## **Climate Change Law**

Climate Science Background June 5, 2018

#### The Greenhouse effect

Non-inseming solar radiation:

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Some solar radiation is reflected by the atmosphere and earth's surface Outgoing solar radiation: 103 Watt per m<sup>2</sup>

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Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere and is lost in space

Net outgoing inhared rediation:

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### GREENHOUSE GASE

Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere. Incoming solar radiation: 343 Watt per m<sup>2</sup>

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Some of the infrared radiation is absorbed and re-emitted by the greenhouse gas molecules. The direct effect is the warming of the earth's surface and the troposphere.

> Surface gains more heat and infrared radiation is emitted again

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Solar energy is absorbed by the earth's surface and warms it... 168 Watt per m<sup>2</sup>

... and is converted into heat causing the emission of longwave (infrared) radiation back to the atmosphere

Sources: Okanagan university college in Canada, Department of geography, University of Oxford, school of geography; United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington; Climate change 1995, The science of climate change, contribution of working group 1 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge university press, 1996.

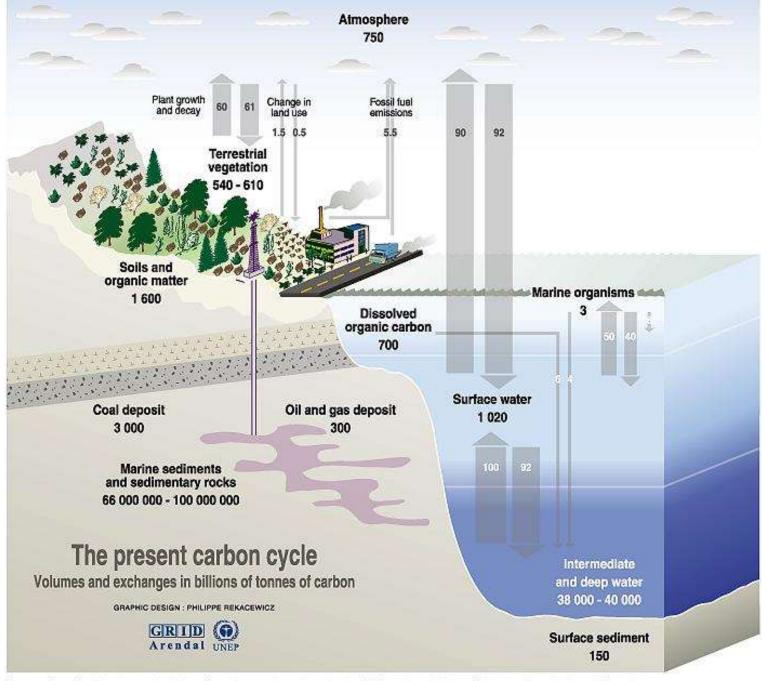
#### The main greenhouse gases

Greenhouse gases	Chemical formula	Pre-industrial concentration	Concentration in 1994	Atmospheric lifetime (years)***	Anthropogenic sources	Global warming potential (GWP)*
Carbon-dioxide	CO2	278 000 ppbv	358 000 ppbv	Variable	Fossil fuel combustion Land use conversion Cement production	1
Methane	CH4	700 ppbv	1721 ppbv	12,2 +/- 3	Fossil fuels Rice paddies Waste dumps Livestock	21 **
Nitrous oxide	N <sub>2</sub> O	275 ppbv	311 ppbv	120	Fertilizer industrial processes combustion	310
CFC-12	CCl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	0	0,503 ppbv	102	Liquid coolants. Foams	6200-7100 ****
HCFC-22	CHCIF <sub>2</sub>	0	0,105 ppbv	12,1	Liquid coolants	1300-1400 ****
Perfluoromethane	CF4	0	0,070 ppbv	50 000	Production of aluminium	6 500
Sulphur hexa-fluoride	SF <sub>6</sub>	0	0,032 ppbv	3 200	Dielectric fluid	23 900

Note : pptv= 1 part per trillion by volume; ppbv= 1 part per billion by volume, ppmv= 1 part per million by volume.

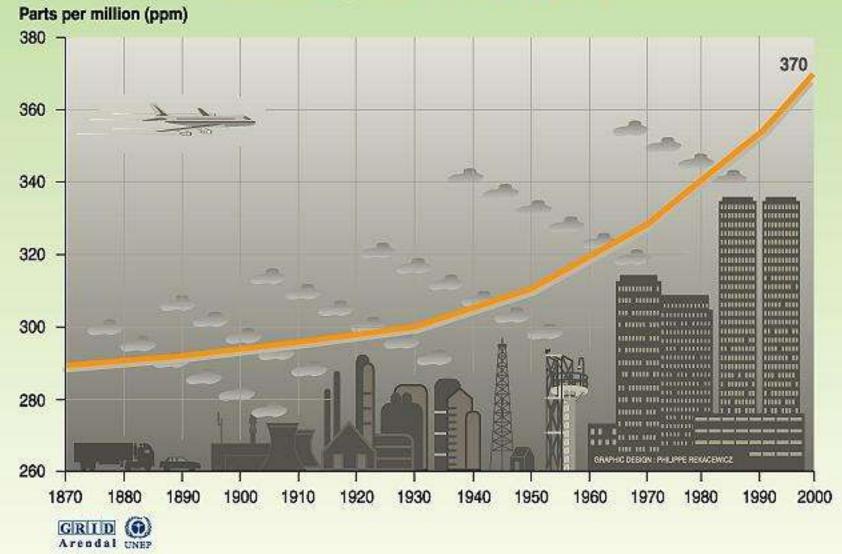
\* GWP for 100 year line horizon. \*\* Includes indirect effects of troposphericozone production and stratospheric water vapour production. \*\*\* On page 15 of the IPCC SAR. No single lifetime for CO<sub>2</sub> can be defined because of the different rates of uptake by different sink processes.\*\*\*\* Net global warming potential (i.e., including the indirect effect due to ozone depletion).

Source IPCC radiative forcing report . Climate change 1995, The science of climate change, contribution of working groupe 1 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.

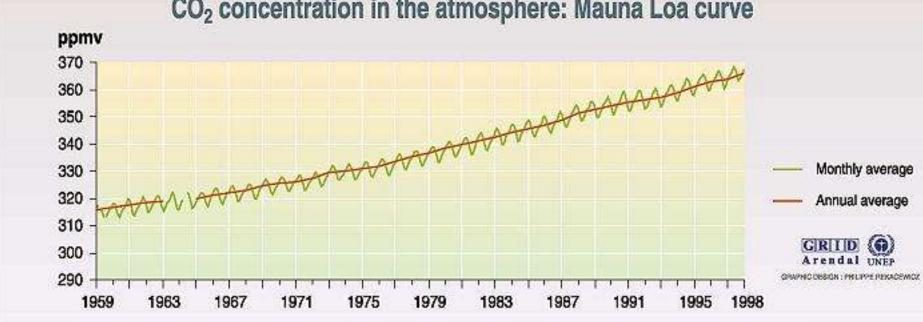


Sources: Center for climatic research, Institute for environmental studies, university of Wisconsin at Madison; Okanagan university college in Canada, Department of geography; World Watch, November-December 1998; Climate change 1995, The science of climate change, contribution of working group 1 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.

### Global atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>



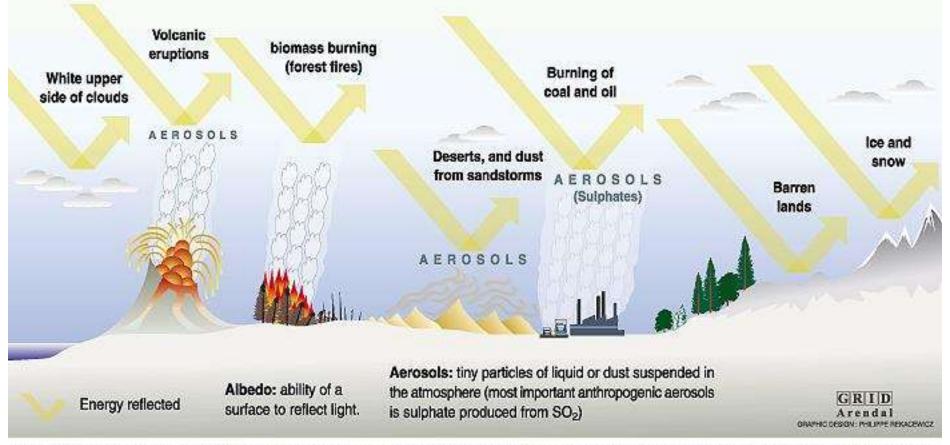
Sources: TP Whorf Scripps, Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawali, institution of oceanography (SIO), university of California La Joila, California, United States, 1999



### CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere: Mauna Loa curve

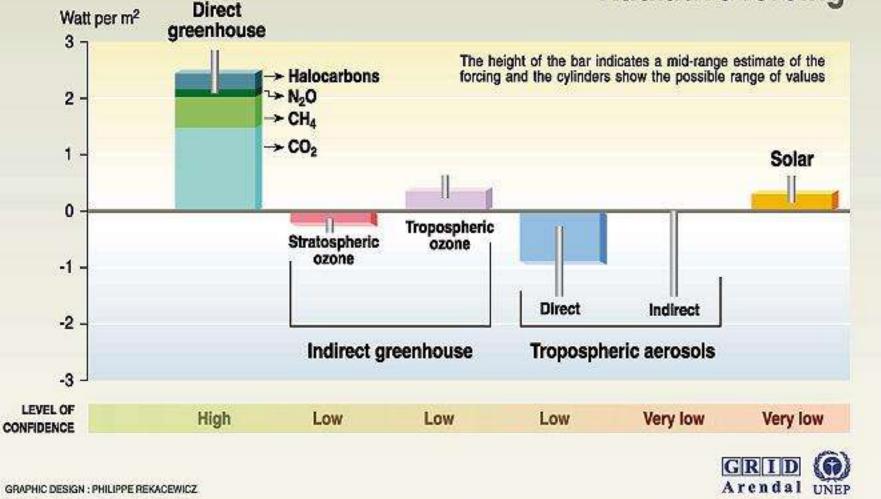
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#### The cooling factors



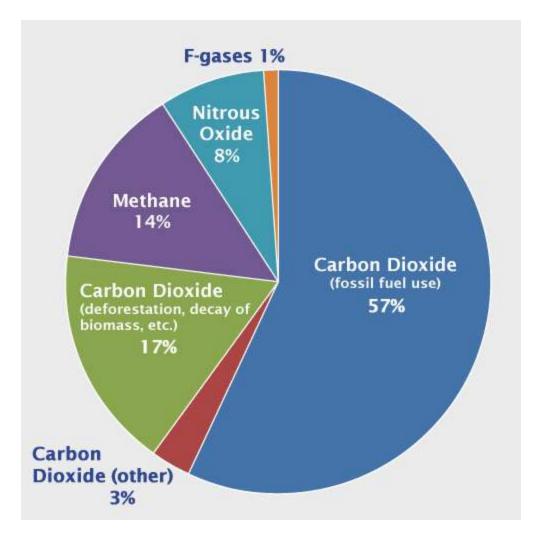
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### **Radiative forcing**

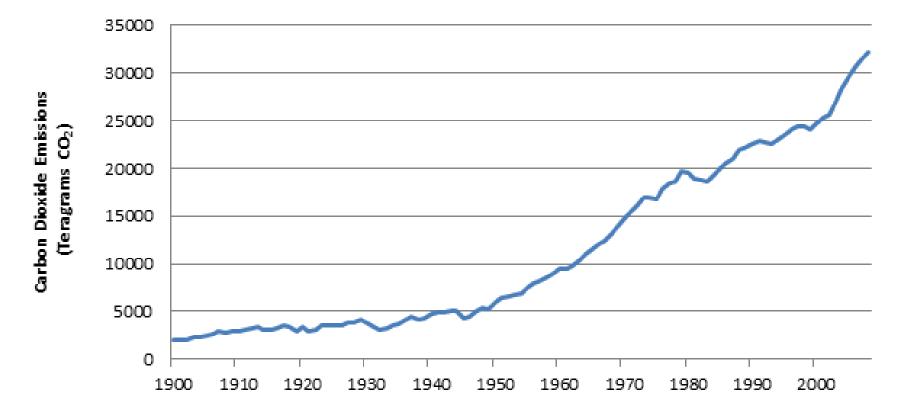


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### Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas

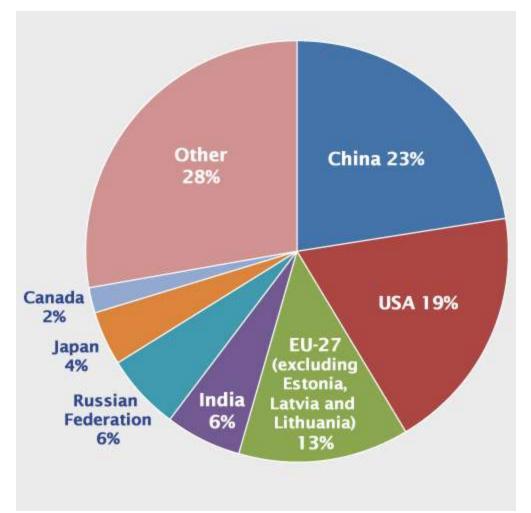


### Global Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from fossil-fuels 1990-2008

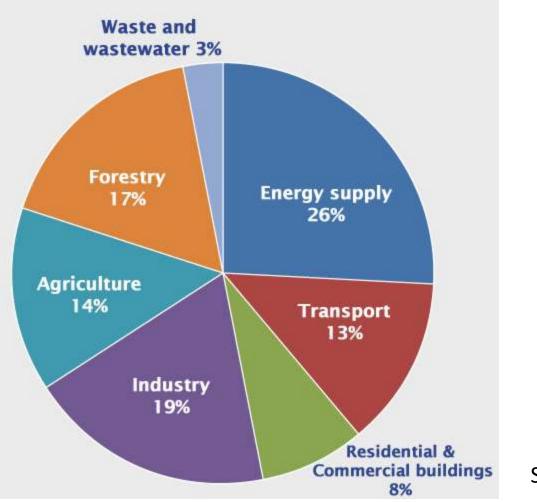


Source: EPA

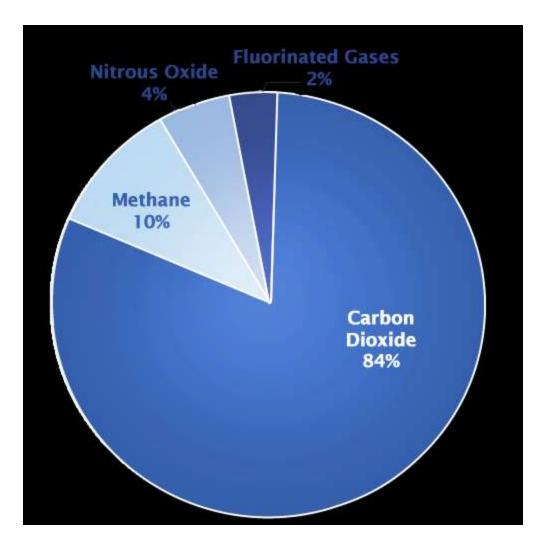
2008 Global CO2 Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion and some Industrial Processes (million metric tons of CO2)



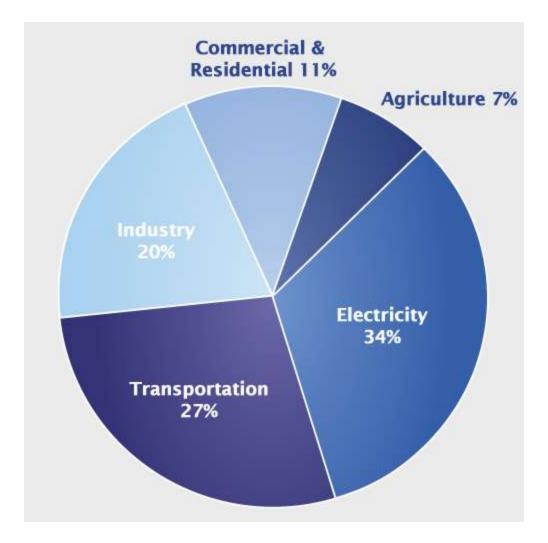
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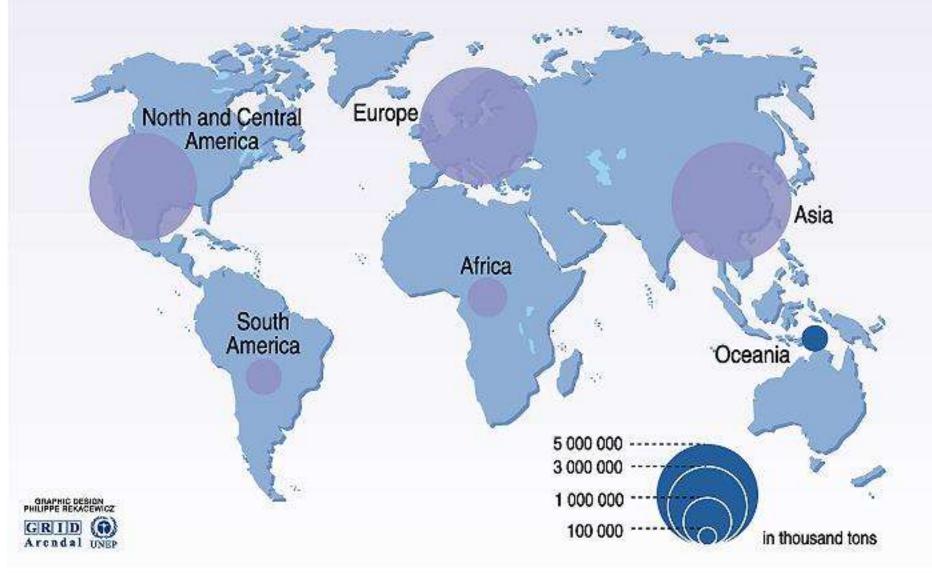
# U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2010



### Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2010



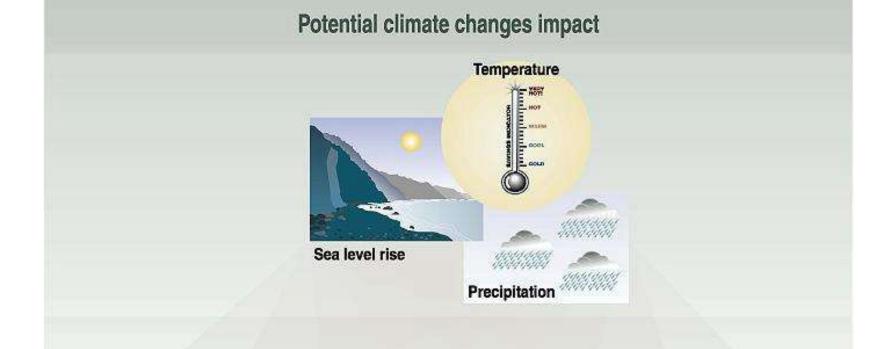
### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial processes



### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from land use change



Source : Climate Change Information kit, UNEP IUC, 1997.



#### Impacts on...





Weather-related mortality Infectious diseases Air-quality respiratory illnesses





Crop yields Irrigation demands Forest

Forest composition

Geographic range of forest

Forest health

and productivity

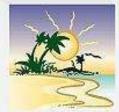


Water supply

Water quality

Competition for water

coastal areas



Erosion of beaches Inundation of coastal lands additional costs to protect coastal communities

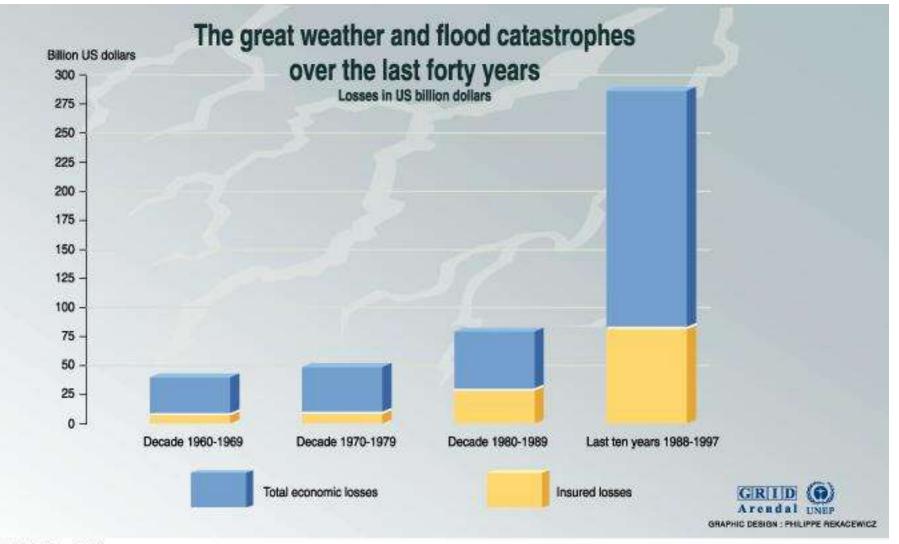
Species and natural areas

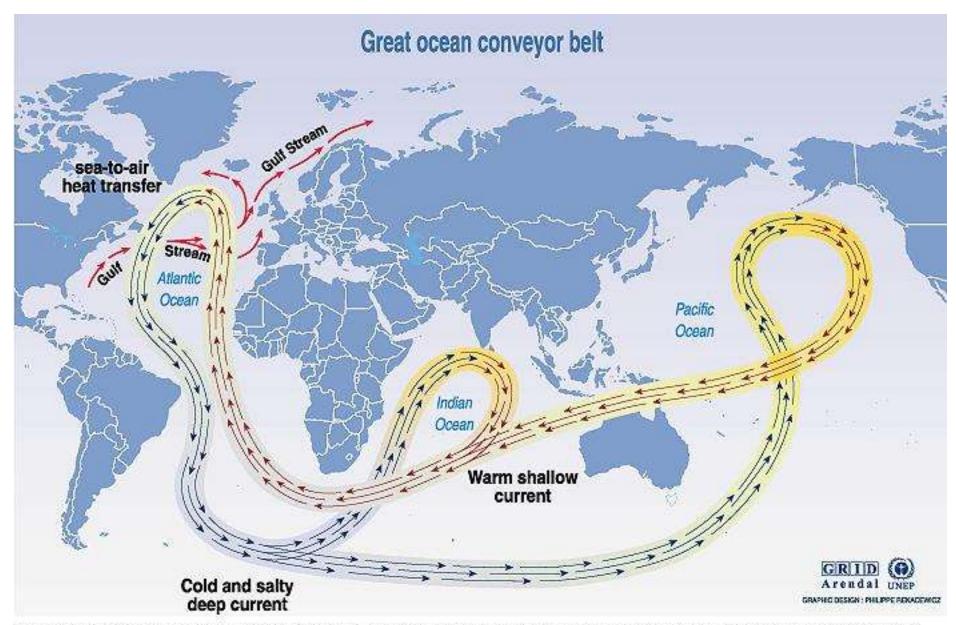


Loss of habitat and species Cryosphere: diminishing glaciers



Source: United States environmental protection agency (EPA).





Source: Broecker, 1991, in Climate change 1995, Impacts, adaptations and mitigation of climate change: scientific-technical analyses, contribution of working group 2 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.

#### Potential impact of sea-level rise on Bangladesh

Today Total population: 112 Million Total land area: 134,000 km<sup>2</sup>

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1.5 m - Impact Total population affected: 17 Million (15%) Total land area affected: 22,000 km<sup>2</sup> (16%)

Source : UNEP/GRID Geneva; University of Dacca; JRO Munich; The World Bank; World Resources Institute, Washington D.C.

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