

Filtration of surface water by ecosystem types - Demand

General description

The Water Filtration demand indicator describes the amount of nitrogen that is introduced into the ecosystem per municipality in kg/year. This includes the nitrogen emitted in the atmosphere and then deposited in the landscape and the nitrogen from the fertilization in agriculture.

Input Data

- NOx emissions in the atmosphere. Source: [EMEP, http://www.ceip.at/new_emep-grid/01_grid_data_2015](http://www.ceip.at/new_emep-grid/01_grid_data_2015)
- Nitrogen loads from fertilization per different LULC

Calculation processes

(1) Calculate N emissions per municipality

The Emep gridded data on NOx are used to calculate the average emissions at the LAU2 level, these data are after converted in N equivalent as described in Umweltbundesamt (2017)

(2) Calculate N inputs based on LULC

The N loads quantities per agricultural areas are based on literature (Bundesministerium für land- und forstwirtschaft, umwelt und wasserwirtschaft, 2017), the average N input per municipality is then calculated.

lucode	Land use type	N load
110	Urban fabric	10
120	Industrial, commercial and transport units	10
130	Mine, dump and construction sites	10
140	Artificial, non-agricultural vegetated areas	10
210	Arable land	113
220	Permanent crops	117
230	Pastures	118

240	Heterogeneous agricultural areas	104
310	Forests	0
320	Scrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations	0
330	Open spaces with little or no vegetation	0
410	Inland wetlands	0
420	Maritime wetlands	0
510	Inland waters	0
520	Marine waters	0

(2) Calculate total N inputs

The total N inputs per municipality are therefore obtained summing up the results from point 1 and point 2.

Bibliography:

__Stickstoffoxid-Emissionen, Umwelt Bundesamt, 2017:

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