## WATER and CLIMATE on THE BLUE PLANET

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- 1. More heavy storms
- 2. More natural damages
- 3. Increasing of extremality of weather and heavyrain
- 4. More water erosion process
- 5. More fires
- 6. Time and space changes of rain distribution
- 7. Luck of water sources for nature
- 8. More drying up regions
- 9. Treat of safety of food
- 10. Treat of biodiversity



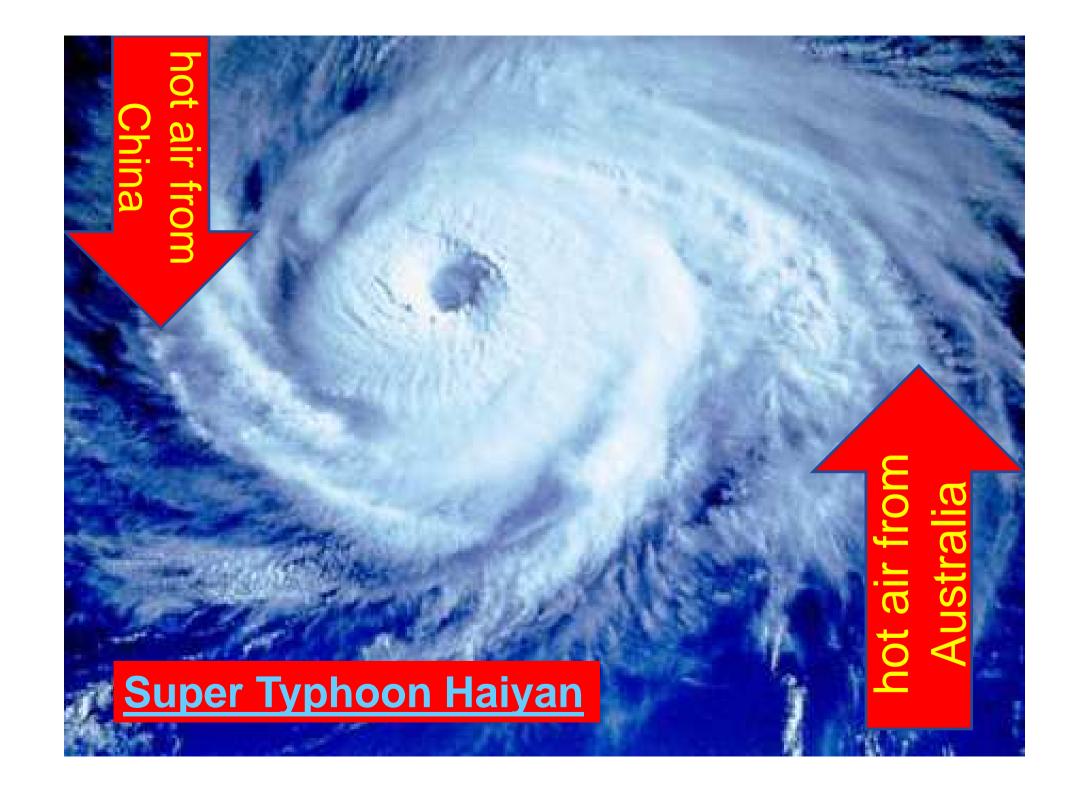
### Bad perspective with drying up of landscape

## **Central Europe 2012**

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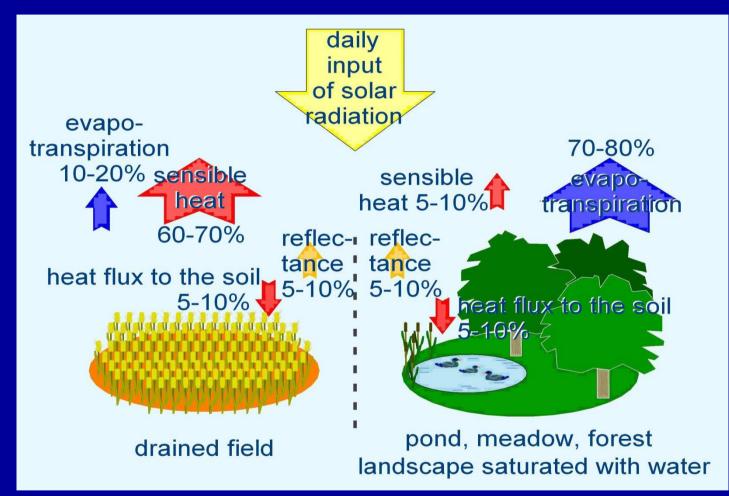






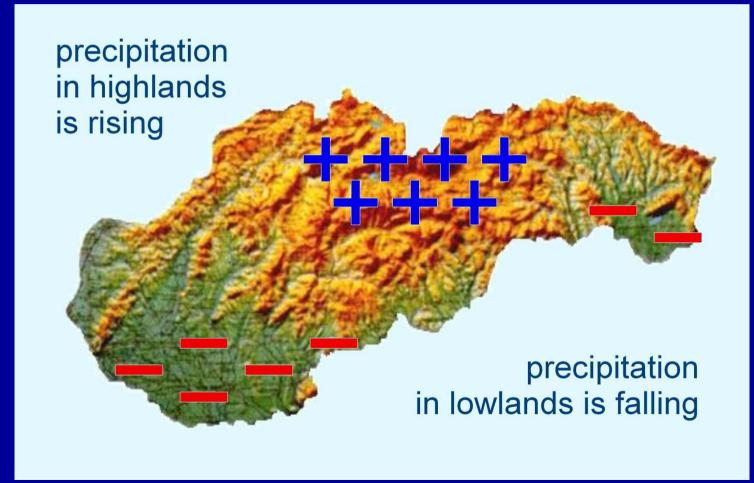


#### **DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR ENERGY**



Dry land: Most solar energy is changed into *sensible heat*, Wet land: Most solar energy is consumed on vapor water from landscape

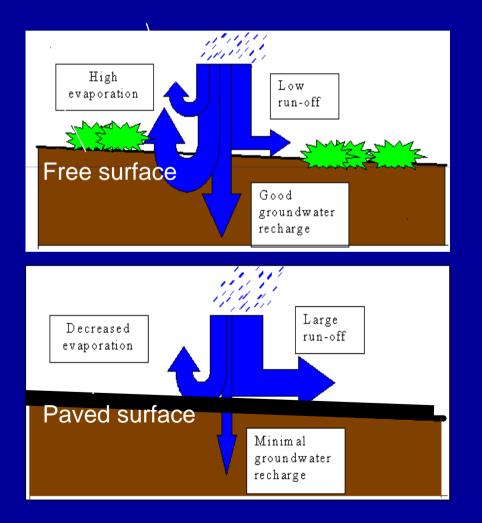
# The rain in Slovakia fails mainly on the plain...



#### What we inherited ?



#### Impact of deforestation, agriculture and urbanization on state of water in small water cycles:



- runoff increases, infiltration and evaporation decrease
- More than 30.000 billion m3 of rainwater was lost from landscape of continents over last 70 years
- More than 10 cm see level rise





#### Agricultural lands drying by roads !





#### Agricultural lands drying by bad managemenent !











#### Forest lands drying by roads !



#### Drying lands by roads



### **DEFORESTATION & AGRICULTURE**





- Deforestation / some forms of farming <u>cause:</u>
- increase of runoff (and erosion)
- lower infiltration (groundwater recharge)
- lower evaporation (change of regional climate)

## **SOIL SEALING IN CITIES**

about 20 billion m3 of rainwater sluiced from municipalities of Europe annually, and about 760 bil m3 sluiced from all continents annualy.



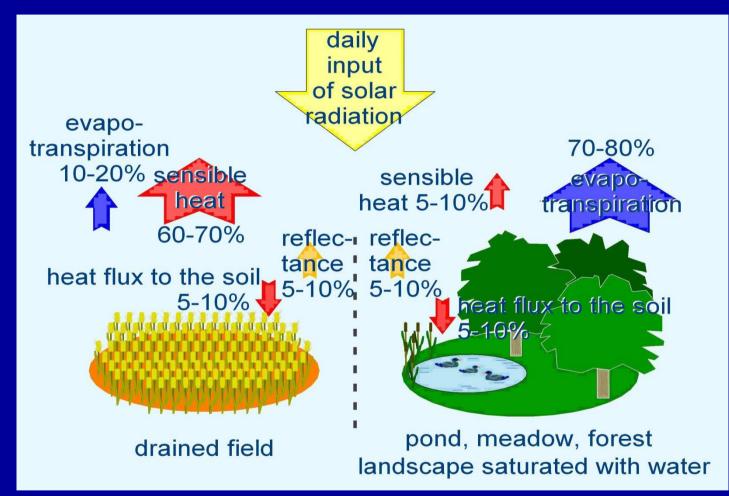
### **ALTERATION OF RIVERS**

- natural meanders removed
- adjacent swamps drained
- shortening length increases slope
- acceleration of runoff
- lowering land's ability to retain water



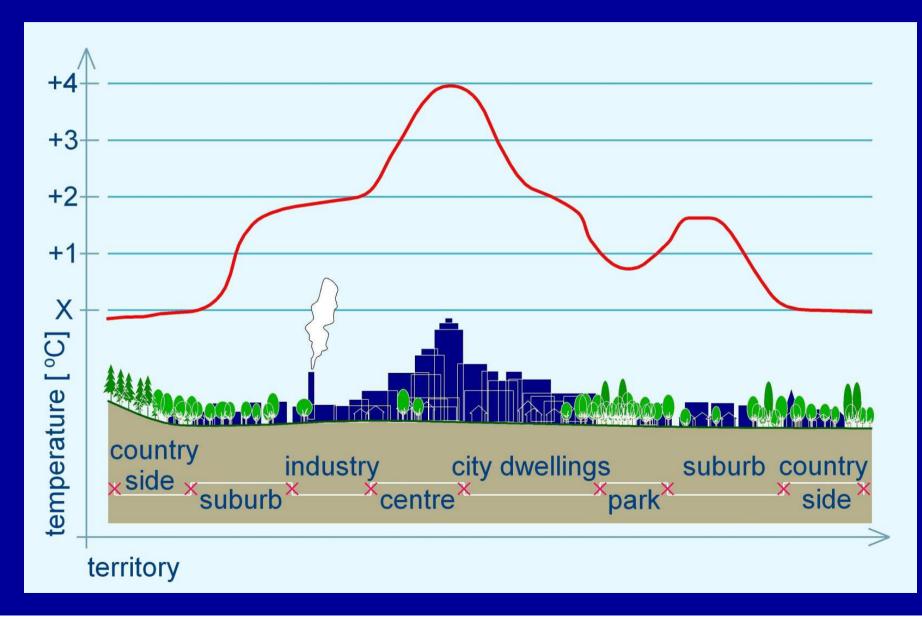


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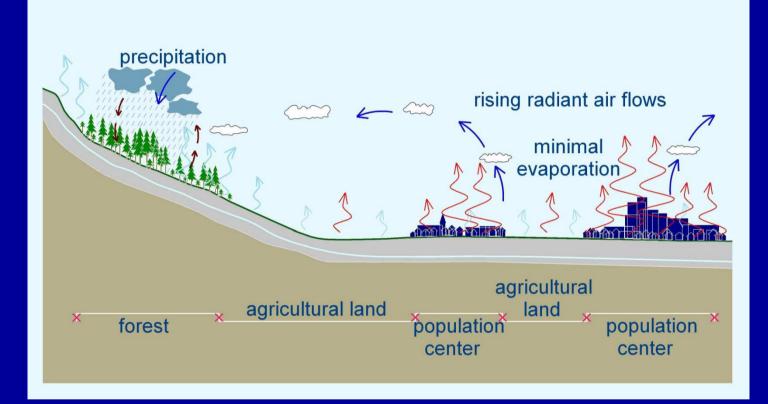


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#### **HEAT ISLANDS OVER DRY and HOT LANDSCAPE**

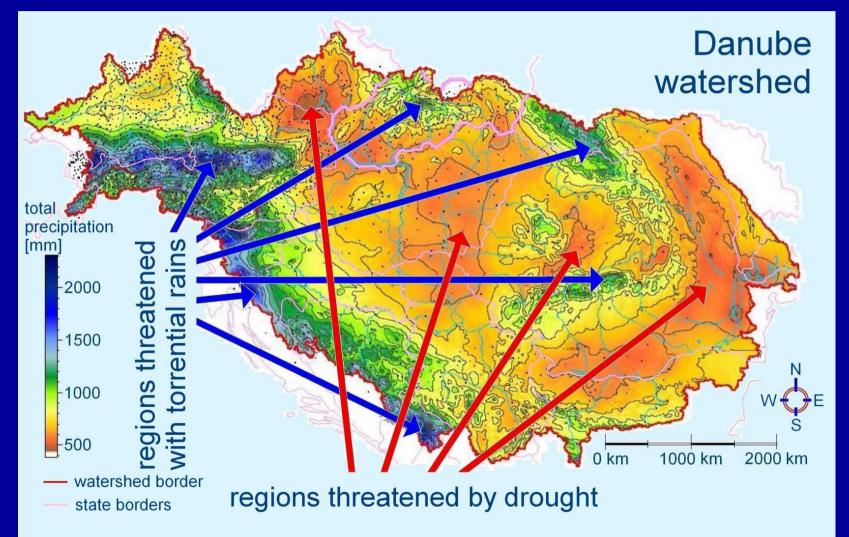


### **IMPACTS ON WEATHER / CLIMATE**

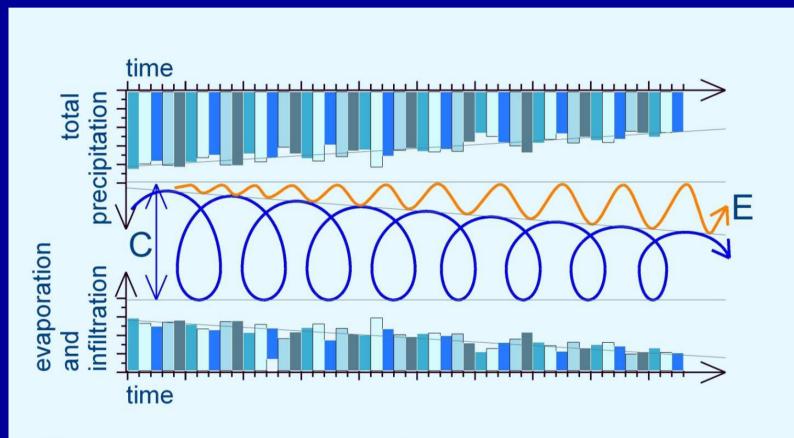


## Frequency of droughts and floods increasing

### PRECIPITATION IN MOUNTAINS AND LOWLANDS – DANUBE WATERSHED

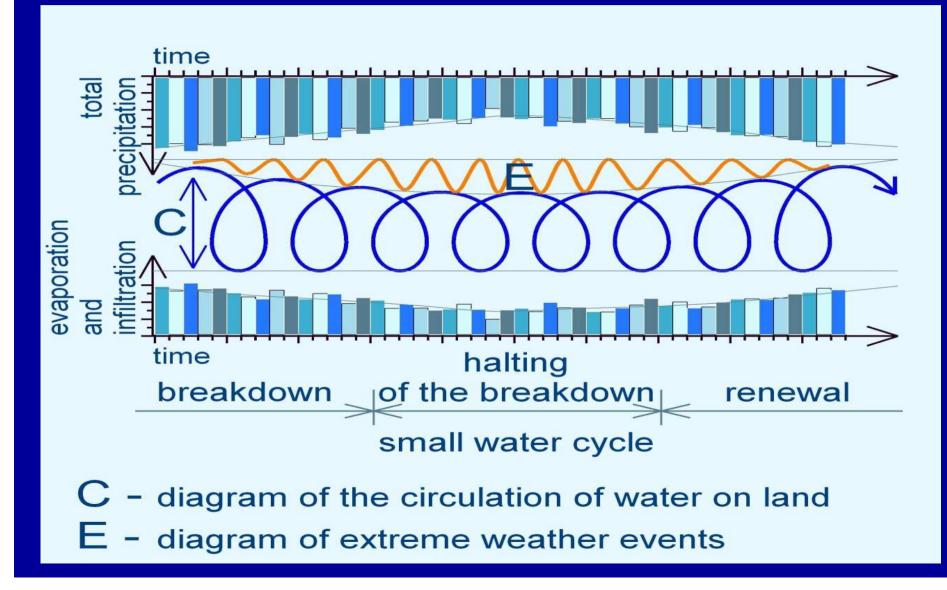


#### GROWTH OF EXTREME WEATHER WITH DECLINE OF SMALL WATER CYCLES



- C diagram of the circulation of water on land
- E diagram of extreme weather events

#### DESTRUCTION AND RENEWAL OF SMALL WATER CYCLE



#### Water for the Recovery of the Climate

A New Water Paradigm

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- humanity accelerates the runoff from land
- more solar energy is transformed into sensible heat
- draining of a land can be reversed through comprehensive conservation of rainwater
- renewal of small water cycle over land can temper extreme weather events and ensure a growth in water reserves

#### **Old water paradigm**

New water paradigm

- protects surface water as the main source and reserve of water
- protects groundwater and soil water as the main treasure of water

#### Old water paradigm

New water paradigm

- rainwater is an inconvenience, needs to be quickly removed
- rainwater is an asset that needs to be retained (especially in soil/plants)

#### Old water paradigm New water paradigm

- soil sealing has minimal impact on the water cycle
- soil sealing has a fundamental impact on the water cycle

#### Old water paradigm New water paradigm

 soil sealing has minimal influence on global warming

 soil sealing may be important factor in global warming

Initiative by group of Central European Activists

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"THE SUBSTANTIAL ROLE OF WATER IN THE CLIMATE SYSTEM OF THE EARTH"

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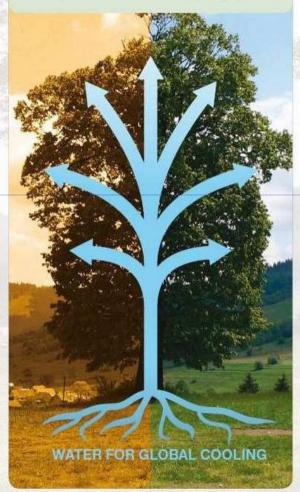
#### Contact in Copenhagen:

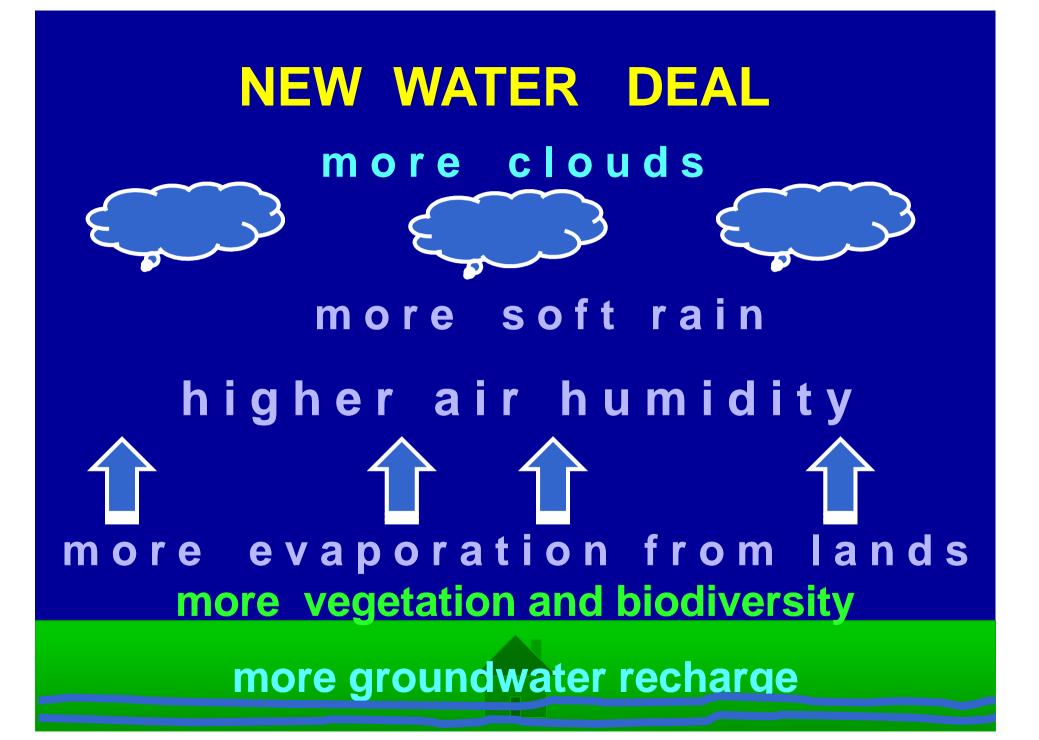
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#### WATER, VEGETATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Košice Civic Protocol (addressed to COP15 - Copenhagen)

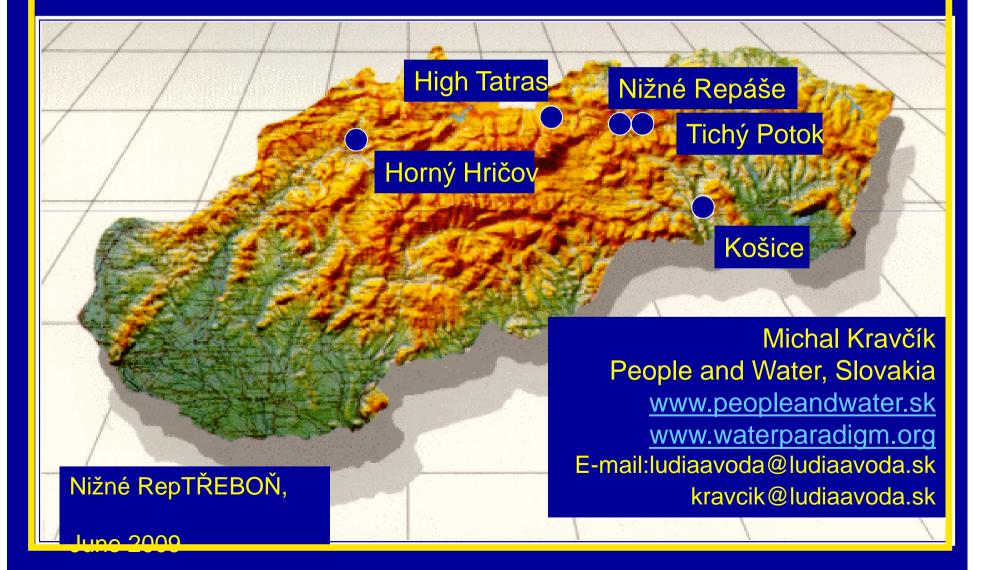


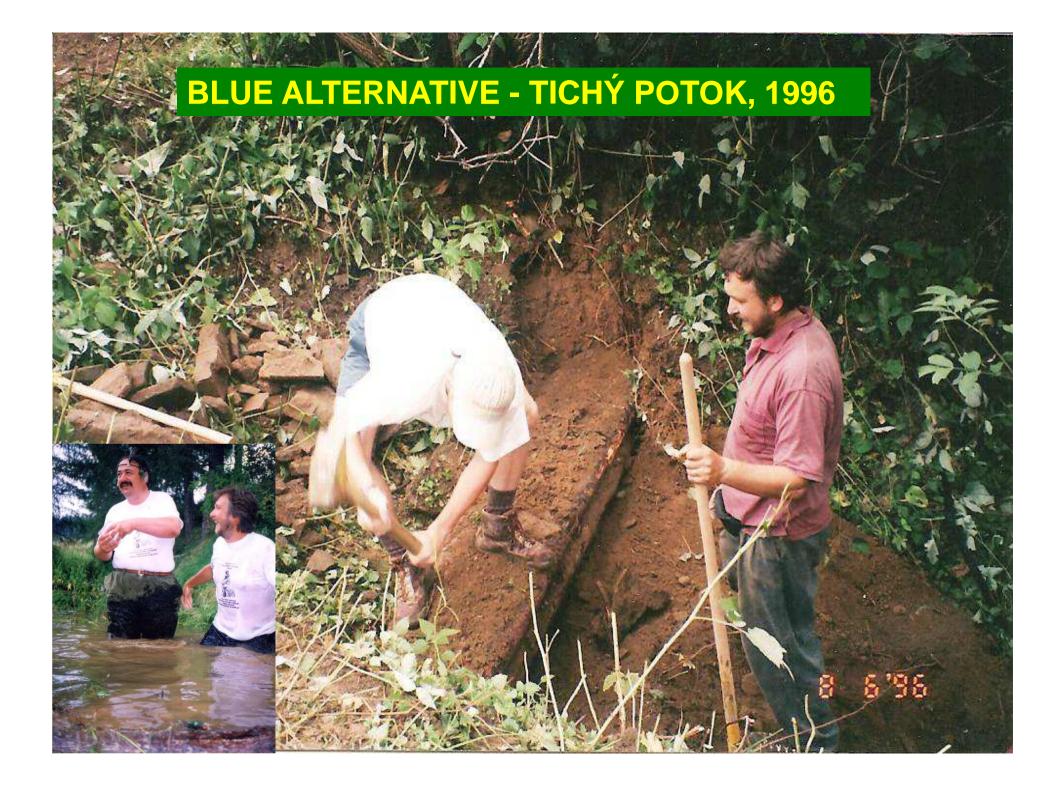


## THE NEW WATER DEAL for BLUE PLANET

- Creation more than 50 million jobs for poor people
- waterholding measures can returne 1000 km<sup>3</sup> rainwater a year to small water cycles
- duration ten years
- 0,008 EUR/m<sup>3</sup>, while current technologies require cca 0,3 eur/m<sup>3</sup>
- costs about 400 billion EUR annually

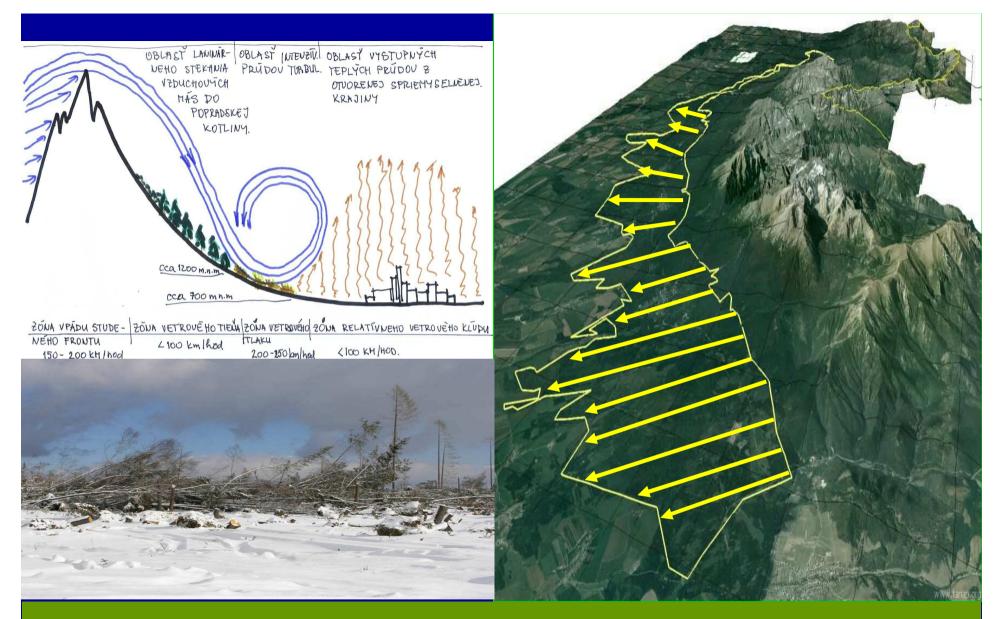
## The cases for rehabilitation of devastated landscape by People and Water





### BLUE ALTERNATIVE





What happened in November, 19th 2004 12.600 hectars of forest was damaged, with risks of drying up, erosion and loss typical climate



2<sup>nd</sup> Phase: Building more than 2.000 waterholdings on the 40 ha of Water Forest (July – September 2005)



<u>3rd Phase:</u> Building waterholdings on the 12 ha of burned area (September – October 2005)





4<sup>th</sup> Phase: Planting new trees at Water Forest October 2005 - May 2006

# Water Forest in High Tatras after 5 years



Water Forest in High Tatras after 9 years

## Flood protection Waterholding, High Tatras, Slovakia









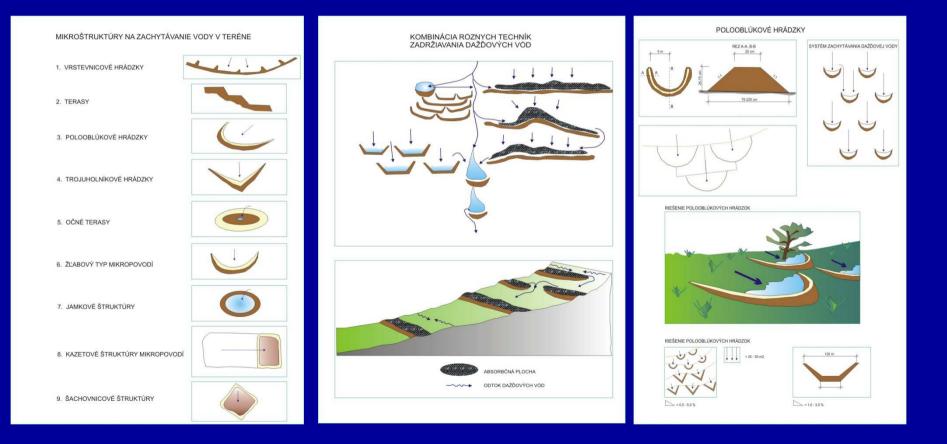


### Restoration of water sources in urban zone Košice People and Water, September 2006

## RAINWATER HARVESTING FROM ROOFS IN CITIES

drainage of rainwater from roofs	
non-perforated pipe	
perforated pipe	
gravel sink	$\checkmark$
infiltration of rainwater to the soil	

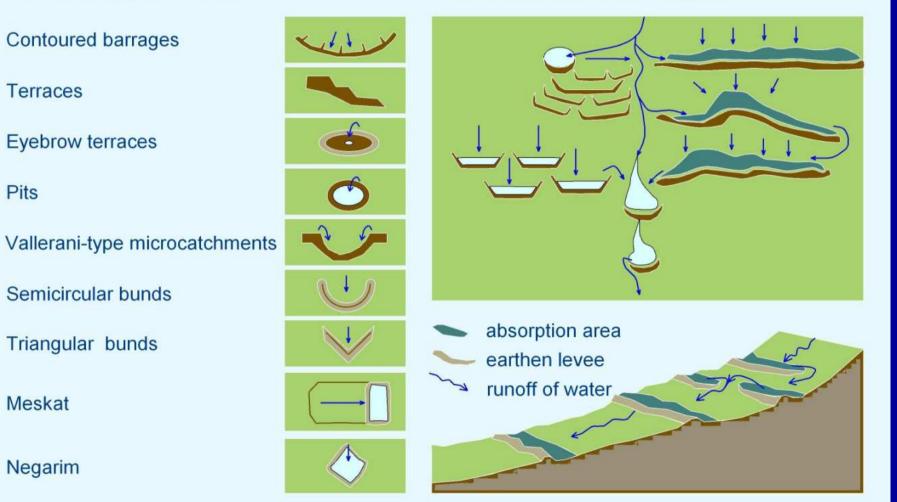
## Principle "Keep rainwater on the land"



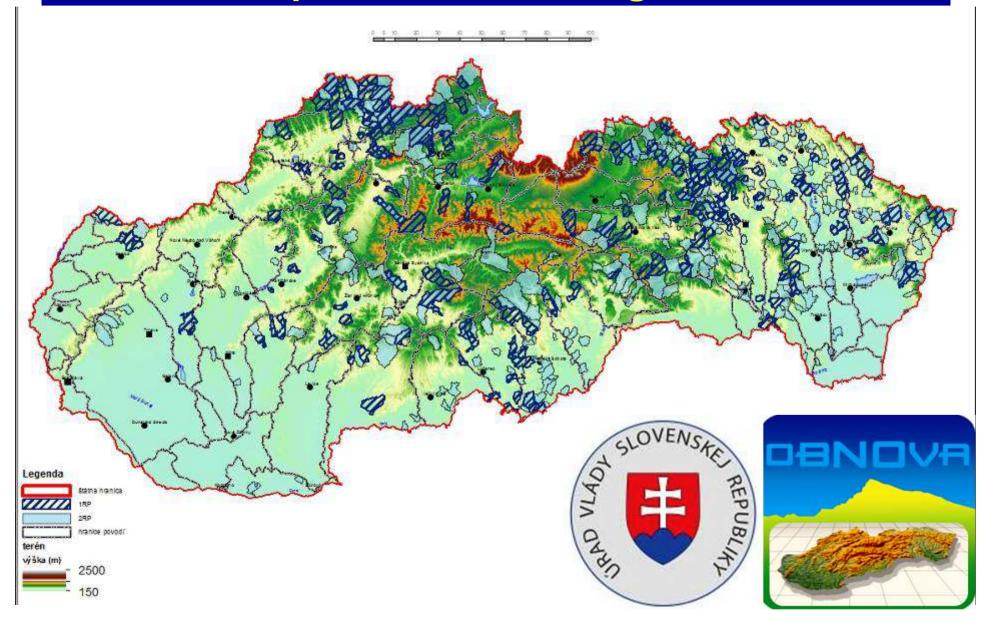
## **RAINWATER HARVESTING ON SLOPES**

# Microstructures for the rainwater harvesting on land

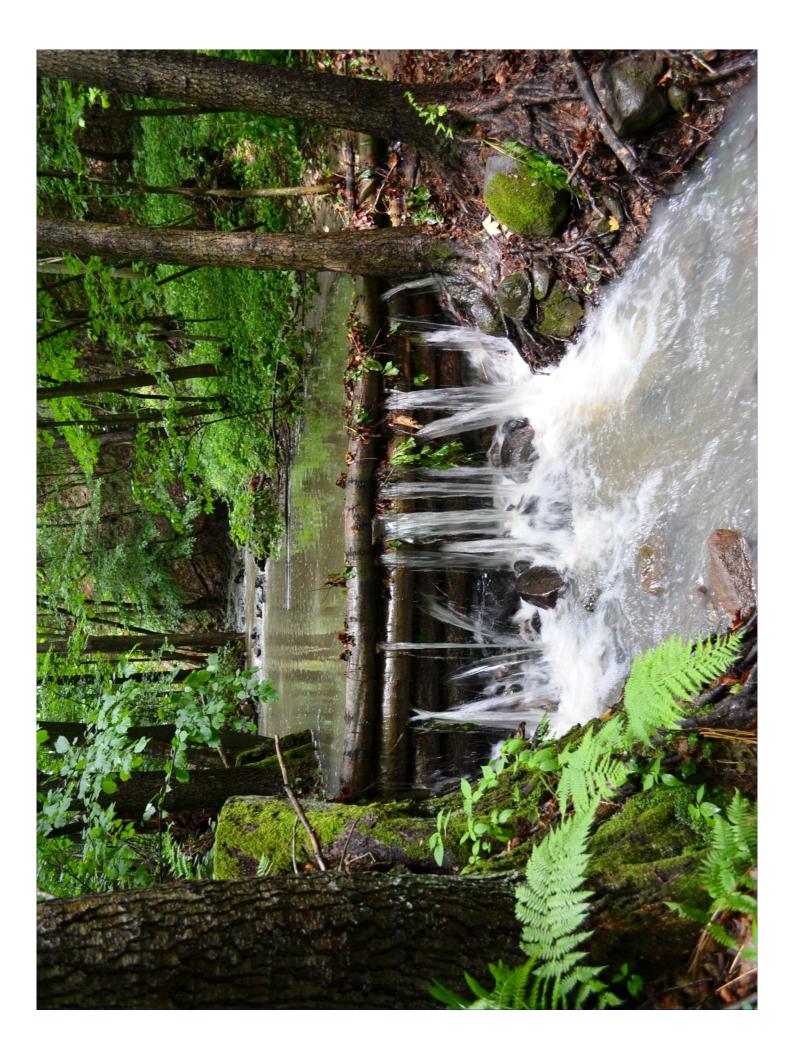
Combination of different rainwater harvesting technologies



### 488 communities involved in the Government Landscape Restoration Program in 2011



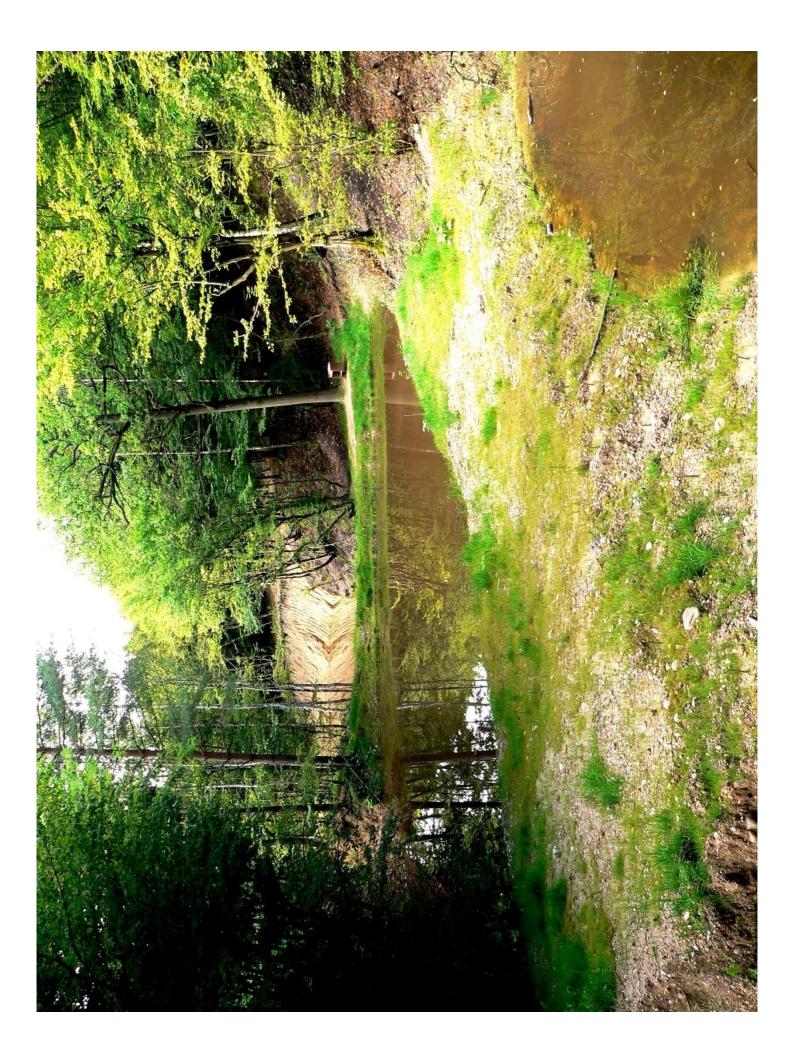








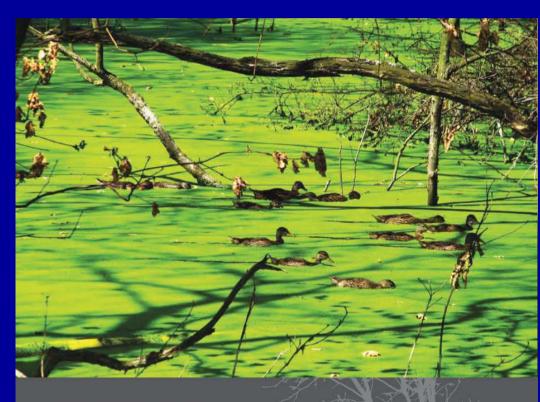








# THE SLOVAK NEW WATER DEAL



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## Hydro-Climate Recovery

Rainwater Storage in demaged landscape













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# **Solution for urban area**



# Rain gardens for urban zones

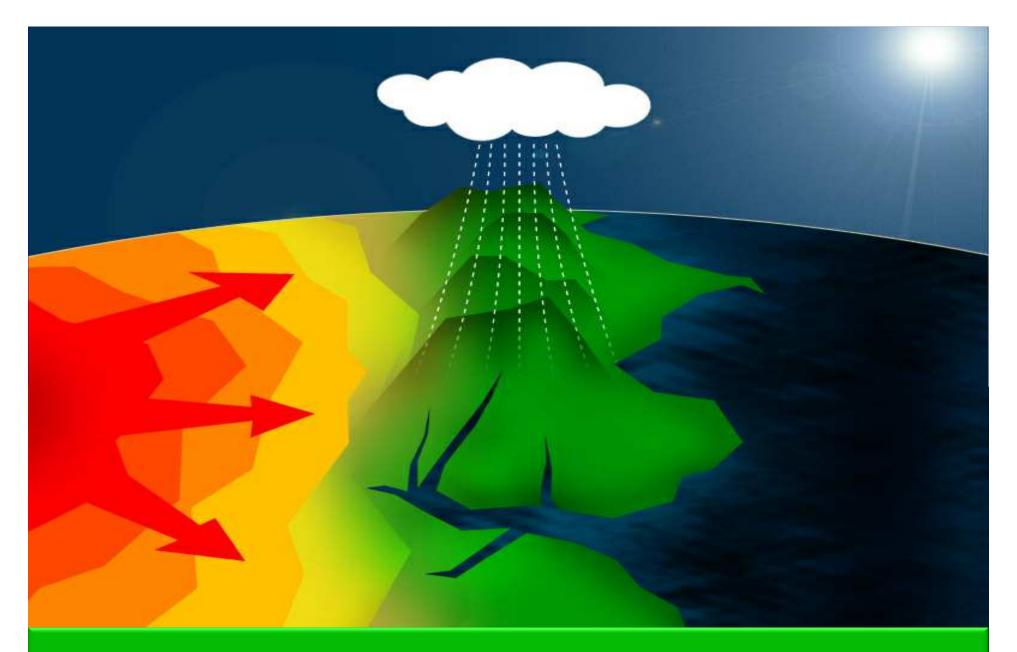




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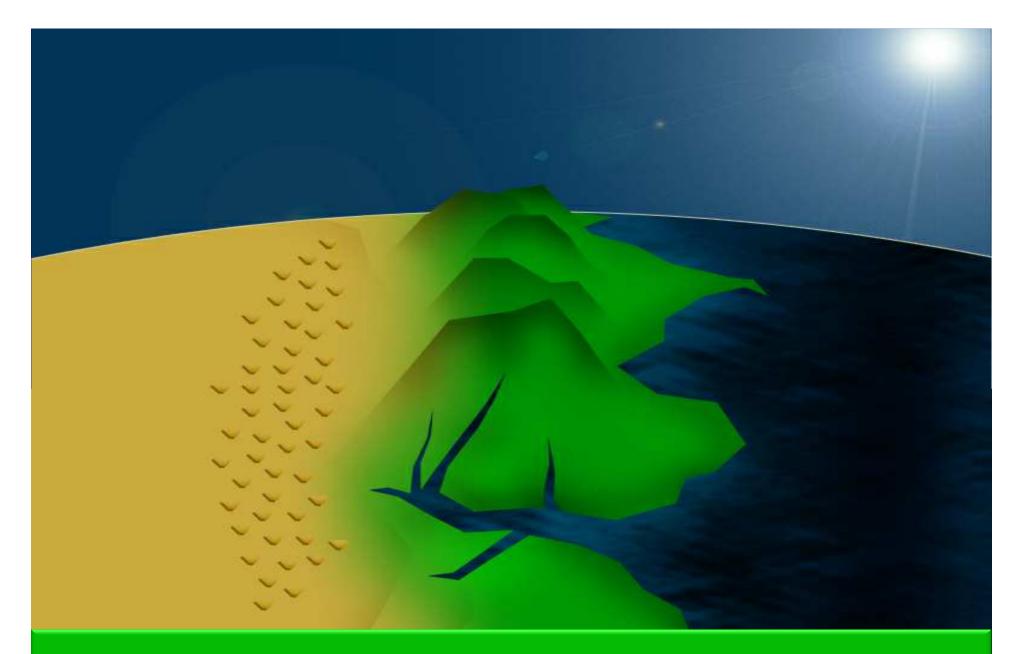


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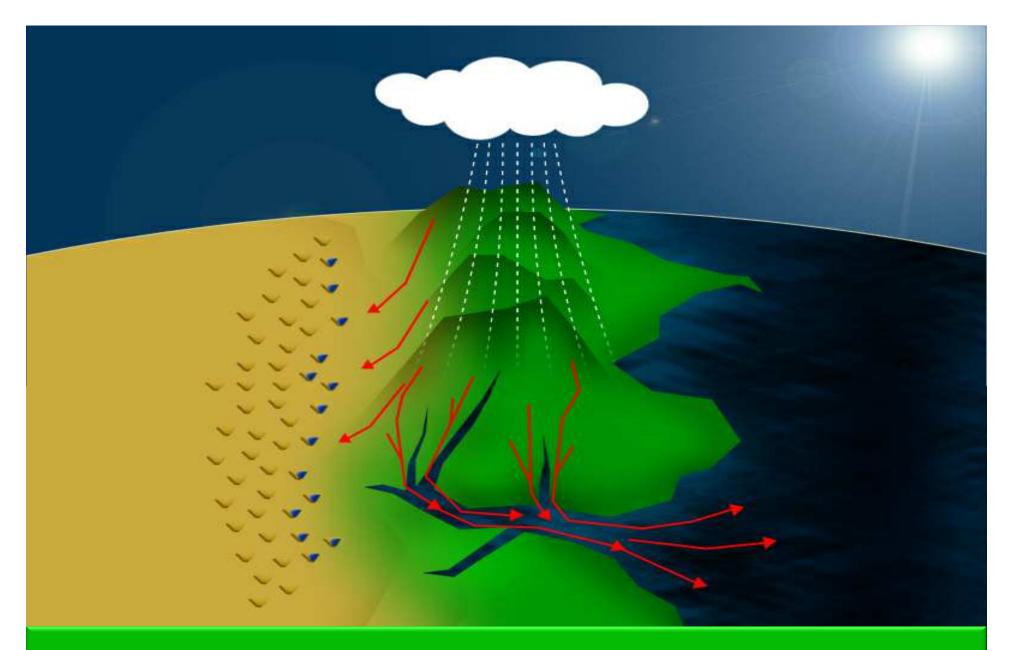


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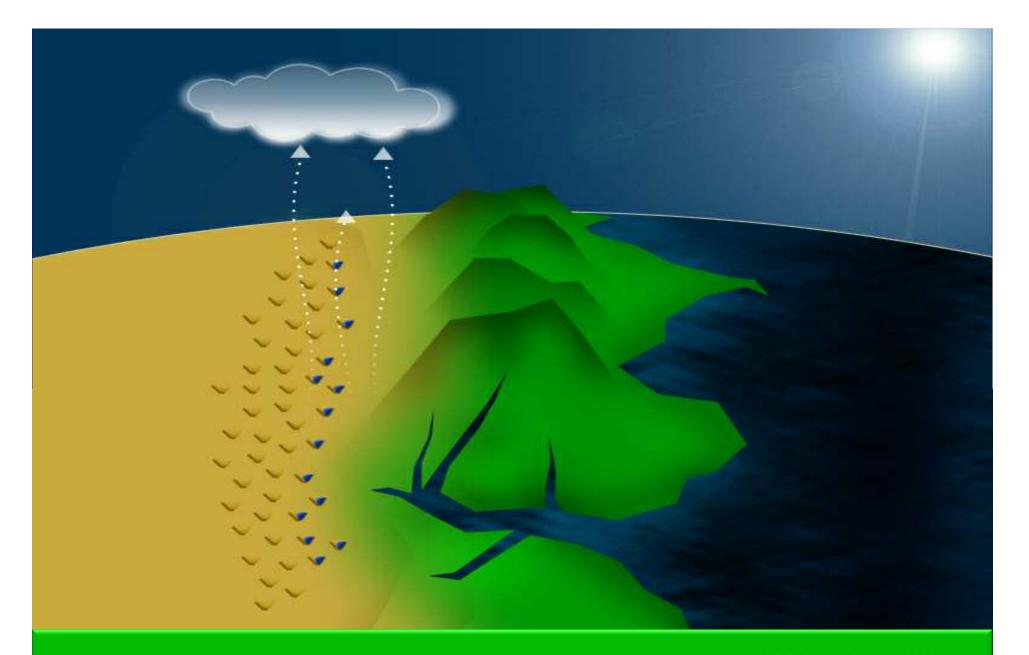


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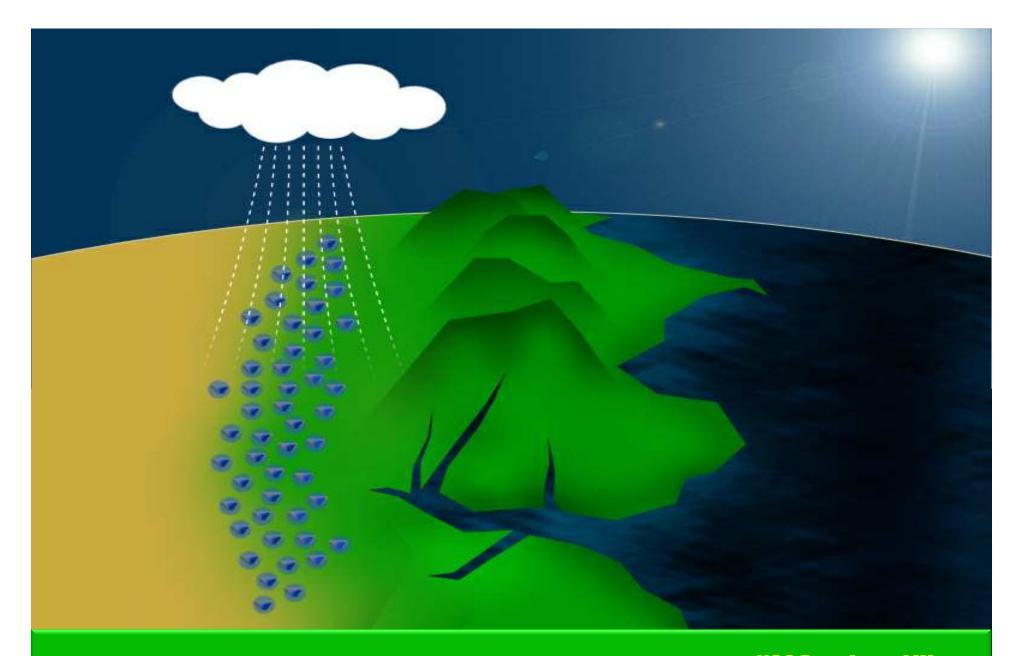


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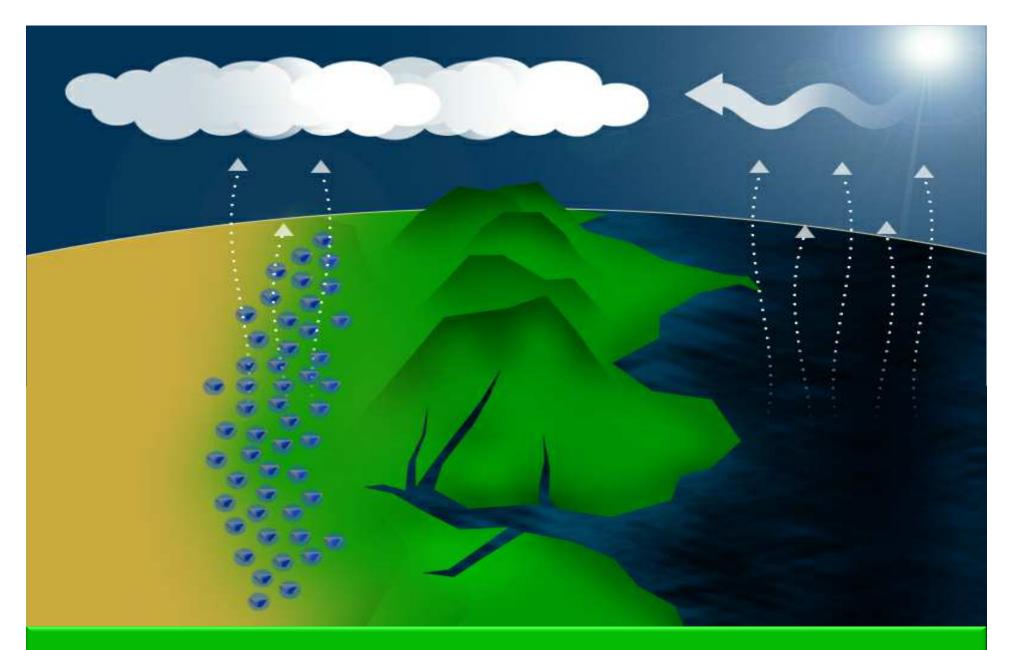
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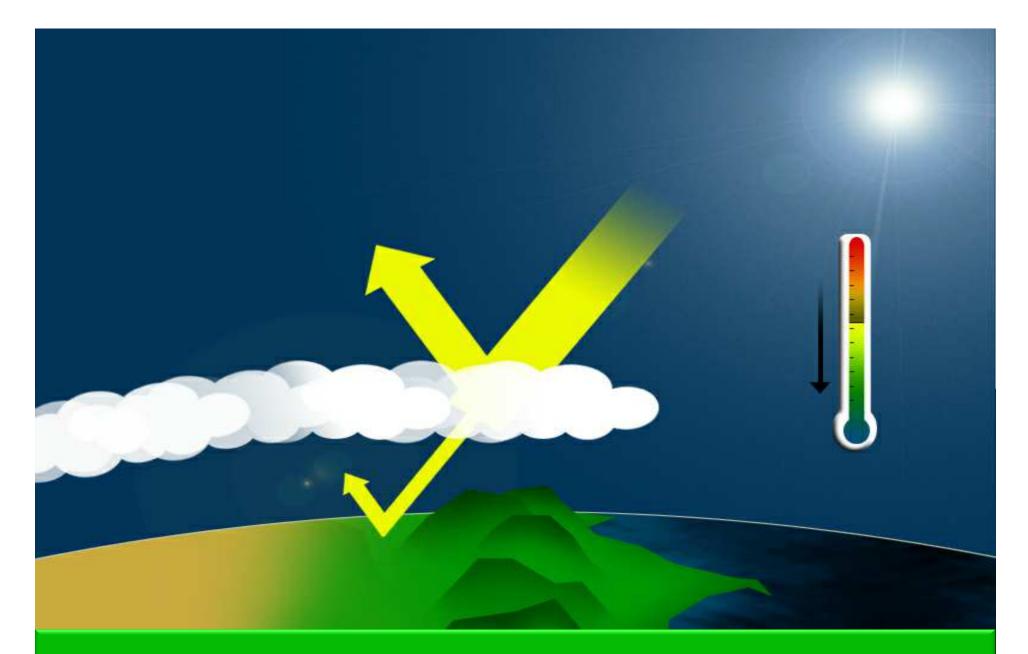


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