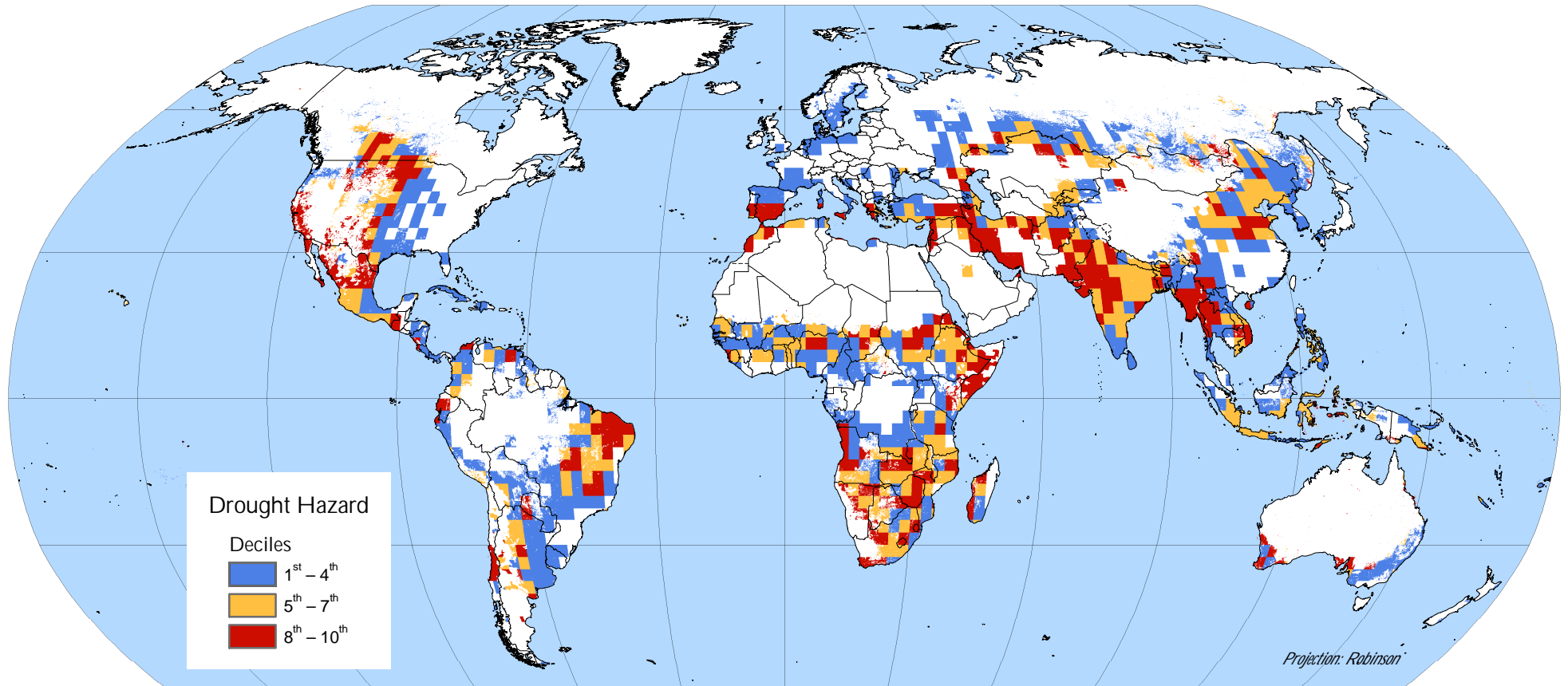


# Global Drought Hazard Distribution



Drought periods were defined using an index known as the Weighted Anomaly of Standardized Precipitation (WASP). The WASP index assesses the precipitation deficit or surplus over a three-month running average for the 21-year period from 1980 – 2000. Findings show that about 38% of the world's land area has some level of drought exposure.

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