

Tailoring Climate Information

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Introduction

An increasing number of governmental organisations, companies and stakeholder groups is becoming aware of the potential effects of climate change on water management, infrastructure, safety, ecosystems, etc. Detail climate information is needed for correct and timely action. Consequently, the number of requests for information received by KNMI has increased substantially in recent years.

What is "Tailoring"?

- Inventory of user needs (which data, level of detail, etc.) for a wide range of sectors
- · Deliver required data in desired format
- Guidance during use of data (e.g. processing for impact models)
- Assistance during use in policy processes (e.g. how to deal with uncertainties)

Objective of the project

Providing a solid interface between climate information produced by KNMI and a broad range of potential users of this information.



Wind energy



Agriculture

Activities

- Inventory of information needs of potential users/stakeholders
- Inventory of available techniques to provide desired information
- Pilot projects to demonstrate tailoring process and options
- Disseminate climate information through internet, publications, presentations, consults





Pilot projects

Rijkswaterstaat Construction of "standard year" for national hydrological studies

stakeholder RIZA-Lelystad

Rijkowaterstaat Generation of large number of synthetical years with rainfall for adaptation to extreme river discharges

stakeholder RIZA Arnhem

Effects of climate change at the level of water boards

stakeholder FutureWater

Time series for the future for large number of stations in Europe for adaptation strategies in crop production

stakeholder Alterra Wageningen
ECOFYS Projections for wind energy for the next 10 years
for investments in wind energy parks
stakeholder ECOFYS



Transport



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Progress

- Draft inventory user needs
- Pilots: projects RIZA-Lelystad and ECOFYS almost finished (see posters), other pilots started up
- Internet site KNMI climate scenarios
 (www.knmi.nl/klimaatscenarios/) and brochure
- Transformation program for time series via internet (http://climexp.knmi.nl/Scenarios monthly/)
- Symposium 8 June 2007 on "Experiences with climate scenarios in water management"
- Presentations (e.g. for provinces, water boards, stakeholder organisations) and publications
- Consults for users (CCSP-projects and others)

Further information

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