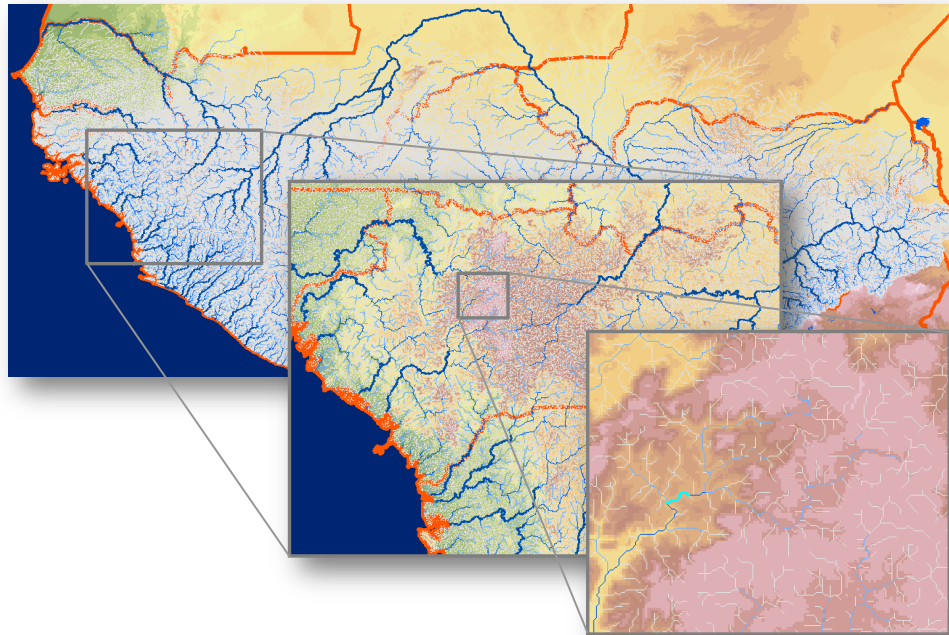


# GIS Hydropower Resources Mapping for ECOWAS Region

## Session 1: Introduction



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# Training program

## Overview

- Day 1: General overview, group discussions
  - Overview about the study
    - General method
    - New layers for ECOWREX
  - Data challenges & Lessons learned
  - Flow estimation & Hydropower potential
  - Climate change projections
- Day 2: GIS layers, group work, practice examples
  - Hydropower classification:
    - Plant type
    - Plant size
  - Practice examples
    - Installed capacity & energy calculation
    - Water balance & climate change calculation

# Introduction

## Background & Objectives

- Background
  - Shortage of reliable energy supply is a critical topic in the 15 countries of ECOWAS.
  - The potential for future hydropower development is assumed to be large, but exact data are missing especially for small-scale hydropower development.
  - This study supports the energy initiatives of the “ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency” (ECREEE).
- General project objectives
  - Assess the hydropower potential of all rivers in the ECOWAS region.
  - Prepare various data layers for integration into ECREEE’s online platform ECOWREX, such that the study results are readily available to the general public.
  - Identify regions/rivers that are attractive for hydropower development to direct ECREEE’s streamflow measurement initiatives.
  - This study focusses on hydropower potential for small-scale hydropower at small rivers, in addition to assessment for large rivers.

# Hydropower potential

## Definitions

- **Gross theoretical** hydropower potential

Hydropower generation if all natural water flows would be utilized by 100% efficient turbines.



- **Theoretical** hydropower potential

Rough consideration of energy losses due to turbine efficiency, hydraulic losses (penstock, etc.).

- **Technical** hydropower potential

Also considering spillway losses due to limited design flow of turbines.

- **Economic** hydropower potential

Also considering economic restrictions (investment costs, energy prices).

- **Exploitable** hydropower potential

Also considering environmental and social restrictions (protected areas).

# Hydropower theory

## Theoretical hydropower potential of a river reach

$$\mathbf{Power [MW] = Flow [m^3/s] * Height [m] * c}$$

- Power** Theoretical hydropower potential [MW]  
**Flow** Mean annual discharge in reach [m<sup>3</sup>/s]  
**Height** Elevation difference from start to end of river reach [m]  
**c** Constant, typically  $c = 8.5/1000$

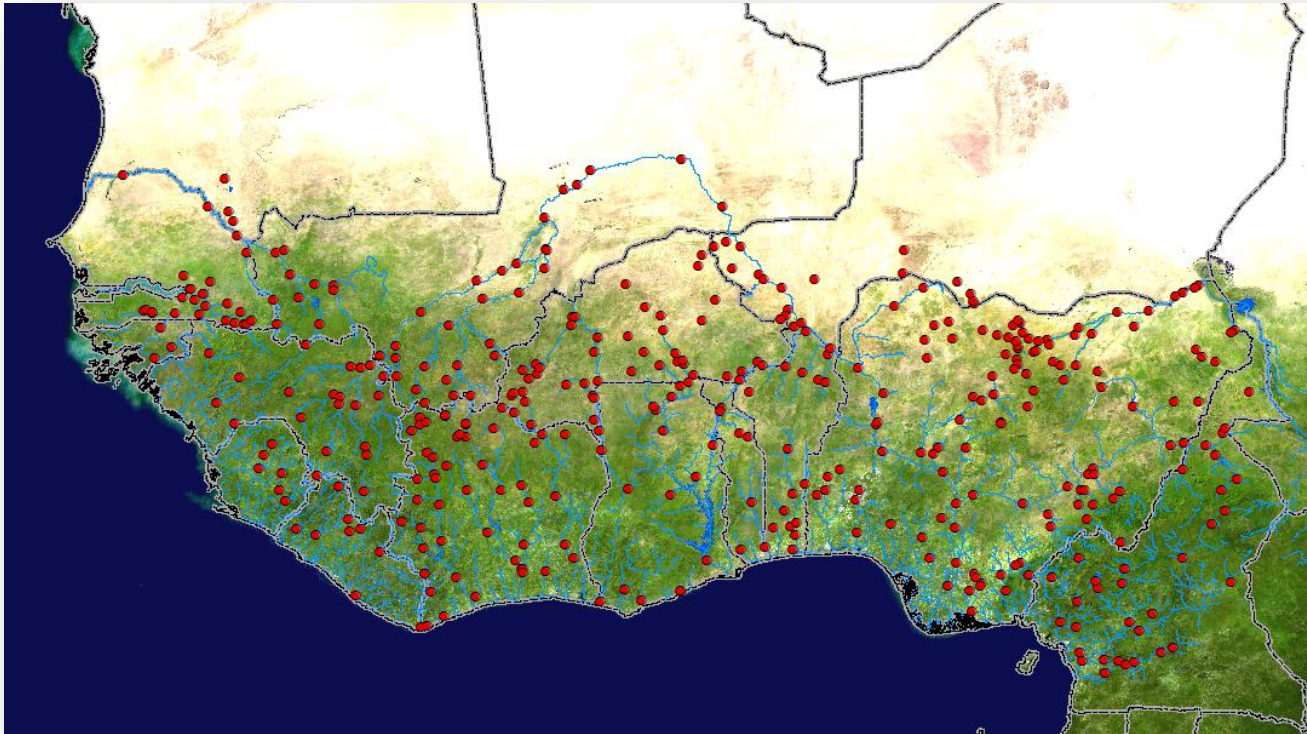
# Hydropower theory

## Aggregation of theoretical hydropower potential

- The theoretical hydropower potential is initially computed for each river reach.
- It gives the mean annual power (in MW) that could be produced in this river reach if a hydropower plant:
  - Utilizes the full head (elevation difference) in the reach
  - Turbinates the full river discharge (no spillway losses)
  - Turbine efficiency and hydraulic losses are already roughly considered
- Aggregation of theoretical hydropower potential:
  - River: Sum of theoretical hydropower potential of all reaches along the river
  - Basin: Sum of theoretical hydropower potential of main river and all tributaries in the basin
  - Country: Sum of theoretical hydropower potential of all basins in the country

# Discharge measurement in West Africa

410 discharge gauges available for this study



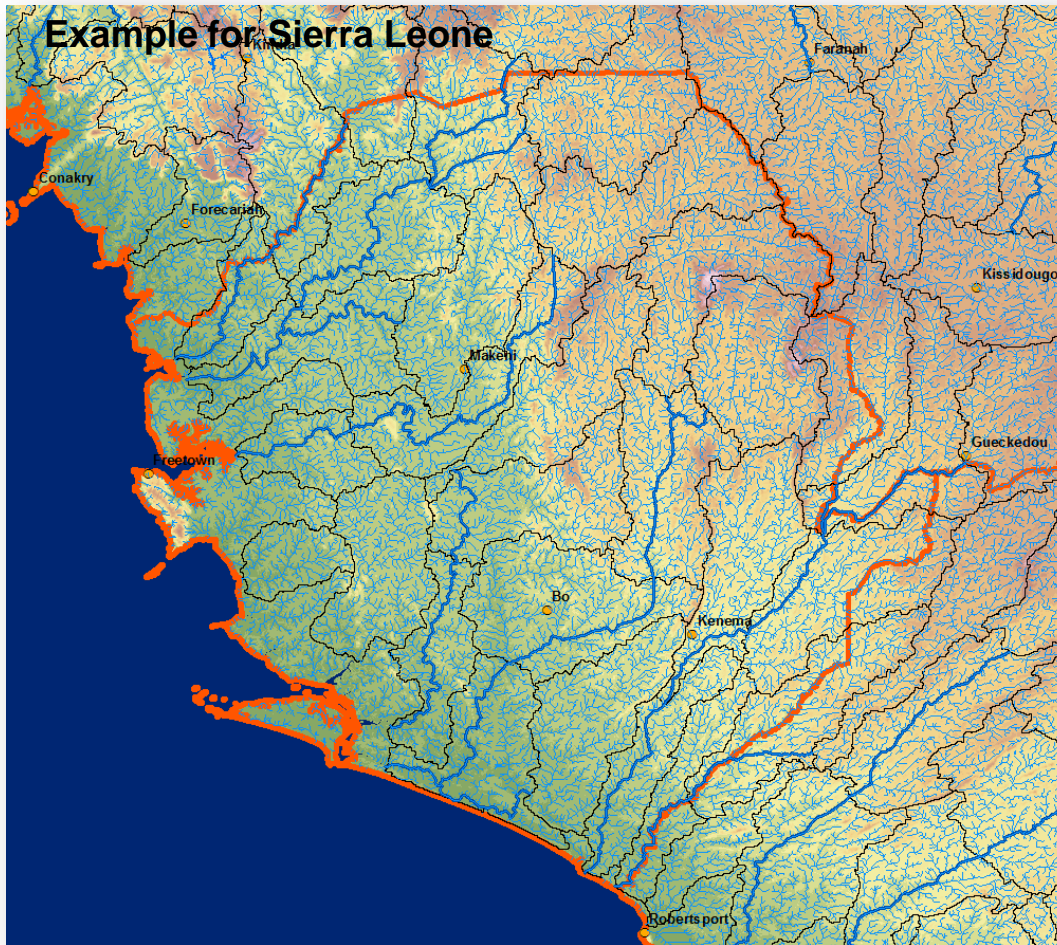
- Discharge (along with slope) determines the hydropower potential of a river.
- Gauges usually located at medium/large rivers.
- Hardly any gauges located at small rivers that are suitable for small-scale hydropower.
- Gauge data cover different observation periods.
- Regionalization of flow is required.

GIS mapping & water balance modelling



# River network

## GIS delineation of river reaches



- Method:
  - Hydrosheds flow direction
  - GIS processing (> 2 km<sup>2</sup> threshold for reach delineation)
  - Eliminate reaches with no discharge (in arid regions)
- 500,000 river reaches in West Africa
- Delineate sub-catchments
  - 1060 sub-catchments
  - Inland: > 3000 km<sup>2</sup>
  - At coast: > 1000 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Manual adjustments at reservoirs
- Extract river elevation from DEM



# Water balance modelling

## Discharge estimation for 500,000 river reaches

- **Water balance model**

- Spatially distributed
- Routing along river network
- Major losses:
  - Irrigation schemes
  - Floodplains

- **Inputs**

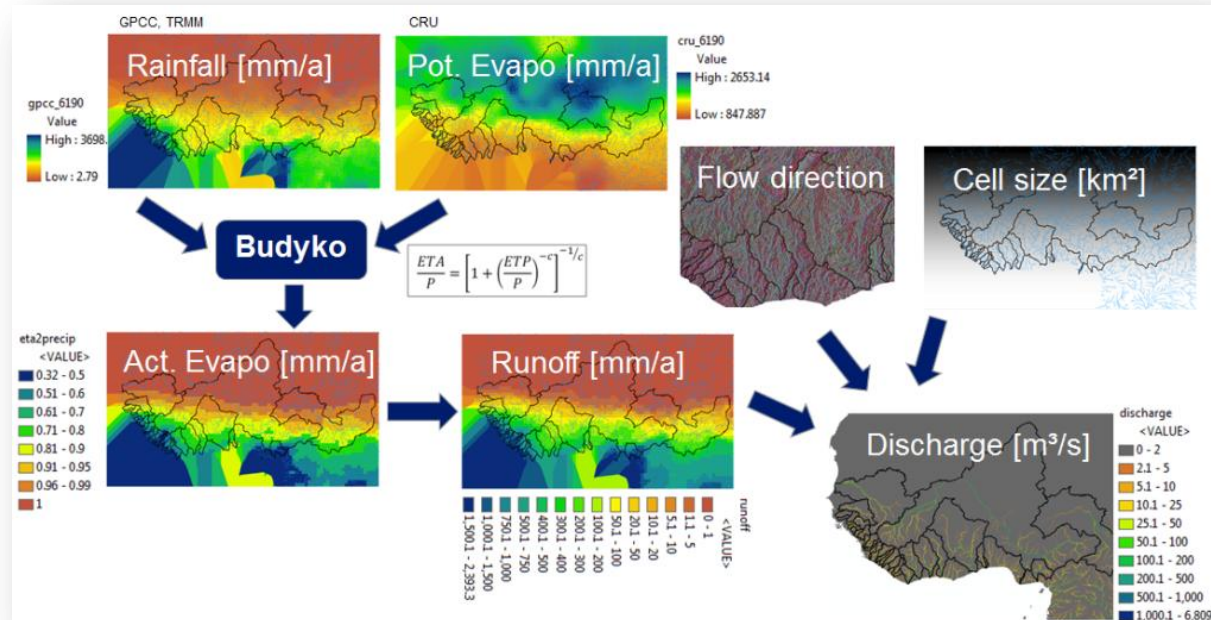
- Rainfall
- Potential evapotranspiration

- **Output**

- Mean annual discharge for each reach

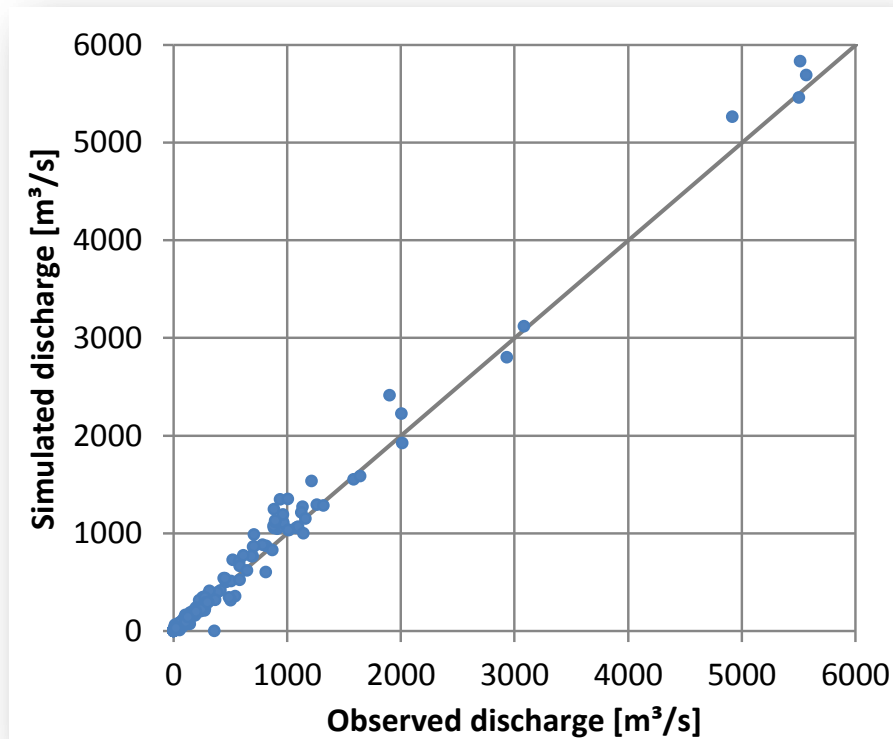
- **Calibration**

- 410 gauges used for calibration / verification of results
- Regional patterns of model parameters



# Water balance modelling

## Comparison of simulated vs. observed mean annual discharge at 410 gauges

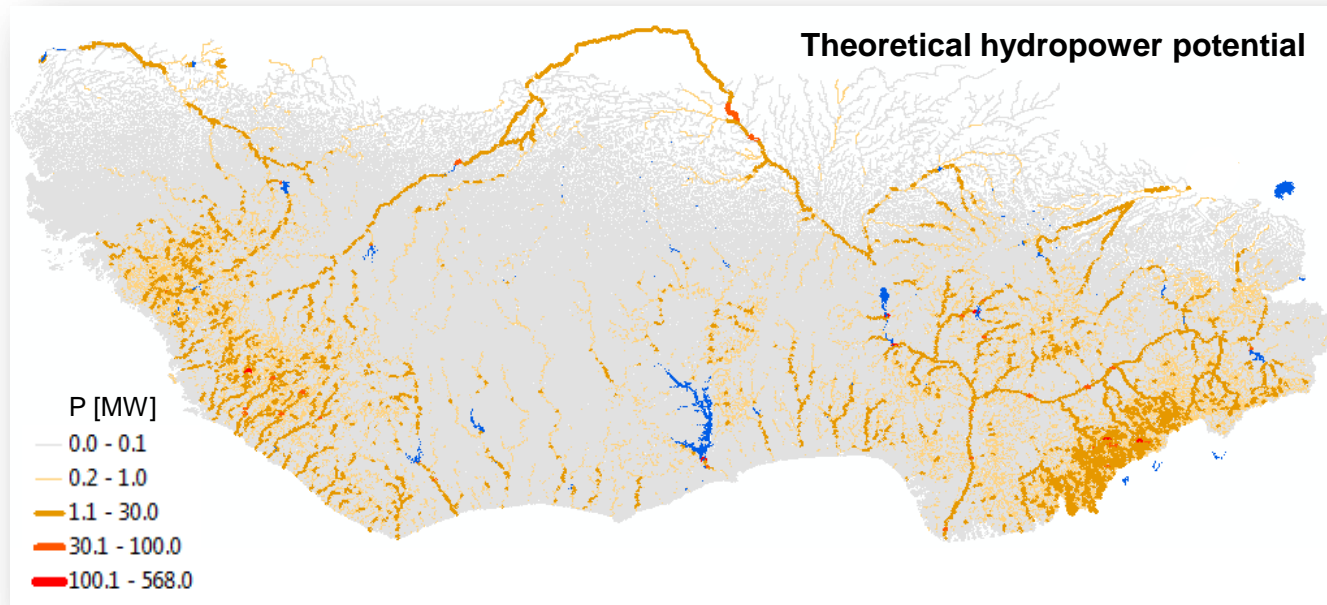


GPCC data, 1950-2010  
401 gauges with available Qobs

# Theoretical hydropower potential

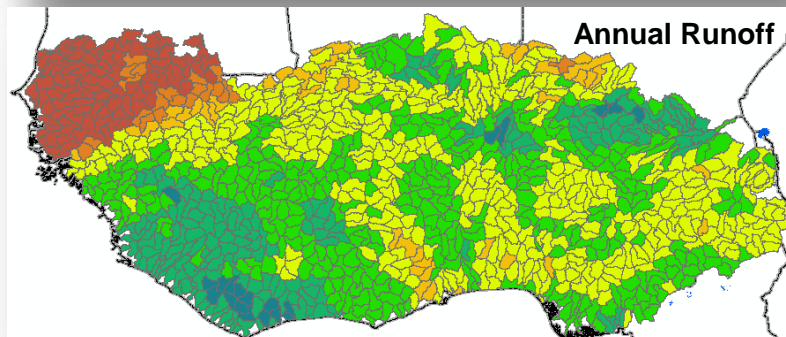
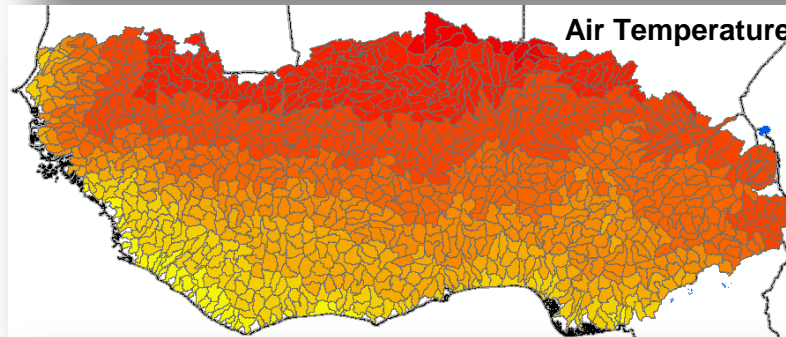
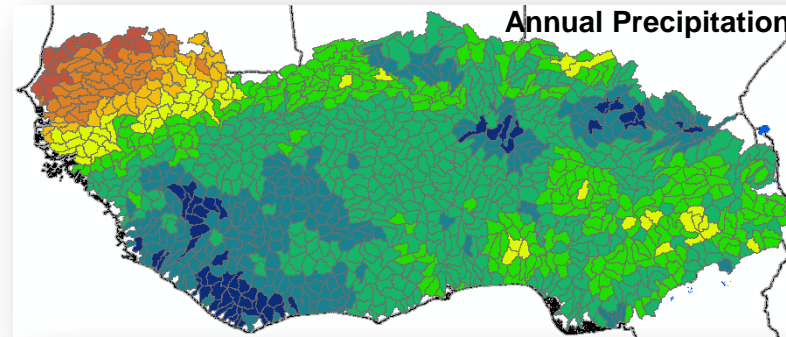
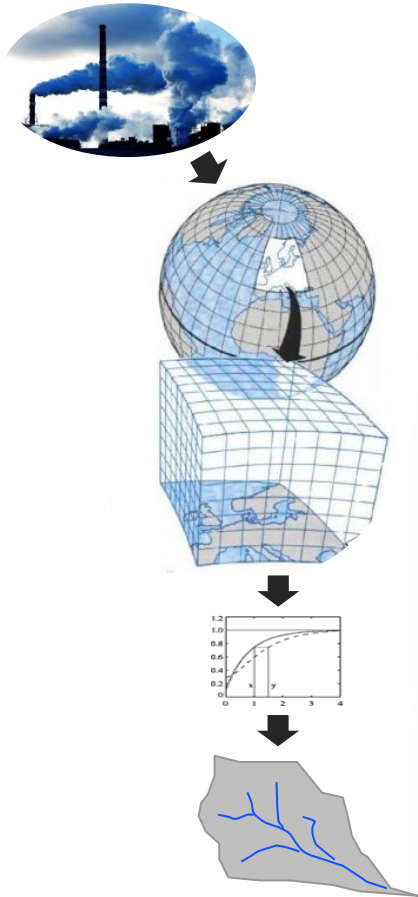
Computed for 500,000 river reaches

$$\text{Power [MW]} = \text{Flow [m}^3\text{/s]} * \text{Height [m]} * c$$



# CORDEX Africa climate change analysis

## 2046-2065 vs. 1998-2014



Median projection out of 30 climate model runs.

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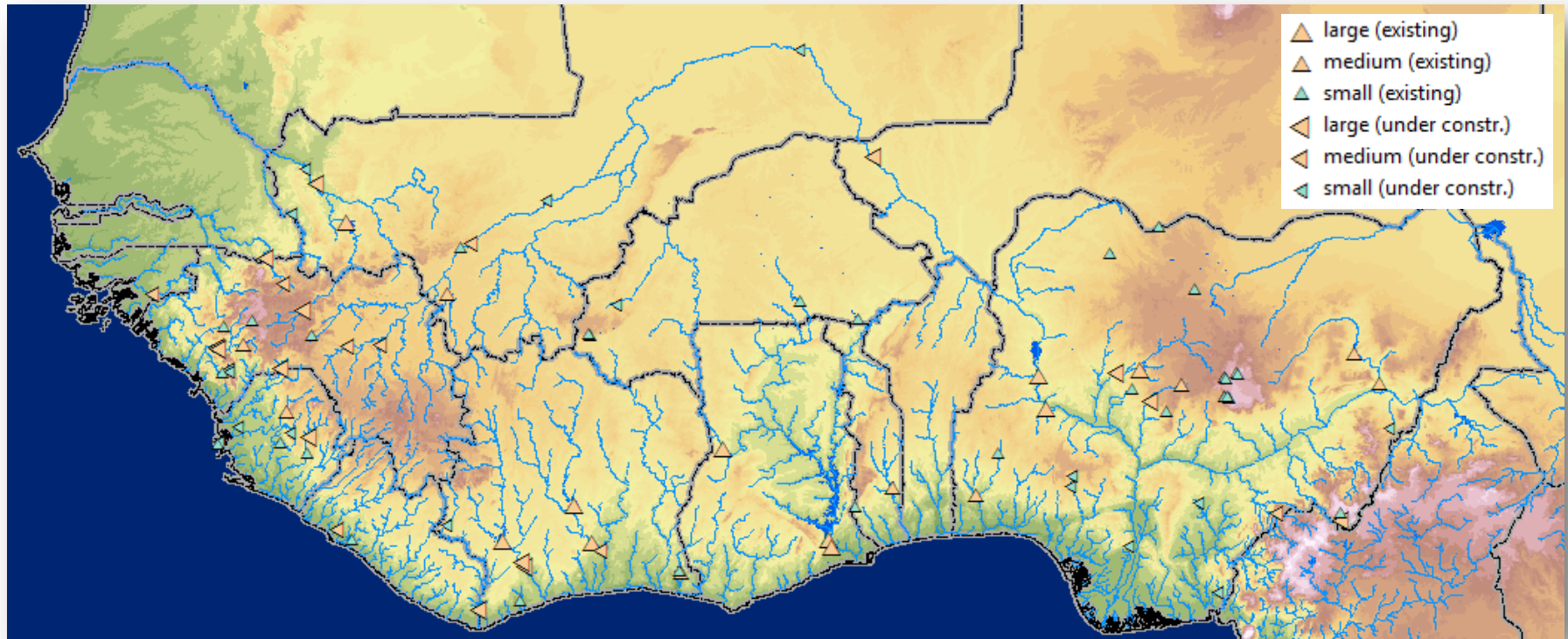
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### New layers for ECOWREX system

- Existing hydropower plants layer
- Climatic zones layer
- River network layer
- Sub-areas layer (Sub-catchments)
- Country reports
- Climate change (incorporated into other layers)

# New layer: Existing hydropower plants

## GIS point shape file



- 91 HPPs:
  - 24 large HPPs (> 100 MW)
  - 17 medium HPPs (30-100 MW)
  - 50 small HPPs (< 30MW)
- ~20 attributes (installed capacity, start year, reservoir area, etc.)
- Data sources:  
ECOWREX, GrandD, Aquastat, H&D, JICA, SHP News, World Small HPP Development Rep., Int. Water Power & Dam Yearbook, SE4ALL, online search, etc.

# New layer: Existing hydropower plants

## Attribute list for 91 HPPs

- Name: Name of HPP.
- Name\_alt: Alternative name, if known.
- Country: Country of location of the HPP.
- ISO: Three letter country name acronym.
- Existing: Main status division (yes/no), further divided in the status attribute (see status attribute).
- Hpp\_class: Capacity class according to the ECOWAS classification (small < 30MW, medium 30-100 MW, large > 100 MW).
- Status: Describes the status of the HPP in six categories: operational, under refurbishment, under construction (these three have the value Yes in the Existing attribute); identified, planned, proposed (these three have the value No in the Existing attribute).
- Lat: Latitude (decimal degrees North) of the location, snapped to river network.
- Lon: Longitude (decimal degrees East) of the location, snapped to river network.
- River: Name of the river where the HPP is located.
- River\_alt: Alternative river name, if applicable.
- Year: Year of start of operation for existing HPPs. Estimated for HPPs under construction and under refurbishment.
- Dam\_height: Height (m) of the main dam for existing HPPs.
- Cap\_Instal: Installed capacity (MW) for operational HPPs and HPPs under refurbishment.
- Cap\_Availa: Currently available capacity (MW) for operational HPPs.
- Cap\_Planned: Planned capacity (MW) for HPPs under construction and under refurbishment.
- Volume: Reservoir volume (hm<sup>3</sup>) for existing HPPs.
- Lake\_area: Reservoir area (km<sup>2</sup>) for existing HPPs.

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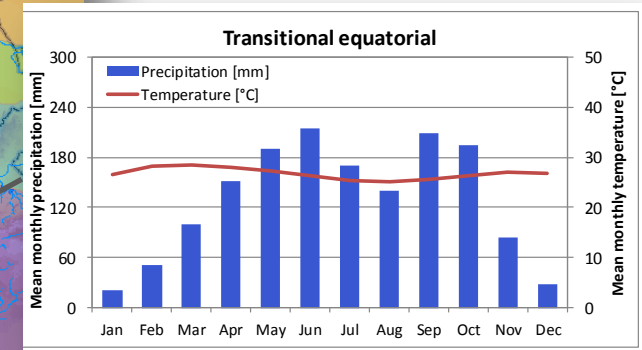
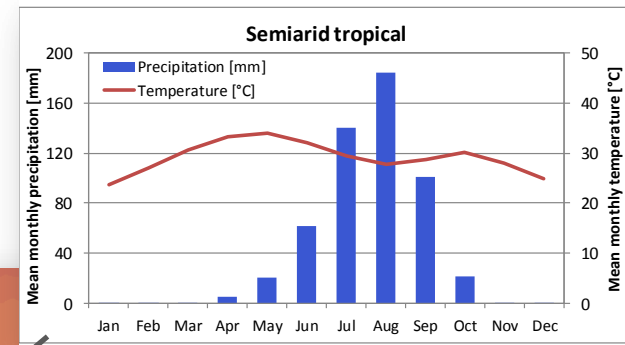
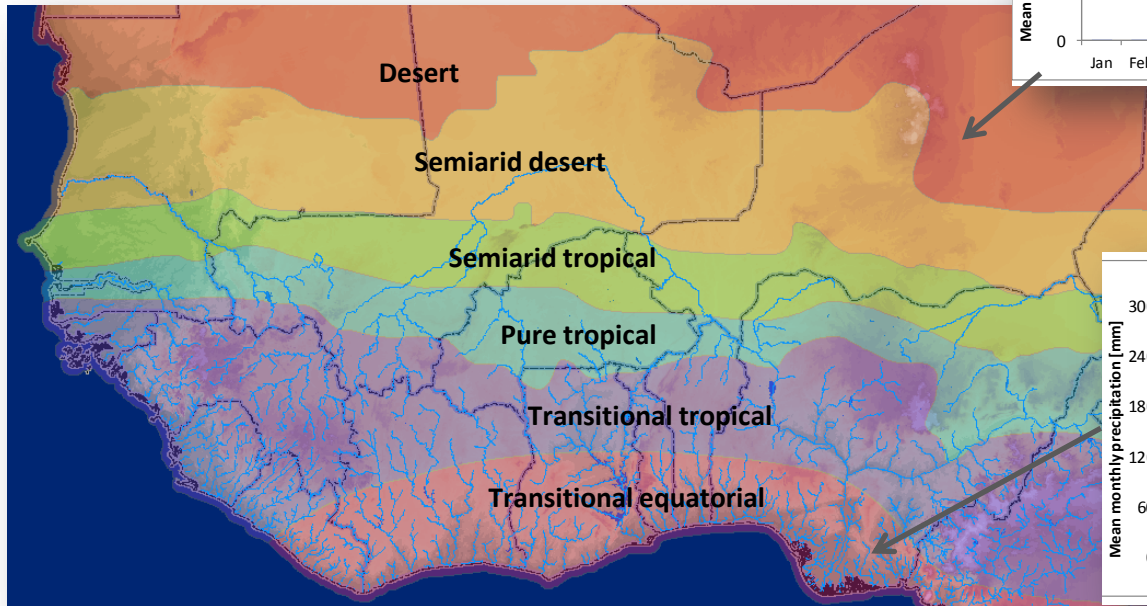
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# New layer: Climatic zones

## GIS polygon shape file



- 6 climatic zones
- Classification
  - L'Hôte et al. (1996)
  - Based on rainfall characteristics
- GIS generalization & smoothing
- Data sources
  - Rainfall: TRMM 1998-2014
  - Air temperature: CRU 1998-2013
  - Potential evapotranspiration: CRU 1998-2013

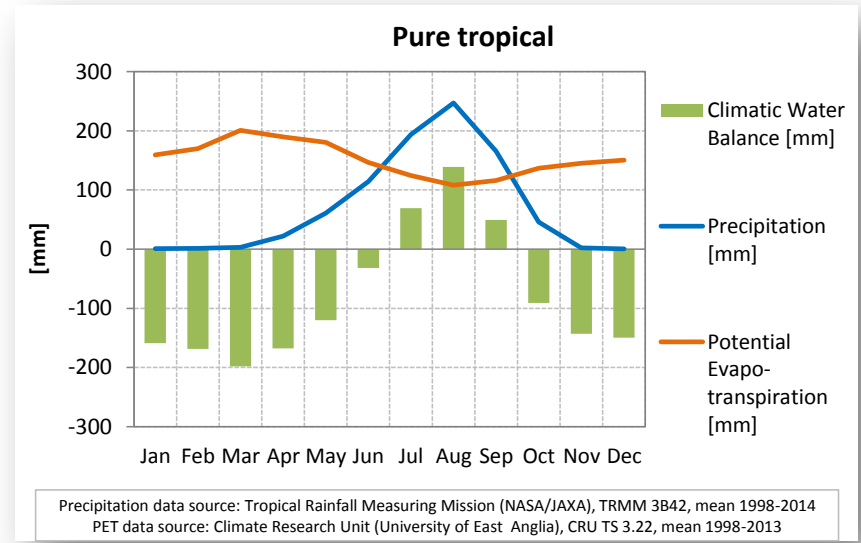
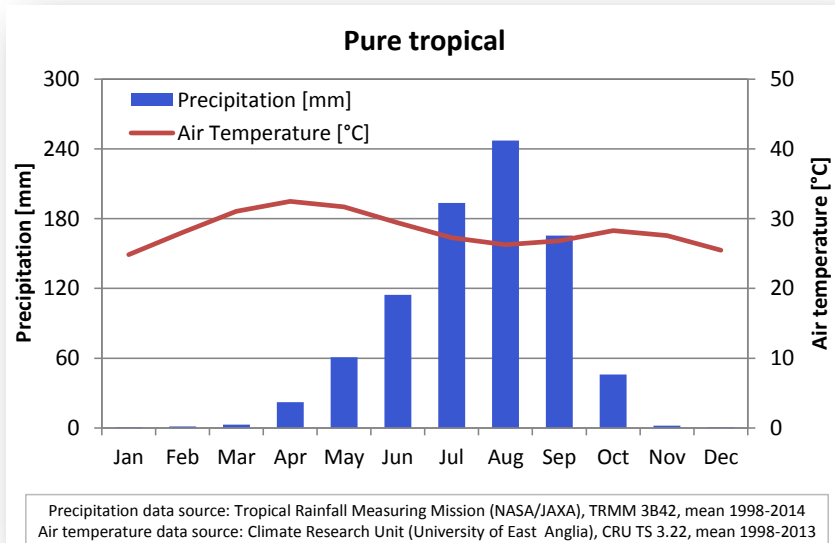
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## Attribute list for 6 climatic zones

- CLZ\_ID: ID of climatic zone
- NAME\_FR: Climatic zone denomination in French
- NAME\_ENG: Climatic zone denomination in English
- PRECIP\_Y: Mean annual precipitation (mm) in the period 1998-2014
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- etc.

# New layer: Climatic zones

2 figures attached to each climatic zone



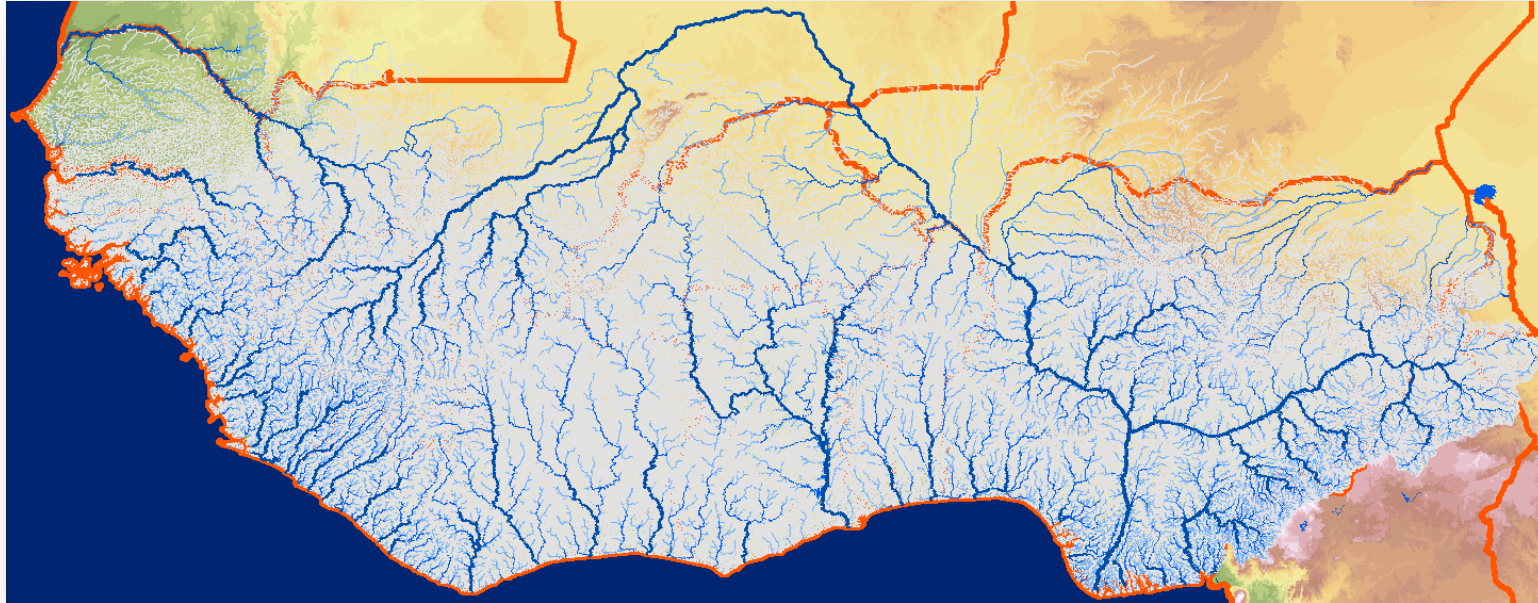
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## GIS line shape file

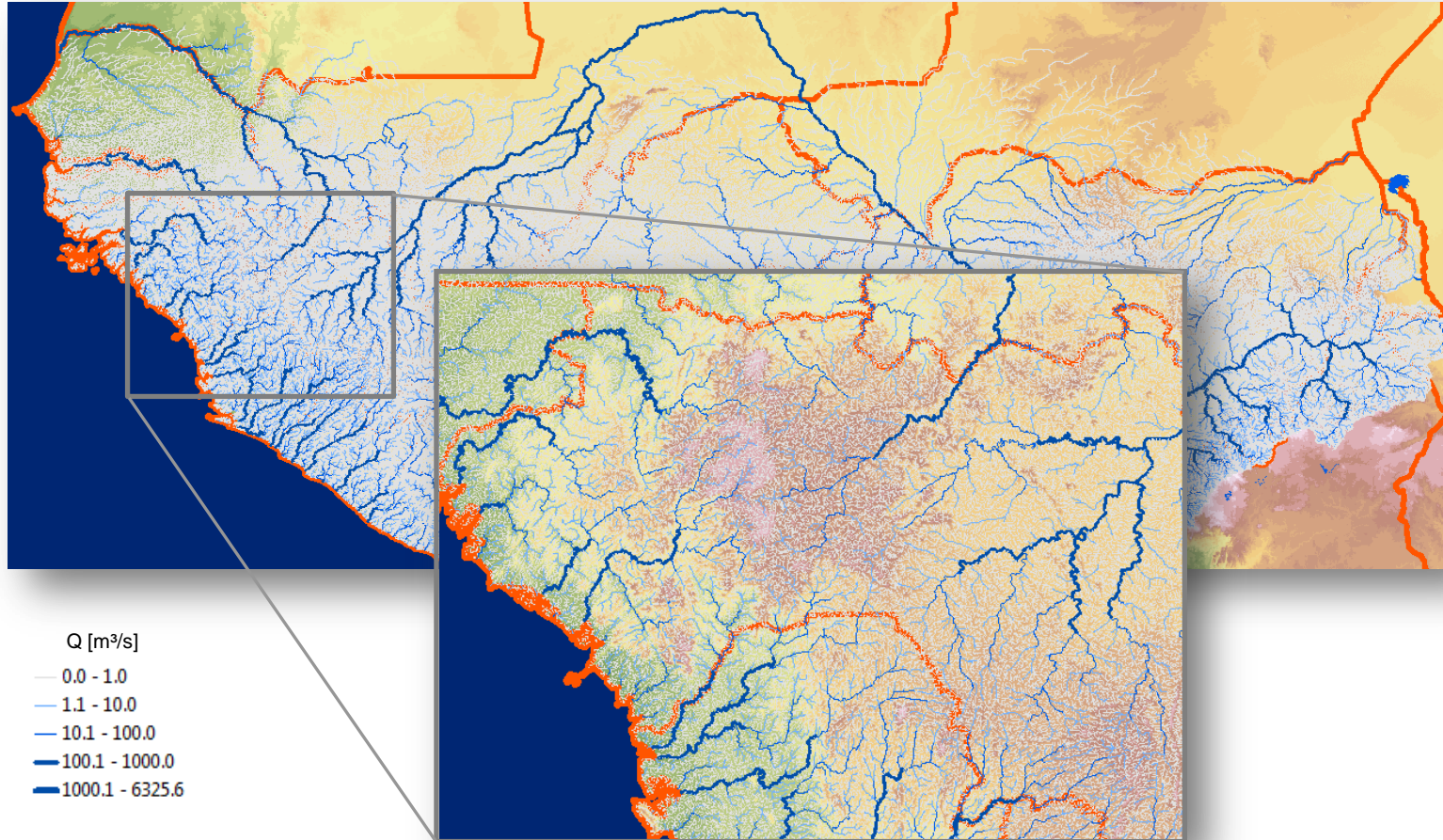


Q [m<sup>3</sup>/s]

- 0.0 - 1.0
- 1.1 - 10.0
- 10.1 - 100.0
- 100.1 - 1000.0
- 1000.1 - 6325.6

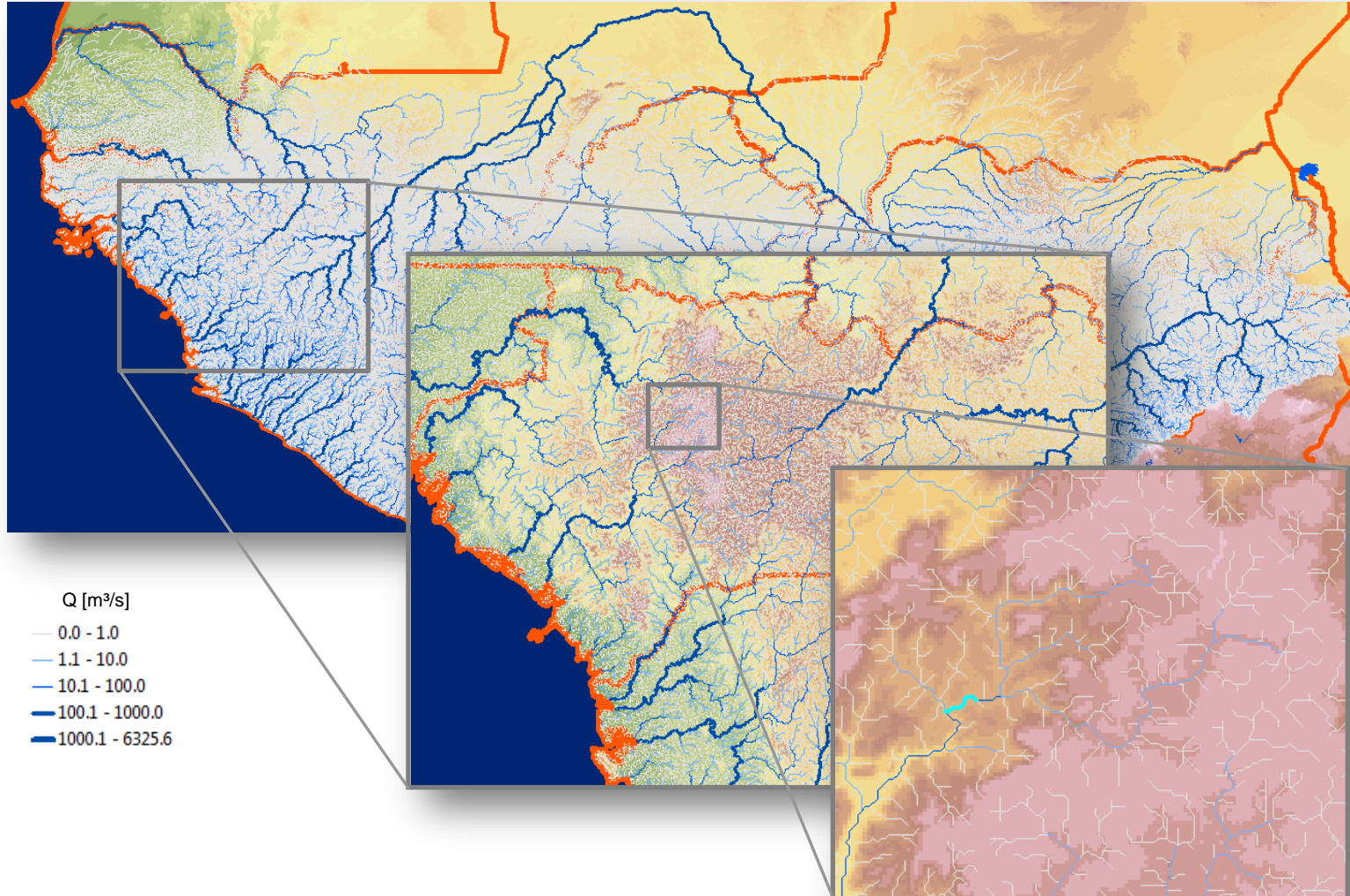
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Field	Value
ARCID	622220
TOARCID	624320
FROMARCID	620958
NB	307
RIVER	Kakrima
RIVER_FREN	Kakirima
COUNTRY_1	GIN
COUNTRY_2	
AREA	988.46
LENGTH	4.82
EXRIVER	0
ELEV_US	497.5
ELEV_DS	446
ELEV_DIFF	51.5
SLOPE	0.01069
POWER	7.265
POWER_SPEC	1.508
Q_YEAR	16.60
Q_JAN	3.18
Q_FEB	2.83
Q_MAR	3.89
Q_APR	7.08
Q_MAY	17.69
Q_JUN	35.38
Q_JUL	46
Q_AUG	42.46
Q_SEP	21.23
Q_OCT	10.61
Q_NOV	5.31
Q_DEC	3.54
Q_2035_P25	-5.4
Q_2035_P50	-1.1
Q_2035_P75	4.2
Q_2055_P25	-8.8
Q_2055_P50	-0.2
Q_2055_P75	3.4
PLANT_SIZE	2
LAT	11.3104
LON	-12.6521

# New layer: River network

## Attribute list for 500,000 river reaches, part 1/2

- ARCID: ID number of reach
- TOARCID: ID number of next downstream reach
- FROMARCID: ID number of dominant upstream reach (largest inflow)
- LAT: Latitude (decimal degrees North) at end of reach
- LON: Longitude (decimal degrees East) at end of reach
- NB: ID number of sub-area
- RIVER: River name (English)
- RIVER\_FREN: River name (French)
- COUNTRY\_1: Country (ISO code)
- COUNTRY\_2: Second country (ISO code) if reach forms international border
- AREA: Total upstream catchment area (km<sup>2</sup>) of reach
- LENGTH: Length (km) of reach
- EXRIVER: Flag indicating external river originating from another sub-area (0: local river, 1: external river)
- ELEV\_US: Elevation (m) at upstream end of reach
- ELEV\_DS: Elevation (m) at downstream end of reach
- ELEV\_DIFF: Elevation difference (m) in reach
- SLOPE: Slope (m/m) of reach
- POWER: Theoretical hydropower potential (MW) for the period 1998-2014
- POWER\_SPEC: Specific hydropower potential (MW/km) for the period 1998-2014
- PLANT\_SIZE: Preferred hydropower plant size (0: none, 1: <1MW, 2: 1-30MW, 3: >30MW installed capacity)
- ...



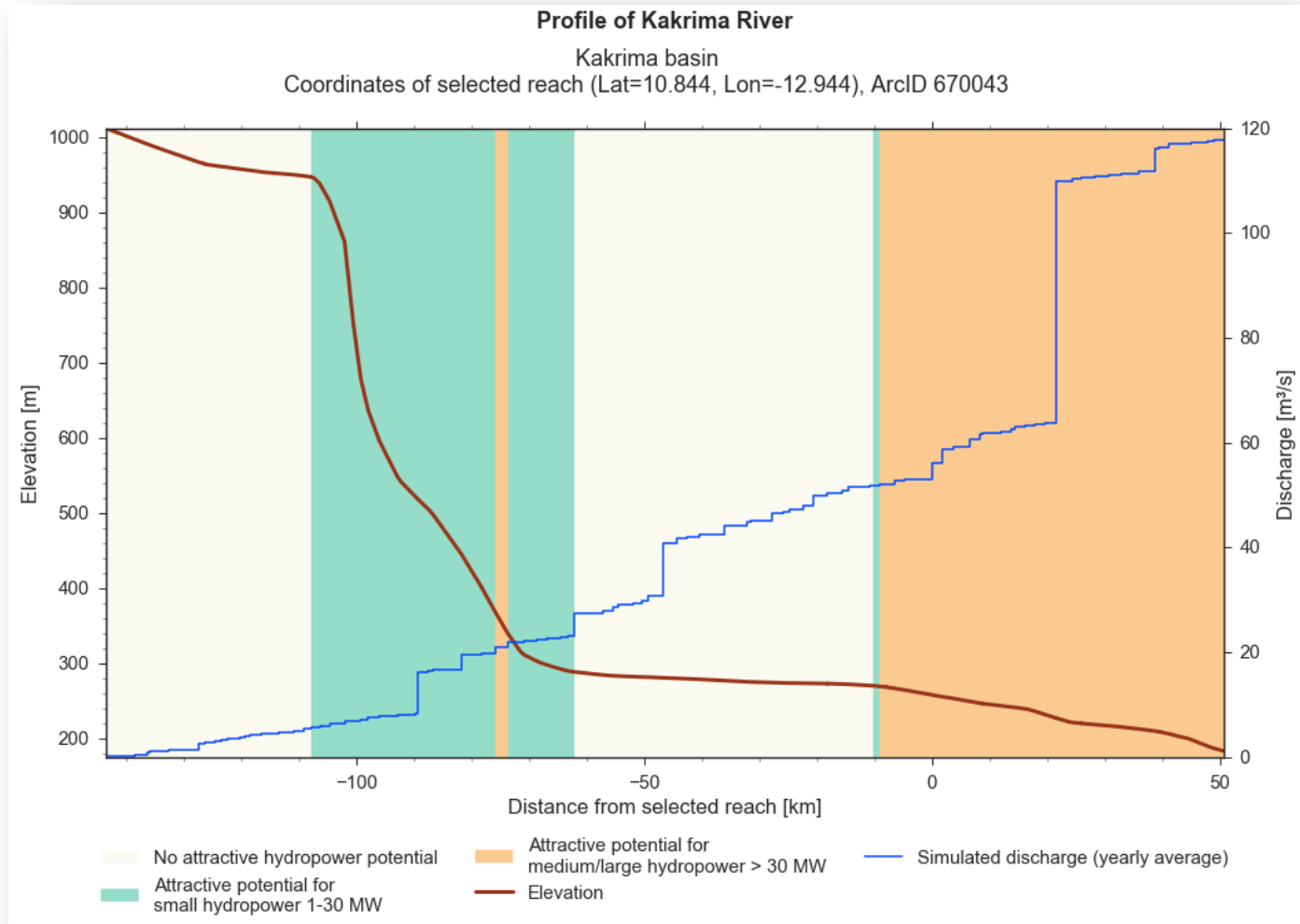
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## Attribute list for 500,000 river reaches, part 2/2

- ...
- Q\_YEAR: Mean annual discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) simulated for the period 1998-2014
- Q\_JAN: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in January
- Q\_FEB: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in February
- Q\_MAR: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in March
- Q\_APR: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in April
- Q\_MAY: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in May
- Q\_JUN: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in June
- Q\_JUL: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in July
- Q\_AUG: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in August
- Q\_SEP: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in September
- Q\_OCT: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in October
- Q\_NOV: Mean monthly discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s) 1998-2014 in November
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# New layer: River network

## Longitudinal river profiles for all reaches/ivers



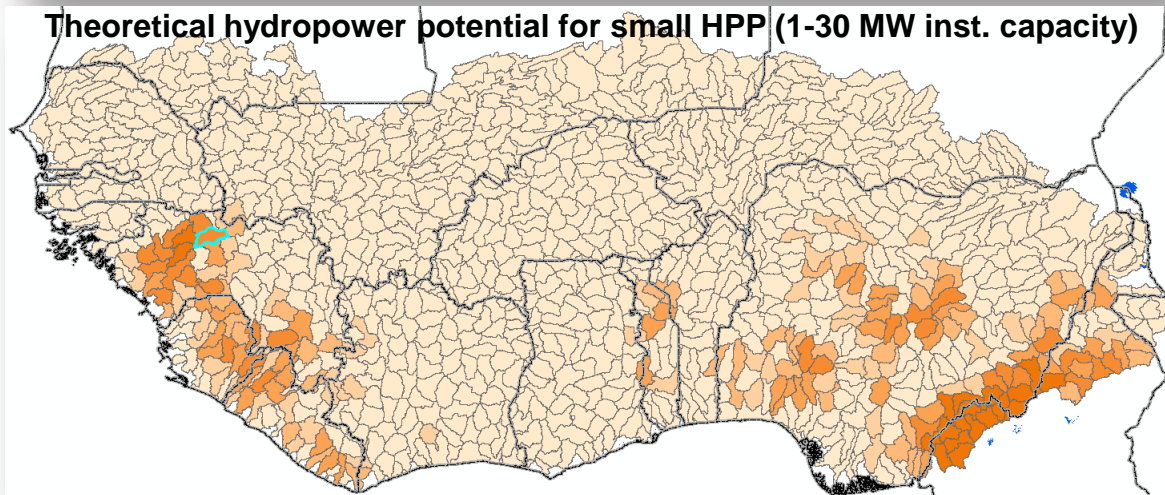
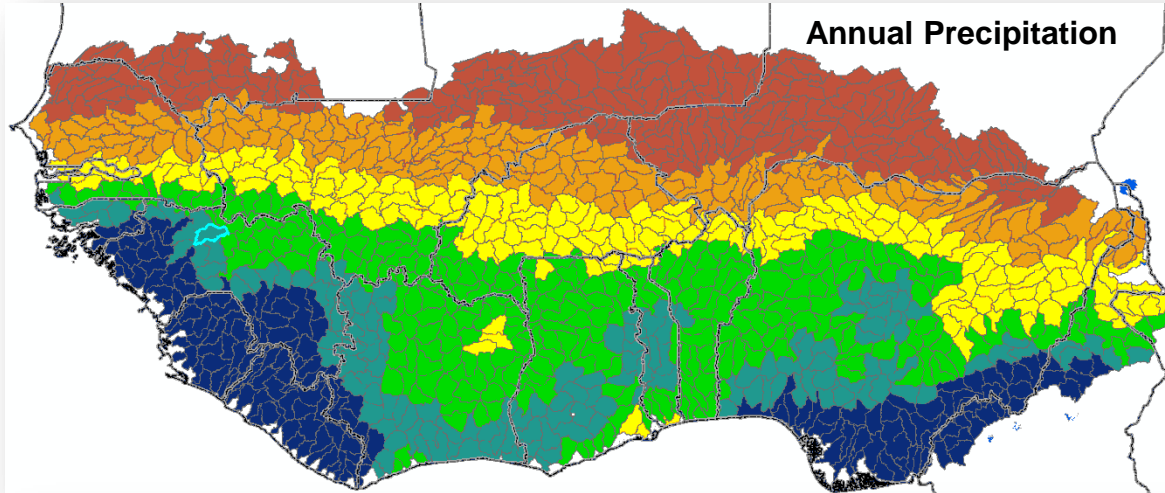
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# New layer: Sub-areas (sub-catchments)

## GIS polygon shape file



Field	Value
NB	296
AREA	3626.9
PRECIP_Y	1334.6
ETA_Y	1041.9
RUNOFF_Y	292.7
TEMP_Y	25.9
P_2035_P25	-0.9
P_2035_P50	1.2
P_2035_P75	5.9
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R_2055_P75	12.9
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T_2035_P50	0.9
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T_2055_P25	1.4
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POW_SMALL	65.795
POW_MEDIUM	0
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ATT_MEDIUM	0
PLANT_TYP1	0
PLANT_TYP2	0
PLANT_TYP3	0
PLANT_TYP4	0
MAC_MINI	
MAC_SMALL	
MAC_MEDIUM	
PT_2035_25	-5.865
PT_2035_50	-0.851
PT_2035_75	12.416
PT_2055_25	-7.766
PT_2055_50	0.659
PT_2055_75	12.867
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PL_2055_75	12.867

# New layer: Sub-areas (sub-catchments)

## Attribute list for 1060 sub-areas, part 1/3

- NB: ID number of sub-area
- AREA: local size (km<sup>2</sup>) of sub-area
- PRECIP\_Y: Mean annual precipitation (mm) in the period 1998-2014
- ETA\_Y: Mean annual actual evapotranspiration (mm) simulated for the period 1998-2014
- RUNOFF\_Y: Mean annual runoff (mm) simulated for the period 1998-2014
- TEMP\_Y: Mean annual air temperature (°C) in the period 1998-2014
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- ...

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- ...
- POWER: Theoretical hydropower potential (MW) for the period 1998-2014 (total of all river reaches located in the sub-area)
- POW\_MINI: Theoretical hydropower potential (MW) for pico/micro/mini hydropower plants (< 1 MW installed capacity) for the period 1998-2014
- POW\_SMALL: Theoretical hydropower potential (MW) for small hydropower plants (1-30 MW installed capacity) for the period 1998-2014
- POW\_MEDIUM: Theoretical hydropower potential (MW) for medium/large hydropower plants (>30 MW installed capacity)
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- PLANT\_TYP1: Region suitable (0: no, 1: yes) for hydropower plant type 1 (run-of-river without diversion)
- PLANT\_TYP2: Region suitable (0: no, 1: yes) for hydropower plant type 2 (run-of-river with diversion)
- PLANT\_TYP3: Region suitable (0: no, 1: yes) for hydropower plant type 3 (storage without diversion)
- PLANT\_TYP4: Region suitable (0: no, 1: yes) for hydropower plant type 4 (storage with diversion)
- MAC\_MINI: Preferred machine type for pico/micro/mini hydropower plants (< 1 MW installed capacity)
- MAC\_SMALL: Preferred machine type for small hydropower plants (1-30 MW installed capacity)
- MAC\_MEDIUM: Preferred machine type for medium/large hydropower plants (> 30 MW installed capacity)
- ...

# New layer: Sub-areas (sub-catchments)

## Attribute list for 1060 sub-areas, part 3/3

- ...
- PT\_2035\_25: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) for the **lower quartile** simulation using 30 RCM runs
- PT\_2035\_50: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) for the **median** simulation using 30 RCM runs
- PT\_2035\_75: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) for the **upper** quartile simulation using 30 RCM runs
- PL\_2035\_25: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) of **local rivers** (originating from the same sub-area) for the lower quartile simulation using 30 RCMs
- PL\_2035\_50: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) of **local rivers** (originating from the same sub-area) for the median simulation using 30 RCMs
- PL\_2035\_75: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2026-2045 vs. 1998-2014) of **local rivers** (originating from the same sub-area) for the upper quartile simulation using 30 RCMs
- PT\_2055\_25: Change in future **hydropower potential** in % (2046-2065 vs. 1998-2014) for the lower quartile simulation using 30 RCM runs
- etc.

# Results overview

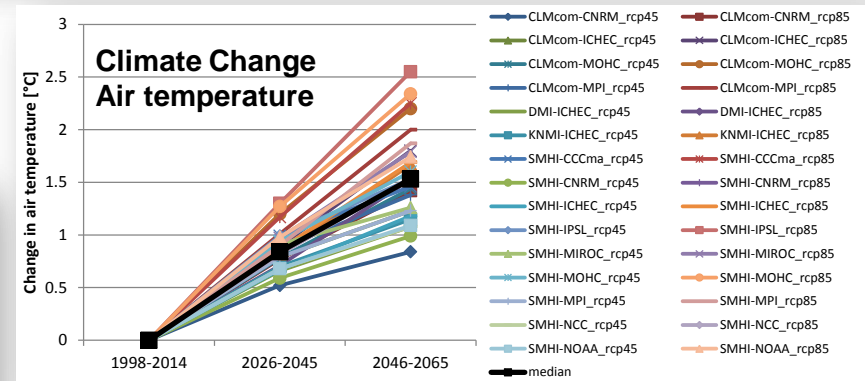
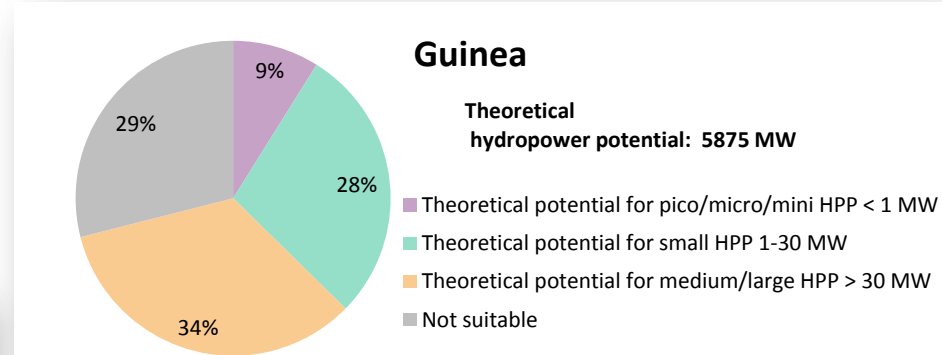
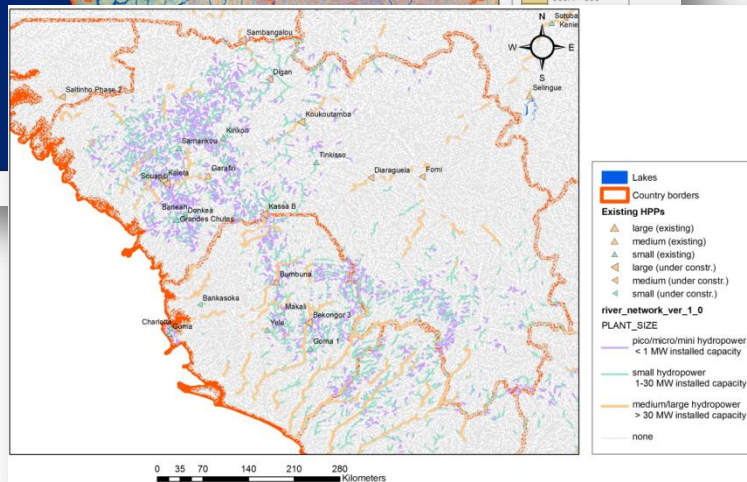
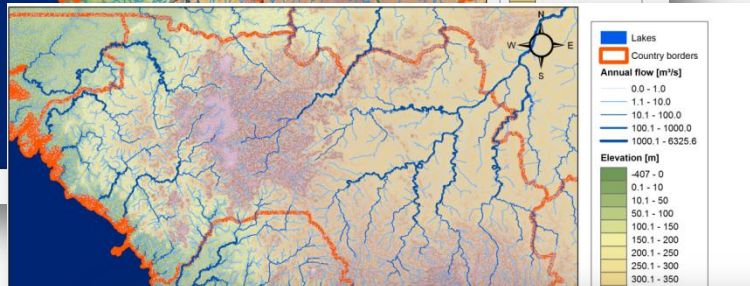
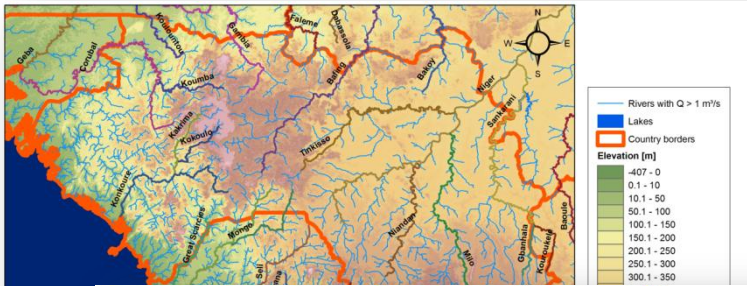
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# New layer: Country reports

14 text documents with maps, tables and figures



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