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**Applying a Hydrological Balance Model to  
Manage the Use of Surface and Ground Water  
Resources in Chile**

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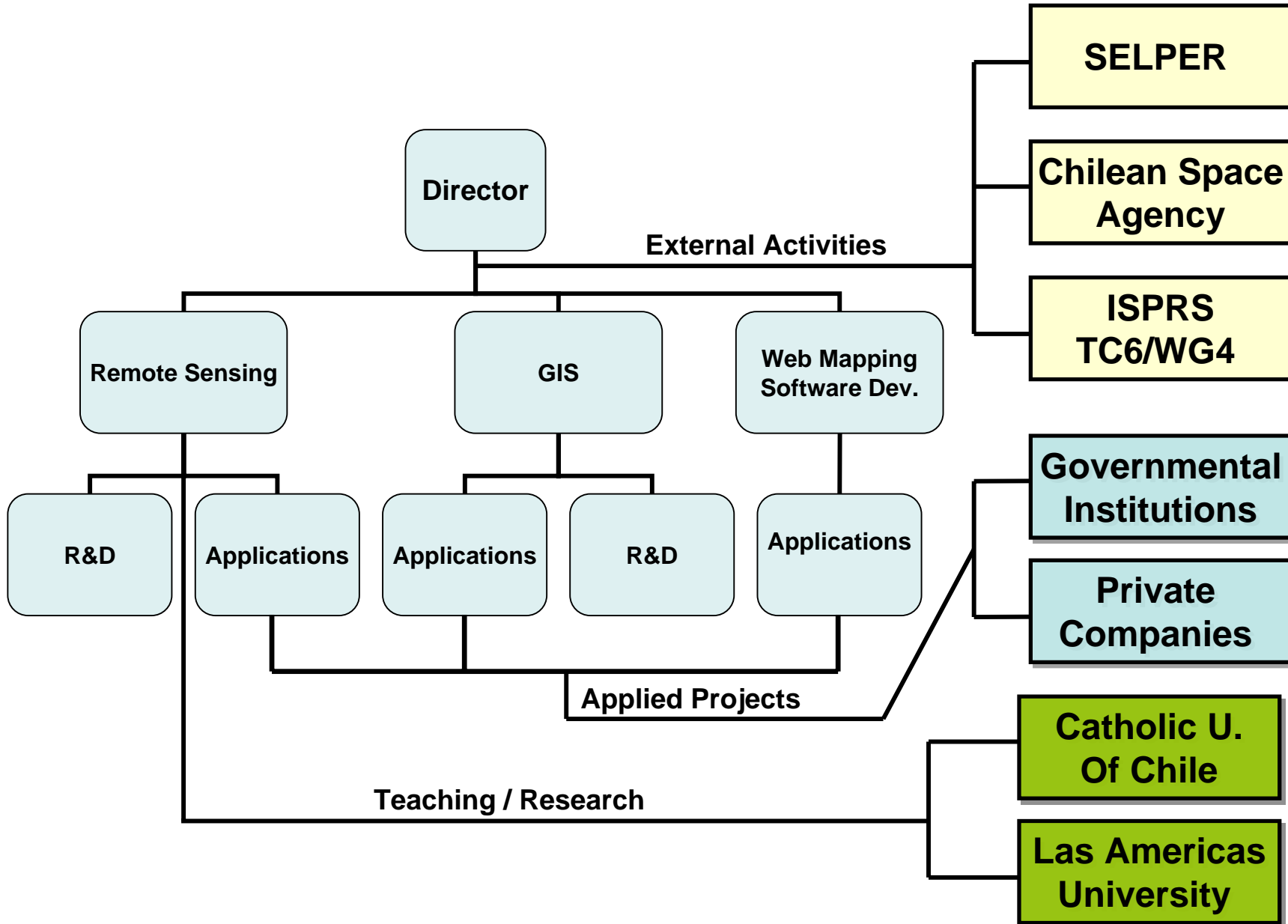
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# OUR ORGANIZATION:

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS EN PERCEPCION REMOTA Y SIG



The main graphic features a central image of the Earth with several satellites orbiting it. The text 'XI SIMPOSIO LATINOAMERICANO DE PERCEPCION REMOTA Y SISTEMAS DE INFORMACION ESPACIAL' is overlaid on the globe. Above the globe, a row of logos includes SELPER, CONAE, INPE, CEA ABC, esa, and the United Nations. To the left of the globe is the DLR logo, and to the right is the CNES logo. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Santiago, Chile 22 a 26 de Noviembre de 2004'.

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## Responsibility of Water Resources Management in Chile

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In Chile there are four Governmental Institutions that are relate to water resources management. They are:

- **General Directorate of Water (DGA)**, in charge of giving authorization for using surface and ground water resources, under the Ministry of Public Works.
- **National Irrigation Commission (CNR)**, in charge of studying water resources availability for irrigation purposes and its associated infrastructure, under the Ministry of Agriculture.
- **Hydrological Infrastructure Direction (DOH)**, in charge of the designing and building of irrigation dams, irrigation channels and civil infrastructure for flood prevention, under the Ministry of Public Works.
- **National Environmental Commission (CONAMA)**, seeks if the use of water resources can damage an ecological system.

Of these four institutions, **DGA** is directly involved in resolving water use conflicts and at the end, is who decides if an economic activity can or not be done.



**Ecological Demands vs Economic Activities**

**Economic Activities vs Drinking Water Supply**

**And within economics activities:**

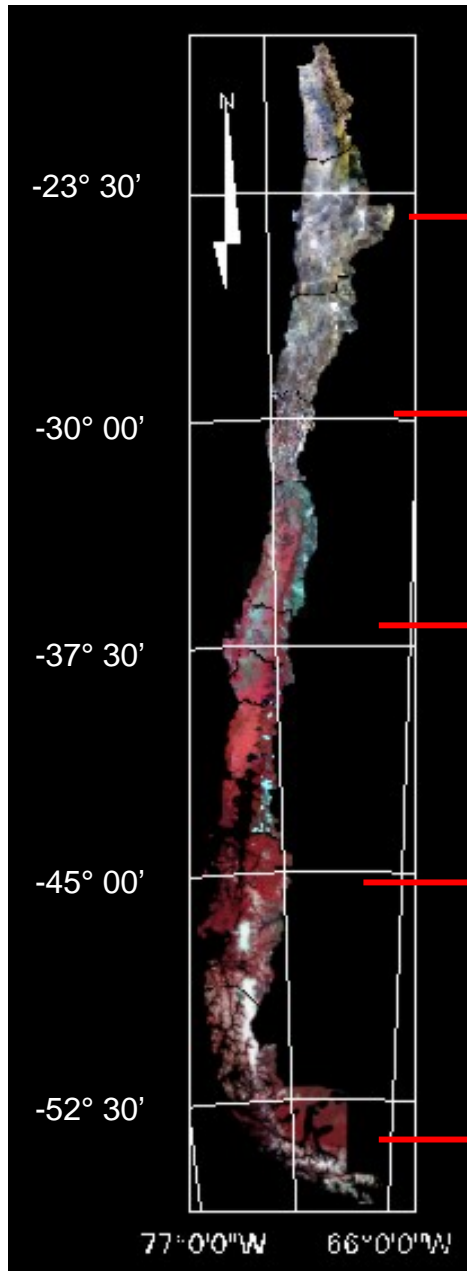
**Mining vs Agriculture**

**Priorities:**

- a) Ecological Demands (restriction for human settlements)**
- b) Drinking Water Supply (restriction for economic Activities)**
- c) Economic Activities (market driven, governmental regulation)**



# Climate Effect as seen with a LANDSAT Mosaic of Chile:



Arid Zone, Desert and Cold Desert  
(high water conflict area)

Temperate Semi Arid Zone  
(high water conflict area)

Warm Temperate, Winter rains only

Rainy Warm Temperate (Glaciers,  
Channels and Fiords Zone)

Rainy Cold Temperate

(in liters / second)



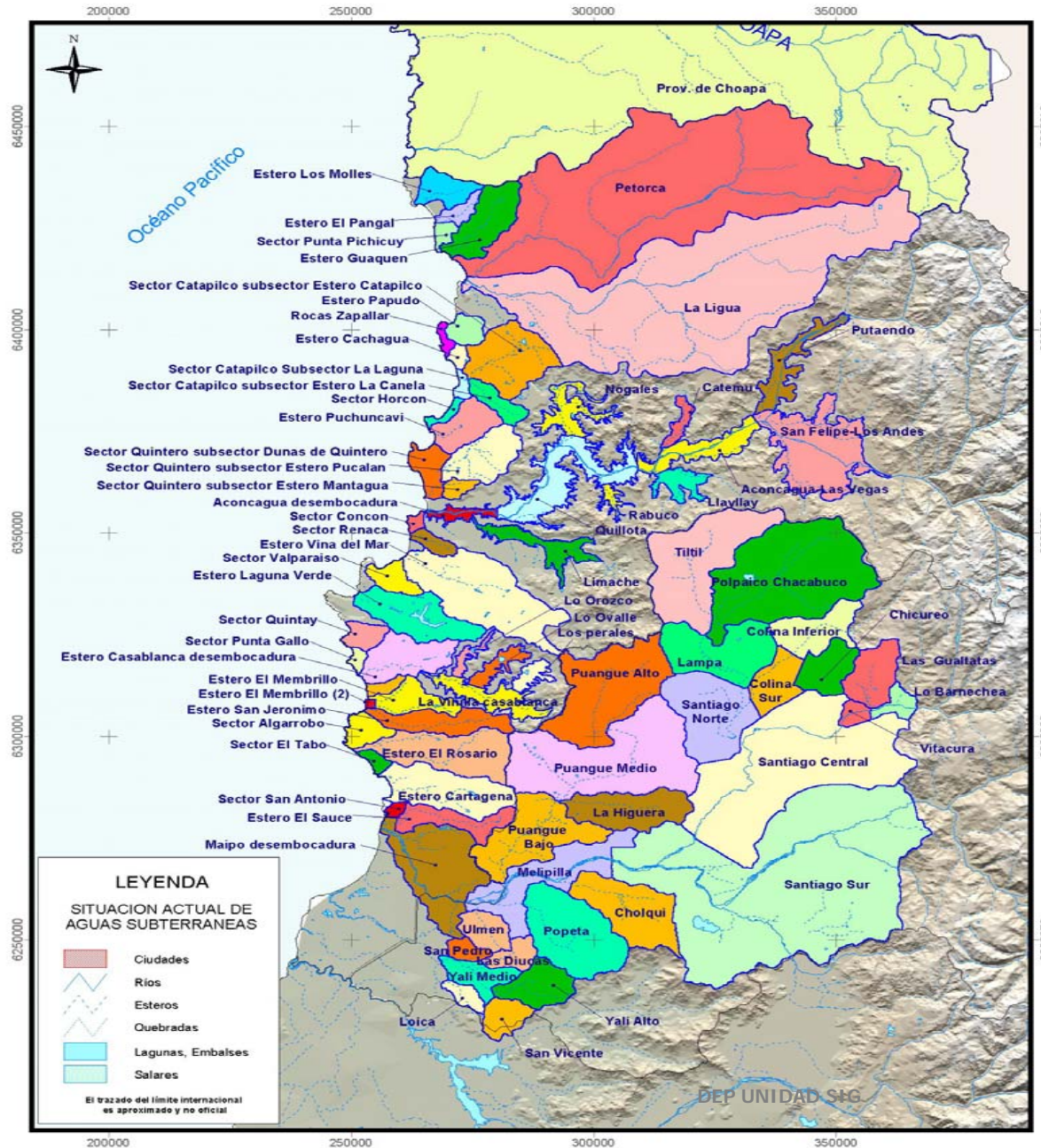
REGION	ACTUAL NEEDS (l/s)	AVAILABILITY (l/s)	LEGALLY ESTABLISHED	REJECTED (l/s)
<b>I</b>	<b>11700</b>	<b>11669</b>	<b>6734</b>	<b>2511</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>13000</b>	<b>8028</b>	<b>6670</b>	<b>3559</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>18061</b>	<b>14511</b>	<b>14511</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>26814</b>	<b>25667</b>	<b>16918</b>	<b>1137</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>70624</b>	<b>64008</b>	<b>43172</b>	<b>4634</b>
<b>M.R.</b>	<b>138935</b>	<b>10939</b>	<b>101023</b>	<b>28783</b>

Source: DGA 2004.



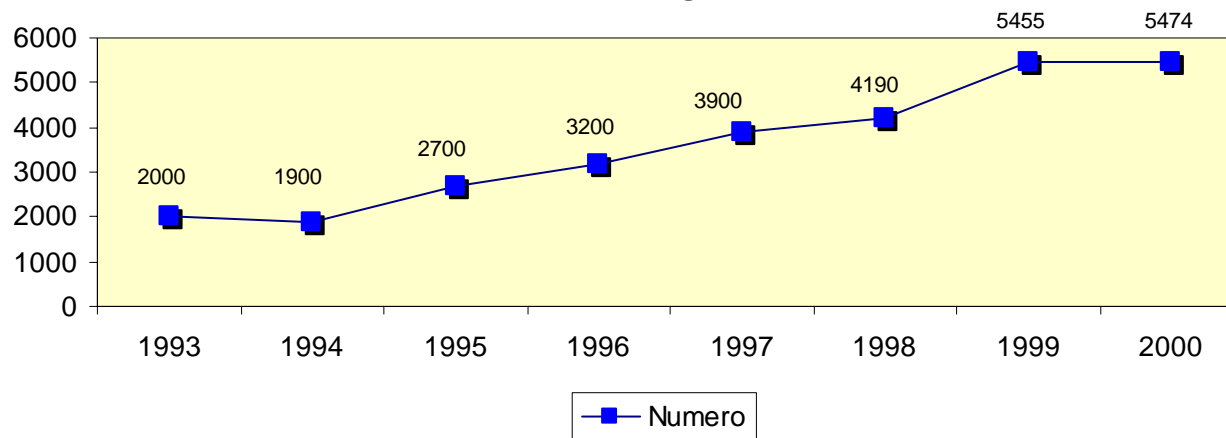


# Acquirers Location in V and Metropolitan Region:

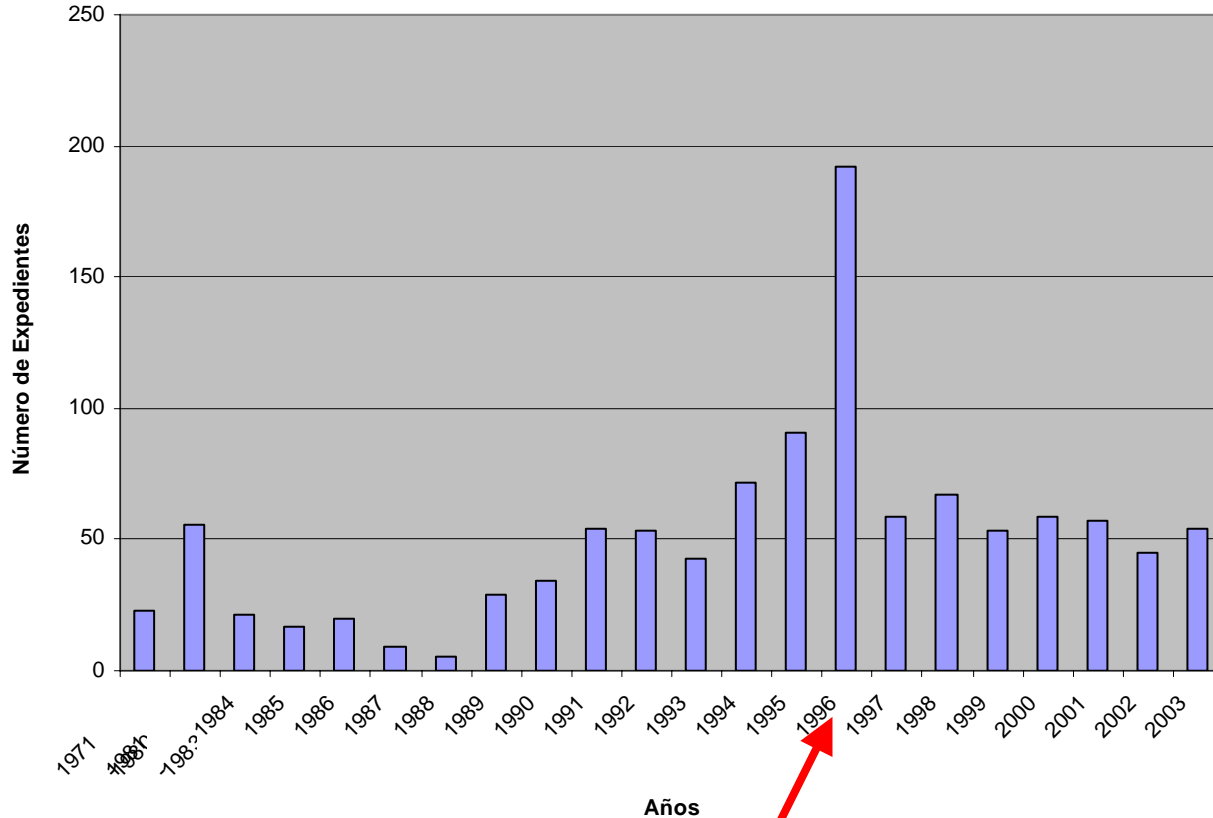


Source: DGA

Application Forms for Water Rights presented at DGA  
In the Northern part of V Region.



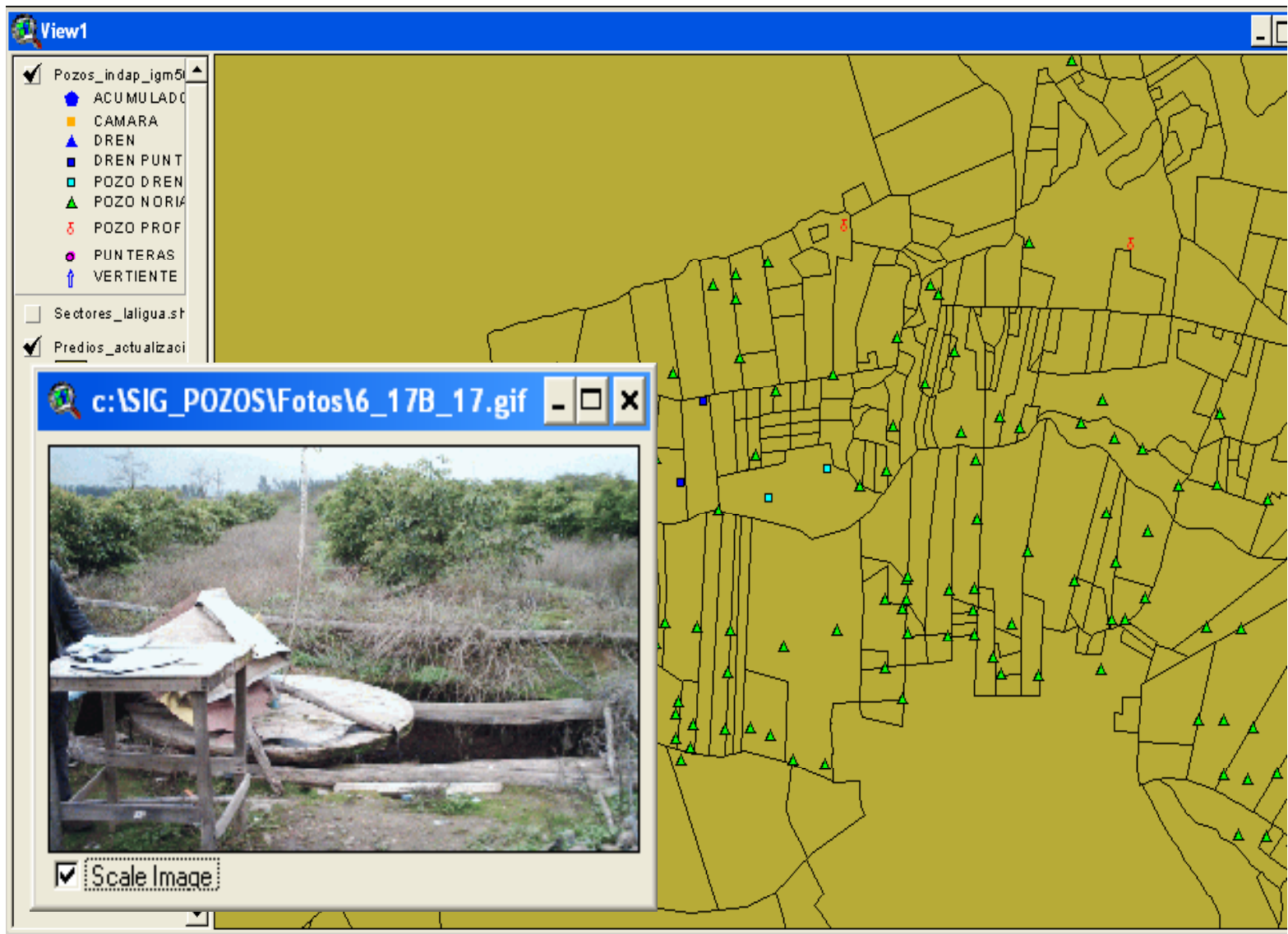
## Application Forms for La Ligua Aquifer, V Region



Dry year impact, aquifer declared closed

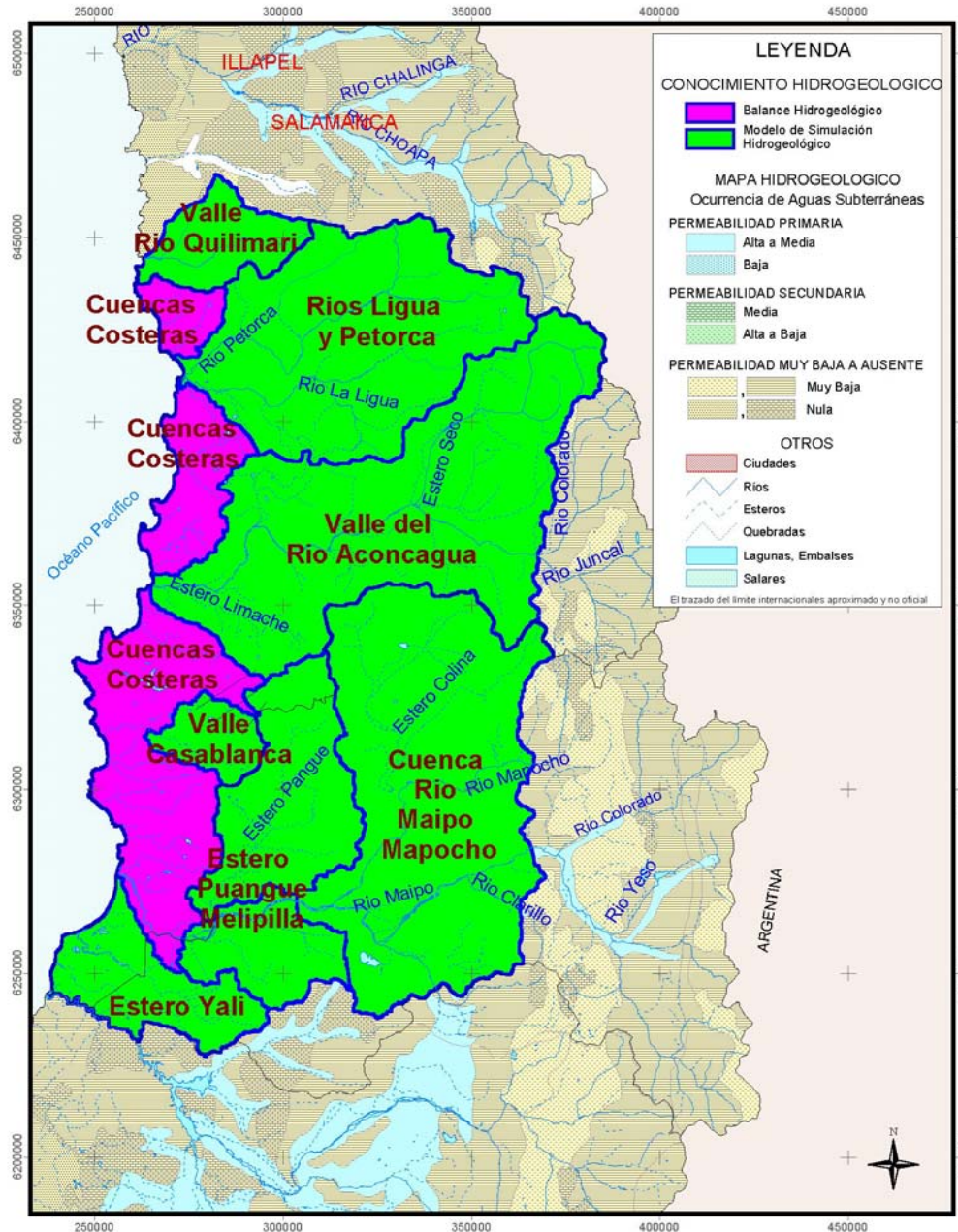
# Wells density in La Ligua Basin (V Region)

(mainly used for agriculture and drinking water)





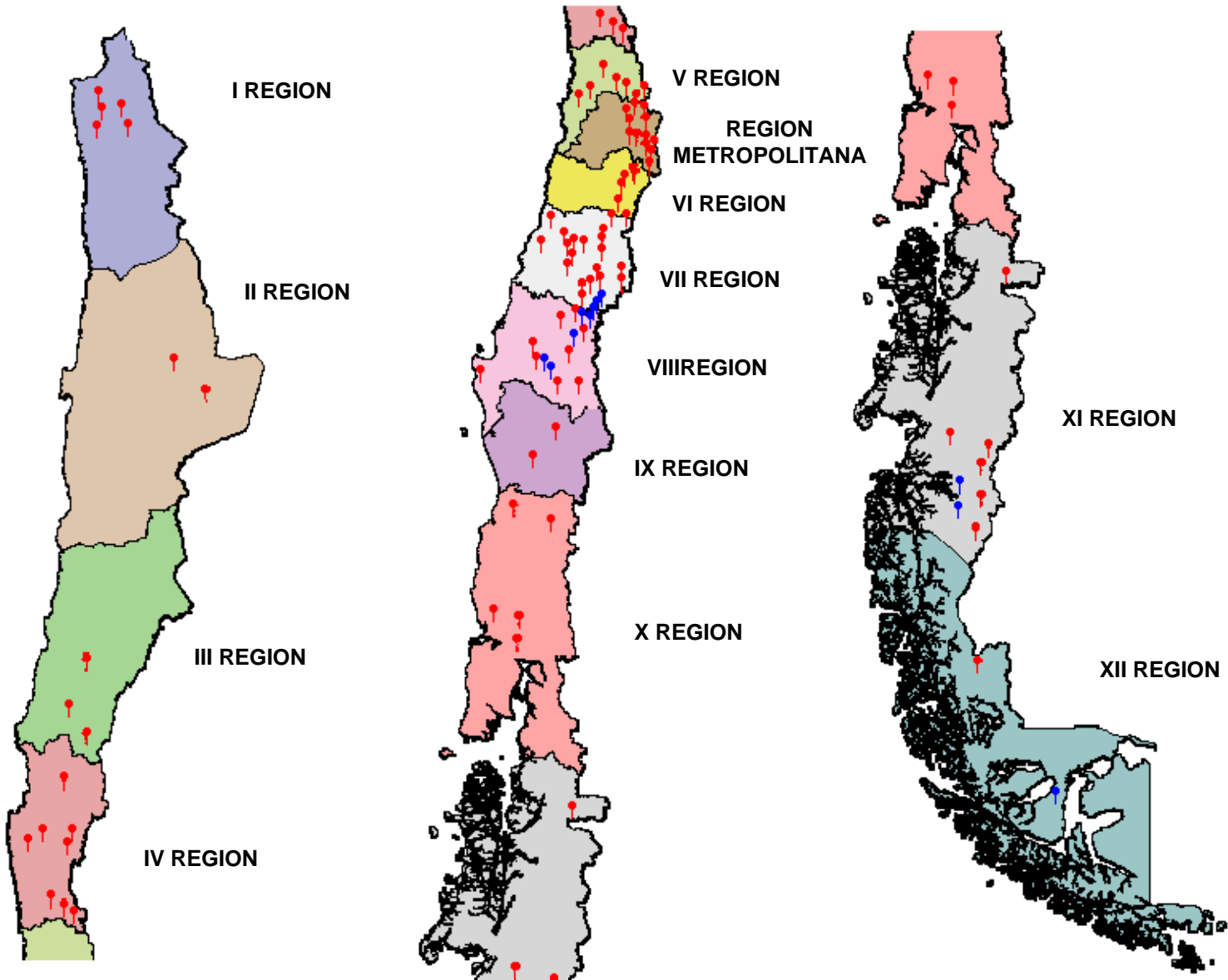
# Use of Hydrologic Balance Models for Water Availability





# Ground Truth: DGA - DCP Stations

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Stations installed and operated for DGA

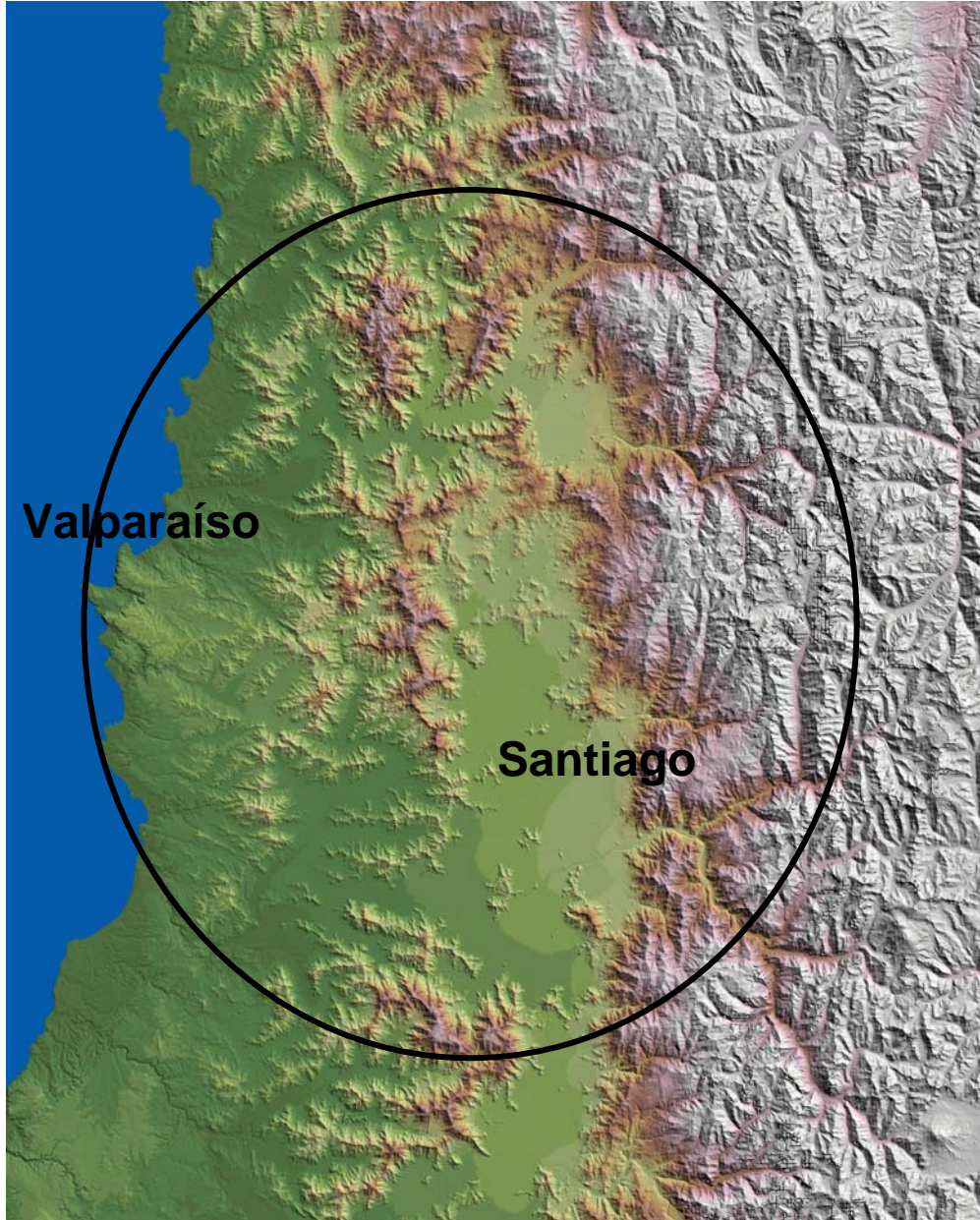


transferred station from ENDESA to DGA



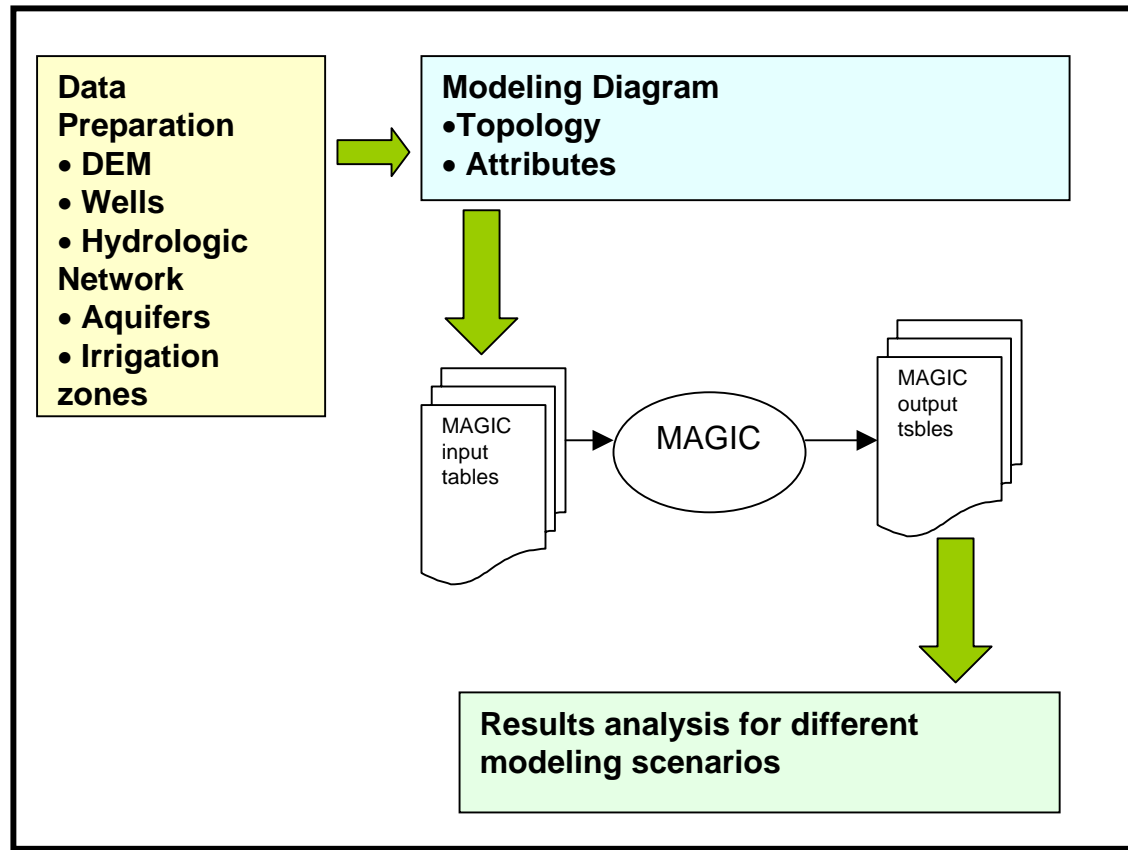
# Study Area: Aconcagua an Maipo Rivers

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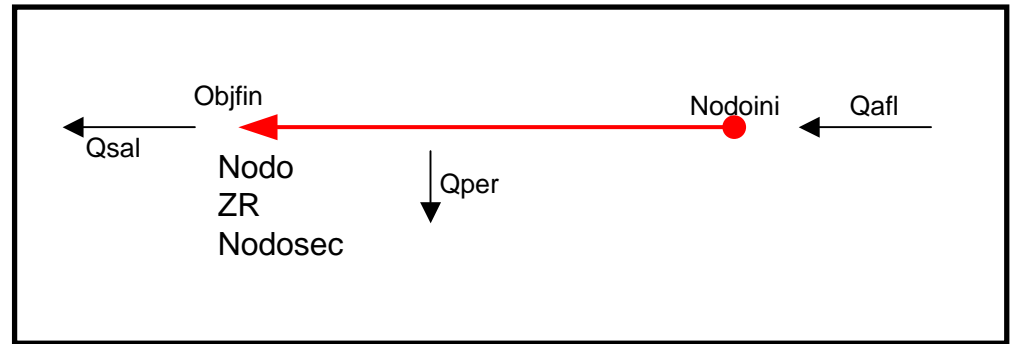
CPR&SIG has programmed a special interface for MAGIC, the hydrological model that DGA developed to better characterize Chilean basins.



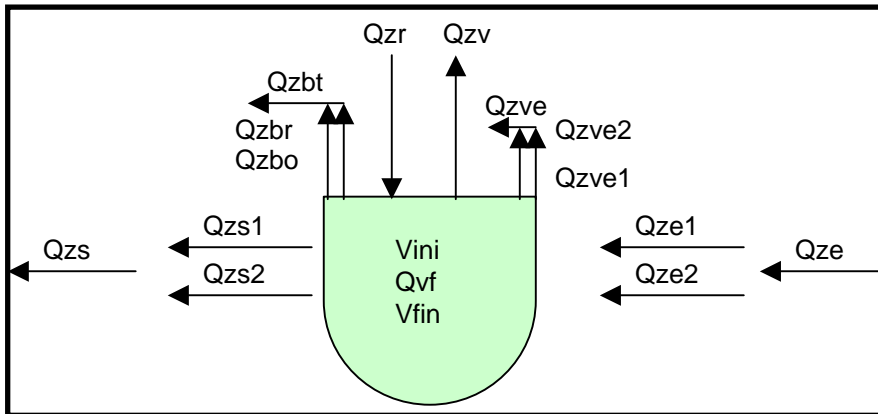




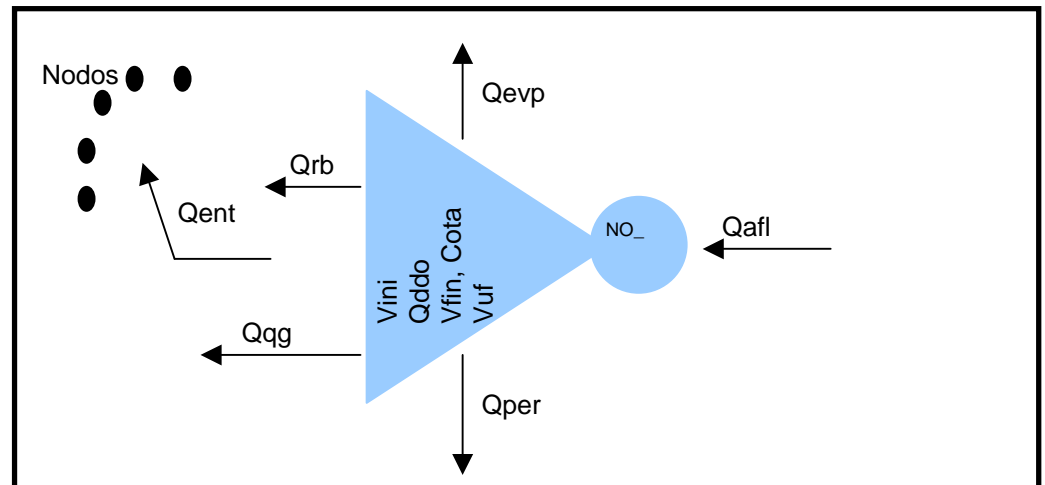
# Water Flow Diagrams for some Modelling Objects:



## Channels

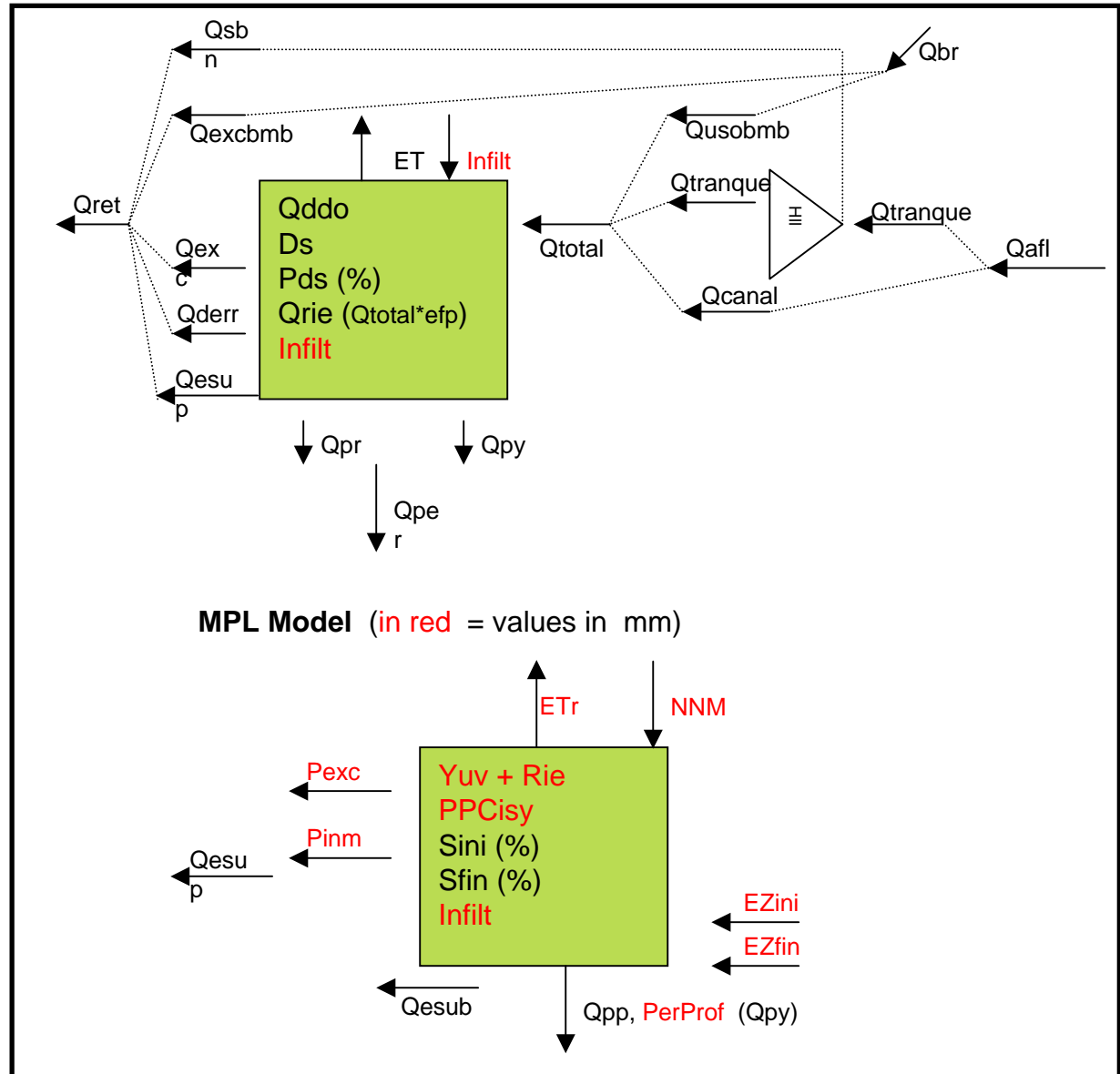


## Aquifers



## Dams

## Irrigated Zone





# GIS Interface for MAGIC: Water Modelling Program

**CNR-DGA: INTERFAZ MODELO MAGIC**

Archivo Escenarios Funciones Especiales Window Ayuda

Escala 1: 1011211

MAGIC: Cartografía Base

R5\_HIDROLOGIA\_WGS:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

USO\_SUELO (GRUPO)

- Perenne
- Maíz
- Alfalfa
- Chacra
- Cereales
- Caduco
- Uva
- Nogal
- Palto
- Cítrico
- Almendra
- Carozos
- Pomácea
- Citrico
- Tunas
- Flores
- Membrillo

PAINTMDE.JPG (Ima)

Estación Pluviométrica de Referencia: EST-32 **Vector de Evapotranspiración**

Cantidad de Años: 49

PARAMETROS: Sini 0.01 EZini 0.001

A: 0.911 B 0.850 FC 6.00 K 38

ALFA 62.0 SCC 0.974 SMIN 0.230

SCRIT 0.805 HMAX 295.0 PMIN 0.09

Precipitación Media (A)

Detectar Cuenca Dibujar Cuenca

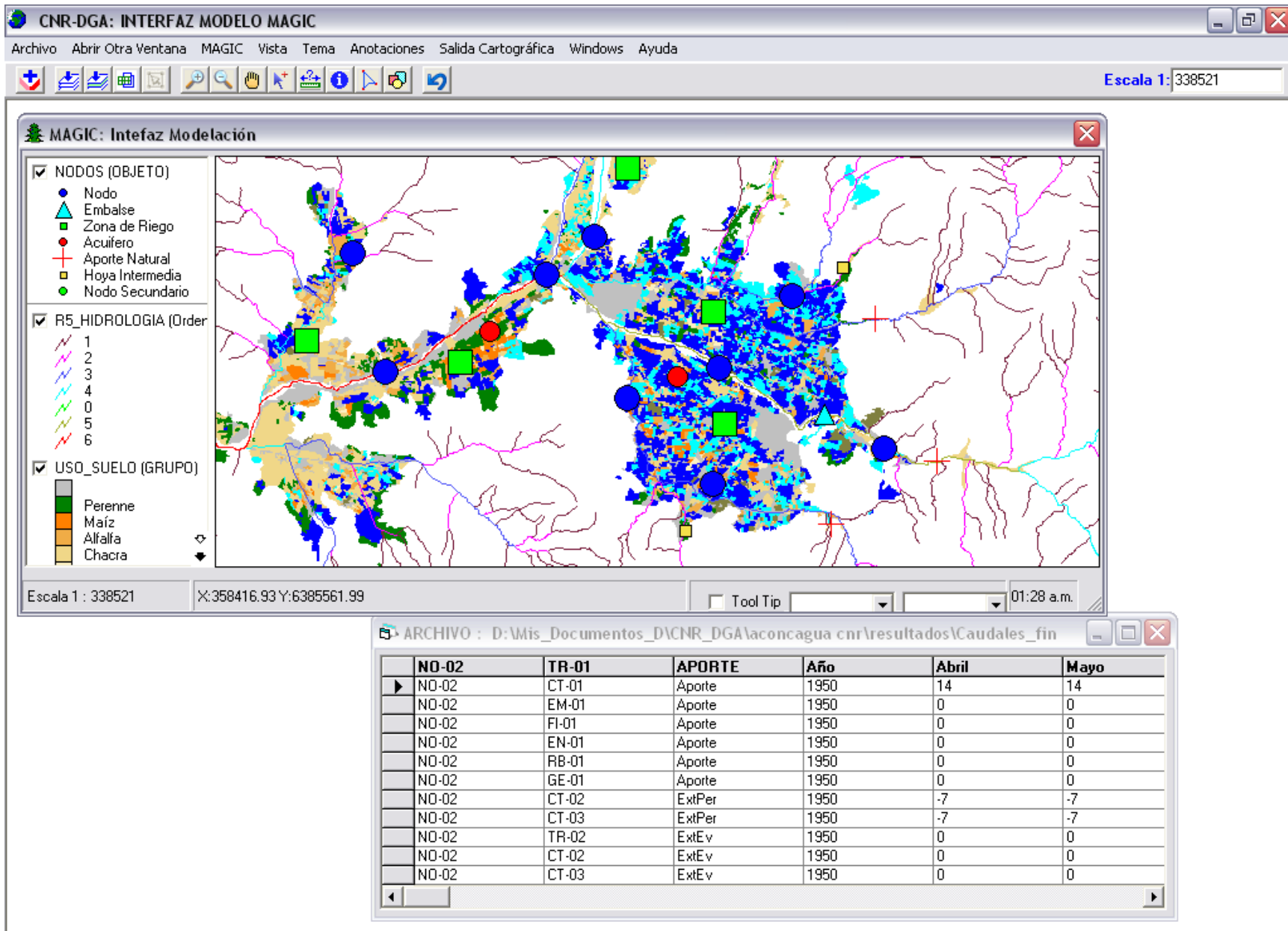
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Calcular Estadística GRABAR

Escala 1 : 1011211 X:400928.47 Y:6423959.28 12:59 a.m.

Año	Abril	Mayo	Junio	Julio	Agosto	Septiembre	Octubre
1983.	.048	.52	1.531	.986	1.11	.18	.
1984.	.	.751	.326	3.937	.676	.263	.081
1985.	.009	.345	.35	.993	.	.25	.161
1986.	.168	1.483	.912	.039	.841	.028	.
1987.	.015	.685	.274	4.438	2.372	.246	.567
1988.	.	.	.525	.53	.846	.142	.
1989.	.071	.165	.161	1.07	.832	.	.033
1990.	.	.049	.01	.676	.232	.229	.036
1991.	.046	.446	2.229	.995	.119	1.031	.298
1992.	.468	1.875	2.656	.058	1.219	.48	.
1993.	.936	.589	.595	.527	.449	.019	.019

# Water Flow Output for each Modelled Object





## Future Actions:

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**Having a user friendly tool as interface for MAGIC Hydrologic Model, that allows a better data preparation and result analysis, DGA jointly with CNR and CONAMA will reanalyze water availability for all the basins that were declared closed in past years.**

**At the same time, DGA, CNR and CONAMA are implementing Web Mapping systems and Internet connected Data Bases that will allow rapid crosschecking of information that decision managers needs for conceding water rights that has been petitioned.**

# The end

