STUDY QUESTIONS FOR:

Oki and Kanae 2006

What is “fossil water” and why is this designation important?

What is “blue water” and “green water” and why should we be concerned about water scarcity when only 10 and 30%, respectively, of these resources are currently being used?

How is the water scarcity index calculated, and approximately what percentage of the current population of the world (~6.7 billion people) are living in highly water stressed areas?

Why, under the climate predicted for the near future (next 100 years), are the available renewable freshwater resources (RFWR) expected to increase at a rate higher than water demand? And why shouldn’t this be a source of great comfort?