maximum payment of both interest payment and amortization occupy a small part of the recurrent budget of the government of Madagascar.

In summary, it could be safely argued that both the cost recovery of the water associations and the foreign loan disbursement of the government of Madagascar verify the financial soundness of the Project.

The Project was socially assessed in terms of the distribution of benefits among various social groups. The Project was evaluated from the viewpoints of gender and equity, two major groupings of the society.

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As the implementation of the Project will make the beneficiary villages be conveniently located for fetching water, a great deal of women's time for fetching water will be saved. The Project, which shall benefit the region where the mortality rate by waterborne diseases are worse off than any other region, will mitigate inequitable distribution of health resources among regions, thereby giving favourable social impacts on the regional socio-economic situation.

Although the economic viability of the Project is not so high compared with the opportunity cost of capital in Madagascar, the following has been concluded:

- 1) the Project is financially sound in terms of both the cost recovery of the water associations and the foreign loan disbursement of the government of Madagascar, and
- the Project will have favourable social impacts on gender and equity together with other social benefits.

13.2 Recommendations

(1) Project implementation

Although the economic internal rates of return of the Project are quite low, there is no doubt that the critical shortage of potable water in the villages of the south-western region requires a swift solution, also there is no question that the social benefits from the project would be great, especially in the 60 prioritized villages.

Therefore, in consideration of the social benefits and associated favorable effects, the immediate implementation of the Project is highly recommended, provided that a soft loan or a grant can be obtained.

(2) Operation and maintenance

Many of the candidate villages in the Study Area have, in the past, been involved in rural water supply projects, but the periods which these supply facilities remained

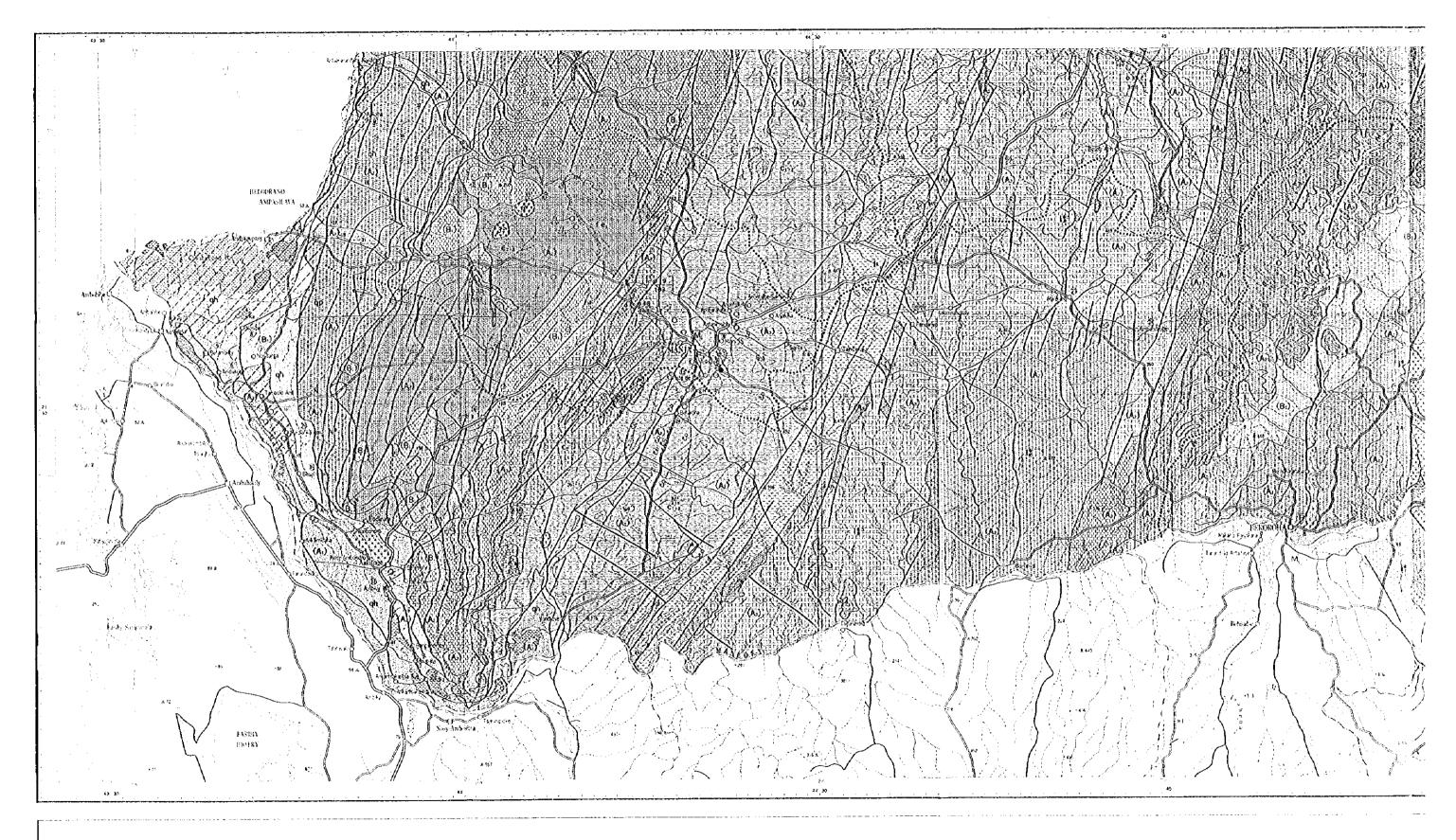
functioning were generally very short ranging from 2 to 4 years. After the supply facilities broke down, people were obliged to return to primitive water collection practices, due mainly to the poor operation and maintenance methodology. In addition, many of the candidate villages have never benefited from water supply services, therefore, it is difficult to establish a good sense of operation and maintenance in a short period.

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As seen in the Phase I Project area, some of the benefited villages have preferred economizing running costs rather than providing adequate supplies of safe water through out the year, thus reducing the effectiveness of the Project. Since there is a limitation in the autonomous management at each of the villages caused by the long established tradition of not paying for water, great assistance and guidance from the concerned authorities should be extended to the villages. Thus, it is highly recommended that MEM, not only as the implementing body of the Project but also as the body responsible for the management of the Project, should strengthen the maintenance system by opening a management office at Morondava as a branch office to the Toliara Regional Office.

It is believed that the project will not be effective without conducting the patient enlightenment and encouragement of the villagers on the use of supplied water through periodic patrol. It is also recommended that MEM acts as the coordinating body in the Morondava area for involving the decentralized administrations and JIRAMA in maintenance related matters. Because, even if MEM opens the branch office in Morondava, patrol services or countermeasures against any troubles in the villages located to the south of the Kabatomana River would become somewhat difficult during the rainy season.



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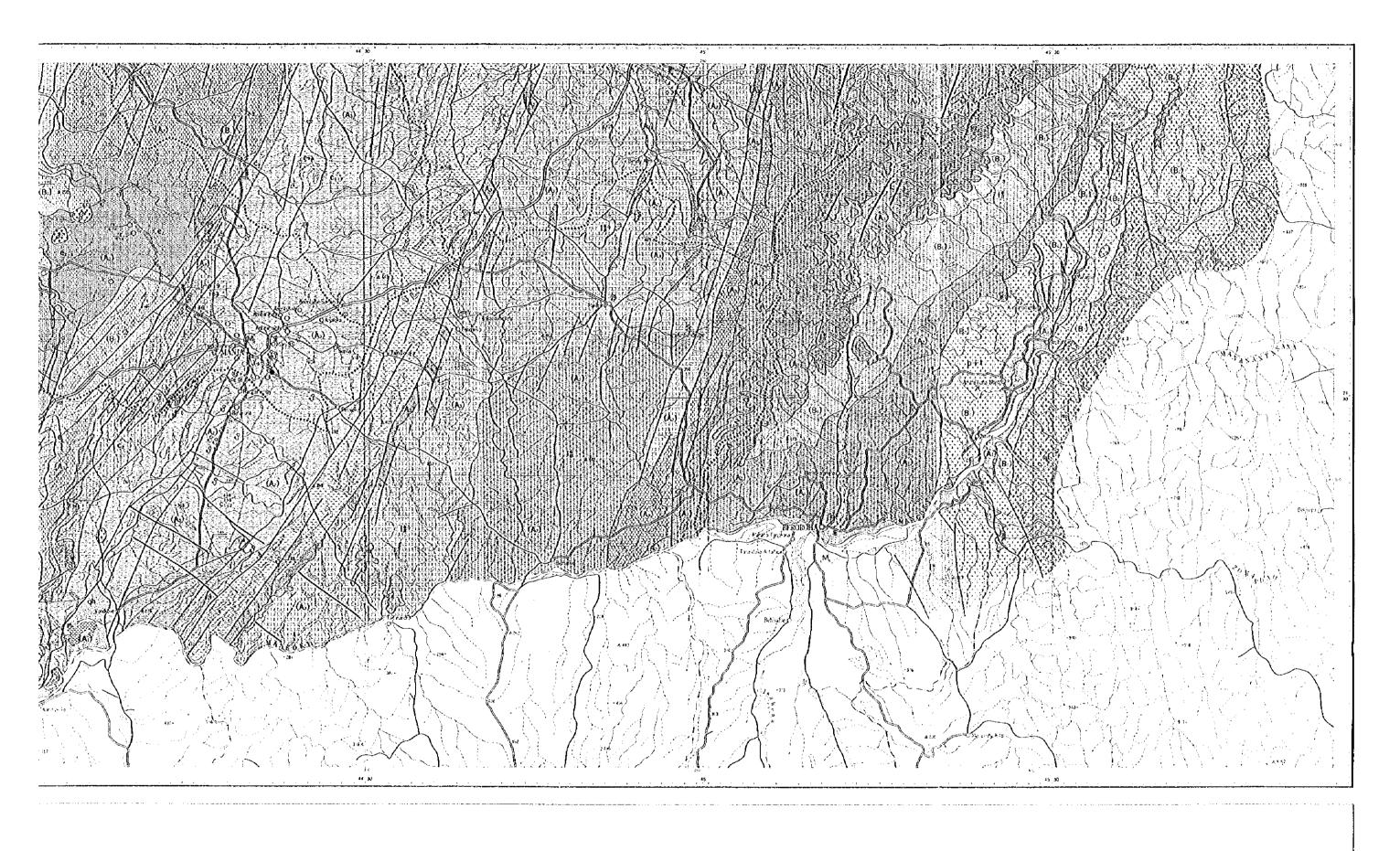
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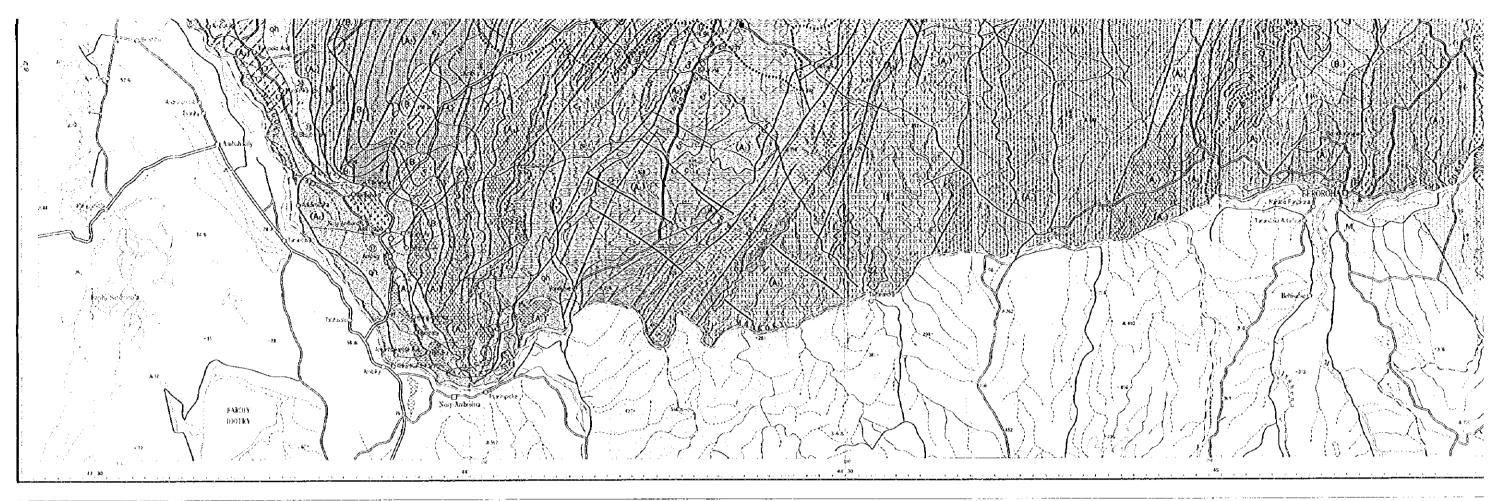
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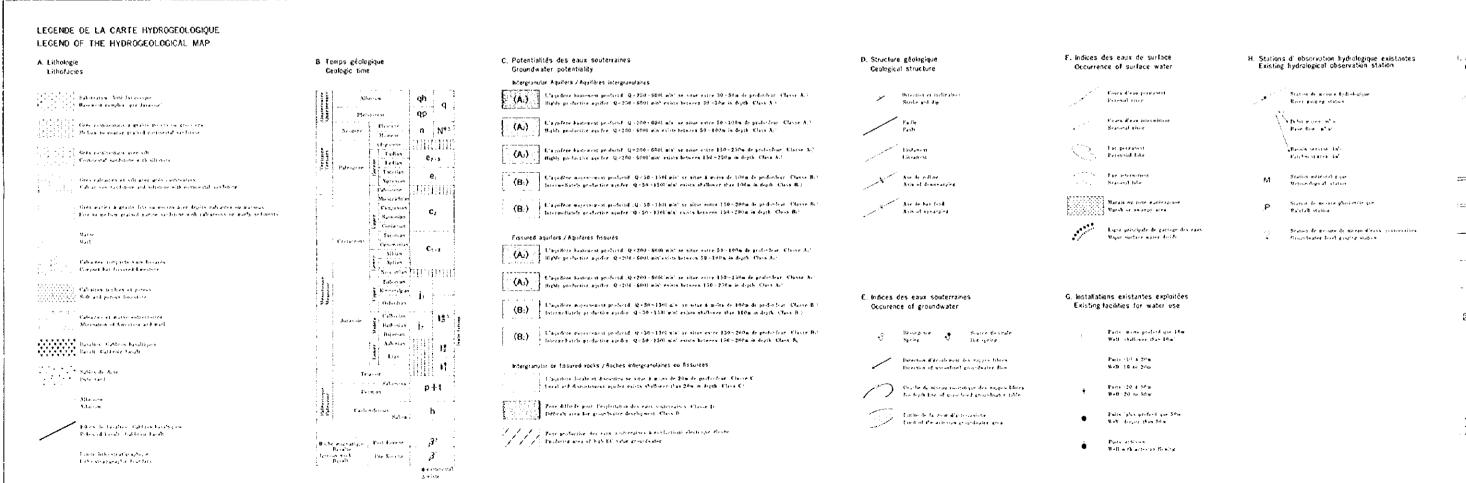


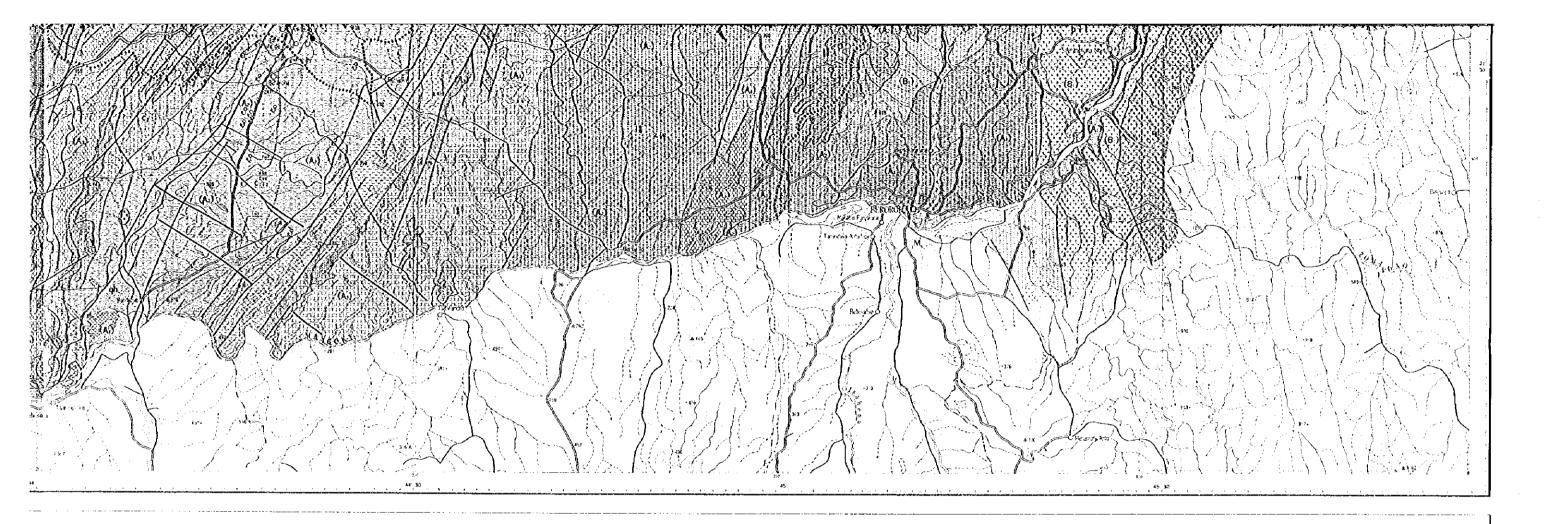
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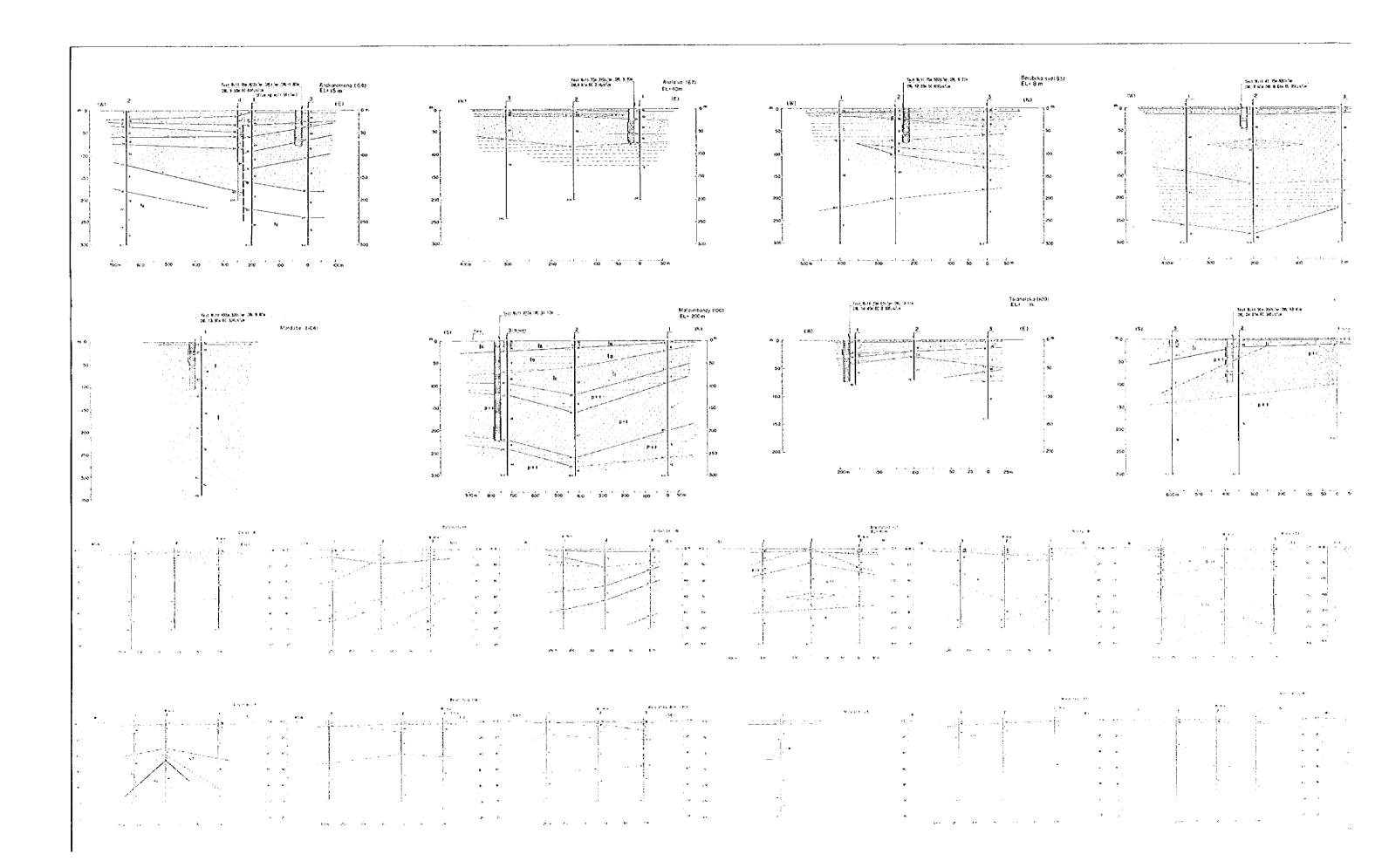
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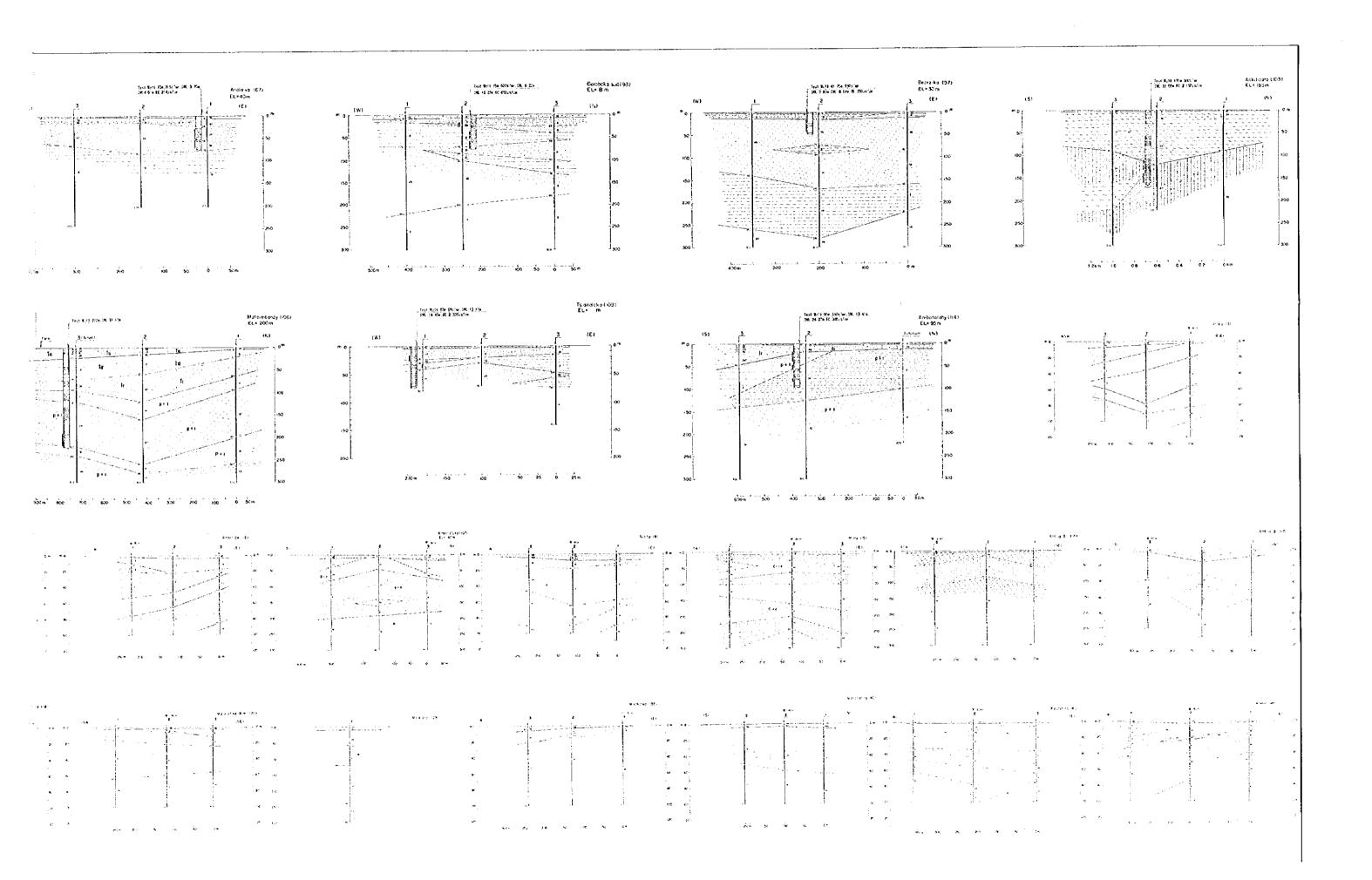
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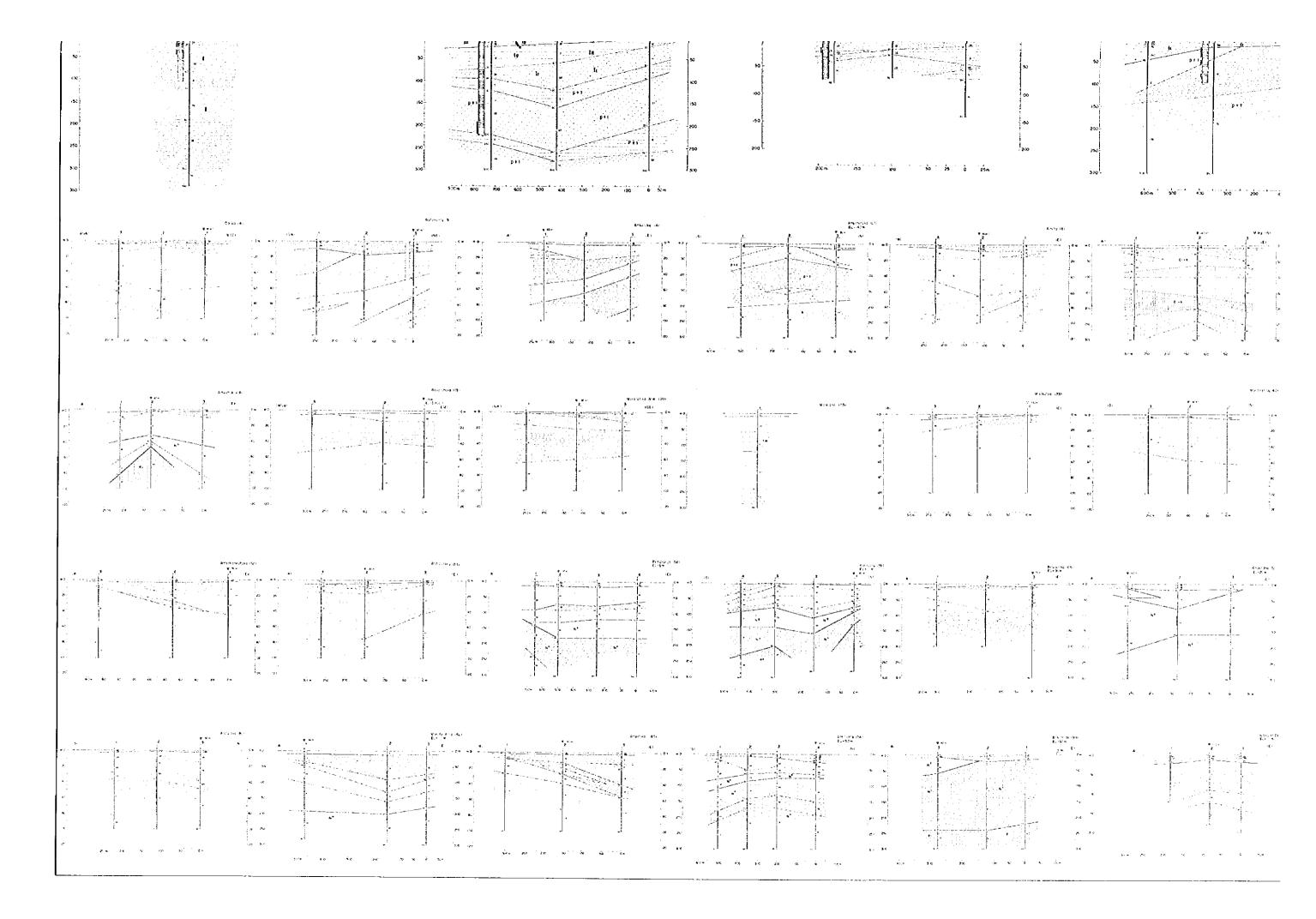
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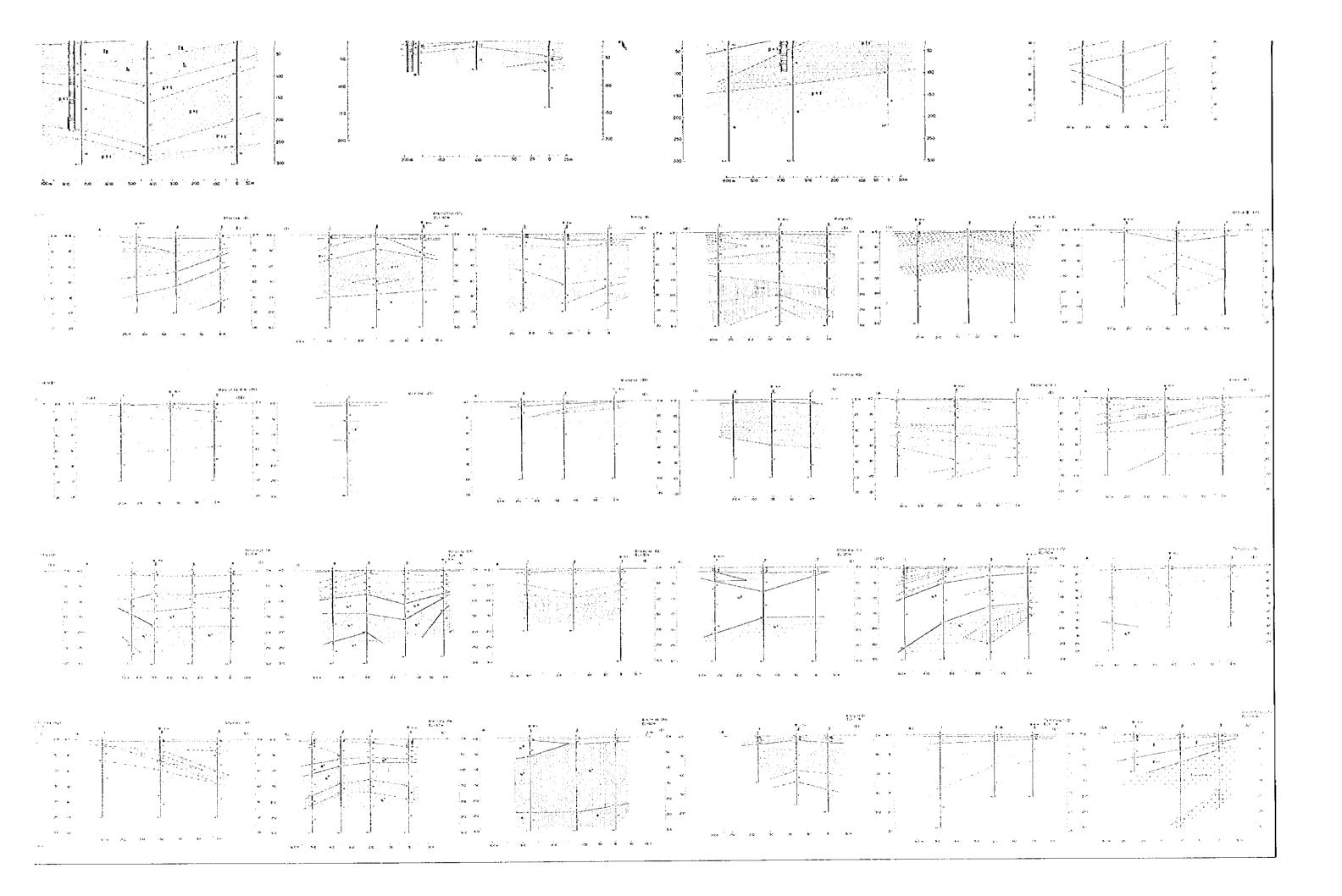
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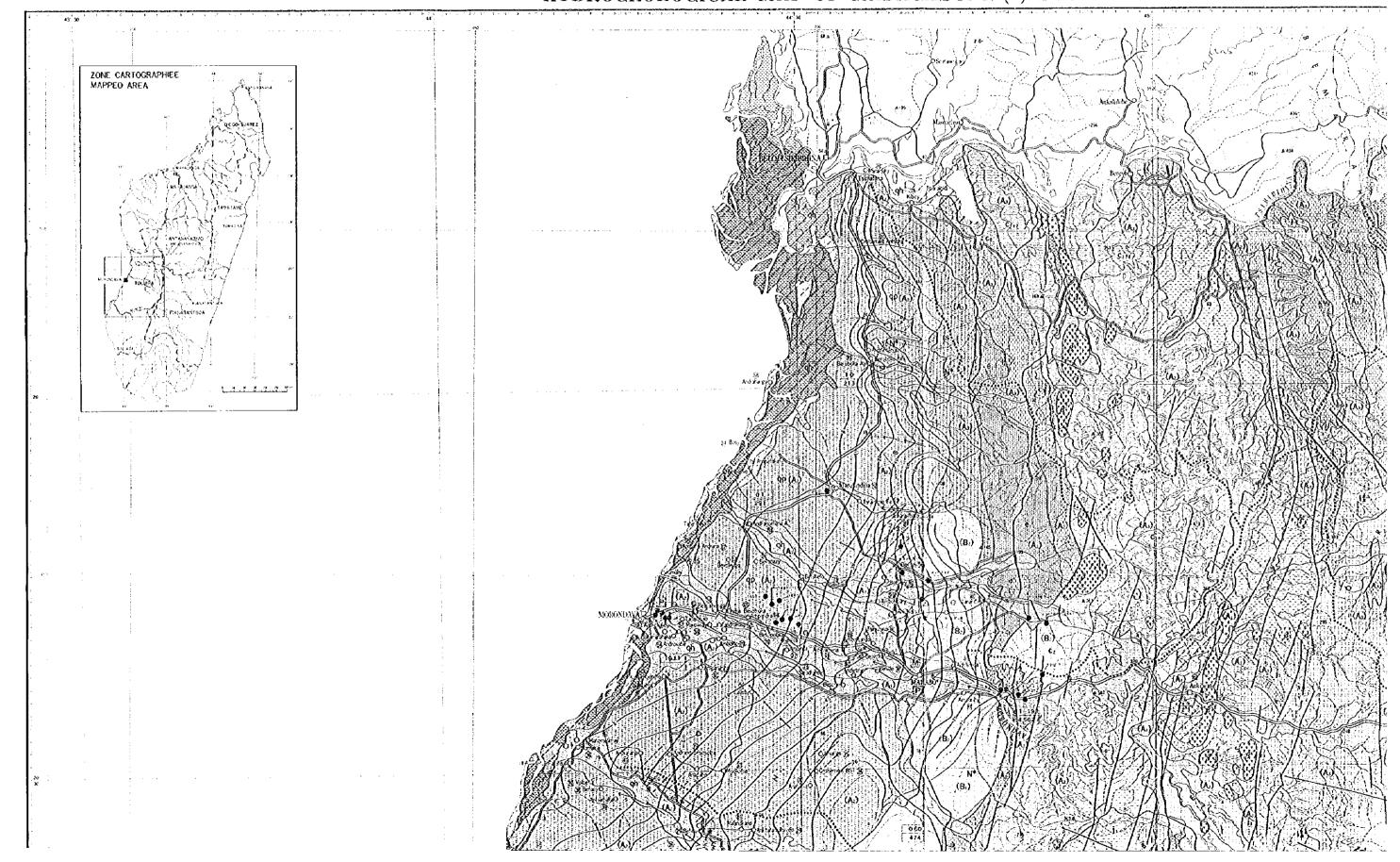
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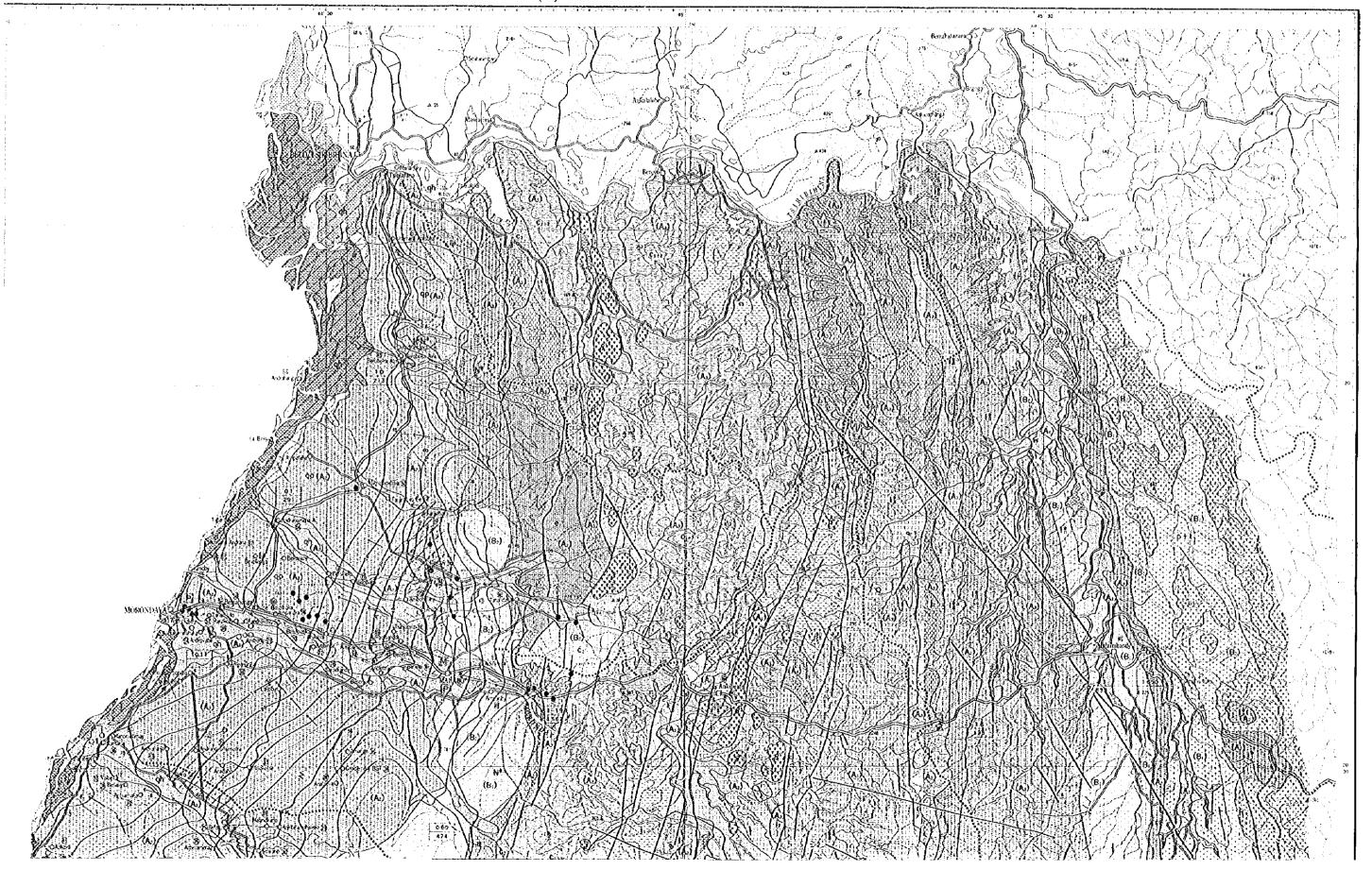


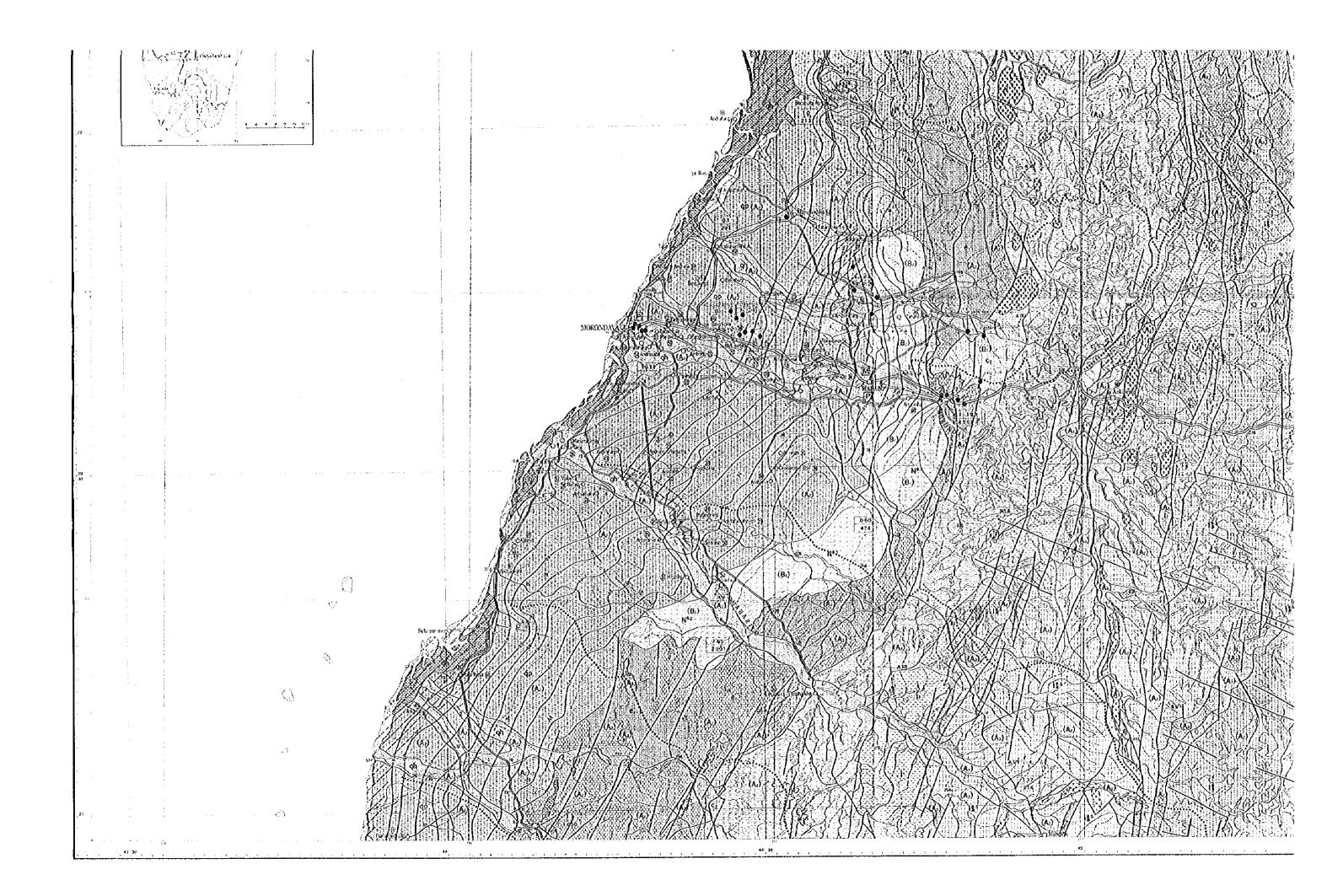


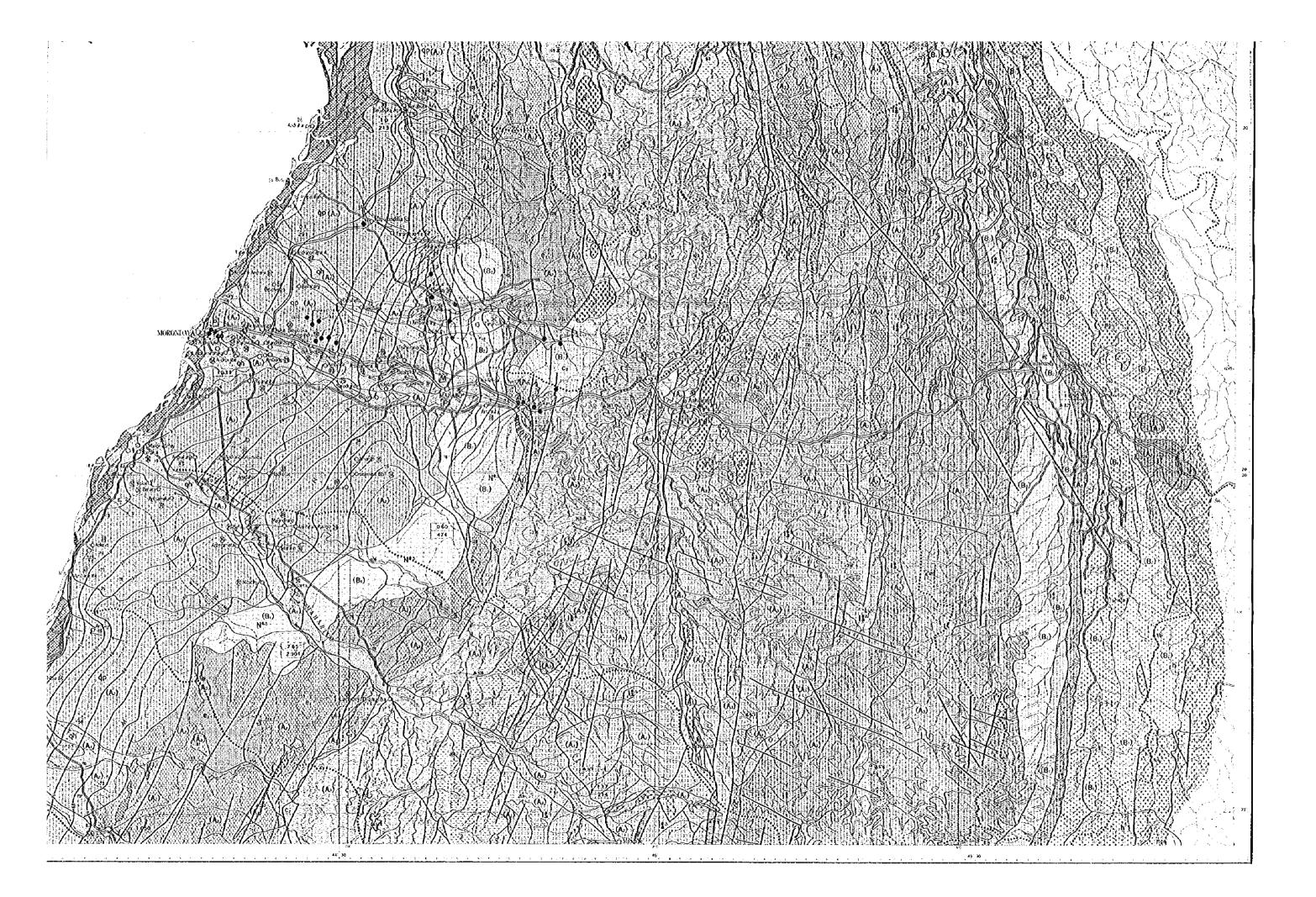


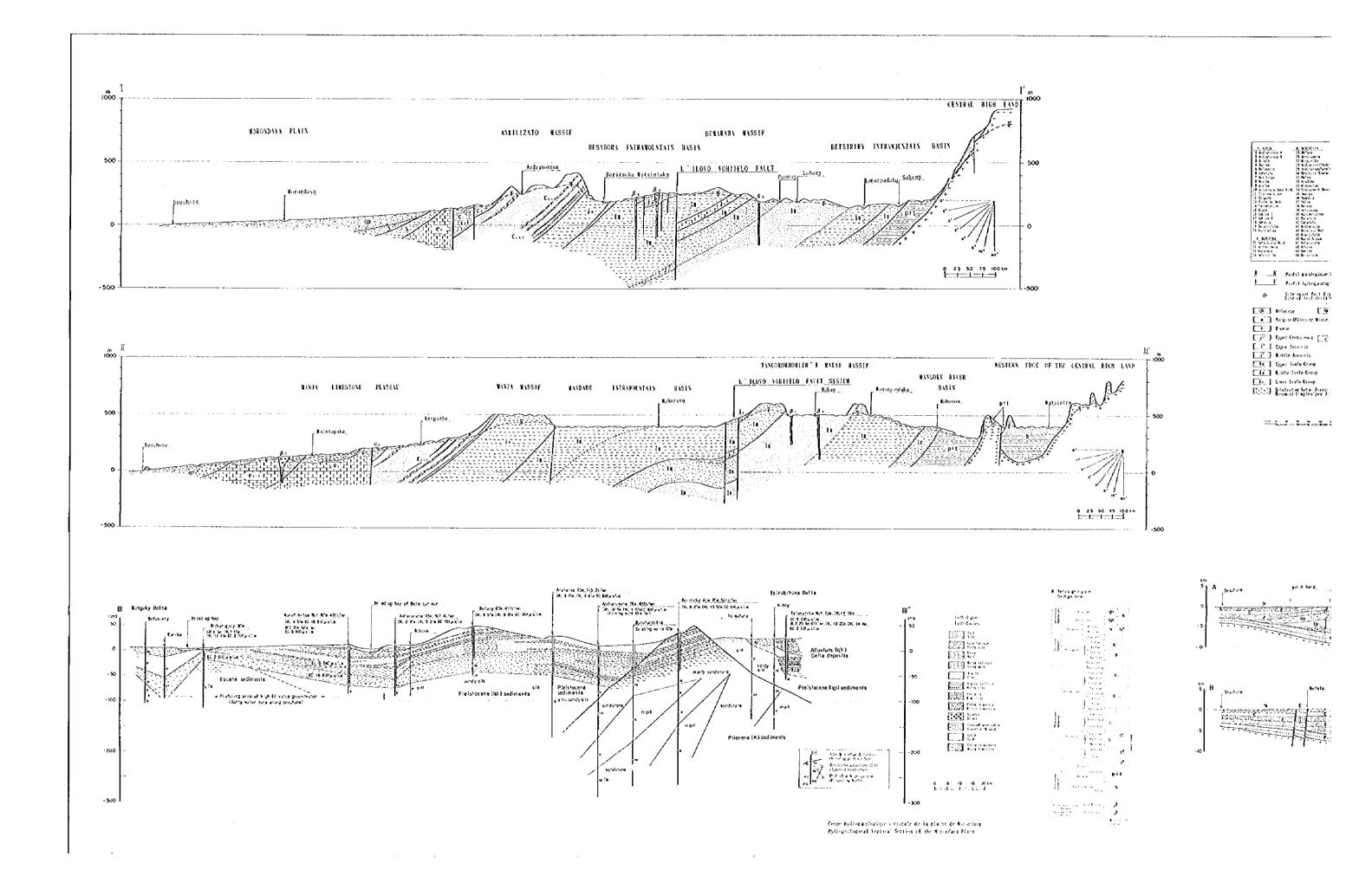


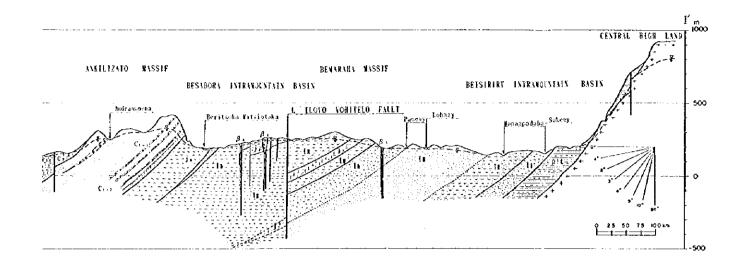


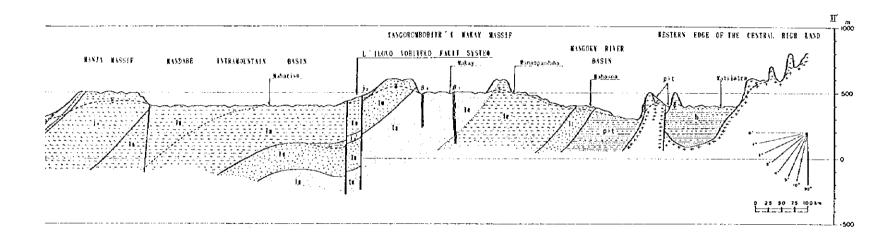


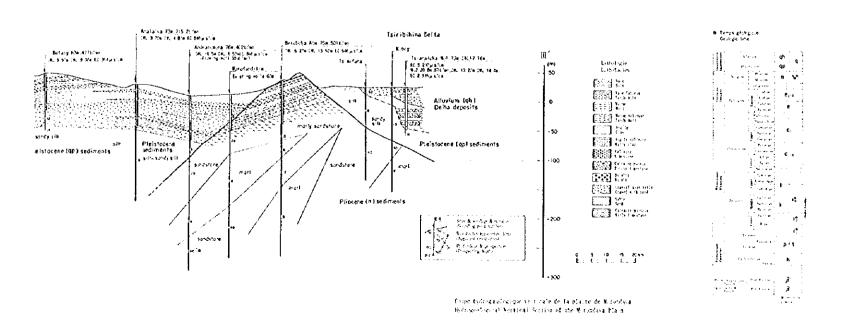


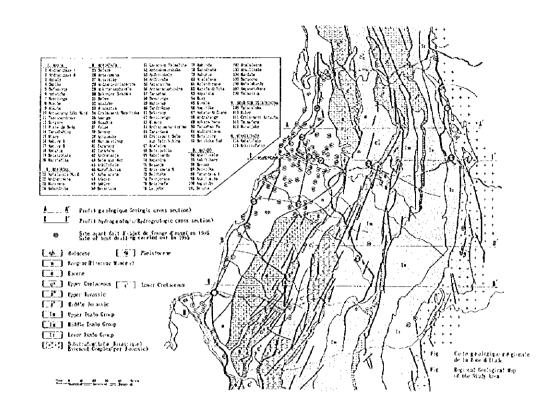


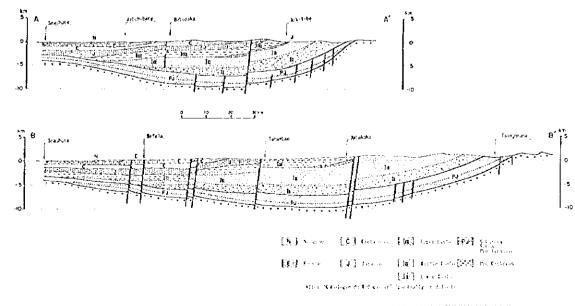












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