

Maximizing use of probabilistic forecasts for sector-specific applications

Forecast Customization and Verification

- Customized 10-day deterministic forecast to RIMES Member and Collaborating States on demand
- Forecasts at different lead times verified with observation data; model skill evaluated



Forecast for 5 September 2014 at different lead times; forecast performance

Scatter & Quantile plots September 2014 for all stations

Extended range forecast customization

- GCMs, with coarse resolution forecast data bias-corrected against observed climatology, set for a region
- Observed climatology derived from long-term station observation datasets
- Bias-corrected forecast further downscaled statistically based on supervised principal component regression
- Outlook provided based on country's climate zones



Hydrological Applications

- 15-day precipitation forecast from ECMWF 51-member Ensemble Prediction System as input to hydrological modeling
- 10-day flow forecast at upstream boundary locations of Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers



Flow forecast at Hardinge Bridge (Brahmaputra) and Bahadurabad (Ganges) stations

Flash flood and seasonal flow outlook



Flash flood guidance and real-time verification system (L) and web-based seasonal flow outlook (R) for Sylhet and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

Reservoir management

- Development of precipitation forecast-based seasonal runoff and reservoir inflow forecasting system
- ✤ Basin hydrological model uses soil and water assessment tool (SWAT)
- Major rain category from 41-member ensemble guides reading of hydrological response table for estimation of possible reservoir inflow range



Ensemble predictive values and reservoir scenario with basin and model climatology

Advisory Systems for Sectoral Application

10-day ECMWF deterministic forecast used in:

- Agro-advisory expert system to support decision-making in agriculture sector, piloted in Myanmar (Monywa and Nyaung Oo)
- * Public health and animal health advisory systems, with pilot in Tamil Nadu, India
- * Energy demand and supply management system, with pilot in Tamil Nadu, India



Public health advisory system (L); animal health risk information system (R)



Wind forecast and energy demand and supply management system



Agro-advisory expert system

- Enormous potential applications of forecast information at different timescales
- RIMES sustained engagement with Member States in providing value addition to products received from ECMWF
- Piloting of expert systems involves validation and user feedback, with potential for scaling up and replication
- Higher spatial resolution input data would tremendously improve accuracy of expert systems and hydrological models

About RIMES

- Builds capacity of its Member States in the generation and application of user-relevant early warning information
- Bridges gap between global centers of excellence and national and local level institutions to bring the best of science and practices for enhanced performance of early warning systems
- Acts as test-bed for identifying promising new and emerging technologies and research products, and pilot testing and making these operational through demonstration of tangible benefits
- Collaborates with ECMWF on data exchange and use of medium- and long-range forecast products for sectoral applications
- 12 Member States: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Comoros, India, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste
- 19 Collaborating Countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Somalia, Tanzania, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Yemen

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