

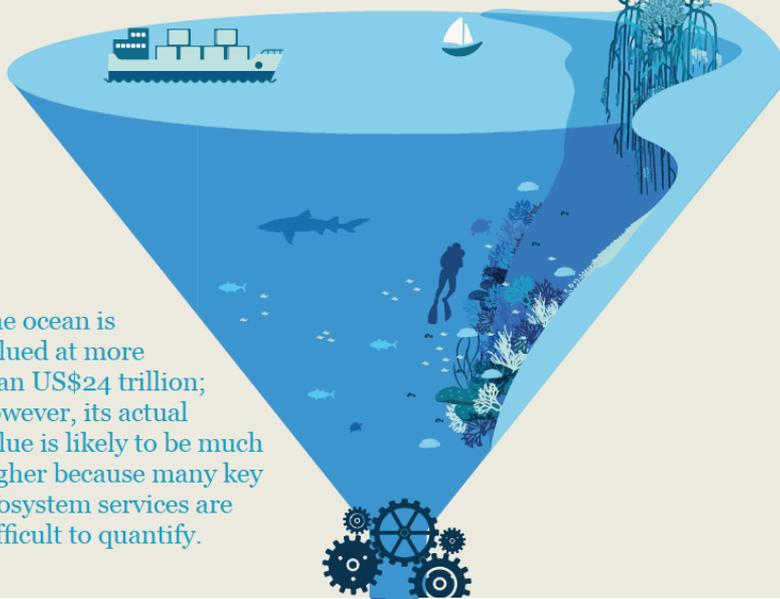
# Auswirkungen der Erderwärmung auf die Ozeane im Lichte der Pariser Klimaziele

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Hans-O. Pörtner: Co-Chair WGII AR6  
AR5: CLA WGII CH. 6, Ocean Systems,  
Ocean products in TS and SPM, CC-Boxes, SYR, SED



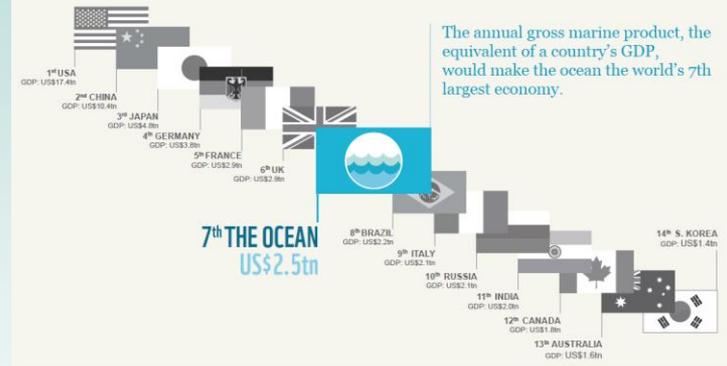
# US\$24tn



The ocean is valued at more than US\$24 trillion; however, its actual value is likely to be much higher because many key ecosystem services are difficult to quantify.

## Annual gross marine product

FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL GROSS MARINE PRODUCT



...no. 7 in the world...

FIGURE 3 - OCEAN ECONOMY DEPENDENT ON HEALTHY ASSETS



Annual Gross marine product is the ocean's annual economic value.

More than two-thirds of the gross marine product is dependent on healthy ocean assets.

.....depending on healthy oceans

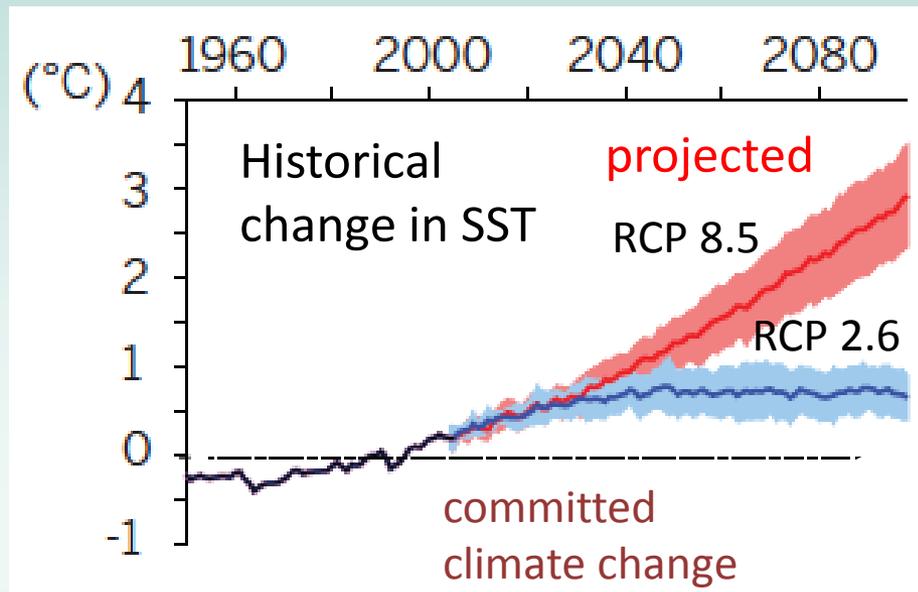
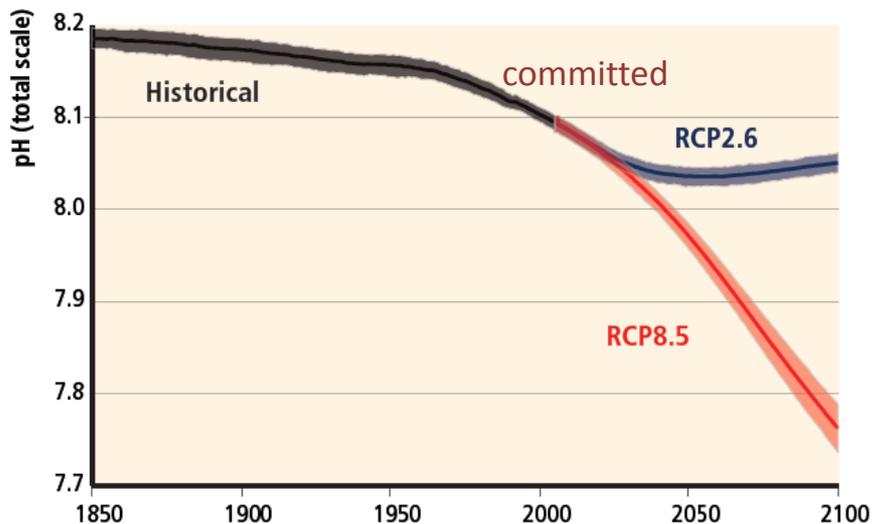
# Challenges to ocean health:

According to emission scenarios oceans are:

... **warming**

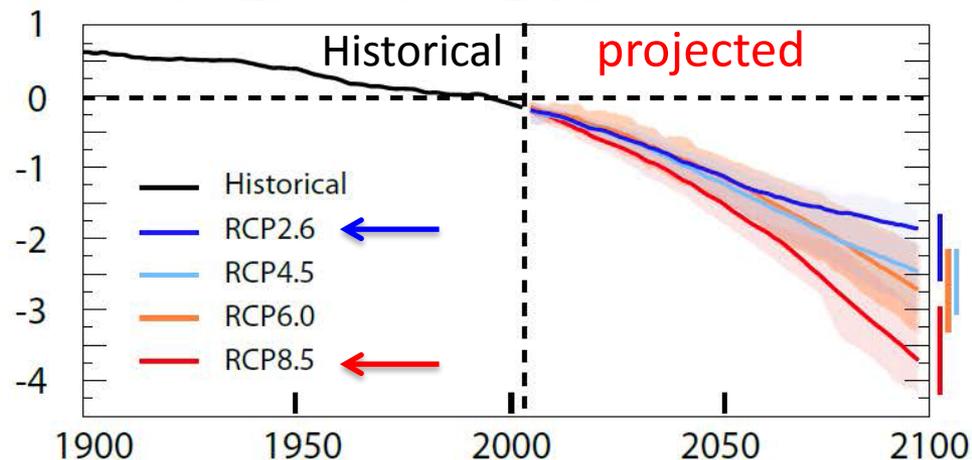
...**acidifying**

Historical → Projections



... **losing oxygen**

a. Ocean oxygen content change (%)



CMIP5 model runs



WGI Figure 6.30

OCEANS 2015 INITIATIVE

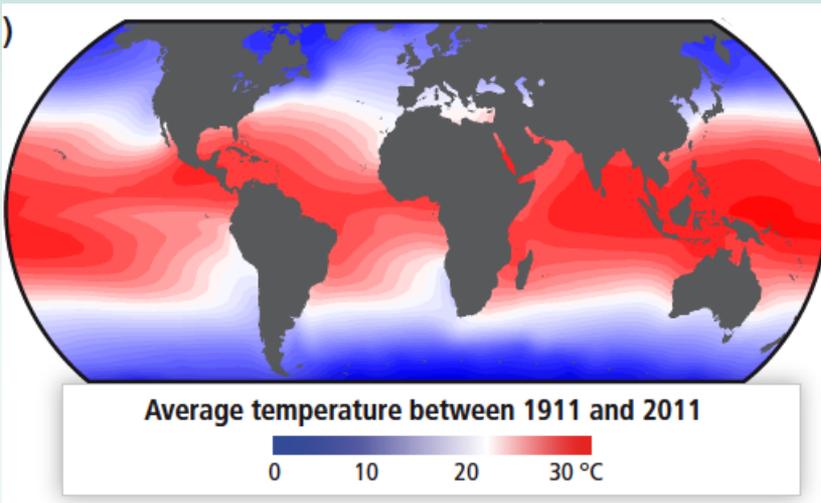


Gattuso et al., 2015

# Warming, acidification, expanding hypoxia

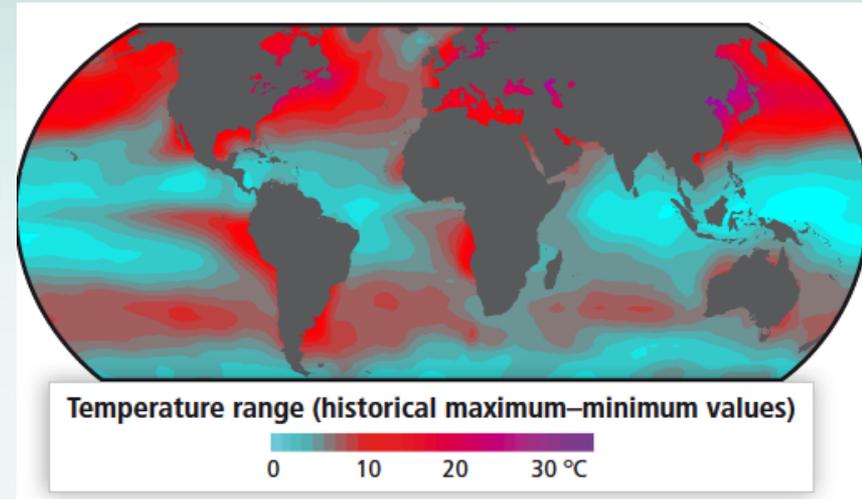
occur on top of regional and natural variability:

→ regional specificities: functional changes may depend on climate zone



warming  
on top of  
means and  
variability

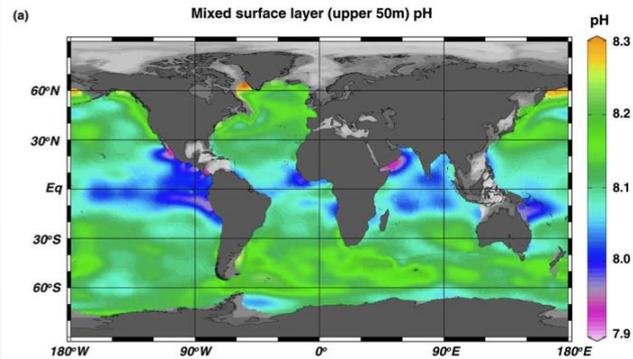
Pörtner et al. 2014



true also for:

light, nutrients, food

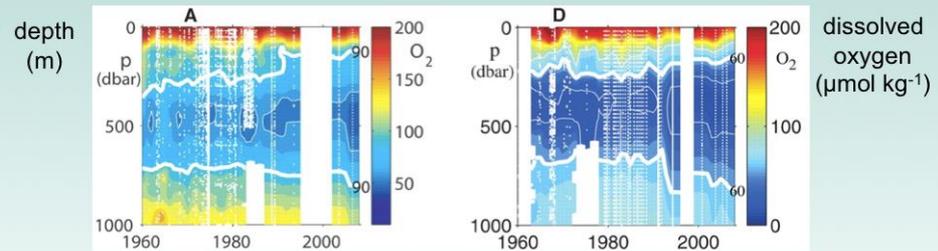
progressive acidification



In ocean surface  
layers

(Pelejero et al., 2010)

expanding oxygen minimum zones



(A) Eastern tropical  
North Atlantic  
(10° to 14°N, 20° to 30°W)

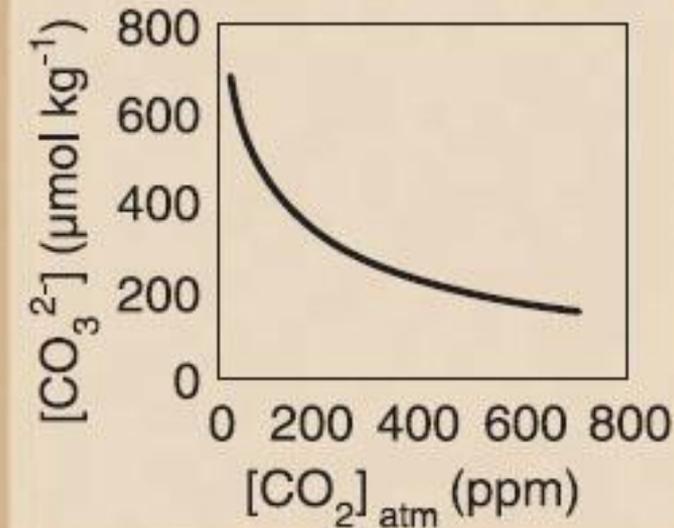
(D) Eastern equatorial  
Pacific Ocean  
(5°S to 5°N, 105° to 115°W)

(Stramma et al., 2008)

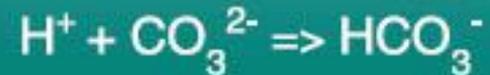
# Ocean Acidification (OA) involves various drivers:

$\text{pH}_w$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  partial pressure ( $P_{\text{CO}_2}$ )<sub>w</sub>

bicarbonate<sub>w</sub> carbonate<sub>w</sub>



$\text{CO}_2$



# These corrosive conditions dissolve shells of sea butterflies

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*Movie: Brad Seibel, University of Rhode Island*

Sea butterfly shells ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) exposed to corrosive conditions expected by 2100



**Day 1**



**Day 2**



**Day 16**

Orr et al. (2005)

Fabry et al. (2008)

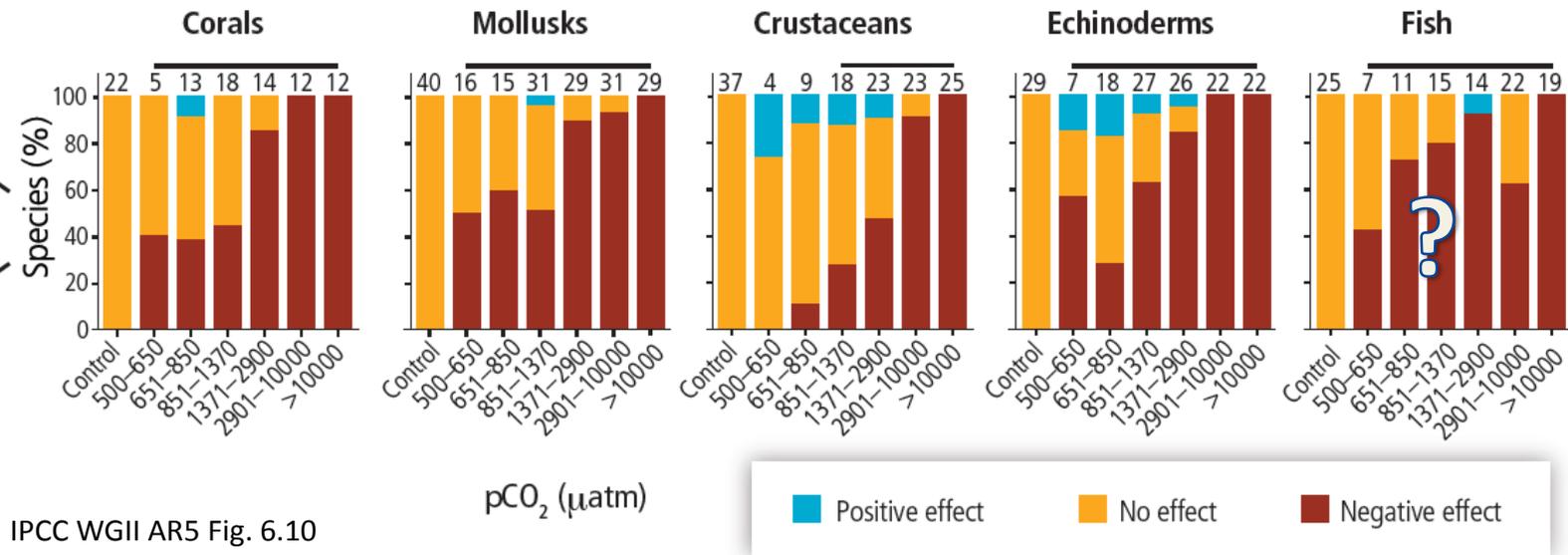
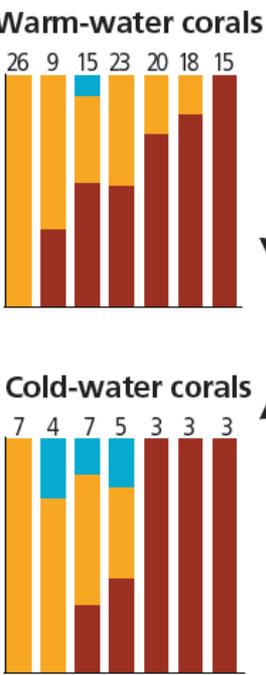
Comeau et al. (2009; 2011; 2012)

Lischka et al. (2011); Lischka & Riebesell (2012)

Bednarsek et al. (2012)

*Image: Victoria Fabry, California State University San Marcos*

# OCEAN ACIDIFICATION: Sensitivity distribution in major animal groups



IPCC WGII AR5 Fig. 6.10

.....effects exacerbated by warming extremes...

# Ocean areas naturally rich in CO<sub>2</sub> confirm expected future trends

- Less biodiversity
- Fewer calcifiers
- More fragile shells
- More invasive species
- More seagrasses, degraded corals

CO<sub>2</sub> bubbles rise from seafloor at Ischia, Bay of Naples, a natural lab to study acidification

*Hall-Spencer et al. (2008)*

*Rodolfo-Metalpa et al. (2008)*

*Photo: Steve Ringman, Seattle Times*

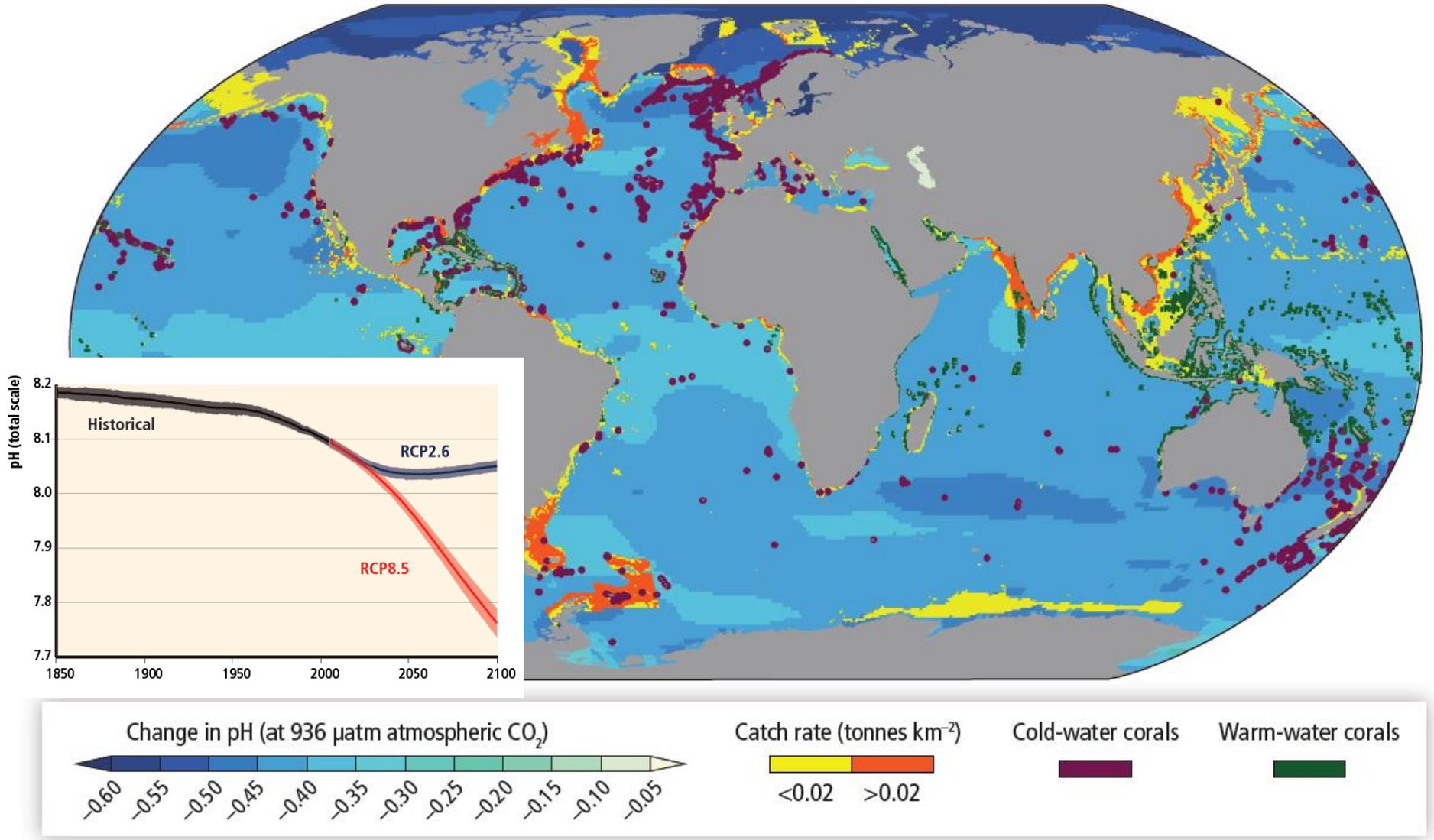


*Photo: Jason Hall-Spencer,  
University of Plymouth*

Another natural CO<sub>2</sub> vent site in Papua, New Guinea, used to study effects of acidification on corals

**Projections:** Ocean acidification affecting mollusk and crustacean fisheries, and coastal protection by coral reefs

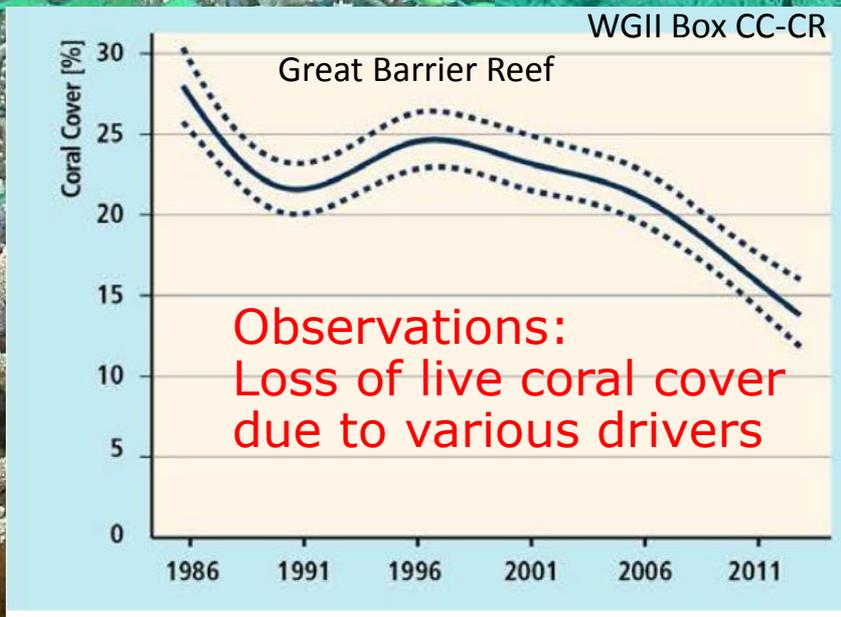
>>2 °C



0.8°C

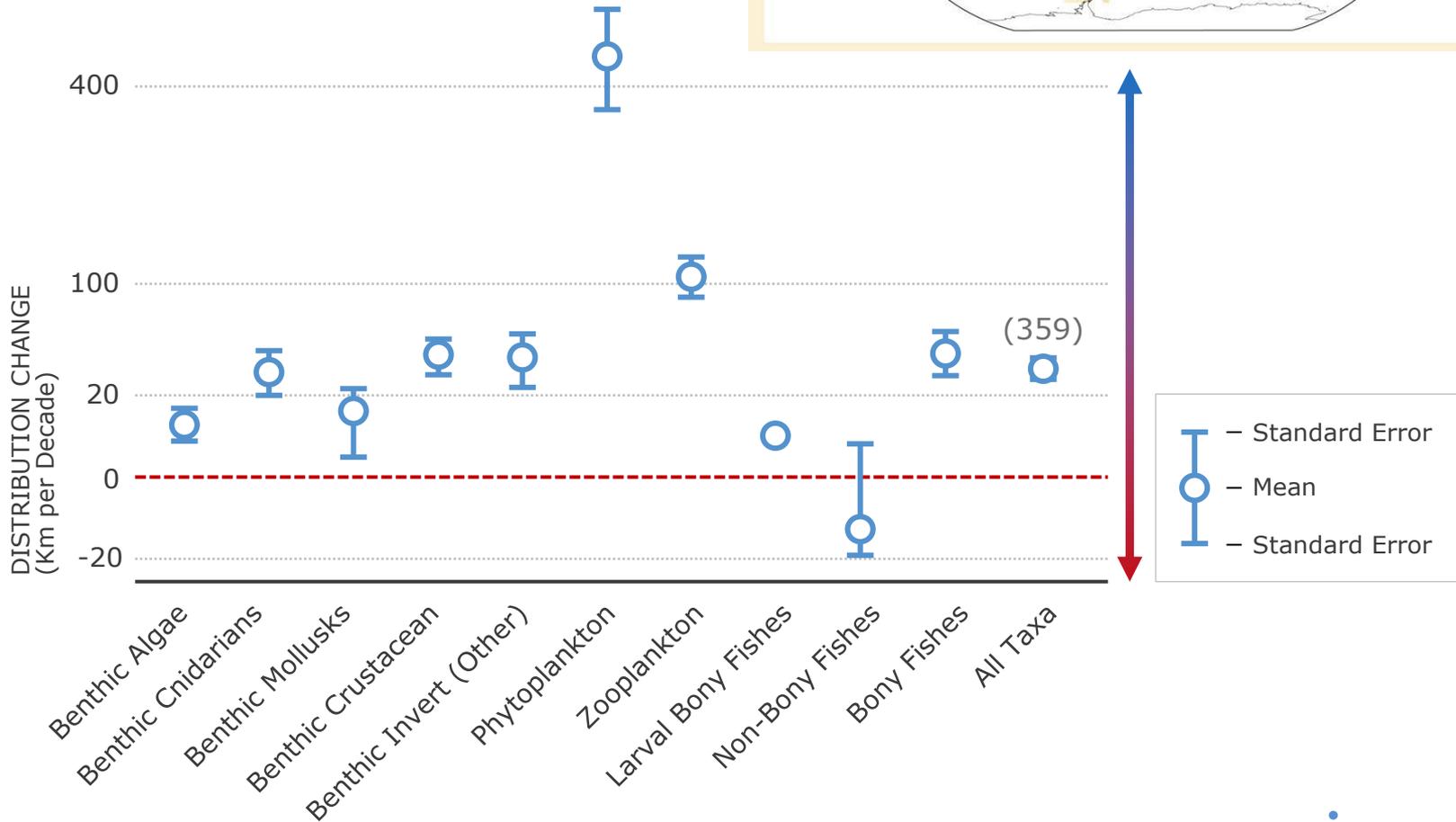
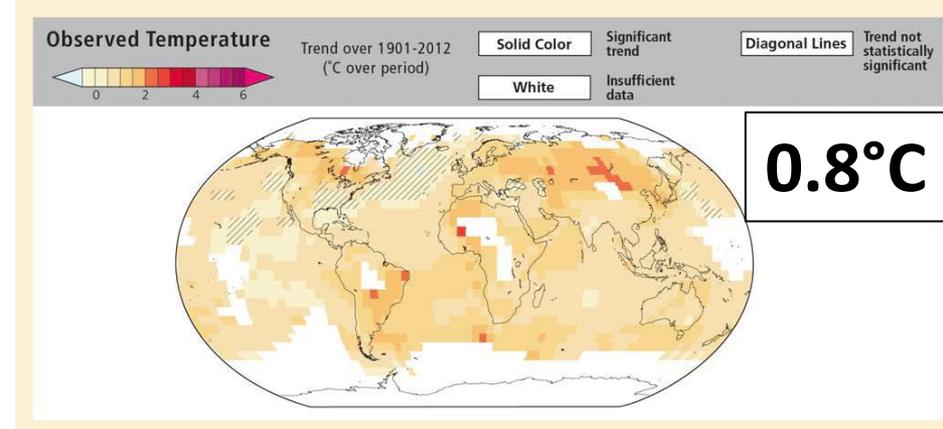
## Vulnerable ecosystems

Warm water coral reefs under combined pressures at 0.8°C above pre-industrial:

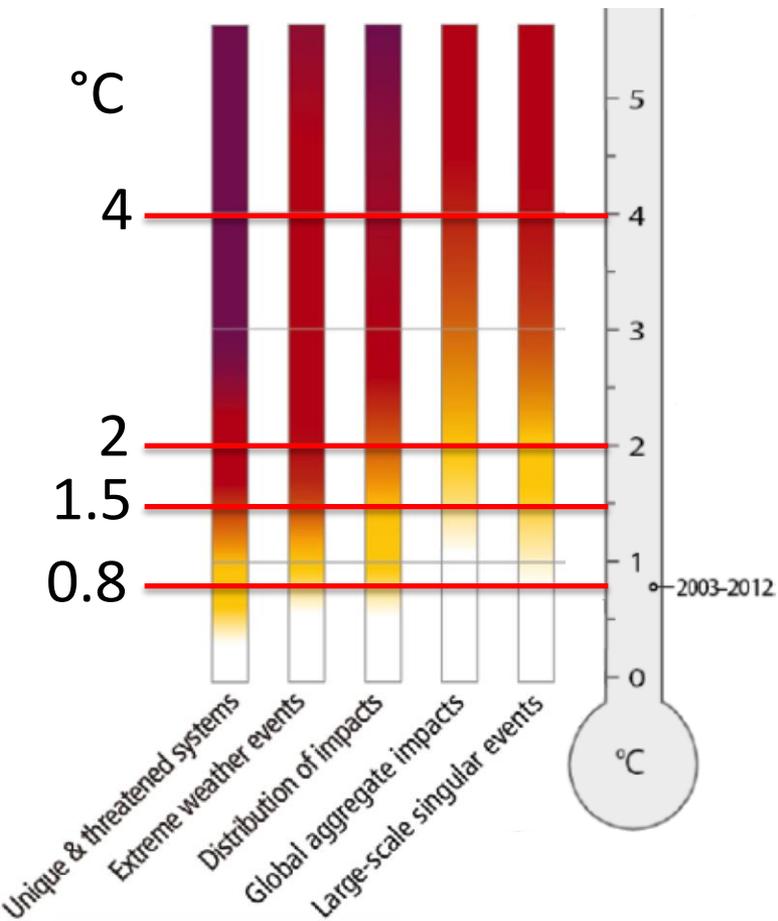


# OBSERVATIONS

## World-wide marine species displacements due to climate change



LTGG Risk assessment: Reasons for concern



How much change is acceptable?

A role for natural (and human) systems to guide the setting of **long-term global goals** (LTGG, relative to preindustrial), considering levels of **risk**

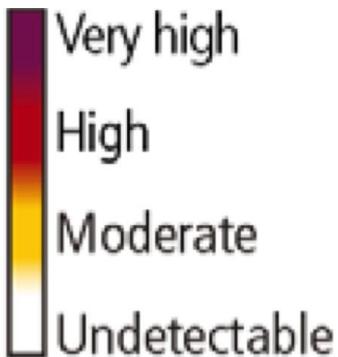
LTGG

4°C

2°C

1.5°C

0.8°C



Level of additional risk due to climate change

UNFCCC Structured Expert Dialogue, 2013 -2015:

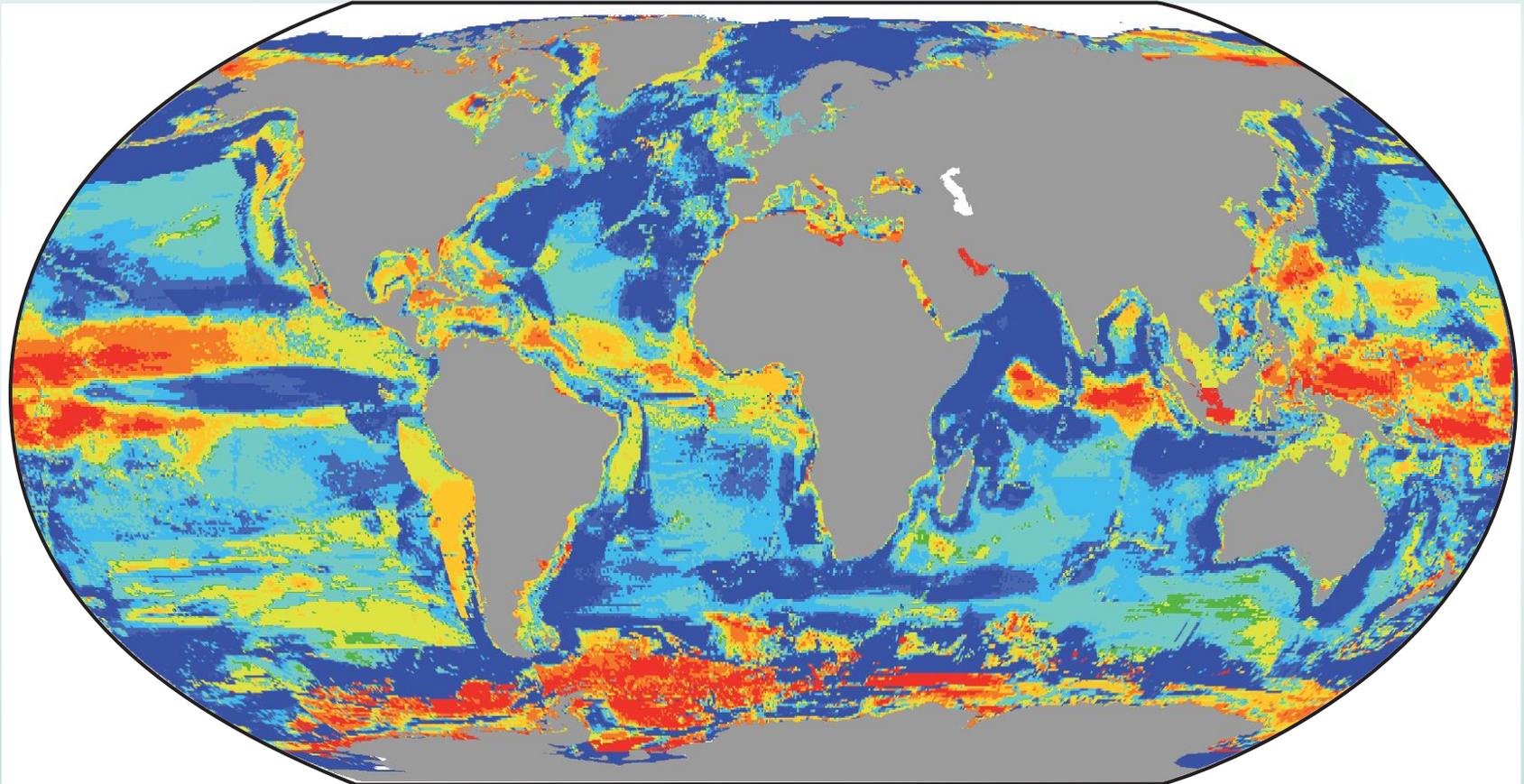
...comparing 1.5 and 2°C, identifying... **Key risks of impacts**  
**Avoided impacts**

# Food security constrained: ....Fisheries

2°C

2051-60: displaced and reduced fish and invertebrate biodiversity

CHANGE IN MAXIMUM CATCH POTENTIAL (2051-2060 COMPARED TO 2001-2010, SRES A1B, 2°C warming of global surface T  
0.7°C warmer Sea Surface T)



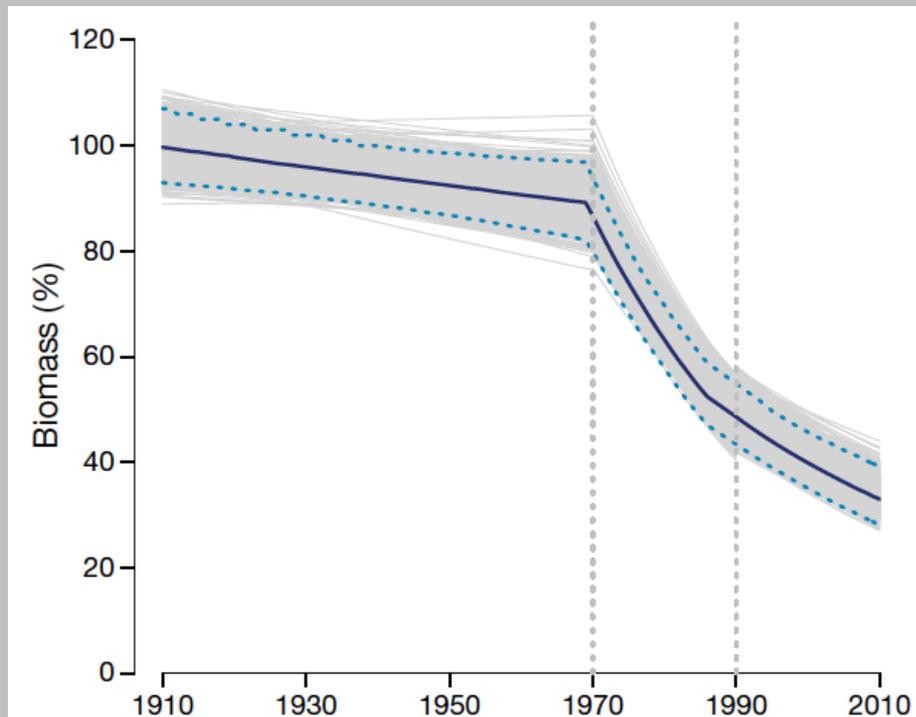
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2051-60: displaced and reduced fish and invertebrate biodiversity

..... 2°C:

**Combined human pressures:  
oceans are warming, acidifying, losing oxygen,  
affecting presently overexploited stocks.**

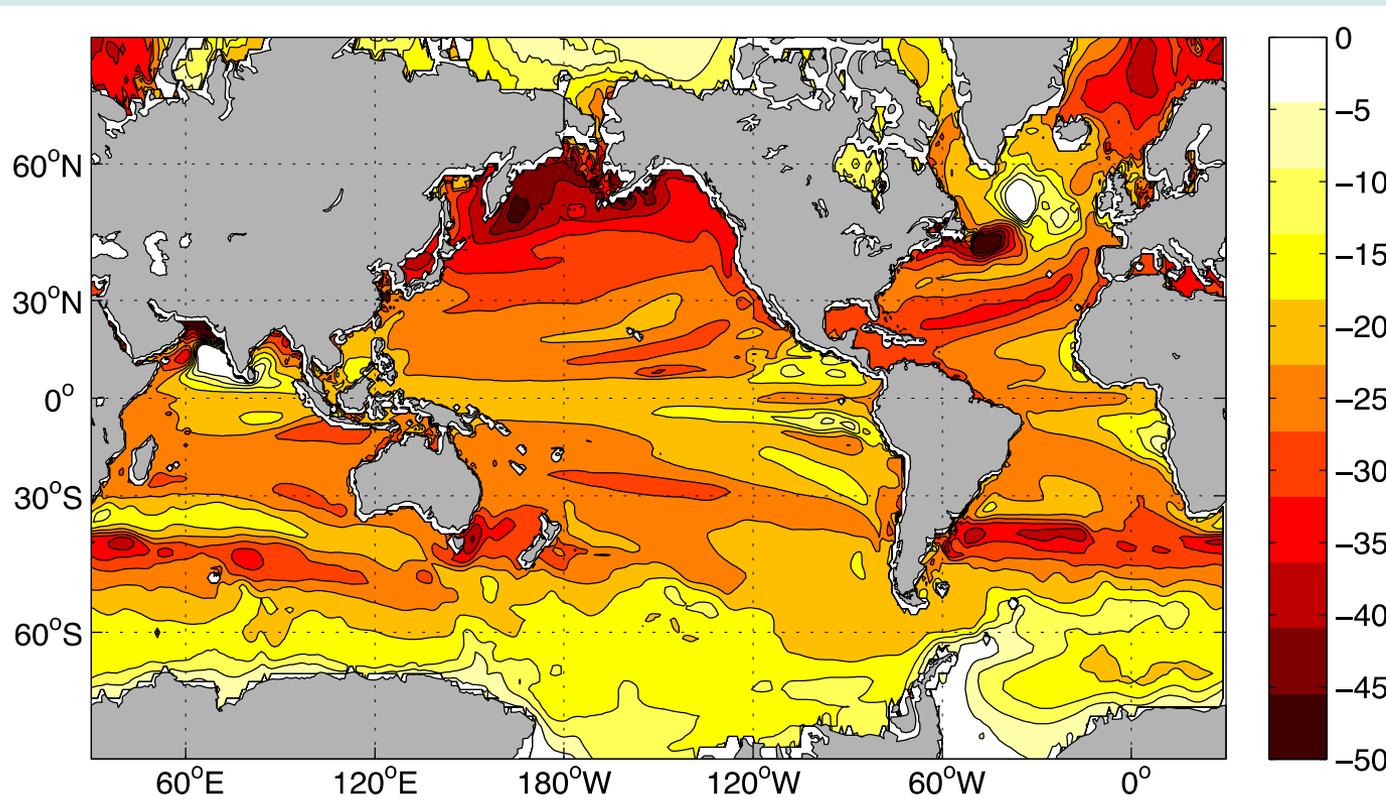


BACKGROUND:  
OVERFISHING caused  
predatory fish biomass to  
decline  
(by  $\approx 70\%$ !)

Christensen et al.  
MEPS 512: 155–166, 2014

>>2°C

REDUCED HABITAT range of marine fishes  
and invertebrates due to  
thermal constraints **combined** with oxygen loss  
in the oceans...an additional role for CO<sub>2</sub>?



% Decline in  
Metabolic Index  
 $\Phi$   
(= routine  
metabolic scope  
in marine  
animals)

by ~20% overall

Northern High  
Latitudes:  
by ~40%

2071-2100, 0-200m

IPCC Earth System Model mean, RCP8.5 scenario

# Vulnerable ecosystems identified in AR5: Arctic summer sea ice systems

1.5°C

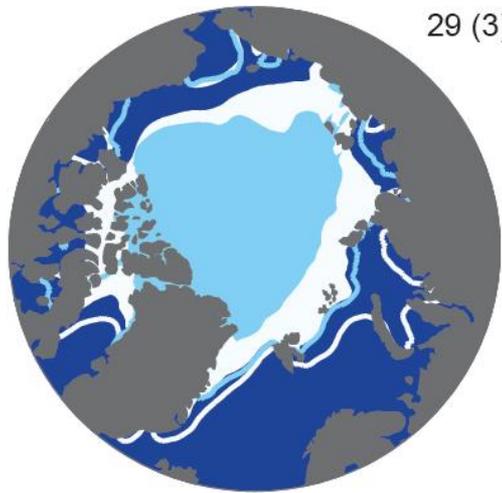
**Important transitions between 1.5 and 2°C?**

≥2°C

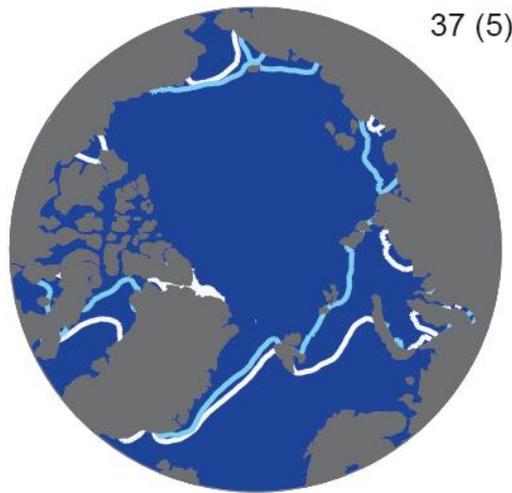
RCP 2.6  
ambitious mitigation

RCP 8.5  
business as usual

## Northern Hemisphere September sea ice extent (average 2081–2100)

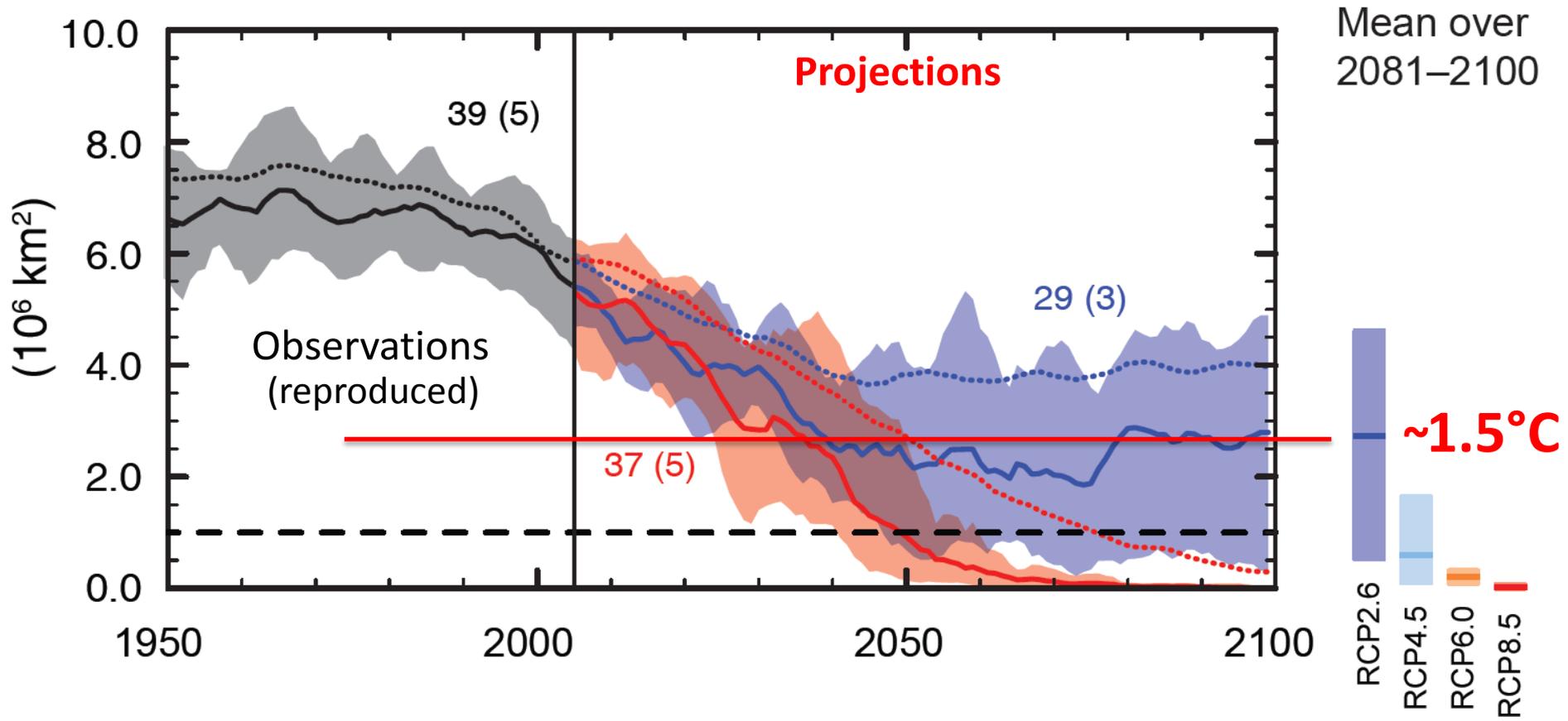


- CMIP5 multi-model average 1986–2005
- CMIP5 multi-model average 2081–2100
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- CMIP5 subset average 2081–2100



# Some Arctic summer sea ice may be protected under RCP2.6

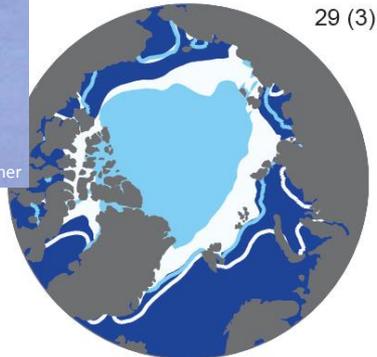
1.5°C



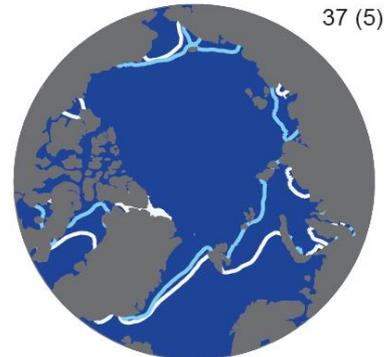
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RCP 2.6



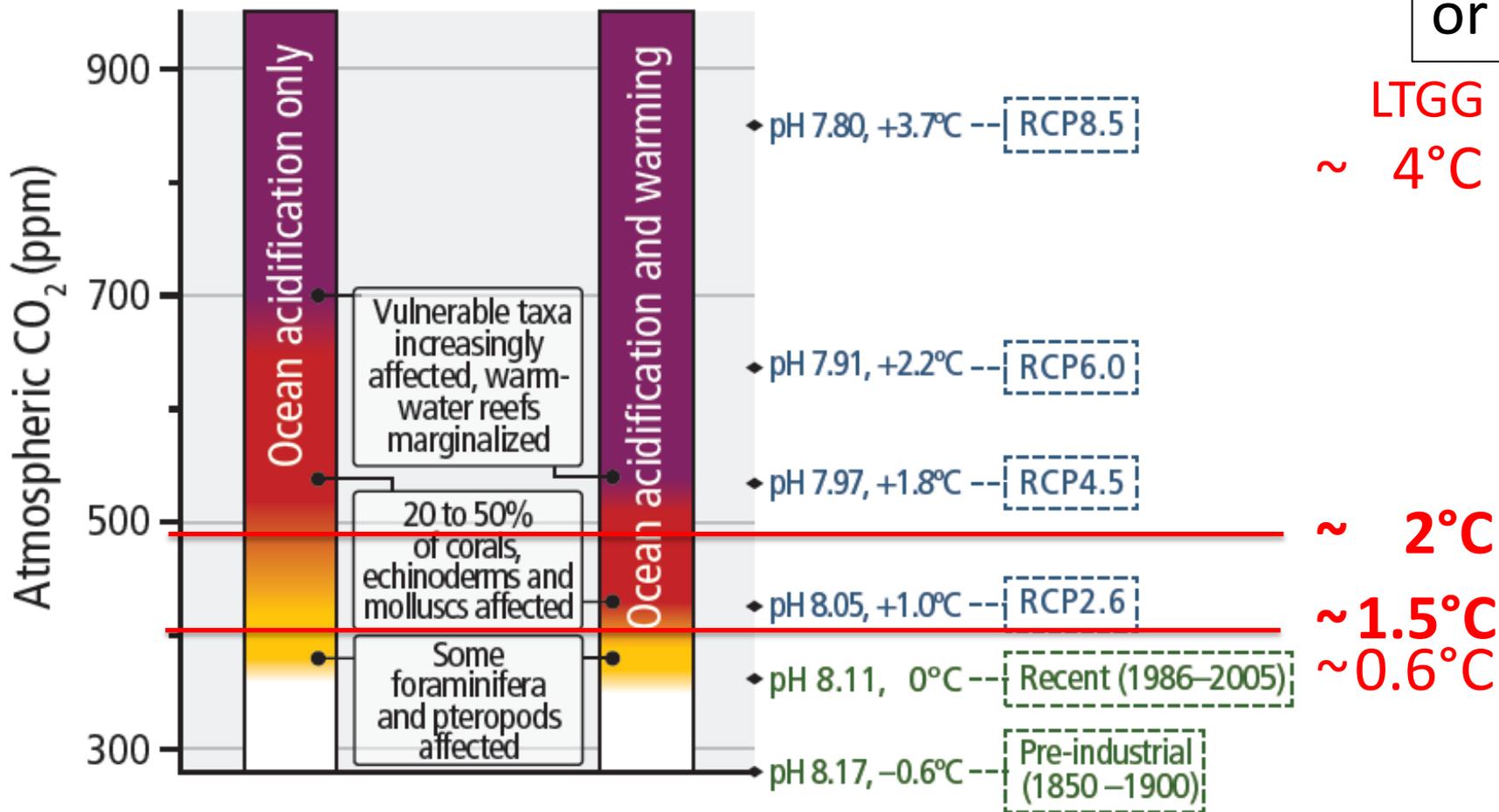
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RCP 8.5

# Risks due to **combined** impacts of ocean warming and acidification ... Setting Long Term Global Goals (LTGG)

1.5°C  
vs. 2°C  
or >>2°C



Additional risk due to climate change



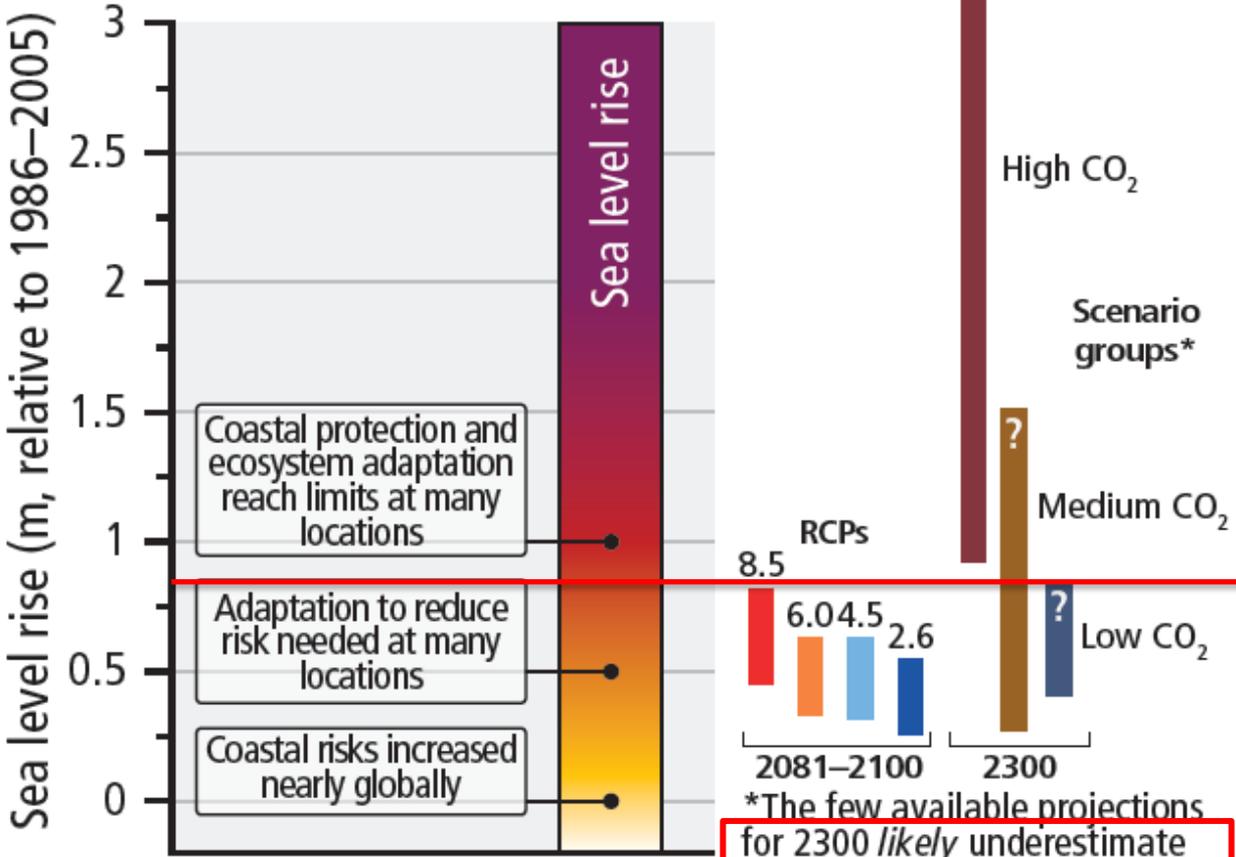
Projected pH, temperature for 2081–2100  
Observed pH, temperature (temperature in °C relative to 1986–2005)

SYR 2.5

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1.5°C

(c) Risk for coastal human and natural systems impacted by sea level rise



Increasing risk associated with high sea level beyond 2100 under RCPs > 2.6

~1.5°C (2300)

However.... Contribution of Antarctic ice sheet likely underestimated

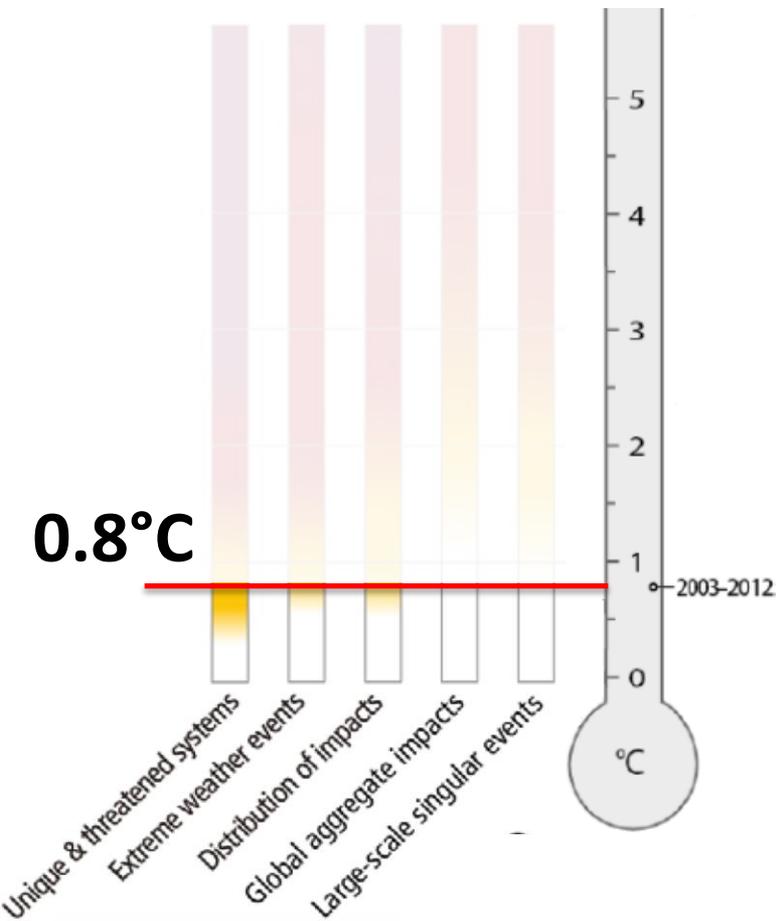
\*The few available projections for 2300 likely underestimate Antarctic ice sheet contribution



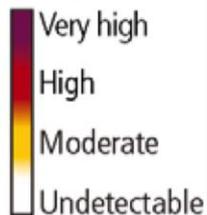
SYR 2.5



## Global Surface Temperature



Level of additional risk due to climate change

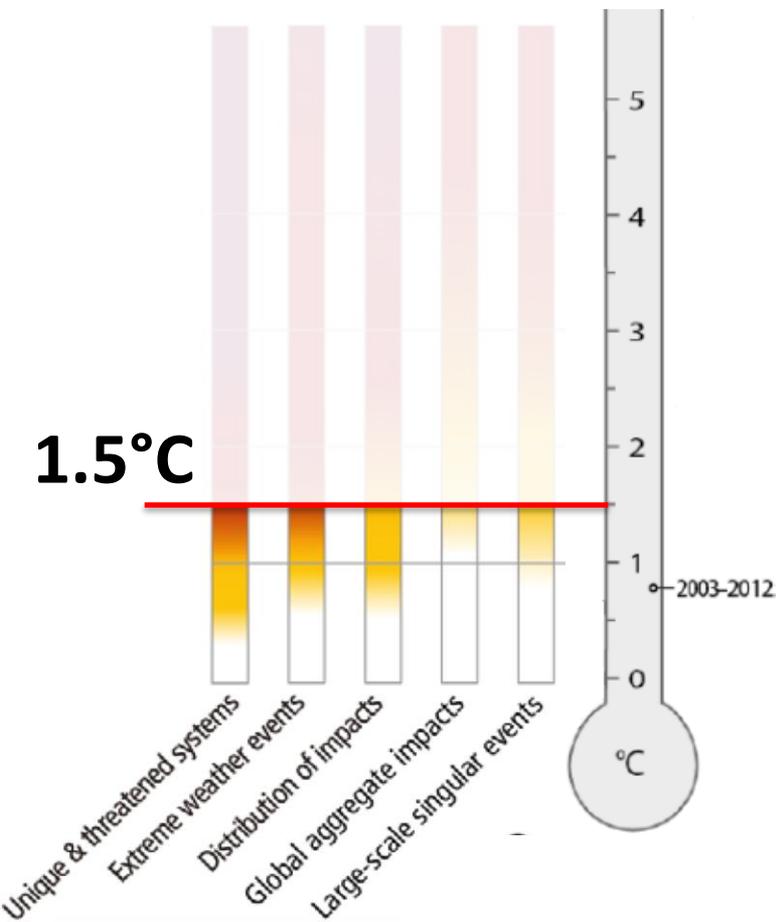


## RECENT global surface T:

.... **observed ecosystem impacts on all continents and in all oceans, e.g.**

**...in the oceans:**

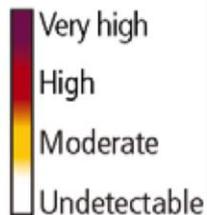
- **Species are displaced**
- **Some unique systems (coral reefs, summer sea ice systems) are losing resilience and spatial cover**
- **Pteropods, foraminifera and bivalve cultures show effects of ocean acidification**
- **...Risks are still moderate but may rise as climate change combines with other pressures**



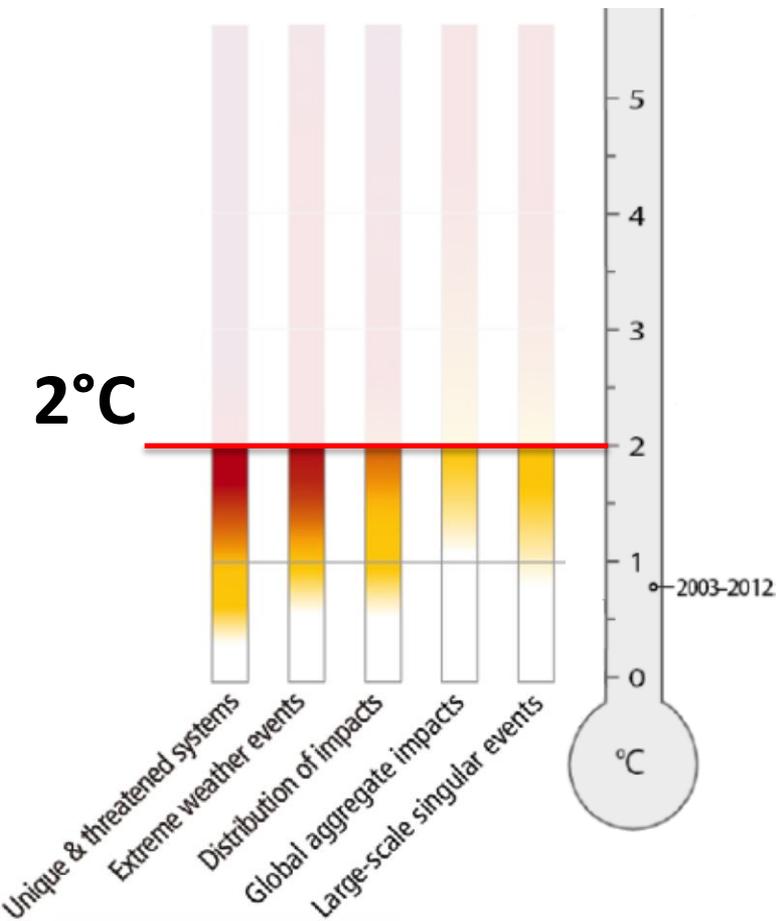
## ....climate change: ....avoided impacts ....projected impacts

- climate change velocity slow enough for most organisms to follow.
- up to half of coral reefs may remain intact.
- sea level rise may remain below 1 m.
- some Arctic summer sea ice may remain.
- ocean acidification impacts at moderate levels.
- Capacity to increase food production reduced further with some scope for adaptation.
- some unique systems at high risk.
- more than half of coral reefs may be lost.
- risks of combined ocean acidification and warming become more prominent.

Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)

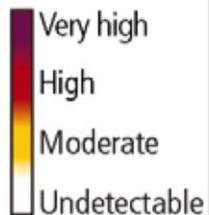


## ....climate change: ....avoided impacts ....projected impacts



- climate change velocity becomes too high for some species to move sufficiently fast.
- long-term sea level rise may exceed 1 m: coastal habitat loss, flooding, seawater inundation.
- Arctic summer sea ice may be lost.
- some unique systems at very high risk.  
e.g. coral reefs and sea ice systems marginalized.
- risks of combined ocean warming and acidification become high.
- food production at high risk with some room for adaptation

Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)



# ADAPTATION IS ALREADY OCCURRING

- **Ocean acidification:** Defending oyster cultures at the US Westcoast against inflow of acidified water.
- **Marine Protected Areas:** Enhancing the resilience of coral reefs and their fish stocks against warming and acidification.
- **Restoration** of Mangrove Forests



...but adaptation capacity is  
highest under moderate climate  
change,  
 $\leq 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$



Paris COP 21  
November /  
December 2015

Leading to the COP21  
Agreement

UNFCCC inviting the  
IPCC  
...to prepare a SR on  
“the impacts of global  
warming of 1.5°C above  
pre-industrial levels and  
related GHG emission  
pathways”

IPCC agreeing

Heads of delegations

# 31 proposals for Special Reports during AR6: The co-chairs have allocated these to 9 clusters - 2 reports possible

Cluster A: Land use, food and agriculture (including desertification)	7 proposals
Cluster B: Cryosphere, oceans and mountains	8 proposals
Cluster C: Health and security	2 proposals
Cluster D: Integrating adaptation and mitigation	5 proposals
Cluster E: Carbon pricing	1 proposal
Cluster F: Scenarios and low-carbon development	4 proposals including UNFCCC 1.5°
Cluster G: Managing climate data and information	1 proposal
Cluster H: Updates policy relevant messages/extreme events	2 proposals
Cluster I: Cities	1 proposal

IPCC accepted the **invitation by UNFCCC** to prepare a SR on “the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related GHG emission pathways” **led by WGI (co-led by II and III)**

## Further Nairobi decisions (going beyond present TSU capacities)

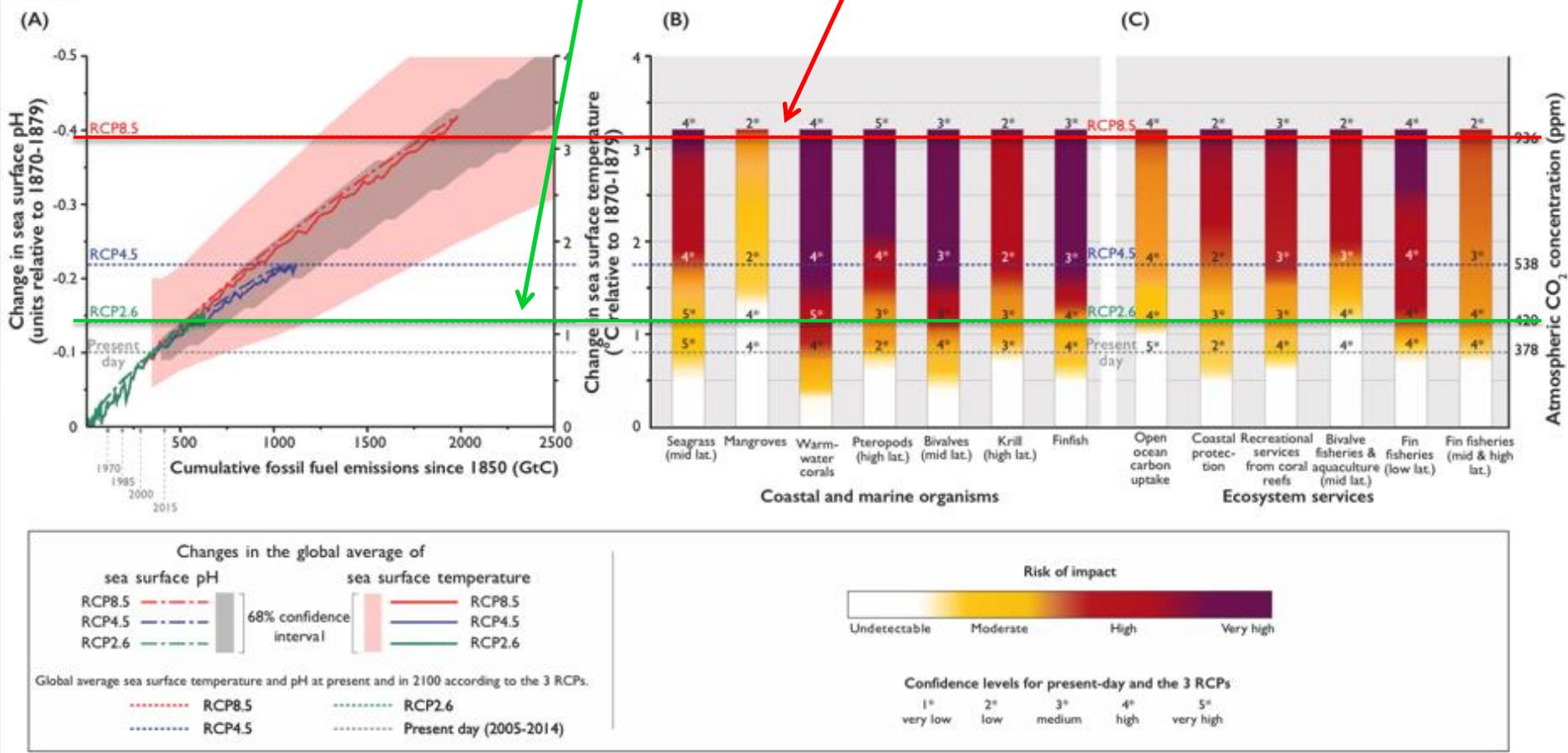
- SR on climate change and **oceans and the cryosphere (WGII?)**
- SR on climate change, **desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and GHG fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems**. The scoping process may consider challenges and opportunities for both adaptation and mitigation (**WGIII?**).
- consider modalities for **addressing and enhancing the treatment of regional issues** in the scoping process for AR6 (**implementation unclear**).
- **AR7 cycle** will include an SR on climate change and **cities**
- to organize an **international scientific conference on climate change and cities** early in the AR6 cycle

# Thank you!

IPCC WGII Ocean Reprint Collection:  
<http://ipcc-wg2.gov/publications/ocean/>



# Impacts are already detectable + contrasting futures will depend on future GHG emissions (RCP2.6 vs. RCP 8.5)



Several organisms and ecosystems in the ocean will face a high risk of impact before 2100, even under the stringent mitigation scenario (i.e., RCP2.6)

## Possible timeline for first Special Report

- Scoping meeting : 09/16
- Nomination call : 03/17
- FOD end of 2017
- SOD spring 2018
- Approval <Nov 2018: before 1<sup>st</sup> national stocktaking
- => *cited papers to be submitted in time for SOD*
- => *cited papers to be accepted in time for final draft*

# Preliminary ideas on what a Special Report on 1.5°C may contain

## WGI Perspective

- Climate sensitivity, cumulative emissions  
*Propagation of uncertainties from climate modelling to impacts (with WGII)*
- Non CO<sub>2</sub> GHG, aerosols and land use in deep decarbonisation pathways  
*(with WGIII)*
- Carbon cycle rebound effect *(with WGII-III)*
- Emergence : natural variability, response to human drivers (emissions / land use) in 1.5°C warmer climate (signal/noise in ensemble simulations)
- Response of the Earth system for different amplitudes of warming (1.5 vs 2, 2.5 or 3°C warming) : sea level, extreme events, water

!! CMIP6 simulations likely not available  
=> *new analyses of CMIP5 + sensitivity tests*

# Preliminary ideas on what a Special Report on 1.5°C may contain

## WGII Perspective

...liaising to WGI and WGIII:

- **low emission impact** scenarios and statistical comparisons of scenarios and climate impacts
- **balancing adaptation and mitigation** strategies and trade-offs
- **socioeconomics of impacts and adaptation** under different emission scenarios
- **comparing „solution pathways“ with respect to impacts**, and the constraints, and tradeoffs in the capacity of adaptation and mitigation

# What may be covered in a 1.5°C Special Report: **WG-III perspective**

- Integrated Assessment Modelling of 1.5°C pathways  
(Energy, economy,
- Modelling “shocks” associated with a radical transition?
- Assessment of negative emission technologies
- Sustainability implications of 1.5°C pathways, including those associated with mitigation options

# Preliminary ideas on what a Special Report on 1.5°C may contain

## Ethical aspects

- 1.5°C warming target vs committed warming and INDCs?
- 1.5°C warming impacts as baseline for loss and damage?
- Potentially dangerous mitigation (geoengineering, negative emissions)?

INDC: Intended Nationally Determined Contributions