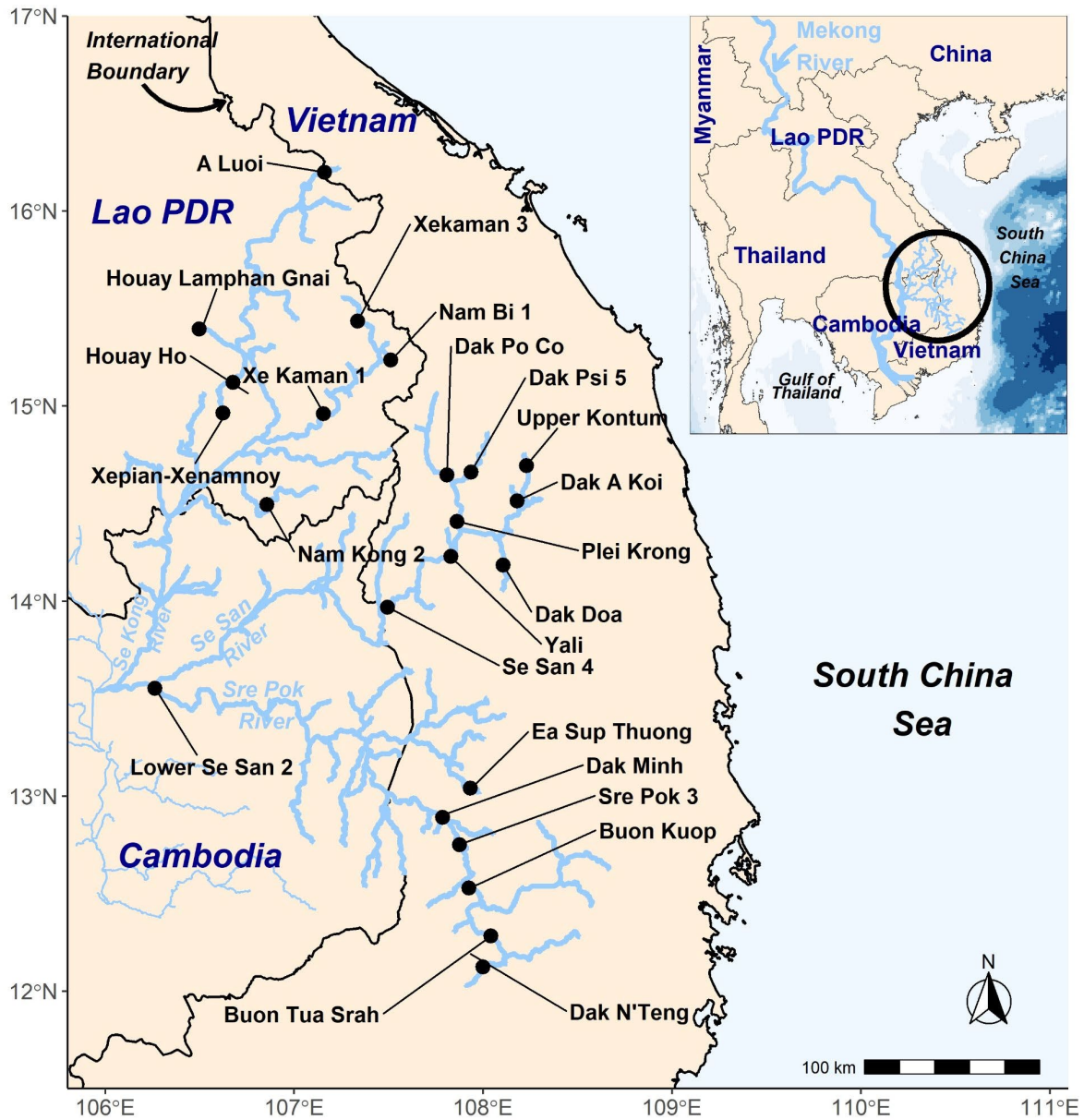
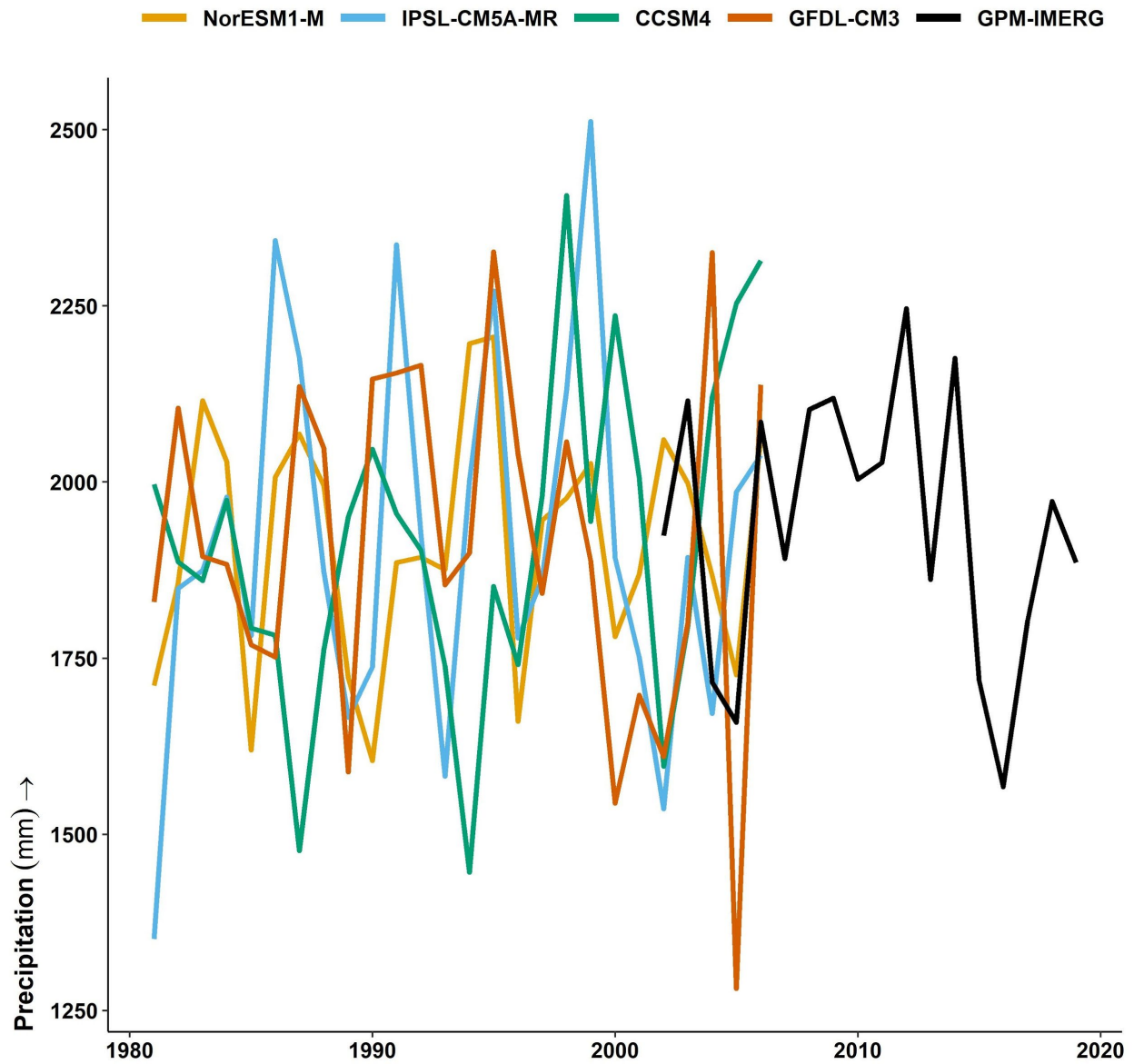


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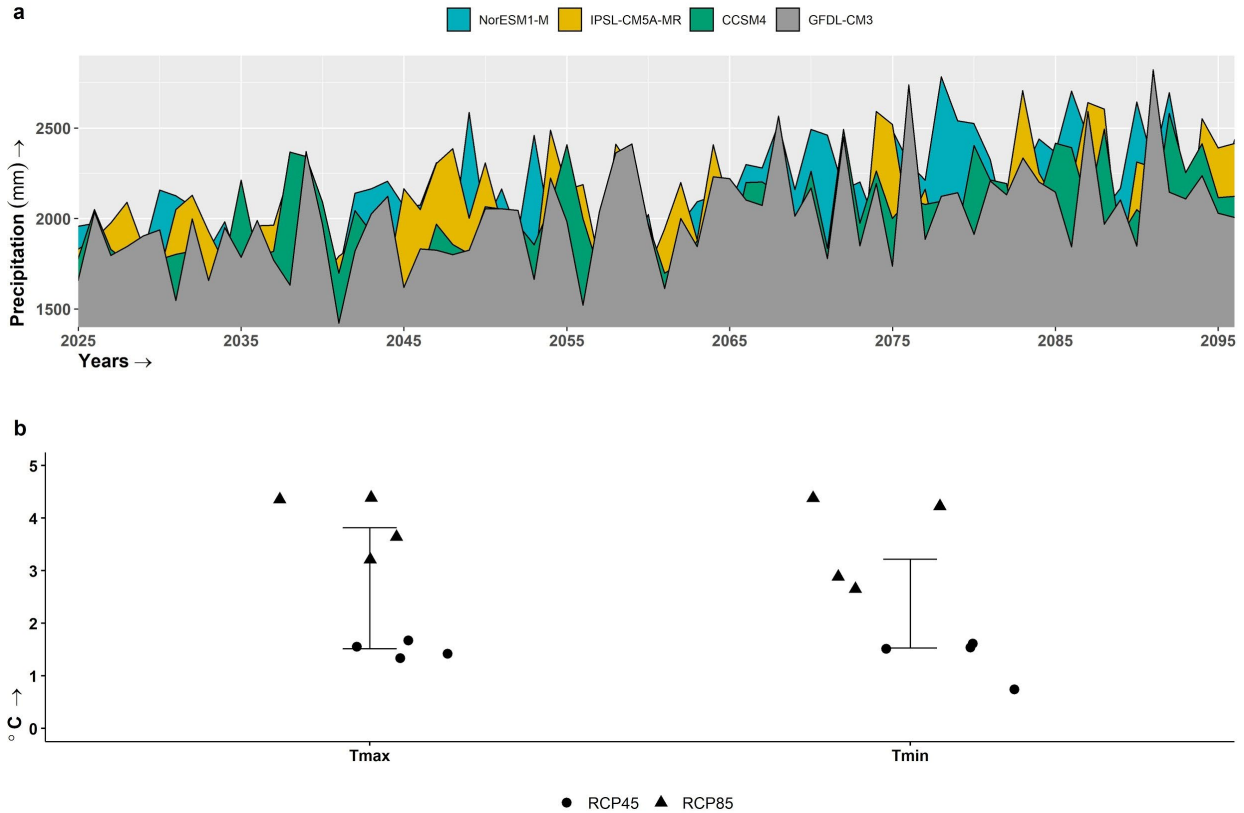
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4 the Mekong River Basin. The upper right map gives the location of the 3S River Basin in the
5 Mekong River Basin. Black dots are existing and planned reservoirs examined under Business as
6 Usual (BAU), Storage, and Release management scenarios. The 3S River Basin drainage area is

7 about 78,714 km². Maps created and drafted using R: A language and environment for
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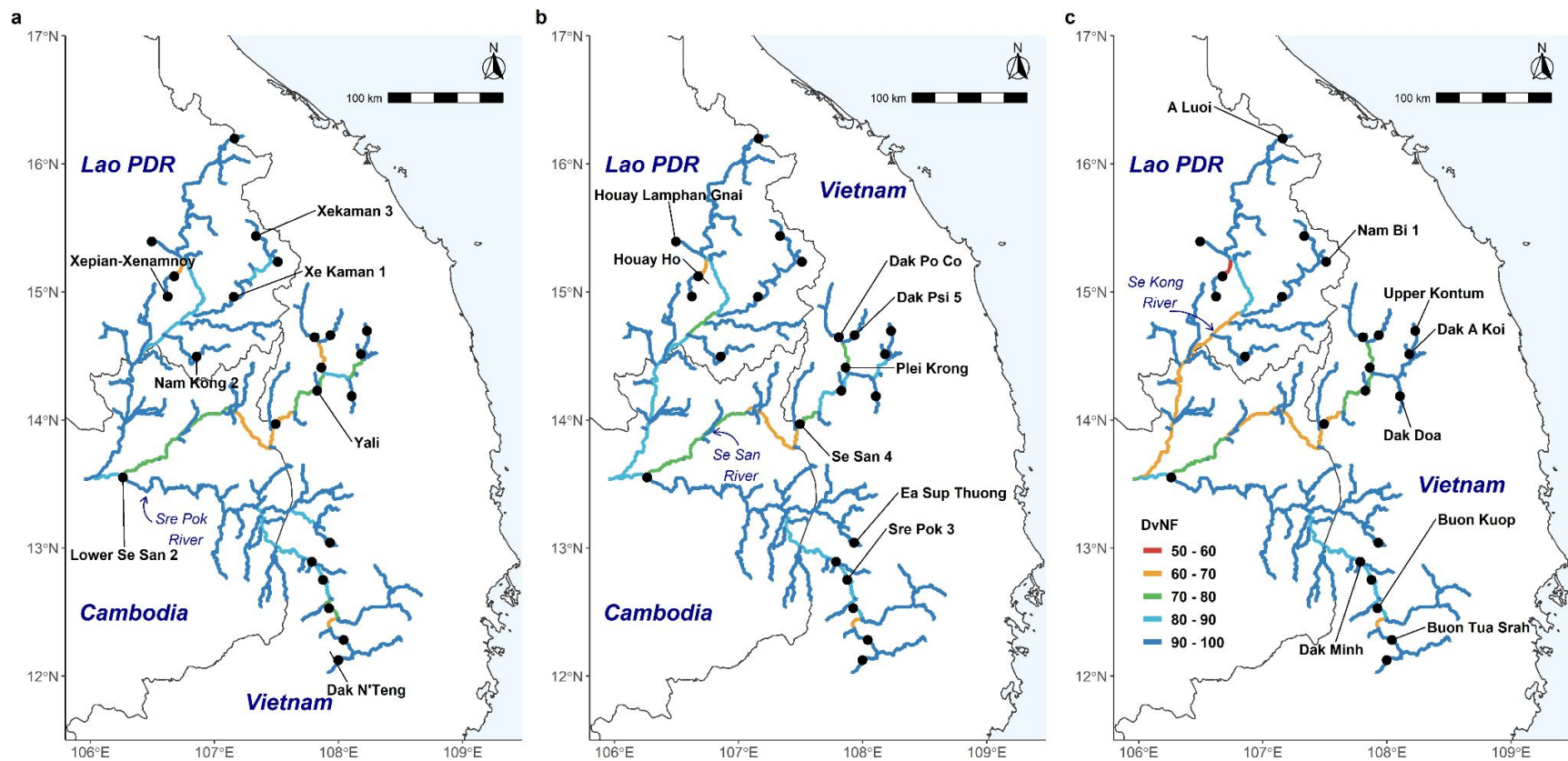
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 13 the Lower Mekong in comparison with CMIP5 hindcast data. The Integrated Multi-satellite
 14 Retrieval for the Global Precipitation Measurement mission (IMERG) dataset processed is
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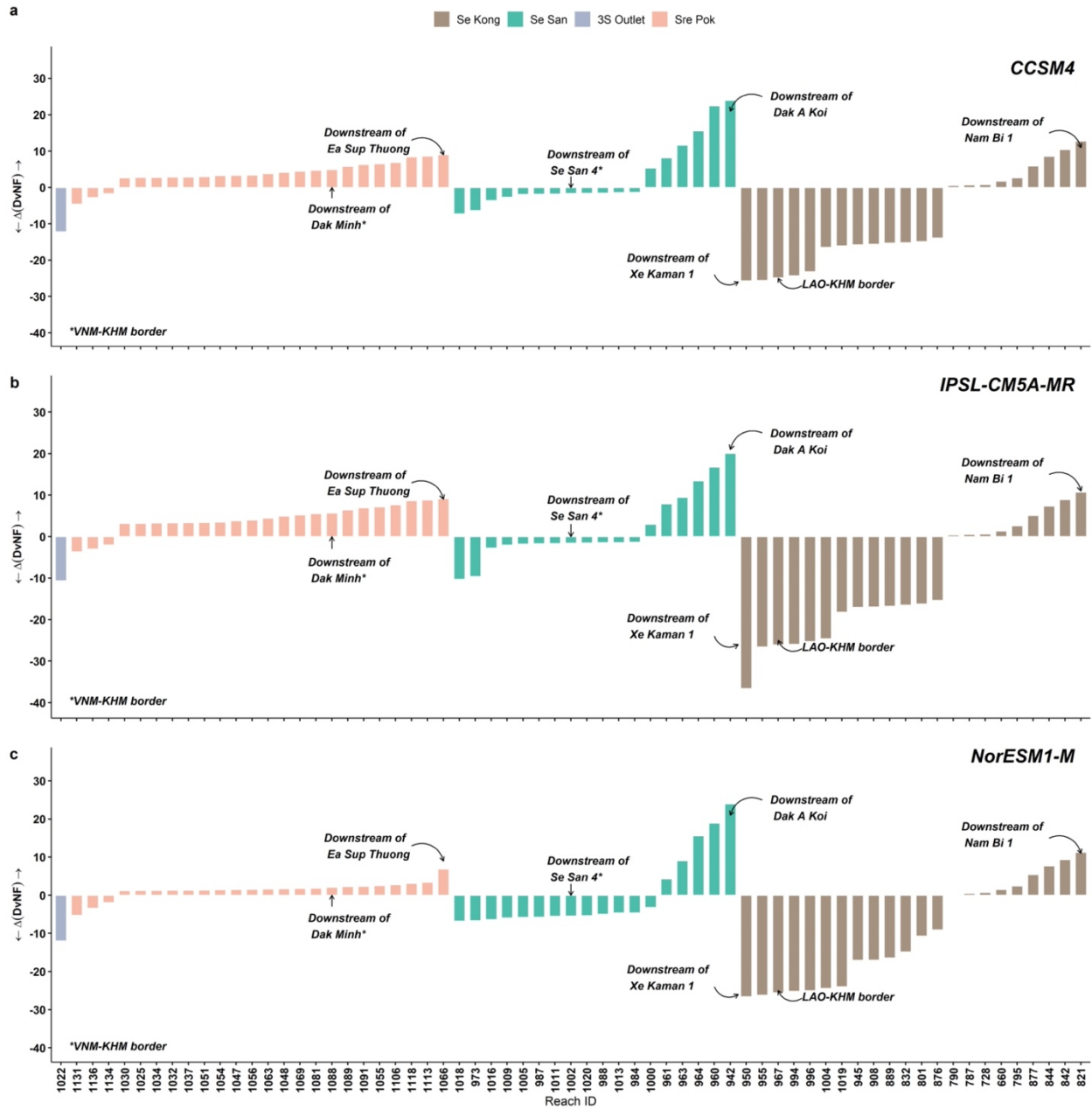
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 18 annual precipitation amounts under the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5
 19 (CMIP5) representative concentration scenario (RCP 8.5). Panel (b) displays the projected
 20 increase of mean annual air temperatures (Tmin & Tmax). Climate analysis for precipitation and
 21 air temperature presented covers the time period from 2024 to 2095. Four climate model
 22 groups (NorESM1-M, IPSL-CM5A, GFDL-CM3, and CCSM4) are studied. For air temperature unit
 23 conversion, 0 degree Celsius is equal to 273.15 Kelvin.



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25 Figure S4. Spatial variation of the deviation from natural flow (DvNF) at the 3S River Basin under the Coupled Model Intercomparison
 26 Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) representative concentration scenario (RCP 8.5) with the GFDL-CM3 climate group is displayed for different
 27 management scenarios — i.e., panel a (Storage), panel b (Business as Usual, BAU), panel c (Release). Black dots refer to existing and
 28 planned reservoirs modeled in the 3S region. Maps created and drafted using R: A language and environment for statistical

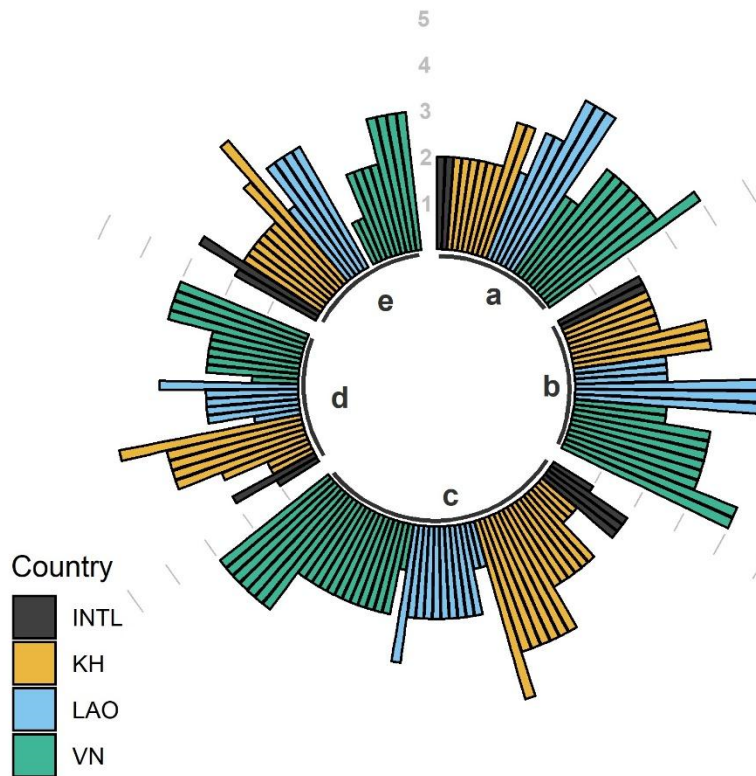
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32 Figure S5. Bar plot of the change in deviation from natural flow ($\Delta DvNF = DvNF_{Storage} -$
 33 $DvNF_{Release}$) at the 3S River Basin under the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5
 34 (CMIP5) representative concentration scenario (RCP 8.5) with the (a) CCSM4, (b) IPSL-CM5A-
 35 MR, and (c) NorESM1-M climate groups. A zero in $\Delta DvNF$ refers to 3S River segments that are
 36 insensitive to management scenarios. The $DvNF$ results shown were calculated from 2025 to

- 37 2050 time period. The 3S River segments are labeled with Reach ID numbers (e.g., Reach ID #
- 38 1022 is the 3S Outlet).



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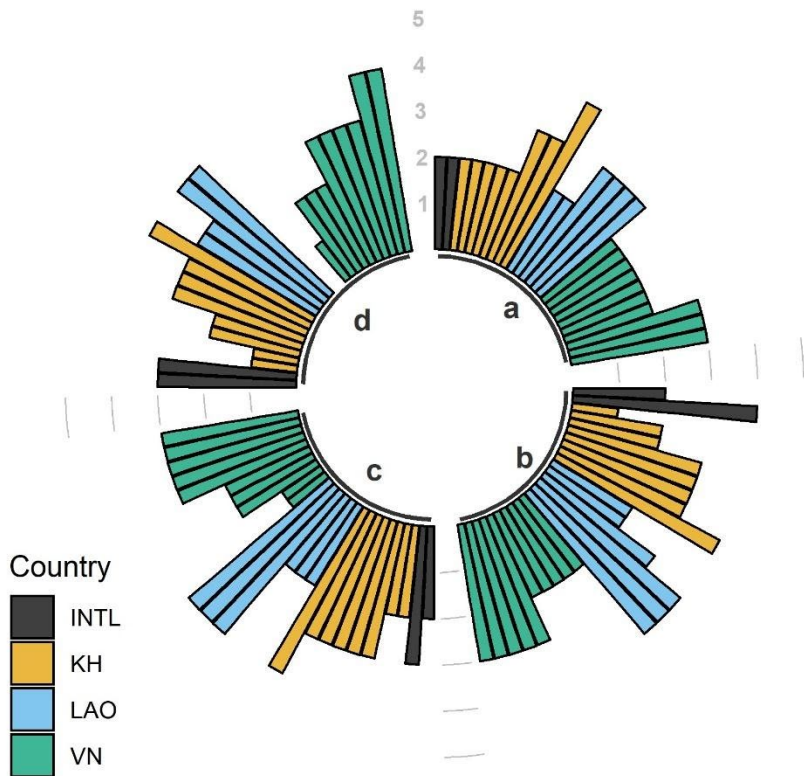
40 Figure S6. Financial capacity questionnaire responses from the 3S Governance and Stakeholders

41 survey a) level of investment in water supply development, b) level of investment in service

42 delivery systems, c) level of investment in wastewater handling and treatment, d) level of

43 investment in ecosystem conservation and rehabilitation, and e) level of investment in

44 monitoring and enforcement.



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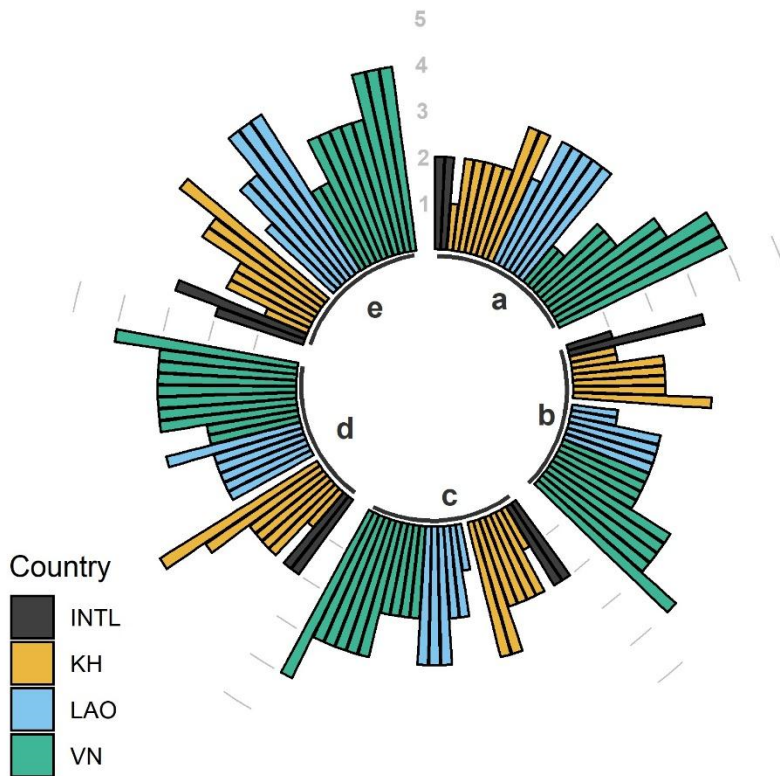
46 Figure S7. Information access and knowledge questionnaire responses from the 3S Governance

47 and Stakeholders survey. a) information is accessible to interested stakeholders; b) information

48 meets expected quality standards, in terms of frequency, level of detail, and subjects of interest

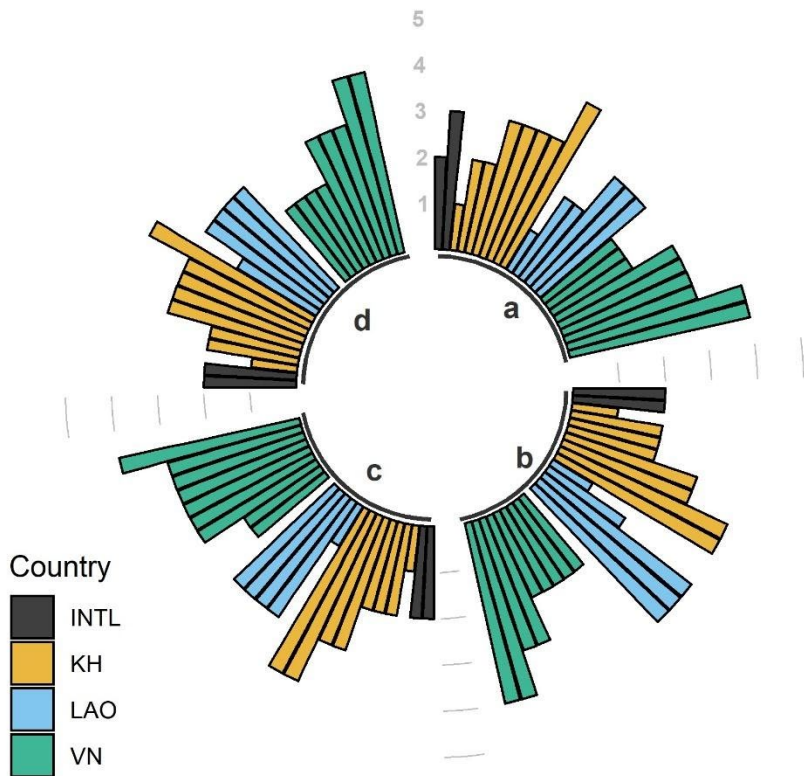
49 to stakeholders; c) information is transparently sourced; and d) all available, sound and relevant

50 information is routinely applied in decision-making.



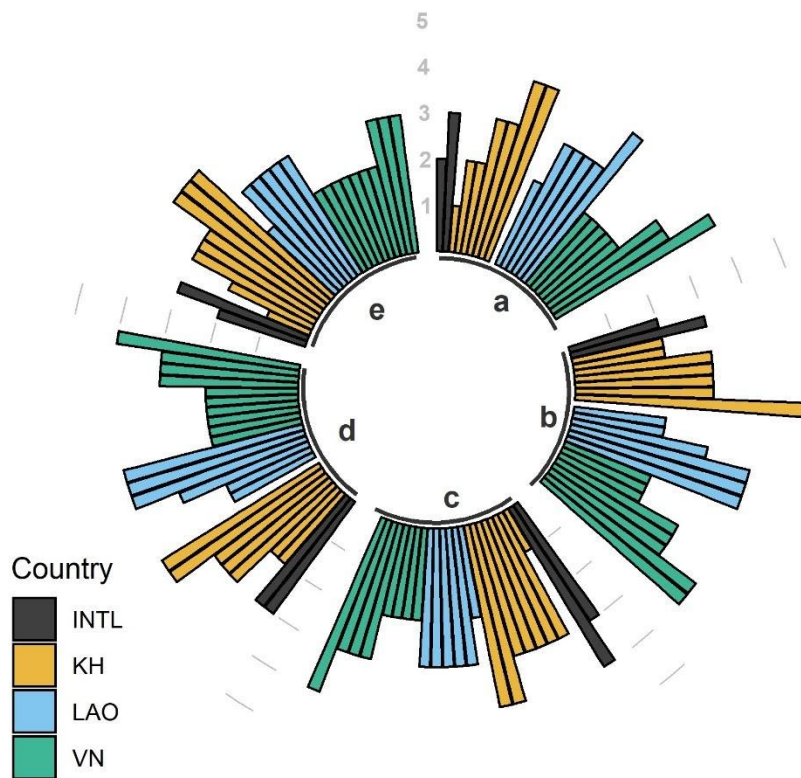
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52 Figure S8. Enforcement and compliance questionnaire responses from the 3S Governance and
 53 Stakeholders survey. a) surface water abstraction guidelines are enforced; b) groundwater
 54 abstraction guidelines are enforced; c) flow requirement guidelines are enforced; d) water
 55 quality guidelines are enforced; and e) land use guidelines are enforced.



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57 Figure S9. Distribution of benefits from ecosystem services questionnaire responses on the
 58 from the 3S Governance and Stakeholders survey. a) economically vulnerable populations
 59 benefit from ecosystem services; b) indigenous people benefit from ecosystem services; c)
 60 women and girls benefit from ecosystem services; and d) resource-dependent communities
 61 benefit from ecosystem services.



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63 Figure S10. Water-related conflict questionnaire responses from the 3S Governance and
 64 Stakeholders survey a) frequency of conflict due to overlapping jurisdictions (e.g., between
 65 national governments in transboundary systems, provincial and national government, or
 66 between agencies); b) frequency of conflict about water rights allocation; c) frequency of
 67 conflict about access; d) frequency of conflict regarding the siting of infrastructure; and e)
 68 frequency of conflict over water quality and other downstream negative impacts.

69 Table S1. The Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) groups examined.

No.	Modeling Center	Institute ID	Model Name
1	National Center for Atmospheric Research	NCAR	CCSM4
2	NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory	NOAA GFDL	GFDL-CM3
3	Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace	IPSL	IPSL-CM5A-MR
4	Norwegian Climate Centre	NCC	NorESM1-M

71 Table S2. Current and under development reservoirs used at the Se Kong, Se San, and Sre Pok (3S) River Basins modeling framework.

No	Name	River	Latitude	Longitude	Country	COD	Storage		Dry Season Discharge			Installed Capacity
							Capacity – FSL	Reservoir Area	BAU	Storage	Release	
							(Mm ³)	(km ²)	(m ³ /s)	(m ³ /s)	(m ³ /s)	
1	A Luoi	A Sap	16° 11' 51"	107° 9' 43"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2012	60.20	20.80	49	24.5	98	170
2	Buôn Kốp	Sre Pok	12° 31' 30"	107° 55' 33"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2009	63.24	5.57	100	50	100	280
3	Buon Tua Srah	Sre Pok/Krong Kno	12° 16' 56"	108° 2' 29"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2009	786.90	37.10	100	50	100	86

4	Dak A Koi	Dak A Koi	14° 30' 47"	108° 10' 55"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2007	150.00	7.00	18	9	36	60
5	Dak Doa	la Krom	14° 11' 5"	108° 6' 24"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2010	29.13	2.28	35	17.5	70	14
6	Dak Minh	Dak Man	12° 54' 33"	107° 48' 17"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	N/A	0.15	10.00	195	97.5	195	N/A
7	Dak N'Teng	Dak N'Teng	12° 11' 46"	107° 55' 36"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2011	25.49	323.00	5.6	2.8	11.2	13
8	Dak Po Co	Krong Po Ko/Sesan	14° 38' 43"	107° 48' 30"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2015	3.39	0.74	83	41.5	166	15
9	Dak Psi 5	Dak Psi	14° 39' 41"	107° 56' 12"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2012	2.40	638.00	46	23	92	10

10	Ea Sup Thuong	Ea Sup	13° 2' 4"	107° 55' 56"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2004	146.00	15.00	29	14.5	58	—
11	Houay Ho	Houayho, Xekong	15° 3' 34"	106° 45' 52"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1999	3,530.00	37.00	11	5.5	22	152.1
12	Houay Lamphan Gnai	Xe Kong	15° 21' 36"	106° 29' 54"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2015	140.00	9.00	20	10	40	88
13	Lower Se San 2	Se San	13° 33' 5"	106° 15' 50"	Kingdom of Cambodia	2019	1,790.00	335.00	195	97.5	195	480
14	Nam Bi 1	Nam Kai	15° 14' 8"	107° 30' 57"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2021 [‡]	3.00	0.03	2	1	4	50

15	Nam Kong 2	Nam Kong	14° 29' 41"	106° 51' 24"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2021 [†]	71.40	4.20	55	27.5	110	66
16	Plei Krong	Se San/ Kroong Po Ko	14° 24' 30"	107° 51' 47"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2008	1,048.70	53.28	20	10	40	100
17	Se San 4	Se San	13° 58' 6"	107° 29' 43"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2009	893.30	58.41	195	97.5	195	360
18	Sre Pok 3	Sre Pok	12° 45' 8"	107° 52' 36"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2009	219.00	17.68	130	65	130	220
19	Upper Kontum	Se San/ Dak Bla/ Dak Nghe	14° 41' 39"	108° 13' 48"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2011	174.00	7.08	55	27.5	110	250
20	Xe Kaman 1	Xe Kaman	14° 57' 39"	107° 9' 23"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2015	4,804.00	149.80	55	27.5	110	290

21	Xe Kaman 3	Houayho, Xekong	15° 26' 10"	107° 20' 12"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2014	141.50	5.20	55	27.5	110	250
22	Xepian-Xenamnoy	Xepian/Xenam noy	14° 56' 47"	106° 37' 39"	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2018	1,092.00	50.00	6.7	3.35	13.4	410
23	Yali	Se San	14° 13' 39"	107° 49' 47"	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	2001	1,037.00	64.50	195	97.5	195	720

72 †: Planned

73 COD: Commercial Operation Date (i.e., when the dam was commissioned)

74 BAU: Business as usual for dry season reservoir release discharge

75 N/A: Not Available