

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND MANAGEMENT

NSW: STAGE 5, YEAR 10



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# NSW SYLLABUS: CONTENT

1.

## ENVIRONMENTS

Investigate role and importance of 'natural' environments

2.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Investigate human-induced environmental changes across range of scales (local, national, regional, global)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Investigate environmental management, different worldviews, management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

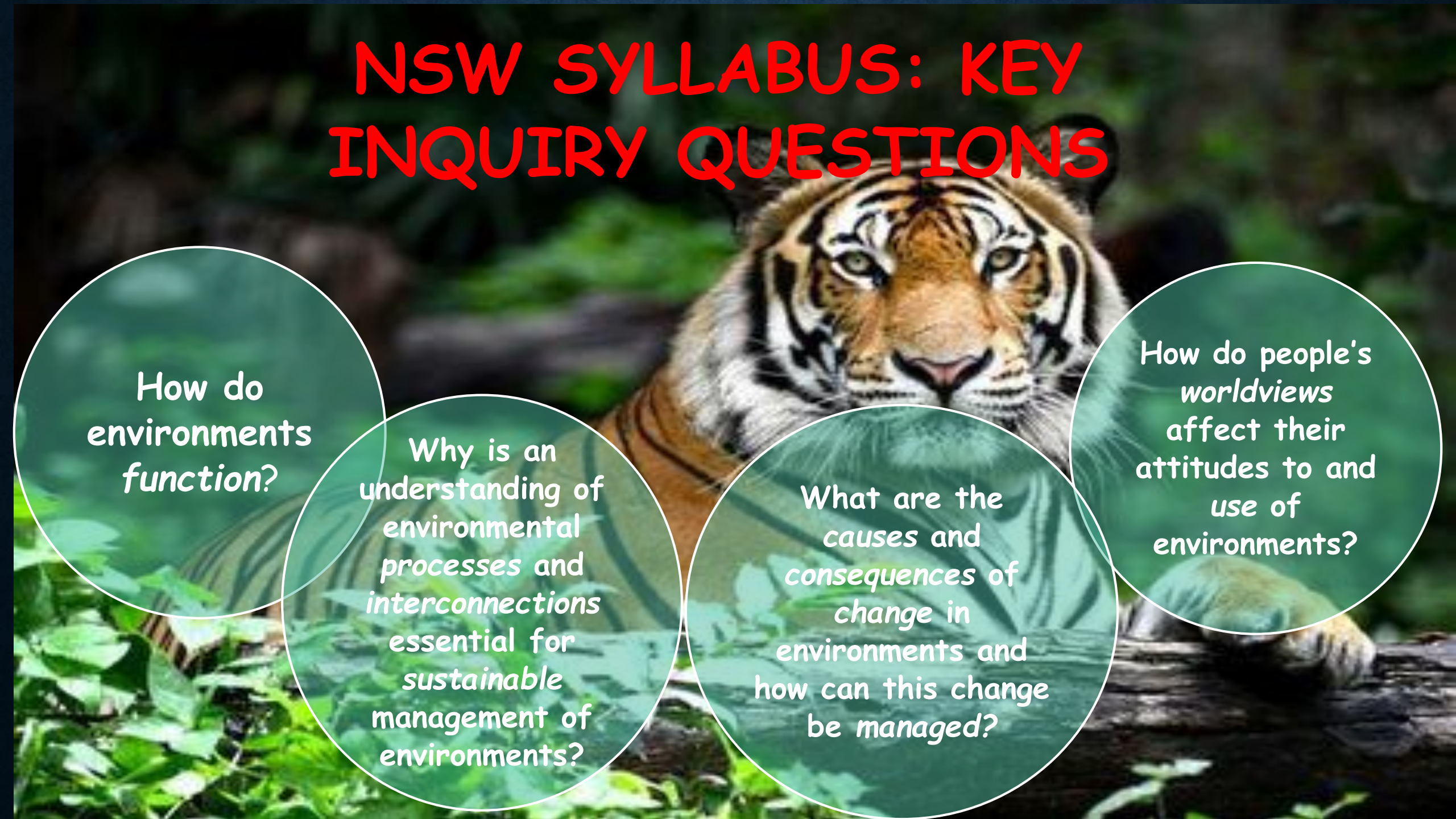
4.

**INVESTIGATIVE STUDY** Select ONE type of environment in Australia to compare with at least ONE other country.



Dot points mandatory  
Dash points optional

# NSW SYLLABUS: KEY INQUIRY QUESTIONS



How do  
environments  
*function*?

Why is an  
understanding of  
environmental  
*processes and  
interconnections*  
essential for  
*sustainable*  
management of  
environments?

What are the  
*causes and  
consequences of  
change in*  
environments and  
how can this change  
*be managed*?

How do people's  
*worldviews*  
affect their  
attitudes to and  
*use of*  
environments?

# NSW SYLLABUS: SCALE

## GLOBAL

e.g. RAMSAR-list of all countries

## REGIONAL

e.g. Wetlands of South Asia-Backwaters  
Kerala, India

## NATIONAL

e.g. Australia-65 RAMSAR wetlands

## REGIONAL

e.g. Hunter Wetlands National

## LOCAL

e.g. Warriewood  
Wetlands-Fieldwork

Wetland environment: human induced changes and management

# NSW SYLLABUS: OUTCOMES

GE5-8: Student communicates geographical information to a range of audiences using a variety of strategies

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

GE5-3: Student analyses the effect of interactions and connections between people, places and environments

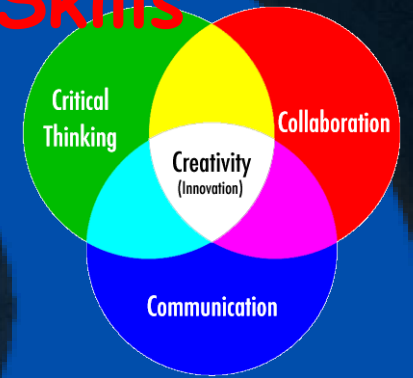
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GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

# INTEGRATE IN TEACHING PROGRAM

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills



## NSW Syllabuses

- 3 Cross Curriculum Priorities
- 10 General Capabilities



## NSW Geography Syllabus

- 7 Geographical Concepts
- 5 Geographical Tools
- 3 Geographical Inquiry Skills

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# INTEGRATE VISUAL LITERACY

## Advertisements

Cartoons

Charts

Collages

Comic books

Diagrams

Dioramas

DVDs

Graphic Novels

Graphs

Icons

Infographics

Magazines

Maps

Memes

Multimodal Texts

Paintings, Photographs

Pictograms

Satellite imagery

Signs

Slide shows

Storyboards

Symbols

Tables, Timelines

YouTube, Videos,

Websites

**ENVIRONMENT TAUGHT K-9  
TOO MUCH REPETITION!  
SO MANY CHOICES!**

- Program-Scope and Sequence
- Determine prior knowledge
- Stage 5 requires deeper understanding







# 1. NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

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importance of  
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environments

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

# INTERCONNECTIONS: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## ATMOSPHERE

- weather
- climate

## HYDROSPHERE

- water cycle,
- rivers
- oceans

## BIOSPHERE

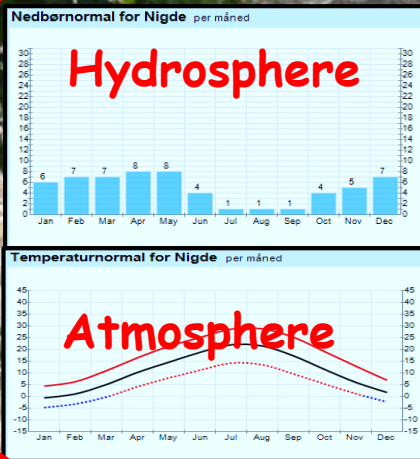
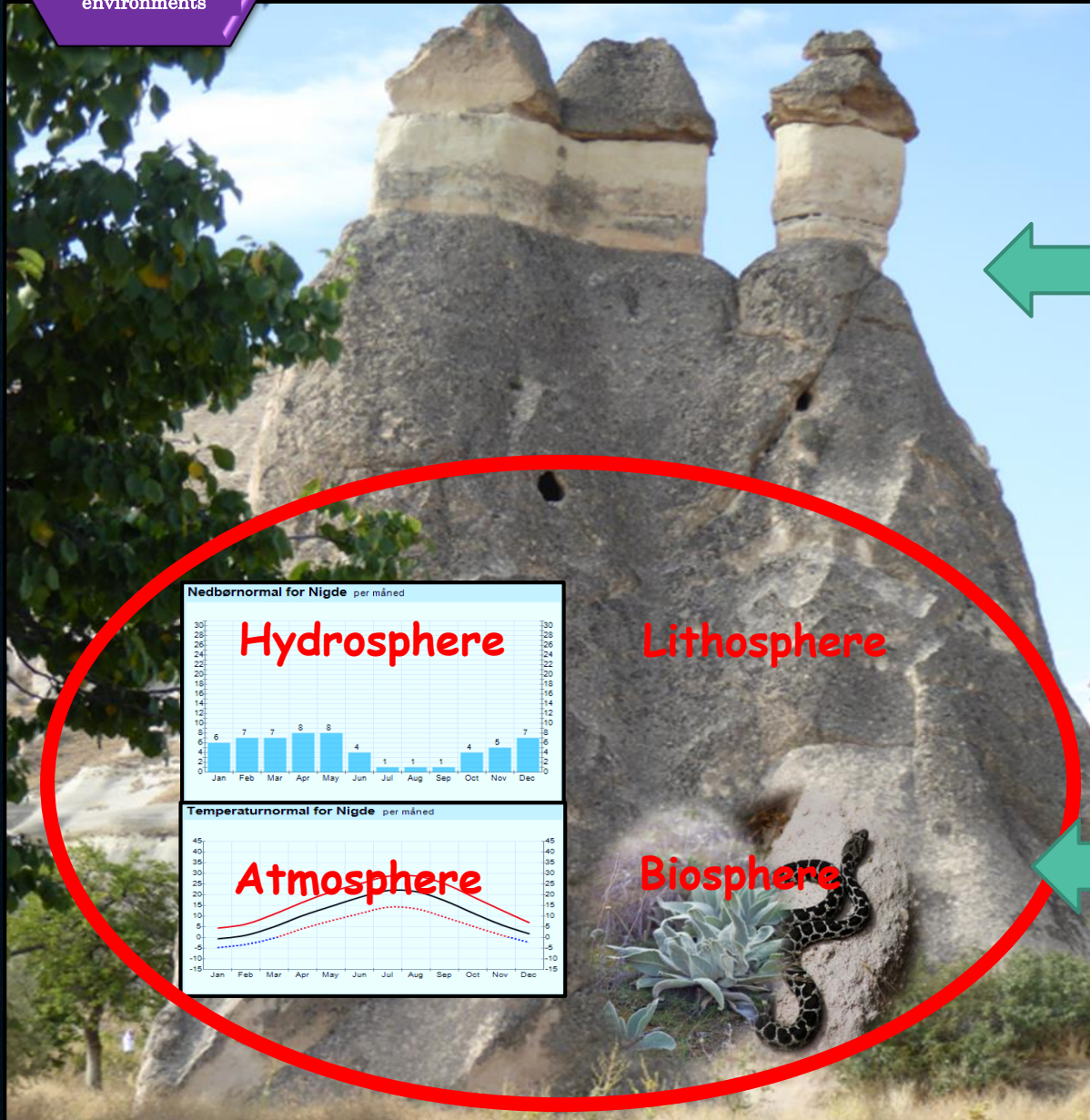
flora  
fauna

## LITHOSPHERE

- landforms
- soil
- weathering
- tectonic forces

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

# PROCESSES AND INTERCONNECTIONS UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT FAIRY CHIMNEYS-CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY



Lithosphere

Biosphere

## Processes transformed Cappadocia Landform

- eruption of volcanoes
- hard stone eroded slowly and protected underlying soft rock (tufa) from erosion
- column of soft tufa with a hard boulder perched on top

Now popular tourist destination and **World Heritage Site** to be managed sustainably

## Environmental interconnections

- Landform: volcanic plain over 1000masl. Soil-rich tufa
- Hydrosphere and Atmosphere: dry summers, cold winters
- Biodiversity: small flora (shrubs) and small fauna (birds, lizards). Result of interactions between A, H and L

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: climate graph

# NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS 1000'S ECOSYSTEMS

Brisbane Seamounts rise 3500 metres above seafloor, making them roughly same height as Mt Fuji.

Diversity across Earth according to:

- **latitude:** hot-cold temperatures
  - rainforests, tundra, arctic
- **altitude:** low-high landforms
  - ocean trenches, plains, coasts, plateaus, mountains
- **distance:** coastal versus inland (continental)
- **terrestrial versus marine:** grasslands, rivers, wetlands, coral reefs, seamounts



Activity:  
How do seamount environments  
*function?*

How do environments function?

# OCEAN 71% OF EARTH

## DIVERSITY OF NATURAL OCEAN ENVIRONMENTS

### FROM COASTS TO DEEP SEA

	Littoral zone
	Intertidal zone
	Estuaries
	Kelp forests
	Coral reefs
	Ocean banks
	Continental shelf
	Neritic zone
	Straits
	Pelagic zone
	Oceanic zone
	Seamounts
	Hydrothermal vents
	Cold seeps
	Demersal zone
	Benthic zone



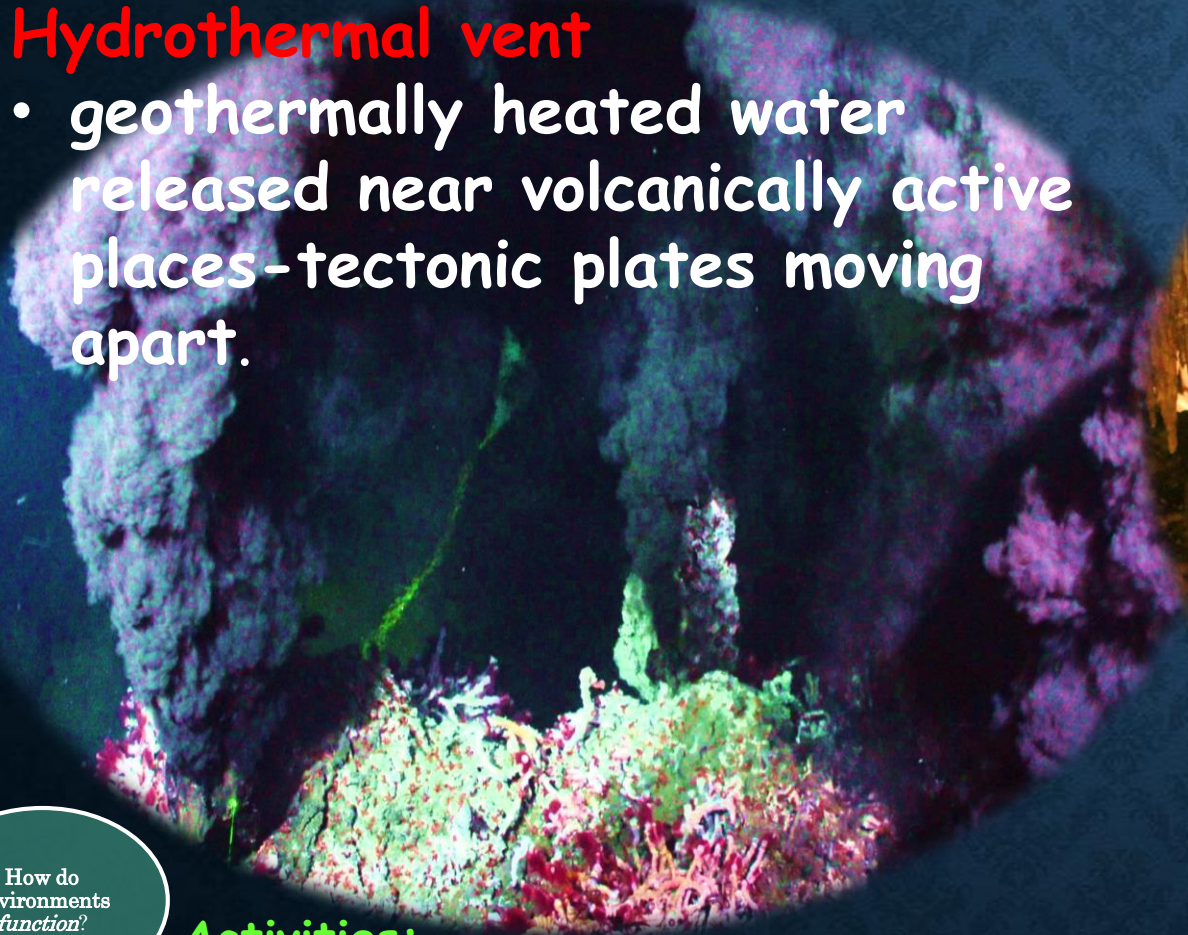
Activity: In groups describe and compare the functioning of two ocean environments

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

# LET'S GO DEEP! UNDERSEA VERSUS UNDERGROUND

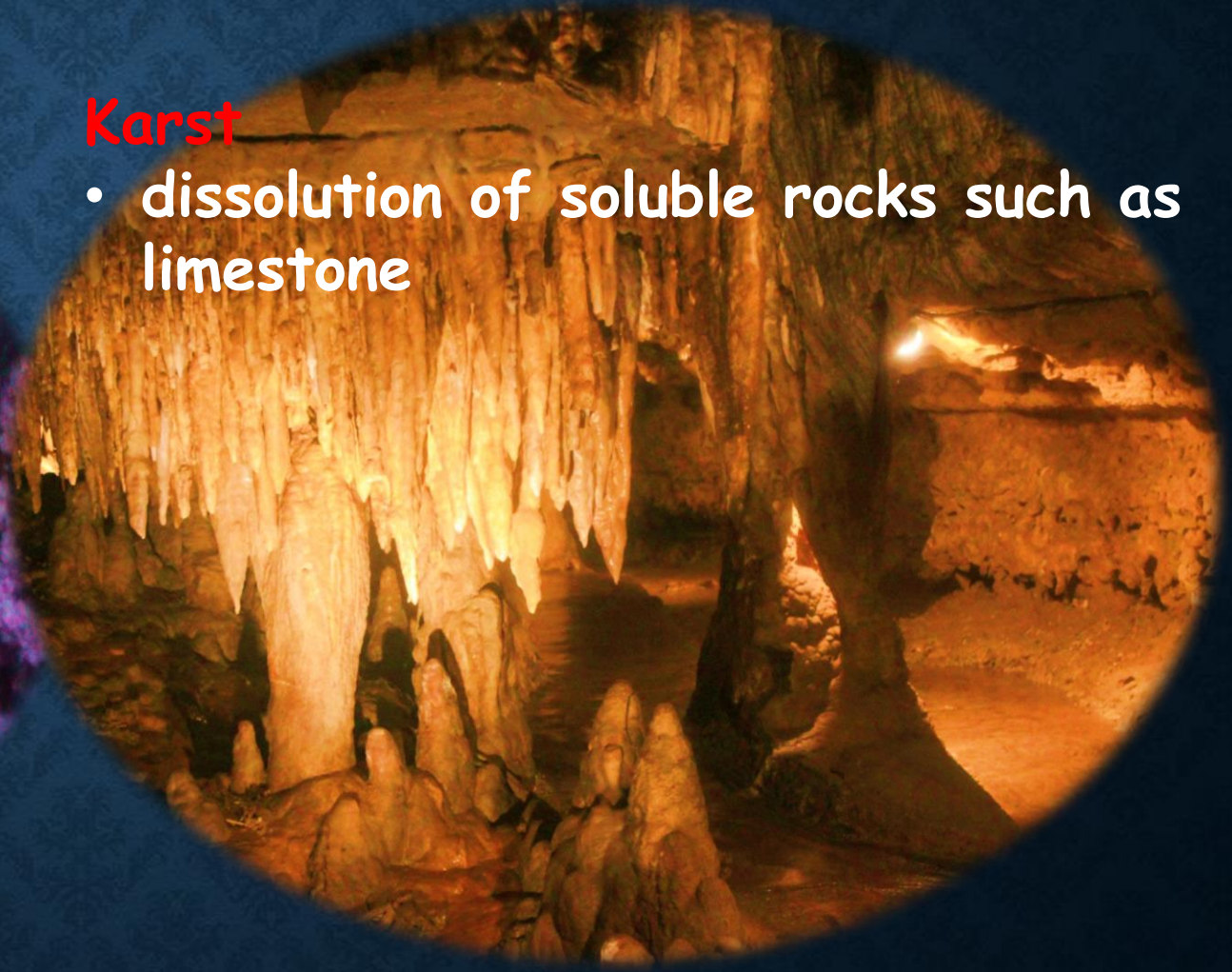
## Hydrothermal vent

- geothermally heated water released near volcanically active places-tectonic plates moving apart.



## Karst

- dissolution of soluble rocks such as limestone



How do environments function?

## Activities:

- Where are these environments located?
- How were they formed (processes)?
- Compare the functioning of the two environments.

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: photographs

# IT'S COMPLICATED!

How do environments function?

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments



## DESERT DIVERSITY



### PHYSICAL PROCESSES

Erg (sand)

Reg (gravel)

Hamada (rocky plateaus- mesa, buttes)

Oasis

### LOCATION

Mid latitude

Rain shadow

Coastal

Monsoon

Polar

### Activities:

In groups describe physical processes (e.g. weathering) that formed two desert environments. Compare a polar desert with a coastal desert.



1. Investigate role and importance of 'natural' environments

# WHY DO NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS MATTER

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

## Hawaiian senior scientist:

- Protects
- Nourishes
- Strengthens
- Inspires
- Empowers
- Quenches





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# ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

## SOCIAL

recreation, food,  
aesthetic appreciation,  
religious and spiritual  
values, improve human  
wellbeing, medicine and  
creativity

## ENVIRONMENTAL

oxygen, water, energy  
source, food webs

## ECONOMIC

employment, economic  
growth, industrial  
products, energy, eco-  
tourism



**Activities:** Why do you need to understand the role and importance of natural environments?  
List the role and importance of the natural environment to you, today!

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL:** multimodal

1. Investigate role and importance of 'natural' environments

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

Animal, plant and aquatic habitat

Water use - domestic, agriculture, industry, mining

Religion e.g. Ganges for Hindus

**ROLE, IMPORTANCE RIVER ENVIRONMENT**

Energy - Hydroelectricity

Transport

Recreation and tourism

Food



**Activities:** Describe the role and importance of clean water.

Draw a two column table illustrating the causes and consequences of polluted rivers on people, places and environments in a developing country.

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL:** diagram

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# ROLE: IMPORTANCE FOREST ENVIRONMENT

- removes  $\text{CO}_2$
- provides  $\text{O}_2$
- food (food webs)
- habitats for animals and birds
- provides timber, fuel, rubber
- 300 million people live in forests - shelter, food, clothes, lifestyle



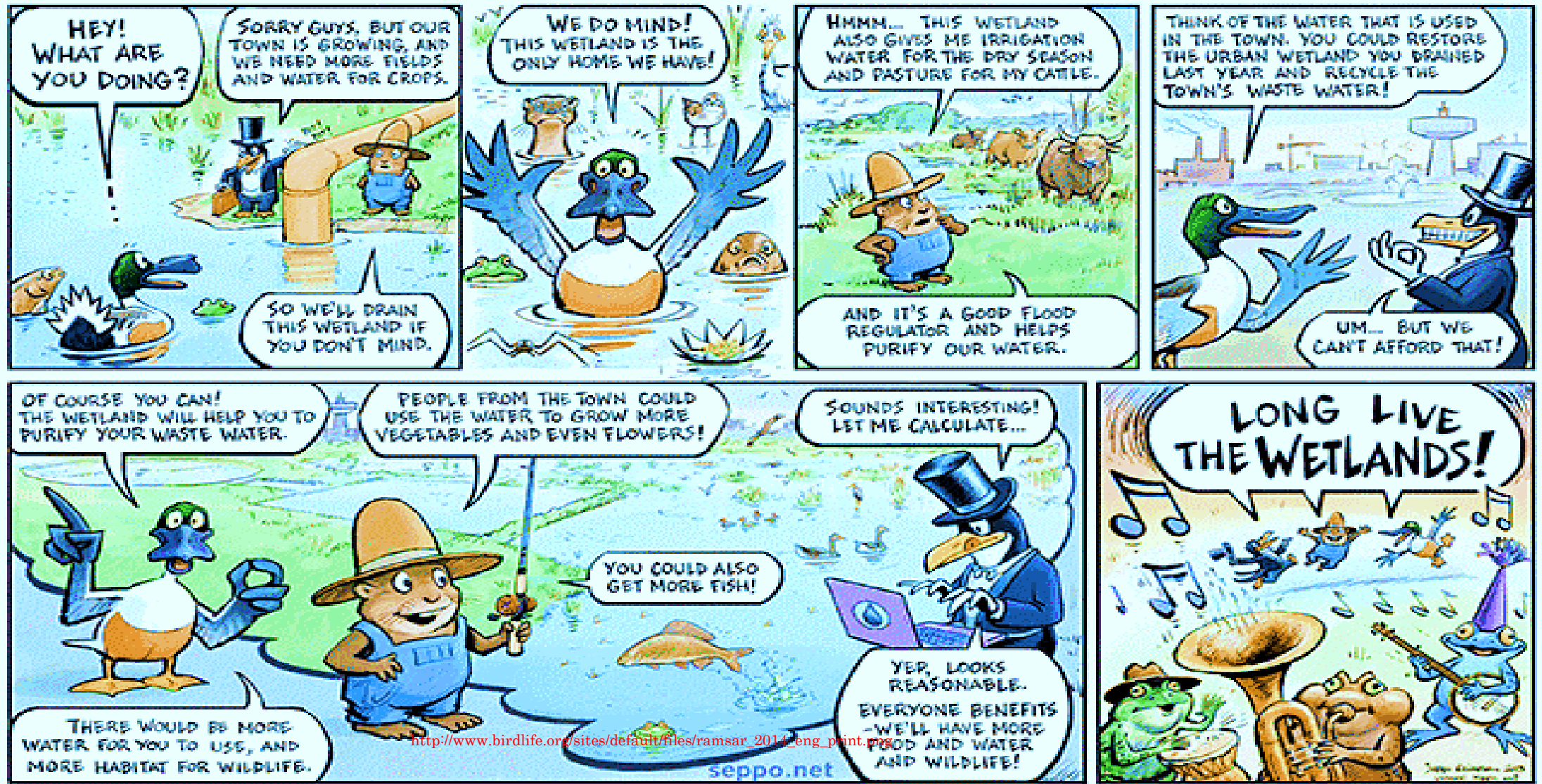
**Activities:** In groups, research the role and importance of forest environments to traditional forest dwellers. For example in India, Australia, PNG or Indonesia

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL:** multimedial

# ROLE, IMPORTANCE: WETLAND ENVIRONMENT

## FOOD, WATER AND WETLANDS

www.ramsar.org



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Activities: List importance of wetlands to the environment. What are the threats to wetlands?

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: cartoon

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# ROLE, IMPORTANCE

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## Tourism & Recreation

Coral reefs attract millions of tourists every year, bringing important income to coral reef communities. Some countries derive more than half of their gross national product from coral reef industries.

## Medicine

Coral reef species are providing new medical compounds and technology to treat serious diseases. More than half of all new cancer drug research is focusing on marine organisms.



## Coral Reef Ecosystem Services

Coral reefs provide nearly \$400 billion a year to millions of people in economic goods and ecosystem services.

## Food & Fishing

Coral reefs sustain the fish and shellfish populations that provide protein for 1 billion people. Reefs are nurseries for many commercially valuable species.



Coral reefs act as homes and nurseries for 25% of all marine life.

Though they cover less than 1% of the ocean floor, coral reefs provide habitat for 250,000 known species, including more than 4,000 species of fish and 700 species of coral.

Many coral reef species have yet to be discovered. Scientists believe that more than 1 million species are associated with coral reefs.



## Coral Reefs

are created by many tiny animals called coral polyps.

The coral polyps' limestone skeletons build up over time, forming the base of the complex reef habitat that supports the world's highest level of marine biodiversity.

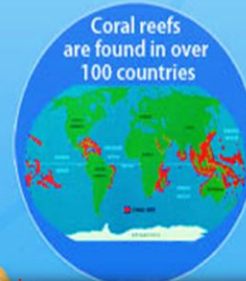


## Coastal Protection

Coral reefs act as natural wave barriers that protect coastal communities and beaches from storm damage.



Coral reefs are found in over 100 countries



**Activities:** Why are coral reefs important? What is their role in the ocean ecosystem? Explain processes that cause coral bleaching and its impacts on coral reef ecosystems. Why is an understanding of environmental processes important for sustainable management of coral reefs?

## ECONOMIC

employment (agriculture), exports (minerals, crops)

# ROLE, IMPORTANCE FERTILE SOIL

## SOCIAL

health, improved human wellbeing

## ENVIRONMENTAL

productive land, conserve food species, organic, permaculture farming





## ENVIRONMENTAL

reduce acid rain,  
preserve aquatic  
species and  
biodiversity

## SOCIAL

improve health,  
longer life  
expectancy

## ROLE IMPORTANCE CLEAN AIR

## ECONOMIC

tourism, decrease in  
erosion of buildings,  
decline in demand for  
health services  
(healthier people)



**Activity: Research air pollution in China (causes and impacts). Present as a mind map. Compare air pollution in Sydney with Chinese city today (AQI)-include maps, statistics.**

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# Activities

Discuss importance of the 'natural' environment as an e-Mind Map.

- Name four components of the natural environment
- List role and importance of forests and rivers
- Explain environmental, economic and social importance of clean air, fertile soil and coral reefs.
- In groups, refer to the infographic and discuss the role and importance of the coconut tree as a short response.

### PLANT OF LIFE: AN INFOGRAPHIC ON VARIOUS COCONUT USES

The coconut tree bears the coconut fruit, which is used for nutrition, fuel, and shelter. Its cultivation is also one of the most sustainable practices on Earth.

#### COIR

A natural elastic fiber extracted from coconut husks. It can be used to make:

- Floor mats and doormats
- Brushes
- Ropes and strings
- Stuffing for mattresses
- Caulking for boats and fishing nets

#### COCONUT WATER

Consumed as a refreshing drink and is gaining popularity as a sports drink among athletes. Can be used to produce:

- Nata de coco (a jelly-like food)
- Coconut wine
- Coconut vinegar (when fermented)

#### COCONUT MEAT

Products extracted from coconut meat:

- Coconut oil
- Coconut milk
- Toddy and nectar
- Copra
- Coconut Sap – Can further yield to:
  - Meera
  - Palm wine (when fermented)
  - Sweet syrup or candy
  - Coconut sugar or palm sugar

#### COCONUT HUSKS AND SHELL

Husks be used:

- as a pot for plants

Shells can be used:

- to create bowls, utensils, and handicrafts
- as bodies for some musical instruments or caves for aquariums
- in exfoliating products (when ground)

Husks together with coconut shells can be used:

- for fuel, and are a source of charcoal
- to buff floors
- as a mosquito repellent when burned (the smoke repels the insects)

Discarded husks can be used:

- for variety of household products and flooring materials

#### COCONUT LEAVES

Used to make:

- Brooms
- Baskets and mats
- Cooking skewers
- Kindling arrows
- Roofing thatch and temporary sheds

#### COCONUT TRUNK

- Used to make furniture and houses
- Used in Hawaii to create drums, containers, and canoes

#### COCONUT ROOTS

- Used as dye
- Used as a mouthwash
- Frayed piece of coconut root can be used as toothbrush

### COCONUT USES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

<b>BUNUT</b> (Philippines) <b>COCONUT BRUSH</b> (Jamaica) Made from coconut shell and used to buff the floors	<b>SAPU LIDI</b> (Indonesia) <b>WALIS TINGTING</b> (Philippines) Brooms made from coconut leaves	<b>KAREWE</b> (Kiribati) A fresh drink derived from coconut sap and consumed in Kiribati
<b>TEMPURUNG</b> (Malaysia) The Malay word for shell. The coconut shell is used to make a soup bowl and a ladle	<b>YEHU AND BANHU</b> (China) <b>ĐÀN GÁO</b> (Vietnam) <b>REBAB</b> (Middle East and Eastern Europe) Musical instruments made from coconuts	<b>TUBA TUAK</b> (Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia) A drink extracted from coconut sap
<b>TE KAMAMA DHIYAA HAKURU &amp; ADDU BONDI</b> (Kiribati, Maldives) Sweet syrup and candy made from boiling coconut sap	<b>LAMBANOG</b> (Philippines) Also known as coconut vodka	<b>Mercola.com</b> Take Control of Your Health Since 1997



# ALTERNATIVE TEACHING APPROACH

## Kakadu National Park Wetlands

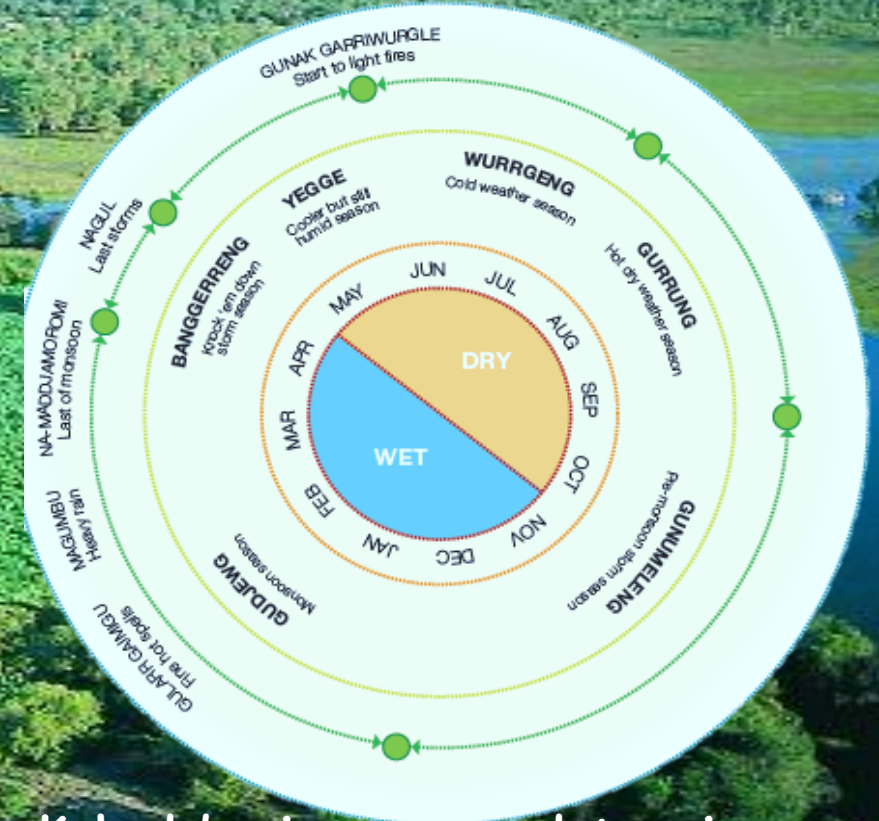
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Integrate 1,2,3,4 of Syllabus e.g. Wetlands

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
Investigate environmental management, different worldviews, management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

4. INVESTIGATIVE STUDY  
Select ONE type of environment in Australia to compare with at least ONE other country.



Kakadu's six seasons determine sustainable use of environmental resources

**Comparisons**

Asia : Backwaters of Kerala, India  
Africa: Okavango, Botswana

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: pie graph

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# 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE ACROSS HUMAN-INDUCED RANGE OF SCALES

[http://www.see-change.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Environment\\_Project.jpg](http://www.see-change.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Environment_Project.jpg)

A photograph of a dead manatee on a sandy beach. The manatee is lying on its side, its body partially buried in the sand. In the background, a large school of fish is swimming in the shallow water. The entire image has a strong cyan/blue color cast.

# LIVING IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

Anthropocene: new geologic epoch  
Began 10,000 years ago with end of last glacial period



# HUMANS RESHAPED EARTH

POPULATION	
1804	1 billion
2018	7.5 billion
2050	9 billion
2300	36 billion

<https://evolution-institute.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/1073x630.png>

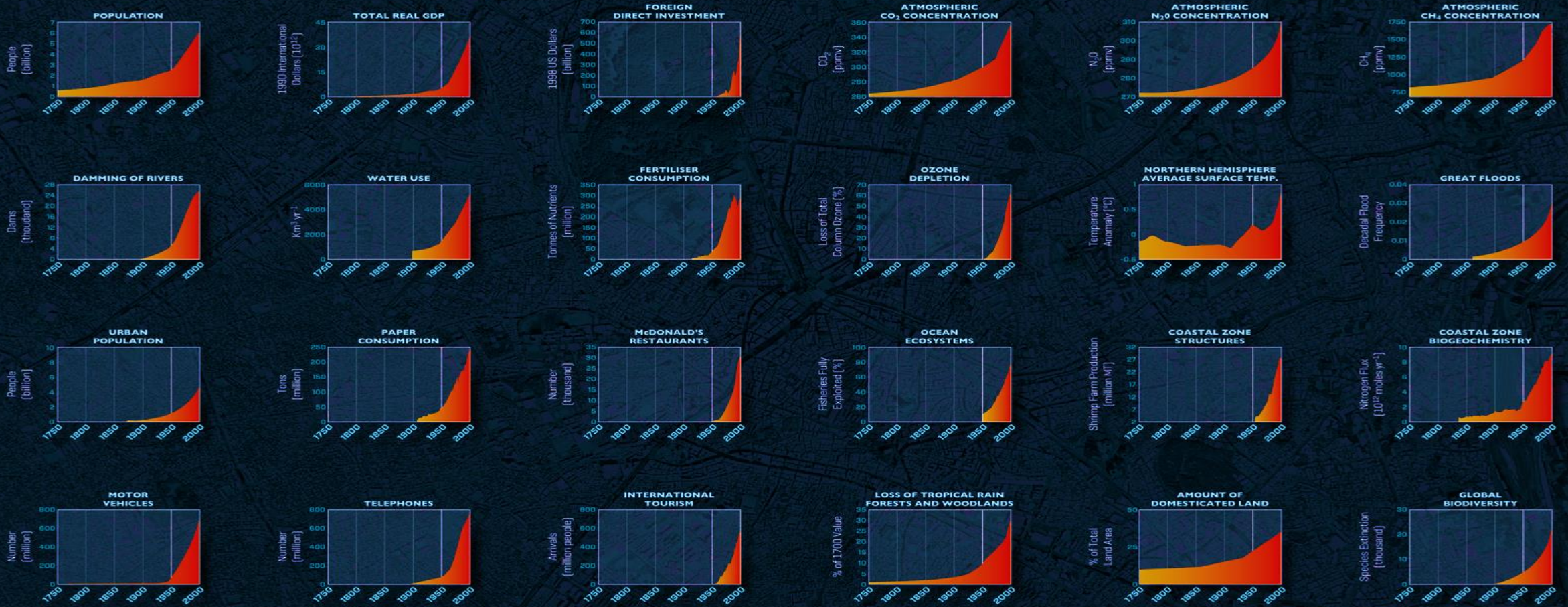
# THE ANTHROPOCENE

The Anthropocene defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global



**Activity: Refer to the following line graphs and explain how humans have changed atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere. Include statistics (numeracy)**

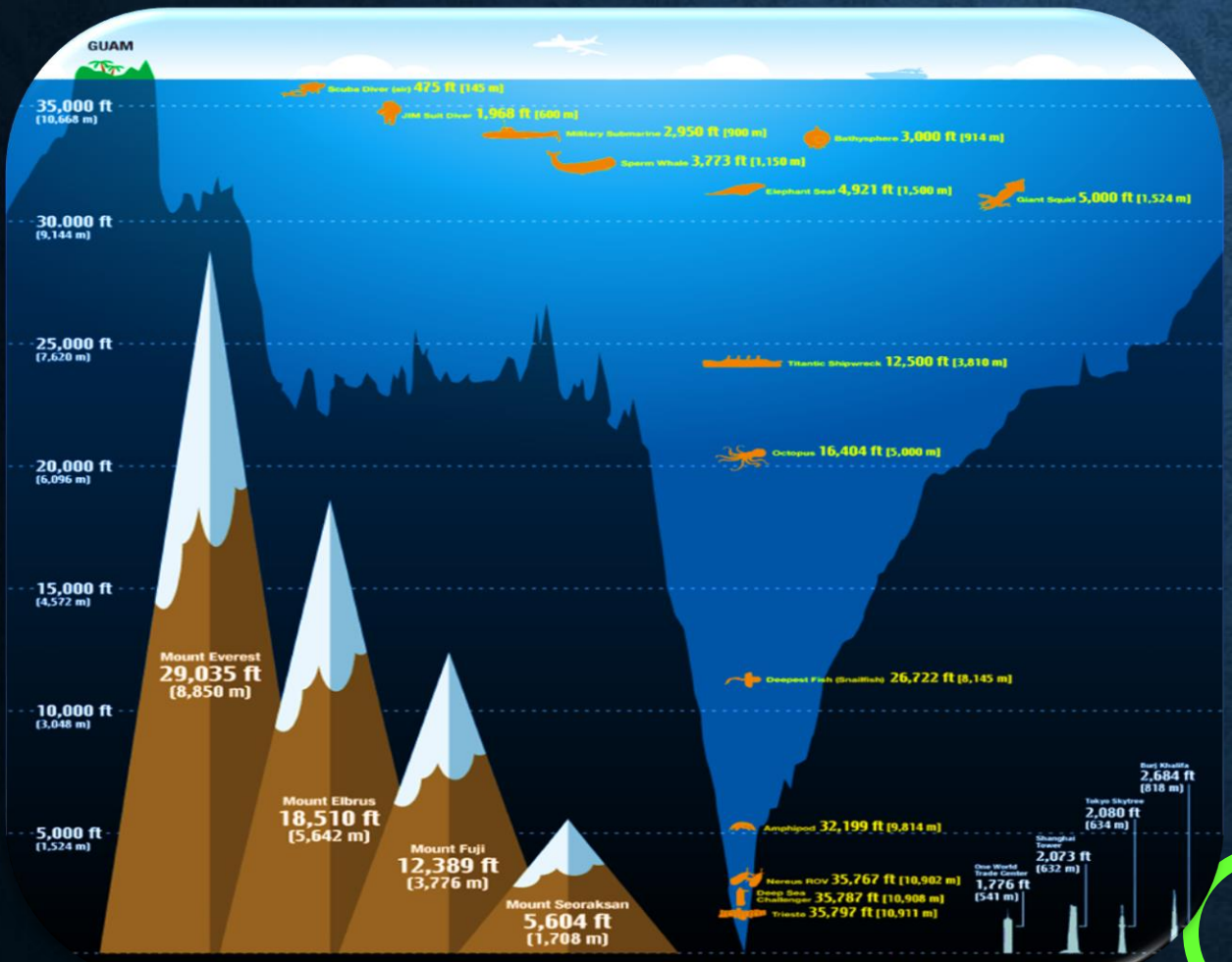
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SOURCE: igbp.net | Steffen et al., 2005, Global Change and the Earth System. Springer, pp. 132-133  
 DESIGN: Globaia.org

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# EVEN EARTH'S EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS ARE AFFECTED BY HUMAN ACTIVITIES



## NEWS ITEM!

*'Human waste left by climbers on Mt Everest is causing pollution and could spread diseases'*

*'Mariana Trench-marine animals contaminated with persistent organic pollutants'*

### Compare Mariana Trench with Mt Everest

- Where are they located?
- How were they formed?
- Explain their unique environments
- Human fingerprint is found at both locations. Explain this statement
- Explain why they should be managed sustainably

Watch life in the Mariana Trench video <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-14/earths-deep-ocean-mariana-and-kermadec-trenches-highly-polluted/8260168>

# SCALE: HUMAN FOOTPRINT

2. Investigate human-induced environmental changes across range of scales (local, national, regional, global)

GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability



## Activity

Large and growing Ecological Footprint (EF)

Scale	What is the EF?	How can EF be reduced?
Global		
National-Australia		
Country in Asia, EU, Africa		
You		

Explain reasons for differences

Is this sustainable?

What actions from **local-global** should be taken to live sustainably? (Civics and Citizenship)

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: table



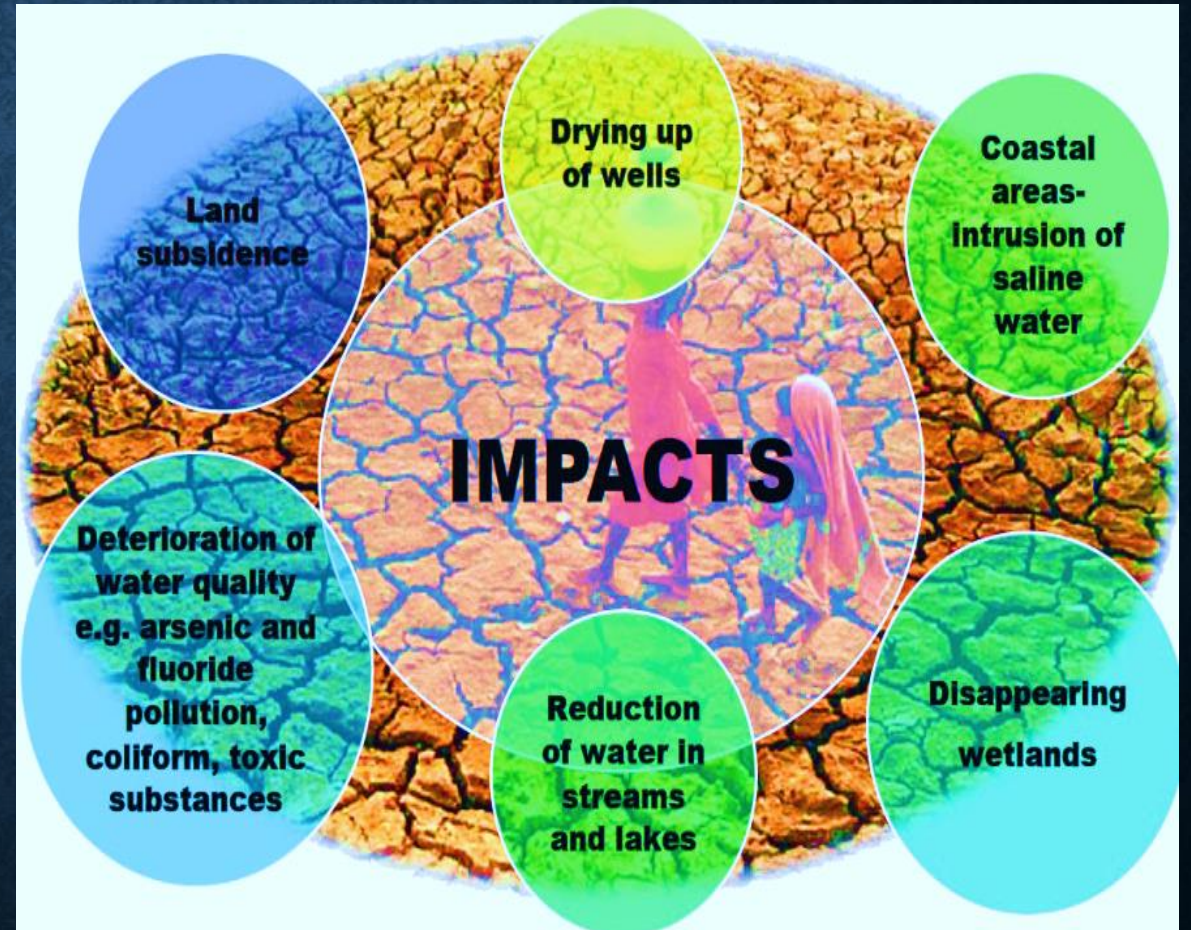
# UNDERGROUND ENVIRONMENTS IMPACT ON ABOVE GROUND ENVIRONMENTS (processes, interconnections)

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments



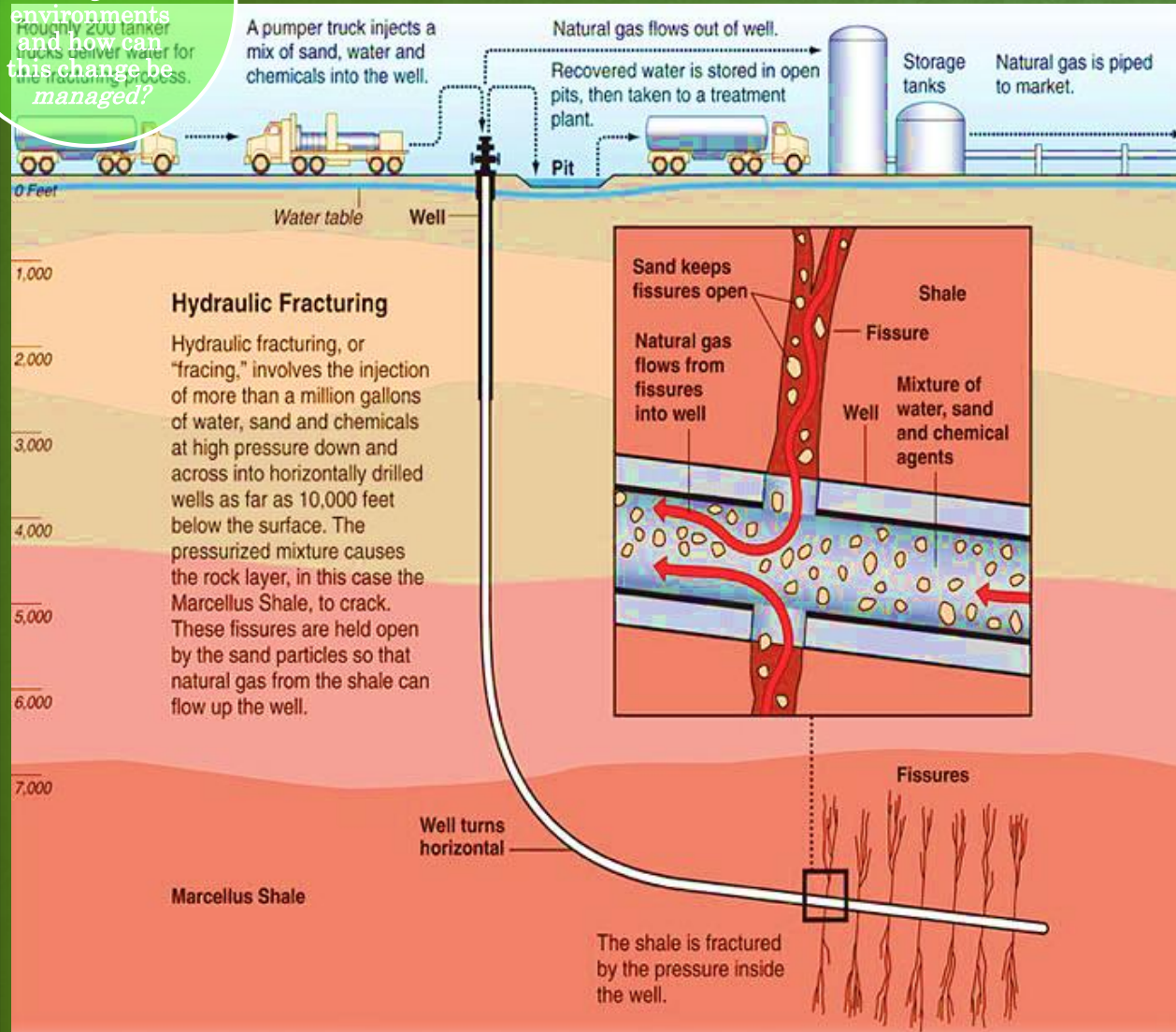
Impacts of human over-extraction of groundwater on above environments





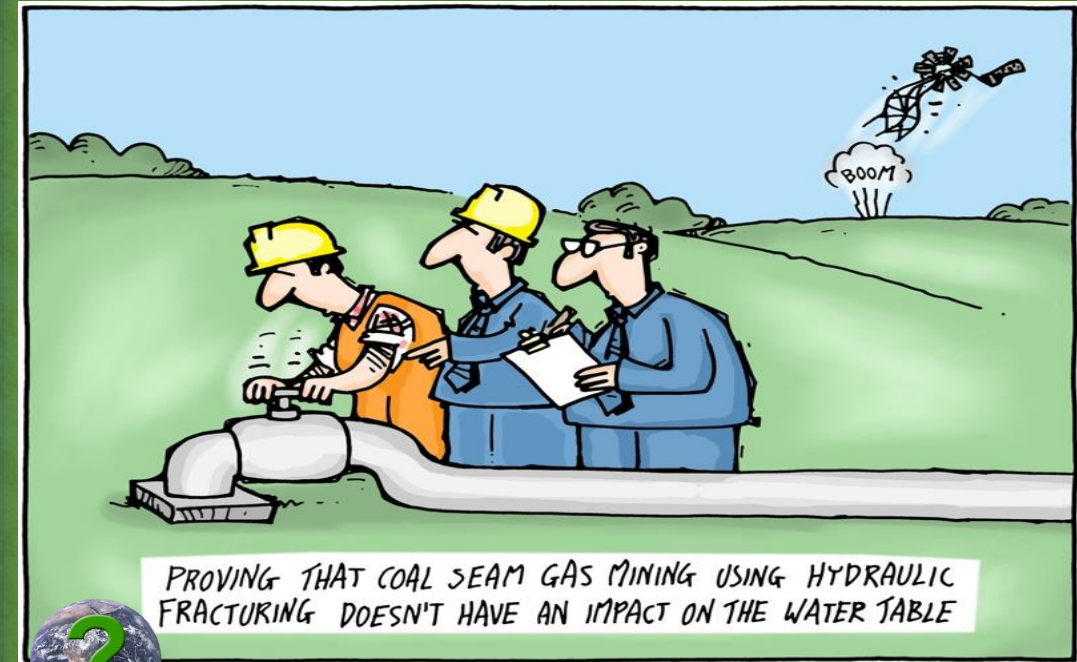
# COAL SEAM GAS AND FRACKING THREATENS WETLANDS, RIVERS, GROUNDWATER

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?



<http://stop-csg-illawarra.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/fractdiagram.jpg>  
fracturing-John-Ditchburn-.jpg

Graphic by Al Granberg



## Activity

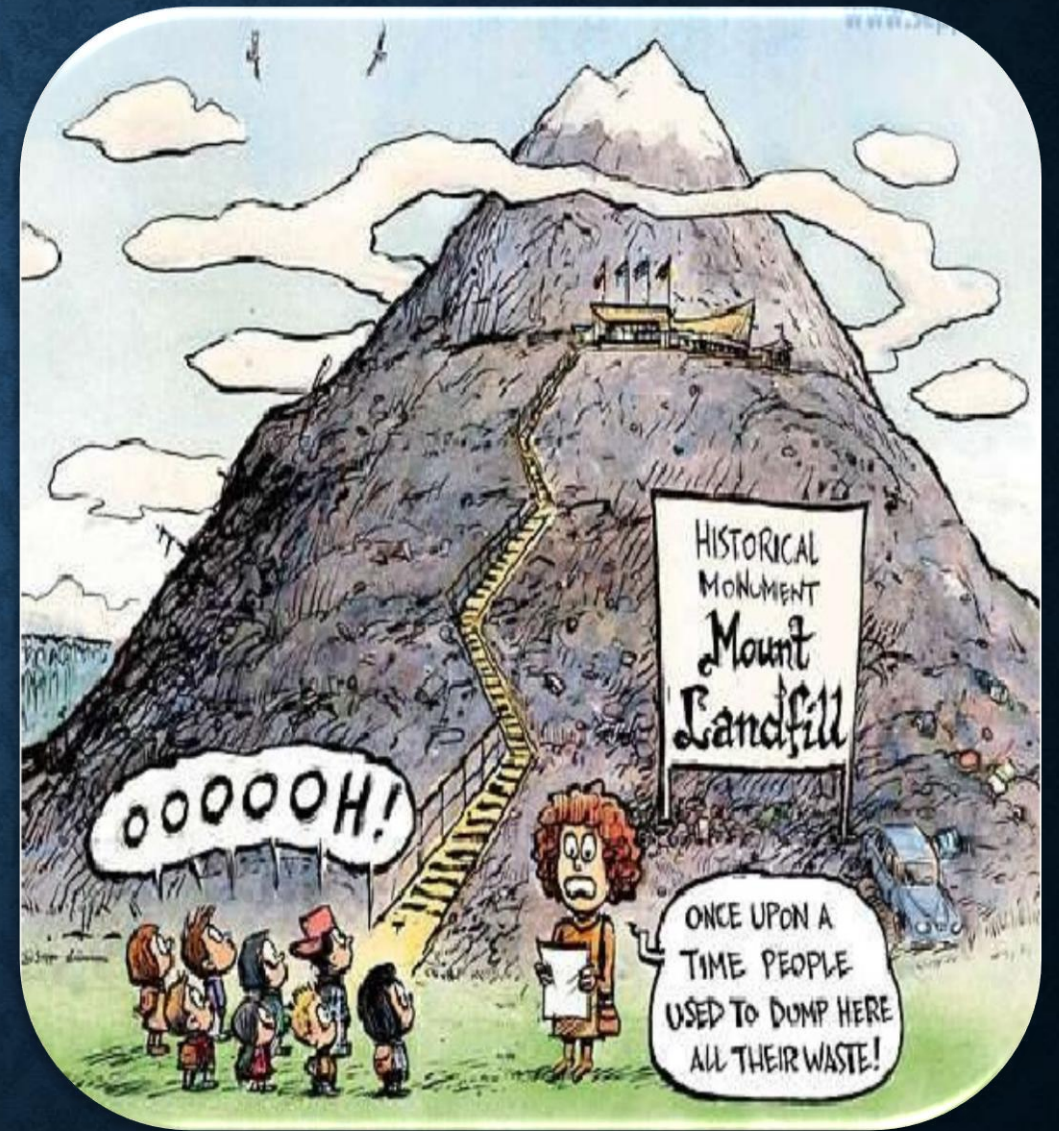
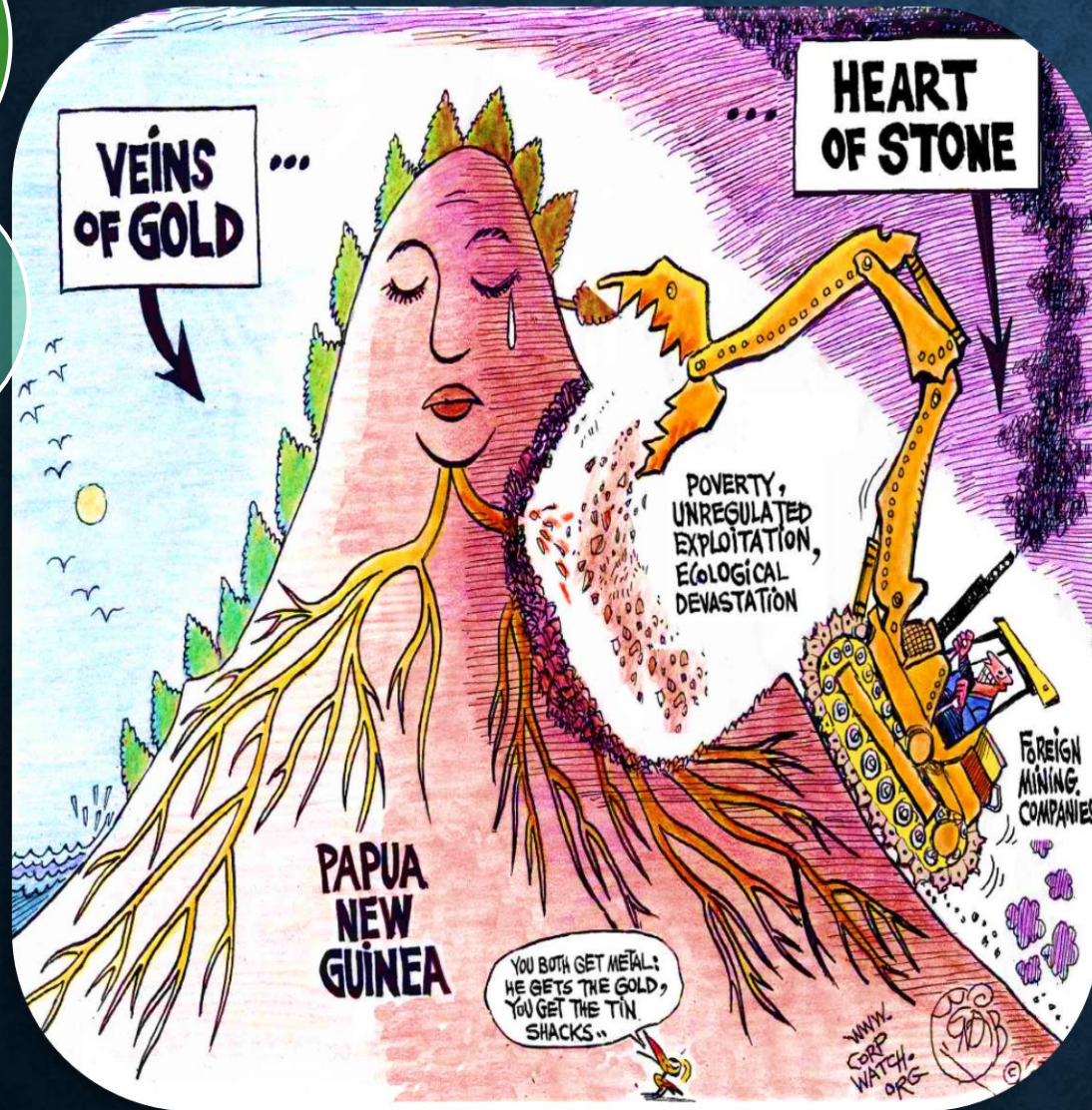
- What is fracking?
- Where does fracking occur?
- What are the adverse impacts of fracking on the environment?
- Explain different perspectives on this controversial issue.
- Discuss the message in the cartoon

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL:** cartoon, diagram

# VANISHING LAND VERSUS EXPANDING LAND

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?



**Activity:**  
Explain the causes and consequences of human-induced environment changes?  
Suggest management strategies

GE5-7: Student acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using appropriate and relevant geographical tools for inquiry

# ABOVE GROUND: STORIES BEHIND SATELLITE IMAGES

## INLAND SEA: ARAL SEA, UZBEKISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN

<http://storymaps.esri.com/stories/landsatcompare/>

1990



2016



GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: satellite imagery

Diversion of rivers for cotton irrigation shrunk Sea by 75% over last 50 years.

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

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# MINING: MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL, VIRGINIA USA

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BEFORE MINING

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?



EVEN AFTER RESTORATION, LANDSCAPES SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: satellite imagery

# AGRICULTURE: CATTLE FEEDLOT TEXAS, USA

Lagoon turned red from high concentrations of manure and chemicals from feedlot runoff

Feedlots

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# URBAN-TOURISM: DUBAI BUILDS ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS

<http://www.vox.com/2015/4/7/8352381/anthropocene-nasa-images>

2001



2012



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**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: satellite imagery**



# GROUP WORK: MIND MAP-HUMAN INDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE



Hunting, fishing, logging, mining, farming, constructing (infrastructure, settlements, cities, transport routes, dams, canals)



**Activity:** Divide class into 4 groups-lithosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere.  
**Investigate five human induced environmental changes using a variety of sources.**

<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/china-water-pollution-2013-3?r=US&IR=T>



### Biosphere



#### Declining biodiversity

Billions of bees have disappeared; insecticides used on plants have contributed to their disappearance. About 30% of our food originates from plants pollinated by bees.

### Hydrosphere



#### Water pollution

Approximately 40% of the USA's rivers are too polluted for fishing, swimming or aquatic life. About 20% of the world's population lacks access to safe drinking water.

### Lithosphere



#### Deforestation

When land is cleared for farms, mines and urban sprawl, organisms are displaced or destroyed, reducing biodiversity. Bare land becomes degraded when soil is washed away.

### Atmosphere



#### Industry

Air pollutants from industry contribute to acid rain. Gases from coal-fired power plants can be carried hundreds of kilometres in the atmosphere before they are converted to acids and deposited.

Present investigation using web 2.0 tools such as a Prezi.

# WATER POLLUTION

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?



Pollution turns water red  
Yangtze River, China



Mining disaster, Romania



Blue-green algae, India



**Activity:**

Select and annotate 10 examples using visual literacy. Identify scale. What are the causes and consequences of these environmental changes?

# WATER POLLUTION IN CHINA

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

GE5-3: Student analyses the effect of interactions and connections between people, places and environments



## Activity

- Complete questions
- Investigate causes and impacts of arsenic in water such as in Bangladesh.
- Answer the outcomes 2 and 3 (see above). Present research using web 2.0 tools

What are cancer villages?

Where are cancer villages located?

What are the links to polluted rivers?

What are the human-induced changes causing cancer villages?

What are the consequences of polluted rivers to people and environments?

What is the relationship between industry and agriculture and the different types of water pollution affecting cancer villages?

How does cancer causing toxic waste enter water bodies, soil and crops? (processes)

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for the sustainable management of environments?

What are the government plans to reduce cancer villages?  
What are the future trends if the implementation of sustainable plans are ignored?

Source: [http://forum.thefreedictionary.com/postst34235\\_Chinese-Cancer-Villages-Officially-Acknowledged.aspx](http://forum.thefreedictionary.com/postst34235_Chinese-Cancer-Villages-Officially-Acknowledged.aspx)

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: multimodal**

# COCA COLA CAUSES WATER CRISES IN INDIA

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?



## Activity:

Explain cause-effect interactions e.g. factories pollute rivers, decline in biodiversity and food security. How have active citizens responded?

Debate whether these changes to the environment are sustainable

Civics and Citizenship (GC), Asia (CCP)

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: multimodal



What are the causes and consequences of change in environments?

Ampersand by B. Deutsch

amptoons.com



CAN'T THEY JUST WATER THEIR CROPS WITH COKE?

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: cartoons



What are the causes and consequences of change in environments?

# INVESTIGATE WATER FOOTPRINT OF CUP OF COFFEE

When you pay \$3 for cup of coffee have you wondered about its water footprint?

Over 200 litres of water to make one large café latte

Least amount of water-brew coffee  
Largest amount-grow coffee

Most of world's coffee requires water to ferment and wash coffee prior to drying beans.

**Scale** moves from **global** (trade from producer to consumer) to **personal**



Product	Litres of water
Grow coffee	142.8
Brew coffee	0.05
Process coffee and grow sugar	7.6
Produce milk	49.4
Plastic lid, paper cup and sleeve	8.1

**GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL:** graph, visual literacy

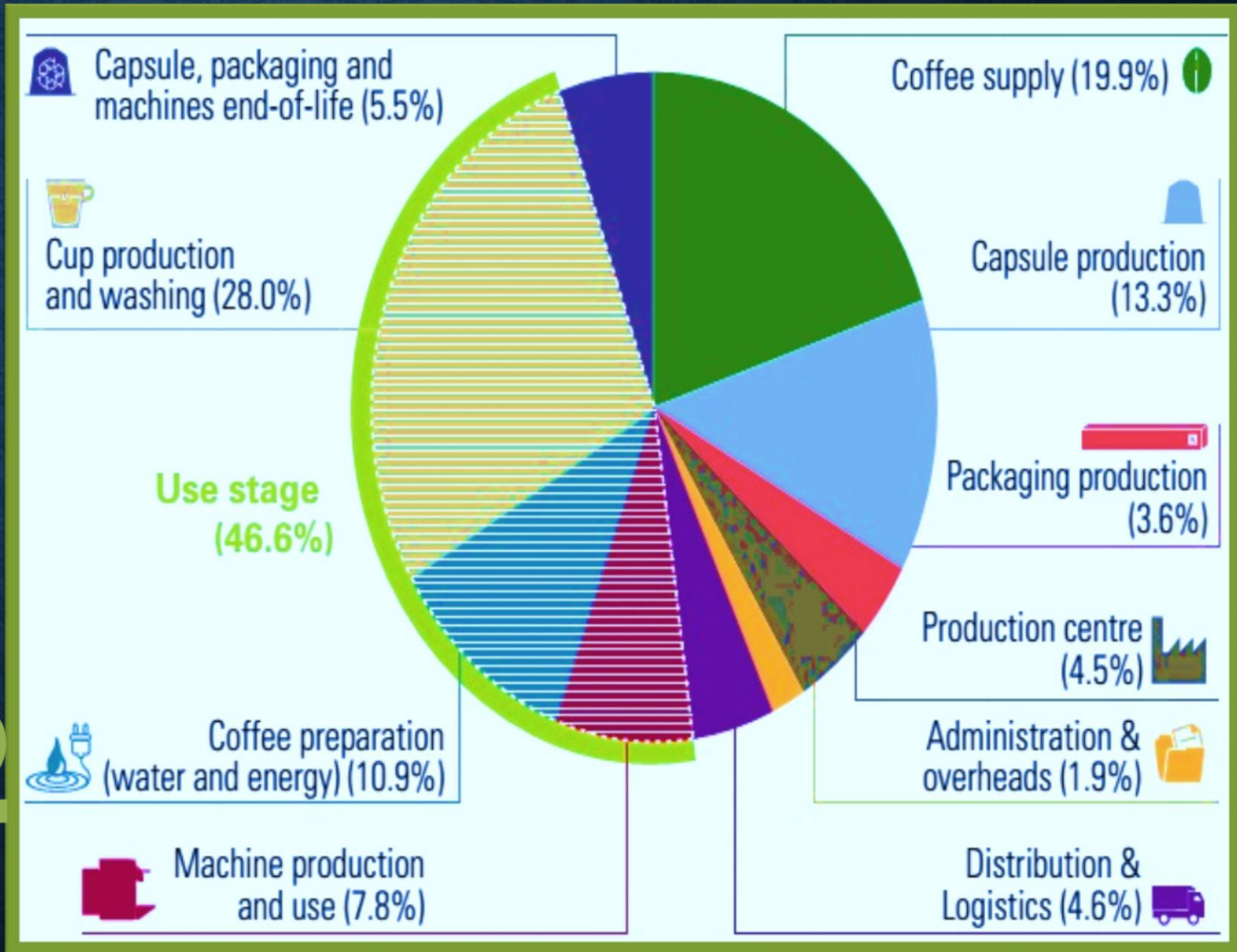


# CARBON FOOTPRINT: NESPRESSO CUP OF COFFEE

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments?



# CO<sub>2</sub>



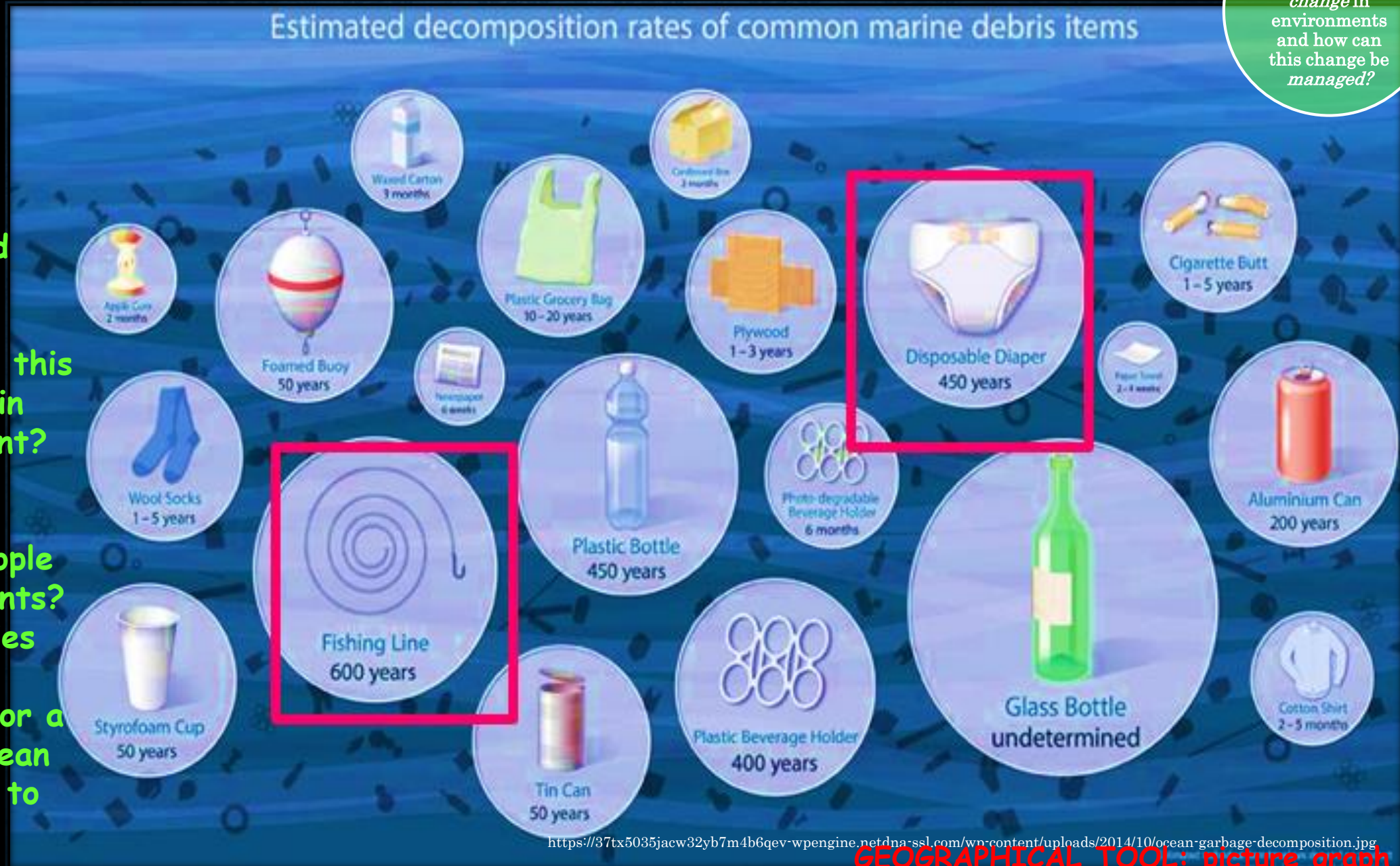
# MILLIONS OF KG OF WASTE DUMPED IN OCEAN

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?



## Activity

- Why is this graphic a contemporary human-induced environmental issue?
- How long does this waste remain in the environment?
- What are the causes and impacts on people and environments?
- What strategies should be implemented for a sustainable ocean from personal to global scale?





# GARBAGE PATCHES AND PLASTIC WASTE

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

How do environments function?

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?

• There is an estimated 200 million tons of plastic littering our oceans.



• The majority of this plastic debris ultimately finds its way to one of these massive swirling gyres.

• The largest of the oceanic gyres is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

• In parts of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, there are over 2 million pieces of plastic per square mile of ocean.

• While plastic is not biodegradable, it is photodegradable. Sunlight breaks it down into ever-smaller pieces known as microplastics.

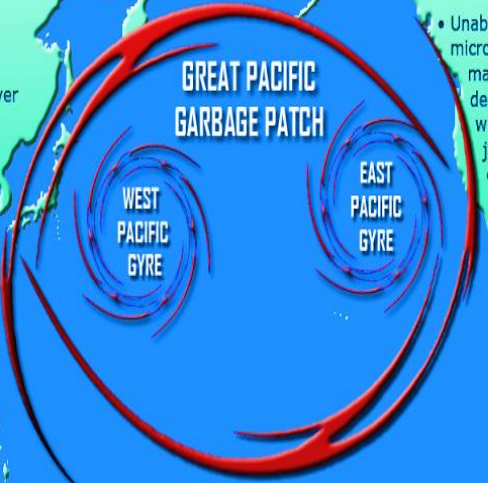
• Over 90% of plastic pollution is made up of microplastics smaller than your fingernail.

• These microplastics often absorb highly toxic chemicals like DDT & PCB.

• Unable to distinguish microplastics from food, many animals starve to death, their bellies choked with plastic; others survive just long enough to contaminate our food chain

• Hindered by a stale way of thinking, gyre cleanup has been virtually nonexistent. Thanks to recent innovations in science and technology, hope is on the horizon.

• Our oceans could well be void of life within the next two generations if nothing is done to stem this.



DECOMPOSITION RATES

Bananna peel:	2-3 wks
Paper:	5-10 wks
Cigarette butt:	10-15 yrs
Aluminum can:	200-500 yrs
Glass bottle:	1,000,000 yrs
Styrofoam:	never *
Plastic bottle:	never *
Fishing line:	never *
Plastic bag:	never *

\* Plastic is not biodegradable

- Activity:**  
Processes (ocean gyres), cause-consequences, transforms ocean environments, urgent management
- How do ocean environments function?
  - What is an oceanic gyre?
  - List 6 oceanic gyres.
  - Where does waste come from?
  - Where does waste go?
  - How does scale vary from local to global?
  - Explain why clean-up of gyres is difficult?
  - Cruise ships dump 1 billion tons of sewage into ocean each year. What are the consequences to people and environments?



# JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE GENERATED TSUNAMI MOVES DEBRIS ACROSS PACIFIC OCEAN



Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?

## Debris is closer than expected

New data confirms the rapid advance of the mass of debris from Japan, the tsunami that hit the islands on March 11.

Researchers at the University of Hawaii estimate that piles of potentially toxic debris — about 20 million tons of it — are drifting towards Canada. In terms of area, the floating island in the Pacific is almost equivalent to that of Quebec.

In April, Nikolai Maximenko, and his colleague January Hafner, developed a model to simulate the trajectory of the debris from Japan's tsunami. The timeline shows that debris would hit the west coast in 2014.

### March 11 2011

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan. Tons of debris were later found drifting in the Pacific.

Fukushima

JAPAN

Heaviest area of waste

### Sept. 25 2011

Debris was seen floating 3,200 km from Japan last month by the crew of a Russian ship, Pallada, in its journey from Honolulu to Vladivostok. The crew noted "We also sighted a TV set, fridge and a couple of other home appliances." Later, on September 27: "We keep sighting every day things like wooden boards, plastic bottles, buoys from fishing nets (small and big ones), an object resembling wash basin, drums, boots, other wastes."

### 20 MILLION TONS OF WASTE

Like most marine waste, the vast majority of them sink or complete their course in the North Pacific.

**1-5% of the debris from the tsunami is expected to reach the shores of North America.**

Researchers estimate that debris spread over an area of approximately 3200 km long and 1000 km wide. The mass moves at a speed of about 15 km / h.

PACIFIC OCEAN

Smaller and lighter objects could reach the atoll (2,000 km northwest of Hawaii) this winter.

2013  
Hawaiian coast affected by winter or spring

### 2014

West coast, mainly Oregon, Washington and British Columbia

HAWAII (U.S.A)

VANCOUVER

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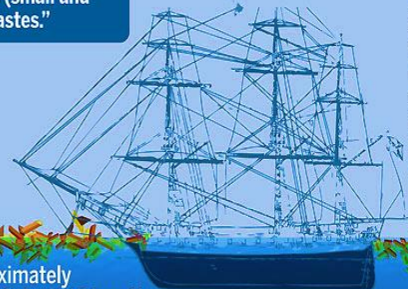
CANADA

1500 km

Residents of Tofino, B.C. have noticed an increase in debris of Japanese origin washing up on their shores this month, including personal items such as a toothbrush and socks.

### MAYBE SOONER?

New scientific models from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have some debris passing near or washing ashore the Hawaiian Islands as early as this winter, then approaching Canada's coast in 2013.



STS Pallada

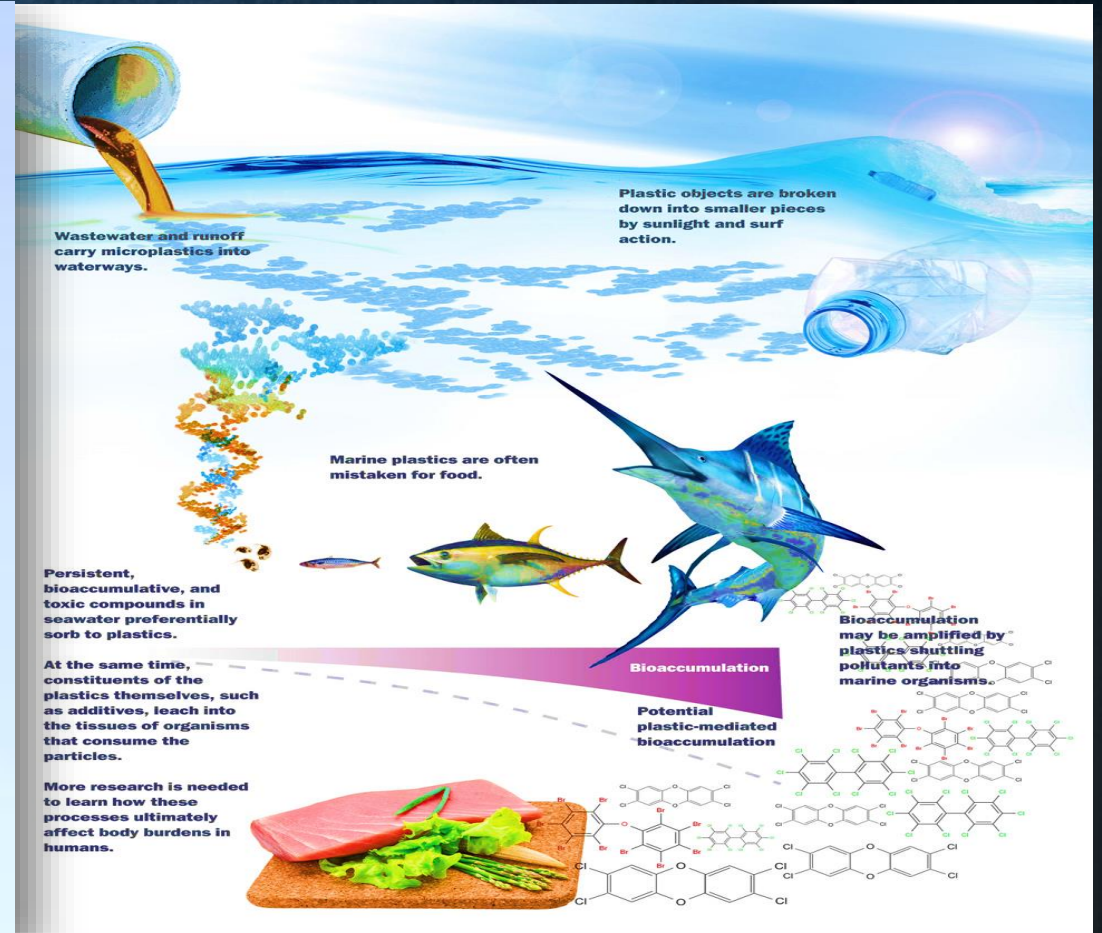
GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: infographic, time line

# MICROBEADS-FROM FACE (CLEANING TEETH), FISH AND BACK TO FACE (FOOD)

How do environments function?

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?



## Activities

- What are microbeads?
- Processes-how can microbeads move from face back to face?
- Discuss problem of microbeads to fish, birds and humans
- Answer the three key inquiry questions

3. Investigate environmental management, different worldviews, management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

How do people's *worldviews* affect their attitudes to and *use* of environments?

Why is an understanding of environmental *processes* and *interconnections* essential for *sustainable* management of environments?

# 3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT





ENVIRONMENTAL  
WORLDVIEWS

ABORIGINAL AND  
TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER  
PEOPLES'  
WORLDVIEW

linked to  
environmental  
management

# SYLLABUS

ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT:  
SUSTAINABILITY

SEE:

Social, Environmental,  
Economic

SSSS


Source, Sink, Service,  
Spirituality

# INTERCONNECTIONS WORLDVIEW AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

How do people's worldviews affect their attitudes to and use of environments?

What is your worldview?



## Human-centred

- Humans are the most important species on Earth.
- Humans manage nature to meet their ever increasing needs.
- Earth has unlimited supplies of resources and if there are shortages technology will find substitutes.
- There is almost unlimited potential for economic growth, which is good.
- Success depends on managing Earth for the benefit of humans.
- Profit maximisation takes precedence over losses of Earth's natural capital.

## Earth-centred

- There is an intrinsic value of all life forms.
- Humans are part of nature and depend on it for survival.
- Nature exists not only for humans, but for all species.
- Resources are limited and should not be wasted.
- Earth-sustaining forms of economic growth are encouraged.
- Human success depends on learning how nature sustains itself.

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

How do people's worldviews affect their attitudes to and use of environments?

# WORLDVIEW

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS

**EARTH CENTRED  
HOLISTIC**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

sustainable management of land,  
sea, natural resources

**CUSTODIAL  
MANAGEMENT**

differs with  
environment/ecosystem e.g.  
coral reef, coastal, wetlands,  
marine, grasslands.

**'ONE SIZE FITS ALL  
MANAGEMENT'**

**UNSUSTAINABLE**

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

Why is an understanding of environmental *processes* and *interconnections* essential for *sustainable* management of environments?



**Investigate-ecosystem scale:**  
Custodial management differs with environments:

- Kakadu
- Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Snowy River
- Great Barrier Reef
- Daintree Rainforest
- Fieldwork:
  - Gibberagong EEC
  - Local area



**Investigate-national scale:**

- Indigenous marine reserves and protected areas (IPA)
- Conserving bush tucker
- Carbon offsets (grasslands)





# WHAT IS YOUR WORLDVIEW?

## ANIMALS: ILLEGAL TRADE, CLOTHES, ARTIFACTS, MEDICINE

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues



GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability



**SUSTAINABILITY**

GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability

# THREE LEGGED SUSTAINABLE STOOL

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- Full employment
- Fair wages
- Work security
- Fair trade

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- Social equity and justice
- Health, education, housing, water, sanitation, energy, transport
- Community involvement
- Eradicate child labour

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- Zero air, water, soil pollution
- Reduce ecological footprint
- Use renewable energy
- Recycle/reuse resources
- Biosphere Reserves, Marine Parks
- Restoration-wetlands, coral reefs

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability

**SINK**  
safe absorption (breakdown, recycling or storage) of wastes and pollution

**SERVICE**  
sustains lifestyles and wellbeing-clean water and air, fertile soils, minerals, energy and economic development of countries.

**SOURCE**  
supports 'all' life- all living species on Earth - terrestrial and marine

**SPIRITUAL**  
recreational, psychological, aesthetic and spiritual values of environments



**ENVIRONMENTAL FUNCTIONS**

**SSSS**

# INLAND WATER ENVIRONMENT GANGES RIVER, INDIA

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

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## Activity- Ganges River, India

- What are the consequences of human-induced environmental changes on **SSSS**
- Discuss implementation of management strategies at a variety of **scales** (local-Varanasi; national-Nepal, India, Bangladesh; global organisations)?

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: map, satellite, photo- multimodal

**GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
equitable sharing of global environmental resources between rich and poor

**USE OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES**

**SERVICE FUNCTIONS OF ENVIRONMENTS**  
be protected

**BIO-DEGRADABLE WASTES**  
not threaten environmental and human wellbeing



# SUSTAINABLE PRINCIPLES

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

# INTERCONNECTING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability

## SCALE



## ORGANISATIONS

### INDIVIDUAL

reduce ecological footprint

### COMMUNITY

dune restoration, waste recycling

### REGIONAL

STATE public transport, smart cities

### NATIONAL

catchment management MIA

### GLOBAL

NOAA-use of satellite imagery

### REGIONAL

GLOBAL ASEAN, EU, transboundary management

### NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS (NGO)

e.g. Greenpeace

### GOVERNMENTS

e.g. Australia- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

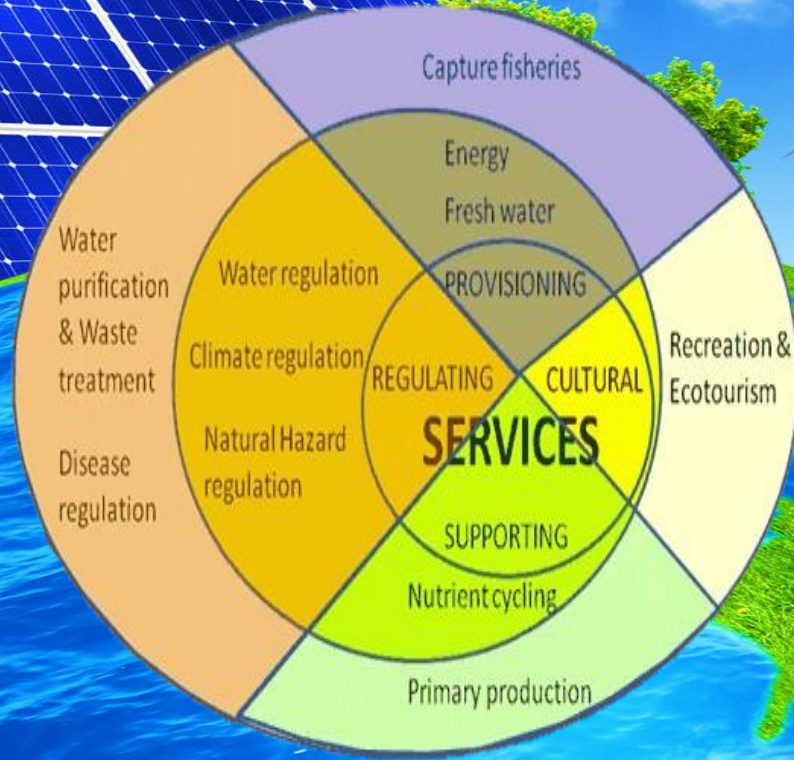
### INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (IGO)

e.g. IUNC Red List, IWC (Whales)

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: diagrams

# UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability



## Activity

What are UNEP main activities?

Select one UNEP activity. Include location, environmental problems and management strategies. Analyse effectiveness of management strategies



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GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: multimodal



GE5-5: Student assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability

# GLOBAL SCALE: POST 2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

\* 9: MAJOR FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT



11.19.3 Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals





## INQUIRY QUESTIONS

- What is biodiversity?
- What are biodiversity hotspots?
- What is biodiversity's **role** and **importance** in natural environments?
- What are **human-induced changes** to biodiversity?
- What are the effects of human-induced environmental changes on **sustainability** of **SSSS functions** of the environment?
- How can biodiversity be managed **sustainably**?

### BREADTH:

Overview human induced changes to biodiversity and management strategies

### DEPTH:

- Investigate biodiversity in a country or region and its management. Make comparisons (Asia-Australia) Examine different worldviews e.g. Asia-palm oil developers versus indigenous population in Indonesia.

- **Fieldwork:** transects, quadrants
- **Civics and citizenship:** action-sustainable management strategies

**BIODIVERSITY UNSUSTAINABLE  
PERSPECTIVES**

The Earth is  
**4.6 BILLION** years old.

Scaling to  
**46 YEARS,**  
we've been here  
**4 HOURS**

and our Industrial Revolution began just  
**1 MINUTE** ago.

In that time, we've destroyed more than  
**50%**  
of the world's forests.

**THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE.**

1. Investigate  
role and  
importance of  
'natural'  
environments

# ROLE IMPORTANCE PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY

## ENVIRONMENTAL

maintain biological diversity and  
energy flows.

preserve food webs for food security-  
IRRI, Seed Banks

## ECONOMIC

ecotourism, exports of  
environmental goods  
(forest food, medicines,  
fish)

## SOCIAL

essential for human  
existence, recreational  
(fishing, snorkelling in coral  
reefs), cultural and spiritual  
nourishment

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?

GE5-3: Student analyses the effect of interactions and connections between people, places and environments

## CAUSES

Overconsumption of resources  
Impacts-agriculture, fishing, urbanisation, industry, mining  
Use of non renewable energy sources  
Invasive- exotic and feral species  
50% of wetlands destroyed  
Pollution of air, water and soil  
Climate change



## CONSEQUENCES

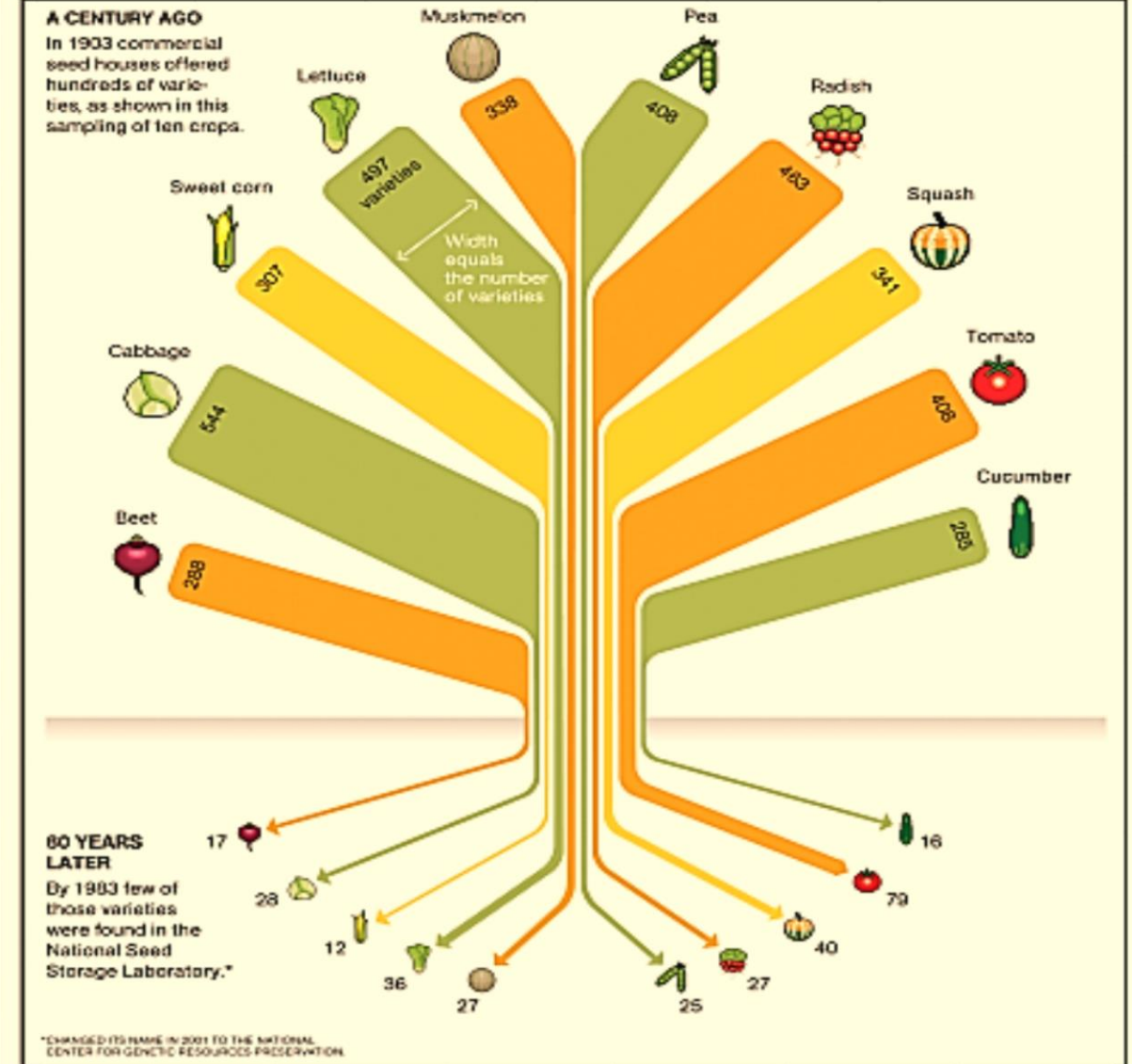
19,817 species endangered  
21% animals and 70% plant species threatened with extinction  
Decline in food species-threatens food security

**SIGNS OF HOPE**  
130,000 protected areas  
13% land  
2% oceans

# HUMANS CONSUME 7,000 PLANT SPECIES AS FOOD

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

Decline in food species  
1903-1983  
Lettuce 338-27  
Tomato 408-79



5.19.2 Decline in food species

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: picture graph

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

ASIA (CCP)



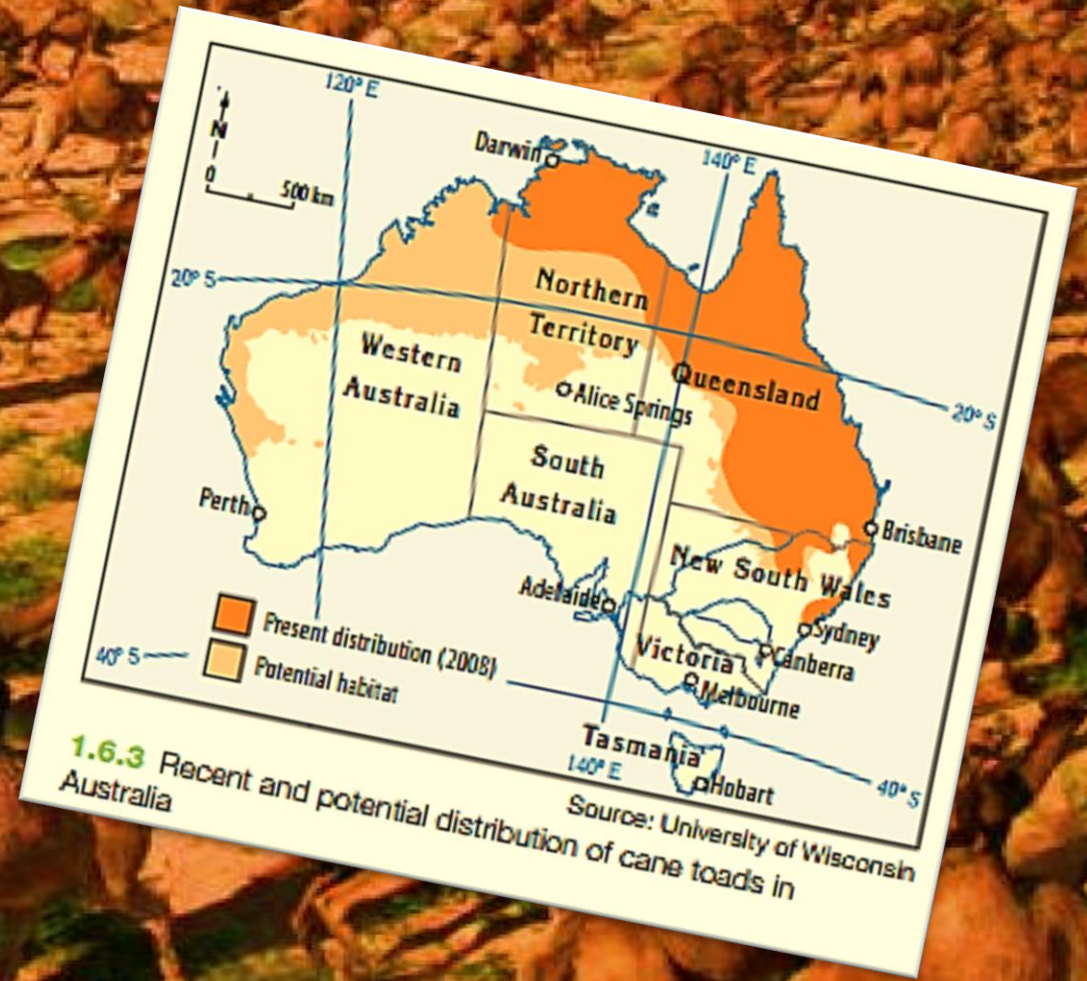
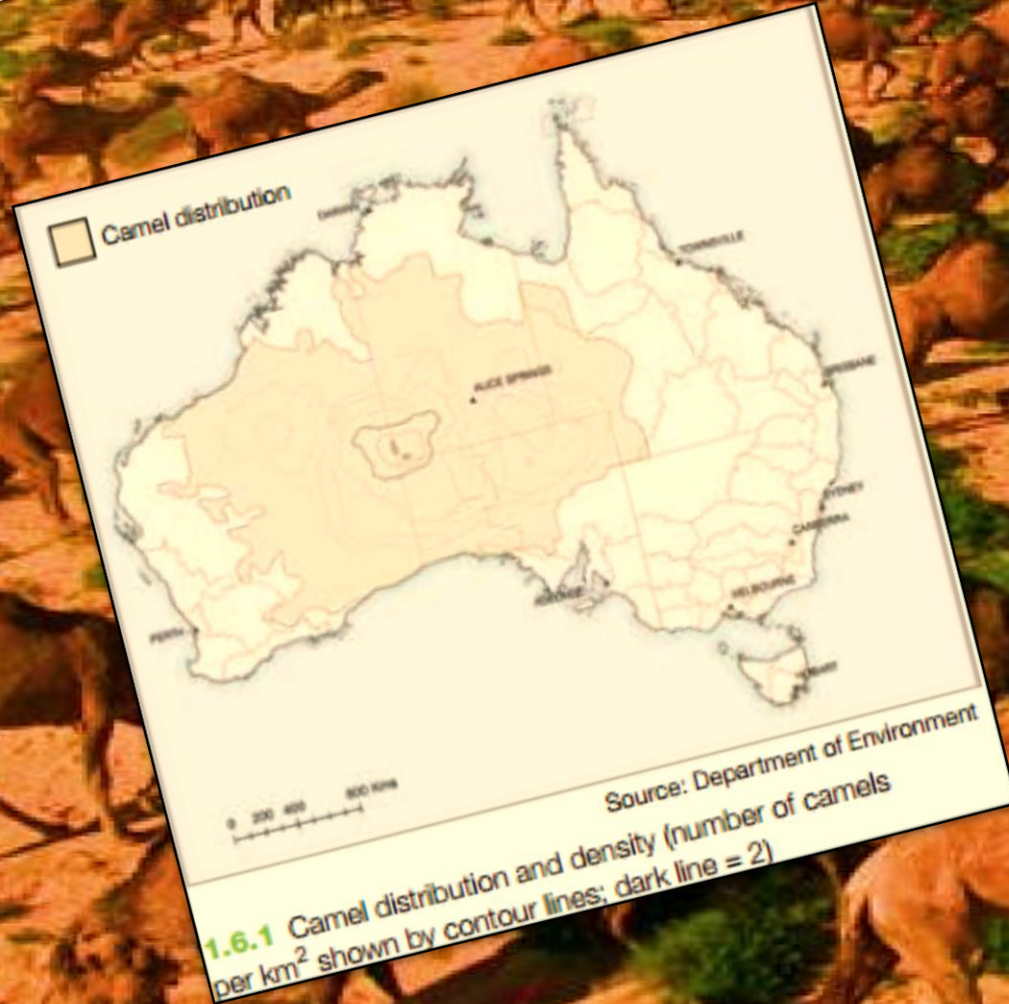
**1.7.3** Asia Pulp and Paper (APP) is destroying the rainforests of Sumatra to fuel toilet paper production. Since the company started logging in Sumatra in 1984, APP has pulped 2 million ha of forest. With only about 400 Sumatran tigers and fewer than 2800 Sumatran elephants left in the wild, this last remaining natural habitat is critical to the survival of these species.

Deforestation for palm oil-endangered Orangutan and Sumatran tiger



Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

# THREATS TO AUSTRALIA'S BIODIVERSITY CAMELS, CANE TOADS, RABBITS



Activity: Explain movement of camels and cane toads across Australia

List the impacts of camels, cane toads and rabbits on environments

Research implementation of management strategies to control numbers and their effectiveness

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: maps changes over time



# ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF WHALES

1.  
ENVIRONMENTS  
Investigate role  
and importance of  
'natural'  
environments

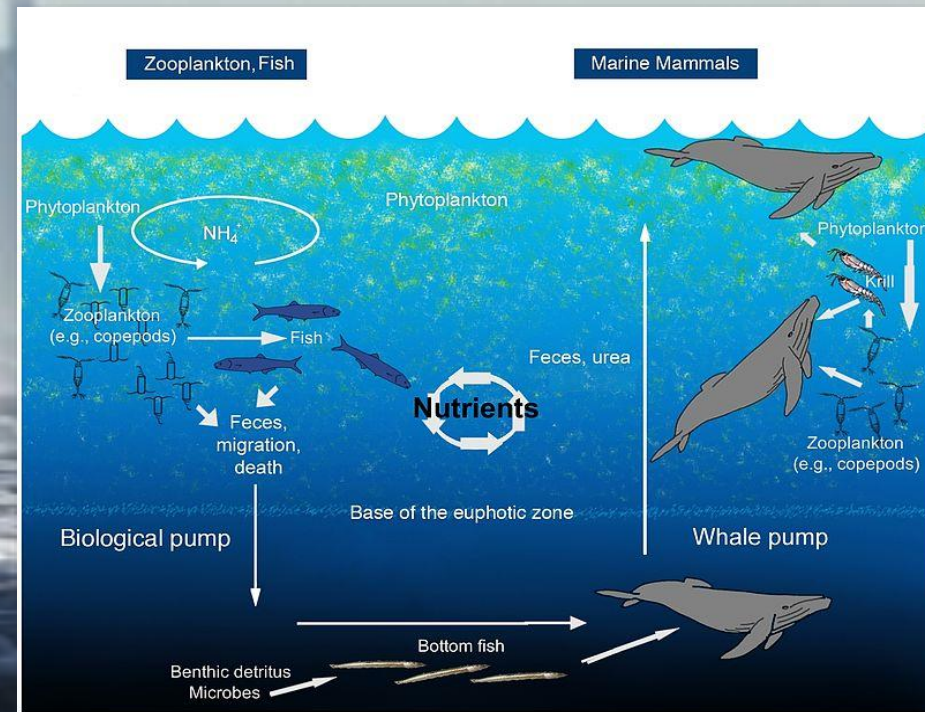
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management of  
environments?

## ENDANGERED WHALES

At least ten whale species listed as endangered.

Blue whale depleted by 90%

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) placed fin whale on Red List of Threatened Species.



# CAUSE: WHALES LEAVE LESS POO TO FERTILISE PLANET CONSEQUENCE: DECLINE IN LAND AND MARINE SPECIES

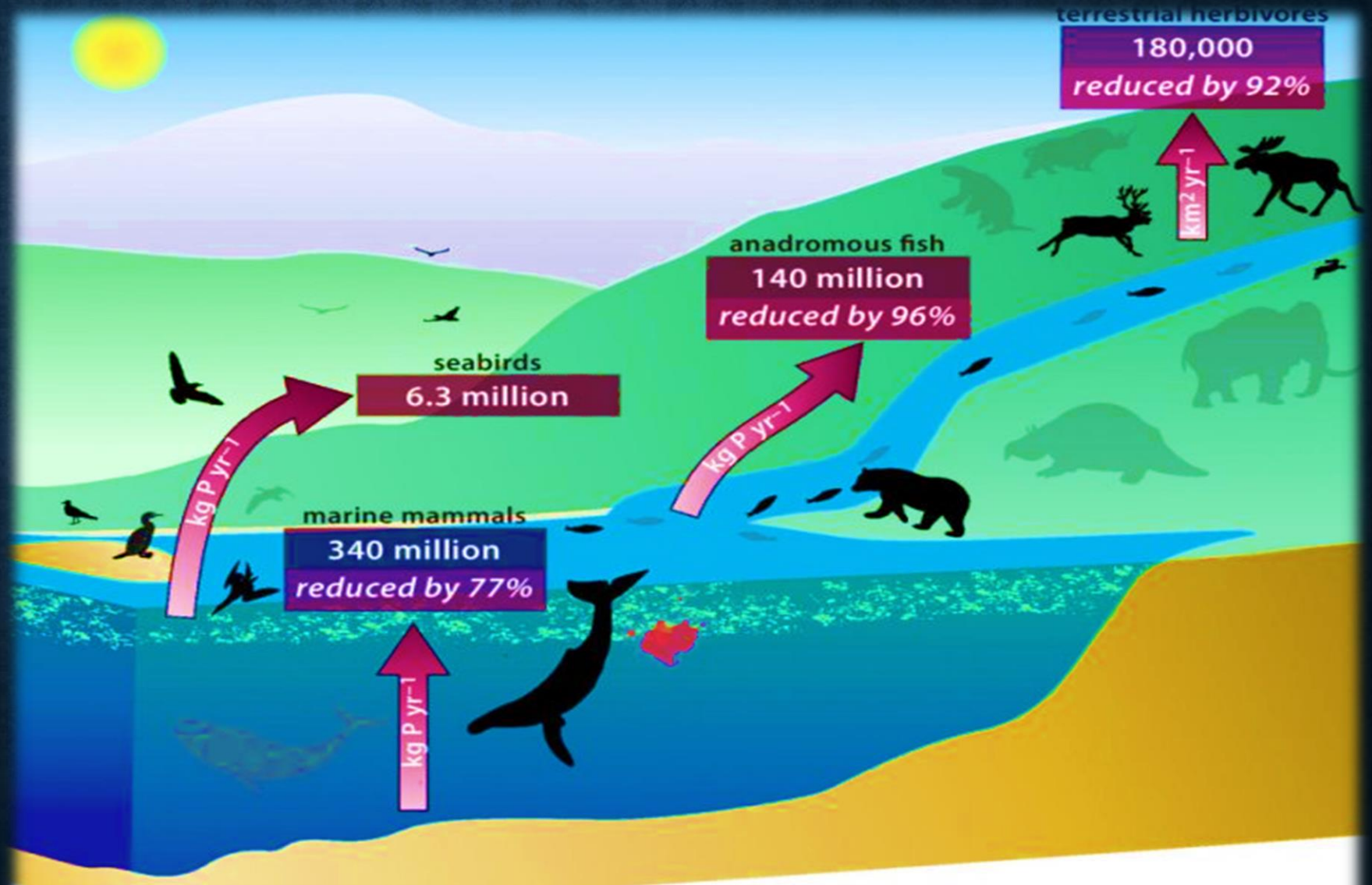
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GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

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## PROCESS

Whales act as a "distribution pump," transporting nutrients like phosphorus from ocean floor to surface. However ability been reduced 75%



What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

CAUSES OF DECLINE IN WHALES

Whaling-special permit, illegal, Aboriginal, commercial, pirate

Over-exploitation of prey essential for whales' food supplies

Noise pollution - high-decibel military exercises and oil exploration

Climate change - warmer sea reduces food sources

Marine habitat degradation (plastic bags, garbage)

Entanglement in fishing lines and nets (by-catch)

Shipping collisions

Chemical contamination (e.g. dumping of toxic and nuclear waste in ocean)

ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT

Investigate environmental management, different worldviews, management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

How do people's worldviews affect their attitudes to and use of environments?

## DIFFERENT WORLDVIEWS: CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

## INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS PERSPECTIVE

## TO EMPEROR OF JAPAN

**We respectfully request to cease the slaughter of our sacred spiritual totem - Mugga Mugga (whale)**

**Every living thing is here for a purpose, all elements, mankind, flora, fauna, we are dependent on each other's existence, Aboriginal people of Australia, have known this since our ancestors**

**The Woppaburra language name for the humpback whale is 'Mugga Mugga', which is our 'Sacred Spiritual Totem', our sacred emblem - it is our life-long responsibility to protect them and the environment in which they live.**

**The beautiful songs and singing of our whale is the way they communicate, and we believe, they also sing songs of sorrow, sorrow for mankind.**

Each year, on the commencement of their migration journey from the Antarctic to the Great Barrier Reef to breed, the Woppaburra People of the Keppel Islands, rejoice and wait in anticipation and celebrate in knowing that their sacred spiritual totem, Mugga Mugga, will soon be home for another year. They hope and pray their Sacred Spiritual Totem, Mugga Mugga will continue to have safe passage as they travel their annual migratory journey.

It is a 'good omen' that all elements of our mother earth are continuing and there is 'balance' in the life cycles of all living things. We will always feel the 'full fury' of our Mother Earth, as a global family - it is her warning, to stop and think, before it's too late.

Letter: From Woppaburra people to the Emperor of Japan (reduced)

## JAPANESE PERSPECTIVE

Small type  
coastal whaling

- 'Japanese small type whaling' in Japanese coastal seas should be viewed as 'indigenous/aboriginal subsistence whaling as authorised by the IWC, in USA, USSR and Denmark.

Hunting  
endangered  
whale species

- Japan officially supports the protection of endangered whale species.
- Most whales they pursue, such as minke whales, are not endangered.
- Number of endangered humpback whales they hunt each year is sustainable.

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: diagram

# DEPTH STUDY: HUMAN-INDUCED CLIMATE CHANGE

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

Why is an understanding of environmental *processes* and *interconnections* essential for *sustainable* management of environments?

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**Positive proof of global warming.**





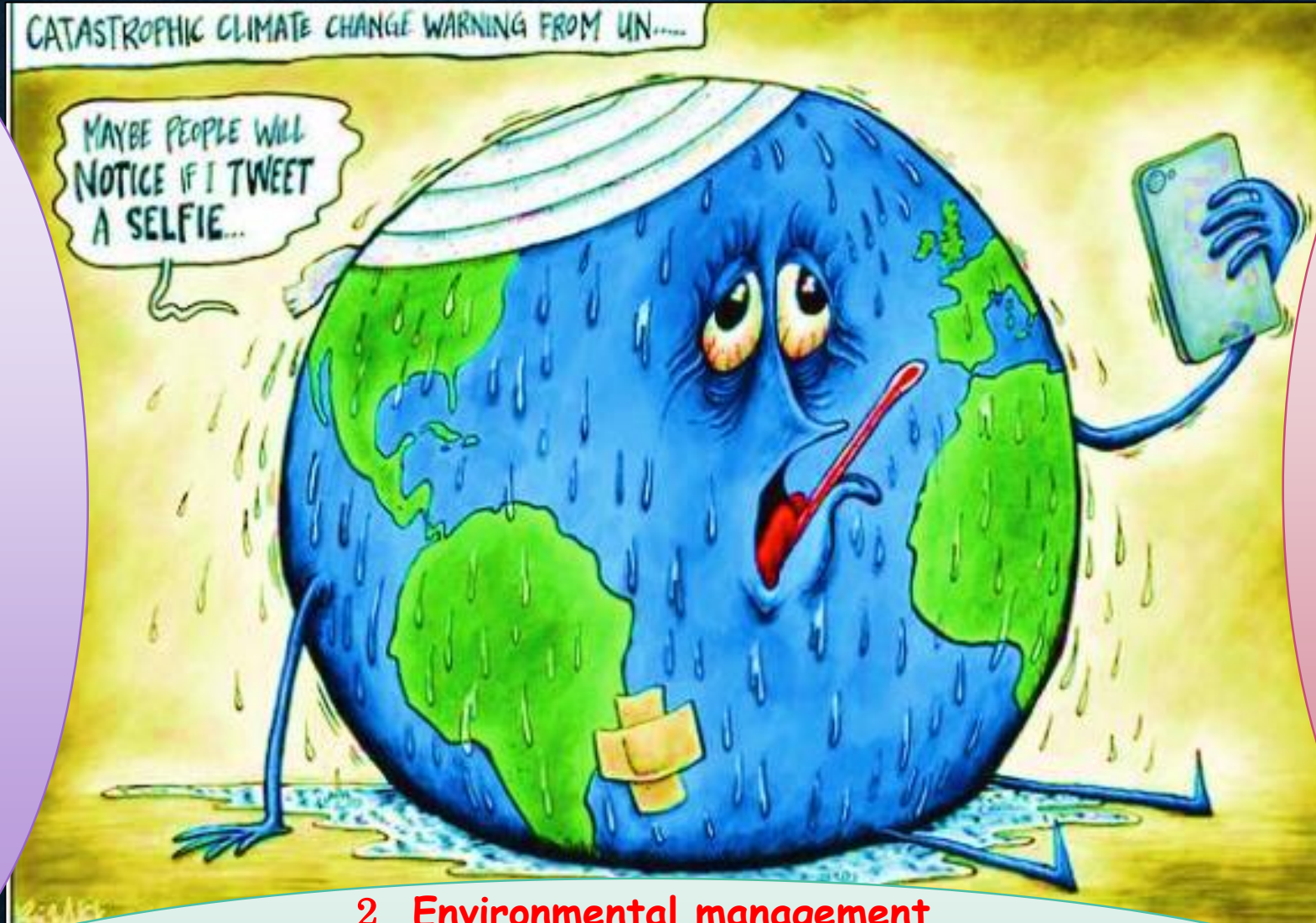
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## Environmental change

Distinguish between **natural** and **human induced** climate change. Examine climate change across a range of **scales** using **geographical tools**



2. **Environmental management**  
Investigate **environmental management**, including different **worldviews** and the management approaches of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**



3.

## Investigative study

Study impacts and management of human induced climate change in **Australia** and **at least one another country**



Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

# VISUAL LITERACY

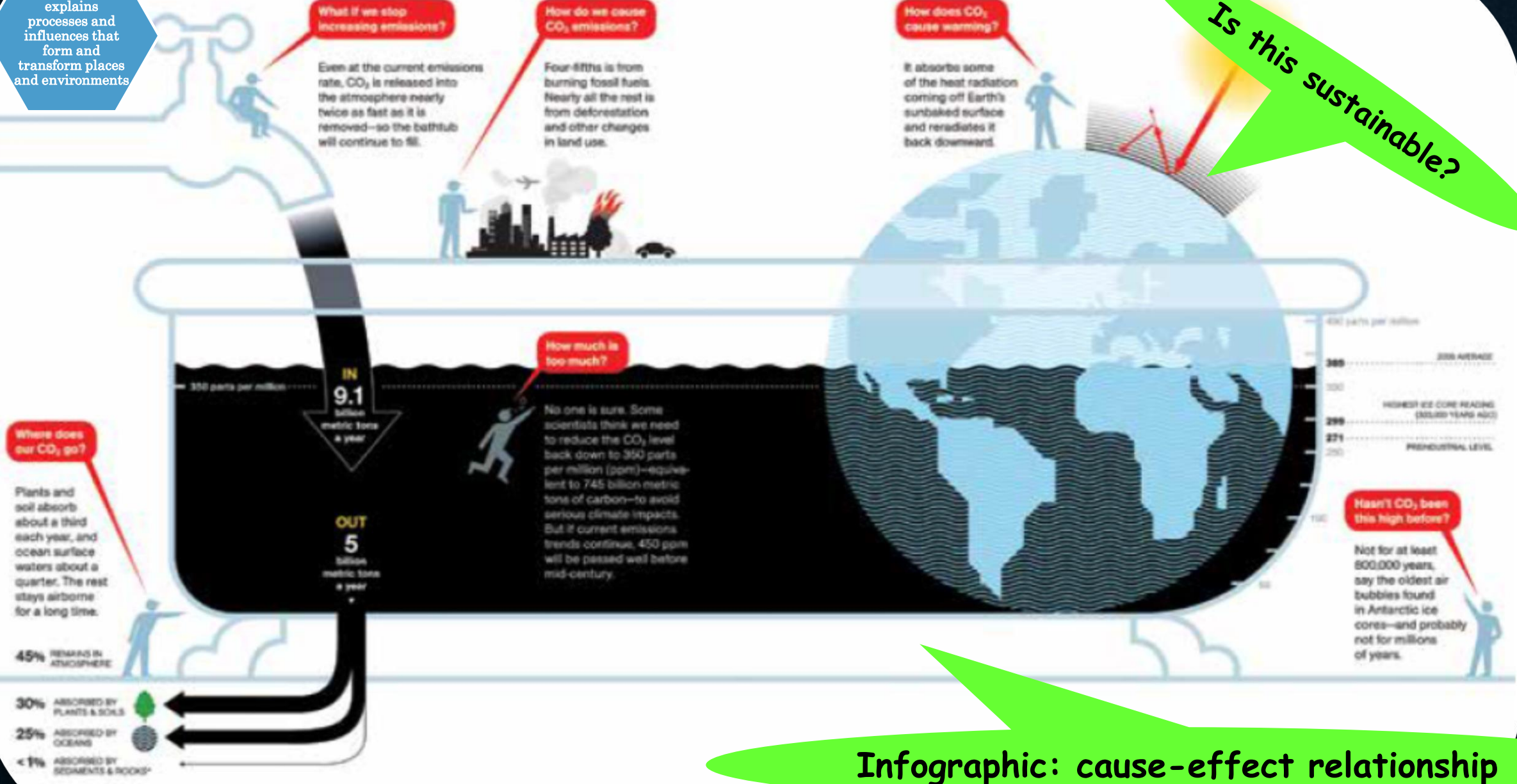


**1 Day of CO<sub>2</sub>**  
per person in Australia

Australians are among the highest  
carbon emitters in the world

City of Sydney

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments



2.1.1 Carbon bathtub: inputs and outputs

Source: National Geographic

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: infographic

Infographic: cause-effect relationship

GLOBAL SCALE

# GLACIER: ALASKA'S COLUMBIA GLACIER

<http://www.vox.com/2015/4/7/8352381/anthropocene-nasa-images>

Glacier  
receded  
result of  
climate  
change



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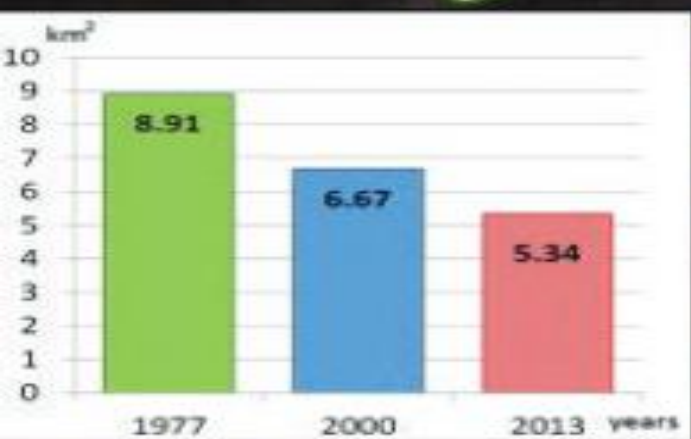
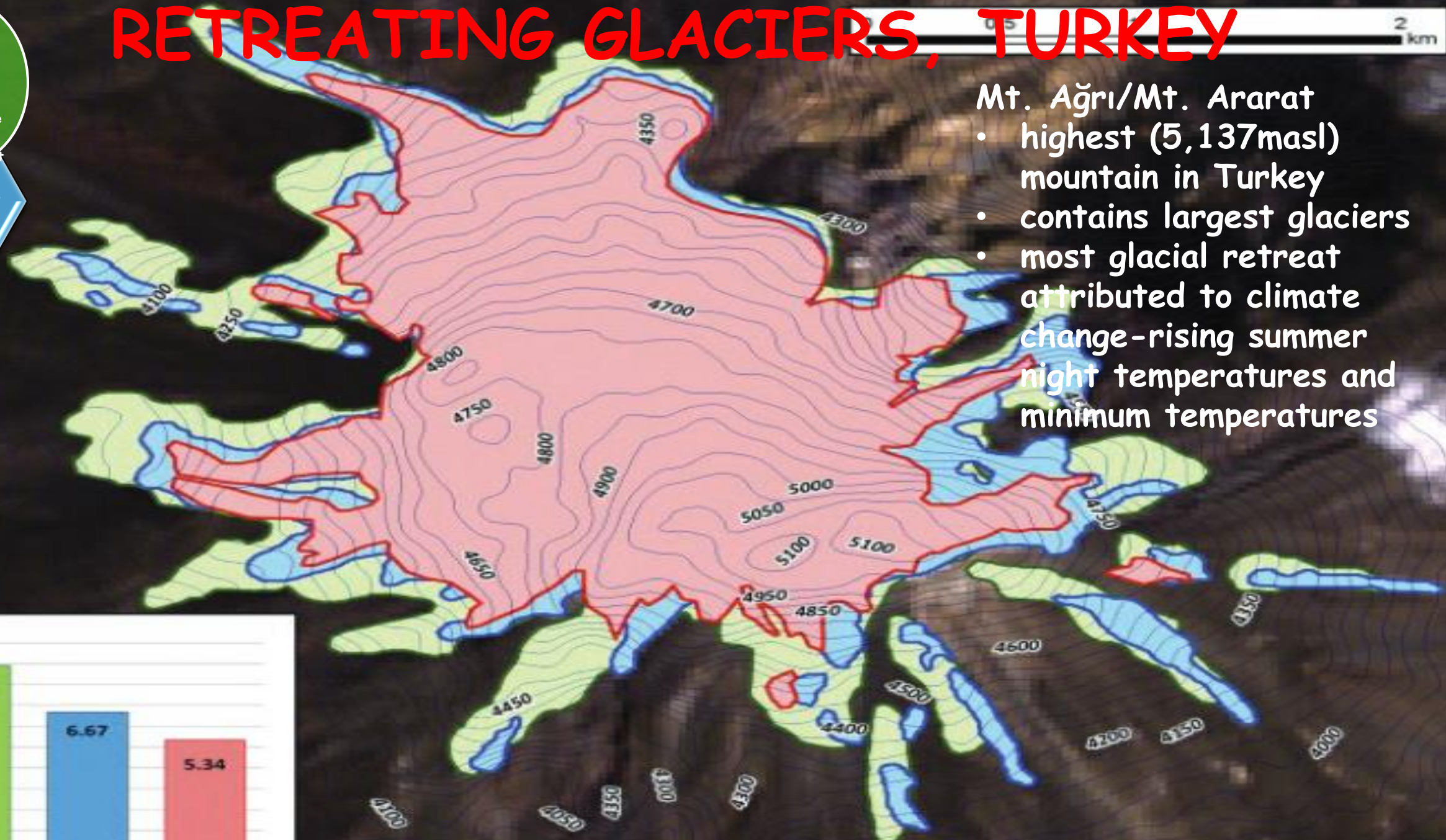
GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: satellite imagery

# RETREATING GLACIERS, TURKEY

What are the *causes* and *consequences* of *change* in environments and how can this change be *managed*?

GE5-2: Student explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments

- Mt. Ağrı/Mt. Ararat
- highest (5,137masl) mountain in Turkey
- contains largest glaciers
- most glacial retreat attributed to climate change-rising summer night temperatures and minimum temperatures

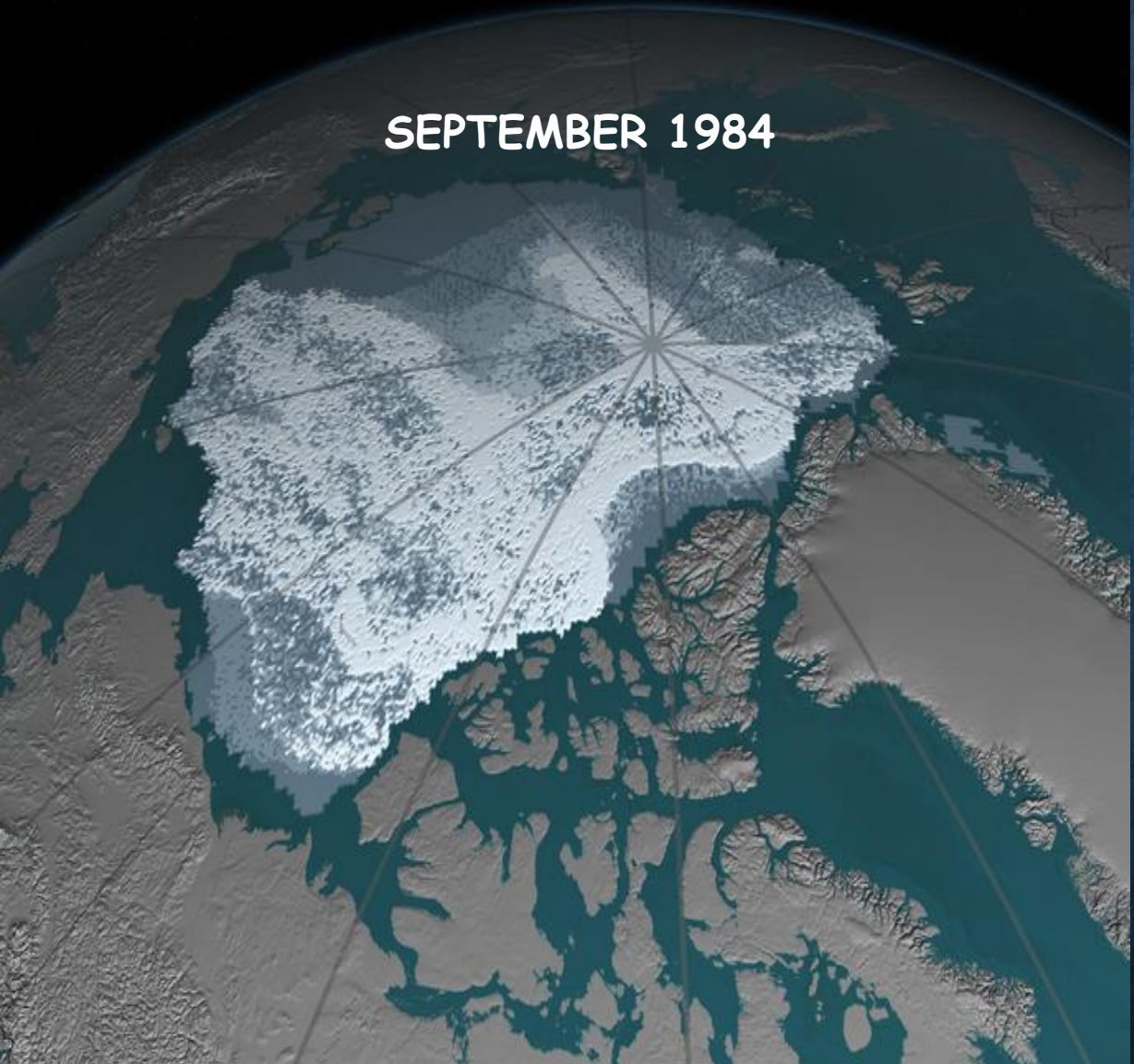


GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: topographic map

# ICE CAP: OLDER, THICKER ARCTIC SEA ICE DECLINES

<https://climate.nasa.gov/images-of-change?id=591#591-older-thicker-arctic-sea-ice-declines>

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GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: satellite imagery

**Indian Ocean**

- 4 Bahrain
- 5 Comoros
- 6 Maldives
- 7 Mauritius
- 8 Seychelles
- 9 Singapore
- 10 Timor-Leste

**Caribbean Sea**

- |                           |                         |                                  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 32 Anguilla               | 40 Dominica             | 48 Puerto Rico                   |
| 33 Antigua and Barbuda    | 41 Dominican Republic   | 49 St Kitts and Nevis            |
| 34 Aruba                  | 42 Grenada              | 50 St Lucia                      |
| 35 Bahamas                | 43 Guyana               | 51 St Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 36 Barbados               | 44 Haiti                | 52 Suriname                      |
| 37 Belize                 | 45 Jamaica              | 53 Trinidad and Tobago           |
| 38 British Virgin Islands | 46 Montserrat           | 54 US Virgin Islands             |
| 39 Cuba                   | 47 Netherlands Antilles |                                  |

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**Eastern Atlantic Ocean**

- 1 Cape Verde
- 2 Guinea-Bissau
- 3 São Tomé and Príncipe

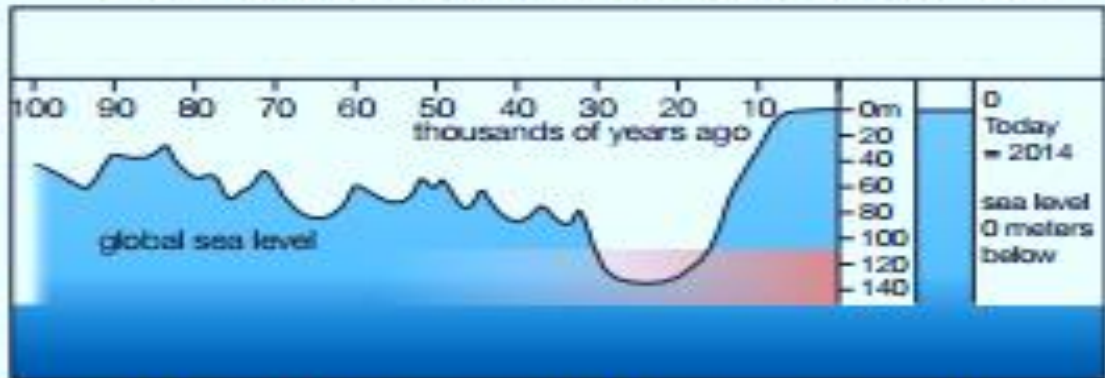
**Pacific Ocean**

- |   |                     |                         |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 11 American Samoa                       | 17 French Polynesia | 25 Samoa                |
| 12 Commonwealth of Northern Marianas    | 18 Guam             | 26 Solomon Islands      |
| 13 Cook Islands                         | 19 Marshall Islands | 27 States of Micronesia |
| 14 Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) | 20 Nauru            | 28 Tokelau Islands      |
| 15 Fiji                                 | 21 New Caledonia    | 29 Tuvalu               |
| 16 Kiribati                             | 22 Niue             | 30 Tonga                |
|   | 23 Palau            | 31 Vanuatu              |
|   | 24 Papua New Guinea |                         |

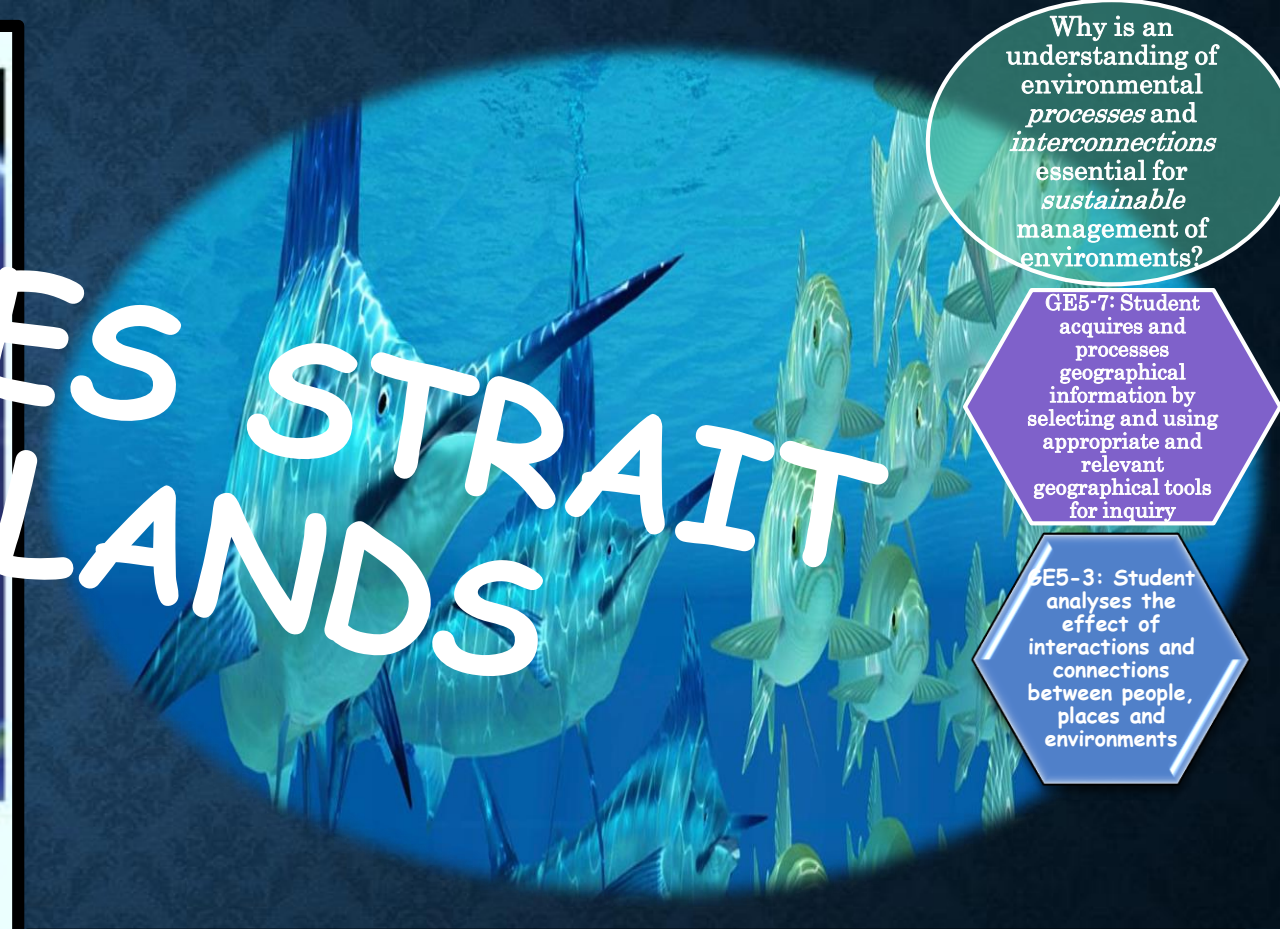
- Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Vulnerable to sea level rise, storm surges, coastal floods, increased severity of cyclones, and saltwater intrusion into groundwater



4.21.2 A changing coastline: this image shows the Sahul coastline 25 000 years ago when the sea level was 135m lower than today. The yellow lines show the present-day coast line



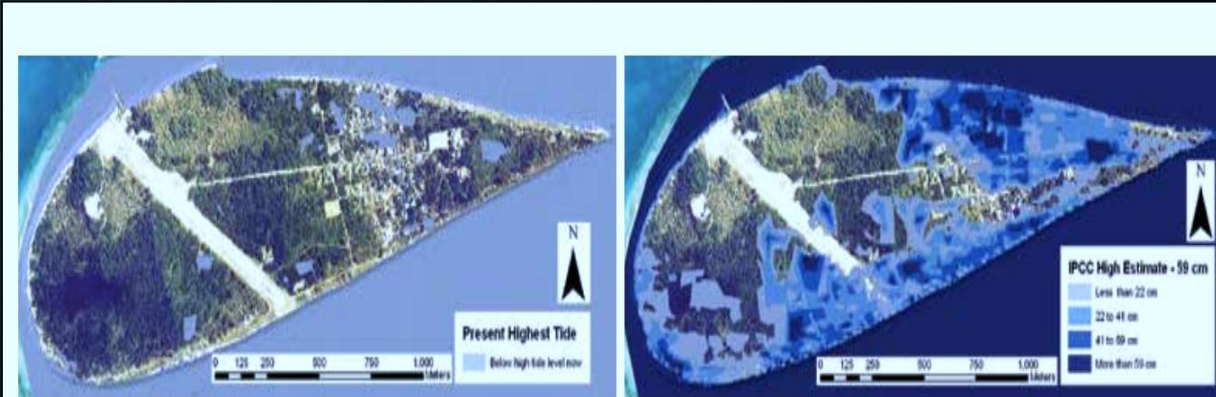
4.21.3 Sea level changes 100000 years ago until 2014



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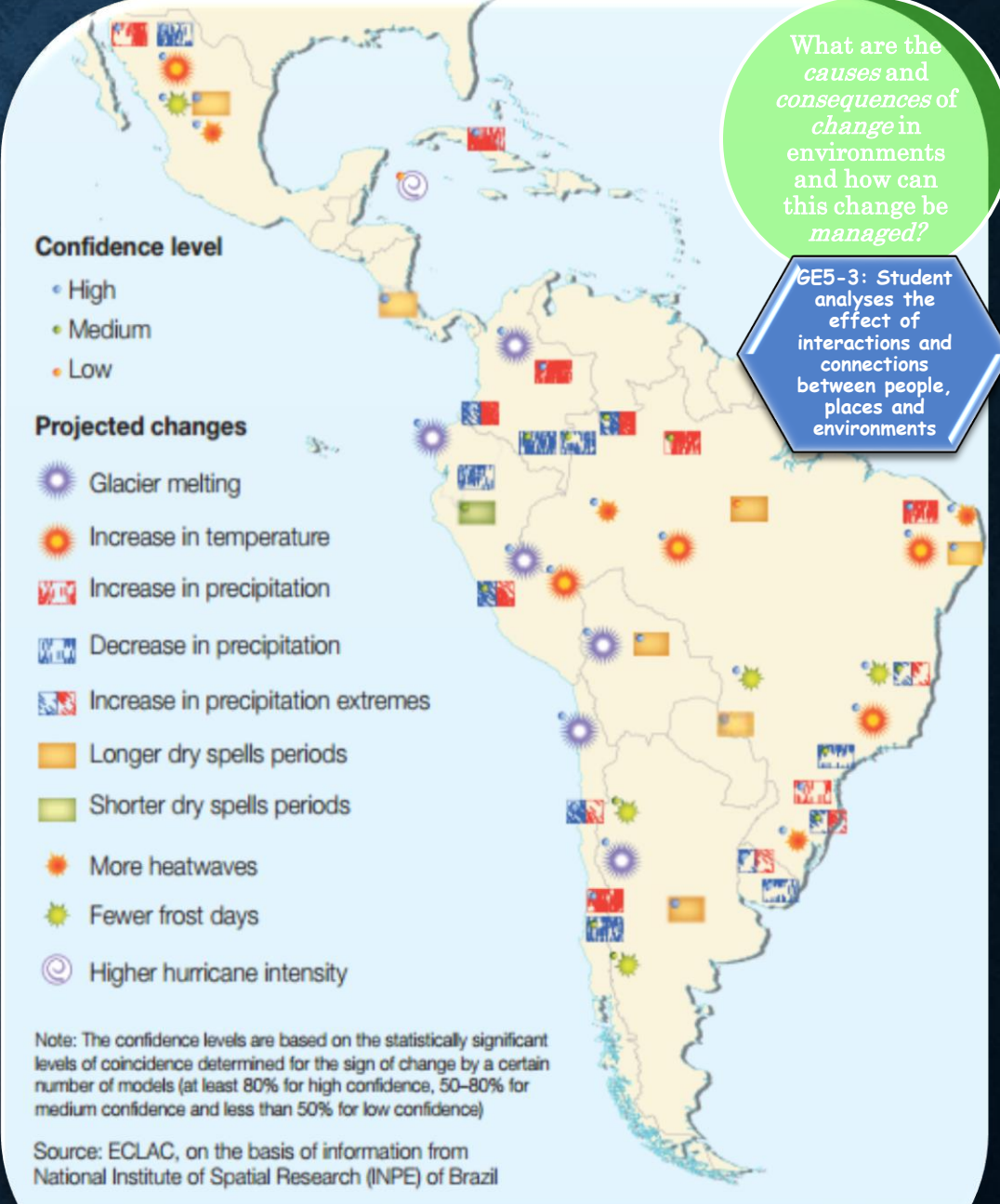
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5.8.3 Masig Island: highest tides now (left) and high-tide estimates for 2100 (right)

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12.2 Summary of climate change patterns projected for 2100 in South and Central America and the Caribbean



## NT

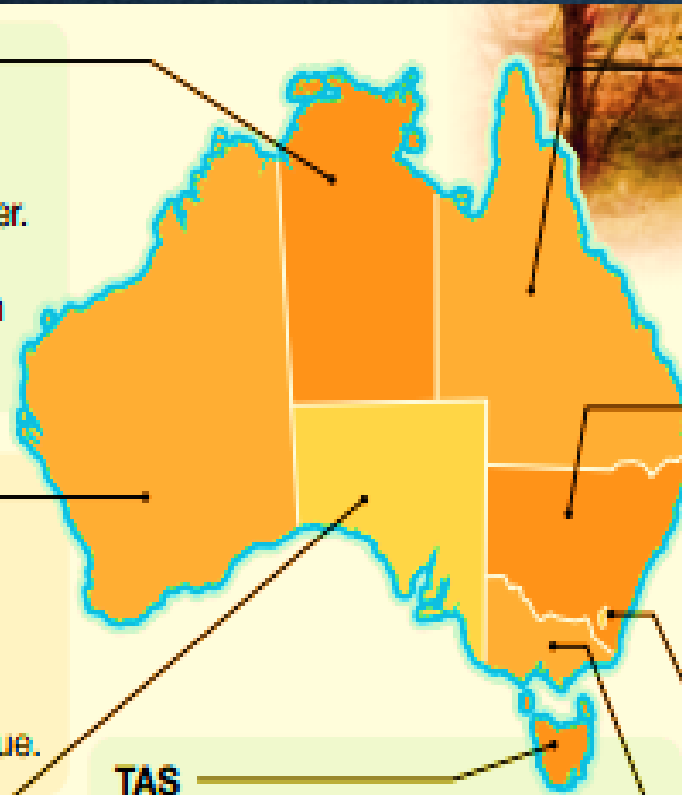
Kakadu National Park exposed to changed salinity as a result of sea level rise and saline intrusion into groundwater. Current projections are that sea level around Kakadu will rise by at least 8 cm by 2020 and up to 30 cm by 2030.

## WA

Rainfall in southwest WA has already reduced by around 15% since the mid-1970s. By 2070 it is predicted the region will experience 80% more drought-months if current trends continue.

## SA

The economic impact of a hotter and drier climate on the water supply infrastructure for Adelaide is likely to be significant by 2070. The quality of water being delivered from the Murray–Darling Basin is also expected to decline significantly by 2050 due to rising salinity levels.



## TAS

Fishing industry and marine life vulnerable to warmer oceans —waters off the east coast of Tasmania have increased by around 1.5°C since the 1950s. A rise of 3°C may result in severe stress to Tasmanian salmon, one of Australia's largest and most valuable aquaculture industries.

## QLD

Expected decline in agricultural production due to rising temperatures, reduced rainfall and extreme weather events.

Approx. decline in production	Beef	Wool
By 2030	19%	12%
By 2050	33.5%	17%

## NSW

Large coastal populations may be at risk due to sea level rise. In a 1.1 m sea level rise scenario, up to 65 300 residential buildings with a current value of up to \$20 billion may be at risk.

## ACT

Increasing temperature and evaporation is likely to raise the risk of bushfires. Annual number of days with very high or extreme fire danger up from 23 to 38 by 2050.

## VIC

Significant risk to vulnerable natural ecosystems and endangered plant and animal species. Species such as the mountain pygmy possum that occupy habitats at the highest elevations and in the coldest environments will have nowhere to retreat to as the climate warms.

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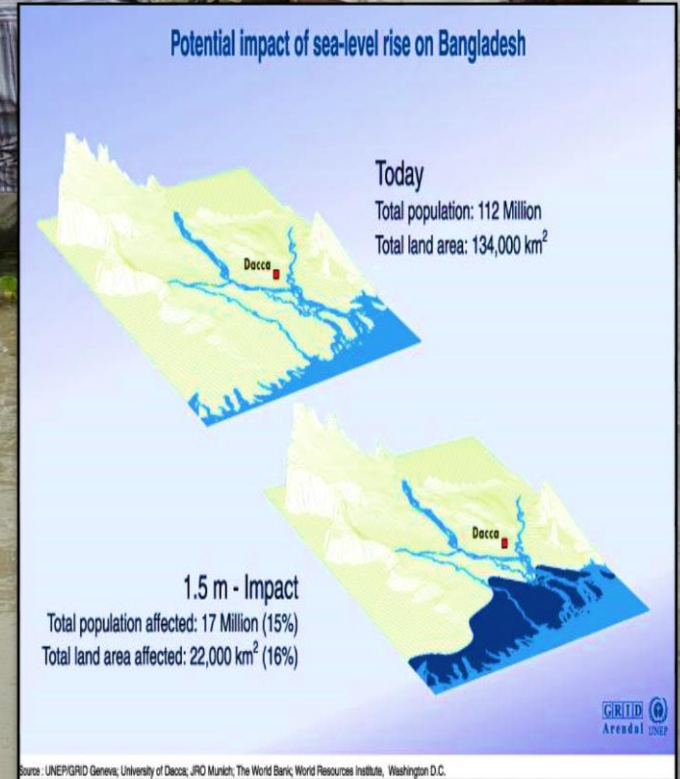
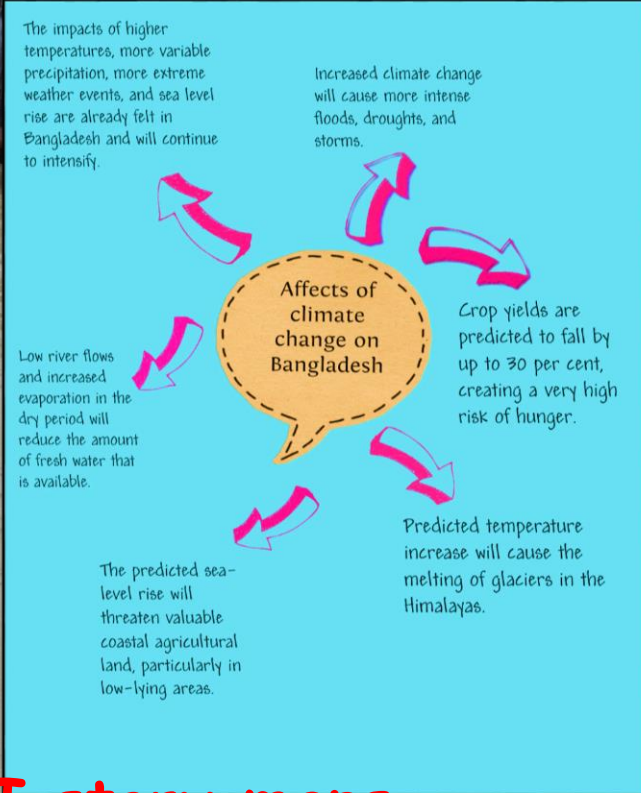
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# COMPARE AUSTRALIA WITH BANGLADESH

## Consequences

Millions of Bangladeshis expected to be displaced in next 40 years.

What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?



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



Lessons and worksheets: ESRI story maps

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: diagram, map

How do people's worldviews affect their attitudes to and use of environments?

# WORLDVIEWS LINKED TO MANAGEMENT

**BUSINESS AS USUAL:** continue without changing our contribution of greenhouse gases e.g. use of fossils fuels instead of non-renewable resources such as wind and solar energy.

Countless household items use standby electricity or vampire power, such as Plasma TVs, cordless telephones and security systems. The average household consumes 10% more energy when goods are on standby mode.



**MITIGATION:** change the way we live and work to lessen the severity of climate change such as: recycling waste to reduce methane; taking public transport rather than a car, using renewable energy, and growing crops requiring less fertilisers which adds nitrous oxides a greenhouse gas into the atmosphere.

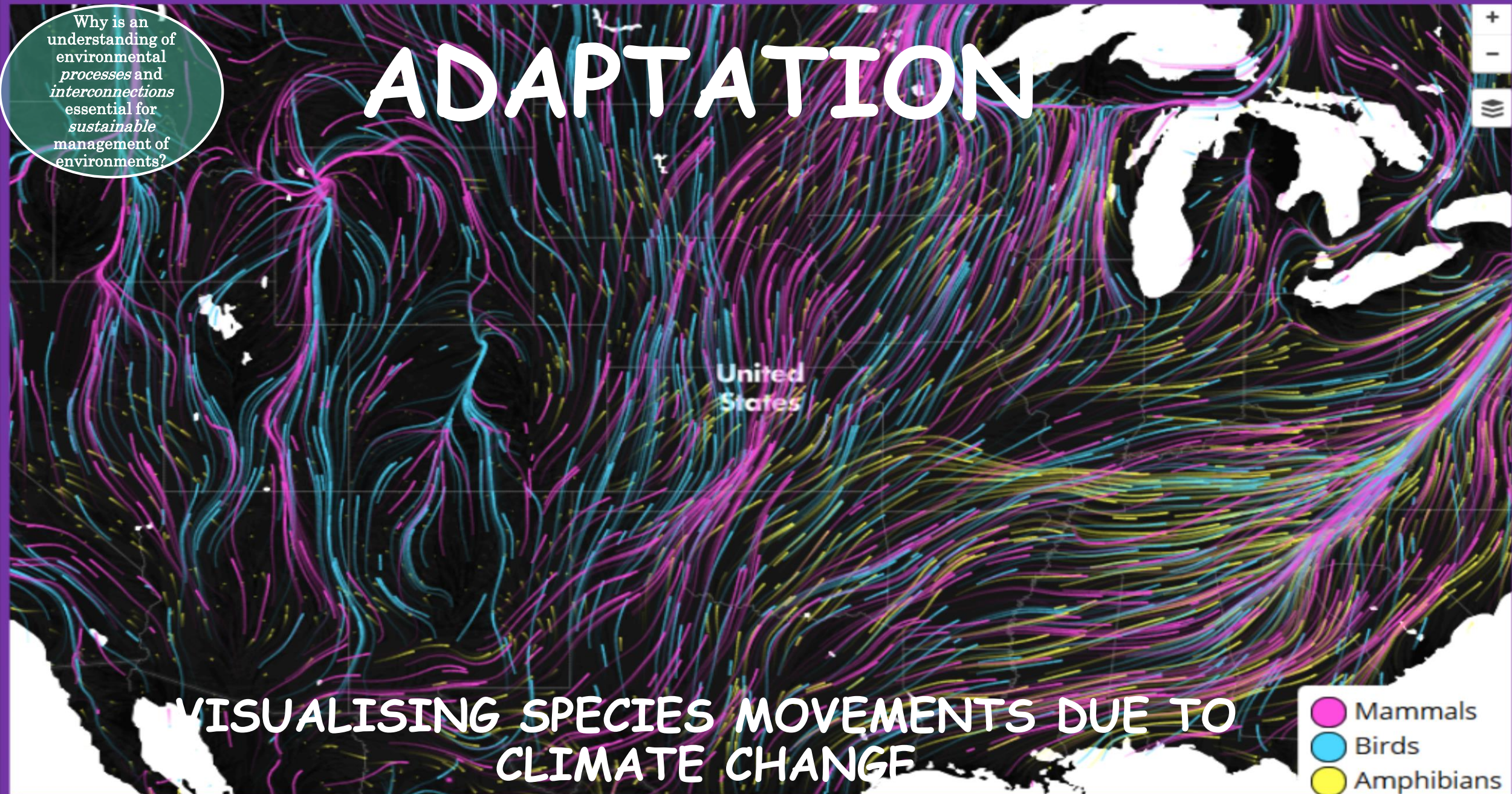
**ACTION**  
**DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT**

**ADAPTATION:** societies make themselves better able to cope with an uncertain future.

Me first	Mitigation	Environmental war	Protection
Innovation of low carbon technology and no need to change lifestyle	Sustainable forms of living - mitigation	Tough measures implemented – carbon taxes, higher price of fossil fuels	Live within countries footprints and ecosystems

Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

# ADAPTATION



VISUALISING SPECIES MOVEMENTS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

# ADAPTATION

Vulnerable sectors	Anticipated adaptation
<b>Water</b>	Recycle water Built levees for flood control Harvest rainwater
<b>Agriculture</b>	Develop salt, drought and pest resistant crops Control soil erosion Construct dams for irrigation
<b>Health</b>	Develop early warning systems Improve housing, water and sanitation Vector monitoring
<b>Ecosystems</b>	Create reserves and protected areas Develop seed banks Reafforestation Promote agroforestry
<b>Coastal</b>	Build sea walls Protect coral reefs, mangroves and sea grass Restrict development on low lying coastal areas

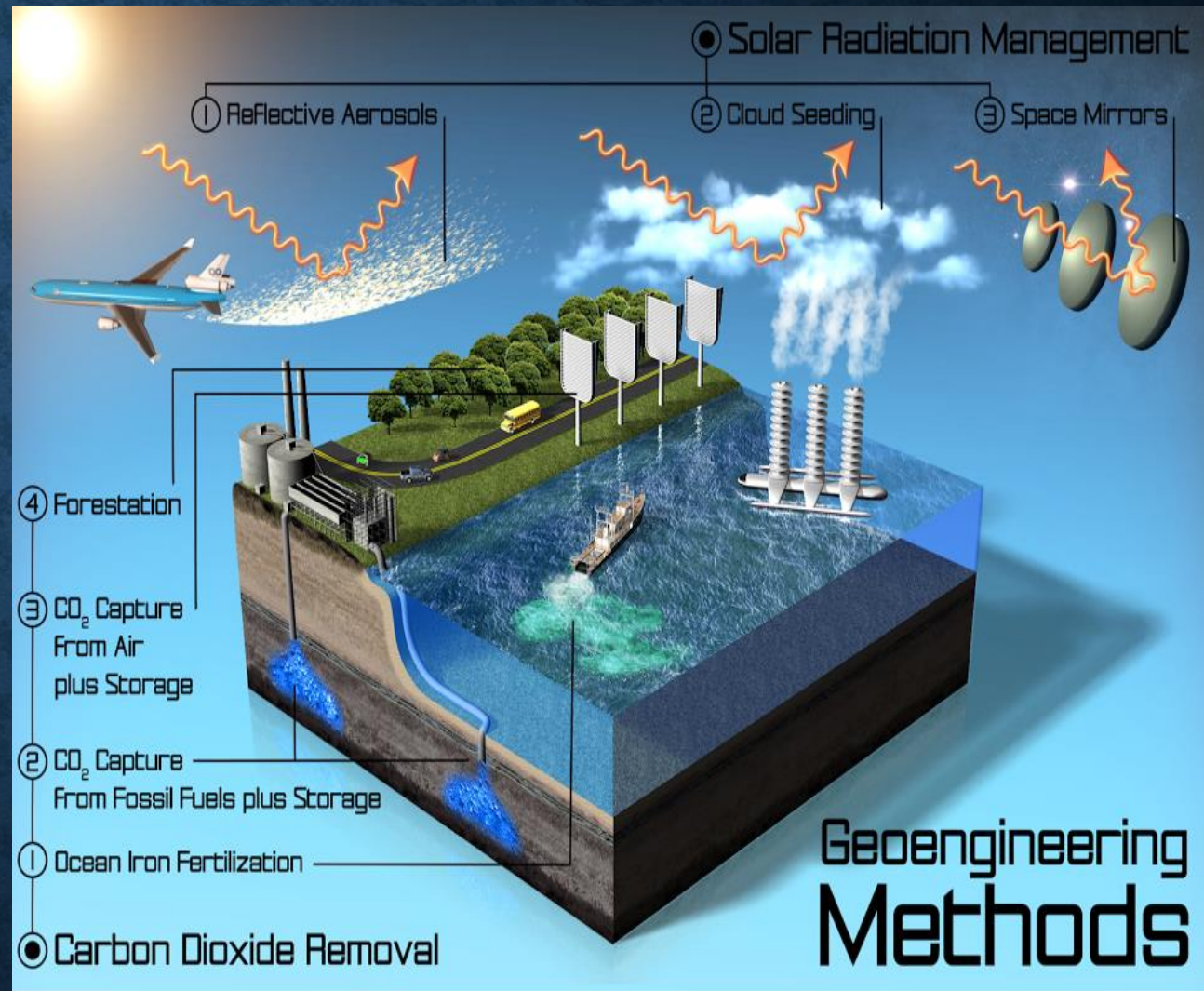


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# MITIGATION



Types of Renewable Energy						
<b>Solar</b> 	<b>Wind</b> 	<b>Biomass</b> 	<b>Hydrogen</b> 	<b>Geothermal</b> 	<b>Ocean</b> 	<b>Hydropower</b> 
<b>Uses:</b> • Solar Power Plant	<b>Uses:</b> • Wind Power Plant	<b>Uses:</b> • Biofuels • Biopower • Bioproducts	<b>Uses:</b> • Fuel Cells	<b>Uses:</b> • Geothermal Power Plant • Heat Pumps	<b>Uses:</b> • Tidal Power • Wave Power • Thermal	<b>Uses:</b> • Hydropower Plant



Sources: IPCC / Royal Society | More info: [www.get2.cc/5e](http://www.get2.cc/5e)

climatecentral.org

Explain how geoengineering and use of renewable energy could help reduce global warming.

GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: photograph, table, diagram

# PERSPECTIVES

How do people's *worldviews* affect their attitudes to and use of environments?

GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

Person living in Asian cities on low lying coasts such as Mumbai, India

*'Where will I go?'*

**Renewable energy CEO**

*'What can I do to improve people's future lifestyle?'*

**Leader of a developed country in Asia such as Singapore**

*'We may be the main contributor to the large carbon footprint but what can we do now?'*

**Hotel owners**

Ski resort in Japan and a seaside resort in Thailand

*'What will happen to my business? What will I do?'*

**Fossil fuel energy CEO of a coal mine in China**

*'How can I reduce CO2 emissions?'*

**Leader of a developing country -Pakistan**

*'We have a little carbon footprint per person but are 80 times more likely to be affected by a climate disaster from global warming, than a developed country. How can developed countries and global organisations help us before it is too late?'*

**Environmental groups**

*'How can we promote an alternative green lifestyle?'*



GE5-4: Student accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues

# WHAT IS TRUMP'S WORLDVIEW ON CLIMATE CHANGE?



## Critics fear Trump could roll back US environmental protection-Paris Agreement?

### How will it impact on people, places and environments?



Donald J. Trump  @realDonaldTrump 



The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive.

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NBC News just called it the great freeze - coldest weather in years. Is our country still spending money on the GLOBAL WARMING HOAX?

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Give me clean, beautiful and healthy air - not the same old climate change (global warming) bullshit! I am tired of hearing this nonsense.

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Snowing in Texas and Louisiana, record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax!



# 4. INVESTIGATIVE STUDY

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Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?

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## 1. Acquire information

- identify an issue
- develop geographical questions to investigate the issue
- collect primary geographical data (e.g. fieldwork, interviews, questionnaires)
- gather geographical information from secondary sources (e.g. internet, journals, newspapers)
- record information

## 2. Process information

- evaluate data and information for bias and reliability
- represent information in appropriate forms such as maps, graphs, statistics, spatial technologies and visual representation
- interpret data and information gathered
- analyse findings and results
- draw conclusions

## 3. Communicate information

- communicate results using a variety of strategies
- reflect on the investigation findings
- propose individual or collective actions
- predict expected outcomes
- where appropriate, take action

Before it's too late. [www.wwf.org](http://www.wwf.org)



GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: table



Select **ONE** type of environment

- **ACARA curriculum:** choice of 5 environments
- **NSW syllabus:** no specific environment- other suggestions-wetlands, endorheic, arctic tundra, lakes (Titicaca), grasslands (Maasai, Mongolians), built environments-rural/regional Australia

4.  
**INVESTIGATIVE STUDY** Select **ONE** type of environment in Australia to compare with at least **ONE** other country.



Coast



Inland Water



Urban



Land



Marine





# Select **ONE** type of environment in **Australia**

**Compare with at least ONE other country.**

**Include: Asian country and management of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

4.  
INVESTIGATIVE  
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MARINE	COASTS	INLAND WATER	URBAN, REGIONAL, TOWNS	WETLANDS	ENDORHEIC-INLAND WATER	LAND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Barrier Reef</li> <li>• Coral Triangle-SE Asia</li> <li>• Raja Ampat Islands- West Papua, Indonesia</li> <li>• Red Sea</li> <li>• Bermuda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW</li> <li>• USA</li> <li>• Russia's Artic Coast</li> <li>• Bangladesh delta</li> <li>• Netherlands</li> <li>• Singapore, Mumbai, Dubai</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian river (local area)</li> <li>• Murray Darling River</li> <li>• Ord River</li> <li>• Yellow River China</li> <li>• Mekong, Vietnam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydney</li> <li>• ACT</li> <li>• Sao Paulo</li> <li>• Curitiba</li> <li>• New York</li> <li>• Shanghai</li> <li>• Wagga, Dubbo, Armidale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homebush Bay, Sydney</li> <li>• Kerala, India</li> <li>• Sundarbans Bangladesh</li> <li>• Alpine wetlands- Kosciusko</li> <li>• Hunter wetlands</li> <li>• Kakadu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Eyre</li> <li>• Lake George</li> <li>• Caspian Sea</li> <li>• Aral sea</li> <li>• Dead Sea</li> <li>• Okavango River</li> <li>• Lake Van</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Urban</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• Industrial</li> <li>• Settlements</li> <li>• Issues: land degradation, salinity, soil erosion</li> <li>• Recreation use- skiing</li> </ul>

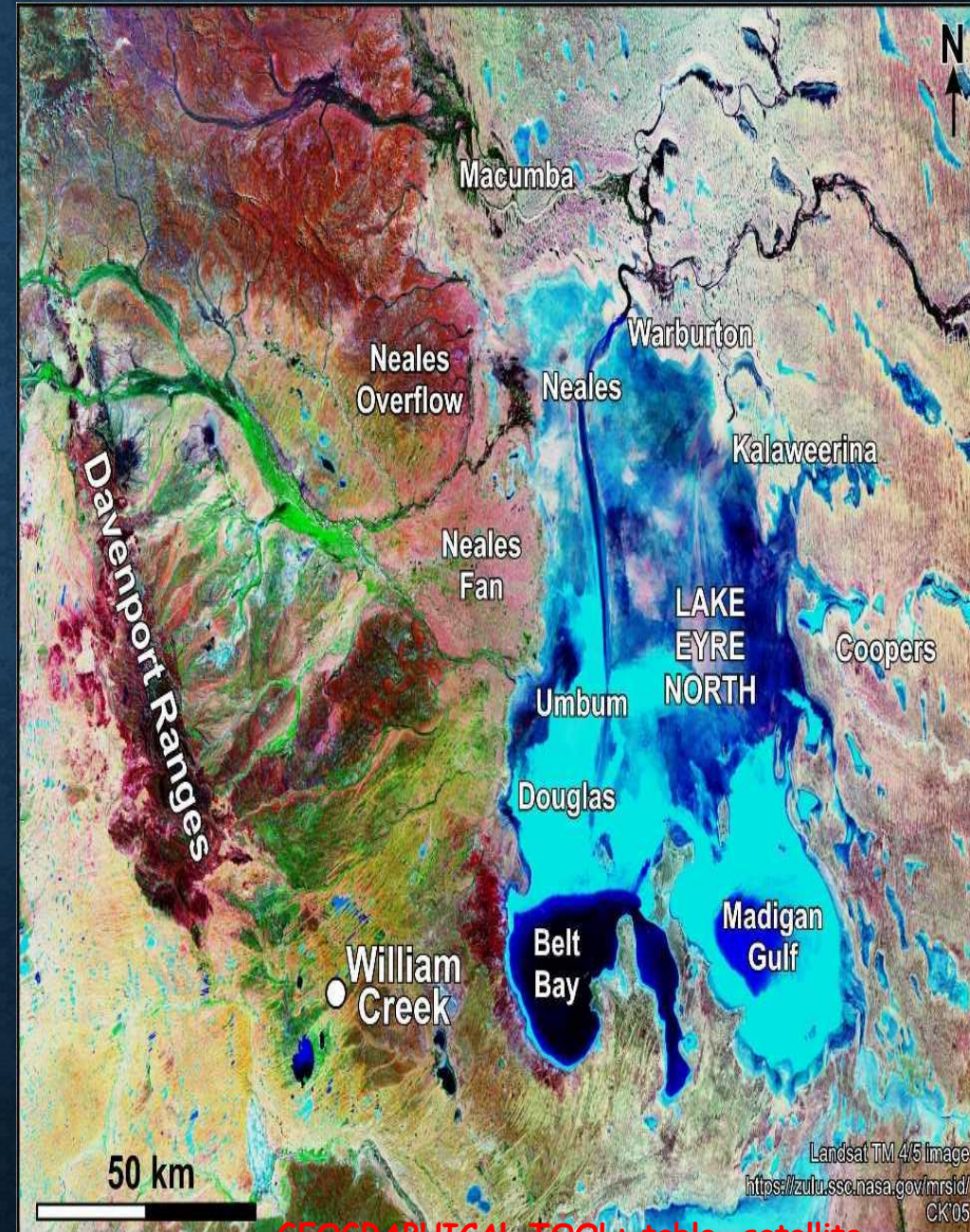
# ENDORHEIC LAKES

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**INVESTIGATIVE STUDY** Select ONE type of environment in Australia to compare with at least ONE other country.

Bodies of water that do not reach the ocean.  
Compare Lake Eyre in Australia with an example in another country

Antarctica	Eurasian	Australia	Africa	USA
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GEOGRAPHICAL TOOL: table, satellite



**Activity:**

Students investigate:

- biophysical processes of selected environment
- causes, extent, consequences-environmental change
- management of environmental change

# COMPARE GREAT BARRIER REEF WITH CORAL TRIANGLE (ASIA) DECLINING CORAL REEFS: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, MANAGEMENT (MARINE PROTECTED AREAS)

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**Destructive fishing practices: CT**  
Overfishing, cyanide fishing, blast fishing, banging on reefs with sticks (muro-ami)  
Lost or discarded fishing nets (ghost nets) snag on reefs and strangle fish, sea turtles and marine mammals

**Coral mining: CT**  
Used for cement, souvenirs and building

**Ocean acidification: CT and BBR**  
Excessive CO<sub>2</sub> results in an increase in acid levels and death of species

**Sedimentation: CT and GBR**  
Sediment from cleared land smothers coral and deprives it of light required to survive

**El Niño: CT and GBR**  
In 2010 El Niño caused coral bleaching and death of coral as a result of increased water temperature

**Coastal development: CT and GBR**  
Population moves to coastal cities and development of tourist sites

**Water pollution: CT and GBR**  
Pesticides and fertilisers from farms travels to reefs and kills species  
Oil spills from passing ships  
Dumped garbage blocks sunlight coral requires to survive

**Natural disasters: CT and GBR**  
Cyclones and tsunamis destroy coral reefs

**Ballast discharge: CT**  
Transfers algal blooms and coral pathogens to coral waters in other countries

**Careless tourism: CT and GBR**  
Trampling coral, sewage disposal, boat anchors cut coral

**Algal blooms: CT and GBR**  
Runoff of fertilisers from farming and sewage onto reefs reduces photosynthesis

**Viruses: CT and GBR**  
Infect organisms ranging from bacteria to whales



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FIELDWORK?



VIRTUAL FIELDWORK



# VISIT AIR PANOS - 360 DEGREES!

Activity: group work on different environments, changes and management



- Greenland/ice sheets and ice bergs
- Bhutan/mountains
- Maldives/islands
- Turkey/Pamukkale karst
- Java/Brolo volcano
- Indonesia-Raja Ampat/coral reefs, wetlands
- Zimbabwe/Victoria Falls
- Namibia/Namib Desert
- Russia/Volcano/Kamchatka
- Cuba-coral reefs

**INTEGRATE  
ASIA PERSPECTIVE (CCP)  
ASIA EDUCATION TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**  
<http://www.aeta.org.au/>

- Asia news four times a year-linked to NSW syllabuses
- Free resources
- Four journals a year-over 100 pages per journal
- Updated articles linked to NSW Geography syllabus on this topic such as:
  - Sustainability
  - Climate change
  - Air pollution
  - Coca cola in India
  - Water pollution and scarcity
  - Dead and lifeless oceans
  - Palm oil
  - World view on whaling
  - Climb or not climb Mt Everest
  - Shark fin soup
  - Cancer villages in China
  - Child labour in India's mica mines



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# WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM GLOBAL RISKS OF HIGHEST CONCERN 2016-2026

For the next 10 years



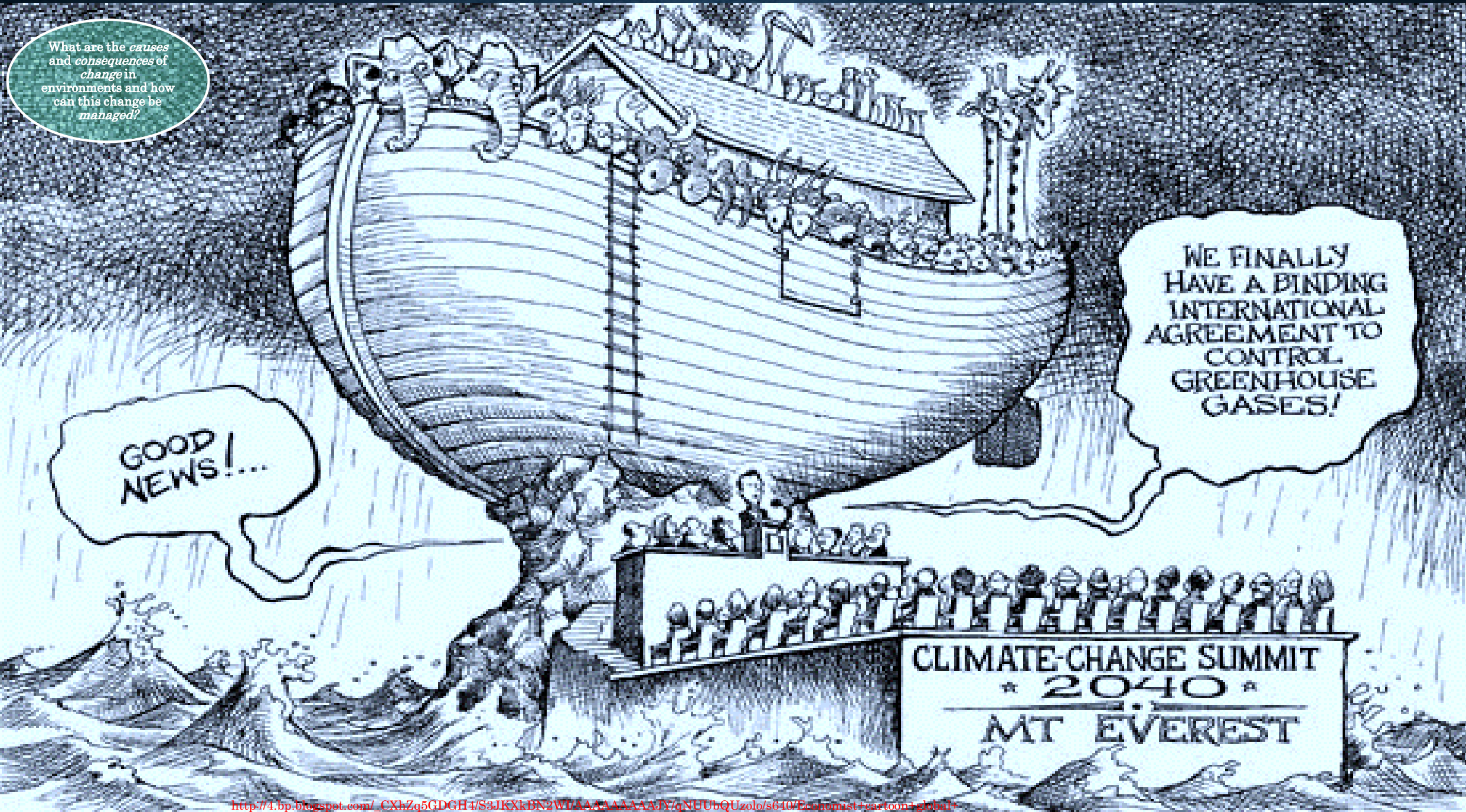


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As informed citizens, humans have a responsibility to use and protect the environment through sustainable practices.

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WE FINALLY HAVE A BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL GREENHOUSE GASES!

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