



Square lake representation at the Brague catchment scale on flood disaster of Oct. 2005: the full FEV of 1.9 Mm<sup>3</sup> is equivalent to a square lake of side nearly 1 km long and 2 m deep. The existing retention concrete basin of 10,700 m<sup>3</sup> handle less than 1% of this total volume at high cost. Giving 30 m of width to the river would cope with 42% of the FEV while the natural retention areas would cope with 26% of the FEV at low cost. 31% of FEV remains and require other measures if one want to protect against the full event.z

#### 4.20 Rainfall interception rate of NBS

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Rainfall interception rate of NBS		Water Management
<b>Description and justification</b>	The aerial parts of vegetation established as part of the NBS can intercept precipitation and thus decrease and delay the amount of water reaching the soil which, in turn, will decrease the risk of erosion and landslides.	
<b>Definition</b>	Interception rate refers to the proportion of precipitation that does not reach the soil, but is instead intercepted by the leaves, branches of plants and the forest floor.	

<b>Strengths and weaknesses</b>	<p>+ Well established procedures exist for NBS that include trees; large body of empirical models exist for multiple plant species and biomes.</p> <p>- Requires significant effort and suitably qualified workforce for measurement/monitoring; relatively difficult to measure under non-woody vegetation; it is difficult to capture the complex architecture of the canopy; high interference with dripfall and atmospheric turbulence.</p>
<b>Measurement procedure and tool</b>	The rationale for measurement is to measure rainfall below the canopy and beyond the canopy's influence and compare both through linear regression, subtract throughfall and stemflow quantities from it. These quantities can be measured using a rain gauge/graded container
<b>Scale of measurement</b>	Point (tree or individual vegetation), field (meso scale)
<b>Data source</b>	
<b>Required data</b>	Water volume; canopy crown area; canopy cover fraction; leaf area index
<b>Data input type</b>	Numerical, quantitative
<b>Data collection frequency</b>	During every rainfall event
<b>Level of expertise required</b>	Intermediate to high
<b>Synergies with other indicators</b>	Moisture content, stemflow, throughflow, vegetation type, vegetation cover, precipitation
<b>Connection with SDGs</b>	11,13,1,5,17
<b>Opportunities for participatory data collection</b>	Yes
<b>Additional information</b>	
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