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<b>Background</b>  Among various challenges regarding sustainable urban water management, the protection of water resources from quality deterioration by point and non-point sources, probably is the biggest challenge over the coming decades. Wastewater has been identified as the main land based point source pollutant causing contamination of the water resource in the world (UNEP/GPA, 2000).  Therefore, wastewater management requires a holistic approach which is incorporated in the SWITCH (Managing water in the city of future) framework. Within the 3SSA (3 Step Strategic Approach), the backbone of SWITCH, efficient use of water, treatment of wastewater before disposal and minimization of quantity of treated wastewater to be returned back into the urban water cycle by reuse has been given due attention. Due to recent shift in the reclamation strategies for wastewater from high-tech to environmentally sound, sustainable, cost effective technologies, natural systems have gained due popularity.  Although, there are several technologies for wastewater treatment available, the next biggest challenge is selection of appropriate technology and its successful implementation. In line with this there is need for development of software for selection of technology especially focussing on natural systems.

### **Outcome of the study**

A selection tool has been developed in Microsoft Excel consisting of pre-defined treatment trains, incorporating units exclusively from natural systems. The model requires inputs defined by users via user forms developed in Excel VBA. Based on these inputs, the model evaluates the treatment trains depending upon defined set of criteria ranging from technical, economic and social criteria and ranks them in the order of preference.

### **Scope of the tool**

- Evaluation of different options available within the natural systems for wastewater treatment. This model also gives the planners the opportunity of analyzing the feasibility of use of natural systems.
- Evaluation of alternatives for treatment of raw wastewater or treatment of secondary effluent from a wastewater treatment plant. .
- Flexibility of defining weight value to the indicators of selection criteria provides potential users to define preferences for the indicators which might inturn depend upon the discharge of effluent into surface waters or reuse possibility.
- Since the model requires few input parameters and contains pre-defined treatment trains, is easy for the users and no prerequisite for background in details of wastewater treatment technologies.
- Users with background in Excel and wastewater treatment technologies can also add new treatment trains to this model.

### **Limitations of the tool**

- The selection of options for wastewater treatment is limited within the natural systems.
- The model cannot provide the actual values of the effluent concentrations, construction costs and operation and maintenance costs, rather provides comparative evaluation for assigning rank to each predefined treatment train.
- SETNAWWAT is not a dynamic program and does not analyze the response of a system to variable influent conditions. Sensitivity to variable influent conditions could be explored through multiple trials with different influent quality.
- Since, the costs and average removal efficiencies data used in model is derived from different sources and from different regions, the model calculated costs and effluent quality may not be true reflection of local conditions under study.

# Selection Tool for Natural Wastewater Treatment Systems

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## Abstract:

Among the challenges regarding urban water management (UWM), the deterioration of water quality by point and non point sources, probably is the biggest challenge in sustainable water resource management. Wastewater has been identified as the main land based point source pollutant causing contamination of the water resource in the world (UNEP/GPA, 2000). Therefore, wastewater management needs due attention and there is need for application of holistic approach where wastewater is linked to resource recovery. Hence, wastewater treatment for reuse becomes an important objective. There are several wastewater technologies available, with NSWWT (Natural systems for wastewater treatment) gaining increased acceptance.

Although there are several technologies prevalent, the next biggest challenge is the selection of appropriate technology for wastewater treatment and its successful implementation. In line with this, a technology selection tool SETNAWWAT (Selection tool for natural systems for wastewater treatment), exclusively for natural systems have been developed. This support system is simple and have been developed in excel 2007 and excel Visual Basic Application (VBA) 2007. The model requires input of data by the users which is done via user friendly interface. After calculation in excel, the model displays the first five most feasible treatment trains with information about land requirement, costs, cumulative weight and warning signals.

The methodology behind this model is it contains a list of pre-defined treatment trains. These pre-defined trains have been built incorporating the most widely used natural system units for wastewater treatment such as units of waste stabilization ponds (without vegetation), constructed wetlands and aerated lagoons. The model calculates, in excel, effluent quality in terms of BOD, TN, TP, SS, FC, construction and O&M costs and land requirement, depending on the data provided by the user. Based on these calculations, the treatment trains are evaluated and ranked in the order of preference. The evaluation of treatment trains is done based on different screening criteria and indicators. Depending on this evaluation, each treatment train receives points. Finally, cumulative weight is calculated from the points received at previous step and is used to rank the treatment trains in the order of feasibility.

**Key words:** Aerated lagoons, constructed wetlands, excel VBA 2007, SETNAWWAT, technology selection tool, urban water management, wastestabilization ponds.

## Abbreviations

AP	Anaerobic Pond
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
CW	Cumulative Weight
DSS	Decision Support System
FAL	Facultative Aerated Lagoon
FC	Faecal Coliforms
FP	Facultative Pond
FWSCW	Free Water Surface Constructed Wetland
HRT	Hydraulic Retention Time
HSSFCW	Horizontal Subsurface Flow Constructed Wetland
MP	Maturation Pond
NF	Non Feasible
NSWWT	Natural System for Wastewater Treatment
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PT	Primary Treatment
SS	Suspended Solids
ST	Sedimentation Tank
TN	Total Nitrogen
TP	Total Phosphorus
SETNAWWAT	Selection Tool for Natural Wastewater Treatment Systems
UWM	Urban Water Management
VBA	Visual Basic for Applications
VSSFCW	Vertical Subsurface Flow Constructed Wetland

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Increasing global change pressures such as industrialization and urbanization coupled with population growth, escalating costs and other risks inherent to conventional urban water management (UWM) are causing cities to face ever increasing difficulties in efficiently managing scarcer and less reliable water resources. As well, satisfying water uses/services and wastewater disposal without creating environmental, social or economic damage is an increasingly difficult challenge.

Among the above mentioned challenges regarding UWM, the protection of water resources from quality deterioration by point and non point source pollution discharges probably is the biggest challenge in sustainable water resource management over the coming decades. Wastewater has been identified as the main land based point source pollutant causing contamination of the water resource in the world (UNEP/GPA, 2000). Approximately 95% of the generated wastewater in the world is released to the environment without treatment (Zimmo *et al.*, 2003), thereby adding to the problem of surface water pollution and aggravating water scarcity issue.

In addition, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), specifically number 7 (Environmental Sustainability) target 10 aims at improvement of the coverage for water supply and sanitation services. This goal presents two conflicting ambitions: Increasing water supply delivery will lead to increasing volumes of wastewater, which, without being properly managed will exacerbate the ongoing water resources destruction (Nhapi and Gijzen, 2005). The water quality crisis, however, will remain unsolved for quite some time to come if we do not drastically change the current practice of unrestricted water use, and the planning of pollution control interventions exclusively 'at the end of the pipe' (Nhapi and Gijzen, 2005). Hence proper wastewater treatment and reclamation needs due attention.

Therefore, wastewater management should be considered within the wider context of sustainable development. This means that a holistic approach must be followed where the management of wastewater is linked to that of resource recovery.

## 1.2 Urban Water Cycle and the three Step Strategic Approach (SSA)

Three Step Strategic approach is the backbone of SWITCH (Managing water for the city of the future) framework. SWITCH is the name of an action research programme, implemented and co-funded by the European Union and a cross-disciplinary team of 33 partners from 15 countries around the world. SWITCH aims to bring about a paradigm shift in urban water management away from existing ad hoc solutions to urban water management and towards a more coherent and integrated approach. The vision of SWITCH is for sustainable urban water management in the 'City of the Future' (<http://www.switchurbanwater.eu/>).

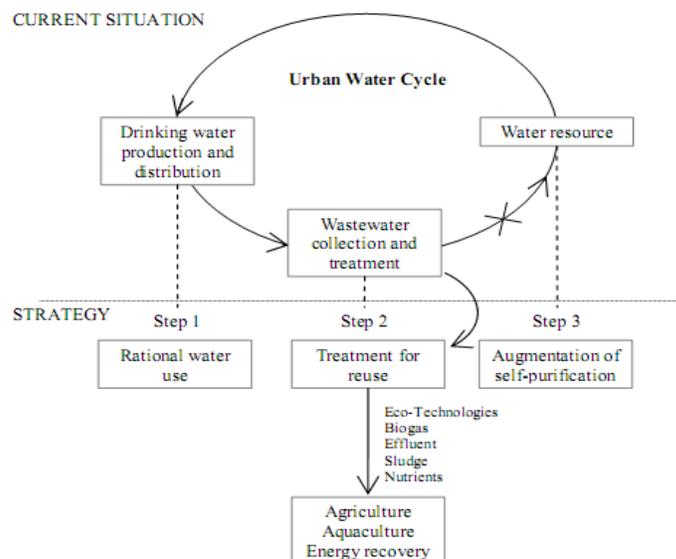
The 3 Step Strategic approach, the backbone of SWITCH, include three steps: 1) prevention, 2) treatment for reuse, and 3) planned discharge with stimulation of self-purification capacity. The steps should be implemented in chronological order, and possible interventions under each step should be fully exhausted before moving on to the next step. This strategic approach is summarised in Figure 1.1 (Naphi and Gijzen, 2005). The concept of the first step is based on the application of Cleaner Urban Water Management principles (Siebel and Gijzen, 2002). These principles are

Principle 1: Use a minimum input of resources per unit or product.

Principle 2: Do not use input material of a higher quality than strictly necessary.

Principle 3: Do not mix different waste flows.

Principle 4: Evaluate other functions of by-products before considering treatment and disposal.



**Figure 1.1: Schematic representation of the 3 step Strategic approach to wastewater management**

**Source: UNESCO-IHE and European Commission, 2007**

### ***Paradigm shift for the city of tomorrow***

The paradigm shift represents a change in a set of scientific accomplishments that are “universally acknowledged”, which during a certain time provides problem and solution models for the community. A change in paradigm generally implies a deep change of mentality regarding the time and values that form a specific vision of the reality, where the variable is the speed and depth of the change.

Knowledge and technological advancements have generated new proposals for water resource management in order to respond to environmental problems currently encountered. This progress promotes overturning the previous planning and water management paradigm to implement one in which human wellbeing and development is combined in a balanced manner with the environment.

The conventional water cycle that includes actual inefficiencies such as the use of high quality drinking water in large amounts for domestic use, human faeces transportation, loss of chemical substances, among others, requires a re-design. Even though the systems used 100 years ago faced the same inefficiencies, presently rapid population growth and higher water demand per capita, as well as higher industrial consumption and pollution load have caused these systems to not be able to naturally compensate the impacts, resulting in severe ecological damages (UNESCO-IHE and European Commission, 2007). The approach towards Urban Water Management (UWM) of the city of tomorrow should be based on sustainability in all its depth.

## **1.3 Pollution Control**

As already mentioned, wastewater disposal is one of the biggest point source cause for pollution of natural water bodies, and within the 3SSA, efficient use of water, treatment of wastewater before disposal and minimization of quantity of treated wastewater to be returned back into the urban water cycle by reuse needs due attention.

### **1.3.1 Treatment for Reuse**

Treated wastewater may be used beneficially in activities such as crop irrigation, industrial processes, cleansing or washing activities, protection of water resources, prevention of pollution, recovery of water and nutrients for agriculture, savings in clear water use and wastewater treatment costs, etc. (Capra and Scicolone, 2007). The reuse of wastewater may help satisfy the greater demands of water as long as there is an adequate treatment that ensures the appropriate quality for the assigned use. Additionally, wastewater reuse, being an additional source of water, represents environmental benefits such as the decrease in the amount of water

used for sensitive ecosystem recreation activities and a decrease in wastewater discharges that reduce and prevent the contamination of water supply sources (EPA, 1998). Besides, sludge produced from wastewater treatment, may be used as crop fertilizers and the gases generated may be used as an energy generation source.

Within this context, it is thus important to find an appropriate alternative technology for wastewater treatment and reclamation, which is a major challenge. Furthermore, recent years have witnessed a major shift in the reclamation strategies for wastewater from high-tech to environmentally sound, sustainable, effective that provide low O&M cost (less dependency of external energy and chemicals), requires a minimum infrastructure level, provides flexibility in the operation and that allows recovery of energy, nutrients and water to address the increasing wastewater problems (Gijzen, 2001). In many cases they offer a more holistic alternative to improve the environmental quality.

The technologies that seem most suitable to achieve these goals are so called Natural Systems for wastewater treatment (NSWWT). This category includes wide range of technologies such as different variants of ponds (with or without plants), constructed wetlands, aerated lagoons, storage tanks, terrestrial treatment methods like slow rate, overland flow or soil aquifer treatment. NSWWT are based on processes mediated naturally by microorganisms and are appropriate and economically feasible (von Sperling and Chernicharo, 2005). Furthermore, there is possibility of recovering energy, nutrients and water.

Although there are several technologies prevalent, the next biggest challenge is the selection of appropriate technology for wastewater treatment and its successful implementation. This selection process should integrate technical, environmental, social, cultural, economic, policy and regulatory aspects, allowing for a transition from the traditional approach to another of closed and efficient processes. The former views the environment as an inexhaustible source of resources and a recipient of waste generated by production and consumption processes whereas with the latter, environmental impact is lessened and water reuse is promoted.

In line with this there is need for development of technology selection tool or Decision Support System (DSS). This DSS should be simple, can be easily understood by the users, can be applied with skills locally available as much as possible and its role should be to facilitate the planning process rather than to replace human experts. It is in line with the definition of a DSS provided by Janssen (1990). A DSS is 'a computer program that assists individuals or groups of

individuals in their decision processes, supports rather than replaces judgement of these individuals, and improves the effectiveness rather than the efficiency of a decision process’.

### **1.3.2 Technology Selection Models**

These are decision making tools for technology selection accompanied by methodological tools that facilitate the process, considering multiple aspects or criteria, from the technical, environmental, social and economic points of view, in order to guarantee the sustainability of the technology implemented. Horan and Parr (1994) classify technology selection methods into five categories: descriptive documents, checklists, selection matrices, algorithms and methods that include computer programmes (software).

Lately, models that include computer programmes such as PROSAB, SANEX, WAWTTAR and PROSEL, incorporates multi-criteria analysis and are in higher use. These models have a higher degree of complexity and involve a larger number of factors and variables, allowing a selection from a greater number of alternatives (Galvis,A.C., 2009). The common selection criteria for most authors can be classified into the following factors: treatment objectives, technological aspects, costs, operation and maintenance, wastewater characteristics, demographical and socio-cultural factors, site characteristics, climate factors, environmental impact, capacity and willingness to pay and construction aspects. The number of variables proposed by each author depended on the objectives for which each selection model was developed.

An indepth inspection of these computer based models reveals that most of these models were not exclusively designed for selection of wastewater technologies rather also includes water treatment systems or sanitation system for human excreta. Furthermore, these models are complicated with requirement of indepth background in wastewater treatment, distribution and reuse. Furthermore, they also require detailed data input by the end users of technology selection tool, the collection of which, makes it tedious for the users and also it does not exclusively considers natural systems.

A Decision Support System (DSS) exclusively for natural wastewater treatment systems, can assist in countering the scepticism about the feasibility of NSWWT by showing that under certain circumstances NSWWT are actually feasible. Also, natural systems for wastewater treatment is gaining due importance for wastewater treatment and reuse, hence, there is need for technology selection tool or also called DSS for natural wastewater treatment systems.

## 1.4 Objective

The present document focuses on development of selection tool exclusively for Natural systems for wastewater treatment, disposal and reuse with following sub-objectives:

- Useful for feasibility study.
- It should be comprehensive, yet transparent and easy to use.
- Planners, decision makers and communities must be able to use it.
- It should be suitable for teaching and training purposes.
- To use it, an engineering degree in wastewater treatment technologies should not be a prerequisite.

# Chapter 2

## General Guidelines

This chapter is intended to supply basic information about the operation of SETNAWWAT. It provides an overview of information display and editing conventions that have been adopted as well as the functions performed by each command. It is assumed that the user of this programme is familiar with MS-windows operating system and basic keyboard and mouse skills. This manual is not intended to be a tutorial for wastewater treatment technologies or MS-windows system.

### 2.1 Introduction to SETNAWWAT

SETNAWWAT is a decision support platform to assist planners and decision makers in screening possible options for natural systems for wastewater treatment. This system is best suited for planners who are exploring the possibility of implementation of natural system for wastewater treatment. It is hoped that SETNAWWAT will assist planners in improving sanitation coverage in the world.

This support system is simple and has been developed in Excel 2007 and excel Visual Basic Application (VBA) 2007. The input of data by the users is done via user friendly interface and users are not expected to work directly on the worksheet. The selection between different wastewater technologies is done from a list of pre-defined treatment trains. The list of pre-defined trains is given in chapter 3, table 3.1. These predefined trains have been built incorporating most widely used natural system units for wastewater treatment technologies such as different variants and combinations of ponds (without vegetation), different types of constructed wetlands and facultative aerated lagoons. The treatment trains does not include preliminary treatment step, hence it is recommended that these treatment trains be used for wastewater which has already undergone preliminary treatment that includes screening, grit removal and oil & grease removal.

### 2.2 Getting started with SETNAWWAT

#### 2.2.1 Starting Excel (version 2007)

- Start Microsoft Excel programme on your computer from the main menu. If you can not see developer tab in the ribbon, install it from office button.
- Click office button, go to Excel options.
- In the Excel option dialog box, click the Show Developer tab in the ribbon check box.

- Click OK to close the dialog box. Now you can see developer tab in the ribbon at the top.
- From the ribbon click developer tab and then click Macro security.
- In the macro security dialog box, under the macro security section, click Enable all macros (not recommended; potentially dangerous code can run) option.
- Click OK to close the dialog box.
- Now open the Excel file for this programme.

### 2.2.2 Open SETNAWWAT model

Click The "SETNAWWAT" tab on the screen to run the macro which will start the SETNAWWAT Model. Alternatively from developer tab in the ribbon, click macros, select macro named "Show front page" and click run. This will show the front screen of the model as below

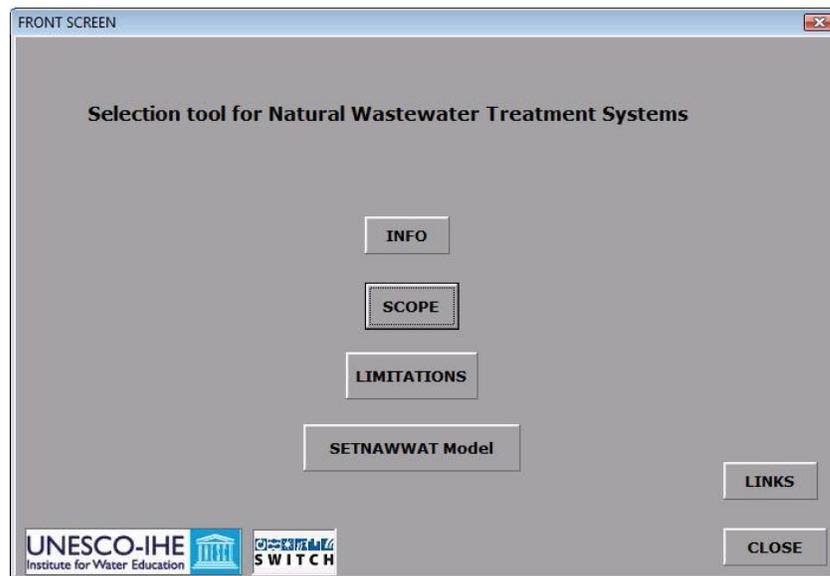


Figure 2.1: Front screen of the SETNAWWAT Model

### 2.2.3 Defining input for the model

Next step is getting into the model and providing required information. For this click SETNAWWAT tab and you will see a screen as shown in figure 2.2. Now you can click and enter each module to define the required data. The input data required for the model has been categorised into broad categories namely Hydro-meteorological data, demographic data, wastewater characteristics, technical and economic aspects, topographic data and socio-cultural aspects. The details of data under each category is given in table 2.1. As the name suggests CLOSE button at the bottom right of the form closes the respective window and brings back to previous screen. For reference, the screens for different modules are shown in figures 2.3 - 2.8. From this figure it is evident that the data can be easily entered by clicking each data entry

boxes or these can be also accessed using "Enter" or "Tab" key on the keyboard. A blinking cursor in the box indicates that the textbox is ready for data entry. It is important for the users to realize the importance of units of data entered. Users are strictly advised to enter data in the same unit as prescribed in the model. For example in figure 2.3, population growth rate should be entered in %, so the user should enter the value as 3 if growth rate is 3% and not as 0.03 or 3%. Data entered should only be the value and not the unit itself, else it might lead to calculation errors.

**Table 2.1: List of input parameters required for SETNAWWAT**

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Unit</b>
<b>Demographic data</b>	Present population	#
	Population growth rate	%
	Base year	year
	Design period	# of years
<b>Hydro-meteorological data</b>	Average monthly temperature of coldest month	Degree celcius
	Average annual precipitation	mm/year
	Average annual evaporation	mm/year
<b>Wastewater characteristics</b>	Average flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /d
	Influent cBOD	mg/l
	Total nitrogen (TN)	mg/l
	Total suspended solids (TSS)	mg/l
	Total phosphorus (TP)	mg/l
	Faecal coliforms	#/100ml
	Select the possibility of reuse option	Select from options (surface discharge/ use for irrigation/ use for aquaculture)
	Select the type of wastewater	Select from options (Raw

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Unit</b>
	to be treated	wastewater/ effluent from secondary treatment)
	Effluent standard for cBOD	mg/l
	Effluent standard for TSS	mg/l
	Effluent standard for TN	mg/l
	Effluent standard for TP	mg/l
	Effluent standard for faecal coliforms	#/100ml
<b>Technical and economic aspects</b>	Availability of construction materials(Sand, gravel and Liners)	Yes/ No
	Availability of continuous supply of electricity	Yes/No
	Available land area	m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Topographic data</b>	Soil type	Sandy/ clay/ loamy/ silty
	Percolation rate	cm/d
<b>Socio-cultural aspects</b>	Location of planned site within 0.5 km	Yes/No
	Prevalence of mosquito borne diseases	Yes/No
	Weight for each indicator mentioned below	0 - 2, value cannot be zero
	Ability to meet effluent cBOD standard	
	Ability to meet TN and TP standard	

Modules	Parameters	Unit
	Ability to meet faecal coliforms removal	
	Land requirement	
	Construction costs	
	Operation and maintenance costs	
	Noise	
	Odor	
	malaria	
	Local availability of materials	

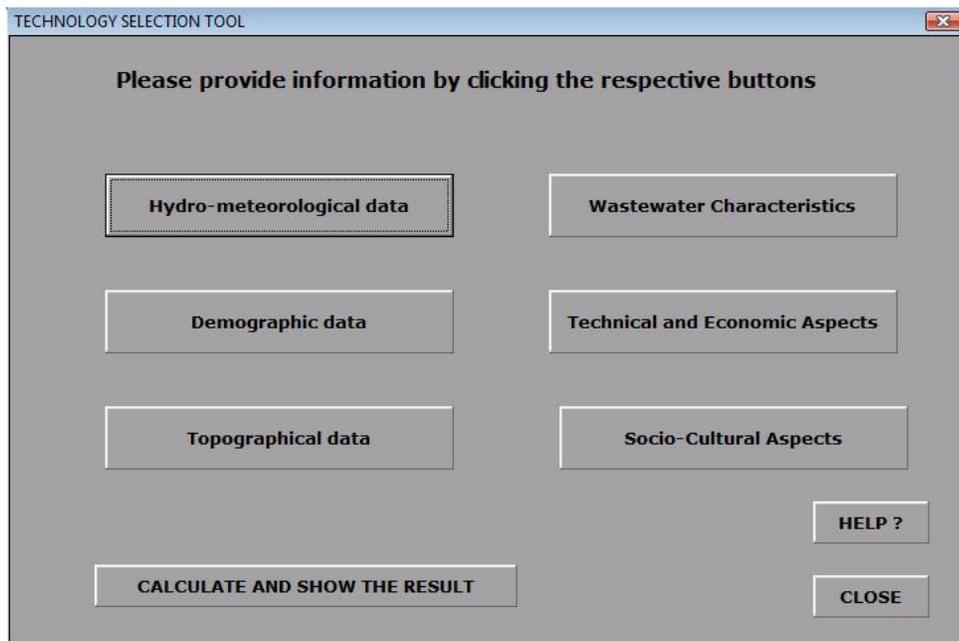


Figure 2.2: Screen showing different modules of the SETNAWWAT Model

HYDRO-METEOROLOGICAL DATA

Please fill in the required information

*Average monthly air temperature of coldest month in degree celcius*

*Annual average precipitation in mm/year*

*Annual average evapotranspiration (mm/year)*

CLOSE

Figure 2.3: Screen showing the Hydro-meteorological Data

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Please fill in the required information

*Present Population*

*Population Growth Rate ( %)*

*Base Year*

*WWTP Design Period (Years)*

CLOSE

Figure 2.4: Screen showing the Demographic Data

TOPOGRAPHICAL DATA

Please provide the required information

Soil Type

OR

Percolation rate (cm/day)

CLOSE

Figure 2.5: Screen showing Topographic Data

WASTEWATER CHARACTERISTICS

Please fill in the details of wastewater of your city/town

Average Flow rate (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	<input type="text"/>	Total Nitrogen (TN) in mg/l	<input type="text"/>
Influent cBOD (mg/l)	<input type="text"/>	Total Phosphorus (TP) in mg/l	<input type="text"/>
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	<input type="text"/>	Faecal coliforms (#/100ml)	<input type="text"/>

Select the possibility of options for treated wastewater

Select the type of wastewater to be treated

Figure 2.6: Screen showing wastewater characteristics Data

TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Please fill in all the fields

*Are materials for construction locally available (doesnot need additional transport from other city)?*

1. Sand

2. Gravel

3. Liners

*Is the electricity available continuously?*

*How much land is available for the construction of wastewater treatment system in (m2)?*

Figure 2.7: Screen showing Technical-economic aspect Data

SOCIO - CULTURAL ASPECTS

Answer the following questions

*Is the planned site located within 0.5Km from the residential area?*

*Is mosquito borne diseases such as Malaria prevalent?*

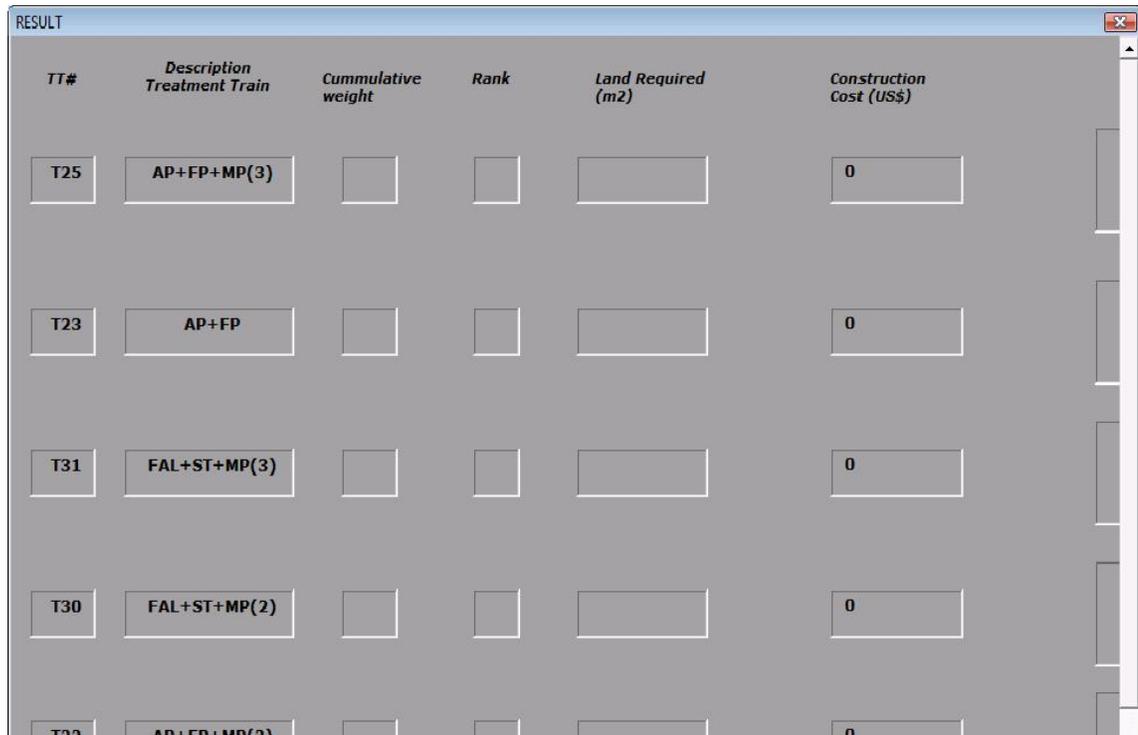
Define the weight for each of the indicator mentioned below between 0 - 2, value cannot be zero

<i>Ability to meet effluent cBOD standard</i>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Ability to meet effluent F.coliforms standard</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Ability to meet effluent TN and TP standard</i>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Land requirement</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Operation &amp; Maintenance Cost</i>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Construction Cost</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Availability of materials locally</i>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Noise</i>	<input type="text"/>
		<i>Odour</i>	<input type="text"/>
		<i>Malaria</i>	<input type="text"/>

Figure 2.8: Screen showing socio-cultural aspects Data

## 2.2.4 Calculating and displaying results

Once all the data in each module is provided the Excel calculates and ranks each treatment train. To display the results click the button marked "Calculate and Show the Result". The screen for the result is shown below in figure 2.9. The result shows the treatment train number, name of the treatment train, cumulative weight, rank, land requirement, Construction costs and warning signals. The screening criteria is described elaborately in chapter 3.



TT#	Description Treatment Train	Cumulative weight	Rank	Land Required (m2)	Construction Cost (US\$)
T25	AP+FP+MP(3)				0
T23	AP+FP				0
T31	FAL+ST+MP(3)				0
T30	FAL+ST+MP(2)				0
T22	AP+FP+MP(2)				0

Figure 2.9: Screen showing result

## 2.2.5 Interpretation of results

The results are displayed in table format with the left column showing the treatment train number, the second column displays the description of the treatment train including the order of arrangement of each treatment unit. The abbreviations for each treatment train is given at the beginning of the document. The third column in the result table shows the rank of the respective treatment train. The ranking order is such that treatment train with lowest rank is the most feasible. Furthermore, the result screen also shows the actual land required and construction costs, as calculated by the model, for first five treatment trains. Additionally, warning signals are displayed for the treatment trains.

## 2.3 Scope of the SETNAWWAT Model

SETNAWWAT is a decision support system designed to assist in the evaluation of infrastructure investment for wastewater treatment. The target audience of this tool includes planners, environmentalists, engineers, public works officials, managers of wastewater treatment plants and educators. This tool is exclusively designed for Natural systems for wastewater treatment.

This tool can be useful for

- Planners who have decided the construction of natural wastewater treatment facility due to either socio-economic reasons, reuse options or aesthetic reasons. This tool can help them in evaluation of different options available within the natural systems for wastewater treatment.
- This model is not only limited to planners who have already decided the use of Natural systems but also for planners who are in dilemma of selection between conventional and natural system. This model gives them the opportunity of analyzing about the feasibility of use of natural systems.
- Evaluation of alternatives for treatment of raw wastewater or treatment of an effluent from secondary treatment by conventional system or natural systems.
- Flexibility of defining weight value to the indicators of selection criteria provides potential users to define preferences for the indicators which might in turn depend upon the discharge of effluent into surface waters or reuse possibility.
- Since the model requires few input parameters and contains predefined treatment trains, it is easy for the users and no prerequisite for background in details of wastewater treatment technologies.
- Users with background in excel and wastewater treatment technologies can add new treatment trains to this model.

## 2.4 Limitations of the SETNAWWAT Model

The use of this tool is limited to

- The selection of options for wastewater treatment limited within the Natural systems.
- The model cannot provide the actual values of the effluent concentrations, construction costs and operation and maintenance costs, rather provides comparative evaluation for assigning rank to each predefined treatment train.
- SETNAWWAT is not a dynamic program and does not analyze the response of a system to variable influent conditions. Sensitivity to variable influent conditions could be explored through multiple trials with different influent quality.

- Since, the costs and average removal efficiencies data used in the model is derived from different sources and from different regions, the model calculated costs and effluent quality may not be true reflection of local conditions under study.
- Hence, the authors are not liable for any discrepancies in costs or removal efficiencies.

# Chapter 3

## SETNAWWAT Details

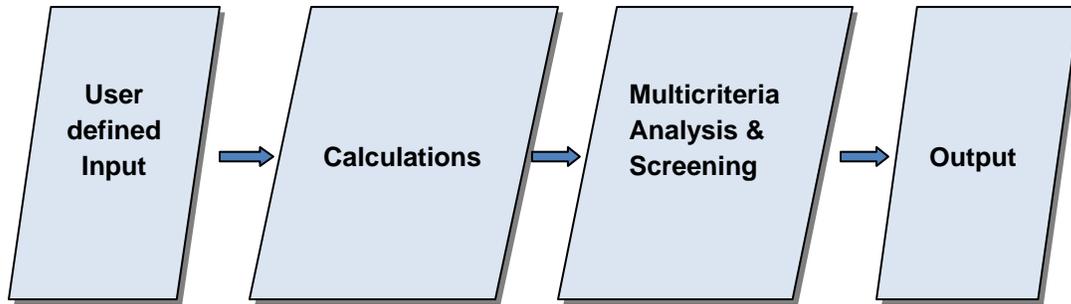
This chapter focusses on the methodology adopted to develop the SETNAWWAT model as well as the mathematical model behind it. As already mentioned this model was developed in excel (2007) and user interface was developed using excel VBA (2007). It's main objective is to serve as a platform for technology selection exclusively for natural systems. This tool is more useful for the feasibility study during planning process. Further details about the model is described in upcoming sections.

### 3.1 Overview of SETNAWWAT operation

SETNAWWAT is a model for technology selection for natural systems of wastewater treatment. This model is simple to use, needs only few inputs by the users and a strong background in wastewater treatment is not essential.

#### ***How does it operate?***

The model database has an inventory of predefined treatment trains. Each treatment train has two or three treatment units so as to include primary, secondary and tertiary treatment. Few treatment trains contain only one unit for tertiary treatment making the model flexible to be used as selection tool for polishing stage of the secondary effluent. Based on the userdefined data, model calculates, in Excel, effluent quality in terms of BOD, TN, TP, SS, FC, construction and O&M costs and land requirement. Based on this, these treatment trains are evaluated and ranked in the order of preference. The evaluation of treatment trains is done based on different screening criterias and indicators described in section 3.4. The first step is testing the criteria for technical feasibility, through indicator, the availability of land. If the model calculated land requirement for a train is higher than the land available defined by the user, than the model marks that train as not feasible(NF) else the treatment train receives a point. Further screening involves fulfilling other criterias mentioned in section 3.4. Each treatment train receives a positive point for fulfilling an indicator for the criteria. Next step is calculation of cumulative weight which is based on the values received at testing stage of criteria and these values are adjusted depending upon the weight provided by users for each screening indicators. Finally, this cumulative weight is used to rank the treatment trains in the order of feasibility. The cumulative weight(CW) is calculated only when the indicator land availability is met. Besides, the model also provides warning signals for each treatment trains in the output.



*Figure 3.1: Schematic representation of screening of treatment trains*

### 3.2 Methodology for model development

Model development started with

- Literature review and preparing inventory of possible treatment technologies. Besides, data for decay constants, construction and operation costs and removal efficiencies related to each treatment technology was also collected as an input to the model. The other set of data required by the model is provided by the user through user friendly interface developed in excel VBA.
- Following this, possible treatment trains were defined based on the information in the literature. The list of these pre-defined treatment trains is given in table 3.1. These treatment trains were defined in excel sheet and mathematical model were defined for each unit of the treatment train to calculate the effluent standards for BOD, TN, TP, SS and FC.
- Furthermore, mathematical equation for calculation of Construction costs, O&M costs, land requirement and water loss from the surface were also defined for each unit of the treatment train. Details of the mathematical model is dealt with separately in section 3.3.
- Next step is analysis of treatment trains for fulfilling different indicators associated with each criteria. First screening step consists of screening the treatment trains for indicator land availability. If the criteria is met, the train gets a point between -1 to 1 depending upon the actual land area calculated by the model.
- Other screening tests includes the fulfillment of other indicators such as meeting the effluent standards, availability of construction materials locally, construction and O&M costs, odour, noise and malaria prevalence issues, and loss of water from surface.
- This screening stage provides points for each indicator to each treatment train. These points are then used to calculate the cumulative weight.
- The individual points for each indicator is adjusted depending upon the weightage provided by the users for each criteria.
- The treatment trains are finally ranked based on their cumulative points. And the model displays the first five most feasible options of treatment trains.

- The model also displays warning signals for each treatment trains based on the criteria met.

**Table 3.1: List of pre-defined treatment trains used in SETNAWWAT**

<b>Treatment train number</b>	<b>Description of treatment train</b>
<b>T1</b>	PT+FWSCW
<b>T2</b>	PT+SSHFCW
<b>T3</b>	PT+SSVFCW
<b>T4</b>	PT+SSVFCW+SSHFCW
<b>T5</b>	PT+SSHFCW+SSVFCW
<b>T6</b>	PT+FWSCW+SSHFCW
<b>T7</b>	PT+SSHFCW+FWSCW
<b>T8</b>	PT+FWSCW+SSVFCW
<b>T9</b>	PT+SSVFCW+FWSCW
<b>T10</b>	AP+FWSCW
<b>T11</b>	AP+SSHFCW
<b>T12</b>	AP+SSVFCW
<b>T13</b>	FP+FWSCW
<b>T14</b>	FP+SSHFCW
<b>T15</b>	FP+SSVFCW
<b>T16</b>	FP+MP(2)+FWSCW
<b>T17</b>	FP+MP(2)+SSHFCW
<b>T18</b>	FP+MP(2)+SSVFCW
<b>T19</b>	FWSCW
<b>T20</b>	SSHFCW
<b>T21</b>	SSVFCW

Treatment train number	Description of treatment train
T22	AP+FP+MP(2)
T23	AP+FP
T24	FP+MP(2)
T25	AP+FP+MP(3)
T26	FP+MP(3)
T27	FP+MP(3)+FWSCW
T28	FP+MP(3)+SSHFCW
T29	FP+MP(3)+SSVFCW
T30	FAL+ST+MP(2)
T31	FAL+ST+MP(3)
T32	MP(2)
T33	MP(3)

### 3.3 Mathematical model

This section provides an overview of the mathematical model used for calculations in the technology selection tool model. The treatment trains in the present selection model consists of different combinations of primary treatment, sedimentation tank, constructed wetlands wastestabilization ponds and facultative aerated lagoons. The treatment efficiency, land requirement and construction, O&M costs have been calculated using different design approach available in the literature.

For convenience, the description of mathematical model has been divided into several sub topics:

#### 3.3.1 Constructed wetlands

##### *Land requirement*

For all the three types of constructed wetlands, calculation of land requirement is based on the hydraulic loading rate( $q$ ) which is calculated using the latest design equation, the PKC\* model as

given by (Kadlec and Wallace, 2009). Since, meeting effluent standard, is an important criteria for the screening of treatment trains, the effluent concentration from constructed wetland is assumed to be same as the standard provided by the user.

*Equation PKC\* model* (Kadlec and Wallace, 2009):

$$\left( \frac{C - C^*}{C_i - C^*} \right) = \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{k}{Pq} \right)^P} \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq.(3.1)}$$

Where,  $C$  is the effluent concentration(mg/l),  $C_i$  is influent concentration(mg/l),  $C^*$  is background concentration(mg/l),  $k$  is decay constant(m/d),  $P$  is apparent number of tanks in series(TIS); always  $P \leq N$  (number of tanks in series as described by the tracer test) and  $q$  is the hydraulic loading rate (m/d).

The hydraulic loading rate ( $q$ ) derived from above equation was used to calculate land requirement using the following equation:

$$Q = A * q \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.2)}$$

where  $Q$  is the flow rate (m<sup>3</sup>/d) defined by the user,  $A$  is the area (m<sup>2</sup>) of the wetland.

The above methodology was used to calculate land requirement for BOD removal. This is used for the evaluation based on land at the first screening stage.

In treatment trains with two units of different kind of constructed wetlands, the effluent concentration from the second constructed wetland was set at the standard defined by the user and for the first constructed wetland, the effluent standard was calculated assuming 75% of the total removal to happen in the first constructed wetland. This assumption is based on the concept of weathering.

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

***Total nitrogen (TN), Total phosphorus (TP), Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and faecal coliforms (FC) removal***

In the absence of elaborate data for the values of  $k$ ,  $P$  and  $C^*$  for TP and TSS removal, needed in PKC\* model, the effluent concentration in terms of TP and SS was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature. Furthermore, for consistency in the model with regards to land requirement calculations for other types of treatment units, TN and FC effluent concentrations were also based on average % removal efficiency values. These values are given in table 3.1.

**Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs**

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E (costs per population equivalent, found in literature) data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units. These values are given in table 3.1. As mentioned by Kadlec(2009); the cost of FWSCW is 0.3 times of HSSFCW, the construction cost for FWSCW was accordingly extrapolated from the cost of HSSFCW. Similarly, comparison of cost breakdown for HSSFCW and VSSFCW as mentioned by Chen et al.(2008) and Vymazal (2002); the cost of VSSFCW was assumed to be 15% higher than that of HSSFCW. For O & M costs, assumption was made for 20% lower than HSSFCW in FWSCW and 20% higher in VSSFCW. The total costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.2: List of parameter values used for constructed wetlands**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value		Unit	Source
FWSCW	Apparent number of TIS for BOD	$P$	1		[-]	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)
	Background concentration for BOD	$C^*$	BOD (mg/l)	Value	mg/l	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)
			0 - 30	2		
			30 - 100	5		
			100 - 200	10		
			>200	20		
	Apparent TIS rate constant for BOD	$k$	BOD(mg/l)	Value	m/year	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)
			0 - 30	79, 195		
			30 - 100	67, 295		
			100 - 200	112, 411		
>200			439, 827			
Construction Costs		12.6		US\$/P.E	Extrapolated from cost of HSSFCW based on info in Kadlec (2009)	
O & M Costs		3.76		US\$/P.E	Extrapolated from	

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value		Unit	Source	
						cost of HSSFCW based on info in Kadlec (2009)	
	TP removal		20		%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	TN removal		20		%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	TSS removal		75		%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	FC removal		99		%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
HSSFCW	Apparent number of TIS for BOD	$P$	3		[-]	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)	
	Background concentration for BOD	$C^*$	BOD(mg/l)	Value	mg/l	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)	
			0 - 30	1			
			30 - 100	5			
			100 - 200	10			
				>200	15		
	Apparent TIS rate constant for BOD	$k$	BOD(mg/l)	value	m/year	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)	
			0 -30	224, 458			
			30 - 100	44, 167			
			100 - 200	44, 107			
>200			114, 378				
Construction Costs		42		US\$/P.E	Rousseau (2008)		

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source	
	Operation and Maintenance Costs		4.7	US\$/P.E	Rousseau (2008)	
	TP removal		20	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	TN removal		20	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	TSS removal		75	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
	FC removal		99	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1	
<b>VSSFCW</b>	Apparent number of TIS for BOD	$P$	6	[-]	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)	
	Background concentration for BOD	$C^*$	0	mg/l	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)	
	Apparent TIS rate constant for BOD	$k$	BOD(mg/l)	value	m/year	Kadlec and Wallace (2009)
			0 - 30	105		
			30 - 100	79		
			100 - 200	122		
			>200	93		
	Construction Costs		48.3	US\$/P.E	Extrapolated from cost of HSSFCW based on info in Kadlec (2009)	
O & M Costs		5.64	US\$/P.E	Extrapolated from cost of HSSFCW based on info in Kadlec (2009)		
TP removal		65	%	UNESCO-IHE		

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
					SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	TN removal		55	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	TSS removal		75	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	FC removal		99	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1

### 3.3.2 Anaerobic pond (AP)

#### **Land requirement**

The required land for the construction of AP was calculated based on the design equation of volumetric loading rate described by Shilton (2005).

$$V = \frac{BOD_{in} * Q}{\lambda_v} \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.3)}$$

$V$  is the volume of AP in ( $m^3$ ),  $Q$  is the flow rate described by the user ( $m^3/d$ ) and  $\lambda_v$  is the the volumetric loading rate ( $Kg\ BOD/m^3/day$ ). The volumetric loading rate depends on the average minimum temperature.

From this equation area of the AP is calculated by

$$V = A * d \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.4)}$$

Where  $V$  is the volume of AP in ( $m^3$ );  $A$  is the area of AP in ( $m^2$ ) and  $d$  is the average depth of AP in (m) mentioned in literature.

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

#### **BOD removal**

For AP's, BOD removal was calculated using the % removal efficiency defined by Shilton (2005) which is a function of volumetric loading rate as described in table 3.2.

**Table 3.3: Volumetric loading rate and BOD removal as function of temperature**

Minimum month average air temperature (°C)	Volumetric loading rate (KgBOD/m <sup>3</sup> /day)	BOD removal efficiency (%)
<10	0.10	40
10 - 20	0.02 * temperature - 0.10	2 * temperature + 20
>20	0.30	60

***TN, TP, TSS and FC removal***

In the absence of any design equation for TP, TN, TSS and FC removal, the effluent concentration in terms of TN, TP, TSS and FC was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature. The values are given in Table 3.3.

***Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs***

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units. The values are given in table 3.3. The construction costs and O&M cost values were extrapolated from values for FP given by von sperling, (2007).

The total costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.4: List of parameter values used for anaerobic pond**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
AP	Average depth of the pond	<i>d</i>	4	m	Shilton (2005)
	Construction Costs		19.5	US\$/P.E	von Sperling (2007)
	O & M Costs		0.8	US\$/P.E	von Sperling (2007)
	TN removal		40	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable 5.3.1
	TP removal		40	%	
	SS removal		60	%	
	FC removal		90	%	

### 3.3.3 Facultative ponds (FP)

#### **Land requirement**

The requirement of land for FP was calculated based on organic surface load which is a function of average air temperature of coldest month. Area is given by

$$A = \frac{BOD_{in} * Q}{\lambda_0} \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.5)}$$

where  $A$  is area of FP (hactares),  $BOD_{in}$  (mg/l) converted into  $\text{Kg/m}^3$ ,  $Q$  flow rate ( $\text{m}^3/\text{day}$ ) and  $\lambda_0$  organic surface load ( $\text{KgBOD}/\text{ha}/\text{day}$ ). Hactare of land is converted into  $\text{m}^2$ .

According to Mara et al., (1992), the relationship between temperature and organic surface load is given by

$$\lambda_0 = 350(1.107 - 0.002T)^{T-25} \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.6)}$$

where  $\lambda_0$  is surface loading rate ( $\text{Kg BOD}/\text{ha}/\text{day}$ ) and  $T$  is average air temperature of coldest month (degree celcius).

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

#### **BOD removal**

For FP's, BOD removal was calculated using the removal rate as described by Mara et al., (1995) cited by Ellis and Rodrigues (1995) which is a function of organic surface loading rate.

$$\lambda_r = 0.79 * \lambda_0 + 2 \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.7)}$$

where  $\lambda_r$  is BOD removal in  $\text{Kg BOD}/\text{ha}/\text{day}$  which is converted into percent and used in the calculation for the final effluent BOD from FP.

#### **TN, TP, TSS, FC removal**

In the absence of any design equation for TP, TN, TSS and FC removal, the effluent concentration in terms of TN, TP, TSS and FC was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature. The values are mentioned in table 3.4.

#### **Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs**

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units. The values are mentioned in table 3.4.

The total costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.5: List of values used for FP**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Value	Unit
FP	Construction Costs	22.5	US\$/P.E
	O & M Costs	1.15	US\$/P.E
	TN removal	40	%
	TP removal	40	%
	TSS removal	80	%
	FC removal	80	%

*Source: von Sperling (2007)*

### 3.3.4 Maturation ponds (MP's)

In general design of MP's is governed by the required FC removal and assumes the existence of a series of completely mixed ponds as described by Shilton, 2005.

#### **Land requirement**

This was calculated using the equation for a series of completely mixed ponds which is given by

$$\frac{N_e}{N_i} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + k_T \frac{HRT}{n}\right)^n} \dots\dots\dots \text{Eq.(3.8)}$$

where,  $N_e$  is the number of FC (#/100ml) in the effluent,  $N_i$  is the number of FC in the influent (#/100ml),  $K_T$  is the decay constant ( $d^{-1}$ ) at temperature  $T$  ( $^{\circ}C$ ),  $HRT$  is the hydraulic retention time (days) and  $n$  is the number of completely mixed ponds in series.

The equation for  $K_T$  is given by

$$K_T = K_{20} * \theta^{T-20} \dots\dots\dots \text{Eq. (3.9)}$$

Where,  $K_{20}$  is decay constant ( $d^{-1}$ ) at temperature  $20^{\circ}C$ ,  $\theta$  is temperature co-efficient (-),  $T$  is the temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ ).

Using equation (3.8), HRT was calculated, assuming the effluent FC concentration to be the standard FC concentration provided by the user. Area was calculated by the following equation:

$$A = \frac{HRT * Q}{d} \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.10)}$$

where,  $A$  is the area ( $m^2$ ) of MP,  $Q$  is the user defined flow rate ( $m^3/day$ ),  $d$  is the average depth of MP (m) as described in the literature. Refer table 3.5 for values.

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

**Removal of BOD, TN, TP and TSS**

In the absence of any design equation for BOD, TP, TN and TSS removal, the effluent concentration in terms of BOD, TN, TP and TSS was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature. The values are given in table 3.5.

**Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs**

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units. The construction and O&M costs were extrapolated from costs for FP given by von Sperling, (2007). The values are given in table 3.5.

The total costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.6: List of values used in MP**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
MP	Decay constant at 20°C	$K_{20}$	2.6	$d^{-1}$	Marais (1974)
	Temperature coefficient	$\theta$	1.19	[-]	Marais (1974)
	Average depth	$d$	1.5	m	Shilton (2005)
	Construction Costs		27.5	US\$/P.E	von Sperling (2007)
	O & M Costs		1.5	US\$/P.E	von Sperling (2007)

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
	BOD removal		70	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	TN removal		50	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	TP removal		0	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1
	TSS removal		20	%	UNESCO-IHE SWITCH deliverable D 5.3.1

### 3.3.5 Facultative aerated lagoon (FAL)

The design of FAL is based on the assumption of completely mixed flow conditions in the pond.

#### **Land requirement**

Calculation of land requirement for FAL is based on the calculation of HRT, which in turn is calculated based on the equation for calculation of effluent concentration assuming completely mixed flow conditions. The equation is as follows:

$$C_e = \frac{C_{in}}{1 + K_T * HRT} \dots\dots\dots \text{Eq. (3.11)}$$

Where,  $C_e$  is effluent concentration for BOD (mg/l), this was calculated based on average removal efficiency as given in table 3.7,  $C_{in}$  is influent concentration for BOD (mg/l),  $K_T$  is decay constant ( $d^{-1}$ ),  $HRT$  is hydraulic retention time (days).  $K_T$  was calculated using equation (3.9) and Area was calculated using equation (3.10).

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

**Removal of TN, TP, FC and SS**

In the absence of any design equation for TP, TN, FC and SS removal, the effluent concentration in terms of TN, TP, FC and SS was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature.

**Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs**

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E (costs per population equivalent) data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units.

The total costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.7: List of values used for FAL**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
FAL	Decay constant at 20°C	$K_{20}$	0.7	d <sup>-1</sup>	von Sperling and Chernicharo (2005)
	Temperature coefficient	$\theta$	1.035	[-]	von Sperling and Chernicharo (2005)
	Average depth	$d$	3.25	m	von Sperling and Chernicharo (2005)
	Construction Costs		30	US\$/P.E	Von Sperling (2007)
	O & M Costs		3	US\$/P.E	von Sperling (2007)
	BOD removal		80	%	von Sperling and Chernicharo (2005)
	TN removal		40	%	von Sperling (2007)

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
	TP removal		40	%	von Sperling (2007)
	SS removal		75	%	von Sperling and Chernicharo (2005)
	FC removal		78	%	von Sperling (2007)

### 3.3.6 Sedimentation tank (ST) and primary treatment (PT)

#### **Land Requirement**

In the absence of any design equation for ST's and PT's, land requirement was calculated based on average unit land required / P.E mentioned in literature. The values are given in table 3.8.

The total land requirement for a treatment train is calculated by adding the land requirement for each unit in the treatment train.

#### **Removal of BOD, TN, TP, FC and TSS**

In the absence of any design equation for BOD, TP, TN, FC and TSS removal, the effluent concentration in terms of BOD, TN, TP, FC and TSS was calculated based on average % removal data available in literature as given in table 3.8.

#### **Construction, operation and maintenance (O&M) costs**

In the absence of elaborate data on construction and O&M costs, present selection tool uses costs/P.E data to calculate construction and O&M costs for different treatment units. The values are given in table 3.8.

The costs for a treatment train is calculated by adding the costs for each unit in the treatment train.

**Table 3.8: List of values used for PT and ST**

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
PT	Construction Costs		25	US\$/P.E

Treatment Unit	Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
	O & M Costs		0.5	US\$/P.E
	Land Required		0.05	m <sup>2</sup> /P.E
	BOD removal		35	%
	TN removal		15	%
	TP removal		15	%
	TSS removal		75	%
	FC removal		10	%
ST	Construction Costs		25	US\$/P.E
	O & M Costs		0.5	US\$/P.E
	Land Required		0.05	m <sup>2</sup> /P.E
	BOD removal		38	%
	TN removal		15	%
	TP removal		20	%
	TSS removal		90	%
	FC removal		10	%

Source: von Sperling (2007)

### 3.3.7 Calculation of water loss

Water loss was calculated to provide warnings related to effluent reuse. The equation is given by

$$WaterLoss = (E - P) * A \dots\dots\dots Eq. (3.12)$$

Where, *E* is annual average evaporation (mm/yr), *P* is annual average precipitation (mm/yr) and *A* is area in (m<sup>2</sup>). Water loss is finally converted as (m<sup>3</sup>/year) during calculations.

### 3.4 Selection Criteria and indicators

Several criterias were identified to evaluate different treatment trains. Furthermore, proper indicators were carefully defined to test these criterias. These criterias and indicators have been described in table 3.9. The table 3.9 also shows the output of analysis of testing of these indicators.

**Table 3.9: Description of Criterias, indicators and their analysis**

<b>Criterias</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Indicators met</b>	<b>Indicators not met</b>
<b>Technical</b>	Removal BOD	1	-1
	Removal TN		
	Removal TP		
	Removal SS		
	Removal FC		
	Availability of Gravel locally	1	1 for ponds and FWSCW -1 for SSFCW
	Land Requirement	Normalized point between 1 and -1	NF
Water Loss	1	1 for SSFCW, -1 for others	
<b>Economic</b>	Construction Costs	Normalized point between 1 and -1	
	Operation and Maintenance Costs	Normalized point between 1 and -1	
<b>Social</b>	Odour	1	1 for SSFCW, -1 for FWSCW, ponds and FAL
	Noise	1	-1 for FAL, 1 for other systems
	Malaria prevalence	1	-1 for ponds, FAL and FWSCW, 1 for SSFCW

Based on these values accredited to each treatment train after analysis, cumulative weight is calculated and is given by equation:

$$CW = \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} W * P \dots\dots\dots\text{Eq. (3.13)}$$

Where,  $CW$  is the cumulative weight,  $W$  is the weightage provided by the user for each indicator and  $P$  is the individual point received by each treatment train during analysis.

The normalized point for land requirement and costs were calculated by dividing the value calculated by the model for each treatment train by the maximum value for land requirement or costs from the entire treatment trains. This normalized point (ranging between 0 - 1) was extrapolated into the range between 1 and -1 (from most favourable to least favourable) by considering 0 to equivalent to 1 and 1 to be equivalent to -1.

### 3.5 How to add or edit the treatment trains

This section provides the steps to be followed to add or edit treatment trains. To understand the steps, first an overview of the model in Excel has been provided. The model in Excel has been divided into five sheets which contains different aspects of the model. Sheet named "**User Defined Input**" has the data provided by the user via the userform. These input is required by the model during calculation. The next sheet is "**Equations**" which consists of equations and values for parameters. The third sheet is "**Calculation**" where actual calculation for each treatment train is done. This sheet consists of several columns designated to each indicator. And each cell of the column consists of equation for calculation of respective indicator for the respective treatment unit of the treatment train. The next sheet is "**Analysis**" which does IF analysis for the criterias and provides points to each treatment train based on the criterias met. This sheet also calculates the Cumulative weight for each treatment train and ranks them on the basis of the cumulative weight. Furthermore, this sheet also has equations for the warnings for each treatment train. The next sheet of interest is the "**Result**" sheet which provides information about the treatment trains with cumulative weight, their rank and warnings associated with each treatment train. The last sheet is "**Links**" which provides links to different pdf documents for reference. The reference documents includes: WHO guidelines for reuse of wastewater in agriculture, WHO guidelines for reuse of wastewater for reuse in aquaculture, Guidelines for CW and WSP, Design manual for CW, Literature review on use of natural systems for wastewater treatment and Manual for SETNAWWAT.

**Steps for editing any treatment train:**

1. Unhide the sheets and follow the next step.

2. Go to calculation sheet, and start editing the cell you want to change the equation in. For e.g, if you want to change the equation for calculation of Construction cost for a particular type of treatment unit, you can edit the equation in respective cell for that treatment unit. And the same change needs to be repeated for that unit in all treatment trains. It is important to take care about the reference of the cells used in equation.

***Steps for adding new treatment train:***

1. Unhide the sheets and follow the next step.
2. First go to "Calculation" sheet, add the units of the new treatment train in the similar way as done already for other treatment trains. Also add the the treatment train number.
3. Next start entering equation for each treatment train unit for calculation of effluent quality for BOD, TN, TP, SS and FC; land requirement; Construction and O&M costs and other indicators. The details about the equation is given in section 3.3. For convenience, if the treatment unit already exists in the model, the equation can be copied and reference to cells in the equation should be accordingly adjusted.
4. Next is going to "Analysis" sheet and adding functions for screening criterias for each new treatment train added. The equations can be copied from previous treatment train keeping in mind to adjust the cell reference accordingly. One can also refer to the table 3.8 in section 3.4 to get an overview of the points given to a treatment train when a criteria is met or not met. Also insert the equation for calculation of cumulative weight, which is calculated only when the criteria of land requirement is met. Else the treatment train is marked NF. For better understanding, refer to the equation for other treatment train already in the model.
5. Also add warning equations for new treatment trains, which again can be copied from previous train taking care of adjusting the reference cells.
6. Next go to "Result" sheet and enter the number, description, CW, Land requirement, and Construction costs, rank and warnings for new treatment trains. Here for CW, rank and warnings reference to respective cell in sheet "Analysis" is given and for Land requirement and Construction cost, reference to respective cell in "Calculation" sheet is given.

### **3.6 Demonstration of SETNAWWAT with data set**

This section demonstrates the applicability of SETNAWWAT in guiding the decision process. This has been done by running the model with a data set for a hypothetical city which is under planning phase. The data used in this tool is described in table 3.10 below.

**Table 3.10: List of parameter values used in this tool for the demonstration.**

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
<b>Hydro-meteorological data</b>		
Average air temperature of the hottest month	30	°C
Average air temperature of the coldest month	21	°C
Annual average precipitation	1260	mm/yr
Annual average evapotranspiration	750	mm/yr
<b>Topo graphical data</b>		
Soil type	clay	
<b>Demographic data</b>		
Population	2000000	inhabitants
Population growth rate	2	%
Base year	2010	
Design period	20	years
<b>Wastewater characteristics</b>		
Flow rate	300000	m <sup>3</sup> /d
cBOD	450	mg/l
TSS	175	mg/l
TN	56	mg/l
TP	43	mg/l
Faecal coliforms	1.6E+06	#/100ml
Type of wastewater	Raw wastewater	
Reuse option	Irrigation	
<b>Effluent Standards</b>		
cBOD	100	mg/l
TSS	75	mg/l

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
TN	40	mg/l
TP	35	mg/l
FC	1000	mg/l
<b>Technocal and Economic aspects</b>		
Land available	642150000	m <sup>2</sup>
Materials available locally		
Sand	No	
Gravel	No	
Liners	No	
Availibility of electricity	Yes	
<b>Socio-cultural aspects</b>		
Is the planned site in the vicinity of the inhabitants	Yes	
Is malaria prevalent in the area	Yes	
<b>Weight for the criteria</b>		
Ability to meet cBOD standard	0.3	
Ability to meet nutrients(TN &TP) standard	0.1	
Ability to meet FC standard	0.9	
Land requirement	1	
Construction Costs	1	
Operation&Maintenance costs	0.5	
Availibility of materials	0.5	
Odor	0.5	
Noise	0.3	
Malaria	0.5	

The outcome of the model based on the above data is shown below in figure 3.2.

TT#	Description Treatment Train	Cummulative weight	Rank	Land Required (m2)	Construction Cost (US\$)
T25	AP+FP+MP(3)	2.47	1	3758025.0420	207363632.90
T22	AP+FP+MP(2)	2.42	2	4027006.9360	207363632.90
T4	PT+SSHFCW+SSV	2.33	3	1947095.0750	344014775.20
T5	PT+SSVFCW+SSH	2.32	4	1997264.3410	344014775.20
T26	FP+MP(3)	1.88	5	9092045.5340	149182469.70

Figure 3.2: Result as obtained from demo run of SETNAWWAT

The detailed result with the values of each feild is describes below in table 3.11.

Table 3.11: Detailed result from SETNAWWAT

Train number	Train description	CW	Rank	Land required (m <sup>2</sup> )	Construction costs (US\$)	Warnings
T25	AP+FP+MP(3)	2.47	1	3758025.04	207363632.9	Preventive measure for malaria
T22	AP+FP+MP(2)	2.42	2	4027006.93	207363632.9	Preventive measure for malaria
T4	PT+SSHFCW+SSVFCW	2.33	3	1947095.07	344014775.2	
T5	PT+SSVFCW+SSHFCW	2.32	4	1997264.34	344014775.2	
T26	FP+MP(3)	1.88	5	9092045.53	149182469.7	Preventive measure for malaria

From above result as calculated by SETNAWWAT model, it is evident that the treatment train # T25 is the most favoured option even though the land required is higher than treatment train numbers T4 & T5. An comparative overview of above table 3.11 shows that the construction costs for treatment train T4 & T5 are much higher than T25. And since the weight provided for both indicators: land requirement and construction costs is same (i.e.1), T25 gets the highest cummulative score and hence the preferred option.

The output from such models can give an idea to city planners about the feasibility of treatment train option to consider during the planning of construction of wastewater treatment facility.

### **3.7 Summary of SETNAWWAT**

SETNAWWAT is a selection tool which serves as a platform for evaluation of possible natural systems for wastewater treatment to assist in feasibility study during planning process. The evaluation involves multicriteria analysis. The selection tool is good for feasibility study but needs validation with actual case studies. Also, the costs data and average removal efficiency data used in calculation is taken from different regions so might not be true reflection of the actual costs and effluent quality of the local situation under feasibility study. Hence this model is only good for comparative study of different treatment trains.

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