

HydroAtlas

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Introduction

This is a regionally customized compilation of standardized and readily-available hydro-environmental attribute information for all catchments and rivers in Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

This version has been compiled from the global HydroAtlas version 1.0. The data layers contain 56 hydro-environmental variables at sub-basin and river reach level, broken down into 256 individual attributes. This data represents data on

- * Hydrology
- * Climate
- * Physiography
- * Land cover and Use
- * Soils and Geology
- * Anthropogenic influences

Please consult the Technical Documentation Version 1.0 guidance on database structure and content.

Technical Documentation

Version 1.0

##Background and introduction The goal of HydroATLAS is to provide a broad user community with a standardized compendium of hydro-environmental attribute information for all watersheds and rivers of the world at high spatial resolution. Version 1.0 of HydroATLAS offers data for 56 variables, partitioned into 281 individual attributes and organized in six categories: hydrology; physiography; climate; land cover & use; soils & geology; and anthropogenic influences (Table 1 and Appendix 1). HydroATLAS derives the hydro-environmental attributes by reformatting original data from well-established 2 global digital maps. The attributes are then linked to hierarchically nested sub-basins at multiple scales, as well as to individual river reaches, both extracted from the global HydroSHEDS database at 15 arc-second (~500 m) resolution. The sub-basin and river reach information is offered in two companion datasets: BasinATLAS and RiverATLAS. The standardized format of HydroATLAS ensures easy applicability while the inherent topological information supports basic network functionality such as identifying up- and downstream connections. HydroATLAS is fully compatible with other products of the overarching HydroSHEDS project enabling versatile hydro-ecological assessments. Updates of HydroATLAS are envisioned as new data become available. The HydroATLAS documentation is organized in two parts: Part 1 (this document) provides an overview of the database and general explanations. Part 2 is provided in two alternative files: ‘BasinATLAS_Catalog’ or ‘RiverATLAS_Catalog’. Each catalog file first provides a summary table listing all hydro-environmental variables and their basic characteristics. This is followed by detailed information on each individual variable, including source data descriptions, units, conversion methodology, and citations. Each variable is presented on one standardized sheet which includes a map at global extent indicating the spatial distribution of values of the respective variable. Note that the summary table and information sheets are hyperlinked within each catalog. The development of HydroATLAS is fully described in Linke et al. (2019). For data citations and acknowledgements see section 4.4 below. General citations of HydroATLAS should refer to:

Linke, S., Lehner, B., Ouellet Dallaire, C., Ariwi, J., Grill, G., Anand, M.,

Beames, P., Burchard-Levine, V., Maxwell, S., Moidu, H., Tan, F., Thieme, M. (2019). Global hydro-environmental sub-basin and river reach characteristics at high spatial resolution. *Scientific Data* 6: 283. DOI: 10.1038/s41597-019-0300-6.

Table 1. Categories of hydro-environmental variables offered in the HydroATLAS database.

Identifier	Category	Description
H	Hydrology & hydrography	Hydrological and hydrographic characteristics related to quantity, quality, location and extent of terrestrial water <i>Examples: natural runoff and discharge, groundwater table depth, lake cover</i>
P	Physiography	Topographic characteristics related to terrain, relief or landscape position <i>Examples: elevation, slope</i>
C	Climate	Climatic characteristics <i>Examples: mean temperature, climate moisture index, global aridity</i>
L	Land cover & land use	Land cover and land use characteristics including biogeographic regions <i>Examples: land cover classes, permafrost extent, freshwater ecoregions</i>
S	Soils & geology	Soil and geology related characteristics including substrate types and soil conditions <i>Examples: percentage clay in soil, soil water stress, lithography, soil erosion</i>
A	Anthropogenic influences	Anthropogenic characteristics including demographic and socioeconomic aspects <i>Examples: population density, human footprint, GDP per capita</i>

1.1 Methods and data characteristics

The methods used to create HydroATLAS are fully described in Linke et al. (2019). All spatial units of HydroATLAS, i.e. either sub-basin polygons or river reach lines, were extracted from World Wildlife Fund's HydroSHEDS database (Lehner et al. 2008; Lehner and Grill 2013) at a grid resolution of 15 arc-seconds (approx. 500 m at the equator). For more information please refer to the Technical Documentation of HydroSHEDS at . HydroATLAS consists of two complementary parts: BasinATLAS and RiverATLAS. BasinATLAS provides hydro-environmental attributes for sub-basins (polygons). RiverATLAS provides hydro-environmental attributes for stream and river reaches (line segments). Basin and sub-basin delineations have been pre-processed as a derivative of HydroSHEDS at 15 arc-second resolution and are available as a stand-alone product termed HydroBASINS (for details see). The HydroBASINS dataset offers a suite of 12 layers, each containing nested sub-basins that were subdivided and coded using the topological concept of the Pfafstetter system, which provides a methodology for the breakdown of sub-basins at different scales in a hierarchical and systematic manner (Figure 1a). It should be noted, however, that at the lowest Pfafstetter levels (i.e. 1-3) multiple river basins may be lumped into larger regions, and for coastal sub-basins (at any level) multiple smaller rivers may be lumped into one sub-basin—in these cases, the association of some particular attributes (such as river discharge) is ambiguous and the assigned attribute value may refer to only one river within the sub-basin unit. Also, a global river network delineation has been extracted

from HydroSHEDS at 15 arc-second resolution and is available as a stand-alone product termed HydroRIVERS (for details see). For this network, rivers have been defined to start at all pixels where the accumulated upstream catchment area exceeds 10 km², or where the long-term average natural discharge exceeds 0.1 cubic meters per second, resulting in a line network consisting of individual stream and river reaches (Figure 1b).

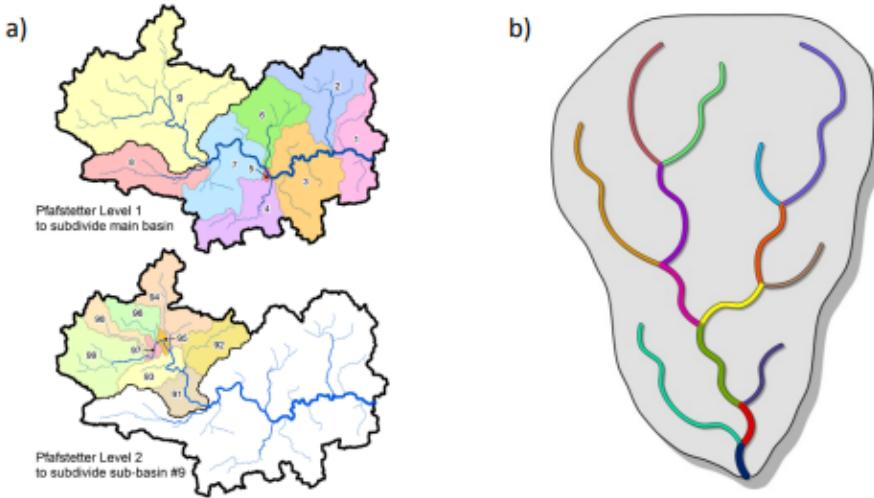


Figure 1.1: Figure 1: Overview of Pfafstetter sub-basin coding scheme used in BasinATLAS (a); and river reach concept used in RiverATLAS (b). Sub-basins are nested within 12 hierarchical levels. A river reach is defined as a stretch between two tributaries, or between the start/end of the network and a tributary.

It should be noted that the quality of HydroSHEDS data is significantly inferior for regions above 60 degrees northern latitude as there are no underlying SRTM elevation data available and thus a coarser scale DEM has been inserted (HYDRO1k provided by USGS).

1.1.1 Data format and distribution

a) Data format and projection

HydroATLAS is publicly available for download at and from the figshare data repository at . All map data layers, including attribute tables, are provided in ESRI® Geodatabase and Shapefile formats. The data are projected in a Geographic Coordinate System using the World Geodetic System 1984 (GCS_WGS_1984). The attribute table can also be accessed as a stand-alone file in dBASE format which is included in the Shapefile format. HydroATLAS

data are available electronically in compressed zip file format. To use the data files, the zip files must first be decompressed. Each zip file includes a copy of the HydroATLAS Technical Documentation.

b) Layer name syntax and spatial coverage

HydroATLAS data layers are provided in two spatial extents: * primarily as a seamless, fully global coverages; * but for some datasets also (or only) as regional tiles (see Figure 2 for definition of regions).

The layer names follow the syntax:

* **BasinATLAS_v10_levXX** (for BasinATLAS layers with global coverage), where XX indicates the Pfafstetter level (1-12); * **RiverATLAS_v10** (for RiverATLAS layer with global coverage); or * **RiverATLAS_v10_YY** (for RiverATLAS layers in regional tiles), where YY indicates the region.

The regional extents are defined by a two-digit identifier:

<i>Identifier</i>	<i>Region</i>
af	Africa
ar	North American Arctic
as	Central and South-East Asia
au	Australia and Oceania
eu	Europe and Middle East
gr	Greenland
na	North America and Caribbean
sa	South America
si	Siberia

Note that the Shapefile format is limited to a maximum file size of 2 GB; therefore the RiverATLAS data in Shapefile format are only provided in regional tiles (with further subdivisions into north and south parts where needed). Currently, all other data layers are provided in full global coverage, but more versatile regional breakdowns and data packages may be offered in future iterations.

c) Available columns and column name syntax

The attribute tables of HydroATLAS contain the pre-existing columns of HydroBASINS and HydroRIVERS, respectively (see their Technical Documentations at [for details](#)). The hydro-environmental attributes are then appended in a series of additional columns. This section provides information on the column name syntax used for the identification of each sub-basin or river reach attribute provided in the HydroATLAS database. All existing attributes and their associated column names are summarized in Appendix 1 and at the beginning of the BasinATLAS and RiverATLAS catalogs.

Each hydro-environmental attribute column name has 10 digits (for example ‘dis_m3_syr’) and its syntax is as follows:

__<Layer name key>_<Unit key>_<Spatial key>< Dimension key>__



Figure 1.2: **Figure 2:** Spatial extent of regional tiles of HydroATLAS layers.

Layer name key: Three digits that describe the name of the attribute. The layer name key is unique to the attribute it represents. *Example: ‘dis’ for discharge.*

Unit key:

Two digits that describe the units of the attribute value. See Table 2 for possible keys.

Table 2: Unit keys. Note that some values are stored in factors of the given units (to efficiently store them as integers without losing precision), e.g. temperature is stored in tenths of degrees; these factors are listed in the respective data sheet of each variable in the BasinATLAS or RiverATLAS catalogs.

Key	Unit of values
cl	Classes
cm	Centimeters
ct	Count (e.g. number of people)
dc	Degrees Celsius (°C)
dg	Degrees
dk	Decimeters per kilometer
ha	Hectares
id	ID number
ix	Index value
kh	Kilogram per hectare (kg/ha) per year
m3	Cubic meters per second (m ³ /s)
mc	Million cubic meters (mcm)
mk	Meters per square kilometer (m/km ²)
mm	Millimeters
mt	Meters or Meters above sea level (m.a.s.l.)
pc	Percent or Percent cover
pk	Per square kilometer (e.g. people per square kilometer)
tc	Thousand cubic meters
th	Tonnes per hectare
ud	US dollars

Spatial extent key:

One digit that describes the spatial extent of the attribute. See Table 3 for possible keys.

Table 3: Spatial extent keys. Note that all attributes represent average values within the spatial unit unless stated otherwise in the attribute's catalog sheet.

Key	Spatial representation
c	In reach catchment (i.e. the local catchment that drains directly into the reach)
p	At sub-basin pour point or At reach pour point
r	Along reach segment
s	In sub-basin
u	In total watershed upstream of sub-basin pour point or In total watershed upstream of reach pour point or

Dimension key:

Two digits that describe the dimension of the attribute in terms of its aggregation level or other type of spatio-temporal association. The dimension key can refer to a temporal dimension, a statistical aggregation, or a class or year association. See Table 4 for possible keys.

Table 4: Dimension keys.

Key	Temporal or statistical aggregation or other association
01-12	Calendar month (January to December) for monthly data
00-99	Class number (e.g. for spatial extent calculations of individual classes)
00-99	Other numbers may be used & explained as needed (e.g. to represent a specific year)
av	Average
g1-g9	Class groupings (individual groups are defined in HydroATLAS catalog)
lt	Long-term maximum
mj	Spatial majority (dominant value)
mn	Minimum or Annual minimum
mx	Maximum or Annual maximum
se	Spatial extent (%)
su	Sum
va	Value
yr	Annual average

License, disclaimer and acknowledgement

1.1.2 License agreement

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1.2 Data citations and acknowledgements

When using an attribute contained in HydroATLAS, citations and acknowledgements should be made to both the original data source and the HydroATLAS compendium. For example, the following template illustrates a reference to precipitation data sourced from HydroATLAS: > “*Precipitation data from the WorldClim v1.4 database (Hijmans et al. 2005) have been used in the spatial format as provided by HydroATLAS v1.0 (Linke et al. 2019).*”

Information regarding the reference(s) for each hydro-environmental attribute is provided on the individual attribute sheets in the BasinATLAS and RiverATLAS catalogs. In addition, every data source may have individual requests for acknowledgements, and users of HydroATLAS are asked to honor those requests when using the respective attributes.

General citations and acknowledgements of HydroATLAS should be made as follows: > Linke, S., Lehner, B., Ouellet Dallaire, C., Ariwi, J., Grill, G., Anand, M., Beames, P., Burchard-Levine, V., Maxwell, S., Moidu, H., Tan, F., Thieme, M. (2019). Global hydro-environmental sub-basin and river reach characteristics at high spatial resolution. Scientific Data 6: 283. DOI: 10.1038/s41597-019-0300-6.<

We kindly ask users to cite both source data and HydroATLAS in any published material produced using the data. If possible, online links to the HydroATLAS website should be provided .

1.2.1 References

Lehner, B., Grill G. (2013). Global river hydrography and network routing: baseline data and new approaches to study the world's large river systems. *Hydrological Processes* 27(15): 2171- 2186. Lehner, B., Verdin, K., Jarvis, A. (2008). New global hydrography derived from spaceborne elevation data. *Eos, Transactions, AGU* 89(10): 93-94. Linke, S., Lehner, B., Ouellet Dallaire, C., Ariwi, J., Grill, G., Anand, M., Beames, P., Burchard-Levine, V., Maxwell, S., Moidu, H., Tan, F., Thieme, M. (2019). Global hydro-environmental sub-basin and river reach characteristics at high spatial resolution. *Scientific Data* 6: 283. DOI: %5B10.1038/s41597-019-0300-6%5D(<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-019-0300-6>)

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ID	Category	Variable
H01	Hydrology	Natural Discharge
H02	Hydrology	Land Surface Runoff
H03	Hydrology	Inundation Extent
H04	Hydrology	Limnicity (Percentage)
H05	Hydrology	Lake Volume
H06	Hydrology	Reservoir Volume
H07	Hydrology	Degree of Regulation
H08	Hydrology	River Area
H09	Hydrology	River Volume
H10	Hydrology	Groundwater Table

ID	Category	Value
P01	Physiography	Earth
P02	Physiography	Terrain
P03	Physiography	Surface
C01	Climate	Cloud
C02	Climate	Cloudiness
C03	Climate	Air
C04	Climate	Pressure
C05	Climate	Temperature
C06	Climate	Airflow
C07	Climate	Ground
C08	Climate	Cloud
C09	Climate	Snow
L01	Landcover	Land
L02	Landcover	Land
L03	Landcover	Peat
L04	Landcover	Peat
L05	Landcover	Water
L06	Landcover	Water
L07	Landcover	Forest
L08	Landcover	Cloud
L09	Landcover	Pass
L10	Landcover	Irrigation
L11	Landcover	Ground
L12	Landcover	Peat
L13	Landcover	Pass
L14	Landcover	Terrain
L15	Landcover	Terrain
L16	Landcover	Fence

ID	Category	Variable
L17	Landcover	Freshwater Ecoregion
S01	Soils & Geology	Clay Fraction in Soils
S02	Soils & Geology	Silt Fraction in Soils
S03	Soils & Geology	Sand Fraction in Soils
S04	Soils & Geology	Organic Carbon Content
S05	Soils & Geology	Soil Water Content
S06	Soils & Geology	Lithological Class
S07	Soils & Geology	Karst Area Extent
S08	Soils & Geology	Soil Erosion
A01	Anthropogenic	Population Count
A02	Anthropogenic	Population Density
A03	Anthropogenic	Urban Extent
A04	Anthropogenic	Nighttime Lights
A05	Anthropogenic	Road Density
A06	Anthropogenic	Human Footprint
A07	Anthropogenic	Global Administrative Areas
A08	Anthropogenic	Gross Domestic Product
A09	Anthropogenic	Human Development Index

Chapter 2

Datasets

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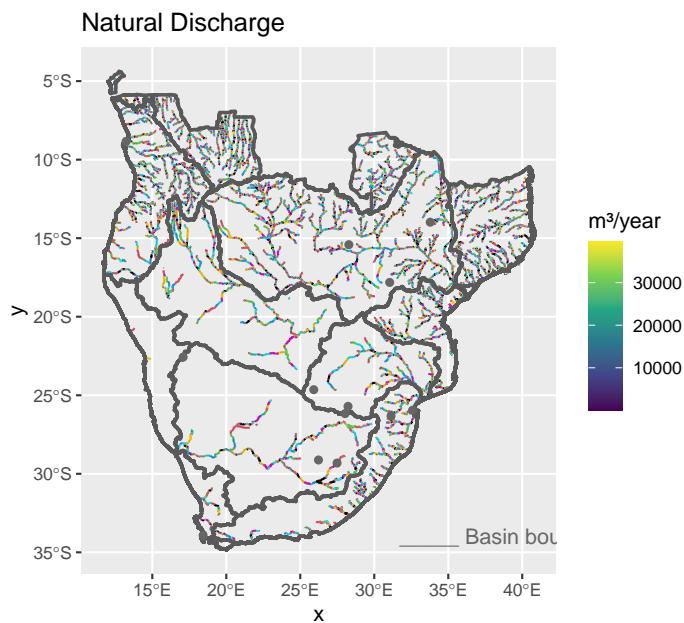
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Natural Discharge

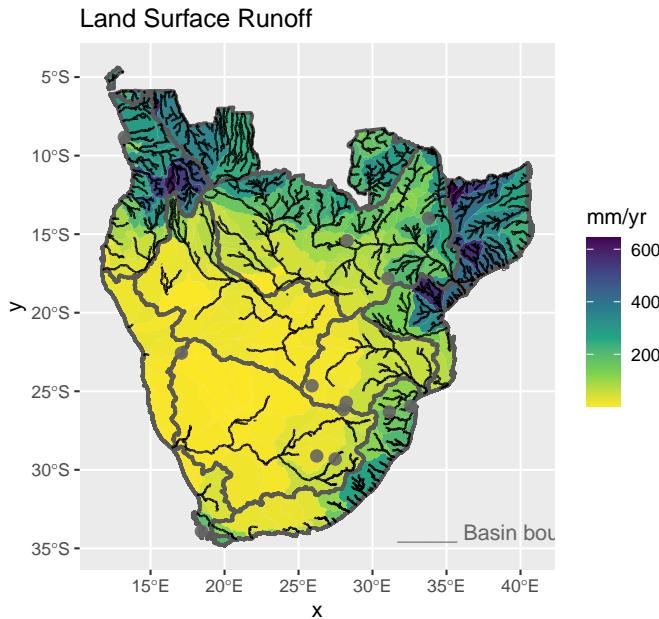
Table 2.1: Natural Discharge

ID	H01
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Natural Discharge
Source Data	WaterGAP v2.2
Description	Discharge and runoff estimates for HydroATLAS are based on long-term (1971–2000) average (at the equator) to the 15 arc-second (500 m) resolution of the HydroSHEDS river network using geostatistics, for areas that are dominated by snow, glaciers, wetlands, and (semi-)arid conditions.
Reference	Döll, P., Kaspar, F., Lehner, B. (2003). A global hydrological model for deriving water availability and flow regulation. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 27(15), 2171-2186. doi: 10.1002/hyp.9740.
Website	http://www.watergap.de/
Licence	Creative Commons CC-BY 4.0
Additional Information	Annual minimum and maximum discharges were derived from the 12 long-term average monthly flows. The values represent the flow of the lowest or highest month within the average year. Additional reading: Döll, P., Lehner, B. (2003). Global hydrography and network routing: baseline data and new approaches to study the world's large river systems. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 27(15), 2171-2186. doi: 10.1002/hyp.9740.



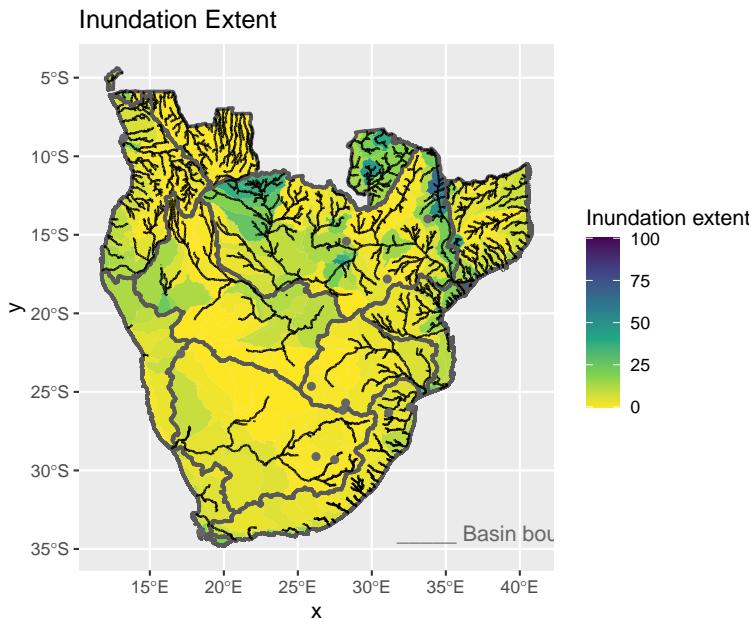
Land Surface Runoff

ID	H02
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Land Surface Runoff
Source Data	WaterGAP v2.2
Description	Discharge and runoff estimates for HydroATLAS are based on long-term (1971–2000) data at the equator to the 15 arc-second (500 m) resolution of the HydroSHEDS river network. Preliminary tests against approximately 3000 global gauging stations indicate a good agreement.
Reference	Döll, P., Kaspar, F., Lehner, B. (2003). A global hydrological model for deriving water balance components and flow paths. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 27(15), 2171-2186. doi: 10.1002/hyp.9740.
Website	http://www.watergap.de/
Licence	Creative Commons CC-BY 4.0
Additional Information	Annual minimum and maximum discharges were derived from the 12 long-term average monthly discharge time series. The minimum and maximum values represent the flow of the lowest or highest month within the average year. Additional information on the methodology of the WaterGAP model, including the hydrography and network routing, baseline data and new approaches to study the global water cycle can be found in Döll et al. (2003).



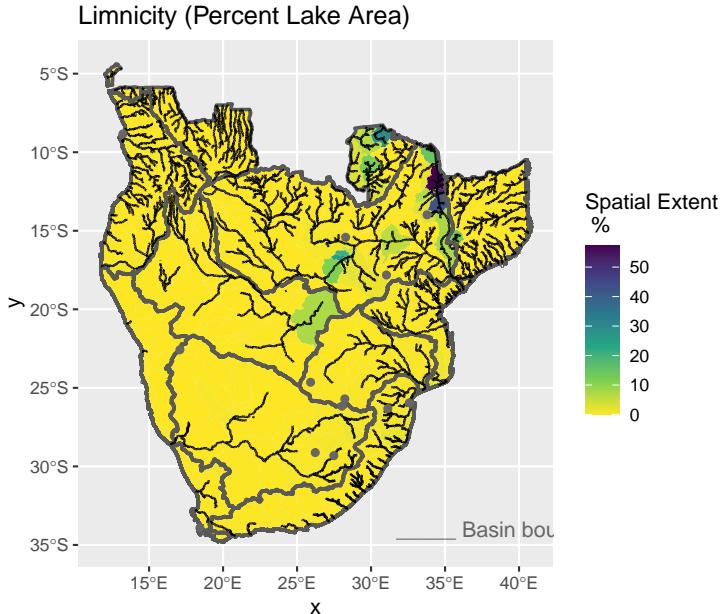
Inundation Extent

ID	H03
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Inundation Extent
Source Data	GIEMS-D15
Description	GIEMS-D15 is a high-resolution global inundation map at a pixel size of 15 arc-seconds (approx. 5 km) derived from GLWD (Global Lakes and Wetlands Database) (Lehner and Döll 2004). GIEMS-D15 represents three states of inundation: permanent, seasonal, and temporary.
Reference	Fluet-Chouinard, E., Lehner, B., Rebelo, L. M., Papa, F., & Hamilton, S. K. (2015). Development of a high-resolution global inundation map (GIEMS-D15).
Website	http://www.estellus.fr/index.php?static13/giems-d15
Licence	Creative Commons CC-BY 4.0
Additional Information	Further readings: Prigent, C., Papa, F., Aires, F., Rossow, W.B., Matthews, E. (2007). Global satellite observations of land surface inundation from 1993–2000. <i>Journal of Geophysical Research</i> , 112(D12107), 1–13. Lehner, B., & Döll, P. (2004). Validation of a global database of lakes, reservoirs and wetlands. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 296(1–4), 3–29.



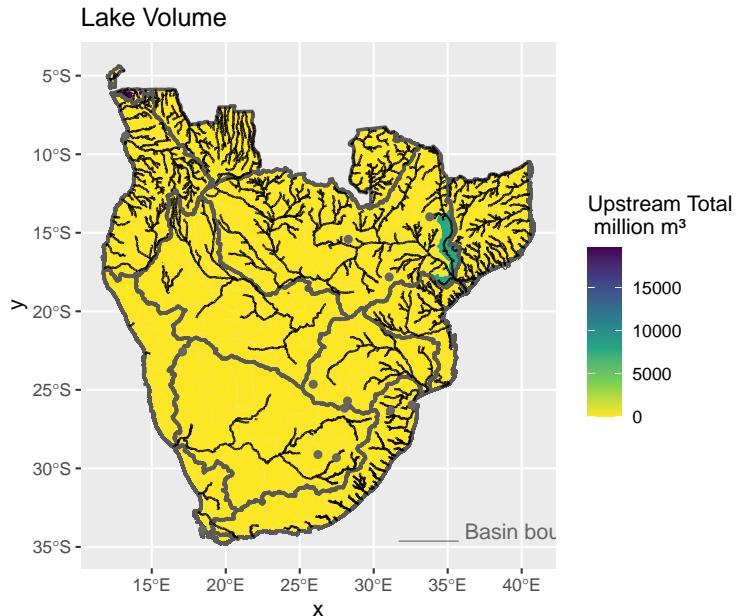
Limnicity (Percent Lake Area)

ID	H04
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Limnicity (Percent Lake Area)
Source Data	HydroLAKES
Description	HydroLAKES is a database aiming to provide the shoreline polygons of all global lake pour points. The volume of most lakes is estimated based on the surrounding terrain.
Reference	Messager, M.L., Lehner, B., Grill, G., Nedeva, I., Schmitt, O. (2016). Estimating the spatial extent of lakes and reservoirs using a global dataset of lake pour points. <i>Hydrology and Earth System Sciences</i> , 20, 3231–3248.
Website	http://www.hydrosheds.org/page/hydrolakes
Licence	Creative Commons CC-BY 4.0
Additional Information	In the stored data, percent values are multiplied by 10 (i.e. value 10 means 1%).



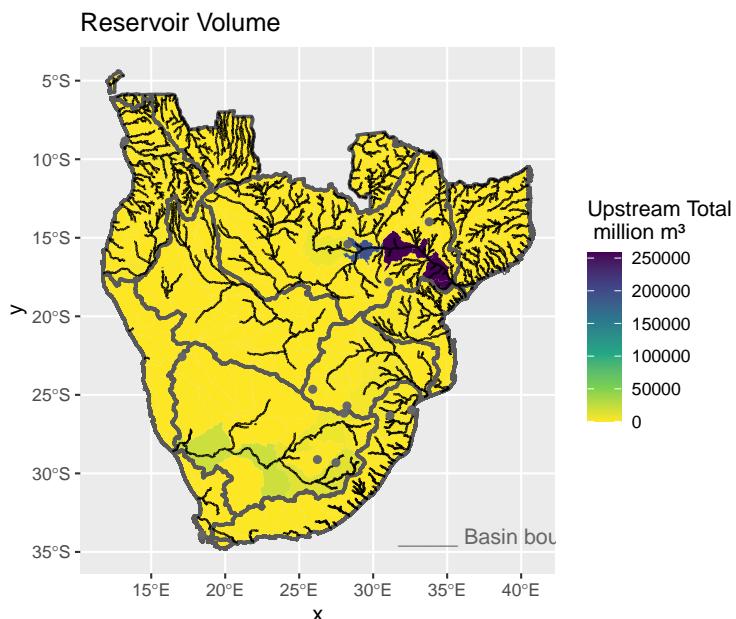
Lake Volume

ID	H05
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Lake Volume
Source Data	HydroLAKES
Description	HydroLAKES is a database aiming to provide the shoreline polygons of all global lakes and river pour points. The volume of most lakes is estimated based on the surrounding terrain information.
Reference	Messager, M.L., Lehner, B., Grill, G., Nedeva, I., Schmitt, O. (2016). Estimating the volume and surface area of lakes and reservoirs using digital elevation models. <i>Journal of Great Lakes Research</i> , 42(1), 1–10.
Website	http://www.hydrosheds.org/page/hydrolakes
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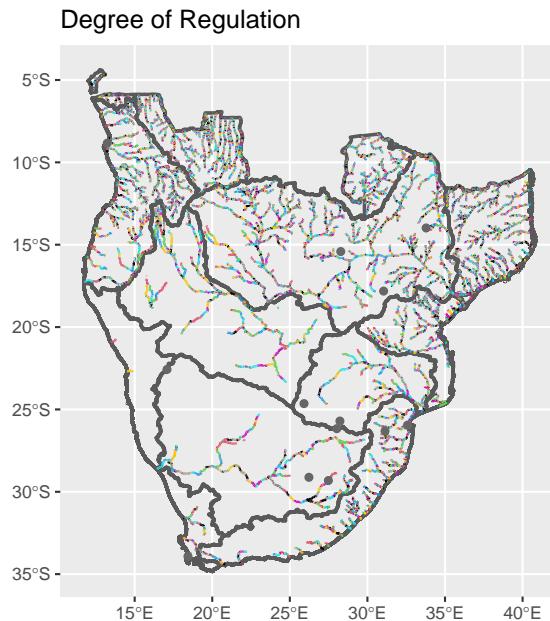
Reservoir Volume

ID	H06
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Reservoir Volume
Source Data	GraND v1.1
Description	The Global Reservoir and Dam (GraND) database, version 1.1, contains 6,862 reservoirs and dams. The main focus was to include all dams associated with reservoirs that have a stor
Reference	Lehner, B., Reidy Liermann, C., Revenga, C., Vörösmarty, C., Fekete, B., Crouzeix, M.A., Böhlke, J.K., Fickenscher, H., Döll, N., and Fader, M. (2013). Global Reservoir and Dam Database Version 1.1. Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Palisades, NY.
Website	https://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/collection/grand-v1.1
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Additional Information	The calculations used all dams from GraND v1.1 except those attributed as "under construction" yet with unknown year of completion, and "unreliable quality". Also, some structures that are not operated at full capacity. This left 6,778 out of all 6,862 original structures.



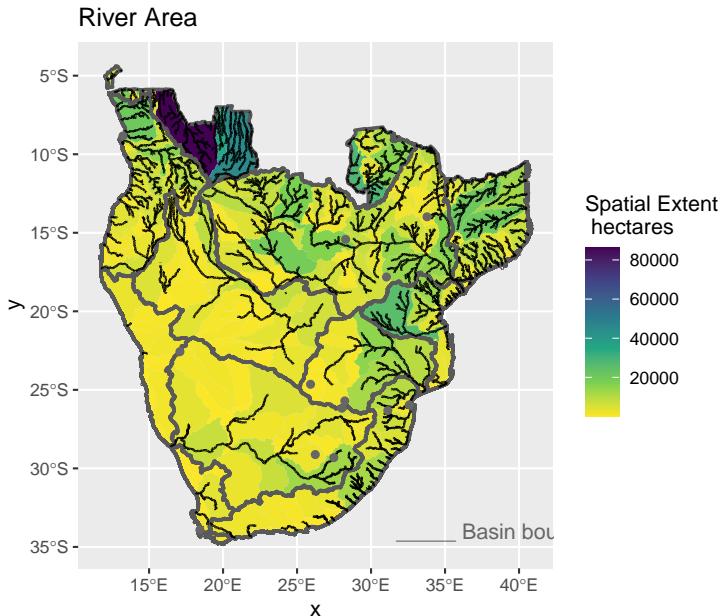
Degree of Regulation

ID	H07
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	Degree of Regulation
Source Data	HydroSHEDS & GRanD
Description	The Degree of Regulation (DOR) provides an index of how strongly a dam or set of dams can regulate flow volume (H01 and H06). A high DOR value indicates an increased probability that substantial flow volume is being controlled by dams assuming that higher estimates are likely outliers or errors.
Reference	Lehner, B., Reidy Liermann, C., Revenga, C., Vörösmarty, C., Fekete, B., Crouzet, P., ... & Wada, Y. (2013). Global reservoir database: A spatially explicit dataset of large-scale reservoirs. <i>Global Change Biology</i> , 19(1), 250–262. doi:10.1111/j.1365-2486.2012.02800.x
Website	https://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/collection/grand-v1
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Additional Information	In the stored data, percent values are multiplied by 10 (i.e. value 10 means 1%). The calculated full capacity. This left 6,778 out of all 6,862 original GRanD reservoirs.



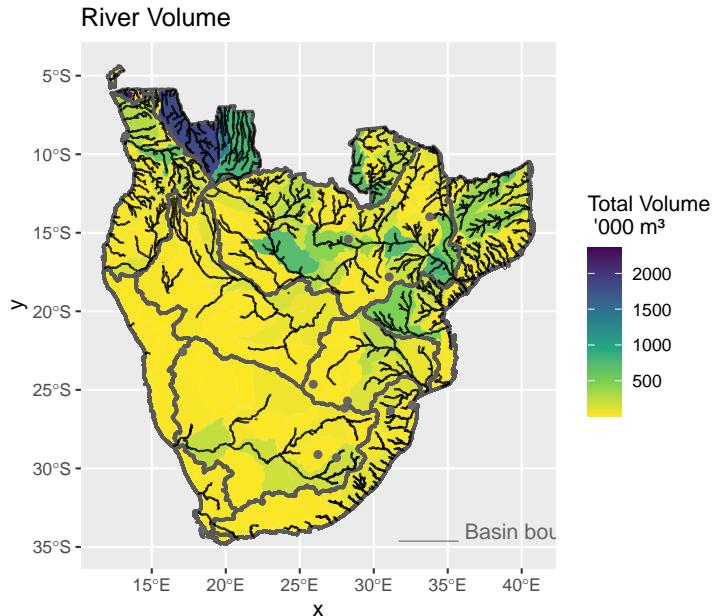
River Area

ID	H08
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	River Area
Source Data	HydroSHEDS & WaterGAP
Description	River area was calculated using the HydroSHEDS database at 15 arc-second resolution. An approximation of the dimensions of channel width was derived for every river reach.
Reference	Lehner, B., Grill G. (2013). Global river hydrography and network routing: baseline data and tools. <i>Global Change Biology</i> , 19(1), 250–262.
Website	http://www.hydrosheds.org/
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Additional Information	Further reading: Allen, P.M., Arnold, J.C., Byars, B.W. (1994). Downstream channel network analysis. <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , 167(1-4), 211-229.



River Volume

ID	H09
Category	Hydrology
Attribute	River Volume
Source Data	HydroSHEDS & WaterGAP
Description	River volume was calculated using the HydroSHEDS database at 15 arc-second resolution. An approximation of the dimensions of channel width and depth was derived for every river reach.
Reference	Lehner, B., Grill G. (2013). Global river hydrography and network routing: baseline data and methods.
Website	http://www.hydrosheds.org/
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Additional Information	Further reading: Allen, P.M., Arnold, J.C., Byars, B.W. (1994). Downstream channel geometry.



Groundwater Table Depth