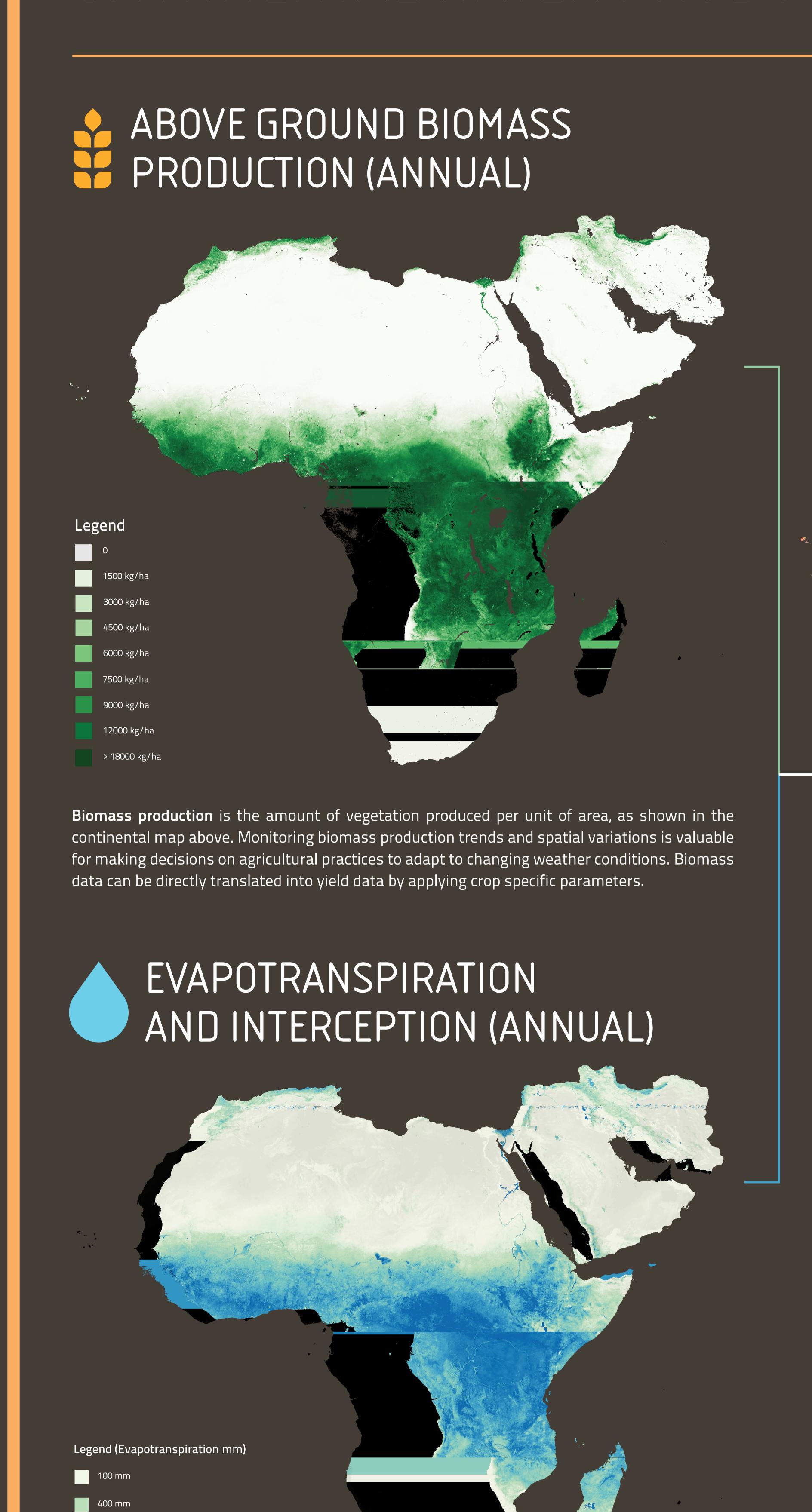
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## CONTINENTAL WATER PRODUCTIVITY ASSESSMENT | AFRICA & THE NEAR EAST





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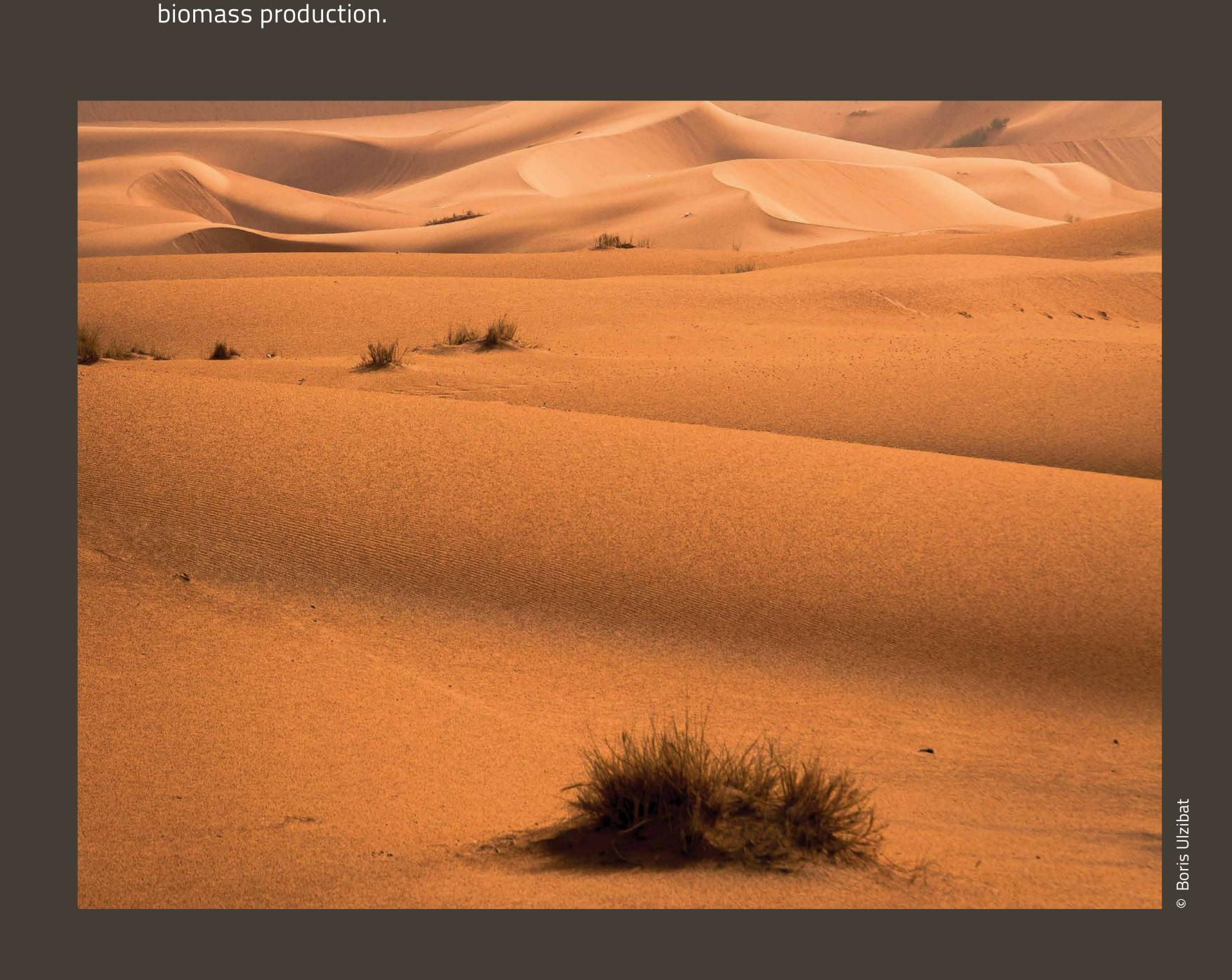
The combination of evapotranspiration and biomass production data provides information on water productivity. **Water productivity** in agriculture indicates how much product (biomass or yield) is generated per unit of water consumed by the crop. On the continental level it is possible to see the difference between areas with low and high water productivity and monitor its variations over time to target interventions.

Grey areas on the water productivity map are generally in desert conditions, where water productivity is extremely low. These dry areas have little actual evapotranspiration and

The Actual EvapoTranspiration and Interception (ETIa) is the sum of the soil evaporation, canopy

transpiration, and evaporation from rainfall intercepted by leaves. The monitoring of the ETIa is

critical to understand the water cycle and the impacts of water used in agriculture, mainly



Orange areas on the water productivity map are where water productivity is neither exceptionally high or low. One representation of these conditions are as seen in the photo; however other conditions in this range are possible.



Green areas on the water productivity map are where water productivity is high. These are areas where comparatively higher vegetation biomass is obtained with less water consumption.



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1200 mm

1600 mm

through irrigation, and in other sectors.