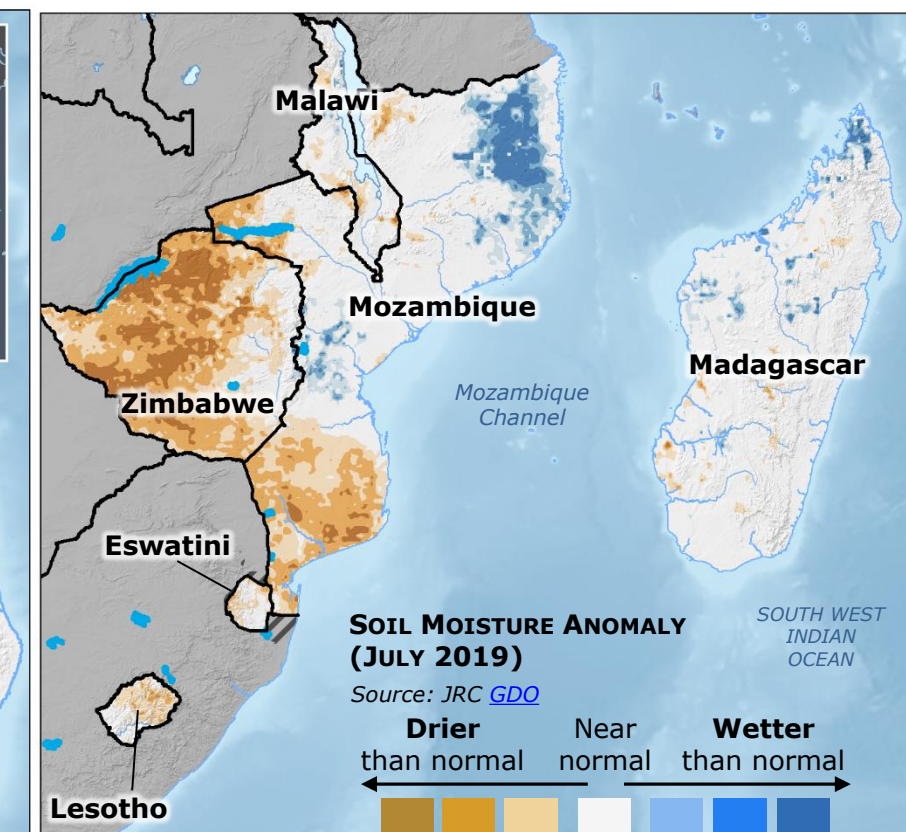
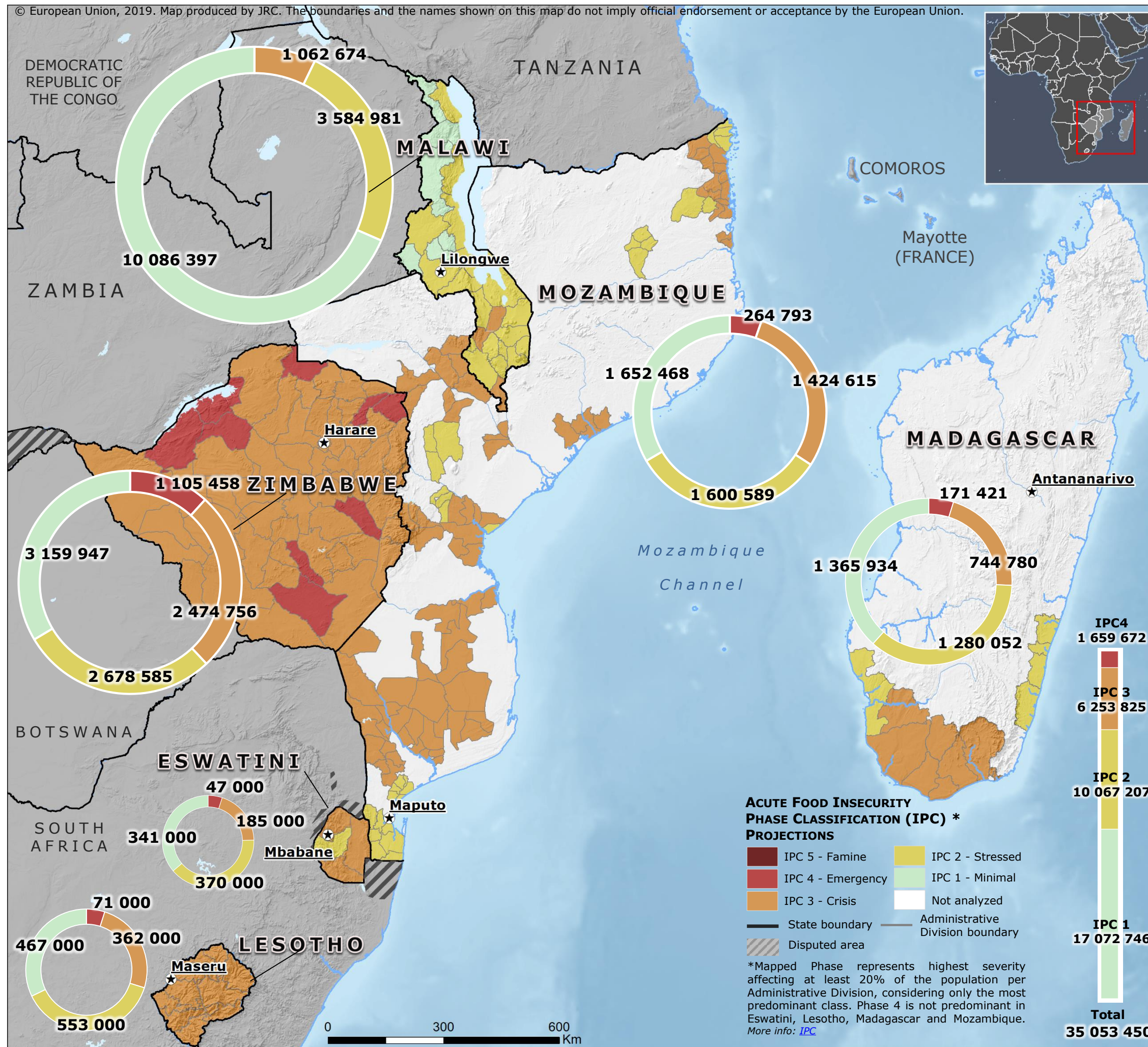


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**PROJECTED FOOD INSECURITY**  
People facing severe acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3+) IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION

Country	% of the population	Projected Period
Eswatini	22%	October 2019-March 2020
Lesotho	30%	October 2019-March 2020
Madagascar	26%	August 2019-December 2019
Malawi	7%	October 2019-March 2020
Mozambique	34%	October 2019-February 2020
Zimbabwe	38%	October 2019-December 2019

**SITUATION OVERVIEW**

- Food security concerns are widespread in south east Africa and Madagascar, where drought combined with other issues such as flooding, cyclones, conflict and macroeconomic volatility has led to a rise in the number of severely food insecure people, reaching a peak in the 2019/2020 lean season (October 2019-March 2020).
- The soil moisture anomaly is an indicator to directly measure drought conditions. All areas but central and northern Mozambique now display drier soils than usual for this time of the year.
- The floods caused by the passage of tropical cyclones [IDAI](#) and [KENNETH](#) in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and neighbouring regions have enhanced the risks for food security, especially in those areas already affected by drought.

Source: DG ECHO, JRC GDO