General Circulation Model Output IPCC 4th Assessment
Future 50km Global dataset

The following is taken directly from The University of Santa Clara *Statistically Downscaled WCRP CMIP3 Climate Projections* project website located at http://www.engr.scu.edu/~emaurer/global_data/

Data Summary

Downscaled 50km translations of contemporary climate projections over the entire globe. The original projections are from the World Climate Research Programme's (WCRP's) Coupled Model Intercomparison Project phase 3 (CMIP3) multi-model dataset, which was referenced in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report.

Source Data Description

Resolution:	50 kilometer (Geographic, WGS84)
Spatial Extent:	Global
Temporal Extent:	1950 - 2099 monthly time-series http://www.engr.scu.edu/~emaurer/global_data/
Climate Variables:	Precipitation Average Temperature

Purpose

The archive was developed to provide planning analysts access to climate projections "downscaled" to a finer spatial resolution. Such access permits development of decision-support information and associated regional and local adaptive strategies under potential climate change. Several types of analyses are supported by this archive, including:

- regionally distributed assessments of projection frequency.
- location-specific assessments of projection frequency.
- climate change impacts assessments for social and natural systems.
- risk-based exploration of planning and policy responses.

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Global climate model output, from the World Climate Research Programme's (WCRP's) Coupled Model Intercomparison Project phase 3 (CMIP3) multi-model dataset (Meehl et al., 2007), were downscaled as described by Maurer et al. (2009) using the bias-correction/spatial downscaling method (Wood et al., 2004) to a 0.5 degree grid, based on the 1950-1999 gridded observations of Adam and Lettenmaier (2003).

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