

# Water for a Food Secure World

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# Presentation

**Explores water and food relations**

- ✓ **Water Scarcity**
- ✓ **Key Trends**
- ✓ **Future Outlook**
- ✓ **Key Strategies**



# How much water do you eat?

Drinking water

– 2 to 5 liters per day

Household Use

– 20 to 2,000 liters per day

1 kg rice

– 500 to 3,000 liters

1 kg beef

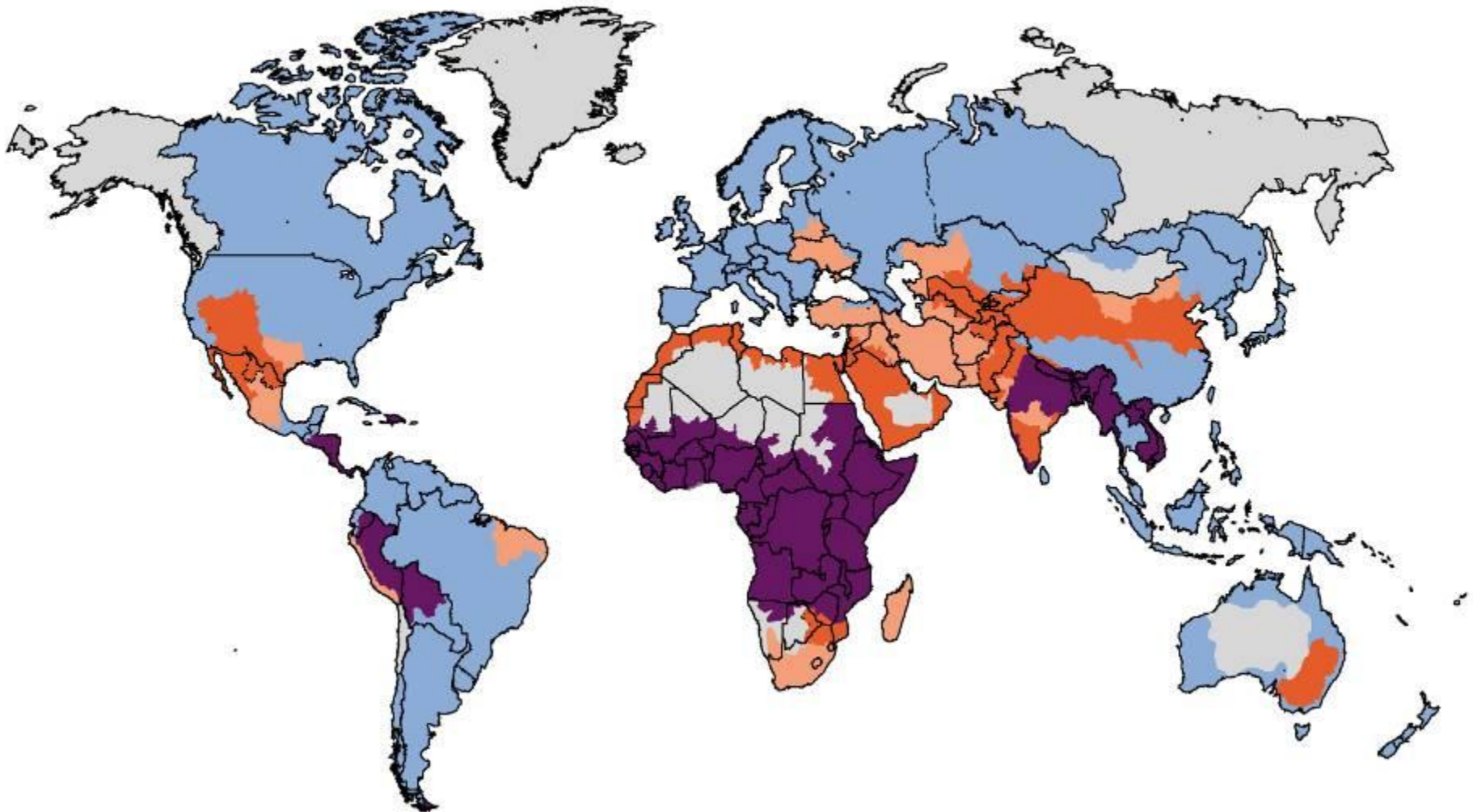
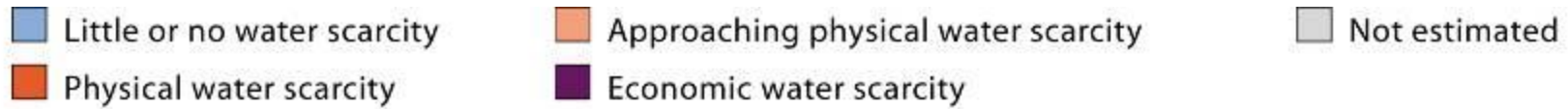
– 5,000 to 20,000 liters

Daily Diet

– 2,000 to 5,000 liters per day  
depending on diets and how  
food is produced

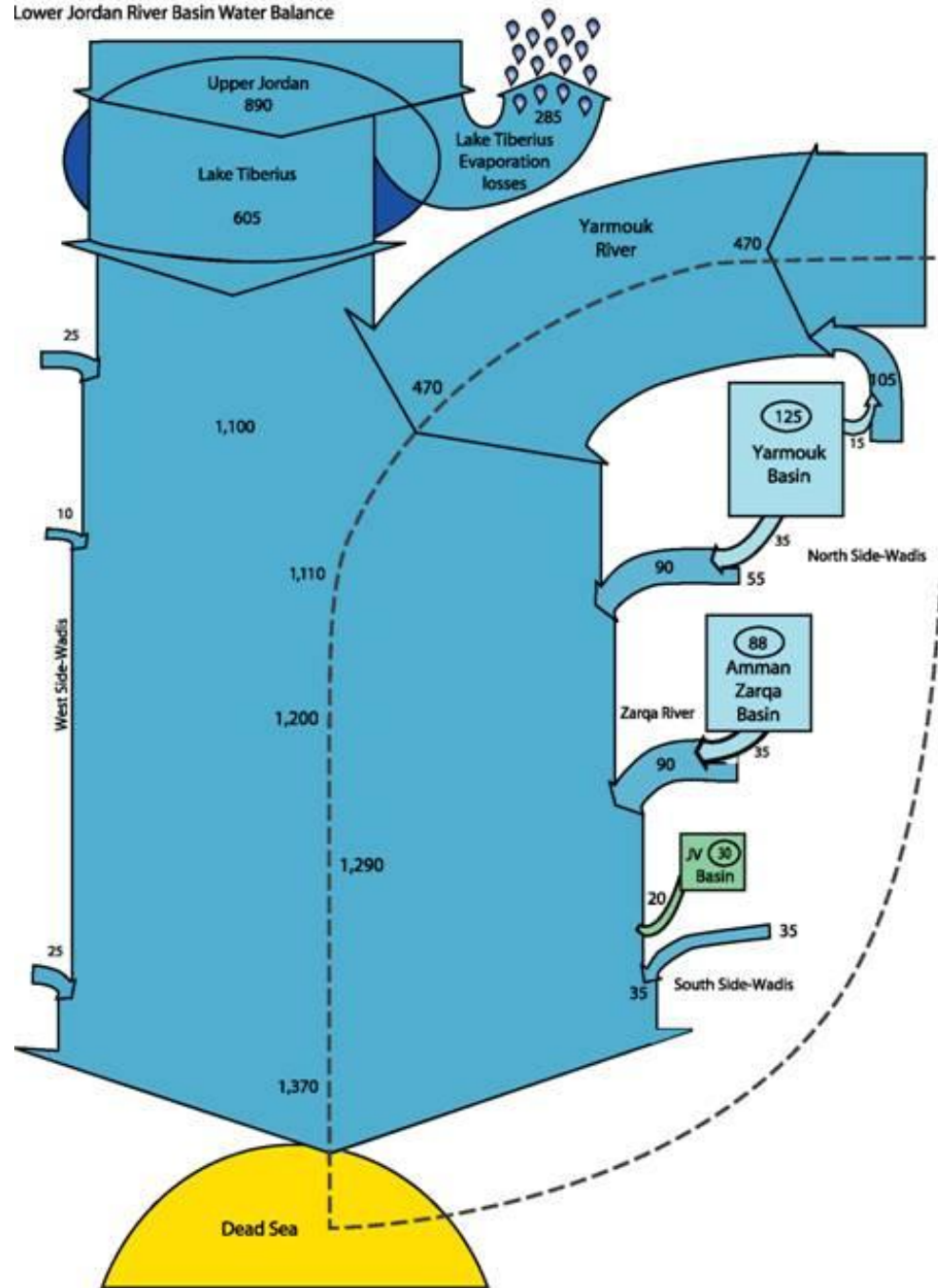


# Water Scarcity 2000



1/3 of the world's population live in basins that have to deal with water scarcity

Lower Jordan River Basin Water Balance

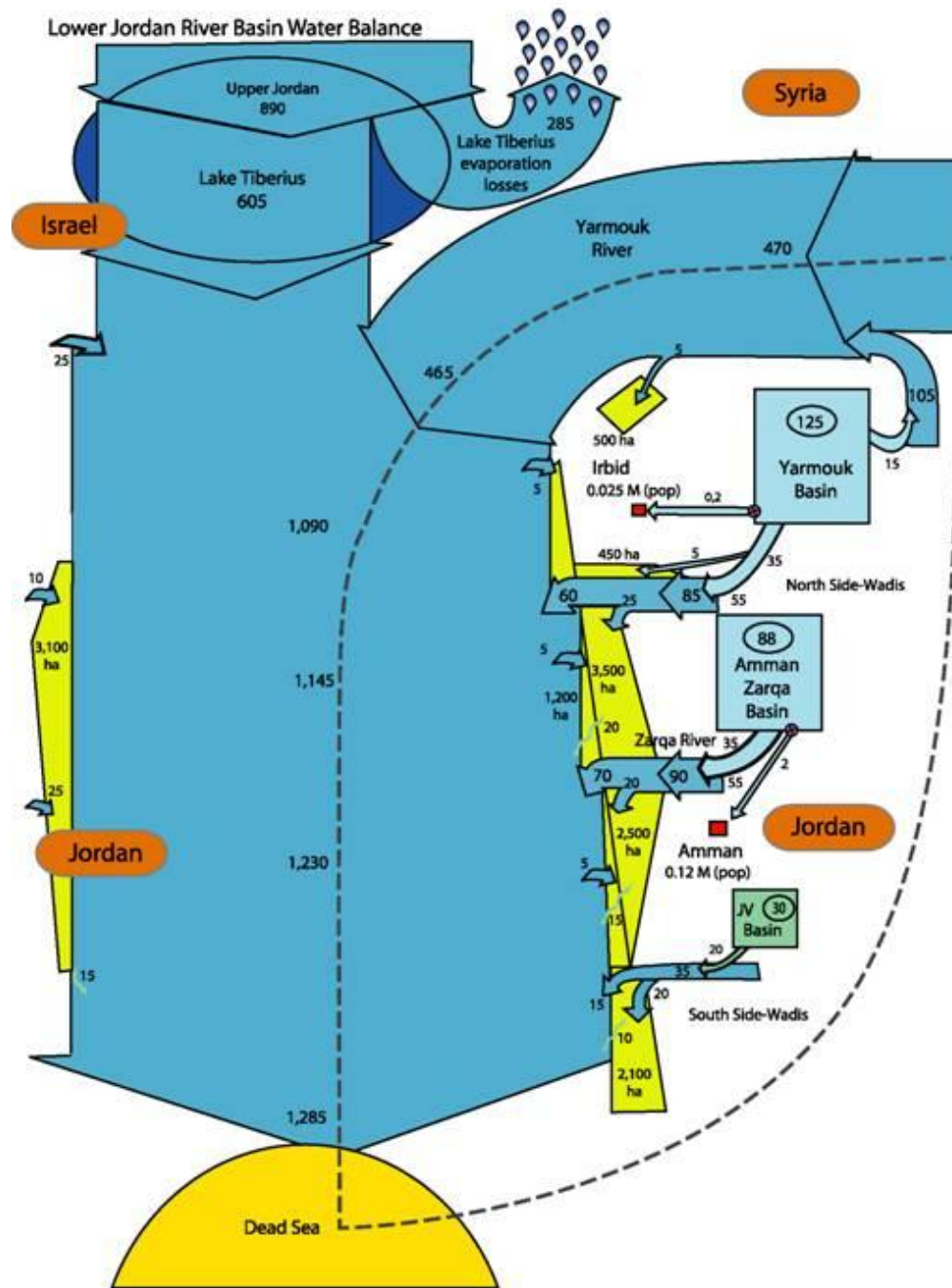


# Jordan River

## Original Hydrology

From Venot, Courcier and Molle (CA RR 9)

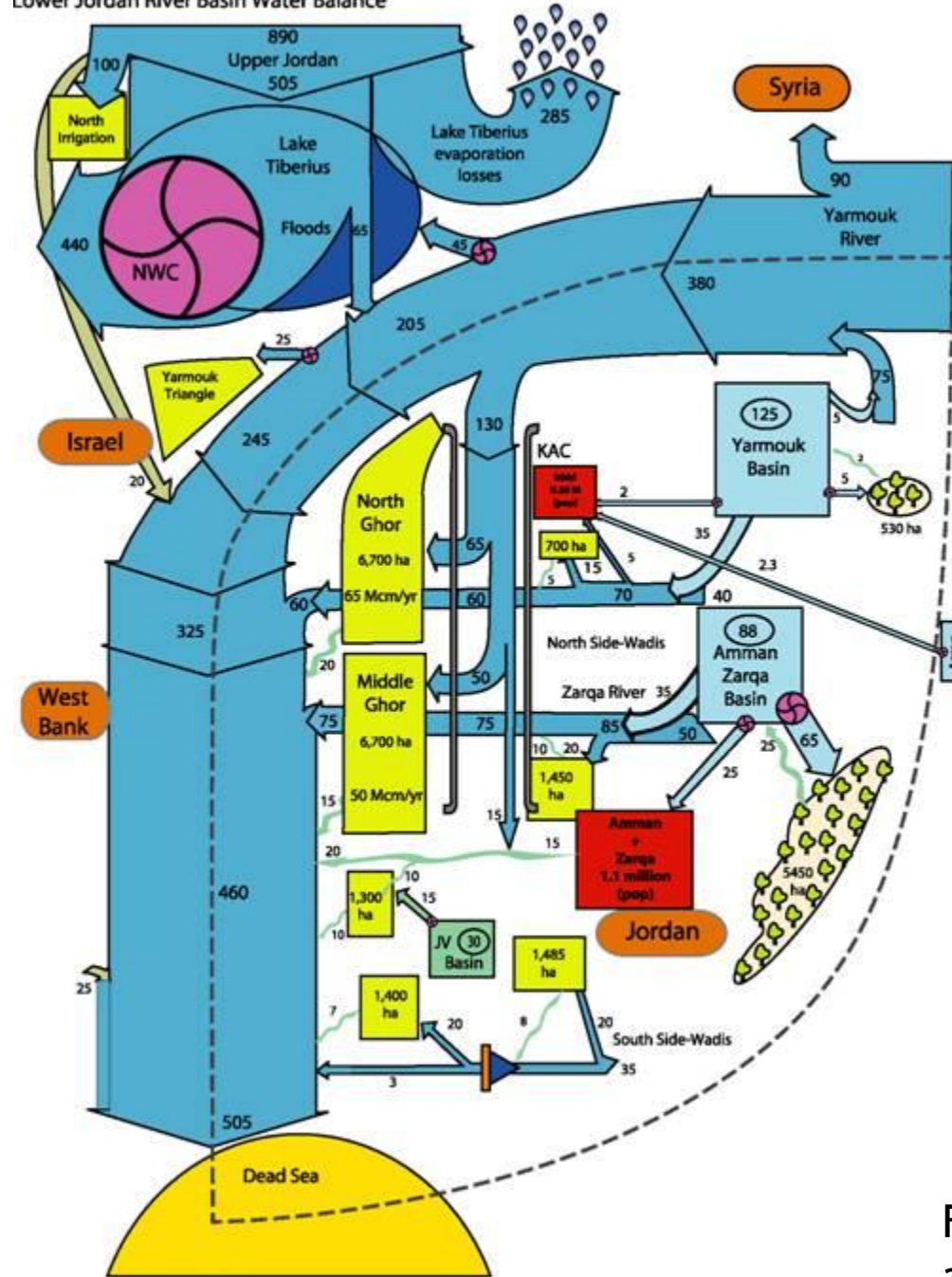




# Jordan River 1950

From Venot, Courcier  
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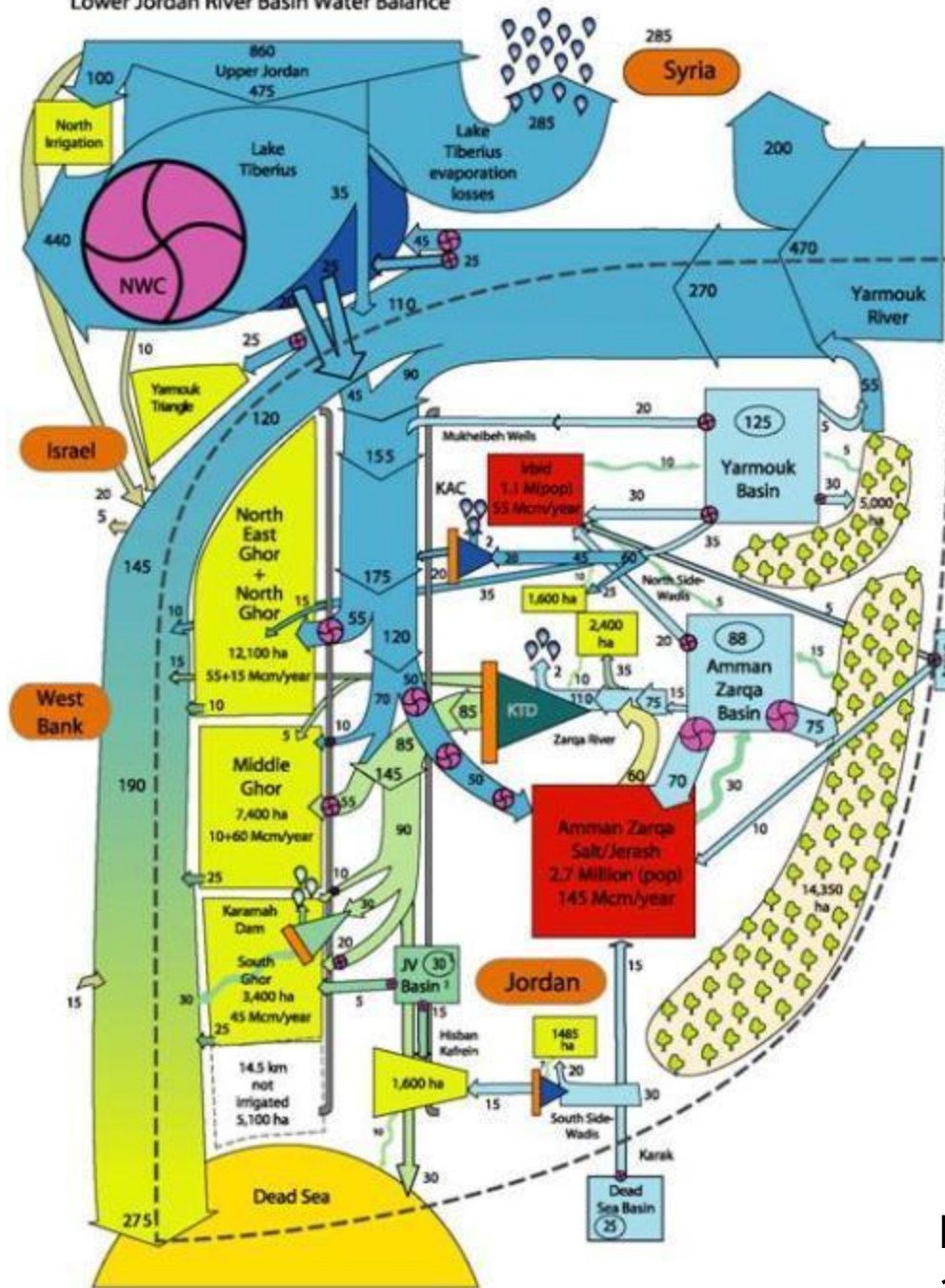


# Jordan River

## 1975

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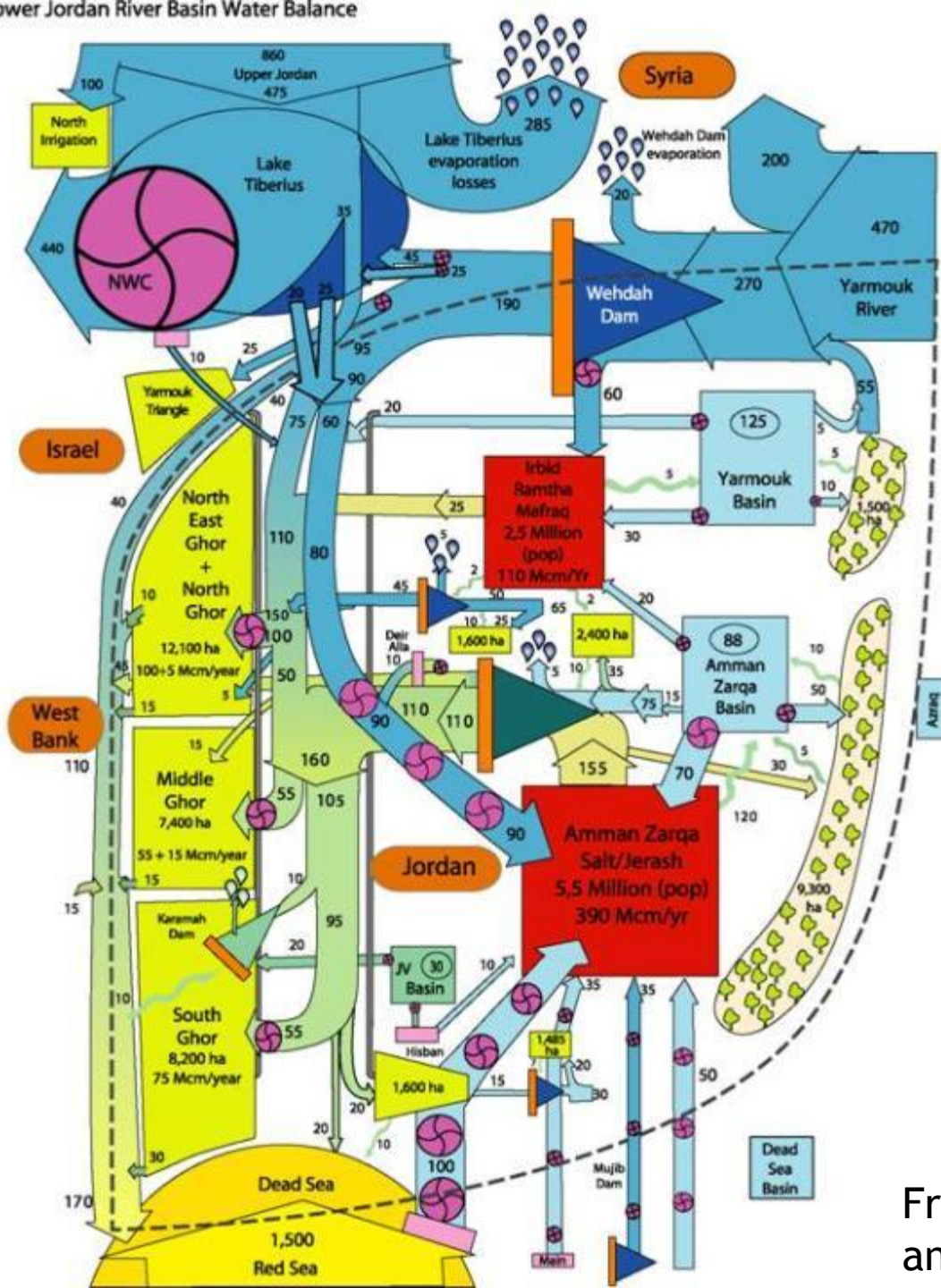
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# Jordan River 2000

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Jordan  
River  
2025?

From Venot, Courcier  
and Molle (CA RR 9)

# Limits – Reached or Breached

**Land degradation** – limits productivity

**River basins closed** – Colorado, Murray Darling, Yellow, Indus, Amu Darya ..... no additional water left

**Groundwater overdraft** – in agricultural breadbaskets

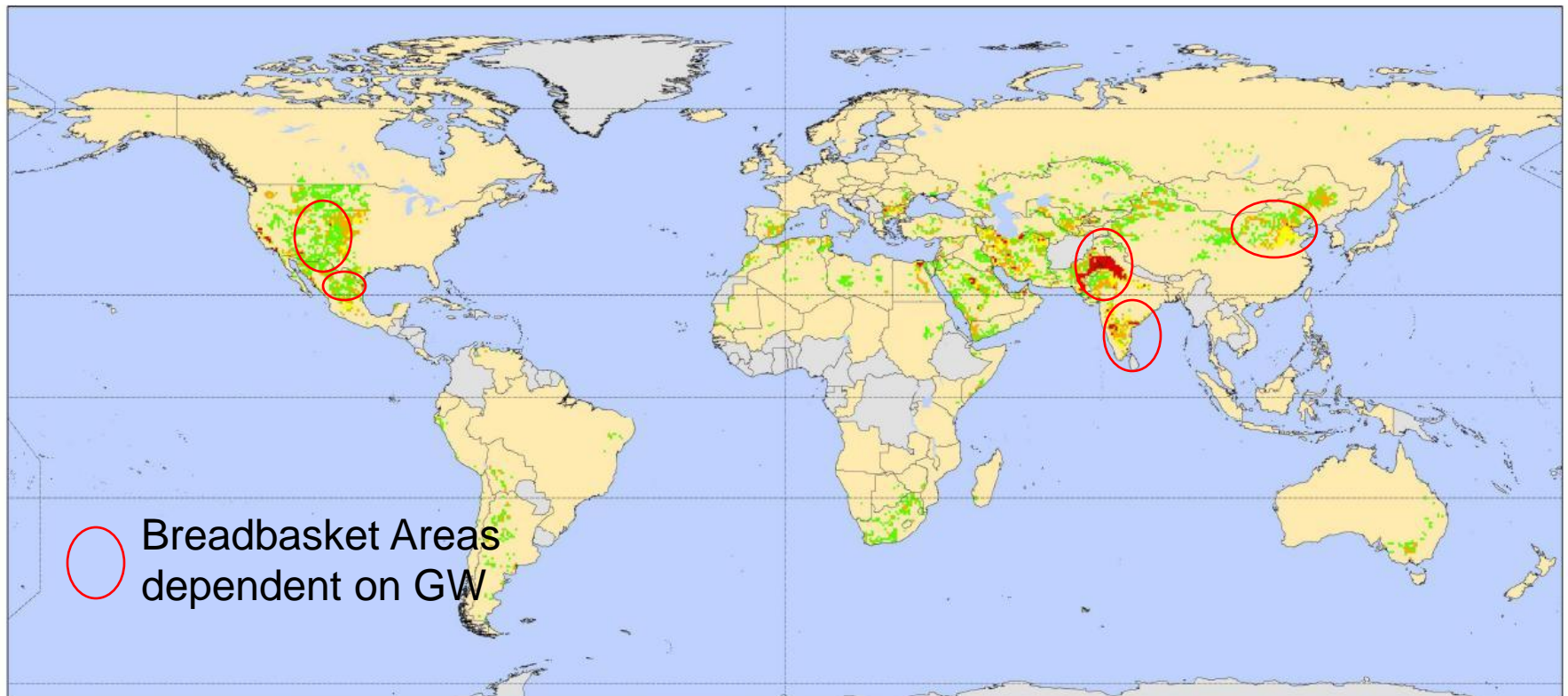
**Fisheries** – ocean and freshwater at a limit, aquaculture will become more prevalent

**Livestock** – limit on extent of grazing land, more will come from mixed and industrialized production



# Groundwater

Overexploitation, but also opportunities for use



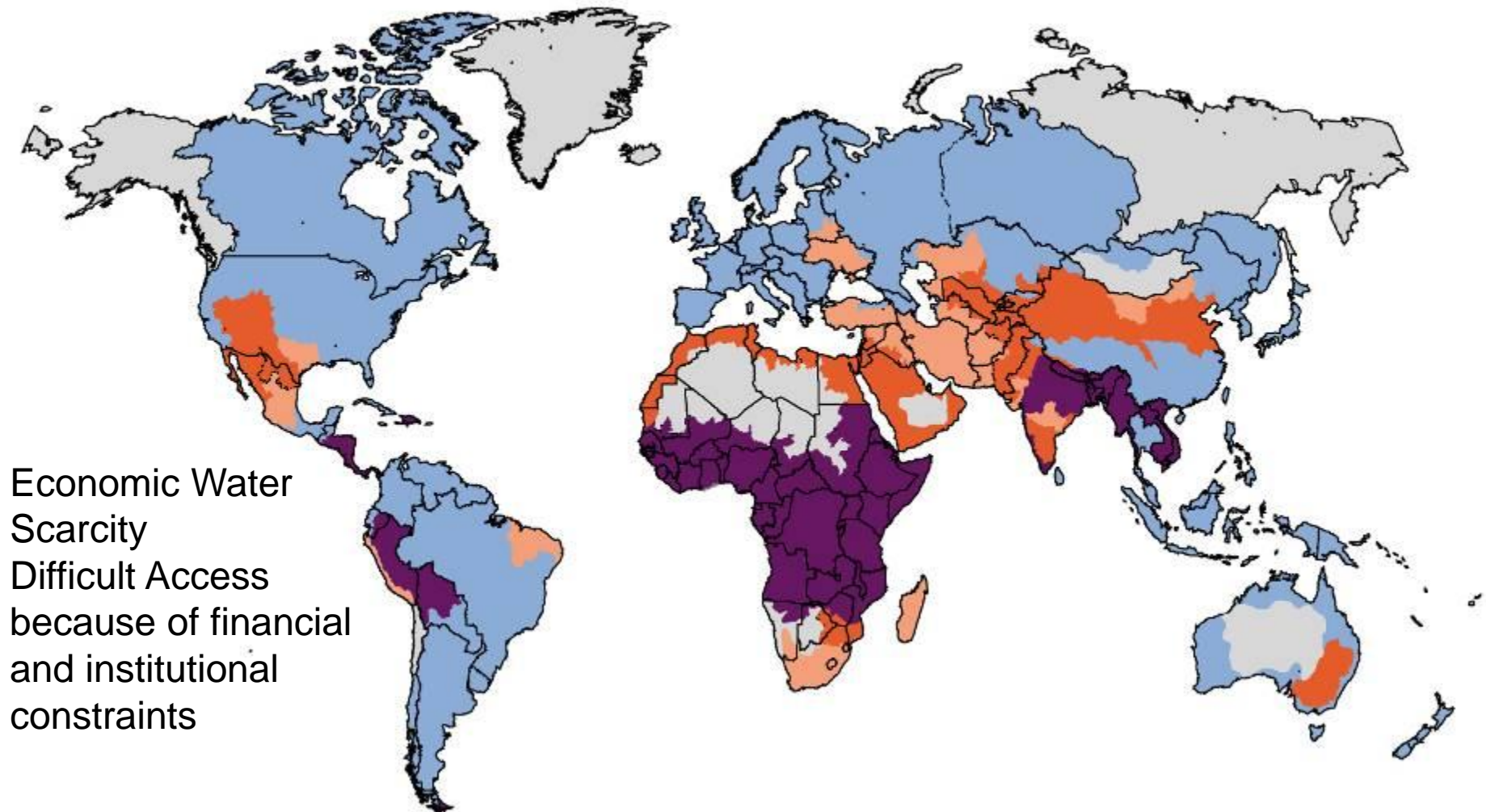
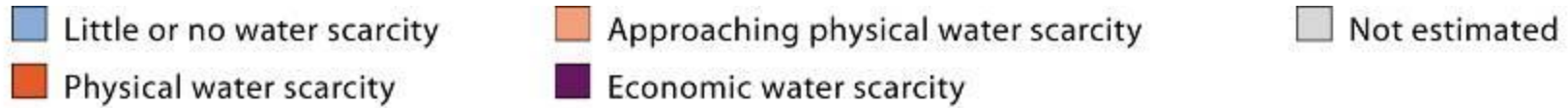
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No Data	0 - 2	2 - 20	20 - 100	100 - 300	300 - 1000	1000 - 1500
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*Global map of groundwater depletion, where 1000 on the legend is equal to one cubic kilometer of depletion per year. Source: Wada, Y., van Beek, L.P.H., van Kempen, C.M., Reckman, J.W.T.M., Vasak, S. and Bierkens, M.F.P. (2010) Global depletion of groundwater resources. Geophysical Research Letters. VOL. 37. L20402. doi:10.1029/2010GL044571*



# Water Scarcity 2000



1.6 billion people live in economically water scarce areas

# Irrigation potential developed:

Egypt,  
Morocco,  
Somalia, South  
Africa > 75%

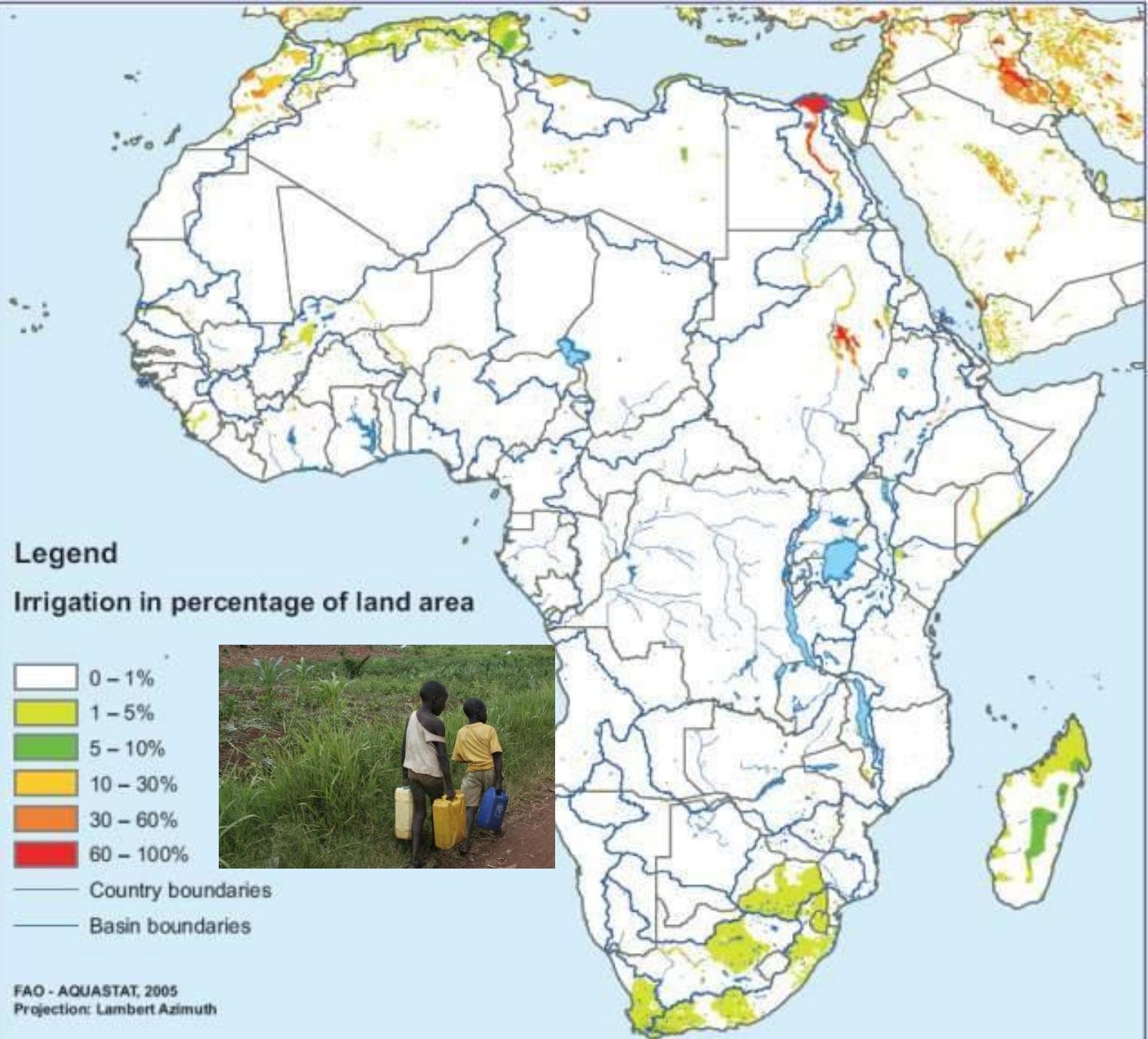
Botswana,  
Sudan,  
Zimbabwe,  
Madagascar,  
Mali, Malawi,  
Uganda 50-75%

Rest < 50%

**% Irrigated  
Land**

INDIA:  
~50

SSA:  
5





# Key Trends

- Rapid Water Development  
2<sup>nd</sup> “boom” in dam construction
- The role of China
- “Land and Water Grabs”
- Entry of Private sector in water discourse
- Growth of informal water economies






# Informal Water Economies





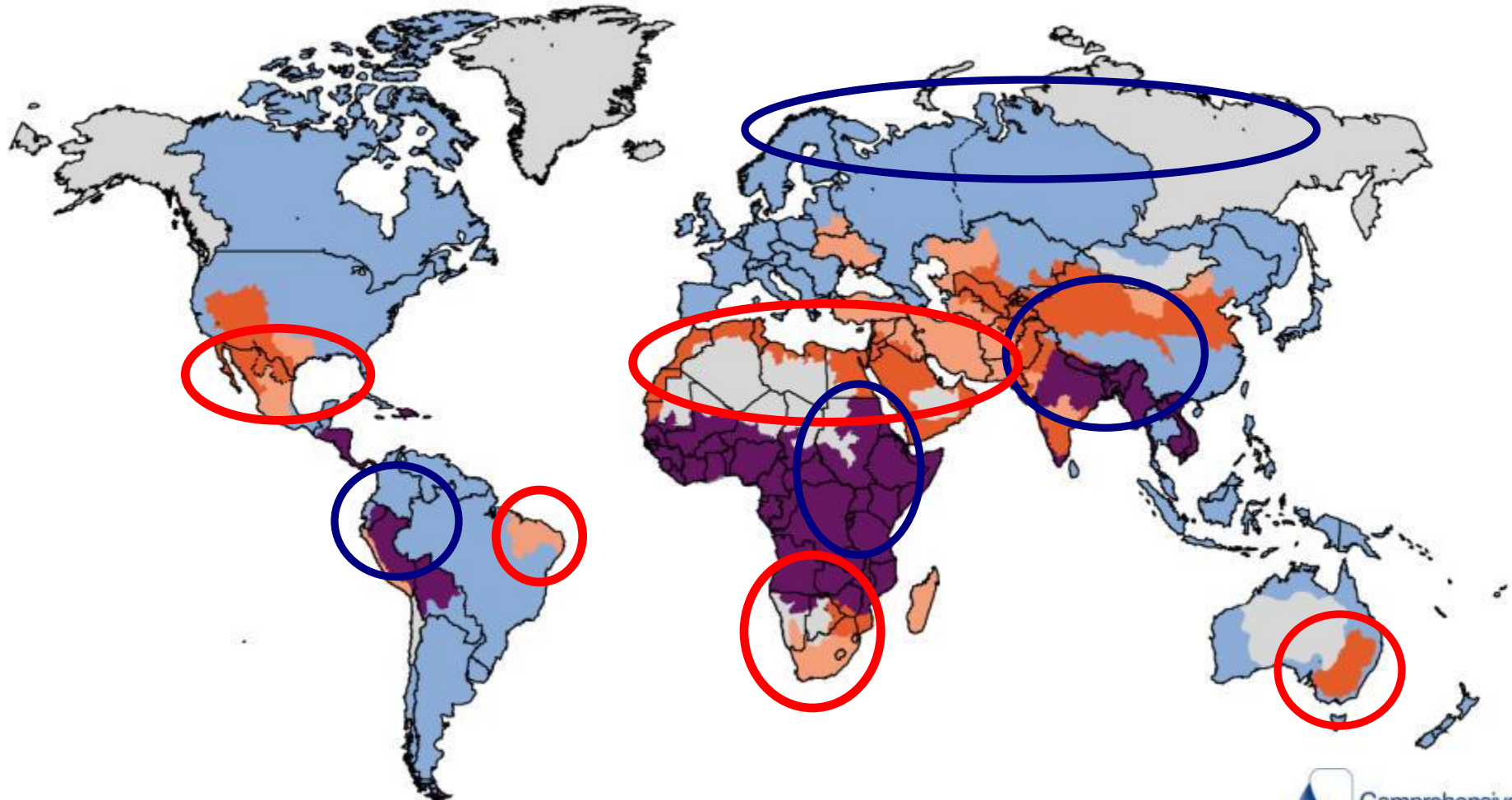
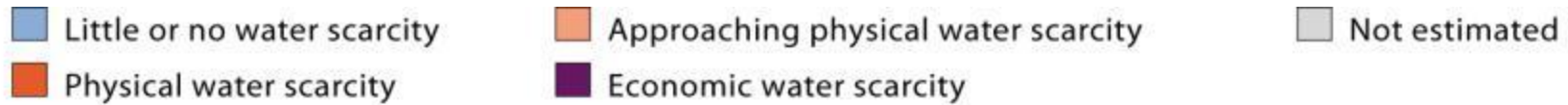


# Big Dam Boom Nile Basin Countries

<b>Before 2000</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>After 2000</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Under Construction</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Planned</b>	<b>11</b>



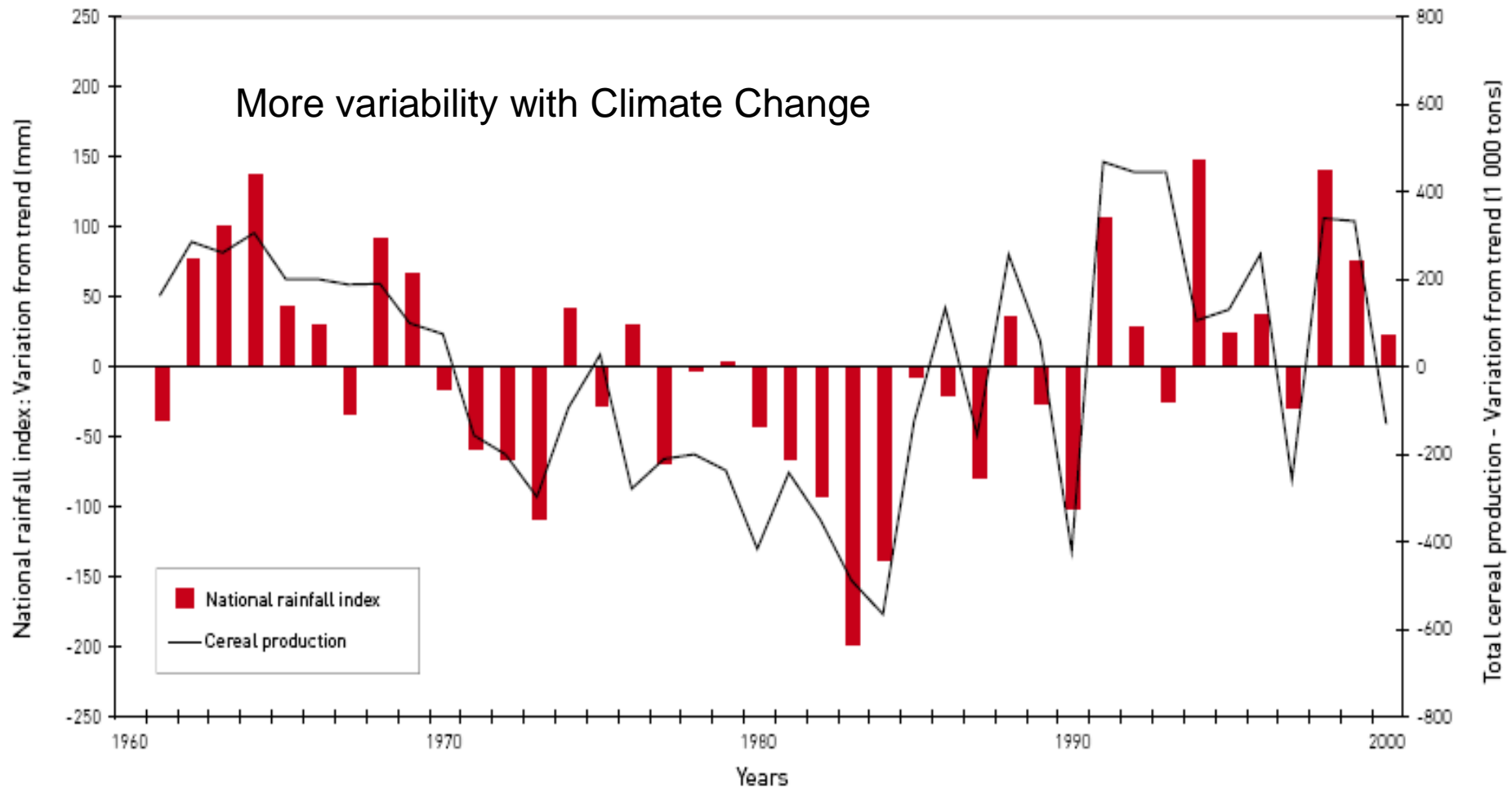
# Water Scarcity and Climate Change



Hotter, more rainfall variability, some areas wetter, some areas drier



# Rainfall & Cereal Production in Burkina Faso



Source: FAO for Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture

# ***Will there be enough water?***







# Drivers of Land & Water Use

***Population & Diet*** – food grain production projected to increase by over 70% by 2050

***Urbanization*** - Cities are projected to use 150% more water in 2025, encroach on ag land

***Agriculture*** – Increased water use and land expansion behind production increases

***Energy*** – Hydropower and biofuels compete for water and land

***Climate Change*** – Shifting patterns of water availability –

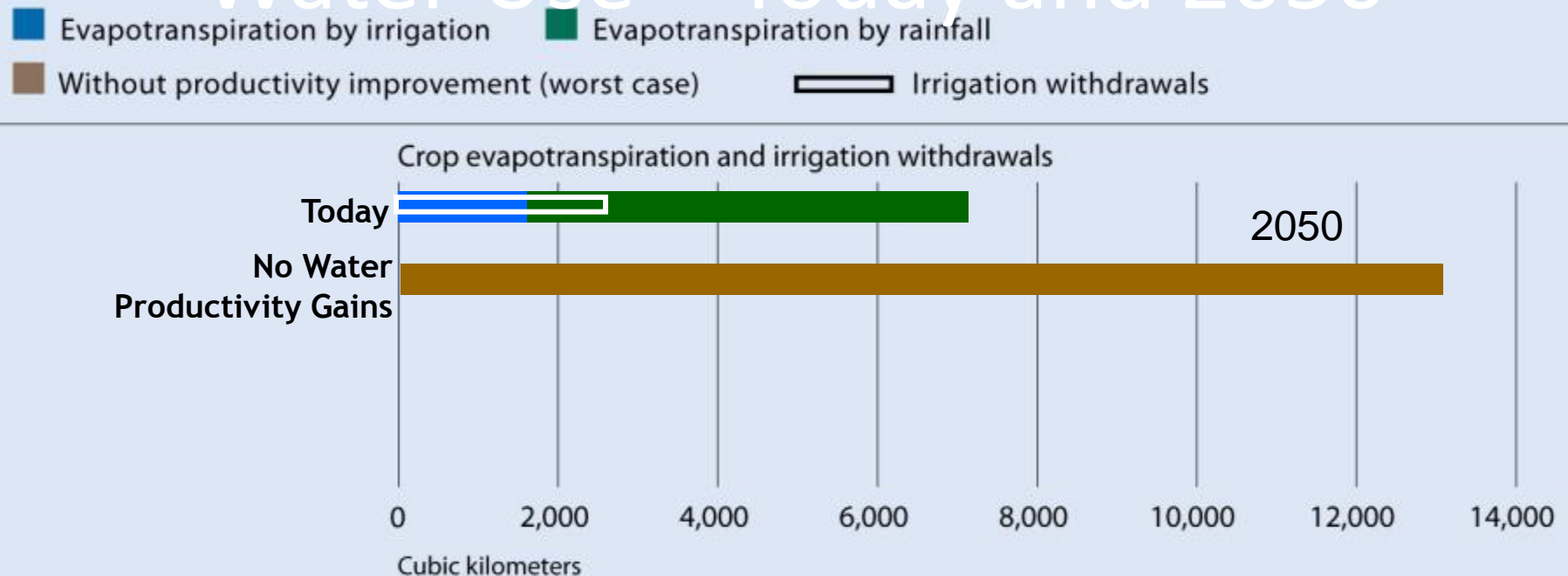


**More people – 6.5 to 9 billion people by 2050**

**More calories & more meat, fish, milk**

**More food production – grain production  
increase 70 to 100% by 2050**

## Water Use – Today and 2050



Based on IWMI WaterSim analysis for the CA

**Without Water Productivity Gains,**

**Crop ET doubles by 2050**



# Water Management



## Strategies

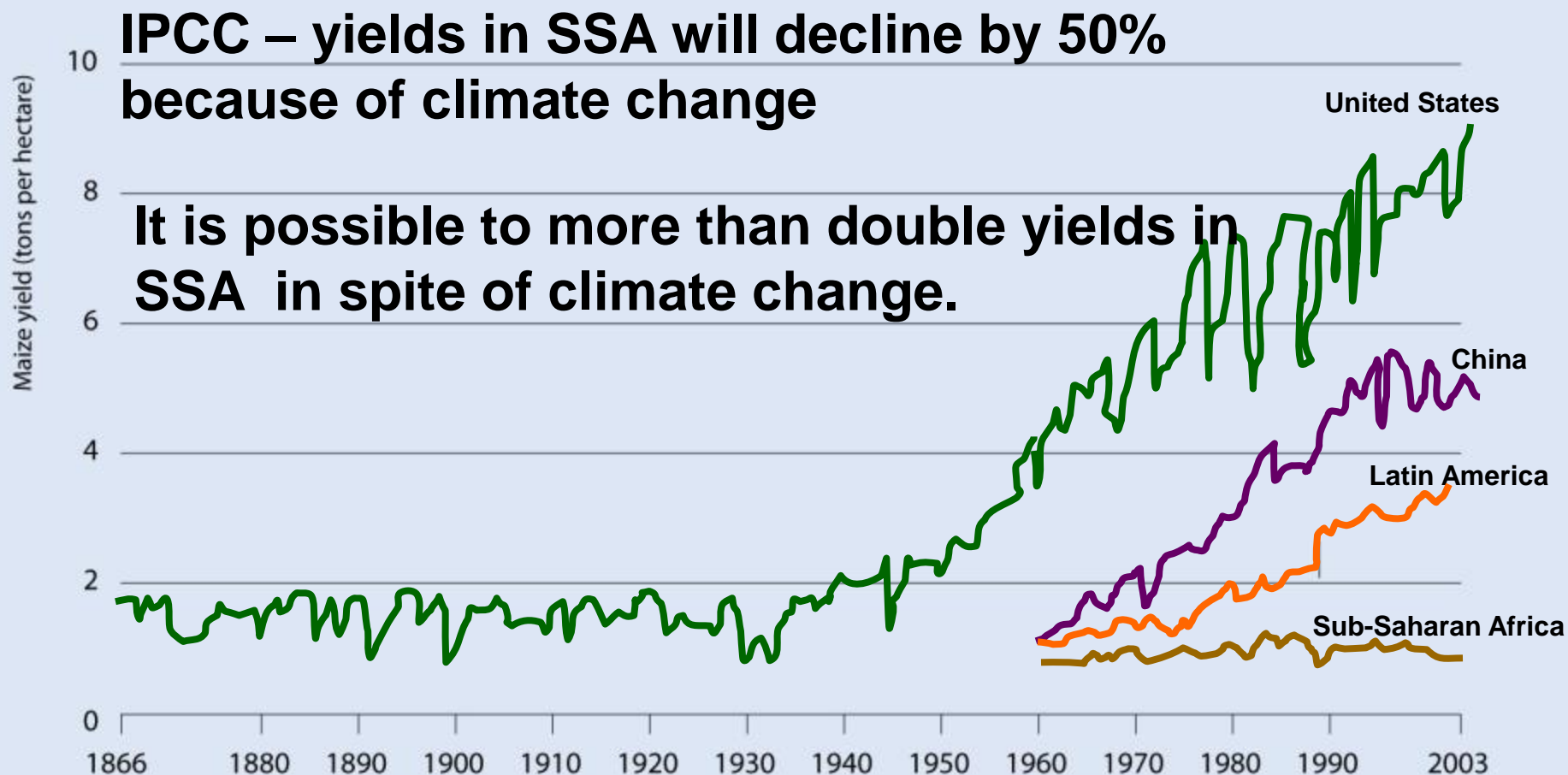


# Major Pathways to Meet Future Food & Water Demands

1. Improve water productivity (more food/water)
  - Irrigation systems
  - Rainfed systems
2. Expand irrigated & rainfed agriculture
3. Promote trade from highly productive to less productive regions
4. Manage demand, consume and waste less



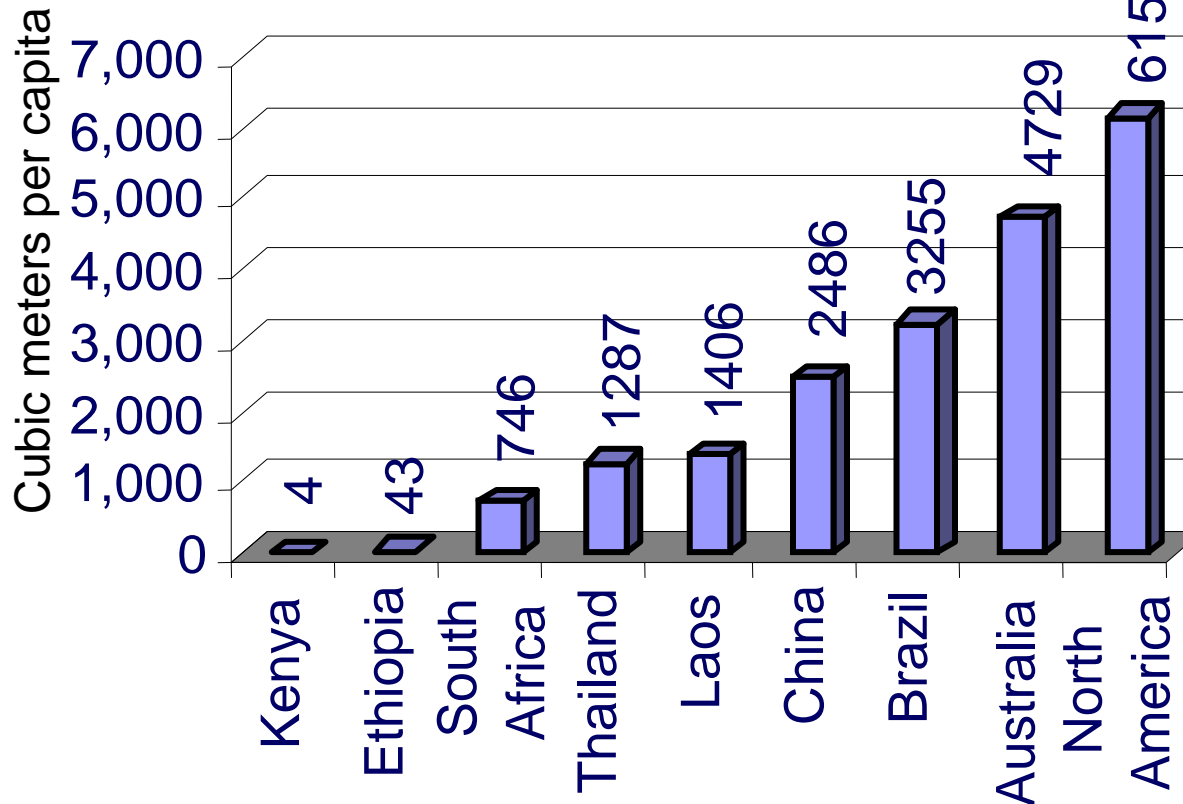
# Growth in Yields



Source: U.S. data, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service; all other countries and regions, FAOStat.



# Re-think Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security

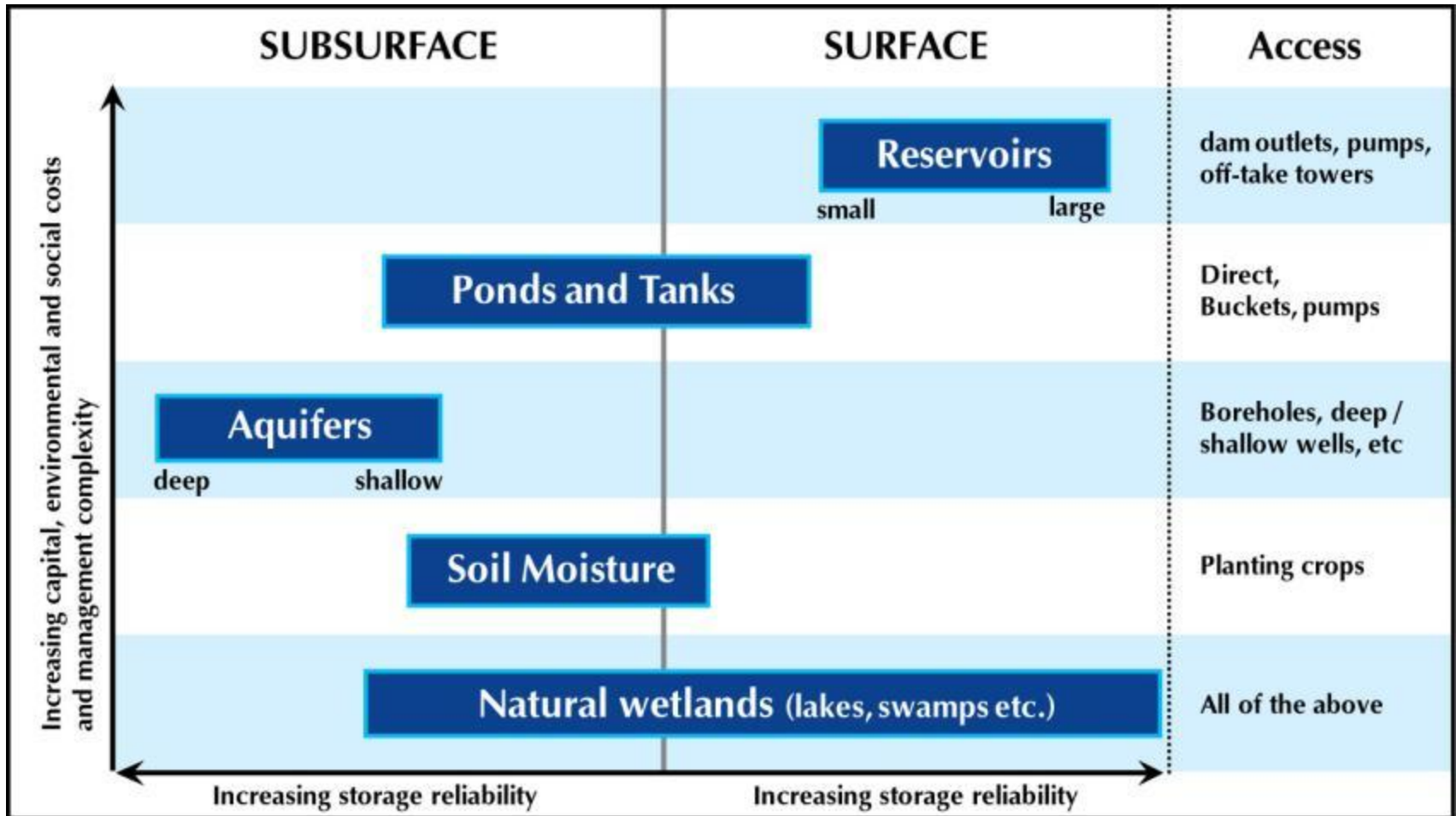


Source: World Bank data from ICOLD

But need to re-think water storage: role of groundwater and soil moisture.

And beyond: insurance, local trade, ...

# Physical Water Storage Continuum



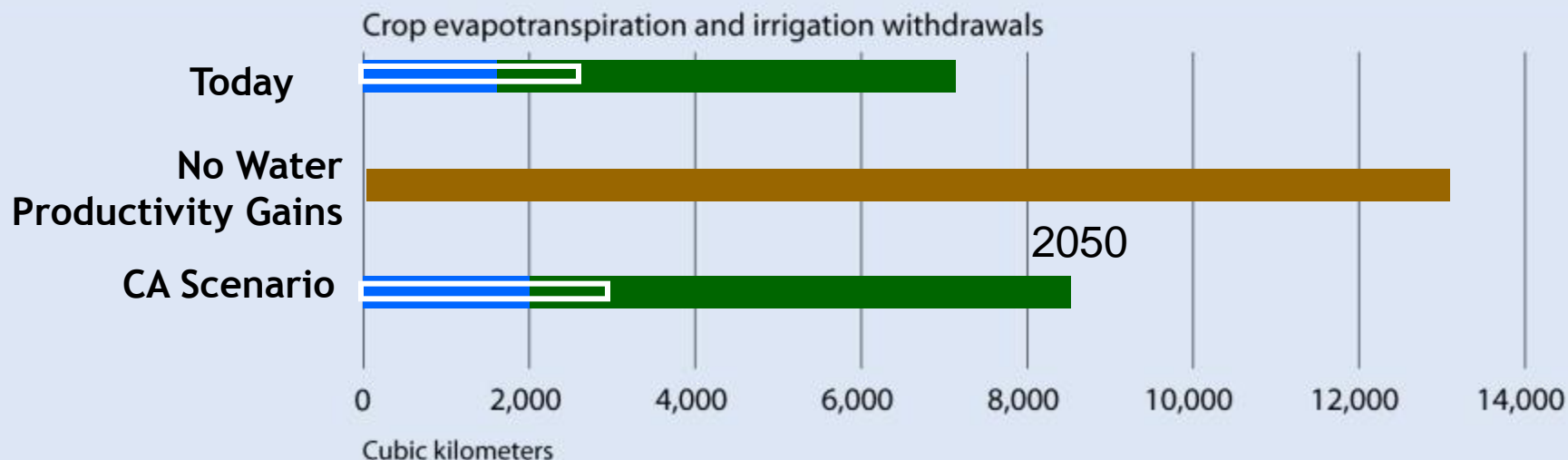


# Making it happen

- Water governance & management
- Incentives to signal scarcity
- Its not just about technologies, but about markets, institutions, capacity
- Seek opportunities:
  - Integration
  - Focus on women
  - Agricultural Water Mmgnt falls between institutional cracks

# Water Use – Today and 2050

■ Evapotranspiration by irrigation   ■ Evapotranspiration by rainfall   ■ Difference (pessimistic – optimistic)  
■ Without productivity improvement (worst case)   ■ Irrigation withdrawals



**CA Scenario: Policies for productivity gains, upgrading rainfed, revitalized irrigation, trade; reducing waste can further reduce water needs**

Based on WaterSim analysis for the CA



# Water and Food Agenda

Transform water governance for food,  
livelihoods & environment

Adapt to rapid change and climate change

Groundwater governance

Data and monitoring to support adaption

Rethink water storage

Manage water demand

Grow more food per unit of water

Revitalize irrigation, upgrade rainfed ag



Thank you

