



Vattenpaketet – a Swedish information package for increased awareness in water issues

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Water issues often do not receive the same attention in school education as other environmental issues. Partly this may be due to a lack of suitable teaching material. Therefore, in 2008 a project has been initiated by the Swedish Hydrological Council (SHR) to compile an information kit, called 'Vattenpaketet' (water package). The purpose of this information project is to create an information kit about water issues that can be used by teachers, study circle leaders and others in connection with activities on World Water Day on 22 March each year. The kit contains complete computer presentations, a booklet, working materials, and detailed teacher's instructions, and is freely available on a website <http://www.vattendag.org/vattenpaketet/>. The information material aims at combining local (i.e., Swedish) and global water issues as well as curiosity driven water experiments and more theoretical information. A preliminary version of the kit has already been used by many school teachers. Here we present this information kit and first experiences from its use in schools.