

1. Introduction

Hydrology and Water Resources Services Division (HWRSD) is one of the four Divisions of the Center, responsible for generating and disseminating information and services related to hydrology and water resources.

The Division collects and archives daily data from the river gauging station located across the country, to keep updated on the status of the flow, the Division is coming up with Monthly Flow Monitoring Report in selected hydrological stations located in different river basins. Currently, following stations (figure 1) are selected for monthly monitoring of the flow;

1. Lungtenphu station in Wangchhu,
2. Kerabaristaion in Punatsangchhu basin and
3. Bjizam station in Mangdechhu basin.

The main objective of the report is to understand and keep updated flow status of the river and further provide information on the abnormal data observation while comparing with the historical flow data.

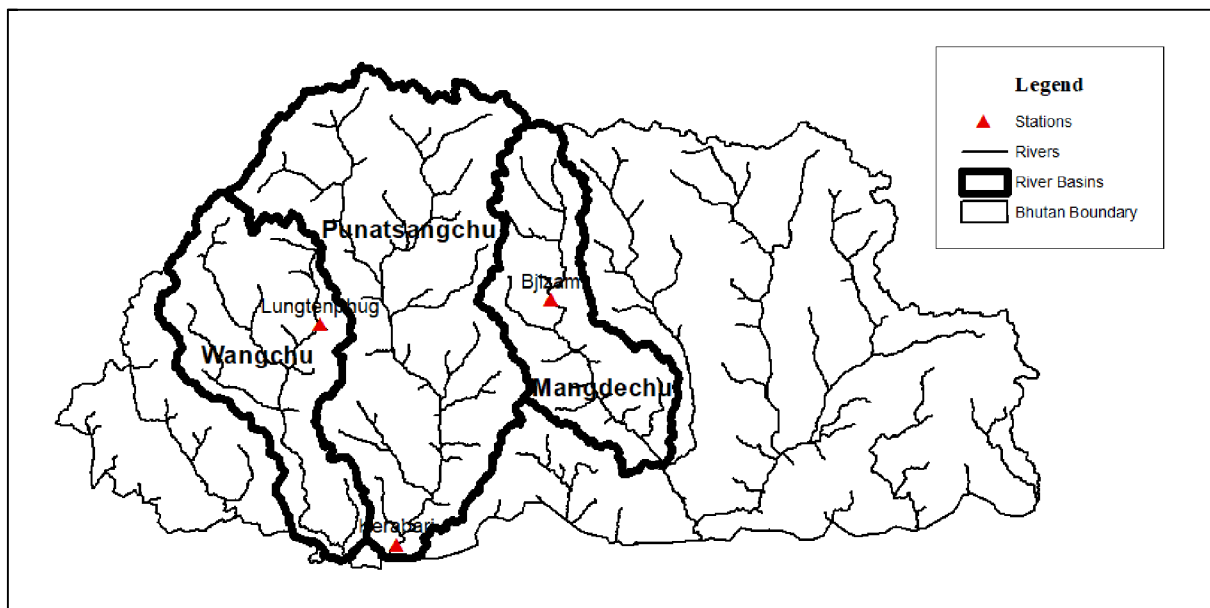


Figure 1 Map showing the selected stations for Flow monitoring

2. Methodology

The flow of April 2020 is compared to the flow of historical April months. The historical flow data is available from 1991 to 2018. The measures of dispersion such as mean, maximum and minimum flows are computed to make comparison.

3. Observation

The time series plot (figure 2) shows mostly lean season flow for the month of January 2020. The minimum flow recorded for the month of January 2020 was 3.626 m³/s which is the lowest flow recorded ever in past historical record (1991-2018) of 3.632m³/s. Overall, the average flow has been lower than the normal, which attributes to lesser precipitation over the Wangchu basin.

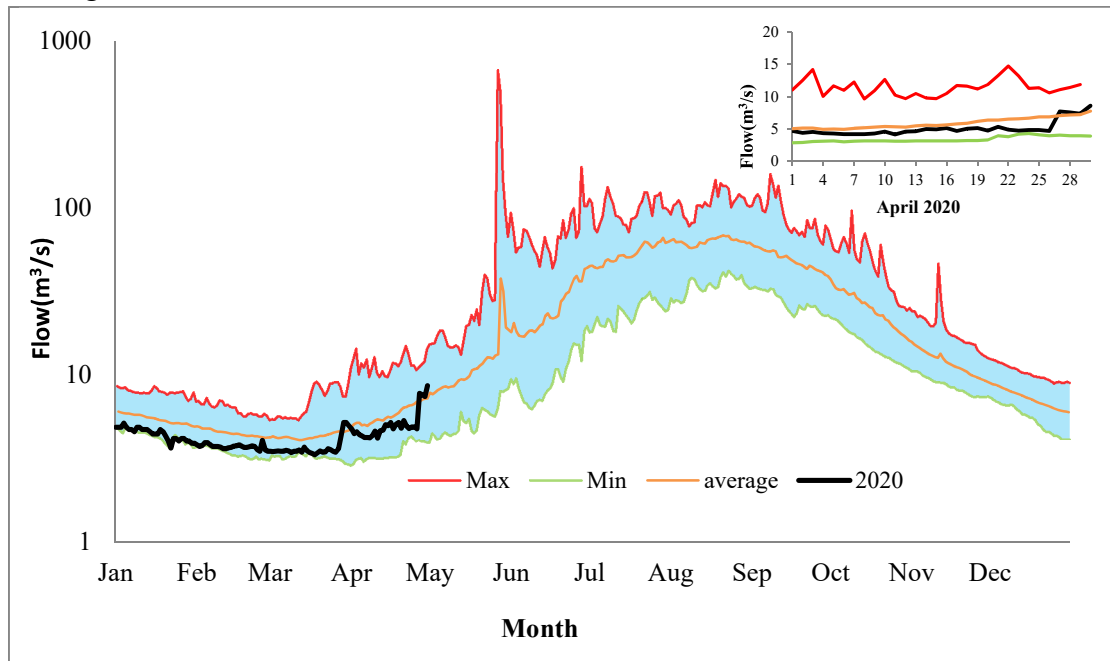


Figure 2 Daily flow status of January 2020 as compared to historical daily flow data of January months

Table 1 Table of flow statistics comparison between January of 2020 and historical (1991-2018).

Statistics	April 2020 (m ³ /s)	Historical April (1991-2018)m ³ /s
Mean flow	5.09	5.99
Max flow	8.59	15.09
Min flow	4.17	2.90

4. Summary

1. The mean flow of April 2020 is observed to be 0.9 m³/s lesser compared to the mean of Normal flow (Historical April).
2. The minimum flow for April 2020 is observed to be higher by 1.27 compared to the historical April flow.