



The National Water Information System- Grenada

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Water Resources Information Systems

- A National Water Resources Information System (WRIS) is a valuable tool for:
 - organizing water data
 - easier access to the data, and
 - assessing a country's water resources.

Caribbean NWIS vary in complexity

Simple forms and spread Sheets e.g. Trinidad, Guyana More centralized system incorporating more than met and stream data, e.g. St Lucia

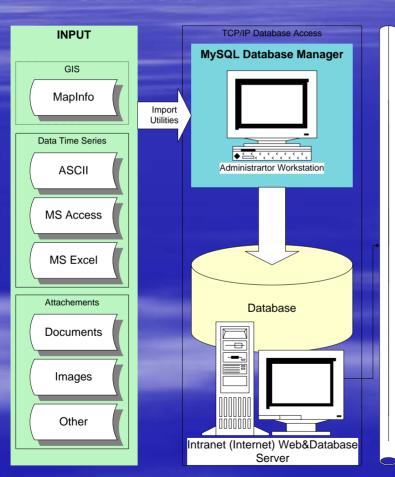
Web based system, linked to Google Earth -Grenada

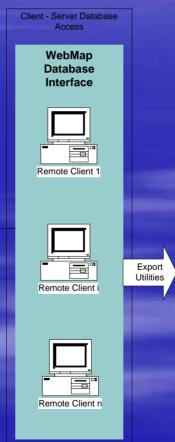
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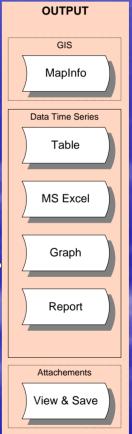
Grenada NWIS

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Client Side



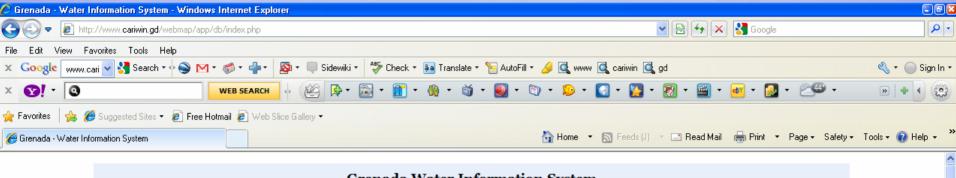




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- MBIA MET OFFICE
- NAWASA
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Grenada Water Information System



CARIWIN is a project on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Caribbean, led by the Brace Centre for Water Resources Management at McGill University and the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), Barbados.

Grenada Water Information System (WIS) uses up-to-date Web technologies to provide reliable and easy access to water related data. The core component of the Grenada WIS is the WebMap Application, facilitating data retreival through an user-friendly interface.

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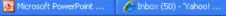


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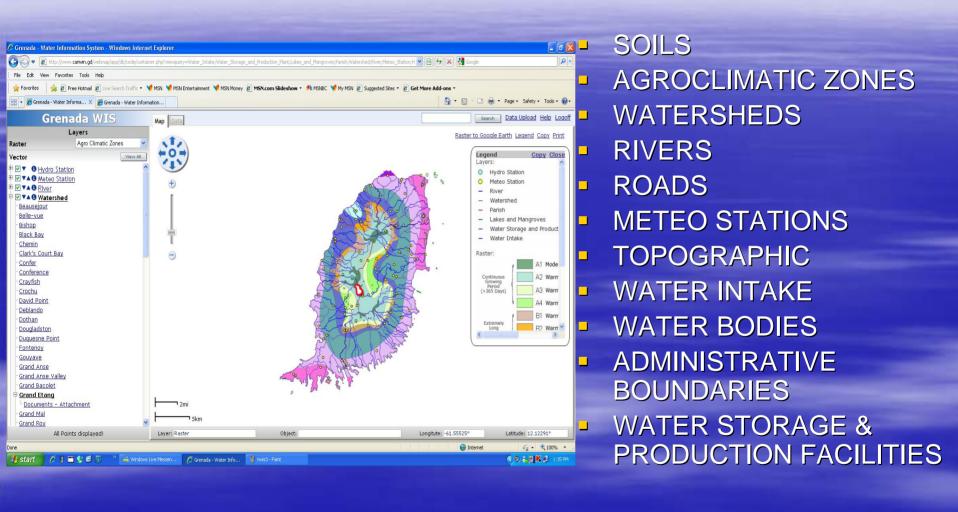




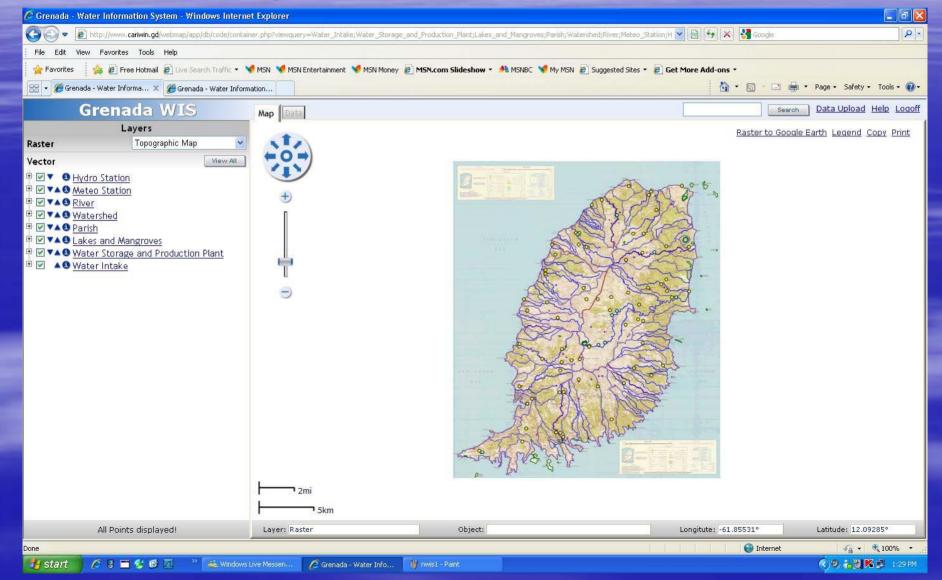
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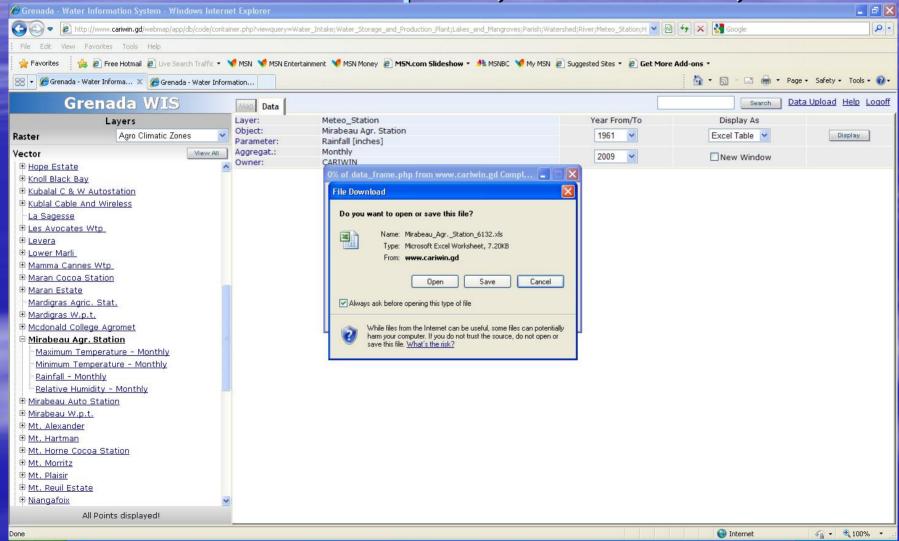


THE SYSTEM -Other Features Object Relationship Browser



SYSTEM FEATURES

Excel spreadsheets, Reports, Charts, Graphs, Statistical Reports, Station Data,



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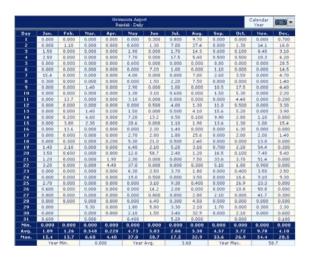
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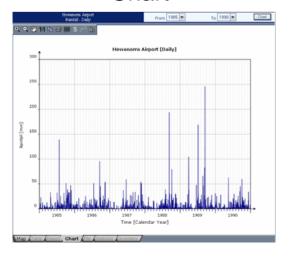
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Types of data

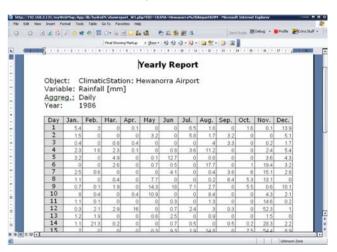
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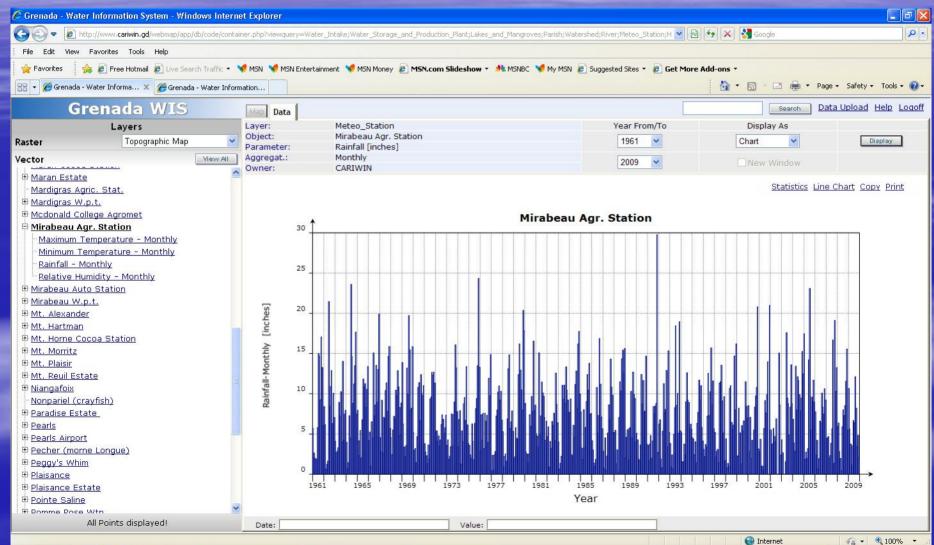
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Types of data which are generated from the NWIS

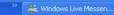
- Tabular data includes Monthly, Yearly, Minima and Maxima and Averages
- Report data are in tabular, print-ready, Microsoft Word Format
- Chart data are in the form of a Line or Bar chart. The chart may be zoomed, copied and printed. Values may be accessed by moving the mouse over the point of interest on the chart.
- File data are in the form of ASCII, Excel or comma delimited data for a selected period
- Maps

CHART PREPARED FROM RAINFALL DATA







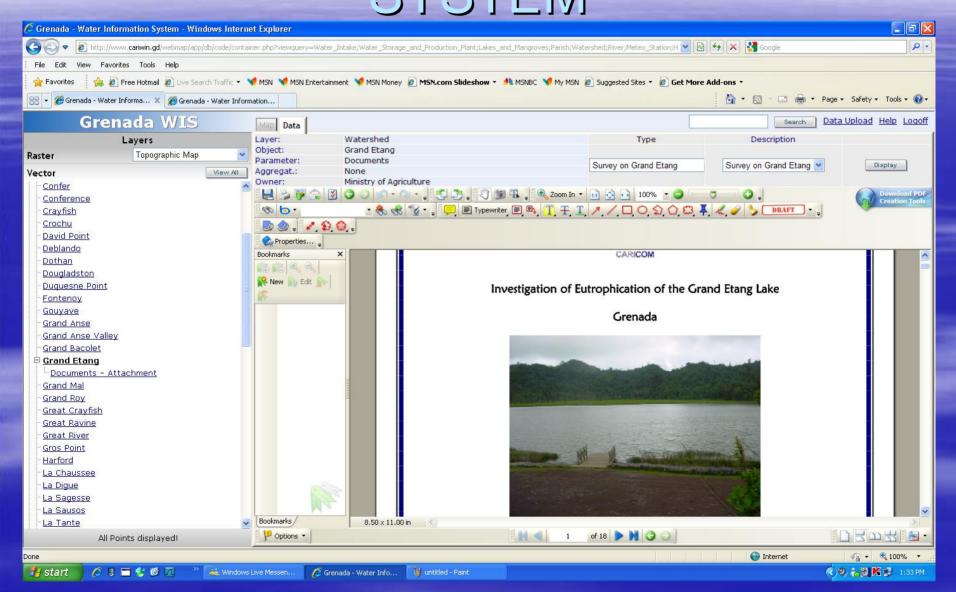








DOCUMENT ATTACHMENT IN SYSTEM



COST OF SYSTEM

CAD\$ 30,000

- COVERS ALL EQUIPMENT
- ALL SOFTWARE
- COLLECTION & INPUT OF DATA
- CONSULTANCY FEES
- TRAINING OF STAKEHOLDERS STAFF

Advantages of the NWIS

- Software is open source
 - Free download from the Internet
 - No renewal of licenses
 - No payment of user fees
 - User friendly so no copious manuals
- One system for all agencies
 - Internet access
 - Real-time data and information access

Advantages continued

- Data entry in any format
- Data can be extracted in various formats
- Selected variables could be extracted from the existing database of the contributing institution and sent electronically to the Water Resources Agency or by uploading
- Reduced chance of transcribing errors
- LOW OPERATIONAL COST. (Internet Connection, 1 SA staff)

Update on Grenada NWIS

- Links with Google Earth
- Links with Other Agencies
- Cooperation with Regional Agencies (Barbados, UWI)
- Increased use of NWIS by Agencies,
 Depts, Ministries, Schools,
- Upload data from Automatic Stations
- Data availability to public still in discussion
- Creation of separate access points for Agencies/Users

Grenada Update Challenges

- Data Collection (getting organizations to provide data, reports in a timely manner).
- 2. Capacity Building. Requires time to learn the Software components in order to make improvements to the site (Html, javascript, ajax, PHP, SQL statements.)
- 3. Lack of feedback from users.
- 4. Data Analysis

Issues to be considered

- Expansion of the NWIS forecasting, early warning, water quality?
- Instrumentation for data collection type, placement, maintenance
- Data collection staff, incentives
- Data entry error in transcribing each time data is transferred
- Data analysis, interpretation and dissemination
- Who are the users of the data? For what?

Recommendations

- Guidelines to ensure data accuracy
- Institutional arrangements to be streamlined
- Computerizing data entry in the field to reduce changes and errors
- Development of simple tools linked with IWRM
- Additional applications e.g. crop production, IWRM planning
- The review of the NWIS of other countries has shown that the system works when the persons using it see its value and when there is government commitment to support it.

Remember...

Keep it simple!!

Thank you