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PIK Climate Data for Impact Modellers

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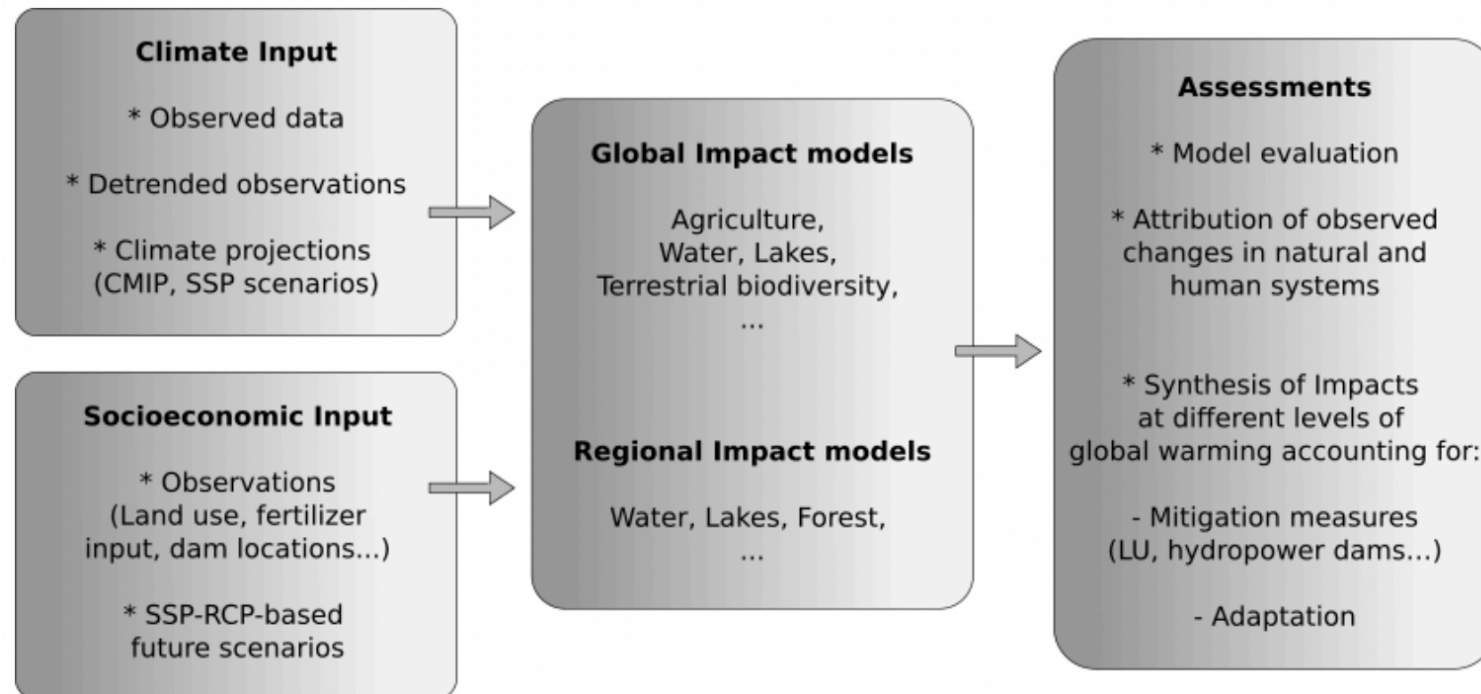
Celebrating 30 years of
integrated climate impact research
at the Potsdam Institute.



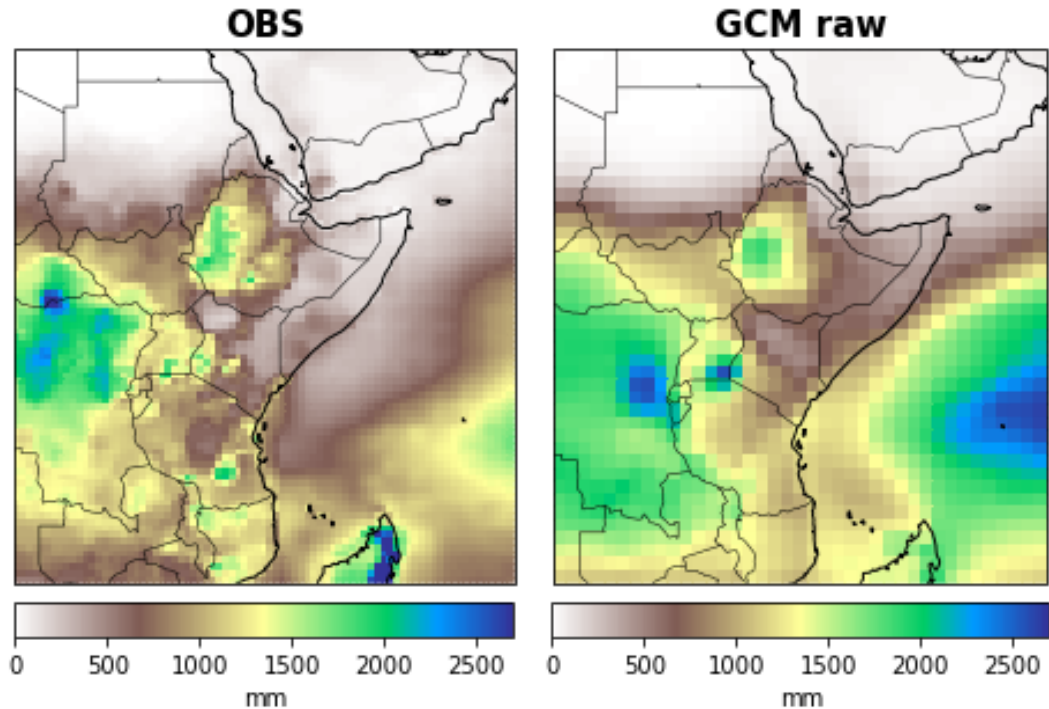
ISIMIP - Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project



- Framework for impact modelling of climate change across sectors
- Provides consistent input data for climatic, geographic and socioeconomic conditions
- Global output from 18 sectors, including water, agricultural, health, biodiversity, forest etc
- All data freely available data.isimip.org



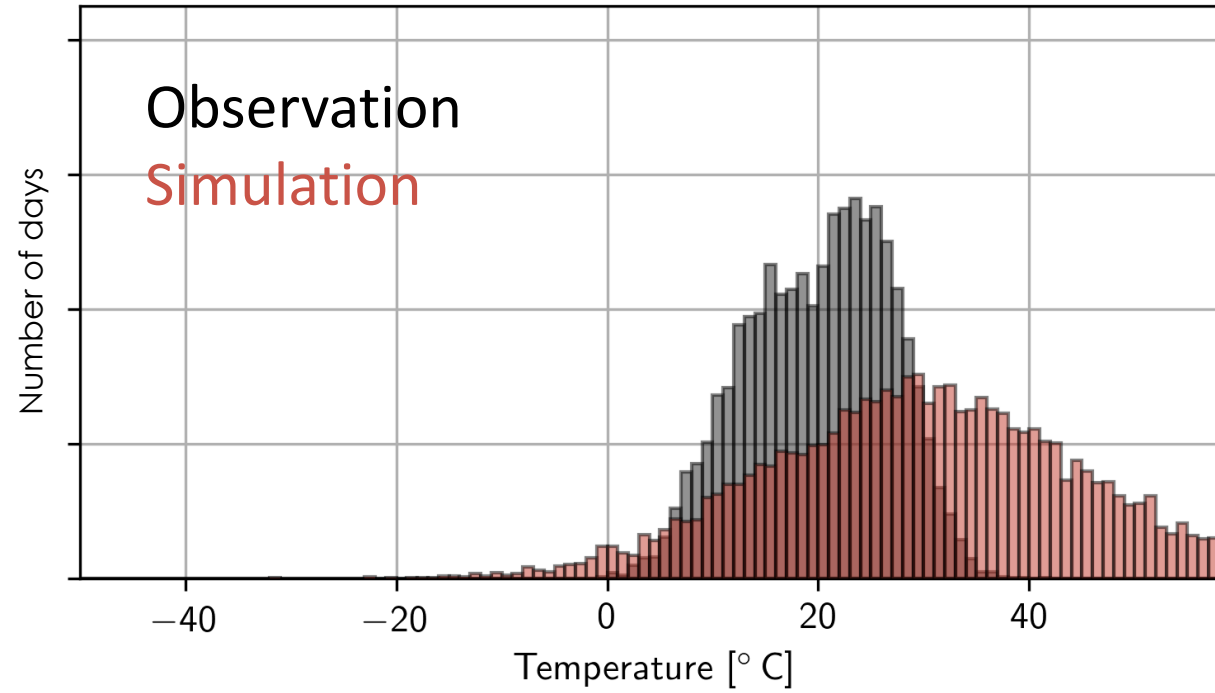
Why do Impact Modellers needs processed climate data?



- Comparison of historical model simulation to observations shows systematic biases.
- Problematic when absolute values or thresholds (e.g. snow melt or number of summer days) are important for impact models

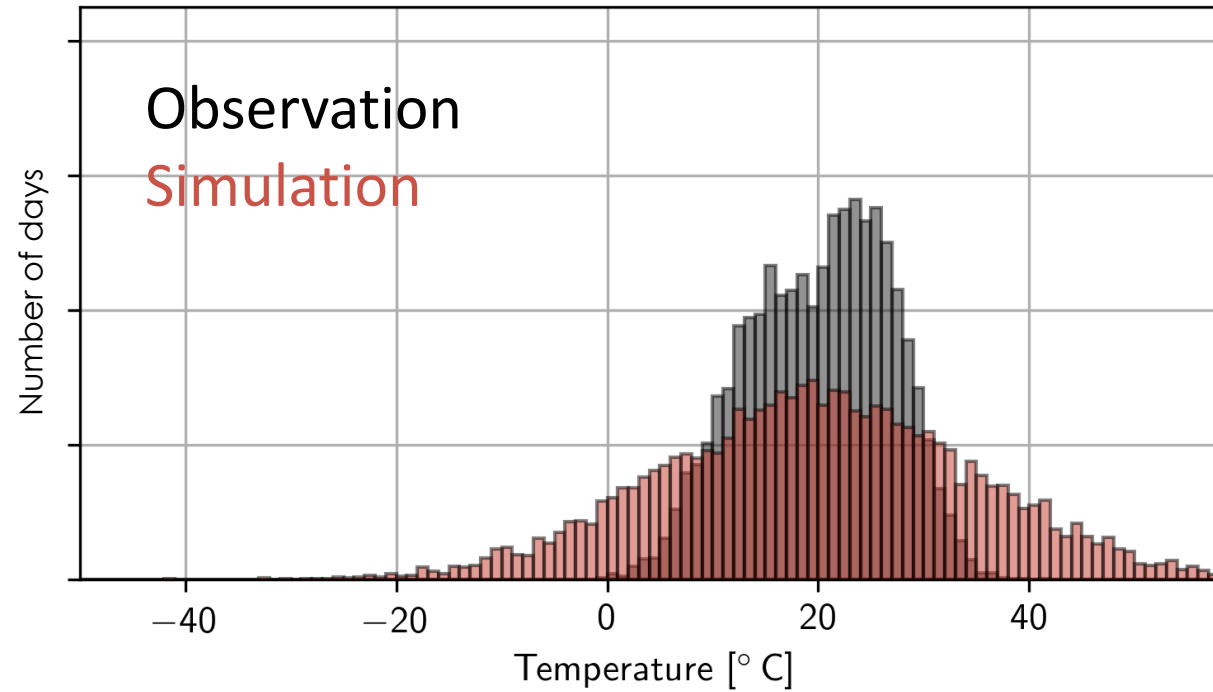
-> Impact models cannot simulate realistic yield/runoff/...

Bias – Adjustment illustration for one grid point



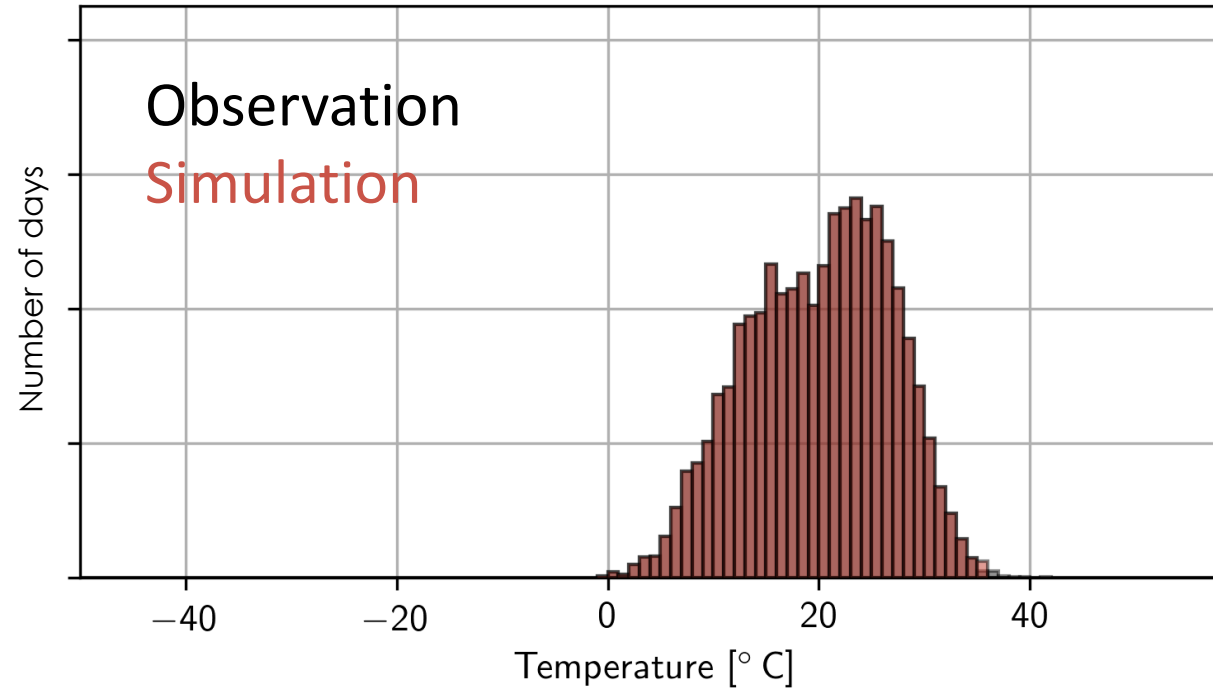
Distribution of simulated and observed climate differ.

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Most simple bias-adjustment: Adjustment of the Mean

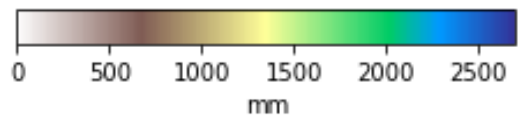
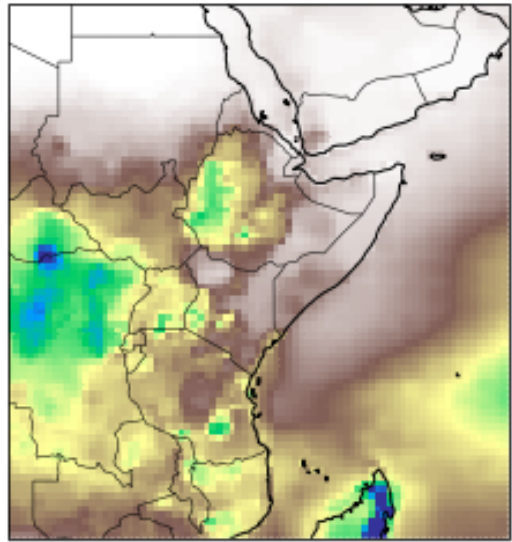
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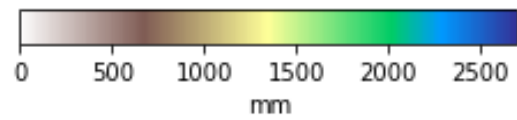
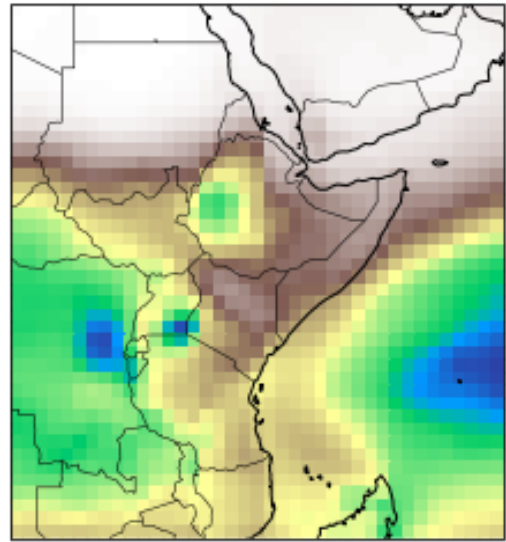
State of the art:
Quantile mapping

The PIK Bias-Adjustment Approach

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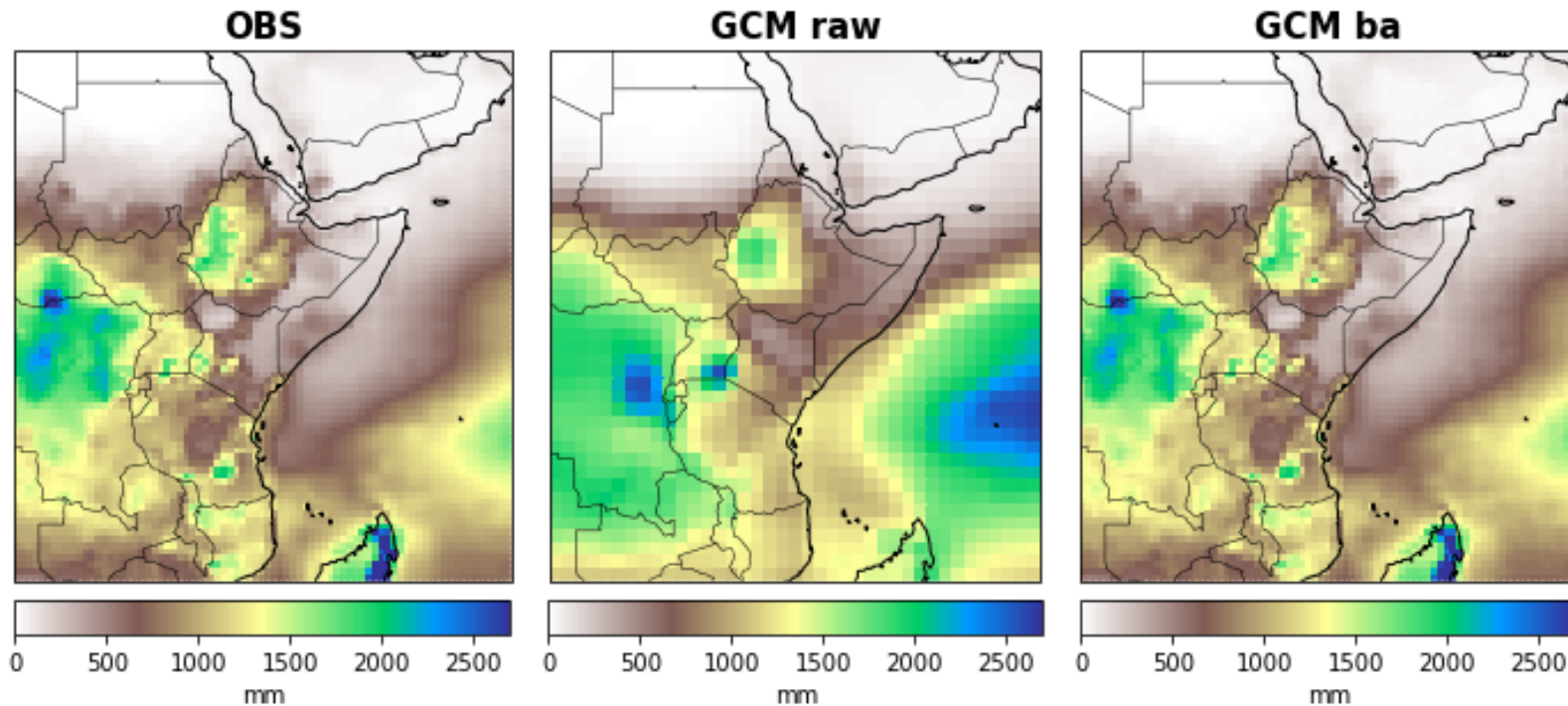


GCM raw



The PIK Bias-Adjustment Approach

ISIMIPBASD



1. Trend-preserving, non-parametric quantile mapping at native GCM resolution
2. MBCn algorithm with additional conservation applied to downscale to observation resolution
3. Transfer functions defined from historical simulations applied to historical and future simulations

ISIMIP Climate Data Input (ISIMIP3b phase)

Bias-adjusted observational dataset W5E5

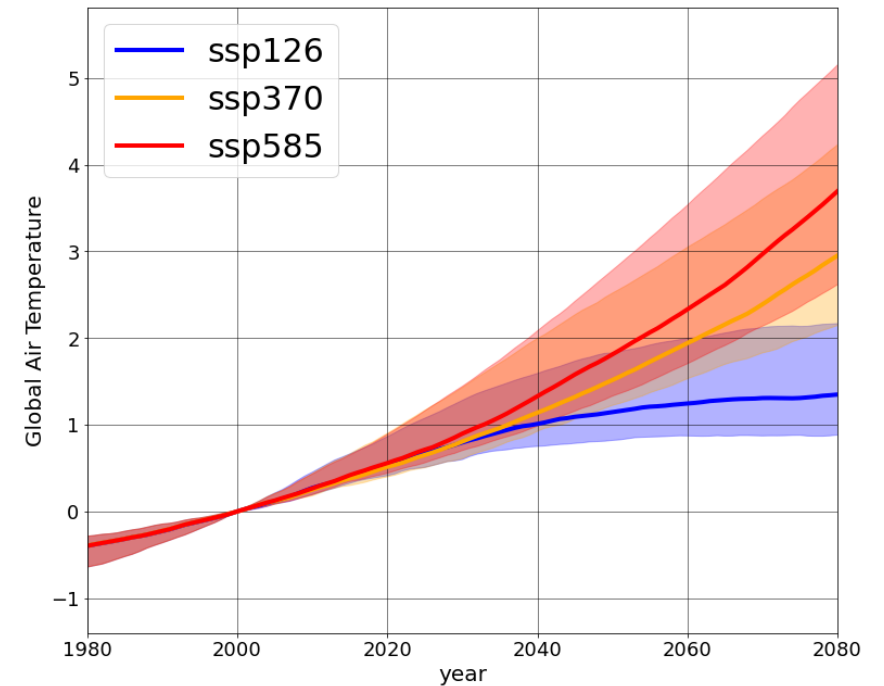
- WATCH Forcing Data methodology applied to ERA5 reanalysis
- 1979-2019
- Global coverage with resolution of 0.5°

Bias-adjusted Climate Simulations from ISIMIP3b

3 scenarios	10 GCMs	7 variables	Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSP1-2.6• SSP3-7.0• SSP5-8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CanESM5• IPSL-CM6A-LR• UKESM1-0-LL• CNRM-CM6-1• CNRM-ESM2-1• MIROC6• GFDL-ESM4• MRI-ESM2-0• MPI-ESM1-2-HR• EC-Earth3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precipitation• Minimum temperature• Mean Temperature• Maximum temperature• Wind• Solar radiation• Relative humidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical simulation (1850–2014)• Future projections (2015–2100)

Application of ISIMIP Data for Ethiopia

- Most work based on previous data generation (e.g. all modelling for AGRICA study)
 - Plans to include data in coffee research
 - Supplying data for hydrological modelling
- > much potential for more studies



ISIMIP Impact Data Output



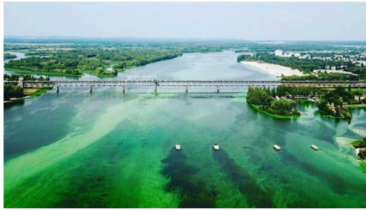
Fire



Water (global)



Water (regional)



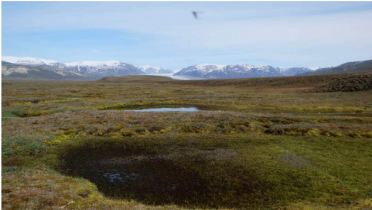
Water Quality (in development)



Groundwater (in development)



Fisheries & Marine Ecosystems



Peat



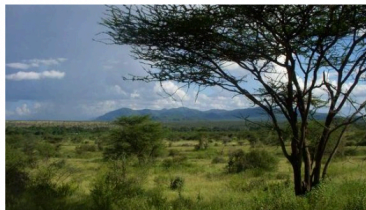
Health



Energy Fluctuations and Extremes



Regional Forests



Global Biomes



Agriculture Sector



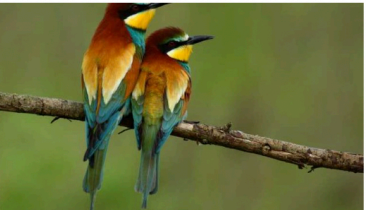
Labour supply and labour productivity (in development)



Lakes



Agro-economic Modelling



Terrestrial Biodiversity



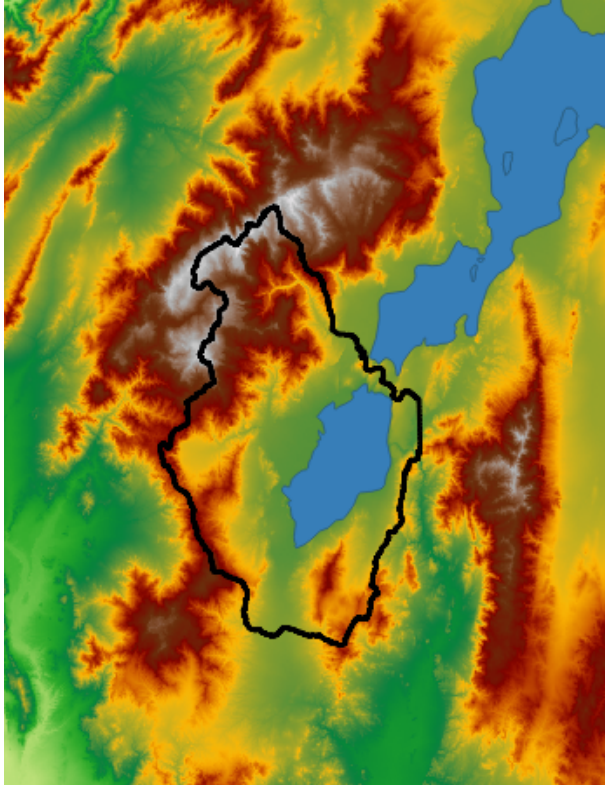
Permafrost



Coastal Systems

Further downscaling of climate data for AGRICA Ethiopia

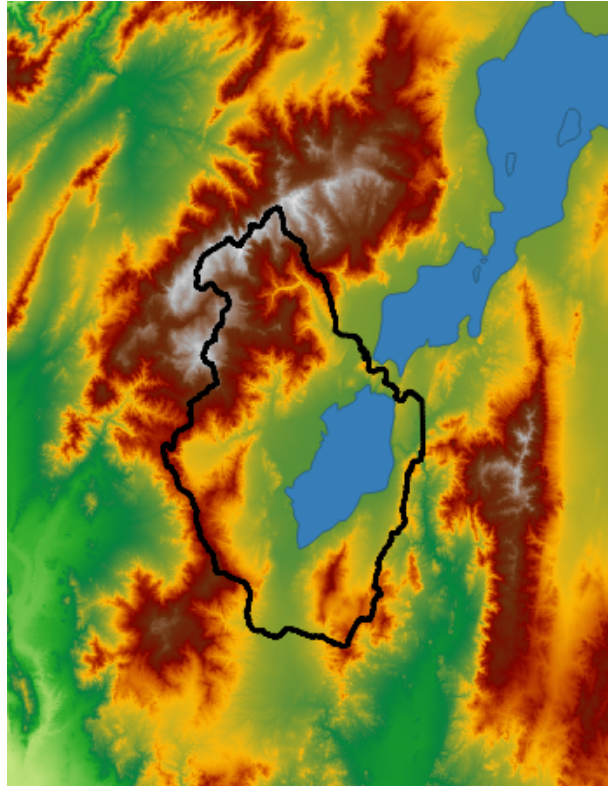
Study region Lake Chamo



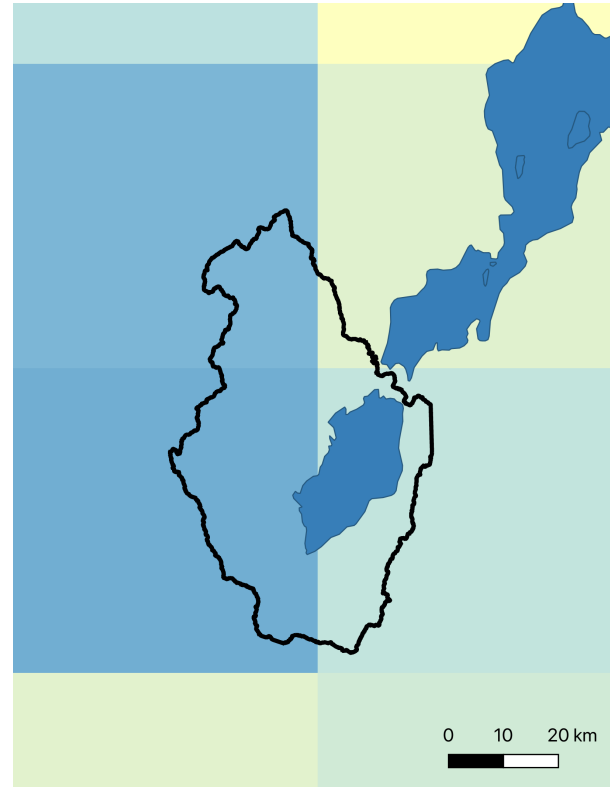
- Lake Chamo is located in Rift Valley at elevation of about 1100 m
- Study region has a topographic range of 1100-3500 m
- Lake is approximately 32 x 13 km
- Study region is approximately 87 x 52 km

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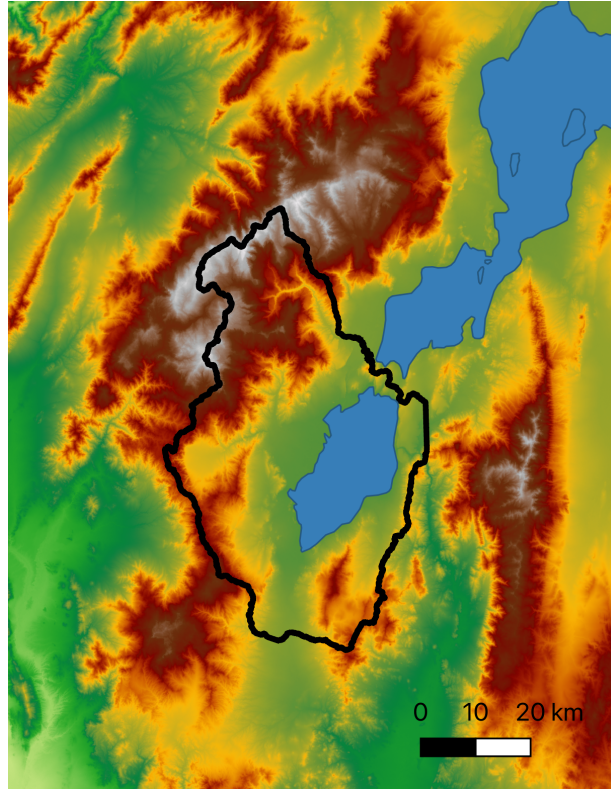


Data at typical PIK resolution

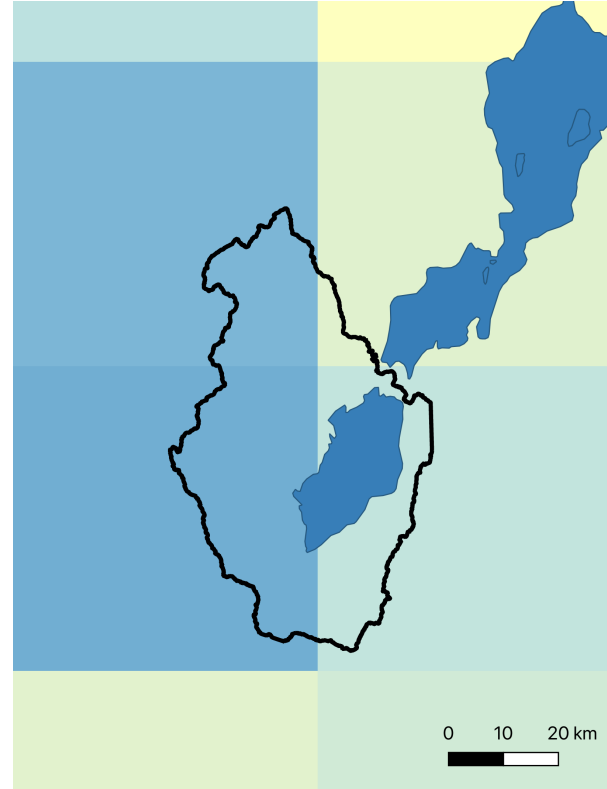


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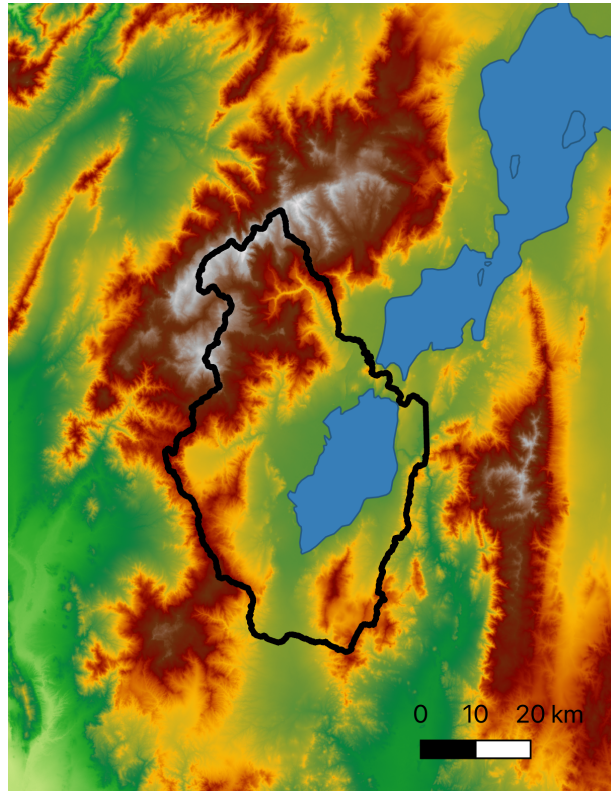
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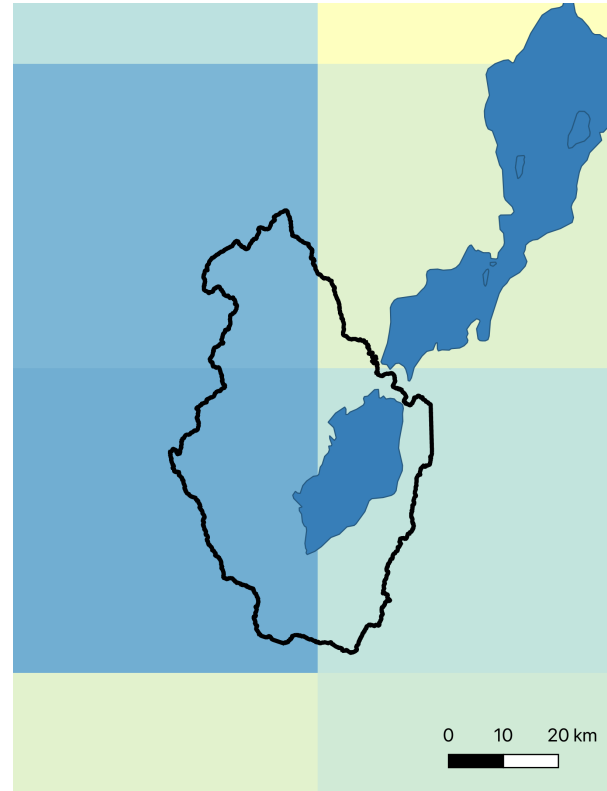
- Climatologies at high resolution for the earth's land surface areas
- Collaboration of Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research and PIK
- Mechanistical statistical downscaling to 30 arc sec (~ 1km)
- High computational cost
- www.chelsa-climate.org

Further downscaling of climate data

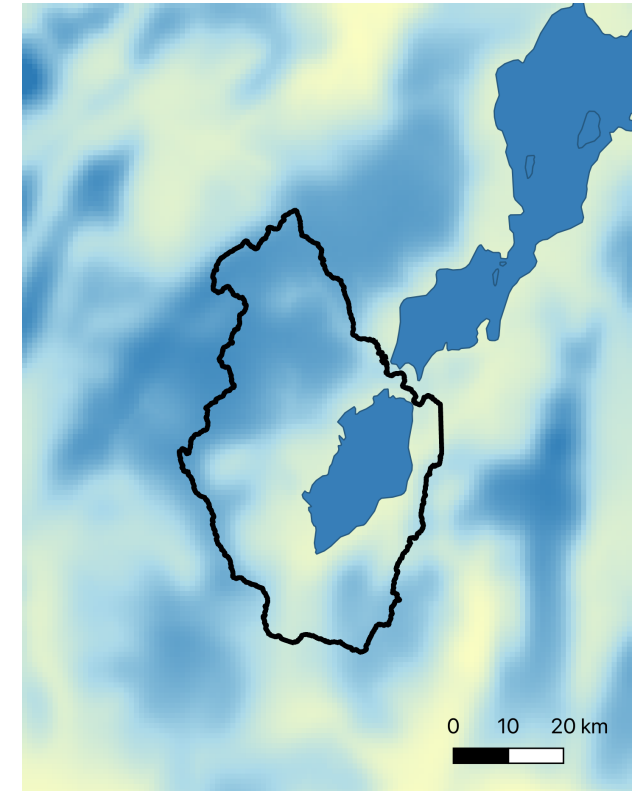
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CHELSA Downscaled





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