

CICS Research and Its Use by International Development Organizations

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EARTH OBSERVATION FOR WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

CURRENT USE AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WATER SECTOR



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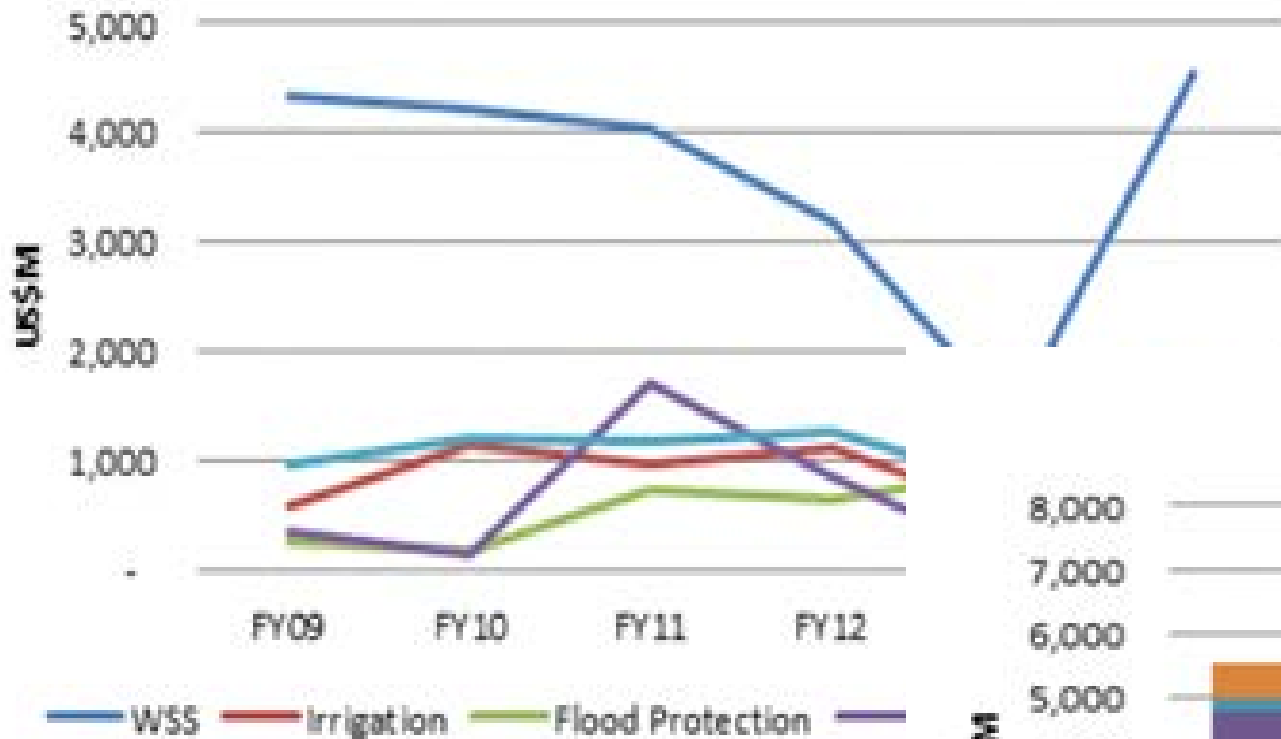
About development banks...

- “Cooperative” organizations, with capital provided by country members
- Bank owners are also bank clients
- Provide loans and technical assistance to countries in various development sectors: water, health, environment, safety/security, education, social and economic reforms, among others.
- Large focus on capacity building (local presence in the countries is a must)

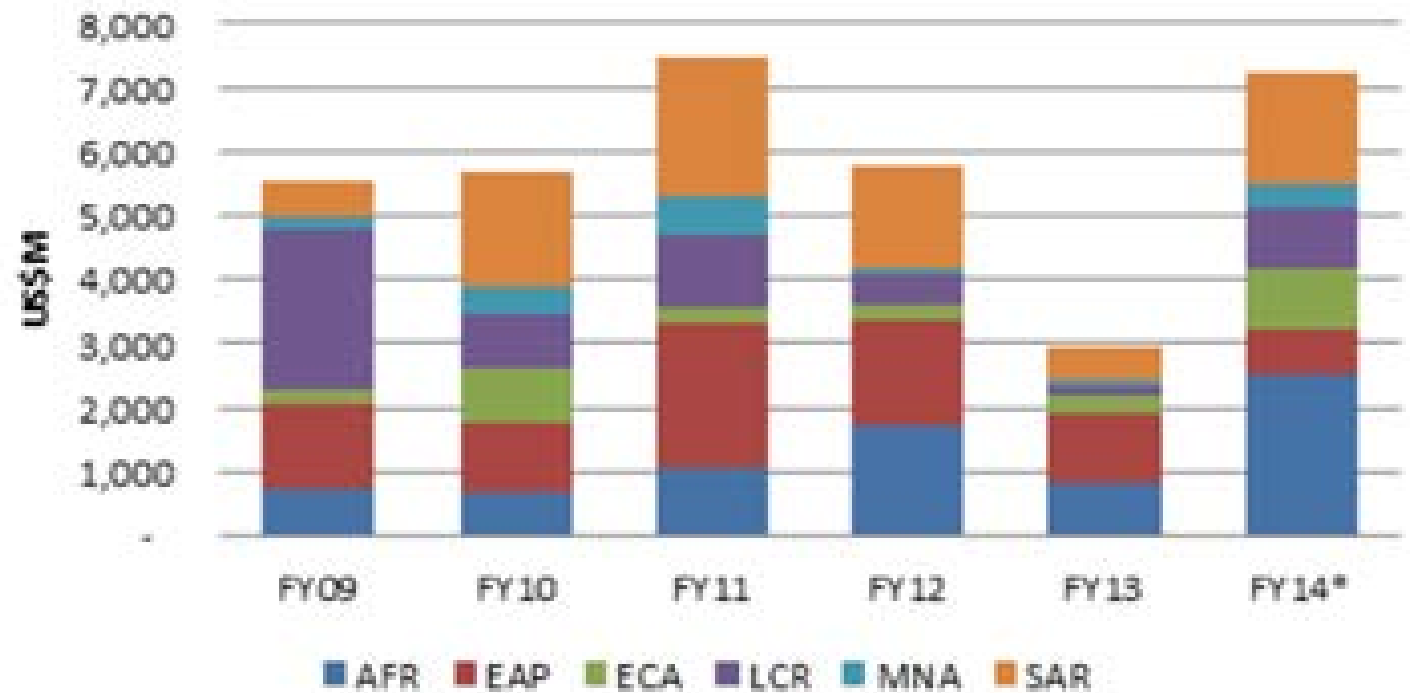
World Bank Regional Commitments, Fiscal 2015

Region	IBRD (millions)	IDA (millions)	Total IBRD/IDA (millions)	Total Share (percent)
Africa	\$ 1,209	\$ 10,360	\$ 11,569	27%
East Asia and Pacific	\$ 4,539	\$ 1,803	\$ 6,342	15%
Europe and Central Asia	\$ 6,679	\$ 527	\$ 7,207	17%
Latin America and the Caribbean	\$ 5,709	\$ 315	\$ 6,024	14%
Middle East and North Africa	\$ 3,294	\$ 198	\$ 3,492	8%
South Asia	\$ 2,098	\$ 5,762	\$ 7,860	18%
Total	\$ 23,528	\$ 18,966	\$ 42,495	100%

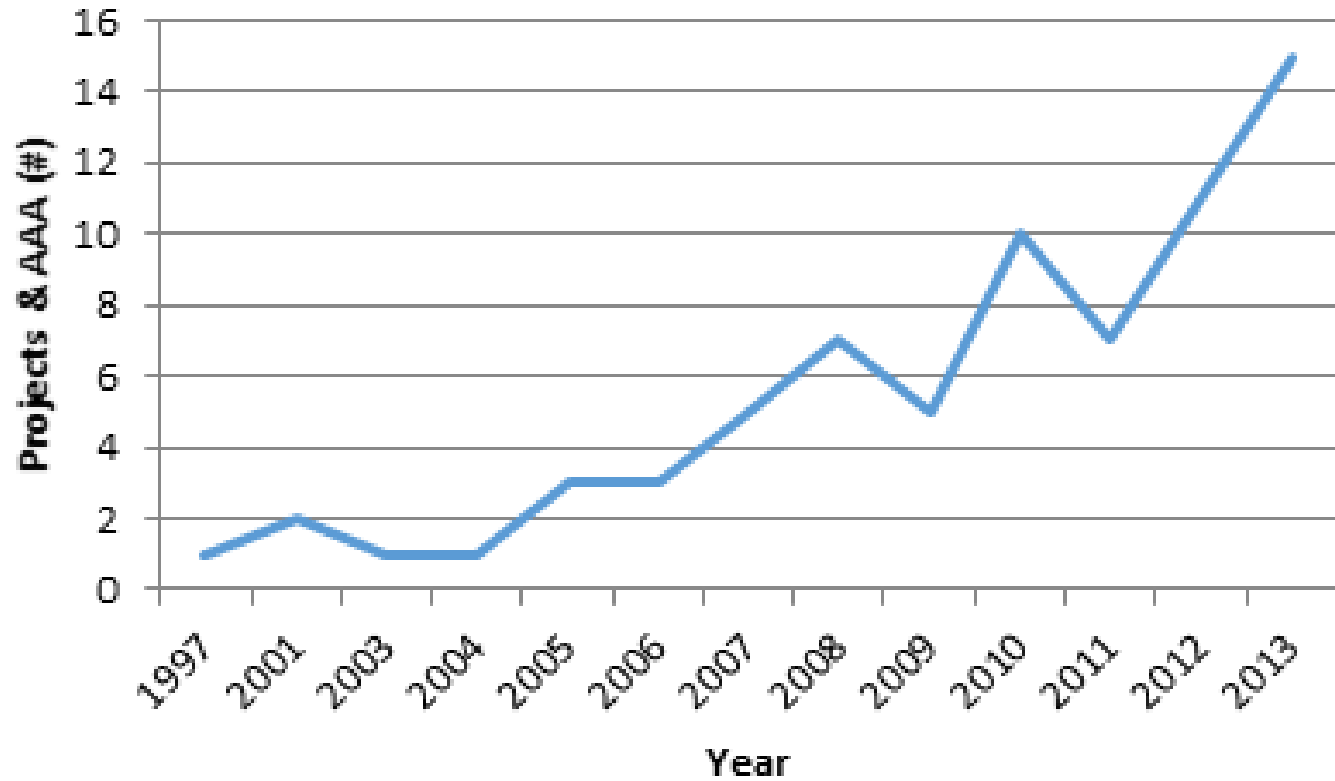
Water Lending by Sub-sector



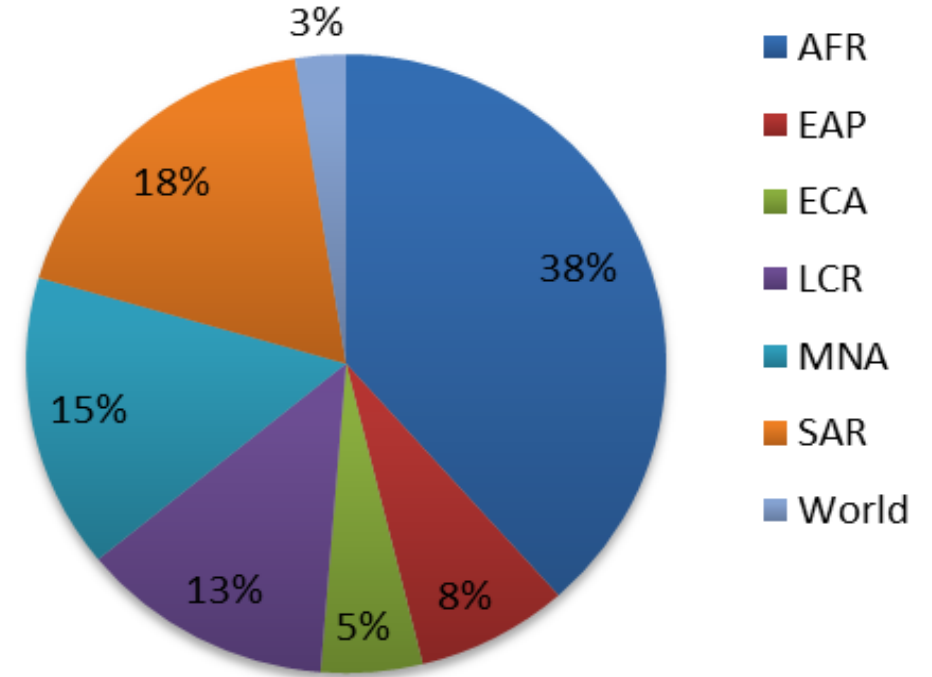
Historical Water Lending



Total Lending and AAA Using Remote Sensing



Total Lending & AAA Using RS per Region



R2X Opportunities

Box I-21. Indicative Actual or Planned Uses for RS Products

Evaluation of project impact on agricultural water management: integrated landscape management and agricultural intensification, climate-smart agriculture, and agricultural value chains;

Agricultural water-saving measures and support services: irrigation planning and monitoring; reduction of non-beneficial ET; farm-level resilience to climate change, raising farm income by increasing farm yields and output value; planning and training tools at micro-watershed levels; maps and climate information for use by farmers in decision making; agroclimatic advisory risk systems; improved, web-based information on markets, post-harvesting and value addition; farm participatory field trials and demonstrations for specific technologies; and research management to strengthen the institutional arrangements for longer-term, needs-based research identification, technology transfer, research quality assurance, and coordination of rainfed agriculture and watershed management research;

Use of modern, basin-wide water resources information systems: Water Information System Platforms (WISP);

Feasibility studies: irrigation projects; hydropower stations; use of DEMs for reservoir inundation models and site identification;

Basin planning, monitoring, and forecasting: watershed planning and monitoring;

Transboundary options for flood risk mitigation: pilot non-structural flood preparedness and emergency response activities, regional flood forecasting, warning and communication systems, regional data sharing on flood operation mechanisms, urban mapping of buildings and infrastructure; urban growth monitoring; regional WRM assessment on shared regional aquifers;

Investment planning and basin decision support systems: systematic information base and tools for water investments in systems contexts; identification of different types of infrastructure considered in the calculation of the water balance;

Institutional and community planning frameworks for addressing environmental and social issues: basin-wide planning, that is, capacity building and coordination of government institutions in decision making for the sustainable use and conservation of water resources; conservation of habitats and biodiversity.

Remote Sensing and the WB Portfolio (Water)

		Lending		Total (Lending)	AAA		Total (AAA)	Total (Lending & AAA)	Total (%)
Category	Sector	Primary	Secondary		Primary	Secondary			
1	Flood Protection	9	0	9	2	0	2	11	14%
2	General Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection	19	3	22	10	3	13	35	45%
3	Irrigation and Drainage	16	3	19	0	0	0	19	24%
4	Public Administration – Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	5%
5	Renewable energy/Hydropower	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	4%
6	Wastewater and Sewerage	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1%
7	Water Supply and Sanitation	2	1	3	1	0	1	4	5%
*	General Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry *	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1%
Total				62			16	78	100%

>80%

Zeroth-Order Questions

Guiding questions	Characteristic
Do you need to use EO data?	<i>Justification</i>
Can EO provide the required data products?	<i>Suitability</i>
What is the appropriate pixel size?	<i>Spatial resolution</i>
How frequent do these observations need to be?	<i>Temporal resolution</i>
How far back in time does your data record need to go?	<i>Record length</i>
Do you need guaranteed continuation of data supply into the future?	<i>Reliability</i>
What degree of accuracy is needed in the data products?	<i>Accuracy</i>
Do you want to use only data products that are commonly used?	<i>Maturity</i>

Specific Questions and Decision Tree

Questions to Address When Considering the Use of RS for Water-Related Issues:

Nature of the WRM problem

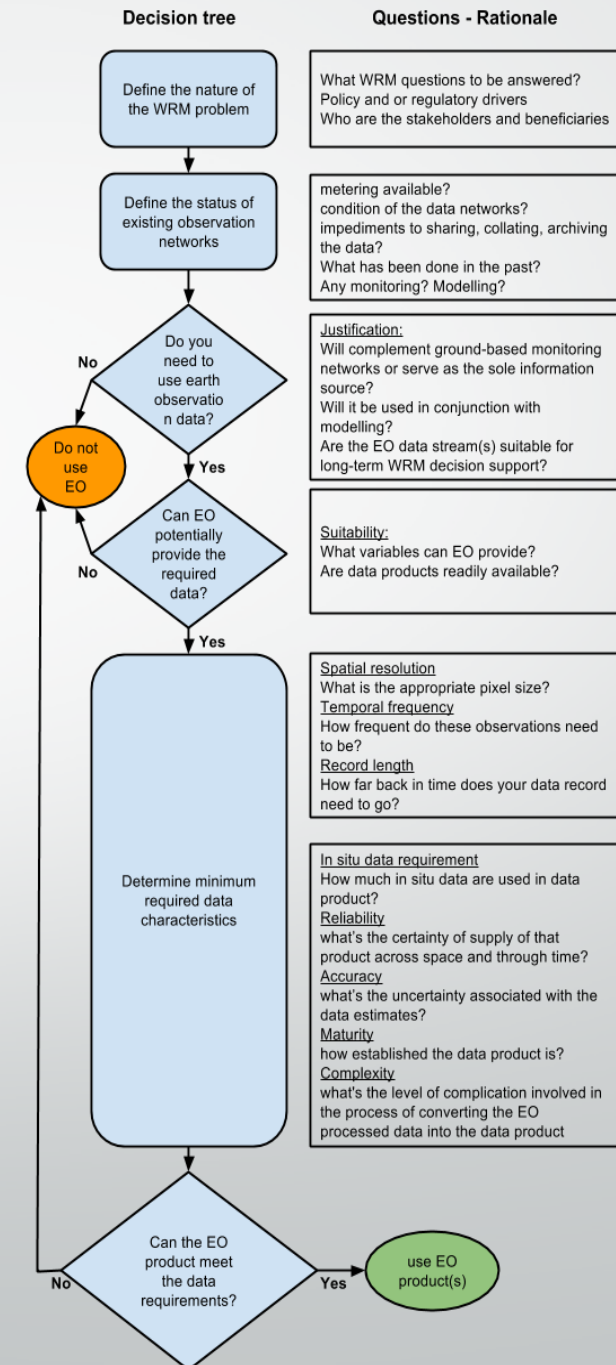
- What WRM questions need to be answered?
- What are the policy and or regulatory drivers of these questions?
- Who are the stakeholders and beneficiaries of a solution to the WRM problem?

Existing data and observation networks

- What metering is currently available?
- What is the condition of the data networks?
- Are there any impediments to sharing, collating, archiving the data (e.g., transboundary issues)?
- What, if anything, has been done in the past to address the issues at hand?
 - Any monitoring? Modeling?
- Can EO fill an information gap?
 - Will EO complement field monitoring networks or serve as the sole information source?
 - Will EO be used in conjunction with modeling?
 - Are the EO data stream(s) suitable for long-term WRM decision support?

Sustaining and maintaining WRM decision support and monitoring programs

- Is there capability to adopt a solution in the short and longer term?
- What are the key organizations nationally, and who the international experts, to partner with around EO?
- What is the local capability to adopt new techniques and technologies?
 - What computing infrastructure, if any, is needed? Is it available? If available, who owns it?
 - To what degree will local expertise require training in new techniques and technologies?
- What level of national versus international resourcing will be required?



Key applications: R2X

- Water balances: mapping and time histories of rainfall, ET, infiltration, and changes in soil moisture.
- Flood protection: mapping of flood depths and timing, relation of flooding to rainfall
- Irrigation: soil moisture mapping, irrigation allocation vs crops, support and monitoring towards smart agriculture systems
- Natural disaster prevention and mitigation: monitoring for early warning systems and support of adaptive action planning

Key element: include measures of “development impact” (economic and/or social impact)

Ongoing work

- World Bank: assessment of physical impacts of climate change on water resources worldwide: to be presented at COP21 (2015) and WEF-Davos (2016)
- Inter-American Development Bank: water-energy-food nexus, development of planning/modeling tools and case study applications

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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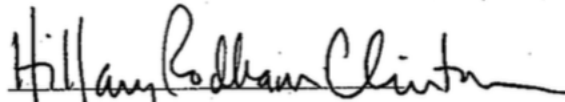
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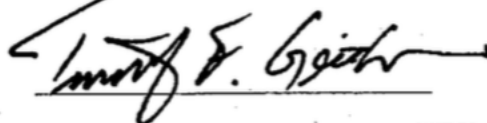


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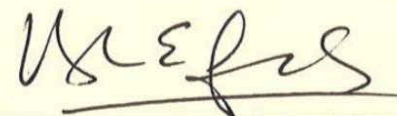
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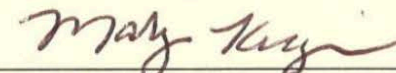
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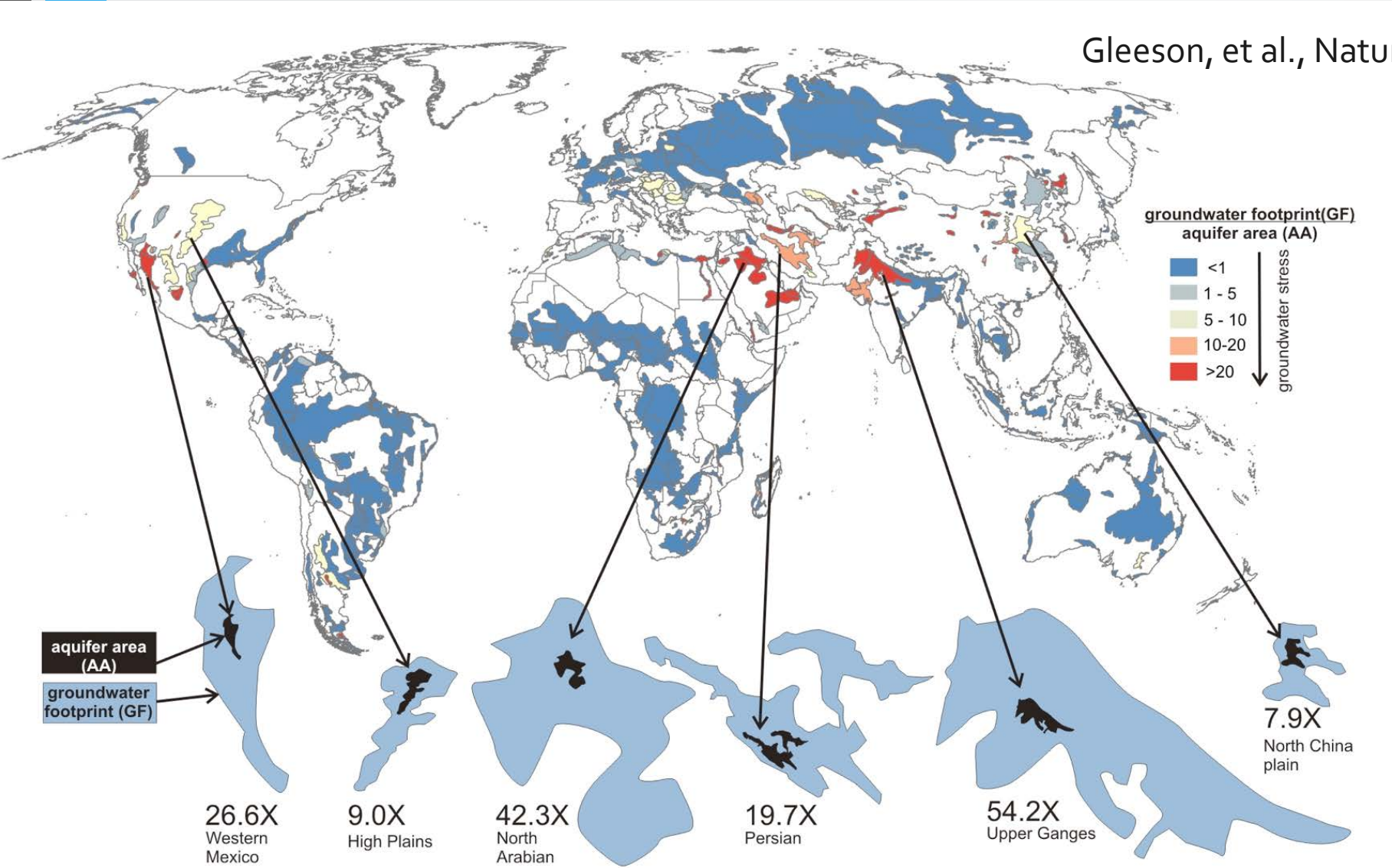
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Groundwater footprint of major aquifers

Gleeson, et al., Nature, 2012.



Global groundwater footprint = 3.5 times the global area of productive aquifers