

Dear Editor,

We have addressed those minor comments as outlined below (line numbers refer to untracked version).

*Could you enlarge the precipitation bars in Fig. 2a, as they are hard to read (also precipitation is most often displayed as top-down bars). I think for the interpretation of your data it would be good to provide at least ETa data (in Fig. 2a).*

We have enlarged the precipitation bars and also made them top-down. Additionally, we have added ETa data to Fig. 2a and reported the trend in ET values in the text (lines 198-200).

*I was wondering if you could provide zoomed-in versions of the data clusters in Fig. 3, as the point clouds are hard to disentangle.*

We have added zoomed-in versions to Fig. 3 and have reduced the symbol size on this figure, which also improves clarity.

*The axis labels of Figs 5, 6, 8, 9 are quite small, please enlarge those.*

The axis text has been enlarged.

*Please provide an example of "future stresses" in line 593.*

'Future stress' has been omitted. We discuss the specific stresses (short-term variations and land use changes) on lines 578-579.

*I would suggest moving the section l. 611 ff. to the top of the conclusion section.*

We have moved the sentence to the start of the Conclusion (lines 569-571) and reworded a few of the other sentences so that it is clearer where we are discussing general issues.