

Leveraging Research for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region

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Issues facing the Arab Region

- Water scarcity, and climate change
- Land degradation / desertification
- Food security, loss of agricultural productivity and agro-biodiversity
- Poverty and marginalization
- Population movement and rapid urbanization
- Political instability and conflict



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Strategic Research Priorities



Enhancing water, land productivity

- Rainfed, irrigated (Blue and Grey), and agro-pastoral farming
- Reversal of environmental degradation
- Enhance intensification



Adaptation to Climate Change

Conventional and molecular breeding to develop climate-smart crops and livestock



Genetic Resources

- Mining crop diversity to develop germplasm resistant to heat, drought, cold, disease, higher nutrients
- International public goods (open access)

ICARDA's contribution to SDGs

Our Research Priorities



Our Cross-Cutting Themes



Partnerships
for Impact



Reduce
Poverty

Improve
Food,
Nutrition
Security
for Health

Improve
Natural
Resources
,
Ecosystem
Services



Systems Research

 Rainfed



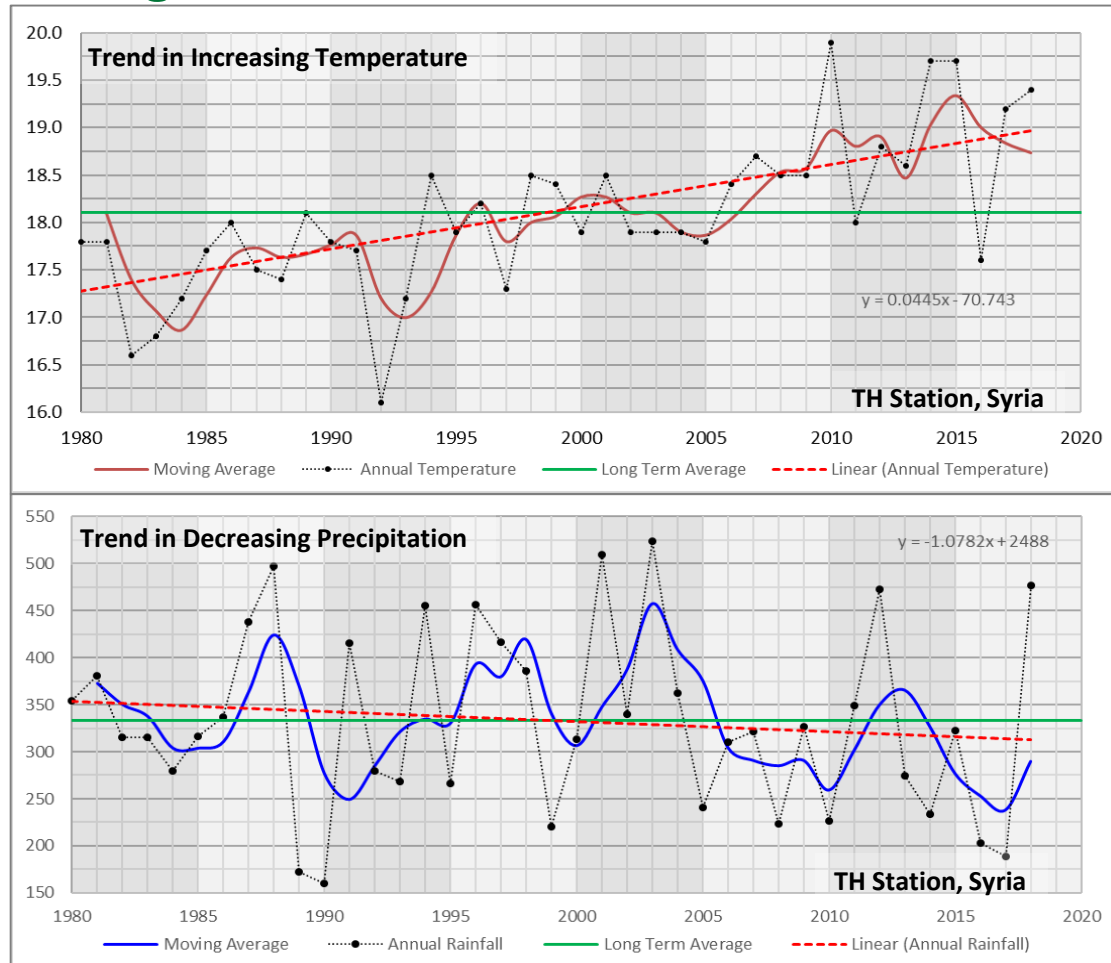
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 Agro-Pastoral

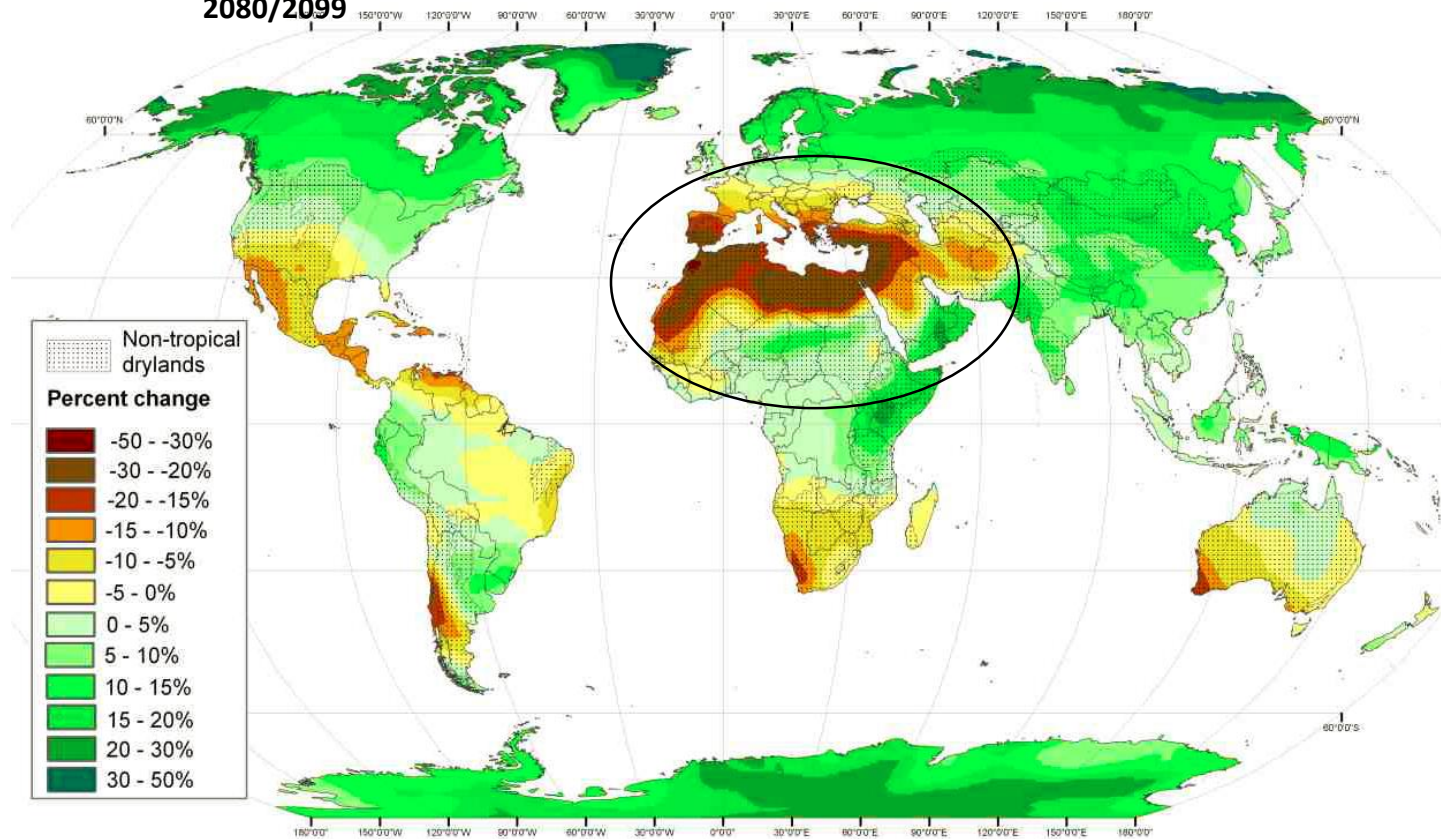


Climate change: historical records from ICARDA stations

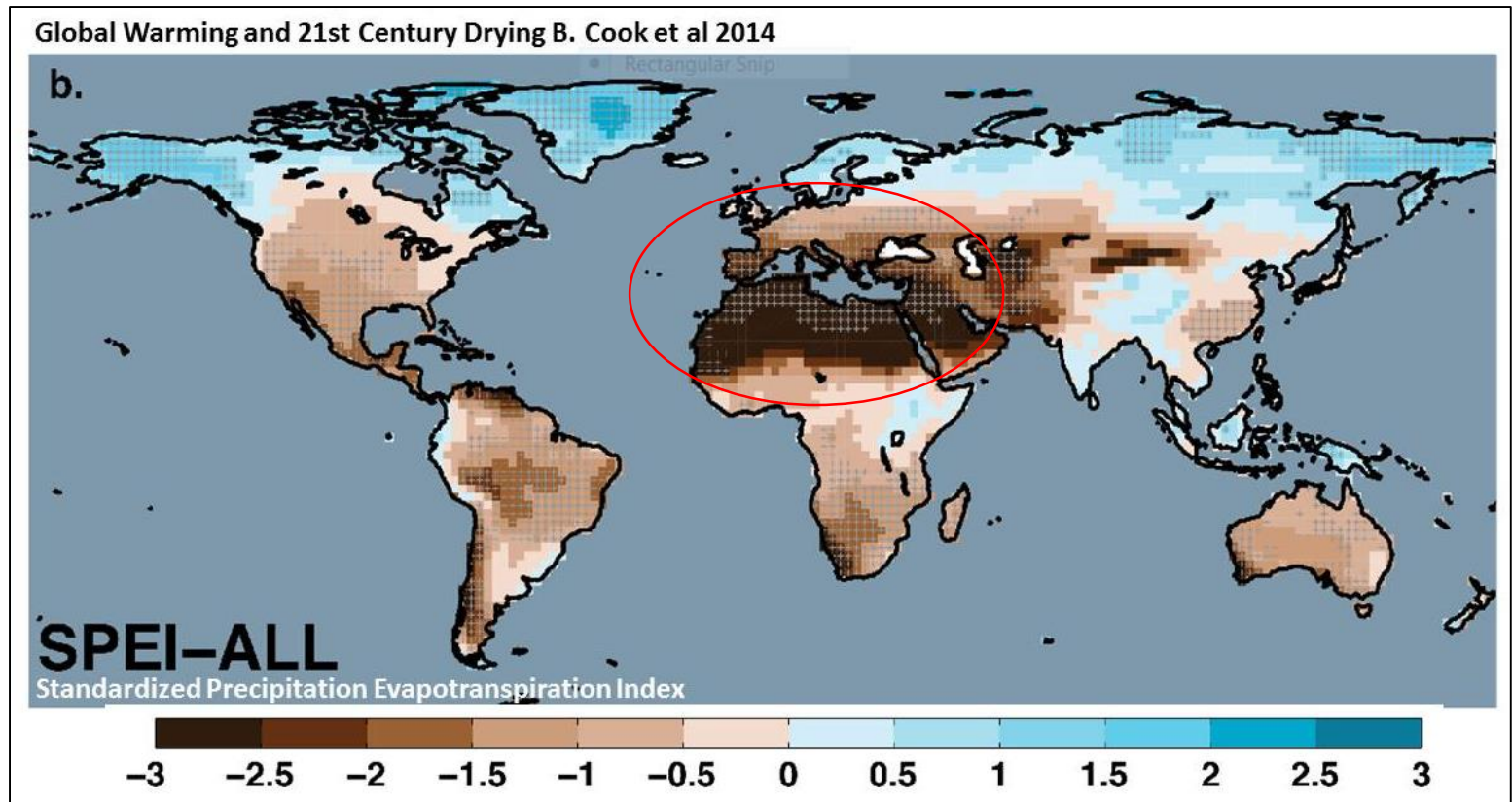


Climate Change: Expected change in Precipitation

1980/1999 to
2080/2099



Climate Change: Projected droughts by 2100





Tools



Agri Analytics Days | Agri Analy x eAtlas of Climate Change in Iraq x +

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eAtlas of Climate Change in Iraq and Jordan

Project "Improving food security and climate change adaptability of livestock producers using the Rainfed Barley-based system in Iraq and Jordan" (IFAD Grant 1240-ICARDA)

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 **Iraq**

 **Jordan**

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Improving locally adapted crops for climate resilience and drought resistance

Bread Wheat



Faba bean



Durum Wheat



Chickpea



Barley



Lentils



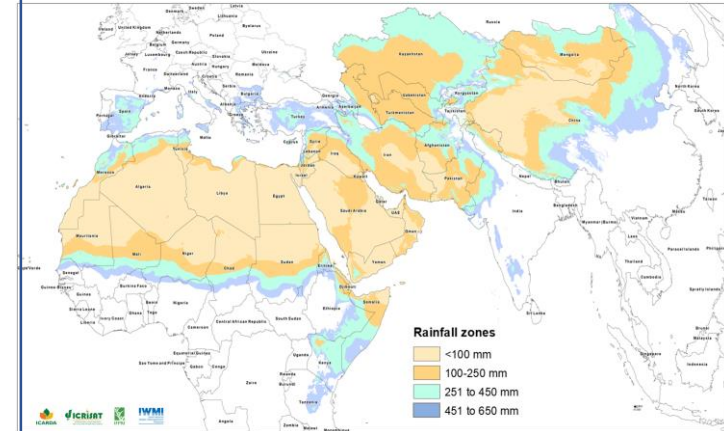
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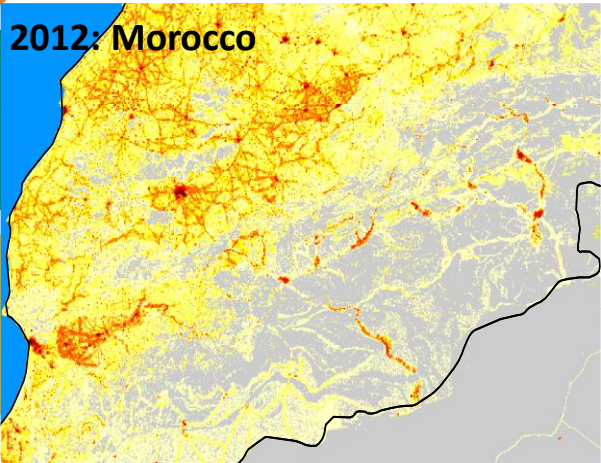
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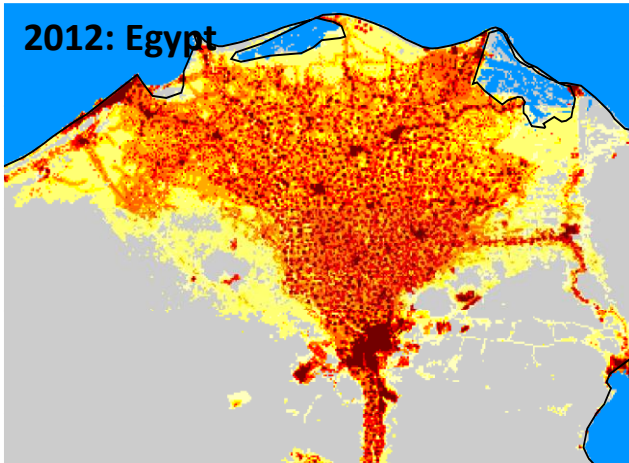


Changing demographics due to migration

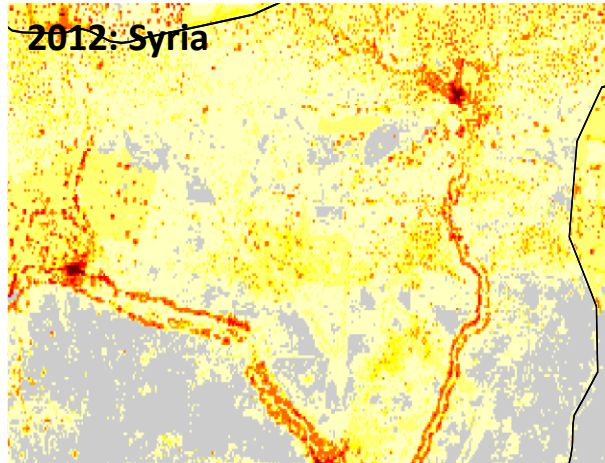
2012: Morocco



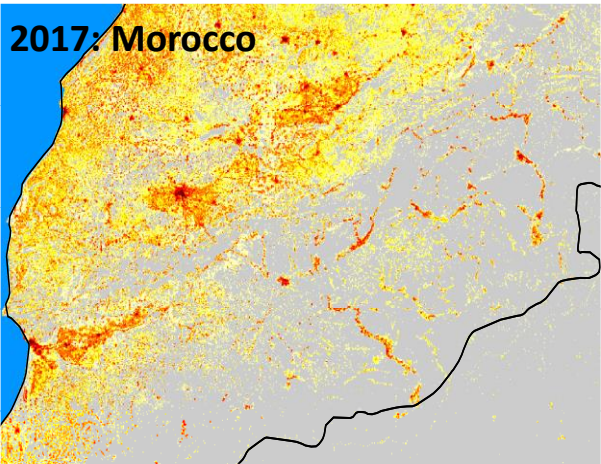
2012: Egypt



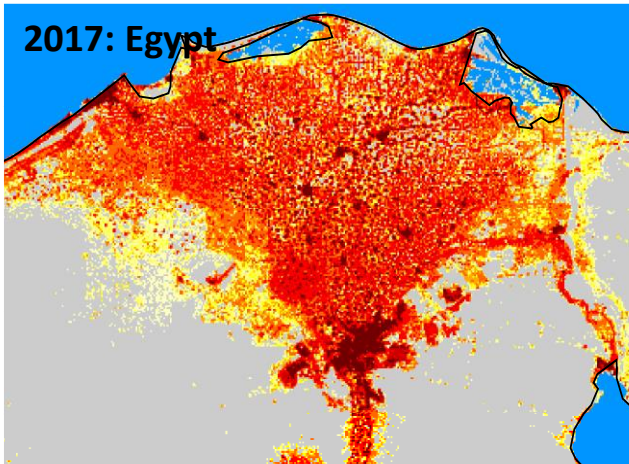
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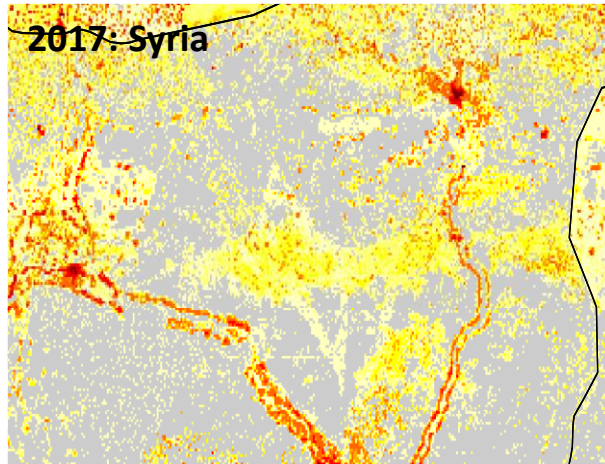
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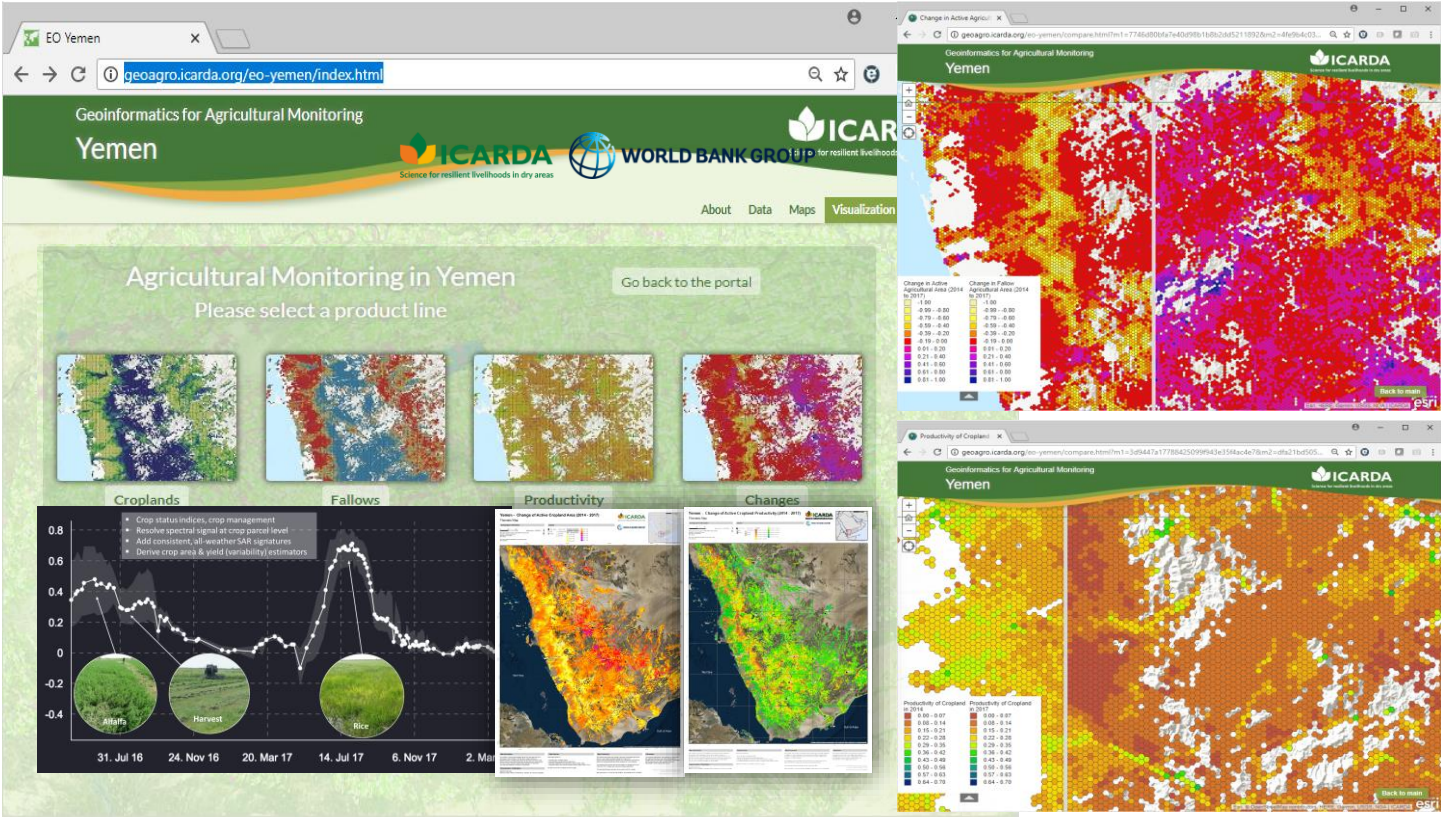


2017: Syria



Mapping and monitoring the fragile landscapes

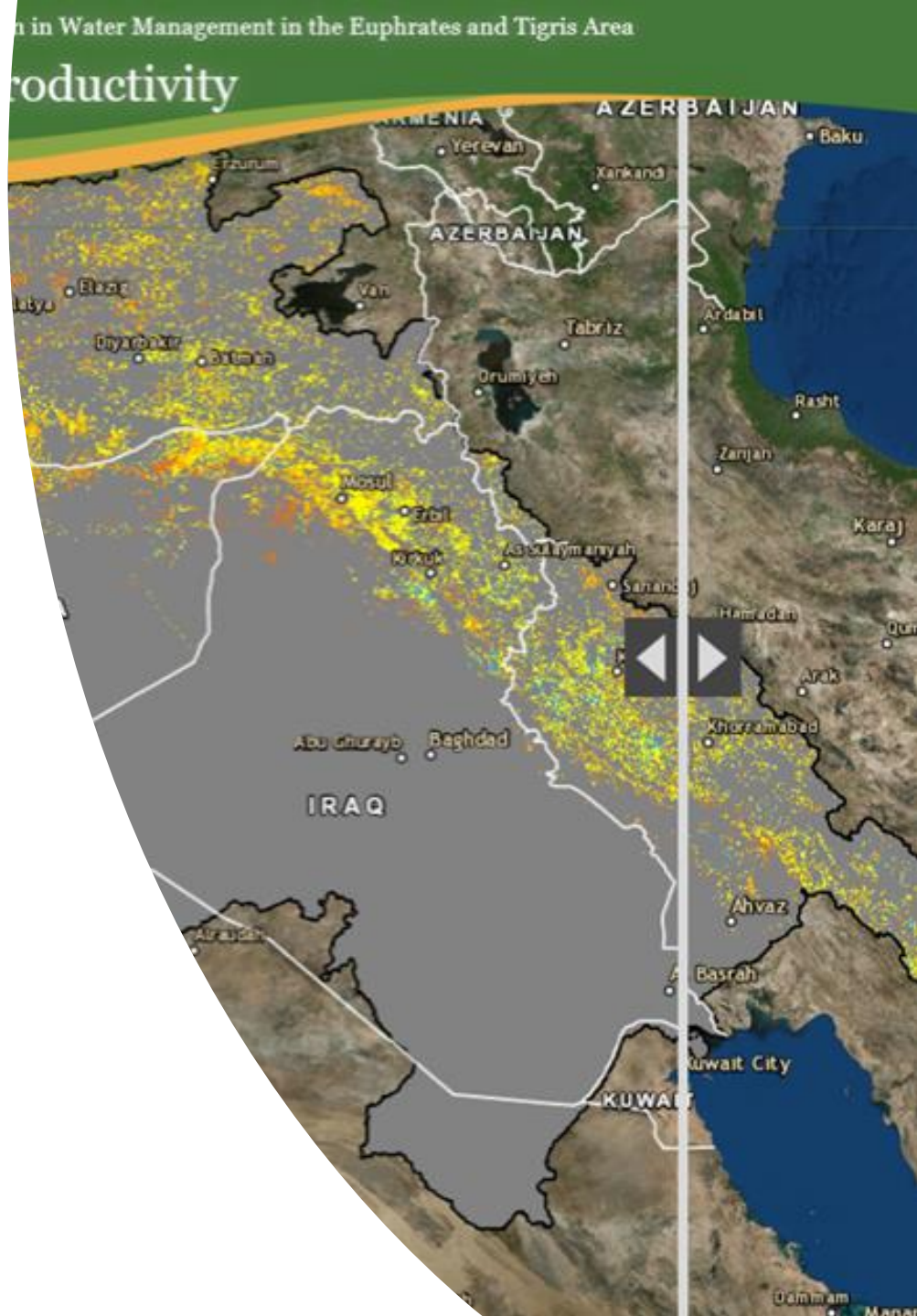
Impact of war on agriculture in Yemen



Enhancing water productivity for food security

- Modernization of irrigation systems and improving the efficiency of surface irrigation
- Supplemental irrigation (Systems and management)
- Deficit Irrigation as a water management strategy for water scarce areas
- Modifying cropping patterns to enhance water productivity
- Use of geo-informatics for monitoring and management

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Increasing water productivity in wheat through raised-bed technology

Increasing wheat crop productivity and food security while saving on water resources



Farmer practices (Evaporation)



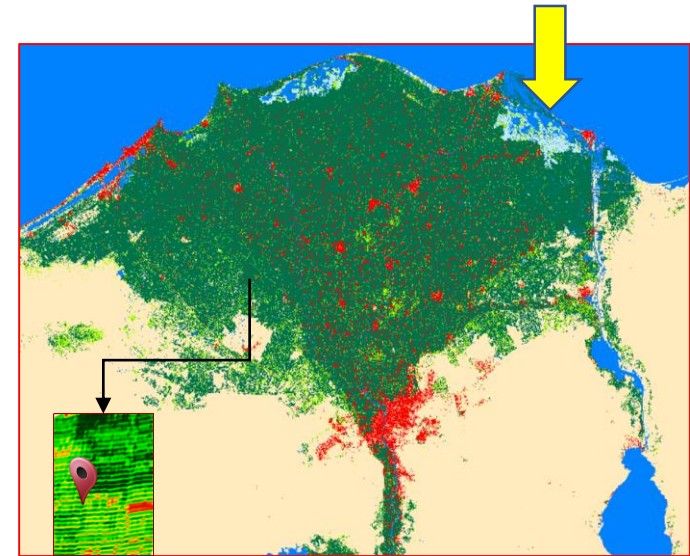
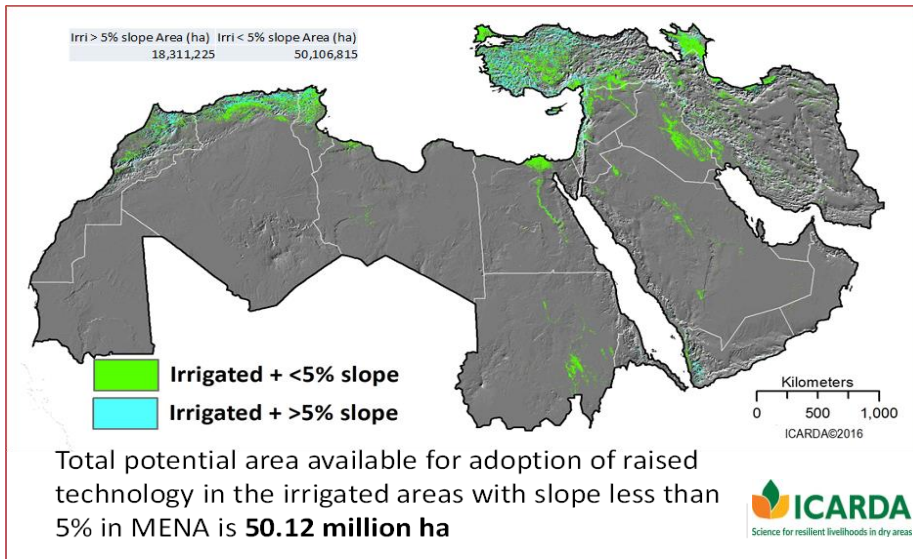
Mechanized Raised-bed technology



- Reduce applied water by 30%
- Increased yields by 25%
- Reduced seed rate by 50%

Adopted on 700,000 feddans across Egypt in 6 years. Egyptian Government National Campaign is targeting 1.8 million feddans by 2020.

Out-scaling proven technologies



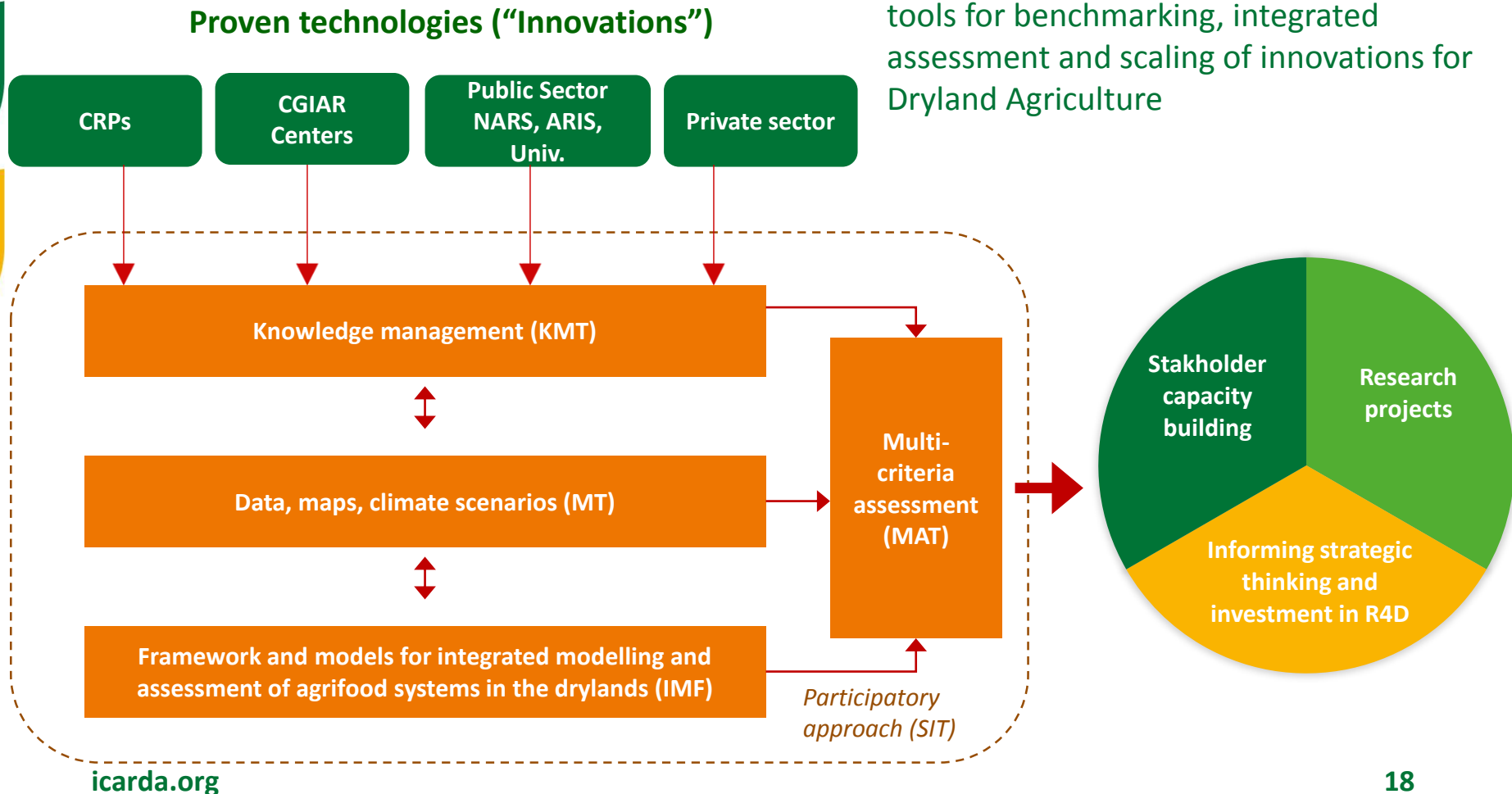


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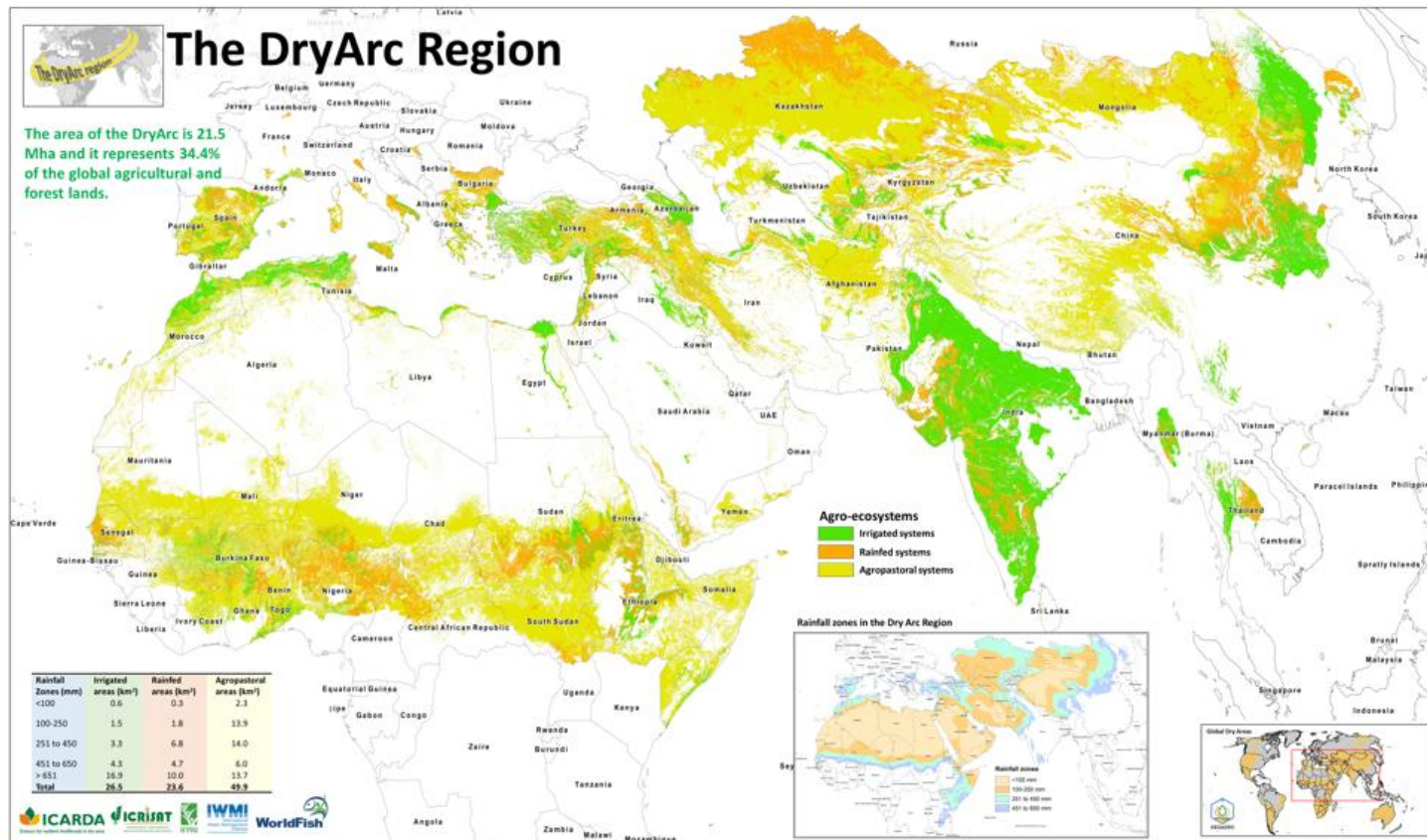


DryArc Initiative

The DryArc Interface: a combination of tools for benchmarking, integrated assessment and scaling of innovations for Dryland Agriculture



'Leaving no one behind'



Desert farming

- Less than 200 mm rainfall
- Water: harvested (green), extracted (fresh or saline) or re-used (grey, treated wastewater)
- Integrated Farming Systems - combinations of production systems
- Job creation in, and out of, agricultural sector
- Sustainability: circular economy and improved livelihoods





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