# *South Sudan*

# Wetlands Extent Analysis

VAM Unit – WFP

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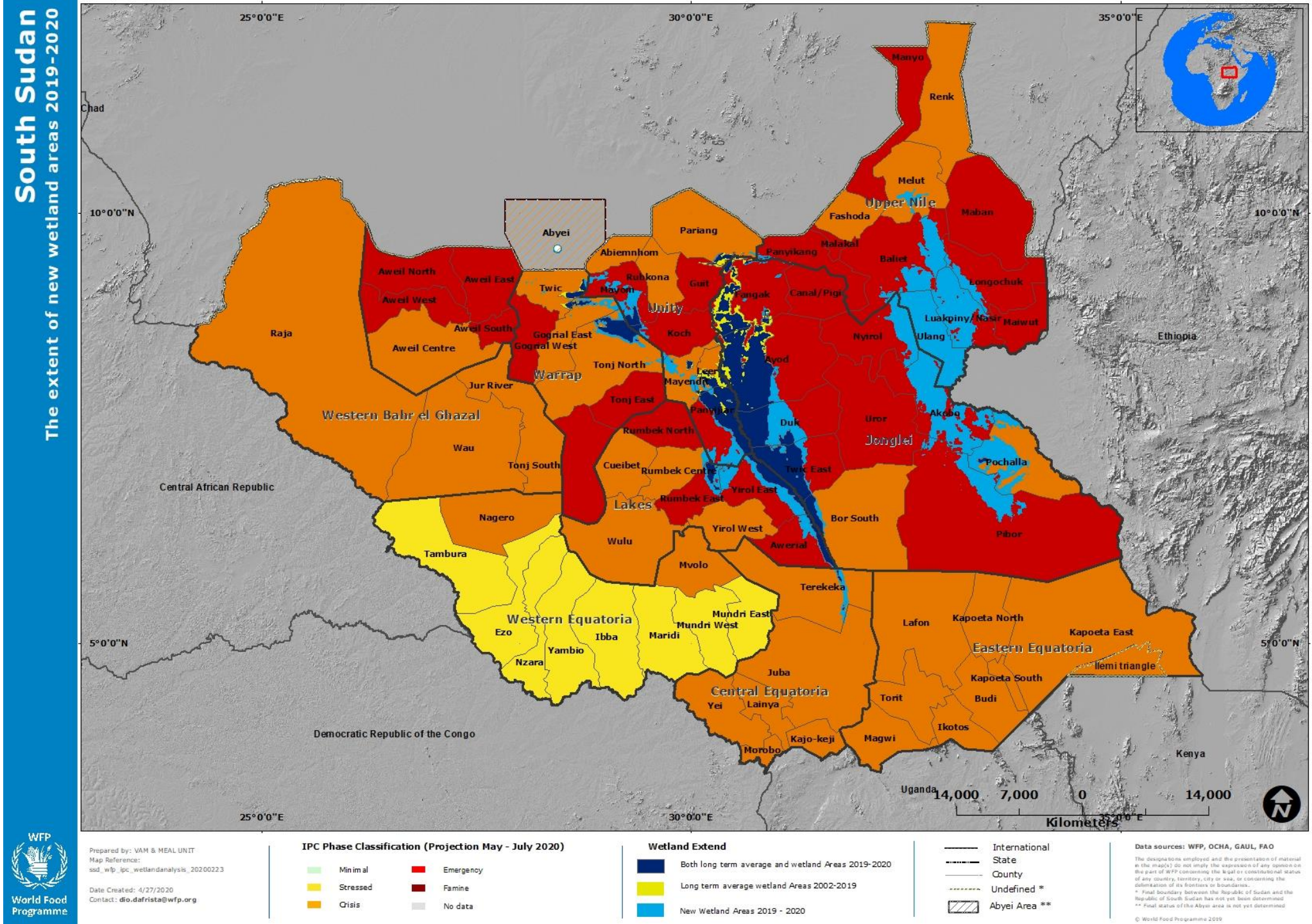
| PROJECTED (FEBRUARY - APRIL 2020) | |
|---|---|
| Phase 5 | 20,000 People in Catastrophe |
| Phase 4 | 1,475,000 People in Emergency |

# IPC PHASE 5 AREAS AND PERSISTENT FOOD INSECURITY

# Sudd, Sobat and Bahr-el-Ghazal Wetlands

Strong overlap between increased wetland extent Dec 2019-March 2020 and counties experiencing Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) levels of food insecurity



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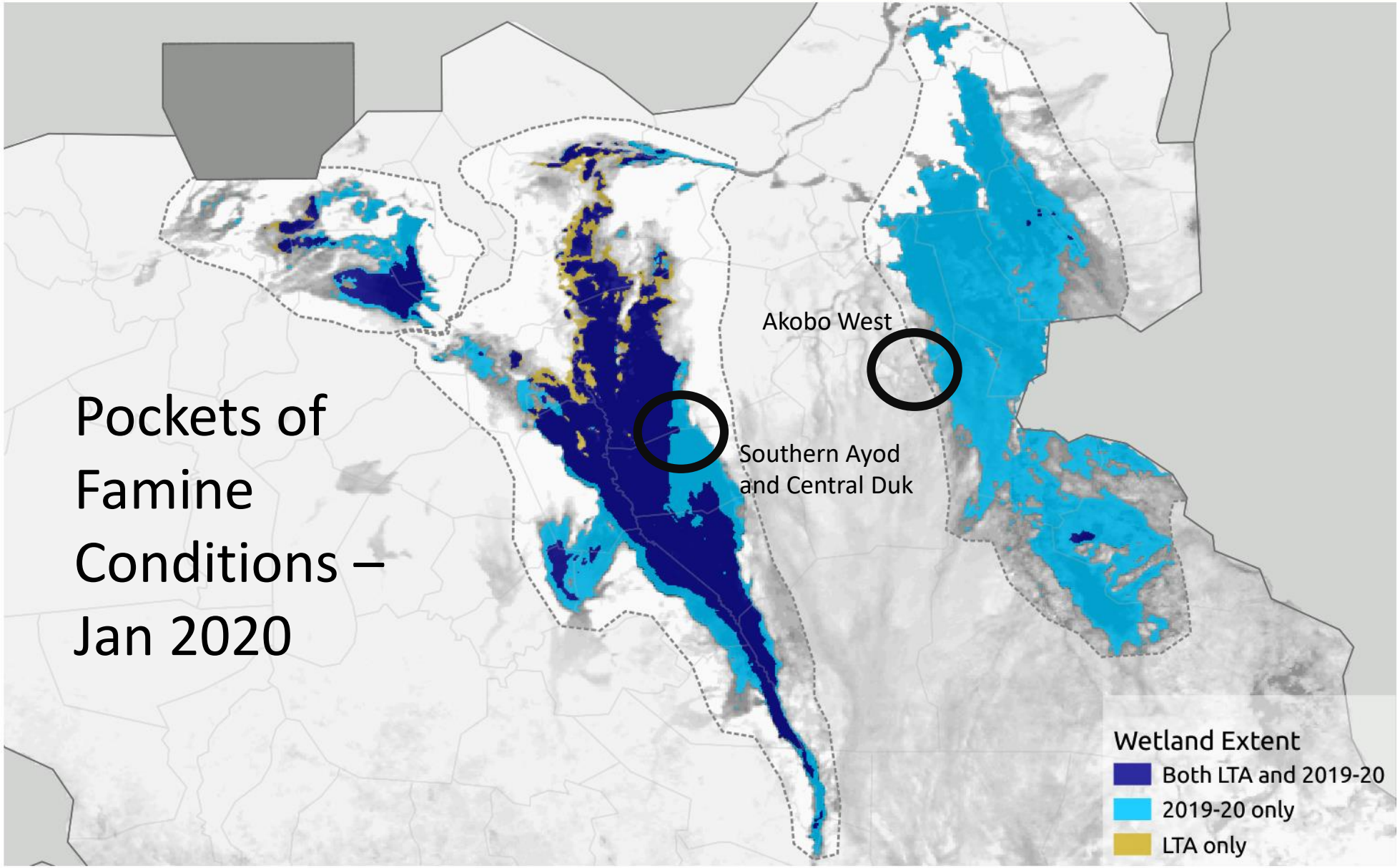


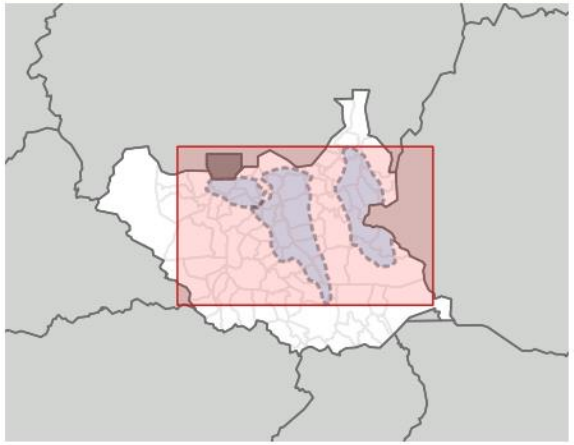

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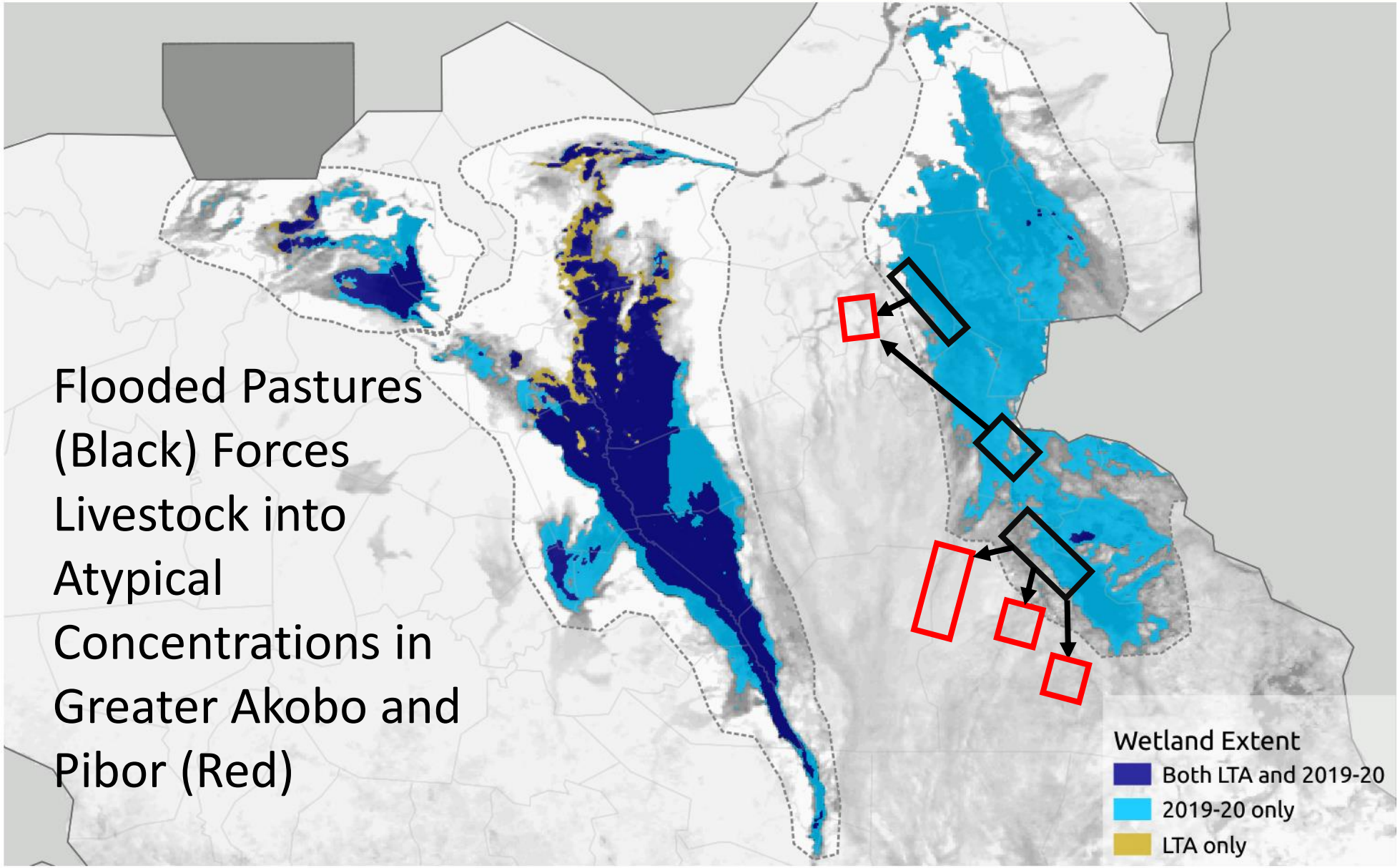


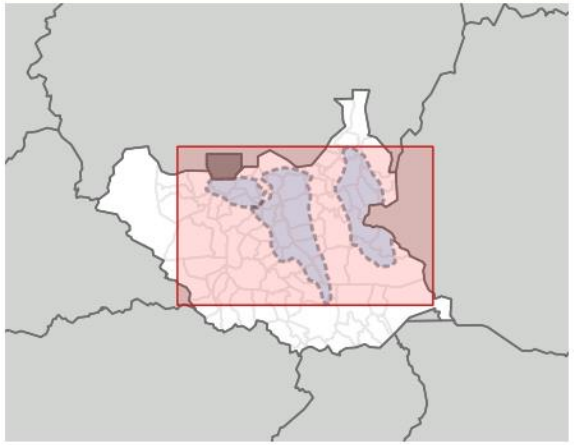

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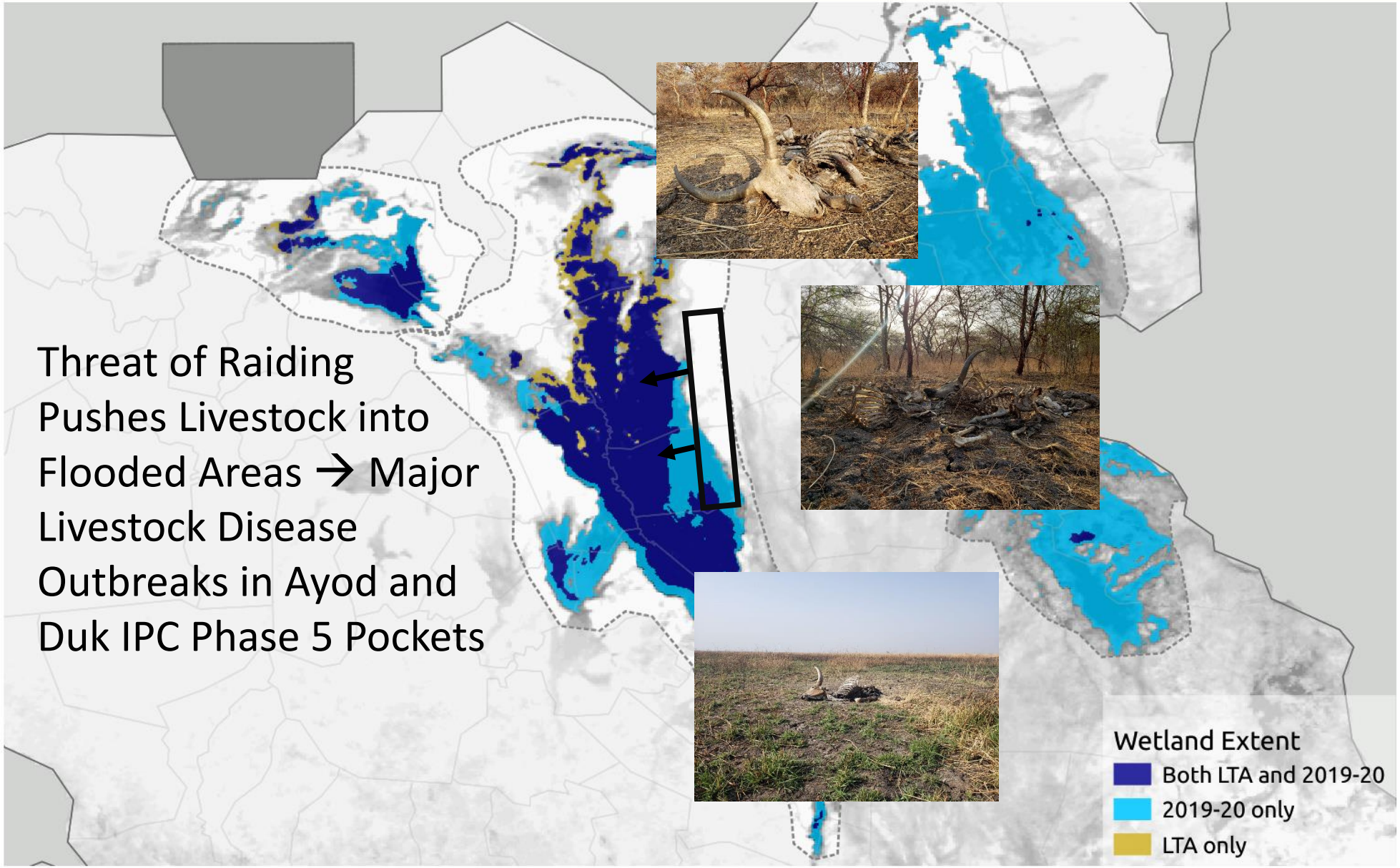


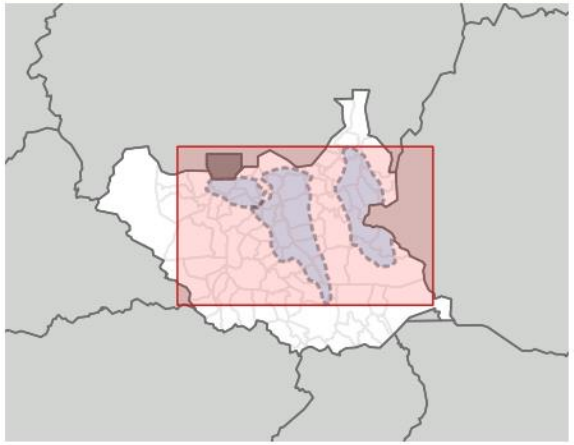

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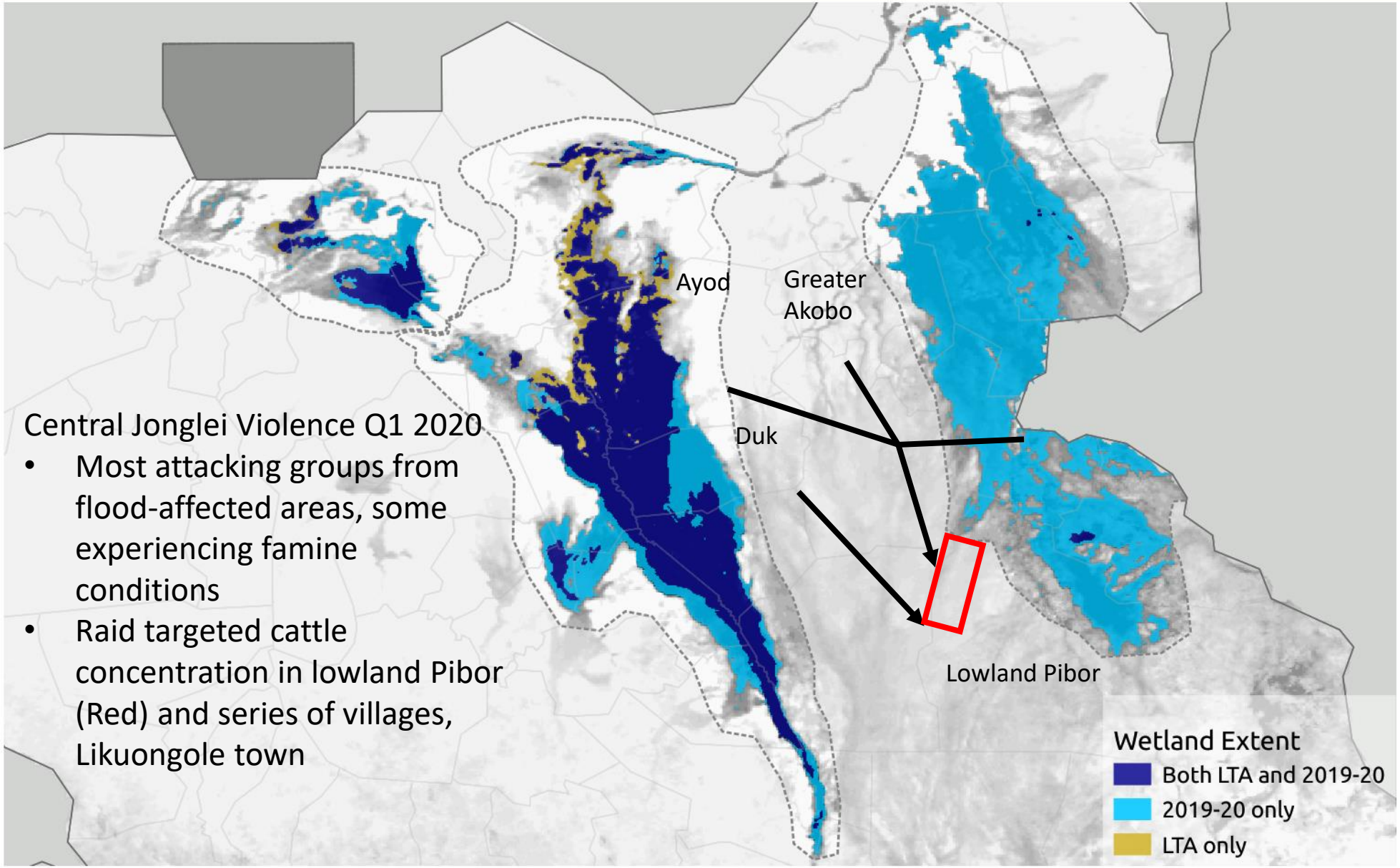


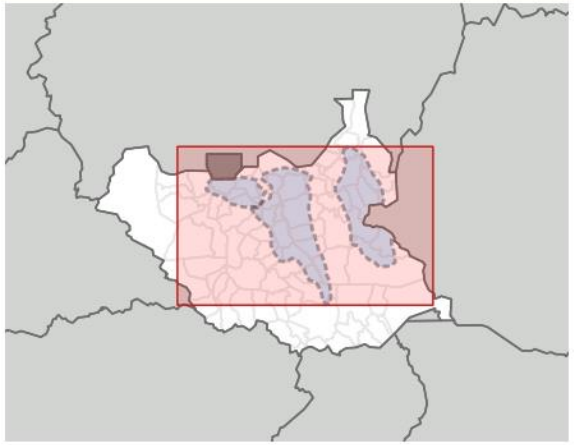

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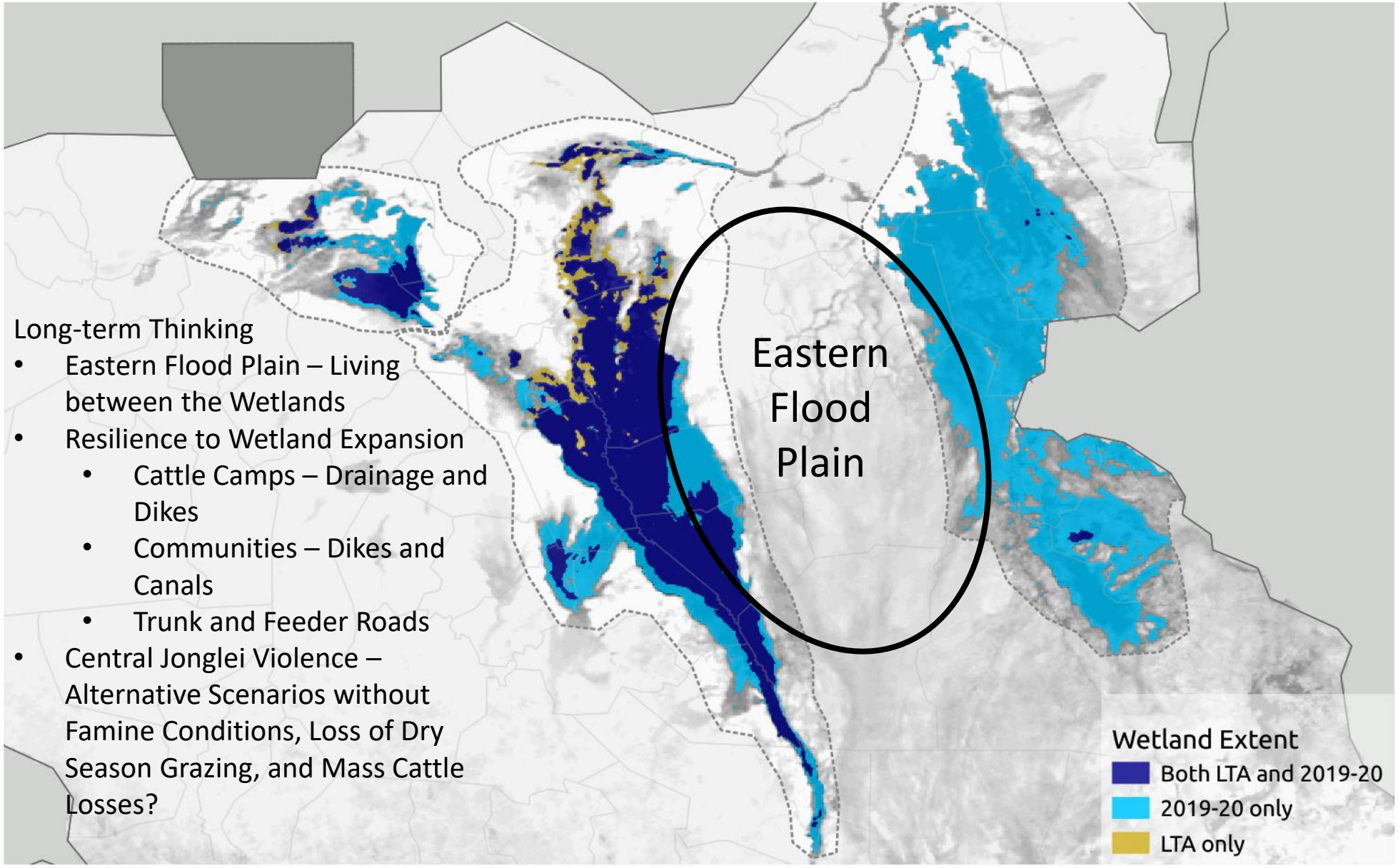
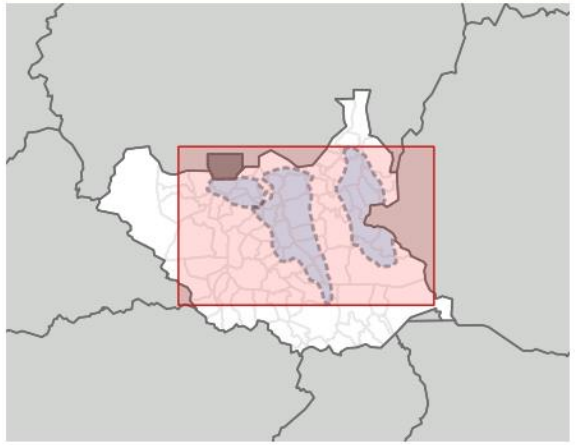



Long-term Thinking

- Eastern Flood Plain – Living between the Wetlands
- Resilience to Wetland Expansion
  - Cattle Camps – Drainage and Dikes
  - Communities – Dikes and Canals
  - Trunk and Feeder Roads
- Central Jonglei Violence – Alternative Scenarios without Famine Conditions, Loss of Dry Season Grazing, and Mass Cattle Losses?



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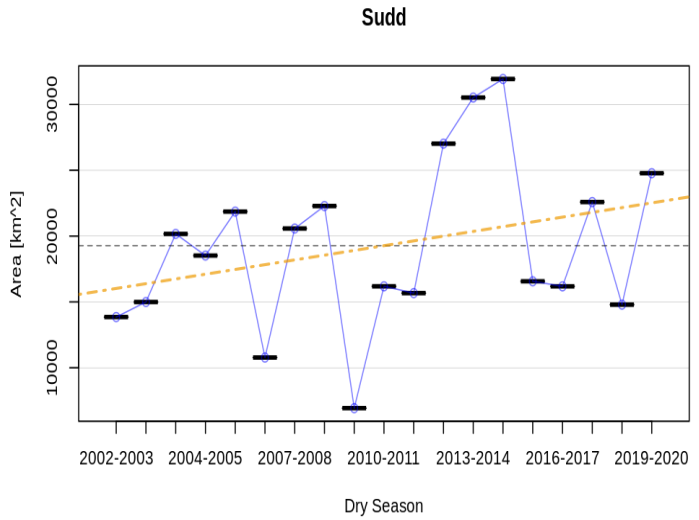
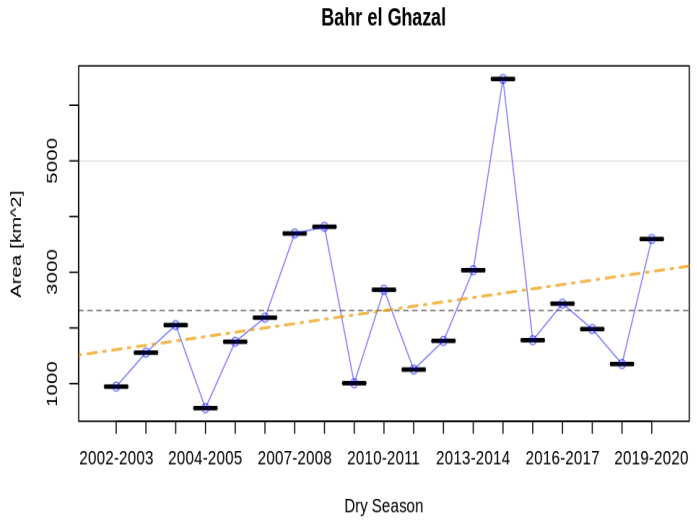
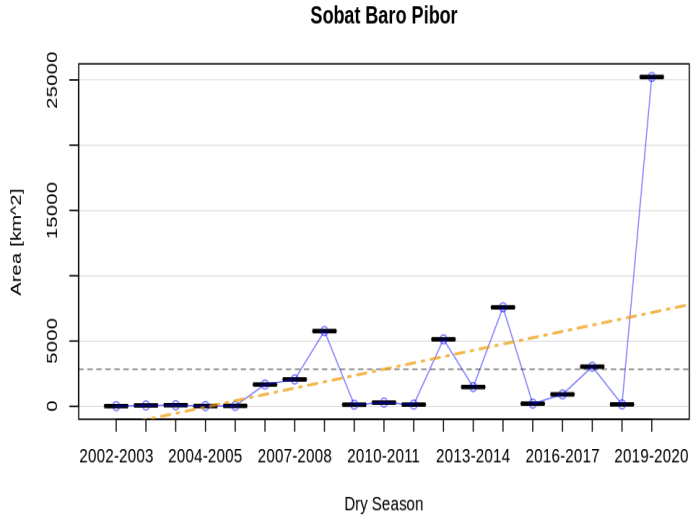
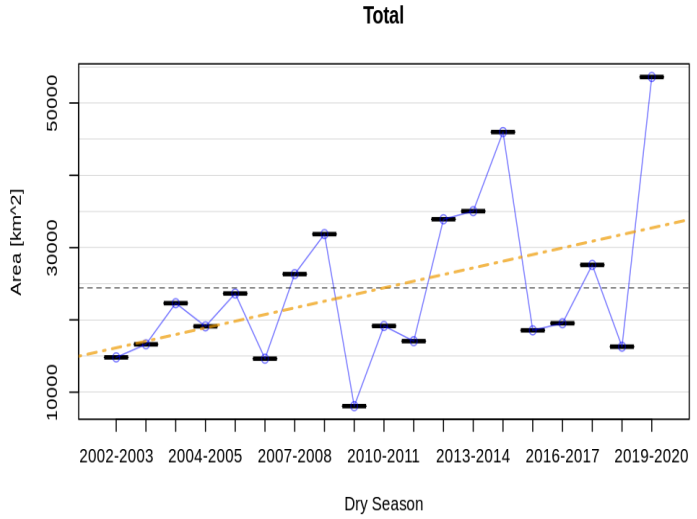
# A Growing Problem?

- Possible 20-year Trend in Increasing Wetland Extent
- Agro-pastoralism/Pastoralism in the Greater Horn of Africa
  - Most areas of region drier
  - Flood Plains of South Sudan Wetter
  - Different Interventions to Shift Long-term Trajectory of Agriculture and Pastoralism



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