

1. Introduction

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

The Division collects and archives daily data from river gauging stations 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. Kerabari station in Punatsangchhu basin
- 3. Wangdirapids station in Punatsangchhu basin**
4. Kurjey station in Chamkharchhu basin
5. Kurizampa station in Kurichhu, Manas basin
6. Sumpa station in Kurichhu, Manas basin
7. Panbang station in Dangmechhu, Manas 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 March 2023 is compared to the flow of historical March months. The historical flow data is available from 1992 to 2022. The measures of dispersion such as mean, maximum and minimum flows are computed to make comparison.

3. Observation

The mean flow recorded for the month of March 2023 was $72.19\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ which is lower than the mean Historical March months (i.e., $73.31\text{m}^3/\text{s}$). Maximum flow of March 2023 (i.e., $88.19\text{m}^3/\text{s}$) was observed to be lower than the maximum flow observed in the past March months (i.e., $164.86\text{m}^3/\text{s}$). Meanwhile Minimum flow of March 2023 (i.e., $65.33\text{m}^3/\text{s}$) was observed to be higher than the past March months ($51.71\text{m}^3/\text{s}$).

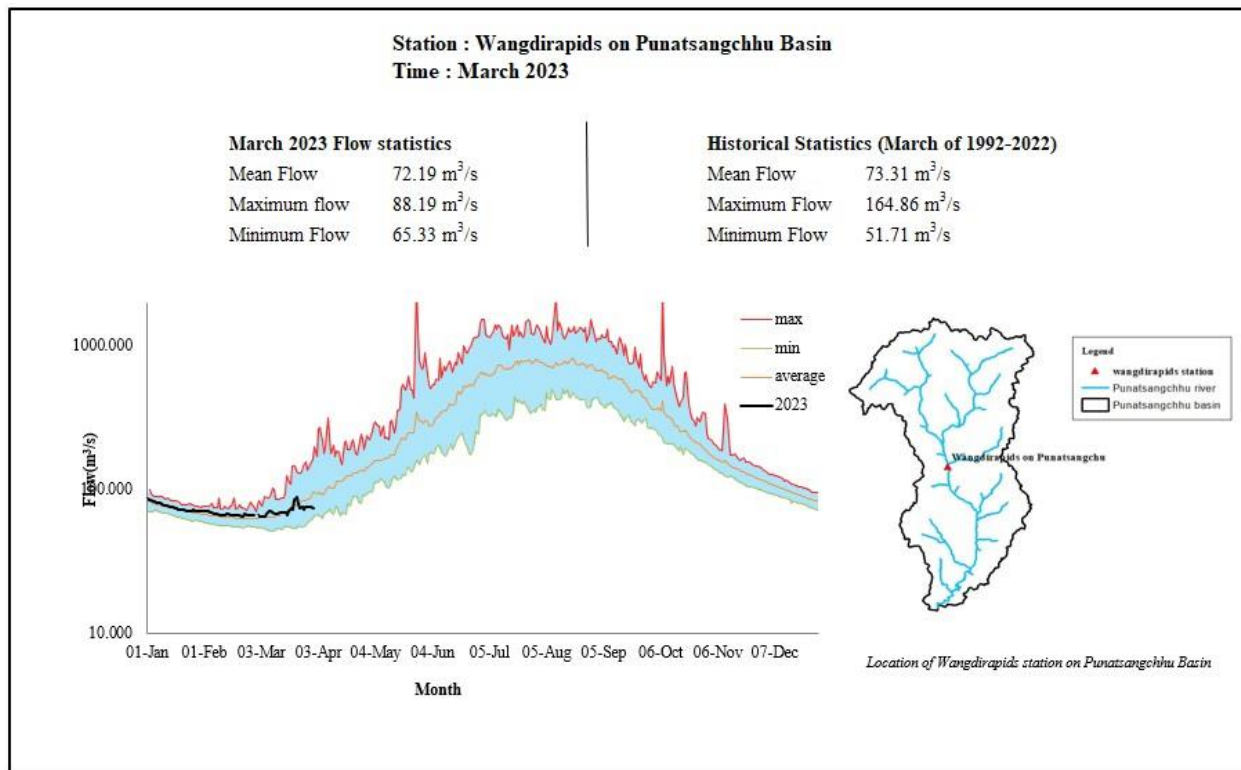


Figure 2 Daily flow status of March 2023 as compared to historical daily flow data of March months

Table 1 Table of flow statistics comparison March of 2023 and historical March months (1992-2022).

Statistics	March 2023 (m^3/s)	Historical March (1992-2022) m^3/s
Mean flow	72.19	73.31
Max flow	88.19	164.86
Min flow	65.33	51.71

4. Summary

1. The mean flow of March 2023 is observed to be $1.12\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ lower than the mean of Normal flow (Historical March).
2. The Maximum flow of March 2023 was lower than the maximum flow observed in the past March months by $76.67\text{m}^3/\text{s}$.
3. The Minimum flow of March 2023 was higher by $13.62\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ from the past March months.