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# **Scarsità dell'acqua, la nuova emergenza del pianeta**

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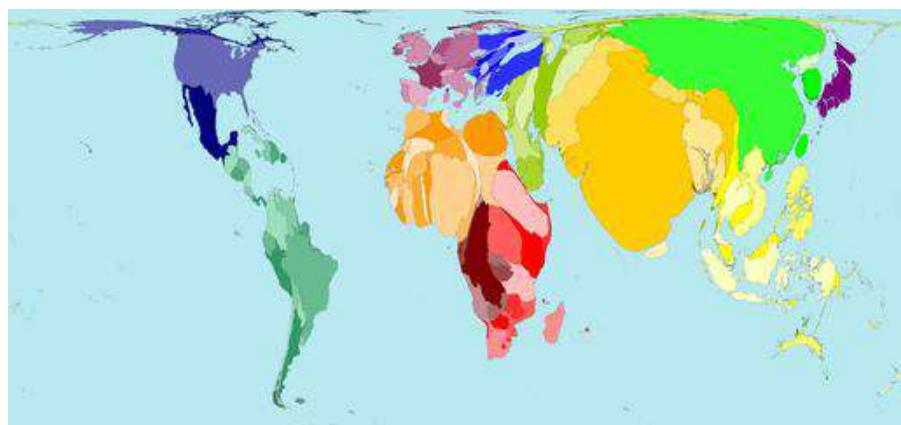
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# Acqua: risorsa fondamentale

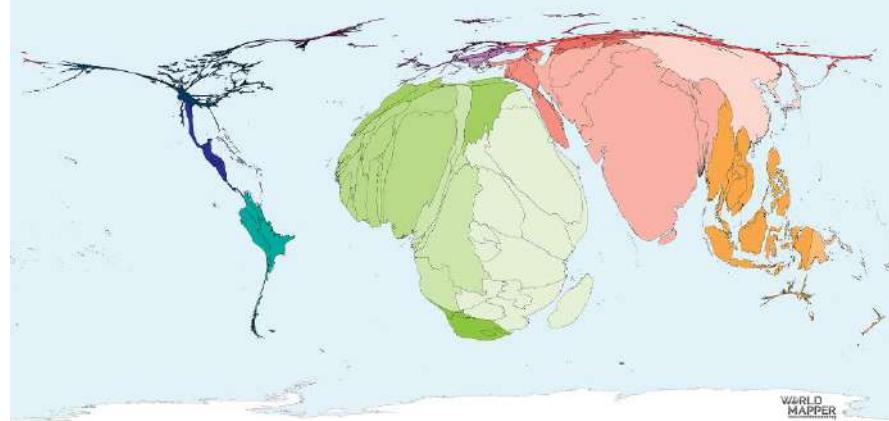
- **Risorsa essenziale per la vita sul pianeta, agricoltura, produzione idroelettrica e sostenibilità degli ecosistemi**
- **Soggetta a pressione crescente, disponibilità in diminuzione e deterioramento della qualità**
- **Fonte di tensioni, dalla scala locale a quella regionale, a fronte di una competizione crescente nel controllo e nell'allocazione della risorsa**
- **Impatti socio-economici, sanitari e migratori rilevanti**



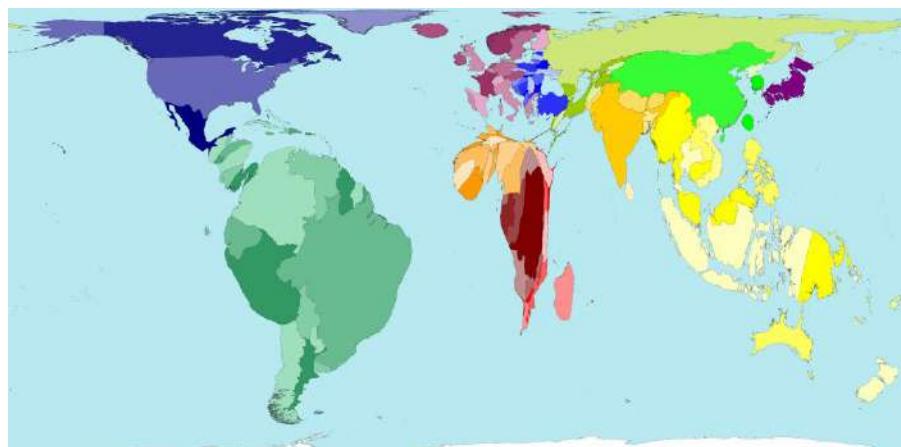
# Cartogrammi popolazione vs. disponibilità idrica



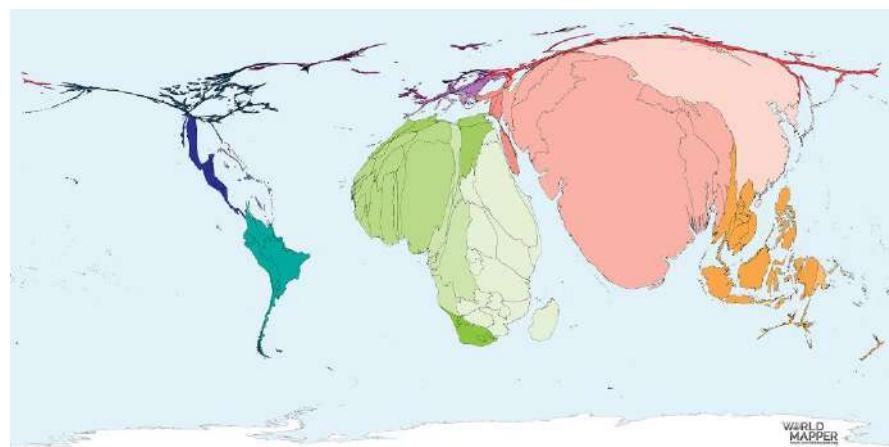
Mancanza di accesso all'acqua al 2015



Popolazione stimata al 2050



Assenza di servizi igienici al 2015



Risorse idriche disponibili al 2050

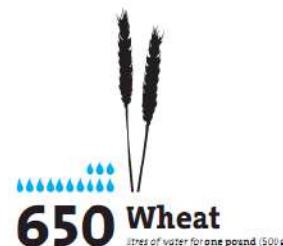
Aree proporzionali alla variabile: <http://www.worldmapper.org/>

# Produzione ed acqua, alla ricerca di un equilibrio

Stima della quantita' di acqua dolce necessaria per produrre, con l'augurio che l'informazione possa incidere su scelte collettive piu' consapevoli.

## WATER FOOTPRINT

Virtual water embedded in products

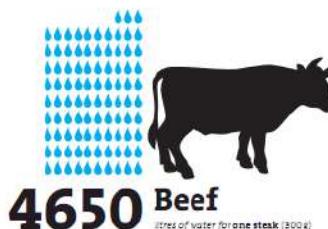


ONE DROP (shown in the illustrations) is equivalent to 50 litres of virtual water (production-life definition).  
All figures shown on this poster are based on exemplary calculations and may vary depending on the origin and production process of the product.

The water footprint of a product (a commodity, good or service) is the volume of freshwater used to produce the product, measured at the place where the product was actually made. It refers to the amount of the water used in the various steps of the production chain.

For the full poster featuring many more products and in-depth information, visit: [www.virtualwater.eu](http://www.virtualwater.eu)

DATA: Hoekstra, A.Y.; Chapagain, A.K. (2008)  
Globalization of water:  
Sharing the planet's fresh water resources  
Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK  
[www.waterfootprint.org](http://www.waterfootprint.org)  
DESIGN: Timm Kekeritz, [www.virtualwater.eu](http://www.virtualwater.eu)  
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# **Principi di Dublino**

**Dalla Conferenza Internazionale delle Nazioni Unite sull'Acqua e l'Ambiente, Dublino (1992):**

- **L'acqua dolce e' una risorsa finita e vulnerabile, essenziale per la vita, lo sviluppo e l'ambiente.**
- **Lo sviluppo e la gestione delle risorse idriche dovrebbe essere basata su un approccio partecipativo, coinvolgendo utenti, pianificatori e decisori politici, a tutti i livelli**
- **Le donne rivestono un ruolo centrale nell'accesso, gestione e salvaguardia delle risorse idriche**
- **L'acqua ha un valore economico in tutti i suoi usi e dovrebbe essere riconosciuto come un bene economico, fermo restando il diritto fondamentale degli esseri umani ad avere accesso ad acqua pulita e al dovuto trattamento**

<http://www.un-documents.net/h2o-dub.htm>

# **GWP**

[http://issuu.com/gwp-publ/docs/gwp\\_strategy\\_towards\\_2020](http://issuu.com/gwp-publ/docs/gwp_strategy_towards_2020)

## **Millenium Development Goals**

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/environ.shtml>

## **Rio +20**

119. We recognize that water is at the core of sustainable development as it is closely linked to a number of key global challenges. [...]

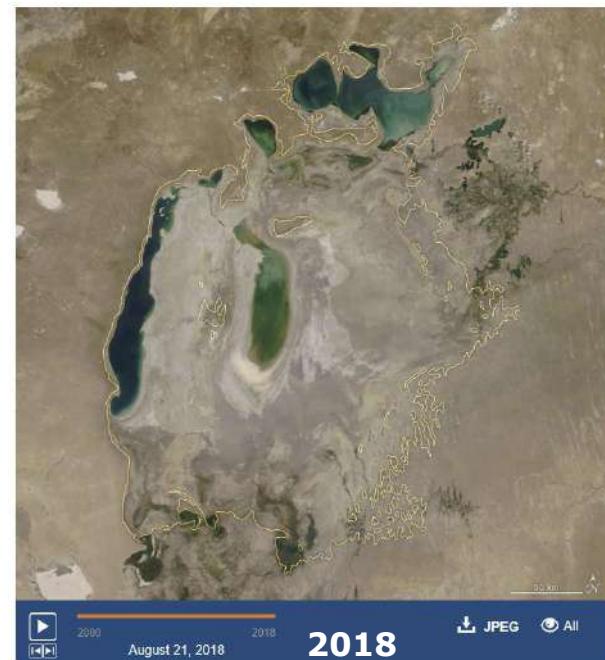
120. We reaffirm the commitments made in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Declaration regarding halving by 2015 the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation and the development of integrated water resource management and water efficiency plans, ensuring sustainable water use. We commit to the progressive realization of access to safe and affordable drinking water and basic sanitation for all, as necessary for poverty eradication, women's empowerment and to protect human health, and to significantly improve the implementation of integrated water resource management at all levels as appropriate. In this regard, we reiterate the commitments to support these efforts, in particular for developing countries, through the mobilization of resources from all sources, capacity-building and technology transfer.

121. We reaffirm our commitments regarding the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, to be progressively realized for our populations with full respect for national sovereignty. We also highlight our commitment to the 2005-2015 International Decade for Action, "Water for Life".

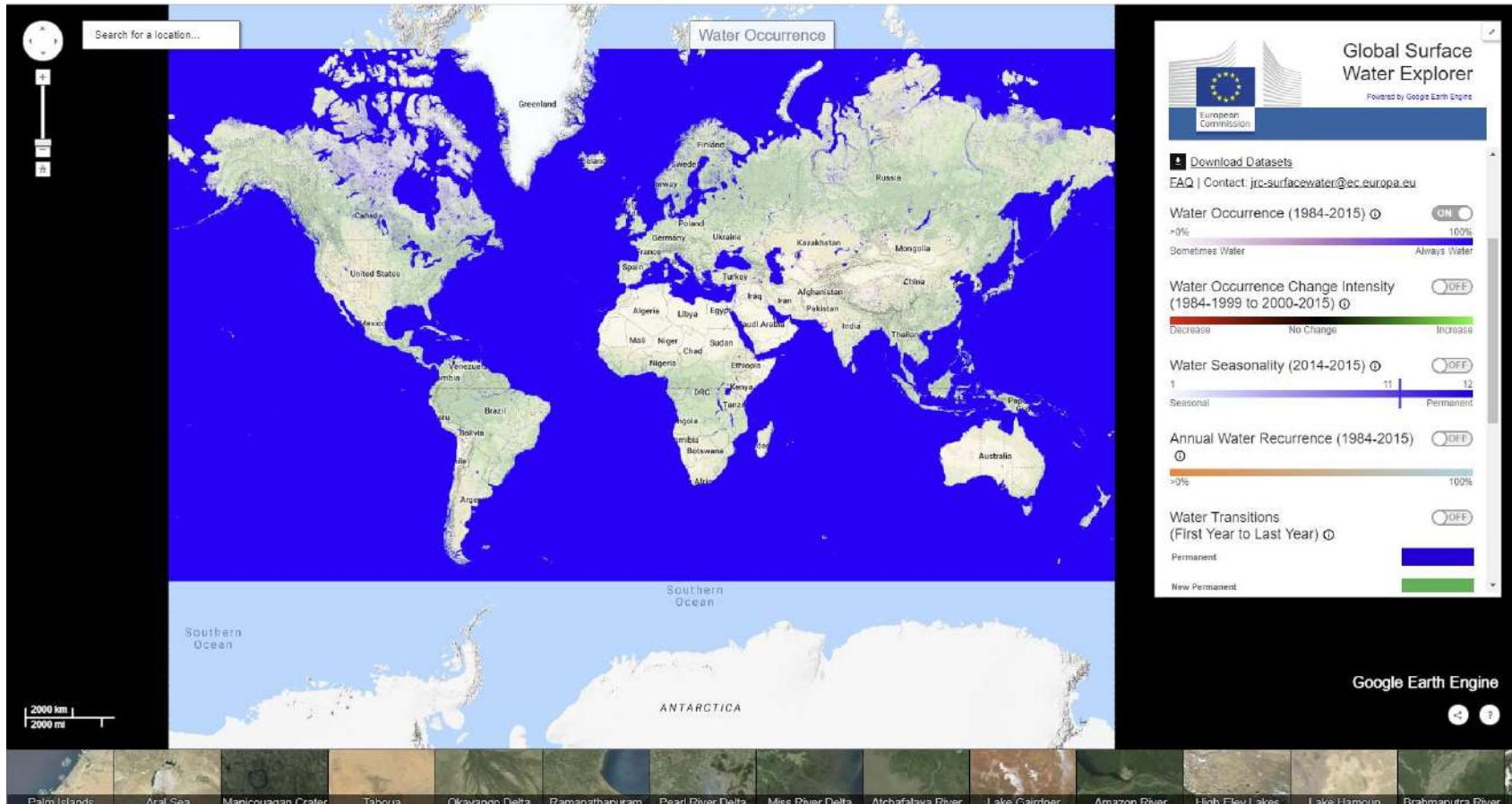
# La scomparsa del lago d'Aral



[https://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/landsat/news/40th-top10-aralsea.html](https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/landsat/news/40th-top10-aralsea.html)



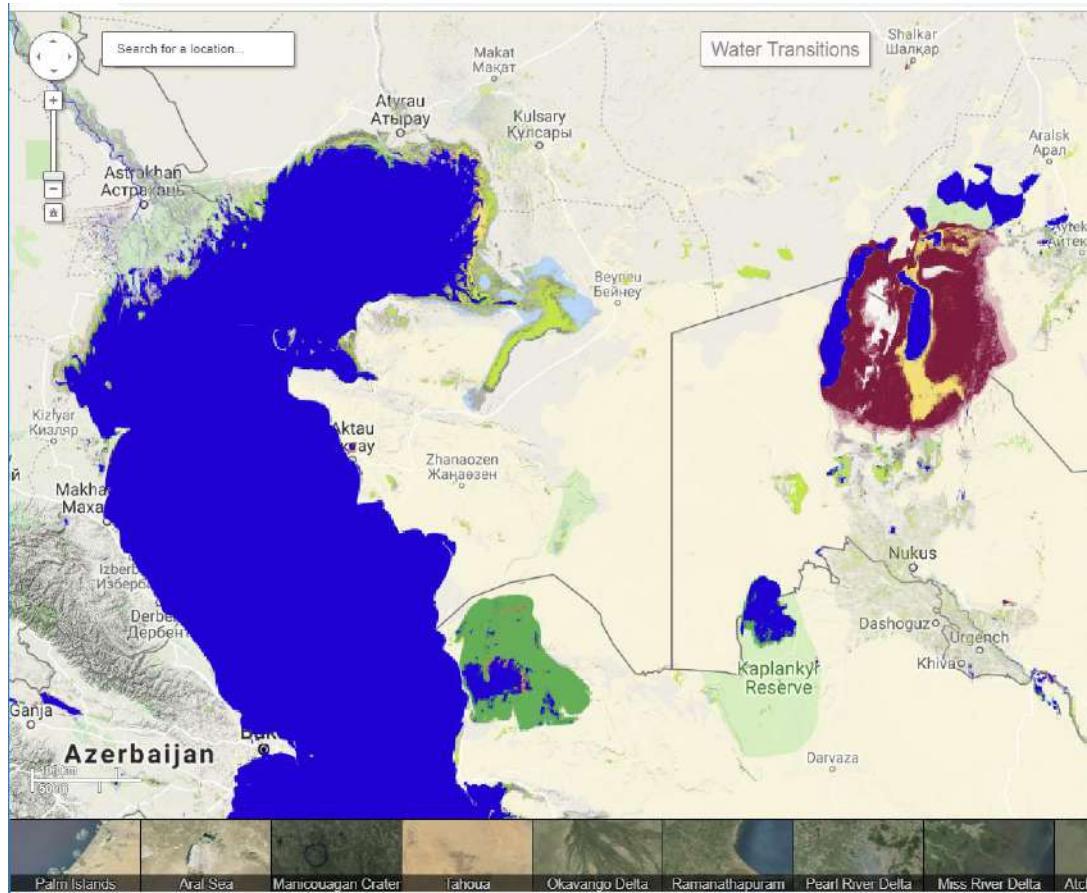
# JRC Global Surface Water Explorer



Dal processamento delle immagini satellitari LANDSAT a risoluzione 30 m,  
ricostruzione dell'evoluzione delle risorse idriche superficiali su 32 anni, dal 1984 al  
2015 (es. presenza in %, estensione massima, direzione di cambiamento)  
<https://global-surface-water.appspot.com/>

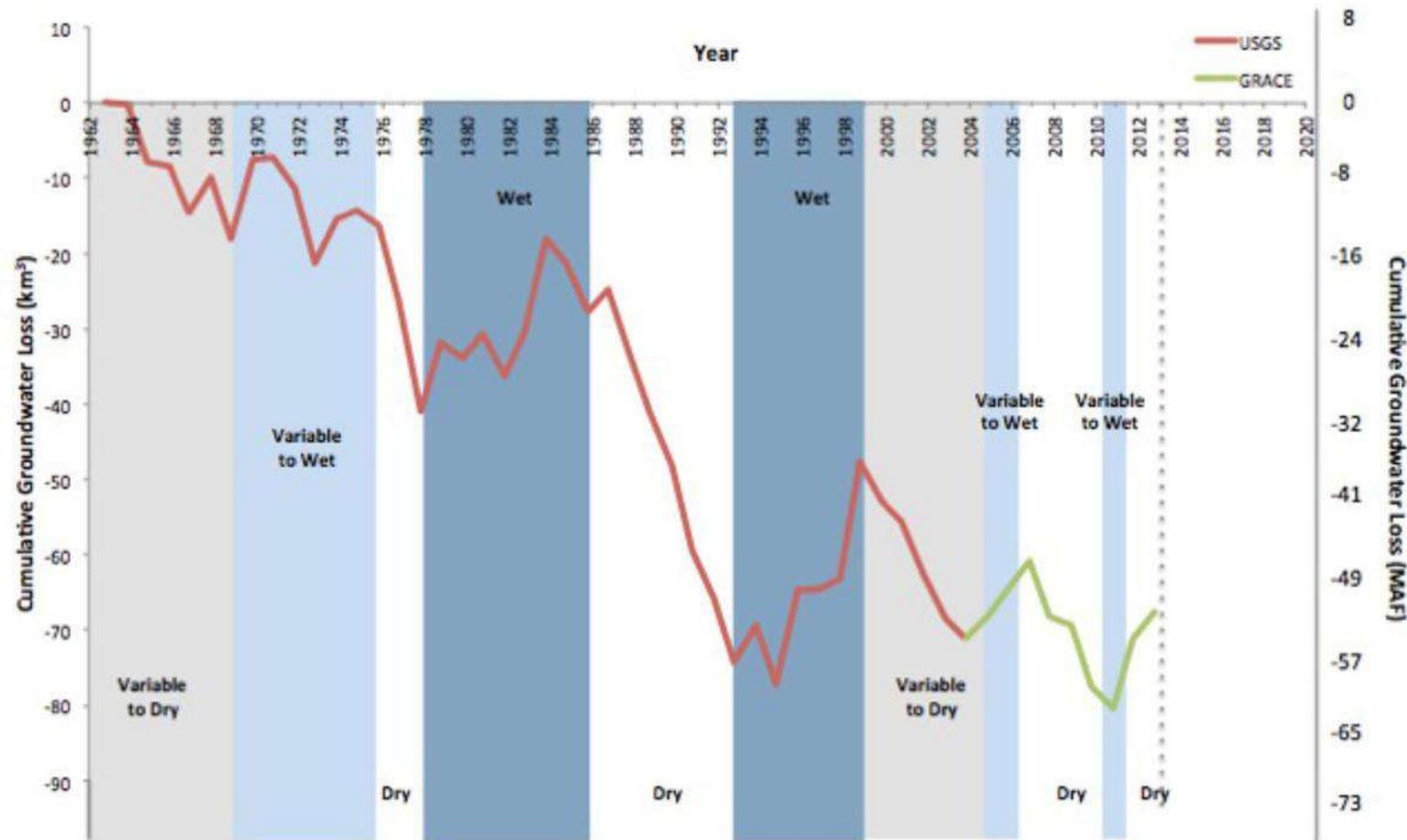
# Le dinamiche regionali: lago d'Aral e mar Caspio

**Prosciugamento del lago d'Aral e contestualmente comparsa di nuove aree inondate, permanenti e/o stagionali, lungo il limite orientale del mar Caspio**



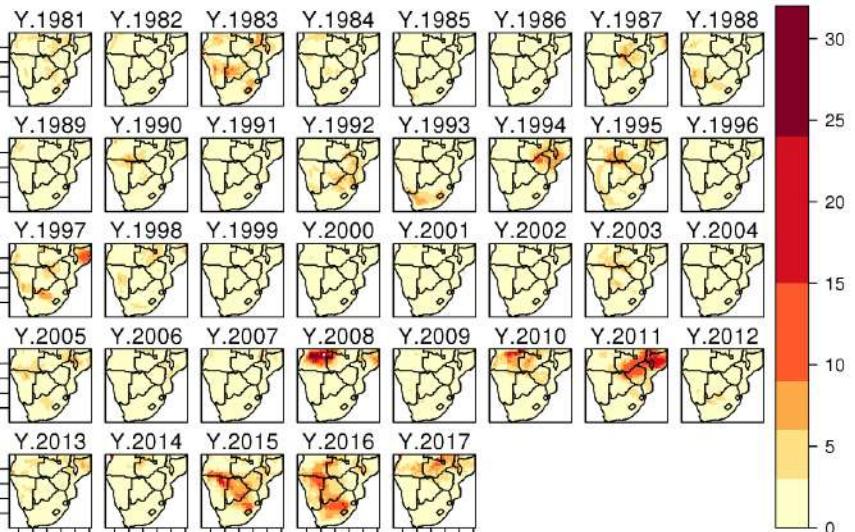
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# California: depauperamento delle riserve

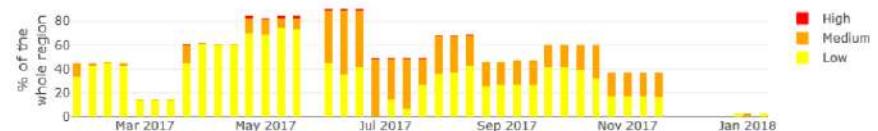


Cumulative groundwater losses (cubic km and million acre-ft) in California's Central Valley since 1962. The red line shows data from USGS calibrated groundwater model simulations from 1962-2003. The green line shows satellite-based estimates of groundwater storage losses produced by the UCCHM at UC Irvine. Background colors represent periods of drought (white), of variable to dry conditions (grey), of variable to wet conditions (light blue) and wet conditions (blue). Groundwater depletion mostly occurs during drought; and progressive droughts are lowering groundwater storage to unsustainable levels. After Figure B9 from USGS Professional Paper 1766. USGS data courtesy of Claudia Faunt. Satellite data courtesy of NASA and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

# La crisi idrica in Cape Town - 2018



## Analisi delle onde di calore (WMI)



## Likelihood of drought impact (LDI)

EU Science Hub:

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/making-sense-situation-cape-town>

*Technical Report:*

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/eur-scientific-and-technical-research-reports/2018-drought-and-water-crisis-southern-africa>

[http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC111596/drought\\_water\\_crisis\\_in\\_southern\\_africa2018\\_doi\\_isbn.pdf](http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC111596/drought_water_crisis_in_southern_africa2018_doi_isbn.pdf)

<https://qz.com/africa/1525526/cape-towns-day-zero-water-shortage-fear-spreads-in-south-africa/>

# Mappe e modelli in Europa

Figure 6 Irrigated area (Source: FAO, Siebert et al., 2005)

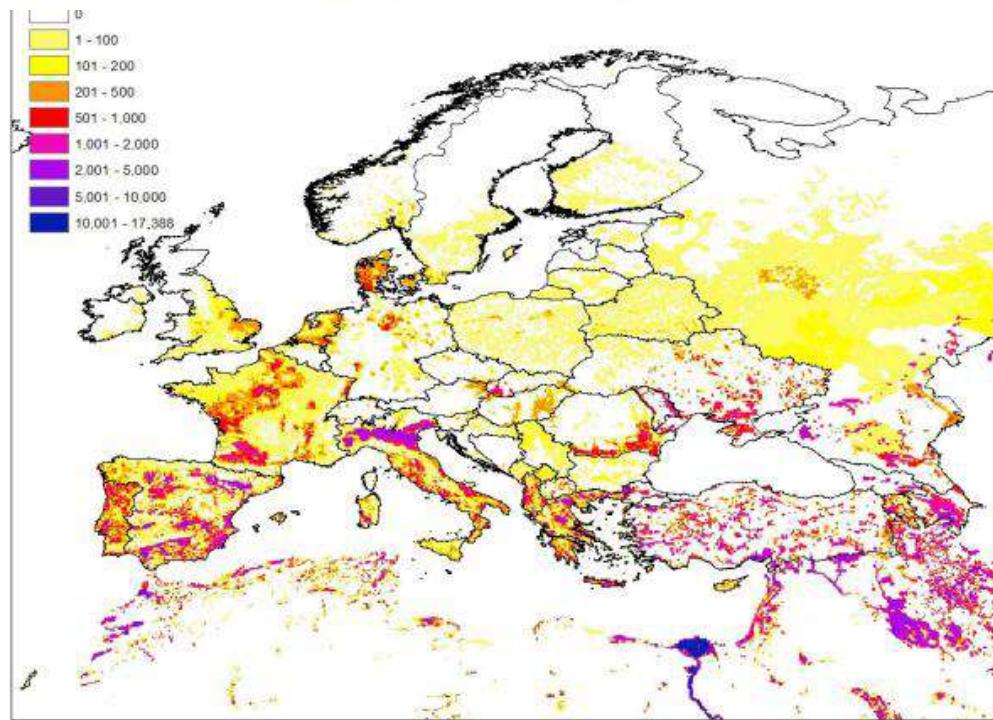
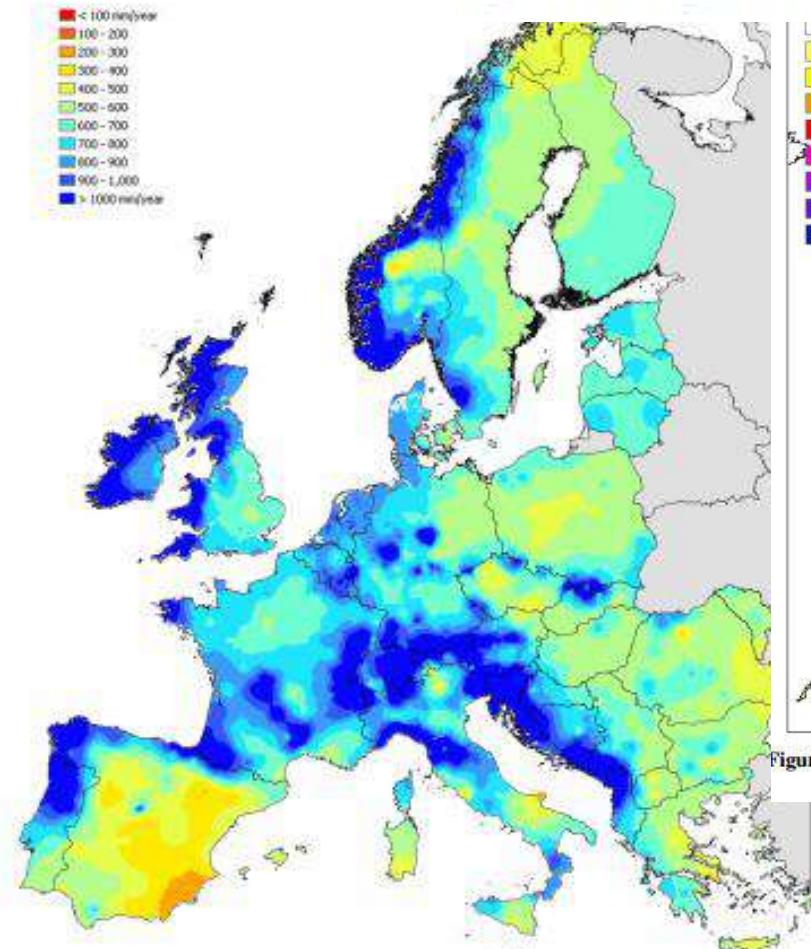
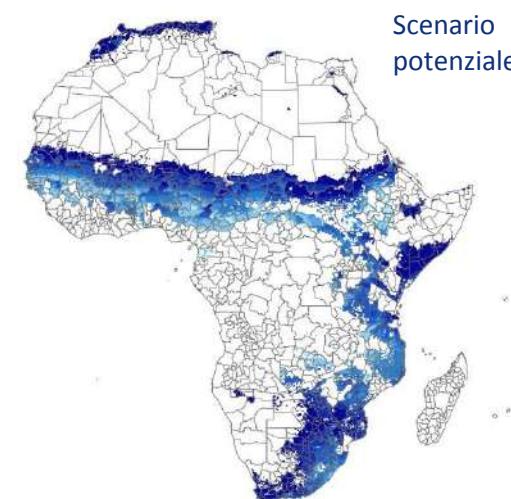
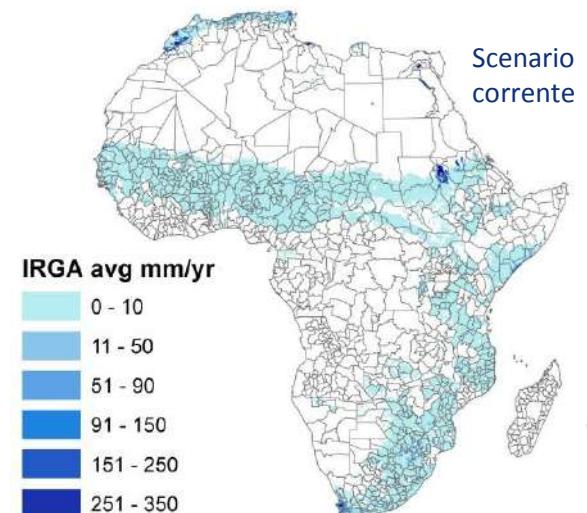
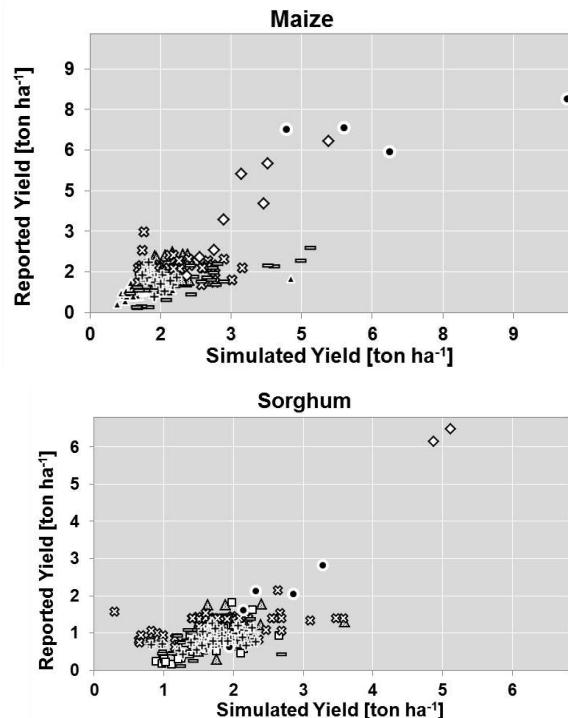
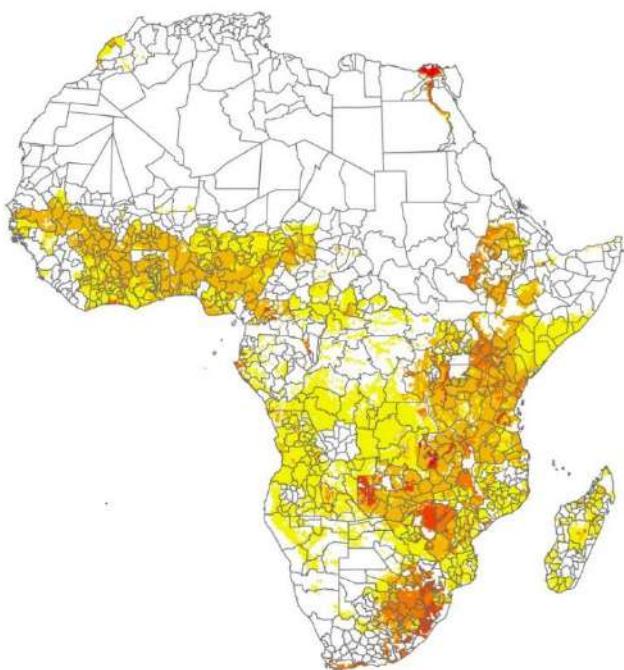


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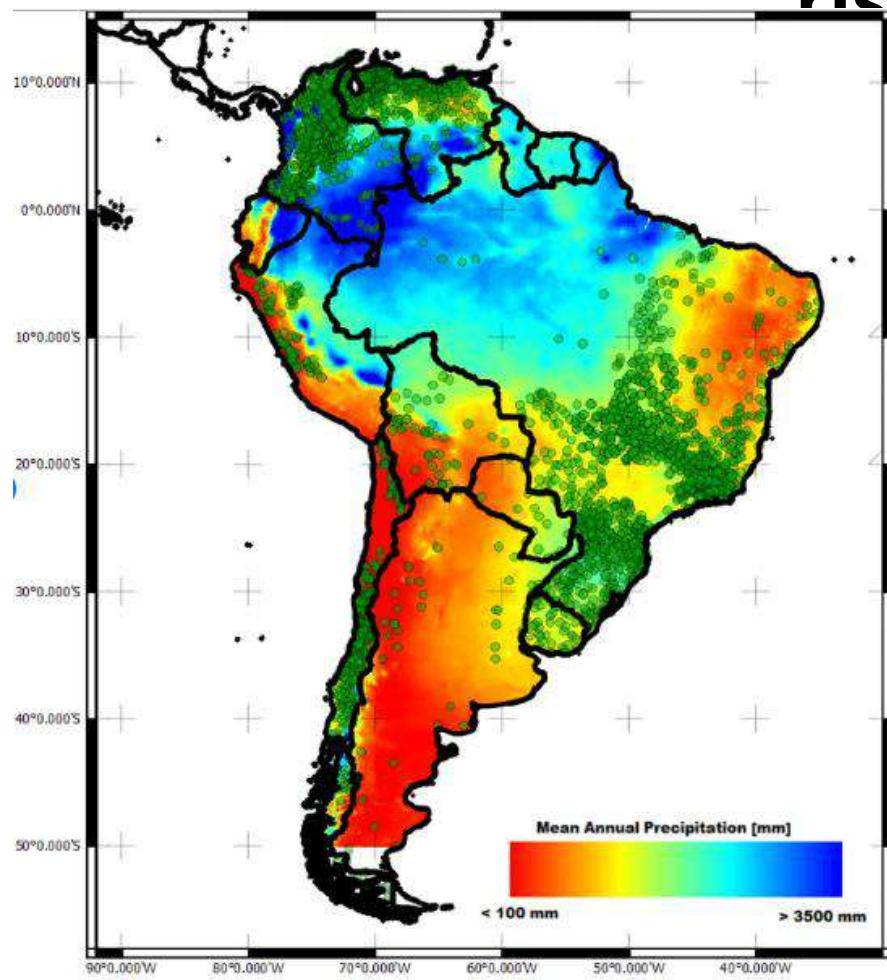
Figure 5 Annual average precipitation (mm) (1990-2010), based on spatially interpolated ground station measurements, using the JRC CGMS/Mars database and the JRC EUFloodGIS database. Source: JRC / Salamon, Burek (2011).

# GIS-EPIC: STIMA DELLA PRODUTTIVITA' E DELLA DOMANDA IDRICA A SCOPO IRRIGUO



○ Northern Western • Northern Eastern △ Eastern Central ☒ Eastern Northern — Eastern Southern  
□ Central + Western Central ▲ Central Equatorial ◇ Southern

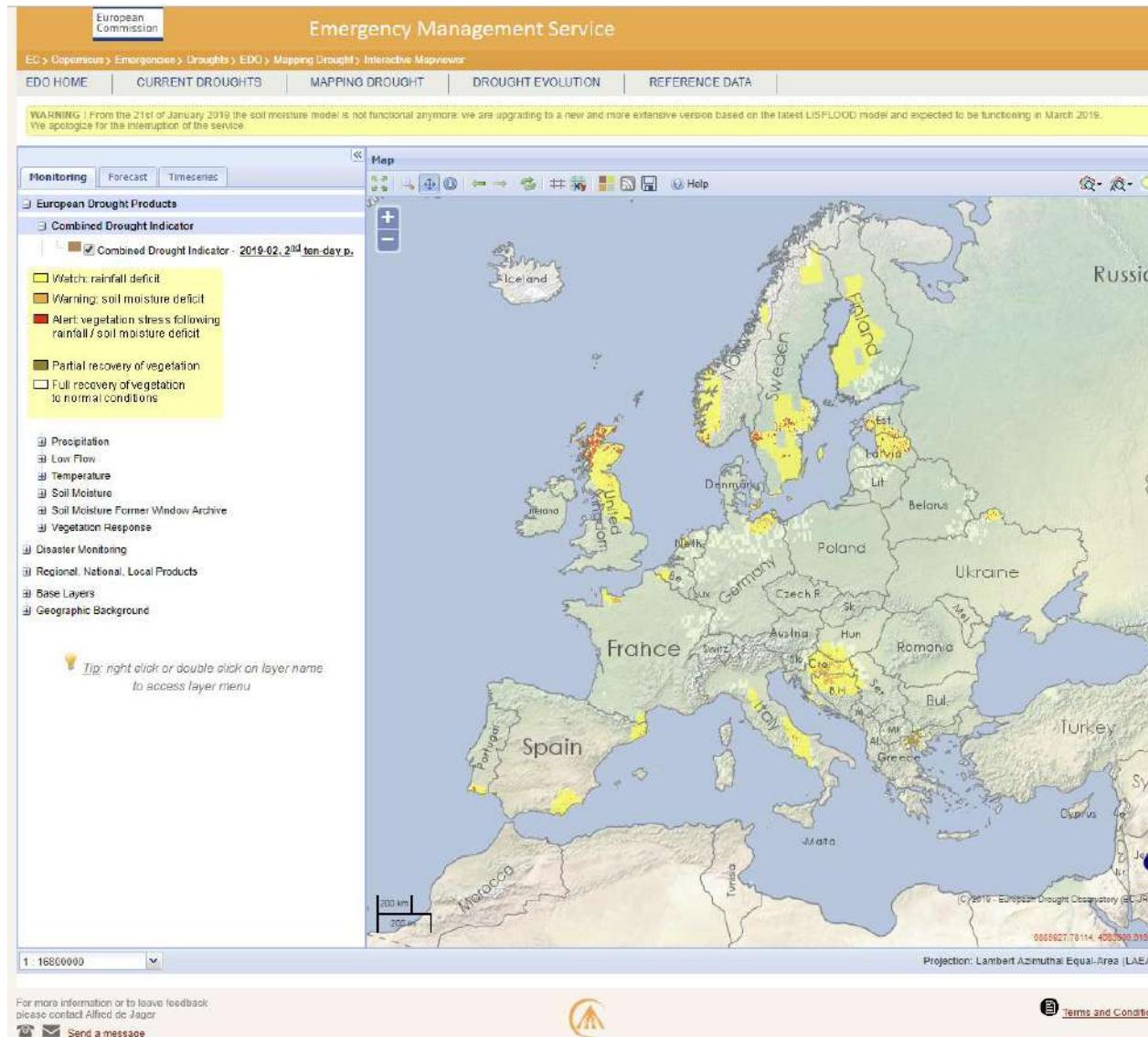
# Variabilita' climatica ed il suo impatto sulle risorse



Ceccherini G. Ameztoy I., Romero Hernandez C.P. and Carmona Moreno C., 2015

High-Resolution precipitation Datasets in South America and West Africa based on

# EDO - European Drought Observatory



# ACQUE SOTTERRANEE: RISORSE FOSSILI IN AREE DESERTICHE



**L'enorme estensione del deserto del Sahara, sede di acquiferi fossili (es. Nubian Sandstones in Libia)**

**Trasporto delle tubature per la realizzazione della piu' grande infrastruttura per il trasporto dell'acqua sotterranea fino alla costa libica**

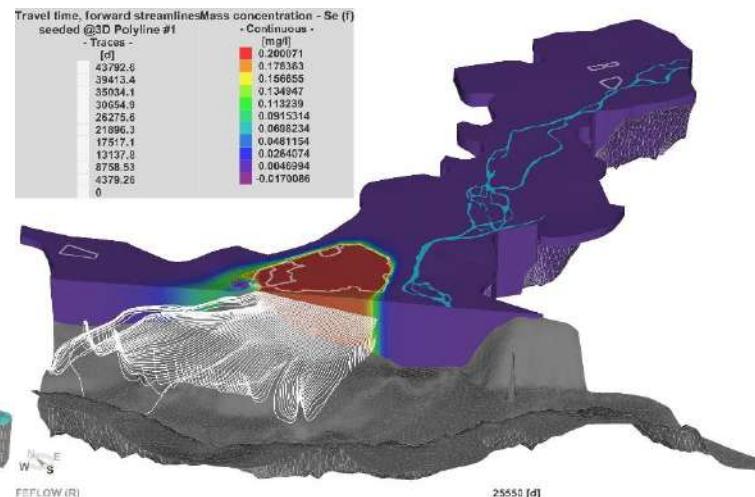
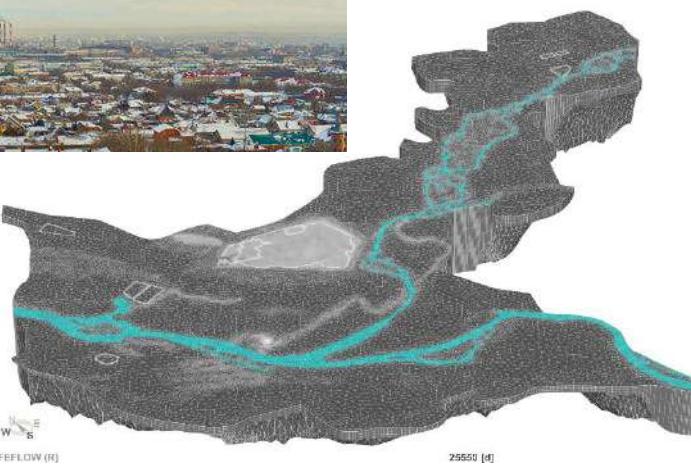


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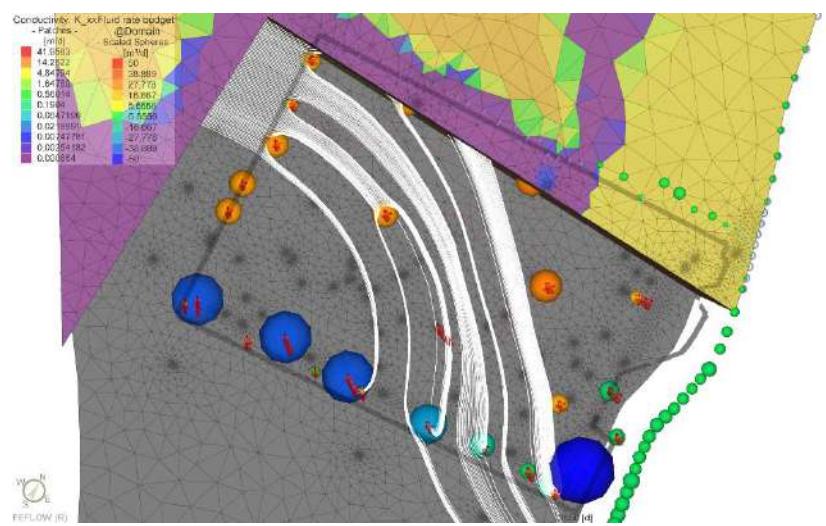
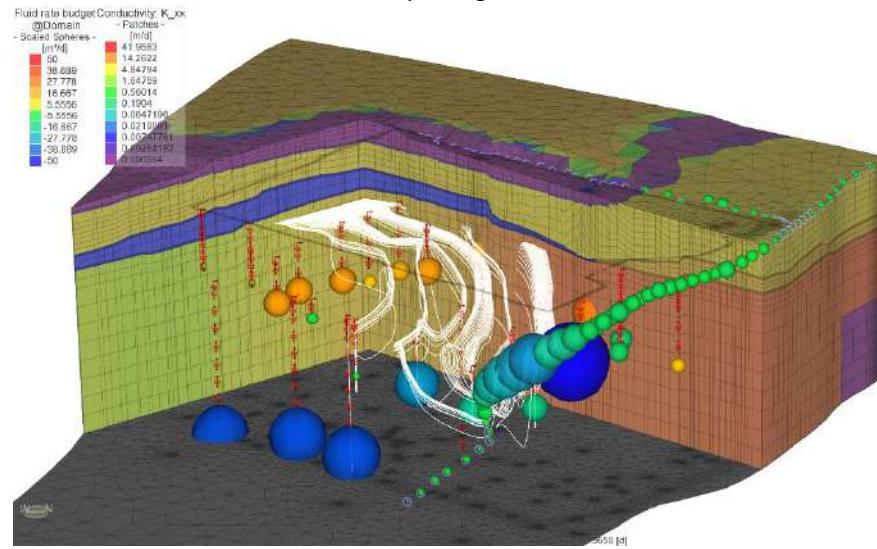
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# MODELLISTICA DELLE ACQUE SOTTERRANEE

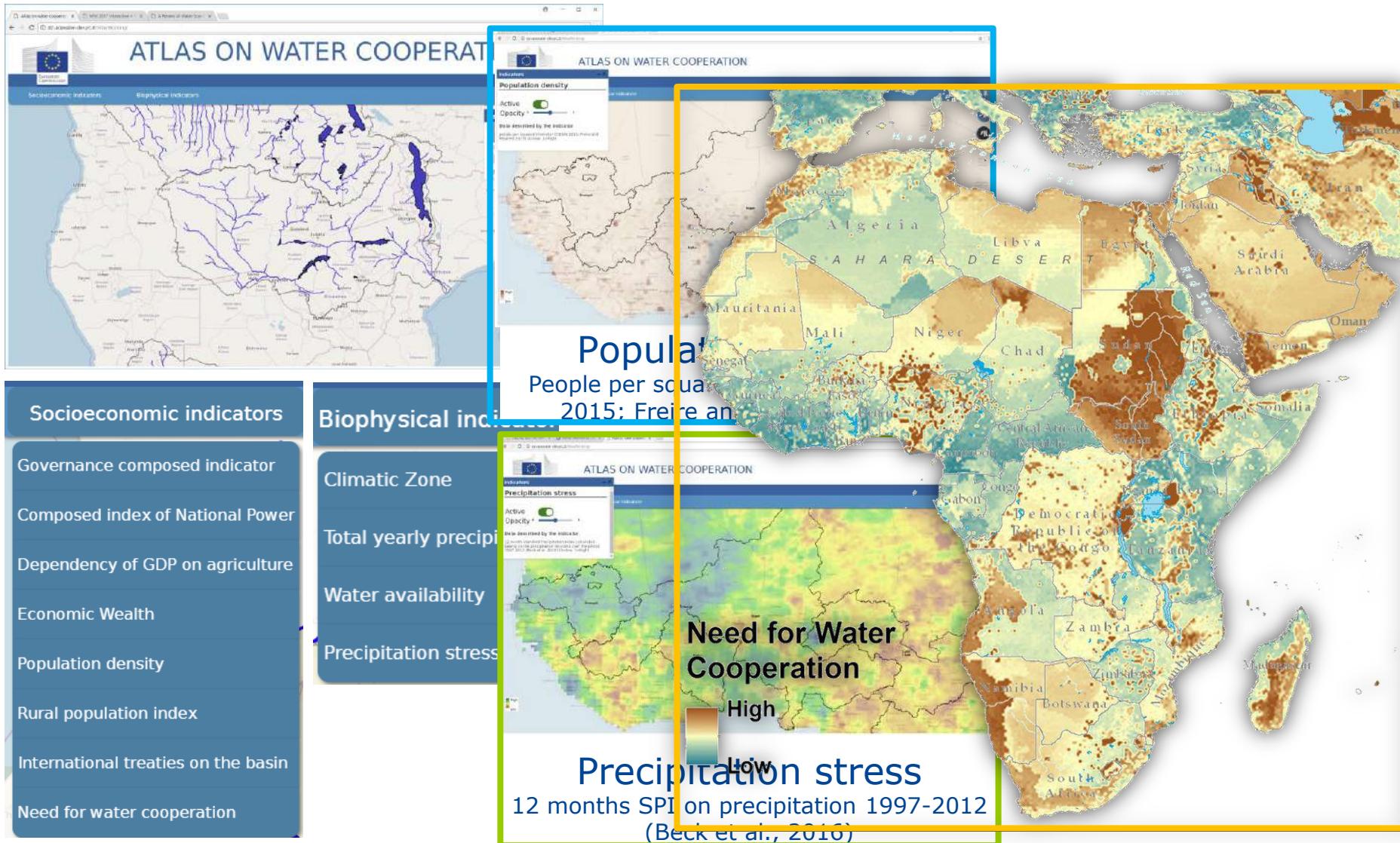


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# Atlante sul rischio idro-politico



F.Farinosi, C.Giupponi, A.Reynaud, G.Ceccherini, C.Carmona-Moreno, A.De Roo, D.Gonzalez-Sanchez, G.Bidoglio, 2018. An innovative approach to the assessment of hydro-political risk: A spatially explicit, data driven indicator of hydro-political issues. *Global Environmental Change*, Volume 52, September 2018, Pages 286-313

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S095937801830253X>

# Decenni di grandi disastri anche in Italia



**Polesine, 1951**



**Diga del Vajont, 6 Ottobre 1963**



**Firenze, 1966**



**Alluvione Genova, 9-11 Ottobre 2014**

# JRC Water Portal

https://water.jrc.ec.europa.eu/portal/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=3d91153261eb413d8a00f066aa87e743

Agriculture and water in the EU

Fertilisers and water quality Impacts on freshwater Impacts on ecosystems Policies and measures

Knowledge Hub on Water and Agriculture

## Impacts on freshwater

The excess of nutrients severely impairs the quality and use of water. Concentrations of nitrate higher than 50 mg/l are dangerous for human consumption and health (EU Drinking Water Directive). Elevated and unbalanced concentrations of nutrients in rivers, lakes and coastal waters can feed a proliferation of harmful weeds and algae (phenomenon of eutrophication), destroying the aquatic life and biodiversity, and also damaging recreational and economic activities.

Lotus bloom on Mantua's Superior Lake, Italy - Photo by Michela Zanni (CC BY-NC 4.0)

## The quality of groundwater

Groundwater quality comprises the physical, chemical, and biological qualities of groundwater. Human activities can alter the natural composition of groundwater. In areas receiving high nitrogen fertilizer applications and characterized by shallow water tables that are connected to surface waters, groundwater is at risk of nitrate pollution.



# Le risorse idriche a Mantova: alcune delle sfide

- **Protezione delle aree umide**
- **Protezione dal rischio inondazione (canale scolmatore, attivato su livelli critici di portata del fiume Mincio)**
- **Qualita' delle risorse idriche**



# Ringraziamenti

**I riferimenti web che corredano gli esempi costituiscono un'opportunita' di approfondimento dei tanti temi che afferiscono alle problematiche di gestione e protezione delle risorse idriche, oltre che una introduzione alle specifiche attivita' di ricerca a supporto delle politiche che il JRC conduce.**

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