

# Hydrologic Modeling as a Service: A New Paradigm in Streamflow Forecasting

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## The Hydrologic Cycle is Complex





# In Situ Streamflow Monitoring Systems

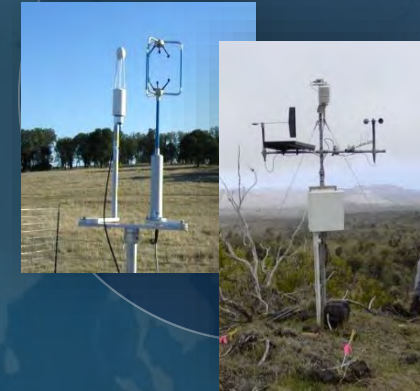
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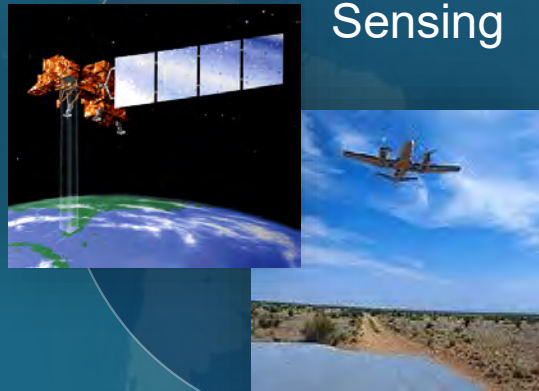
Rainfall & Snow



Meteorology



Remote  
Sensing

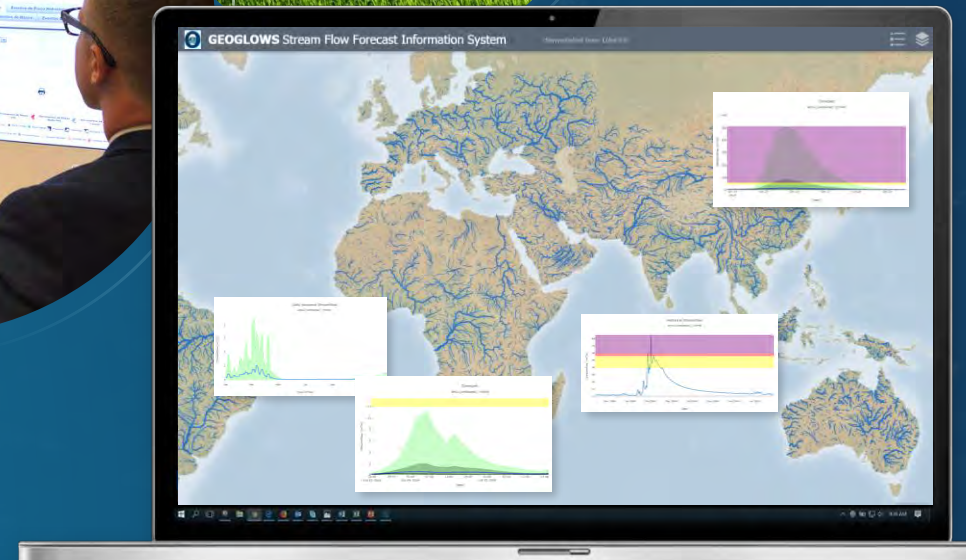


Soil Water



# Improving Water Intelligence...

- Understanding of the hydrologic system is incomplete
- Lack of information = Uninformed decisions
- It is our responsibility to find better solutions





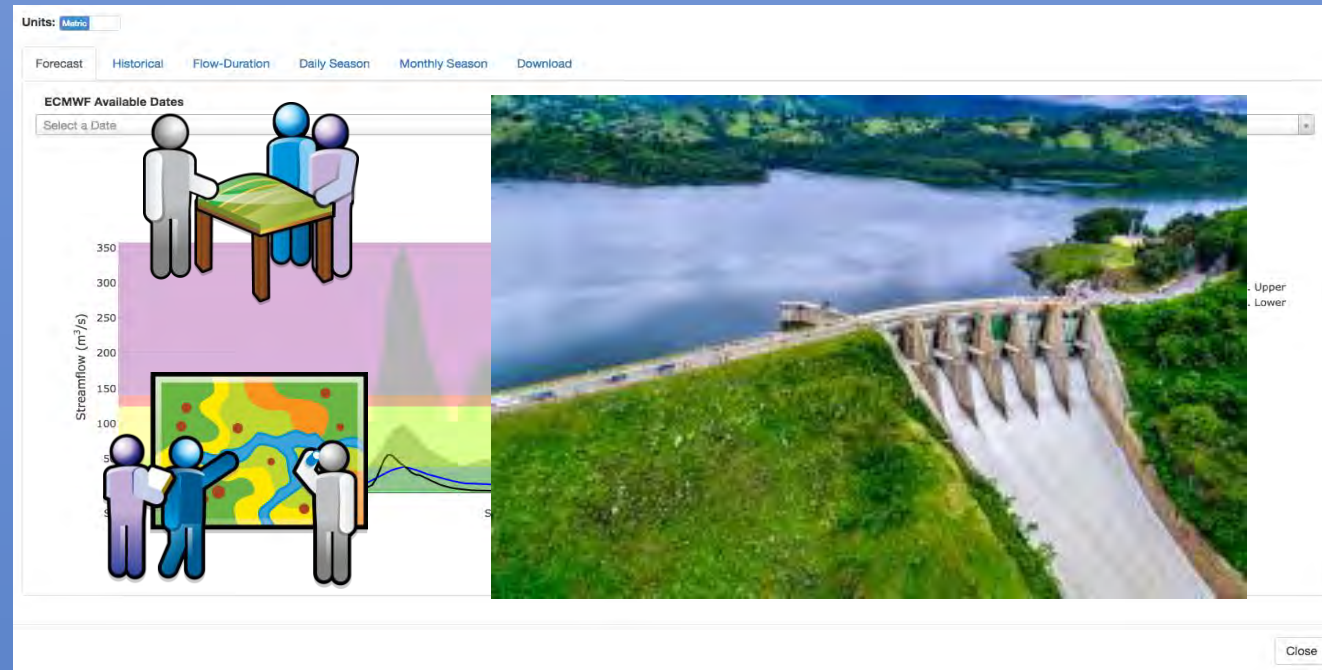
# Hydrologic Modeling Role

Understand

- Watersheds
- Waters
- River networks

Predict

Manage

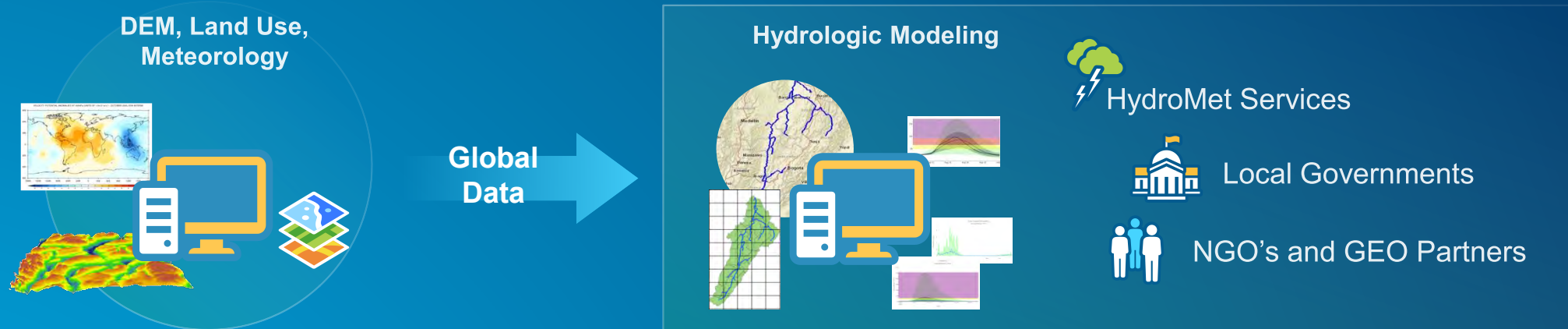


# Hydrologic Model Development

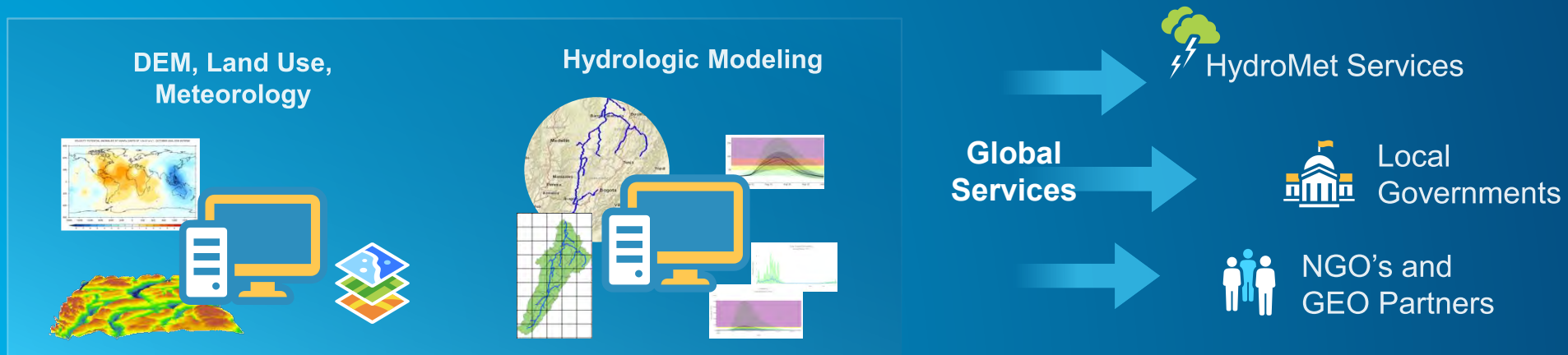


# A Paradigm Shift – Disruptive Technologies that Enable

**PAST** – Capacity to build models/workflows and create actionable information



**CURRENT** – Capacity to use actionable information from trusted/proven models/workflows





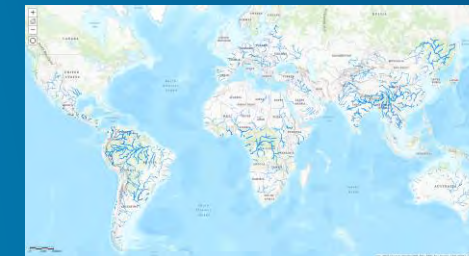
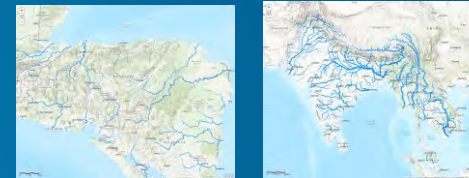
# GEOGIOWS ECMWF Global Streamflow Services



## Web Services

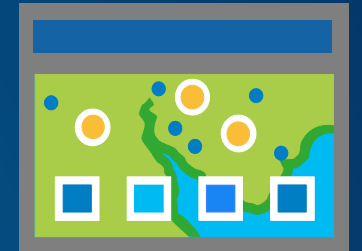


## Streamflow API at Azure



## Global WMS at Living Atlas

## Custom Web Apps





# Overcoming Global Modeling Barriers



Cyberinfrastructure  
and Workflows



Web apps and  
web services



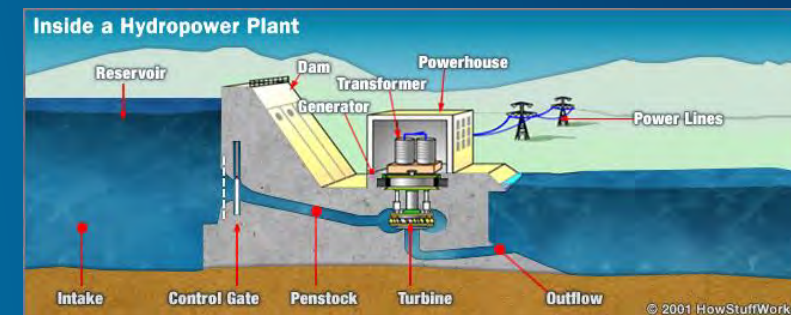
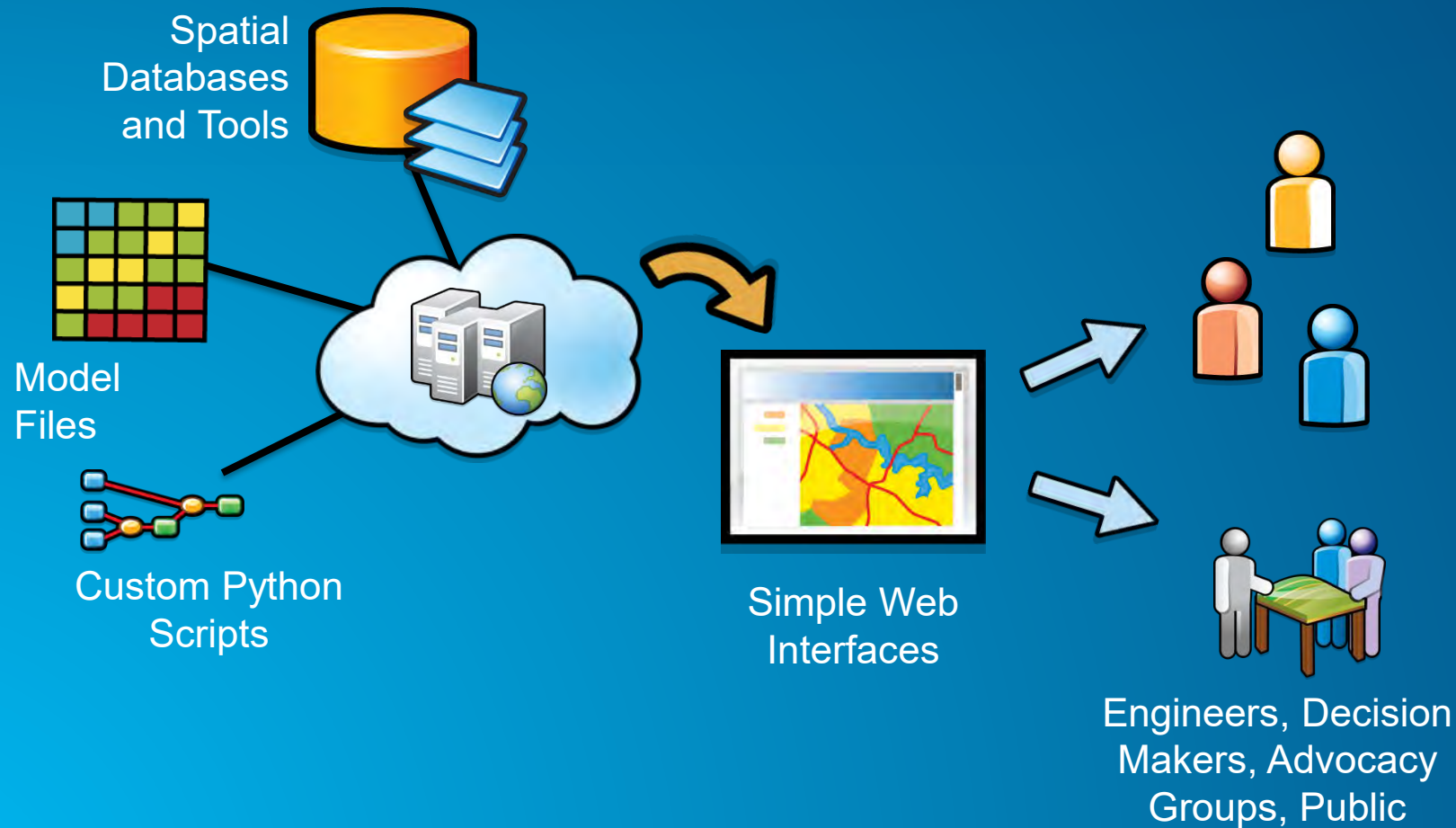
Partnerships, trainings,  
and collaboration



Accessibility tools and  
programmatic extraction

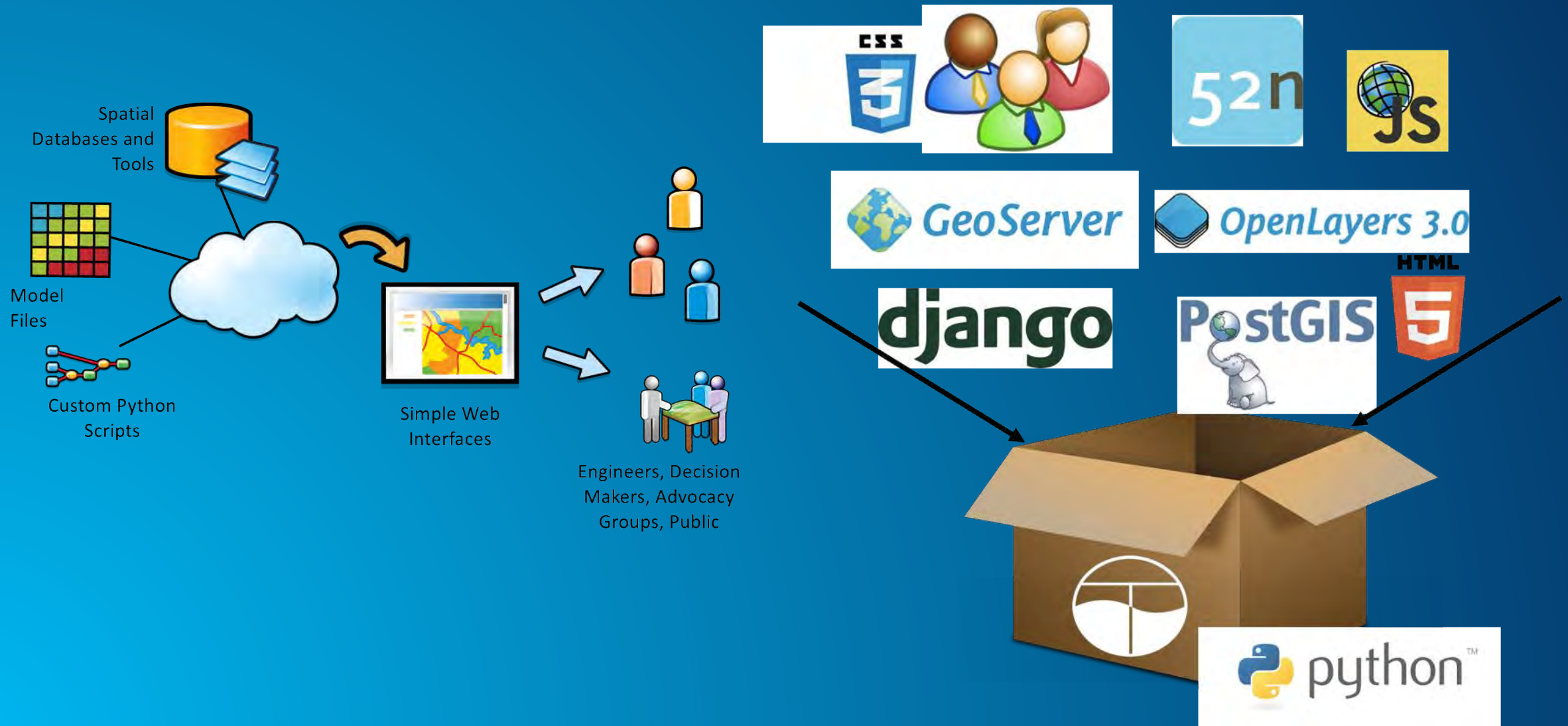


# Web Service Enabling Technologies



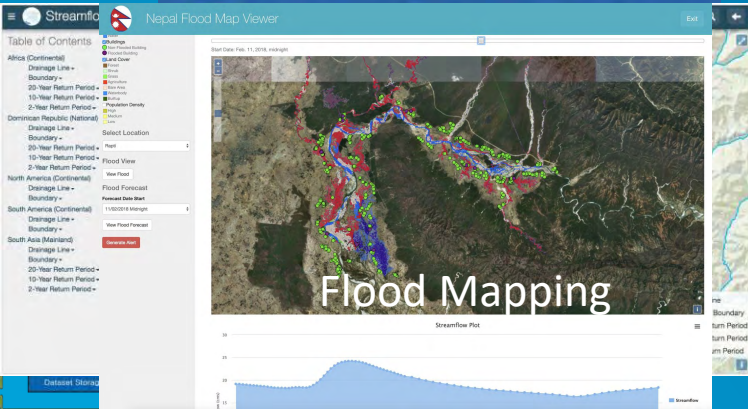


# Tethys – Lowers Barrier for Web App Development





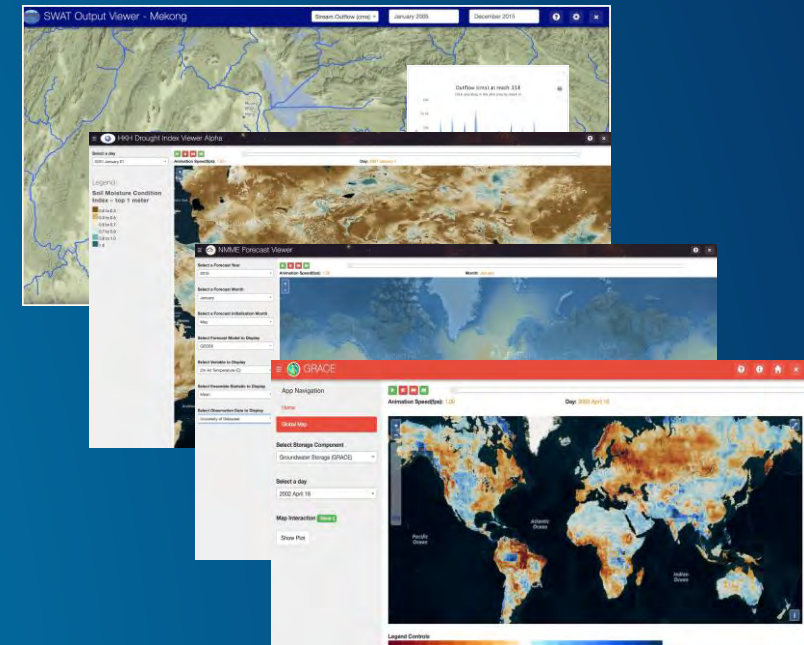
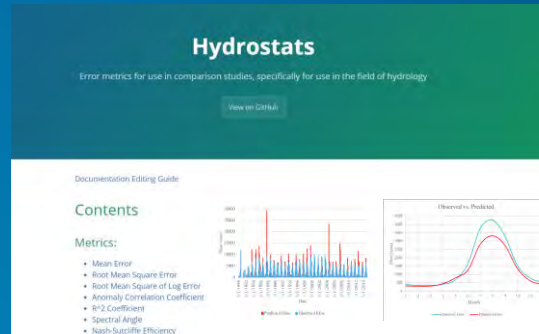
# Tethys App Development for SERVIR - HKH



External Resources

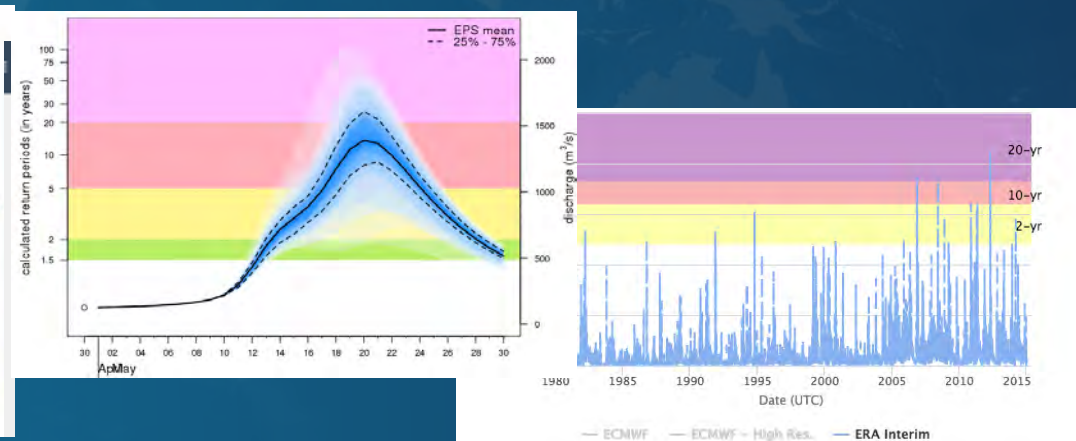
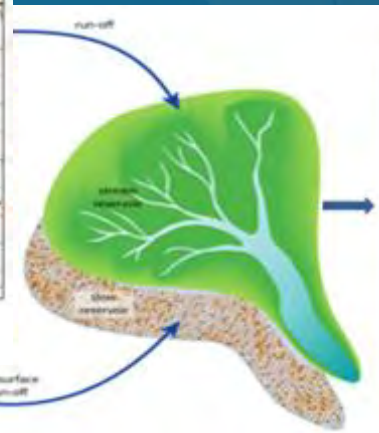
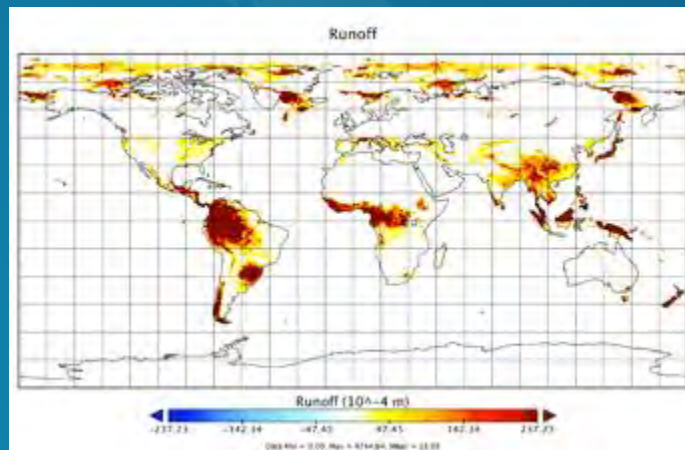
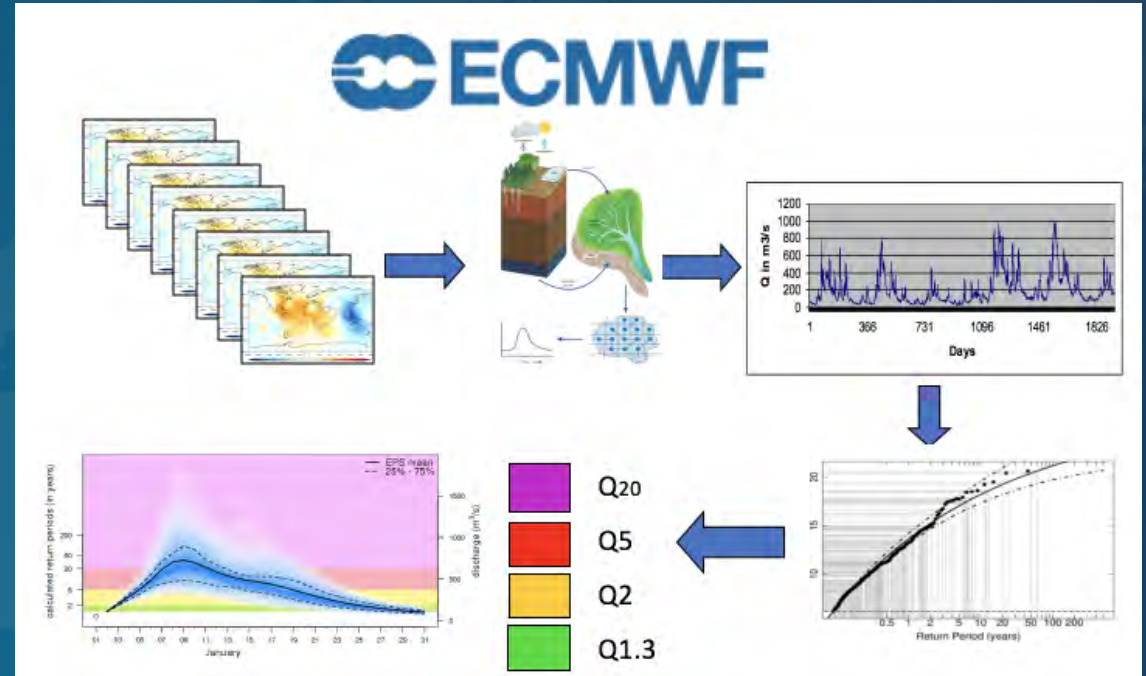
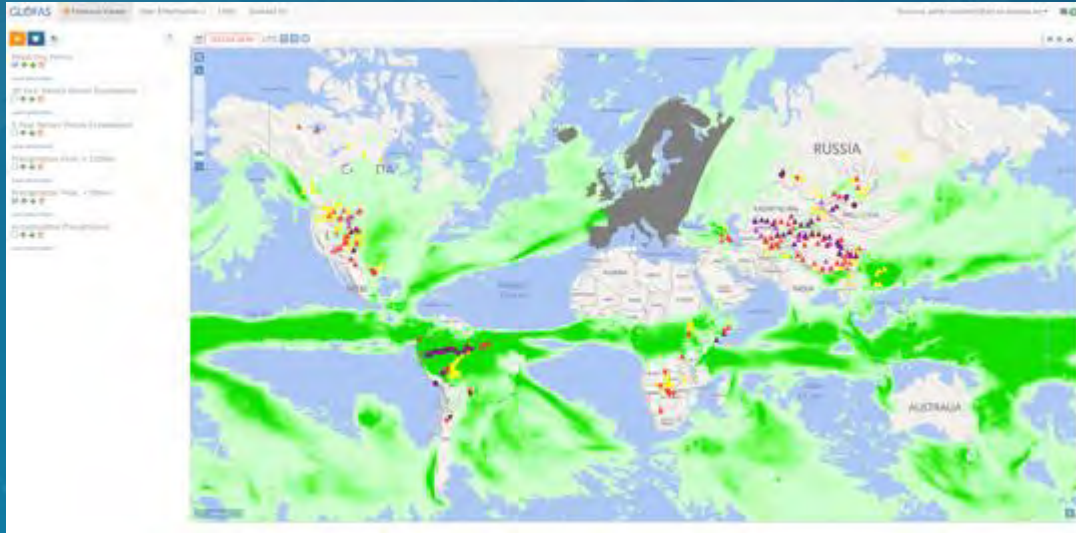
Geospatial  
Spatial Databases

Tethys Software Suite

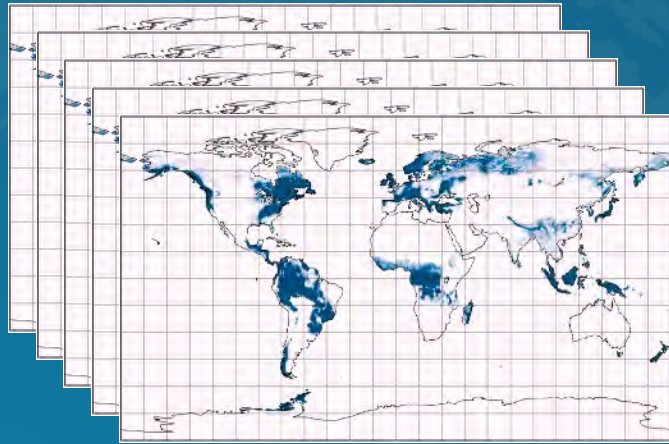




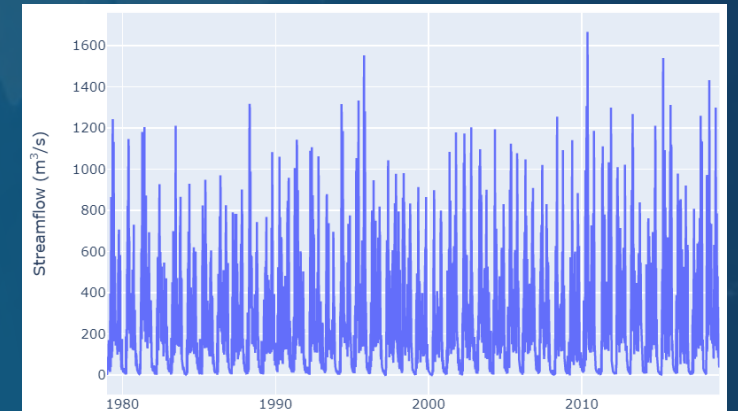
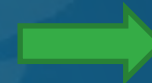
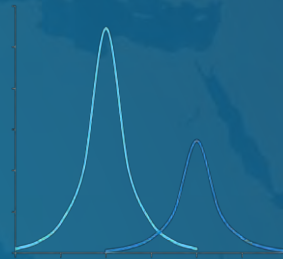
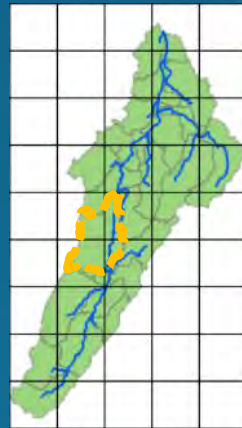
# ECMWF – GloFAS Global Runoff Forecasting



# Historical Simulation

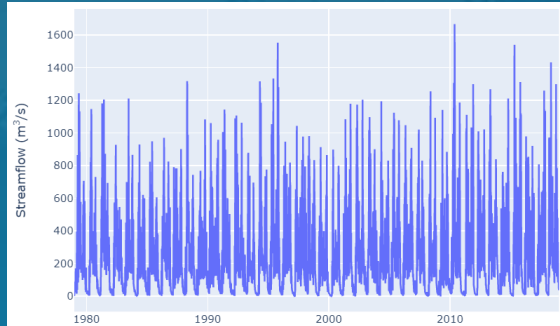


ECMWF  
1979-2018

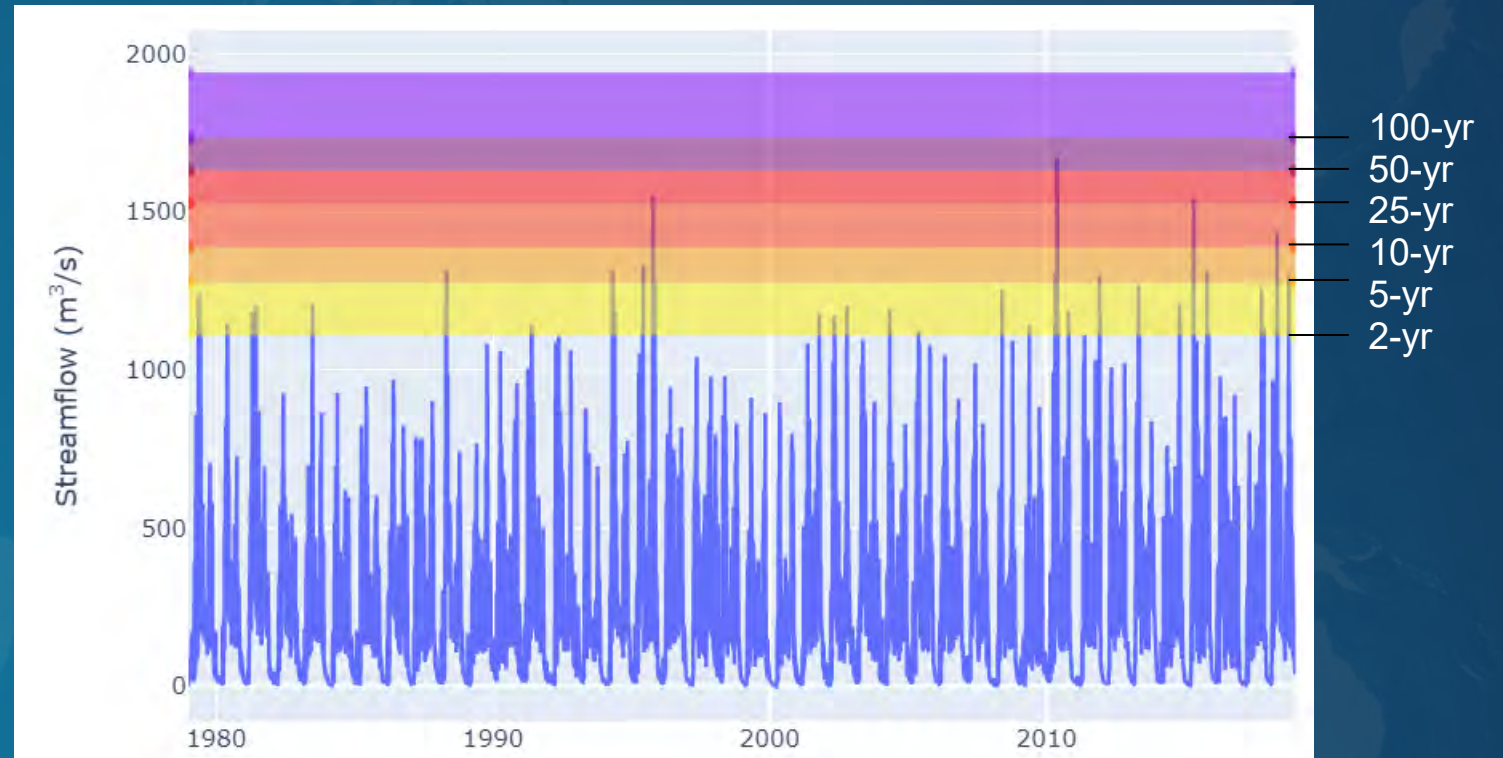




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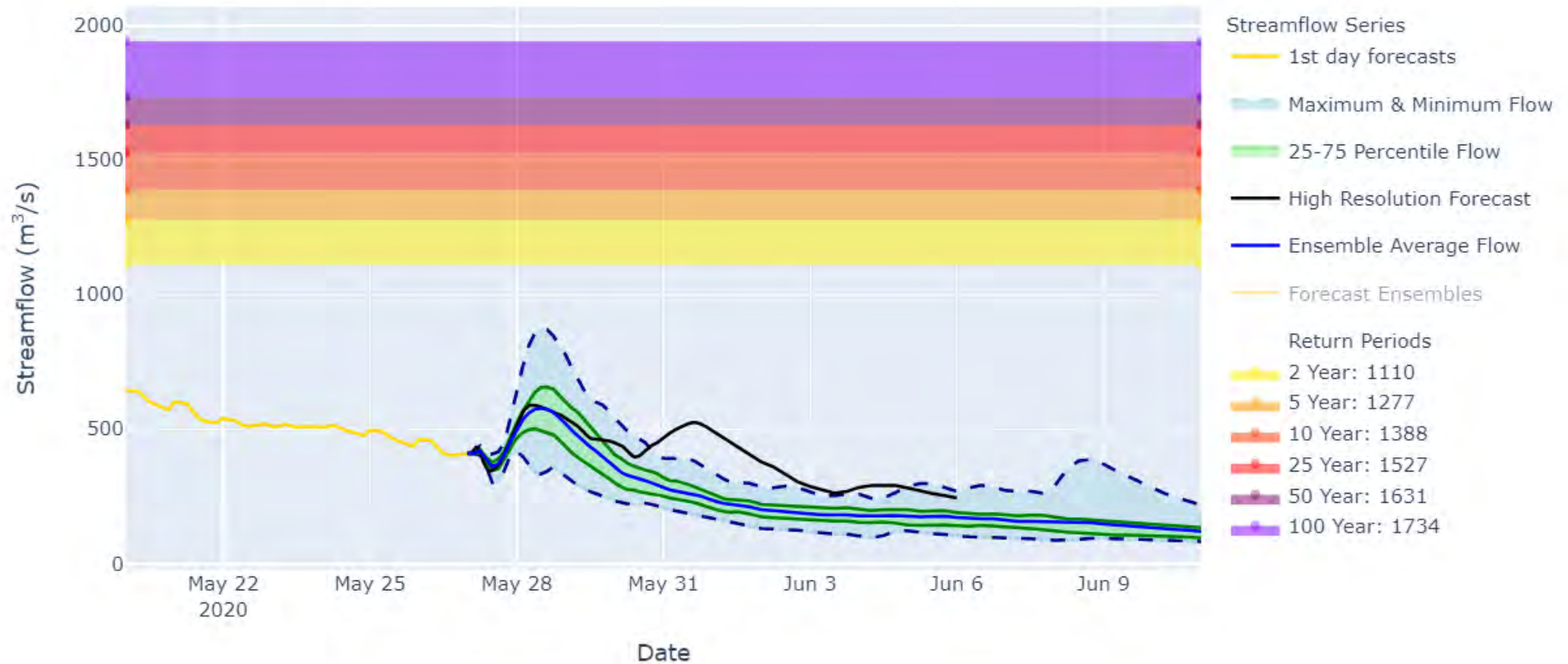


Gumbel Distribution



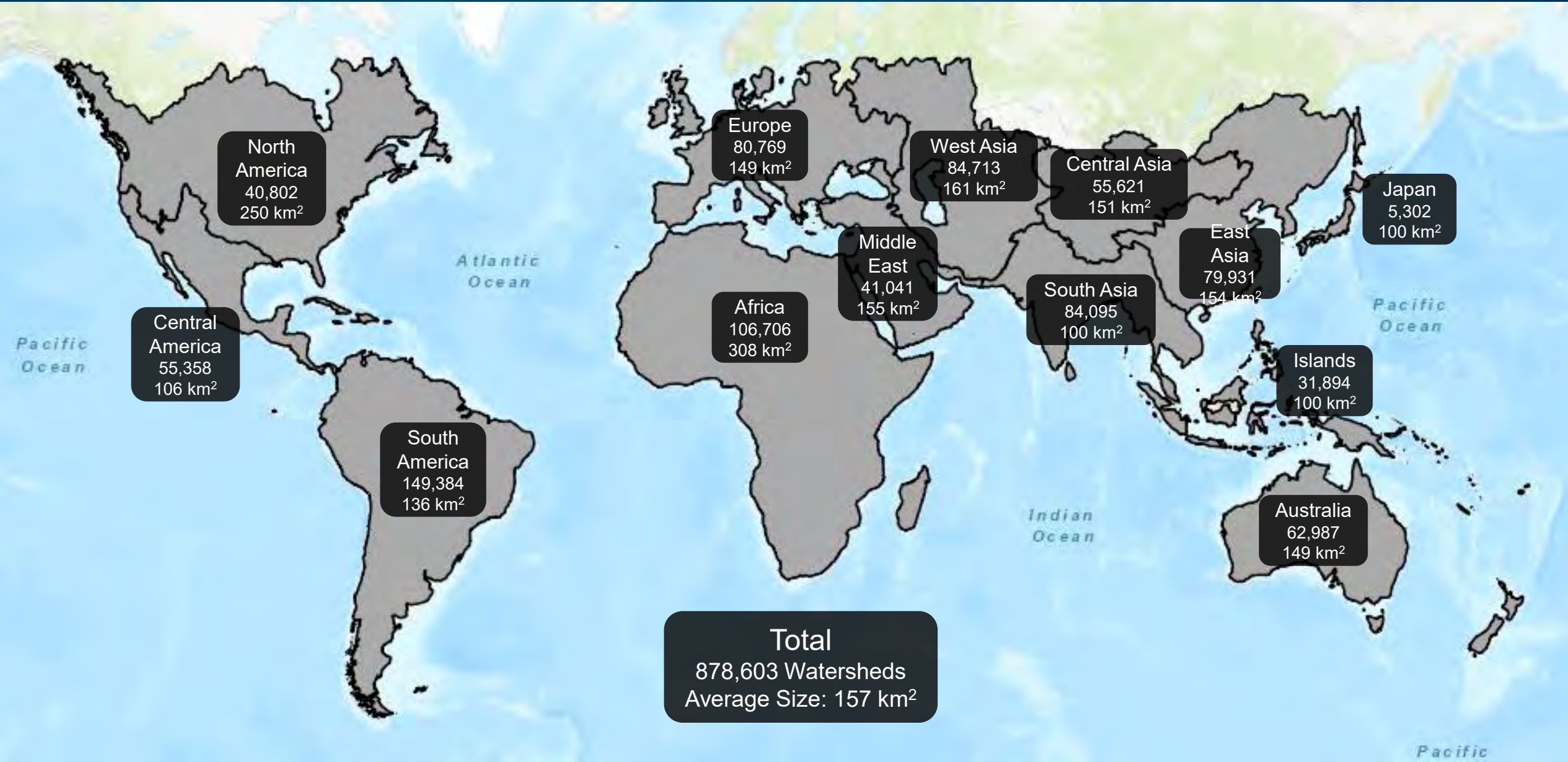
# Streamflow Forecasts

Forecasted Streamflow  
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# Global Network




# Tethys Deploys and Manages Apps

 **GEOGloWS Toolbox** [Log In](#)


Apps Library




Hydrostats App



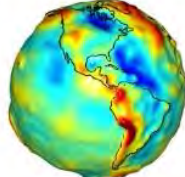
GFS Data Tool



GLDAS Data Tool




Streamflow  
Prediction  
Services



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# Dominican Republic HydroViewer with Validation



INDRHI Portal

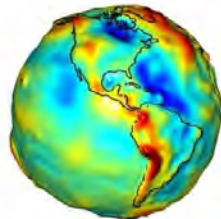
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## Apps Library



Streamflow  
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1



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Hydrostats App

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Administracion de  
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GFS Data Tool


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# ICIMOD Portal



Tethys Portal

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ECMWF-Streamflow-Prediction

Drought-Monitoring


Weather

HIWAT-Streamflow-Prediction


Hydro-stats-Validation




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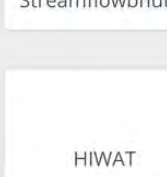
Hydrostats App



Regional Drought




Streamflow Bangladesh



HIWAT

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# Colombia HydroViewer with Validation



IDEAM Portal

Apps

Developer

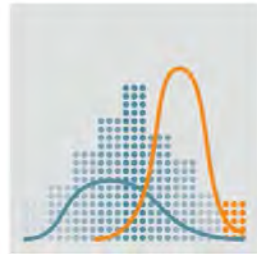
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## Apps Library



HydroViewer  
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Hydrostats App



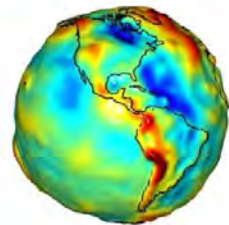
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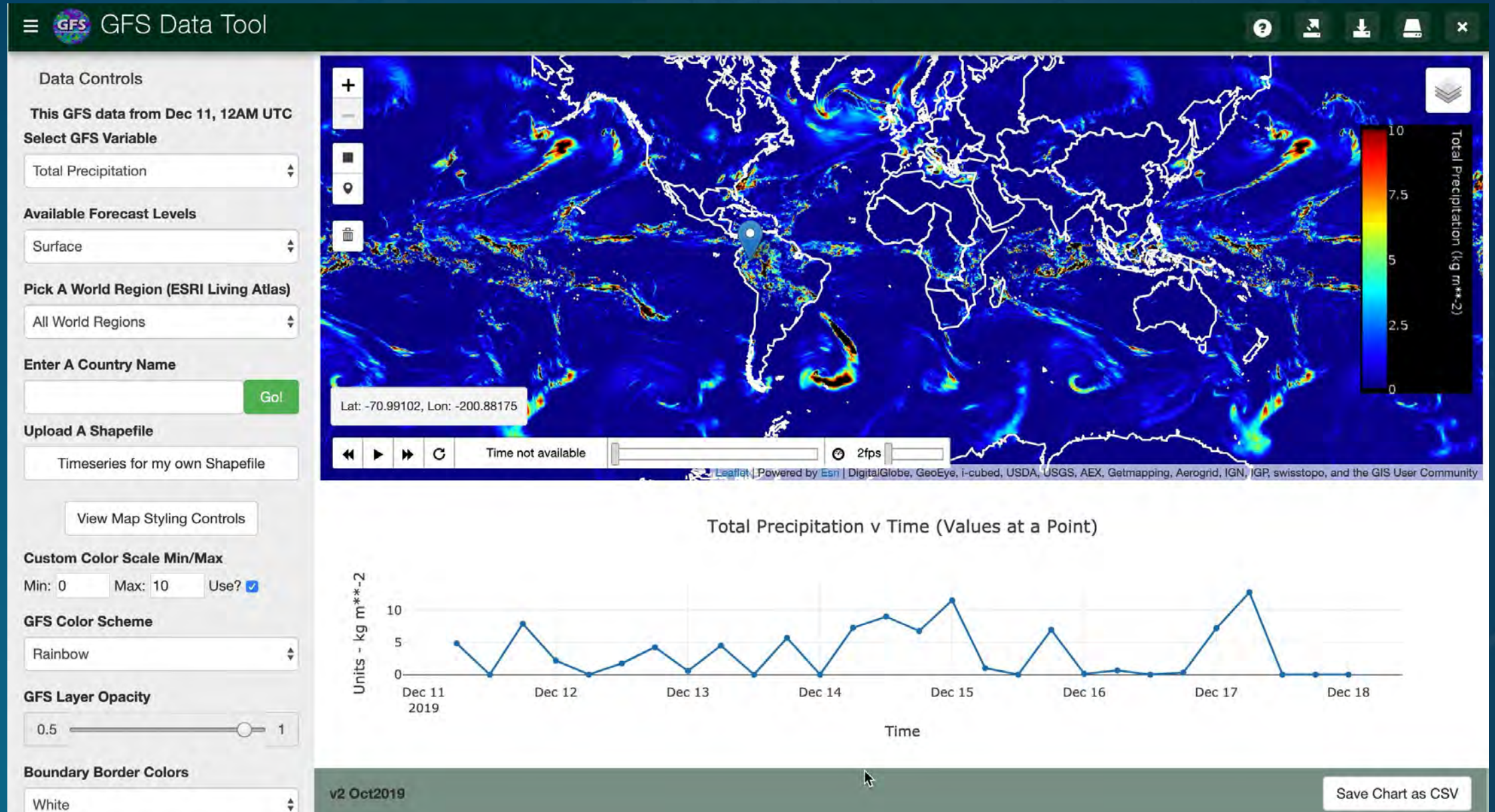
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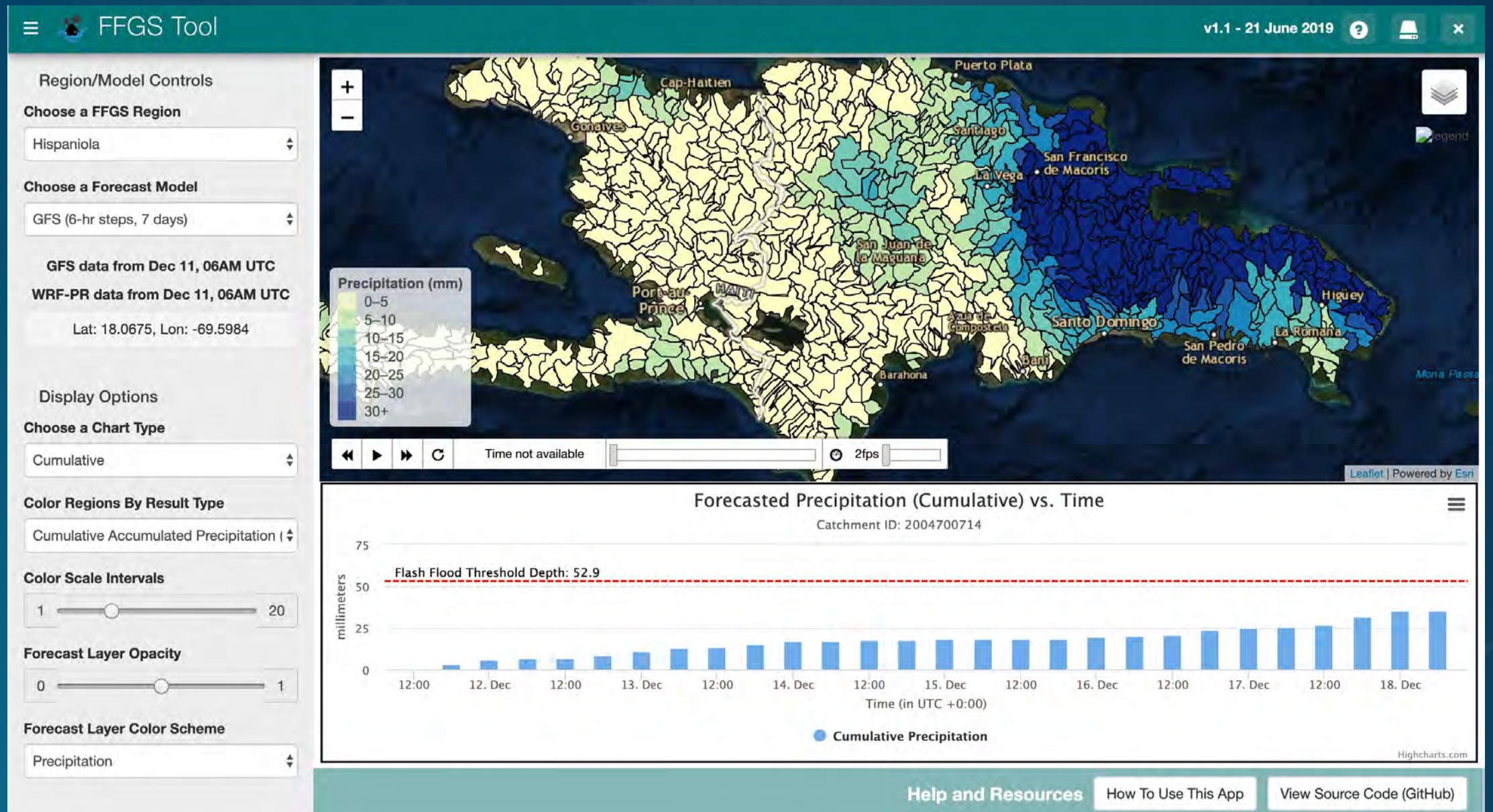


# NOAA Global Forecast System (GFS)



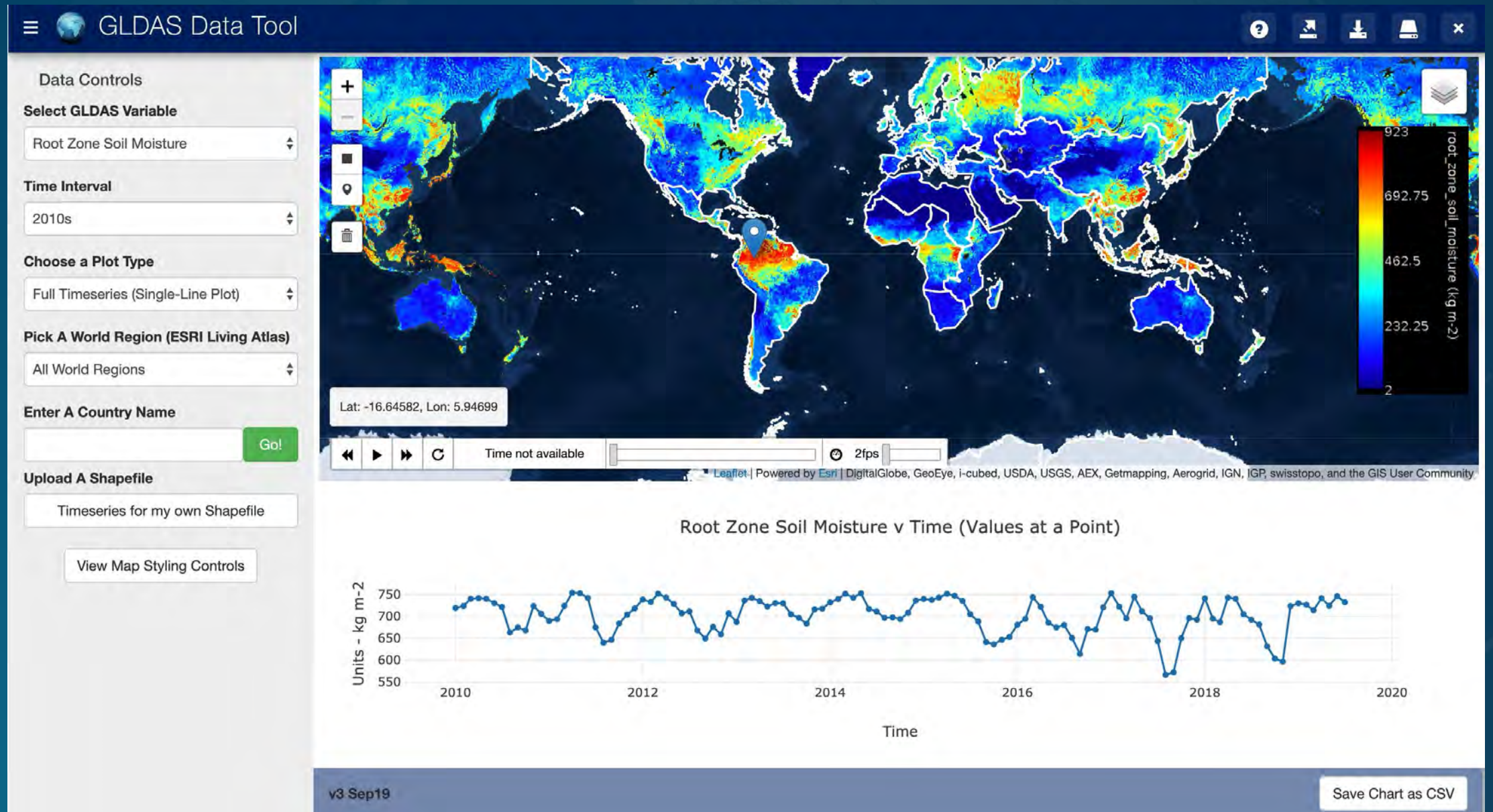


# Flash Flood Guidance Application of Aggregated Rainfall



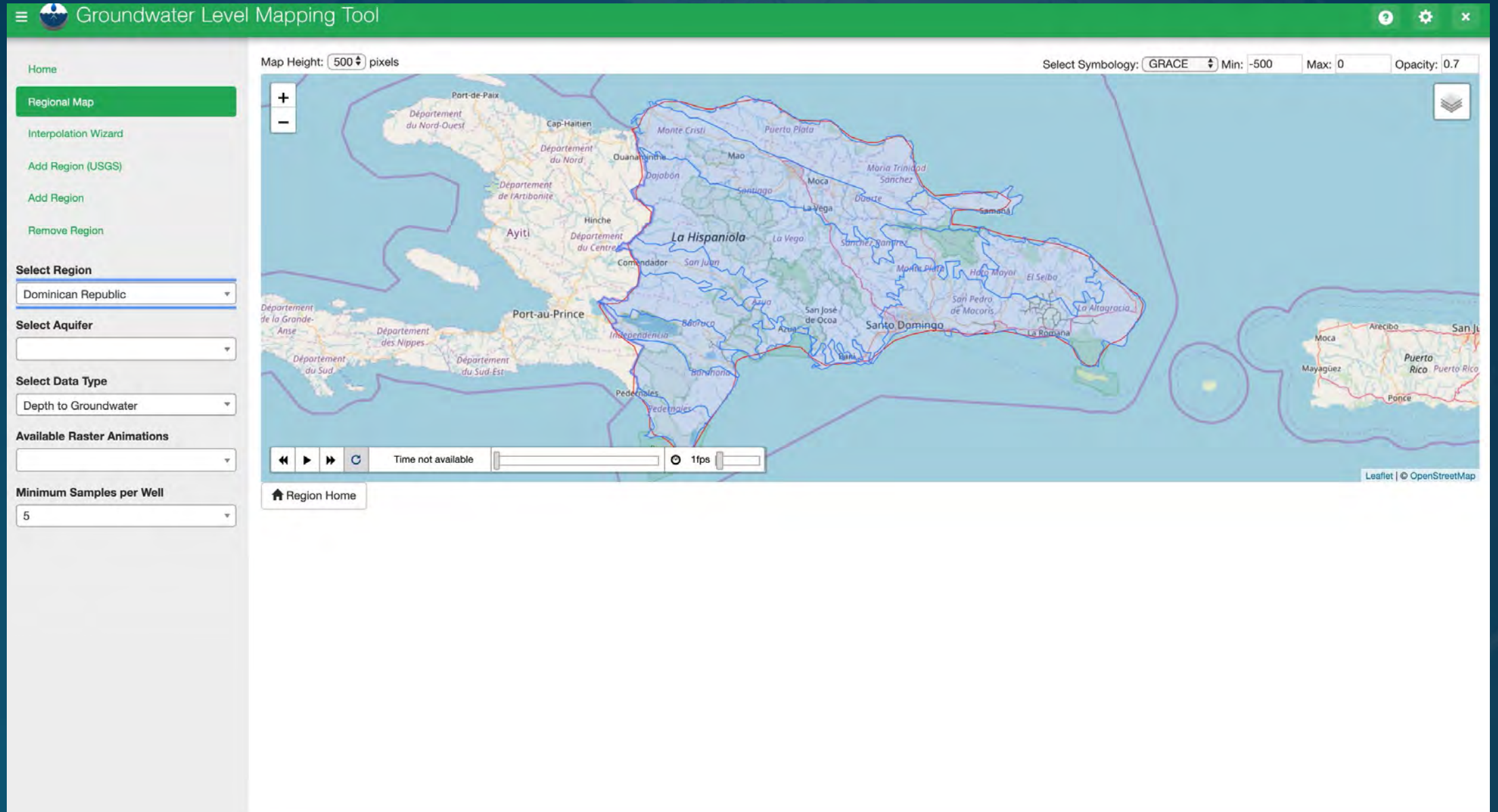


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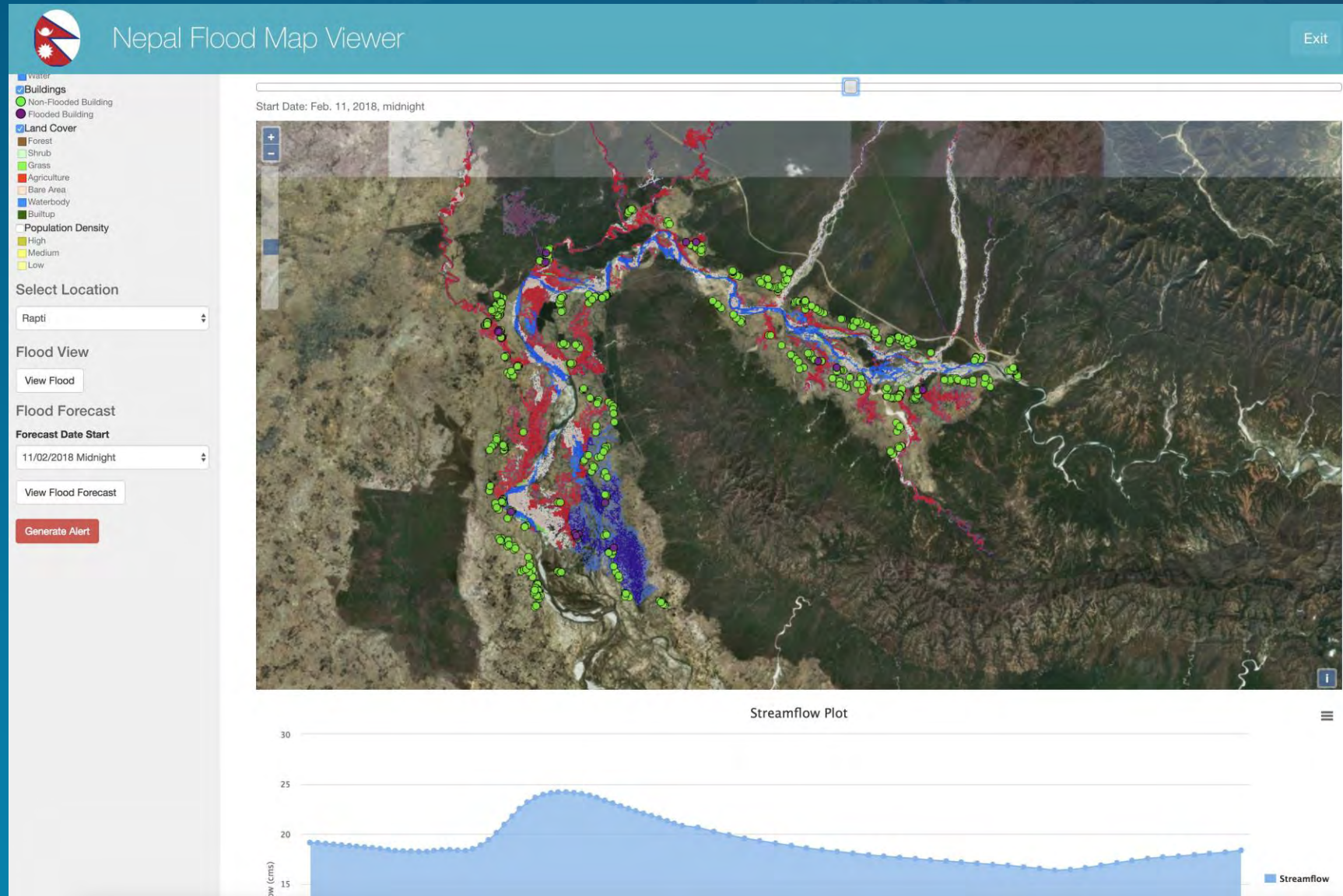




# Groundwater Mapping from Well Logs



# Nepal Flood Map Viewer

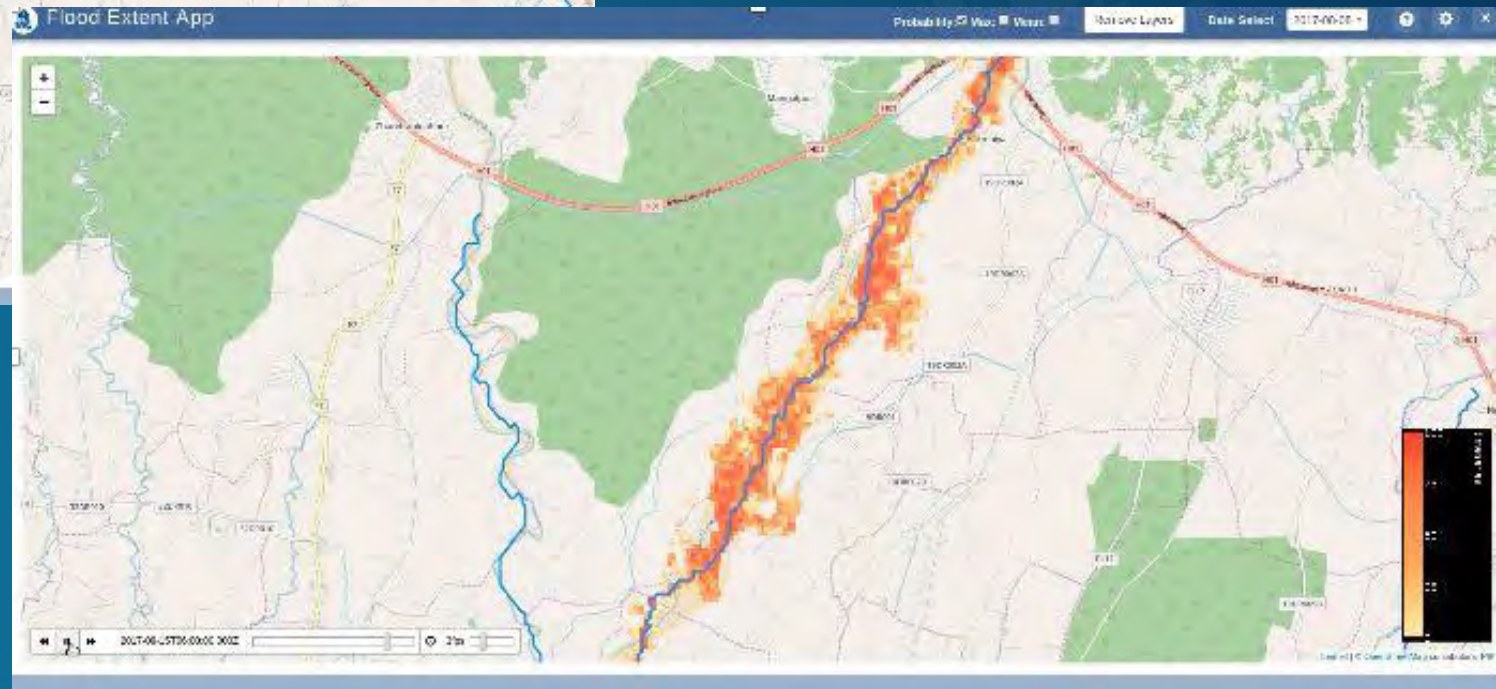
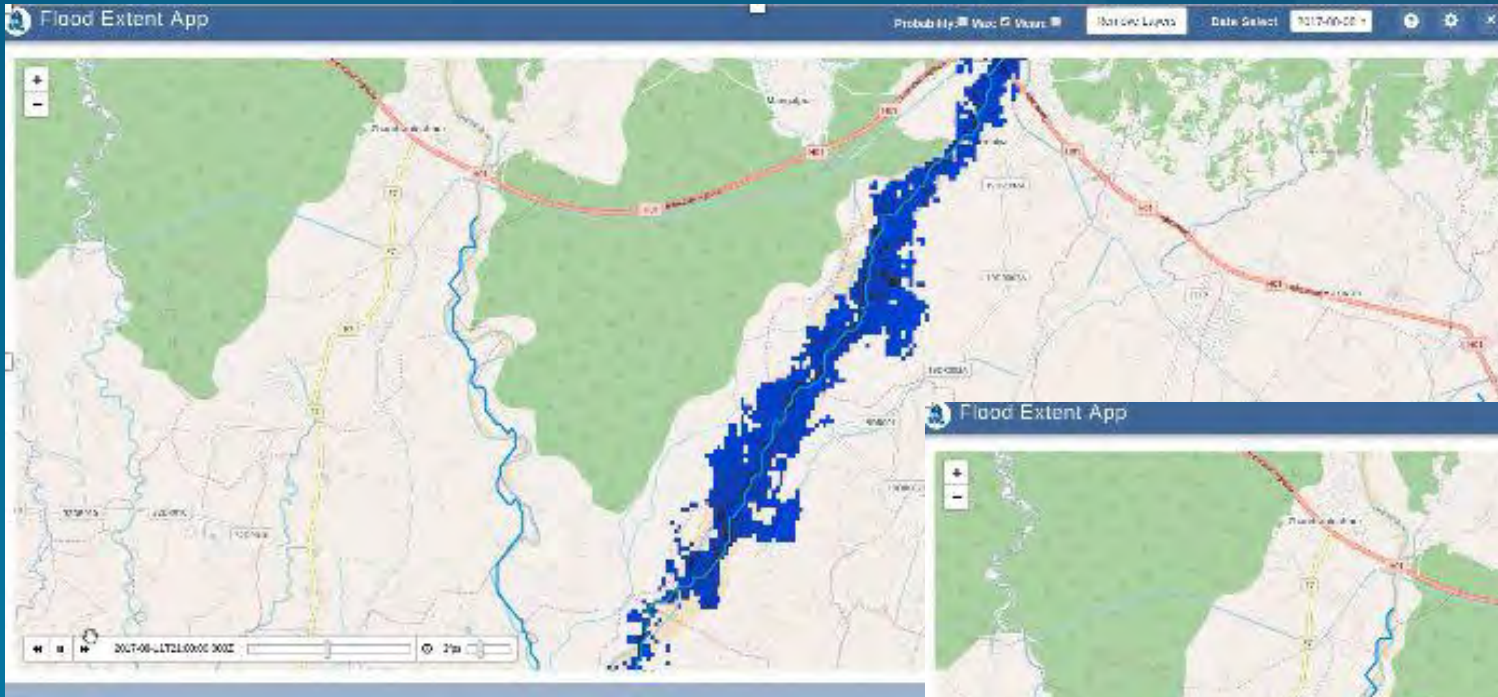




# Flood Extent App



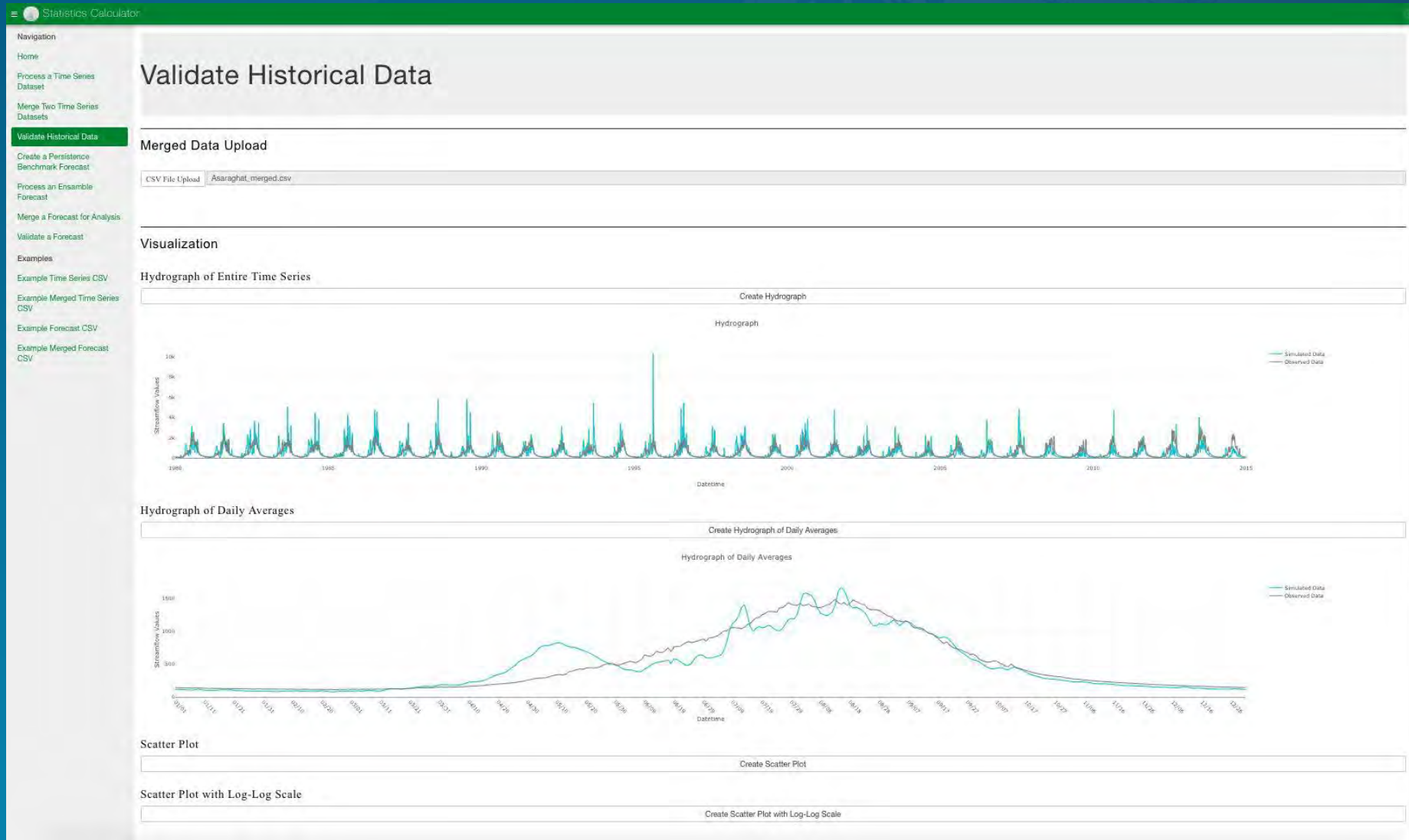
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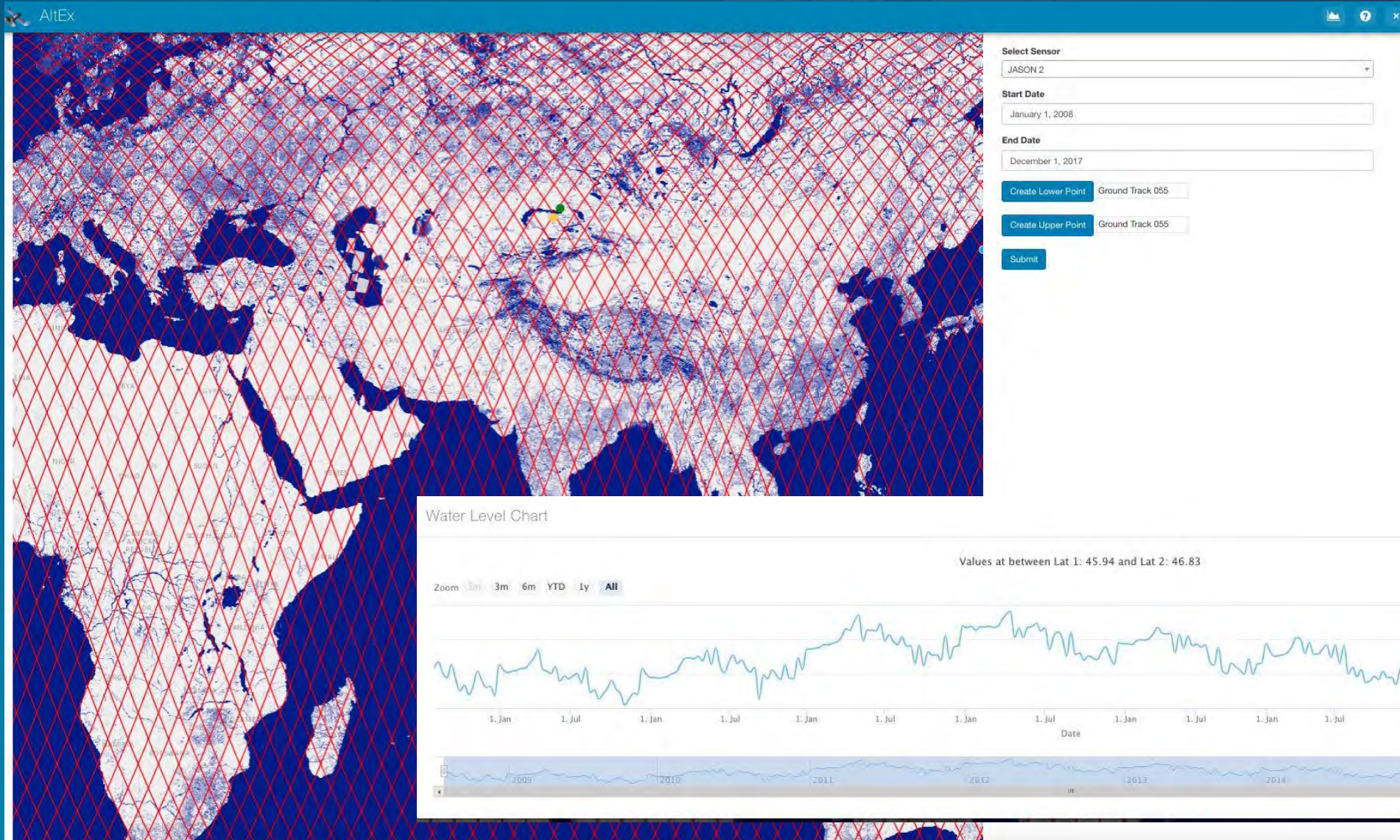
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Calculator

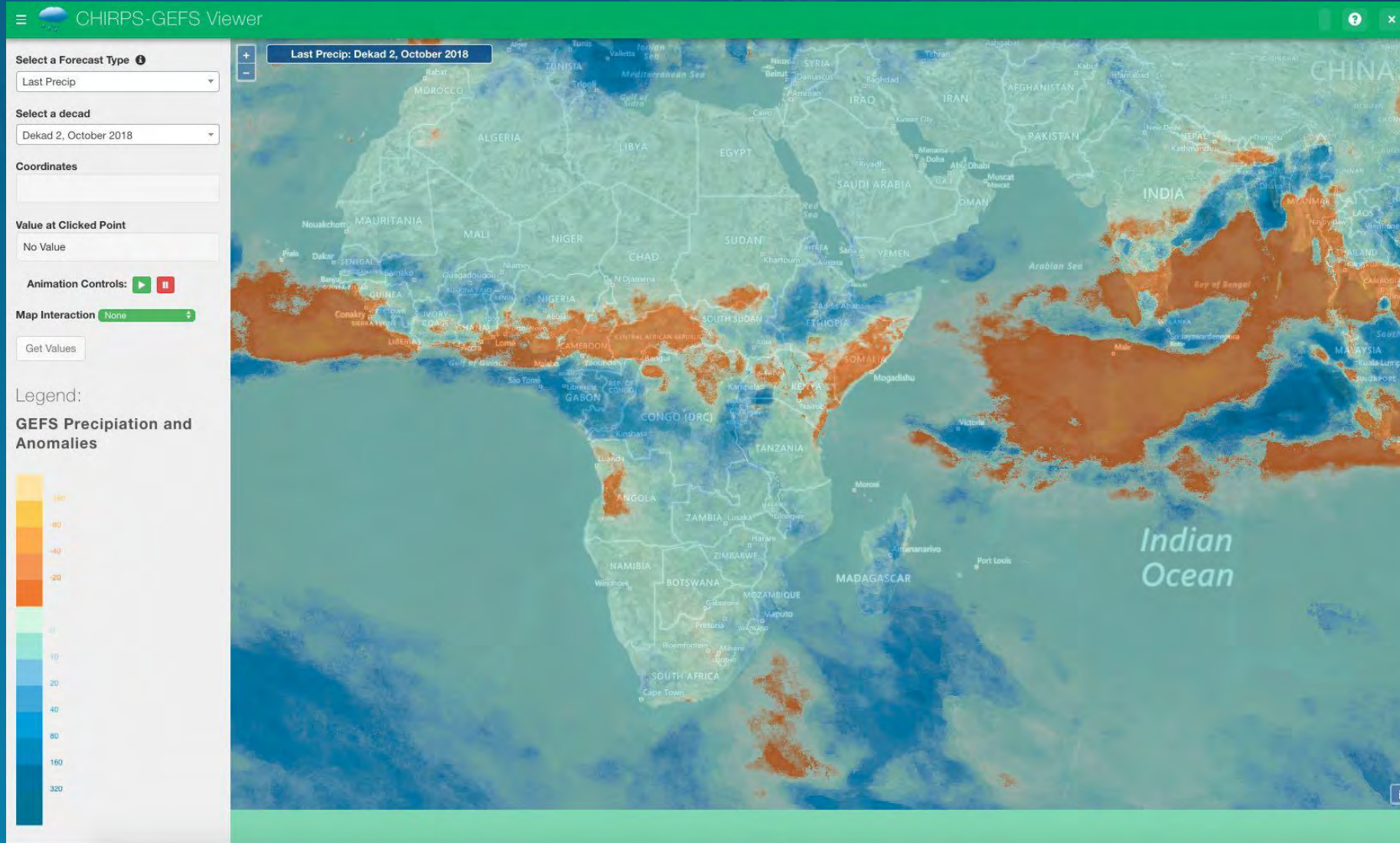








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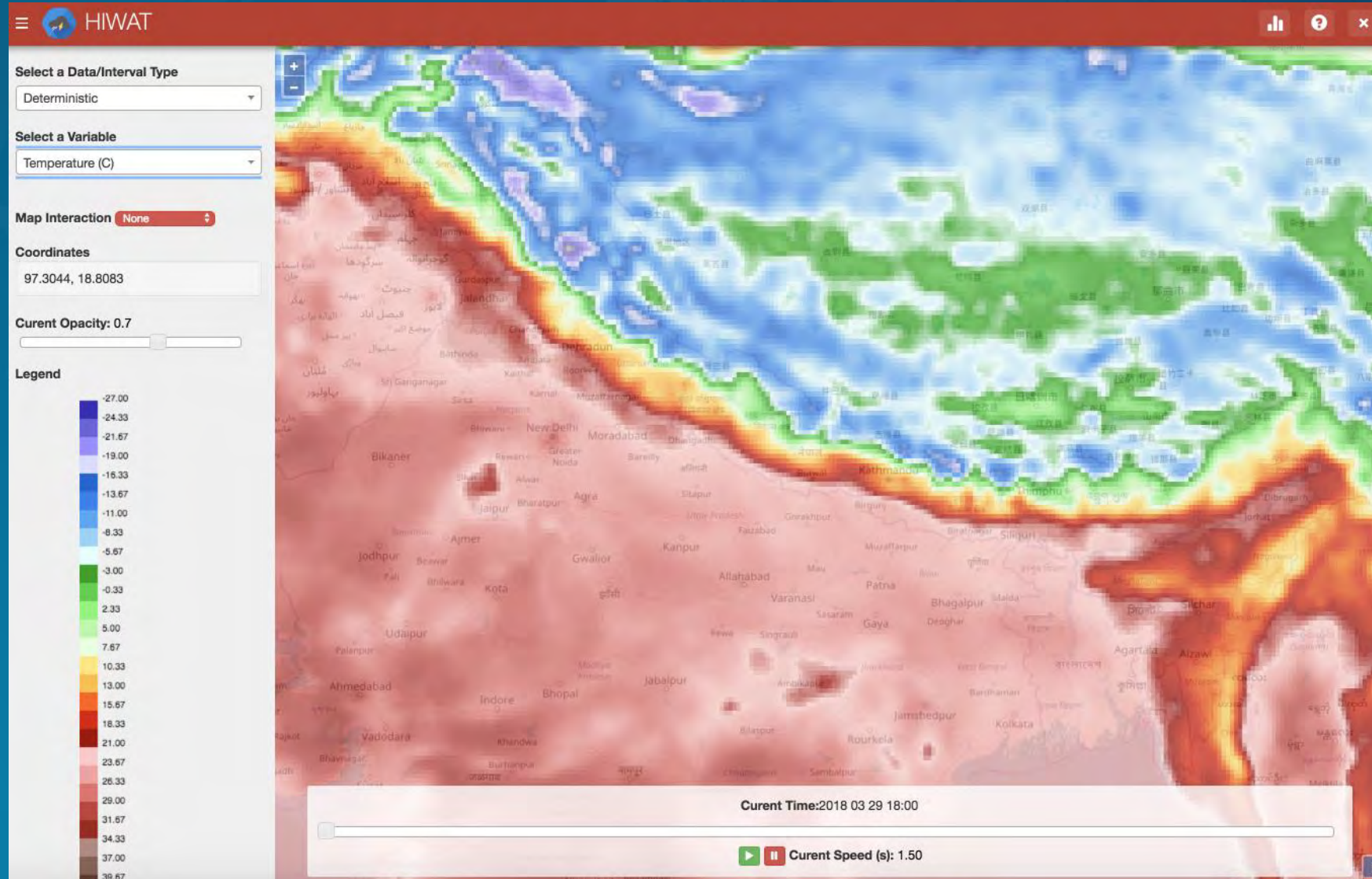




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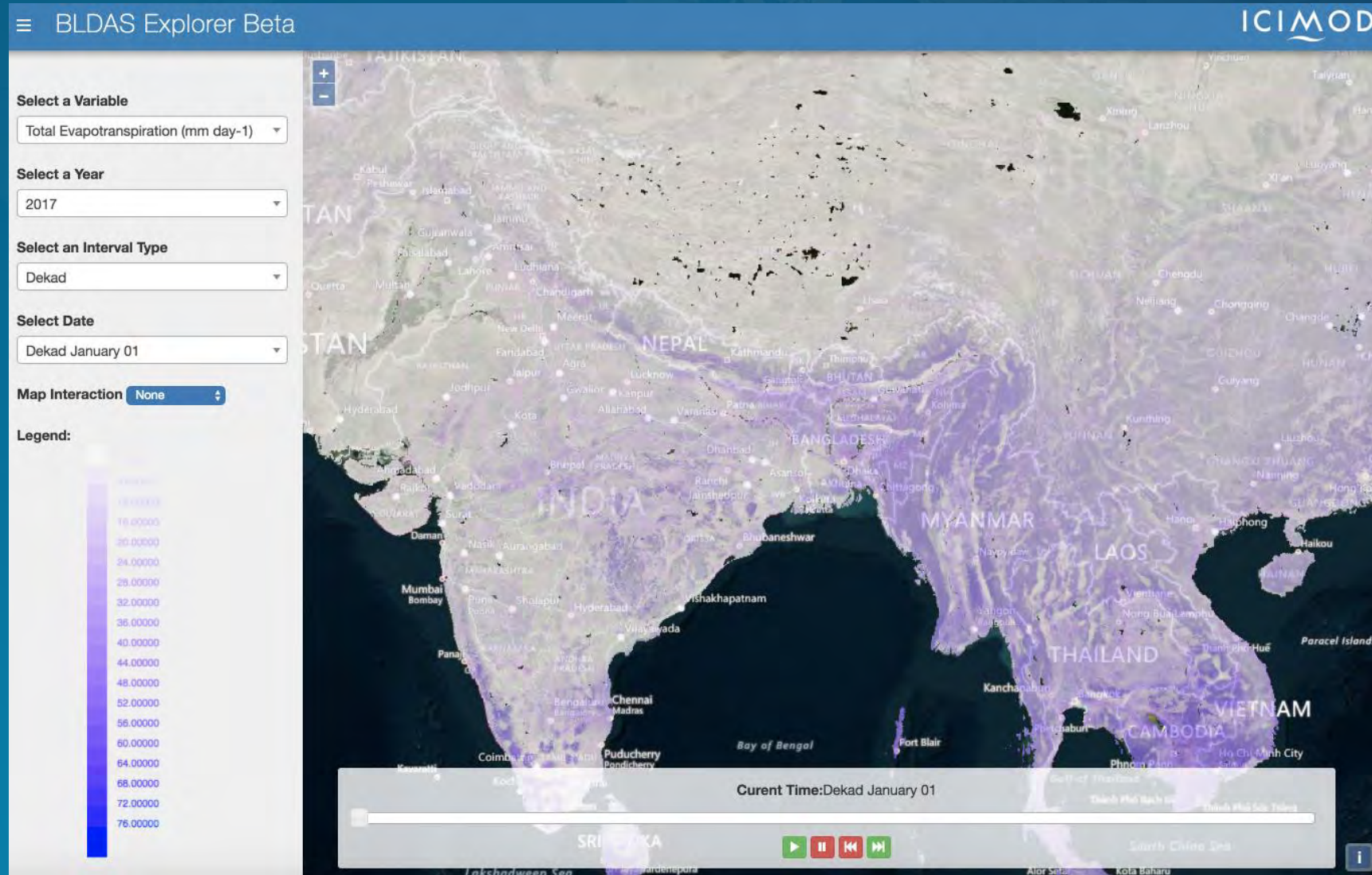
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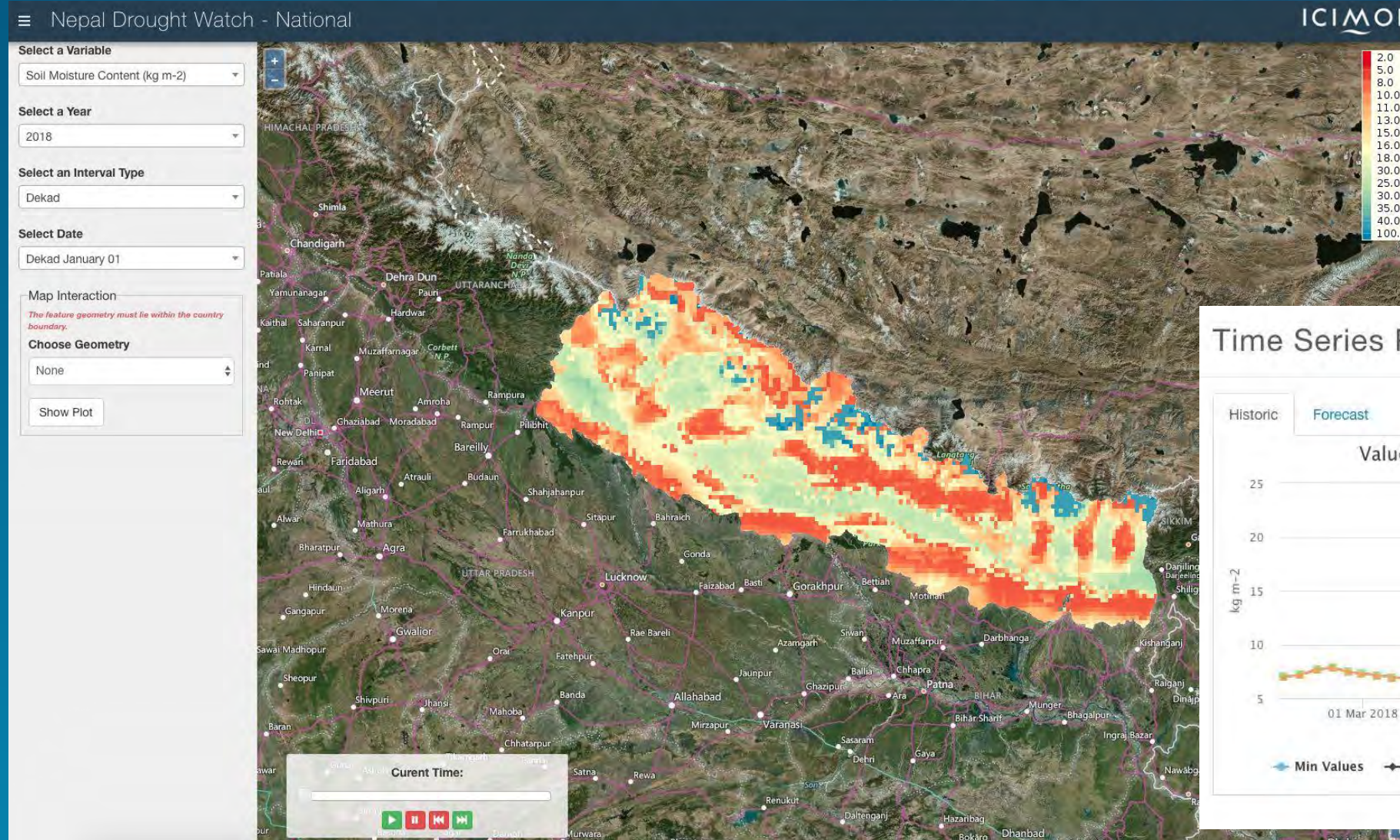
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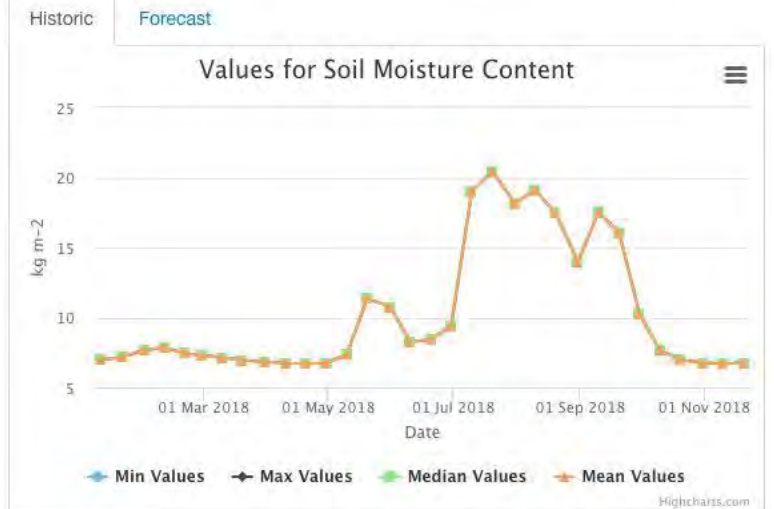


# Nepal Drought Watch (SALDAS)

Nepal Drought  
Watch - National



## Time Series Plot





# Agricultural Drought Watch

Agricultural  
Drought Watch

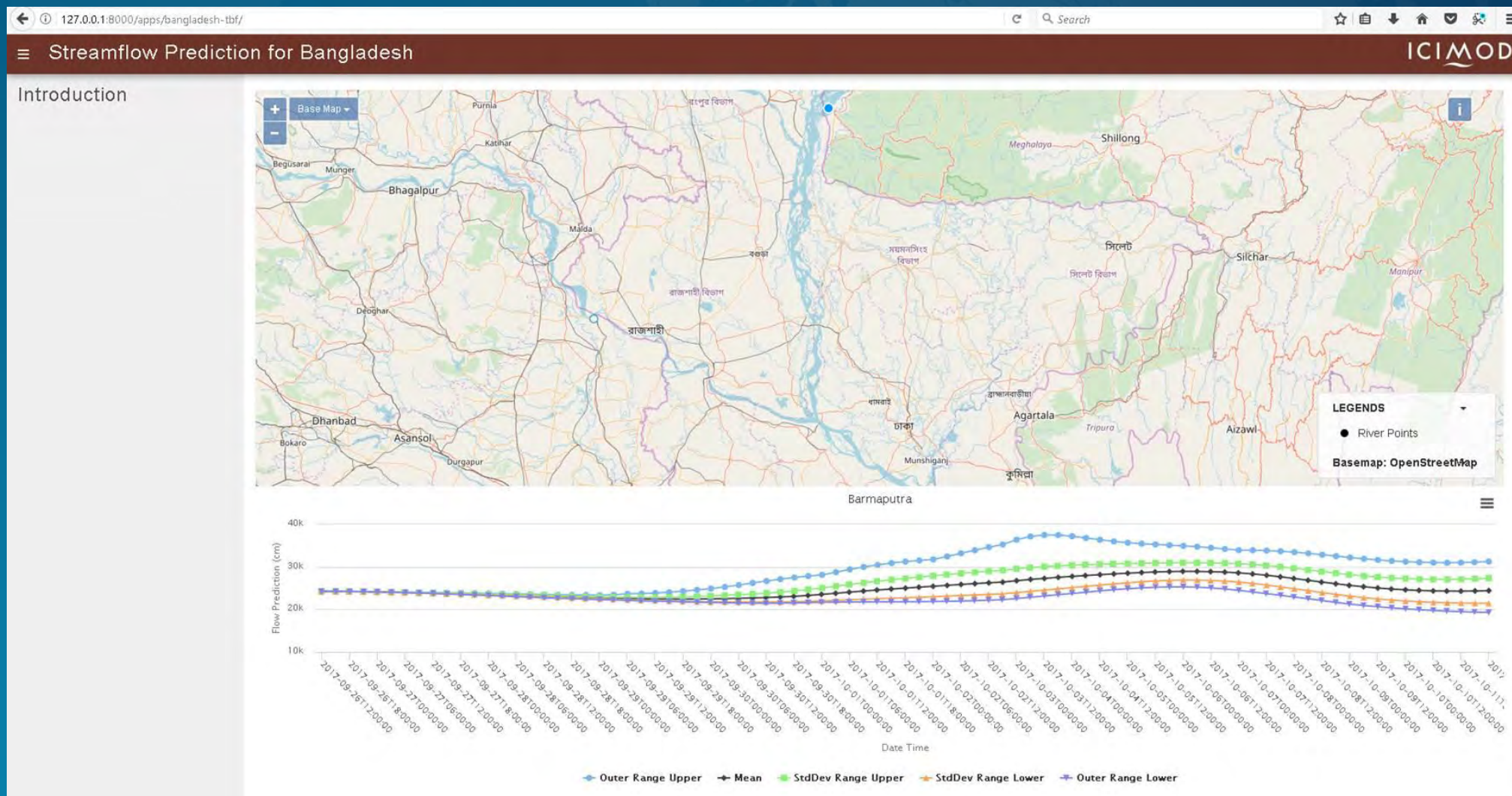




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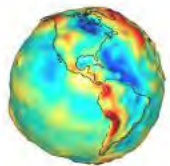


HydroViewer  
Bangladesh





# Tethys Apps for SERVIR AST Projects



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Agricultural  
Drought Watch



AltEx



EcoDash



DARWIN Viewer



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HIWAT



Nepal Flood Maps  
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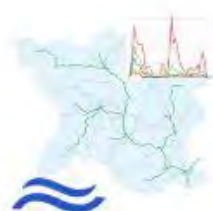
RHEAS Viewer



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Ferlo Ephemeral  
Water Body  
Monitoring  
Dashboard



Streamflow  
Prediction Tool



GLDAS Data  
Visualizer



Groundwater  
Level Mapping  
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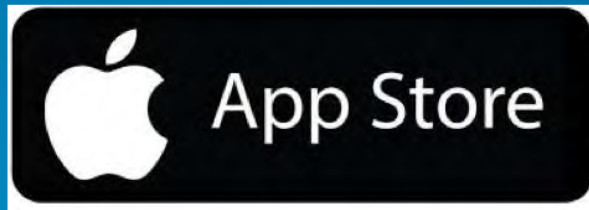
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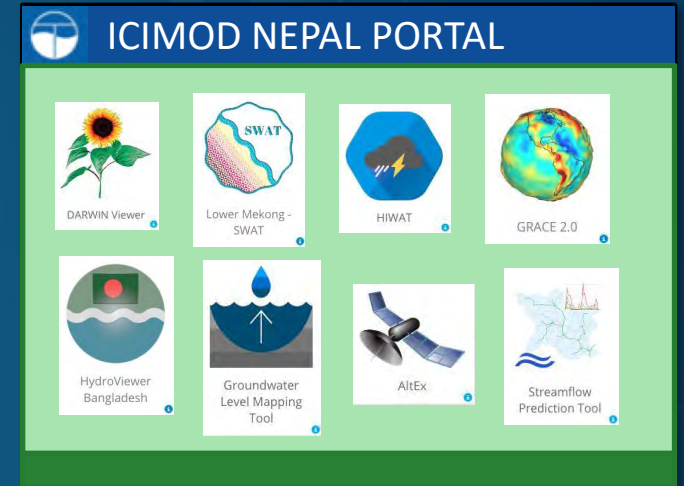
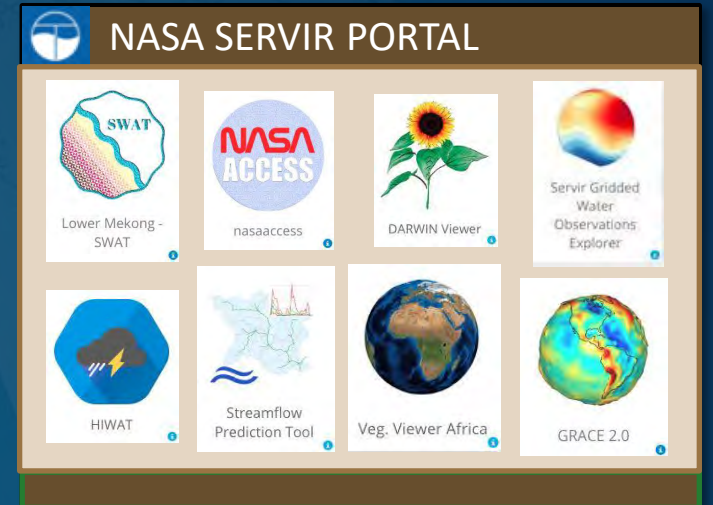
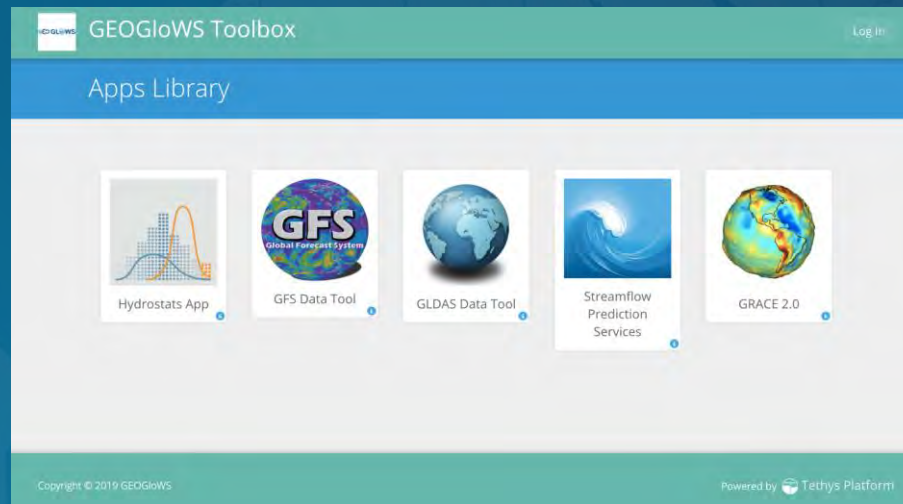
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## APP WAREHOUSE



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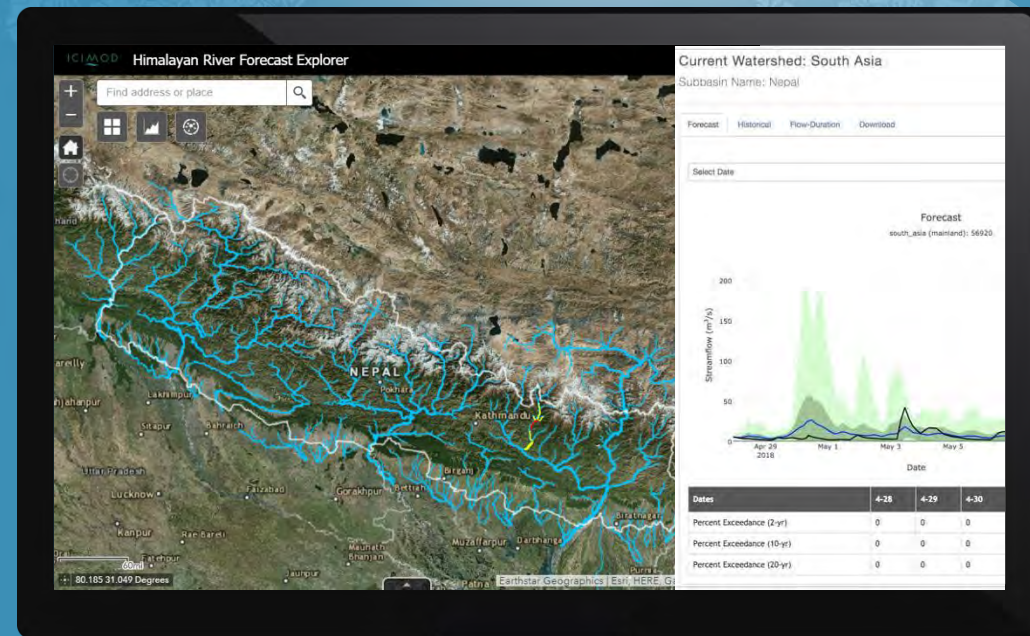


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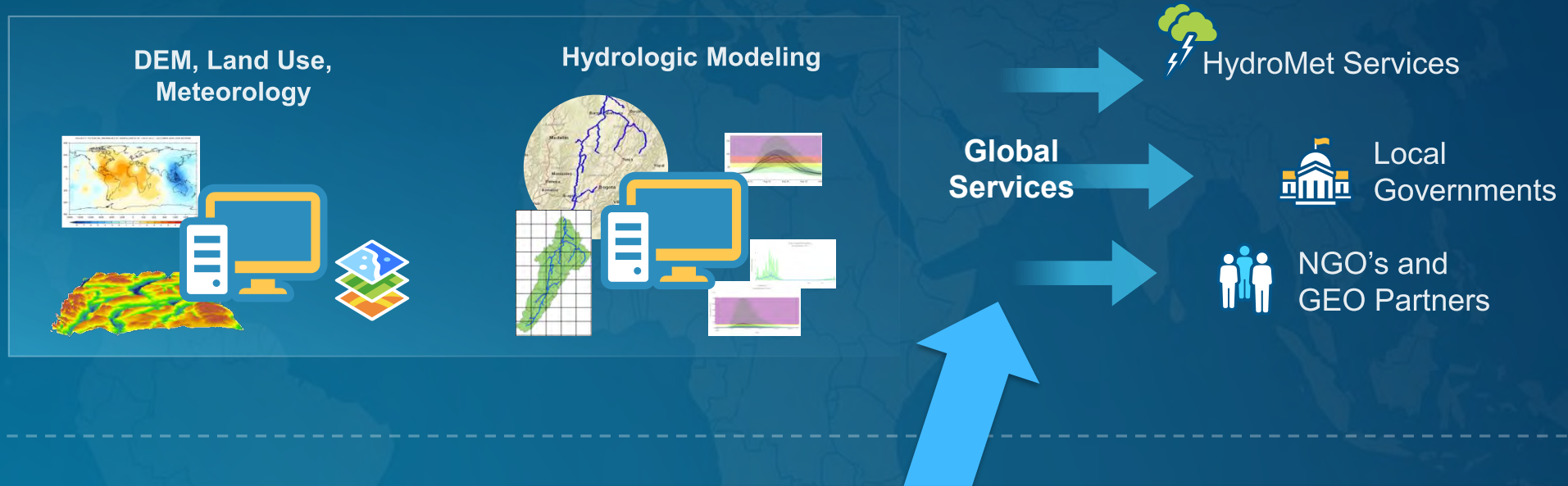
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to other data and models  
used by DHM, with the real  
possibility of saving  
lives and property”*



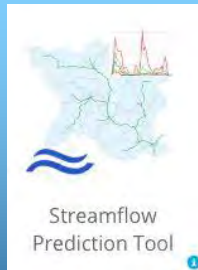
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Deputy Director DHM



# Global Streamflow Services – A Paradigm Shift



**GEOGLOWS**  
GLOBAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY  
***Toolbox***



Tethys Apps, Global  
and Customizable



**esri**

ESRI Living Atlas  
Layers, Apps,  
Widgets



Python Library  
for Other Uses



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