

CLIMATE CHANGE ANALYSIS FOR SRI LANKA

Additional analysis focusing on monthly moisture index and potential
evapotranspiration changes

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This report represents a summarized representation of projected trends in climate change for Sri Lanka. The report expands earlier analyses conducted on bioclimatic and monthly precipitation changes. All data and software used are open access.

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1. Project area

The project area consists of an upland area in the south and a downstream area in the north (figures 1.1 – 1.3).

Figure 1.1. Focal areas of the project. Map prepared in QGIS 3.6.0 with Google terrain as baseline map, obtained with the QuickMapServices plugin.

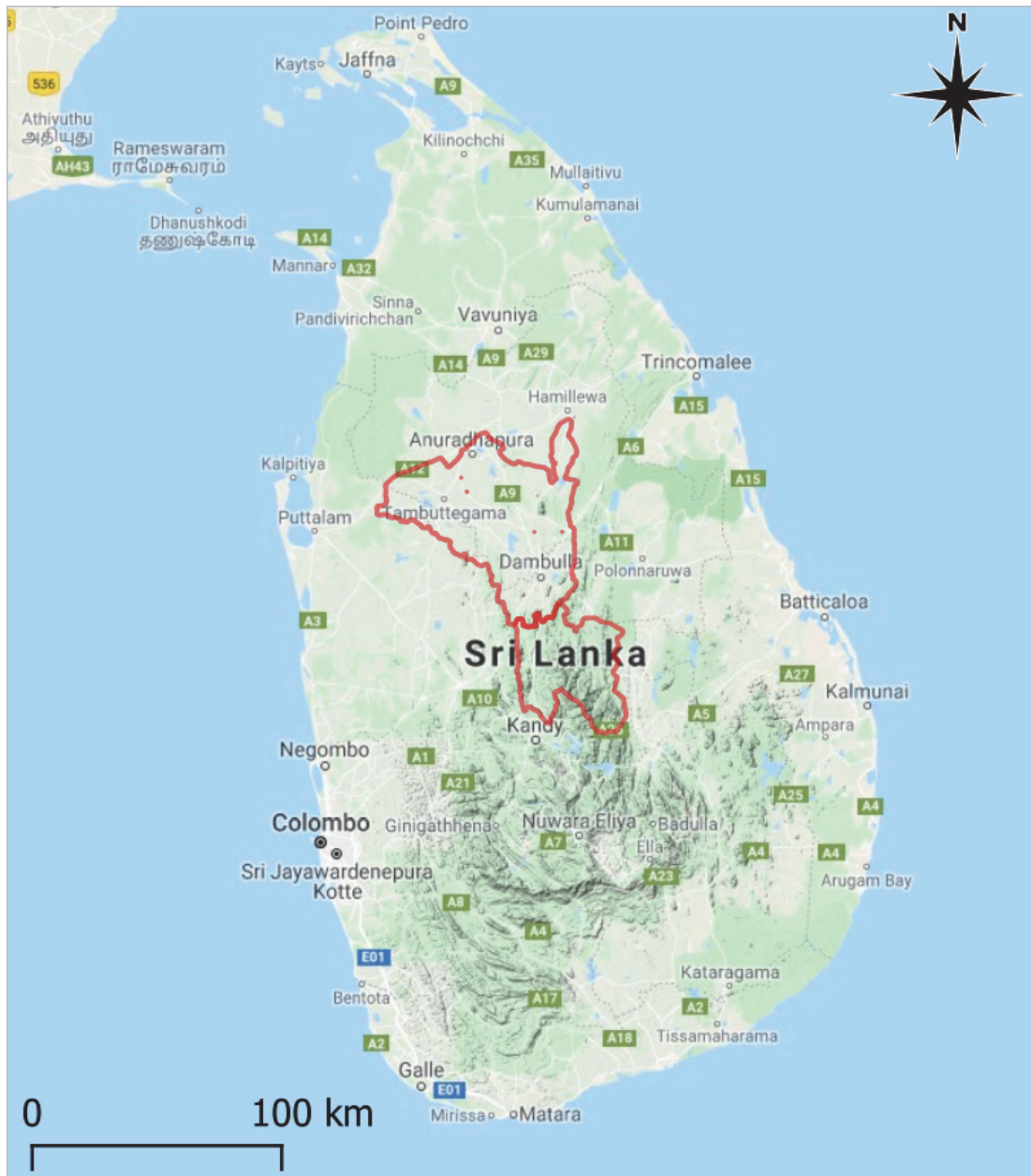


Figure 1.2. Focal areas of the project. Map prepared in QGIS 3.6.0 with Google terrain as baseline map, obtained with the QuickMapServices plugin.



Figure 1.3. Focal areas of the project. Map prepared in QGIS 3.6.0 with Bing as baseline map, obtained with the QuickMapServices plugin.

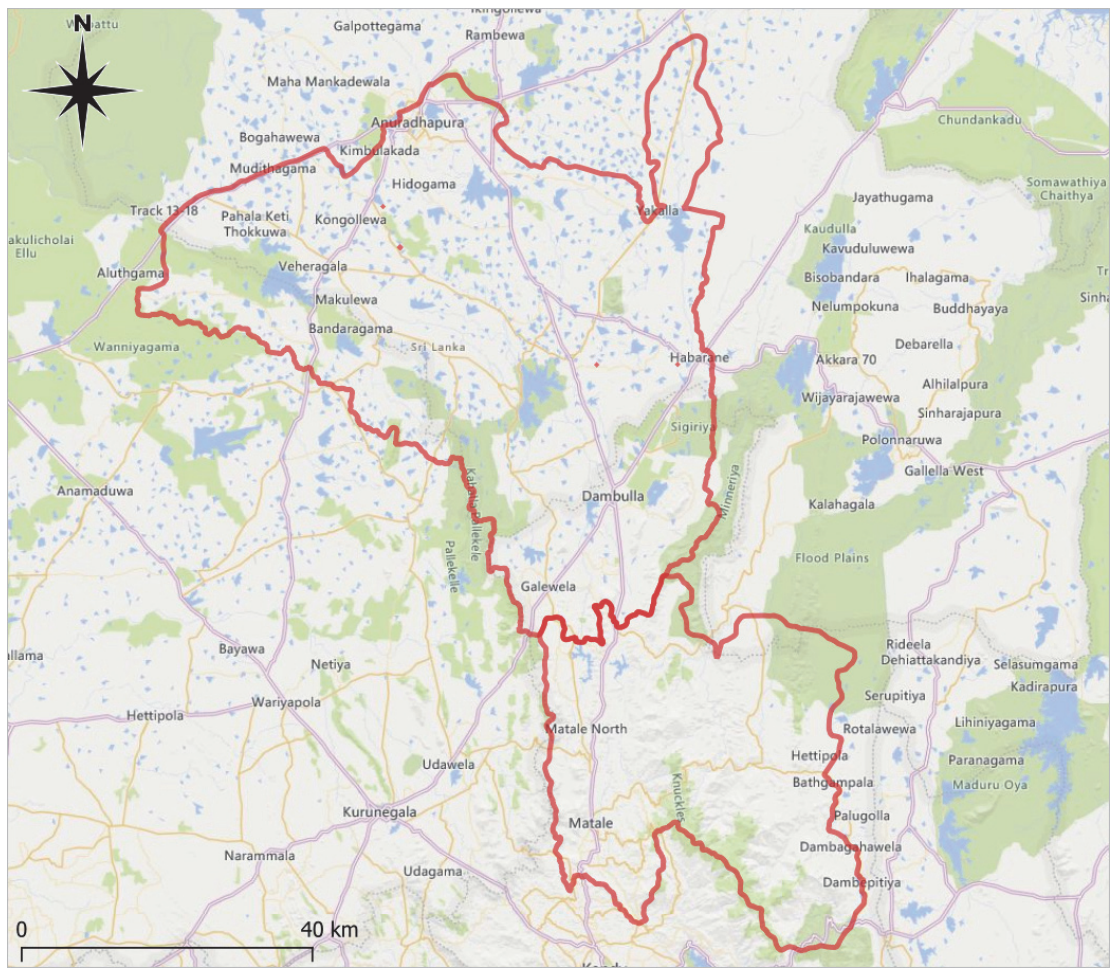
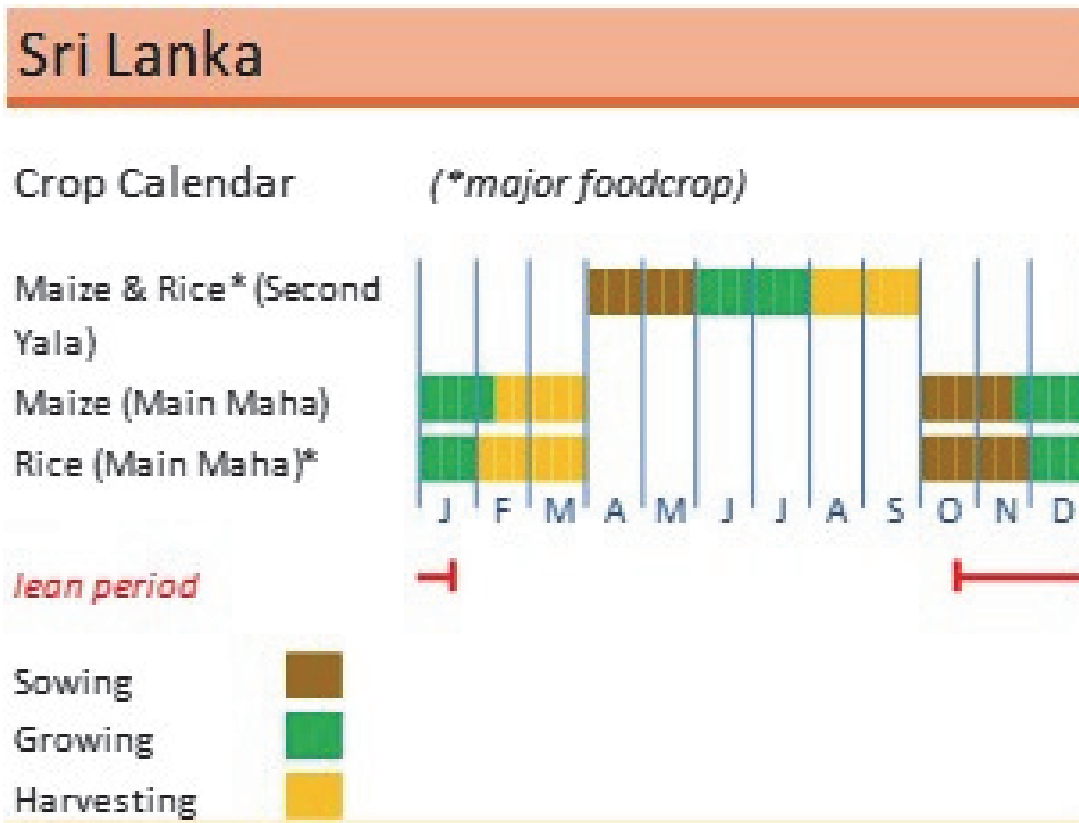


Figure 1.4. Focal areas of the project. Map prepared in QGIS 3.6.0 with Esri National Geographic as baseline map, obtained with the QuickMapServices plugin.



Figure 1.5. Crop calendar for Sri Lanka. Sourced from:

<http://www.fao.org/gIEWS/countrybrief/country.jsp?lang=en&code=LKA>



Source: FAO/GIEWS.

Special attention is given in this report to months where the major foodcrops of rice and maize are sown and grown according to the FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System (Figure 1.5): April – May (sowing period during Yala season), June – July (growing period during Yala season), October – November (sowing period during Maha season) and December – January (growing period during Maha season). The Yala season corresponds to the South-west monsoon of May to September, whereas the Maha season corresponds to the North-east monsoon of December to February.

2. Changes in moisture index

To deal with uncertainties in projecting future climatic changes, analyses focused on consensus among General Circulation Models (it is generally recommended to treat the different GCM projections as equally likely and to adopt ensemble [consensus] approaches). In checking for consensus among models, the likelihood scale recommended for the fifth assessment report of the IPCC (Mastrandea *et al.* [2011](#)) was adopted. As such, results were reported as **likely** in case that at least 66% of models showed the same trend and as **unlikely** in case that at most 33% of models showed the same trend.

Data on baseline and future (2050, the average of 2041-2060) monthly precipitation were downloaded from [WorldClim 1.4](#) at resolution of 2.5 arc-minutes (no downscaled results for future climates are available yet from WorldClim 2). Future data sets correspond to [CMIP5 data](#) for the Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5, a medium emissions scenario and the scenario for which most (i.e., 19) future General Circulation Model data sets were available from WorldClim.

Monthly moisture index (the product of $P \cdot PET^{-1}$ where P is precipitation and PET potential evapotranspiration; this index is also known as the [aridity index](#)) were obtained after calculating monthly PET with the [envirem package](#) through its [monthlyPET](#) function. Input data layers of minimum, maximum and mean monthly temperatures were obtained from WorldClim 1.4, whereas monthly extra-terrestrial solar radiation was obtained from the [CGIAR CSI](#).

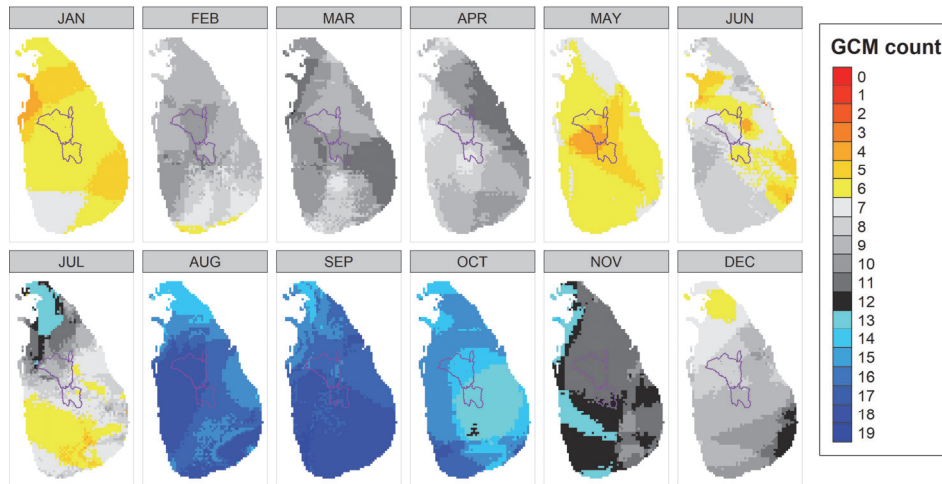
Processing and mapping of geospatial data sets were done with [R 3.5.1](#).

Comparison of the future and baseline monthly moisture indices shows that there is a likely decrease of the moisture index for the project area in January and May and for a part of the area in June (figures 2.1 – 2.2). These trends follow trends in precipitation, but as a result from the general increases in PET, larger sections of the project area are expected to experience decreases in the moisture index in May and June.

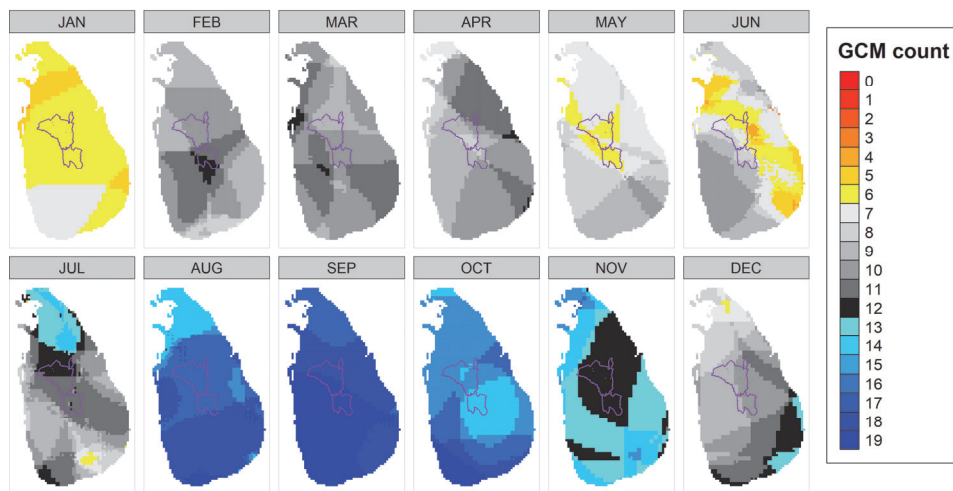
From August to October, the project area is likely to experience increases in the moisture index and precipitation (figures 2.1 – 2.2).

Figure 2.1 (next page). Counts of General Circulation Models that project monthly increases for Sri Lanka in moisture index, precipitation and potential evapotranspiration by the 2050s for RCP4.5 compared to the baseline centred on 1975. The major changes in the colour schemes correspond to the [likelihood scale recommended for the fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC](#).

(a) Moisture Index



(b) Precipitation



(c) Potential evapotranspiration

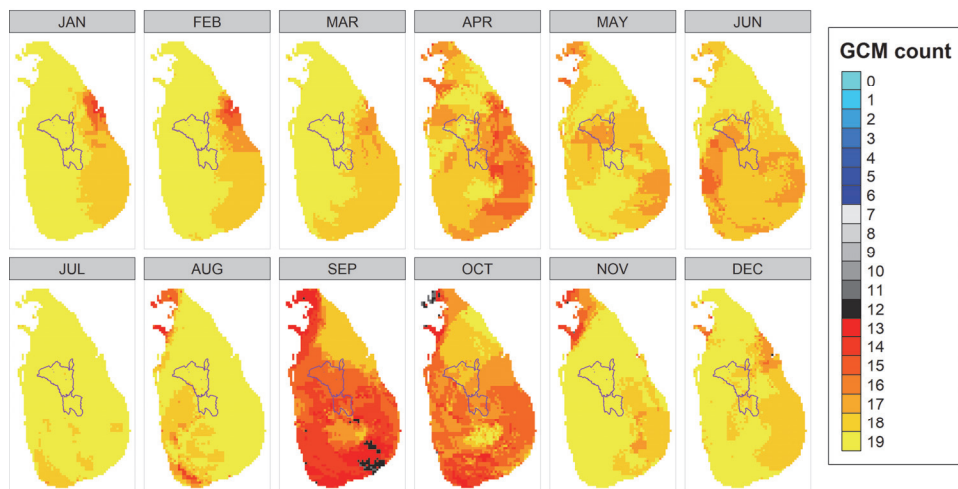
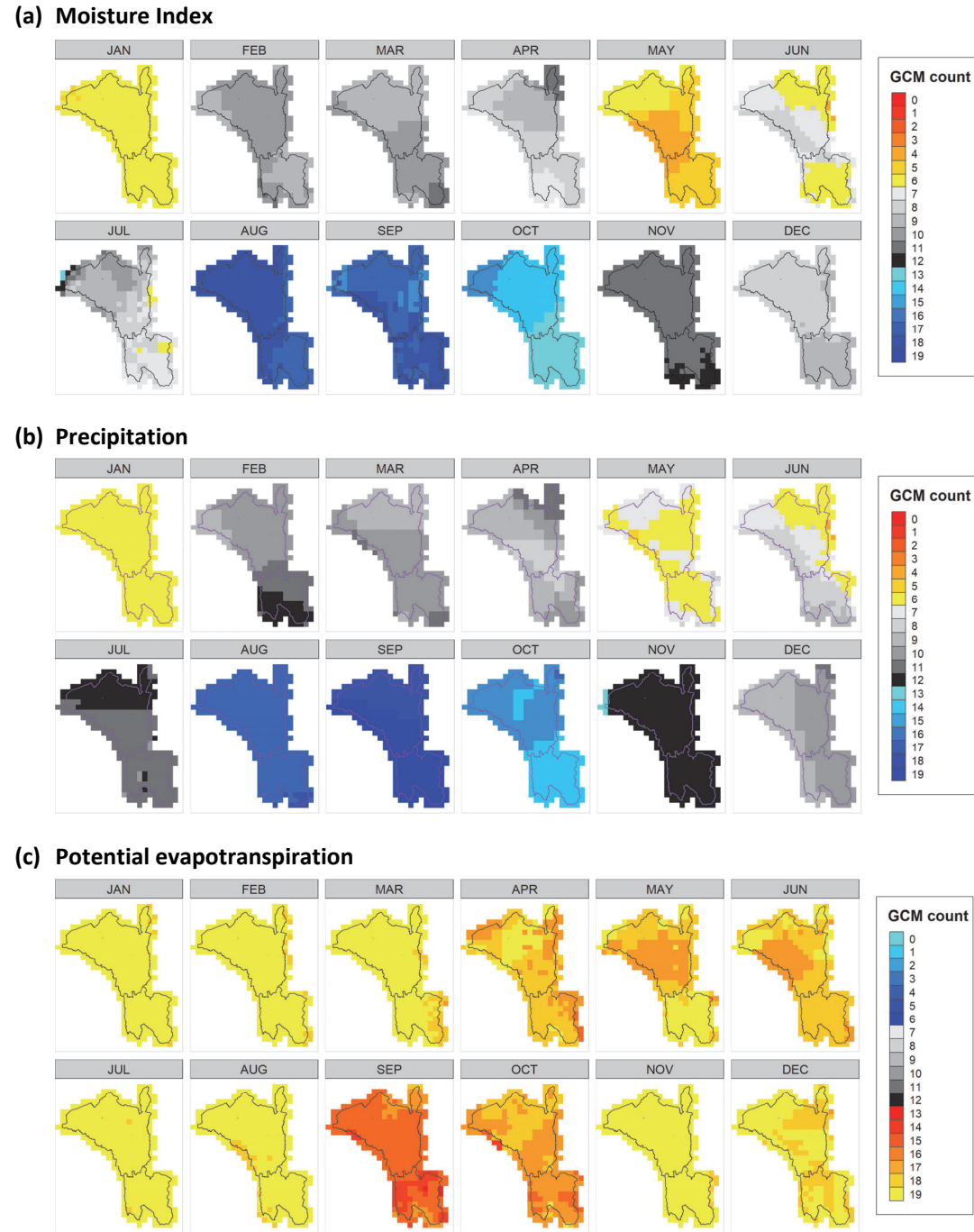


Figure 2.2. Counts of General Circulation Models that project monthly increases for the project area in moisture index, precipitation and potential evapotranspiration by the 2050s for RCP4.5 compared to the baseline centred on 1975. The major changes in the colour schemes correspond to the [likelihood scale recommended for the fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC](#).



The next series of maps focuses on the months with likely changes in the moisture index.

Figure 2.3. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in January in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

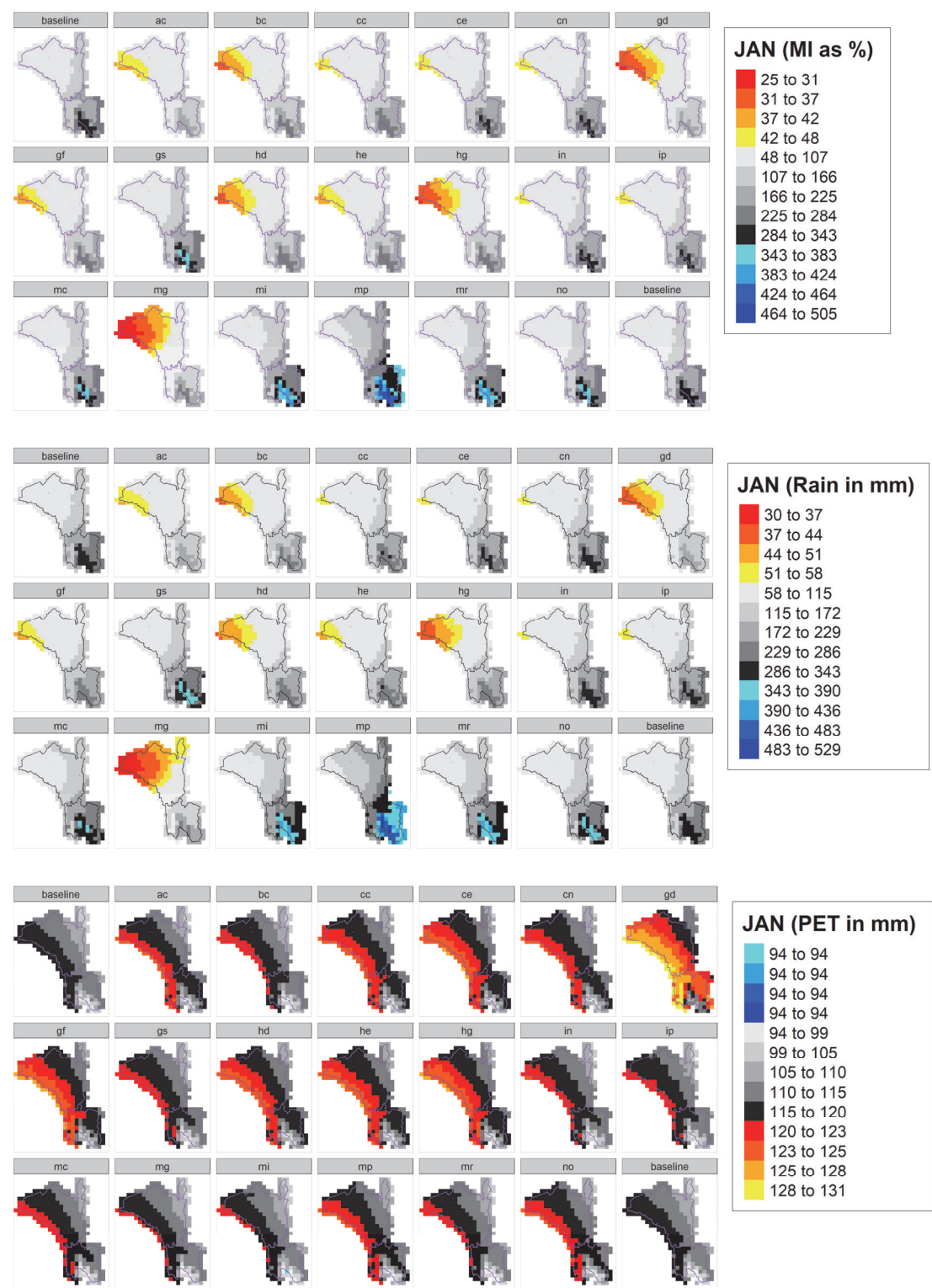


Figure 2.3 shows that the January moisture index will decrease beyond baseline conditions (baseline conditions were coloured in greyscale) in the north-western part of the project area, within the downstream area. Although there was consensus among the GCMs on a general decline in moisture index, some models (gs, mc, mi, mp, mr and no; see Table 4.1 for full names of models) depicted an opposite trend of increasing values and values beyond the baseline range in the upland areas.

Figure 2.4. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in May in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

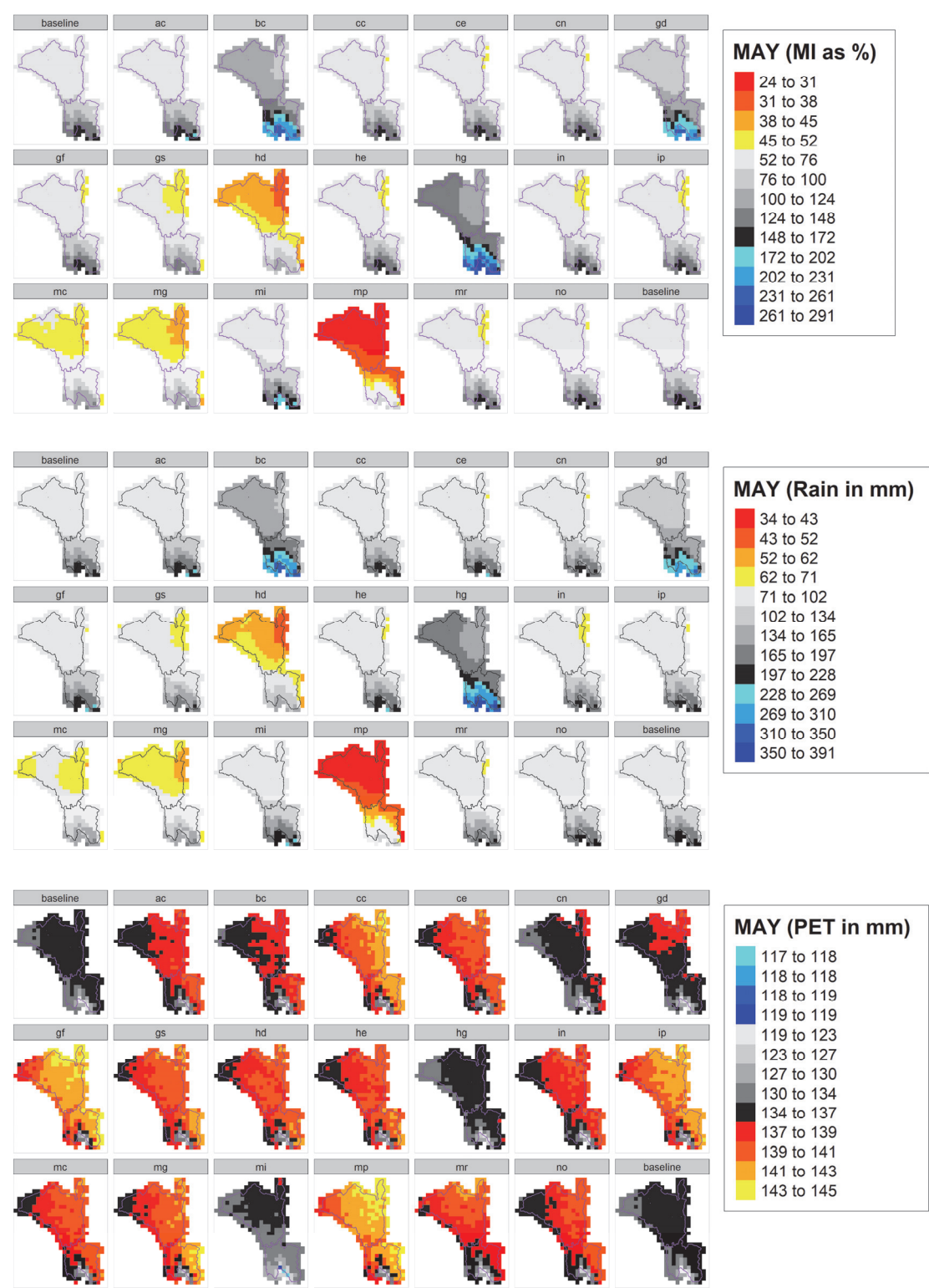


Figure 2.4 shows that although the moisture index is likely to decrease in May, values lower than the baseline conditions are especially likely in the north-eastern section of the downstream area. However, there were four GCMs (hd, mc, mg and mp) that projected moisture index conditions that were beyond the baseline in most of the downstream area. Some GCMs project increases in moisture index beyond baseline conditions in the uplands.

Figure 2.5. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in June in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

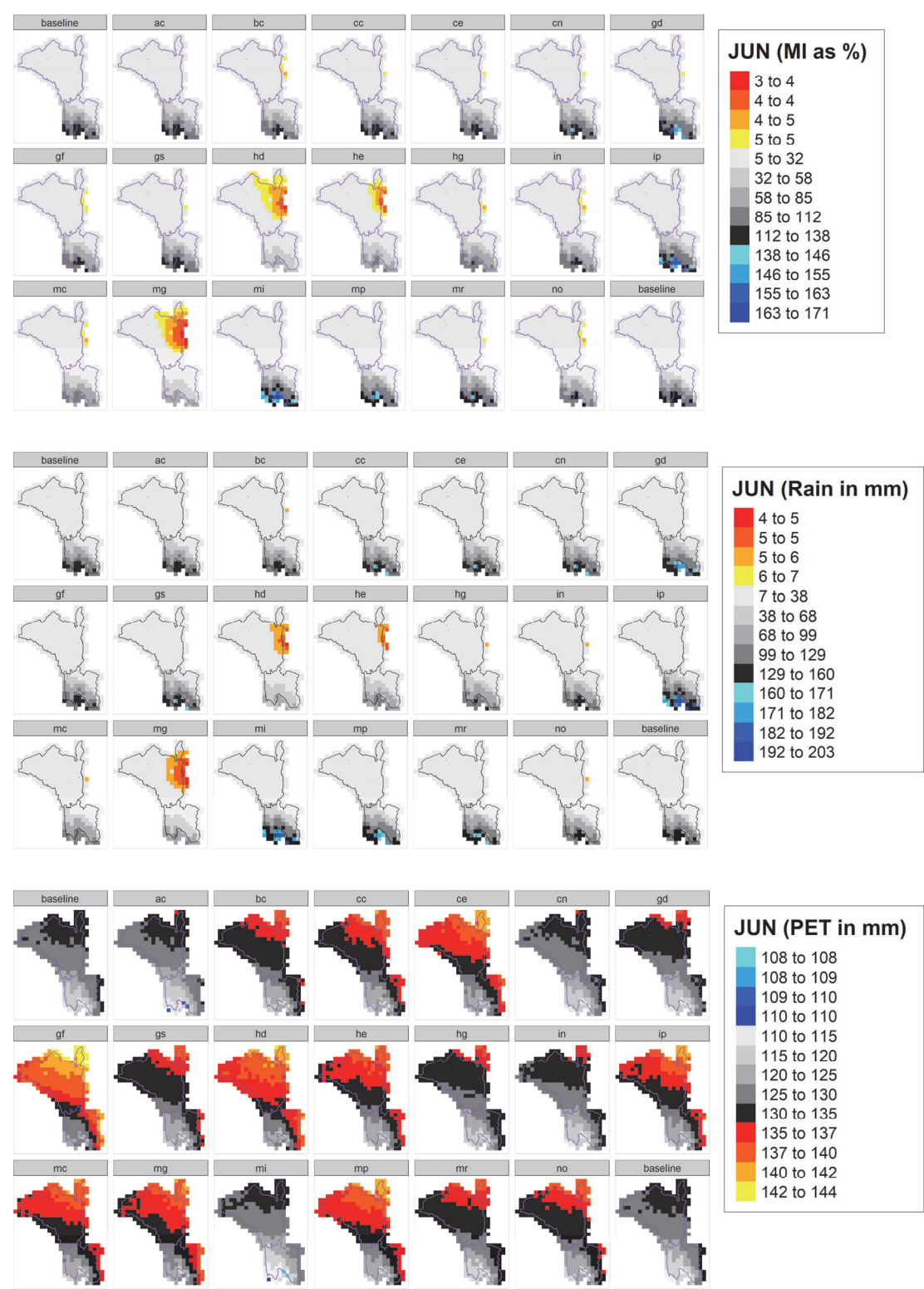


Figure 2.5 shows that a limited number of GCMs project decreases in the June moisture index beyond baseline conditions. However, with a minimum moisture index of 5 percent in the baseline climate, there was not much scope for further decrease in the moisture index. The same situation occurs for the rainfall, with a minimum of 7 mm in the baseline climate.

Figure 2.6. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in August in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

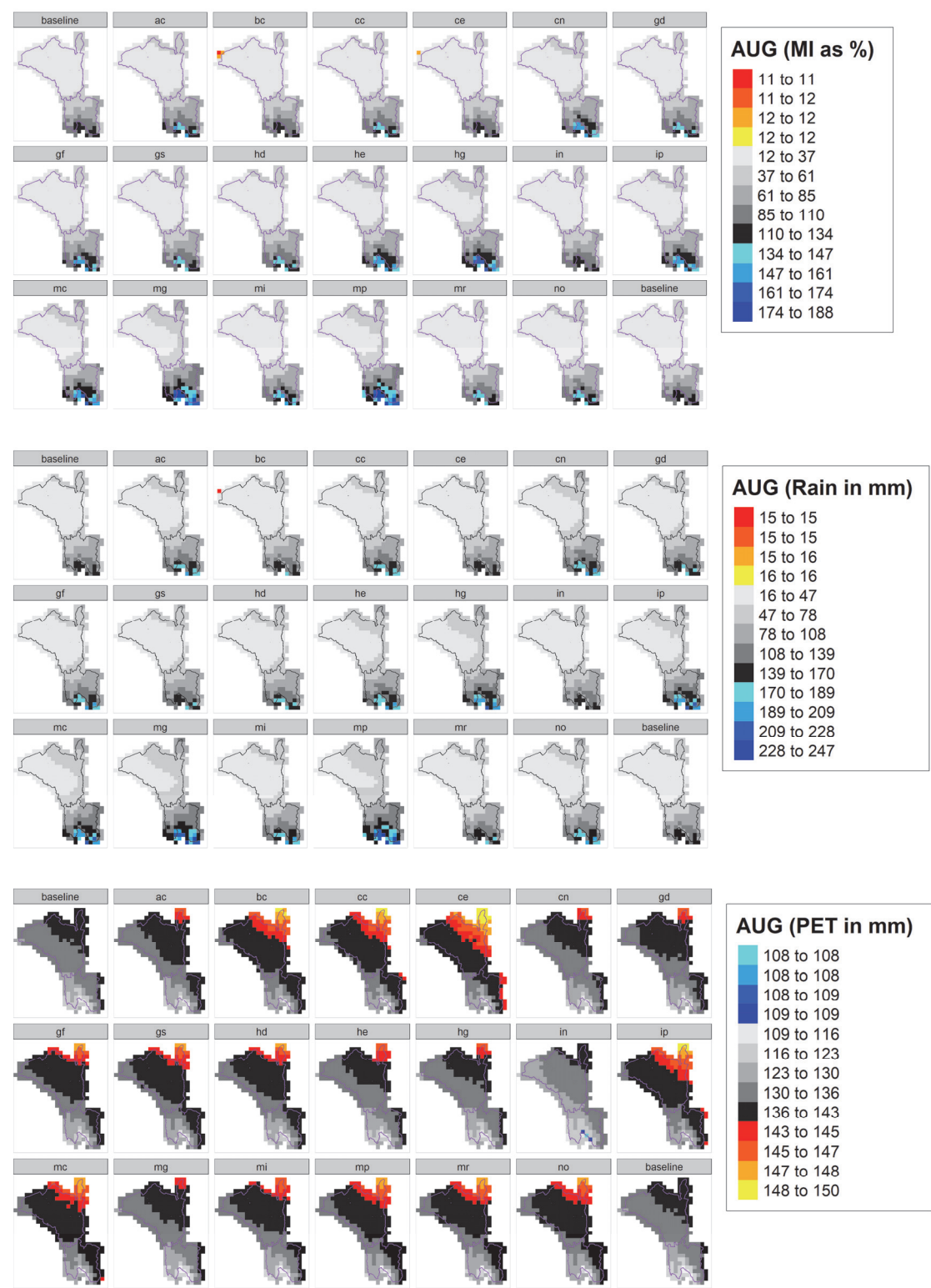


Figure 2.6 shows that the most significant increases in August moisture index will be experienced in the extreme south of the upstream area. This trend follows increases in rainfall, for which there is strong agreement among the GCMs.

Figure 2.7. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in September in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

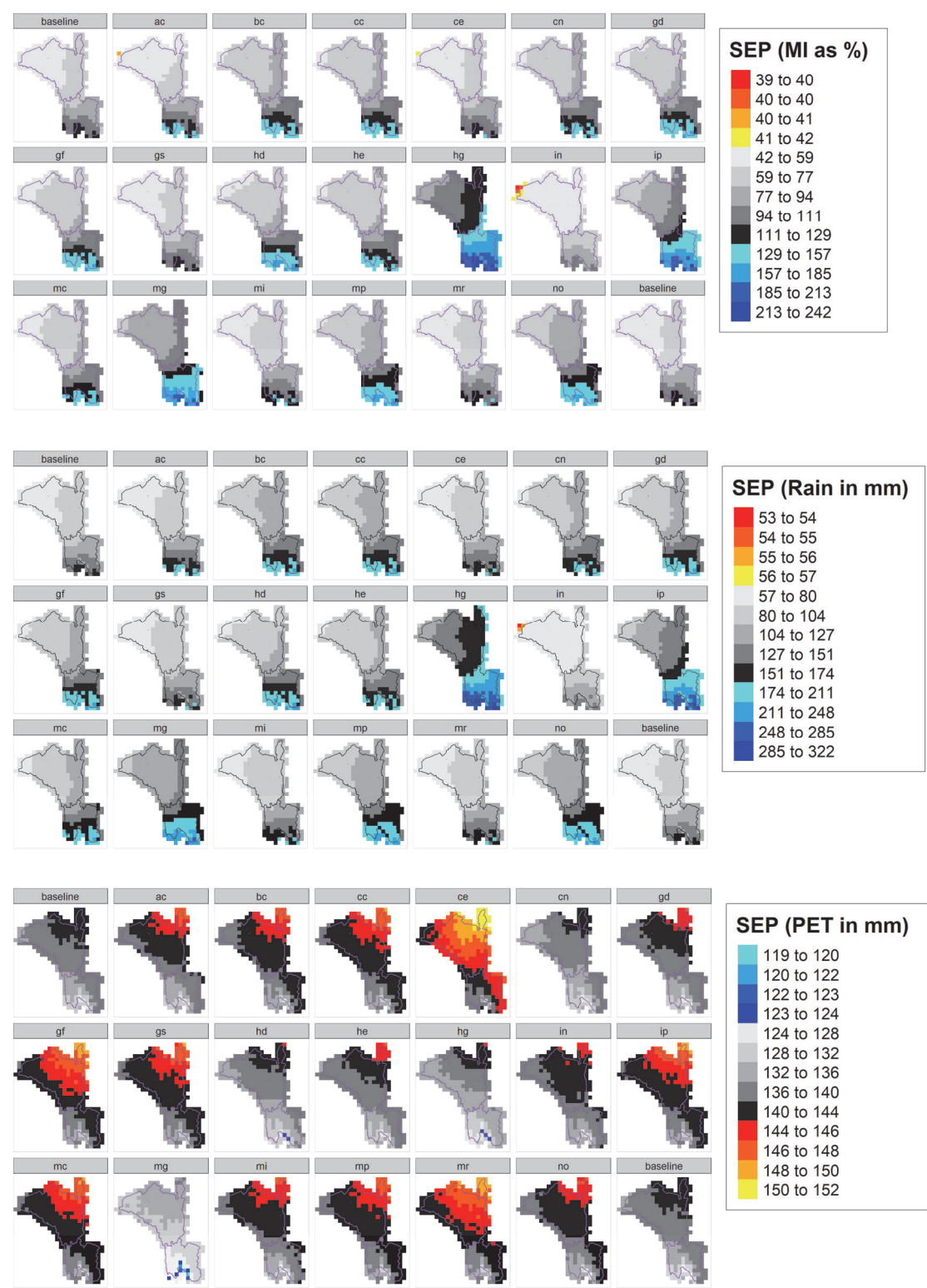


Figure 2.7 shows that in September, a large number of GCMs project that a significant section of the upland area will experience moisture index values beyond the baseline range.

Figure 2.8. Projected mid-21st century changes (RCP4.5) for the project area in October in moisture index (top), precipitation (middle) and PET (bottom)

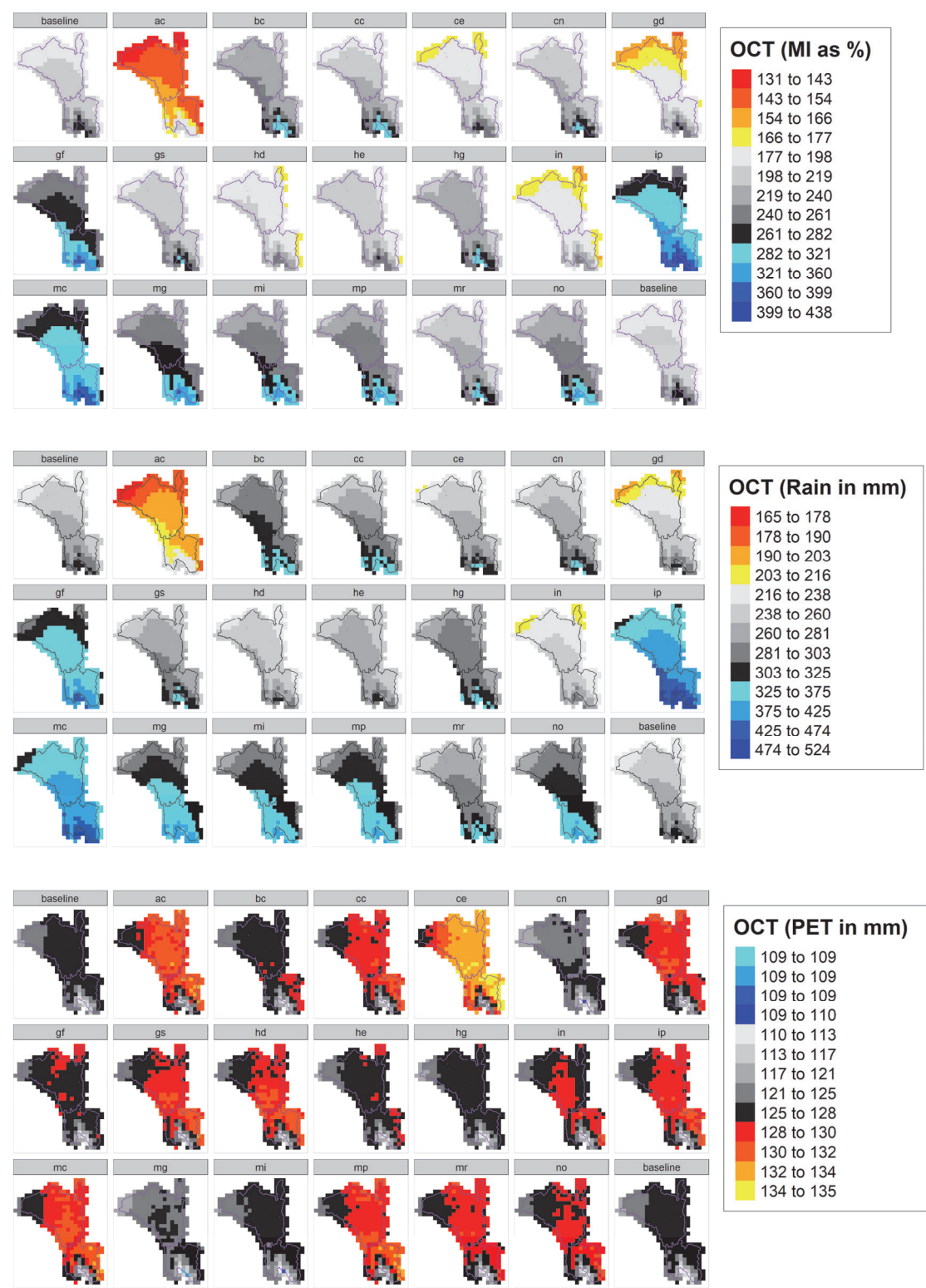


Figure 2.8 shows that although there was model consensus (likely changes) on an increase of moisture index values in October, changes outside the baseline range will be experienced mainly in the upland areas. Some GCMs (ce, gd, in and especially ac) project an opposite trend of a decreasing moisture index in the north. However, even decreasing values beyond the baseline range are above 100 percent.

3. Projected changes in monthly precipitation volumes

Total volumes of precipitation and PET were obtained for the project area after reprojecting the relevant geospatial layers to the equal-area Mollweide projection via the [raster::projectRaster](#) function.

The balance between future and baseline precipitation volumes were obtained by extracting and summing precipitation values from all raster cells that covered the project area. The final total volume was adjusted to compensate for differences between the actual areas of the downstream (3345.0382 km²) and upstream areas (1477.154 km²) with the area covered by the sampled grid cells (3299.872 and 1575.423 km², respectively)

In an alternative procedure, differences between precipitation volumes also considered the changes in PET and calculated the precipitation difference that would result in the same moisture index in the future and the baseline conditions for each GCM. Calculations for this alternative procedure were as follows, as shown here for GCM hd for the month of January for the downstream area.

- In the baseline climate, total P and PET were 16,210 mm and 17,558 mm respectively, resulting in a moisture index of 0.9232.
- In the future climate, total P and PET were 11,394 mm and 18,318 mm respectively, resulting in a moisture index of 0.6220.
- To return to the baseline moisture index, there is a future precipitation deficit of 701 mm: $(16,210 + 701) / 18,318 = 0.9232$
- The precipitation deficit of 701 mm corresponds to a volume of 15,139 million l by multiplying the precipitation deficit with the adjusted size of a grid cell (~ 21.5809 km²)

Table 3.1 shows that, for the downstream area, there are likely precipitation deficits in January and May with 13 GCMs projecting deficits. There are likely precipitation surpluses from August to October, with respectively 16, 18 and 15 GCMs projecting surpluses.

When also considering the maintenance of moisture indices (Table 3.2), the number of GCMs projecting deficits increased from 13 to 14 for May. Likely precipitation surpluses remained from August to October, although the number of GCMs that projected surpluses changed to 17, 16 and 14, respectively.

Table 3.3 shows the projected changes in moisture indices for the downstream area, estimated from total P and PET. The same months identified for Table 3.2 showed likely changes: January and May with likely decreases, and August to October with likely increases.

Tables 3.4 to 3.6 show volumes for the upstream area. The same months can be identified with likely decreases (January and May) and likely increases (August to October) as for the downstream areas. However, also June was identified as a month with likely decreases in

the moisture index (13 GCMs, Table 3.6) and volumes when also considering the maintenance of the baseline moisture index (13 GCMs, Table 3.5).

Table 3.1. Projected changes (future – baseline) in precipitation volumes for the downstream area. Statistics are in million l. Negative values are highlighted. GCMs are sorted by annual baseline precipitation.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| hd | -103,922 | -37,204 | -116,367 | -227,771 | -96,415 | -21,030 | 6,202 | 11,337 | 47,850 | -7,175 | -65,869 | -208,290 |
| ce | -29,316 | 15,495 | -89,319 | -84,679 | -2,918 | 0 | -5,844 | -290 | 11,945 | 1,791 | 27,787 | -18,344 |
| gd | -125,360 | 83,076 | 123,670 | 136,755 | 121,541 | 2,035 | 7,215 | 6,690 | 56,565 | -76,540 | -227,137 | -221,556 |
| in | -18,818 | -5,828 | -56,131 | 74,460 | -23,763 | -8,018 | -3,642 | -213 | -29,165 | -56,804 | -9,857 | 65,149 |
| he | -58,102 | -4,837 | 2,140 | -116,761 | -9,976 | -16,349 | 5,554 | 26,122 | 55,141 | 42,927 | 175,756 | -89,935 |
| ac | -90,704 | 15,132 | 176,865 | 44,454 | 6,948 | 5,184 | -32,769 | 20,316 | 386 | -189,046 | 254,082 | -135,688 |
| cc | -29,714 | -51,604 | -27,148 | -4,086 | 3,069 | 62 | -1,110 | 12,866 | 72,485 | 60,266 | 53,883 | 15,473 |
| cn | -28,640 | 8,406 | -7,561 | 98,356 | -1,219 | 3,530 | -1,903 | 24,547 | 59,207 | 25,033 | -19,731 | -23,404 |
| hg | -116,683 | -57,871 | -16,711 | -24,203 | 263,053 | -3,473 | 14,120 | 37,778 | 227,864 | 117,161 | -46,340 | -240,513 |
| gs | 20,346 | -26,148 | 19,508 | -17,248 | -41,332 | 1,498 | 6,643 | 10,934 | 8,992 | 57,672 | 50,348 | 131,584 |
| gf | -61,180 | 23,497 | 23,384 | -47,747 | -406 | -3,897 | 4,525 | 9,317 | 57,765 | 272,176 | 210,008 | -221,386 |
| mg | -168,712 | -96,370 | -23,755 | 141,320 | -69,921 | -21,552 | 4,190 | 45,631 | 123,893 | 205,675 | 186,302 | 124,900 |
| mr | 62,843 | 65,369 | -11,748 | -38,103 | -14,825 | 3,569 | 9,255 | 6,844 | 15,592 | 80,272 | 101,082 | 235,013 |
| mi | 74,006 | 31,867 | 91,668 | 8,407 | 15,579 | 9,902 | 9,923 | 11,812 | 24,869 | 183,059 | 50,854 | 191,125 |
| bc | -96,076 | -37,931 | -86,529 | 385,265 | 203,223 | -4,882 | 1,415 | -3,756 | 75,487 | 143,049 | 208,083 | -61,574 |
| mc | 42,832 | 40,841 | 36,300 | -51,186 | -59,523 | -7,616 | 17,883 | 34,650 | 55,751 | 385,701 | -23,803 | 321,480 |
| no | 23,661 | 139,980 | 272,811 | 111,867 | -10,458 | -4,706 | 0 | 19,452 | 110,259 | 167,092 | -81,572 | 70,519 |
| ip | -31,264 | -32,073 | 21,070 | 16,643 | -12,880 | 10,569 | -16,306 | 27,559 | 150,270 | 419,464 | 333,785 | 83,338 |
| mp | 242,658 | 97,403 | 216,206 | -5,852 | -154,889 | 7,845 | 3,745 | 47,785 | 88,415 | 205,686 | 283,964 | 33 |

Table 3.2. Projected required changes (future – baseline) in precipitation volumes for the downstream area to maintain the baseline moisture index (see methods). Statistics are in million l. Negative values are highlighted.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| hd | -119,061 | -43,835 | -124,263 | -249,840 | -104,650 | -24,159 | 3,301 | 8,582 | 49,485 | -27,236 | -97,961 | -256,126 |
| ce | -46,404 | 6,036 | -94,737 | -86,050 | -11,256 | -2,737 | -11,790 | -6,297 | -2,700 | -42,432 | -15,348 | -59,208 |
| gd | -154,365 | 71,567 | 116,045 | 126,140 | 117,684 | 1,206 | 6,496 | 4,468 | 53,424 | -101,501 | -268,055 | -264,704 |
| in | -25,937 | -11,209 | -69,768 | 73,105 | -30,547 | -8,429 | -3,116 | 2,736 | -33,269 | -71,891 | -19,301 | 64,379 |
| he | -73,078 | -12,723 | -3,334 | -133,378 | -17,596 | -18,648 | 16 | 24,687 | 53,719 | 34,250 | 140,346 | -115,163 |
| ac | -99,633 | 14,467 | 175,534 | 33,636 | 1,720 | 5,334 | -42,550 | 18,533 | -4,681 | -218,528 | 261,000 | -139,073 |
| cc | -42,476 | -57,457 | -34,142 | -21,680 | -7,899 | -1,835 | -5,420 | 8,337 | 64,678 | 38,647 | 23,474 | -10,250 |
| cn | -39,770 | 6,413 | -11,906 | 104,126 | -1,056 | 3,512 | -6,078 | 23,556 | 62,242 | 37,664 | -36,831 | -40,056 |
| hg | -133,967 | -66,916 | -24,438 | -31,119 | 264,254 | -4,391 | 9,999 | 37,060 | 231,606 | 110,842 | -81,347 | -273,438 |
| gs | 12,859 | -32,417 | 12,531 | -31,202 | -50,436 | -45 | 3,161 | 7,520 | 1,185 | 37,346 | 32,736 | 110,441 |
| gf | -80,058 | 10,617 | 10,211 | -83,546 | -14,869 | -7,651 | -1,197 | 6,297 | 47,429 | 258,410 | 186,444 | -264,400 |
| mg | -170,415 | -99,178 | -28,230 | 138,683 | -78,884 | -23,981 | 1,076 | 44,536 | 136,573 | 215,912 | 180,258 | 114,970 |
| mr | 57,731 | 62,364 | -15,454 | -48,308 | -23,549 | 2,029 | 6,208 | 3,270 | 4,381 | 58,417 | 84,585 | 227,330 |
| mi | 72,348 | 30,522 | 90,159 | 7,009 | 17,809 | 10,160 | 7,661 | 9,230 | 18,972 | 182,775 | 39,629 | 189,477 |
| bc | -101,963 | -43,777 | -92,885 | 377,828 | 199,148 | -6,541 | -3,286 | -8,589 | 69,381 | 133,152 | 195,764 | -72,865 |
| mc | 35,345 | 36,313 | 28,055 | -67,522 | -67,770 | -10,096 | 12,490 | 30,220 | 47,222 | 359,168 | -39,364 | 305,002 |
| no | 13,577 | 135,713 | 268,657 | 96,017 | -17,223 | -6,553 | -5,287 | 15,657 | 104,985 | 150,727 | -110,032 | 49,376 |
| ip | -37,129 | -36,283 | 14,093 | 5,246 | -25,181 | 8,182 | -21,611 | 22,598 | 141,787 | 400,886 | 315,155 | 66,063 |
| mp | 232,715 | 89,442 | 208,792 | -24,622 | -169,647 | 5,111 | -1,383 | 44,068 | 81,387 | 181,585 | 270,830 | -17,007 |

Table 3.3. Projected changes (future – baseline) in moisture index for the downstream area, calculated from total precipitation and PET for the project area. Negative values are highlighted.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| hd | -30.12% | -9.36% | -23.22% | -47.20% | -22.49% | -5.27% | 0.75% | 1.85% | 10.69% | -6.34% | -24.88% | -70.04% |
| ce | -11.68% | 1.27% | -17.86% | -16.85% | -2.42% | -0.60% | -2.60% | -1.33% | -0.55% | -9.60% | -3.85% | -16.33% |
| gd | -37.62% | 14.95% | 21.71% | 24.30% | 25.67% | 0.27% | 1.50% | 0.97% | 11.34% | -23.49% | -67.39% | -72.79% |
| in | -6.71% | -2.41% | -12.77% | 14.32% | -6.60% | -1.93% | -0.72% | 0.62% | -7.03% | -16.83% | -5.03% | 18.64% |
| he | -18.49% | -2.70% | -0.63% | -25.43% | -3.79% | -4.13% | 0.00% | 5.39% | 11.47% | 8.08% | 35.51% | -32.35% |
| ac | -25.64% | 3.18% | 33.59% | 6.48% | 0.37% | 1.24% | -9.11% | 4.04% | -0.99% | -50.31% | 69.37% | -40.13% |
| cc | -10.82% | -12.32% | -6.40% | -4.13% | -1.68% | -0.41% | -1.21% | 1.78% | 13.49% | 8.98% | 5.97% | -2.88% |
| cn | -10.17% | 1.40% | -2.25% | 20.65% | -0.23% | 0.81% | -1.36% | 5.17% | 13.51% | 9.12% | -9.52% | -11.37% |
| hg | -33.69% | -14.14% | -4.57% | -6.03% | 58.62% | -1.00% | 2.24% | 8.15% | 50.42% | 26.22% | -20.59% | -76.11% |
| gs | 3.32% | -6.94% | 2.35% | -5.98% | -10.81% | -0.01% | 0.71% | 1.62% | 0.25% | 8.69% | 8.45% | 31.18% |
| gf | -20.05% | 2.20% | 1.87% | -15.42% | -3.13% | -1.65% | -0.26% | 1.36% | 9.80% | 60.60% | 47.81% | -72.72% |
| mg | -44.76% | -21.57% | -5.34% | 27.10% | -16.91% | -5.30% | 0.24% | 9.76% | 30.77% | 52.11% | 47.18% | 32.91% |
| mr | 15.02% | 13.55% | -2.93% | -9.31% | -5.05% | 0.46% | 1.40% | 0.70% | 0.90% | 13.57% | 21.87% | 65.24% |
| mi | 19.00% | 6.68% | 17.24% | 1.37% | 3.96% | 2.36% | 1.74% | 2.00% | 3.99% | 43.55% | 10.31% | 54.79% |
| bc | -26.46% | -9.39% | -17.45% | 73.20% | 43.40% | -1.46% | -0.73% | -1.82% | 14.56% | 31.37% | 50.86% | -20.82% |
| mc | 9.13% | 7.83% | 5.24% | -12.88% | -14.57% | -2.23% | 2.77% | 6.44% | 9.83% | 82.97% | -10.19% | 86.60% |
| no | 3.48% | 29.31% | 50.88% | 18.33% | -3.72% | -1.46% | -1.17% | 3.35% | 22.10% | 35.24% | -28.06% | 13.94% |
| ip | -9.64% | -7.84% | 2.64% | 1.01% | -5.34% | 1.81% | -4.79% | 4.80% | 29.51% | 93.48% | 81.28% | 18.74% |
| mp | 59.72% | 18.99% | 39.08% | -4.68% | -35.70% | 1.12% | -0.31% | 9.45% | 17.03% | 42.07% | 70.30% | -4.83% |

Table 3.4. Projected changes (future – baseline) in precipitation volumes for the upstream area. Statistics are in million l. Negative values are highlighted. GCMs are sorted by annual baseline precipitation.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| hd | -62,072 | -211 | -56,736 | -86,108 | -61,942 | -48,715 | 8,430 | 10,108 | 54,358 | -24,486 | -17,198 | -62,376 |
| ac | -123,840 | 18,138 | 22,978 | 8,410 | 9,632 | -3,339 | -38,929 | 16,569 | 19,388 | -95,951 | 107,824 | -121,404 |
| ce | -28,270 | 19,646 | -53,863 | -47,724 | -133 | 264 | -5,233 | -1,299 | 9,934 | 6,852 | 23,535 | -10,311 |
| in | -15,485 | -3,184 | -36,207 | 29,177 | -12,045 | -11,259 | -1,490 | -3,594 | -23,595 | -38,109 | -6,904 | 39,076 |
| he | -56,665 | 4,945 | 7,170 | -46,250 | -2,688 | -30,958 | -176 | 23,945 | 33,472 | -15,157 | 53,323 | -44,490 |
| cc | -42,920 | -50,134 | -15,333 | 1,377 | -765 | 2,616 | -2,652 | 14,670 | 46,469 | 44,592 | 23,335 | 18,515 |
| gd | -129,795 | 74,132 | 88,135 | 105,326 | 91,300 | 12,296 | 11,555 | 10,107 | 47,994 | -21,270 | -97,246 | -152,408 |
| cn | -19,793 | 4,335 | -8,959 | 55,128 | -8,881 | 3,376 | -6,347 | 21,988 | 34,437 | 15,290 | -18,619 | -22,803 |
| hg | -75,281 | -27,820 | -9,514 | -29,820 | 149,655 | -14,497 | 8,309 | 33,407 | 151,285 | 32,730 | -30,173 | -127,387 |
| gf | -67,929 | 7,972 | 11,883 | -21,360 | 5,069 | -5,900 | 2,329 | 18,330 | 51,348 | 137,809 | 111,988 | -142,228 |
| gs | 34,625 | -13,772 | 16,613 | 254 | -25,718 | 2,255 | 4,429 | 8,527 | 3,290 | 22,446 | 33,969 | 69,816 |
| mg | -110,144 | -82,963 | -19,899 | 60,246 | -46,753 | -39,102 | 2,343 | 52,771 | 84,335 | 110,264 | 73,139 | 125,457 |
| bc | -89,935 | -44,886 | -49,633 | 180,700 | 118,076 | -6,978 | -5,281 | -268 | 46,696 | 49,827 | 110,239 | -43,681 |
| mr | 70,182 | 69,133 | -1,182 | -17,079 | -13,499 | 5,387 | 10,547 | 7,862 | 10,664 | 38,072 | 54,999 | 134,025 |
| mi | 76,615 | 39,061 | 40,660 | -16,801 | 10,624 | 21,197 | 13,503 | 16,279 | 15,221 | 91,314 | 25,389 | 107,935 |
| mc | 24,552 | 18,600 | 22,233 | -7,919 | -44,063 | -17,264 | 11,463 | 39,435 | 44,462 | 201,351 | -11,923 | 166,687 |
| no | 36,715 | 107,612 | 152,328 | 58,474 | -2,642 | -10,106 | 928 | 19,744 | 68,569 | 88,859 | -56,120 | 56,710 |
| ip | -23,465 | -24,624 | 11,303 | 14,984 | -3,854 | 25,214 | -19,110 | 33,525 | 127,632 | 240,809 | 180,340 | 65,223 |
| mp | 187,922 | 78,603 | 98,783 | -3,586 | -99,782 | 11,957 | 6,248 | 58,110 | 70,378 | 91,064 | 140,738 | 3,591 |

Table 3.5. Projected required changes (future – baseline) in precipitation volumes for the upstream to maintain the baseline moisture index (see methods). Statistics are in million l. Negative values are highlighted.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| hd | -76,135 | -6,164 | -62,721 | -98,902 | -68,974 | -55,480 | 4,599 | 7,573 | 56,460 | -37,123 | -32,246 | -90,499 |
| ac | -138,091 | 15,675 | 21,700 | 1,099 | 4,209 | -2,121 | -51,170 | 14,293 | 17,779 | -109,534 | 109,814 | -130,725 |
| ce | -44,735 | 10,651 | -58,437 | -50,719 | -6,510 | -5,169 | -12,100 | -8,241 | 624 | -15,644 | -994 | -35,052 |
| in | -22,419 | -7,810 | -44,552 | 26,883 | -16,839 | -12,235 | -360 | -1,137 | -26,384 | -45,999 | -14,539 | 38,377 |
| he | -72,499 | -2,203 | 3,472 | -56,382 | -9,975 | -35,373 | -6,312 | 22,869 | 33,086 | -18,804 | 33,397 | -61,532 |
| cc | -57,380 | -56,802 | -19,584 | -7,692 | -9,057 | -1,262 | -7,820 | 8,855 | 40,932 | 34,425 | 6,518 | 5,640 |
| gd | -166,218 | 61,466 | 83,498 | 102,480 | 89,890 | 11,699 | 11,201 | 7,454 | 47,435 | -29,358 | -117,514 | -181,959 |
| cn | -32,749 | 1,743 | -11,981 | 57,971 | -9,966 | 2,706 | -11,448 | 20,192 | 35,260 | 17,865 | -31,380 | -37,772 |
| hg | -91,960 | -36,049 | -15,546 | -36,139 | 148,465 | -16,691 | 3,394 | 32,930 | 155,617 | 31,114 | -47,909 | -151,047 |
| gf | -87,678 | -4,605 | 3,074 | -40,338 | -5,132 | -13,378 | -5,234 | 15,816 | 45,862 | 135,003 | 100,560 | -169,782 |
| gs | 26,817 | -19,047 | 12,099 | -6,725 | -33,366 | -1,452 | -351 | 4,380 | -2,247 | 10,647 | 24,086 | 56,069 |
| mg | -114,963 | -87,399 | -22,903 | 59,455 | -55,734 | -45,042 | -2,201 | 51,843 | 93,372 | 114,169 | 67,821 | 117,386 |
| bc | -95,179 | -50,440 | -53,853 | 177,599 | 113,478 | -10,244 | -10,706 | -5,746 | 41,992 | 44,013 | 102,758 | -51,854 |
| mr | 67,601 | 67,804 | -1,950 | -19,372 | -16,790 | 3,425 | 7,401 | 4,149 | 4,287 | 29,988 | 49,739 | 129,354 |
| mi | 77,578 | 40,786 | 42,613 | -12,072 | 15,160 | 23,139 | 12,177 | 14,390 | 12,461 | 93,885 | 22,543 | 110,828 |
| mc | 16,744 | 14,236 | 16,742 | -15,229 | -50,184 | -22,043 | 5,252 | 33,391 | 37,656 | 188,009 | -21,475 | 156,173 |
| no | 26,350 | 102,972 | 149,307 | 49,936 | -8,301 | -13,695 | -4,969 | 15,201 | 64,698 | 80,048 | -71,836 | 42,963 |
| ip | -30,237 | -29,135 | 6,336 | 8,682 | -12,751 | 20,564 | -25,087 | 27,493 | 121,698 | 229,523 | 167,766 | 51,162 |
| mp | 177,582 | 71,716 | 93,908 | -14,045 | -109,536 | 7,433 | 1,180 | 53,335 | 64,623 | 76,388 | 130,742 | -10,488 |

Table 3.6. Projected changes (future – baseline) in moisture index for the upstream area, calculated from total precipitation and PET for the project area. Negative values are highlighted.

| GCM | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| hd | -44.71% | -3.05% | -27.34% | -43.57% | -33.85% | -28.78% | 2.47% | 3.94% | 28.70% | -19.66% | -18.76% | -55.95% |
| ac | -81.04% | 7.89% | 9.72% | 0.49% | 2.08% | -1.19% | -25.92% | 7.45% | 8.85% | -57.89% | 66.26% | -83.79% |
| ce | -26.09% | 5.18% | -25.68% | -23.12% | -3.21% | -2.72% | -6.37% | -4.16% | 0.30% | -8.10% | -0.57% | -21.81% |
| in | -13.43% | -3.89% | -19.16% | 12.29% | -8.35% | -6.71% | -0.20% | -0.61% | -13.05% | -24.64% | -8.59% | 25.02% |
| he | -42.36% | -1.08% | 1.53% | -25.07% | -4.89% | -18.77% | -3.34% | 12.03% | 16.59% | -10.18% | 19.23% | -38.85% |
| cc | -33.66% | -27.96% | -8.62% | -3.43% | -4.42% | -0.67% | -4.16% | 4.50% | 19.95% | 18.34% | 3.78% | 3.59% |
| gd | -91.91% | 29.37% | 36.68% | 46.75% | 45.33% | 6.45% | 6.18% | 3.88% | 23.76% | -15.72% | -67.61% | -112.18% |
| cn | -19.29% | 0.88% | -5.31% | 26.99% | -5.03% | 1.49% | -6.10% | 10.57% | 17.80% | 9.82% | -18.34% | -23.94% |
| hg | -53.61% | -17.61% | -6.78% | -16.28% | 74.95% | -9.05% | 1.81% | 17.40% | 80.11% | 16.93% | -27.71% | -94.17% |
| gf | -50.69% | -2.20% | 1.32% | -17.40% | -2.48% | -6.89% | -2.74% | 8.23% | 22.36% | 73.22% | 58.95% | -105.07% |
| gs | 16.02% | -9.44% | 5.32% | -3.02% | -16.33% | -0.78% | -0.19% | 2.25% | -1.10% | 5.65% | 14.17% | 35.63% |
| mg | -69.28% | -43.52% | -10.16% | 27.32% | -27.10% | -23.55% | -1.18% | 27.30% | 49.35% | 62.96% | 40.28% | 75.42% |
| bc | -57.29% | -24.97% | -23.71% | 80.94% | 56.35% | -5.50% | -5.69% | -2.93% | 20.56% | 23.70% | 60.74% | -33.31% |
| mr | 41.00% | 34.31% | -0.88% | -8.85% | -8.39% | 1.86% | 4.00% | 2.14% | 2.08% | 16.06% | 29.54% | 83.67% |
| mi | 47.53% | 20.97% | 19.45% | -5.66% | 7.87% | 13.08% | 6.67% | 7.52% | 6.17% | 51.60% | 13.46% | 72.77% |
| mc | 10.01% | 7.09% | 7.32% | -6.84% | -24.74% | -11.65% | 2.78% | 16.95% | 18.23% | 99.42% | -12.64% | 99.86% |
| no | 15.63% | 51.22% | 66.20% | 22.33% | -4.10% | -7.32% | -2.63% | 7.80% | 31.82% | 42.79% | -41.73% | 27.30% |
| ip | -18.12% | -14.50% | 2.78% | 3.91% | -6.20% | 10.89% | -13.28% | 13.95% | 59.18% | 121.97% | 98.10% | 32.49% |
| mp | 105.36% | 35.27% | 41.20% | -6.24% | -53.07% | 3.94% | 0.63% | 27.31% | 31.46% | 40.27% | 76.87% | -6.66% |

4. Methods

Table 4.1. Mid-21st century GCM datasets obtained from WorldClim 1.4 and analysed in this report

| GCM | Code |
|------------------|------|
| ACCESS1-0 | ac |
| BCC-CSM1-1 | bc |
| CCSM4 | cc |
| CESM1-CAM5-1-FV2 | ce |
| CNRM-CM5 | cn |
| GFDL-ESM2G | gd |
| GFDL-CM3 | gf |
| GISS-E2-R | gs |
| HadGEM2-AO | hd |
| HadGEM2-ES | he |
| HadGEM2-CC | hg |
| INMCM4 | in |
| IPSL-CM5A-LR | ip |
| MIROC5 | mc |
| MRI-CGCM3 | mg |
| MIROC-ESM-CHEM | mi |
| MPI-ESM-LR | mp |
| MIROC-ESM | mr |
| NorESM1-M | no |

Figure 4.1. Sampling grid for baseline and future precipitation and potential evapotranspiration. Map is in Mollweide projection system.

