



World-wide drought trends

The main map shows the change in the total duration of drought events over 60 years (1951-2010). Scales of brown indicate an increase, while scales of green indicate a decrease in the number of months in drought condition. White areas are deserts or show no trend.

Data: Monthly precipitation (1951 - 2010) from the Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC), operated by Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD) under the auspices of WMO <http://gpcc.dwd.de>. Data elaborated

by the [Drought Project](#), Climate Risk Management Unit (CRM), Joint Research Centre (JRC), 2013.

Further reading: Spinoni J, G Naumann, H Carrao, P Barbosa, J Vogt (2013): World drought frequency, duration and severity for 1951-2010. International J. of Climatology, DOI: 10.1002/joc.3875.

Access to Clean Water

The inset map shows the percentage of the population with access to clean water per country in 2011. Data from WHO / UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply and Sanitation. (No data were available for Poland;

data for Libya, Venezuela and Paraguay are from previous years.)

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