



State of the work on CC adaptation by the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)

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Climate change adaptation – A burning issue



Summer 2022: low water and drought
(currently under investigation by the ICPR)

See also press communicate

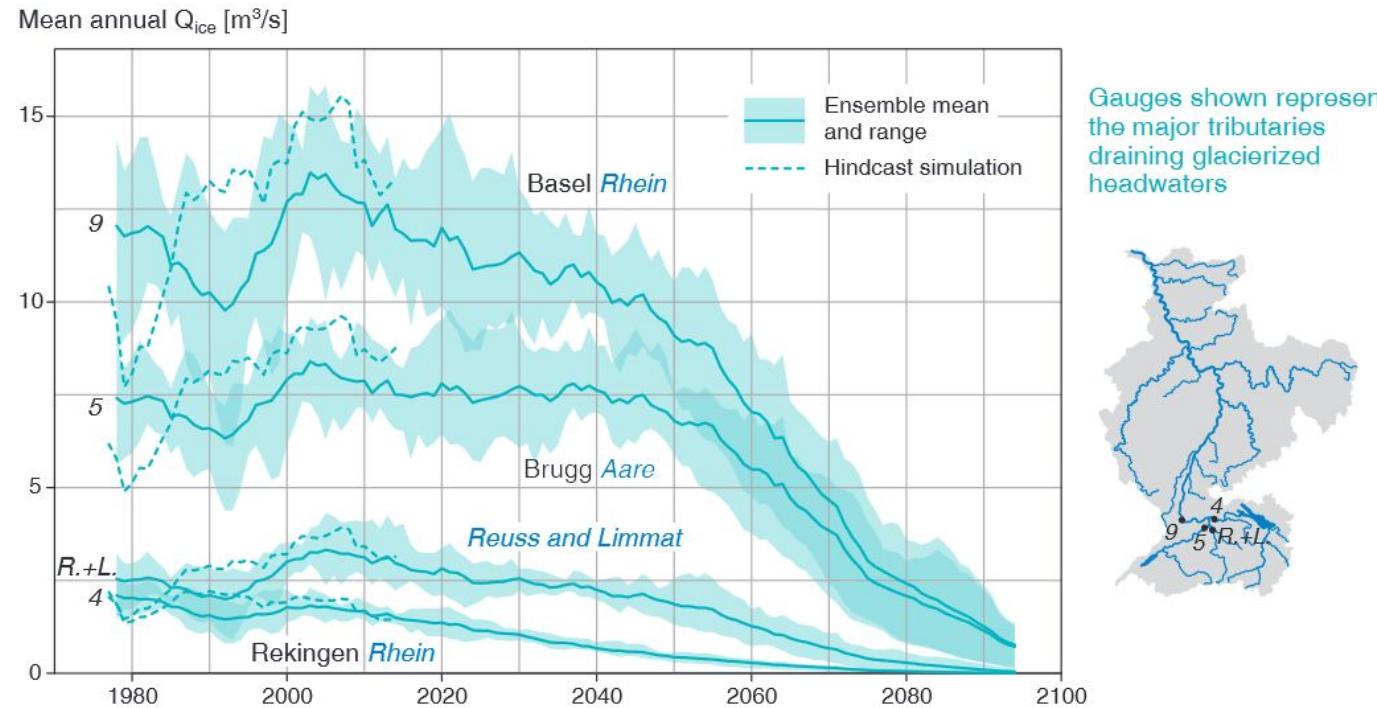


Summer 2021: flash floods

New study „ASG II“ (june 2022) from „Commission for the Hydrology of the Rhine (CHR)“ shows:

Strong decrease of glacier and snow melt contribution to the Rhine discharge by end of 2100

4.2 The ice melt component Q_{ice}



Gauges shown represent
the major tributaries
draining glaciated
headwaters



Figure 9: 11-year moving averages of hindcast and climate scenario simulations of mean annual Q_{ice} at different tributaries.

How to approach climate change adaptation at the ICPR?

- “Rhine 2040”: a sustainably managed and climate-resilient river Rhine and its catchment
- Top priority: Update the ICPR’s **climate change adaptation strategy from 2015 by 2025**

Steps:

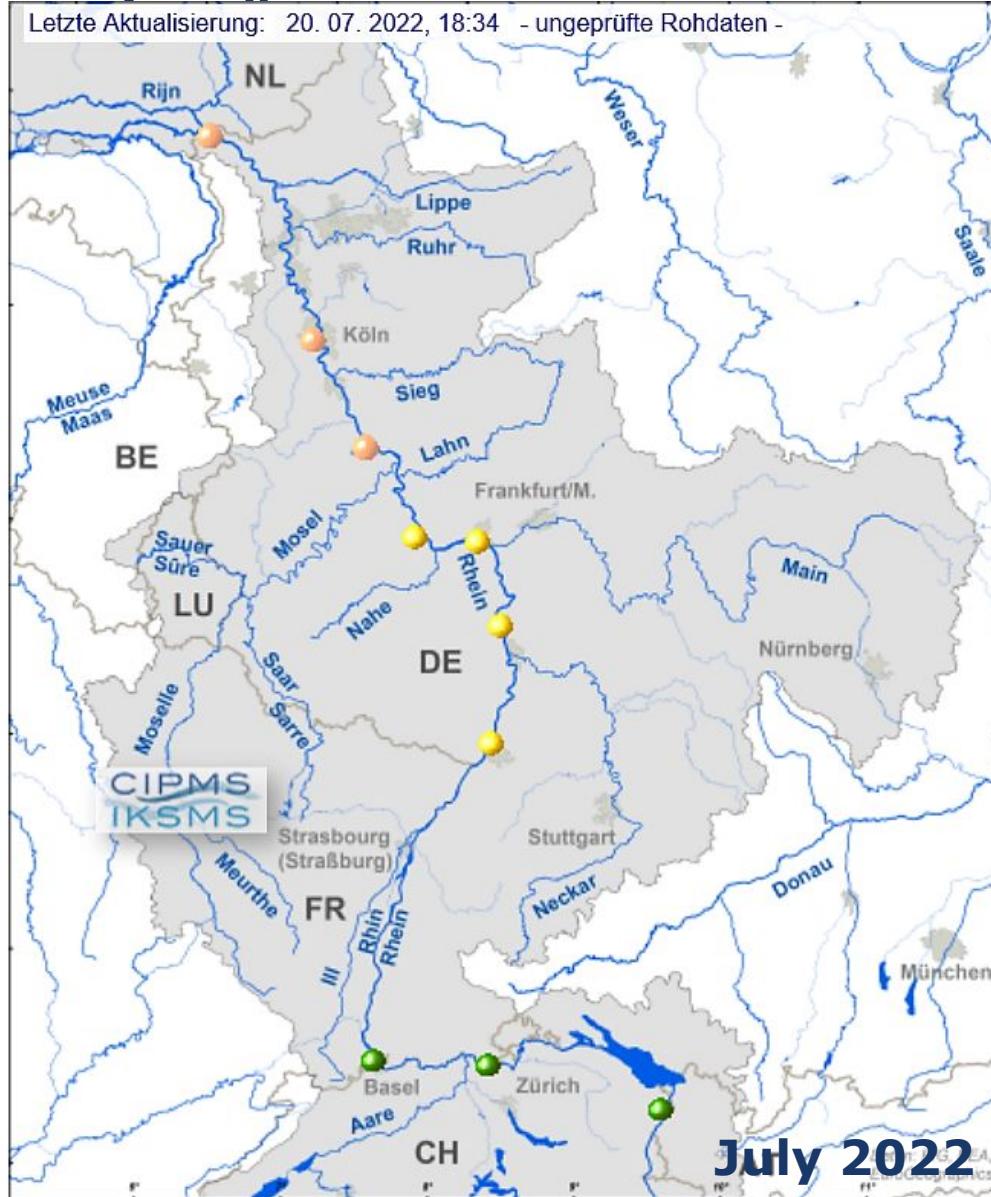
- New expert group **updates discharge projections by End 2023** **Combination of national models outputs using IPCC AR5**
- Expert group “low water” works on the new issue of **water consumption/availability (projections)**, together with Commission for the Hydrology of the Rhine (CHR)
- A workshop on **heavy rainfall and flash floods** is organised by working group “flood and low water” **End of 2023.**

How to approach climate change adaptation at the ICPR?

Steps:

- Expert group “water temperature” updates **water temperature** projections **by end of 2024**.
- Working group “ecology” and “water quality” investigate the **effects on biodiversity** **by 2024**.
- Interdisciplinary **workshop in 2024**, editorial group updates strategy **by 2025**.

2022: Test in real situation of our “ICPR Low water monitoring



- no / very frequent low flow ($Q \geq 2\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- frequent low flow ($Q < 2\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- less frequent low flow ($Q < 5\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- rare low flow ($Q < 10\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- very rare low flow ($Q < 20\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- extremely rare low flow ($Q < 50\text{-year NM7Q}$)
- no up-to-date flow data

Trend (water level at gauge):

- ↑ rise of more than 10 cm in 4 hours
- ↗ rise of more than 5 cm in 4 hours
- rise / fall up to 5 cm in 4 hours
- ↘ fall of more than 5 cm in 4 hours
- ↓ fall of more than 10 cm in 4 hours

+: table with the duration of the event, water temperature and oxygen content

New slight adaptations based on low water 2022

New state for updating the discharge (compared to report 188): Different recent national/international studies: Matches and mismatches



AR4

CHR-Rheinblick205

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KNMI06



CC-Hydro13



DAS15, KLIWAS



KLIWA22



EXPLORE2070

AR

5 scenario

Climate

Members

Hydrology

Reference

Future 1

Future 2

AR6

CHR-ASG II

KNMI14

CC-Hydro18

DAS21, XPN

KLIWA

MOSARH21

RCP8.5

RCP8.5

RCP8.5, ...

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CORDEX

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AdvDC, RACMO

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HBV-light/PREVA

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AdvDC, ALADIN, WRF

HBV-light/LARSIM

HBV

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LARSIM

LARSIM

GRSD, LARSIM

1981-2010

1951-2006

1981-2010

1971-2000

1971-2000

1971-2000(2005)

2031-2060

2021-2050

2020–2049

2045-2074

2031-2060

2021-2050

2021-2050

2071-2100

2071-2100

2071-2100

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CHR...

KNMI/Deltas

CC-Hydro

DAS

KLIWA

Example of updated discharge projections and comparison with old report 188 (draft, not published) □ Publication end of 2023/begin of 2024

MQ summer, winter

Indicator	Gauge	ICPR188 2021-2050	ICPR188 2071-2100	Near Future 2031-2060	Distant Future 2070-2099
MQ Summer	Basel	-10 to +5	-25 to -10	-11 to -2 (-25 to +4)	-28 to -5 (-48 to +4)
	Maxau	-10 to +5	-25 to -10	-7 to -1 (-24 to +5)	-24 to -5 (-47 to +5)
	Worms	-10 to +5	-25 to -10	-7 to -1 (-23 to +6)	-22 to -5 (-46 to +6)
	Kaub	-10 to +10	-25 to -10	-5 to -0 (-21 to +7)	-20 to -4 (-43 to +8)
	Koeln	-10 to +10	-25 to -10	-4 to -0 (-21 to +6)	-20 to -4 (-42 to +9)
	Lobith	-10 to +10	-25 to -10	-4 to -0 (-20 to +6)	-19 to -3 (-42 to +9)
	Raunheim	0 to +25	-20 to -10	-8 to +7 (-20 to +27)	-4 to +12 (-56 to +27)
	Trier	-5 to +10	-25 to -5	-9 to +6 (-26 to +15)	-18 to -4 (-41 to +19)
MQ Winter	Basel	0 to +20	+5 to +25	+5 to +14 (-10 to +22)	+11 to +19 (-0 to +32)
	Maxau	0 to +20	+5 to +25	+9 to +14 (-2 to +21)	+10 to +17 (+4 to +31)
	Worms	0 to +20	+5 to +25	+9 to +14 (-4 to +21)	+9 to +17 (+3 to +32)
	Kaub	0 to +20	+5 to +25	+8 to +16 (-7 to +22)	+7 to +18 (-0 to +35)
	Koeln	0 to +15	+5 to +25	+6 to +17 (-7 to +23)	+6 to +18 (-2 to +36)
	Lobith	0 to +15	+5 to +25	+9 to +17 (-6 to +23)	+11 to +17 (+0 to +35)
	Raunheim	0 to +25	+15 to +40	+3 to +23 (-21 to +30)	+1 to +25 (-43 to +46)
	Trier	0 to +20	+10 to +30	+3 to +17 (-8 to +28)	+8 to +18 (-7 to +38)

median spread of the ensembles
(min, max)



Thank you



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