

Water resources planning and management in Africa in the context of climate change

Challenges, initiatives and management tools

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Some realities

- Around 40% of the population in WA have not access to clean water (around 100 million inhabitants)
 - 60% for sanitation
 - More than 80% of deseases are water related diseases (Malaria, cholera, Guinea Worm,..;);
 - Many countries are still struggling to cope to food insecurity;
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- Less than 4% of renewable WR are mobilized in WA;
 - Only around 10% of irriguable lands are irriguated in WA;
 - Only 16% of hydro-power potential are mobilized.

Ecowas water policy (2007)

Importance of climate in WA

Around 70% of the population in WA are rural population with agriculture and livestock as main activities;

Agriculture in WA is essentially rainfed and is therefore highly vulnerable with climate fluctuations;

Livestock is greatly sensitive to the availability of Biomass and water resources;

The primary Sector contributes to around 35% of the GDP of many countries in WA and is an important factor of economic growth.

Rainy season is an important factor in the region

IPCC(2001, 2007) have qualified Africa as the most vulnerable continent to climate change

Plan of the presentation

- Characteristics of WR in WA
- Climate Variability and its impacts
- Climate change / Global change and its impacts
- Africa Water Vision 2025
- Research priorities
- Institutionnal interventions
- Operational and Scientific interventions
- Management Tools

Water resources in Africa

Surface water

Concentrated within few river basins



cooperation between riparian countries is needed



groundwater

repartition depends on the hydrogeology

few shared hydrogeological basins



cooperation is also needed

Renewable water resources in WA

UNWWDR2, AQUASAT, 2005 M3/capta/year



Benin	3820
Burkina	930
Cape Verde	630
Cote d'Ivoire	4790
Gambia	5470
Ghana	2490
Guinea	26220
Guinea-bissau	20160
Liberia	66530
Mali	7460
Mauritania	3830
Niger	2710
Nigeria	2250
Senegal	3810
Serra Leone	30960
Togo	2930
Chad	4860

In 2025, only by
the effect of the
population
growth,

Six countries will
be in scarcity or
stress situation
and two countries
will not be far
from the stress
threshold

Rainfall variability in West Africa

Seasonal variability

Around 80% of rainfall during JAS in Sahel



Great inter-annual variability

Break in annual cumul time series,



Nord-south shifting of annual isohyets



decrease of number of rainy days,



Increasing of dry spell

Great variability of onset

Great spatial variability



Impacts on water resources (1/2)

Water resources concentrated within 3-4 months



Great inter-annual variability



decrease of water availability(40-60%)



great reduction of wetland areas



Decrease of groundwater table



Impacts on water resources (2/2)

Increase for small and localized systems



**Increase of runoff coefficient and discharge
due to great modification of land use land
cover**



Increase of aquifer water table



**due to land use land cover changes and
recharge process**

Future?

What is the future evolution?

From IPCC TAR and FAR.

- Temperature global increase 1.4-5,8°C
- Increasing of Maxi and Mini temperature
- Reinforcement of the hydrological cycle and the extremes (droughts and floods)
- Sea level rise 9-88 cm
- Global increase of rainfall, spatial variation not clear, still models are not consistent in many parts of Africa and not capture very well the regime



IMPACTS

- Impacts on water resources 
- Impacts on agriculture 
- Aggravation of coastal erosion
- Flooding of coastal low areas
- Degradation of some ecosystems
- Reinforcement of extremes (too much or too little water) 

Adaptation: A necessity

- Climate change is a reality**
- Ecosystems continue to be degraded**
- Great vulnerability of the population vis-à-vis climate change;**
- Different water uses and more competition with the increasing of populuation needs**

Integrated Water resources Management

(IWRM) a systematic process for the sustainable development, allocation and monitoring of water resource use in the context of social, economic and environmental objectives.

Africa Water Vision 2025

**AN AFRICA WHERE THERE IS AN
EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE
USE AND MANAGEMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES FOR POVERTY
ALLEVIATION, SOCIOECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL
COOPERATION, AND THE
ENVIRONMENT.**

A vision

- 1. There is sustainable access to a safe and adequate water supply and sanitation to meet the basic needs of all;**
- 2. Water inputs towards food and energy security are readily available;**
- 3. Water for sustaining ecosystems and biodiversity is adequate in quantity and quality;**
- 4. Water-resources institutions have been reformed to create an enabling environment for effective and integrated management of water in national and trans-boundary water basins, including management at the lowest appropriate level;**
- 5. Water basins serve as a basis for regional cooperation and development, and are treated as natural assets for all within such basins;**

A vision

6. There is an adequate number of motivated and highly skilled water professionals;
7. There is an effective and financially sustainable system for data collection, assessment and dissemination for national and trans-boundary water basins;
8. There are effective and sustainable strategies for addressing natural and man-made problems affecting water resources, including climate variability and change;
9. Water is financed and priced to promote equity, efficiency, and sustainability;
10. There is political will, public awareness and commitment among all for sustainable management of water resources, including the mainstreaming of gender issues and youth concerns and the use of participatory approaches.

Research priorities

- Improvement of knowledge on climate and its impacts (Ex: Programme AMMA);
- Improvement of knowledge on the water resources and particularly on groundwater;
- Tools for decision making for sustainable management of water resources;
- Promotion of IWRM and ecosystem approach for the management of water resources and wetlands;
- Identification, promotion and diffusion of technologies and appropriate measures for adaptation to climate change;

Institutional initiatives

- **AMCOW (Committee of African Ministers in charge of Water)**
- **African Water Facility hosted by African Development Bank**
- **African Commisssion on Groundwater**
- **African water week**
- **Creation of River basin organizations (OMVS, OMVG, NBA, VBA, LCBC, ..), RAOB**
- **Creation of Water Coordination Unit for ECOWAS and SADC**
- **UN-Water / Africa**
- **National, sub-regional water partnerships (IWRM)**

Operational and research initiatives

- **WHYCOS** (SADC, IGAD, CONGO, NIGER, VOLTA, LCBC, OMVS);
- **FORA** on seasonal forecast (PRESAO, PRESAC, South, East, North)
- **FRIEND** for hydrology and water resources (SADC, AOC, Nile)
- **ISARM** (SADC, AOC), **GRAPHIC**, **TIGER**
- **RIPIESCA**, ACCA
- **AMMA**: research on African Monsoon and its impacts 

Some Tools

TDA/SAP for IWRM

- IDF curves and Flood frequency Analysis

Need to take into account climate change dimension

- Early Warning Systems

- Flood

- Drought : [Africa Drought Monitor](#)



- Seasonal forecast : [PRESAO](#)



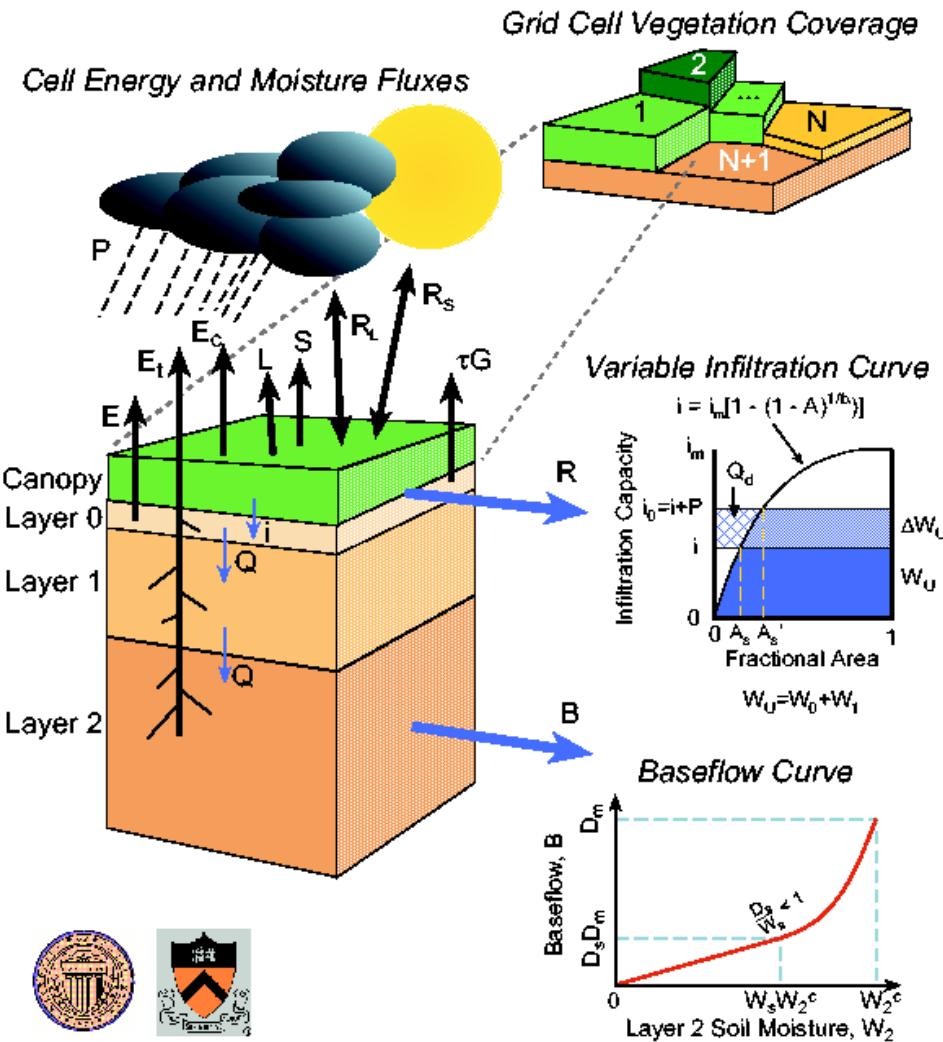
Find more

AMMA (<http://www.ird.ne/ammanet>)

PRESAO (<http://www.acmad.ne>;
<http://www.agrhymet.ne>) ;

WWDR (<http://www.unesco.org/water>) ;

Variable Infiltration Capacity (VIC) Macroscale Hydrologic Model



VIC Land Surface Model SVATS

Input Variables

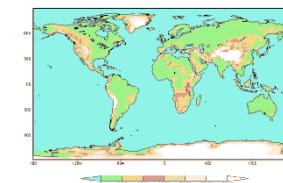
Rainfall
Temperature
Windspeed
Radiation
Pressure

Spatial resolution
 1° by 1°

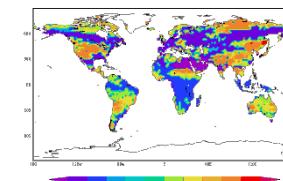
Time steps
3 h, daily

Input parameters

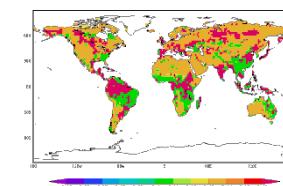
Elevation



Vegetation



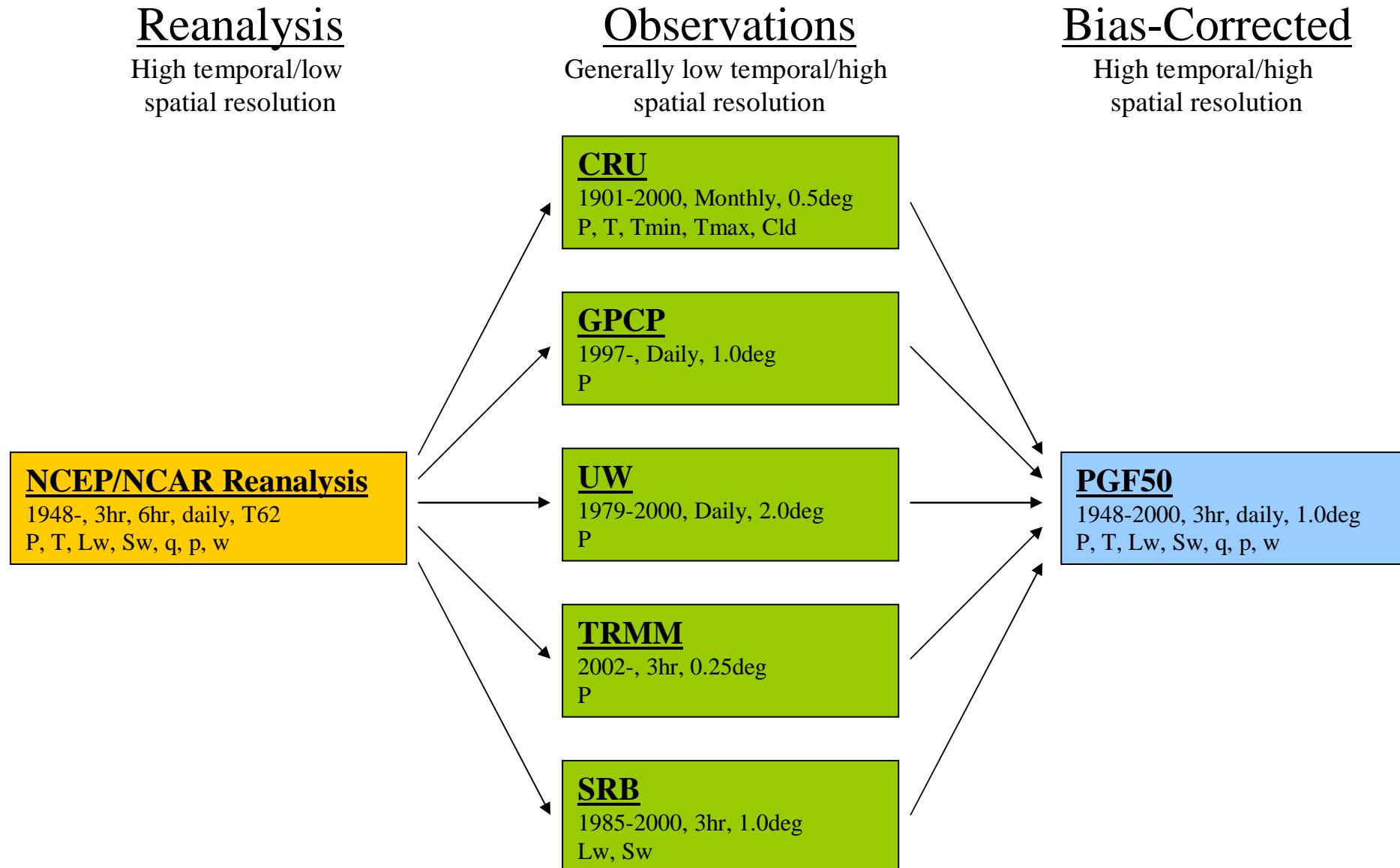
Soil porosity



Output variables

Soil moisture (three layers)
evapotranspiration
discharge

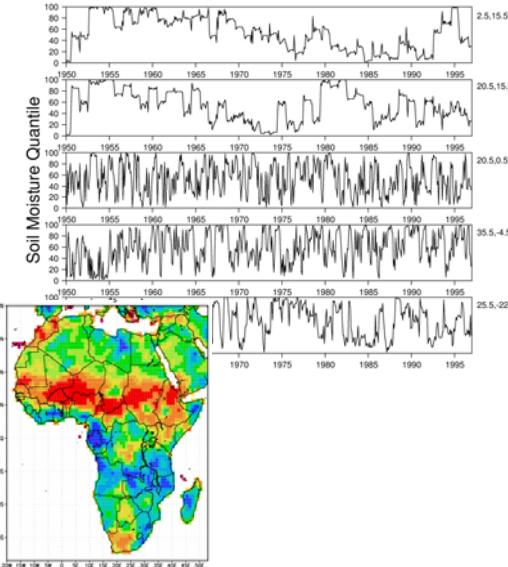
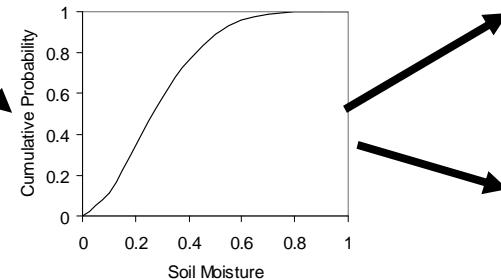
Global Forcing Dataset



Development of Global Real-Time Drought Monitoring

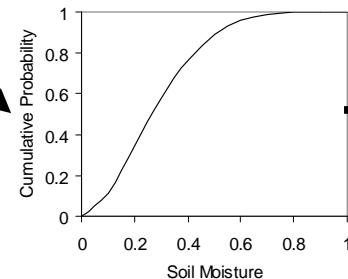
- 1) Retrospective Simulation -- **DONE**
- 2) Calculate Soil Moisture Index -- **DONE**
- 3) Historical Drought Analysis -- **DONE**

Historic soil moisture



- 4) Real-time Drought Analysis – **NEED REAL TIME FORCINGS**

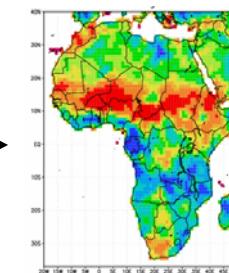
Realtime soil moisture



GTS observations

ECMWF analysis

Satellite observations
(NASA, ESA, JAXA)

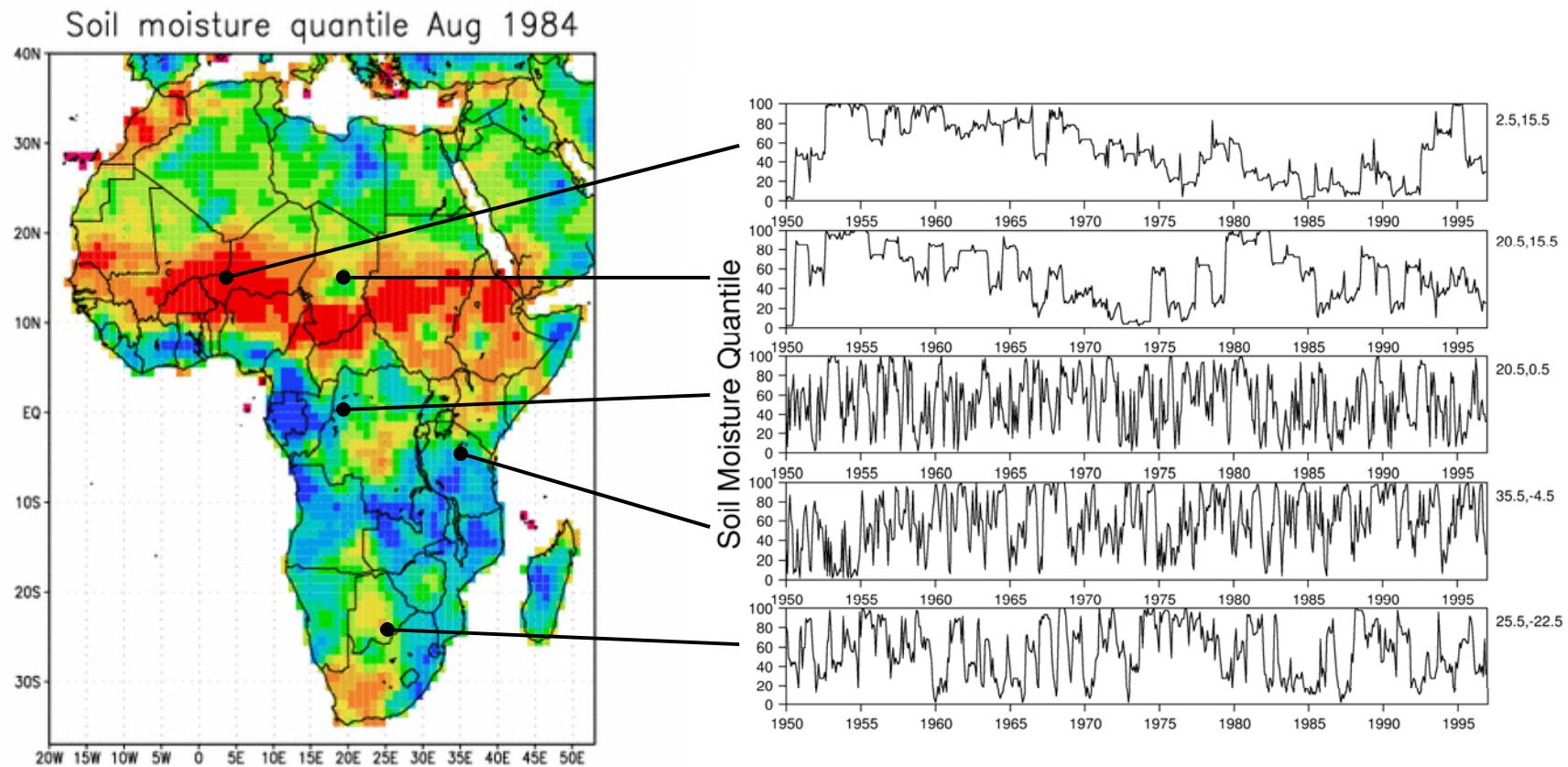


(PERSIANN dataset)

Princeton University

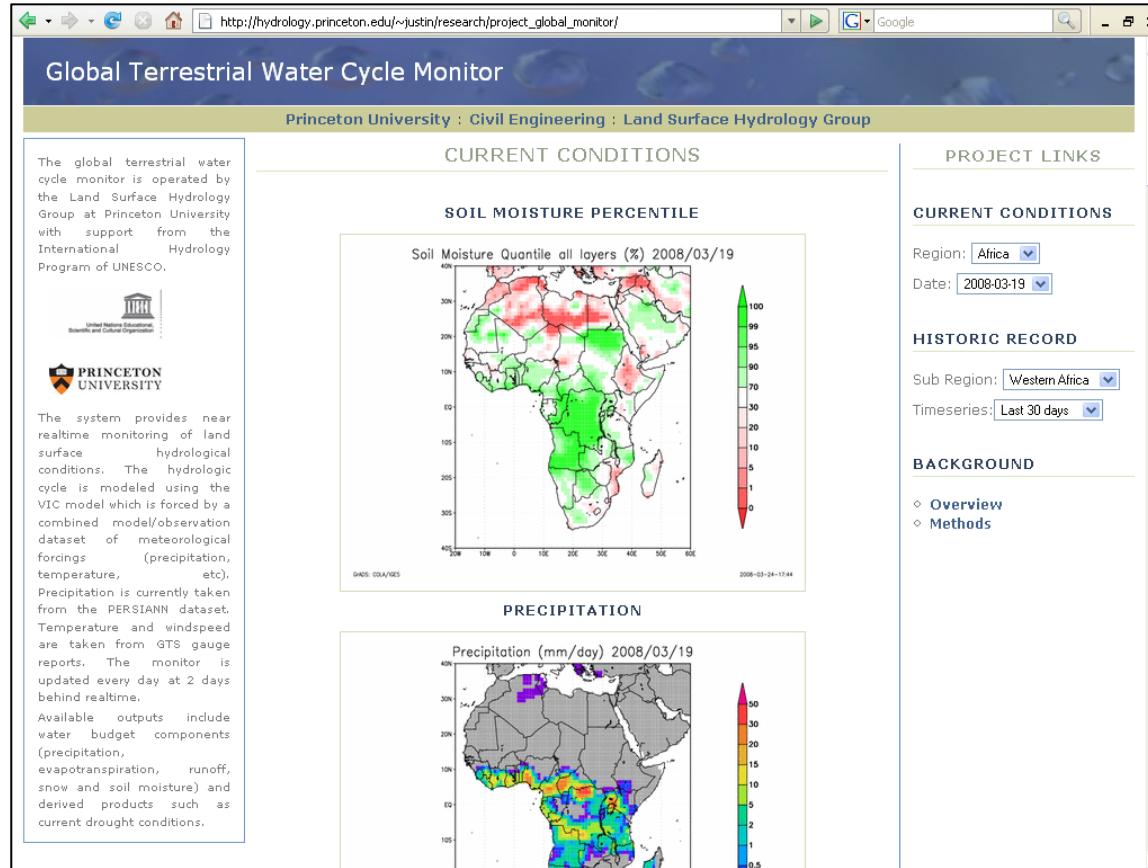


Focus on African Drought

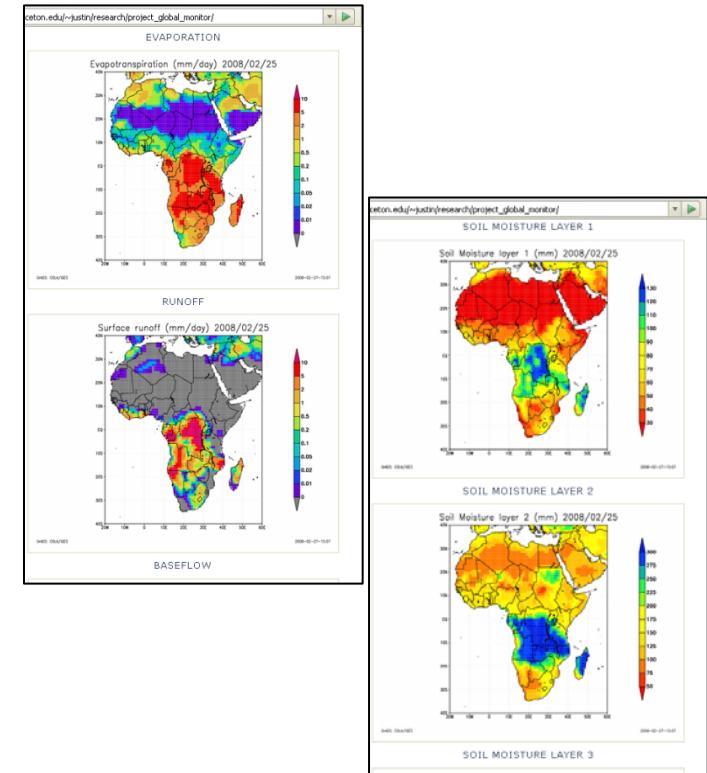


Water Cycle and Drought Monitoring over Africa

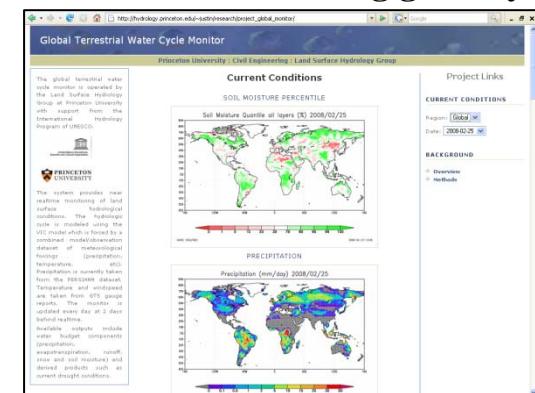
<http://hydrology.princeton.edu/monitor>

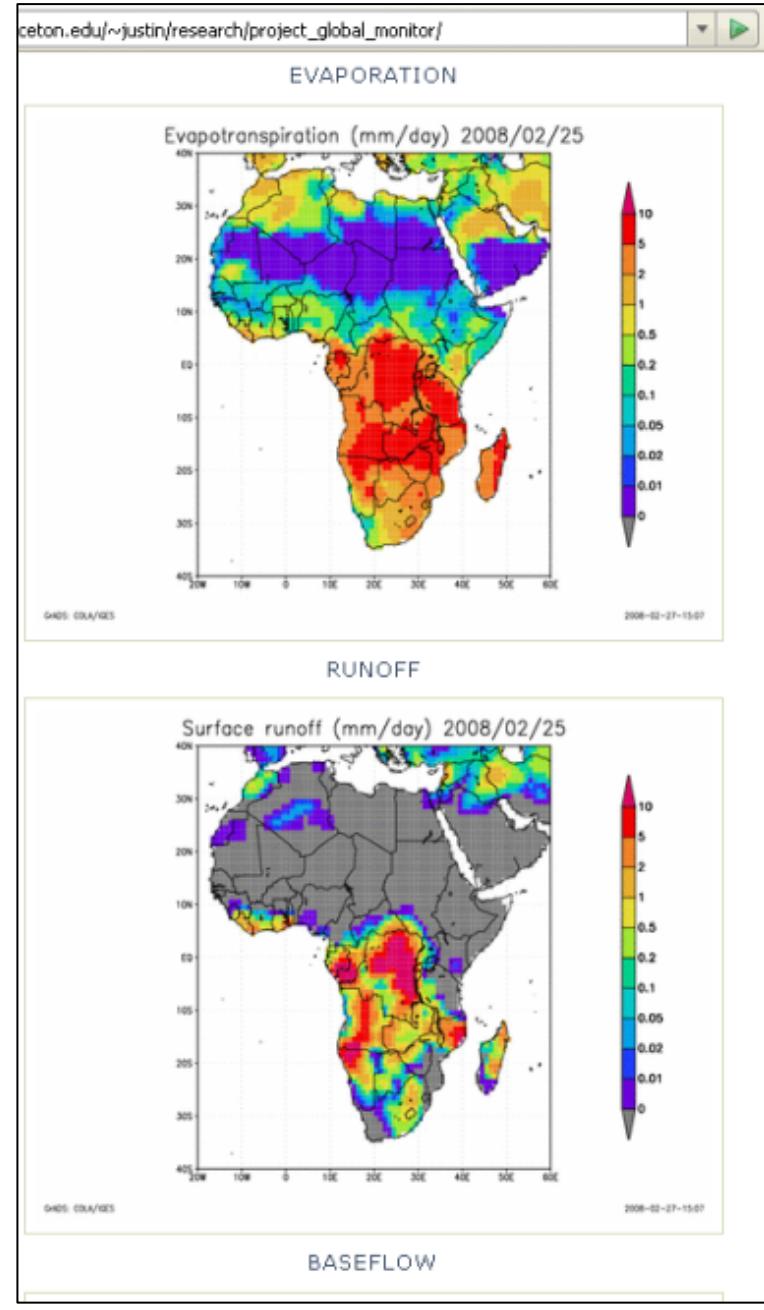
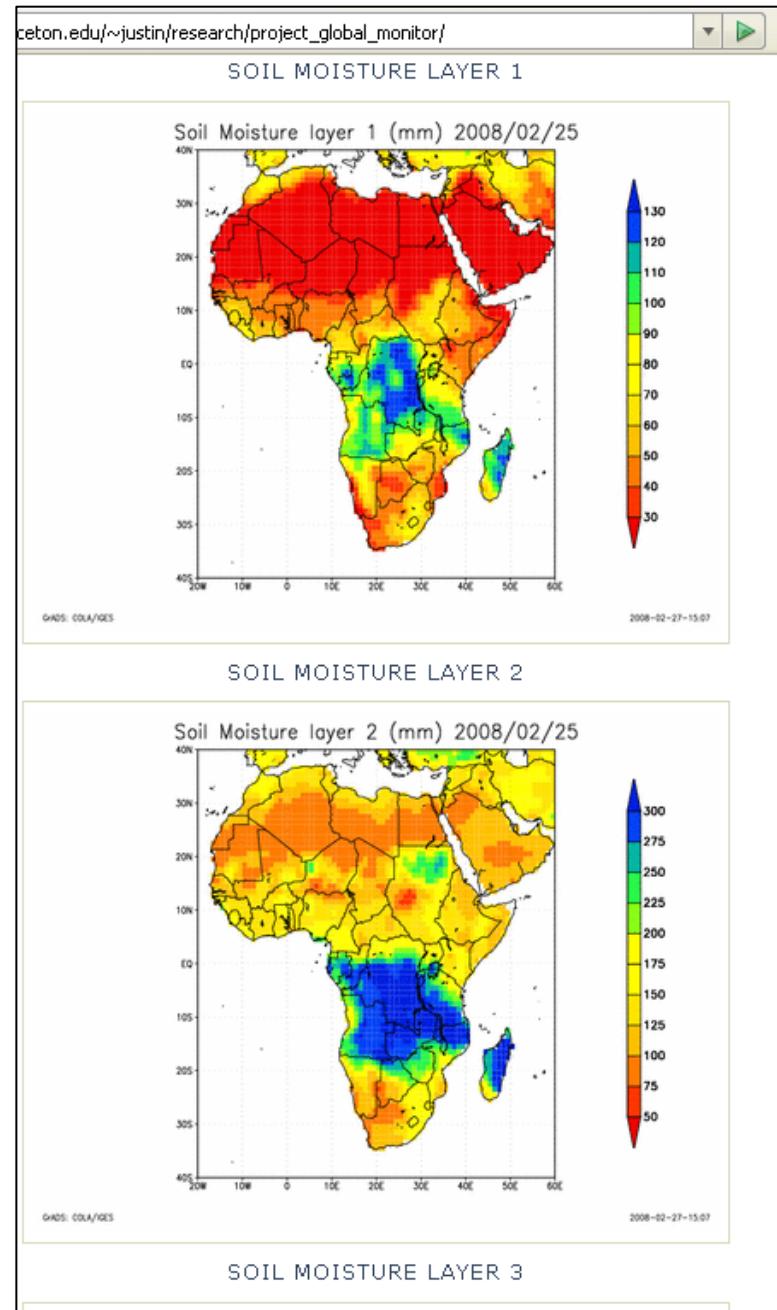


Terrestrial water cycle (evaporation, runoff, soil moisture, snow) simulated using the VIC land surface model, forced by observed and remotely sensed precipitation and temperature

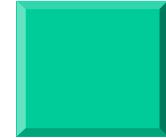


We are also monitoring globally...





TESTS AND VALIDATION

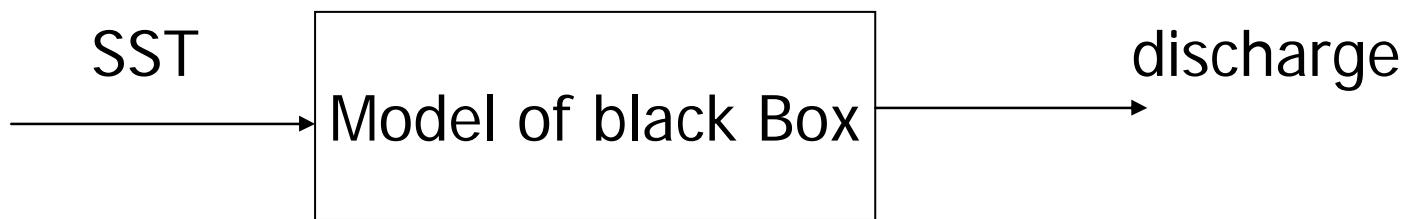


UNESCO-IHP and UNIVERSITY OF PRINCETON will work with AGRHYMET and NBA for the test and validation of the different products

- Datasets used in the region compared to the observations (AGRHYMET Network, EPSAT)
- Coherence of soil moisture pattern (comparison with some DHC outputs)
- Comparison with discharge indexes of main rivers in the sub-region

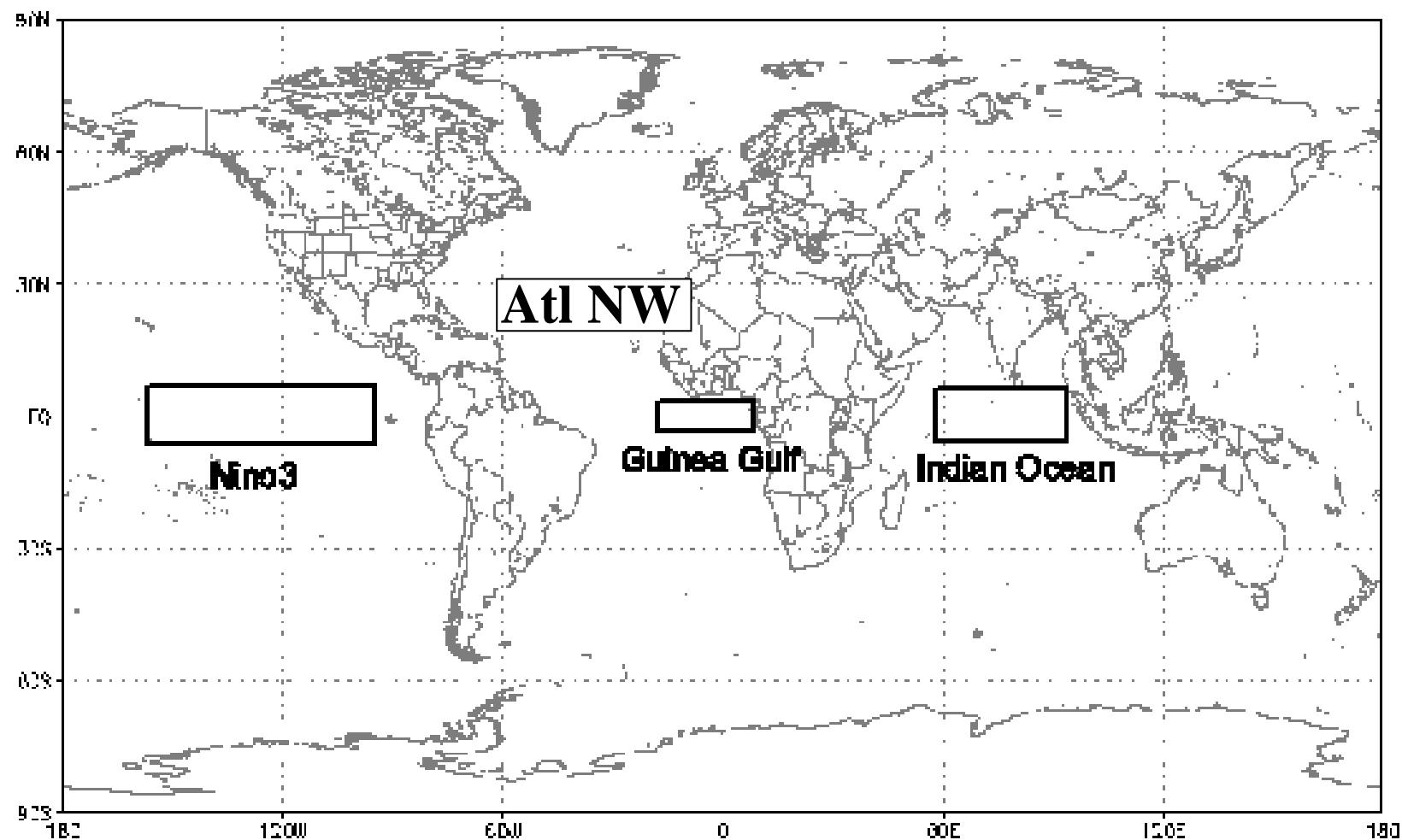
Could be used as a complementary tool for the monitoring of the rainy season by AGRHYMET

Methodology for the seasonal forecast of discharge



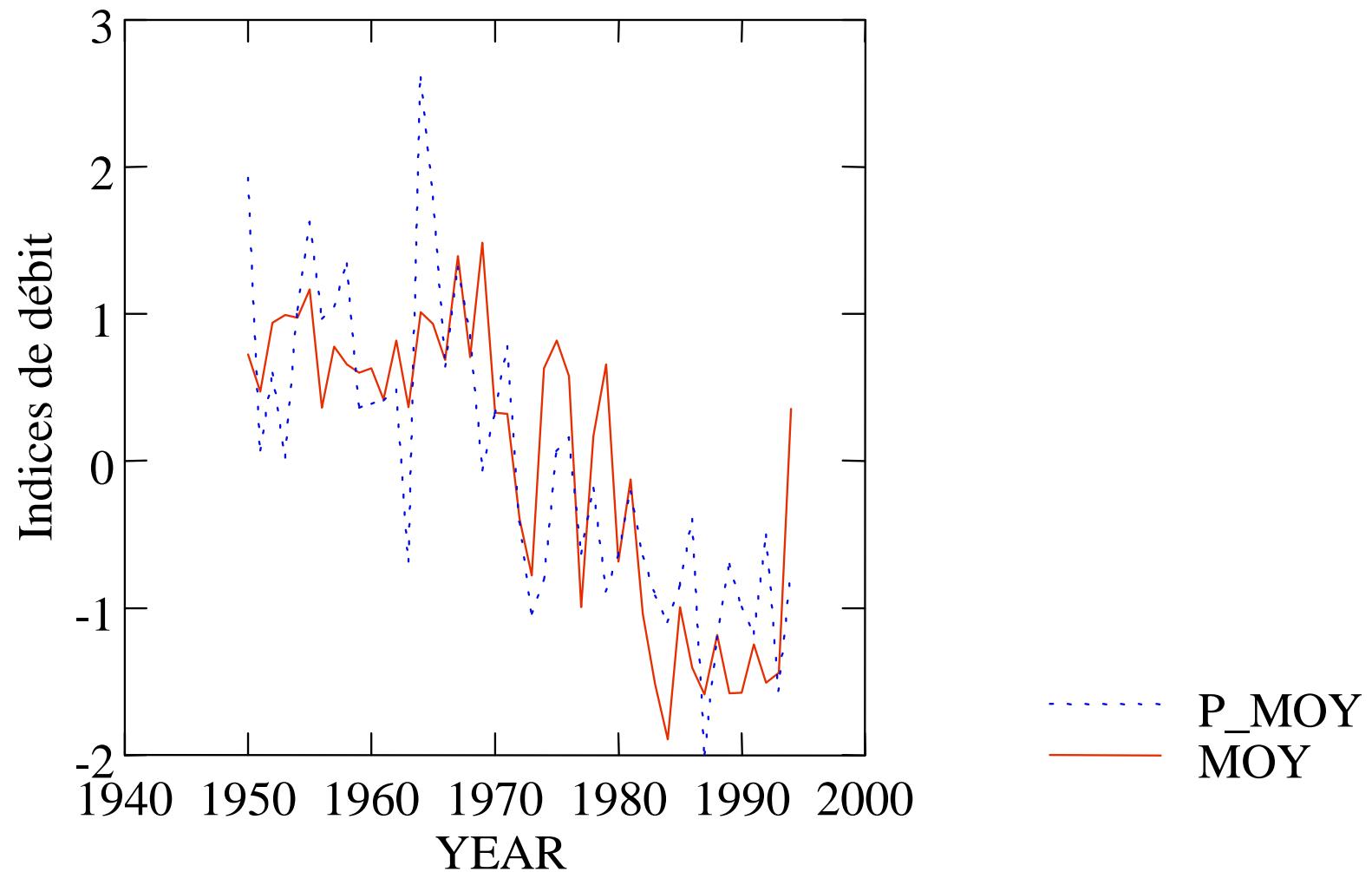
Search for a direct statistical link between SST and discharge

Oceanic areas having an influence the West Africa Climate



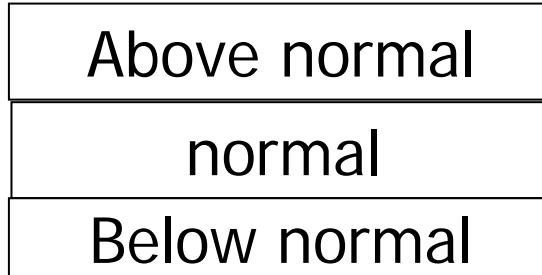
NIGER at NIAMEY:

Compared discharge indexes observed and forecasted

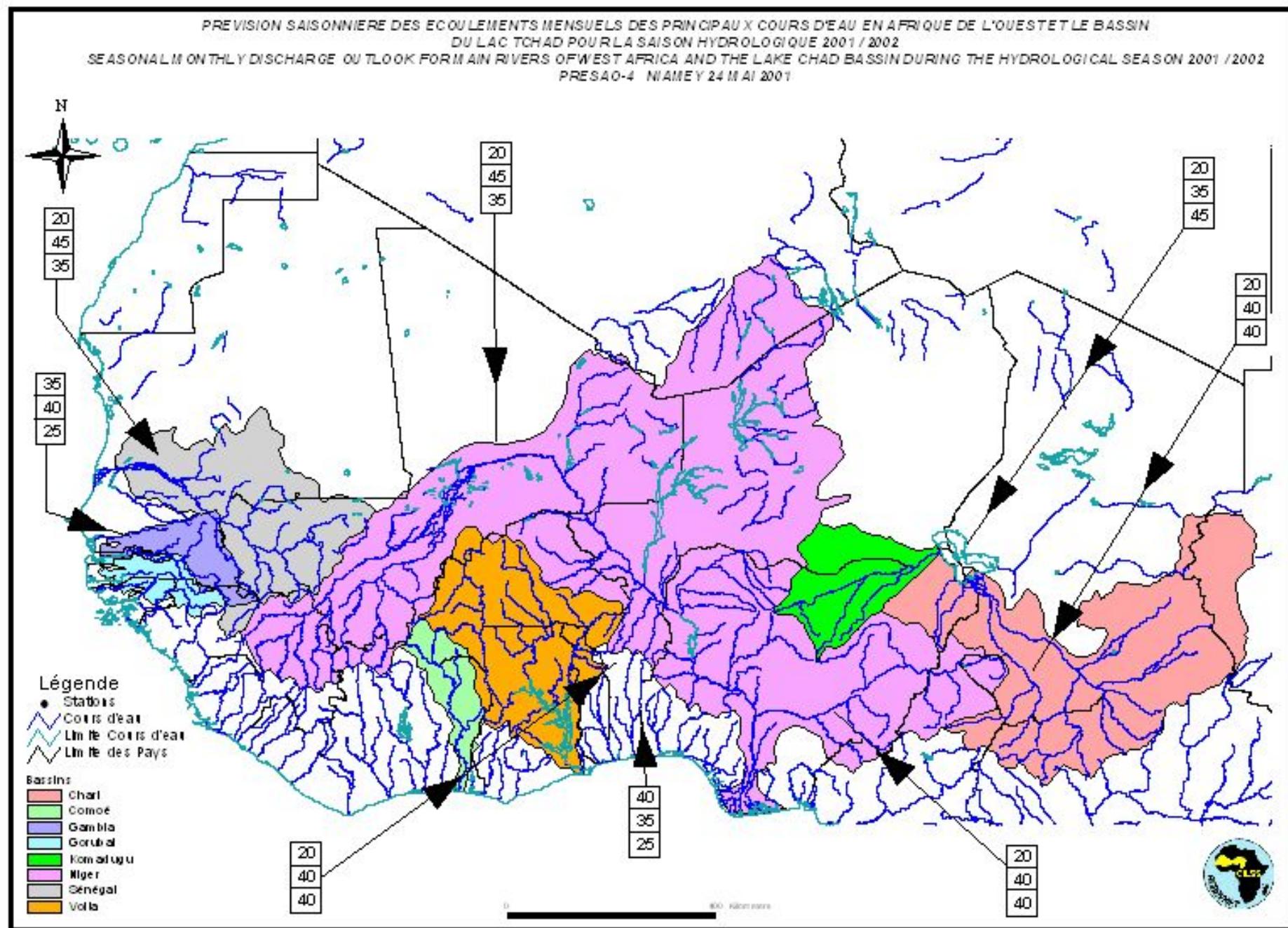


Steps for the seasonal forecast

Rank the index values from the highest to the smallest and divide the series in three categories: high, medium and low hydraulicity.

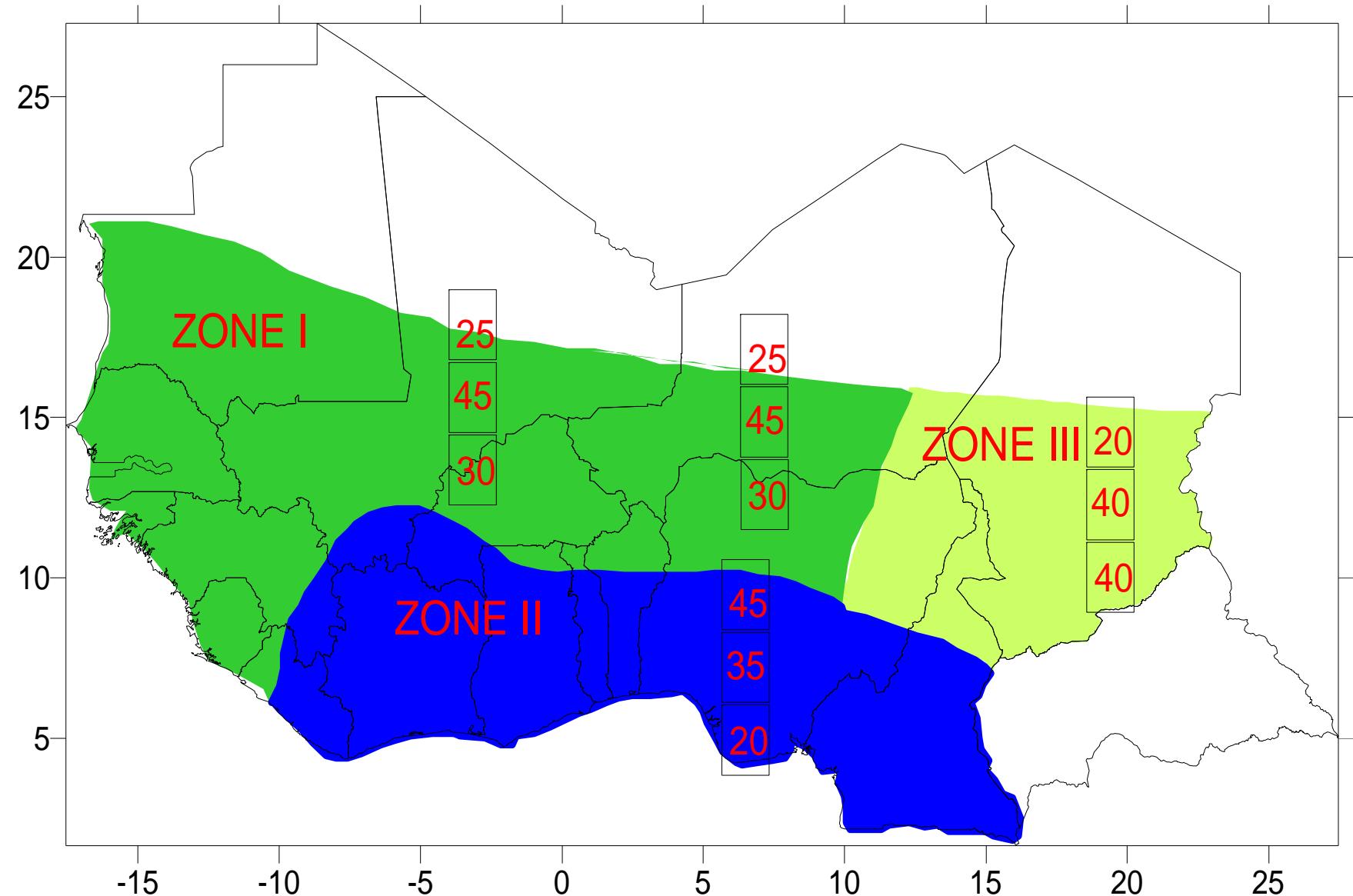


-Based on the forecast index, find the category of the forecast

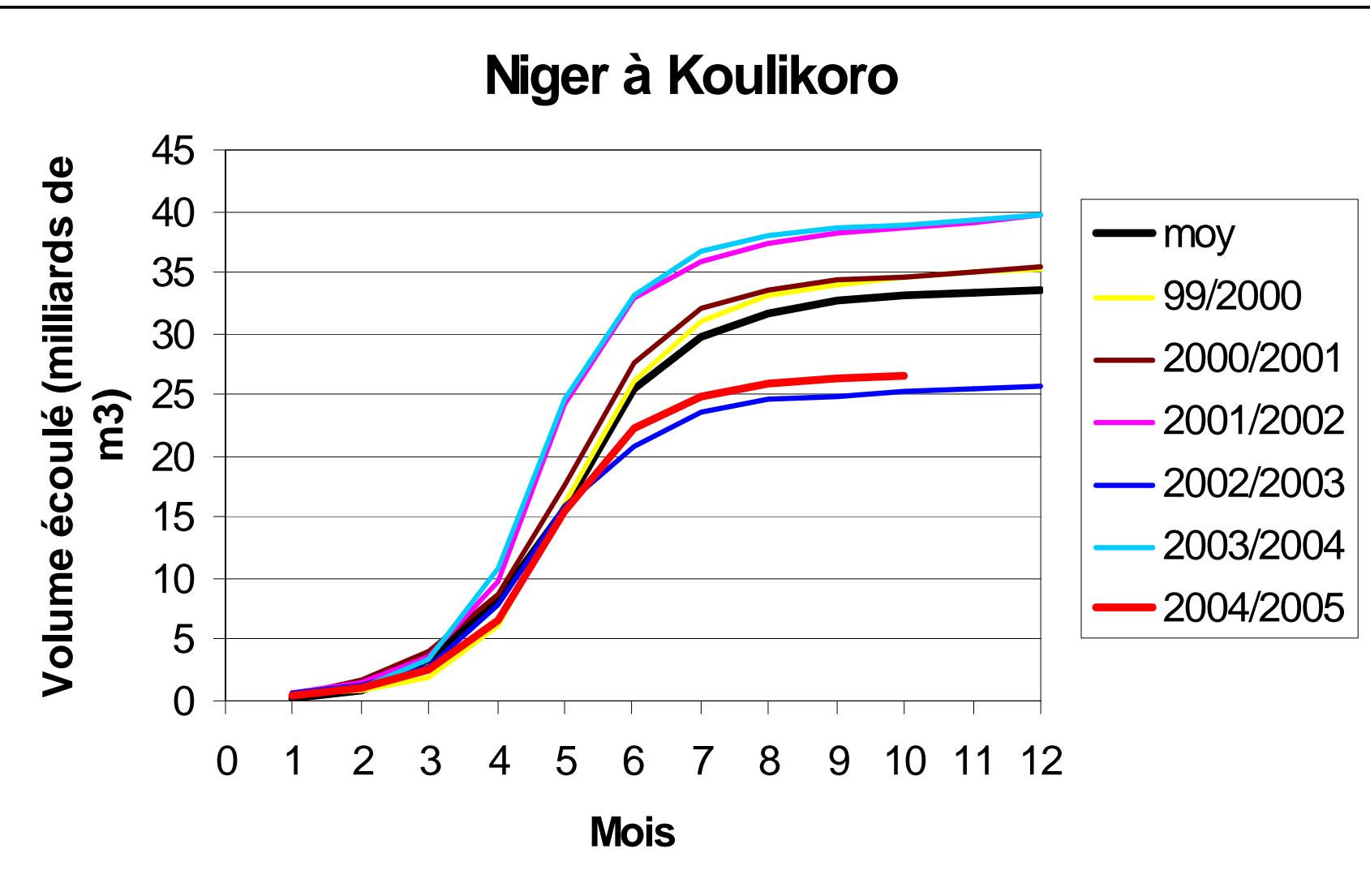




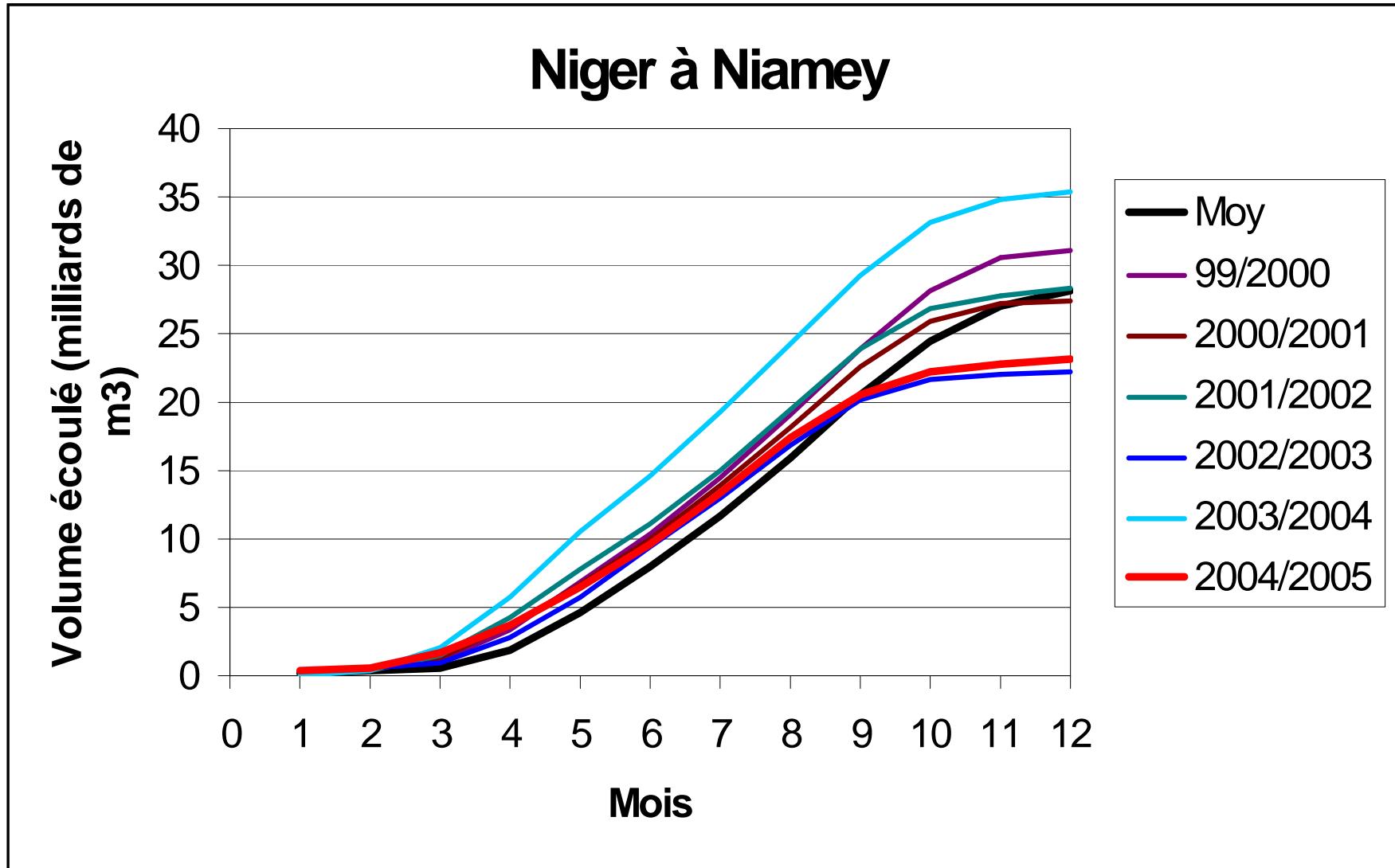
PREVISION SAISONNIERE DES PLUIES EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST,
LE TOCHAD ET LE CAMEROUN
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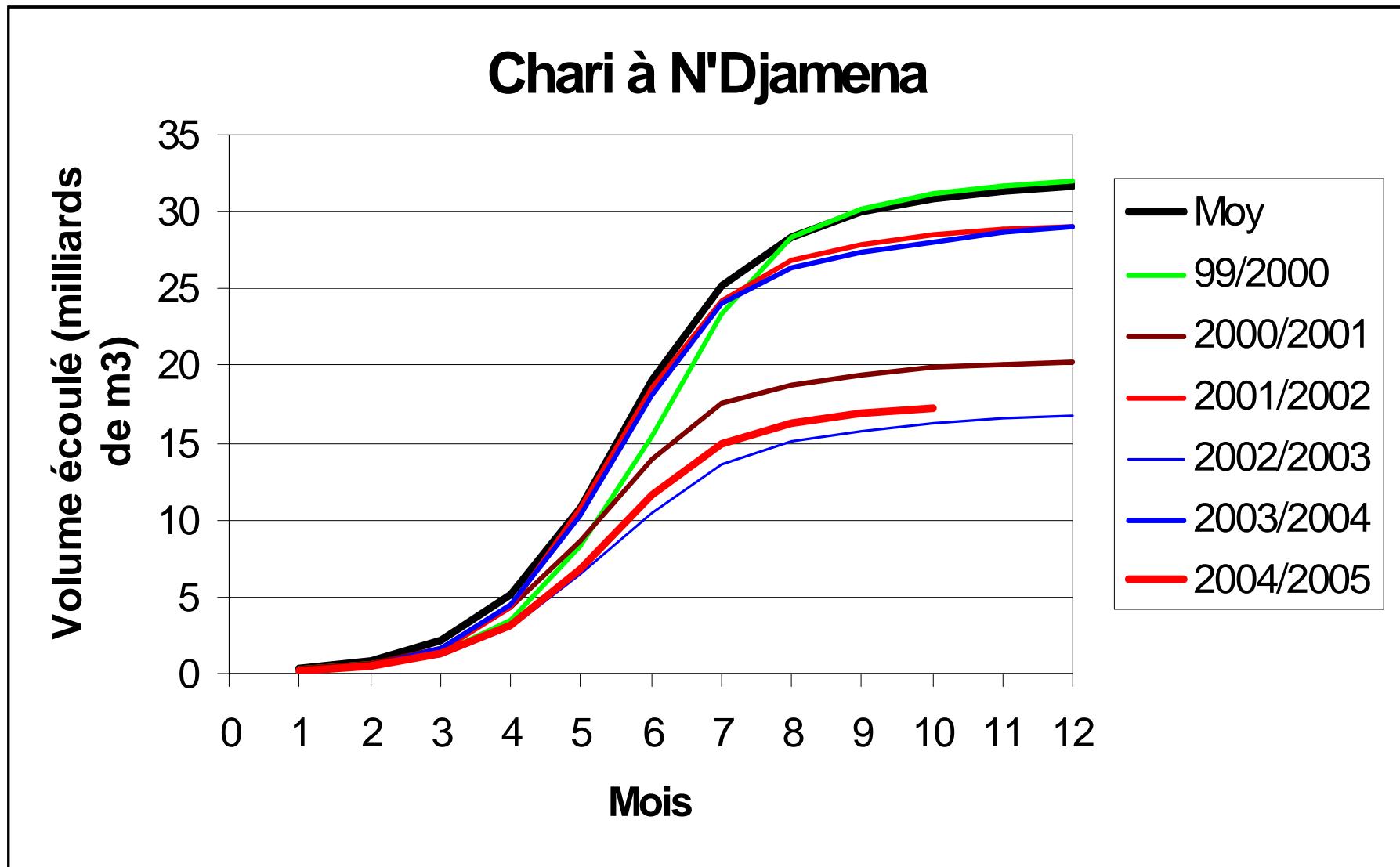
HAUT BASSIN DU NIGER



NIGER MOYEN



BASSIN DU LAC TCHAD



Validation of the forecast for six years



Quality of the forecast by basin

Niger Moyen (5/6)

Bassin du Sénégal (4/6)

Bassin du lac Tchad (4/6)

Haut bassin du Niger (3/6)

Quality of the forecast by year

2000 et 2001 (100%)

Globally (16/24)

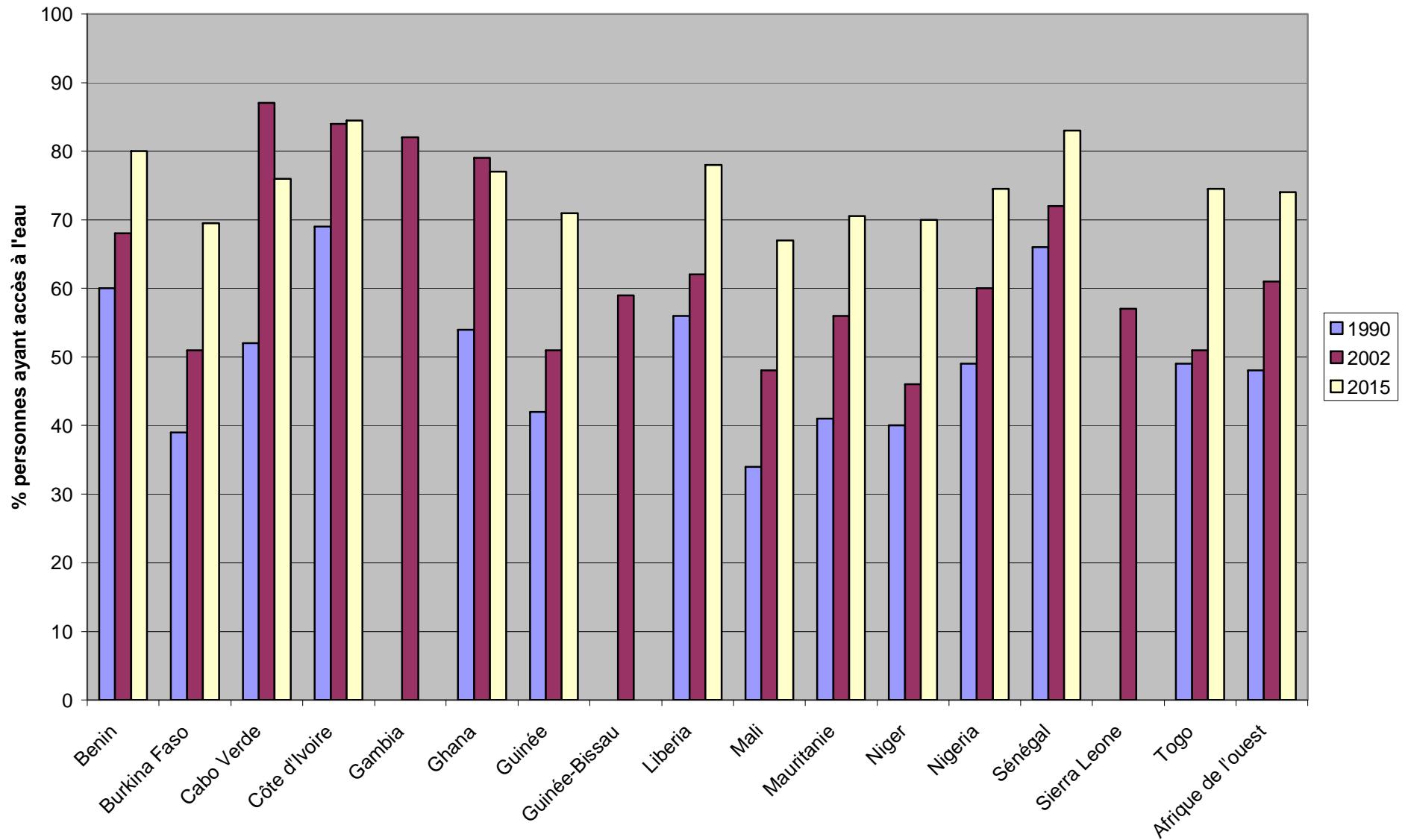
2002 (75%)

67%

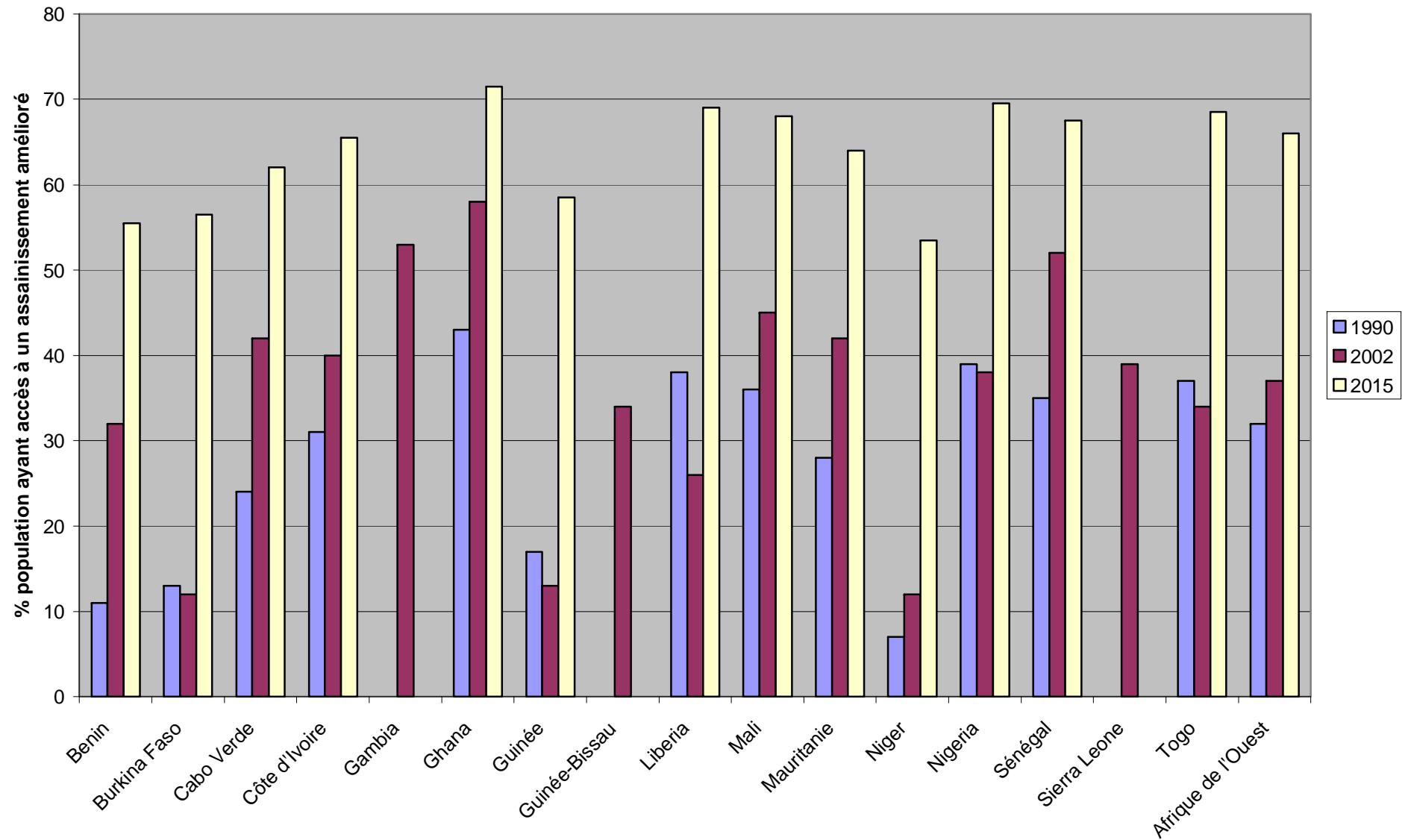
1999 et 2003 (50%)

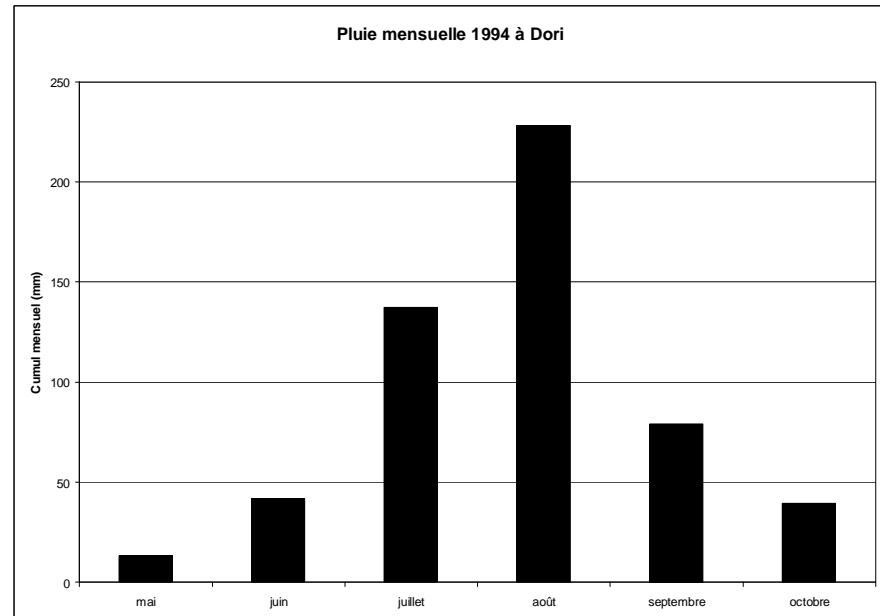
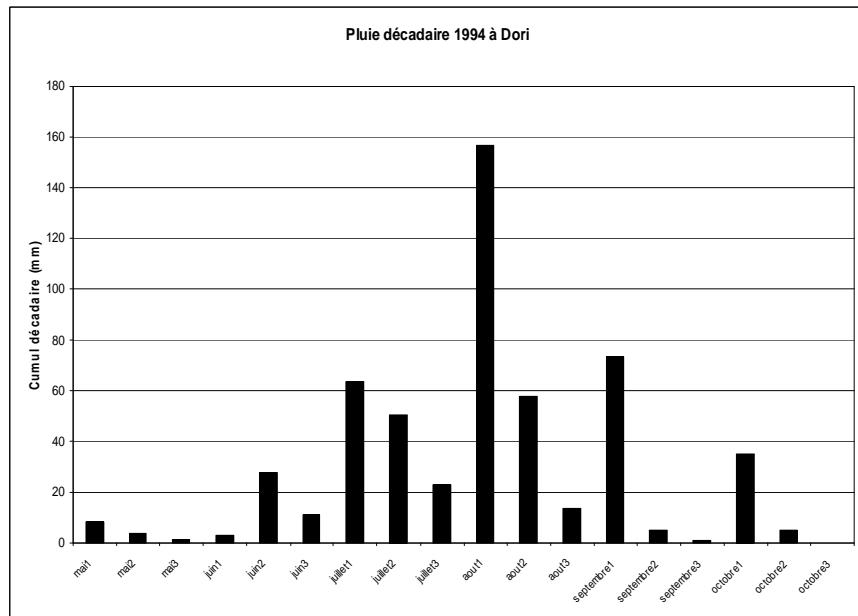
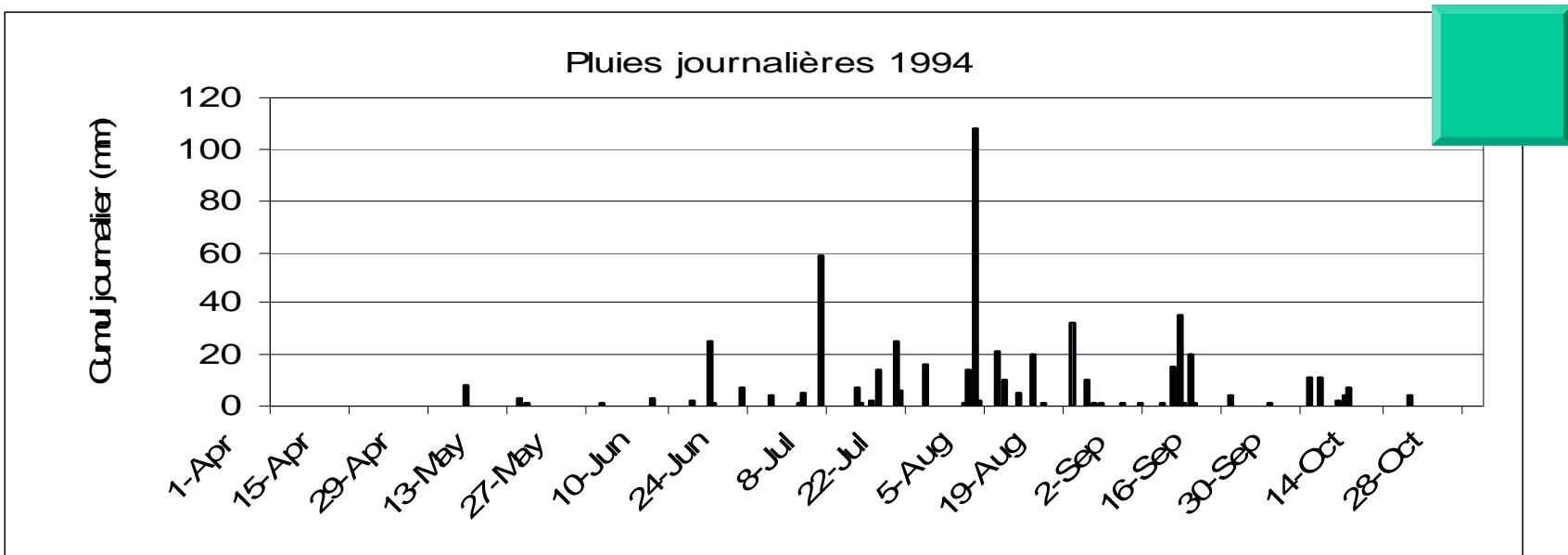
2004 (25%)

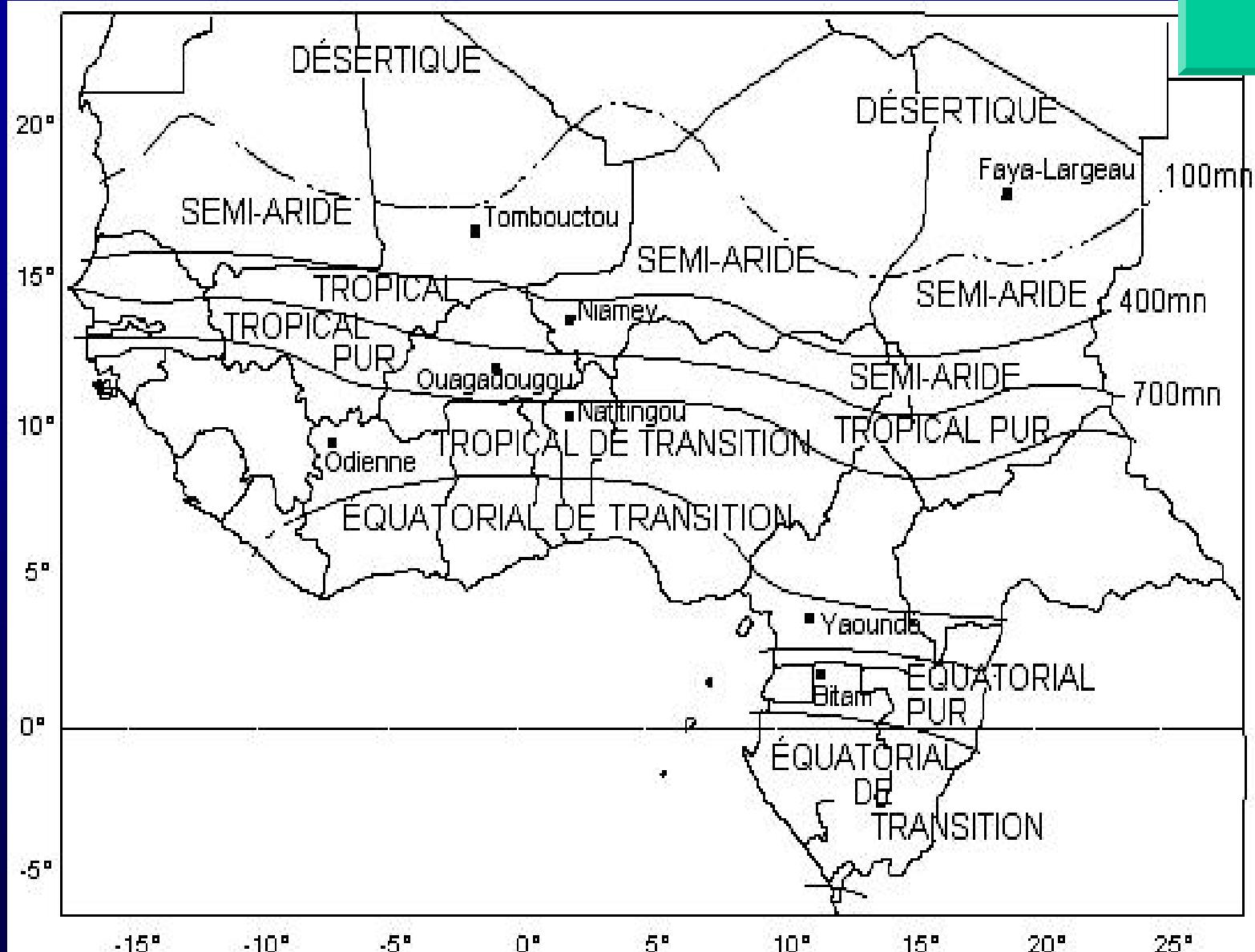
Percentage of access to clean water (2002)



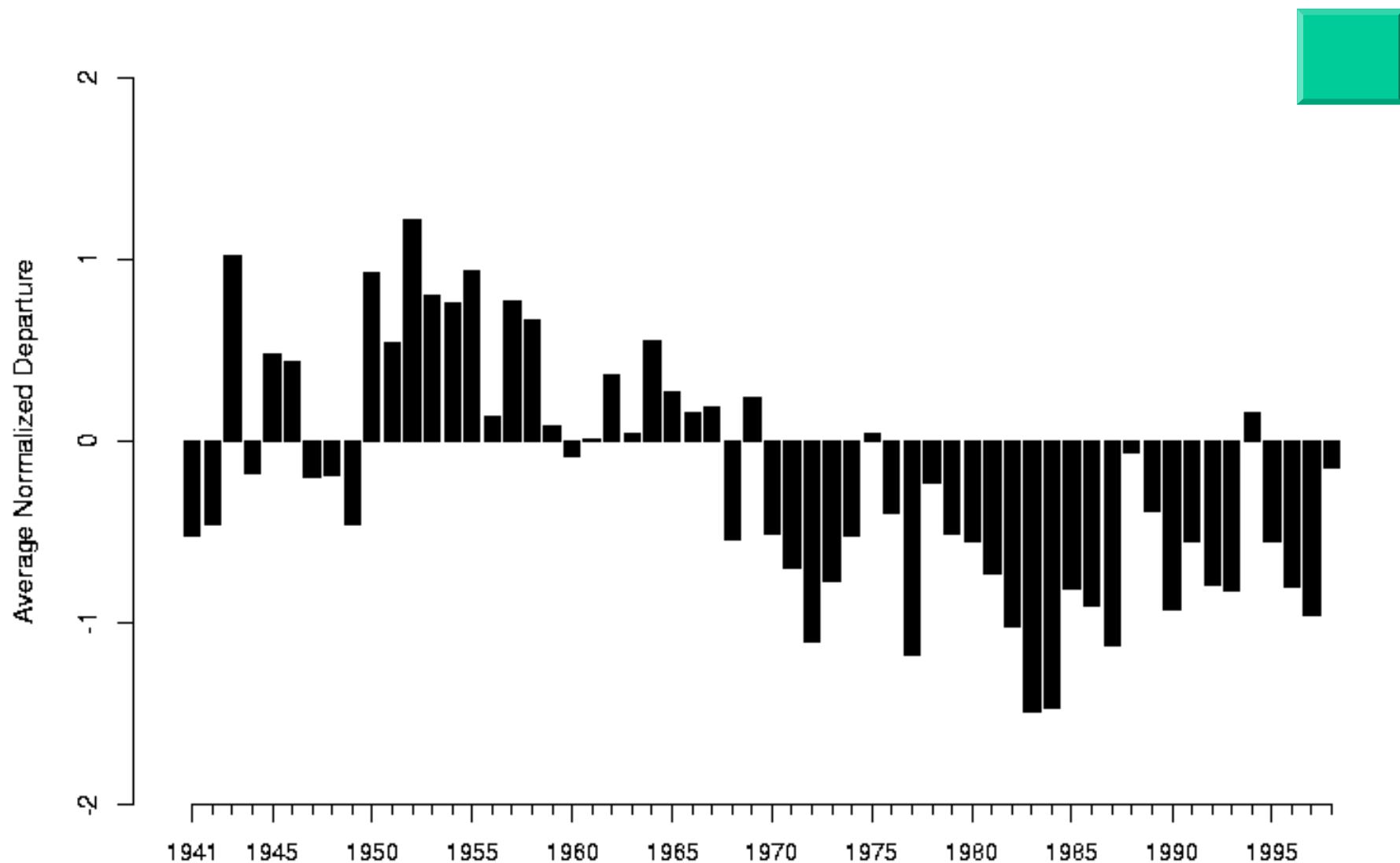
Percentage of access to sanitation(2002)







Rainfall Index for Subsaharan West Africa(1941-98)



Shift of isohyets after 1970

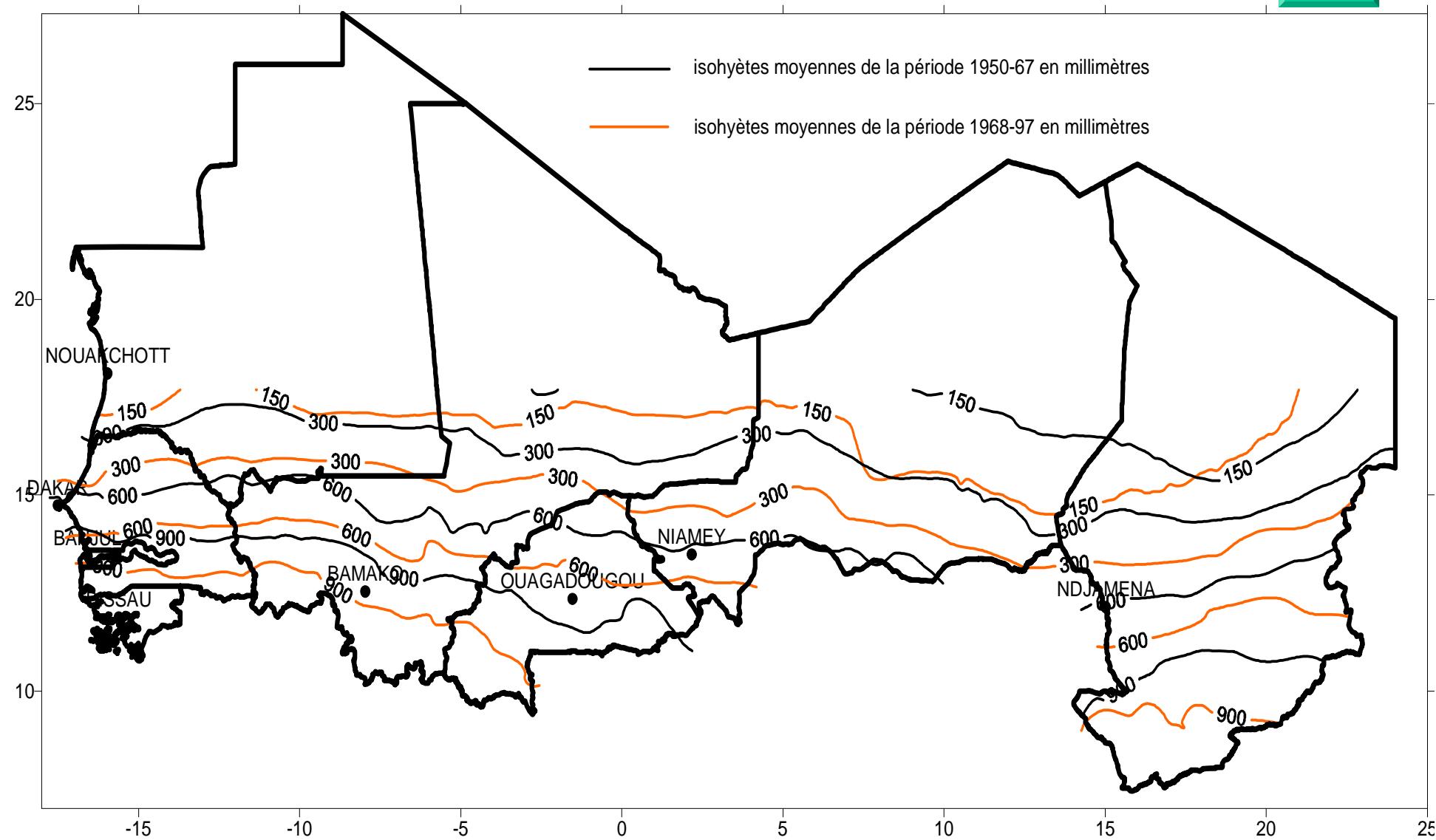
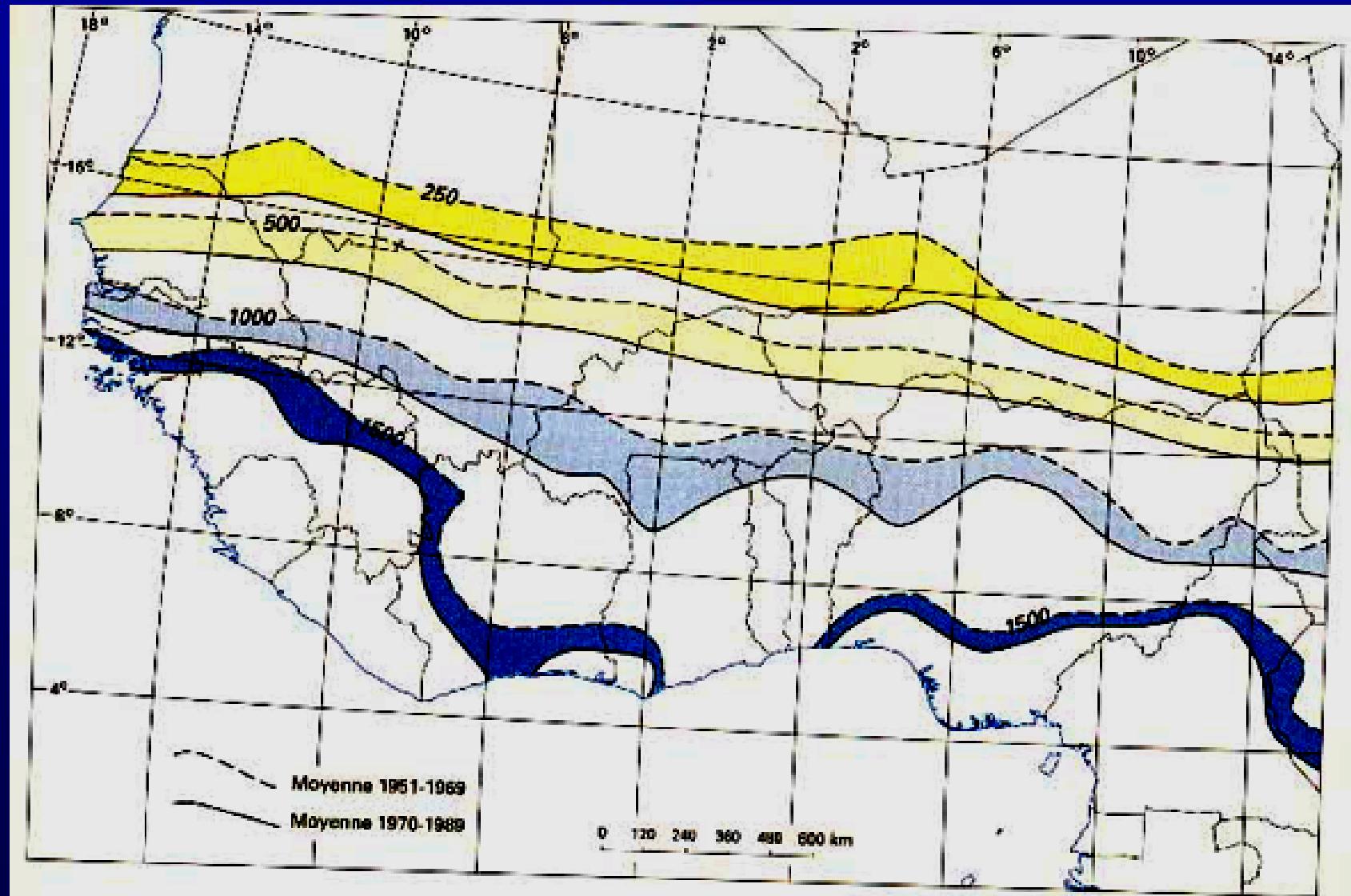
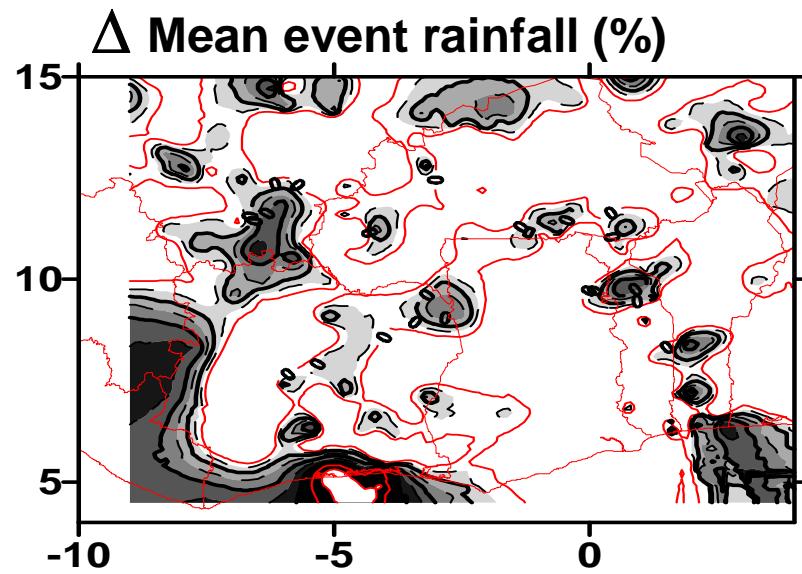
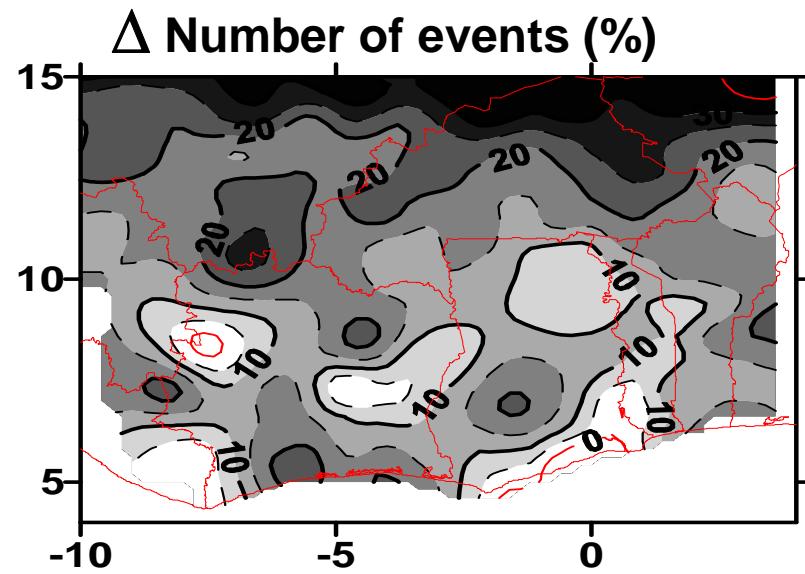
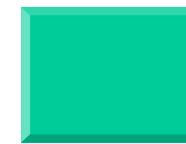
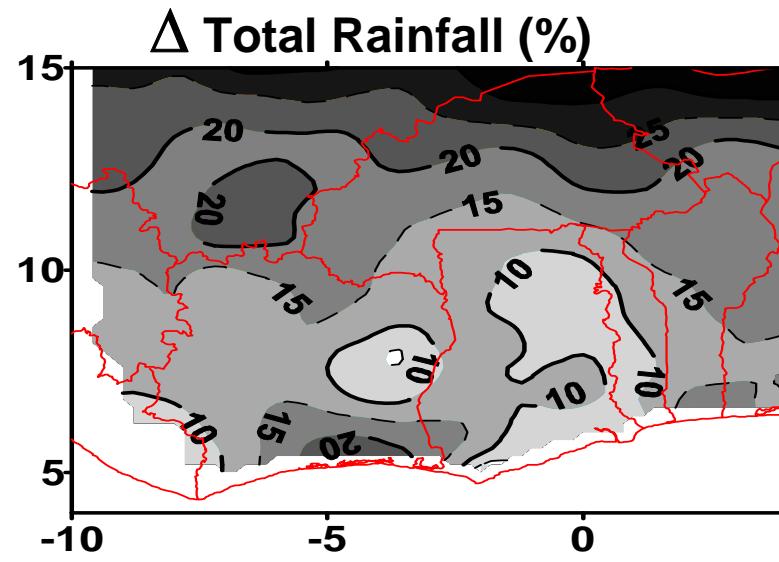


Fig: Déplacement des isohyète vers le sud (L'Hôte, Mahé, 1996)

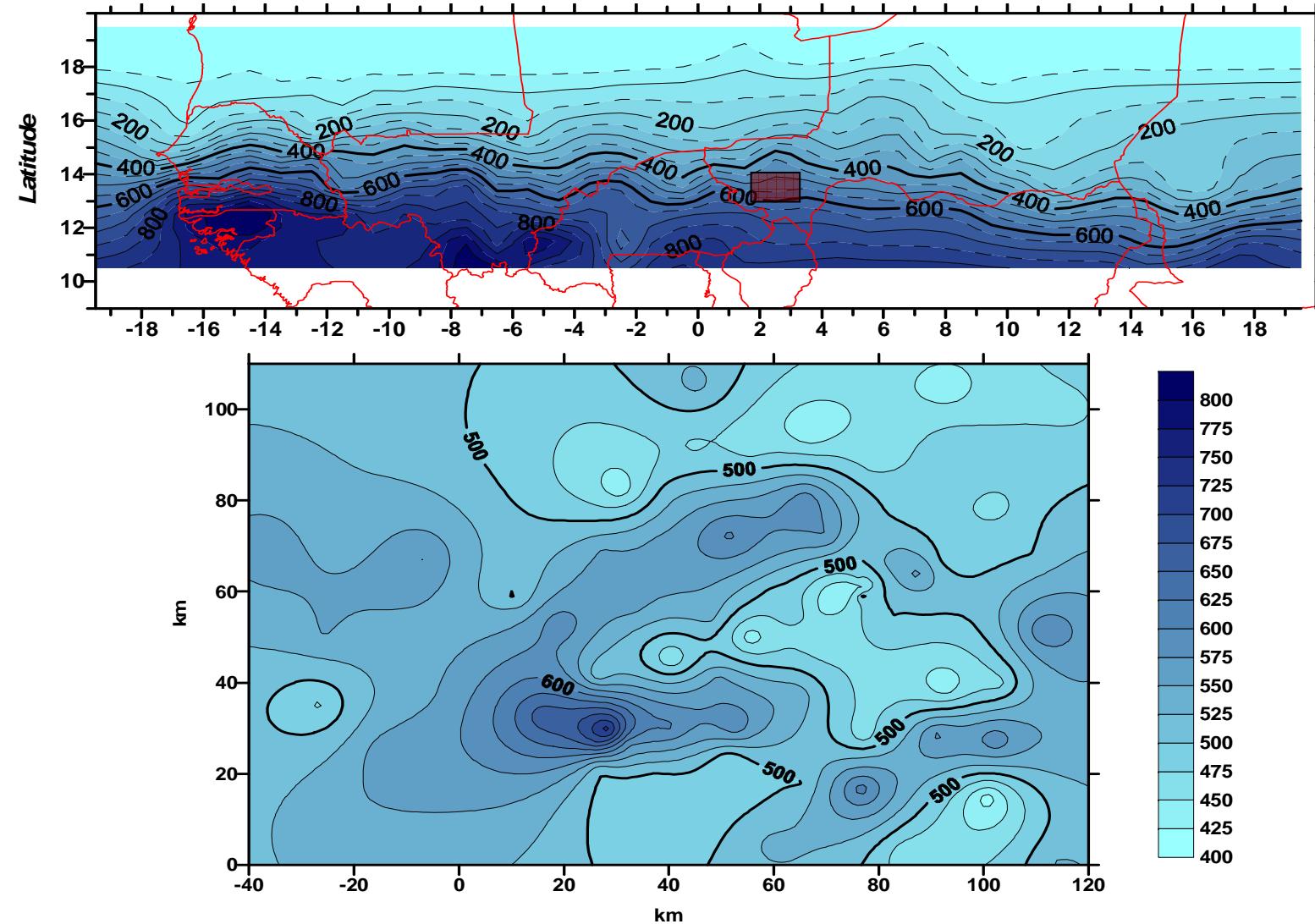




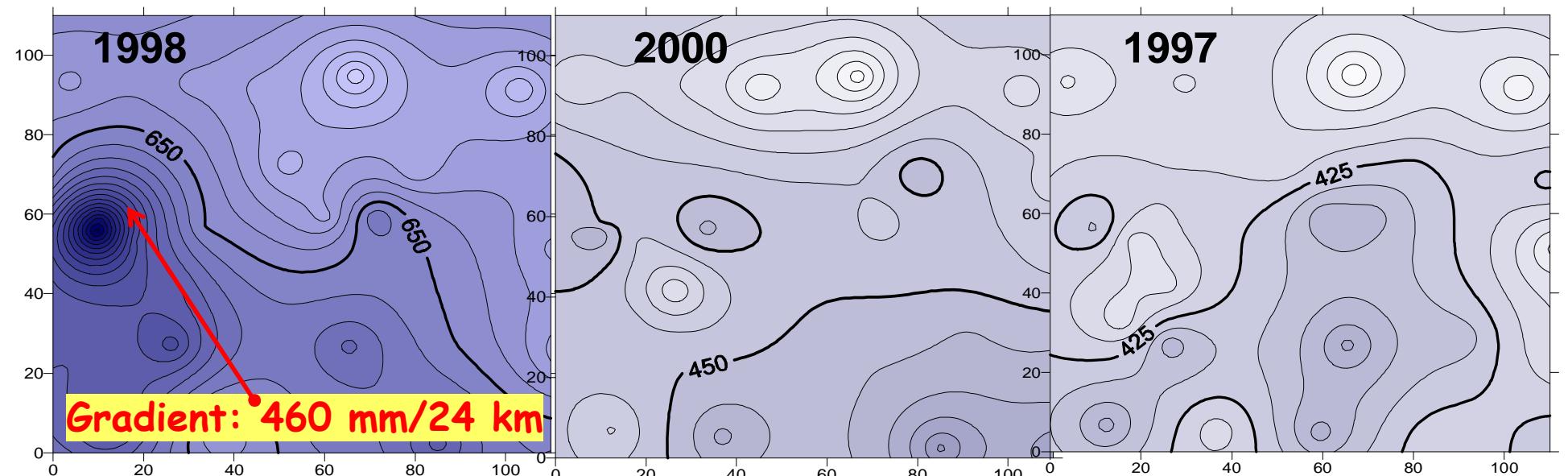
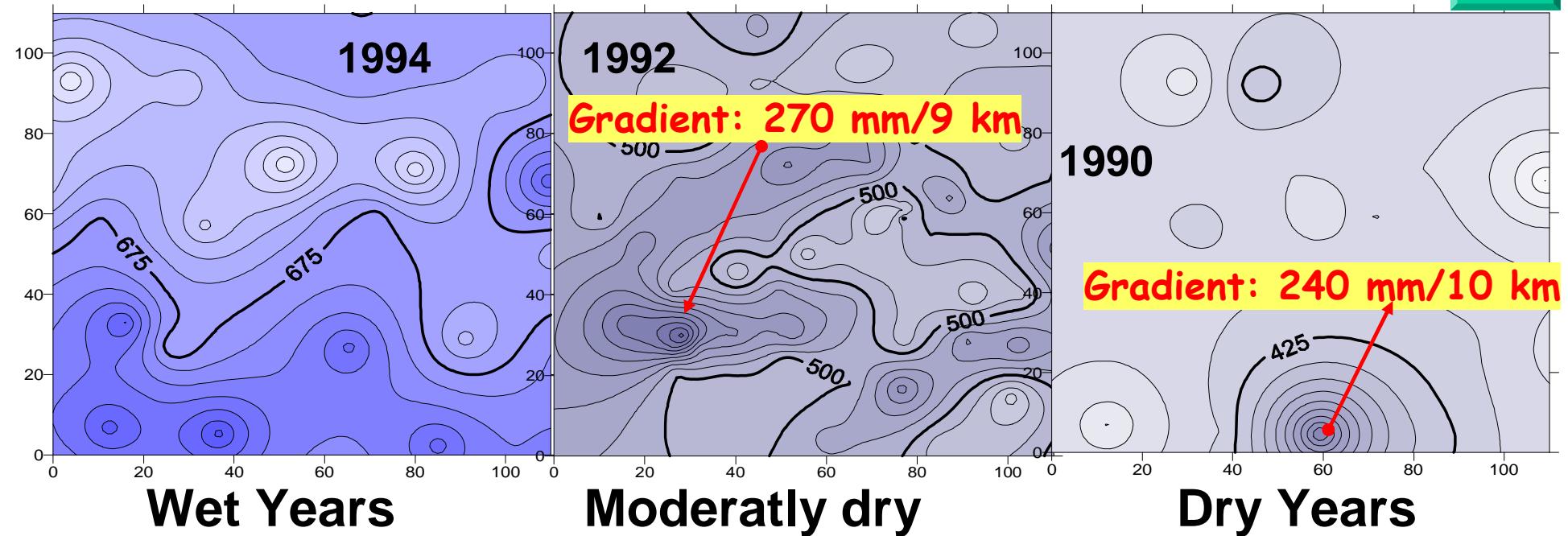


The scales of rainfall variability

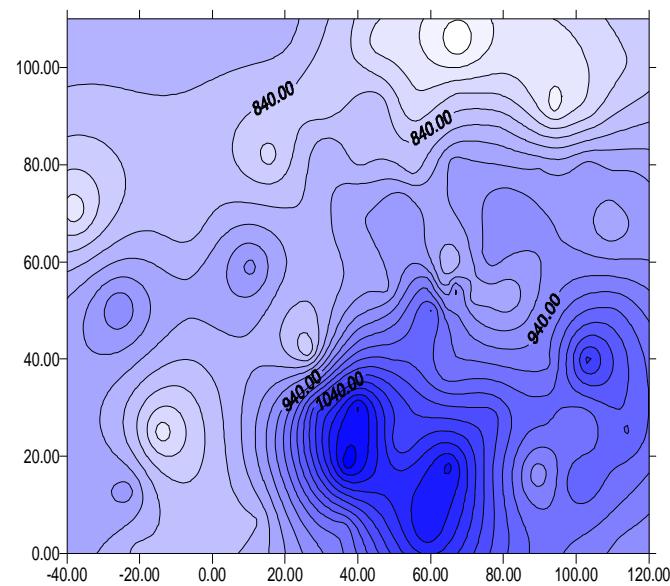
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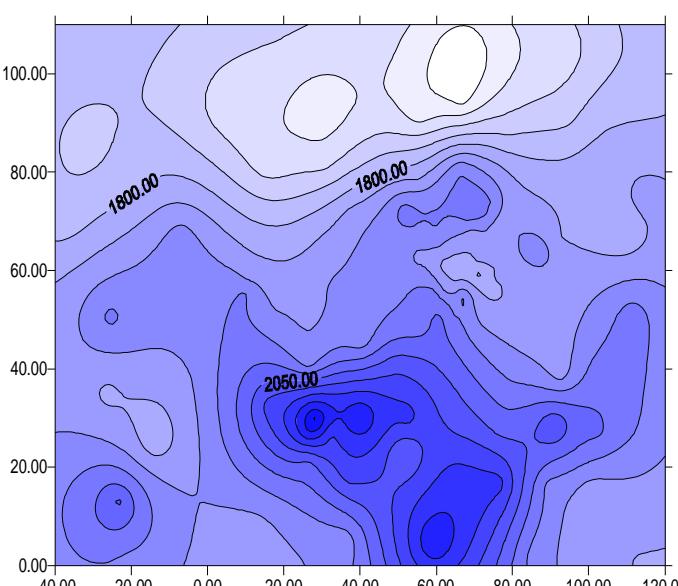
Mesoscale view of Wet vs Dry years



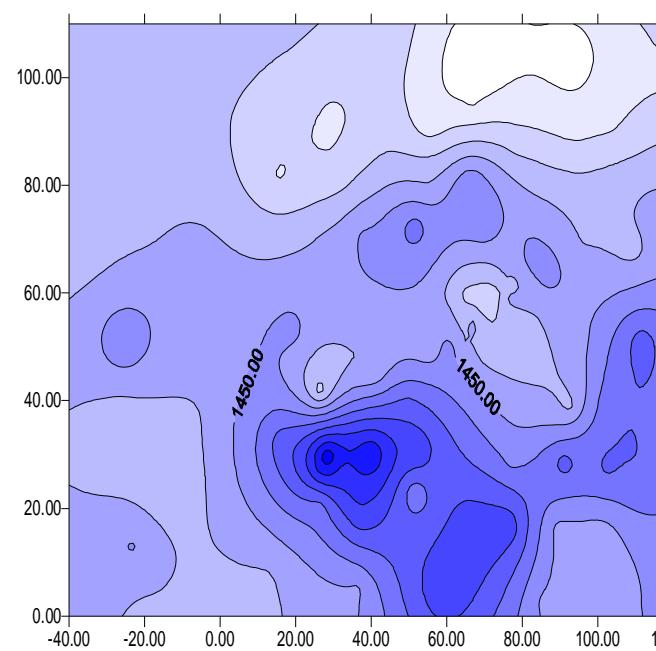
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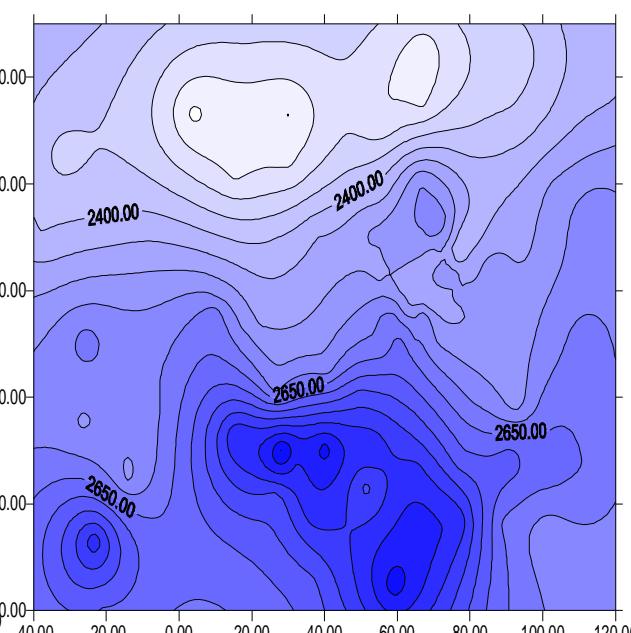
1990-1993



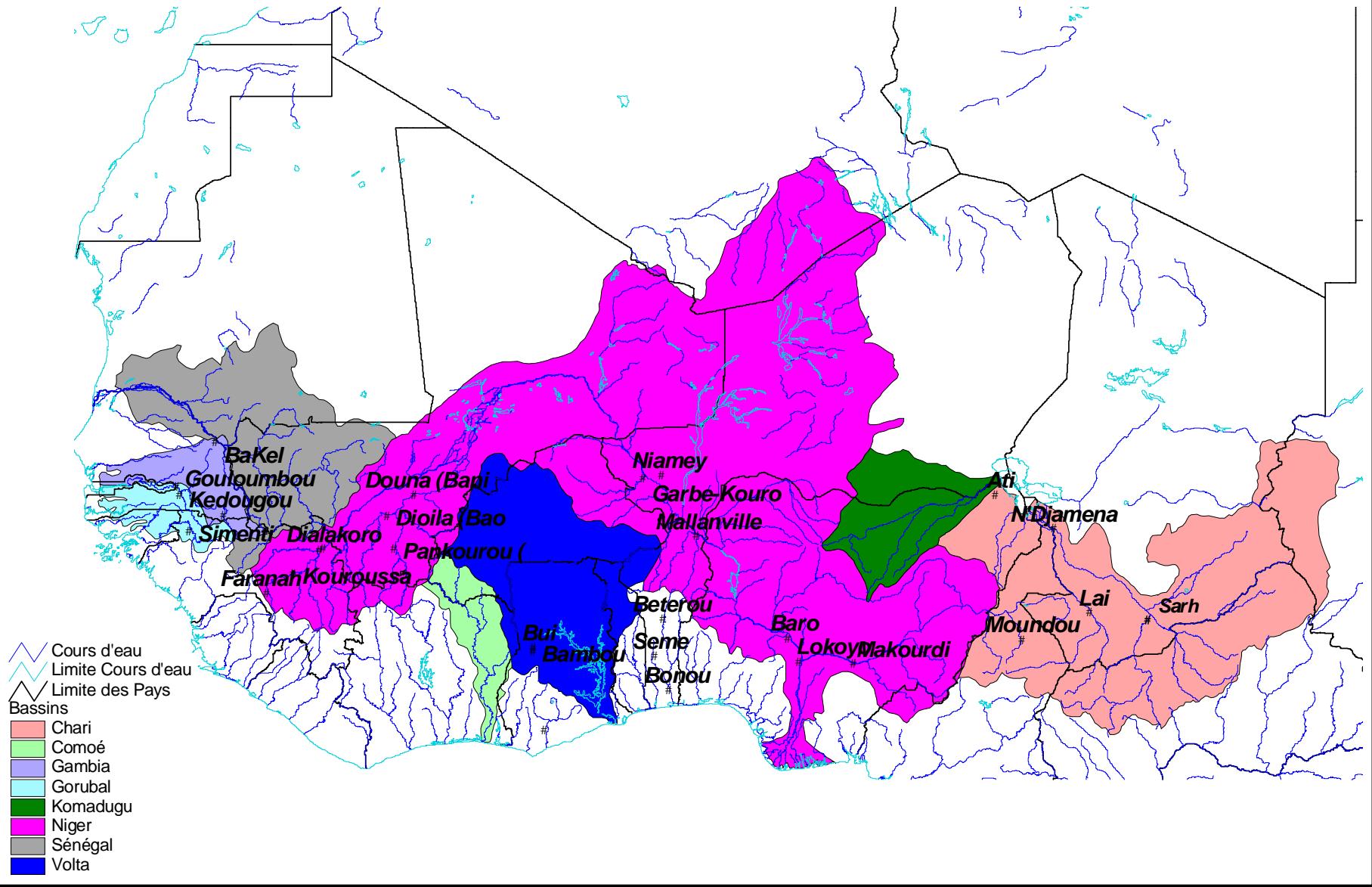
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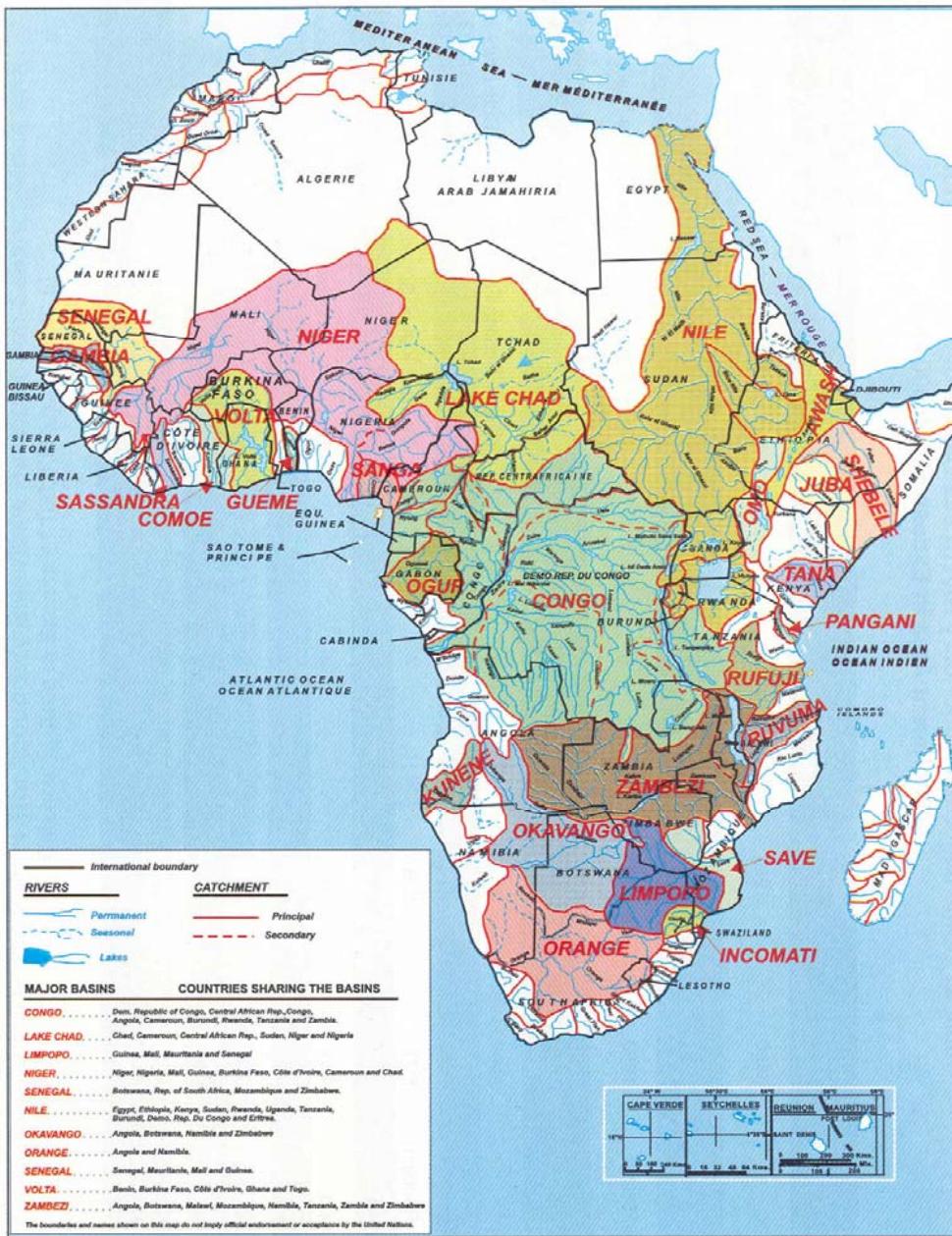
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STATIONS HYDROMETRIQUES
PRESAO II



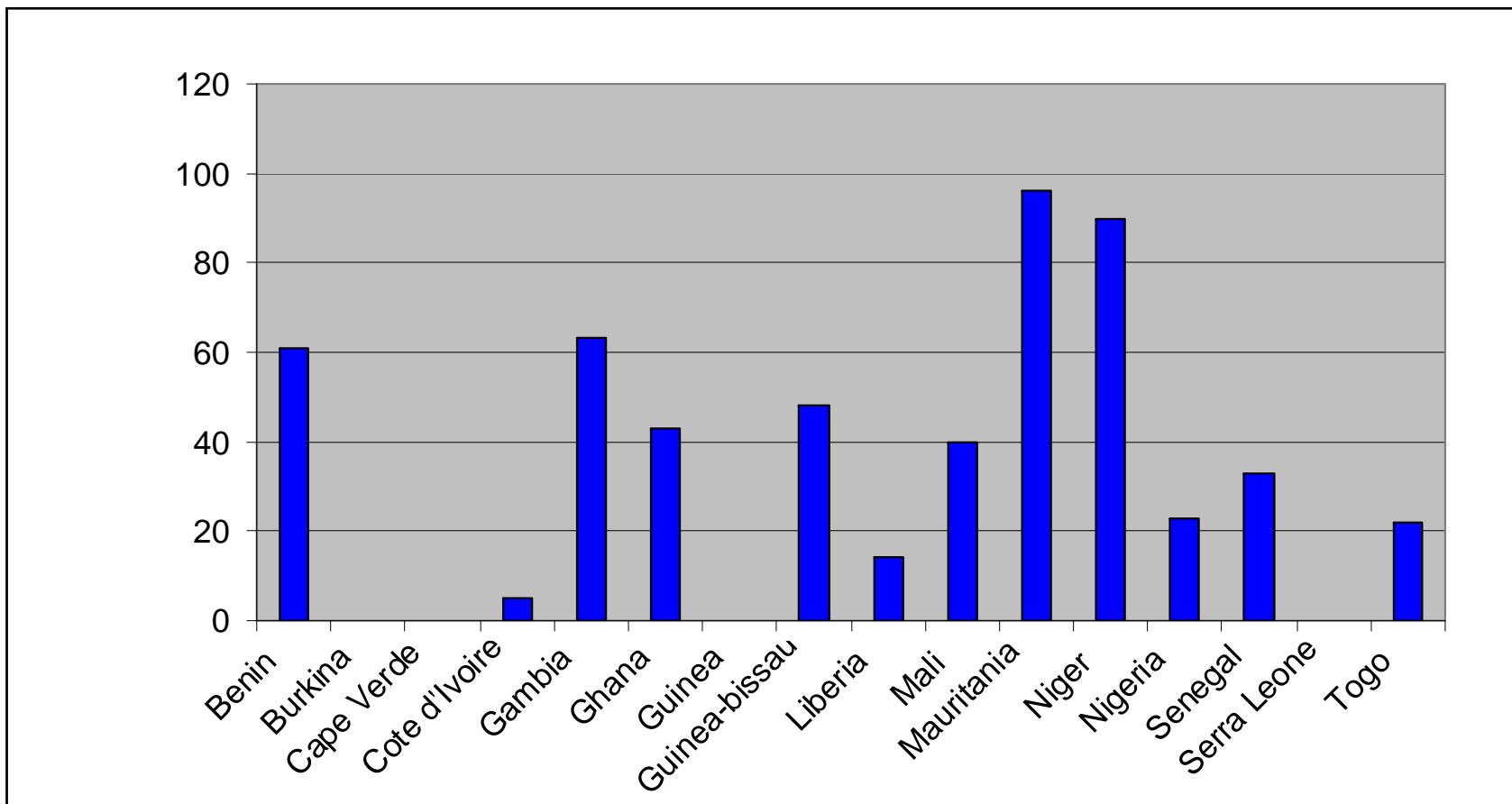
Map 2 RIVER AND LAKE BASINS IN AFRICA

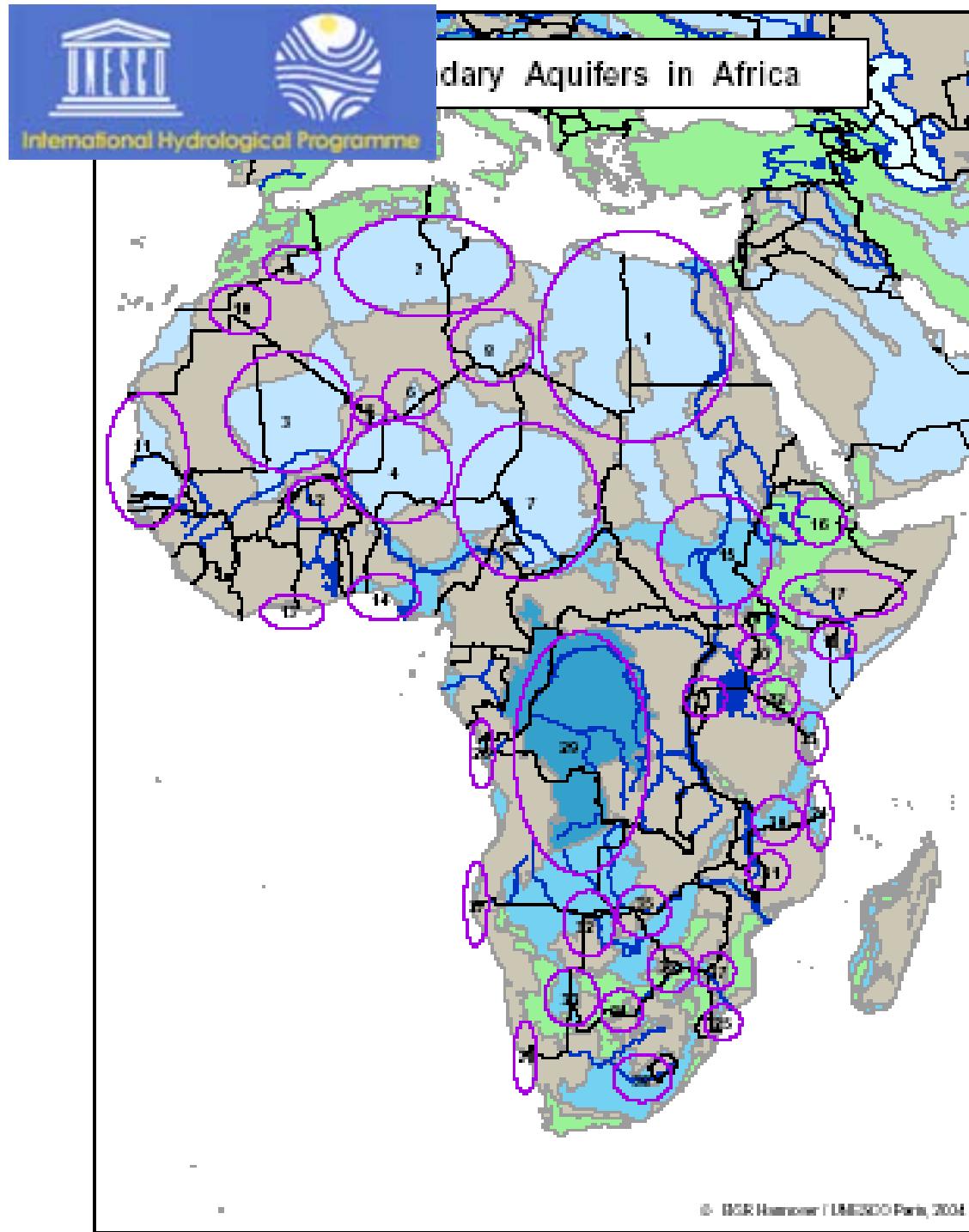


75% of Surface Water concentrated major basins: congo, Niger, Zambezi, Nile, Chari-logone, Volta, limpopo, Senegal, Orange)

Over 80 transboundary river/lake basins

Water Dependance Index, UNWWDR2, AQUASAT, FAO, 2005

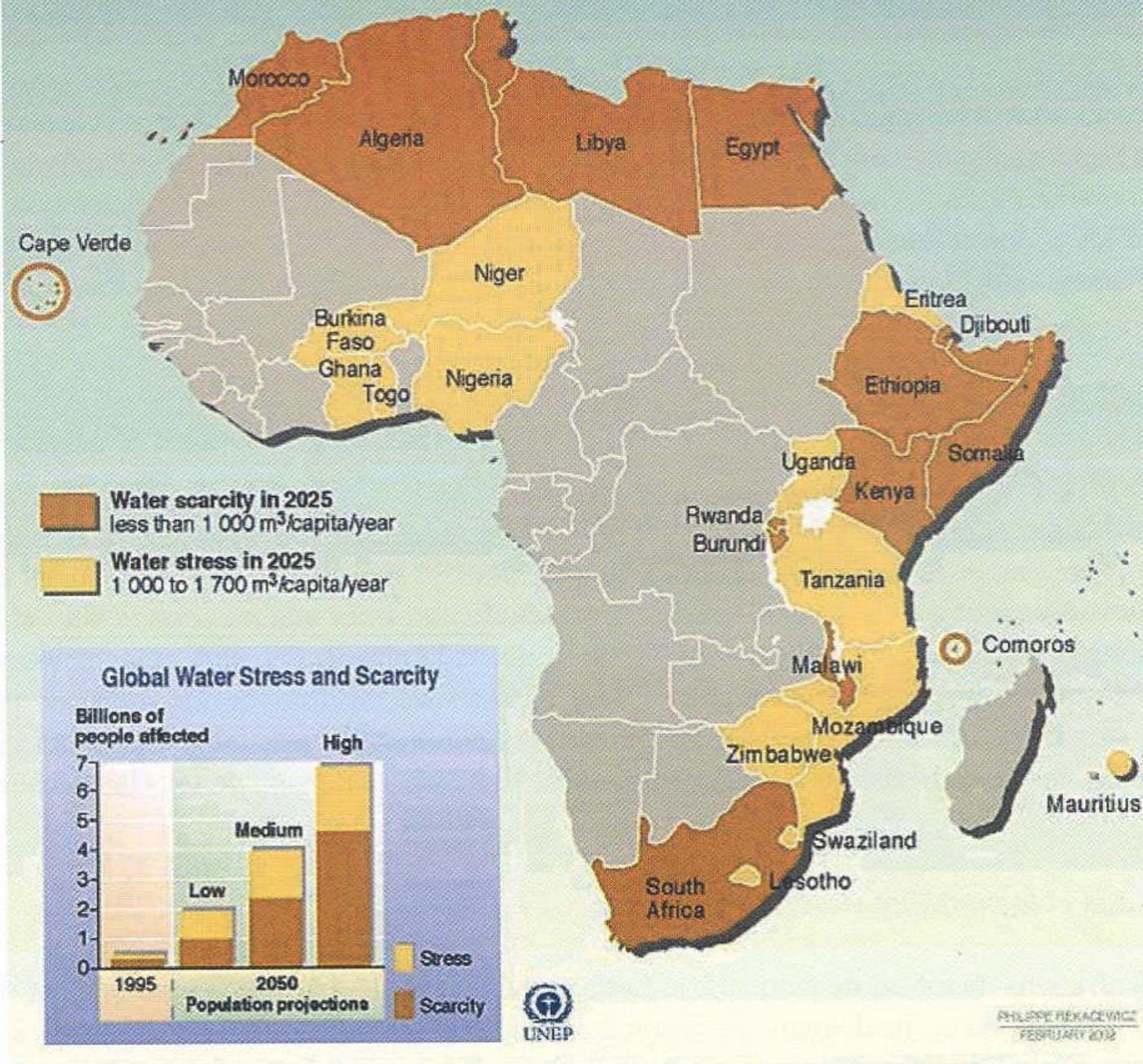




Around 41
transboundary
aquifers identified so
far

There is a great lack
of scientific
knowledge on TBA
in Africa

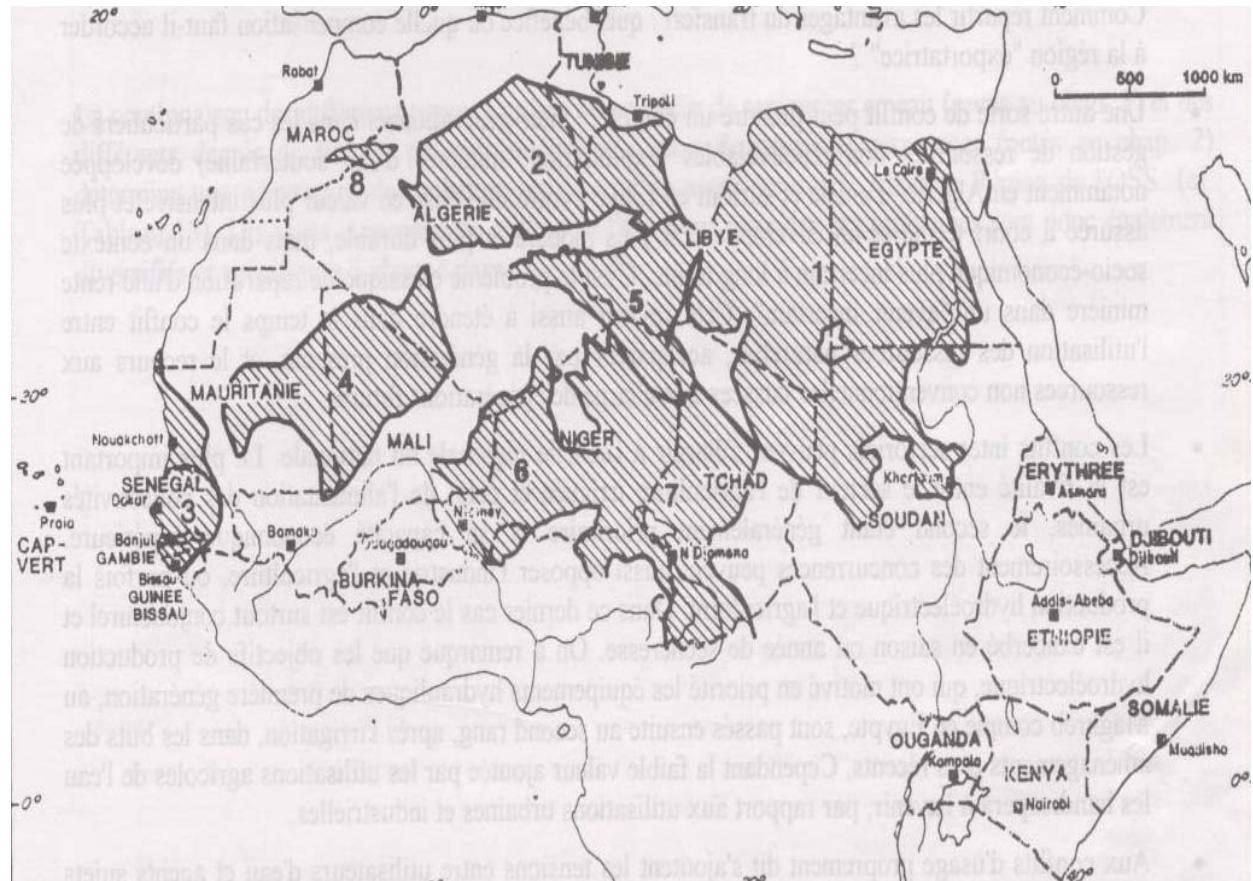
Freshwater Stress and Scarcity in Africa by 2025



Eaux souterraines

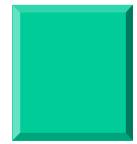


- Partagées entre plusieurs pays;
- De profondeurs variables suivant les formations géologiques
 - Très mal connues en quantité et qualité, même si des importantes quantités d'eau sont disponibles (très peu de mesures piézométriques)
 - Principales sources d'eau potable pour l'alimentation des populations
 - Problèmes de qualité (intrusion saline surtout pour les nappes côtières)

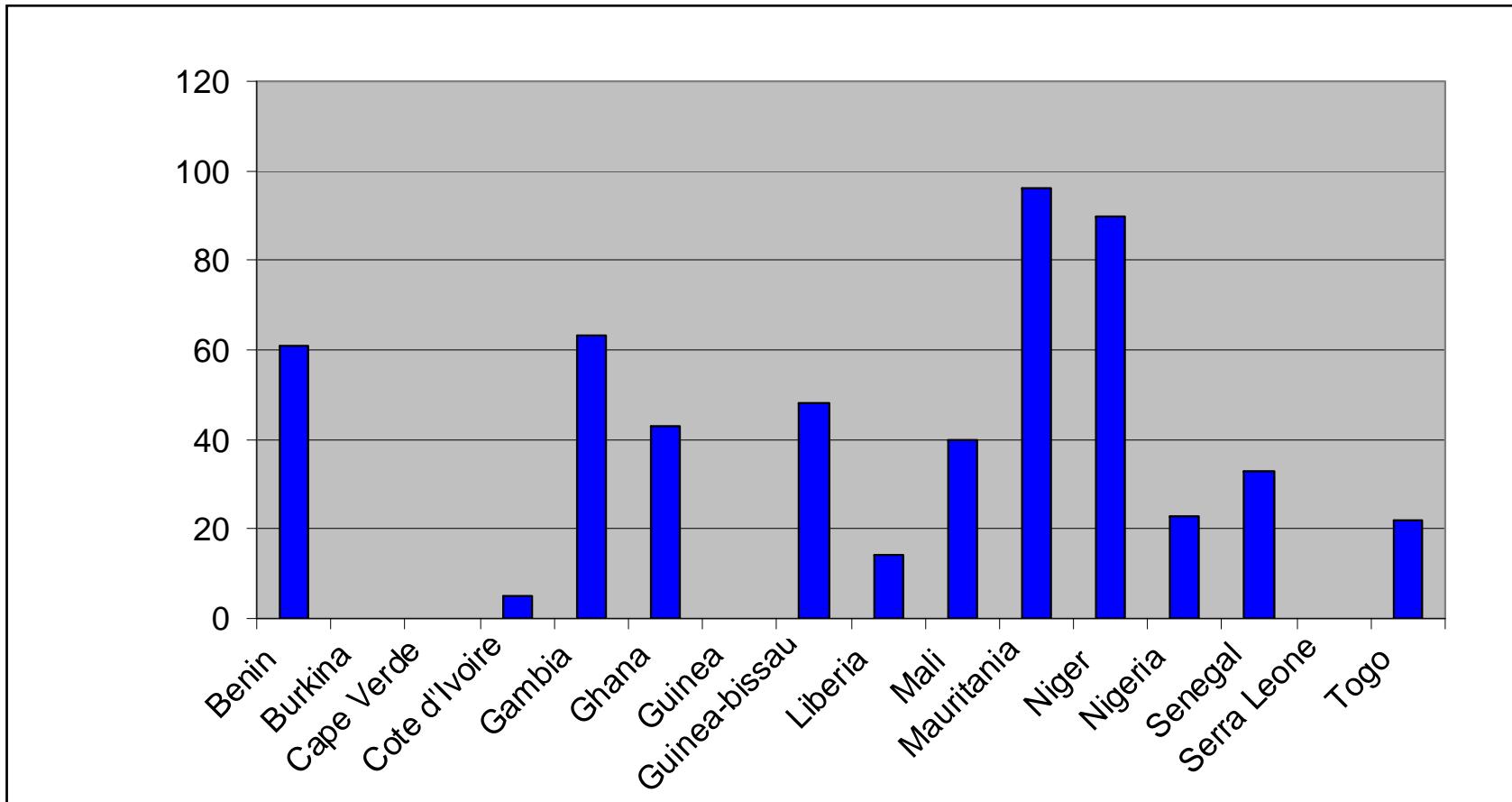


1. Bassin de Nubie - 2. Sahara Septentrional - 3. Bassin Sénégal-Mauritanien -
4. Bassin de Taoudéni - 5. Bassin de Mourzouk-Djado - 6. Bassin Irhazer-Iullemeden - 7. Bassin du Tchad - 8. Bassin d'Errachidia

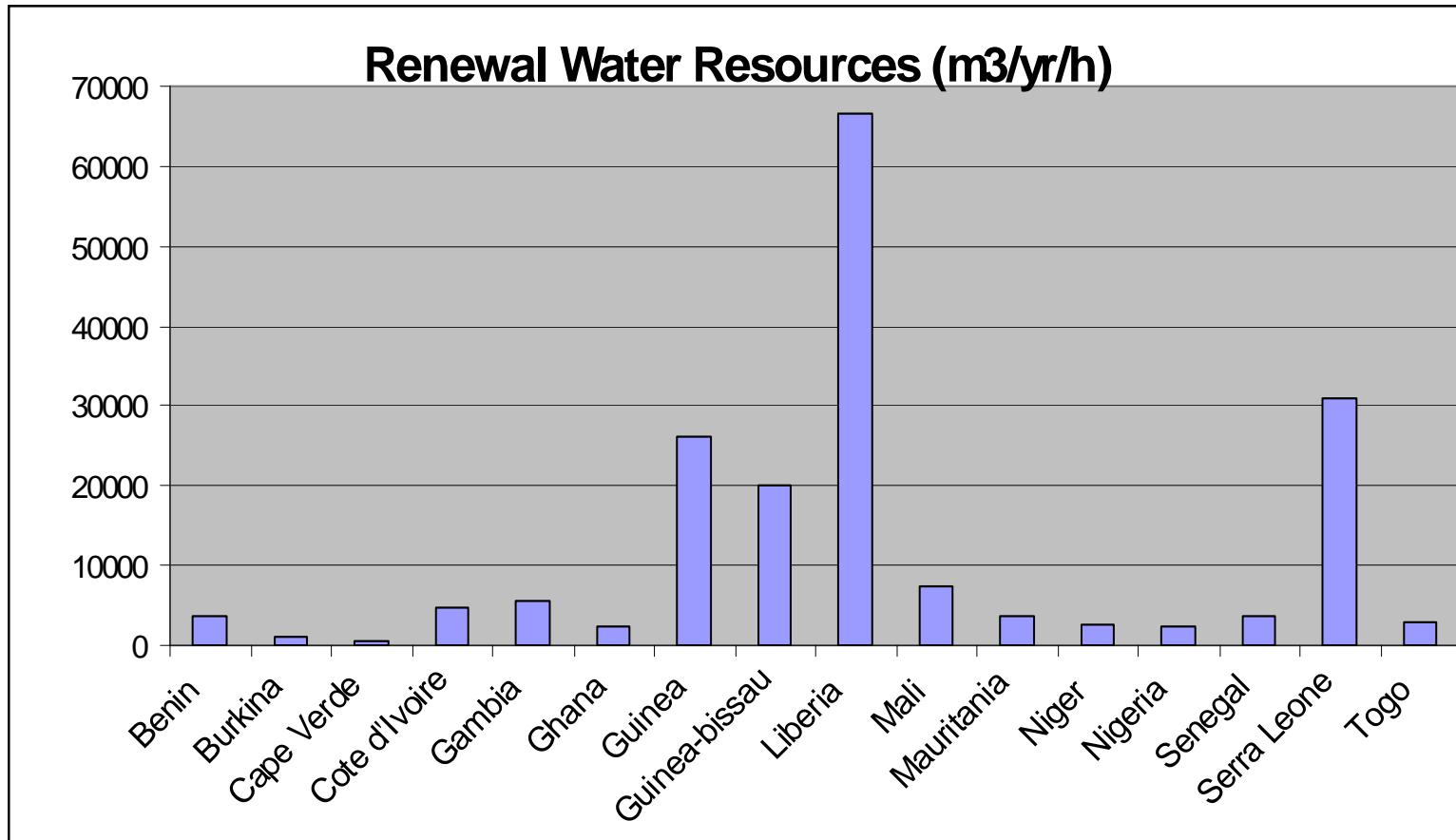
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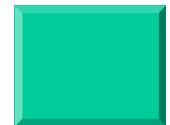


Indices de dépendance, AQUASAT, FAO, 2005

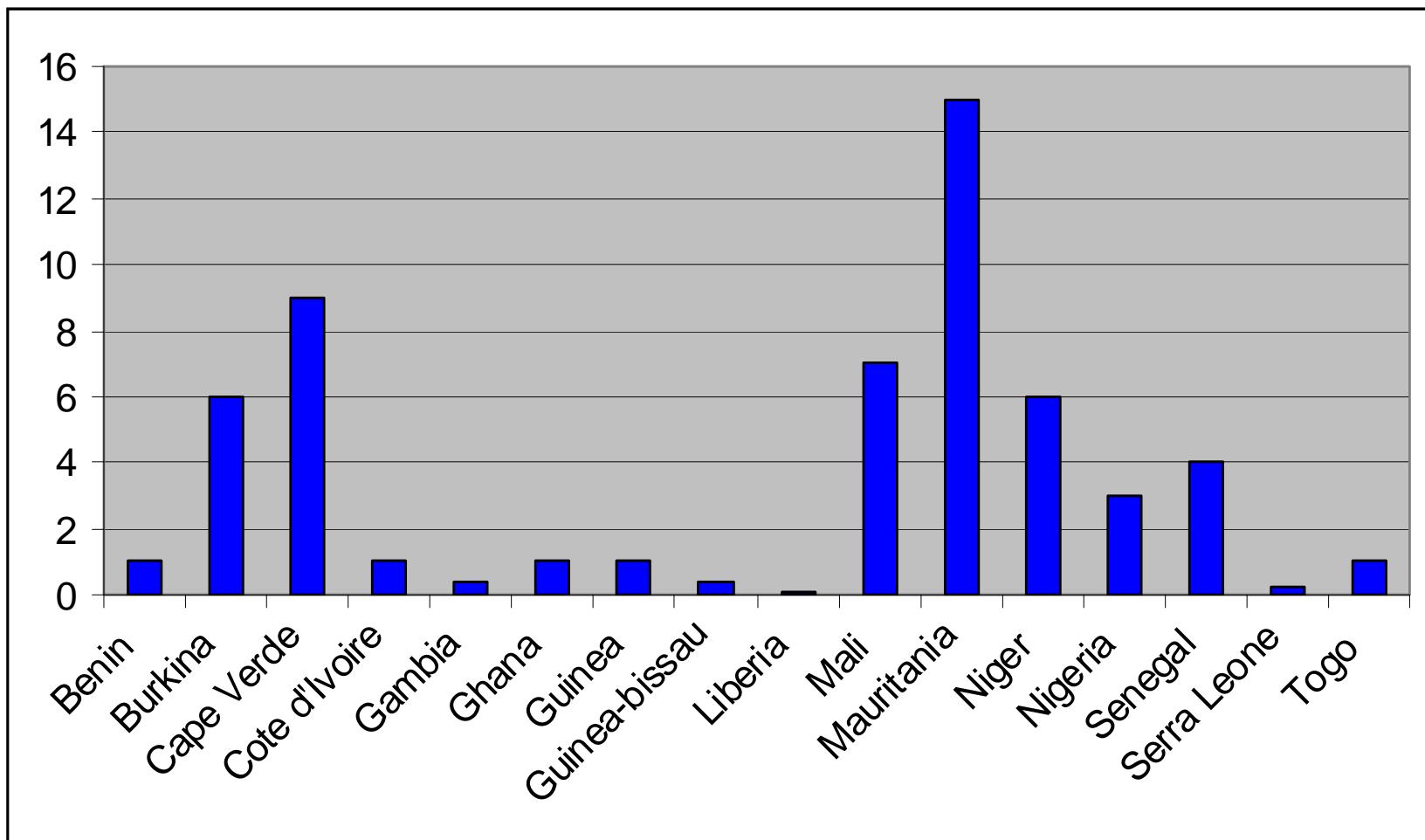


Water Resources 2005 (FAO, AQUASAT, 2005)

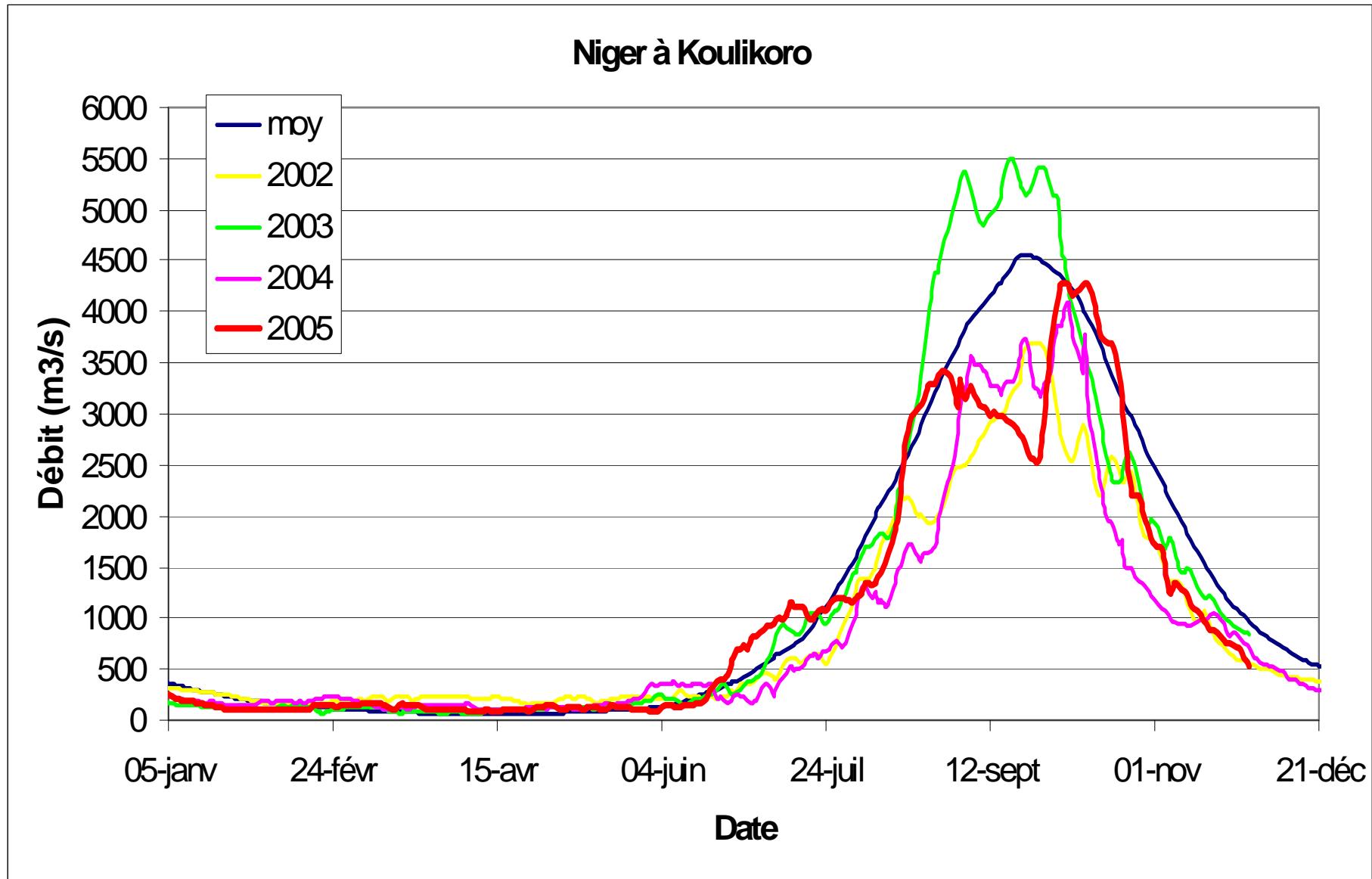




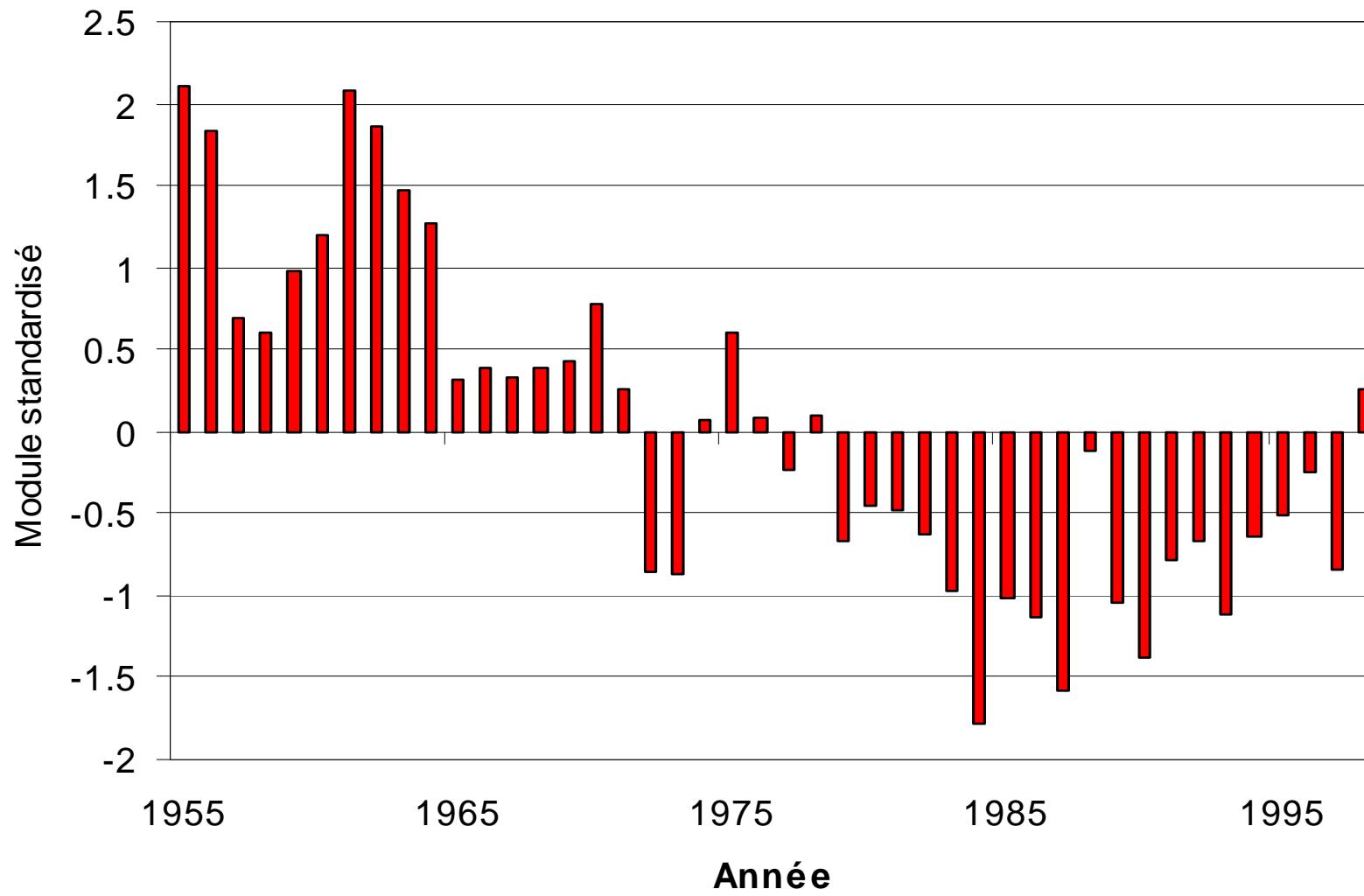
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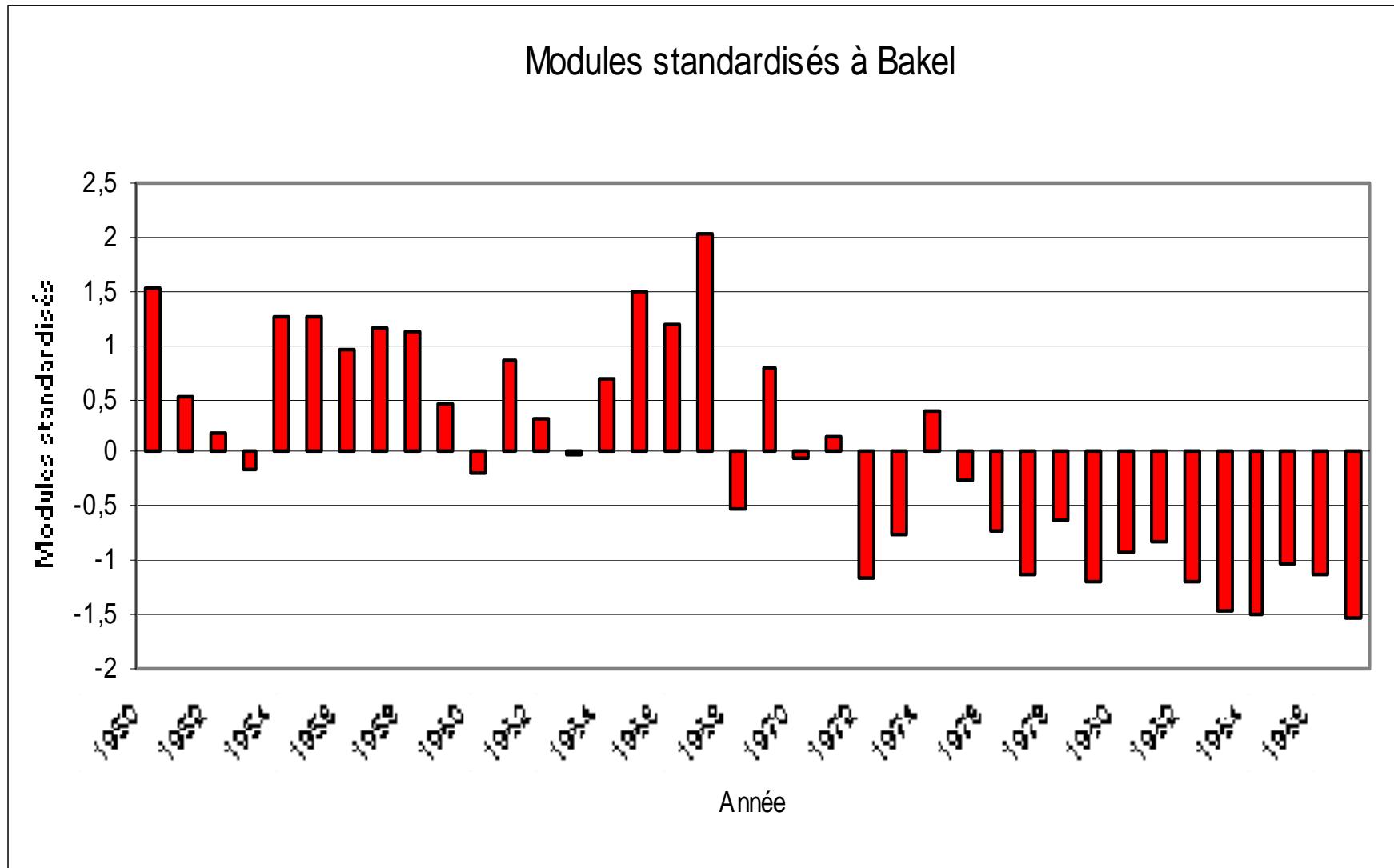
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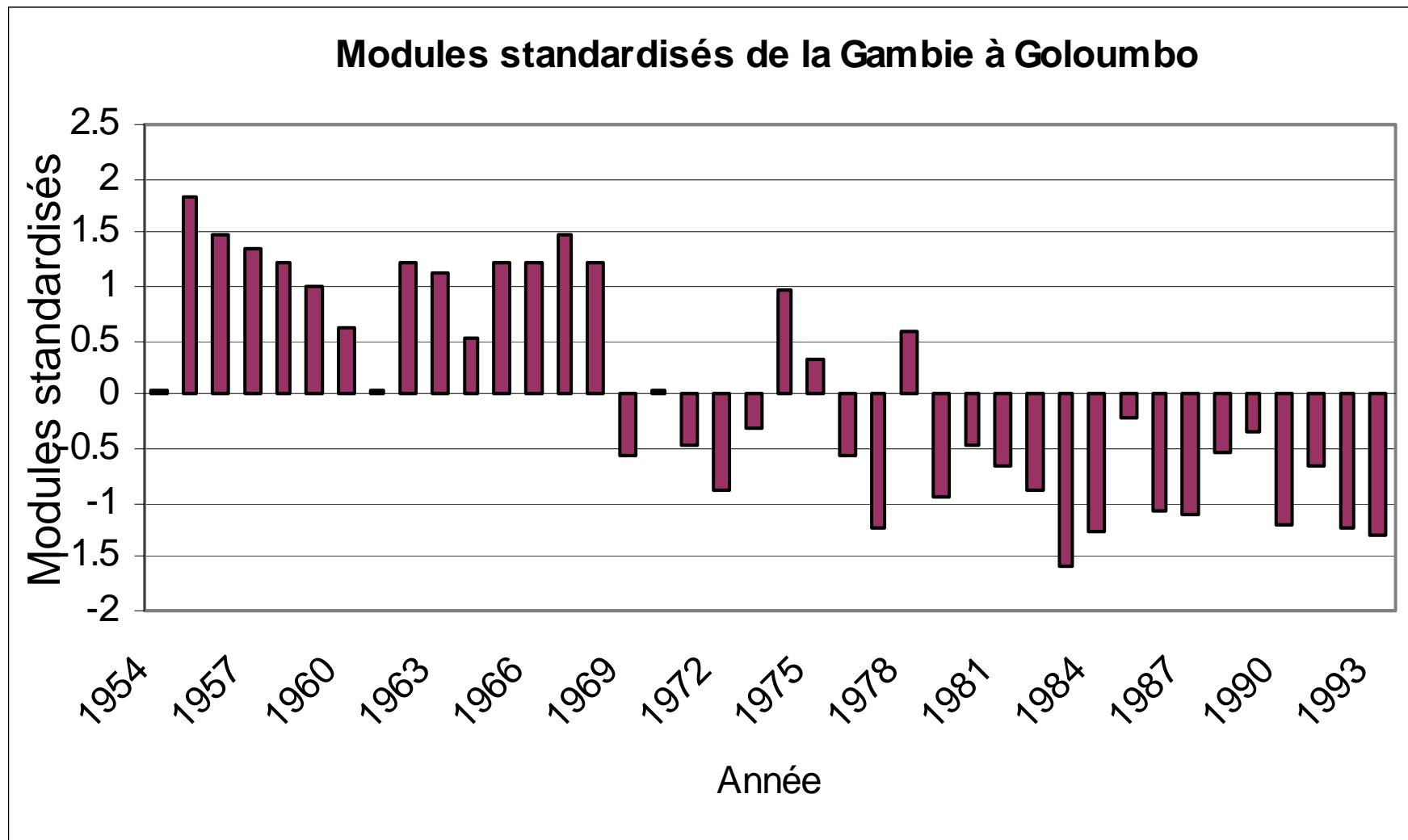
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Mean annual discharge index at Bakel before Manantali Dam

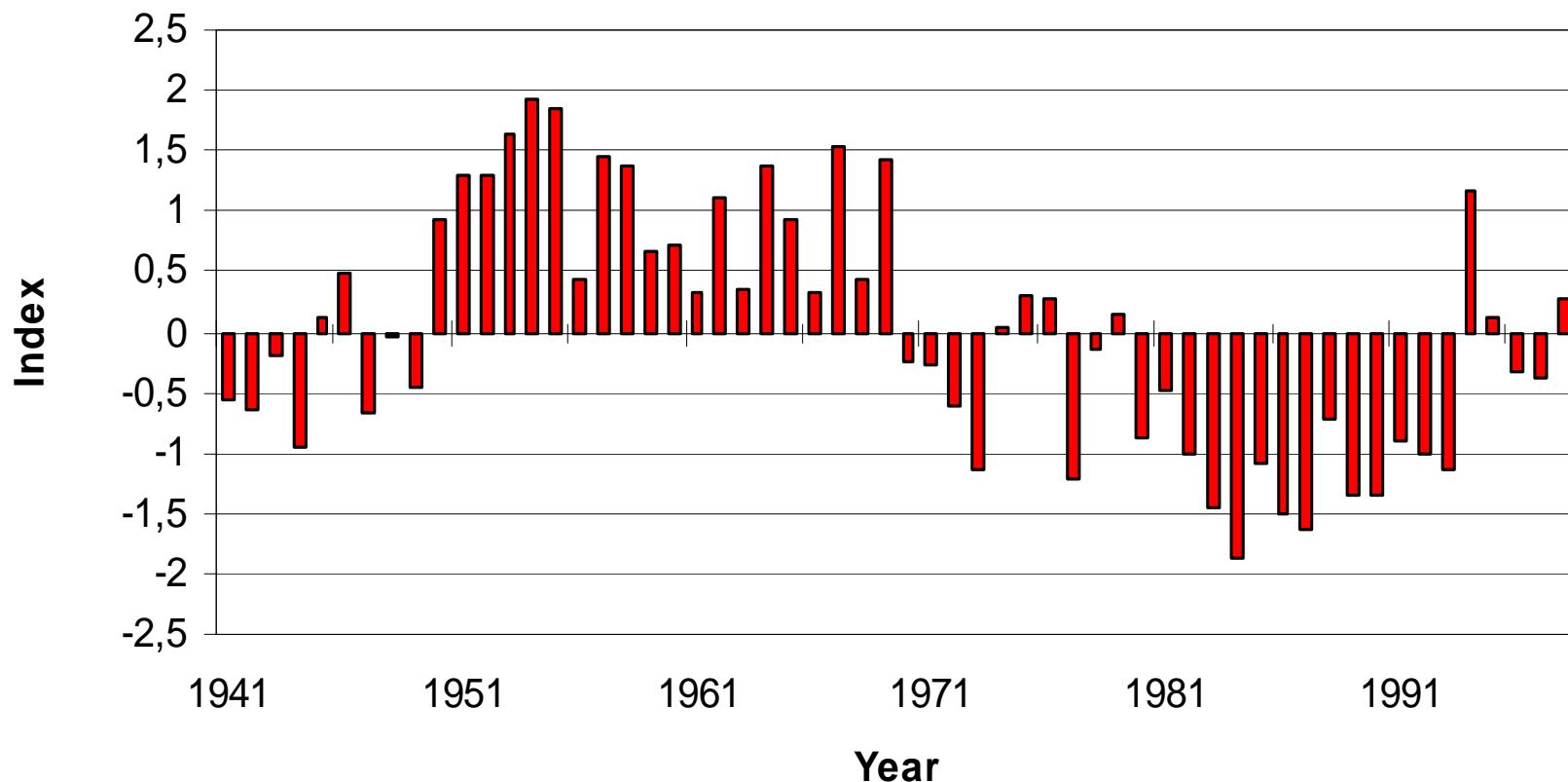


Mean annual discharge indexes at Golombo on Gambia river

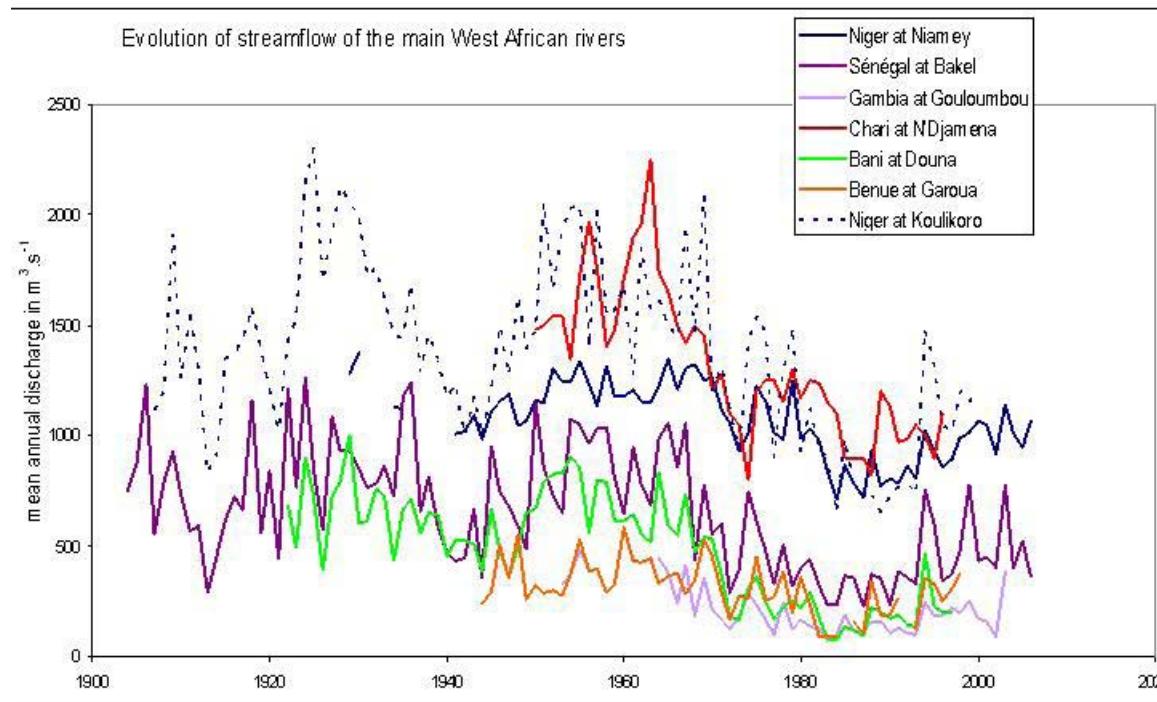




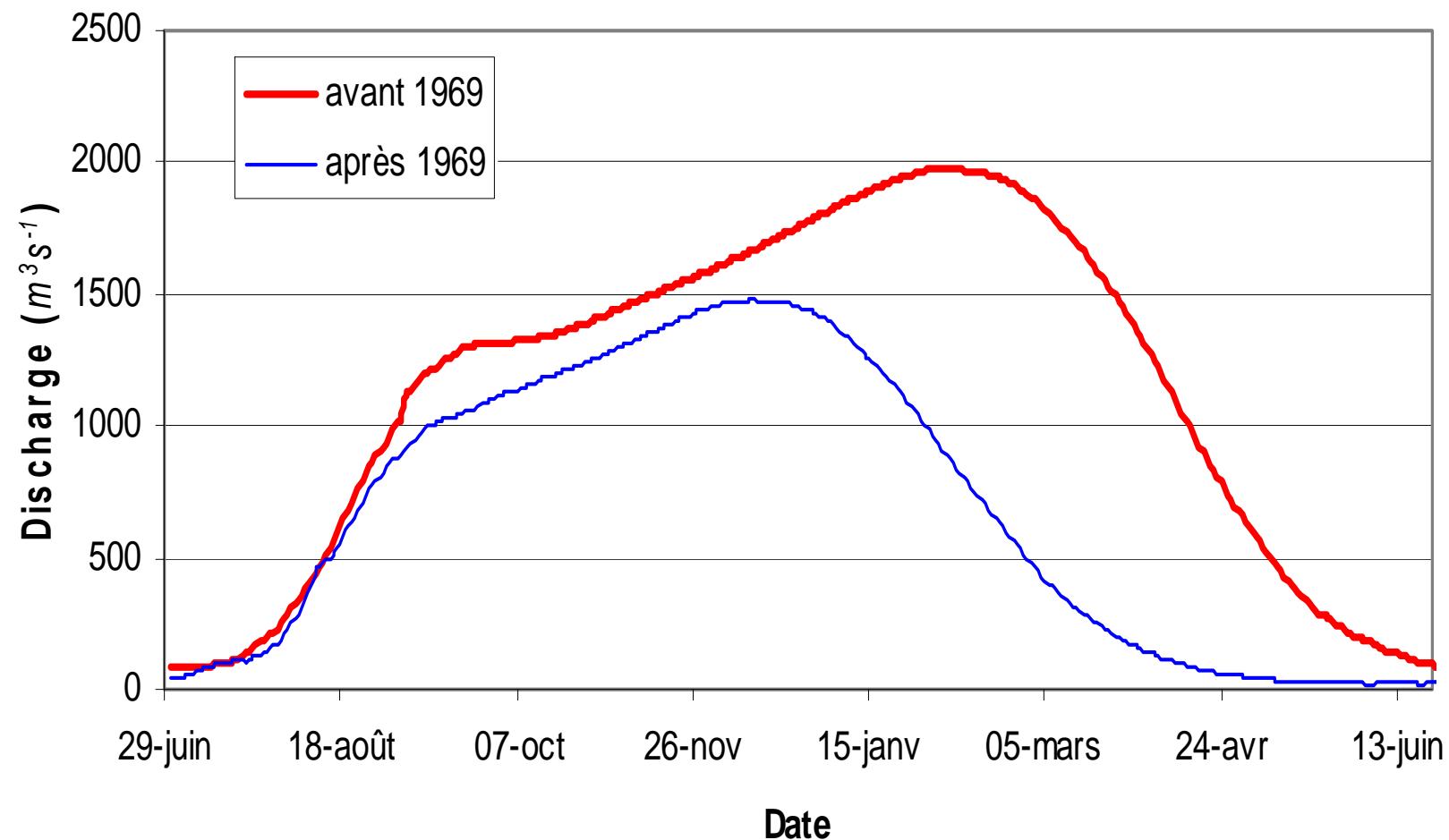
Standardarized mean annual discharge at Niamey on Niger River

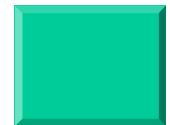


Streamflows of main rivers in WA

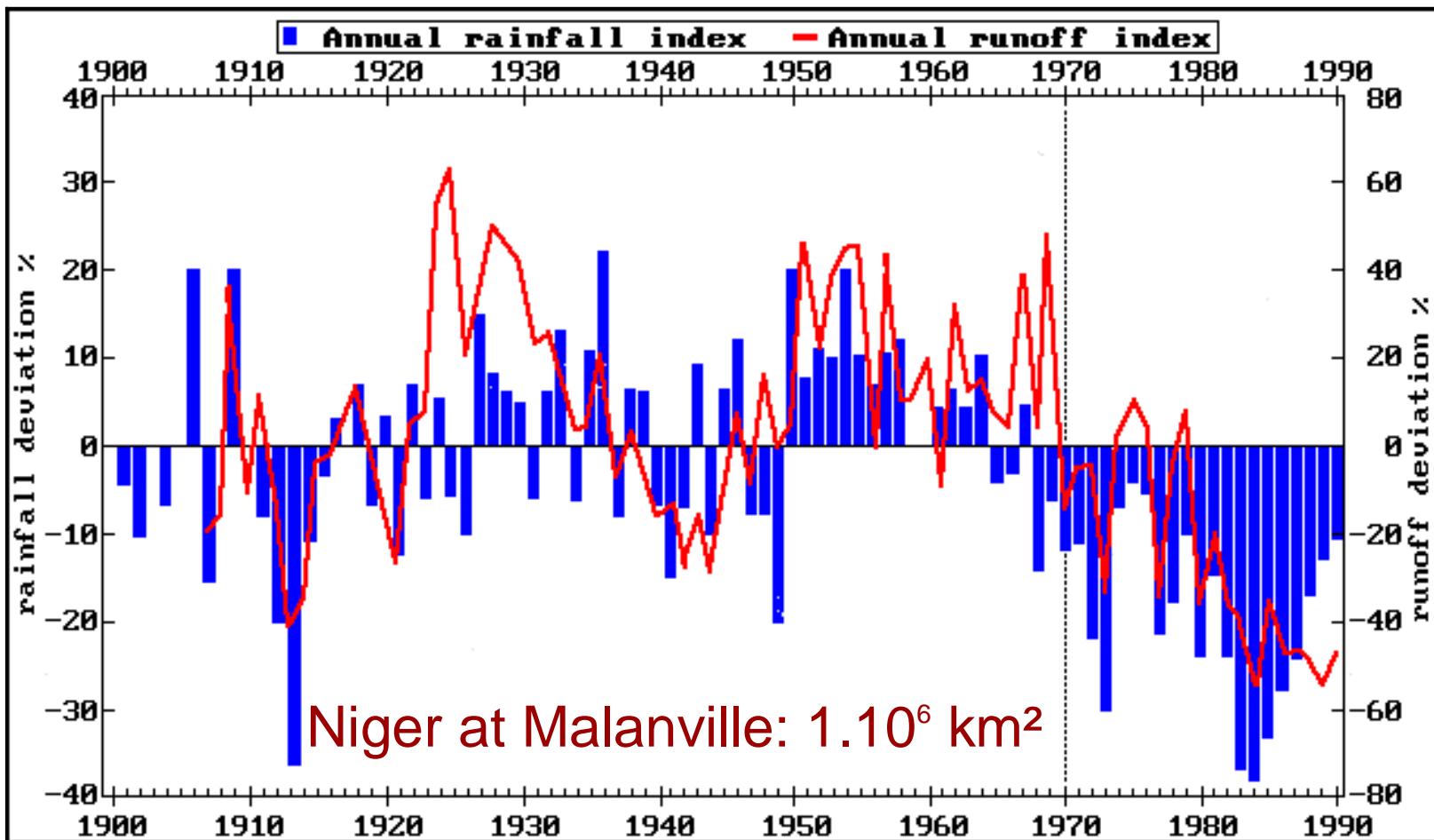


Evolution of mean daily discharge before and after 1969 at Niamey River station

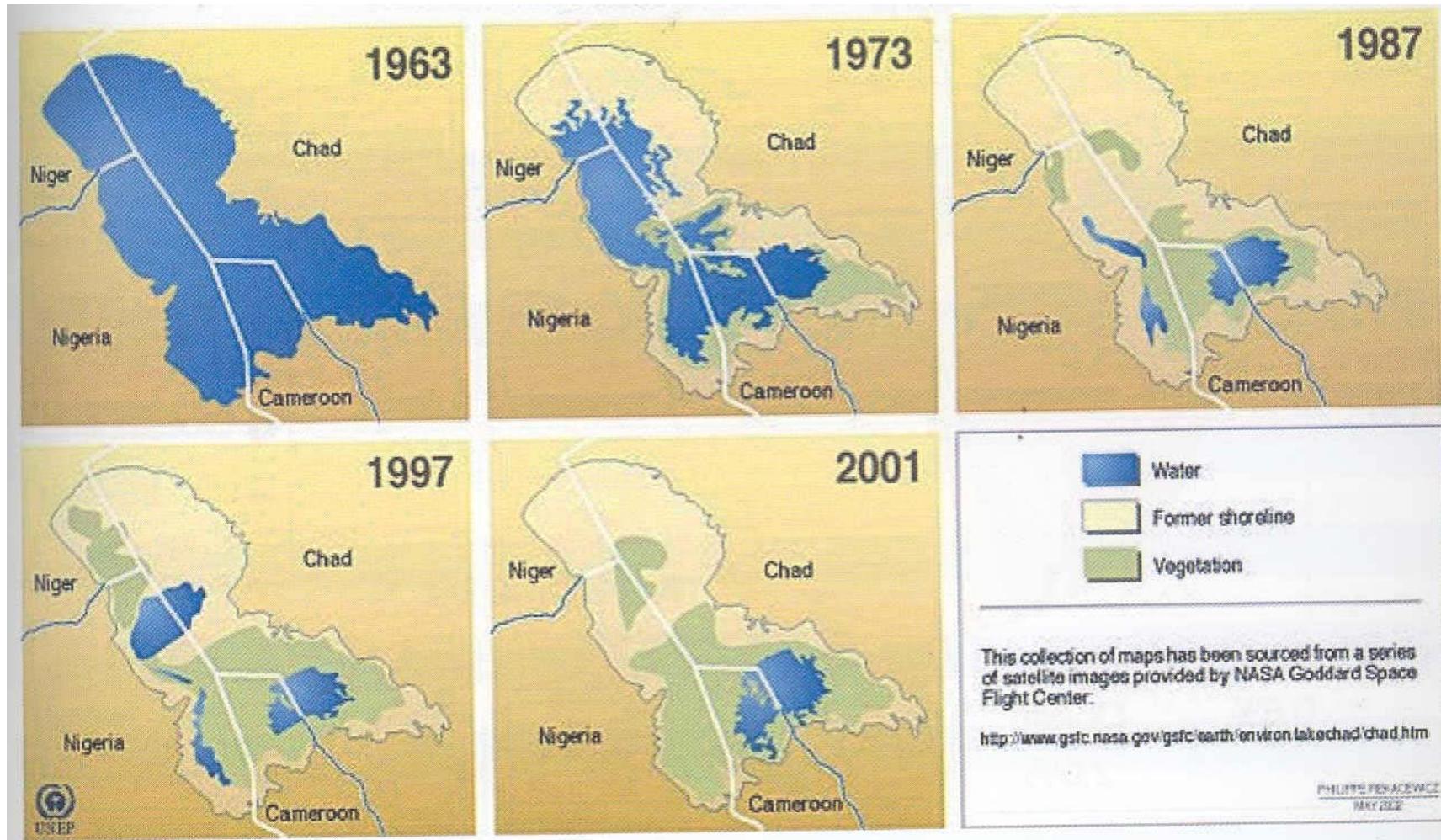




Changes compared



Lake Chad decrease



Le Fleuve Niger à NIAMEY : étiage sévère connu en 1985

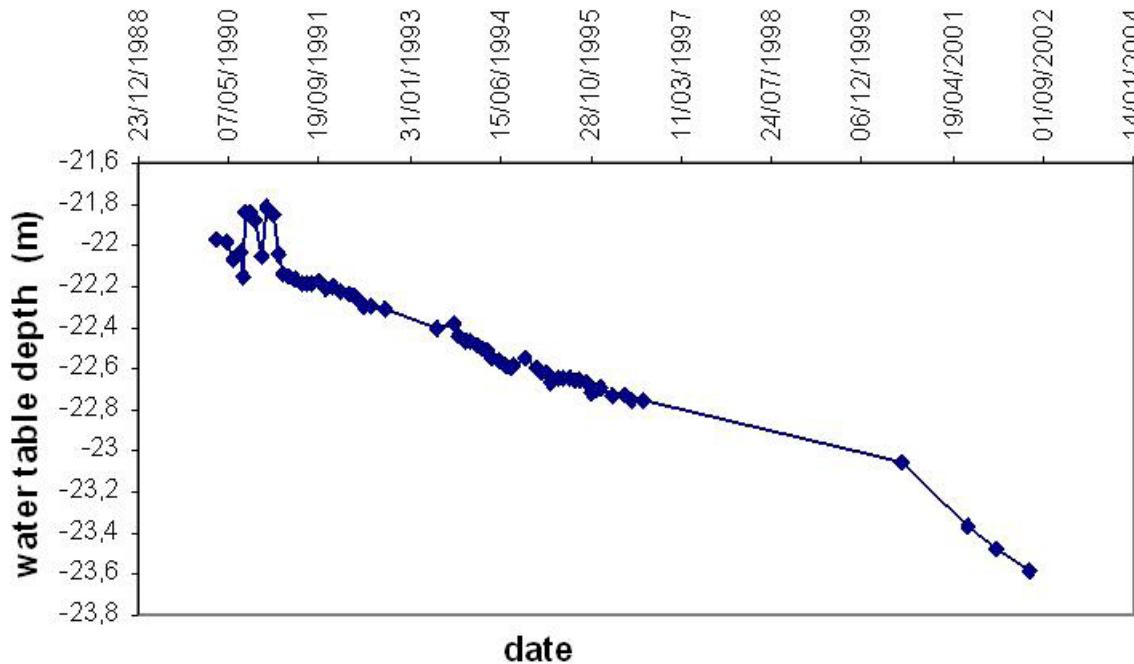


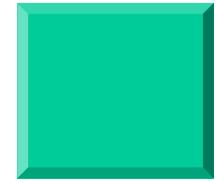
N.B. Cas aussi du Bani à DOUNA (Mali) respectivement en 1984 et 1987



Decrease of aquifer water table

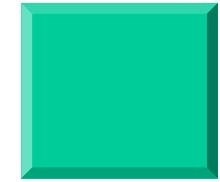
evolution of water table level at Ari Koukouri



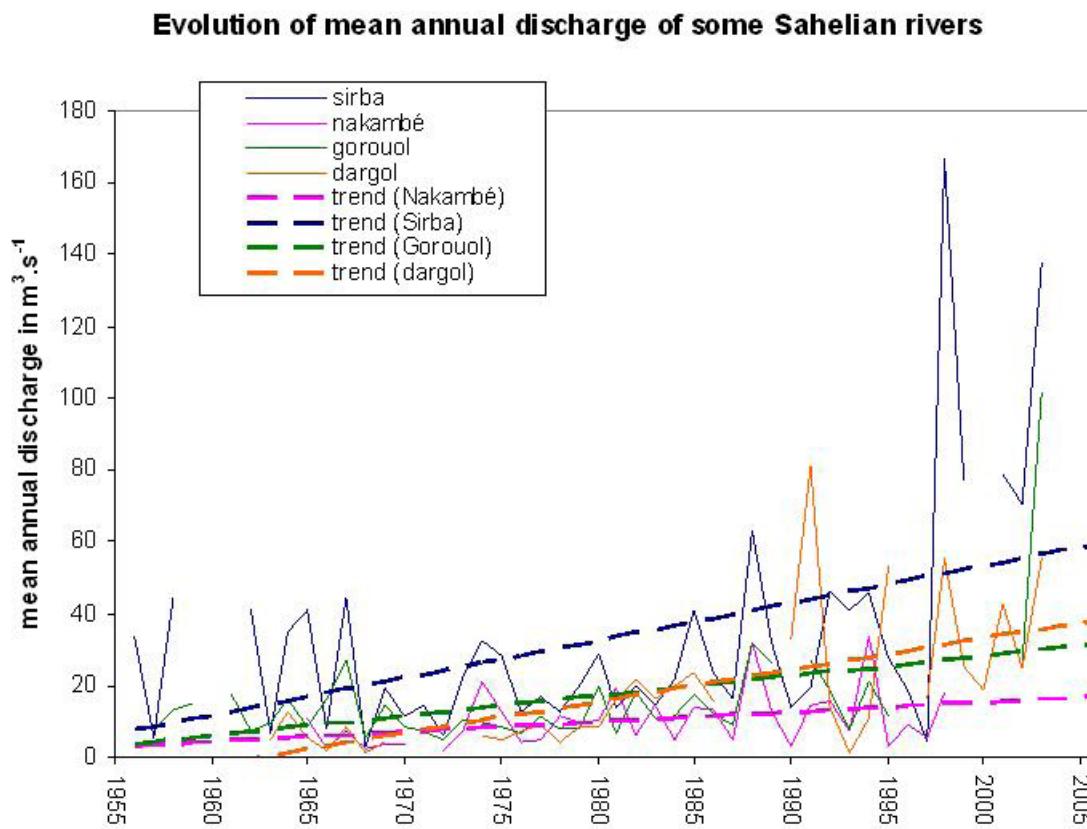


Two Different regimes

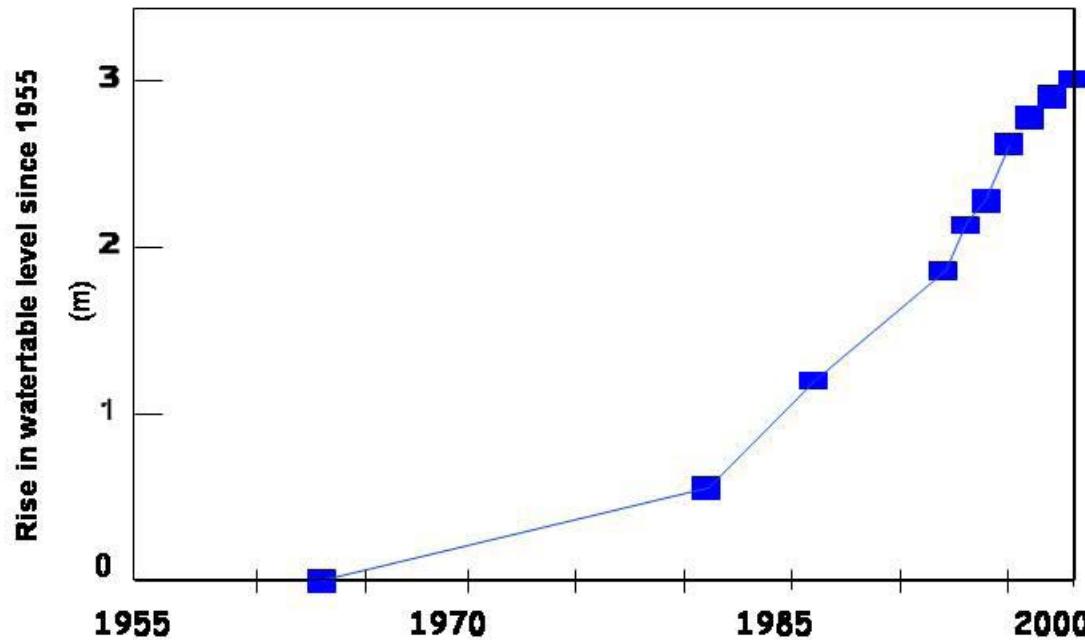




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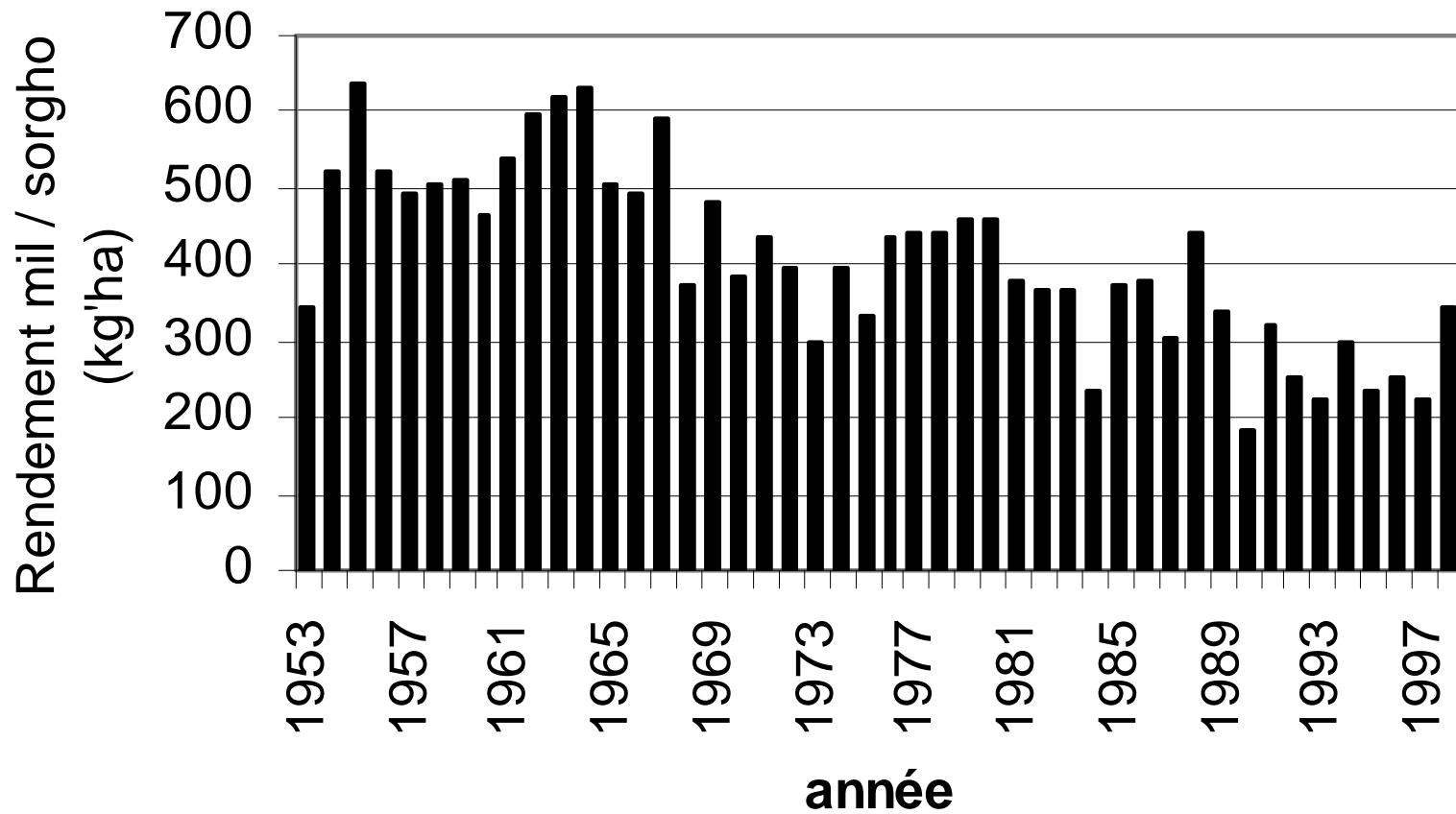


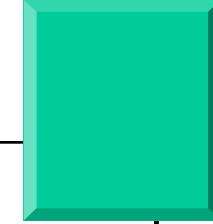
Increase of aquifer water table Niamey region



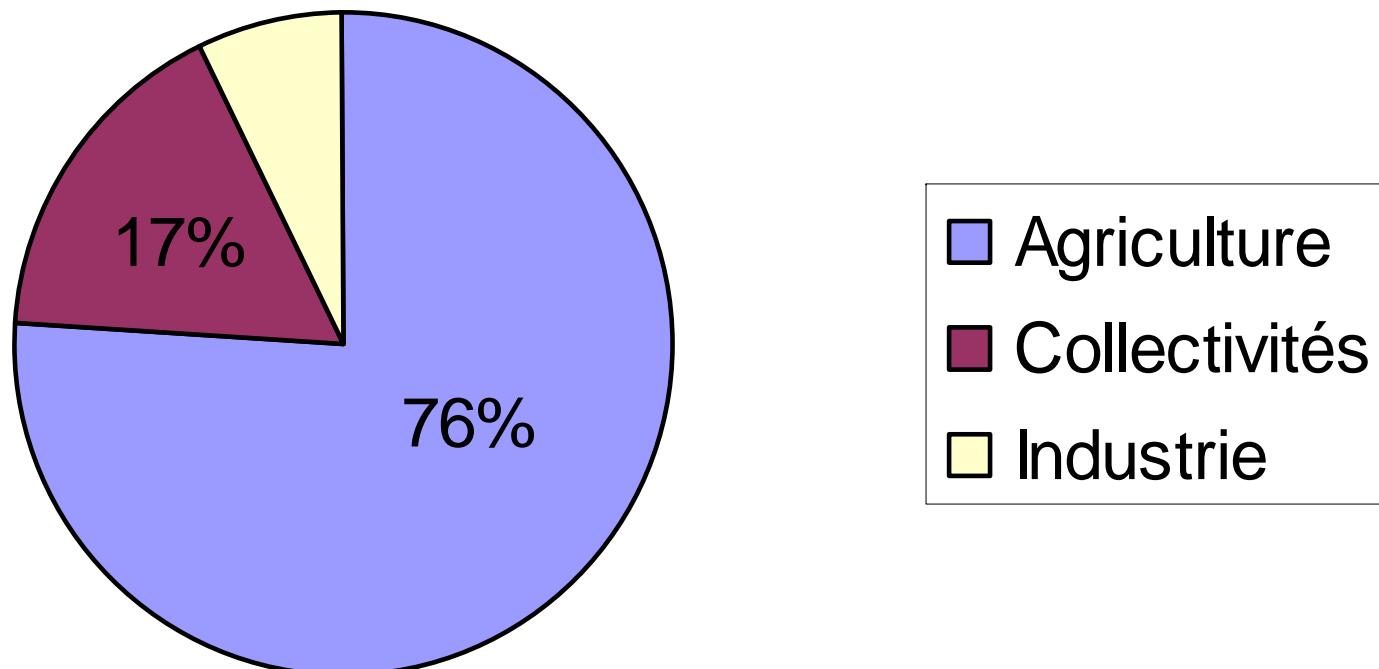


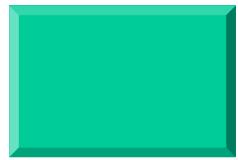
Rendement moyen mil / sorgho au Niger





Prélèvements actuels de ressources en eau en Afrique de l'Ouest





L'érosion côtière

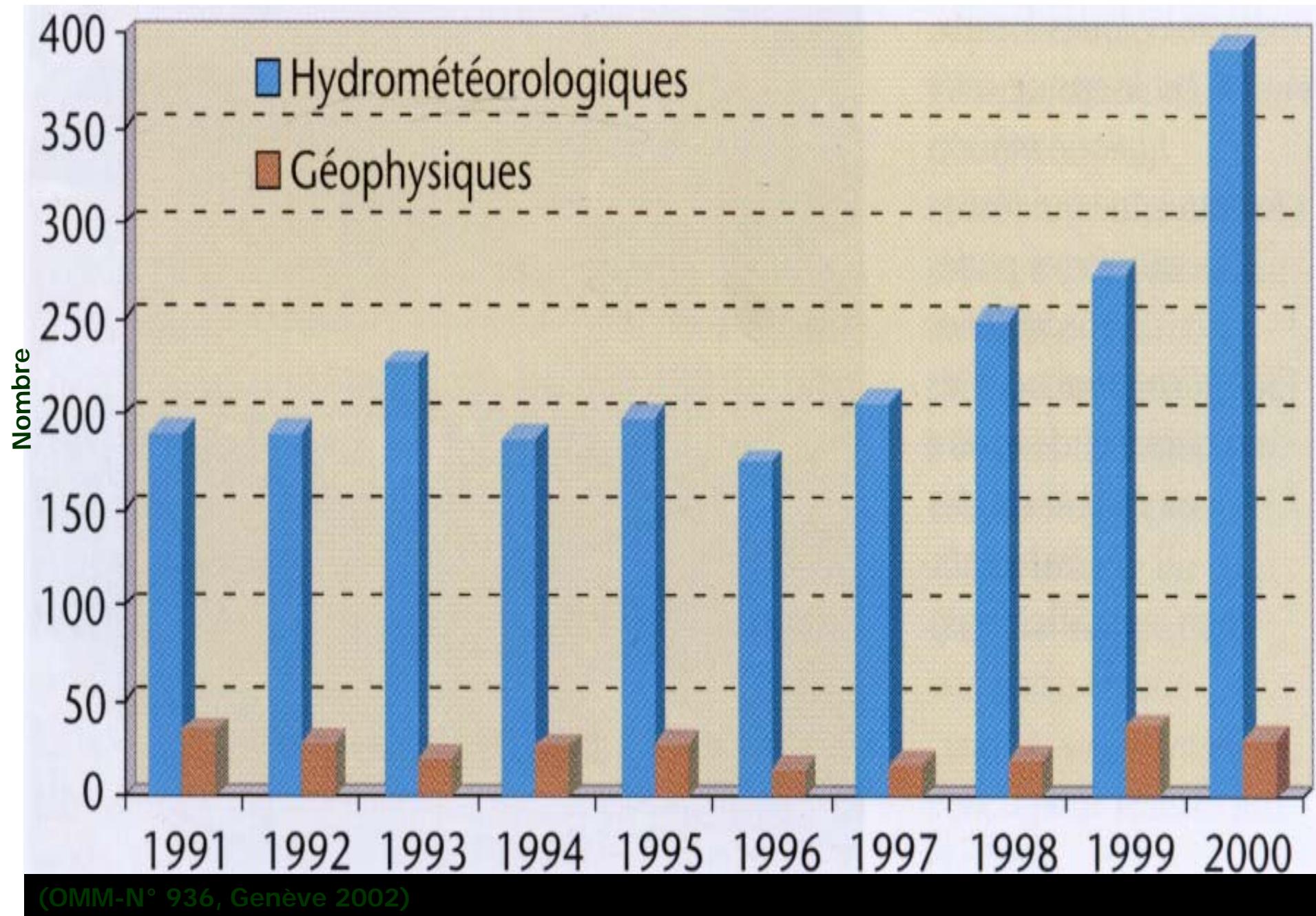


Yenne sur mer



Rufisque

Evolution of disasters between 1991 and 2000, WMO 2002





Mozambique (Février et mars 2000) : Inondations provoquées par le passage des tempêtes tropicales
Elyne et Gloria : 1 milliard de \$ US de pertes



Niamey, août 2000



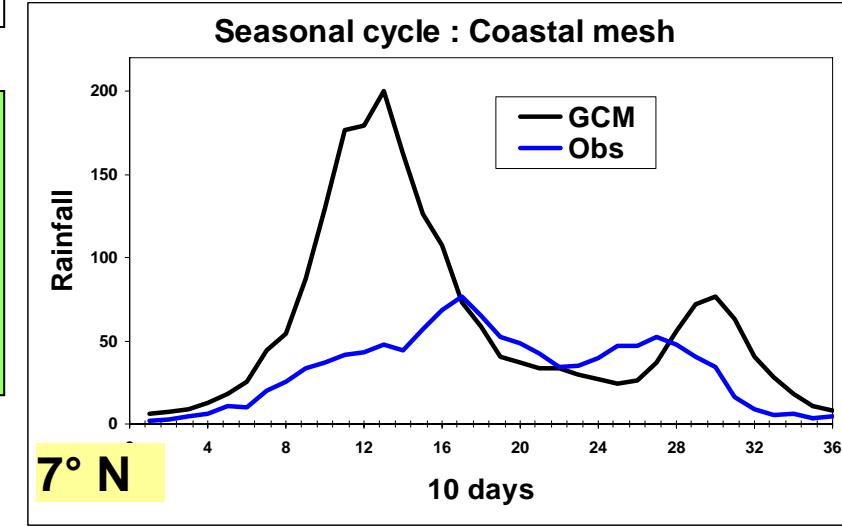
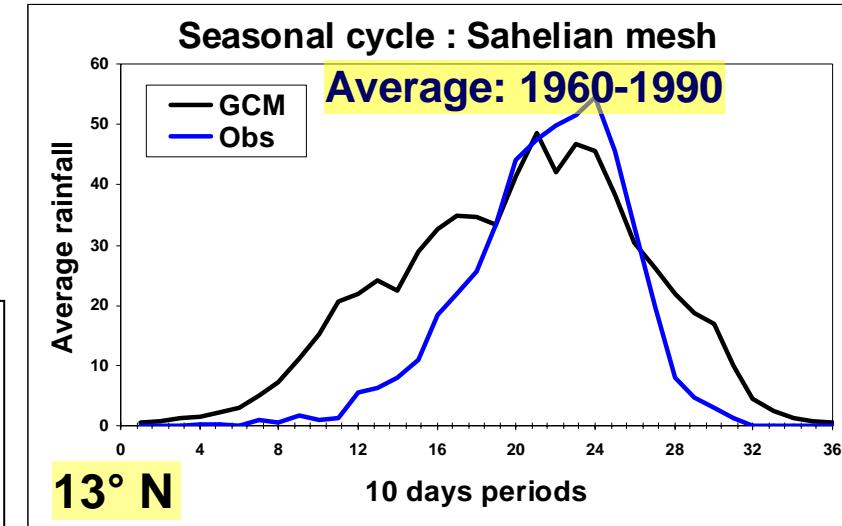
Inondation à Niamey - Août 2000

Seasonal cycle in a GCM

Wrong Seasonal Cycle

- Onset
- First Rainy Season on the coast

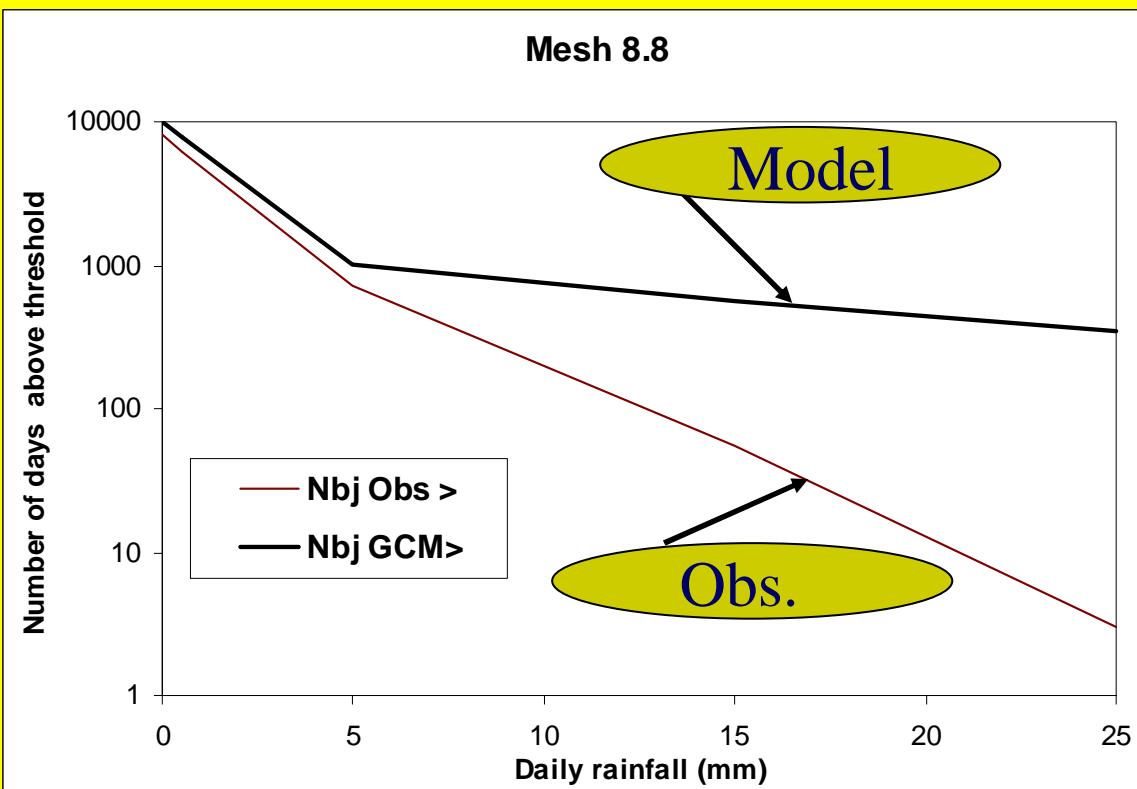
Is this due to a wrong forcing from the oceans or to a bad water budget over land (too much recycling) ?



Daily rainfall in climate models

Average: 1960-1990

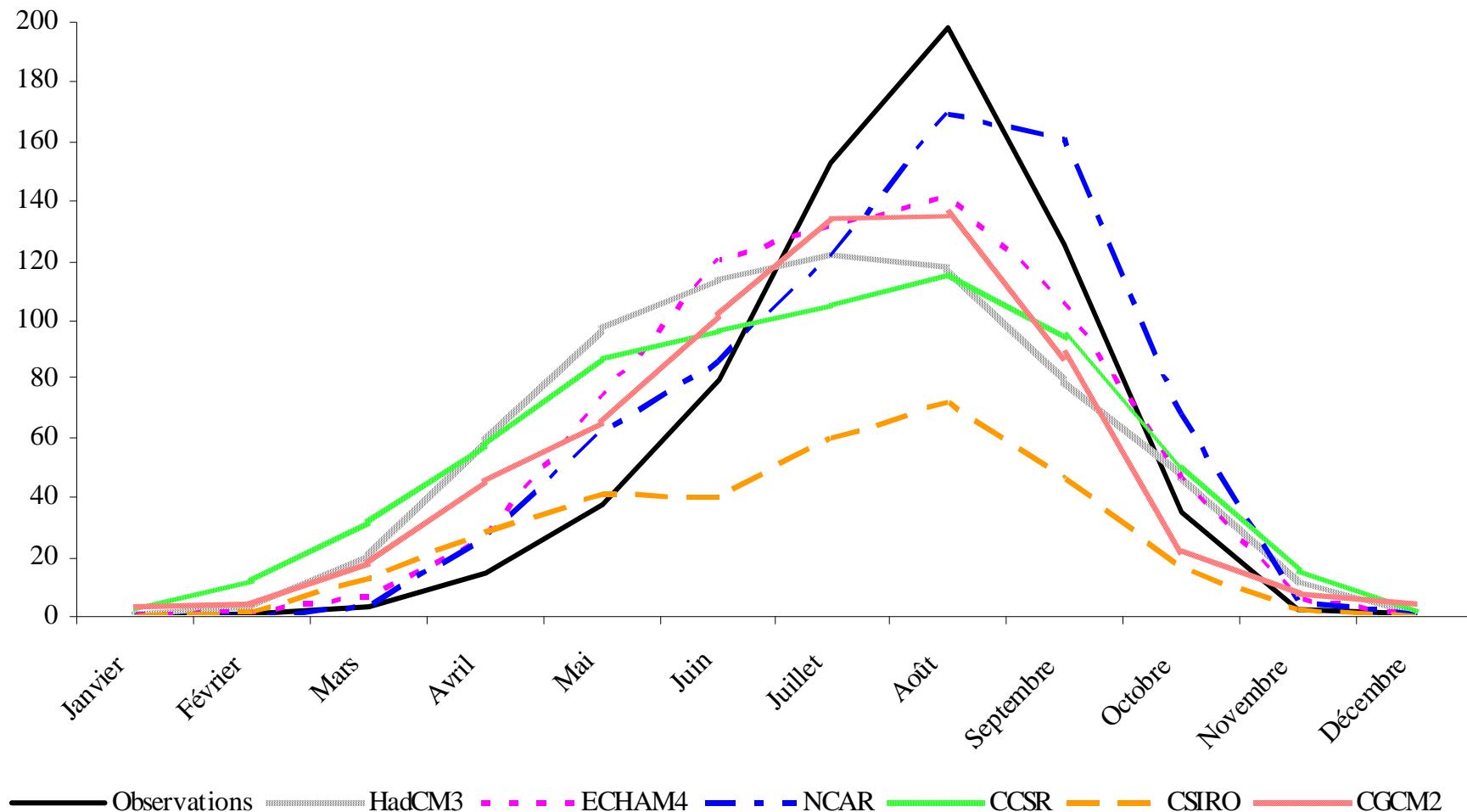
Daily rainfall in a GCM ($1.65^\circ \times 3.75^\circ$)



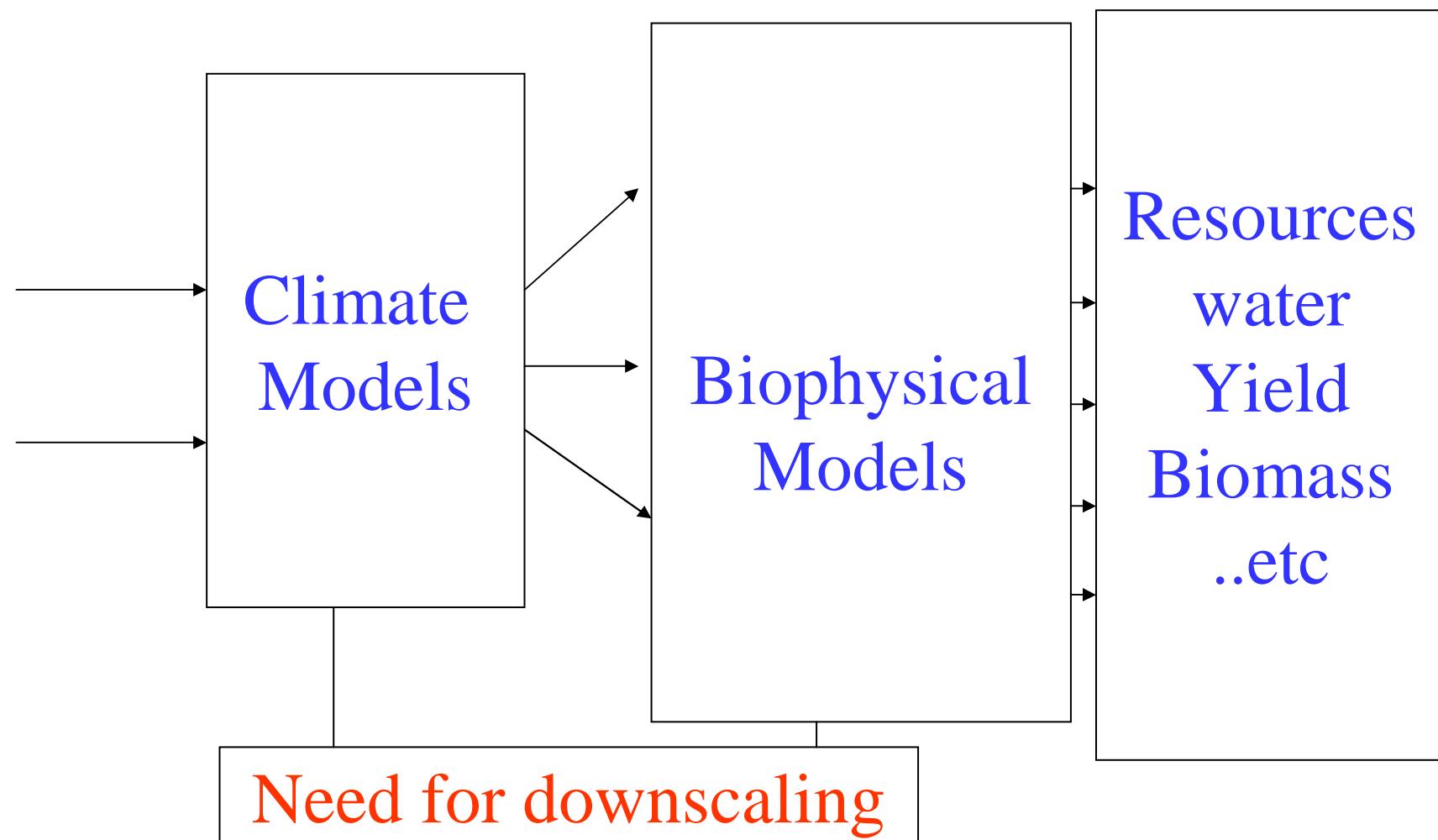
COMPARAISON DES DIFFÉRENTS GCMs

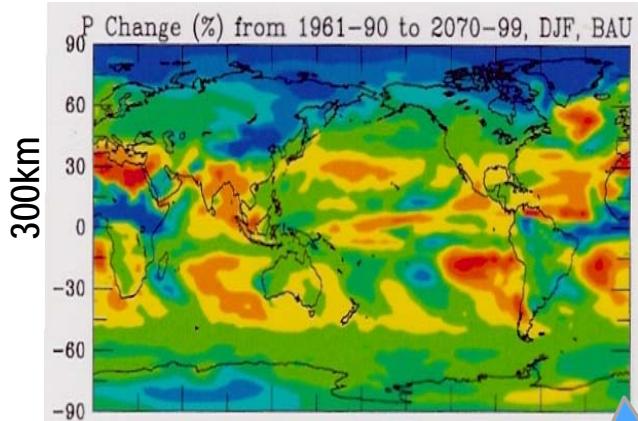
SAHEL SUB-REGION

Signal Pluviométrique Annuel



PROBLEMATIC OF CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT





50km



10km



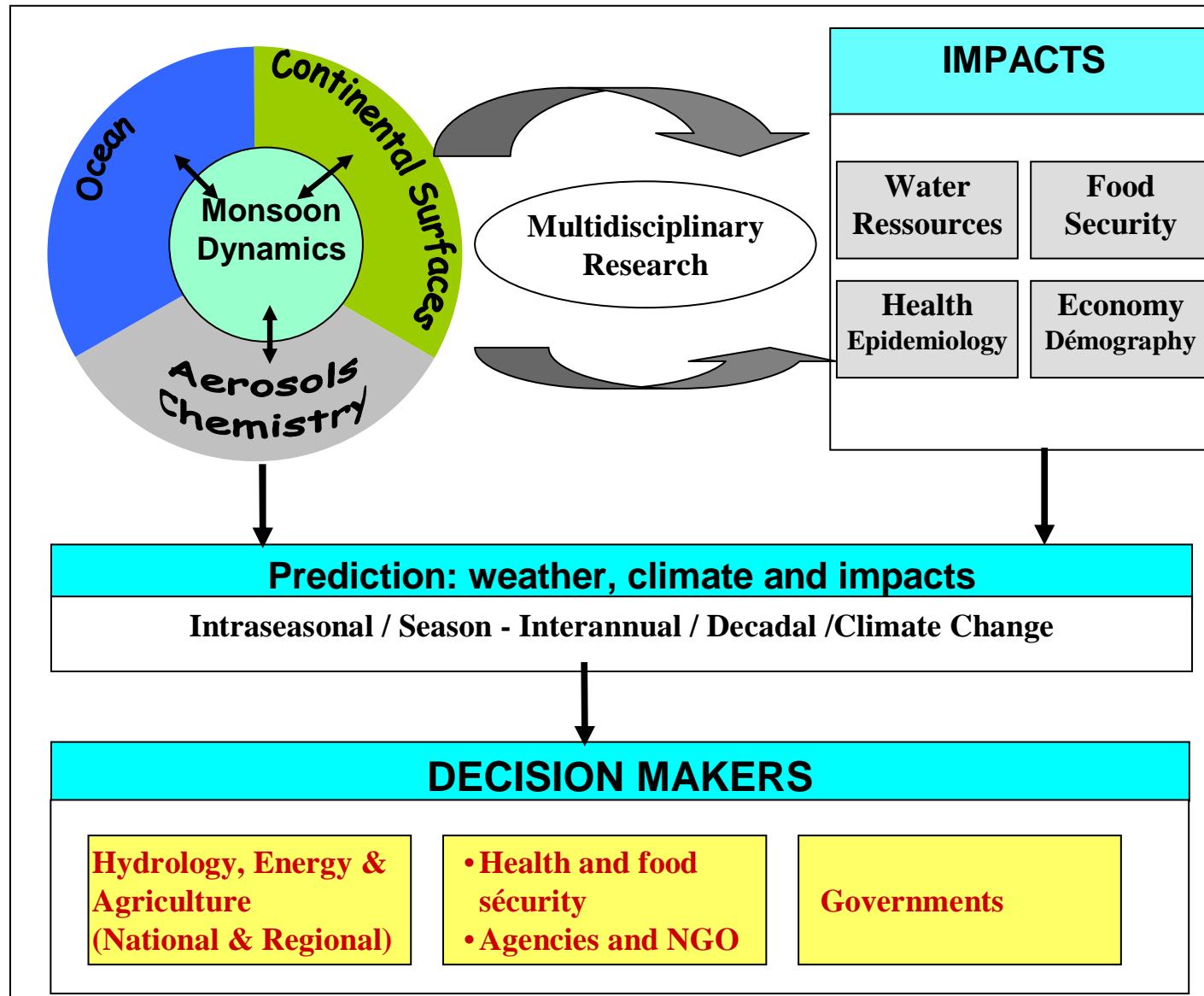
1m



Point



AMMA General Scheme



SPACE (km)

Supra-regional
(WA + Ocean)

Regional
(WA)

Sub-Regional
(Transects)

Meso

Local



Time Diagram



Long term Observation Period



IDAf

AERONET

Enhanced Obs. Period

S O P

1 2 3
IOPs IOPs IOPs

2001

2004

2005

2006

2007

2009
TIME (Years)

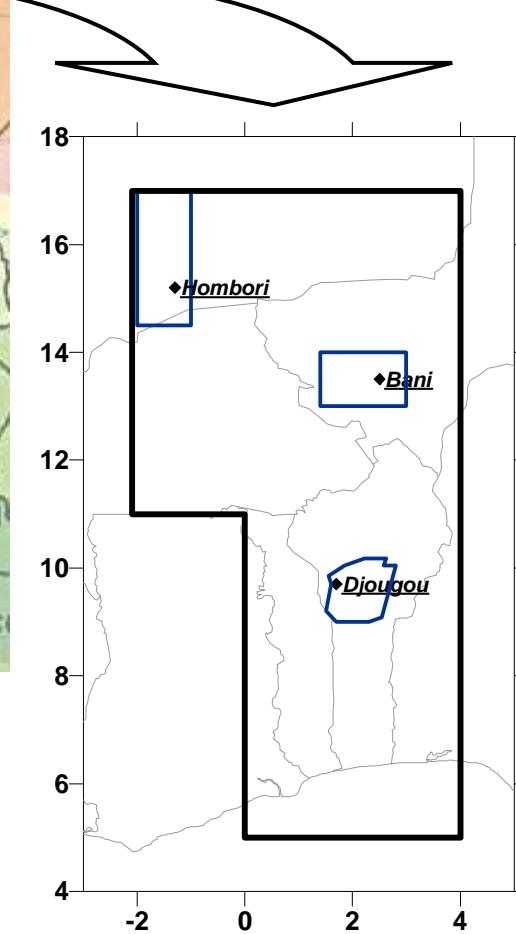


Radio-sounding

Weather Radar

Photometer

Niamey Aircraft operations



■ : mesoscale AMMA sites

◆ Bani : super-sites

GeoSFM (FEWS) : Stream Flow Model

Input data

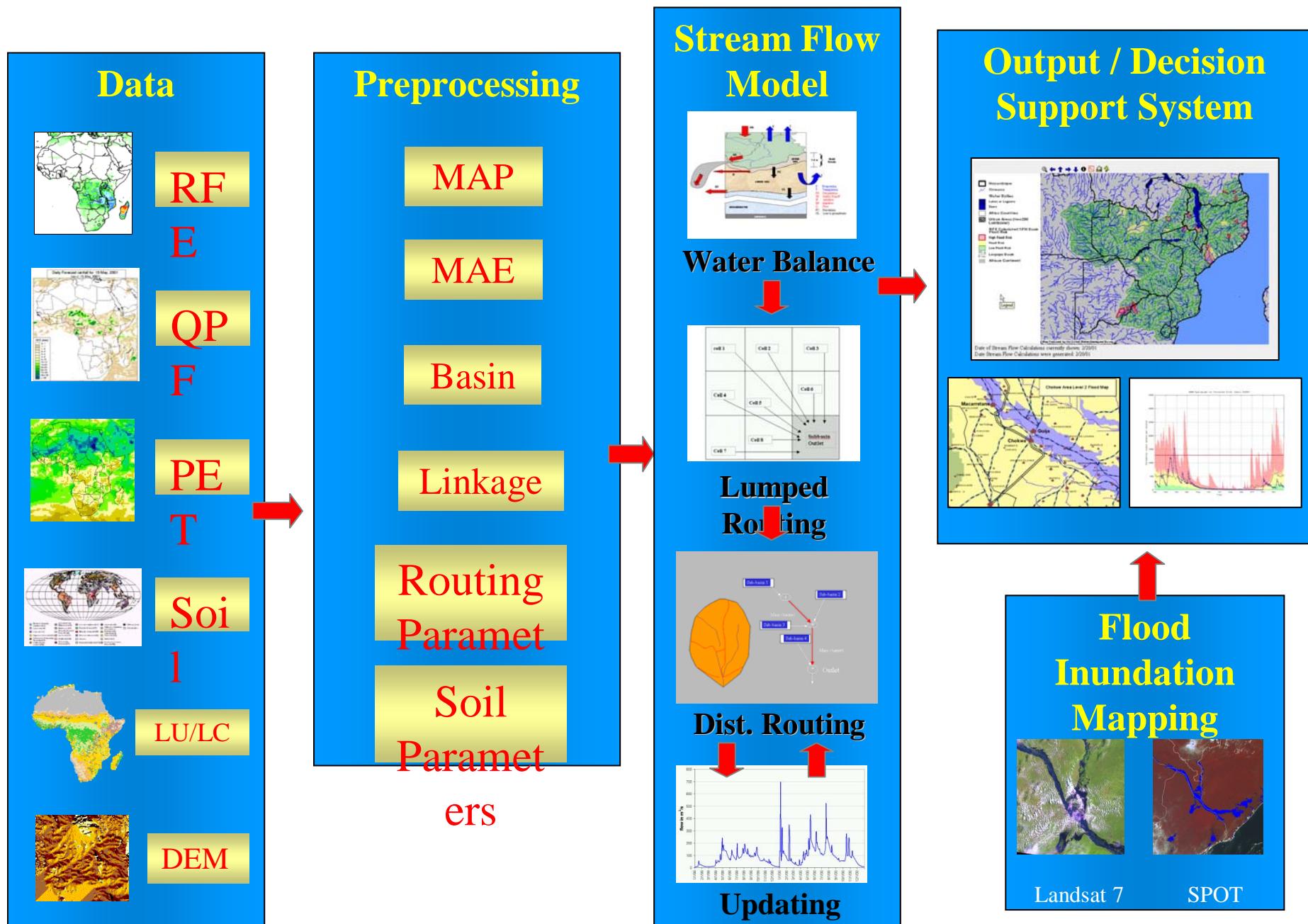
- daily rainfall (estimation, forecast)
- daily ETP
- Soil (FAO Map)
- Land Use / Land Cover (NOAA)
- DEM(1Km, NOAA)

Output:

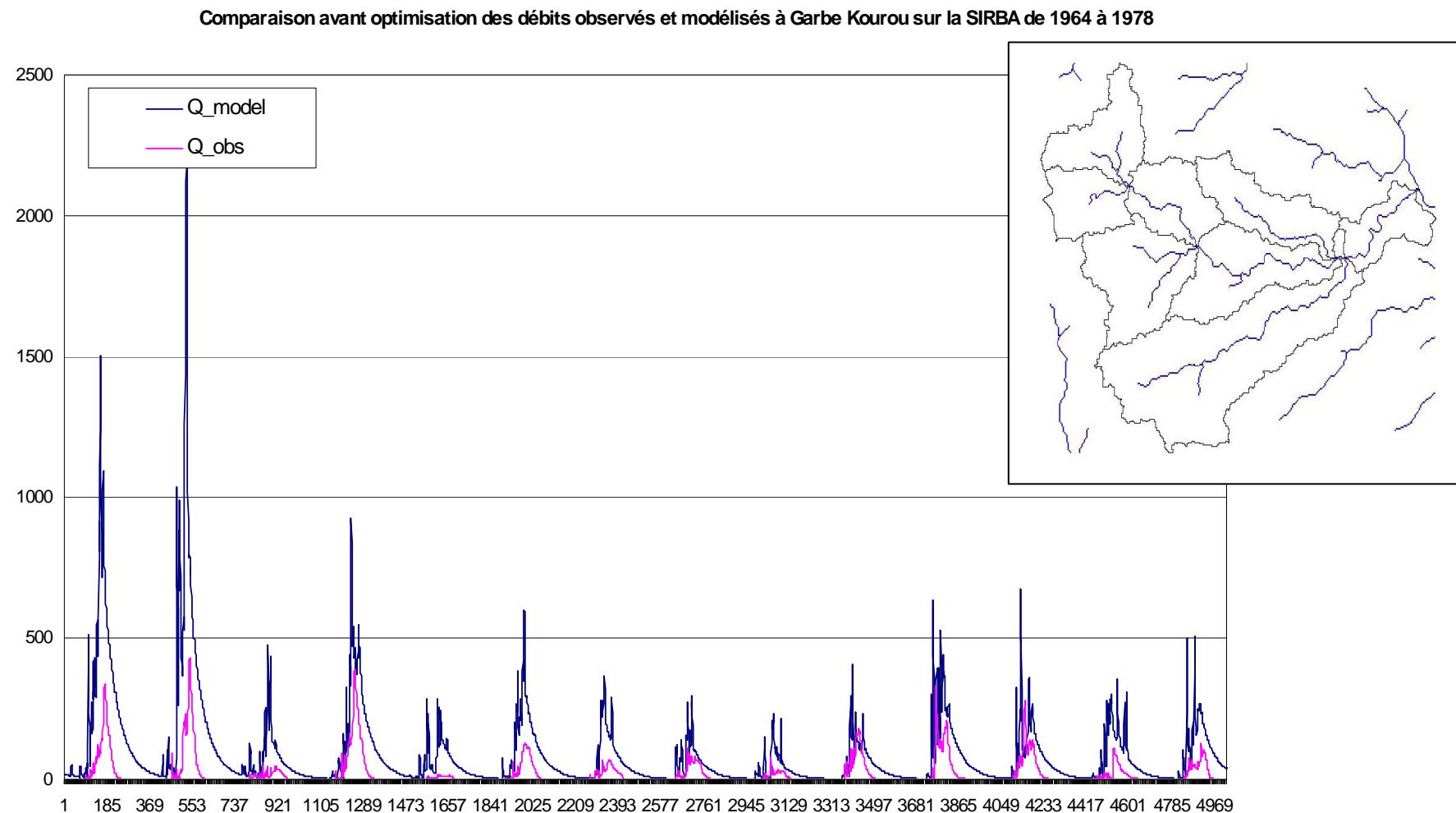
- daily discharge
- water level
- inundation areas

Stream Flow Model Diagram

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Application of GeoSFM to the basin of SIRBA (Burkina et Niger)



MODELISATION HYDROLOGIQUE

**IMPORTANCE DE LA PLUIE COMME
VARIABLE D'ENTREE SUR LA REONSE
HYDROLOGIQUE**

Pluie variable déterminante

Pluie moyenne sur le bassin ou par sous-bassin (global et sémi-distribué)

Pluie sur forme de grille (cas des modèles distribués)

Toute erreur sur la pluie aura un impact important sur le débit en sortie du modèle

Pluie variable déterminante

Réseau de pluviomètres

**sont généralement de faible densité
nécessité de spatialiser la pluie avec quelle
méthode?**

Estimation par télédétection

Avec quelle erreur?

Table 6.8: Classification of improved and unimproved sanitation facilities

Improved sanitation facilities	Unimproved sanitation facilities
Flush/pour flush to: piped sewer system septic tank pit (latrine)	Public or shared latrine
Ventilated Improved pit latrine	Pit latrine without slab or open pit
Pit latrine with slab	Hanging toilet/hanging latrine
Composting toilet	Bucket latrine
	No facilities (so people use any area, for example, a field)

Source: WHO/UNICEF, 2005; www.wssinfo.org

Table 6.7: Classification of improved and unimproved drinking water sources

Improved sources of drinking water	Unimproved sources of drinking water
Piped water (into dwelling, yard or plot)	Unprotected dug well
Public tap/standpipe	Unprotected spring
Tubwell/borehole	Vendor-provided water
Protected dug well	Tanker truck water
Protected spring	Surface water (river, stream, dam, lake, pond, canal, irrigation channel)
Rainwater collection	
Bottled water*	

*Bottled water is considered an 'improved' source of drinking water only where there is a secondary source that is 'improved'.

Source: WHO/UNICEF, 2005; www.wssinfo.org