



Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) Istituto per lo Studio degli Ecosistemi

## Implicacions ambientals de la recuperació d'espais urbans per l'agricultura

### **AGRICOLTURA:**

El terme "agricultura" es pot definir com:

**ART i CIÈNCIA**

**ART >>>> LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, TRADITIONAL PRACTICES**

**CIÈNCIA >> MODERN PRACTICES, MODELING, FERTIGATION**

**Ecology: rural BIODIVERSITY - SUSTAINABILITY**

## Agricoltura .. Wider conceptual approach ....

- **Farming.**
- *Cultivation and tillage of the soil for food production*
- *Aquaculture,, floriculture, horticultural commodities*
- **wood, fiber, medical products, dying**
- *the raising of livestock and food processing*
- **bees, fur-bearing animals,**
- *market, organization, storage or delivery to carriers (Sec. 1a, Chapter 128, M.G.L. Retrieved September 2, 2010 from <http://www.mass.gov/legis/mgl/128-1a.htm>).*
- **Social- aggregation of different races and cultures, better sustainability of migrants and local population, rise income and wellbeing..**
- **..... others.....**

## Porqué hablar hoy de agricultura **urbana** e **periurbana**

1. Le aree urbane ospiteranno **1,4 miliardi di persone** tra il 2011 e il 2030
2. **1 MILIARDO** di persone vivono in baraccopoli.
3. Le città usano il **60-80 per cento del consumo globale di energia**
4. Le attività economiche delle città sono il **70 per cento del PIL** mondiale.
5. il **70 per cento delle emissioni di gas** a effetto serra proviene dalle città,
6. La comunità **urbana** ha un **minore impatto ambientale** procapite rispetto alle aree **rurali**.

## ESPANSIONE DELLA CITTÀ:

### In PRATICA ... COSA COMPORTA?

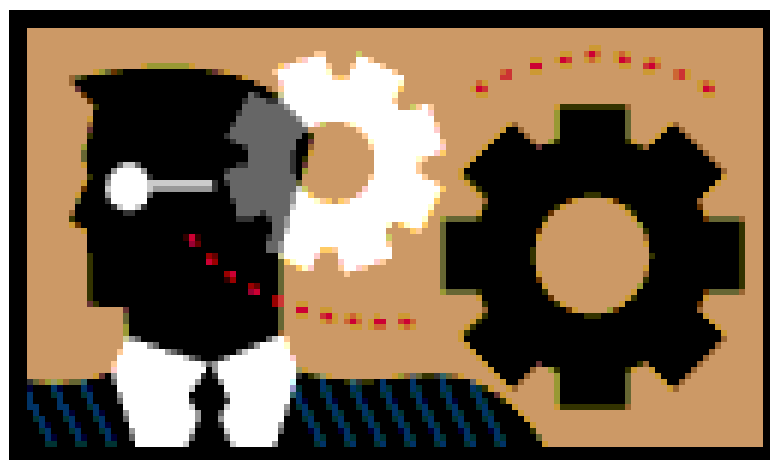
1. **recupero e bonifica** di spazi e terreni abbandonati dall'industria e dall'agricoltura, o altre attività
2. bonifica di **acquiferi superficiali**, **sedimenti**, wetlands
3. gestire il **ciclo dei rifiuti** e degli **scarichi domestici**
4. recuperare **risorsa idro-potabile** e **suolo agricolo**
5. progettare **infrastrutture abitative e ricreative** idonee a ospitare e integrare le **comunità urbane e rurali**
6. predisporre **strumenti urbanistici e sociali** per accogliere e integrare gli immigranti inevitabilmente in arrivo sempre più in Europa. (*scuole ospedali, mense, aree ricreative, sportive, centri di formazione, ecc*)

Possiamo organizzare una fascia verde (**green belt**)  
sulla vecchia linea di confine città-campagna.

e

realizzare un sistema **agro-tecnologico** ad alto  
**valore** ambientale, economico e sociale.

Questo è possibile mediante l'uso di pratiche agricole  
tradizionali riadattate in chiave moderna



## **Agricoltura urbana e periurbana verso la realizzazione del..... grande orto urbano**



***che deve garantire e soddisfare:***

1. L'ambiente e le sue risorse "esauribili"
2. La funzione produttiva dell'agroecosistema
3. la conservazione della biodiversità rurale.
3. L'aggregazione sociale
4. Il recupero dei saperi antichi e la loro diffusione



## La strategia di un approccio ecosistemico

"the Ecosystem Approach is a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way"

(Convention on Biological Diversity, COP 7 Decision VII/11)

- beyond biodiversity
- beyond 'environmental'
- humans inherently part of nature



1895 James Kay  
Michelle Boyle  
Bruce Pena



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tecnologie: naturali

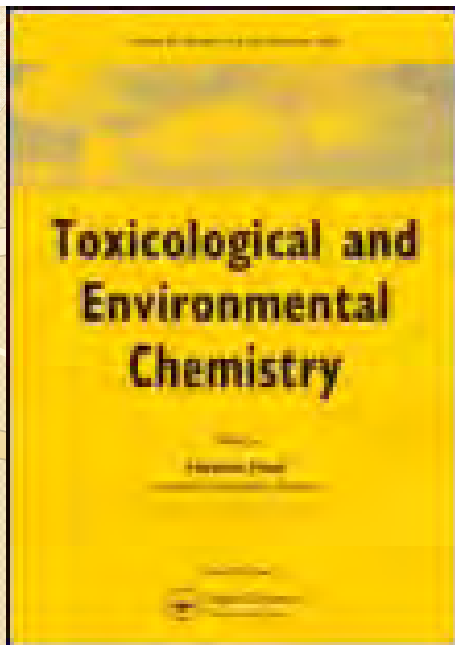
processi : biologici, integrati, sostenibili

matrici :

- > **estreme** e critiche (sedimenti marini)
- > **ideali** non critici (suoli)

Tutte le altre matrici geologiche ricadono  
fra i due estremi





per rigenerare e bonificare una matrice geologica come il suolo e il sedimento è stata messa a punto una tecnologia completamente biologica e naturale denominata **TRIAS**: .

**A three components system (TRIAS) in the phytoremediation of polluted environmental matrices** Veronica Bianchi & Brunello Ceccanti (

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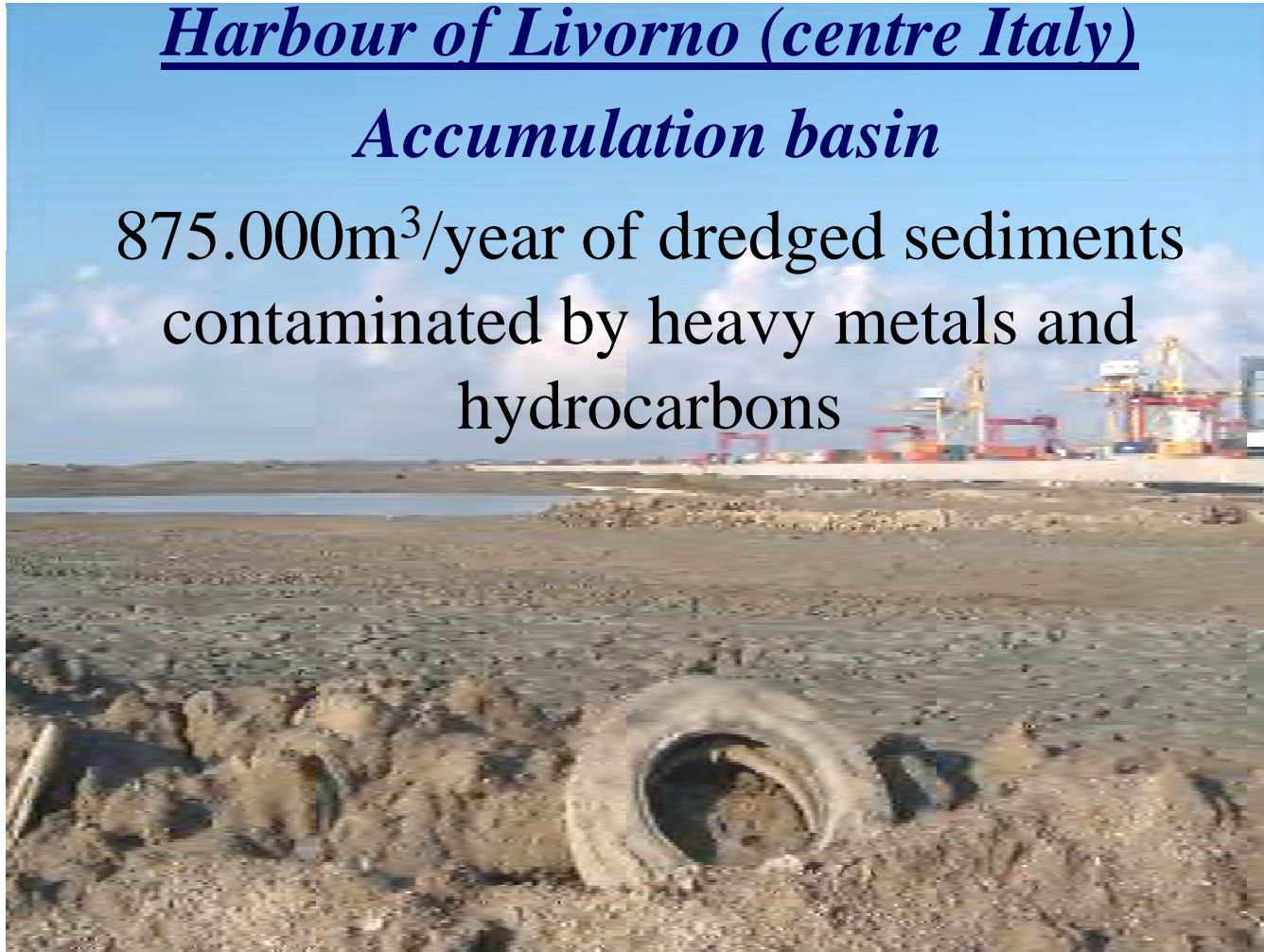
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Marine Sediments  
European project AGRIPORT 2009-2012

*Harbour of Livorno (centre Italy)*

*Accumulation basin*

875.000m<sup>3</sup>/year of dredged sediments  
contaminated by heavy metals and  
hydrocarbons



***SIMULATION*** of Marine sediments *treatment* at Pilot-scale, at CNR-ISE  
Pisa. ***AGRIPORT*** European project 2009-2011



**Conditioning of sterile and polluted sediments** is performed with **salt tolerant grass** and **composting** amendment, followed by **simulated rain** to drain salts; **brushes** are used for colonizing deeper strata. Once recreated the chemical-physical conditions similar to those in a natural soils, **earthworm** may also be introduced to test residual toxicity still present in soil and to enhance **soil microbial activity**, The mesocosm is regularly monitored through conventional **agro-chemical and bio-physical parameters**. A bioremediation will be completed in a few months.



The challenge is now possible .... With  
*The three-component, fully natural treatment system works efficiently !!*

**TRIAS** (Bianchi Veronica and Brunello Ceccanti, 2010) .

**Plant- microorganisms – eartworms in action ..!!**



Plant cover after  
remediation and  
conditioning



The process is fully natural, ecologically sound, technically feasible, economically sustainable and socially acceptable.



**Know-how:** CNR-ISE and Dept of Civil Eng. of the University of Pisa

## AGRIPORT – Eco-Innovation EU project 2008-2010 (field scale)

**AGRIPORT** originates from advanced multidisciplinary researches **Funded** by European Commission and **Co-funded** by Ministry of the Environment and sea resources of Italy.

**Consortium:** Italia, Montenegro (south-eastern Europe), Israele

**Objective:** valorization and recovery for productive-ecological purposes the sedimentary georesources in the Legorn (Italy) and Haifa (Israel) harbors

**Metodology:** Phytotreatmenty after bio-physical conditioning with the three-components **TRIAS** system made at CNR's Labs.

**Expected results:** to turn marine salty sediment into an ecologically sound **technosoil** foerenvironmental uses and plant growing.





15-17 October 2010, "Bioterra" Univeristy, Bucarest

**BIOREMEDIATION of soil polluted by heavy metals and hydrocarbons in Toscana, Municipalità di S. Giuliano Terme - Pisa**

**Oil and fuel**

**Plastic**



**Electric and iron**

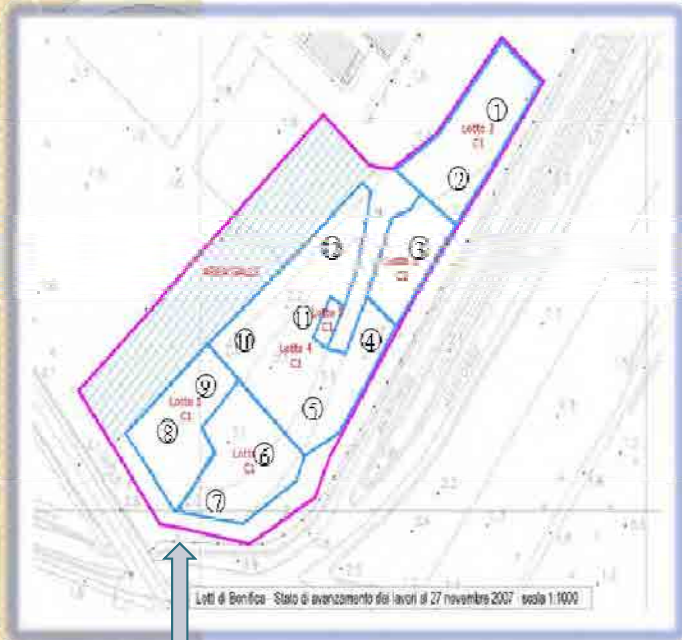


**Area ex Ecosider**



Soil (10000 m<sup>2</sup>) reacts positively to the processing technology TRIAS.

**On April 2007, the TRIAS (three-components) technology was applied.  
6 steps have been executed for conditioning the soil before TRIAS.**



**1. Soil removal  
until clay basement**



**2. Soil storage  
until clay basement**



**3. Removal of  
dumped waste  
with rotor-sieve**



**4. Control of  
clay basement  
pollution**



**5. Replacing of  
mixed soil**



**6. Soil sample  
collection**



Monitoring campaign (Time 0).  
Twelve soil samples were collected at 0-60cm depth twice in a  
year





# Tree plantation

*Populus nigra* (var.italica) and *Paulownia tomentosa* 2 x 2 m with interposed *Cytisus scoparius* 1 x 1 m.

*Paulownia tomentosa*  
**(Princesstree)**



*Populus nigra* var. *Italica*  
**(Lombardy poplar)**



*Cytisus scoparius*  
**(Scotch broom)**



**A vegetated Pond was realized as  
a System for collecting and  
depurate (phyto-depuration) rain  
water flowing from the  
Bioremediation site**



A Reconstructed Wetland



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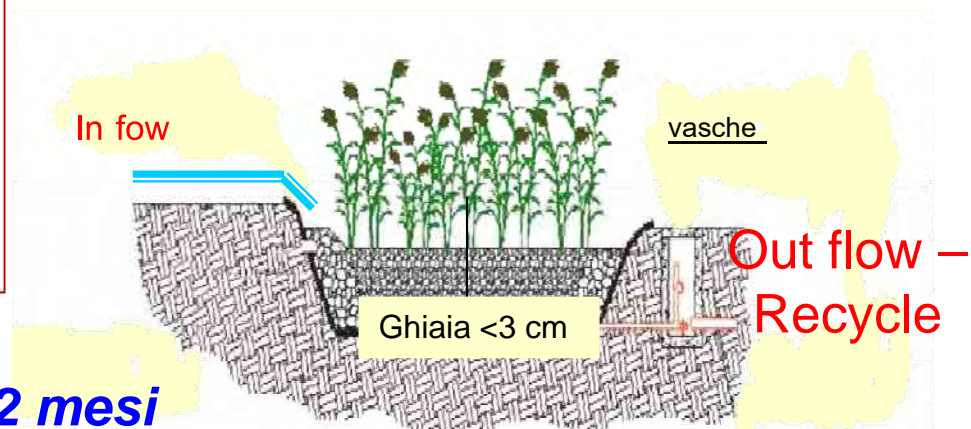
<b>6 month</b>		<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b> rem (S- MP)	<b>After</b> <b>TRIAS</b> (S-MEP)
	Unit	remediation (S)		
pH	-	8.9 <sup>a</sup>	8.3 <sup>b</sup>	8.4 <sup>b</sup>
E.C.	dS m <sup>-1</sup>	2.3 <sup>a</sup>	2.1 <sup>a</sup>	2.1 <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>4</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	3.5 <sup>a</sup>	2.8 <sup>b</sup>	2.0 <sup>b</sup>
TKN	%	0.16 <sup>b</sup>	0.35 <sup>a</sup>	0.36 <sup>a</sup>
<b>TOC</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.6<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>4.3<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>4.8<sup>a</sup></b>
C/N	-	10 <sup>a</sup>	12.3 <sup>a</sup>	13.3 <sup>a</sup>
WSC	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	700 <sup>b</sup>	1500 <sup>a</sup>	1900 <sup>a</sup>
TEC	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	5200 <sup>c</sup>	14000 <sup>b</sup>	18000 <sup>a</sup>
Exch-P	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	26 <sup>c</sup>	72 <sup>b</sup>	105 <sup>a</sup>
Tot-P	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	600 <sup>c</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	850 <sup>a</sup>
<b>DH-ase</b>	<b>μgINTFg<sup>-1</sup>h<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>1.2<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>1.5<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.8<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Tot Hydroc.</b>	<b>mg kg<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>6150<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>3600<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2500<sup>c</sup></b>



18 months phyto -REM	Unit	T-Before remediation	T-MP after remediation	<b>T-MEP after remediation</b> <i>TRIAS</i>
pH	-	8.5 <sup>b</sup>	8.9 <sup>a</sup>	9.1 <sup>a</sup>
E.C.	dS m <sup>-1</sup>	0.16 <sup>a</sup>	0.18 <sup>a</sup>	0.20 <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>4</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.0 <sup>b</sup>	1.5 <sup>b</sup>	5.0 <sup>a</sup>
TKN	%	0.18 <sup>a</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.22 <sup>a</sup>
<b>TOC</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.9<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1.5<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.2<sup>a</sup></b>
C/N	-	6 <sup>c</sup>	8 <sup>b</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>
WSC	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	90 <sup>c</sup>	340 <sup>b</sup>	440 <sup>a</sup>
TEC	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2200 <sup>b</sup>	3100 <sup>a</sup>	3400 <sup>a</sup>
Exch-P	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.06 <sup>c</sup>	18 <sup>a</sup>
Tot-P	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	190 <sup>b</sup>	255 <sup>a</sup>	260 <sup>a</sup>
<b>DH-ase</b>	<b>μgINTFg<sup>-1</sup>h<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>0.7<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1.2<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.2<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Tot-Hydroc.</b>	<b>mg kg<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>2600<sup>a</sup> (0)</b>	<b>2200<sup>a</sup> (16%)</b>	<b>750<sup>b</sup> (70%)</b>

## Know-how: CNR-ISE Fito-stabilizzazione dei fanghi on-line

**FITO-stabilizzazione dei fanghi su letti vegetati con *Phragmites australis* (cannuccia d'acqua)**  
**Prodotto: (BIOFERTILIZZANTE) simil-torba**



**1 : carico e condizionamento 1-2 mesi**



**2 : esercizio 8-10 anni**



**3 prodotto**



fango



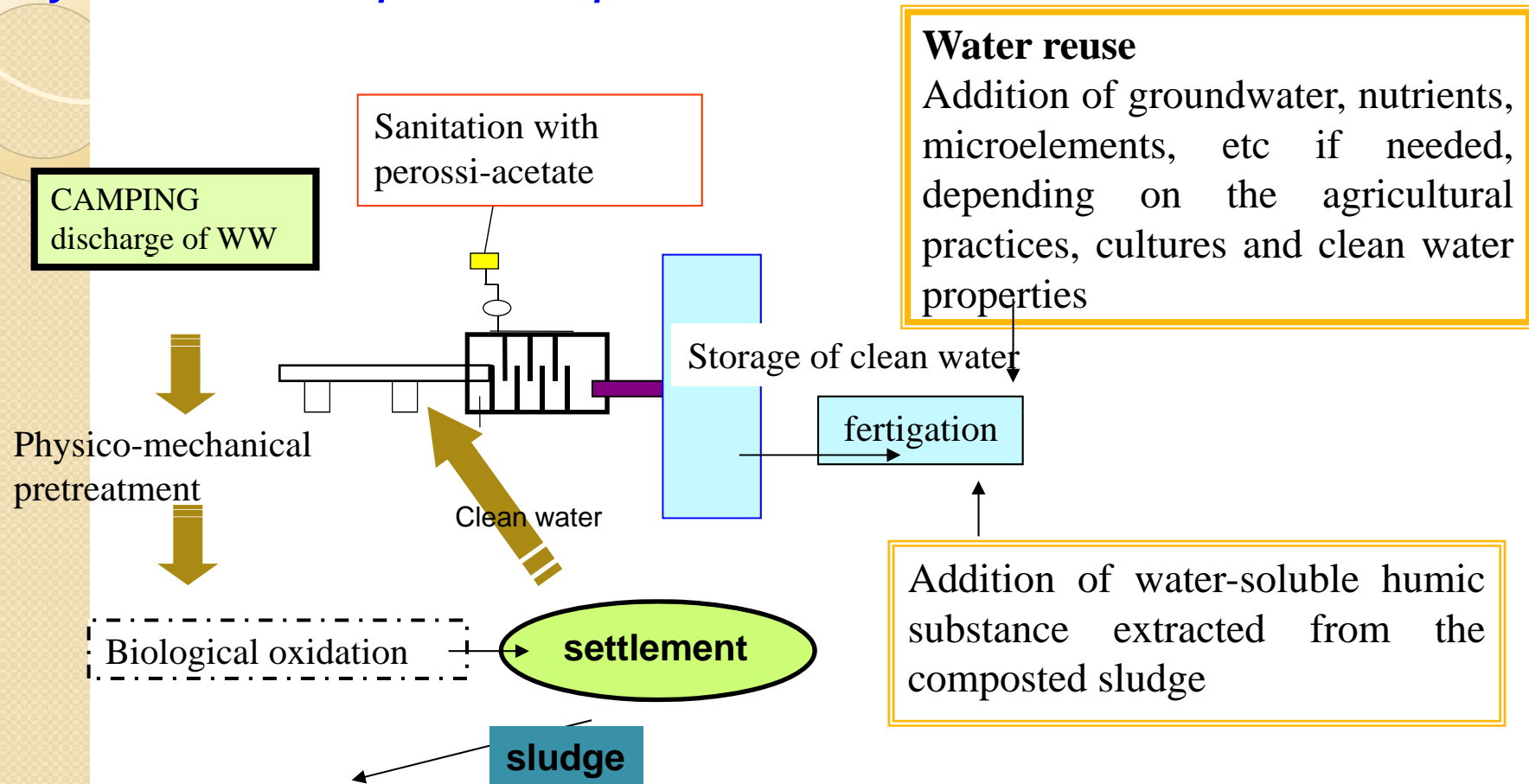
fito-remediation



Humus stabile

Utilizzo del prodotto: *Il prodotto è classificato da CNR-ISE come BIOFERTILIZZANTE a norma D.Lgs 152/99 e può essere usato in varie applicazioni pratiche: in opere di bonifica e restauro ambientale; desertificazione, vivaismo, lombricoltura, altro..*

## Wastewater treatment: how to close the cycle at the depuration plants



**Sludge treatment (composted):** *conventional plus unconventional methods (phyto-mineralization, vermicompost, compost) according to European and national regulations.*



# previous state



# Re-adaptation of existing plant





## Drainage beds: inert coarse gravel




# Planting






# Sewage Loading on drainage green filter (*Phragmites a.*) **START-up**

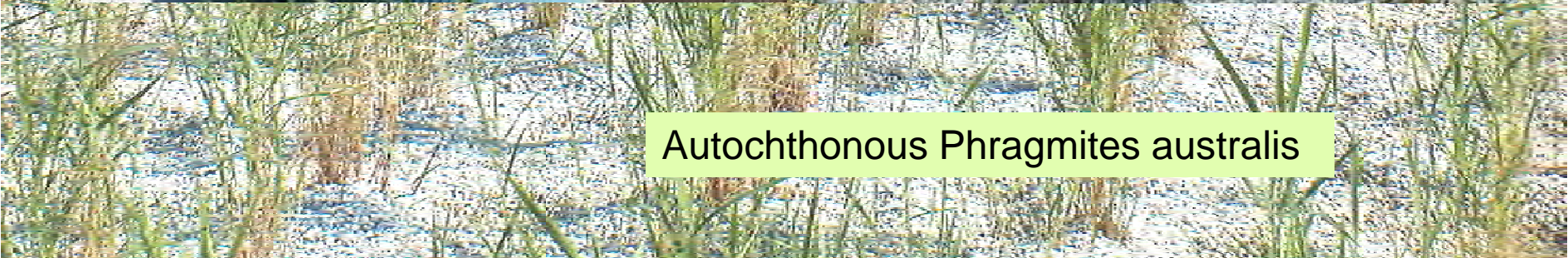
**2-4 hours: the only phase of odor emission**



Diluted 2-4 % sewage sludge load



Granular bed made by coarse gravel



Autochthonous *Phragmites australis*



# Planted filter- in operation

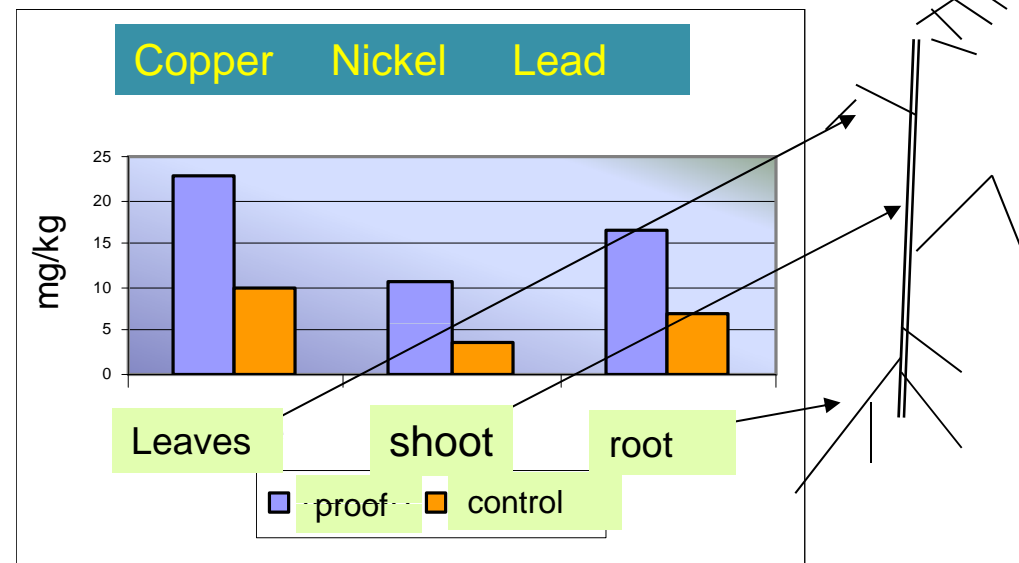


## Heavy metals extraction by plants



PHYTO-Treatment operate a sort of bioremediation of sludge:

- 50% cost reduction for sludge treatment and disposal
- 80-90 % volume reduction
- sludge storage for months even years (11 years in our plants)
- Stabilization of organic substance
- Preparation of peat-like organic fertilisers
- Sanitization and removal of metals with plant harvesting
- Odor mitigation at treatment plant in urban areas



Status: this process is now operated at middle-high scale



**Altri Casi di Studio al CNR di Pisa.  
Processo combinato lombricoltura-  
compost per il recupero dei reflui oleari  
(Alpechin), dopo assorbimento su materiale  
ligno-celulosico (paja, estiercol animal, etc)**



Il compost è risultato alle analisi, simile ad unatorba humificata assolutamente biologico. Si usa nelle coltivazioni orticole e per Coltivazioni pregiate: funghi, fiori, vivai  
**Setas flores viveros**

## **An open-field micro-fertigation system for wastewater re-use**



Sistemi di ferti-

**(A) fertigation with Clean water at root zone (subirrigation)**



Fanghi biologici compostati mediante l'uso di lombrichi (*Eisenia foetida*)

**(B) Vermicomposted Sewage sludge (*Eisenia fetida*) are used as amendment of melon crops after extraction of water-soluble humic substance, which is added into the irrigation pipes above (A). The extracted vermicompost was added in soil as soil amendment and conditioning.**

### *Objectives:*

- wastewater close cycle
- - Recovery of wastewater nutrients
- Save 60-80% ground water pumping
- Save 50% micro-nutrients and chemicals loading
- Soil salinity mitigation by humic substances

Clean wastewater is injected at 2.0 bar into the fertigation system, at root zone to avoid evaporation (dip sub-irrigation). The clean water was added with humic substances and other essential micro-nutrients. In the CNR plots no additional N, P and micro-nutrients were used.



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**Agricultura Urbana:**  
**Nuevas Estrategias de Integración Social y Recuperación Ambiental**  
**en la Ciudad.**

- 1. La Agricultura Urbana surge como potencial plataforma de desarrollo local y comunitario, asumiendo el desafío de estructurar sinergias y complementariedad entre la recuperación de los recursos del hábitat y la creación de actividades productivas agro-culturales***
- 2. Eso genera un encadenamiento operativo de la dimensión ecológica, económica y social del concepto de sustentabilidad.***

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<http://www.slideshare.net/fredyrmenam/11-agricultura-urbana>



## Le soluzioni ..... I progetti in corso



Figura 1: Transformación del Paisaje Urbano a través del desarrollo de Agricultura Urbana, en Cuba; un hábitat periurbano degradado y económicamente marginal, como tantos existentes en nuestras ciudades latinoamericanas.

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# Le soluzioni ..... I progetti in corso

compost



agua



biodiversidad



biorremediacion



## Altri Casi di Studio al CNR-ISE di Pisa Monitoring and Management of wetlands

*in the S. Rossore Park - Tuscany*

Le **esperienze** che si presentano muovono da tre esigenze diverse:

1. Conoscere il potere (auto)depurativo dei corpi idrici interni.
2. Controllo delle acque marine e del carico di nutrienti nella pianura costiera pisana.



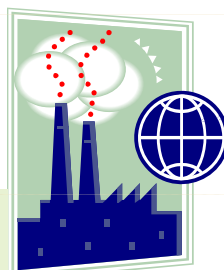
***Fiume Morto***  
e canali adduttori



***Lago salmastro*** - Le  
Tamerici.



durante la fase de diseño de la zona urbana se debe aplicar una estrategia combinada al menos en 5 pasos



problemas



objetivos



solució



➤viabilidad y resultados



## Bioremediation advantage

- ✓ It is a natural and environmentally friendly process.
- ✓ Restoration of the biological characteristics of soil: biologically active soil.
- ✓ It is performed an in situ technology without having to move soil somewhere else.
- ✓ Limited potential risks for living organism and infrastructure
- ✓ Cheaper than traditional physical and chemical remediation technologies.



## Conclusioni

1. Questo work-shop ha messo in evidenza la multidisciplinarietà del tema
2. L'agricoltura periurbana non è più un argomento astratto o materia per soli nutrizionisti o ecologisti
3. Al contrario è fonte di reddito per i giovani e le mini imprese e uno strumento di integrazione sociale per i migranti

1. !!! le amministrazioni locali, la scienza e i saperi tradizionali del mondo agricolo sono fortemente coinvolti !!!
2. le associazioni di categoria insieme ai presidi sanitari sono chiamati a svolgere un ruolo di ***vigilanza e formazione.***