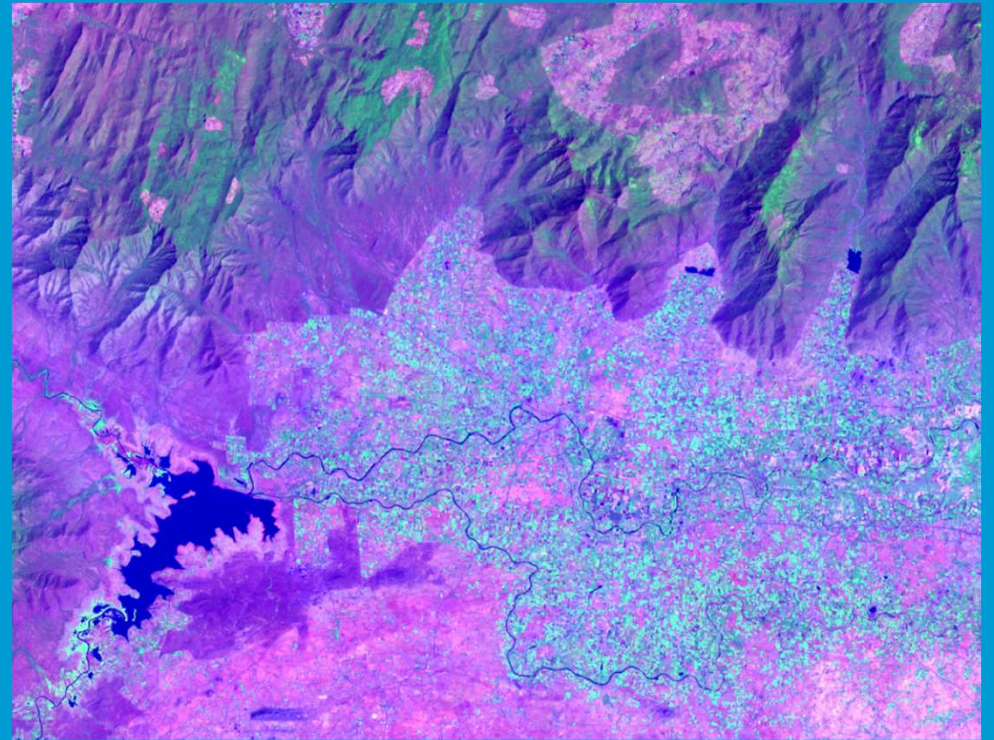


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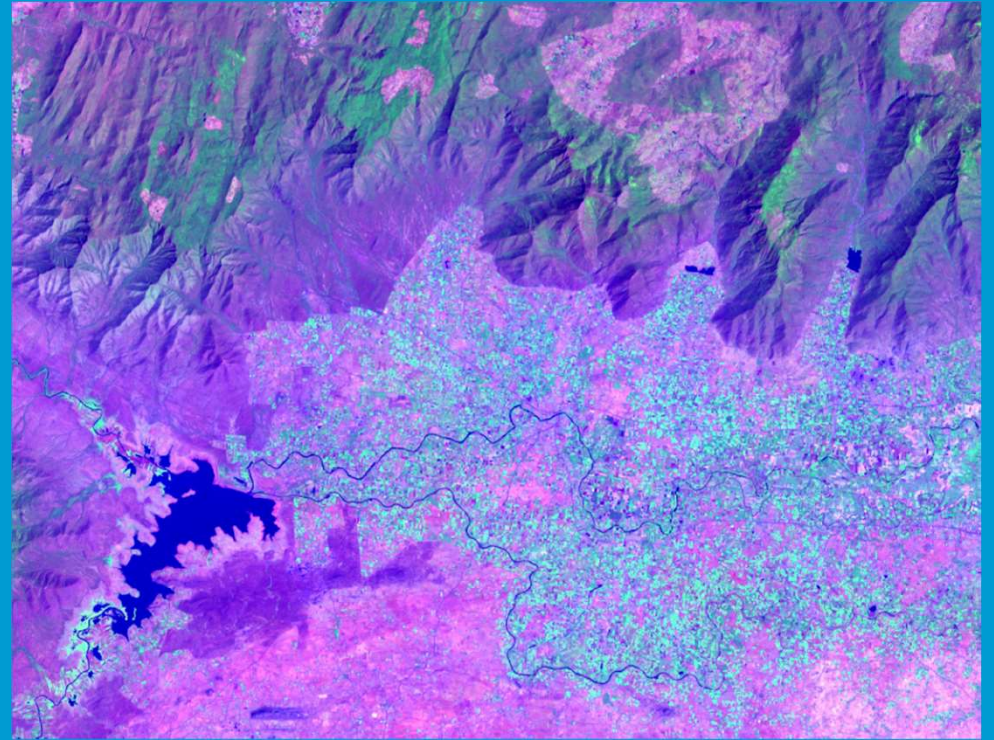
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Water Accounting

Dr. Salvadore Elga



*We cannot plan and manage
what we do not measure*



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Examples

What is water accounting?



Water accounting is a tool to support decision making

Name comes from financial accounting

Identification and tracking of sources of revenue and expenses

“Water Accounting makes sense of how much water is available and how to use it”

*“Water Accounting is the systematic **quantitative assessment** of the **status and trends** in water supply, demand, distribution and accessibility”*

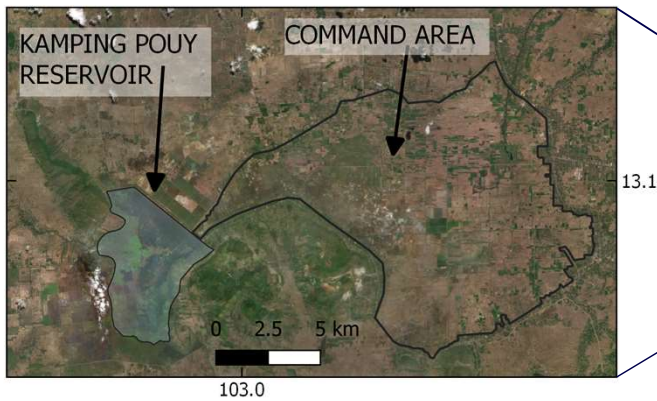
Definitions from: FAO, Water Accounting for Water Governance and Sustainable Development

Reporting system to translate data to useful information

What is Water Accounting

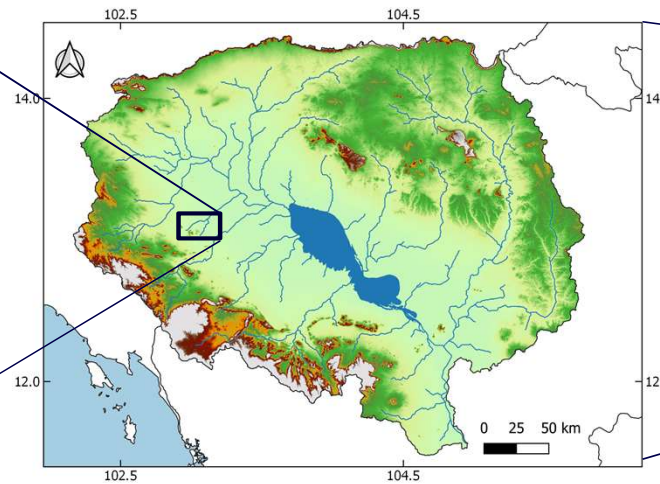
Water Accounting analyses water resources and their use in a specific geographical domain

Irrigation Scheme Level



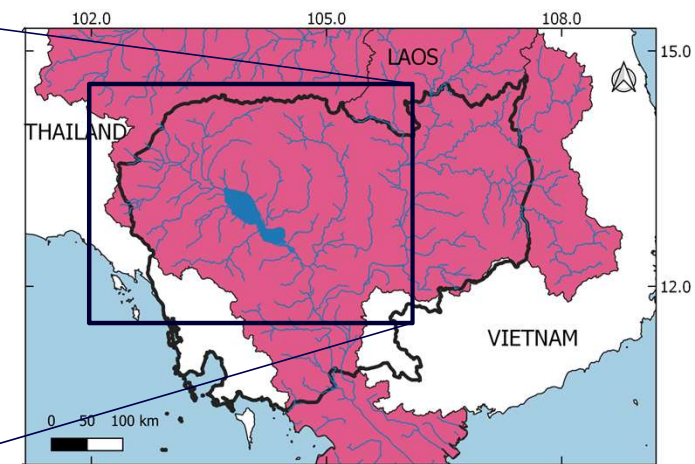
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Basin Scale



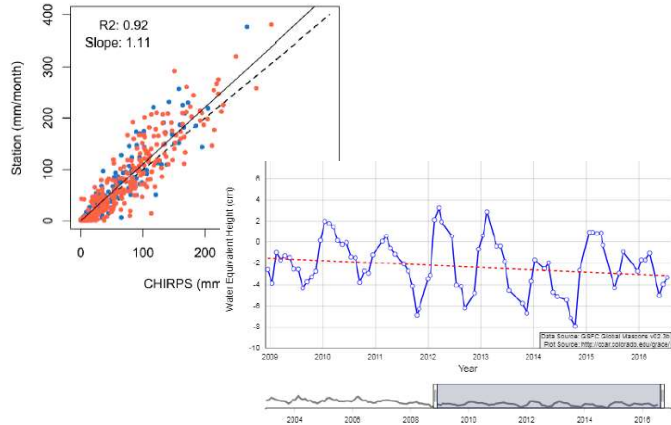
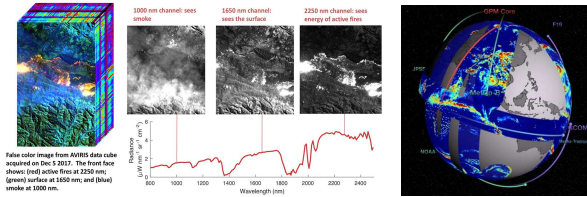
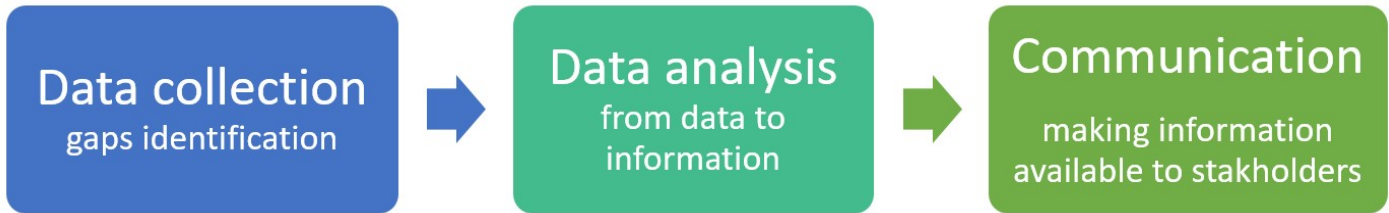
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Country Scale

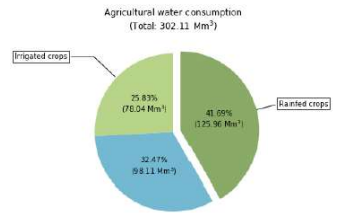


Cambodia and the Mekong river system

Water Accounting uses a three-step approach



Crop										Agricultural water consumption	
Cereals	Non-cereals			Fruit & vegetables			Oil-seeds	Beverage crops	Other crops		
15.28	3.64	17.54	-	5.85	85.48	-	28.16	-	-	ET rainfed	125.80
	Root/tuber crops	Leguminous crops	Sugar crops	Merged vegetables & melons	Fruits & nuts	Merged & other				ET from rainfall irrigated	78.04
16.29	8.18	13.74	-	9.82	28.35	-	1.46	-	-	Incremental ET irrigated	98.11
39.61	19.32	33.67	-	24.50	56.82	-	2.33	-	-	Total ET irrigated	176.10



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Examples

Water Accounting: A multi-stakeholders platform

Water managers
Farmers
Irrigation specialists
Mayors
Lawyers
Energy utilities
Environmentalists
Industry representatives

Data Democracy

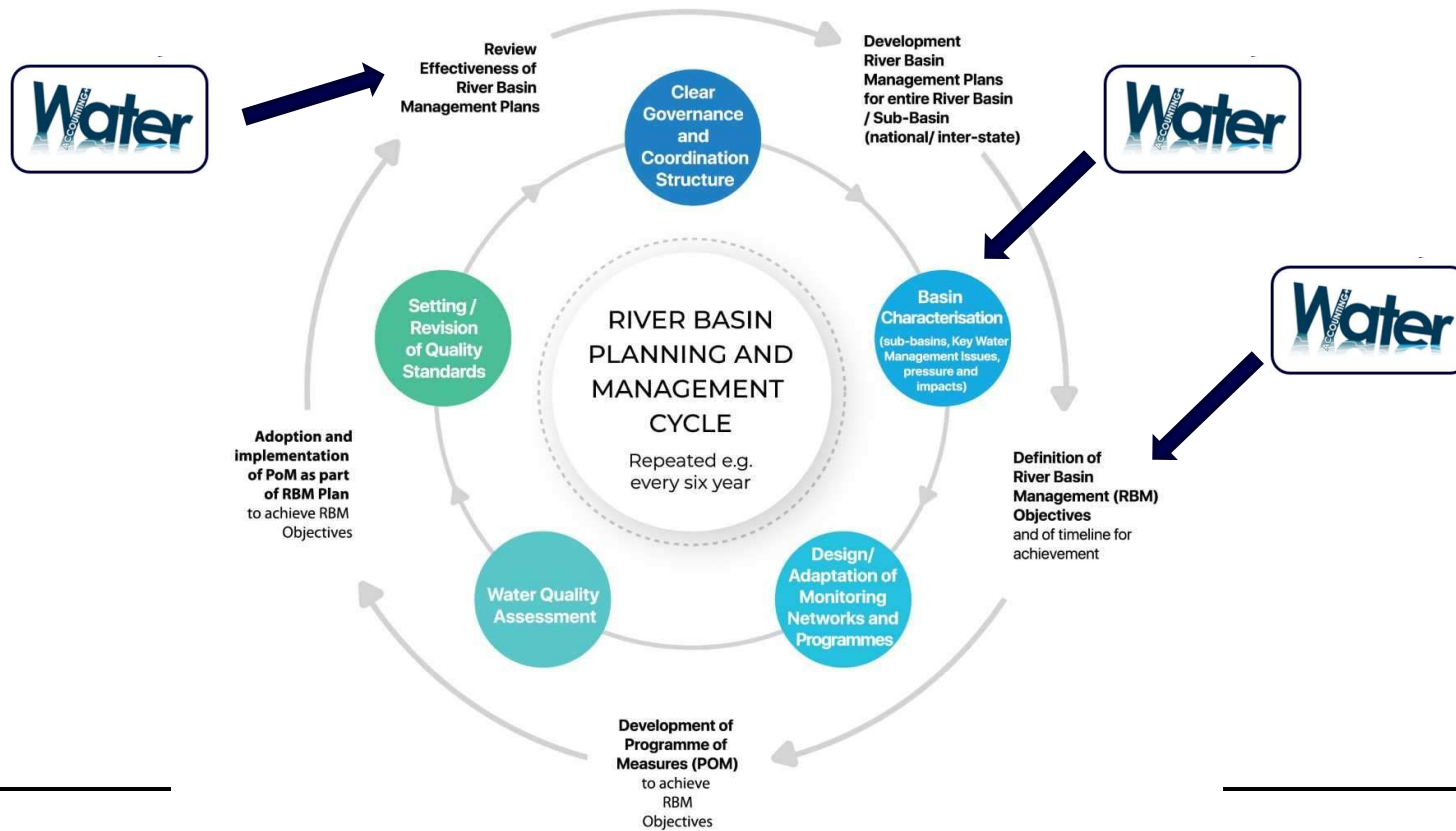
Standardized Framework

River basin reports



Loucks, Daniel, P.; van Beek, Elco. Chapter 11 Water Resources Systems Planning and Management: An introduction to Methods, Models and Applications (<https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/2997>)

Water Accounting is a tool for long-term planning



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Main Differences between WA frameworks

Scale of application

Type of data used

Overall approach: what are they tracking and how

Main Categories of WA frameworks

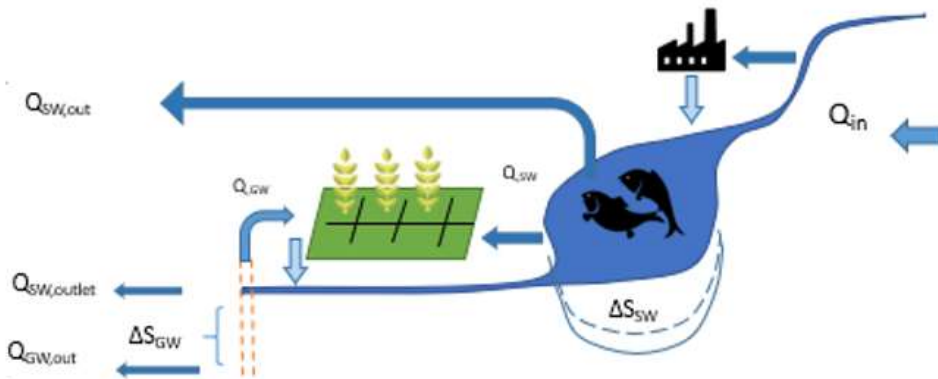
Two main categories:

FLOW ACCOUNTING: tracking and accounting actual flows, deliveries, and abstractions

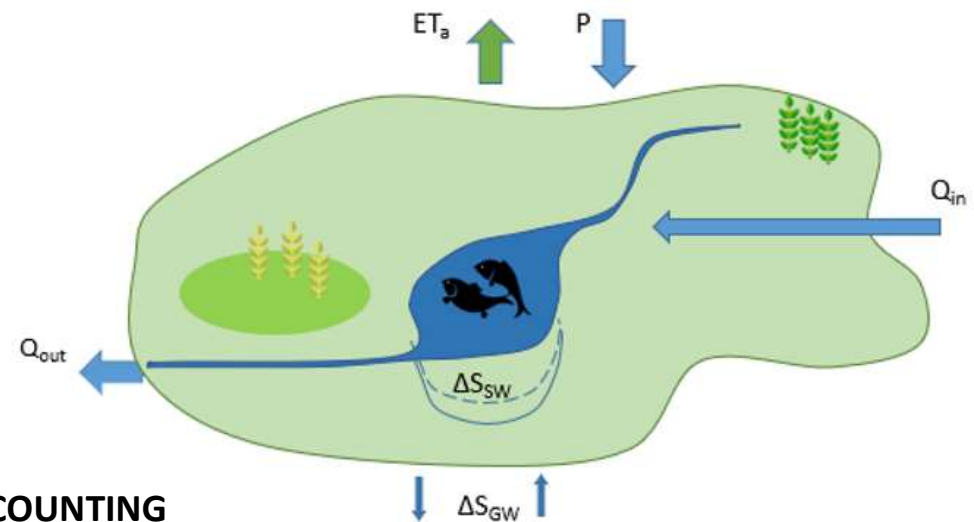
focusing mostly on blue water in cross-sectoral context

DEPLETION ACCOUNTING: focusing on water consumption with a landscape perspective

depleted water: ET, sinks, water in products

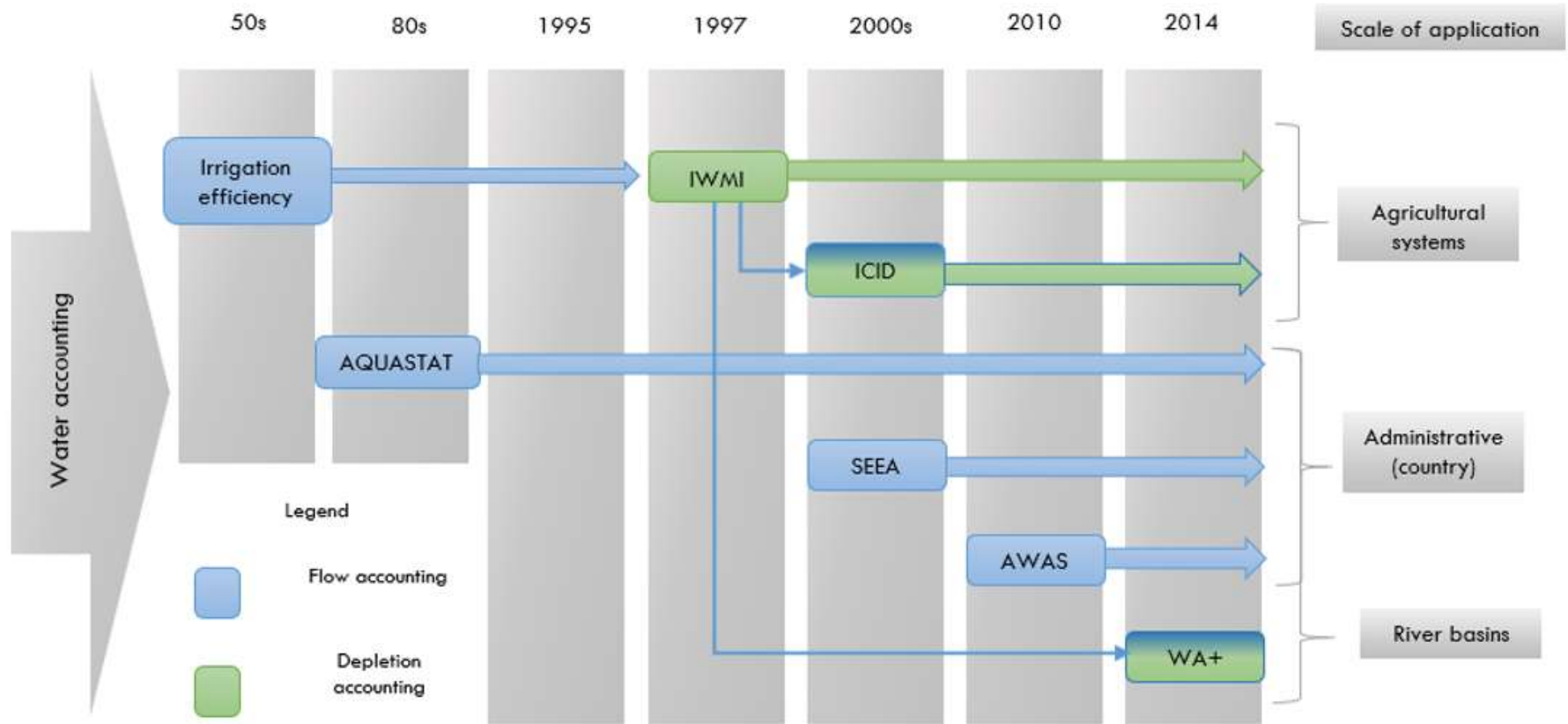


FLOW ACCOUNTING



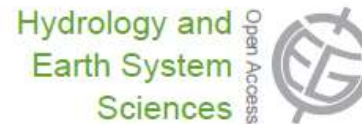
DEPLETION ACCOUNTING

History of Water Accounting Frameworks



Water Accounting Plus (WA+)

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Water Accounting Plus (WA+) – a water accounting procedure for complex river basins based on satellite measurements

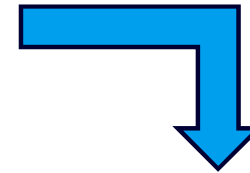
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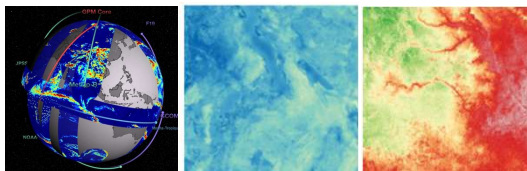
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Remote Sensing

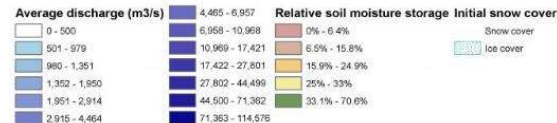
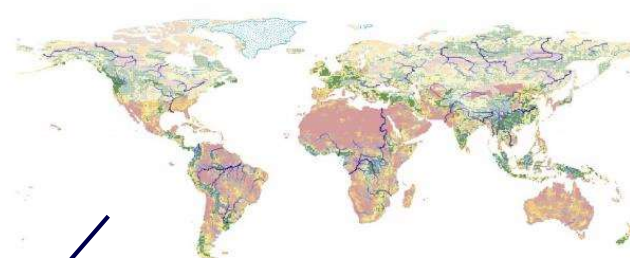


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Global Datasets



Ground measurements



Sheets

Sheet B: Agricultural services
Part 1: Agricultural water consumption (km³/yr)
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Period: 200

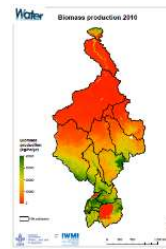
Crop										Agricultural water consumption	
	Non-cereals	Fruit & vegetables		Oil. seeds	Food crops	Reservoir	Other	ET	ET	ET	
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1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.0
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.0
Non-crop											
Fruit (apples)										2.7	
Timber										0.0	
ET from rainfall										1021	
Incremental ET										1291	

Tables

Table 1: Agricultural water consumption by land use

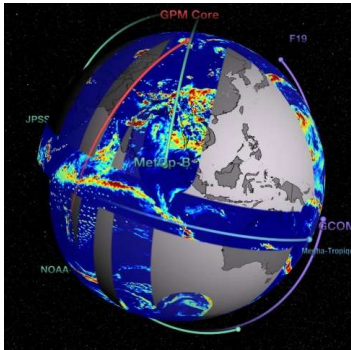
Land use (ha)	Area	Therapeutic	Recreation	Interaction	Non-irrigated	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	ET	
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Maps

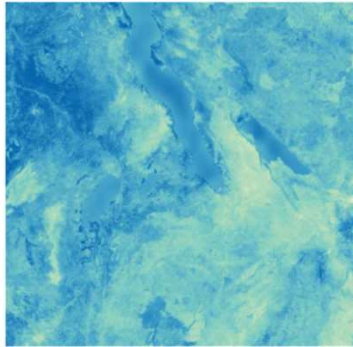


Water Accounting Plus (WA+): using RS for water resources management

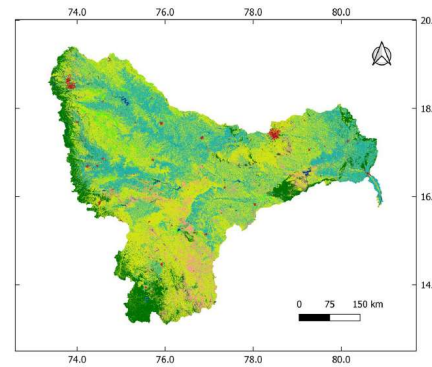
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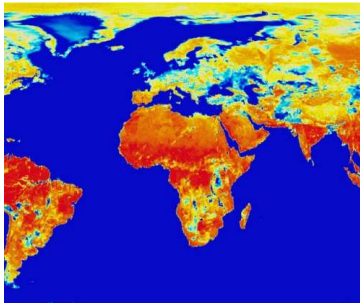
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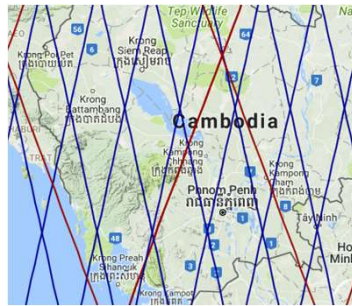
Land use



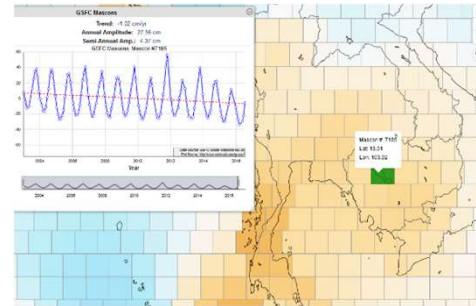
Soil Moisture



Water Levels



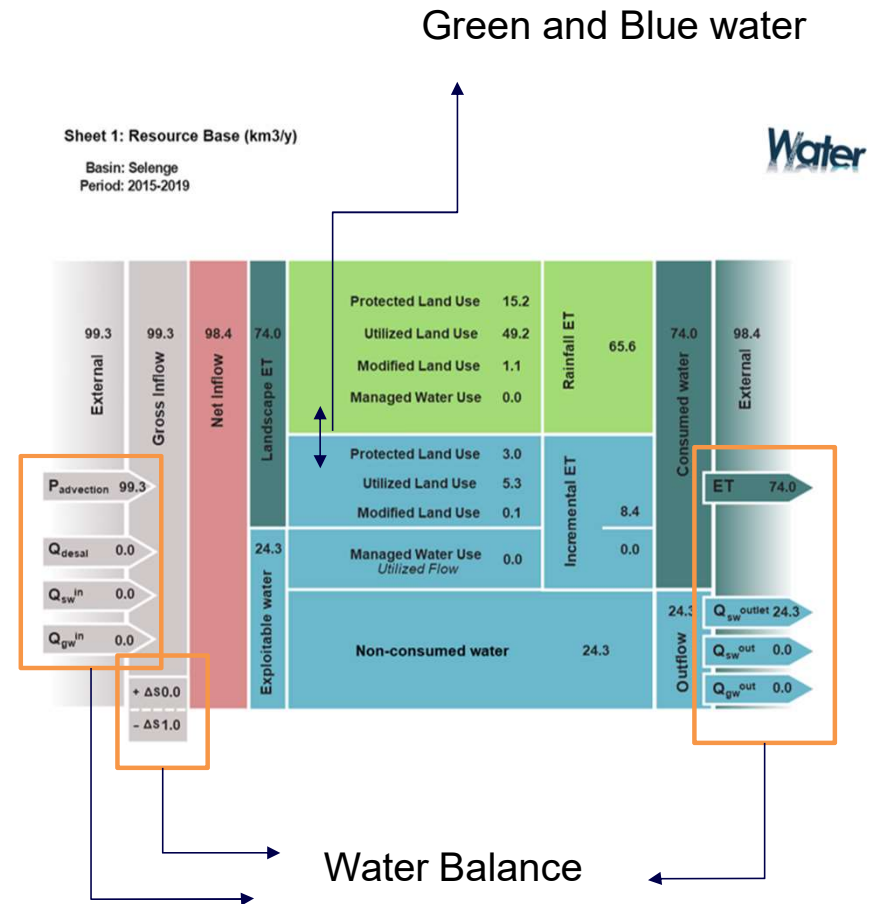
Groundwater



WA+: Sheet 1 Resource base

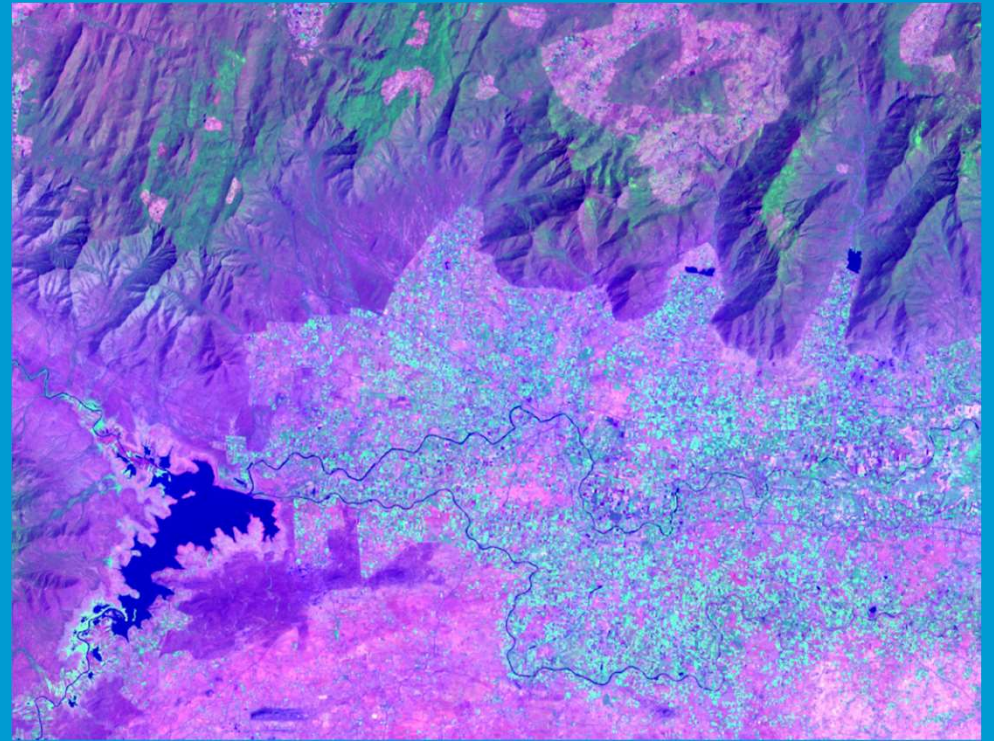
General overview at river basin scale of

- water availability vs water consumption
- exploitable flows
- manageable vs unmanageable flows
- over-exploitation
- green and blue water

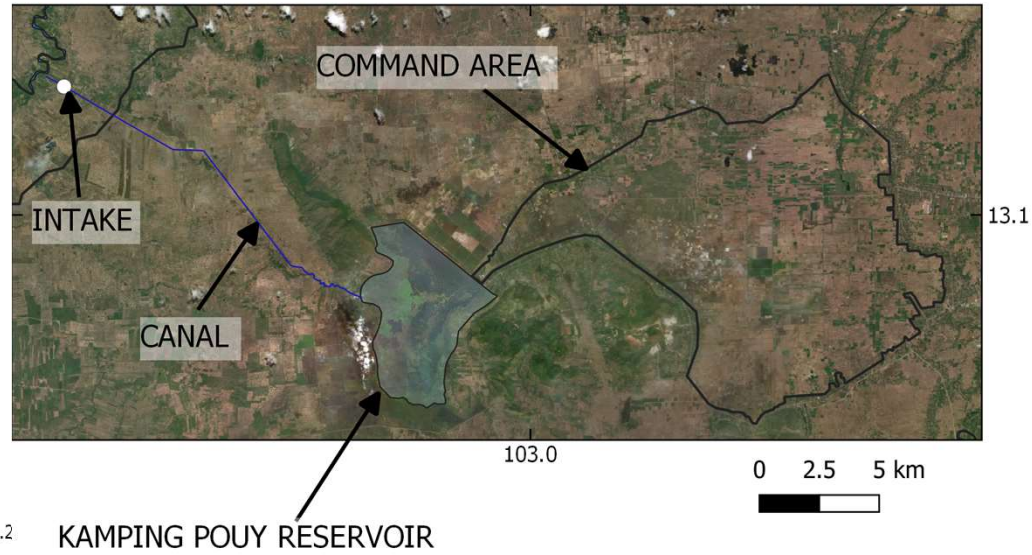
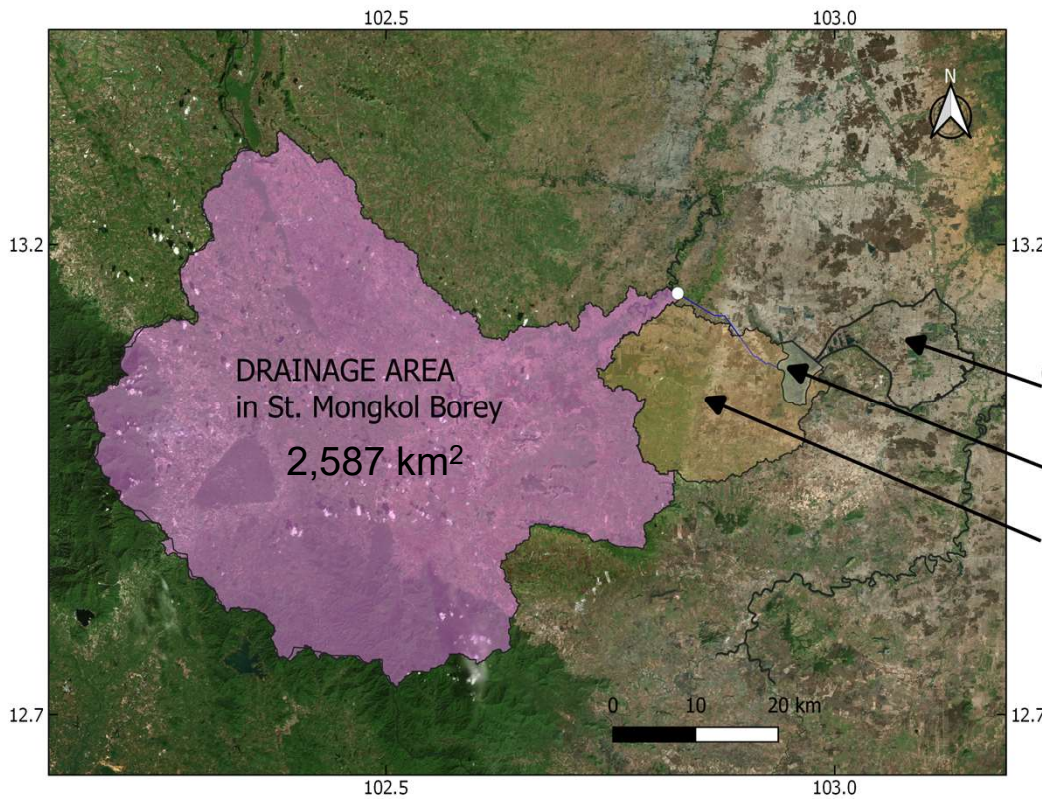


Examples of the application of WA+ in irrigated areas

*Results from a recent
ADB funded project*



Case Study 1: Kamping Puoy Irrigation Scheme in Cambodia

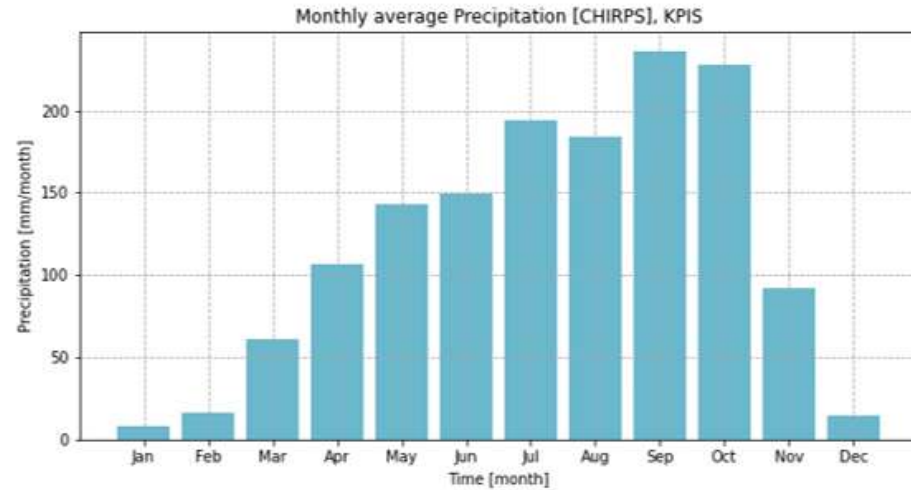


COMMAND AREA
RESERVOIR
DRAINAGE AREA
in St. Sangker
373 km²

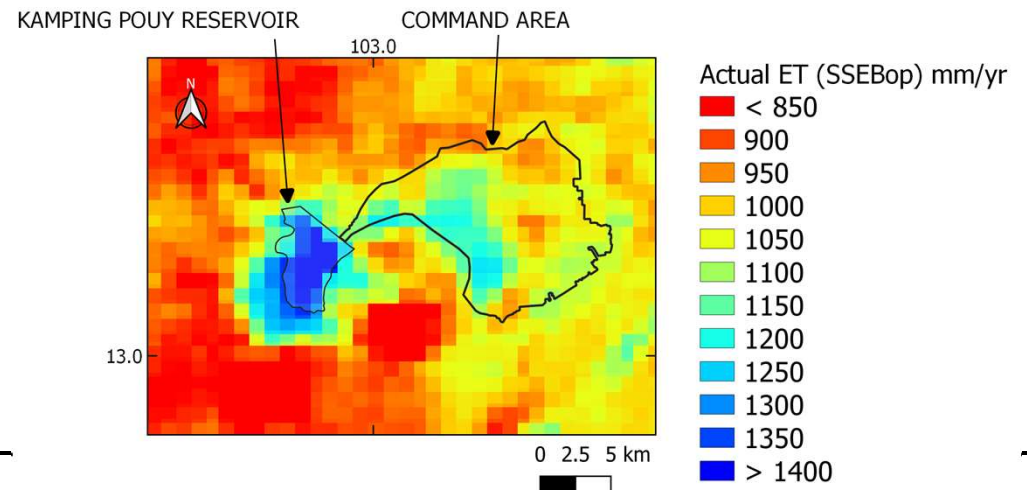
Maximum storage capacity 139 Mm³

Remote Sensing Data

Precipitation over command area:
1,432 mm/year



Actual Evapotranspiration over command area:
1,065 mm/year

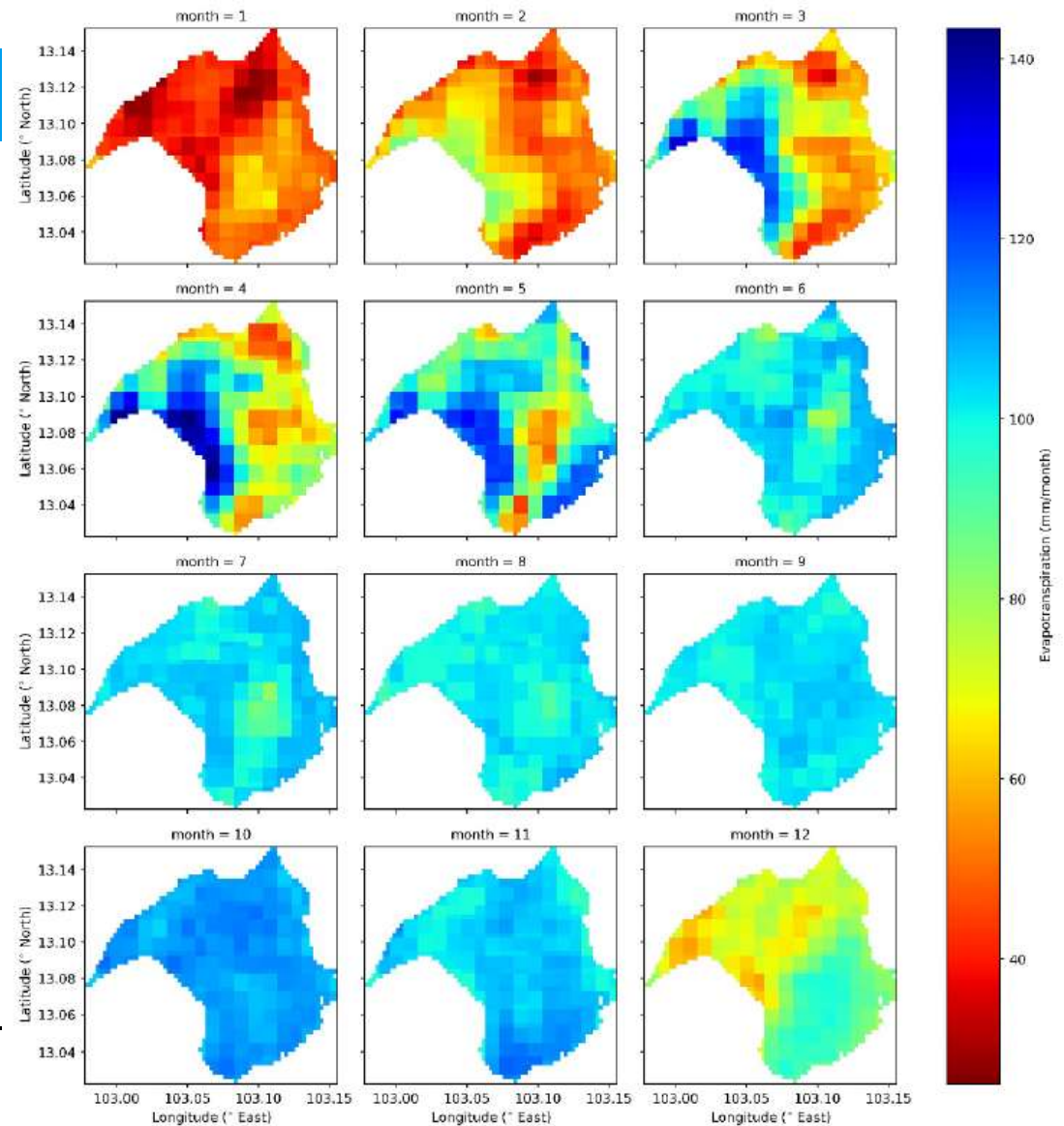


Seasonal variation of water consumption

Spatial variations between head and tail:

- head areas consume up to 1,200 mm/yr
- tail areas 900 mm/yr
- Also visible in dry months (Feb, Mar, Apr)

→ areas located close to the main canal receive more water than the tail end section which might have inadequate water supply.



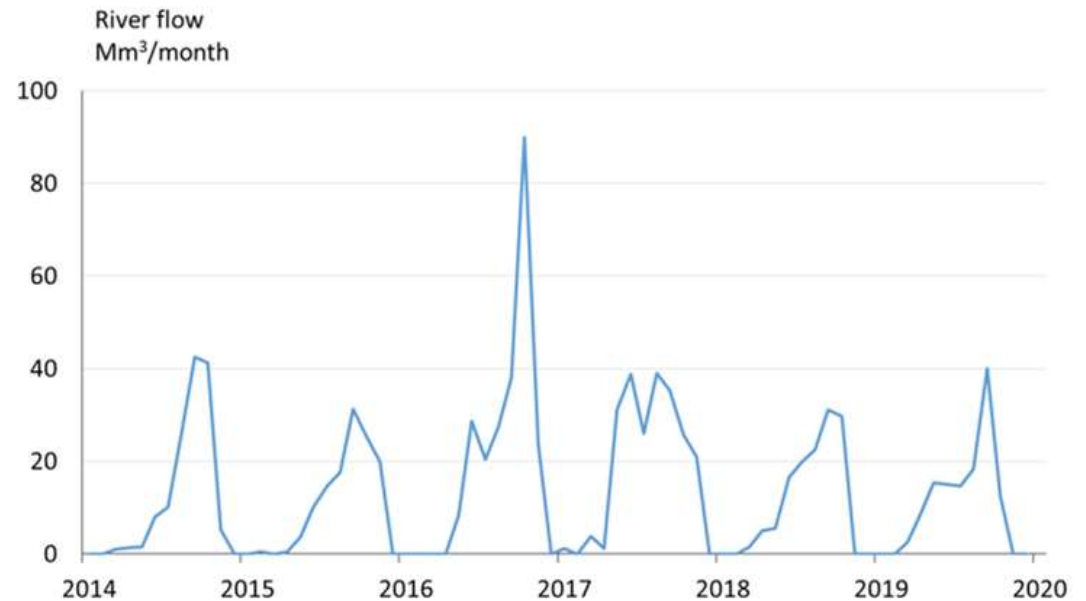
Water Availability

The water generated in Sangker sub-basin could in average be sufficient to reservoir.

Average yearly flow 163 Mm³/year

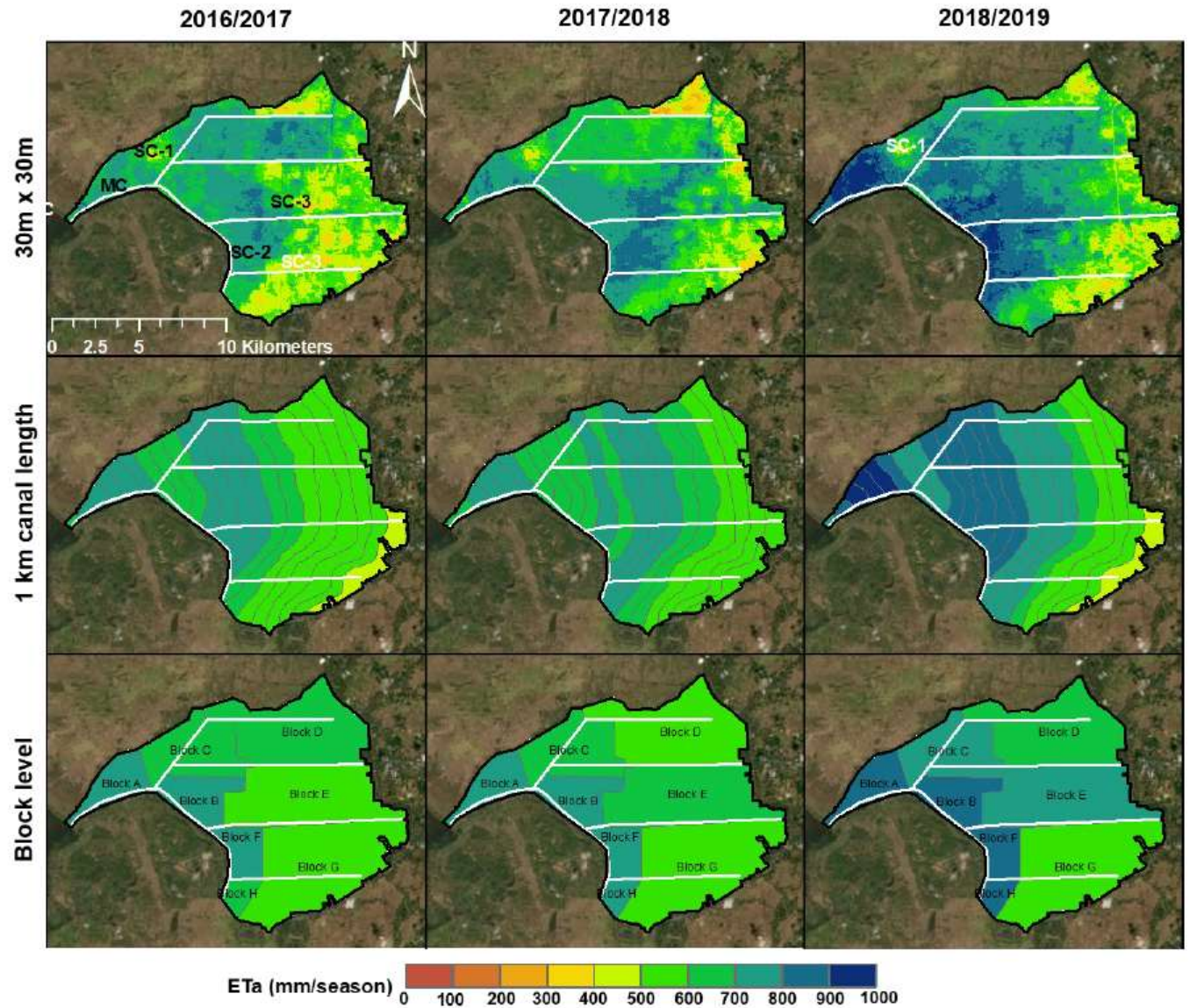
Downstream needs should be considered.

During dry years river flow in Sangker is not sufficient (130 Mm³/year)



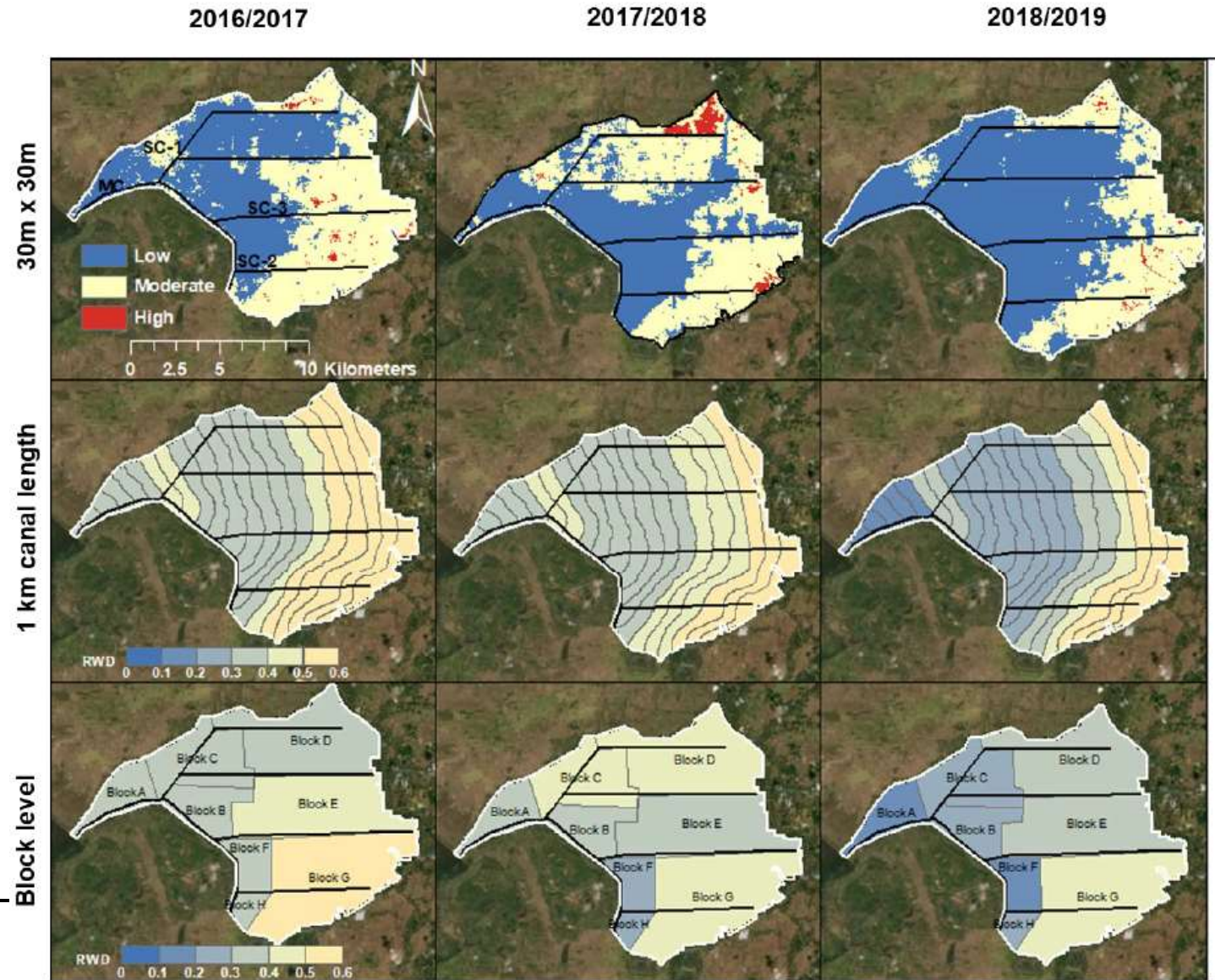
Detailed Water Productivity analysis

Seasonal water consumption



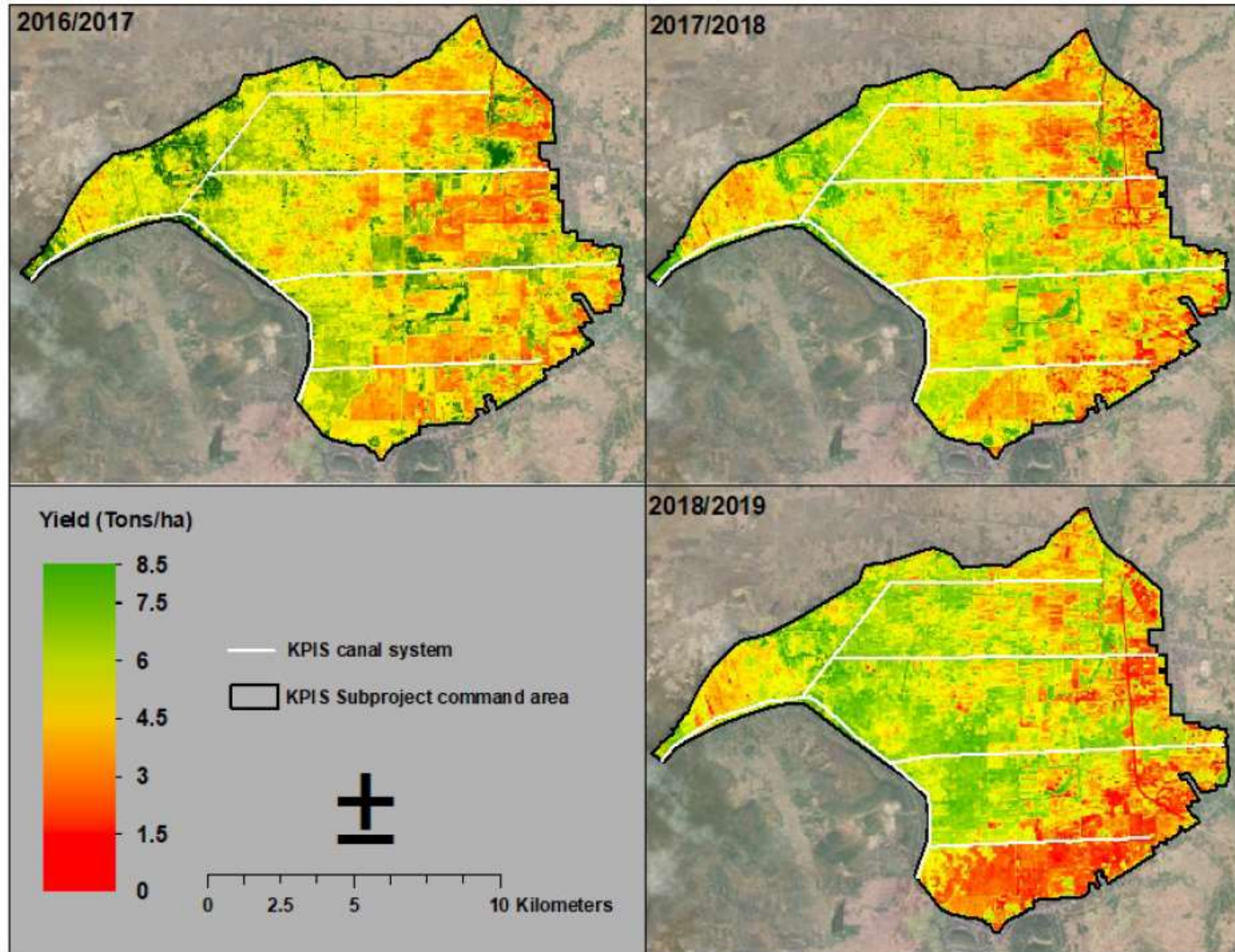
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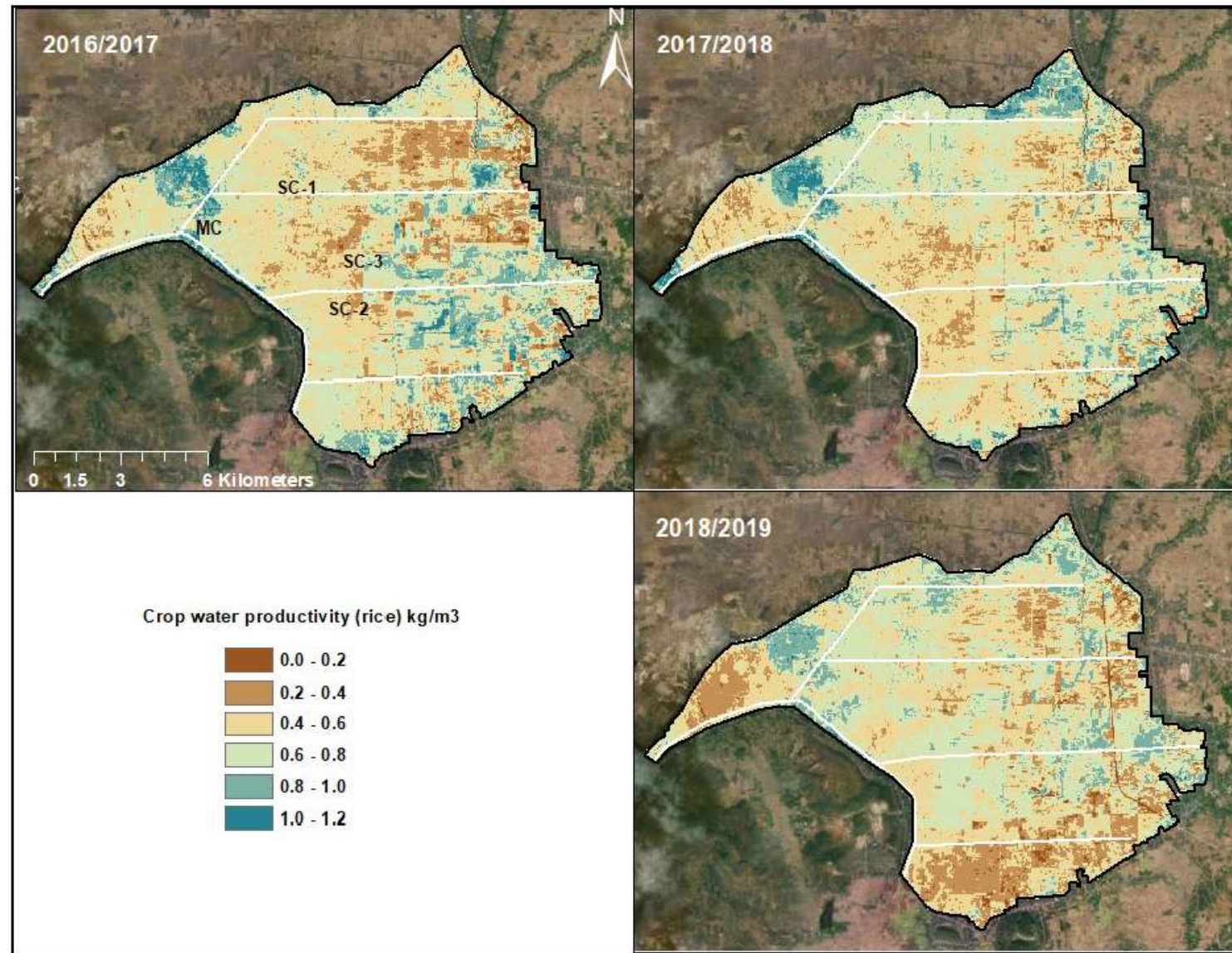
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Rice yield



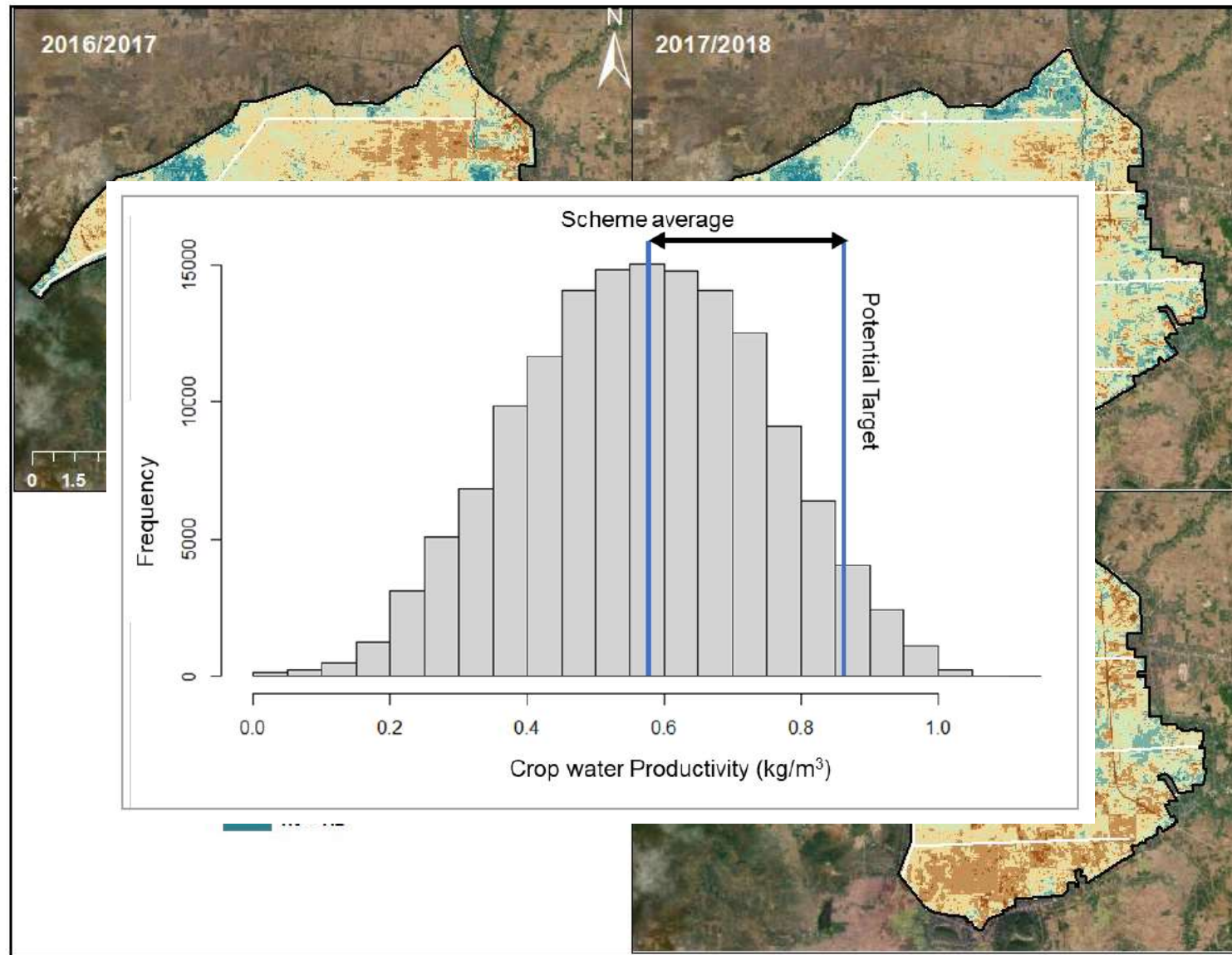
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Rice crop water productivity



Detailed Water Productivity analysis

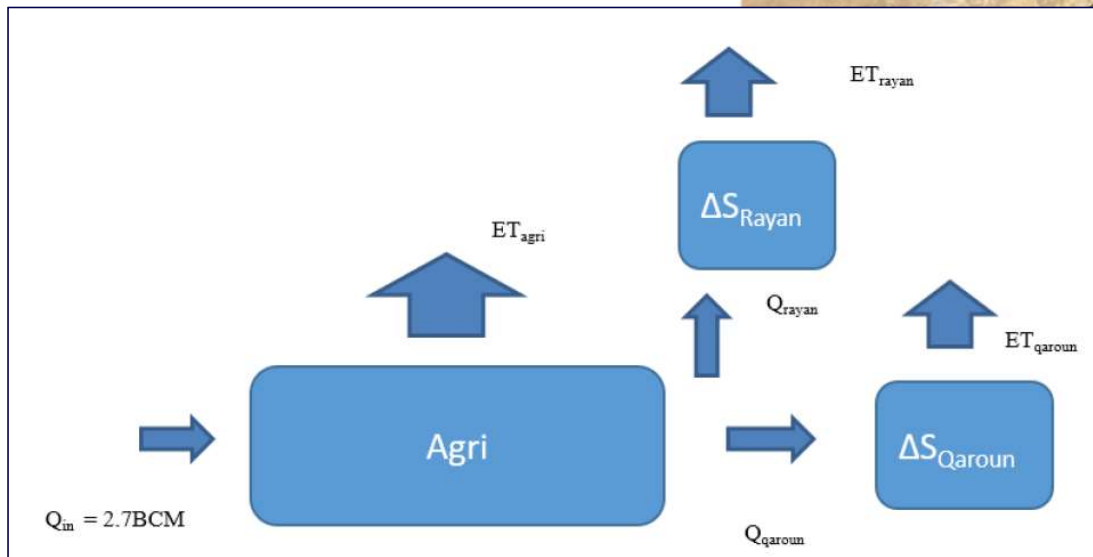
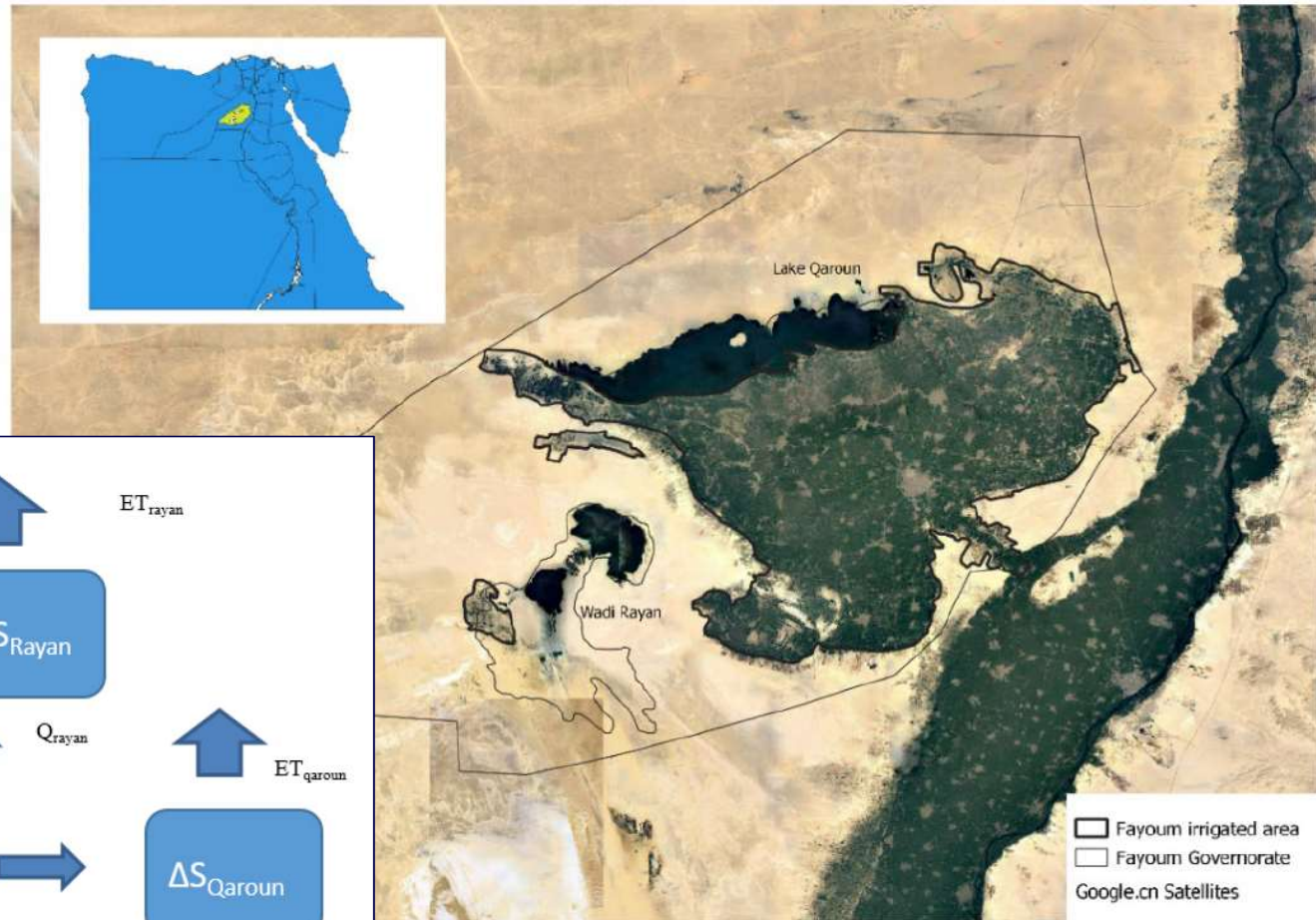
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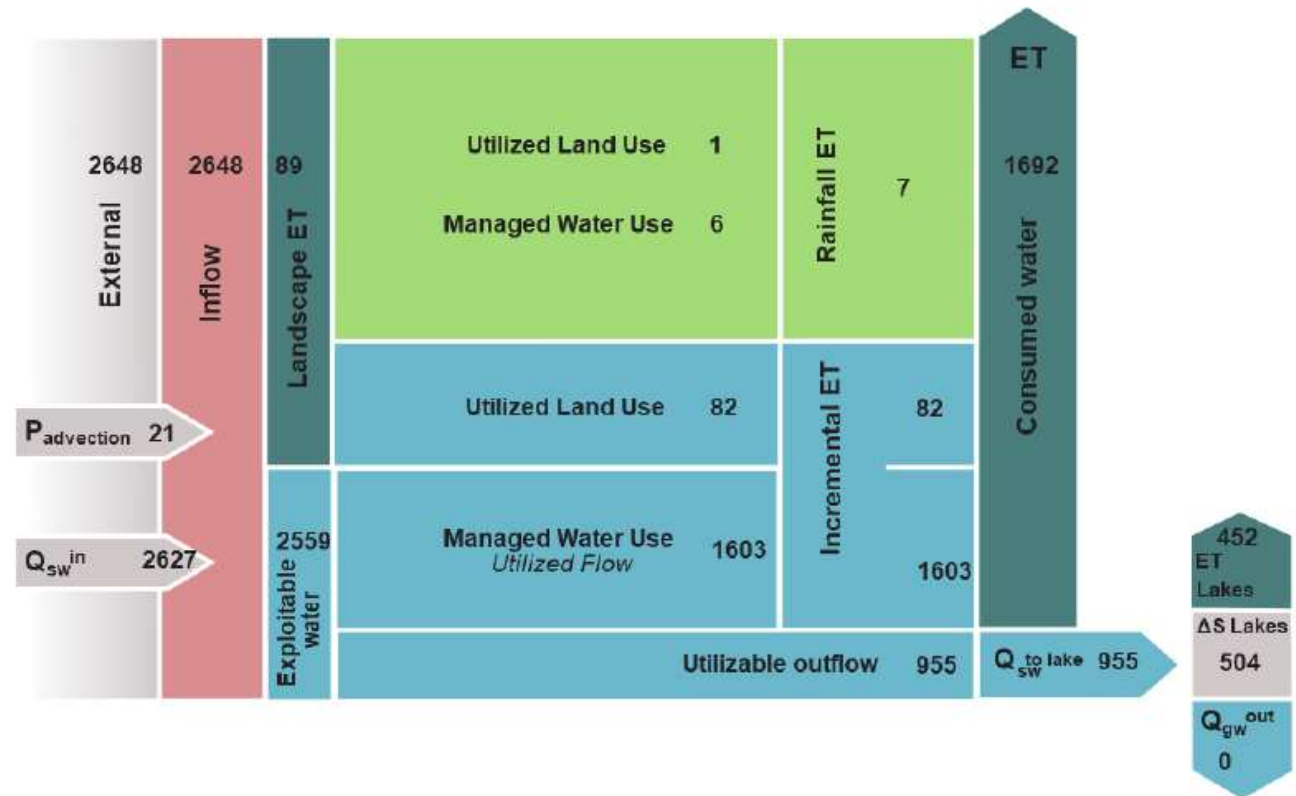
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Sheet 1 adaptation to the Fayoum case

Sheet 1: Resource Base (MCM/y)

Basin: Fayoum
Period: 2009



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