Review of: "Saltwater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers: A Comprehensive Review and Case Studies from Egypt"

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This research can be classified as good review article. However, in the section on case studies from Egypt, it is preferable to include maps that explain the situation of sea water interference so that this becomes clear to the reader. These maps are preferable to explain the piezometric or groundwater levels. It is also preferable to shed light on more previous studies on other regions of Egypt, explaining the reasons for the salinization of groundwater with increasing withdrawal rates (as in El-Moghra Region in Northwestern Desert of Egypt). El-Moghra region could be taken as an ideal example of the aquifers vulnerable to the salt water intrusion in Northwestern Desert of Egypt. It is one of the most promising areas for agricultural development in Egypt in recent years (Egypt's Future Project). It is also preferred to include a list of the affected aquifers in Egypt those are subjected to the risk of salt water contamination caused by the salt water intrusion. Examples of these maps are found in the suggested literatures below. However, I appreciate the authors' efforts in collecting the scientific material in this good form.

Here are some examples of researches that might be useful to the authors:

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