

Water management in Brazilian hydropower

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW



BRAZIL IN NUMBERS



5th largest country in the world (area of 8.514.876 km²)

210 million inhabitants (IBGE, 2019)

5 Geopolitical Regions

5.570 cities located in **26** States and **1** Federal District

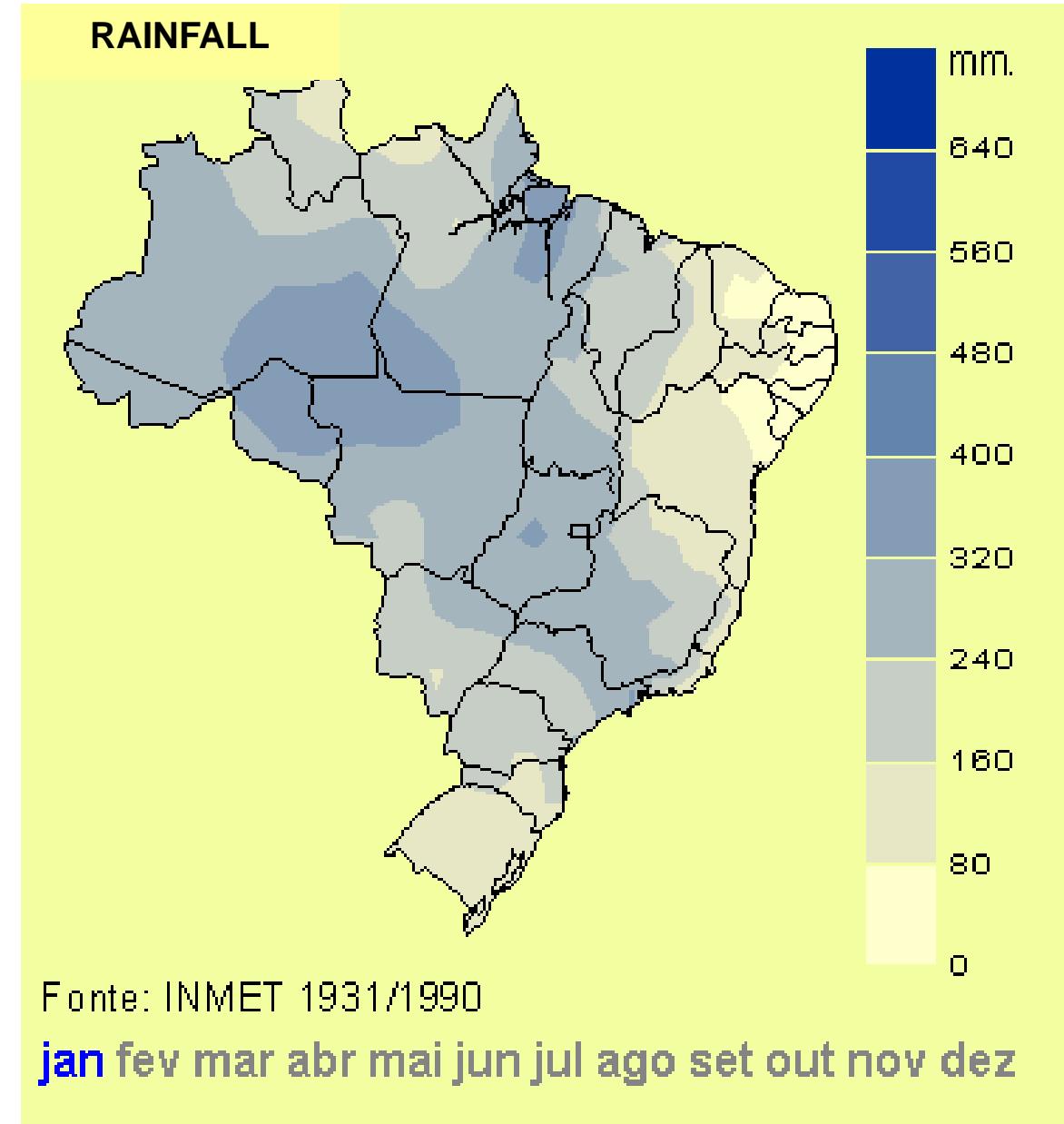
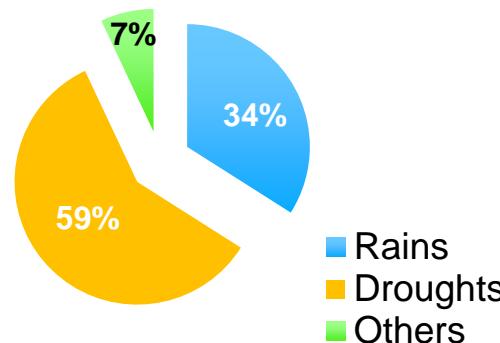
12% Planet's fresh water is in Brazil

83 boundary and transboundary rivers

Critical events in Brazil

Rainfall distribution

- Climate diversity
- It demands continuous monitoring
- Droughts and floods

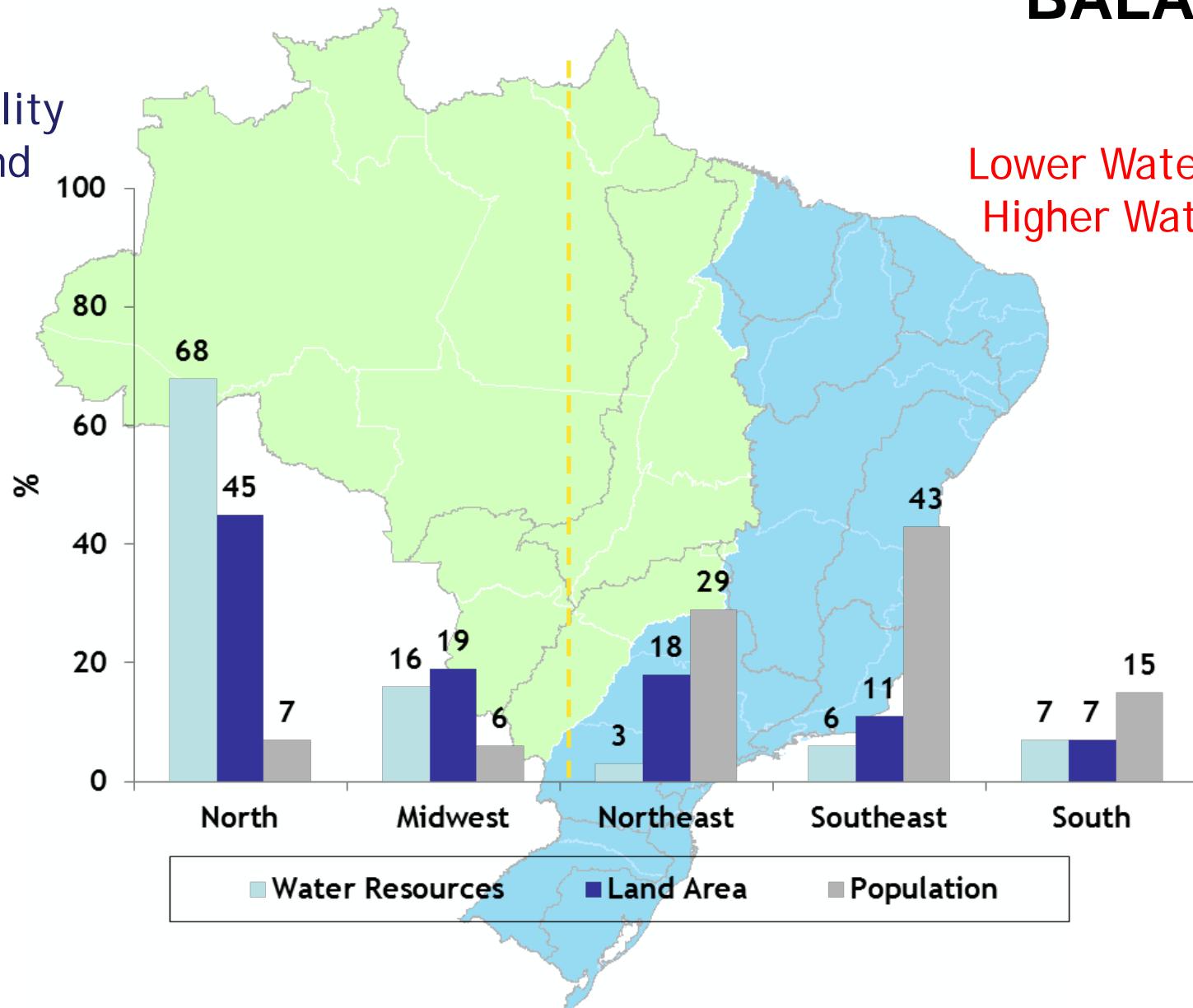


Unequal Distribution of Water and Population

BRAZIL: WATER BALANCE

Higher Water Availability
Lower Water Demand

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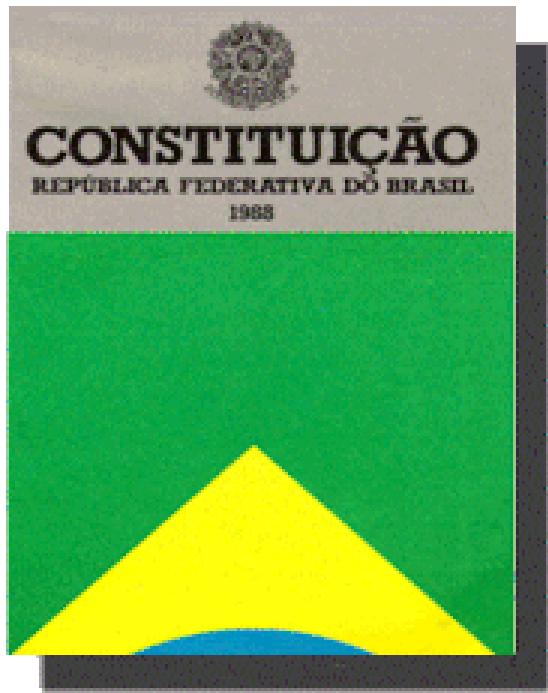


THE BRAZILIAN WATER RESOURCES POLICY



Water Resources Policy

*"Art. 21. The Federal Government is responsible for establishing a **national water resources management system** and defining criteria for water permits" - 1988*



1988

Establishes the National Water Resources Policy.



1997

Responsible to implement the National Water resources Policy

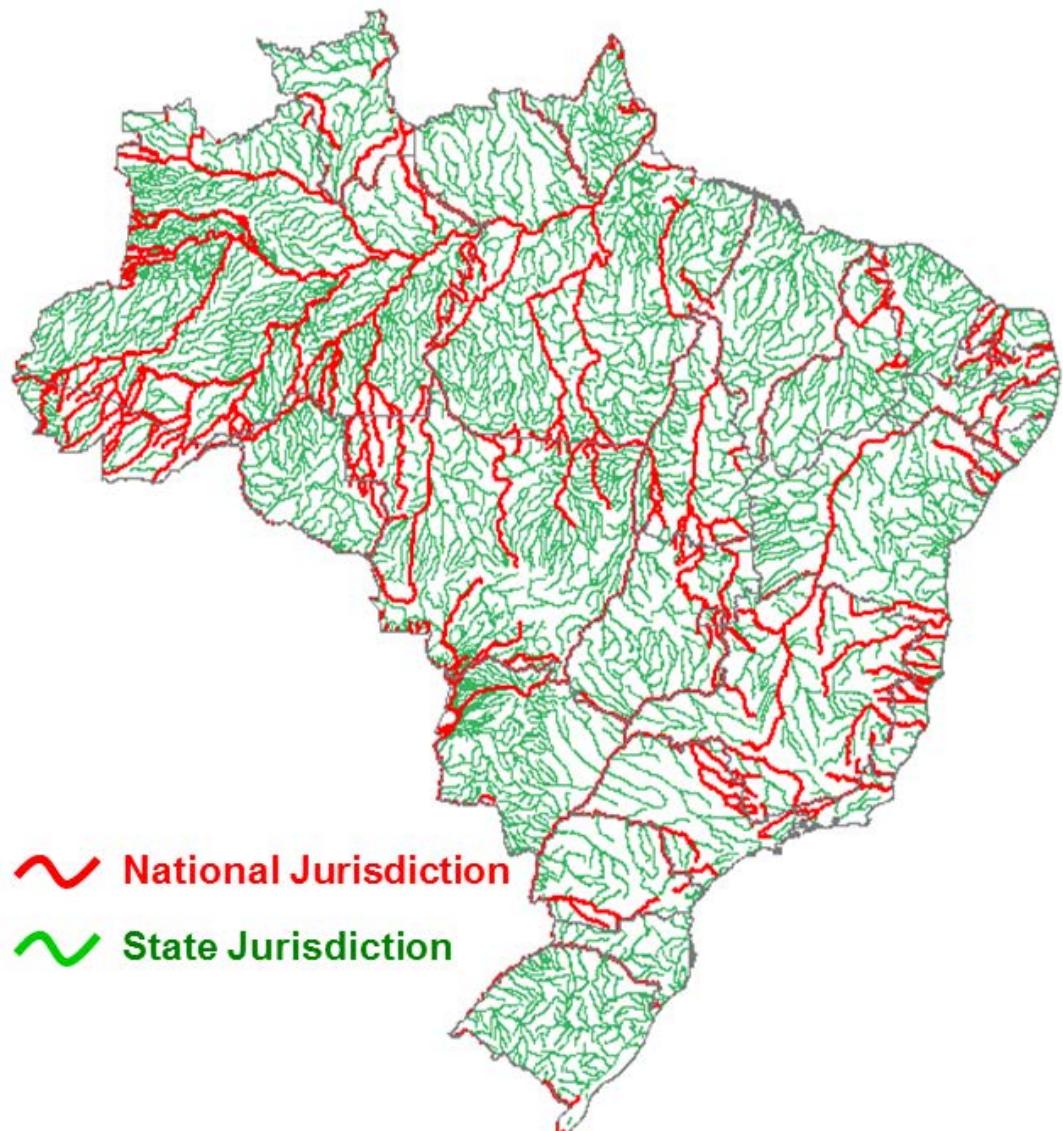


2000



Federal Constitution of 1988

National and State Responsibilities



- **National Jurisdiction (national water resources)** in the case of transboundary rivers and surface waters shared by two or more States;
- **State Jurisdiction (state water resources)** in the case of groundwater and surface water bodies not shared with other States.

National Water Resources Policy (1997)

Basic Principles

- Water is a *public good*;
- Water is a *limited natural resource*, which has *economic value*;
- During water shortages, *priority* in the use of water is for drinking water and for supplying livestock;
- The *river basin* is the basic territorial unit for water resources management;
- Water resources management shall guarantee the *multiple uses* of water;
- Water resources management shall be *decentralized* and open to the participation of the water users, local communities and the organized civil society.

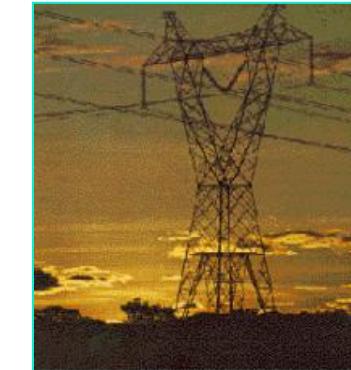


ANA's role (highlights)

- Responsible to plan and promote actions to prevent and minimize the effects of droughts and floods;
- Establish and supervise reservoir operation conditions aiming to meet all multiple uses of water
 - In articulation with the Eletric System National Operator (ONS)



HYDROPOWER



Hydroelectric power accounts for more than 66% of the total electric energy produced in Brazil

RECURSOS HÍDRICOS NO BRASIL

USINAS HIDRELÉTRICAS EXISTENTES E PRINCIPAIS PLANEJADAS



National Interconnected System (SIN)

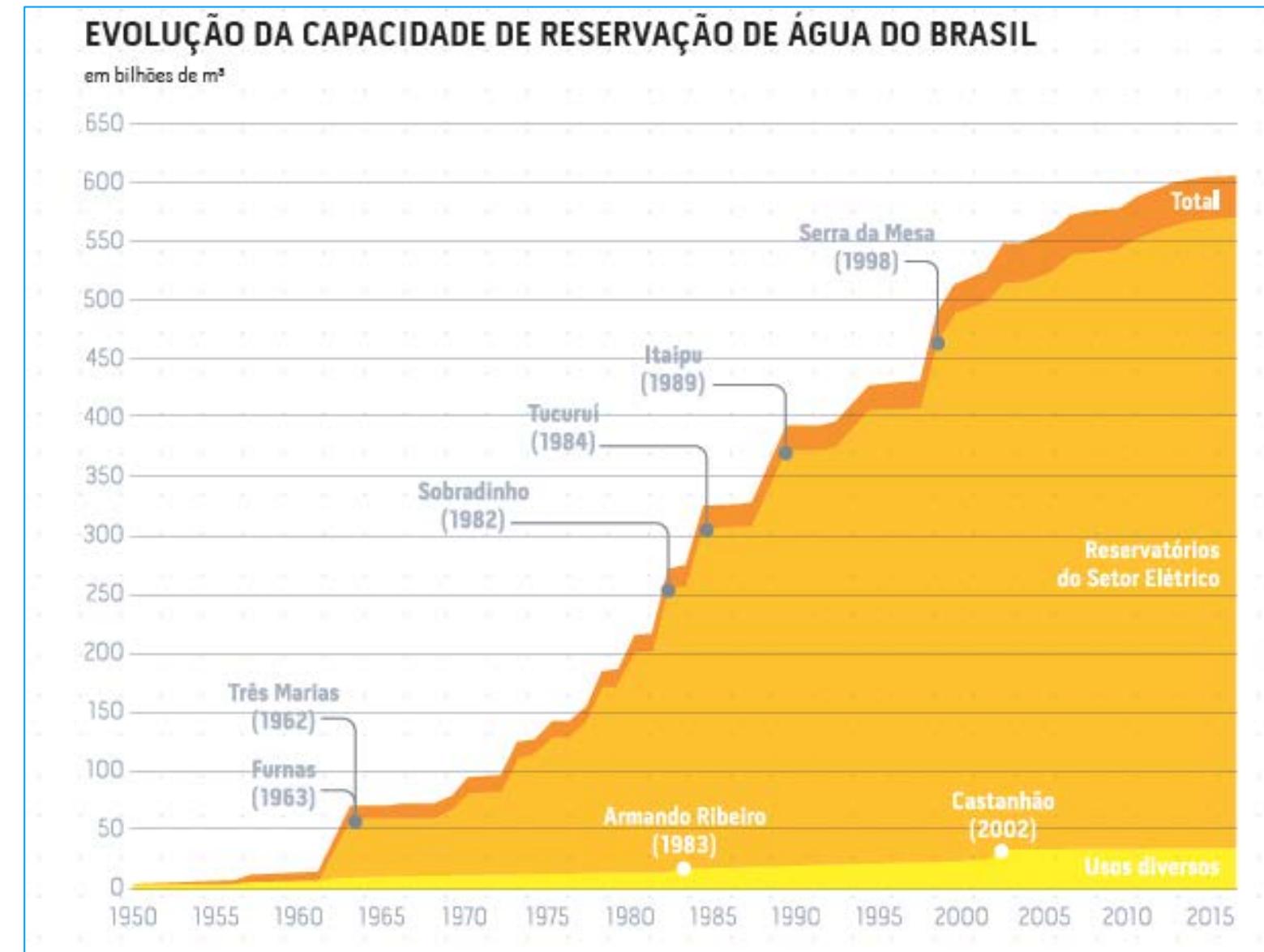


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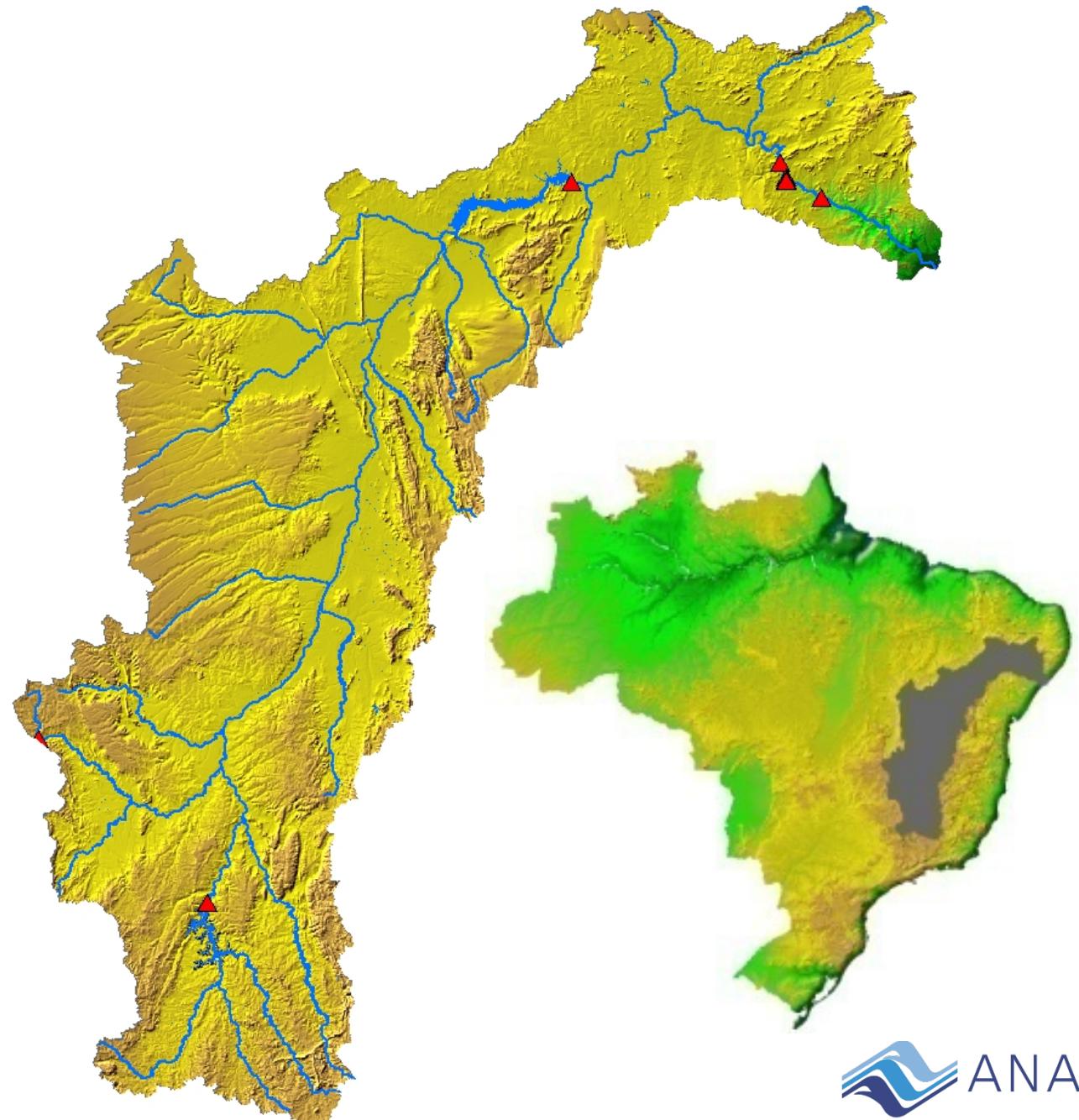


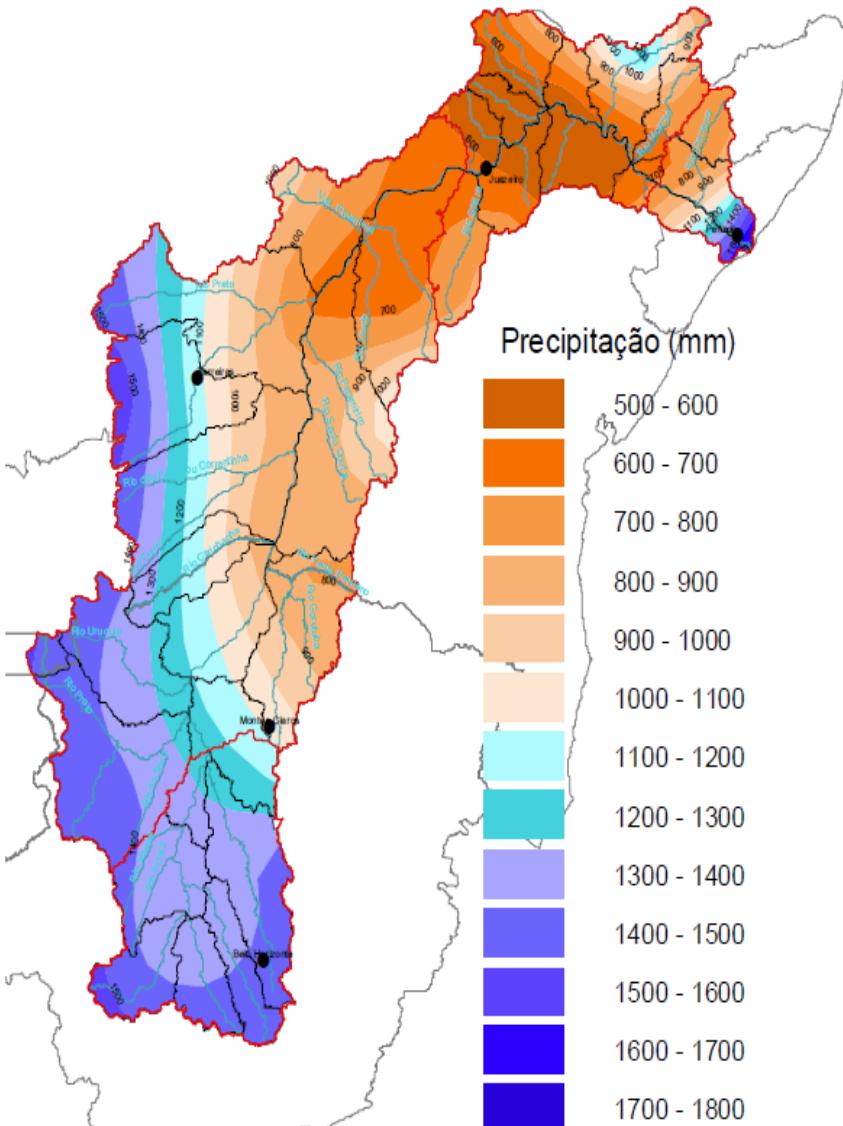
Water Reservation in Brazil

- In 2015, Brazil had a water reserve capacity of **600 billion cubic meters**.
- About **95%** of this total are stored in **hydropower generation reservoirs**.



SCARCITY IN THE SÃO FRANCISCO RIVER WATERSHED (2012)



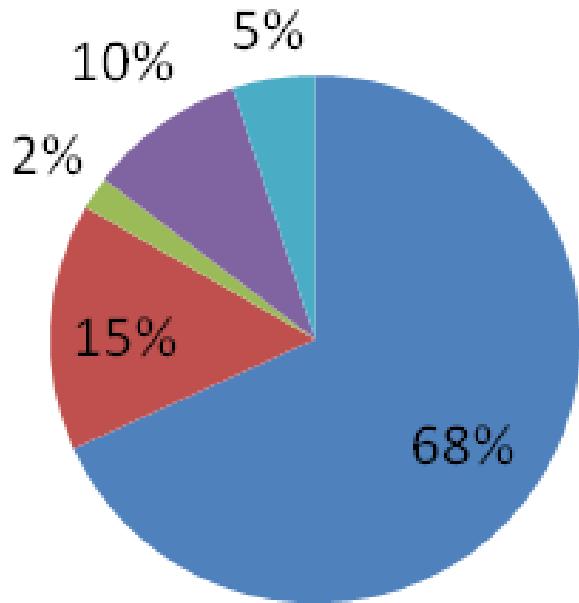


São Francisco river watershed

- Area – 634.781 km²
- River length – 2.700 km
- Population – 13 million inhabitants
- Average flow in the mouth – 2.850 m³/s

Distribution of demand for water resources in the São Francisco river watershed

■ Irrigação ■ Urbano ■ Rural ■ Industrial ■ Animal



São Francisco's chain of powerplants

| Características | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| RESERVATÓRIOS | Volume Máximo (hm ³) | Volume Mínimo (hm ³) | Volume Útil (hm ³) |
| Três Marias | 19.528,0 | 4.250 | 15.278 |
| Sobradinho | 34.117,0 | 5.448 | 28.669 |
| Itaparica | 10.782,0 | 7.233 | 3.549 |
| Reservatório Equivalente | 64.427,0 | 16.931 | 47.496 |
| Queimado | 477,97 | 88,51 | 389,46 |
| Total | 64.905,0 | 17.020 | 47.885 |

TRÊS MARIAS

$V_{\text{Total}} = 19 \text{ bilhões m}^3$
 $V_{\text{Útil}} = 15 \text{ bilhões m}^3$
 396 MW

SOBRADINHO

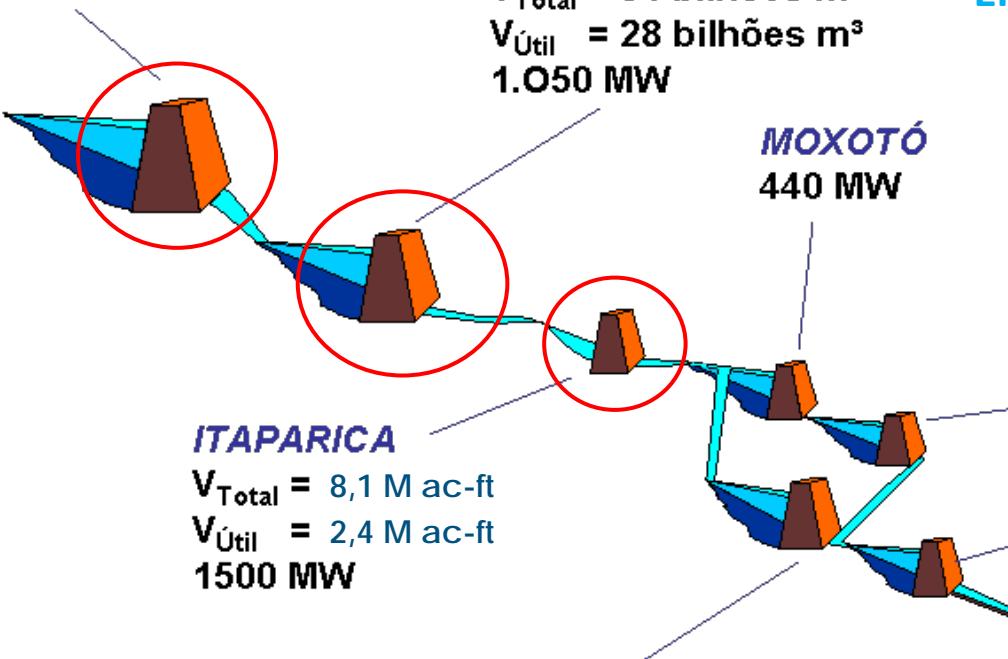
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 1.050 MW

Energy Potential: 10.356 MW

MOXOTÓ

440 MW

PAULO AFONSO
 I - 180 MW
 II - 480 MW
 III - 864 MW



ITAPARICA

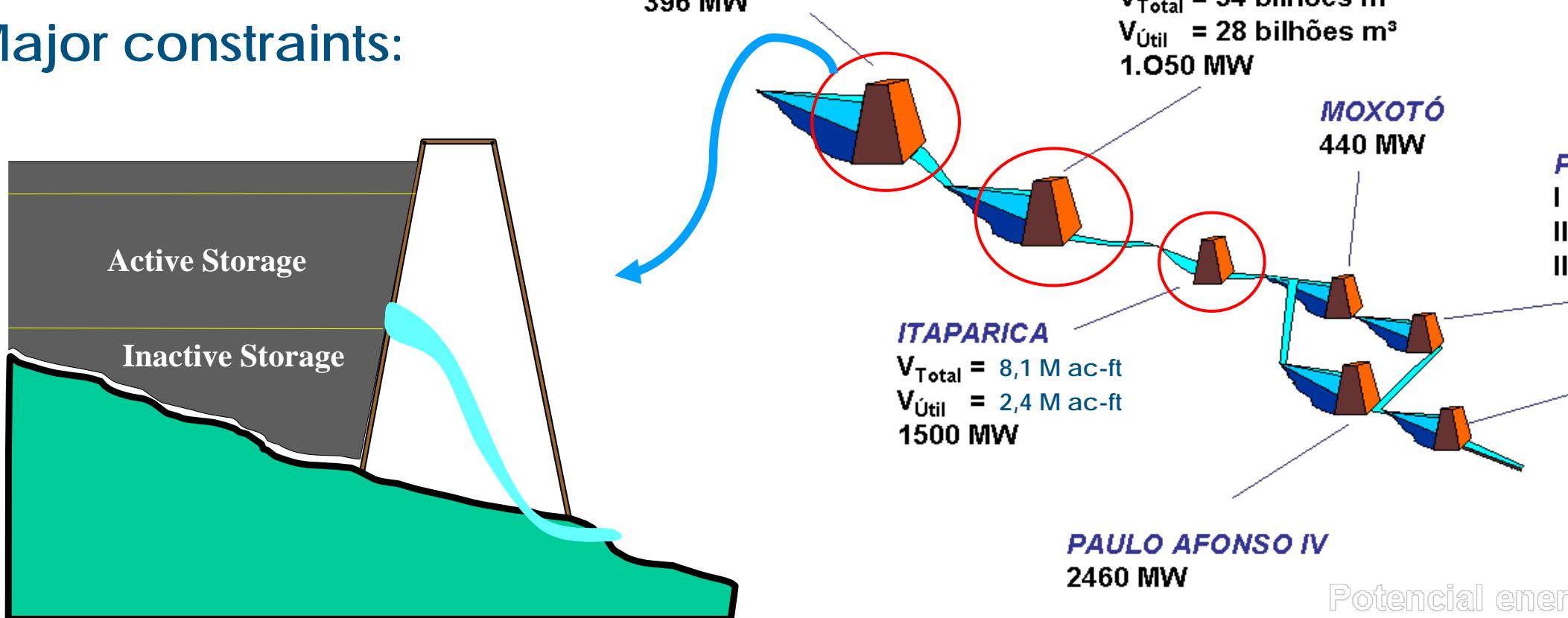
$V_{\text{Total}} = 8,1 \text{ M ac-ft}$
 $V_{\text{Útil}} = 2,4 \text{ M ac-ft}$
 1500 MW

PAULO AFONSO IV
 2460 MW



São Francisco's chain of powerplants

Major constraints:

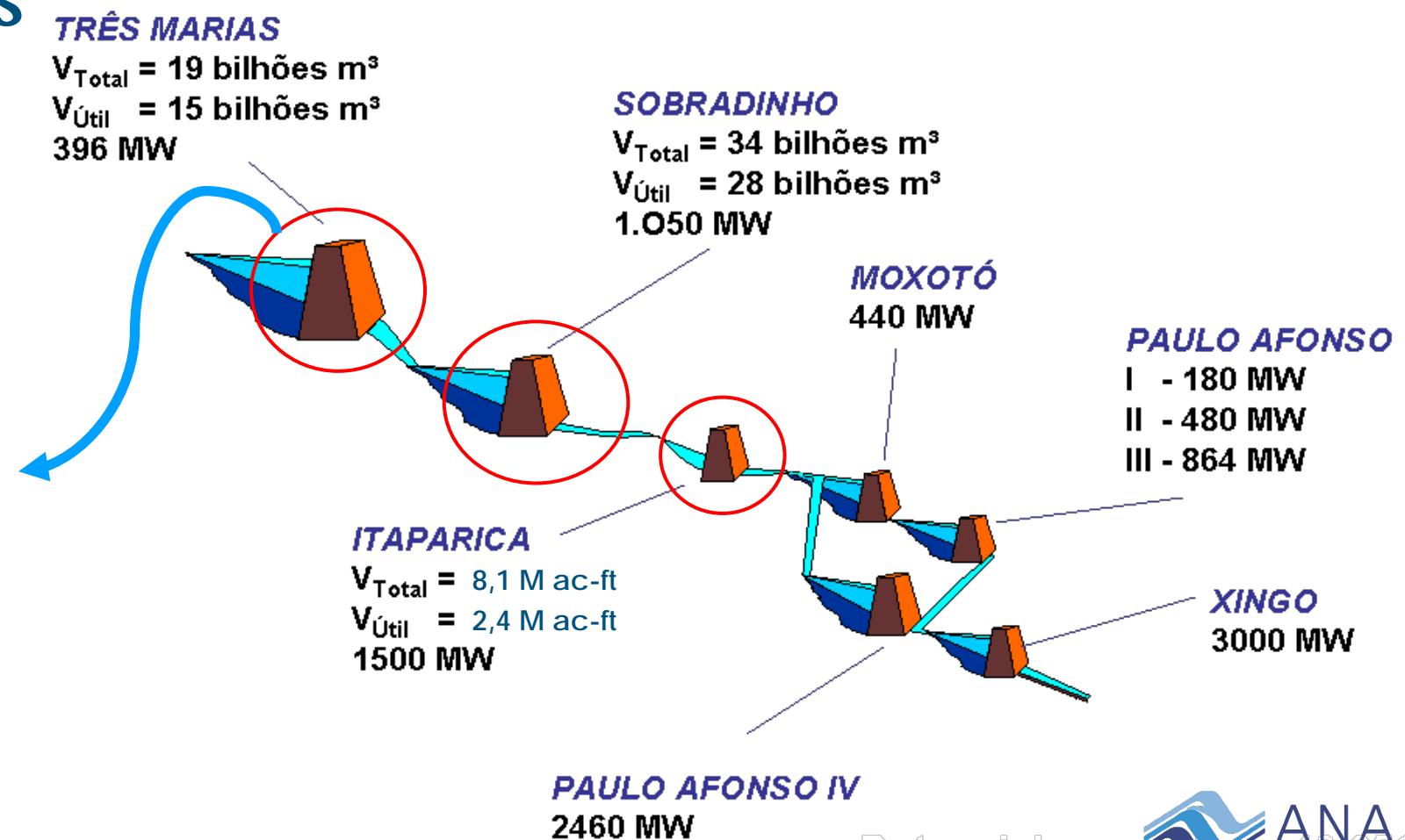




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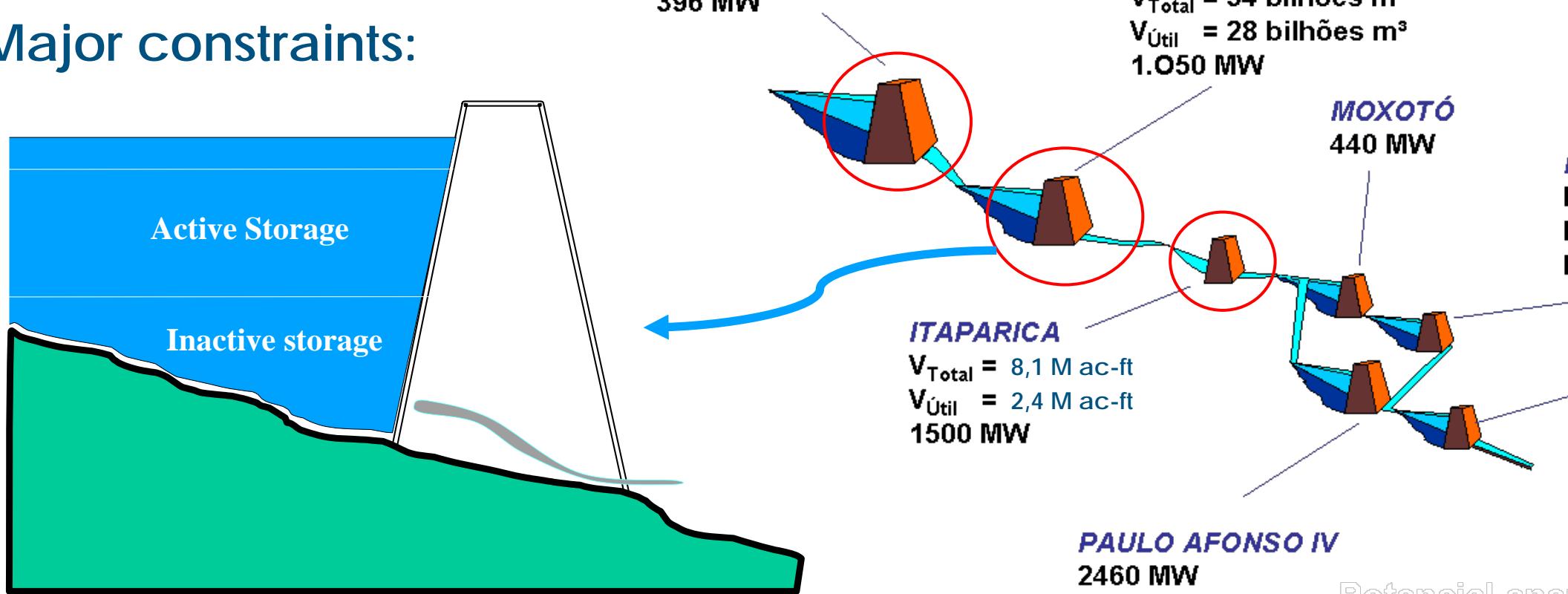
Minimum discharge
350 to 550 m³/s





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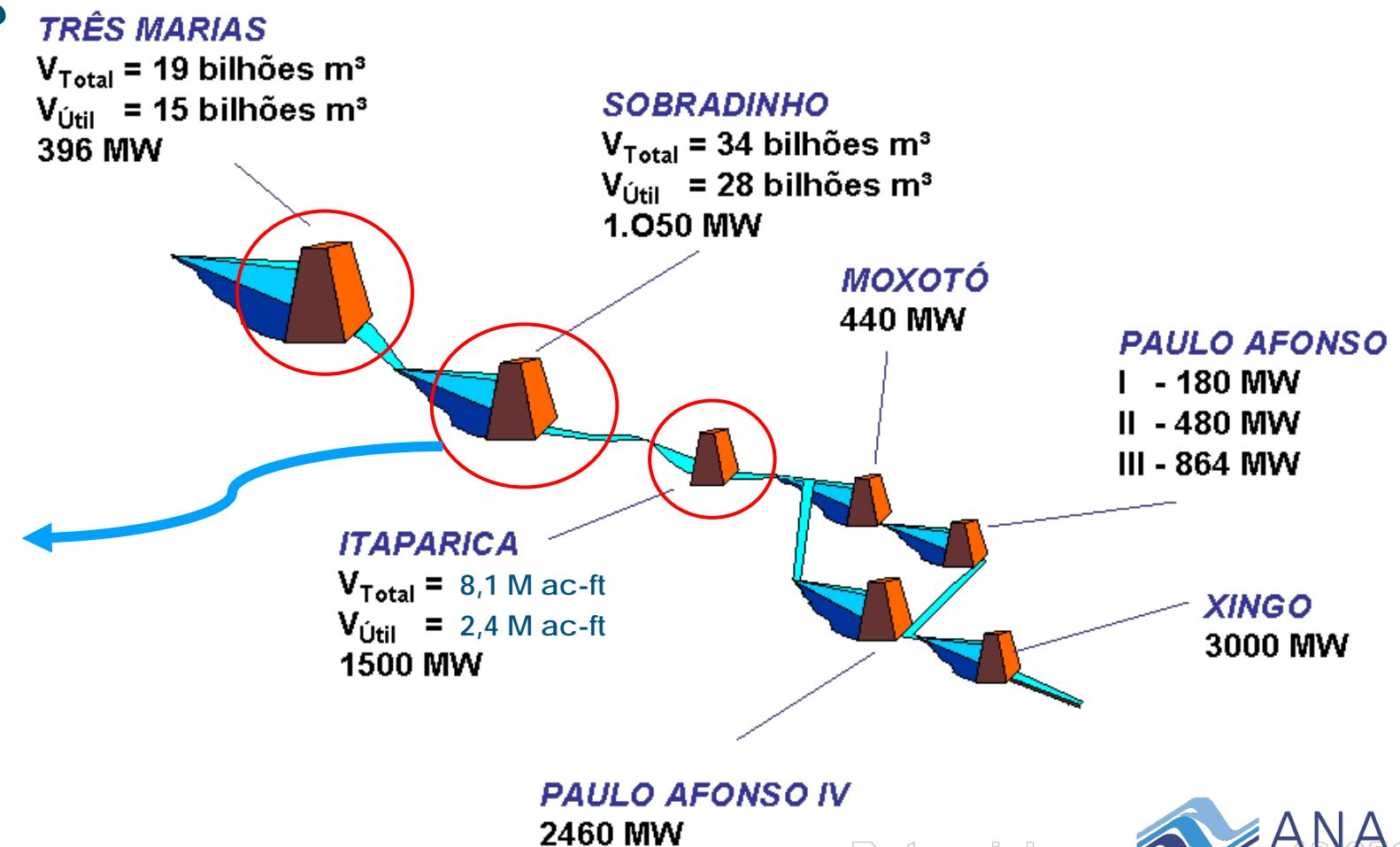




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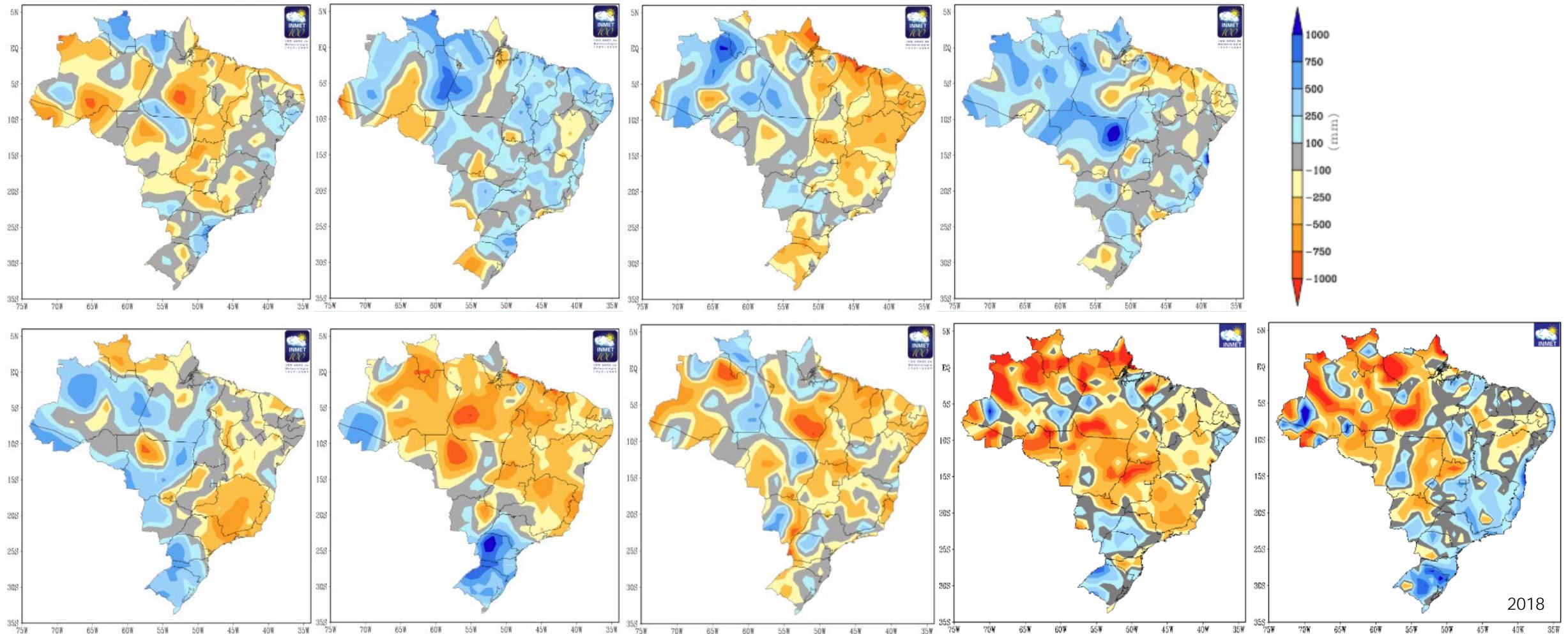
XINGO
3000 MW

ITAPARICA

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1500 MW

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Precipitation anomaly

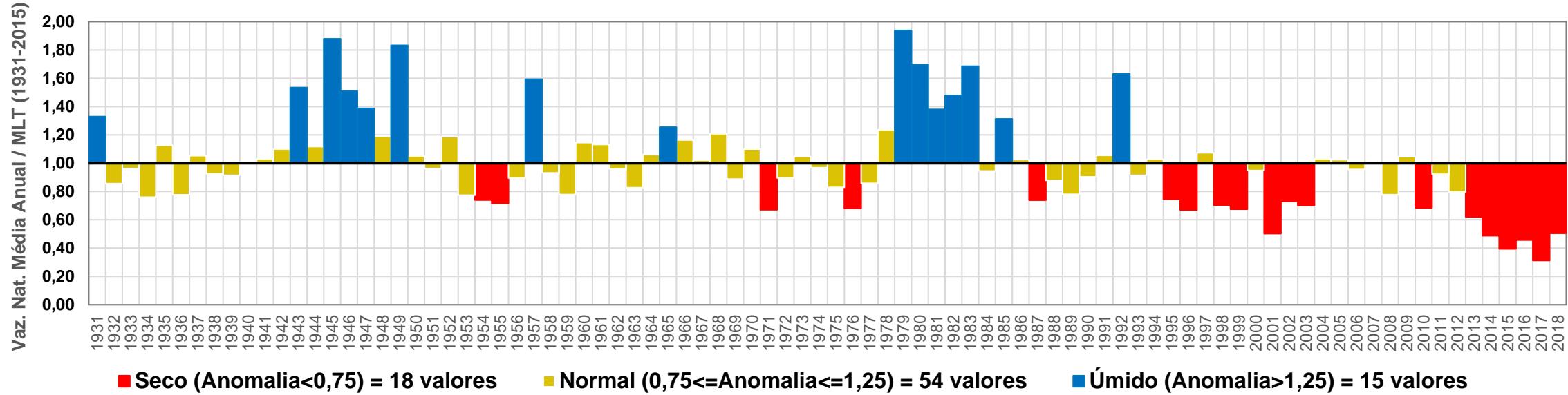


Source: Instituto Nacional de
Meteorologia (INMET)

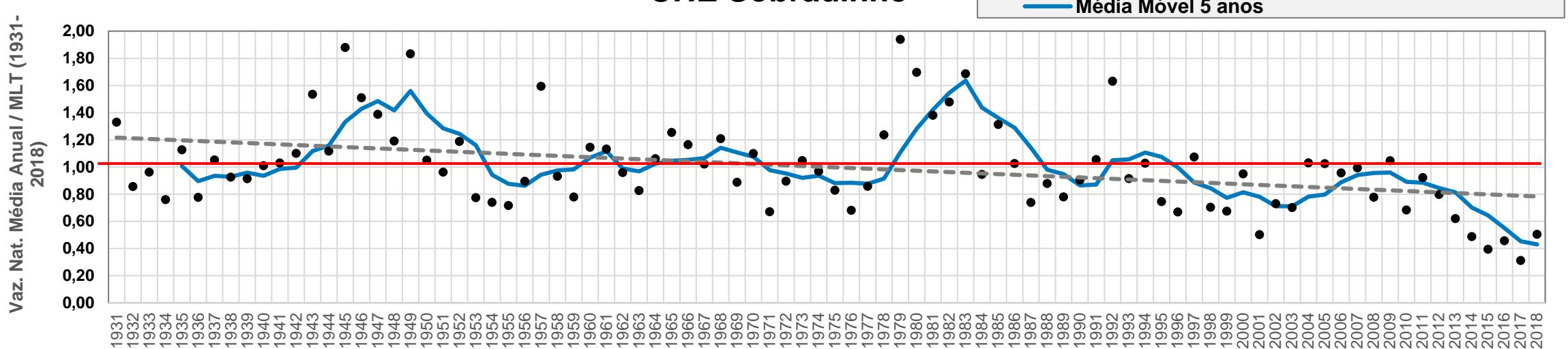


Sobradinho Reservoir – river flow and anomalies

UHE Sobradinho



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SÃO FRANCISCO WATERSHED

(Crisis room– 2013 a 2019)

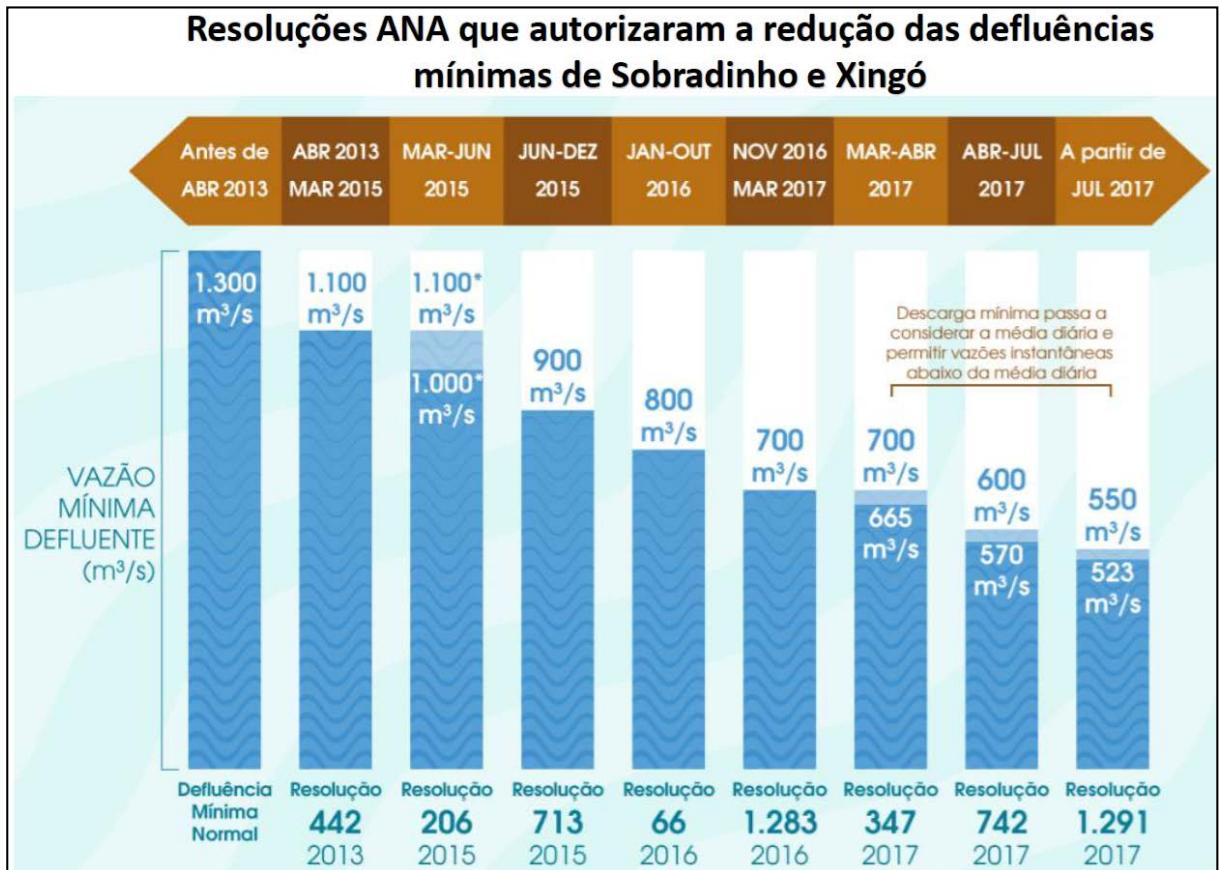
Promotes articulation with different agencies, users and sectors to monitor the situation, draw scenarios, search and implement actions to mitigate the impacts



SÃO FRANCISCO WATERSHED

(Crisis Room– 2013 a 2019)

- Measures:
 - Outflow adjustments (Resolutions)
 - Maintenance of strategic volumes
 - continuous monitoring
 - adaptation of some intakes
 - Demand management– Dia do Rio

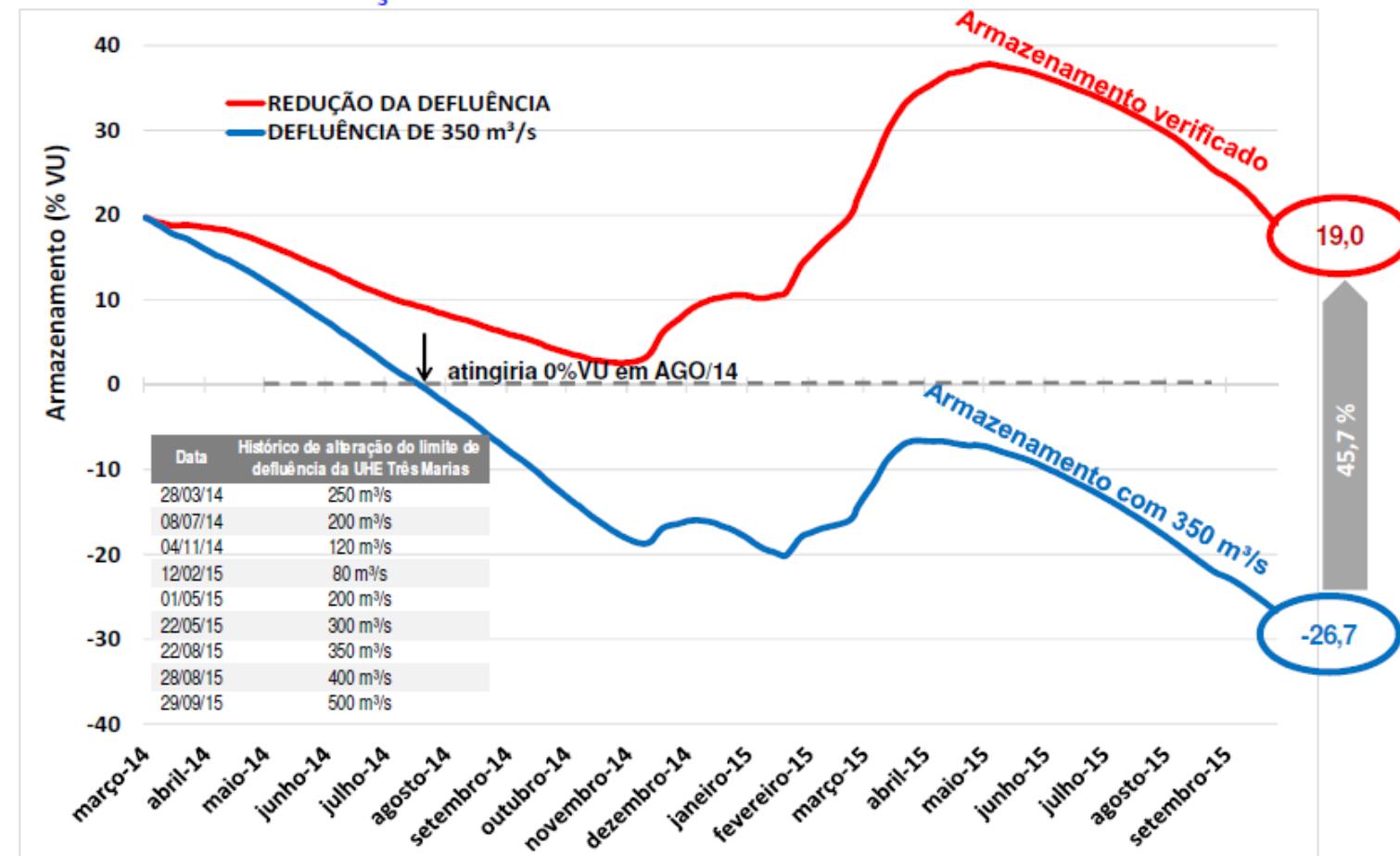


BACIA DO SÃO FRANCISCO

(Sala de Crise – 2013 a 2019)

Ganhos com a Operação Adotada em 2014/2015

Flexibilização da Defluência Mínima na UHE Três Marias



Source: ONS

SÃO FRANCISCO WATERSHED (Crisis Room– 2013 a 2019)

The uses of water were impacted in different degrees

- Reduction in hydroelectric generation since 2013;
- Paralyzed commercial navigation since 2014;
- Intakes had to be adapted to lower levels and more distant point;
- High levels of salt intrusion on the lower part of the basin;
- Irrigation and industry (Dia do Rio, since 2017);
- Water quality (Algae bloom)
- Cultural uses – boat processions.

WHAT IS WATER SECURITY ?

According to the United Nations:

“The capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of acceptable quality water for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being, and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability.”.

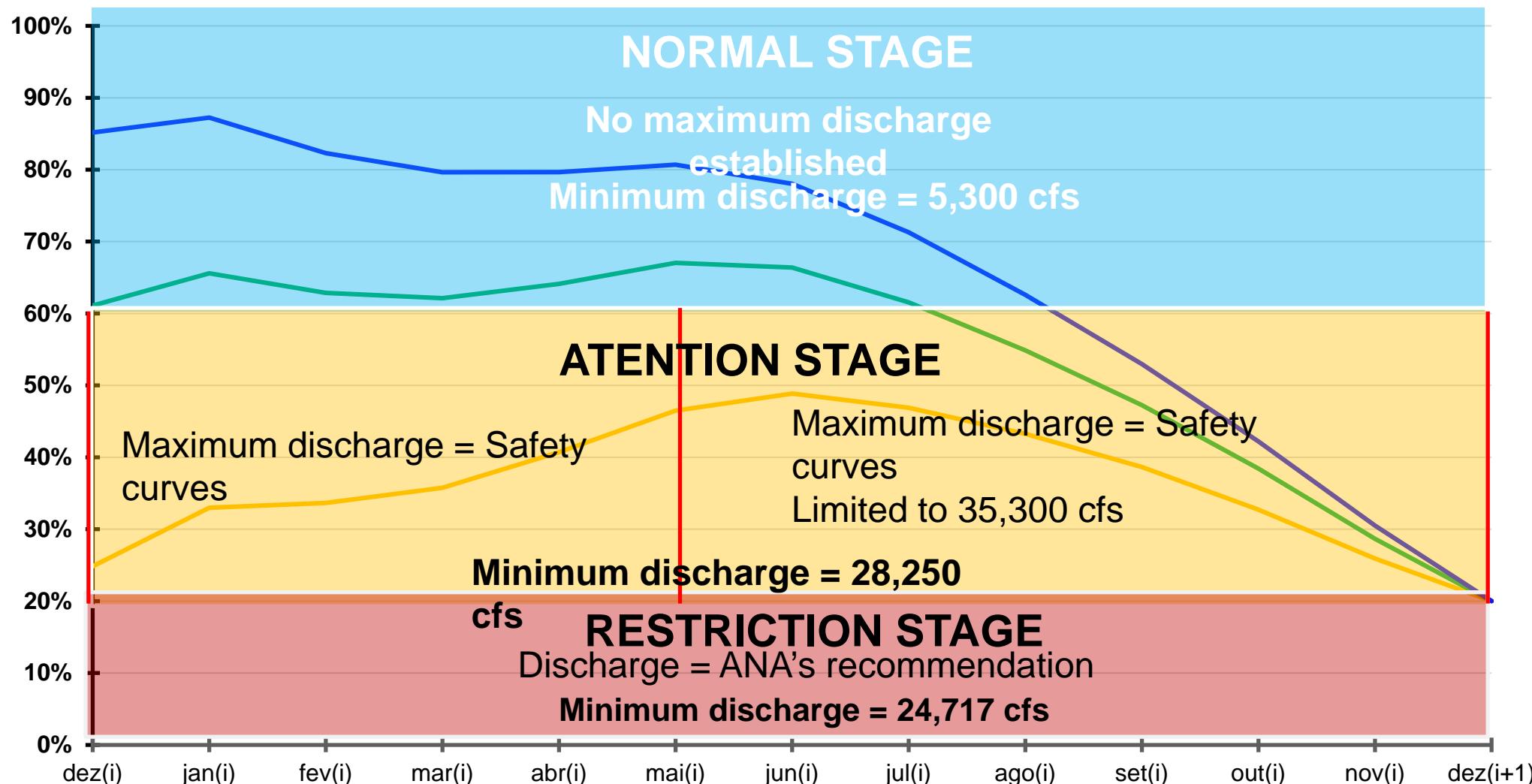


NEW OPERATION RULES

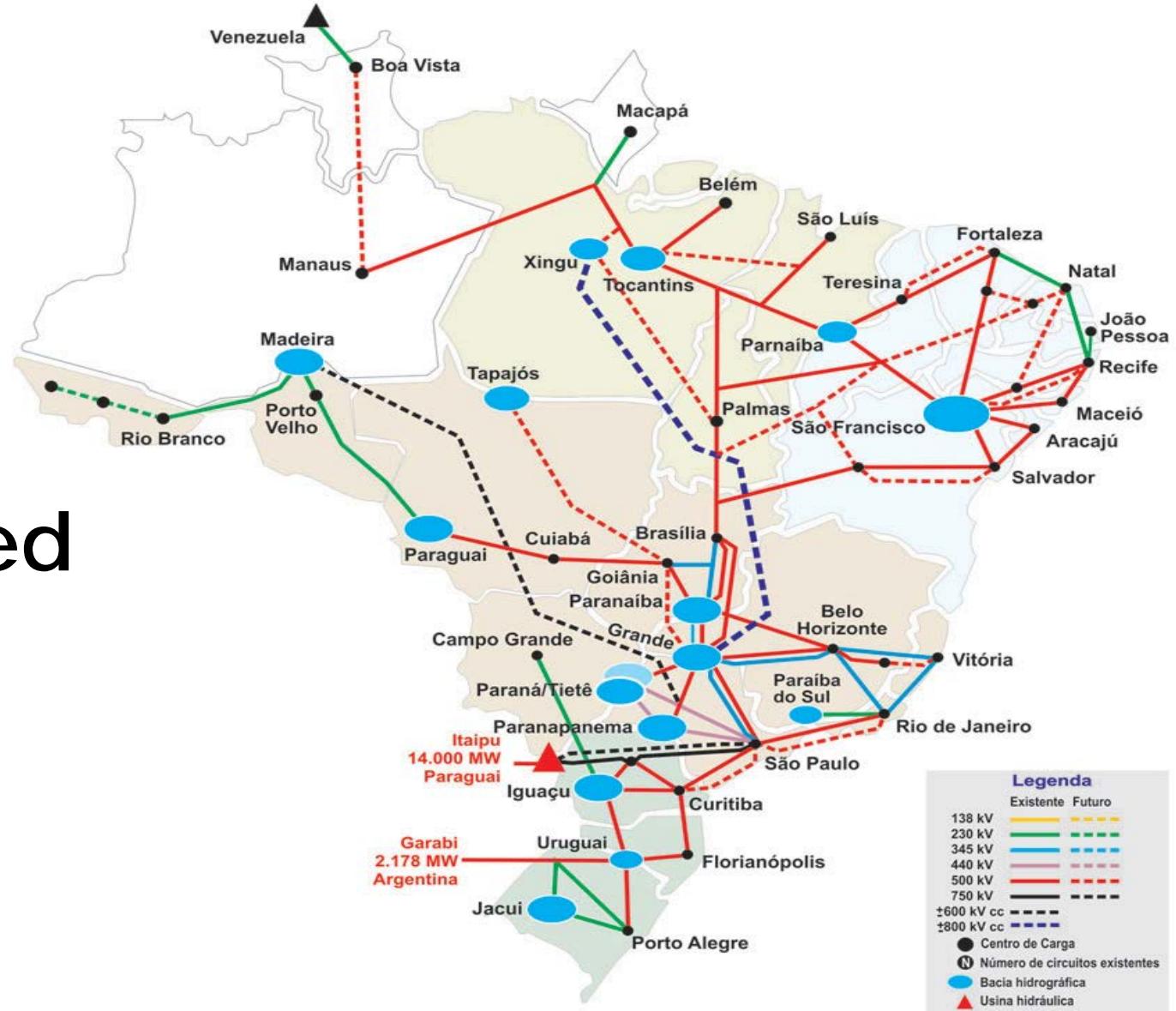
Resolução ANA N° 2.081/2017

- Establishes operation stages (Normal, Attention and Restriction)
- Distinct operation conditions for the dry and wet season
- Establishes boundary conditions to allow the realization of pulses in Três Marias and Xingó to serve marginal lagoons and ichthyofauna
- Increased resilience to extreme drought events
- Gradual recovery of storage levels
- It took effect in May 1st 2019

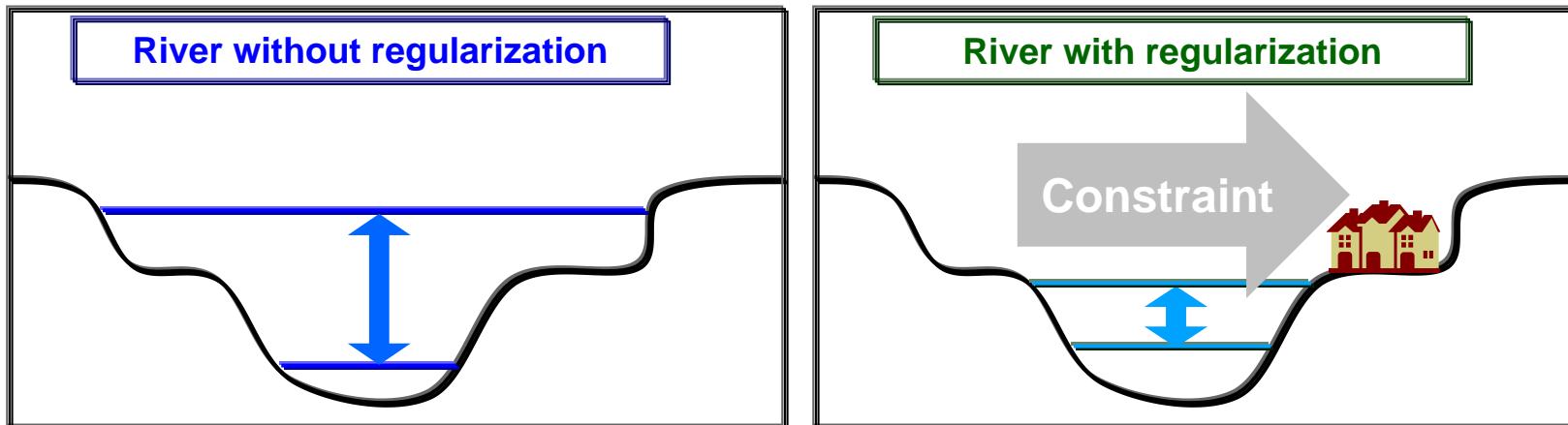
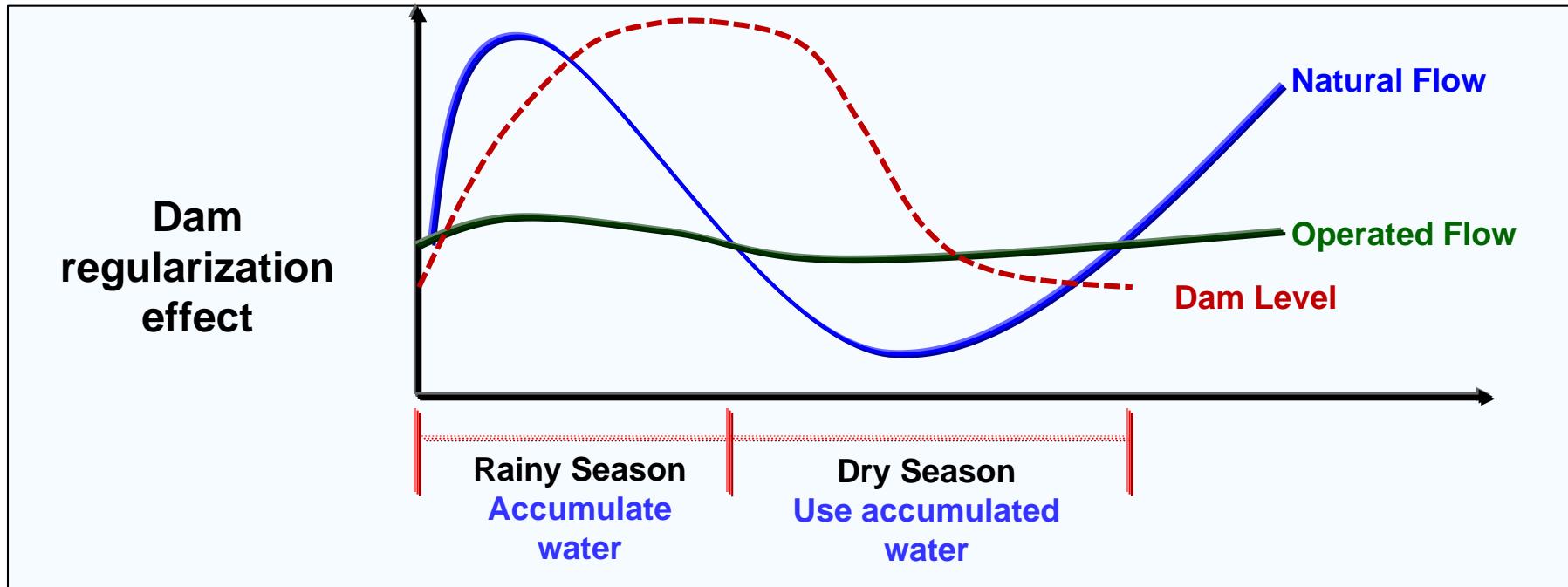
SOBRADINHO'S OPERATION STAGES



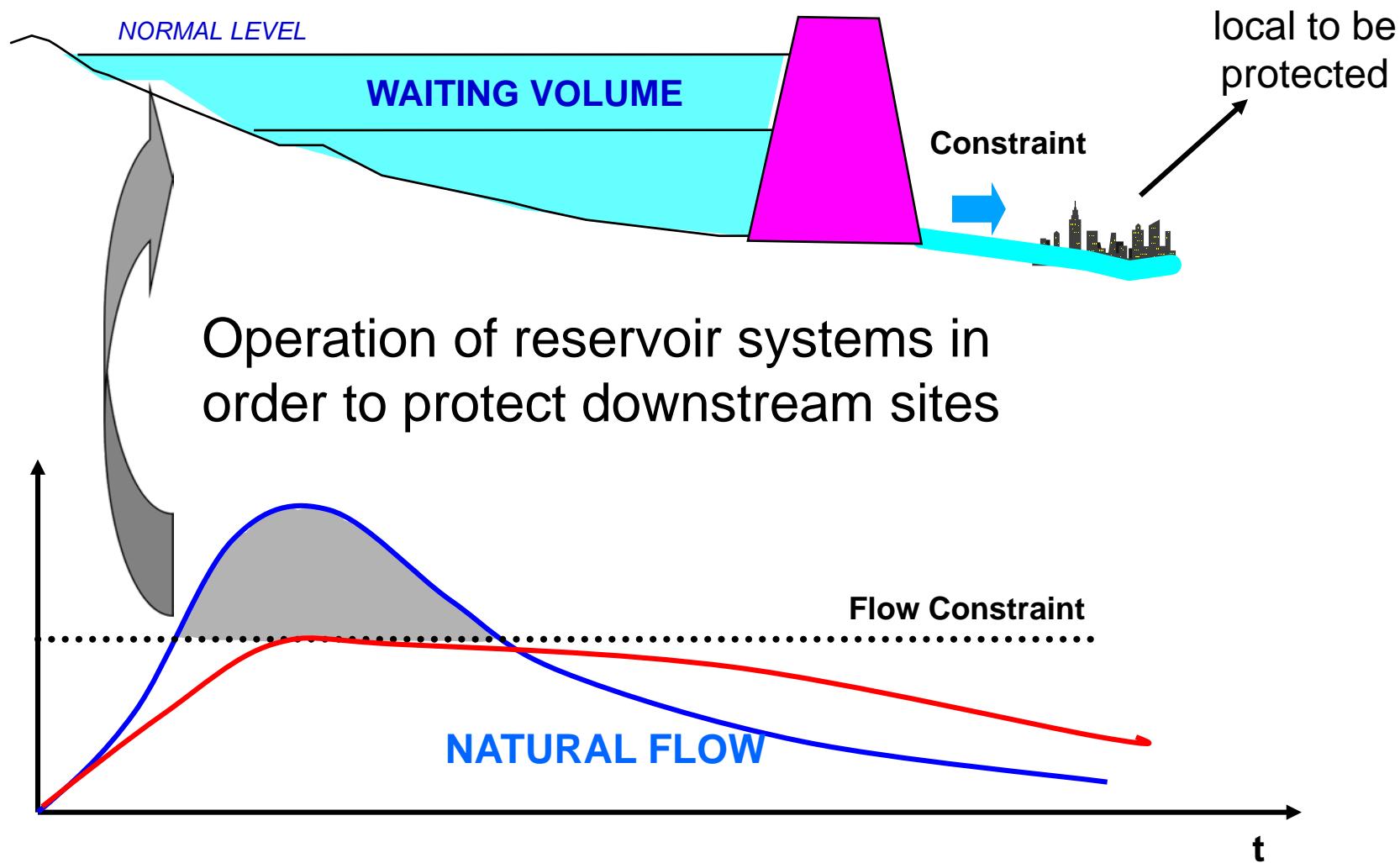
Flood Control in the Brazilian Interconnected Electric System



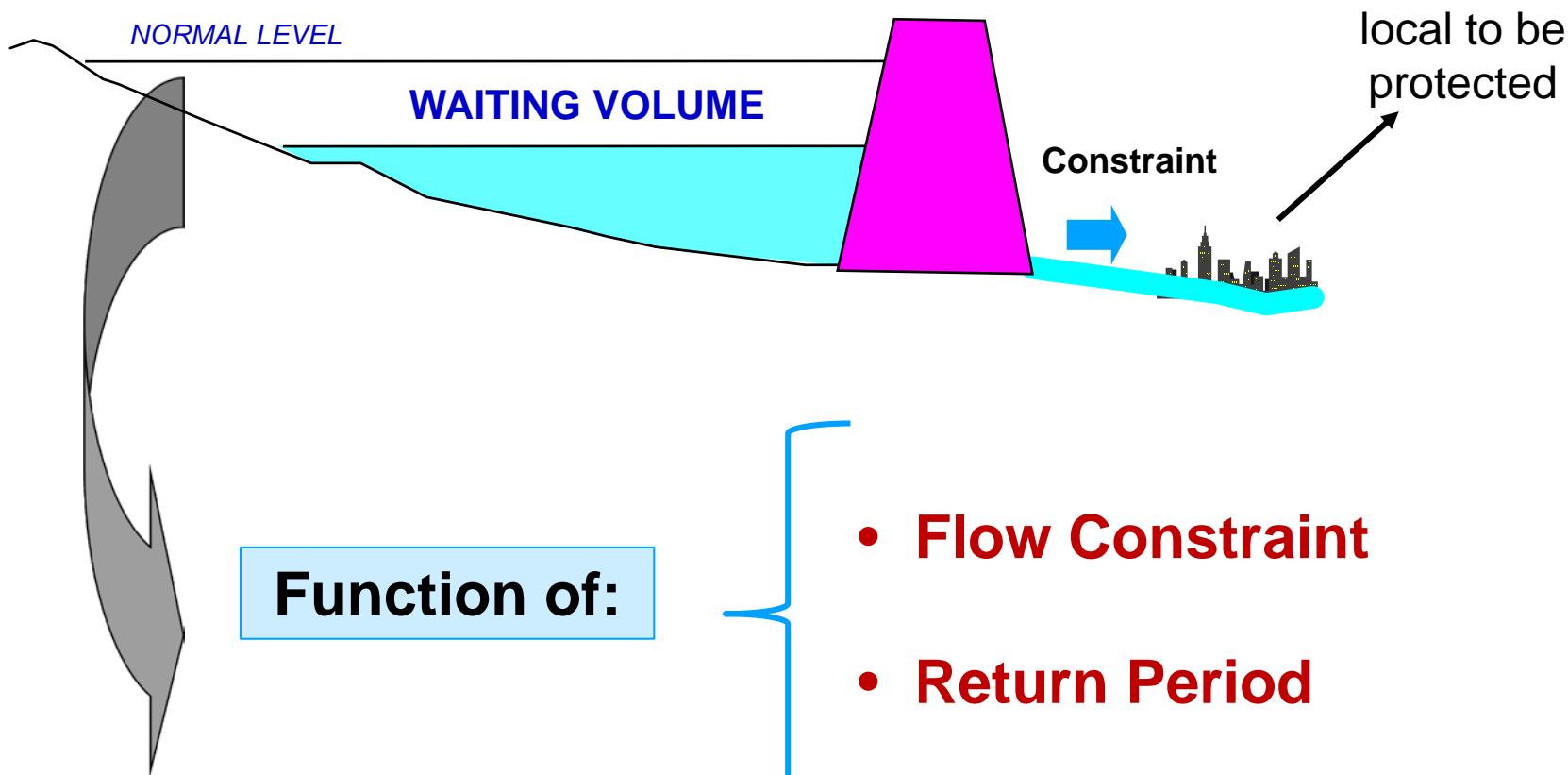
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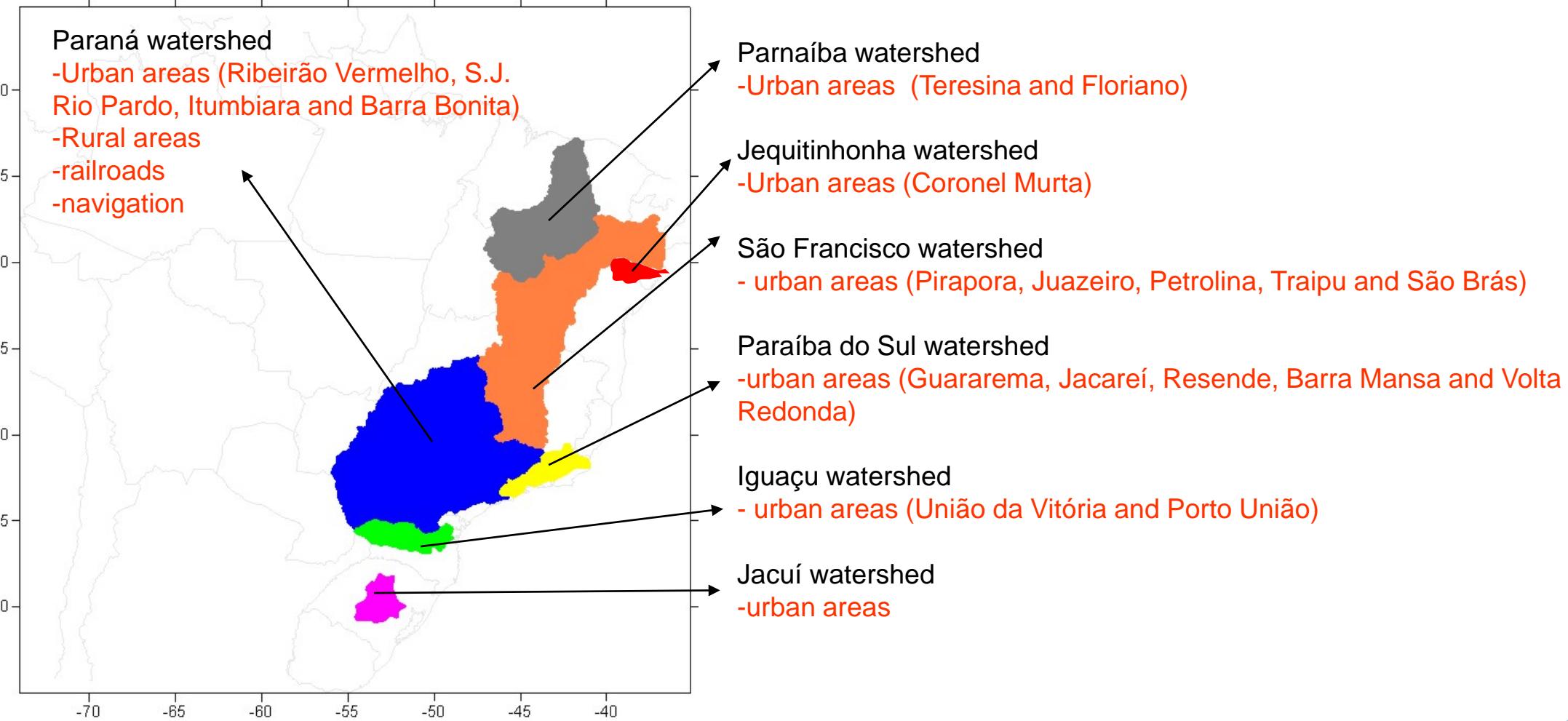
Flood control problem - concept



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Where does it apply



CHALLENGES AND OPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGES

- Stationarity loss of hydrological series
- Extreme events – droughts and floods – tend to occur more frequently and more intensely

OPPORTUNITIES

- We must be prepared for current crises to be able to meet the challenges ahead
- No-regret and low-regret adaptation strategies
 - Emphasis on water/reservoir management measures
 - Increase flexibility and resilience

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Thank you!

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