

UN Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Understanding Drought

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WHAT IS A DROUGHT?

“A drought is a prolonged period of dry weather; lack of rain”

(Collins English Dictionary, n.d)



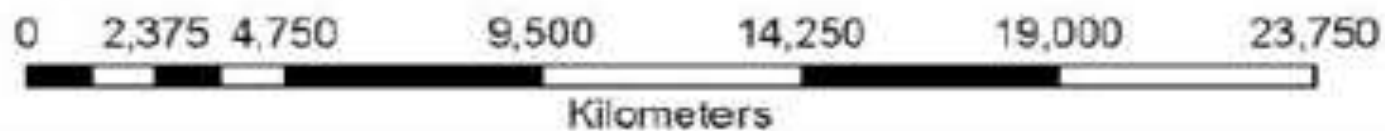
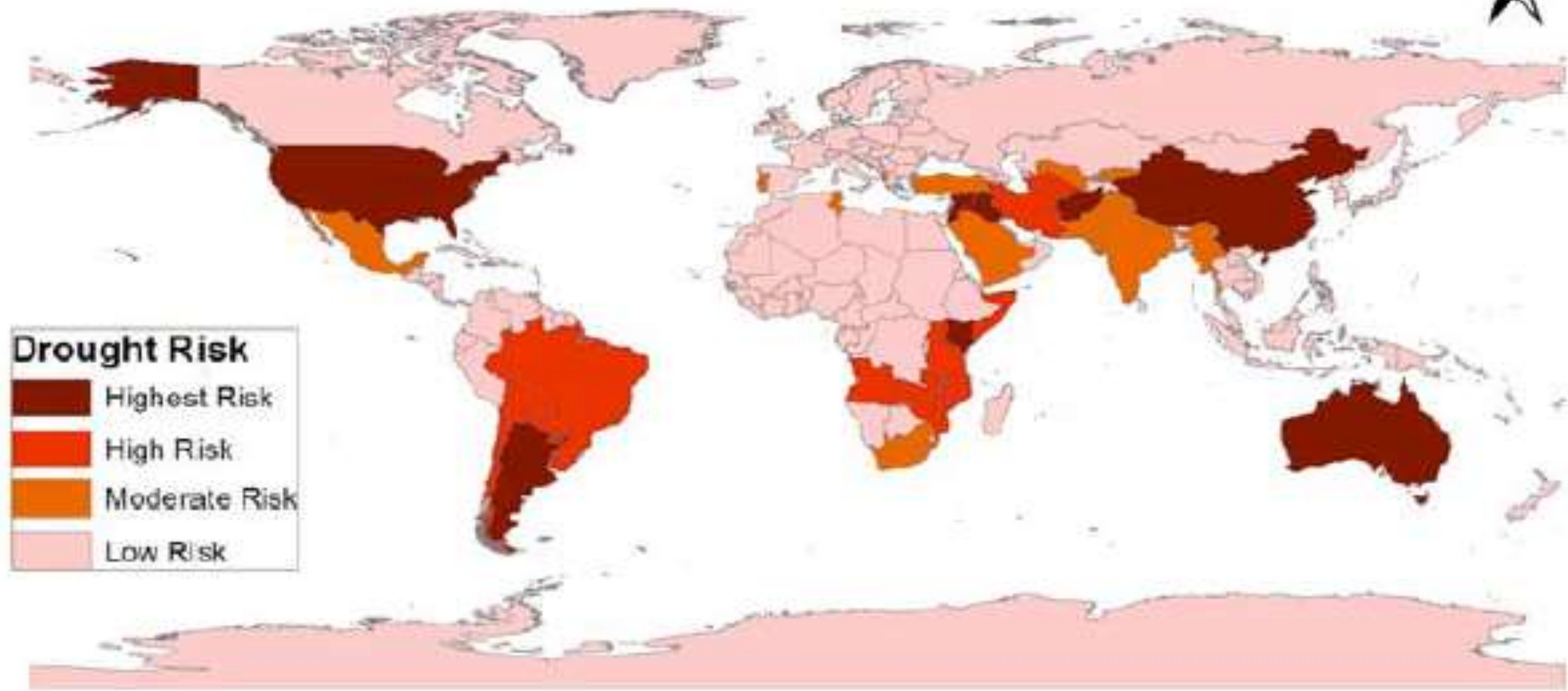
TYPES OF DROUGHT

There are five main types of droughts:

- Agricultural Drought
- Ecological Drought
- Hydrological Drought
- Meteorological Drought
- Socioeconomic Drought



Drought Affected Countries



CONSEQUENCES OF A DROUGHT

- Lower crop yield
- Higher food production costs
- Higher food prices
- Food insecurity
- Famine
- Soil erosion



- Malnutrition
- Epidemics
- Population displacement
- Increased pollution of surface water
- Lost of biodiversity
- Drying out of wetlands

HOW TO COMBAT A DROUGHT?

Droughts cannot be prevented. However we can implement water conserving measures to combat or mitigate its negative effects.

- Reduce indoor and outdoor water consumption
- Install a water-efficient irrigation system
- Increase forestation
- Preservation of water reservoirs
- Spread awareness



VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the following websites for more information on Droughts and water conservation:

- www.wasa.gov.tt
- www.ema.co.tt
- www.odpm.gov.tt
- www.unwater.org
- www.unccd.int

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