



## Hydric stress

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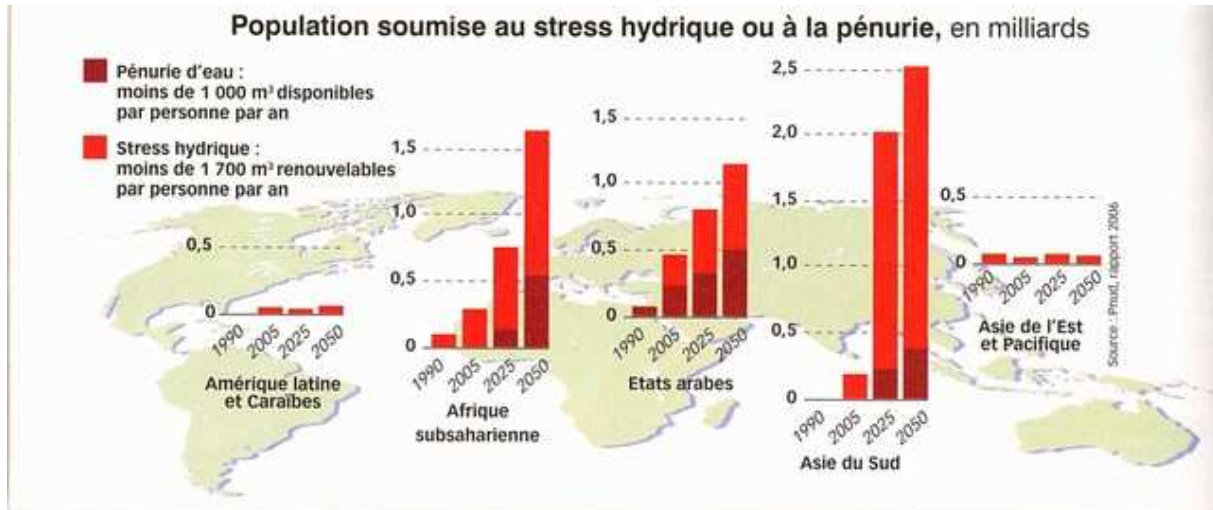
**Water, a vital resource, rarefies in some places while it abounds in others**

This series addresses the issue of water and the problems related to it.

Our lives depend on water, yet some populations can hardly access unpolluted drinkable water while others over-consume it and use potable water for car washing or street cleaning, maintaining golf clubs in dry areas, etc...as if it were an indefinite resource. The gap between those who do not have it and those who abuse it is only getting bigger, intensified by the fast changing climate.

I have tried to capture this absurd and dangerous situation and tried to help raise our awareness on how precious is this resource we have been taking for granted for so long.

Water inequalities, graphic in the French press (Alternatives Internationales, nov 2007).  
 Areas where water is a problem:



### Gaspillage

La consommation inconsidérée d'eau et le réchauffement climatique aggravent les inégalités d'accès au précieux liquide. Un Américain consomme en moyenne deux fois plus qu'un Français, lequel consomme six fois plus qu'un Ghanéen. Parmi les hommes vivant en dessous du seuil de pauvreté en eau, beaucoup habitent des pays où cette ressource ne manque pourtant pas.

The following series illustrates:

-our dependance on water, with images of lake Inle, in Burma, where people live on a water that needs to keep clean for consumption.

-the drying up of some water supplies, with the ecological catastrophe of the Aral sea. The land having been used for extensive growth of cotton and rice, the rivers have dried up and the whole area is becoming sterile, because of the sea salt flying with the wind. Where the sea used to stretch, is a desert where cows come to graze and some ships still stand in the sand.

-and the melting of the world's glaciers with the cracking up of Perito Moreno in Patagonia (Argentina), one of many glaciers melting.

The noise and the sight of ice cracking are very impressive. As is striking the vision of the former Aral sea; nevertheless those strange beauties are part of a much bigger and frightening change.

Burma / Myanmar, dec. 2005.



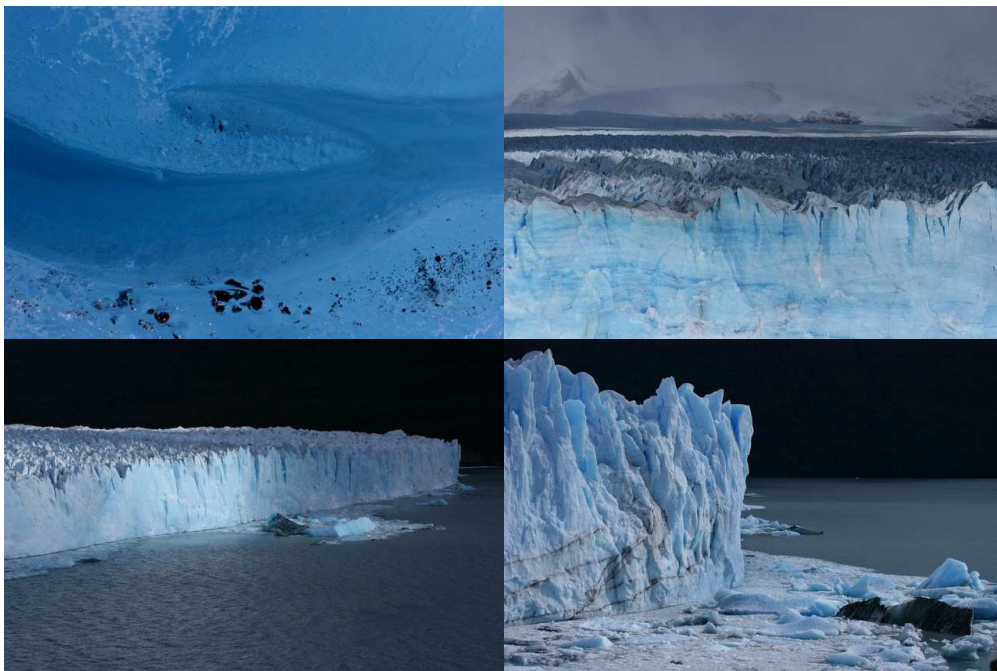
Lake Inle, in Burma. People living on piles, with a high dependence on clean, drinkable water. Everyday life scenes of fishing, washing, hygiene.

The Aral sea, june 2007.



Remains of ships. Woman picking up firewood. Man and his goat in the wide ocean. Cattle prints in the salty ground. Anchor remaining there.

Franz Josef glacier, New-Zealand, february 2006 and Perito Moreno glacier, Argentina, april 2006.



Blocks of ice parting from their ice castle, with a roaring sound.

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