# Modelling Future Water stress

# Importance of water

- You hear often: " ....the most bitter conflicts in the next fifty years will not be over oil but water.
- Almost a billion people in the world live without access to clean water and water scarcity is growing
- Climate change is likely to worsen the situation.
- Water will increasingly dominate national and international politics and power.
- It is this thirst for water that may become critical for ensuring political, social, and economic stability. How we manage this valuable resource is, therefore, crucial for our future.

## Fundamental role of water

- Should be seen as the 'blood' of ecosystem structure and functions, and an engine of economic production.
- Our economy is ecosystems based.
- Proper functioning of the ecosystem is the fundament of our existence;
- Water security.

# Some Global Water Flashpoints

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Groundwater mining, irrigation no longer possible

Holiday seasonal shortage requiring major transfer

Depletion of inland sea and widespread pollution

River pollution and drying; ground-water mining; fragmentation

Megacity
overpumping,
subsidence, sewage
system collapse

Destruction of estuary ecosystem

Over-reliance on single source now polluted

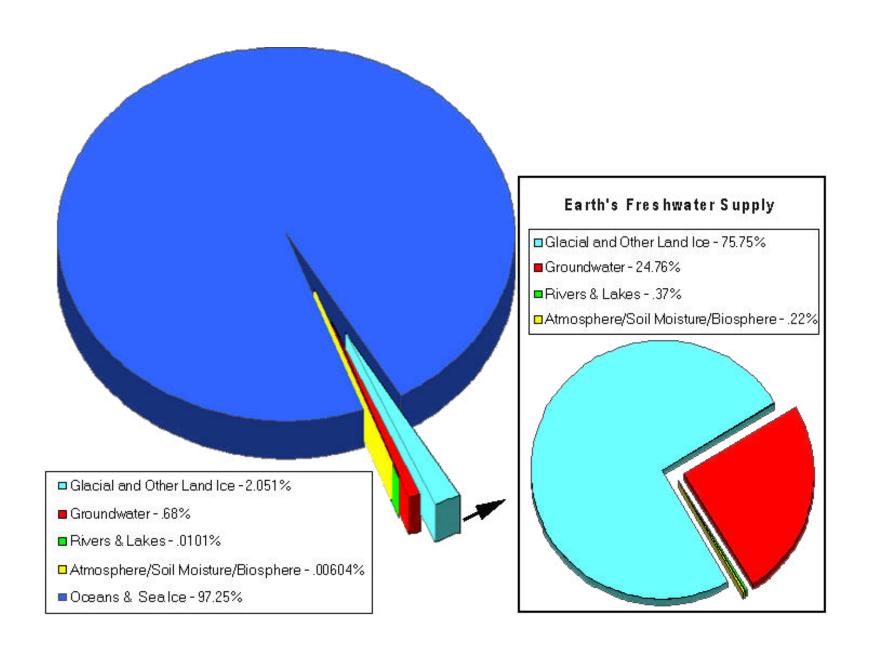
Overuse of basin and faulty flood control

Competition between nations for limited resource

Salination following major inter-basin transfer

#### Fig. Water op Aarde

(http://www.henzel.org/globe/hydrology/HY\_WHEREISWATER.HTML)



### Tabel: Water op Aarde (na Chow et al., 1988)

	Area	Volume	% of total	% of
	$10^6 \mathrm{km}^2$	$10^3 \mathrm{km}^2$	water amount	fresh water
				amount
Oceans	361.3	1338000	96.5	
Ground water				
Fresh	134.8	10530	0.76	30.1
Salty	134.8	12870	0.93	
Soil moisture	82	16.5	0.0012	0.05
Polar ice	16	24024	1.7	68.6
Other ice & snow	0.3	340.6	0.025	1
Lakes				
Fresh	1.2	91	0.007	0.26
Salty	0.8	85.4	0.006	
Marshes	2.7	11.5	0.0008	0.03
Rivers	148.8	2.1	0.0002	0.006
Biologic water	510	1.1	0.0001	0.003
Atmospheric water	510	12.9	0.001	0.04
Total water	510	1385985	100	
Fresh water	148.8	35029	2.5	100

# Water occurrence in the world

W-4	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	Amount of water			
Water occurrence	10 M	% of water	% of fresh water		
World oceans	1.300.000	97	\$		
Salt lakes/seas	100	0.008			
Polar ice	28.500	2.14	77.6		
Atmospheric water	12	0.001	0.035		
Water in organisms	1	0.000	0.003		
Fresh lakes	123	0.009	0.335		
Water courses	1	0.000	0.003		
Unsaturated zone	65	0.005	0.18		
Saturated zone	8.000	0.60	21.8		
Total fresh water	36.700	2.77	100		
Total water	1.337.000	100			

## Annual water balance of the world

Region	Area Precipit		oitation	tation Evapo		R	Runoff	
	10 <sup>12</sup> m²	m/a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	m/a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	m/a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	
Oceans	361	1.12	403	1.25	449	-0.13	-46	
Continents	149	0.72	107	0.41	61	0.31	46	

Table 1.15: Annual water balance of World Oceans

Ocean	Surface area P-E		Land runoff	Ocean exchange	P-E	Land runoff	Ocean exchange		
	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>2</sup>	mm/a	mm/a	mm/a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	10 <sup>12</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /a	m³/s	
Arctic	8.5	44	307	351	0.4	2.6	3	94544	
Atlantic	98	-372	197	-175	-36.5	19.3	-17	-543466	
Indian	77.7	-251	72	-179	-19.5	5.6	-14	-440739	
Pacific	176.9	90	69	159	15.9	12.2	28	891318	

# Fluxes between stores (note that the ocean area is about twice the land area)

Evaporation from ocean 117 cm/yr

Precipitation onto ocean 107 cm/yr

Precipitation onto land 74 cm/yr

Evaporation from land 49 cm/yr

Runoff from land 25 cm/yr

Over the ocean, E > P

Over land, P > E. Suggests that the storage of water on land causes some kind of "resistance" to evaporation, so that some of the precipitated water "escapes" evaporation and survives to run off.

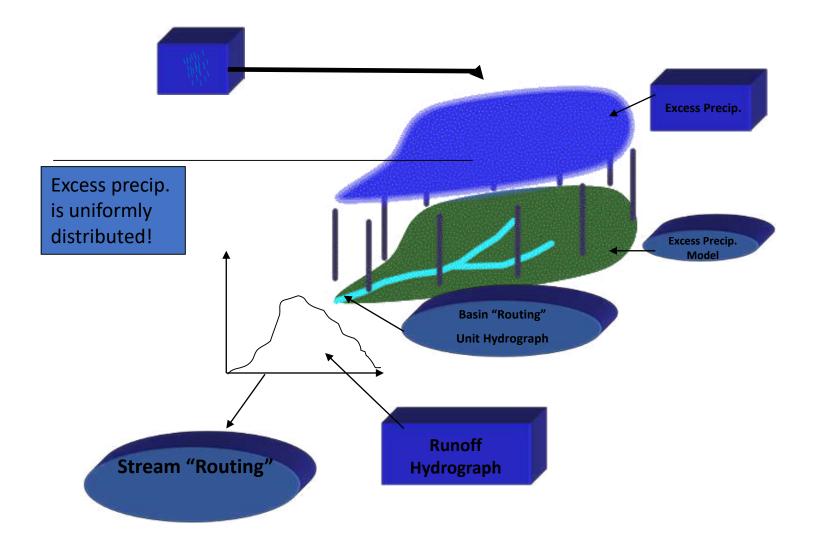
### Tabel. Globale hydrologische kringloop (na Chow et al., 1988)

	Oce	eans	Land		
Area (10 <sup>6</sup> km <sup>2</sup> )	36	1.3	148.8		
	mm/yr	km³/yr	mm/yr	km³/yr	
Precipitation	1270	458000	800	119000	
Evaporation	1400	505000	484	72000	
River runoff to oceans				44700	
Ground water runoff to oceans				2200	

## Water use in the world

- Total <u>global freshwater</u> use is estimated at about 4,000 cubic kilometres (km³) a year
- Another 6,400 km<sup>3</sup> of rainwater is also used 'directly' in agriculture.
- Nature is the most important user of water An estimated 70,000 km<sup>3</sup> of water a year are evaporated from forest, natural (uncultivated) vegetation and wetlands
- Evaporation from human-made reservoirs is difficult to estimate but is considerable in arid areas and is estimated to be about 200 km<sup>3</sup> a year

## From A Basin View

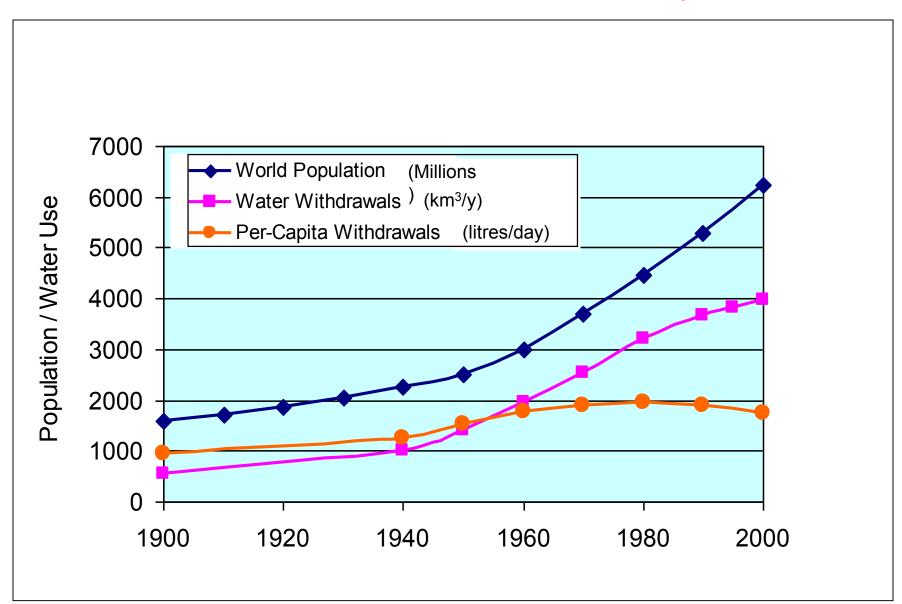


# Indicative average annual water balances for drainage basins of some of the great rivers

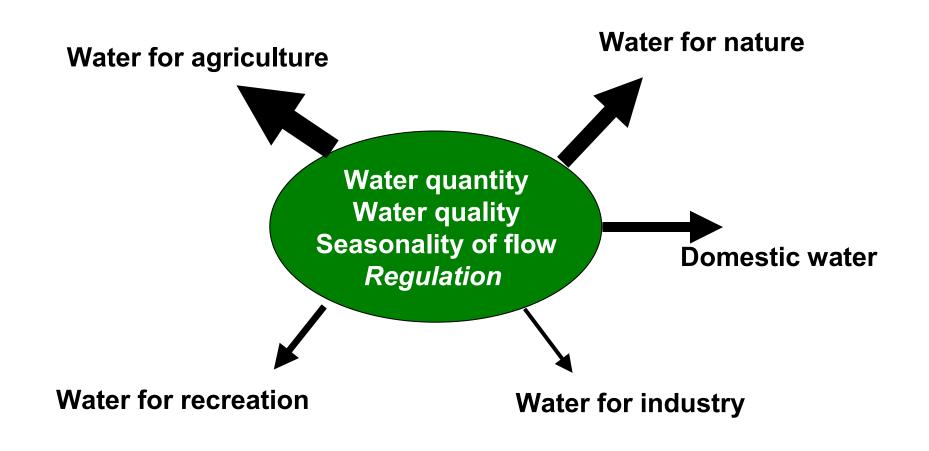
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River	Catchment	Rainfall size		Evaporation		Runoff		Runoff coefficient
	Gm²	mm/a	Gm³/a	mm/a	Gm³/a	mm/a	Gm³/a	%
Nile	2803	220	620	190	534	30	86	14
Mississipi	3924	800	3100	654	2540	142	558	18
Parana	975	1000	980	625	610	382	372	38
Orinoco	850	1330	1150	420	355	935	795	70
Mekong	646	1500	970	1000	645	382	325	34
Amur	1730	450	780	265	455	188	325	42
Lena	2430	350	850	140	335	212	514	60
Yenisei	2440	450	1100	220	540	230	561	51
Ob	2950	450	1350	325	965	131	385	29
Rhine	200	850	170	500	100	350	70	41
Zambezi	1300	990	1287	903	1173	87	114	12

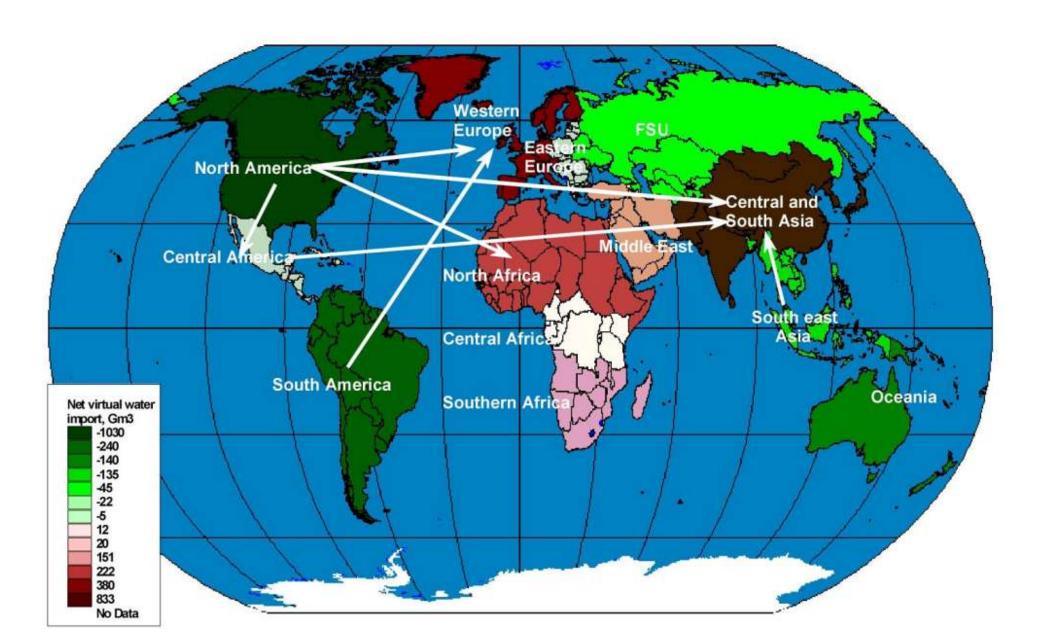
#### Global trends in the 20<sup>th</sup> century



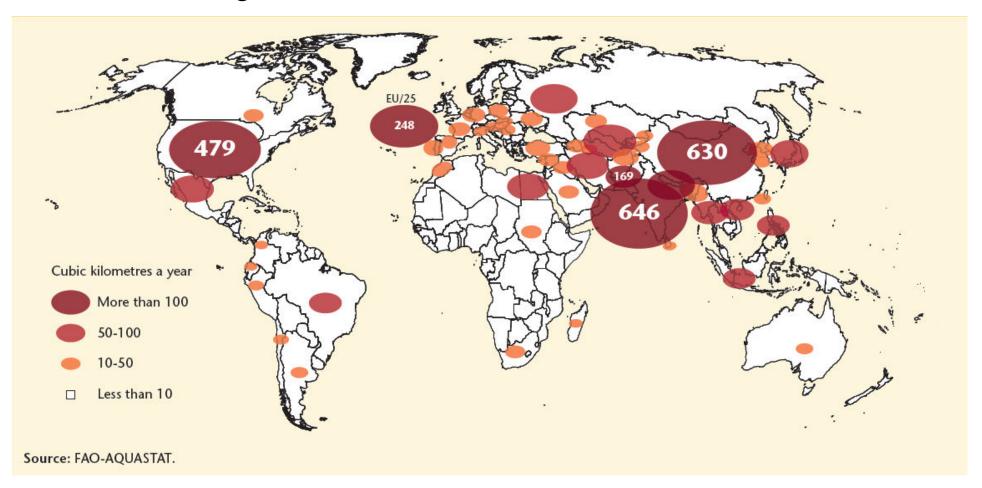
# The Water Resource Sector Water's "Trade-Off" Landscape



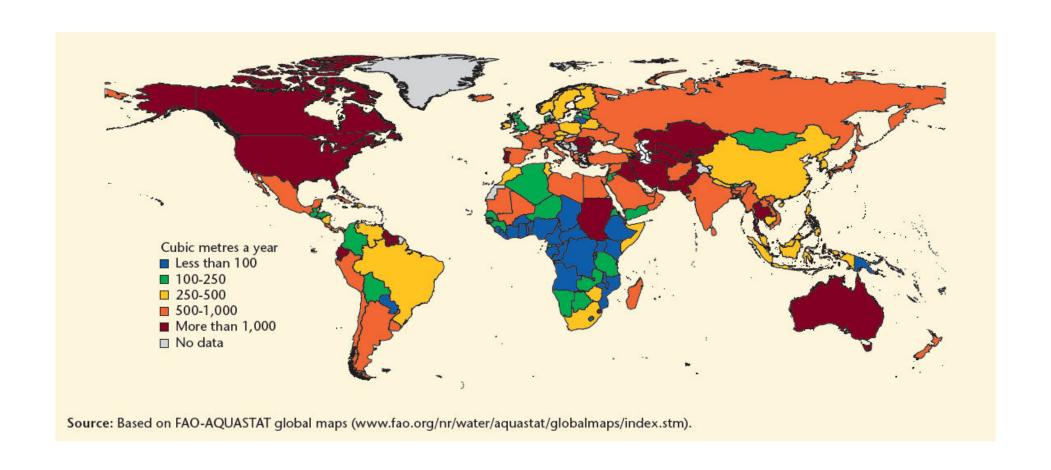
# VIRTUAL WATER



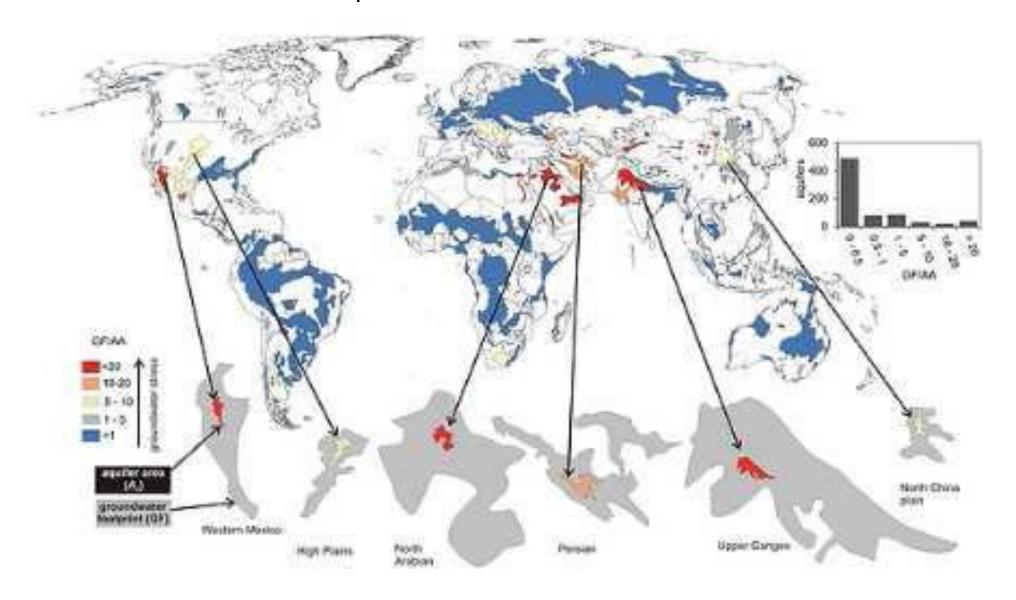
# Water withdrawals discrepancies between regions and between largest and smallest consumers around 2001



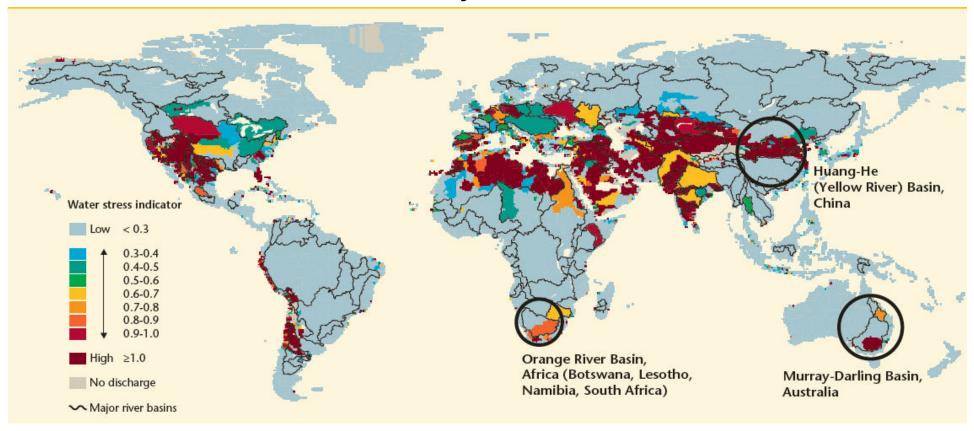
# Annual Water withdrawals per person by country, world view 2000



### Groundwater depletes



#### Water stress level of Major river Basins, around 2002

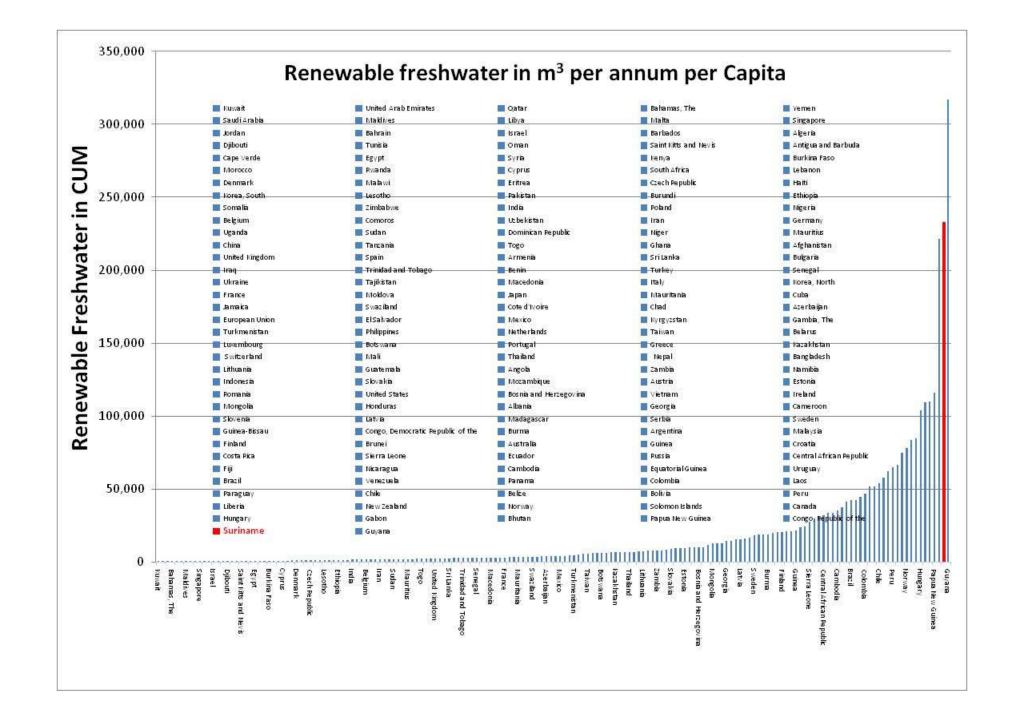


Source: the United Nations World Water Development Report 3 – Water in a changing world

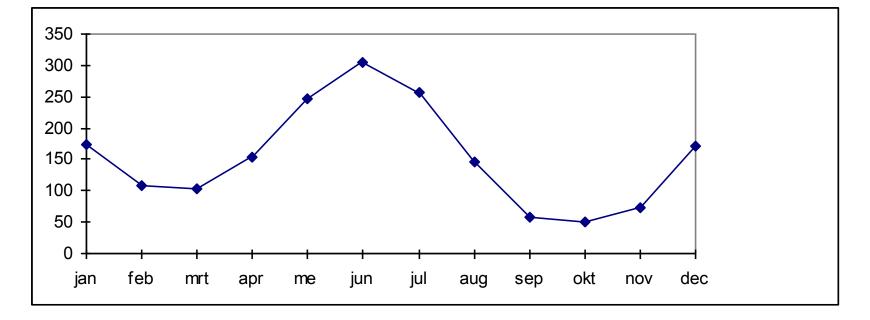
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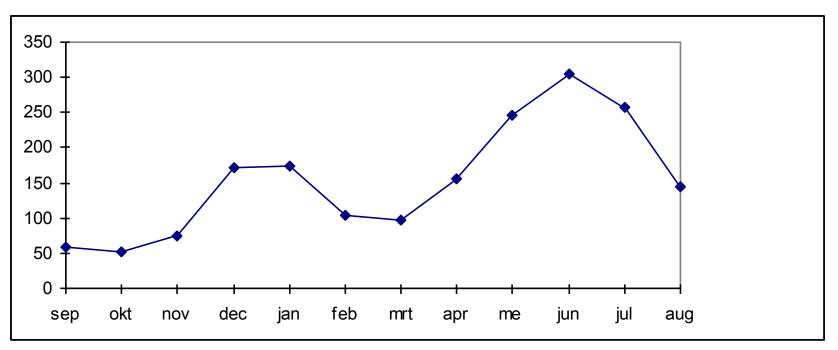
# Water availability

- Suriname with a total of about 163,800 km<sup>2</sup> is an extremely rich area in regard to annual availability of fresh water.
- In general average rainfall in Suriname is 2,250mm and Evaporation 1600mm. Excess rainfall is about 650mm. That is 213,000m<sup>3</sup> per inhabitant.
- For Latin America is that about 33,500 m<sup>3</sup> per inhabitant





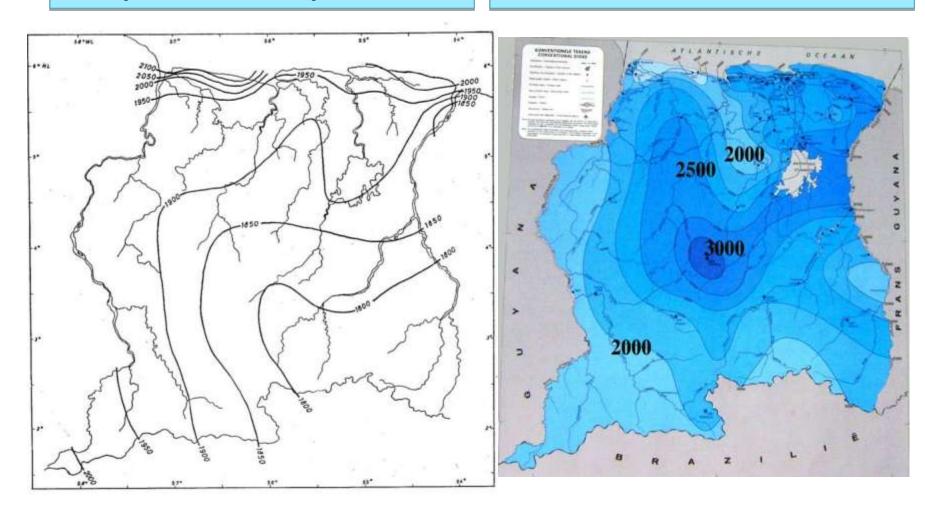


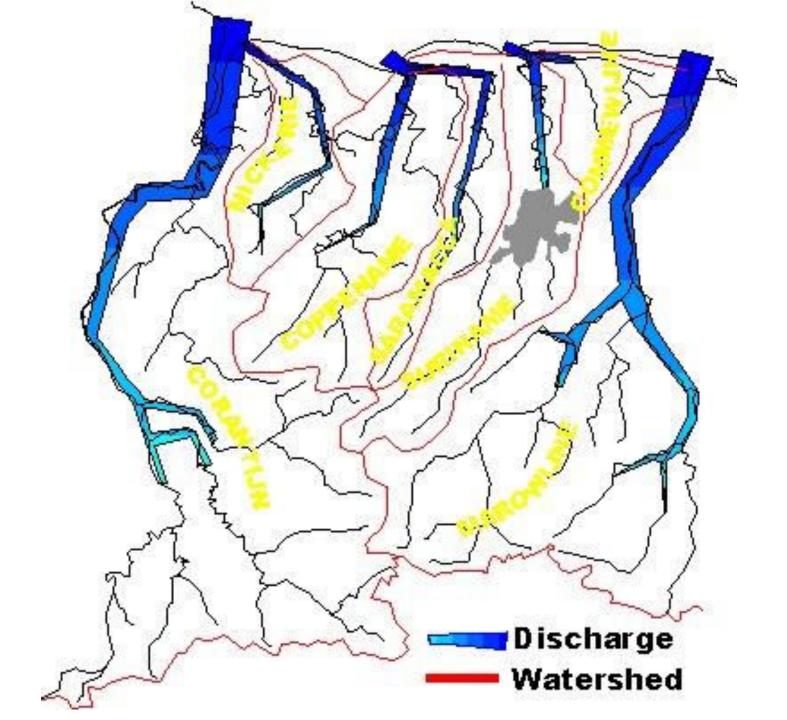


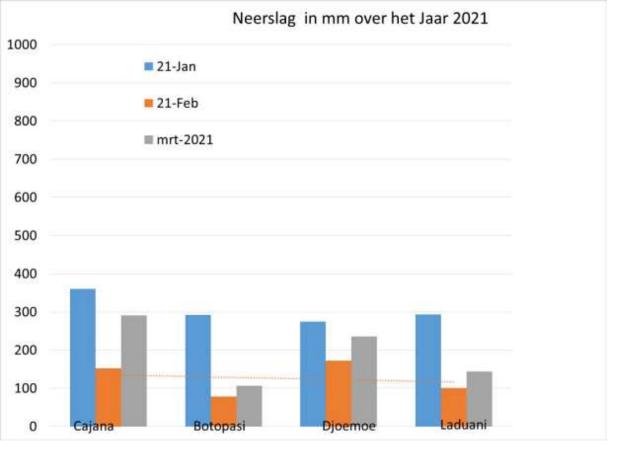
# Climate

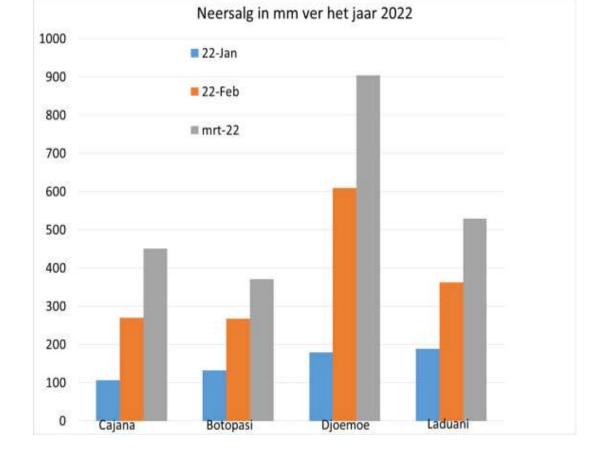
#### **Open water Evaporation**

#### Rainfall









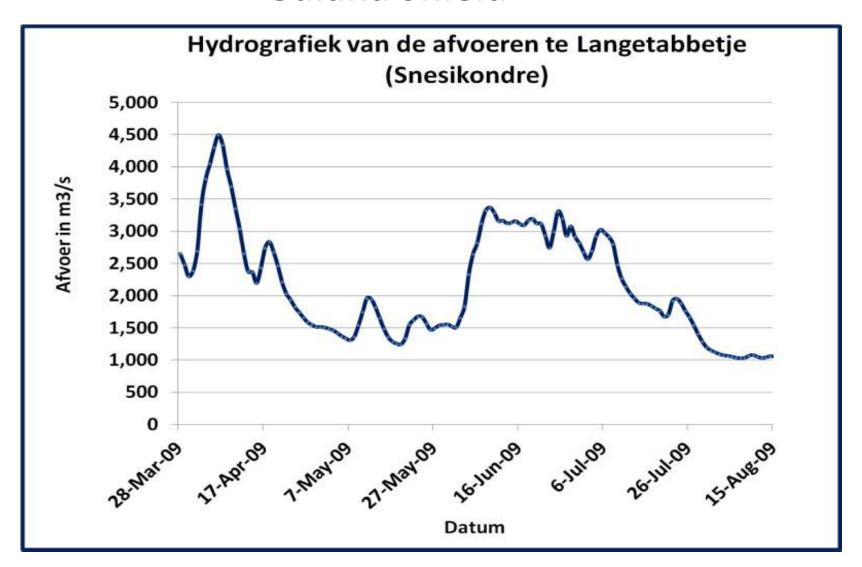


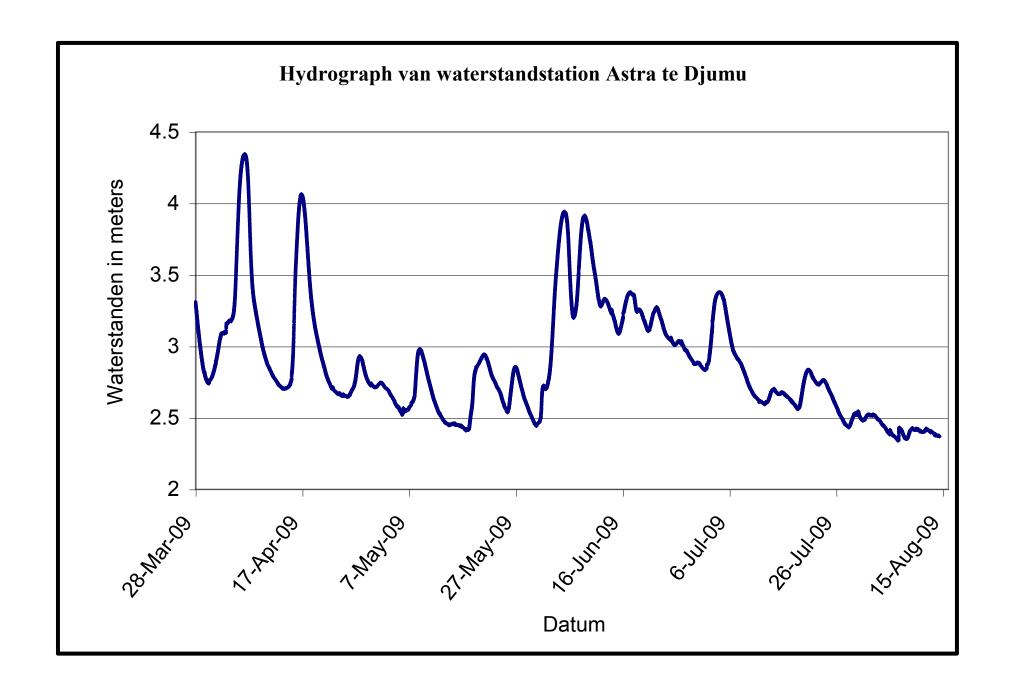






# The same is valid for other parts of Suriname / Guiana Shield



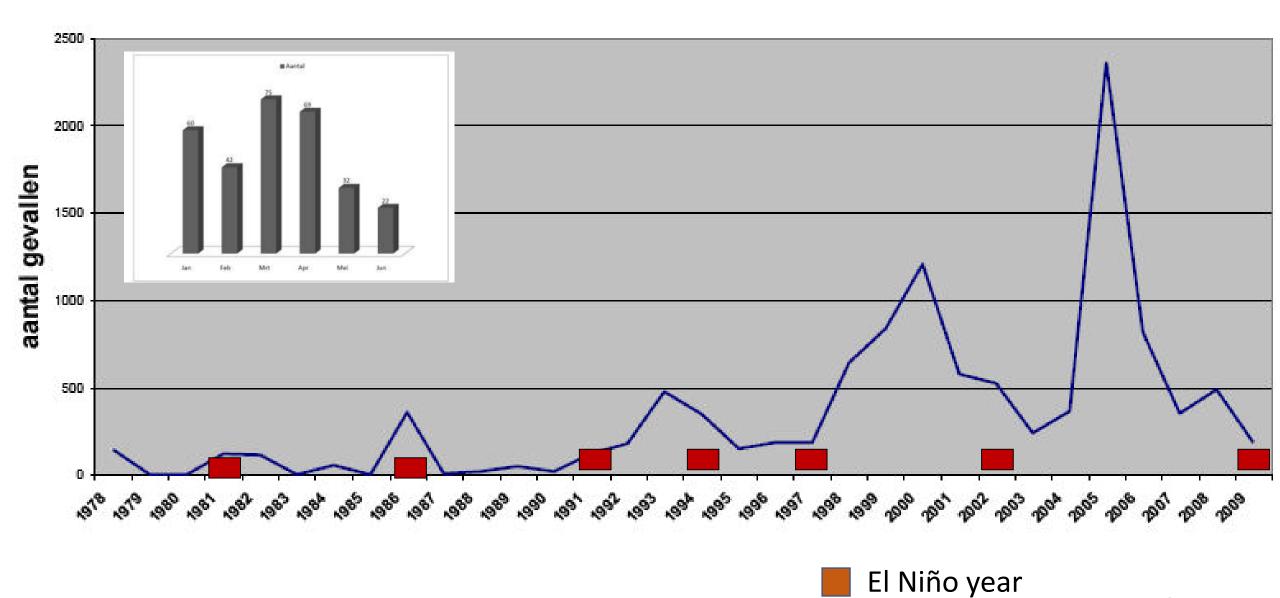






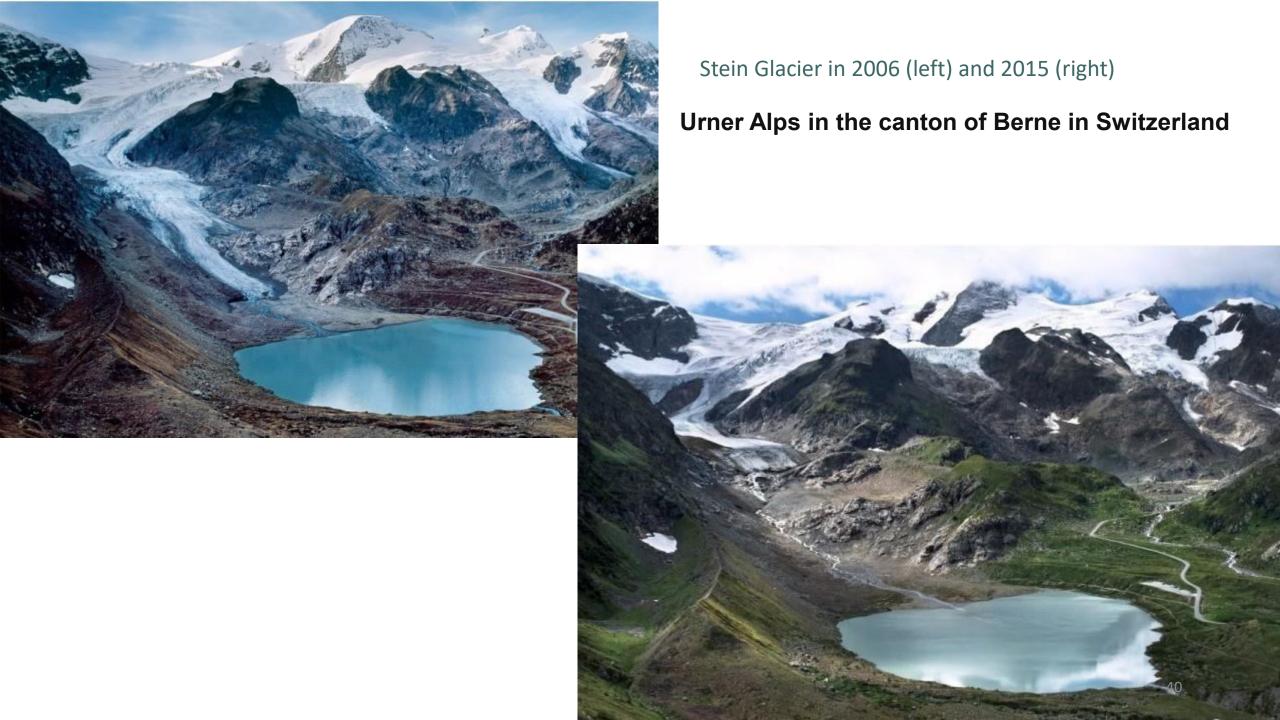


#### **Dengue in Suriname**

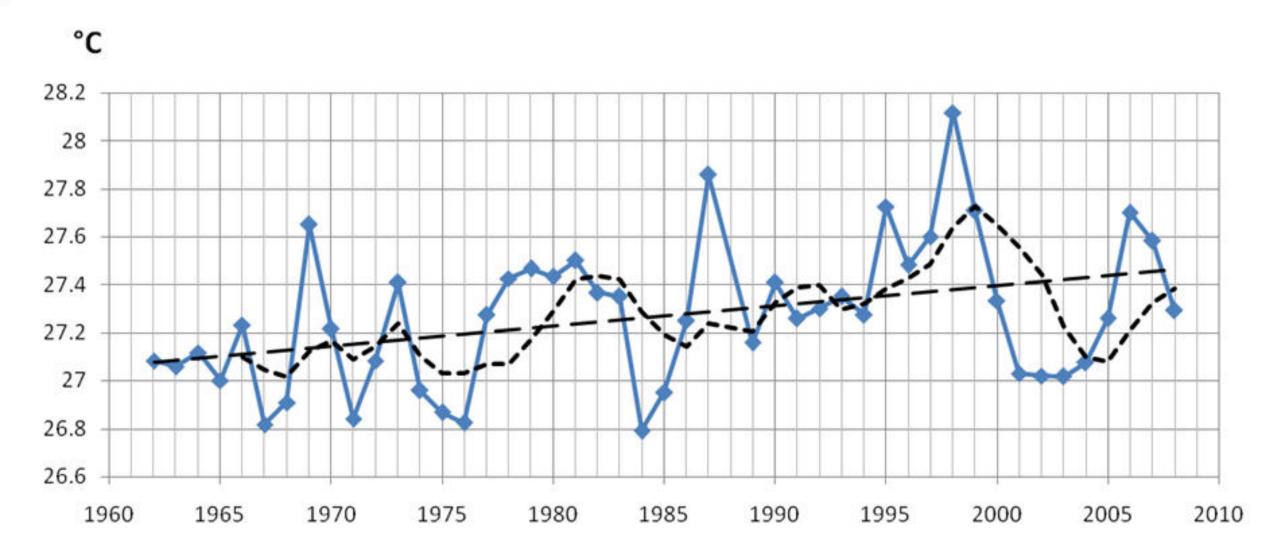


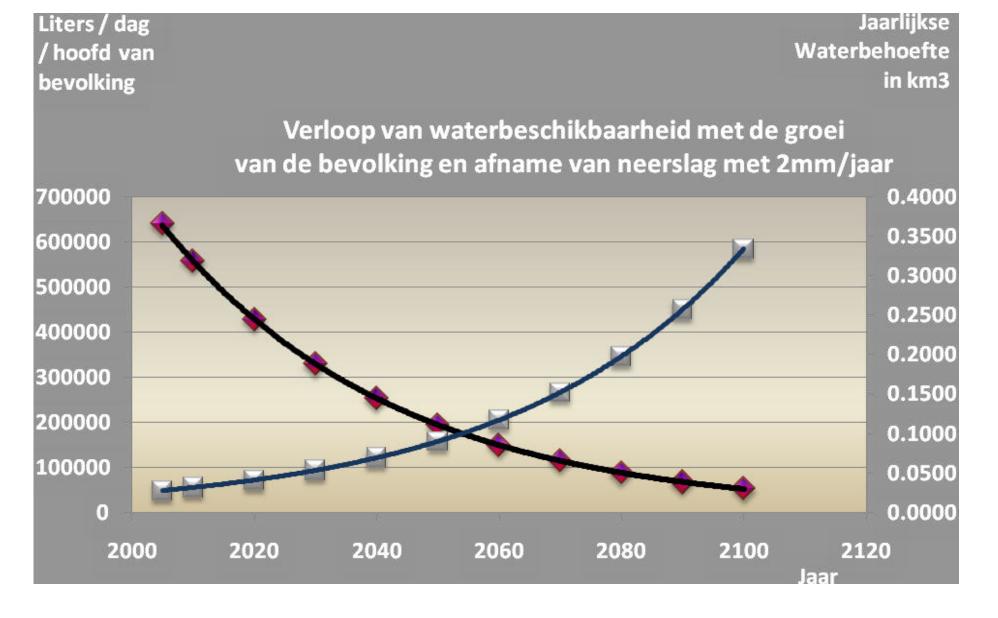






## Gemiddelde jaarlijkse temperatuur van Nw. Nickerie over de periode 1978--2008





Relatie waterbeschikbaarheid versus bevolkingsgroei



Treated water: from left to right: incoming water from the intake (swamp water), middle result, final result of the treatment.



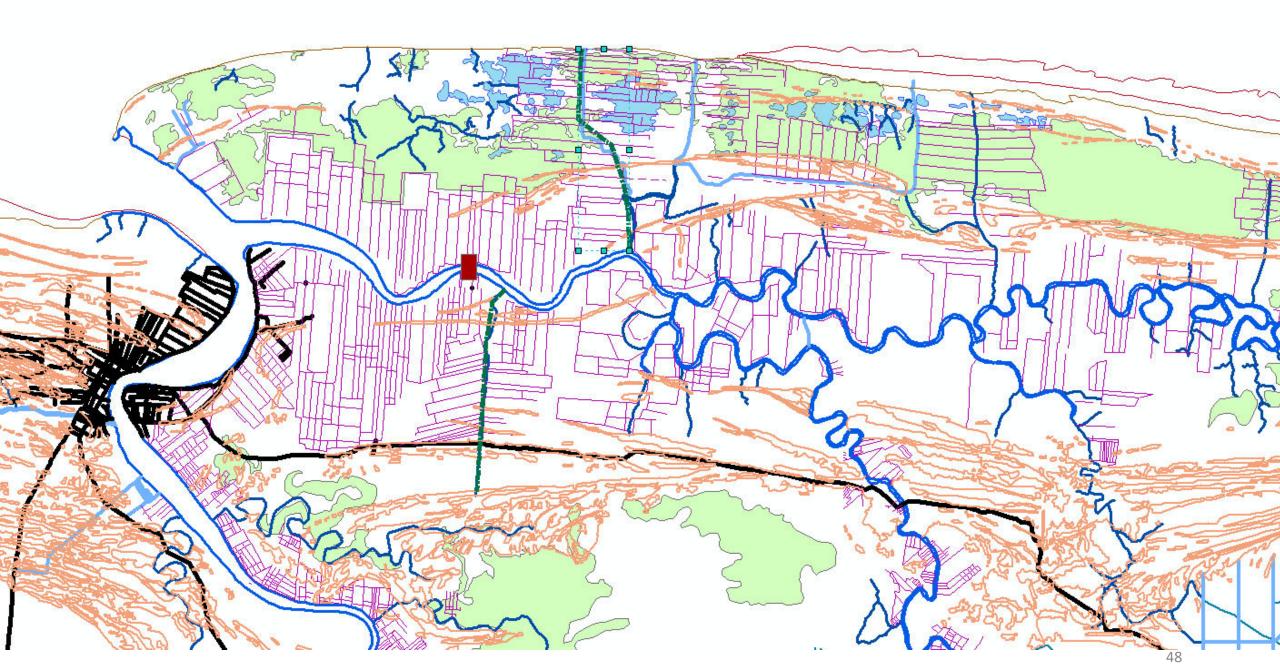


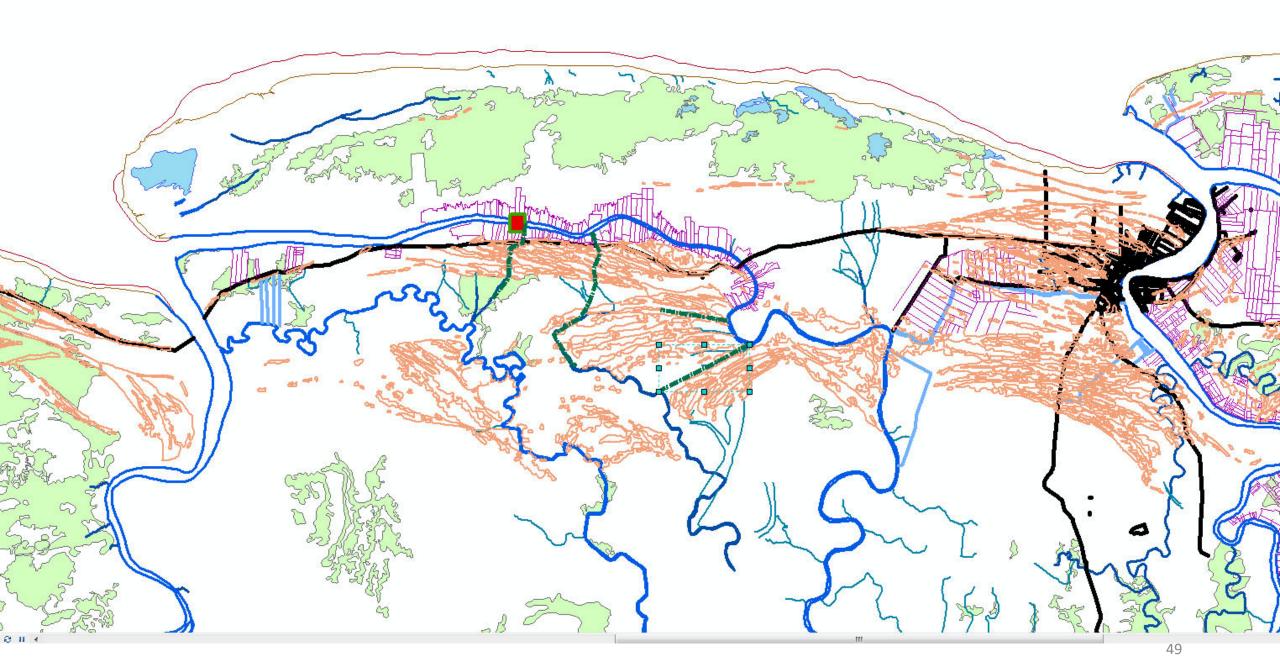
The various inlets and outlet to and from the filter in the Container.

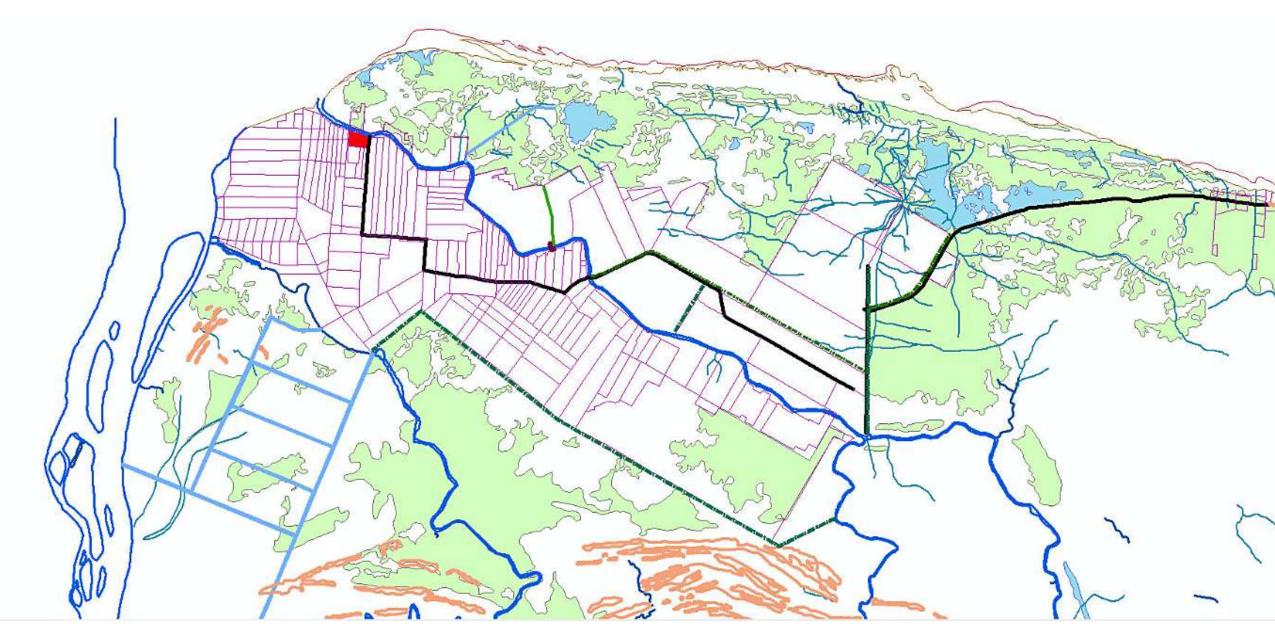


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### Water withdrawal

- We are deriving water in Suriname for the following purposes:
  - Agriculture (mainly for Rice and Banana, following by horticulture, ...)
  - Domestic uses
  - Industry
  - Energy (purposes....)

Water withdrawal produces conflicts

## Conclusie(s)

- We staan er niet goed voor
- Verandering in het klimaat gaat hard
- De uitdagingen zijn enorm
- Beperkte tijd over
- Niets doen is geen optie; geïntegreerde maatregelen zijn nodig
- Maatregelen die de weerbaarheid (resilience) kunnen opvoeren