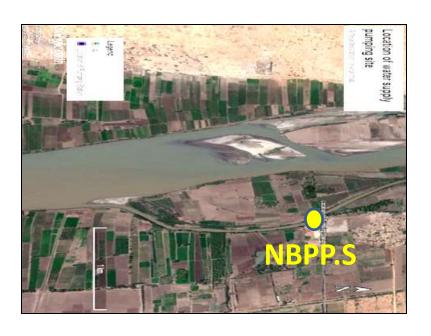
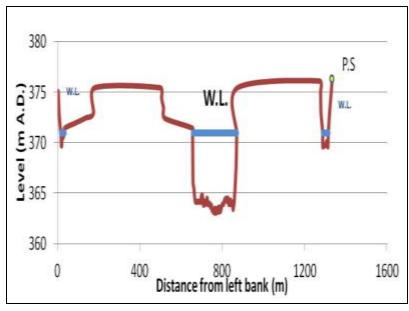
# The suitability of the Intake of North Bahri - El Tamaniat Pumping site (NBTPS)





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#### Introduction

**□**Geographic location:

Right bank of the eastern branch of the main Nile south Tamaniat village.

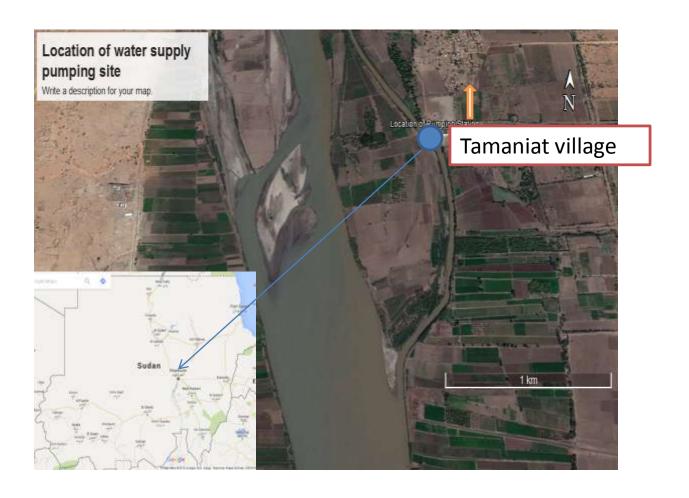
☐The client:

Khartoum State Water Corporation, "KSWC",

**□**The main objective:

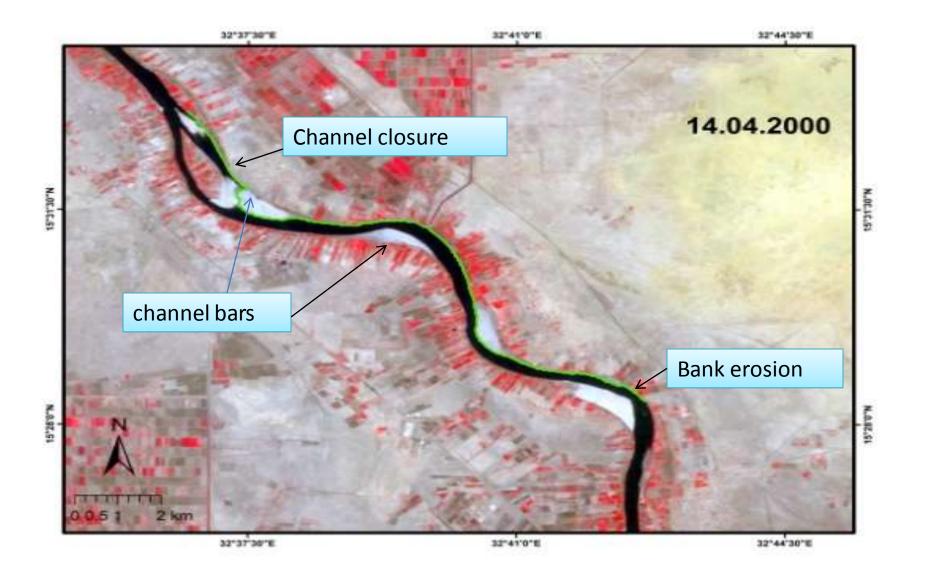
To recommend the possible mitigation measure(s) to alleviate the problem of water availability at the pumping site.

## The location of the pumping station



35 km d/s the confluence white Nile and the Blue Nile.

# Common river morphology problems at pumping sites



# causes and /or accelerating factors of the morphological changes in rivers

- ☐ Hydrological factors: (physical behavior of the natural streams)
- ✓ Drainages basin characteristics;
- ✓ River hydraulics and sediment transport;
- ✓ Planform.
- ☐ Bank and bed formations:
- ✓ Soil type, bank shape and vegetation.
- ☐ Human interference:
- ✓ Change in the flow characteristics,
- ✓ Protection structures,
- ✓ Dredging.

### **Contents of the main report**

- 1 Introduction;
- 2 description of the study site;
- 3 Hydrological analysis;
- 4 Field surveys and consultations;
- 5 River Morphology study;
- 6 The impact of upstream developments on the Blue Nile system;
- 7 Possible interventions actions;
- 8 Conclusions and recommendation;
- 9 Annex: Cross sections and water levels;

## Methodology followed

☐ historical Satellite images for the Morphological changes ☐ Tamaiat (1970 - 2012) and Tabya (2008 - 2014) gauging stations data for the hydrological analysis. ☐ Land and bathymetric survey (12 cross sections); ☐ Hydrological analysis formulae available in the literature and models; **☐** Personal contacts (mainly farmers and fishermen).

# Observations and main results (1): morphological changes.

☐ Erosion on the left bank; **Pumping** /site ☐ Main channel The right branch changes **□** Development Legend Of sand bars

# Observations and main results (2): un stability of the right bank of the river.

1/ Heavy erosion on the left bank of the island in front of the Station.



2/ heaps of dredged sand at the inlet of the right branch.



#### **Observations and main results**

(3): stability of the left bank within the reach under study.

1/ A mountain on the Left Bank furthers downstream the Station



2/ stiff clay and rocks opposite to the pumping station



#### **Observations and main results**

# (4): changes in right branch



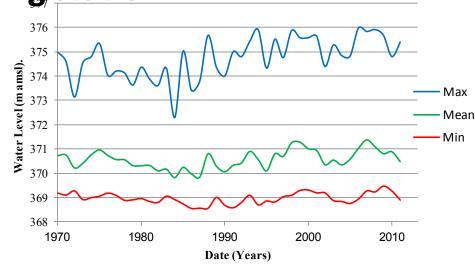


Pumping site location (2009) Pumping site location (2016)

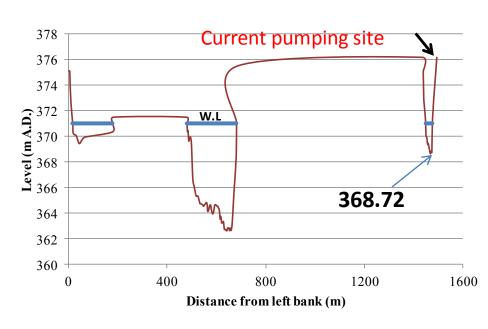
#### Observations and main results

(5): Cross section and water levels at the center line of the pumping station

water levels at Tamaniat gauging station (3 Km d/s the NBTPS)



Cross section at the center line of the NBTPS



# **Main results:**

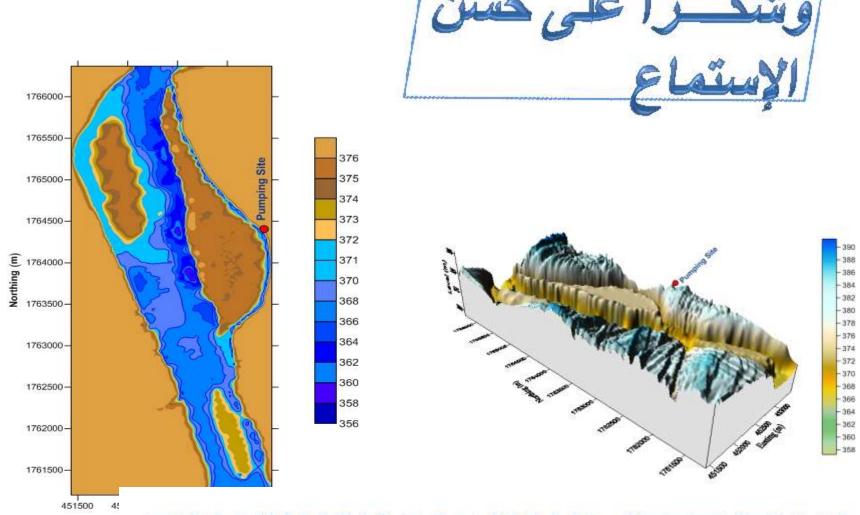
- ☐ The right branch is decreasing (34 m/year).
- ☐ Minimum bed level of the right branch is about 6 m above that of the main channel;
- ☐ the 50 years return minimum water level is lower than the minimum bed level of the right branch;
- ☐ The GERD will increase the minimum water level by about 0.5 m.
- ☐ Earlier the branch under study was the main river. (official reports and personal communications).

### **Main conclusions**

- □ The study area is unstable, (the major changes occur on the right bank)
- ☐ The river branch under study approaching complete closure;
- ☐ The enhancement from the GERD is negligible;
- □ The current dredging practice is a temporal solution with negative impacts, (accelerates siltation downstream);
- ☐ Other options of pumping sites exist (feasibility study is necessary);
- Physical model and further detailed studies are necessary for the determination of the most suitable pumping site.

#### recommendations

**☐** Own a floating dredger to continue the current practice; **□**Transfer the pumping site to the right bank of the main channel (about 1 km from the current site across the island); ☐ Move pumping site about 2.0 km upstream the existing site; **□**Conduct a detailed study for the area under concern for the determination of the best location.



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