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# Projeções climáticas ao serviço do futuro da agricultura

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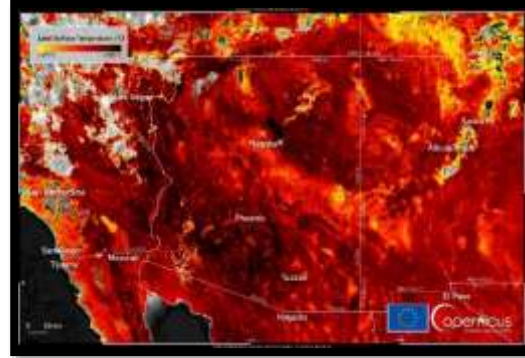
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# CRISE CLIMÁTICA





**Secas**



**Ondas de calor**



**Fogos rurais**



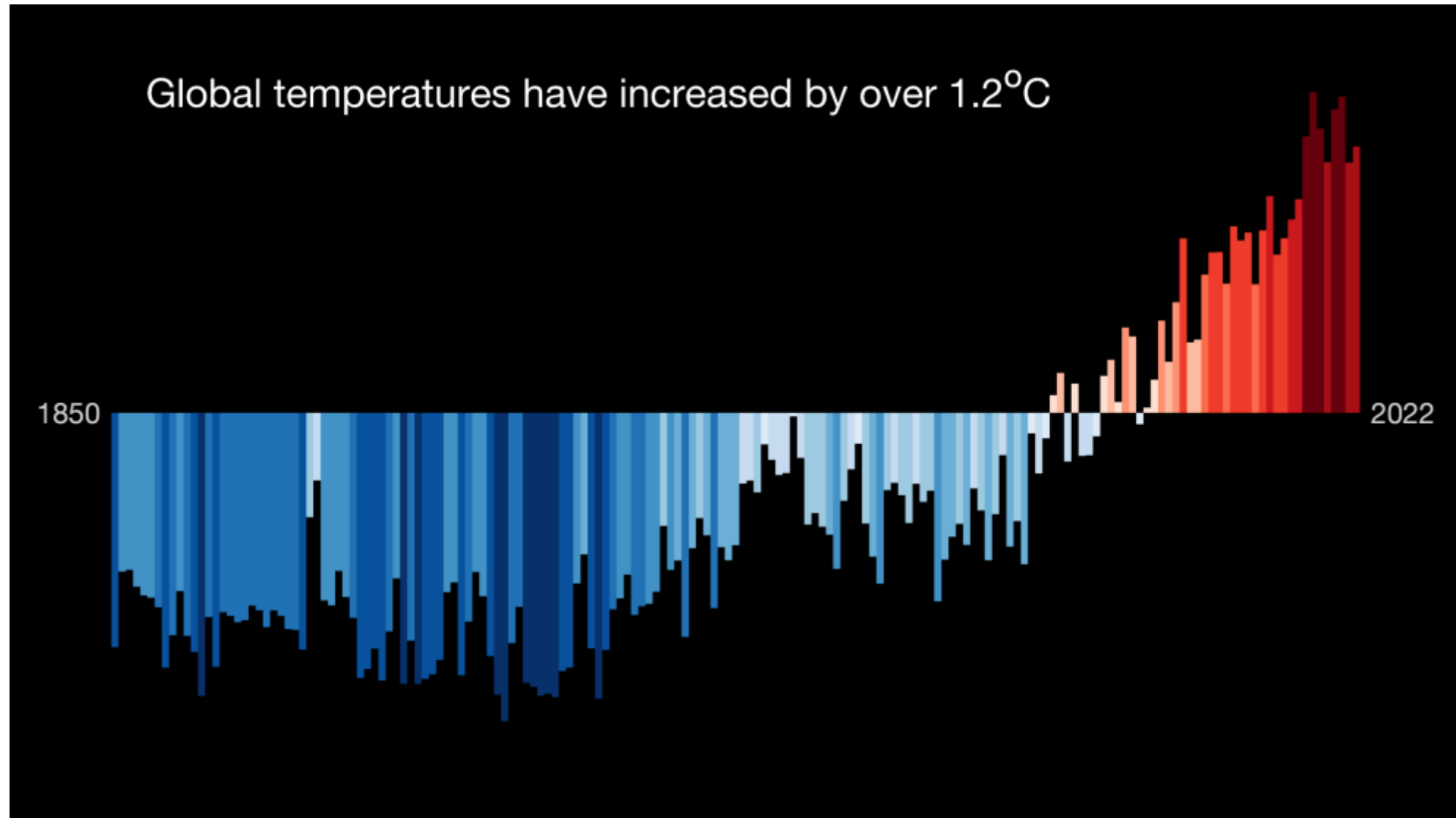
**Extremos de precipitação**

# EVENTOS COMPOSTOS & RISCOS EM CASCATA

# TENDÊNCIAS HISTÓRICAS



# Global warming

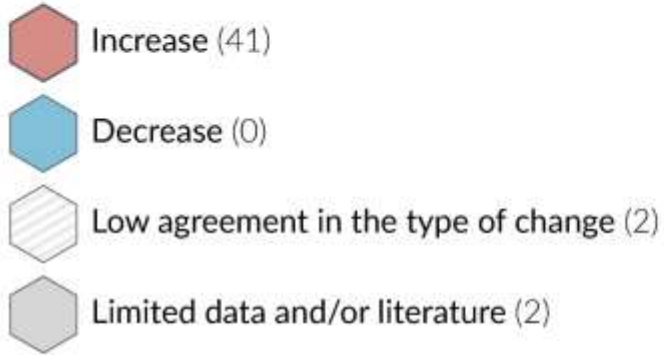


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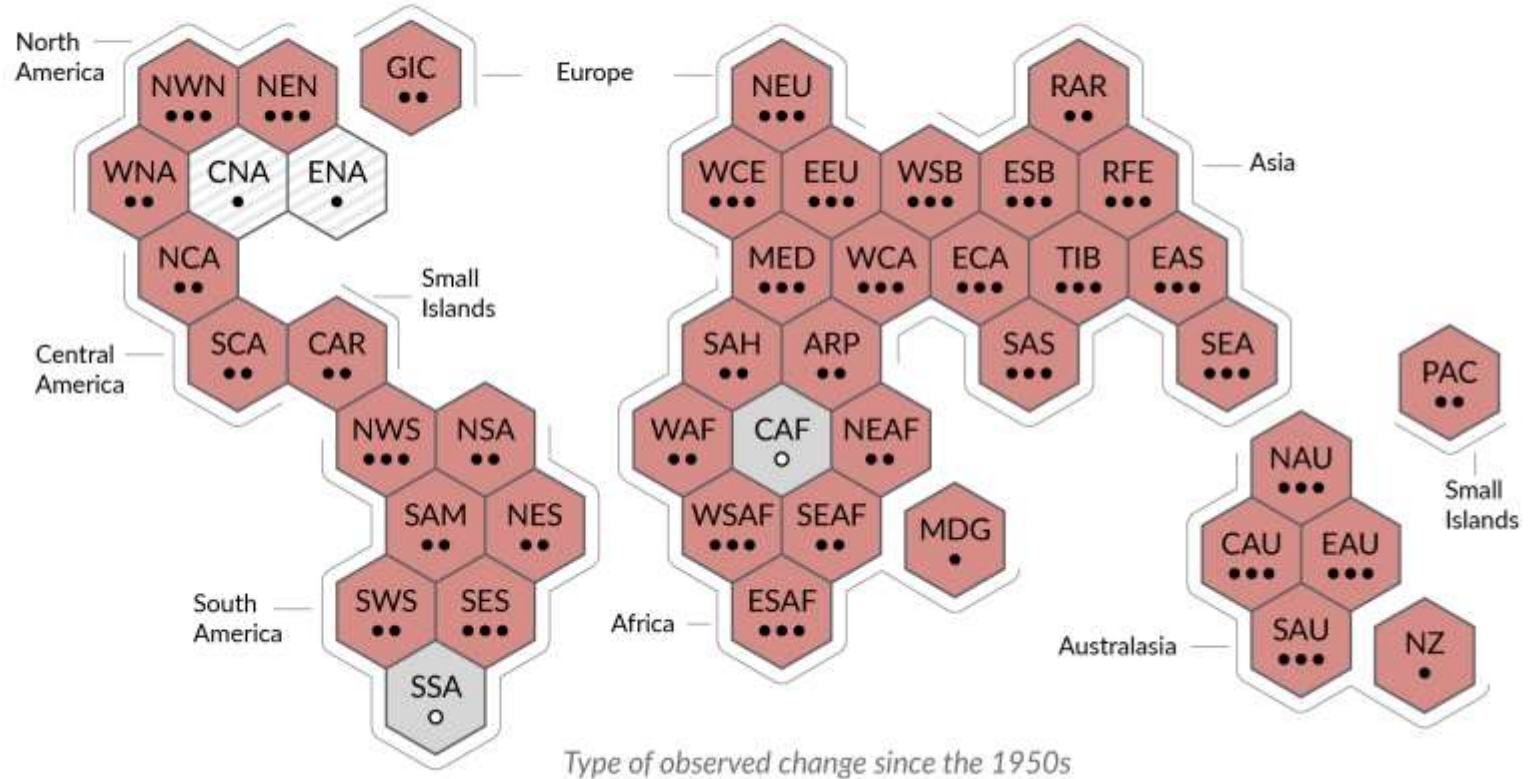
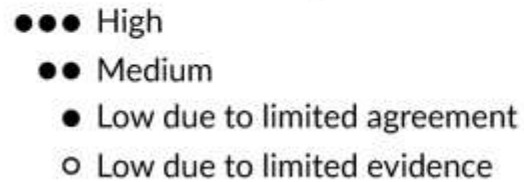
# Trends in extreme events

a) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **hot extremes** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

**Type of observed change in hot extremes**



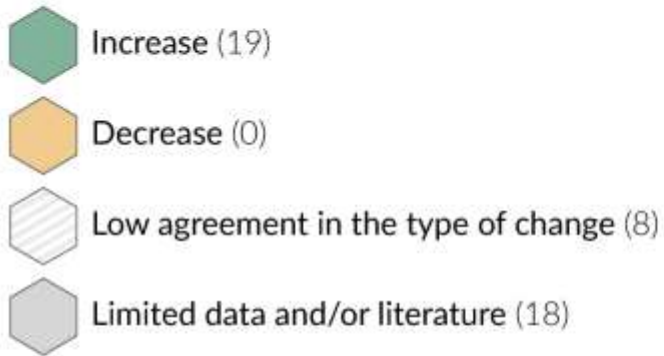
**Confidence in human contribution to the observed change**



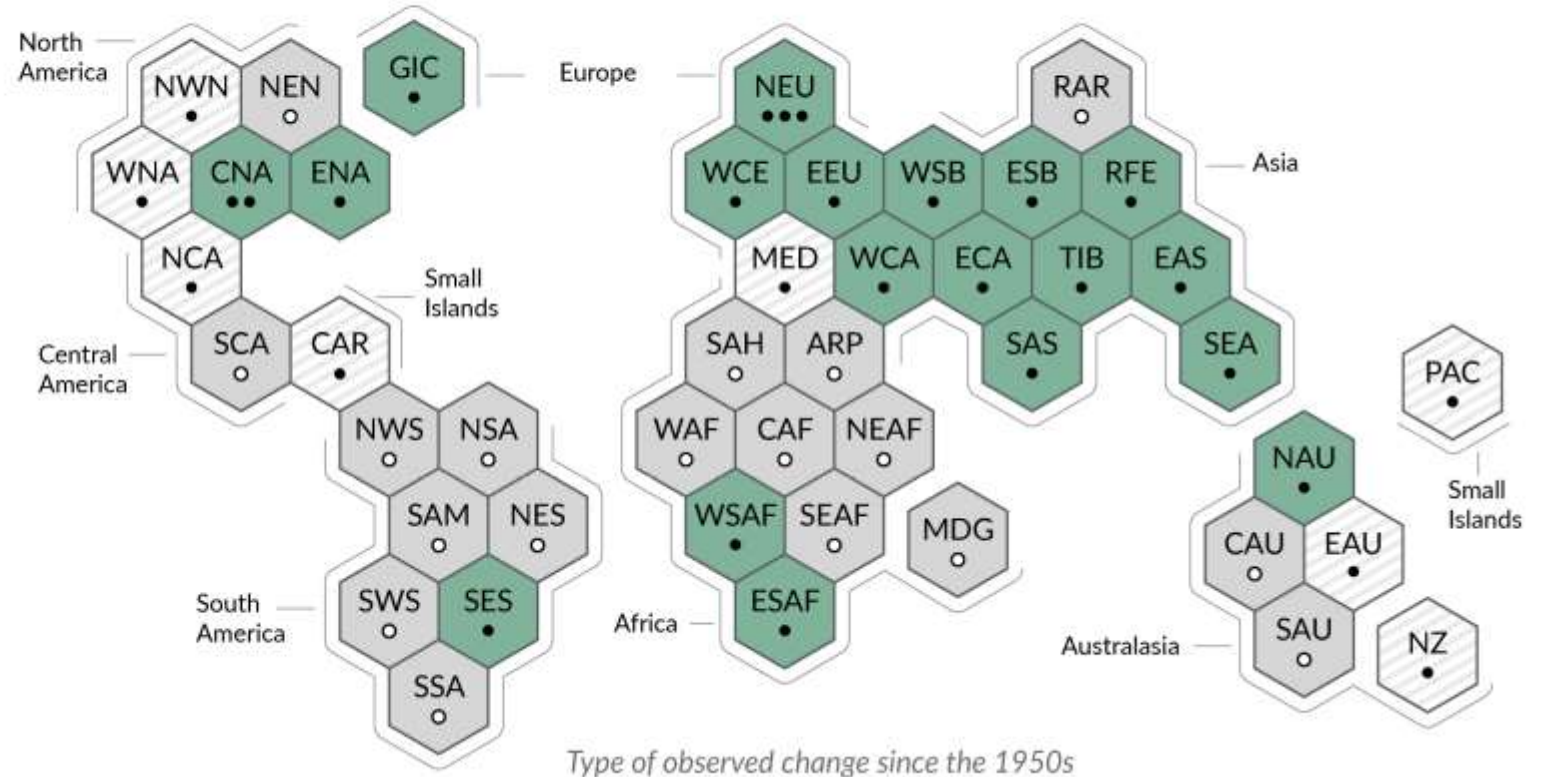
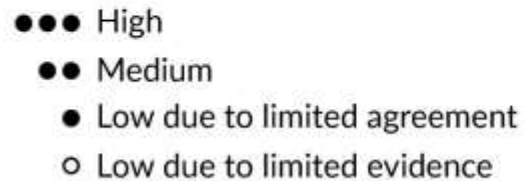
# Trends in extreme events

b) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **heavy precipitation** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

Type of observed change in heavy precipitation



Confidence in human contribution to the observed change




# Trends in extreme events


c) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **agricultural and ecological drought** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

**Type of observed change**  
in agricultural and ecological drought

 Increase (12)

 Decrease (1)

 Low agreement in the type of change (28)

 Limited data and/or literature (4)

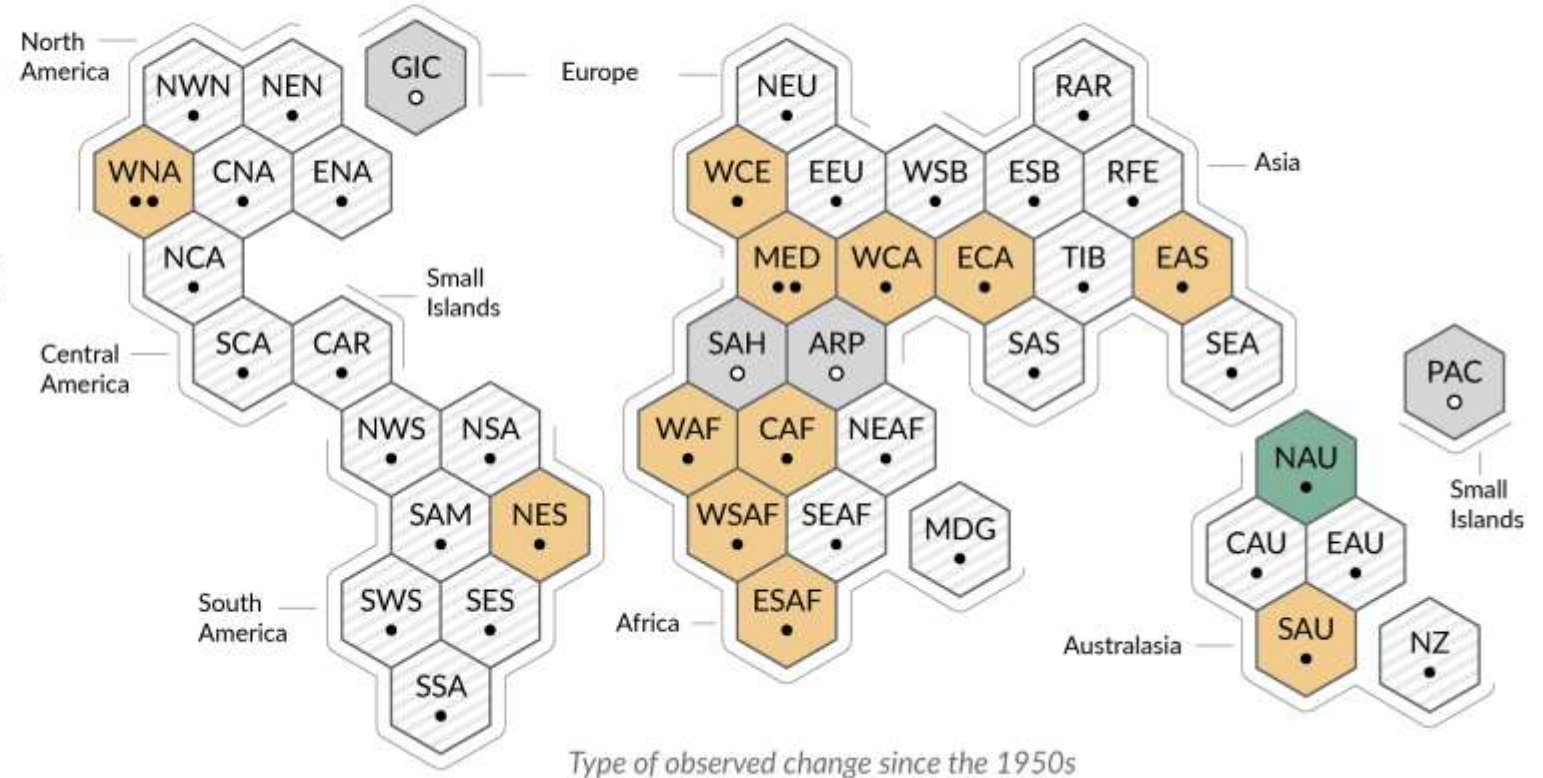
**Confidence in human contribution**  
to the observed change

●●● High

●● Medium

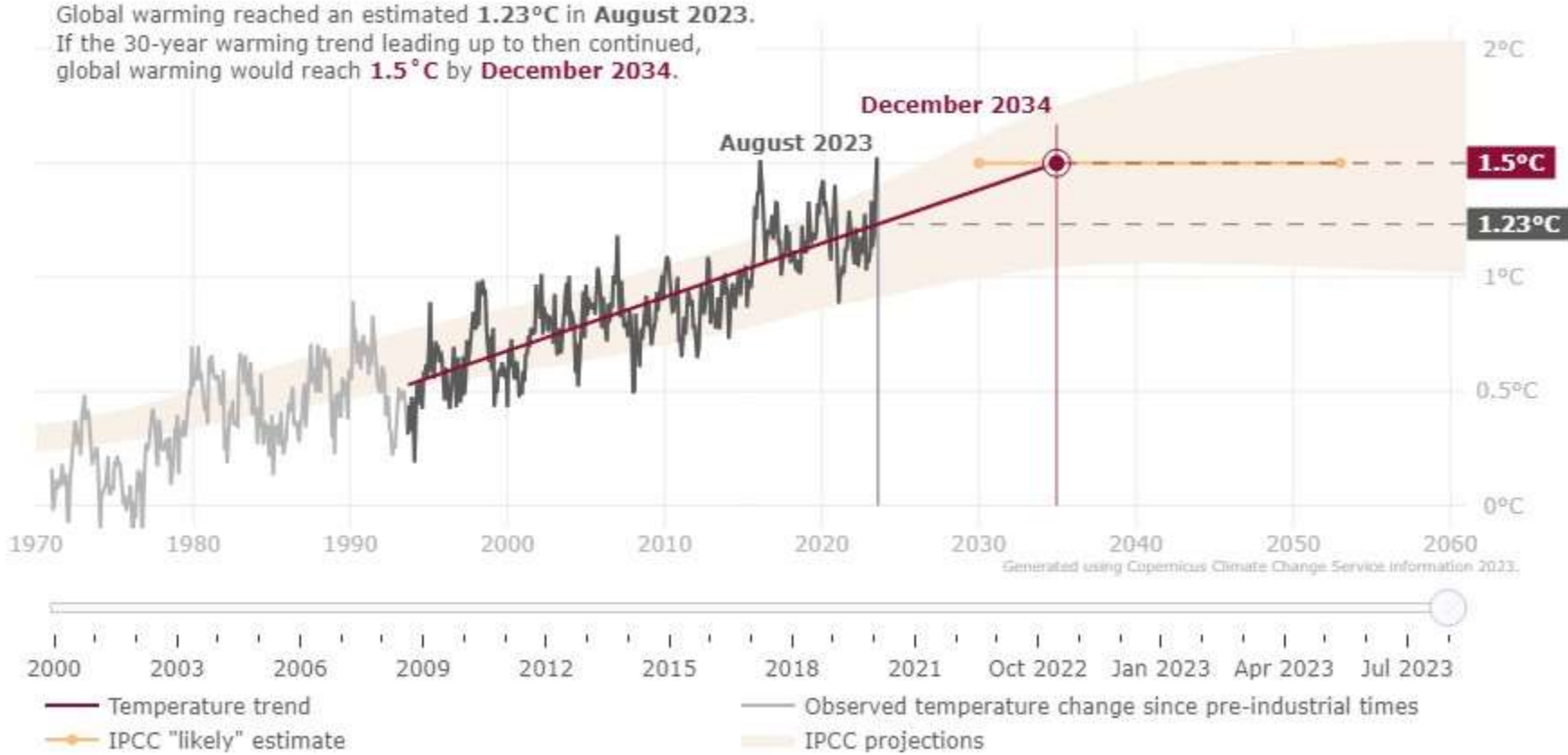
● Low due to limited agreement

○ Low due to limited evidence



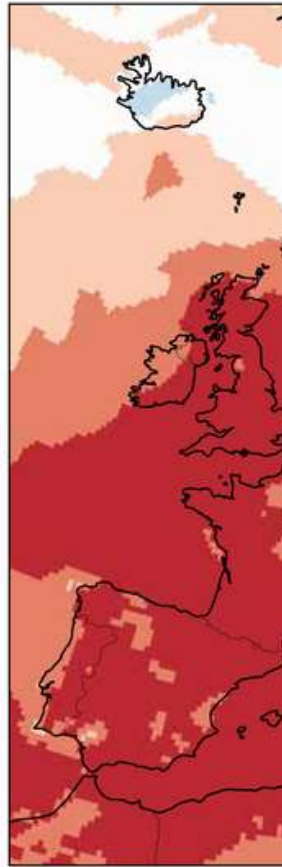


# Global temperature trend monitor

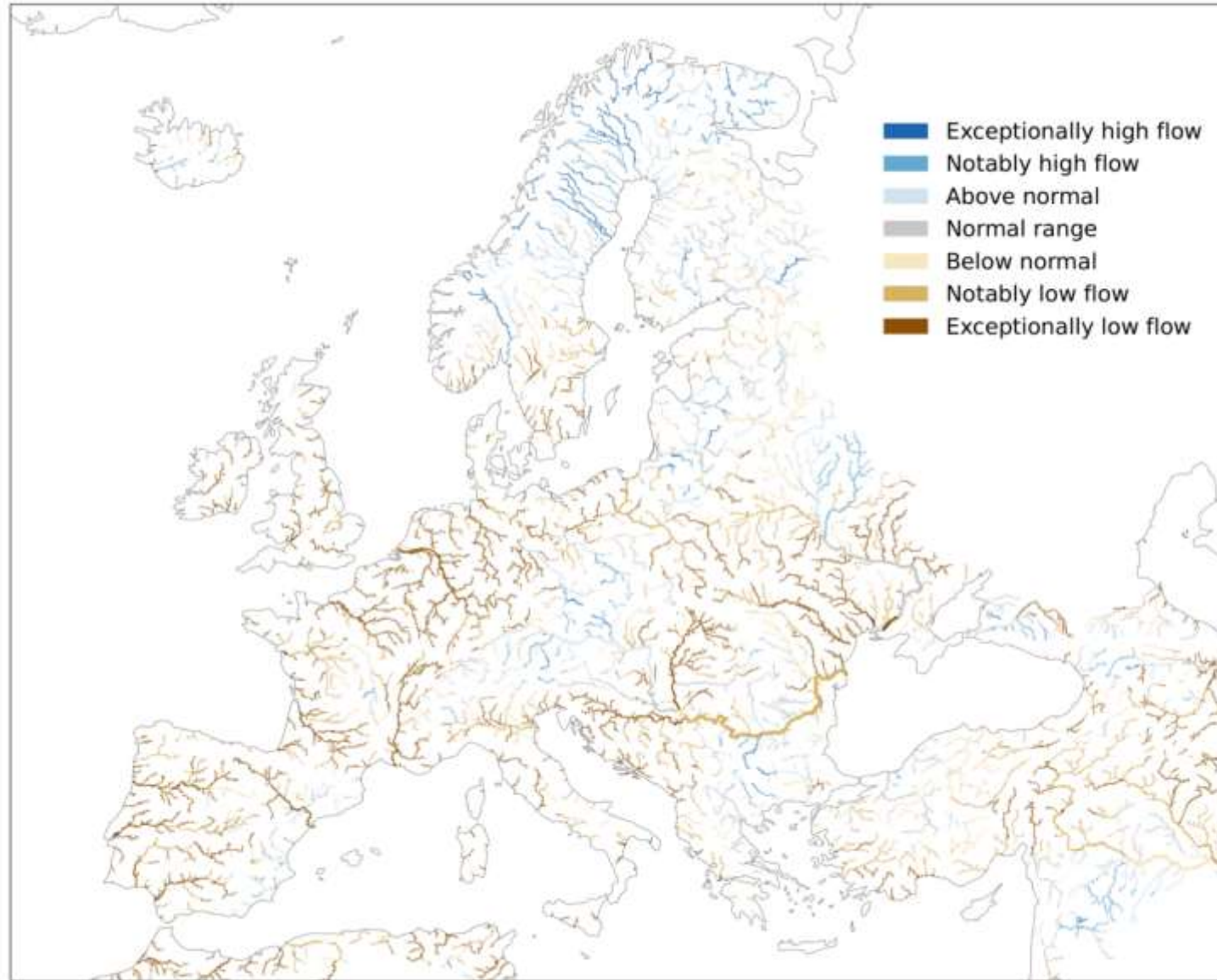


### Surface

Data: ERA5 1950

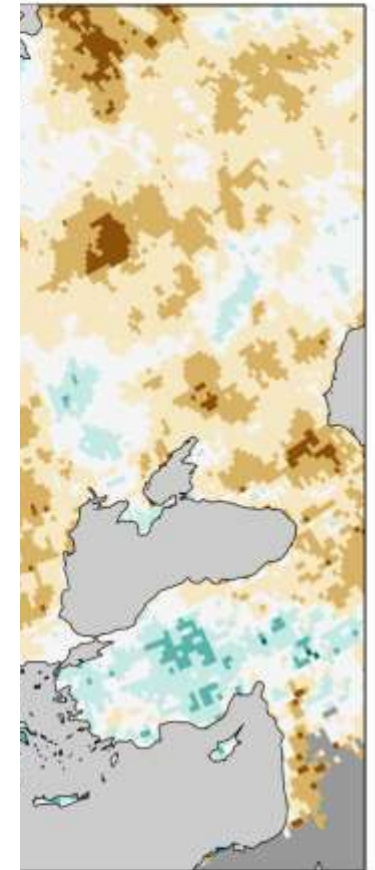


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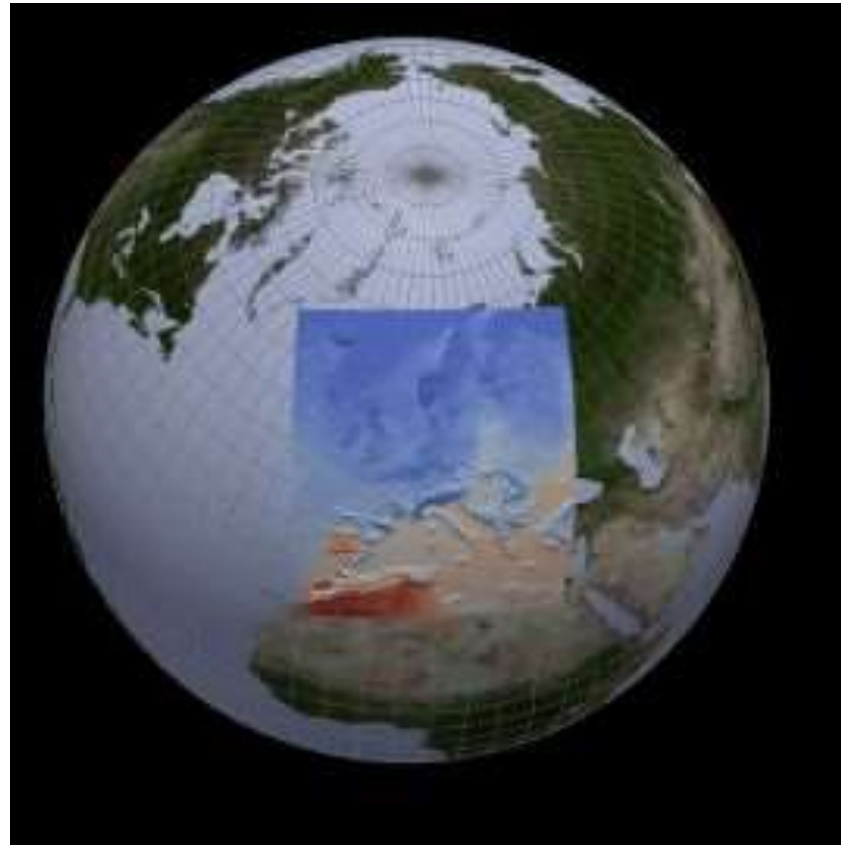


### JJA 2022

Credit: C3S/ECMWF

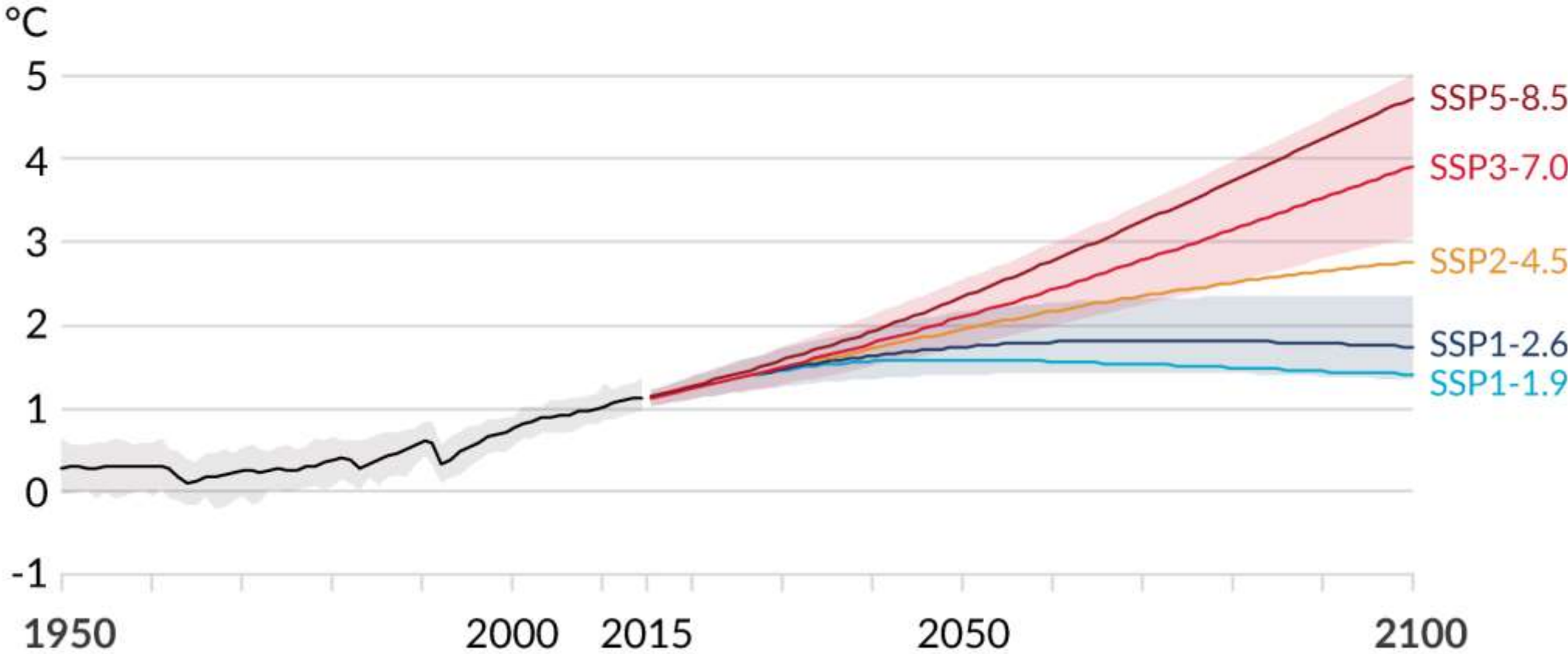


# PROJEÇÕES CLIMÁTICAS



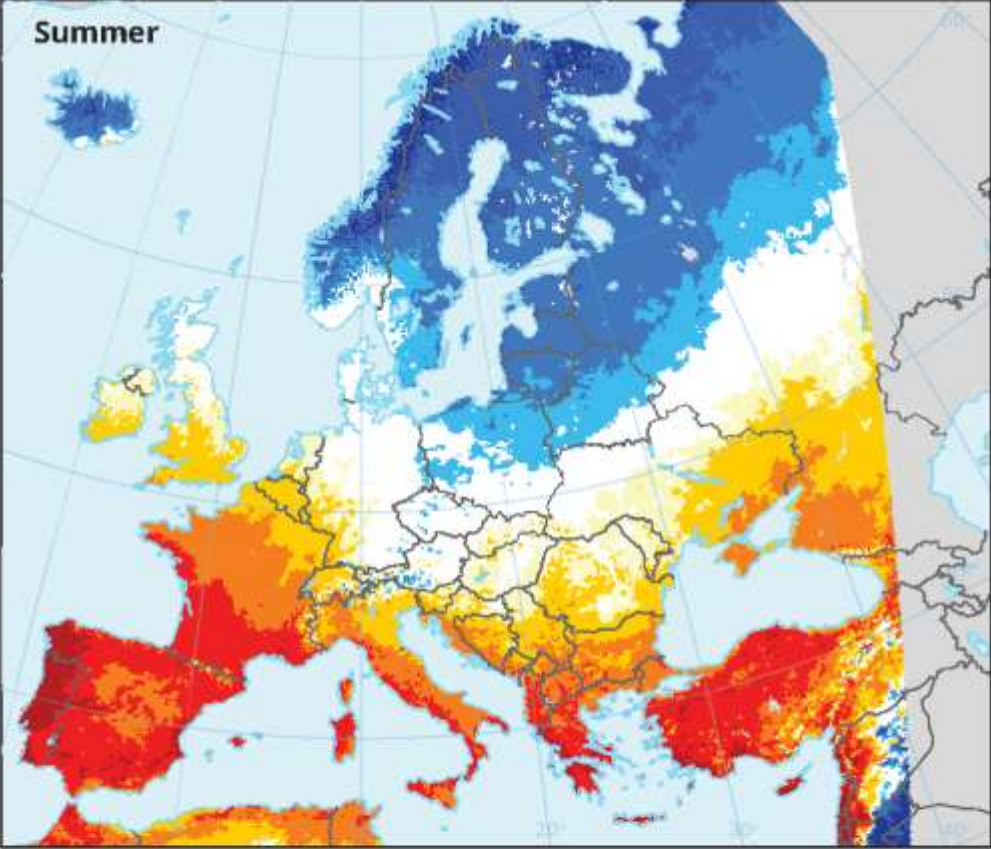
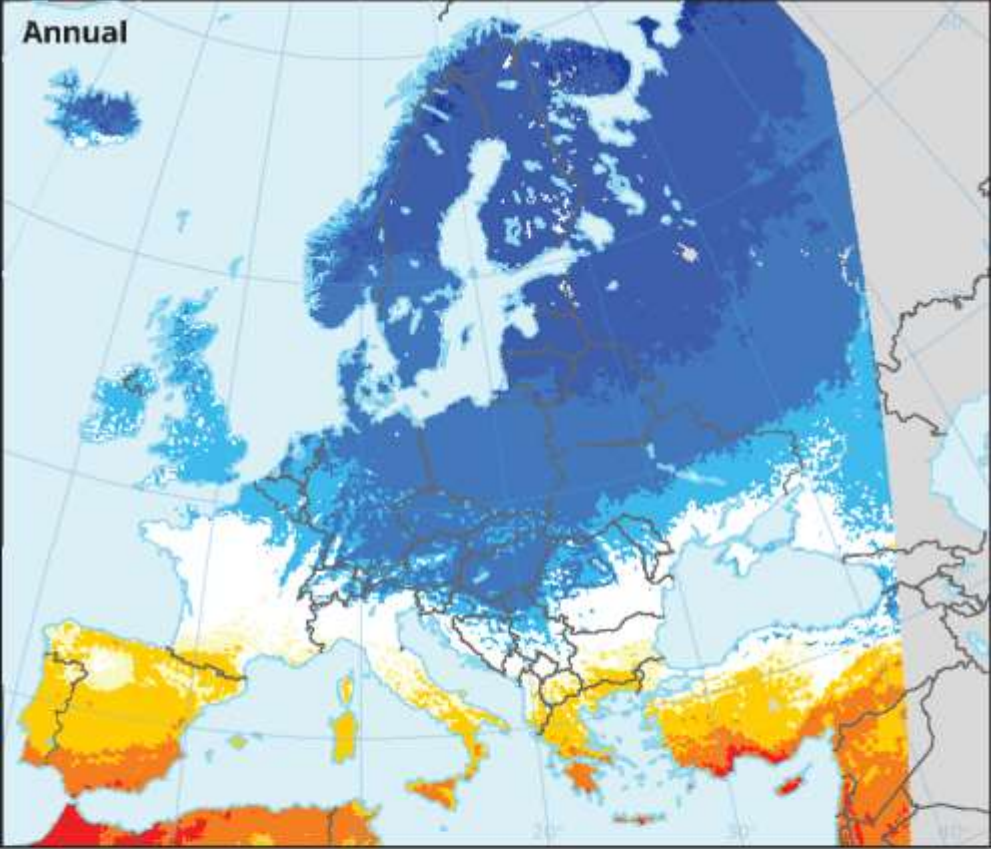
# Climate change projections: global mean temperature

a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



Source: IPCC AR6 WG1 (2021)

# Climate change projections: precipitation



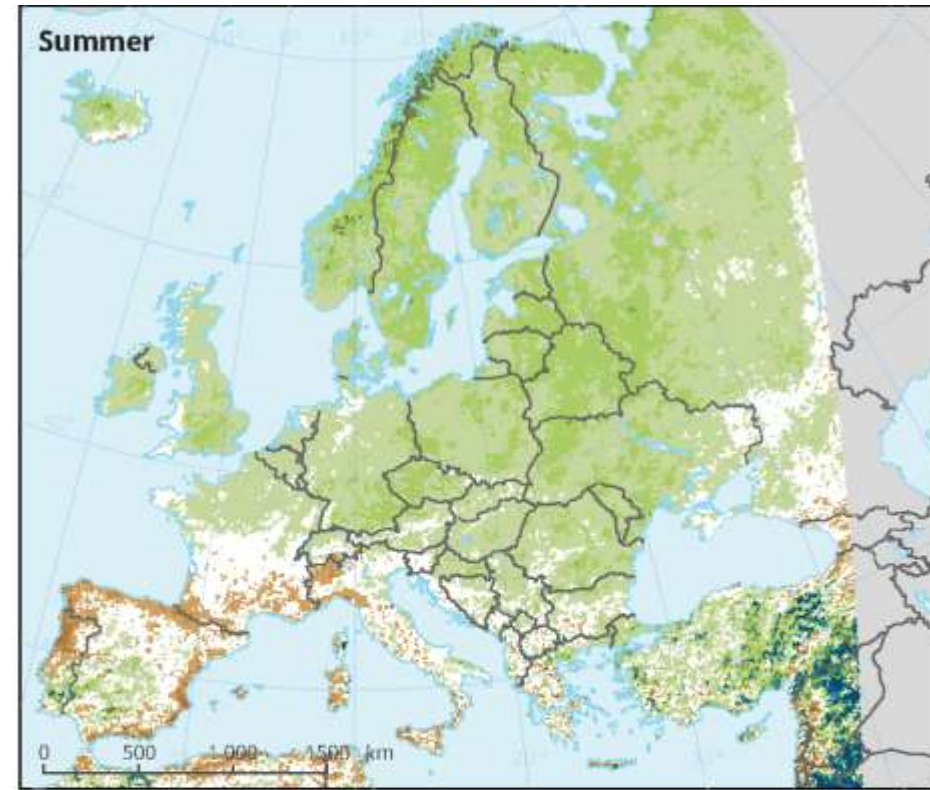
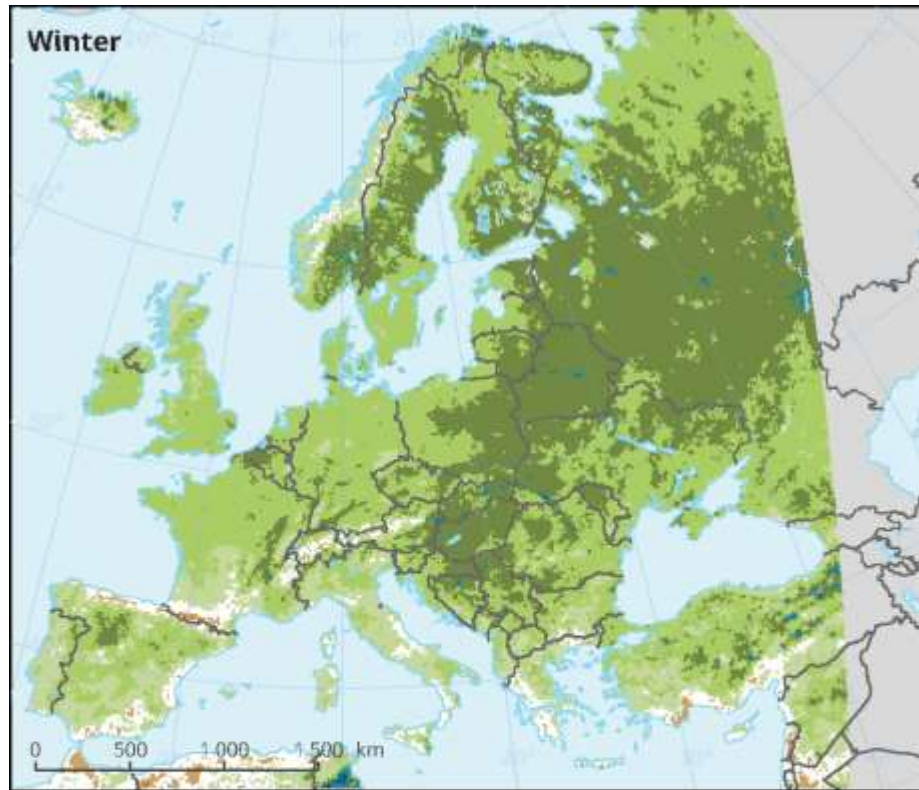
**Projected change in annual (left) and summer (right) precipitation**

% Outside coverage

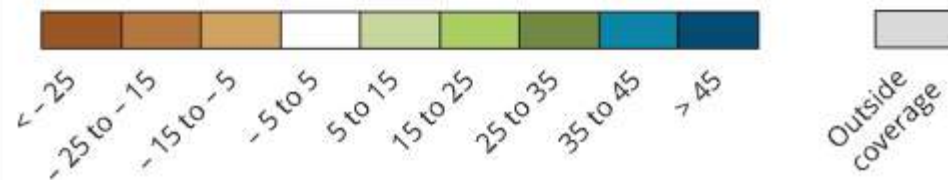
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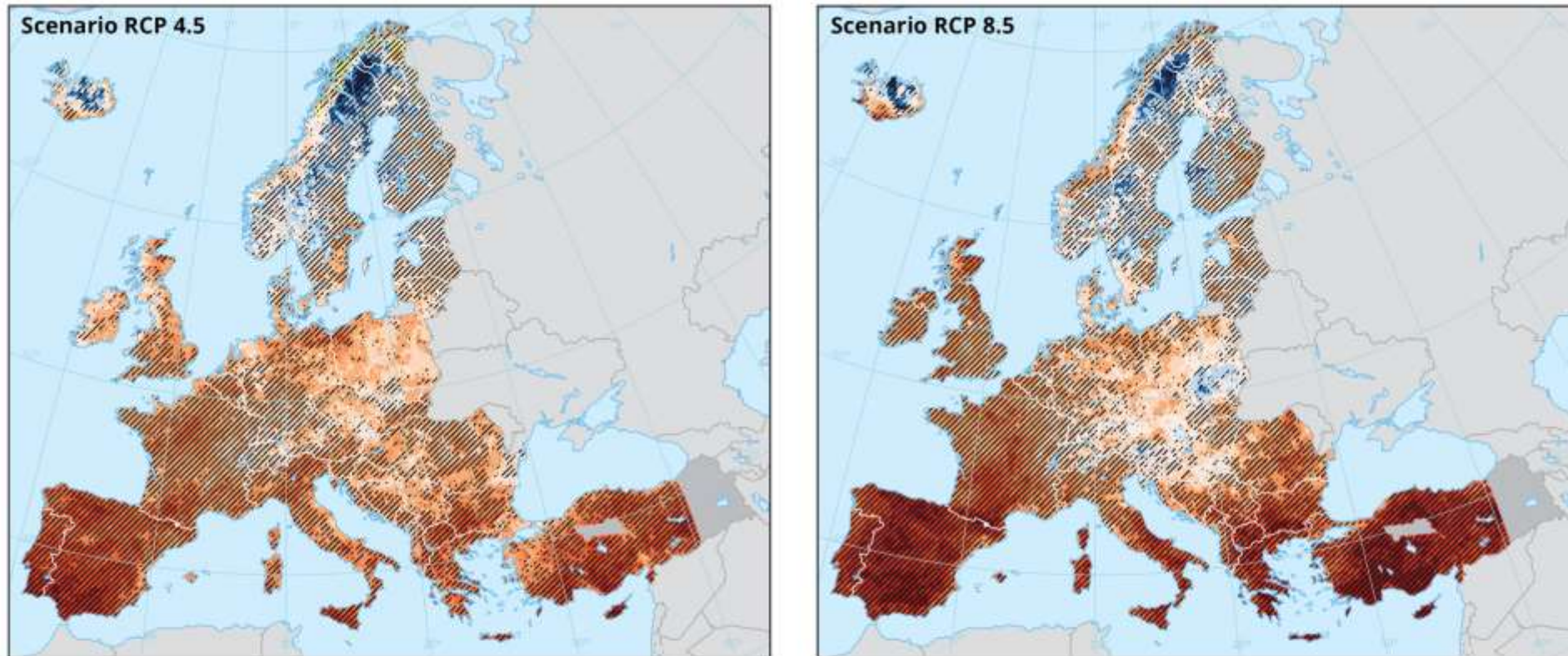
# Climate change projections: heavy precipitation



Heavy winter and summer precipitation change (%)

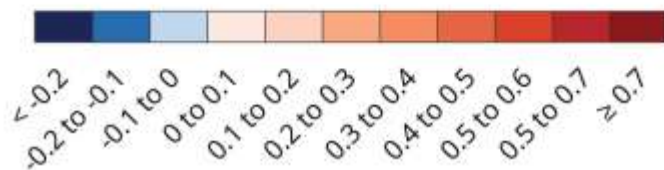


# Climate change projections: droughts



Projected change in meteorological drought frequency between 1981-2010 and 2041-2070 under two climate scenarios

Number of events per 10 years



At least two-third of the simulations used agree on the sign of change

No data

Outside scope

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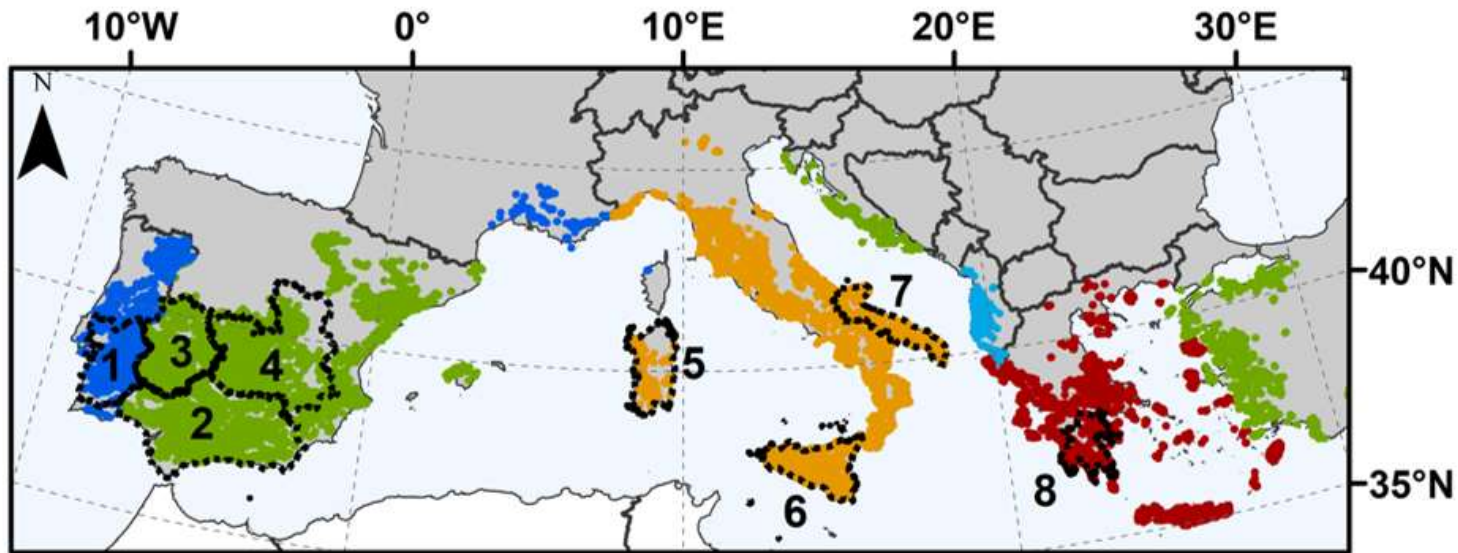
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# CLIMATE PROJECTIONS FOR OLIVES

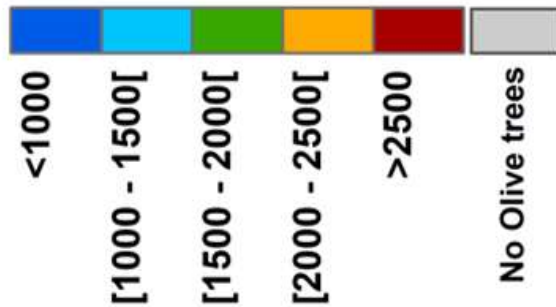




# Olive yield in Southern Europe

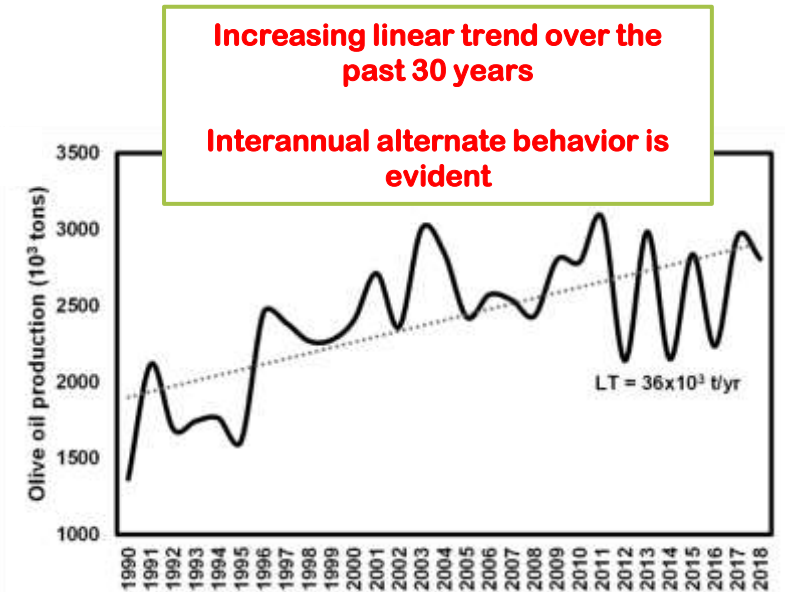


Yield (kg/ha)



Olive producing regions

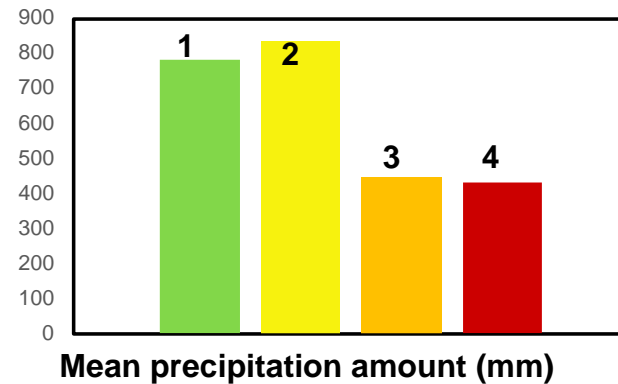
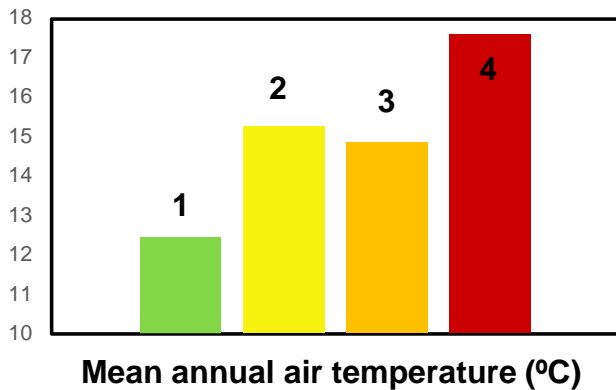
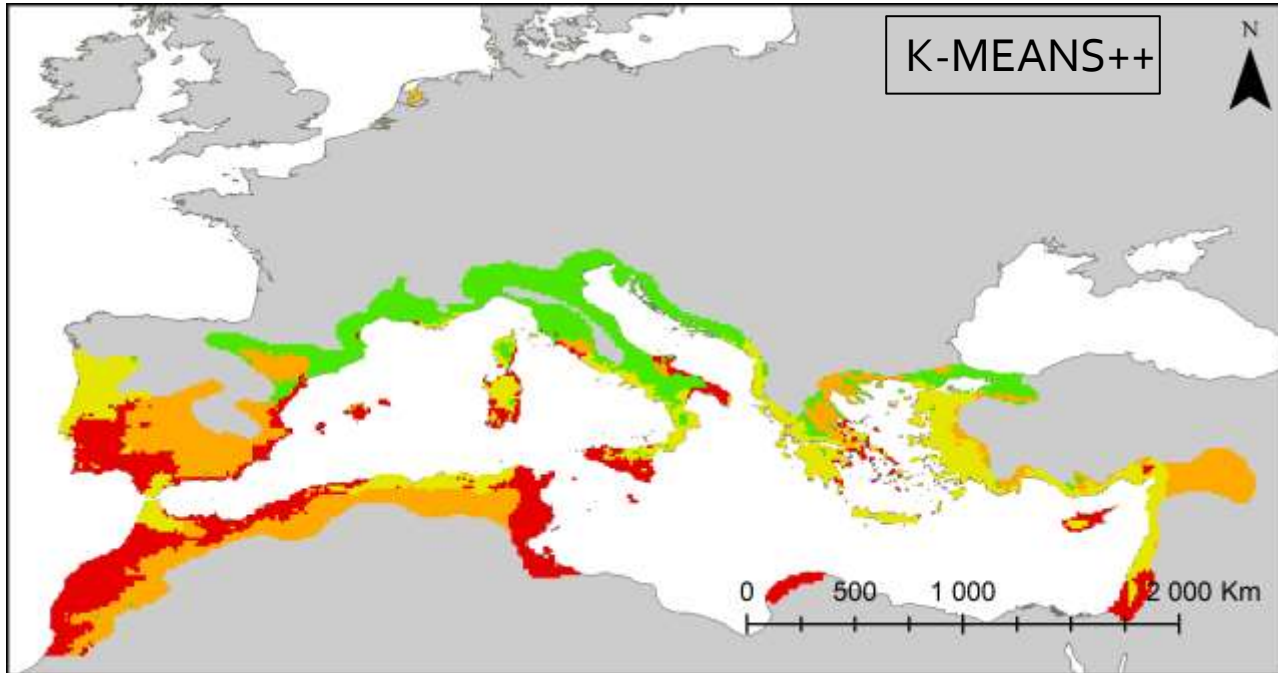
- 1 - Alentejo-PT
- 2 - Andalucia-ES
- 3 - Extremadura-ES
- 4 - Castilla/La Mancha-ES
- 5 - Sardegna-IT
- 6 - Sicily-IT
- 7 - Puglia-IT
- 8 - Peloponnese-GR



**EUROSTAT DATA:**  
Higher yields in Greece, Italy, Spain.

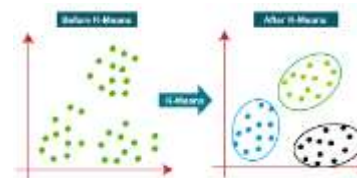
Lower yields in Portugal and southern France

# Olive climatology



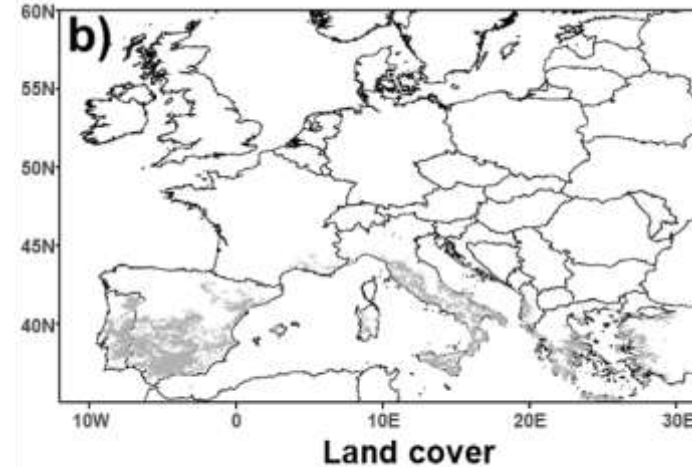
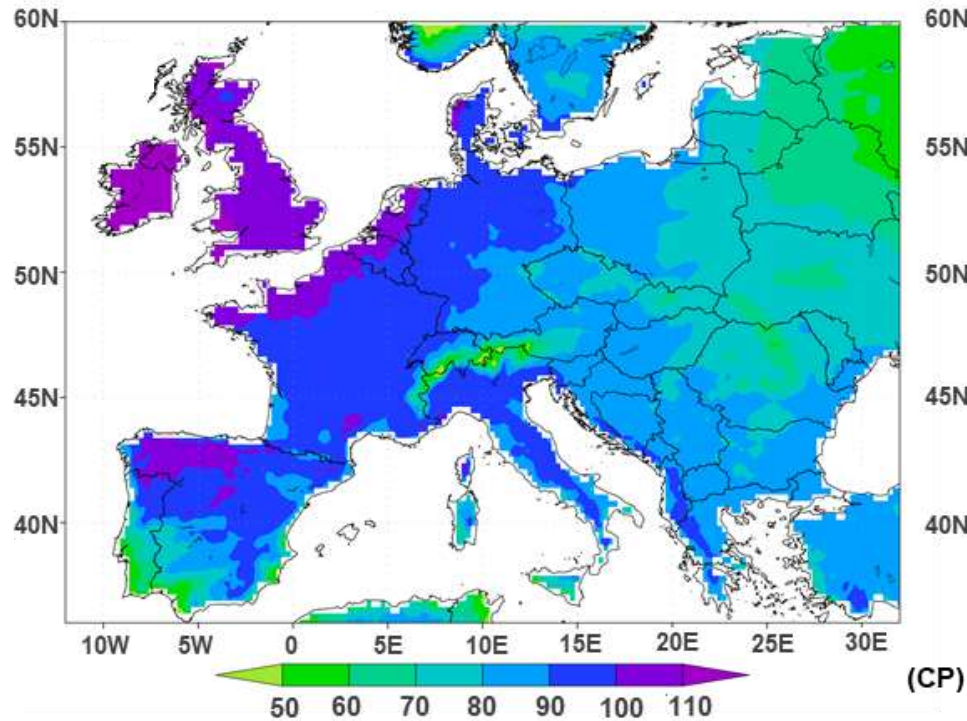
## Bioclimatic Indices

- mean annual air temperature
- mean diurnal air temperature range
- isothermality
- temperature seasonality
- mean daily maximum air temperature of the warmest month
- mean daily minimum air temperature of the coldest month
- annual range of air temperature
- mean daily mean air temperatures of the wettest quarter
- mean daily mean air temperatures of the driest quarter
- mean daily mean air temperatures of the warmest quarter
- mean daily mean air temperatures of the coldest quarter
- annual precipitation amount
- precipitation amount of the wettest month
- precipitation amount of the driest month
- precipitation seasonality
- mean monthly precipitation amount of the wettest quarter
- mean monthly precipitation amount of the driest quarter
- mean monthly precipitation amount of the warmest quarter
- mean monthly precipitation amount of the coldest quarter



# Chilling conditions

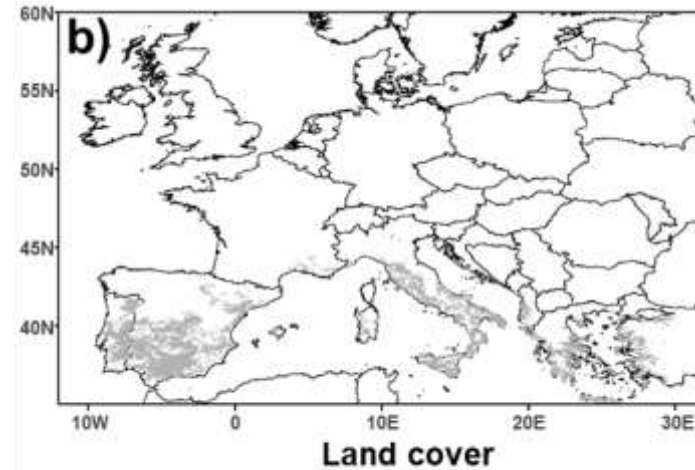
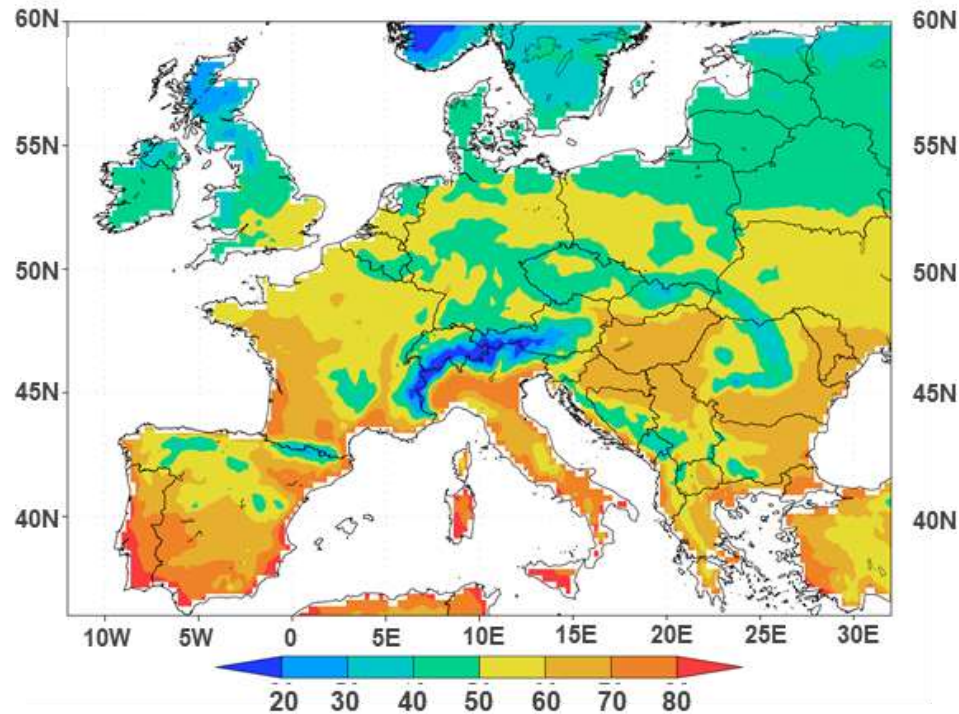
- Chilling portions



Olive trees stay in areas  
of maximum 90-100 CP

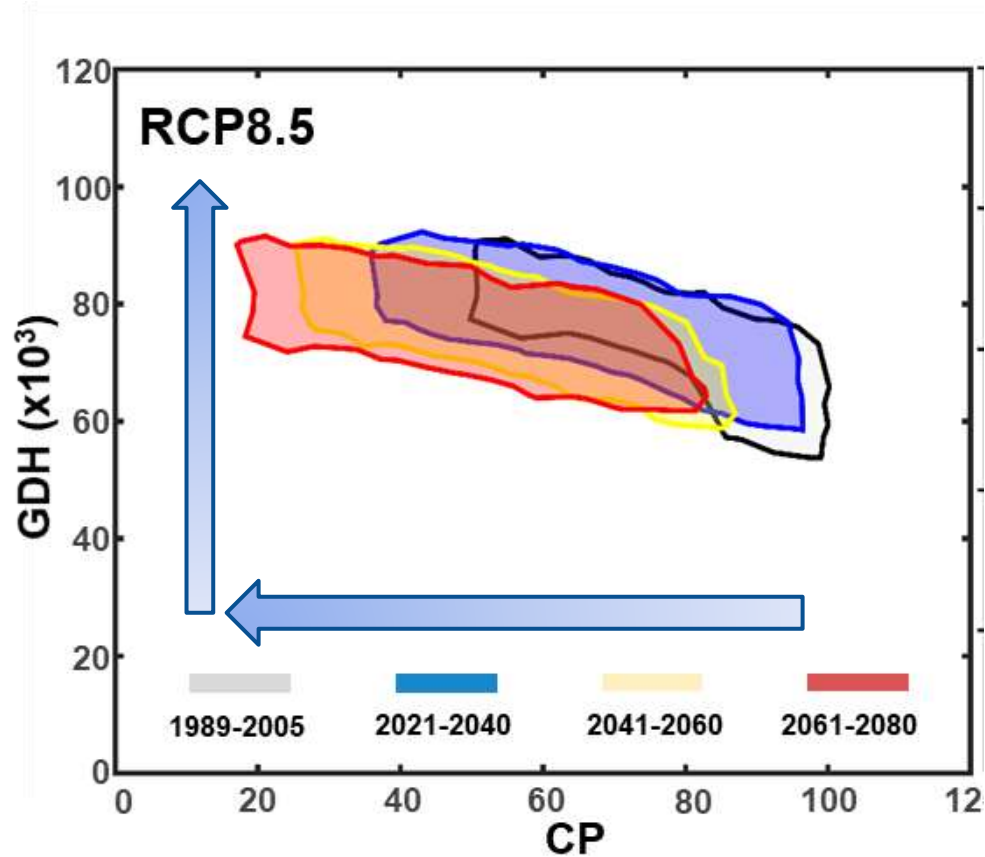
# Heat conditions

- Growing degree hours



Olive trees stay in areas  
of minimum 50 GDH

# Future conditions for heat and chill



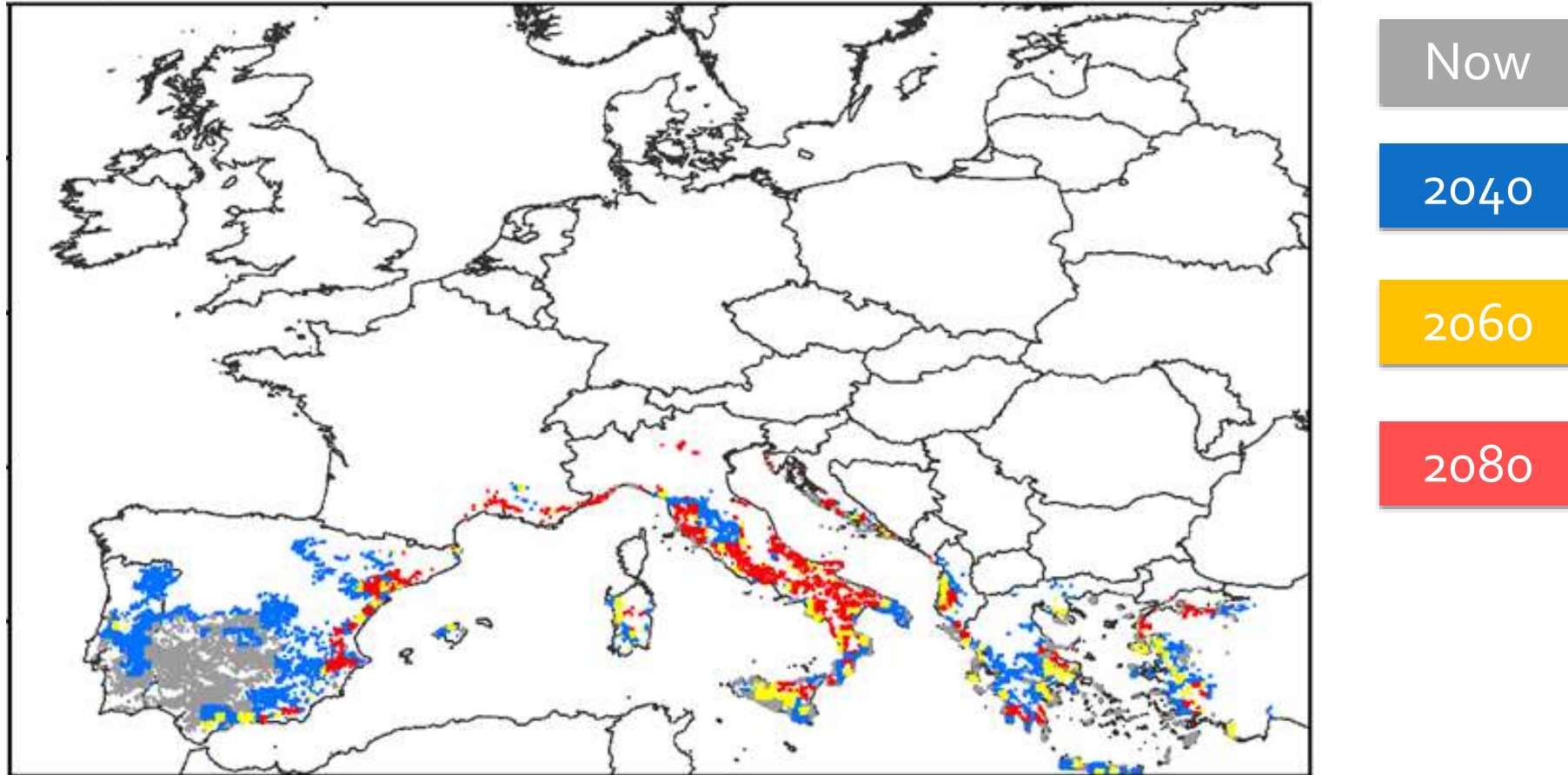
The 2 future scenarios behave similarly until 2050

Chill will tend to decrease and forcing increase

This may lead to several problems; chill decrease may lead to problems with flowering and fruit set. And heat increase may lead to phenological advances.

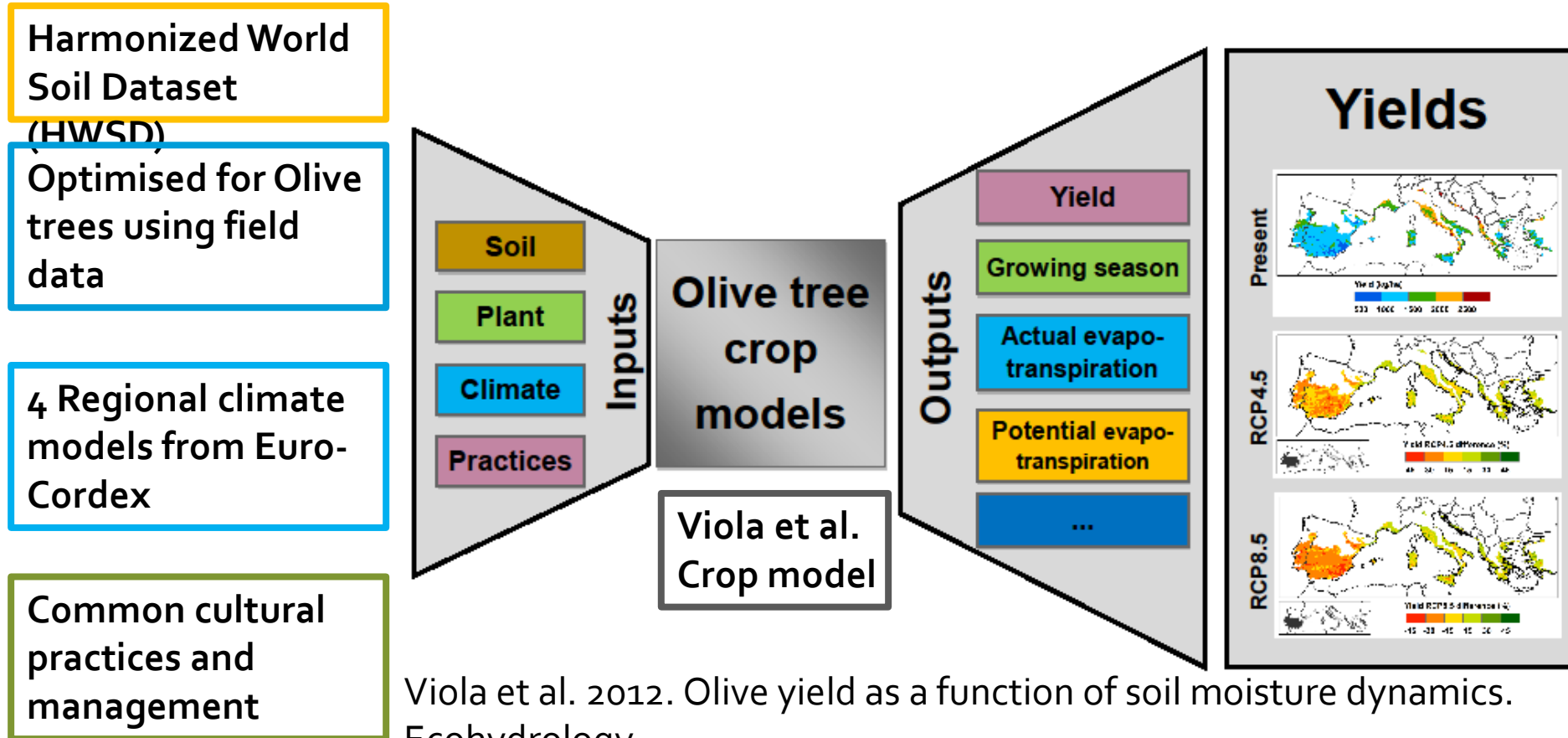
# Future conditions for heat and chill

When is the last time period where you have similar Chill-heat conditions as you have today?



# Olive tree dynamic modelling

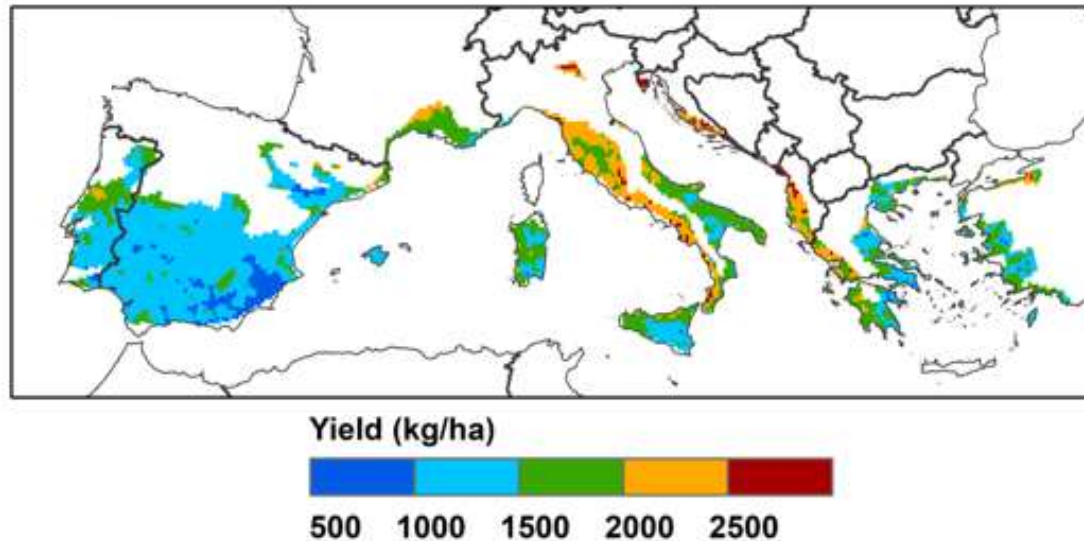
Tested in Italy and Portugal:  $R^2 \approx 0.75$



Viola et al. 2012. Olive yield as a function of soil moisture dynamics. *Ecohydrology*

# Yield (current climate)

(1985-2005)



Higher yields at higher latitudes

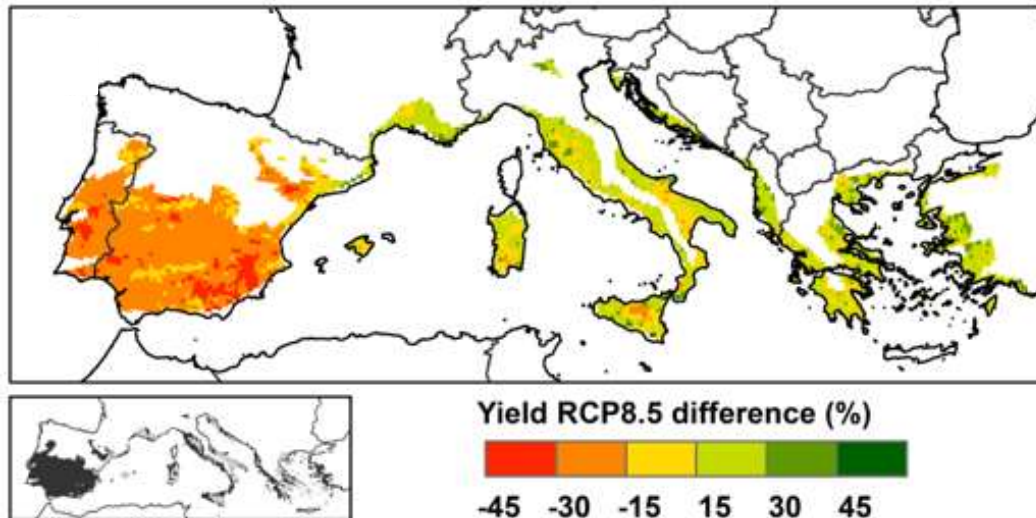
Lower yields in southern Italy and southern iberia

Good agreement with real yield



# Yield (Future climate RCP8.5)

(2041-2070)



Two opposite behaviors

Strong decrease in yield  
in Iberia up to -45%

Weak increase elsewhere  
15%

# Main results

## Iberia

- Strong decrease in yields
- Severe water stress
- Extreme heat may threaten quality

## Elsewhere in southern Europe

- Small higher yields
- Water stress offset by CO<sub>2</sub> increase

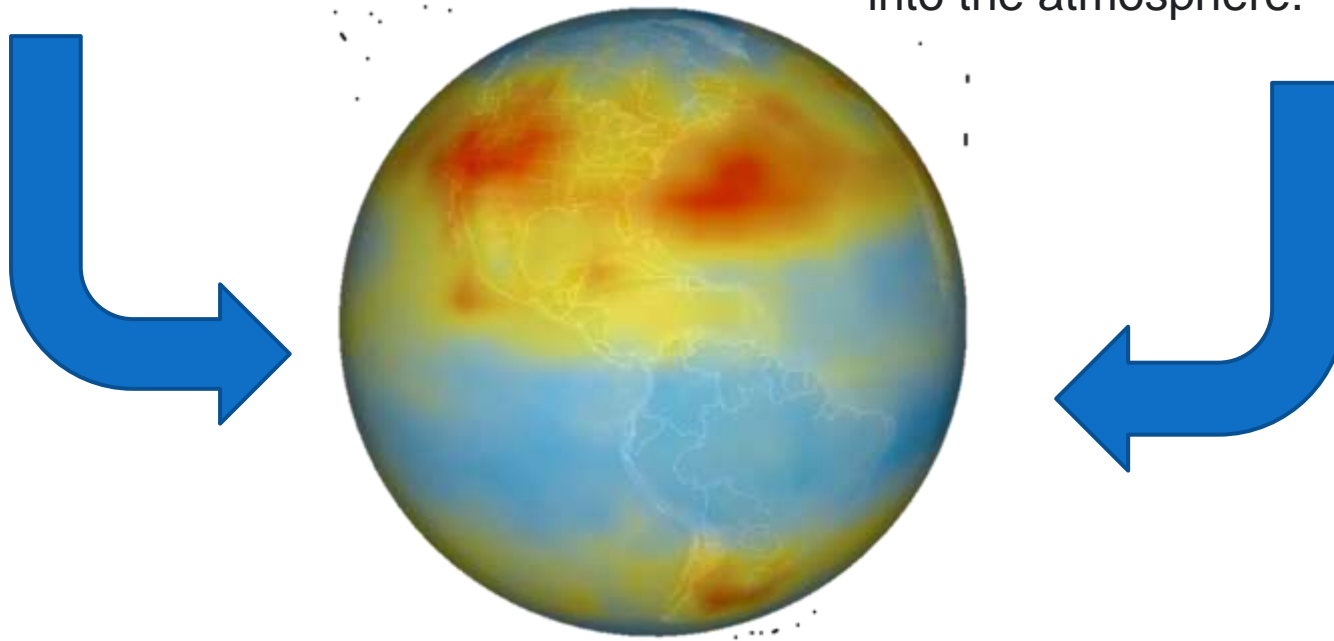
# How can we fight climate change?

## 1 . ADAPTATION

Adaptation can be understood as the process of adjusting to the current and future effects of climate change.

## 2 . MITIGATION

Mitigation means making the impacts of climate change less severe by preventing or reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere.



# Short-term

## Short-term measures:

Irrigation

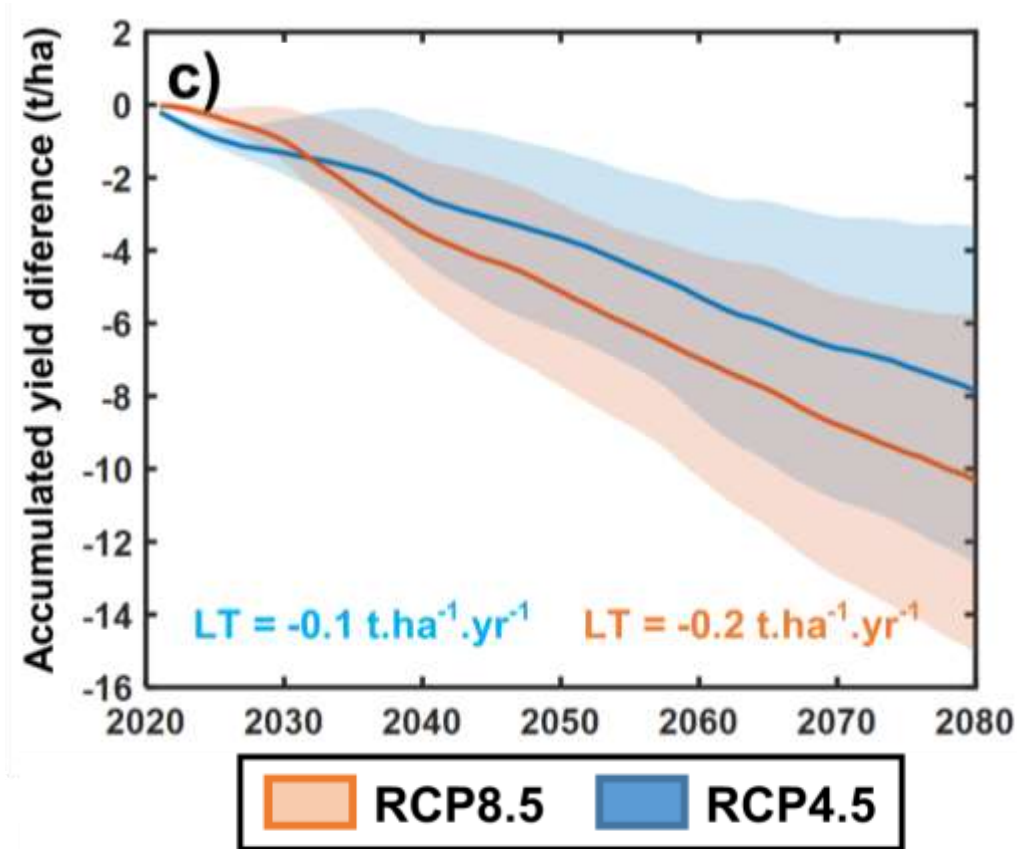
Management

Foliar protectors

Pruning techniques should be focused. Irrigation requirements could increase on average by **10-50% per decade in the** One strategy is that application of spray compounds that could mitigate the negative effects of excessive heat and sunburns. **kaolin clay particles** reduce canopy temperature, heat stress and sunburn impacts. It resulted in alleviating the negative effects of drought stress. Additionally, kaolin clay has also shown protective properties against pests and diseases. On the other hand, spraying olive trees with copper may also give protection against frost. source of energy.

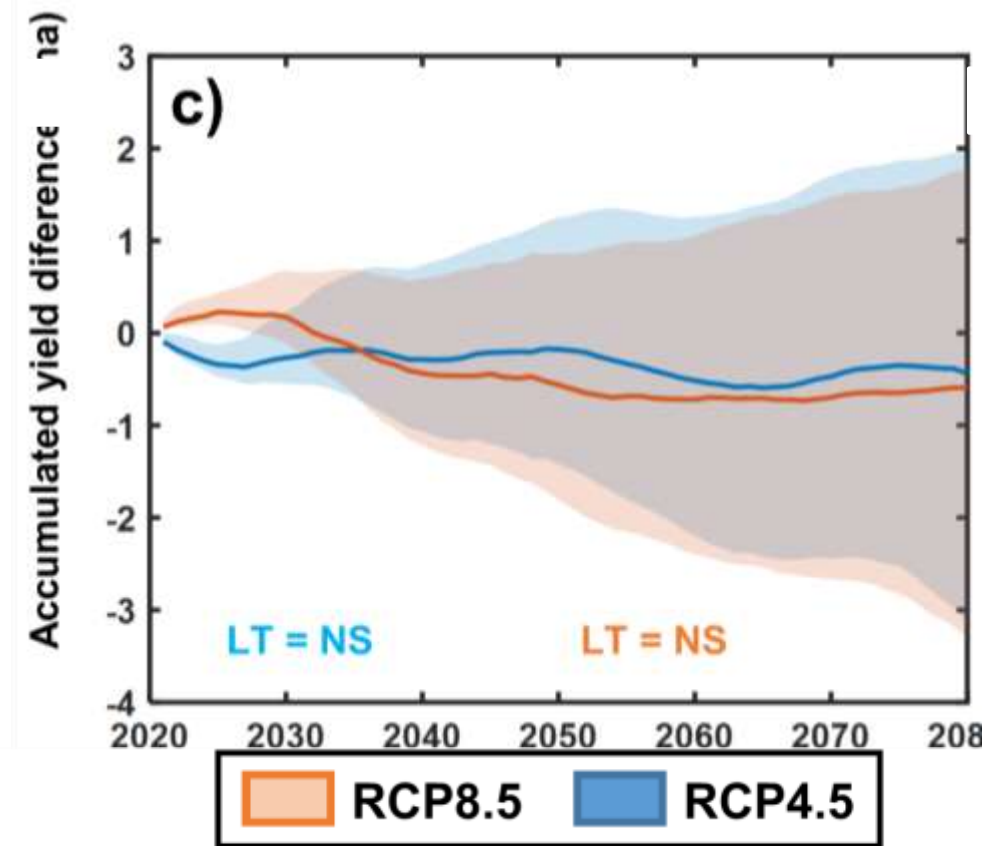
# Projections for rainfed orchards in the future

## Rainfed olive orchards

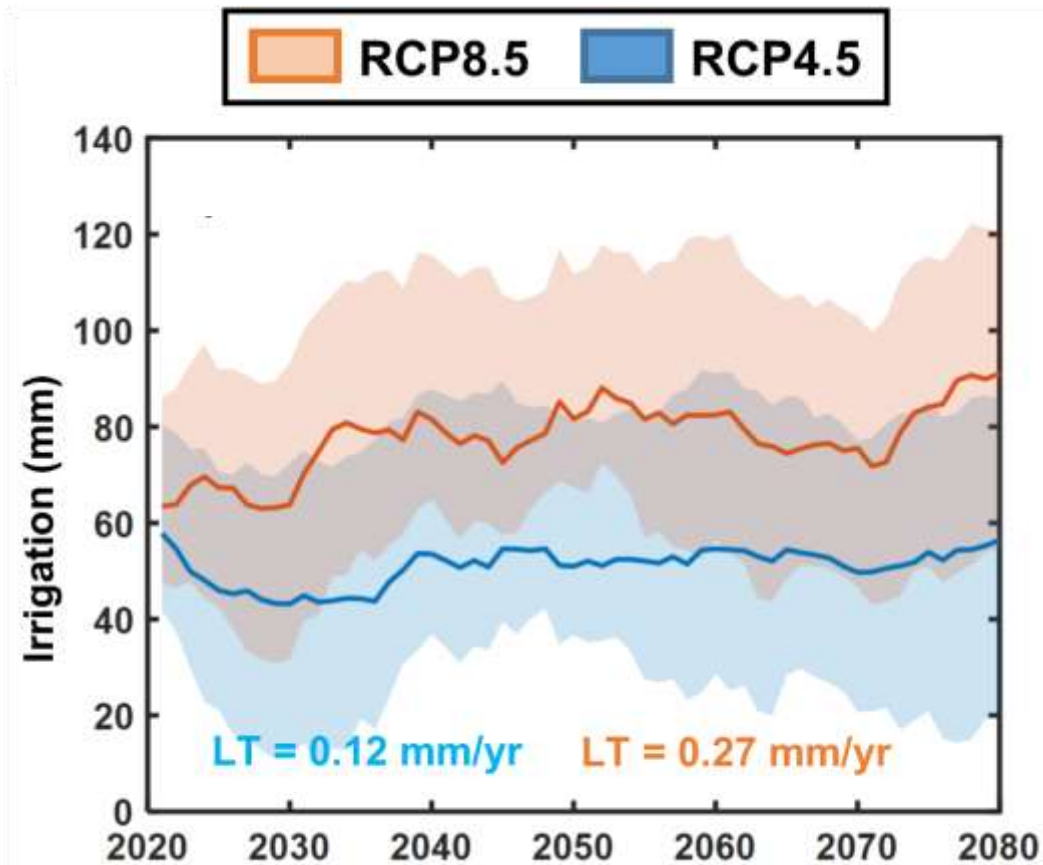


# Projections for irrigated orchards in the future

## Applying drip irrigation (only at certain water stress level)



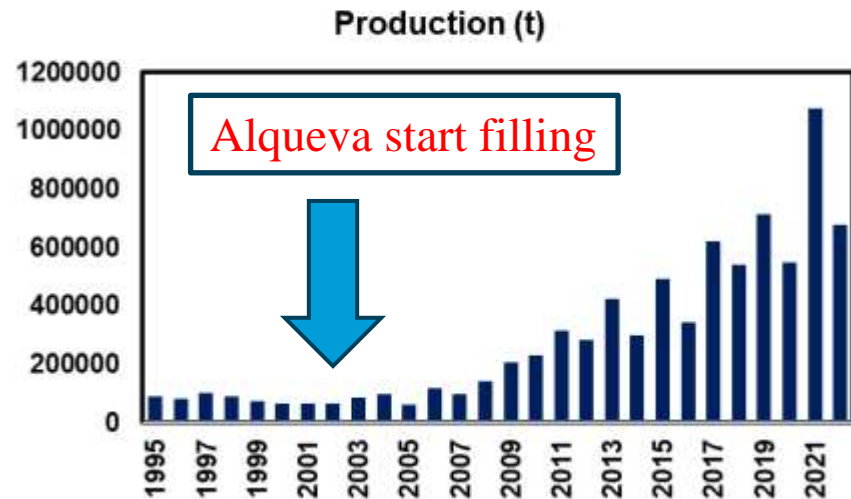
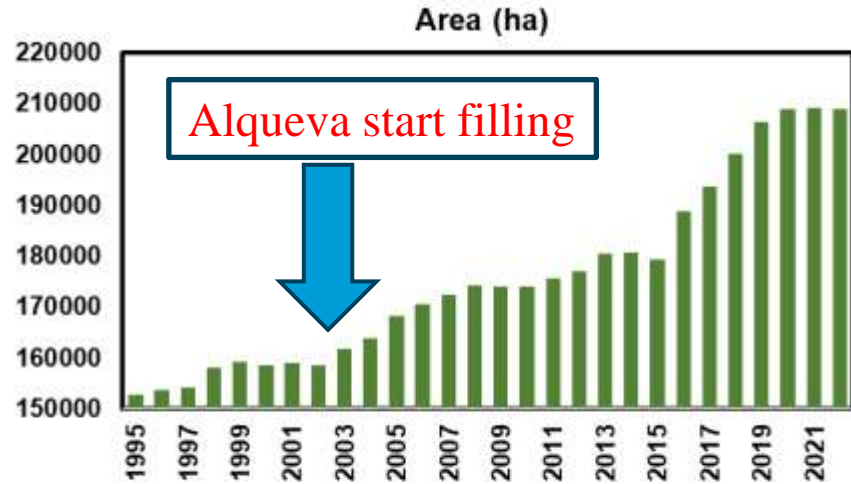
# Irrigation needed



Higher need for irrigation  
in RCP8.5

Fraga, Helder; et al. "Olive tree irrigation as a climate change adaptation measure in Alentejo, Portugal". *Agricultural Water Management* 237 (2020): 106193.

# Alentejo study case: Alqueva



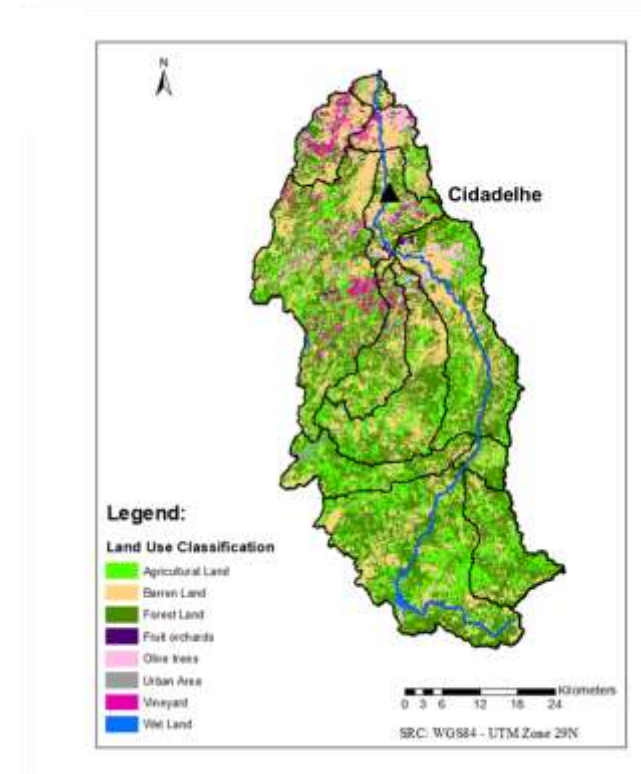
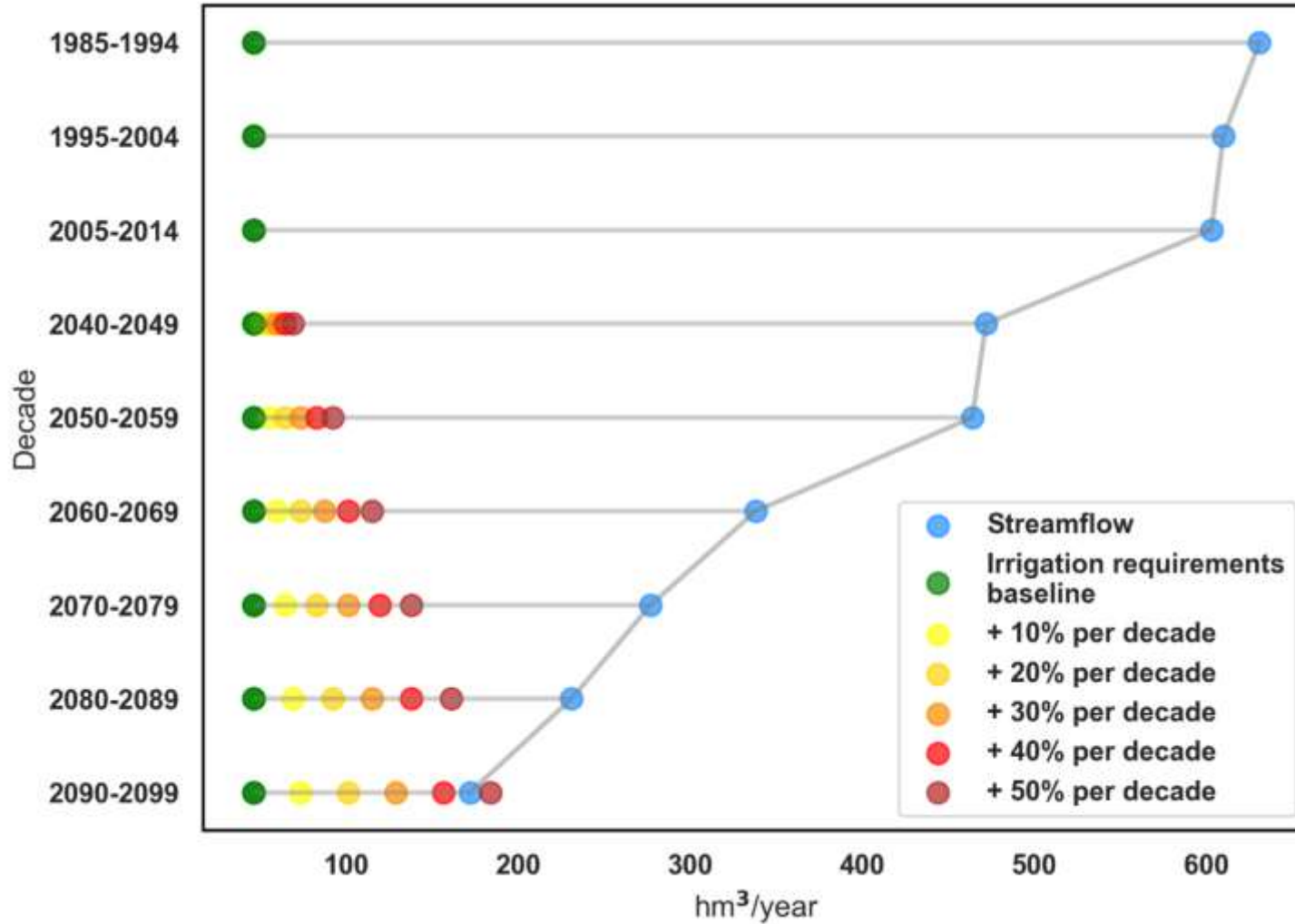
## Irrigated olive orchards (%)

2019	51%
2009	32%
2022	Estimate* 60%

\*Portuguese Statistics Institute



# Basin streamflow under climate change



# Long-term

## Long-term measures:

relocation

Varietal selection

Over the centuries olive growers have selected the most adapted varieties for each location and climate. Under future climate change, it is expected that growers may need to replace susceptible varieties with more resilient ones. This vast number of varieties (over 2000) can indeed be a valuable resource against climate change. For this reason it is of utmost importance to maintain the vast genetic pool of olive varieties, particularly encourage the use of highly drought-tolerant olive varieties. Additionally, the implementation of suitable breeding systems is central in this adaptation measure.

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