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WASA 2 Mid-term Workshop
Cape Town, South Africa
Updated wind resource mapping methodology

- **Frogfoot** implementation of WASP
  - Database of wind climates
  - Database of elevation maps
  - Database of roughness maps

- Principle of operation
  - Batch mode operation
  - Distributed computing
  - Wind atlas interpolation to every prediction site.
  - Results in MySQL database
  - Export to GIS formats

- WASP 11 standard modelling
  - Industry-standard model
  - Linearized IBZ flow model
  - Default parameters
Available input data for modelling

- Validated Numerical Wind Atlas
  - WRF mesoscale model
  - Virtual mast for every 3/5 km
  - WASA 1 domain: 3 km
  - All of South Africa: 5 km

- Elevation
  - 100-m elevation grid from space shuttle Endeavour (SRTM+, NASA version 3).

- Land cover
  - 300-m land cover grid derived from ESA GlobCover 2009.
  - Transformation table for $z_0$
WRF 5-km simulated winds

WASA2, mean wind speed (m/s)  Oct 2005 - Sept 2013

[Map showing wind speed distribution with color scale ranging from 5 to 10 m/s]
South Africa wind speed @ 100 m
South Africa power density @ 100 m
WRF 3-km simulated winds

WASA1, mean wind speed (m/s)  Oct 2005 - Sept 2013
WASA1 wind speed @ 100 m
WASA1 power density @ 100 m
Interim High-Resolution Wind Resource Map

Detailed wind resource maps
- 250 × 250 m grid results
- Modelling resolution ~1 m
- 50, 100 and 200 m a.g.l.
- ArcGIS ASC output format

- Mean wind speed $U$
  - 10 min average in [ms$^{-1}$]

- Mean power density $P$
  - 10 min average in [Wm$^{-2}$]
  - Site-specific air density

- Elevation $z$
  - Meters above sea level [m]

- Ruggedness index RIX
  - WAsP standard parameters

Database of wind climates
- For each province
  - 250 × 250 m grid results
  - 50, 100 and 200 m a.g.l.
  - Sector-wise results (× 12)
  - ASCII TXT output format

- For each site, height and sector
  - Weibull $A$ parameter [ms$^{-1}$]
  - Weibull $k$ parameter
  - Frequencies of occurrence

- Data for calculation of
  - Specific power density
  - Wind turbine energy yield
  - Wind turbine capacity factor
  - and much more...
Metadata documents for wind resource data sets

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  - Data set specifications
  - Data provider
  - Contact information
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- Coordinate system
- Technology (models & data)
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- Limitations
  - Operational envelope of WAsP
  - Validated numerical wind atlas (WRF mesoscale model)
  - Input topographical data
  - Complex terrain (RIX $>$ 5%)
  - Built-up areas
  - Forested areas

The wind resource maps are subject to change without notice if and when more accurate and reliable data, models and procedures become available.
Validation at WASA 1 and 2 masts
DEA National Wind and Solar PV SEAs (Phase 1)

SEA Data available for download & public comments

- [http://www.csir.co.za/nationalwindsolarsea/](http://www.csir.co.za/nationalwindsolarsea/)

National Wind Datasets Download

- Global Horizontal Irradiance
  - Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI): kWh/m²/annum
- Photovoltaic Yield Static
  - Photovoltaic Yield on fixed tilt plane (kWh(electrical)/kWpeak(installed))/a.
- PV Yield tracking
  - Photovoltaic Yield with single axis tracking (kWh(electrical)/kWpeak(installed))/a.
- Optimal Inclination
  - Optimal inclination for solar panels

Wind and Solar PV SEA Phase I Study Areas Download

National Solar Datasets Download

Renewable Energy EIA Applications Map and Comment Form Download
WASA data used to identify Wind Technical Areas to inform the Phase 2 Strategic Environmental Assessment for wind and solar energy
Wind farm planning and development (caution!)

- Identification and ranking of potential wind farm sites.
- Initial analyses and design
- Project planning
- Pre-feasibility studies
  - Resource assessment
  - Some site assessment
- Design of measurement campaign
  - Number of masts
  - Siting of masts
  - Orientation of sensor booms
  - Mounting of lightning rod and navigation lights.
Summary and conclusions

• Wind resources in South Africa
  – Large-scale: ~1.22 mio. km²
  – High-resolution: 250-m grids
  – Results in public domain

• Data sets available
  – Detailed wind resource maps
  – Database of wind climates
  – Three heights at every site

• Data sets specifically developed for
  – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
  – WF planning and development

• Validation and QA in progress
  – Software development phase
  – Comparisons at WASA masts

• Preliminary validation of WASA1 (3-km) to WASA2 (5-km):
  – Mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) decreases 15%
  – Spread decreases by 40%
  – Bias is almost 0%

• WASA 2 and 3 focus areas
  – Land cover data & modelling
  – Long-term extrapolation
  – Atmospheric stability
  – Adaptation of modelling
  – Uncertainty modelling

• WASA 2 ends by end of 2018
  – 3-km mesoscale modelling
  – Updated data and reports
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wasadata.csir.co.za/wasa1
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