The global water resources and use model WaterGAP v2.2e: description and evaluation of modifications and new features -Supplementary material

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S1 Additional tables

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S2 Additional figures

This section consists of additional figures, which might help to understand specific contents of the main text. Please note that only some of the figures are referenced in the main paper, but we are providing also several additional figures to provide insight into specific aspects. The following figures are shown:

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| Reservoir name | S | Lon | Lat | USA state | Main use | Area (km ²) | Volume (km ³) |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lake Berryessa | а | -122.22 | 38.59 | California | irrigation | 66.6 | 1.96 |
| Cascade reservoir | b | -116.1 | 44.63 | Idaho | irrigation | 103.7 | 0.81 |
| New Don Pedro reservoir | а | -120.42 | 37.7 | California | irrigation | 41.6 | 2.50 |
| Hungry Horse reservoir | b | -114.01 | 48.34 | Montana | irrigation | 75.3 | 3.68 |
| Amistad lake | с | -101.05 | 29.45 | Texas | irrigation | 131.5 | 6.33 |
| Livingston reservoir | c | -95.02 | 30.63 | Texas | flood | 219.6 | 2.52 |
| Mohave lake | а | -114.66 | 35.47 | California | electricity | 113.4 | 2.24 |
| New Melones reservoir | а | -120.52 | 37.95 | California | irrigation | 43.2 | 2.98 |
| Oroville lake | a | -121.49 | 39.62 | California | flood | 68.5 | 4.37 |
| Palisades reservoir | b | -111.12 | 43.24 | Idaho | irrigation | 64.5 | 1.48 |
| Pine Flat lake | а | -119.32 | 36.83 | California | flood | 15.4 | 1.23 |
| Powell lake | a | -110.73 | 37.37 | California | electricity | 647.8 | 25.07 |
| Richland-Chambers reservoir | c | -96.1 | 31.97 | Texas | recreation | 156.5 | 2.15 |
| Sam Rayburn reservoir | c | -94.11 | 31.07 | Texas | supply | 380.1 | 7.82 |
| San Luis reservoir | а | -121.13 | 37.05 | California | irrigation | 50 | 2.42 |
| Toledo Bend reservoir | c | -93.57 | 31.18 | Texas | electricity | 599.6 | 6.29 |

Table S1. List of reservoirs used for comparison between observed and simulated monthly reservoir storage. Data source (column S): a: California Department of Water Resources, b: Bureau of Reclamation, c: Texas Water Development Board

Table S2. Global-scale (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water balance components for different time spans as simulated with WaterGAP 2.2d with gswp3-w5e5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} . Long-term average volume balance error is calculated as the difference of component 1 and the sum of components 2,3 and 8.

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2019 |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Precipitation | 110637 | 111279 | 111351 | 111575 | 111657 |
| 2 | Actual evapotranspiration ¹ | 70577 | 70983 | 71042 | 71184 | 71245 |
| 3 | Streamflow into oceans and inland sinks | 40045 | 40305 | 40366 | 40495 | 40537 |
| 4 | Inflow into inland sinks ² | 773 | 791 | 791 | 837 | 842 |
| 5 | Actual consumptive water use ³ | 917 | 1063 | 1212 | 1324 | 1388 |
| 6 | Actual net abstraction from surface water | 1024 | 1169 | 1315 | 1420 | 1470 |
| 7 | Actual net abstraction from groundwater | -107 | -106 | -103 | -96 | -83 |
| 8 | Change of total water storage | 14 | -9 | -56 | -104 | -125 |
| 9 | Long-term average volume balance error | 0.37 | 0.25 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.01 |

¹ including actual consumptive water use

² streamflow that flows into inland sinks; the simulated streamflow of inland sinks is added to actual evapotranspiration

³ sum of rows 6 and 7

Table S3. Global-scale (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water balance components for different time spans as simulated with WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-era5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} . Long-term average volume balance error is calculated as the difference of component 1 and the sum of components 2,3 and 8.

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2021 |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Precipitation | 120548 | 121272 | 120244 | 118878 | 117604 |
| 2 | Actual evapotranspiration ¹ | 79976 | 80514 | 79900 | 78886 | 77988 |
| 3 | Streamflow into oceans | 40540 | 40766 | 40441 | 40127 | 39759 |
| 4 | Inflow into inland sinks ² | 1106 | 1086 | 1031 | 992 | 955 |
| 5 | Actual consumptive water use ³ | 852 | 984 | 1123 | 1230 | 1295 |
| 6 | Actual net abstraction from surface water | 962 | 1094 | 1241 | 1347 | 1407 |
| 7 | Actual net abstraction from groundwater | -110 | -110 | -118 | -118 | -112 |
| 8 | Change of total water storage | 32 | -8 | -97 | -135 | -143 |
| 9 | Long-term average volume balance error | -0.34 | -0.21 | -0.08 | 0.04 | 0.02 |

¹ including actual consumptive water use

² streamflow that flows into inland sinks; the simulated streamflow of inland sinks is added to actual evapotranspiration

³ sum of rows 6 and 7

Table S4. Global-scale (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water balance components for different time spans as simulated with WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-w5e5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} . Long-term average volume balance error is calculated as the difference of component 1 and the sum of components 2,3 and 8.

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2019 |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Precipitation | 111227 | 111284 | 111350 | 111574 | 111655 |
| 2 | Actual evapotranspiration ¹ | 71456 | 71834 | 71923 | 72106 | 72170 |
| 3 | Streamflow into oceans | 39769 | 39461 | 39478 | 39557 | 39591 |
| 4 | Inflow into inland sinks ² | 881 | 831 | 789 | 835 | 840 |
| 5 | Actual consumptive water use ³ | 899 | 1039 | 1183 | 1293 | 1354 |
| 6 | Actual net abstraction from surface water | 1022 | 1167 | 1320 | 1428 | 1479 |
| 7 | Actual net abstraction from groundwater | -123 | -128 | -136 | -135 | -125 |
| 8 | Change of total water storage | 2 | -11 | -51 | -90 | -106 |
| 9 | Long-term average volume balance error | -0.45 | -0.34 | -0.21 | -0.08 | -0.07 |

¹ including actual consumptive water use

² streamflow that flows into inland sinks; the simulated streamflow of inland sinks is added to actual evapotranspiration

 $^{\rm 3}$ sum of rows 6 and 7

Table S5. Global-scale (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water balance components for different time spans as simulated with WaterGAP 2.2e with gswp3-era5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} . Long-term average volume balance error is calculated as the difference of component 1 and the sum of components 2,3 and 8.

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2022 |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Precipitation | 120374 | 121389 | 120244 | 118878 | 117569 |
| 2 | Actual evapotranspiration ¹ | 80079 | 80546 | 79851 | 78843 | 77895 |
| 3 | Streamflow into oceans | 40255 | 40853 | 40493 | 40169 | 39844 |
| 4 | Inflow into inland sinks ² | 980 | 1044 | 1038 | 1000 | 957 |
| 5 | Actual consumptive water use ³ | 854 | 987 | 1129 | 1237 | 1306 |
| 6 | Actual net abstraction from surface water | 965 | 1099 | 1249 | 1359 | 1422 |
| 7 | Actual net abstraction from groundwater | -111 | -112 | -121 | -121 | -116 |
| 8 | Change of total water storage | 40 | -10 | -100 | -134 | -169 |
| 9 | Long-term average volume balance error | -0.54 | -0.40 | -0.24 | -0.11 | -0.10 |

¹ including actual consumptive water use

 2 streamflow that flows into inland sinks; the simulated streamflow of inland sinks is added to actual evapotranspiration

³ sum of rows 6 and 7

Table S6. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water storage component changes during different time periods as simulated by WaterGAP 2.2d with gswp3-w5e5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} .

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2019 |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Canopy | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Snow | 11.4 | -9.2 | -2.5 | -13.7 | -0.8 |
| 3 | Soil | 4.9 | 7.5 | 9.4 | -0.2 | -8.7 |
| 4 | Groundwater | -66.7 | -73 | -99.6 | -118.1 | -142.7 |
| 5 | Local lakes | 0.1 | 1 | 0.8 | 0.3 | -1.3 |
| 6 | Local wetlands | 0.8 | -0.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 9.1 |
| 7 | Global lakes | -2 | -1 | -0.4 | 4.8 | 8.8 |
| 8 | Global wetlands | -3.7 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | -7 |
| 9 | Reservoirs and regulated lakes | 72.2 | 50.8 | 30.8 | 11 | 5.1 |
| 10 | River | 0.4 | 5.4 | -8.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 11 | Total water storage | 17.4 | -14.2 | -64.2 | -108.2 | -134.1 |

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2021 |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 110. | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Canopy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Snow | 16.4 | 3.1 | -4.4 | -21.5 | -16.7 |
| 3 | Soil | 6.7 | 4.7 | -1.6 | -8.8 | -3.3 |
| 4 | Groundwater | -62.6 | -70.7 | -107.2 | -126.7 | -149.9 |
| 5 | Local lakes | -0.1 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| 6 | Local wetlands | -1.0 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 3.7 |
| 7 | Global lakes | -3.7 | -1.6 | -4.6 | -0.2 | -2.4 |
| 8 | Global wetlands | -0.9 | 4.1 | -6.0 | -7.0 | -11.6 |
| 9 | Reservoirs and regulated lakes | 71.7 | 49.9 | 27.9 | 16.5 | 24.3 |
| 10 | River | 1.9 | -7.8 | -12.5 | -0.2 | -7.3 |
| 11 | Total water storage | 28.3 | -11.6 | -104.5 | -137.6 | -162.0 |

Table S7. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water storage component changes during different time periods as simulated by WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-era5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} .

Table S8. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water storage component changes during different time periods as simulated by WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-w5e5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} .

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2019 |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Canopy | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Snow | 11.1 | -4.1 | -0.9 | -13.3 | -0.8 |
| 3 | Soil | 4.2 | 7.7 | 9.5 | 0.2 | -7.9 |
| 4 | Groundwater | -71.2 | -71.3 | -96.3 | -117.9 | -145.2 |
| 5 | Local lakes | -1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | -1.3 |
| 6 | Local wetlands | 1.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 9.3 |
| 7 | Global lakes | -5.7 | -3.2 | -2.9 | 4.0 | 9.8 |
| 8 | Global wetlands | -2.5 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -7.1 |
| 9 | Reservoirs and regulated lakes | 67.5 | 53.0 | 34.3 | 25.5 | 24.3 |
| 10 | River | -3.2 | -10.4 | -8.3 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 11 | Total water storage | 0.1 | -17.5 | -58.6 | -92.7 | -114.8 |

Table S9. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) water storage component changes during different time periods as simulated by WaterGAP 2.2e with gswp3-era5. All units in km^3yr^{-1} .

| No. | Component | 1961-1990 | 1971-2000 | 1981-2010 | 1991-2019 | 2001-2022 |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Canopy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Snow | 20.3 | -1.1 | -6.3 | -20.2 | -14.1 |
| 3 | Soil | 6.2 | 3.6 | -1.7 | -8.8 | -12.5 |
| 4 | Groundwater | -62.4 | -73.8 | -107.0 | -125.8 | -150.3 |
| 5 | Local lakes | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 | -1.0 |
| 6 | Local wetlands | -1.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 8.5 | 3.6 |
| 7 | Global lakes | -0.1 | -0.2 | -4.3 | -0.4 | -4.4 |
| 8 | Global wetlands | -2.3 | 2.0 | -5.9 | -7.0 | -8.6 |
| 9 | Reservoirs and regulated lakes | 73.8 | 47.0 | 25.7 | 15.3 | 19.4 |
| 10 | River | 2.1 | 3.4 | -12.4 | -0.3 | -16.6 |
| 11 | Total water storage | 38.0 | -15.7 | -107.7 | -136.8 | -184.7 |

Table S10. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) sectoral potential withdrawal water use WU and consumptive water use CU (km^3yr^{-1}) as well as use fractions from groundwater (%) as simulated by GWSWUSE of WaterGAP 2.2d with gswp3-w5e5 for the time period 1991-2019. These values represent demand for water that cannot be completely satisfied in WGHM due to lack of surface water resources (row 5 in Table S2)

| Water use sector | WU | Percent of WU from groundwater | CU | Percent of CU from groundwater |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Irrigation | 2541 | 25 | 1179 | 37 |
| Thermal power plants | 601 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Domestic | 352 | 36 | 57 | 37 |
| Manufacturing | 278 | 27 | 56 | 26 |
| Livestock | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Total | 3801 | 22 | 1336 | 36 |

Table S11. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) sectoral potential withdrawal water use WU and consumptive water use CU (km^3yr^{-1}) as well as use fractions from groundwater (%) as simulated by GWSWUSE of WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-era5 for the time period 1991-2019. These values represent demand for water that cannot be completely satisfied in WGHM due to lack of surface water resources (row 5 in Table S3)

| Water use sector | WU | Percent of WU | CU | Percent of CU |
|----------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| water use sector | WU | from groundwater | CU | from groundwater |
| Irrigation | 2378 | 25 | 1106 | 37 |
| Thermal power plants | 592 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Domestic | 352 | 35 | 57 | 36 |
| Manufacturing | 298 | 27 | 60 | 25 |
| Livestock | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Total | 3650 | 22 | 1269 | 35 |

Table S12. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) sectoral potential withdrawal water use WU and consumptive water use CU (km^3yr^{-1}) as well as use fractions from groundwater (%) as simulated by GWSWUSE of WaterGAP 2.2e with 20crv3-w5e5 for the time period 1991-2019. These values represent demand for water that cannot be completely satisfied in WGHM due to lack of surface water resources (row 5 in Table S4)

| Water use sector | WU | Percent of WU from groundwater | CU | Percent of CU from groundwater |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Irrigation | 2541 | 25 | 1179 | 37 |
| Thermal power plants | 592 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Domestic | 352 | 35 | 57 | 36 |
| Manufacturing | 298 | 27 | 60 | 25 |
| Livestock | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Total | 3813 | 22 | 1342 | 35 |

Table S13. Globally aggregated (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) sectoral potential withdrawal water use WU and consumptive water use CU (km^3yr^{-1}) as well as use fractions from groundwater (%) as simulated by GWSWUSE of WaterGAP 2.2e with gswp3-era5 for the time period 1991-2019. These values represent demand for water that cannot be completely satisfied in WGHM due to lack of surface water resources (row 5 in Table S5)

| Water use sector | WU | Percent of WU from groundwater | CU | Percent of CU from groundwater |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Irrigation | 2376 | 25 | 1105 | 37 |
| Thermal power plants | 592 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Domestic | 352 | 35 | 57 | 36 |
| Manufacturing | 298 | 27 | 60 | 25 |
| Livestock | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Total | 3648 | 22 | 1268 | 35 |

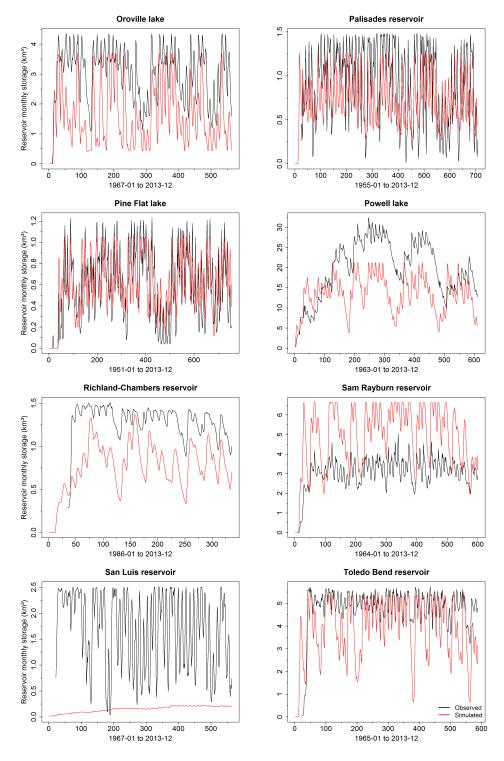


Figure S1. Comparison of simulated (with WaterGAP 2.2c) and observed water storage variations in reservoirs (Part 1)

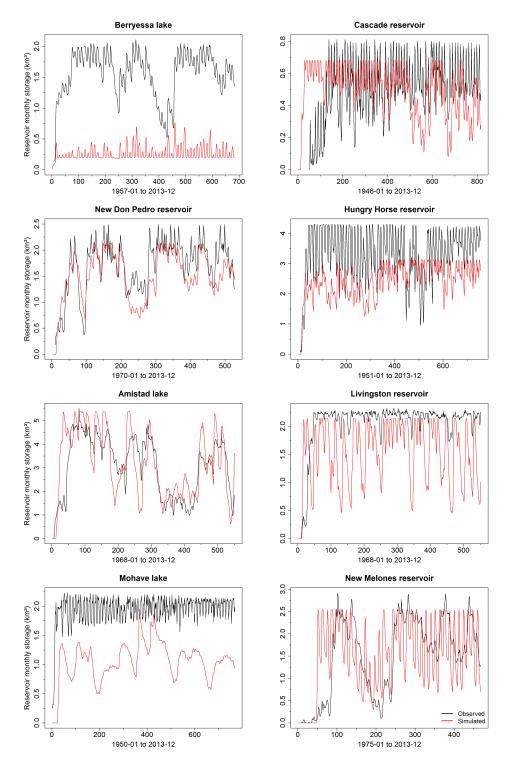


Figure S2. Comparison of simulated (with WaterGAP 2.2c) and observed water storage variations in reservoirs (Part 2)

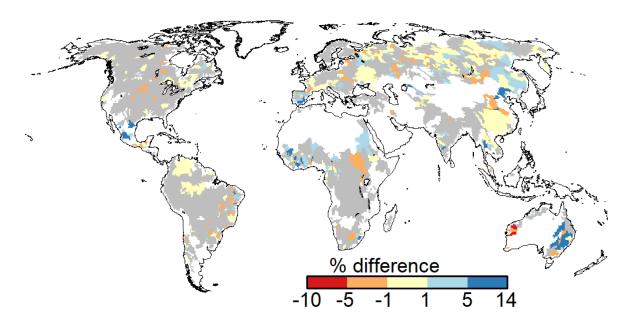


Figure S3. Per cent difference of mean monthly observed streamflow that resulted from neglecting one or two years for calibration as compared to full 30 years of calibration. Bluish colours mean that by using 30 years instead of less years, more streamflow would be taken into account for calibration (and vice versa for reddish colours). The issue is not affecting the grey areas.

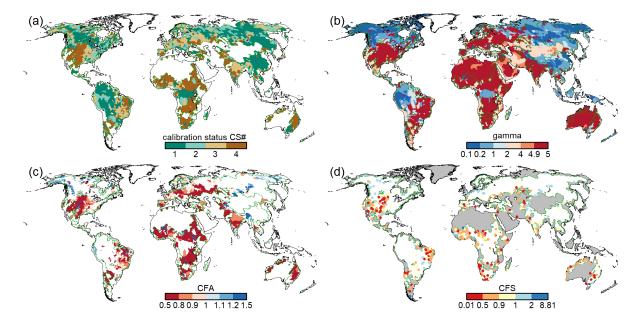


Figure S4. Results of the calibration of WaterGAP 2.2d to the gswp3-w5e5 climate forcing with (a) the calibration status of each calibration basin, (b) calibration parameter γ , (c) areal correction factor CFA and (d) station correction factor CFS. Grey areas in (d) indicate regions with regionalized calibration parameter γ and for (a)-(d) dark green outlines indicate the boundaries of the calibration basins. For details to the calibration procedure the reader is referred to Müller Schmied et al. (2021)

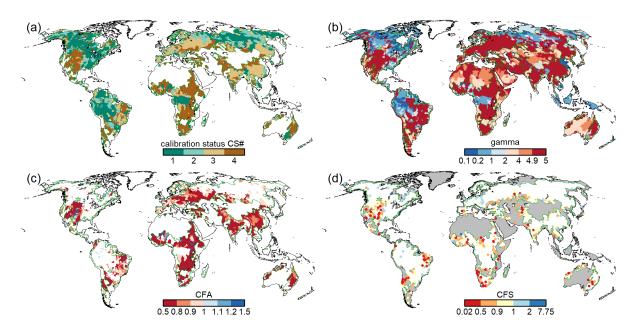


Figure S5. Results of the calibration of WaterGAP 2.2e to the gswp3-era5 climate forcing with (a) the calibration status of each calibration basin, (b) calibration parameter γ , (c) areal correction factor CFA and (d) station correction factor CFS. Grey areas in (d) indicate regions with regionalized calibration parameter γ and for (a)-(d) dark green outlines indicate the boundaries of the calibration basins. For details to the calibration procedure the reader is referred to Müller Schmied et al. (2021)

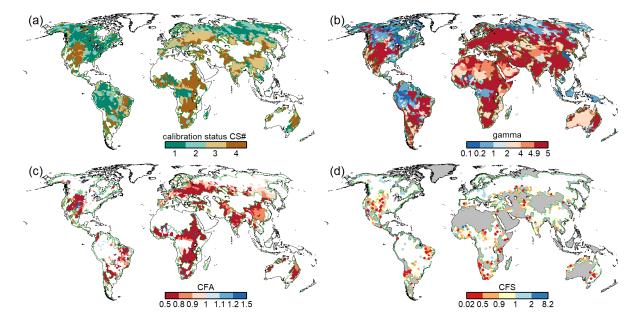


Figure S6. Results of the calibration of WaterGAP 2.2e to the 20crv3-era5 climate forcing with (a) the calibration status of each calibration basin, (b) calibration parameter γ , (c) areal correction factor CFA and (d) station correction factor CFS. Grey areas in (d) indicate regions with regionalized calibration parameter γ and for (a)-(d) dark green outlines indicate the boundaries of the calibration basins. For details to the calibration procedure the reader is referred to Müller Schmied et al. (2021)

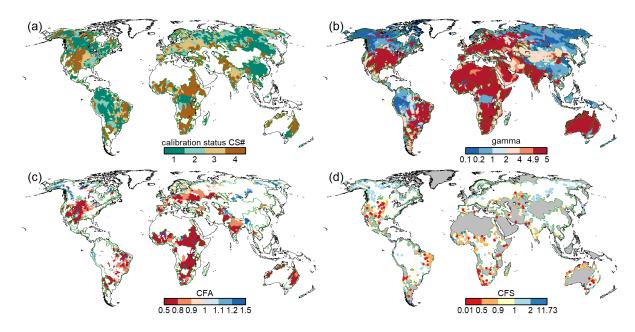


Figure S7. Results of the calibration of WaterGAP 2.2e to the 20crv3-w5e5 climate forcing with (a) the calibration status of each calibration basin, (b) calibration parameter γ , (c) areal correction factor CFA and (d) station correction factor CFS. Grey areas in (d) indicate regions with regionalized calibration parameter γ and for (a)-(d) dark green outlines indicate the boundaries of the calibration basins. For details to the calibration procedure the reader is referred to Müller Schmied et al. (2021)

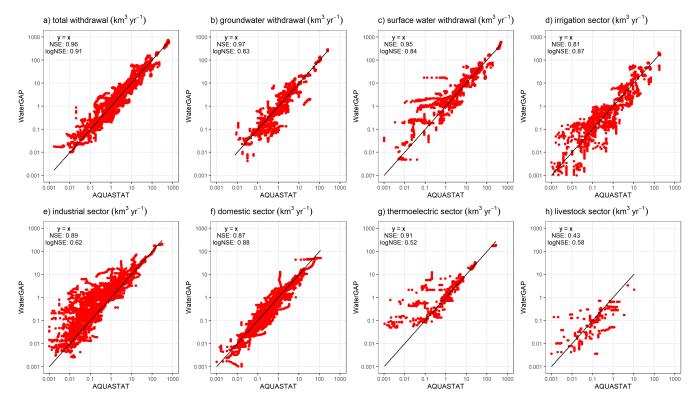


Figure S8. Comparison of potential withdrawal water uses from WaterGAP 2.2d and gswp3-w5e5 with AQUASTAT (FAO, 2023). Each data point represents one yearly value (if present in the database) per country for the time span 1964-2019.

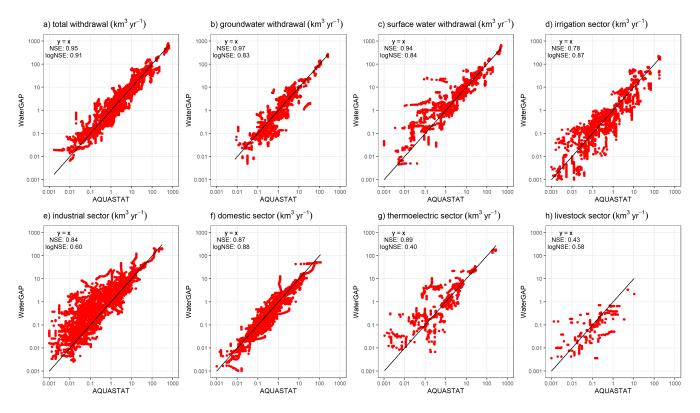


Figure S9. Comparison of potential withdrawal water uses from WaterGAP 2.2e and 20crv3-era5 with AQUASTAT (FAO, 2023). Each data point represents one yearly value (if present in the database) per country for the time span 1964-2019.

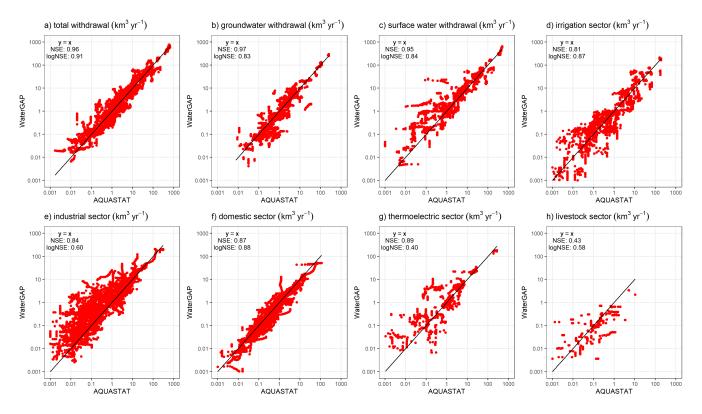


Figure S10. Comparison of potential withdrawal water uses from WaterGAP 2.2e and 20crv3-w5e5 with AQUASTAT (FAO, 2023). Each data point represents one yearly value (if present in the database) per country for the time span 1964-2019.

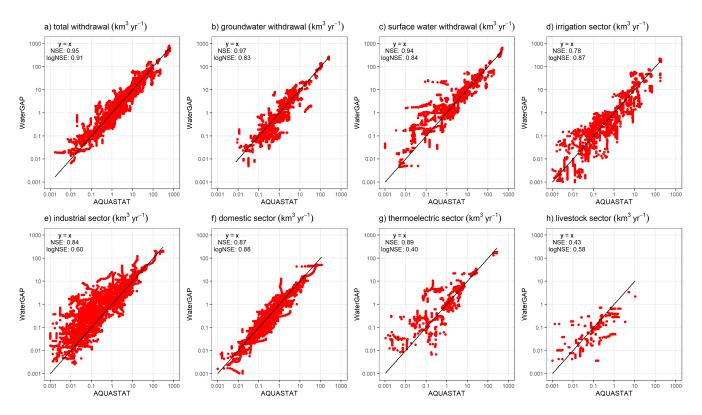


Figure S11. Comparison of potential withdrawal water uses from WaterGAP 2.2e and gswp3-era5 with AQUASTAT (FAO, 2023). Each data point represents one yearly value (if present in the database) per country for the time span 1964-2019.

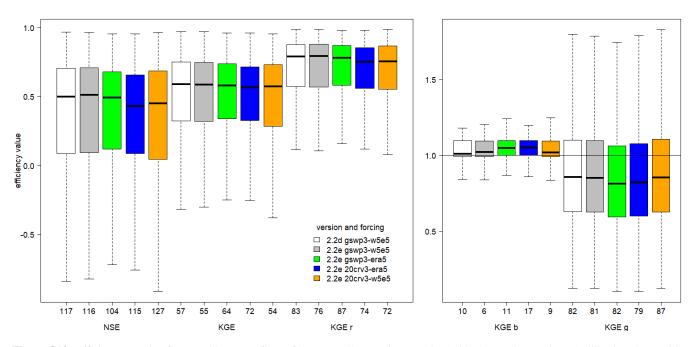


Figure S12. Efficiency metrics for monthly streamflow of the WaterGAP variants at the 1509 observation stations (calibration data) with NSE, KGE and its components. Outliers (outside 1.5× inter-quartile range) are excluded but the number of stations that are defined as outliers are indicated after the metric.

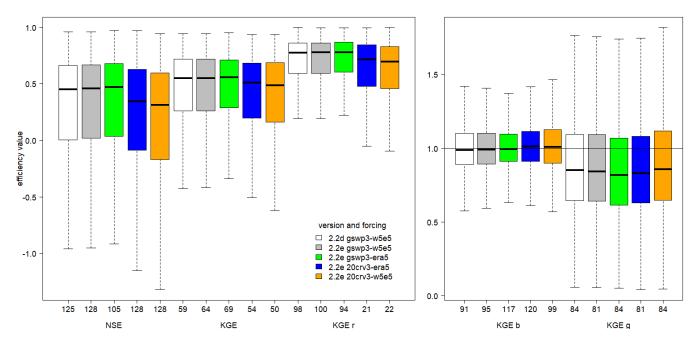


Figure S13. Efficiency metrics for monthly streamflow of the WaterGAP variants at the 1509 observation stations (validation data) with NSE, KGE and its components. Outliers (outside 1.5× inter-quartile range) are excluded but the number of stations that are defined as outliers are indicated after the metric.

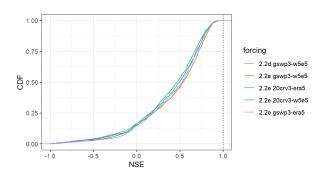


Figure S14. Cumulative distribution of the *NSE* efficiency metric for calibration streamflow values at the 1509 gauging stations for all model variants.

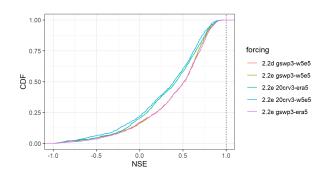


Figure S15. Cumulative distribution of the NSE efficiency metric for validation streamflow values at the 1509 gauging stations for all model variants.

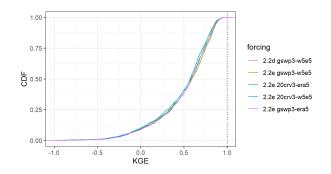


Figure S16. Cumulative distribution of the *KGE* efficiency metric for calibration streamflow values at the 1509 gauging stations for all model variants.

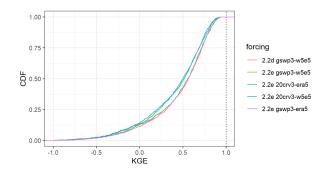


Figure S17. Cumulative distribution of the KGE efficiency metric for validation streamflow values at the 1509 gauging stations for all model variants.

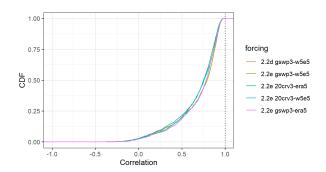


Figure S18. Cumulative distribution of the *KGE* efficiency metric (correlation parameter) for calibration streamflow values at the 1509 gauging stations for all model variants.

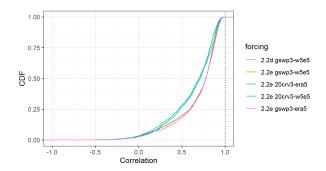


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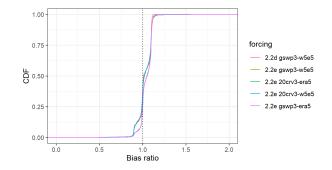


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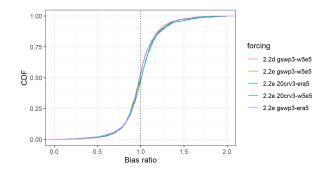


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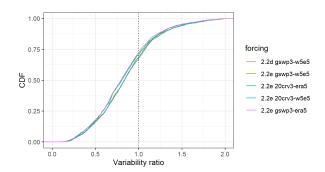


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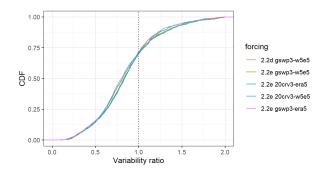


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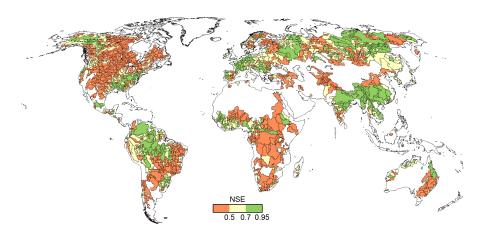


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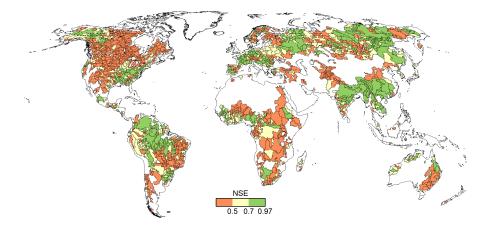


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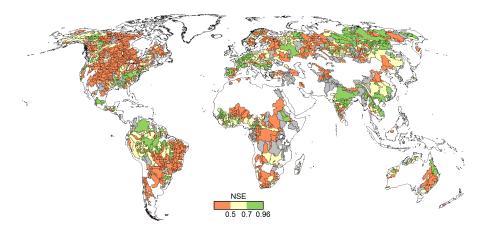


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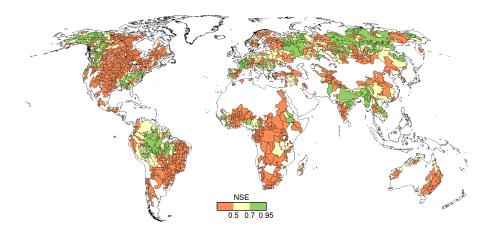


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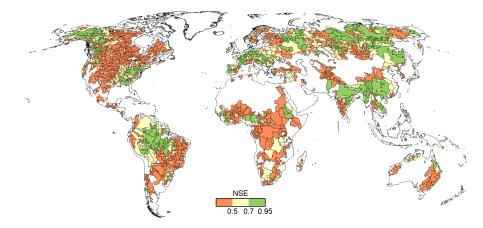


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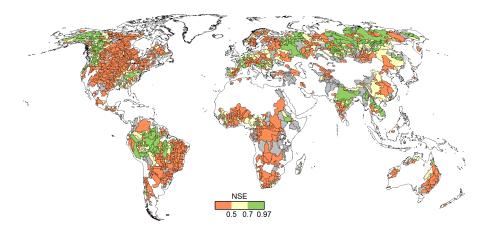


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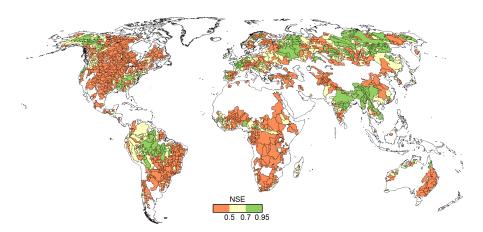


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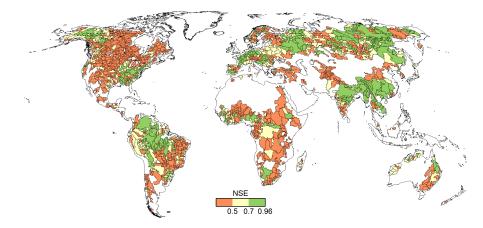


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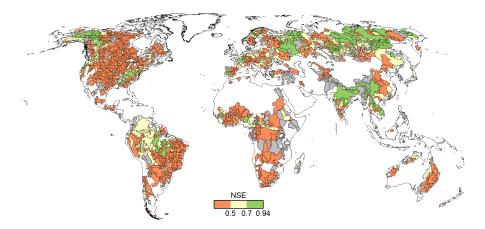


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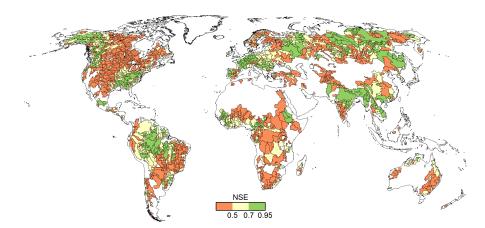


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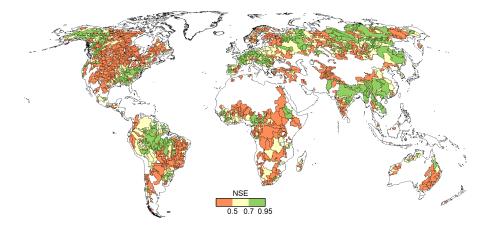


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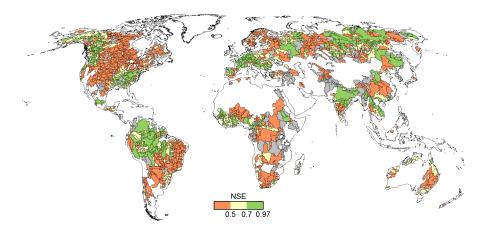


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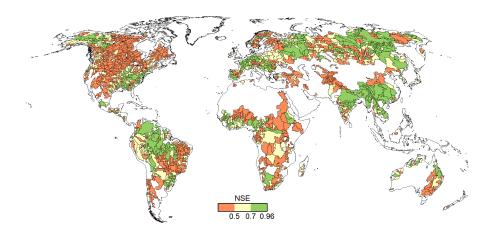


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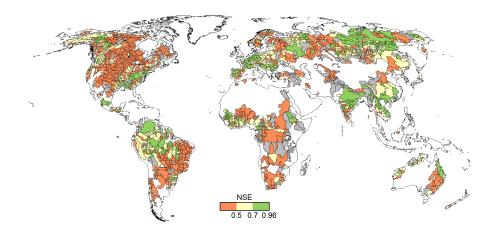


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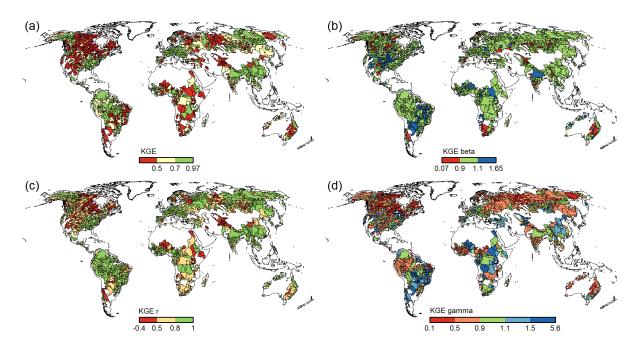


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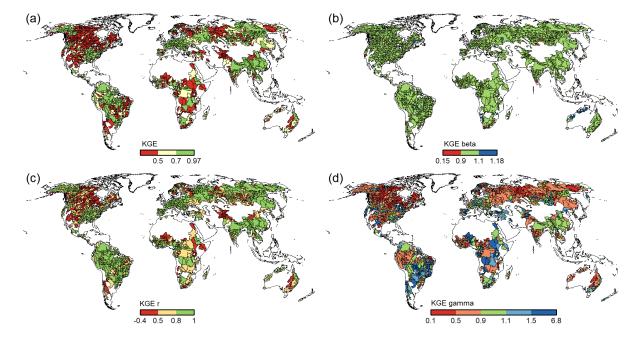


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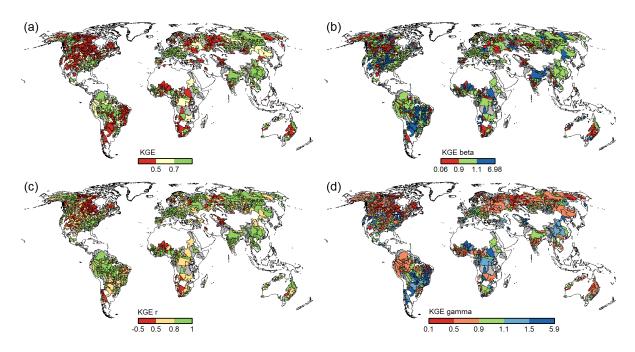


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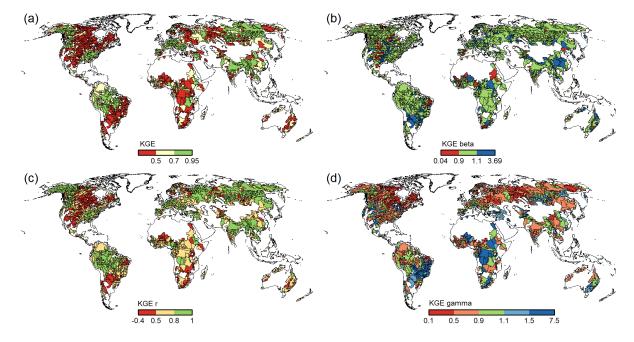


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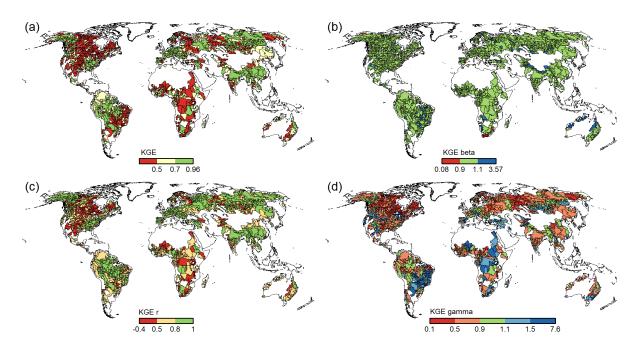


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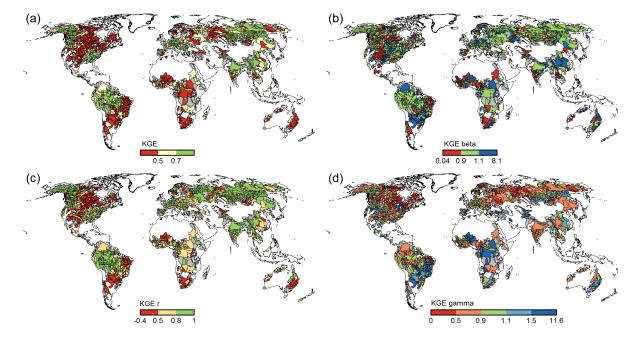


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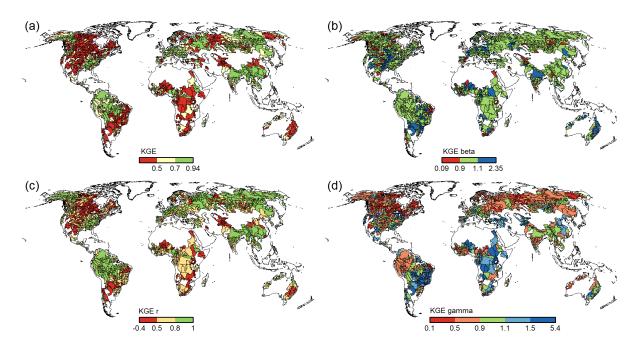


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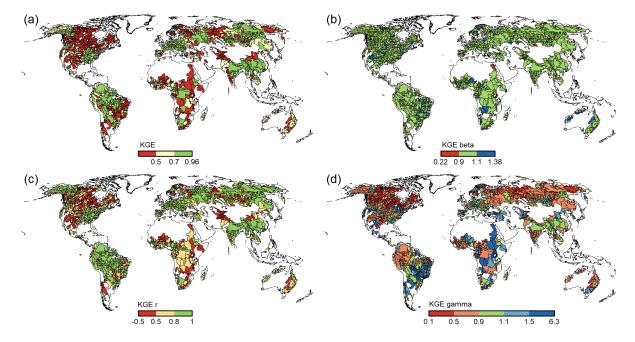


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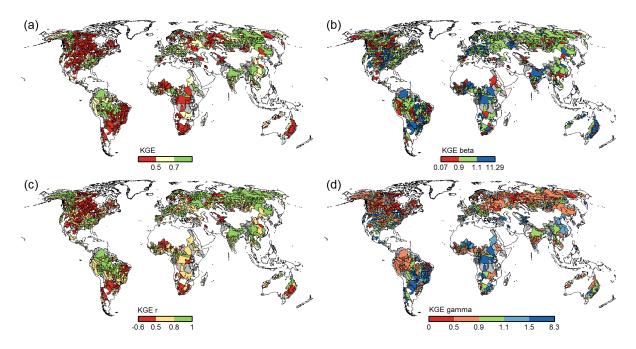


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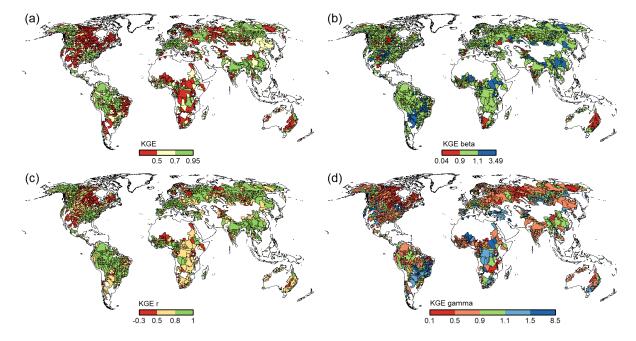


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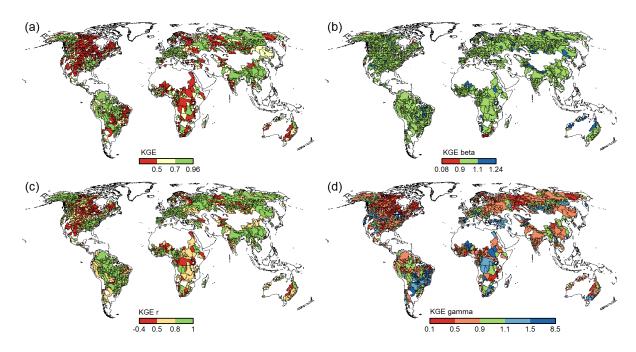


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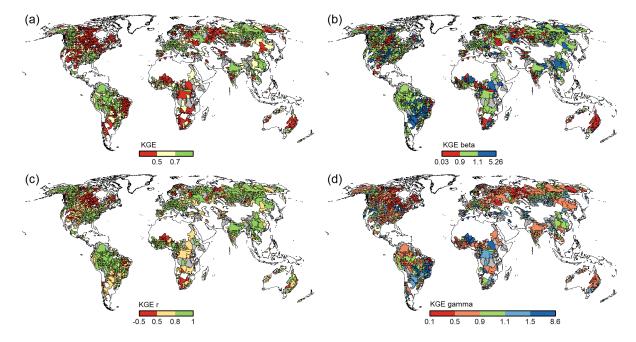


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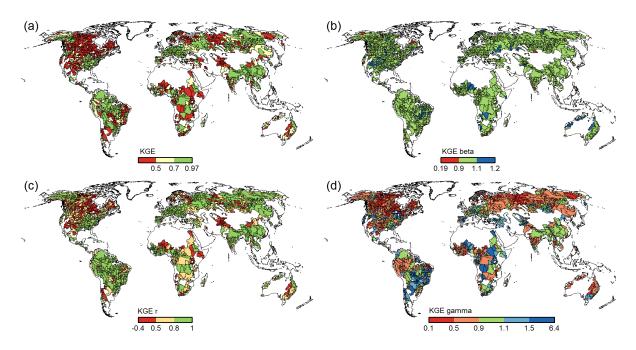


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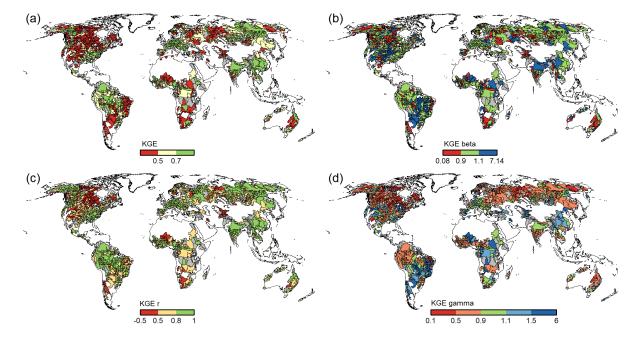


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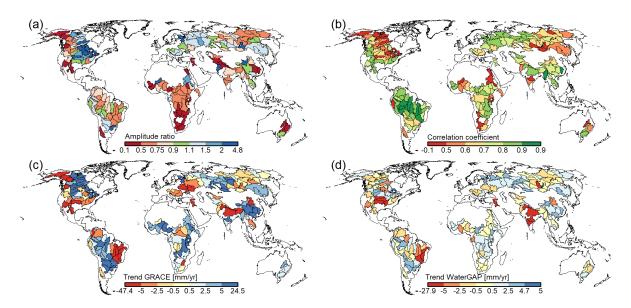


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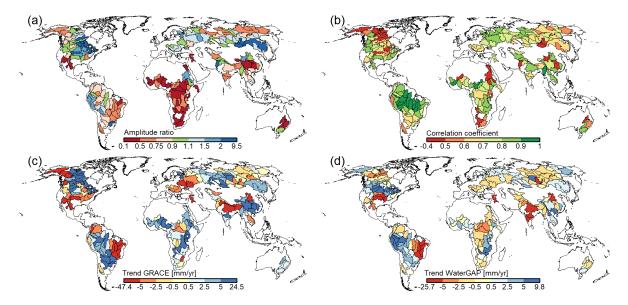


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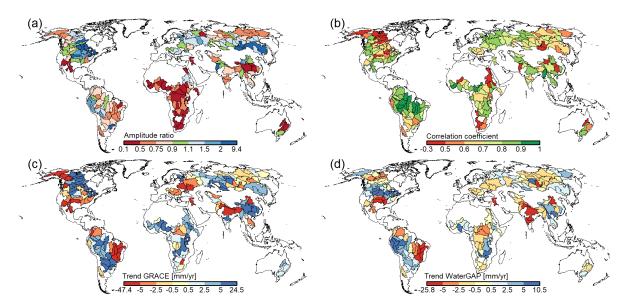


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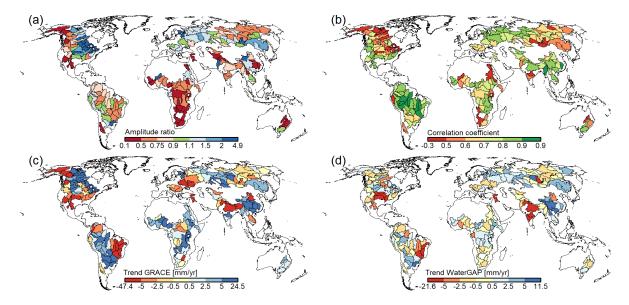


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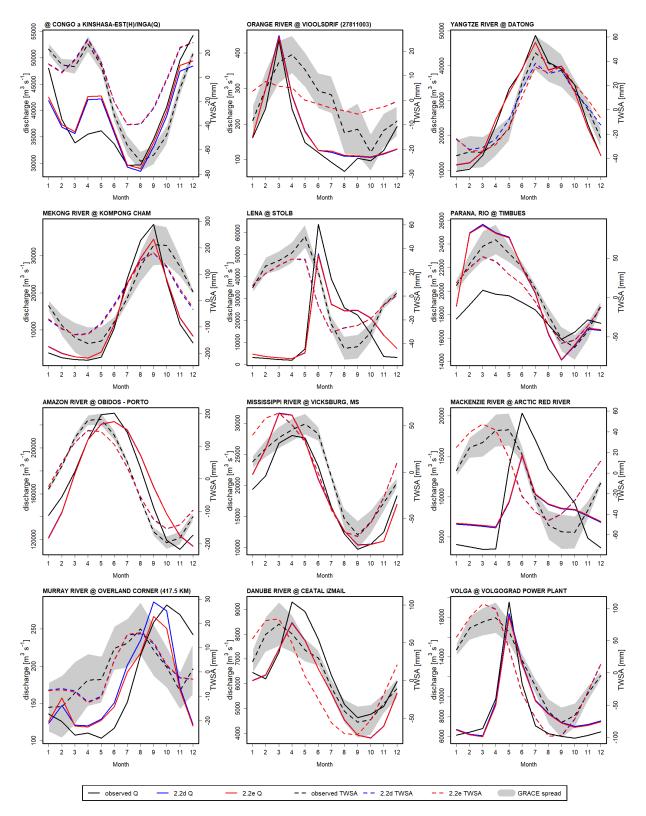


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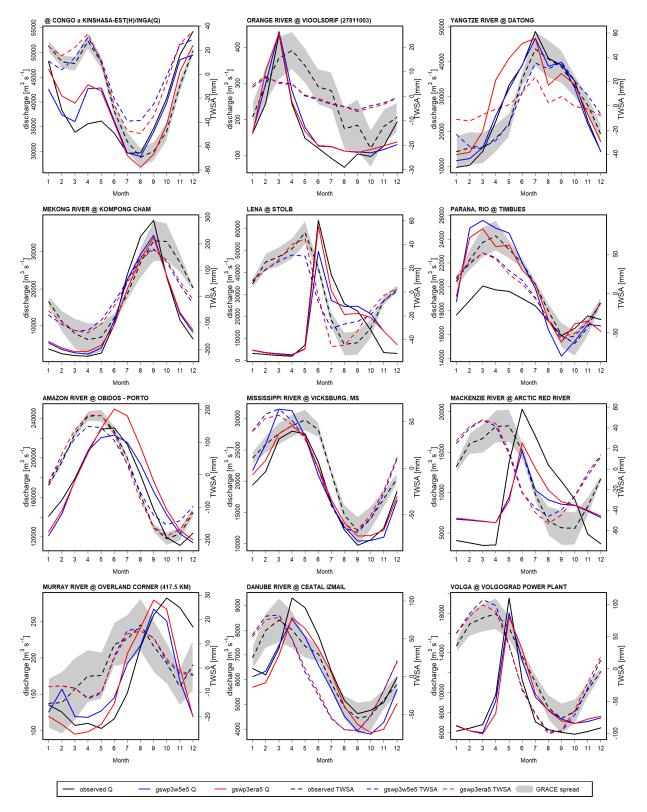


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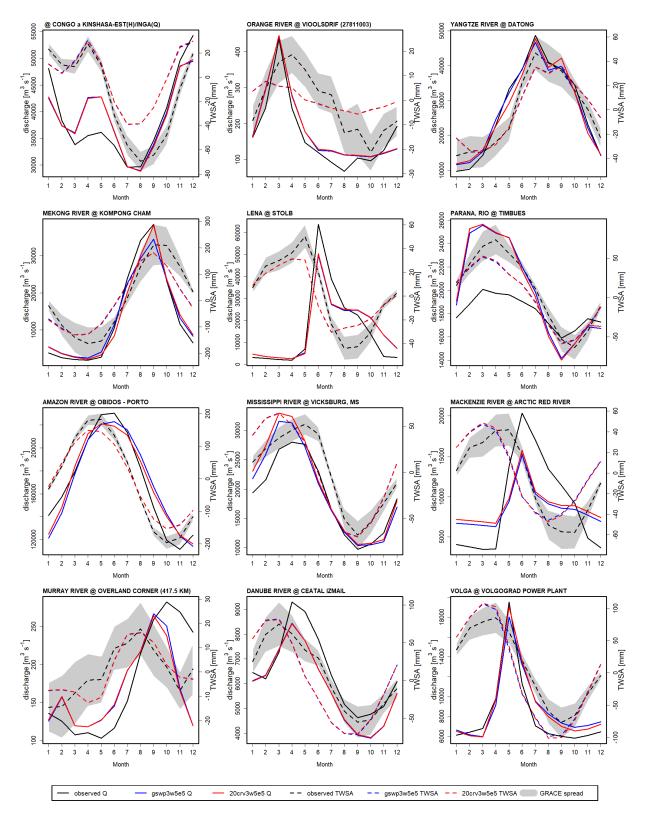


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