# SEGURA PRB Storage Capacity Indicator (SCI)

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#### Relevance of this indicator:

- In the European Mediterranean basins, reservoirs are necessary in order to supply the water demands required for drinking water, environment and economic activities.
- This is due to the **extreme irregularity of precipitation**, both spatially and temporally, which **is increasing because of the climate change.**
- In Spain there are **1.226 reservoirs** with a total storage capacity of **54.364 hm**<sup>3</sup> whereas total water demands are 51.300 hm<sup>3</sup>. This storage capacity contributes to mitigate drought impacts.
- The Storage Capacity Indicator (SCI) is one of the most important in the media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc), since it offers quite understandable information to the public, politicians and general users.



TVE: "show the current storage and the average storage in this month for each basin"



Distribution of main reservoirs in the peninsular Spain

#### A few examples on how storage capacity is seen in Spanish media:



have decreased to 44%" 5/29/2002



#### El País.com: "Water reservoir continues to fall and almost reaches half of its capacity" 7/11/2006



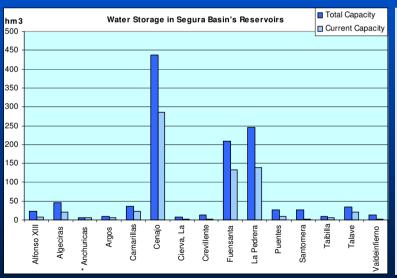
El Mundo.es: "Water reserves decreases for a second consecutive week" 5/17/2006

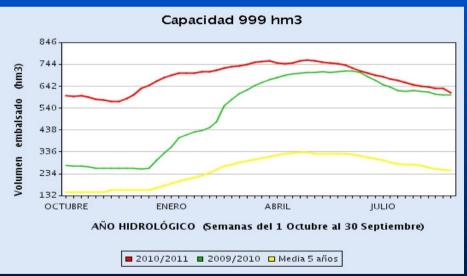
### Calculating the indicator:

• The Storage Capacity Indicator is computed as the relation between:

**Current Basin Stocks / Total Basin Surface Storage Capacity** 

- Spatial scale: River basin (RB) or WFD River Basin District (RBD)
- <u>Temporal scale</u>: Monthly.
- In Facsheet is included a detailed methodology of calculation

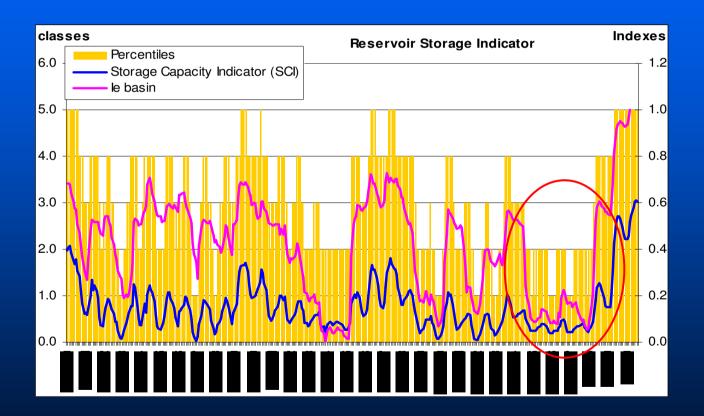




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## **Conclusions:**

• SCI identifies the same drought periods as the Segura Basin State Index (le basin).



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- The current monthly or annual values can be compared with the average data indicating possible water scarcity conditions.
- As an example, on the graph it can be seen that 2009/10 started as a normal year, from the storage point of view, and changed to wet and very wet the rest of the year. While 2005/06 was dry the whole year.

