



The entry dates vary between years (see table). After the low flood of 1984, cows were allowed to enter the floodplain around four weeks earlier compared to the high flood of 1994. The technical report ([@LINK@](#)) compares the water level at Ke-Macina near to Diafarabé at the dates of access since 1980. The variation is large, either because the stakeholders negotiate each year fanatically about the calendar or because they are not able to do a more precise prediction of the date at which the floodplains are accessible to livestock. OPIDIN might help them to arrive at a right decision.