

# Using drought indicators for disaster risk management: A case study of dam infrastructure in the Pampanga River Basin, the Philippines

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# International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)

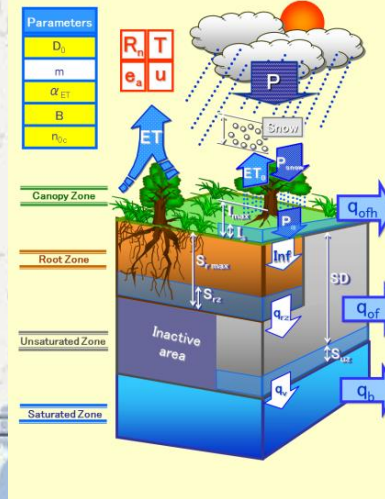
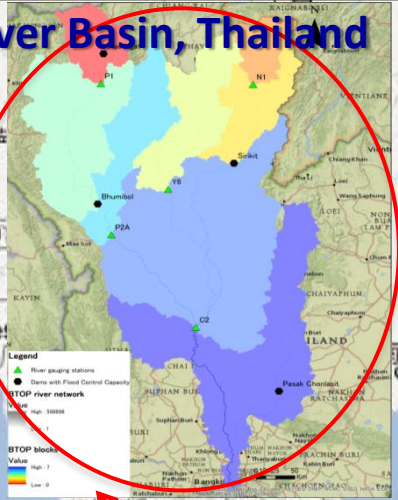
- 1) ICHARM established in 2006 as UNESCO Category II Centre
- 2) Hosted by Public Works Research Institute (PWRI) in Tsukuba, Japan
- 3) Research, Networking and Training (Master and PhD Programs)
- 4) Additional information is at the web-site <http://www.icharm.pwri.go.jp/>



The screenshot displays the ICHARM website homepage. At the top left, the text reads "Global Centre of Excellence for Water Hazard and Risk Management" above the large "ICHARM" logo. Below the logo, it states "International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management under the auspices of UNESCO". Logos for UNESCO, the University of Tokyo, and PWRI are shown. To the right is an aerial photograph of a flooded urban area with a "E-BIS" label. Below this is a section titled "Our Mission" with a description of ICHARM's role and a revision date of 25th February, 2014. The main content area is titled "News" and features two news items: one dated 30 October 2015 about a director's message update, and another dated 30 September 2015 about an introduction video for a summer program. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links like "Message from Director", "News", "About ICHARM", "Publication", "ICHARM's Partner", "Access", "Contact", and "Link". A sidebar on the right lists "ICHARM Three Pillar Activities" (Research, Training, Information Network), "Local Practices", and promotional banners for "ICFM6 6th International Conference on Flood Management" and "Handbook on Local Disaster". At the bottom, there is a Google search bar and a section for the "53rd ICHARM R&D Seminar" held on 3 September 2015, listing a lecturer from the University of Tsukuba.

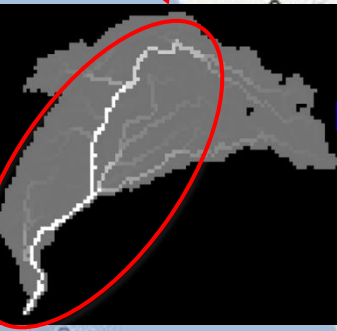
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Chao Phraya River Basin, Thailand

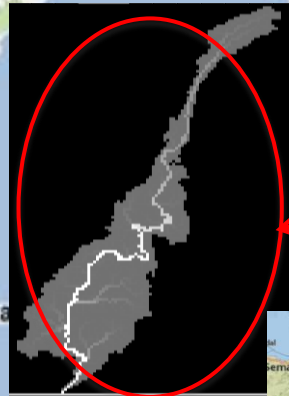


BTOP model components

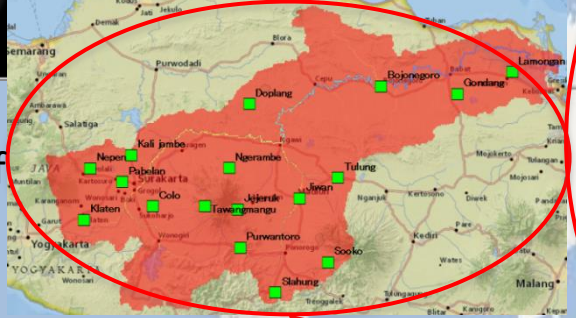
Indus River basin, Pakistan



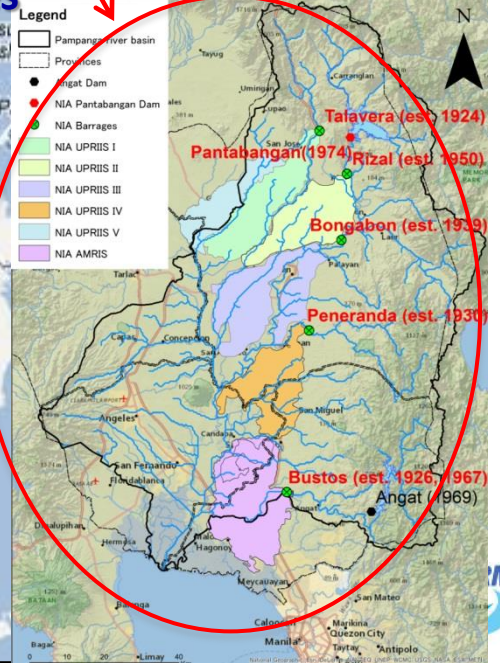
Mekong River basin



Solo River basin, Indonesia



Pampanga River basin, the Philippines



- Dam infrastructure is main source of irrigation and domestic water supply
- Agriculture is a main economic activity during dry/wet seasons
- Exposed to severe droughts in the past

# Case study of the Pampanga River basin



Area:  $\sim 10,000 \text{ km}^2$

Main Provinces: Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Tarlac

Annual Precipitation: 1500-3000 mm

Wet (May – Oct) and Dry (Nov – April) rice growing seasons.

Rice production is about 27% of the Philippines

- **Pantabangan Dam (3,000 MCM)**

Primary Purpose: Irrigation of 100,000 ha

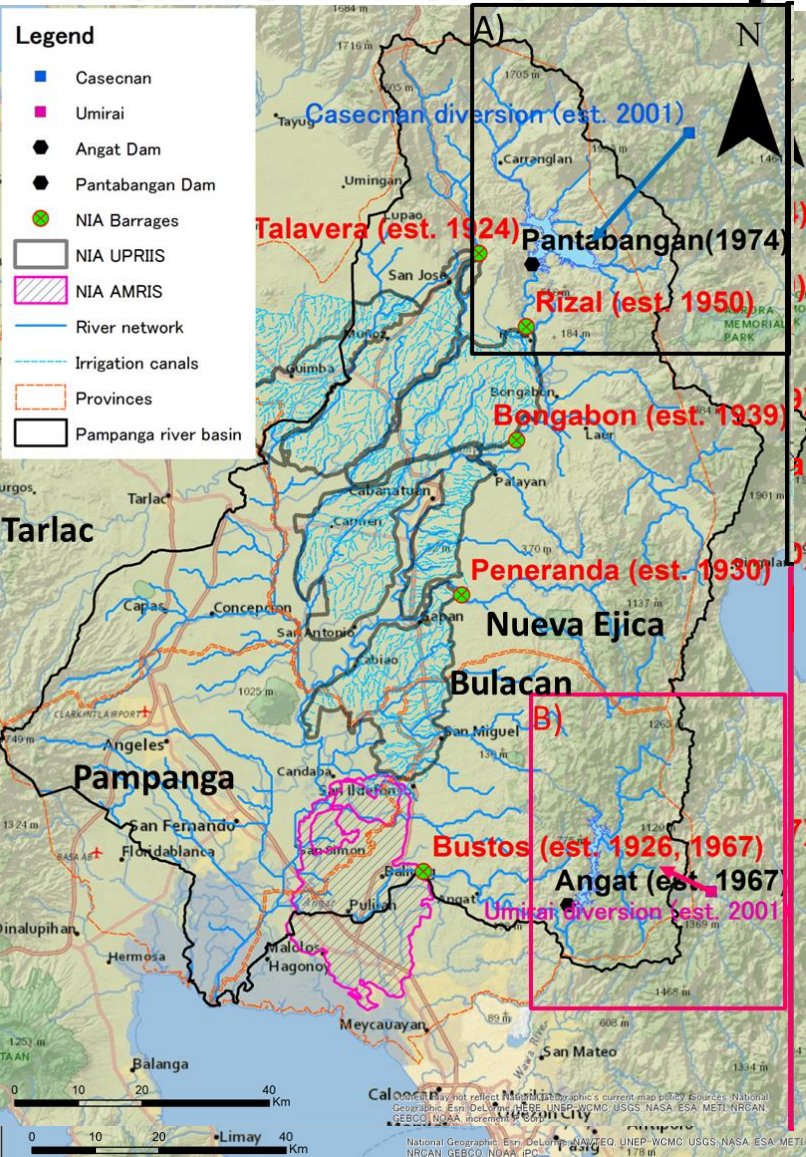
Secondary: Electricity, Flood Control

- **Angat Dam (600 MCM)**

Primary Purpose: Water Supply to Manila City (about 12 million people)

Secondary: Irrigation of about 25,000 ha, Electricity, Flood Control.

# Water Supply from Pantabangan and Angat Dams in the Pampanga River basin



Two rice growing seasons:

Wet (May – Oct) and Dry (Nov – April).

Pantabangan Dam is operated by National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and supplies 5 irrigation service areas of about 105,000 ha via super long diversion canals and barrages.

Angat Dam discharge is coordinated by National Water Resources Board (NWRB)

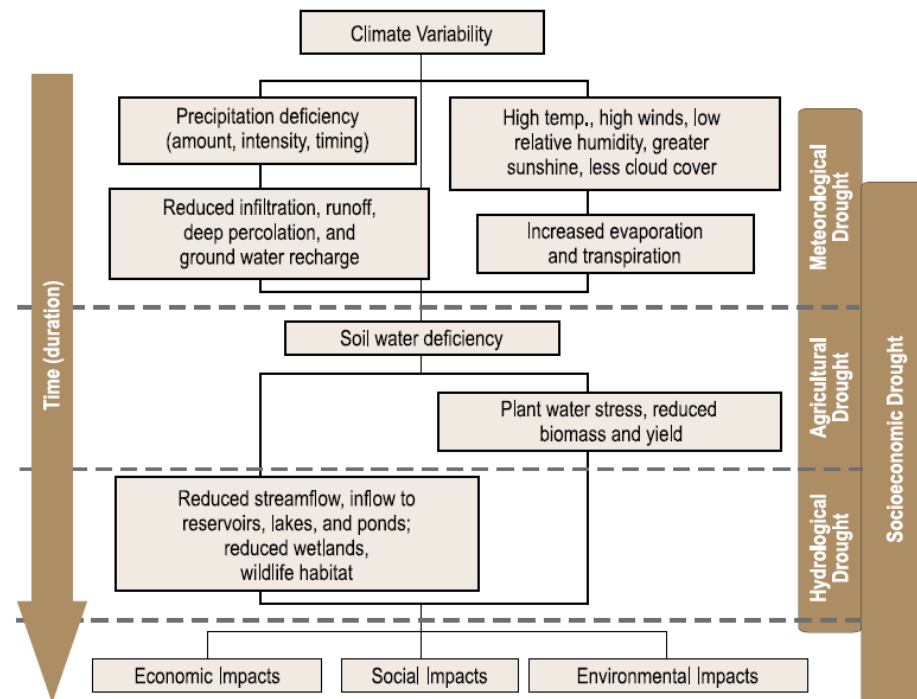
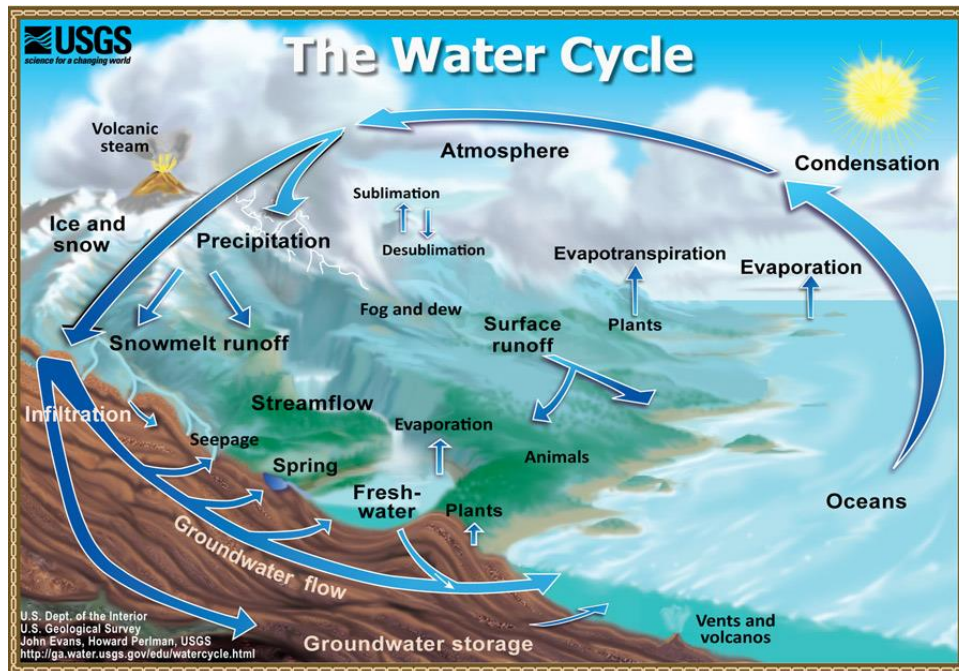
- 1) To the Metro Manila City
- 2) To downstream farmers in the NIA irrigation service area of about 26,000 ha.

Several major natural and socio-economic droughts happened in 1982-1983, 1987, 1989-1990, 1991-1992, 1997-1998, 2004, 2010, and 2015.

# Why drought characterization is challenging?

Droughts are much more complex than floods:

- 1) **Natural drought** is a “water deficiency from normal conditions”
- 2) Slow propagation of water shortage in water cycle
- 3) Unclear start, duration and end (weeks – years) of droughts
- 4) Anthropogenic water use is needed to identify **water scarcity (or socio-economic drought)**

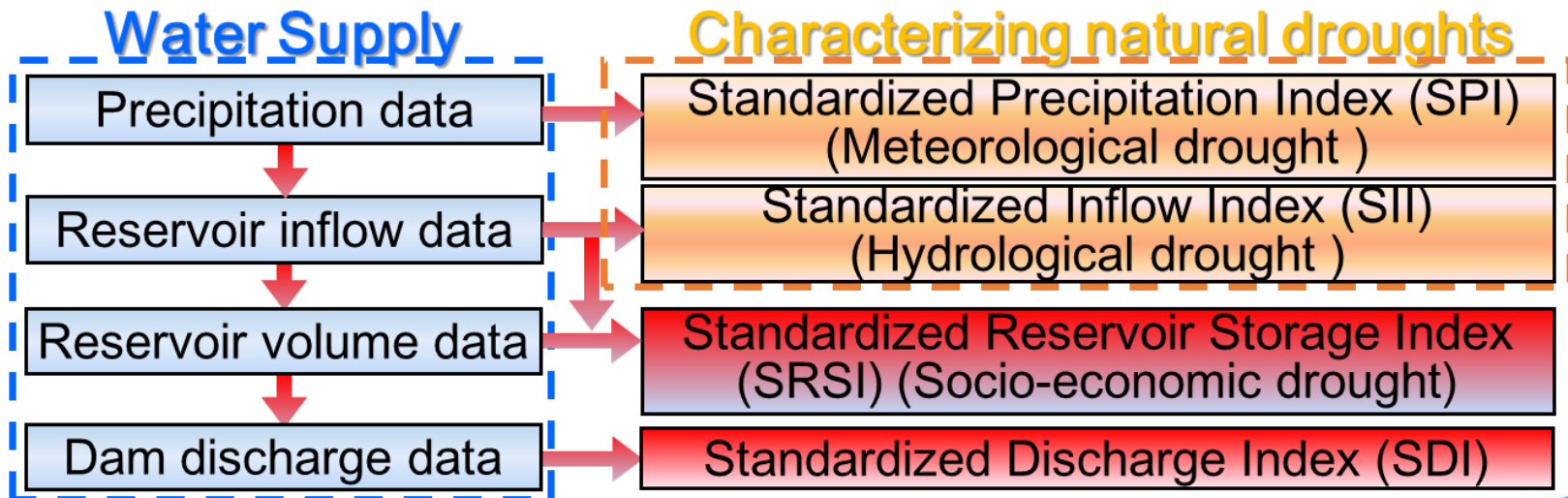


# Drought assessment with standardized indices

The goal is to characterize natural and socio-economic droughts with standardized indices by:

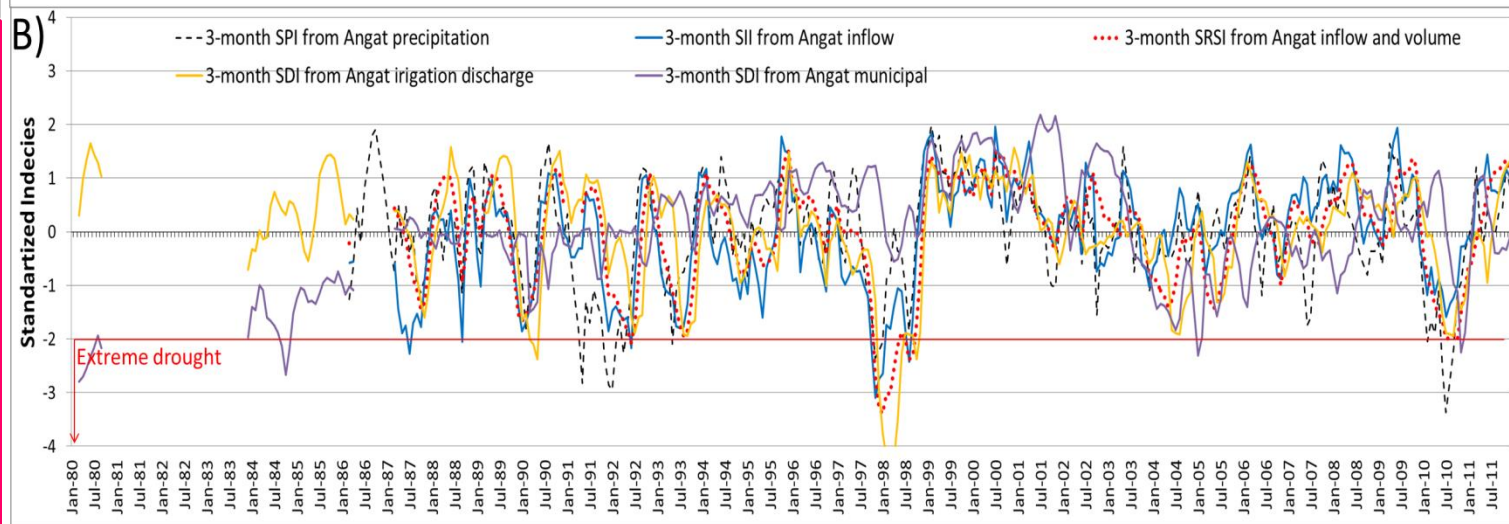
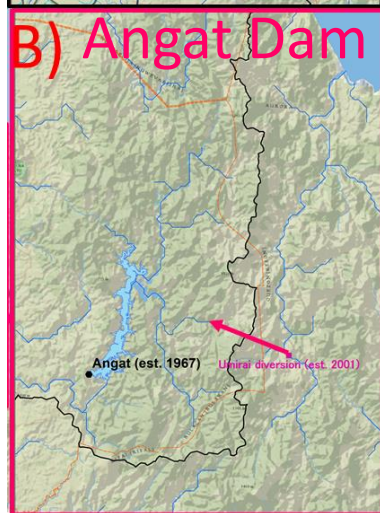
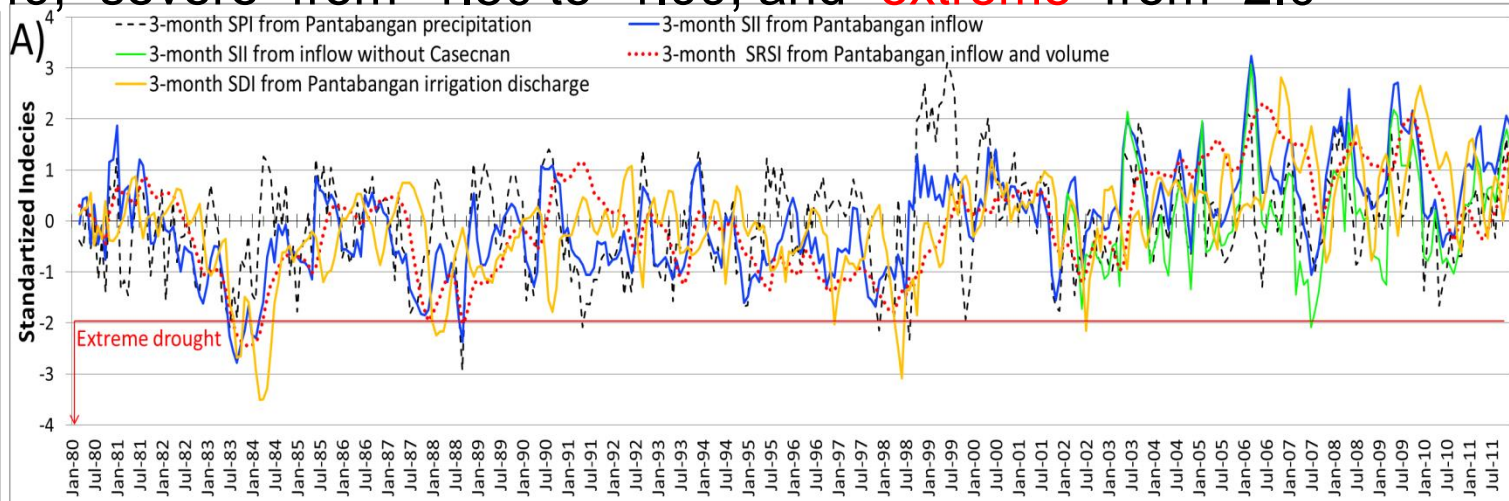
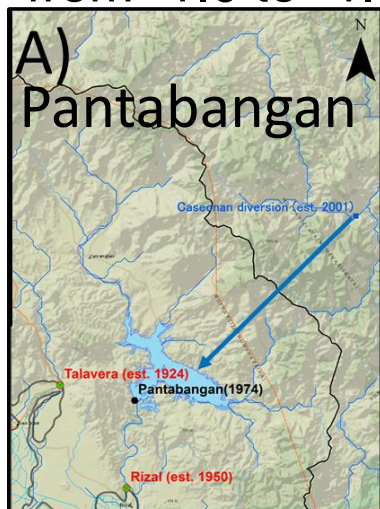
- 1) Using the same method of calculation introduced by McKee et al.(1993)
- 2) Having the same range of evaluation between -4 (dry) and +4 (wet)
- 3) Evaluating several time scales from 1-week to 36-month
- 4) Developing standardized indices with local dam inflows, water storage and discharge data.

For example, Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) is obtained with precipitation data and characterizes meteorological drought as adopted by WMO (2012).

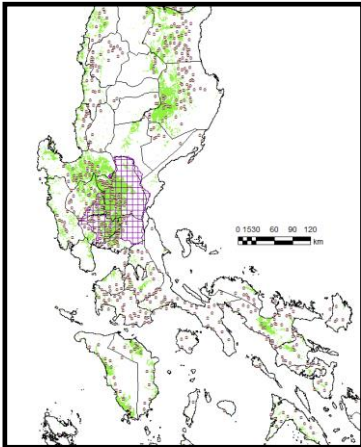


# Standardized indices for the Pantabangan and Angat Dams from 1980 to 2012

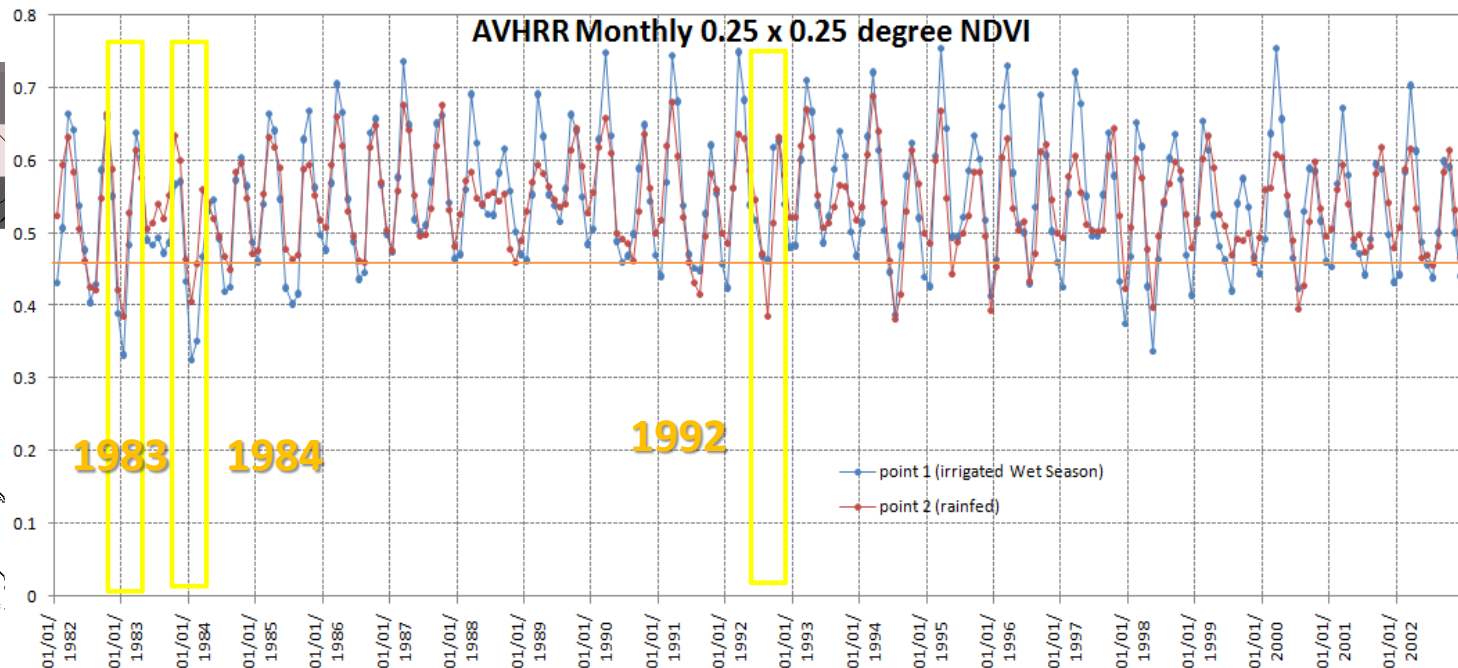
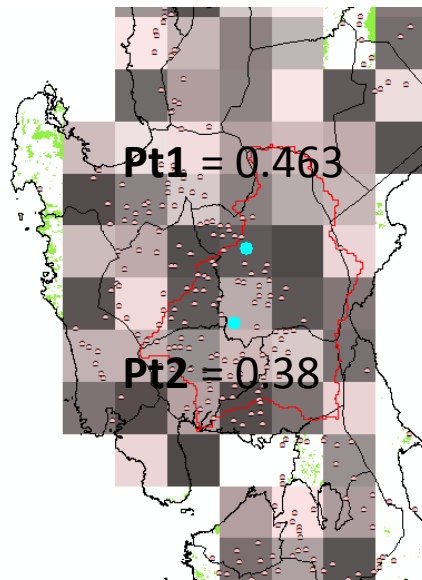
The same scale of standardized indices: “near normal” up to -0.99, “moderate” from -1.0 to -1.49, “severe” from -1.50 to -1.99, and “**extreme**” from -2.0



# Monthly Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) (0.25 degree grids) from AVHRR



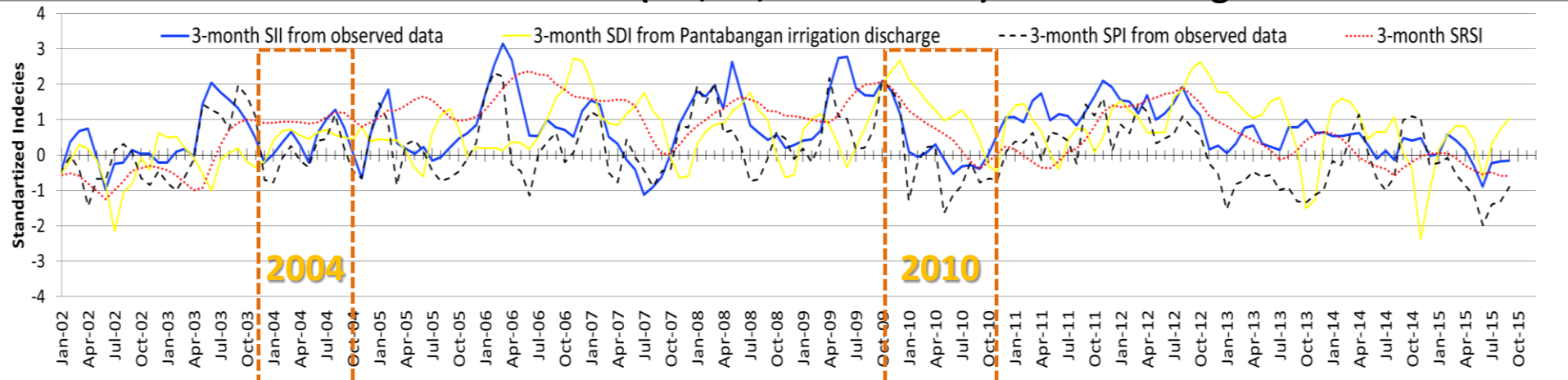
- AVHRR is the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer
  - Point 1:** UPRIIS irrigated area (Lat. =  $15.641^\circ$  , Long. =  $120.882^\circ$  )
  - Point 2:** Downstream of UPRIIS in Nueva Ecija in shallow rainfed area (Lat. =  $15.284^\circ$  , Long. =  $120.818^\circ$  )
- Pink dots:** rice types (details) as collected by IRRI and mapped in 1982  
**Green area:** agriculture extent by PhilRICE and IRRI



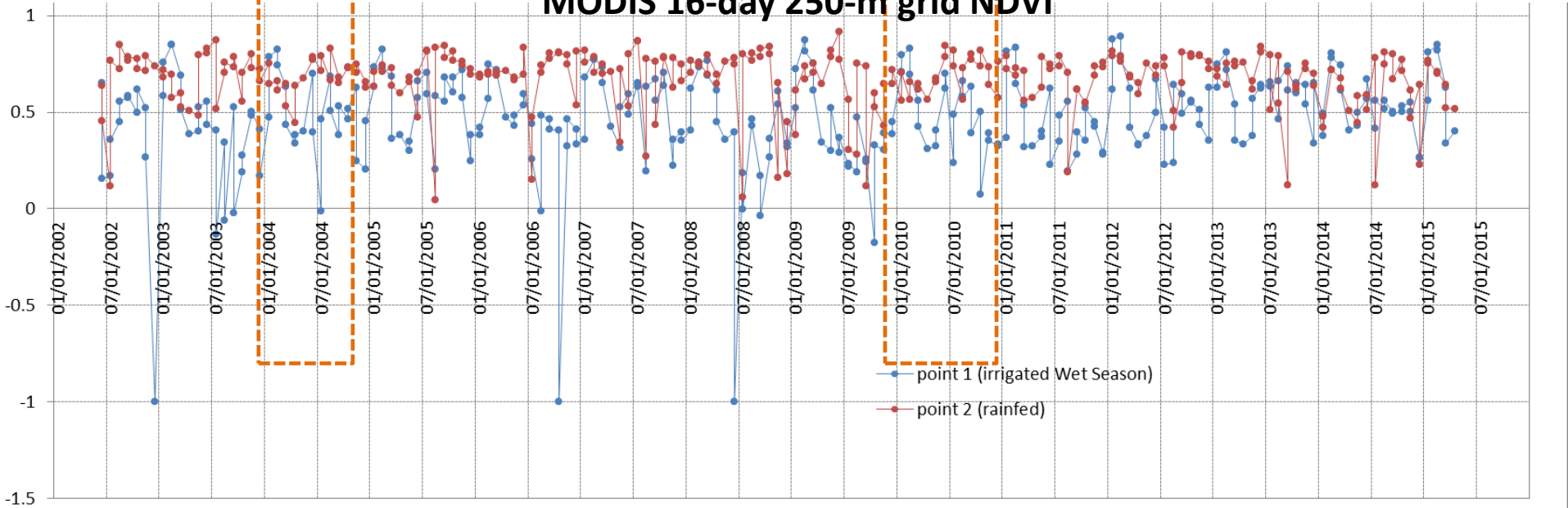
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# Combining standardized indices with MODIS 16-day NDVI (250-m grids) from 2002 to 2015

## Standardized indices (SPI, SII, SRSI and SDI) for Pantabangan Dam

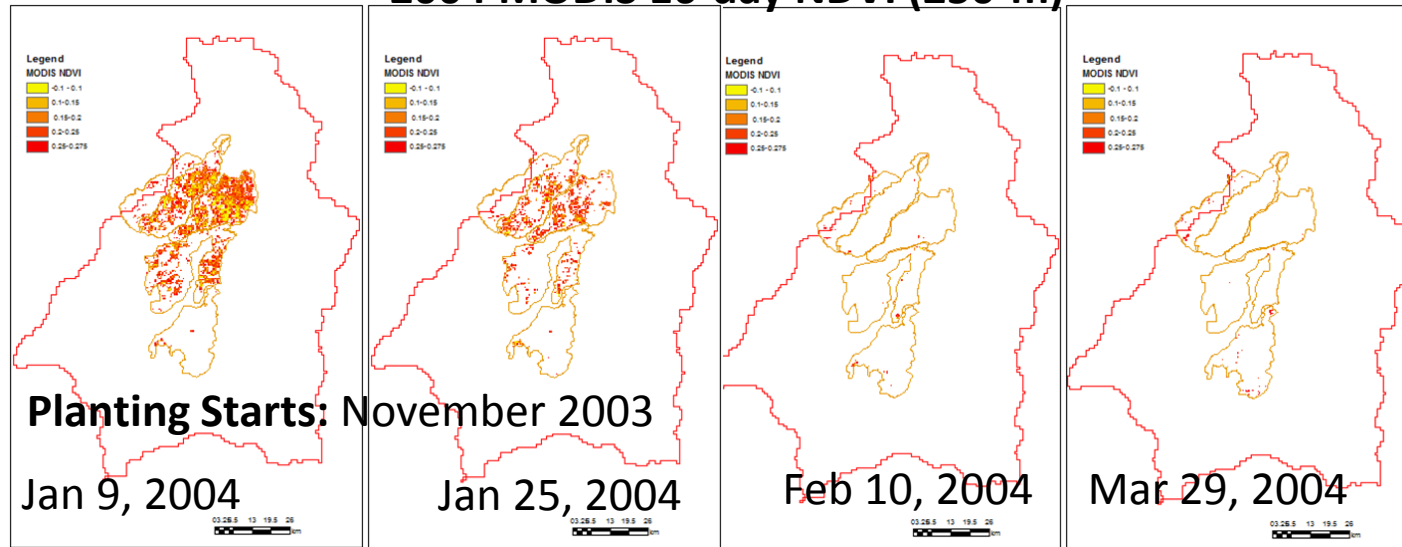


## MODIS 16-day 250-m grid NDVI



# Spatial distribution of 2004 and 2010 drought in the Pantabangan Dam irrigated area

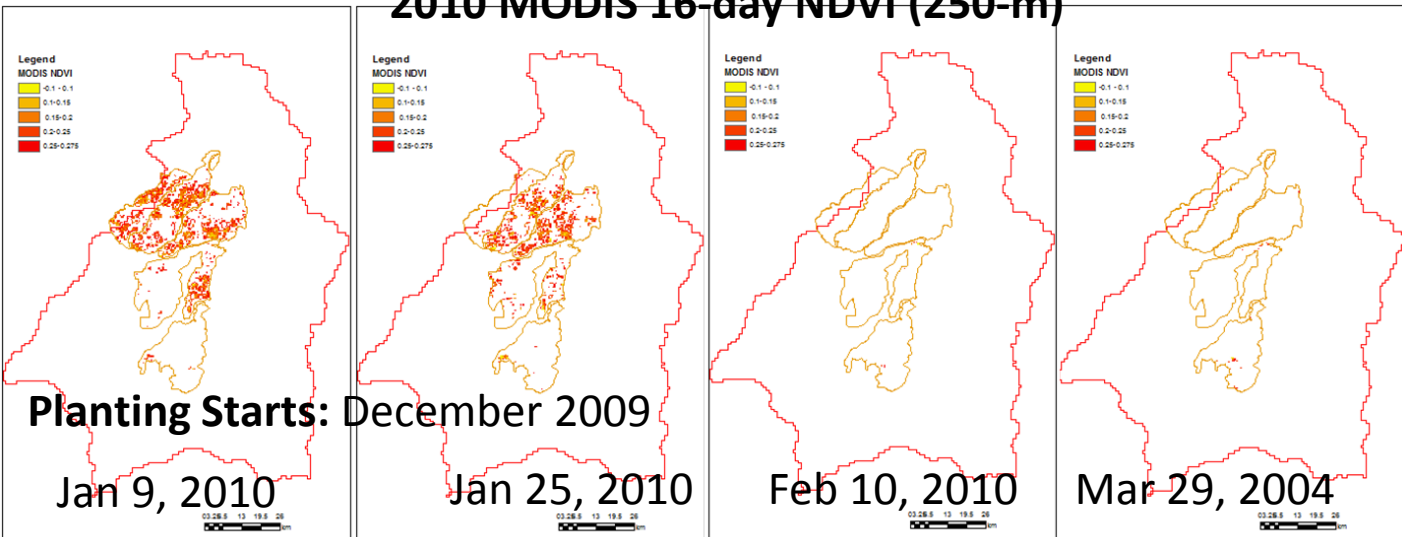
## 2004 MODIS 16-day NDVI (250-m)



**Damaged Area in 2004:**  
1623 ha (*Source: NIA*)

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Threshold value                                  | 0.275           |
| Total service area (paddy rice inside UPRIS), ha | 163733.800      |
| <b>Date</b>                                      | <b>Area, ha</b> |
| 01/09/2004                                       | 55057.550       |
| 01/25/2004                                       | 23931.620       |
| 02/10/2004                                       | 1354.221        |
| 02/26/2004                                       | 2391.046        |
| 03/13/2004                                       | 2052.491        |
| 03/29/2004                                       | 1904.373        |

## 2010 MODIS 16-day NDVI (250-m)

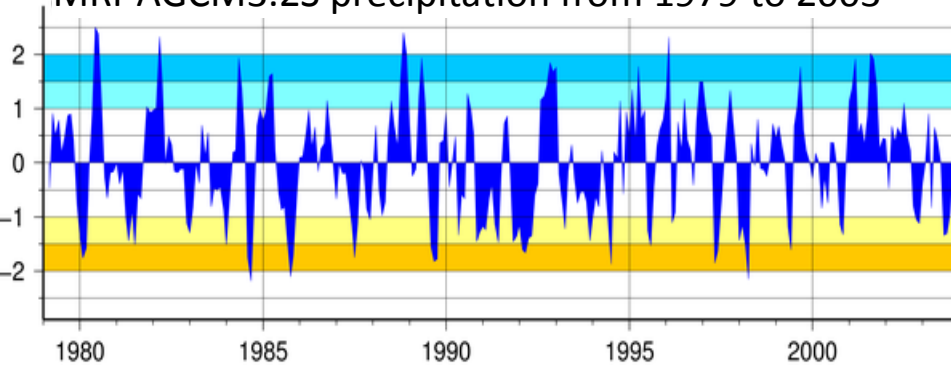


**Damaged Area in 2010:**  
5691 ha (*Source: NIA*)

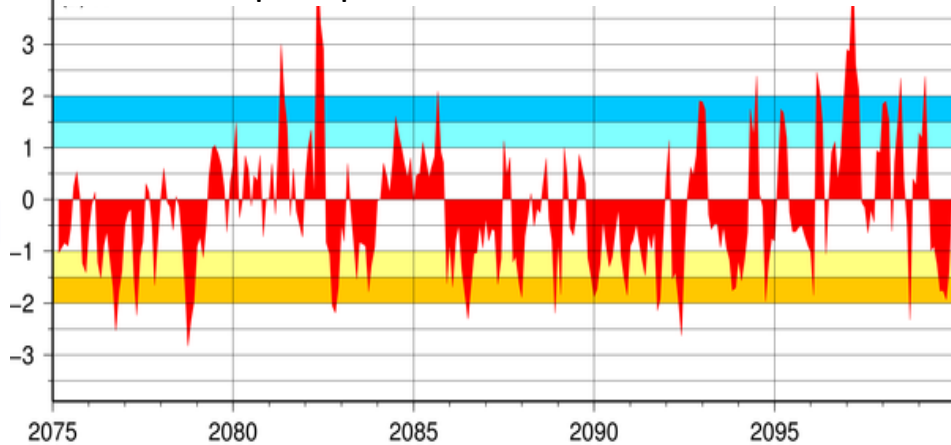
|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Threshold value                                  | 0.275           |
| Total service area (paddy rice inside UPRIS), ha | 163733.800      |
| <b>Date</b>                                      | <b>Area, ha</b> |
| 01/09/2010                                       | 35146.270       |
| 01/25/2010                                       | 6220.953        |
| 02/10/2010                                       | 275.076         |
| 02/26/2010                                       | 190.437         |
| 03/13/2010                                       | 402.034         |
| 03/29/2010                                       | 782.909         |

# Standardized precipitation indices at Angat Dam under climate change

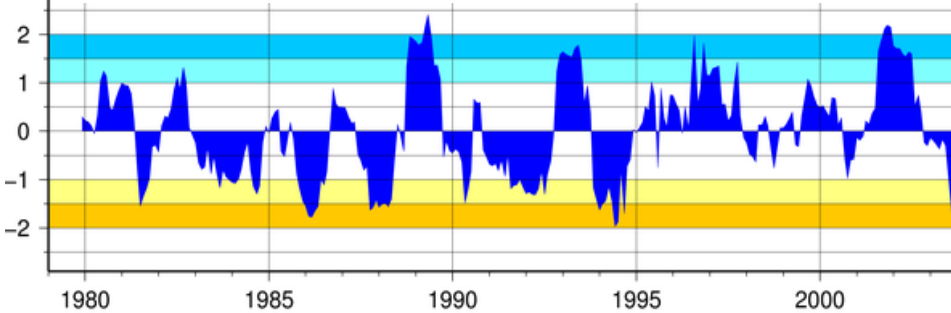
3-month standardized precipitation index (SPI) from MRI-AGCM3.2S precipitation from 1979 to 2003



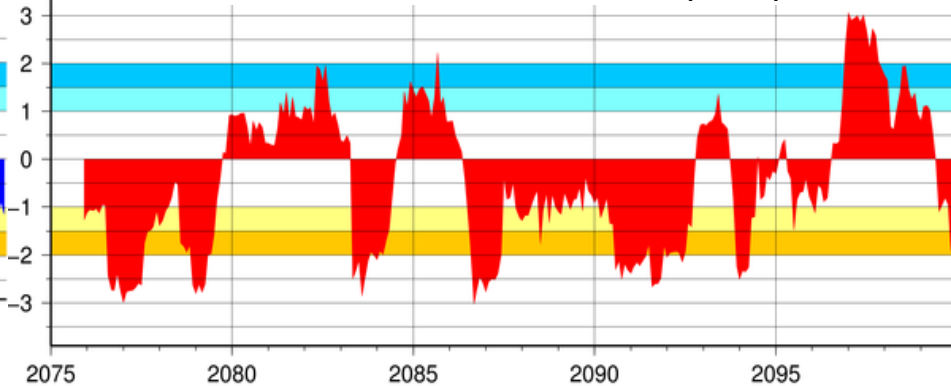
3-month comparative SPI (cSPI) from MRI-AGCM3.2S precipitation from 2075 to 2099



12-month SPI from MRI-AGCM3.2S precipitation



12-month cSPI from MRI-AGCM3.2S precipitation



The scale of standardized indices: “near normal”  $|cSPI| < 1.0$ , “moderate”  $1.0 \leq |cSPI| < 1.5$ , “severe”  $1.50 \leq |cSPI| < 2.0$ , and “**extreme**”  $|cSPI| \geq 2.0$

# Summary

- 1) We introduced a full-set of the standardized indices on 3-month time scale to provide useful information about natural and socio-economic drought development.
- 2) A combined use of standardized indices with NDVI can provide a spatial distribution of drought affected areas, but more field verification is needed.
- 3) The introduced standardized indices of 3-month time scale are applicable for drought monitoring with daily time step using one reference period.
- 4) This full-set of standardized indices can be computed from simulation results of local and Global BTOP models to provide drought forecast and climate change information for drought disaster risk management.

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