Adapting agriculture to climate change: listening to many voices

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Expected results

- You will gain an understanding of the main challenges for developing climate change adaptation plan
- You will be able to develop a critical review of the potential actions to improve climate change adaptation in different case studies
- Lecture, participation, pluralism, communication

Climate hazard

RISK (DAMAGE)

Vulnerability (social), including exposure

"Es hört doch jeder nur, was er versteht"

Goethe (1749 - 1832)

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Adaptation depends on socio-economic and environmental determinants



Infrastructure and technical solutions, experience in planning under climate variability

Citizen
awareness of
importance of
adaptation
and
environmental
problems

Rural areas
with
experience in
uncertainty,
taking flexible
solutions,
multiple risks

Environmental awareness of importance of nature based solutions



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Research article

Defining adaptation measures collaboratively: A participatory approach in the Doñana socio-ecological system, Spain



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Towards Adaptation to Climate Changing the Coastal Wetlands of Doñana, So

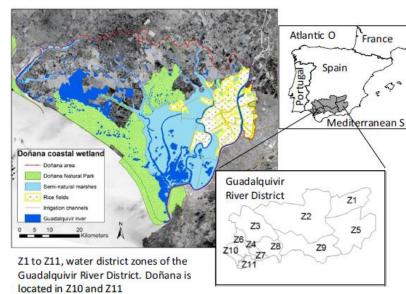


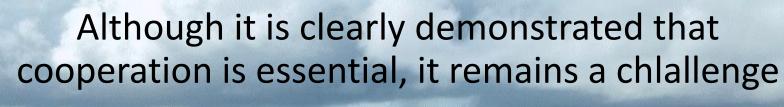
Fig. 1 Geographical location of the Doñana coastal wetland and the Guadalquivir River Basin District

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Decisions affected by climate

Farmer Before During After Crop Markets Variety Storage Irrigation Plant density Harvest Inputs

Industry

- Input production
- Credit
- Transport
- Insurance

Resource management

- Water
- Emergency planning



Source: www.earthkam.ucsd.edu

West Azarbayjan

East Azarbayjan

Kordestan

 3 groups, mixed background (UN, University, Government – water, agriculture, environment – state government





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Re-thinking water policy priorities in the Mediterranean region in view of climate change

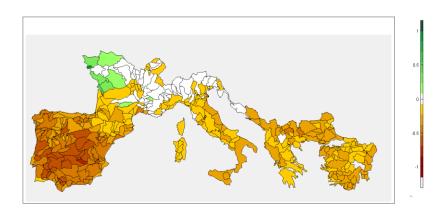
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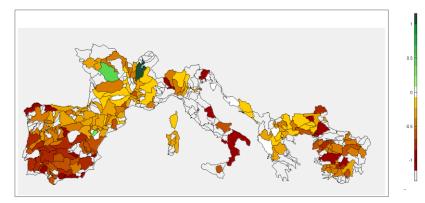
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Type of policy	Quantify the results of policy
Supply management policies	Water allocation for environmental and consumptive uses
	Reuse of urban water
	Reduction of water allocation
	Increase water supply
	Increase supply efficiency
Demand management policies	Reduction of per-capita or per-hectare water use
	Water rights exchange programs
	Increase resource efficiency

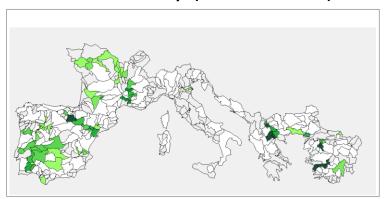
Change (A2-control) in mean annual runoff



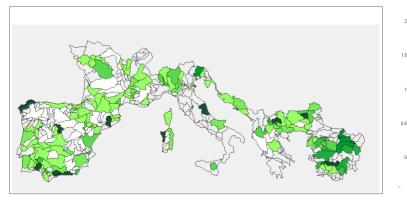
Change (A2-control) in water availability guarantying unrestricted urban demand



Effect of policy measures on supply management on water availability (A2 scenario)



Effect of policy measures on **demand management** on water availability (A2 scenario)



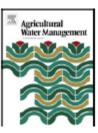
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Review

Adaptation strategies for agricultural water management under climate change in Europe



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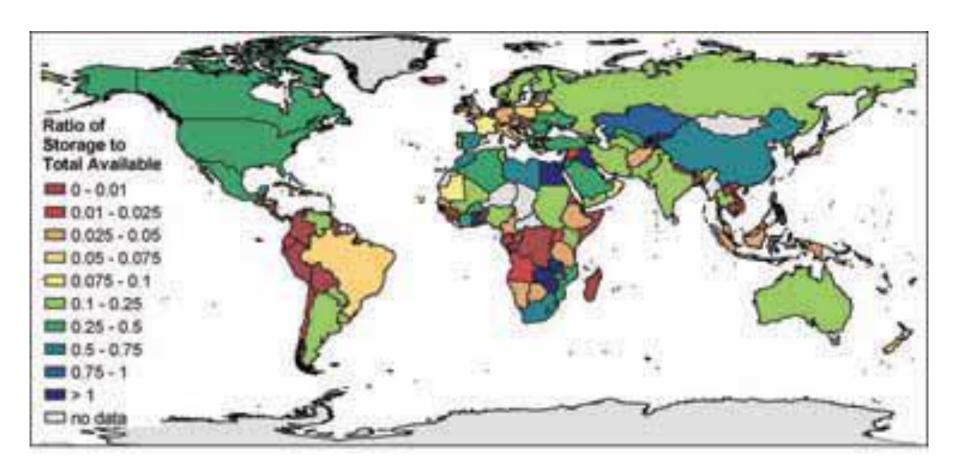
Screening options for adaptation and mitigation: agricultural water management (Iglesias et al., 2015)

Purely environmental Fully agricultural adaptation adaptation Supplement Negotiate water Decrease crop land with other users water Improve water efficiency at the field level Policy incentives to water saving Diversification of agricultural activities Improved institutional governance Mitigation potential Med High Low



Adaptation capacity index

Component	Indicators, examples
Human capital	literacy rate; Population with level of education; Rural population
Economic development	% of GDP from agriculture/GDP per capita, Life expectancy at birth
	% Access to drinkable water
Mechanisms of risk sharing	Insurance, Agricultural policies
Institutional response	Drought regulations; Drought management plans; Institutional drought agencies; Access to financial services
Environmental aspects	Soil degradation
Agricultural Aspects	Cultivation techniques; Crop varieties



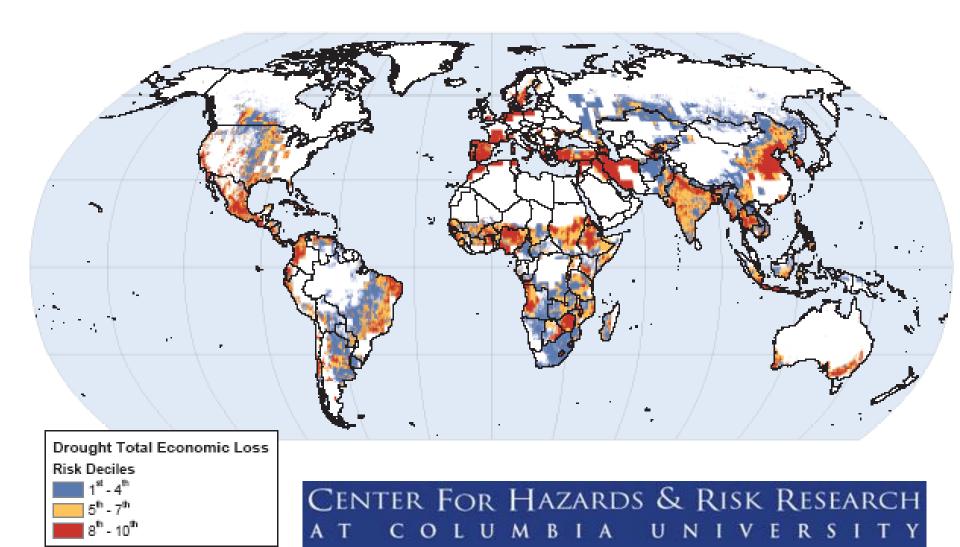
Storage as a Proportion of a Country's Total Annual Renewable Freshwater Resources

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Global Distribution of Drought Risk



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Climate change: 'Invest \$1.8 trillion to

adapt'

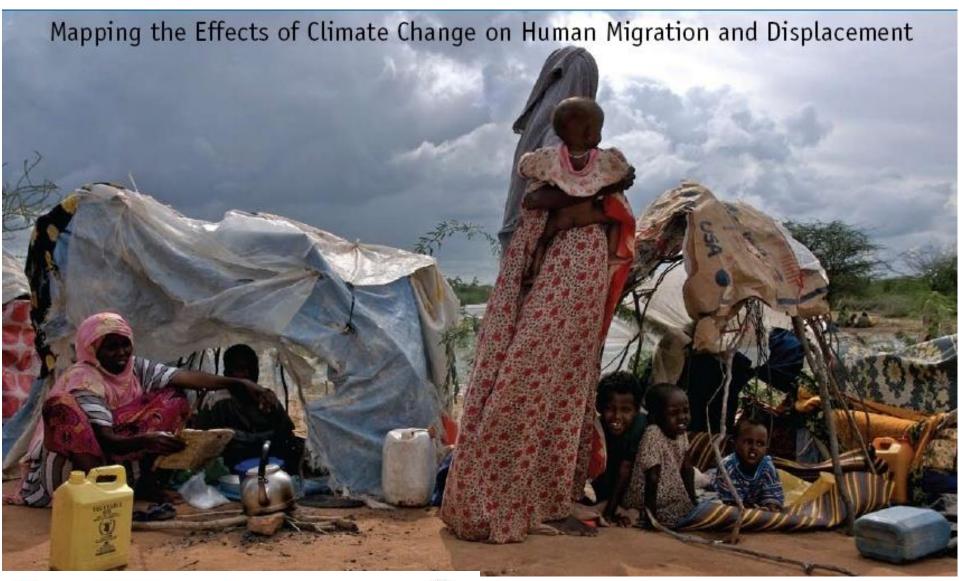


Investments - like the purchase of a water pump for irrigation - can provide a sustainable farming income for farmers like Sanfo Karim in Burkina Faso





Human displacement













 A society vulnerable to climate change, limits its potential development

 Despite the importance of adaptation for social and economic development, people continue to think that climate change is either not important or unavoidable

Can we be optimistic?

Planning linked to development MDGs

Local solutions

Can we be optimistic?

PERMANENT actions

- Improve the situation (reduce vulnerability of the system)
- Examples:
 - Monitoring and early warning systems
 - Technology (water re-use)
 - Aquifer management
 - Increment supply
 - Cooperation in policy development
 - Many others

PRE-ALERT actions

- Low cost, indirect, voluntary
- Non structural
- Directed to avoid worse situations
- Focus on communication

ALERT actions

- Overcome future situation without reaching the emergency stage
- Changes in water management, land use

EMERGENCY actions

Minimise impacts and reduce damage

Set up a multidisciplinary team

Participatory review and revision

Evaluate risk and vulnerability

Evaluate legal, political process to implement the plan

Define priority measures

Some examples in water management

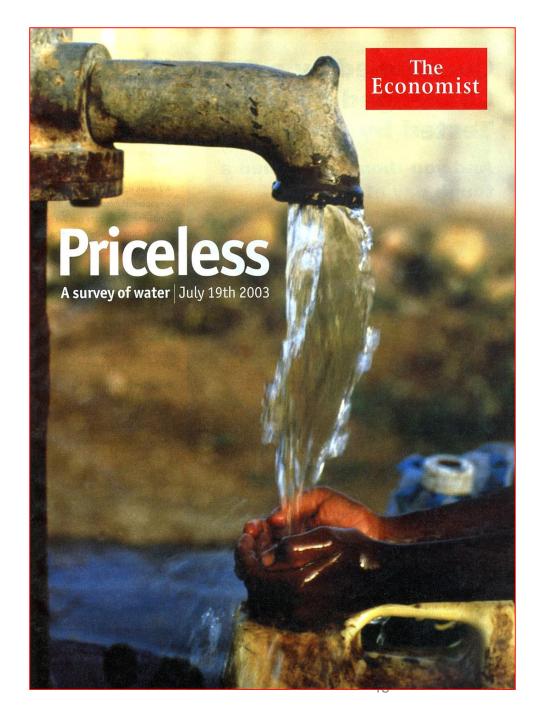
- **Technology** (desalinisation, reuse, efficiency, in-site monitoring linked to earth observations, ...)
- Early warning systems
- Cultural change (governance, cooperation, ...)
- Nature based solutions (restored or constructed wetlands, grasslands, forests, ...)
- Water management changes (irrigation, water exchange rights, ...)
- Risk management (insurance, markets, ...)
- Policy design and implementation

Figure | The same field with sections under tillage (right) and conservation agriculture/no tillage (left) immediately after a heavy rainstorm



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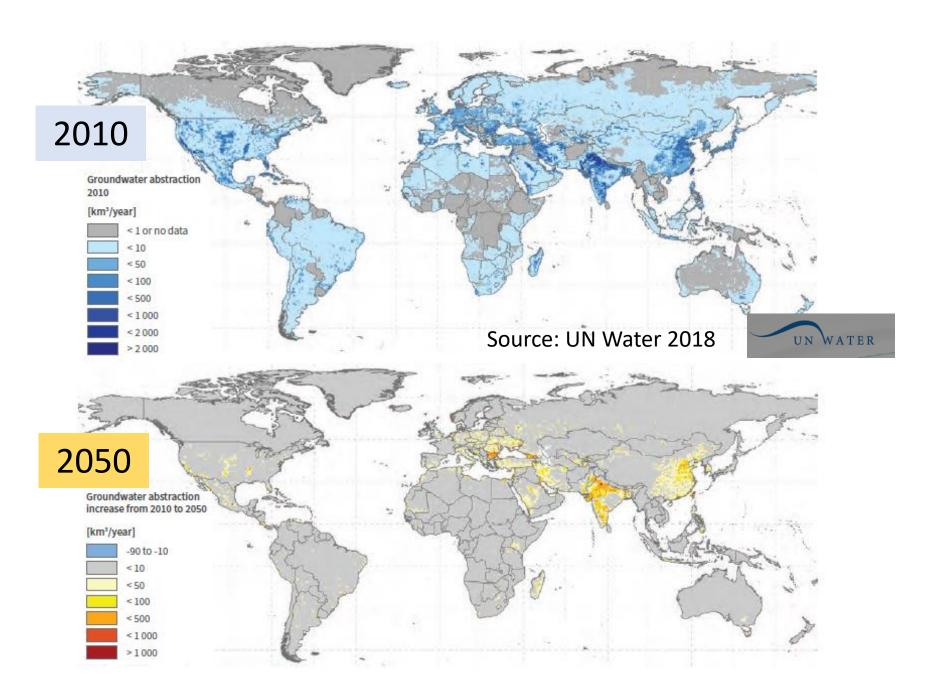








Groundwater abstraction





Linking knowledge with action in the pursuit of sustainable water-resources management

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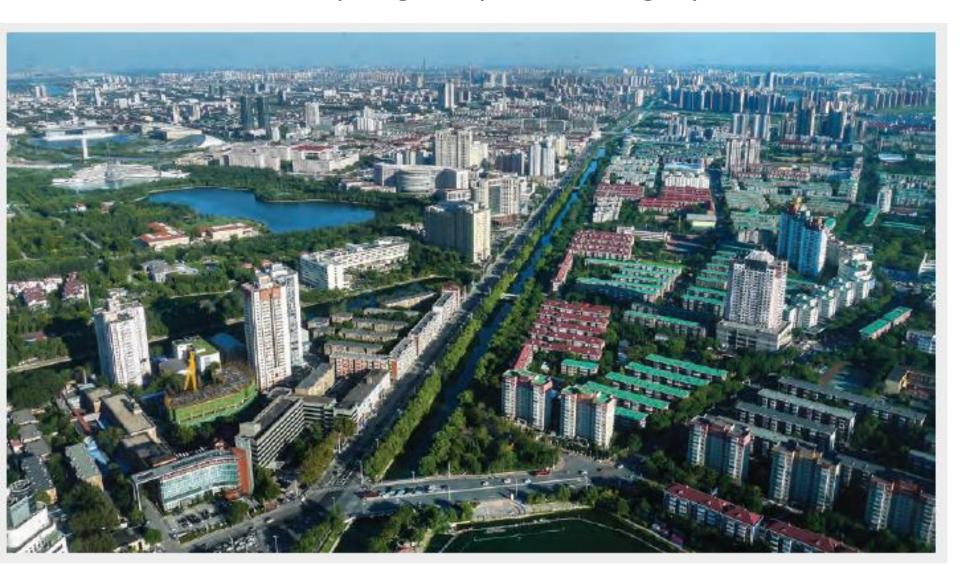
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In all basins there is an increasing need for

- better integration of planning
- expansion of interests beyond single uses and narrowly defined objectives
- maintaining water policy into development policy

China: The sponge city, reuse of grey water



Source: UN Water 2018



Climate change increases inequalities

 Climate change is a challenge to SDGs and environmental justice

