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# Landslide Hazard Assessment on Regional and Local Scale: Internetion in Greece

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### Landslide Hazard Assessment in the Blaxi area. The....Gaps!

- Usable Data are lacking. Inventories of past landslides do not exist or are not accessible.
- Metadata are not supplied so it's very difficult to assess reliability and accuracy of available data (if found!).
- Different LHA methodologies are used even in the same country, making comparison of outputs, impossible.
- Hazard identification & Risk assessment on regional and on local scales (that could provide the essential information for planning typical preventive measures) has only been sparsely implemented.







## Selected, Adapted to local conditions and Applied Methodologies

- A. Mora & Vahrson methodology (Sergio Mora C., & Wilhelm-Gunther Vahrson (1994): Macrozonation Methodology for Landslide Hazard determination. Bulletin of the Association of Engineering Geologists, Vol. XXXI No.1, 1994, pp.49-58.
- B. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA, USA) methodology – HazUS (<u>https://www.fema.gov/hazus</u>)

C. Factor of Safety calculation (Infinite Slope Model & Circular Landslide)







## **Implementation areas - Hellas**

Both areas of pilot implementation fall inside the Black Sea Programme eligible area:

- A. Serres
- B. Komotini-Nymfaia

Scale of Regional Implementation

1:50.000 (input data & analysis)







# A. Mora & Vahrson Methodology

Calculates the "Intrinsic Landslide Susceptibility" (SUSC)

Taking into account the: Slope Factor (**Sr**) Lithology Factor (**Sl**) Soil Humidity Conditions (**Sh**)

And the Triggering Factor (TRIG) Derive from the combination of Seismic factor (Ts) Precipitation factor (Tp)

HI = SUSC \* TRIG= = (Sr \* Sl \* Sh) \* (Ts + Tp)







## Common borders. Common solutions. Classification of Landslide Hazard Indicator (HI) HI = SUSC \* TRIG = (Sr \* SI \* Sh) \* (Ts + Tp)









# **B. FEMA methodology (Hazard US)**

**Based on empirical and experimental relationships** 

Areas of pilot implementation on a Regional Scale (1:50.000)

A. Serres

B. Komotini-Nymfaia







# Landslide Hazard Assessment (FEMA)

- 1. Assess Landslide Susceptibility (under static conditions)
- 2. Assess the Critical Acceleration (Ac) & compare (Ac/PGA) the Critical Acceleration (Ac) with the actual Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA)

### 3. Calculate Permanent Ground Displacements

All the above parameters are calculated for two different moisture/groundwater conditions: "DRY" and "WET" whereas "DRY" corresponds to groundwater level BELOW surface of failure and "WET" corresponds to groundwater ON ground surface.







## Landslide Susceptibility under static conditions

#### Table 8. Landslide susceptibility under static conditions

(HazUS MH, Chapter 4 – PESH)

	Geologic Group		S	ope Ang	le, degre	es							
			10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	>40	scale I: less susceptible					
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в	Weakly Cemented Rocks and Soils (sandy soils and poorly cemented sandstone, $c' = 0, \phi' = 35^{\circ}$ )	None	Ш	IV	v	VI	VII						
с	Argillaceous Rocks (shales, clayey soil, existing landslides, poorly compacted fills, c' =0 $\phi' = 20^{\circ}$ )	v	VI	VII	IX	IX	IX						
	(b) WET (groundwater												
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## Landslide Susceptibility under static conditions

Susceptibility under different moisture conditions

is calculated by adding the individual Susceptibilities Per Geologic Group











## Landslide Susceptibility under seismic conditions

Limit Equilibrium Method principle: an earthquake is considered as a horizontal force (seismic coefficient \* weight of the potentially sliding mass of a slope)

Critical Acceleration ( $A_c$ ) is defined as the horizontal acceleration that produces a  $F_s = 1.0$ The ratio:  $A_c$  /PGA is the critical parameter to classify susceptibility under seismic conditions.







## **Calculating the Critical Acceleration A**<sub>c</sub>

**Critical Acceleration (A<sub>c</sub>)** is a complex function of **slope**, **geology**, **steepness**, **groundwater table**, **type of landsliding** & **history of previous slope performance**.









### Permanent Ground Displacements (PGD) assessment

The FEMA method is based on the assessment of PGD (Permanent Ground Displacements) for landslides (Goodman and Seed, 1966)

## $E[PGD] = E[d/A_{is}]*A_{is}*n$

A<sub>is</sub>: induced acceleration (g) –  $A_{is}$  = PGA n: number of cycles (function of earthquake magnitude  $M_w$ ) E[d/A<sub>is</sub>]: expected displacement factor for each cycle

A<sub>is</sub> = PGA : for shallow landslides

A<sub>is</sub> = 2/3\*PGA: for massive, deep and large landslides



Figure 4.11 Integration of Accelerograms to Determine Downslope Displacements (Goodman and Seed, 1966).







# **C.** Landslide Hazard Assessment - F<sub>s</sub>

Areas of pilot implementation

- A. Serres
- B. Komotini-Nymfaia

Scale of Regional Implementation

1:50.000 (input data & analysis)







## Landslide Hazard Assessment - F<sub>s</sub>

- Physically based landslide hazard assessment methods are based on modeling of slope failure processes
- the factor of safety F<sub>s</sub> computation method (triggering factors: rainfall & earthquake)







## LHA Factor of Safety -Data requirements

- Scale of Implementation 1:50.000
- Topographic data (topographic Maps, elevation data, lattice points etc). In case topographic data at a 1:50.000 scale are not available, ASTER DEMs can be used at the expense of accuracy.
- Geologic Maps
- Engineering geologic/geotechnical parameters (cohesion, friction angle, unit weight)
- Ground Motion data (PGA values)

Mean Monthly Rainfall (mm) and MAX daily precipitations







## Landslide Hazard– Static conditions / Precipitation

Infinite Slope Model (Factor of Safety)

$$F_{S} = \frac{c' + (\gamma_{app} - m * \gamma_{w}) * z * \cos^{2} \beta * \tan \varphi}{\gamma_{app}} x z * \sin \beta * \cos \beta$$



$$\gamma_{\rm app} = \gamma * (1 - m) + \gamma_{\rm sat} * m$$

If totally dry slope, then  $\gamma_{app} = \gamma$  (m=0%)

If totally saturated slope, then  $\gamma_{app} = \gamma_{sat}$ (m=100%)

- $\phi'$ : effective angle of friction of geomaterial (<sup>0</sup>)
- c': effective cohesion of geomaterial (kPa),
- γ: specific weight (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),
- $\beta$ : slope angle (Deg),
- $\gamma_w$ : **specific weight** of the water (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),
- z: normal thickness of the failure slab (m)
- m: percentage of the water saturated failure slab (%)







## **Geotechnical Parameters Spatial Distribution**

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### Calculating effective Cohesion (c') and friction angle ( $\phi$ ')

 Preparing the parameters for the calculation of Factor of Safety (convert vector to Raster); c' – effective cohesion and φ'-Internal Friction angle









### **Unit Weight & Hydraulic Conductivity Spatial Distribution**

 Preparing the parameters for the calculation of Factor of Safety: Unit Weight and Hydraulic Conductivity (needed to calculate Saturation in SAGA GIS









# **Thickness and saturation of sliding slab**

 The Normal thickness of failure slab (z) can be defined parametrically (i.e. 1m, 5m, 10m) and taken into account as such or physically based models can be used to link it to soil (and regolith) development;

**Indicative Relative Research:** Dietrich and Reiss, 1995; Catani et.al, 2010; Shafique et.al, 2011.

#### Potentially useful info:

- Pan-European Soil Databases fpr Landslide Mapping (JRC)
- ESDAC Data Inventory
- EU Soils







### Common borders. Common solutions. Saturation percentage of sliding slab

- Percentage of saturation (m %) needs to be correlated with rainfall (mm) and a mean return period for the rainfall event (if such data exist for the examined region)
- Create the Saturation Percentage (SP) using the WETNESS module in SAGA GIS
- Please note! The SP is calculated for a respective sliding mass thickness
- References and help are given within SAGA GIS (shown below).

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### Common borders. Common solutions. Saturation percentage of sliding slab









## Factor of Safety – Serres Pilot Implementation Area









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## Landslide Hazard – Seismic/Wet conditions

Infinite Slope Model (Factor of Safety for a Wet slope)

$$F = \frac{c' + (z\gamma\cos^2\beta - z\beta\alpha\cos\beta\sin\beta - \gamma_w z_w\cos^2\beta)}{z\gamma\sin\beta\cos\beta + z\rho\alpha\cos^2\beta}$$

φ': effective angle of friction of geomaterial (<sup>0</sup>) c': effective cohesion of geomaterial (kPa), β: slope angle (Deg),

- ρ: bulk density (Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $\gamma$ : specific weight (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),
- $\gamma_w$ : specific weight of the water (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),
- a : earthquake acceleration (m/sec<sup>2</sup>)
- z: normal thickness of the failure slab (m)

 $m = z_w/z$  % of the water saturated failure slab









## Factor of Safety – Serres Pilot Implementation Area









## Factor of Safety – Serres Pilot Implementation Area









## Landslide Hazard– Static conditions / Precipitation

Deterministic Model for circular landslides (Ferentinou et al., 2006)

$$F_{s} = 4.32 * \left[\frac{c'}{\gamma * H} + \sin\beta\right] + 1.22 * (1 - r_{u}) * \frac{\tan\phi'}{\tan\beta} + 0.005$$



 $\phi'$ : effective angle of friction of geomaterial (<sup>0</sup>)

- c': effective cohesion of geomaterial (kPa),
- $\gamma$ : specific weight (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),
- β: slope angle (Deg),

- y : **specific weight** of the water (kN/m<sup>3</sup>), **H: Height of Slope** (m)
- r<sub>u</sub>: **percentage** of the water **saturated** failure slab  $(\gamma_w/\gamma)$







## **EVALUATION of Outputs**

### **Evaluation (among methodologies)** by comparison of Outputs

- Complexity, precision of outputs
- Practical use of outputs

**Evaluation by comparison of LHA assessment to field records:** 

- Landslides
- Slope failures

Geotechnical measures taken to stabilize natural and cut slopes







#### **EVALUATION of Outputs – comparison of outputs**

#### Serres PIA – Landslide Hazard Assessment









### **EVALUATION of Outputs – wet; z=5m, Natural slopes**









## LHA assessment - Recorded Landslides on Natural slopes









## **Results & Discussion**

- All methodologies require about the same type and accuracy level of data (to the exception of FEMA). Their "feasibility" is therefore linked to the complexity they present to the potential user.
- Mora & Vahrson (M&V) methodology outputs are generalized and relatively crude as a result of the many generalizations embedded in the methodology.
- FEMA's methodology is more complex to use requiring both a number of estimations and reference to diagrams and a lot of intermediate products. Results are more "interesting" than those provided by the M&V methodology, since .
- The Factor of Safety calculation requires a good sense of the engineering properties of rocks but it's the more flexible, relatively easy to implement and precise in terms of the spatial distribution of the calculated Fs.
  Moreover, its outputs can be readily used in other applications.







## Weaknesses

- Geologic formations are not homogenous nor isotropic over large areas as are the ones covered by the Landslide Hazard Assessment at a regional scale.
- Fracture zones exhibit much poorer engineering properties than intact rock proportionally to the degree of fracturing.
- Rain water infiltration (which is a triggering factor) and moisture is also related to fracturing.
- Finally, weathering is in most cases, related to fracturing. Weathered zones, rich in clayey minerals with very poor geotechnical behavior, develop in fractured zones.
- As is evident, the incorporation of such a parameter to calculate the Factor of Safety could greatly improve the final estimations







## **Improving the LHA performance using Remote Sensing**

- Fractured zones can be detected using **remote Sensing data**.
- They correspond to "lineaments" in satellite images. Not all lineaments are fractures in rocks so there's a need for a detailed, visual interpretation.
- Landsat TM and ETM+ data were used for both PI areas to map lineaments and detect fractured zones.
- Buffer zones of 15m were drawn around each lineament / fracture, representing a fractured zone of 30m width.
- Rock Engineering parameters were assigned to those zones, taking into consideration the type of rock and its initial properties.
- The new data were incorporated into the initial engineering geologic map and the new map was used for the calculations of the Fs.







### Improving the LHA performance using Remote Sensing









### Improving the LHA performance using Remote Sensing



Triggering factor: Earthquake Normal thickness of failure slab: 5m Triggering factor: Rainfall (T=50 years) Normal thickness if failure slab: 5m







## LHA assessment evaluation – Nymfaia PIA









#### **PIA: vertical axis Komotini-Nymfaia**



36 cut slopes along the vertical road axis Komotini – Nymfaia – Hellenic Bulgaria borders







## **Level of Precision**











#### Common borders. Common solutions. Level of Precision – cut slope O21 (point B)



1.21 < Fs < 2.0 on natural slopes (regional scale)









#### Common borders. Common solutions. Cut Slope O21 : km: 16+640 – 17+080

















### **Natural Slope : Static Conditions (local scale)**

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### Cut slope O21: static conditions without any countermeasures





#### Cut slope 021: Static with countermeasures (nails / passive anchors)









#### <u>Conditions: Static – 3D Geometry convex cut slope</u>



