



# **AMESD SADC THEMA OVERVIEW, Drought Monitoring Service**

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## AMESD SADC Thema Services Overview

### AMESD Services

- Agricultural Service – Products
- Fire Service – Background, Products
- LRF Incorporation
- Drought Service
  - Background
  - Input Data
  - Data Manipulation
  - Products
  - Way Forward



# SADC THEMA Services: Overview

## SADC Services

Agriculture  
Service

Drought  
Service

Fire  
Service

Long Range Forecast

Capacity Building, User Interaction, Data Access

Ministries of Agriculture

Ministries of Environment



# SADC THEMA Services: Overview

## Key-Users

- National Level: Ministries of Agriculture (MoA),  
Ministries of Environment
  - Department of Water Affairs, Dept. Forestry and Rangeland,  
Department of Tourism and Wildlife, etc)
- Regional Level : SADC FANR (Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource)

## Secondary Users

- Regional and National Food Security Services
- Farmer Associations
- Farming Communities
- National Statistic Offices
- Agrometeorological Departments
- Agricultural Research Councils
- Disaster management Offices
- District Councils
- Ministries of Transport
- Weather Services (National Television)



## Agricultural Service: Products

Product	Comments
CNDVI	Crop Specific NDVI
WRSI	Water Requirements Satisfaction Index
WRSI-Anom	WRSI Anomaly map
SOS	Start of Season (Onset of Rains)
SOS-Anom	SOS Anomaly map
Phenology	Estimates of phenology based on planting and crop cycle length
SWI	Soil Water Index Estimates

**Potential collaboration – id similar products**

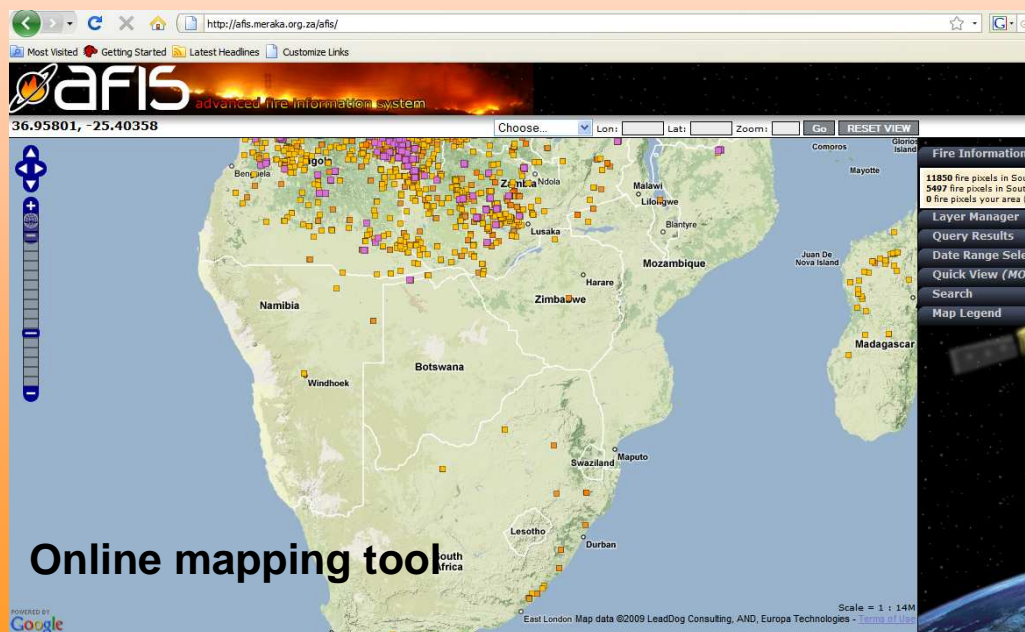
**Land SAF?**



# Fire Service: Existing Capacity

## AFIS: Advanced Fire Information System (AFIS) of CSIR (° 2004)

1. Early detection of active fires
2. Monitoring of existing fires
3. Fire Danger prediction
4. Burned area assessment





## Fire Service : AMESD Work Plan

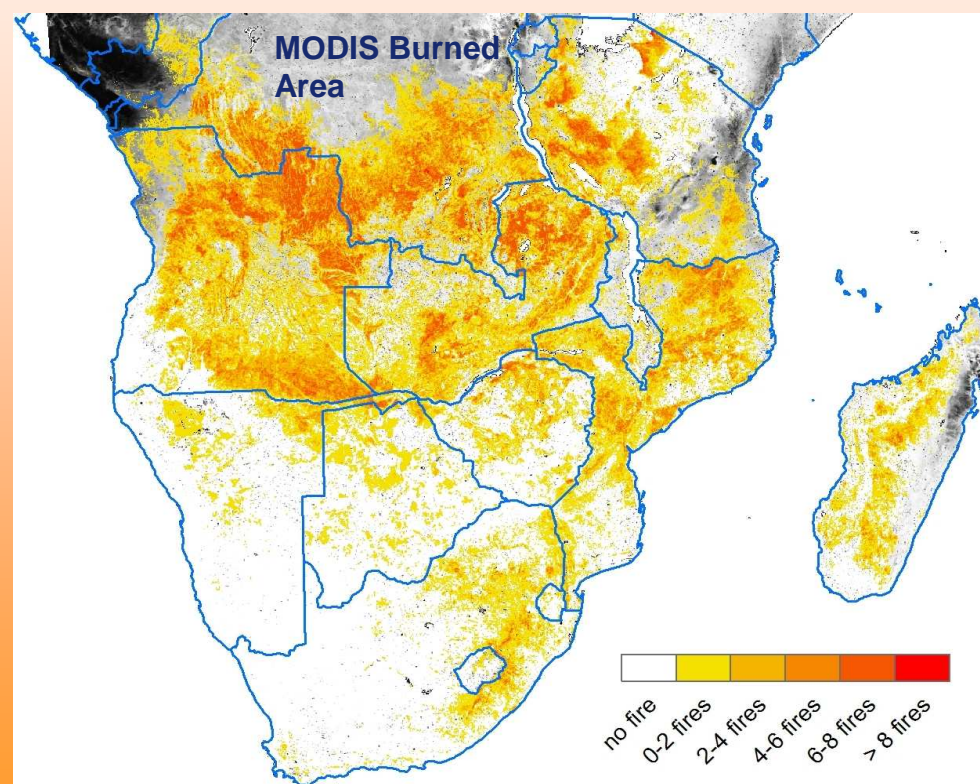
- Improve and geographically expand the current AFIS system of CSIR
- Integrate GLOBCOVER (and other) Landcover map
- Integrate Google terrain map
- Integrate LRF in reporting
- Use EUMETCast/GEONetCast



## Fire Service : Products

Product	Comments
Active Fires	MODIS + MSG Active Fires
FDI	Fire Danger Indexes (2x)
MODIS-BAE	Burnt Area Estimates
MODIS-721	MODIS 721 Band Combination

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**Land SAF?**



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## Intro

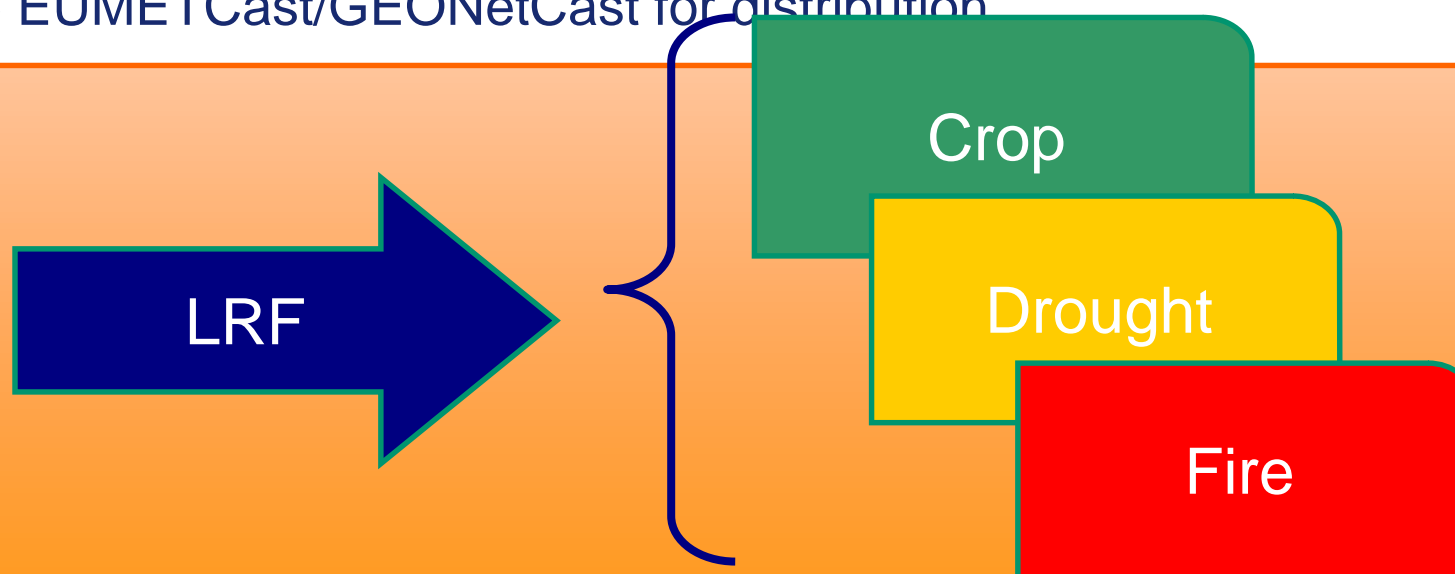
- LRF has become mature
- Not used in agricultural and environmental sector yet

## Principle:

- Use existing LRF and integrate into 3 core-services

## Dissemination Side:

- Use EUMETCast/GEONetCast for distribution





# **AMESD Drought Monitoring Service (More Detail)**



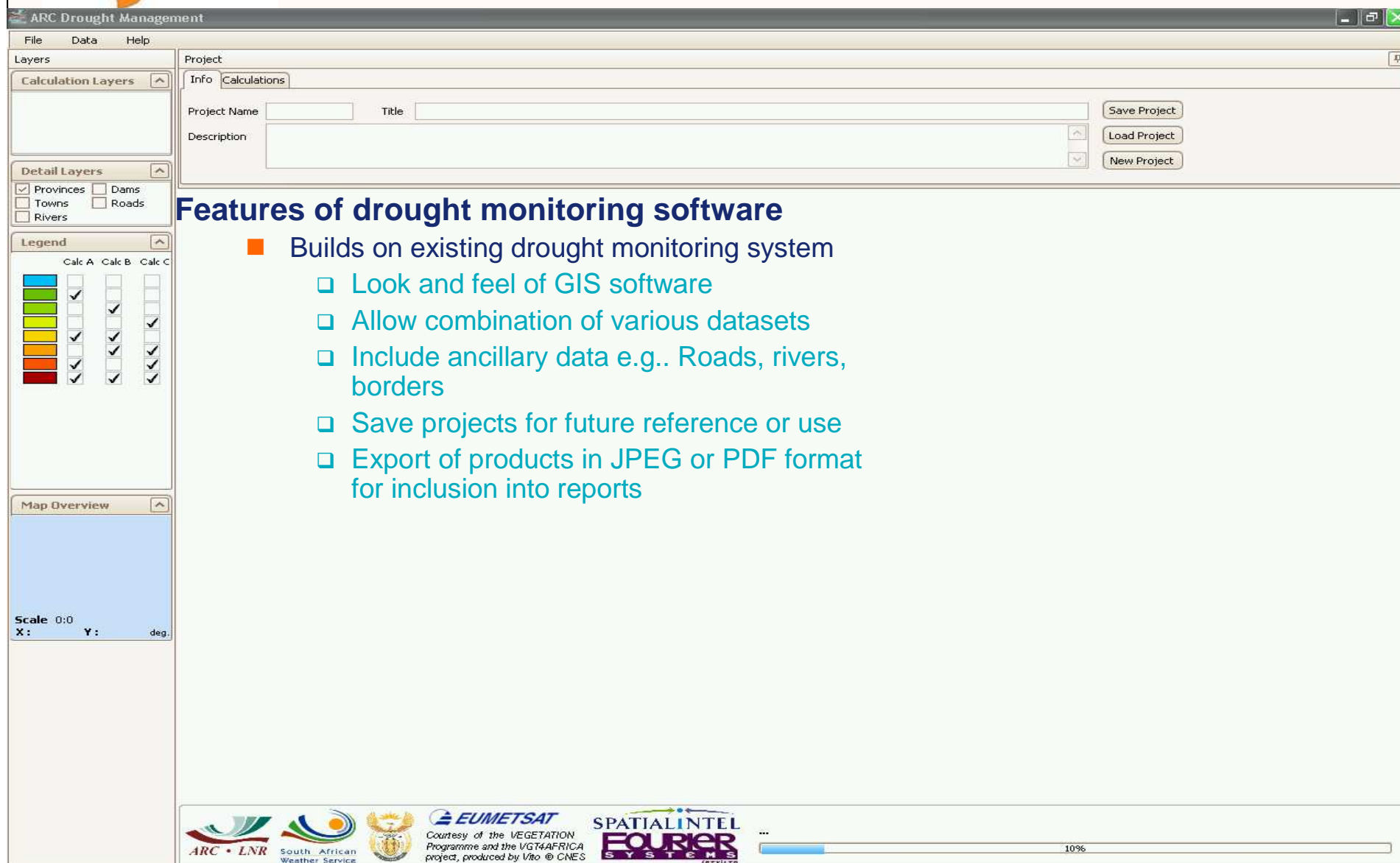
# Drought Service: Background

## Drought Service relies on development of drought monitoring software

### Features of drought monitoring software

- Developed in open source, builds on existing drought monitoring software developed previously by ARC-ISCW – during PUMA
- System that receives all operational data from EUMETCast / GEONetcast
- Automatic data ingestion
- Data include
  - Rainfall and NDVI data
    - Summations, combinations and other calculations happen with user interaction
    - Historical datasets provided once off
    - Real time data through EUMETCast / GEONetCast
  - Seasonal (3-month) rainfall forecast adapted for inclusion
- Guides user in existing drought monitoring techniques by the correct combination of data
- Provides user with opportunity to define own combination of data
- Output products are graphs, maps and statistics that can be copied into *a word document template made available with the system* for reports, advisories, newsletters

# Drought Service: Background



## Features of drought monitoring software

- Builds on existing drought monitoring system
  - ❑ Look and feel of GIS software
  - ❑ Allow combination of various datasets
  - ❑ Include ancillary data e.g.. Roads, rivers, borders
  - ❑ Save projects for future reference or use
  - ❑ Export of products in JPEG or PDF format for inclusion into reports



## Drought Service: Input data

### Meteorological data

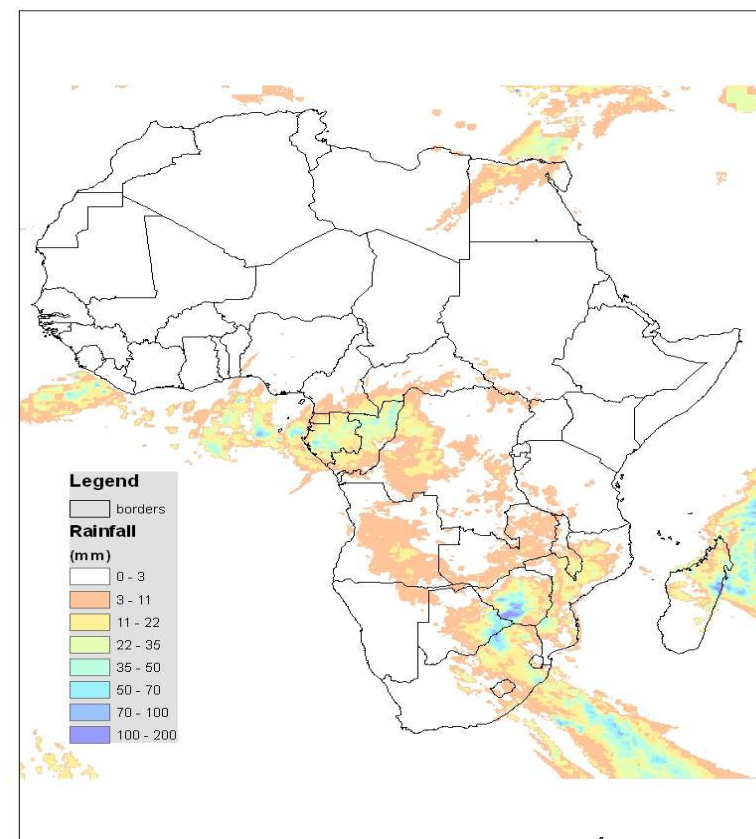
#### ■ Rainfall data

##### □ ADDS RFE

- 10-daily, daily
- Historical data set since 1995
- Real time -through GEONETCast/ EUMETCast

### Any Other ?

Historical dataset,  
Real time update





## Meteorological data

- Seasonal rainfall outlook
  - *Adapted to be a GIS input layer*
  - *Single layer*
  - *Percentage chance of receiving less than the 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile of the rainfall during the coming three months*
    - *Continuation of drought conditions*
  - *Updated monthly*



# Drought Service: Input data

## Satellite land surface input data

- NDVI
  - Ten-daily SPOT VEGETATION NDVI
  - *Ten-daily MSG SEVIRI NDVI – updated daily*
- *SPOT NDVI has historical dataset, real time updates through GEONETCast*

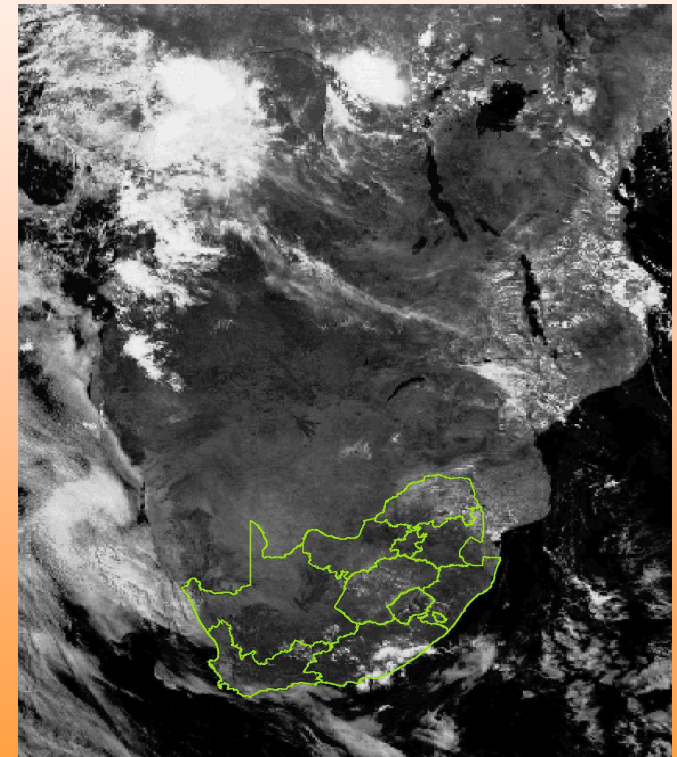
## Satellite land surface output products

- All RS products derived from NDVI within Drought Monitoring software – historical dataset for NDVI
- Historical dataset of NDVI provided once-off

## Any Other ?

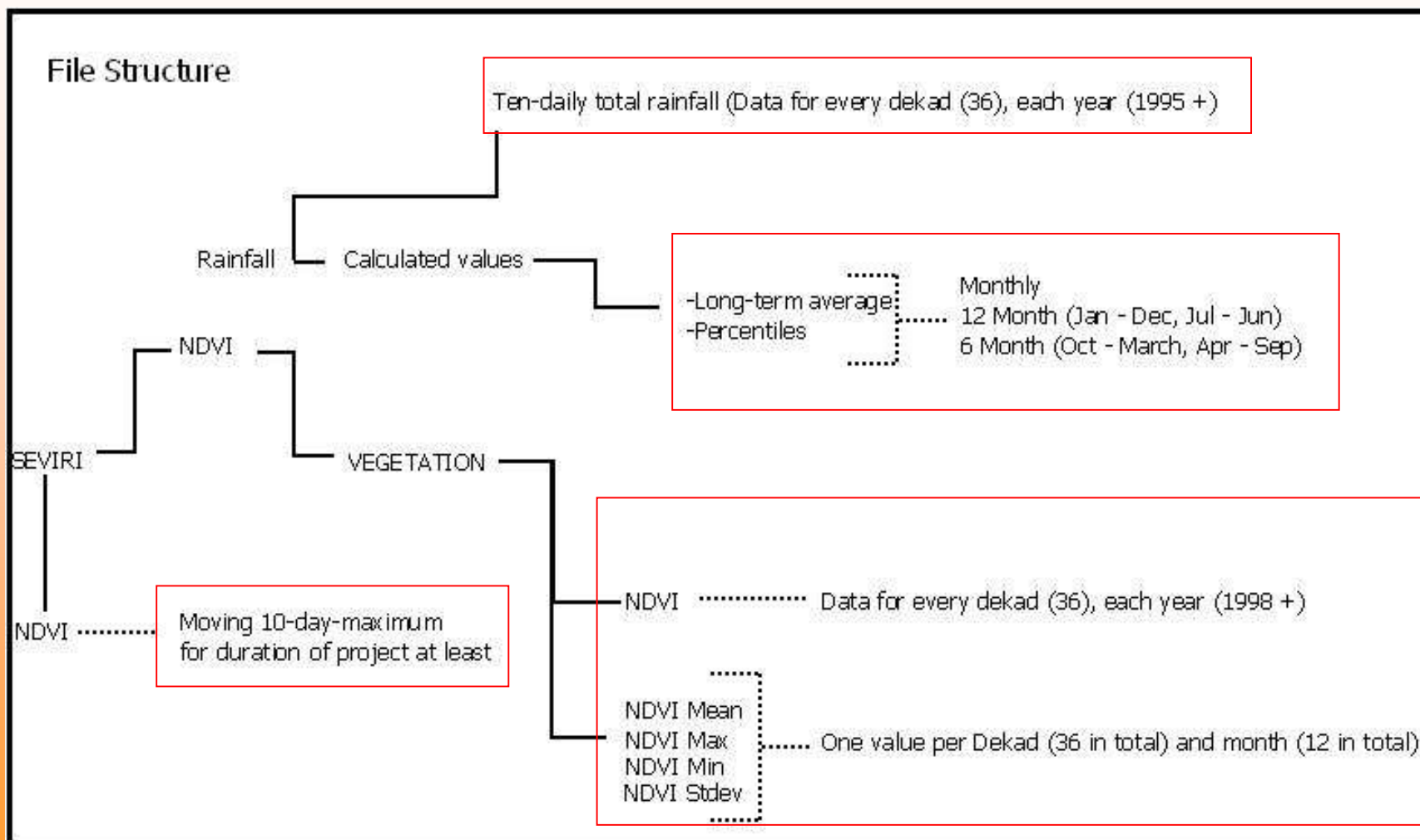
Historical data set

Real time update





# Drought Service: Input data





# Drought Service: Data manipulation

## Capabilities of drought monitoring software

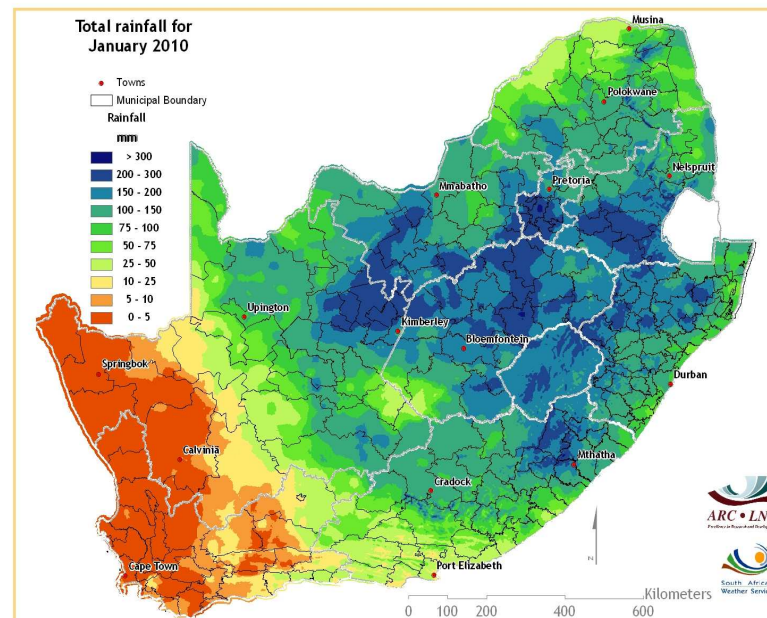
- Facilitates use and combination of various datasets
  - NDVI
  - Rainfall
- Allows user to combine one rainfall and one NDVI dataset
  - Eg.PASG, % of average rainfall
  - Result:
    - Boolean (discreet)
    - Continuous
- Allows user to create existing pre-defined products
- Allows user to choose relevant periods
- Allows user use of own calculations
- Allows user to apply a filter to create a Boolean-type map



# Drought Service: Data manipulation, Products

## Rainfall

- Cumulative rainfall (mm)
  - Since beginning of season
  - For any period within current season
- Rainfall expressed relative to long-term dataset
  - Rainfall (% of average for any given period)
  - Rainfall Decile
- Rainfall for any given period compared to another period (differencing)
- Number of days since rainfall





# Drought Service: Data manipulation

## NDVI products – Derived from NDVI data

### ■ Pre-defined indices

#### □ NDVI Difference

#### □ SDVI

- Calculated for latest 10-day period
- $SDVI = (NDVI - LT\ NDVI) / (STDEV_{NDVI\ for\ that\ period\ over\ time})$

#### □ VCI

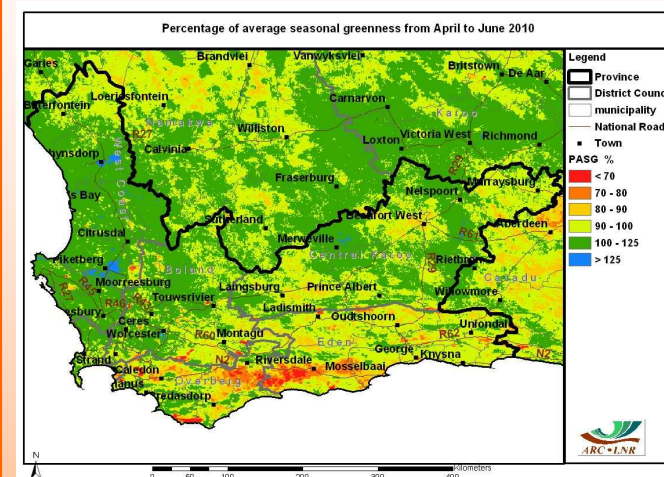
- Calculated for latest 10-day period
- $VCI = [(NDVI_{Current} - NDVI_{min}) / (NDVI_{max} - NDVI_{min})] * 100$
- places the current NDVI value into the context of the historical NDVI timeseries
- compares the current NDVI to the historical maximum and minimum NDVI value for the pixel

#### □ PASG

- $(Cumulative\ NDVI_{period}) / (Average\ Cumulative\ NDVI_{period})$
- used to evaluate the NDVI response over an extended period like an entire rainfall season

### ■ User-defined

#### □ ??

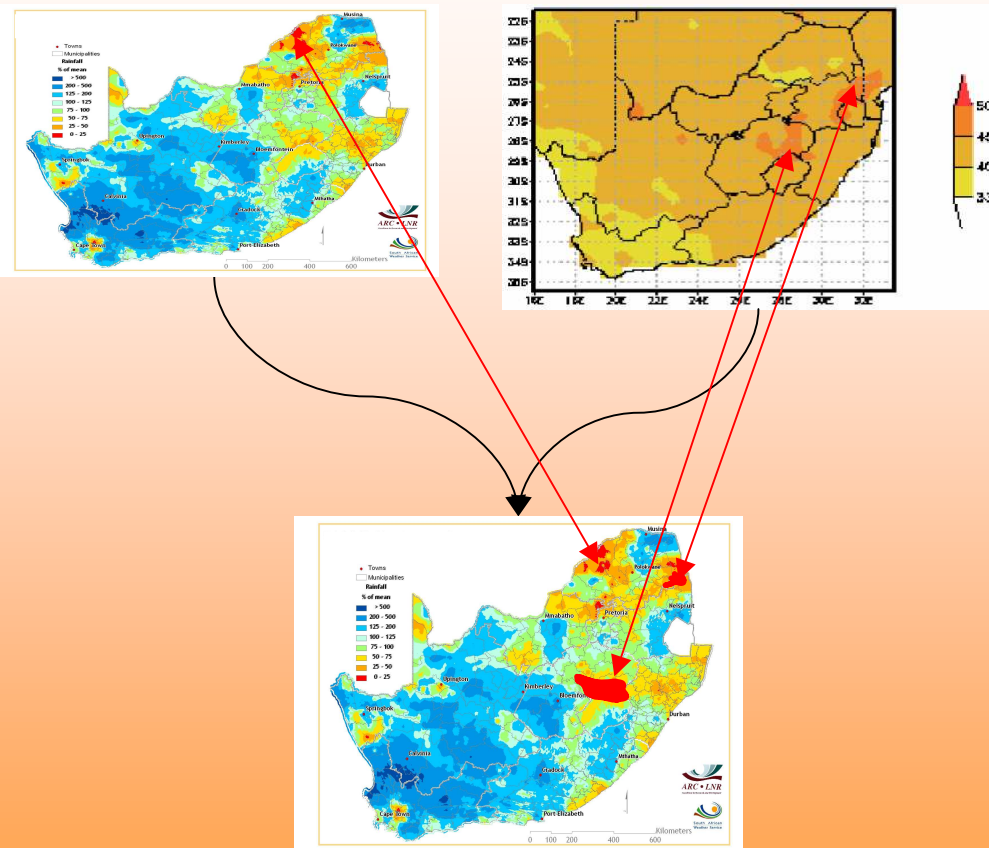




# Drought Service: Data manipulation, Products

## Inclusion of seasonal rainfall forecast

- Show areas where current deviations in cumulative NDVI or rainfall overlaps areas with a high probability of below-average rainfall over the next three months
  - E.g.. Where seasonal rainfall so far < 50% or where seasonal rainfall so far < 75% of average and probability for rainfall during the following 3 months not exceeding the 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile > 45%

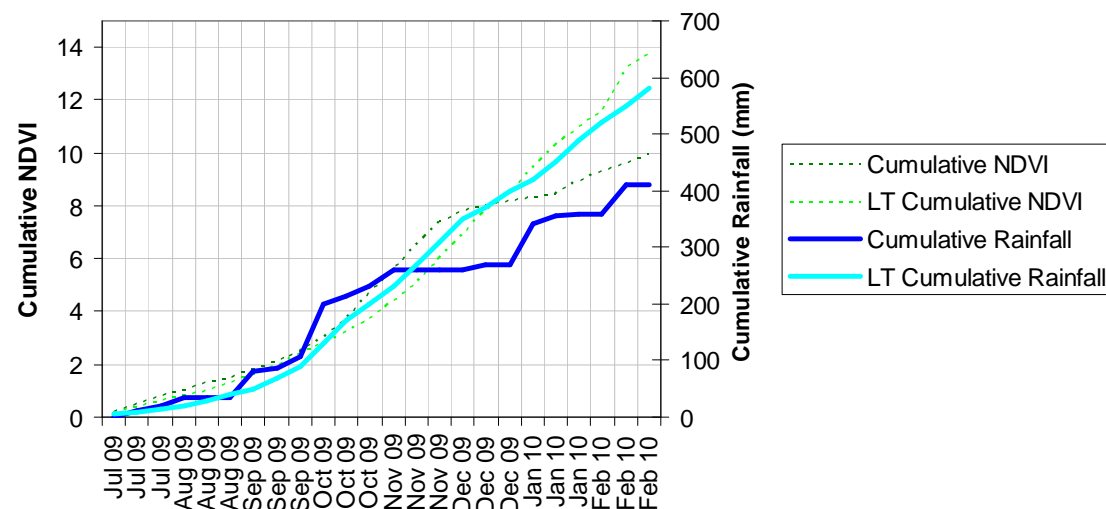
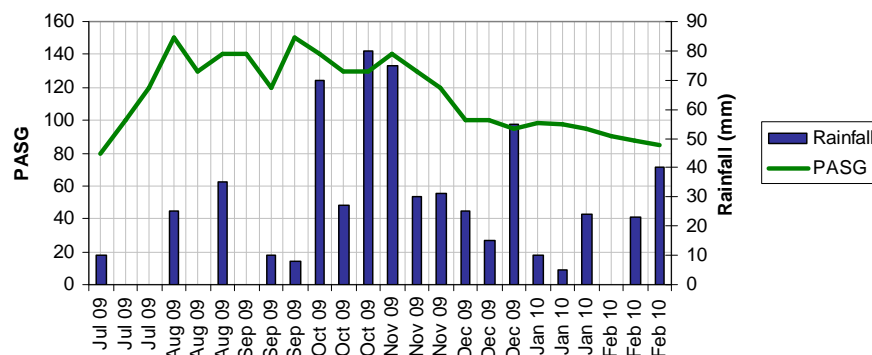
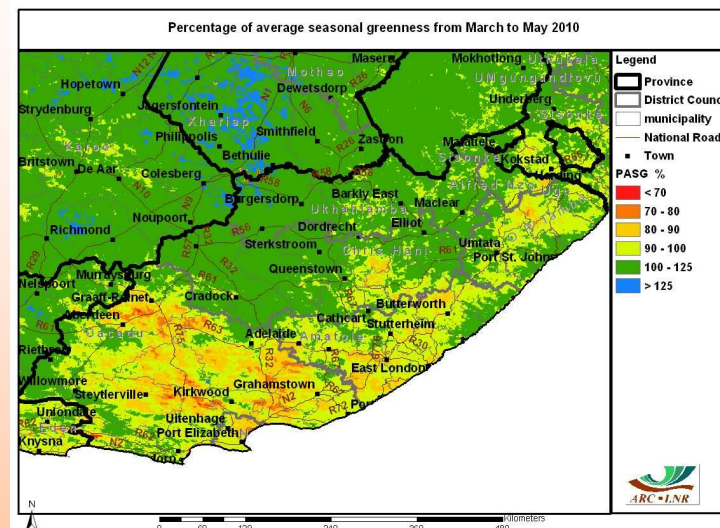




# Drought Monitoring Service: Products

## Output products

- Images
- Temporal- and spatial statistics
  - Graphs per polygon (province, district) showing time series data (total, actual, average, deviations, cumulative etc.)

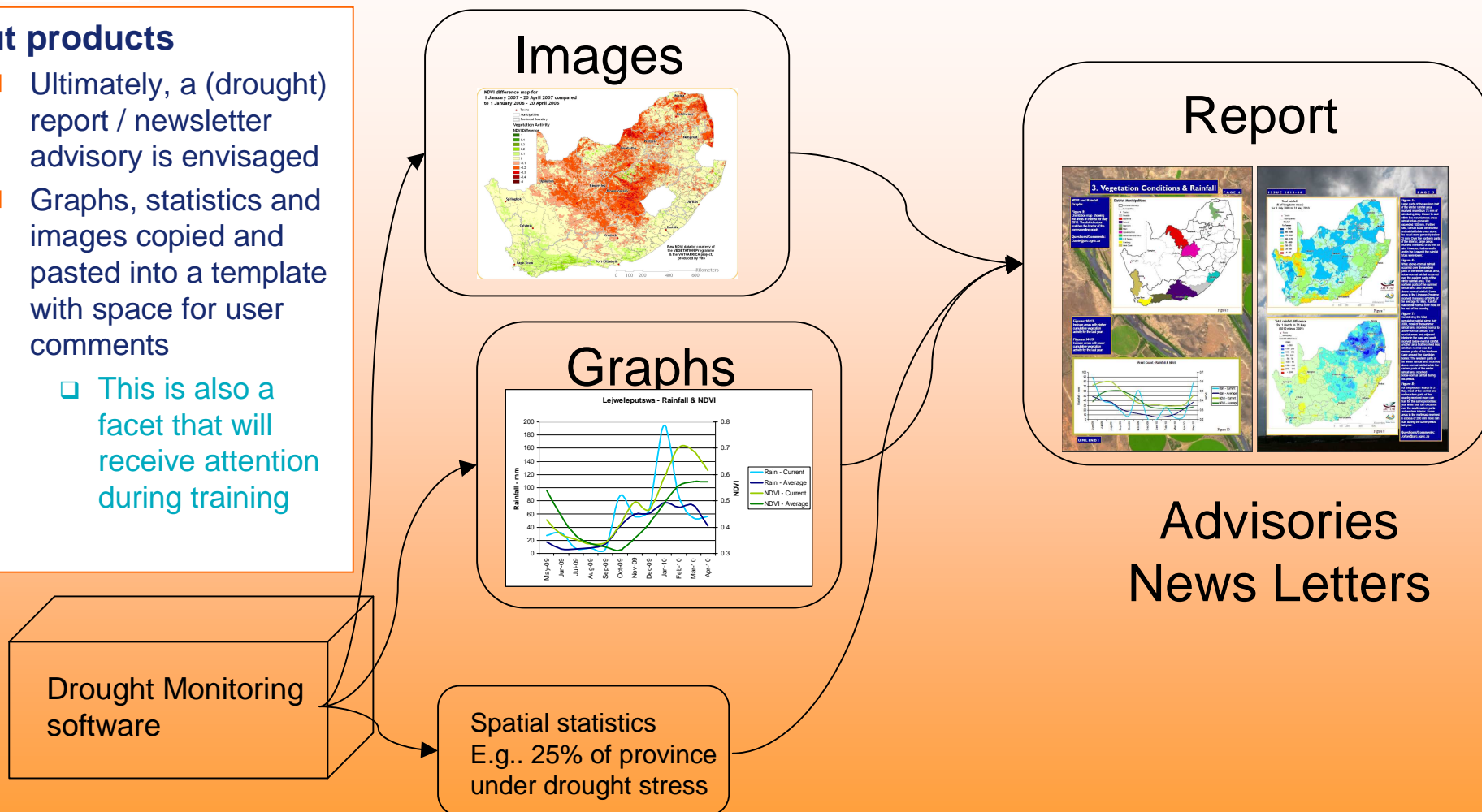




# Drought Monitoring Service: Products

## Output products

- Ultimately, a (drought) report / newsletter advisory is envisaged
- Graphs, statistics and images copied and pasted into a template with space for user comments
  - This is also a facet that will receive attention during training





# Drought Monitoring Service: Way Forward

## INPUT PRODUCTS

Liaise with Land SAF

## SYSTEM TRANSLATION (OS)

TOR being finalised

## OPERATIONAL BY mid 2011

## TRAINING & SUPPORT

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ARC-ISCW

## CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT (FEED BACK)

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