

System of clean water and monitoring of water quality

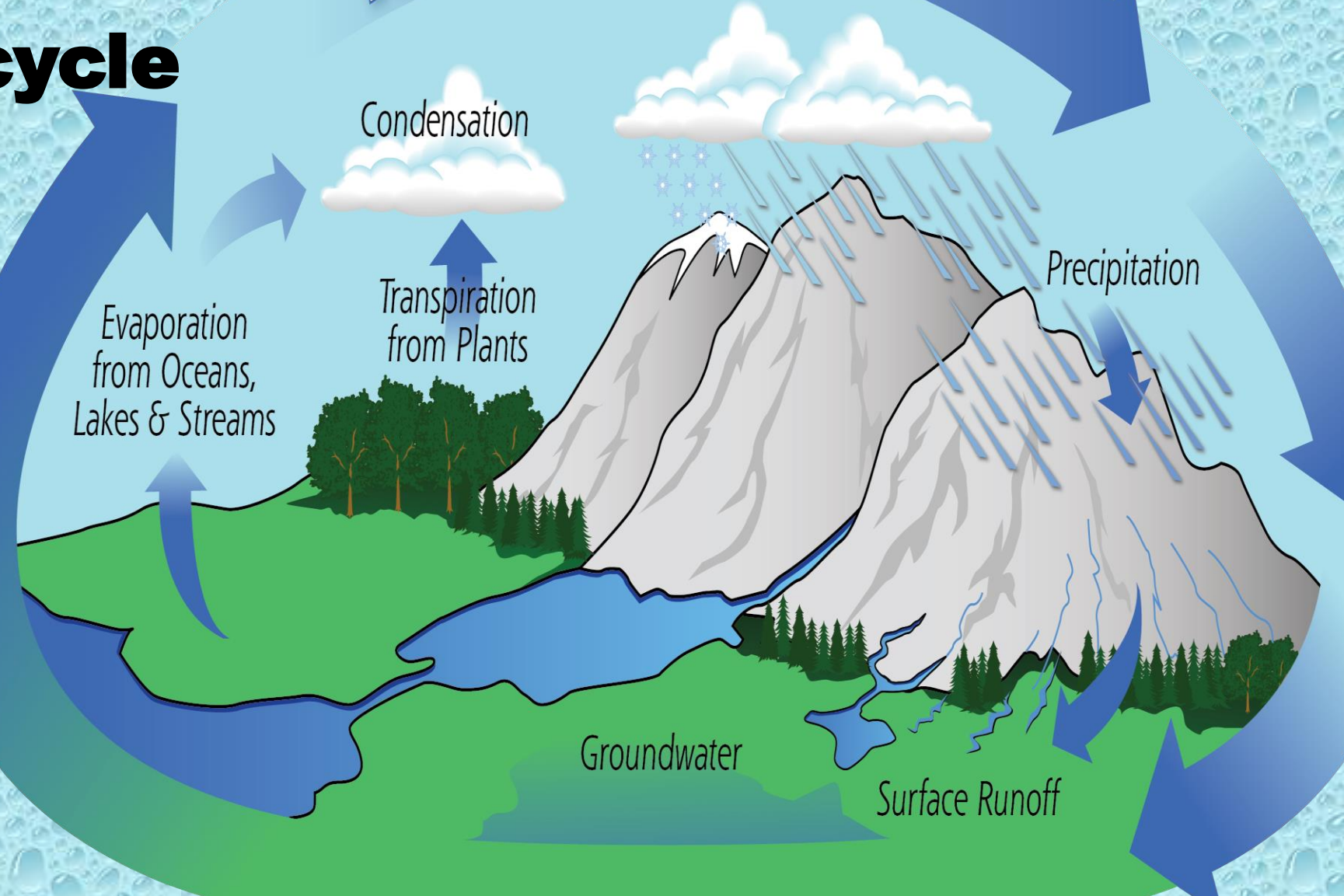
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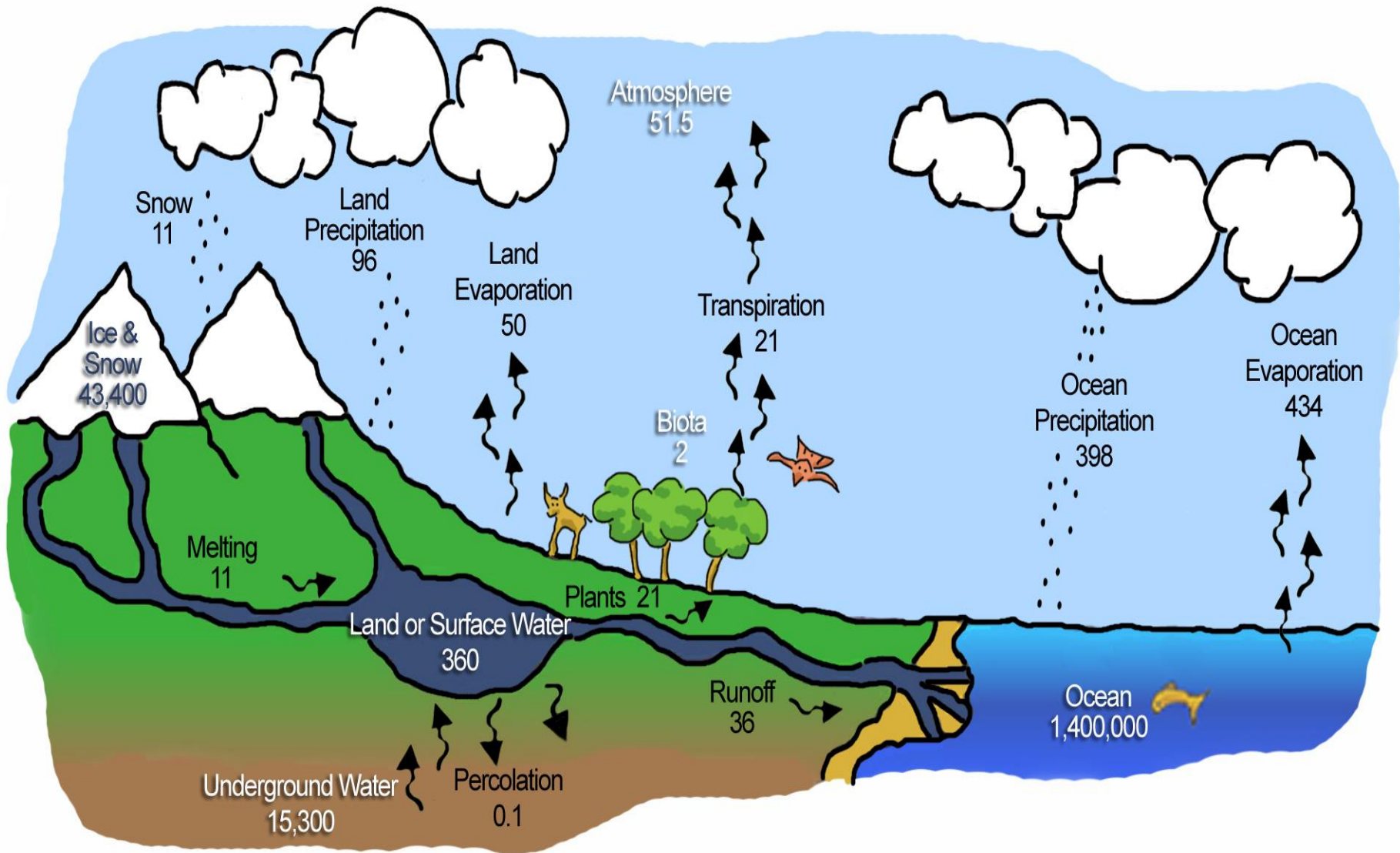
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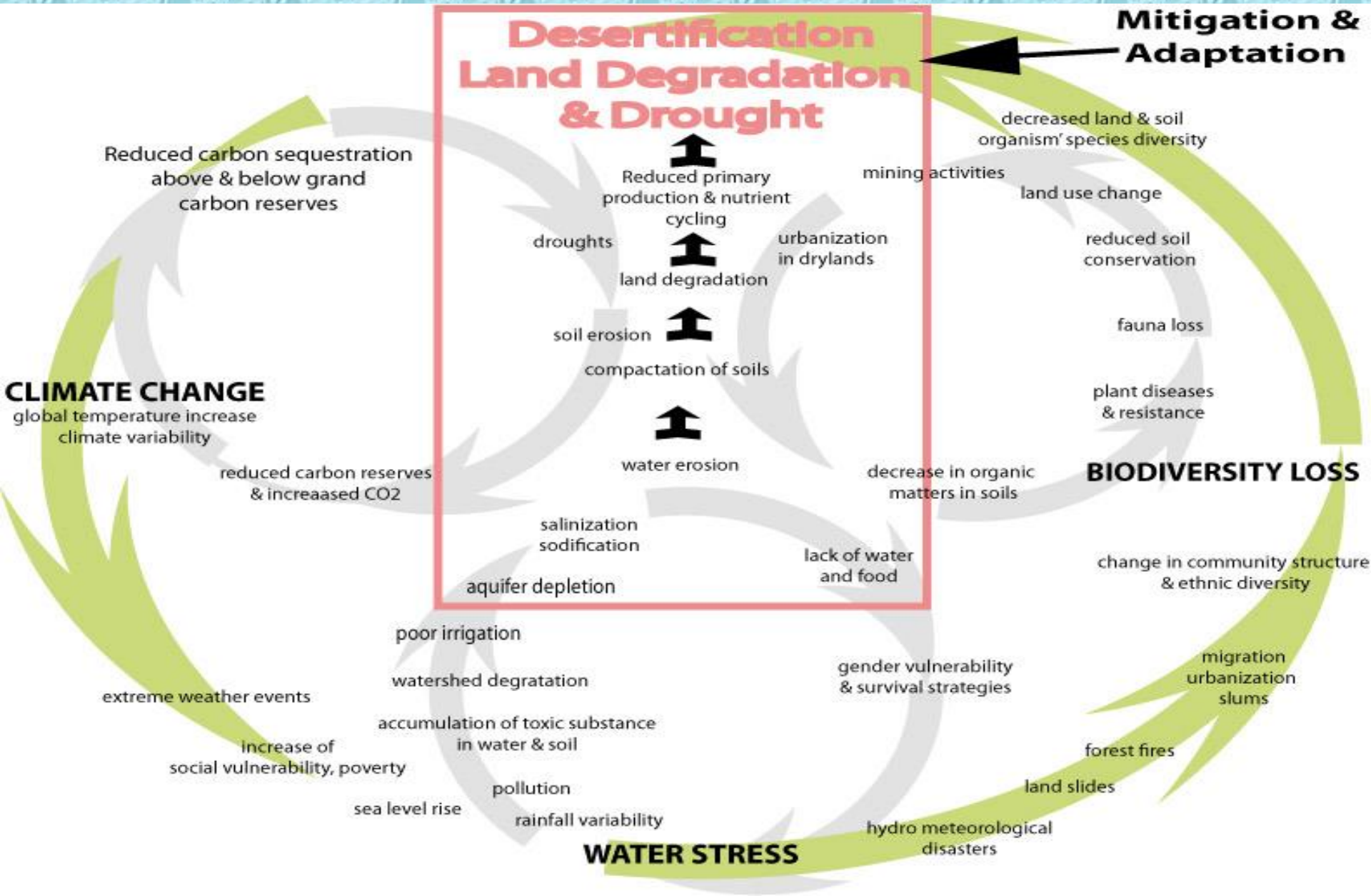
1. The water cycle

WATER CYCLE

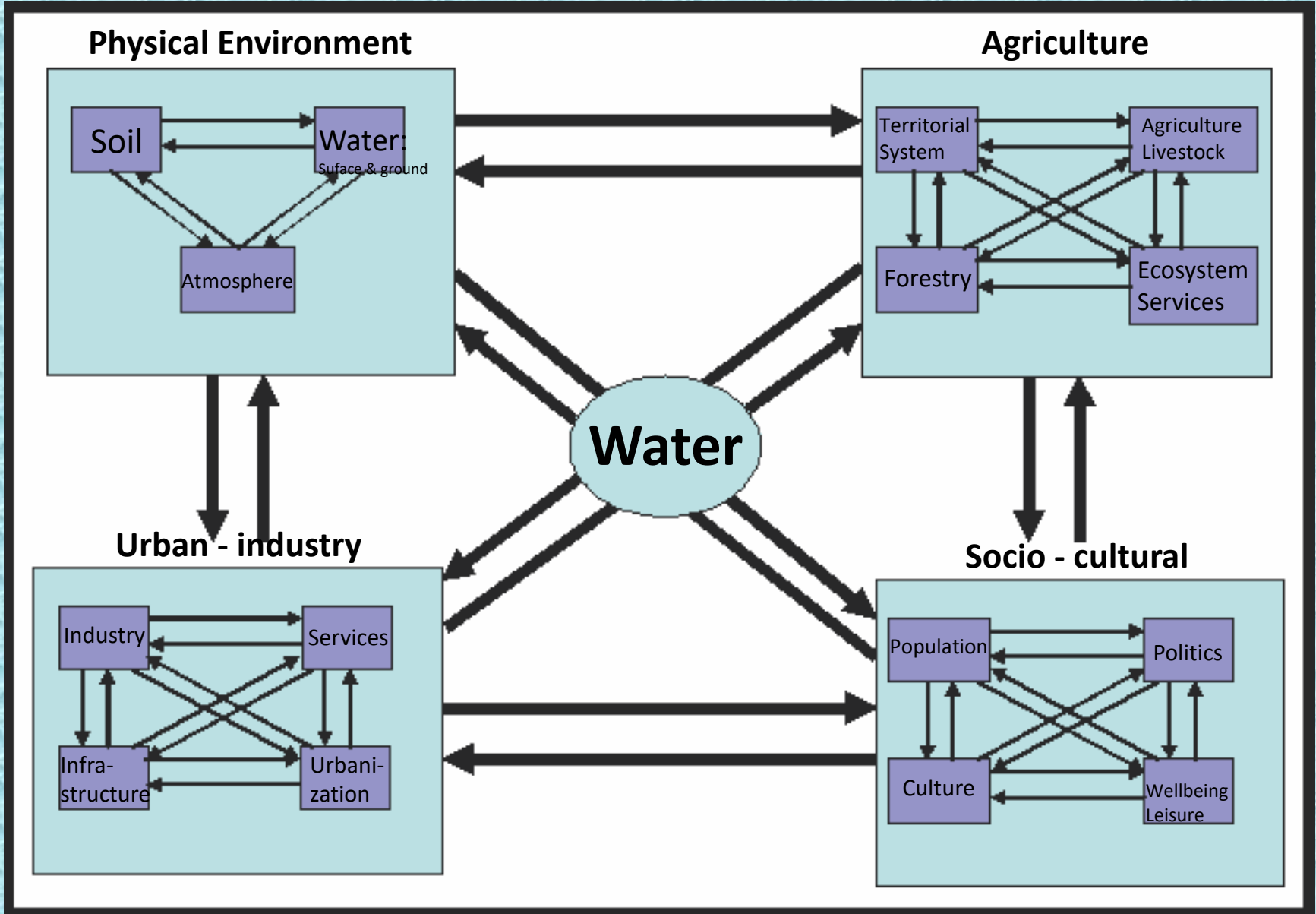




Interactions of water, climate, biodiversity and soils

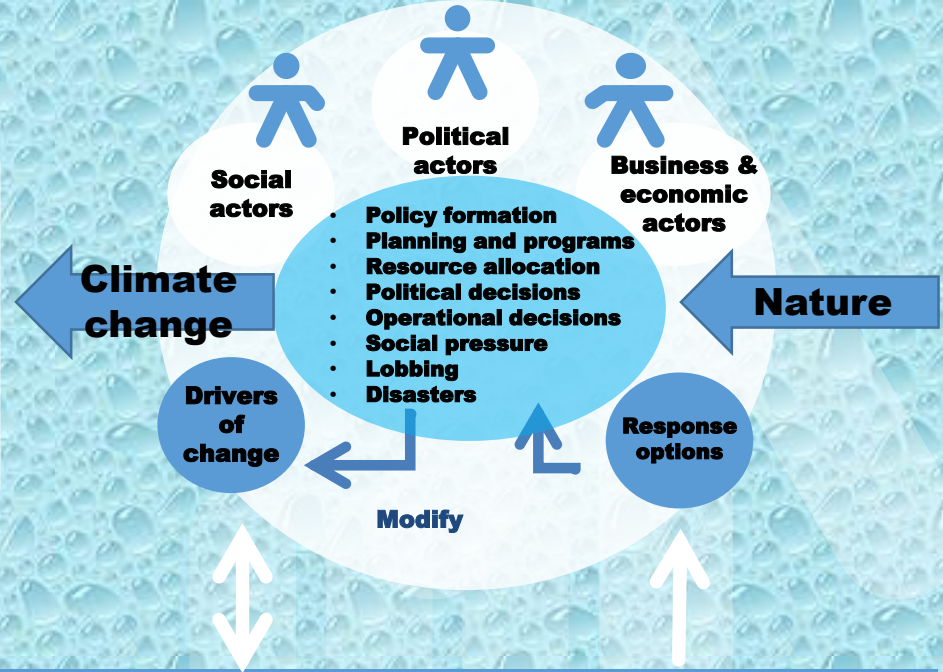


Open dissipative and self-regulating system approach of water management



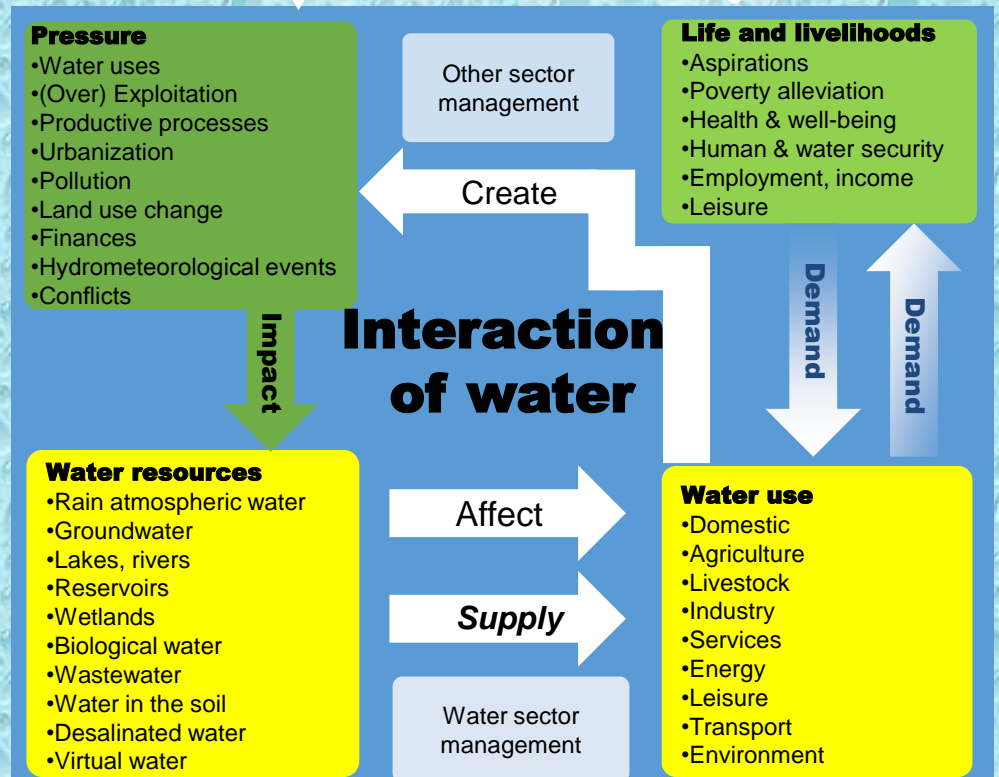
CEG: Global Environmental Change:

- Demographic
- Urbanization
- Food
- Social organization
- Economy and finance
- Policy & law
- Technology
- Environment
- Hydrometeorological events
- Culture

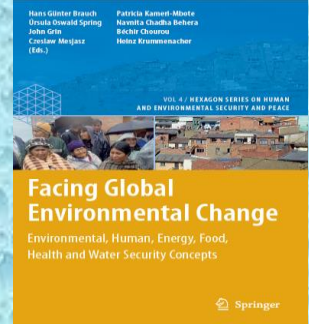


Dissipative self-organizing system of water management

Source: Oswald, transformed from Global Water News, #9, 2010, p. 4



Widening, Deepening and Sectorialization of Security Threats and Risks



Security dimension ⇒ ↓ Level of interaction	Military	Political	Economic	Environmental ↓	Societal
Human and gender security ⇒ Human, gender security ⇒	Land mines	Failed state	Food & health security	Cause & victims	Food & health security
Community security	Border control	Public security	Water, food & health sec.	Ecosystem services	↓↑
National security	During Cold War shrinking (in USA since 2001 ↑ & since 2009 ↓)		Energy security	↓↑ CC, biofuels, water	Water, energy, food, & health security
International and Regional security			Water security	↓↑ Water, CC	Water security
Global and planetary security ⇒	Terrorism	Intern. migration	Financial crisis	CC; GEC; biodiversity loss	Health security

What is water security?

- **One common goal:** *to provide water security in the 21st Century to everybody on the planet:*
 - ensuring that **freshwater**, coastal and related ecosystems are protected and improved;
 - every person has access to enough **safe water** at an affordable cost to lead a healthy and productive life
 - sustainable development and **political stability** are promoted;
 - the vulnerable are protected from the risk of water-related **hazard**
- Water resources are under **threat** from pollution, overexploitation, land-use changes, unsustainable use, climate change and other anthropogenic forces.
- Links between threats and poverty: the **poor** are hit first and hardest (slum dwellers without basic services).
- One simple conclusion: **business as usual is not an option.**

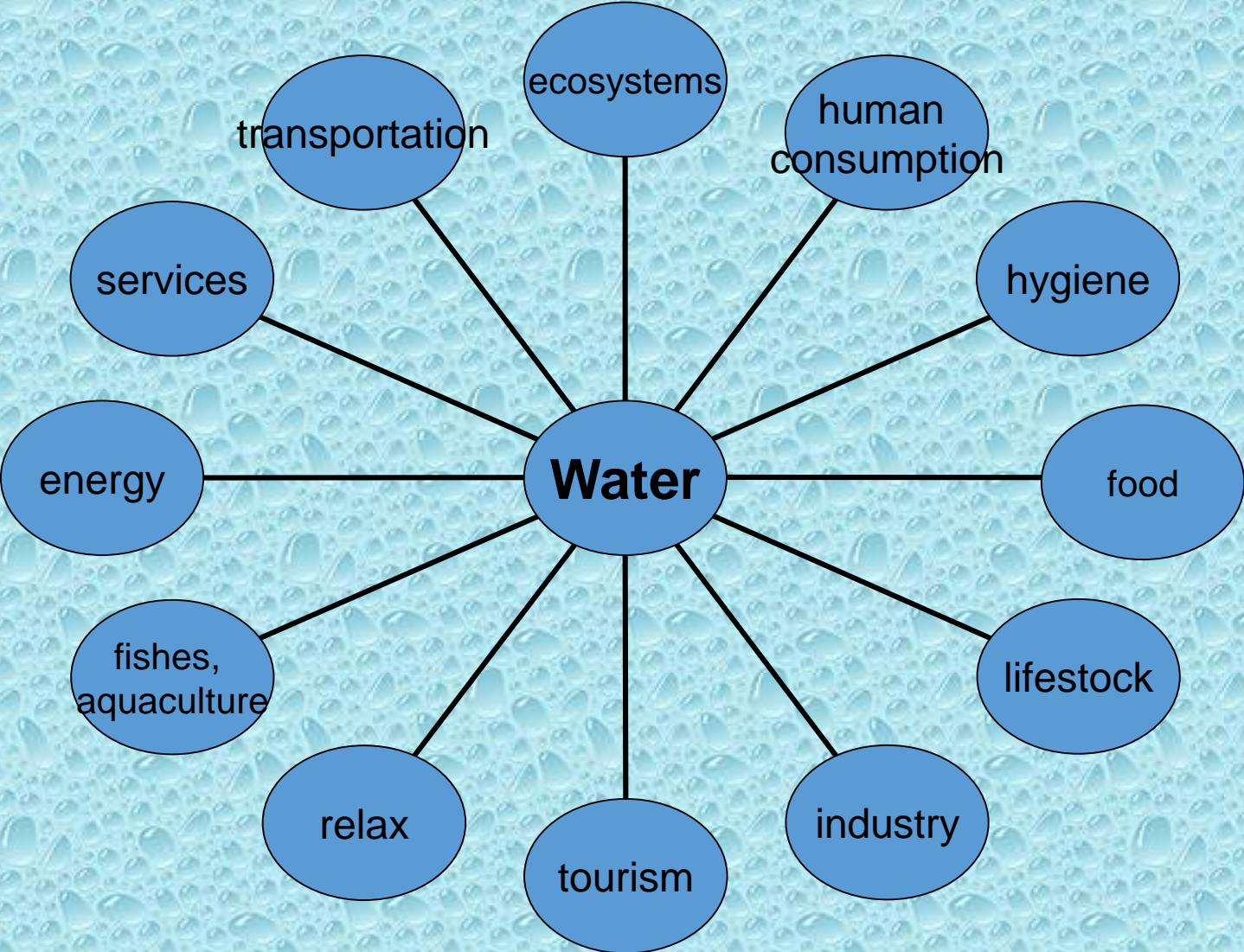
Water security

- **In many regions, changing precipitation or melting snow and ice are altering hydrological systems, affecting water resources in terms of quantity and quality.**
- **Many terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species have shifted their geographic ranges, seasonal activities, migration patterns, abundances, and species interactions in response to ongoing climate change.**
- **At present the worldwide burden of human ill-health from climate change is relatively small compared with effects of other stressors and is not well quantified.** However, there has been increased heat-related mortality and decreased cold-related mortality in some regions as a result of warming. Local changes in temperature and rainfall have altered the distribution of some waterborne illnesses and disease vectors.

Water security: a new concept

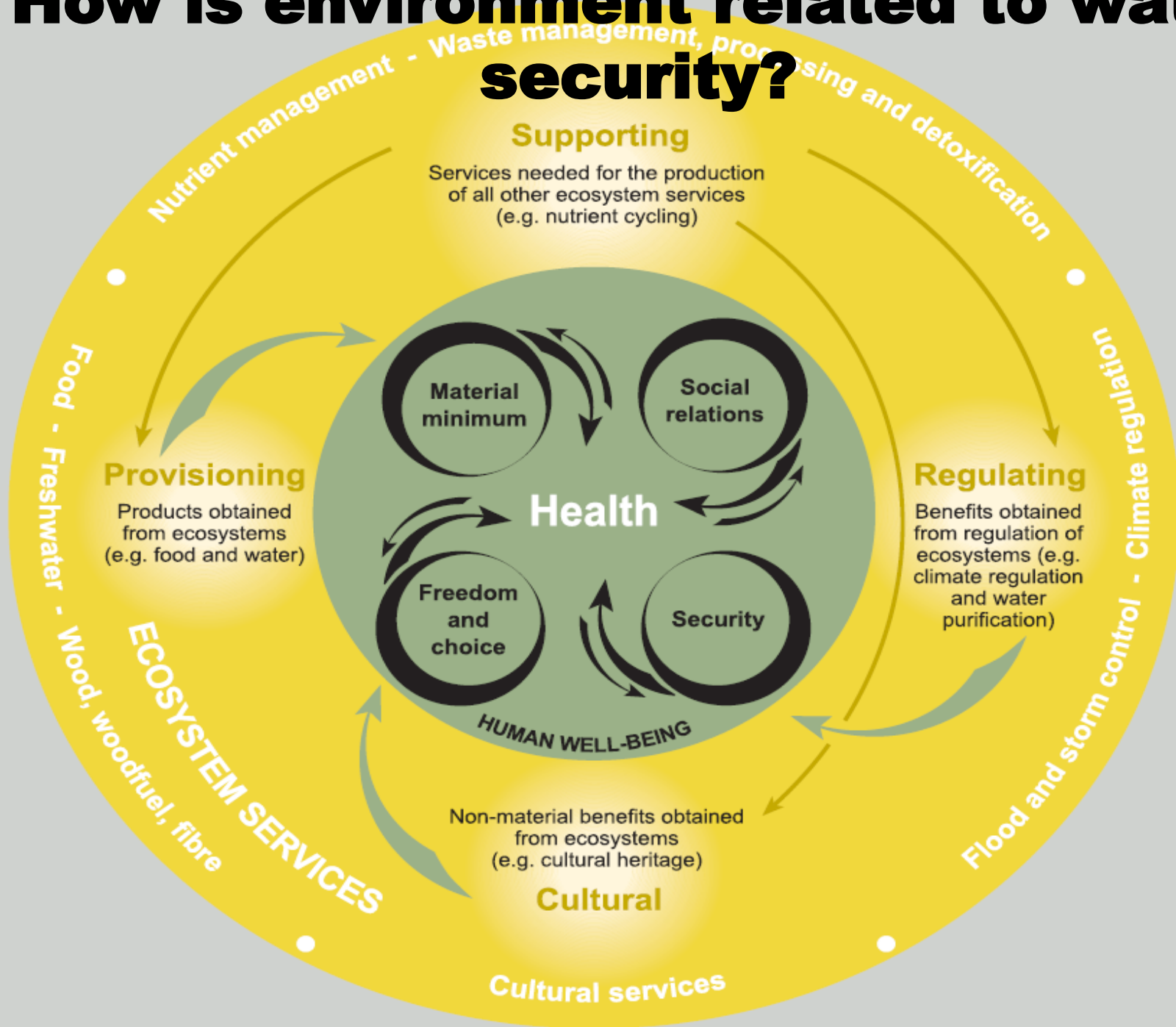
- Water is a major object of analysis in **environmental** security to maintain ecosystem services, and to protect the biological and hydrological cycles, the ecosphere.
- Water is a key element of **societal** security affecting wellbeing, recreation, and joy of life. It requires policy initiatives to avoid hydrological disasters and illnesses through protective and preventive, **resilience-building**, early warning, and evacuation to safe places in case of extreme weather events.
- Water is an issue of **economic** security that creates development opportunities.
- Water is a precondition for **food** security offering permanent, sufficient, accessible, safe, and nutritional food that is culturally accepted.
- Water is essential for **health** and **livelihood** security to protect people from thirst, waterborne illnesses, vector diseases, but also from floods, drought, and plagues.

Complexity of Water Security



Source: Oswald 2007

How is environment related to water security?



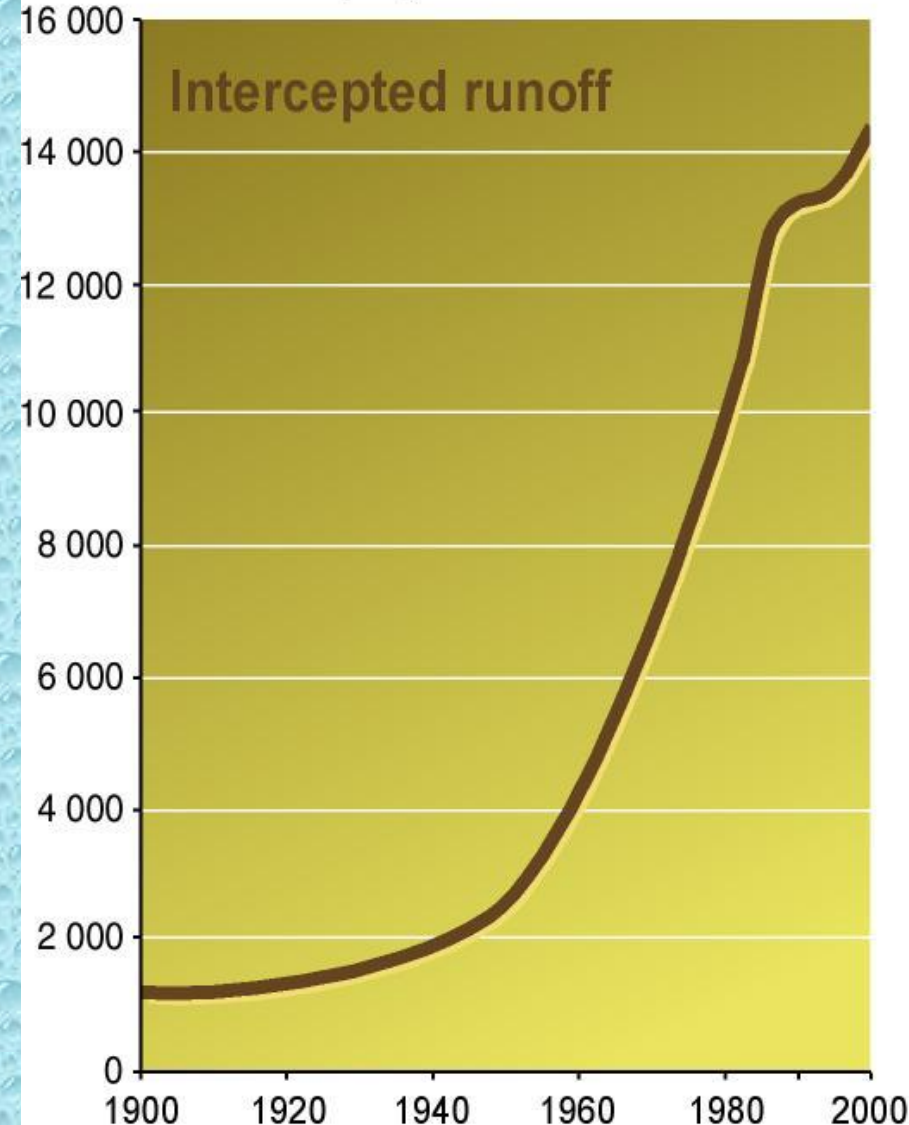
Water abuse and unexpected changes in ecosystems

- 20% of coral reefs are lost and 20% are degraded during the last 50 years
- 35% of mangroves have been lost in 50 years
- Dams have multiplied by 4 since 1960
- The diversion of rivers and lake has doubled since 1960; the majority of water (70% in the world, 78% in Mexico) is used for agriculture.

There are 3-6 times more water in dams than in natural rivers

Fuente: MA (2005)

Sum of discharge in cubic kilometers per year



- Water is vital for **life and health** of people and ecosystems
- **15 out of 24 ecosystem services** are degraded or used unsustainably
- **Soil nutrient** depletion, erosion, desertification
- Depletion of **freshwater reserves** and pollution of groundwater
- **Overfishing** is pressuring fragile soils
- **Loss of tropical forest** and of biodiversity reduces water and food availability
- **Urbanization** is diminishing the availability of land for water capture and food production.



Limits to Water Security

- Hydrological environment: **physical stress** related to supply of water, inter and intra-annual variations, spatial distribution, social differences in access, physical vulnerability and biological and physical-chemical quality of water
- Socioeconomic surrounding: **economic stress** due to socioeconomic structures, stakeholder behaviors (people, farmers, businessmen), values of water, costs of piping and cleaning water, social vulnerability
- Climate change impacts: **socio-physical threats** are reduced by mitigation and adaptation capacities, governmental response, early warning, evacuation, participative governance, resilience-building
- Conflicts: **socio-political risks** are prevented by water cooperation, treaties, and integrated water resource management (IWRM)



Uses and volumes of fresh water in MExico

- Agriculture & livestock: **76-77%**;
6.3 millions of hectares are of irrigation
- Domestic & municipal consumption: **13%**
- Industries: **10%**

Volume of water (millions of m³):

Precipitation	1 522 000
Rivers	412 000
Dams	180 000
Lakes & lagoons	14 000

Mexican surface water constrains: temporary, regional, sectorial, social & population growth

- 67% de the Mexican rain occur from **June to September**
- In Baja California it rains only **199 mm/year**; in Tabasco **2588 mm**. The average is about 770mm/year
- **Agriculture** use about 76% of the water and produce 4-5% of GDP.
- **Chiapas, Oaxaca & Guerrero** are the three states with the highest **lack of basic safe water** and drainage services.
- **Per capita availability** got reduced from 18,035 m³ in 1950 to 3,982 m³ in 2015, due to population growth, aggravated by **urbanization** and higher demand of water.
- From 1994 on the **precipitation got reduced**, but there were **flash floods** (Conagua 2015) with landslides. Mexico lacks the infrastructure to avoid disaster from flash floods, especially in the **drylands**.

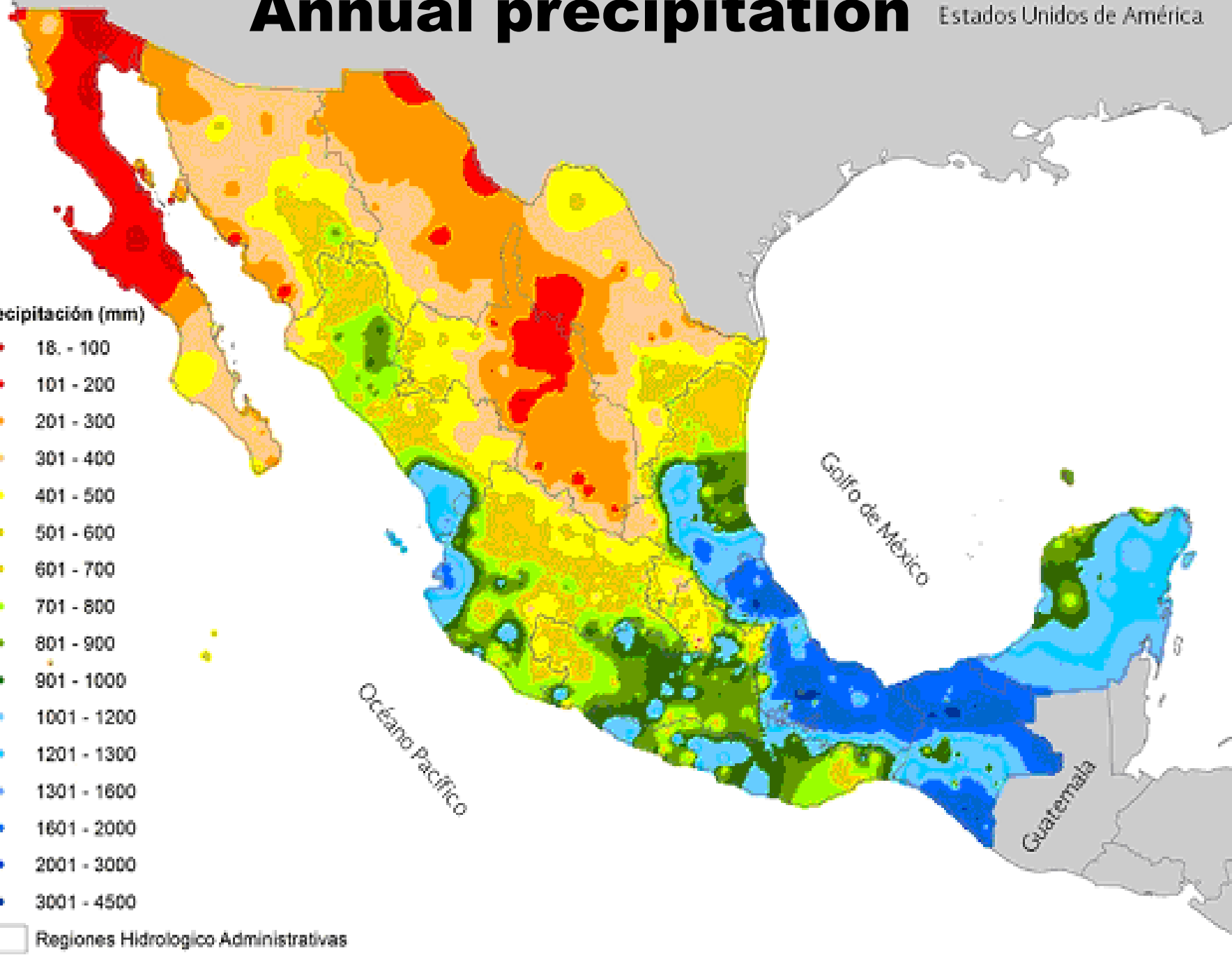
Annual precipitation

Estados Unidos de América

Precipitación (mm)

- 18 - 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 300
- 301 - 400
- 401 - 500
- 501 - 600
- 601 - 700
- 701 - 800
- 801 - 900
- 901 - 1000
- 1001 - 1200
- 1201 - 1300
- 1301 - 1600
- 1601 - 2000
- 2001 - 3000
- 3001 - 4500

Regiones Hidrológico Administrativas



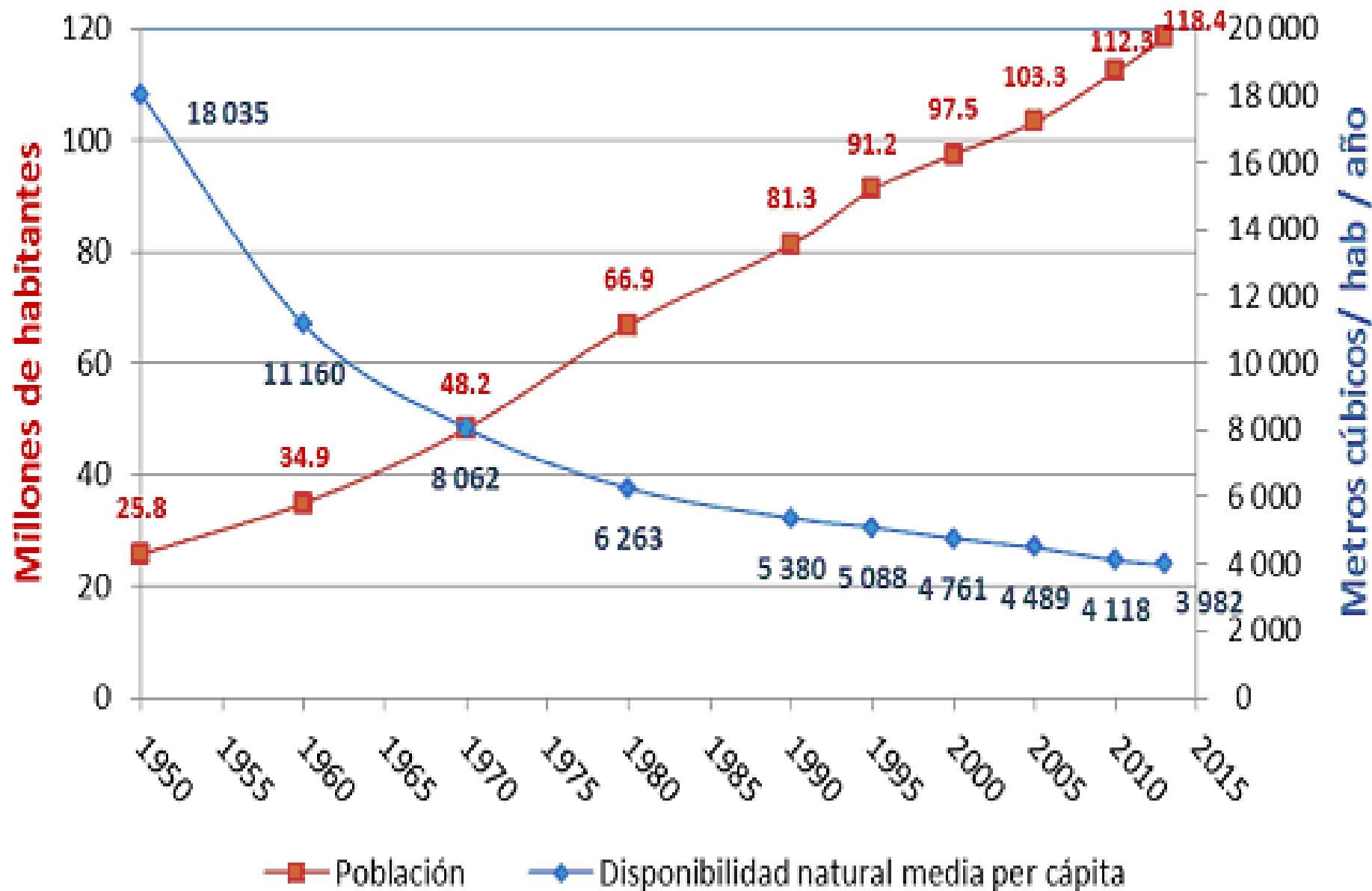
Basins or watersheds

- Mexico has **837 watersheds** of different characteristics and sizes, **42 main rivers** that run on the Pacific, the Atlantic and the interior, whose rivers flow into lagoons or inland dams.
- The uses and uses of surface and groundwater are divided into **13 Hydrological and Administrative Regions**
- 653 aquifers; **140 are overexploited** and represent almost 90% of the domestic water supply
- **Groundwater is strategic** for the country because of its greater potential and its quality compared to the superficial

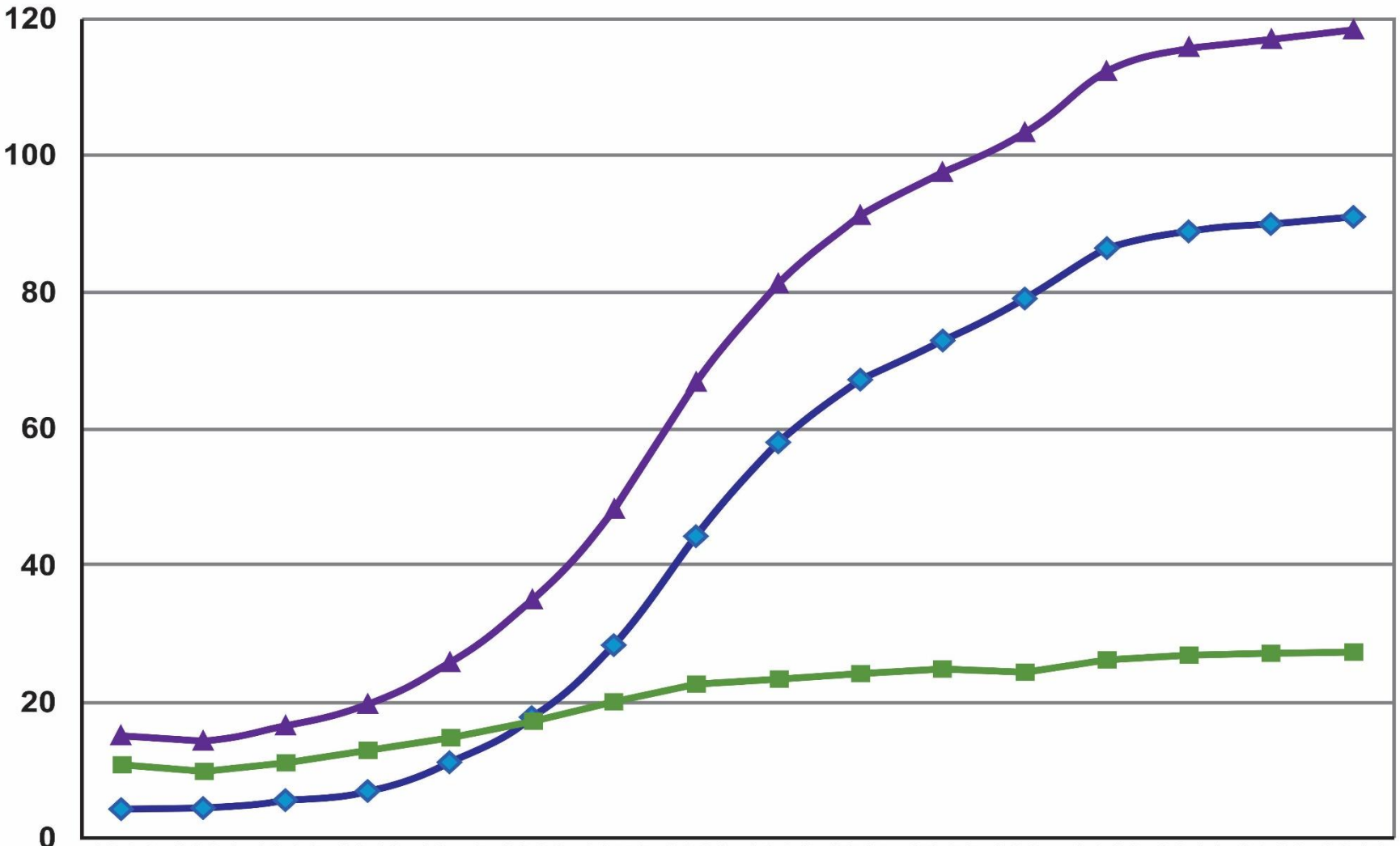
Administrative regions of water management



Natural availability of water /cap

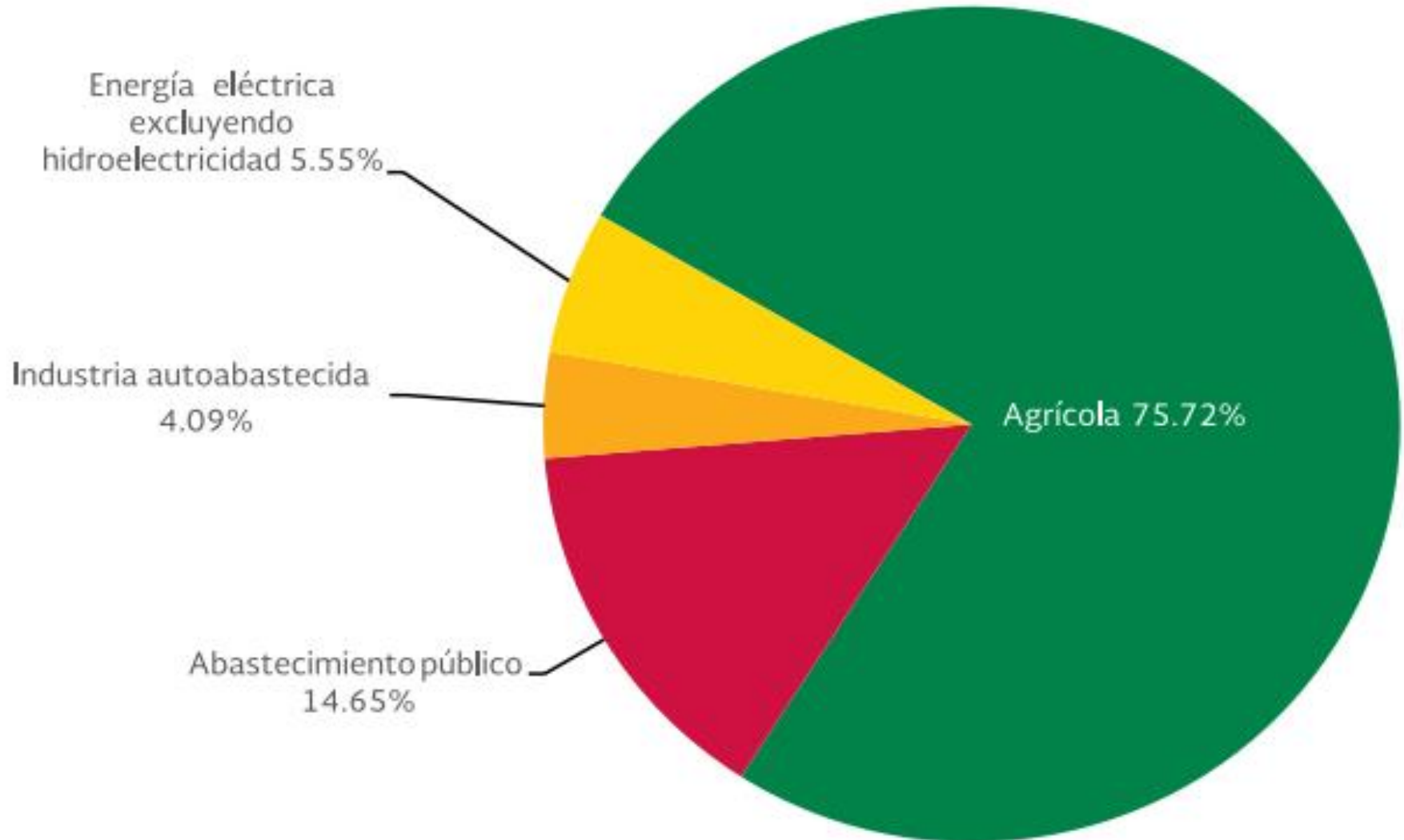


Evolution of rural and urban population



	1910	1921	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
▲ Total	15.2	14.3	16.6	19.7	25.8	34.9	48.2	66.8	81.2	91.2	97.5	103.3	112.3	115.7	117.1	118.4
◆ Urban	4.3	4.5	5.5	6.9	11.0	17.7	28.3	44.3	58.0	67.0	72.8	79.0	86.3	88.9	90.0	91.1
■ Rural	10.8	9.9	11.0	12.8	14.8	17.2	19.9	22.5	23.3	24.2	24.7	24.3	26.0	26.8	27.0	27.3

Use of water



Water, GDP and people

Central-North

1,650
m³/hab/year

Renewable
water

32%

Population

77%

GDP

79%

Precipitation average
3,982
m³/hab/year

South-Southeast

11,768
m³/hab/year

Renewable
water

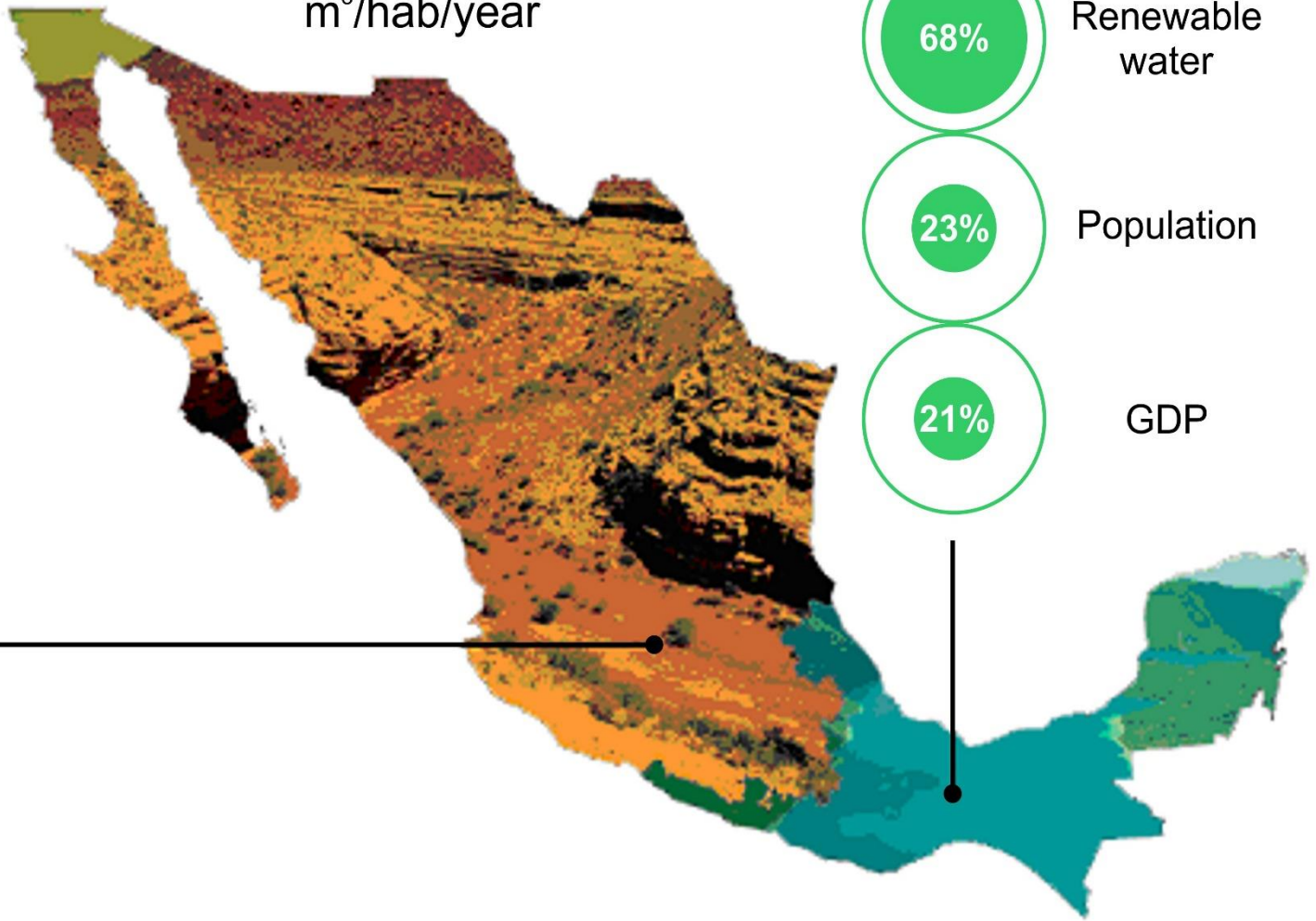
68%

Population

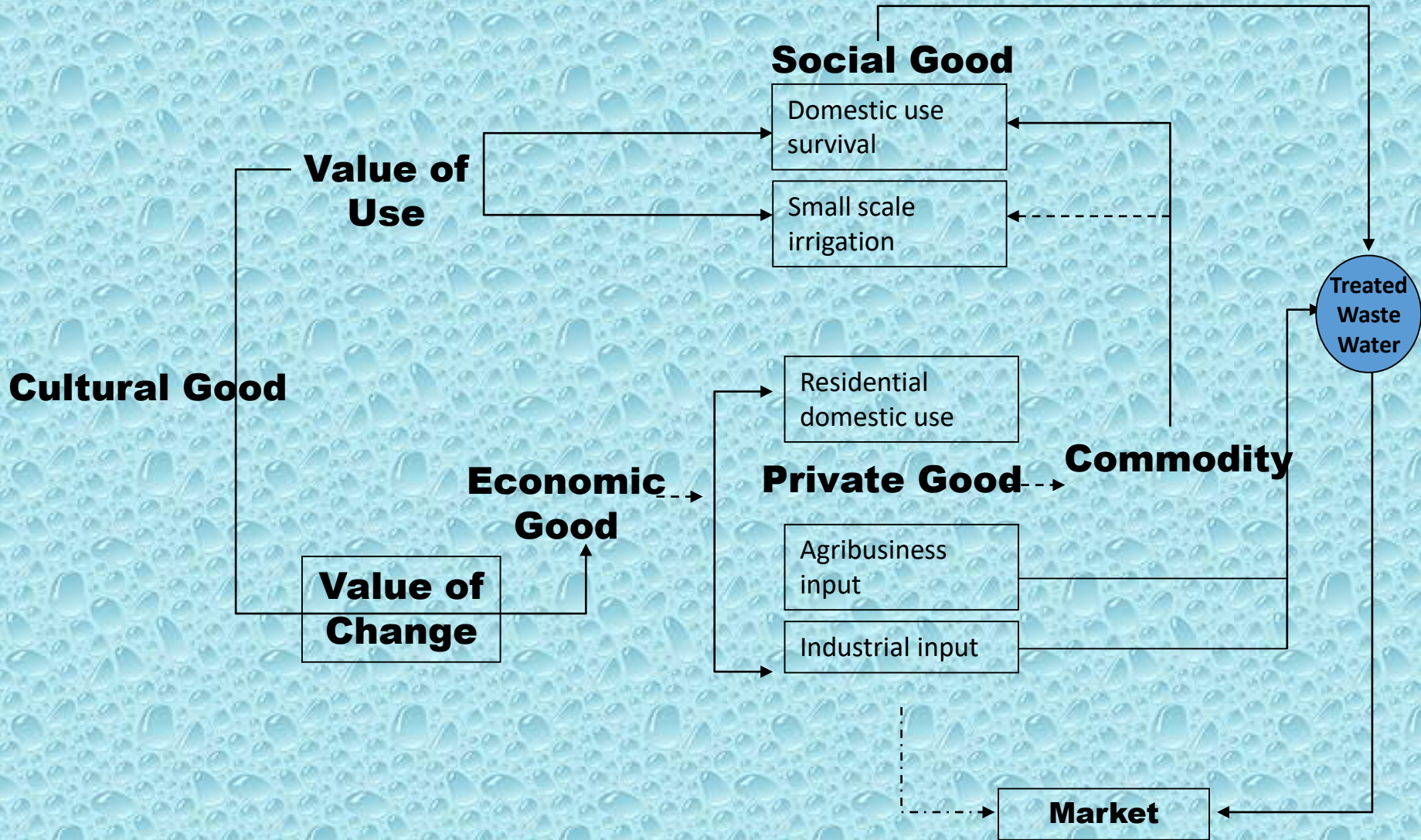
23%

GDP

21%

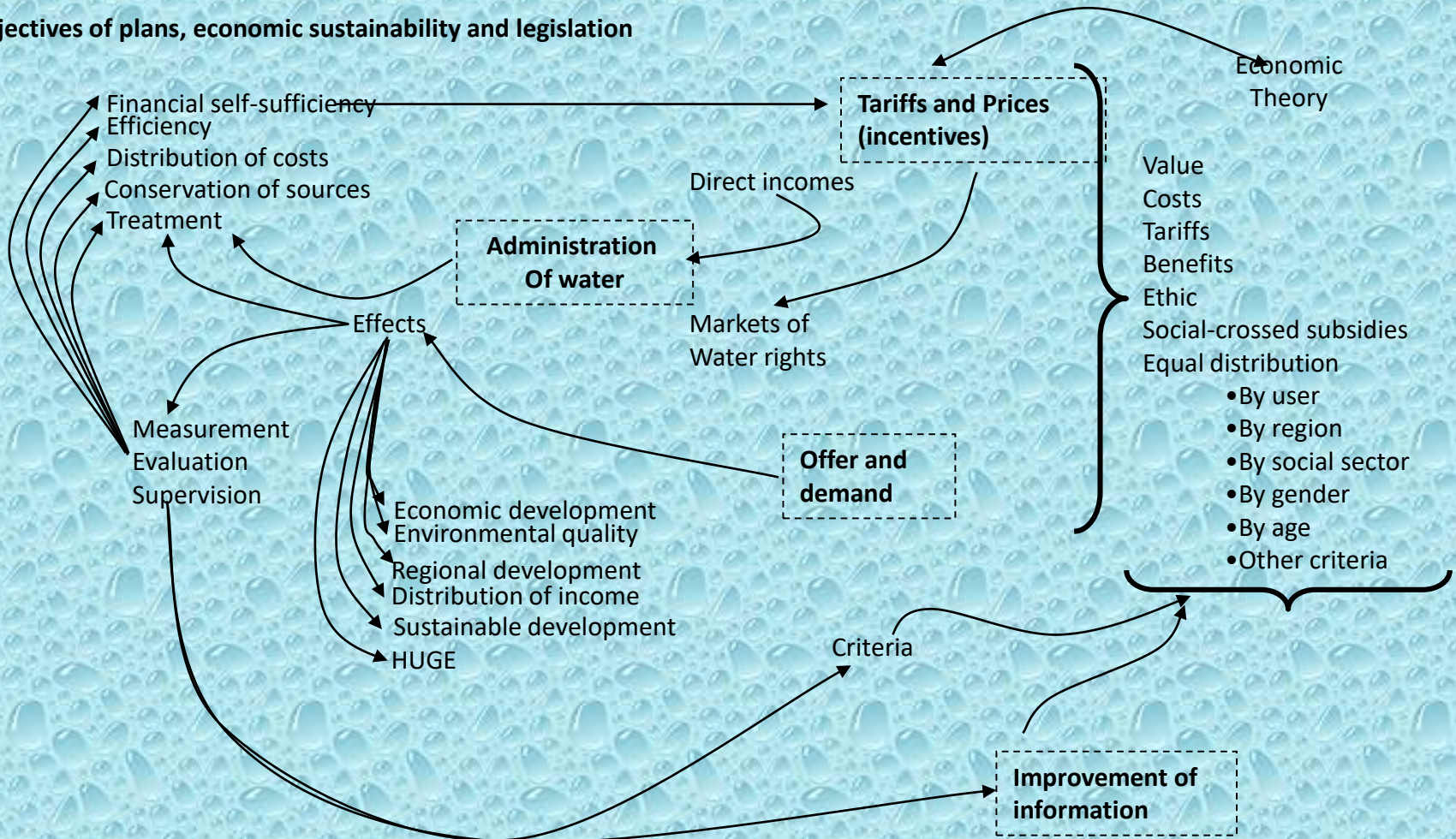


Economy of water in Mexico



Administration of water

Objectives of plans, economic sustainability and legislation



2. What is clean water?



💧 Free of organisms

- bacterias
- virus
- protozoarios

🔥 Free from toxic substances

- inorganic
- organic

🔥 Aesthetically acceptable

- flavor
- odor
- colour



WATER QUALITY



One in nine people worldwide doesn't have access to improved sources of drinking water and **one in three** lacks improved sanitation.

The major sources of water pollution are from human settlements and industrial and agricultural activities.



80% of sewage in developing countries is discharged untreated directly into water bodies.



Industry dumps an estimated **300-400 MT** of **polluted waste** in waters every year.



Nitrate from agriculture is the most common **chemical contaminant** in the world's groundwater aquifers.

Approximately 3.5 million people die each year due to inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene.

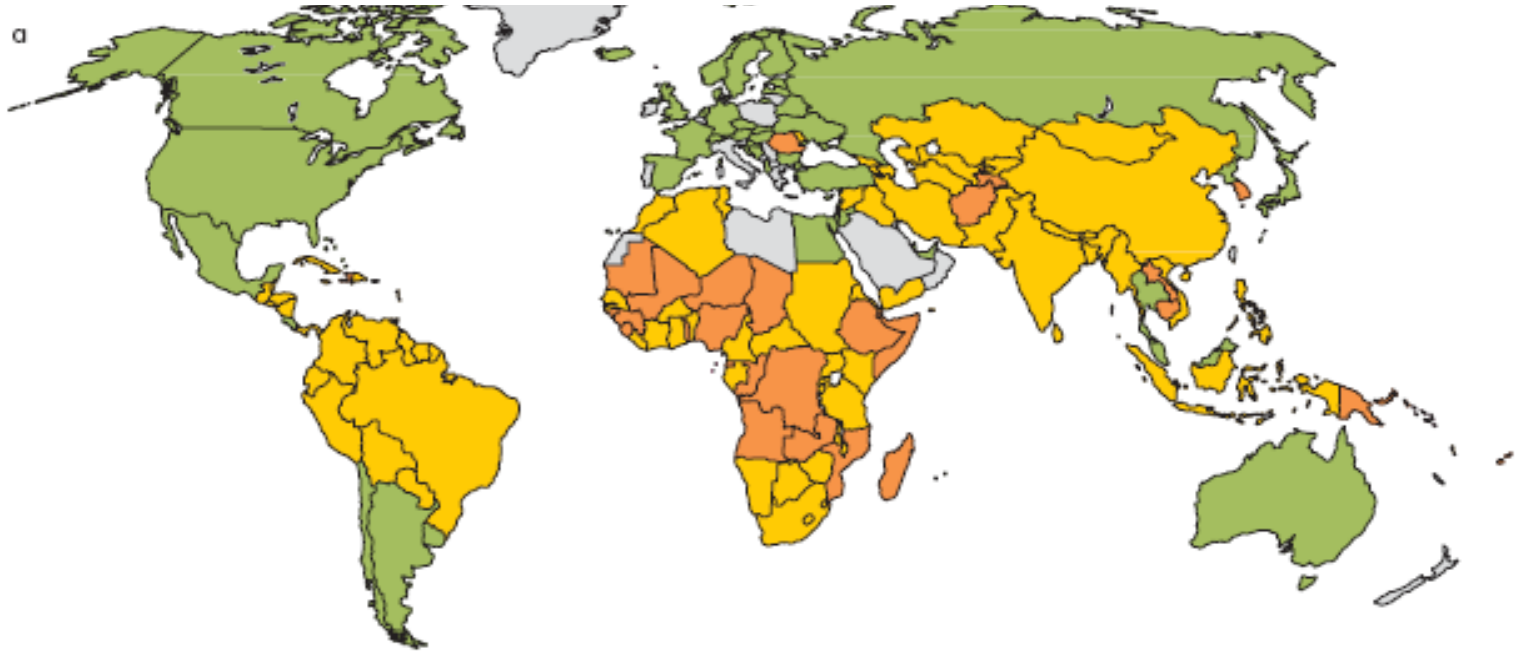
The biodiversity of freshwater ecosystems has been degraded more than any other ecosystem, especially the coastal systems.

Pollution of water worldwide

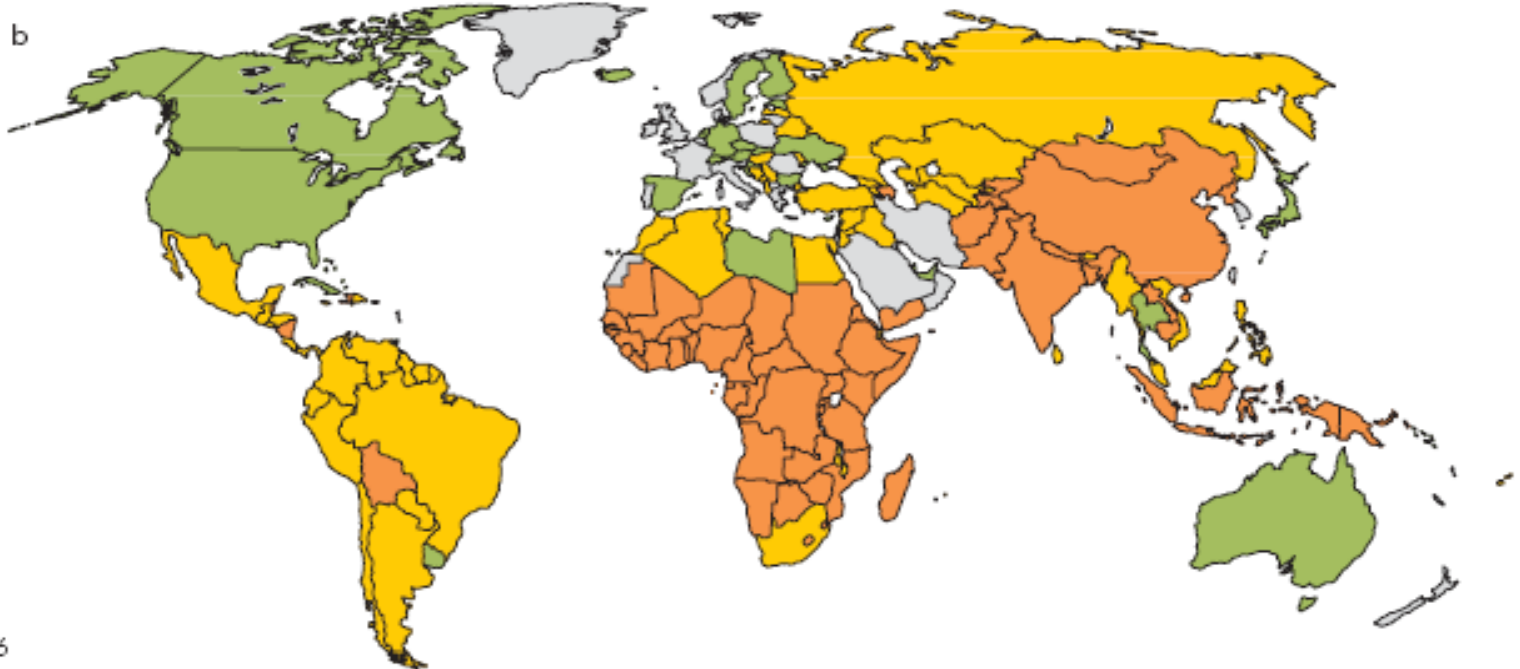
- In developing countries **2.2 million people die** each year due to diseases related to lack or polluted water, inadequate sanitation and lack of hygiene.
- Over **2.5 billion** people still lack access to improved sanitation. Meeting the MDG on water supply and sanitation would **reduce** the annual global **disease burden** by an estimated 10%, with an annual benefit cost ratio of approximately 7:1.
- The **social and environmental costs** to ignore the necessity for improved sanitation (including hygiene, recollection and treatment of sewage water) is **higher** than including this costs into the programs of safe water.

Drinking water and sanitation coverage worldwide

- Coverage is 96% or higher
- Coverage is 60–95%
- Coverage is less than 60%
- Insufficient data



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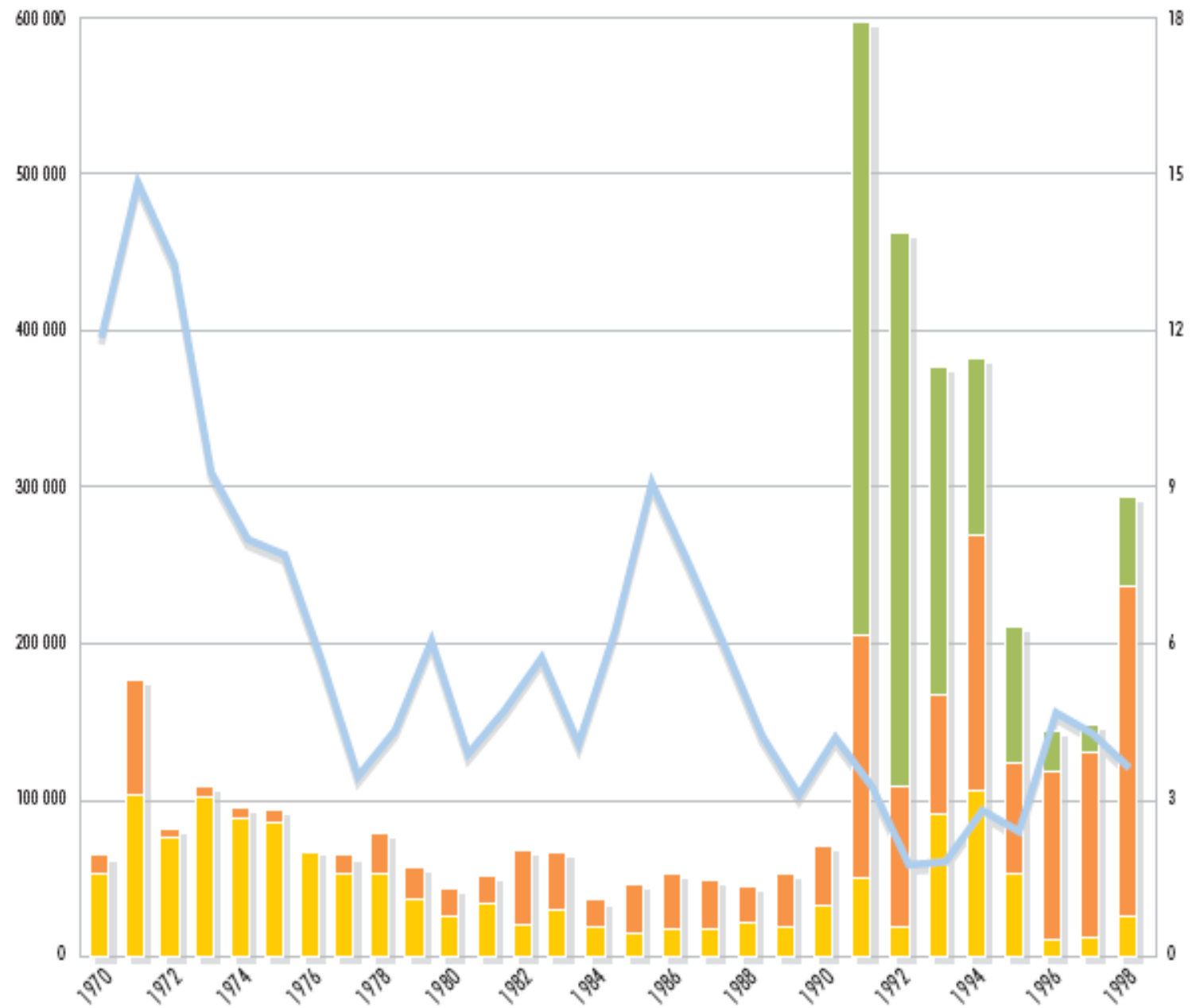


Cholera and fatalities worldwide

- Latin America
- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific and West Asia

total number of cases

Case fatality rate (per cent)



Source: Adapted from WHO 2000

4. Monitoring water in Mexico: importance of safe water and its purification

- **80% of diseases** are related to polluted water in Mexico
- **50% of infant mortality** is related to polluted water
- Mortality due to diarrhea in children less than 5 years old is in average **20.65/100,000**. However, in **Puebla, Oaxaca y Chiapas** the values are 41.59, 44.67 y 49.82/100,000 (INEGI-Conagua, 2015).

How to avoid diseases? Preventive microbiological indicators to avoid epidemics

- 1. Aerobic mesophilic bacteria:** Not more than **1 mg/kg**
- 2. Total coliforms: small amount:** $308 \pm 1L$ ($35^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$) in lactose cultivation during 24 hours:
potential diseases: Enterobacteriaceae such as Escherichia, Klebsiella, Enterobacter, Serratia, Citrobacter, Salmonella, etc.
- 3. Fecal coliforms: 0 are allowed** (produce all types of intestinal diseases such as Escherichia, Klebsiella, Enterobacter, etc.)

Multiplication of bacteria



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MULTIPLICACION DE LAS BACTERIAS EN CONDICIONES FAVORABLES:

Agua, nutrientes,
temperatura, pH

0	1
20	2
40	4
60	8
80	16
100	32
120	64
140	128
160	256
180	512
200	1,024
220	2,048
240	4,096
260	8,192
280	16,384
300	32,768



Physical-chemical evaluation of quality of water

- **Monitoring of water in Mexico**
- The Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅),
- The Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
- The Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

- **Biochemical oxygen demand or BOD** is a chemical procedure for determining the amount of dissolved oxygen needed by aerobic biological organisms in a body of water to break down organic material present in a given water sample at certain temperature over a specific time period.
- **Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)** is a measurement of the oxygen required to oxidize soluble and particulate organic matter in water.
- The term "**total suspended solids**" refers to matter **suspended** or **dissolved** in water or wastewater, and is related to both specific **conductance and turbidity**. TSS include all particles suspended within the water column that will not pass through a filter.

T2.15 Distribución porcentual de sitios de monitoreo en cuerpos de agua superficiales por RHA, de acuerdo al indicador DBO₅, 2013

BOD5

Clave	RHA	Excelente	Buena calidad	Aceptable	Contaminada	Fuertemente contaminada
I	Península de Baja California	1.2	23.8	34.5	38.1	2.4
II	Noroeste	11.8	53.9	31.6	1.3	1.4
III	Pacífico Norte	12.5	60.5	26.5	0.5	0.0
IV	Balsas	17.9	17.3	43.9	17.0	3.9
V	Pacífico Sur	26.2	39.3	29.5	5.0	0.0
VI	Río Bravo	46.9	20.3	31.1	1.7	0.0
VII	Cuencas Centrales del Norte	8.7	65.2	26.1	0.0	0.0
VIII	Lerma-Santiago-Pacífico	7.5	26.4	53.4	10.0	2.7
IX	Golfo Norte	64.9	20.2	11.6	2.5	0.8
X	Golfo Centro	25.7	36.9	32.5	4.4	0.5
XI	Frontera Sur	51.1	34.8	12.5	1.6	0.0
XII	Península de Yucatán	54.7	35.8	9.5	0.0	0.0
XIII	Aguas del Valle de México	1.5	7.5	55.2	23.9	11.9
	Total	26.2	30.4	34.3	7.5	1.6

Fuente: CONAGUA (2014).

T2.16 Distribución porcentual de sitios de monitoreo en cuerpos de agua superficiales por RHA, de acuerdo al indicador DQO, 2013 **COD**

Clave	RHA	Excelente	Buena calidad	Aceptable	Contaminada	Fuertemente contaminada
I	Península de Baja California	0.0	7.1	25.0	54.8	13.1
II	Noroeste	0.0	7.9	47.4	42.1	2.6
III	Pacífico Norte	0.0	2.3	59.1	36.7	1.9
IV	Balsas	1.2	10.3	34.6	40.4	13.5
V	Pacífico Sur	0.8	17.2	31.1	41.8	9.1
VI	Río Bravo	32.1	13.6	37.6	15.7	1.0
VII	Cuencas Centrales del Norte	0.0	0.0	54.3	43.5	2.2
VIII	Lerma-Santiago-Pacífico	0.3	3.1	25.3	63.5	7.8
IX	Golfo Norte	49.4	8.2	18.9	21.0	2.5
X	Golfo Centro	13.7	6.8	49.4	27.7	2.4
XI	Frontera Sur	37.5	21.1	25.4	14.8	1.2
XII	Península de Yucatán	28.3	26.4	18.9	26.4	0.0
XIII	Aguas del Valle de México	2.9	3.0	17.9	46.3	29.9
	Total	13.8	8.9	33.2	38.1	6.0

Fuente: CONAGUA (2014).

T2.17 Distribución porcentual de sitios de monitoreo en cuerpos de agua superficiales por RHA, de acuerdo al indicador SST, 2013 **TSS**

Clave	RHA	Excelente	Buena calidad	Aceptable	Contaminada	Fuertemente contaminada
I	Península de Baja California	69.5	21.4	5.7	2.4	1.0
II	Noroeste	42.2	36.7	10.2	7.0	3.9
III	Pacífico Norte	34.3	39.9	14.9	8.6	2.3
IV	Balsas	34.8	32.0	9.5	16.3	7.4
V	Pacífico Sur	32.1	15.5	17.7	24.1	10.6
VI	Río Bravo	45.4	32.8	12.3	9.2	0.3
VII	Cuencas Centrales del Norte	37.0	34.8	15.2	4.3	8.7
VIII	Lerma-Santiago-Pacífico	34.5	28.4	20.9	12.7	3.5
IX	Golfo Norte	40.8	34.9	16.4	7.2	0.7
X	Golfo Centro	60.1	29.4	5.9	4.2	0.4
XI	Frontera Sur	44.2	28.0	11.6	11.0	5.2
XII	Península de Yucatán	76.4	19.6	2.5	1.5	0.0
XIII	Aguas del Valle de México	26.9	43.3	17.9	11.9	0.0
	Total	43.3	29.1	13.4	10.7	3.5

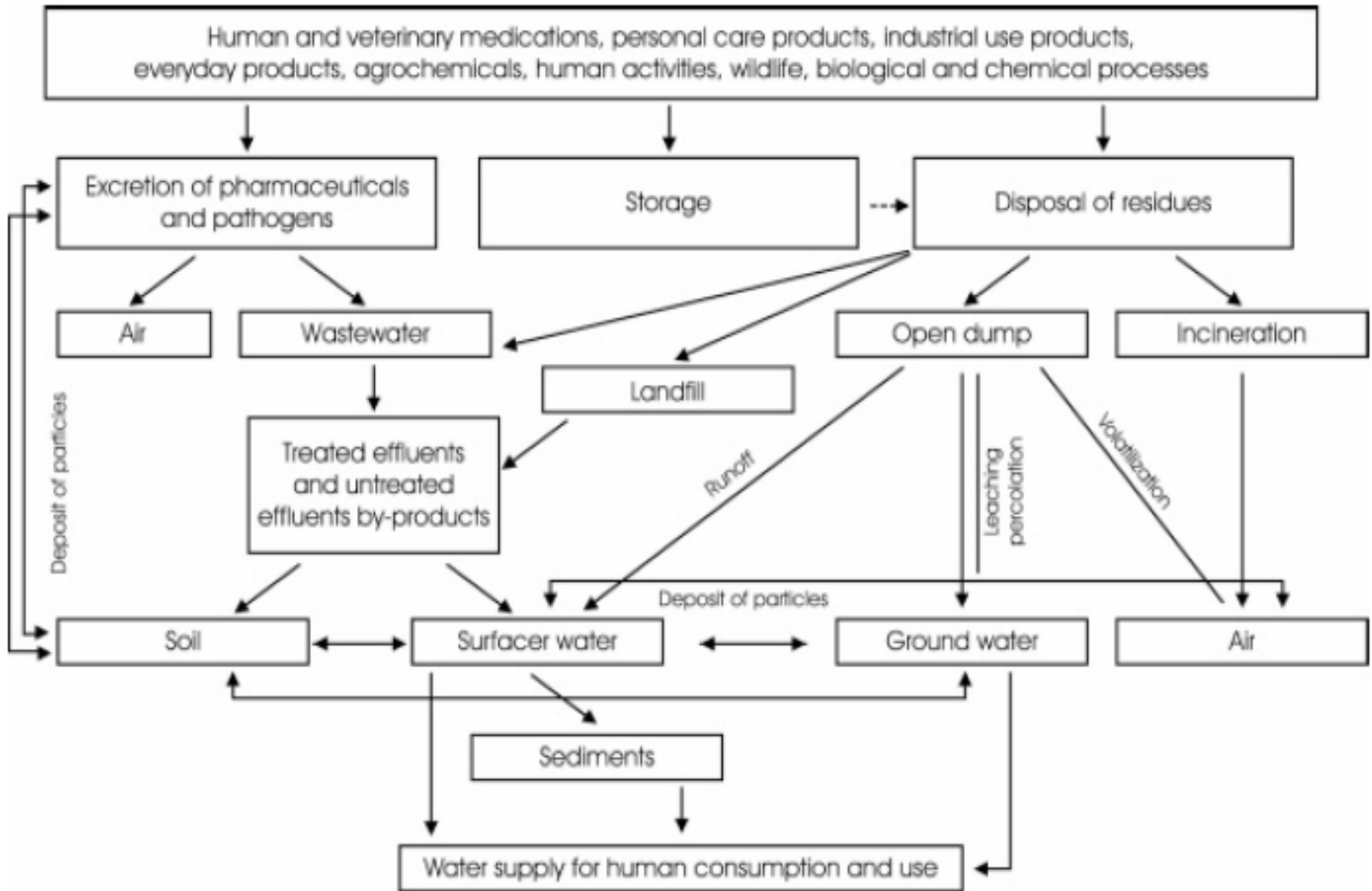
Fuente: CONAGUA (2014).

Basins with high pollution

M2.13 Cuencas con sitios de monitoreo fuertemente contaminados para DBO_5 , DQO y/o SST, 2013



Processes of emergent pollution



Costs due to polluted water

Although water cleaning is expensive, not doing it is even more expensive, due to:

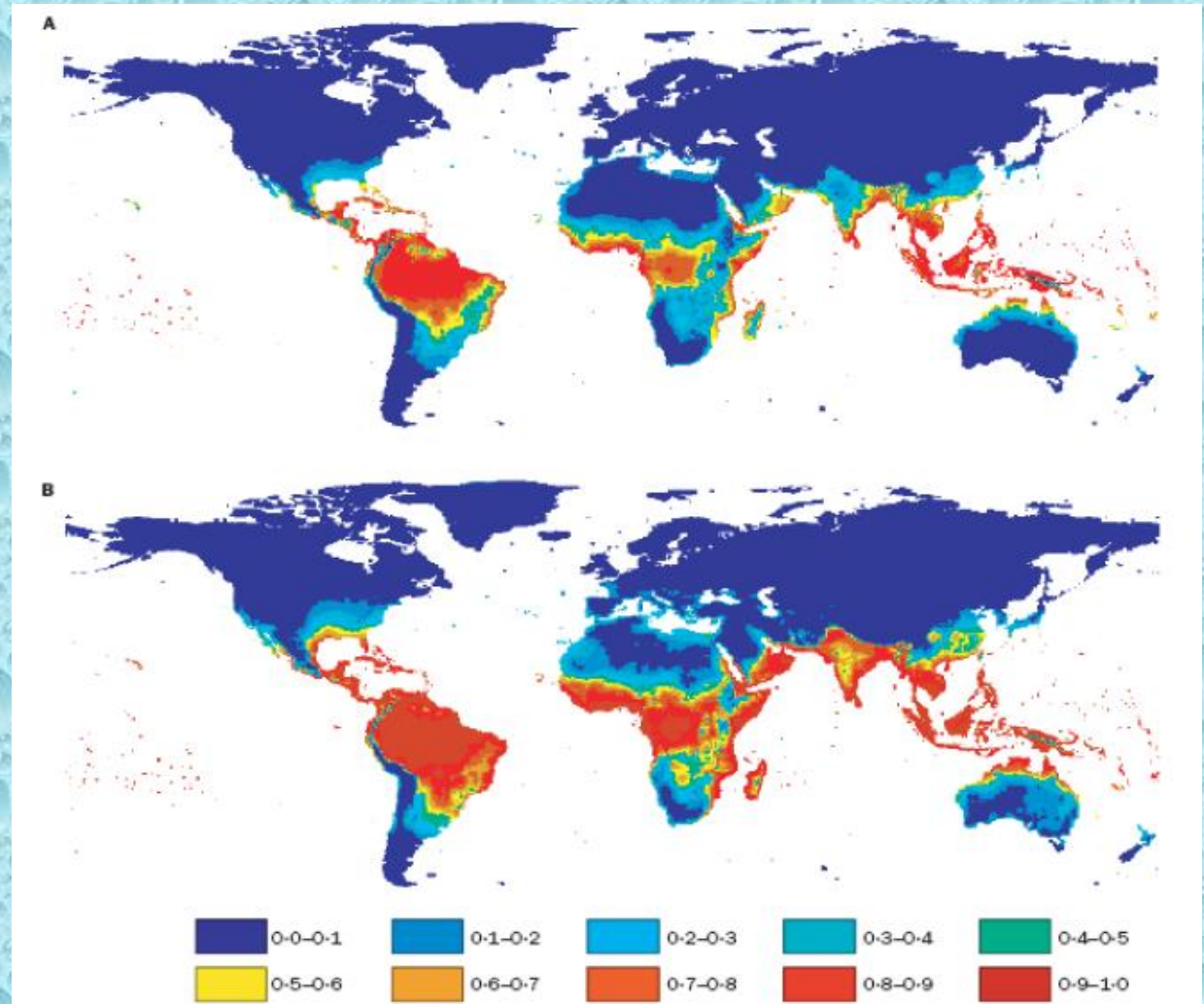
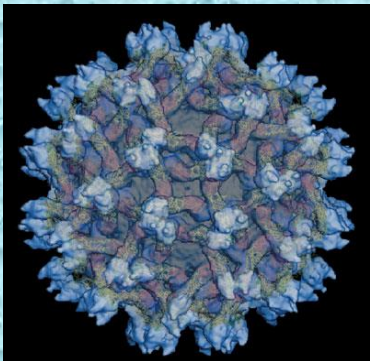
- **Risks to human health by contamination and vectors**
- **Deterioration and destruction of rivers and banks as recreational and flood mitigation zones**
- **Reduction of water available for human and productive uses**
- **Pollution and destruction of marine and aquatic life**
- **Destruction of industrial fisheries**
- **Conflicts among users about the quality and quantity of water, drought for crops, thirst for people**

Water-borne and vector diseases



Dengue, chikungunya, zika: vectors

Increase of population exposed to dengue: **35% - 60%** and estimations in 2085 ~ 6 billion people at risk

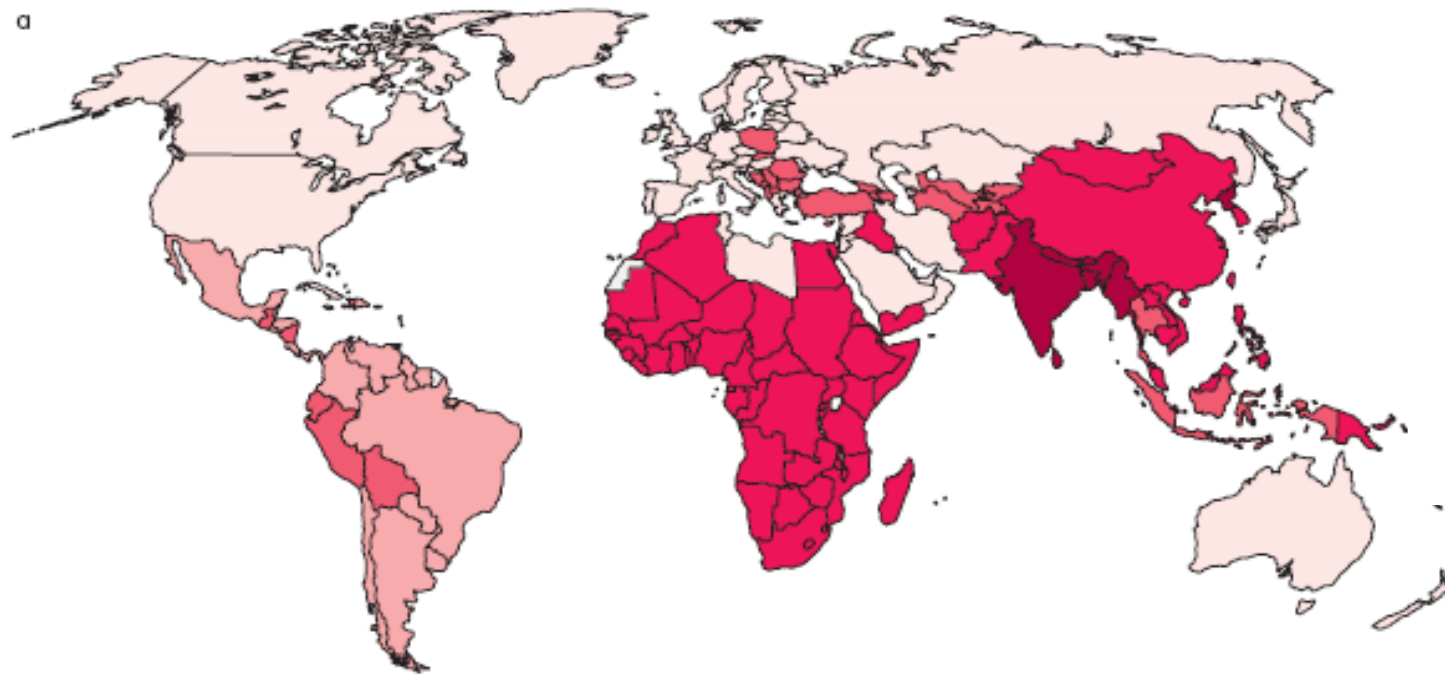


Hales et al., 2002

Figure 2: Estimated baseline population at risk in 1990 (A) and estimated population at risk in 2085 (B)

Global disease attributed to indoor and urban PM10 pollution

a



Proportion of DALYs attributable to indoor air pollution

<0.5%

0.5–0.9%

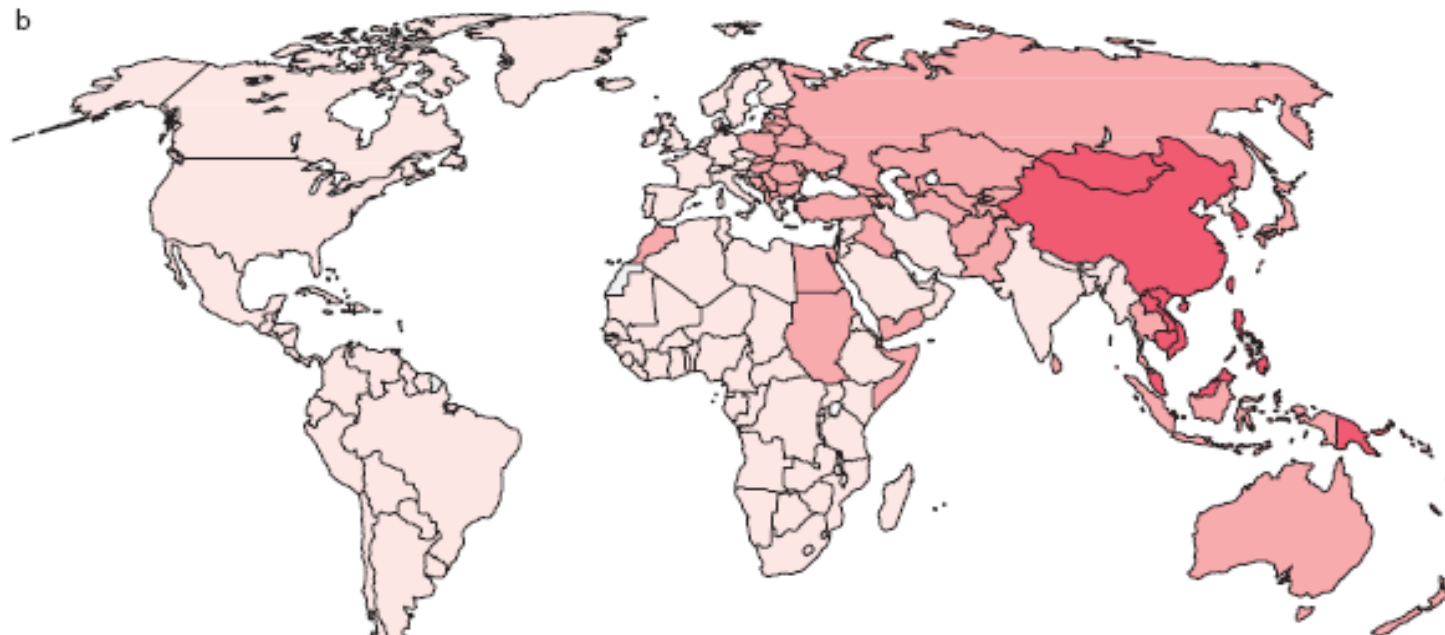
1–1.9%

2–3.9%

4–7.9%

Source: GEO4: 55

b



Proportion of DALYs attributable to urban PM₁₀ pollution

<0.5%

0.5–0.9%

1–1.9%

Notes: DALYs – Disability Adjusted Life Years. One DALY is equivalent to the loss of one year of healthy life. This is the only quantitative indicator of burden of disease that reflects the total amount of healthy life lost to all causes, whether from premature mortality or from some degree of disability.

Water-borne illnesses in Mexico

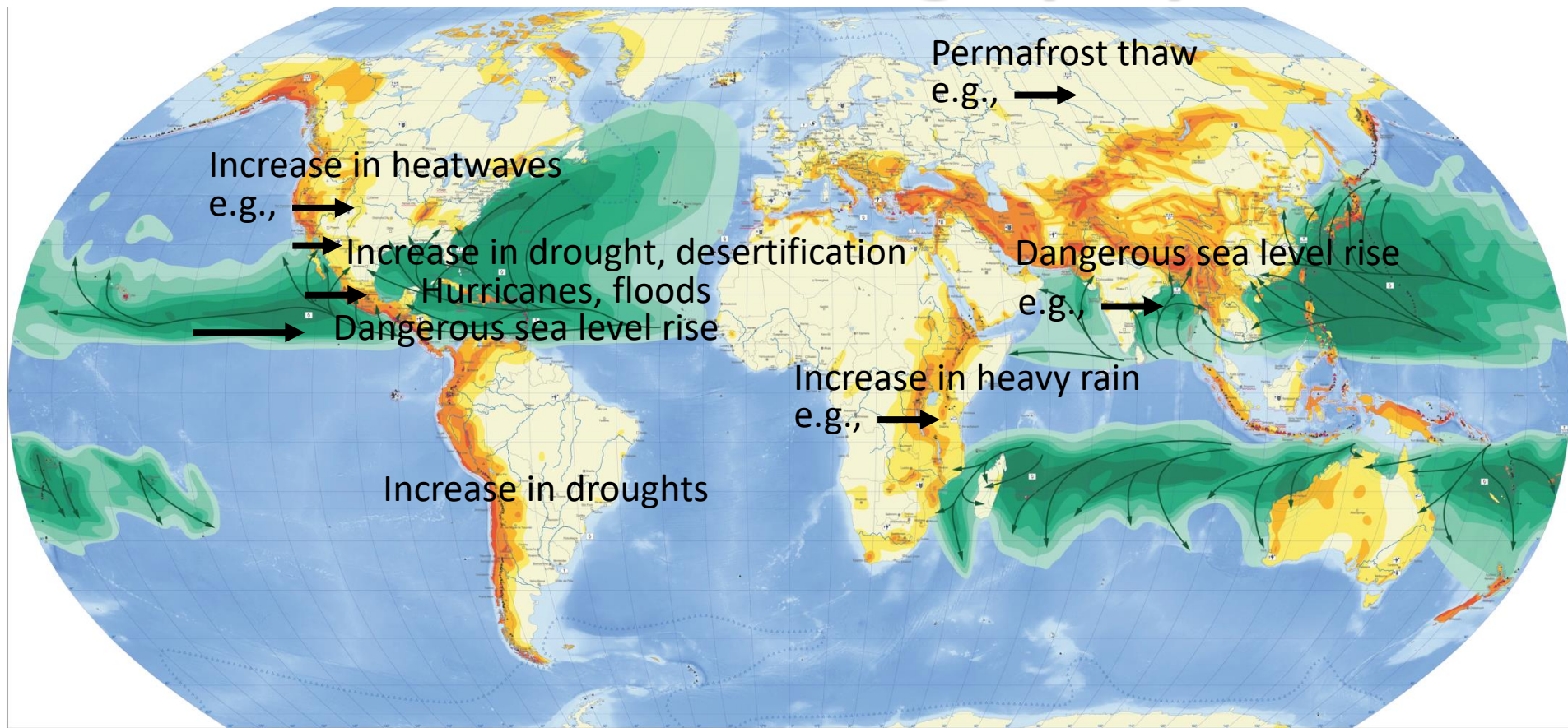
- 1. Arsenic** pollution affects 400,000 people in Mexico
(Source: Millennium Environmental Assessment, 2005)
- 2. Diarrhea:** dead: 1984: 212.3; 1993: 60.4/100,000
mostly children less than 5 years old
- 3. Malaria:** 2.77 to 7.27 cases by 100 000 people/year
between 2000 a 2005; estimation: 30% of people are
at risk.
- 4. Dengue:** 2004 to 2008: increase in Mexico: 800%:
80% in South-Southeast: 6 months 2007: 5,520
cases: 4,359 classic type; 1,161 hemorrhagic type
(Source: General Direction of Epidemiology 1984-2008)
- 5. Chikungunya & Zika:** increase from 2015 on in
central and southern Mexico

Water is in Mexico a basic human right

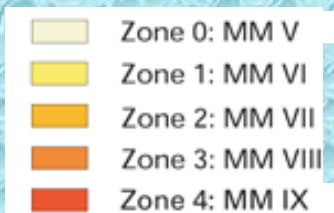
Article 4th of the Constitution:

Everyone has the right to adequate, safe, acceptable and affordable access, disposal and sanitation of water for personal and domestic consumption. The State will guarantee this right and the law will define the bases, supports and modalities for the access and equitable and sustainable use of the water resources, establishing the participation of the federation, the federative entities and the municipalities, as well as the participation of the citizenship for the attainment of these ends.

5. Challenges of safe water in Mexico & climate change (CC)

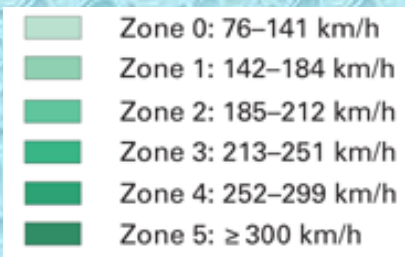


Earthquakes



MM: modified Mercalli scale

Tropical Hurricanes

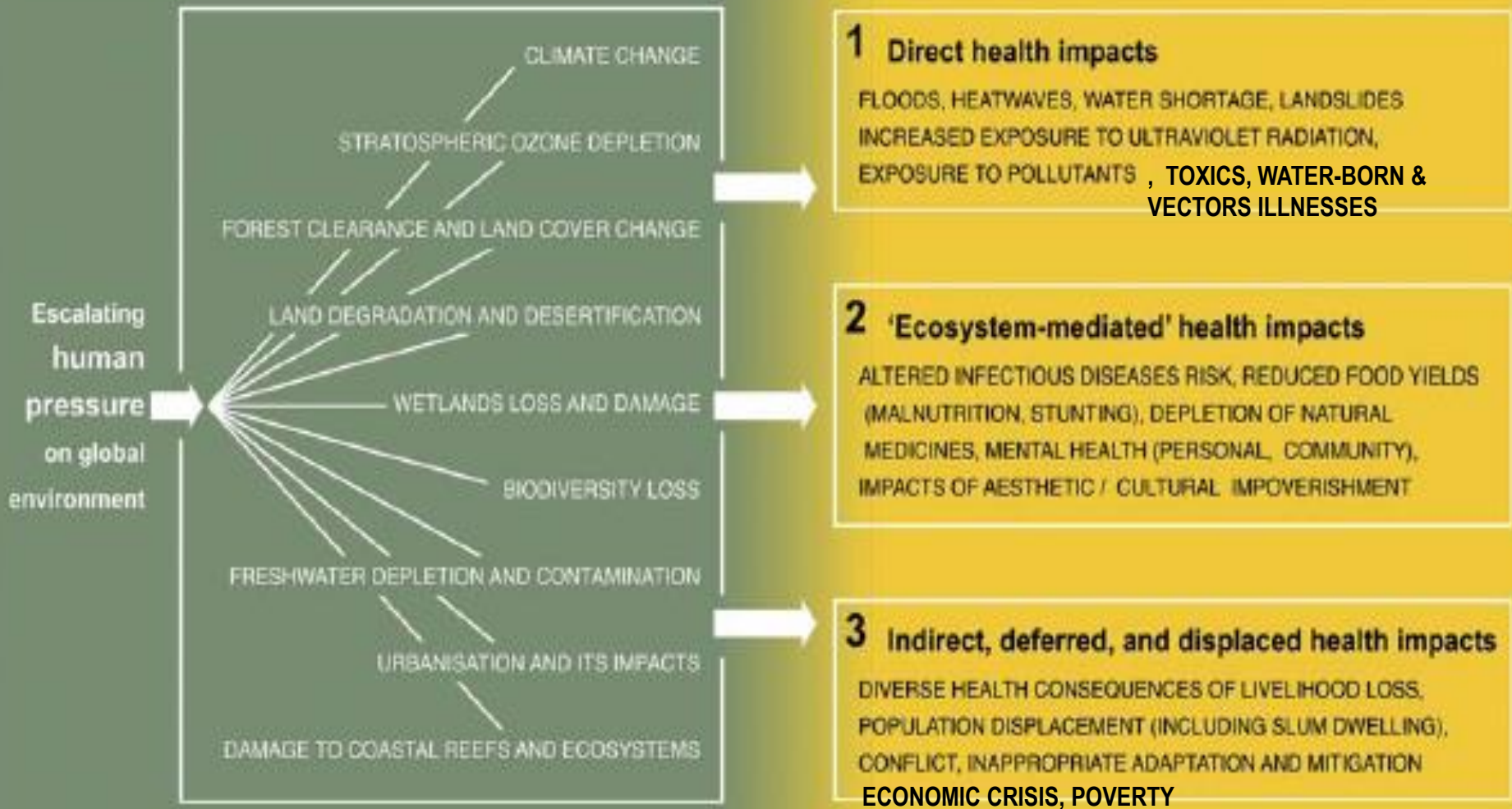


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Threats to water security in Mexico

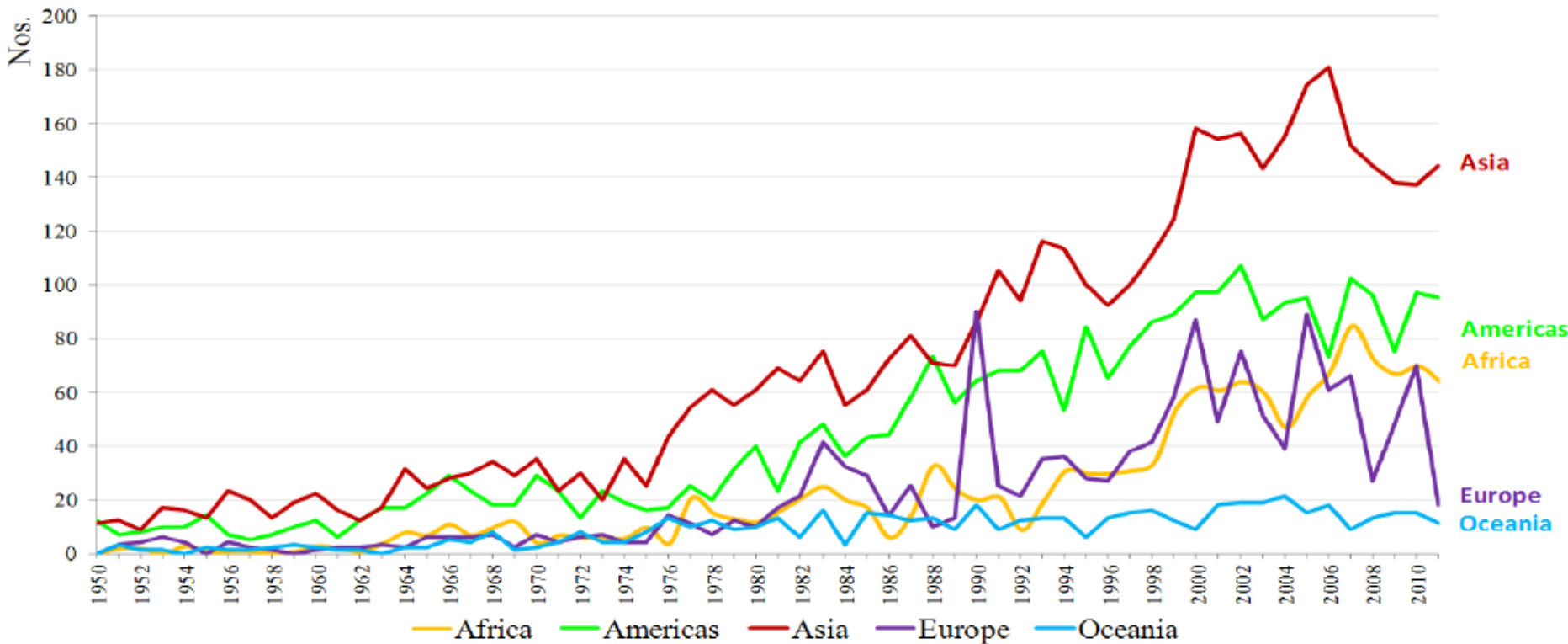
Environmental changes and ecosystem impairment

Examples of health impacts

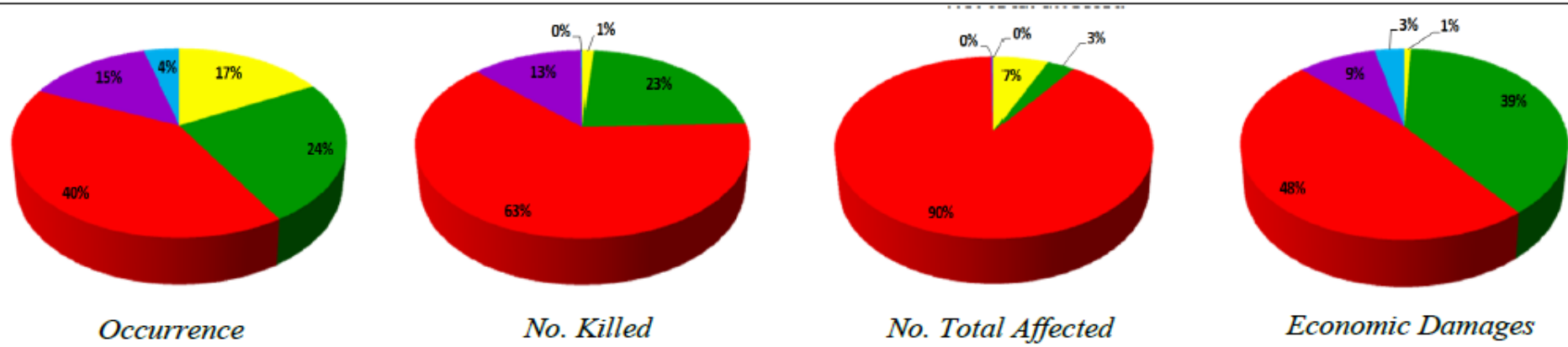


This figure describes the causal pathway from escalating human pressures on the environment through to ecosystem changes resulting in diverse health consequences. Not all ecosystem changes are included. Some changes can have positive effects (e.g. food production).

60 Years of Disasters worldwide: 1950-2011



Asia's share: 2002-2011



Source: CRED, 2013

— Africa — Americas — Asia — Europe — Oceania

Multiple stressors

Climate change

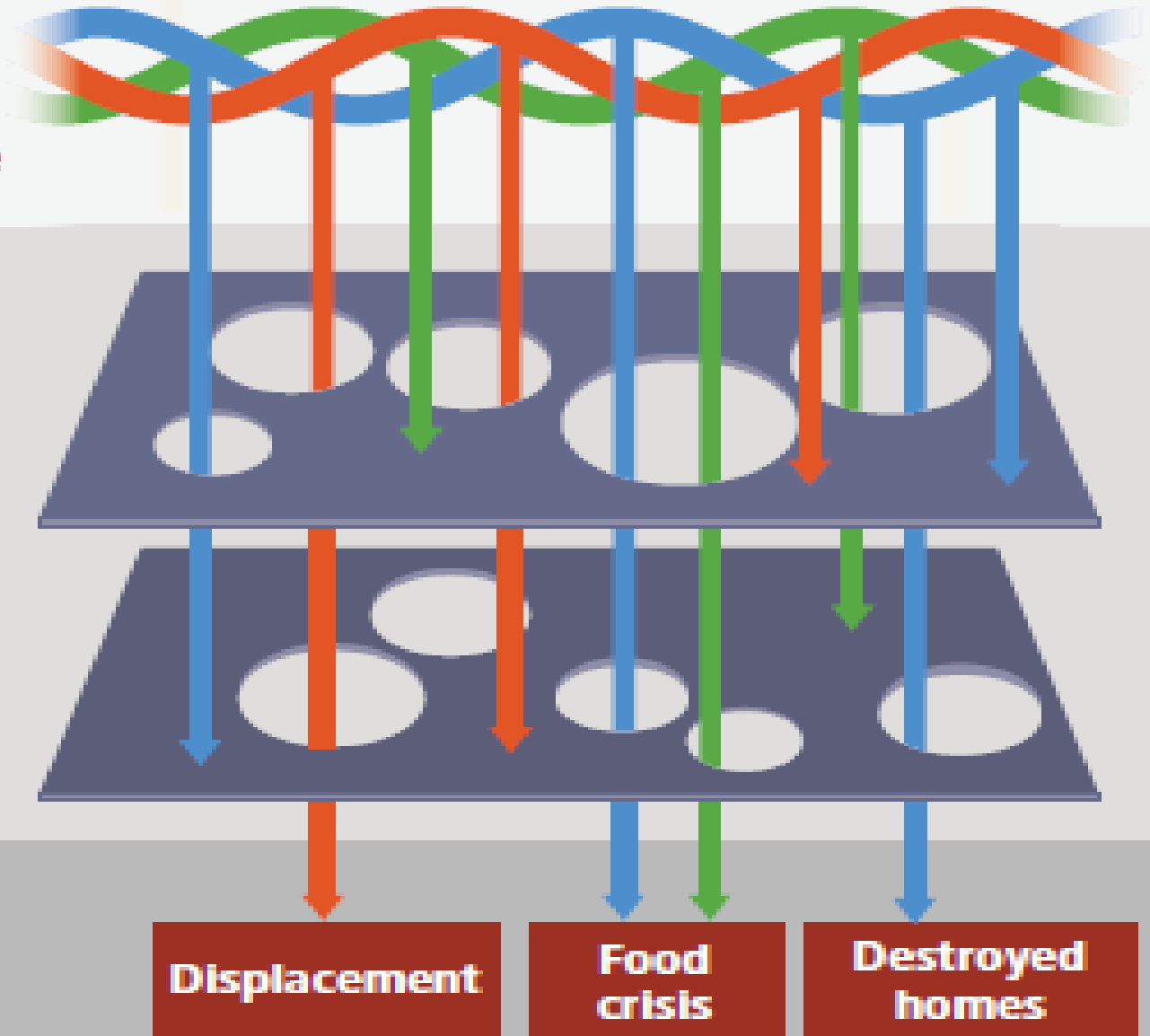
Globalizations

Technological change

Institutions such as:

- Social protection
- Relief organizations
- Disaster prevention

Livelihoods



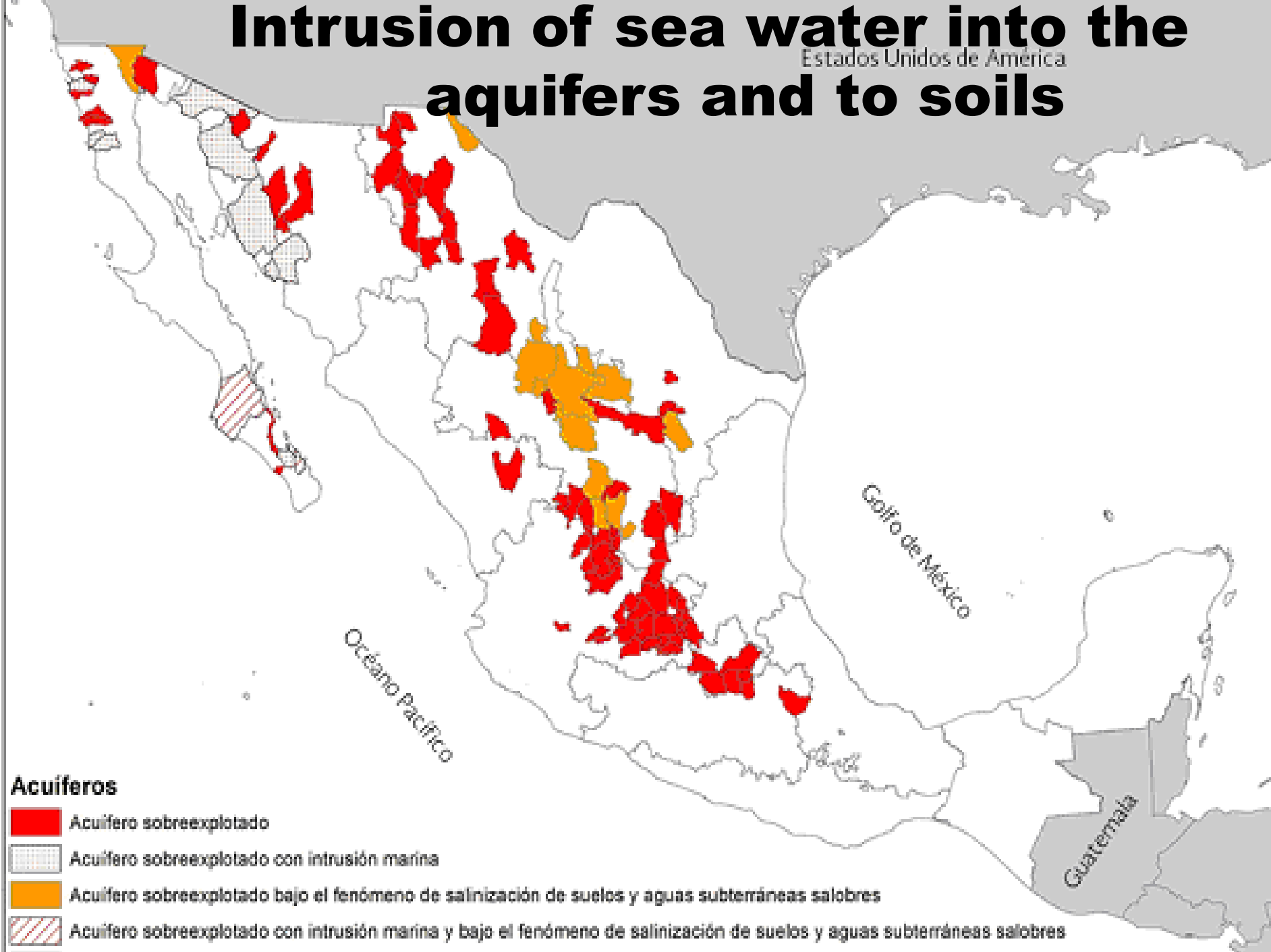
Displacement

Food
crisis





Destroyed
homes

Intrusion of sea water into the aquifers and to soils

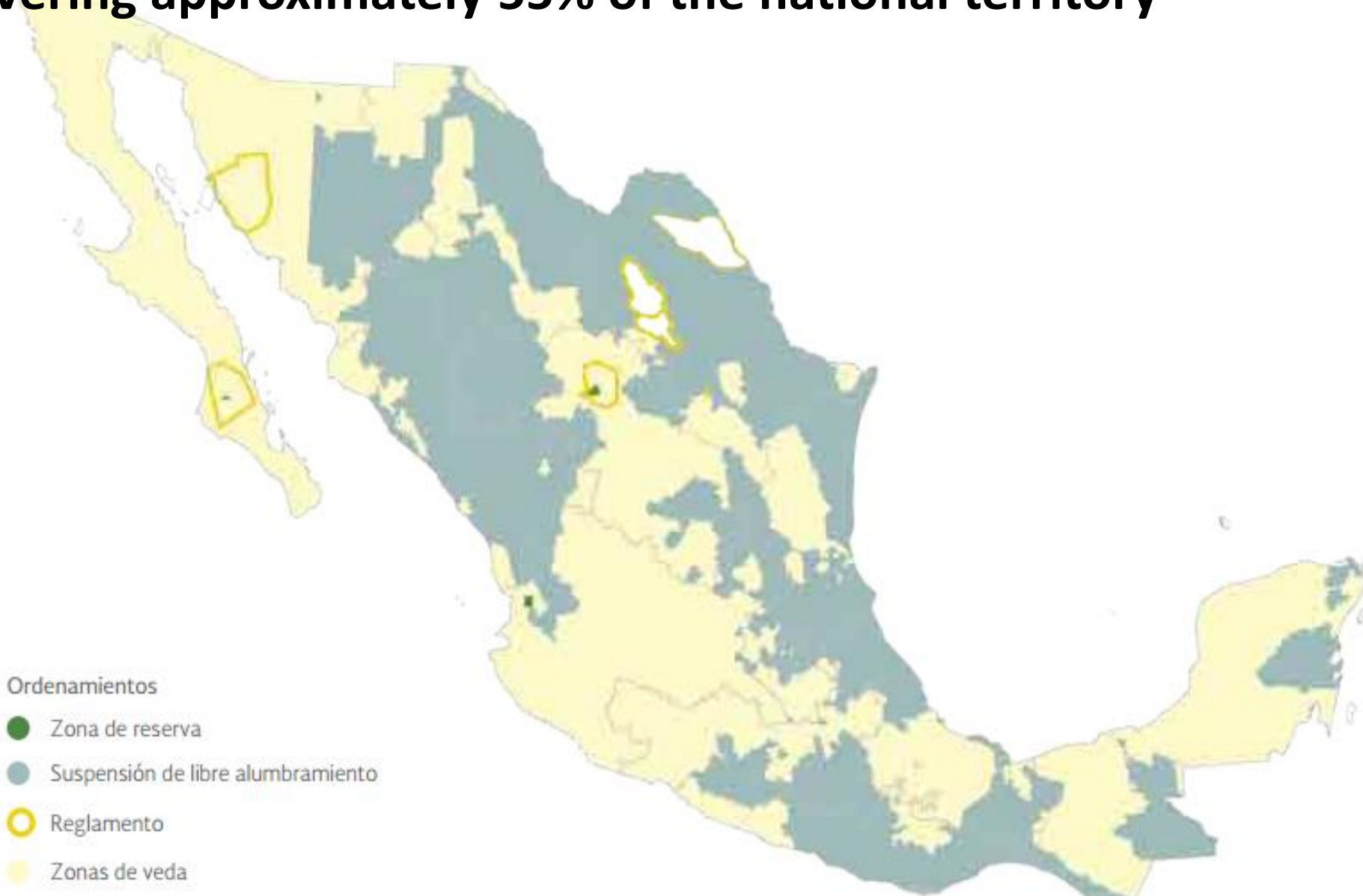
Estados Unidos de América



Acuíferos

-  Acuífero sobreexplotado
-  Acuífero sobreexplotado con intrusión marina
-  Acuífero sobreexplotado bajo el fenómeno de salinización de suelos y aguas subterráneas salobres
-  Acuífero sobreexplotado con intrusión marina y bajo el fenómeno de salinización de suelos y aguas subterráneas salobres

Overexploitation of groundwater: 146 decrees of prohibition; 4 aquifer regulations; 3 decrees of regulated areas; 3 declarations of reserve areas for public urban use, covering approximately 55% of the national territory



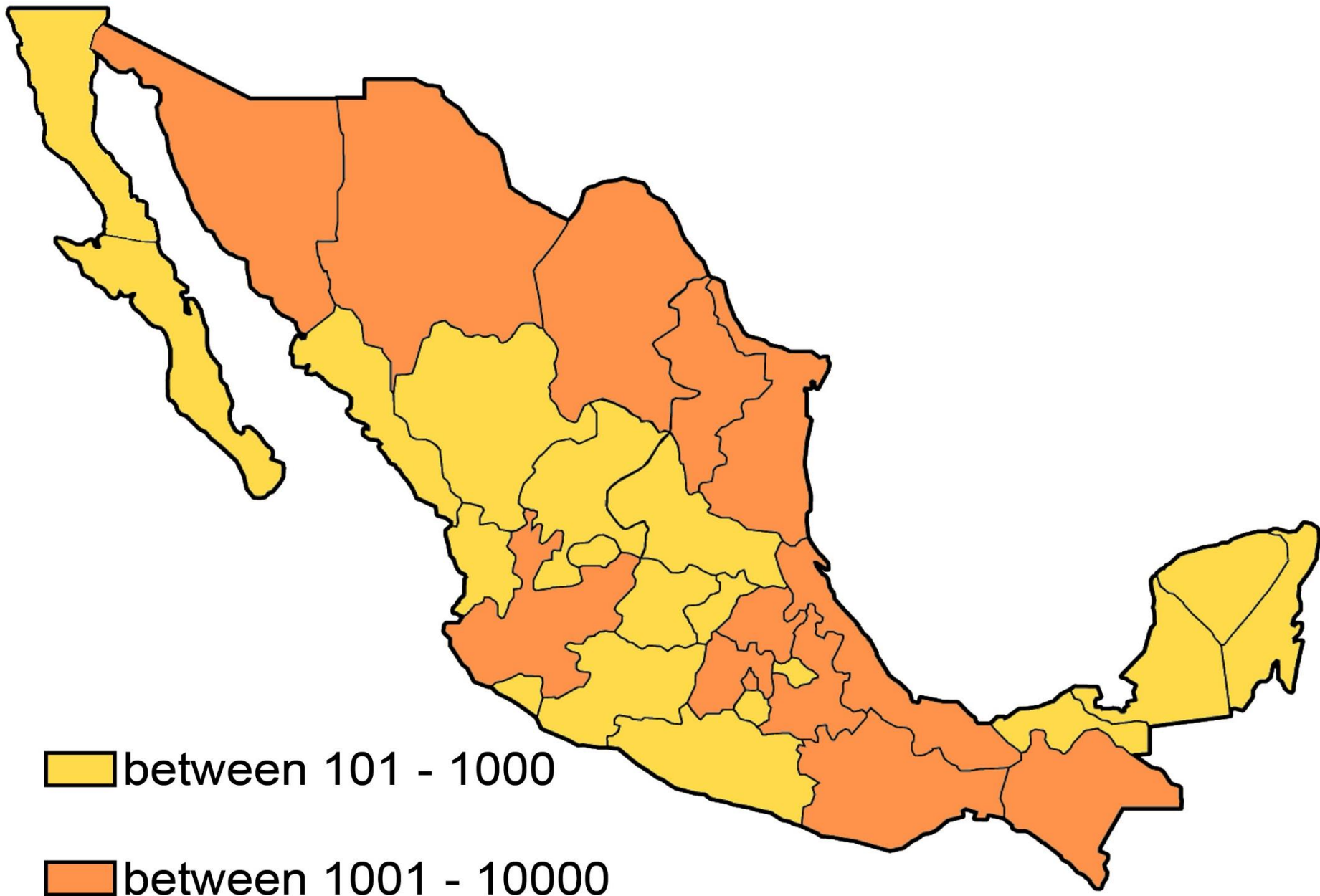
Areas of **surface closure** (veda) are the specific areas of hydrological regions or watersheds where no additional water use is authorized than the legally established and these areas are controlled by specific regulations, due to the deterioration of water in quantity or quality, in order to **grant hydrological sustainability**

M5.2 Zonas de veda superficial, 2012

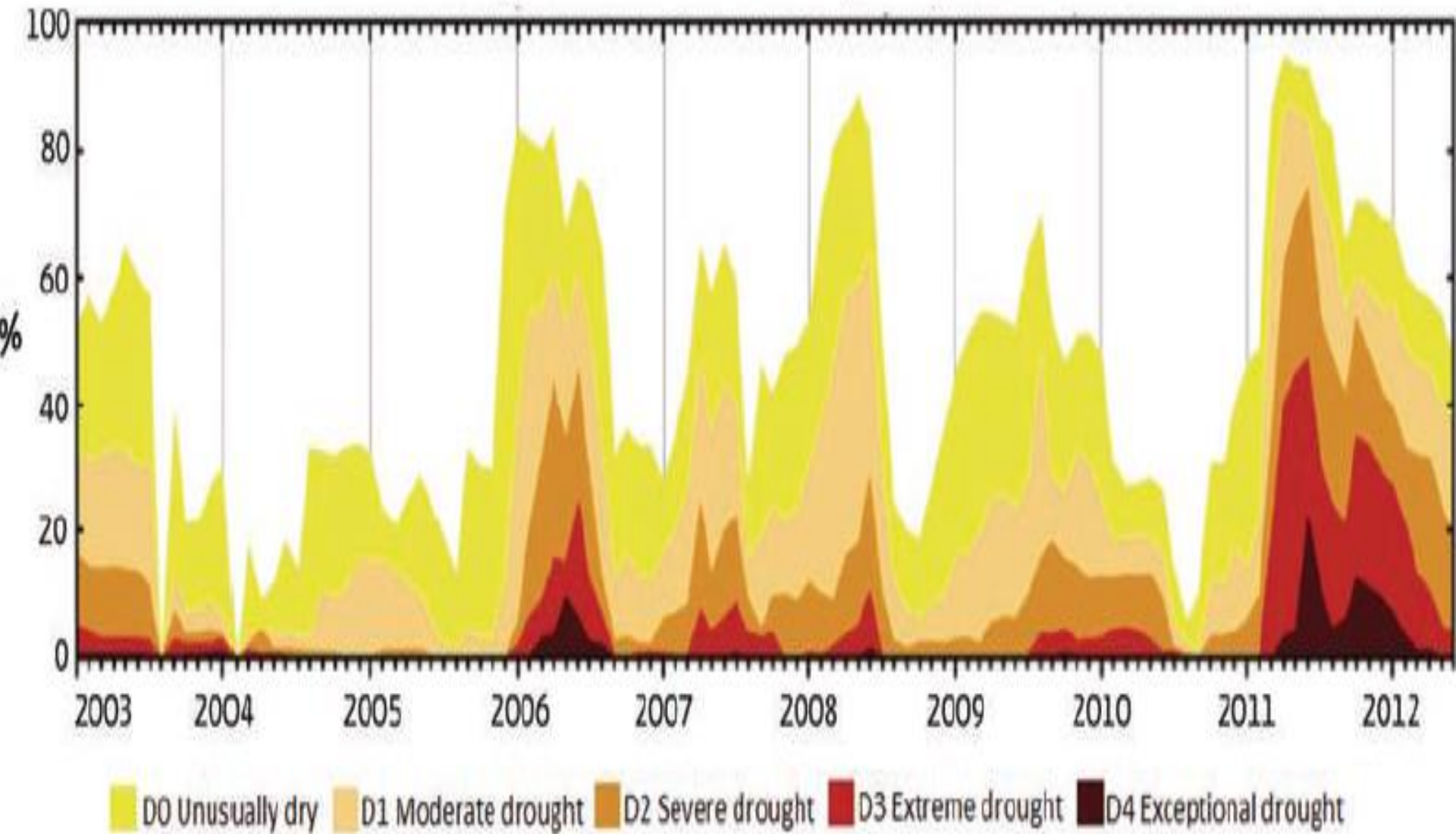


Fuente: Elaborado con base en CONAGUA (2014I).

Poverty and disasters in Mexico

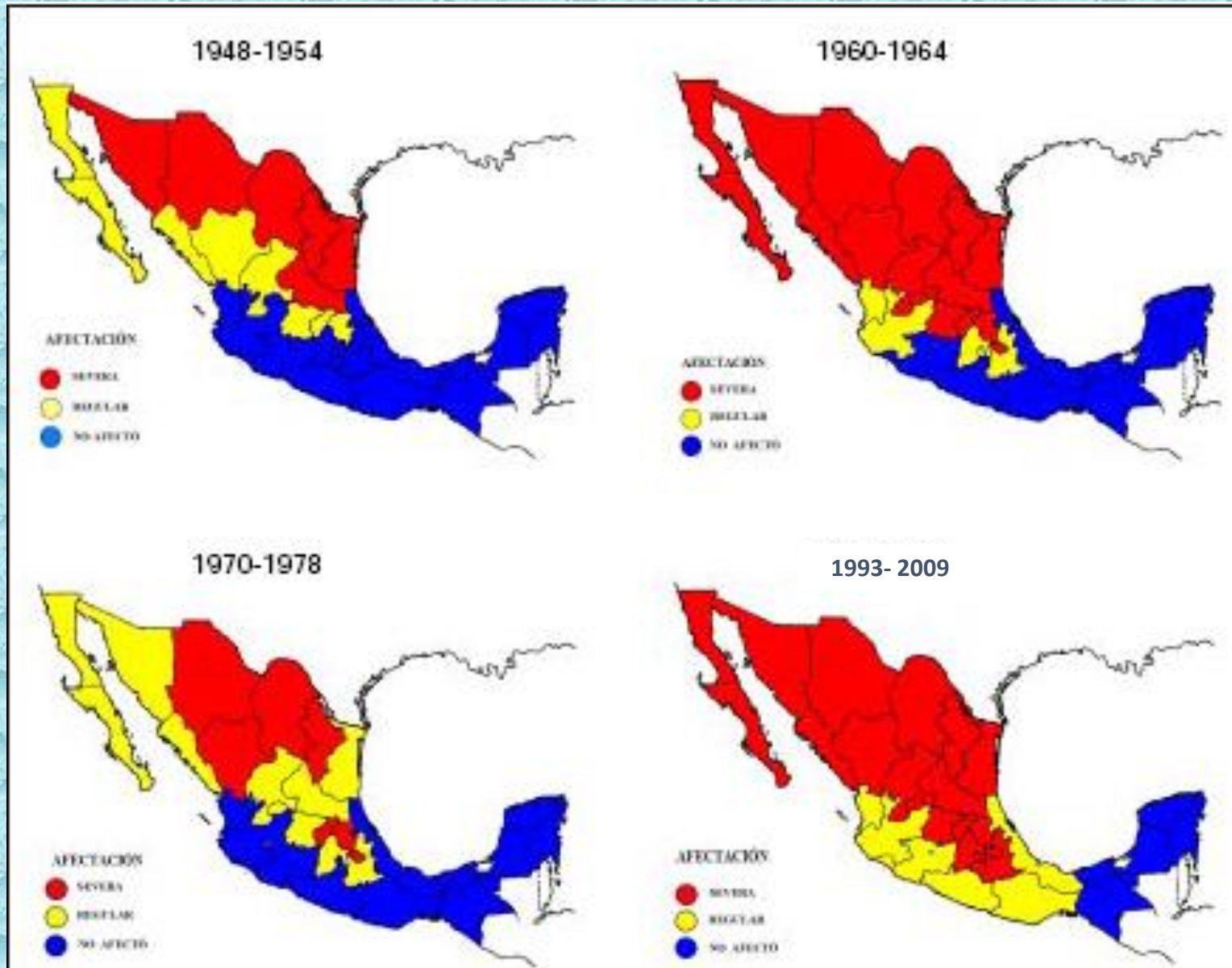


Recent droughts in Mexico



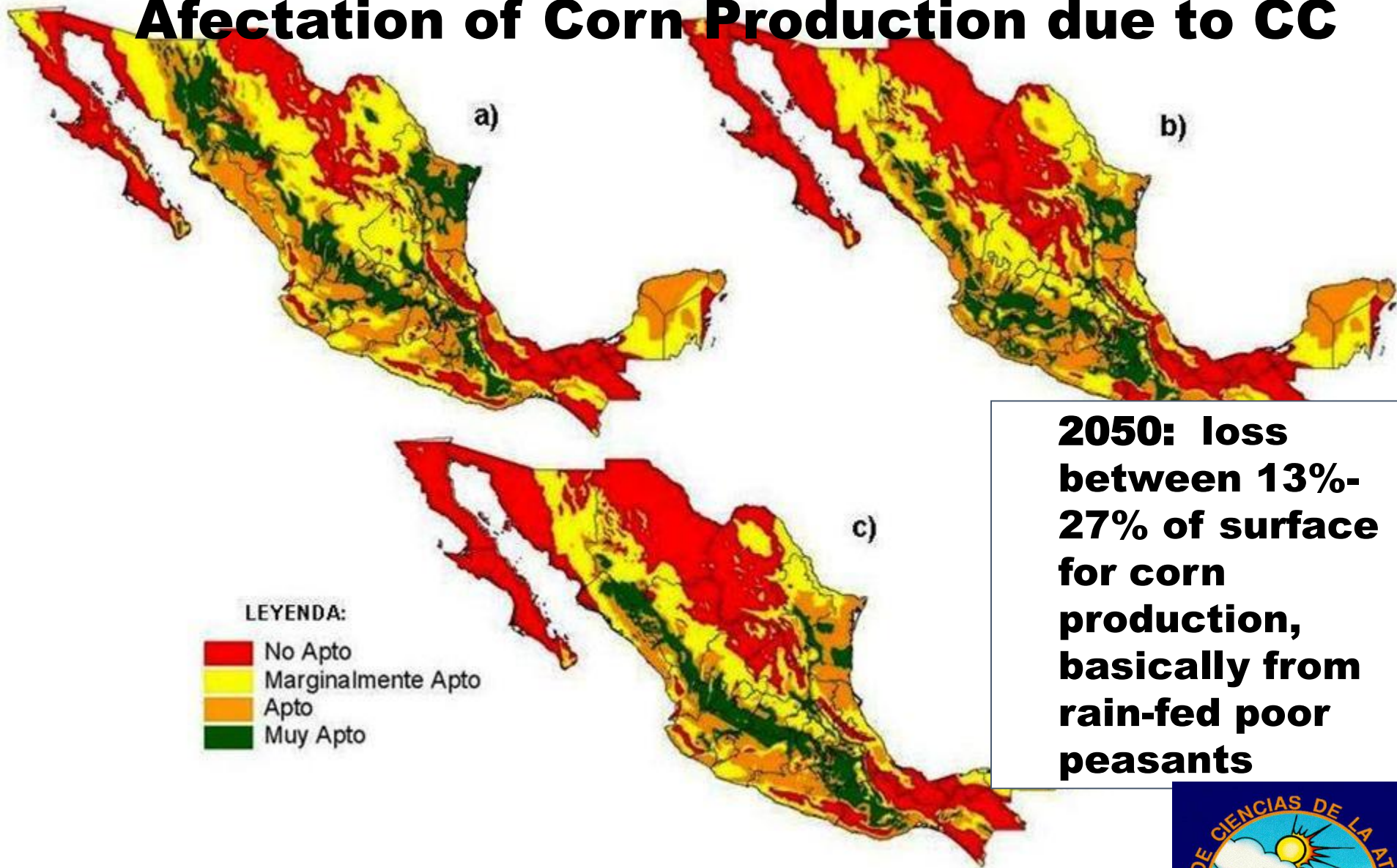
Affected surface (%) in Mexico due to the drought from 2003 to 2012

History of droughts



Quelle: CENAPRED, 2001

Afectation of Corn Production due to CC

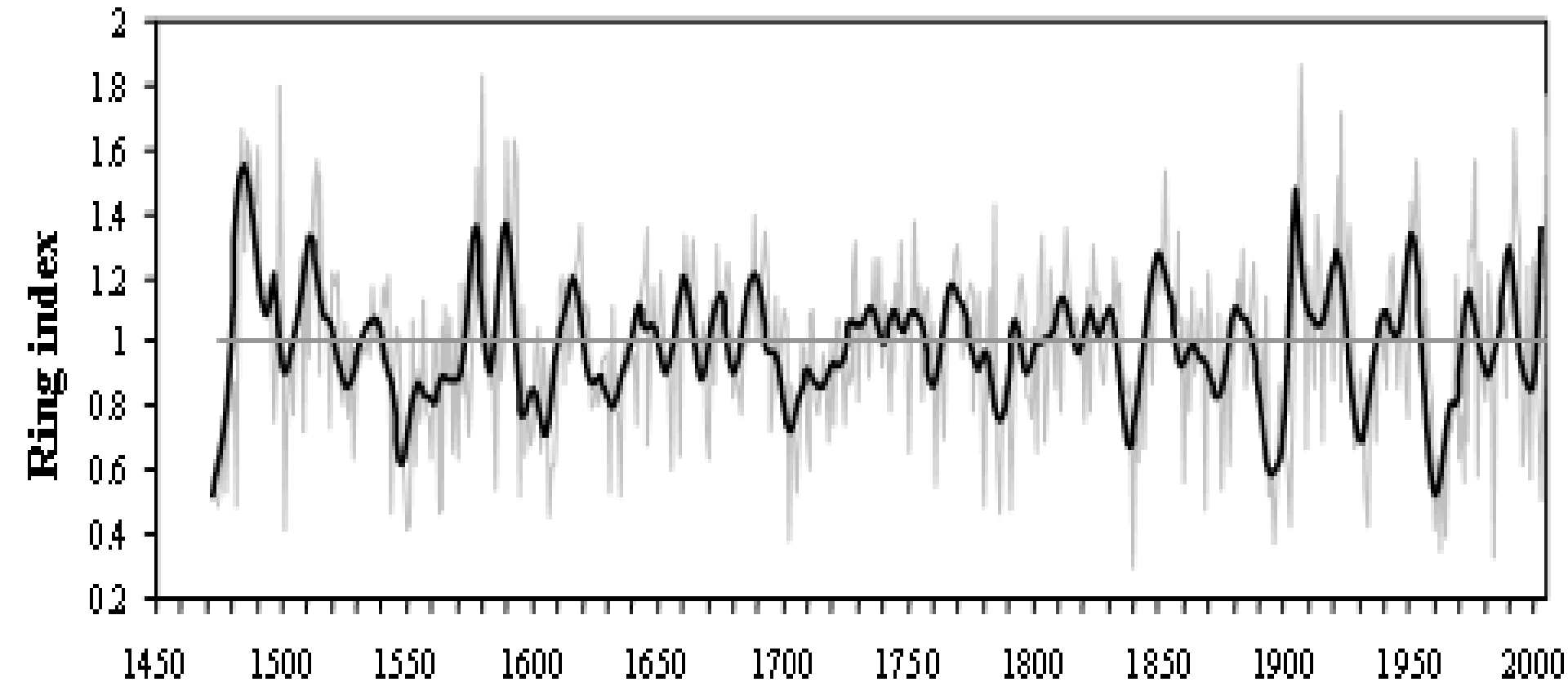


2050: loss between 13%-27% of surface for corn production, basically from rain-fed poor peasants

Monterroso, A. G, Rosales, 2006.

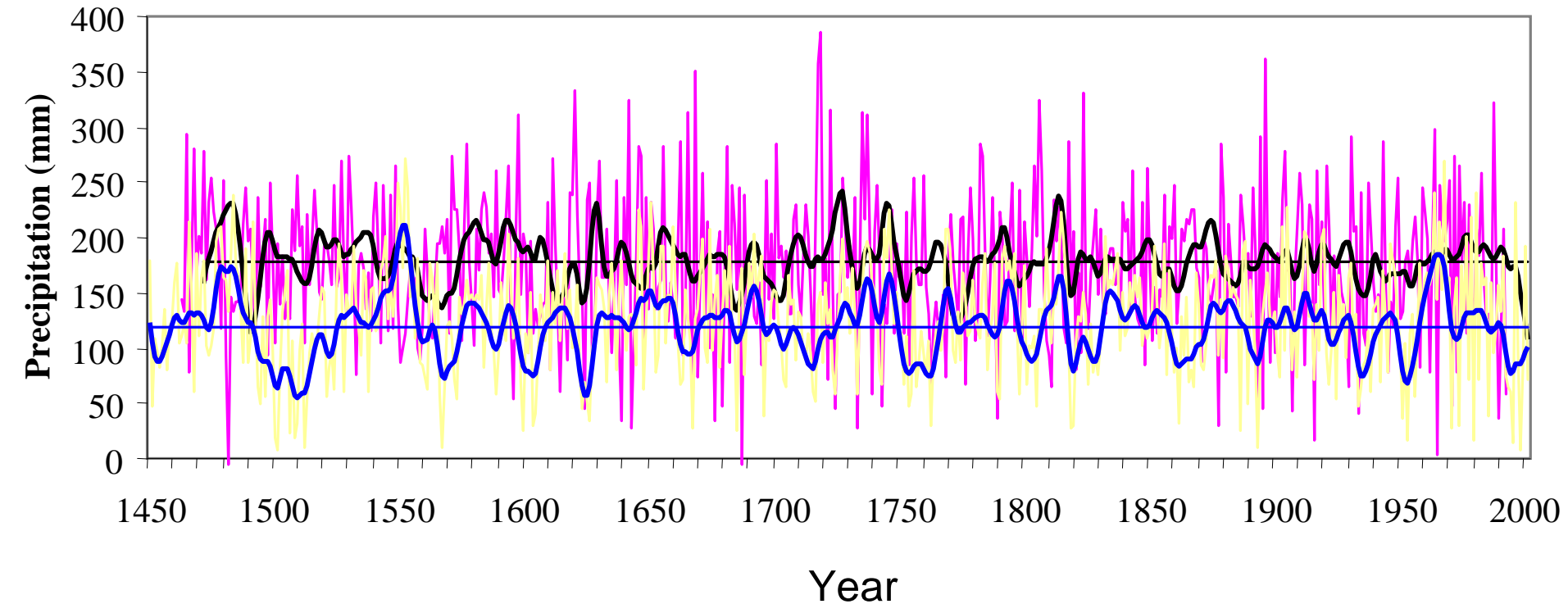


Historical droughts: Tree rings



Source: Therrell et al., 2006

Historical rainfall reconstruction



Magenta and yellow lines indicate annual rainfall variability for the northern state of **Chihuahua** and **Sonora** and Northern state of **Durango** and **Sinaloa** respectively. Black and blue lines are 10 years moving average of precipitation; horizontal lines shows mean annual rainfall. Data above the average are wet years and below are dry years (Villanueva et al., 2008).

Conquest

1500

Late Postclassic

1400

1300

Early Postclassic

1100

900

(Terminal Classic)

800

700

Classic

600

500

400

300

200

100

0

100

200

300

400

500

600

700

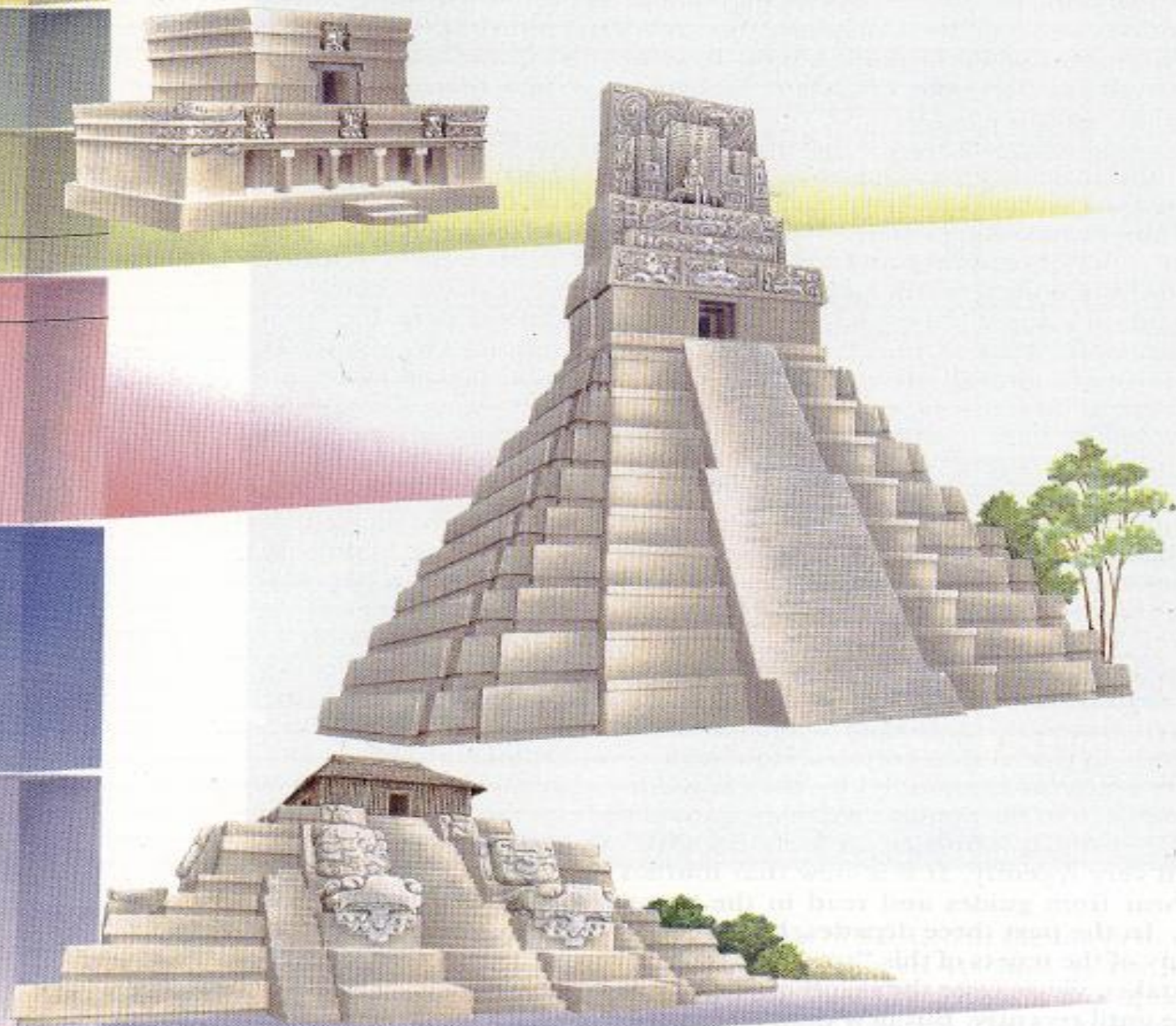
800

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A.D.
B.C.

Late Preclassic

Middle Preclassic

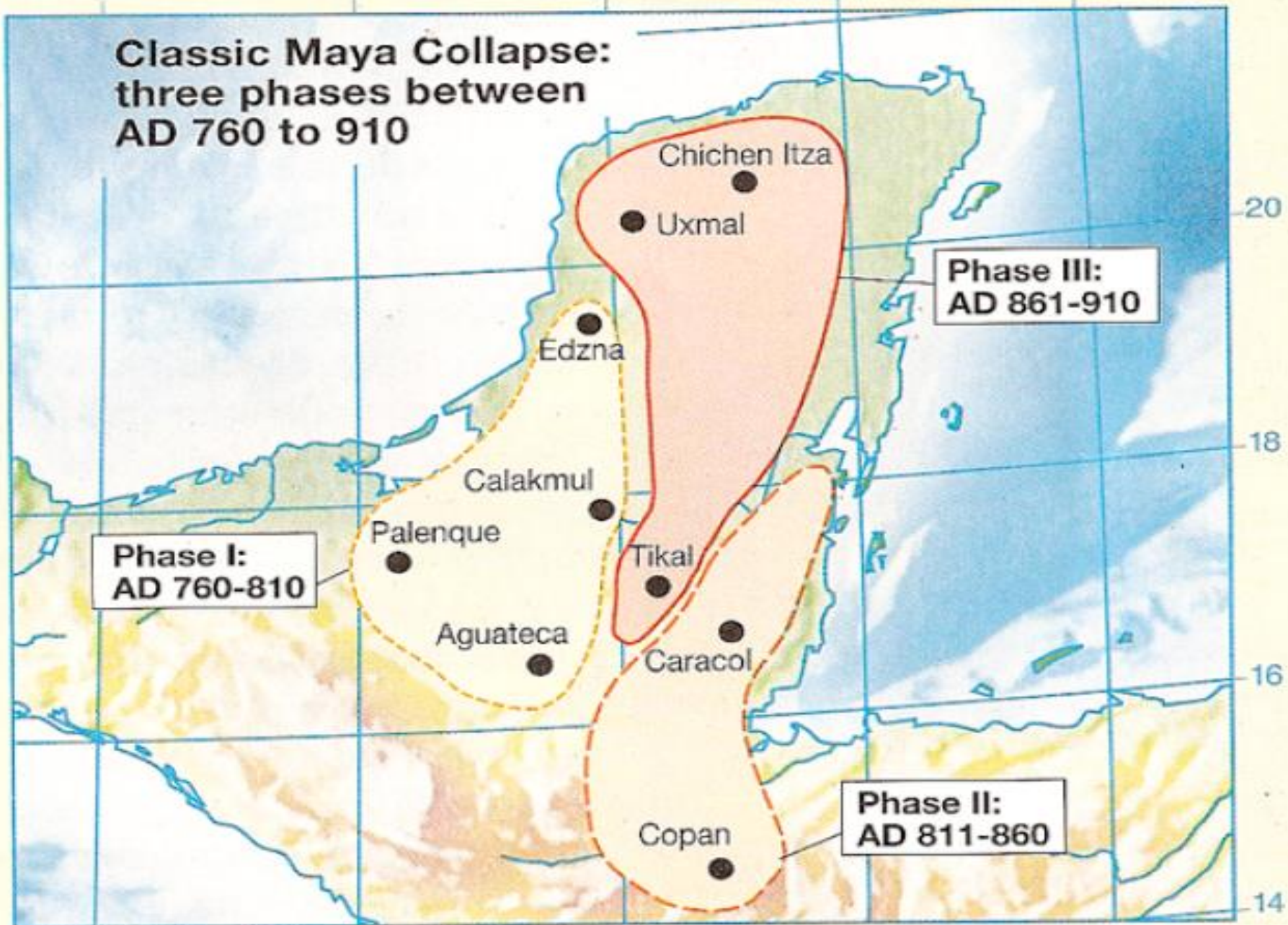


94

90

86

Classic Maya Collapse: three phases between AD 760 to 910



20

18

16

14

**Phase III:
AD 861-910**

**Phase I:
AD 760-810**

**Phase II:
AD 811-860**

Chichen Itza

Uxmal

Edzna

Calakmul

Palenque

Tikal

Aguateca

Caracol

Copan

Obstacles to a dignified livelihood with safe water



Glocal

Primary Actors

INTERNATIONAL

- Bilateral and multilateral partners
- Intergovernmental organizations

NATIONAL / SUB-NATIONAL

- National government and statutory agencies
- Civil society organizations
- Private sector
- Research and communication bodies
- Local government agencies

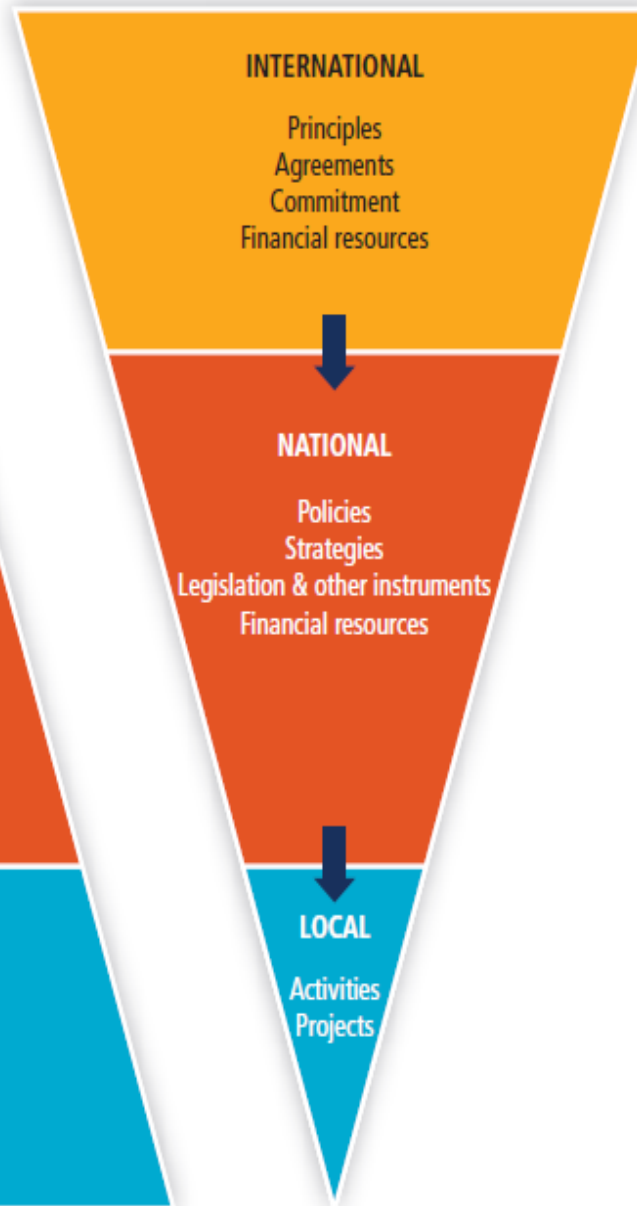
LOCAL

- Individuals, households, and communities
- Private sector
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations

"BOTTOM-UP" Functions



"TOP-DOWN" Functions



Global Climate
Projections

Regional / National
Climate Projections

Scientific and Local
Experiential
Knowledge

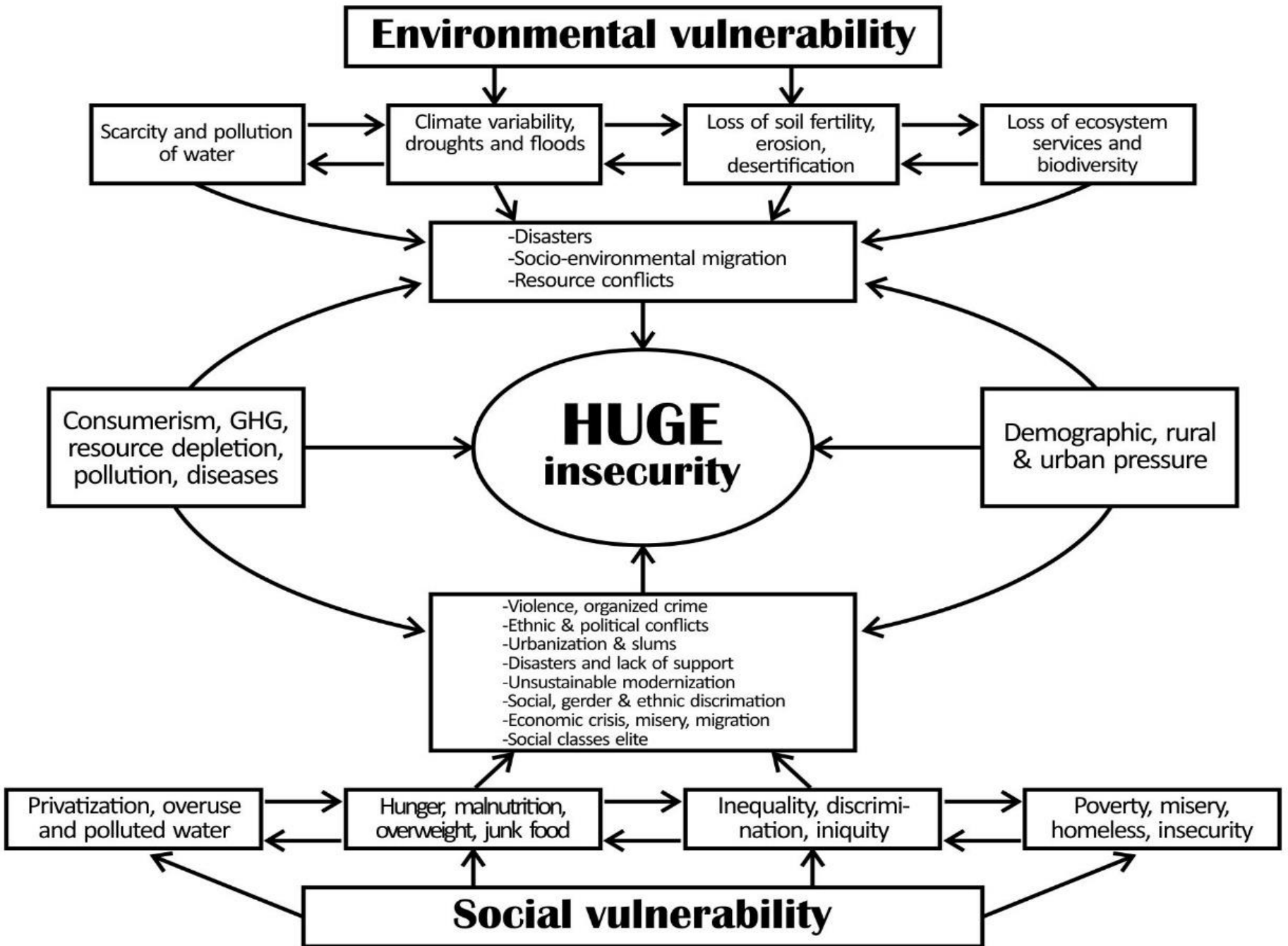
Vulnerability,
Risk, and Adaptation
Assessments

Adaptation and preventive behavior



Dual vulnerability





40% of soil and forest was destroyed



Little survived



A six year old girl caring about her two smaller brothers

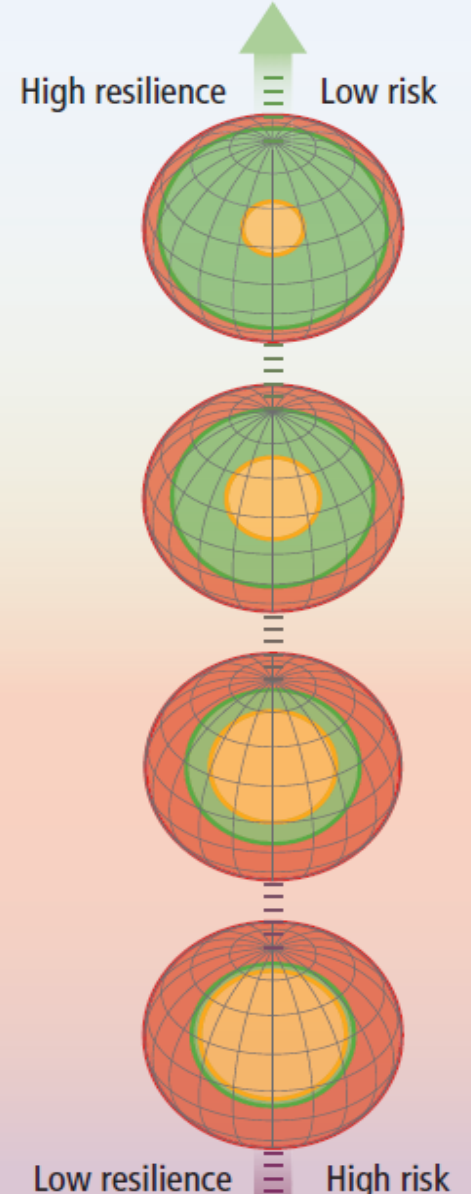
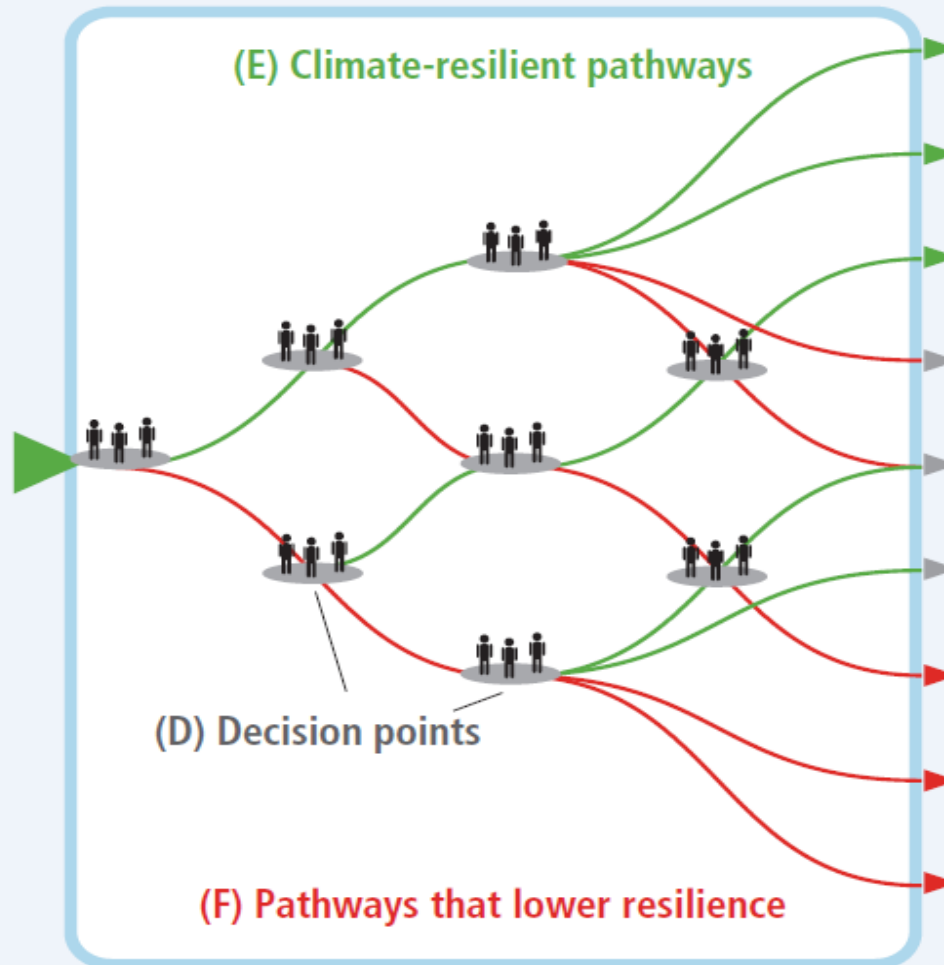
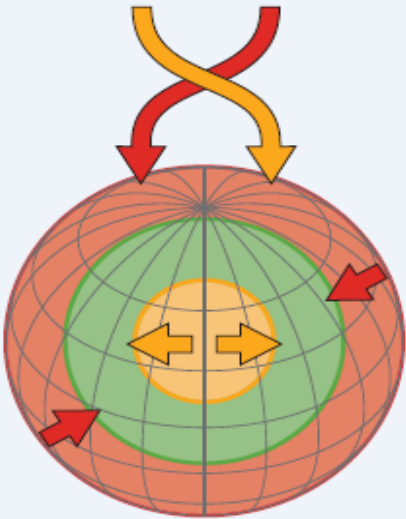
Multiple stressors

(A) Our world

(B) Opportunity space

(C) Possible futures

Multiple stressors including climate change



- Biophysical stressors
- Resilience space
- Social stressors

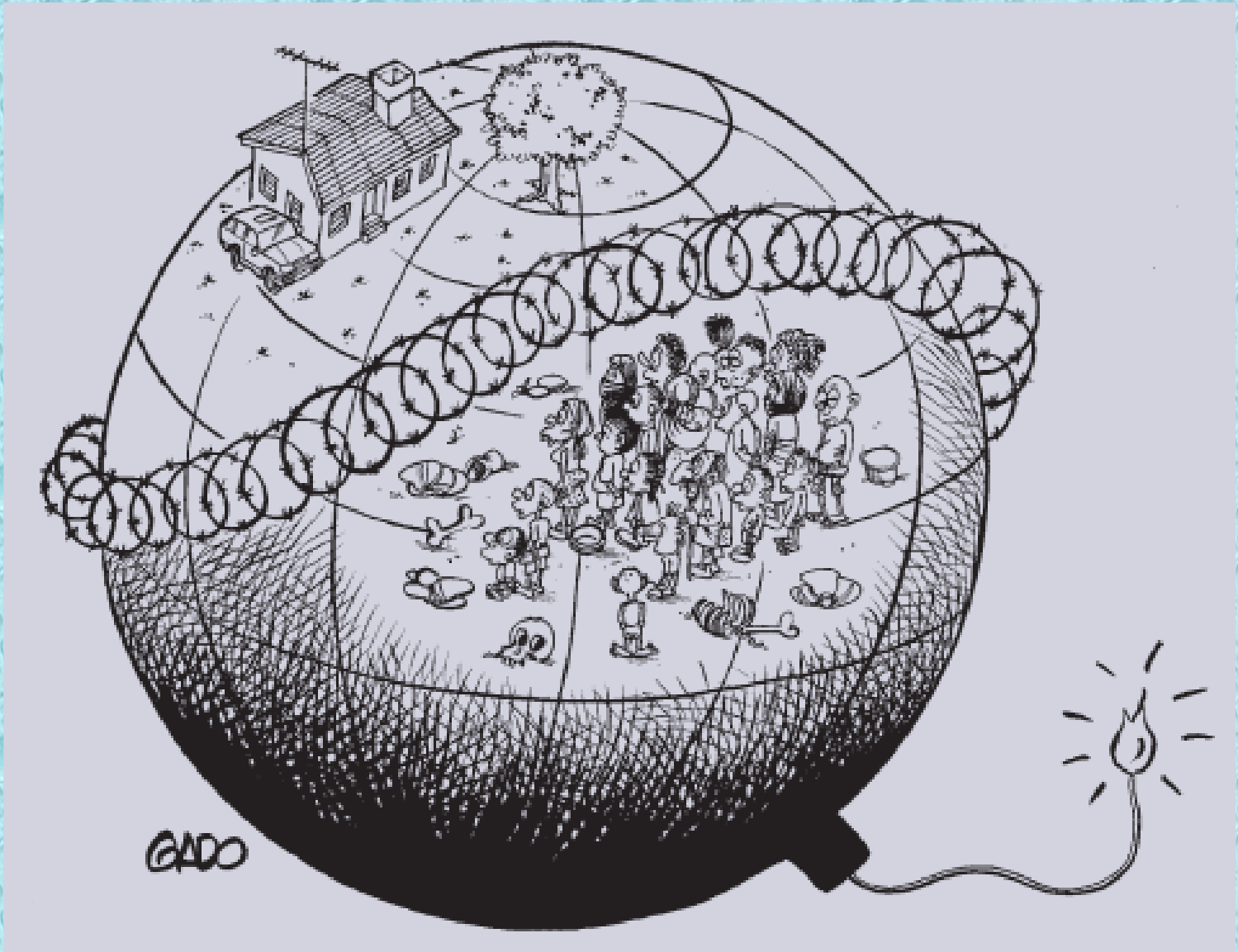
(D) Decision points

(F) Pathways that lower resilience

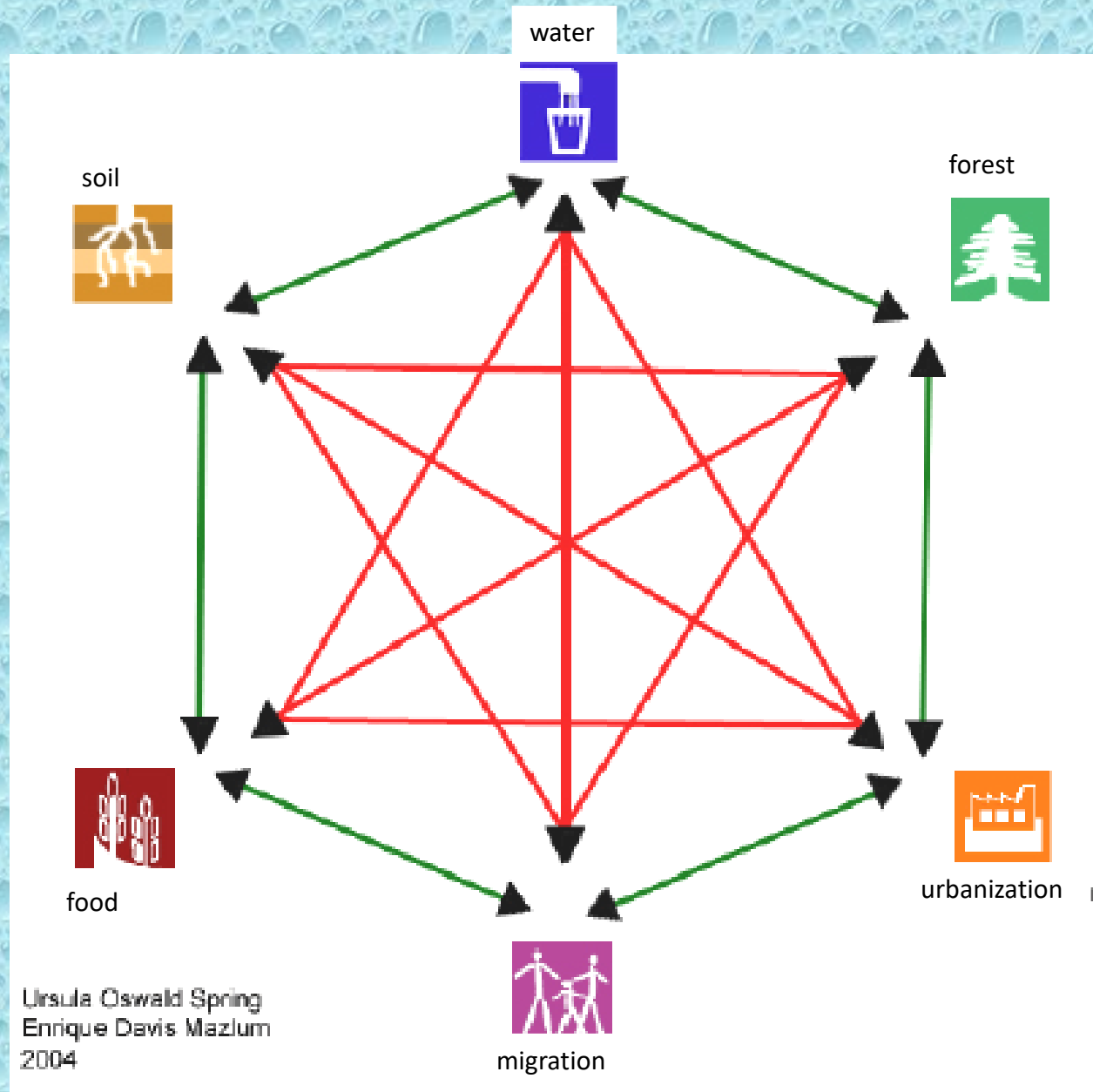
High resilience Low risk

Low resilience High risk

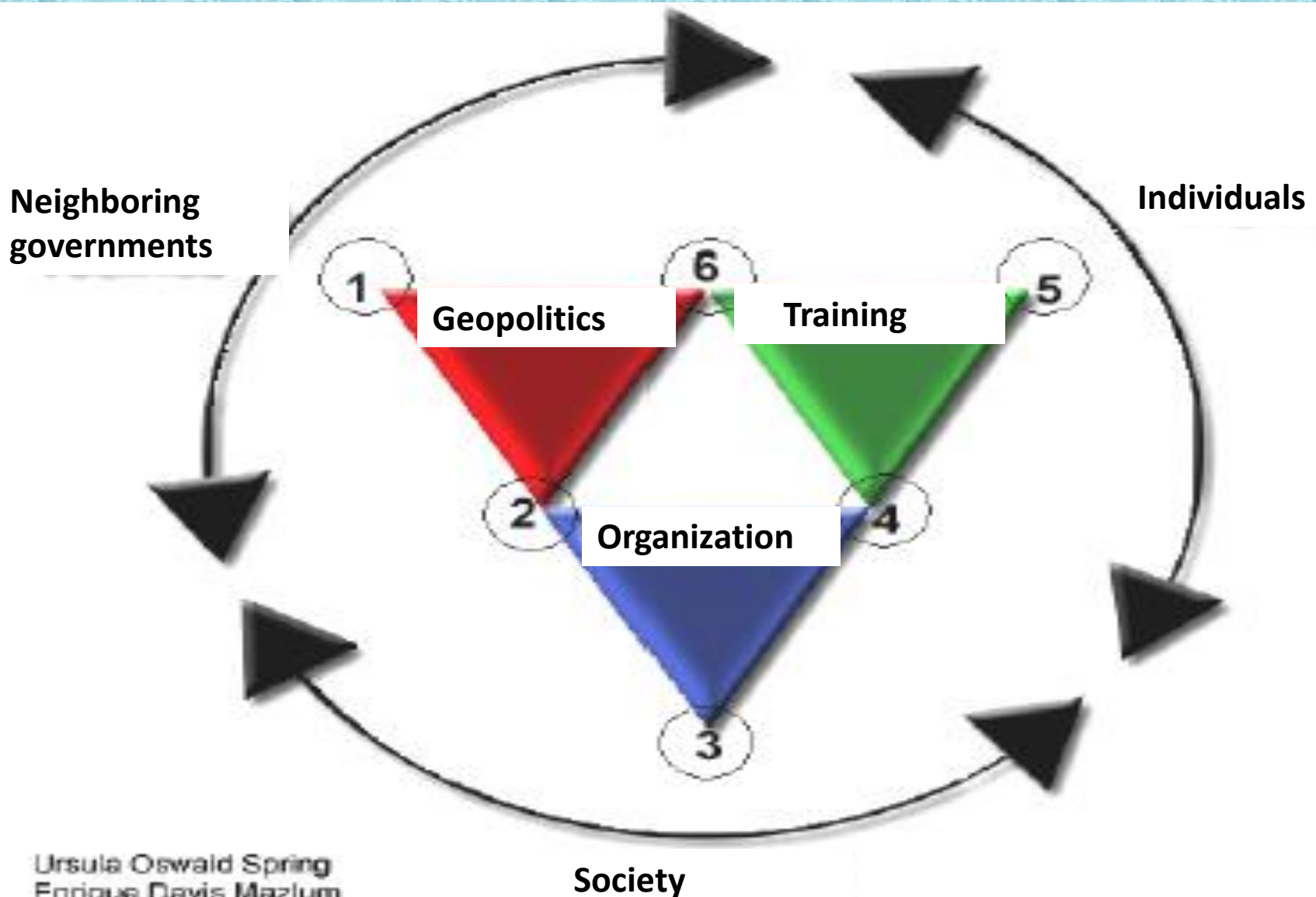
What kind of future do we want?



Conflicts related to water

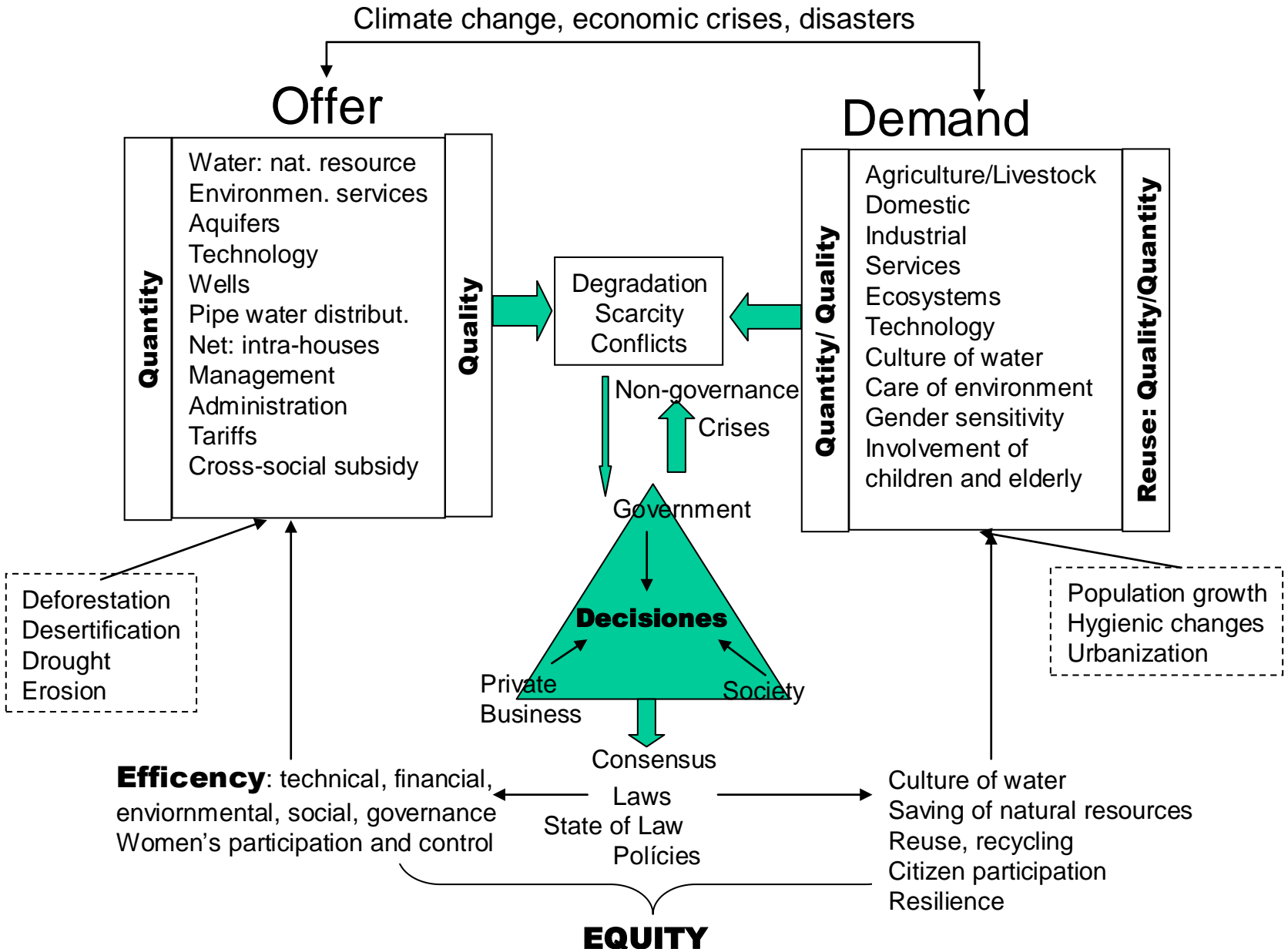


Hydrodiplomacy



Ursula Oswald Spring
Enrique Davis Mazlum
2004

Efficiency and Equity with Natural Resources





Case study: River Yautepec basin

Floods: 1986; 1998; 2010; 2011; 2012

Droughts: every year

Cholera epidemics: 1992

**Dengue fever: from 2005 on
increase of 600%**

Chikungunya: from 2012 on

Zika: from 2015 on

Distrito Federal

México

Threats

1. **High altitude from Popocatepetl to Yautepec: 5400m down to 1200m**
2. **High speed of water with rocks and trees**
3. **Complex hydrology: with a lot of small rivers, often dried out and eroded**
4. **Deforestation, also in national parks**
5. **Soil erosion (80%)**
6. **High sedimentation in river bed**
7. **Extreme rainfalls**
8. **Large drought periods**
9. **Invasion of the river basin**
10. **Lack of infrastructure**
11. **Waste in the river**
12. **Lack of municipal planning**
13. **Initial cooperation among the three levels of government**
14. **Few participation of citizens**

Morelos



**Integrated river basin management
with disaster risk reduction**

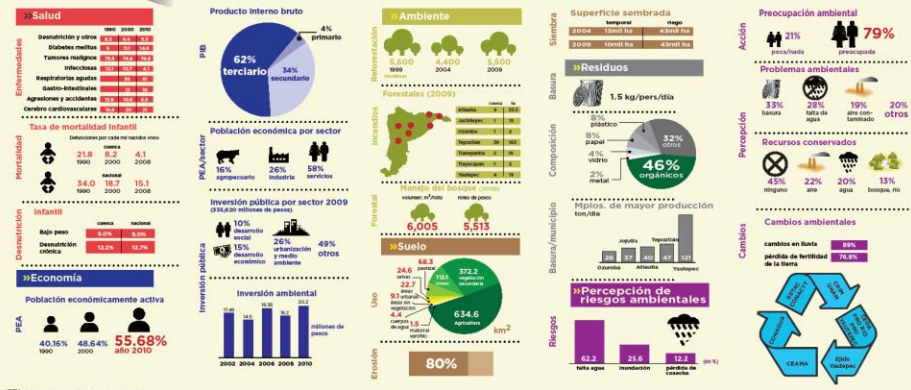
Mi Río Yautepec

Niños, niñas y adultos de 13 municipios de los estados de Morelos y México construimos el futuro de nuestro río para hacer de este pequeño territorio un lugar seguro de trabajo, educación, agua limpia, bosques y selvas.

2 Pueblos Mágicos



Peasants, traders, micro-entrepreneurs, social movements, NGO's, citizens, scientists, people affected by disasters, women, children, teachers and the three levels of government developed an integrated basin management of the River Yautepec for reducing risks increased by climate change and are promoting a transition to sustainability from local niches.



PTA: Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales
CENDES: Unidad Ciudad, Angel Gardes, Ana Estrella, Alejandro Morales, Hérica Cruz
Informes: rch3@egap.gob.mx

6. Capacity Building and Financing

- **Epistemic communities fostering cooperation & bringing together science and policy for improving WS**
- **Strengthening traditional and innovative knowledge for embedding the assessment of levels of WS into the environmental impact and risks assessment, land use planning and environmental auditing.**
- **Training on best practices for conflict settlement mechanisms at the local and national levels.**
- **Pro-active strategies for adjustment and mitigation to water threats and preventive social learning**
- **Financing: Channelling Resources: International, climate related financial institutions (IFAD, GEF), local micro-credit, micro-insurance, land use conservation, micro-investments for local development programmes, reforestation, regional organizations and national donors (ministries of development cooperation and environment) to improve policies for water security.**

Water security vision in 2025

- **Empowering** women, men, and communities to decide on levels of access to safe water and hygienic living conditions, and on the **types of water used** in economic activities, and to organize to obtain them.
- **Producing more food** and creating more sustainable livelihoods per **unit of water applied** and ensuring access for all to the food required for healthy and productive lives.
- **Managing water** use to conserve the quantity and quality of freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems that provide services to humans and all living things.
- A **sustainability revolution** with deep changes in worldview, mindset, policy, governance and culture: a **new cosmovision to live with Earth in peace.**

A photograph of a dam with water flowing over it, surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The water is turbulent and brownish, suggesting sediment or debris. The dam is made of concrete and has a curved shape. The background shows a dense line of trees, including a palm tree, under a cloudy sky.

Conclusions. A human, gender and environmental: a HUGE security

Transition to sustainability

MITIGATION ADAPTATION

RESILIENCE

DEVELOPMENT

RENEWABLE ENERGY & WATER MANAGEMENT

Science & Technology

Photovoltaic/Thermosolar
Tidal
Geothermal
Wind

Finances

Institutional Consolidation

Citizen Participation

IWRM
Aquifers

Traditional knowledge
Ecosystem services
Soil management
Wetland
Coastal areas

EXTREME
EVENTS &
DISASTERS

CC
GEC

Social vulnerability

(Population growth, migration, gender discrimination, unemployment, poverty, hunger, violence, land grabbing, war, crime, minorities, exclusive globalization, economic crisis, inequity, lack of governance)

Environ-
mental vulne-
rability

Loss of biodiversity & ecosystem services, scarcity & pollution of water, loss of soil fertility, desertification, temperature rise, heatwaves, storms, hurricanes, precipitation change, monsoon alteration, drought, sandstorms, sea level rise, glacier melting, vector-borne diseases

Sustainable Development Goals
GDP per capita
Wellbeing
Food sovereignty
Water security
Energy security
Health security
Employment
Water management
Culture
Social fabric
Conflict resolution
Sustainable consumption
Renewable energy
Ecosystem restoration
Human solidarity

Transparency in knowledge and finances

Two different management of environment, soil, air and water

Source: Boege, 2008: 1





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