# Modeling Ground Water Recharge Under Vetiver Hedgerows



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Vetiver hedgerows do increase Ground Water Recharge

• DeeSaeng et al. 2006 measured it. But not how?

Need Answer for how vetiver recharges GW.

- Quantify contribution of different components
- Shoots, water levels, velocity, backwater, infiltration, root system

Infiltration

- Diffusive flow
- Preferential flow
- Mathematical models
- For hedgerow
- For backwater
- For Laminar Film flow on roots

Computational model to tie them up

Result: The vetiver patch has 5 times conductivity than normal patch.

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#### **Backwater**





#### **Vetiver Hedgerow**

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#### **Film Flow in Macropores**





#### **Film Flow on Roots**





#### **Root Film**

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#### **GWR by Vetiver Hedgerow- Netlogo**





#### **Diffusive and Preferential Flow Flux Densities**





### Water Levels at Hedgerow and far away





#### **Backwater length and volume**





## Backwater -Time to Drain and contributions by diffusion and film flow





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## Who contributes how much? As vetiver becomes denser.





### Who contributes how much? As Rain increases.







Preferential flow has 5 time capacity to increase infiltration

Backwater volume and absorption are important when there is sufficient lull In rain.

Thickness of hedgerow increases preferential infiltration proportionally.

Distance between hedgerows = 5 times hedgerow width

Infiltration ponds to be populated with vetiver