Dekedal Hydro Meteorology

Forward

This Dekedal Hydro Meteorological Bulletin is prepared and disseminated by the Ethiopia Meteorological institute (EMI). The ultimate objective of producing and disseminating this bulletin is to inform all level decision makers with the updated and relevant hydro meteorological information. This Dekedal Bulletin reviews the march 11-20 2026-month climate condition and its impacts over the river catchment across the country and highlights the March 21-31, 2026 climate outlook along with the likely impact over the water dams and the rivers basins.

The information contained in this bulletin is believed to assist the water professionals for planning the capacity expansion of reservoirs, water supply, ecosystem restoration as well as rehabilitation of existing systems including dams, irrigation, canals, pumps, wetlands and the likes. In addition to the aforementioned benefit the bulletin also reveals the aridity levels of each basin, extremes heavy rainfall events and areas where significant amount of moistures loss through evapotranspiration. In the impact outlook section of the bulletin it provides the likelihood of the climate in the coming month and its potential impact over various aspect of the river basins including the hydraulic structures such as culverts, bridges, reservoir spillways, road embankments and dikes. It also indicates the measures need to be taken as the early actions so as to reduce the possible negative impact of the upcoming month climate condition. Meanwhile, your comments and constructive suggestions are highly appreciated to make the objectives of this bulletin a success.

1. *Introduction*

The provision of hydro meteorological services can contribute a significant role toward water resource management and socio-economic development. Both surface water and groundwater management are essentially linked to climate variability. Therefore, the provided climate information and knowledge in this monthly hydro meteorological bulletin have a critical importance for efficient, equitable and sustainable development and management of the national water resources and for coping with any climate related risks. The information illustrates the impact of previous 10 day weather on each and every water basins and the associated climate risks observed during the day under review. In addition to the previous 10 day impact assessment, the bulletin also provided the expected climate condition for the coming ten day and its impact on the water resource. The design of water-use and flood-control facilities, mainly dams and reservoirs, is frequently based on these analyses. Estimating the likelihood of precipitation, the distribution of precipitation and the rate of evaporation in location and time, the heavy rainfall and the subsequent runoff, extreme temperature and wind are among issues that hydro meteorologists are concerned with.

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The hydro meteorological data analysed during the second ten days of March indicate that most of the catchment basins experienced better surface water flow. In addition, most of the Genale Dawa, Omo Gibe, Rift Valley, Upper and Middle Wabi Shebele, Awash, and a few of the Upper Abay, Tekeze, and Afar Danakil basins experienced moderate to high surface water flow. In addition, the Middle and Lower Omo Gibe, Rift Valley, and Genale Dawa basins experienced very high surface water flow, which had a positive effect on improving water storage in the basins.

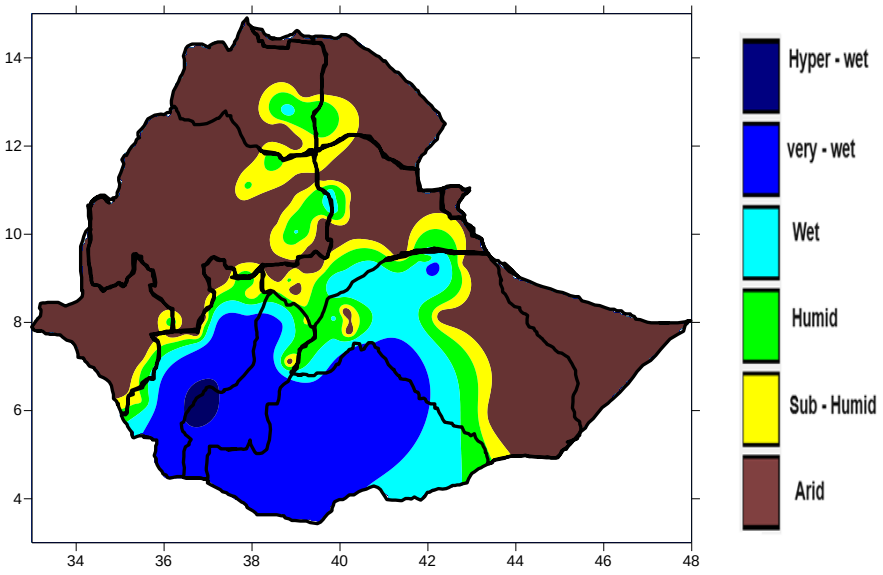

Figure 1 Dekedal Hydro Meteorological Assessments from march11-20, 2026

1.2 Hydro Meteorological Impact Outlook for March 21-31, 2026

The next 10 days of March most of belg benefiting the river basins will be good water states weather condition. Such as Genale Dawa, Omo Gibe, Wabi Shebele, central Rift Valley. This situation will be replenishment the flow of water body, it is recommended to proper water utilization and also keep necessary watch out for flood hazard and other high flow may leading of land slide and so on. Inanition use below table in sub basin hotspot area, recommendation, negative and positive impacts.

Water Condition	River Basins	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Advisory
Moderate to High Surface Water Flow	Abay, Tekeze, Baro-Akobo, Afar-Danakil, Awash, Upper Omo Gibe, Rift Valley, Genale-Dawa	Increased water availability for irrigation and hydropower dams; Improved drinking water supply	Increased Evaporation; Inadequate water storage; Flood risk; Sedimentation risk	Rainwater harvesting and storage; Flood prevention and control measures
Low to Moderate	Upper & Middle Wabi Shebelle, Awash, Central Rift Valley, parts of Tekeze, Ogaden	Moderate improvement in surface water flow	Increased evaporation; Limited water supply	Efficient use of available water; Reduce water loss and wastage
Dry Conditions	Middle & Lower Omo-Gibe, Rift Valley, Genale-Dawa, Wabi Shebelle, Mereb-Gash, Ogaden, Aysha	Reduced flood and sedimentation risk; Lower contamination risk in water bodies	Reduced drinking water supply; Decline in river and reservoir levels	Water conservation practices; Apply water-saving techniques

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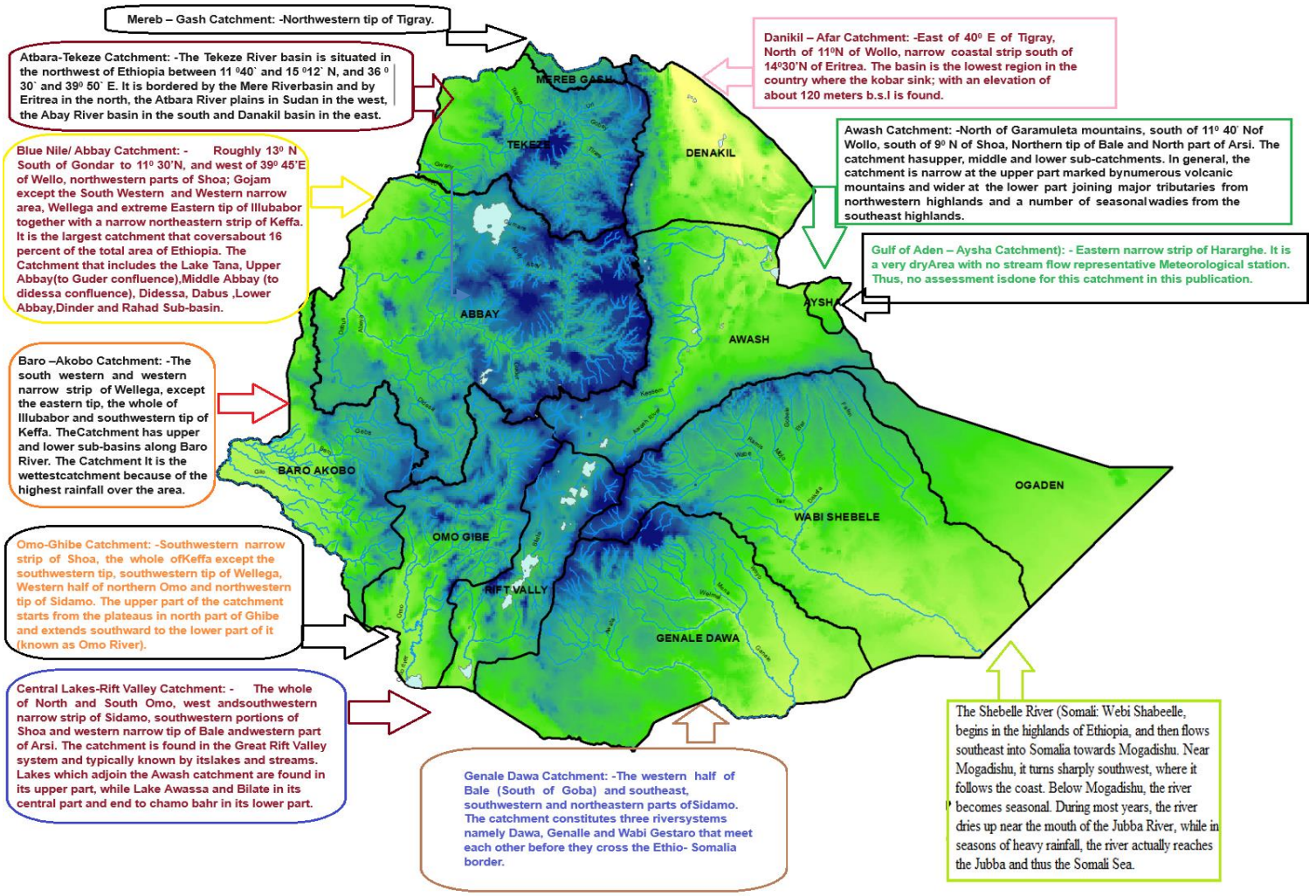
Mereb – Gash Catchment: -Northwestern tip of Tigray.
Atbara-Tekeze Catchment: -The Tekeze River basin is situated in the northwest of Ethiopia between 11 °40` and 15 °12` N, and 36 ° 30` and 39° 50` E. It is bordered by the Mere Riverbasin and by Eritrea in the north, the Atbara River plains in Sudan in the west, the Abay River basin in the south and Danakil basin in the east.
Blue Nile/ Abbay Catchment: - Roughly 13° N South of Gondar to 11° 30'N, and west of 39° 45'E of Wello, northwestern parts of Shoa; Gojam except the South Western and Western narrow area, Wellega and extreme Eastern tip of Illubabor together with a narrow northeastern strip of Keffa. It is the largest catchment that coversabout 16 percent of the total area of Ethiopia. The Catchment that includes the Lake Tana, Upper Abbay(to Guder confluence),Middle Abbay (to didessa confluence), Didessa, Dabus ,Lower Abbay,Dinder and Rahad Sub-basin.
Baro –Akobo Catchment: -The south western and western narrow strip of Wellega, except the eastern tip, the whole of Illubabor and southwestern tip of Keffa. TheCatchment has upper and lower sub-basins along Baro River. The Catchment It is the wettestcatchment because of the highest rainfall over the area.
Omo-Ghibe Catchment: -Southwestern narrow strip of Shoa, the whole ofKeffa except the southwestern tip, southwestern tip of Wellega, Western half of northern Omo and northwestern tip of Sidamo. The upper part of the catchment starts from the plateaus in north part of Ghibe and extends southward to the lower part of it (known as Omo River).
Central Lakes-Rift Valley Catchment: - The whole of North and South Omo, west andsouthwestern narrow strip of Sidamo, southwestern portions of Shoa and western narrow tip of Bale andwestern part of Arsi. The catchment is found in the Great Rift Valley system and typically known by itslakes and streams. Lakes which adjoin the Awash catchment are found in its upper part, while Lake Awassa and Bilate in its central part and end to chamo bahr in its lower part.
Danikil – Afar Catchment: -East of 40° E of Tigray, North of 11°N of Wollo, narrow coastal strip south of 14°30'N of Eritrea. The basin is the lowest region in the country where the kobar sink; with an elevation of about 120 meters b.s.l is found.
Awash Catchment: -North of Garamuleta mountains, south of 11° 40` Nof Wollo, south of 9° N of Shoa, Northern tip of Bale and North part of Arsi. The catchment hasupper, middle and lower sub-catchments. In general, the catchment is narrow at the upper part marked bynumerous volcanic mountains and wider at the lower part joining major tributaries from northwestern highlands and a number of seasonal wadies from the southeast highlands.
Gulf of Aden – Aysha Catchment): - Eastern narrow strip of Hararghe. It is a very dryArea with no stream flow representative Meteorological station. Thus, no assessment isdone for this catchment in this publication.
Genale Dawa Catchment: -The western half of Bale (South of Goba) and southeast, southwestern and northeastern parts ofSidamo. The catchment constitutes three riversystems namely Dawa, Genalle and Wabi Gestaro that meet each other before they cross the Ethio- Somalia border.
The Shebelle River (Somali: Webi Shabeelle, begins in the highlands of Ethiopia, and then flows southeast into Somalia towards Mogadishu. Near Mogadishu, it turns sharply southwest, where it follows the coast. Below Mogadishu, the river becomes seasonal. During most years, the river dries up near the mouth of the Jubba River, while in seasons of heavy rainfall, the river actually reaches the Jubba and thus the Somali Sea.
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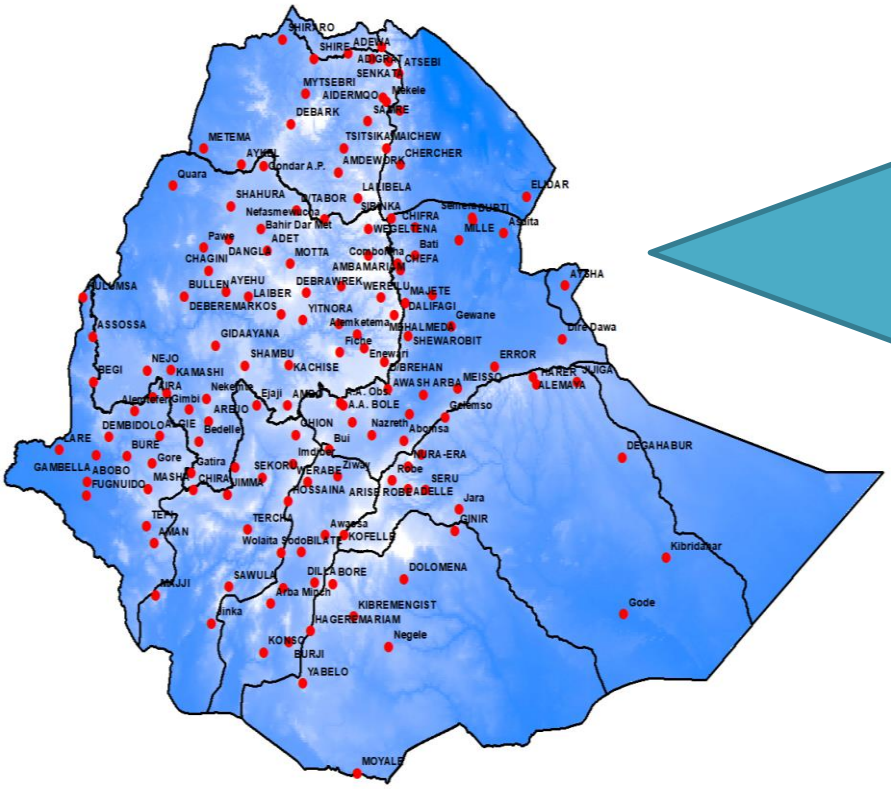

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