GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE







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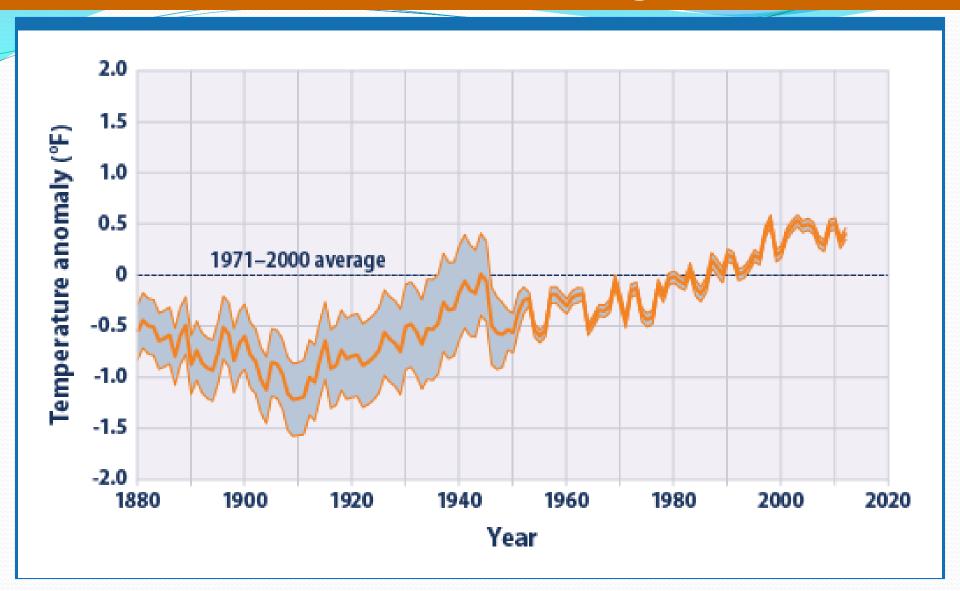
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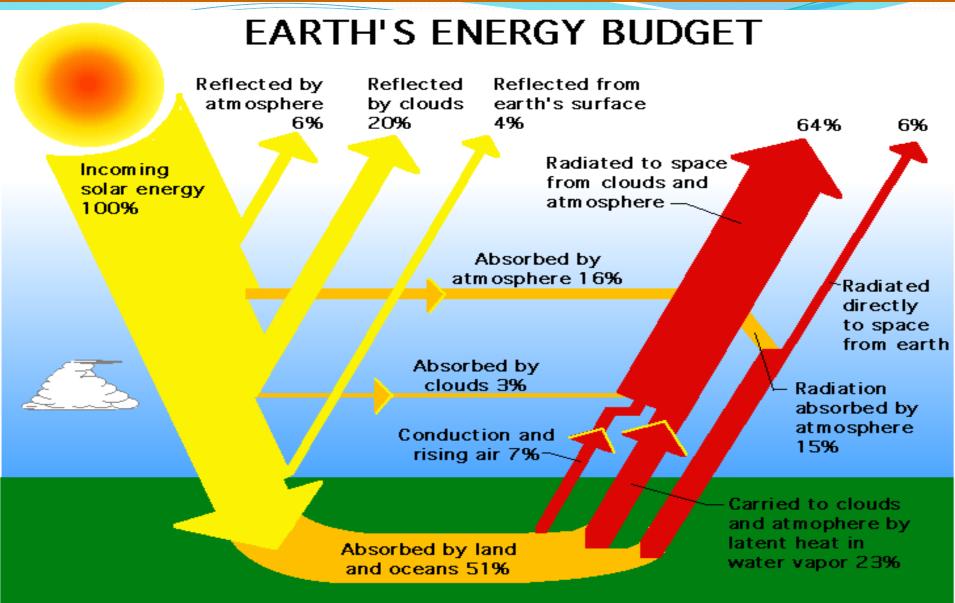
What is Climate Change?





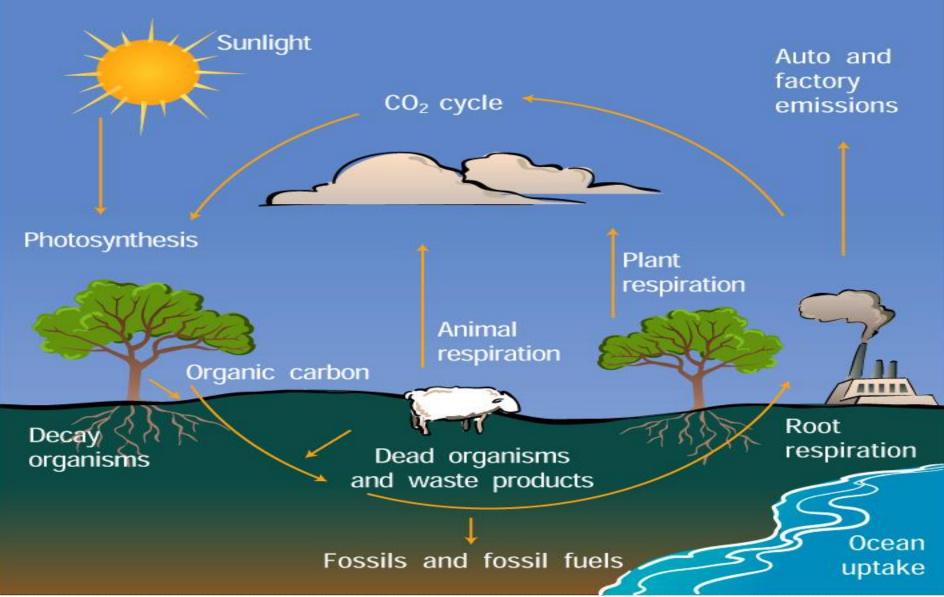
Climate change is the rise in the average temperature of Earth's atmosphere and oceans since the late $19^{\rm th}$ century and its projected continuation







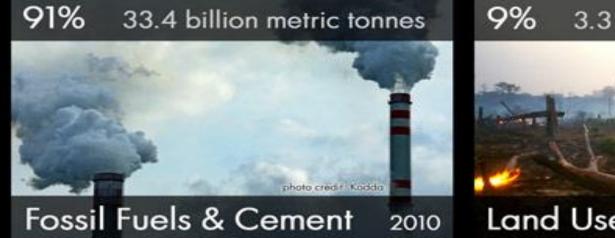








Where humanity's **CO2** comes from

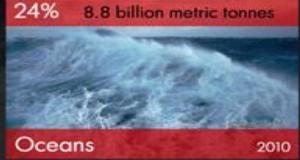




Where humanity's **CO2** goes











Year	Carbon Emissions (bmt/year)	
2012	9.7	
2011	9.47	
2010	9.19	
2009	8.74	
2008	8.77	
2007	8.57	
2006	8.37	



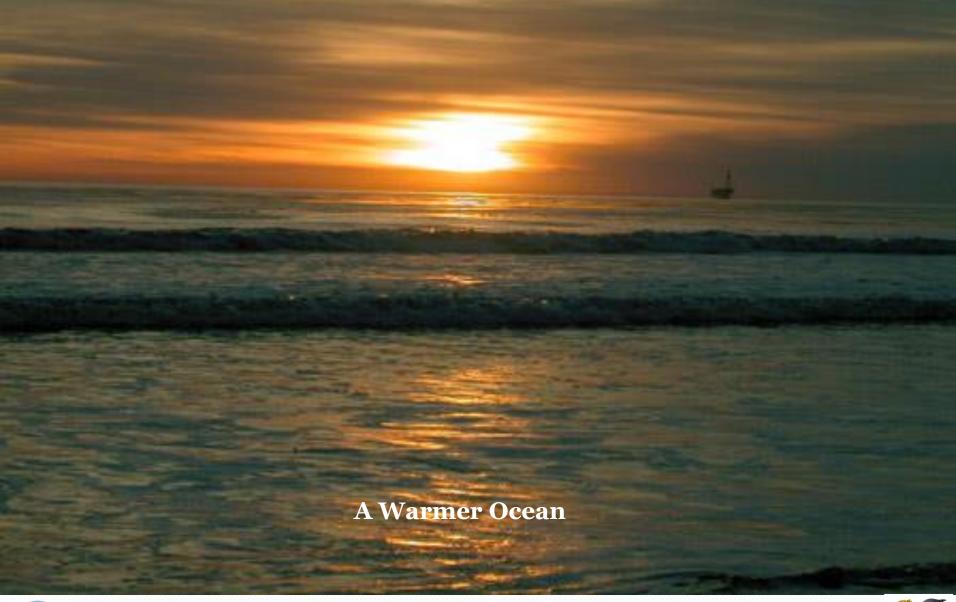


Annual Global Carbon Emissions 2015 Global Carbon Budget

	G	Global Emissions		
Year	Total	Fossil Fuel & Cement	Land-Use Change	
2014		9.795 GtC	~ 0.9 Gtc	
2013		9.735 GtC		
2012		9.575 GtC		
2011		9.449 GtC		
2010	9.995 Gtc	9.140 GtC	0.855 GtC	
2009	9.567 Gtc	8.700 GtC	0.867 GtC	
2008	9.666 Gtc	8.740 GtC	0.926 GtC	
2007	9.472 Gtc	8.532 GtC	0.940 GtC	
2006	9.355 Gtc	8.363 GtC	0.992 GtC	

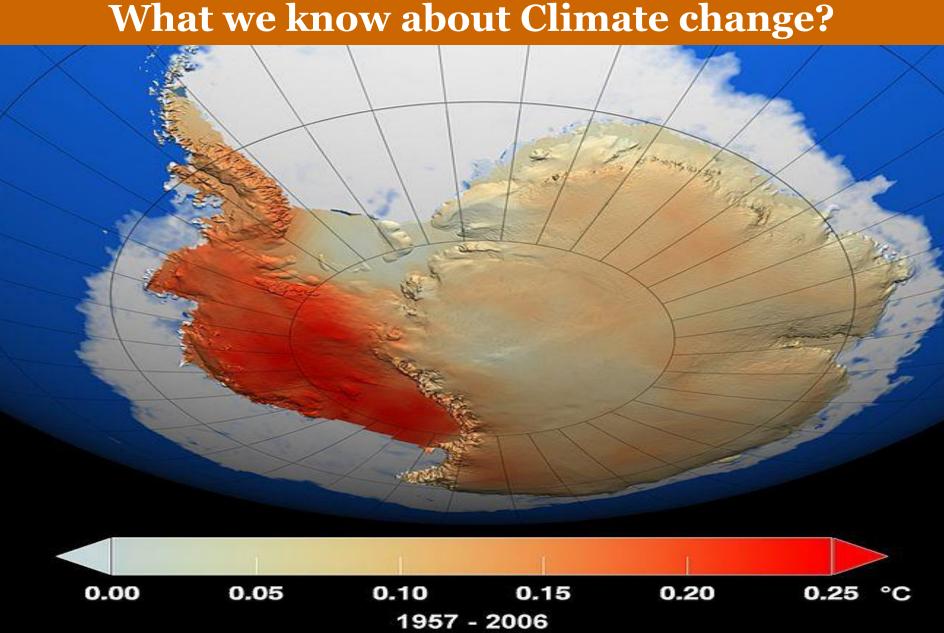








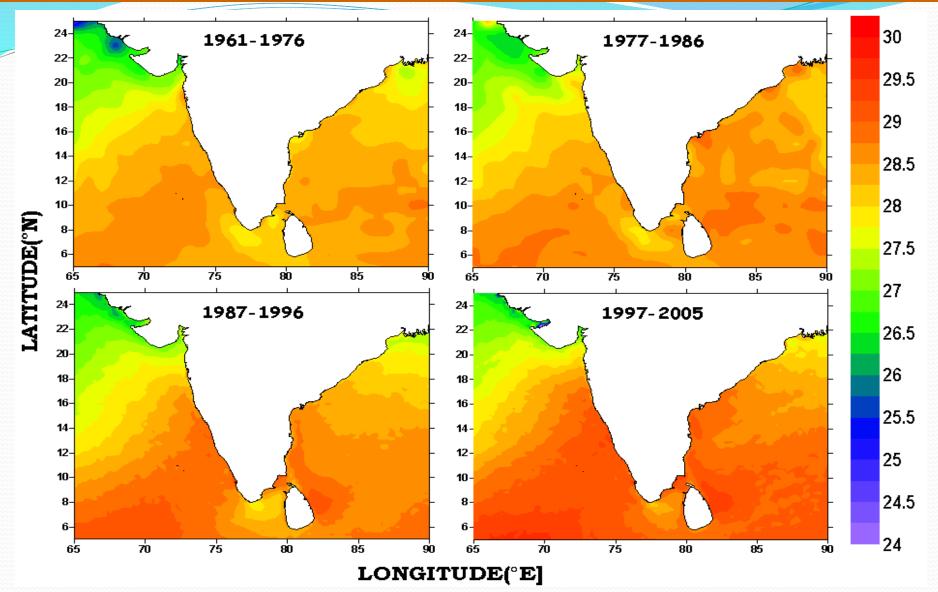






Analysis of weather station and satellite data, showing the continent-wide warming trend from 1957 through 2006.

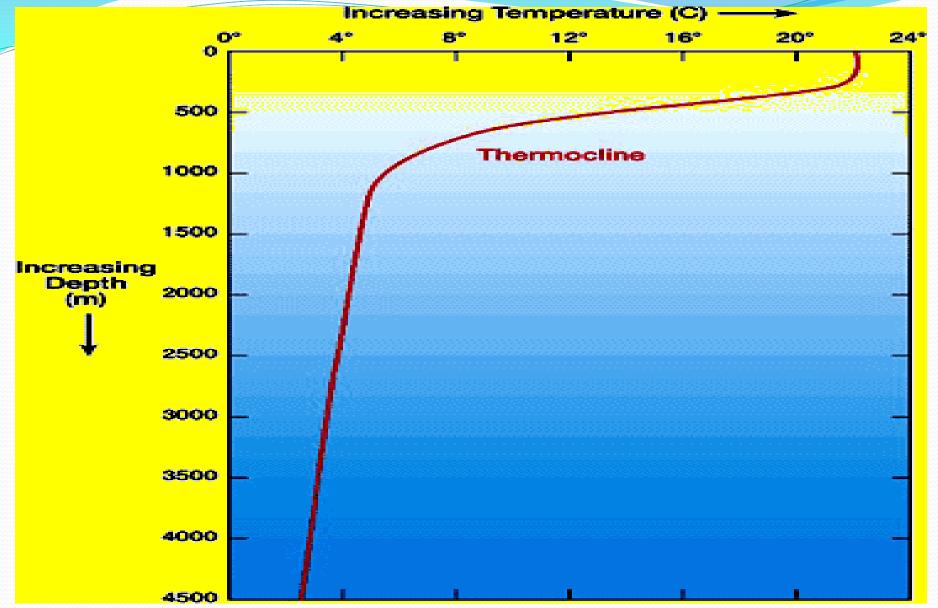






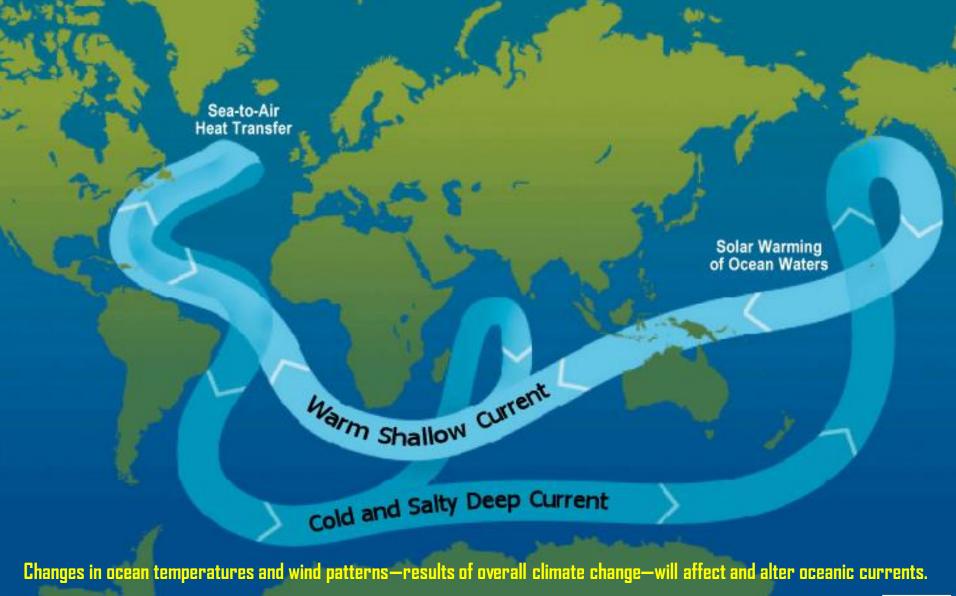
SST pattern along the Indian Coast
Data Source : ICOADS and AVHRR data from NOAA/NASA

















Many animals' migratory patterns can change as the currents they follow are altered.



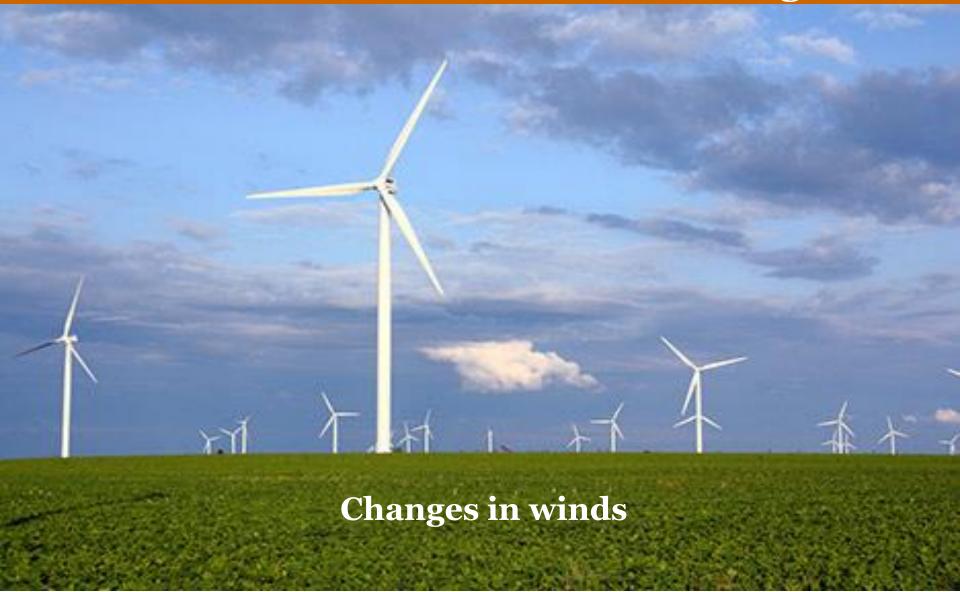




Many species that depend on ocean currents for reproduction and nutrients will be affected. For example, many reef-building coral and reef fish species rely on dispersal of their larvae by currents.







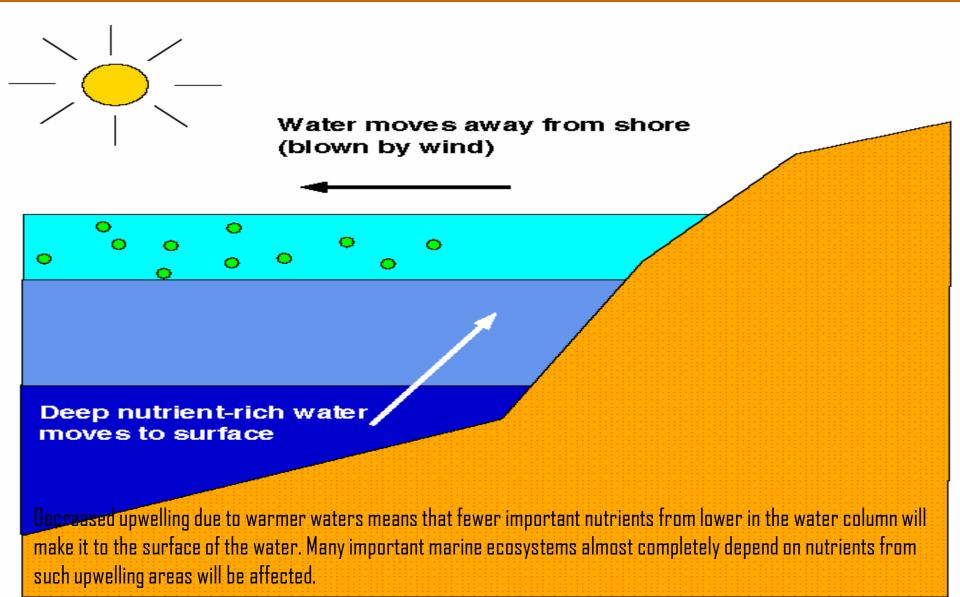


The trade winds in the Pacific Ocean are weakening as a result of global warming, according to a new study that indicates changes to the region's biology are possible.





hold more moisture-thus setting the stage for more extreme precipitation.





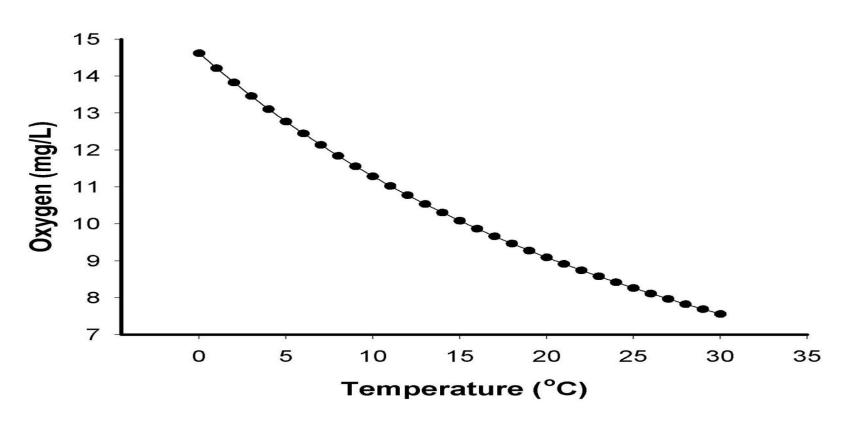






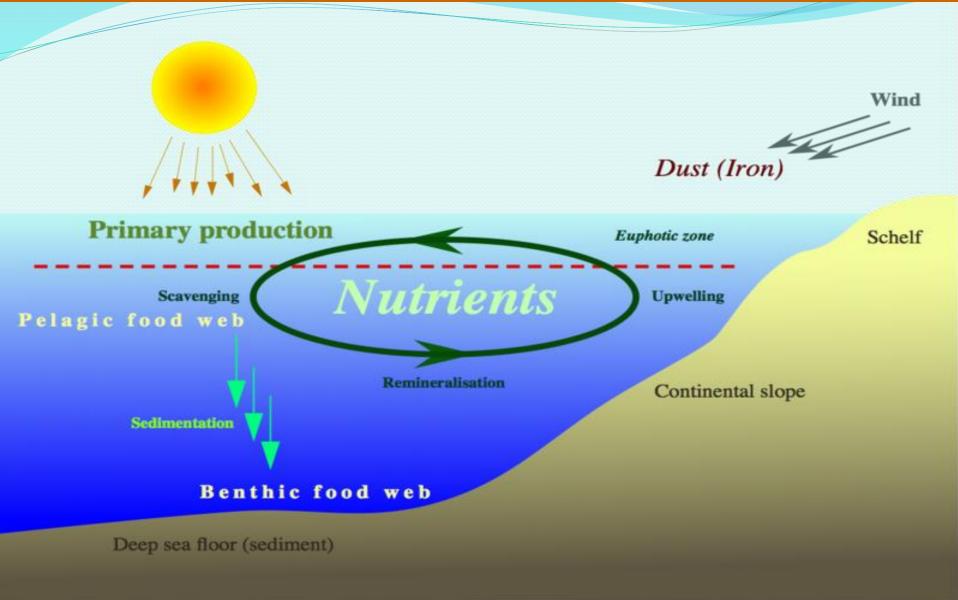


Solubility of oxygen with temperature

















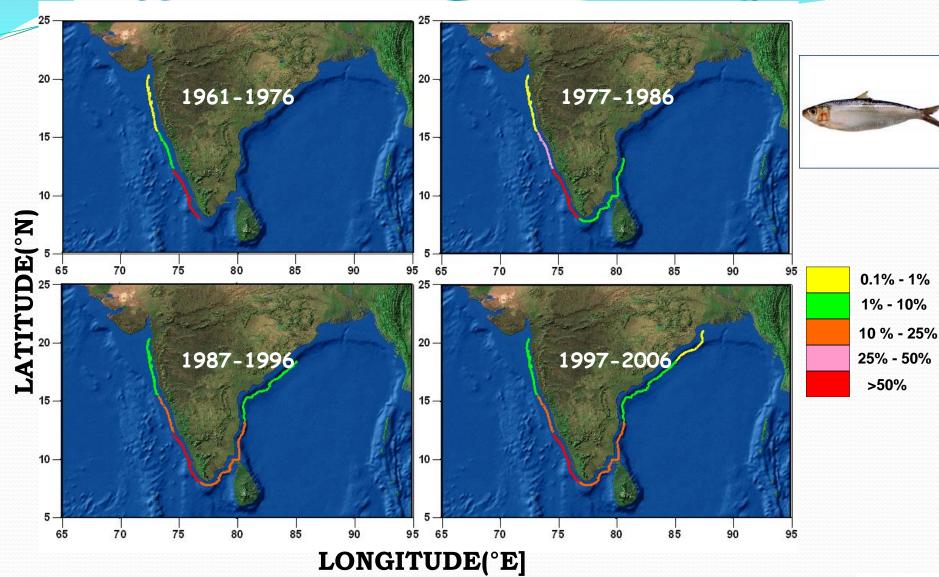




Coral Bleaching

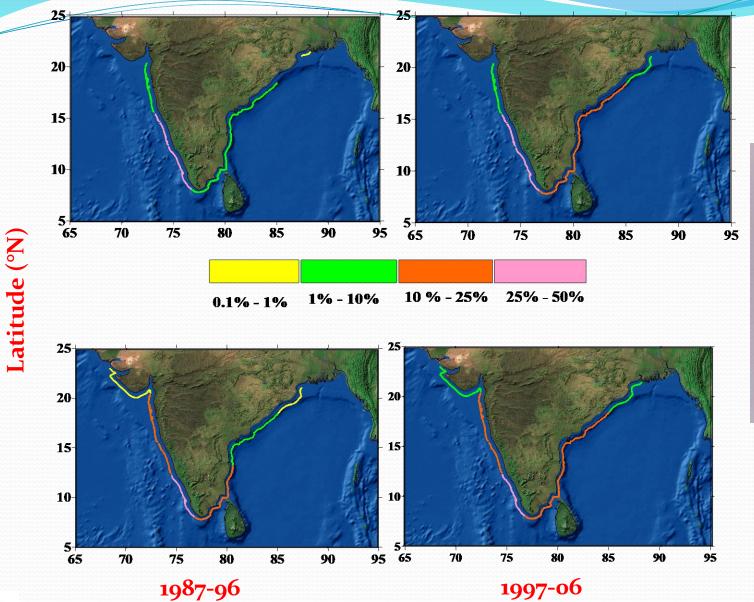


















Alteration to water temperature can directly impact development, age of sexual maturity, timing of spawning, growth, and survival of most fish and cephalopods.

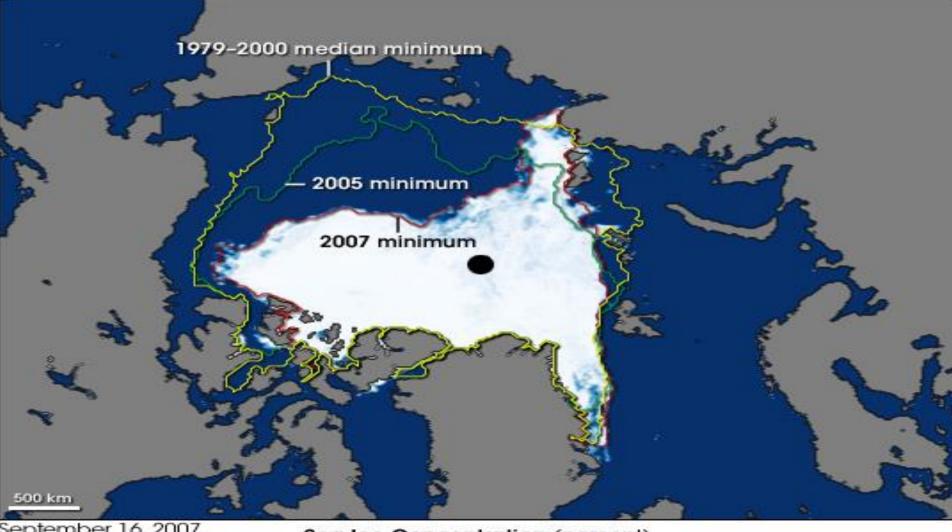












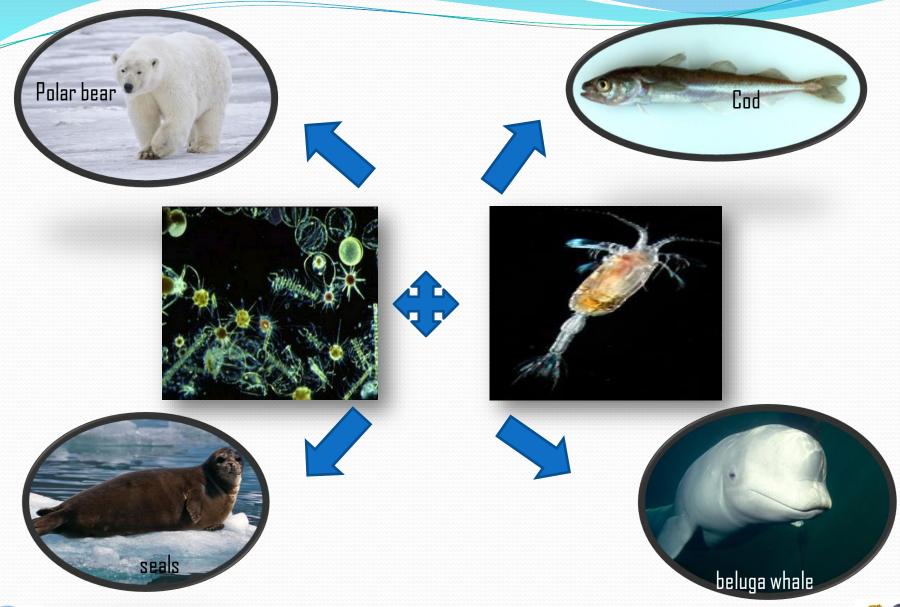






This image shows the Arctic as observed by the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer for EOS (AMSR-E) aboard NASA's Aqua satellite on September 16, 2007. The image shows a record sea ice minimum in the Arctic.





















Diminished sea ice results in the loss of vital habitat for seals, walruses, polar bears, penguin, orcas, minke whales, and other megafauna in the Arctic and Antarctic.







Sea ice is a critical habitat for Antarctic krill, which are the food source for many seabirds and mammals in the Southern Ocean. In recent years, as sea ice has diminished, Antarctic krill populations have declined, resulting in declines in the species dependent on the krill.

Warming driven Habitat loss







Global sea levels may rise by more than 60 centimetres during the next 100 years due to the melting of glaciers and polar ice, and thermal expansion of warmer water. The amount of light reaching offshore plants and algae dependent on photosynthesis could be reduced, while coastal habitats are already being flooded.















The survival of mangroves and associated species hinges on their ability to move into shallower waters.







The survival of sea grasses and their associated species find their way to move into shallower waters.







Slow-growing and slow moving species are most unlikely to be able to keep pace with the rising sea level.







Critical coastal habitats—for instance, sea turtle nesting beaches—are lost as the sea level rises.































Coastal flooding







Port & Harbors will be emptied







Sea level expand (Rodanthe, Cape Hatteras, North Carolina)



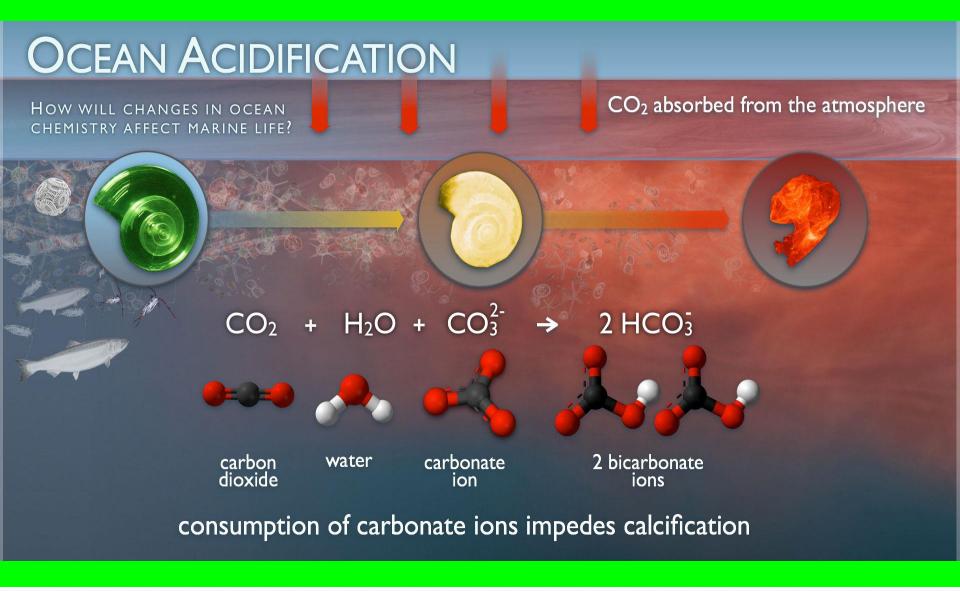




Frequent algal bloom incidence will be expected due to CC









The burning of fossil fuels that is increasing greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, is altering the chemical composition of seawater, making it more acidic.



Periodic changes in ocean pH

0.000

-0.075

-0.230

-0.355

Key et al (2004)

Key et al (2004)

model

model

what we know about Climate change?			
Time	рН	pH change	Source

8.179

8.104

7.949

7.824

Pre-industrial

Recent past (1990s)

 $(2 \times CO2 = 560 \text{ ppm})$

2100 (IS92a)

(1700s)

2050



The burning of fossil fuels that is increasing greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, is also altering the chemical composition of seawater, making it more acidic. More acidity adversely impact on the calcification of coral reefs



























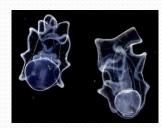




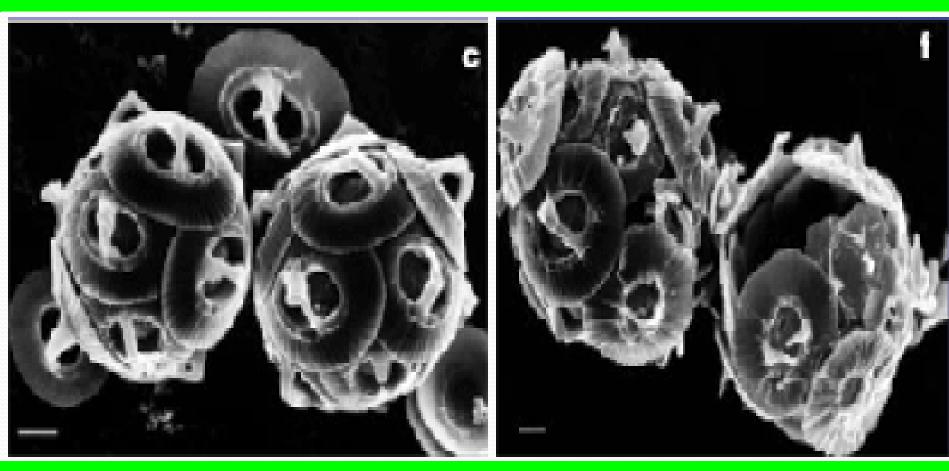
- Reduced calcification rates
- Significant shift in key nutrient and trace element speciation
- Shift in phytoplankton diversity
- Reduced growth, production and life span of adults, juveniles & larvae
- Reduced tolerance to other environmental fluctuations
- Changes to fitness and survival
- Changes to species biogeography
- Changes to key biogeochemical cycles
- Changes to food webs
- Changes to ecosystem & their services
- Uncertainities great research required

Meroplankton is the most sensitive to CO_2 induced OA .









20 to 40 percent reduction in biogenic calcification of coccolithophores, resulting in malformed calcareous plates and layers of plates and lose half their protective coatings.







Pteropods are particularly threatened by ocean acidification because of the high solubility of aragonite







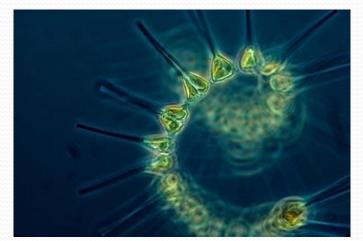
Ocean acidification showed significant negative impacts on egg hatching success and naupliar survival of copepod. Ocean acidifications decreases the ability of male copepods to detect, track and capture a female.





Changing in nitrogen and iron concentration due to CC can leads to reduction in primary production and phytoplankton growth





Changes in primary production can reduces the zooplankton production & growth









A decrease in plankton production, which could result from a CC, would mean less food for fish populations. In addition, CC are expected to increases in shift many species. And changing climate can affect the fish breeding and spawning





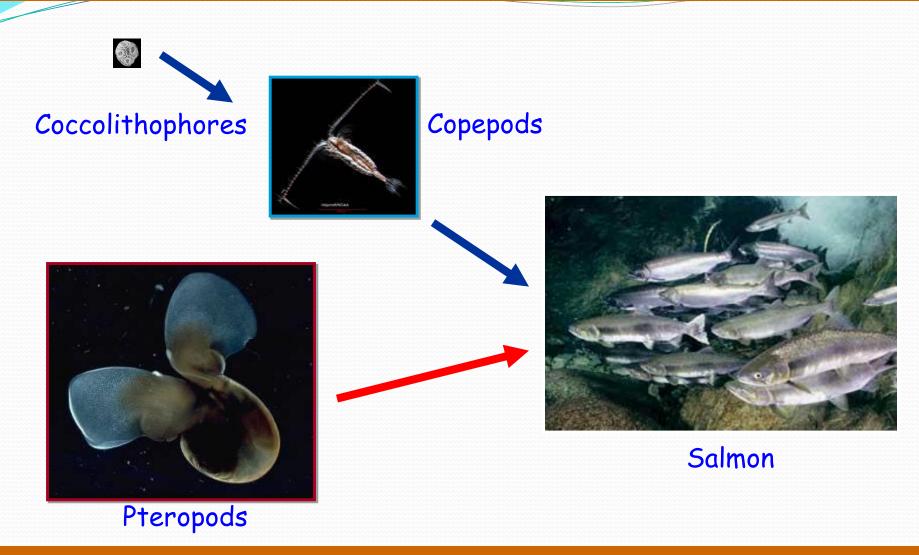
The eggs and larvae of many fish species are sensitive to CC. The naturally high mortality of fish larvae can be possible











The CC and CO_2 driven ocean acidification can reduces the salmon stock which depend on calcified plankton for their food





Many of the seabirds that prey on fish and plankton are likely to have their food supply reduced and CC can influenced the breeding and nesting of seabirds.





Due to glaciers melting the Penguins are facing threats due to lack of climate, habitat, foraging grounds and migration



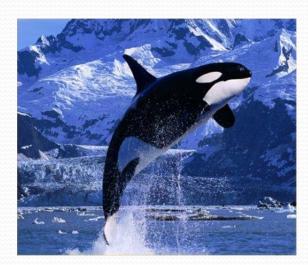






The predicted reduction in primary and secondary productivity that could result from CC would inevitably reach the top of the food web with supplies for marine mammals being affected.





Temperature increases in the Arctic have caused sea ice to break up earlier in the summer allowing polar bears less time to build up vital fat reserves to last them through the winter months. If this trend continues a decline in the weight of adult polar bears and birth rates, will become a serious threat to their survival.









What do we need to know?

- How will the distribution and abundance of marine species and communities alter with CC?
- Which marine species will be the best sentinels of CC impacts?
- Within large marine regions such as the south-east, south west or northwest, where are the hotspots of warming?
- How will productivity alter with CC?
- How would reduction in non-climate related stress indicators increase ecosystem resilience to CC?
- To what extent will marine CC impacts affect socially and economically important uses of marine ecosystems?





What do we need to know?

- We should understand why some species might benefit from CC as it is to understand why others are negatively impacted.
- ❖ Data available so far are clear enough to demonstrate that we need to reduce our CO₂ emissions. As scientists we still have to spread the word and provide new and convincing evidence about what will happen in the near future, but may be it is time to *propose some solutions*.
- ❖ In order to allow society and policy makers to address the big environmental questions, we need good quality information to predict what will happen at the local level and develop strategies to minimise impacts.
- ❖ We need to *identify the species, populations and ecosystems that are most at risk* and suggest some key areas for conservation efforts.
- ❖ We should also put some more effort into the investigation of adaptation potential, understand geographical variation in organism responses to CC and try to identify and isolate CC resistant strains/populations of keystone or economically important species.





What can we do?

- This approach may allow us to rescue some key ecosystems in the future ocean and help to develop some sustainable aquaculture approaches.
- Planktonic ecosystems are complex nonlinear systems, and the consequences of Global warming on such ecosystems are largely unknown. The effect of CC on primary producers (phytoplankton) and secondary producers (zooplankton) should be thoroughly studied.
- Research into the synergistic effects of CC on marine food webs and the potential transformative effects these changes could have on marine ecosystems is urgently needed.
- ❖ It is important to have a firm understanding of the degree to which CC influences critical physiological processes such as respiration, photosynthesis, feeding, reproduction and nutrient dynamics, as these processes are important drivers of ecosystem structure, biodiversity, and ultimately ecosystem health.
- ❖ Future CC research needs include increased resources and efforts devoted to lab, mesocosm, and in situ experiments, all of which will aid in determining the biological responses of marine taxa to increased CC.





What can we do?

- Determine the direct and indirect effects of Climate change on marine organisms and ecosystems.
- Develop better predictive models of Climate change.
- Explore and implement management options that help protect marine ecosystems from Climate change.
- Support Climate change research legislation.
- Support carbon dioxide emission reductions.





CONCLUSIONS

- More funds are needed for ocean warming research. Understanding the implications of ocean warming will facilitate the development of strategies to counteract the detrimental impacts of Climate change by the scientific and management communities.
- The only long term solution to Climate change is a substantial reduction in carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere.
- It is imperative that ocean warming research move forward while strategies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions are formulated and debated.





Suggestion to policy makers

- Establishing more Protected Areas & Marine Biosphere Reserves.
- Establishing Gene Bank & DNA Storage for GW sensitive species.
- Establishing Aquariums.
- Restoration of Endangered species & Ecosystem.
- Establishing more Ecotourism & Restoration of Bioshield.
- Public Awareness & Incentives
- Developing the alternate renewable energy fuels.
- Regular monitoring and survey of marine resources.
- Conservation of Keystone Resources & Species.
- Regular Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Encouraging more Marine Research Programmes.
- Fellowship, Awards and Recognition.
- Establishing Centers of Excellence.
- Developing strict laws to limit the environmental degradation.
- Alternate livelihood through banking and subsidies.
- Identify the endangered species & controlling harvest of the species.
- Develop the technology for use of non edible fishes.
- Increased the aquaculture production.
- Develop the technology for culture of non-cultivable species.





SUGGESTION TO STAKEHOLDERS

- Deforestation and conversion of crop land should be stopped.
- **Chemical and pesticides** should be controlled by replacing by **organic** fertilizers.
- *** Industrial** and **domestic** wastes should be properly treated before discharges into the sea or river.
- **CRZ** Act must be followed when establishing the road, restaurant, commercial shops and residential building.
- **Dredging** and mining activities should be avoided at or nearby sensitive ecosystems.
- **Dumping of ship wastes, plastics, oil and toxic substances into the sea should be stopped.**
- **Do not cut the mangroves** & Don't allow the cattle grazing in mangrove forest.





RECOMMENDATIONS

- *So far, surveys and inventorization have been conducted only in selected areas and only on major commercial species. So complete survey on all marine flora and fauna is needed.
- ❖ There is a demand for Marine Taxonomist. So expertise in taxonomy should be appointed and youngsters should be encouraged for taxonomical investigation.
- * Marine Biodiversity & Taxonomy is being taught as subject in the curricula of school and undergraduate level.
- The separate courses should be started in undergraduate and postgraduate level on Marine Biodiversity and Conservation.
- * More employment & Research opportunities should be created to who study Marine Science, Marine Biology, Marine Biodiversity & Oceanography, Oceanography and Aquaculture.





RECOMMENDATIONS

- ***** The effective management and conservation programmes is highly essential.
- * To involve public, better awareness programmes are the need of the hour.
- ***** The stakeholders should be involved in sustainable utilization of marine resources.
- ***** Conservation of nature and natural resources must be followed.
- *** Fisherman's and other stakeholders should be involved in other alternate livelihood for better conservation.**
- **❖** The individual and groups must involves in restoration of plants to reduce the carbon level in the atmosphere.
- Home gardening and roof gardening can be helpful to solve Climate change related issues besides biodiversity conservation.
- ***** Use of arid salt land for salt tolerant crop and bio-shield should be practiced.
- *** Microalgae culture** on **house roofs** and **coastal areas** are considered to be a potential remedial measures for Climate change.





How do meet the challenge?

Avoid past mistakes



Ambitious implementation of the conservation policies

Greening of the environment

Eliminating CO₂

Fighting Climate change





How do meet the challenge?

We need political will and ambition!



We need to go from words to action for true conservation!













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