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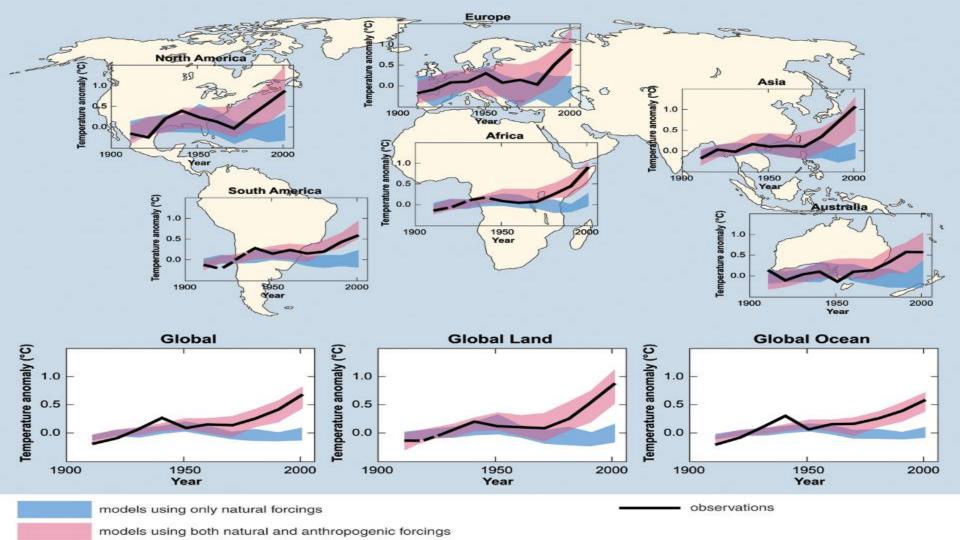
#### Session 34:

# Responding to the effects of climate change on communities, parks and protected areas



# Protected Areas, Communities, and Climate Change

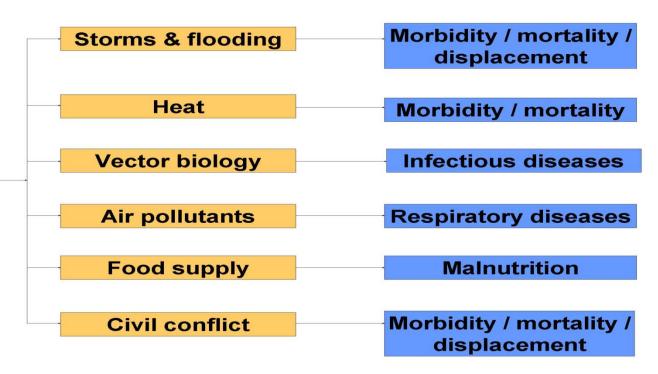
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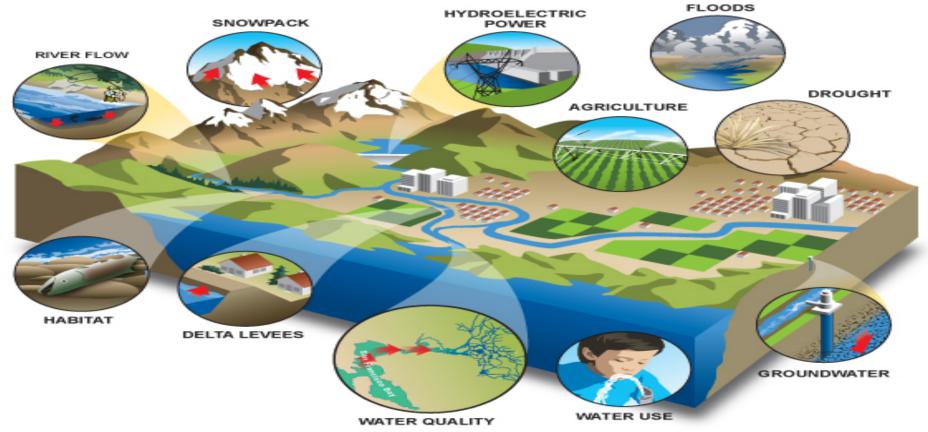


### Potential Impacts of Global Climate Change on Human Health

Global climate change effects:

- Temperature
- · Sea level
- Precipitation





The impact of climate change on humans is felt through changes in ecosystems and biodiversity

Protected areas can help. They are part of ecosystem-based cimate change risk reduction. They can help societies adapt to changing conditions by conserving biodiversity and supporting ecosystem services.

Figure 3.2 Carbon stored in forests, using FAO ecozones

	Tropical rainforests	Tropical peat forests	Other tropical forests <sup>1</sup>	Sub-tropi- cal forests	Oceanic temperate forests	Other temperate forests <sup>2</sup>	Mangroves	Boreal forests	Montane boreal forests	Boreal peat forest	Total
Current forest area M ha	1090	44	740	330	30	400	15	730	410	496 <sup>6</sup>	4285
Total above and below ground biomass (Mg C/ha)	145±53	206 ± 100	80±45	53±49	208±131	60±25	218±173	48±24	13±10	7±6	
Soil carbon <sup>4</sup> (Mg C/ha)	75	2005	50	60	80	55	72	272 ( <i>est.</i> ) <sup>3</sup>	74 ( <i>est.</i> ) <sup>3</sup>	858 ( <i>est.</i> ) <sup>6</sup>	
Total carbon (Mg C/ha)	230	406	130	113	288	115	290	320	320	862	
Percent of atmospheric carbon <sup>7</sup>	32.5	2.3	12.5	4.8	1.1	6.0	0.6	30.3	17.0	55.5	162.6

6 Calculated from Tarnocai et al. (2009) for total area of discontinuous plus sporadic permafrost (i.e., peatland forest) and considers soil depth >3 m

<sup>7</sup> Atmospheric carbon = 770 Gt (IPCC 2007)

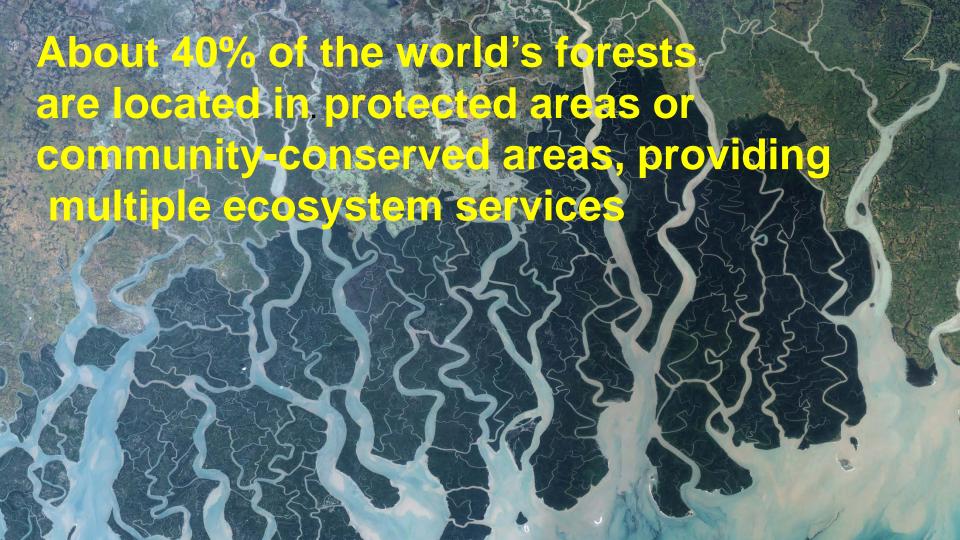
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes moist deciduous, dry, and mountane forests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Continental and montane forests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Back-calculated from Kurz and Apps (1999) who estimated that boreal soils contain 85% of the total boreal carbon, using 48 Mg/ha as 15%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Soil to a depth of 1 m using IPCC (2006) default values unless specified .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> From: Hirano et al. (2012) depth >3 m



# How protected areas provide ecosystem services to people

**Air quality** 

**Pest & disease control** 

Watershed protection and regulation

Conservation of biodiversity Plant pollination

**Carbon sequestration and storage** 

Soil formation and fertility

**Decomposition of wastes** 

Landscape beauty

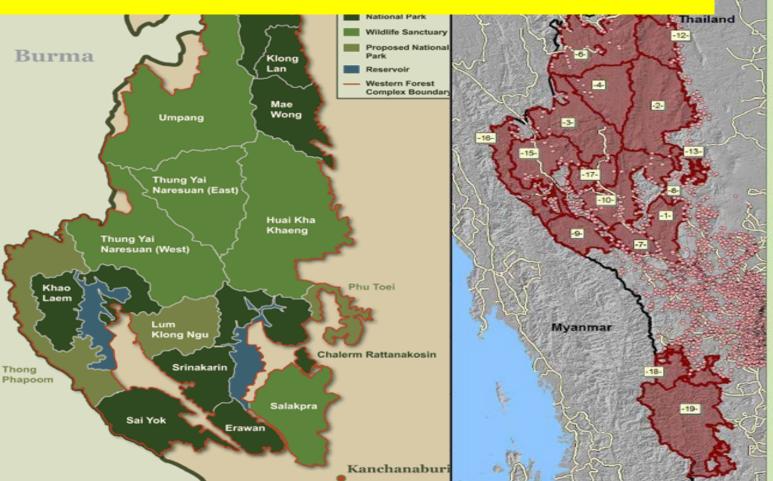


What's more, trees continue to store more carbon as they grow bigger, so protected areas that support large trees are especially valuable in mitigating climate change (Stephenson, et al., 2014)

# How protected areas are enhancing the life of a climate-friendly hydropower plant



### Establish conservation corridors



Thailand. Western Forest Complex Pilot Site, Villages & Road Network

ADB RETA 6213 GMS Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative

Data Source: SRTM90, RFD, NPO, UNEP RRC AP

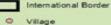


30 Kilometers

#### Key to Features

National Park (NP), Wildlife Sanctuary (WS)

- -1- Salakora
- -2- Huai Kha Khaeng
- -3- Thung Yai West
- -4- Thung Yai East
- -5- Khao Sanampriang
- -6- Umphang
- -7- Erawan
- -8- Chalerm Rattanakosin
- -9- Sal Yok
- -10- Srinakharin
- -11- Khlong Lan
- -12- Mae Wong
- -13- Phu Toey -14- Khlong Wang Chao
- -15- Khao Laem
- -16- Thong Pha Phum -17- Lam Khiong Ngu
- -18- Kaeng Krachan
- -19- Maenam Phachi



Roads

Main Road



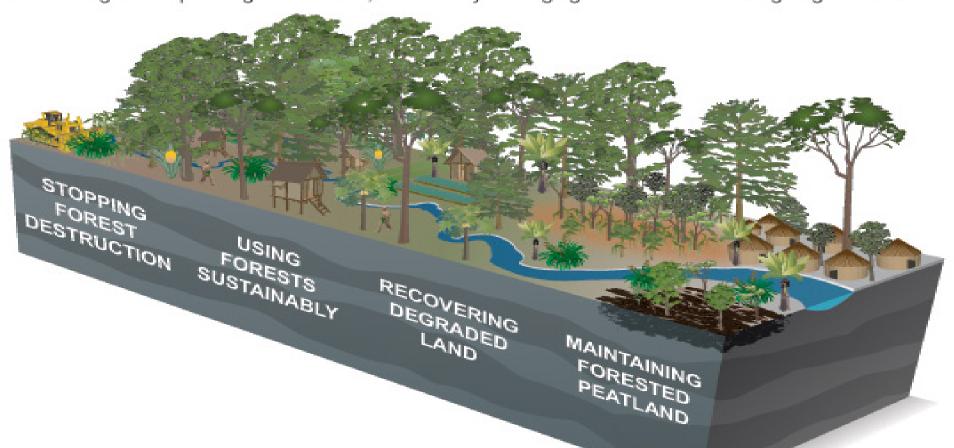
### Make climate action pay

"Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest degradation in Developing countries."



#### REDD+

REDD+ helps to mitigate climate change through forests, and provides social and environmental benefits. It includes these essential components: creating incentives for not clearing standing forests, maintaining and expanding forest cover, sustainably managing forest and recovering degraded lands.



## Action priorities:

- Invest in enhancing the management of protected areas that are providing multiple benefits to society.
- Explore possibilities for linking protected areas into larger landscapes that would enable species and ecosystems to adapt to climate change.
- Improve understanding of the relationship between biodiversity, development and ecosystem services in protected areas.
- Tap into emerging sources of funds, such as REDD+







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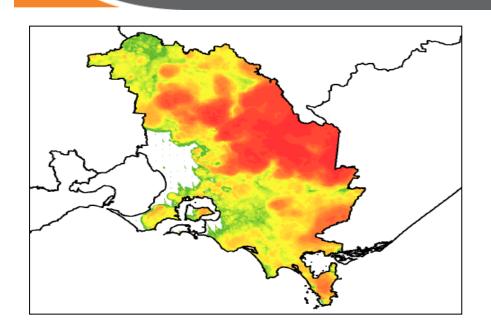
# Responding to the effects of climate change on communities, parks and protected areas



#### Adaptively Managing Fire in Changing Landscapes

Liam Fogarty - DEPI Victoria
David Nugent - Parks Victoria

18 Nov 2014







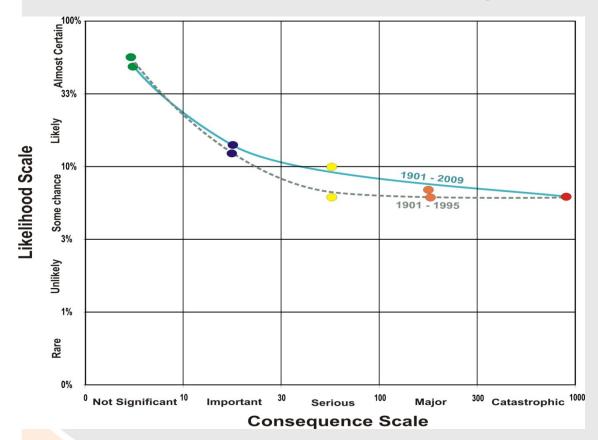
### Outline

What's changing?

What are we doing about it?

What's next – Panel Discussion?

#### Risk curves – how have they changed

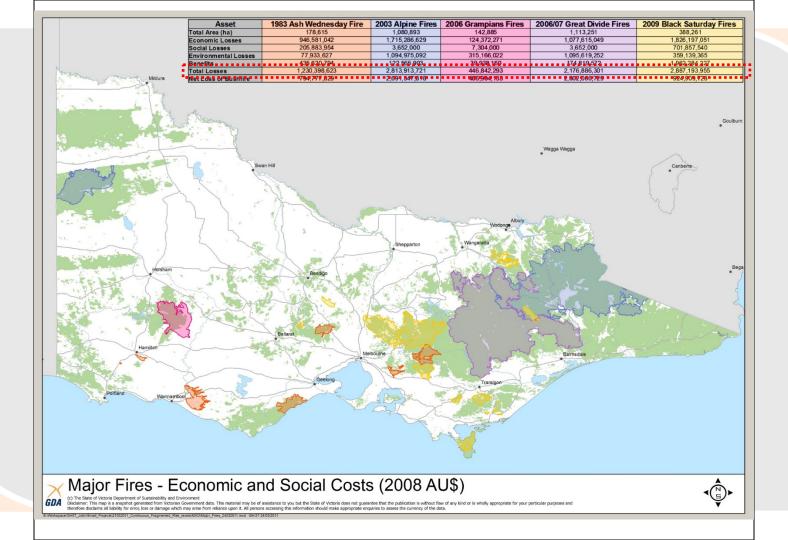


- Long term data can be used to generate risk curves – chance of a particular season/event occurring;
- 1901 to 2009 provides a "classic" curve with less significant seasons being the norm;
- 1995 significant test point:
  - Beginning of major growth in fire impacts in the US;
  - Close to the start of our current drying cycle;
  - Assumed to represent future climate by some sectors (eg., Water);
- 1901 to 1995 curve are similar.

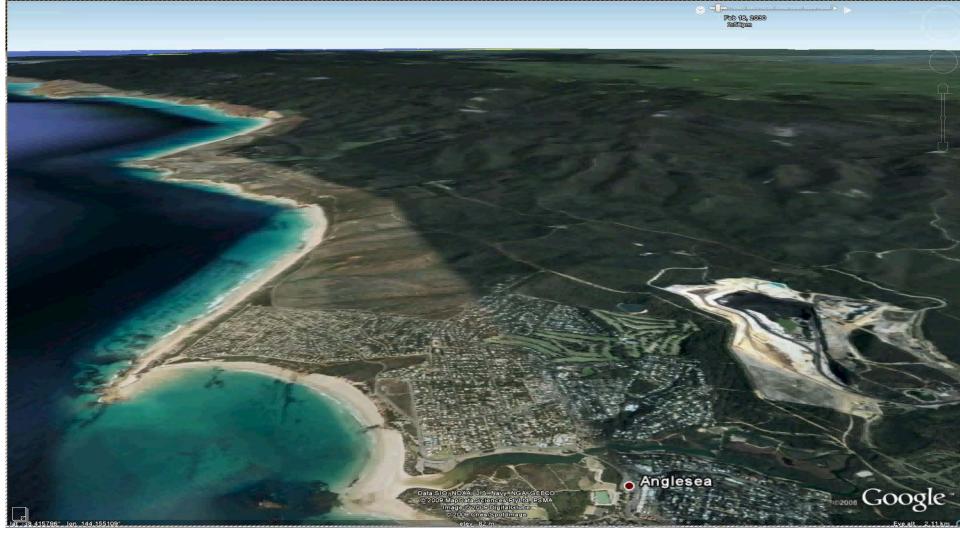
#### Risk curves – how have they changed



- More recent changes possibly better assessed by past 30 and 15 years;
  - 30 yrs considered minimum time period for a climate data set,
  - 15 years considered an option for our future climate – used by Water Sector;
- Moving away from "classic" curve.
- Strong climate driver?
- Dramatic Increase in Serious and Major Fires









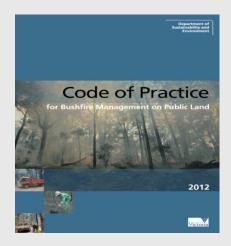






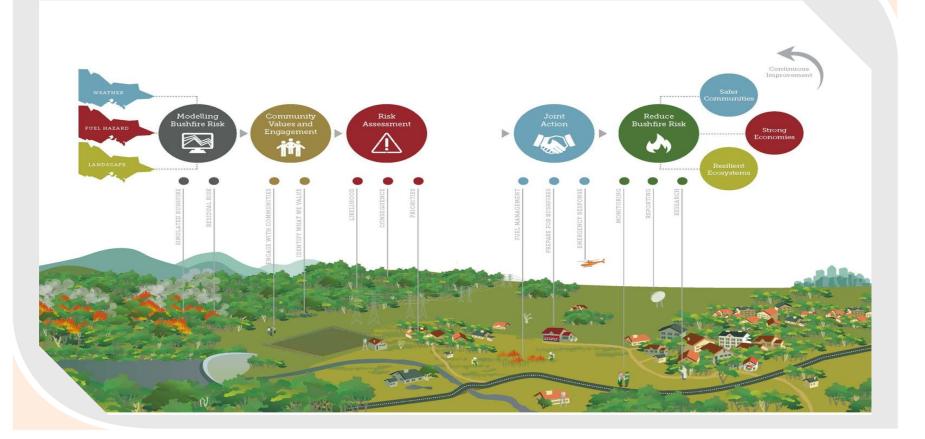
#### **What's Changing – Policy Context**



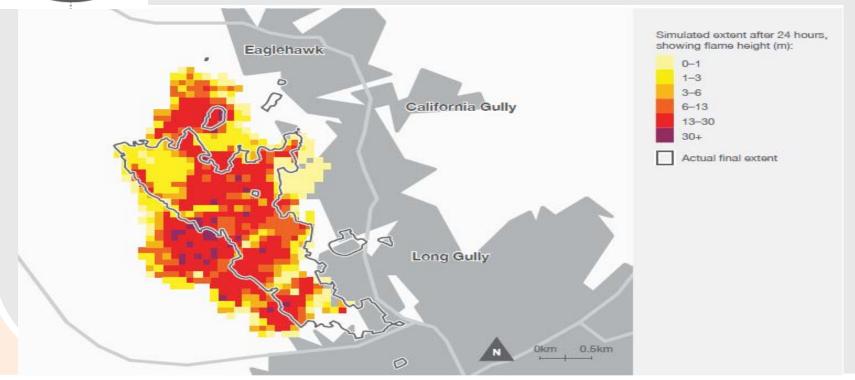


- Code of Practice (2012) sets two primary objectives for bushfire management on public land:
  - To minimise the impact of major bushfires on human life, communities, essential and community infrastructure, industries, the economy and the environment. Human life will be afforded priority over all other considerations.
  - To maintain or improve the resilience of natural ecosystems and their ability to deliver services such as biodiversity, water, carbon storage and forest products.

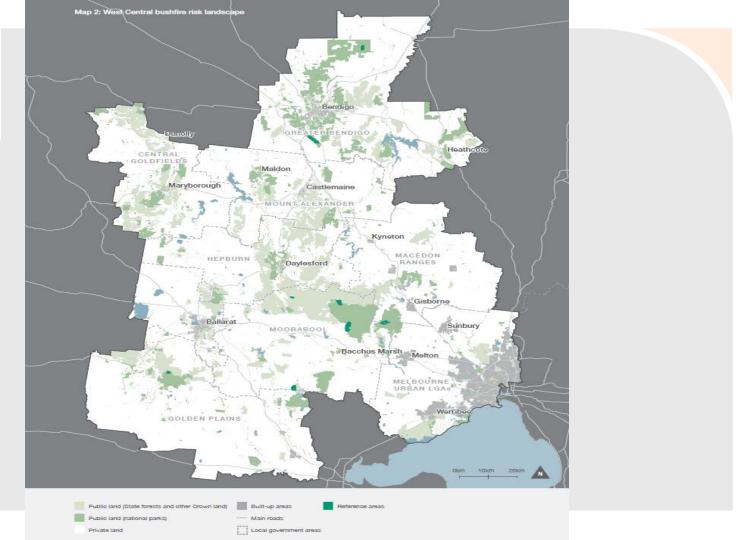
### **Overview of the Planning Approach**



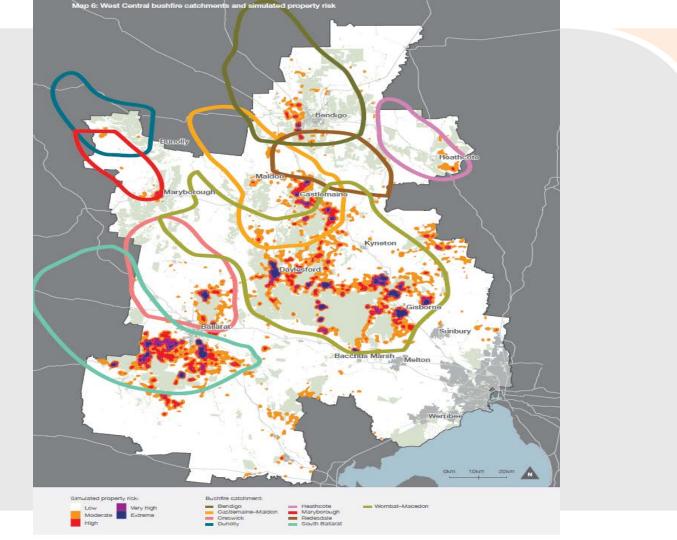






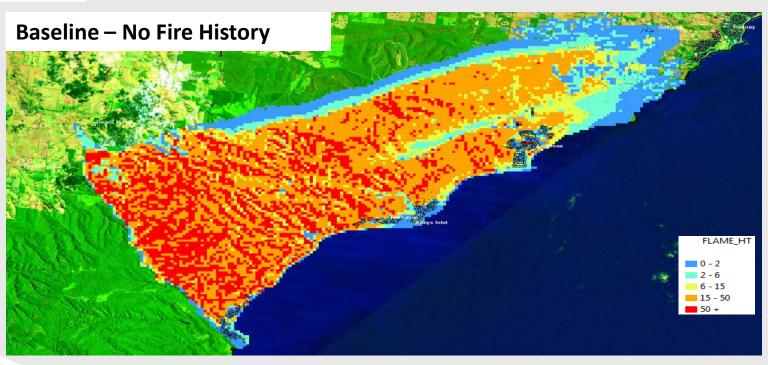






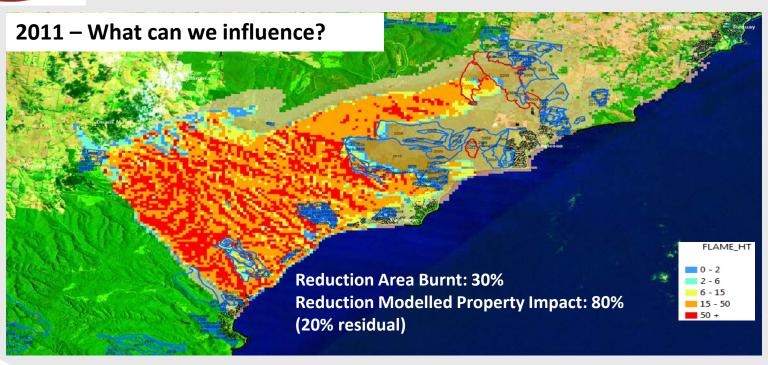


# **Modelling Potential Property Impacts from Fire**





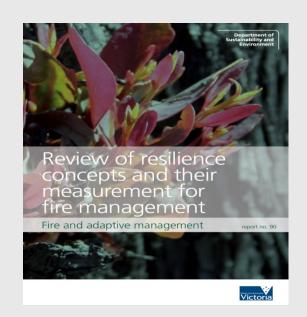
# **Modelling Potential Property Impacts from Fire**





#### **Ecosystem Resilience – Scope for DEPI**

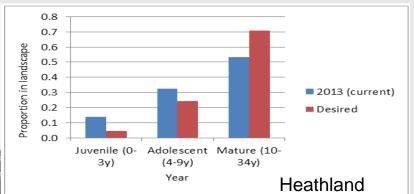
- Relates to strategic bushfire management across the public land estate
- Includes several elements:
  - Tolerable Fire Intervals,
  - Growth Stage/Habitat Optimisation based on Geometric Mean Abundance,
  - Relative Entropy
- Will expanded over time eg, climate change
- Draws on review work commissioned by DEPI (McCarthy 2012)

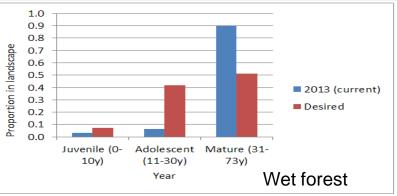




# **Ecosystem Resilience Measures – Growth Stages**



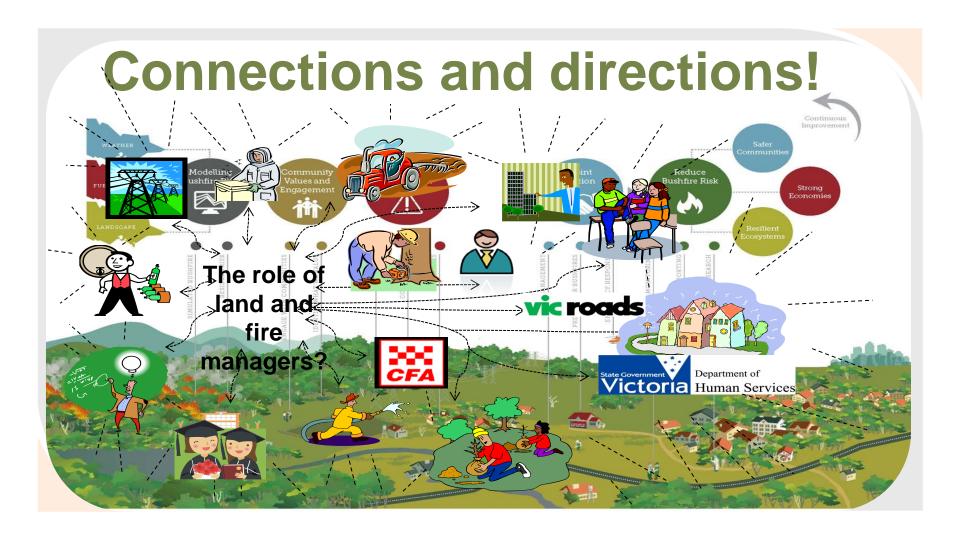












# What's different?

- Code of Bushfire Management Practice
  - Clear Objectives
  - Risk based approach
- Strategic Bushfire Management Planning
  - Acknowledges uncertainty
  - Sophisticated bushfire simulations
  - Sets long term strategies but enables learning and improvement
  - Tangibly considers health and resilience of ecosystems
  - Tangibly considers community values
  - Focus on influence as well as outcomes connections vital
  - Enable science informed values based decision making communities are key







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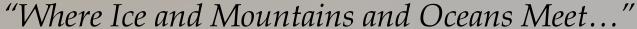












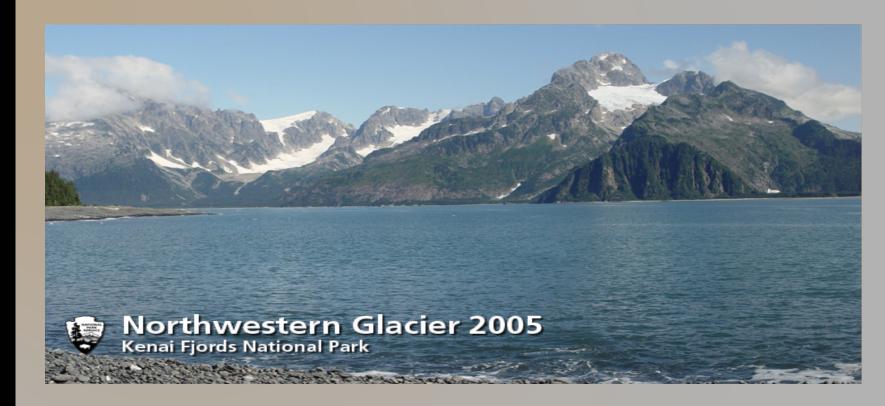




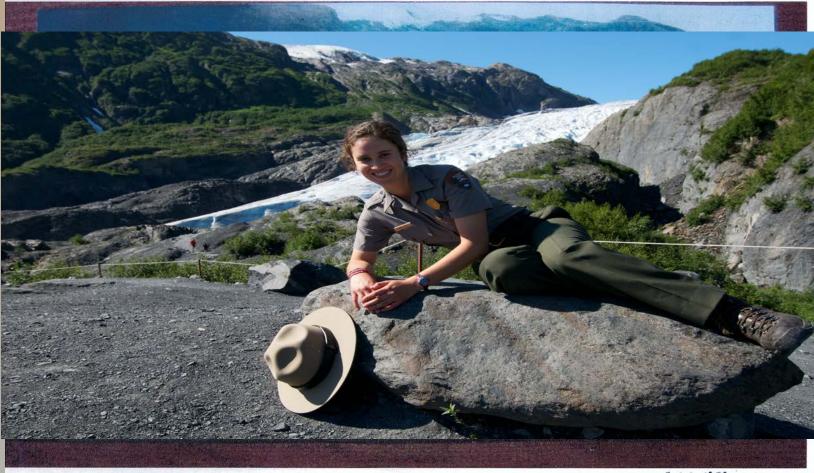














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Changing the Conversation about Climate Change









# Renewable Energy Credits















## The Power of Place



Kenai Fjords National Park

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge



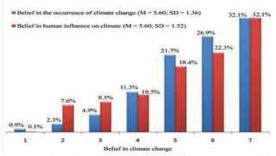
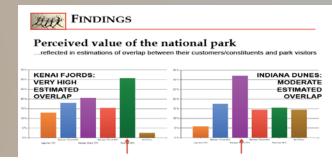


Figure 2. Kenal Fjord visitor beliefs in the occurrer human influence on global climate change (both i on seven-point scale using multiple response item extremely low belief: 7 = extremely high belief.



## FINDINGS

#### Willingness to act?

Are they communicating with their own customers/constituents? Further indication that they are underestimating their customers/constituents level of interest

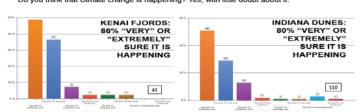
	Perception of Kenal Stakeholders	Actual Concern of Kenai Visitors*	Ind. Dunes Stakeholders	Actual Concern of Nat. Sample Visitors*
How concerned would you say your customers or constituents are about the future of this national park?	2.9 / 5.0	4.2 / 5.0	3.4 / 5.0	N/A
And how concerned would you say your customers or constituents are about climate change and its effects?	2.8 / 5.0	3.3 / 5.0	3.1 / 5.0	3.5 / 5.0
	38	485 493	93	4170

- 1=Not concerned / 2 = Slightly concerned / 3 = Somewhat concerned / 4 = Very concerned / 5 = Extremely concerned
- \*A rough comparison as CCEP visitor survey asked visitors to "rate the importance of the (park) to you and your family" and "How worried are you about climate change?"

#### Opinions on climate change

**FINDINGS** 

Do you think that climate change is happening? Yes, with little doubt about it.



Supply 2 Convinced and Unaware 1 2 3 4 5 6

Cautious and

Belief in climate change occurrence and anthropogenic causation

Convinced and Aware

Figure 4. Results of an analysis to segment Kenai Fjords visitors based on their beliefs in global climate change and their perceived awareness of biophysical climate related change at Kenai Fjords (both measured on a seven-point scale using multiple response items). Awareness: 1 = not aware at all; 7 = highly aware. Belief in climate change: 1 = extremely low belief; 7 = extremely high belief.







## Seward City News

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Tuesday, November 4, 2014







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#### Kenai Fjords National Park Weather Summary – August 2014

The six month run of below-average monthly precipitation came to an end in August when the Seward airport received more precipitation in one month than it did from February-July 2014 combined. Most of this precipitation occurred early in the month when storms delivered impressive amounts of rain, particularly on August 8th when daily totals ranged from 1.59 inches at the Seward [...]

September 11, 2014 · 0 comments ·

### Kenai Fjords National Park Weather Summary – July 2014

July 2014 proved to be another warmer-than-normal and drier-than-normal-month in the Kenai Fjords area. Daily high temperatures ranged from 60 degrees F to 76 degrees F with a total of five days above 70 degrees F. Measurable precipitation was recorded on 12 days with more than half the total rainfall occurring on one day, July 9th. Winds were relatively calm  $[\cdots]$ 

August 25, 2014 · 0 comments

### Kenai Fjords National Park Monthly Weather Summary – June 2014

The Kenai Fjords area saw a return to more normal temperatures in June, but the dry conditions that characterized the spring



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Firefighters mourn loss of Cliff Simons



"Climate change is fundamentally the greatest threat to the integrity of our national parks that we have ever experienced." Jon Jarvis



# Scenario Planning

"We use scenario planning to rehearse the future to avoid the management surprises"

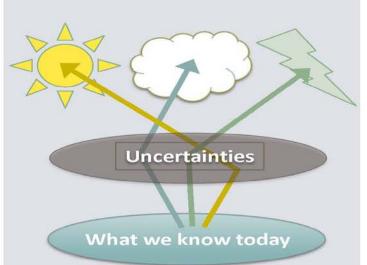


Scenarios overcome the tendency to predict, allowing us to see multiple possibilities for the future

- Forecast Planning
  - One Future



- Scenario Planning
- Multiple Futures





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# **Explaining Scenarios:** Description Scenarios are stories about tomorrow that can help you make better

decisions today



- They offer a range of possibilities for the future—not predictions.
- Narratives that stretch thinking but are always plausible and logical
- Scenarios provide a framework for recognizing and adapting to change over time—ahead of time

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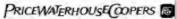
### Select Client Organizations\*





























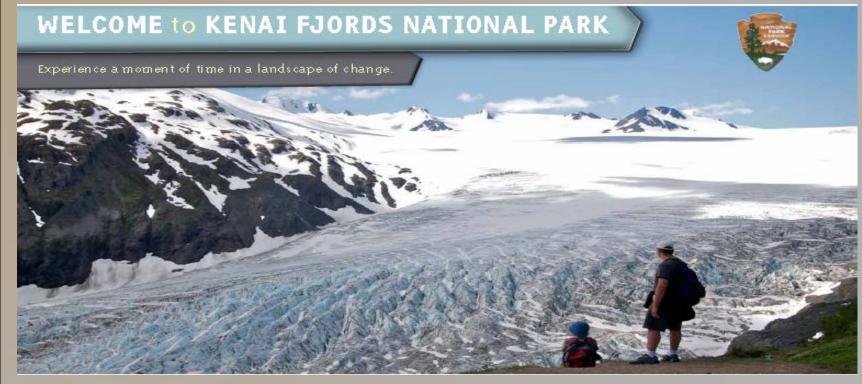


World Business Council for Sustainable Development









Jeff Mow Superintendent Kenai Fjords National Park October 2, 2012

"A Business Approach to Climate Futures"



# "What is the Parks role in building community awareness around climate change"

- Communicate the Impacts of climate Change on the Parks
- Be a role model for mitigation
- Do not underestimate the value of social science know your audience
- The complexity of CC can be quite paralyzing (results in no action), use techniques like SP to break it down into bite size pieces.



# Thank You











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**IUCN World Parks Congress** Parks, People, Planet Sydney, Nov. 18, 2014

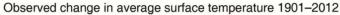


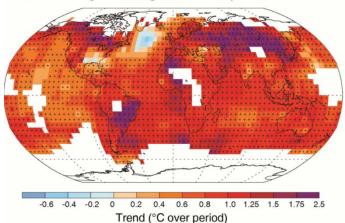
Jonathan Patz, Professor & Director

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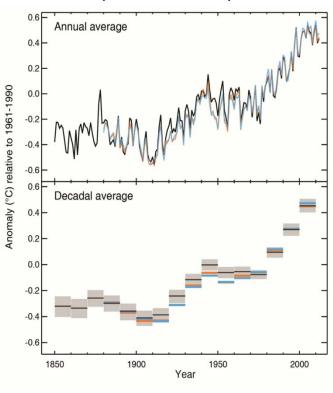
## Temperature data

"The globally averaged combined land and ocean surface temperature data .. show a warming of 0.85 [0.65 to 1.06]° C, over the period 1880–2012" IPCC AR5 WG1 2013





## Global Temperature Anomaly 1850-2012



IPCC AR5 WG1 Figure SPM.1

## HEALTH EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE CHANGE

Temperature Rise <sup>1</sup> Sea level Rise <sup>2</sup> Hydrologic Extremes

<sup>1</sup> **3° C** by yr. 2100 <sup>2</sup> **40 cm** "

**IPCC** estimates

Urban Heat Island Effect

Air Pollution & Aeroallergens

**Vector-borne Diseases** 

**Water-borne Diseases** 

Water resources & food supply

Mental Health &

Environmental Refugees Heat Stress
Cardiorespiratory failure

Respiratory diseases, e.g., COPD & Asthma

Malaria
Dengue
Encephalitis
Hantavirus
Rift Valley Fever

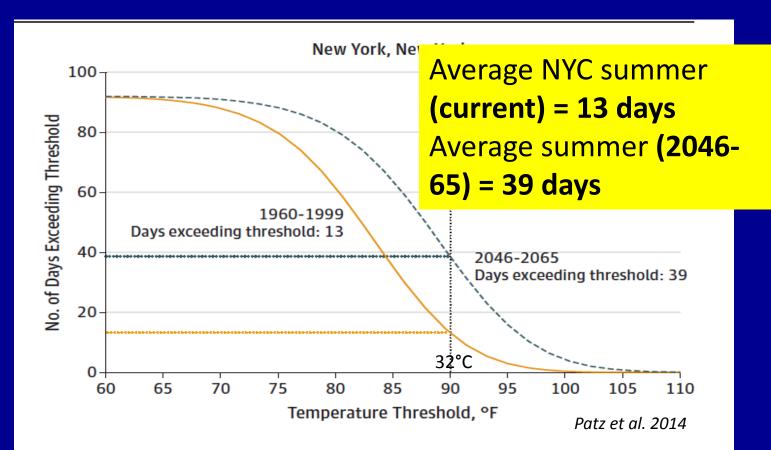
Cholera
Cyclospora
Cryptosporidiosis
Campylobacter
Leptospirosis

Malnutrition
 Diarrhea
 Toxic Red Tides

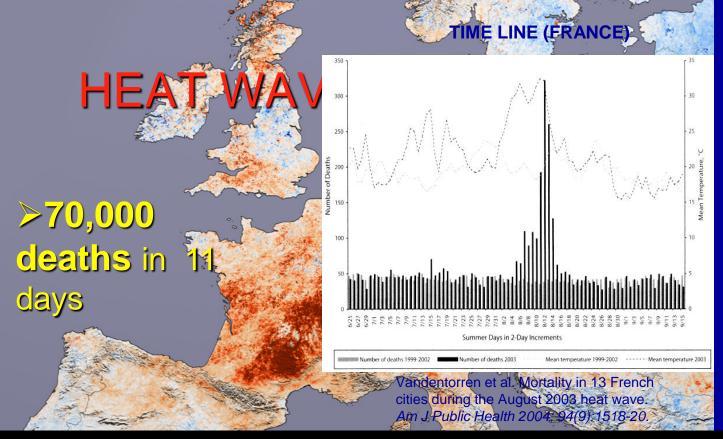
Forced Migration
Overcrowding
Infectious diseases
Human Conflicts

Patz, 1998

# Projected # of days over 32°C







Probability of 'mega-heatwaves' will increase by a factor of 5 to 10 within the next 40 years.

**Future** summers warmer than warmest on record

> Today's 900 million at risk for hunger could double by midcentury.

Battisi and Naylor, Science 2009

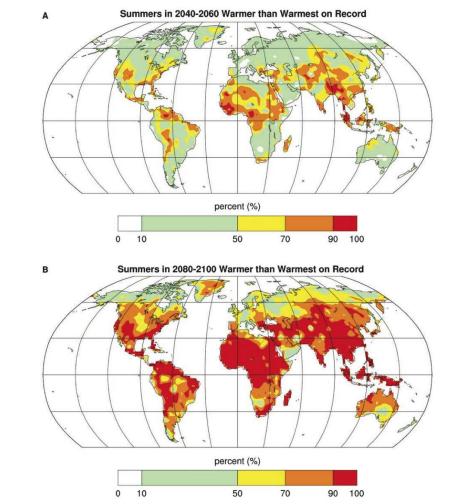
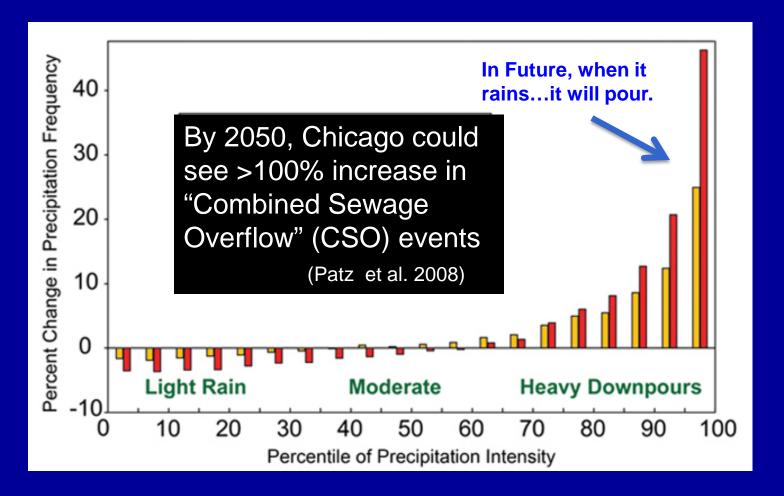


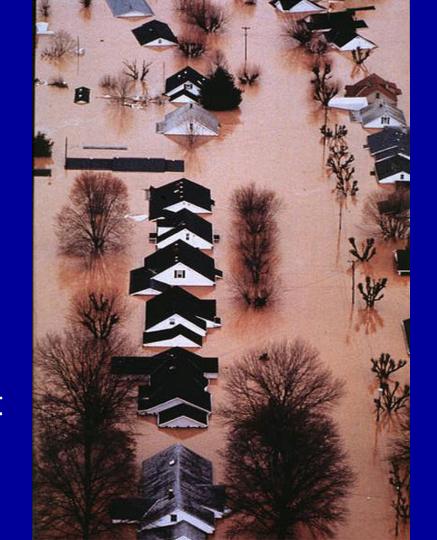
Fig. 3. Likelihood (in percent) that future summer average temper- there is greater than a 90% chance that the summer-averaged tematures will exceed the highest summer temperature observed on record (A) for 2050 and (B) for 2090. For example, for places shown in red

perature will exceed the highest temperature on record (1900-2006)



So climate change is not just about warming.

...and of course it's not just about human health



# Could Combating Climate Change be cost-free?

...or even a net gain?

# The opportunity for improving health determinants

We can reduce:

The 3 million annual deaths from urban air pollution

The loss of 3.2 million deaths, from physical inactivity



# Examples from Transport Sector

Study of the Day: Biking to Work Could Save 1,100 Midwesterners

Grabow et al. 2011

NOV 2 2011, 8:00 AM ET



New research from U. Wisconsin projects the benefits of active transport in terms of improvements in air quality and physical fitness

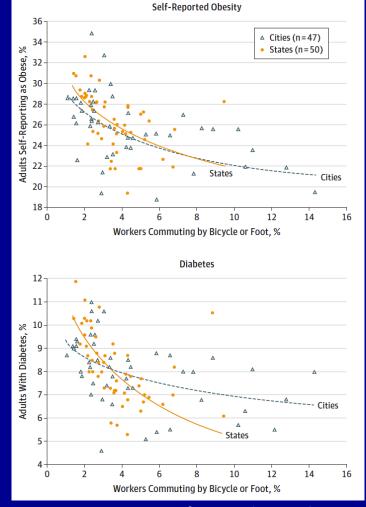
Shanghai: 44-48% reduction in colon cancer

Hou et al. 2004

London, 12-13% reduction in breast cancer and 10-19% less heart disease

Woodcock et al. 2007

Commuting to work by bike or on foot, yields health benefits in the US



Data from Pucher et al. 2010

## Greenspace and Mental

Bever et al. 2014

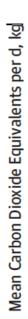
**Table 3.** Difference in Symptoms of Depression, Anxiety and Stress Associated with 25% More Neighborhood Green Space §§.

<b>Green Space Measure</b>	Depression	Anxiety	Stress
25% More Tree Canopy	-1.005 (0.293) **	-0.273 (0.139)	-0.548 (0.261) *
25% Higher NDVI	-1.369 (0.464) **	-0.512 (0.227) *	-0.701 (0.432)
25% More Greenspace (NDVI &Tree Canopy Average)	-1.379 (0.397) **	-0.427 (0.185) *	-0.735 (0.349) *

## Co-benefits: Food and Agriculture



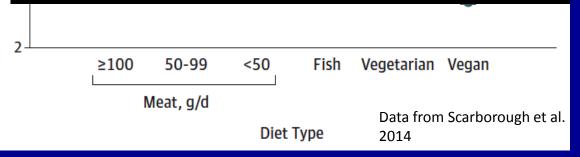
#### Diet and GHG Emissions



If meat consumption was halved, GHGs could be reduced by 25–40% and intake of saturated fat could fall by 40%

Westhoek, 2014

Heart disease burden could fall by 15% Friel, 2009



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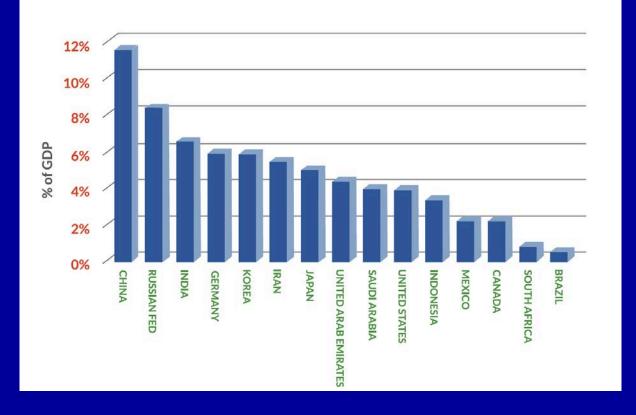
# A systems approach to evaluating the air quality co-benefits of US carbon policies

Tammy M. Thompson<sup>1★†</sup>, Sebastian Rausch<sup>1†</sup>, Rebecca K. Saari<sup>2</sup> and Noelle E. Selin<sup>2,3</sup>

Because human activities emit greenhouse gases (GHGs) and conventional air pollutants from common sources, policy designed to reduce GHGs can have co-benefits for air quality that may offset some or all of the near-term costs of GHG mitigation. We present a systems approach to quantify air quality co-benefits of US policies to reduce GHG (carbon) emissions. We assess health-related benefits from reduced ozone and particulate matter ( $PM_{2.5}$ ) by linking three advanced models, representing the full pathway from policy to pollutant damages. We also examine the sensitivity of co-benefits to key policy-relevant sources of uncertainty and variability. We find that monetized human health benefits associated with air quality improvements can offset 26-1,050% of the cost of US carbon policies. More flexible policies that minimize costs, such as

"...health benefits...can offset 26-1050% of the cost of US carbon polices"

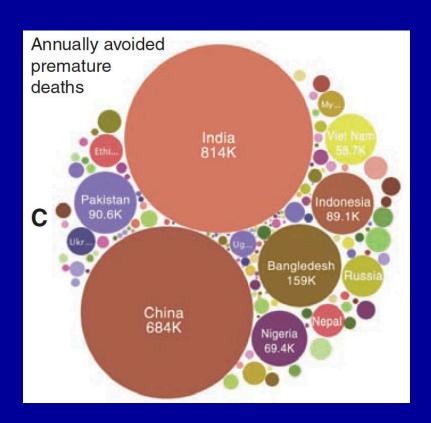
#### COST OF MORTALITY FROM OUTDOOR PM 2.5 EXPOSURE -AS % OF GDP (MEDIAN ESTIMATES), 2010, 15 LARGEST CO<sub>2</sub> EMITTERS



From Hamilton, 2014. In: "The New Climate Economy Report," 2014.

# Co-benefit of 0.7 to 4.7 million deaths/yr. Reductions in PM pollution in 2030

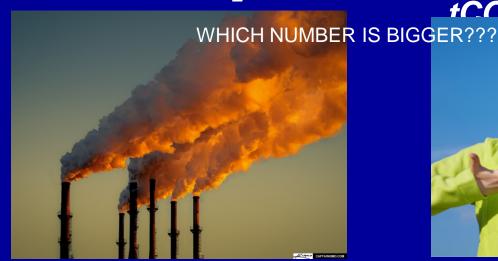
Shindell....J Schwartz... et.al. Science, 2012



 Cost of cleaner energy:

< \$30/ tCO<sub>2</sub>

Benefits of cleaner energy:\$200\*/





(\* Range: \$50 to \$380)

For E. Asia, co-benefits are 10 to 70 times greater

West et. al. 2013

### Conclusions

Health Promotion =

- Energy Policy
- Urban Planning & Transportation
- Agriculture & Food System Policy

 Therefore, the health sector must reach out & engage

## Thank You

(and G'day)!

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## World Parks Congress

The potential for technology in dynamic landscapes

**Bruce Esplin** 

Former Emergency Services Commissioner Victoria



## Connectivity

Enhanced capabilities

**Data** and Information









# Thank you







#### Welcome to

#### Session 34:

# Responding to the effects of climate change on communities, parks and protected areas









#### Coming up in Stream 3

Hall 3B1 Home Room, 10.30am-12pm

**Session 33:** Stream outcomes









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