

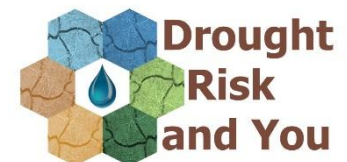


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Engaging diverse stakeholders and publics with outputs from the Drought and Water Scarcity Programme (**ENDOWS**)

Jamie Hannaford, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
CIWEM Conference: are we fit for 2050? 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018



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## The UK Drought and Water Scarcity Programme

£12.5m, five year (2014 – 2019) interdisciplinary programme

WP1: Quantification of the roles of multiple drivers and their impacts during historic periods of drought & water scarcity, and methods to support decision-making

**Historic Droughts. £1.5m Lead PI: Jamie Hannaford, CEH.**

WP2: Forecasting droughts & water scarcity, and methods to support decision-making

**IMPETUS. £2m. Lead PI: Len Shaffrey, University of Reading**

WP3: Impacts of droughts & water scarcity, and methods to support decision-making

**MaRIUS. £3.4m. Lead PI: Jim Hall, University of Oxford**

**DRY. £3.6m. Lead PI: Lindsey McEwen, University of the West of England**

WP4: Knowledge Synthesis.

**ENDOWS. £2m. Lead PI: Jamie Hannaford, CEH**





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## ENDOWS aims to:

- **Integrate scientific and methodological advances from across the four funded projects**, with the aim of synthesising and interpreting the results and findings from the individual projects
- Ensure DWS programme **datasets are accessible**, easy to understand and use by a wide range of audiences
- Work with stakeholders and the wider public to **embed DWS programme data, understanding and outcomes into drought decision-making** and planning at strategic & operational levels through co-production
- Co-design and deliver an **engagement strategy to enhance stakeholder and public discourse around drought and water scarcity**, promote uptake of the research and outputs, and document and evaluate the beneficial impacts of the DWS Programme.

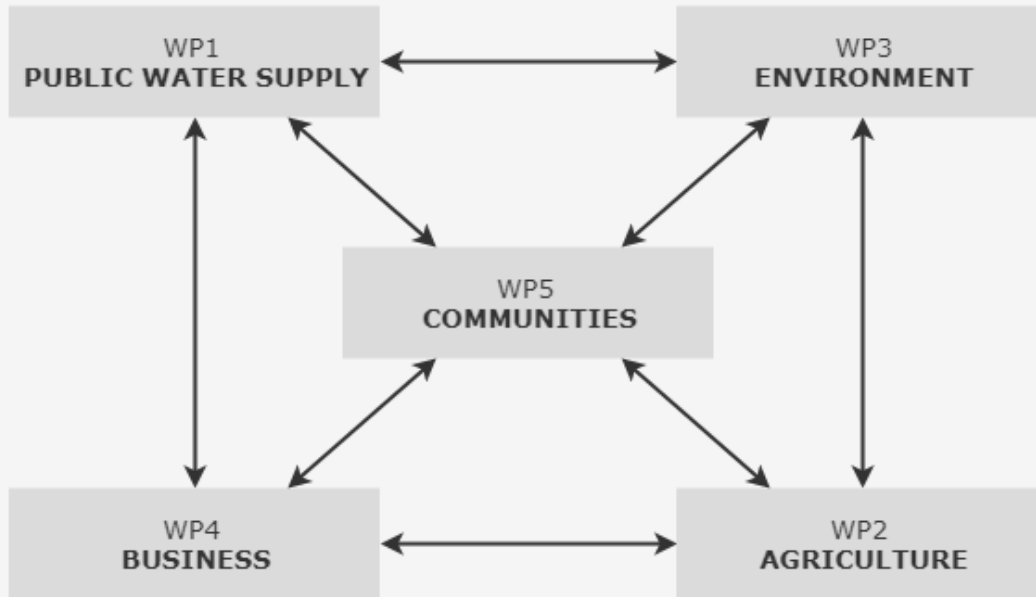


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STATUTORY

**OBJECTIVE 3:** work with stakeholders to co-produce data, understanding and outcomes for strategic planning and decision making



NON-STATUTORY



**OBJECTIVE 2:** ensure accessibility, understanding and use of DWS Programme datasets

**OBJECTIVE 1:** integrate scientific and methodological advances across DWS Programme projects

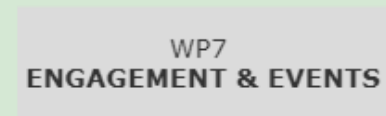
**OBJECTIVE 4:** co-design and deliver an engagement strategy to enhance stakeholder and public discourse around drought and water scarcity

**Potential Resources**

- Case studies
- Podcasts
- Models & data
- Websites & portals
- Art
- Policy guidance, etc.

**Potential Tools**

- Sector workshops
- Websites & portals
- Social media
- Webinars
- Roadshows
- Hackathons, etc.

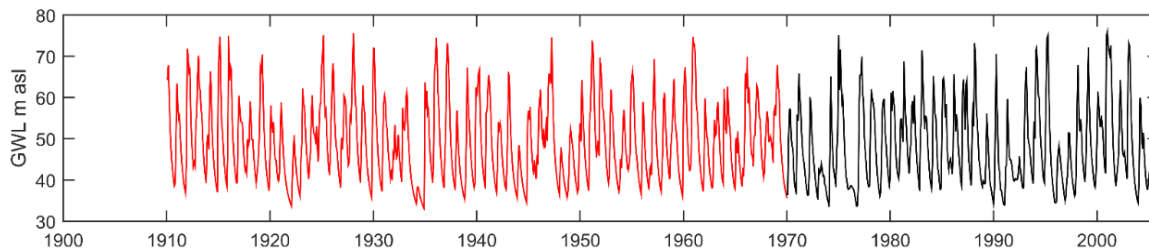


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## Expanding our knowledge of past drought variability

- **Rainfall:** rescued data to expand 19thC coverage
- **PE:** daily 5km grids, 1891-2015
- **Soil moisture:** monthly 1km grids, 1891-2015
- **River flows:** daily flows, 1891-2015, >450 catchments, multiple models
- **Groundwater:** monthly levels, 1891-2015, 54 boreholes

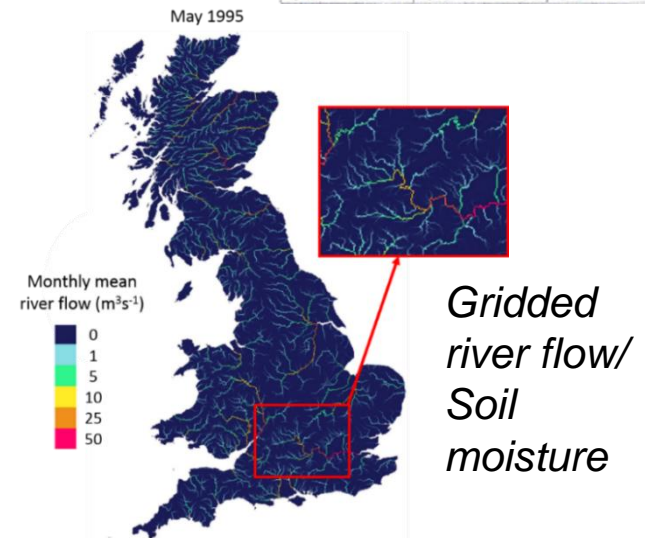
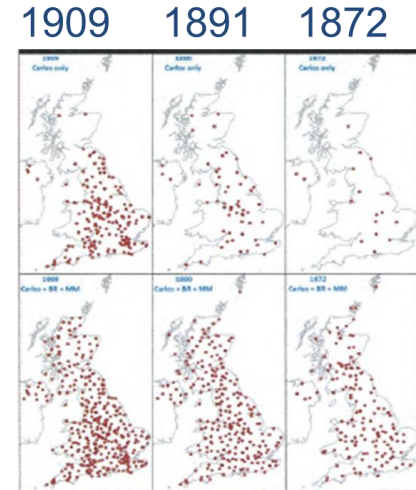


River flow and groundwater level reconstructions



Gridded rainfall and PET

Improved coverage of early rainfall data



Gridded river flow/  
Soil moisture

All freely available:  
[www.eidc.ac.uk](http://www.eidc.ac.uk)

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## The MaRIUS Event Set

‘Weather@home’ RCM climate data

- Three timeslices:
  - 100 x Baseline (1900 – 2006)
  - 100 x Near Future (2020 – 2049)
  - 100 x Far Future (2070 – 2099)
- Data available on **CEDA**  
<http://www.ceda.ac.uk/>
- Run through hydrological models available on **EIDC**  
[www.eidc.ac.uk](http://www.eidc.ac.uk)

**Spatially consistent projections, large ensembles giving range of plausible droughts**

Hydrolog. Earth Syst. Sci., 22, 611–634, 2018  
https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-22-611-2018  
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Hydrology and Earth System Sciences 

**A large set of potential past, present and future hydro-meteorological time series for the UK**

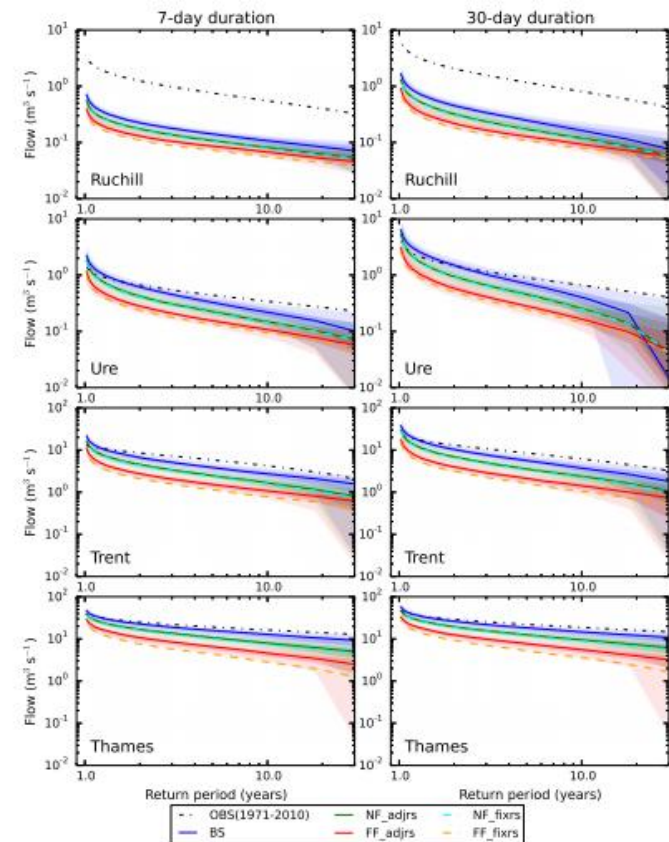
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*Future low flows using MaRIUS projections run through hydrological models (Kay et al. 2018)*



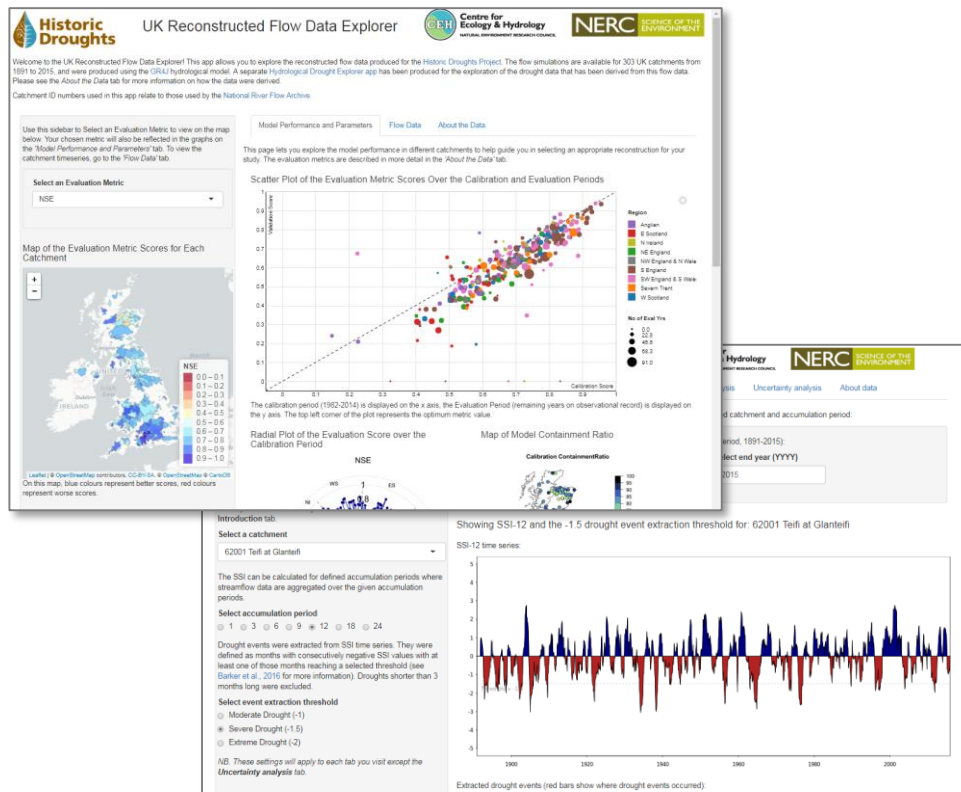


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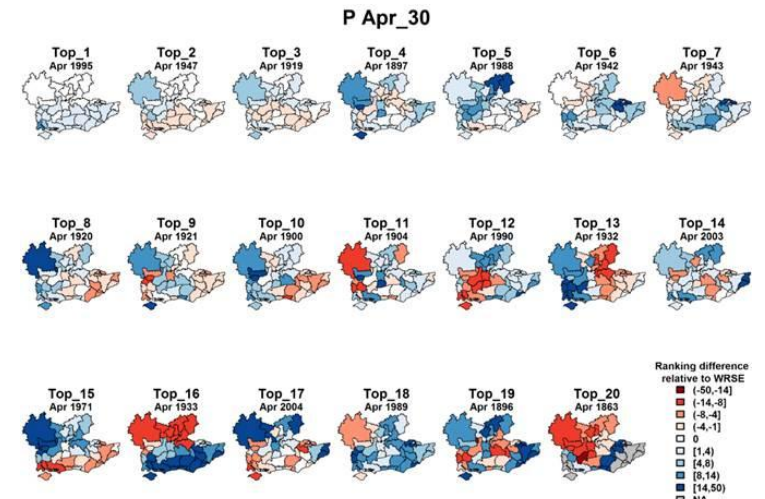
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## ENDOWS WS1.1: consistent 'Drought Libraries' for long-term planning

Available now: explore the drought data with web apps



Coming soon: Prototype Drought Libraries and applications in stress-test case studies



Draft Library outputs from Oct 2018 Oxford Workshop. Second workshop in early 2019

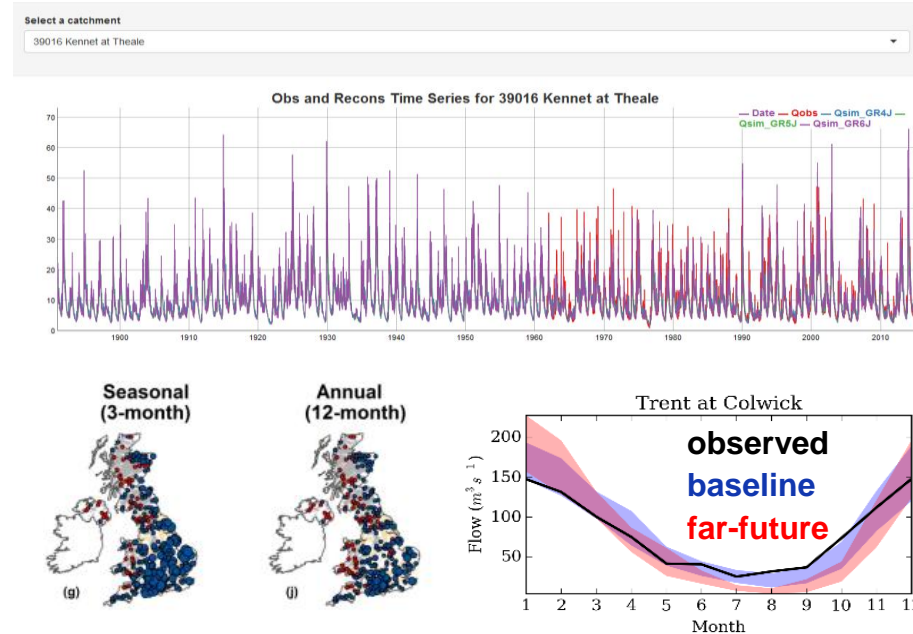
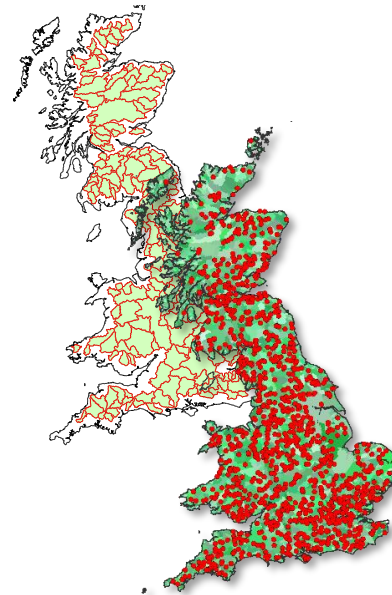
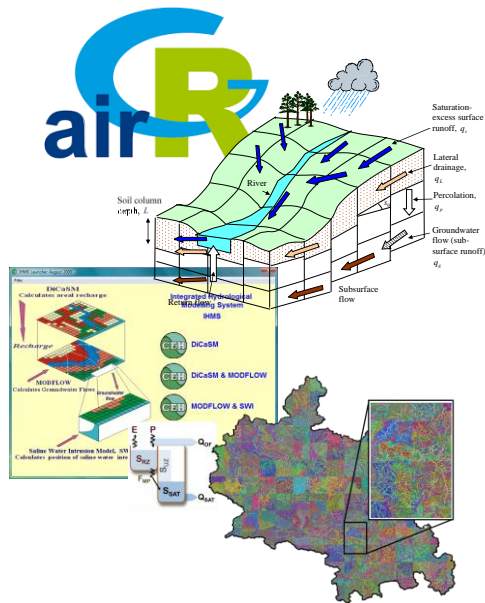
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ENDOWS Leads: Simon Parry, Luke Harrington

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## ENDOWS WS1.2: guidance for hydrological modelling applications



Four hydrological models...

...modelling a number of catchments...

...producing a wealth of hydrological model output for different purposes

- How well do our models simulate drought behaviour (and how/why)?
- Do these differences matter when informing decision support and drought management?



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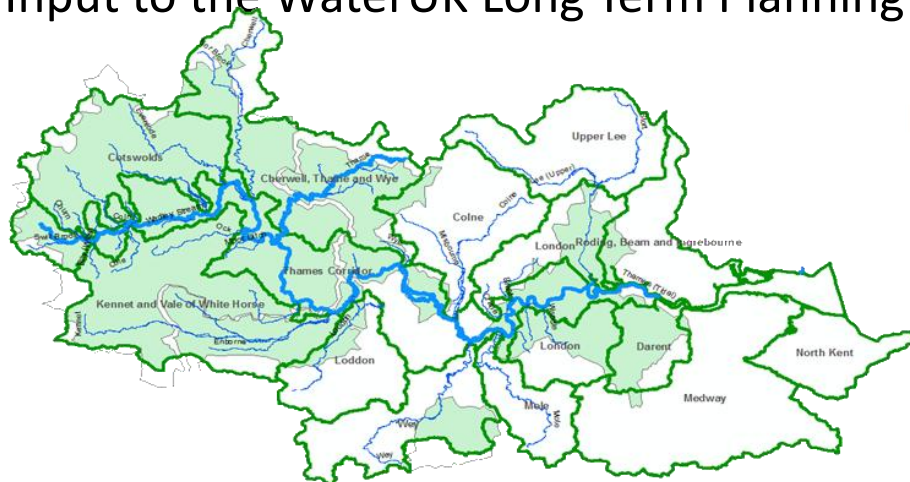
## ENDOWS WS1.3: Methodologies for risk-based planning

WATHNET water resources models for different scales – catchment scale and national (covers ~70% of England and Wales, with further development underway).




Uses MaRIUS climatology & hydrology data to simulate water shortages from drought events up to **2049**

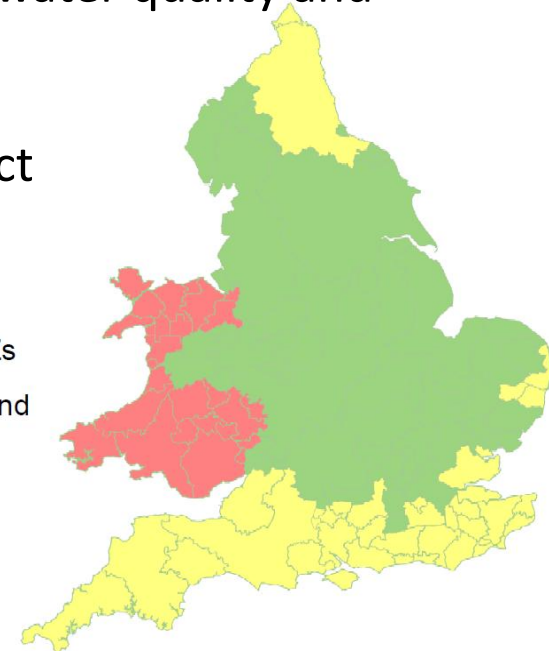
Frameworks for risk-based planning, and the integration of water quality and quantity

Input to the WaterUK Long Term Planning Framework project



### Legend

-  WaterUK model WRZs
-  Other WRZs in England
-  Wales WRZs

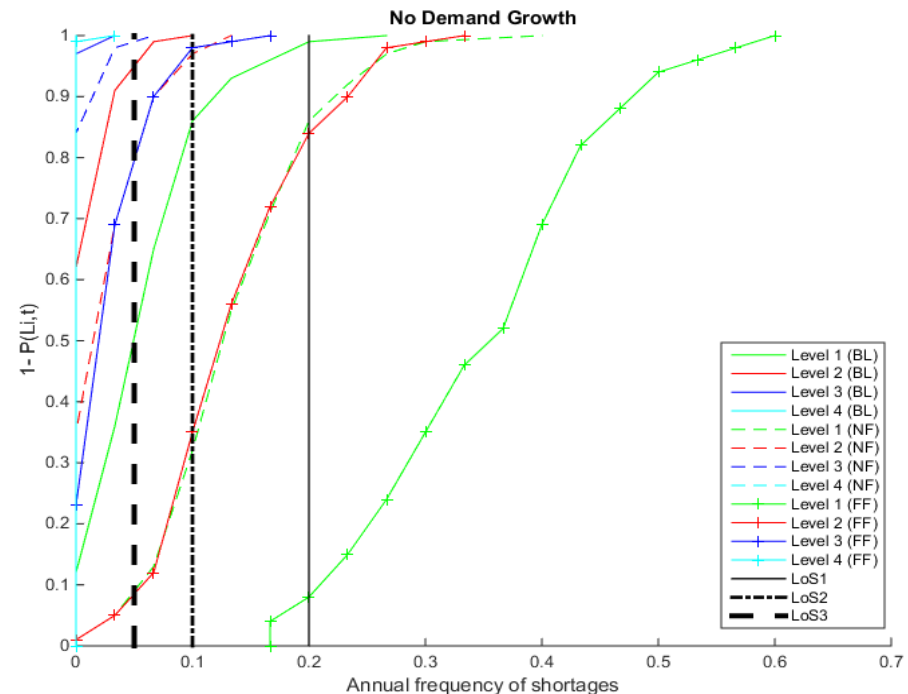


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## Producing *risk-based* analysis of exceeding stated Levels of Service for when considering water resources *and* quality

The results shows the probability of exceeding Level of Services increases in the future, and more severe restrictions need to be implemented the further ahead into the future we look



Climate scenarios	WQQ scenarios	Probability of LoS exceedance			
		L1	L2	L3	L4
BL	WQ-with RQ	0.84	0.66	0.46	0.3
	WQ-without RQ	0.24	0.1	0.065	0.03
	NO WQ	0.18	0.07	0.025	0
NF	WQ-with RQ	1	0.96	0.92	0.45
	WQ-without RQ	0.78	0.5	0.345	0.19
	NO WQ	0.57	0.34	0.115	0.08
FF	WQ-with RQ	1	1	1	0.96
	WQ-without RQ	1	1	0.985	0.72
	NO WQ	0.99	0.96	0.75	0.22

BL= baseline climate scenario (1900 – 2006)  
 NF = drought in the near future (2020 – 2049)  
 FF = drought in the far future (2020 – 2049)  
 RQ=reservoir quality

**Next: Directly assisting the Environment Agency’s National Framework to help with its analysis (outputs by Spring 2019)**



Derwent Valley Reservoirs, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018. (Katie Muchan)



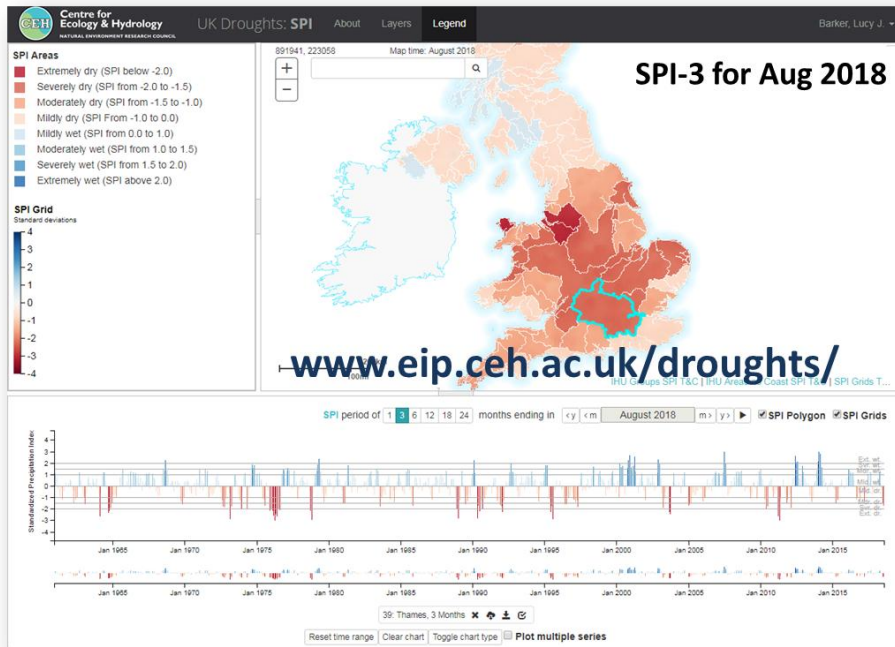


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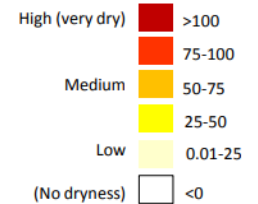
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## ENDOWS WS1.4: monitoring and early warning

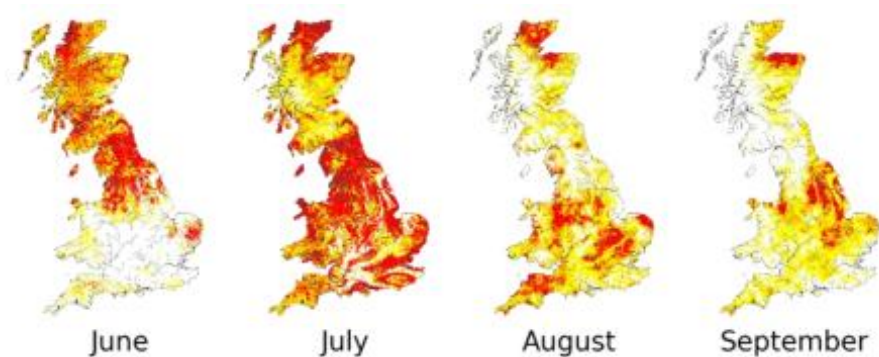
Dynamic, interactive, real-time mapping and visualisation of drought status



Water storage anomaly as a % of minimum storage anomaly (zero indicates average value)



<https://www.hydoutuk.net/>



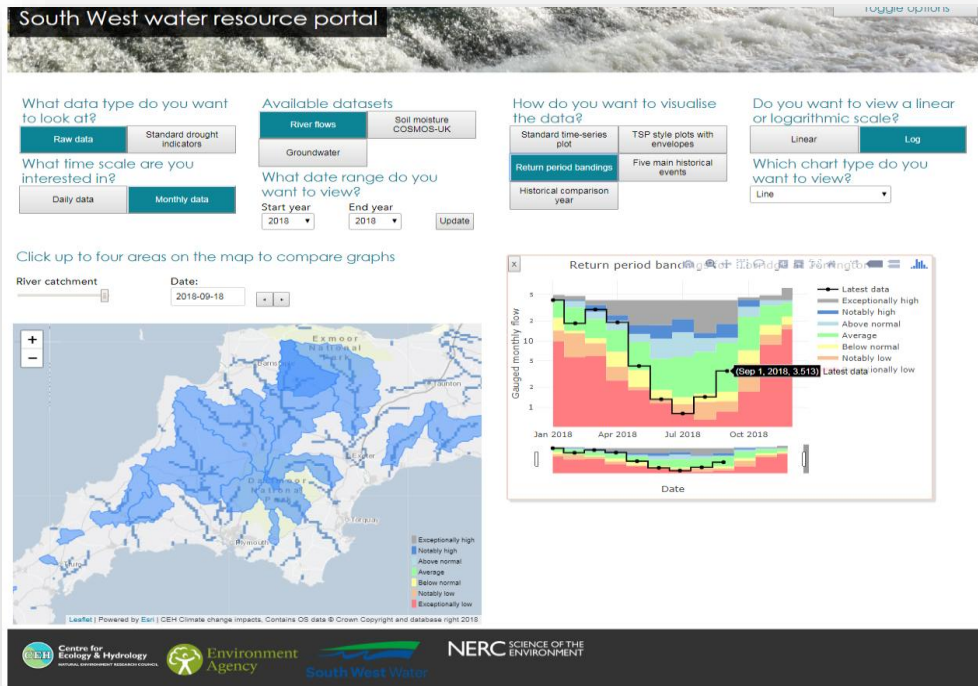
The UK drought portal: interactive high-resolution drought monitoring (launched June 2017)

Subsurface water storage maps for the UK (launched June 2018)

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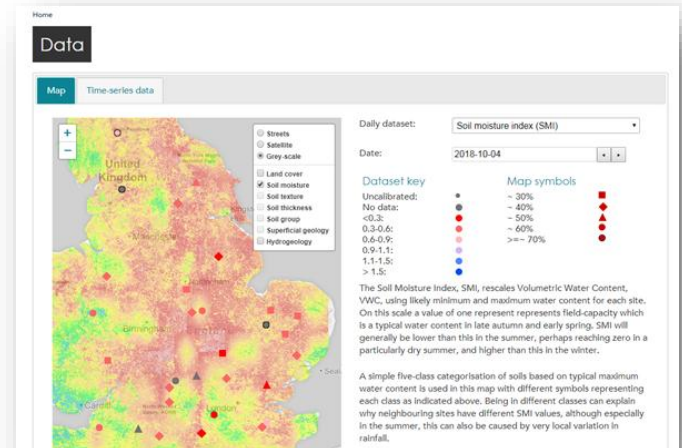
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**Coming soon (early 2019)**  
**Demonstrator portal for SW England**  
*(featuring daily real-time river flow and customised visualisation options)*



**Matt Fry, Gemma Nash, Lucy Barker**

**Next: Anglian demonstrator**  
*(featuring Earth Observation and COSMOS-UK soil moisture)*



*Real-time, wide area soil moisture*  
<https://cosmos.ceh.ac.uk/>

**These innovations will be tested iteratively with stakeholders through 2019 and then will feature in a future version of the national UK Drought Portal**

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## ENDOWS WS1.5: seasonal forecasting

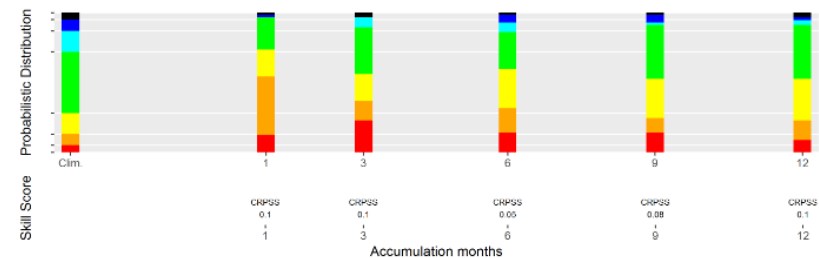
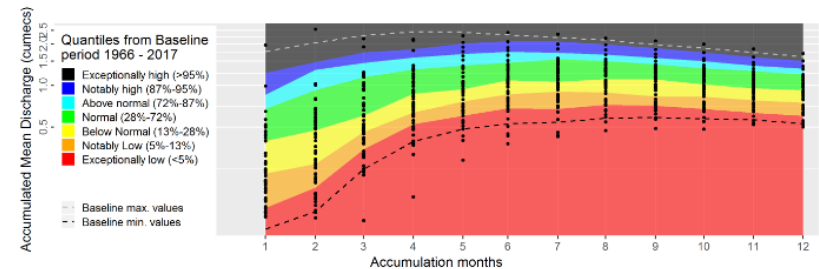
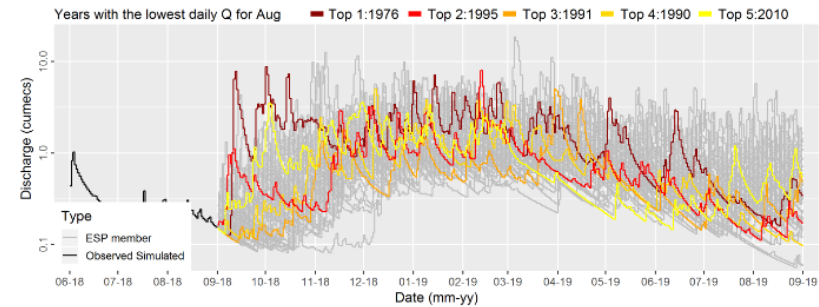
- Aim:** Work with water managers to demonstrate the benefits of drought forecasts and overcome barriers to uptake
- Co-evaluation:** How do we co-design and evaluate the forecast reliability, uncertainties, spatial/temporal scales?
- Case Studies:** on application of streamflow forecasts in ongoing dry weather



Jamie Hannaford, Maliko Tanguy,  
Nikos Mastrantonas, Katie Smith



12-month ESP forecast from September 2018  
Catchment: Dove at Kirkby Mills (27042)



Engaging potential users with live forecasts during summer/autumn 2018

Please email me for more info: [jaha@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:jaha@ceh.ac.uk)



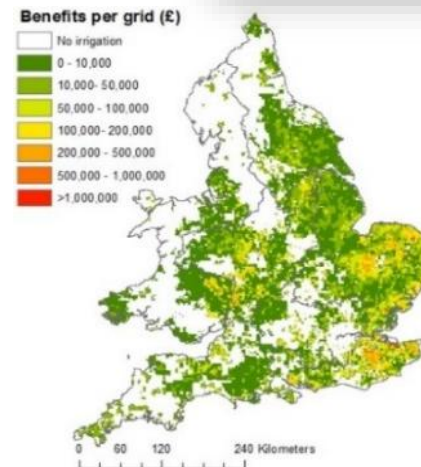


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## Workstream 2 Agriculture

- Policy brief on irrigated agriculture under climate change
- Synthesis of drought impacts on agriculture, protected crops, nurseries
- Draft water resource strategy for farming and food (*for launch at Irrigex, February 2019*)
- Seasonal forecasting demonstrator for East Anglia
- Guidance for on-farm reservoir storage



Value of irrigation,  
Rey et al. 2016



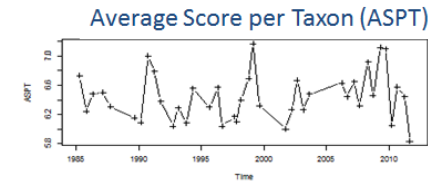
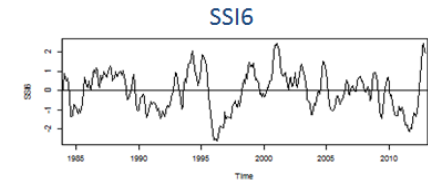
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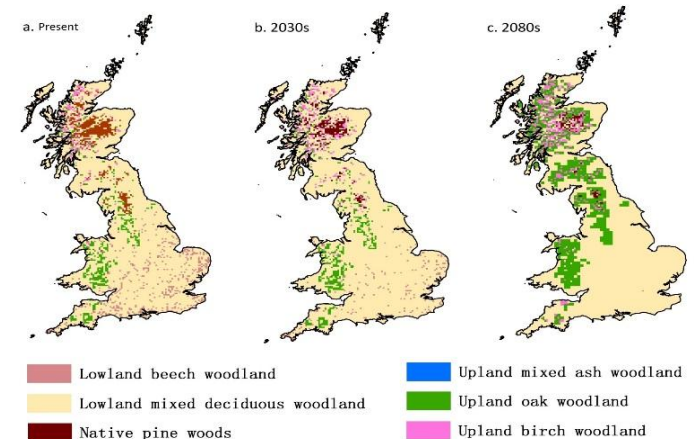
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## Workstream 3 Environment

- Knowledge synthesis of drought impacts on ecology, via five habitat based 'Report Cards' (*early 2019*)
- Case study on early warning tools for conservation managers (*e.g. RSPB wetlands*)
- co-development of environmental drought monitoring through case studies (*e.g. East Devon catchments*)
- High-level national workshop on e-flows and water abstraction reform



## From drought indicators to ecological Impacts (Laize et al. 2017)



## Climate Change impacts on woodlands (Berry et al. 2018)

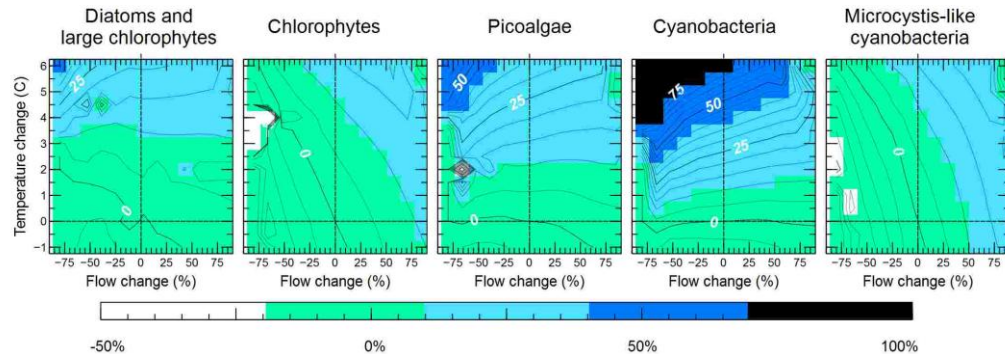
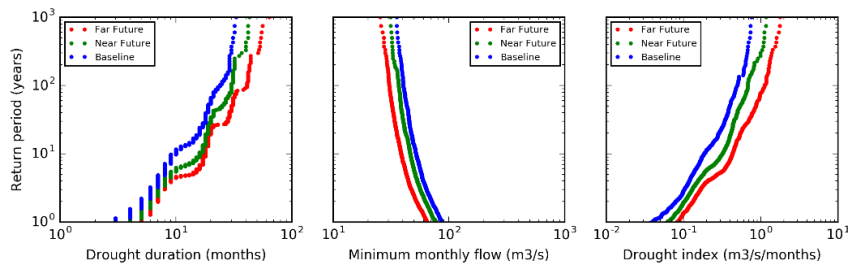


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## Workstream 4 Business

- Interface for KE for large business and SMEs
- Web-based resources/apps, with case-study resources & guidance
- Tailored workshops in collaboration with sector partners
- Case study on drought and low flow risks for the energy sector  
(*Energy UK River Trent case study*)



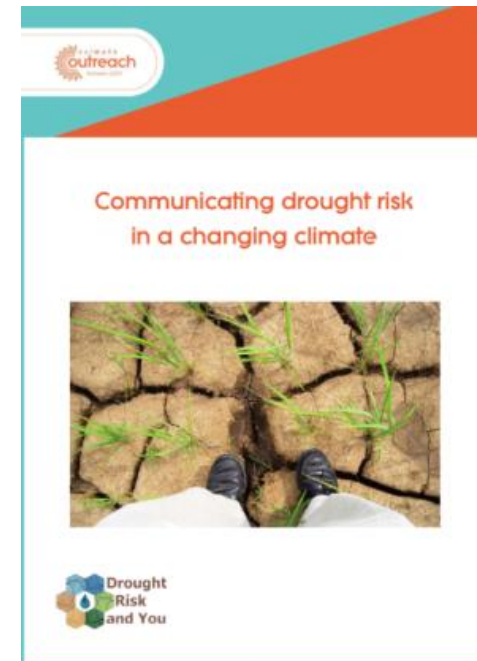
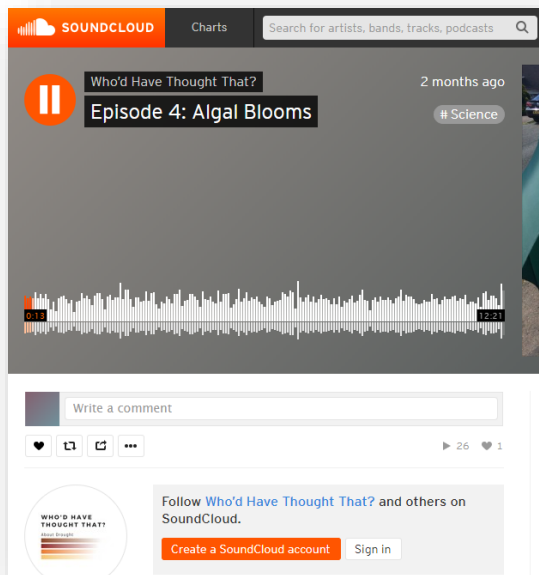
**Modelling water quantity and quality to assess future drought risks for the river Trent (RWE NPower) Bussi et al. 2018**

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## Workstream 5 Communities

- Exploiting programme outputs (oral histories, linguistic corpora, digital stories)
- Interface for KE for public/communities
- Podcasts, videos (e.g. 'Drought Myths'. 'Who's have known that?' series)
- Guidance on drought communication and educational materials

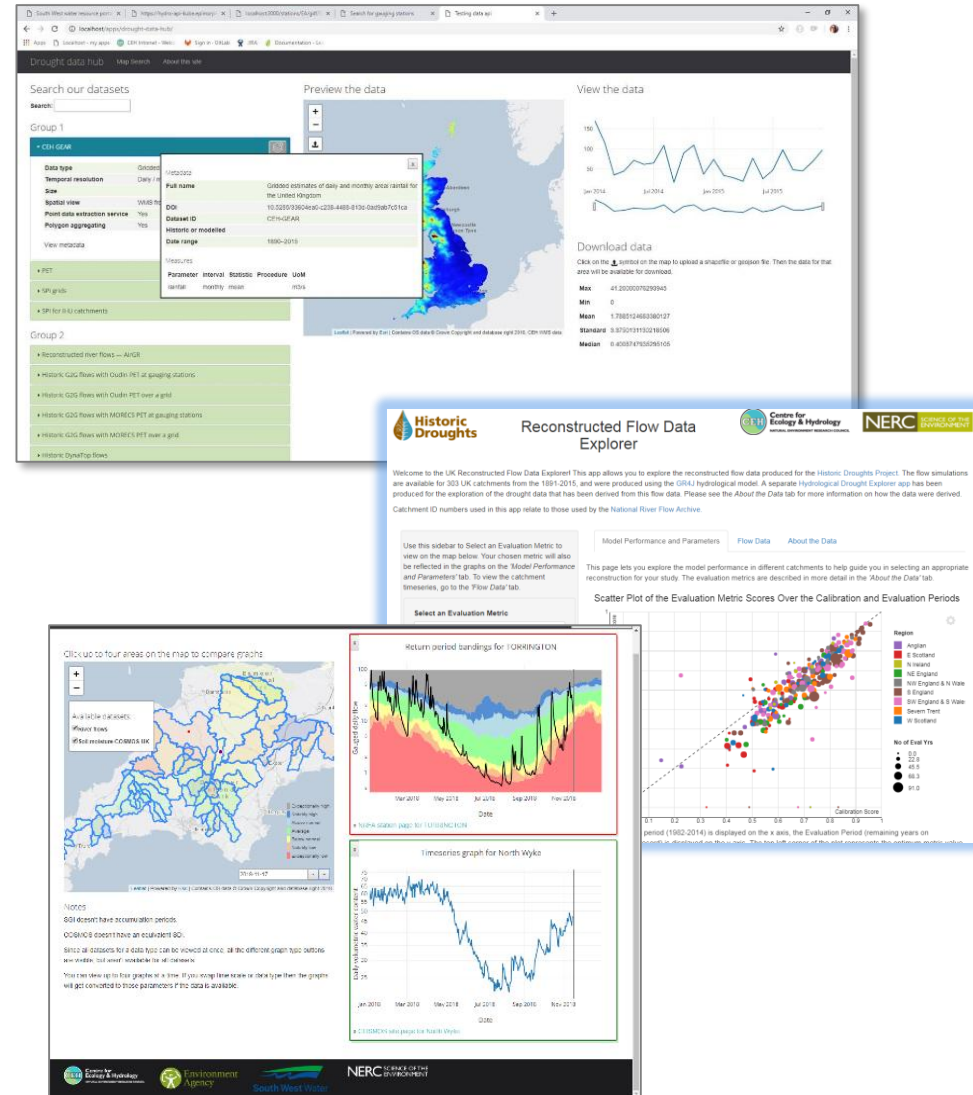


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## Workstream 6 Data

- Web-based access, data downloadable
- APIs (so programmers can get the bits they want)
- “Drought data hub” – an interface for downloading data for places of interest
- Enhanced Droughts portal
- “Shiny” applications for enabling more complex interactions (drought libraries)





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The screenshot shows the homepage of [aboutdrought.info](http://aboutdrought.info/). The browser address bar shows the URL. The page features a navigation menu with links for "What is drought?", "Experiences of drought", and "Drought research". The main heading is "About Drought" with the tagline "Maximising the impact of UK research on drought & water scarcity". Below this is a "Welcome to About Drought" section. The page is organized into three columns: "EVENTS" with a link to a workshop on Thinking Sustainability H2O; "PODCASTS" with a SoundCloud player for "Who'd Have Thought That?"; and "TWITTER" with a list of tweets from Emma Weitkamp and AboutDrought.

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for @AboutDrought. The profile picture is a circular image of a dry riverbed. The bio states: "The UK Droughts & Water Scarcity research programme is supporting improved decision-making in relation to droughts and water scarcity". The profile shows 464 tweets, 115 following, 252 followers, and 548 likes. A pinned tweet from October 29, 2018, reads: "Call for #abstracts for our 2019 #drought & #WaterScarcity conference is now open #climate #Hydrology #risk #communities #water #communications @CEHScienceNews @Project\_DRY @ecioxford". Below the tweet are several promotional posters for the conference, including one with a QR code and another with the text "CALL FOR ABSTRACTS" and "DROUGHTS THREATEN SOCIETIES, ECONOMIES AND ECOSYSTEMS WORLDWIDE".

<http://aboutdrought.info/>

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## Concluding Remarks

- The droughts programme has been a major investment in interdisciplinary UK drought research over four years
- ENDOWS is now integrating this research and making it accessible and useful for a very wide range of stakeholders
- Data, models, methodologies could find application in regional and national-scale planning...
- ...as well as in managing the ongoing drought
- We still have one year of ENDOWS left and welcome further opportunities to embed the research into decision-making

