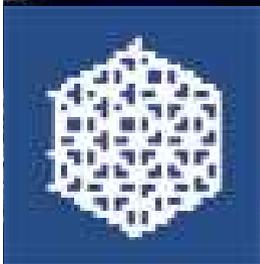




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1. Introduction: The Thesis

- **Global environmental change (GEC)** refers to anthropogenic changes in climate, water, soil, population, urbanization and food
- **GEC** has become a major new security danger and concern
- **GEC** has been killing and affected people often by pushing them to migrate due to hydro-meteorological hazards (drought)
- **GEC** poses security threats, challenges, vulnerabilities & risks for humankind and persons or for global, international, national & human security
- **GEC is being securitized!**
- **The enemy is us:** our consumption of water, soil and hydrocarbons and our way of life. The Military offers no solution!
- **The solution requires both global multilateral cooperation and national as well as local action by people at the level of their home, neighbourhood, city, county and state.**

2. Reasons for Reconceptualization of Security

■ **What did change? Contextual factors:**

- End of the Cold War: 9 November 1989: Berlin Wall;
- Events of 11 September 2001;
- Process of globalization (1492, 1945, globalized in 1990)
- Shift from 'Holocene' to 'Anthropocene' (Crutzen thesis)

■ **Guiding Question:**

- Did these global and regional political contextual changes trigger a reconceptualizing of security?

■ **Which were the conceptual innovations?**

- Theoretical: social constructivism & Ulrich Beck: risk society
- Widening, deepening & sectorialization of security

2.1. Global Mental Mapping of Rethinking on Security

- **What does security mean globally?**
 - Security debate was influenced by the North Atlantic debate
 - What are the cultural, philosophical, religious influences?
- **How has security been reconceptualized?**
 - What are objective security dangers & subjective security concerns: threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks?
 - Answer depends on our mindset, our perception that are influenced by our governments, scientific knowledge & media

Does GEC & hazards pose new security dangers?

- Can September 11 and August 29 (Hurricane Katrina) be compared as posing threats to security and survival of people?
- Did both pose security dangers and security concerns?
- For whom? The state or the people? For national and human security?
- Our worldviews, conceptual lenses, interpretations and scientific approaches in the study of security differ!!

3. Concepts of Security and Theory of Securitization: Objective, Subjective and Intersubjective Security

- Wolfers (1962) pointed to two sides of the security concept: "Security, in an *objective* sense, measures the absence of threats to acquired values, in a *subjective* sense, the absence of fear that such values will be attacked".
- **Objective security dangers:** absence of threats
- **Subjective security concerns:** perception of absence of fear
- From a **constructivist approach** in international relations 'security' is the outcome of a process of social & political interaction where social values & norms, collective identities & cultural traditions are essential. Security: **intersubjective** or "what actors make of it".
- **Copenhagen school (Buzan/Waever/de Wilde 1998)** security as a "speech act", "where a securitizing actor designates a threat to a specified reference object and declares an existential threat implying a right to use extraordinary means to fend it off".
- Such a process of "securitization" is successful when the construction of an "existential threat" by a policy maker is socially accepted and where the "survival" against existential threats is crucial.

3.1. Copenhagen School: Securitization

- **Securitization:** discursive & political process through which an inter-subjective understanding is constructed within a political community to treat something as an existential threat to a valued referent object, and to enable a call for urgent and exceptional measures to deal with the threat.
- **'Referent object'** (that is threatened and holds a general claim on 'having to survive', e.g. the **state, environment or liberal values**),
- **'Securitizing actor'** (who makes the claim – speech act – of pointing to an existential threat to referent object thereby legitimizing extraordinary measures, often but not necessarily to be carried out by the actor), and
- **'Audience'** (have to be convinced in order for the speech act to be successful in the sense of opening the door to extraordinary measures).
- **It is not up to analysts to settle the 'what is security?'** question – widening or narrowing– but more usefully one can study this as an open, empirical, political and historical question.
- **Who manages to securitize what under what conditions & how?**
- **What are the effects of this?** How does the politics of a given issue change when it shifts from being a normal political issue to becoming ascribed the urgency, priority and drama of 'a matter of security'.

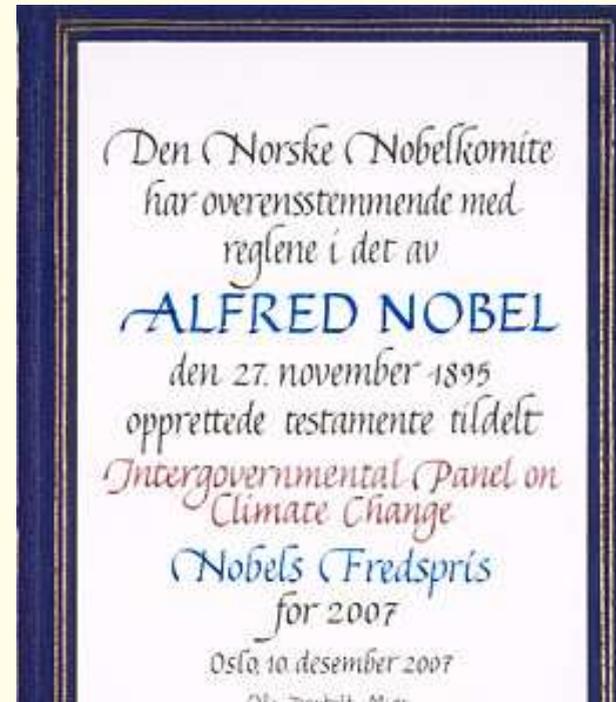
3.2. Two Securitizing Actors

- U.S. Department of Defense



- The U.S. President
- US.National Security Strategy of 2002, 2006
- QDR 2002, 2006

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Fourth Assessment Report of 2007
- IPCC with Al Gore Recipient of Nobel Peace Prize



3.3. Concepts of security in relation with peace, environment and development

Programmes, pillars & linkage concepts within the quartet

IR research programmes	Conceptual Quartet	Conceptual Linkages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peace Research ▪ Security Studies ▪ Development Stud. ▪ Environment Studies <p>4 conceptual pillars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I: <i>Security dilemma</i> ▪ II: <i>Survival dilemma</i> ▪ III: <i>Sustainable development</i> ▪ IV: <i>Sustainable peace</i> 	<p>Peace Security</p> <p>■ I: <i>Security dilemma</i></p> <p>Development Environment</p> <p>III: <i>Sustainable development</i></p>	<p>Political use of concepts & theoretical debates on 6 linkages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Peace & security ■ Peace & development ■ Peace & environment ■ Devel. & security ■ Devel. & environment <p>Of interest here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Security & environment

3.4. From International & National to four Pillars of Human Security

- **International Peace & Security:** League of Nations (1919): "high contracting parties"; UN Charter (1945): "*We the peoples of the United Nations*"
- **National Security:** new U.S. concept World War II, post WW II: National Security Act (1947), before: goal defence, means: Army (War Dep.), & Navy Dept.
- **Alliance Security:** NATO (1949-), WP (1955-2001)
- **Common Security** (Palme Report 1982)
- **Environmental Security** (Brundtland 1987)
- **1990:** Widening, Deepening, Sectorialization
- **2001:** Shrinking: U.S. nat. security agenda
- **Global Security:** Steinbrunner (2000)
- **Cooperative Security:** Brookings Institution (1990's)
- **Human Security:** UNDP (1994): 4 pillars of HS

3.5. Widening of Security Concepts: Towards Environmental Security

4 trends in reconceptualisation of security since 1990:

Widening (dimensions, sectors), Deepening (levels, actors)

Sectorialisation (energy, food, health),

Shrinking (WMD, terrorists)

Dimensions & Levels of a Wide Security Concept

Security dimension ⇒ ↓ Level of interaction	Military	Political	Economic	Environmental ↓	Societal
Human individual ⇒			Food sec. Health sec.	Cause & Victim	Food sec. Health sec.
Societal/Community				↓↑	
National	Shrinking (WMD)		Energy security	↓↑	Food & health security
International Regional			Water security	↓↑	Water security
Global/Planetary ⇒				GEC	

3.6. Environmental & Human Security

Label	Reference object	Value at risk	Source(s) of threat
National security	The State	Territ. integrity	State, substate actors
Societal security	Societal groups	Nation. identity	Nations, migrants
Human security	Individual, humankind	Survival	Nature, state, global.
Environmental sec.	Ecosystem	Sustainability	Humankind
Gender security (Oswald Spring)	Gender relations, indigenous people, minorities	Equality, identity, solidarity	Patriarchy, totalitarian institutions (governments, churches, elites) intoler.

Human security: Referent: individuals and humankind. [Human Sec. Network]

- ❖ Values at risk: survival of human beings and their quality of life.
- ❖ Major source of threat: nature (global environmental change), globalisation, nation state with its ability to cope with this dual challenge.

Environmental Security: Referent: Ecosystem; Value at risk is sustainability.

- ❖ Major challenges: global environmental change & humankind,
- ❖ Focus: Interactions between ecosystem & humankind, impact of GEC on environmental degradation, of increasing demand on environmental scarcity & stress.

[No Environment Security Network of States, & IGOs & NGOs]

3.7 Four Pillars of Human Security

- **“Freedom from want” human development agenda: poverty** (stimulated by Asian economic crisis of 1990s) by reducing social vulnerability through poverty eradication programmes (UNDP 1994; CHS: Ogata/Sen: Human Security Now, 2003, Human Security Trust Fund, HSU of OCHA), **Japanese approach**.
- **“Freedom from fear”**: humanitarian agenda: **violence, con-flicts, weapons** (Canada, Norway, Human Security Network) (UNESCO, HSN), **Canadian approach**: Human Security Rep.(2005).
- **“Freedom to live in dignity”**: agenda: **rule of law, human rights, democratic governance** (Kofi Annan: *In Larger Freedom* (2005))
- **“Freedom from hazard impact”**: **environmental (GEC) & natural hazard agenda**: Bogardi/Brauch vision, goal: securitize: “environment” (GEC as pressure) and “natural hazards” as impact by reducing environmental & social vulnerability & enhancing coping capabilities of societies confronted with natural & human-induced hazards (Bogardi/Brauch 2005; Brauch 2005a, 2005b).

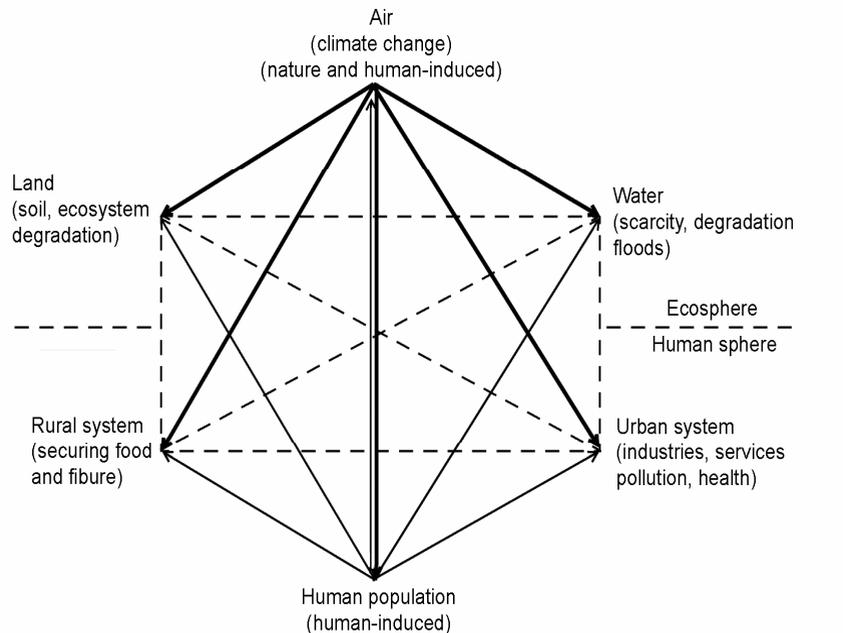
4. Global Environmental Change and Climate Change

- Since 1970s & 1980s: '*global environmental change*' (GEC) became a topic in the natural & social sciences
- Since the late 1980s and 1990s policy efforts on:
 - **Climate Change**: 1988: issue of G7; 1990: UN GA mandate; 1992: Rio summit: **UNFCCC (1992)** and **Kyoto Protocol (1997)**
 - **Desertification**: **UNCCD (1994)**
- Since 2000: both are considered as security issues
 - **Valencia: 2003**: Desertification as a security issue in Medit.
 - **Since 2002**: climate change seen as a security threat/risk
 - **2002: BMU study: climate change and conflicts**
 - **2003: Schwartz/Randall: Pentagon Study**
 - **2007: Climate Change debated by UN Secur. Council**
 - **2007/2008: WBGU: Security Risk Climate Change**

5. Analyzing GEC: PEISOR Model Scenarios on Climate Change Impacts

- **Focus: environment <--> human interaction**
- **Other Models: Environment – Policy Response**
 - **OECD: PSR-Model** (pressure, state of env., policy response)
 - **UN-CSD** (Committee for Sustainable Development)
 - **EEA** (European Environment Agency)
- **PEISOR model distinguishes 5 stages:**
 - **P: Pressure: Causes of GEC : Survival hexagon**
 - **E: Effect: environm. scarcity, degradation & stress**
 - **I: Impact: Extreme or fatal outcome: hazards**
 - **SO: Societal Outcomes: disaster, migration, crisis, conflict etc.**
 - **R: Response by state, society, business and by using knowledge to enhance coping capacity and resilience**

5.2. PEISOR: Pressure or Causes of GEC (Survival Hexagon)



- direct impact of nature and human-induced "root cause": climate change on five factors
- direct impact of human-induced "root cause": population on five factors
- - → complex interaction among four structural factors: land, water, urban and rural systems

Six causes of GEC or pressure factors

Nature & human-induced Supply side

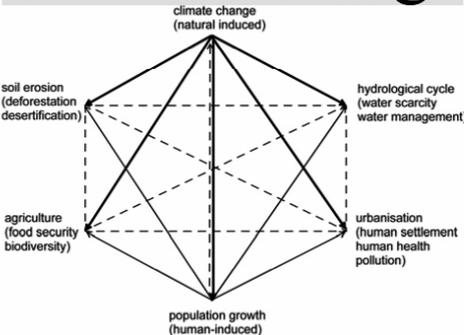
- ❖ **Air:** Global climate change
- ❖ **Soil** degrad., desertification
- ❖ **Water** scarcity, hydrol. cycle

Human-induced factors Demand Side

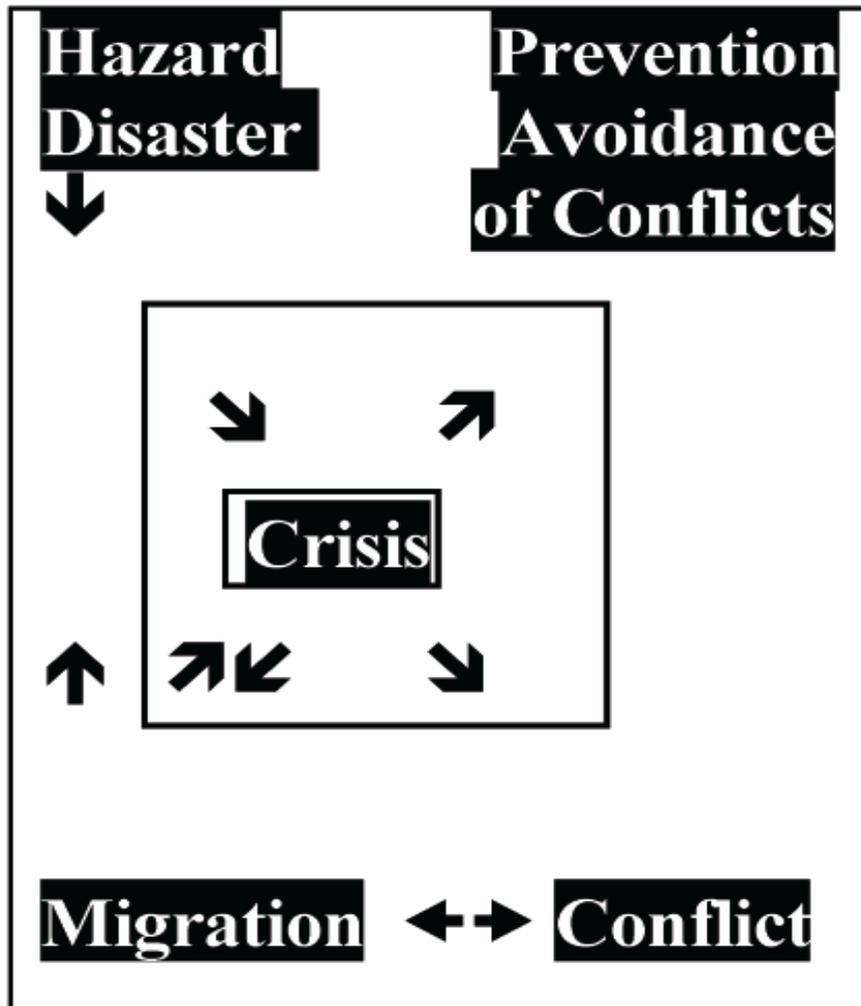
- ❖ **Population** growth
- ❖ **Urban systems:** Urbani-sation, Pollution, Health
- ❖ **Rural systems:** Agriculture: Food & Fibre

Six Contextual Factors

5.3. PEISOR: Effect: Environmental Scarcity, Degradation & Stress and Impacts

Causes (Hexagon)	Effect (Interaction)	Environmental Stress	Probable Outcomes
<p>↗→→→→→ Extreme Weather Events →→→↘</p>			
<p>Climate change</p>  <p>→ direct impact of nature-induced „root cause“: climate change on five factors → direct impact of human-induced „root cause“: population on four factors - - -> complex interaction among four structural factors: urbanisation, water scarcity, soil erosion and desertification and food scarcity and agricultural policy</p>	<p>environmental degradation (soil, water)</p> <p>↕</p> <p>scarcity (water, food, housing)</p>	<p>global cond.</p> <p>↓</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Environ-mental stress</p> </div> <p>↑</p> <p>nation. cond.</p>	<p>disaster conflict avoidance</p> <p>↗ ↘</p> <p>→ Crisis</p> <p>↙ ↘</p> <p>migration conflict</p>

5.4. PEISOR: Impact (Hazard/Disaster) & Social Outcomes (Migration, Crises & Conflicts)



Much knowledge on four factors:

- ✓ Hazards, migration, crises, & conflicts
- By different scientific communities

Lack of knowledge on linkages among extreme - fatal outcomes

- Disasters & disaster-induced migration
- Famine & environm.-induced migration
- Conflicts & conflict-induced migration

Lack of knowledge on societal consequences: crises & conflicts

- Domestic/international crises/conflicts
- Environmentally or war-induced migration as a cause or consequence of crises and conflicts

Dual Scientific & Policy Goal

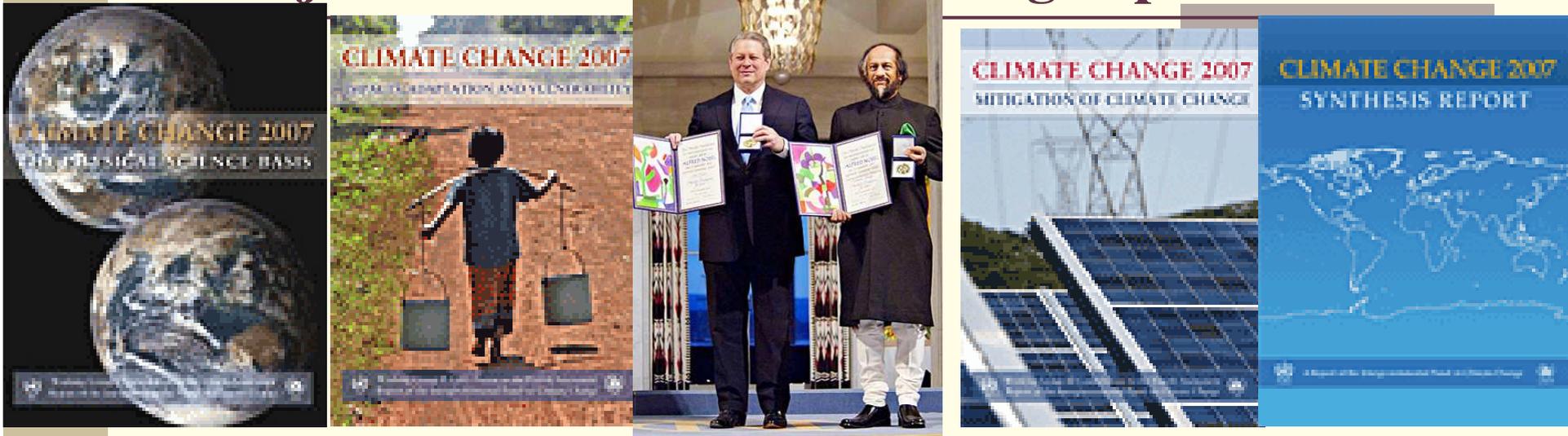
- Reduce Vulnerab. & Hazard Impact
- Avoid Extreme Societal Outcomes

5.5. **R**esponse: Climate Change as a (Human) Security Danger and Concern

- **Twofold link between environment & conflict**
 - **Conflicts, wars as a cause of environmental damage**
 - **Global Environmental Change as a cause of conflicts**
- **Do GEC, CC & hazards pose security dangers?**
 - Global Environmental & Climate Change: pressure & cause
 - **Climate-related natural hazards:** impacts & societal outcome (victims) depend on social vulnerability
- **Policy Response: Reactive vs. proactive**
 - Stern (06) Price of non-acting is higher than two world wars!
 - **Energy resource conflicts:** wars over control of oil and gas
 - **Reactive:** postpone burden on next generations, adaptation
 - **Proactive:** emissions reduction: Shift in consumption, **energy:** from fossil to renewable sources of energy: solar.

6. Causes and Impacts of Global Environmental Change

Projected Global Climate Change up to 2100



- IPCC was set up in 1988 by UNEP & WMO: Assessment Reports FAR 1990, SAR 1995, TAR 2001 and AR4 2007.
- 2007: IPCC and Al Gore received Nobel Peace prize
- UNGA in 1990 set up International *Negotiating Committee on Climate Change* (INC) to negotiate the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* (UNFCCC)
- 1997: Kyoto protocol (-5.1% 1990-2012)
- 2009-11: Post Kyoto 2012 Climate Change Regime

6.1. Global Climate Change: Temperature Increases & Sea Level Rise

Climate Change Impacts: Temperature & Sea level Rise

❖ Global average temperature rise in 20th century: **+ 0.6°C**

Projected temperature rise:

❖ TAR (1990-2100): **+1.4-5.8°C**

❖ AR4 (07): **+1.1-6.4 (1.8-4)°C**

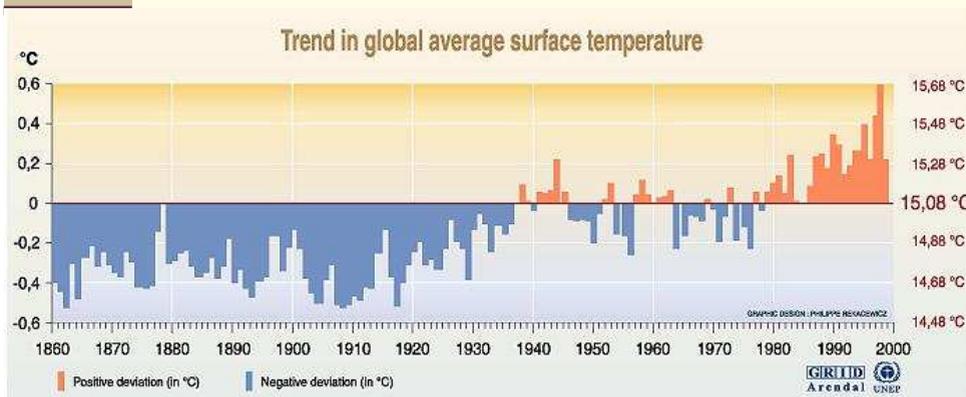
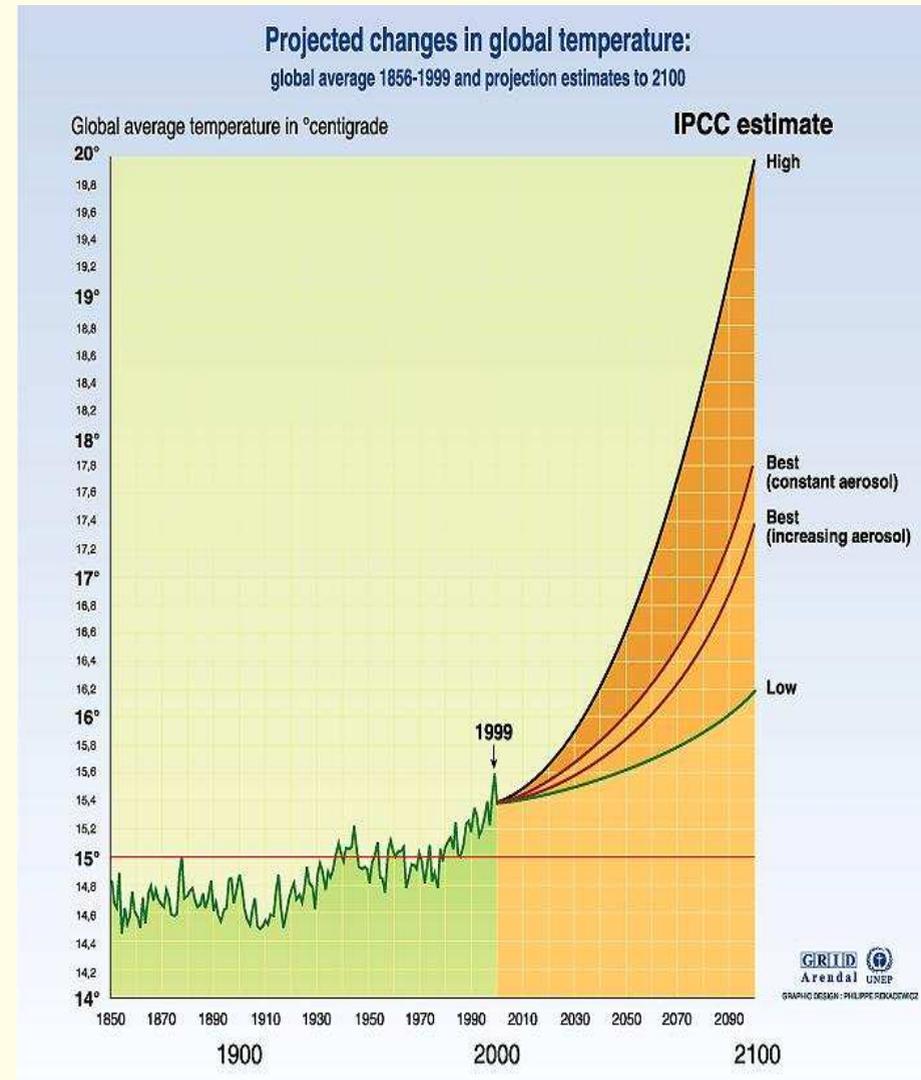
Sources: IPCC 1990, 1995, 2001, '07

Sea level Rise:

❖ 20th cent.: **+0,1-0,2 metres**

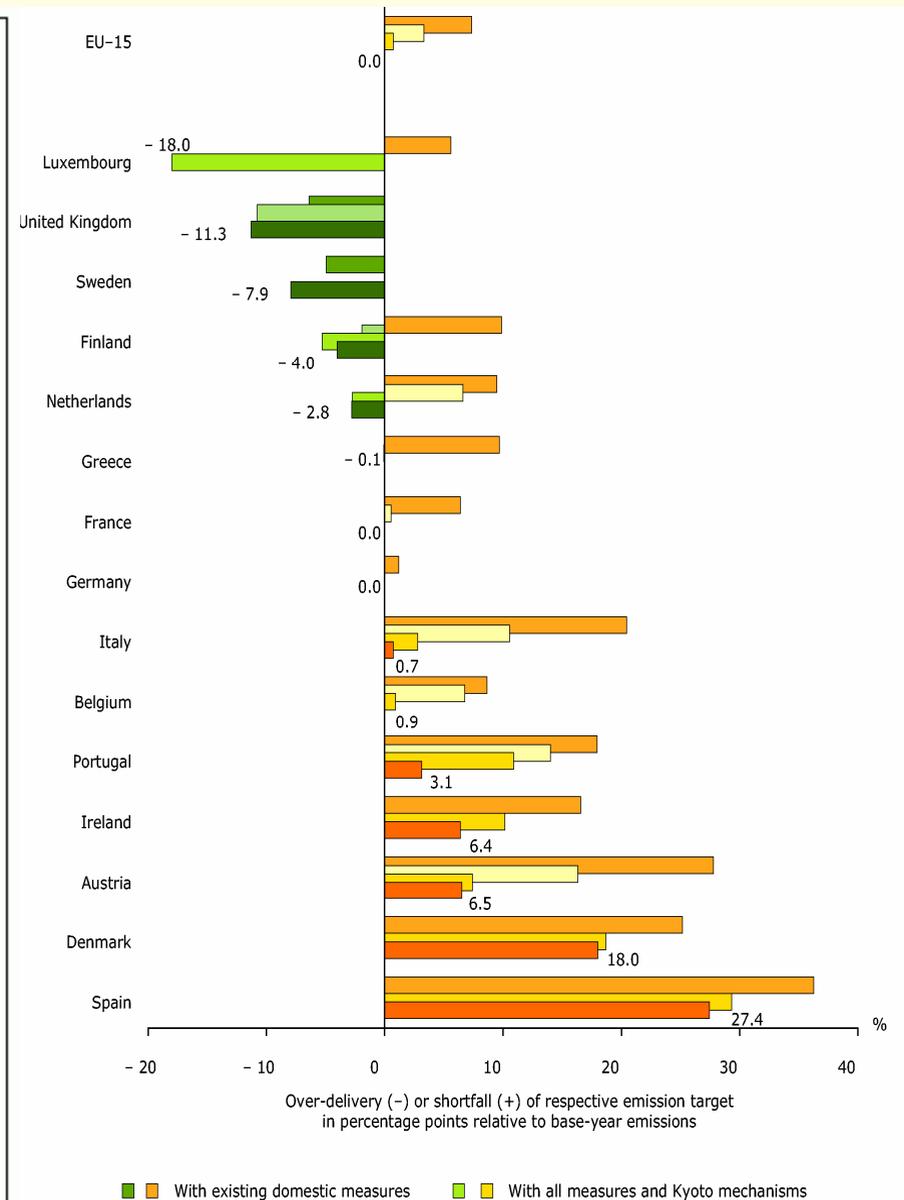
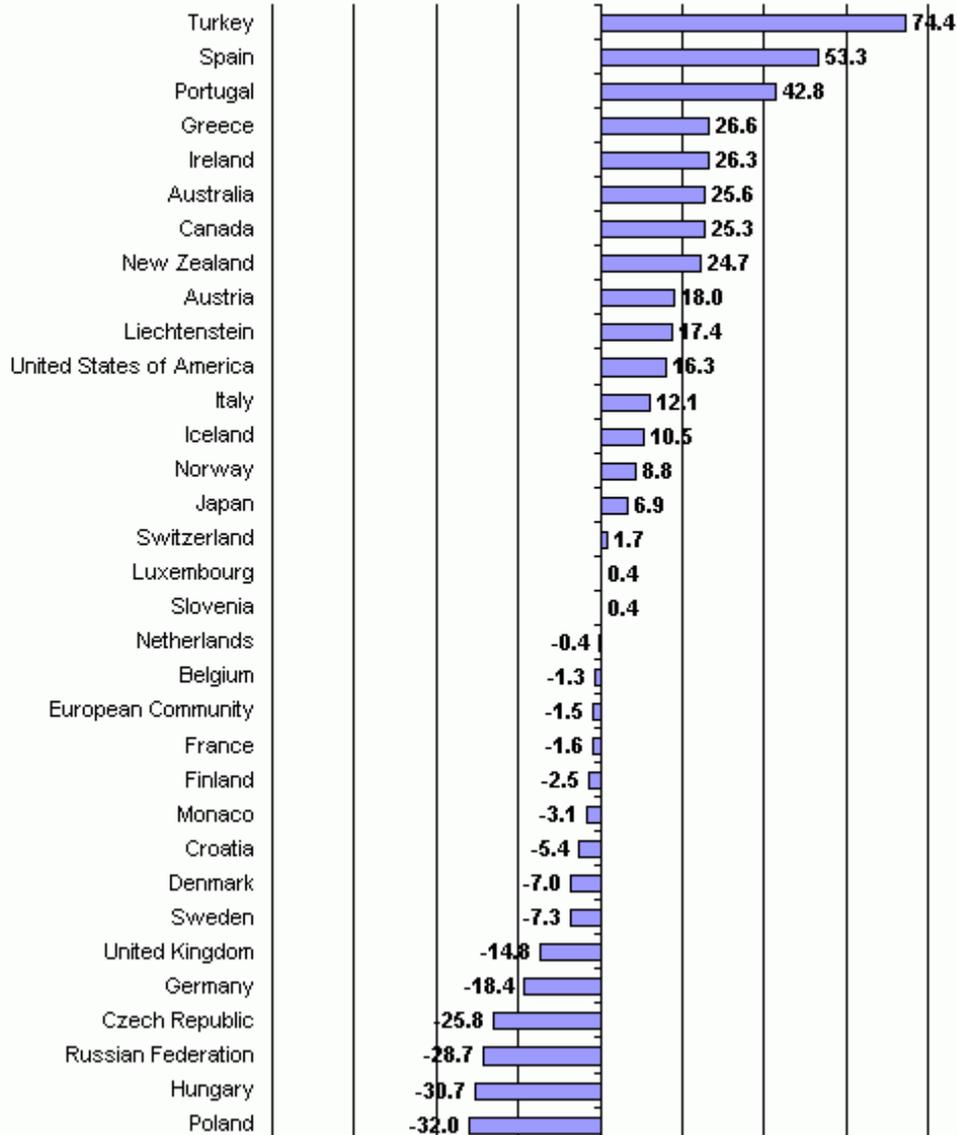
❖ TAR: 21st century: **9-88 cm**

❖ AR4 (2000-2100): **18-59 cm**



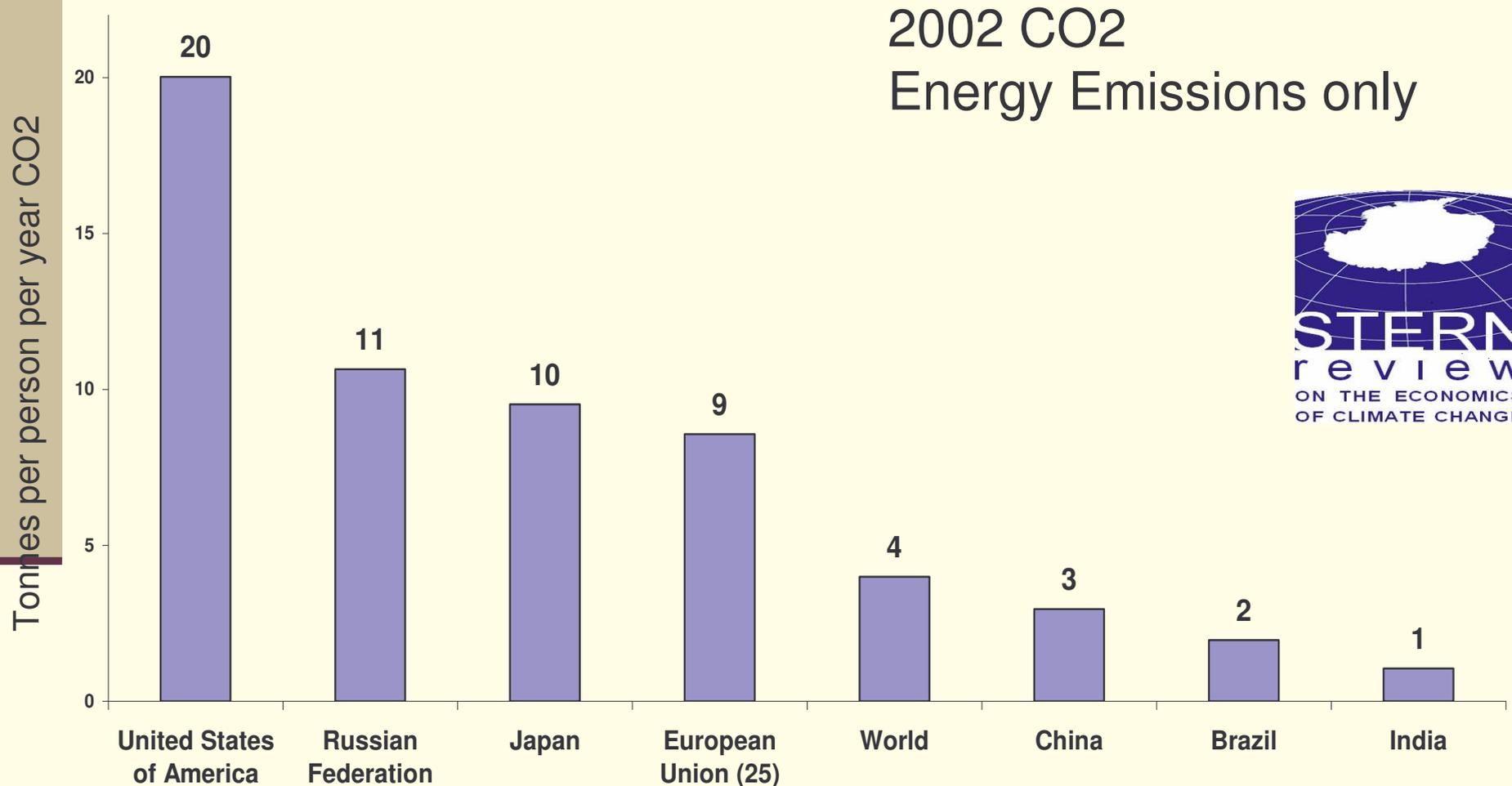
6.2. Implementing the Kyoto Protocol: Performance: Greenhouse Gase Reductions

Change in GHG emissions excluding LULUCF (%)



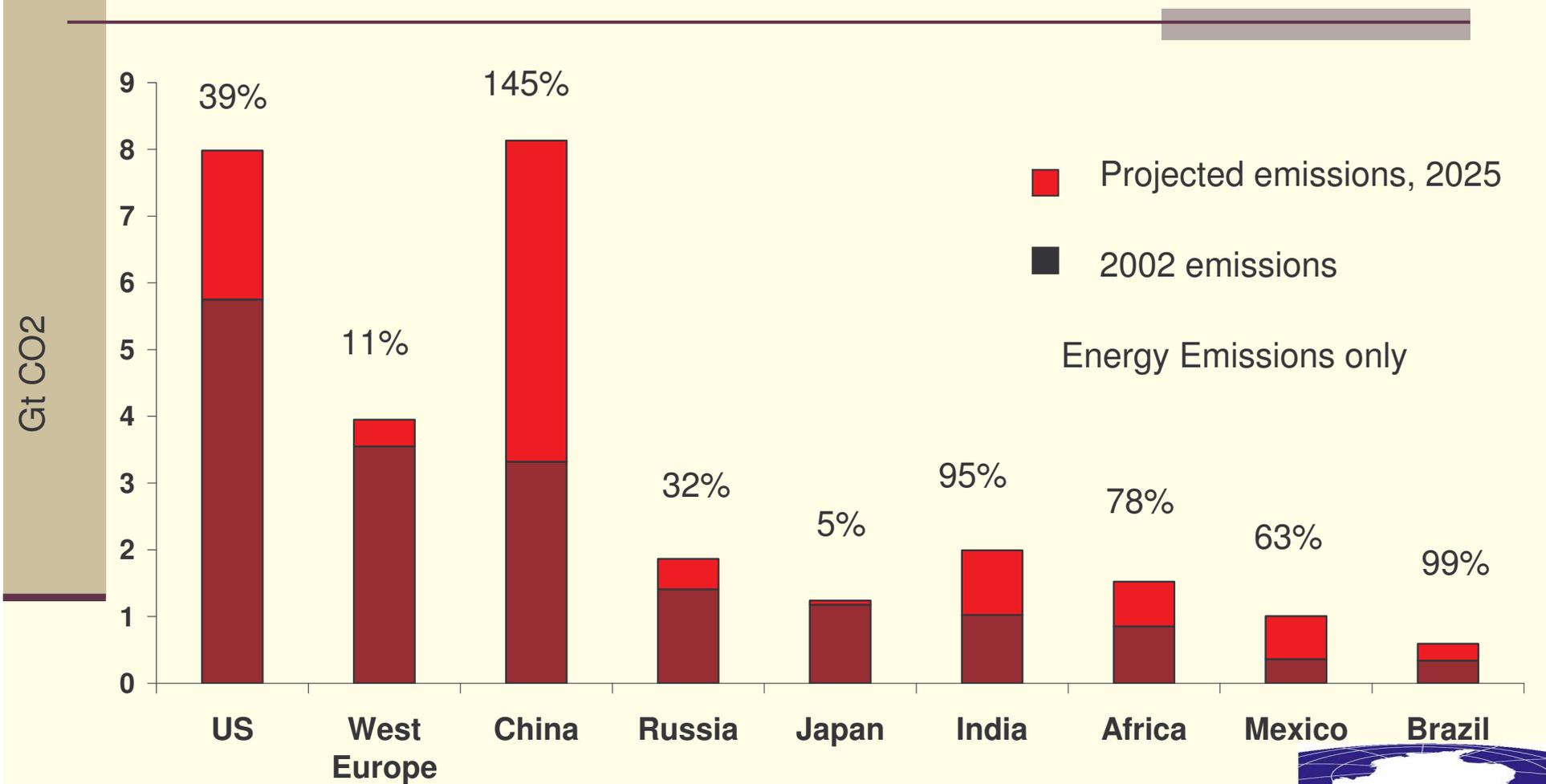
Legend:
■ With existing domestic measures
■ With all measures and Kyoto mechanisms
■ With additional domestic measures
■ With all measures, Kyoto mechanisms and carbon sinks

6.3. Current Emissions Per Capita are Higher in Developed Countries



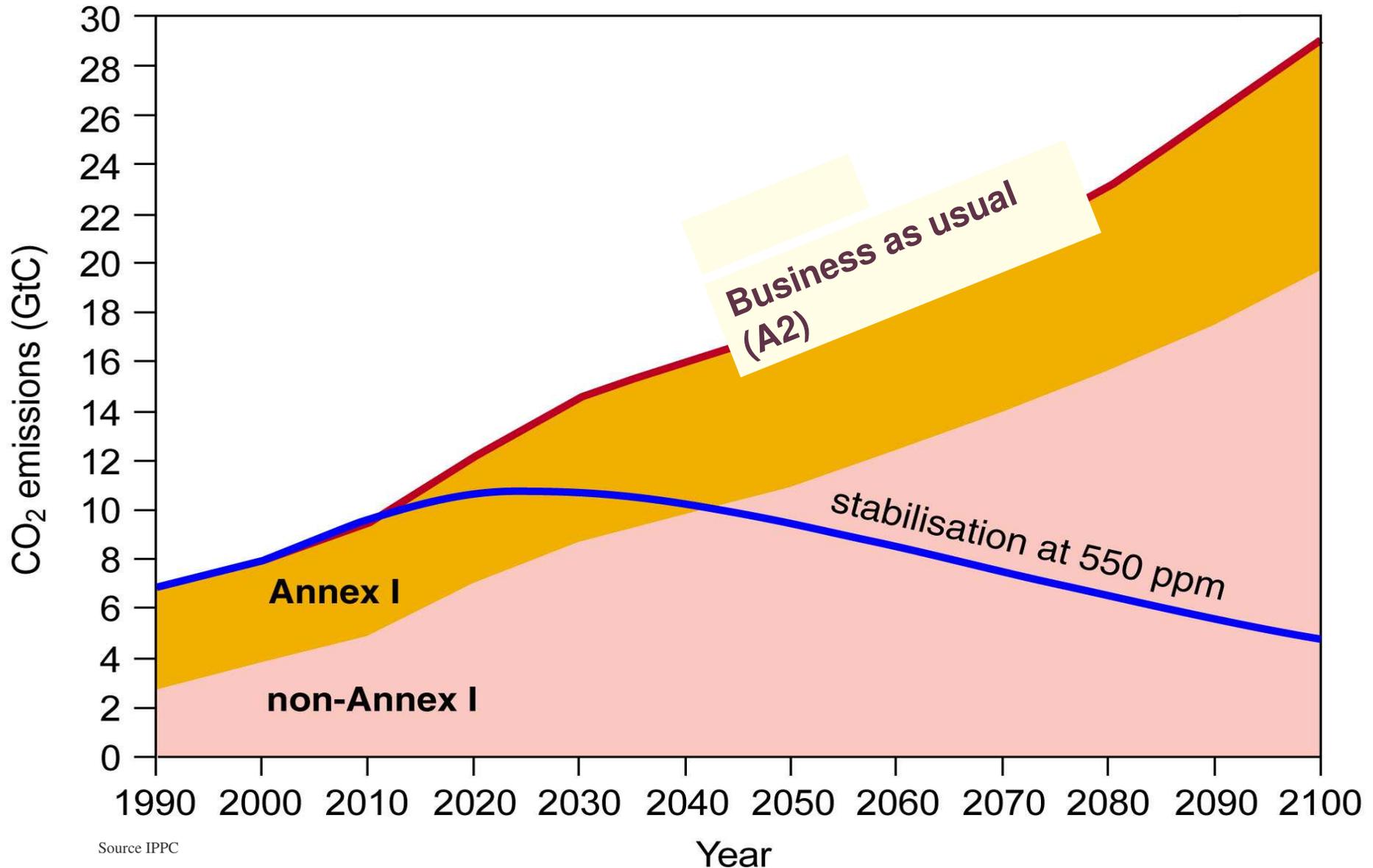
Source: World Resources Institute, CAIT

6.4. Larger Developing Countries Account for Much of the Forecast Rise in Emissions



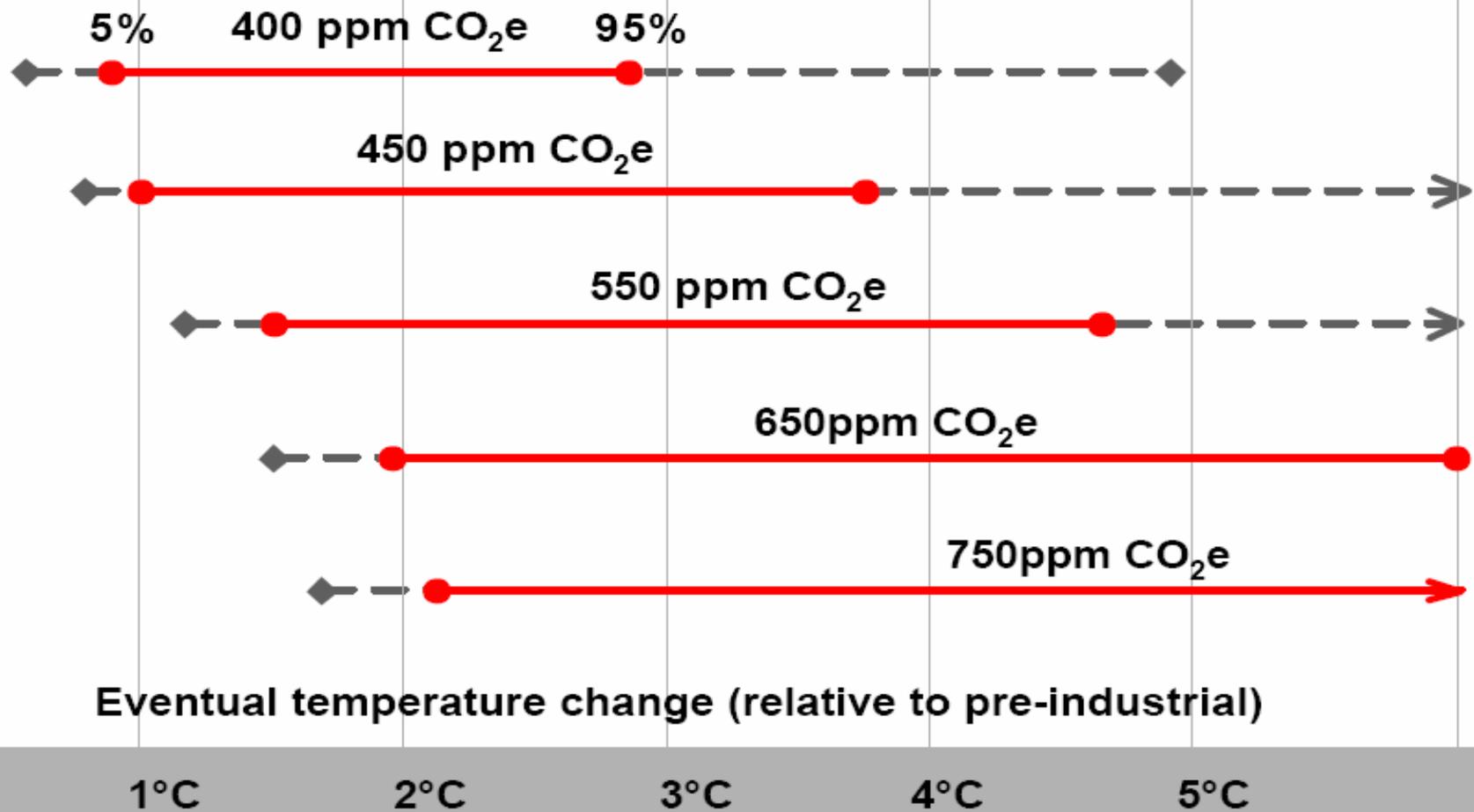
Source: World Resources Institute, CAIT Energy Information Administration Reference Scenario, Energy emissions only

6.5. Projection: Stabilization at 550 ppm



6.6. Stabilization & Temperature Increase

Stabilisation and Commitment to Warming



6.7. Projected Impacts of Climate Change

Projected Impacts of Climate Change

Global temperature change (relative to pre-industrial)

0°C

1°C

2°C

3°C

4°C

5°C

Food

Falling crop yields in many areas, particularly developing regions

Possible rising yields in some high latitude regions

Falling yields in many developed regions

Water

Small mountain glaciers disappear – water supplies threatened in several areas

Significant decreases in water availability in many areas, including Mediterranean and Southern Africa

Sea level rise threatens major cities

Ecosystems

Extensive Damage to Coral Reefs

Rising number of species face extinction

Extreme Weather Events

Rising intensity of storms, forest fires, droughts, flooding and heat waves

Risk of Abrupt and Major Irreversible Changes

Increasing risk of dangerous feedbacks and abrupt, large-scale shifts in the climate system

6.8. Average Value of Surface Temperature (IPCC 2007, WG 1, AR4, p. 14)

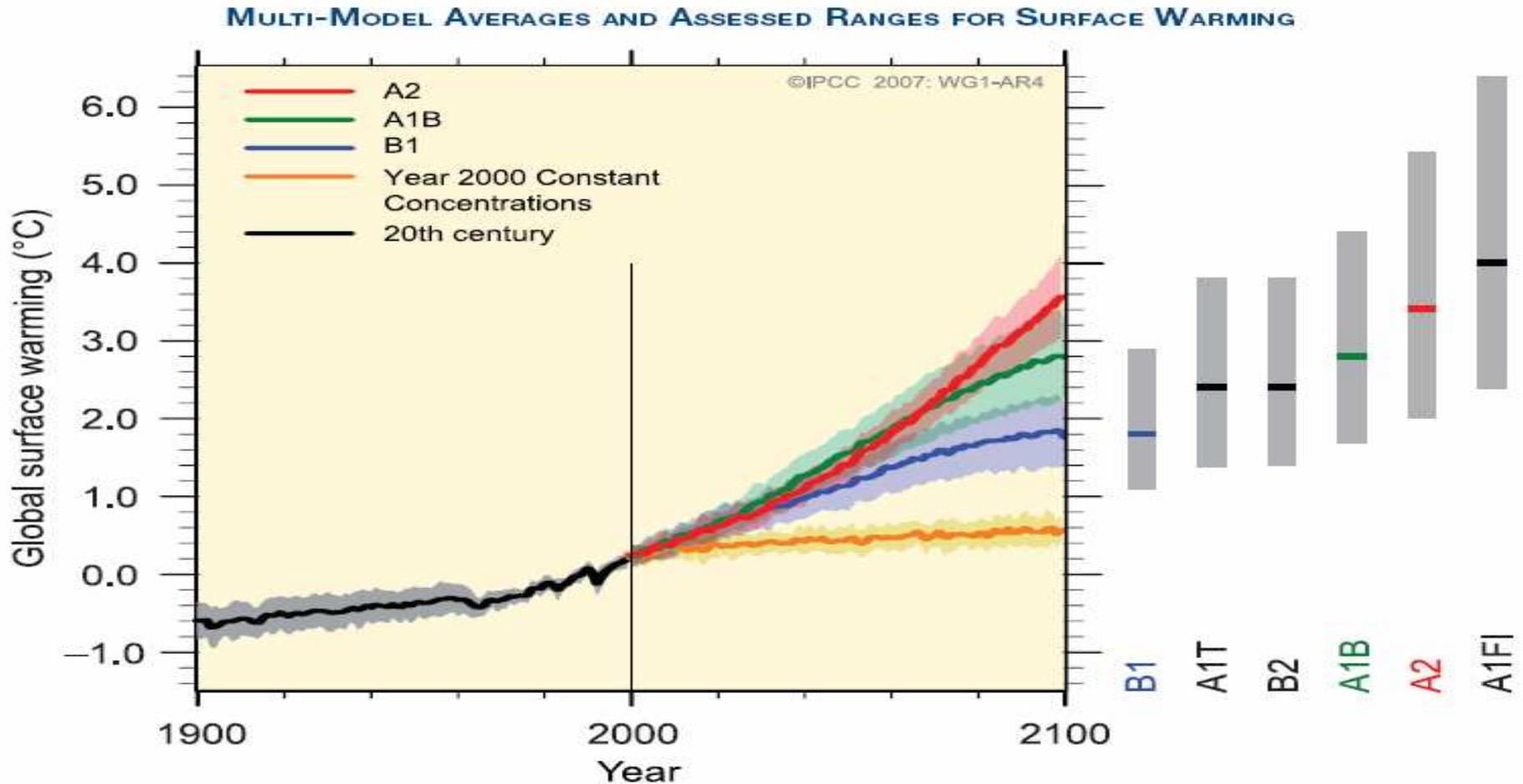
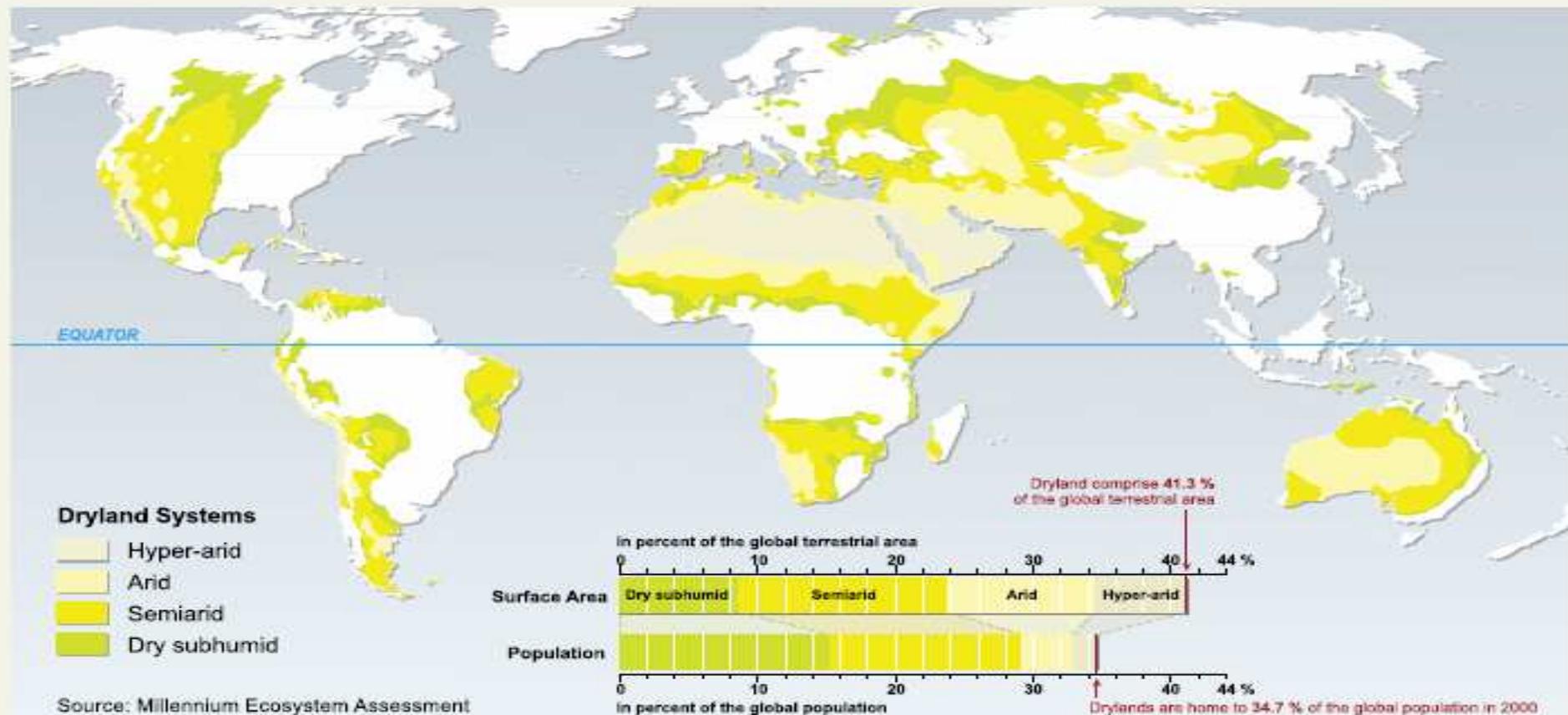


Figure SPM.5. Solid lines are multi-model global averages of surface warming (relative to 1980–1999) for the scenarios A2, A1B and B1, shown as continuations of the 20th century simulations. Shading denotes the ± 1 standard deviation range of individual model annual averages. The orange line is for the experiment where concentrations were held constant at year 2000 values. The grey bars at right indicate the best estimate (solid line within each bar) and the likely range assessed for the six SRES marker scenarios. The assessment of the best estimate and likely ranges in the grey bars includes the AOGCMs in the left part of the figure, as well as results from a hierarchy of independent models and observational constraints. [Figures 10.4 and 10.29]

6.9. GEC: Desertification and Drought

Drylands and their Categories

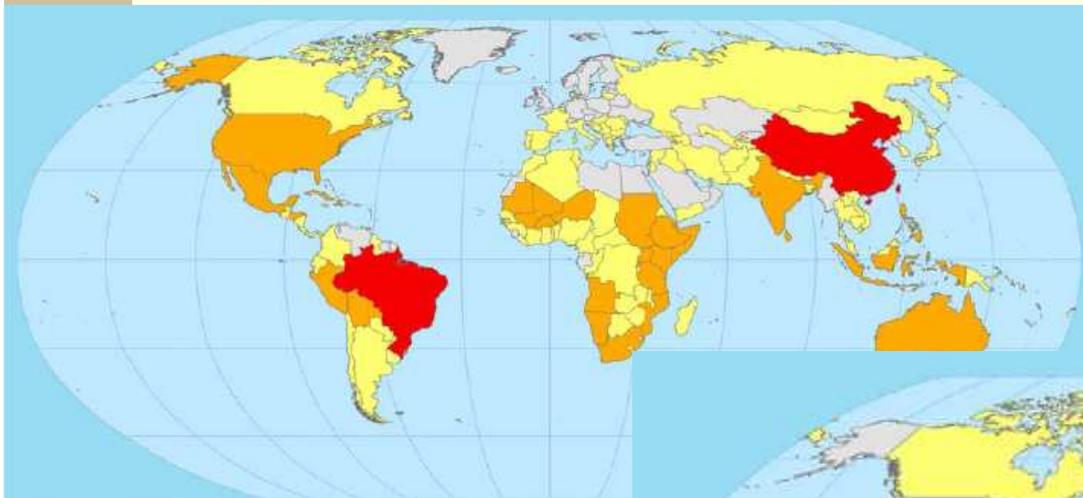
Drylands include all terrestrial regions where the production of crops, forage, wood and other ecosystem services are limited by water. Formally, the definition encompasses all lands where the climate is classified as dry subhumid, semiarid, arid or hyper-arid. This classification is based on Aridity Index values[†].



[†] The long-term mean of the ratio of an area's mean annual precipitation to its mean annual potential evapotranspiration is the Aridity Index (AI).

Notes: The map is based on data from UNEP Geo Data Portal (<http://geodata.grid.unep.ch/>). Global area based on Digital Chart of the World data (147,573,196.6 square km); Data presented in the graph are from the MA core database for the year 2000.

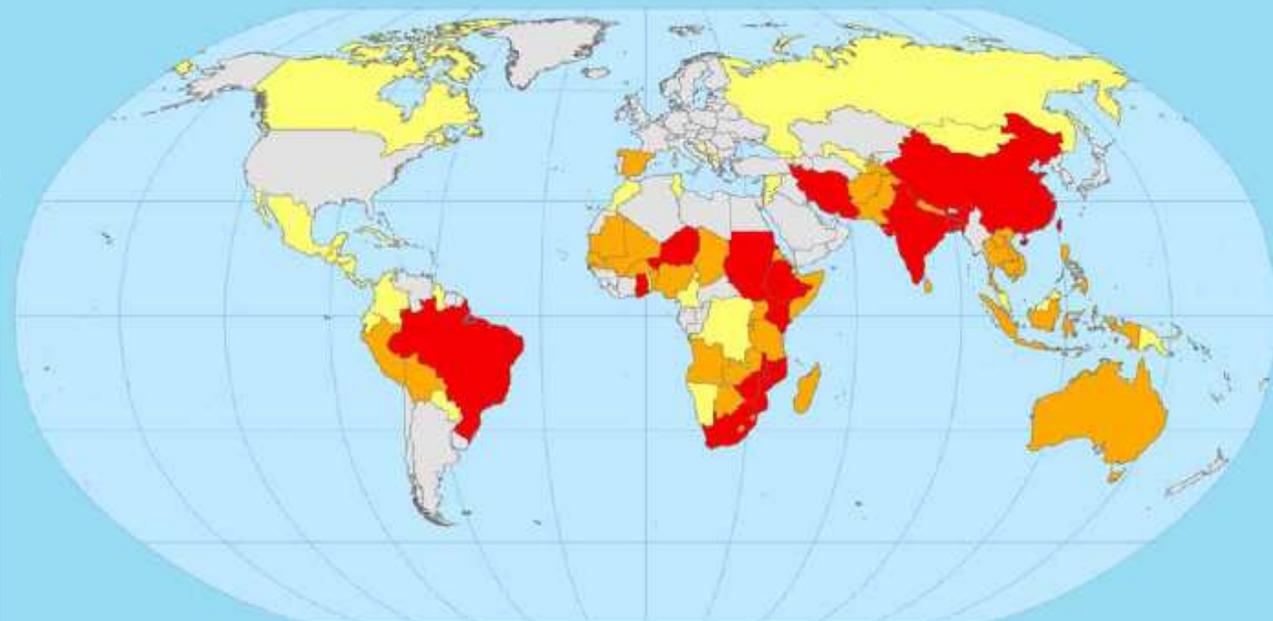
6.10. Number of Drought Disasters by Country & Affected Persons (1970-2006)



Number of reported droughts

0	6 - 10
1 - 5	>10

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EM-DAT



Number of persons reported as affected

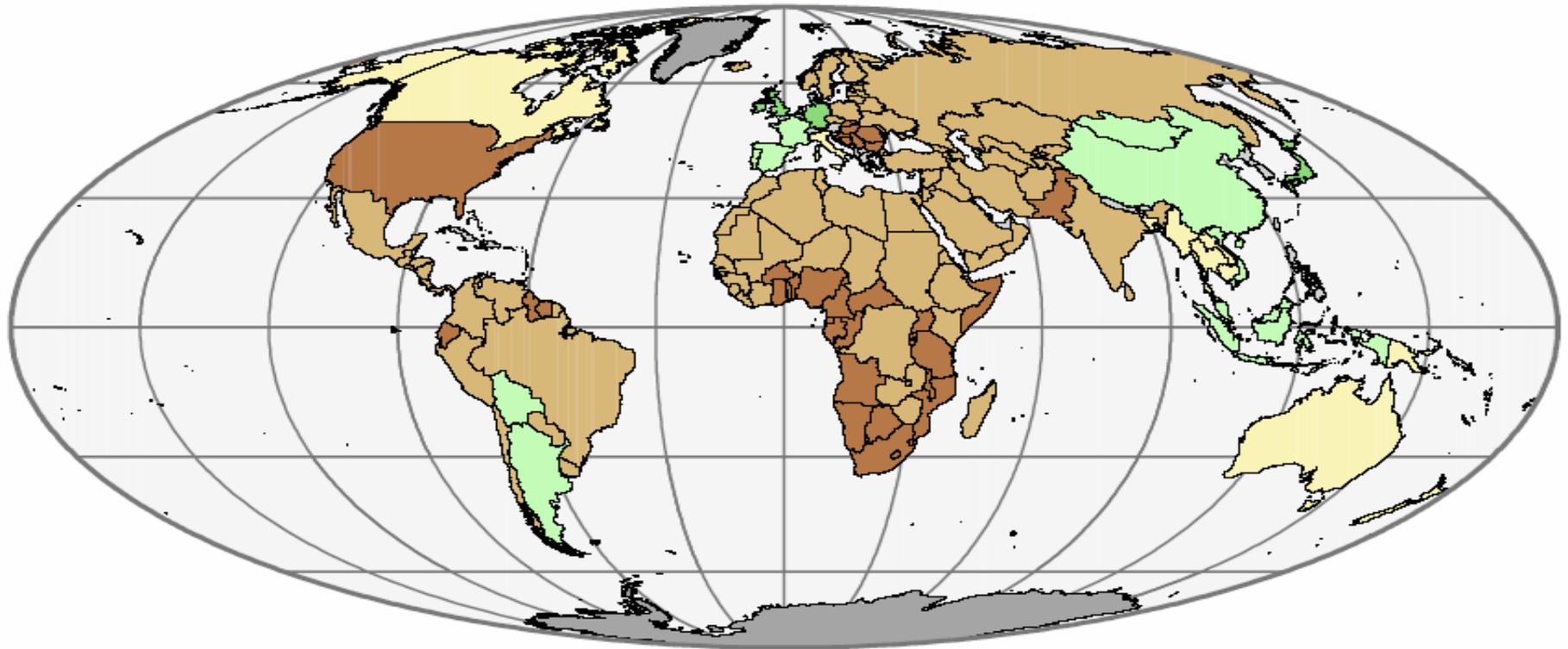
0	1,000,001 - 10,000,000
1 - 1,000,000	>10,000,000

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EM-DAT: The International Disaster Database - www.em-dat.net

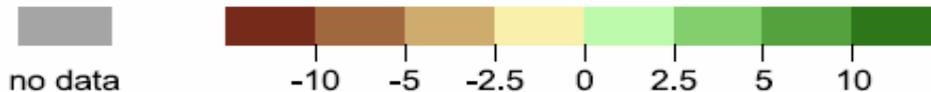


6.11. Food Security by 2080: Changes in Crop Yield

Food security 2070 - 2099 (HADCM3 GGa1)

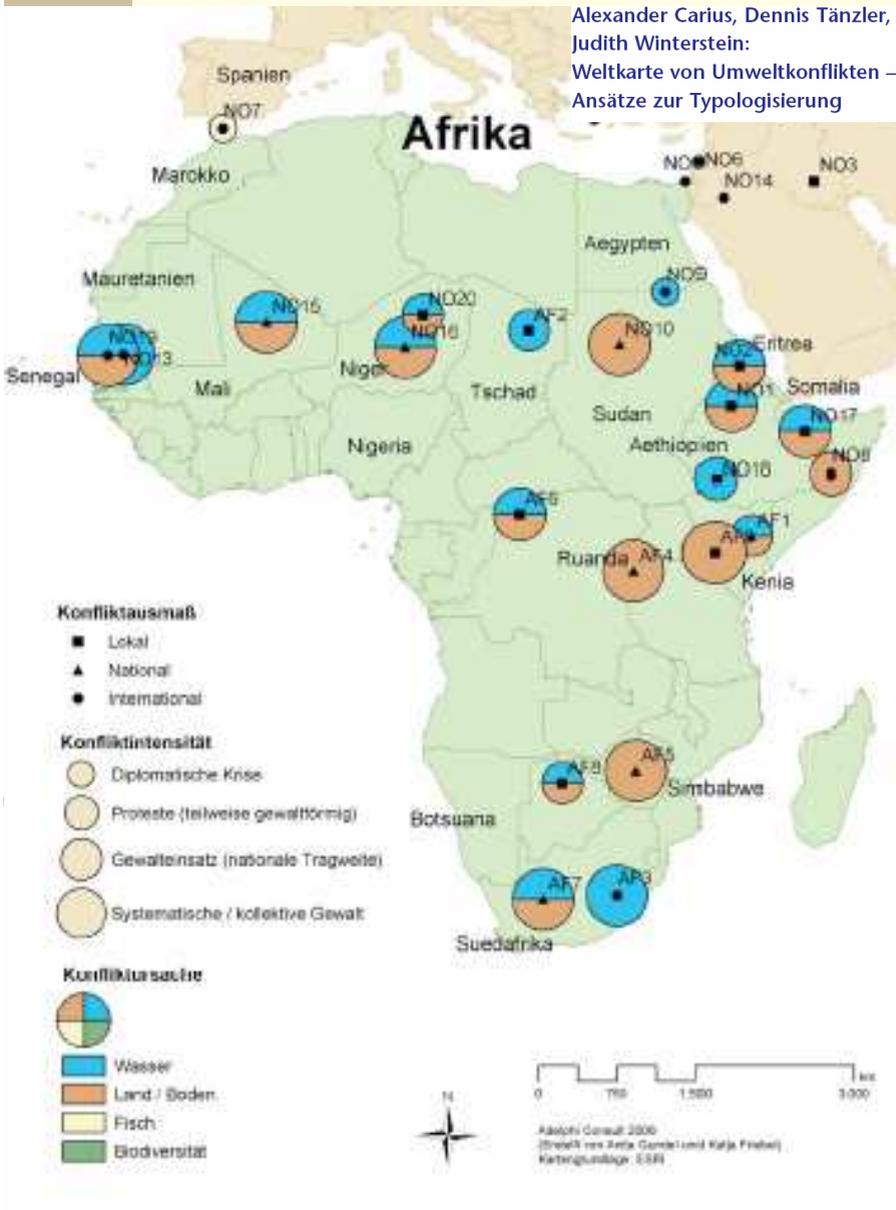


potential yield change [%]

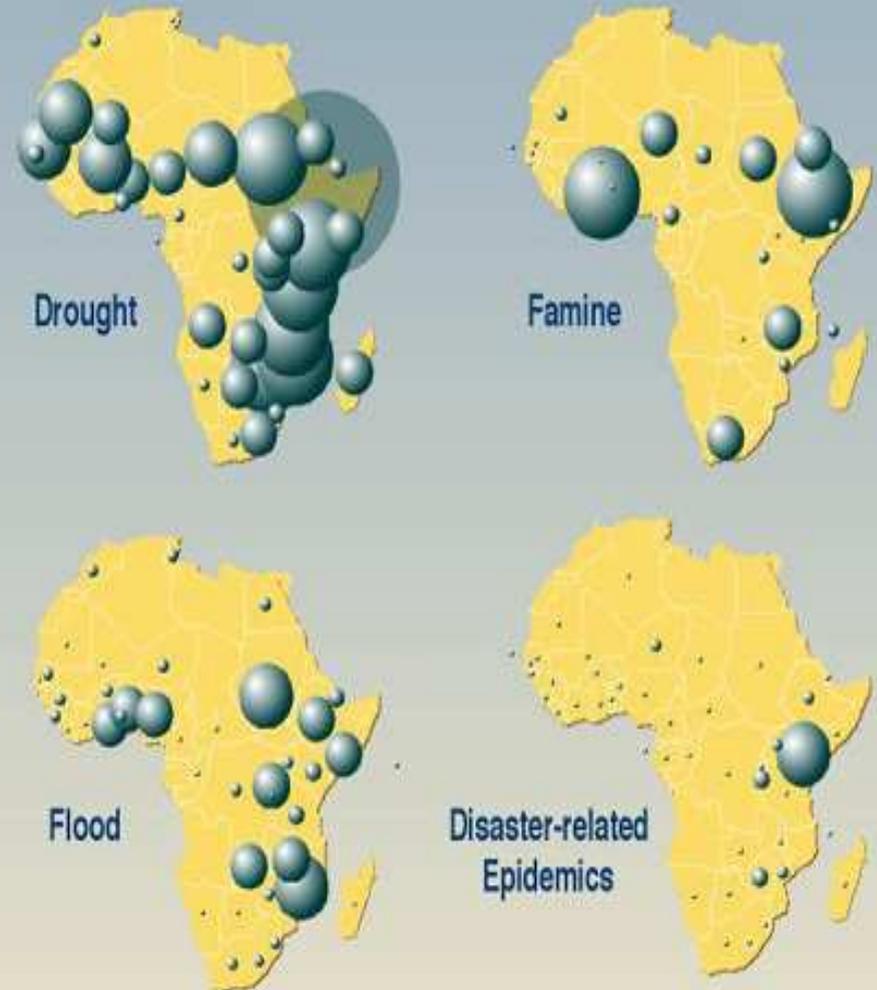


6.12. Drought, Famine and Conflicts in Africa

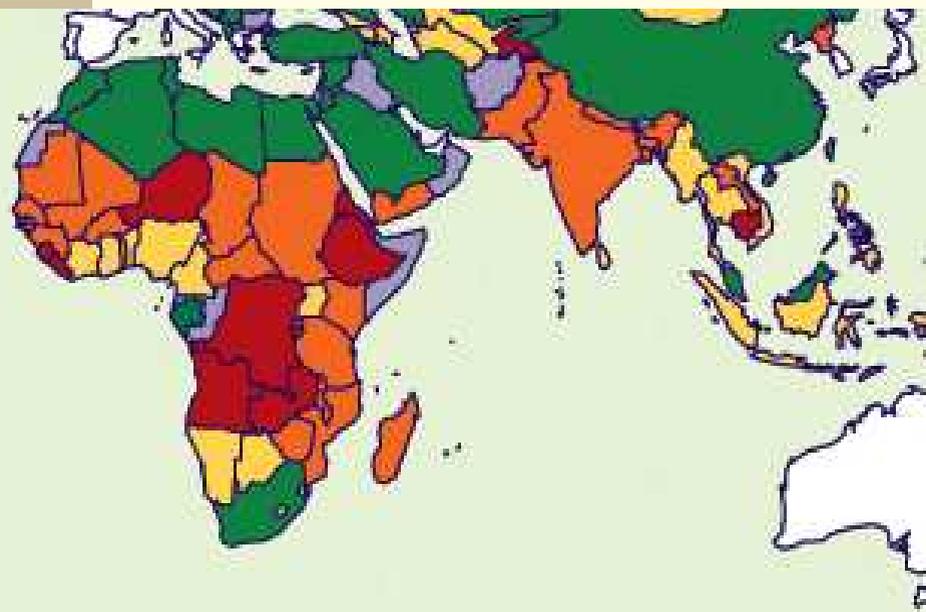
Alexander Carius, Dennis Tänzler,
Judith Winterstein:
Weltkarte von Umweltkonflikten –
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People Affected by Natural Disasters



6.13. IFRI: Global Hunger Index: Oct. 2006



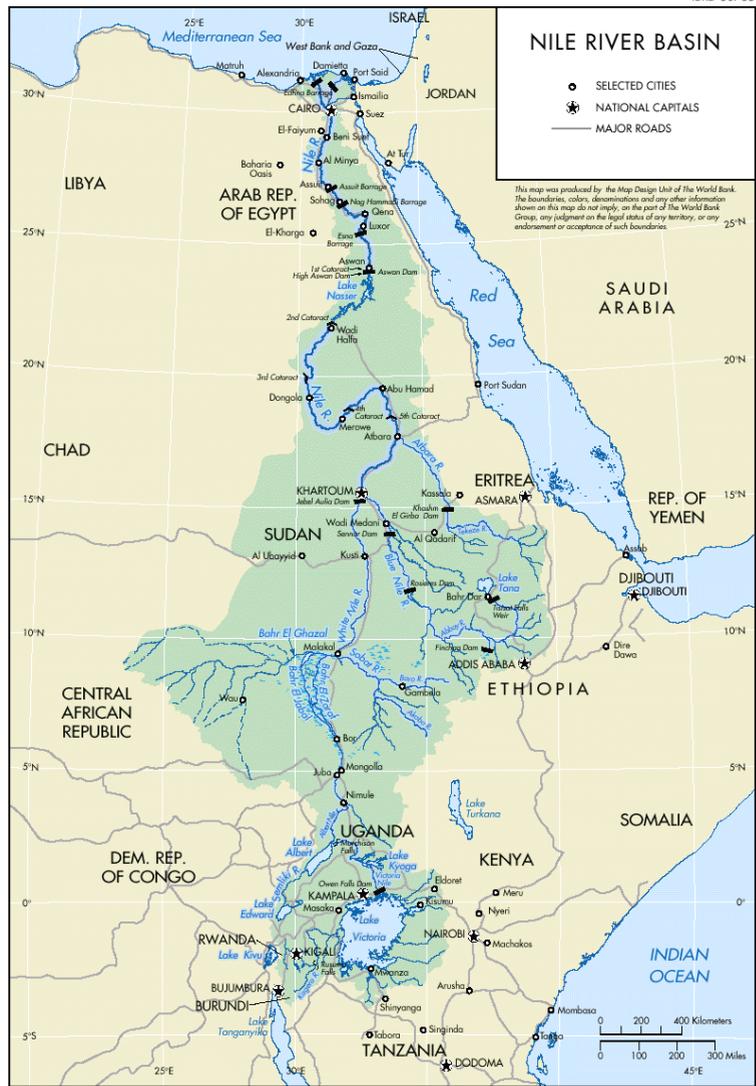
Global Hunger Index



- **Global Hunger Index** of Internat. Food Policy Research Institute
- **Of 12 countries** with highest hunger levels, **nine** were affected by **civil wars or violent conflicts**.
- **The 10 worst cases are all in Sub-Saharan Africa.**
- Among **most affected** are countries in Nile Basin (**Eritrea, Ethiopia**), in Sahel (**Niger**)
- In all other countries: **alarming**.
- **Situation may get worse:**
 - **demand increase** and
 - **supply decline** due to impacts of **Global environmental change**.

6.14. Population Change in Nile Basin Countries

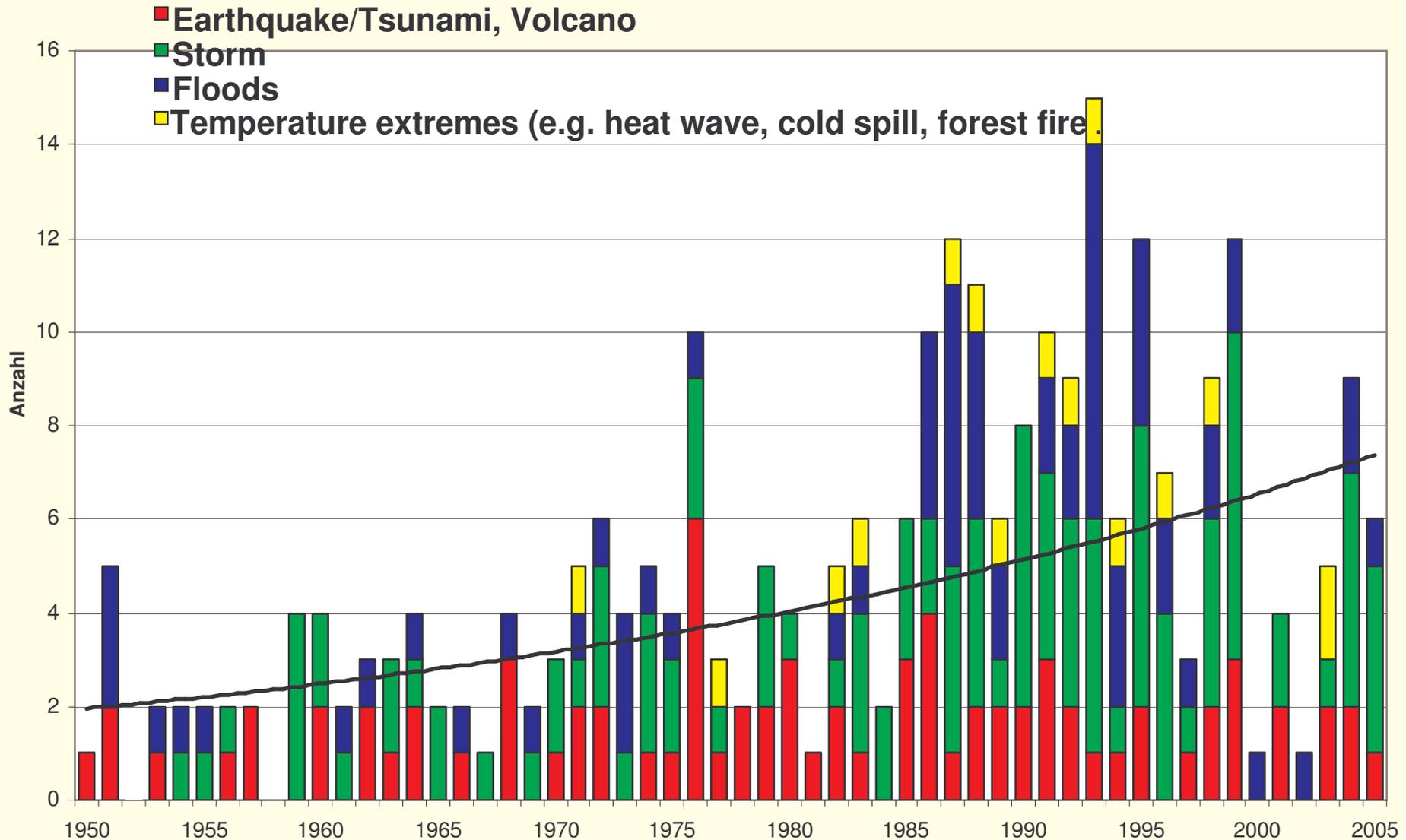
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NB countr.	1950	2000	2025	2050	2005-2050
Burundi	2,5	6,4	13,9	22,9	15,1
D.R.Congo	12,2	51,0	108,0	183,2	122,4
Egypt	21,8	67,9	101,1	125,9	51,9
Eritrea	1,1	3,7	7,2	10,2	5,5
Ethiopia	18,4	62,9	118,4	170,2	92,8
Kenya	6,3	30,7	49,4	64,8	31,0
Rwanda	2,1	7,6	12,9	17,4	8,7
Sudan	9,2	31,1	61,3	84,2	44,0
Tanzania	7,9	35,1	52,6	71,4	34,9
Uganda	5,2	23,3	55,8	130,9	104,0
Total	86,7	280,8	580,6	881,1	510,3

6.15. Global Impacts: Major Natural Disasters 1950 – 2005. Source: MunichRe, 2006

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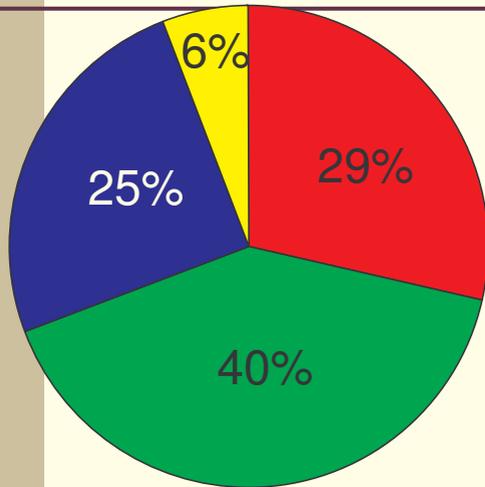


6.16. Major Natural Hazards (1950-2005).

Source: Munich Re Research Div., 2006

267 Events

1,75 Million Dead



Geological events

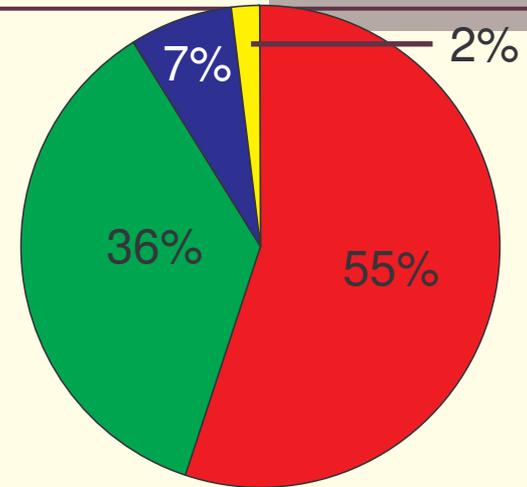
Earthquake/Tsunami, Volcano

Weather-related events

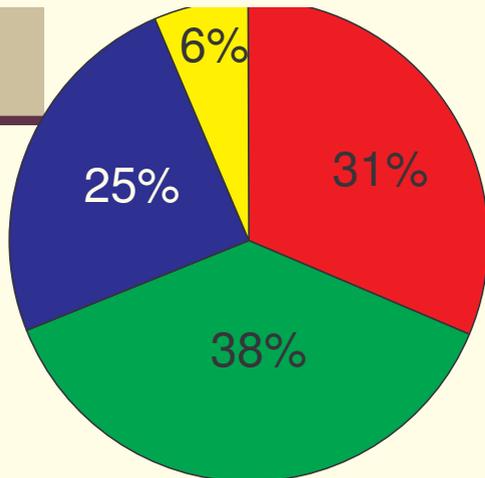
Storm

Floods

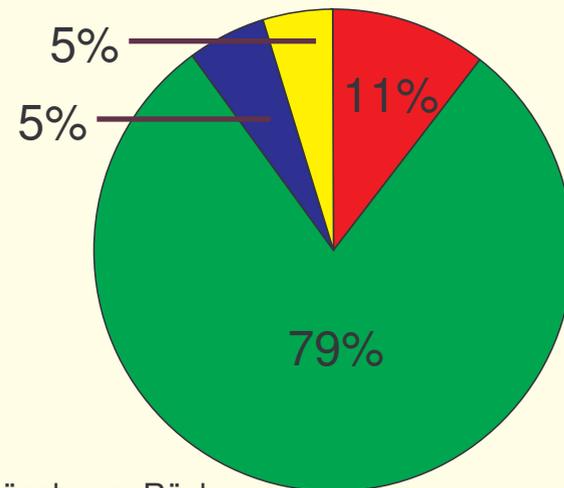
Extreme temperatures



Economic damage: 1.400 billion US\$



Insured damage: 340 billion US\$



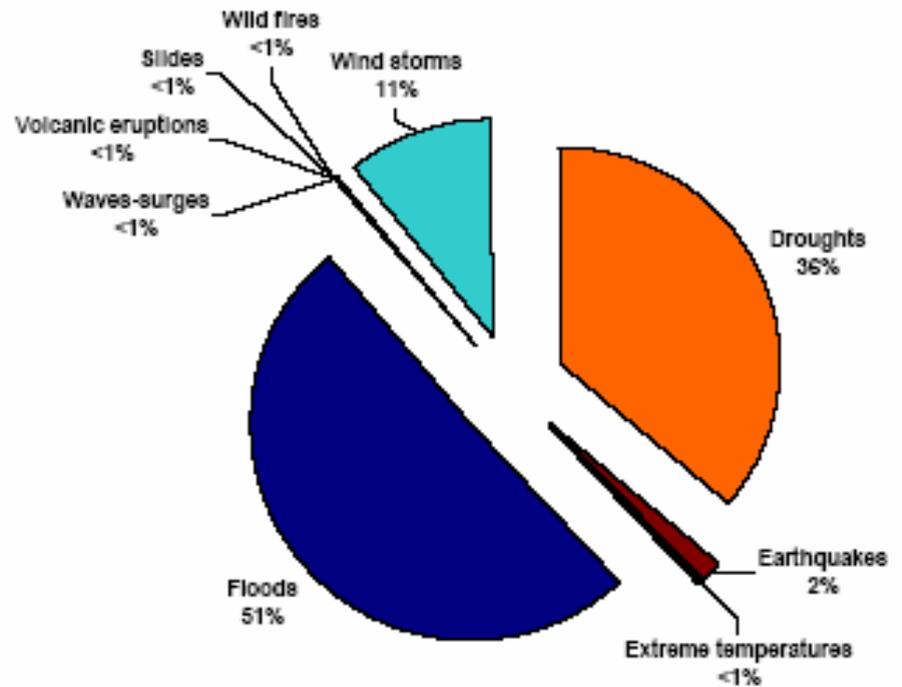
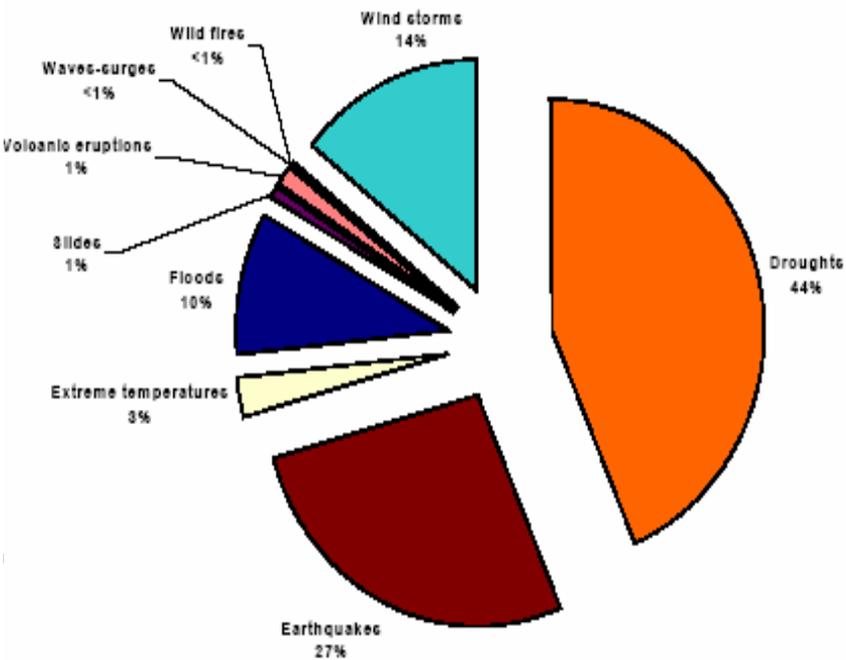
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6.17. Impacts of Drought (1974-2003)

Reported Death of Natural Hazards globally: 2.066.273 persons

Affected persons of Natural Hazards: 5 076 494 541 .



Source: Hoyois/Guha-Sapir (2004)

(1) injured + homeless + affected

6.18. Heat Wave of 2003 in Europe

10 Most Deadly Disasters (1987-2006)

Year of occurrence	Disaster type	Region / Country	Number of killed
2003	Heat wave	Europe	72,210
2006	Heat wave	Western Europe	3,392
1998	Heat wave	India	2,541
2003	Heat wave	Indian Subcontinent	1,472
2005	Cold wave	Europe	1,330
2002	Heat wave	India	1,030
1987	Heat wave	Greece	1,000
2002	Cold wave	India	900
2002	Cold wave	Bangladesh	700
1995	Heat wave	United States	670

2003 heat wave mortality	
Country	Number of killed
Italy	20,089
France	19,490
Spain	15,090
Germany	9,355
Portugal	2,696
Belgium	1,175
Switzerland	1,039
Netherlands	965
Croatia	788
Czech Rep	418
Austria	345
United Kingdom	301
Slovenia	289
Luxembourg	170



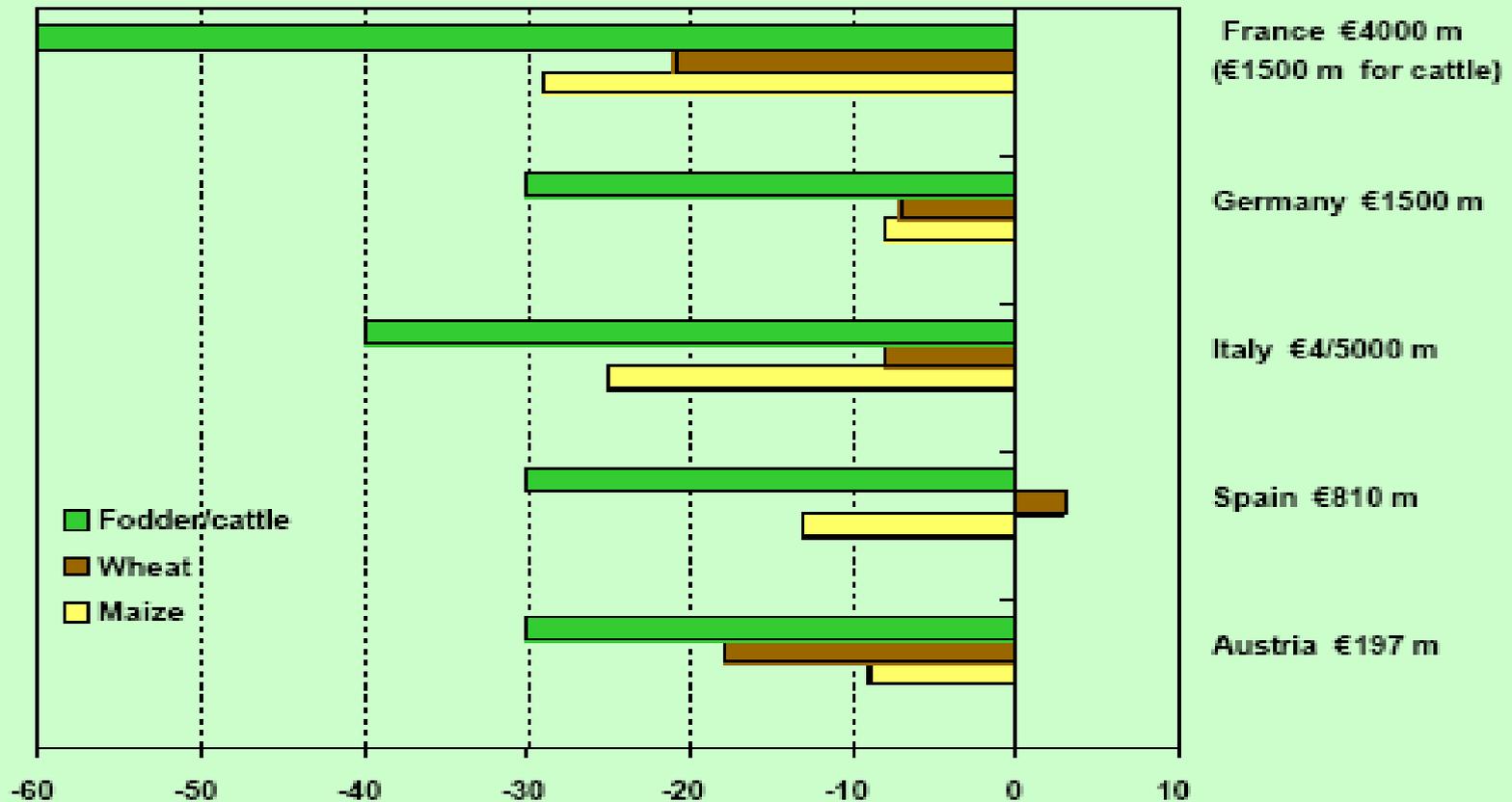
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6.19. Effects of 2003 summer heat wave on agricultural yield in five EU countries

© M. Parry, Meeting of EU Agriculture/ Environment Ministers, 11.9.2005, London

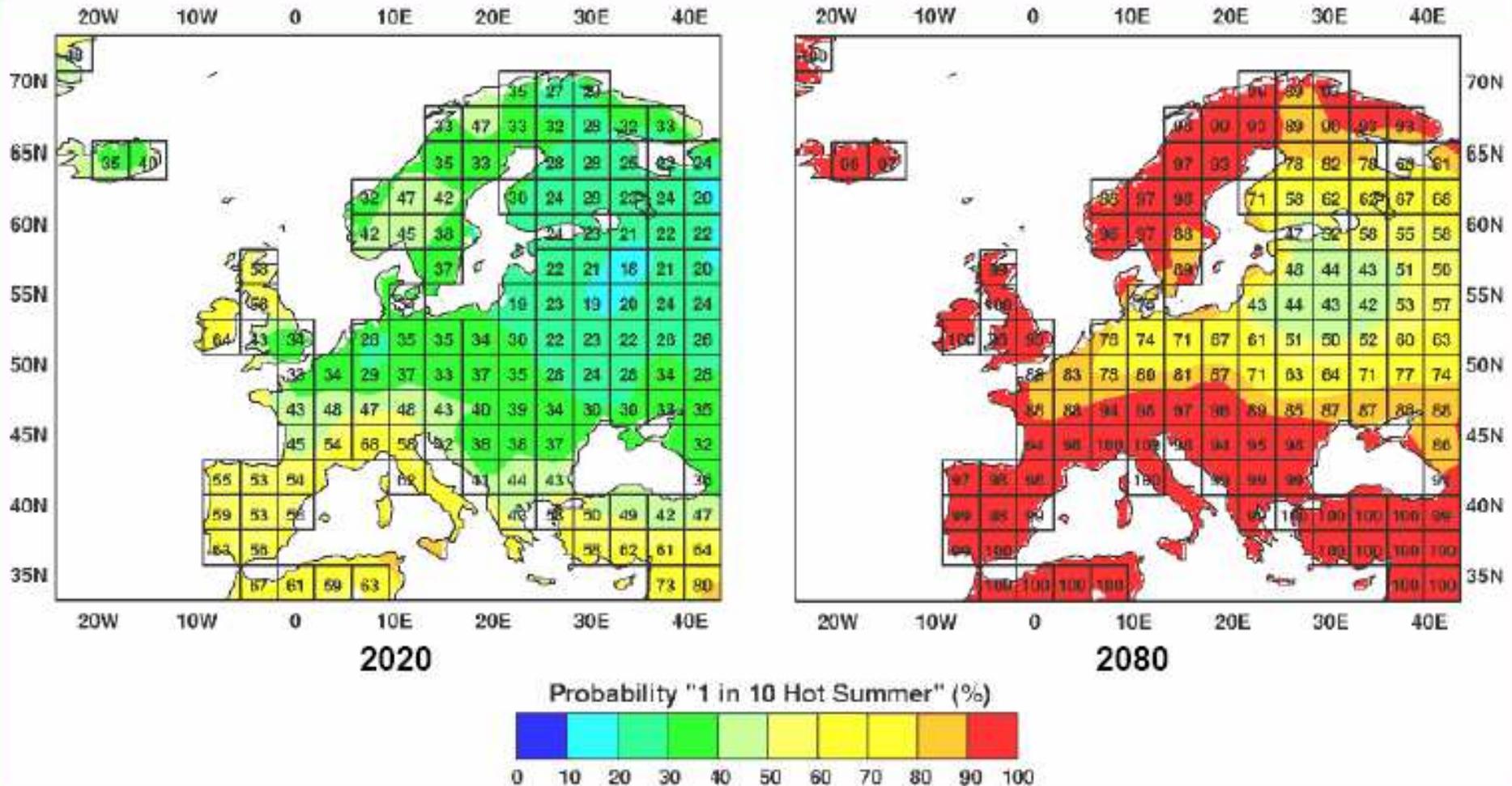
COFA

Effects of 2003 summer heat wave on EU agriculture



6.20. Probability of Hot Summers (M. Parry, IPCC, London, 2005)

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7. Securitization of GEC in Policy: Climate Change, Water & Soil

UN context

- UNDP 1994; UNESCO: Human Security Progr. (1996-2007)
- UN-GA Resolution September 2005. Human Security
- UN-SC Discussion: 17 April 2007: Climate Change
- UN-GA Debate on climate change in September 2007

North Atlantic and European context:

- NATO: Environmental Security: 1990's
- OSCE/UNDP/UNEP/NATO: ENVSEC initiative in Central Asia

GEC & security for the people: as a security issue

- Project GECHS of IHDP (1999: Science Plan)
- UNU-EHS (2003): Strategic Plan, Intersection 2, Source 1
- Human Security Network: *Greek Presidency (2007-2008): Climate Change & Human Security*
- Policy memo: *Climate Change & Human Security (15.4.2007)*

7.1. Climate Change & Desertification as Security Dangers and Concerns

Security danger posed by whom?

- Anthropogenic climate change as a security (threat) multiplier
- Anthropogenic desertification
- Human caused water scarcity and desertification

Security concern for whom?

- Victims of climate change and desertification
- Recipients of environmentally induced migration

Effects: Internal Displacement & Migration

- The *Survival Dilemma* of the Victims
- The *Security Dilemma* of the Recipients
- Problem of Global Equity: Cause & Victims differ
- **Military superiority does not matter** – No military solution: only cooperation among all countries
- Needed: Reduction in social vulnerability + resilience

7.2. Climate Change as a Security Danger and Concern

- Since early 21st century climate change has increasingly been perceived as a threat to ‘national’, ‘international’, and ‘human security’.
- Climate change is being securitized in government reports and in statements of government officials in the UK & Germany
- Since 2007 several policy-oriented studies have securitized climate change from different vantage points and concepts of security by analyzing climate change as:
 - an *international security* threat, challenge, vulnerability, risk;
 - a *national security* threat for the United States and as
 - a *human security* challenge that will affect the highly socially vulnerable poor population in the North (Hurricane Katrina) and South



7.3. Climate change as a threat to international security

- WBGU: climate change could exacerbate environmental crises: drought, water scarcity & soil degradation, intensify land-use conflicts & trigger further environmentally-induced migration.
- New conflict constellations are likely to occur. Sea-level rise; storm & floods could threaten cities & industrial regions in China, India & USA.
- WBGU identified 4 conflict constellations in different world regions:
 1. **“Climate-induced degradation of freshwater resources”**: 1.1 billion people are currently without access to safe drinking water. The situation could worsen for hundreds of millions of people as climate change alters the variability of precipitation & quantity of available water.
 2. **“Climate-induced decline in food production”**: More than 850 million people worldwide are undernourished. This situation is likely to worsen in future as a result of climate change.
 3. **“Climate-induced increase in storm and flood disasters”**.
 4. **“Environmentally-induced migration”**,

7.4. Climate Change as a New U.S. National Security Threat

- P. Schwartz/. Randall: Contract Study for DoD, Oct. 2003
 - *Goal: “to imagine the unthinkable – to push the boundaries of current research on climate change so we may better understand the potential implications on United States national security.”*
- Nils Gilman, Doug Randall, Peter Schwartz:
 - **Impacts of Climate Change: A system Vulnerability Approach to Consider the Potential Impacts to 2050 of a Mid-Upper Greenhouse Gas Emissions scenario (January 2007);**
- March 2007, the **Strategic Studies Institute** conducted a colloquium: “Global Climate Change: National Security Implications”
- March 2007, **Senators Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) and Chuck Hagel (R-NE)** submitted a bill requesting a **National Intelligence Estimate to assess whether and how climate change might pose a national security threat.**
- **CNA: National Security & the Threat of Climate Change (April 2007)**
 - **Climate change can act as a threat multiplier for instability in some of the most volatile regions... presents national security challenge for U.S.**
- November 2007, **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); the Centre for a New American Security (CNAS): The Age of Consequences: The Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Global Climate Change**
- November 2007, the **Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)** released a report on: *Climate Change and National Security* by Joshua W. Busby

7.5. Climate Change as a Problem of Human Security

- **GECHS Science Strategy (1999):** Global Environmental Change as a Problem of Human Security
- **GECHS - Cicero Conference in June 2005:** Climate Change and Human Security
- **UNU-EHS:** Floods and drought as a Problem of Human Security
- **UNU-EHS/MunichRe Foundation: Chairs on Social Vulnerability:** impact on natural hazards
- **Policy Memorandum:** Climate Change and Human Security (15 April 2007) at: <http://www.afes-press.de/html/texte_presse.html>

8. Need for Anticipatory Learning and Proactive Policies

- Different nature of security dangers & concerns: terrorism vs. climate change
- Enemy is ,us' and are not ,they'
- Cause is our economic behaviour and way of life based on waste of fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas)
- Difference of securitizing actor: Pentagon: worst case human behaviour, intentions and interests of states and non-state actors (terrorists)
- IPCC: knowledge assessment based on GC models and on sectoral & regional impact studies
- Role of Scientific Research: to identify the danger and communicate it to the media to citizens & policy makers
- We need an anticipatory research and learning to trigger proactive policies to face climate change impacts and to cope with them by adaptation and mitigation what requires knowledge and technology sharing.
- Knowledge is the task of universities, of research community and students
- German President Horst Köhler in his Berlin speech of 1 October 2007 said:
We need bread & books for the Third World and not weapons!

8.1. From Research to Action: Enhancing Environmental & Human Security Towards Environmental Conflict Avoidance

- **Primary Goal:** address fatal outcomes of GEC: hazards and disasters, migration, crises & conflicts that may have been caused, triggered, induced, influenced by: a) environmental stress and b) extreme weather events,
- **Enhance Environmental Security:** Address human behaviour that contributes to GEC via climate change, soil degradation, water pollution & scarcity: sustainable strategies
- **Enhance Human Security:** address factors of GEC that challenge survival of individuals, families, villages, ethnic groups
- **Avoid Environmentally-induced Conflicts:** address structural or causal factors (of Survival Hexagon), e.g. climate policy, combat desertification, cope with water stress.



8.2 Nobel Peace Prize of 2007: IPCC & Al Gore



- Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 was shared, between the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr. **for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.**
- Indications of changes in the earth's future climate must be treated with the utmost seriousness, and with the precautionary principle uppermost in our minds. Extensive climate changes may alter and threaten the living conditions of much of mankind. They may induce large-scale migration and lead to greater competition for the earth's resources. Such changes will place particularly heavy burdens on the world's most vulnerable countries. There may be increased danger of violent conflicts and wars, within and between states.
- Through the scientific reports ..., the IPCC has created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming. ... Whereas in the 1980s global warming seemed to be merely an interesting hypothesis, the 1990s produced firmer evidence in its support. In the last few years, the connections have become even clearer and the consequences still more apparent.
- **By awarding the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the IPCC and Al Gore, the Norwegian Nobel Committee is seeking to contribute to a sharper focus on the processes and decisions that appear to be necessary to protect the world's future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind. Action is necessary now, before climate change moves beyond man's control.**



8.3 Policy Response: Proactive Climate Policy: Peace Policy for the 21st Century



- **From Science to Political Strategies & Measures:**
 - **Natural science: knowledge creation**
 - **Social sciences: societal policy discourses**
 - **Peace research: impact of these changes on extreme societal outcomes: human-induced natural hazards, migration, crises and conflicts**
- **Combining: Grassroot activities & wise policies:**
 - **Wangari Muta Maathai (Kenya, 2004):** "for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace,,
 - **Albert Gore (USA, 2007):** for his role in awareness creation and agenda setting.
 - **Grassroots can translate knowledge to action!**

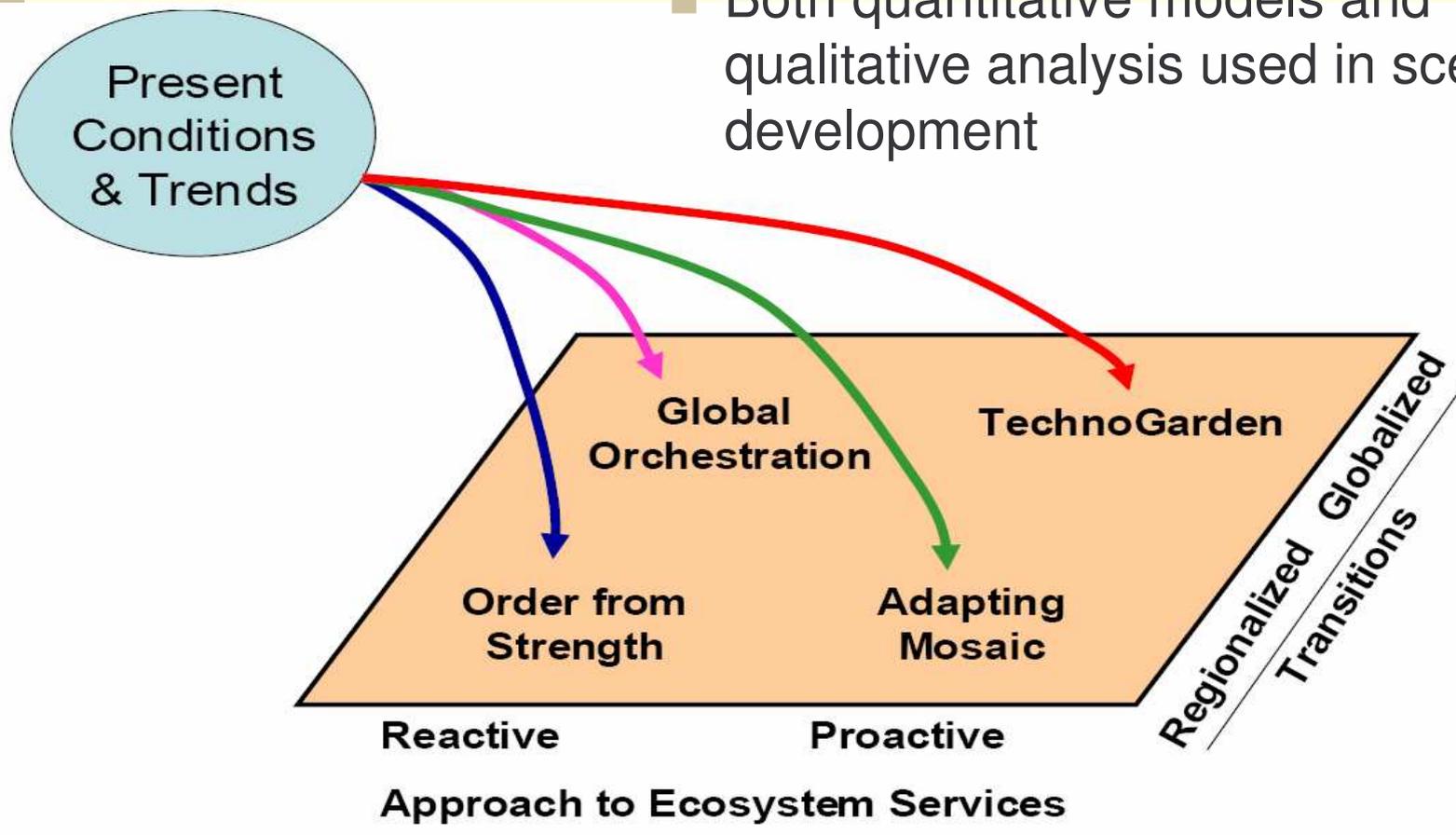
8.4. Towards Proactive Policy Responses

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA), 2005:

- Over the past 50 years, humans have changed ecosystems more rapidly & extensively than in any comparable period of time in human history, largely to meet rapidly growing demands for food, fresh water, timber, fiber & fuel
- The changes that have been made to ecosystems have contributed to **substantial net gains in human well-being** and **economic development**, but these gains have been achieved at growing costs in the form of the **degradation** of many ecosystem services, **increased risks of nonlinear changes**, and the **exacerbation of poverty** for some groups of people.
- **The degradation of ecosystem services could grow significantly worse during the first half of this century and is a barrier to achieving the Millennium Development Goals**
- The challenge of reversing the degradation of ecosystems while meeting increasing demands for their services can be partially met under some scenarios that the MEA has considered but these involve significant changes in policies, institutions and practices, that are not currently under way.

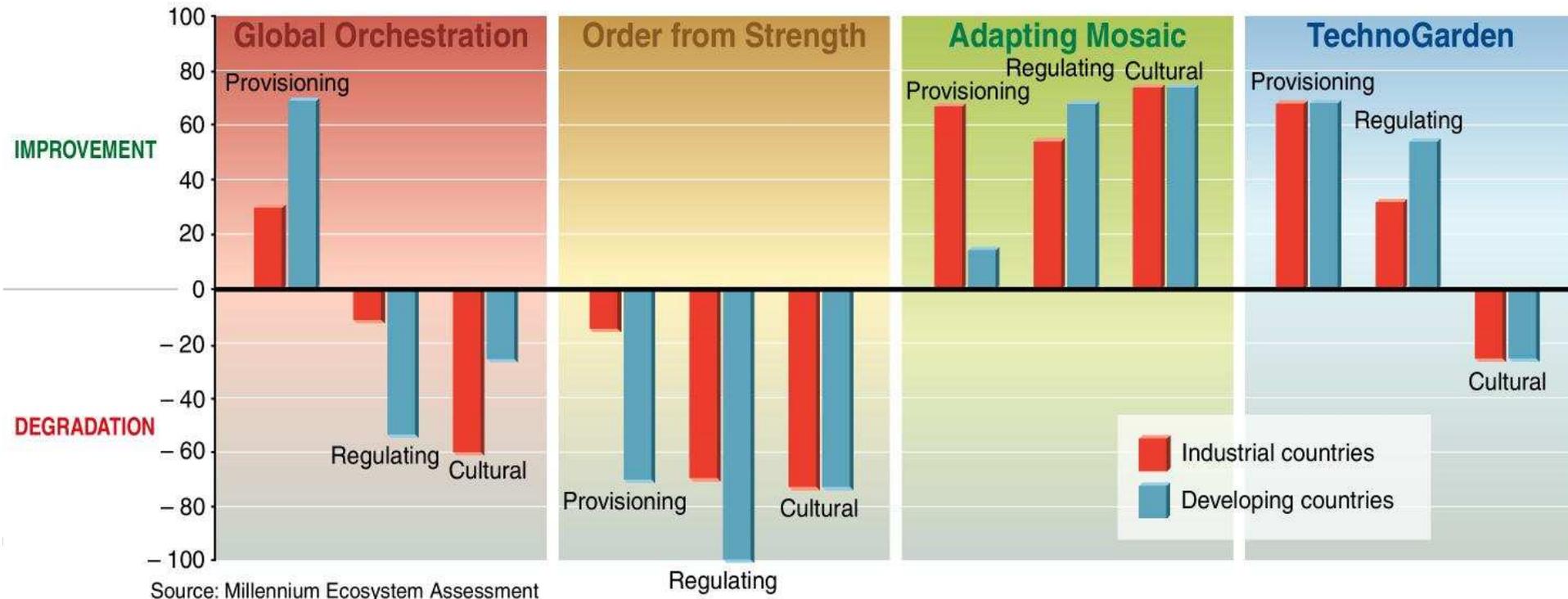
8.5. Millennium Ecosystems Assessment Scenarios

- **No predictions – scenarios are plausible futures**
- Both quantitative models and qualitative analysis used in scenario development



8.6. Improvements in services possible by 2050

Changes in ecosystem services in percentage



- Three of four scenarios show that significant changes in policy can partially mitigate the negative consequences of growing pressures on ecosystems, although the changes required are large and not currently under way

8.7. Responses: Technological

■ *Development and diffusion of technologies designed to increase the efficiency of resource use or reduce the impacts of drivers such as climate change and nutrient loading are essential*

■ Promising Responses

- Promotion of technologies that enable increased crop yields without harmful impacts related to water, nutrient, and pesticide use
- Restoration of ecosystem services
- **Promotion of technologies to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

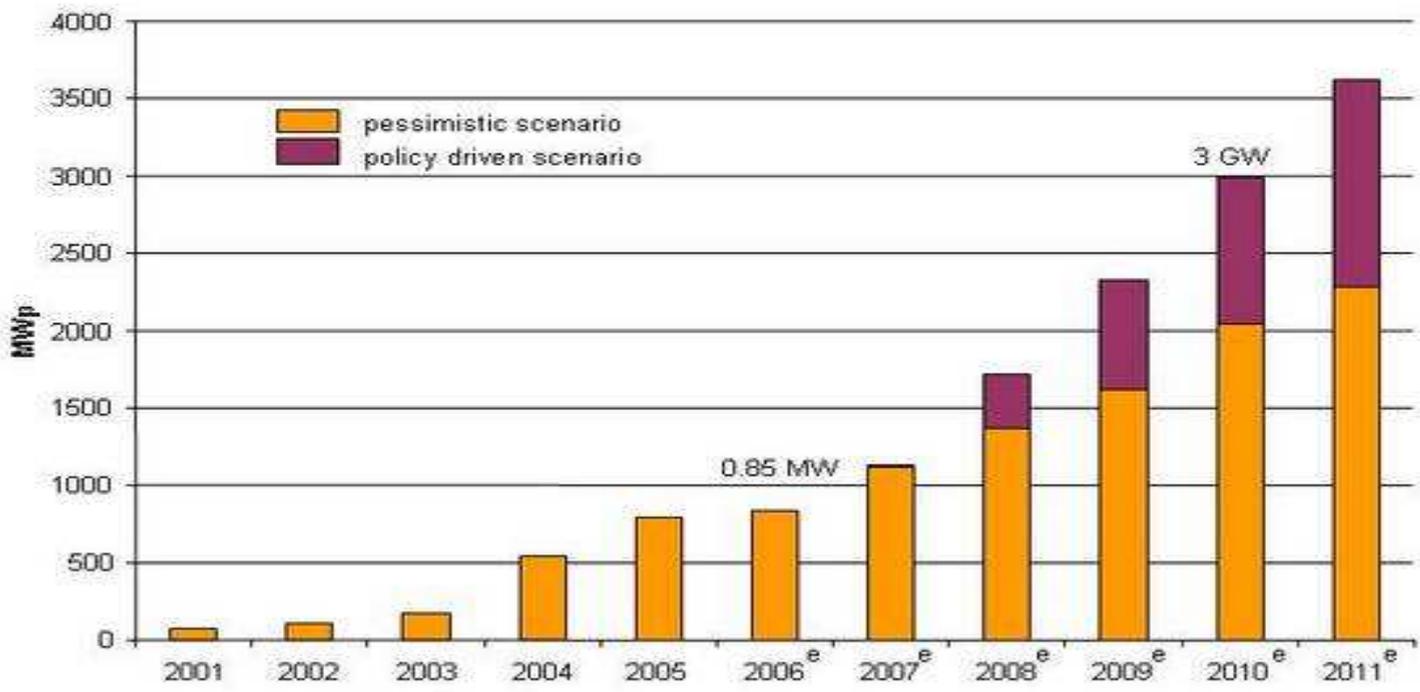
8.8. Growth in Wind Power (1997-2006)

World Wind Energy - Total Installed Capacity (MW) and Prediction 1997-2010

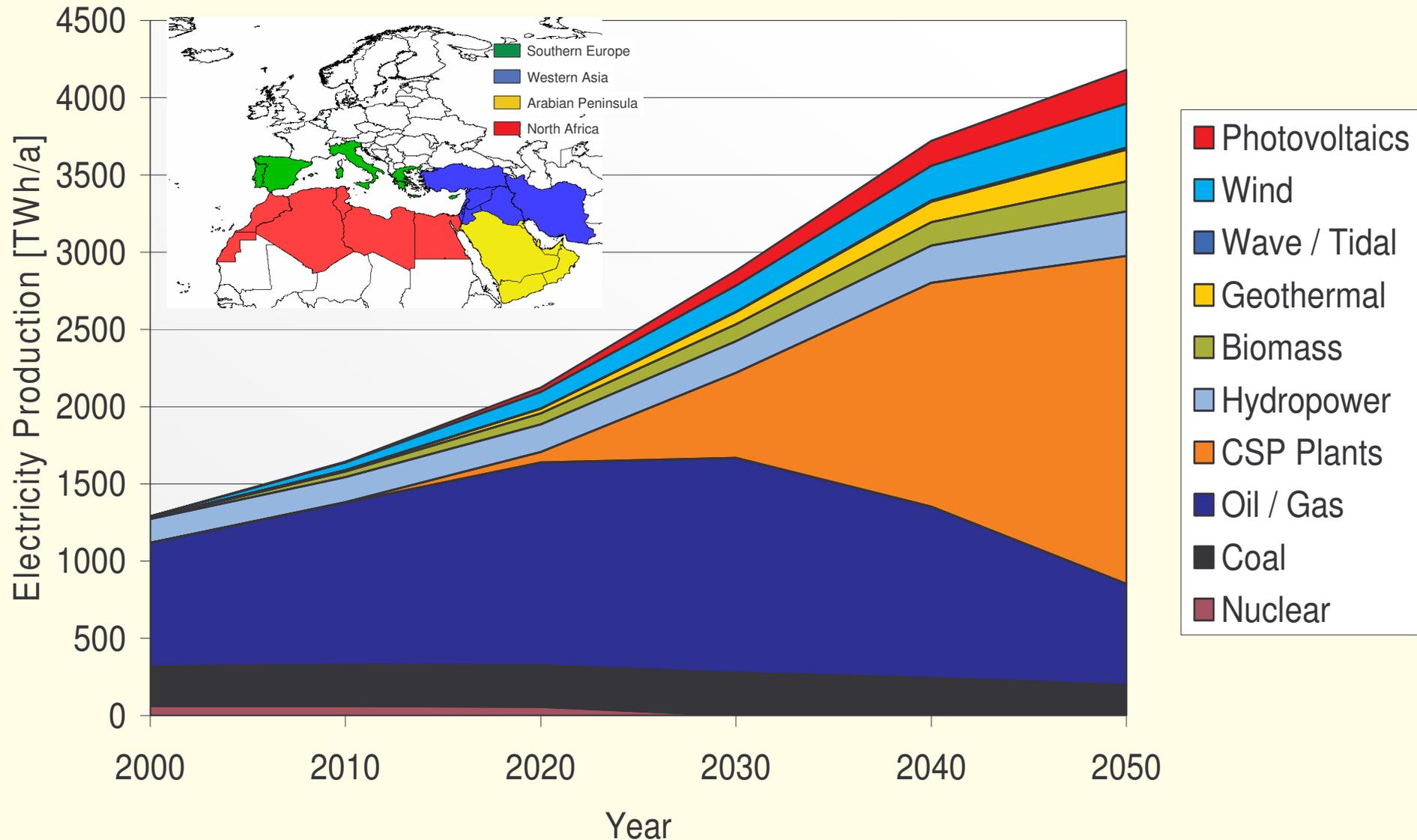


8.9. Photovoltaic Installations in EU-25

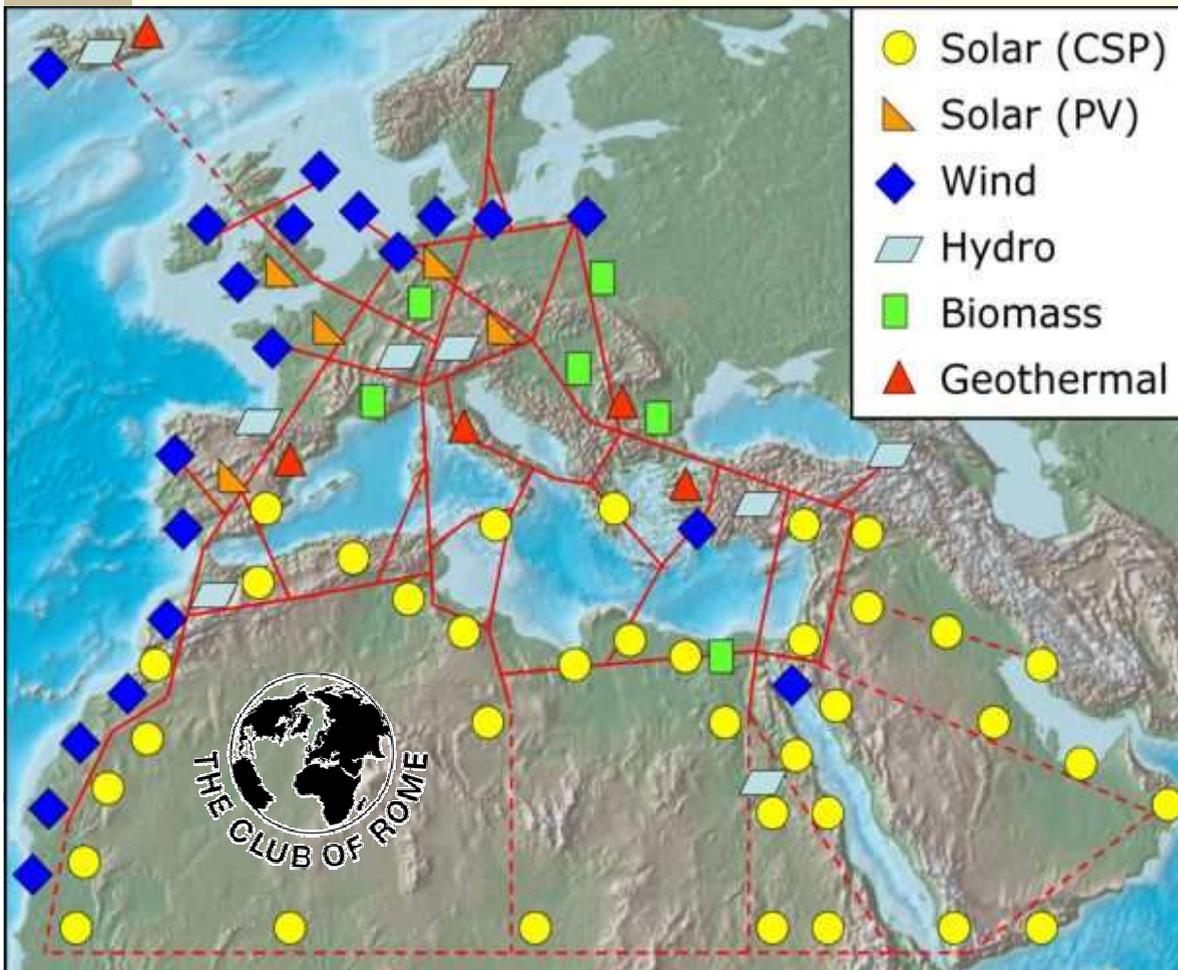
EU - 25 Annual Installations of PV



8.10. Annual electricity demand & generation in the countries analyzed in the MED-CSP scenario



8.11. Mediterranean Renewable Energy Potential



Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy Cooperation (**TREC**) is an initiative that campaigns for the transmission of clean power from deserts to Europe.

Since 2003 TREC has developed the **DESERTEC Concept**.

Concentrating Solar Thermal Power (CSP):

- Solar heat storage for day/night operation
- Hybrid operation for secured power
- Power & desalination in cogeneration

Sketch of High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) grid: Power transmission losses from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to Europe less than 15%.

Power generation with CSP and transmission via future **EU-MENA** grid: 5 - 7 EuroCent/kWh
Various studies and further information at www.DESERTEC.org

8.12. Solar Thermal Technologies for Electricity Generation in the Deserts

Concentrating Solar Power Technologies:

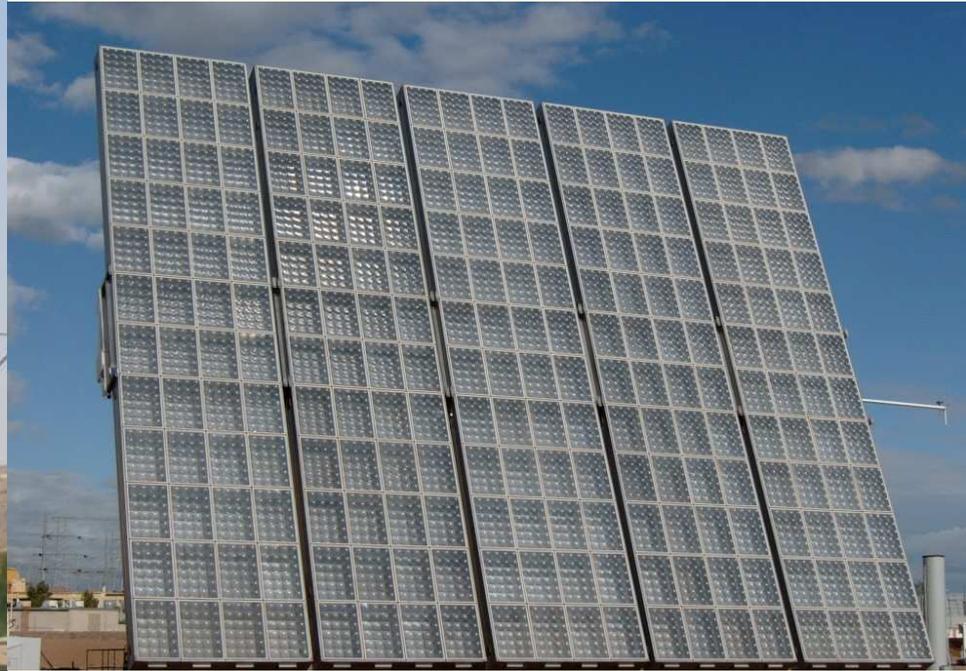
- ❖ alternatives: a) Fresnel concentrators, b) parabolic trough (400-600 °C), c) **solar tower concept with surrounding heliostat field (1200 °C, up to 50 MW)**, d) solar dish (for small applications up to 50 kW).



8.13. Photovoltaic Concentrator Technologies in Israel and USA



A large pre-commercial CPV system under test in Phoenix, AZ, USA, consists of 5760 plastic fresnel lenses, which each focus sunlight onto one of a similar number of individual 1 cm x 1 cm silicon CPV cells.



CPV cell module exposed at 1000X at the 400 m² *PETAL* solar dish test facility in Sede Boqer, Israel.

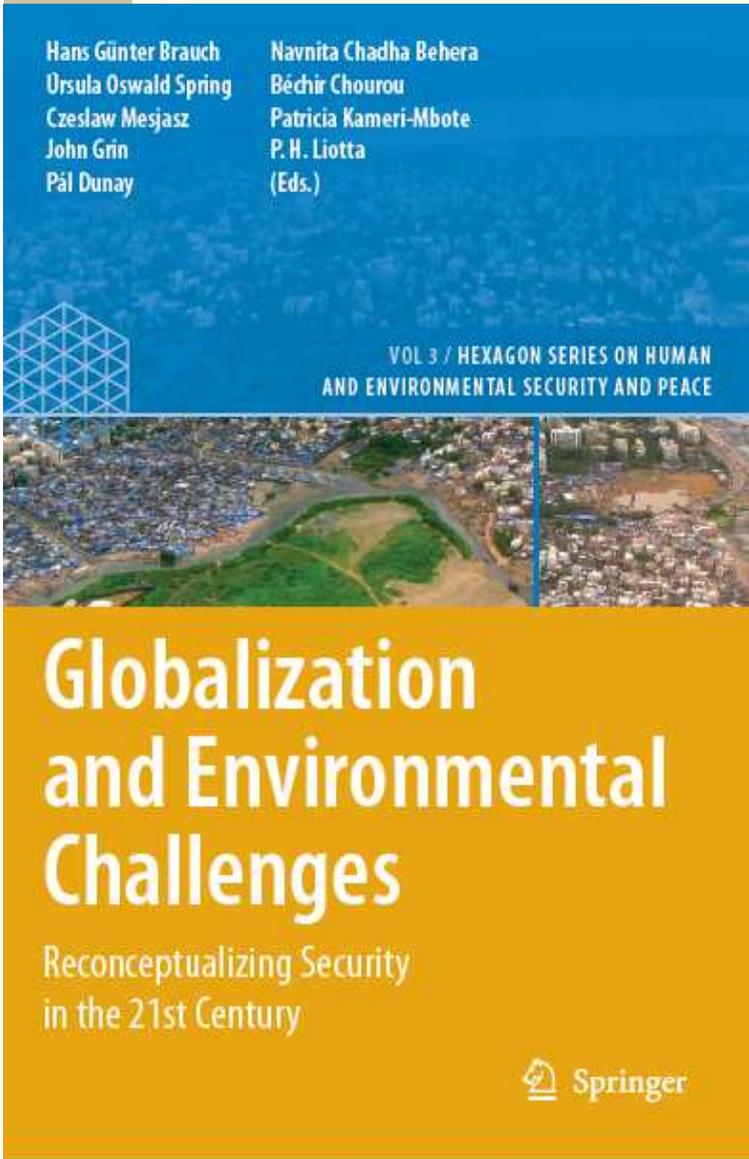
9. Hexagon Book Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace (HESP)

- This project and book series differs from traditional approaches in international relations of primarily monodisciplinary, often Eurocentric or US-centred books that are also male dominated where authors representing the other five billion people on the globe are in most cases not represented as authors.
- Of the editorial team of volumes III, IV and V: 11 colleagues from 10 countries, three are women from India, Kenya and Mexico and in volume IV half come from the South.
- They address the key new objective security dangers and subjective security concerns primarily posed by the newly perceived security threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks that are developing from problems related to global environmental change in this new age of earth history, for which the Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Paul Crutzen, coined the term the 'Anthropocene'.
- These three volumes (III, IV, V) are conceived as a major security handbook for the Anthropocene Age in the 21st century

10. A Global Security Handbook for the Anthropocene Age

- In March 2004, at the ISA Convention in Montreal, Canada, AFES-PRESS launched a global scientific dialogue project on '**Reconceptualizing of Security**' that has involved about 300 scholars from many disciplines in the social and natural sciences from all parts of the world.
- As a result of five workshops (Montreal 2004, Sopron 2004; The Hague 2004; Istanbul 2005, Bonn 2005) three major reference books have emerged (with 175 book chapters in the first two volumes) that are being published in 2008 and
- an approximately 100 chap. in vol. III that will follow in 2009 on linkages of security concepts with globalization, global environmental change and disasters.

10.1 Hexagon Series, vol. III & First volume of the Security Handbook



H.G. Brauch, J. Grin, C. Mesjasz, P. Dunay, N. Chadha Behera, B. Chourou, U. Oswald Spring, P.H. Liotta, P. Kameri-Mbote (Eds.): *Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21st Century* (Berlin–New York: Springer-Verl.,2008).

see at: <http://www.afes-press-books.de/html/hexagon_03.htm>.

Globalization and Environmental Challenges pose new security dangers and concerns. In this reference book on global security thinking, 92 authors from five continents and many disciplines, from science and practice, assess the global reconceptualization of security triggered by the end of the Cold War, globalization and manifold impacts of global environmental change in the early 21st century. In 10 parts, 75 chapters address the theoretical, philosophical, ethical and religious and spatial context of security; discuss the relationship between security, peace, development and environment; review the reconceptualization of security in philosophy, international law, economics and political science and for the political, military, economic, social and environmental security dimension and the adaptation of the institutional security concepts of the UN, EU and NATO; analyze the reconceptualization of regional security and alternative security futures and draw conclusions for future research and action.

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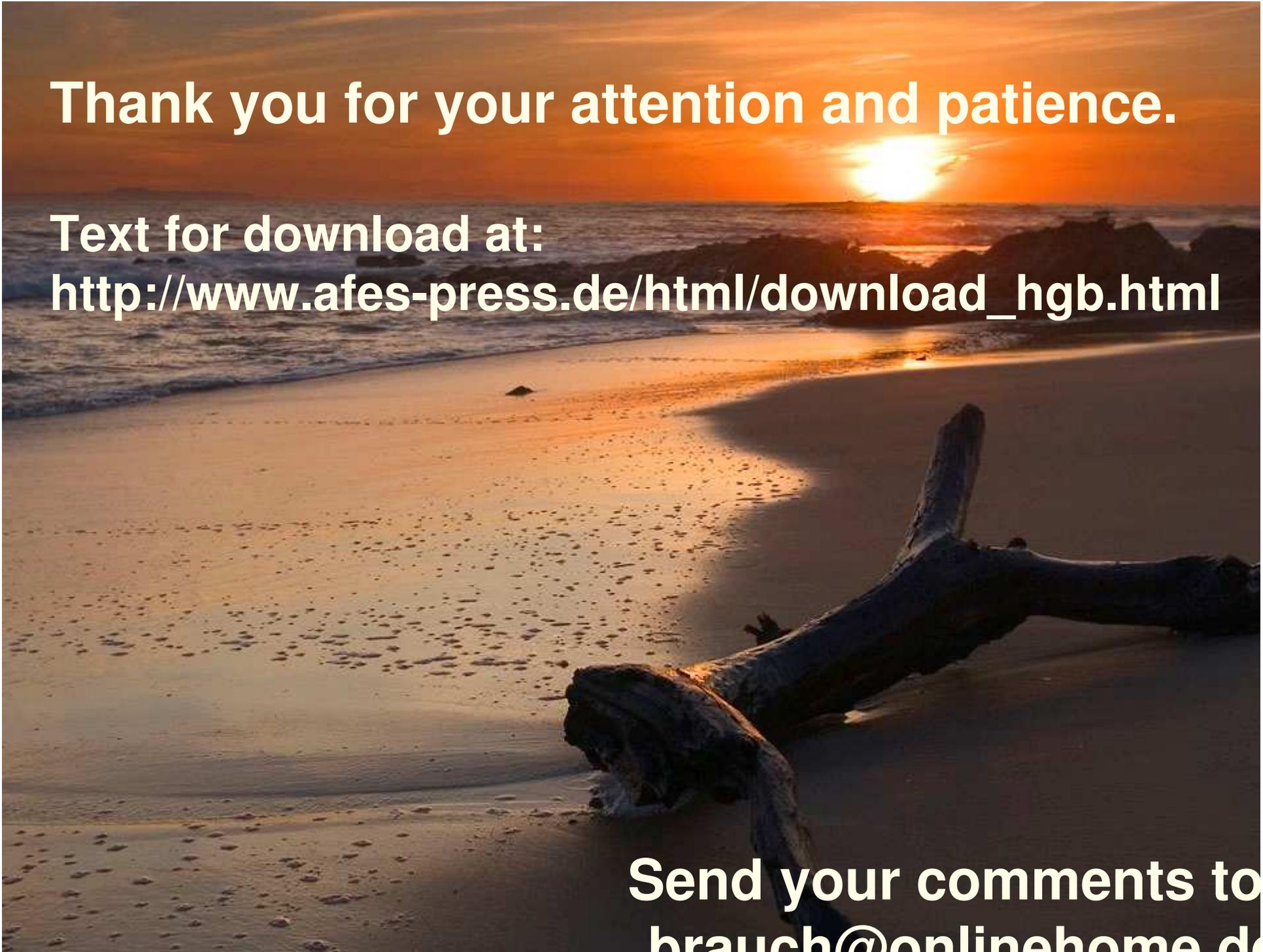
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- **part X:** Summary and Policy Conclusions.

A sunset over a beach with a large piece of driftwood in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. The beach is sandy and wet, reflecting the light. The driftwood is dark and weathered, lying on the sand in the lower right foreground.

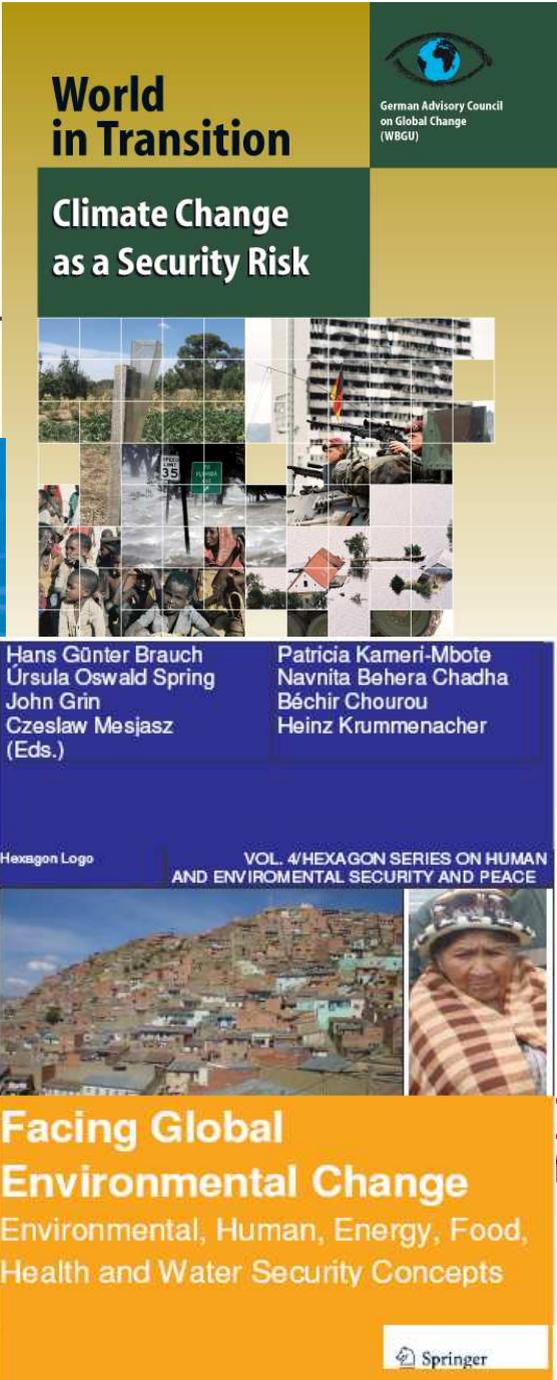
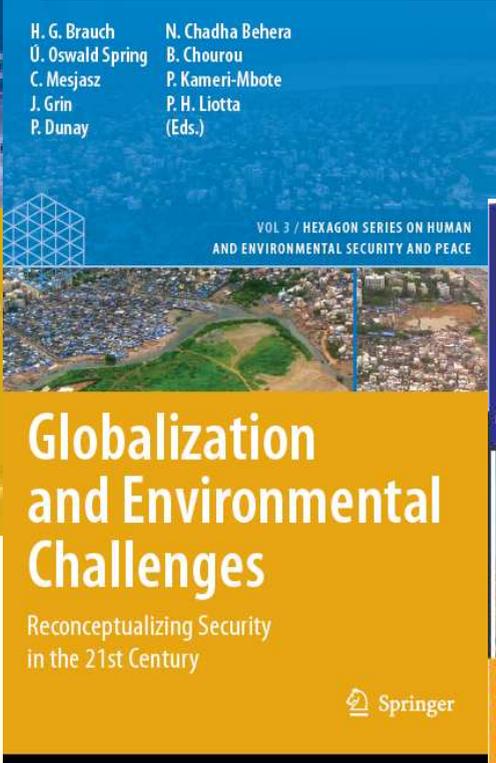
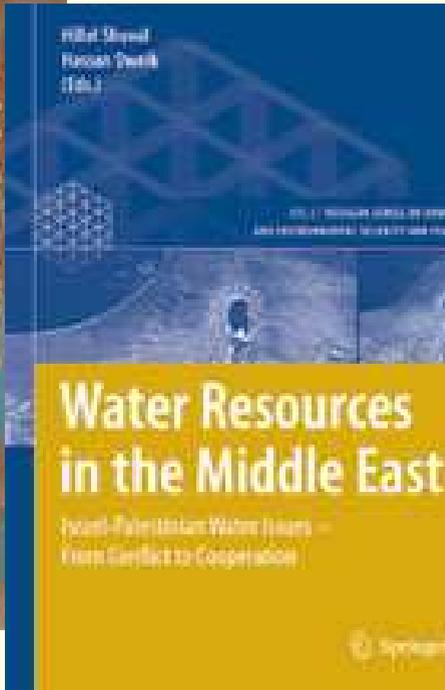
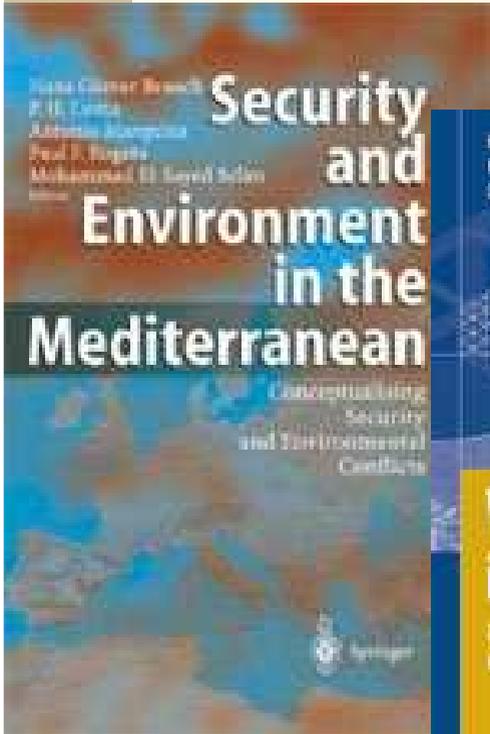
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