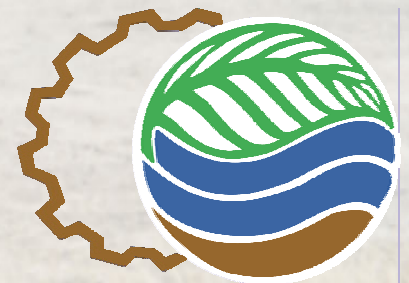


# ***CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE WATER RESOURCES SECTOR: IS INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT THE ANSWER?***

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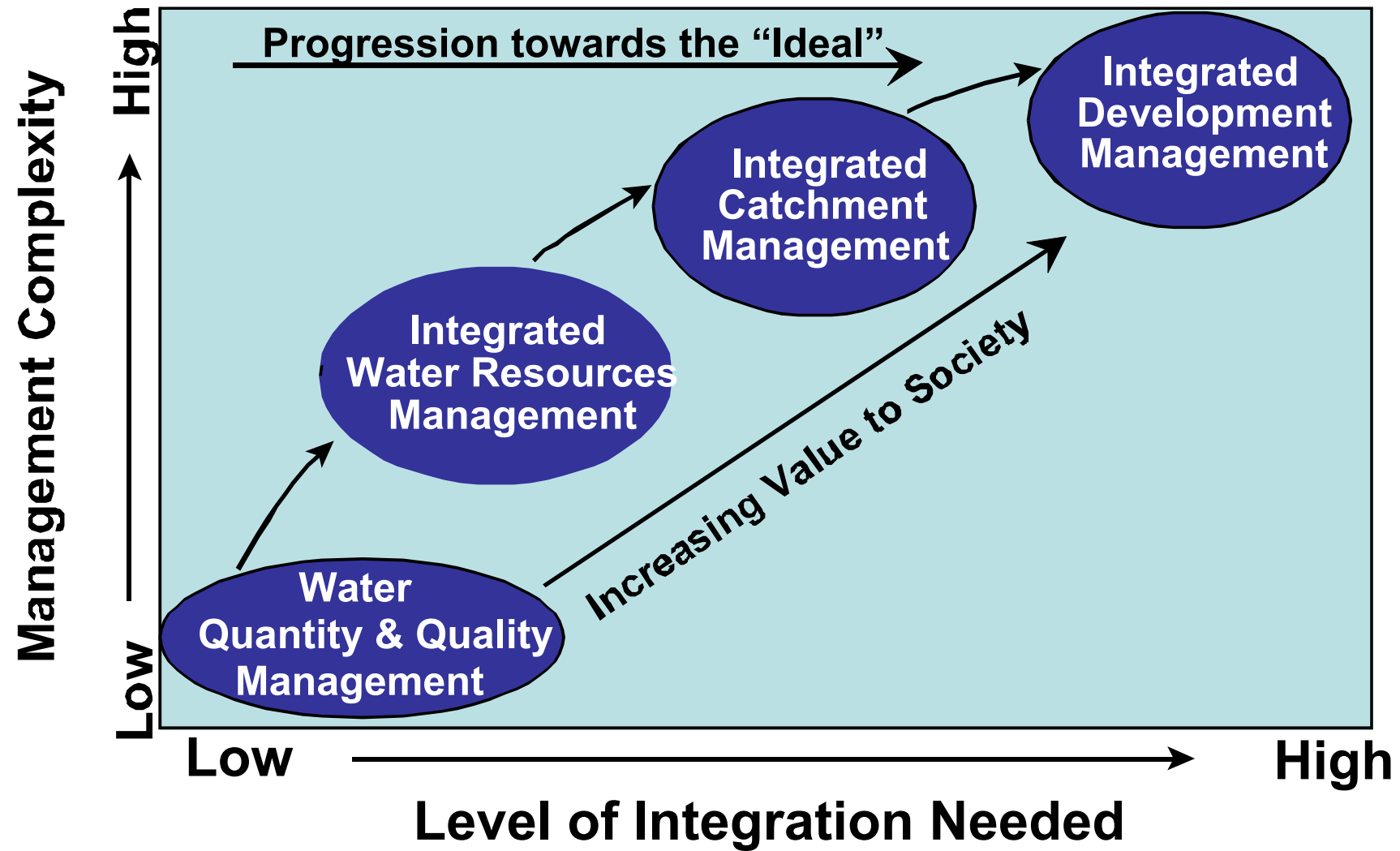
# ***WHAT DO YOU THINK I.W.R.M. IS?***

- . . . conceptually**
- . . . in practice for the water  
resource manager**

# WHAT IS I.W.R.M.?

- ❑ ... a philosophy
  - ... a process
  - ... a management strategy
- ❑ to achieve *sustainable use* of resources by all stakeholders at
  - ... catchment
  - ... regional
  - ... national &
  - ... international levels
- ❑ while maintaining the characteristics and *integrity* of water resources at the catchment scale within *agreed upon limits*

(DWAF, 1998)



**SYSTEMS  
APPROACH**

**INTEGRATED  
APPROACH**

**SUSTAINABLE  
APPROACH**

***IWRM***  
***Strategies***  
*and*  
***Goals***

**MANAGEMENT  
APPROACH**

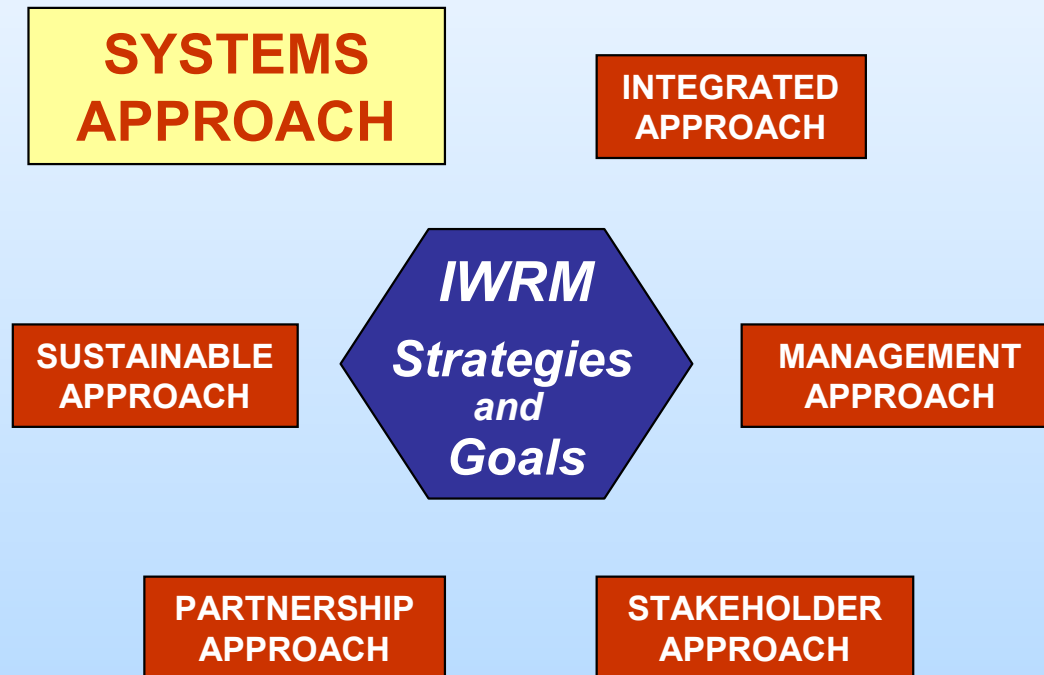
**PARTNERSHIP  
APPROACH**

**STAKEHOLDER  
APPROACH**



# Linkages

*human ↔ natural*  
*water ↔ land*  
*local ↔ national*  
*soft tools ↔ hard tools*  
*causes ↔ symptoms*

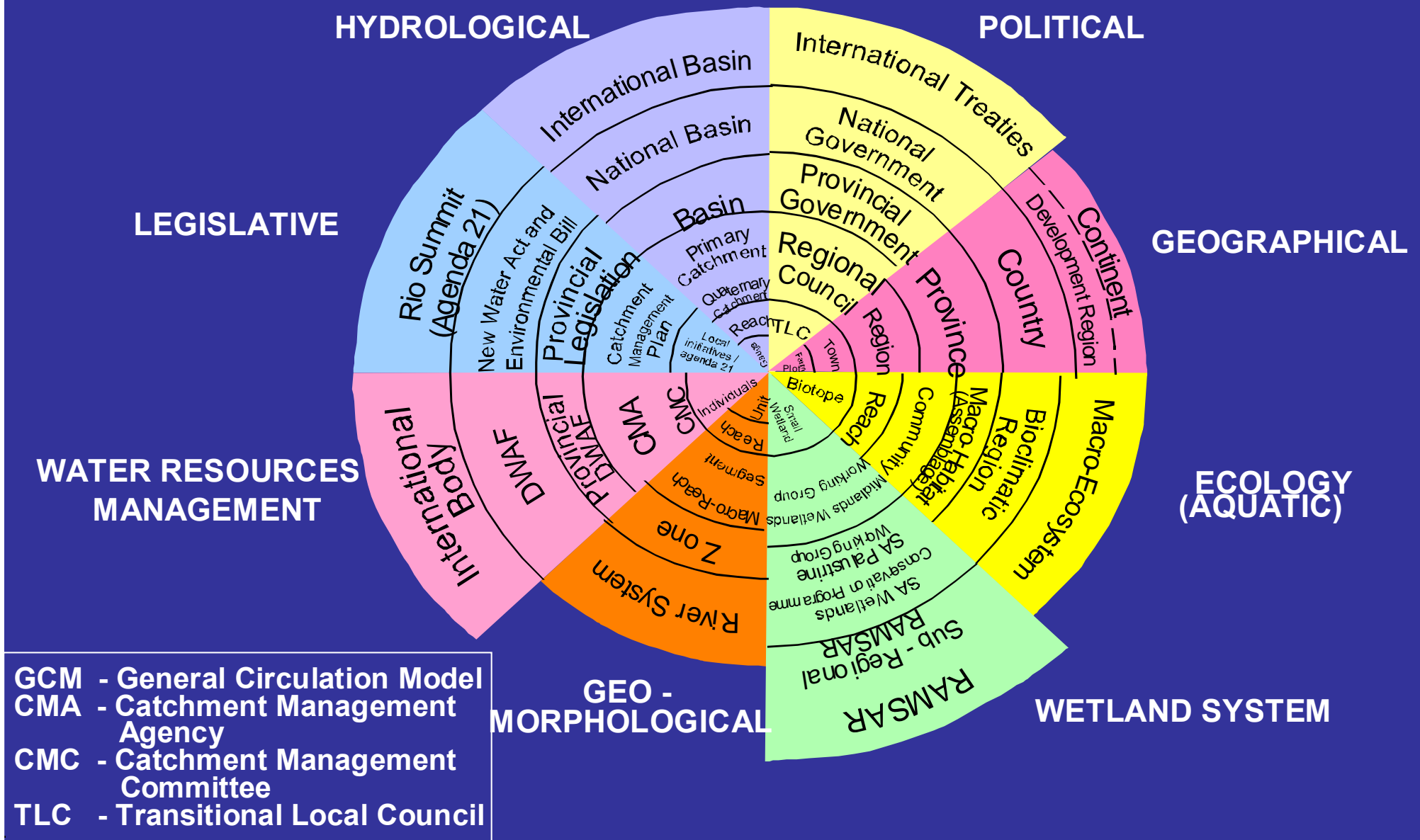


# *Co-ordinated Development & Management*



*Catchment & coast  
Surface & groundwater  
Upstream & downstream  
Engineered & aquatic  
systems  
Legal & institutional  
Equitability & development*

# Vertical and Horizontal Integration in IWRM



# *Implications*

*Maximising resources*  
*Minimising impacts*  
*Reversing consequences*  
*Seeking equitable solutions*  
*Enhancing quality of life*  
*Top-down to bottom-up*  
*Supply to demand management*  
*Water as an economic good vs water as a right*



# *Implications*

*From government to  
individual*

*Participatory decisions*



# *Implications*

*Common objectives*

*Collective - rules*

*- responsibilities*

*- accountability*

*Commitment to principle of  
stewardship*







# ***Implications***

***Equitable access***

***Protection of  
resource integrity***

***Compromise between  
development and  
protection***

# ***SPATIAL SCALE CONSIDERATIONS IN I.W.R.M.***



**WEALTH &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**CLIMATE**

**HYDROLOGY**

**MANAGEMENT  
& PLANNING**

***TEMPORAL  
SCALES  
IN  
I.W.R.M.***

**ECOLOGICAL**

**POLITICAL**

**ECONOMIC**

**AGRICULTURAL**

## WEALTH & DEVELOPMENT

- Long → short
- “North” → “South”

## CLIMATE

- Intra-Seasonal
- Inter-Seasonal
- Decadal

## HYDROLOGY

- ENSO → intra-seasonal
- Extremes/Forecasting
- Perennial → ephemeral

## MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Growing season
- Annual
- 5 years
- 10 - 20 years

# TEMPORAL SCALES IN I.W.R.M.

## ECOLOGICAL

- Biological Triggers
  - magnitudes
  - variabilities
  - frequencies
  - durations

## POLITICAL

- Stable vs Less Stable structures
- Inter-election time scales

## ECONOMIC

- Long → Short
- International → national → local → household

## AGRICULTURAL

- Crops
  - intra/inter-seasonal
- Forestry
  - decadal

***SUPPLY/DEMAND PERSPECTIVE***

***RIVER BASIN PERSPECTIVE***



***ORGANISATIONAL PERSPECTIVE***

**SUPPLY/DEMAND PERSPECTIVE**

**RIVER BASIN PERSPECTIVE**

**Existing**

**Instream**

**Future**



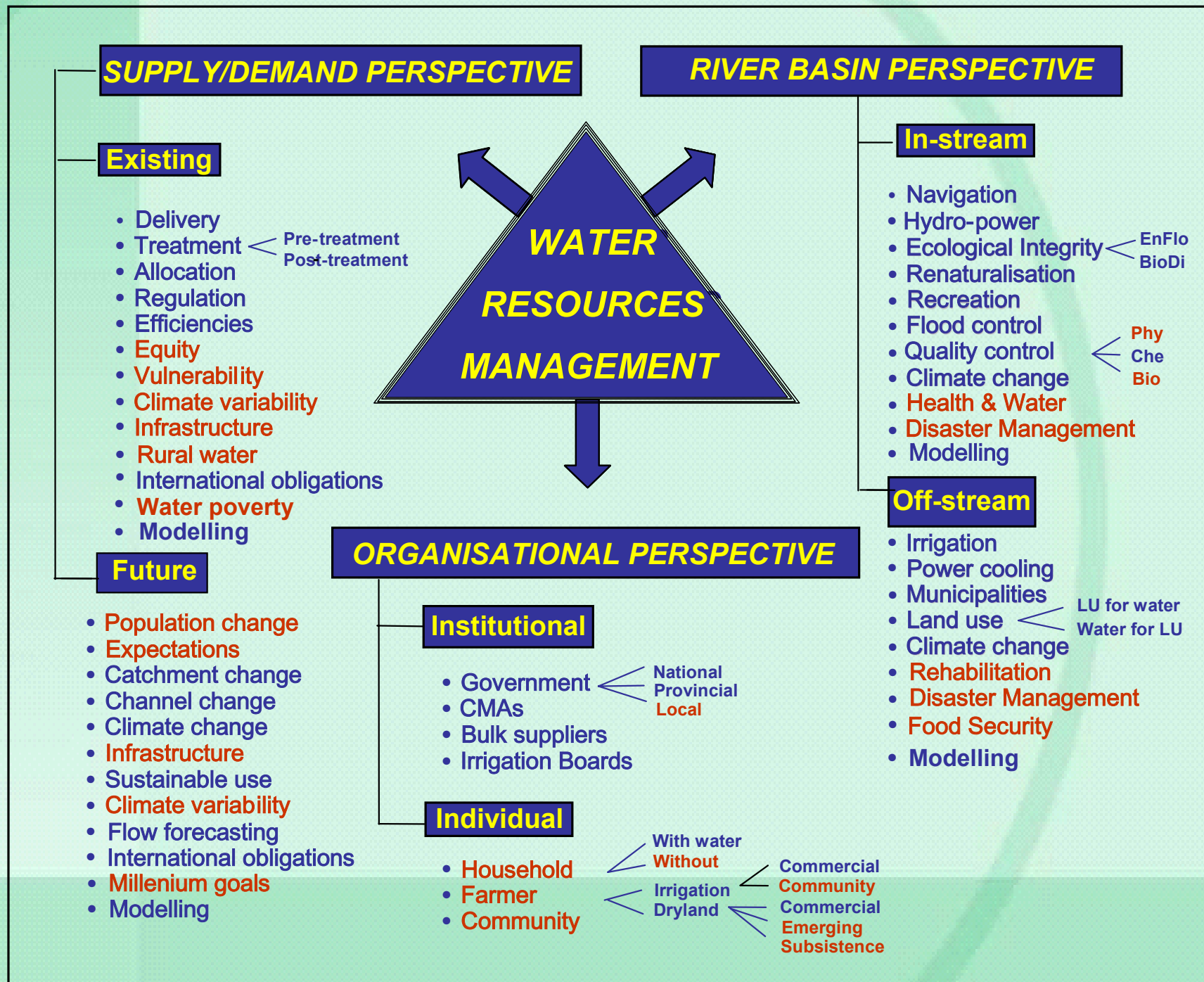
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**ORGANISATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Institutional**

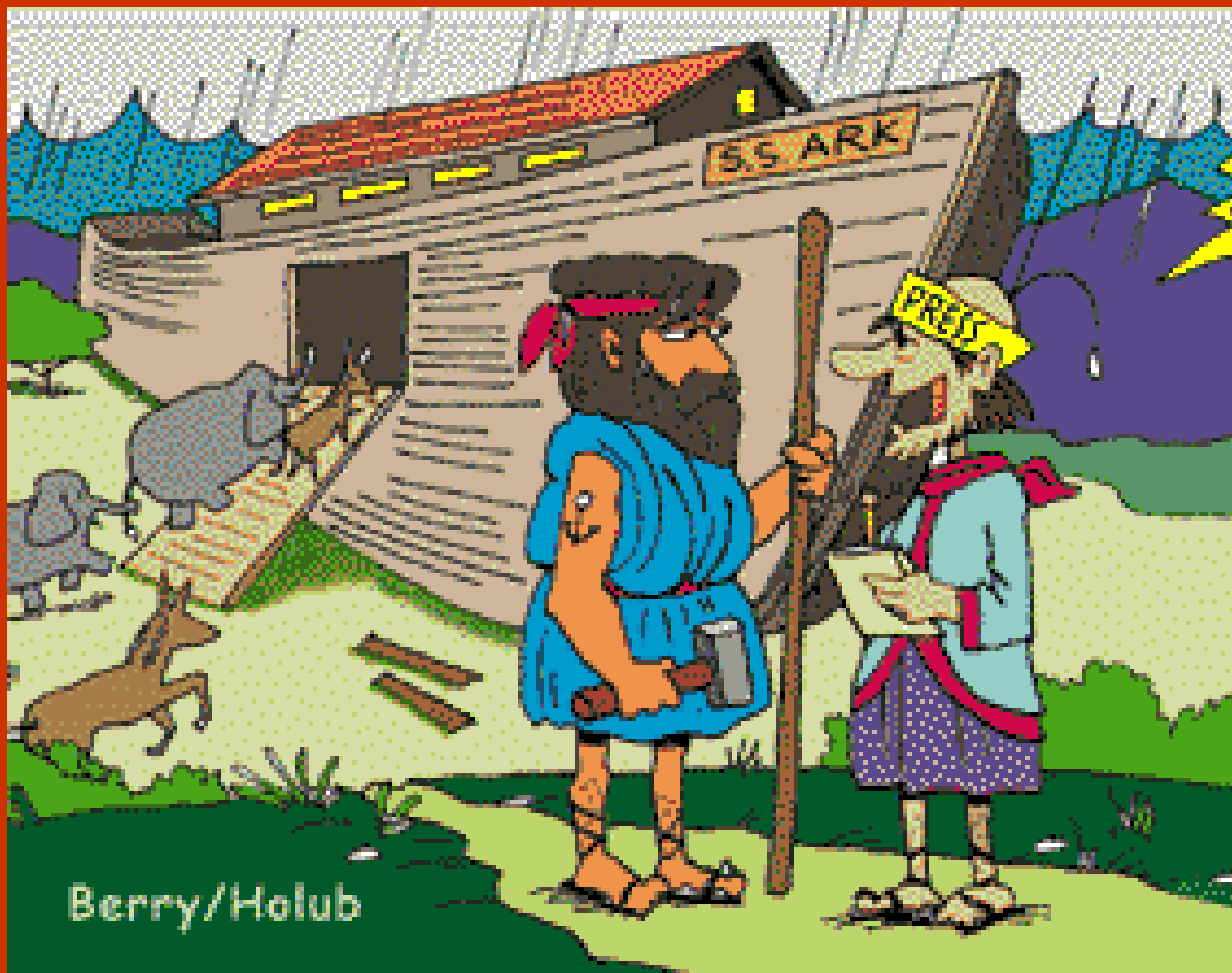
**Individual**





# ***WHAT DO WE HAVE TO CONSIDER IN THE WATER RESOURCES SECTOR IN REGARD TO CLIMATE CHANGE?***

***(a) Scenarios, appropriately downscaled***



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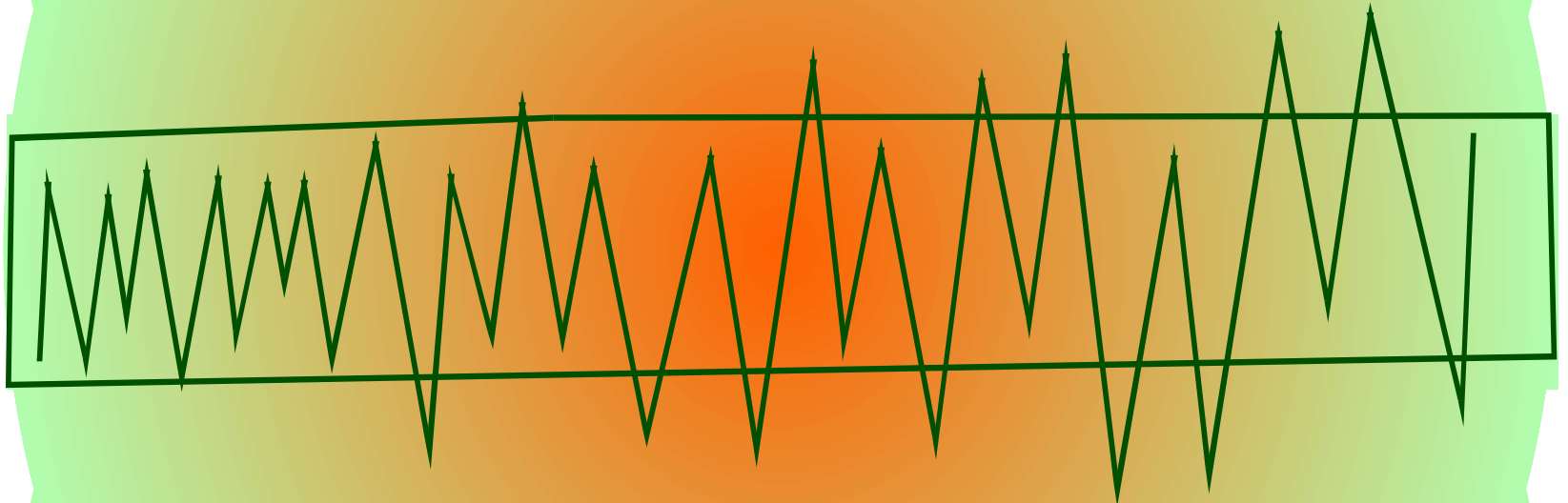
"MR. NOAH, DON'T YOU THINK THE PROPHECIES OF A GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ARE A BIT EXAGGERATED?"

# ***TYPES OF RISK INCREASES OVER TIME***

**A**



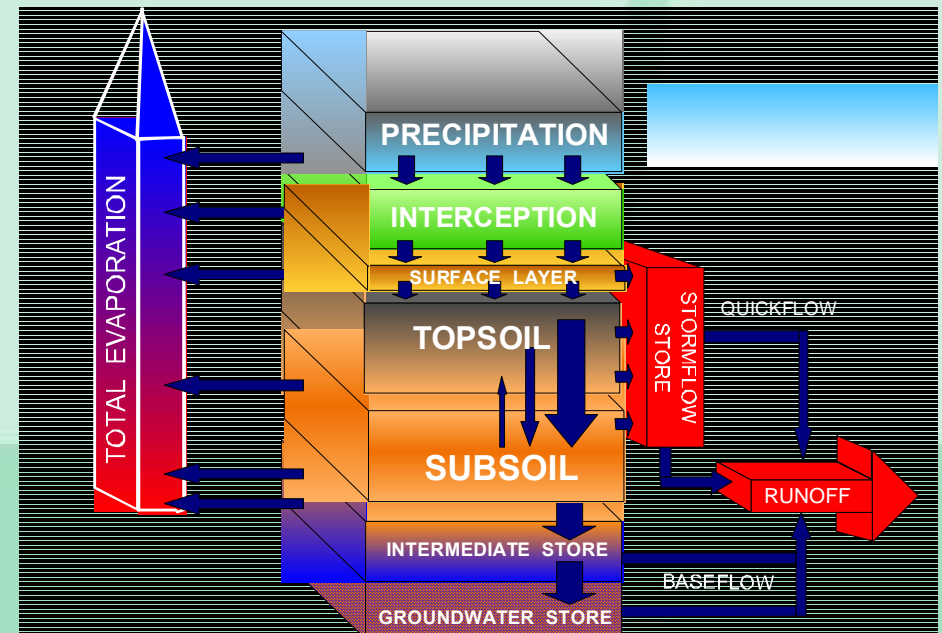
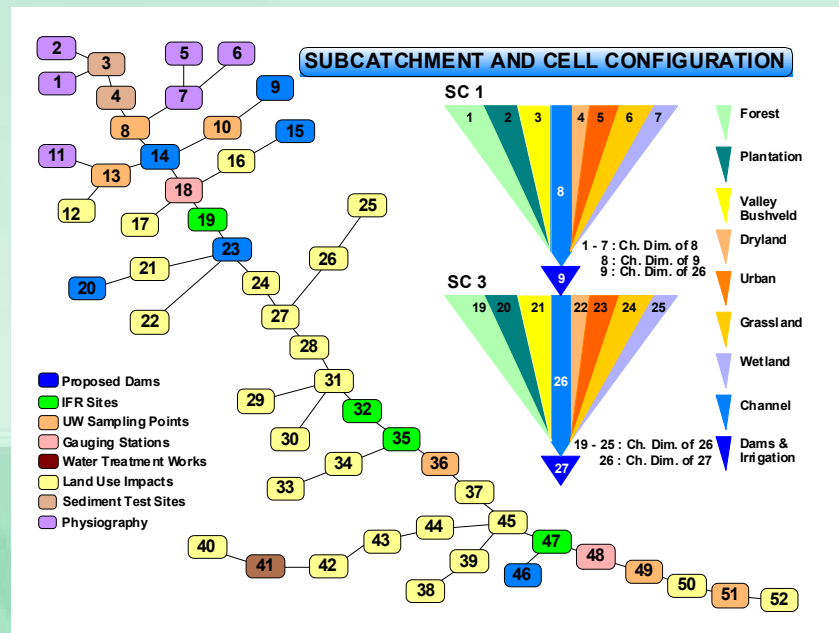
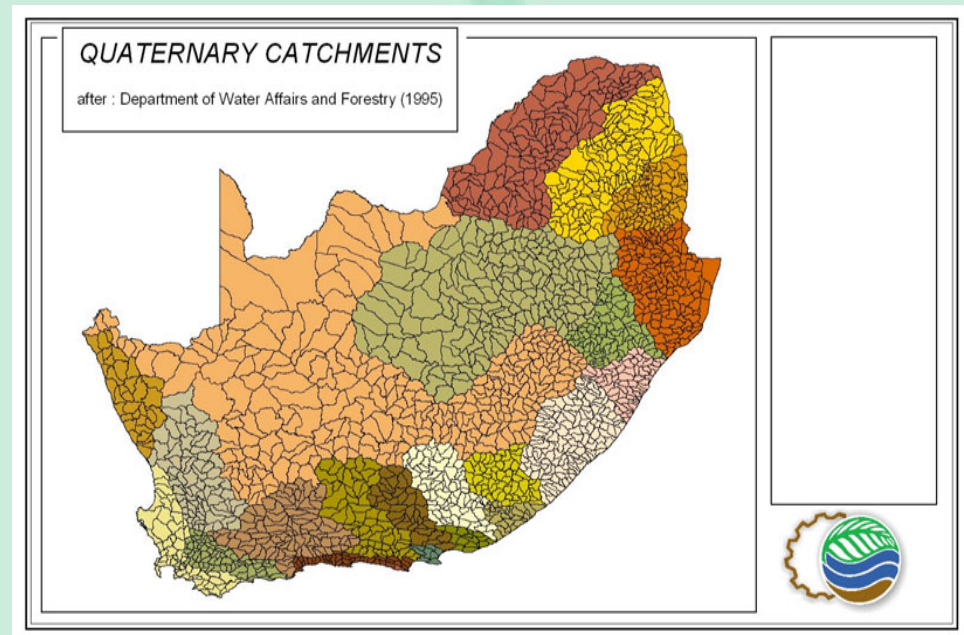
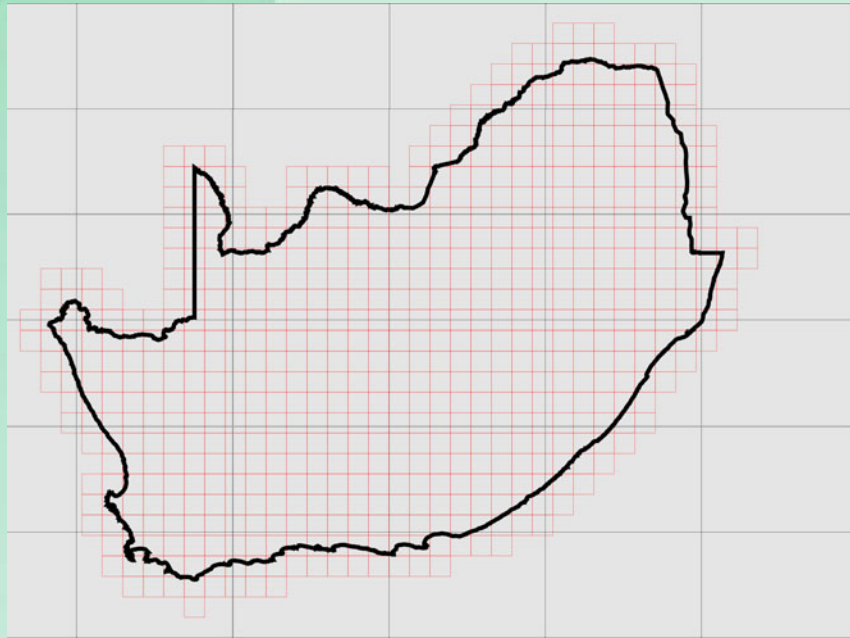
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**C**



# The Challenge: GCM $\Rightarrow$ RCM $\Rightarrow$ DHM

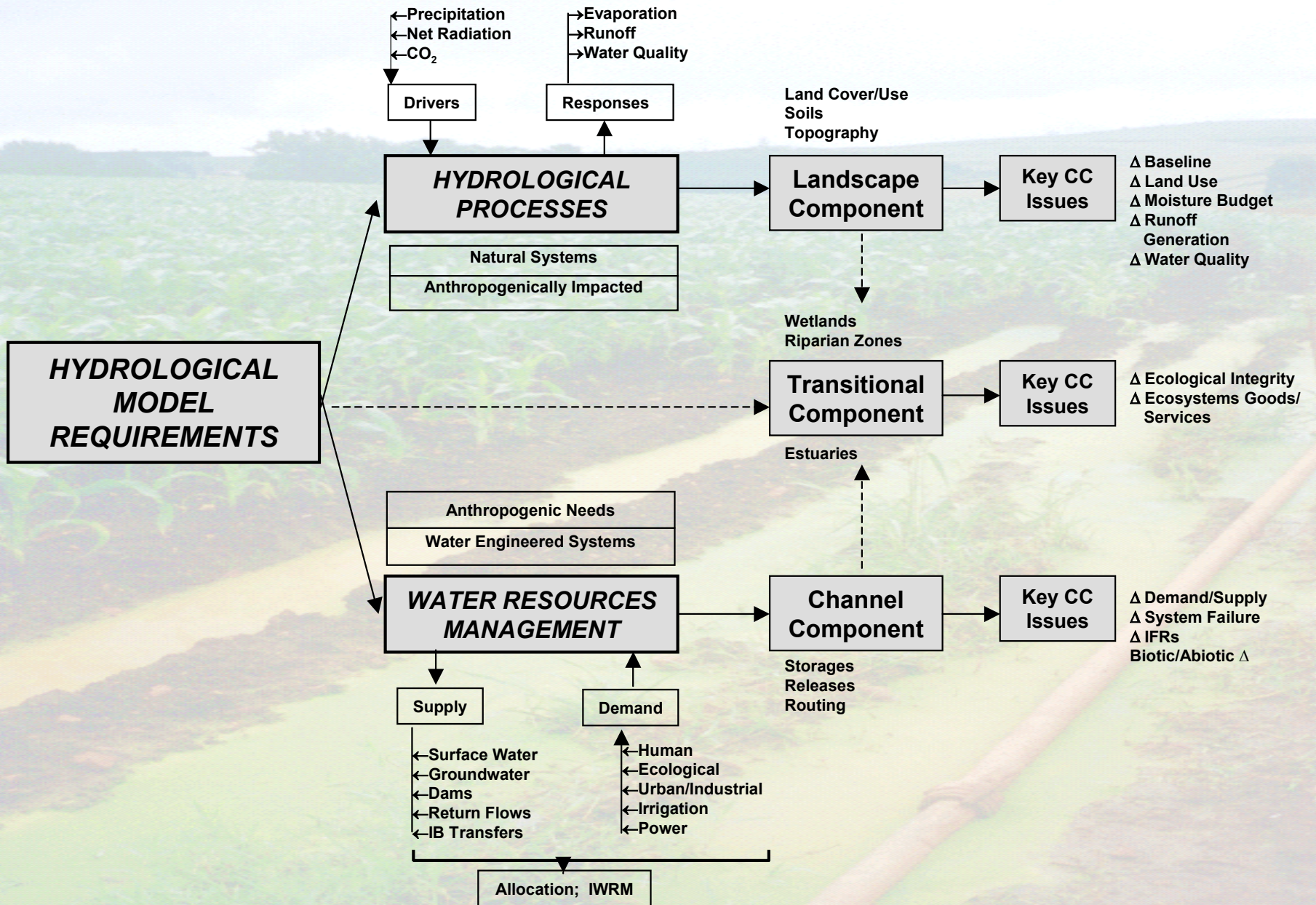


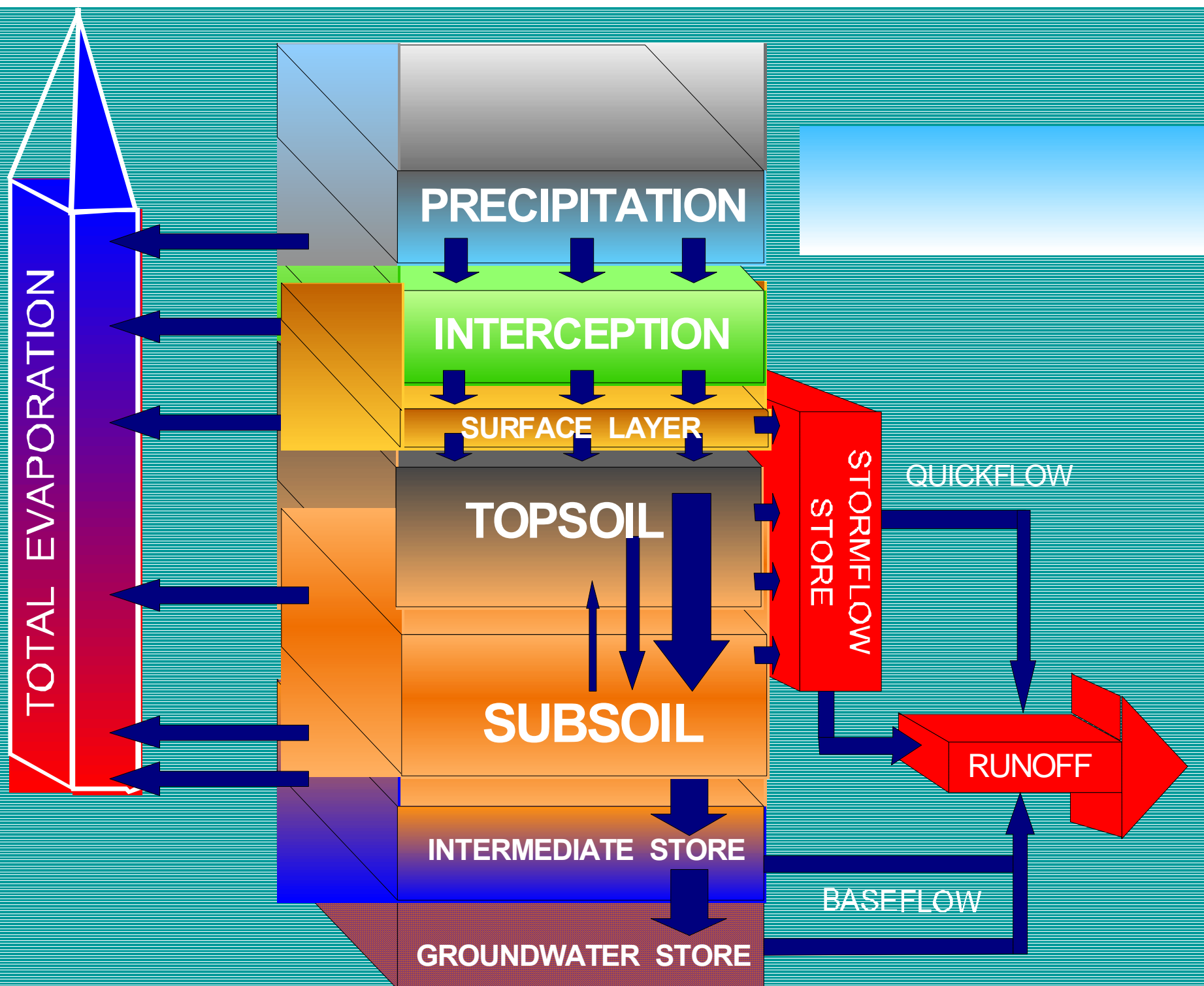
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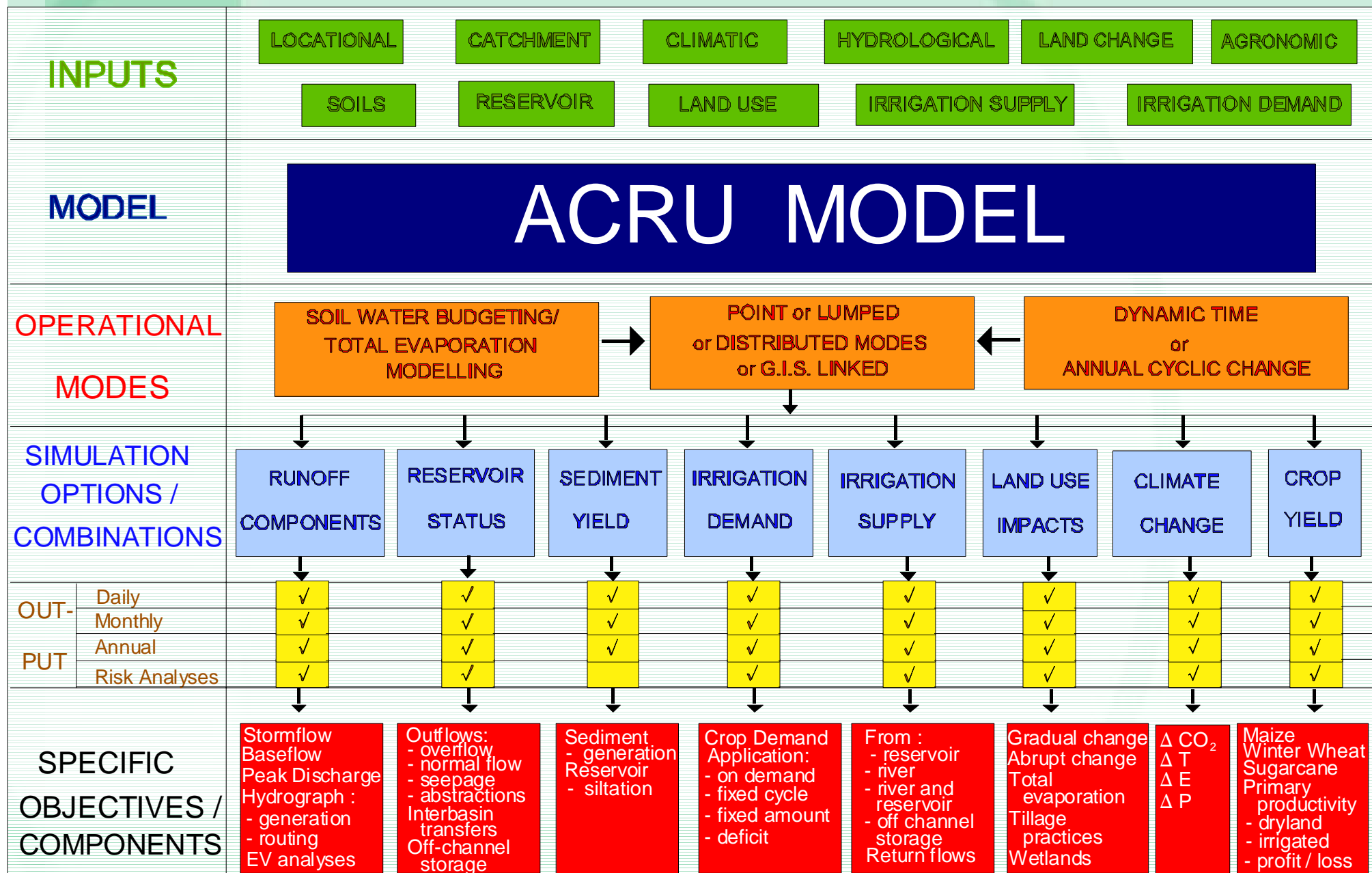
***(b) An appropriate hydrological model***



# MODELLING IMPACTS OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE ON HYDROLOGICAL RESPONSES AND WATER RESOURCES

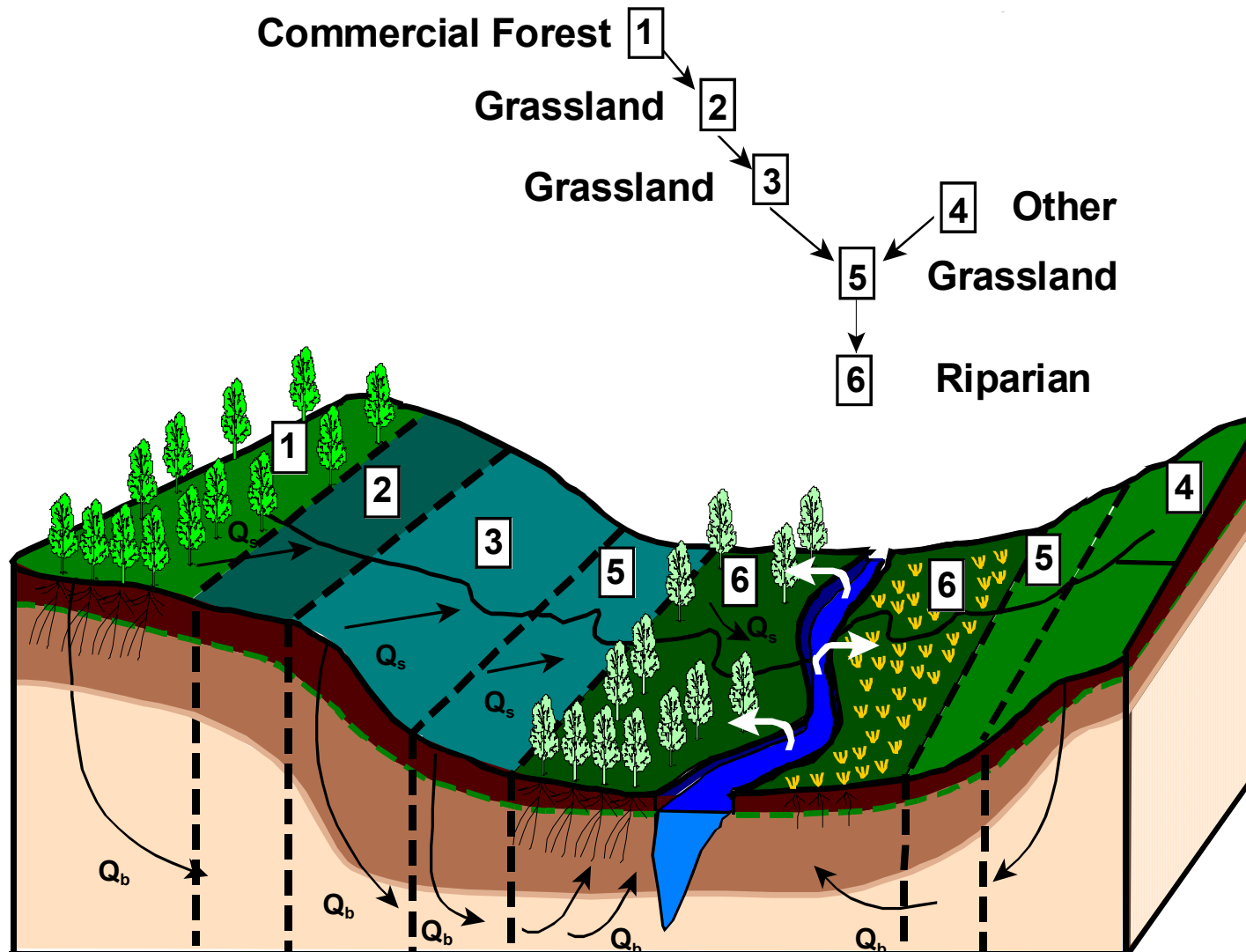






# Hillslope and Riparian Zone Processes in ACRU

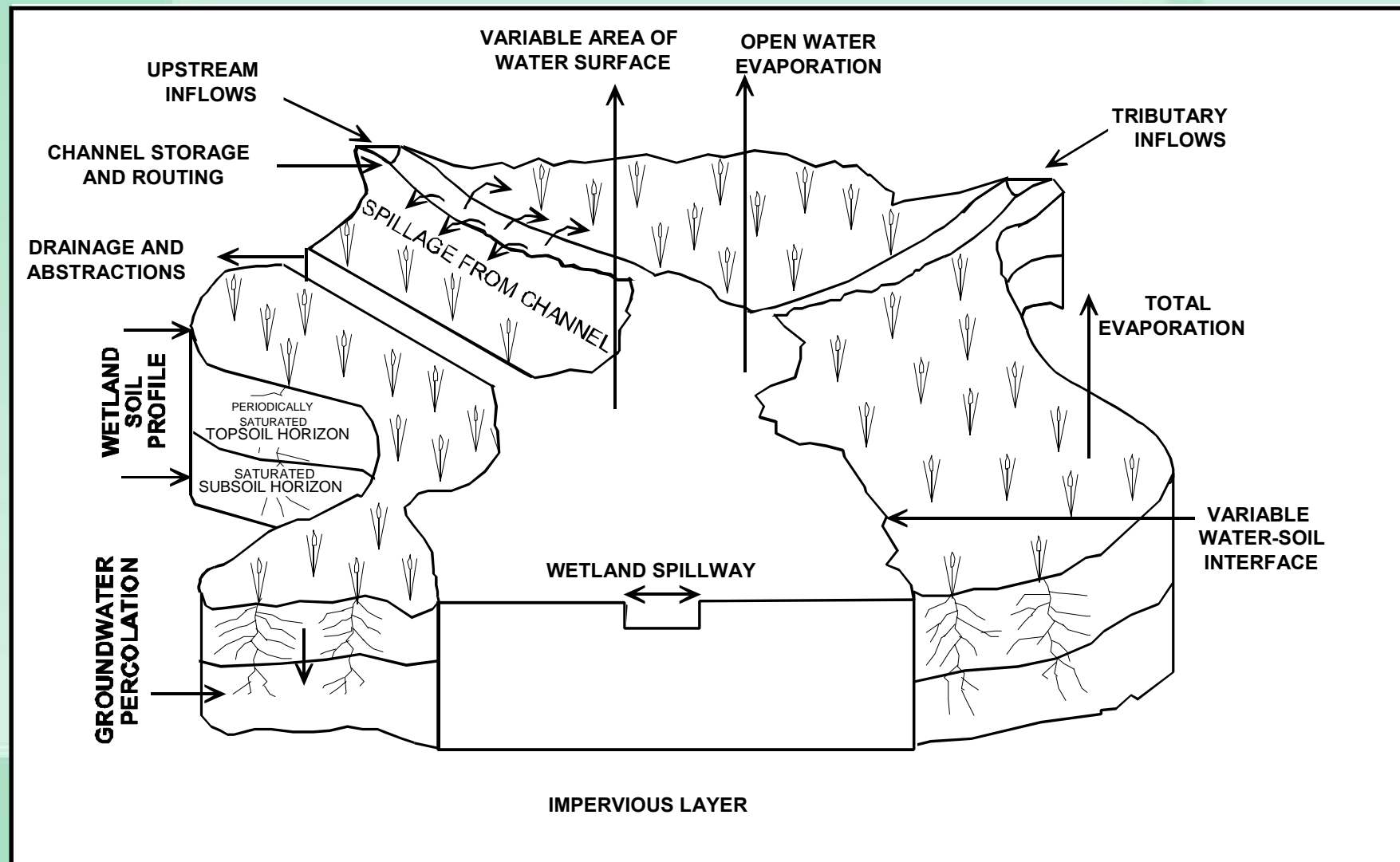
(after Meier et al., 1997; Schulze, 2000b)





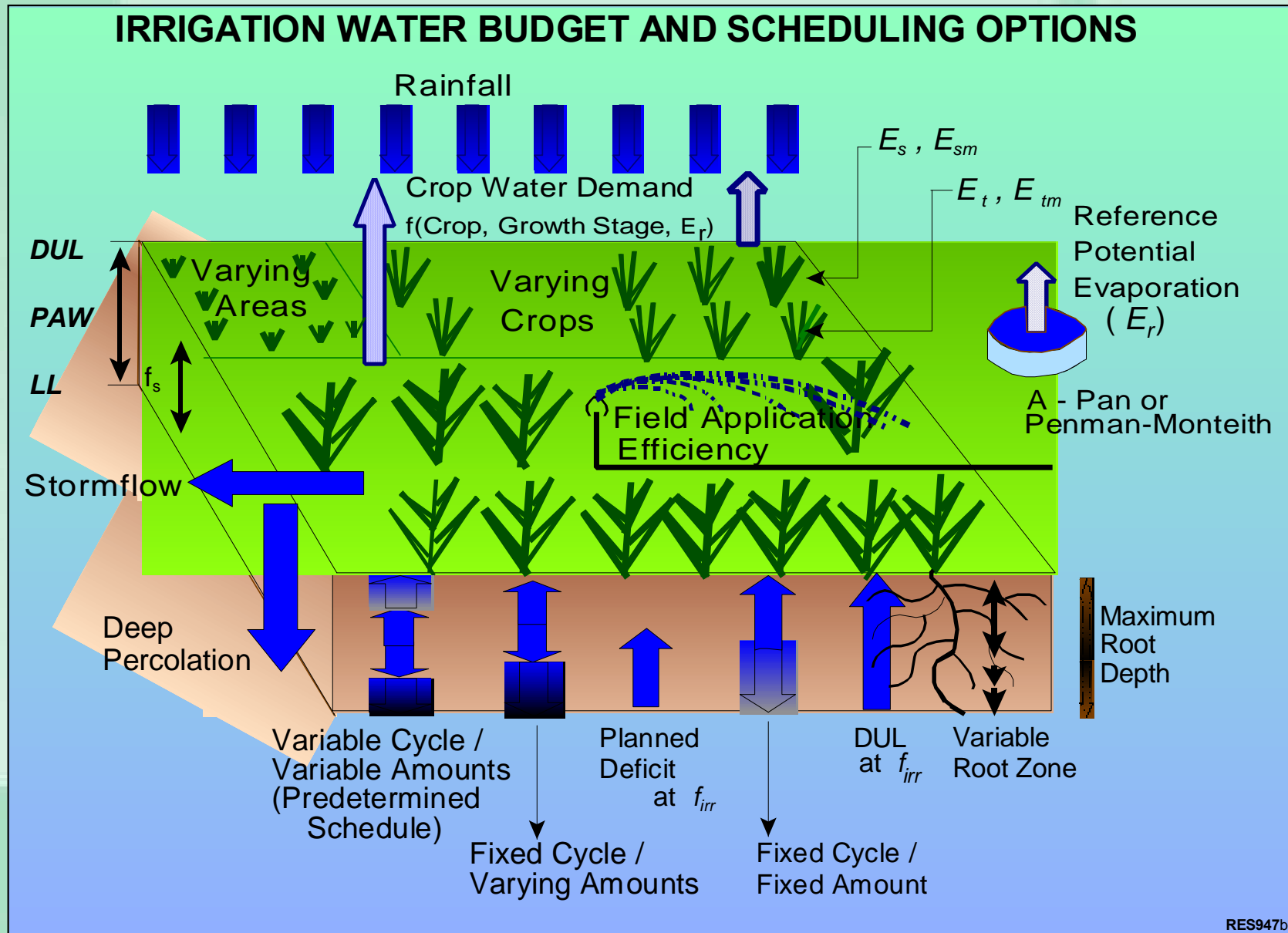
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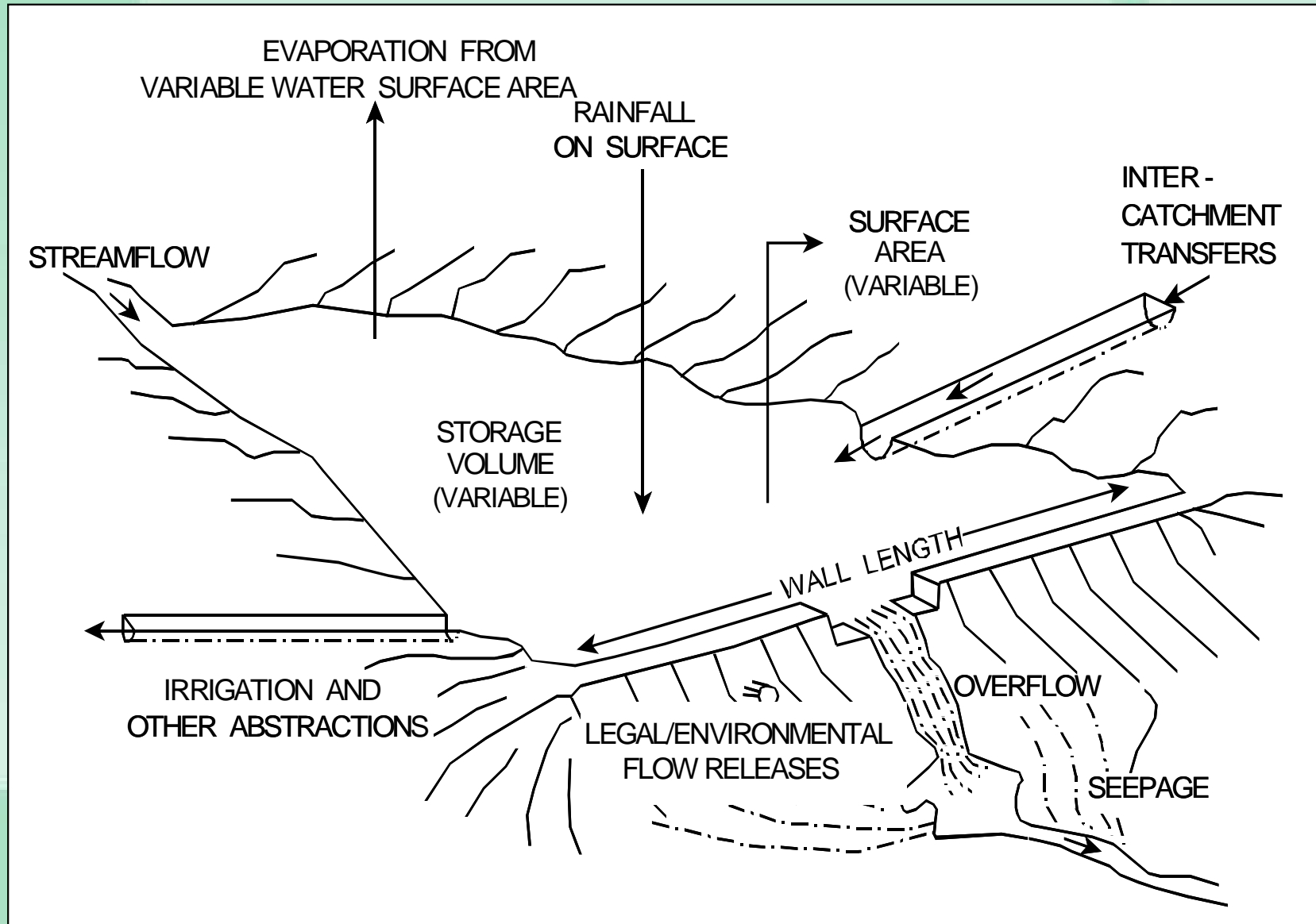


# Schematic of Irrigation Water Demand and Scheduling Options Available in ACRU

(after Schulze, 1995 and updates)



# ***Schematic of the Reservoir Water Budget in ACRU (after Schulze, 1995)***

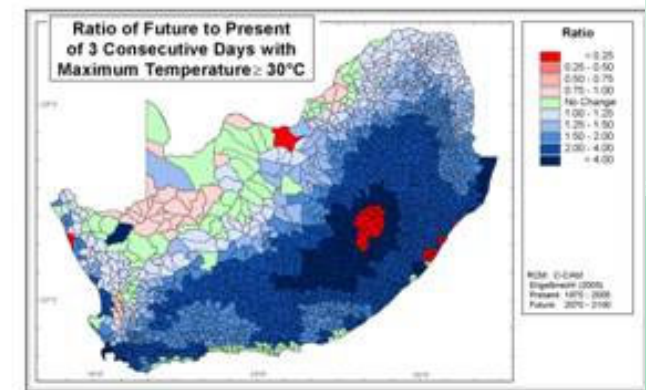
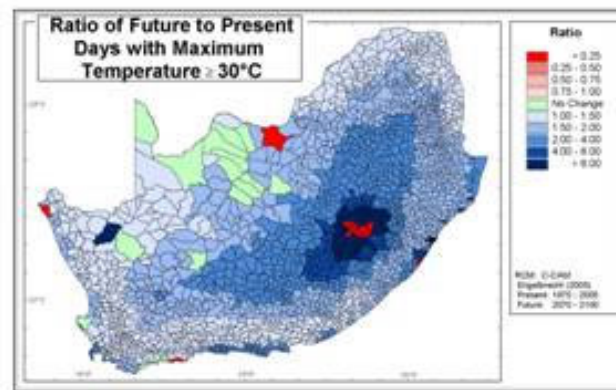
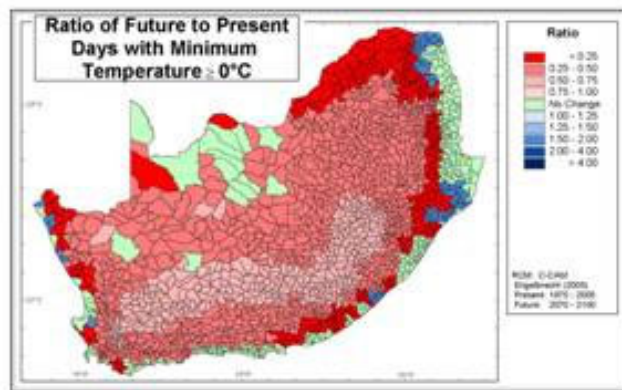
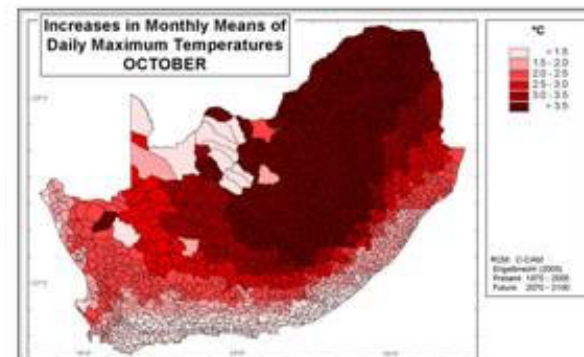
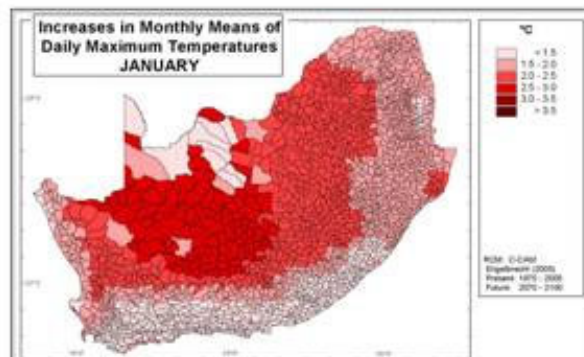
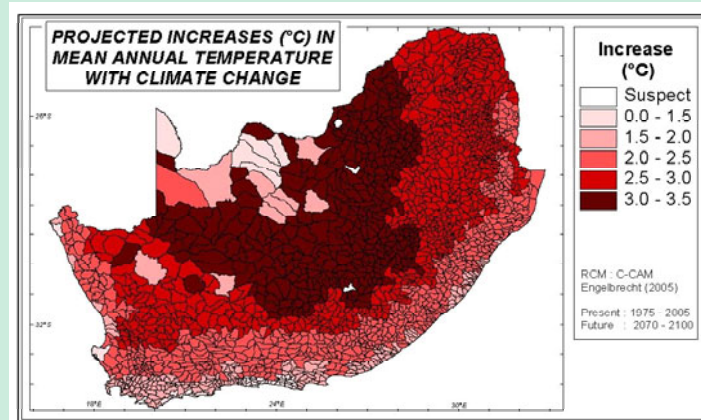


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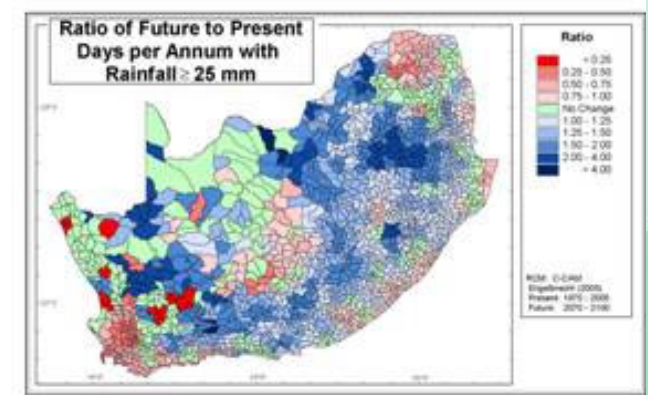
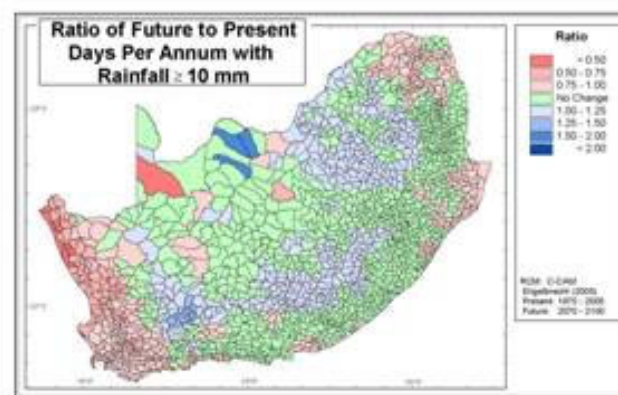
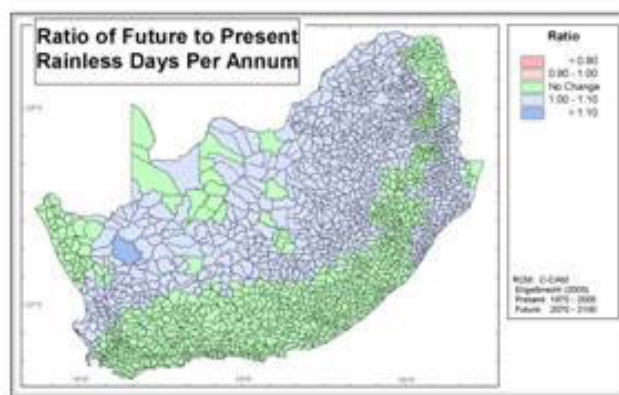
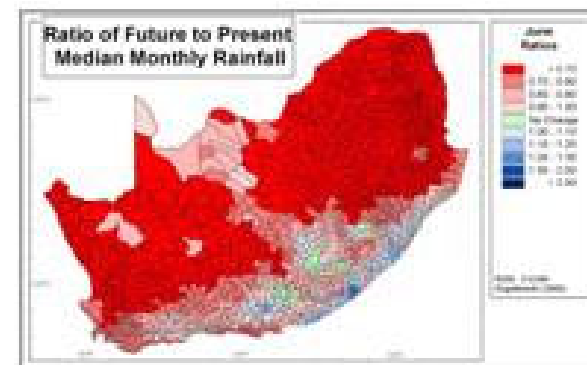
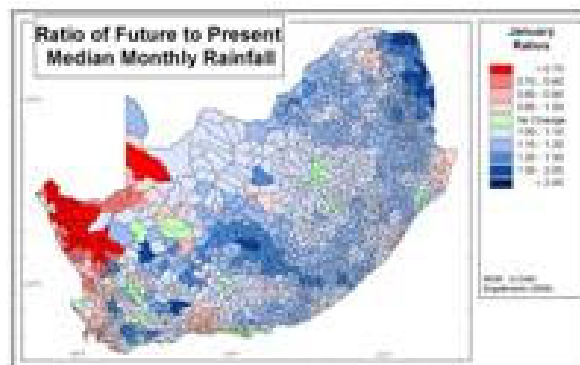
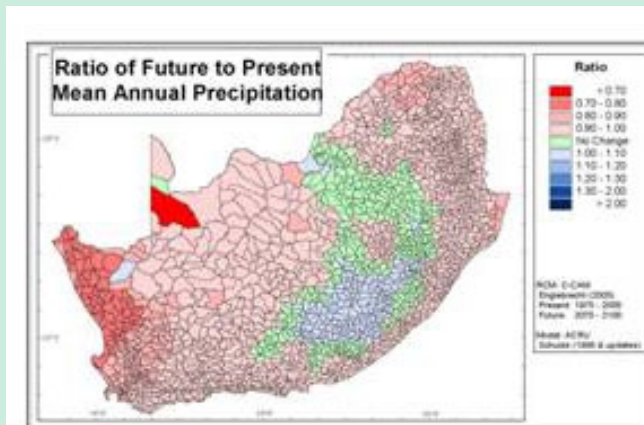
***(c) Meaningful water management issues***

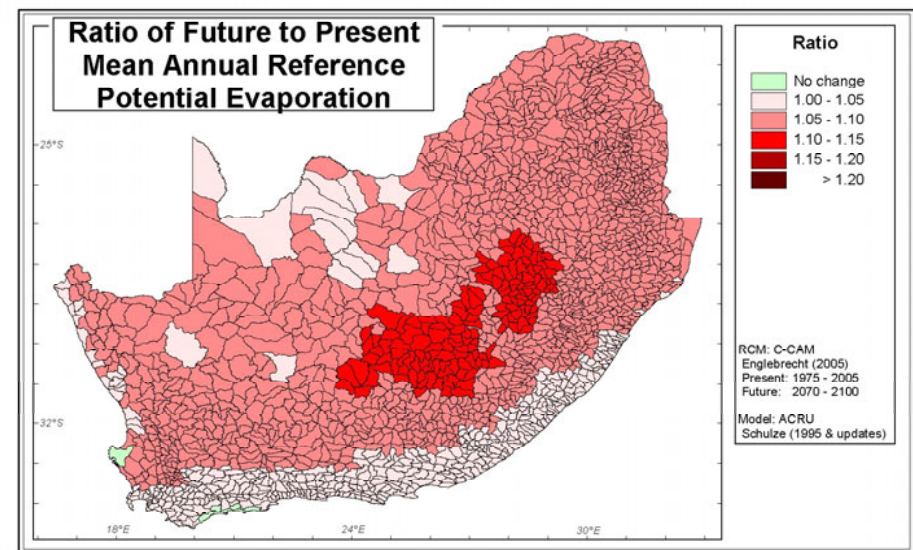
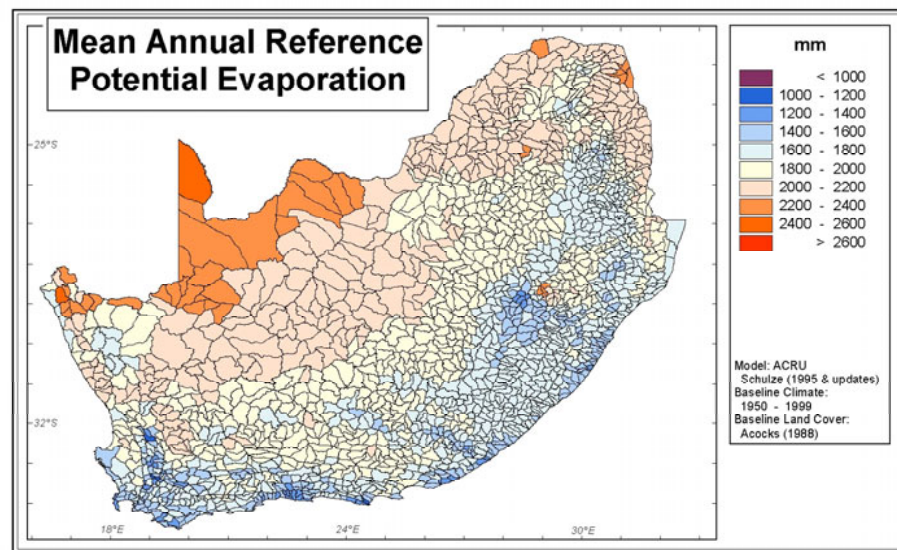


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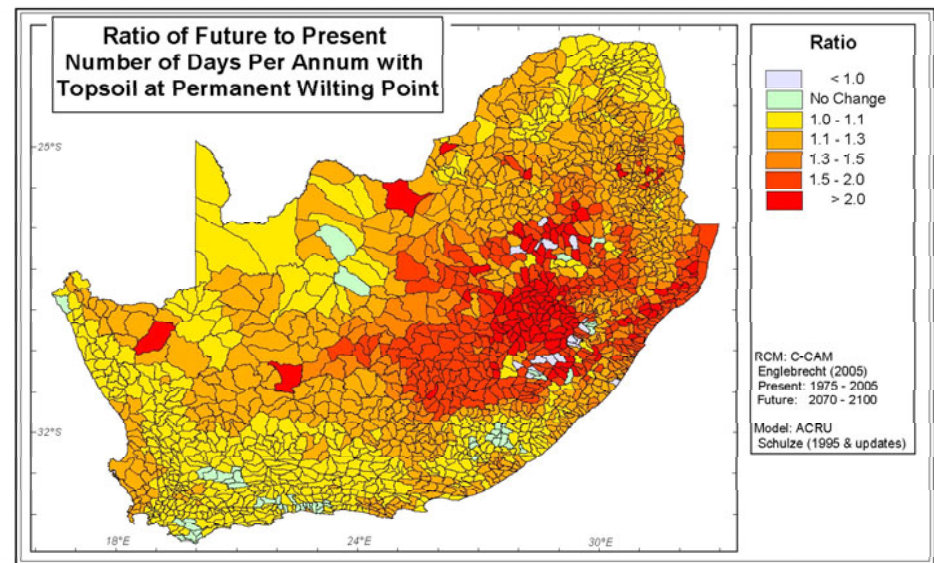
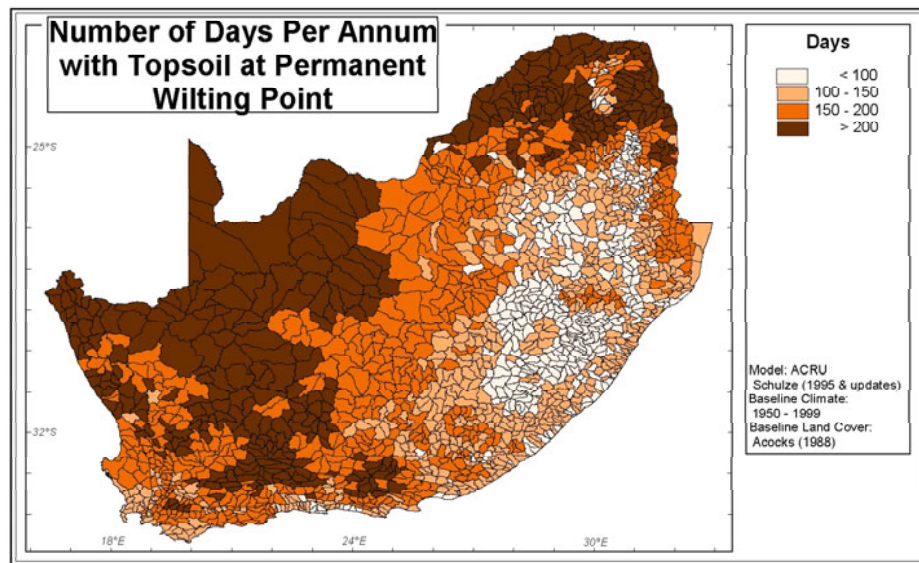


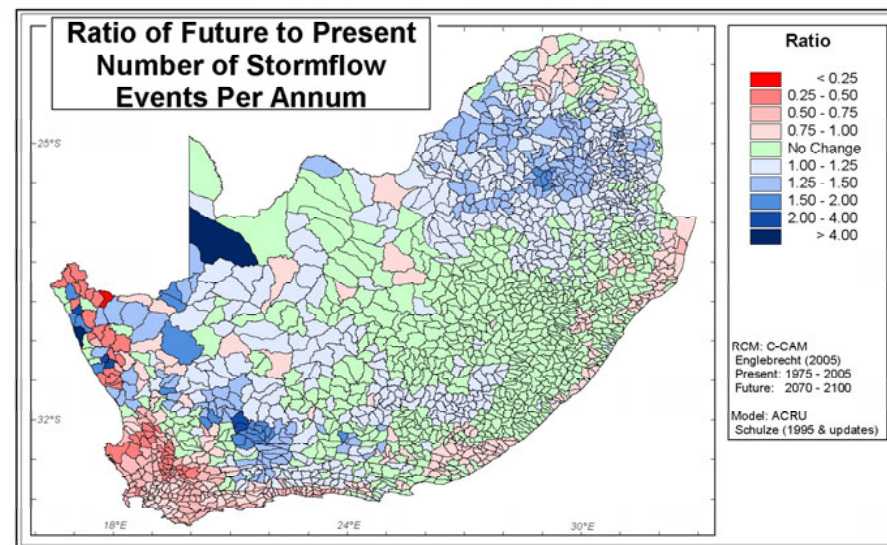
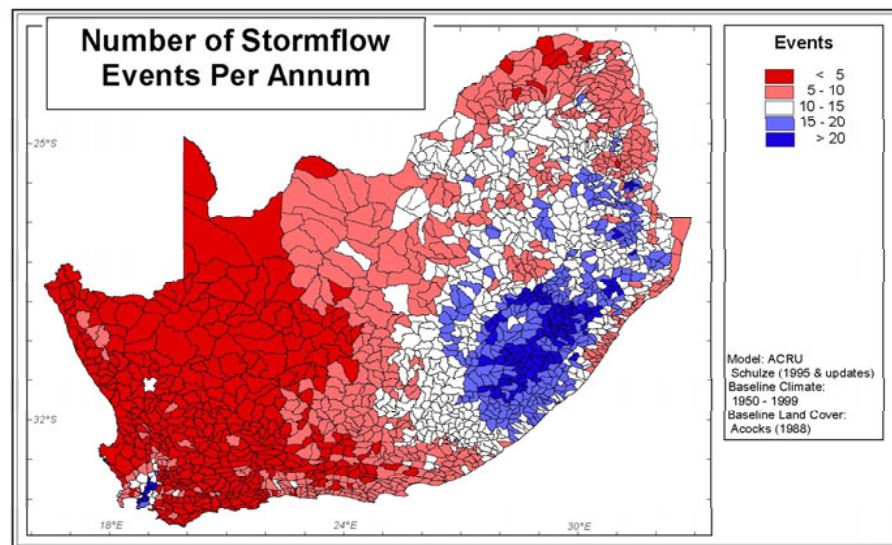
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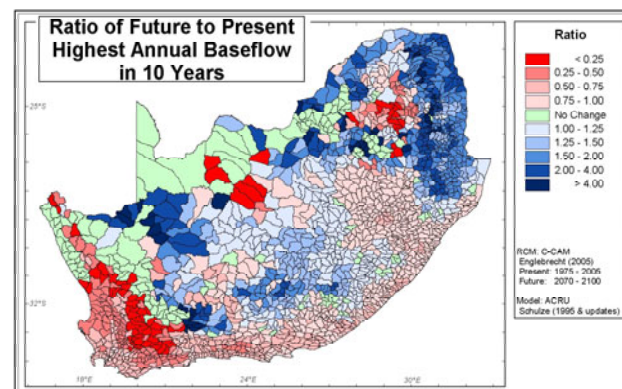
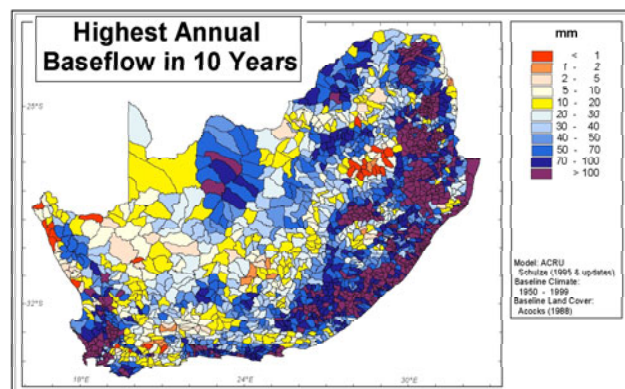
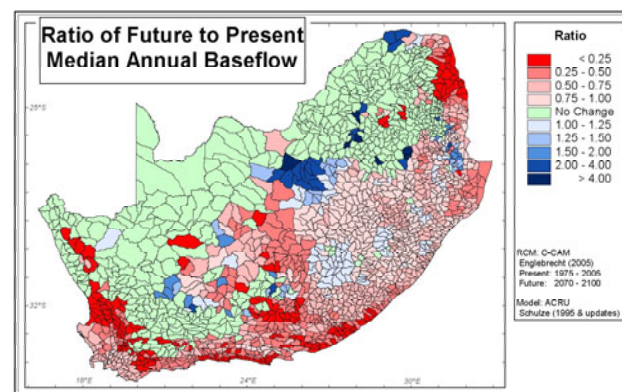
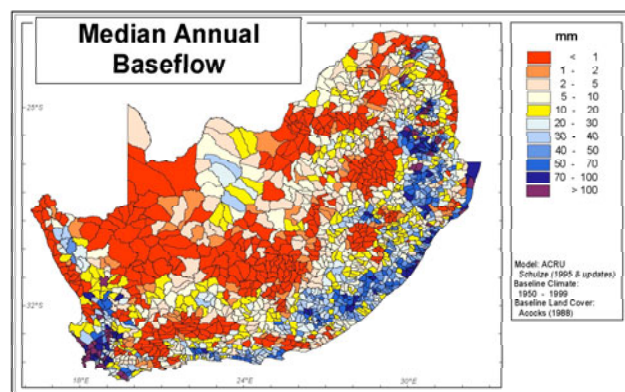
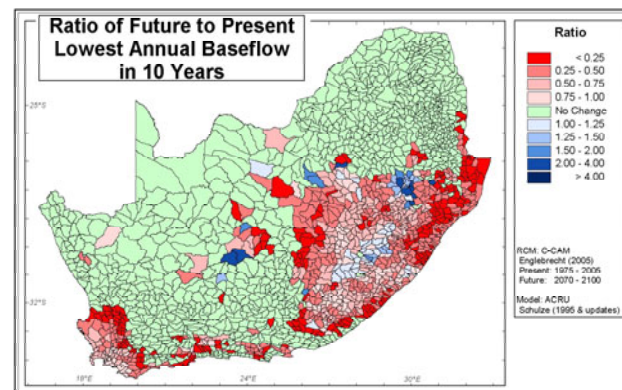
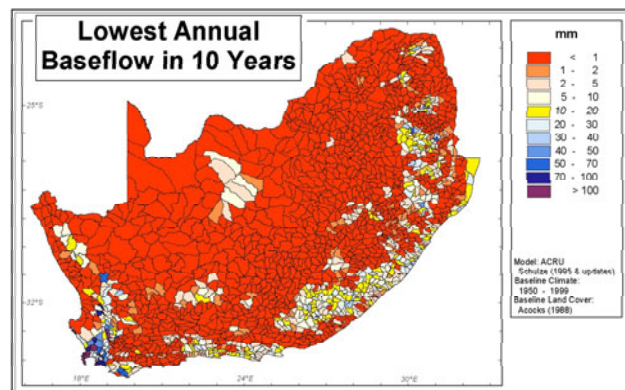




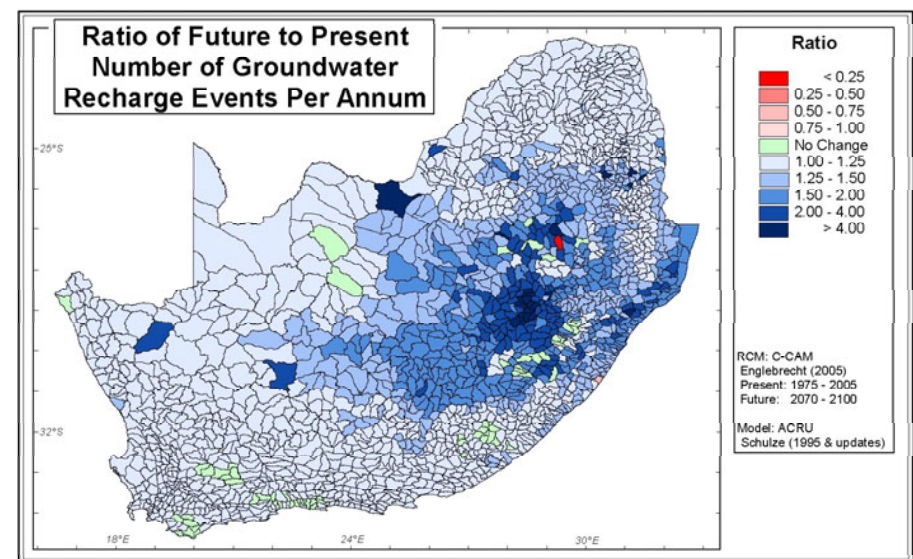
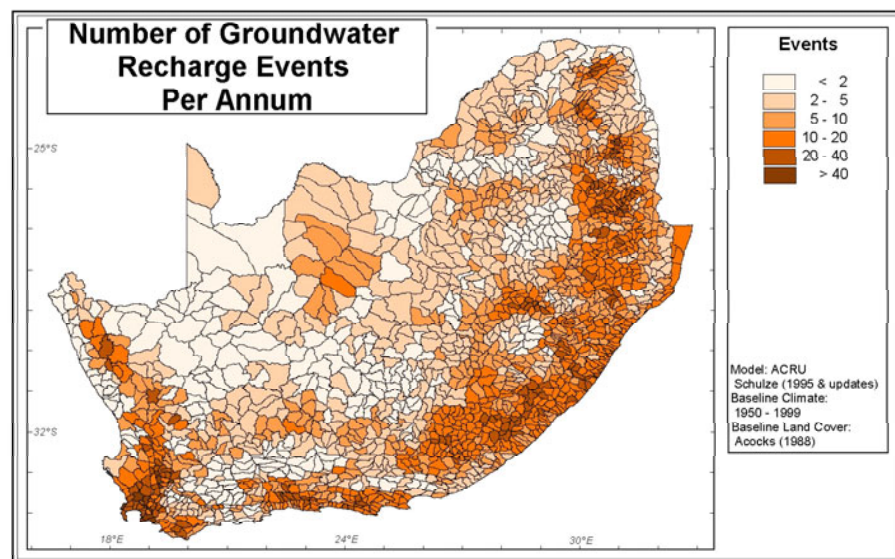




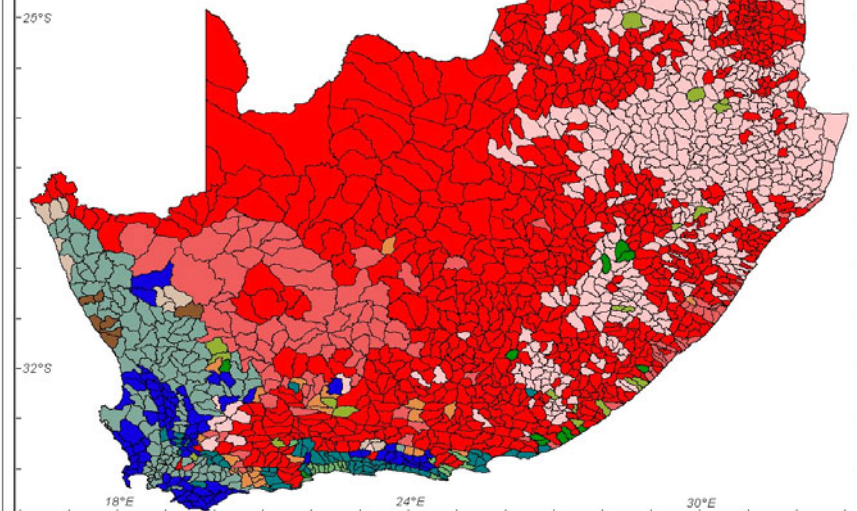








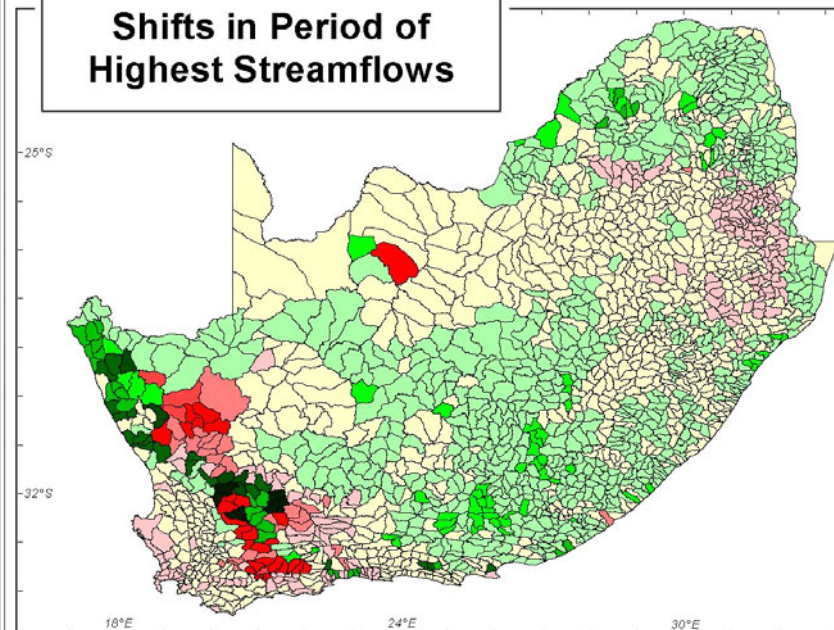
# Period of Highest Streamflows Derived from Baseline Climate Data



- Summer
- Dec - Feb
  - Jan - Mar
  - Feb - Apr
- Autumn
- Mar - May
  - Apr - Jun
  - May - Jul
- Winter
- Jun - Aug
  - Jul - Sep
  - Aug - Oct
- Spring
- Sep - Nov
  - Oct - Dec
  - Nov - Jan

Model: ACRU  
Schulze (1995 & updates)  
Baseline Climate:  
1950 - 1999  
Baseline Land Cover:  
Acocks (1988)

# Shifts in Period of Highest Streamflows

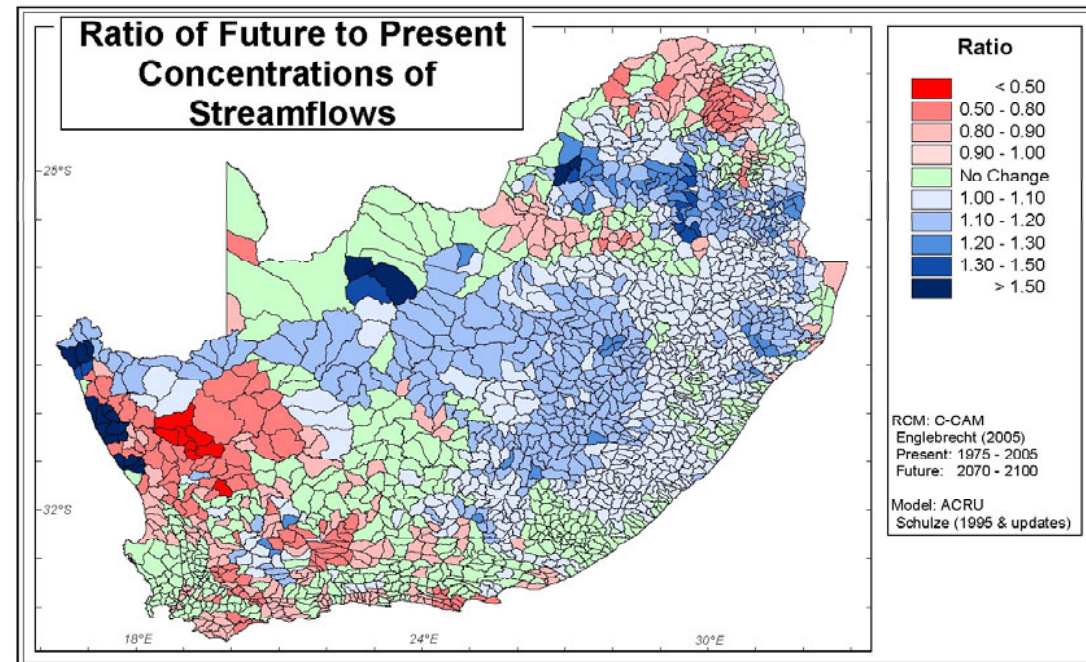
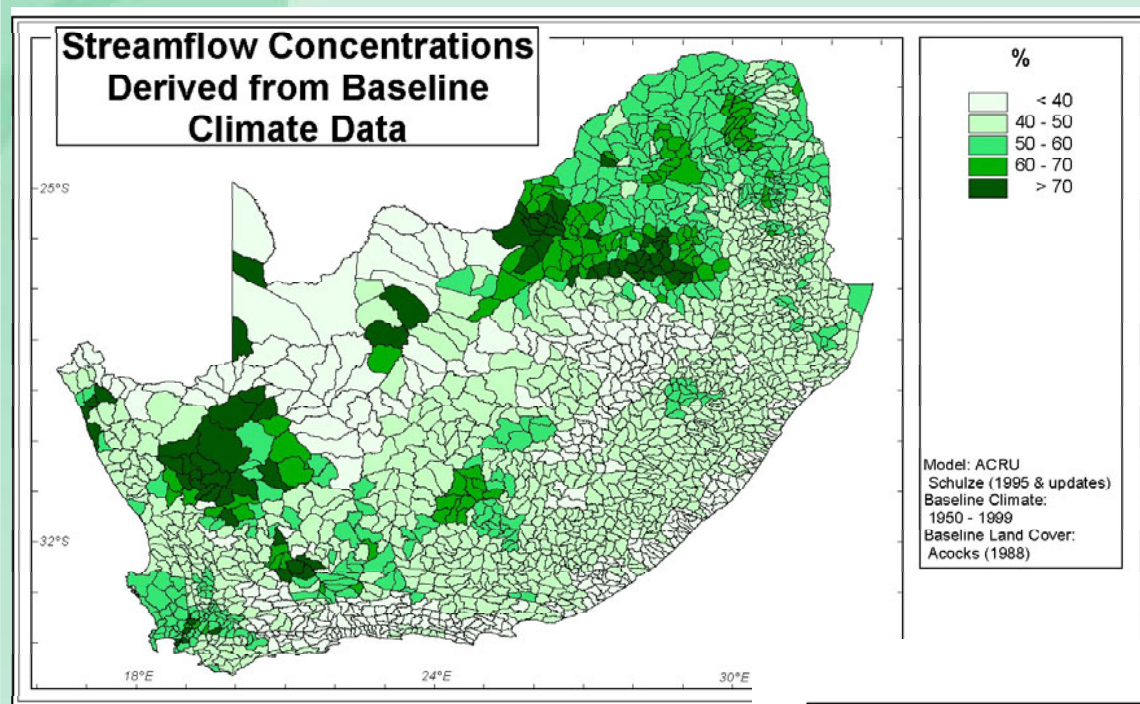


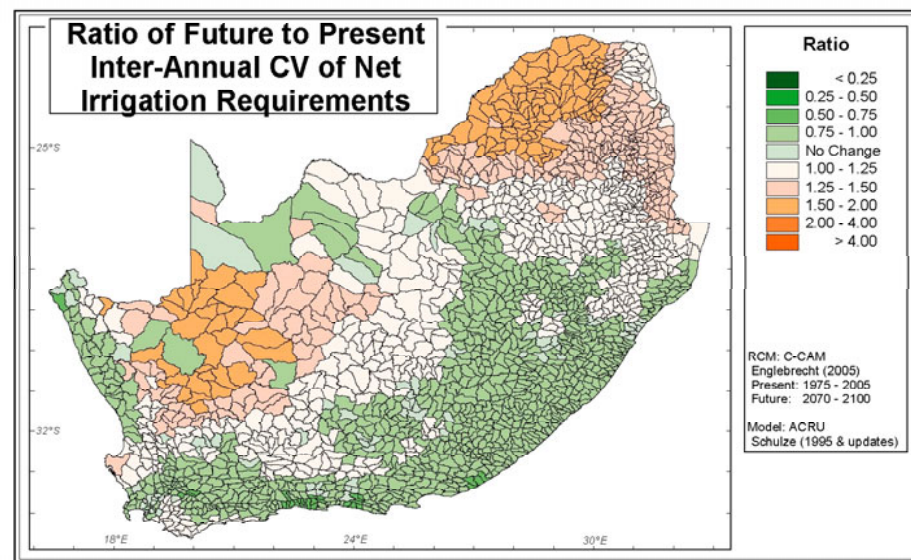
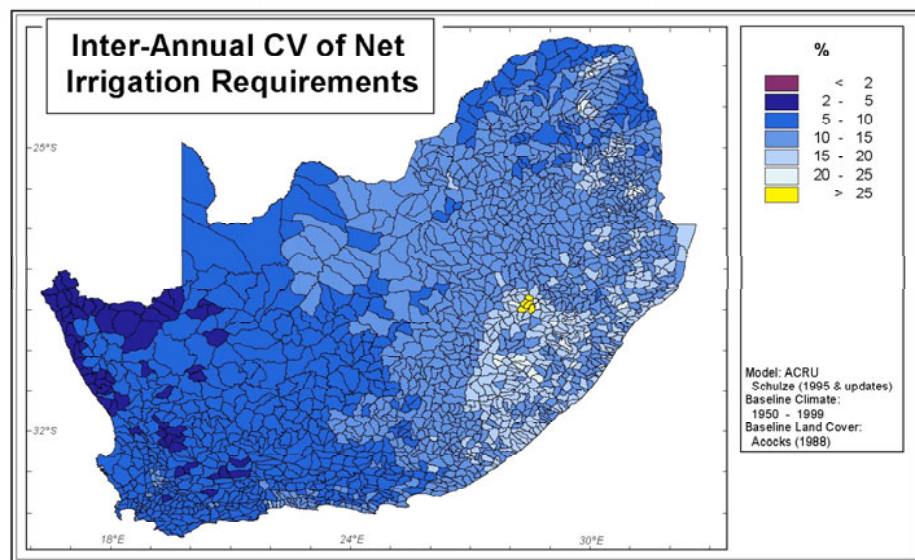
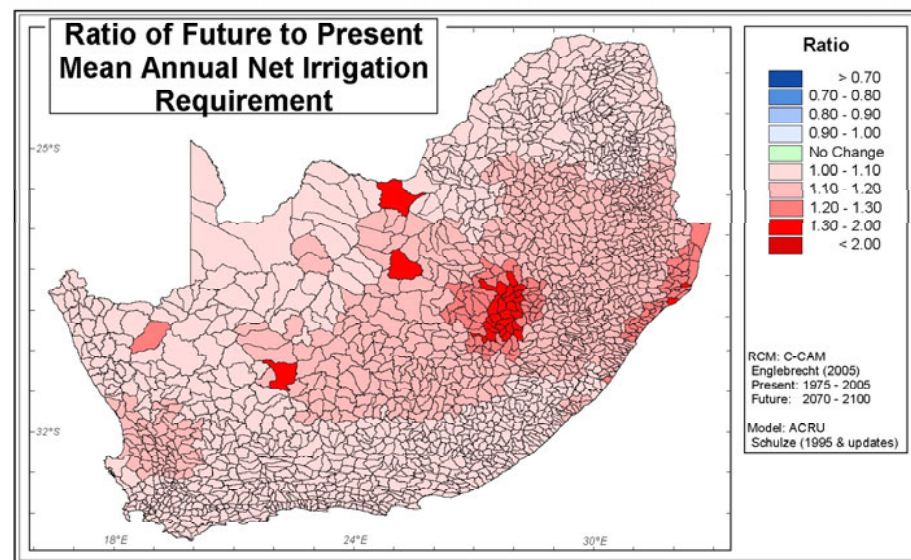
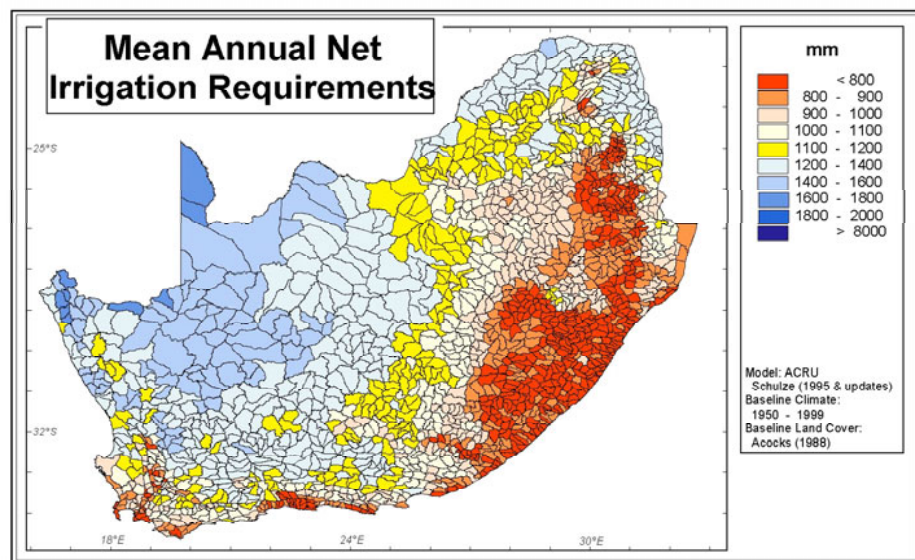
- Shift (Months)
- 6 Months Earlier
  - 5 Months Earlier
  - 4 Months Earlier
  - 3 Months Earlier
  - 2 Months Earlier
  - 1 Month Earlier
  - No Shift
  - 1 Month Later
  - 2 Months Later
  - 3 Months Later
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  - 5 Months Later

RCM: C-CAM  
Englebrecht (2005)  
Present: 1975 - 2005  
Future: 2070 - 2100

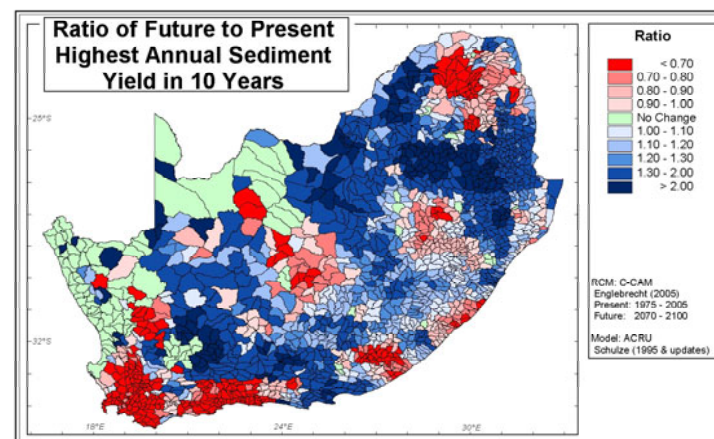
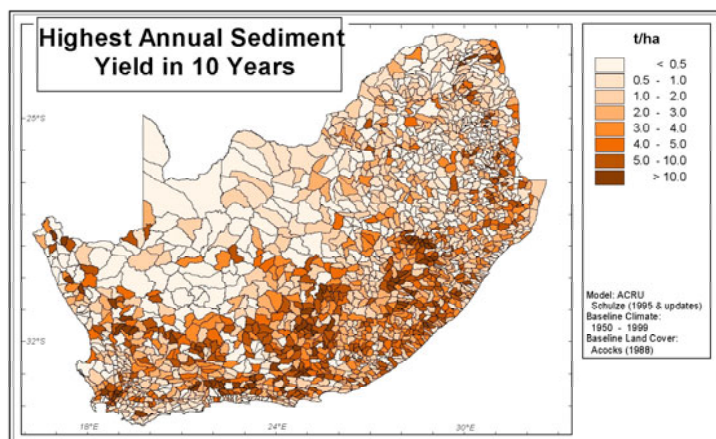
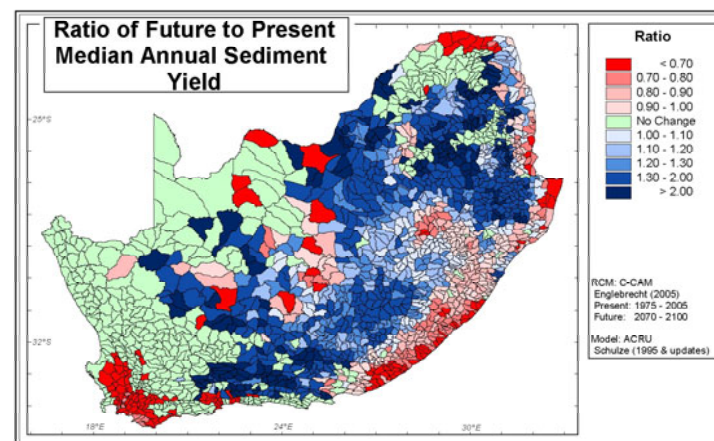
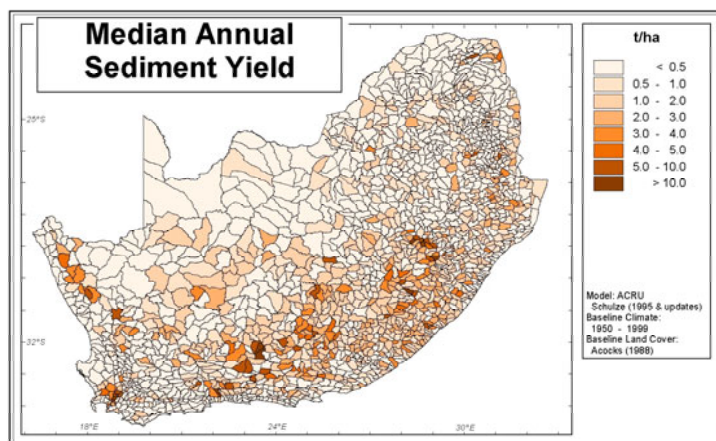
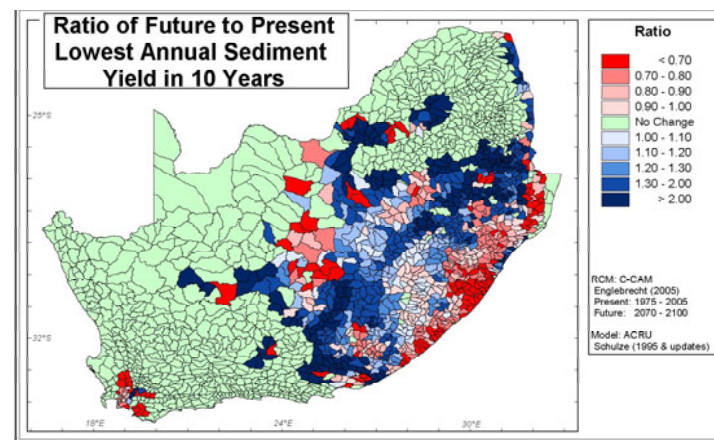
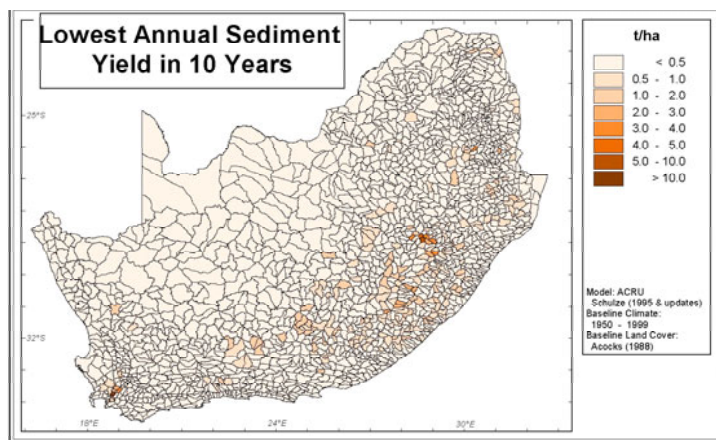
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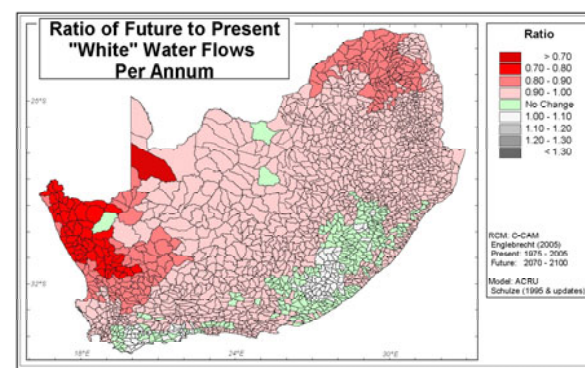
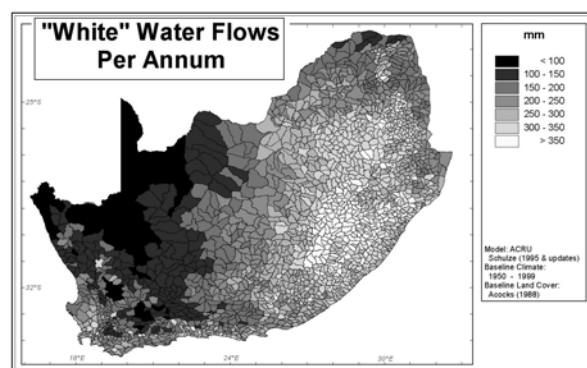
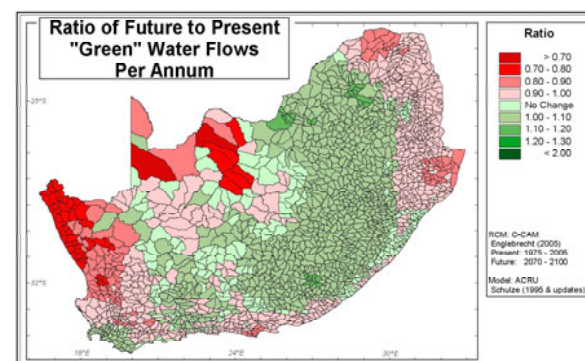
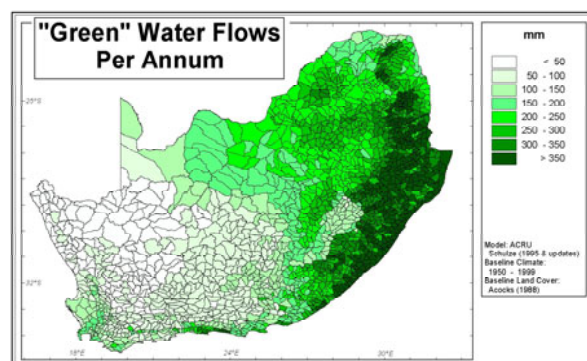
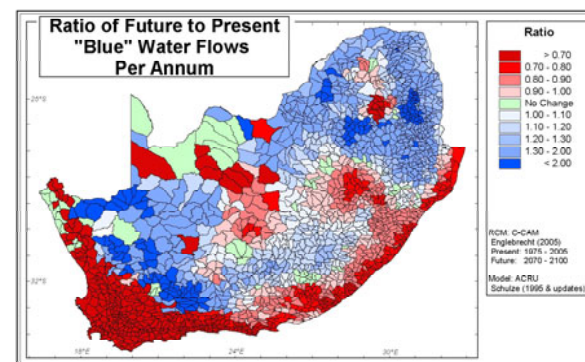
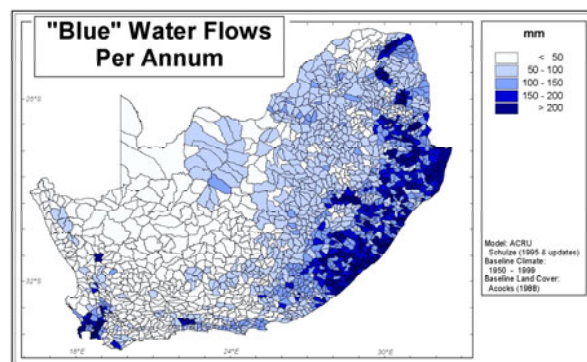








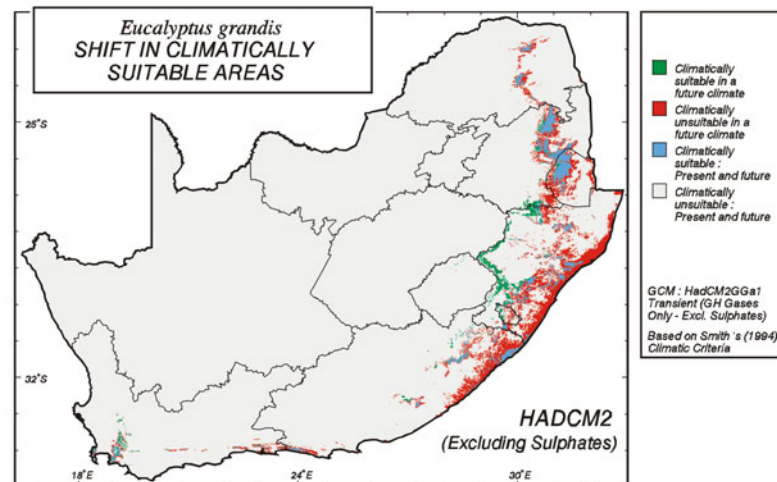
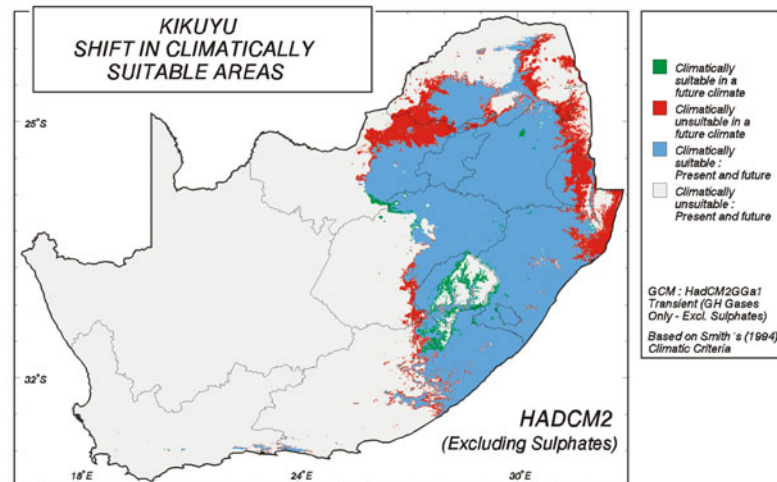
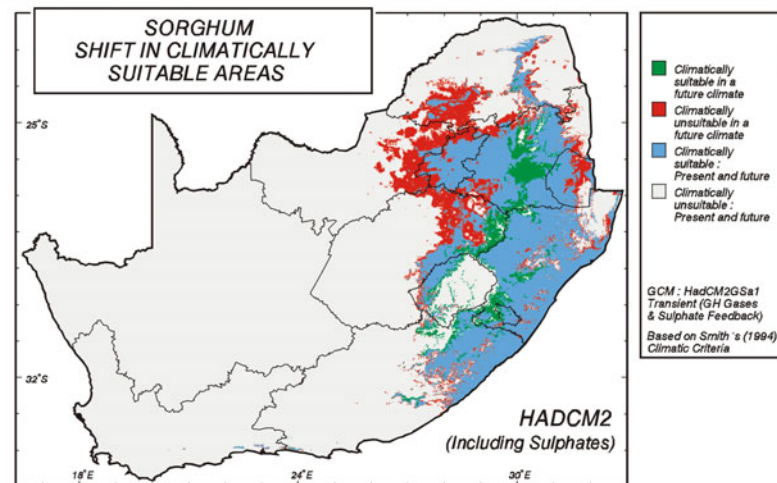




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WHICH WATER RESOURCES  
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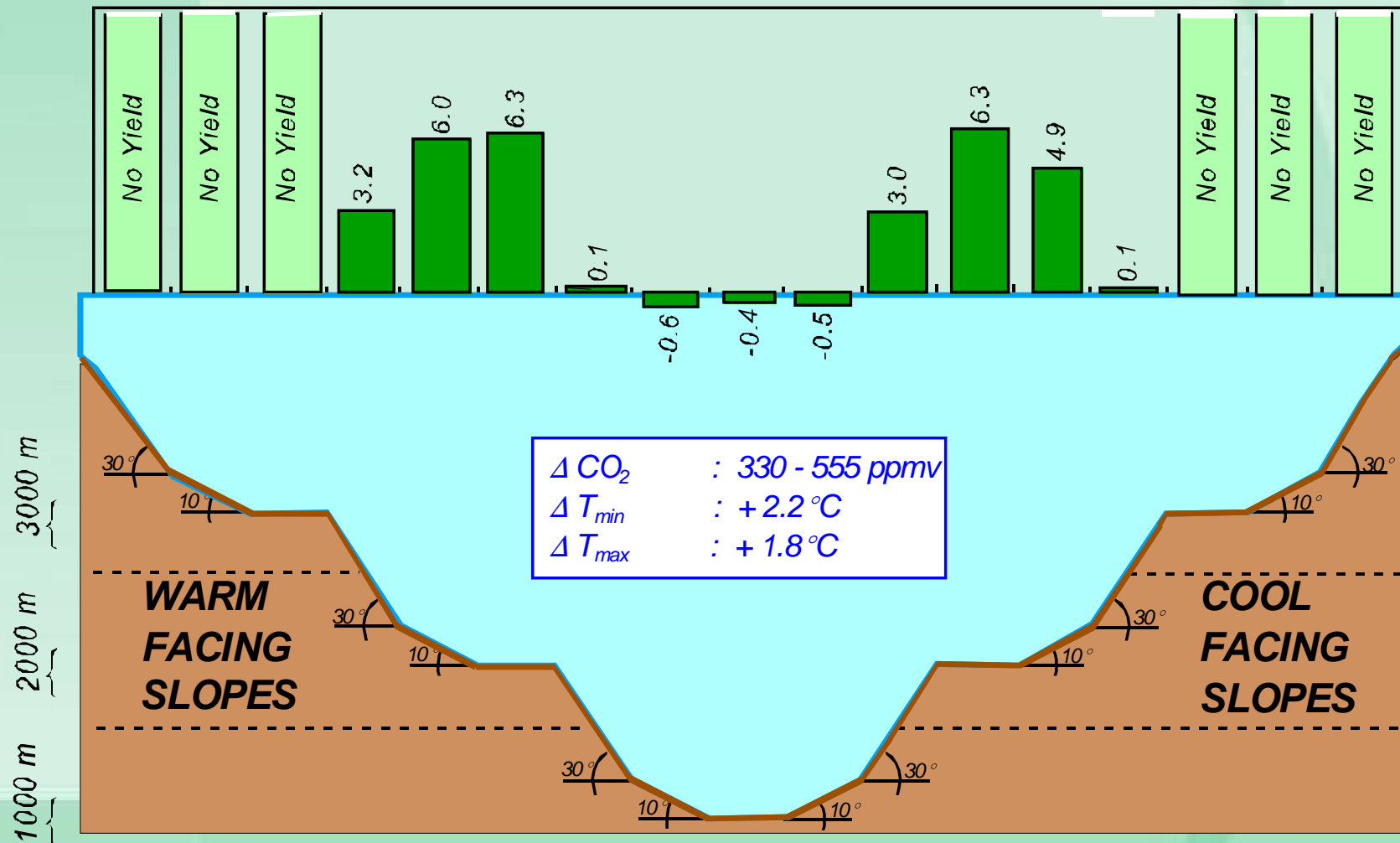
***1. WATER RESOURCES PLANNERS  
CANNOT VIEW CLIMATE CHANGE  
IMPACTS ON HYDROLOGY IN  
ISOLATION, WITHOUT  
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IN LAND USE***





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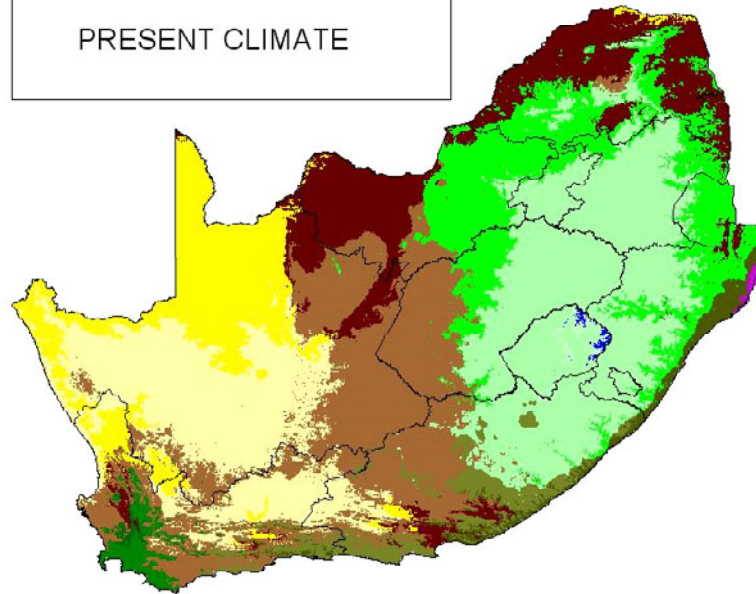
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## ***2. HYDROLOGICAL BASELINES WILL SHIFT WITH CLIMATE CHANGE***

# PRESENT CLIMATE

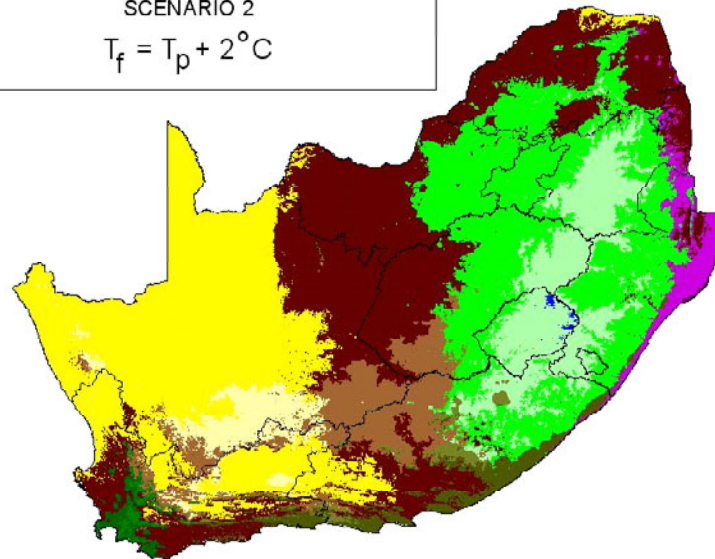


## Köppen Climate Type

- Am
- Aw
- BSh
- BSk
- BWWh
- BWk
- Cfa
- Cfb
- Csa
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- Cwb
- Cwc
- ET

# SCENARIO 2

$$T_f = T_p + 2^{\circ}\text{C}$$



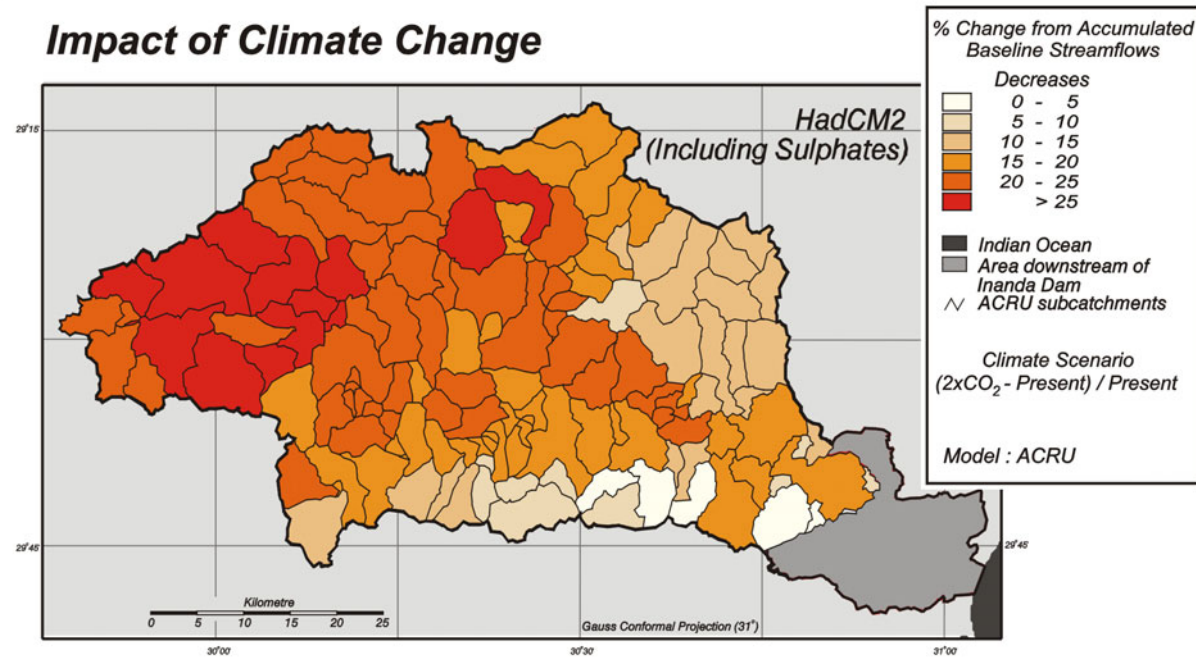
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- ET

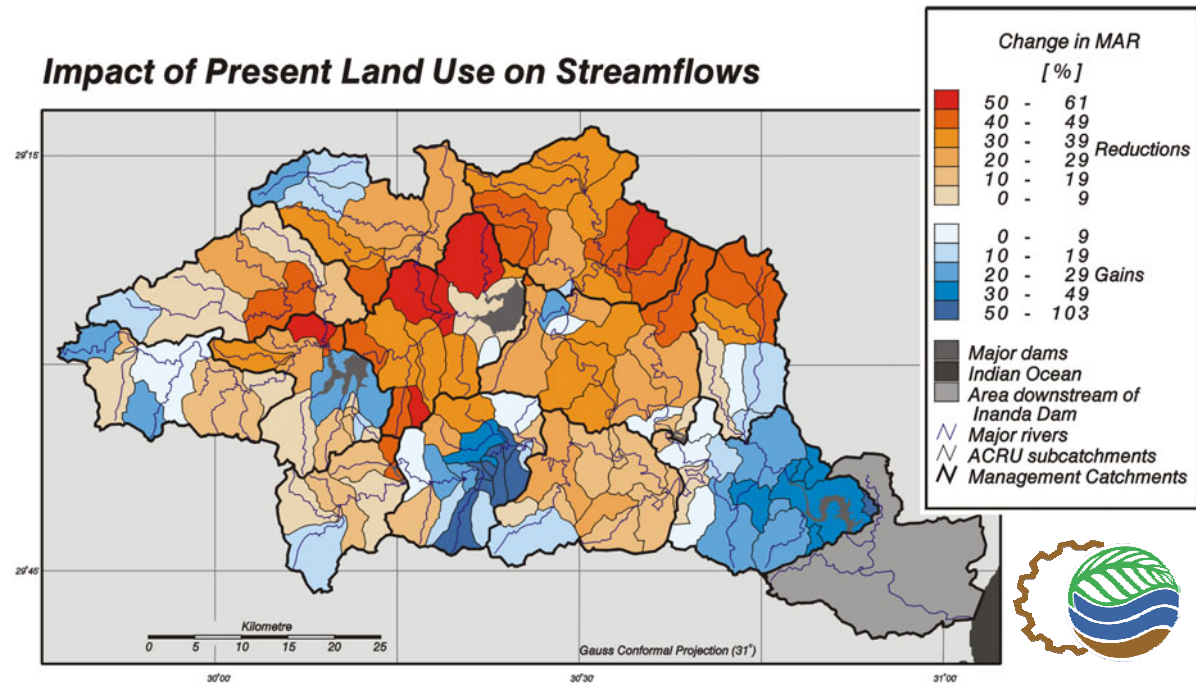
T = Temperature  
p = Present climate  
f = Future scenario

**3. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ARE  
LIKELY TO BE SUPERIMPOSED  
UNI-DIRECTIONALLY ON  
ALREADY EXISTING COMPLEX  
MULTI-DIRECTIONAL LAND USE  
IMPACTS**

## Impact of Climate Change

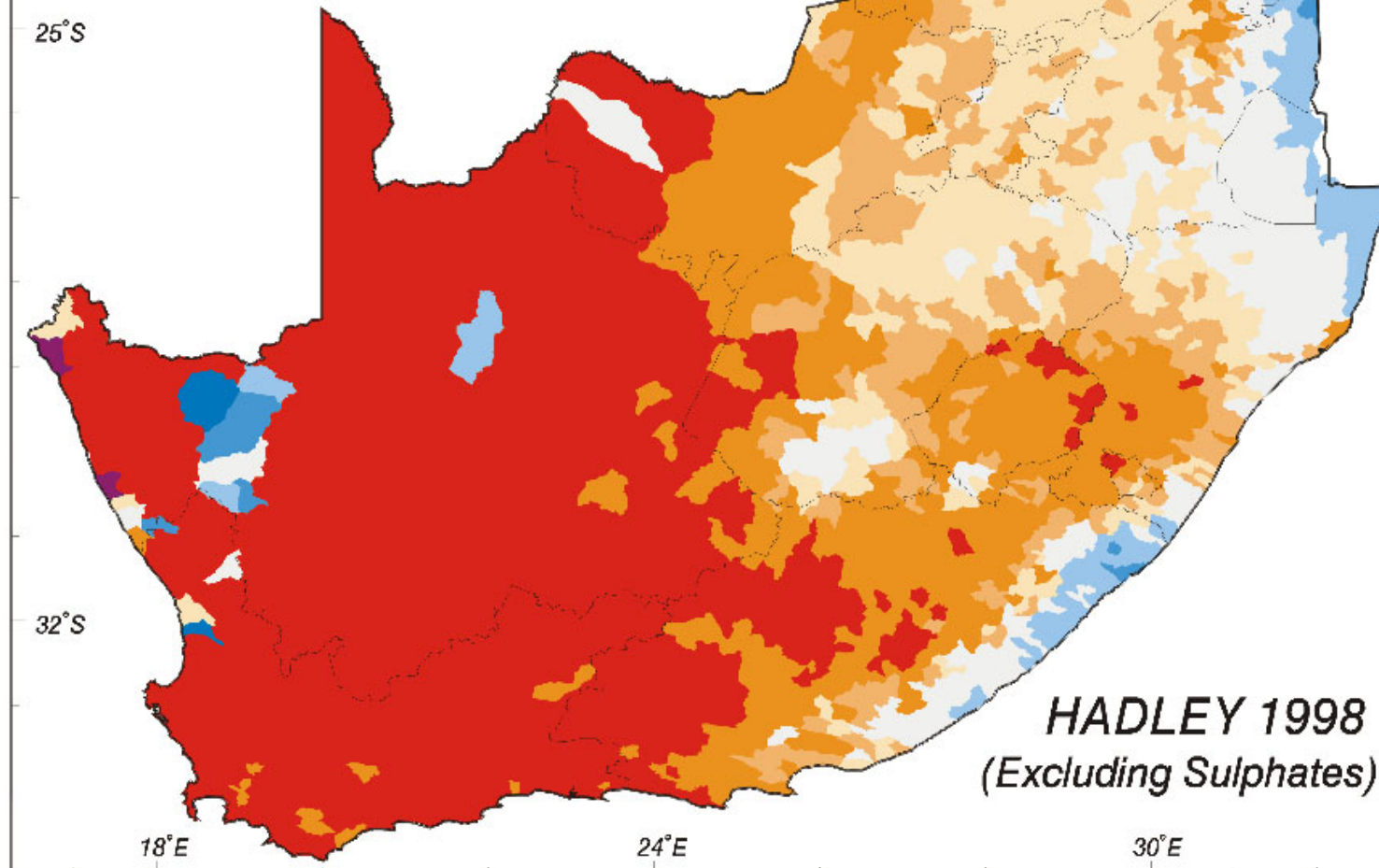


## Impact of Present Land Use on Streamflows



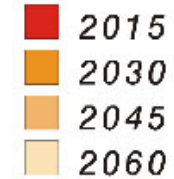
**5. *IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE  
MAY BE FELT SOONER THAN WE  
WOULD WISH, WITH  
REPERCUSSIONS NOT SPREAD  
EVENLY ACROSS THE COUNTRY***

**THRESHOLD ANALYSIS OF  
MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF  
10% Change in Runoff**

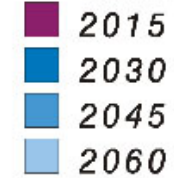


**Year**

**10% Decrease**



**10% Increase**



GCM : Hadley Version 2  
Transient (GH Gases  
Only - Excl. Sulphates)

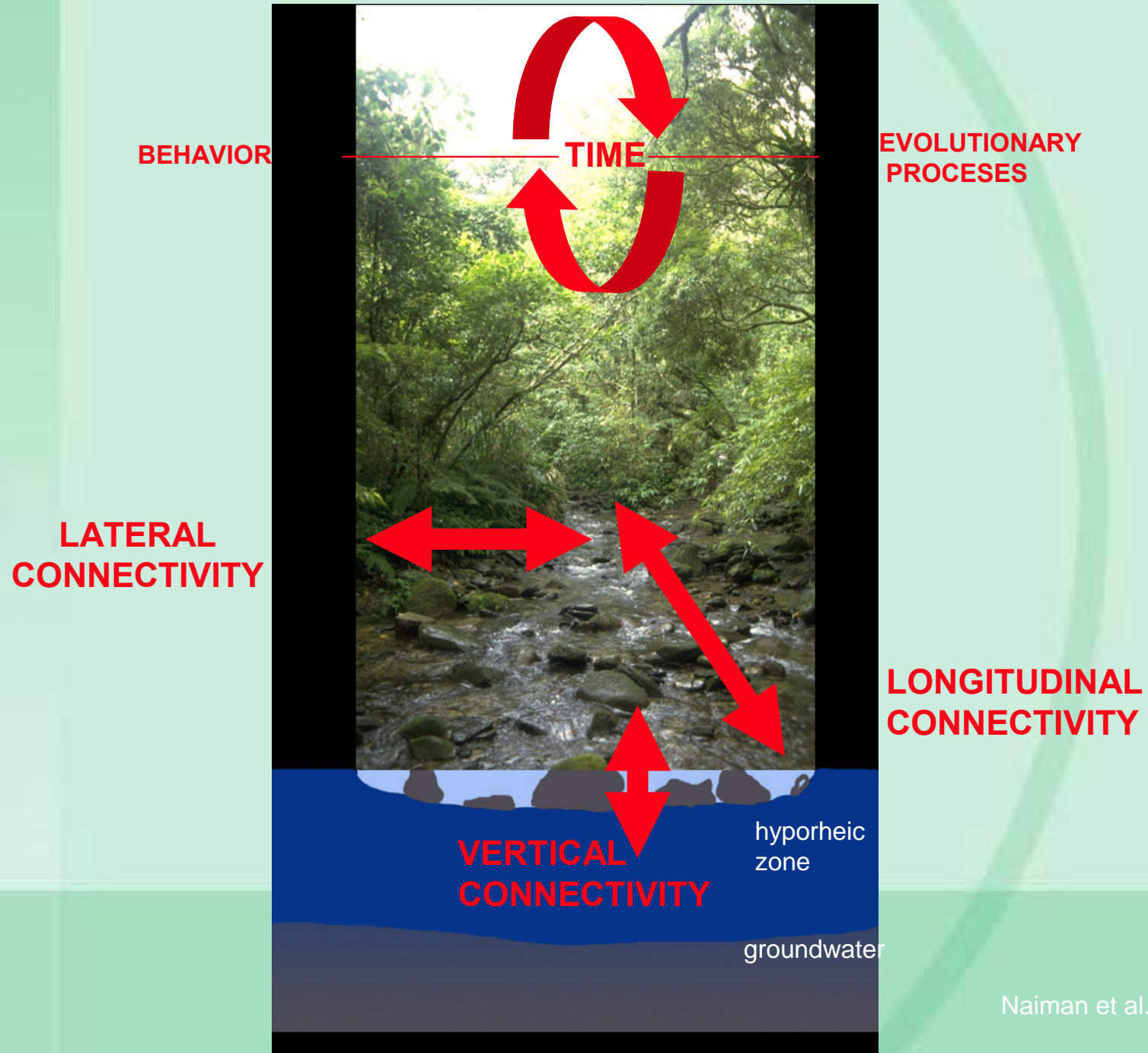
Model : ACRU



## **6. CLIMATE, WATER AND ECOSYSTEMS**

- ☐ ***Freshwater is an essential driver of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems***
- ☐ ***The environment is a legitimate water user***
- ☐ ***Water for the environment is NOT a competing resource***
- ☐ ***Providing water for the environment = providing water for people (directly and indirectly)***

# CONNECTIVITY & VARIABILITY: DRIVING THE VITALITY OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS





# 7. WATER AND HEALTH

## Water is Involved in Transmission of Diseases

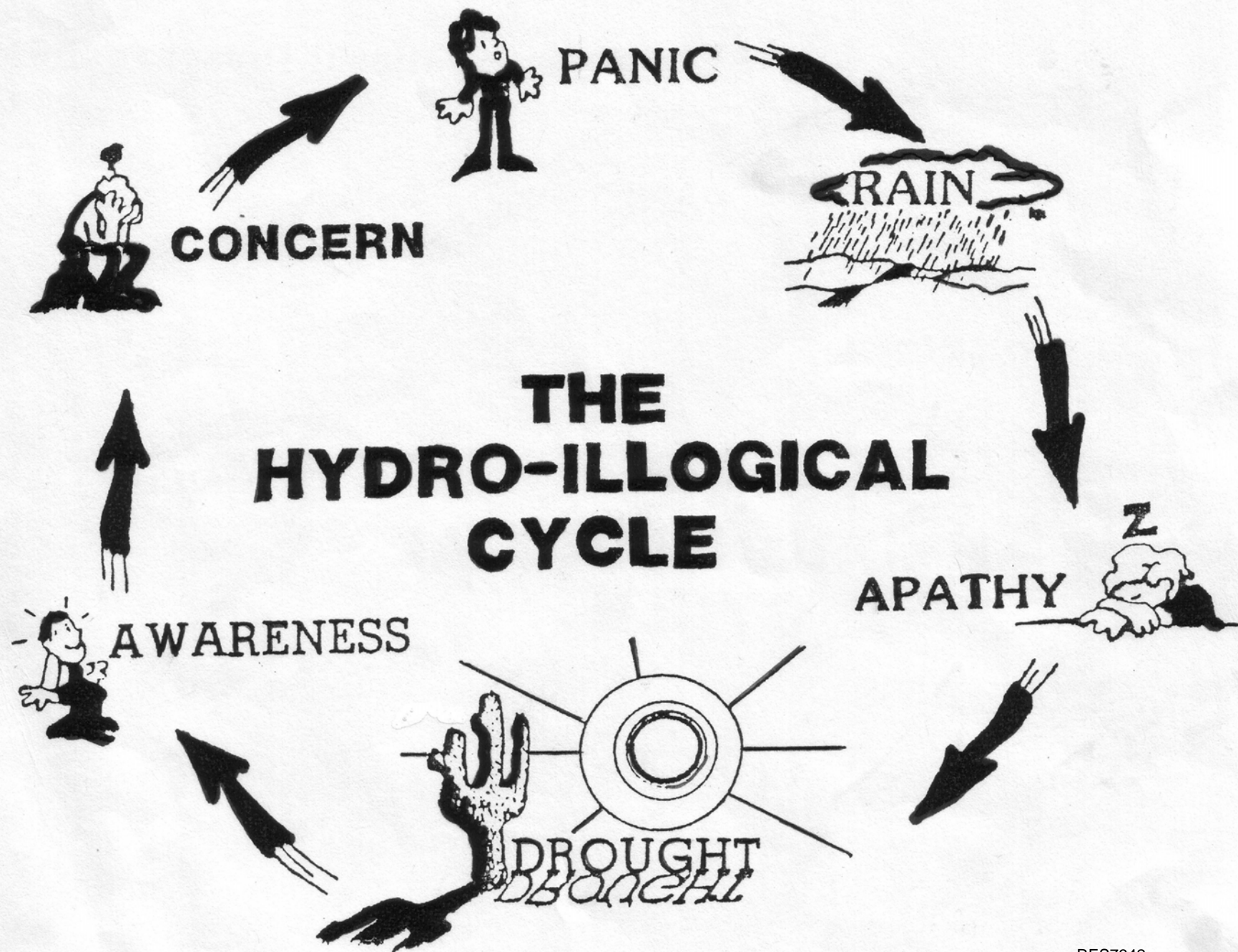
- ☐ **Water-borne diseases**
  - contamination by faeces, infected urine, bacteria
  - direct transmission through drinking
- ☐ **Water-washed diseases**
  - from inadequate personal hygiene, often because of water scarcity
- ☐ **Water-based diseases**
  - parasites whose hosts live in/near water
- ☐ **Water-related diseases**
  - borne by insect vectors, habitats in/near water (e.g. malaria)
- ☐ **Water-dispersed diseases**
  - infections whose agents proliferate in fresh water

**NB: Variability of water availability/flows is often a major trigger to disease!**

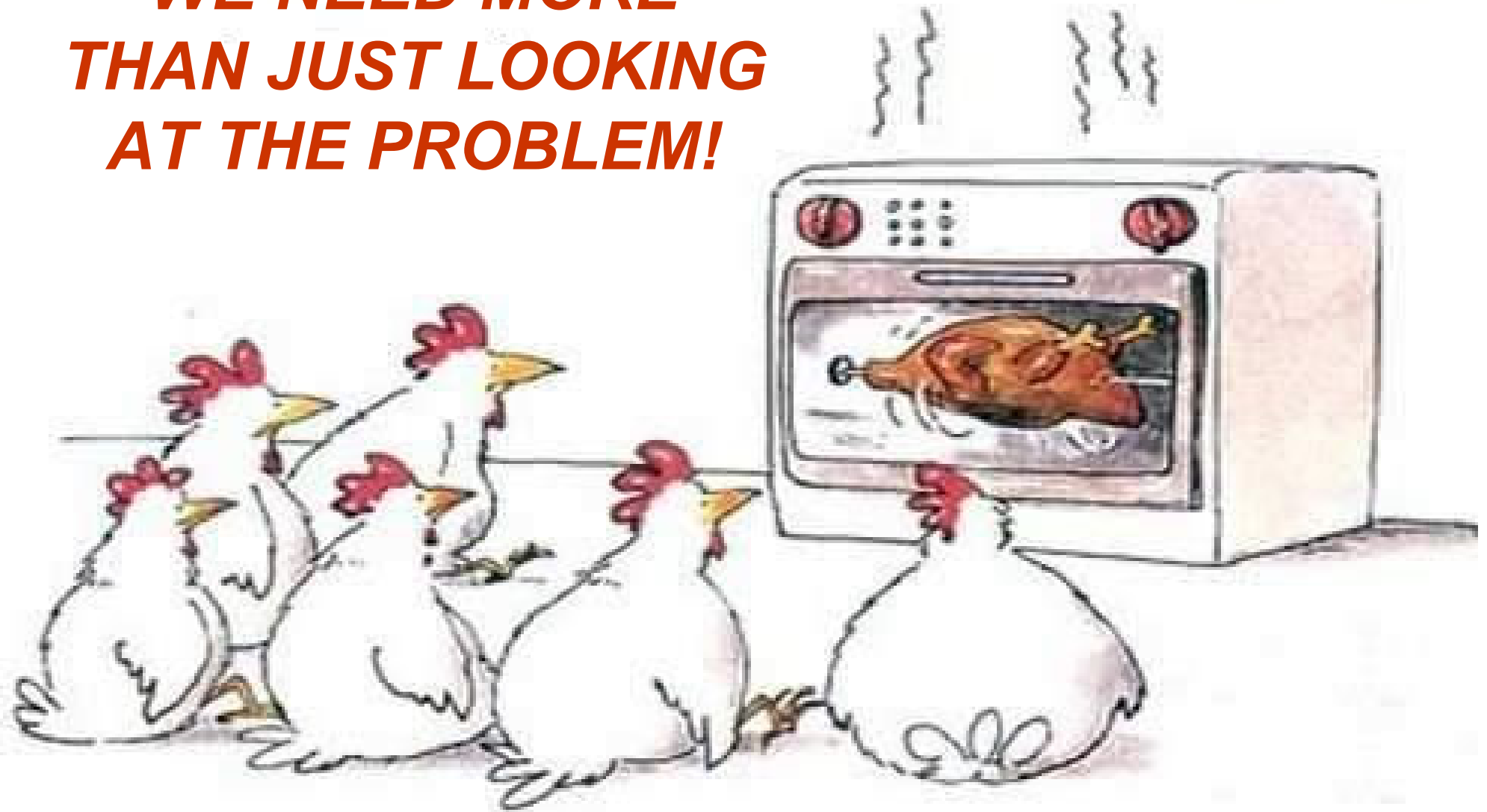
**Climate change could exacerbate outbreaks!**

***WHERE TO NOW ?***

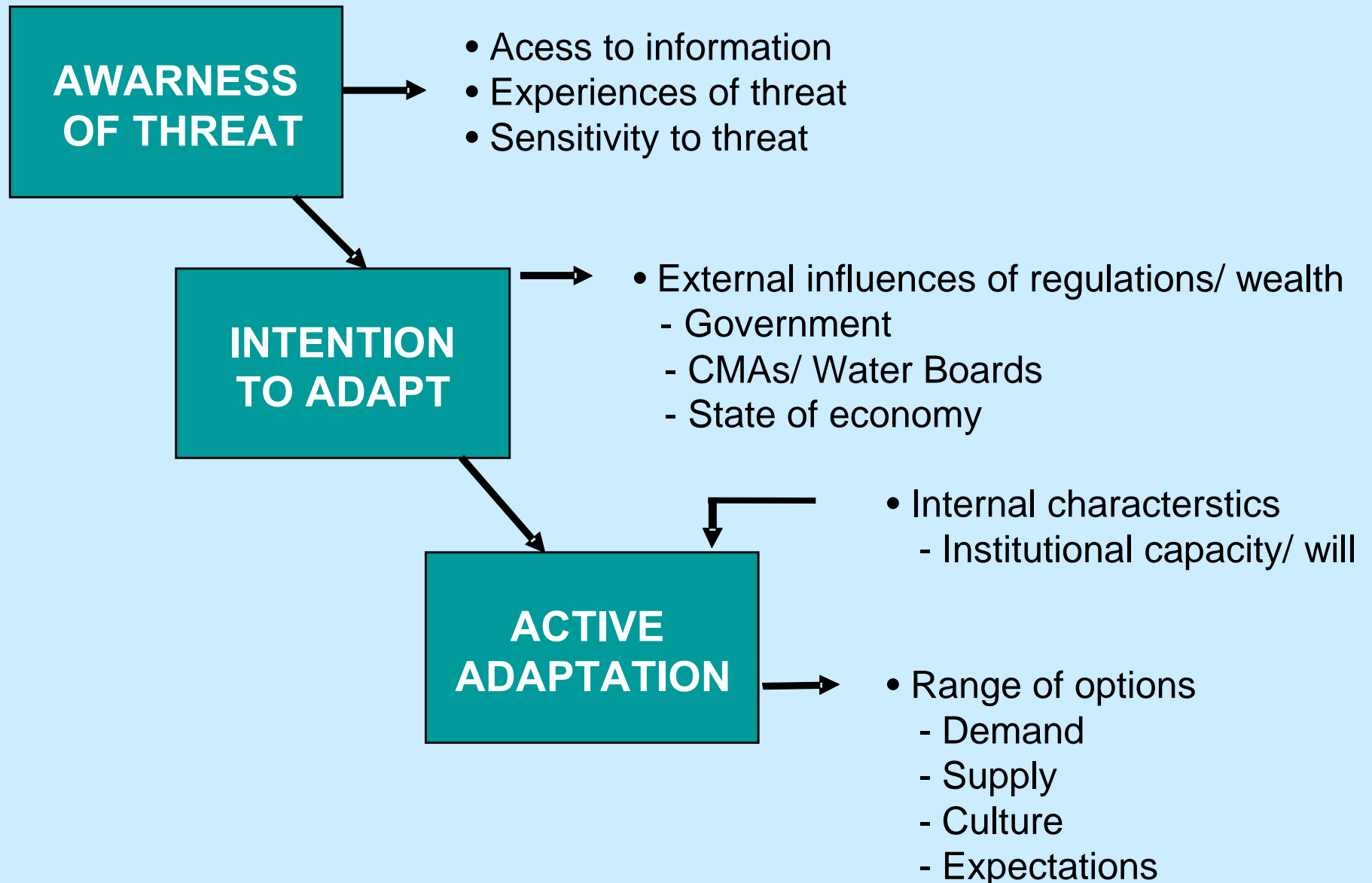
***COPING WITH, AND ADAPTING  
TO, CLIMATE CHANGE***



***WE NEED MORE  
THAN JUST LOOKING  
AT THE PROBLEM!***



# THE ADAPTATION PROCESS





# **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Hydrological Perspectives

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

In a Socio-Polico-Economic Context

## **RISK MITIGATION & CONTROL**

Prevention / Reduction / Coping

### **HAZARD DETERMINATION**

Hazard Identification  
Present / Future

Statistical Hazard Determination

Uncertainties  
(Statistical)

### **RISK EVALUATION**

Risk Perception

Acceptable Risk

Uncertainties  
(Value of Life)

### **HAZARD MODIFICATION**

Primary Hazard Event Modification

Secondary Hazard Event Modification

### **VULNERABILITY MODIFICATION**

Preparedness

Forecasting /  
Early Warning

Legal / Financial Measures

# ***DECISION FRAMEWORK ON CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE***

TYPE OF DECISION	CLIMATE		WEATHER
	Long Term (10-50yrs)	Medium Term (6-9mths)	Short term (0-7days)
	Decadal Changes	Seasonal Forecasts	Real Time → Week
Strategic			
Tactical			
Operational			

- Supply demand
- Reservoir safety
- Reservoir sizing
- Land management

- Operating rules
- Water orders
- Water allocation
- Demand management

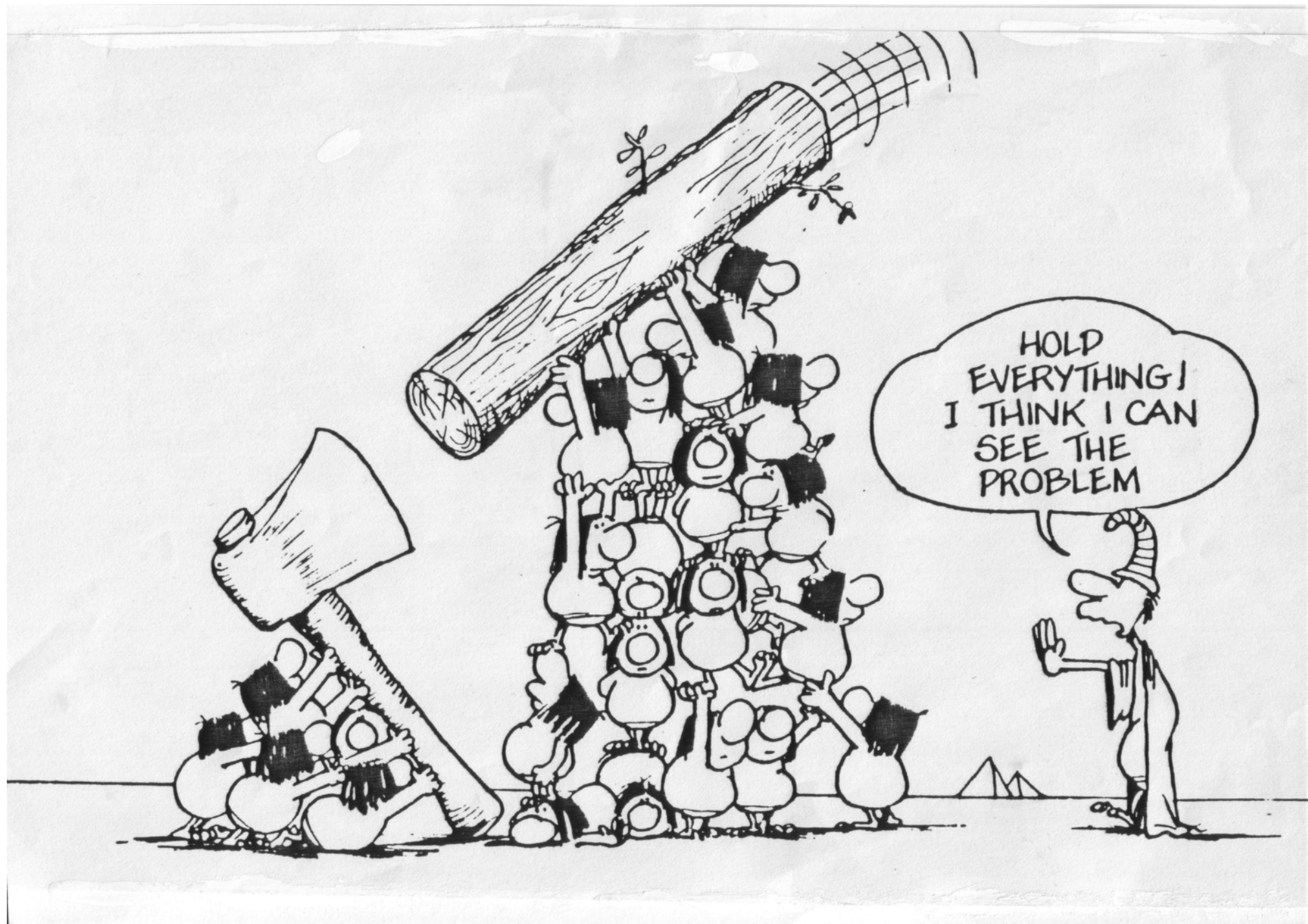
- Irrigation scheduling
- Flood warning
- Field operations

# ***S.A. ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK: CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON THE WATER SECTOR***

<b><i>TIME FRAME</i></b>	<b><i>LEGAL AND POLICY</i></b>	<b><i>INSTITUTIONAL AND MANAGEMENT</i></b>	<b><i>MONITORING, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION</i></b>
<b><i>LONG TERM</i></b>  Years to Decades (e.g. climate change)	<b><i>International National Water Resource Strategy National Climate Change Response Strategy More Specific Policy Requests Enforcing/Policing Policy</i></b>	<b><i>Catchment Management Agencies Risk Management Governance Infrastructure Water Licencing Enforcement and Compliance</i></b>	<b><i>MONITORING Networks and General Data RESEARCH General Capacity Building Climate Models Hydrological Modelling Specific Research Requirements INFORMATION Education/Training Communication</i></b>

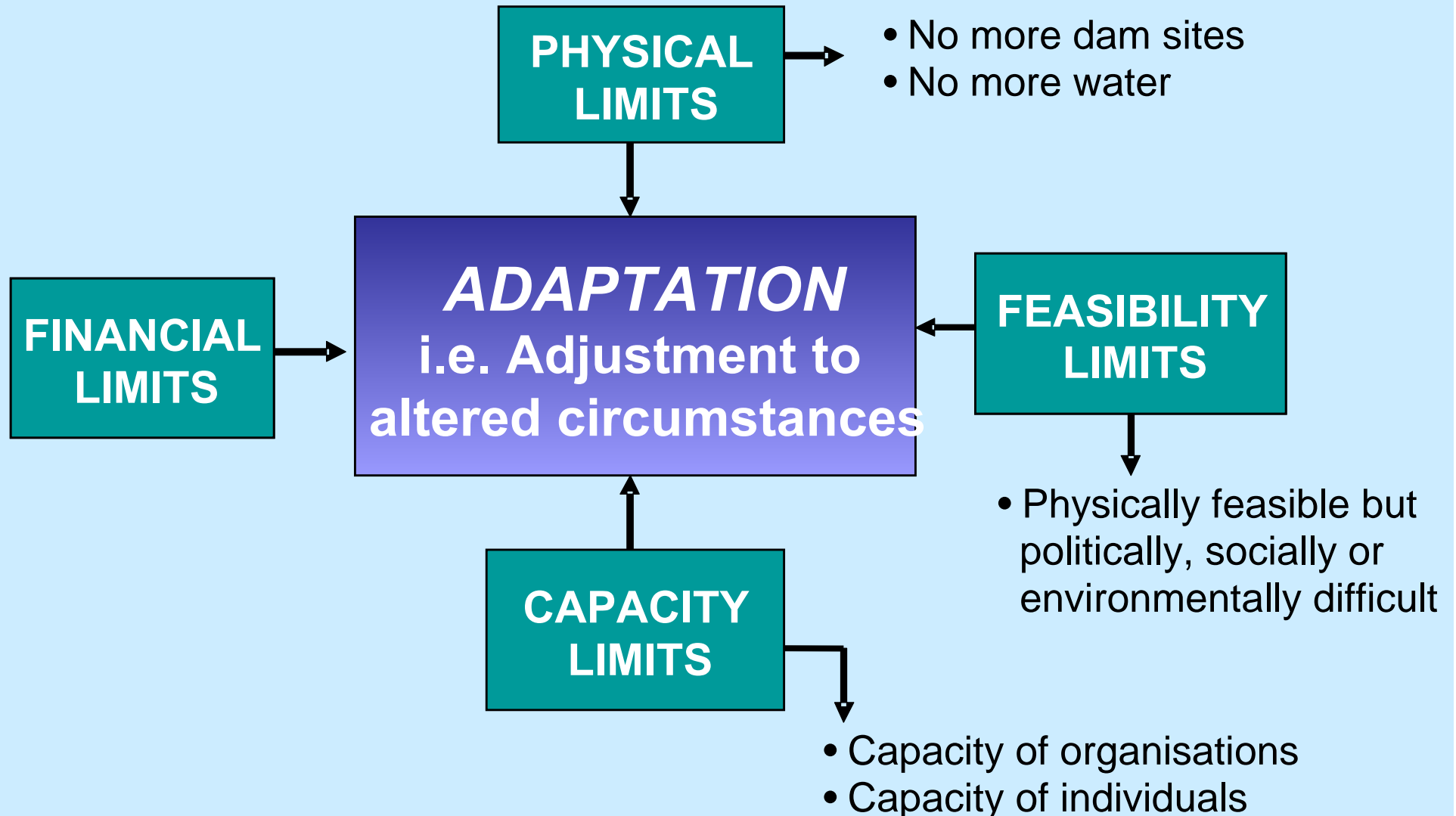
# BUT... THE DEVIL LIES IN THE DETAIL!

LEGAL AND POLICY	INSTITUTIONAL & MANAGEMENT	MONITORING, RESEARCH & INFORMATION
<p><b>International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mobilise the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in southern Africa</li> <li>•Re-negotiate international water agreements with neighbouring states in light of Climate Change (CC)</li> </ul> <p><b>National Water Resource Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•NWRS must recognise the importance of CC and cater for it more explicitly</li> <li>•NWRS needs to be updated routinely to address new finding on CC impacts</li> <li>•NWRS needs to be provided with more “teeth” re. CC</li> <li>•More co-participation required in the NWRS with political, social and economic sectors</li> <li>•NWRS needs to define clearly the boundaries of accountability and responsibility between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-national</li> <li>-CMA/WMA</li> <li>-District Municipality and</li> <li>-city specific issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>National Climate Change Response Strategy (NCCRS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a more strategic approach to CC</li> <li>-greater commitment to apply the NCCRS</li> <li>-to develop more specific legislation re. CC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>More Specific Policy Requests/Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Re. Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-review existing national disaster management legislation w.r.t. CC, e.g. fires, floods, droughts</li> <li>-floodplain zoning and management; spatial considerations; urban areas</li> <li>-dam safety and spillway standards</li> <li>-property risk policies w.r.t predicted . . . .</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Catchment Management Agencies (CMAs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Establish CMAs which will operate effectively re. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and including CC</li> <li>•Improve co-ordination within and between CMAs re. activities, methodologies</li> <li>•Ensure wider stakeholder participation</li> </ul> <p><b>Risk Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise/improve risk management (RM) plans re. floods, droughts</li> <li>•Set up an advisory to advise land owners in flood prone areas re. risks, flood probabilities</li> <li>•Implement a State insurance scheme for disasters</li> <li>•Develop policy on water restrictions</li> </ul> <p><b>Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Establish incentive schemes for initiatives in co-operative governance</li> <li>•Ensure that institutions adapt to CC findings at all levels of government and the private sector</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Need improved strategic plan for new infrastructure re. WRM</li> <li>•Construct more dams in relevant areas to make provision for additional water needs with CC</li> <li>•Review systems operations re. assurance of supply</li> </ul> <p><b>Water Licensing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Exercise more care in evaluating/awarding of licences to water users in light of CC</li> <li>•Raise tariffs to fund effective IWRM</li> </ul> <p><b>Enforcement/Compliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Enforce compliance with regulations/laws</li> <li>•Increase enforcement re. controlling groundwater abstractions . . . .</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <p><b>1. Networks &amp; General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise the entire network of rainfall and streamflow gauges w.r.t. detection of CC, and adapt, if necessary</li> <li>•Identify and maintain high quality flow gauges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-with long records</li> <li>-on unaltered catchments</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Measure streamflow at all strategic points</li> <li>•Improve monitoring of land use change</li> <li>•Improve and regularly update WARMS database for better application in granting water use licences</li> <li>•Create an independent Earth Systems monitoring agency for SA</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ensure integrity of streamflow data</li> <li>•Achieve greater integration of hydroclimatic and related databases</li> <li>•Make data more readily available</li> <li>•Ensure transparency in sharing data</li> </ul> <p><b>Research</b></p> <p><b>1. General Capacity Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Build more capacity re. CC research</li> <li>•Create incentives for new techniques in CC related water research</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Climate Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Improve CC projections for SA, to increase confidence levels in their application to WR</li> <li>•Improve downscaling techniques for application in SA</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Hydrological Modelling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Improve process representations in hydrological models for application in a range of hydroclimatic regimes (e.g. semi-arid zone)</li> </ul>





# ***LIMITS TO ADAPTATION***

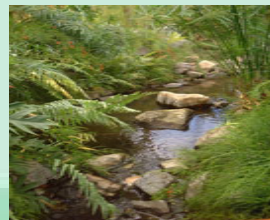
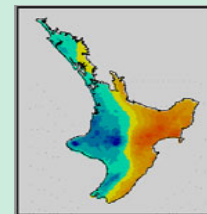
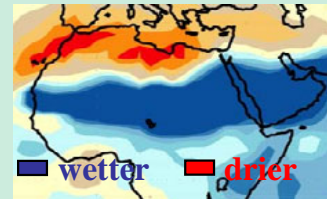
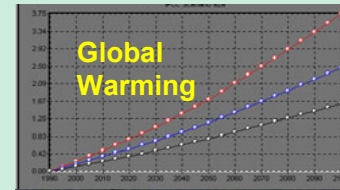


# ***PROCESS OF ADAPTATION: METHODS***

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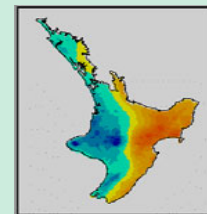
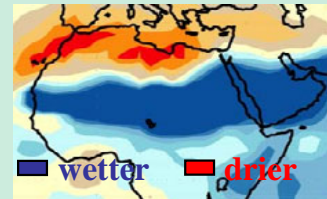
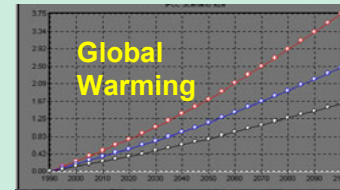
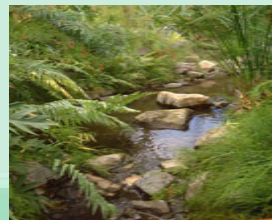
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**Vertically  
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**Global**  
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# - *INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT* -

**Horizontally  
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Global  
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*Sectoral*



coastal      water      agriculture      health



Coastal  
Risk



Flood Risk



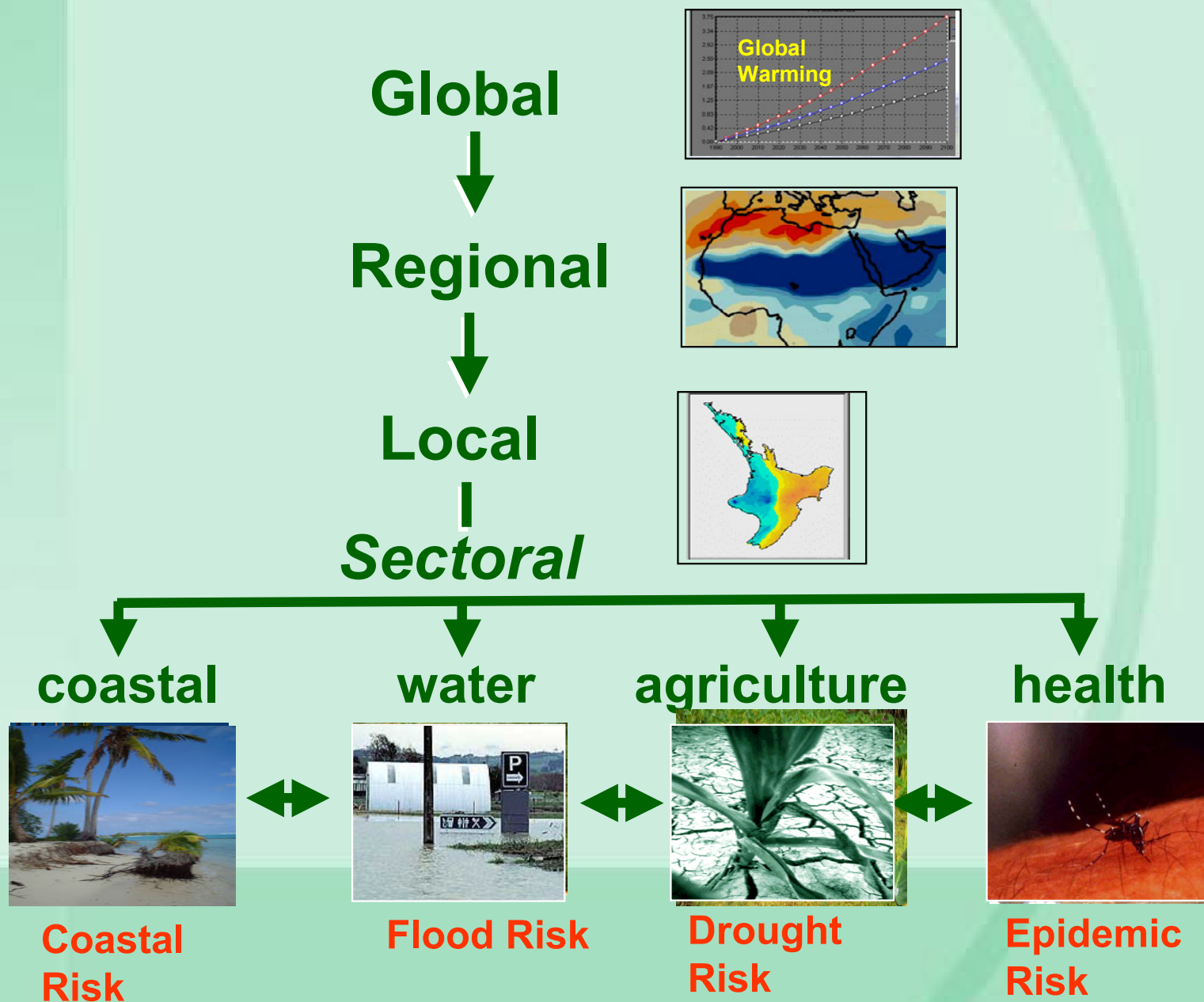
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# - *INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT* -



# ***RESEARCH IN CLIMATE CHANGE: WHERE TO IN FUTURE?***

***HOWEVER, IN OUR ADAPTATION STRATEGIES,  
WE NEED TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON  
SECONDARY HYDROLOGICAL EFFECTS, e.g.***

- ☐ ***Δ Magnitude/frequency of extreme events***
- ☐ ***Δ Seasonality of streamflows, re.***
  - demand vs supply                      - effect on water pricing
  - effect on water resources infrastructure (construction? maintenance?)
- ☐ ***Δ Inter-annual variability***
  - vegetation dynamics → consequent hydrological responses
- ☐ ***Δ Groundwater recharge***
- ☐ ***Effects of Δ land use ON water availability***
- ☐ ***Effects of Δ water availability ON land use***

# ***EQUALLY, IN OUR ADAPTATION STRATEGIES, WE ALSO NEED TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON TERTIARY (HIGHER ORDER) HYDROLOGICAL EFFECTS, e.g.***

- ***Δ Water quality and consequences on***
  - purification costs
  - human health re. water-borne diseases
  - effect on water resources infrastructure (construction, maintenance)
- ***Δ Aquatic ecosystems***
  - environmental integrity
  - environmental goods & services
  - do we allow habitats to adapt, or do we become “protective”?
- ***Δ Potential for conflict over shared rivers***
  - rivers as international boundaries
  - rivers discharging to downstream countries
- ***The poor often living . . .***
  - on the floodplain, where vulnerability to flooding is high
  - on the watershed, where streams are more ephemeral











