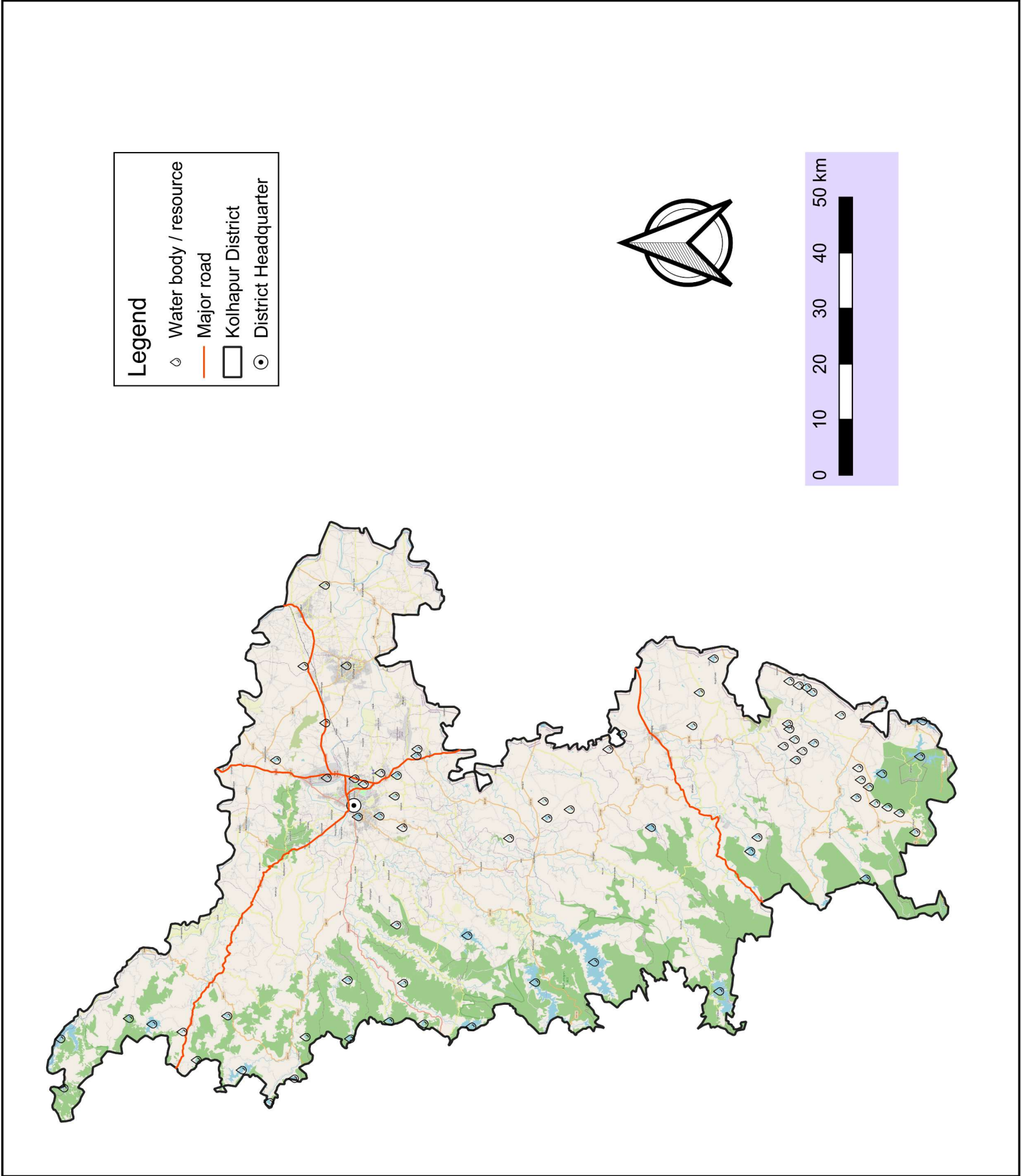


Title: Water bodies in Kolhapur District



Map description and analysis

Introduction:
Large water bodies are surrounded in Kolhapur district. These bodies protect the water ecosystem. Waterbodies include dams, small streams, lakes and water reservoir.

Water resource:

- Kolhapur has 1792.04 Mcum storage of water in dam. This water is used for domestic and commercial purpose.
- Except this, Government of Maharashtra has scheme for water canals governed inside Kolhapur district.

Tourism:

- Lot of dams like Radhanagari reservoir, Chandoli dam are attraction of tourists.
- Because of natural waterfalls near dam area and backwater area, the places are become point of attraction for tourist in monsoon season. This kind of tourism helps the economy of local villagers.
- Rankala lake is one of the famous lake in Kolhapur district is also a tourist place. Kolhapur Municipality department controls the water quality and protection of Rankala lake.
- Jaysingrao talav of Kagal city has variety of flora and fauna. A biodiversity protection area is built near Jaysingrao Talav in Kagal, near Kagal 5 Star MIDC.
- Most of the backwater and lake administration allows for boating and occasionally fishing.

Natural resource:

- A hydro-power plant is built near every dam in Kolhapur district for supporting the power consumption for commercial and domestic purpose.
- Potable water in most of resources are used for household, cattle and drinking.
- Fishing business is developed in reservoir. Good quality fish is found near dam, backwater, potable water resources and sometimes in lakes.

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