

Dynamic flood risk assessment using globally available data: an African example

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Flooding in Africa: what are the impacts?









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"[...] Globally, we need to better understand how and where we are vulnerable to disasters, and how best to manage the risks we face"



Robert B. Zoellick President The World Bank Group June 2012



Global flood risk research at IVM & Deltares

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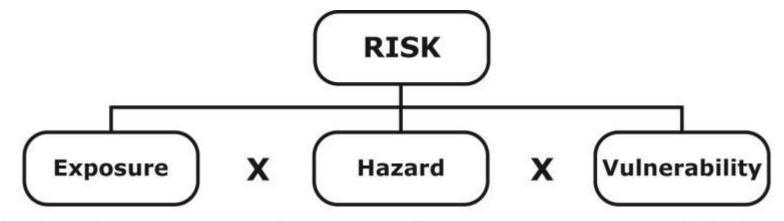
- Multidisciplinary risk studies
- ENHANCE project



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- Global hydrological modeling
- Collaborative research with The Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency

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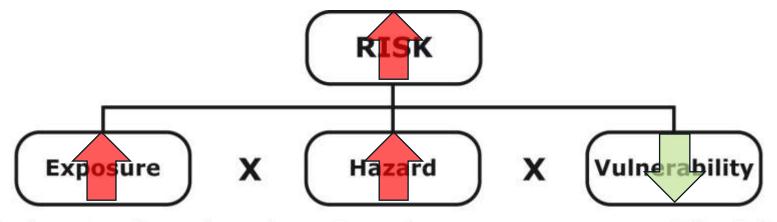








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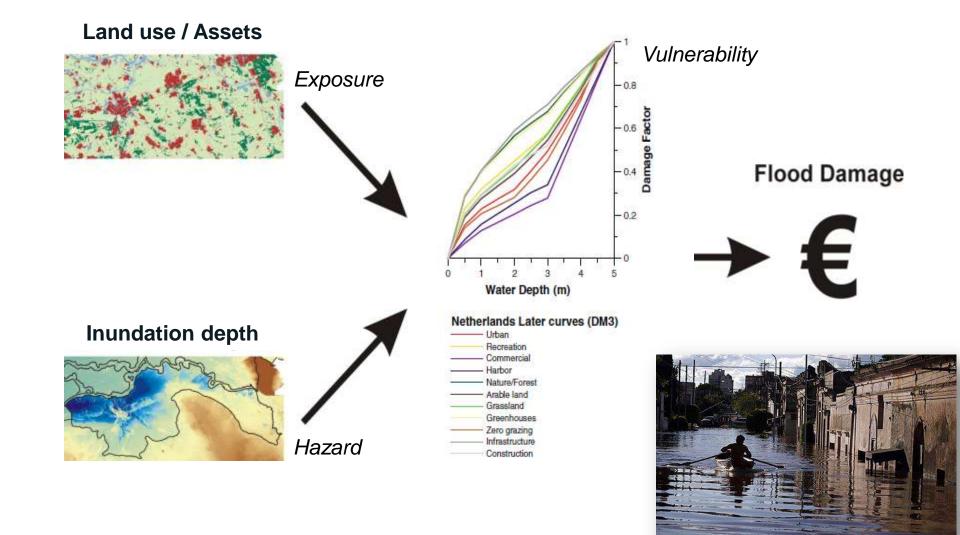






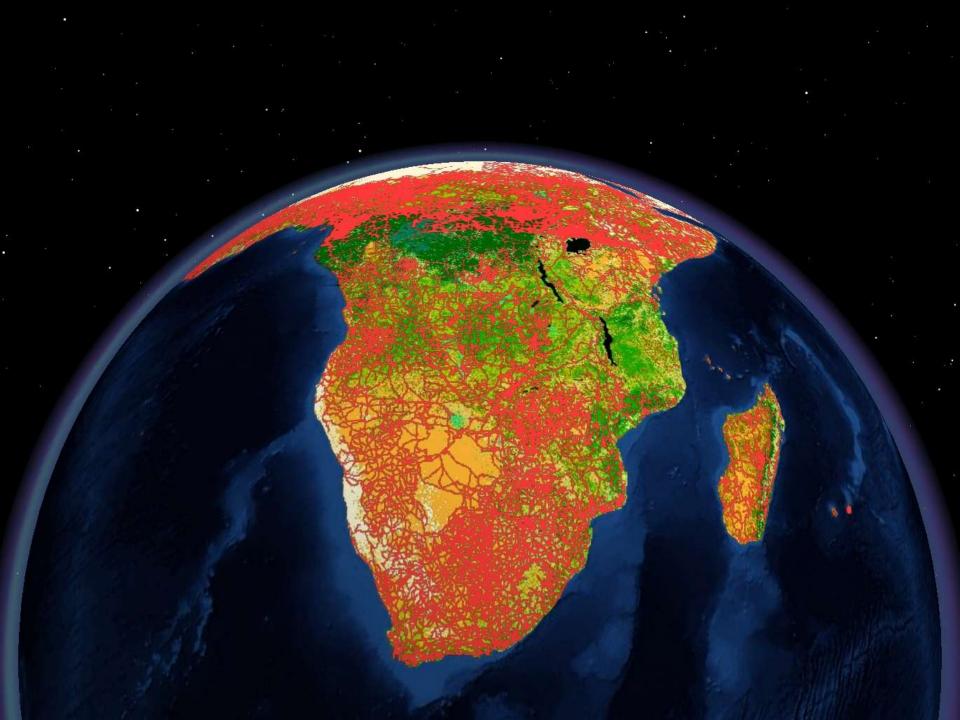


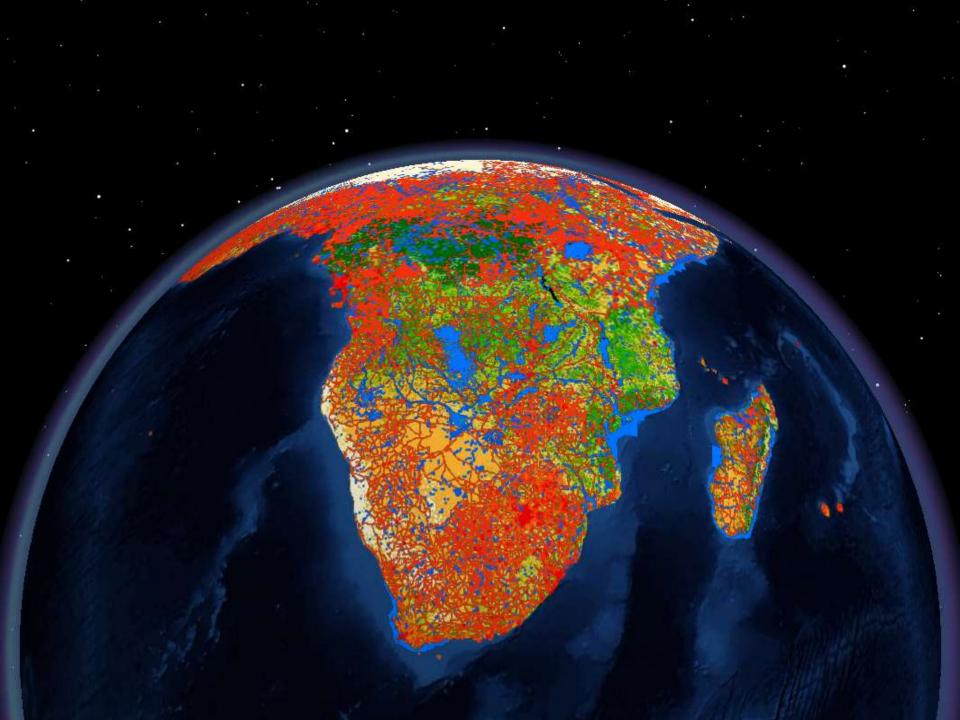
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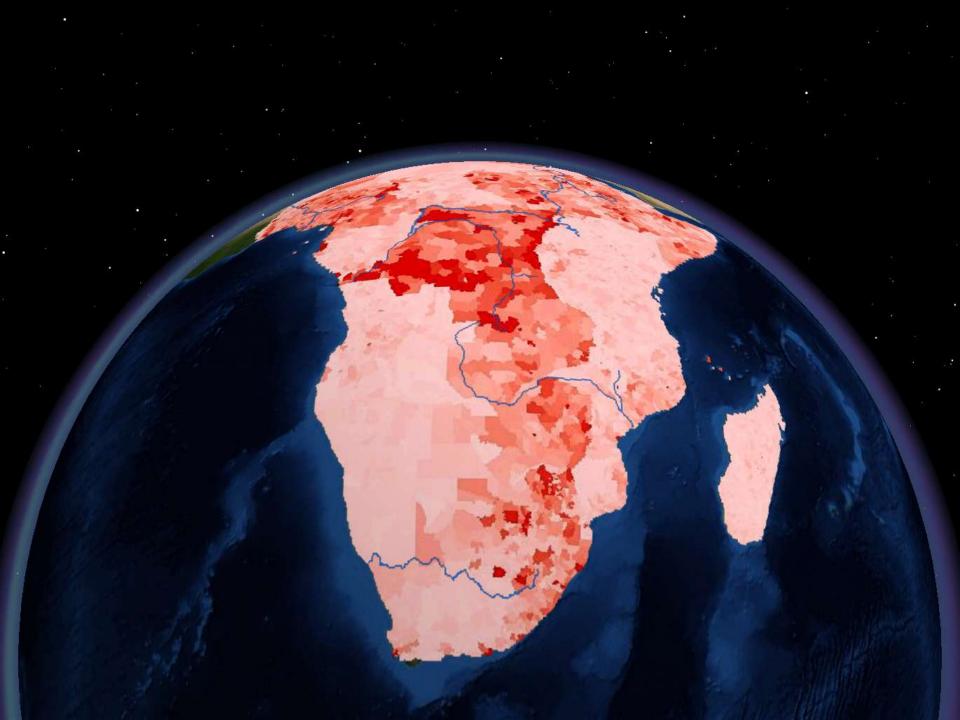












Global flood hazard model

- Global hydrological inundation model
- Currently: up to 1 in 30 year floods
- Possible: up to 1 in 100 year floods

• Output:

- Inundation extent (1km x 1km)
- Inundation depth (10cm intervals)







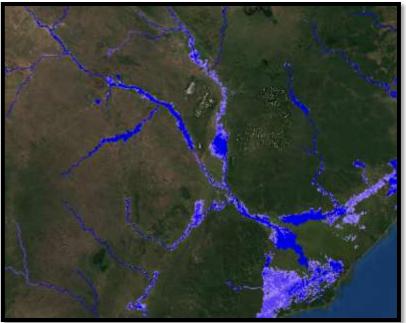
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Satellite observations



Global flood model



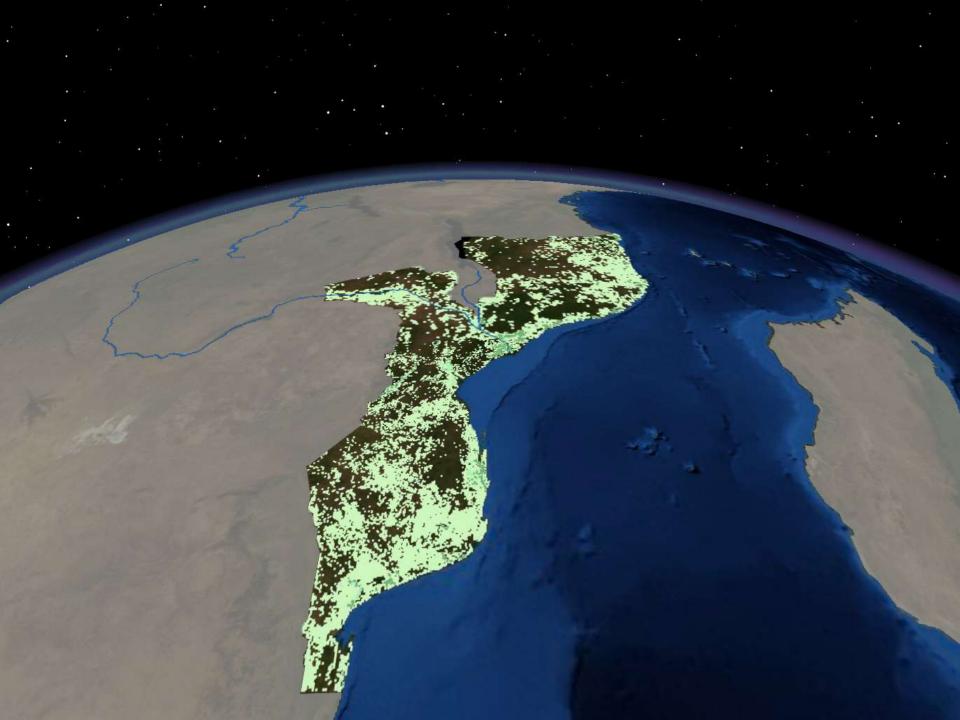




Flood risk assessment: case-study Mozambique

- Flood risk assessment using global data
- Exposure: three land-use types
 - Urban (density 0 100%)
 - Crops (density 0 100%)
 - Infrastructure (roads and railways)
- Hazard: global inundation model

Vulnerability: vulnerability functions with depth







Flood risk assessment: Mozambique case-study

Damages to…	Model estimates, total Mozambique (millions)	Observed, year 2000 flood (millions)
Urban areas	\$ 3,162	\$ 1,105
Crops	\$ 17	\$ 85
Infrastructure	\$ 131	\$ 100
Total	\$ 3,310	\$ 1,290



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Population impact

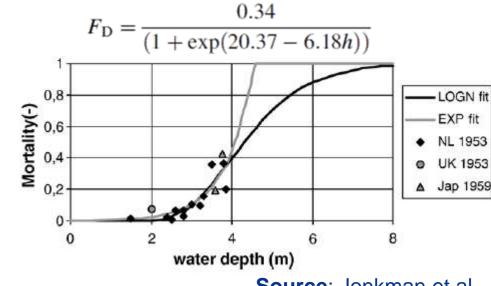
Affected population

- Number of people affected
- Average poverty, age break-down and health of affected people

Mortality

- Expected deaths
 - > Flood depth
 - > Poverty and health
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Source: Jonkman et al., 2008

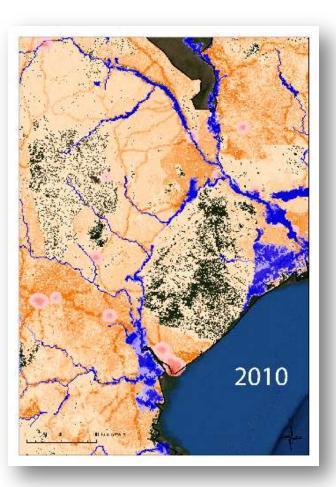
Dynamic scenarios

Flood risk under scenarios of..

- Climate change
- Population growth
- Urban expansion
- Wealth growth

Dynamic assessment

- How does flood risk change?
- Which developments matter?
- Which can we influence?



Adaptation measures

Model can be used to assess adaptation measures

1. Hazard reduction

• Standard of flood protection

2. Exposure reduction

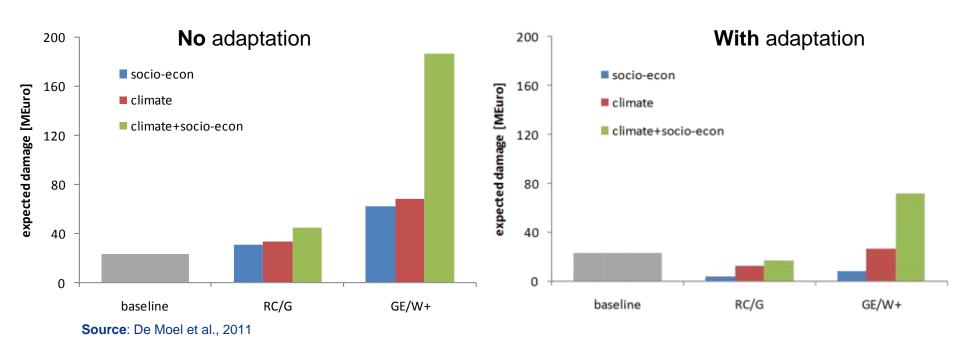
• Value of assets in flood zone

3. Vulnerability reduction

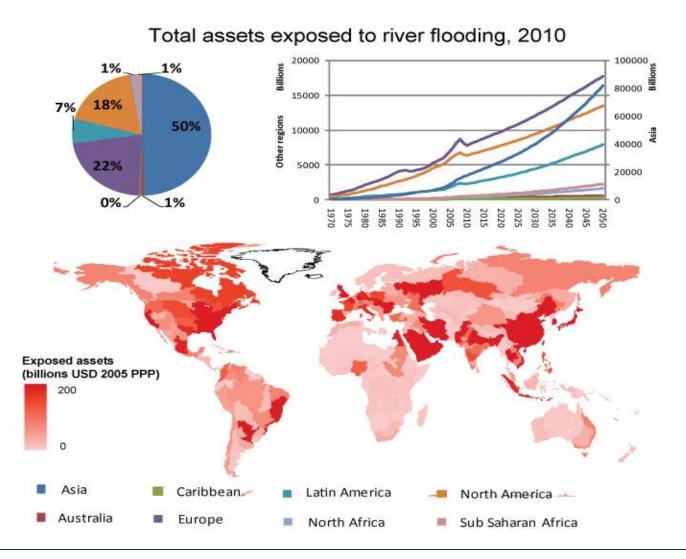
- Asset vulnerability
- Societal resilience



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Global scale analyses



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Links to stakeholders operations

- 1. Quantifying and mapping current and future flood risk
- 2. Linking to adaptation planning and financing
- 3. Assessing the effects of **development** on flood risk
- 4. Applications in short- to medium-term disaster planning
- 5. Added value to the Global Assessment Report?

Thank you for your attention

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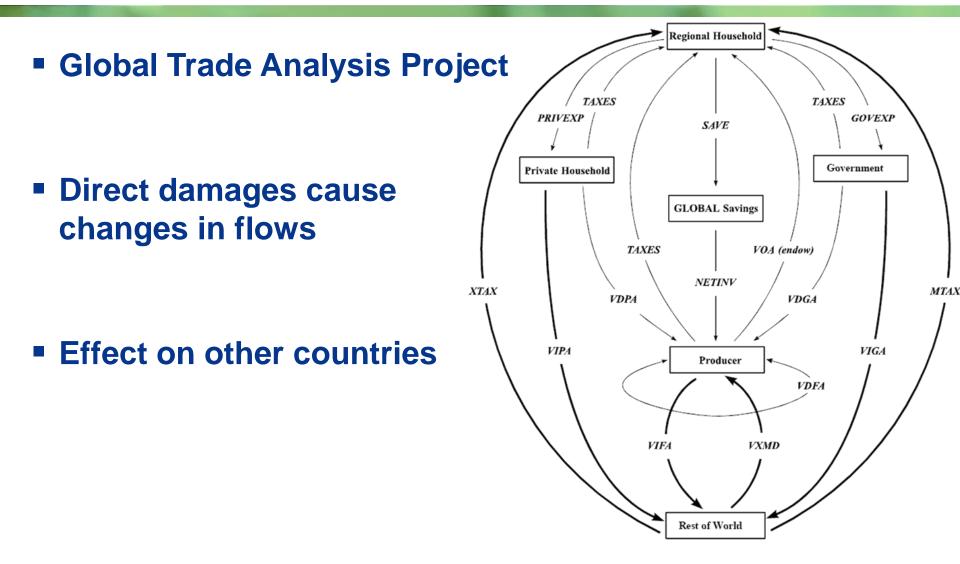
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Indirect effects and macroeconomic impact



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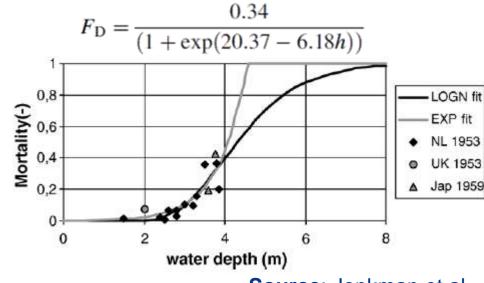
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