Application of Variable Infiltration Capacity (VIC) Model to Support Water Resources Management in Tanzania

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Area of Interest



Great Ruaha River Basin 83,970 sq. km. (32,421 sq. mi.) Wami- Ruvu Basins



Variable Infiltration Capacity Model (VIC)

- Developed by Xu Liang at the University of Washington
- Semi-distributed macroscale hydrologic model
- Solves full water and energy balances
- Land Surface = >1KM grid cells No communication between grid cells → Need to use a routing model
- Water can only enter a grid cell from the atmosphere



Cell Energy and Moisture Fluxes

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Grid Cell Vegetation Coverage

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Fractional Area

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Capacity

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VIC Model Setup Workflow



Free & Open-Source Approach



Dataset	Use	Source	
SRTM DEM (30m)	Elevation Raster Slope Raster	NASA/ USGS via Google Earth Engine	
MODIS Land Cover (MCD12Q1) (500m)	IGBP Classified Raster	NASA LP DAAC via Google Earth Engine	
CHIRPS Daily Precipitation	Annual Precipitation Raster/ Forcings	UCSB-CHG via Google Earth Engine	
WWF HydroSHEDS Drainage Direction (3 Arc Seconds)	Flow Direction Raster	WWF via Google Earth Engine	
HWSD Soils MU Global – v 1.2 (30 Arc Seconds)	Classified Soils Raster	FAO SOILS PORTAL http://www.fao.org/soils-portal/en/	
NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 1	Forcings (Max Temp, Min Temp, Wind Speed)	https://psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/da ta.ncep.reanalysis.surface.html	
MERRA-2 Reanalysis Data Dailly	Forcings (Max Temp, Min Temp, Wind Speed)	NASA https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/reanalysi s/MERRA-2/	
MODIS LAI/ FPAR 4-Day Global (500m) (MCD15A3H)	Monthly LAI Rasters for Period of Record	NASA LP DAAC via Google Earth Engine	
MODIS BRDF-Albedo 16-Day Global (500m) (MCD43A2)	Monthly Albedo Rasters for Period of Record	NASA LP DAAC via Google Earth Engine	

Routing of flow





• Multi-gauge routing

Model Calibration & Validation





	CHIRPS	TAMSAT	IMERG	GSMAP
NSE	0.65	0.53	-0.71	-0.14
Bias	-6.63	-14.61	5.96	-26.54
RMSE	39.62	46.06	87.34	71.51

	CHIRPS	TAMSAT	IMERG	GSMAP
NSE	-2.78	0.15	-11.14	-0.14
Bias	69.67	-0.62	121.36	-27.56
RMSE	145.03	68.83	259.84	79.47

Product – Streamflow Monitoring Viewer

Streamflow Monitoring and Forecasting for Data and Water Resources Planning, Allocation and Management addressing competing demands (http://streamflowmonitor.rcmrd.org/).



Operational Hydrological Model Tool



Streamflow Monitoring & Forecasting Tool - Time Series



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Water Balance not closing – Uncertainty in the input, observed discharge & model errorstructure

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♥ Tanzania : 1KA31 >	Study Sub-Catchment Discharge	Study Sub-Catchment Discharge			Basins
	Units	m ³ /sec	Million m ³ /day		Wami Basin Ruvu Basin
	Reserve / Environmental Flow	16.95	1.46		Country
	Normal Flow	19.98	1.73		
	Flood Flow	30.26	2.61		
	Flood Discharge (Allocation)	10.27	97.21		
	Study Sub-Catchment - Spring Fl	ow Conditions			
	Units	m ³ /sec	Million m ³ /day		
	Reserve / Environmental Flow	0	0		
	Normal Flow (Domestic Use)	0	0		
	Flood Discharge (Commercial Allocation)	0	0		
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