

ecosan demonstration project within the GTZ headquarters main office building, Germany

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ecosan program recycling oriented wastewater management and sanitation systems



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Background

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- GTZ main office building had to be renovated (06/04-06/06)
- The building provides offices facilities for 650 employees, canteen, meeting rooms and conference facilities
- Opportunity to introduce a high comfort innovative urban ecosan system



GTZ main office building under construction (GTZ)



New design of the GTZ main building



Objectives of the ecological sanitation concept in the GTZ office building



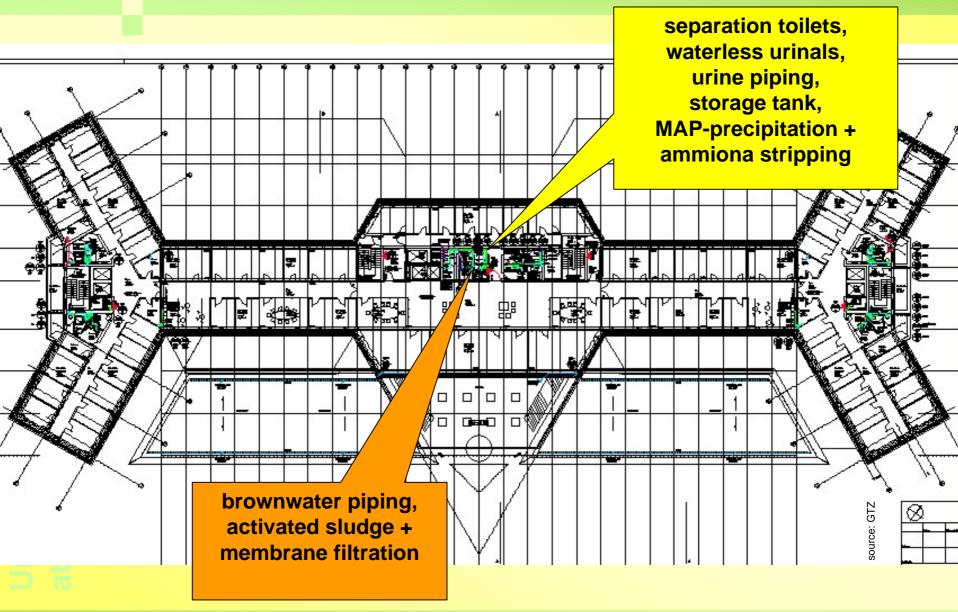


- Reduction of emissions (pathogens, organics, nutrients, micro contaminants, etc.)
- Protection of water resources
- Recovery of nutrients for agricultural use
- Demonstration of the ecosan concept in an urban context
- Contribution to the international dissemination of ecosan
- Research on technical, legal, economic, and social aspects
- Development of ecosan technologies and of operational concepts

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Implementation into the office building

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Technical components of the urine and brownwater reuse system (1)



Urine system

Brownwater system

56 urine separation low flush toilets

- 25 waterless urinals,
- Separate urine pipes
- 10 m³ urine storage tank
- Urine treatment options
 - (A) Prolonged storage for hygienization
 - (B) MAP-precipitation and ammonia stripping
- Agricultural use of urine and urine products on research plots

- Separate brownwater pipes
- Biological treatment (activated sluge) + membrane filtration
- Agricultural use of excess sludge on research plots
- Use of treated effluent as service water

 (alternative uses: green irrigation, groundwater recharge or direct discharge)



Technical components of the urine and brownwater reuse system (2)





Technical components for collection and storage implemented at the GTZ building (top)

Technical components for the treatment and reuse of urine and brownwater (right)





The two Phases of the project

source: GTZ



ecosan Toilet carbine at the GTZ head quarters

> User information about urine separation toilets and waterless urinals

Mehr als Wasser sparen!



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Die neuen Separationstolletten und wasserlosen Urinale im Mittelteil von Haus 1 sparen Wasser und erlauben die getrennte Sammlung von Urin für die Wiederverwertung in der Landwirtschaft. Sie sind Teil des ökologischen Sanfärkonzepts ecosan.

Damit die Trennung funktioniert, benutzen Sie bitte die Toiletten sitzend. Ihr Gewicht öffnet ein Vertil im vorderen Bereich der Toilettenschüssel und der Um filekt unverdünnt durch eine separate Leitung in den Speichertank im Keller.

Anschließend spülen Sie wie gewohnt. Mit der Zwei-Mengen-Spültaste können Sie wahlweise mit vier oder einem Liter spülen.

Für alle Herren, die auf den "Kornfort" des Stehens nicht verzichten möchten, gibt es wasserlose Urinale, die ebenfalls die unverdünnte Erfassung des Urins erlauben und zur Einsparung von Wasser beitragen

Phase I

Construction of urine separation system within the renovation works (financed by GTZ and supported by the Ministry of Environment of the State Hessen) → implemented and in use

Phase II

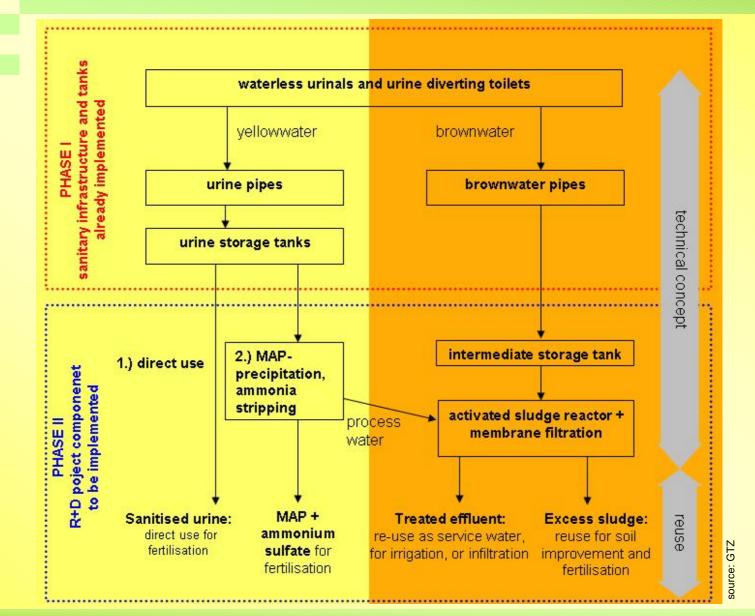
Implementation of urine and brownwater treatment and reuse within a research project (to be financed by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research)

 \rightarrow to be implemented



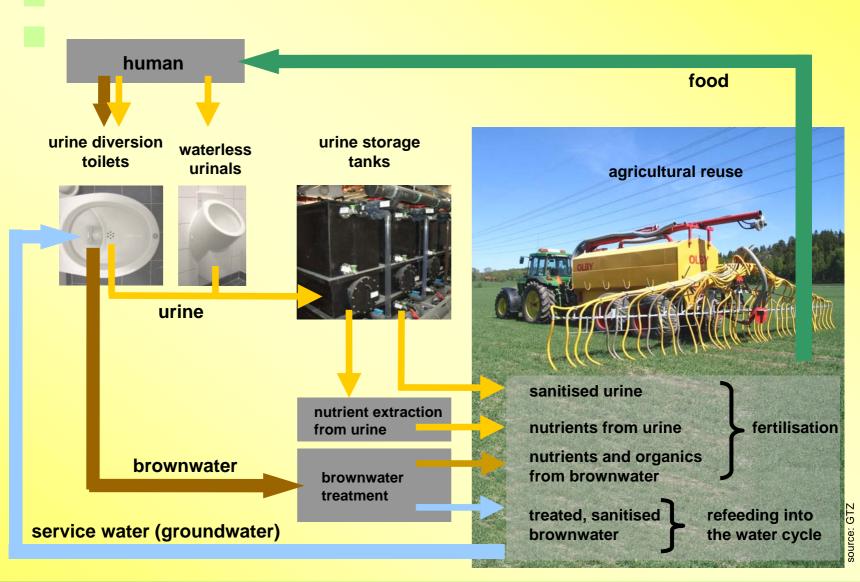
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Scheme of flowstream separation, treatment gtand reuse



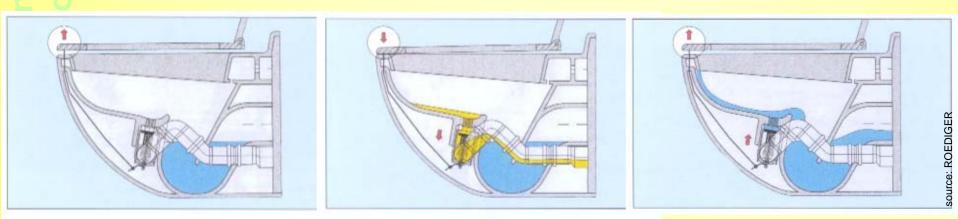


Research and capacity building



Research component

- Development of technologies for urine and brownwater treatment and reuse practices
- Operation and maintenance
- Acceptance, environmental and health impact (particularly with regard to micro pollutants)
- Legal and economic aspects
- Resource efficiency
- Costs



Roediger "No – Mix - Toilet ": functional scheme of flushing (Roediger)



Research and capacity building

Capacity building component

- Ideal location for a demonstration project: daily visits of decision makers from all over the world
- Special demonstration room and guided tours
- Good complementarity with the ecosan project in the KfW building in Frankfurt (vacuum toilets and sewerage and greywater recycling)



visit of a delegation from China



design model of the KfW building complex



ecosan demonstration project



- Demonstration of doing our ecosan-"homework" in the industrialised world as part of the GTZ development cooperation ecosan progam
- Demonstration of further environmental construction issues



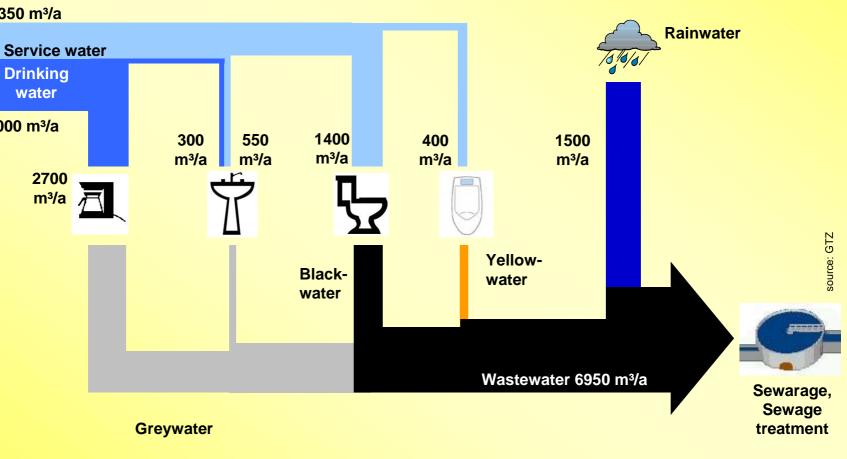
Posters showing the environmental impacts of the renovation



Previous conventional system

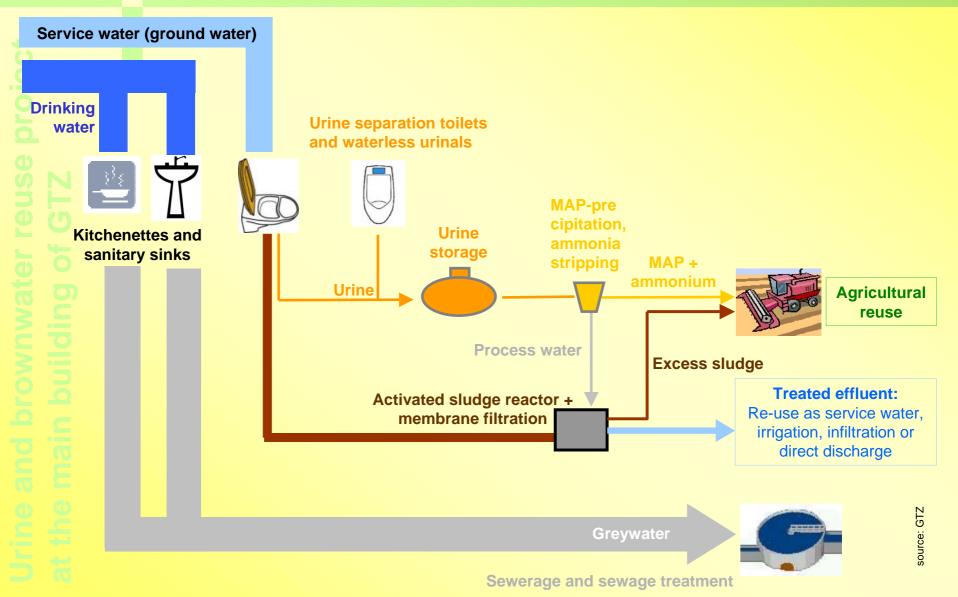








ecological sanitation concept - GTZ building prototype





Economic aspects: comparison of 3 scenarios

Scenario 1: Conventional system	Scenario 2: GTZ building prototype	Scenario 3: ecosan large-scale
 public water supply for all uses 	 use of public water supply for kitchenette and handwashing use of well water for toilet flushing 	 use of public water supply for kitchenette and handwashing use of recycled greywater for toilet flushing
no water saving devices	 waterless urinals watersaving separation toilets 	 waterless urinals watersaving separation toilets
no reuse	 reuse, infiltration or discharge of treated brownwater reuse of urine 	 reuse, infiltration or discharge of treated grey- and brownwater reuse of urine
 discharge of wastewater in public sewer system 	 discharge of greywater in public sewer 	 no sewer connection

source: GTZ



Economic aspects: estimated investment costs

	Conventional system (€)	GTZ building prototype (€)	ecosan large- scale (€)
Sanitary infrastructure			
Conventional urinals	10.000	-	-
Waterless urinals		10.000	10.000
Conventional toilets	15.000	-	
UD toilets		76.000	25.000
Blackwater pipe system	35.000	-	
Urine pipe system	-	33.000	20.000
Brownwater pipe system	-	35.000	20.000
Greywater pipe system	-	20.000	20.000
Urine collection tank + pumps	-	45.000	20.000
Subtotal Sanitary Infrastructure	60.000	219.000	115.000
Treatment infrastructure			
Urine treatment	-	45.000	20.000
Brownwater treatment	-	60.000	30.000
Greywater treatment	-	-	30.000
Sewerage network (proportionately)	450.000	450.000	
Sewage treatment (proportionately)	45.000	23.000	
Subtotal Treatment	495.000	578.000	80.000
Total	555.000	797.000	195.000
Difference	+ 0	+ 242.000	-360.000
(compared to conventional scenario)			



Economic aspects: estimated operation and maintenance costs

	Conventional system (∉year)	GTZ building prototype (∉year)	ecosan large- scale (∉year)
Water supply			
urinals	1100	0	0
toilets	4800	0	0
kitchenettes, sanitary sinks	1600	1600	1600
Wastewater fees	7500	1600	0
Onsite treatment + transport			
yellowwater	0	5000	2500
brownwater	0	7000	3500
greywater	0	0	3000
Income from products			
fertilizer value of urine and sludge	0	not considered	not considered
Total	15000	15200	10600
Difference			-4400
compared to conventional scenario)	0	200	-4400

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ecosan demonstration project

Demonstration of new technological and management options for ecosan in a modern urban context:

- Decentralised and modular solution
- High tech ecological sanitation
- Autonomy possible: if combined with greywater treatment no connection to sewer network required
- Model solution for:
 - modern office buildings
 - new urban settlements / extension areas
 - situations where the extension of conventional sanitation infrastructure cannot keep pace with fast urbanisation



Visions for ecosan in urban areas



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