# **Global Warming Around the World**

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# What does global warming look like around the world?



# What is global warming?

#### • An increase in the earths temperature overtime

#### Causes

- Green house gases
- Carbon emissions
- Pollution

#### How does this effect cold climate areas?

 Greenland or West Antarctica: Irreversible depletion of the vast ice caps (Plumer & Popovich, 2018).

 Increased habitat losses for polar bears, whales, seals and sea birds (Plumer & Popovich, 2018). This northern summer there was 3.8 million km<sup>2</sup> less Arctic ice than the average in the 1980s. Imagine if Australia was disappearing that quickly.

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#### How does this effect cold climate areas?

Antarctica is at high risk

 Antarctica ice melt has accelerated by 280% in the last 4 decades

 If our earths temperature warms to 2 degrees Celsius, sea ice will vanish (Miller, 2019).



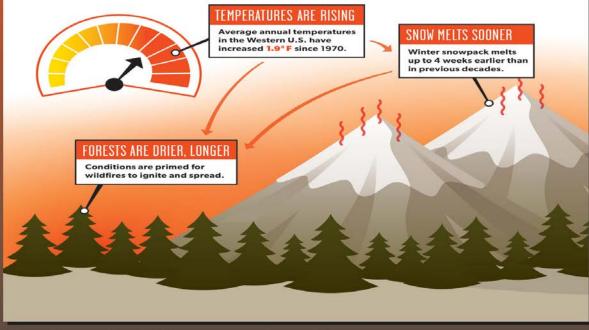
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#### How does this effect warm climate areas?

- Life-threatening heat waves
  - Forest fires
- Water shortages
- Increased risk of drought
- Agricultural issues
- Potential flooding
- Erosion (Plumer & Popovich, 2018).

#### CONNECTIONS\* WESTERN WILDFIRES & CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Climate change is driving up temperatures and increasing wildfire risk.

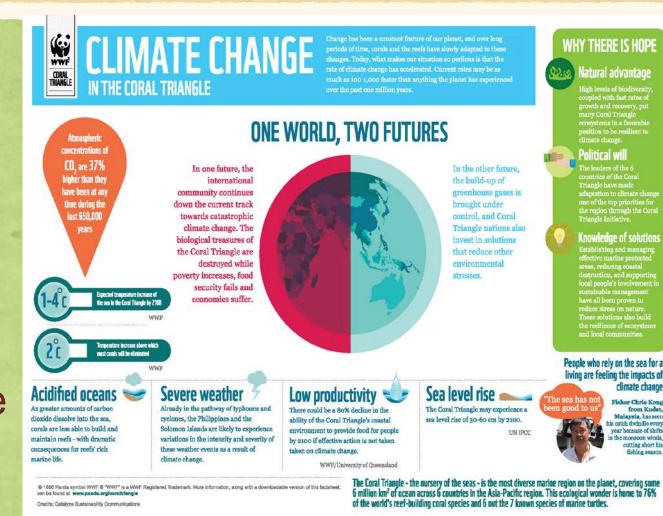


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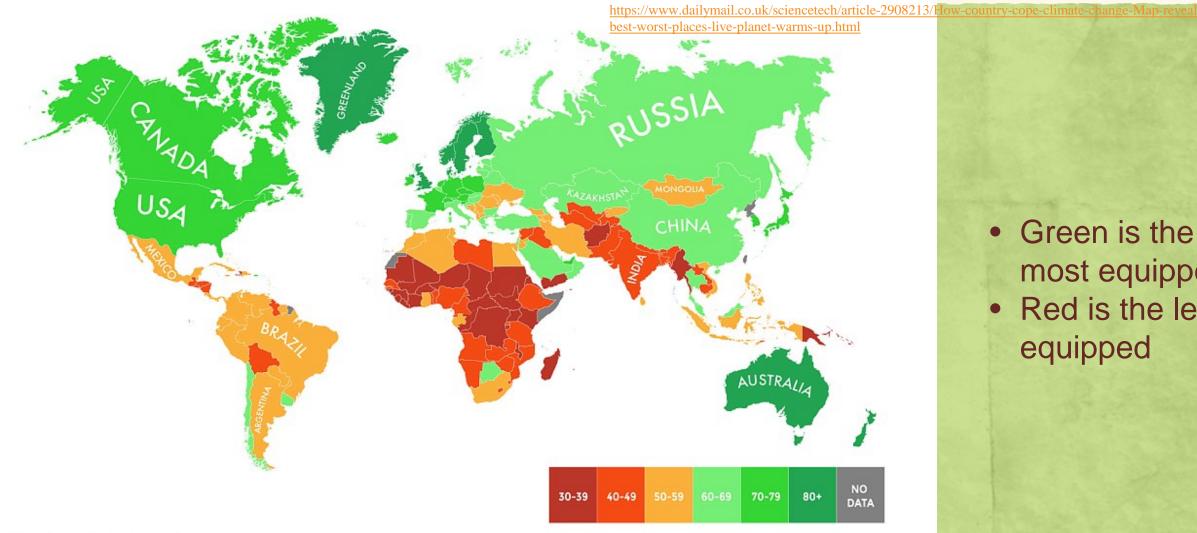
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## **Effects for both areas**

- Rise in sea levels
- Extreme storms
- Food insecurity
- Health risks and spread of disease
- Poor air quality (Guile & Pandya, 2018).



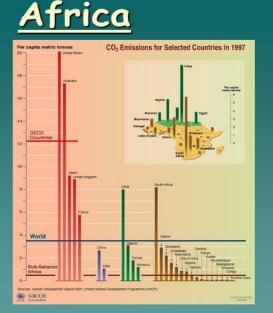
# What areas are most equipped to cope with global warming?



 Green is the most equipped Red is the least equipped

# **Taking Action: Africa**

- Africa is at high risk
- The continent was just approved for 32.5 million dollars for energy projects
- The energy projects will target global warming
- The projects also are creating jobs and providing electricity to underdeveloped areas. ("Energy projects in Africa", 2019).



•Despite contributing the least out of all continents to GW they could be affected the most!

- •The continent is 0.5C warmer than in 1900.
- •Droughts are more common
- •Rainy seasons are more unreliable

#### **Taking Action: Mexico**

- Felipe Calderon, Mexico's President, states that climate change is the largest issue their country is facing
- He plans to reduce the countries carbon emissions during his presidency
- He wants emissions cut in half by 2050
- Calderon urges the "Green Fund": contributions from all but the poorest countries in the world to finance environmentally friendly projects ("Mexico and climate change", 2009).

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## **Taking Action: England**



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- England now requires every household to recycle
- The recycling program targets the unwanted food that goes into a general bin rotting in landfill and creating methane, a greenhouse gas, which contributes to global warming.
- Households that fail to participate will be warned and eventually fined ("All homes to be forced to separate food waste", 2018).

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# **Taking Action: Japan**

- Japan introduced a "hydrogen energy demonstration (and environmental education) with the goal to prevent global warming and create a sustainable and lowcarbon society" ("Base for hydrogen energy demonstration", 2016, para. 1).
- This will be Japans first case where hydrogen energy
  - Integration of a hydrogen station which creates hydrogen from renewable energy, a smart house and a fuel cell vehicle ("Base for hydrogen energy demonstration", 2016).



# How can all areas help?

- Drive less or carpool
- Reduce, reuse and recycle
- Reduce waste
- Go solar
- Use less electricity
- Conserve water
- Eat less or no meat
- Spread awareness ("35 ways to stop global warming", 2017)



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