

# WATER AND SOIL CONSERVATION

**Country**

TUNISIA

**Location**

All country

**Client**

Ministry of  
Agriculture

**Financing**

EC

**Project Cost**

56,000,000 EUR

**Services of ENB**

157,000 EUR

**Project Duration**

10/1993 - 06/1996

**Associated Firms**

SCET (TN)

**Project Description**

The implementation of the project took place within the framework of the national plan for Water and Soil Conservation for the year 2000 and more specifically the 5 year plan of development (1992-96), which reviews the use of surface water resources and integrated basin development schemes during the first 3 years.

The objectives of the project are, first, to stop erosion by controlling flooding and by the integrated management of the drainage basins, second, to use the quantities of water normally lost for the domestic, agricultural and other requirements of the local population and third to protect of the downstream infrastructure (against floods, silting of major works etc.). The project, which is financed by EC, is applied in nearly all the regions of Tunisia and consists of:

- construction of 275 hillside reservoirs of an average capacity of 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water
- construction of 300 flood control works by retention basins
- construction de 600 works for aquifer recharge
- anti-erosion protection works of 15,000 ha of drainage basins, with about 50 ha per reservoir immediately upstream of the dam (priority protection)

**Services**

Technical Assistance Missions (agro-economists, rural engineers, sociologists) providing:

- Project management and monitoring
- Financial management
- Construction monitoring
- Training
- Creation of farmer's association
- Ensure participation of women