



Prioritising drought mitigation measures in Mediterranean under climate change

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This study links drought impacts to the development of adaptation strategies for agriculture in Europe. Drought is expected to intensify in the future, exacerbating the existing risks, particularly in southern regions. At the same time the increased pressures on water resources may bring opportunities to completely redirect policy development. These risks and opportunities are characterised and interpreted across European regions by analysing relevant studies that appeared in the last decade. The result is a synthesis of the reasons for concern for European agricultural regions. The challenge for responding to these risks and opportunities is addressed by evaluating a drought vulnerability index with the aim to assist stakeholders as they develop measures to reduce the vulnerability of the sector to drought.