

Table S1. Equations of the vegetation dynamic model components. Parameters are defined in Table

Ecophysiological term	Equations
Biomass components	$\frac{dB_g}{dt} = a_a P_g - R_g - S_g$ for both tree and grass
	$\frac{dB_s}{dt} = a_s P_g - R_s - S_s$ for both tree and grass
	$\frac{dB_r}{dt} = a_r P_g - R_r - S_r$ for both tree and grass
	$\frac{dB_d}{dt} = S_g - L_a$ for tree only
	where $B_g, B_s, B_r,$ and B_d are the green leaves, stem, living root, and standing dead biomass compartments, respectively, P_g is the gross photosynthesis, a_a, a_s and a_r are allocation coefficients to leaves, stem and root compartments ($a_a + a_s + a_r = 1$), R_g, R_s and R_r are the respiration rates from leaves, stem and root biomass, respectively, S_g, S_s and S_r are the senescence rates of leaves, stem and root biomass, respectively, and L_a is the litter fall
Photosynthesis	$P_g = \varepsilon_p(PAR) f_{PAR} PAR \frac{1.37r_a + 1.6r_{c,min}}{1.37r_a + 1.6r_c}$ $\varepsilon_p(PAR) = a_0 + a_1 PAR + a_2 PAR^2$ $f_{PAR} = 1 - e^{-k_e LAI}$
Allocation	<p>For tree</p> $a_a = \frac{\xi_a}{1 + \Omega[2 - \lambda - f_1(\theta_j)]}; a_s = \frac{\xi_s + \Omega\lambda}{1 + \Omega[2 - \lambda - f_1(\theta_j)]}; a_r = \frac{\xi_r + \Omega(1 - f_1(\theta_j))}{1 + \Omega[2 - \lambda - f_1(\theta_j)]}$ $\lambda = e^{-k_e LAI}; \xi_a + \xi_s + \xi_r = 1$
	<p>For grass</p> $a_a = \frac{\xi_a + \Omega\lambda}{1 + \Omega[1 + \lambda - f_1(\theta_s)]}; a_r = \frac{\xi_s + \Omega(1 - f_1(\theta_s))}{1 + \Omega[1 + \lambda - f_1(\theta_s)]}; \xi_a + \xi_r = 1$
Respiration	$R_g = m_a f_4(T) B_a + g_a [a_{as} P_{g,s} \xi_t + a_{ar} P_{g,r} (1 - \xi_t)]; R_s = m_s f_4(T) B_s + g_s [a_{ss} P_{g,s} \xi_t + a_{sr} P_{g,r} (1 - \xi_t)]; R_r = m_r f_4(T) B_r + g_r [a_{rs} P_{g,r} \xi_t + a_{rr} P_{g,r} (1 - \xi_t)]; f_4(T) = Q_{10}^{T_m/10}$ <p>with T_m = mean daily temperature</p>
Senescence	$S_a = \delta_a B_a; S_s = \delta_s B_s; S_r = \delta_r B_r$
Litterfall	$L_a = k_a B_d$
Leaf area index	$LAI = c_g B_g; LAI_d = c_d B_d$ where LAI and LAI_d are the green and dead leaf area index
Net CO ₂ flux	$F_c = f_t F_{c,t} + f_g F_{c,g} + R_{bs}; F_{c,t} = P_{g,t} - R_{g,t}; F_{c,g} = P_{g,g} - R_{g,g};$ $R_{bs} = R_{10} Q_N \frac{T_m - 10}{10}$

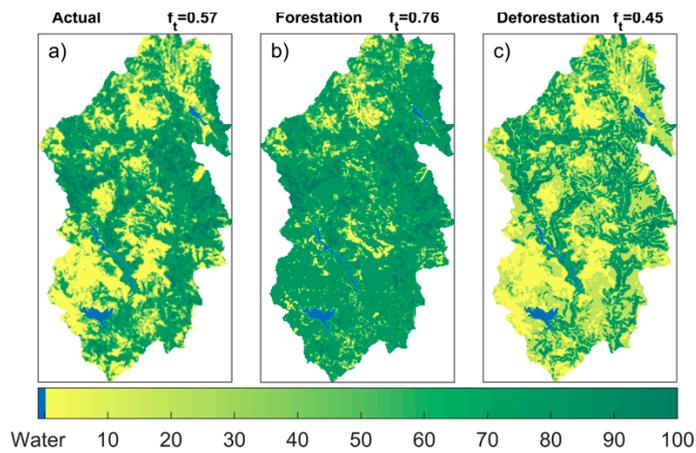


Figure S1. Land cover change scenarios: maps of the fraction of tree vegetation for the: a) actual basin state; b) the afforestation scenario; and c) the deforestation scenario. The fraction of tree cover (f_t) is reported for each map.

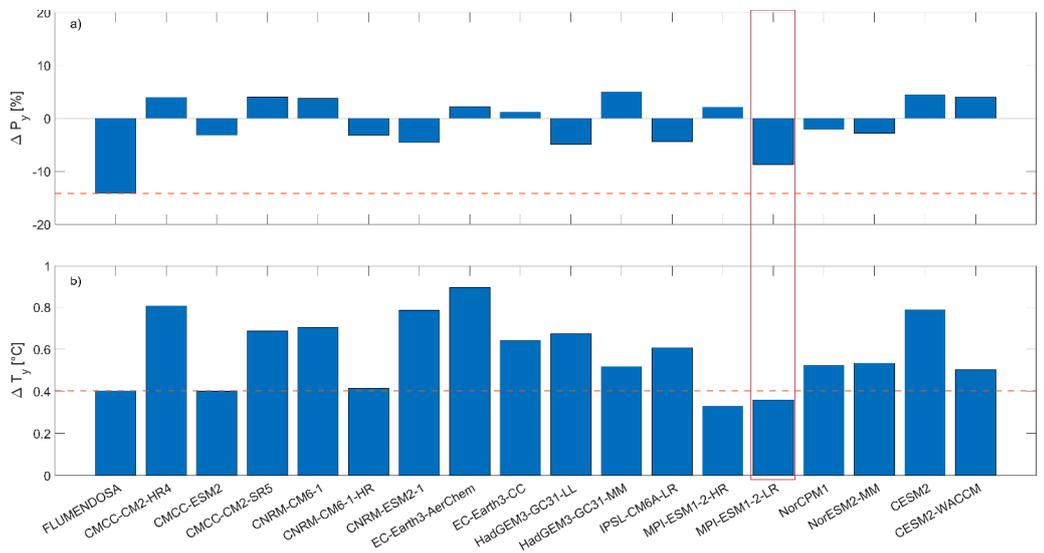


Figure S2. The comparison of 17 Global Climate Models (GCMs) historical predictions with the historical time series of yearly precipitation (P_y) and air temperature (T_y). The mean annual variation of the two variables for the period 1983-2014 are compared to the period 1950-1982.

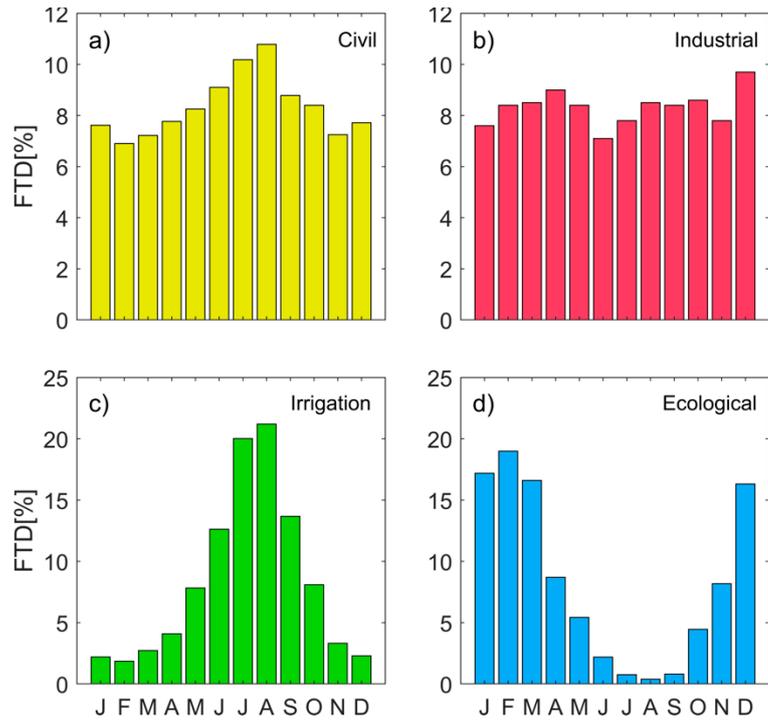


Figure S3. Mean monthly water demands in the Flumendosa dam system for civil, industrial, irrigation and ecological uses.