

Delivering Drought Information Services to the World: Activities of the National Drought Mitigation Center



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National Drought Mitigation Center

- Non-COST Institution
- Founded in 1995 by Donald Wilhite
- “How has behavior been changed?”



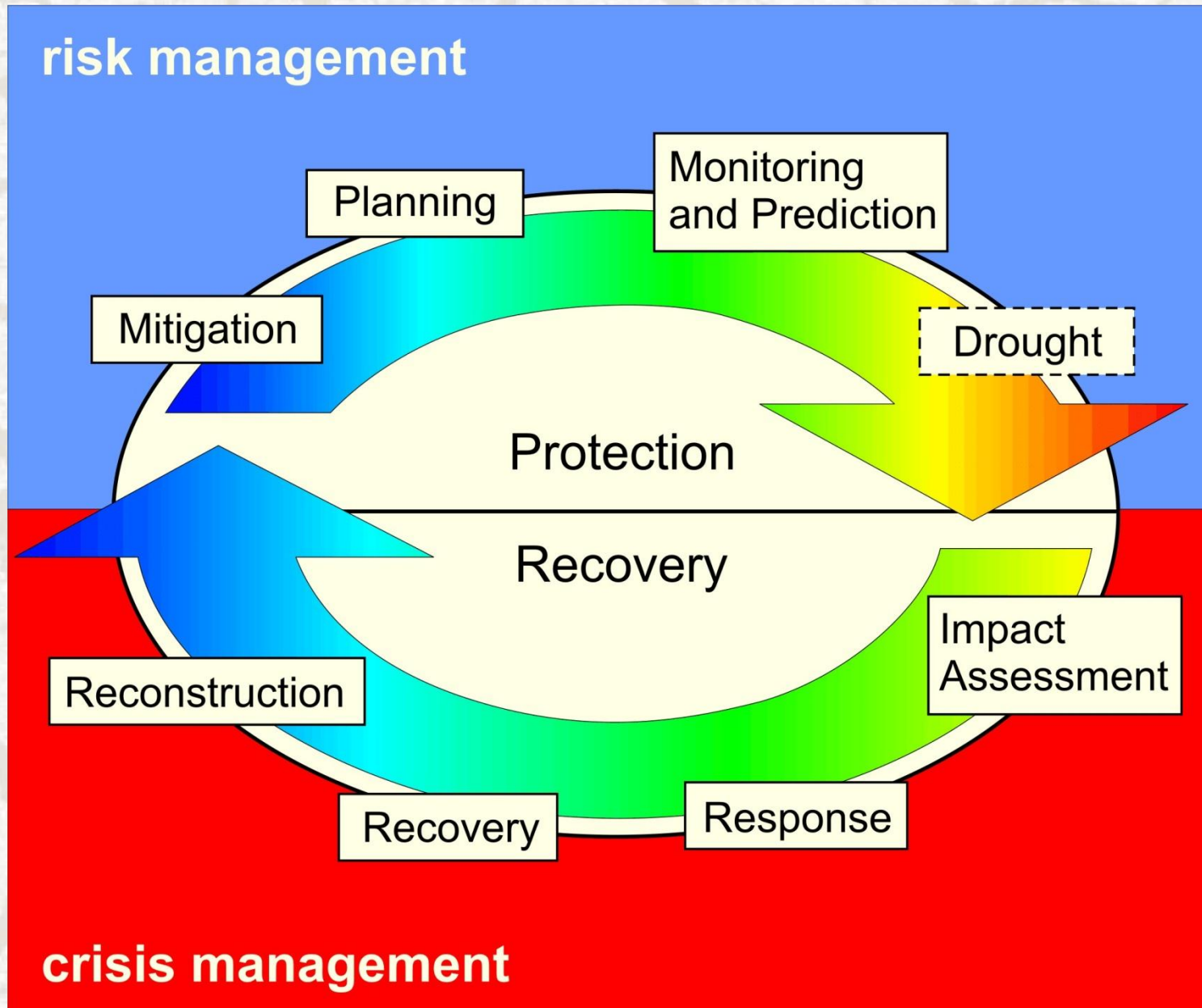
“Service”

Processes ... for the acquisition, archiving, indexing, quality assessment, synthesis, interpretation, communication, and evaluation of **data, knowledge, and information** that contributes to the welfare of the nation.

Services work especially well when there is recognition that resources and **their effective use** are inseparable



The Cycle of Disaster Management

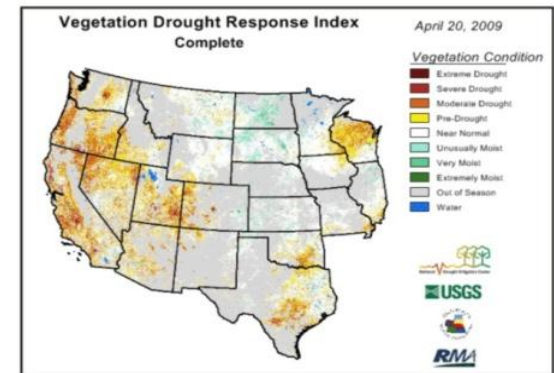
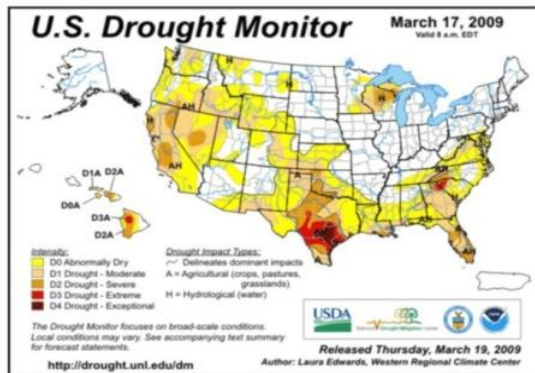


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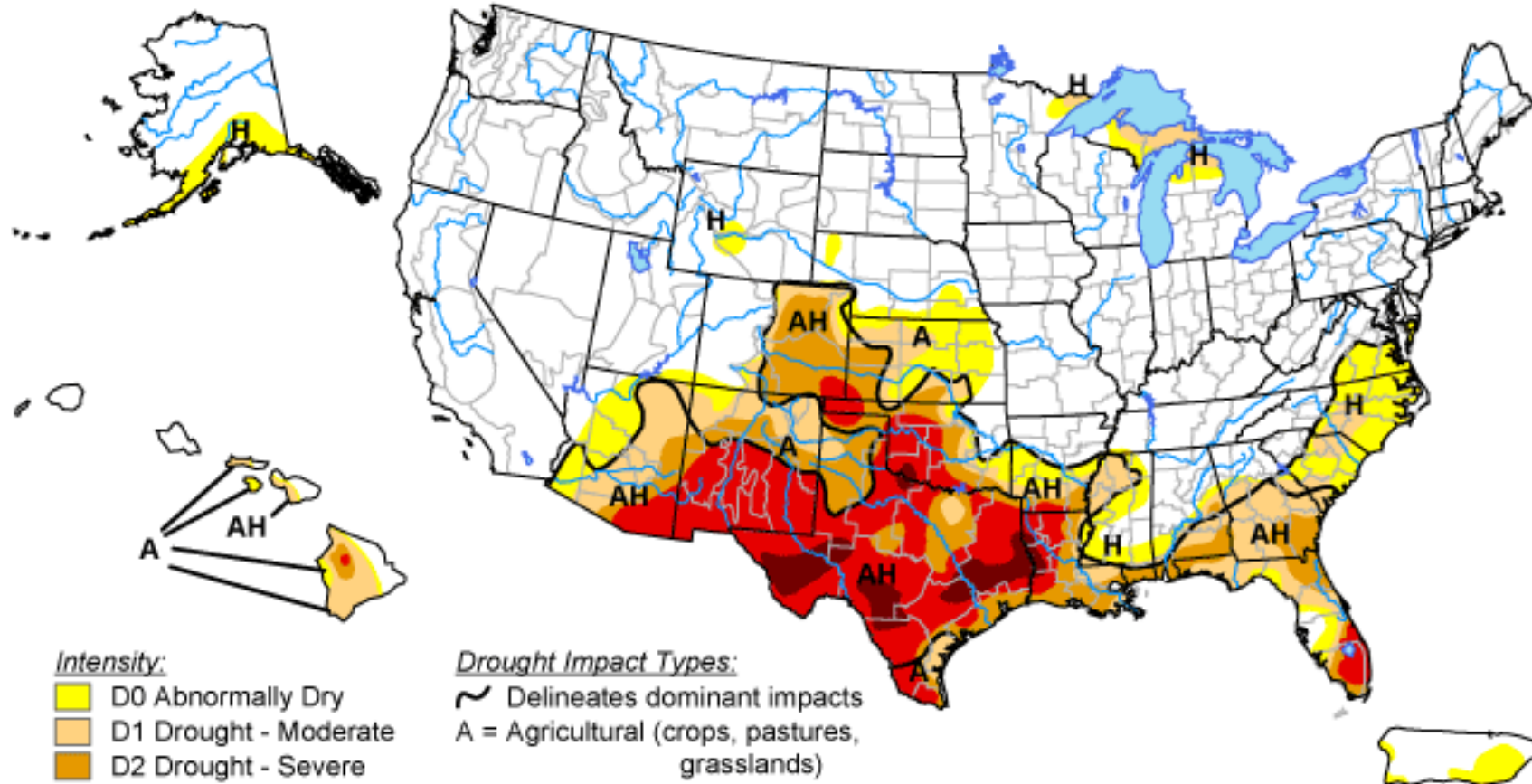


- **RESEARCH, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING**
- **Tool Development: Research-Operations-Applications-Education Continuum**






U.S. Drought Monitor

April 26, 2011


Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Drought - Moderate
-  D2 Drought - Severe
-  D3 Drought - Extreme
-  D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

-  Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

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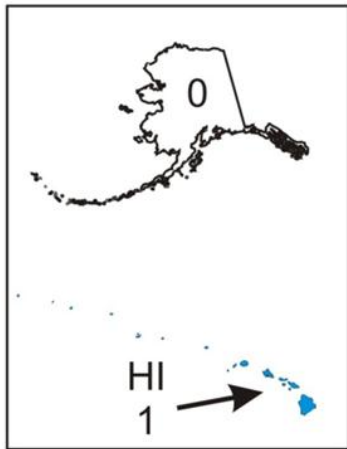
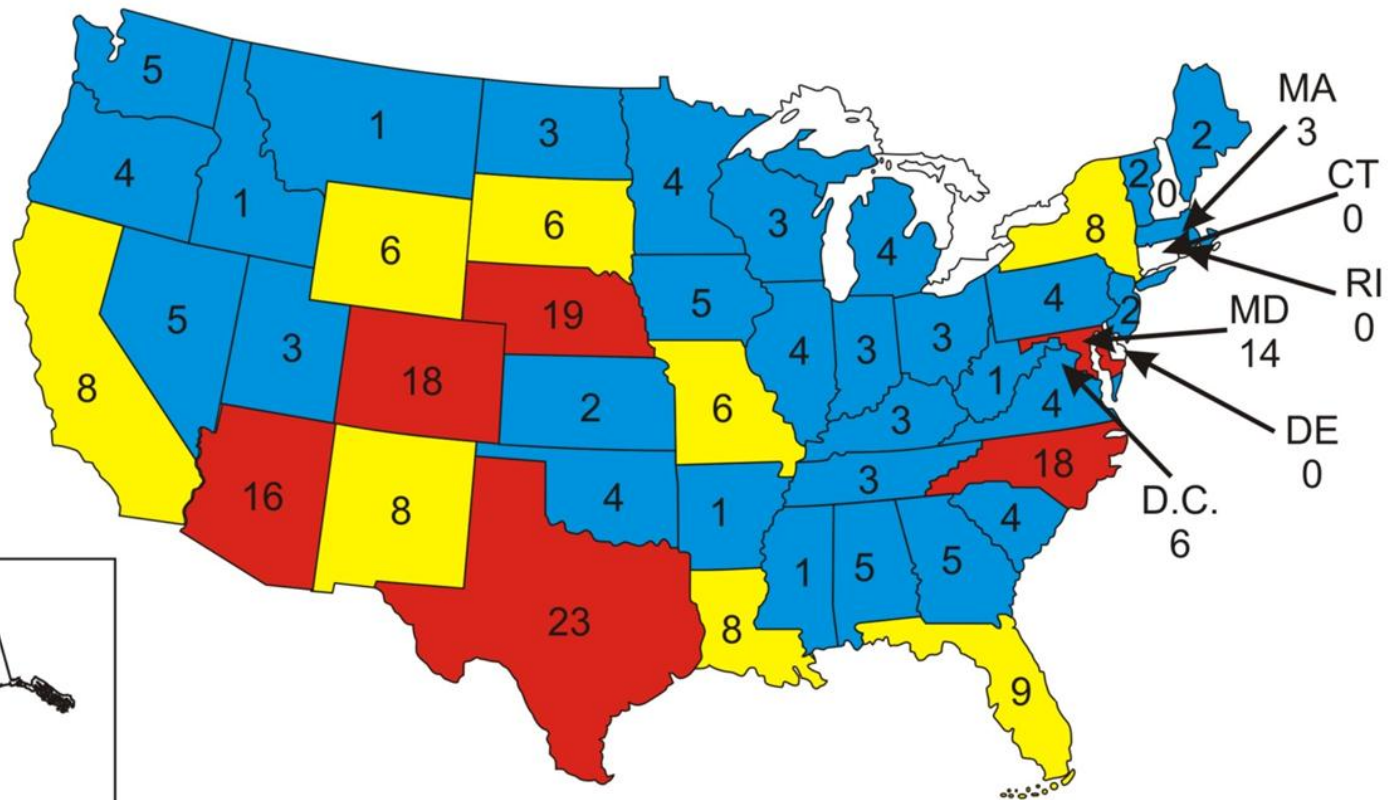
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<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

USDM Listserve Subscribers

(as of July 6, 2010)



- 1-5 participants
- 6-10 participants
- 11+ participants

Total: 269 (does not include 1 participant from Canada, 2 participants from Mexico, and 1 participant from the Netherlands)

North American Drought Monitor

March 31, 2011

Released: April 18, 2011

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/nadm.html>

Analysts:

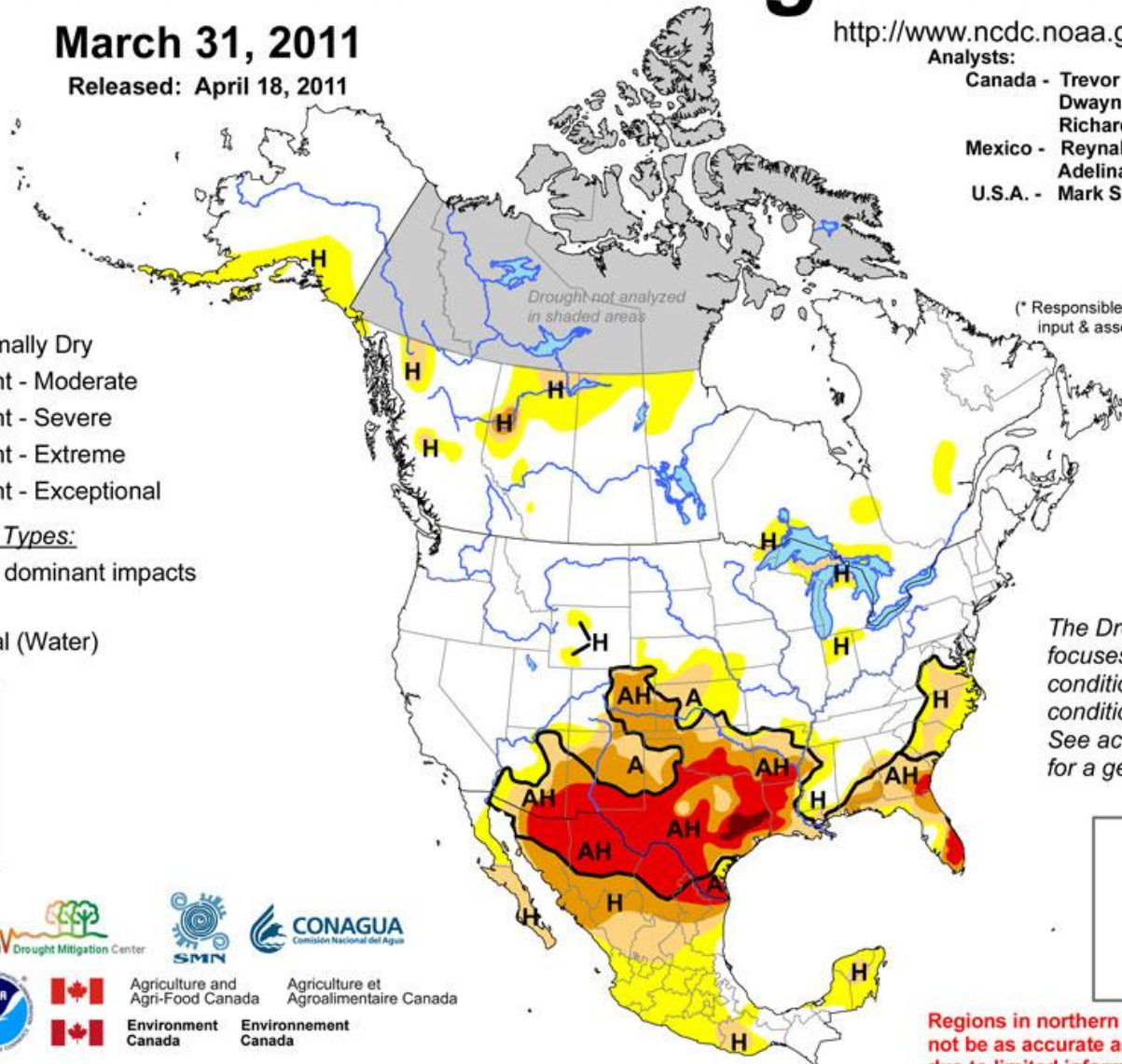
Canada - Trevor Hadwen
Dwayne Chobanik
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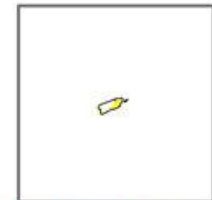
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(* Responsible for collecting analysts' input & assembling the NA-DM map)

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Regions in northern Canada may not be as accurate as other regions due to limited information.



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada



Environment Canada

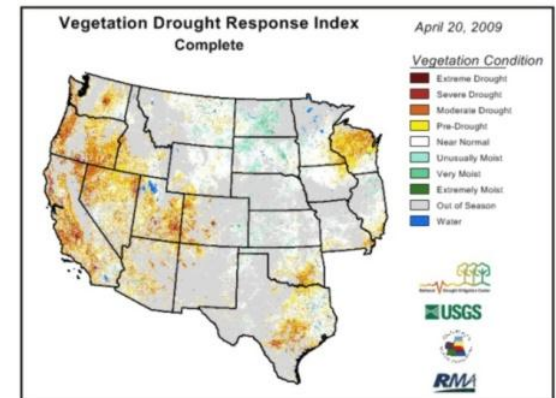
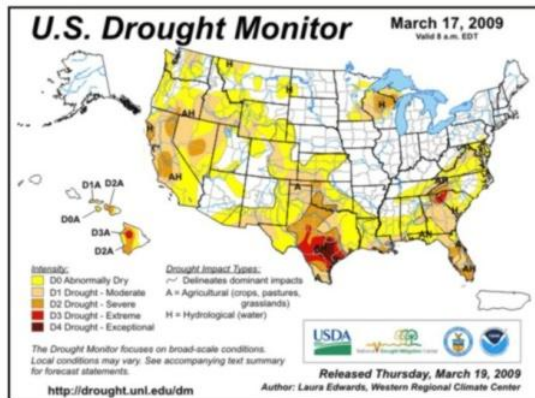
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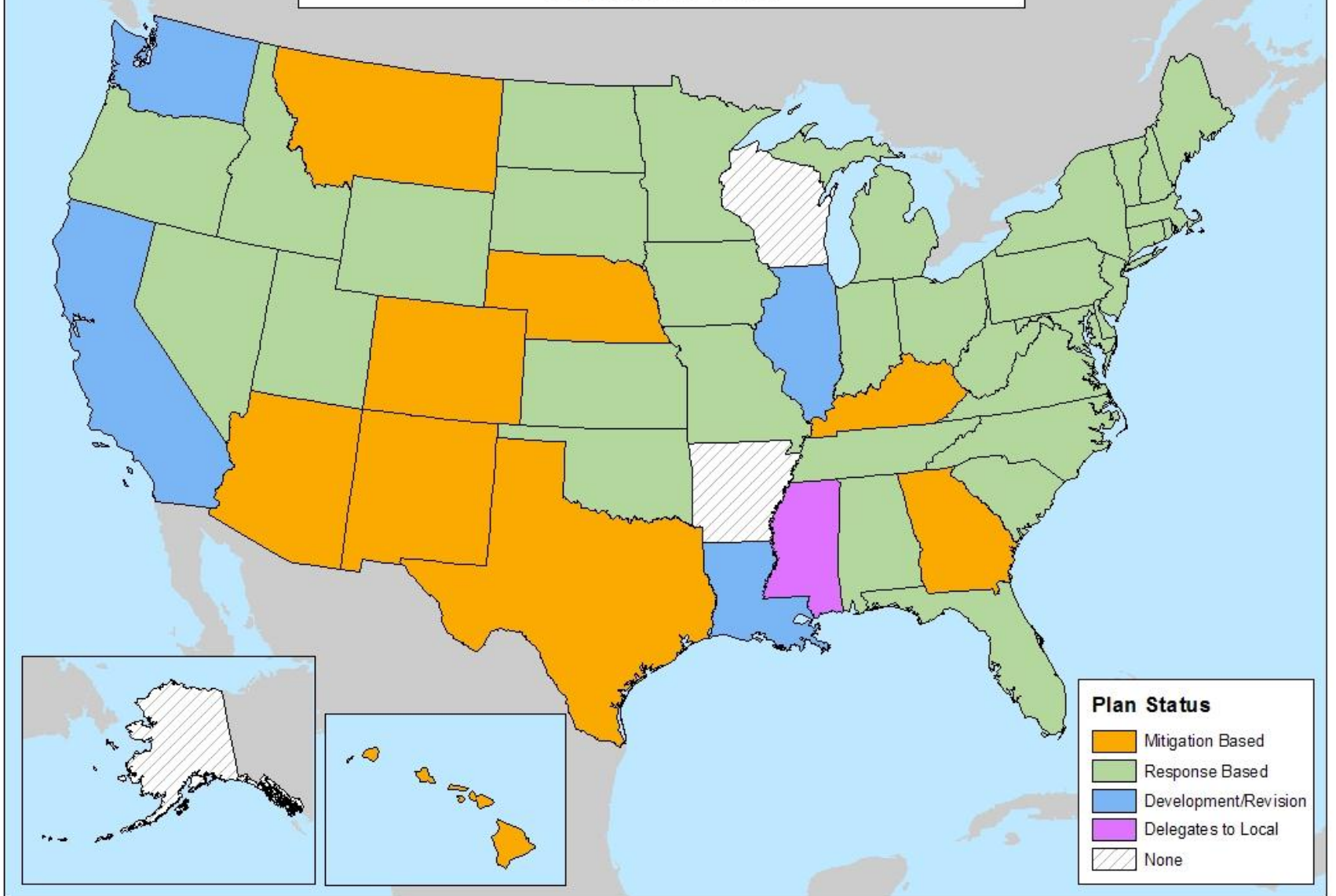
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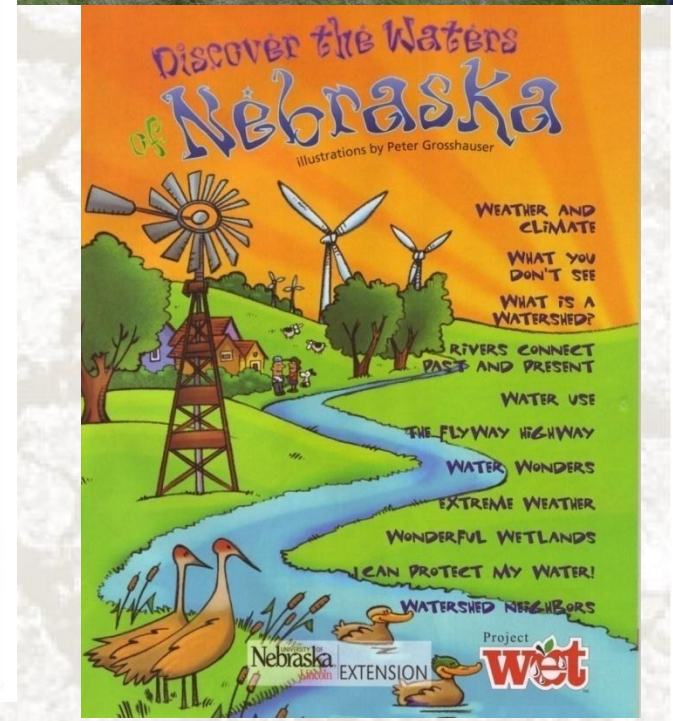
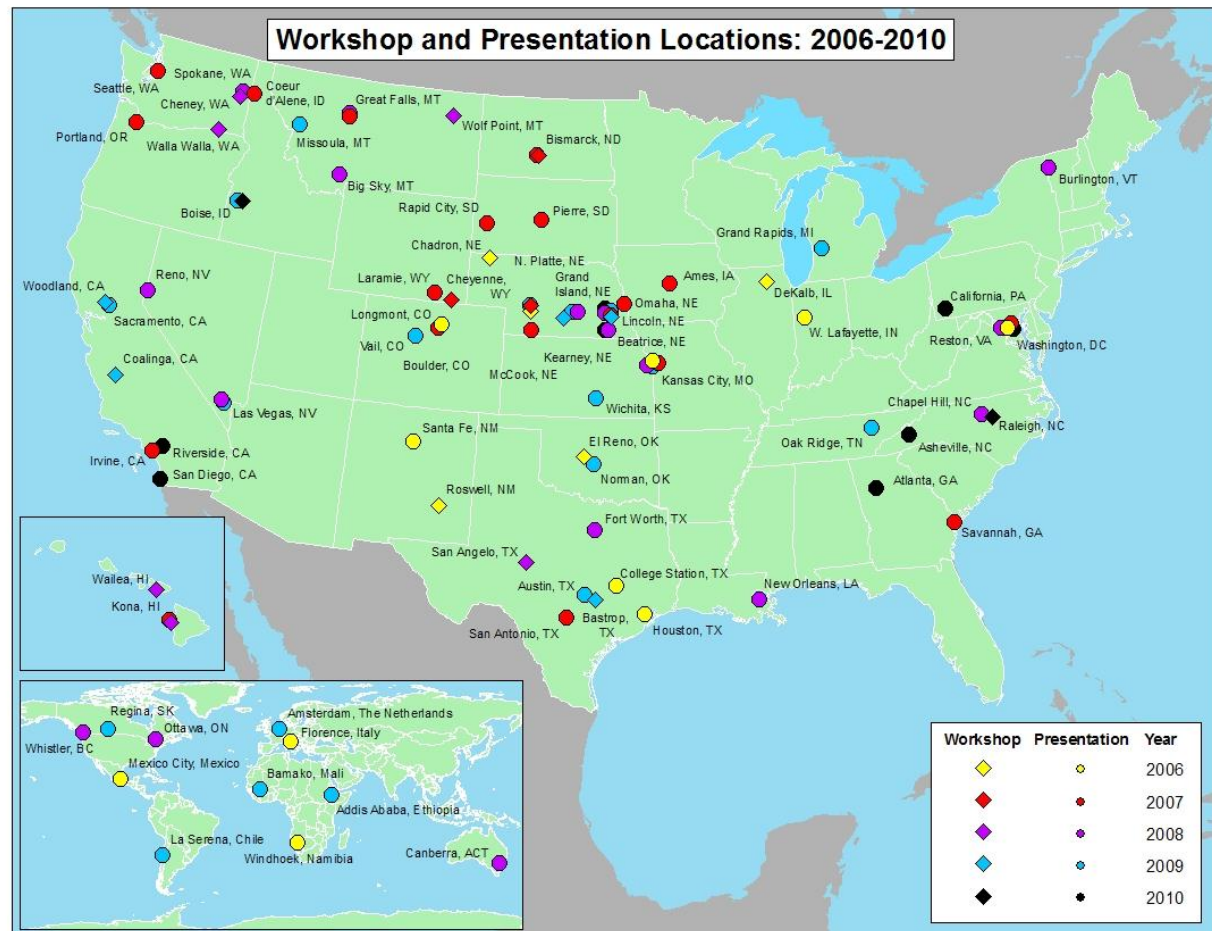


Status of State Drought Plans

September 2010



Outreach



NDMC Stakeholder Interactions

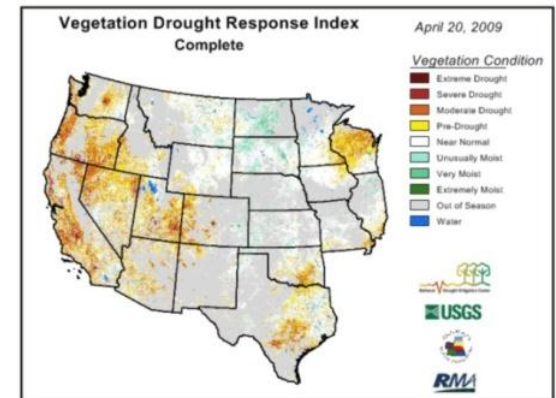
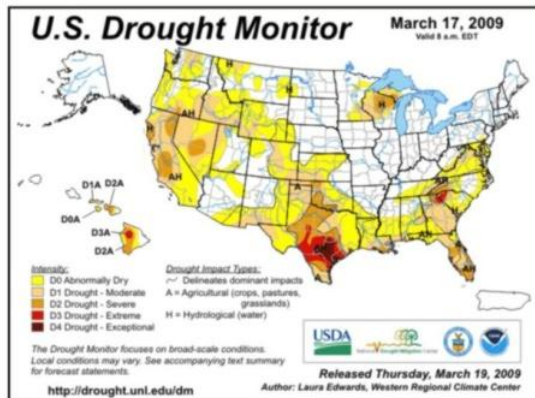
- Workshops, Listening Sessions
- Media Contacts
- Surveys
- Evaluator Networks
- Drought Impact Reporter
- Drought Ready Communities Project
- Ranch Planning Project
- *Discover the Waters of Nebraska*
- Climate Change Literacy for Educators
- *DroughtScape/Website*
- Nebraska's Climate Assessment and Response Committee
- Conferences, Events

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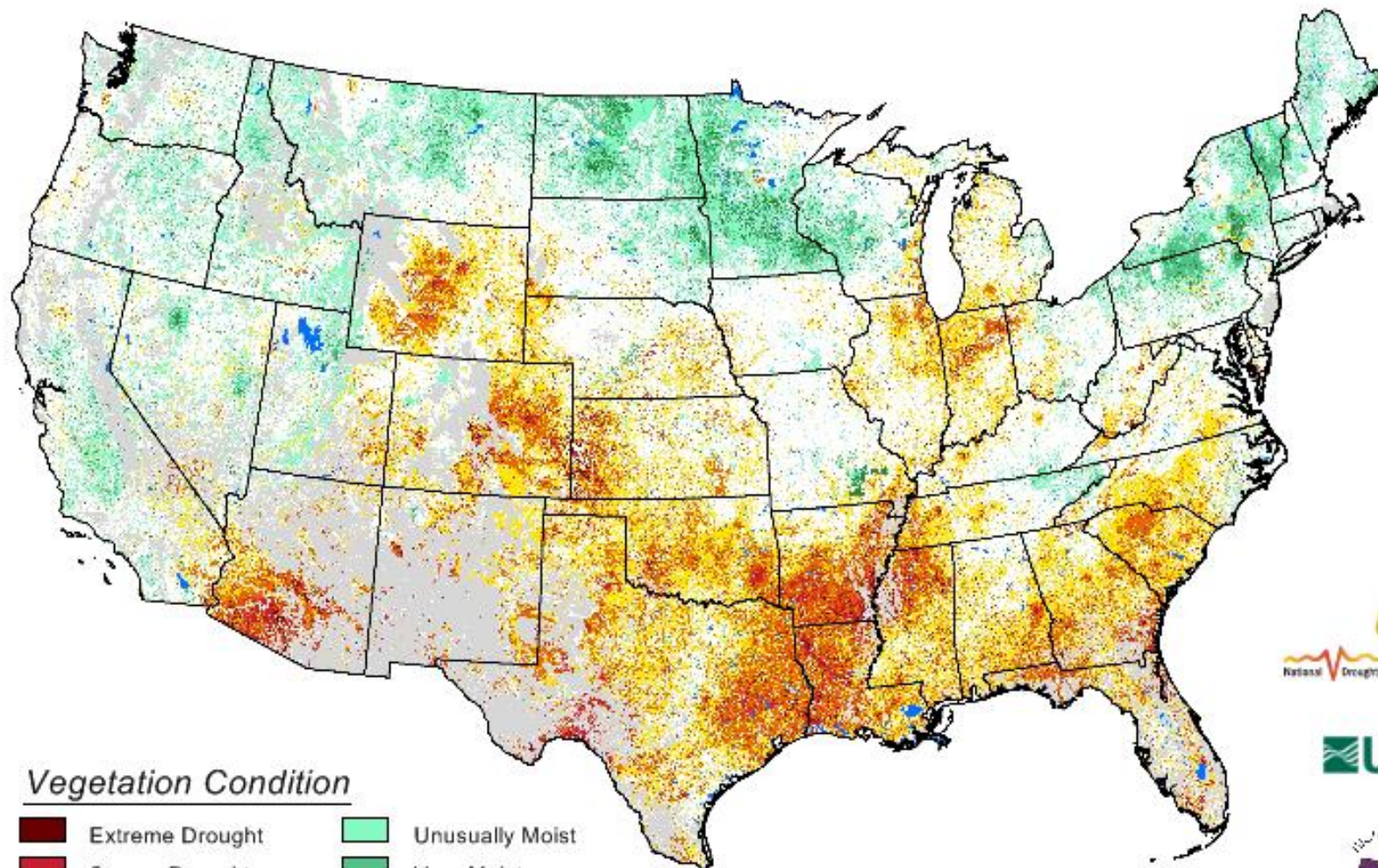
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Vegetation Drought Response Index Complete

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Vegetation Condition

	Extreme Drought		Unusually Moist
	Severe Drought		Very Moist
	Moderate Drought		Extremely Moist
	Pre-Drought		Out of Season
	Near Normal		Water



NDMC International Activities



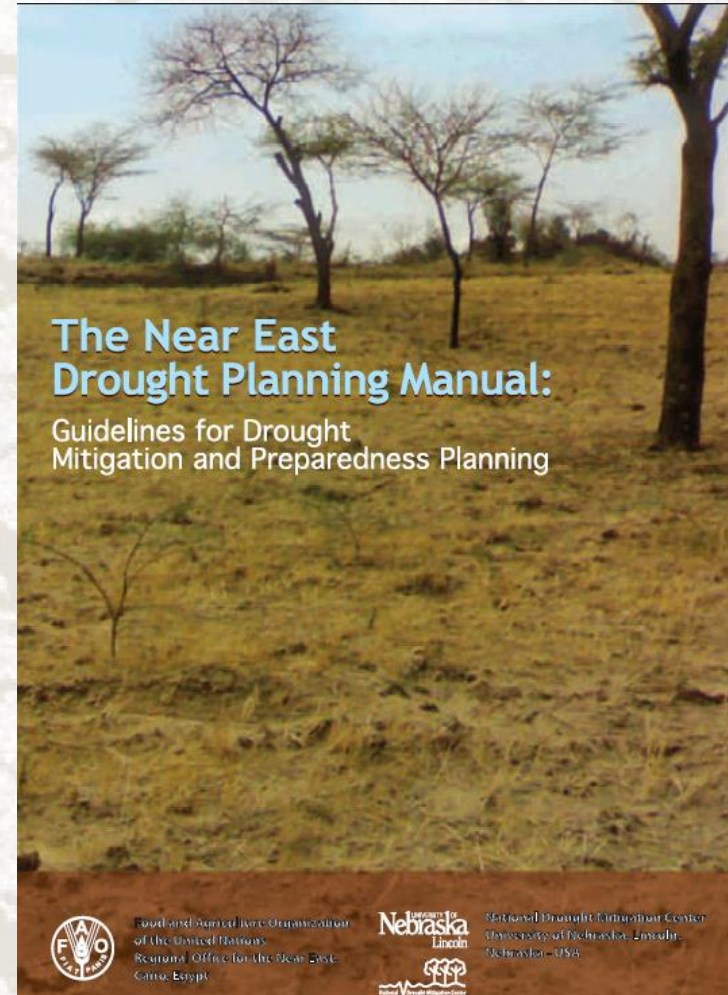
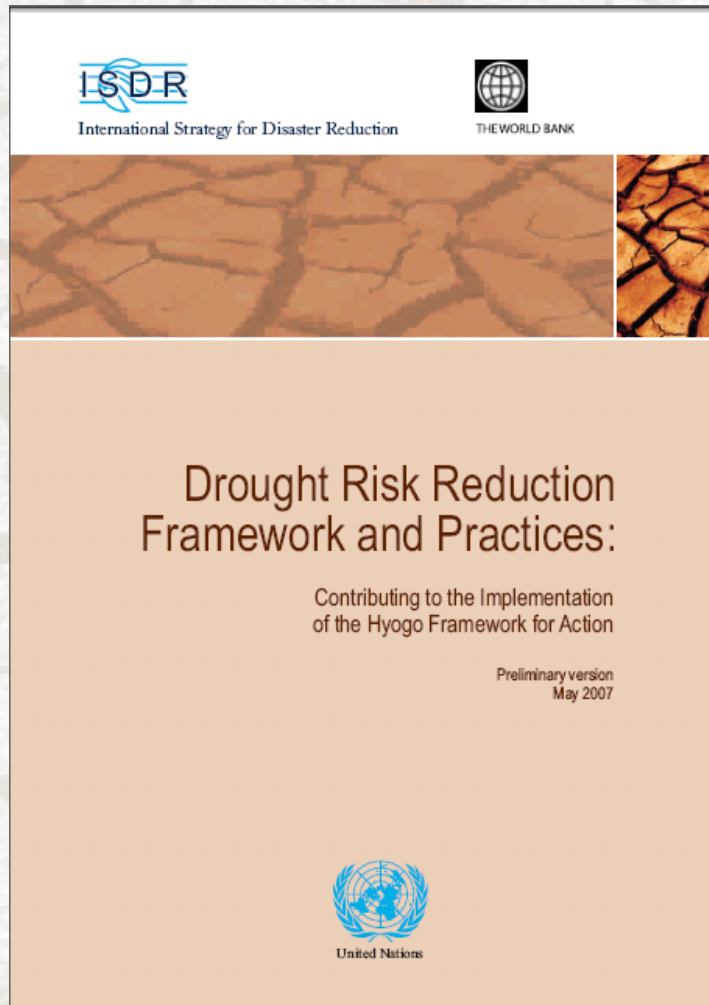
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Activities planned in 2011

Turkey • Czech Republic • Slovakia • Austria • Australia • Canada • Mexico • India • Korea • China • Ethiopia • Nigeria • Zambia •

International Drought Planning Guides





DMCSEE

*Drought Management Centre
for Southeastern Europe*



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Drought Management Centre for Southeastern Europe - DMCSEE

Drought is a normal part of climate in virtually all regions of the world. South Eastern Europe is no exception; in past decades the drought-related damages have had large impact on the economy and welfare. Therefore the need to establish a Drought Center for SE Europe to alleviate the problems caused by drought in the area became evident at the end of the past century. The idea was further elaborated by International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) and UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The UNCCD national focal points and national permanent representatives with the World Meteorological Organization have agreed upon the core tasks of the Drought Management Center for South Eastern Europe (DMCSEE) and the proposed project document.

The mission of the proposed DMCSEE is **to coordinate and facilitate the development, assessment, and application of drought risk management tools and policies in South-Eastern Europe with the goal of improving drought preparedness and reducing drought impacts.** Therefore DMCSEE will focus its work on monitoring and assessing drought and assessing risks and vulnerability connected to drought.

[DMCSEE Project Proposal](#)

Latest news

WMO UNDP DMCSEE workshop

Founding countries:

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- FYROM
- Greece
- Hungary
- Moldova
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Turkey
- Montenegro
- Serbia

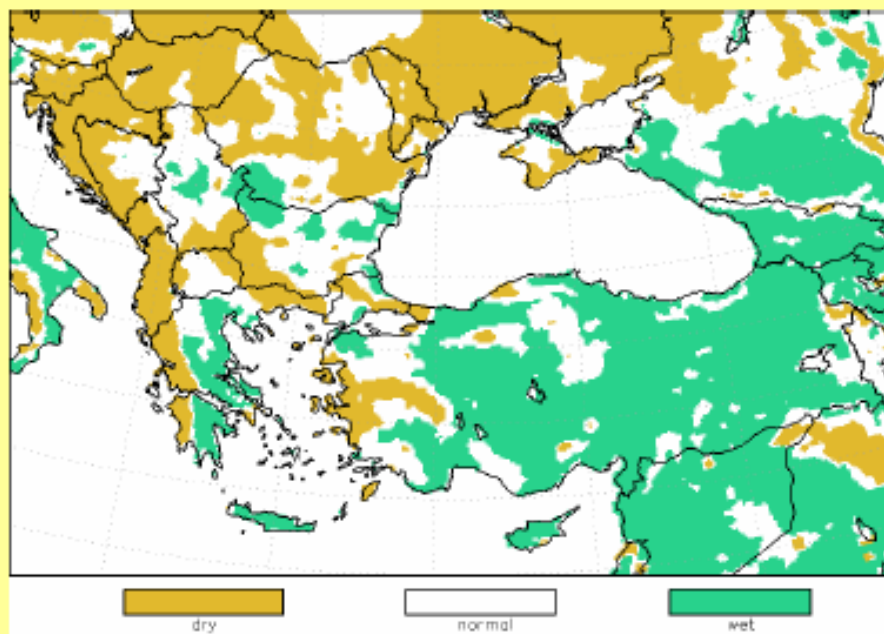
Founding agencies:

- WMO
- UNCCD

DROUGHT MONITORING BULLETIN

22th April 2011

Hot Spot



Start of this year's growing season is characterized by low water supply in most parts of the Balkan Peninsula. As shown on the left picture, model simulation for the time period from 10 February – 20 April indicate dry conditions over almost entire Balkan, belonging to the seven most dry years in the time period 1989 – 2010. Much better is the situation over South-Eastern part of the DMC region. Areas colored green are among the seven wettest in the time period 1989 – 2010.

Average temperature was in the past 70 days below average (1989 – 2010) in most areas of the DMC.



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