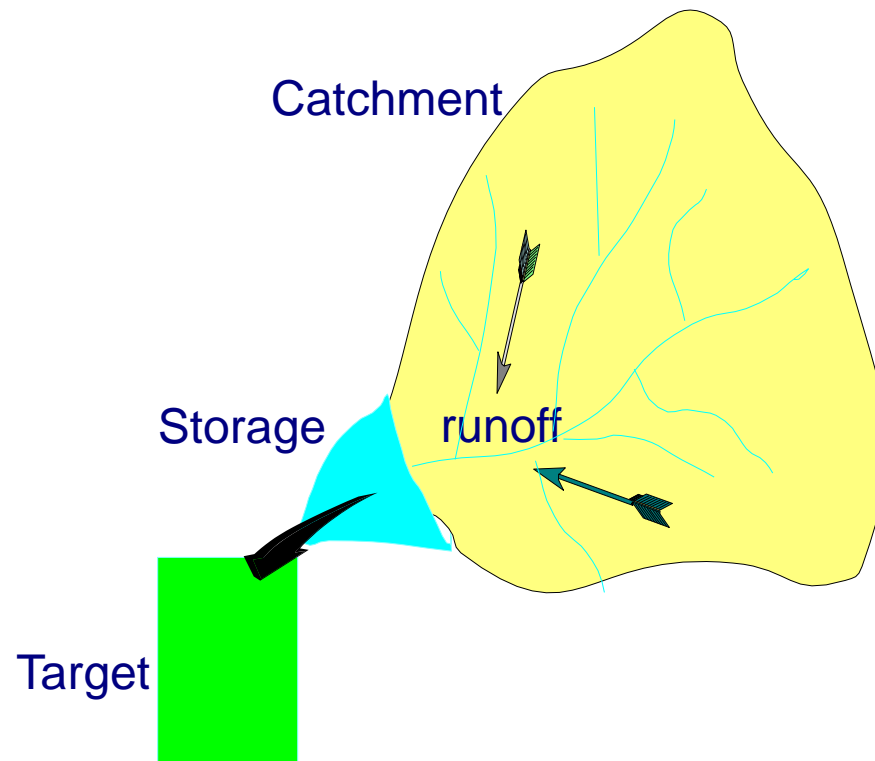
**Micro-catchments**





# Macrocatchments

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# Farm Reservoirs

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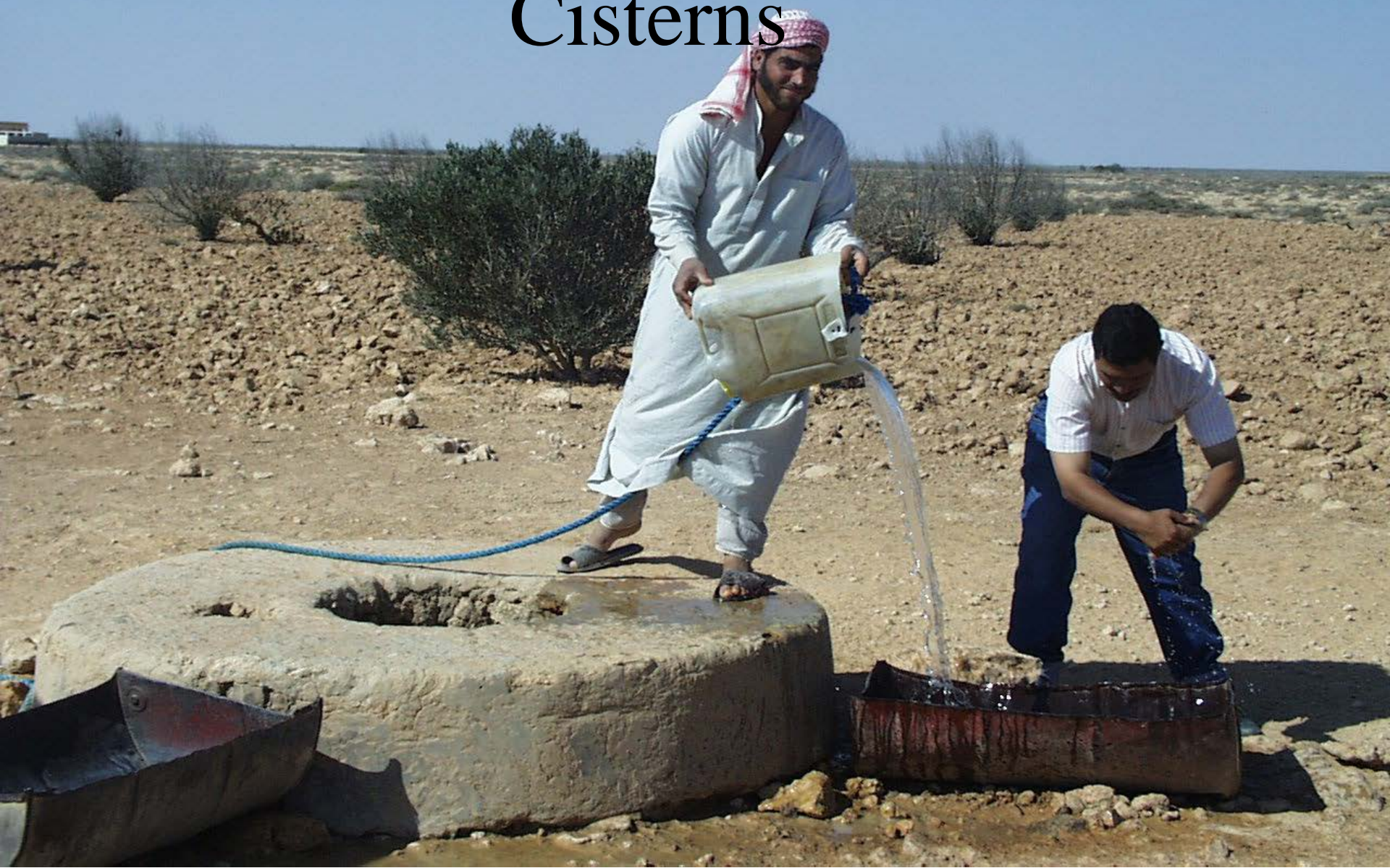


# Small water harvesting reservoirs



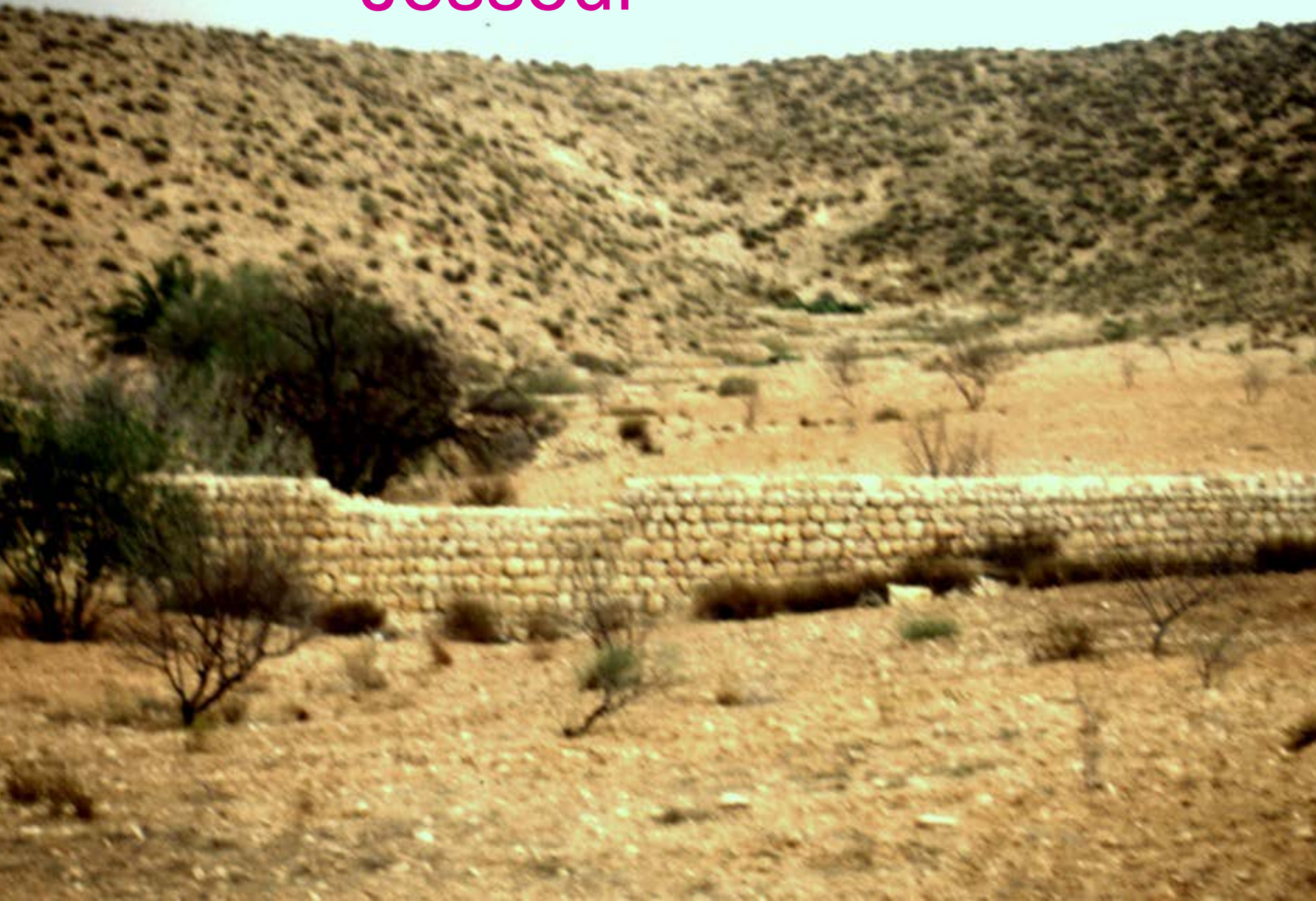


# Cisterns





# Jessour





# Jessour - Tunisia





# Wadi-bed stone walls





# Tabia

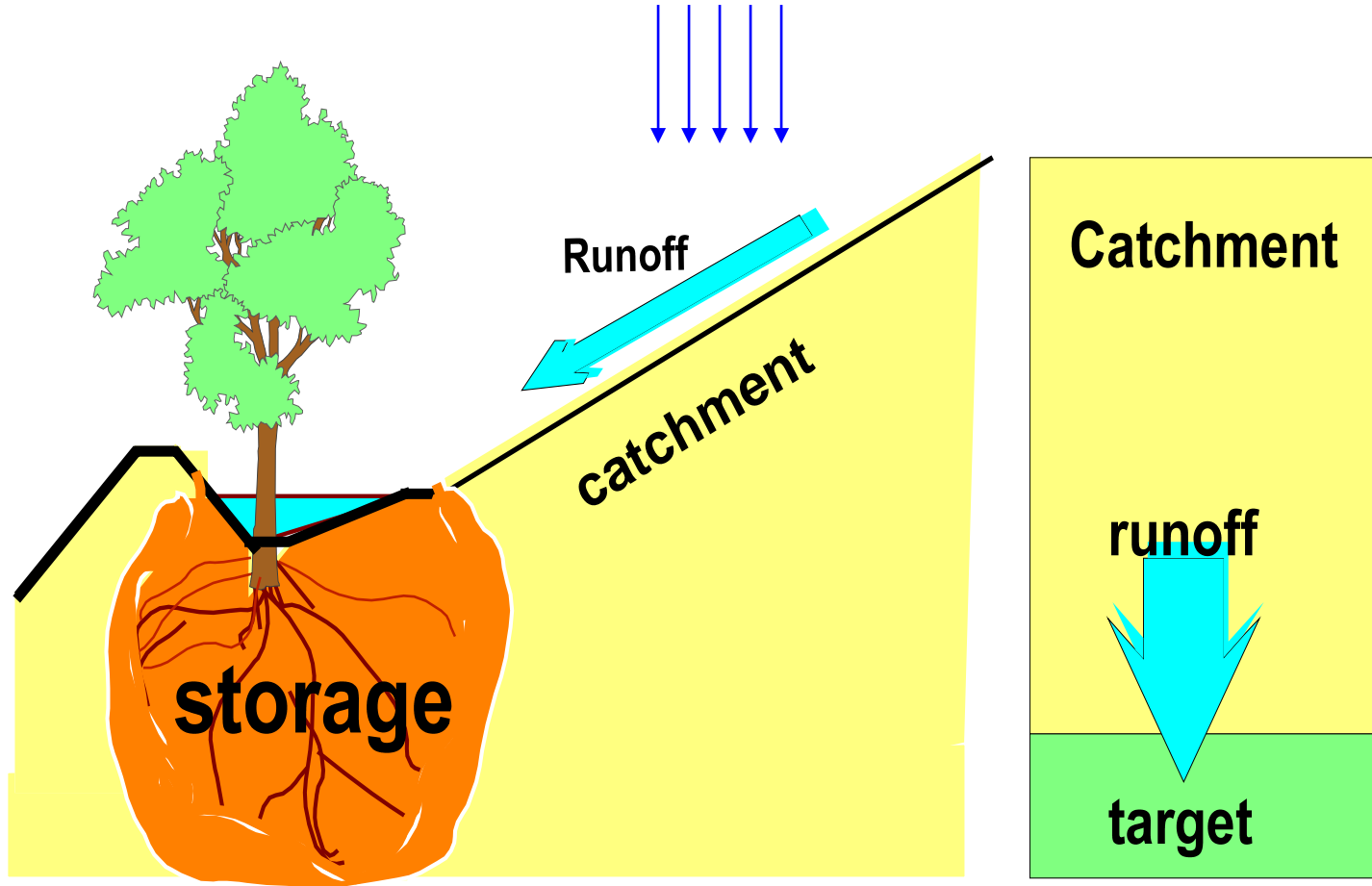


# Water spreading





# Microcatchments



# Contour ridges



# Implementation







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# Contour ridges - mechanical





# Mechanizing rainwater harvesting

- Manual construction is time consuming and costly. Labour cost aprox. 3000USD/ha
- Mechanization reduced cost, improved precision and ripping
- Laser guiding for contours reduced further the cost and increased precision.
- Total mechanized cost is aprox. 32 US\$/ha





# Small runoff basins (negarim)



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# Small runoff basins (nigarem)



# Khushkaba



# Runoff strips





# Runoff strips for field crops





# Semicircular bunds







# Rooftop water harvesting





# Roaded catchments





# Contour bench terraces

**Tunisia**



**Yemen**



# Water harvesting from greenhouses



# Runoff coefficient

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Runoff / rainfall



# Runoff coefficient plots



# Rain simulator – runoff coefficient







Runoff inducement

# Runoff inducement – plastic cover



# Runoff inducement - compaction







Paraffin wax