The size of the catchments are depended on surface flow. During dry spells, we might expect individual catchments to be quite big before there is enough flow accumulated to see surface flow. During wet time, catchment area would be much smaller.

Catchments will be rated like “orders”

1st order catchment has no other catchments flowing into them.

2nd order catchment has 1 catchment flowing in

3rd order has 2 upland catchments etc