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Karst Aquifer Resources availability and quality in the **Mediterranean Area**

MEDKAM final geodatabase

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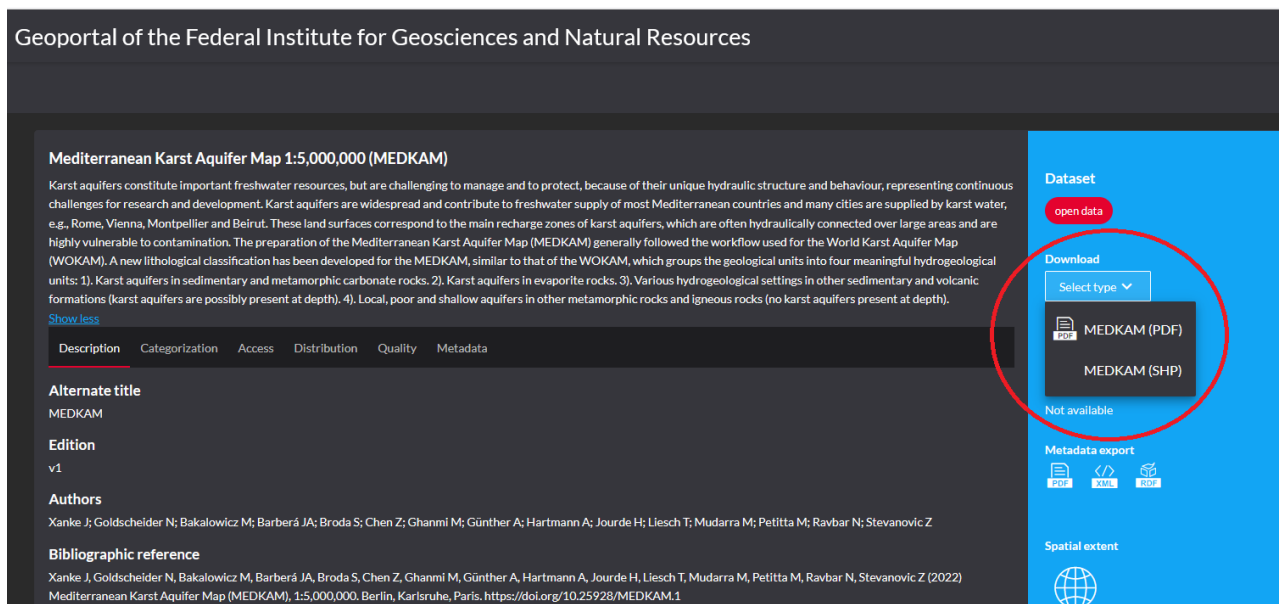
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Executive Summary

The final geodatabase for MEDKAM was completed in December 2022, the maps were printed in January 2023. Details on the map, the digital map, the geodatabase and metadata are available via the geoportal of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) with the following link:

<https://geoportal.bgr.de/mapapps/resources/apps/geoportal/index.html?lang=en#/datasets/portal/65f58412-4a78-4808-9ef6-6b6d9182db8f>

On the right hand of the website there is a drop-down menu (Figure 1), which provides the MEDKAM as a pdf-file and the complete geodatabase with related shapefiles, the ArcGIS-project file and metadata.



Geoportal of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources

Mediterranean Karst Aquifer Map 1:5,000,000 (MEDKAM)

Karst aquifers constitute important freshwater resources, but are challenging to manage and to protect, because of their unique hydraulic structure and behaviour, representing continuous challenges for research and development. Karst aquifers are widespread and contribute to freshwater supply of most Mediterranean countries and many cities are supplied by karst water, e.g., Rome, Vienna, Montpellier and Beirut. These land surfaces correspond to the main recharge zones of karst aquifers, which are often hydraulically connected over large areas and are highly vulnerable to contamination. The preparation of the Mediterranean Karst Aquifer Map (MEDKAM) generally followed the workflow used for the World Karst Aquifer Map (WOKAM). A new lithological classification has been developed for the MEDKAM, similar to that of the WOKAM, which groups the geological units into four meaningful hydrogeological units: 1. Karst aquifers in sedimentary and metamorphic carbonate rocks. 2. Karst aquifers in evaporite rocks. 3. Various hydrogeological settings in other sedimentary and volcanic formations (karst aquifers are possibly present at depth). 4. Local, poor and shallow aquifers in other metamorphic rocks and igneous rocks (no karst aquifers present at depth).

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