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RISK ASSESSMENT - Weighing Risk in Policymaking

# Bridging Science and Society: Well-Informed Decisions on Water Resilience under Climate Change

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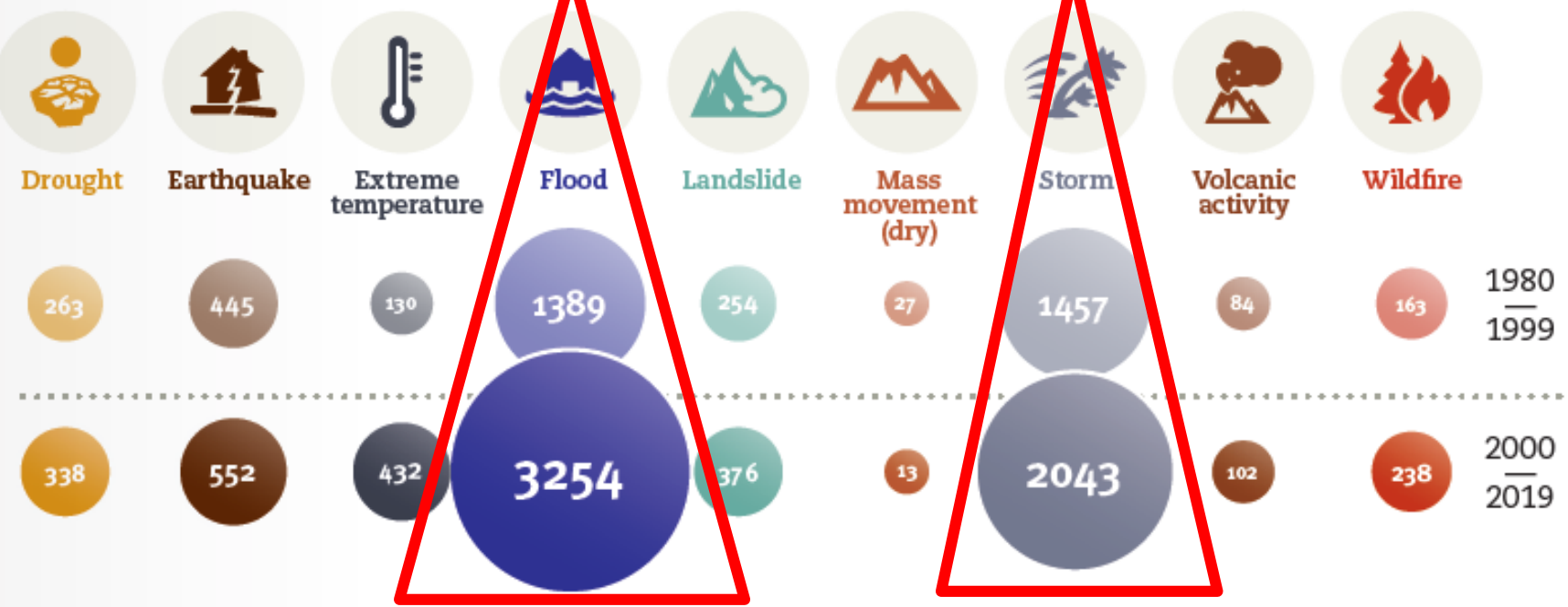
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Council Member (2017-2023), Science Council of Japan, Cabinet Office



Total disaster events by type: 1980-1999 vs. 2000-2019

CRED and UNDRR 2020



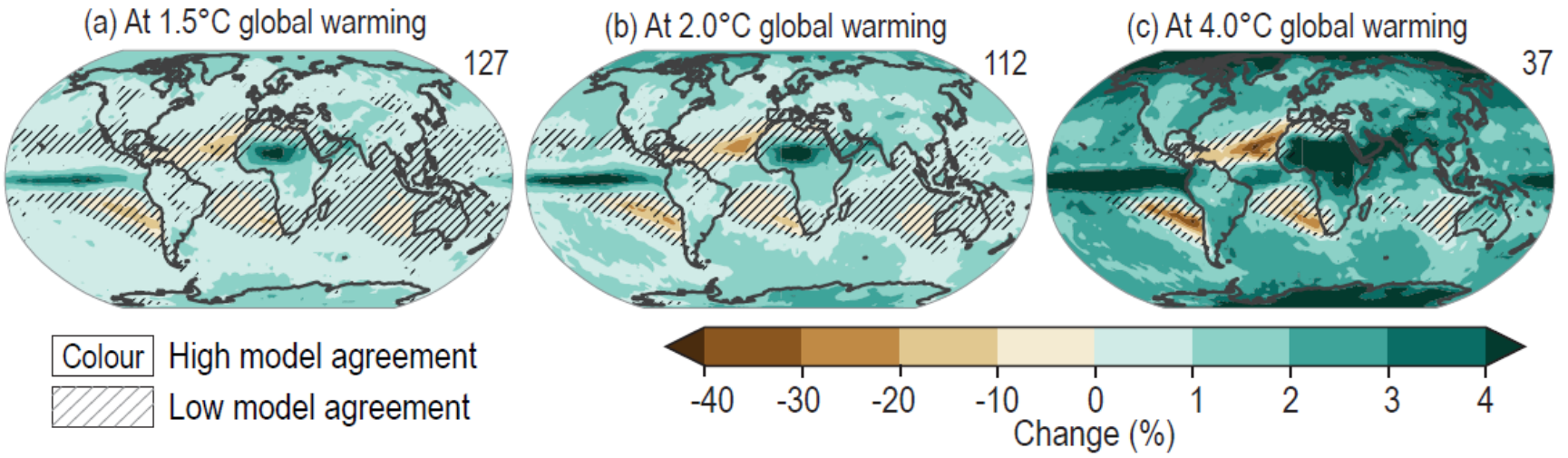
IPCC/AR6/WG1, 2021

Climate change has increased the frequency and intensity of heavy precipitation events.

Extreme precipitation are projected to intensify by about 7% for each 1 °C of global warming

Projected changes in annual maximum daily precipitation at each global warming compared to the 1850-1900 baseline.

Annual maximum daily precipitation change (Rx1day) - median



# Recurrent Water-related Disasters in Japan

Oct., 2013  
Izu Oshima Island (Sediment)  
 • 824mm/24hrs (Typhoon)  
 • Human Loss: **39**  
 • *evacuation warning*



Aug., 2014  
Hiroshima City (Sediment)  
 • 121mm/hr (Typhoon, Frontal Line)  
 • Human Loss: **77**  
 • *evacuation warning, land use*



Sep., 2015  
Kanto & Tohoku (Bank Breach)  
 • 551mm/24hrs (Typhoons)  
 • Human Loss: **20**  
 • *evacuated by helicopter: 1343 and by boat: 2919*



Aug., 2016  
Hokkaido & Tohoku (Bank Breach and Sediment)  
 • 251mm/72hrs (Typhoons)  
 • Human Loss: **31**  
 • *evacuation of physical handicaps*  
 • *local socio-economic impact*



June, 2017  
Northern Kyushu (Sediment)  
 • 299mm/6hrs (Frontal Line)  
 • Human Loss: **44**  
 • *sediment and flood complex*



Nov., 2014  
Amendment: Sediment Disasters Prevention Act

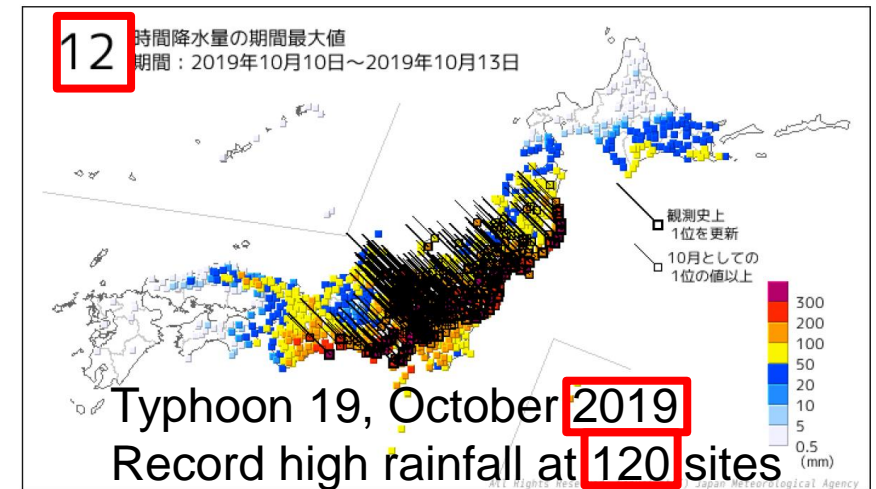
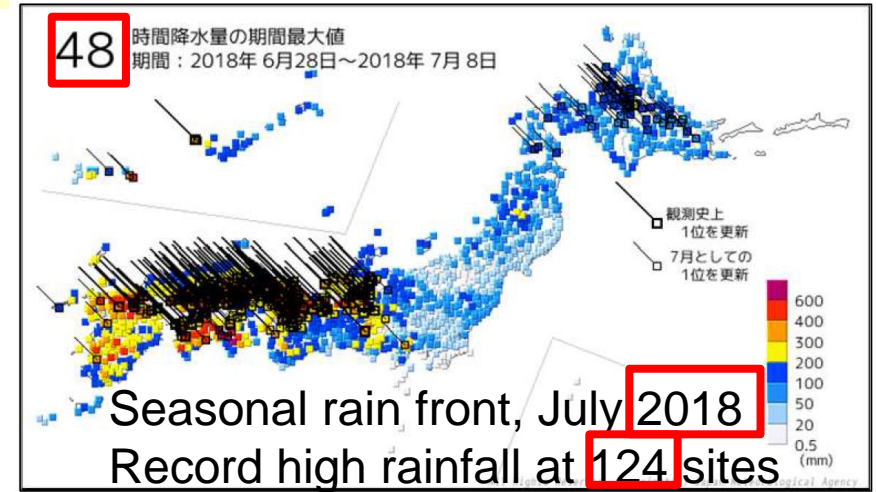
Jan., 2015:  
Policy Vision: Disaster Prevention and Mitigation against a New Stage

May, 2015  
Amendment: Flood Risk Management Act

Dec., 2015  
Policy Vision: Rebuilding Flood-Conscious Societies: Class A Rivers

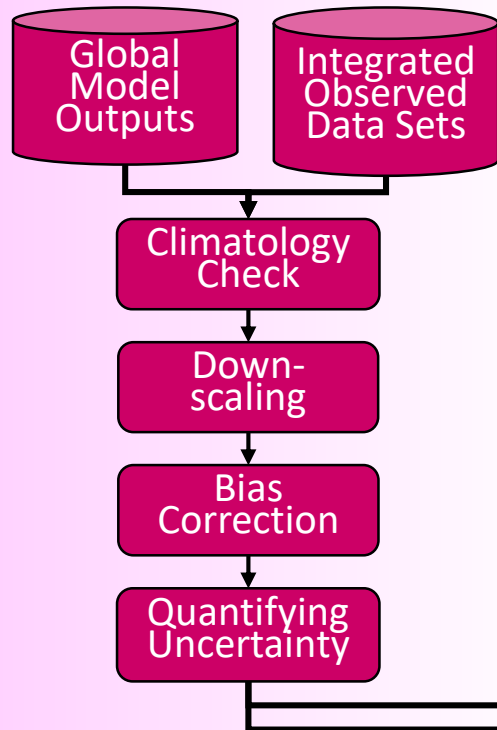
Jan., 2017  
Policy Vision: Rebuilding Flood-Conscious Societies: Class B Rivers

May, 2017  
Amendment: Flood Risk Management Act

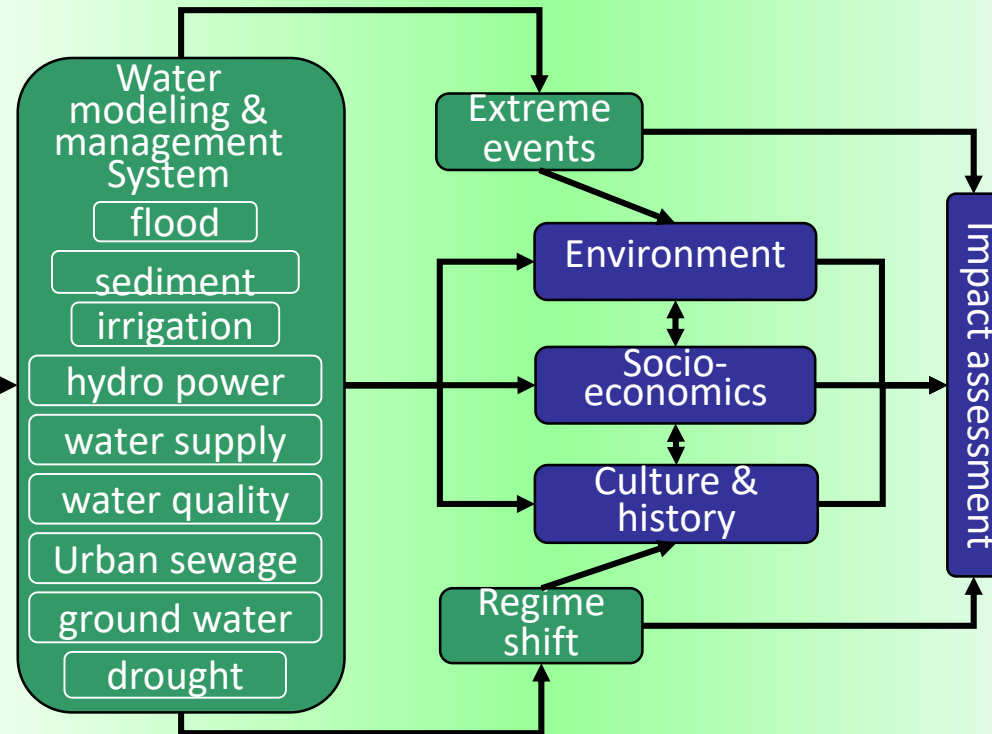


Houses Inundated above the First Floor Level	7,173	8,129
Human Loss	<b>245</b>	<b>107</b>

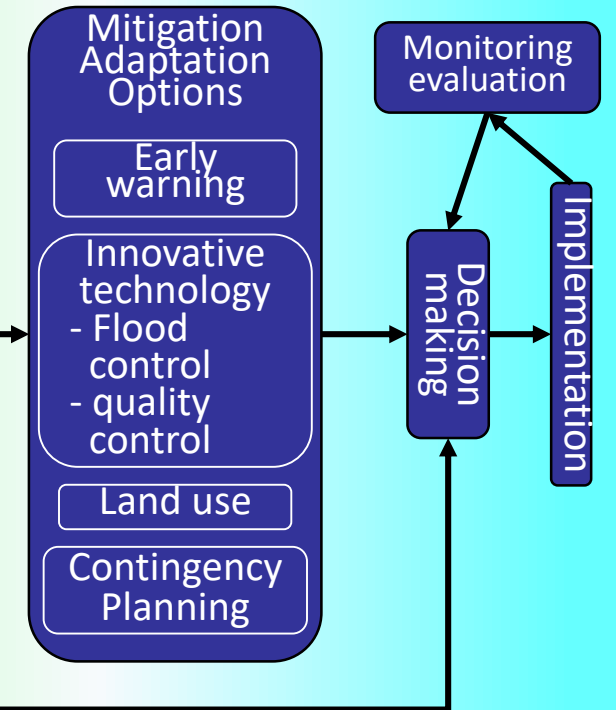
## Meteorological observation, modeling and prediction



## Hydrological observation, modeling and prediction



## Cross-sectoral decision-making support





# Society/ Stakeholders

**Bridging Gap**

- User Needs
- Local Data
- Indigenous Knowledge

- trust-based relationship
- causes and structure of on-site problem, and local implications of data and information
- goals, possible solutions, and governance
- stakeholders' responsibilities
- convincing

## Facilitator

not just as "a master of ceremony" but as "catalytic beings"

# Science Community

Fresh Learning

Maximum Use

Knowledge Integration

New Frameworks

# Online Synthesis

Socio-economic survey data and statistics with large variety and strict confidentiality.

Observation, monitoring and prediction data with large volume & high throughput.

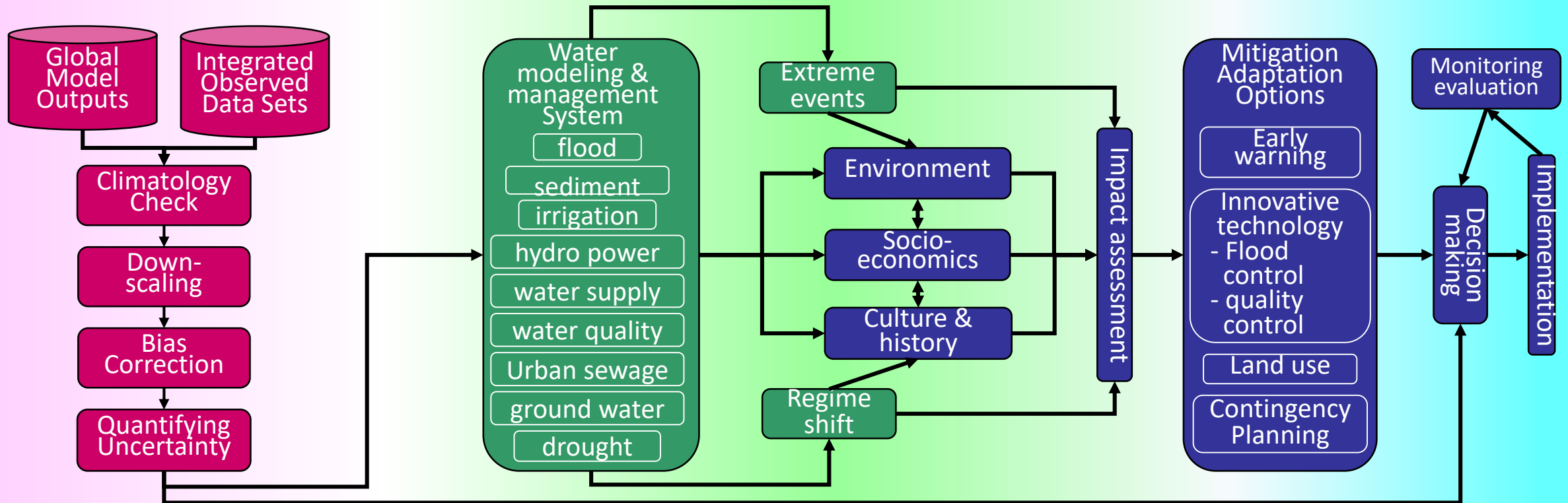
## Functions

- Exploration, collection, archive and search of scientific information in mother tongues
- Prediction and simulation, and visualization
- Data integration, information fusion
- Coordination of various disciplines
- Mutual risk communication between society and science community

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Promoting Knowledge Integration: **Online Synthesis**

Capacity Building and Education: **Facilitator**

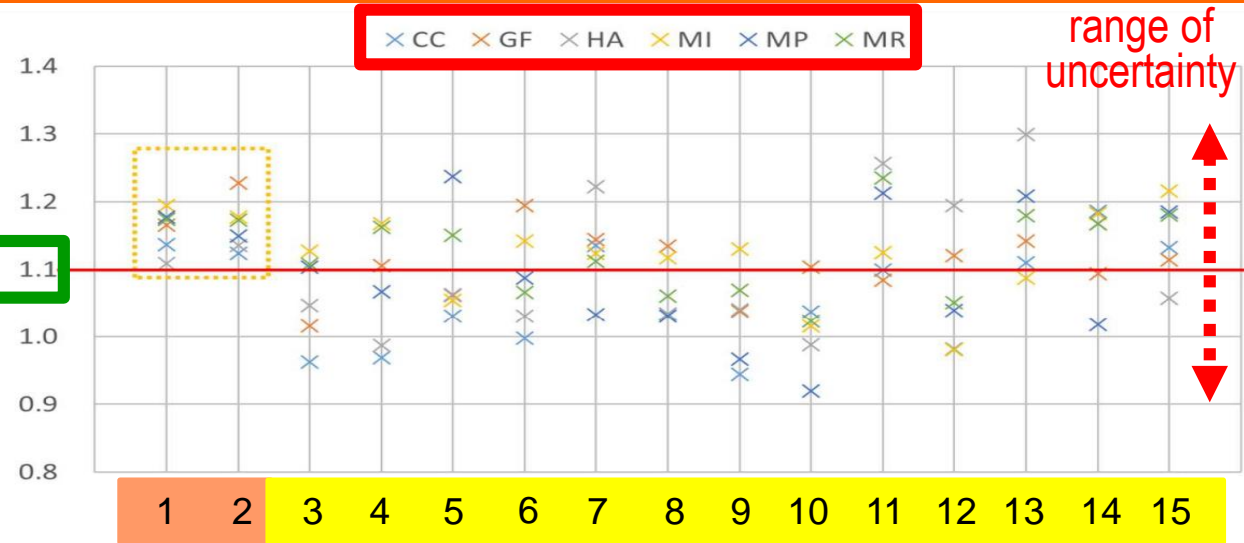
## Climate change projection by MEXT and JMA

“Database for Policy Decision-Making for Future Climate Change” (d4PDF)

- global: 60km, 6000yr in past, 3240yr under 2d increase, 5400yr under 4d increase.
- Around Japan: 20km and 5km, 6000yr in past, 3240yr under 2d increase, 5400yr under 4d increase.

Data is available from 

average

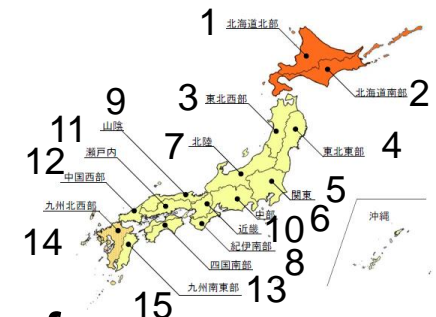


### Revising Plans Considering Climate Change

by the Panel on Infrastructure Development of Japan in April 2021

Region	2°C.	4°C	
			short
Hokkaido	1.15	1.4	1.5
Kyushu	1.1	1.4	1.5
Others	1.1	1.2	1.3

discharge	frequency
1.2 times	2 times
1.4 times	4 times



Increasing rate of the flood design rainfall: 1/100-1/200 return period

**Average**  
→ Storage and River Channels

**Range of Uncertainty**  
→ Exposure Reduction and Resilience

# New River Management Policy: River Basin Disaster Resilience and Sustainability by All

**1) Flood Prevention**

**Catchments**

- **Improve rainwater storage functions** <P / M / E / R>  
Improve rainwater storage facilities and effectively use agricultural reservoirs for flood control

**River Areas**

- **Store flowing water** <N / P / M / W>  
Construction, upgrades, effective use of dams, and pre-discharge in water utilization dams for flood control <N / P / M>  
Upgrade retarding function integrally with land use
- **Ensure and improve the discharge capacity of river channels** <N / P / M>  
Channel excavation, setting back levees, and improvement of erosion control dams and rainwater drain facilities
- **Reduce overflow** <N / P>  
Strengthen levees to make them last a long time even when overlapping

**2) Exposure Reduction**

**Floodplains**

- **Guide residents to lower risk areas / Promote safer ways of living** <M / E / R>  
Consider land use restrictions, encourage relocation, provide flood risk information in real estate transactions, and improve financial tools
- **Localize inundation areas** <N / P / M>  
Install banking structures and utilize existing facilities, which play the role of secondary levees

<>: Expected to be implemented by  
N: National Government, P: Prefectures, M: Municipalities, E: Private Enterprises, R: Residents, W: Water Users

**3) Disaster Resilience**

**Floodplains**

- **Improve risk information on land** <N / P>  
Promote the designation of probable inundation zones so there is sufficient area covered by risk information
- **Reinforce evacuation systems** <N / P / M>  
Develop long-term prediction technologies and acquire real-time inundation and breach detection technologies
- **Minimize economic damages** <E / R>  
Prepare anti-inundation measures in factories and buildings and develop BCPs
- **Promote safer ways of living** <E / R>  
Provide flood risk information in real estate transactions and promote anti-inundation preparedness through financial tools
- **Improve technical support systems for affected local governments** <N / E>  
Strengthen TEC-FORCE (Technical Emergency Control Force, managed by MLIT)
- **Eliminate inundation promptly** <N / P / M etc.>  
Improve sluice gates



The new policy proposed to the Minister, July 9, 2020

## Governance



The Lower House February 2021



The Upper House April 2021

Amendment of the associated nine acts → Unanimous adoption

## Finance

Accelerating National Resilience about 110B\$ from 2021 to 2025

## Society 5.0

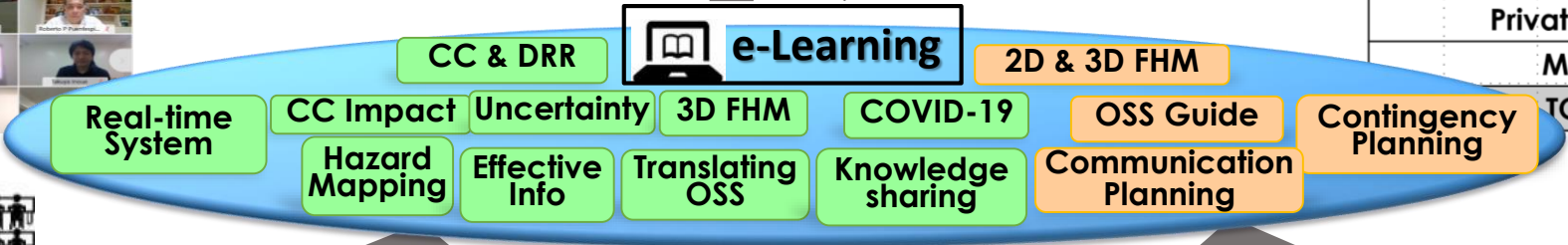
"a human-centered society in which economic development and the resolution of social issues are compatible with each other through a highly integrated system of cyberspace and physical space."



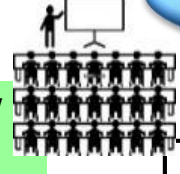
# Davao OS+ Facilitators



Discipline	1st WS	2nd WS
National Government	11	10
Local Government	2	4
Academe	11	13
Civil Society Organization	1	2
Private Sector	2	1
Media	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>



**Introductory Lecture**

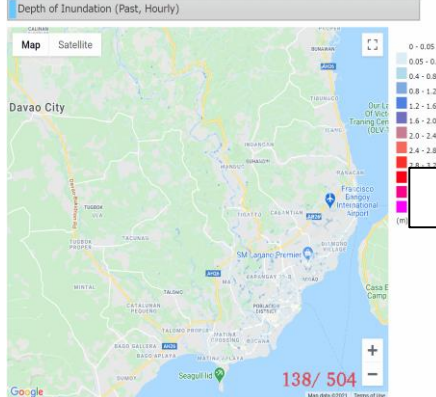


**Realtime Flood Monitoring & Forecasting**

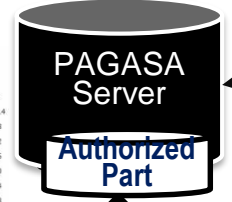
**Climate Change Impact Assessment**



**Flood Monitoring & Forecasting System**



**Barangay-scale** **Basin-scale** **In-situ Gauge**

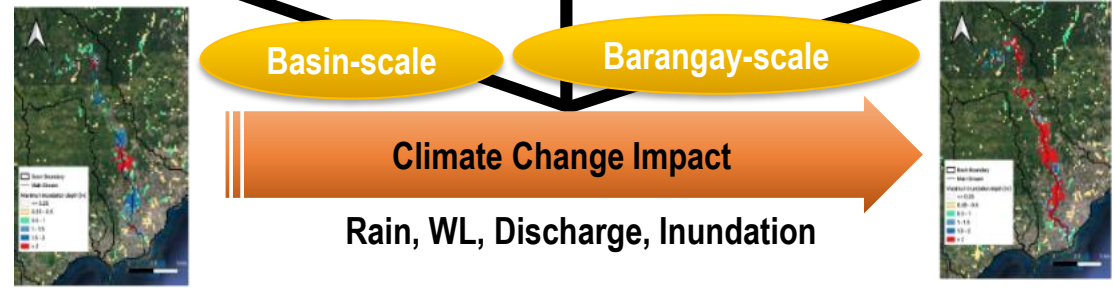


**Realtime Access**



**Basin-scale** **Barangay-scale**

**Climate Change Impact**  
**Rain, WL, Discharge, Inundation**



# Water Disaster Platform to Enhance Climate Resilience in Africa (WaDiRe-Africa)

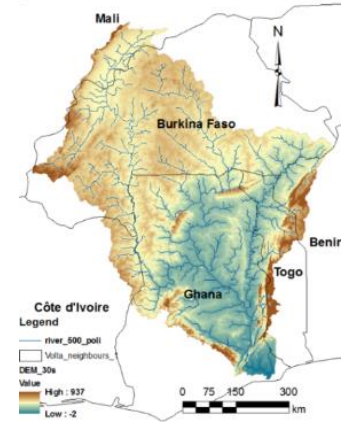
WaDiRe-Africa is a collaborative project with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), and the AGRrometeorology, HYdrology, METeorology (AGRHYMET), the Niger Basin Authority (NBA), the Volta Basin Authority (VBA), and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

**Kick-off Meeting in Lome, Togo, in June 2019**



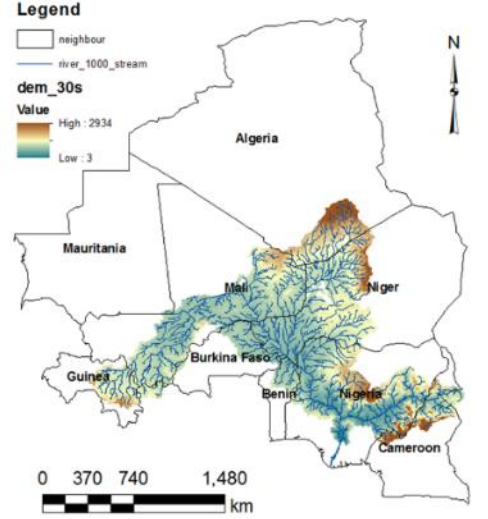
**Development of Flood Early Warning System for West Africa**

Near real-time flood simulation by Water and Energy Budget Rainfall-Runoff-Inundation Model (WEB-RRIModel) on Data Integration and Analysis System



Volta River Basin

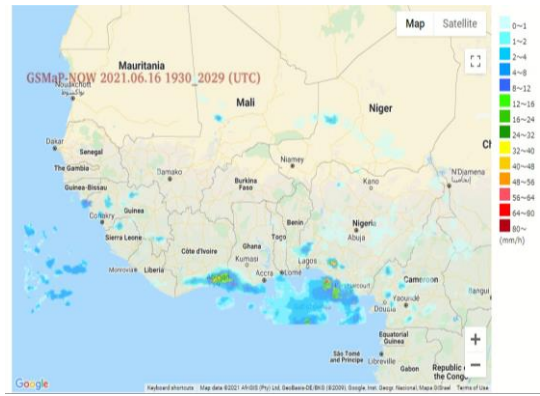
## Niger River Basin



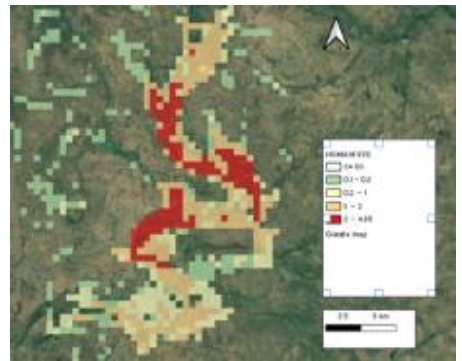
**e-Learning Training Course**

- 1. Training for Experts**
  - Lecture, Tutorials, Q&A Session
  - 288 participants, 197 certificated
- 2. Training for Facilitators**
  - Lecture, Q&A Session
  - 44 participants, 30 certificated

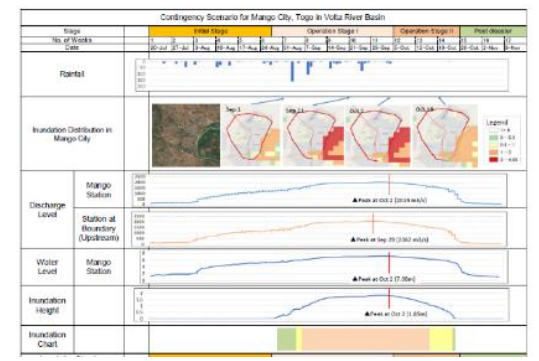
## GSMaP rainfall



## Inundation



Tutorial of hazard mapping



Tutorial of Contingency Planning

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A water resilient future under climate change can be created by facilitation between science and society across disciplines and sectors based on quantified uncertainty and integrated knowledge.

Thank you for your attention.



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