



## Supplement of

## Multimodel assessments of human and climate impacts on mean annual streamflow in China

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| Model      | Water use                          | Dam and Reservoirs  | Source of irrigation water     |
|------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|            |                                    |   | withdrawal                     |
| DBH        | modeled irrigation                 | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs              |
|            |                                    | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     |                                |
| H08        | modeled irrigation                 | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs, groundwater |
|            | prescribed domestic and            | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     |                                |
|            | industrial water use               |   |                                |
| LPJmL      | modeled irrigation                 | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs              |
|            | prescribed domestic, industrial    | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     |                                |
|            | and livestock                      | Evaporation from reservoir surface is calculated.           |                                |
| MATSIRO    | modeled irrigation                 | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs, groundwater |
|            | prescribed domestic and            | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     |                                |
|            | industrial water use               |   |                                |
| PCR-GLOBWB | modeled irrigation, domestic,      | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs, groundwater |
|            | industrial and livestock water use | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     |                                |
|            |                                    | Evaporation from reservoir surface is calculated.           |                                |
| WaterGAP2  | modeled irrigation, domestic,      | Use GRanD dataset, the number of dams and reservoirs varies | river, reservoirs, lakes,      |
|            | industrial and livestock water use | according to the construction year for the VARSOC runs.     | groundwater                    |
|            |                                    | Evaporation from reservoir surface is calculated.           |                                |

Table S1. Main characteristics of human impacts in the GHMs used in this study.

| Number | Station Name  | MAF     | NSE   | River name       | Number | Station Name | MAF      | NSE  | River name       |
|--------|---------------|---------|-------|------------------|--------|--------------|----------|------|------------------|
| 1      | Guchengzi     | 151.26  | -0.27 | Songhua River    | 23     | Xixian       | 117.87   | 0.31 | Huai River       |
| 2      | Fuyu          | 449.68  | 0.53  | Songhua River    | 24     | Fuyang       | 117.74   | 0.63 | Huai River       |
| 3      | Tonghe        | 1444.43 | 0.81  | Songhua River    | 25     | Lutaizi      | 639.00   | 0.80 | Huai River       |
| 4      | Kuerbin       | 26.94   | 0.004 | Songhua River    | 26     | Bengbu       | 800.63   | 0.81 | Huai River       |
| 5      | Chaoyang      | 18.00   | -0.88 | Liao River       | 27     | Shishang     | 1968.28  | 0.93 | Yangtze River    |
| 6      | Chifeng       | 7.76    | -0.25 | Liao River       | 28     | Changyang    | 431.02   | 0.75 | Yangtze River    |
| 7      | Tieling       | 84.36   | <-1.0 | Liao River       | 29     | Pingshan     | 4546.38  | 0.77 | Yangtze River    |
| 8      | Liaozhong     | 101.43  | 0.50  | Liao River       | 30     | Sinan        | 910.98   | 0.79 | Yangtze River    |
| 9      | Changmapu     | 29.30   | -0.37 | Northwest Rivers | 31     | Cuntan       | 10747.92 | 0.68 | Yangtze River    |
| 10     | Yingluoxia    | 51.06   | -0.26 | Northwest Rivers | 32     | Datong       | 28460.19 | 0.78 | Yangtze River    |
| 11     | Zhamashenke   | 22.70   | 0.09  | Northwest Rivers | 33     | Quzhou       | 207.66   | 0.80 | Southeast Rivers |
| 12     | Sandaohezi    | 16.45   | <-1.0 | Hai River        | 34     | Zhuji        | 40.24    | 0.58 | Southeast Rivers |
| 13     | Panjiakou     | 60.87   | 0.01  | Hai River        | 35     | Zhuqi        | 1721.14  | 0.91 | Southeast Rivers |
| 14     | Luanxian      | 96.09   | 0.71  | Hai River        | 36     | Yangkou      | 442.85   | 0.72 | Southeast Rivers |
| 15     | Xiapu         | 4.58    | <-1.0 | Hai River        | 37     | Daojieba     | 1746.97  | 0.12 | Southwest Rivers |
| 16     | Huangbizhuang | 32.14   | -0.07 | Hai River        | 38     | Gulaohe      | 96.63    | 0.22 | Southwest Rivers |
| 17     | Cetian        | 4.78    | -0.01 | Hai River        | 39     | Manhao       | 310.84   | 0.82 | Southwest Rivers |
| 18     | Lanzhou       | 976.80  | 0.53  | Yellow River     | 40     | Jiangbianjie | 194.96   | 0.68 | Pearl River      |
| 19     | Shizuishan    | 867.25  | 0.45  | Yellow River     | 41     | Duanzhan     | 2005.11  | 0.88 | Pearl River      |
| 20     | Longmen       | 803.67  | -0.47 | Yellow River     | 42     | Xiayan       | 449.63   | 0.82 | Pearl River      |
| 21     | Huayuankou    | 1103.51 | 0.09  | Yellow River     | 43     | Wuxuan       | 4130.25  | 0.81 | Pearl River      |
| 22     | Xianyang      | 107.26  | 0.63  | Yellow River     | 44     | Boluo        | 782.04   | 0.80 | Pearl River      |

Table S2. The Nash-Sutcliffe coefficients (NSE) for the simulated monthly streamflow from VARSOC experiment and observed monthly streamflow  $(m^3 s^{-1})$  at the 44 stations over the 1971-2000 period. The observed mean annual streamflow (MAF,  $m^3 s^{-1}$ ) averaged over the period is also shown for each station.

| tiite        |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |  |  |
|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--|--|
|              | <-30 | <-20 | <-10  | <-5   | <0    | <5    | <10   | <20  | <30  | >=30 |  |  |
| $\Delta Q_c$ | 2.56 | 5.24 | 16.32 | 13.47 | 16.42 | 15.76 | 10.55 | 6.84 | 3.55 | 9.29 |  |  |
| $\Delta Q_h$ | 2.28 | 1.00 | 3.83  | 9.04  | 54.27 | 26.80 | 1.29  | 0.85 | 0.13 | 0.50 |  |  |
| $\Delta Q_a$ | 3.13 | 7.13 | 17.11 | 13.40 | 16.29 | 15.69 | 9.86  | 5.87 | 3.83 | 7.69 |  |  |

Table S3. The proportions of river segments of China categorized by MAF changes. "<-10" in the header means the river segment showing MAF changes in [-20%, -10%), and so on.

| Forcing       | Model            | CN    | SH     | LR     | NW     | HA     | YR     | HU    | YZ    | SE    | SW    | PR    |
|---------------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|               | H08              | -1.21 | -6.64  | -0.85  | 19.89  | -4.34  | -2.29  | 1.71  | -1.56 | -4.67 | 2.35  | 1.96  |
|               | DBH              | 1.30  | -4.29  | -6.88  | 6.98   | -13.29 | -5.81  | 2.92  | 2.13  | -1.48 | 5.77  | 3.10  |
| DCMED 2       | LPJmL            | 0.54  | -3.06  | -1.51  | 5.69   | -9.79  | -8.85  | 0.28  | 0.78  | -3.22 | 2.68  | 3.81  |
| PGMFD V.2     | PCR-GLOBWB       | -1.04 | -7.51  | -5.99  | 6.00   | -7.80  | -2.32  | -5.50 | -0.95 | -2.95 | 3.13  | 0.79  |
|               | WaterGAP2        | 0.39  | -3.16  | -2.48  | 4.21   | -11.09 | -3.76  | 1.84  | 0.34  | -4.30 | 3.85  | 1.81  |
|               | MATSIRO          | -2.43 | -10.04 | -3.90  | 31.15  | -6.60  | -6.37  | -0.51 | -2.67 | -4.94 | 1.77  | -1.44 |
|               | H08              | -0.42 | -5.26  | -8.20  | 6.79   | -14.20 | -12.15 | 9.84  | 0.22  | 5.10  | -0.23 | 3.57  |
|               | DBH              | -0.66 | -4.80  | -12.31 | 16.98  | -23.13 | -10.53 | 3.09  | 0.47  | 0.99  | 2.30  | -0.17 |
| CSWD3         | LPJmL            | -0.87 | -2.67  | -8.30  | 12.96  | -13.56 | -16.26 | 4.17  | -0.21 | 2.52  | -0.19 | 2.59  |
| USWF5         | PCR-GLOBWB       | -2.14 | -6.90  | -8.17  | 11.08  | -12.07 | -7.35  | -0.84 | -1.43 | 1.37  | 0.60  | -1.12 |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -1.00 | -3.34  | -9.60  | 15.45  | -21.38 | -18.03 | 4.49  | -0.46 | 1.49  | 0.28  | 0.31  |
|               | MATSIRO          | 1.09  | 0.73   | -11.25 | 22.81  | -33.18 | -24.49 | 6.21  | 1.72  | 2.79  | -1.13 | 2.37  |
|               | H08              | -6.74 | -7.50  | -6.16  | 4.51   | -18.85 | -14.18 | 3.31  | -6.50 | -4.76 | -4.34 | -6.75 |
|               | DBH              | -6.38 | -8.75  | -11.96 | -3.84  | -26.26 | -18.47 | -4.47 | -5.05 | -3.46 | -2.85 | -6.48 |
| WEDEI         | LPJmL            | -4.12 | -4.16  | -7.66  | 8.27   | -14.78 | -16.88 | 0.61  | -3.29 | -4.59 | -3.73 | -4.84 |
| WIDEI         | PCR-GLOBWB       | 2.82  | -1.94  | -1.93  | 31.61  | -7.33  | -0.83  | -0.05 | 3.35  | 1.28  | 4.87  | 2.65  |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -4.69 | -4.77  | -8.08  | 9.55   | -22.00 | -23.05 | 0.62  | -3.88 | -5.04 | -3.87 | -5.27 |
|               | MATSIRO          | 10.43 | 43.02  | 9.82   | 178.78 | -0.42  | 27.95  | 11.69 | 11.24 | 2.80  | 5.33  | 4.04  |
|               |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |
|               | Median           | -0.93 | -4.53  | -7.27  | 10.32  | -13.43 | -9.69  | 1.78  | -0.34 | -2.22 | 1.19  | 1.30  |
| All ensembles | 25 <sup>th</sup> | -2.36 | -6.83  | -8.28  | 6.20   | -20.75 | -16.72 | 0.03  | -2.40 | -4.52 | -0.90 | -1.36 |
|               | 75 <sup>th</sup> | 0.51  | -3.09  | -2.84  | 19.16  | -8.30  | -4.27  | 3.95  | 0.70  | 1.46  | 3.01  | 2.64  |

Table S4. Ensemble members of streamflow changes ( $\Delta Q_a$ , % of MAF) between 1971-1990 and 1991-2010.

| Forcing       | Model            | CN    | SH     | LR     | NW    | HA     | YR     | HU    | YZ    | SE    | SW    | PR    |
|---------------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|               | H08              | -0.82 | -6.55  | -2.25  | 7.20  | -7.06  | -0.54  | 2.47  | -0.99 | -5.03 | 0.35  | 2.30  |
|               | DBH              | 2.31  | -2.15  | -2.55  | 11.29 | -0.32  | 0.93   | 7.26  | 2.47  | -0.96 | 3.76  | 3.05  |
| DCMED 2       | LPJmL            | 1.70  | -1.99  | 0.33   | 4.41  | -3.76  | 0.20   | 4.88  | 1.94  | -2.87 | 0.12  | 4.43  |
| PGMFD V.2     | PCR-GLOBWB       | 0.33  | -5.87  | -3.44  | 1.09  | -2.98  | 0.21   | 2.90  | 0.42  | -2.24 | 1.34  | 2.23  |
|               | WaterGAP2        | 1.19  | -2.73  | -0.06  | 5.34  | -3.93  | -0.23  | 7.57  | 1.12  | -3.86 | 2.04  | 2.47  |
|               | MATSIRO          | -3.79 | -13.87 | -8.12  | -5.06 | -14.63 | -20.25 | -8.49 | -3.69 | -4.73 | -2.05 | -1.90 |
|               | H08              | 0.02  | -4.41  | -8.83  | 10.51 | -15.67 | -10.08 | 11.16 | 0.72  | 4.85  | -1.53 | 3.92  |
|               | DBH              | 0.63  | -1.54  | -1.94  | 28.33 | -7.97  | -5.12  | 8.66  | 0.93  | 1.42  | 2.02  | -0.11 |
| CSWD2         | LPJmL            | 0.39  | -1.19  | -4.20  | 16.21 | -8.16  | -8.63  | 9.36  | 0.75  | 2.83  | -1.54 | 3.11  |
| US WP5        | PCR-GLOBWB       | -0.72 | -5.45  | -5.20  | 10.00 | -8.34  | -5.57  | 6.40  | -0.16 | 1.93  | -0.05 | 0.21  |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -0.08 | -2.55  | -6.78  | 27.65 | -14.24 | -15.34 | 11.99 | 0.39  | 1.94  | -0.54 | 0.86  |
|               | MATSIRO          | -0.77 | -3.21  | -16.35 | 12.44 | -53.34 | -40.28 | 5.67  | 0.19  | 3.03  | -3.49 | 1.70  |
|               | H08              | -6.12 | -7.13  | -6.60  | 5.11  | -19.75 | -11.21 | 4.52  | -5.75 | -5.03 | -5.93 | -6.47 |
|               | DBH              | -4.87 | -6.37  | -6.11  | 2.70  | -13.98 | -12.34 | 1.91  | -4.00 | -2.90 | -4.28 | -6.02 |
| WEDEI         | LPJmL            | -2.73 | -2.91  | -4.42  | 12.00 | -10.50 | -9.73  | 6.45  | -1.97 | -4.10 | -4.83 | -4.04 |
| WFDEI         | PCR-GLOBWB       | 4.71  | -0.30  | 1.13   | 30.71 | -2.89  | 1.44   | 7.22  | 4.99  | 1.97  | 4.93  | 4.05  |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -3.77 | -4.03  | -5.46  | 17.37 | -15.51 | -18.55 | 8.14  | -2.93 | -4.44 | -5.38 | -4.47 |
|               | MATSIRO          | -1.28 | 1.25   | -6.82  | 96.98 | -13.82 | -20.52 | 4.85  | -0.40 | -0.52 | -3.67 | -3.94 |
|               |                  |       |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |
|               | Median           | -0.29 | -3.06  | -4.81  | 17.86 | -9.42  | -9.35  | 6.43  | 0.17  | -1.60 | 0.55  | 1.28  |
| All ensembles | 25 <sup>th</sup> | -2.24 | -5.77  | -6.73  | 11.71 | -14.53 | -14.85 | 4.61  | -1.89 | -4.04 | -1.17 | -3.43 |
|               | 75 <sup>th</sup> | 0.49  | -2.03  | -2.32  | 33.21 | -4.71  | -0.51  | 7.99  | 0.76  | 1.94  | 2.82  | 2.90  |

Table S5. Ensemble members of streamflow changes induced by climate variability ( $\Delta Q_c$ , % of MAF) between 1971-1990 and 1991-2010.

| Forcing       | Model            | CN    | SH    | LR     | NW     | HA     | YR    | HU    | YZ    | SE    | SW    | PR    |
|---------------|------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|               | H08              | -0.42 | -0.09 | 1.39   | -2.93  | 2.72   | -1.51 | -0.76 | -0.44 | 0.36  | -0.06 | -0.34 |
|               | DBH              | -0.98 | -2.13 | -4.33  | -6.68  | -12.98 | -6.49 | -4.35 | -0.20 | -0.52 | -0.08 | 0.06  |
| DCMED v 2     | LPJmL            | -1.40 | -1.07 | -1.85  | -2.53  | -6.03  | -8.76 | -4.60 | -1.11 | -0.35 | -0.27 | -0.62 |
| PGMFD V.2     | PCR-GLOBWB       | -1.32 | -1.64 | -2.55  | -0.93  | -4.83  | -2.24 | -8.39 | -1.12 | -0.71 | -0.19 | -1.44 |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -0.86 | -0.43 | -2.42  | -4.40  | -7.15  | -3.28 | -5.73 | -0.67 | -0.44 | -0.05 | -0.66 |
|               | MATSIRO          | 1.09  | 3.83  | 4.22   | -4.91  | 8.03   | 14.39 | 7.98  | 1.10  | -0.21 | 0.01  | 0.45  |
|               | H08              | -0.51 | -0.85 | 0.63   | -5.07  | 1.47   | -1.88 | -1.33 | -0.44 | 0.25  | -0.05 | -0.35 |
|               | DBH              | -1.12 | -3.26 | -10.37 | -12.44 | -15.16 | -5.24 | -5.57 | -0.31 | -0.43 | -0.08 | -0.06 |
| CSWD2         | LPJmL            | -1.31 | -1.48 | -4.10  | -4.66  | -5.40  | -7.31 | -5.19 | -0.87 | -0.31 | -0.25 | -0.52 |
| US WP5        | PCR-GLOBWB       | -1.14 | -1.45 | -2.97  | -1.63  | -3.72  | -1.59 | -7.24 | -0.95 | -0.56 | -0.15 | -1.33 |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -0.93 | -0.79 | -2.82  | -12.67 | -7.13  | -2.33 | -7.50 | -0.79 | -0.45 | -0.03 | -0.54 |
|               | MATSIRO          | 1.59  | 3.94  | 5.10   | -6.67  | 20.16  | 16.41 | 0.54  | 1.57  | -0.25 | 0.17  | 0.67  |
|               | H08              | -0.65 | -0.37 | 0.44   | -4.36  | 0.89   | -2.76 | -1.21 | -0.58 | 0.26  | -0.05 | -0.28 |
|               | DBH              | -1.45 | -2.38 | -5.85  | -5.73  | -12.28 | -5.93 | -6.38 | -0.87 | -0.56 | -0.05 | -0.46 |
| WEDEI         | LPJmL            | -1.43 | -1.25 | -3.24  | -6.81  | -4.28  | -6.81 | -5.84 | -1.13 | -0.49 | -0.30 | -0.80 |
| WFDEI         | PCR-GLOBWB       | -1.32 | -1.63 | -3.06  | -3.35  | -4.44  | -1.98 | -7.27 | -1.07 | -0.69 | -0.16 | -1.40 |
|               | WaterGAP2        | -1.03 | -0.73 | -2.62  | -12.11 | -6.48  | -4.21 | -7.52 | -0.86 | -0.60 | -0.02 | -0.79 |
|               | MATSIRO          | 11.57 | 41.77 | 16.64  | -5.89  | 13.41  | 49.06 | 6.84  | 11.98 | 3.32  | 7.34  | 7.98  |
|               |                  |       |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|               | Median           | -1.04 | -0.96 | -2.58  | -7.96  | -4.63  | -2.60 | -5.38 | -0.74 | -0.44 | -0.07 | -0.49 |
| All ensembles | 25 <sup>th</sup> | -1.40 | -1.60 | -3.20  | -15.58 | -6.97  | -5.84 | -7.03 | -0.96 | -0.55 | -0.19 | -0.76 |
|               | 75 <sup>th</sup> | -0.57 | -0.39 | 0.58   | -5.90  | 1.33   | -1.71 | -1.24 | -0.35 | -0.22 | -0.05 | -0.11 |

Table S6. Ensemble members of streamflow changes induced by DHI change ( $\Delta Q_h$ , % of MAF) between 1971-1990 and 1991-2010.

| Period |              | 1981-1990            |                     |              | 1991-2000            |                     | 2001-2010    |                      |                     |  |
|--------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Region | $\Delta Q_h$ | $\Delta Q_h_{25}$ th | $\Delta Q_h_{75th}$ | $\Delta Q_h$ | $\Delta Q_h_{25}$ th | $\Delta Q_h_{75th}$ | $\Delta Q_h$ | $\Delta Q_h_{25}$ th | $\Delta Q_h_{75th}$ |  |
| CN     | -0.37        | -0.58                | 0.05                | -0.65        | -1.39                | 0.89                | -1.62        | -1.94                | -0.78               |  |
| SHJ    | -1.78        | -2.02                | -0.34               | -1.46        | -2.01                | -0.97               | -2.15        | -2.57                | -1.47               |  |
| LR     | -3.43        | -4.38                | -0.23               | -2.30        | -3.18                | 1.92                | -5.21        | -8.29                | -3.67               |  |
| NW     | -6.09        | -8.15                | -4.18               | -8.99        | -13.12               | -4.58               | -13.53       | -25.40               | -9.97               |  |
| HA     | -2.81        | -7.40                | -0.98               | -4.49        | -6.58                | 2.09                | -7.07        | -10.65               | 1.89                |  |
| YR     | -7.49        | -13.76               | -3.83               | -4.10        | -6.46                | -1.83               | -8.95        | -10.95               | -3.71               |  |
| HU     | -1.97        | -3.74                | -0.03               | -5.53        | -7.41                | -2.20               | -7.01        | -10.35               | -0.54               |  |
| YZ     | 0.05         | -0.19                | 0.64                | -0.38        | -0.93                | 1.39                | -0.73        | -1.18                | 0.37                |  |
| SE     | -0.32        | -0.42                | -0.16               | -0.37        | -0.58                | -0.18               | -0.85        | -1.01                | -0.46               |  |
| SW     | -0.03        | -0.06                | -0.01               | -0.07        | -0.19                | -0.04               | -0.08        | -0.30                | -0.06               |  |
| PR     | -0.31        | -0.54                | -0.14               | -0.75        | -1.32                | -0.22               | -0.42        | -0.78                | -0.19               |  |

Table S7. Ensemble medians, 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of MAF changes (%) induced by DHI change ( $\Delta Q_h$ ) from 1971-1980 to 1981-1990, 1991-2000, and 2001-2010, respectively. All  $\Delta Q_h$  values are percentages of the MAF from VARSOC simulations over the 1971-1980 period.

Table S8. Relative contributions of DHI from previous studies.  $\Delta Q_a$  denotes the relative contribution of DHI and is computed as  $100 \times \Delta Q_h/\Delta Q_a$  in the studies. Period 1 denotes the period without (or with little) human impact, Period 2 denotes the period with human impact. Period 2 is blank when no sub-periods were used in the study.

| Major River  | River         | $\Delta Q_{a}$ (%) | Period 1                | Period 2  | Station     | Latitude | Longitude | Catchment<br>area (km²) | Reference               |  |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Hai River    | Qinlong River | -41.5              | 1957-1979               | 1980-2000 | Taolinkou   | 40.13    | 119.05    | 5060                    |                         |  |
|              | Bai River     | -59.9              | 1954-1979               | 1980-2004 | Zhangjiafen | 40.62    | 116.78    | 8506                    | Bao et al., 2012        |  |
|              | Zhang River   | -73.9              | 1951-1972               | 1973-2004 | Guantai     | 36.33    | 114.08    | 17800                   |                         |  |
|              | Chao River    | -68.6              | 1961-1966,<br>1973-1979 | 1980-2001 |             | 41.00    | 117.00    | 6716                    | Wang at al. 2000        |  |
|              | Bai River     | -70.4              | 1961-1966,<br>1973-1979 | 1980-2001 |             | 40.55    | 116.50    | 9072                    | wang et al., 2009       |  |
| Yellow River | Upper reaches | -37                | 1956-1989               | 1990-2000 | Tangnaihai  | 35.50    | 100.15    | 121972                  | <b>Zhao at al. 2000</b> |  |
|              | Upper reaches | -46                | 1968-1986               | 1987-2000 | Lanzhou     | 36.07    | 103.82    | 222551                  | Zhao et al., 2009       |  |
|              | Upper reaches | -44                | 1960-1970               | 1991-2000 | Baimasi     | 34.72    | 112.58    | 13915                   | Wang et al., 2010       |  |
|              | Wuding River  | -84.3              | 1961-1971               | 1972-1997 | Baijiachuan | 37.24    | 110.42    | 30261                   | Li et al., 2007         |  |
|              | Wuding River  | -23                | 1961-2005               |           | Baijiachuan | 37.24    | 110.42    | 30261                   | Yuan et al. 2018        |  |
| Huai River   | Upper reaches | -45                | 1960-2010               |           | Bengbu      | 32.95    | 117.27    | 270000                  | Ma et al., 2014         |  |



Figure S1. Irrigated areas (Fader et al., 2010; Portmann et al., 2010) and reservoirs (Lehner et al., 2011) in China used in the ISIMIP2a VARSOC experiment. (a): mean irrigation area per grid cell (%) over the 1971-2010 period and locations of reservoir; (b): difference in mean irrigation area between the periods of 1971-1990 and 1991 and 2010; (c): annual irrigation area for China, northern basins, and southern basins; (d): annual storage capacity of reservoirs in China. The areas without irrigation are not shown on the map.



Figure S2. The seasonal cycle of streamflow from observations and GHMs. The seasonal observations are based on monthly streamflow and averaged for the hydrological stations in each basin (Figure 1). The simulations are averaged values over the grid cells identified by the location of stations. SIM indicates simulations and OBS indicates observations. The grey areas show the 25th and 75th percentiles of the multimodel simulations. Northern basins: Songhua River (SH), Liao River (LR), Northwest Rivers (NW), Hai River (HA), Yellow River (YR), Huai River (HU); Southern basins: Yangtze River (YZ), Southeast Rivers (SE), Southwest Rivers (SW), Pearl River (PR).



Figure S3. Simulated (black) and observed (orange) mean annual streamflow at the hydrological stations in each basin. The observations are the average values of the hydrological stations, while the simulations are averaged values over the grid cells identified by the location of stations. The grey areas show the 25th and 75th percentiles of the multimodel simulations.



Figure S4. MAF changes (m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) over China between the sub-periods 1971-1990 and 1991-2010. (a) Total MAF changes ( $\Delta Q_a$ ), (b) MAF changes induced by climate variability ( $\Delta Q_c$ ) and (c) MAF changes induced by DHI change ( $\Delta Q_h$ ).

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Figure S5. Total MAF change ( $\Delta Q_a$ ), MAF change induced by climate variability ( $\Delta Q_c$ ), and MAF change induced by DHI change ( $\Delta Q_h$ ) from the period 1971-1980 to (a) 1981-1990, (b) 1991-2000 and (c) 2001-2010, respectively. The bars show the medians and the error bars show the range of 25th and 75th of MAF changes.

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