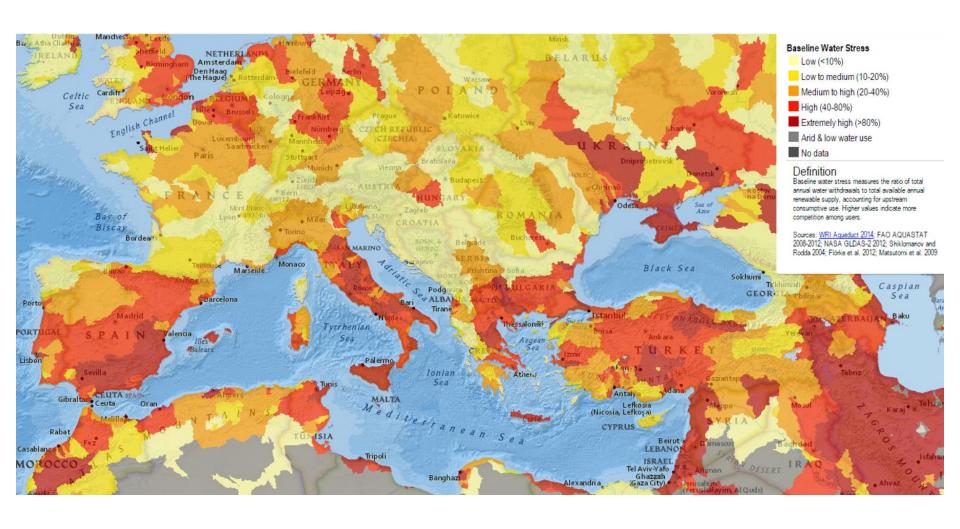
# Accounting for Climate Change in Water and Agriculture management

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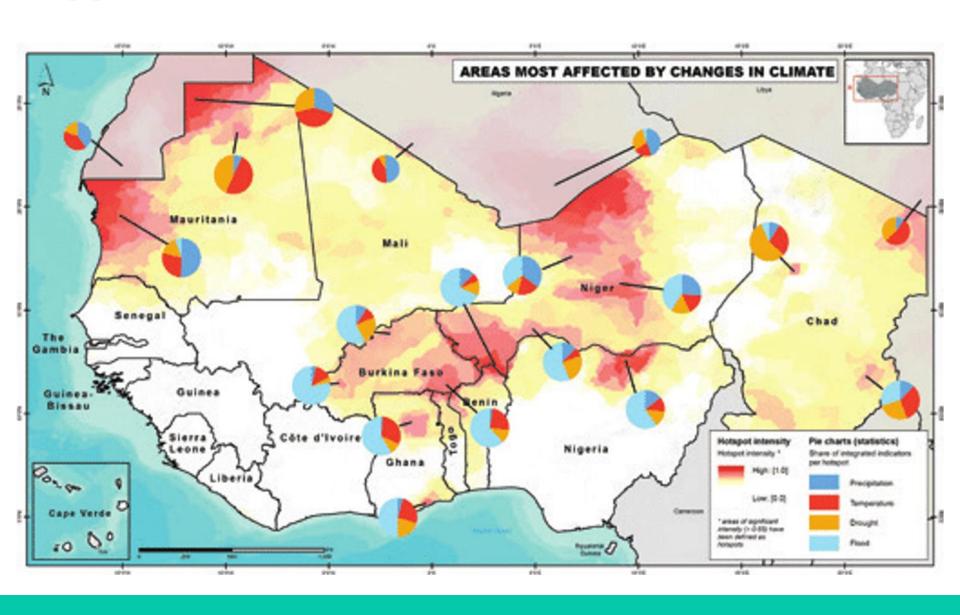
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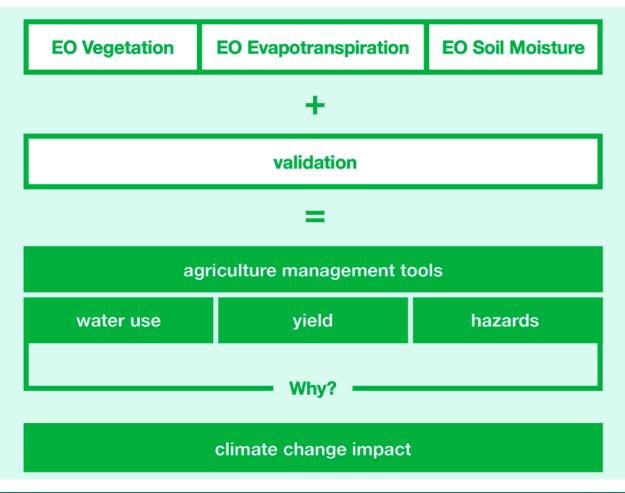
- -The Mediterranean is among the most sensitive areas to climate change as demonstrated in many studies (IPCC, 2013).
- -The models cast different scenarios but all of them agree on a clear the pattern of some climatic parameters.
- -In terms of the thermal regime, an increase in average surface temperatures in the range of 2.2 and 5.1°C for the period 2080-2100 is estimated.
- -The models indicate pronounced rainfall regime changes in the Mediterranean and estimated that precipitation over lands might vary between -4% and -27%. %.
- -The increased temperatures will lead to higher potential evapotranspiration (ET), which in turn will decrease water resources.





- -The Sahel region has also been identified as one of the primary observed climate change hot-spots
- Increase in mean temperature and extreme events occurrence.
- -A 2-3°C warming is expected during the winter, accompanied by an
- -increase in the number of heat wave days by 20-120 days over the Sahel.
- -Precipitation simulated by climate models is not homogeneous over the Sahelian area, with wettest conditions in the central and eastern Sahel, and driest conditions over the western Sahel
- -Changes in annual precipitations and in the timing of rainfall events are expected to have a strong impact on agricultural production in a region.

**Objectives** 

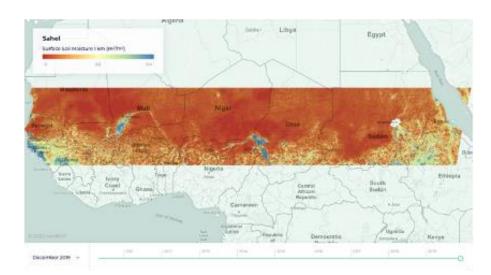


ACCWA aims to develop the remote sensing based management and monitoring tools for food security and water & agricultural risk management that allow improving the reliability of decision making regarding water use, yield and hazards in agriculture.



- Continuous improvement SM 1km product (SMOS/SMAP, MODIS/S3)
- **RZSM 1km**

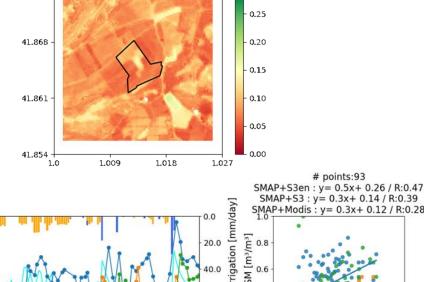
Data	From surface to root-zone soil moisture derived from L-band MW
Temporal coverage	since 2010
Spatial coverage	Global
Temporal resolution	every 1/2 days
Spatial resolution	1 km
Delivery	WMS, FTP, direct download



High resolution soil moisture, disaggregation with SMOS/SMAP in combination with thermal/optical data S3/MODIS (Merlin et al. 2013, Stefan et al. 2021)

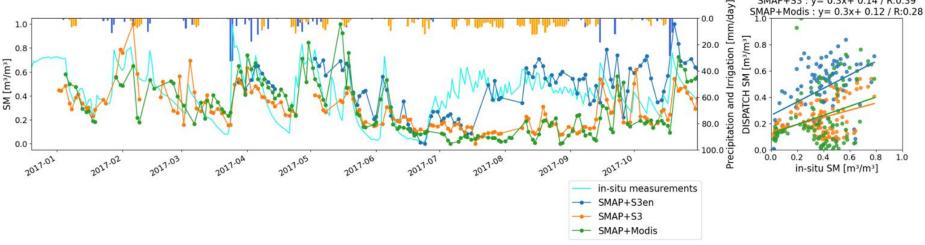


SM at field scale from SMAP S3/S2



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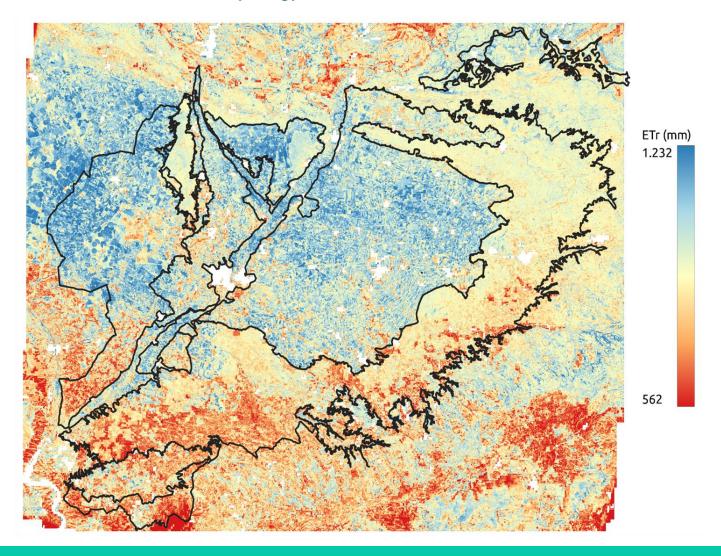
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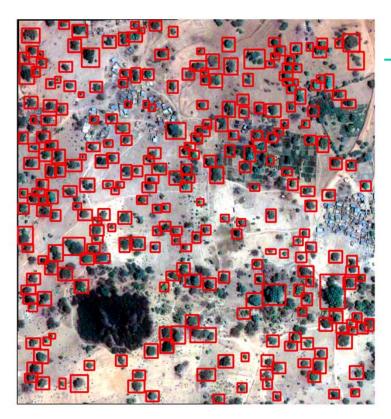
#### ET based on S3/S2 synergy



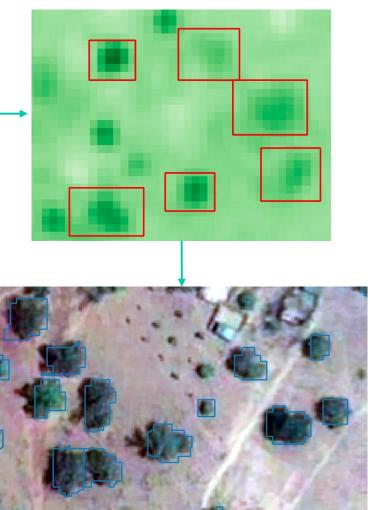


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Very High Resolution - Individual Tree Level



Detection of individual trees and NDVI thresholding for posterior segmentation of tree crown.

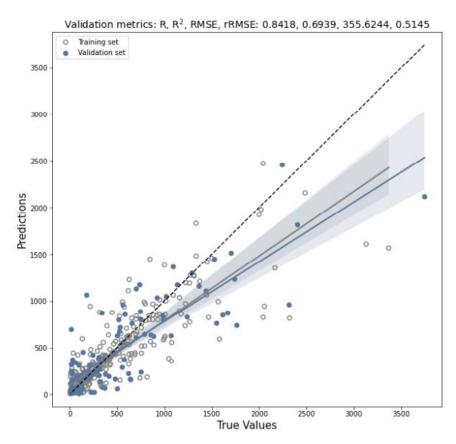




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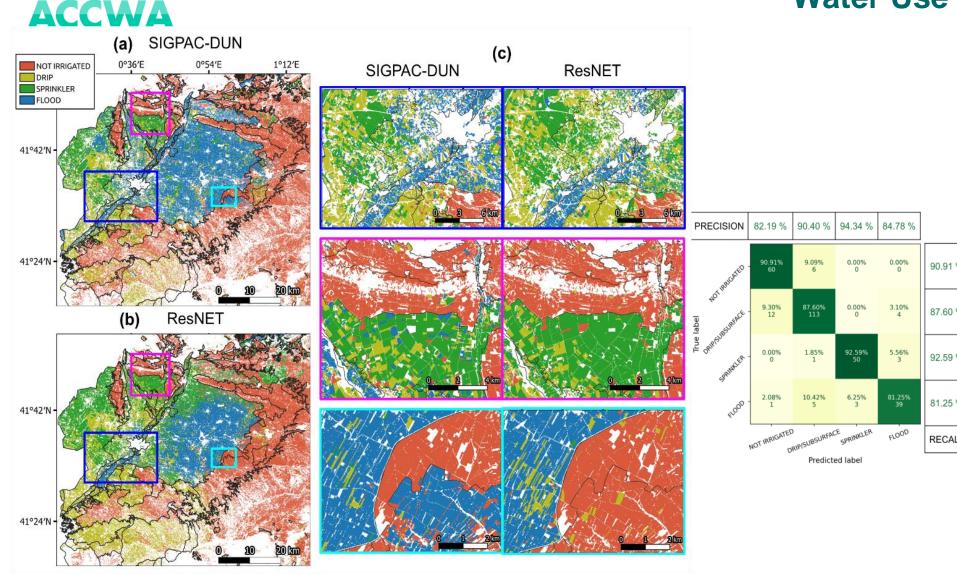
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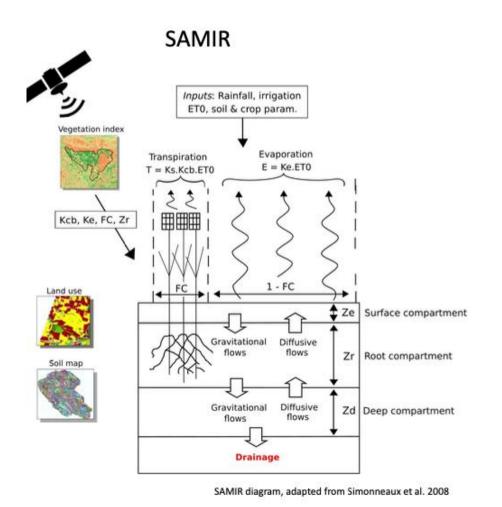
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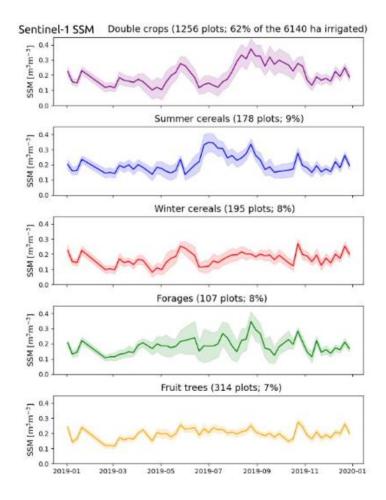


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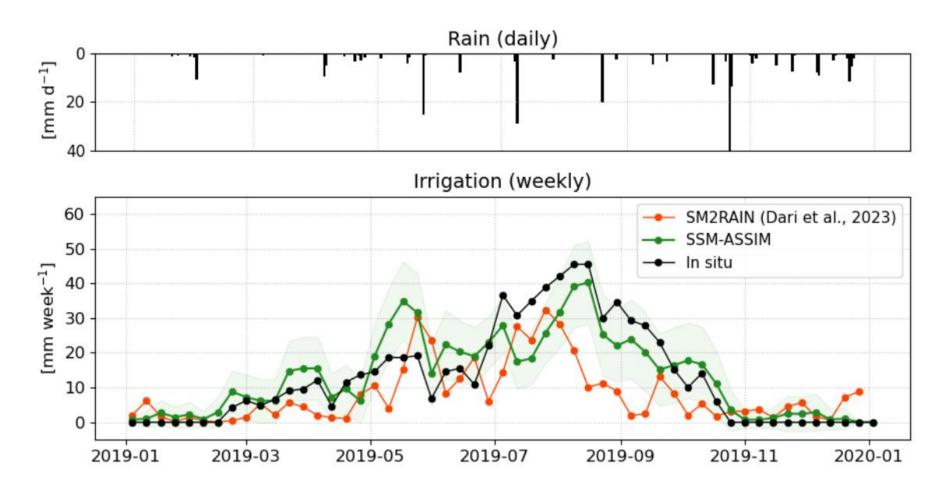






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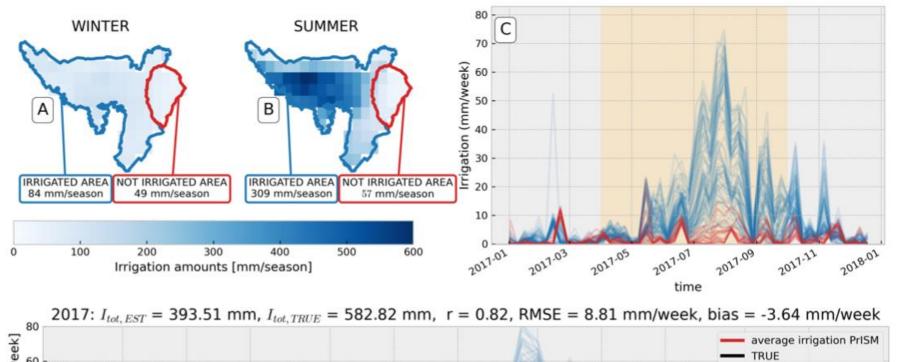


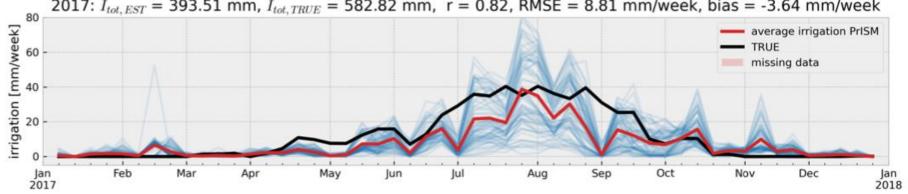


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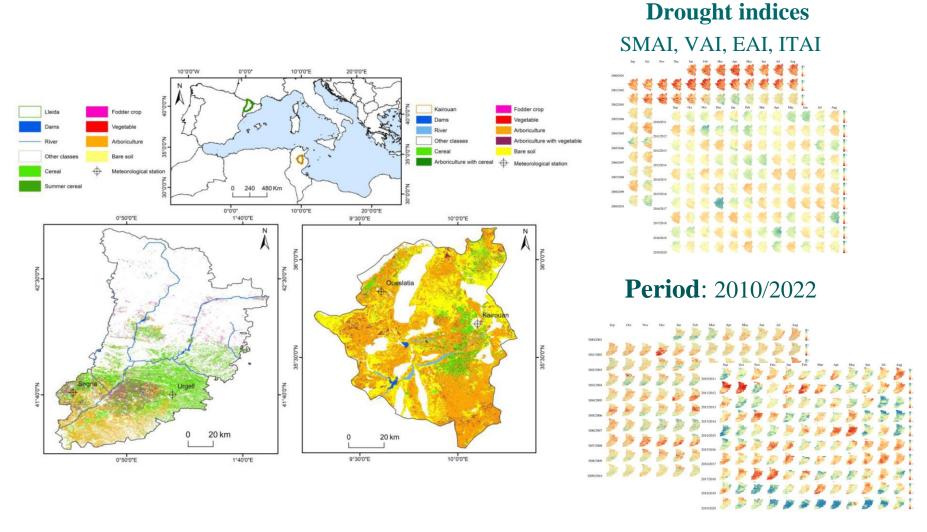






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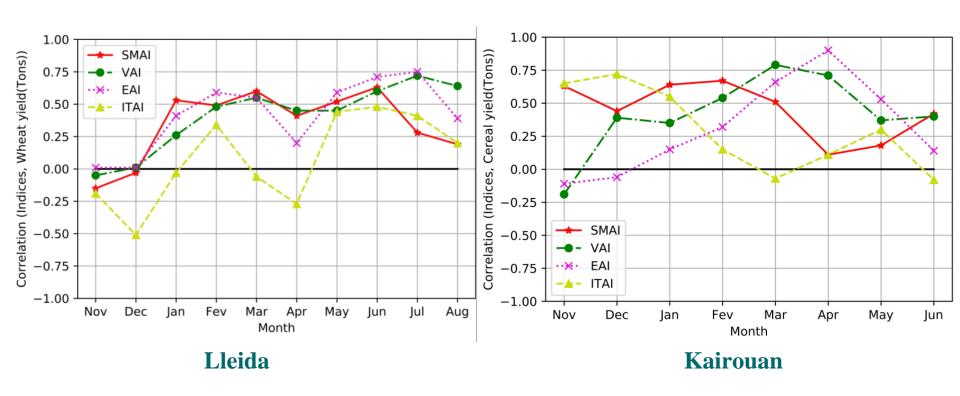




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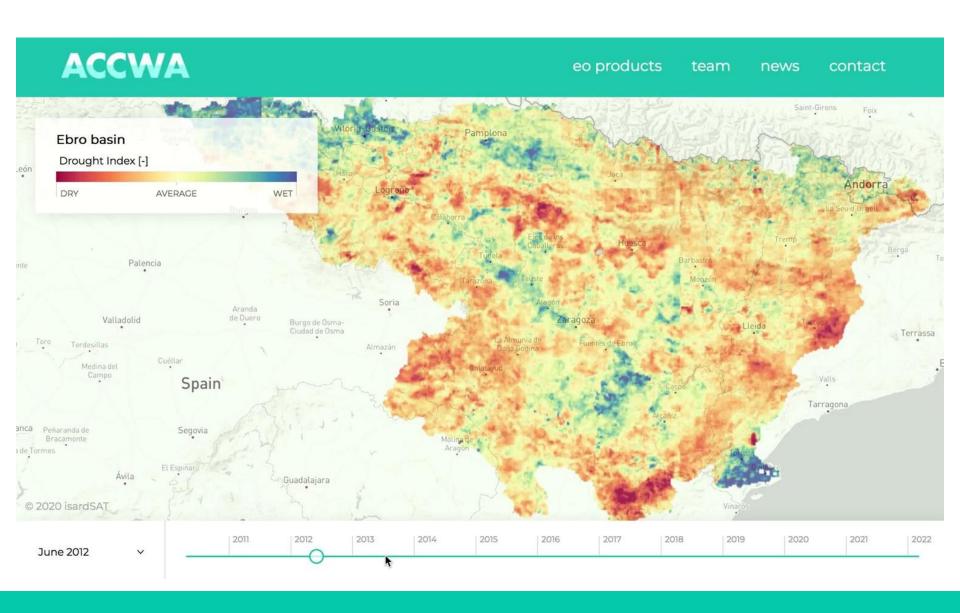
#### Correlation between yield and drought indices



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#### **Hazards**





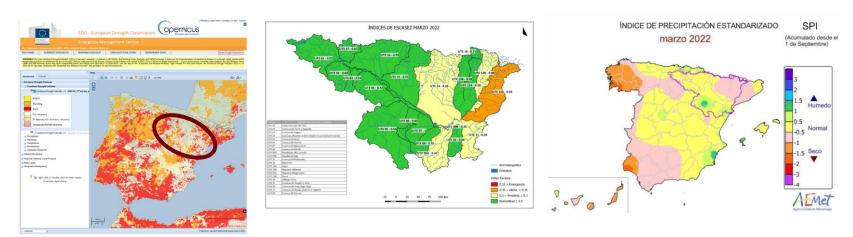


## Crop loss due to a previous heavy drought:

How high-resolution Soil Moisture data is key for food security



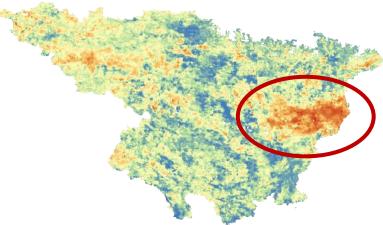
Nowadays, existing drought monitoring has a coarse resolution and data delivery has a high latency.



As we can see in this case, 1 km resolution data is needed to plan crop loss every year.



In March 2022, a heavy drought happened over an important agricultural cereal region in Catalonia, in the Ebro river basin.



Drought Monitoring Ebro Basin at 1km based on SMOS SM by isardSAT

Khlif et al. 2022 have shown that March's Soil Moisture Anomaly is the best predictor of yield.

As a consequence of this heavy drought in March, tons of cereals have been lost in this summer's harvest, confirming our forecast. This information is key to ensure food security.



News published describing the consequences of the crop loss

https://accwa.isardsat.space/eo-products/

Escorihuela et al. Drought monitoring in the Ebro basin based on high-resolution Soil Moisture, 2020 Khlif et al. Potential of remote sensing to study the influence of drought on cereals yields in semi-arid regions, ESA LPS22

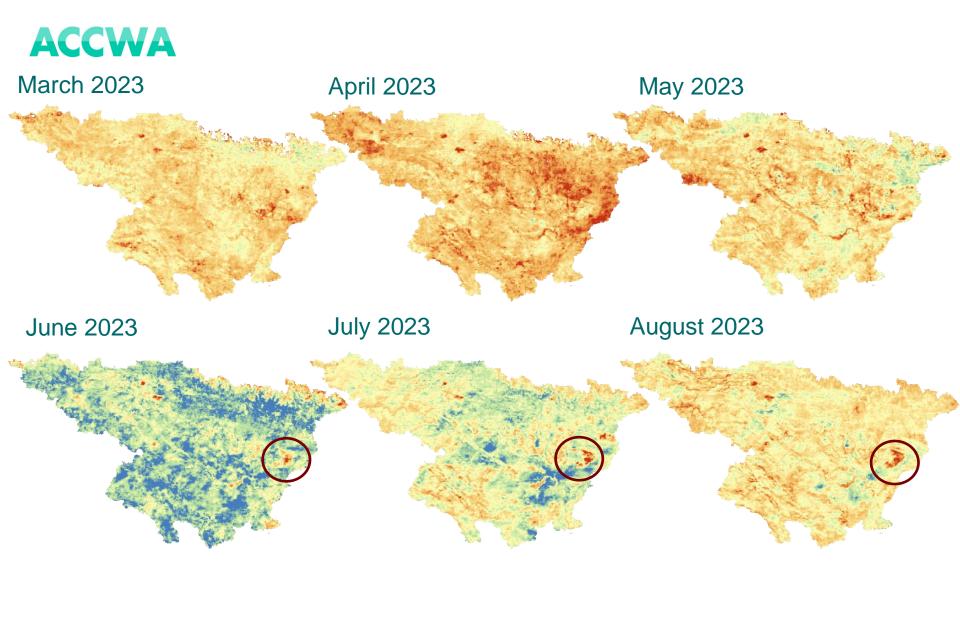






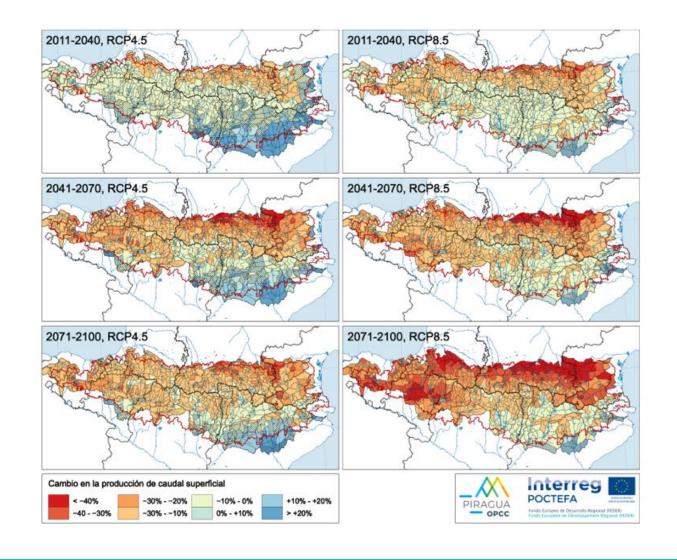
## Water restrictions in irrigation district due to heavy drought

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#### **Climate Change Impact**









#### **Conclusions**



ACCWA is implementing remote sensing management tools for water and agricultural management critically needed in a context of climate change.

Innovative EO datasets (SM, ET, VEG) are being developed with multiple possible applications

The exchange of personnel results in fruitful exchange of know-how between participants

Numerous diffusion and outreach activities result in network knitting and future activities identification



### Thank you!





















