

# Suitability Indices for Tree Islands

- I. Drought Index as a function of
  - cumulative drought days
  - depth of water table below ground
- II. Flood index as a function of
  - cumulative flood days (> 2 ft ponding)
- III. Tree Island Suitability Index
  - $\text{Min}(\text{DI}) * \text{Min}(\text{FI})$

## Cumulative **Drought** Duration

Defined as number of sequential days with water depths below ground surface

$$CDD(t) = 0, \quad \text{if } WD(t) > 0;$$

$$CDD(t) = 1 + CDD(t-1), \quad \text{if } WD(t) < 0.$$

Daily **Drought** Index on day  $t$ ,  $DDI(t)$ , is then defined as:

$$DDI(t) = 1 \quad \text{if } WD(t) > 0.$$

$$DDI(t) = \frac{1.0 - 0.0035 \cdot CDD(t)}{1.0 + 0.010 \cdot e^{-4.6 \cdot WD(t)}} \quad \text{if } WD(t) < 0$$

## Annual Minimum **Drought** Index

The minimum value of DDI(t) in any year is an indication of the maximum **fire risk** that tree islands would experience during that year.

And

## N-year Mean Annual Minimum **Drought** Index

$$= \sum_{i=0}^N \min DDI(i) / N$$

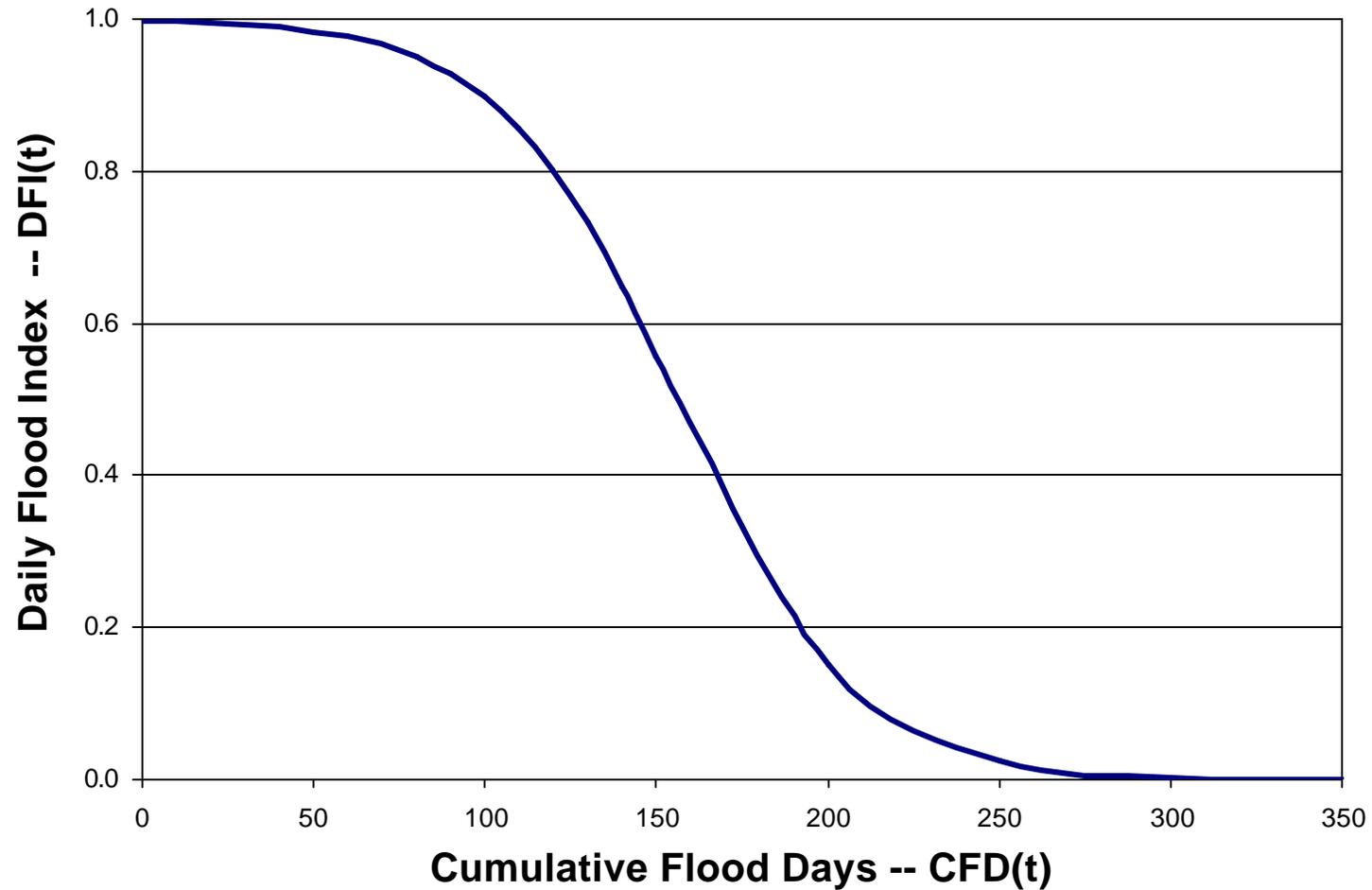
Continuous Flood Index DFI (t)

Is a function of Cumulative Flood Days

- Incremented if water depth > 2.0 ft  
 $CFD(t) = CFD(t-1) + 1.0,$
- Decrement until zero if water depth is < 2.0 ft  
 $CFD(t) = CFD(t-1) - 0.5$

$$DFI(t) = 1.0 / (1.0 + 0.0023 \cdot e^{0.039 \cdot CFD(t)})$$

## Relationship between DFI (t) and CFD(t)



$$DFI(t) = 1.0 / (1.0 + 0.0023 \cdot e^{0.039 \cdot CFD(t)})$$

## Annual Minimum Flood Index

The minimum value of DFI(t) in any year is an indication of the maximum flood stress that tree islands would experience during that year.

And

## N-year Mean Annual Minimum Flood Index

$$= \sum_{i=0}^N \min DFI(i) / N$$

## Annual **Tree Island** Suitability Index

Defined as the product of the minimum value of DDI(t) in any year and the minimum value of DFI(t) in the same year,

$$\text{I.e. } TISI(I) = \min DDI(i) * \min DFI(i)$$

## N-year Mean Annual **Tree Island** Suitability Index

$$= \sum_{i=0}^N TISI(i) / N$$

# Indicator Regions and SFWMM grid cells Applicable for Tree Island Suitability

