

# software review

## maESTRO

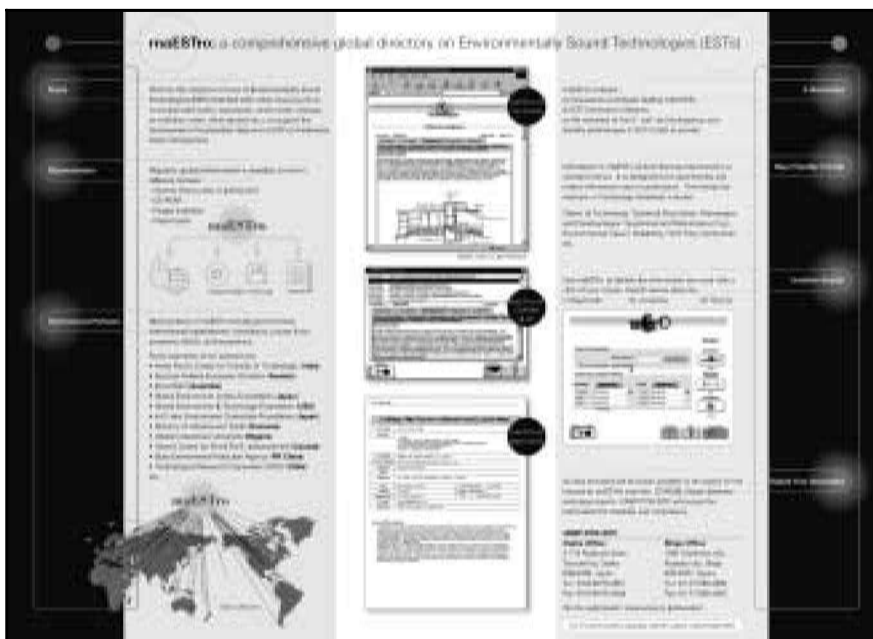
The objective of the UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) is to promote the adoption and use of Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs) in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. ESTs are designed to address urban environmental problems, such as sewage, air pollution, solid waste and noise, and to support the management of fresh water basins and the development of sustainable cities. In particular they encompass

technologies that have potential for significantly improved environmental performance relative to other technologies. ESTs should also be compatible with nationally determined socio-economic, cultural and environmental priorities and development goals.

In order to help solve these problems and promote the adoption of ESTs, IETC has created and developed a searchable electronic EST-database called maESTro to provide information in a standardized, user-friendly format. maESTro consists of a comprehensive database providing up-to-date detailed information about ESTs and also provides a global directory of institutions and other sources of information.

Information is regularly updated by IETC as well as by EST contributors, which include individual users as well as organizations and institutions. Through the internet-based maESTro, information about ESTs is available

to all computer users who are linked to the world-wide web providing a global information network about EST's and there applications. For those without access to the internet, the database is also available in CD-ROM, floppy diskettes, and hard copy format at no cost.



## webwatch

### Managing Water for African Cities

Managing Water for African Cities (MAWAC) is a joint initiative of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS Habitat). The initiative aims to:

- to build capacity in seven demonstration cities in the water sector;
- to avail information on best practices in urban water management, and;
- to link sector professional working in the field of water

management with each other and with other networks, institutions, governments, municipalities, NGOs and the private sector.

Water management is the focus of this network and web domain. It aims to help members adopt and adapt water management practices and will enable practitioners, managers and researchers to share data, information and knowledge. In addition to offering comprehensive information on the MAWAC programme and partners, the site focuses on several on-line resources of note. These include:

- A link to the UNCHS (Habitat) Best Practices Database
- On-line access to document databases (IRCDoc)

A host of organisational links via INTERWATER

Case studies from the seven demonstration cities involved in MAWAC

Links to on-line resources valuable to water utilities

An Annotated bibliography of resources organised by four themes (water for low income communities, pollution mitigation, awareness raising and water demand management).

There is also a facility to ask questions, submit best practices or comment on the site.

<http://www.urbanwater.net/index.html>

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