

"Submarine Rivers": A contribution to the fight against Climate Change

A case study: Chile

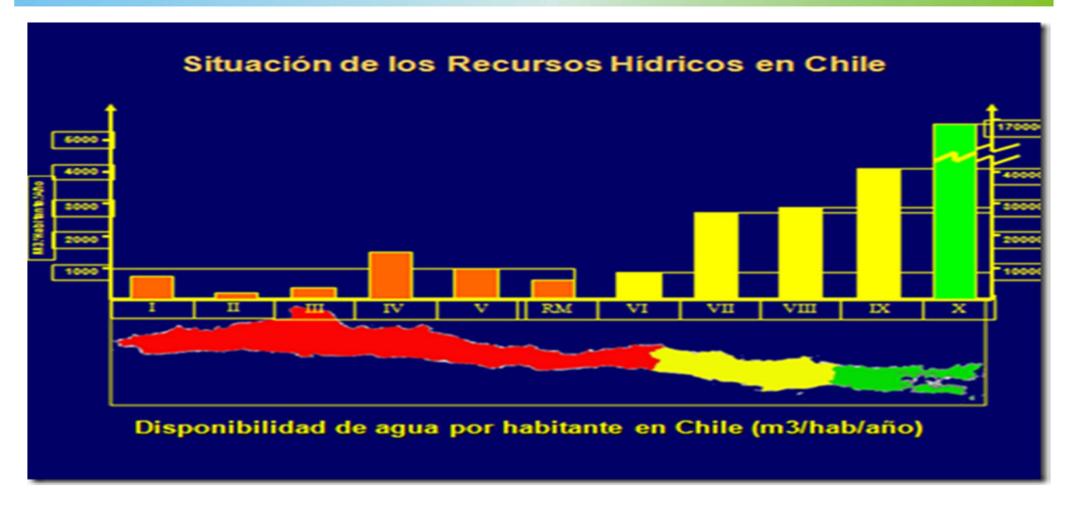
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Chile's hydric situation





Issues at stake

- Bad service of water for > 2 Million inhabitants in the North
- > 50BN USD of future investments in mining jeopardized by the lack of water
- Squeeze out of small users of water
- Depletion of water tables used by natives
- Desertification progresses
- Worsening by the day due to Climate Change





Traditional solutions don't work

- Desalination: low volumes, heavy energy consumption, high price
- Chile: not energy rich
- Old project of onshore canal too expensive due to mountainous relief
- Reuse: low volumes that can be used in the immediate surroundings



Via Marina's novel solution

- Our proprietary system submariver®
- Water intake in some southern river
- A submarine route along the Pacific coast
- Water deliveries in ≈10 northern points up to Peruvian border (>1500km)
- Flow: **~30m**³/S
- All users: urban, industrial, agriculture
- Energy consumption: <0.4kWh/m³
- All-in transportation cost: <0.5\$/m³



Current study

- Offer and demand
- Submarine route
- Full adaptation to Chilean peculiarities: seismicity, bathymetry, ...
- CAPEX
- OPEX (in particular energy)
- All-in price
- Calendar
- · Legal, environmental, technical, financial, ...





Advantages of Submariver®

- Wide range of potential applications all around the world
- Fresh water as well as "reused" water
- Direct consumption or recharge of water tables
- > Large quantities at an economical price even for long distances
- Good versatility: 15% over investment meets 50% demand increase
- Transportation price (amortization included) allows agricultural uses beyond normal human consumption
- Fast implementation and construction
- Simple and sturdy, no need for an overqualified workforce
- No waste, no chemicals, no technological dependence
- Low energy consumption hence more environmentally friendly
- Downstream issues manageable
- Fewer interlocutors involved
- Inert object on the sea bottom: ecologic niche
- Wide acceptance among civil society





Thank you for your attention

Time for discussion

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