# STATISTICALLY DOWNSCALED CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE SANTA RIVER BASIN, USING GLOBAL CIRCULATION MODELS (GCM) AND ITS IMPACT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER RESOURCES.



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#### **I. Introduction**

Precipitation and temperature are two important variables for the availability of water resources, especially in agriculture. The objective of this research is to determine climate projected in the near future (2020-2040) and the far future (2080-2100) for the Santa river basin. Thirteen models, GCMs, CMIP3 (11 Models) and MRI - AGCM3.1S, 3,2S, were employed for selected variables in the process of validation. The impact of climate change on the hydrology in Santa river basin was studied by comparing the statistics in actual discharge and those projected as a result of hydrological simulation with WEAP, using the best climate projection on Emissions Scenarios A1B.

### **II. Methods**

Figure 1 shows the general procedure of the study of climate change. It involved four steps: Processes downscaling, future climate projections, determining anomalies and application of hydrological model (WEAP).





Statistical Downscamig		Determination of anomaly	Application of the river ological model
	Parametric Bias Correction	Anomaly: 2020 - 2039	Assessment of change in resource
	CDF Mapping	Anomaly: 2080 - 2100	<b>Fig. 1</b> Methodology for probabilistic assessment
			of climate change impacts on water resources.

#### 2.1 GCMs and statistical downscaling

The equations that governing the parametric correction and CDF Mapping are :



DS parametric bias correction. (b) DS CDF Mapping.

**Fig 3.** Twenty year-mean monthly precipitation at RECUAY. (a) MRI-AGCM 3.1S. (b) MRI-AGCM 3.2S

#### 2.2 Hydrologic model

Water Evaluation And Planning system (WEAP) was used for simulating the future runoff data used in this analysis.



Fig4.SchematicrepresentationofthehydrologicalmodelWEAP.

# **III. Results**

#### **3.1 Statistics for validation**

Figure 5(a) shows the boxplot, this diagram lets us compare all the models. The MRI-AGCM3.1S and 3.2S models showed good correspondence to field observation. For the temperature were determined the correlations daily, monthly and seasonal to have a better statistical analysis, (see Figure 5 b).







MRI-AGCM3.1S: 2080-2099



Fig. 5. (a) *Box Plot* of observed series versus the GCMs models. (b) Variation of Correlation coefficient for temperature: Field Observation vs MRI-CGCM3.1S

## **3.2 Analysis of annual cycle**

It is important to evaluate changes in seasonal runoff so as to select the GCMs models that best represent the field observation data. Figure 6 shows the representation of the annual cycle in precipitation of different GCMs analyzed.



**3.3** Analysis the Future climate scenarios, determination of anomalies in precipitation and temperature.

For the analysis of future climate the employment of the method "delta change", for precipitation was estimated:  $\Delta P\% = (F-P)/P*100$ , and for temperature was calculated using the following expression:  $\Delta T^{\circ}C = (F-P)$ .

**Fig 7**. Projections of rainfall anomalies. Periods: Near future (2020-2039) and far future (2080-2099). The units are in mm/day.



**Fig 8.** Projections of temperature anomalies for the A1B scenario. MRI-AGCM3.1S Model. The units are in <sup>0</sup>C

## **3.4** Effects of climate change on water resource availability

Climate projections simulated by hydrological model WEAP shows an increase in flow throughout basin in each of the catchments studied, in peak flow of the rainy season, average flow and minimum flow in dry seasons.

The hydrological modeling shows an increase of 30% and 45% for the near future and 80% in far future.

		MRI-AGCM3.1S		MRI-AGCM3.2S	
Watershed	ΔQ%	20-39	80-99	20-39	80-99
	Q_max	29.93	93.01	36.04	99.70
Cedros	Q mean	23.52	100.69	30.31	104.63
	Q_min	37.50	140.31	41.98	142.59
	Q_max	46.47	81.07	53.86	106.11
Chancos	Q_mean	46.18	78.82	53.86	105.66
	Q_min	34.43	63.63	40.77	82.13
	Q_max	36.07	67.30	44.59	82.97
Colcas	Q_mean	37.21	70.41	46.34	88.12
	Q_min	30.51	59.51	37.69	73.36
	Q_max	25.69	63.68	58.40	110.75
Tablachaca	Q_mean	23.86	62.57	61.22	104.57
	Q_min	16.79	39.86	38.96	66.34
	Q_max	14.81	38.16	24.85	46.33
Corongo	O mean	16.50	37.00	26.80	43.84
-	Q_max	17.58	46.83	24.70	53.37
	O mean	51.05	100.72	57.48	130.36
Llanganuco	Q min	48.32	96.98	54.17	121.75
-	O max	40.42	75.15	45.08	95.22
	Q mean	27.24	45.80	47.91	85.30
Olleros	Q_min	28.75	44.20	49.04	83.43
	Q max	23.62	30.64	41.39	59.79
	Q_mean	14.39	39.28	46.43	81.09
Pachacoto	O min	14.56	37.73	49.86	80.10
	O max	13.86	33.58	50.60	76.96
	O mean	22.62	35.89	40.22	66.16
Ouerococha	Q_min	22.19	34.40	39.79	64.55
-	O max	21.67	32.34	39.96	63.38
	O mean	40.73	67.09	53.30	102.01
Quillcay	O max	40.44	63.08	54.82	100.41
	Q_mean	29.00	45.99	40.62	70.94
	Q_min	40.25	74.01	41.84	76.93
Recreta	Q max	68.21	106.34	90.85	115.05
	Q_mean	38.45	38.41	50.46	53.70
	O min	48.39	120.66	61.42	148.57
Condorcerro*	O max	65.61	143.39	75.26	162.71
	O mean	63.57	109.44	68.97	122.62

**Table 1.** Percentage changes in flow regimes forthe Santa river watershed.

# **IV. Conclusions**

o The MRI-AGCM3.1S and 3.2S Models, showed better correspondence to field observation in both precipitation and temperature than

### CMIP3 multi-models.

- Downscaling methodologies: Parametric bias correction and CDF mapping are very efficient for the variables studied in SANTA basin.
- The models indicate an increase in precipitation throughout the basin, 21% and 26% for the near future and 37% and 39% for the far future with the MRI-AGCM3.1S and 3.2S models being the strongest signal in the north and south of the basin and lower values in the central basin and coast.
- Models for temperature show signs of warming throughout the basin with an average value of 1.3 °C and 4.0 °C for midcentury and end century, respectively.
- The main hydrological impact observed, considering the changes in precipitation and temperature projected, is an increase in flow. The hydrological modeling shows an increase of 30% and 45% for the near future and 80% for the far future. This amounts to saying that a 1% increase in precipitation leads to an increase in river flow of 2.0% on average.

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