

Integrating Hydrological Modeling and Renewable Energy for Sustainable Water Management in the São Francisco River Basin

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Introduction



Water and energy security are critical in semi-arid regions, especially Northeastern Brazil.



The project assesses climate change impacts and floating solar potential in the São Francisco River Basin.

Methodology

- SWAT model applied to Sobradinho Reservoir and other basins in Pernambuco.
- Data: 1961–2021 – climate trends, land use, water availability.
- Calibration emphasized groundwater's role in hydrological balance.

Study área- Sobradinho basin-São Francisco river



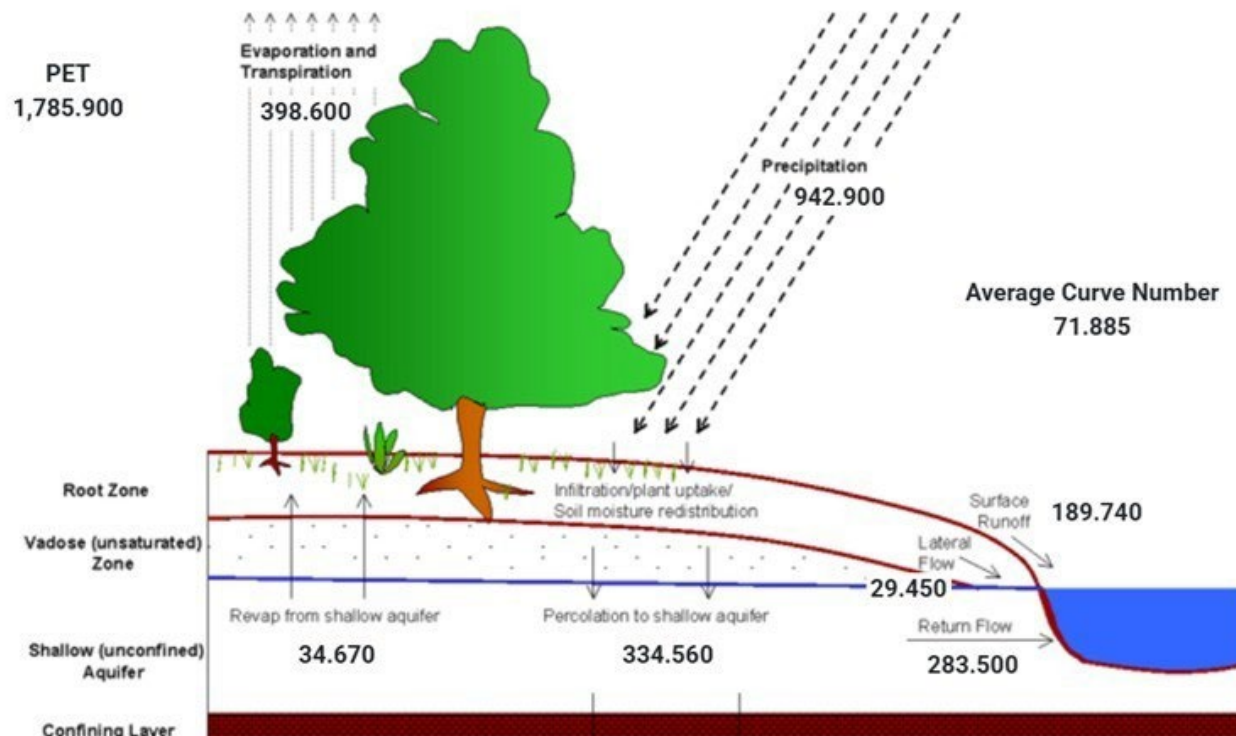
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Annual Water balance

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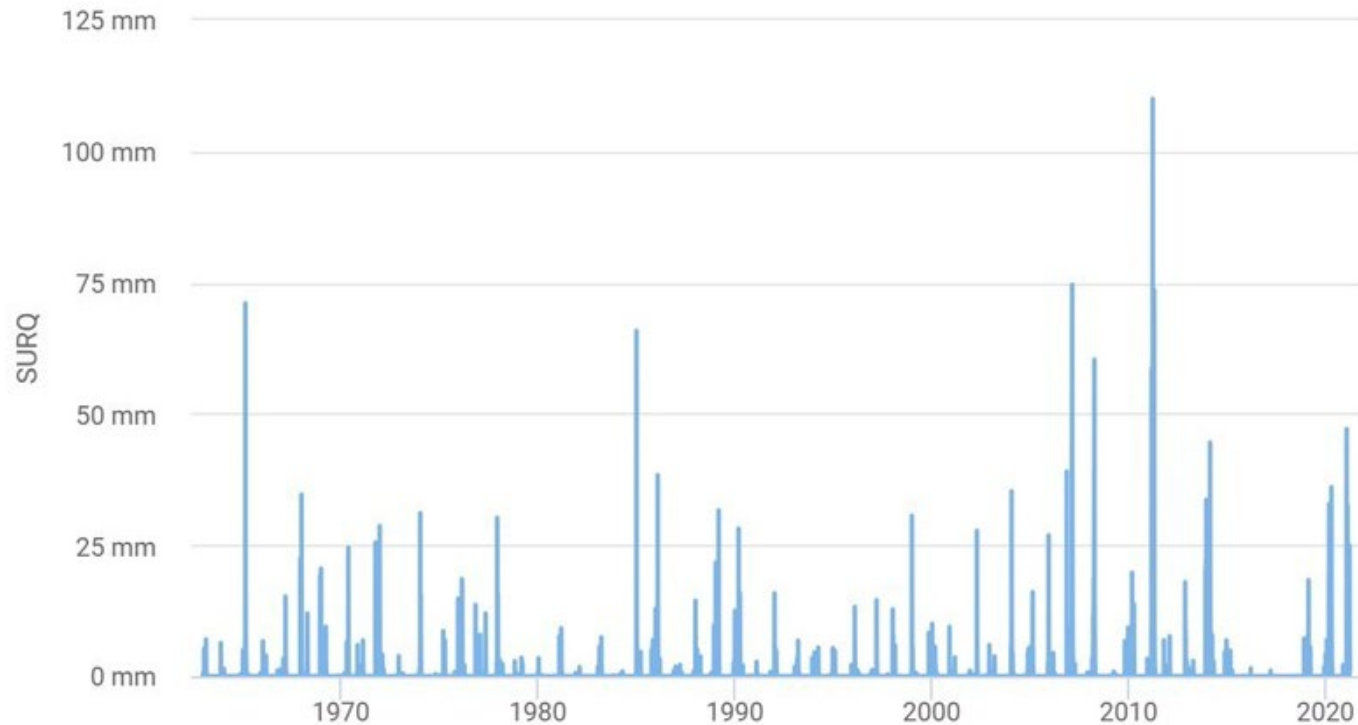
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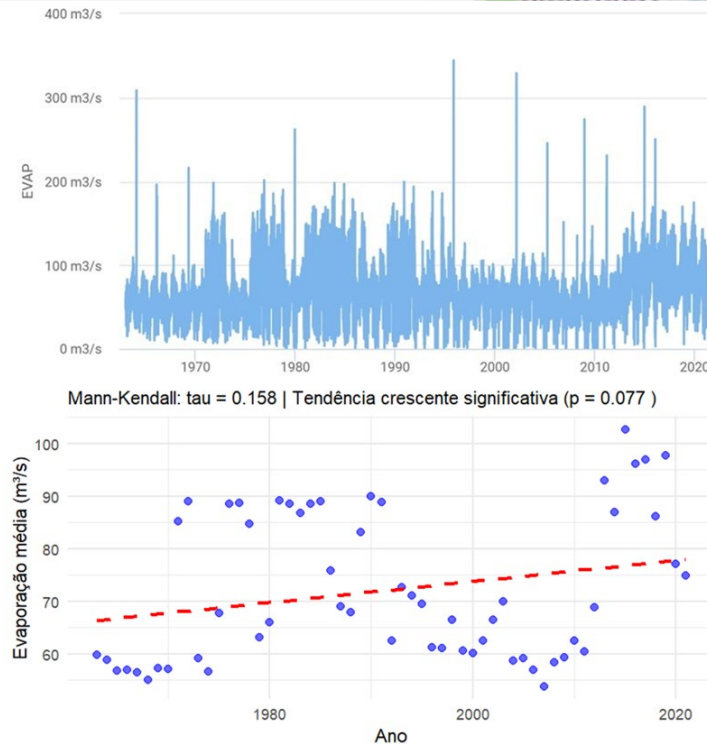
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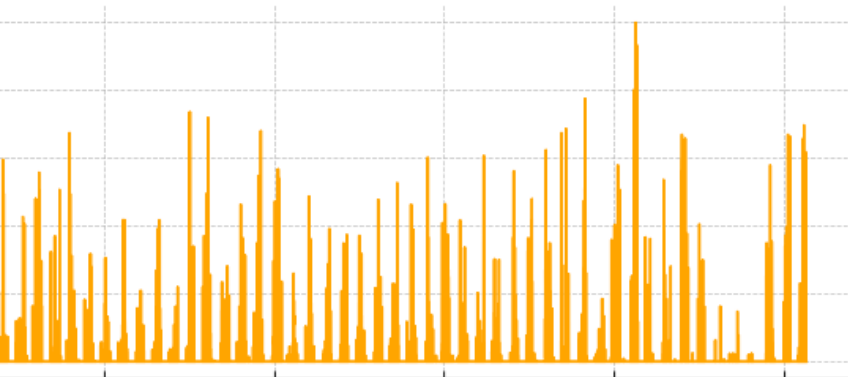
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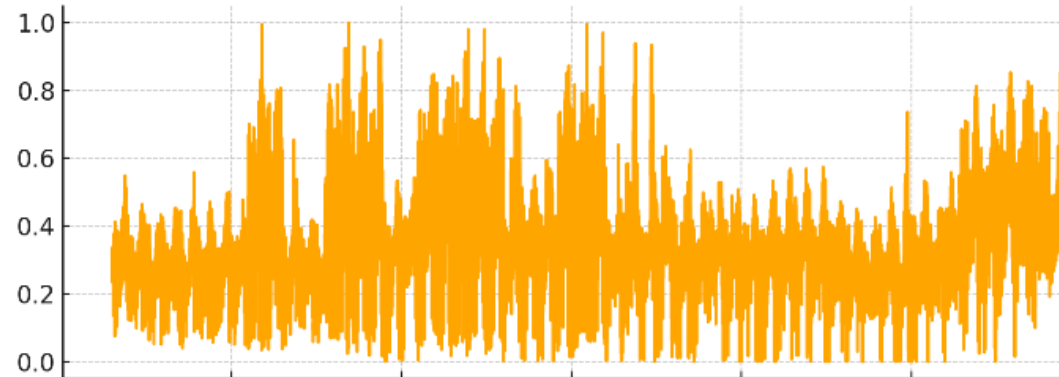


Séries Temporais Normalizadas (0 a 1) - Linha Laranja - Bacia de Sobradinho

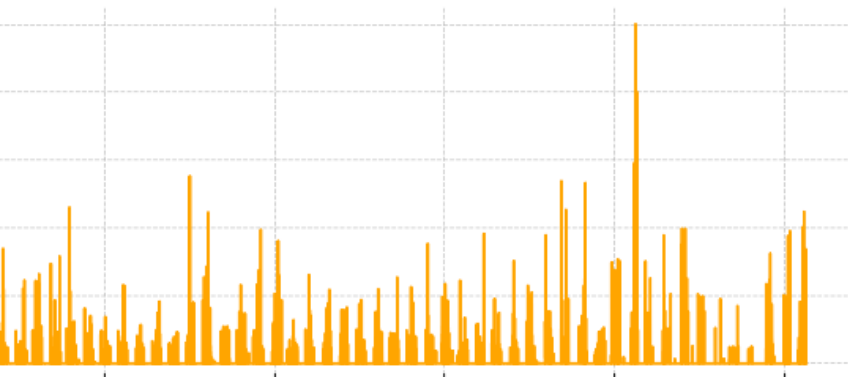
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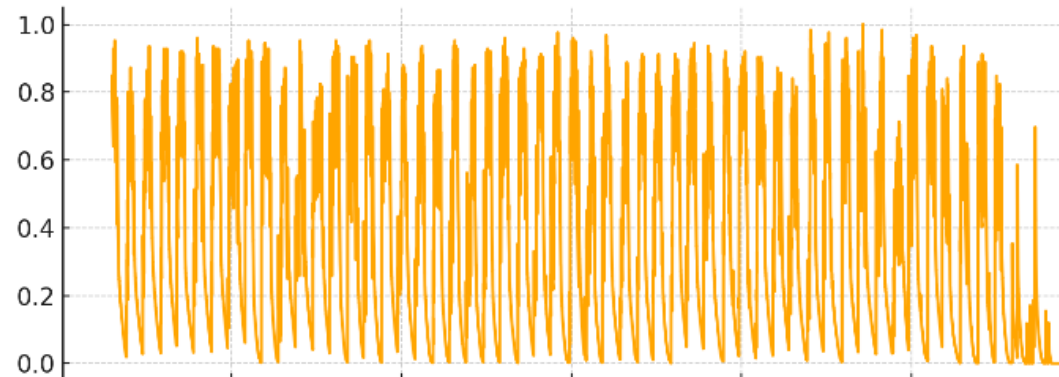
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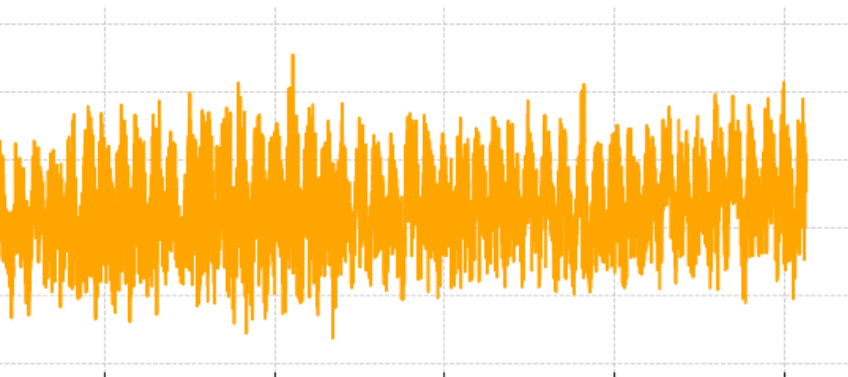
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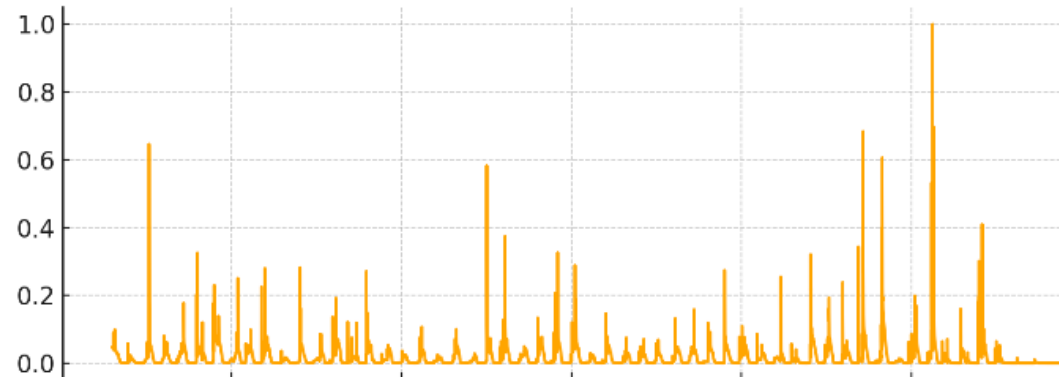
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Key Hydrological Findings

- Groundwater recharge and depletion are crucial for reservoir stability.
- Land use changes (agriculture, deforestation, urbanization) affect infiltration and runoff.
- Highlights the need for integrated groundwater management.

Floating Solar Energy

- Floating solar panels reduce evaporation and optimize land use.
- Offer clean energy solutions in high solar radiation regions.
- Coupling hydrology and energy planning enhances resilience.



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Fluxograma dos impactos esperados das mudanças climáticas na bacia do reservatório de Sobradinho, com base nas simulações SWAT/SUPe¶

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Causas climáticas (topo)¶

- → Aumento da PET¶
- → Aumento da Temperatura da Água (WTMP)¶
- → Redução da Precipitação (PRECIP)¶
- → Redução do Armazenamento no Solo (SW)¶



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Efeitos intermediários¶

- → Maior evaporação e déficit hídrico¶
- → Redução da recarga subterrânea¶

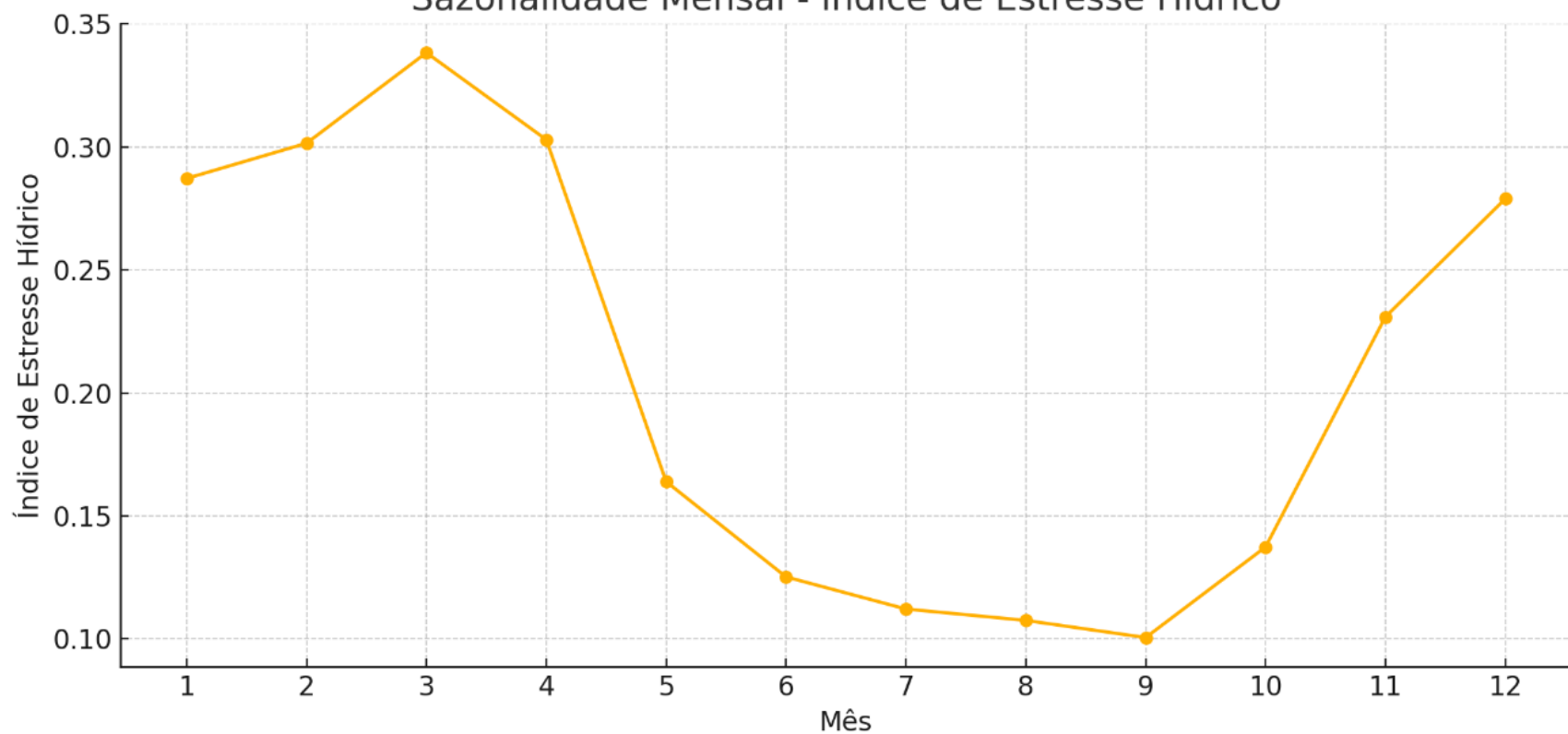


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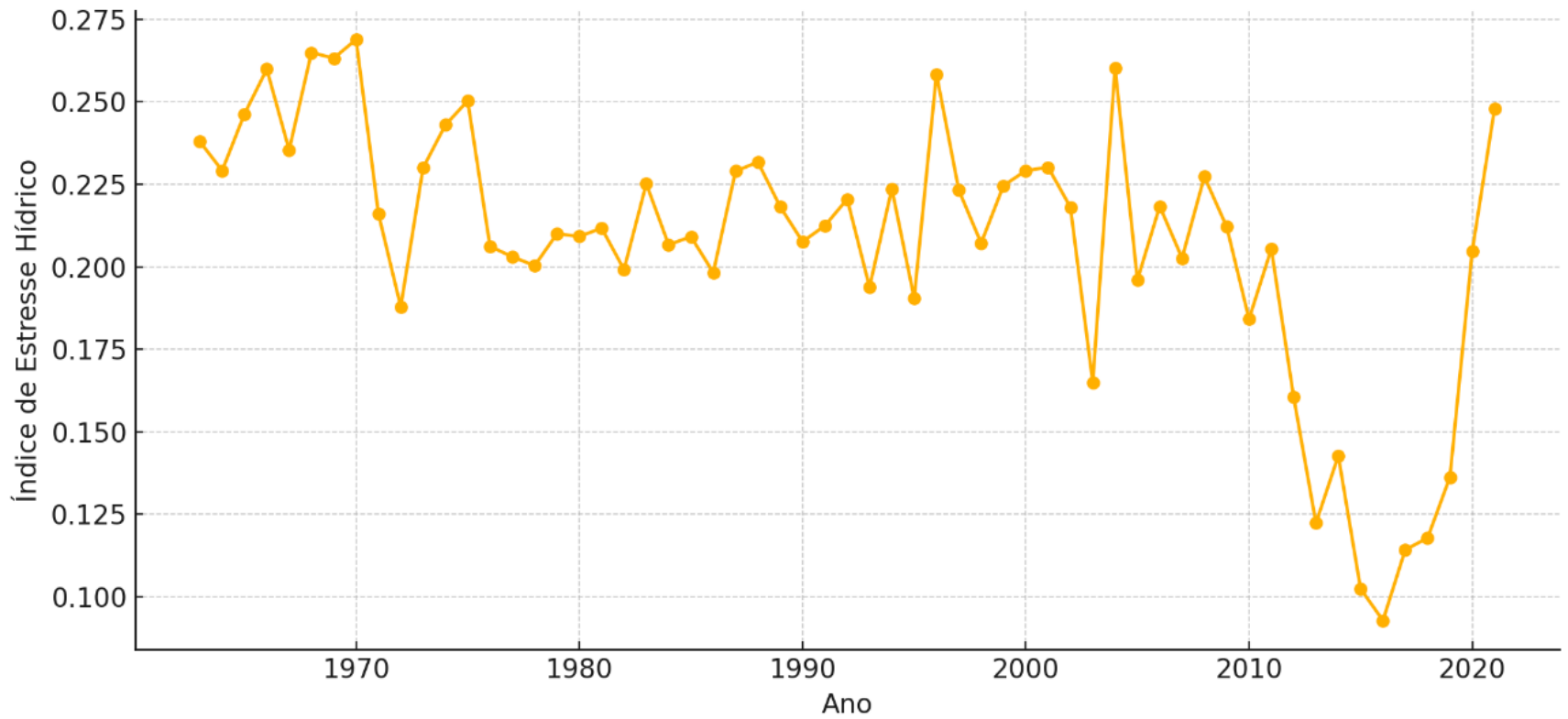
- → Maior estresse hídrico regional¶

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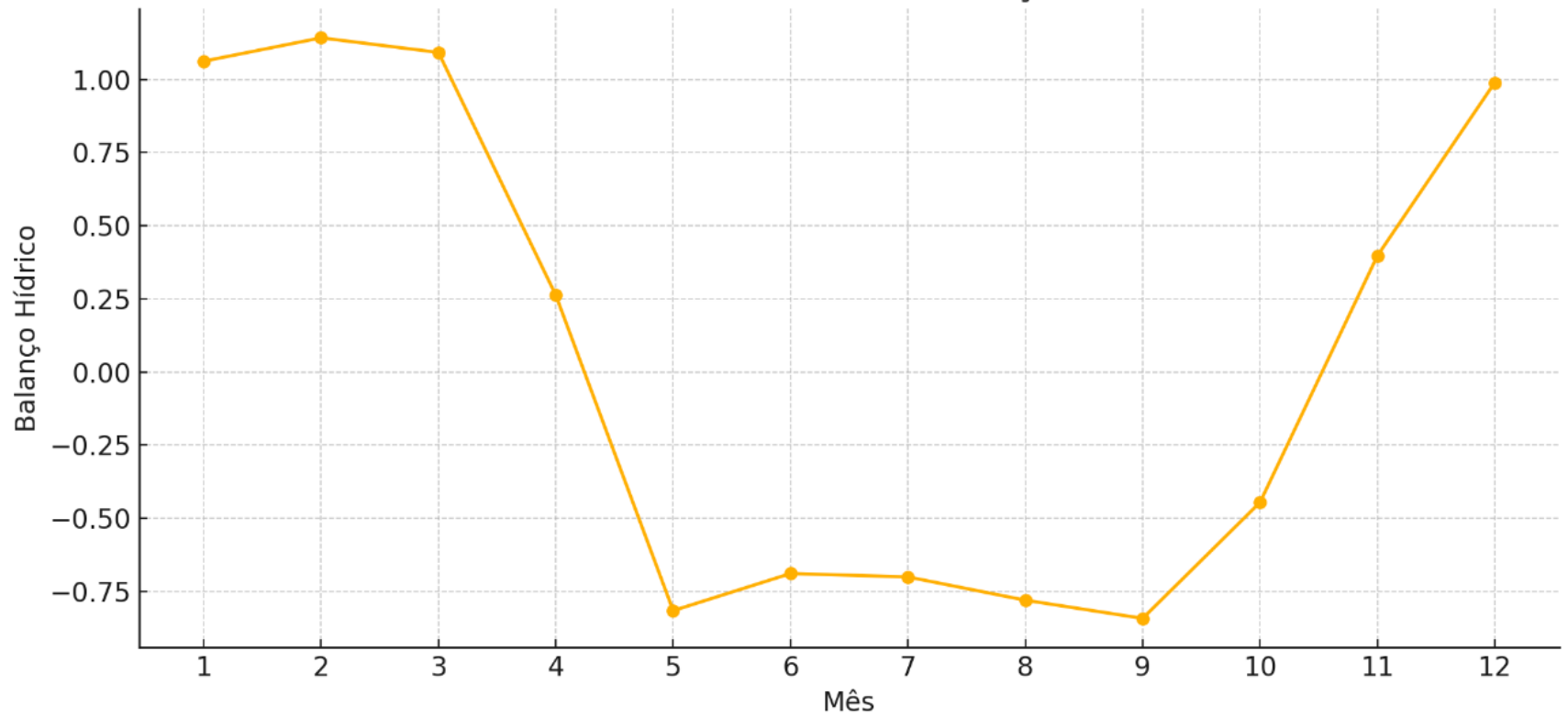
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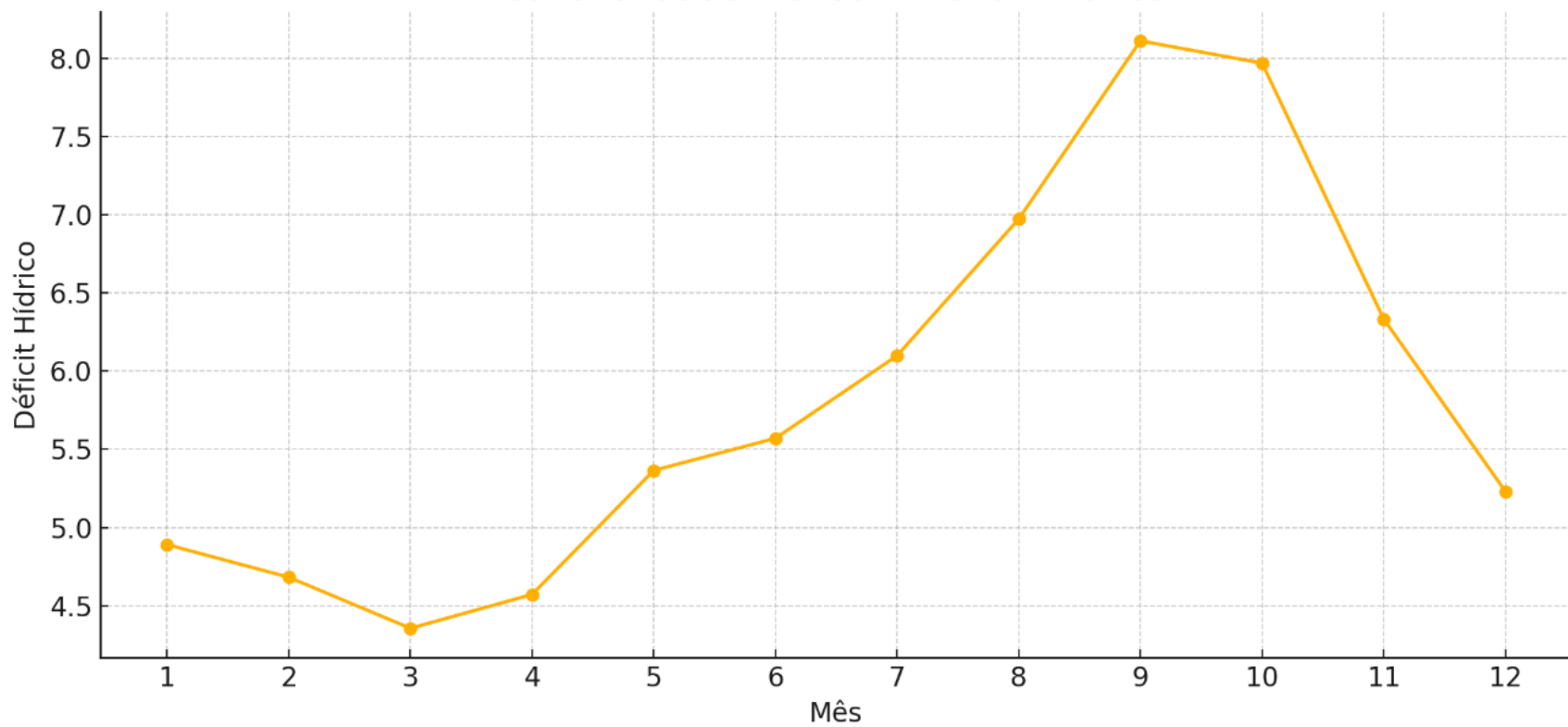
Tendência Anual - Índice de Estresse Hídrico



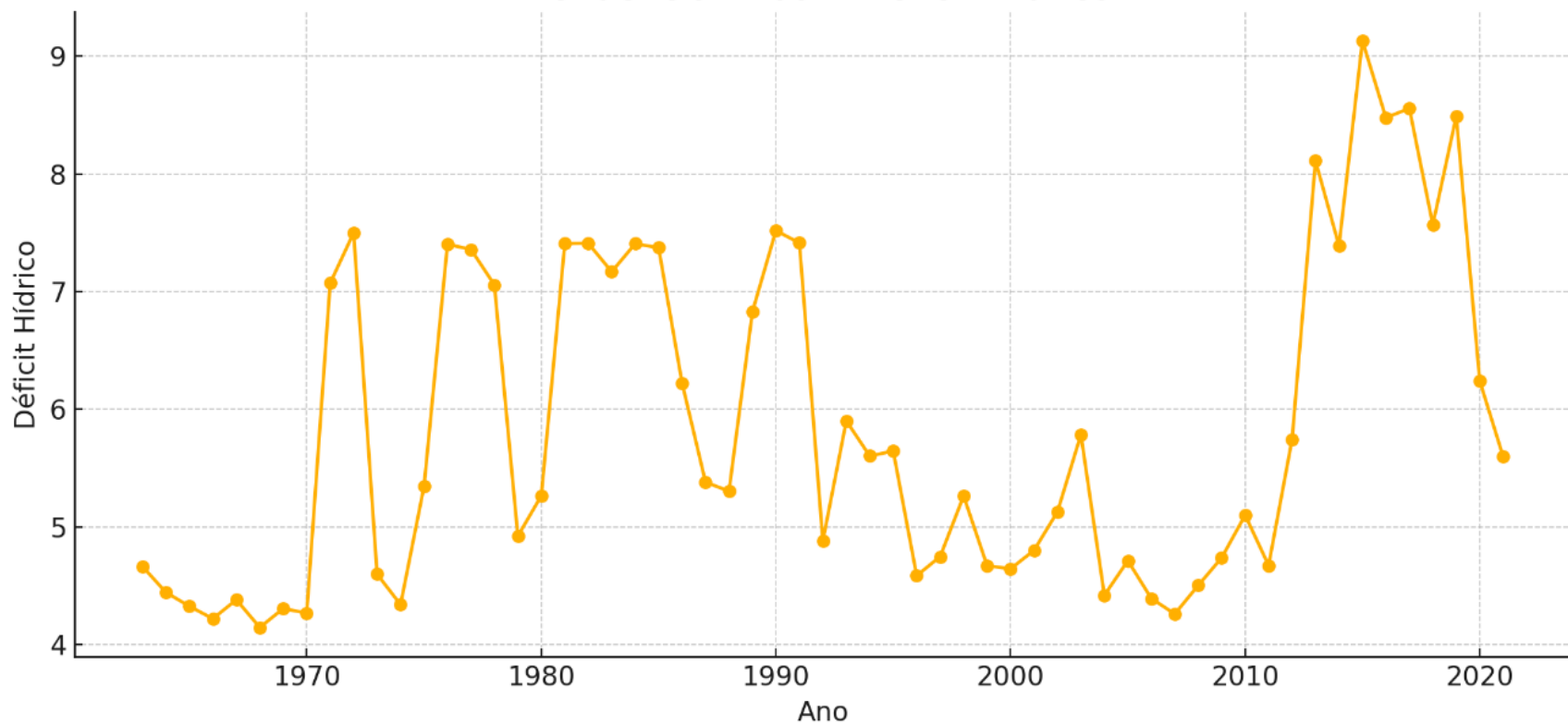
Sazonalidade Mensal - Balanço Hídrico



Sazonalidade Mensal - Déficit Hídrico



Tendência Anual - Déficit Hídrico



Classification of Years into Hydrological Risk Categories

Sobradinho Watershed

Indicators

- Water Availability Index (IDH)
- Water Stress Index (ISEH)
- Annual

Classification Criteria

IDH < 0.4
ISEH < 0.4
High

Result

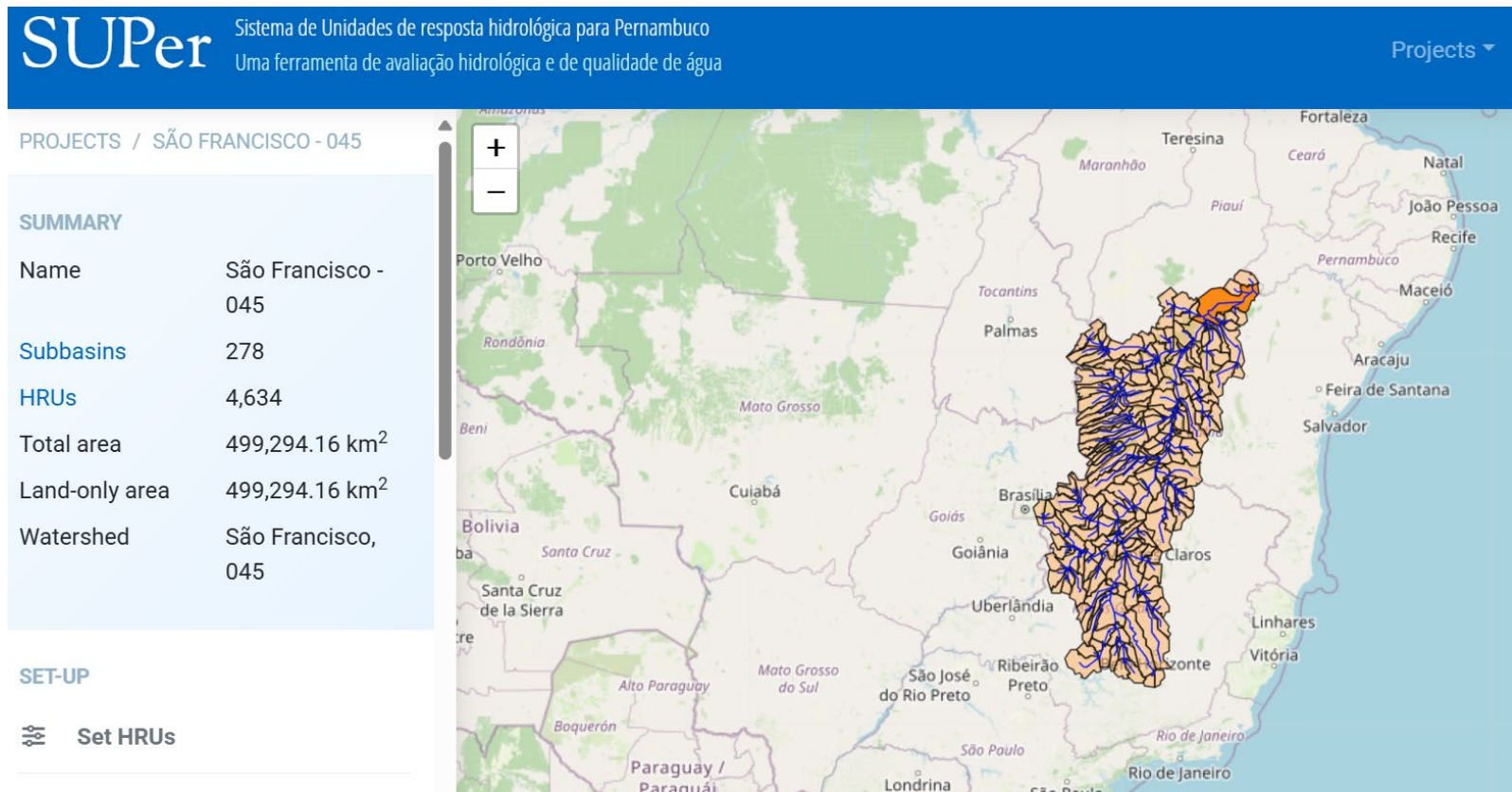
Low: 0 years
Moderate: 45 years
High: 14 years

Applications in Public Policy

- Prioritization of vulnerable areas
- Adaptive strategies

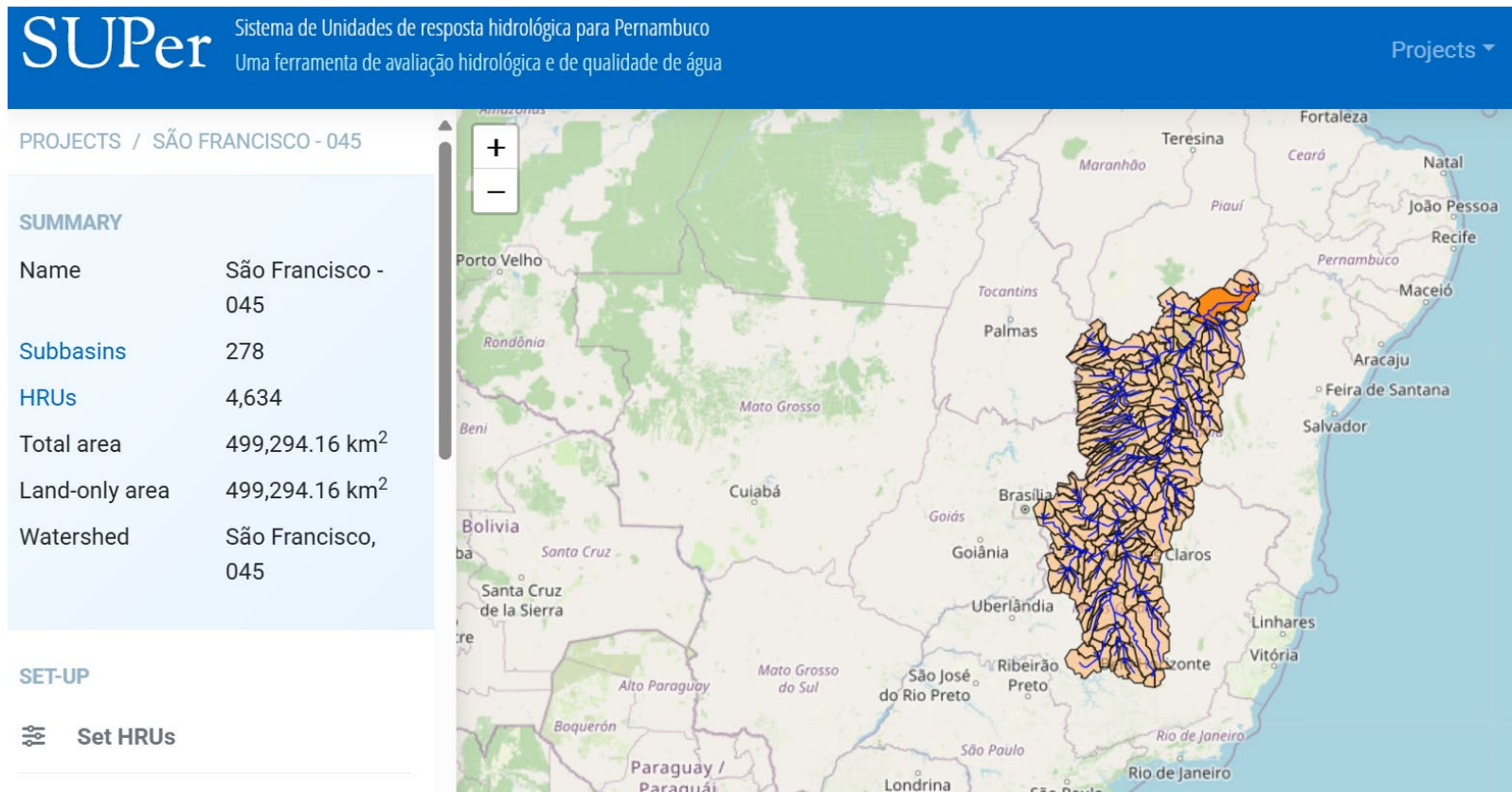
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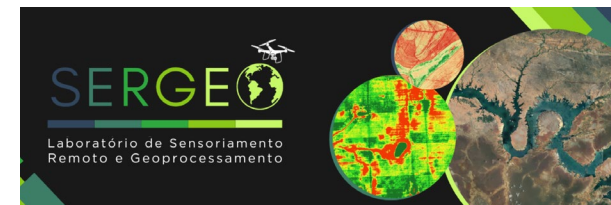
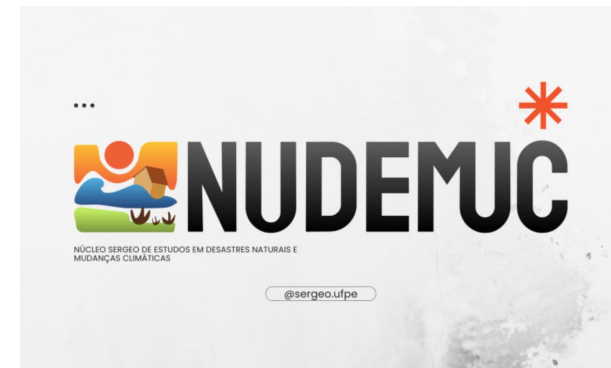
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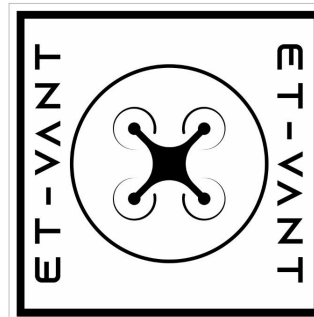
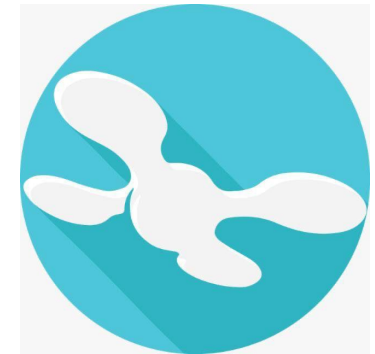
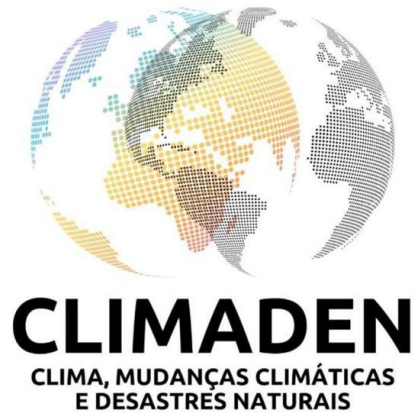
Conclusion

- • Integrated modeling and renewable energy enhance sustainability.
- • Emphasis on groundwater, land use, and floating solar.
- • Provides a robust framework for water-energy adaptation in semi-arid regions.

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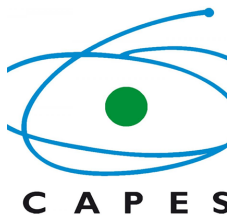


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