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## FIELD MANUAL

sampling instructions for the collection of the SIMONA National Sediment  
Quality Monitoring Baseline Network samples

### SAMPLING DESIGN

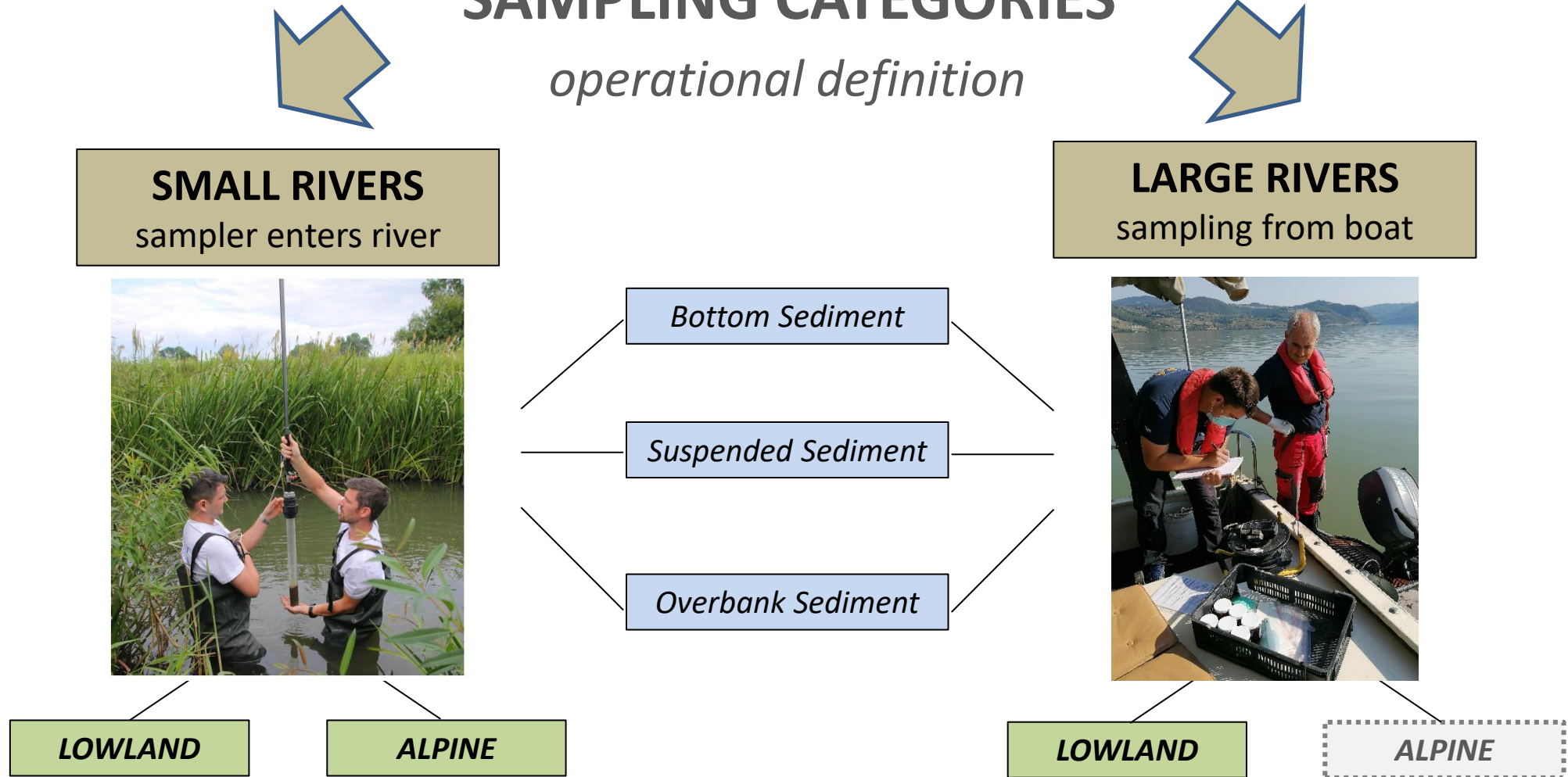
*(Sampling Plan, Sampling Programme)*

*Gyozo Jordan and Franko Humer*



# SAMPLING CATEGORIES

*operational definition*



**QUESTION:** Is my river a **small river** OR a **large river** at the Monitoring Site? ✓

**RESPONSE:** Follow the relevant sampling design below.

# SMALL RIVER

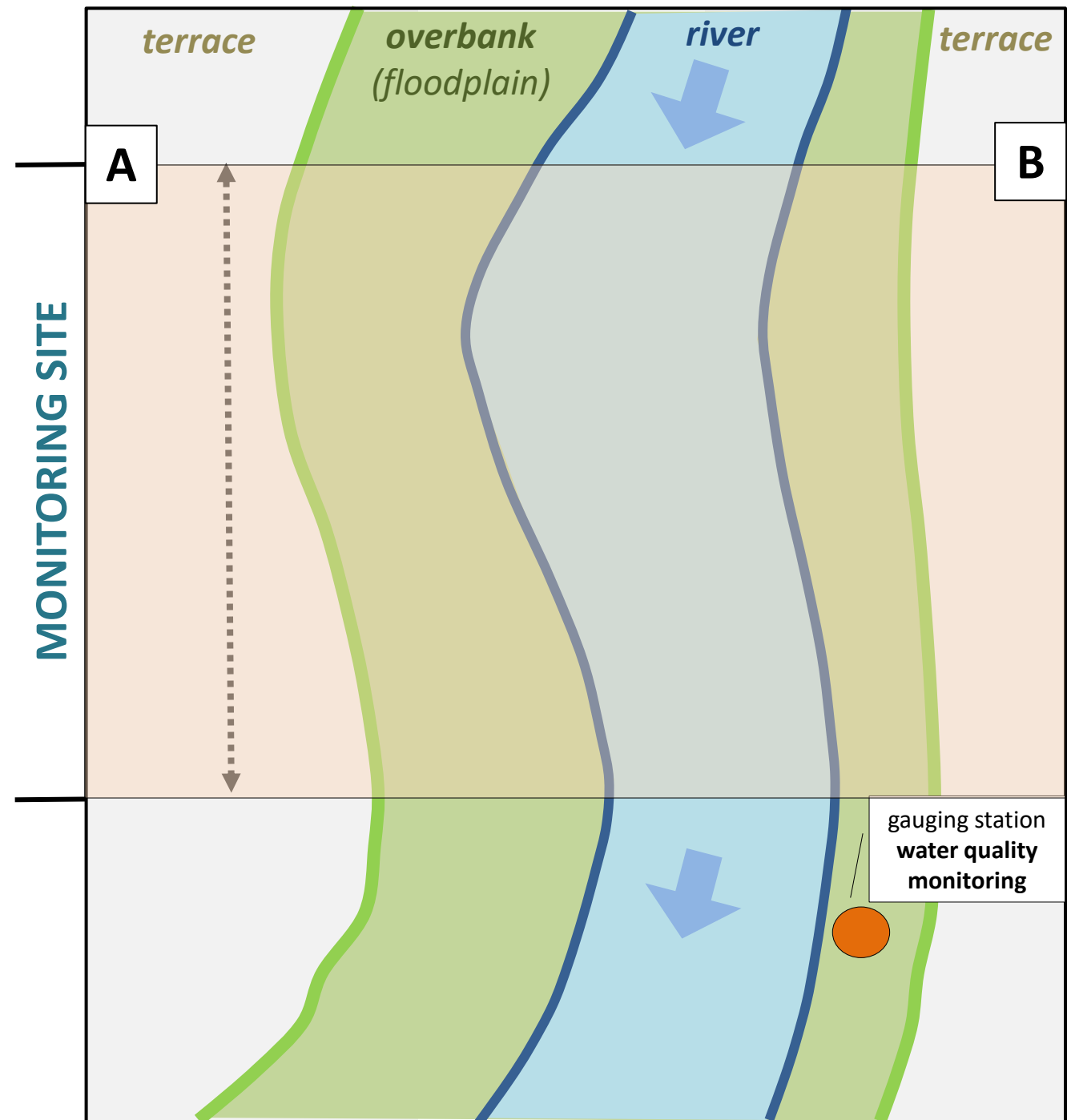
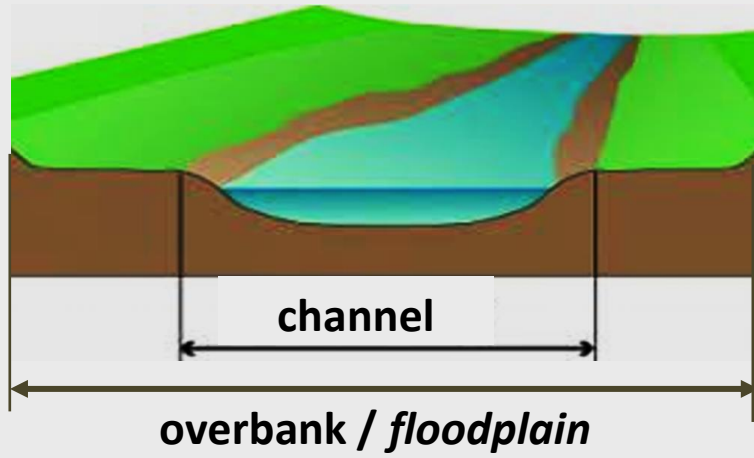
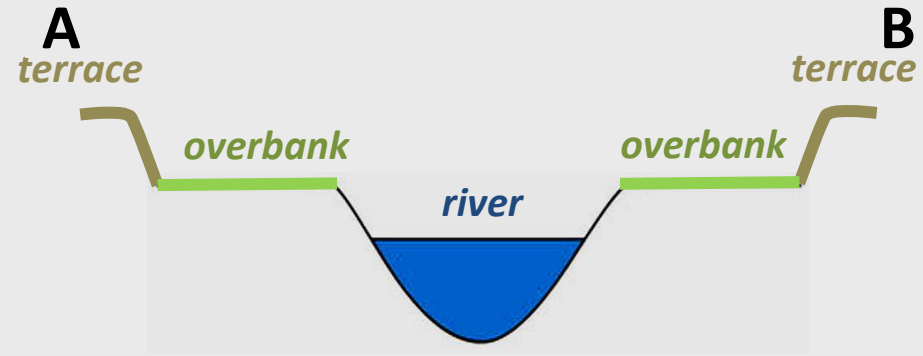
*sampler enters river*



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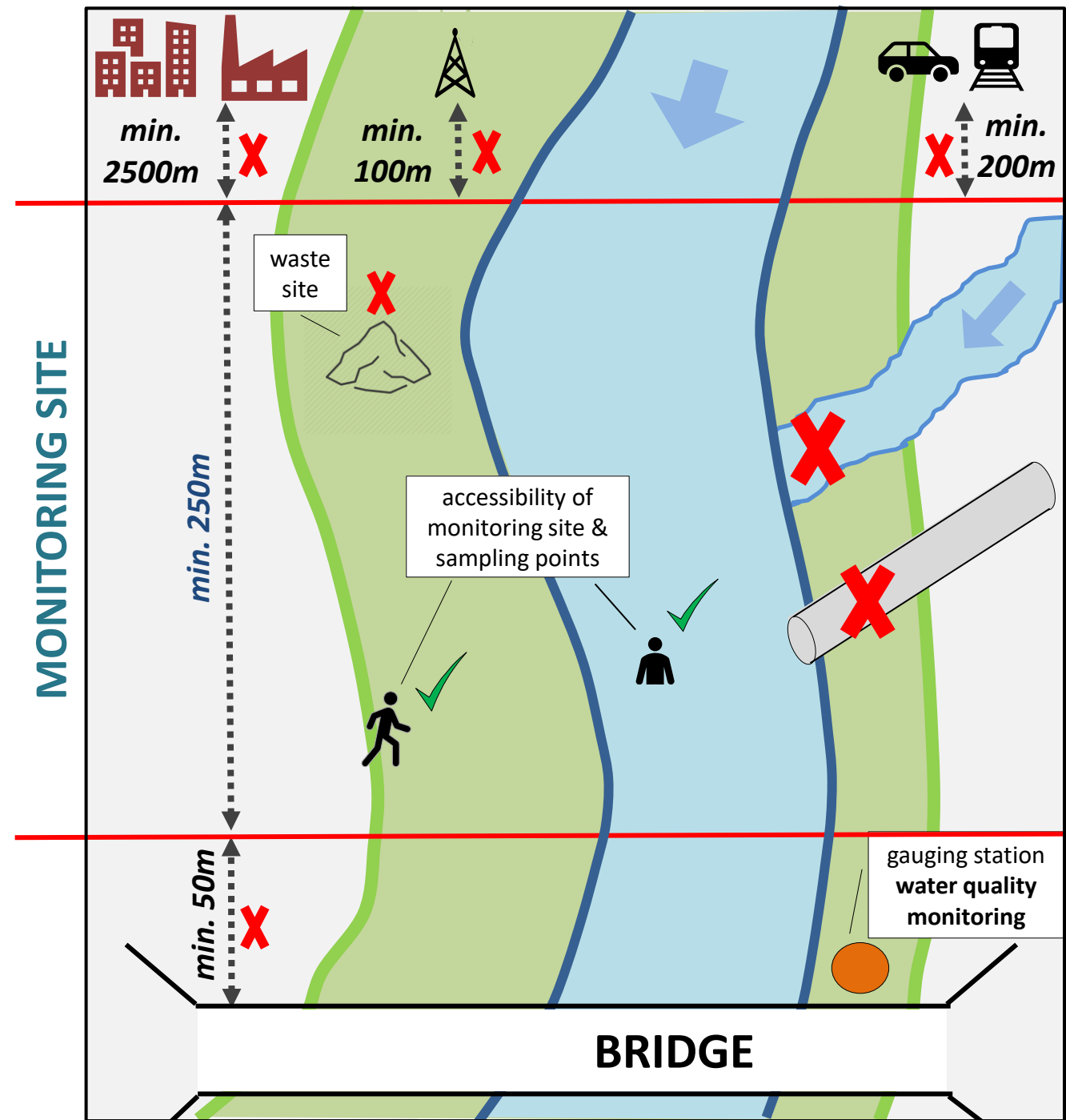


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1. AT NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING POINT  
*(preferably upstream)*
2. MIN. 250M LONG
3. BOTTOM SEDIMENT, SUSPENDED SEDIMENT, OVERBANK SEDIMENT SAMPLING POSSIBLE  
*(availability, accessibility)*
4. AVOID TRIBUTARY CONFLUENCE
5. AVOID KNOWN CONTAMINATED SITE
6. AVOID LOCAL CONTAMINATION SOURCE
  - Discharge channel or pipe
  - Waste site
  - Industry or power plant (min. distance 2500m)
  - Railway lines & major roads (min. distance 200m)
  - Electric line & pylon (min. distance 100m)
  - Bridge (min. distance 50m upstream)
  - Other sources
7. UNIFORM HYDROMORPHOLOGY



## 2. SAMPLING POINT LOCATION



# 2.1 BOTTOM SEDIMENT

## HORIZONTAL DESIGN

### 1. 5-10 SAMPLING POINTS

- Composite sample: 5-10 sub-samples  
(always at least 3)

### 2. SAMPLING POINTS EQUIDISTANT

### 3. SAMPLING POINTS IN MAIN STREAM LINE (active river flow)

### 4. AVOID STAGNANT (NON-ACTIVE) WATER

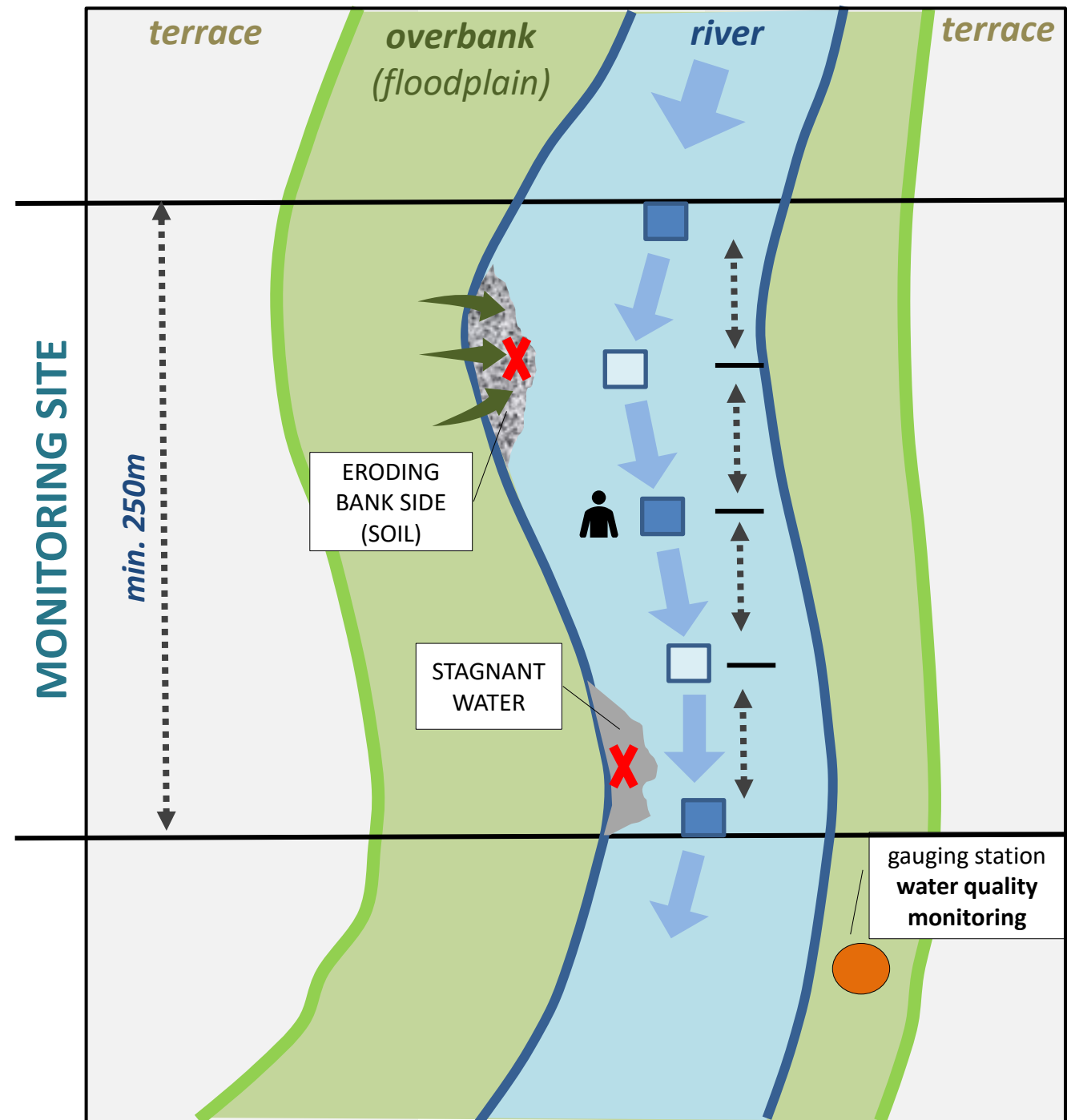
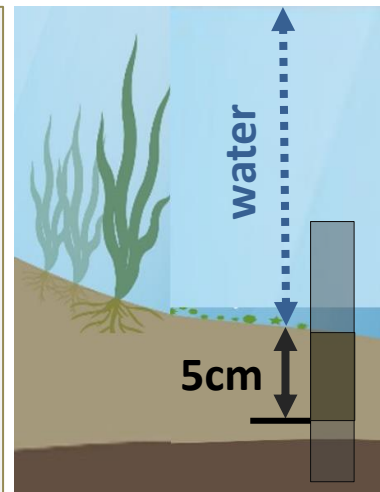
### 5. AVOID EDGE EFFECTS (local river bank erosion into river)

## VERTICAL DESIGN

### 1. TOP 0-5 CM

### 2. AVOID PLANTS & PLANT REMNANTS

### 3. SAMPLED SEDIMENT IN CONTACT WITH (UNDER) RIVER WATER





# 2.1 BOTTOM SEDIMENT

## SAMPLING METHOD

### 1. VACUUM CORER SYSTEM

- + Precise depth control
- + Very good representativity & reproducibility
- Requires specific tool & safety

### 2. SCOOP SYSTEM

- Limited depth control
- + Requires expertise & experience: good representativity & reproducibility
- + Requires no specific tool & safety
- + Fast

## SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS

1. YOU CAN COLLECT **ADDITIONAL** SAMPLES WITH ANY OTHER METHOD (SAMPLING SYSTEM)
2. **AVOID GRAB SYSTEMS**



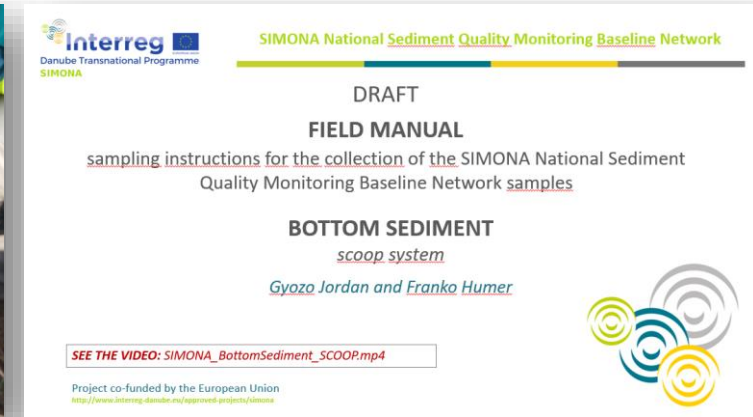
VACUUM CORER SYSTEM

**VIDEO: SIMONA\_BottomSediment\_VACUUM\_depth.mp4**



SCOOP SYSTEM

**VIDEO: SIMONA\_BottomSediment\_SCOOP.mp4**



## SAMPLE QUANTITY

1 kg (top up 0.7L glass jar)

## 2.2 SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

### HORIZONTAL DESIGN

#### 1. ONE SAMPLING POINT

- *Composite sample: suspended sediment sample is natural composite by flowing river water mixing*

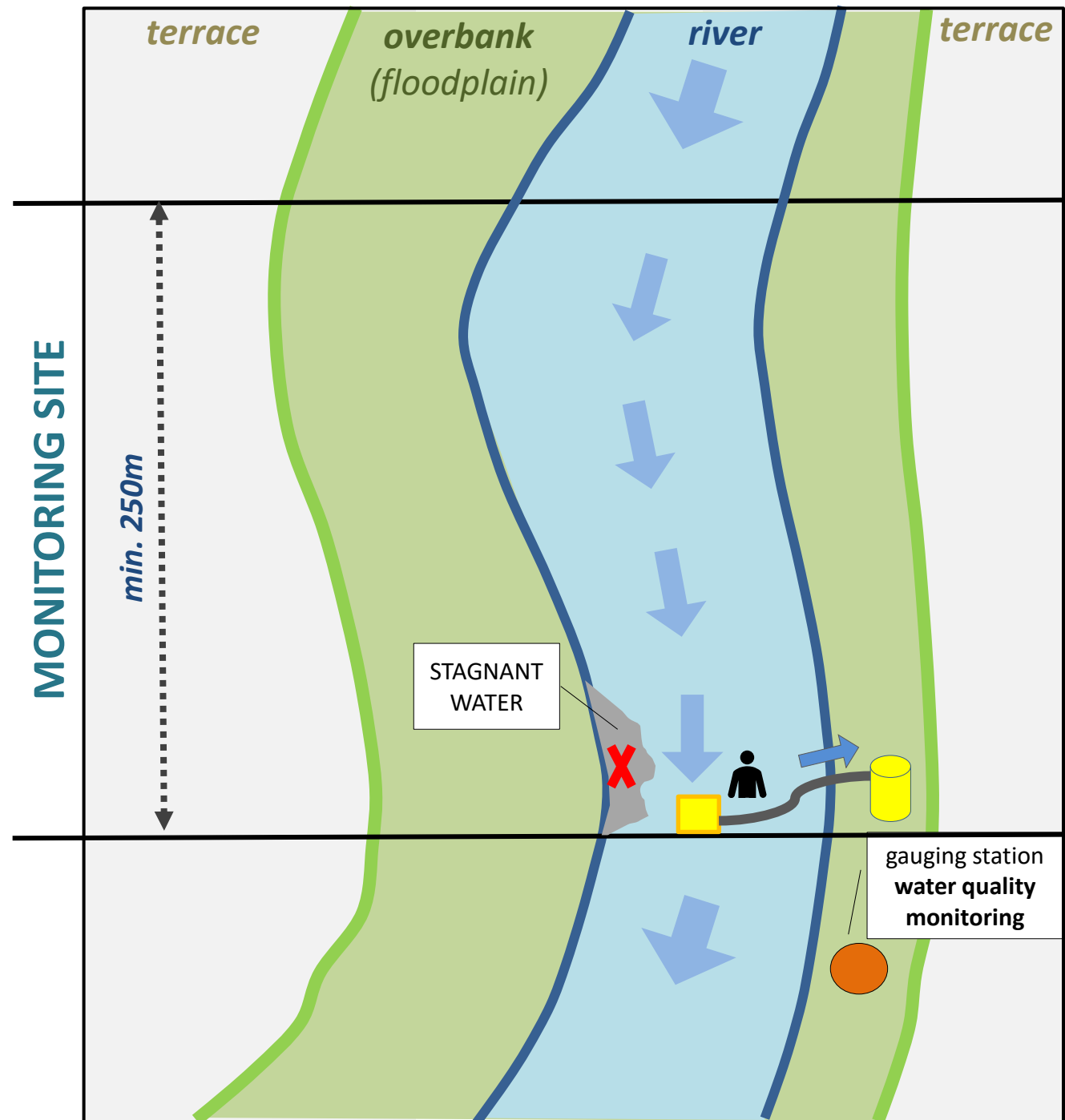
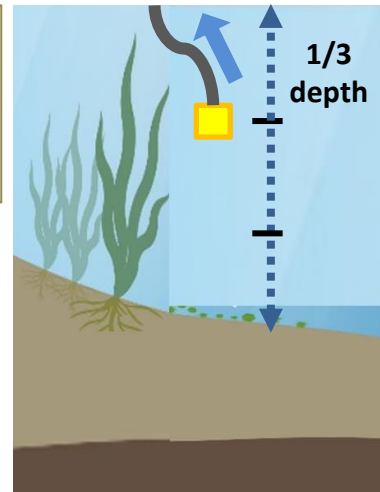
#### 2. SAMPLING POINT LOCATION AT DOWNSTREAM END OF MONITORING SITE

#### 3. SAMPLING POINTS IN MAIN STREAM LINE (*active river flow*)

#### 4. AVOID STAGNANT (NON-ACTIVE) WATER

### VERTICAL DESIGN

#### 1. AT TOP 1/3 OF WATER DEPTH



## 2.2 SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

### SAMPLING METHOD

#### 1. BARREL SYSTEM

### SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS

#### 1. YOU CAN COLLECT **ADDITIONAL** SAMPLES WITH ANY OTHER METHOD (SAMPLING SYSTEM)

### SAMPLE QUANTITY

#### 1. 10L or 30L (*in plastic tank, barrel*)



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SUSPENDED SEDIMENT  
*barrel system*  
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## 2.3 OVERBANK SEDIMENT

### HORIZONTAL DESIGN

#### 1. 5 SAMPLING POINTS



- Composite sample: 5 sub-samples (always at least 3)

#### 2. SAMPLING POINTS EQUIDISTANT

#### 3. SAMPLING POINTS ON ACTIVE OVERBANK

(overbank flooded min. once per year)

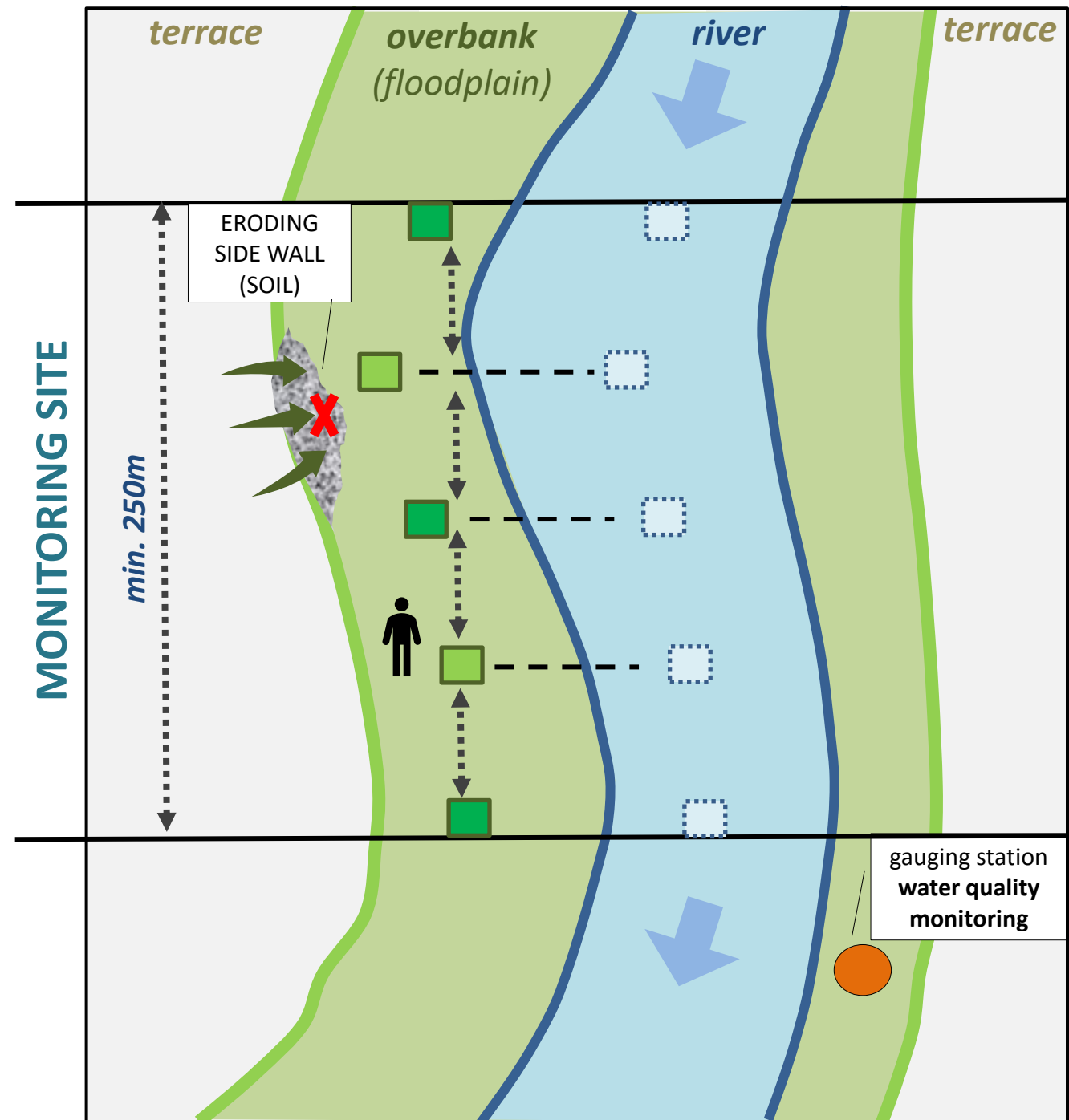
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### VERTICAL DESIGN

#### 1. TOP 0-5 CM

#### 2. BOTTOM 40-50 CM

#### 3. AVOID SURFACE PLANTS



## 2.3 OVERBANK SEDIMENT

### SAMPLING METHOD

#### 1. SPADE SYSTEM

- *Precise depth control*
- *Very good representativity & reproducibility*
- *Very slow*



**VIDEO: SIMONA\_Overbank\_SPADE.mp4**

### SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS

1. YOU CAN COLLECT **ADDITIONAL** SAMPLES WITH ANY OTHER METHOD (SAMPLING SYSTEM) OR AT OTHER DEPTH (e.g. 0-25CM)

2. **AVOID AUGER / CORER SYSTEMS**

### SAMPLE QUANTITY

1. 1 kg (0-5cm) (*top up 0.7L glass jar*)
2. 1 kg (40-50cm) (*top up 0.7L glass jar*)

# LARGE RIVER

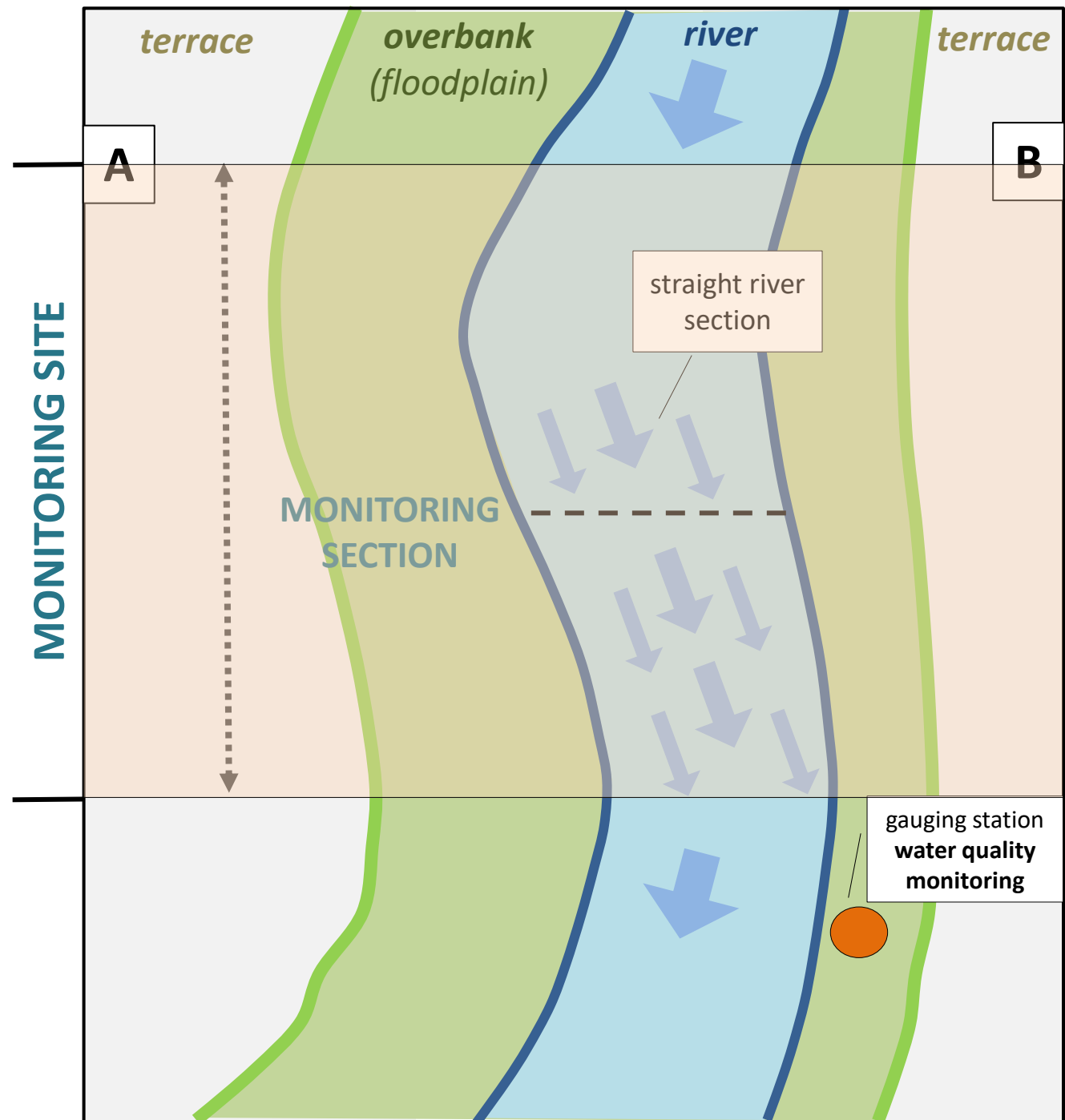
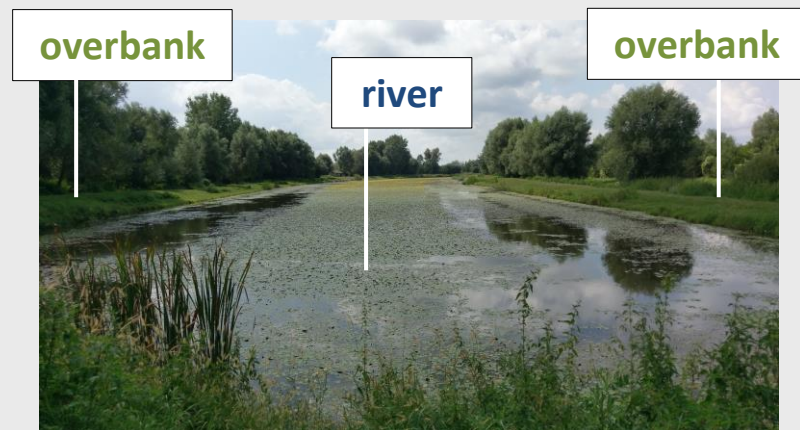
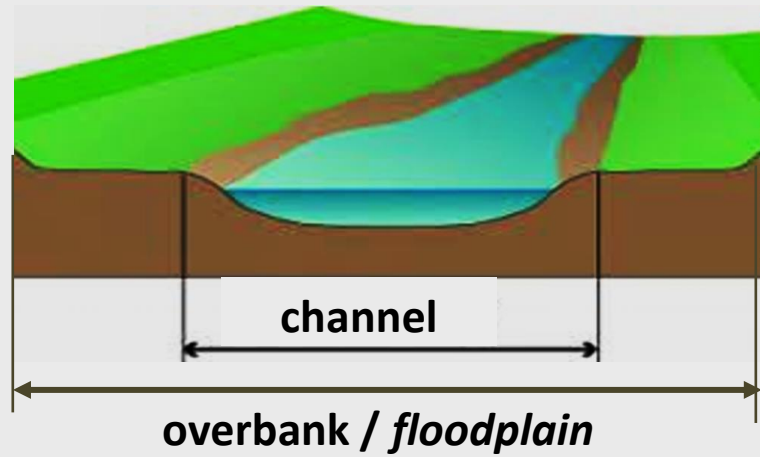
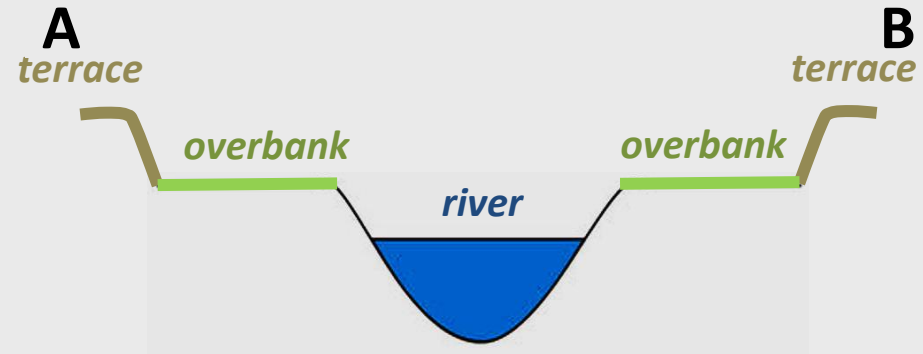
*(sampling from boat)*



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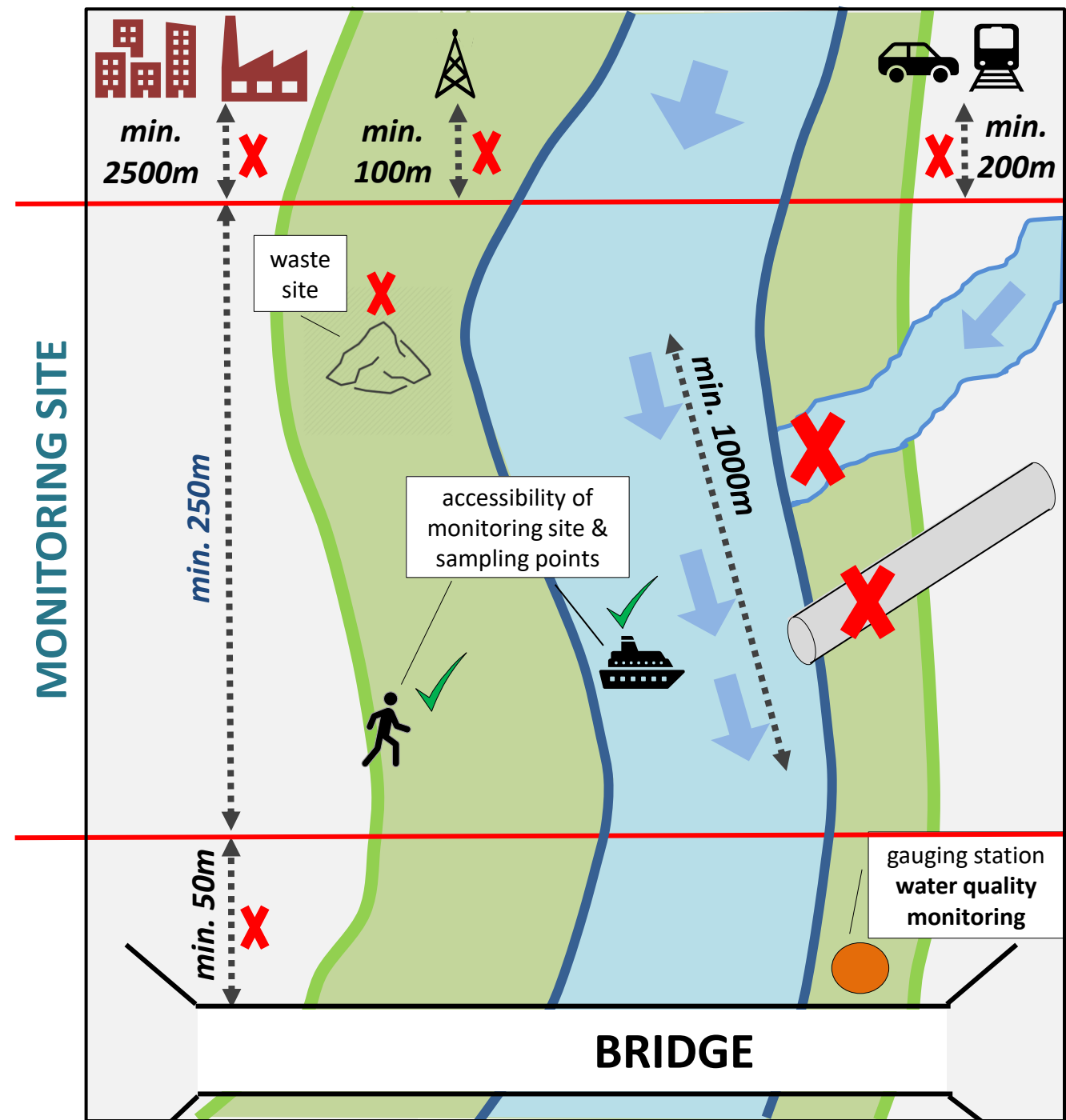
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3. STRAIGHT RIVER SECTION *(min. 1000m)*
4. BOTTOM SEDIMENT, SUSPENDED SEDIMENT, OVBANK SEDIMENT SAMPLING POSSIBLE *(availability, accessibility)*
5. AVOID TRIBUTARY CONFLUENCE
6. AVOID KNOWN CONTAMINATED SITE
7. AVOID LOCAL CONTAMINATION SOURCE
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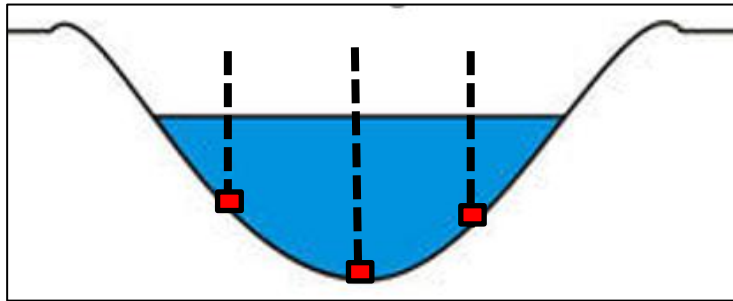
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# 2.1 BOTTOM SEDIMENT

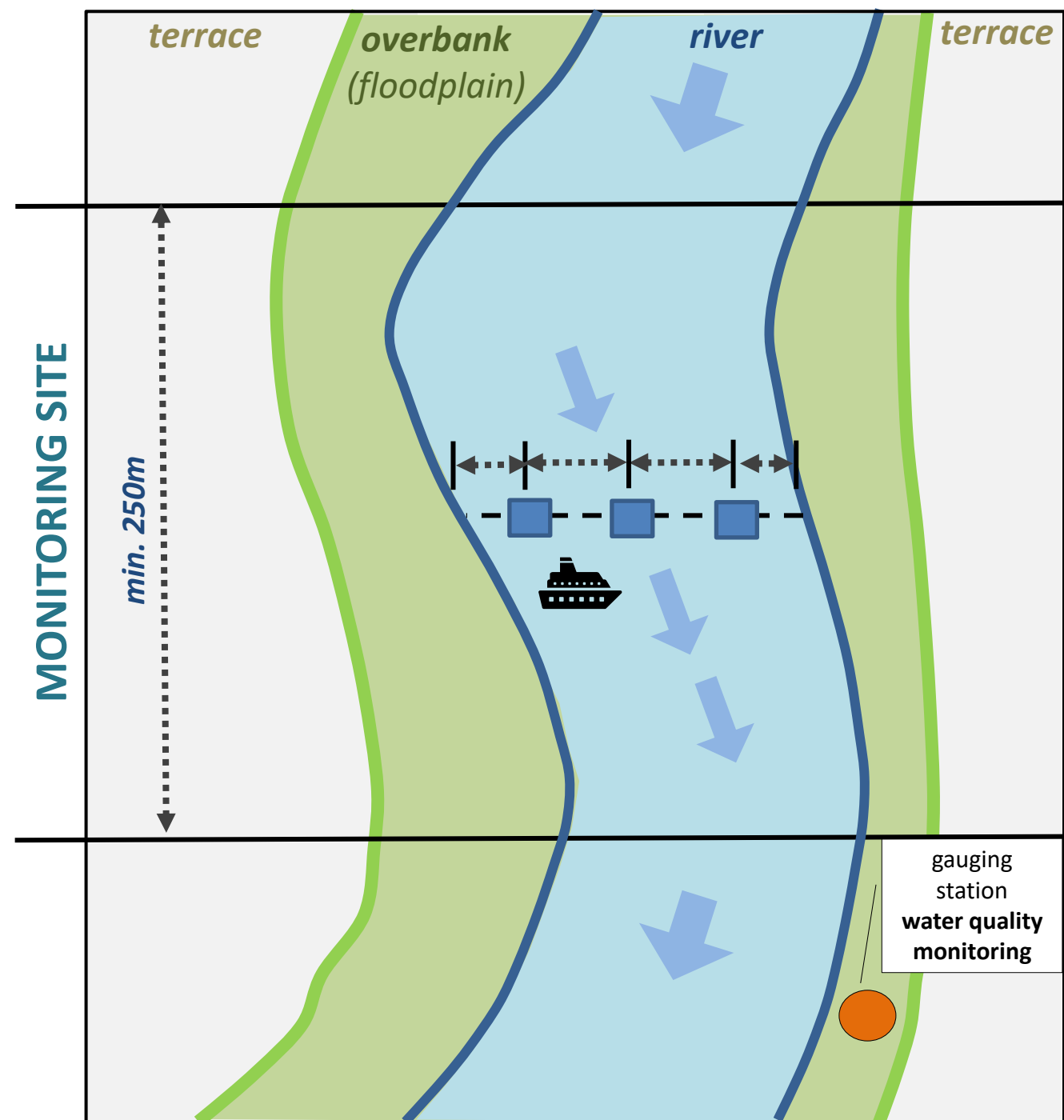
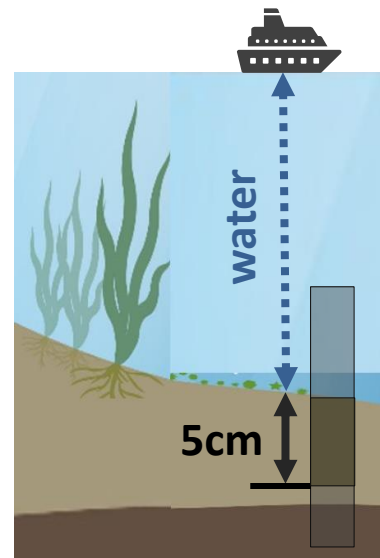
## HORIZONTAL DESIGN

1. 3 SAMPLING POINTS AT LEAST  
  - Composite sample: 3 sub-samples at least
2. SAMPLING TRANSECT IN STRAIGHT RIVER SECTION
3. **AVOID RIVER BENDS**
4. SAMPLING POINTS EQUIDISTANT
5. SAMPLING POINTS IN MAIN STREAM LINE (*active river flow*)



## VERTICAL DESIGN

1. TOP 0-5 CM



# 2.1 BOTTOM SEDIMENT

## SAMPLING METHOD

### 1. CORER SYSTEM *(vacuum or other type)*

- + *Precise depth control*
- + *Very good representativity & reproducibility*
- *Requires specific tool & safety*

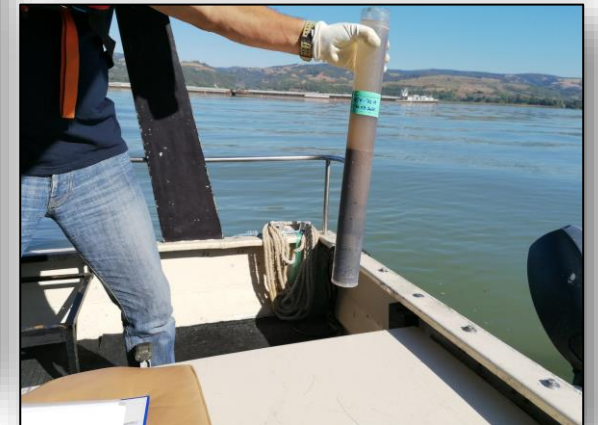
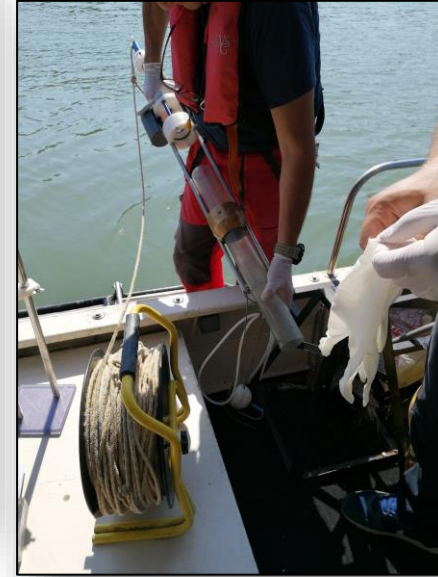
### 2. SCOOP SYSTEM *(manually along river bank)*

- *Limited depth control*
- + *Requires expertise & experience: good representativity & reproducibility*
- *Requires no specific tool & safety*
- + *Fast*

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2. **AVOID GRAB SYSTEMS**





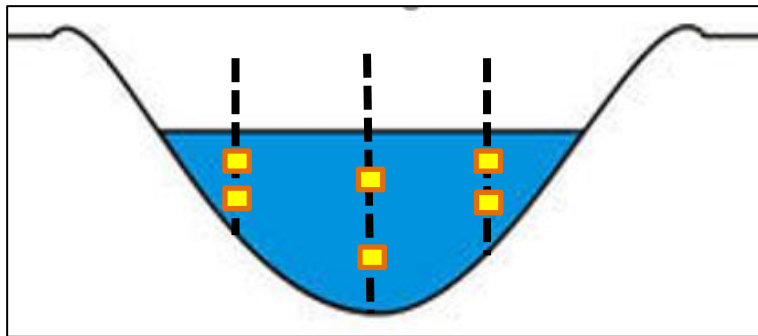
## SAMPLE QUANTITY

1 kg *(top up 0.7L glass jar)*

# 2.2 SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

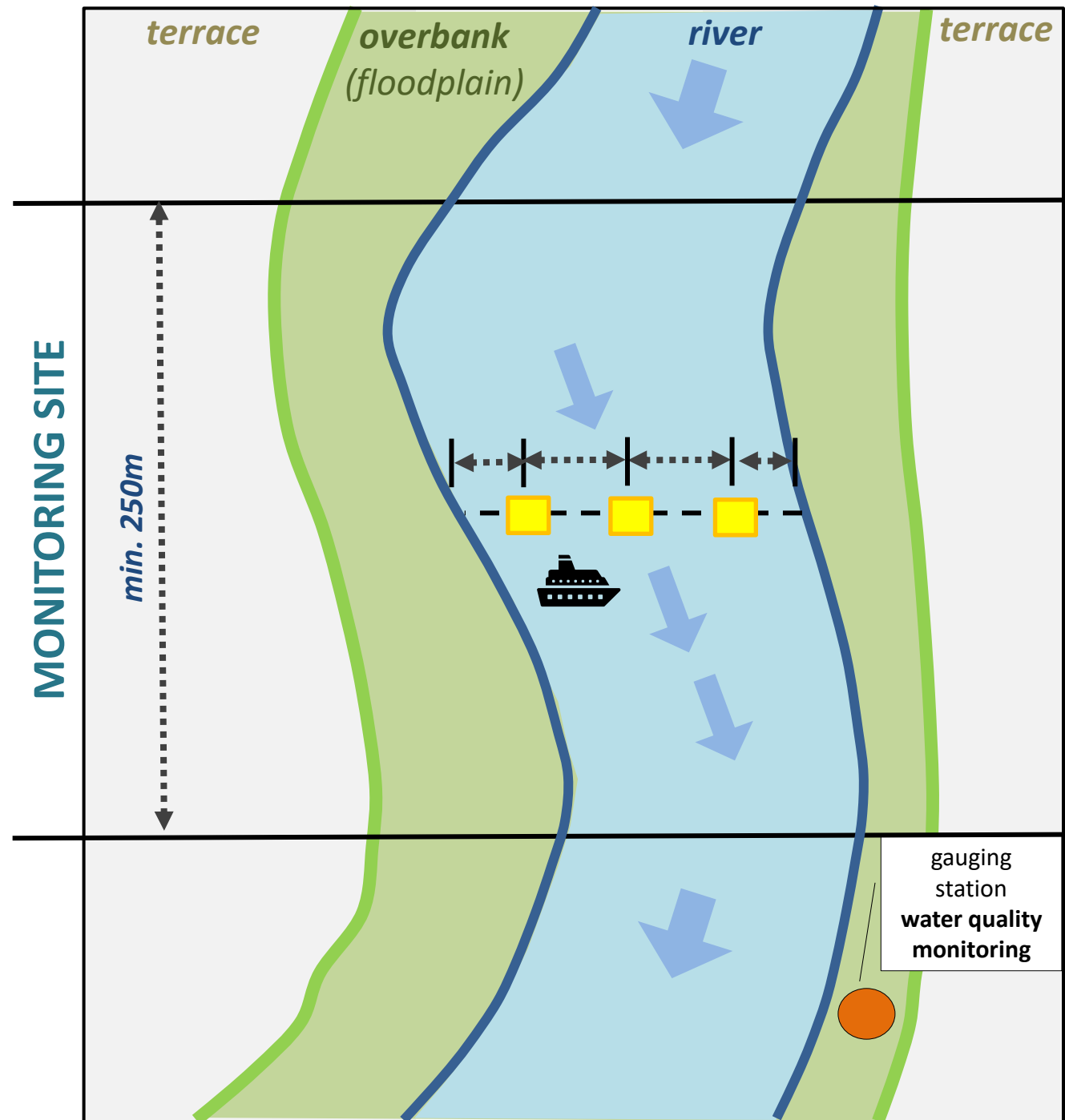
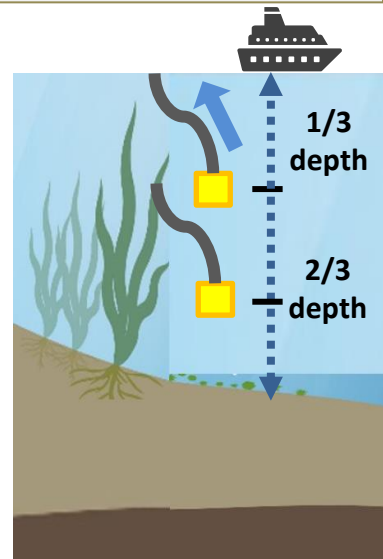
## HORIZONTAL DESIGN

1. 3 SAMPLING POINTS AT LEAST  
2. 2 DIFFERENT DEPTHS AT LEAST AT EACH POINT
  - Composite sample: 6 sub-samples at least
2. SAMPLING TRANSECT IN STRAIGHT RIVER SECTION
3. **AVOID RIVER BENDS**
4. SAMPLING POINTS EQUIDISTANT
5. SAMPLING POINTS IN MAIN STREAM LINE (*active river flow*)



## VERTICAL DESIGN

1. AT TOP 1/3 & 2/3 OF WATER DEPTH



## 2.2 SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

### SAMPLING METHOD

1. BARREL SYSTEM

### SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS

1. YOU CAN COLLECT **ADDITIONAL** SAMPLES WITH ANY OTHER METHOD (SAMPLING SYSTEM)
2. **AVOID PASSIVE SYSTEMS (TIME INTEGRATED; EG. SEDIMENT BOX)**

### SAMPLE QUANTITY

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## 2.3 OVERBANK SEDIMENT

### HORIZONTAL DESIGN

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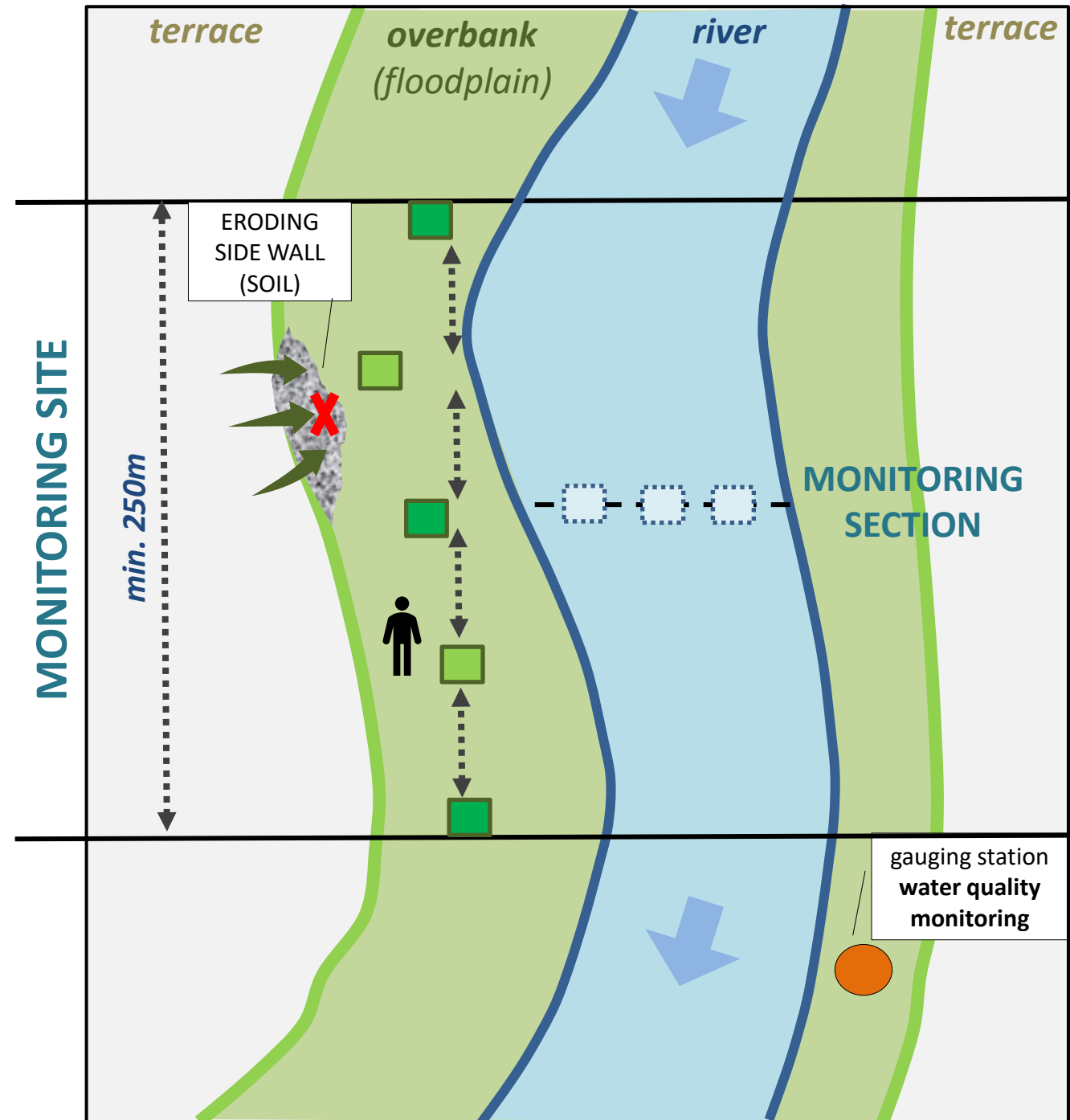
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## 2.3 OVERBANK SEDIMENT

### SAMPLING METHOD

#### 1. SPADE SYSTEM

- + Precise depth control
- + Very good representativity & reproducibility
- Very slow



**VIDEO: SIMONA\_Overbank\_SPADE.mp4**

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# PROBE MEASUREMENTS

*(water and sediment)*



# 1 PROBES – WATER

## HORIZONTAL DESIGN

### 1. ONE SAMPLING POINT

- Composite sample: flowing river water is natural composite

### 2. SAMPLING POINT LOCATION:

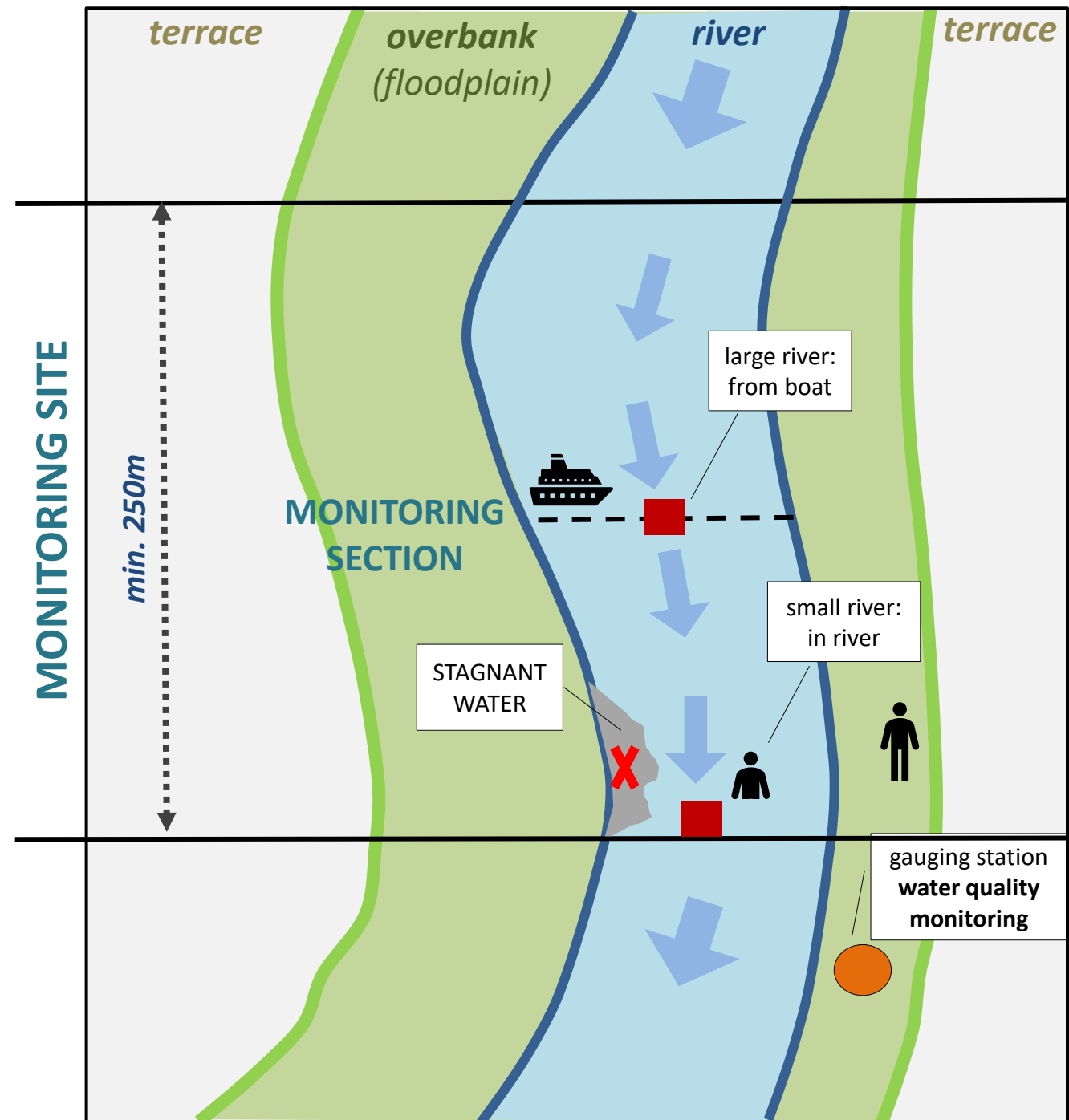
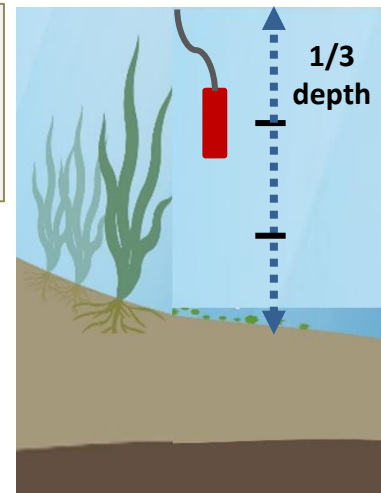
- Small river: at downstream end of monitoring site
- Large river: at centre of monitoring section

### 2. SAMPLING POINT IN MAIN STREAM LINE (active river flow)

### 3. AVOID STAGNANT (NON-ACTIVE) WATER

## VERTICAL DESIGN

### 1. AT TOP 1/3 OF WATER DEPTH

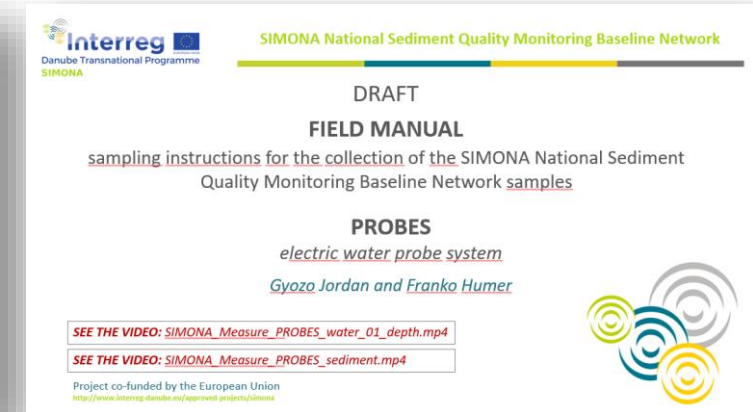


# 1 PROBES – WATER

## SAMPLING METHOD

### 1. WATER PROBE SYSTEM

- Insert probes (T, EC, pH, DO, Redox) into water & take measurements



**VIDEO: [SIMONA\\_Measure\\_PROBES\\_water\\_01\\_depth.mp4](#)**

## SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS

1. YOU CAN COLLECT **ADDITIONAL** SAMPLES WITH ANY OTHER METHOD (SAMPLING SYSTEM)
2. **AVOID AUGER / CORER SYSTEMS**
3. **ADDITIONAL PROBE MEASUREMENTS ALONG THE MONITORING SITE OR ACROSS THE MONITORING SECTION** (*to gain information about heterogeneity such as groundwater inflow*)

# 2 PROBES – SEDIMENT

## HORIZONTAL DESIGN

### 1. ONE SAMPLING POINT

- Composite sample: flowing river water is natural composite

### 2. SAMPLING POINT LOCATION:

- Small river: at downstream end of monitoring site
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### 2. SAMPLING POINT IN MAIN STREAM LINE (active river flow)

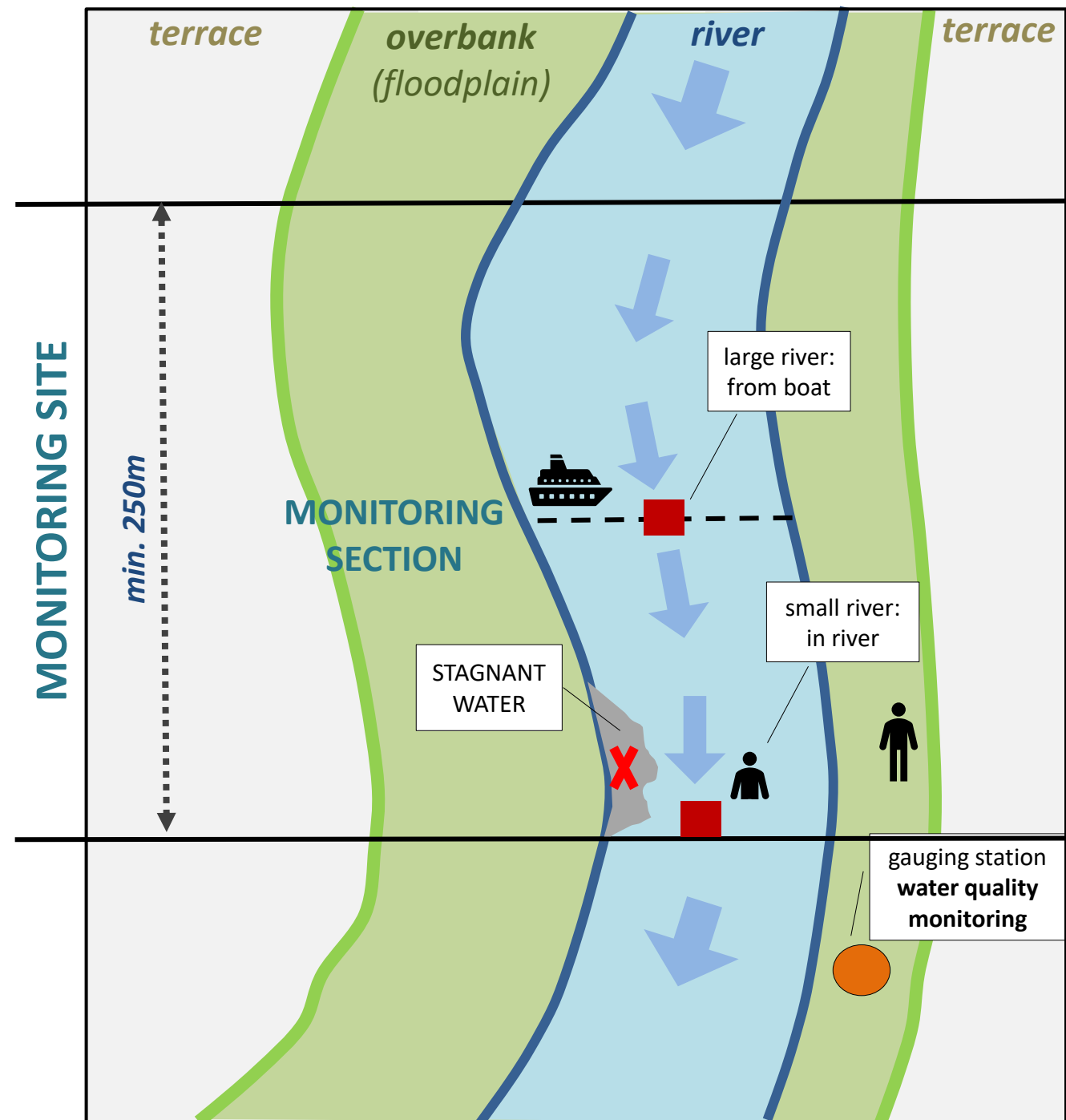
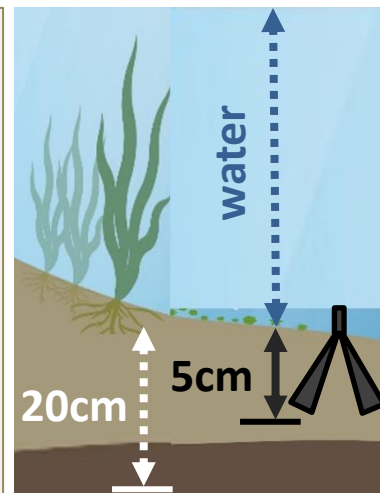
### 3. AVOID STAGNANT (NON-ACTIVE) WATER

## VERTICAL DESIGN

### 1. TOP 5-10-20CM

### 2. AVOID PLANTS & PLANT REMNANTS

### 3. SAMPLED SEDIMENT IN CONTACT WITH (UNDER) RIVER WATER



# 2 PROBES – SEDIMENT

## SAMPLING METHOD

### 1. GRAB SYSTEM

- *Grab upper 5-10-20cm bottom sediment*
- *Insert probes (T, EC, pH, DO, Redox) into top 5 cm of sediment in the grab sampler and take measurements*



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**PROBES**  
*electric water probe system*  
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## BASIC EQUIPMENT

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# BASIC EQUIPMENT – for all sediment sampling

## CHECKLIST:

## MEASUREMENTS

- **LOCATION MEASURE** (*GPS device*)
  - min. horizontal accuracy  $\leq \pm 5m$
  - WGS84 projection system
- **DISTANCE MEASURE** (*laser distance measure & light reflecting target*)
- **WATER DEPTH MEASURE** (*scaled expandable scale*)
- **COMPASS**

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **FOR GPS DEVICE:** *mobile phone if it meets the 2 criteria (min. accuracy  $\leq \pm 5m$ ; WGS84 projection system)*
- **FOR DISTANCE MEASURE:** *tape measure (see picture)*
- **WATER DEPTH MEASURE:** *scaled stick (see picture)*



compass

GPS device

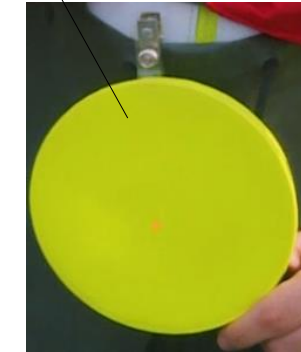


water depth measure

laser distance measure



laser light reflecting target



tape measure (50m)



water depth measure scaled stick



# BASIC EQUIPMENT – for all sediment sampling

## CHECKLIST:



## DOCUMENTATION

### Notes:

- **FIELD SHEET (min. 2x)** (*standard SIMONA field sheet*)
- **WATER PROOF FOLDER**
- **PENS (2x) & PENCILS (2x)**

### Photo:

- **DIGITAL CAMERA (2x)** (*min. 600 dpi resolution*)
- **CAMERA BATTERIES & CHARGERS** (*network & car*)

### Sample labelling:

- **WATER PROOF STICKERS** (min. 20)
- **PERMANENT PENS: BLACK, WHITE (2x)**

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **FOR DIGITAL CAMERA:** *mobile phone (2x) (min. 600 dpi resolution)*

For more information on the sediment sampling, Laboratory and Evaluation protocols; on the project partnership and the Danube Transnational Programme: [www.interreg-danube.eu/simona](http://www.interreg-danube.eu/simona)

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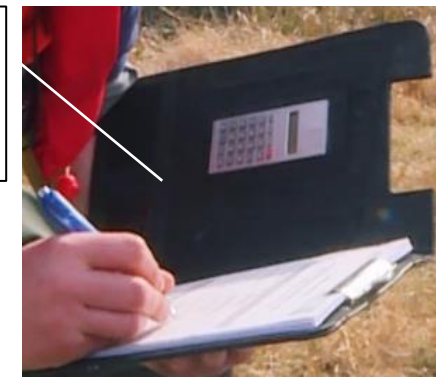
**FIELD OBSERVATION SHEET FOR SEDIMENT SAMPLING**  
APPENDIX 3 OF THE SIMONA SEDIMENT QUALITY SAMPLING PROTOCOL

MONITORING SITE IDENTIFICATION	
Monitoring site identifier WISE SoE: <i>(monitoringSiteIdentifier)</i>	Water body identifier: <i>(waterBodyIdentifier)</i>
Monitoring site identifier scheme: <i>(monitoringSiteIdentifierScheme)</i>	Water body category code: <i>(parameterWaterBodyCategory)</i>
Monitoring site name: <i>(monitoringSiteName)</i>	Surface water name:
Monitoring Site Coordinates (WGS84): <i>(monitoringSiteCoordinates)</i>	Latitude (degrees):
	Longitude (degrees):

SAMPLING IDENTIFICATION	
Sampling time (date) YYYY-MM-DD: <i>(phenomenonTimeSamplingDate)</i>	Sampling time HH-MM: <i>(phenomenonTimeSamplingTime)</i>

standard SIMONA field sheet

water  
proof  
folder



digital camera



stickers



permanent pens:  
black, white





# CHECKLIST:



## ACCESSORIES

### HOLDERS:

- **TOOL BOX – SAMPLING TOOLS**
- **BUCKET**
- **BASKET ( *equipment, samples, cores* )**
- **HOLDER ( *electric probes* )**



plastic basket



plastic holder for probes

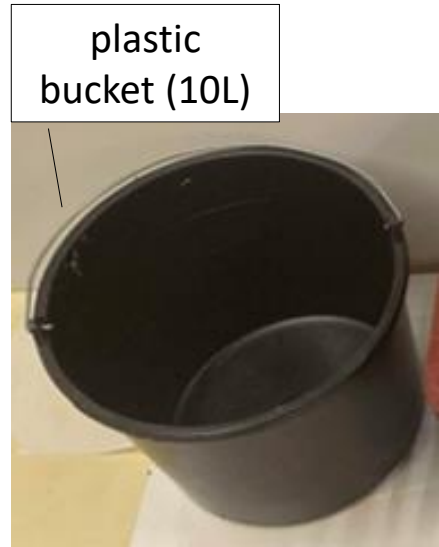


basket for cores



tool box for sampling tools

checklist for contents



plastic bucket (10L)



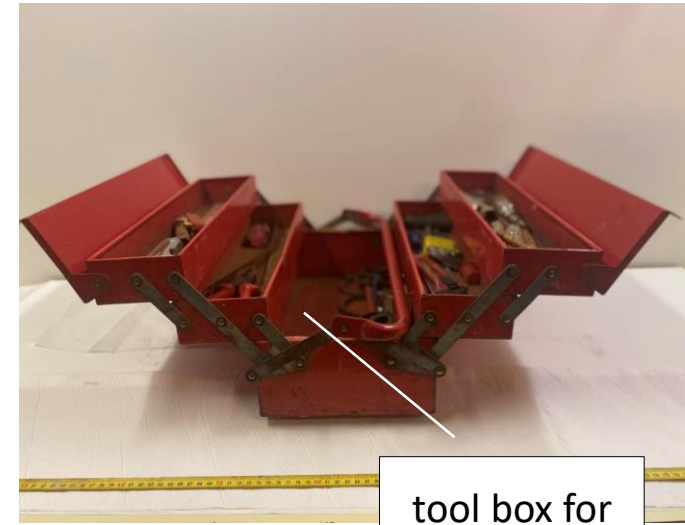
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## ACCESSORIES

### HOLDERS:

- TOOL BOX – HEAVY TOOLS
- CANVAS
- BOX – PROBES



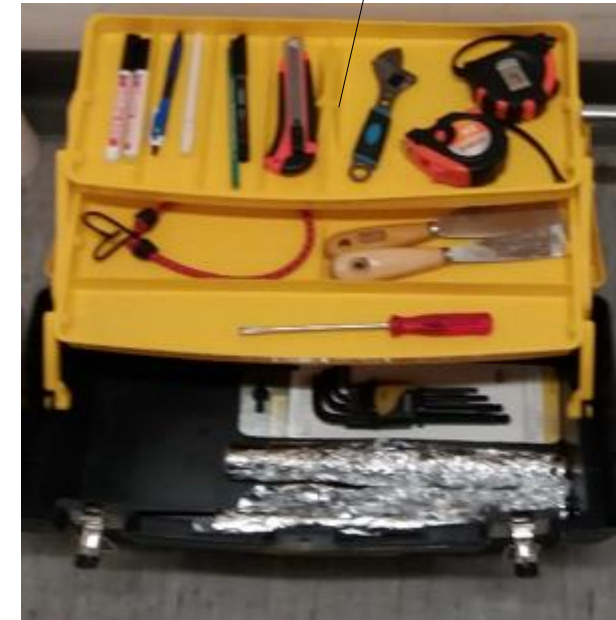
tool box for heavy tools



plastic canvas



box for the probes



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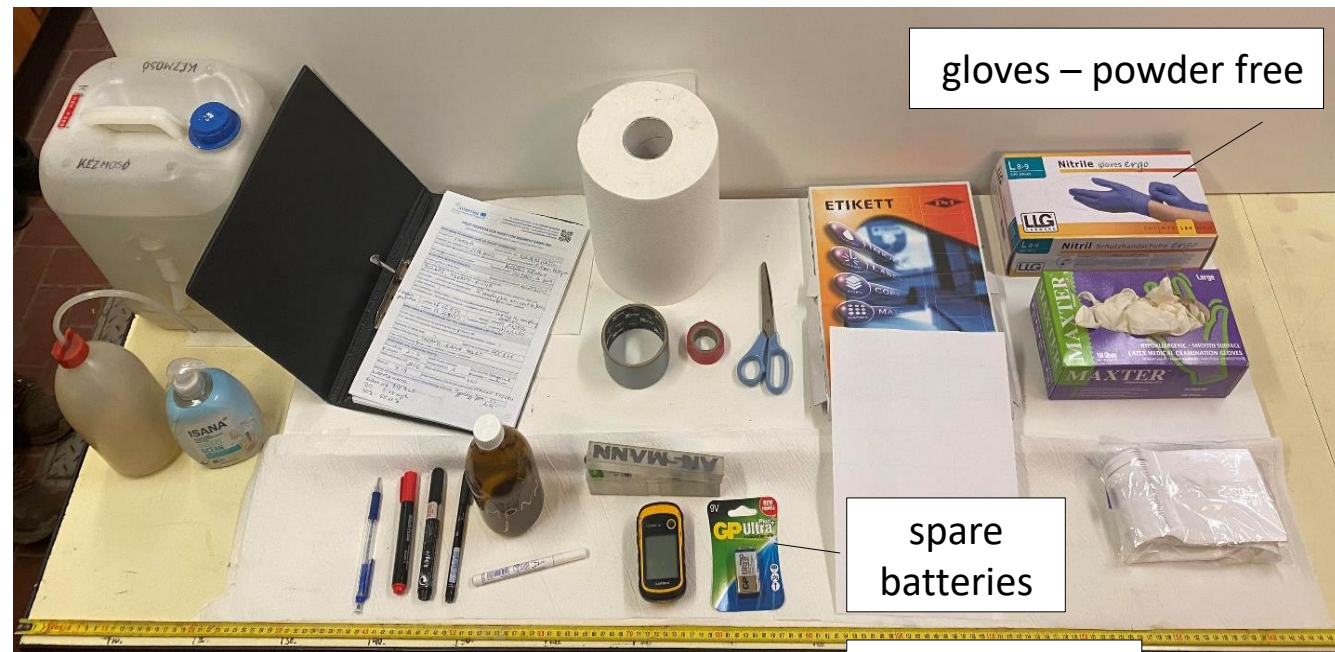
## ACCESSORIES

### Cleaning tools:

- BRUSH, PAINTBRUSH, TOWEL/RUG
- PAPER TOWEL
- KNIFE, SISSORS
- CLEAN WATER: *min. 2 spay bottles (see picture) & min. 10L clean (drinking) water*

## CONSUMABLES

- GLASS JARS (*for samples*)
- PLASTIC BAGS (*for samples; Rilsan bag*)
- CABLE TIES (*locking sample bags*)
- DISPOSABLE PLASTIC SPOONS
- GLOVES (*powder free*)
- TAPES
- SPARE BATTERIES



gloves – powder free

spare batteries



tapes

scissors, knife



plastic spoons

cable ties

plastic bags

glass jars



deionized water



brushes, knife, paper towel



# BASIC EQUIPMENT – for all sediment sampling

CHECKLIST:



EXAMPLES FOR SAMPLING FIELD KITS



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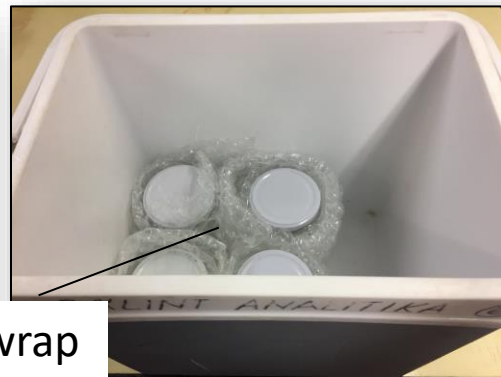
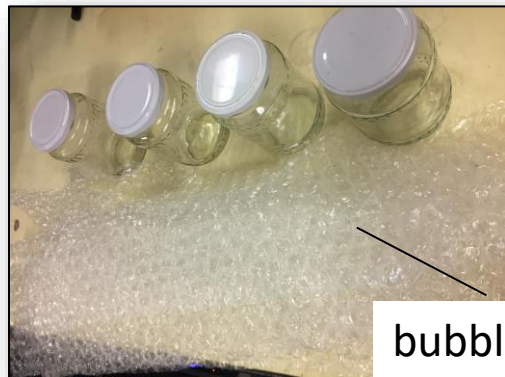
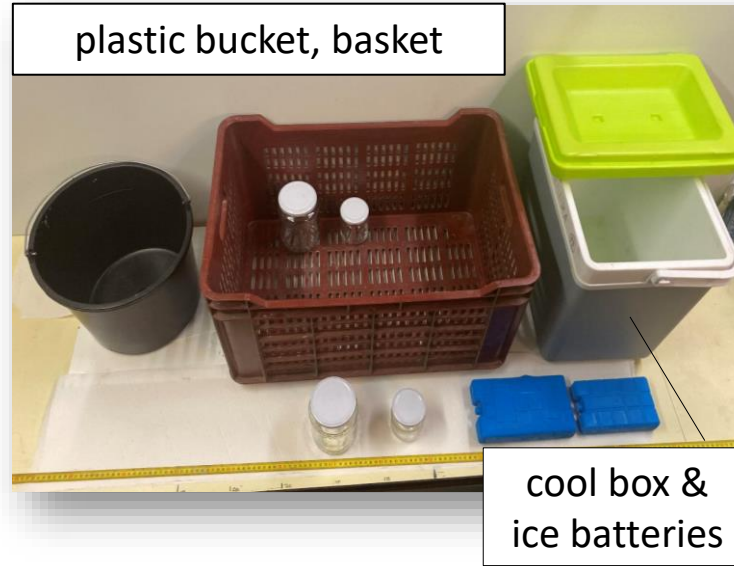
## SAMPLE TRANSPORT & STORAGE

### Transport:

- BASKET FOR SAMPLES (*glass jars, plastic bags*)
- BASKET FOR CORES
- BUCKET
- BUBBLE WRAP

### Storage:

- COOL BOX & ICE BATTERIES
- ELECTRIC COOL BOX



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## FIELD MANUAL

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## BOTTOM SEDIMENT

*scoop system*

*Gyozo Jordan and Franko Humer*

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# FLOODPLAIN SEDIMENT

*scoop system*

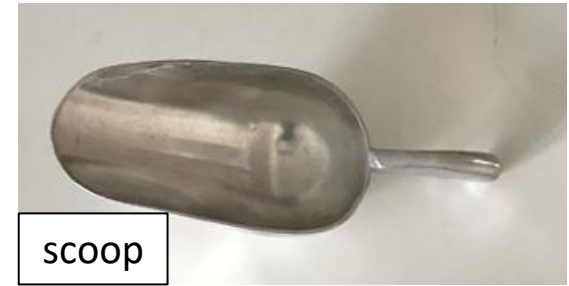


# EQUIPMENT – SAMPLING

## CHECKLIST:



- **SCOOP** (*stainless steel, aluminium, pure iron*)
- **SAMPLE CONTAINER** (*min. 0.7L glass jar*)





# EQUIPMENT – TOOLS

## CHECKLIST:



- **LOCATION MEASURE: GPS**
- **DISTANCE MEASURE** (*laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure*)
- **SEDIMENT DEPTH MEASURE** (*folded rule; metric*)
- **DIGITAL CAMERA**
- **FIELD SHEET IN WATER PROOF FOLDER**
- **PEN, MARKER PEN**
- **DIGITAL CAMERA** (*batteries*)
- **STICK-ON LABEL**
- **PERMANENT PEN: BLACK**
- **2 TRAINED PERSONNEL**

## CONTROL QUESTIONS:

- **DO THE DEVICES OPERATE?** (*GPS, laser, camera, batteries*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION?** (*damaged or broken tools, etc.*)
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT CLEAN?** (*sample container, scoop*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **IS IT SAFE TO COLLECT SAMPLE?** (*safety gear, health & readiness, weather, site conditions*)

**DO NOT START SAMPLING UNLESS ALL ANSWERS ARE 'YES'.**

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING

## 1. SET UP SAMPLING STATION AT SAMPLING POINT:

- lay canvas on ground, place equipment on it

## DOCUMENTATION

## 2. TAKE THE GPS COORDINATES OF SAMPLING POINT

(WGS84)

## 3. COMPLETE FIELD SHEET:

- site ID, sampling point GPS coordinates, sample ID, date, etc.

## 4. PUT SAMPLE ID & DATE ON CONTAINER:

- 1. stick-on label and 2. sample container (glass jar)  
- stick label on container (glass jar)

## 5. TAKE PHOTO-1 ON SAMPLE ID (sample container or field sheet)



1. SAMPLING STATION



2. GPS



3. FIELD SHEET



5. PHOTO-1 LABEL



4. SMAPLE LABELING

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING

## DOCUMENTATION

### 6-10. TAKE PHOTOS:

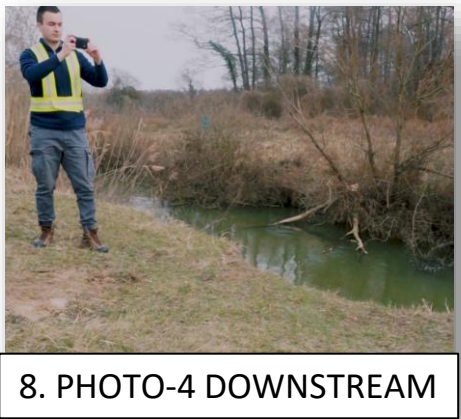
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- **PHOTO-3,4,5,6:** landscape photos upstream, downstream, right bank, left bank.



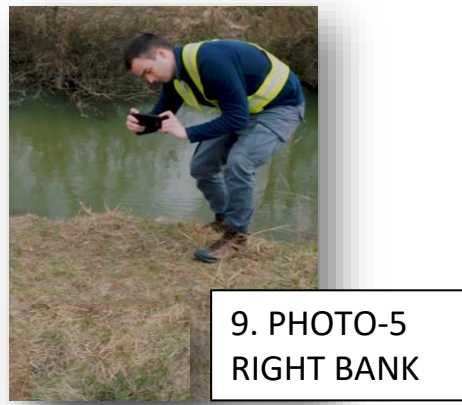
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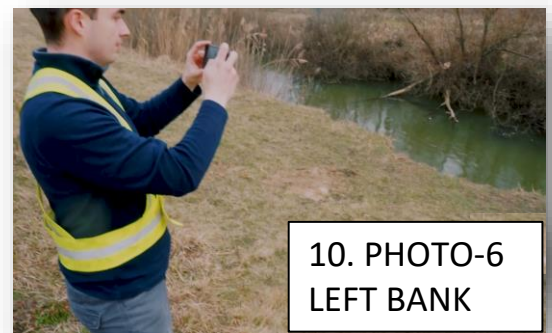
7. PHOTO-3 UPSTREAM



8. PHOTO-4 DOWNSTREAM



9. PHOTO-5 RIGHT BANK



10. PHOTO-6 LEFT BANK

## PHASE 2: GETTING READY FOR SAMPLING

1. **SAMPLERS: PUT ON GLOVES** (*powder free*)
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Equilibrate ('rinse') sampling scoop with the sediment 3 times.



### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Sampling system (scoop) is not thoroughly equilibrated with the bottom sediment.

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION

1. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING STARTS!'
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Take bottom sediment sample (target for top  $\leq 5\text{cm}$ ) with scoop from active bottom sediment.
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Put sample into sample container (glass jar).
- **REPEAT STEPS 2-3 AS NEEDED** (to fill the sample container).
6. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING COMPLETED!'

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **SAMPLER 2:** Hold the sample container (glass jar) during SAMPLER 1 sample collection. Keep the container closed during sampling.



target  
top 5cm



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Sample is not taken from sediment which is in contact with the flowing river water (active sediment).
2. Sample is taken where sediment originates from local source (e.g. eroding soil from the river bank) and does not represent river basin (catchment).
3. Water above the sediment sample in the scoop is decanted (poured off) from the scoop and thus losing the fine fraction.

# PHASE 4: CLOSING SAMPLING

1. PUT THE SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX (2-8 C°)
2. CLEAN THE EQUIPMENT (SCOOP)
3. PUT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO BOX
4. PUT COOL BOX, EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE

## DOCUMENTATION

1. COMPLETE & CHECK FIELD SHEET DOCUMENTATION
2. CHECK PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Equipment, tools are not cleaned properly.
2. Field documentation is incomplete, not checked and corrected.
3. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.



1. SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX



3. TOOLS INTO BOX

# EXAMPLES FOR BOTTOM SEDIMENT COLLECTION

## SCOOP SYSTEM



Figure 10.7 - Loading jar with the top layer of the bottom sediment collected with the scoop



Figure 8.5: Collecting the top layer of the bottom sediment with the scoop



Figure 10.6: Collecting the bottom sediment with the scoop



Loading jar with top layer of bottom sediment from the scoop

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### BOTTOM SEDIMENT

*Vacuum corer system*

*Gyozo Jordan and Franko Humer*

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# BOTTOM SEDIMENT

*vacuum corer system*

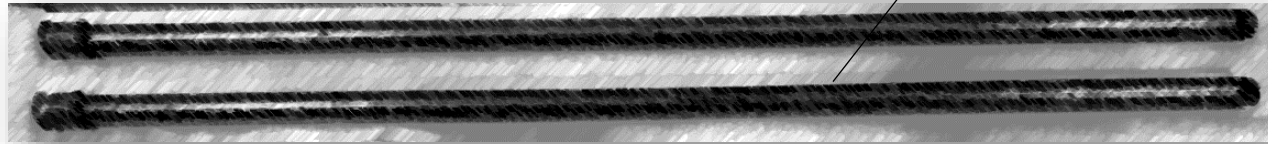
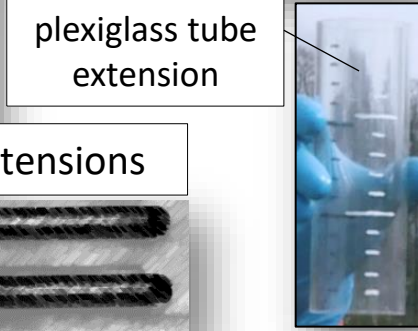
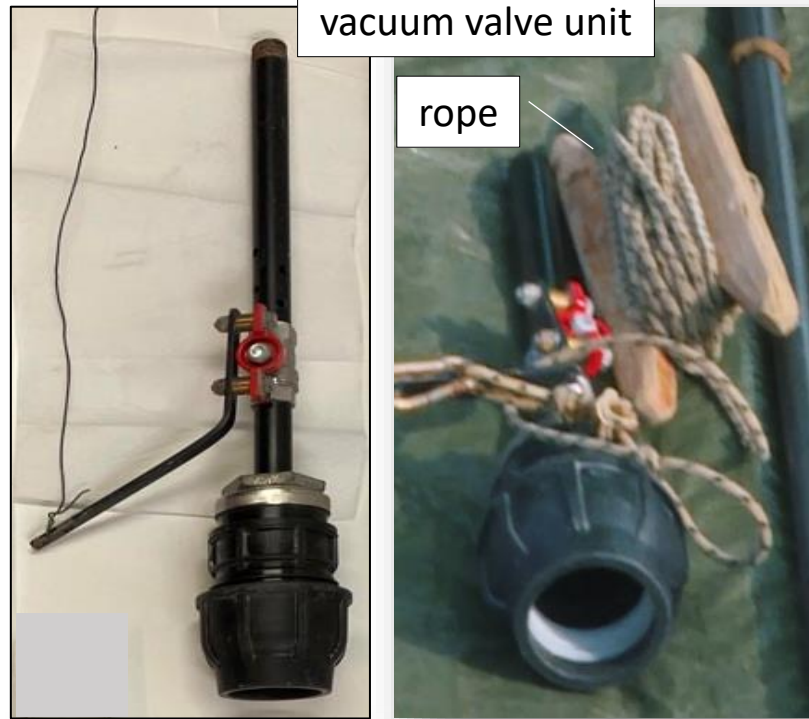


# EQUIPMENT – SAMPLING

## CHECKLIST:



- **VACUUM VALVE UNIT**
- **PLEXIGLASS TUBE** (*2 min. 50cm; disposable*)
- **CAPS FOR PLEXIGLASS TUBE**
- **IRON STICKS** (*extensions for vacuum corer*)
- **PISTON** (*for pushing out sample from plexiglass tube*)
- **PISTON HOLDING UNIT**
- **ROPE** (*for closing valve under water*)
- **SMALL MARKED PLEXIGLASS TUBE** (*15cm; disposable*)
- **SAMPLE CONTAINER** (*min. 0.7L glass jar*)



# EQUIPMENT – TOOLS

## CHECKLIST:



- **LOCATION MEASURE: GPS**
- **DISTANCE MEASURE** (*laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure*)
- **WATER DEPTH MEASURE** (*scaled expandable stick*)
- **DIGITAL CAMERA**
- **FIELD SHEET IN WATER PROOF FOLDER**
- **PEN, MARKER PEN**
- **DIGITAL CAMERA** (*batteries*)
- **STICK-ON LABEL**
- **PERMANENT PEN: BLACK**
- **GLOVES** (*disposable, powder free*)
- **2 TRAINED PERSONNEL**

## CONTROL QUESTIONS:

- **DO THE DEVICES OPERATE?** (*GPS, laser, camera, pump*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION?** (*damaged or broken tools, etc.*)
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT CLEAN?** (*sample container, pump, pipe, beaker*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **IS IT SAFE TO COLLECT SAMPLE?** (*safety gear, health & readiness, weather, site conditions*)

**DO NOT START SAMPLING UNLESS ALL ANSWERS ARE 'YES'.**

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 1/3

## 1. SET UP THE SAMPLING STATION AT SAMPLING POINT:

- lay canvas on ground, place equipment on it

## DOCUMENTATION

## 2. TAKE THE GPS COORDINATES OF SAMPLING POINT

(WGS84)

## 3. COMPLETE FIELD SHEET:

- site ID, sampling point GPS coordinates, sample ID, date, etc.

## 4. PUT SAMPLE ID & DATE ON CONTAINER:

- 1. stick-on label and 2. sample container (glass jar)

- stick label on container (glass jar)

## 5. TAKE PHOTO-1 ON SAMPLE ID (sample container or field sheet)



1. SAMPLING STATION



2. GPS



5. PHOTO-1 LABEL



3. FIELD SHEET



4. SAMPLE LABELLING

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 2/3

## 6. SET UP THE SAMPLING EQUIPMENT:

- *join plexiglass tube to vacuum valve unit*
- *fix extention to sampling unit*
- *open valve*

join plexiglass tube to vacuum valve unit



### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

Tube is not fixed air-tight to the vacuum valve unit, so vacuum cannot develop in tube during sampling.

fix extention to sampling unit



# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 3/3

## DOCUMENTATION

### 1. MEASURE DISTANCE BETWEEN RIVER BANK & SAMPLING POINT

- with laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure;  $\pm 5$  cm accuracy

### 2. MEASURE WATER DEPTH

- scaled stick;  $\pm 5$  cm accuracy

### 3. WRITE MEASUREMENT RESULTS IN FIELD SHEET

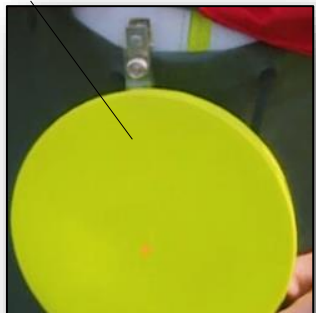
water depth measurement

distance measurement



light reflecting target

laser distance measure



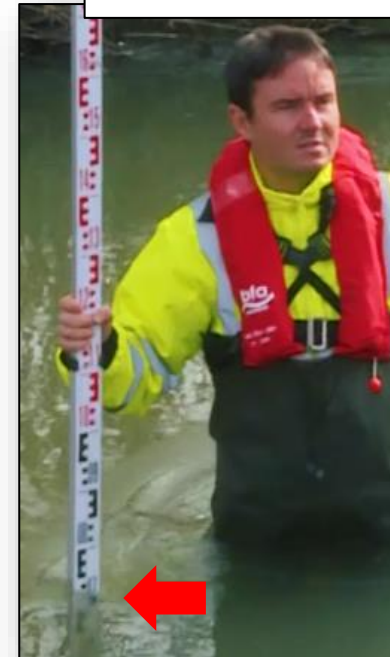
1. DISTANCE MEASUREMENT

tape distance measure



1. DISTANCE MEASUREMENT

2. WATER DEPTH MEASUREMENT



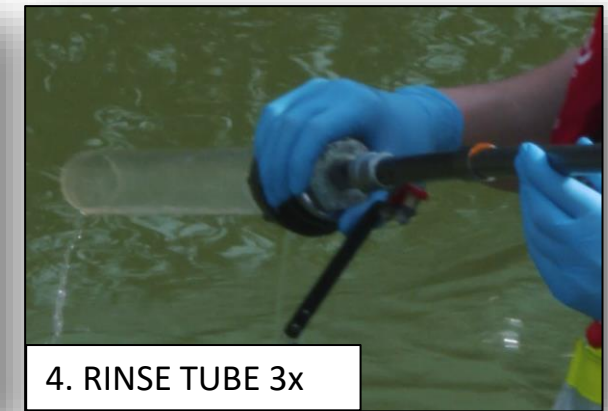
3. FIELD SHEET

# PHASE 2: GETTING READY FOR SAMPLING

1. **SAMPLERS: PUT ON GLOVES** (*powder free*)
2. **SAMPLER 1: WALK INTO THE WATER** to the **sampling point** (active flowing streamline) with the vacuum corer.
3. **SAMPLER 2:** Hold the rope fixed to the ball valve from the river bank.
4. **SAMPLER 1:** Equilibrate the sampling equipment (plexiglass tube) with the stream water by rinsing 3 times.

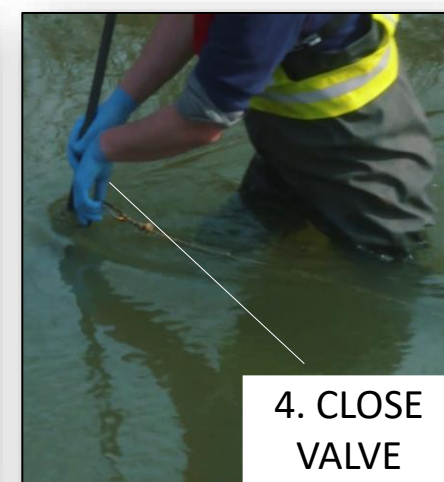
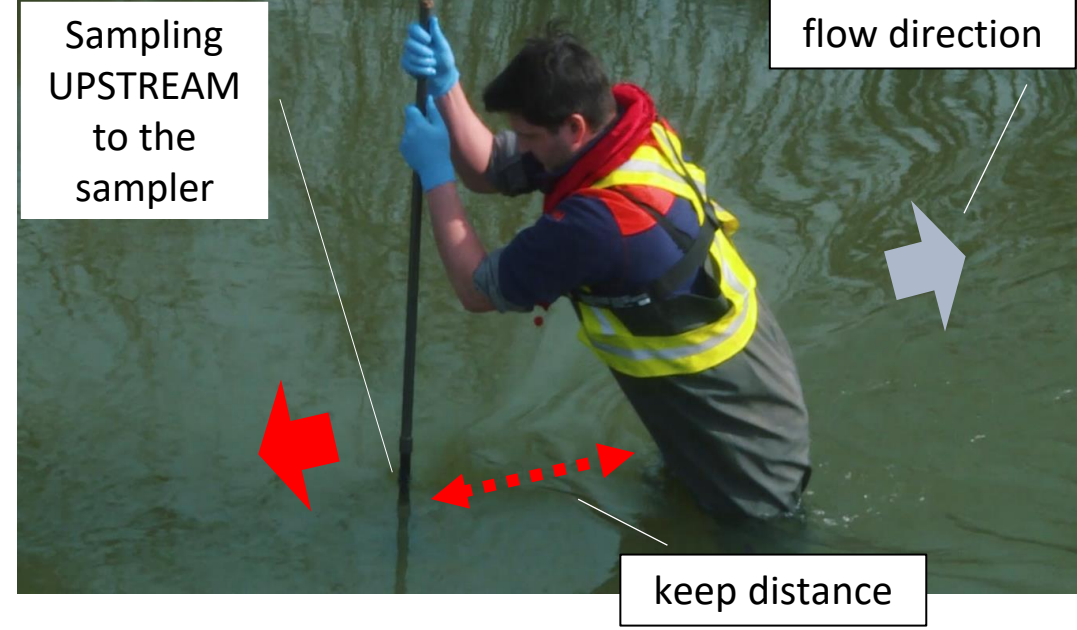
## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Sampler in water disturbs up bottom sediment while approaching the sampling point.
2. Sampling system is not thoroughly equilibrated with the stream water by **rinsing**.
3. Valve is closed.



# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 1/5

1. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING STARTS!'
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Sink the corer gently under water (valve open) until hitting the bottom sediment mildly (*not to disturb uppermost layer*)
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Push the corer into sediment
4. **SAMPLER 1:** Close the valve (*develop vacuum*)
5. **SAMPLER 1:** Raise corer with sample in the tube above water and close the bottom of the tube with your hand before the corer is taken out of the water.



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Sampler in water disturbs bottom sediment during sampling.
2. Vacuum is not tight, so sediment is lost from tube under water while rising the corer.

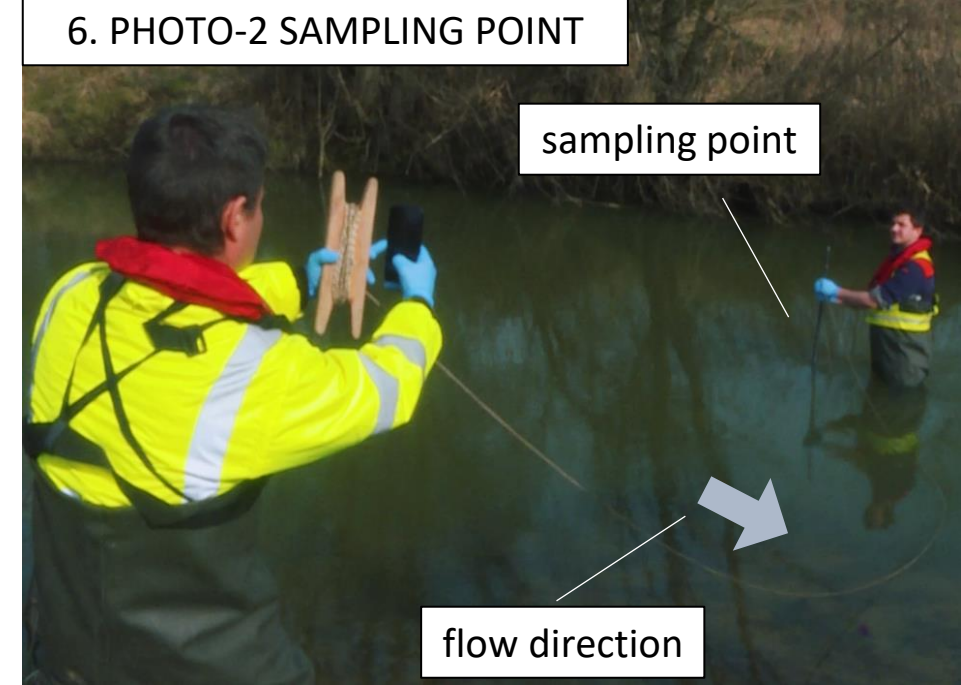


# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 2/5

6-10. SAMPLER 2: Take photos:

- **PHOTO-2:** sampling point (*sample collection conditions*)
- **PHOTO-3,4,5,6:** landscape photos upstream, downstream, right bank, left bank.

6. PHOTO-2 SAMPLING POINT



7. PHOTO-3  
UPSTREAM



8. PHOTO-4 DOWNSTREAM



9. PHOTO-5  
RIGHT BANK



10. PHOTO-6  
LEFT BANK

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 3/5

- 11. SAMPLER 1:** Walk out from water, bringing core sample to the sampling station on the river bank.
- 12. OPEN VALVE (release vacuum), RELEASE COLLAR**
- 13. REMOVE VALVE UNIT FROM PLEXIGLASS TUBE, KEEP TUBE UPRIGHT**



12. OPEN VALVE



13. SEPARATE VALVE UNIT FROM TUBE



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

- 1. SAMPLER 1** does not hold plexiglass tube firm enough, so core drops to the ground and sample is lost.
- 2. SAMPLER 1** does not close the bottom of the tube firm enough, so sample is sliding out and lost downwards.

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 4/5

14. INSERT PUSH-OUT PISTON INTO PISTON HOLDING UNIT

15. INSERT PUSH-OUT FROM THE BOTTOM OF PLEXIGLASS TUBE

16. PUSH TUBE DOWNWARDS (*piston pushes the sample upwards*)  
UNTIL ALL WATER ABOVE THE SEDIMENT TOP IS LOST FROM  
TUBE



15. PISTON INTO TUBE



piston in  
piston  
holding unit

14. INSERT PISTON  
INTO PISTON  
HOLDING UNIT



16. PUSH TUBE  
DOWN, LOSE WATER  
FROM TUBE



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

Tube is pushed too fast, so top of sediment core sample is pushed out and lost.

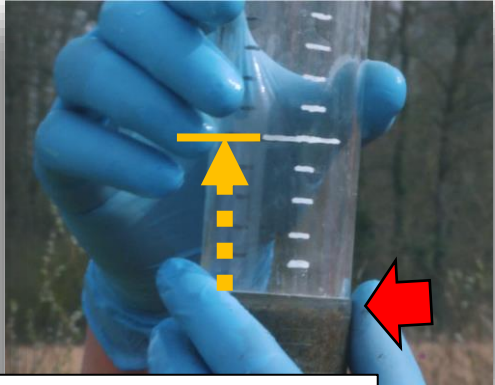
# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 5/5

- 17. FIT SMALL PLEXIGLASS EXTENSION TUBE (*cm markers*) TIGHT TO THE UPPER OPENING OF THE SAMPLE TUBE
- 18. PUSH CORE SAMPLE UPWARD INTO SMALL TUBE UNTIL MARKER (*uppermost 5cm*) (*use hammer if needed; put protecting cap on small tube*)
- 19. MOVE SAMPLE FROM SMALL TUBE INTO SAMPLE CONTAINER (*glass jar*)
- 20. CLOSE SAMPLE CONTAINER
- 21. SAMPLER 1: Signal 'SAMPLING COMPLETED!'

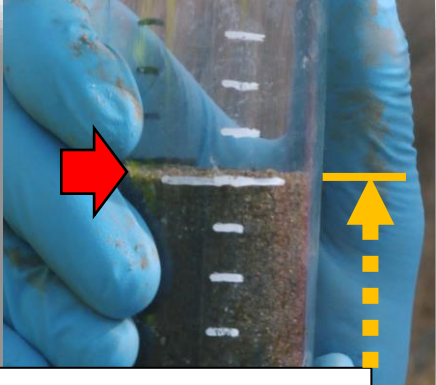
19. MOVE  
SAMPLE  
INTO JAR



20. CLOSE JAR



17. FIT SMALL TUBE



18. SAMPLE INTO  
SMALL TUBE

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 5/5

## ALTERNATIVE:

19. USE SPACKLING KNIFE TO MOVE SAMPLE IN SMALL TUBE INTO SAMPLE CONTAINER (*glass jar*) (*in case of loose, moddy sediment to avoid loss of sample*)



14. SAMPLE INTO JAR USING SPACKLING KNIFE AT SMALL TUBE BOTTOM



# PHASE 4: CLOSING SAMPLING

1. PUT THE SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX (2-8 C°)
2. DISPOSE DISPOSABLE SAMPLING UNIT:
  - Dispose disposable plexiglass core tube
  - Dispose small extension plexiglass tube
3. PUT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO BOX
4. PUT COOL BOX, EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE
5. SECURE THE GLASS CONTAINERS AGAINST BREAKING DURING TRANSPORT.

## DOCUMENTATION

6. COMPLETE & CHECK FIELD SHEET DOCUMENTATION
7. CHECK PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Field documentation is incomplete, not checked and corrected.
2. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.



# EXAMPLES FOR BOTTOM SEDIMENT COLLECTION

## VACUUM CORER SYSTEM



Figure 36. Pushing out the top 5 cm of bottom sediment with vacuum core system



Figure 3.6. Loading jar with bottom sediment from the vacuum core system



Figure 5.3. Loading jar with bottom layer sediment from the vacuum core system



Figure 2.6. Loading jar with bottom sediment from the vacuum core system



Figure 1.7. Loading a jar with bottom layer of the bottom sediment from the vacuum core system

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### SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

*barrel system*

*Gyozo Jordan and Franko Humer*

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# SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

*small river*

*(sampling in river)*



# EQUIPMENT – SAMPLING

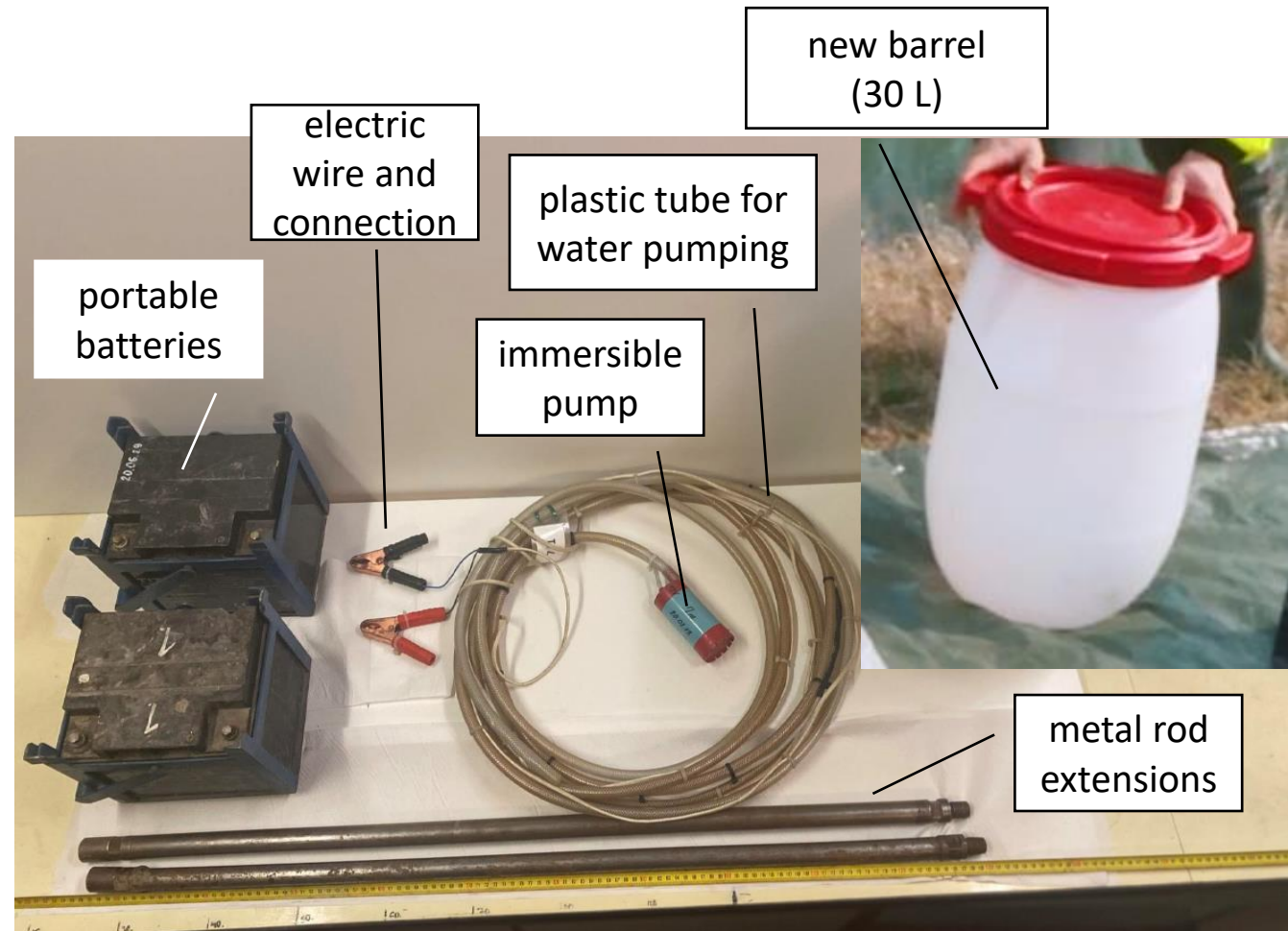
## CHECKLIST:



- **IMMERSIBLE WATER PUMP**
- **FLEXIBLE PLASTIC TUBE** (*min. 10m*)
- **ELECTRIC WIRE & CONNECTION** (*between pump & battery*)
- **BATTERIES**
- **METAL STICKS** (*extensions to hold pump under water*)
- **SAMPLE CONTAINER** (*30L commercial plastic tank*)

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **FOR SAMPLE CONTAINER:** *10L tank (see picture) or 50L/other sized tank*
- **FOR ELECTRIC PUMP:** *handheld plastic beaker (see picture)*



# EQUIPMENT – TOOLS

## CHECKLIST:



- **LOCATION MEASURE: GPS**
  - **DISTANCE MEASURE** (*laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure*)
  - **WATER DEPTH MEASURE** (*scaled expandable stick*)
  - **DIGITAL CAMERA**
- **FIELD SHEET IN WATER PROOF FOLDER**
  - **PEN, MARKER PEN**
  - **DIGITAL CAMERA** (*batteries*)
  - **STICK-ON LABEL**
  - **PERMANENT PEN: BLACK**
- **GLOVES** (*disposable, powder free*)
- **2 TRAINED PERSONNEL**

## CONTROL QUESTIONS:

- **DO THE DEVICES OPERATE?** (*GPS, laser, camera, pump*)
  - **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION?** (*damaged or broken tools, etc.*)
  - **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT CLEAN?** (*sample container, pump, pipe, beaker*)
  - **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **IS IT SAFE TO COLLECT SAMPLE?** (*safety gear, health & readiness, weather, site conditions*)

**DO NOT START SAMPLING UNLESS ALL ANSWERS ARE 'YES'.**

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 1/2

## 1. SET UP THE SAMPLING STATION AT SAMPLING POINT:

- lay canvas on ground, place equipment on it

## 2. SET UP THE SAMPLING EQUIPMENT:

- fix pump-tube-wire & pump to stick, turn on GPS, digital camera, laser measure, water depth measure

## DOCUMENTATION

## 3. TAKE THE GPS COORDINATES OF SAMPLING POINT (WGS84)

## 4. COMPLETE FIELD SHEET:

- site ID, sampling point GPS coordinates, sample ID, date, etc.

## 5. PUT SAMPLE ID & DATE ON CONTAINER:

- 1. stick-on label and 2. sample container (glass jar)  
- stick label on container (glass jar)

## 6. TAKE PHOTO-1 ON SAMPLE ID (sample container or fieldsheet)



# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 2/2

## DOCUMENTATION

### 7. MEASURE DISTANCE BETWEEN RIVER BANK & SAMPLING POINT

- with laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure;  $\pm 5$  cm accuracy

### 8. MEASURE WATER DEPTH

- scaled stick;  $\pm 5$  cm accuracy

### 9. WRITE MEASUREMENT RESULTS IN FIELD SHEET

water depth measurement

distance measurement



8. WATER DEPTH MEASUREMENT

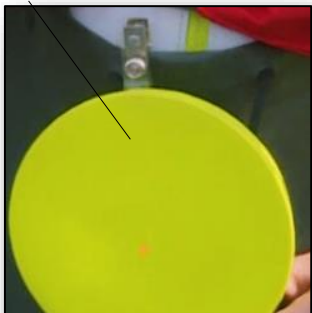


tape distance measure

7. DISTANCE MEASUREMENT

light reflecting target

laser distance measure



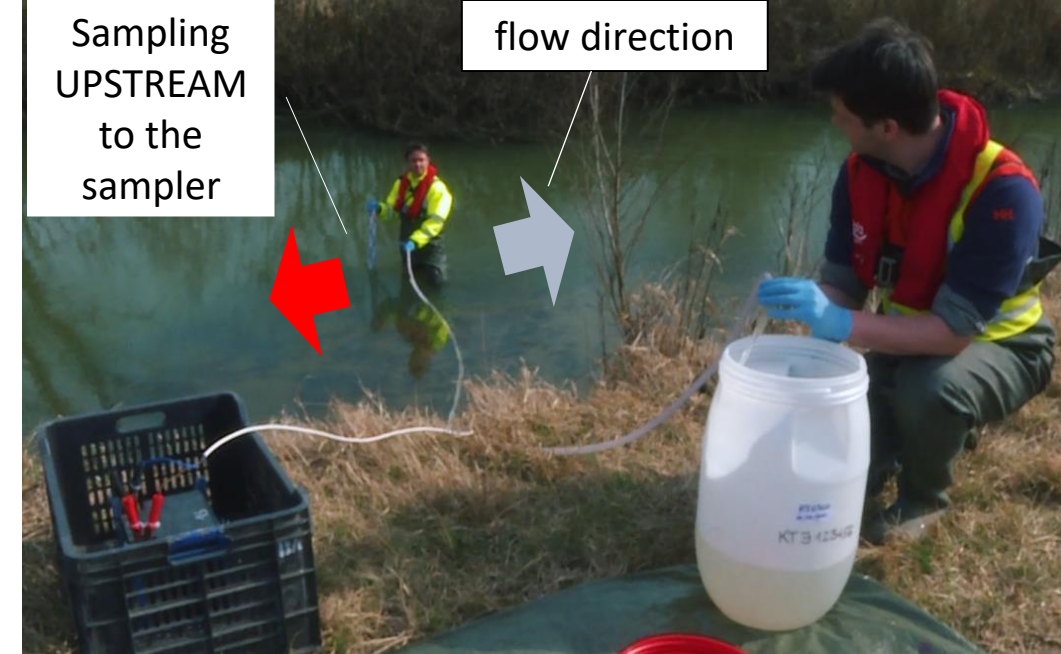
7. DISTANCE MEASUREMENT



9. FIELD SHEET

# PHASE 2: GETTING READY FOR SAMPLING

- 1. SAMPLERS: PUT ON GLOVES** (*powder free*)
- 2. SAMPLER 1:** Hold the free end of the plastic pipe on the river bank, standing near the sample container (plastic tank) and the batteries.
- 3. SAMPLER 2: WALK INTO THE WATER** to the **sampling point** (active flowing streamline) with the pump (fixed on the pump-holding stick).
- 4. SAMPLER 2:** First, merge the pump with the stick to the upper 1/3 of water depth (adjust pump depth) upstream to the sampler.
- 5. SAMPLER 2:** Signal 'READY FOR SAMPLING!'
- 6. SAMPLER 1:** Turn on the pump (practically by connecting the wire to the batteries).
- 7. SAMPLER 1:** Equilibrate the sampling equipment with the stream water & suspended sediment:
  - Rinse the pump and the plastic pipe by letting the pumped stream water flow on the ground for minimum **10 seconds** (3 times of the pump and pipe volume),
  - Rinse the sample container (plastic tank) with the pumped stream water **3x times**
  - Rinse the cover of the sample container (plastic tank) with the pumped stream water **3x times**.



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Pump is not merged to the correct **depth**.
2. Sampling system is not thoroughly equilibrated with the stream water by **rinsing**.

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 1/2

- 1. SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING STARTS!'
- 2. SAMPLER 1:** Collect the sample into the sample container (plastic tank):
  - **Fill** the sample container (plastic tank) to the top with pumped stream water carrying the suspended sediment.
  - **Stop** the pump (practically by disconnecting the wire of the batteries).
  - **Close** the sample container (plastic tank) with the cover.
- 3. SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING COMPLETED!'

## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Tank is not filled completely.
2. Pipe is merged into the sample (water) in the tank.
3. Water is not pumped on the inside wall of the tank.
4. Cover is not tight on the tank.

## 2. FILL TANK



## 2. CLOSE COVER



# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION 2/2

## DOCUMENTATION

### 5-9. TAKE PHOTO:

- **PHOTO-2:** sampling point (sample collection conditions)
- **PHOTO-3,4,5,6:** landscape photos upstream, downstream, right bank, left bank.

5. PHOTO-2 SAMPLING POINT



flow direction





# PHASE 4: CLOSING SAMPLING

## 1. SAMPLER 2: WALK OUT OF THE WATER

## 2. CLEAN THE EQUIPMENT & TOOLS :

- Rinse pump & tube with deionized water (1 times of the pump & pipe volume).
- Clean the equipment & tools with disposable paper towel.

## 3. PUT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO BOX

## 4. PUT THE SAMPLE INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE

## 5. PUT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO BOX INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE



## DOCUMENTATION

## 6. COMPLETE & CHECK FIELD SHEET DOCUMENTATION

## 7. CHECK PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Equipment, tools are not cleaned properly.
2. Field documentation is incomplete, not checked and corrected.

# EXAMPLES FOR SUSPENDED SEDIMENT COLLECTION

## ***BARREL SYSTEM***



Figure 1.3. Suspended sediment collected into a 30 L barrel with underwater pump



Figure 18: Suspended sediment collected into a 30 L barrel with underwater pump

# SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

*large river*

*(sampling from boat)*



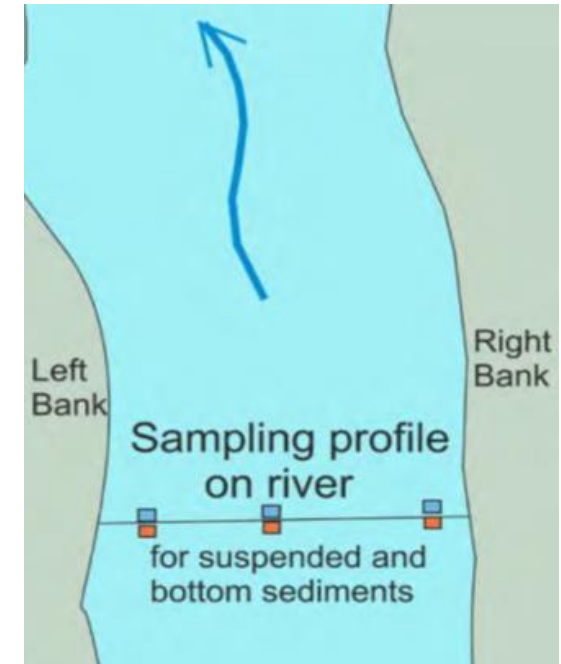
- SUSPENDED SEDIMENT SAMPLE COLLECTION IN LARGE RIVERS FROM BOAT FOLLOWS **EXACTLY THE SAME** PROCEDURE AS IN SMALL RIVERS. (BOTH SAMPLERS ARE ON BOARD.)
- THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS IN THE SAMPLING DESIGN: **COMPOSITE SAMPLE** ACROSS THE RIVER AT DIFFERENT DEPTHS IS COLLECTED.

## SAMPLING DESIGN

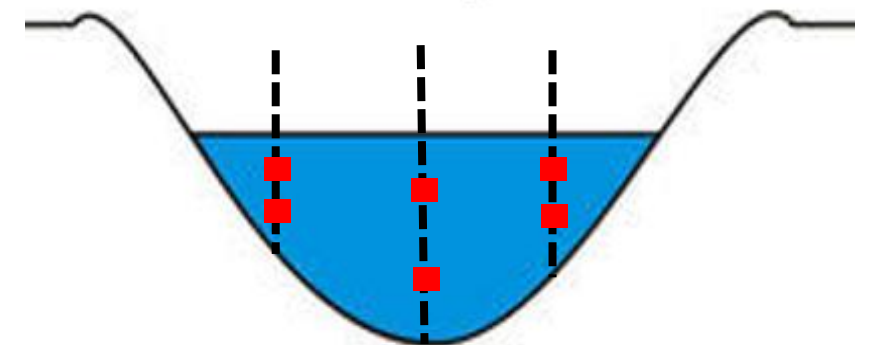
- **ASSIGN AT LEAST 3 SAMPLING POINTS EQUIDISTANT ACROSS THE RIVER WIDTH LINE** (*See figure*)
- **COLLECT SAMPLES AT LEAST AT 2 DIFFERENT DEPTH EQUIDISTANT ALONG THE VERTICAL WATER DEPTH LINE** (*See figure*)
- **COLLECT THE MIN. 6 SUB-SAMPLES INTO THE SAME SAMPLE CONTAINER (PLASTIC TANK) IN EQUAL VOLUMES (1/6 OF TOTAL VOLUME)**

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **FOR SAMPLING POINTS:** *Location of sampling points can be in the place of maximum flow velocity (where sediment transport is assumed to be higher), if it represents the suspended sediment across the section.*



HORIZONTAL SAMPLING DESIGN



VERTICAL SAMPLING DESIGN

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### OVERBANK SEDIMENT

*spade system*

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# OVERBANK SEDIMENT

*spade system*



# EQUIPMENT – SAMPLING

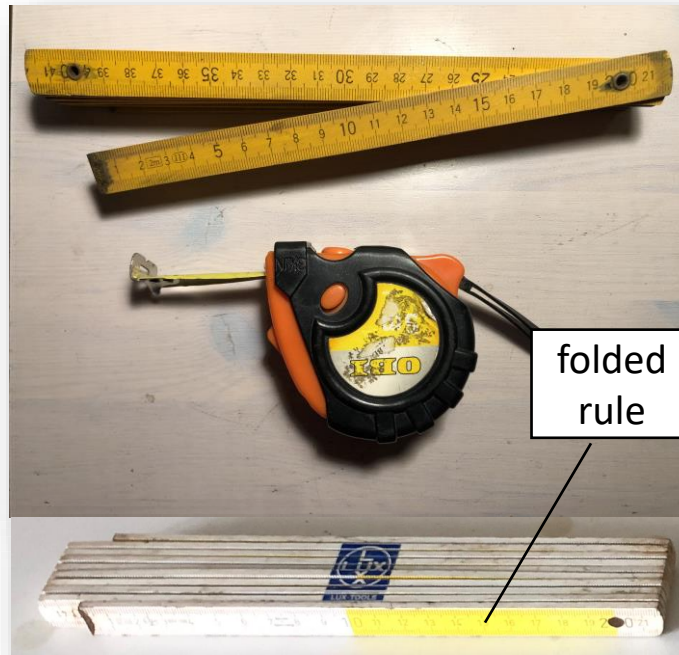
## CHECKLIST:



- **SPADE** (*pure iron*)
- **KNIFE** (*pure iron*)
- **GLOVES** (*disposable, powder free*)
- **SAMPLE CONTAINER** (*2 min. 0.7L glass jars*)

## ALTERNATIVES:

- **SPADE** (*stainless steel*)
- **KNIFE** (*stainless steel*)



folded rule



knife



spade



glass jars



gloves

# EQUIPMENT – TOOLS

## CHECKLIST:



- **LOCATION MEASURE: GPS**
- **DISTANCE MEASURE** (*laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure*)
- **SEDIMENT DEPTH MEASURE** (*folded rule; metric*)
- **DIGITAL CAMERA**
- **FIELD SHEET IN WATER PROOF FOLDER**
- **PEN, MARKER PEN**
- **DIGITAL CAMERA** (*batteries*)
- **STICK-ON LABEL**
- **PERMANENT PEN: BLACK**
- **2 TRAINED PERSONNEL**

## CONTROL QUESTIONS:

- **DO THE DEVICES OPERATE?** (*GPS, laser, camera*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION?** (*damaged or broken tools, etc.*)
- **ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT CLEAN?** (*spade, knife, sample container, rule*)
- **ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?**
- **IS IT SAFE TO COLLECT SAMPLE?** (*safety gear, health & readiness, weather, site conditions*)

**DO NOT START SAMPLING UNLESS ALL ANSWERS ARE 'YES'.**



# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 1/2

## 1. SET UP SAMPLING STATION AT SAMPLING POINT:

- lay canvas on ground, place equipment on it

## 2. DIG SAMPLING PIT WITH SPADE:

- depth: min. 50cm; width: as convenient for sampling (min. 30-40cm)

## DOCUMENTATION

## 3. TAKE THE GPS COORDINATES OF SAMPLING POINT (WGS84)

## 4. COMPLETE FIELD SHEET:

- site ID, sampling point GPS coordinates, sample ID, date, etc.

## 5. PUT SAMPLE ID & DATE ON CONTAINER:

- 1. stick-on label and 2. sample container (glass jar)  
- stick label on container (glass jar)

## 6. TAKE PHOTO-1 ON SAMPLE ID (sample container or field sheet)

## 2. DIG SAMPLING PIT



## 1. SAMPLING STATION



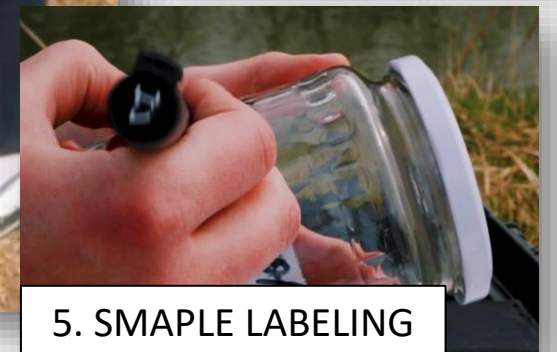
## 3. GPS



## 4. FIELD SHEET



## 6. PHOTO-1 LABEL



## 5. SAMPLE LABELING

# PHASE 1: PREPARE FOR SAMPLING 2/2

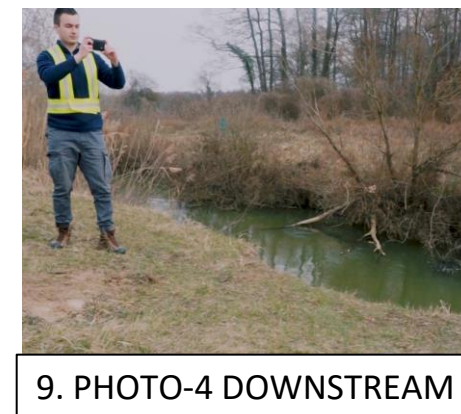
## DOCUMENTATION

### 7-11. TAKE PHOTO:

- **PHOTO-2:** sampling point (sample collection conditions)
- **PHOTO-3,4,5,6:** landscape photos upstream, downstream, right bank, left bank.

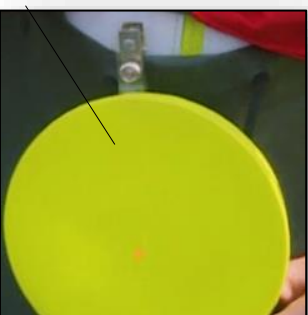
### 12. MEASURE DISTANCE BETWEEN RIVER BANK & SAMPLING POINT

- with laser & light reflecting target OR tape measure;  $\pm 5$  cm accuracy.

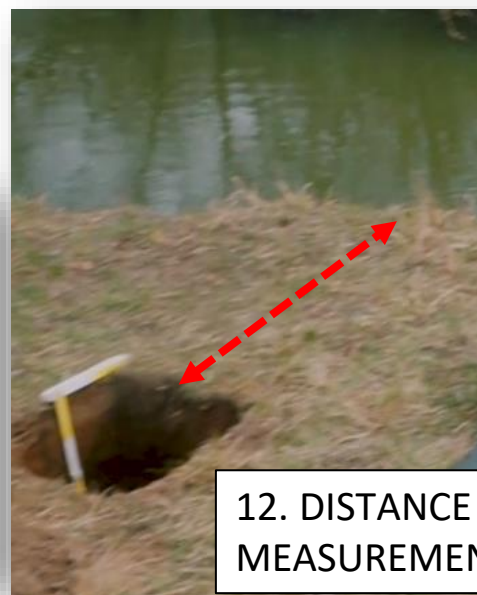


light reflecting target

laser distance measure



12. DISTANCE MEASUREMENT



# PHASE 2: GETTING READY FOR SAMPLING

1. **SAMPLERS: PUT ON GLOVES** (*powder free*)
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Clear the sediment profile from vegetation with knife.
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Clear the sediment profile in pit with knife, from top to bottom.
4. **SAMPLER 1:** Measure sampling depth interval with rule.
5. **SAMPLER 1:** Equilibrate ('rinse') sampling knife & sampling gloves with the sediment at the sampling depth 3 times.
6. **SAMPLER 2: KEEP SAMPLE CONTAINER CLOSED.**

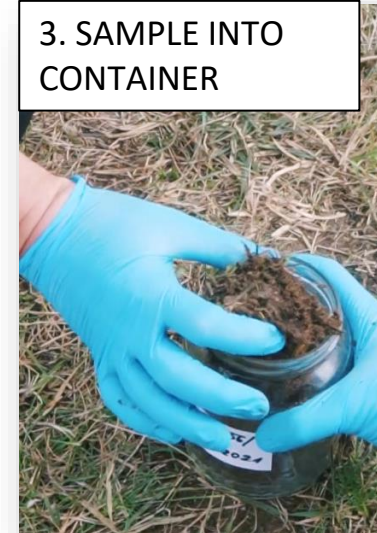


## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Vegetation is not removed from top of sediment profile.
2. Sediment profile is contaminated by tools.
3. Sediment profile is cleared from bottom to top and thus top layer contaminate lower layers.
4. Wrong sampling depth measurement.
5. Sampling system (knife & gloves) is not thoroughly equilibrated with the sediment at the sample depth.

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION – DEEP

1. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING STARTS!'
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Take deep (40-50 cm) sediment sample with knife and gloves.
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Put sample into sample container (glass jar).
4. **SAMPLER 2:** Close sample container with lid (glass jar).
5. **SAMPLER 2: KEEP SAMPLE CONTAINER CLOSED DURING SAMPLING.**
- **REPEAT STEPS 2-3-4 AS NEEDED** (to fill the sample container).
6. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING COMPLETED!'



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Upper layers of sediment contaminate the bottom layers during sample collection (keep distance from profile!).
2. Not the whole vertical sampling depth interval (40-50 cm) is represented by sample (depth interval: vertical composite sample) .
3. Sampler touches sample in the sample container, takes out parts (e.g. grass leaves), or puts sediment dropped on ground into the container.

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION – TOP 1/2

## GETTING READY FOR SAMPLING

1. **SAMPLER 1: CLEAN KNIFE**
2. **SAMPLER 1: REMOVE GLOVES & PUT ON NEW GLOVES** (*powder free*).
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Measure sampling depth interval with rule.
4. **SAMPLER 1:** Equilibrate ('rinse') sampling knife & sampling gloves with the sediment at the sampling depth 3 times.
5. **SAMPLER 2: KEEP SAMPLE CONTAINER CLOSED.**



5. KEEP JAR CLOSED

# PHASE 3: SAMPLE COLLECTION – TOP 2/2

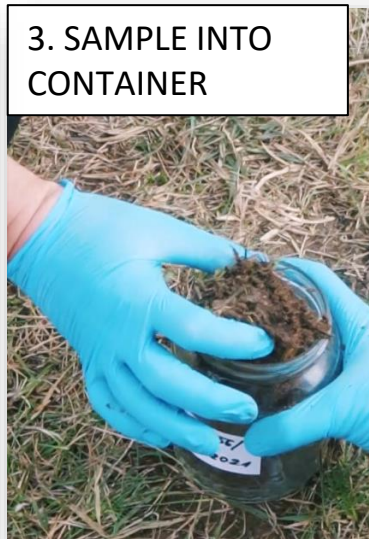
1. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING STARTS!'
2. **SAMPLER 1:** Take top (0-5 cm) sediment sample with knife and gloves.
3. **SAMPLER 1:** Put sample into sample container (glass jar).
4. **SAMPLER 2:** Close sample container with lid (glass jar).
5. **SAMPLER 2: KEEP SAMPLE CONTAINER CLOSED DURING SAMPLING.**  
➤ REPEAT STEPS 2-3-4 AS NEEDED (to fill the sample container).
6. **SAMPLER 1:** Signal 'SAMPLING COMPLETED!'



2. SAMPLE COLLECTION WITH KNIFE & GLOVES



3. SAMPLE INTO CONTAINER



4. CLOSE SAMPLE CONTAINER



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Not the whole vertical sampling depth interval (0-5 cm) is represented by sample (depth interval: vertical composite sample) .
2. Sampler touches sample in the sample container, takes out parts (e.g. grass leaves), or puts sediment dropped on ground into the container.

# PHASE 4: CLOSING SAMPLING

1. PUT THE SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX (2-8 C°)
2. CLEAN THE EQUIPMENT (KNIFE) & TOOLS (FOLDED RULE) WITH CLEAN WATER & DISPOSABLE PAPER TOWEL
3. PUT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO BOX
4. CLOSE THE SAMPLING PIT
5. PUT COOL BOX, EQUIPMENT & TOOLS INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE
6. SECURE THE GLASS CONTAINERS AGAINST BREAKING DURING TRANSPORT



## DOCUMENTATION

7. COMPLETE & CHECK FIELD SHEET DOCUMENTATION
8. CHECK PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1. SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX



3. TOOLS INTO BOX



### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Equipment, tools are not cleaned properly.
2. Field documentation is incomplete, not checked and corrected.
3. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.

# EXAMPLES FOR FLOODPLAIN SEDIMENT COLLECTION

## SPADE SYSTEM



Figure 1.10. Loading jar with floodplain sediment



Figure 8.7. Collecting top soil from floodplain sediment



Figure 4.5. Loading jar with floodplain sediment (bottom layer)



Figure 9.6. Collecting floodplain sediment



Figure 5.5. Profiling floodplain sediment



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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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# BASIC EQUIPMENT – for sediment sampling

## CHECKLIST:



### SAFETY

- WATER PROOF FISHERMAN'S PANTS; RUBBER BOOTS
- VISIBILITY VEST
- LIFE JACKET
- GLOVES
- HELMET
- FIRST AID KIT
- ROPE



# BASIC EQUIPMENT – for sediment sampling

## CHECKLIST:



## SAFETY

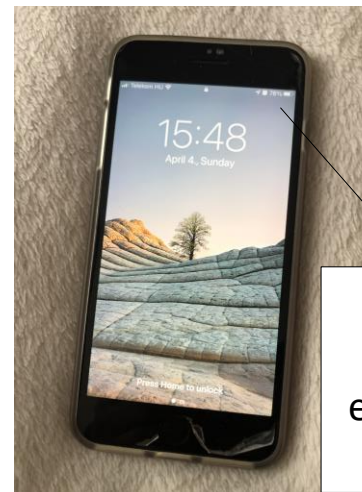
- WHISTLE
- WALKIE-TALKIE; MOBILE PHONE
- SET OF CHANGE CLOTH; TOWEL; BLANKET



whistle



walkie-talkie



## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:



- **CLARIFY ACCIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES PRIOR TO FIELD**
- **FOLLOW THE SAFETY RULES OF YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR COMPANY, INT'L STANDARDS**
- **ALWAYS AT LEAST 2 PERSONNEL DURING SAMPLING**
  - *one personnel always in at bank to secure other in water*
- **WEAR PROPER SAFETY FIELD GEAR**
- **MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT**
  - *Whistle (2 blasts: Come back!; 3 blasts: Danger!)*
  - *mobile phone (have team members' number)*
  - *walkie-talkie (always recharged & turned on)*
- **ALWAYS STAY IN MUTUAL VISIBILITY (See picture)**
- **KEEP FIRST AID KIT READILY AVAILABLE**
- **KEEP EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS READY**
- **KEEP NEAREST FIRST AID & HOSPITAL ADDRESS**
- **KEEP VEHICLE READY FOR EMERGENCY RIDE**



- **KEEP BOTTLED WATER & HYDRATE YOURSELF BY DRINKING WATER REGULARLY**
- **PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST OVERHEATING (Summer time)**
- **PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST OVERCOOLING (Winter time)**
- **PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CHANGING WEATHER (rainfall, etc.)**
- **PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST HARMFUL SUBSTANCES**
- **AT RIVERSIDE: SWIMMING SKILLS ARE AN ASSET**
- **ASK: IS IT SAFE TO COLLECT SAMPLE? NEVER TAKE RISK!**

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### SAMPLE TRANSPORT

- 1. In field from sampling point to transport vehicle*
- 2. From field to laboratory*

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# EQUIPMENT

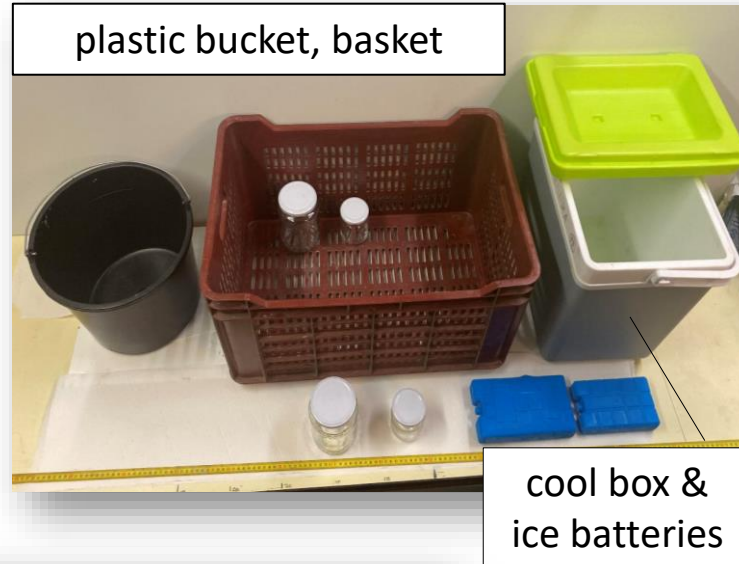
## CHECKLIST:



- TRANSPORT VEHICLE
- BASKET FOR SAMPLES (*glass jars, plastic bags*)
- BASKET FOR CORES
- BUCKET
- BUBBLE WRAP

### Storage:

- COOL BOX & ICE BATTERIES
- ELECTRIC COOL BOX



# EQUIPMENT

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## CHECKLIST:



- 2 TRAINED PERSONNEL

## CONTROL QUESTIONS:

- DO THE DEVICES OPERATE? (*electric cool box*)
- ARE THE BATTERIES CHARGED?
  
- ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION?  
(*damaged or broken tools, etc.*)
- ARE THE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT CLEAN? (*sample container*)
  
- IS IT SAFE TO TRANSPORT THE SAMPLE? (*car, sample holding compartment (e.g. cool box), health & readiness, weather*)

**DO NOT START SAMPLE TRANSPORT UNLESS ALL ANSWERS ARE 'YES'.**

# SAMPLE TRANSPORT

*In field from sampling point to transport vehicle*





# PHASE 1: CLOSING SAMPLING

## BOTTOM & FLOODPLAIN SEDIMENT

1. PUT THE SAMPLE INTO COOL BOX (2-8 C°) (*check if sample containers cannot be damaged; use bubble wrap between glass jars*)
2. CLOSE COOL BOX FIRMLY



### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Cool box is not properly cooled.

# PHASE 2: TRANSPORT FROM SAMPLING POINT TO CAR

## BOTTOM & FLOODPLAIN SEDIMENT

1. CARRY COOL BOX WITH SAMPLE TO TRANSPORT VEHICLE

2. PUT SAMPLE INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE

- Put cool box into vehicle

- Transfer sample from cool box to electric cool box

2. SAMPLE INTO VEHICLE



cool box into vehicle



sample transfer to electric cool box



1. COOL BOX WITH SAMPLE TO THE TRANSPORT VEHICLE



### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

- 1. Cool box is not properly cooled.
- 2. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.

# PHASE 1: CLOSING SAMPLING

## SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

1. CLOSE SAMPLE CONTAINER (PLASTIC TANK) FIRMLY

### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Container is not properly closed (strong & watertight).



1. CLOSE PLASTIC TANK

# PHASE 2: TRANSPORT FROM SAMPLING POINT TO VEHICLE

## SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

1. CARRY SAMPLE CONTAINER (PLASTIC TANK) TO TRANSPORT VEHICLE
2. PUT SAMPLE INTO TRANSPORT VEHICLE
3. SECURE CONTAINER FIRMLY IN VEHICLE

### TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Container is not properly closed (strong & watertight), so container can be dropped during carrying.
2. Container is not properly closed (strong & watertight) and firmly secured in transport vehicle, so sample (water & suspended sediment) can be lost during transport by vehicle.



2. SAMPLE INTO VEHICLE

# SAMPLE TRANSPORT

*From field to laboratory*



# PHASE 1: TRANSPORT FROM FIELD TO LABORATORY

## BOTTOM & FLOODPLAIN SEDIMENT

### 1. BY CAR

- Transfer samples (glass jars) in (electric) cool box in car directly to lab

### 2. BY POST

- Transfer samples (glass jars) in cool box by post

## REFERENCE LAB POSTAL ADDRESS:

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**HUNGARY**



1. SAMPLES IN ELECTRIC COOL BOX IN CAR



2. SAMPLES FIXED IN COOL BOX FOR MAILING



2. SAMPLES IN INSULATION BOX FOR MAILING



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Cool box is not properly cooled.
2. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.

# PHASE 1: TRANSPORT FROM FIELD TO LABORATORY

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1. 30L PLASTIC TANK FIXED IN VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORT



## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Cool box is not properly cooled.
2. Glass containers break during transport due to insufficient securing.

1. 30L PLASTIC TANK FIXED IN CAR FOR TRANSPORT

# PHASE 1: TRANSPORT FROM FIELD TO LABORATORY

## SUSPENDED SEDIMENT

### 2. BY POST

- Decant water from suspended sediment in barrel to 5L
- Transfer 5L plastic tank by post

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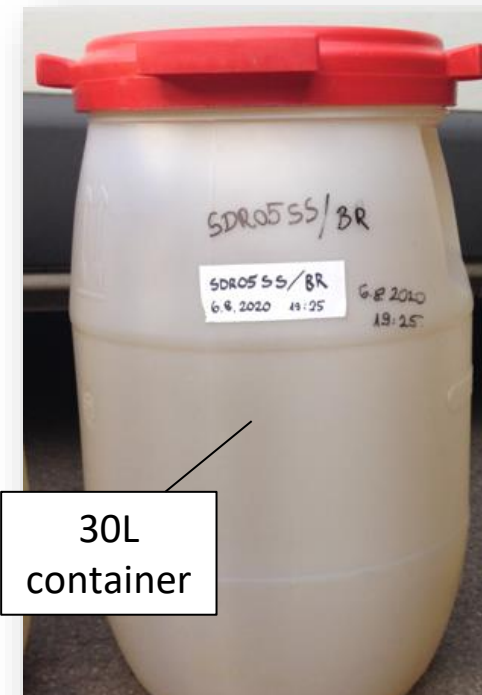
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## DECANTING PROCEDURE

1. Leave the sample stored in plastic tank (barrel) to **settle for 24 hours**
2. After 24 hours, **decant settled water** so that no more than **5L** is left at the bottom of a plastic tank. Decanting is done by opening the tap and slowly emptying settled water.
3. The remaining 5L water containing all the collected suspended matter is **transferred to a clean plastic 5L container** and transported to the lab.

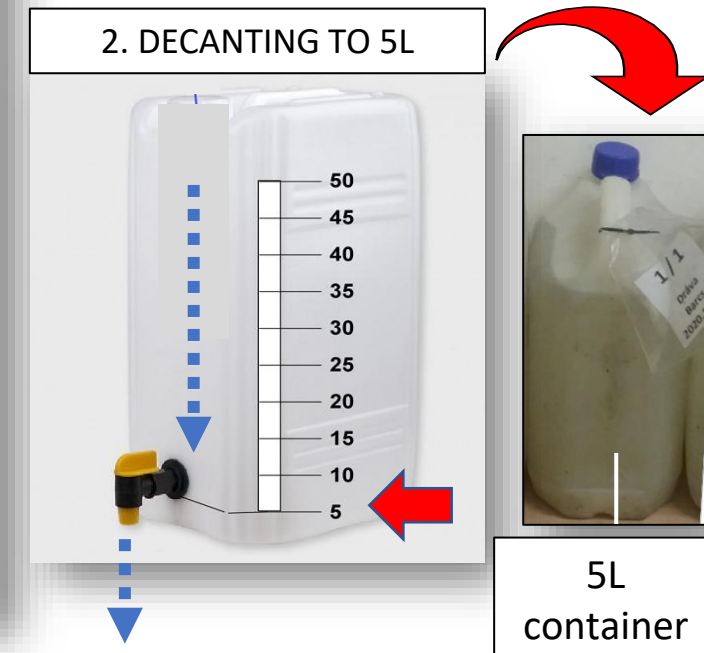
## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Suspended matter is lost during decanting.



30L container

1. SETTLING FOR 24 HOURS



2. DECANTING TO 5L

5L container



# PHASE 2: SAMPLE ARRIVAL AT LABORATORY

1. UNLOAD SAMPLES FROM TRANSPORT VEHICLE TO THE LAB
2. CHECK THE INTEGRITY OF SAMPLE CONTAINERS
3. CHECK THE SAMPLE CODES AND LIST OF SAMPLES



1. UNLOADING SAMPLES AT LAB



2. CHECKING SAMPLE INTEGRITY



3. CHECKING SAMPLE CODES

## TYPICAL MISTAKES:

1. Sample containers break during unloading transport vehicle.
2. Sample containers break during mailing.
2. Sample codes are messed up.