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# WATER DATA MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS AND VISUALISATION

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# Presentation overview

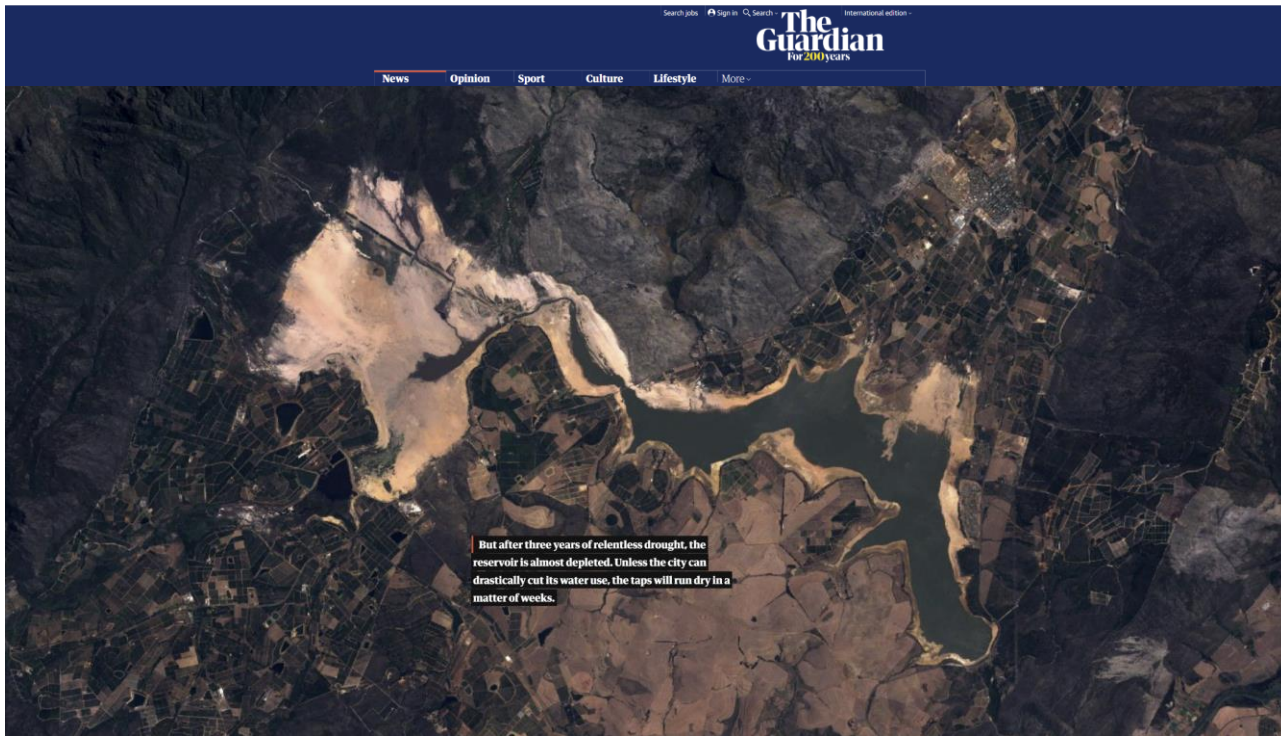
## Presentation from JRC on Cape Town region case study:

- ❑ Remote sensed products review addressing water extent analysis
- ❑ Water mapping and extent dynamics analysis: Pros and cons of existing RS products
- ❑ River discharge data management and exploratory spatio-temporal analysis in EMS

**Q&A and discussion session** - Sharing experiences and views on adopted data management strategies and tools, key features and major bottlenecks

Wednesday	
9:00 - 09:45	Intoduction to WEFE
9.45 - 12:30	Case study: CV and agriculture in Southern Africa - Agriculture and WEFE - Bioenergy and Cropland allocation
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
	The EMS tool
14:00 - 17:30	Introduction: Environmental Management system
	Water data management, analysis and visualisation

# Cape Town 2018 water crisis



Cape Town's key reservoirs have visibly shrunk since 2014

**Theewaterskloof**  
13.3% water remaining

**Voëlvlei**  
18.1%

**Steenbras**  
64.2%

**Berg River**  
53.7%



2km  
2 miles

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## Cape Town counts down to Day Zero as water supply evaporates

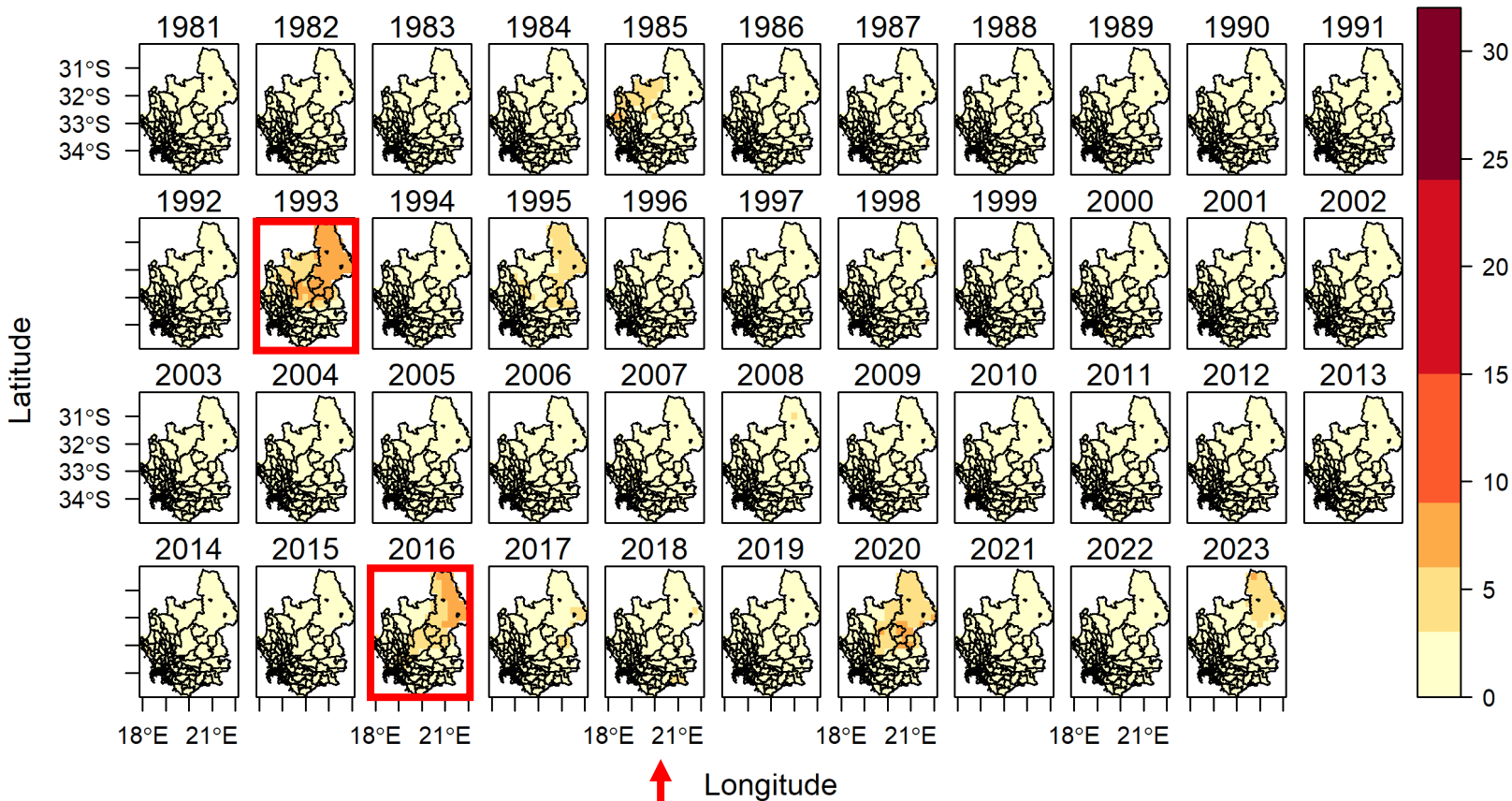
Drought-hit South African city risks becoming world's first big metropolis to go dry

Cape Town residents queue for water. Vast lawns and swimming pools in wealthy suburbs have hampered efforts to conserve resources in the drought-stricken region © EPA

Joseph Cotterill in Cape Town JANUARY 23 2018 95

# Heat waves | CapeTown region

HWMId 1981 - 2023



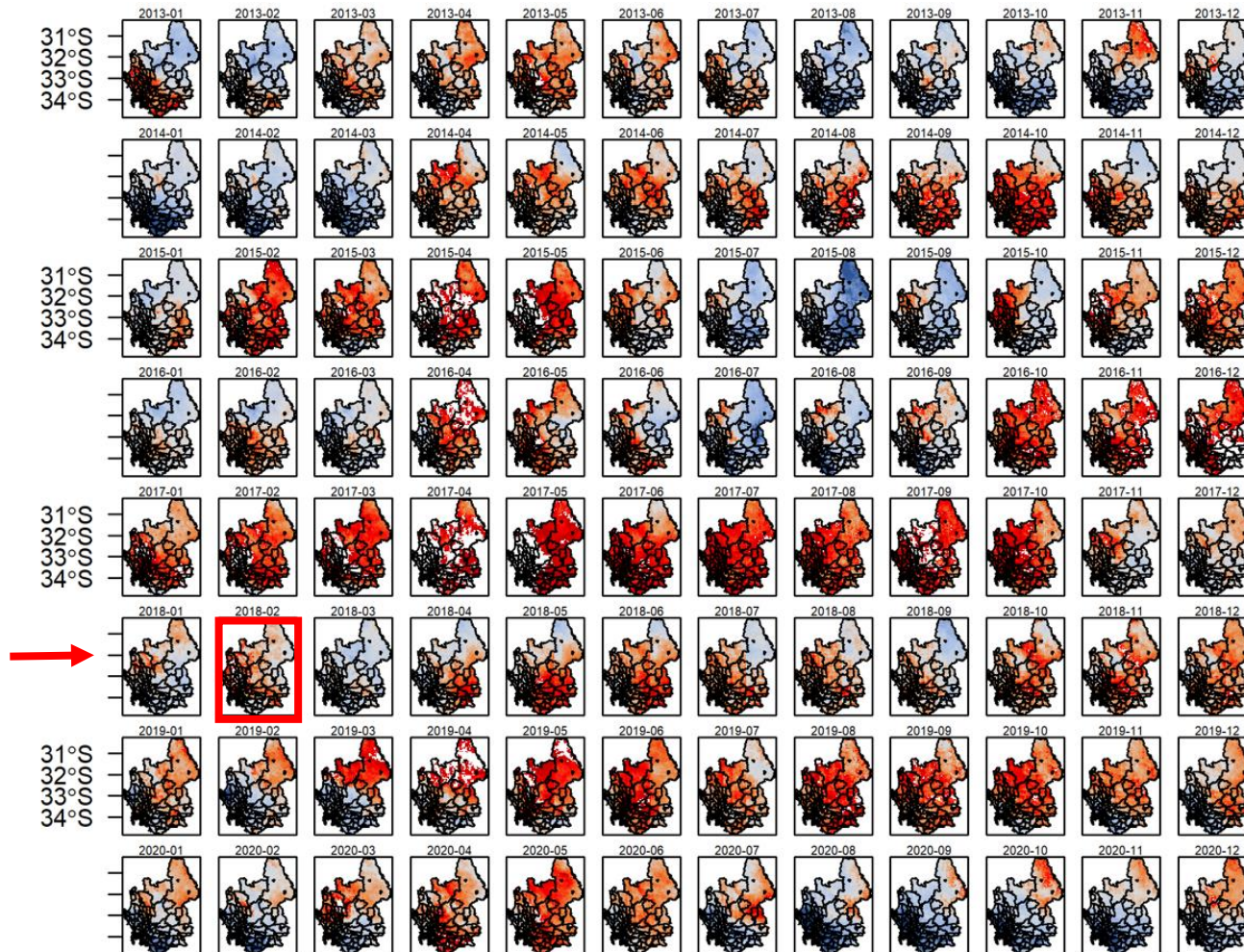
Cape Town water tap crisis

As from the E-Nexus analysis:

- ☐ Heat waves anomalies must be noted in 1993 and 2016
- ☐ 2016 heat waves anticipate the February 2018 water tap crisis in Cape Town

# SPI analysis | CapeTown region

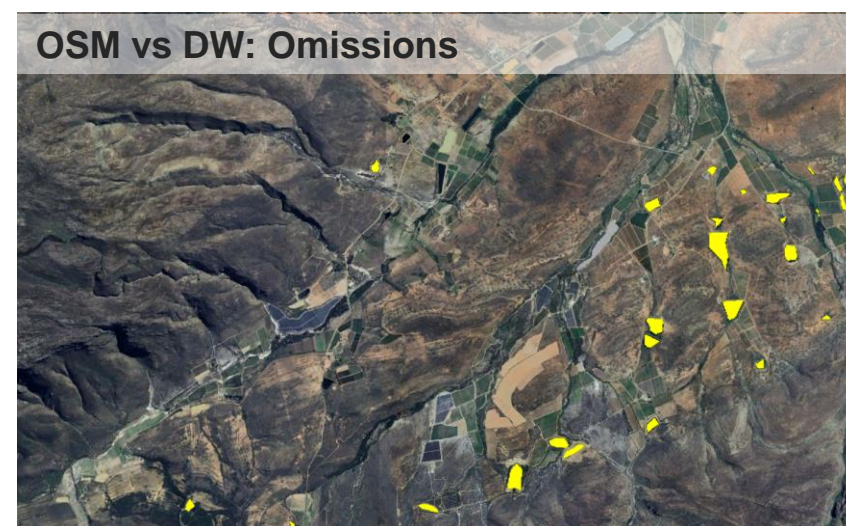
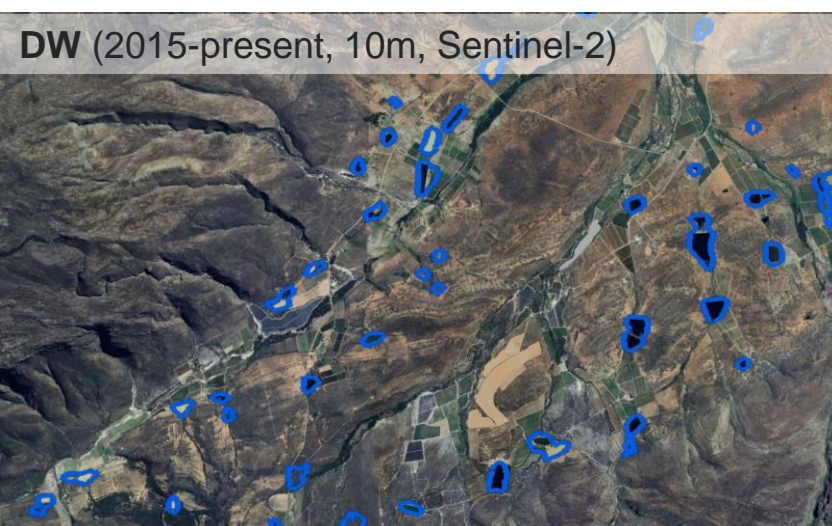
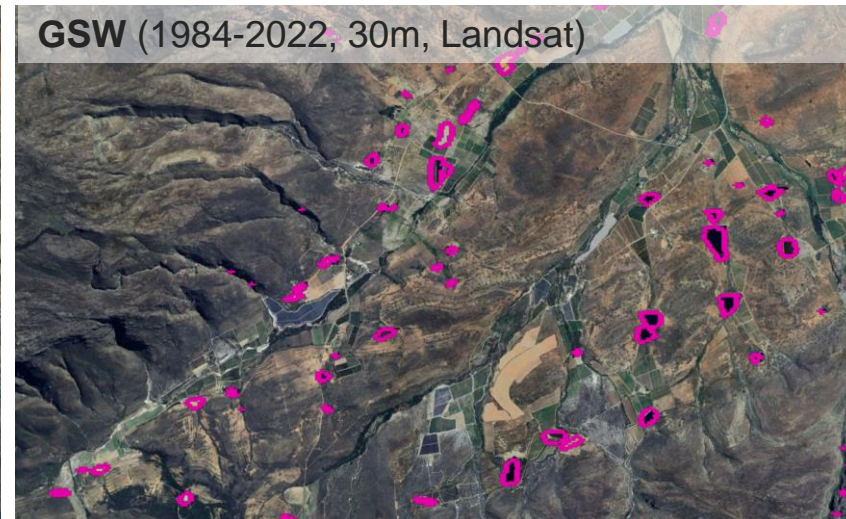
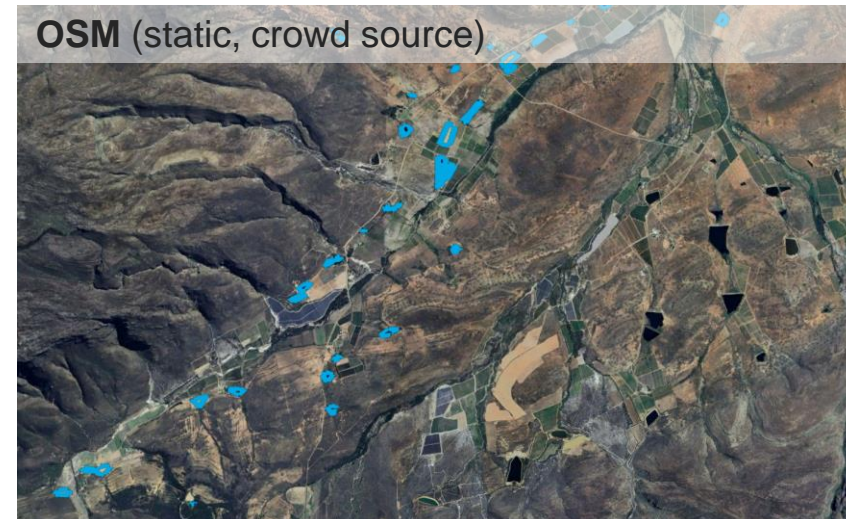
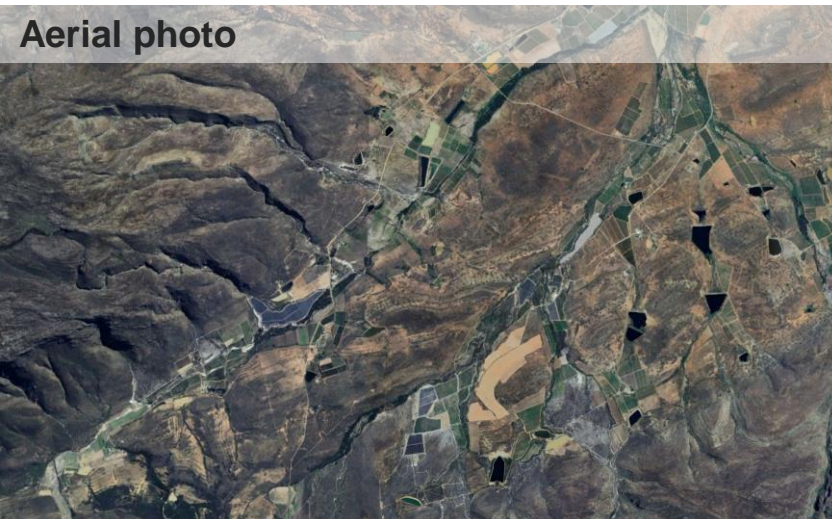
Cape Town water tap crisis



As from the E-Nexus analysis:

- ❑ Cape Town water crisis occurs after an entire year (2017) characterized by continuative SPI (at 3 months) anomaly, highlighting strong and continuous rainfall deficit
- ❑ Crisis pick at Feb 2018 highlighted in the extract from 2013 to 2020

# Water Mapping | Data products & assessment



- Region (e.g. climate: clouds and cloud shadow; topography: shadow on slopes; sensor failures)
- Spatio-temporal resolution

# Water Mapping | Misclassification errors

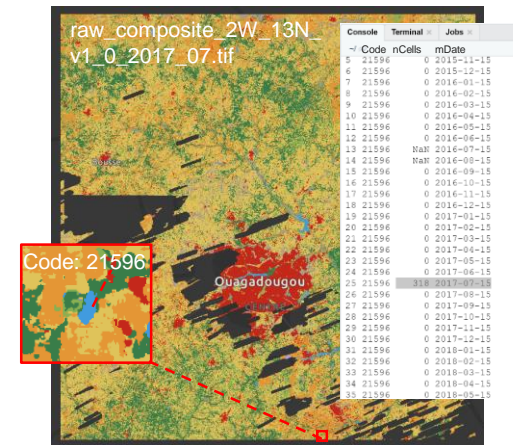
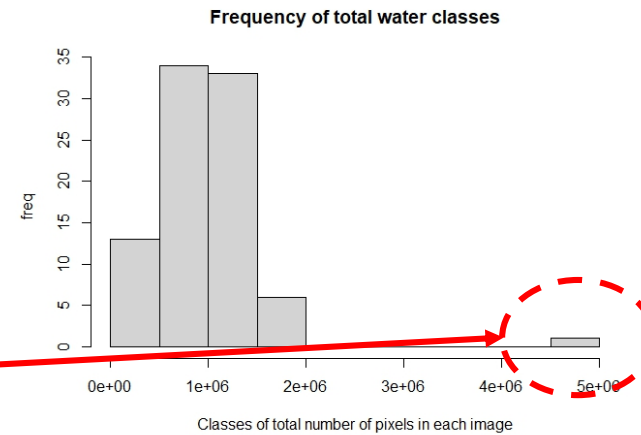
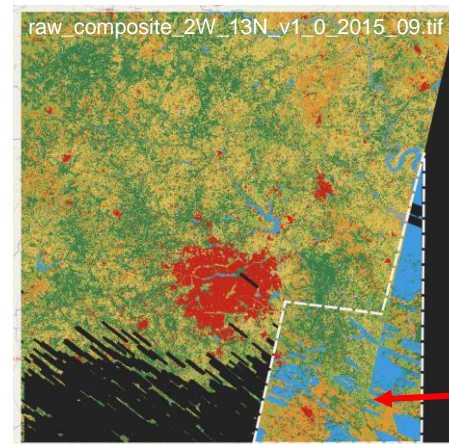
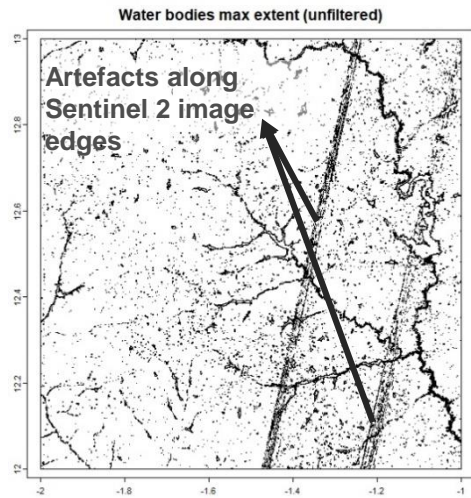
Classification errors related to shadow and DW classifier



Image edges as water NoData as water

Spot erroneous images

Artefacts as water



Remove areas <math><0.1\text{km}^2</math>

Set mis-classified data as NoData

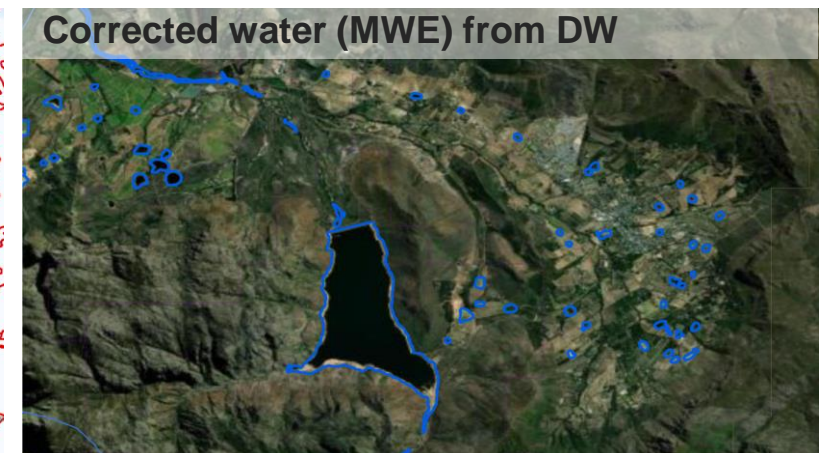
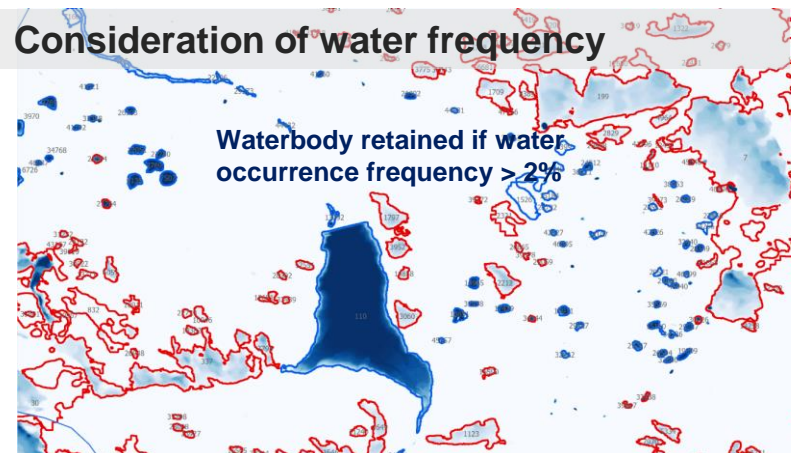
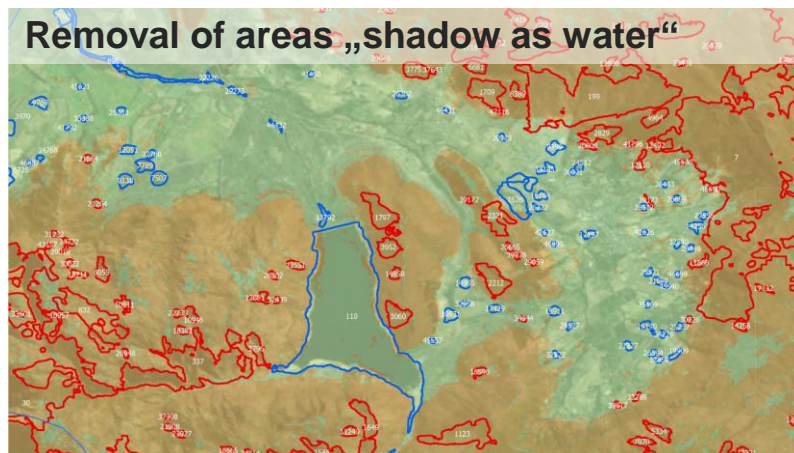
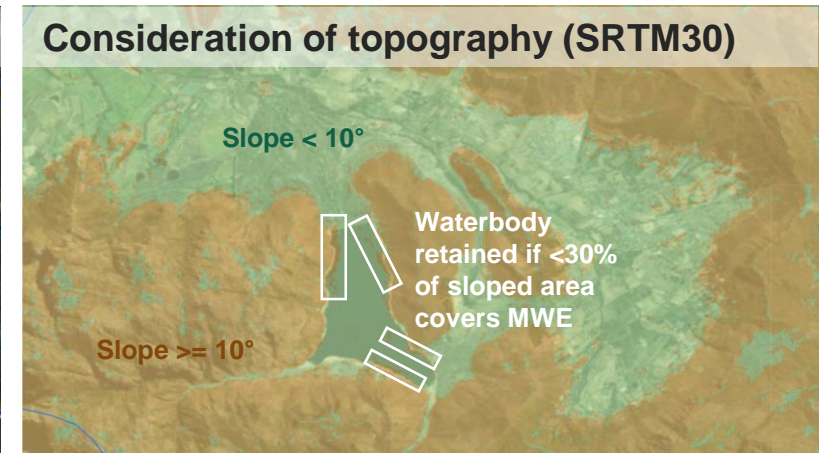
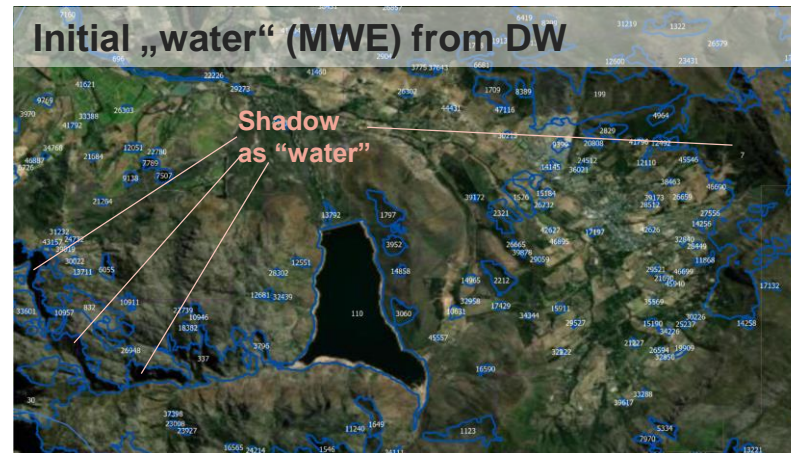
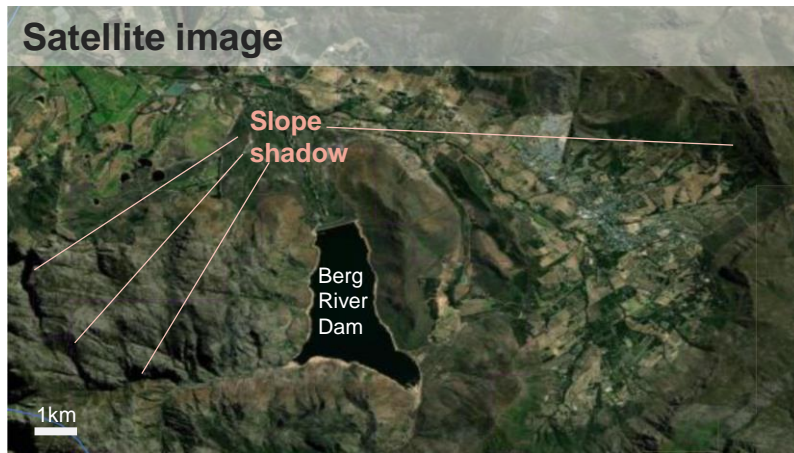
Check plausibility using histogram

Remove reservoirs of water frequency <math><2\%</math>



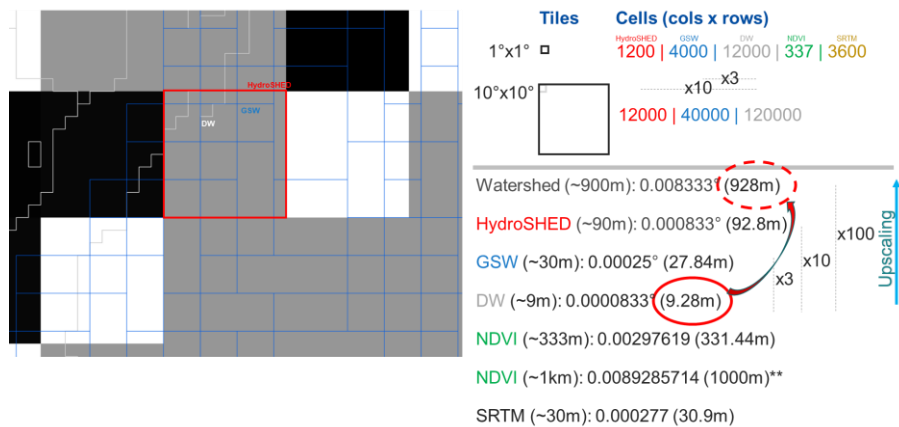
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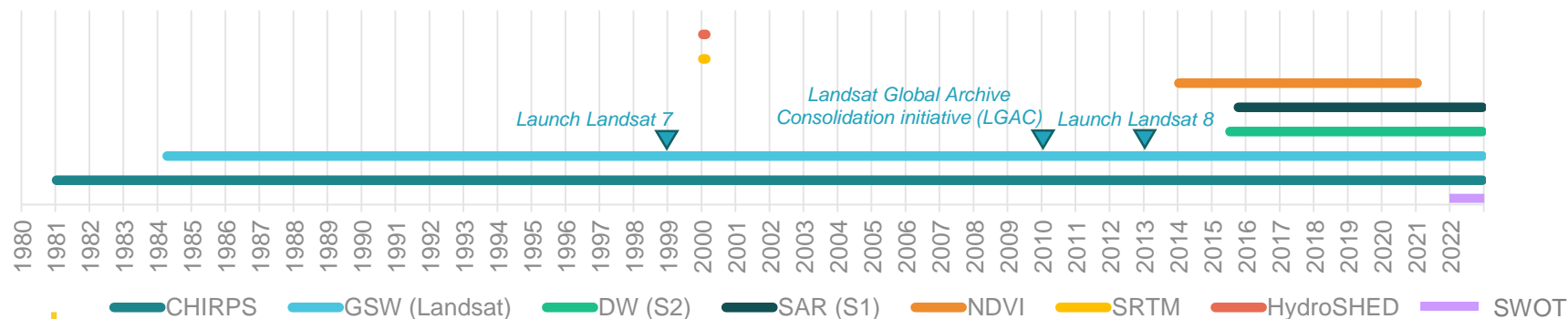
# RS products resolution, frequency and coverage

## Spectral component: resolution

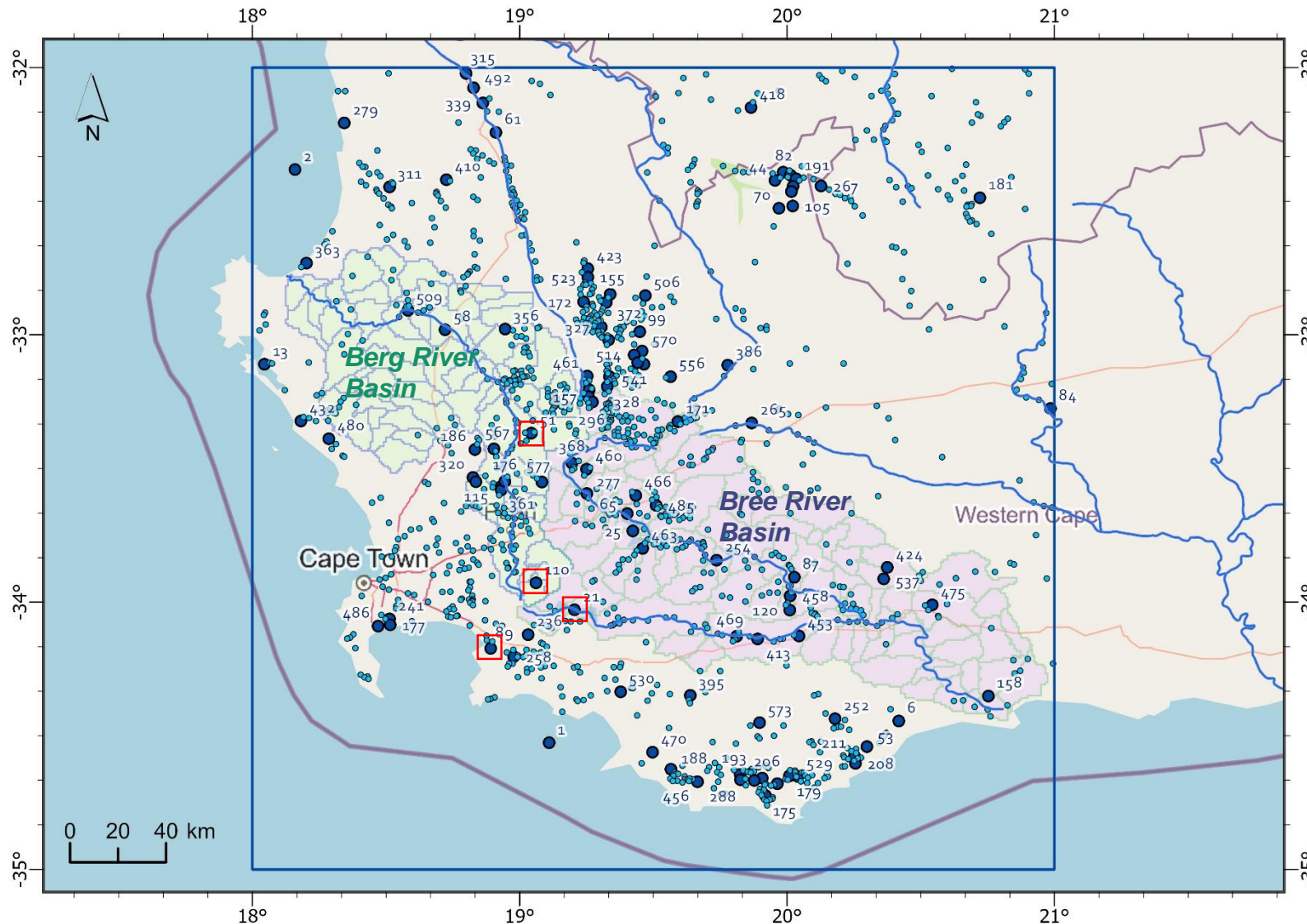


Data Product	Examples
Remote Sensing	DW (S2), GSW (Landsat), SAR (S1), HydroSHED (SRTM), SWOT
Ground station	GRDC, DSW
Crowd Source	OSM

## Temporal component



# Water Mapping from Google Dynamic World (DW)



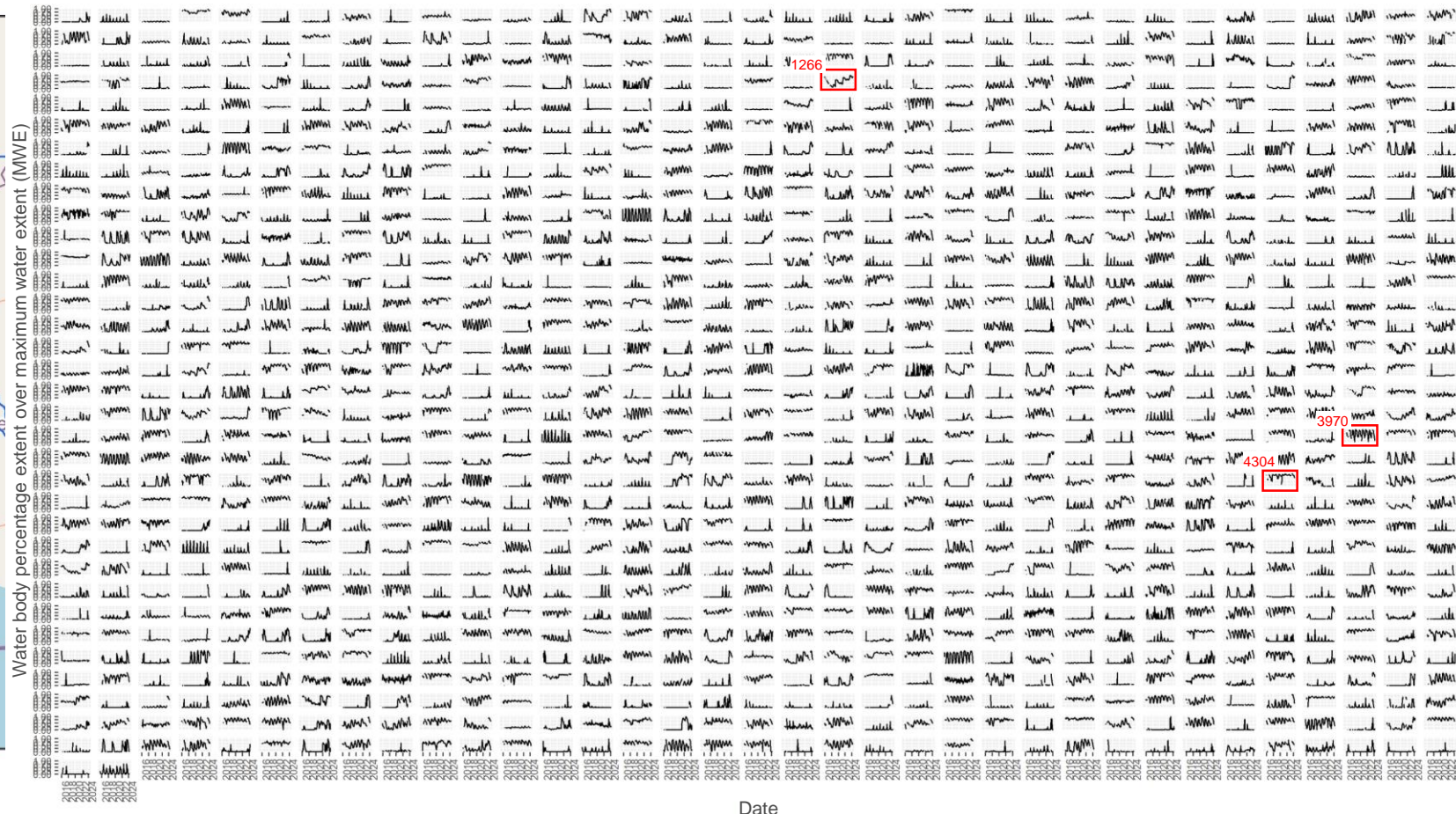
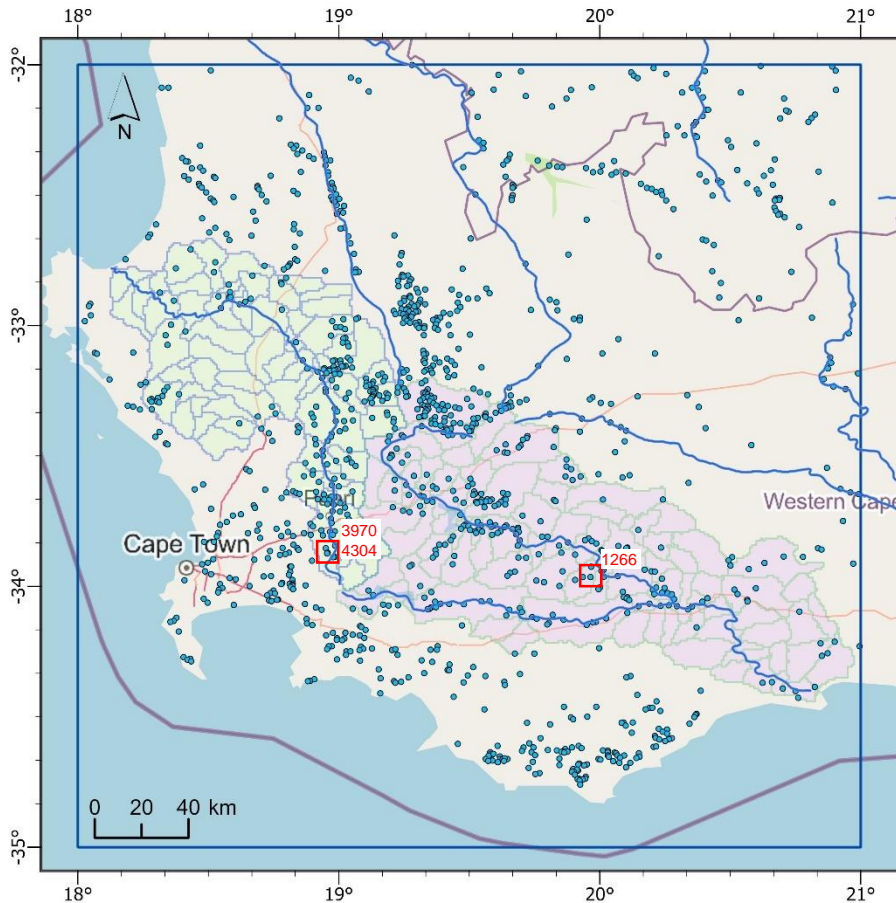
- Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup>
- Waterbody surface 0.1- 1km<sup>2</sup>

Code	Waterbody	Basin
21	Theewaterskloof Dam	Bree
51	Vöelvlei Lake	Berg
89	Steenbras	Steenbras
110	Berg River	Berg

# Water Dynamics | Waterbodies 0.1-1km<sup>2</sup>

Mapping of waterbodies > 0.1-1km<sup>2</sup>  
(n=1992)

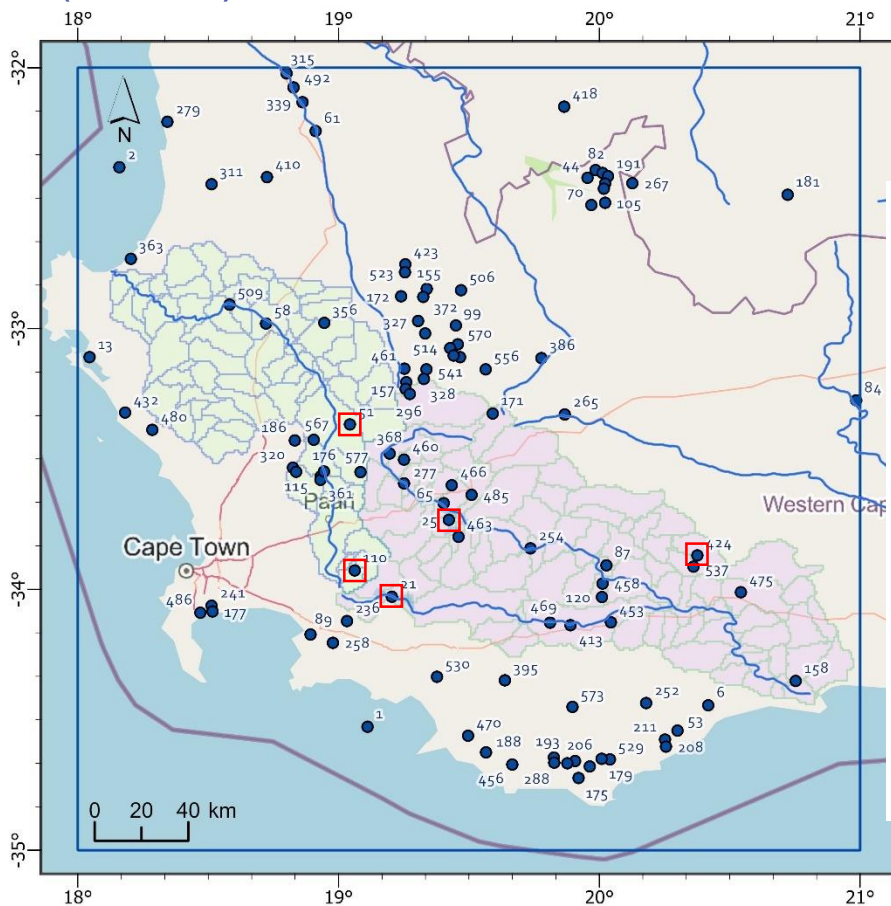
Water surface dynamics based on DW normalized  
to MWE of waterbodies 0.1-1km<sup>2</sup> (n=1992)



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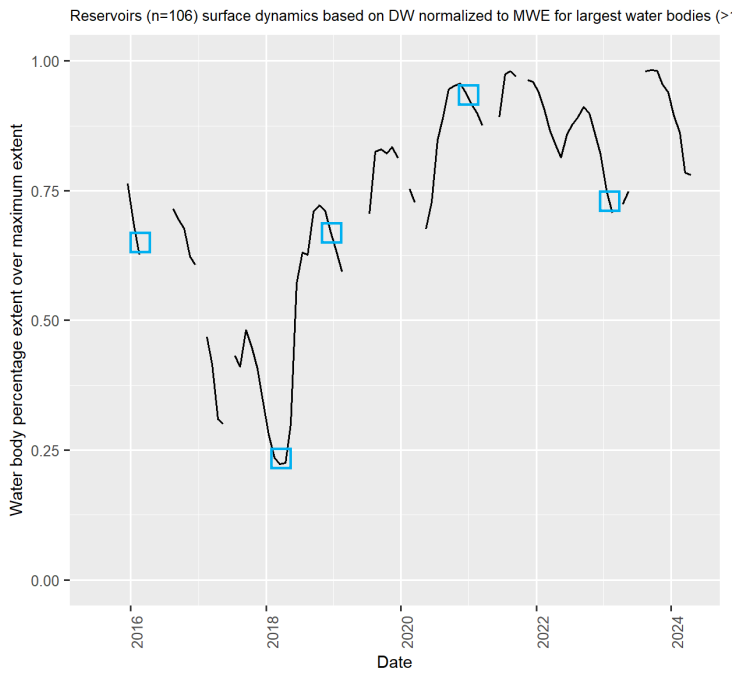
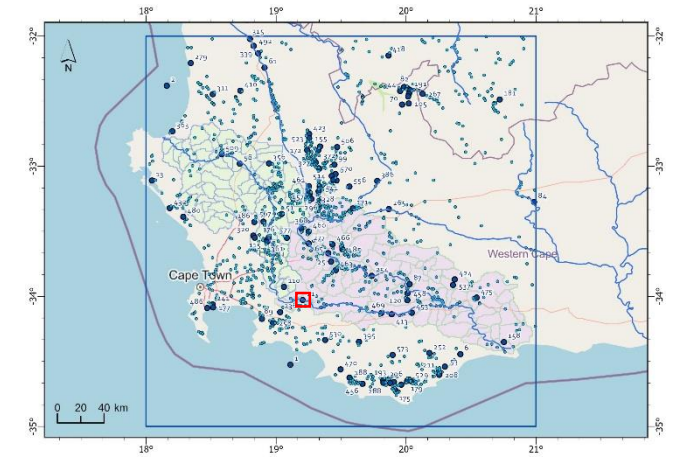
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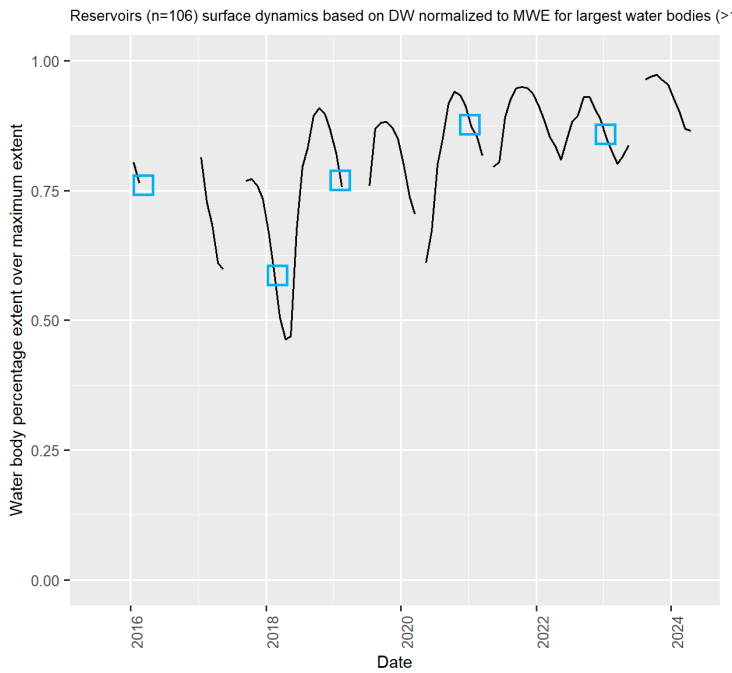
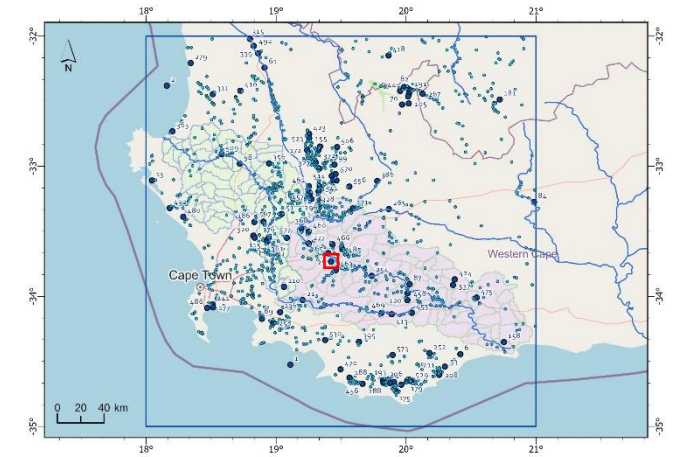
# Water Dynamics | Theewaterskloof Dam

Bree watershed | Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup> |  
Area (mwe): 53.00km<sup>2</sup>



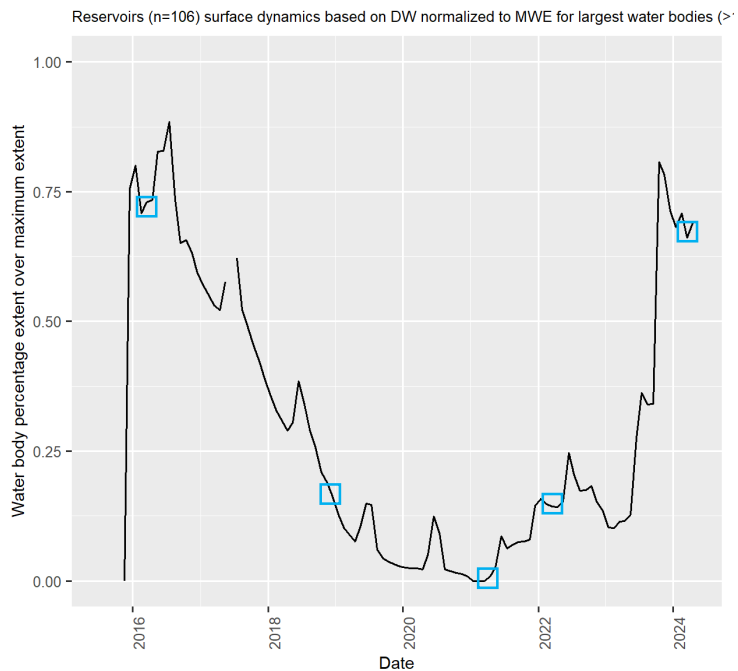
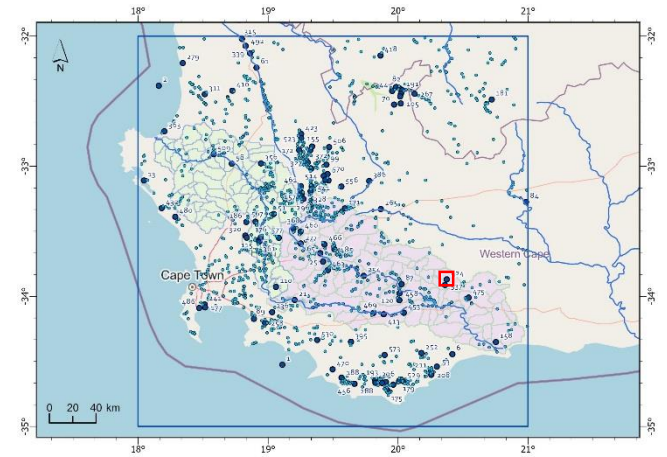
# Water Dynamics | Brandvlei Dam

Bree watershed | Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 40.22km<sup>2</sup>



# Water Dynamics | Portjeskloof Dam

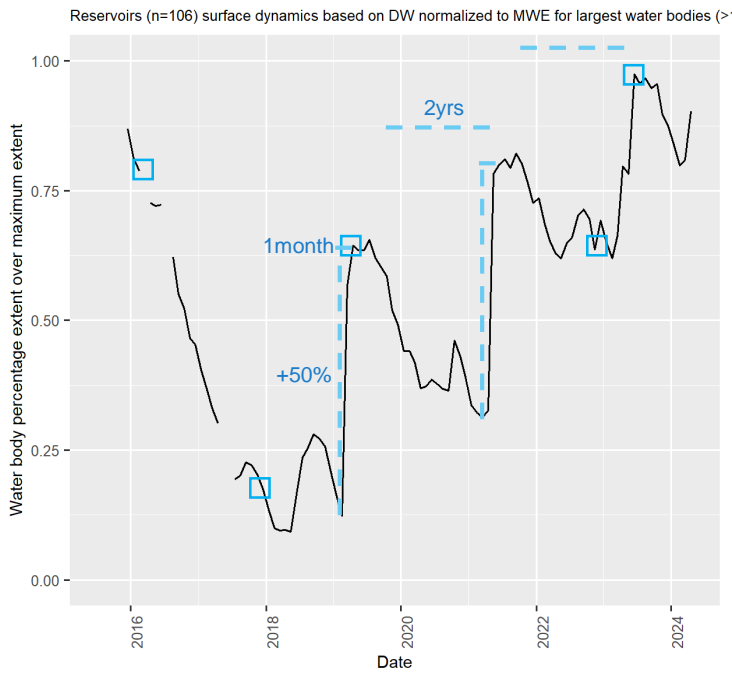
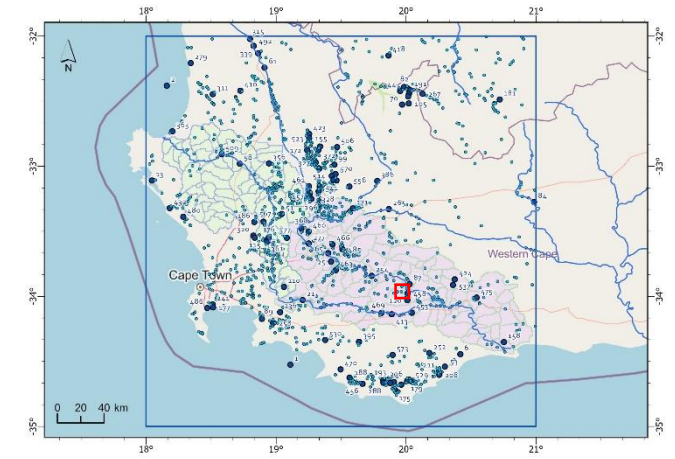
Bree watershed | Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 1.42km<sup>2</sup>





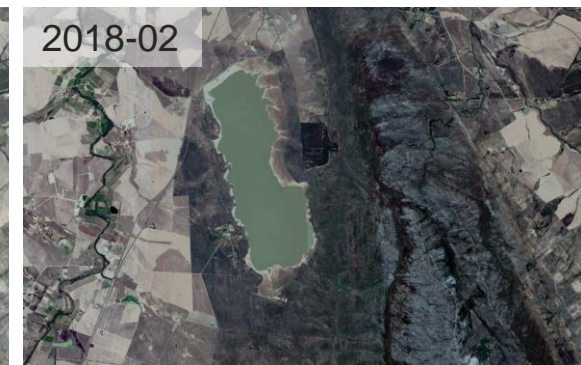
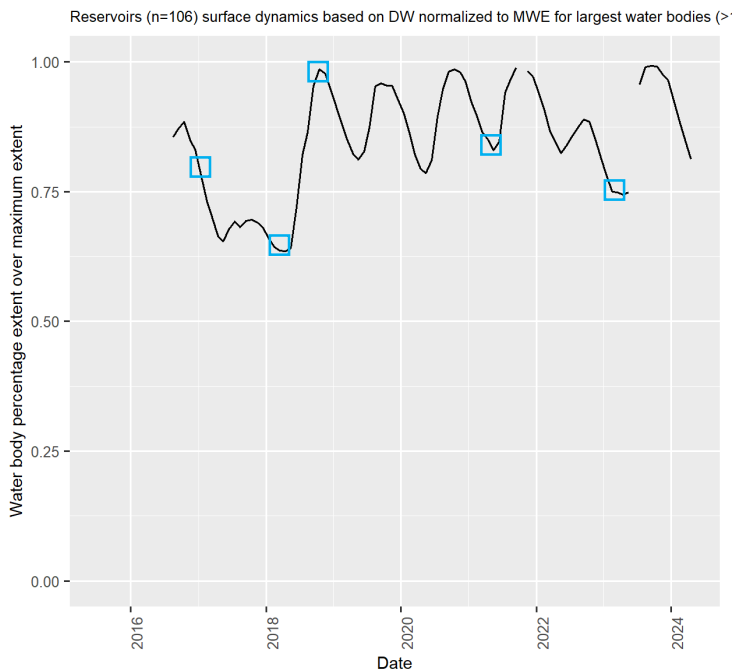
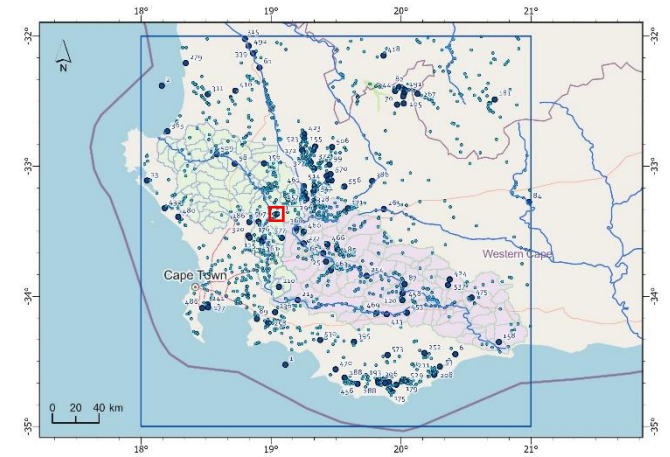
# Water Dynamics | Reservoir 1266

Bree watershed | Waterbody surface 0.1-1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 0.47km<sup>2</sup>



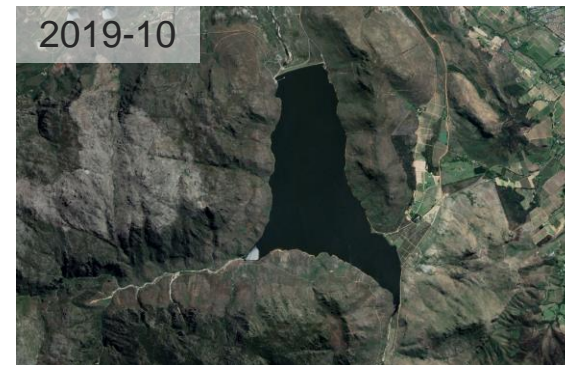
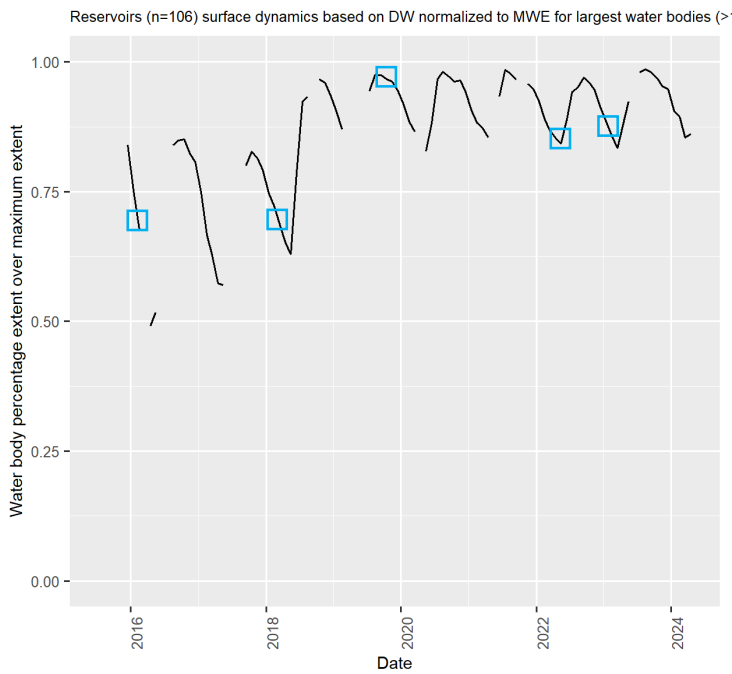
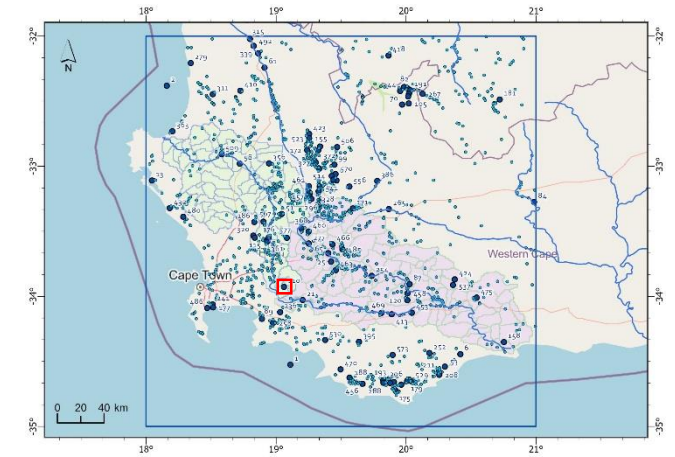
# Water Dynamics | Voëlvlei Lake

Berg watershed | Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 16.13km<sup>2</sup>



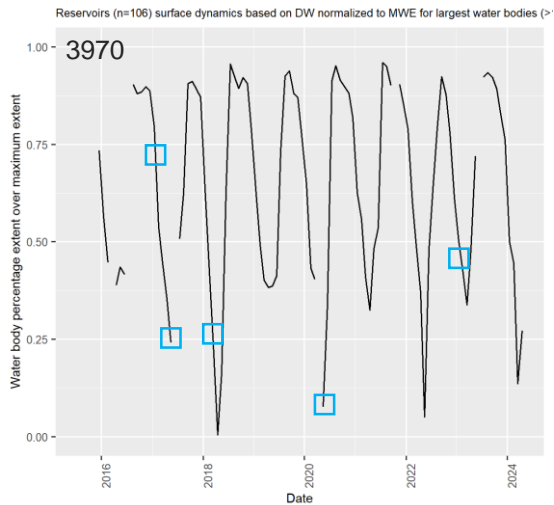
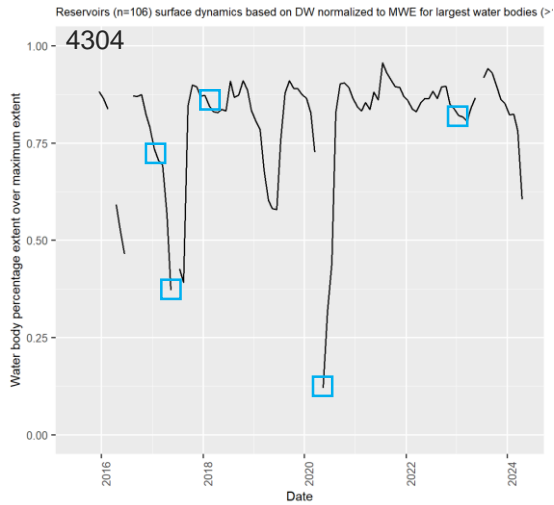
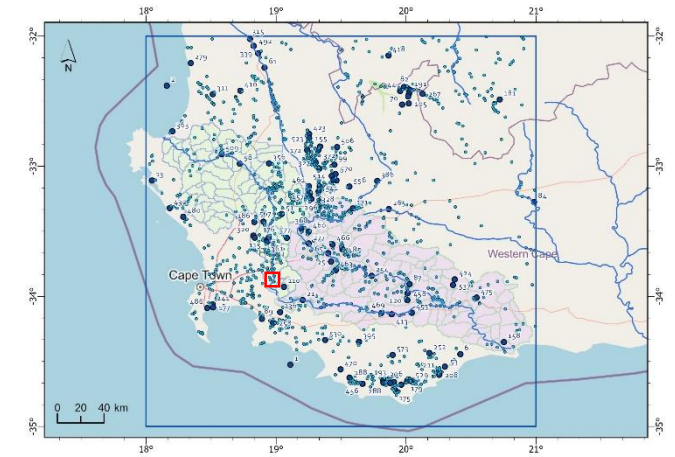
# Water Dynamics | Berg River Dam

Berg watershed | Waterbody surface > 1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 5.79km<sup>2</sup>

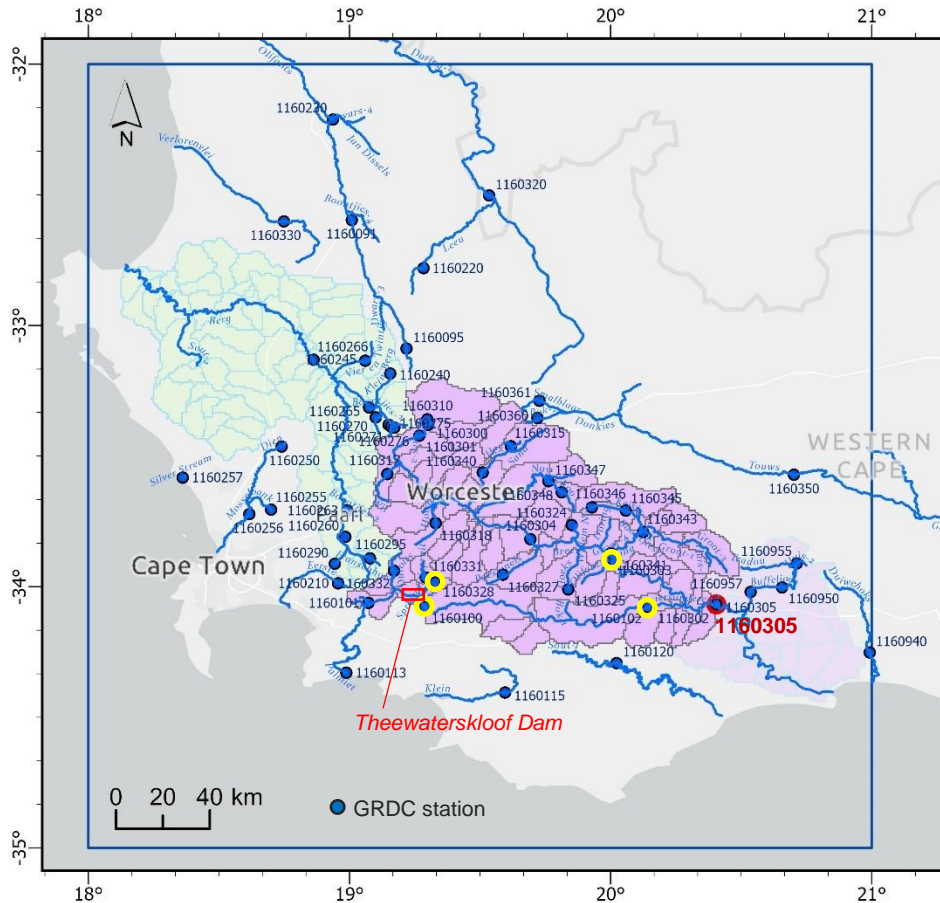


# Water Dynamics | Reservoirs 4304 & 3970

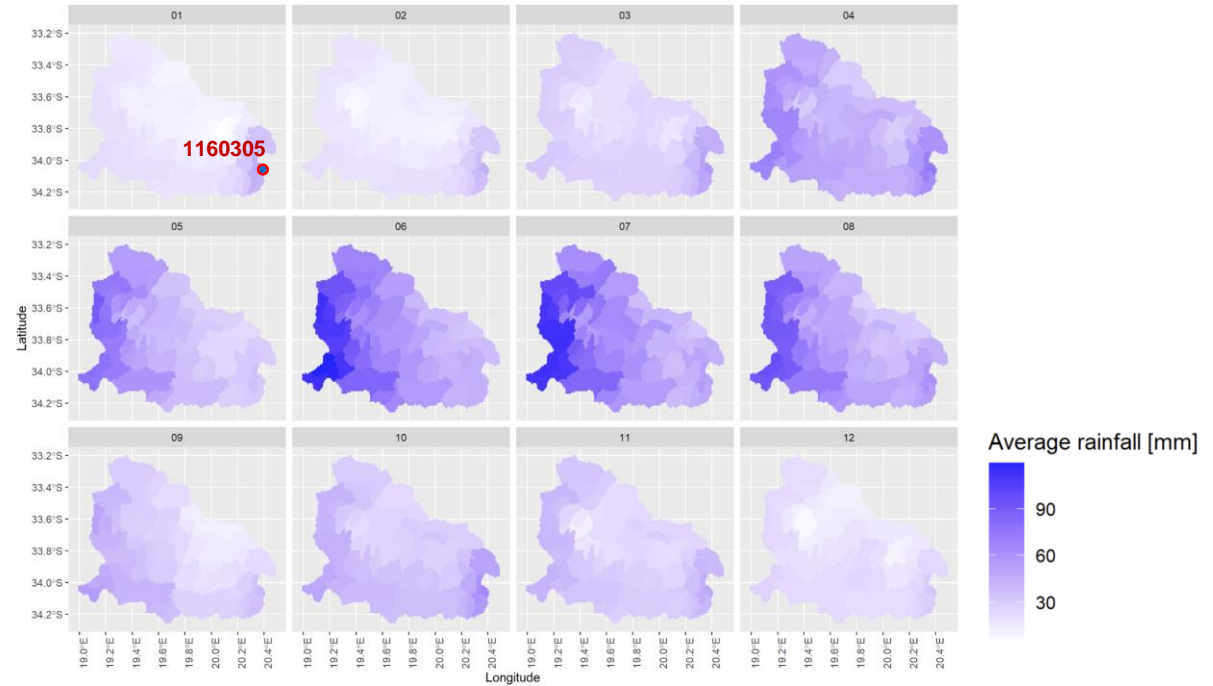
Berg watershed | Waterbody surface 0.1-1km<sup>2</sup> | Area (mwe): 0.15 & 0.16km<sup>2</sup>



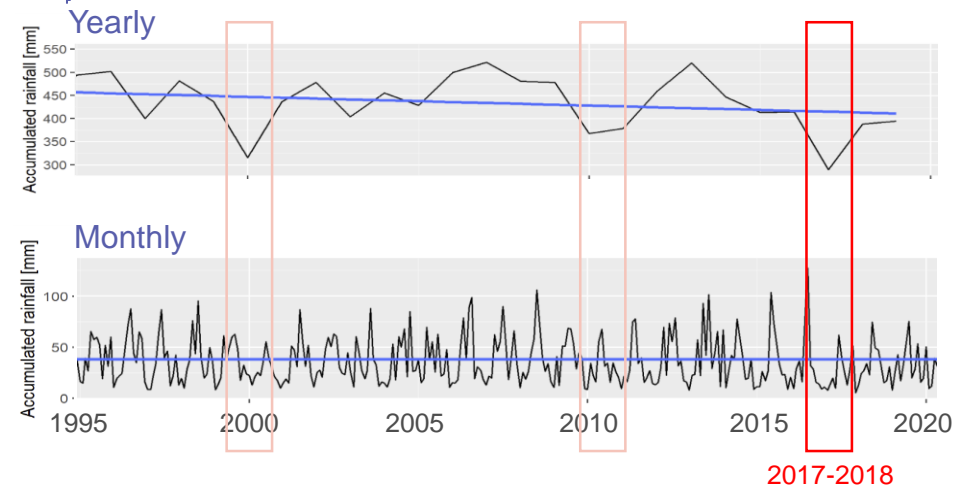
# Rainfall | Bree Basin



## Average rainfall (CHIRPS) per month and sub-watersheds upstream GRDC station 116305



## Rainfall timeseries (CHIRPS) for watershed upstream GRDC station 116305

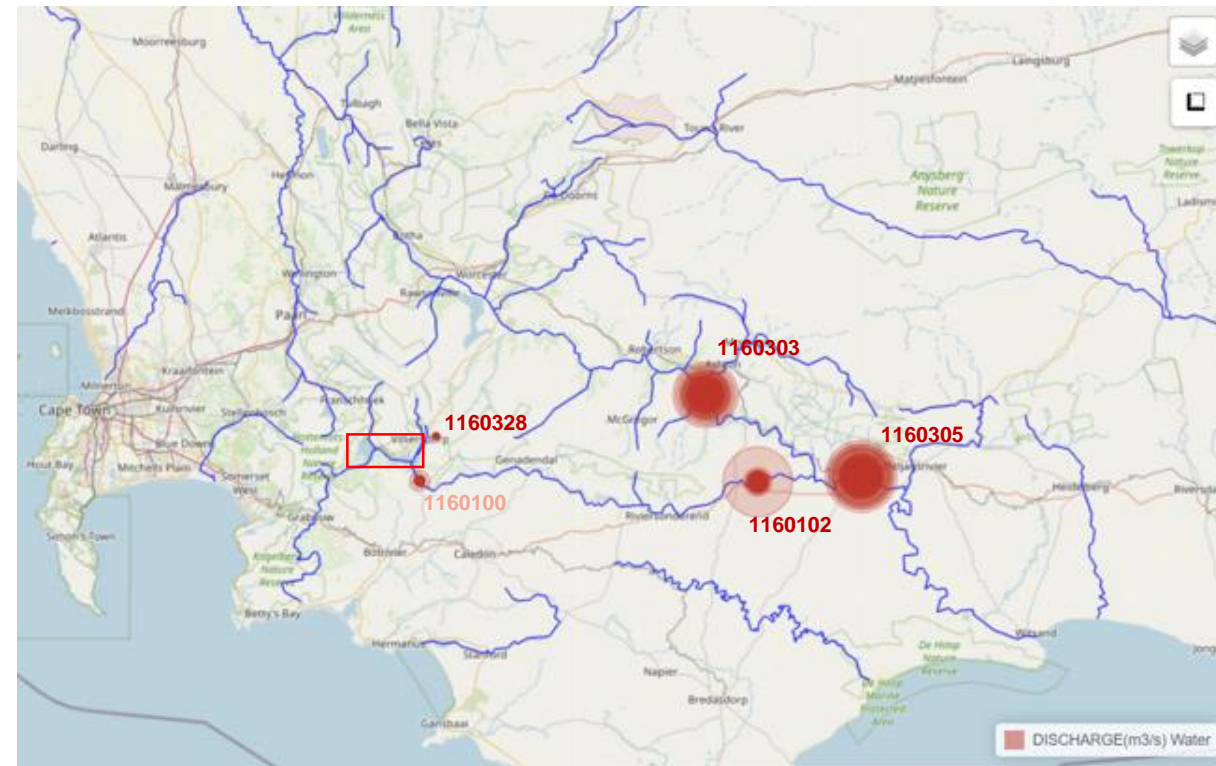


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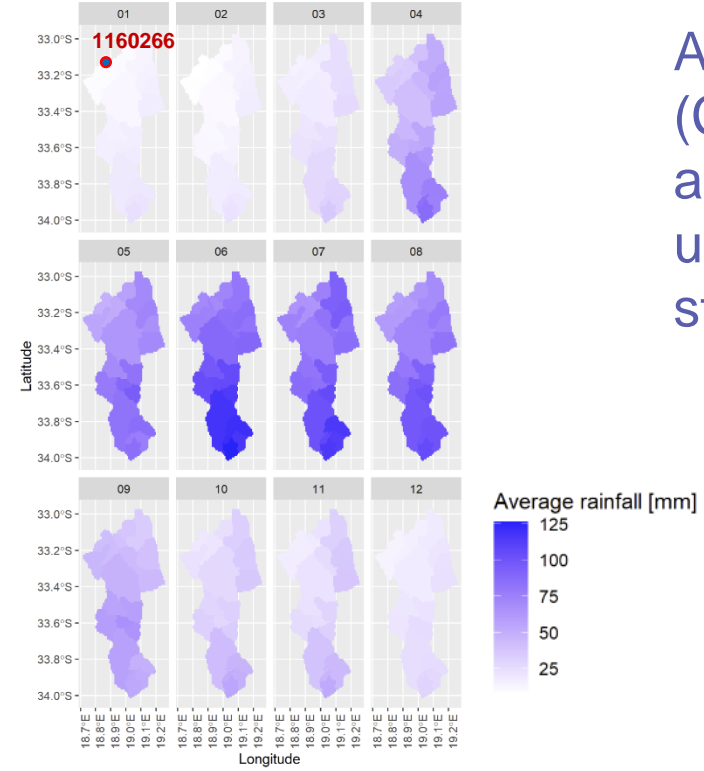
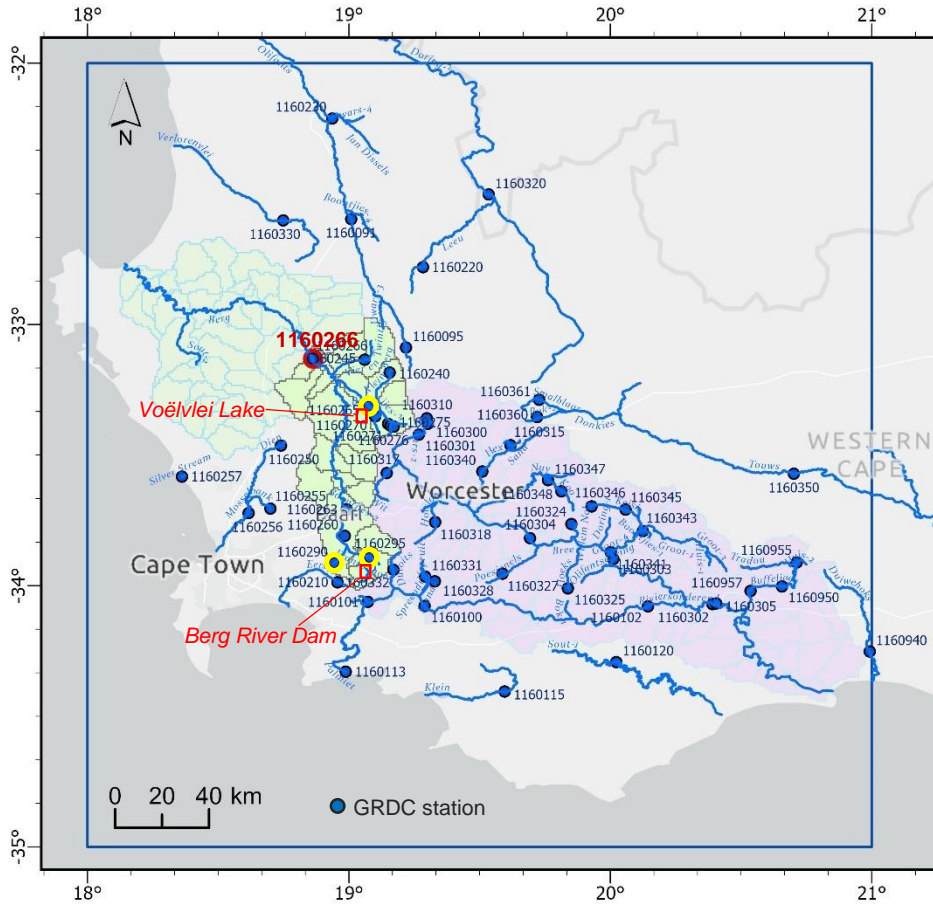
River discharge timeseries (GRDC-DWS)



River discharge stations along Spreeudrifspruit, Riviersonderend and Bree River

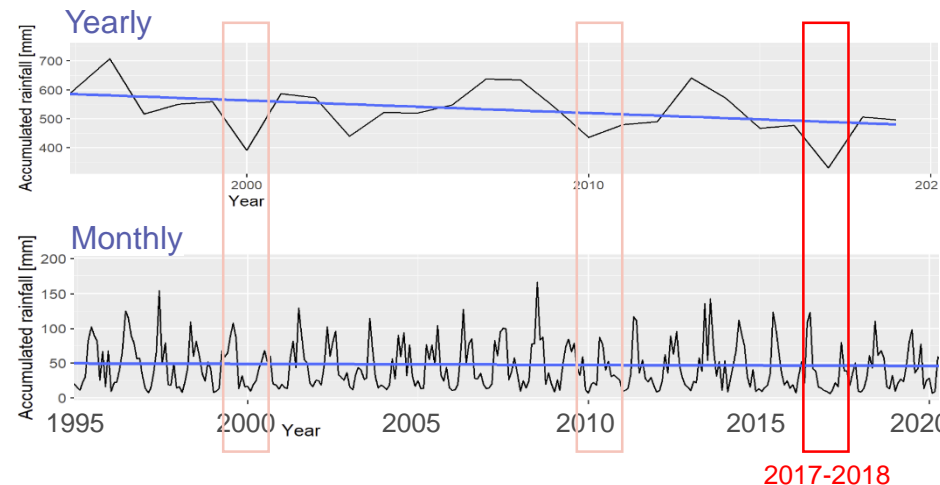


# Rainfall | Berg Basin



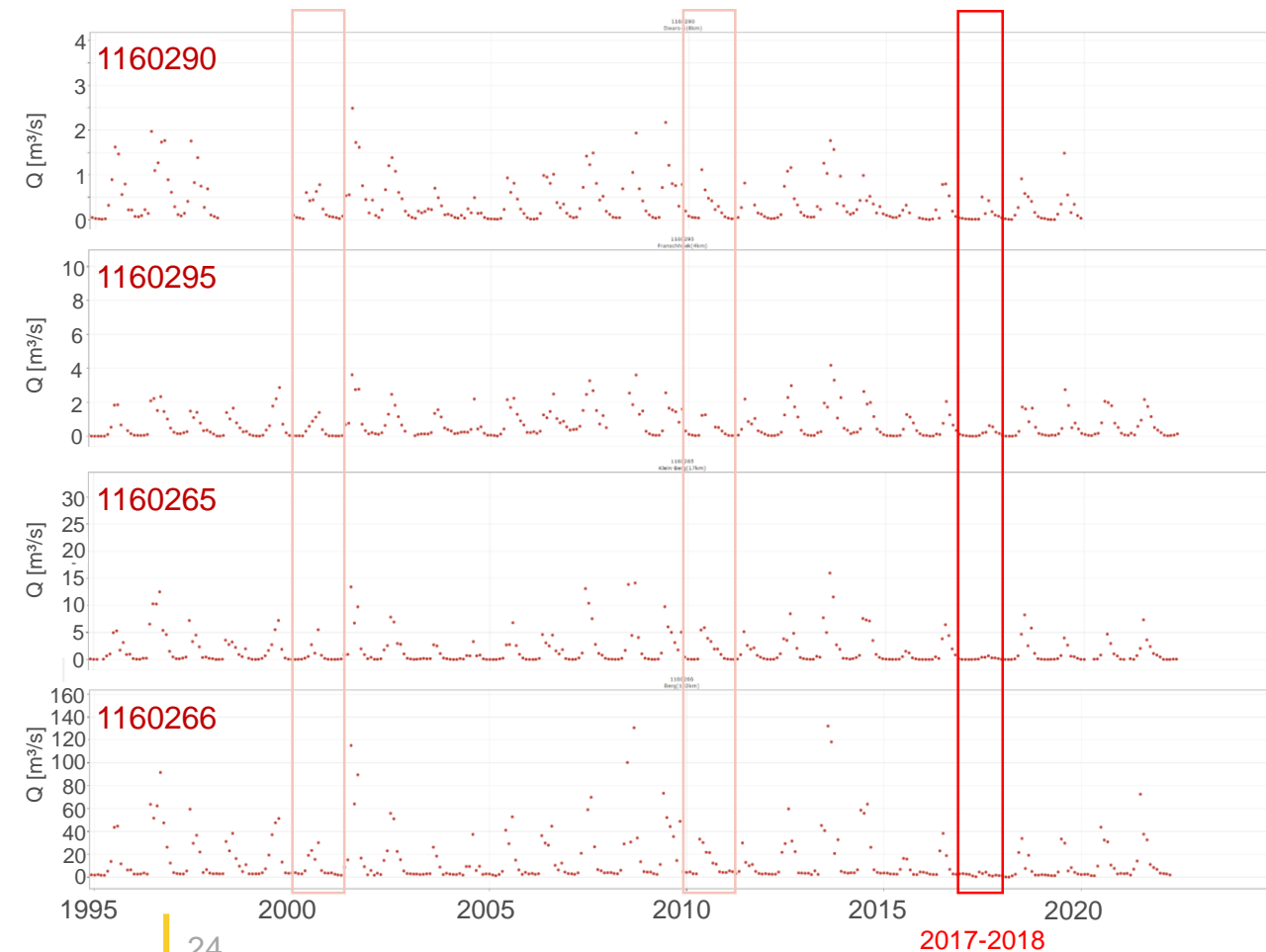
Average rainfall (CHIRPS) per month and sub-watersheds upstream GRDC station 1160266

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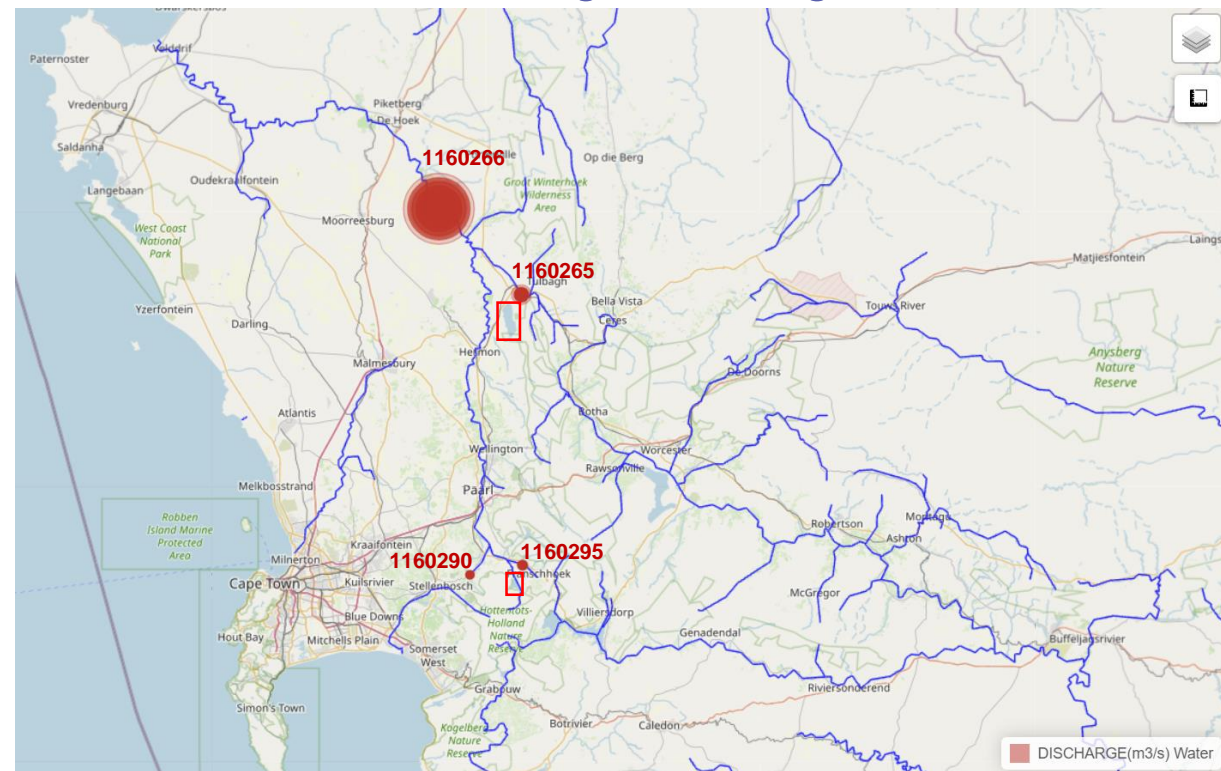


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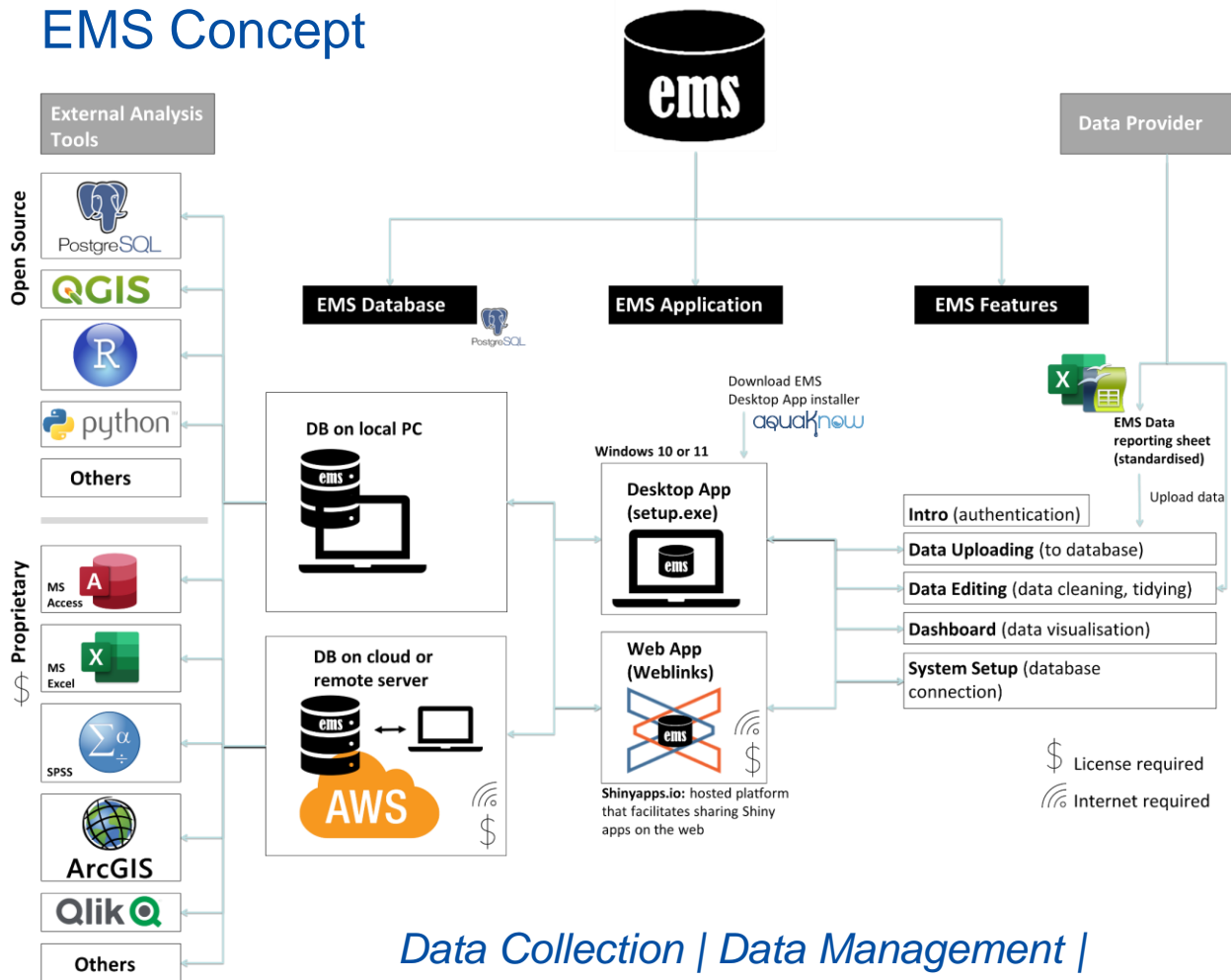
River discharge stations along Dwars, Franschhoek, Klein Berg and Berg River





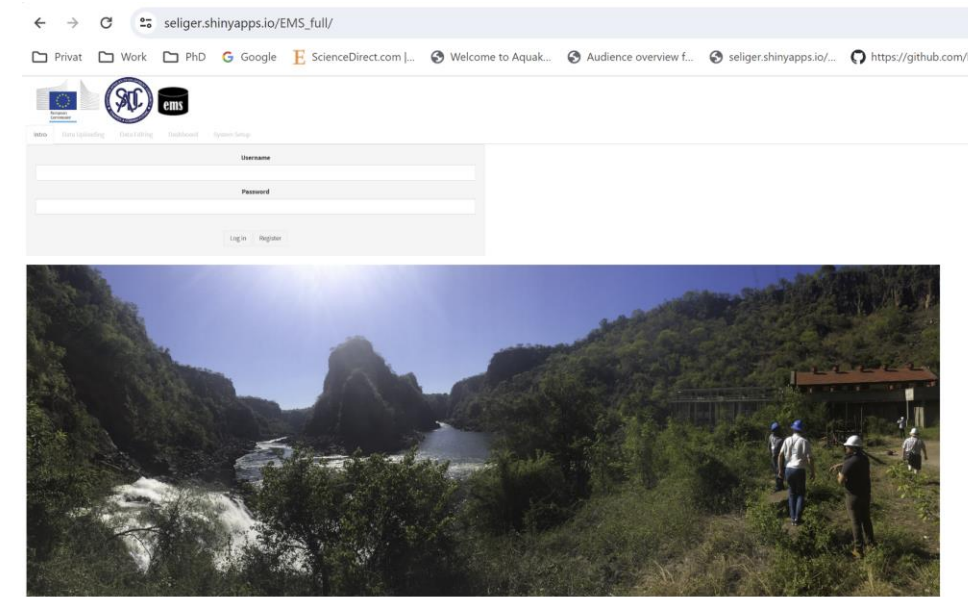
# Data Management | EMS

## EMS Concept



*Data Collection | Data Management |  
Data Visualisation | Data Analysis |  
Decision Support*

## EMS Landing Page (workshop version)



**EMS Report, 2023**

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# Data Management | EMS Desktop App Access

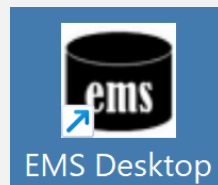
- Download the latest *EMS Desktop Setup.msi* from Aquaknow (<https://aquaknow.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>), **available from July 2024**
- Run the *EMS Desktop Setup.msi* to install *EMS Desktop* on your PC (Windows 10 or 11)
- Open EMS Desktop, register, login with new credential
- Start exploring the EMS (by default, EMS is delivered with a demo dataset)
- Alternatively: *Under System Setup*: connect to your own (localhost) or external (remote) database

Download EMS → Run Installer → Open EMS → Register & Login → Explore the EMS

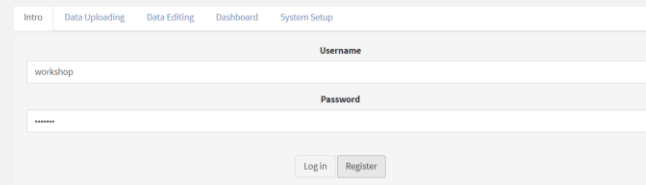
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