CLIMATE CHANGE EXPOSURE FOR GABON

PROCESS









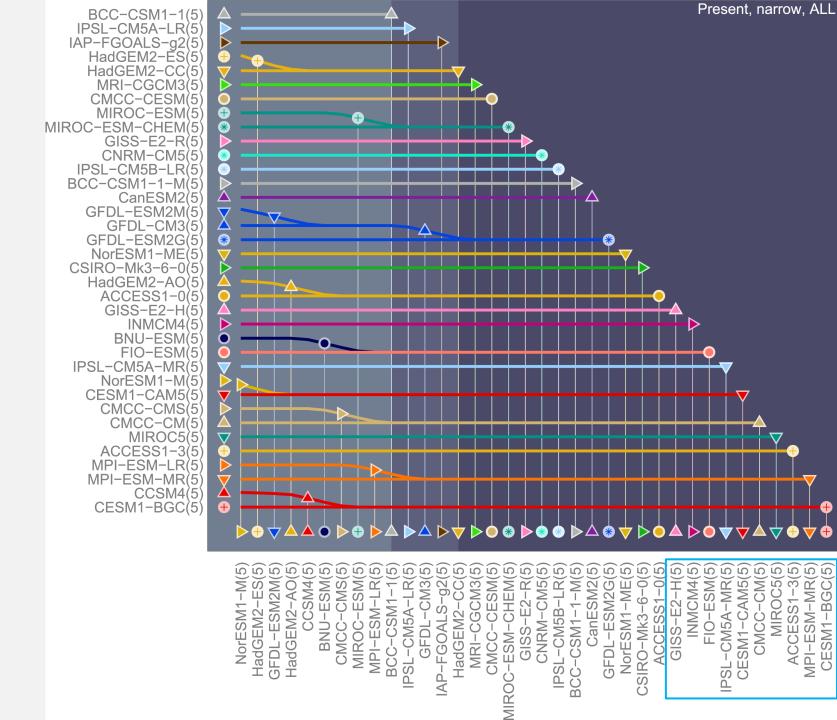
CLIMATE DATA

- CHELSA
 - Algorithm incorporates topoclimate (e.g. orographic rainfall & wind fields).
- Monthly mean temperature and precipitation
- Resolution: ~1 km
- Time-periods
 - Recent: 1979 2013 (time-series)
 - Future: RCP 8.5 2061-2080
 - 10 GCMs



CLIMATE MODELS

- Sanderson et al. (2015) shows how models are interdependent.
- The plot shows the results of a process that eliminates interdependent models judged by the simulation of present-day climatology.



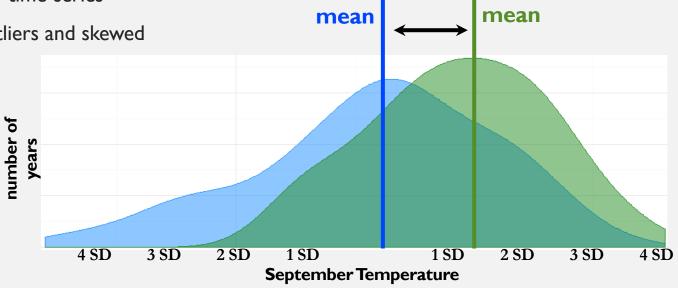
METRICS

- Future: Z- scores
 - standardized anomaly z-score is a measure of climatic difference between two time-periods relative to the historical range of climatic variability at a location.
- Recent: time-series: Mann-Kendall significance test

non-parametric regression for time-series

It is much less sensitive to outliers and skewed

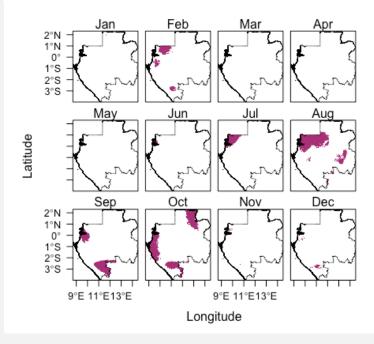
distributions



baseline

future

Precipitation

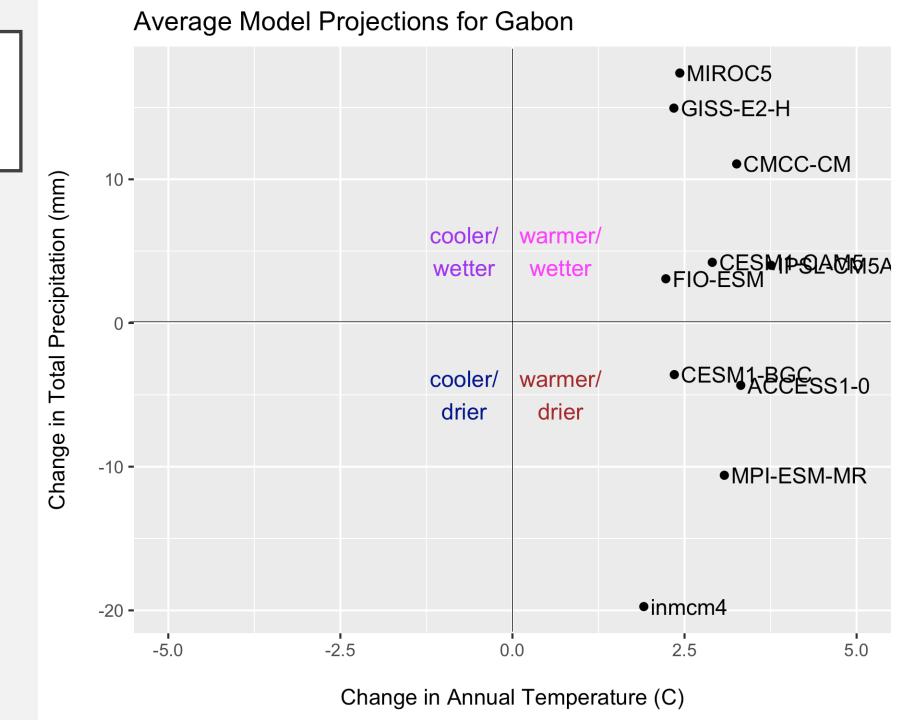


RECENT CHANGE (1979-2013)

- Statistically significant change at 95% confidence level (p-value <.05).
- For temperature, all months have statistically significant change
- Much less statistically significant change for precipitation.

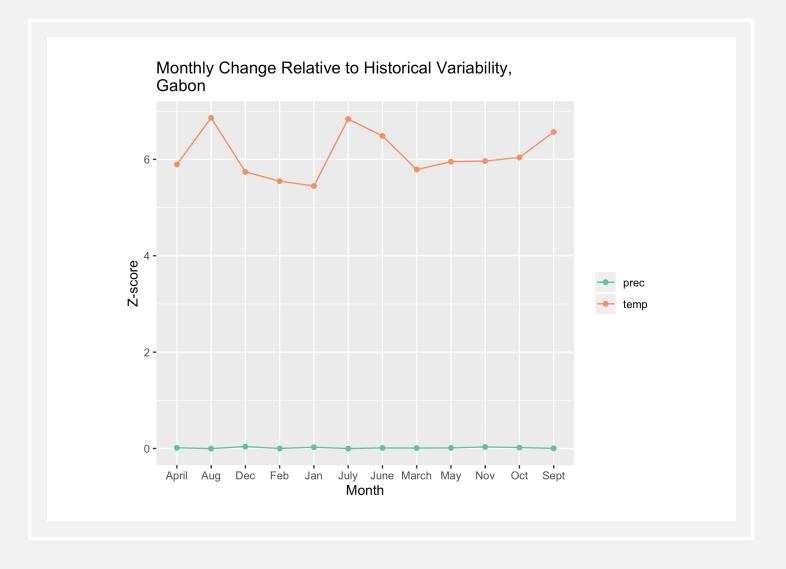
FUTURE CHANGE (2061-2080)

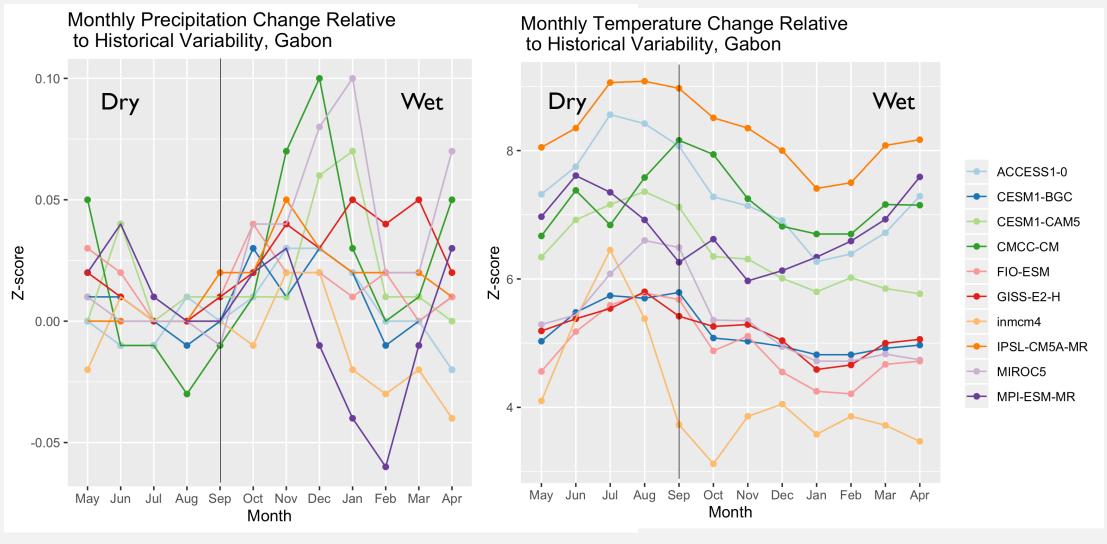
- All models agree on warming temperatures.
- Models disagree on whether precipitation will increase or decrease



MODEL ENSEMBLE

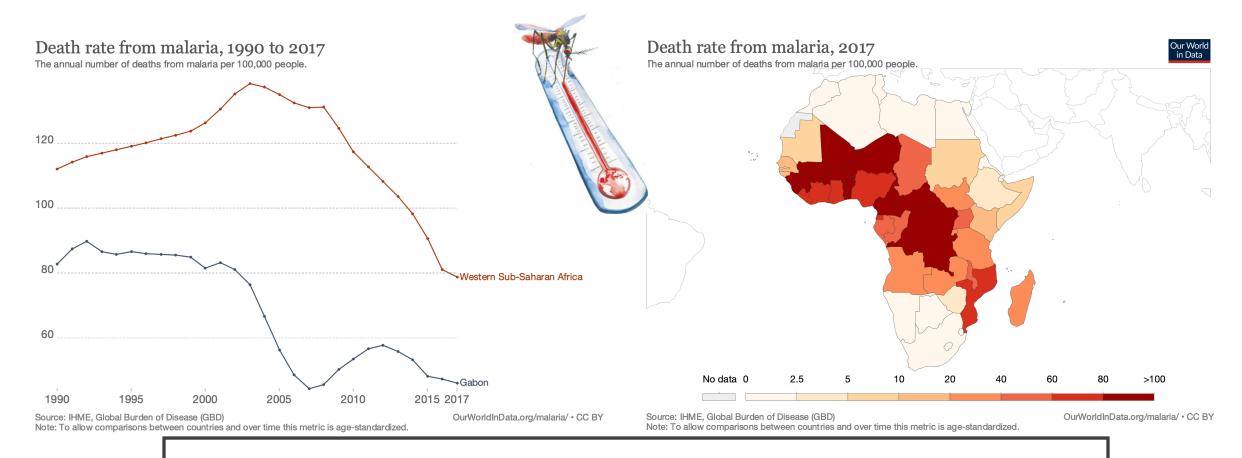
- Model ensemble of monthly z-scores averaged for Gabon.
- Precipitation is not projected to change significantly compared to recent variability of 1979-2013.





- Precipitation:
 - Model agree more in dry season than wet season
 - Overall small change relative to variability

- Temperature:
 - Models agree on direction of change for each season but vary in magnitude of change.



POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS: VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE

- Survival and feeding of mosquitos and ectotherms will increase under hotter climates.
- Death rate from malaria has decrease but it was still leading cause of death for children under 5.
- Relationships between temperature and vector survival are complex

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