2.4.4 Supporting the implementation of NAPs with Earth observation solutions

Cyber hour 28 March 2023 16:00 – 17:30







Sara Venturini, GEO Secretariat

Sara Venturini is the Climate Coordinator at the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Secretariat.

At GEO she promotes access and the use of Earth observation data and solutions to inform and accelerate climate action by member countries.

She has 15 years' professional experience collaborating with UN agencies and advising governments and organisations around the world on developing and implementing climate change policies, and participating in multilateral climate negotiations.

She holds a PhD in Climate Change Science and Management from Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy.



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Evidence-based activities to support policy



GLOBAL POLICY

Earth observations for climate action under the UNFCCC. Disaster risk reduction under Sendai Framework. Land degradation neutrality with UNCCD. Nature-based solutions with CBD. Mercury monitoring under Minamata Convention for Mercury.



NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Capacity development and projects. Agriculture monitoring for adaptation, flood early warning systems, impact of wildfires, coastal areas and ocean health, etc. Supplementary Technical Guidance to integrate Earth observations into National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

Presentations and demos:

- Esther Makabe, Capacity Development Coordinator, GEOGLAM
- Kenneth Mwangi, Climate Monitoring and Early Warning Expert, IGAD - ICPAC, Kenya
- David Ongo, Digital Earth Africa focal point, RCMRD, Kenya
- Jorge Luis Vazquez-Aguirre, WMO

Q&A and open discussion (30 min)

Esther Makabe, GEOGLAM

Makabe is an information management professional with over 6 years of hands-on experience in geospatial information technology and knowledge management in emergency and development contexts.

She is currently Capacity Development Coordinator at the GEOGLAM Secretariat.

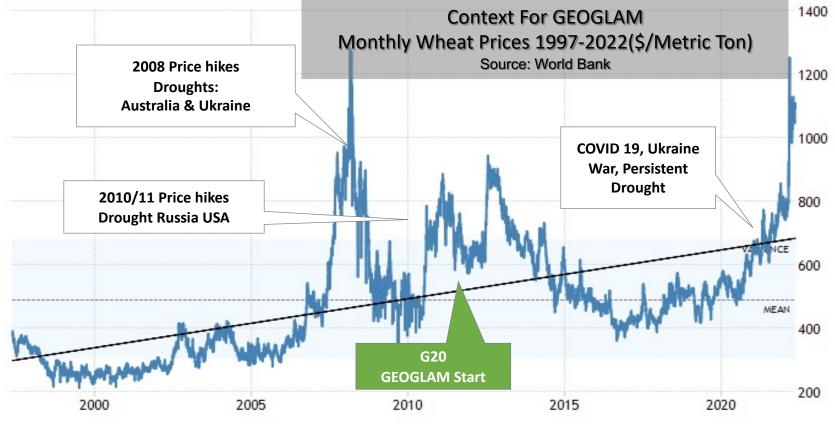


GEOGLAM - Earth Observations for National Adaptation Plans (EO4NAPs)

Esther Makabe, GEOGLAM Secretariat



GEOGLAM Launched by the G20 Agriculture Ministers in 2011





G20 Final Declaration

G20 FRANCE 2011

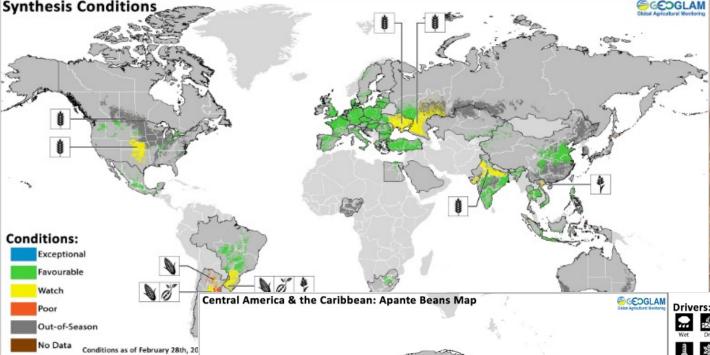
44. We commit to improve market information and transparency in order to make international markets for agricultural commodities more effective. To that end, we launched:

- The "Agricultural Market Information System" (AMIS) in Rome on September 15, 2011, to improve information on markets ...;
- The "Global Agricultural Geo-monitoring Initiative" (GEO-GLAM) in Geneva on September 22-23, 2011. This initiative will coordinate satellite monitoring observation systems in different regions of the world in order to enhance crop production projections and weather forecasting data.





Responding to the Challenge Since 2013:



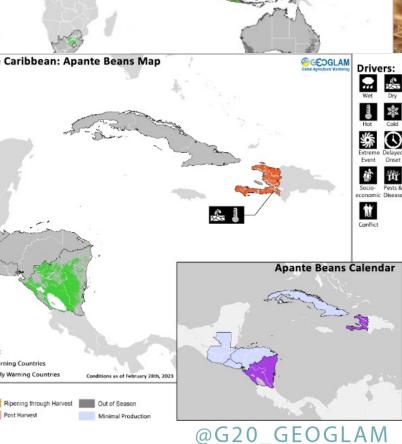
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Countries

Expanding the Food Security Mandate 2016:



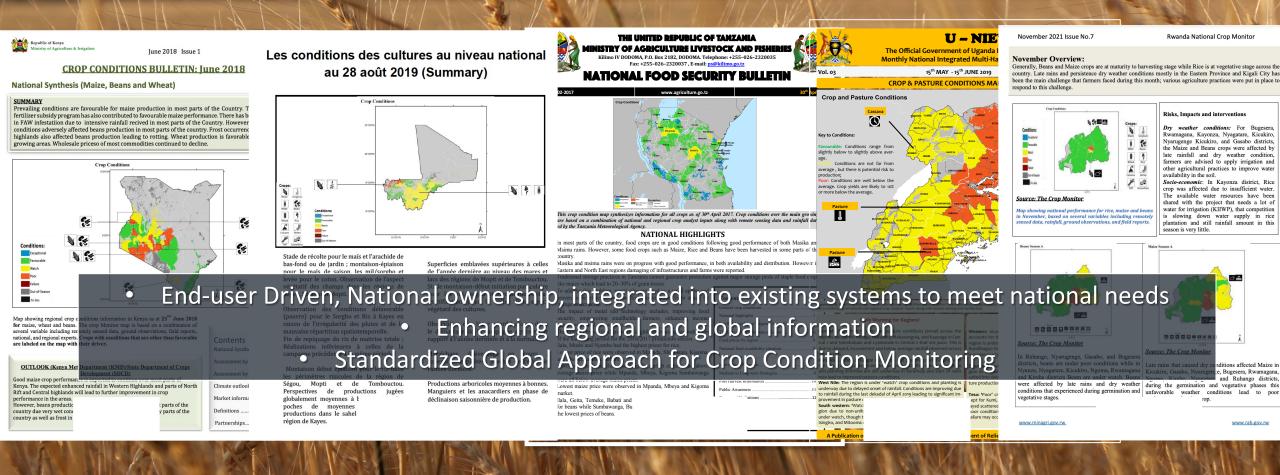




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National & Regional Owned & Operated Crop Monitors Co-Developed, Replicable and Adaptable





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National Impact Examples

National Scale Cropland Mapping

National capacity to operationally use EO for within-season monitoring
 Sparking international coordination (Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina)
 Developing state-of-science baseline products



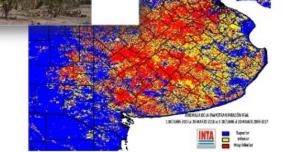
Argentina Drought 2017-2018

- Argentina suffered one of the worst droughts in its history in 2018
- Agriculture Ministry needed objective scientific evidence of drought to enact policy
- Working with INTA (GEOGLAM national partner) the government was able to declare an "agricultural emergency" with great spatial precision, triggering financial safety net programs

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2017 national cropland extent with 30m spatial resolution 80% initial accuracy



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GEO Supplement to integrate Earth observations into NAPs



Key steps to establish a National Agriculture Monitoring System and support the implementation of NAPs with timely and accurate EO-based information for food security programmes and policies



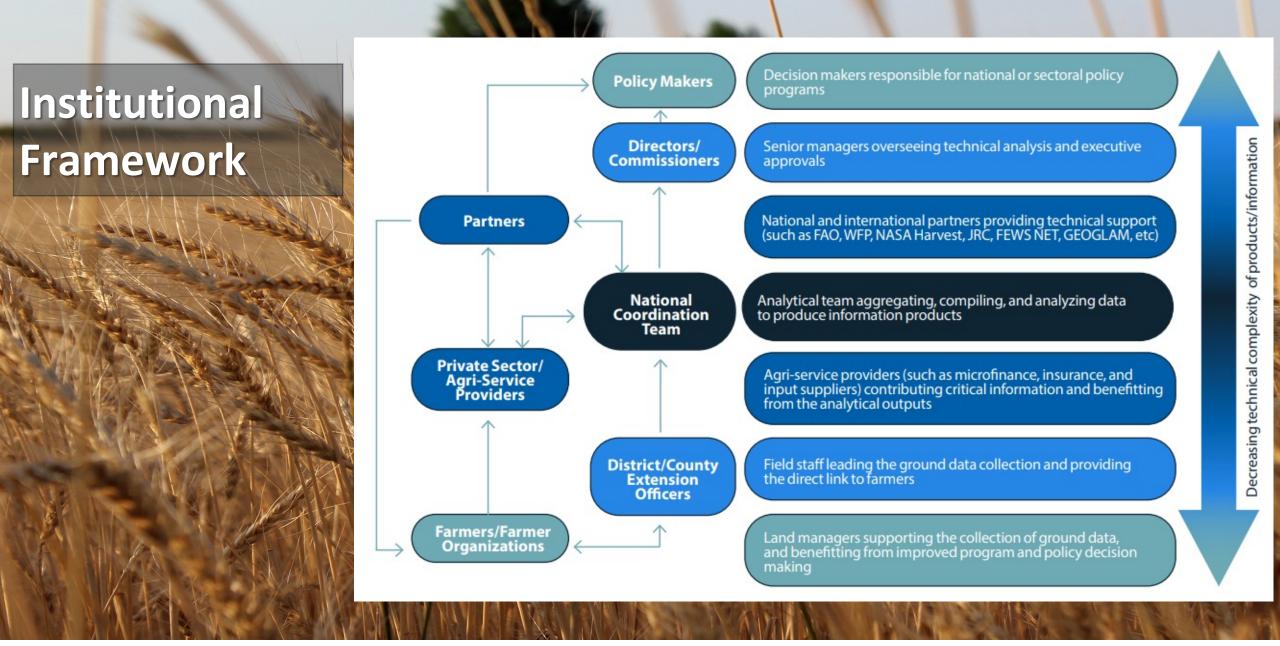


Countries can access the GEO guidance, as well as technical assistance and capacity development for project proposals generation

EO Applications in Agriculture









National Coordination Team

Roles

Composition

- Data compilation, aggregation and analysis
 Report findings to directors/commissioners
- Multi-agency/multi-disciplinary teams
 - Examples: Food security, Agriculture monitoring, Statistics, Early Warning

Skills

Products/

Outputs

- Crop resources/food security assessment, pest management, agro-meteorology, data analysis, GIS/Remote Sensing, etc.
- Food Security Bulletins
- Crop monitor Reports
- Food Balance Sheets
- Production Forecasts
 - etc.





Stakeholder

olicy Makers e.g., Ministers	 Provide legislation/policy direction on agriculture and related matters
Directors/Commissioners	 Provide executive oversight and direction to the National Coordination Teams/Center Liaise/report the findings of the analysis teams to the policy makers Provide relevant recommendations to policy makers
lational and International partners .g., FAO, WFP, GEOGLAM, FEWSNET, IASA Harvest etc. Includes private sector service providers e.g., Agri-Insurance, nanufacturers, microfinance, etc.	 Provide technical support and supplementary data and assessments to complement the national crop monitor system.
ield/Extension Officers	 Provide link between farmers and the National Coordination Team Lead field data collection activities Provide on-the-ground agriculture expertise/information
armers and/or Farmer Organizations	 Provide ground data/farm reports to be integrated into the national system Provide critical feedback on the effectiveness of agriculture-related policies and programs

Role



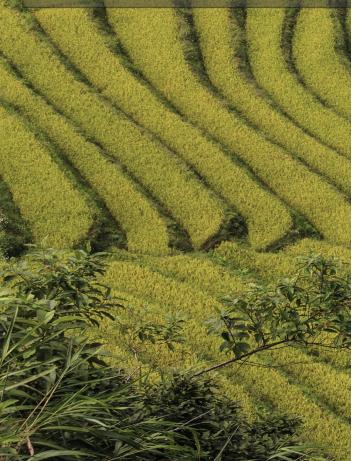
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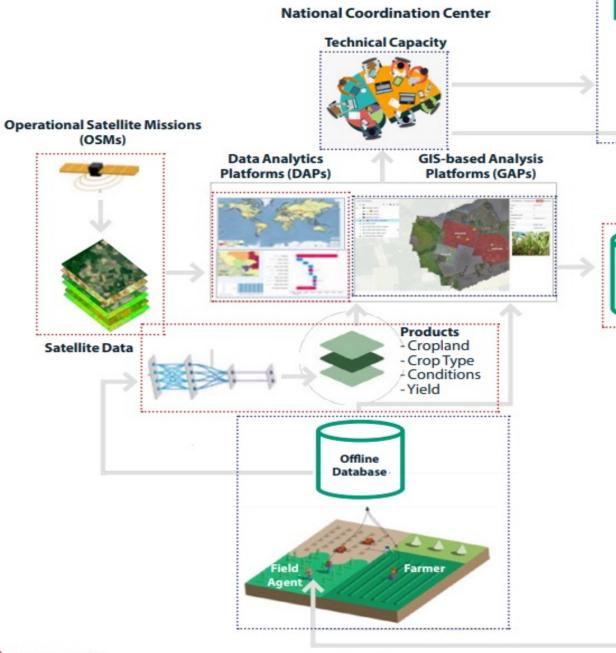
		ANALYTICS PLATFORMS	GROUND DATA / TOOLS AND	MAIN PUBLICATION / PROGRAMS SUPPORTED
COUNTRY	NATIONAL COORDINATION	UTILIZED	TEAMS	/ ACCESS TO REPORTS
Kenya	State Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, coordinating with County Extension Officers	GLAM, EWX, Custom-built Kenya Crop Monitor Kenya, Weather Forecasts from Meteorological Department	Via County Extension Officers	Kenya Crop Conditions Bulletin, Crop Insurance Program, Rapid Response to Pest/Disease Infestations
Uganda	National Emergency Coordination and Early Warning Center with inputs from Ministry of Agriculture, Uganda National Meteorological Authority, Ministry of Health, FAO, FEWS NET, Uganda Red Cross	Uganda Crop Monitor, GLAM, EWX, Weather Forecasts	Via District Extension Agents, rapid food security assessments, and OpenDataKit	UNIEWS Bulletin, Disaster Risk Financing
Tanzania	Ministry of Agriculture-Food Security Division coordinated with Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA), Ministry of Trade, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)	GLAM, EWX, Tanzania Crop Monitor System	Via District Extension Agents, Regional Officers	Tanzania National Food Security Bulletin
Rwanda	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources with Rwanda Meteorology	GLAM, EWX, Rwanda Crop Monitor System	Via District Extension Officers	Rwanda Crop Monitor Bulletin

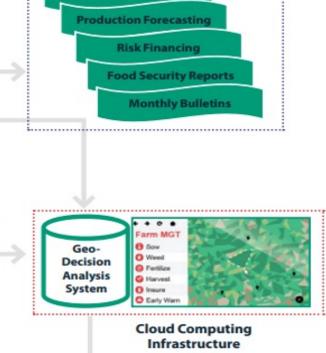
Table 2 - Current crop monitor set-up with examples from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania



Technical Framework







Food Balance Sheets



Global Services National Services

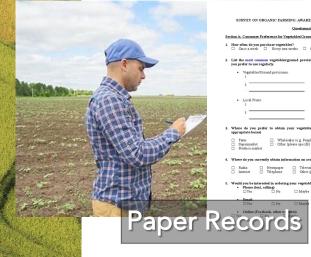
Ground Data

Ground Data

Figure 9 - Ground Data System

Survey

Mobile Data Collection and Relay



Data Visualization/Analysis



Offline Aggregation Database

Ground Data

Farmer

Field

Agent



GPS Equipment



Capacity Co-Development

Leveraging existing capacities

CO-DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

Demand-driven and impactoriented

Fit-for-purpose

Co-creation and design

Social inclusion

Sustainability

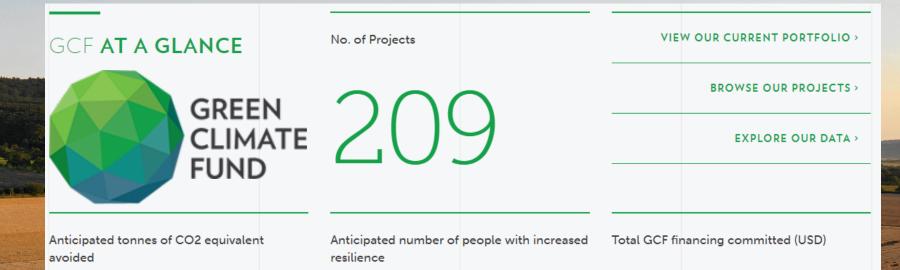
- Fully utilize/leverage EO capabilities in agriculture-related decisionmaking e.g.Reading and Interpreting Ready EO information and products
- Adapt organizational workflows to exploit or improve the use of EO in agriculture
 - Identify the best EO Data Application Platforms to use according to your needs and existing resources
 - Develop ground data collection applications and workflows (in case there are none in use)
 - Integrate and adapt your workflows for RS and in-situ data



Stakeholder

engagement

Financial Support



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Least Developed Countries Fund - LDCF



Additional technical resources

GEO Knowledge Hub Resource packages

- Data
- Data Analysis Protocols
- Software
- Expert support
- Training/Workshops
- Leveraging EO capabilities in other sectors of national development
- e.g. Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Coastal Zones DRR and Adaptation, Flood Risk Management etc.





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As part of GEO Climate Change Working group Mwangi offers support to African countries in their NAP process and approaches by exploiting the potential of Earth observations for the monitoring and assessment of climate change impacts, vulnerability, risks and adaptation responses.



Demos

Demo of two crops currently on season (Maize and Wheat) in Uganda and Ethiopia:

<u>https://cropmonitor.org/interfaces/earlywarning/ma_batch.php</u>

Demo of a remote sensing data source used to identify hotspots for crop rapid analysis:

<u>https://earlywarning.usgs.gov/fews/ewx/index</u>
 <u>.html?region=af</u>



GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL MONITORING





David Ongo Nyang'acha, RCMRD, DE Africa

David Ongo is an experienced Geospatial Expert specialized in Environmental and Natural Resources Monitoring and Management.

His experience spans from using GIS and Remote Sensing to participating in numerous multidisciplinary projects geared towards delivering services that meet international standards in industries that include, Water Resources Management, Infrastructure and Utility Mapping, Agriculture and Food Security, Mining, Forest Resources Monitoring, Urban Planning, Air Quality Monitoring, Land Administration.

He is the currently champion for the Regional Centre For Mapping Of Resources For Development (RCMRD)'s GeoHub Africa, an innovation, incubation and research. He's also the Digital Earth Africa focal point.



Linking Agricultural Practices with Adaptation Policy and Earth Observations in Africa

David Ongo,

Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, RCMRD

About RCMRD

The Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), previously known as Regional Centre for Services in Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing was established in Nairobi, Kenya in 1975 under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) now African Union (AU).

RCMRD is an intergovernmental organization with Head offices in Nairobi, Kenya.

RCMRD has twenty (20) Contracting member States and six (6) Non-Contracting member States



WATER AND WATER **RELATED DISASTERS**







LAND ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT



WEATHER AND CLIMATE

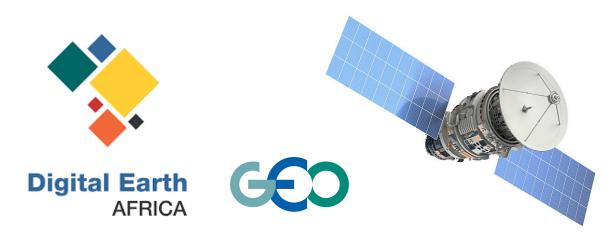


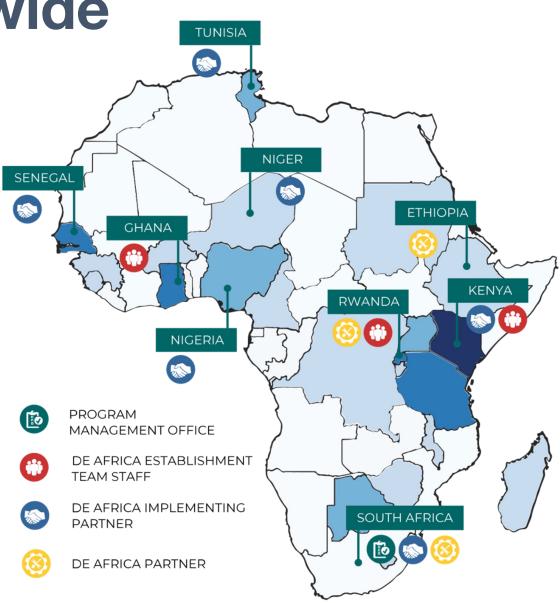
Activating a continent-wide community

Digital Earth Africa (DE Africa) is a continental-scale, not-for-profit program focused on improving access to Earth observation (EO) across sectors in Africa.

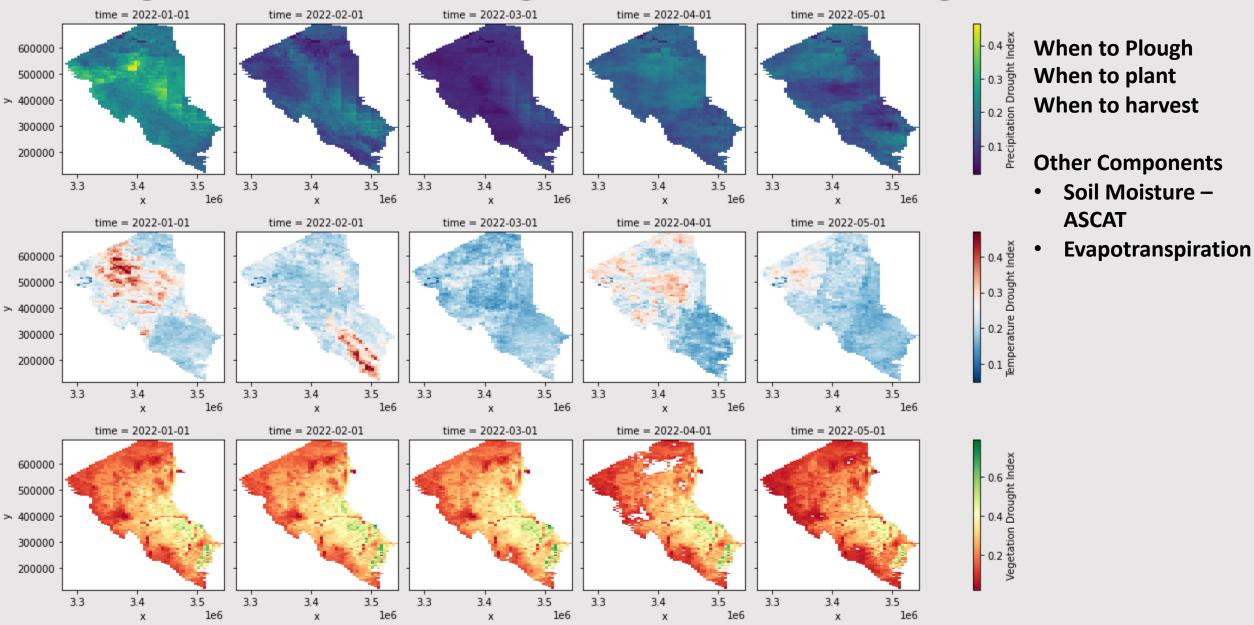
DE Africa is built on partnerships with African governance and in-country expertise to create sustained capacity development in Africa.

Platform and services provide free, open and accessible analysis ready satellite data





Agrometeorological Monitoring



Use case 1- Agriculture and food security

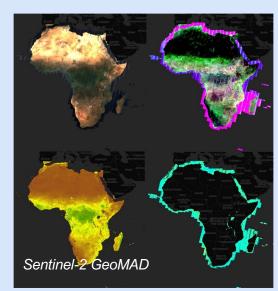
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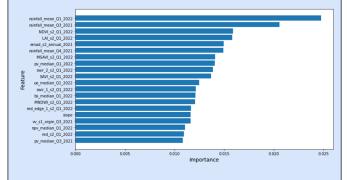


2. Field data collection– ECAAS ODK toolkit.



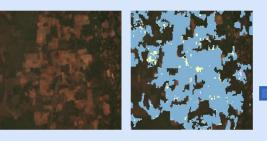
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Feature extraction - <u>notebook</u>
Feature exploration - <u>notebook</u>

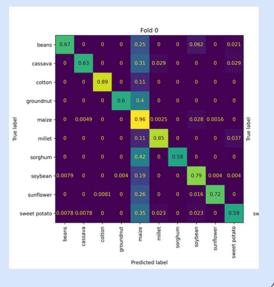




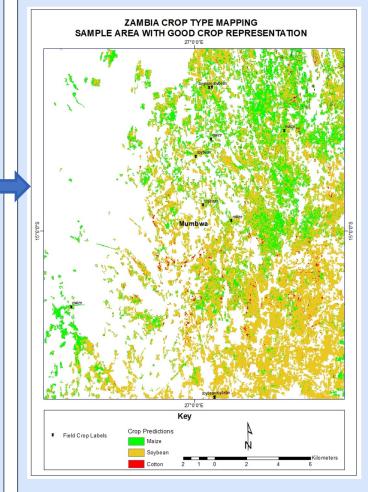
6. Machine learning training and performance estimation - <u>notebook</u>

7. Review of trained model on test areas - <u>notebook</u>

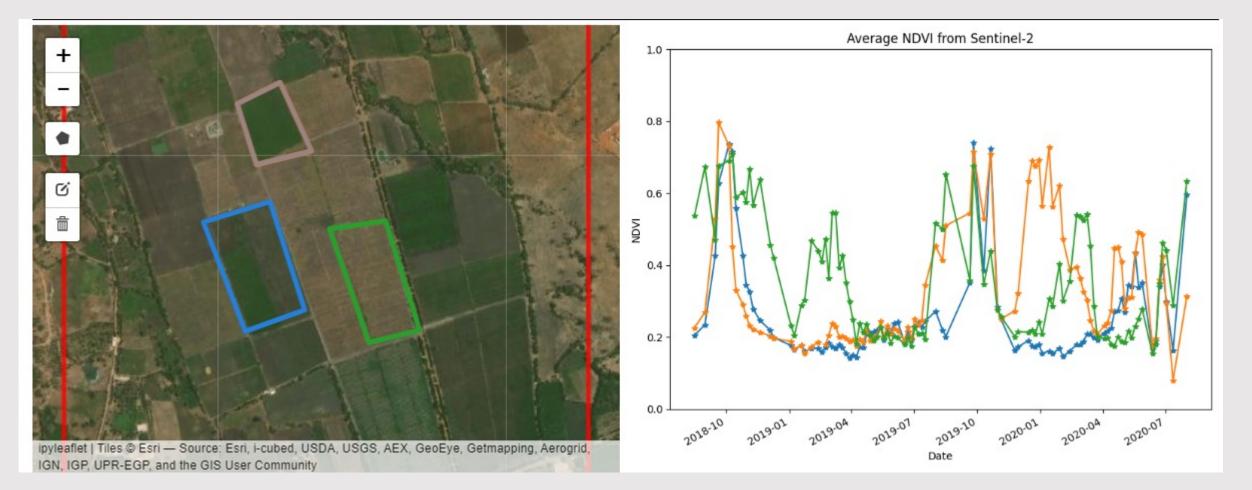




8. Production of crop type map for area of interest – <u>notebook</u>



Use case 2- Crop Health Crop Health Monitoring



Use case 3- Hydrology and Water Resources (Fresh Water Resources)

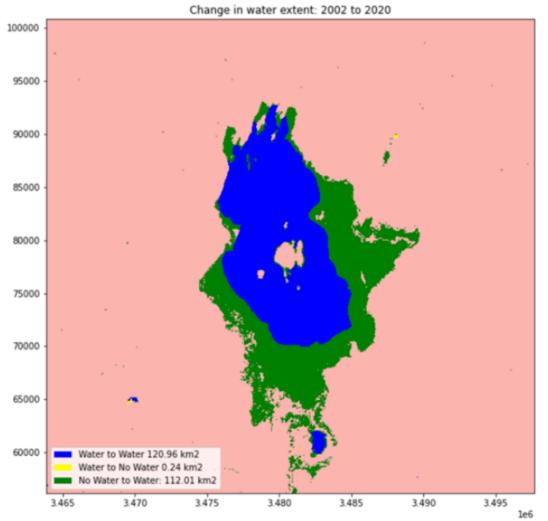


Figure 1: Change analysis of the lake water extent between 2002 and 2020, the lake has expanded by 112.01km2.

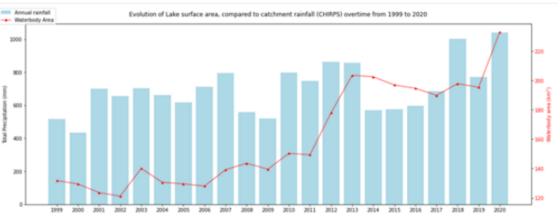


Figure 2: A gradual increase of rainfall is observed during this period, however, to fully understand the cause of the expansion, this analysis should be expanded to cover other rift valley lakes.

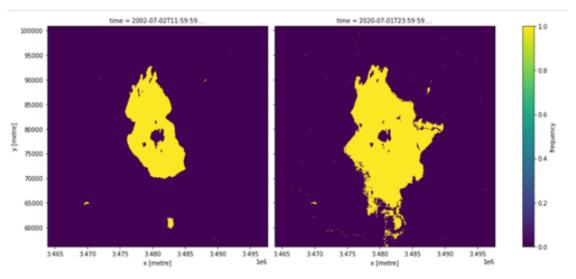
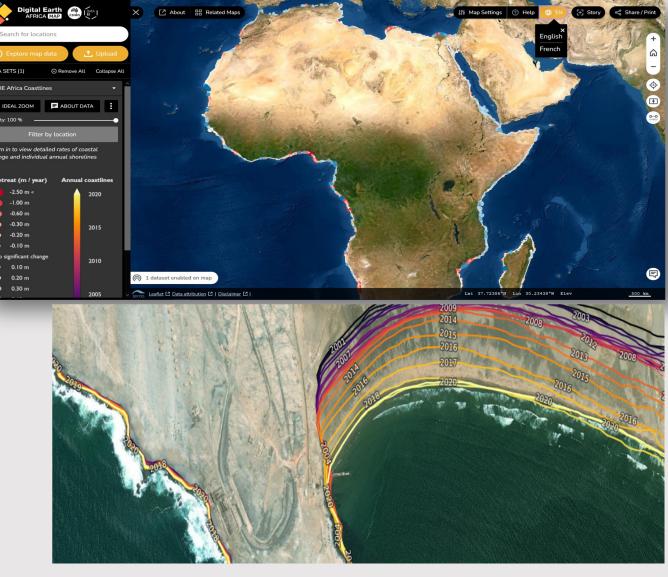


Figure 3: Plotted water classified pixel for the two dates where we have the minimum and maximum surface water extent.

Use case 4-Coastal Erosion & Blue Economy

- Coasts serve as major socio-economic hubs for 38 African countries:
- Africa's coastal areas host half of the 15 African megacities which are fast expanding due to rural-urban migration and population growth
- The African blue economy is expected to be worth \$405 billion and employ more than 57 million people by 2030
- Coastal communities and the blue economy are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change



- Scenarios
- Mangroves
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture

Useful links for more information

Malawi Hazards and Vulnerability Mapping

https://apps.rcmrd.org/disaster/malawi-hazards-andvulnerability-mapping-project

Digital Earth Africa https://www.digitalearthafrica.org/



Earth Observations for Africa





REGIONAL CENTRE FOR MAPPING OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT





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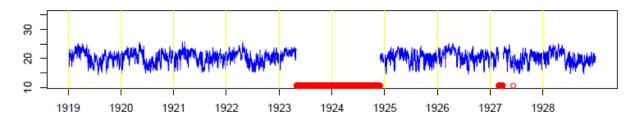
Integrating climate information from remote sensing and other sources into adaptation project proposals

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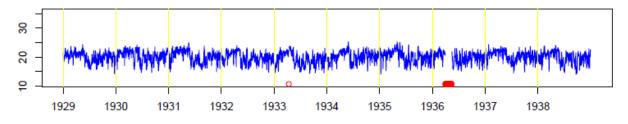
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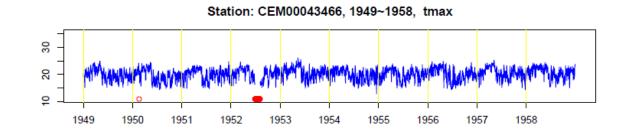


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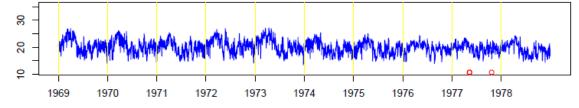
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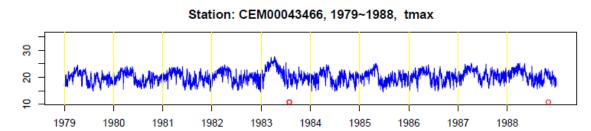


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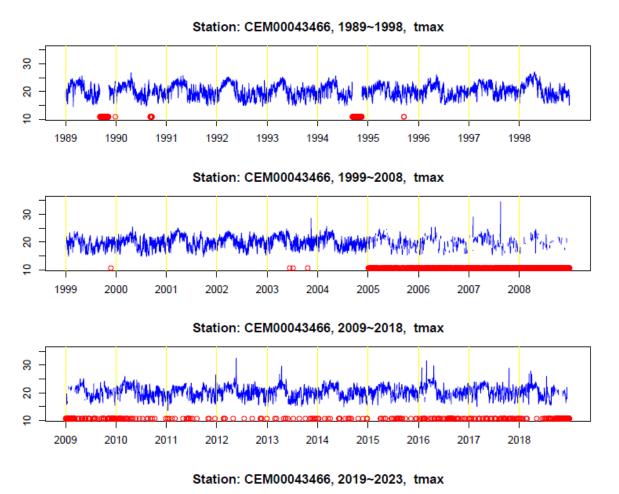


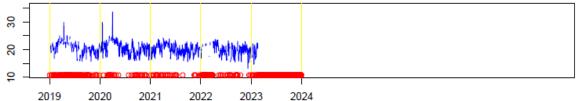
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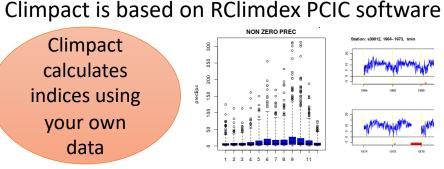


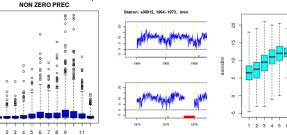
Climpact (UNSW)

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27 ETCCDI indices + 45 ET-SCI indices

From daily precipitation, max temp, min temp.





Number of days exceeding 90th percentile (TX90p)

rends -2 0days / 10 years IPCC AR6. Fig. 11.9 Trends 1960-2018

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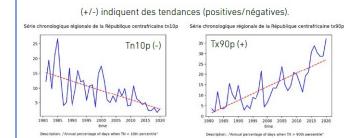
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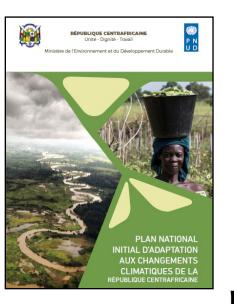
- Plots of each index over time •
- Files storing indices data
- Trend and threshold calculation
- Diagnostic file and plot to identify outliers and common errors in timeseries
- Correlations with sector data

GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Climpact indices included in National Adaptation Plans GCF project proposals

FIGURE 10 : SÉRIE TEMPORELLE RÉGIONALE DES INDICES CLIMATIQUES POUR LA RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRA-FRICAINE 1981-2019 PAR RAPPORT À LA MOYENNE 1981-2010









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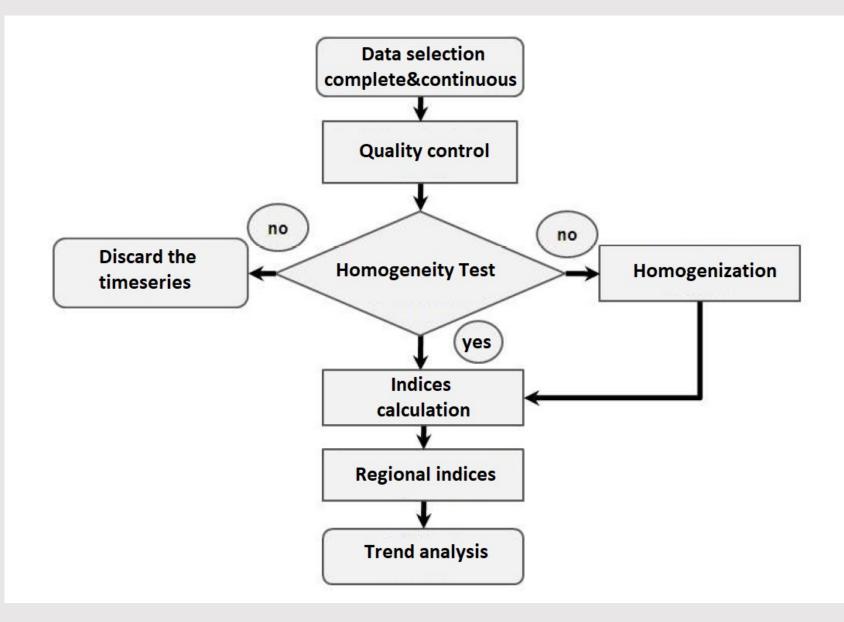
Climpact users by country (markers) and Climpact-related ET-SCI workshops (yellow boxes) and WMO/GCF workshops (green boxes)







Climate indices from instrumental data

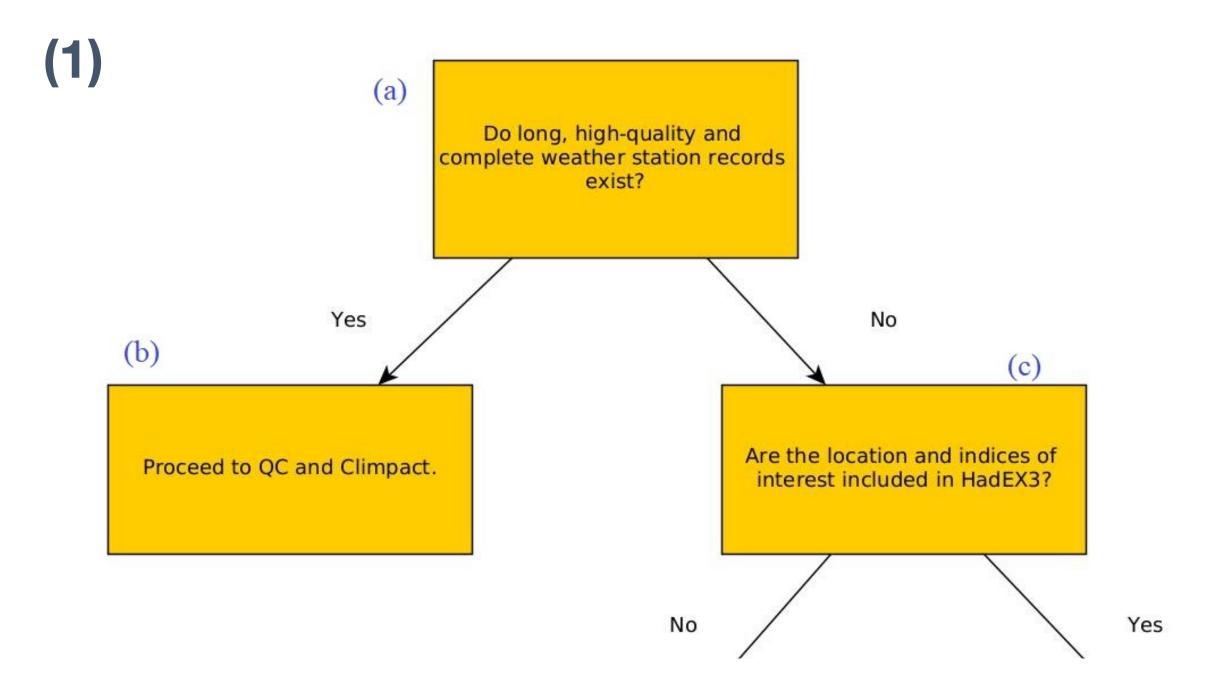


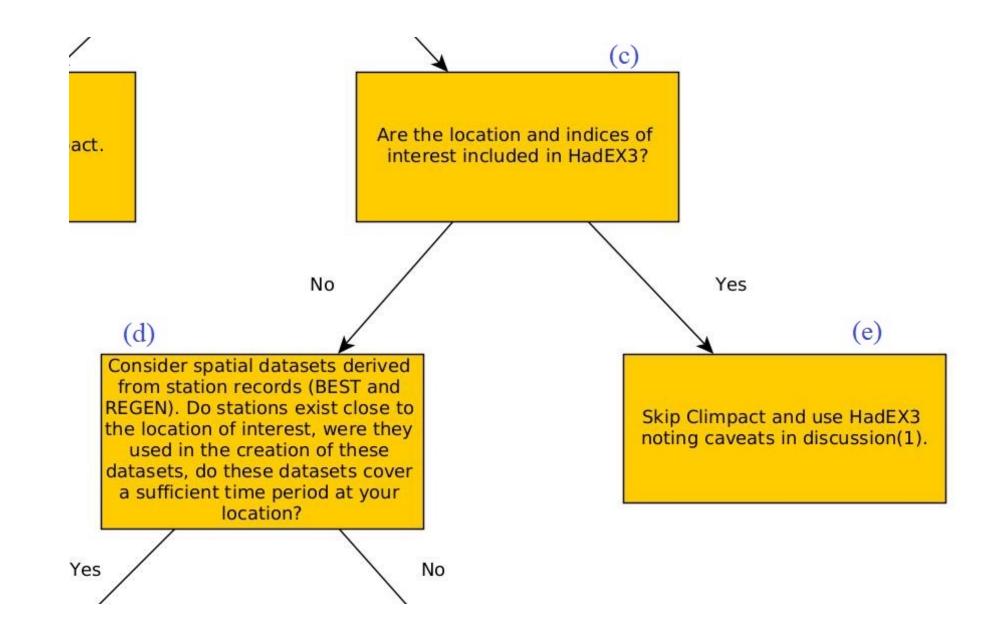
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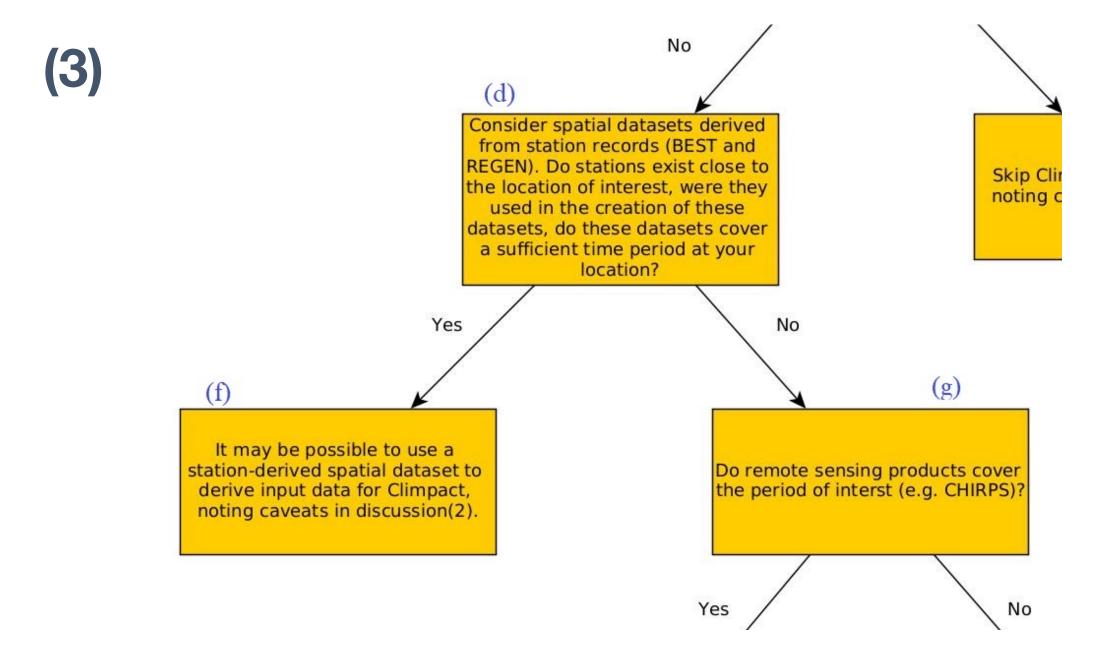
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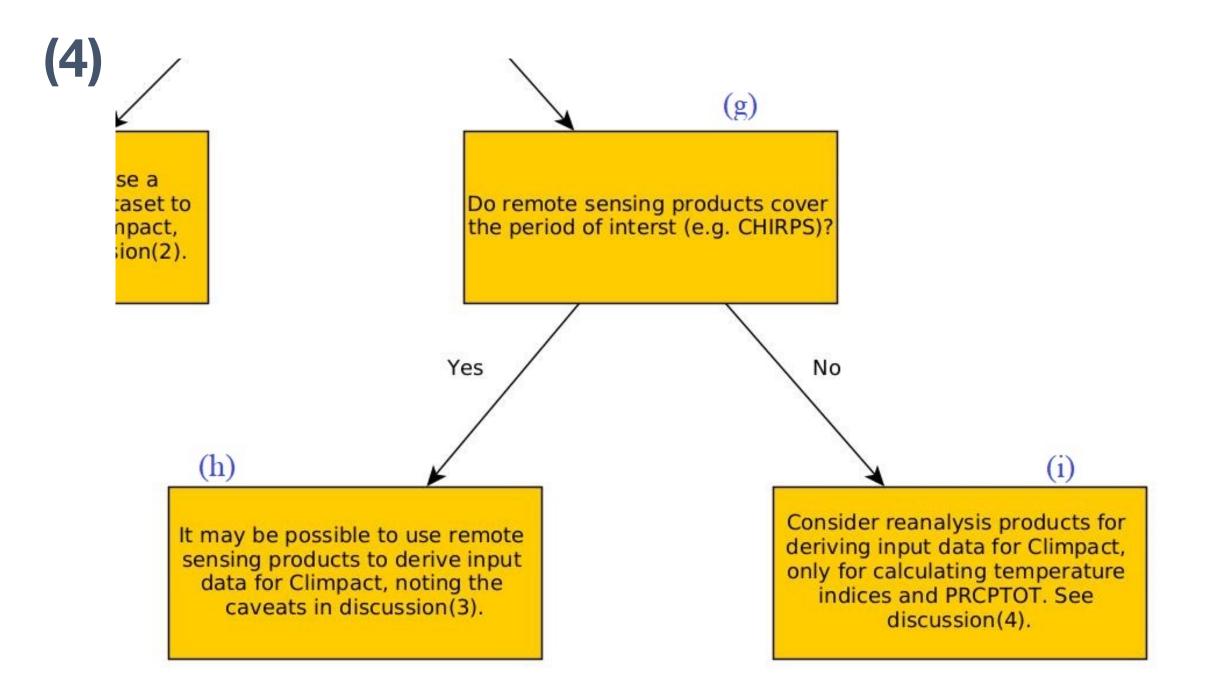
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Climate indices when no good observed instrumental data (station level) exist











Explore, download and analyse indices of observed and modelled climate extremes.

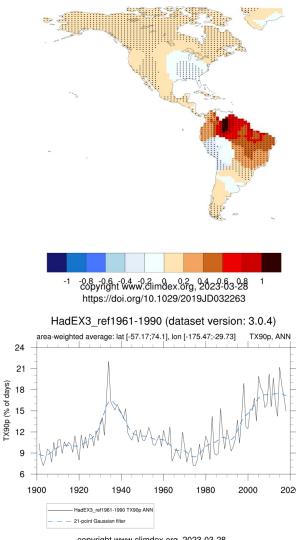
Climdex (UNSW)

https://www.climdex.org

Climdex plots can be easily cited They have been included in the *IPCC reports and many other* publications

HadEX3 ref1961-1990 TX90p ANN Trend 1901-2018

Datasetweits for glays / year (stippling indicates p<=0.05)









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Summing up

climate extremes

27 different indices describe

changes in heat, cold, rainfall and

drought over time-the hottest day

each year, for example, or the

amount of rainfall in the rainiest 5

day stretch each year.

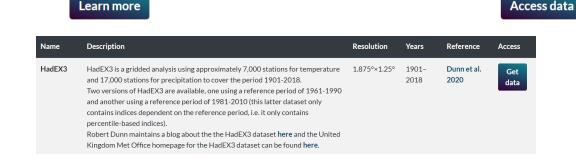
For any dataset

The Climdex indices are already available for a number of global climate datasets: we host several right here, and more are available from our partners. Find a dataset that suits your needs.

27 ETCCDI indices (calculated with Climpact)

From station data, or gridded observational data

Browse datasets



ready to go... We provide trend maps, average maps, time series plots and raw data

Plots and data.

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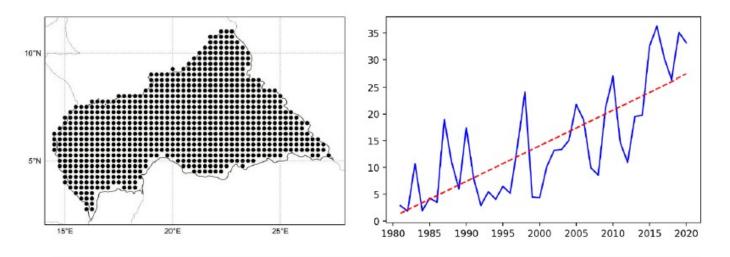
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Example: Climate change indices for CAR from <u>ERA5</u> <u>reanalysis</u>

ETCCDI indices (temperature) calculated from ERA reanalysis (proxy)

Central African Republic A regional time series covering all country



Left: Individual locations of 812 ERA5-reanalysis temperature timeseries withing the Central African Republic

Right: CAR regional timeseries of the (Tn90p) warm nights index (average of 812 individual timeseries): annual percentage of days when minimum temperature is greater than the 90th percentile

Challenges for using this type of information for DRR:

Translation of climatic patterns into impacts

Plans to prevent and prepare for impacts as part of DRR

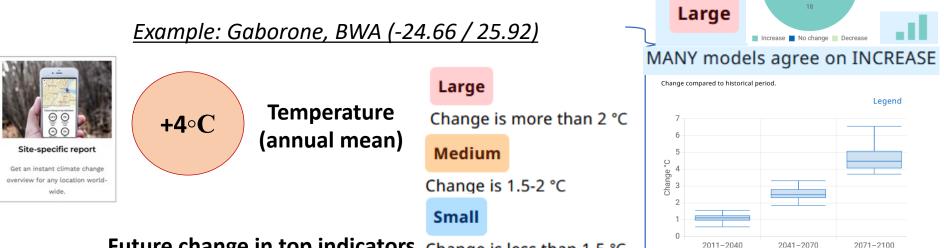
Translate global/regional projections into national/local impacts

Long-term adaptation goals vs short/medium term actions

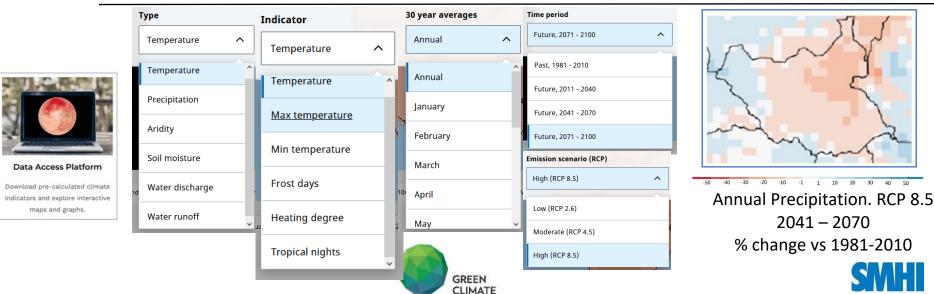
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Climate Information Platform (SMHI)

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Future change in top indicators Change is less than 1.5 °C



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