RICCAR Regional Knowledge Hub and Data Portal: Accessing global and regional datasets, analysis and training tools

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RICCAR Pillars of Work: Regional Knowledge Hub (RKH)



AWARENESS RAISING & INFORMATION DISSEMINATION



RKH Objectives

Main objective: to provide an interactive, online platform that provides easy access to information and analysis on knowledge products related to climate change and water resources in the Arab Region and contributing water basins

Ultimately:



To provide **access to information** that can facilitate cooperation, coordination, dialogue and exchange among Arab and neighboring countries

To support **awareness raising** for national and local stakeholders as well as **capacity building support**

Who can benefit from the RKH ?

 \Rightarrow Ministries managing water and climate-related portfolios

 \Rightarrow *Meteorological services*

 \Rightarrow Researchers and academic institutions

 \Rightarrow Non-governmental and civil society organizations



Publications Using RICCAR Data

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ORIGINAL PAPER

Best convective para to downscale CMIPS for the CORDEX-M

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LISSET © 2018 IJSRSET | Volume 4 | Issue 1 | Print ISSN: 2395-1990 | Online ISSN: 2394-4099 Themed Section : Engineering and Technology Monitoring the Changes of Temperature Indices Under Climate Change Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Weather and climate temperature extreme events may have major impacts on society, economy, ecosystems, and on human health; they drive natural and human systems much more than the average climate. The aim of this study is to monitor and analyze the changes of temperature indices based on future climate data in Egypt. The monitoring has been done based on assessing the changes of four temperature indices (Maximum maximum temperature (TXx), Minimum minimum temperature (TNn), Frost days(FD) and summer days(SU)) according to future climate data. The climate change data has obtained from downscaling global climate model ECHAM6 of scenario RCP 4.5 by a horizontal resolution 50 km during the period from 2010 up to 2090, and the results indicated that the highest TXx observed during the period 2080-2089 while lowest TNn observed during the period 2010-2019 in the most of Egypt governorates. Also, it has been observed that the maximum number of frost days was observed in 2010 decade while the maximum number of summer days in winter season was observed in 2080 decade at most of Egypt governorates. **Keywords:** Maximum and Minimum Temperatures, Temperature Indices and Climate Change.

I. INTRODUCTION

Extreme weather events can have severe impacts on human health, built infrastructure, the natural environment, the transport sector and the economy at large. Extreme events in recent years have drawn increased attention to the science seeking to understand their causes (Kerr 2013). The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (Stocker *et al.* 2014) concluded that strong evidence to climate impacts. During the last few years, the need for information more directly linked to impacts has resulted in a wide range of climate indices. Climate indices have developed to a simplified way communicate more complex climate change impact relations. Most studies of climate extremes are limited to the last ~ 50 years or less, simply because longerterm daily datasets have not commonly digitized. Furthermore, where long-term data are available, uncertainties about their homogeneity limit their use in



RICCAR Website



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Website Summary of Contents

WEBSITE

- Access to all RICCAR reports and related knowledge resources
- Hosts climate-related regional knowledge nodes
- Informs on training tools, activities and events
- Offers assistance tools for submitting inquires and requests for support
- Direct access to the data portal











RICCAR Knowledge Resources





Knowledge Nodes



Adaptation

ADAPTATION POLICIES

CLIMATE MAINSTREAMING

TRAINING MANUALS

CASE STUDIES AND INNOVATIONS

WATER-ENERGY-FOOD SECURITY NEXUS



Knowledge Nodes



Arab Climate Outlook Forum (COF)





Knowledge Nodes



Climate Negotiations

Tenth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries Date 3-5 April 2018

Location: Kuwait City, Kuwait

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Ninth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries

Date: 9-12 September 2017

Location: Cairo, Egypt

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Eighth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries Date: 10-13 April 2017

Location: Beirut, Lebanon

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Seventh Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries

Date: 25-29 September 2016

Location: Rabat, Morocco

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Data Portal Access

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Overview



Meetings & Events



Data Portal



Data Portal Content



- Temperature
- Precipitation
- Extreme Climate Indices

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- Runoff
- Evapotranspiration

Vulnerability Assessment data

 Indicators and outputs for RICCAR VA study



Advantages/disadvantages of RICCAR climate data

Advantages

- Bias-corrected climate data
- Data uses Gregorian calendar
- Data in commonly used units of measurement
- Hydrology data based on hydrological models rather than from climate model outputs
- Extreme climate indices outputs readily available
- Site allows for interactive usage and easy navigation
- Open source

Disadvantages

- Limited climate data available
- Other sources may have finer spatial and/or temporal resolution
- Gapped data along some coastal areas due to bias-correction



RICCAR Climate Data Availability (Precipitation & Temperature Data)





RICCAR Climate Data Availability (Extreme Events)





Index	Long Name	Definition
SU	Number of summer days	Number of days (annually or seasonally) when daily maximum temperature ≥ 25°C
SU35	Number of hot days	Number of days (annually or seasonally) when daily maximum temperature ≥ 35°C
SU40	Number of very hot days	Number of days (annually or seasonally) when daily maximum temperature ≥ 40°C
TR	Number of tropical nights	Number of days (annually or seasonally) when daily minimum temperature ≥ 20°C



Extreme Precipitation Indices

Index	Long Name	Definition
CDD	Maximum length of dry spell	Maximum number of consecutive days when daily precipitation < 1 mm
CWD	Maximum length of wet spell	Maximum number of consecutive days when daily precipitation ≥ 1 mm
R10	Number of 10 mm precipitation days	Number of days when daily precipitation ≥ 10mm
R20	Number of 20 mm precipitation days	Number of days when daily precipitation ≥ 20mm
SDII	Simple precipitation intensity index	Ratio of total precipitation (annually or seasonally) the number of wet days



Climate Data Ensembles



Ensemble mean from 3 model outputs over 20-year periods (based on IPCC)



Data Portal Home Page



Change in temperature: End-century RCP8.5



Data Portal (Mobile Device)





Locate Tool: Obtain results for specific location

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RICCAR Regional Knowledge Hub Data Portal

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Analysis Tool: Time series analysis

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Notes:

- 1. Analysis is for one single climate model
- 2. Recommend downloading data for all 3 models
- 3. Best suited for inputting data into other studies (i.e. hydrological model), then report output as ensemble



Analysis Tool: Area raster download





Hydrology Data







Hydrology Data Access

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Daily data is available only upon request (not online)



Data Requests

Link to Knowledge Resources





Data Requests





Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region

Policy Guidelines for Data Dissemination

1. Background

The Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR) is a joint initiative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States launched in 2010. RICCAR is implemented under the auspices of the Arab Ministerial Water Council and further derives is mandate from resolutions adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment, the Arab Permanent Committee for Meteorology and the ESCWA Ministerial Session. Additional information on RICCAR and is contributing partners is available at <u>www.riccar.org</u>.

The RICCAR outputs and constituent databases are based on an integrated assessment methodology that includes:

- <u>Regional climate modelling (RCM)</u> outputs for the CORDEX-MENA Domain (Arab Domain), which is among the domains included in the Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX) of the World Climate Research Programme.
- <u>Regional hydrological modelling (RHM)</u> outputs for the surface water basits in Arab States, including the land and water areas of surface water basits that are shared or transboundary in nature that include areas external to the Arab region.
- Integrated vulnerability assessment (VA) outputs for various sectors across the Arab region covering the 21 Arab States included in the MENA Domain

The RICCAR assessment outputs are available in the <u>Arab Climate Change Assessment</u> Report Main Report and its <u>Technical Annex</u>

2. Principles of data acquisition and access

- 2.1 Users may request bias-corrected regional climate modeling (RCM) and regional hydrological modeling (RHM) outputs for the Arab Domain Available RCM and RHM output variables are described in the RICCAR Technical Note <u>Regional Climate Modelling</u> and <u>Regional Hydrological Modelling Applications in the Arab Region prepared</u> by SMHI.
 - Temperature, precipitation, and hydrological outputs are available with daily frequency from 1950 to 2100 for RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 at the scale of 50x50 km. Extreme climate indices are available both annually and seasonally for the same period.
 - RCM and RHM ensembles for the reference period, near-century, mid-century, and end-century are available for RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 at the scale of 50x50 km.
- 2.2. Users may also request socio-economic geospatial data used for the integrated vulnerability assessment (VA), described in the RICCAR Technical Note <u>Integrated Vulnerability Assessment</u>: <u>Arab Regional Application</u> prepared by UN-ESCWA, ACSAD and GIZ.



Data Catalog



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Vulnerability Data





Evaluated sectors/subsectors for VA

SECTORS SUBSECTORS Water availability Water Biodiversity Area covered by forests and Ecosystems Area covered by wetlands Water available for crops Agriculture Water available for livestock Infrastructure Inland flooding area and Human Settlements Water available for drinking People Health conditions due to heat stress Employment rate for the agricultural sector



Vulnerability assessment indicators



Vulnerability Assessment Framework





Data Catalog: VA indicators

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Data Catalog: Indicator factsheet

Degradation of Vegetation Cover

Indicator	Degradation of vegetation cover				
Vulnerability component and dimension	Sensitivity Natural				
Description	Change in change in vegetation cover between 2000 and 2011 as				
	obtained from the Normalized Difference of Vegetation Index (NDVI)				
Applicable subsectors and	Water: Water availability	0.26	0.26		
weight of indicator in the impact	Biodiversity and Ecosystems: Area covered by forests	0.50	0.13		
chain (by dimension and indicator)	Biodiversity and Ecosystems: Area covered by wetlands	0.50	0.27		
	Agriculture: Water available for crops	0.26	0.32		
	Agriculture: Water available for livestock	0.50	0.17		
	Infrastructure and Human Settlements: Inland	0.25	0.22		

- Indicator data source
- Year data obtained
- Vulnerability assessment classification
- Spatial resolution



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RKP: Composite Drought Index



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This month's drought map for MENA

A monthly map based on a Composite Drought Index (CDI) is generated to show the areas under various degrees of drought relative to the average monthly conditions at the country and MENA region level. It considers the causative variables of multi drought forms (mainly meteorological and agricultural). The resulting map is formed by integrating several remotely sensed data sets from NASA, NOAA and other U.S. agencies and modeled data sets in ICBA into a composite drought index. The exact weightings of the different data set input to the CDI have been discussed and agreed for each country, reflecting the varying nature of drought across the region. Click on the link to find out How the drought map was generated





RKP: Water Productivity (WaPOR)



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WaPOR, remote sensing for water productivity





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AQUASTAT - FAO's Global Information System on Water and Agriculture

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AQUASTAT is the FAO global information system on water resources and agricultural water management. It collects, analyses and provides free access to over 180 variables and indicators by country from 1960. AQUASTAT draws on national capacities and expertise with an emphasis on Africa, the Near East, countries of the former Soviet Union, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. AQUASTAT plays a key role in the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 that sets out to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all", and in particular indicators of target 6.4 on water stress and water use efficiency.

Did you know?

• 79 countries compiled the 2018 AQUASTAT

questionnaire on water and agriculture. The data collected through this questionnaire and validated are now available in the AQUASTAT core database.



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