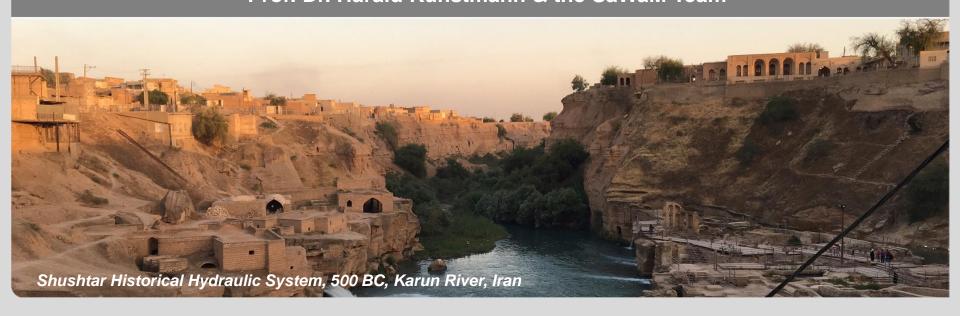






# Seasonal Water Resources Management for Semi-Arid Areas: Transferring Regionalized Global Information into Practice

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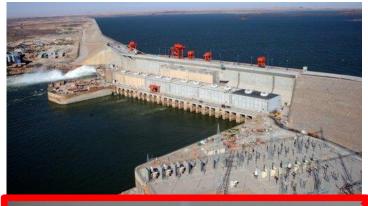
# Water Management: Challenge for Thousands of Years





#### **Dams as Milestones in National History**







# Sudan National Museum: 300,000 years of history



#### **Water Management**



#### Even Today ...

Decisions in poorly- or ungauged basins

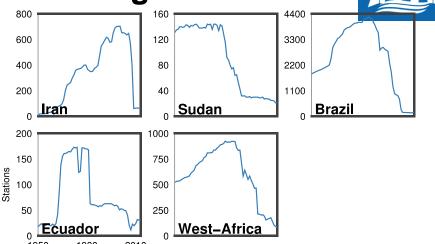


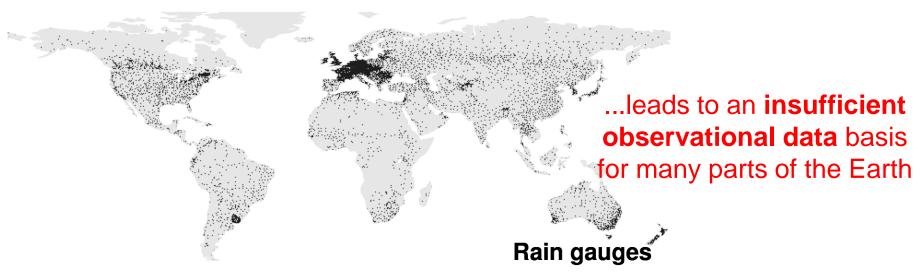
- i.e. with few, sometimes no meteorological or hydrological data
- Even when costs of reservoirs
  - > 1 billion US \$ (example *Upper Atbara Dam Complex*, Sudan)



#### Water Management: The Data Challenge

- Number of meteorological and hydrological observation stations decrease worldwide
- Uneven spatial distribution

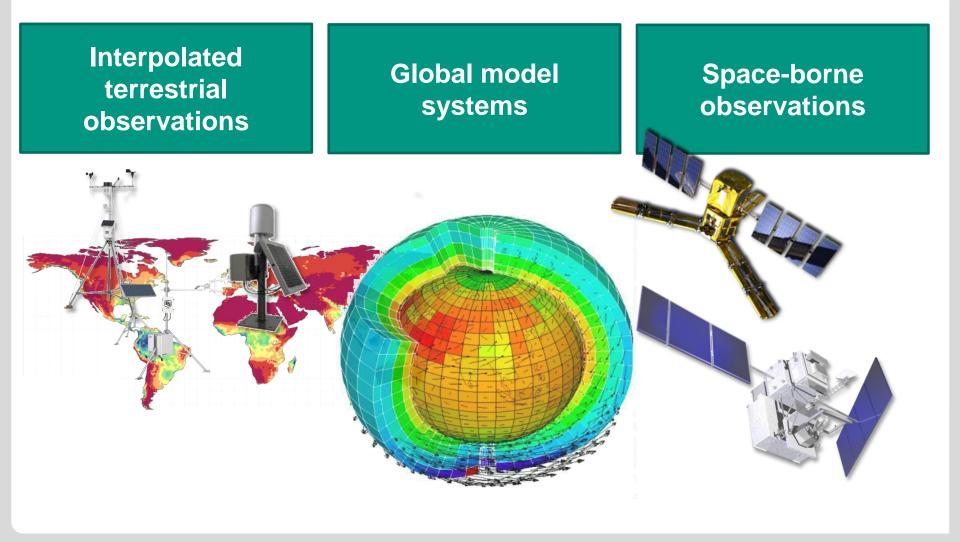




Lorenz et al. (2014): Large-Scale Runoff from Landmasses: A Global Assessment of the Closure of the Hydrological and Atmospheric Water Balances

#### Alternative: Global, Freely Available Data



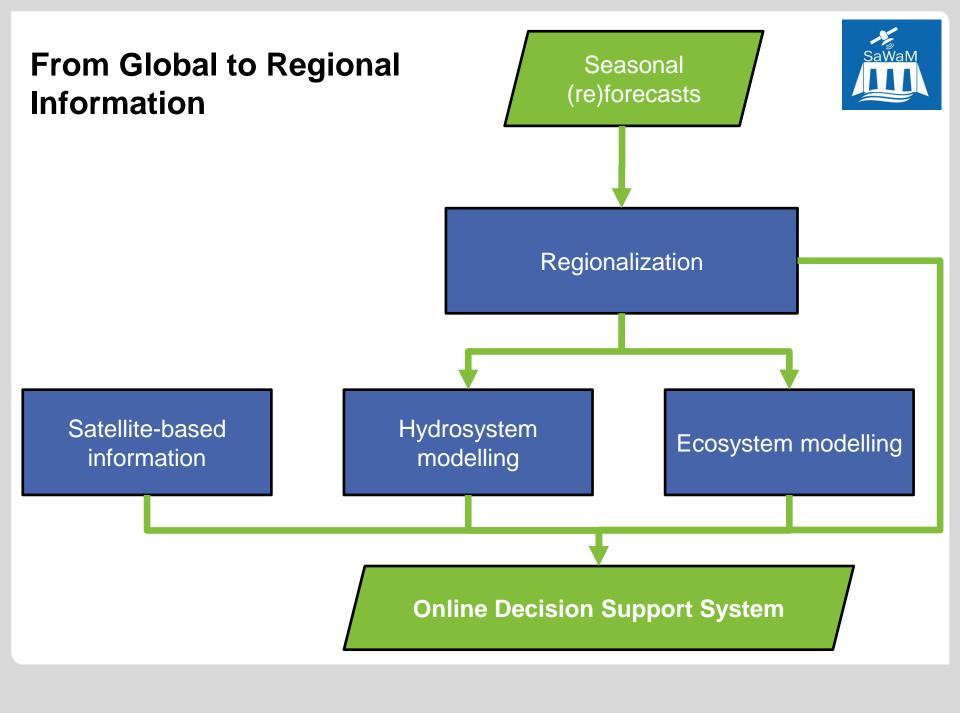


## SaWaM: Investigated Solutions & Objectives



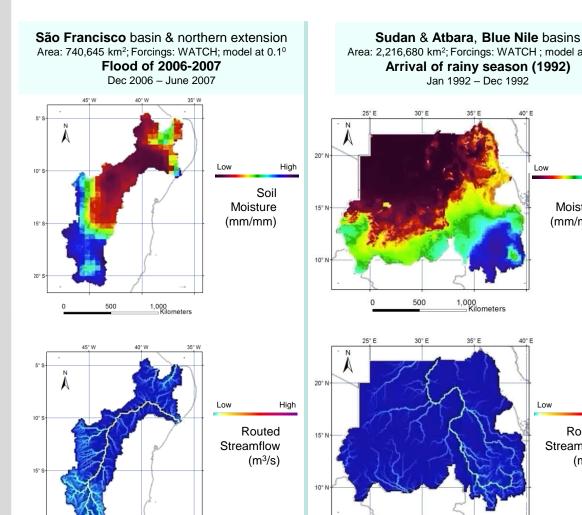
- Performance & regionalization of seasonal predictions:
   6-12 months lead time for reservoir management
- Satellite based methods:
   for precipitation, river discharge and reservoir storage in real-time
- Dynamic water resources & sediment transport simulation
- Evaluation and prediction of ecosystem states
- Application oriented transfer of information for climate proofing



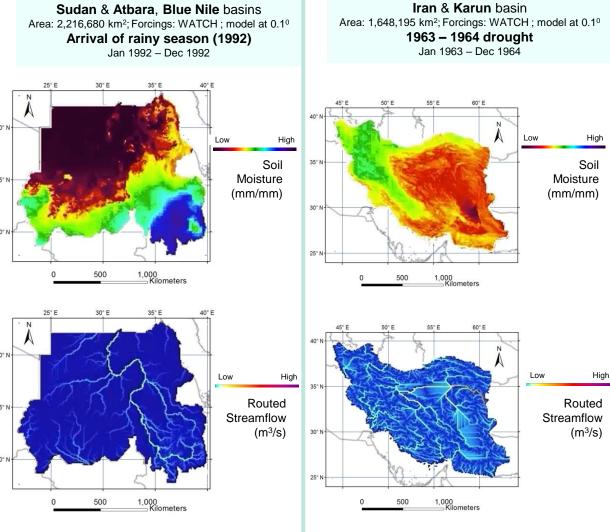


## Status Hydro-Modelling with Open Data Sources





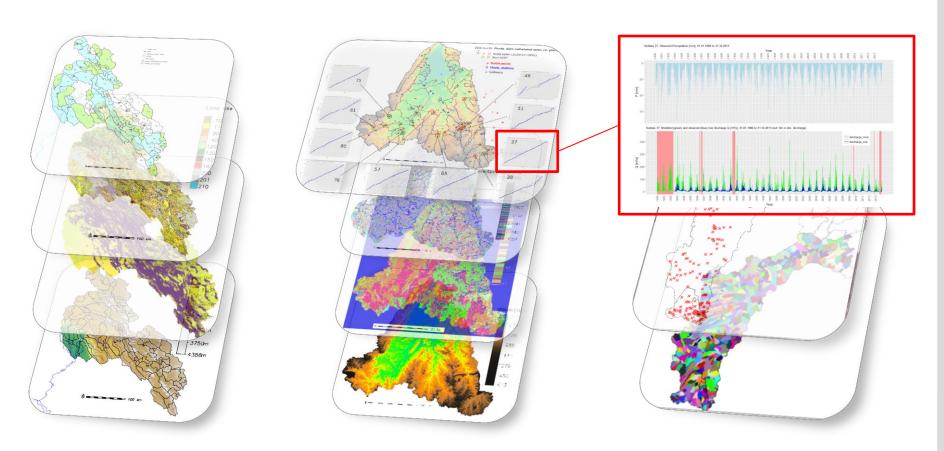
1,000 Kilometers



#### **Status Sedimentological Modeling**



WASA-SED Setup for Basins Karun/Dez (Iran) & Upper São Francisco (Brazil)

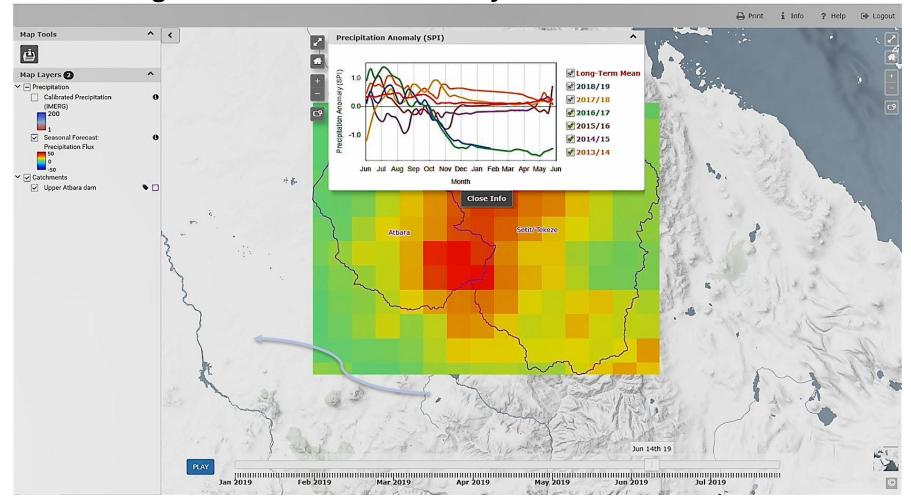


OpenSource scripts for setup & result evaluation: SoilDataPrep, WASA\_Clim-Qobs In progress: Modelling including water management, sediment, and seasonal forecasts

#### **Status Online DSS**



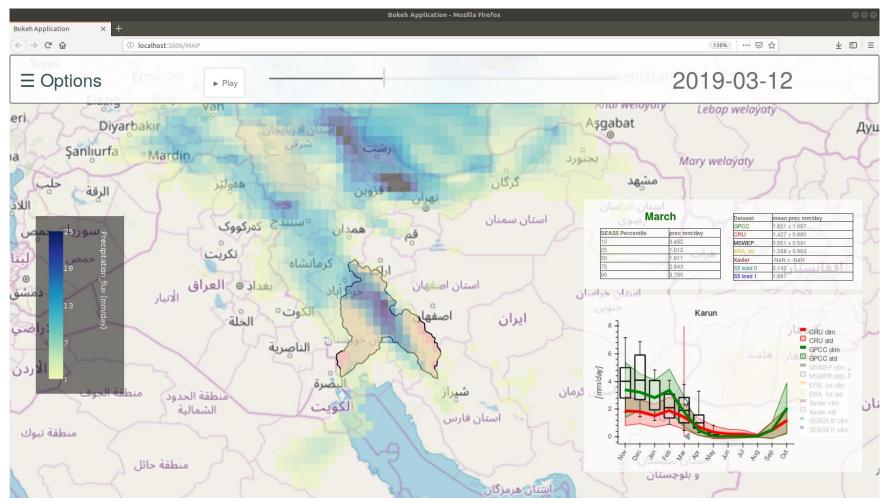
#### **User Management and Data Access System**



#### **Status Online DSS**



#### **Visualisation of Current Seasonal Prediction & Uncertainties**

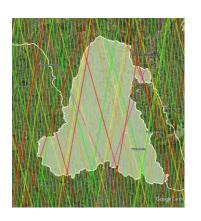


#### **Highlight: Satellite Altimetry**



#### Fill-in for in situ water levels

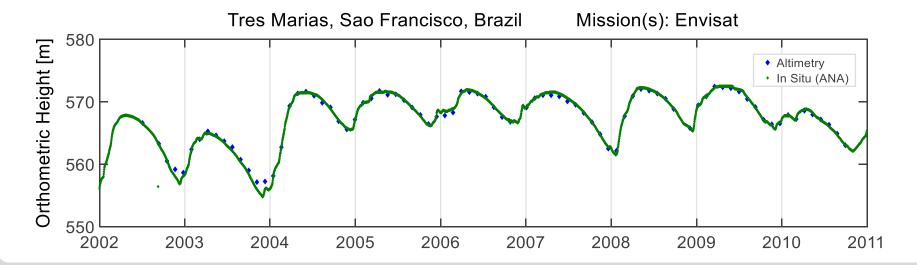






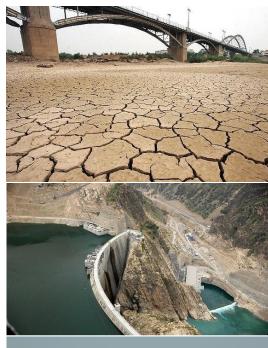
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Envisat
Sentinel-3B
Sentinel-3A

**Envisat-XT** 

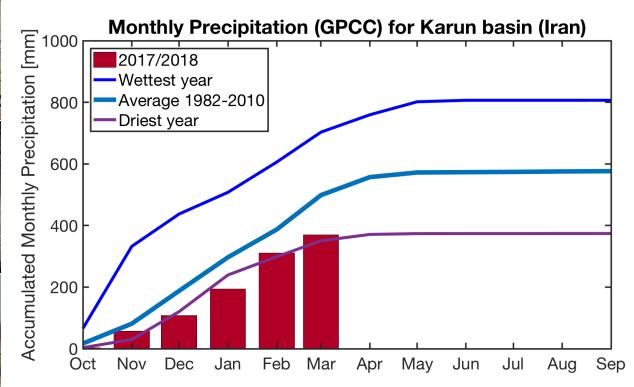


## Highlight: Predictability of 2017/18 Iran Drought





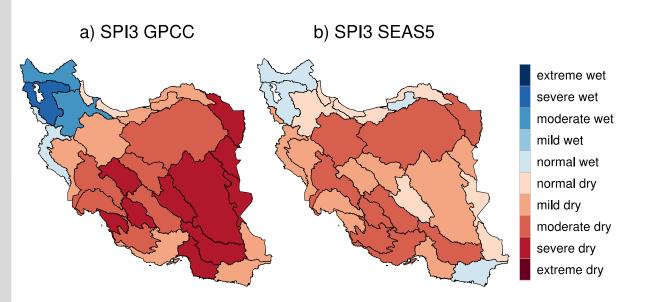




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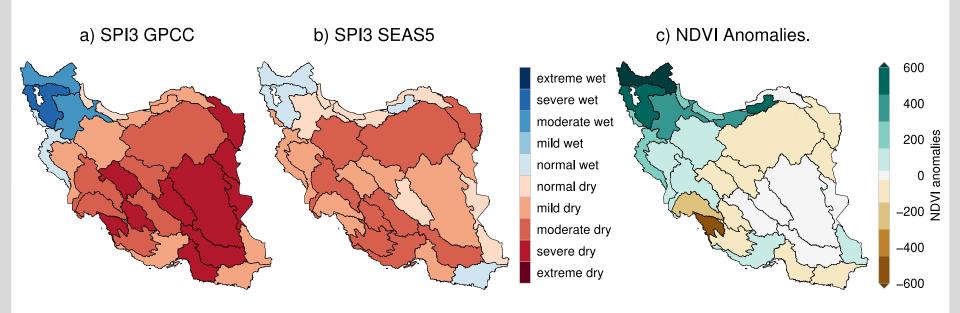


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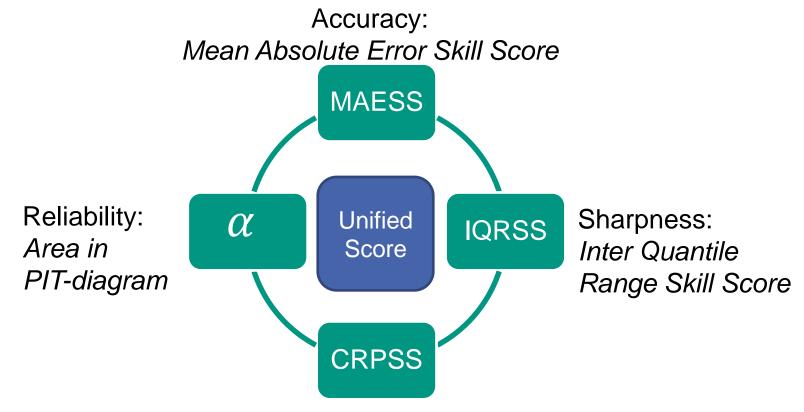


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Second insight: NDVI does not show anomaly in regions where irrigation was maintained!

#### **Highlight: Retrospective Forecast Skill**

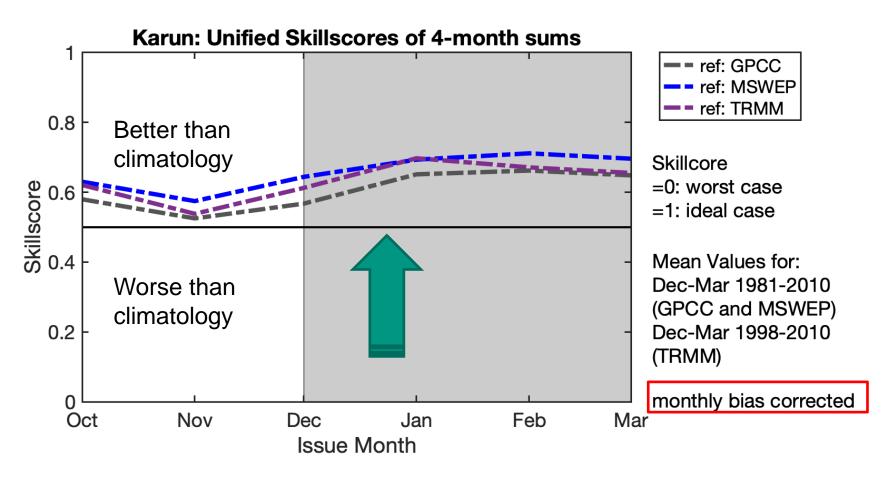




Overall Performance: Continuously Ranked Probability Skill Score

## **Highlight: Retrospective Forecast Skill**





SEAS5: Raw data have weak skill -> bias correction is mandatory

# Highlight: Transfer Workshop Brasilia, Brasil





# Highlight: Transfer Workshop Ahwaz & Karun, Iran





# Highlight: Transfer Workshop Khartoum & Upper Atbara, Sudan





# Outreach: 8th WWF, Brasilia 2018





#### **Outreach: COP24 Katowice, Poland**





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#### Outreach: ... in Iranian TV



#### International River Engineering Conference, Ahwaz, Jan 2019



Dr. Christof Lorenz, SaWaM coordinator

#### **Key Insights**

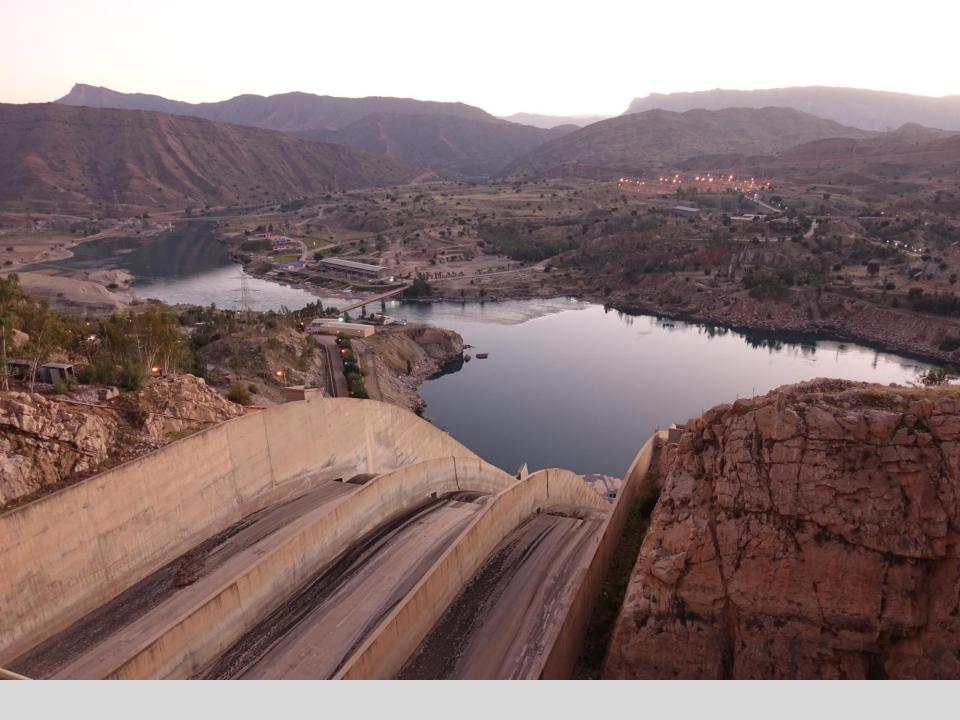


- Seasonal predictions for all regions: bias-correction is crucial
- Strategy of global and open data sources still under investigation
- Transfer Workshops: highest demand and support for implementing seasonal prediction in operational reservoir management
- Online DSS: shape and options jointly iterated with local stakeholders
- New lessons learnt: perception of uncertainties in seasonal predictions
   -> development of guidelines for daily operation
- Outlook: seasonal predictions of utmost relevance for necessary concerted dam filling actions in Sudan/Ethiopia/Egypt



# **Thank You for Your Attention**

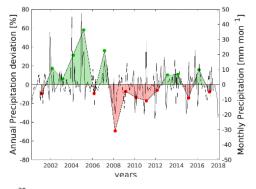




# **Status Monitoring & Modelled Vegetation Trends**

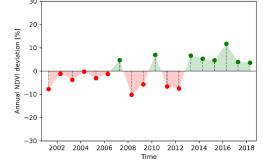




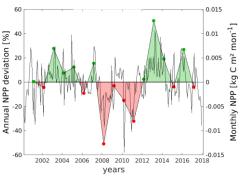


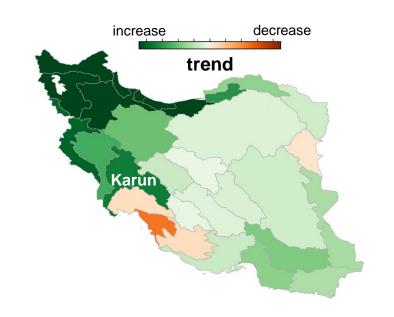
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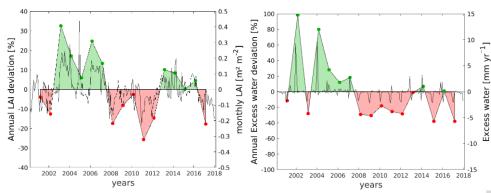




# Modelled ecosyste variables with LPJ-GUESS









Reduced Sediment Deposition

Demand-driven
Reservoir
Management
considering
Seasonal Inflow

**Forecasts** 

Increased Water Availability for Irrigation Increase in Power Production

Increased Flood Protection

#### After SaWaM:

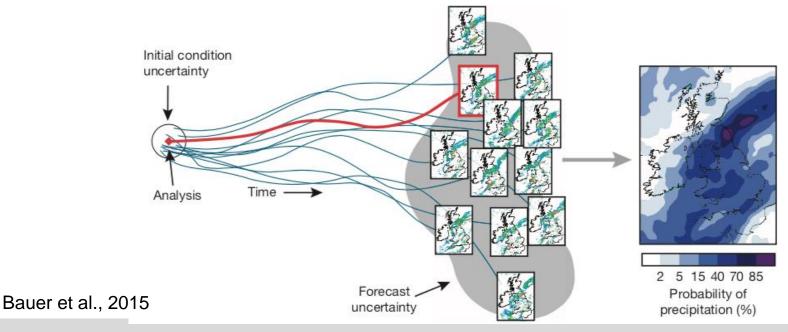
Consulting Companies assist in

- Identification of Problems and Issues
- Setup of a framework to
  - Download and process seasonal forecasted data on precipitation and temperature
  - Probabilistic and deterministic computations
  - Setup and calibrate a hydrological model
- Customize the online prototype in visualize results with respect to Client's needs
- Capacity building for
  - Operation of the online prototype
  - Assessing probabilistic and deterministic results
  - Evaluation of consequences

#### **Seasonal Predictions**



- Weather forecasts vs. seasonal forecasts vs. climate predictions
- "Climate models" run for forecast horizons between 6 and 12 months (here ECMWF SEAS5) initialized with current conditions (e.g. ECMWF operational analysis)
- Approximation of reliability and uncertainties (initial conditions and model uncertainty) through ensemble simulations



#### **SEAS5: Latest Seasonal Forecasting System of ECMWF**



**SEAS5 MODEL COMPONENTS & INITIALIZATIONS** 

**ATMOSPHERE** 

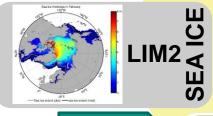
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**Atmosphere Initialization:** 

Reforecast: ERA-Interim

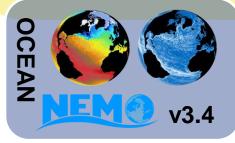
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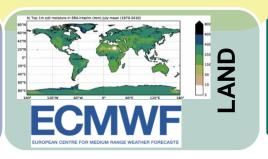
Operations



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Horizontal resolution: 35 km (~0.25°)