

Sponge Cake Buffet featuring 12 River Soaks

Edible landscape exploration
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The Sponge Cake Buffet brings hydro-social spaces of 12 rivers to your palate. Bon appétit!

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Brahmaputra

Transboundary river (Tibet) China, Buthan, India, Bangladesh. Merges with river Ganges, flows into the Bay of Bengal.

Location of research Hindu Kush, Himalaya
Researcher Sumit Vij, University of Wageningen, Netherlands

Soak ingredients
Tulsi tea, dried apricots, ginger, dried pomegranate seeds

Danube

Transboundary river Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine. Flows into the Black Sea.

Location of research Vienna, Austria
Researcher Regina Hügli
Project River Soaks, Sponge Project

Soak ingredients
Viennese white wine “Grüner Veltliner”, winery peaches

Auzon

Tributary of Sorgue / Ouvèze / Rhône / Mediterranean Sea

Location of research Mazan, Vaucluse, France
Researcher Anaëlle Ghesquière, University of Montpellier, France
Project UMR G-EAU
<https://g-eau.fr/index.php/en/umr-g-eau>

Soak ingredients
Green asparagus, Muscat grapes, lemon

Awash

A major river of Ethiopia. Flows into the Lake Gargori / Lake Abbe (closed drainage system)

Location of research Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Researcher Bich Tran, IHE Delft, Netherlands
Project Assessment of the consequences and sustainability of possible increases in water productivity by means of water accounting.

Soak ingredients
White honey, cardamom seeds, dried oregano flowers

Dnipro

Transboundary river Russia, Belarus, Ukraine. Flows into the Black Sea.

Location of research Kyjiw, Ukraine
Researcher Seila Fernández Arconada
Project Dnipro River – Ecosocial Belonging in Wartime
<https://sites.google.com/view/dnipro-riverbelonging/>

Soak ingredients
Red beet, dried plums, walnuts

Este

Tributary of Elbe / Northern Sea

Location of Research Jork, Germany
Researcher Rosella Alba, IRI THESys, Humboldt University Berlin
Project FLUNST
<https://www.flunst.art>

Soak ingredients
Meadow-sweet tea, apple cider, apples, smoked eel

Mosson / Lez

Mosson tributary of Lez / Étang de l’Arnel / Mediterranean Sea

Location of Research Montpellier, France
Researcher Romain Valadaud, University of Montpellier, France
Project BIPOLAR
<https://www.bipolar-production.com>

Soak ingredients
Sage tea, almond paste, dried lavender flowers

Magdalena

Main river of Colombia. Flows into the Caribbean Sea.

Location of research From Hobo to Puerto Wilches, Colombia
Researcher Laura Betancur Alarcón, IRI THESys, Humboldt University Berlin
Project Following dammed rivers
<https://www.iri-thesys.org/research/research-projects/following-dammed-rivers-in-colombia/>

Soak ingredients
Sweetened condensed milk, avocado, cacao

Mekong

Transboundary river (Tibet) China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam. Flows into the South China Sea.

Location of research floodplains of Cambodia
Researcher Jean-Philippe Venot

Soak ingredients
Coconut milk, sweet sticky rice, Kroeung paste (lemon grass, curcuma, lime leaves, ginger, garlic, shallots), palm sugar

Nile

Transboundary river Ethiopia (Blue Nile), Uganda (White Nile), South Sudan, Sudan, Egypt. Flows into the Mediterranean Sea.

Location of research Karthoum, Sudan, merging point of the Blue and the White Nile
Researcher Salma Abusamra
Project Blue Niel Museum, AquaMuse Project, IHE Delft

Soak ingredients
Coffee, cardamom seeds, cloves, cinnamon, dried dates

Rize

Tributary of the Rhône / Mediterranean Sea.

Location of Research Lyon, France
Researcher Christelle Gramaglia, University of Montpellier, France
Project UMR G-EAU
<https://g-eau.fr/index.php/en/umr-g-eau>

Soak ingredients
Absinthe, blackberries, liver pâté

Spree

Tributary of Havel / Elbe / North Sea.

Locations of research Berlin Brandenburg, Spreewald
Researchers Márk Somogyvári, Desirée Hetzel, IRI THESys, Humboldt University Berlin
Project CliWaC
<https://www.cliwac.de>

Soak ingredients
Fermented cucumbers, horseradish, onions, mustard seeds, vinegar, salt, sugar, elderflower syrup.

The intervention is part of the artistic research “Sponge Project” by Regina Hügli, One Body of Water, Vienna.

The river soaks were concocted in co-creation with **Renate Burger, AMÚR Wien**, based on information by the river researchers of the festival.

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