

Impacts of Climate Changes and Extreme Weather Events in Brazil

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Climate Science for Service Partnership Brazil

- Underpin capability in climate modelling in Brazil;
- Gain understanding of recent climate changes and Brazil's role in mitigation activities;
- Understanding the risk and causes of climate-related extremes and impacts







Work package 1: Improved carbon cycle modelling to inform mitigation policy

Work package 3: Climate impacts and disaster risk reduction

Work package 2: Climate modelling



"The drought conditions that started in 2010 in northeastern Brazil persisted in 2016" - STATE OF THE CLIMATE IN 2016 - Special Supplement to the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, 2017

"Unprecedented wet conditions are reported in the 2014 summer (December–March) in Southwestern Amazon, with rainfall about 100% above normal."

Espinoza et al., Environ. Res. Let., 2014



Floods and flash floods represent 32% of ND Source: Brazilian Atlas of ND



"By January 2015, main reservoirs had reached storage levels of only 5% of their 1.3 billion m3 capacity" – Nobre et. al., Journal of Water Resource and Protection, 2016.



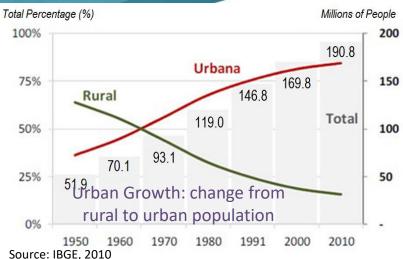
experienced several intense droughts among which were highlighted last recent ones in 2005 and 2010."

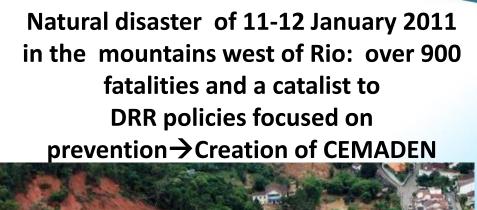
Panisset et al - EGU2017 proceedings.

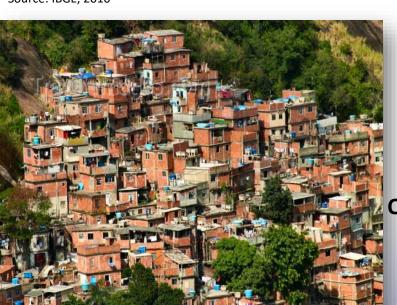




Underlying Drivers of Disaster Risk

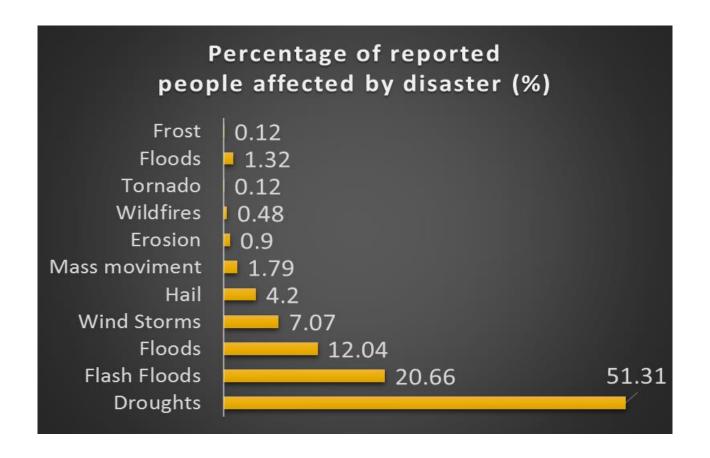






Over 5 million people mostly poor and vulnerable living In areas of high disaster risk in Brazilian cities

Natural Disasters in Brazil



Landslides and flash floods cause over 90% of fatalities!

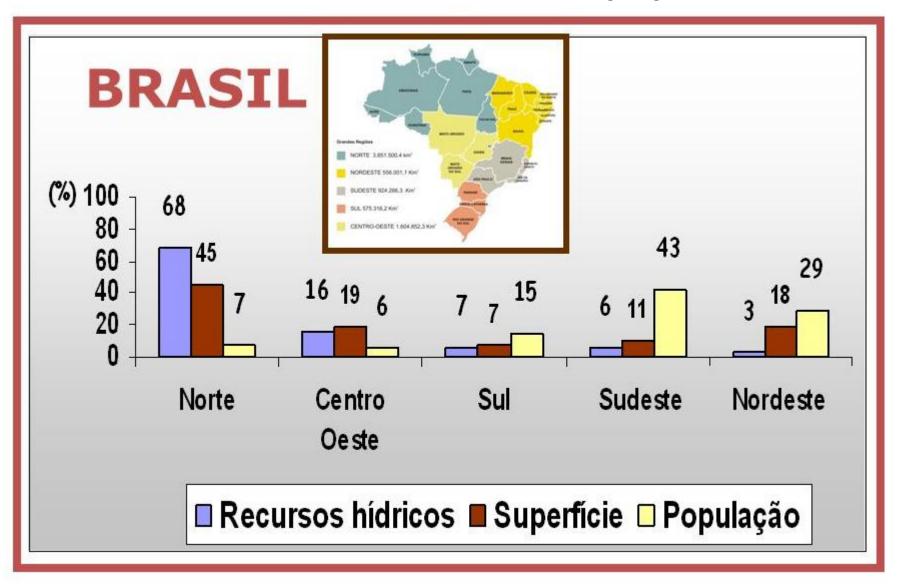
Source: Brazilian Atlas of Natural Disasters 1991-2012

Natural Disasters in Brazil: over 95% of disasters are climate-related

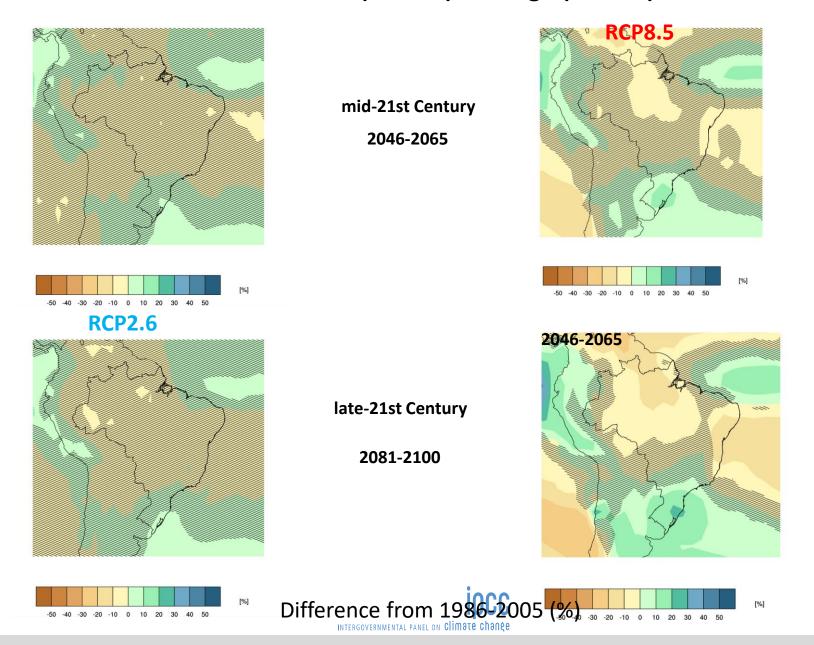


Flash Floods, Wind Storms, Hails, Landslides

Inhomogeneous distribution in BR regions: water resources, surface, population



Projected changes in Annual Precipitation to South America 2046-2065 and 2081-2100 for low (RCP2.6) and high (RCP8.5) emission scenarios



Brazil cities at risk due to sea-level rise

In the 20th century, sea levels rose by an estimated 17 cm, and the conservative global mean projections for sea-level rise between 1990 and 2080 range from 22 cm to 34 cm.

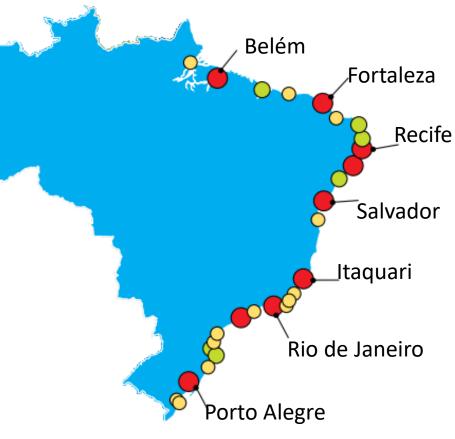
Oceans, which have been absorbing 80% of the temperature increase attributable to global warming, are expanding as ice sheets in the North and South poles melt.

These events have led to a rise in sea levels and increased flooding in coastal cities.

The projected rise in sea levels could result in catastrophic flooding of coastal cities.

Thirteen of the world's 20 megacities are situated along coastlines.

Source: UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory 2008 (adapted)



City size

Small

Intermediate

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Big

Population of cities

Small: 100 - 500 thousand

Intermediate: 500 thousand - 1 million

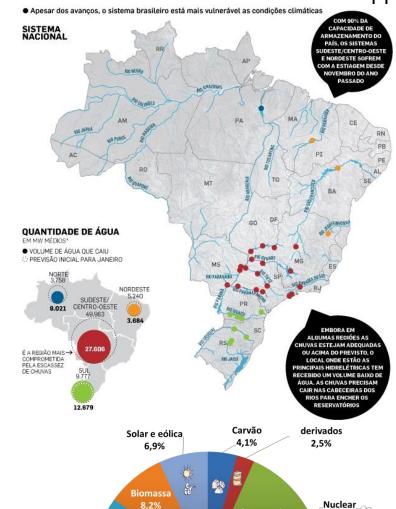
Big: More than 1 million

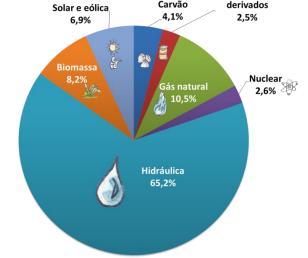
Main reservoirs in NE used for human supply

and irrigation

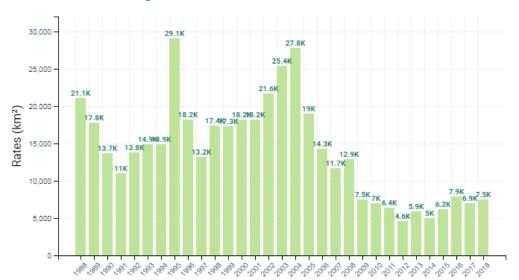


Main reservoir in BR used for electric supply

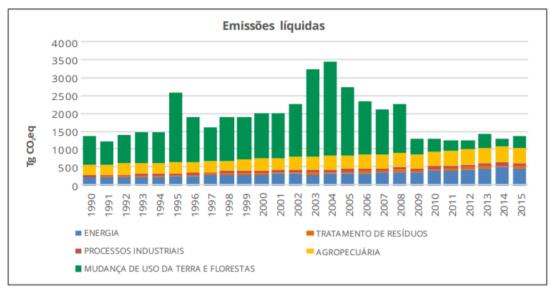




Deforestation rates - Legal Amazon



source: INPE



Source: MCTIC, in:

https://sirene.mctic.gov.br/portal/export/sites/sirene/backend/galeria/arquivos/2018/10/11/Estimativas 4ed.pdf





Joint German-Brazilian project

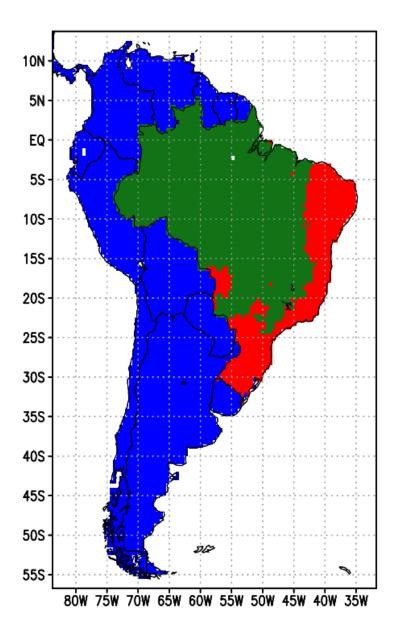


Objectives

- ➤ How does the Amazon forest interact with climate and the water cycle?
- ➤ What is the role of the Amazon forest in the global cycles of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide?
- ➤ How do volatile organic compounds emitted from vegetation and soils affect atmospheric chemistry and the formation of aerosols and clouds?
- How will Amazon forests be affected by climate change?

LAND COVER AND LAND USE - INPE



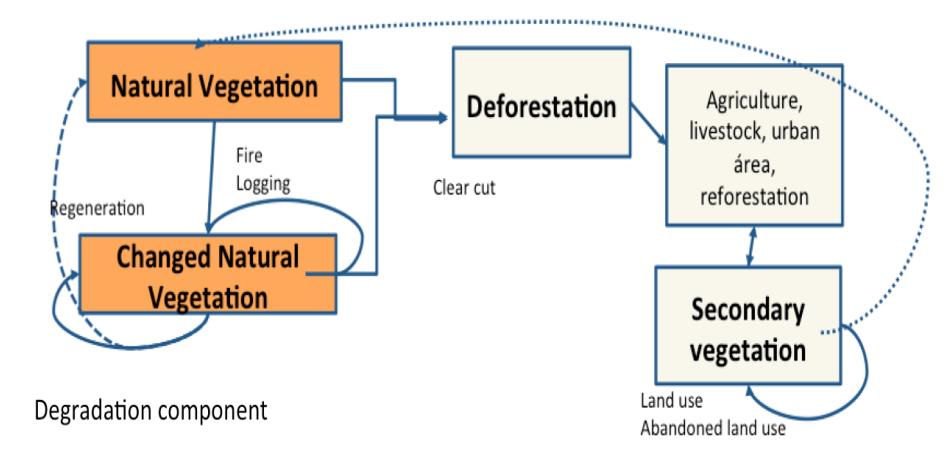


- Land Use data → composition using:
 - PRODES AMAZÔNIA¹ e PRODES
 CERRADO²;
 - IBGE³ → from satellite images
 (MODIS, LANDSAT 8), for the years
 2000, 2010, 2012 e 2014¹;
 - LUH2⁴ (Land Use Harmonization 2) →
 currently used in CMIP6.

- 1) http://www.obt.inpe.br/OBT/assuntos/programas/amazonia/prodes
- 2) http://www.obt.inpe.br/cerrado/
- 3) Brazilian Institute for Geography and Statistics
- 4) http://luh.umd.edu/



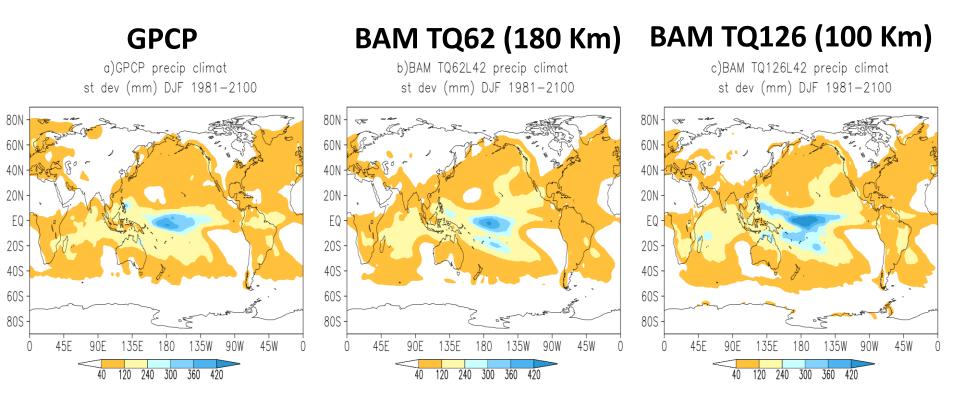
INPE Emissions Model (INPE-EM)



inpe-em.ccst.inpe.br/
www.ccst.inpe.br/projetos/inland/

Example of performed analysis by BAM How it represents precipitation variability?





- Model climatological variability spatial patterns resembles observed pattern
- Increased spatial resolution increases precipitation variability particularly over the tropical Pacific

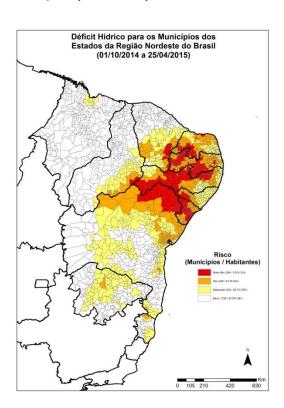
Courtesy: Dayana Castilho, Paulo Kubota and Caio Coelho

Drought Impacts at municipality level



Water Budget Model

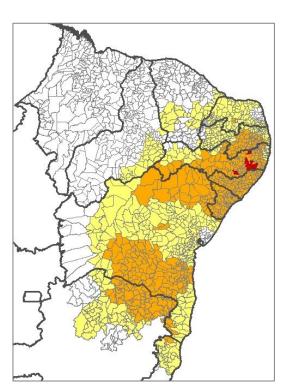
1) Days with hydric deficit



Fonte: PROCLIMA: CPTEC/INPE

Surface Observational Network

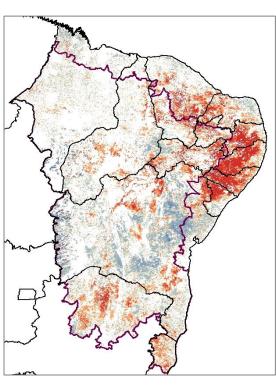
2) Data integration



Fonte: Centros Nacionais (INMET, INPE, ANEEL e CEMADEN) e Centros Estaduais de Meteorologia de cada Estado da área de atuação da SUDENE.

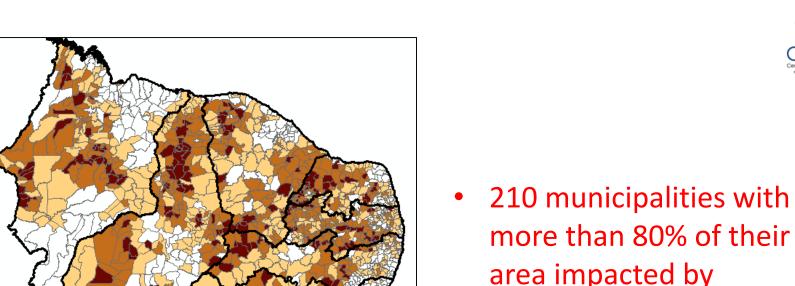
Remote Sensing

3) VSWI anomaly



Produto CEMADEN gerado a partir de NDVI e TS (MODIS/NASA)

Percentage of municipality impacted by drought



0 - 25

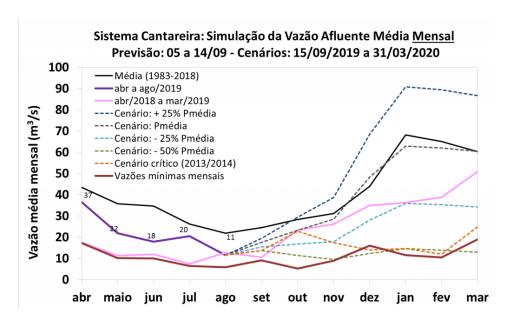
26 - 50

51 - 75

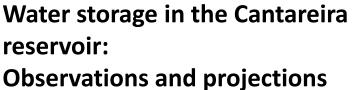
76 - 100

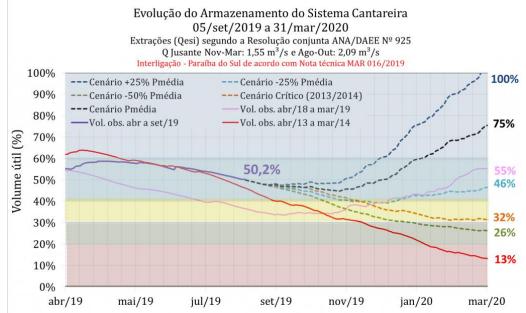


- area impacted by drought
- 758 municipalities with more than 50% of their area impacted by drought



Discharge in the Cantareira reservoir: Observations and projections







Thanks for your attention

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