

## Technical Summary

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## 1 **TS.A: Introduction**

### 3 ***TS.A.1 Background***

4  
5 This Technical Summary complements and expands the key findings of the Working Group II (WGII)  
6 contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) presented in the Summary for Policymakers and covers  
7 literature accepted for publication by 1 September 2021. It provides technical understanding and is  
8 developed from the key findings of chapters and cross-chapter papers as presented in their Executive  
9 Summaries and integrates across them. The report builds on the WGII contribution to the Fifth Assessment  
10 Report (AR5) of the IPCC and the three Special Reports of the AR6 cycle providing new knowledge and  
11 updates. The three Special Reports are Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC Special Report on the impacts of  
12 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the content of  
13 strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to  
14 eradicate poverty; Climate Change and Land, an IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification,  
15 land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial  
16 ecosystems; and The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate, Special Report of the Intergovernmental  
17 Panel on Climate Change. The WGII assessment integrates with the WGI (the Physical Science Basis) and  
18 WGIII (Mitigation of climate change) contributions as well as contributing to the Synthesis Report.

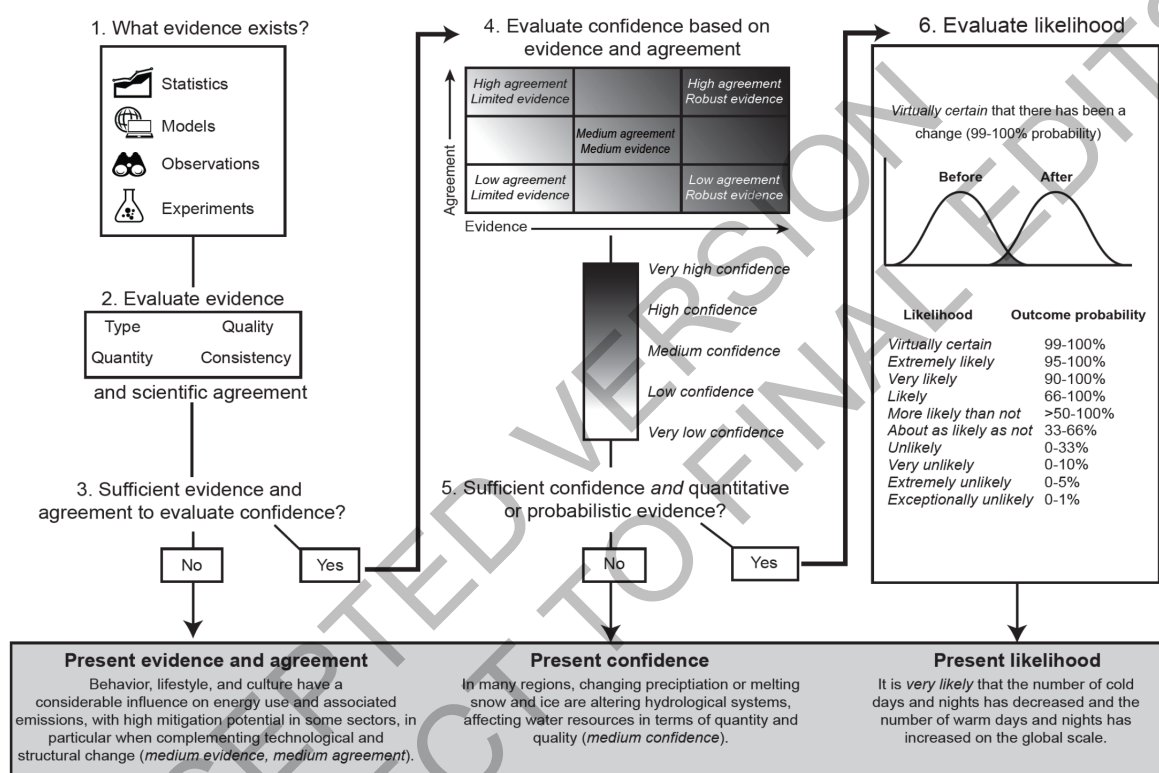
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20 The contribution of Working Group II (WGII) to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of the IPCC  
21 summarizes the current understanding of observed climate change impacts on ecosystems, human societies  
22 and their cities, settlements, infrastructures and industrial systems as well as vulnerabilities and future risks  
23 tied to different socioeconomic development pathways. The report is set against a current backdrop of rapid  
24 urbanisation, biodiversity loss, a growing and dynamic global human population, significant inequality and  
25 demands for social justice, rapid technological change, continuing poverty, land degradation and food  
26 insecurity, and risks from shocks such as pandemics and increasingly intense extreme events from ongoing  
27 climate change. The report also assesses existing adaptations and their feasibility and limits. Any success of  
28 adaptation is dependent on the achieved level of mitigation and the transformation to global and regional  
29 sustainability outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Accordingly, adaptation is essential  
30 for climate-resilient development. Compared to earlier IPCC assessments, this report integrates more  
31 strongly across the natural, social and economic sciences, highlighting the role of social justice and diverse  
32 forms of knowledge, such as Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, and reflects the increasing  
33 importance of urgent and immediate action to address climate risk. {1.1.1}

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35 Since AR5, climate action has increased at all levels of governance including among non-governmental  
36 organisations, small and large enterprises, and citizens. Two international agreements – the United Nations  
37 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for  
38 Sustainable Development – jointly provide overarching goals for climate action. The 2030 Agenda for  
39 Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015 by UN member states, sets out 17 Sustainable Development  
40 Goals (SDGs), frames policies for achieving a more sustainable future and aligns efforts globally to prioritize  
41 ending extreme poverty, protect the planet, and promote more peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive societies.  
42 Since AR5, several new international conventions have identified climate change adaptation and risk  
43 reduction as important global priorities for sustainable development, including the Sendai Framework for  
44 Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), the finance-oriented Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the New Urban  
45 Agenda. The Convention on Biological Diversity and its Aichi targets recognizes that biodiversity is affected by  
46 climate change, with negative consequences for human well-being, but biodiversity, through the ecosystem  
47 services, contributes to both climate-change mitigation and adaptation. {1.1.2}

### 50 ***TS.A.2 TS Structure of the Report***

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52 The Technical Summary is structured in five sections: Section A Introduction, Section B Observed impacts  
53 and adaptation, Section C Projected impacts and risks, Section D Contribution of adaptation to solutions and  
54 Section E Climate Resilient Development. Each section includes several headline statements followed by  
55 several bullet points providing details about the underlying assessments. All findings and figures are  
56 supported by and traceable to the underlying report, indicated by references {in curly brackets} to relevant  
57 sections of chapters and cross-chapter papers.

Confidence in the key findings of this assessment is communicated using the IPCC calibrated Uncertainty Language. This calibrated language is designed to consistently evaluate and communicate uncertainties that arise from incomplete knowledge due to a lack of information, or from disagreement about what is known or even knowable. The IPCC calibrated language uses qualitative expressions of confidence based on the robustness of evidence for a finding, and (where possible) uses quantitative expressions to describe the likelihood of a finding. Each finding is grounded in an evaluation of underlying evidence and agreement. A level of confidence is expressed using five qualifiers: *very low*, *low*, *medium*, *high* and *very high*, and typeset in italics, e.g., *medium confidence*. The following terms have been used to indicate the assessed likelihood of an outcome or a result: *virtually certain* 99-100% probability, *very likely* 90-100%, *likely* 66-100%, *as likely as not* 33-66%, *unlikely* 0-33%, *very unlikely* 0-10%, *exceptionally unlikely* 0-1%. Assessed likelihood is typeset in italics, e.g., *very likely*. This is consistent with AR5 and the other AR6 Reports. {Figure TS.1; 1.3.4}



**Figure TS.1:** The IPCC AR5 and AR6 framework for applying expert judgment in the evaluation and characterisation of assessment findings. This illustration depicts the process assessment authors apply in evaluating and communicating the current state of knowledge. {Figure 1.6}

### TS.A.3 Key Developments since AR5

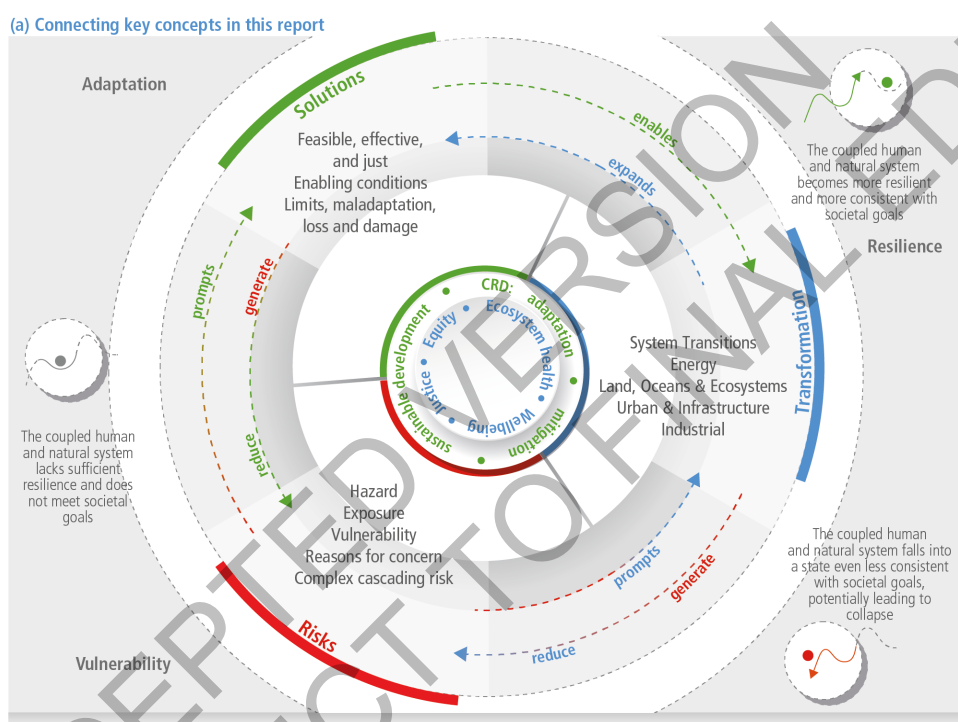
Interdisciplinary climate change assessment, which has played a prominent role in science–society interactions on the climate issue since 1988, has advanced in important ways since AR5. Building on a substantially expanded scientific and technical literature, this AR6 report emphasizes at least three broad themes. {1.1.4, Figure TS.2}

First, this AR6 assessment has an increased focus on risk- and solutions-frameworks. The risk framing can move beyond the limits of single best estimates or most-likely outcomes and include high-consequence outcomes for which probabilities are low or in some cases unknown. In this report, the risk framing for the first time spans all three working groups, includes risks from the responses to climate change, considers dynamic and cascading consequences describes with more geographic detail risks to people and ecosystems, and assesses such risks over a range of scenarios. The focus on solutions encompasses the interconnections among climate responses, sustainable development, and transformation—and the implications for

governance across scales within the public and private sectors. The assessment therefore includes climate-related decision-making and risk management, climate-resilient development pathways, implementation and evaluation of adaptation, and also limits to adaptation and loss and damage. Specific focal areas reflect contexts increasingly important for the implementation of responses, such as cities. {1.3.1, 1.4.4, 16, 17, 18}

Second, emphases on social justice, equity and different forms of expertise have emerged. As climate change impacts and implemented responses increasingly occur, there is heightened awareness of the ways that climate responses interact with issues of justice and social progress. In this report, there is expanded attention to inequity in climate vulnerability and responses, the role of power and participation in processes of implementation, unequal and differential impacts, and climate justice. The historic focus on scientific literature has also been increasingly accompanied by attention to and incorporation of Indigenous knowledge, local knowledge, and associated scholars. {1.3.2, 1.4.1, 17.5.2}

Third, AR6 has a more extensive focus on the role of transformation in meeting societal goals. {1.5}



(a) Connecting key concepts in this report

(b) Overview of the narrative of the SPM

Observed Impacts & Projected risks on	Mitigation efforts (IPCC WGII Report)	Adaptation categories with successful efforts		Climate Resilient Development (CRD)
Ecosystems	Bringing CO2 emissions from fossil sources to net zero.	Societal sustainability options	Biosphere sustainability options	System Transitions:
Society	Mitigation scenarios - different climate futures	Coastal hard protection	Coast ecosystem-based adaptation	Energy System
Settlements & Infrastructure	Combined strategies in terms of energy consumption, energy supply and energy sources	Planned retreat	Reforestation/afforestation/ protection of wild areas	Land and Ocean Ecosystems
Reasons for Concern (RFCs)	System transitions:	Shifting crops and livestock	Ecosystem connectivity	Urban and Infrastructure
Representative Key Risks (RKR)	Energy	Consumer behaviour change	Ecosystem-based adaptation	Industry
Vulnerability to Extremes	AFOLU	Changing livelihoods	Policy (fisheries, soil and land management)	Societal
	Buildings	Social safety nets, insurance		Enabled through Equity, Justice, Poverty Reduction, Gender Equality and Planetary Health
	Transport	Improved water supply and water use efficiency		
	Industry	Grey/green/blue infrastructure		
	Urban	Building policies for resilience		
		Disaster management and early warning		
		Health care systems		
		Voluntary, supported migration		
		Cooperative governance		
		Reduction of poverty and inequality		
	Costs, risks, limitations			

Actors; Enabling conditions including finance, governance and institutions; limits; maladaptation

Figure TS.2: Connecting key concepts in the WGII Assessment Report. (a) The current coupled human and natural system is insufficiently resilient and does not meet societal goals of equity, well-being, and ecosystem health. Meeting

1 the objectives of the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals, and other policy statements requires society and  
2 the biosphere to move to a new and more resilient state. Key concepts used in this report help illuminate our current  
3 situation and potential solutions. These key concepts are usefully organized around the concepts of risk, solutions, and  
4 transformation. Risk can prompt solutions and transformation. Both solutions and transformation seek to reduce some  
5 risks but may also generate others. Solutions can enable transformation, and transformation can expand the set of  
6 feasible solutions into climate resilient development. {1.2, Figure 1.2}

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9 The following overarching conclusions have been derived from the whole of the assessment of Working  
10 Group II:

11  
12 i) The magnitude of observed impacts and projected climate risks indicate the scale of decision making,  
13 funding and investment needed over the next decade if climate resilient development is to be achieved.

14  
15 ii) Since AR5, climate risks are appearing faster and will get more severe sooner (*high confidence*). Impacts  
16 cascade through natural and human systems, often compounding with the impacts from other human  
17 activities. Feasible, integrated mitigation and adaptation solutions can be tailored to specific locations and  
18 monitored for their effectiveness, while avoiding conflict with sustainable development objectives, and  
19 managing risks and trade-offs (*high confidence*).

20  
21 iii) Available evidence on projected climate risks indicates that opportunities for adaptation to many climate  
22 risks will *likely* become constrained and have reduced effectiveness should 1.5°C global warming be  
23 exceeded and that, for many locations on Earth, capacity for adaptation is already significantly limited. The  
24 maintenance and recovery of natural and human systems will require the achievement of mitigation targets.

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27 [START BOX TS.1 HERE]

### 28 29 **Box TS.1: Core Concepts of the Report**

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31 This box provides an overview of key definitions and concepts relevant to the WGII AR6 assessment, with a  
32 focus on those updated or new since AR5.

33  
34 **Risk** in this report is defined as the potential for adverse consequences for human or ecological systems,  
35 recognising the diversity of values and objectives associated with such systems. In the context of climate  
36 change impacts, risks result from dynamic interactions between climate-related hazards with the exposure  
37 and vulnerability of the affected human or ecological system. In the context of climate change responses,  
38 risks result from the potential for such responses not achieving the intended objective(s), or from potential  
39 trade-offs or negative side-effects. **Risk management** is defined as plans, actions, strategies or policies to  
40 reduce the likelihood and/or magnitude of adverse potential consequences, based on assessed or perceived  
41 risks. {1.2.1, Annex II: Glossary}

42  
43 **Vulnerability** is a component of risk, but also an important focus independently. Vulnerability in this report  
44 is defined as the propensity or predisposition to be adversely affected and encompasses a variety of concepts  
45 and elements including sensitivity or susceptibility to harm and lack of capacity to cope and adapt (see  
46 Annex II: Glossary). Over the past several decades, approaches to analysing and assessing vulnerability have  
47 evolved. An early emphasis on top-down, biophysical evaluation of vulnerability included—and often started  
48 with—exposure to climate hazards in assessing vulnerability. From this starting point, attention to bottom-  
49 up, social and contextual determinants of vulnerability, which often differ, has emerged, although this  
50 approach is incompletely applied or integrated across contexts. Vulnerability is now widely understood to  
51 differ within communities and across societies, also changing through time. In the WGII AR6, assessment of  
52 the vulnerability of people and ecosystems encompasses the differing approaches that exist within the  
53 literature, both critiquing and harmonizing them based on available evidence. In this context, **exposure** is  
54 defined as the presence of people; livelihoods; species or ecosystems; environmental functions, services, and  
55 resources; infrastructure; or economic, social, or cultural assets in places and settings that could be adversely  
56 affected. Potentially affected places and settings can be defined geographically, as well as more dynamically,  
57 for example through transmission or interconnections through markets or flows of people. {1.2.1, Annex II:  
58 Glossary}

1  
2 **Adaptation** in this report is defined, in human systems, as the process of adjustment to actual or expected  
3 climate and its effects, in order to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities. In natural systems,  
4 adaptation is the process of adjustment to actual climate and its effects; human intervention may facilitate  
5 adjustment to expected climate and its effects (see Annex II: Glossary). Adaptation planning in human  
6 systems generally entails a process of iterative risk management. Different types of adaptation have been  
7 distinguished, including anticipatory versus reactive, autonomous versus planned, and incremental versus  
8 transformational adaptation. Adaptation is often seen as having five general stages: 1) awareness, 2)  
9 assessment, 3) planning, 4) implementation, and 5) monitoring and evaluation. Government, non-  
10 government, and private-sector actors have adopted a wide variety of specific approaches to adaptation that,  
11 to varying degrees, address these five general stages. Adaptation in natural systems includes “autonomous”  
12 adjustments through ecological and evolutionary processes. It also involves the use of nature through  
13 ecosystem-based adaptation. The role of species, biodiversity, and ecosystems in such adaptation options can  
14 range from the rehabilitation or restoration of ecosystems (e.g., wetlands or mangroves) to hybrid  
15 combinations of “green and grey” infrastructure (e.g., horizontal levees). The WGII AR6 emphasizes  
16 assessment of observed adaptation-related responses to climate change, governance and decision-making in  
17 adaptation, and the role of adaptation in reducing key risks and global-scale reasons for concern, as well as  
18 limits to such adaptation. {1.2.1, 17.4}

19  
20 **Resilience** in this report is defined as the capacity of social, economic and environmental systems to cope  
21 with a hazardous event or trend or disturbance, responding or reorganising in ways that maintain their  
22 essential function, identity and structure while also maintaining the capacity for adaptation, learning and  
23 transformation. Resilience is an entry point commonly used, although under a wide spectrum of meanings.  
24 Resilience as a system trait overlaps with concepts of vulnerability, adaptive capacity, and thereby risk, and  
25 resilience as a strategy overlaps with risk management, adaptation, and also transformation. Implemented  
26 adaptation is often organized around resilience as bouncing back and returning to a previous state after a  
27 disturbance. {1.2.1, Annex II: Glossary}

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29 [END BOX TS.1 HERE]

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32 [START BOX TS.2 HERE]

### 33 **Box TS.2: AR6 Climate Reference Periods, Global Warming Levels, and Common Climate** 34 **Dimensions**

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36  
37 Common climate dimensions are used in WGII to contextualize and facilitate WGII analyses, presentation,  
38 synthesis, and communication of assessed, observed and projected climate change impacts across WGII  
39 Chapters and Cross-Chapter Papers. “Common climate dimensions” are defined as common Global  
40 Warming Levels (GWLs), time periods, and levels of other variables as needed by WGII authors for more  
41 consistent communications. {CCB CLIMATE}

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43 A set of climate variable ranges were derived from the AR6 WGI report and supporting resources to help  
44 contextualize and inform the projection of potential future climate impacts and key risks. The information  
45 enables the mapping of climate variable levels to climate projections and vice versa, with ranges of results  
46 provided to characterize the physical uncertainties relevant to assessing climate impacts risk. WGII common  
47 climate dimension variables include GWL ranges by time periods and ranges regarding the timing for when  
48 GWLs are reached in climate projections. In both cases, WGI assessed ranges are provided as well as full  
49 ensemble ranges for RCP and SSP x-y climate projections for common GWL levels of 1.5, 2, 3, and 4°C.  
50 The data illustrates the greater levels of projected global warming with higher emissions pathways, as well as  
51 the increasing uncertainty in the climate response over time for a given pathway, with the data regarding the  
52 timing of reaching global warming levels illustrating significant uncertainty that narrows the higher the  
53 emissions pathway. Common climate dimension ranges are also assembled for select climate variables  
54 (temperature, precipitation, ocean) by global warming level and continent (or ocean biome) to capture  
55 geographic heterogeneity in projected changes and uncertainty in future climate, recognizing that there is  
56 significantly more spatial heterogeneity than represented at the continental level that is relevant to local  
57 decision makers.

1  
2 To explore and investigate climate futures, climate change projections are developed using sets of different  
3 inputs consisting of greenhouse gas emissions, aerosols or aerosol precursor emissions, land use change, and  
4 concentrations designed to facilitate evaluation of a large climate space and enable climate modelling  
5 experiments. For AR5 (and the CMIP5 climate model experiments), the input projections were referred to as  
6 Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs). For AR6 (and the CMIP6 climate model experiments), new  
7 sets of inputs are used and referred to as Shared Socio-Economic Pathways (SSPs). The RCPs are a set of  
8 four trajectories that span a large radiative forcing range, defined as increased energy input at surface level in  
9 Watts per square meter, ranging from 2.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> (RCP2.6) to 8.5 W m<sup>-2</sup> (RCP 8.5) by the end of the 21st  
10 century, with RCP4.5 and RCP6.0 as intermediate scenarios, and RCP2.6 a peak and decline scenario  
11 reaching 3 W m<sup>-2</sup> before 2100. A core set of five SSP scenarios, namely SSP1–1.9, SSP1–2.6, SSP2–4.5,  
12 SSP3–7.0, and SSP5–8.5, was selected in the AR6 WGI report. The first number in the label is the particular  
13 set of socioeconomic assumptions driving the emissions and other climate forcing inputs taken up by climate  
14 models and the second number is the radiative forcing level reached in 2100, with SSP1–1.9 a low overshoot  
15 scenario consistent with limiting global average warming to 1.5°C, and SSP1-2.6 a scenario consistent with  
16 limiting warming to 2°C. In addition to the RCPs and SSPs, there are many other emissions pathways and  
17 societies consistent with any global mean temperature outcome, representing uncertainty that affects climate  
18 change exposure and vulnerability. Further, note that the likelihood of an emissions scenario affects the  
19 likelihood of a climate outcome, and the overall distribution of climate outcomes. This is important because  
20 the plausibility of the highest and lowest RCP and SSP emissions scenarios has been questioned.

21  
22 A common set of reference years and time periods are also adopted to assess observed and projected climate  
23 change: pre-industrial, current ‘modern,’ and a set of future common time periods. As defined in the IPCC  
24 Glossary, pre-industrial period is defined as “the multi-century period prior to the onset of large-scale  
25 industrial activity around 1750. The reference period 1850–1900 is used to approximate pre-industrial global  
26 mean surface temperature (GMST)”. The ‘modern’ period is defined as 1995 to 2014 in AR6, while three  
27 future reference periods are used for presenting climate change projections, namely near-term (2021–2040),  
28 mid-term (2041–2060) and long-term (2081–2100), in both the AR6 WGI and WGII reports. Importantly,  
29 the historical rate of warming assessed by WGI in AR6 is different to that assessed in AR5 and SR1.5, due to  
30 methodological updates (see WGI Cross-Chapter Box 2.3 in Chapter 2 for details); thus, the ‘modern’ period  
31 is assessed as slightly warmer compared to 1850–1900 than it would have been with AR5-era methods,  
32 which has implications for the projected timing of reaching GWLs. This is also affected by updated  
33 methodologies in WGIAR6, climate sensitivity ranges, and updated assumptions on aerosols or the way of  
34 linear (see SR1.5) versus scenario-based (see WGIAR6) extrapolation to the time of reaching a GWL of  
35 1.5°C. In both cases, a GWL of 1.5°C is projected to be reached at about the same time, around 2035. {CCB  
36 CLIMATE, WGIAR6 SPM}

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38 [END BOX TS.2 HERE]

## 39 40 41 **TS.B: Observed Impacts**

### 42 43 *Introduction*

44 This section reports how worldwide climate change is increasingly affecting marine, freshwater and  
45 terrestrial ecosystems and ecosystem services, water and food security, settlements and infrastructure, health  
46 and wellbeing, and economies and culture, especially through compound stresses and events. It refers to the  
47 increasing confidence since AR5 that detected impacts are attributed to climate change, including the  
48 impacts of extreme events. It illustrates how compound hazards have become more frequent in all world  
49 regions, with widespread consequences. Regional increases in temperature, aridity and drought have  
50 increased the frequency and intensity of fire. The interaction between fire, land use change, particularly  
51 deforestation, and climate change, is directly impacting human health, ecosystem functioning, forest  
52 structure, food security and the livelihoods of resource-dependent communities.

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54 Climate change impacts are concurrent and interact with other significant societal changes that have become  
55 more salient since AR5, including a growing and urbanising global population; significant inequality and  
56 demands for social justice; rapid technological change; continuing poverty, land and water degradation,  
57 biodiversity loss; food insecurity; and a global pandemic.



**TS.B.1 Climate change has altered marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems all around the world (*very high confidence*). Effects have been experienced earlier, are more widespread and with further-reaching consequences than anticipated (*medium confidence*). Biological responses including changes in physiology, growth, abundances, geographic placement and shifting seasonal timing are often not sufficient to cope with recent climate change (*very high confidence*). Climate change has caused local species losses, increases in disease (*high confidence*), mass mortality events of plants and animals (*very high confidence*), resulting in the first climate driven extinctions (*medium confidence*), ecosystem restructuring, increases in areas burned by wildfire (*high confidence*), and declines in key ecosystem services (*high confidence*). Climate-driven impacts on ecosystems have caused measurable economic and livelihood losses and altered cultural practices and recreational activities around the world (*high confidence*).** {Figure TS.3, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5, CCB EXTREMES, 3.2, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, Box 3.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, CCB SLR, CCB NATURAL, 4.3.5, 9.6.1, 9.6.3, 10.4.2., 11.3.1, 11.3.2, 11.3.11, 11.3.2, 11.3.11, 12.3, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.1, 14.2.1, 14.5.1, 14.5.2; 15.3.3., 15.3.4, 16.2.3, CCP1.2.1; CCP1.2.2, CCP1.2.4, CCP3.2.1, CCP4.1.3, CCP5.2.1, CCP5.2.7, CP6.1, CCP6.2.1, CCP7.2.1, CCP7.3.2, Table 2.2, Table 2.3, Table 2.S.1, CCB ILLNESS, Box CCP1.1, CCP5.2.1}

**TS.B.1.1 Anthropogenic climate change has exposed ecosystems to conditions that are unprecedented over millennia (*high confidence*), which has greatly impacted species on land and in the ocean (*very high confidence*).** Consistent with expectations, species in all ecosystems have shifted their geographic ranges and altered the timing of seasonal events (*very high confidence*). Among thousands of species spread across terrestrial, freshwater and marine systems, half to two-thirds have shifted their ranges to higher latitudes (*very high confidence*), and approximately two-thirds have shifted towards earlier spring life events (*very high confidence*) in response to warming. The move of diseases and their vectors has brought new diseases into high Arctic and at higher elevations in mountain regions to which local wildlife and humans are not resistant (*high confidence*). These processes have led to emerging hybridisation, competition, temporal or spatial mismatches in predator-prey, insect-plant and host-parasite relationships, and invasion of alien plant pests or pathogens (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.2, 2.5.4, 2.6.1, 3.2.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.2, 4.3.5, 9.6.1, 10.4.2, 11.3.1, 11.3.2; 11.3.11, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.7, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.2, 14.5.1, 14.5.2; 15.3.3, 16.2.3, 16.2.3, CCB EXTREMES, CCB ILLNESS, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCP1.2.1, CCP 1.2.2, CCP1.2.4, CCP3.2.1, CCP4.1.3, CCP5.2.1, CCP.5.2.7, CCP6.2.1, CCP7.3.2}

**TS.B.1.2 Observed responses of species to climate change have altered biodiversity and impacted ecosystem structure and resilience in most regions (*very high confidence*).** Range shifts reduce biodiversity in the warmest regions and locations as adaptation limits are exceeded (*high confidence*). Simultaneously, these shifts homogenise biodiversity (*medium confidence*) in regions receiving climate-migrant species, alter food webs and eliminate distinctiveness of communities (*medium confidence*). Increasing losses of habitat-forming species such as trees, corals, kelp, and seagrass have caused irreversible shifts in some ecosystems and threaten associated biodiversity in marine systems (*high confidence*). Human-introduced invasive (non-native) species can reduce or replace native species and alter ecosystem characteristics if they fare better than endemic species in new climate-altered ecological niches (*high confidence*). Such invasive species effects are most prominent in geographically constrained areas, including islands, semi-enclosed seas and mountains, and they increase vulnerability in these systems (*high confidence*). Phenological shifts increase risks of temporal mismatches between trophic levels within ecosystems (*medium confidence*), which can lead to reduced food availability and population abundances (*medium confidence*) and can further destabilise ecosystem resilience. {Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.5, Box 2.1, 2.5.4, 3.3.3, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, Box 3.2, Box 3.4, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 4.3.5, 9.6.1, 10.4.2, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, 11.3.11, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.2, 14.5.1, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 15.8, CCB EXTREMES, Box CCP1.1, CCP1.2.2, CCP1.2.1, CCP3.2.1, CCP5.2.1}

**TS.B.1.3 At the warm (equatorward and lower) edges of distributions, adaptation limits to human-induced warming have led to widespread local population losses (extirpations) that result in range contractions (*very high confidence*).** Among land plants and animals, local population loss was detected in around 50% of studied species and is often attributable to extreme events (*high confidence*). Such

1 extirpations are most common in tropical habitats (55%) and freshwater systems (74%), but also high in  
2 marine (51%) and terrestrial (46%) habitats. Many mountain-top species have suffered population losses  
3 along lower elevations, leaving them increasingly restricted to a smaller area and at higher risk of extinction  
4 (*medium confidence*). Global extinctions due to climate change are already being observed, with two  
5 extinctions currently attributed to anthropogenic climate change (*medium confidence*). Climate-induced  
6 extinctions, including mass extinctions, are common in the paleo record underlining the potential of climate  
7 change to have catastrophic impacts on species and ecosystems (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.5  
8 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.5, 2.5.4, CCB EXTREMES, CCB PALEO, 3.3.3, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, Box  
9 3.2, 9.6.1, 11.3.1, 12.3, 13.4.1, CCP1.2.1, CCP5.2.1, CCP5.2.7, CCP7.2.1}

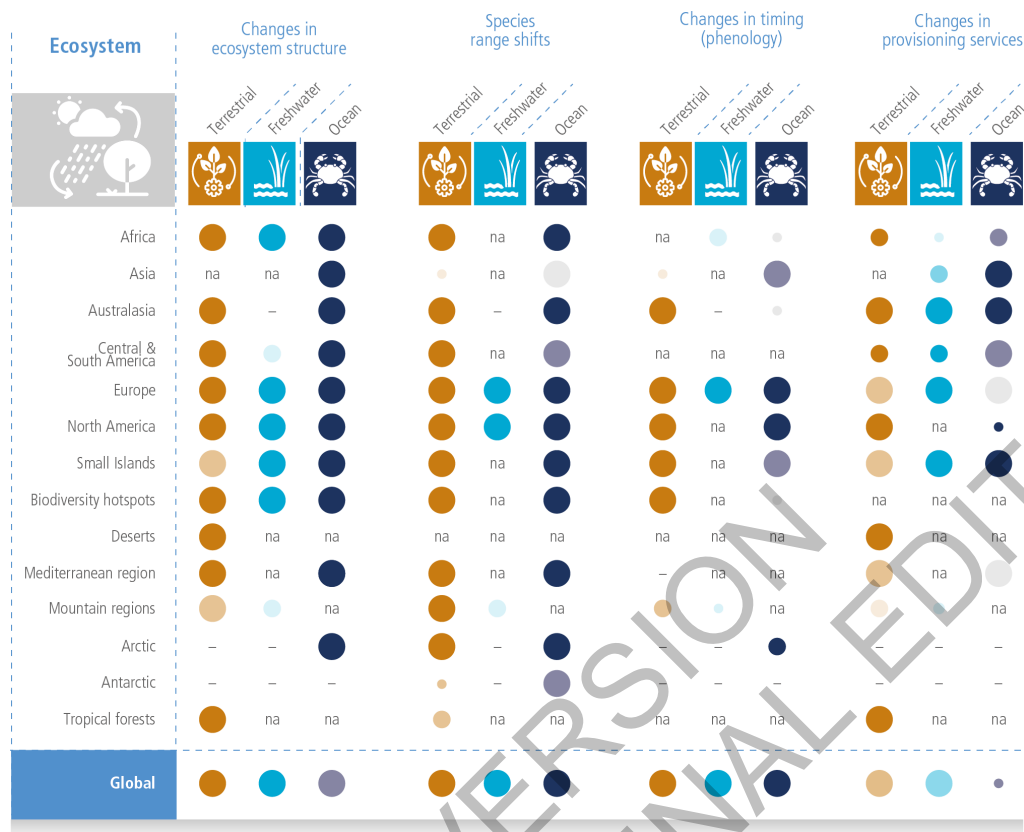
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11 **TS.B.1.4 Ecosystem change has led to the loss of specialised ecosystems where warming has reduced  
12 thermal habitat, as at the poles, at the tops of mountains and at the equator, with the hottest  
13 ecosystems becoming intolerable for many species (*very high confidence*).** For example, warming,  
14 reduced ice, thawing permafrost, and a changing hydrological cycle have resulted in the contraction of polar  
15 and mountain ecosystems. The Arctic is showing increased arrival of species from warmer areas on land and  
16 in the sea, with a declining extent of tundra and ice-dependent species, such as the polar bear (*high  
17 confidence*). Similar patterns of change in the Antarctic terrestrial and marine environment are beginning to  
18 emerge, such as declining ranges in krill and emperor penguins (*medium confidence*). Coral reefs are  
19 suffering global declines, with abrupt shifts in community composition persisting for years (*very high  
20 confidence*). Deserts and tropical systems are decreasing in diversity due to heat stress and extreme events  
21 (*high confidence*). In contrast, arid lands are displaying varied responses around the globe in response to  
22 regional changes in the hydrological cycle (*high confidence*). {2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 3.2.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3,  
23 3.5.3, 9.6.1, 10.4.3, 11.3.2, 11.3.11, 12.3.1, CCB EXTREMES, CCP1.2.4, CCP3.2.1, CCP3.2.2, CCP4.3.2,  
24 CCP5.2.1, CCP6.1, CCP6.2}

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26 **TS.B.1.5 Climate change is affecting ecosystem services connected to human health, livelihoods, and  
27 well-being (*medium confidence*).** In terrestrial ecosystems, carbon uptake services linked to CO<sub>2</sub>  
28 fertilization effects are being increasingly limited by drought and warming, and exacerbated by non-climatic  
29 anthropogenic impacts (*high confidence*). Deforestation, draining and burning of peatlands and tropical  
30 forests, and thawing of Arctic permafrost have already shifted some areas from carbon-sinks to carbon-  
31 sources (*high confidence*). The severity and outbreak extent of forest insect pests increased in several regions  
32 (*high confidence*). Woody plant expansion into grasslands and savannas, linked to increased CO<sub>2</sub>, has  
33 reduced grazing land while invasive grasses in semi-arid land increased the risk of fire (*high confidence*).  
34 Coastal “blue carbon” systems are already impacted by multiple climate and non-climate drivers (*very high  
35 confidence*). Warming and CO<sub>2</sub> fertilisation have altered coastal ecosystem biodiversity, making carbon  
36 storage or release regionally variable (*high confidence*). {2.2, Table 2.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, Box 2.1, 3.4.2,  
37 3.5.3, 3.5.5, Table Box 3.4.2, Box 3.4, 9.6.1, 10.4.3, 11.3.11, 11.3.7, 12.3.3, 12.4, Figure 12.8, Figure 12.9,  
38 13.3.1, 13.5.1, 14.5.1, 15.3.3, 15.5.6, CCP1.2.2, CCP1.2.4, CCP5.2.1, CCP5.2.3, CCP7.3.1, Box CCP7.1}

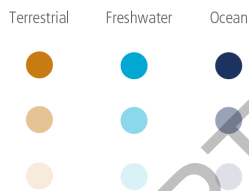
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40 **TS.B.1.6 Human communities, especially Indigenous Peoples and those more directly reliant on the  
41 environment for subsistence, are already negatively impacted by the loss of ecosystem functions,  
42 replacement of endemic species, and regime shifts across landscapes and seascapes (*high confidence*).**  
43 Indigenous knowledge contains unique information sources about past changes and potential solutions to  
44 present issues (*medium confidence*). Tangible heritage such as traditional harvesting sites or species and  
45 archaeological and cultural heritage sites, and intangible heritage such as festivals and rites associated with  
46 nature-based activities, endemic knowledge and unique insights about plants and animals, are being lost  
47 (*high confidence*). As 80% of the world’s remaining biodiversity is on Indigenous homelands, these losses  
48 have cascading impacts on cultural and linguistic diversity and Indigenous knowledge systems, food  
49 security, health, and livelihoods, often with irreparable damages and consequences (*medium evidence, high  
50 agreement*). Cultural losses threaten adaptive capacity and may accumulate into intergenerational trauma and  
51 irrevocable losses of sense of belonging, valued cultural practices, identity and home (*medium confidence*).  
52 {2.2, Table 2.1, 2.6.5, 3.5.6, 4.3.5, 4.3.8, 5.4.2, 6.3.3, Box 9.2, 9.12.1, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 12.5.8, 13.8.1, Box  
53 13.2, 14.4, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.5, CCP5.2.7, CCP6.2, Box CCP7.1}

Impacts of climate change are observed in ecosystems and human systems all over the world

(a) Observed impacts of climate change on ecosystems across regions.



Different ecosystems and confidence level



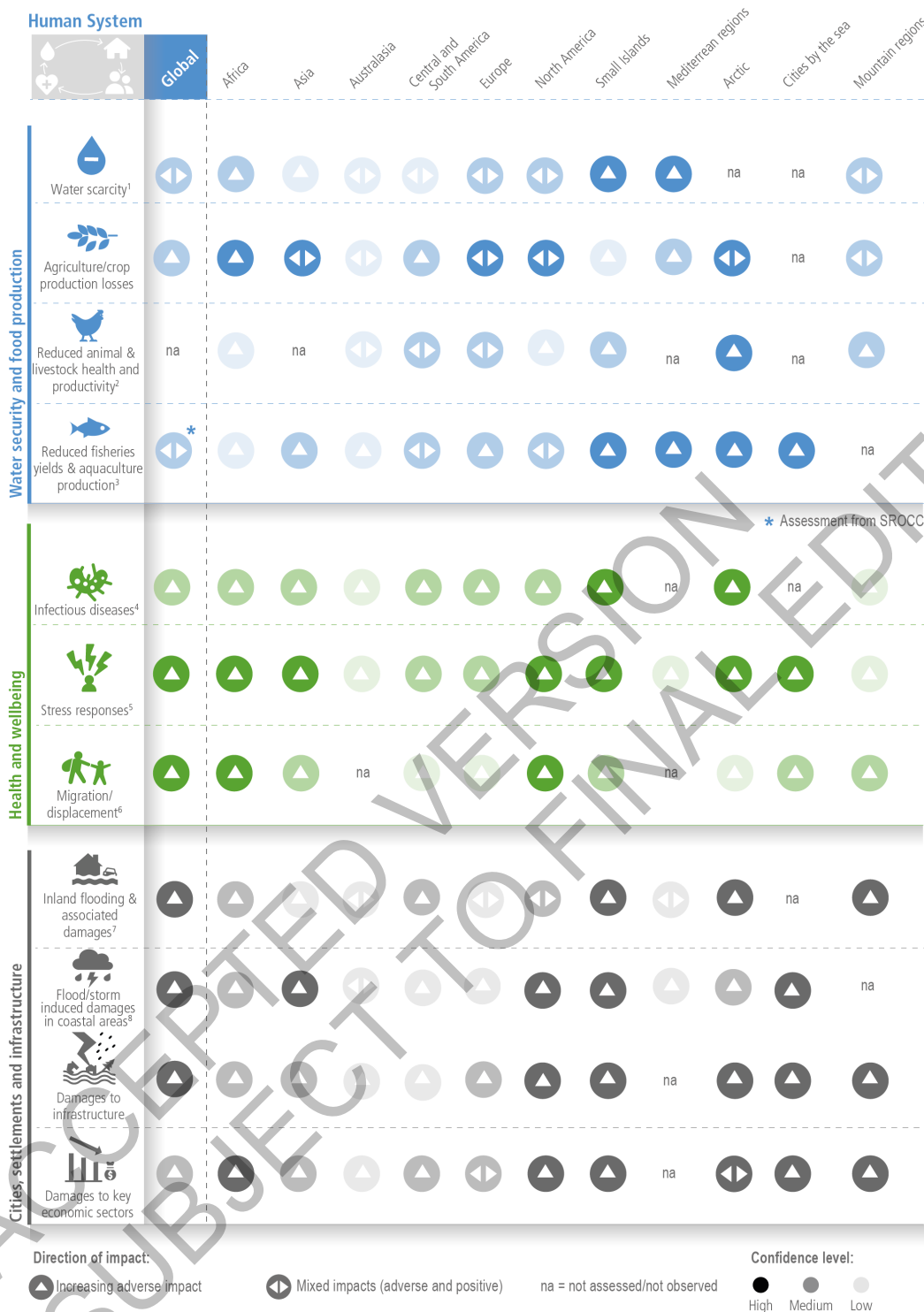
Strength of impact



na = not applicable or not assessed

- = not observed or insufficient evidence

(b) Observed impacts of climate change on human systems across regions.



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2 **Figure TS.3: Synthesis of observed global and regional impacts on ecosystems and human systems attributed to climate**  
3 **change including extreme climate variability. (a)** Climate change has altered marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems all  
4 around the world. Impacts on changing ecosystem structure, species range shifts, changes timing (phenology) and changes in  
5 provisioning services are attributed to climate change alone or, in some cases, in combination with other anthropogenic stressors such  
6 as land use or pollution. Strength of the impact is defined as low (limited evidence), intermediate (increased diversity of evidence) or  
7 high (high evidence). Provisioning services cover a range of ecosystem services, excluding food, and are not necessarily comparable  
8 across regions (for line of sight see Table SMTS.1.1). **(b)** Climate change has already had diverse impacts on human systems,  
9 including impacts on water security and food production, health and wellbeing, and cities, settlements and infrastructure. Here,  
10 direction of the impacts (increasing adverse impact or mixed impacts) and confidence in attribution to climate change including  
11 extreme climate variability, or in some cases, in combination with other anthropogenic stressors, are indicated (for line of sight see  
12 Table SMTS.1.2).<sup>1</sup>Water scarcity<sup>1</sup> considers, e.g., groundwater, water availability, water quality, drought in cities; <sup>2</sup>Reduced animal  
13 and livestock health and productivity<sup>2</sup> considers, e.g., heat stress, diseases, productivity, mortality; <sup>3</sup>Reduced Fisheries yields and  
14 aquaculture production<sup>3</sup> includes marine and freshwater fisheries/production; <sup>4</sup>Infectious diseases<sup>4</sup> include, e.g. water-borne and  
15 vector-borne diseases; <sup>5</sup>Stress responses<sup>5</sup> considers, e.g. human heat stress and mortality, labour productivity, harm from wildfire,

1 nutritional deficiencies mental health; <sup>6</sup>'Migration/displacement' assessments refer to evidence of displacement and/or migration  
 2 attributable to climate extremes; <sup>7</sup>'Inland flooding and associated damages' considers, e.g. river overflows, heavy rain, glacier  
 3 outbursts, urban flooding; <sup>8</sup>'Flood/storm induced damages in coastal areas' include damages due to, e.g. cyclones, sea level rise,  
 4 storm surges  
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7 **TS.B.2 Widespread and severe loss and damage to human and natural systems are being driven by**  
 8 **human-induced climate changes increasing the frequency and/or intensity and/or duration of extreme**  
 9 **weather events, including droughts, wildfires, terrestrial and marine heatwaves, cyclones (*high***  
 10 ***confidence*), and flood (*low confidence*). Extremes are surpassing the resilience of some ecological and**  
 11 **human systems, and challenging the adaptation capacities of others, including impacts with**  
 12 **irreversible consequences (*high confidence*). Vulnerable people and human systems, and climate-**  
 13 **sensitive species and ecosystems, are most at risk (*very high confidence*). {Figure TS.3, 2.3.0, 2.3.1,**  
 14 **2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.5; 2.6.1, 3.2.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 10.1, 11.2, 12.3, 13.1, 14.1, 15.1,**  
 15 **16.2.3, CCB EXTREMES, WGI AR6 SPM, WGI AR6 Chapter 9, SROCC SPM}**

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 17 **TS.B.2.1 Extreme climate events comprising conditions beyond which many species are adapted are**  
 18 **occurring on all continents, with severe impacts (*very high confidence*). The most severe impacts are**  
 19 **occurring in the most climate-sensitive species and ecosystems, characterized by traits that limit their**  
 20 **abilities to regenerate between events or to adapt, and those most exposed to climate hazards (*high***  
 21 ***confidence*). Losses of local plant and animal populations have been widespread, many associated with large**  
 22 **increases in hottest yearly temperatures and heatwave events (*very high confidence*). Marine heatwave events**  
 23 **have led to widespread, abrupt and extensive mortality of key habitat-forming species among tropical corals,**  
 24 **kelps, seagrasses, and mangroves as well as mass mortality of wildlife species, including benthic sessile**  
 25 **species (*high confidence*). On land, extreme heat events also have been implicated in the mass mortality of**  
 26 **fruit bats and freshwater fish. { Figure TS.3, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.4, 2.6,**  
 27 **Table 2.2, Table 2.3, Table 2.S.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.2, 11.3.2, Figure 12.8, 12.4, Table 11.4, 13.3.1, 13.4.1,**  
 28 **CCB EXTREMES}**

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 30 **TS.B.2.2 Some extreme events have already emerged which exceeded projected global mean warming**  
 31 **conditions for 2100, leading to abrupt changes in marine and terrestrial ecosystems (*high confidence*).**  
 32 **For some forest types an increase in the frequency, severity and duration of wildfires and droughts, have**  
 33 **resulted in abrupt and possibly irreversible changes (*medium to high confidence*). The interplay between**  
 34 **extreme events, long-term climate trends, and other human pressures have pushed some climate-sensitive**  
 35 **ecosystems towards thresholds that exceed their natural regenerative capacity (*medium to high confidence*).**  
 36 **Extreme events can alter or impede evolutionary responses to climate change and the potential for**  
 37 **acclimation to extreme conditions both on land and in the ocean (*medium to high confidence*). {Figure TS.5**  
 38 **ECOSYSTEMS, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.5, 2.4.4., 2.6.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.4, 3.4.2, 4.3.5, Table 3.15, 3.6.3,**  
 39 **11.3.1, 11.3.2, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 14.5.1, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB EXTREMES}**

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 41 **TS.B.2.3 Climate-related extremes have affected the productivity of agricultural, forestry and fishery**  
 42 **sectors (*high confidence*). Droughts, floods, wildfires and marine heatwaves contribute to reduced food**  
 43 **availability and increased food prices, threatening food security, nutrition, and livelihoods of millions**  
 44 **of people across regions (*high confidence*). Extreme events caused economic losses in forest productivity**  
 45 **and crops and livestock farming, including losses in wheat production in 2012, 2016, 2018, with the severity**  
 46 **of impacts from extreme heat and drought tripling over last 50 years in Europe (*high confidence*) Forests**  
 47 **were impacted by extreme heat and drought impacting timber sales for example in Europe (*high confidence*)**  
 48 **Marine heatwaves, including well-documented events along the west coast of North America (2013–2016)**  
 49 **and east coast of Australia (2015–2016, 2016–2017 and 2020) have caused the collapse of regional fisheries**  
 50 **and aquaculture (*high confidence*.) Human populations exposed to extreme weather and climate events are at**  
 51 **risk of food insecurity with lower diversity in diets, leading to malnutrition and increasing the risk of disease**  
 52 **(*high confidence*). {Figure TS.6 WATER-FOOD, 2.4.4, 3.2.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.3.1, 5.2.1,**  
 53 **5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.8.1, 5.9.1, 5.12.1, 5.14.2, 5.14.6, CCB MOVING PLATE, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3, 7.2.4,**  
 54 **7.2.5, 9.7, 9.8.2, 9.8.5, 11.3.3, 11.5.1, 11.8.1, 12.3, Figure 12.7, Figure 12.9, 13.1.1, 13.3.1, 13.5.1, 13.10.2,**  
 55 **Table SM12.5, 14.5.4, WGI AR6 Chapter 9}**

1 **TS.B.2.4 Extreme climatic events have been observed in all inhabited regions, with many regions**  
2 **experiencing unprecedented consequences, particularly when multiple hazards occur in the same time**  
3 **or space (*very high confidence*).** Since AR5, the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events  
4 such as wildfires, extreme heat, cyclones, storms, and floods have adversely affected or caused loss and  
5 damage to human health; shelter; displacement; incomes and livelihoods; security; and inequality (*high*  
6 *confidence*). Over 20 million people have been internally displaced annually by weather-related extreme  
7 events since 2008, with storms and floods the most common drivers (*high confidence*). Climate-related  
8 extreme events are followed by negative impacts on mental health, wellbeing, life satisfaction, happiness,  
9 cognitive performance, and aggression in exposed populations (*very high confidence*). {Figure TS.10  
10 COMPLEX RISK, Figure TS.8 HEALTH, 2.3.0, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.3, 7.1, 7.2.4, 7.2.6, 8.2.1, 8.2.2,  
11 8.3.2, 8.3.3, Box 9.4, Table 9.7, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11, 11.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.3.8, Table 11.2, Table 11.3, Box 11.6, Box  
12 9.8, 12.4.7, 13.1, 13.2.1, 13.7.1, 13.10.2, 14.5.6, 15.1, 15.2.1, 15.3.3, 16.2.3, CCB EXTREMES, CCB  
13 HEALTH, CCB MIGRATE}

16 **TS.B.3 Climate change is already stressing food and forestry systems, with negative consequences for**  
17 **livelihoods, food security and nutrition of hundreds of millions of people, especially in low and mid-**  
18 **latitudes (*high confidence*).** The global food system is failing to address food insecurity and  
19 **malnutrition in an environmentally sustainable way** {Figure TS.2, Figure TS.3, Figure TS.6 FOOD-  
20 WATER, Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, 4.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.5.1, 5.7.1, 5.8.1, 5.9.1, 5.10.1, 5.11.1, 5.12.1,  
21 6.3.4.7; 7.2, 9.8.1, 9.8.2, 13.10, 9.8, 10.3.5, 12.3, 13.5.1, 14.5.1, 14.5.4, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, CCB NATURAL,  
22 CCP5.2.3, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2.7}

24 **TS.B.3.1 Climate change impacts are negatively affecting agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and**  
25 **aquaculture, increasingly hindering efforts to meet human needs (*high confidence*).** Human-induced  
26 global warming has slowed growth of agricultural productivity over the past 50 years in mid- and low-  
27 latitudes (*medium confidence*). Crop yields are compromised by surface ozone (*high confidence*). Methane  
28 emissions have negatively impacted crop yields by increasing temperatures and surface ozone concentrations  
29 (*medium confidence*). Warming is negatively affecting crop and grassland quality and harvest stability (*high*  
30 *confidence*). Warmer and drier conditions have increased tree mortality and forest disturbances in many  
31 temperate and boreal biomes (*high confidence*), negatively impacting provisioning services (*medium*  
32 *confidence*). Ocean warming has decreased sustainable yields of some wild fish populations (*high*  
33 *confidence*) by 4.1% between 1930 and 2010. Ocean acidification and warming have already affected farmed  
34 aquatic species (*high confidence*). { Figure TS.3, Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3,  
35 4.3.1, 5.2.1, 5.4.1, 5.5.1, 5.6.1, 5.7.1, 5.8.1, 5.9.1, 9.8.2, 9.8.5, 11.3.4, 11.3.5, Box 11.3, 13.3.1, 13.5.1,  
36 14.5.1, 14.5.4, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.3; CCP5.2.5; CCP6.2.5, CCP6.2.8, CCB MOVING PLATE }

38 **TS.B.3.2 Warming has altered the distribution, growing area suitability and timing of key biological**  
39 **events, such as flowering and insect emergence, impacting food quality and harvest stability (*high***  
40 ***confidence*).** It is *very likely* that climate change is altering the distribution of cultivated and wild terrestrial,  
41 marine, and freshwater species. At higher-latitudes warming has expanded the available area but has also  
42 altered phenology (*high confidence*), potentially causing plant-pollinator and pest mismatches (*medium*  
43 *confidence*). At low-latitudes, temperatures have crossed upper tolerance thresholds more frequently leading  
44 to heat stress, and/or shift in distribution and losses for crops, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture (*high*  
45 *confidence*). {2.4.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 5.4.1, 5.7.4, 5.8.1, CCB MOVING PLATE, 5.12.3, 9.8.2, 12.3.1, 12.3.2,  
46 12.3.6, 13.5.1, 13.5.1, 14.5.4, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2.5}

48 **TS.B.3.3 Climate-related extremes have affected the productivity of all agricultural and fishery**  
49 **sectors, with negative consequences for food security and livelihoods (*high confidence*).** The frequency  
50 of sudden food production losses has increased since at least mid-20th century on land and sea (*medium*  
51 *evidence, high agreement*). The impacts of climate-related extremes on food security, nutrition, and  
52 livelihoods are particularly acute and severe for people living in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Small Island,  
53 Central and South America and the Arctic, and small-scale food producers globally (*high confidence*).  
54 Droughts induced by the 2015-2016 El Niño, partially attributable to human influences (*medium confidence*),  
55 caused acute food insecurity in various regions, including eastern and southern Africa and the dry corridor of  
56 Central America (*high confidence*). In the northeast Pacific, a 5-year warm period (2013 to 2017) impacted

1 the migration, distribution, and abundance of key fish resources (*high confidence*). Increasing variability in  
 2 grazing systems has negatively affected animal fertility, mortality, and herd recovery rates, reducing  
 3 livestock keepers' resilience (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, WGI AR6 Sections 11.2-  
 4 11.8, 3.5.5, 4.3.1, 5.2.1, 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.8.1, 5.9.1, 5.12.1, 5.14.2, 5.14.6, 9.8.2, 9.8.5, 13.5.1, 14.5.4,  
 5 CCB MOVING PLATE, CCP6.2}

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 7 **TS.B.3.4 Climate-related emerging food safety risks are increasing globally in agriculture and fisheries**  
 8 (*high confidence*). Higher temperatures and humidity caused by climate change increases toxigenic fungi on  
 9 many food crops (*very high confidence*). Harmful algal blooms and water-borne diseases threaten food  
 10 security and the economy and livelihoods of many coastal communities (*high confidence*). Increasing ocean  
 11 warming and acidification are enhancing movement and bioaccumulation of toxins and contaminants into  
 12 marine food webs (*medium confidence*) and with bio-magnification of persistent organic pollutants and  
 13 methyl mercury already affecting fisheries (*medium confidence*). Indigenous Peoples and local communities,  
 14 especially where food safety monitoring is underdeveloped, are among the most vulnerable to these risks, in  
 15 particular in the Arctic (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.8 HEALTH, 3.5.5, 5.8.1, 5.9.1, 5.11.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.4,  
 16 14.5.6, CCP6.2.8, CCB ILLNESS}

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 18 **TS.B.3.5 The impacts of climate change on food systems affect everyone, but some groups are more**  
 19 **vulnerable.** Women, the elderly and children in low-income households, Indigenous Peoples, minority  
 20 groups, small-scale producers and fishing communities, and people in high-risk regions more often  
 21 experience malnutrition, livelihood loss, and rising costs (*high confidence*). Increasing competition for  
 22 critical resources, such as land, energy, and water, can exacerbate the impacts of climate change on food  
 23 security (*high confidence*). Examples include large scale land deals, water use, dietary patterns, energy crops  
 24 and use of feed crops. {Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK, 2.6.5, 4.8.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.9.2, 5.12.2, 5.12.3,  
 25 5.13.1, 5.13.3, 5.13.4; 6.3.4, 9.8.1, Box 9.5, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 14.5.2, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, 14.5.7, 14.5.8, 14.5.11,  
 26 Box 14.6, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.3, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2.7, CCP6.2.8}

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 29 **TS.B.4 Currently, roughly half of the world's population are experiencing severe water scarcity for at**  
 30 **least one month per year due to climatic and other factors (*medium confidence*). Water insecurity is**  
 31 **manifested through climate-induced water scarcity and hazards and is further exacerbated due to**  
 32 **inadequate water governance (*high confidence*). Extreme events and underlying vulnerabilities have**  
 33 **intensified the societal impacts of droughts and floods and have negatively impacted agriculture,**  
 34 **energy production and increased the incidence of water-borne diseases. Economic and societal impacts**  
 35 **of water insecurity are more pronounced in low-income countries than in the middle- and high-income**  
 36 **ones (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.2, Figure TS.3, Figure TS.6 WATER-FOOD, Table 2.2, Table 2.3,**  
 37 **2.3.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.4, 4.1.1, Box4.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.2.6, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.3.6,**  
 38 **4.3.8, 4.4.4, 5.9.1, 5.12.2, 5.12.3, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 7.2.2, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 7.2.6, 7.2.7, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 9.7.1, 9.9.2, Box**  
 39 **9.4, 10.4.1, 10.4.4, Box10.4, 10.5.4, Boxes 11.1-11.6, Table 11.2, 11.3, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, 11.4, Table 11.4,**  
 40 **11.3.3, 11.5.2, Table 11.2a, 11.3.3.1, Box, 11.3, Box 11.4, 12.3, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.6, 12.3.7, 12.4, Table**  
 41 **12.4, 12.5.3.1, Figure 12.7, Figure 12.9, Figure 12.10, Figure 12.13, Table SM12.6, 13.3.1, 13.5.1, 13.6.1,**  
 42 **13.8.1, 13.10.1, , 14.5.1-4., 14.5.6, 14.7, Box14.7, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 16.2.3, CCP1.2.3, CCP3.1.2, CCP3.2.1,**  
 43 **CCP5.2.2, CCP5.2.3, CCP5.2.7, CCP6.2.1, CCP6.2.5, CCP7.2.3, CCB DISASTER, CCB ILLNESS, CCB**  
 44 **EXTREMES}**

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 46 **TS.B.4.1 Climate change has intensified the global hydrological cycle causing several societal impacts,**  
 47 **which are felt disproportionately by vulnerable people (*high confidence*).** Human-induced climate  
 48 change has affected physical aspects of water security through increasing water scarcity and exposing more  
 49 people to water-related extreme events like floods and droughts, thereby exacerbating existing water-related  
 50 vulnerabilities caused by other socio-economic factors (*high confidence*). Many of these changes in water  
 51 availability and water-related hazards can be directly attributed to anthropogenic climate change (*high*  
 52 *confidence*). Water insecurity disproportionately impacts the poor, women, children, Indigenous Peoples, and  
 53 the elderly in low-income countries (*high confidence*) and specific marginal geographies (e.g., small island  
 54 states and mountain regions). Water insecurity can contribute to social unrest in regions where inequality is  
 55 high, and water governance and institutions are weak (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.6 WATER-FOOD,

1 Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.4, 4.1.1, 4.2.1, Box 4.1, 4.2.4, 4.3.6, 5.12.2, 5.12.3, 6.2.2,  
2 6.2.3, 7.2.7, 9.7.1, 10.4.4, 12.5.3.1, 13.8.1, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.2, CCB EXTREMES}

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4 **TS.B.4.2 Worldwide, people are increasingly experiencing unfamiliar precipitation patterns, including  
5 extreme precipitation events (*high confidence*).** Nearly half a billion people now live in areas where the  
6 long-term average precipitation is now as high as was previously seen in only about one in six years (*medium  
7 confidence*). Approximately 163 million people now live in unfamiliarly dry areas (*medium confidence*)  
8 compared to 50 years ago. The intensity of heavy precipitation has increased in many regions since the 1950s  
9 (*high confidence*). Substantially more people (~709 million) live in regions where annual maximum one-day  
10 precipitation has increased than regions where it has decreased (~86 million) (*medium confidence*) since the  
11 1950s. At the same time, more people (~700 million) have been experiencing longer dry spells than shorter  
12 dry spells since the 1950s (*medium confidence*), leading to compound hazards related to both warming and  
13 precipitation extremes in most parts of the world (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.6 WATER-FOOD, 2.3.1,  
14 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.6, 4.3.1, 4.3.4, 6.2.2, 9.5.2–6, 13.2, 13.10, CCB EXTREMES}

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16 **TS.B.4.3 Glaciers are melting at unprecedented rates, causing negative societal impacts among  
17 communities that depend on cryospheric water resources (*high confidence*).** During the last two decades,  
18 the global glacier mass loss rate was the highest since the glacier mass balance measurements began a  
19 century ago (*high confidence*). Melting of glaciers, snow decline, and thawing of permafrost has threatened  
20 the water and livelihood security of local and downstream communities through changes in hydrological  
21 regimes and increases in the potential of landslides and glacier lake outburst floods. Cryosphere changes  
22 have impacted cultural uses of water among vulnerable mountain and Arctic communities and Indigenous  
23 Peoples (*high confidence*) who have long experienced historical, socio-economic and political  
24 marginalization (*medium to high confidence*). Cryosphere change has affected ecosystems, water resources,  
25 livelihoods and cultural uses of water in all cryosphere dependent regions across the world (*very high  
26 confidence*). {Figure TS.3, 2.4.3, 2.6.5, 4.2.2, 4.3.8, 4.4.4, 6.2.2, 9.5.8, 10.5.4, 11.3.3, 10.4.4, Box 10.4,  
27 CCP5.2.2, CCP5.2.7, CCP6.2.5, 11.2.1, Table 11.2b, Table 11.9, 12.3.2, 12.3.7, Figure 12.9, Figure 12.13,  
28 Table SM12.6}

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30 **TS.B.4.4 Impacts of droughts and floods have intensified due to extreme events and underlying  
31 societal vulnerabilities (*high confidence*).** Anthropogenic climate change has led to increased likelihood,  
32 severity and societal impacts of droughts (primarily agricultural and hydrological droughts) in many regions  
33 (*high confidence*). Between 1970 to 2019, drought-related disaster events worldwide caused billions of  
34 dollars of economic damages (*medium confidence*). Drylands are particularly exposed to climate change-  
35 related droughts (*high confidence*). Recent heavy rainfall events that led to catastrophic flooding were made  
36 more likely by anthropogenic climate change (*high confidence*). Observed mortality and losses due to floods  
37 and droughts are much greater for regions with high vulnerability and vulnerable populations such as the  
38 poor, women, children, Indigenous Peoples, and the elderly due to historical, political and socio-economic  
39 inequities (*high confidence*). {4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 6.2.2, 7.2.2, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 7.2.6, 11.2.1, 11.2.a, 13.2.1,  
40 CCB DISASTER, 14.5.3, 15.3.4, CCP3.1.2, CCP3.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 9.9.2, Box 9.4, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 16.2.3,  
41 CCP5.2.6, CCP7.2.3, CCB EXTREMES}

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43 **TS.B.4.5 Climate-induced changes in the hydrological cycle have negatively impacted freshwater and  
44 terrestrial ecosystems.** Climate change and changes in land use and water pollution are key drivers of loss  
45 and degradation of ecosystems (*high confidence*), with negative impacts observed on culturally significant  
46 terrestrial and freshwater species and ecosystems in the Arctic, mountain regions and other biodiversity  
47 hotspots (*high confidence*). Climate trends and extreme events have caused major impacts on many natural  
48 systems (*high confidence*). For example, periodic droughts in parts of the Amazon since the 1990s, partly  
49 attributed to climate change, resulted in high tree mortality rates and basin-wide reductions in forest  
50 productivity, momentarily turning Amazon forests from a carbon sink into a net carbon source (*high  
51 confidence*). Fire risks have increased due to heat and drought conditions in many parts of the world (*medium  
52 confidence*). Increased precipitation has resulted in range shifts of species in some regions (*high confidence*).  
53 {Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4; Table 2.2; Table 2.3, Table SM2.1, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5,  
54 4.3.8, 9.6.1, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, Table 11.2b, Table 11.4, Table 11.6, Table 11.9, 12.3, 12.4, Figure 12.7, Figure  
55 12.9, Figure 12.10, 13.3.1, 14.5.1, 14.5.2, 14.5.3, Box 14.7, CCP1.2.3, CCP5.2.3, CCP6.2.1}



**TS.B.4.6 Hydrological cycle changes have impacted food and energy production and increased the incidence of water-borne diseases.** Climate-induced trends and extremes in the water cycle have impacted agricultural production positively and negatively, with negative impacts outweighing the positive ones (*high confidence*). Droughts, floods and rainfall variability contributed to reduced food availability and increased food prices, threatening food and nutrition security, and livelihoods of millions globally (*high confidence*), with the poor in parts of Asia, Africa and South and Central America being disproportionately affected (*high confidence*). Drought years have reduced thermoelectric and hydropower production by ~4 to 5% compared to long term average production since the 1980s (*medium confidence*), reducing economic growth in Africa and with billions of USD of existing and planned hydropower infrastructure assets in mountain regions worldwide, and in Africa exposed to increasing hazards (*high confidence*). Changes in temperature, precipitation, and water-related disasters are linked with increased incidences of water-borne diseases such as cholera, especially in regions with limited access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure (*high confidence*). {4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.3.6, 4.3.8, 5.9.1, 7.2.2, 9.7.1, Box 9.4, Box 9.5, 9.8.2, 9.10.2, 10.4.1, 11.3.3, Box 11.3, 11.4, 11.5.2, Table 11.2, Boxes 11.1-11.6, 13.2.1, 13.5.1, 13.6.1, 13.7.1, 14.5.3, CCP5.2.2}

**TS.B.5 Climate change has already harmed human physical and mental health (*very high confidence*). In all regions, health impacts often undermine efforts for inclusive development. Women, children, the elderly, Indigenous People, low-income households, and socially marginalized groups within cities, settlements, regions, and countries are the most vulnerable (*high confidence*).** {2.4.2, 3.4.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, 4.2.5, 4.3.3, Table 4.3, 5.5.2, 5.11.1, 5.12.3, Box 5.10, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 7.4.2, Box 7.1, Box 7.3, 8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.4, Box 8.6, 9.1.5, 9.8.1, 9.10.1, 9.10.2, Figure 9.34, Figure 9.33, Box 9.1, 10.4.7, 11.3.6, Box 11.1, Table 11.10, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.4, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, 12.3.7, 12.3.7, 12.3.8, Figure 12.4, Figure 12.6, Table 12.1, Table 12.2, Table 12.9, Table 12.11, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.4, 14.5.2, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, 14.5.7, 14.5.8, Box 14.2, Figure 14.8, 15.3.4, 16.2.3, Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, Figure TS.8 HEALTH, CCB DISASTER, Table CCB DISASTER 4.1, CCB HEALTH, CCB ILLNESS, CWGB URBAN, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB SLR, CCP2.2.2, CCP5.1, Table CCP5.1, CCP5.2.3, CCP6.2.6, CCP6.3}

**TS.B.5.1 Observed mortality from floods, drought and storms is 15 times higher for countries ranked as highly vulnerable compared to less vulnerable countries in the last decade (*high confidence*).** While an increase in drought has been observed in almost all continents to different extents, it is particularly the most vulnerable regions where such droughts result in relatively high mortality (*high confidence*). Between 1970 to 2019, 7% of all disaster events worldwide were drought related; yet, they contributed to 34% of disaster-related deaths, mostly in Africa. {Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, CCB ILLNESS, 4.2.5, Table 4.3, CCB DISASTER, Table CCB DISASTER 4.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.3, 7.2.4, 8.3.2, Box 9.1, 9.10.2, 10.4.7, 12.3.1, 12.3.6, 16.2.3, Table CCP5.1}

**TS.B.5.2 Mental health challenges increase with warming temperatures (*high confidence*), trauma associated with extreme weather (*very high confidence*), and loss of livelihoods and culture (*high confidence*).** Distress sufficient to impair mental health has been caused by climate-related ecological grief associated with environmental change (e.g. solastalgia) or extreme weather and climate events (*very high confidence*), vicariously experiencing or anticipating climate events (*medium confidence*), and climate-related loss of livelihoods and food insecurity (*very high confidence*). Vulnerability to mental health effects of climate change varies by region and population, with evidence that Indigenous Peoples, agricultural communities, first responders, women, and members of minority groups experience greater impacts (*high confidence*). {7.2.5, 7.4.2, 8.3.4, Box 8.6, 9.10.2; 11.3.6, 13.7.1, 14.5.6, Figure 14.8, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2.6, CCP6.3}

**TS.B.5.3 Increasing temperatures and heatwaves have increased mortality and morbidity (*very high confidence*), with impacts that vary by age, gender, urbanization, and socioeconomic factors (*very high confidence*).** A significant proportion of warm season heat-related mortality in temperate regions is attributed to observed anthropogenic climate change (*medium confidence*), with less data available for tropical regions in Africa (*high confidence*). For some heatwave events over the last two decades, associated health impacts have been partially attributed to observed climate change (*high confidence*). Highly

1 vulnerable groups experiencing health impacts from heat stress include anyone working outdoors and  
2 especially those doing outdoor manual labour (e.g., construction work, farming). Potential hours of work lost  
3 due to heat has increased significantly over the past two decades (*high confidence*). Some regions are already  
4 experiencing heat stress conditions at or approaching the upper limits of labour productivity (*high*  
5 *confidence*). {CWGB URBAN, 7.2.1, 7.2.4 8.2.1, 9.1.5, 9.10.1, Figure 9.34, 10.4.7, 11.3.6.1, 12.3.1, 12.3.7,  
6 12.3.8, Figure 12.6, Table 12.2, 13.7.1, 14.5.6, 14.5.8, 16.2.3}

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8 **TS.B.5.4 Climate change has contributed to malnutrition in all its forms in many regions, including**  
9 **undernutrition, overnutrition, and obesity, and to disease susceptibility (*high confidence*), especially**  
10 **for women, pregnant women, children, low-income households, Indigenous Peoples, minority groups,**  
11 **and small-scale producers (*high confidence*).** Extreme climate events have been key drivers in rising  
12 under-nutrition of millions of people, primarily in Africa and Central America (*high confidence*). For  
13 example, anthropogenic warming contributed to climate extremes induced by the 2015-2016 El Niño which  
14 resulted in severe droughts, resulting in an additional 5.9 million children becoming underweight in 51  
15 countries (*high confidence*). Under-nutrition can in turn increase susceptibility to other health problems,  
16 including mental health problems, and impair cognitive and work performance, with resulting economic  
17 impacts (*very high confidence*). Children and pregnant women experience disproportionate adverse health  
18 and nutrition impacts (*high confidence*). {5.12.3, CCB MOVING PLATE, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, CCB HEALTH, CCB  
19 ILLNESS, CCP5.2.3, CCP5.2.3.1, 14.4, 14.5.2, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, 14.5.7, Figure 14.8, 9.8.1, 9.10.2, 10.4.7,  
20 15.3.4, CCP6.2.6}

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22 **TS.B.5.5 Climate-related food safety risks have increased globally (*high confidence*).** These risks include  
23 *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, and *Cryptosporidium* infections (*medium confidence*); mycotoxins associated  
24 with cancer and stunting in children (*high confidence*); and seafood contamination with marine toxins and  
25 pathogens (*high confidence*). Climate-related foodborne disease risks vary temporally, and are influenced, in  
26 part, by food availability, accessibility, preparation, and preferences (*medium confidence*), as well as  
27 adequate food safety monitoring (*high confidence*). {3.4.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, CCB SLR, 5.11.1, Box 5.10,  
28 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, CCP6.2.6}

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30 **TS.B.5.6 Higher temperatures combined with land-use/land cover change are making more areas**  
31 **suitable for transmission of vector-borne diseases (*high confidence*).** More extreme weather events have  
32 contributed to vector-borne disease outbreaks in humans through direct effects on pathogens and vectors and  
33 indirect effects on human behavior and emergency response destabilization (*medium confidence*). Climate  
34 change and variability are facilitating the spread of chikungunya virus in North, Central and South America,  
35 Europe and Asia, (*medium to high confidence*); tickborne encephalitis in Europe (*medium confidence*); Rift  
36 Valley Fever in Africa; and West Nile fever in south-eastern Europe, western Asia, the Canadian Prairies,  
37 and parts of the USA (*medium confidence*); Lyme disease vectors in North America (*high confidence*) and  
38 Europe (*medium confidence*); malaria in East and Southern Africa (*high confidence*); and dengue globally  
39 (*high confidence*). For example, in Central and South America, the reproduction potential for the  
40 transmission of dengue increased between 17% and 80% for the period 1950-54 to 2016-2021, depending on  
41 the subregion, as a result of changes in temperature and precipitation (*high confidence*). {CCB ILLNESS,  
42 2.4.2.7, 4.3.3, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 9.10.2, 10.4.7, Table 11.10, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, Figure 12.4,  
43 Table 12.9, Table 12.11, Table 12.1, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, 16.2.3}

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45 **TS.B.5.7 Higher temperatures (*very high confidence*), heavy rainfall events (*high confidence*), and**  
46 **flooding (*medium confidence*) are associated with increased water-borne diseases,** particularly diarrheal  
47 diseases, including cholera (*very high confidence*) and other gastrointestinal infections (*high confidence*) in  
48 high-, middle-, and low-income countries. Water insecurity and inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene  
49 increase disease risk (*high confidence*), stress and adverse mental health (*limited evidence, medium*  
50 *agreement*), food insecurity and adverse nutritional outcomes, and poor cognitive and birth outcomes  
51 (*limited evidence, medium agreement*). {4.3.3, 7.2.2, Box 7.3, CCB ILLNESS, CWGB URBAN, 9.10.1,  
52 Figure 9.33, 10.4.7, 11.3.6, 12.3.4, 12.3.5, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.5.6, 16.2.3, CCP6.2.6}

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54 **TS.B.5.8 Climate change driven range shifts of wildlife, exploitation of wildlife, and loss of wildlife**  
55 **habitat quality have increased opportunities for pathogens to spread from wildlife to human**  
56 **populations, which has resulted in increased emergence of zoonotic disease epidemics and pandemics**  
57 (*medium confidence*). Zoonoses that have been historically rare or never documented in Arctic and subarctic

1 regions of Europe, Asia, and North America are emerging as a result of climate-induced environmental  
2 change (e.g., anthrax) and spreading poleward and increasing in incidence (e.g., tularemia) (*very high*  
3 *confidence*). {2.4.2, 5.5.2, 7.2.2, Box 7.1, 10.4.7, 12.3.1, 12.3.4, CCB ILLNESS, CCP2.2.2, CCP6.2.6}

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5 **TS.B.5.9 Several chronic, non-communicable respiratory diseases are climate-sensitive based on their**  
6 **exposure pathways (e.g., heat, cold, dust, small particulates, ozone, fire smoke, and allergens) (*high***  
7 ***confidence*), although climate change is not the dominant driver in all cases.** Exposure to wildfires and  
8 associated smoke has increased in several regions (*very high confidence*). The 2019-2020 south-eastern  
9 Australian wildfires resulted in 33 people killed, a further 429 deaths and 3230 hospitalizations due to  
10 cardiovascular or respiratory conditions, and \$1.95 billion in health costs. Spring pollen season start dates in  
11 northern mid-latitudes are occurring earlier due to climate change, increasing the risks of allergic respiratory  
12 diseases (*high confidence*) {2.4.4.2, 7.2.3, 14.5.6, Box 14.2, 11.3.6.1, Box 11.1, 12.3.3, 12.3.4, 12.3.6,  
13 12.3.7, 13.7.1}

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16 **TS.B.6 Since AR5 there is increased evidence that climate hazards associated with extreme events and**  
17 **variability act as direct drivers of involuntary migration and displacement and as indirect drivers**  
18 **through deteriorating climate-sensitive livelihoods (*high confidence*). Most climate-related**  
19 **displacement and migration occur within national boundaries, with international movements**  
20 **occurring primarily between countries with contiguous borders (*high confidence*). Since 2008, an**  
21 **annual average of over 20 million people have been internally displaced annually by weather-related**  
22 **extreme events, with storms and floods being the most common (*high confidence*).** {1.1.1, 1.3, 7.2.6,  
23 9.9.2, Box 9.8, Box 10.2, 12.3; 13.8.1; 15.3.4; 16.2.3, 18.2, CCB MIGRATE, CCP3.2}

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25 **TS.B.6.1 The most common climatic drivers for migration and displacement are drought, tropical**  
26 **storms and hurricanes, heavy rains and floods (*high confidence*).** Extreme climate events act as both  
27 direct drivers (e.g., destruction of homes by tropical cyclones) and as indirect drivers (e.g., rural income  
28 losses during prolonged droughts) of involuntary migration and displacement (*very high confidence*). The  
29 largest absolute number of people displaced by extreme weather each year occurs in Asia (South, Southeast  
30 and East), followed by sub-Saharan Africa, but small island states in the Caribbean and South Pacific are  
31 disproportionately affected relative to their small population size (*high confidence*). {4.3.7, 7.2.6, 9.9.2, Box  
32 9.8, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3, 12.3.5, 12.5.8, 15.3.4, 16.2.3, CCB MIGRATE}

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34 **TS.B.6.2 The impacts of climatic drivers on migration are highly context-specific and interact with**  
35 **social, political, geopolitical and economic drivers (*high confidence*).** Specific climate events and  
36 conditions causes migration to increase, decrease, or flow in new directions (*high confidence*). One of the  
37 main pathways for climate-induced migration is through the deteriorating economic conditions and  
38 livelihoods (*high confidence*). Climate change has influenced changes in temporary, seasonal or permanent  
39 migration, often rural to urban or rural to rural, that is associated with labour diversification as a risk-  
40 reduction strategy in Central America, Africa, South Asia, and Mexico (*high confidence*). This movement is  
41 often followed by remittances (*medium confidence*). However, the same economic losses can also undermine  
42 household resources and savings, limiting mobility and compounding their exposure and vulnerability (*high*  
43 *confidence*). {4.3.7, 5.5.4, 7.2.6, 8.2.1, Box 9.8, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3, 12.3.5, 12.5.8, 13.8.1.2, CCP5.2.5,  
44 CCB MIGRATE}

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46 **TS.B.6.3 Outcomes of climate-related migration are highly variable with socio-economic factors and**  
47 **household resources affecting migration success (*high confidence*).** The more agency migrants have (i.e.  
48 the degree of voluntariness and freedom of movement), the greater the potential benefits for sending and  
49 receiving areas (*high agreement, medium evidence*). Displacement or low-agency migration is associated  
50 with poor health, wellbeing and socio-economic outcomes for migrants, and returns fewer benefits to  
51 sending or receiving communities (*high agreement, medium evidence*). Involuntary migration occurs when  
52 adaptation alternatives are exhausted or not viable, and reflects non-climatic factors that constrain adaptive  
53 capacity and create high levels of exposure and vulnerability (*high confidence*). These outcomes are also  
54 shaped by policy and planning decisions at regional, national and local scales that relate to housing,  
55 infrastructure, water provisioning, schools and healthcare to support the integration of migrants into

1 receiving communities (*high confidence*). {4.3.7, 5.5.3, 5.5.4, 5.10.1, 5.12.2, 7.2.6, 7.2.6, 8.2.1, 9.8.3, Box  
2 8.1, 10.3, Box 12.2, CCB MIGRATE, CCB SLR}

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4 **TS.B.6.4 Immobility in the context of climatic risk reflects both vulnerability and lack of agency, but is  
5 also a deliberate choice (*high confidence*).** Deliberate or voluntary, immobility represents an assertion of  
6 the importance of culture, livelihood and sense of place. Planned relocations by governments of settlements  
7 and populations exposed to climatic hazards are not presently commonplace, although the need is expected  
8 to grow. Existing examples of relocations of Indigenous Peoples in coastal Alaska and villages in the  
9 Solomon Islands and Fiji suggest that relocated people can experience significant financial and emotional  
10 distress as cultural and spiritual bonds to place and livelihoods are disrupted (*high confidence*). {7.2.6,  
11 13.8.1, 15.3.4, CCP6.2.5, CCB MIGRATE}

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14 **TS.B.7 Vulnerability significantly determines how climate change impacts are being experienced by  
15 societies and communities. Vulnerability to climate change is a multi-dimensional phenomenon,  
16 dynamic and shaped by intersecting historical and contemporary political, economic, and cultural  
17 processes of marginalisation (*high confidence*). Societies with high levels of inequity are less resilient to  
18 climate change (*high confidence*).** {Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, 2.6.5, 2.6.7, 5.12.3, 5.13.4, 7.1, Box  
19 6.6, 6.4.3.5, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.3.4, 13.8.2, 9.8.2, 9.11.4, Box 9.1, 10.3.3., 12.1.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5.5,  
20 12.5.7, Figure 12.2, 14.4, 16.5.2, CCB ILLNESS, CCB COVID, CCB GENDER}

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22 **TS.B.7.1 About 3.3 billion people are living in countries with high human vulnerability to climate  
23 change (*high confidence*).** Approximately 1.8 billion people reside in regions classified as having low  
24 vulnerability. Global concentrations of high vulnerability are emerging in transboundary areas encompassing  
25 more than one country as a result of interlinked issues concerning health, poverty, migration, conflict, gender  
26 inequality, inequity, education, high debt, weak institutions, lack of governance capacities and infrastructure.  
27 Complex human vulnerability patterns are shaped by past developments, such as colonialism and its ongoing  
28 legacy (*high confidence*), are worsened by compounding and cascading risks (*high confidence*) and are  
29 socially differentiated. For example, low-income, young, poor and female-headed households face greater  
30 livelihood risks from climate hazards (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.7 VULNERABILITY, 4.3.1, 5.5.2,  
31 5.12.3, 5.13.3, Box 5.13, 8.3.2, 8.4.5, Box 9.1, 9.4.1, 9.8.1, 9.11.4, 10.3.3, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5.5, 12.5.7, Figure  
32 12.2, 14.4}

33  
34 **TS.B.7.2 Climate change is impacting Indigenous Peoples' ways of life (*very high confidence*), cultural  
35 and linguistic diversity (*medium confidence*), food security (*high confidence*), and health and wellbeing  
36 (*very high confidence*).** Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge can contribute to reducing the  
37 vulnerability of communities to climate change (*medium to high confidence*). Supporting Indigenous self-  
38 determination, recognizing Indigenous Peoples' rights, and supporting Indigenous knowledge-based  
39 adaptation is critical to reducing climate change risks and effective adaptation (*very high confidence*). {1.3.2,  
40 2.6.5, 4.3.8, 4.6.9, 4.8.4, 5.5.2, 5.8.2, 5.10.2, 5.14.2, 6.4.7, Box 9.2, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, Table 11.10, Table  
41 11.11, Table 11.12, 12.3, 12.4, Figure 12.9, 13.8.1, 13.8.2, Box.14.1, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.2, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2,  
42 Box CCP6.2, CCP6.3, CCP6.4, Box 8.7}

43  
44 **TS.B.7.3 The intersection of gender with race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, Indigenous identity, age,  
45 disability, income, migrant status, and geographical location often compound vulnerability to climate  
46 change impacts (*very high confidence*), exacerbate inequity and create further injustice (*high  
47 confidence*).** There is evidence that present adaptation strategies do not sufficiently include poverty  
48 reduction and the underlying social determinants of human vulnerability such as gender, ethnicity and  
49 governance (*high confidence*). {1.2.1, 1.4.1, 4.8.3, 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 4.6.3, 6.1.5, 6.3, 6.4, Box 9.1, 9.4.1, Box 9.8,  
50 11.7.2, 18.4, 18.5, CCB GENDER, CCP5.2.7}

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52 **TS.B.7.4 Climate variability and extremes are associated with more prolonged conflict through food  
53 price spikes, food and water insecurity, loss of income and loss of livelihoods (*high confidence*), with  
54 more consistent evidence for low-intensity organized violence within countries than for major or  
55 international armed conflict (*medium confidence*).** Compared to other socio-economic factors the  
56 influence of climate on conflict is assessed as relatively weak (*high confidence*), but is exacerbated by

1 insecure land tenure, weather sensitive economic activities, weak institutions and fragile governance, poverty  
2 and inequality (*medium confidence*). Literature also suggests a larger climate-related influence on the  
3 dynamics of conflict than on the likelihood of initial conflict outbreak (*low confidence*). There is insufficient  
4 evidence at present to attribute armed conflict to human-induced climate change. {4.1, 4.3.1, 4.3.6, 5.8.3,  
5 5.12.4, Box 5.9, Box 6.3; Box 9.9; 7.2.7, 12.5.8, 12.7.4, 16.2.3}

8 **TS.B.8 Cities and settlements (particularly unplanned and informal settlements, and in coastal and  
9 mountain regions) have continued to grow at rapid rates and remain crucial both as concentrated sites  
10 of increased exposure to risk and increasing vulnerability and as sites of action on climate change  
11 (high confidence). More people and key assets are exposed to climate-induced impacts, and loss and  
12 damages in cities, settlements and key infrastructure since AR5 (high confidence). Sea-level rise, heat-  
13 waves, droughts, changes in run-off, floods, wildfires and permafrost thaw cause disruptions of key  
14 infrastructure and services such as energy supply and transmission, communications, food and water  
15 supply, and transport systems in and between urban and peri-urban areas (high confidence). The most  
16 rapid growth in urban vulnerability and exposure has been in cities and settlements where adaptive  
17 capacity is limited, including informal settlements in low- and middle-income communities and in  
18 smaller and medium sized urban communities (high confidence).** {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 4.3.4, 8.2, 8.3,  
19 6.1.4, Box 6.1; 9.9.1, 9.9.2, 10.4.6, 11.6, Table 11.14, 12.6.1, 13.6.1, 14.5.5, 16.2, 16.5, CCP2.2, CCP5.2.5,  
20 CCP5.2.6; CCP5.2.7, CCP6.2.3, CCP6.2.4, Box CCP6.1, CCP6.2.5, CCP6.3.1, Table CCP6.5, Table  
21 CCP6.6}

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23 **TS.B.8.1 Globally, urban populations have grown by more than 397 million people between 2015-2020,  
24 with more than 90 percent of this growth taking place in Less Developed Regions. The most rapid  
25 growth in urban vulnerability has been in unplanned and informal settlements, and in smaller to  
26 medium urban centres in low- and middle-income nations where adaptive capacity is limited (high  
27 confidence).** Since AR5, observed impacts of climate change on cities, peri-urban areas and settlements have  
28 extended from direct, climate-driven impacts to compound, cascading, and systemic impacts (*high  
29 confidence*). Patterns of urban growth, inequity, poverty, informality and precariousness in housing are  
30 uneven and shape cities in key regions, such as within Africa and Asia. In sub-Saharan Africa, about 60% of  
31 its urban population live in informal settlements, while Asia is home to the largest share of people - 529  
32 million - living in informal settlements. The high degree of informality limits adaptation and increases  
33 differential vulnerability to climate change (*high confidence*). Globally, exposure to climate-driven impacts  
34 such as heatwaves, extreme precipitation, and storms in combination with rapid urbanization and lack of  
35 climate sensitive planning, along with continuing threats from urban heat islands, is increasing the  
36 vulnerability of marginalised urban populations and key infrastructure to climate change, e.g. more frequent  
37 and/or extreme rainfall and drought stress existing design and capacity of current urban water systems and  
38 heighten urban and peri-urban water insecurity (*high confidence*). COVID-19 has had a substantial urban  
39 impact and generated new climate-vulnerable populations (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 4.3.4,  
40 6.1.4 6.2, 6.2.2, 9.9.1, 9.9.3, 10.4.6, 12.4, 12.6.1, 14.5.5, 14.5.6, 17.2.1, CCB COVID}

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42 **TS.B.8.2 People, livelihoods, ecosystems, buildings and infrastructure within many coastal cities and  
43 settlements are already experiencing severe compounding impacts including from sea-level rise and  
44 climate variability (high confidence).** Coastal cities are disproportionately affected by interacting,  
45 cascading and climate-compounding climate- and ocean-driven impacts, in part because of the exposure of  
46 multiple assets, economic activities and large populations concentrated in narrow coastal zones (*high  
47 confidence*), with about a tenth of the world's population and physical assets in the Low Elevation Coastal  
48 Zone (less than 10 m above sea level). Early impacts of accelerating sea-level rise have been detected at  
49 sheltered or subsiding coasts, manifesting as nuisance and chronic flooding at high tides, water-table  
50 salinisation, ecosystem and agricultural transitions, increased erosion and coastal flood damage (*medium  
51 confidence*). Coastal settlements with high inequality e.g., a high proportion of informal settlements, as well  
52 as deltaic cities prone to land subsidence (e.g., Bangkok, Jakarta, Lagos, New Orleans; Mississippi, Nile,  
53 Ganges-Brahmaputra deltas), and Small Island States are highly vulnerable and have experienced impacts  
54 from severe storms and floods in addition to, or in combination with, those from accelerating sea level rise  
55 (*high confidence*). Currently, coastal cities already dependent on extensive protective works face prospects  
56 of significantly increasing costs to maintain current protection levels, especially if local sea level rises to the

1 point that financial and technical limits are reached; systemic changes, such as relocation of millions of  
2 people, will be necessary (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 4.3.4, Box 6.3, 6.3.1, 6.4.5, Box 6.4,  
3 6.4.3, 6.4.5, Figure 6.5, CWGB URBAN, 10.3.7, Box 9.8, 11.7.2, 12.1.1, 13.8.1.1, 15.7}

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5 **TS.B.8.3 Climate impacts on urban population health, livelihoods and well-being, are felt**  
6 **disproportionately, with the most economically and socially marginalized, being most affected (*high***  
7 ***confidence*)**. Vulnerabilities vary by location, and are shaped by intersecting processes of marginalisation -  
8 including gender, class, race, income, ethnic origin, age, level of ability, sexuality and nonconforming  
9 gender orientation (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 4.3.4, Box 6.3, 6.3.1, 6.4.5, Box 6.4, 6.4.3,  
10 6.4.5, Figure 6.5, CWGB URBAN, 10.3.7, Box 9.8, 11.7.2, 12.1.1, 13.8.1.1, 15.7}

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12 **TS.B.8.4 Infrastructure systems provide critical services to individuals, society, and the economy – in**  
13 **urban and rural areas; their availability and reliability directly or indirectly influences the attainment**  
14 **of all SDGs (*high confidence*)**.-Due to connectivity of infrastructure systems climate impacts, such as with  
15 thawing permafrost or severe storms affecting energy and transport networks, can propagate outside the  
16 reach of the hazard footprint and cause larger impacts and widespread regional disruption (*high confidence*).  
17 Interdependencies between infrastructure systems have created new pathways for compounding climate risk,  
18 which has been accelerated by trends in information and communication technologies, increased reliance on  
19 energy, and complex (often global) supply chains (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK, 2.3,  
20 4.6.2, 6.2, 6.3, Box 6.2, 9.7.3, 9.9.3, 9.9.5, 10.4.6, 10.5, 10.6, 11.3.3, 11.3.5, 11.5.1, Box 11.4, 12.3, 12.5,  
21 13.2, 13.6.1, 13.10.2, Box 14.5, 14.5.5, 15.3, 16.5.2.3, 16.5.2.4, 16.5.3, 16.5.4, 17.2, 17.5, 18.3, 18.4,  
22 CCP2.2, CCP4.1, CCP5.3, CCP6.2}

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25 **TS.B.9 The effects of climate change impacts have been observed across economic sectors, although**  
26 **the size of the damages varies by sector and by region (*high confidence*)**. Recent extreme weather and  
27 climate-induced events have been associated with large costs through damaged property,  
28 infrastructure, and supply chain disruptions, although development patterns have driven much of  
29 these increases (*high confidence*). Adverse impacts on economic growth have been identified from  
30 extreme weather events (*high confidence*) with large effects in developing countries (*high confidence*).  
31 Widespread climate impacts have undermined economic livelihoods, especially for vulnerable  
32 populations (*high confidence*). Climate impacts and projected risks have been insufficiently  
33 internalized into private and public sector planning and budgeting practices and adaptation finance  
34 (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.3, 3.5.5, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.4, 6.2.4, 6.4.5, Table 6.11, 8.3.3, 8.3.5, 9.11.1,  
35 9.11.4, CCP5.2.7, Box 10.7, 11.5.1, 13.10.1, 13.11.1, Box 14.5, Box 14.6, 14.5.8, 15.3.4, 16.2.3, CWGB  
36 ECONOMIC, CCB FINANCE}

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38 **TS.B.9.1 Economic losses of climate change arise from adverse impacts to inputs, such as crop yields**  
39 **(*very high confidence*), water availability (*high confidence*) and outdoor labour productivity due to**  
40 **heat stress (*high confidence*)**. Larger economic losses are observed for sectors with high direct climate  
41 exposure, including regional losses to agriculture, forestry, fishery, energy and tourism (*high confidence*).  
42 Many industrial and service sectors are indirectly affected through supply disruptions, especially during and  
43 following extreme events (*high confidence*). Costs are also incurred from adaptation, disaster spending,  
44 recovery, and rebuilding of infrastructure (*high confidence*). Estimates of the global effect of climate change  
45 on aggregate measures of economic performance and GDP range from negative to positive, in part due to  
46 uncertainty in how weather variability and climate impacts propagate to GDP (*high confidence*). Climate  
47 change is estimated to have slowed trends of decreasing economic inequality between developed and  
48 developing countries (*low confidence*), with particularly negative effects for Africa (*medium confidence*).  
49 {4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.7.5, CCP4.4, CCP4.5, 9.6.3, 9.11.1, 13.6.1, 4.2.2., 11.3.4 11.5.2, Box 11.1, 14.5.1, 14.5.2,  
50 14.5.3, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 14.5.8, Box 14.6, Box 14.7, 16.2.3, CCP5.2.5, CCP6.2.5}

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52 **TS.B.9.2 A growing range of economic and non-economic losses have been detected and attributed to**  
53 **climate extremes and slow onset events under observed increases in global temperatures in both low-**  
54 **and high-income countries (*medium confidence*)**. Extreme weather events, such as tropical cyclones,  
55 droughts, and severe fluvial floods, have reduced economic growth in the short-term (*high confidence*) and  
56 the following decades (*medium confidence*) in both developing and industrialized countries. Patterns of

development have augmented the exposure of more assets to extreme hazards increasing the magnitude of the losses (*high confidence*). Small islands developing states have reported economic losses and a wide range of damages from tropical cyclones and increases in sea-level rise (*high confidence*). Wildfires partly attributed to climate change caused substantial economic damages in recent years in North America, Australia and the Arctic (*high confidence*). {4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.7.5, CCB DISASTER, 8.2, 8.3.4, 8.4.1, 8.4.5, Box 8.5, 9.11.1, Box 10.7, Box 11.1, 11.5.2, Table 11.13, 13.10.1, Box 14.6, CWGB ECONOMIC, 15.7, 15.8, 16.2.3, 16.5.2}

**TS.B.9.3 Economic livelihoods that are more climate sensitive have been disproportionately degraded by climate change (*high confidence*).** Climate sensitive livelihoods are more concentrated in regions that have higher socioeconomic vulnerabilities and lower adaptive capacities, exacerbating existing inequalities (*medium confidence*). Extreme events have also had larger adverse effects in poorer regions and on more vulnerable populations (*medium confidence*). These larger economic effects have further reduced the ability of these populations to adapt the existing impacts (*medium confidence*). Within populations, the poor, women, children, the elderly, and Indigenous populations have been especially vulnerable due to a combination of factors including gendered divisions of paid and/or unpaid labour (*high confidence*). {4.3.1, 4.3.8, 8.3.5, 9.1.1, 13.8.1, Box 14.6, 16.2.3, CWGB ECONOMIC, CCB GENDER}

**TS.B.9.4 Current planning and budgeting practices have given insufficient consideration to climate impacts and projected risks, placing more assets and people in the regions with current and projected climate hazards (*medium confidence*).** Existing adaptation has prevented higher economic losses (*medium confidence*), yet adaptation gaps remain due to limited financial means, including gaps in international adaptation finance, and competing priorities in budget allocations (*medium confidence*). Insufficient consideration of these impacts, however, has placed more assets in areas that are highly exposed to climate hazards (*medium confidence*). {4.7.1, 6.4.5, Box 8.3, 9.4.1, 10.5, 10.6, 11.8.1, 13.11.1, Box 14.6, 15.3.3, 16.4.3, CCP5.2.7, CCB FINANCE}

## TS.C: Projected Impacts and Risks

### Introduction

This section identifies future impacts and risks under different degrees of climate change. As a result, over 130 key risks have been found across regions and sectors. These are integrated as eight overarching risks (called Representative Key Risks, RKR) which relate to low-lying coastal systems; terrestrial and ocean ecosystems; critical physical infrastructure, networks and services; living standards and equity; human health; food security; water security; and peace and migration. Risks are projected to become severe with increased warming and under ecological or societal conditions of high exposure and vulnerability. The intertwined issues of biodiversity loss and climatic change together with human demographic changes, particularly rapid growth in low-income countries, an aging population in high-income countries and rapid urbanisation are seen as core in understanding risk distribution at all scales. {16.5.2, Table 16.A.4, SMTS.2}

**TS.C.1 Without urgent and ambitious emissions reductions, more terrestrial, marine and freshwater species and ecosystems face conditions that approach or exceed the limits of their historical experience (*very high confidence*).** Threats to species and ecosystems in oceans, coastal regions, and on land, particularly in biodiversity hotspots, present a global risk that will increase with every additional tenth of a degree of warming (*high confidence*). The transformation of terrestrial and ocean/coastal ecosystems and loss of biodiversity, exacerbated by pollution, habitat fragmentation and land-use changes, will threaten livelihoods and food security (*high confidence*). {2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, Figure 2.6, Figure 2.7, Figure 2.8, 2.5.4, Figure 2.11, Table 2.5, 3.2.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.5.5, 9.6.2, 12.4, 13.10.2, 14.5.1, 14.5.2, 15.3.3, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCP1.2.4, CCP5.3.2, CCP5.2.7, CCP 7.3.5, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS}

**TS.C.1.1 Near-term warming will continue to cause plants and animals to alter their timing of seasonal events (*high confidence*) and to move their geographic ranges (*high confidence*).** Risks escalate with additional near-term warming in all regions and domains (*high confidence*). Without urgent and deep emissions reductions, some species and ecosystems, especially those in polar and already-warm areas, face

1 temperatures beyond their historical experience in the next decades (e.g. >20% of species on some tropical  
2 landscapes and coastlines at 1.5°C global warming). Unique and threatened ecosystems are expected to be at  
3 high risk in the very near term at 1.2°C global warming levels (*very high confidence*) due to mass tree  
4 mortality, coral reef bleaching, large declines in sea-ice dependent species, and mass mortality events from  
5 heatwaves. Even for less-vulnerable species and systems, projected climate-change risks surpass hard limits  
6 to natural adaptation, increasing species at high risk of population declines (*medium confidence*), loss of  
7 critical habitats (*medium to high confidence*) and compromising ecosystem structure, functioning and  
8 resilience (*medium confidence*). 2°C global warming with associated changes in precipitation are projected to  
9 increase global land area burned by wildfire by 35% (*medium confidence*). {2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3; 2.5.4, 2.6.1,  
10 Figure 2.6, Figure 2.7, Figure 2.8, Figure 2.9, Figure 2.11, Table 2.5, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.5, 4.5.5, 9.6.2, 11.3.1,  
11 11.3.2, 12.3, 13.10.2, 14.5.1, 14.5.2, 15.3.3, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCB SLR, CCB DEEP, CPP1.2.1, CCP1.2.4,  
12 CCP5.3.2, CCP7.3, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS}

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14 **TS.C.1.2 Risks to ecosystem integrity, functioning and resilience are projected to escalate with every**  
15 **tenth of a degree increase in global warming (*very high confidence*).** Beginning at 1.5°C warming, natural  
16 adaptation faces hard limits, driving high risks of biodiversity decline, mortality, species extinction and loss  
17 of related livelihoods (*high confidence*). At 1.6°C (median estimate), >10% of species are projected to  
18 become endangered, increasing to >20% at 2.1°C, representing severe biodiversity risk (*medium confidence*).  
19 These risks escalate with warming, most rapidly and severely in areas at both extremes of temperature and  
20 precipitation (*high confidence*). At 3°C of warming, >80% of marine species across large parts of the tropical  
21 Indian and Pacific Ocean will experience potentially dangerous climate conditions (*medium confidence*).  
22 Beyond 4°C of warming, projected impacts expand, including extirpation of ~50% of tropical marine  
23 species (*medium confidence*) and biome shifts (changes in the major vegetation form of an ecosystem) across  
24 35% of global land area (*medium confidence*). These are leading to the shift of much of the Amazon  
25 rainforest to drier and lower-biomass vegetation (*medium confidence*), poleward shifts of boreal forest into  
26 treeless tundra across the Arctic, and upslope shifts of montane forests into alpine grassland (*high*  
27 *confidence*). { 2.3.2, 2.5, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 9.6.2.4, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, 12.3, 13.3.1, 13.4.1,  
28 13.10.2, 16.4.3, 16.5.2, Figure 2.6, Figure 2.7, Figure 2.8, Figure 2.11, Figure 3.18, Table 2.6.7, Box 3.2,  
29 9.6.2, Box 11.2, CCB EXTREMES, CCP1.2.1, CCP1.2.2, CCP5.3.1, CCP5.3.2.3, CC6P4, CCP7.3, Figure  
30 TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS}

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32 **TS.C.1.3 Damage and degradation of ecosystems exacerbates the projected impacts of climate change**  
33 **on biodiversity (*high confidence*).** Space for nature is shrinking as large areas of forest are lost to  
34 **deforestation (*high confidence*), peat draining and agricultural expansion, land reclamation and**  
35 **protection structures in urban and coastal settlements (*high confidence*).** Currently less than 15% of the  
36 land and 8% of the ocean are under some form of protection, and enforcement of protection is often weak  
37 (*very high confidence*). Future ecosystem vulnerability will strongly depend on developments of society,  
38 including demographic and economic change (*high confidence*). Deforestation is projected to increase the  
39 threat to terrestrial ecosystems, as is increasing the use of hard coastal protection of cities and settlements by  
40 the sea for coastal ecosystems. Coordinated and well-monitored habitat restoration, protection and  
41 management, combined with consumer pressure and incentives, can reduce non-climatic impacts and  
42 increase resilience (*high confidence*). Adaptation and mitigation options, such as afforestation, dam  
43 construction, and coastal infrastructure placements, can increase vulnerability, compete for land and water  
44 and generate risks for the integrity and function of ecosystems (*high confidence*). {2.2, 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2,  
45 2.4.3, 2.5.4, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, Figure 2.1, 3.4.2, 3.5, 3.6.3, 4.5.5, 9.6.2, 9.6.3, 9.6.4, 9.7.2,  
46 11.3.1, 12.3.3, 12.3.4, 13.3.2, 13.4.2, 13.10.2, 13.11.3, 14.5.2, 14.5.4, CCB NATURAL, CCB SLR,  
47 CCP5.2.1, CCP5.2.5, CCP5.3.2, CCP5.4.1}

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49 **TS.C.1.4 Changes induced by climate change in the physiology, biomass, structure and extent of**  
50 **ecosystems will determine their future carbon storage capacity (*high confidence*).** In terrestrial  
51 ecosystems, fertilization effects of high atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations on carbon uptake will be  
52 increasingly saturated and limited by warming and drought (*medium confidence*). Increases in wildfires, tree  
53 mortality, insect pest outbreaks, peatland drying and permafrost thaw (*high confidence*) all exacerbate self-  
54 reinforcing feedbacks between emissions from high-carbon ecosystems and warming with the potential to  
55 turn many ecosystems that are currently net carbon sinks into sources (*medium confidence*). In coastal areas  
56 beyond 1.5°C warming, blue carbon storage by mangroves, marshes, and seagrass habitats are increasingly  
57 threatened by rising sea levels and the intensity, duration and extent of marine heat waves, as well as



1 adaptation options (including coastal development) (*high confidence*). Changes in ocean stratification are  
2 projected to reduce nutrient supply and alter the magnitude and efficiency of the biological carbon pump  
3 (*medium confidence*). {2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, Figure 2.9, Figure 2.11, 3.2.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, Box 3.4, 9.5.10, 9.6.2,  
4 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 11.3.1, 11.3.4, Box 11.5, 12.3.3, 12.3.4, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, Table 12.6, 13.3.1, 14.5.1, 15.3.3,  
5 CCB SLR, CCP1.2.4, CCP1.3, CCP7.3, AR6 WGI 5.4}

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7 **TS.C.1.5 Extinction risk increases disproportionately from global warming of 1.5 to 3°C and is**  
8 **especially high for endemic species and species rendered less resilient by human-induced non-climate**  
9 **stressors (*very high confidence*).** The percentage of terrestrial species at high risk of extinction is projected to  
10 be 9% (maximum 14%) at 1.5°C, increasing to 10% (18%) at 2°C, 12% (29%) at 3.0°C, and 13% (39%) at  
11 4°C (*medium confidence*). Extinction risks are higher for species in biodiversity hotspots (*high confidence*),  
12 reaching 24% of species at very high extinction risk above 1.5°C, with yet higher proportions for endemic  
13 species of 84% in mountains (*medium confidence*) and 100% on islands (*medium confidence*). Thousands of  
14 individual populations are projected to be locally lost which will reduce species diversity in some areas  
15 where there are no species moving in to replace them, e.g. in tropical systems (*high confidence*). Novel  
16 species interactions at the cold edge of species' distribution may also lead to extirpations and extinctions of  
17 newly encountered species (*low confidence*). Paleo records indicate that at extreme warming levels (>5°C)  
18 mass extinctions of species occur (*medium confidence*). Among the thousands of species at risk, many are  
19 species of ecological, cultural and economic importance. {2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, Figure 2.1,  
20 Figure 2.6, Figure 2.7, Figure 2.8, Figure 2.11, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.5.5, 9.6.2, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.1, 13.10.2,  
21 CCB PALEO, CCP1.2.1, CCP1.2.4, CCP5.3.1}

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24 **TS.C.2 Cumulative stressors and extreme events are projected to increase in magnitude and frequency**  
25 **(*very high confidence*) and will accelerate projected climate-driven shifts in ecosystems and loss of the**  
26 **services they provide to people (*high confidence*).** These processes will exacerbate both stress on  
27 systems already at risk from climate impacts and non-climate impacts like habitat fragmentation and  
28 pollution (*high confidence*). Increasing frequency and severity of extreme events will decrease recovery  
29 time available for ecosystems (*high confidence*). Irreversible changes will occur from the interaction of  
30 stressors and the occurrence of extreme events (*very high confidence*), such as the expansion of arid  
31 systems or total loss of stony coral and sea ice communities. {2.3, 2.3.1, 3.2.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 13.3.1, 13.4.1,  
32 13.10.2, 14.5.2, 14.5.5, 14.5.9, Box 14.2, Box 14.4}

33  
34 **TS.C.2.1. Ecosystem integrity is threatened by the positive feedback between direct human impacts**  
35 **(land-use change, pollution, overexploitation, fragmentation and destruction) and climate change**  
36 **(*high confidence*).** In the case of the Amazon forest, this could lead to large-scale ecological transformations  
37 and shifts from a closed, wet forest into a drier and lower-biomass vegetation (*medium confidence*). If these  
38 pressures are not successfully addressed, the combined and interactive effects between climate change,  
39 deforestation and degradation, and forest fires are projected to lead to over 60% reduction of area covered by  
40 forest in response to 2.5°C global warming level (*medium confidence*). Some habitat-forming coastal  
41 ecosystems including many coral reefs, kelp forests and seagrass meadows, will undergo irreversible phase  
42 shifts due to marine heatwaves with global warming levels >1.5°C and are at high risk this century even in  
43 <1.5°C scenarios that include periods of temperature overshoot beyond 1.5°C (*high confidence*). Under  
44 SSP1-2.6, coral reefs are at risk of widespread decline, loss of structural integrity and transitioning to net  
45 erosion by mid-century due to increasing intensity and frequency of marine heatwaves (*very high*  
46 *confidence*). Due to these impacts, the rate of sea-level rise is *very likely* to exceed that of reef growth by  
47 2050, absent adaptation. In response to heatwaves, bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef is projected to occur  
48 annually if warming increases above 2.0°C resulting in widespread decline and loss of structural integrity  
49 (*very high confidence*). Global warming of 3.0-3.5°C increases the likelihood of extreme and lethal heat  
50 events in west and North Africa (*medium confidence*) and across Asia. Drought risks are projected to  
51 increase in many regions over the 21st century (*very high confidence*). {2.5.2, 2.5.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 9.5.3, 9.10,  
52 10.2.1, 10.3.7, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, Box 11.2, Table 11.14, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 14.5.3, Box 14.3, CCP7.3.6}

53  
54 **TS.C.2.2 Pests, weeds and disease occurrence and distribution are projected to increase with global**  
55 **warming, amplified by climate-change induced extreme events (e.g., droughts, floods, heatwaves, and**  
56 **wildfires), with negative consequences for ecosystem health, food security, human health and**

1 **livelihoods (*medium confidence*)**. Invasive plant species are predicted to expand both in latitude and altitude  
 2 (*high confidence*). Climatically disrupted ecosystems will make organisms more susceptible to disease via  
 3 reduced immunity and biodiversity losses which can increase disease transmission. Risks of climate-driven  
 4 emerging zoonoses will increase. Depending on location and human-wildlife interactions, climate-driven  
 5 shifts in distributions of wild animals increase the risk of emergence of novel human infectious diseases as  
 6 has occurred with SARS, MERS and SARS-CoV-2 (*medium confidence*). Changes in the rates of  
 7 reproduction and distribution of weeds, insect pests, pathogens and disease vectors will increase biotic stress  
 8 on crops, forests, livestock (*medium evidence, high agreement*). Pest and disease outbreaks will require  
 9 greater use of control measures, increasing the cost of production, food safety impacts as well as the risk of  
 10 biodiversity loss and ecosystem impacts. These control measures will become costlier under climate change  
 11 (*medium confidence*). {2.4.2.7.3, 2.5.1.4, 2.5.2.7, 3.5.5, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.4.3, 5.5.2, 5.9.4, 5.12,  
 12 11.3.1, 13.5.1, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, CCB ILLNESS, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB COVID}

14 **TS.C.2.3 The ability of natural ecosystems to provide carbon storage and sequestration is increasingly  
 15 impacted by heat, wildfire, droughts, loss and degradation of vegetation from land use, and other  
 16 impacts (*high confidence*)**. Limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, compared to 2.0°C, could  
 17 reduce projected permafrost CO<sub>2</sub> losses by 2100 by 24.2 GtC (*low confidence*). Temperature rise of 4°C by  
 18 2100 is projected to increase global burned area 50–70% and fire frequency by ~30%, potentially  
 19 releasing 11-200 GtC from the Arctic alone (*medium confidence*). Changes in plankton community  
 20 structure and productivity are projected to reduce carbon sequestration at depth (*low to medium confidence*).  
 21 {2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, Figure 2.11, Table 2.5, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.2, 4.2.4, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, Box 14.7, Box 3.4}

23 **TS.C.2.4 Climate change impacts on marine ecosystems are projected to lead to profound changes and  
 24 irreversible losses in many regions, with negative consequences for human ways of life, economy and  
 25 cultural identity (*medium confidence*)**. For example, by 2100, 18.8% ± 19.0% to 38.9% ± 9.4% of the  
 26 ocean will *very likely* undergo a change of more than 20 days (advances and delays) in the start of the  
 27 phytoplankton growth period under SSP1-2.6 and SSP5-8.5, respectively (*low confidence*). This altered  
 28 timing increases the risk of temporal mismatches between plankton blooms and fish spawning seasons  
 29 (*medium to high confidence*) and increases the risk of fish recruitment failure for species with restricted  
 30 spawning locations, especially in mid-to-high latitudes of the northern hemisphere (*low confidence*) but  
 31 provide short-term opportunities to countries benefiting from shifting fish stocks (*medium confidence*).  
 32 {3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.6, 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 11.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.5.1, 14.5.2, CCP6.3, CCB MOVING SPECIES}

34 **TS.C.2.5 Warming pathways that temporarily increase global mean temperature over 1.5°C above  
 35 pre-industrial for multi-decadal time spans imply severe risks and irreversible impacts in many  
 36 ecosystems (*high confidence*)**. Major risks include loss of coastal ecosystems such as wetlands and  
 37 marshlands from committed sea-level rise associated with overshoot warming (*medium confidence*), coral  
 38 reefs and kelps from heat-related mortality and associated ecosystem transitions (*high confidence*),  
 39 disruption of water flows in high-elevation ecosystems from glacier loss and shrinking snowcover, and local  
 40 extinctions of terrestrial species. {2.5, 3.4.2, 3.4.4, 4.7.4, 9.6.2, 12.3, 13.10.2, CCP5.3.1}

43 **TS.C.3 Climate change will increasingly add pressure on food production systems, undermining food  
 44 security (*high confidence*)**. With every increment of warming, exposure to climate hazards will grow  
 45 substantially (*high confidence*), and adverse impacts on all food sectors will become prevalent, further  
 46 stressing food security (*high confidence*). Regional disparity in risks to food security will grow with  
 47 warming levels, increasing poverty traps, particularly in regions characterized by a high level of  
 48 human vulnerability (*high confidence*). {4.5.1, 4.6.1, 5.2.2, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.5.3, 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 5.12.4, 7.3.1,  
 49 9.8.2, 9.8.5, 13.5.1, 14.5.4, 16.5.2, 16.6.3, CCB MOVING PLATE, Figure TS.4}

51 **TS.C.3.1 Climate change will increasingly add pressure on terrestrial food production systems with  
 52 every increment of warming (*high confidence*)**. Some of current global crop and livestock areas will become  
 53 climatically unsuitable depending on emissions scenario (*high confidence*; 10% globally by 2050, by 2100  
 54 over 30 % under SSP-8.5 vs below 8% under SSP1-2.6). Compared to 1.5°C Global Warming Level, 2°C  
 55 Global Warming Level will even further negatively impact food production where current temperatures are

1 already high as in lower latitudes (*high confidence*). Increased and potentially concurrent climate extremes  
2 will increase simultaneous losses in major food-producing regions (*medium confidence*). Adverse effects of  
3 climate change on food production will become more severe when global temperatures rise by more than 2°C  
4 (*high confidence*). At 3°C or higher Global Warming Levels, exposure to climate hazards will grow  
5 substantially (*high confidence*), further stressing food production, notably in Sub-Saharan Africa, South and  
6 South East Asia (*high confidence*). {4.5.1, 4.6.1, 5.2.2, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.5.3, 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 5.12.4, 9.8.2, 9.8.5,  
7 11.3.4, 13.5.1, 14.5.4, 16.5.2, 16.6.3, CCB MOVING PLATE, Figure TS.4}

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9 **TS.C.3.2 Climate change will significantly alter aquatic food provisioning services, with direct impacts  
10 on food insecure people (*high confidence*).** Global ocean animal biomass will decrease by 5.7% ± 4.1% and  
11 15.5% ± 8.5% under SSP1-2.6 and SSP5-8.5, respectively, by 2080–2099 relative to 1995–2014 (*medium  
12 confidence*), affecting food provisioning, revenue value and distribution. Catch composition will change  
13 regionally and the vulnerability of fishers will partially depend on their ability to move, diversify, and leverage  
14 technology (*medium confidence*). Global marine aquaculture will decline under increasing temperature and  
15 acidification conditions by 2100, with potential short-term gains for finfish aquaculture in some temperate  
16 regions and overall negative impacts on bivalve aquaculture due to habitat reduction (*medium confidence*).  
17 Changes in precipitation, sea-level rise, temperature, and extreme events will negatively affect food  
18 provisioning from inland aquatic systems (*medium confidence*), which provide a significant source of  
19 livelihoods and food for direct human consumption, particularly in Asia and Africa. {3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.3, 3.6.2,  
20 3.6.3, 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 5.13, 9.8.5, 13.5.1, 14.5.2, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB SLR, CCP6.2.3, CCP6.2.4,  
21 CCP6.2.5, CCP6.2.6, CCP6.2.8}

22  
23 **TS.C.3.3 Climate change will increasingly add significant pressure and regionally different impacts on  
24 all components of food systems, undermining all dimensions of food security (*high confidence*).** Extreme  
25 weather events will increase risks of food insecurity via spikes in food prices, reduced food diversity and  
26 reduced income for agricultural and fisheries livelihoods (*high confidence*), preventing from achieving the UN  
27 SDG 2 ('Zero Hunger') by 2030 in regions with limited adaptive capacities, including Africa, Small Island  
28 States and South Asia (*high confidence*). With about 2°C warming, climate-related changes in food availability  
29 and diet quality are estimated to increase nutrition-related diseases and the number of undernourished people  
30 by 2050, affecting tens (under low vulnerability and low warming) to hundreds of millions of people (under  
31 high vulnerability and high warming, i.e. SSP-3-RCP6.0), particularly among low-income households in low  
32 and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Central America (*high confidence*), e.g.  
33 between 8 million under SSP1-6.0 to up to 80 million people under SSP3-6.0. At 3°C or higher global warming  
34 levels, adverse impacts on all food sectors will become prevalent, further stressing food availability (*high  
35 confidence*), agricultural labour productivity, and food access (*medium confidence*). Regional disparity in risks  
36 to food security will grow at these higher warming levels, increasing poverty traps, particularly in regions  
37 characterized by a high level of human vulnerability (*high confidence*). {4.5.1, 4.6.1, 5.2.2, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.5.3,  
38 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 5.12.4, 7.3.1, 9.8.2, 9.8.5, 13.5.1, 14.5.4, 16.5.2, 16.6.3, CCB MOVING PLATE}

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40 **TS.C.3.4 Climate change is projected to increase malnutrition through reduced nutritional quality,  
41 access to balanced food, and inequality (*high confidence*).** Increased CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations promote crop  
42 growth and yield but reduce the density of important nutrients in some crops (*high confidence*) with projected  
43 increases in undernutrition and micronutrient deficiency, particularly in countries that currently have high  
44 levels of nutrient deficiency (*high confidence*) and regions with low access to diverse foods (*medium  
45 confidence*). Marine-dependent communities, including Indigenous Peoples and local peoples, will be at  
46 increased risk of malnutrition due to losing seafood-sourced nutrients (*medium confidence*). {3.5.3, 5.2.2,  
47 5.4.2, 5.4.3, 5.5.2, 5.12.1, 5.12.4, 7.3.1, 9.8.5, 16.5.2, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCP6.2.3, CCP6.2.4,  
48 CCP6.2.5, CCP6.2.6, CCP6.2.8}

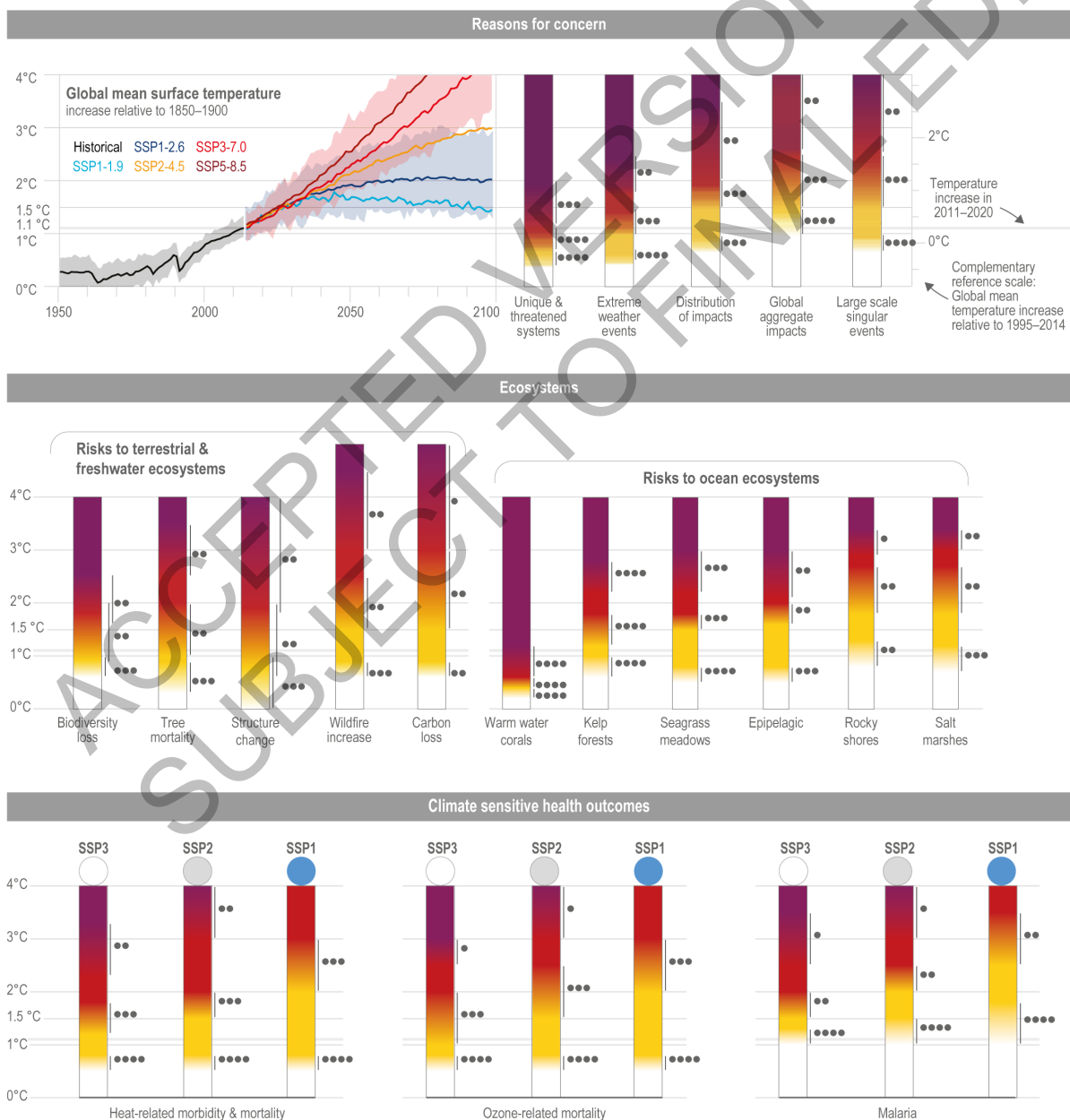
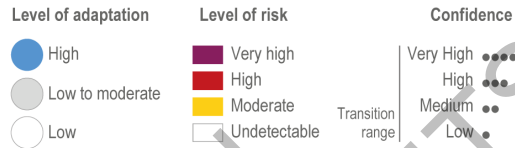
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50 **TS.C.3.5 Climate change will further increase pressures on those terrestrial ecosystem services which  
51 support global food production systems (*high confidence*).** Climate change will reduce the effectiveness of  
52 pollination as species are lost from certain areas, or the coordination of pollinator activity and flower  
53 receptiveness is disrupted in some regions (*high confidence*). Greenhouse gas emissions will negatively impact  
54 air, soil, and water quality, exacerbating direct climatic impacts on yields (*high confidence*). {5.4.3, 5.5.3,  
55 5.7.1, 5.7.4, 5.9.4, 5.10.3, Box 5.3, Box 5.4, 13.10.2, 14.5.4, CCB MOVING PLATE, SRCL}

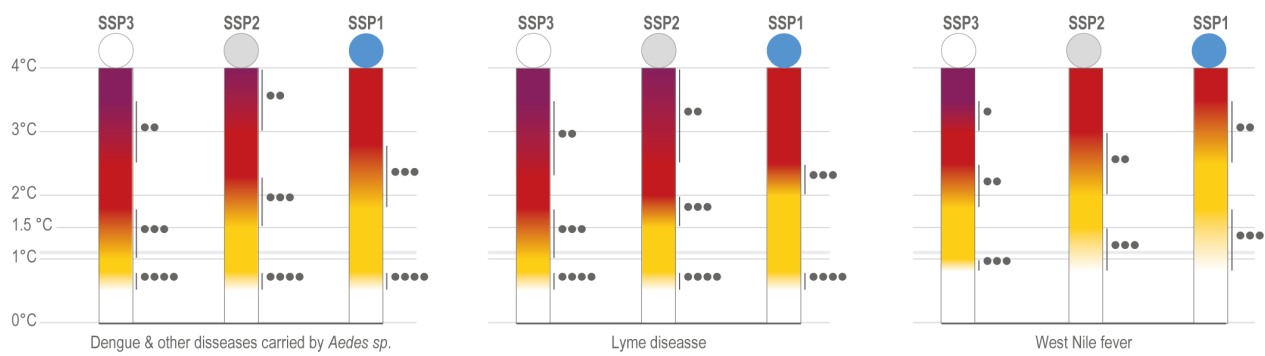
1 **TS.C.3.6 Climate change will compromise food safety through multiple pathways (*high***  
 2 ***confidence*).** Higher temperatures and humidity will expand the risk of aflatoxin contamination into higher  
 3 latitude regions (*high confidence*). More frequent and intense flood events and increased melting of snow and  
 4 ice will increase food contamination (*high confidence*). Aquatic food safety will decrease through increased  
 5 detrimental impacts from harmful algal blooms (*high confidence*) and human exposure to elevated  
 6 bioaccumulation of persistent organic pollutants and methylmercury (*low to medium confidence*). These  
 7 negative food safety impacts will be greater without adaptation and fall disproportionately on low-income  
 8 countries and communities with high consumption of seafood, including coastal Indigenous communities  
 9 (*medium confidence*). {3.6.3, 5.4.3, 5.8.1, 5.8.3, 5.11.1, 5.12.4, Box 5.10, 7.3.1, 14.5.6, CCB ILLNESS}

10 **Burning ember diagrams of regional & global risk assessments**  
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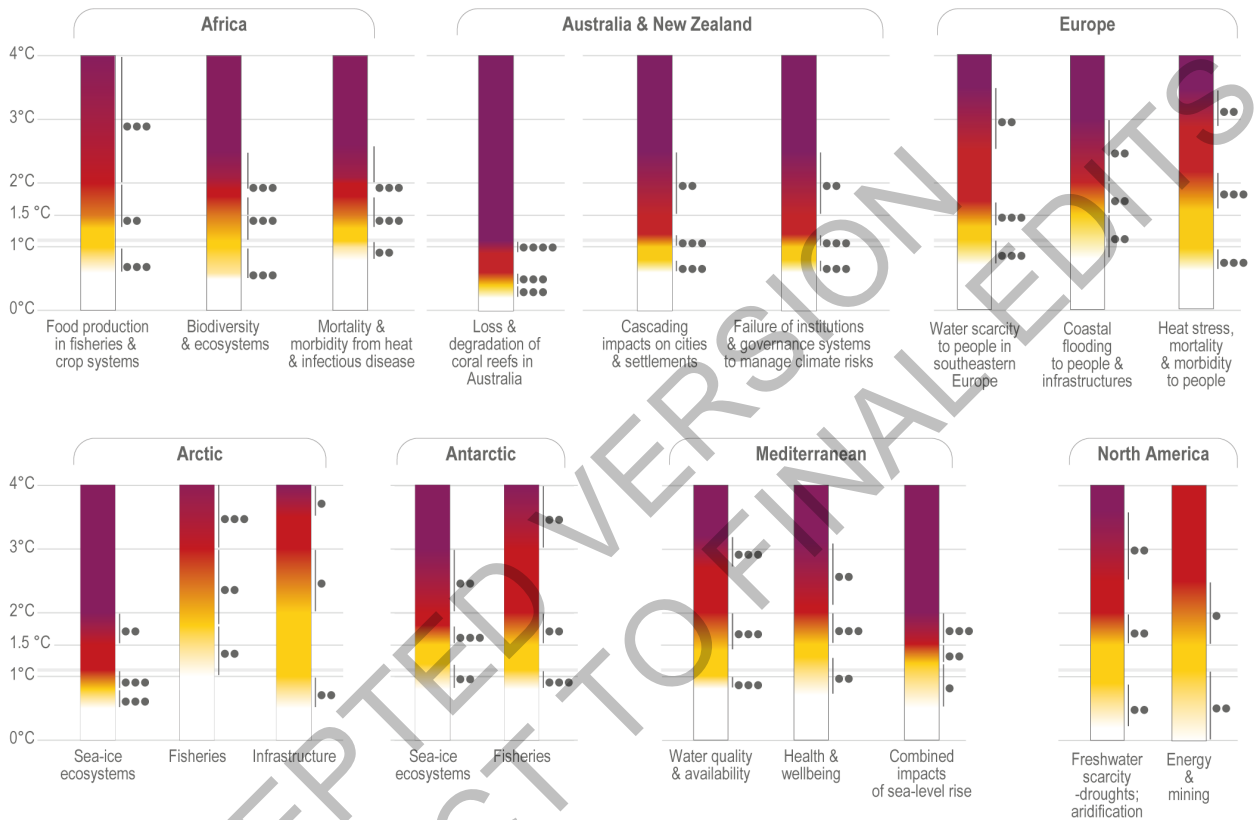
'Burning Embers' is a colloquial term for the diagrams that show the levels of concern that scientists have about the consequences of climate change. In particular, the diagrams show how this level of concern, expressed here as risk, increases as global temperature rise.

The colour gradient indicates the level of additional risk to each of the assessed systems, as a function of climate change. Confidence in the transition of one level to the next at a given temperature, is also provided. Each risk assessment is conducted under defined assumptions about society's level of adaptation, unless specified, these are carried under current or low adaptation.





Regional highlights



Other regional key risks identified with high confidence (●●●)

- Asia**
  - Urban infrastructure damage due to flooding
  - Biodiversity and habitat loss
  - More frequent and extensive coral bleaching and mortality
  - Decline in coastal fishery resources
  - Risk to food and water security due to drought
- Small Islands**
  - Loss of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystem services
  - Loss of terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem services
  - Loss of lives and assets, food insecurity and economic disruption due to destruction of settlements and infrastructure
  - Economic decline and livelihood failure
  - Reduced habitability of reef and non-reef islands leading to increased migration
- Central & South America**
  - Risk of water insecurity
  - Risk of severe health effects due to increasing epidemics (in particular vector-borne diseases)
  - Risk to coral reef ecosystems due to coral bleaching
- Other key risks**
  - Risks for the cultural heritage & long-living infrastructure in Europe
  - Climate-Sensitive Mental Health Outcomes from compound climate hazards
  - Risk to ecosystems and human health and wellbeing within and beyond polar regions due to sea ice loss and attendant ecosystem alterations.
  - Increase in heat-related mortality and morbidity for people and wildlife
  - Risk of increasing levels of extreme poverty in global south countries

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2 **Figure TS.4: Burning ember diagrams of global, sectoral and regional risk assessments and examples of other**  
3 **regional key risks.** Impacts and risks are shown in relation to Global Mean Surface Temperature (GMST) relative to pre-  
4 pre-industrial (1850-1900). Reasons for Concern (RFC) are also shown relative to present day (1995-2014). The methods and  
5 assessment of risk transitions is described in the report: Reasons for concern 16.6.3.1 – 16.6.3.5; 16.6.4; Table SM16.18,  
6 SM16.6 presents the consensus values of the transition range and median estimate in terms of global warming level by  
7 risk level for each of the five RFC embers. For details on the assessment of risks see SMTS.2 and Africa: 9.2; Table 9.2;  
8 For range of global warming levels for each risk transition used to make this figure see Table SM9.1. Australia and New  
9 Zealand/ Australia: The assessment is based on available literature and expert judgement, summarised in Table 11.14 and  
described in SM11.2. Mediterranean: See CCP4.3.2-8 and Tables SMCCP4.2a-h for details. Europe: 13.10.2; More

1 details on each burning ember are provided in Sections 13.10.2.1–13.10.2.4 and SM13.10. North America: 14.6.2; 14.6.3;  
2 Table 14.3, see SM14.4 for detailed information. Arctic: CCP6.3.1; Table CCP6.5; The supporting literature and methods  
3 are provided in SMCCP6.6. Ecosystems: Terrestrial and freshwater: Tables 2.5 and 2.S.4 provide details of the key risks  
4 and temperature levels for the risk transitions. Ocean: Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate  
5 (SROCC Chp 5). Health: 7.3. Other risks are identified with *high confidence* and are described in SM16.7 and SMTS.2.  
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8 **TS.C.4 Water-related risks are projected to increase at all warming levels with risks being**  
9 **proportionally lower at 1.5°C than higher degrees of warming (*high confidence*). Regions and**  
10 **populations with higher exposure and vulnerability are projected to face greater risks than others**  
11 **(*medium confidence*). Projected changes in water cycle, water quality, cryosphere changes, drought**  
12 **and flood will negatively impact natural and human systems (*high confidence*). {2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3,**  
13 **2.5.4, 2.6.3, 3.5.5, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 4.5.6, 4.5.8, 4.6.1,**  
14 **Box 4.1, Box 4.3, 5.4.3, 5.5.2, 5.8.1, 5.8.2, 5.8.3, 5.9.1, 5.9.3, 5.11.1, 5.11.3, 5.12.3, 5.13, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4,**  
15 **7.3.1, 8.3, 8.4.4, 9.5.8, 9.5.3, 9.5.4, 9.5.5, 9.5.6, 9.5.7, 9.7.1, 9.7.2, 10.4.6, 10.4.7, Box 10.2, Box 10.5,**  
16 **11.2.2, 11.3.3, 11.3.4, Box 11.3, Box 11.4, 12.3, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.6.2, 13.10.2, 13.10.3, Box 13.1, 14.5.3,**  
17 **14.5.5, 14.5.9, 16.5.2, 16.6.1, CCP1.2.1, CCP1.2.3.2, CCP2.2, CCP4.2, CCP4.3, CCP5.3.2}**

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19 **TS.C.4.1 Water-related risks are projected to increase with every increment in warming level and the**  
20 **impacts will be felt disproportionately by vulnerable people in regions with high exposure and**  
21 **vulnerability (*high confidence*). About 800 million to 3 billion people at 2°C and about 4 billion at 4°C**  
22 **warming are projected to experience different levels of water scarcity (*medium confidence*) leading to**  
23 **increased water insecurity. At 4°C global warming by the end of the century, approximately 10 % of the**  
24 **global land area is projected to face simultaneously increasing high extreme streamflow and decreasing low**  
25 **extreme streamflow, affecting over 2.1 billion people (*medium confidence*). Globally, the greatest risks to**  
26 **attaining global sustainability goals come from risks to water security (*high confidence*). {4.4.1, 4.4.3, 4.4.5,**  
27 **4.5.4, 4.6.1, Box 4.2, 5.8.3, 5.9.3, 5.13, 8.3, 8.4.4., 9.7.2, 12.3, Table 12.3, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.6.1, 13.10.2,**  
28 **15.3.3, 16.6.1, CCB SLR}**

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30 **TS.C.4.2 Projected cryosphere changes will negatively impact water security and livelihoods, with**  
31 **higher severity of risks at higher levels of global warming (*high confidence*). Glacier mass loss,**  
32 **permafrost thaw and decline in snow cover are projected to continue beyond 21st century (*high confidence*).**  
33 **Many low elevation and small glaciers around the world will lose most of their total mass at 1.5°C warming**  
34 **(*high confidence*). Glaciers are likely to disappear by nearly 50% in High Mountain Asia and about 70% in**  
35 **Central and Western Asia by the end of the 21st century under the medium warming scenario. Glacier lake**  
36 **outburst flood (GLOF) will threaten the securities of the local and downstream communities in High**  
37 **Mountain Asia (*high confidence*). By 2100, annual runoff in 1/3rd of the 56 large-scale glacierized**  
38 **catchments are projected to decline by over 10%, with the most significant reductions in Central Asia and the**  
39 **Andes (*medium confidence*). Cryosphere related changes in floods, landslides and water availability have the**  
40 **potential to lead to severe consequences for people, infrastructure and the economy in most mountain regions**  
41 **(*high confidence*). {4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.5.8, 9.5.8, 10.4.4, Box 10.5, 11.2.2, Box 11.6, 14.2, 16.5.2, CCP1.2.3,**  
42 **CCP5.3.1, CCP5.3.2, SROCC}**

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44 **TS.C.4.3 Projected changes in the water cycle will impact various ecosystem services (*medium***  
45 ***confidence*). By 2050, environmentally critical streamflow is projected to be affected in 42% to 79% of the**  
46 **world's watersheds, causing negative impacts on freshwater ecosystems (*medium confidence*). Increased**  
47 **wildfire, combined with soil erosion due to deforestation, could degrade water supplies (*medium confidence*).**  
48 **Projected climate-driven water cycle changes, including increase in evapotranspiration, altered spatial**  
49 **patterns and amount of precipitation, and associated changes in groundwater recharge, runoff and**  
50 **streamflow, will impact terrestrial, freshwater, estuarine and coastal ecosystems and the transport of**  
51 **materials through the biogeochemical cycles, impacting humans and societal well-being (*medium***  
52 ***confidence*). In Africa, 55–68% of commercially harvested inland fish species are vulnerable to extinction**  
53 **under 2.5°C global warming by 2071–2100. In Central and South America, disruption in water flows will**  
54 **significantly degrade ecosystems such as high-elevation wetlands (*high confidence*). {2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3,**  
55 **2.5.4, 2.6.3, 3.5.5, 3.5.5, 4.4.1, 4.4.3, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.5.4, 5.4.3, 9.8.5, 11.3.1, 12.3, 14.2.2, 14.5.3, 15.3.3,**  
56 **CCP1.2.1}**

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2 **TS.C.4.4 Drought risks and related societal damages are projected to increase with every degree of**  
3 **warming (*medium confidence*).** With RCP6.0 and SSP2, projected population exposed to extreme-to-  
4 exceptional low total water storage is up to 7% over the 21st century (*medium confidence*). Under RCP8.5,  
5 aridity zones could expand by one-quarter of the 1990 area by 2100. In Southern Europe, more than a third  
6 of the population will be exposed to water scarcity at 2°C and the risk will be double at 3°C with significant  
7 economic losses (*medium confidence*). Over large areas of northern South America, the Mediterranean,  
8 western China and high latitudes in North America and Eurasia, frequency of extreme agricultural droughts  
9 are projected to be 150 to 200% more likely at 2°C, and over 200% more likely at 4°C (*medium confidence*).  
10 Above 2°C, frequency and duration of meteorological drought is projected to be double over North Africa,  
11 the western Sahel and Southern Africa (*medium confidence*). More droughts and extreme fire weather are  
12 projected in southern and eastern Australia (*high confidence*) and over most of New Zealand (*medium*  
13 *confidence*). {4.5.1, 4.6.1, Box 4.1, 4.4.1, 4.4.1.1, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.1, 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 4.6.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 7.3.1,  
14 9.5.2, 9.5.3, 9.5.6, 9.9.4, 10.4.6; 11.2.2, Box 11.6, 14.5.3, 14.5.5, CWGB URBAN, CCP3.3.1, CCP3.3.2}

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16 **TS.C.4.5 Flood risks and societal damages are projected to increase with every increment of global**  
17 **warming (*medium confidence*).** The projected increase in precipitation intensity (*high confidence*) will  
18 increase rain-generated local flooding (*medium confidence*). Direct flood damages are projected to increase  
19 by 4 to 5 times at 4°C compared to 1.5°C (*medium confidence*). Higher sea level with storm surge further  
20 inland may create more severe coastal flooding (*high confidence*). Projected intensifications of the  
21 hydrological cycle pose increasing risks, including potential doubling of flood risk and 1.2 to 1.8-fold  
22 increase in GDP loss due to flooding between 1.5°C and 3°C (*medium confidence*). Projected increase in  
23 heavy rainfall events at all levels of warming in many regions in Africa will cause increasing exposure to  
24 pluvial and riverine flooding (*high confidence*), with expected human displacement increasing 200% for  
25 1.6°C and 600% for 2.6°C. A 1.5°C increase would result in an increase of 100–200% in the population  
26 affected by floods in Colombia, Brazil and Argentina, 300% in Ecuador and 400% in Peru (*medium*  
27 *confidence*). In Europe, above 3°C global warming level, cost of damage and people affected by precipitation  
28 and river flooding may double. {4.4.1, 4.4.4, 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 6.2.2, 7.3.1, Box 4.1, Box 4.3, 9.5.3, 9.5.4, 9.5.5,  
29 9.5.6, 9.5.7, 9.7.2, 9.9.4, 10.4.6, Box 10.2, Box 11.4, 12.3, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.6.2, 13.10.2, Box 13.1,  
30 14.2.2, 14.5.3, CWGB URBAN, CCP2.2}

31  
32 **TS.C.4.6 Projected water cycle changes will impact agriculture, energy production and urban water**  
33 **uses (*medium confidence*).** Agricultural water use will increase globally, as a consequence of population  
34 increase and dietary changes, as well as increased water requirements due to climate change (*high*  
35 *confidence*). Groundwater recharge in some semi-arid regions are projected to increase, but world-wide  
36 depletion of non-renewable groundwater storage will continue due to increased groundwater demand  
37 (*medium to high confidence*). Increased floods and droughts, together with heat stress, will have adverse  
38 impact on food availability and prices of food resulting in increased undernourishment in South and  
39 Southeast Asia (*high confidence*). In the Mediterranean and parts of Europe, hydropower potential reductions  
40 of up to 40% are projected under 3°C warming, while declines below 10% and 5% are projected under 2°C  
41 and 1.5°C warming levels, respectively. An additional 350 and 410 million people living in urban areas will  
42 be exposed to water scarcity from severe droughts at 1.5°C and 2°C, respectively. {2.5.3, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.5.6,  
43 4.6.1, 5.4.3, 6.2.2, 6.2.4, Box 6.2, 6.3.5, 6.4, 9.7.2, 10.4.7, 12.3, 13.10.3, 4.5.2, 4.6.1, 11.3.3, 11.3.4, Box  
44 11.3, 12.3, 14.5.3, 14.5.5, CWGB URBAN, CCP4.2, CCP4.3}

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47 **TS.C.5 Coastal risks will increase by at least one order of magnitude over the 21st century due to**  
48 **committed sea-level rise impacting ecosystems, people, livelihoods, infrastructure, food security,**  
49 **cultural and natural heritage and climate mitigation at the coast. Concentrated in cities and**  
50 **settlements by the sea, these risks are already being faced and will accelerate beyond 2050, and**  
51 **continue to escalate beyond 2100, even if warming stops. Historically rare extreme sea-level events will**  
52 **occur annually by 2100, compounding these risks (*high confidence*).** {3.4.2, 3.5.5, 3.6.3, 9.9.4, Box 11.6,  
53 13.2, Box 13.1, 14.5.2, Box 14.4, CCB SLR, CCP2.2}

54  
55 **TS.C.5.1 Under all emissions scenarios, coastal wetlands will likely face high risk from sea-level rise in**  
56 **the mid-term (*medium confidence*), with substantial losses before 2100. These risks will be**

1 **compounded where coastal development prevents upshore migration of habitats or where terrestrial**  
2 **sediment inputs are limited and tidal ranges are small (*high confidence*).** Loss of these habitats disrupts  
3 associated ecosystem services, including wave-energy attenuation, habitat provision for biodiversity, climate  
4 mitigation, and food and fuel resources (*high confidence*). Near- to mid-term sea-level rise will also  
5 exacerbate coastal erosion and submersion, and the salinisation of coastal groundwater, expanding the loss of  
6 many different coastal habitats, ecosystems and ecosystem services (*medium confidence*). {3.4.2, 3.5.2,  
7 3.5.5, 3.6.3, 9.6.2, 11.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.4.2, 14.5.2, CCB NATURAL, CCB SLR}

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9 **TS.C.5.2 The exposure of many coastal populations and associated development to sea-level rise is**  
10 **high, increasing the risks, and is concentrated in and around coastal cities and settlements (*virtually***  
11 ***certain*).** High population growth and urbanization in low-lying coastal zones will be the major driver of  
12 increasing exposure to sea-level rise in coming decades (*high confidence*). By 2030, 108–116 million people  
13 will be exposed to sea-level rise in Africa (compared to 54 million in 2000), increasing to 190–245 million  
14 by 2060 (*medium confidence*). By 2050, more than a billion people located in low-lying cities and  
15 settlements will be at risk from coast-specific climate hazards, influenced by coastal geomorphology,  
16 geographical location and adaptation action (*high confidence*). {9.9.1, 9.9.4, Box 11.6, 14.5.2, Box 14.4,  
17 CCB SLR, CCP2.2}

18  
19 **TS.C.5.3 Under all climate and socio-economic scenarios, low-lying cities and settlements, small**  
20 **islands, Arctic communities, remote Indigenous communities, and deltaic communities will face severe**  
21 **disruption by 2100- and as early as 2050 in many cases (*very high confidence*).** Large numbers of people  
22 are at risk in Asia, and in Africa and Europe, while a large relative increase in risk occurs in small island  
23 states and in parts of North and South America and Australasia. Risks to water security will occur as early as  
24 2030 or earlier for the Small Island States, and Torres Strait Islands in Australia and remote Maori  
25 communities in New Zealand. By 2100, compound and cascading risks will result in submergence of some  
26 low-lying islands states, damage to coastal heritage, livelihoods and infrastructure (*very high confidence*).  
27 Sea-level rise, combined with altered rainfall patterns, will increase coastal inundation and water-use  
28 allocation issues between water-dependent sectors, such as agriculture, direct human consumption,  
29 sanitation, and hydropower (*medium confidence*). {Box 4.2, 5.13, 9.12, 9.9.1, 9.9.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, Box 11.6,  
30 14.5.2, Box 14.4, CCB SLR, CCP2.2}

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32 **TS.C.5.4 Risks to coastal cities and settlements are projected to increase by at least one order of**  
33 **magnitude by 2100 without significant adaptation and mitigation action (*high confidence*).** Population  
34 at risk in coastal cities and settlements to a 100-year coastal flood increases by ~20% if global mean sea level  
35 rises by 0.15 m relative to current levels, doubles at 0.75 m, and triples at 1.4 m, assuming present-day  
36 population and protection height (*high confidence*). For example in Europe, coastal flood damage is  
37 projected to increase at least 10-fold by the end of the 21st century, and even more or earlier with current  
38 adaptation and mitigation (*high confidence*). 158-510 million people and US\$7,919-US\$12,739 billion assets  
39 are projected to be exposed to the 1-in-100-year coastal floodplain by 2100 under RCP4.5, and 176-880  
40 million people and US\$8,813-US\$14,178 billion assets under RCP8.5 (*high confidence*). Projected impacts  
41 reach far beyond coastal cities and settlements, with damage to ports potentially severely compromising  
42 global supply chains and maritime trade, with local to global geo-political and economic ramifications  
43 (*medium confidence*). Compounded and cascading climate risks, such as tropical cyclone storm surge  
44 damage to coastal infrastructure and supply chain networks, are expected to increase (*medium confidence*).  
45 {3.5.5, 3.6.2, 6.2.5, 6.2.7, 9.9.4, 9.12.2, 11.4, Box 11.4, Box 11.6, Table 11.14, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.6.2,  
46 13.10.2, Box 13.1, 14.5.5, Box 14.4, Box 14.5, CCB SLR, CCP2.2.1, CCP2.2.2, CCP6.2.3, CCP6.2.7,  
47 CCP6.2.8, Box CCP6.1, Figure TS.9 URBAN}

48  
49 **TS.C.5.5 Particularly exposed and vulnerable coastal communities, especially those relying on**  
50 **coastal ecosystems for protection or livelihoods, may face adaptation limits well before the end of this**  
51 **century, even at low warming levels (*high confidence*).** Changes in wave climate superimposed on sea-  
52 level rise will significantly increase coastal flooding (*high confidence*) and erosion of low-lying coastal and  
53 reef islands (*limited evidence, medium agreement*). The frequency, extent, and duration of coastal flooding  
54 will significantly increase from 2050 (*high confidence*), unless coastal and marine ecosystems are able to  
55 naturally adapt to sea-level rise through vertical growth and landwards migration (*low confidence*).  
56 Permafrost thaw, sea-level rise, and reduced sea ice protection is projected to damage or cause loss to many  
57 cultural heritage sites, settlements and livelihoods across the Arctic (*very high confidence*). Deltaic cities and



1 settlements characterised by high inequality and informal settlements are especially vulnerable (*high*  
2 *confidence*). Although risks are distributed across cities and settlements at all levels of economic  
3 development, wealthier and more urbanised coastal cities and settlements are more likely to be able to limit  
4 impacts and risk in the near- to mid-term through infrastructure resilience and coastal protection  
5 interventions; with highly uncertain prospects in many of these locations beyond 2100 (*high confidence*).  
6 Prospects for enabling and contributing to climate resilient development thus vary markedly within and  
7 between coastal cities and settlements (*high confidence*). {9.9.4, 11.3.5, Table Box 11.6.1, 12.3, 12.4, Figure  
8 12.7, Figure 12.9, Table 12.1, Table SM12.5, 13.2, 15.3.3, CCP2.2.1, CCP2.2.3, CCP2.2.5, Table  
9 SMCCP2.1}

12 **TS.C.6. Climate change will increase the number of deaths and the global burden of non-**  
13 **communicable and infectious diseases (*high confidence*). Over 9 million climate-related deaths per**  
14 **year are projected by the end of the century, under a high emissions scenario and accounting for**  
15 **population growth, economic development, and adaptation. Health risks will be differentiated by**  
16 **gender, age, income, social status and region (*high confidence*). {3.5.5, 3.6.2, 4.5.3, 5.12.4, Box 5.10,**  
17 **6.2.2, 7.3.1, 8.4.5, 9.10.2, Figure 9.32, Figure 9.35, 10.4.7, Figure 10.11, 11.3.6, Table 11.14, 12.3.2, 12.3.4,**  
18 **12.3.5, 12.3.6, 12.3.8, Figure 12.5, Figure 12.6, 13.7.1, Figure 13.23, Figure 13.24, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, 15.3.4,**  
19 **16.5.2, CCP Box 6.2, CCP6.2.6, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB COVID, CCB ILLNESS}**

20  
21 **TS.C.6.1 Future global burdens of climate-sensitive diseases and conditions will depend on emissions**  
22 **and adaptation pathways, and the efficacy of public health systems, interventions and sanitation (*very***  
23 ***high confidence*). Projections under mid-range emissions scenarios show an additional 250,000 deaths per**  
24 **year by 2050 (compared to 1961-1990) due to malaria, heat, childhood undernutrition, and diarrhea (*high***  
25 ***confidence*). Overall, more than half of this excess mortality is projected for Africa. Mortality and morbidity**  
26 **will continue to escalate as exposures become more frequent and intense, putting additional strain on health**  
27 **and economic systems (*high confidence*), reducing capacity to respond, particularly in resource-poor regions.**  
28 **Vulnerable groups include young children (<5 years old), the elderly (>65 years old), pregnant women,**  
29 **Indigenous Peoples, those with pre-existing diseases, physical labourers and those in low socio-economic**  
30 **conditions (*high confidence*). {4.5.3, 7.3.1, 9.10.2, 12.3.5, 16.5.2, CCB MOVING PLATE}**

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32 **TS.C.6.2 Climate change is expected to have adverse impacts on wellbeing and to further threaten**  
33 **mental health (*very high confidence*). Children and adolescents, particularly girls, as well as people with**  
34 **existing mental, physical and medical challenges, are particularly at risk (*high confidence*). Mental health**  
35 **impacts are expected to arise from exposure to extreme weather events, displacement, migration, famine,**  
36 **malnutrition, degradation or destruction of health and social care systems, and climate-related economic and**  
37 **social losses, and anxiety and distress associated with worry about climate change (*very high confidence*).**  
38 **{7.3.1, 11.3.6, 14.5.6, CCB COVID, CCP6.2.6, Box CCP6.2}**

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40 **TS.C.6.3 Increased heat-related mortality and morbidity are projected globally (*very high confidence*).**  
41 **Globally, temperature-related mortality is projected increase under RCP4.5 to RCP8.5, even with adaptation**  
42 **(*very high confidence*). Tens of thousands of additional deaths are projected under moderate and high global**  
43 **warming scenarios, particularly in north, west and central Africa, with up to year-round exceedance of**  
44 **deadly heat thresholds by 2100 (RCP8.5) (*high agreement, robust evidence*). In Melbourne, Sydney and**  
45 **Brisbane, urban heat-related excess deaths in are projected to increase by about 300/year (low emission**  
46 **pathway) to 600/year (high emission pathway) during 2031-2080 relative to 142/year during 1971-2020**  
47 **(*high confidence*). In Europe the number of people at high risk of mortality will triple at 3°C compared to**  
48 **1.5°C warming, in particular in central and southern Europe and urban areas (*high confidence*). {6.2.2, 7.3.1,**  
49 **8.4.5, 9.10.2, Figure 9.32, Figure 9.35, 10.4.7, Figure 10.11, 11.3.6, 11.3.6.2, Table 11.14, 12.3.4.4, 12.3.8.4,**  
50 **Figure 12.6, 13.7.1, Figure 13.23, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, 16.5.2}**

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52 **TS.C.6.4 Climate impacts on food systems are projected to increase under-nutrition and diet-related**  
53 **mortality and risks globally (*high confidence*). Reduced marine and freshwater fisheries catch potential is**  
54 **projected to increase malnutrition in east, west and central Africa (*medium to high confidence*) and in**  
55 **subsistence-dependent communities across North America (*high confidence*). By 2050, disability-adjusted**  
56 **life years due to undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies are projected to increase by 10% under**

RCP8.5 (*medium evidence, high agreement*). These projected changes will increase diet-related risk factors and related non-communicable diseases globally, and increase undernutrition, stunting, and related childhood mortality, particularly in Africa and Asia (*high confidence*). Near-term projections (2030) of undernutrition are the highest for children (*confidence*), which can have lifelong adverse consequences for physiological and neurological development as well as for earnings capacity. Climate change is projected to put 8 million (SSP1-6.0) to 80 million people (SSP3-6.0) at risk of hunger in mid-century, concentrated in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Central America (*high confidence*). These climate change impacts on nutrition could undermine progress towards eradication of child undernutrition (*high confidence*). {4.5.3, 5.2.2, 5.12.4, Box 5.10, 7.3.1, 9.8.5, 9.10.2, 10.4.7, Figure 10.11, 13.7.1, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCP6.2}

**TS.C.6.5 Vector-borne disease transmission is projected to expand to higher latitudes and altitudes, and the duration of seasonal transmission risk is projected to increase (*high confidence*), with greatest risk under high emissions scenarios.** Dengue vector ranges will increase in North America, Asia, Europe, and sub-Saharan Africa under RCP6 and RCP8.5, potentially putting another 2.25 billion people at risk (*high confidence*). Higher incidence rates of Lyme disease are projected for the northern hemisphere (*high confidence*). Climate change is projected to increase malaria geographic distribution in endemic areas of Sub-Saharan and southern Africa, Asia, and South America (*high confidence*), exposing tens of millions more people to malaria, predominately in east and southern Africa, and up to hundreds of millions more exposed under RCP8.5 (*high confidence*). {7.3.1, 9.10.2, Figure 9.32, 10.4.7, Figure 10.11, 11.3.6, 12.3.2, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, Figure 12.5, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, CCB ILLNESS}

**TS.C.6.6 Higher temperatures and heavy rainfall events are projected to increase rates of waterborne and foodborne diseases in many regions (*high confidence*).** At 2.1°C degrees, thousands to tens of thousands of additional cases of diarrhoeal disease are projected, mainly in central and east Africa (*medium confidence*). Morbidity from cholera will increase in Central and East Africa (*medium confidence*), and increased schistosomiasis risk is projected for eastern Africa (*high confidence*). In Asia and Africa 1°C warming can cause a 7% increase in diarrhoea, 8% increase in *E. coli*, and a 3% to 11% increase in deaths (*medium confidence*). Warming increases the risk of foodborne disease outbreaks, including *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* infections (*medium confidence*). Warming supports growth and geographical expansion of toxigenic fungi in crops (*medium confidence*) and potentially toxic marine and freshwater algae (*medium confidence*). Food safety risks in fisheries and aquaculture are projected through harmful algal blooms (*high confidence*), pathogens (e.g. *Vibrio*) (*high confidence*), and human exposure to elevated bioaccumulation of persistent organic pollutants and mercury (*medium confidence*). {3.5.5, 3.6.2, 4.5.3, 5.12.4, Box 5.10, 7.3.1, 9.10.2, Figure 9.32, 10.4.7, Figure 10.11, 11.3.6, 13.7.1, Figure 13.24, 14.5.4, 14.5.6, 15.3.4, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCP6.2.6}

**C.6.7 The burden of several non-communicable diseases is projected to increase under climate change (*high confidence*).** Cardiovascular disease mortality could increase by 18.4%, 47.8%, and 69.0% in the 2020s, 2050s, and 2080s respectively under RCP4.5, and by 16.6%, 73.8% and 134% under RCP8.5 compared to the 1980s (*high confidence*). Future risks of respiratory disease associated with aeroallergens and ozone exposure are expected to increase (*high confidence*). {7.3.1, 10.4.7, 11.3.6, 12.3.4, 13.7.1}

**TS.C.7 Migration patterns due to climate change are difficult to project as they depend on patterns of population growth, adaptive capacity of exposed populations, and socioeconomic development and migration policies (*high confidence*).** In many regions, the frequency and/or severity of floods, extreme storms, and droughts is projected to increase in coming decades, especially under high-emissions scenarios, raising future risk of displacement in the most exposed areas (*high confidence*). Under all global warming levels, some regions that are presently densely populated will become unsafe or uninhabitable with movement from these regions occurring autonomously or through planned relocation (*high confidence*). {4.5.7, 7.3.2, Box 9.8, 15.3.4, CCB MIGRATE}

**TS.C.7.1 Future climate-related migration is expected to vary by region and over time, according to future climatic drivers, patterns of population growth, adaptive capacity of exposed populations, and international development and migration policies (*high confidence*).** Future migration and displacement patterns in a changing climate will depend not only on the physical impacts of climate change, but also on

1 future policies and planning at all scales of governance (*high confidence*). Projecting the number of people  
2 migrating due to slow onset events is difficult due to the multi-causal nature of migration and the dominant  
3 role that socio-economic factors have in determining migration responses (*high confidence*). Increased  
4 frequency of extreme heat events and long-term increases in average temperatures pose future risks to the  
5 habitability of settlements in low latitudes; this, combined with the urban heat island effect, may in the long  
6 term affect migration patterns in exposed areas, especially under high emissions scenarios, but more  
7 evidence is needed. High-emissions/low development scenarios raise the potential for both increased rates of  
8 migration and displacement and larger involuntary immobile populations that are highly exposed to climatic  
9 risks but lack the means of moving to other locations (*medium confidence*). {4.5.7, 7.2.6, 7.3.2, 15.3.4, 4.6.9,  
10 5.14.1, 5.14.2, 7.3.2, 7.4.5, 8.2.1.3, Box 8.1, Box 9.8, CCP 6.3.2, CCB MIGRATE}

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12 **TS.C.7.2 Estimates of displacement from rapid-onset extreme events exist; however, the range of**  
13 **estimates is large as they largely depend on assumptions made about future emissions and socio-**  
14 **economic development trajectories (*high confidence*).** Uncertainties about socioeconomic development  
15 are reflected in the wide range of projected population displacements by 2050 in Central and South America,  
16 Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia due to climate change, ranging from 31 million to 143 million people  
17 (*high confidence*). Projections of the number of people at risk of future displacement by sea level rise range  
18 from tens of millions to hundreds of millions by the end of this century, depending on level of warmings and  
19 assumptions about exposure (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, Figure AI.42, 4.5.7, 7.3.2, 7.3.2.1,  
20 7.3.2.2, 9.9.4, CCP2.2.1, CCP2.2.2, CCB MIGRATE, CCB SLR}

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22 **TS.C.7.3 As climate risk intensifies, the need for planned relocations will increase to support those who**  
23 **are unable to move voluntarily (*medium confidence*).** Planned relocation will be increasingly required as  
24 climate change undermines livelihoods, safety and overall habitability, especially for coastal areas and small  
25 islands (*medium confidence*). This will have implications for traditional livelihood practices, social cohesion  
26 and knowledge systems that have inherent value as intangible culture as well as introduce new risks for  
27 communities by amplifying existing and generating new vulnerabilities (*high confidence*). {4.6.8, 15.3.4,  
28 14.4, CCP2.3.5, CCB FEASIB, CCB MIGRATE }

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31 **TS.C.8 Under an inequality scenario (SSP4) by 2030, the number of people living in extreme poverty**  
32 **will increase by 122 million from currently around 700 million (*medium confidence*).** Future climate  
33 change may increase involuntary displacement, but severe impacts also undermine the capacity of  
34 households to use mobility as a coping strategy, causing high exposure to climate risks, with  
35 consequences for basic survival, health and wellbeing (*high confidence*). The COVID-19 pandemic is  
36 expected to increase the adverse consequences of climate change since the financial consequences have  
37 led to a shift in priorities and constrain vulnerability reduction (*medium confidence*). {7.3.2, 8.1.1,  
38 8.3.2, 8.4.4, 8.4.5, 9.11.4, Box 9.8, 16.x, CCB ILLNESS, Table 16.9, CCB COVID, CCB MOVING  
39 SPECIES}

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41 **TS.C.8.1 Even with current, moderate climate change, vulnerable people will experience a further**  
42 **erosion of livelihood security that can interact with humanitarian crises, such as displacement and**  
43 **involuntary migration (*high confidence*) and violence and armed conflict, and lead to social tipping**  
44 **points (*medium confidence*).** Under higher emissions scenarios and increasing climate hazards, the potential  
45 for societal risks also increases (*medium confidence*). Lessons from COVID-19 risk management have  
46 implications for managing urban climate change risk (*limited evidence, high agreement*). {4.5.1, 4.5.3, 4.5.4,  
47 4.5.7, 4.5.8, 6.1.1, 6.3, 6.4, 8.2.1, 8.3, 8.4.4, 9.11.4}

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49 **TS.C.8.2 Indigenous Peoples and local communities will experience changes in cultural opportunities**  
50 **(*low to medium confidence*).** Cultural heritage is already impacted by climate change and variability, e.g. in  
51 Africa, Small Island Developing States and the Arctic, where heritage sites are exposed to future climate  
52 change risk (*high confidence*). Coastal erosion and sea-level rise are projected to affect natural and cultural  
53 coastal heritage sites spread across 36 African countries and all Arctic nations. Frequent drought episodes  
54 will lower ground water tables and gradually expose highly valued archaeological sites to salt weathering  
55 and degradation. Coastal inundation and Ocean acidification will intensify impact on sacred sites including

1 burial grounds, and corrosion of shipwrecks and underwater ruins. {3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, 4.5.8, 9.12.,  
2 2.1.2, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 13.8.1.3, 13.8.2, Box 13.2, CCP6.2.7, 14.4, CCP2.2}

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4 **TS.C.8.3 Climate change increases risks of violent conflict, primarily intrastate conflicts, by  
5 strengthening climate-sensitive drivers (*medium confidence*).** Climate change may produce severe risks to  
6 peace within this century through climate variability and extremes, especially in contexts marked by low  
7 economic development, high economic dependence on climate-sensitive activities, high or increasing social  
8 marginalization, and fragile governance (*medium confidence*). The largest impacts are expected in weather-  
9 sensitive communities with low resilience to climate extremes and high prevalence of underlying risk factors  
10 (*medium confidence*). Trajectories that prioritise economic growth, political rights and sustainability are  
11 associated with lower conflict risk (*medium confidence*). {4.5.6, 7.3.3, 16.5.2}

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14 **TS.C.9. Climate change increases risks for a larger number of growing cities and settlements across  
15 wider areas, especially in coastal and mountain regions, affecting an additional 2.5 billion people  
16 residing in cities mainly in Africa and Asia by 2050 (*high confidence*) In all cities and urban areas,  
17 projected risks faced by people from climate-driven impacts has increased (*high confidence*). Many  
18 risks will not be felt evenly across cities and settlements or within cities. Communities in informal  
19 settlements will have higher exposure and lower capacity to adapt (*high confidence*). Most at risk are  
20 women and children who make up the majority populations of these settlements (*high confidence*).  
21 Risks to critical physical infrastructure in cities can be severe and pervasive under higher warming  
22 levels, potentially resulting in compound and cascading risks, and can disrupt livelihoods both within  
23 and across cities (*high confidence*). In coastal cities and settlements, risks to people and infrastructure  
24 will get progressively worse in a changing climate, sea-level rise, and with ongoing coastal development  
25 (*very high confidence*). {2.6.5, 6.1, 6.1.4, 6.2, 9.9.4, 16.5, 14.5.5, Box 14.4, CCP2.2}**

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27 **TS.C.9.1 An additional 2.5 billion people are projected to live in urban areas by 2050, with up to 90  
28 percent of this increase concentrated in the regions of Asia and Africa (*high confidence*).** By 2050, 64%  
29 and 60% of Asia's and Africa's population, respectively, will be urban. Growth is most pronounced in  
30 smaller and medium sized urban settlements of up to 1 million people (*high confidence*). {4.5.4, 6.1, 6.1.4,  
31 6.2, 9.9.1, 10.4.6.1}

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33 **TS.C.9.2 Asian and African urban areas are considered high risk locations from projected climate,  
34 extreme events, unplanned urbanisation, and rapid land use change (*high confidence*).** These could  
35 amplify pre-existing stresses related to poverty, informality, exclusion and governance, such as in African  
36 cities (*high confidence*). Climate change increases heat stress risks in cities (*high confidence*), and amplifies  
37 the urban heat island across Asian cities at 1.5°C and 2°C warming levels, both substantially larger than  
38 under present climates (*medium confidence*). Urban population exposure to extreme heat in Africa is  
39 projected to increase from 2 billion person-days per year in 1985–2005 to 45 billion person-days by the  
40 2060s (1.7°C global warming with low population growth) and to 95 billion person-days (2.8°C global  
41 warming with medium-high population growth) (*medium confidence*). Risks driven by flooding and droughts  
42 will also increase in cities (*high confidence*). Urban populations exposed to severe droughts in West Africa  
43 will increase (65.3±34.1 million) at 1.5°C warming and increase further at 2°C (*medium confidence*). Urban  
44 land in flood zones and drylands exposed to high frequency floods is expected to increase by as much as  
45 2,600% and 627%, respectively across East, West and Central Africa by 2030. Higher risks from  
46 temperature and precipitation extremes are projected for almost all Asian cities under RCP8.5 (*medium  
47 confidence*), impacting on freshwater availability, regional food security, human health, and industrial  
48 outputs. {4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.5.4, 6.1, 6.2, Table 6.3, Table 6.4, 9.9.4, 10.3.7, 10.4.6, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 15.4.3,  
49 CCP2.2, CCP6.2.7, CWGB URBAN}

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51 **TS.C.9.3 Globally, urban key infrastructure systems are increasingly sites of risk creation that  
52 potentially drive compounding and cascading risks-*(high confidence)*.** Unplanned rapid urbanization is a  
53 major driver of risk, particularly where increasing climate-driven risks affect key infrastructure, and  
54 potentially result in compounding and cascading risks as cities expand into coastal and mountain regions  
55 prone to flooding or landslides that disrupt transportation networks, or where water and energy resources are  
56 inadequate to meet the needs of growing settlements (*high confidence*) These infrastructural risks expand

beyond city boundaries; climate-related transport and energy infrastructure damages are projected to be a significant financial burden for African countries, reaching tens to hundreds of billions USD under moderate and high emissions scenarios (*high confidence*). Projected changes in both the hydrological cycle and the cryosphere will threaten urban water infrastructure and resource management in most regions (*very high confidence*). South and Southeast Asian coastal cities can experience significant increases in average annual economic losses between 2005 and 2050 due to flooding, with very high losses in East Asian cities under RCP8.5 (*high confidence*). By 2050, permafrost thaw in the pan-Arctic is projected to impact 69% of infrastructure, more than 1,200 settlements, 36,000 buildings, and 4 million people in Europe under RCP4.5. In small islands, degraded terrestrial ecosystems decreases resource provision (e.g. potable water) and amplifies the vulnerability of island inhabitants (*high confidence*). Projections suggest that 350 million ( $\pm$  158.8 million) more people in urban areas will be exposed to water scarcity from severe droughts at 1.5°C warming, and 410.7 million ( $\pm$  213.5) at 2°C warming (*low confidence*). {6.2.2, 9.9.4, 10.4.6.3, 13.6.1.5, 13.6.2, 13.11.3, CCP2.2, SMCCP2.1, 14.5.5}

**TS.C.9.4 The characteristics of coastal cities and settlements means that climate-driven risks to people and infrastructure in many of them are already high and will get progressively worse over the 21st century and beyond (*high confidence*).** These risks are driven by disproportionately high exposure of multiple assets, economic activities and large coastal populations concentrated in narrow coastal zones. Climate change risks, including sea-level rise, interact in intricate ways with non-climate drivers of coastal change such as land subsidence, continued infrastructure development in coastal floodplains, the rise of asset values, and landward development adversely impacting coastal ecosystems, to shape future risk in coastal settlements (*high confidence*). {3.4.2, 6.2, 6.3, 7.4, 9.9.4, 11.3.5, Box 11.4, 10.x, 15.3.4, 15.3.4, CCP7.1, CCP2.2, CCP2.3, 13.6.1.5, 14.5.5., Box 14.4; Figure TS.9 URBAN, CCB SLR}

**TS.C.10 Across sectors and regions, market and non-market damages and adaptation costs will be lower at 1.5°C compared to 3°C or higher global warming levels (*high confidence*).** Recent estimates of projected global economic damages of climate impacts are overall higher than previous estimates and generally increase with global average temperature (*high confidence*). However, the spread in the estimates of the magnitude of these damages is substantial and does not allow for robust range to be established (*high confidence*). Non-market, non-economic damages and adverse impacts on livelihoods will be concentrated in regions and populations that are already more vulnerable (*high confidence*). Socioeconomic drivers and more inclusive development will largely determine the extent of these damages (*high confidence*). {4.4.4, 4.7.5, 9.11.2, 10.4.6, 11.5.2, 13.10.2, 13.10.3, 14.5.8, Box 14.6, 16.5.2, 16.5.3}

**TS.C.10.1 Without limiting warming to 1.5°C GWL, many key risks are projected to intensify rapidly in almost all regions of the world, causing damages to assets and infrastructure, losses to economic sectors, and entailing large recovery and adaptation costs (*high confidence*).** Severe risks are more likely in developing regions that are already hotter and in regions and communities with a large portion of the workforce employed in highly exposed industries (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, forestry, tourism, outdoor labour). In addition to market damages and disaster management costs, substantial costs of climate inaction are projected for human health (*high confidence*). At higher levels of warming, climate impacts will pose risks to financial and insurance markets, especially if climate risks are incompletely internalized (*medium confidence*), with adverse implications for stability of markets (*low confidence*). While the overall economic consequences are clearly negative, opportunities may arise for a few economic sectors and regions, such as from longer growing seasons or reduced sea ice, primarily in Northern latitudes (*medium to high confidence*). {4.4.4, 4.7.5, 9.11.2, 10.4.6, 11.6, 13.9.2, 13.10.3, 14.5.4, 14.5.5, 14.5.7, 14.5.8, 14.5.9, Box 14.5, Box 14.6, 16.5.2, 16.5.3, CCP4.2, CCP6.2,4.4, CCB INTEREG}

**TS.C.10.2 Estimates of global economic damages and losses generally increase non-linearity with warming and are larger than previous estimates (*high confidence*).** Recent estimates have increased relative to the range reported in AR5, though there is low agreement and significant spread within and across methodology types (e.g., statistical, structural, meta-analysis), resulting in an inability to identify a best estimate or robust range, or to rule out the largest impacts (*high confidence*). Under high warming (>4°C) and limited adaptation, the magnitude of decline in annual global GDP in 2100 relative to a non-global

1 warming scenario exceeds economic losses during the Great Recession 2008-2009 and the COVID-19  
2 pandemic 2020; much smaller effects are estimated for less warming, lower vulnerability and more  
3 adaptation (*medium confidence*). Regional estimates of GDP damages vary (*high confidence*). Severe risks  
4 are more likely in (typically hotter) developing countries because of nonlinearities in the relationship  
5 between economic damages and temperature (*medium confidence*). For Africa, GDP damages are projected  
6 to be negative across models and approaches (*high confidence*). {4.4.4, 4.7.5, 9.11.2, 10.4.6, 13.10.2,  
7 13.10.3, 14.5.8, Box 14.6, 16.5.2, 16.6.3, CWGB ECONOMIC}

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9 **TS.C.10.3 Even at low levels of warming, climate change will disrupt the livelihoods of tens to  
10 hundreds of millions of additional people in regions with high exposure and vulnerability and low  
11 adaptation in climate-sensitive regions, ecosystems, and economic sectors (*high confidence*).** If future  
12 climate change under high emissions scenarios continues and increases risks, without strong adaptation  
13 measures, losses and damages will likely be concentrated among the poorest vulnerable populations (*high  
14 confidence*). {8.4.5, 9.11.4, Box 15.2, 16.5.3}

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16 **TS.C.10.4 Potential socioeconomic futures, in terms of population, economic development and  
17 orientation towards growth, vary widely and these drivers have a large influence on the economic costs  
18 of climate change (*high confidence*).** Higher growth scenarios along higher warming levels increase  
19 exposure to hazards and assets at risk, such as SLR for coastal regions which will have large implications for  
20 economic activities, including shipping and ports (*high confidence*). The high sensitivity of developing  
21 economies to climate impacts will present increasing challenges to economic growth and performance,  
22 although projections depend as much or more on future socioeconomic development pathways and  
23 mitigation policies as on warming levels (*medium confidence*). {9.11.2, 11.4, 13.2.1, 16.5.3, CCB SLR,  
24 CWGB ECONOMIC}

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26 **TS.C.10.5 Large non-market and non-economic losses are projected, especially at higher warming  
27 levels (*high confidence*).** This wide range of effects underscore the impact of climate change on welfare and  
28 the adverse effects on vulnerable populations (*medium confidence*). Including as many of these impacts in  
29 decision-making, and as part of the Social Cost of Carbon (SCC), will improve evaluation of overall and  
30 distributional effects of climate mitigation and adaptation actions as well as in more comprehensively  
31 internalizing climate impacts {1.5.1, 4.5.8, 4.7.5, 8.4.1, 8.4.5, Map 8.8, 16.5.2, Box 14.6, CWGB  
32 ECONOMIC}

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35 **TS.C.11 Compound, cascading risks and transboundary risks give rise to new and unexpected types of  
36 risks (*high confidence*).** They exacerbate existing stressors and constrain adaptation options (*medium  
37 confidence*). They are projected to become major threats for many areas, such as coastal cities  
38 (*medium to high confidence*). Some compound and cascading impacts occur locally, some spread across  
39 sectors and socio-economic and natural systems, while others can be driven by events in other regions,  
40 for instance through trade and flows of commodities and goods through supply chain linkages (*high  
41 confidence*). {1.3.1, 2.3, 2.5.5, 6.2, 6.4, 4.4, 4.5.1, 11.5.1, Box 11.1, 13.10.3, Figure 14.10, 14.5.4, 11.5.1,  
42 11.6, Box 11.7, Box 14.5, Figure Box 11.1.2, Table 11.14, CCP2.2.5, CCP6.2.3, CCB EXTREMES, CCB  
43 INTEREG, Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK}

44  
45 **TS.C.11.1 Escalating impacts of climate change on terrestrial, freshwater and marine life will further  
46 alter biomass of animals (*medium confidence*), the timing of seasonal ecological events (*high  
47 confidence*) and the geographic ranges of terrestrial, coastal and ocean taxa (*high confidence*),  
48 disrupting life cycles (*medium confidence*), food webs (*medium confidence*) and ecological connectivity  
49 throughout the water column (*medium confidence*).** For example, cascading effects on food webs have  
50 been reported in the Baltic, due to detrimental oxygen levels (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.10 COMPLEX  
51 RISK, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.4.3, 2.4.5, 2.5.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 14.5.2, CCP2.2,  
52 CCP5.3.2, WGI AR6 2.3.4}

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54 **TS.C11.2 Climate change will compromise food safety through multiple pathways (*high confidence*).**  
55 Compounding risks to health and food systems (especially in tropical regions) are projected from  
56 simultaneous reductions in food production across crops, livestock, and fisheries (*high confidence*); heat-

1 related loss of labour productivity in agriculture (*high confidence*); increased heat-related mortality (*high*  
2 *confidence*); contamination of seafood (*high confidence*); malnutrition (*high confidence*); and flooding from  
3 sea level rise (*high confidence*). Malnourished populations will increase through direct impacts on food  
4 production with cascading impacts on food prices and household incomes, reducing access to safe and  
5 nutritious food (*high confidence*). Increased aquatic food risks are from aflatoxin contamination in higher  
6 latitudes (*medium confidence*); harmful algal blooms (*high confidence*); and persistent organic pollutants and  
7 methylmercury (*low to medium confidence*), with risks large for communities with high consumption of  
8 seafood, including coastal Indigenous communities (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK,  
9 4.5.1, 5.2.2, 5.4.3, 5.8.1, 5.8.3, 5.11.1, 5.12, Figure 5.2, 5.12.4.2, Box 5.10, 7.3.1, 9.10.2, 9.8.2, 9.8.3, 14.5.6,  
10 CCP.5.2.3, CCP.6.2.3, CCB ILLNESS}

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12 **TS.C.11.3 Compound hazards increasing with global warming include increased frequency of**  
13 **concurrent heatwaves and droughts (*high confidence*); dangerous fire weather (*medium confidence*);**  
14 **and floods (*medium confidence*), resulting in increased and more complex risks to agriculture, water**  
15 **resources, human health, mortality, livelihoods, settlements, and infrastructure.** Extreme weather  
16 events result in cascading and compounding risks affecting health and are expected to increase with warming  
17 (*very high confidence*). Compound climate hazards can overwhelm adaptive capacity and substantially  
18 increase damages (*high confidence*); for example, heat and drought are projected to substantially reduce  
19 agricultural production and although irrigation can reduce this risk, its feasibility is limited by drought. {;  
20 CCB EXTREMES, CCB HEALTH, 4.2.5, 6.2.5, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3, 7.2.4, 7.3.1, 7.3.2,  
21 7.3.3, 7.4.1, 7.4.5, 11.5.1, 11.8.1, 12.4, 13.3.1, 13.10.2, Box 11.1, CCB COVID, CCP5.4.6, CCP5.4.3, CCP 6.  
22 Figure TS.10 COMPLEX, WG1 AR6, 11.8}

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24 **TS.C.11.4 Interacting climatic and non-climatic drivers when coupled with coastal development and**  
25 **urbanisation, are projected to lead to losses for coastal ecosystems and their services under all**  
26 **scenarios in the near- to mid-term (*medium to high confidence*).** The compound impacts of warming,  
27 acidification, and SLR are projected to lead to losses for coastal ecosystems (*medium to high confidence*).  
28 Fewer habitats, less biodiversity, lower coastal protection (*medium confidence*), decreased food and water  
29 security will result (*medium confidence*), reducing habitability of some small islands (*high confidence*). {2.3,  
30 2.5.5, 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.5.6, 3.6.3, 4.5.1, 5.13.6, 6.2, 6.2.6, 6.4.3, 11.3.2, 11.5.1, 12.4, 12.5.2, 13.5.2,  
31 13.10.2, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 16.5.2, Box 11.6, Box 15.5, Table 13.12, CCP 2.2.5, CCB EXTREMES, CCB SLR,  
32 CCP1.2.1, CCP1.2.4, Box CCP1.1, Table CCP1.1, Figures CCP1.1, CCP1.2, CCP2.2, Figure TS.10  
33 COMPLEX RISK}

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35 **TS.C.11.5 Observed human and economic losses have increased since AR5 for urban areas and human**  
36 **settlements arising from compound, cascading and systemic events (*medium evidence, high agreement*).**  
37 Urban areas and their infrastructure are susceptible to both compounding and cascading risks arising from  
38 interactions between severe weather from climate change and increasing urbanization (*medium evidence,*  
39 *high agreement*). Compound risks to key infrastructure in cities have increased from extreme weather  
40 (*medium evidence, high agreement*). Losses become systemic when affecting entire systems and can even  
41 jump from one system to another (e.g. drought impacting on rural food production contributing to urban food  
42 insecurity) (*medium confidence*). { 6.2.6, 6.2.7, 6.4.3, 11.5.1, 13.9.2, 13.5.2, 13.10.2, 13.10.3, 14.6.3, Box  
43 11.1, Figure 6.2, CCP2, CCP5.3.2, CWGB URBAN, Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK}

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45 **TS.C.11.6 Interconnectedness and globalization establish pathways for the transmission of climate-**  
46 **related risks across sectors and borders, through trade, finance, food, and ecosystems (*high***  
47 ***confidence*).** Flows of commodities and goods, as well as people, finance and innovation, can be driven or  
48 disrupted by distant climate change impacts on rural populations, transport networks and commodity  
49 speculation (*high confidence*). For example, Europe faces climate risks from outside the area due to global  
50 supply chain positioning and shared resources (*high confidence*). Climate risks in Europe also impact  
51 finance, food production and marine resources beyond Europe (*medium confidence*). {1.3.1, 5.13.3, 5.13.5,  
52 6.2.4, 9.9, 13.9.2, 13.5.2, 13.9.2, 13.9.3, CCB INTEREG, Figure CCB INTEREG.1, Box 14.5, Figure TS.10  
53 COMPLEX RISK}

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55 **TS.C.11.7 Arctic communities and Indigenous Peoples face risks to economic activities (*very high***  
56 ***confidence*) as direct and cascading impacts of climate change continue to occur at a magnitude and**  
57 **pace unprecedented in recent history, and much faster than projected for other regions (*very high***

**confidence**). Impacts and risks include reduced access to, and productivity of future fisheries, regional and global food and nutritional security (*high confidence*), local livelihoods, health and wellbeing (*high confidence*), and loss to socio-cultural assets, including heritage sites in all Arctic regions (*very high confidence*). {13.8.1, Box 7.1, Box 13.2, Figure 13.14, CCP6.2.1, CCP6.2.2, CCP6.2.3, CCP.6.2.4, CCP6.2.5, CCP6.3.1, Table CCP6.1, Table CCP6.2, Table CCP6.6, Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK}

**TS.C.11.8 Indigenous Peoples, traditional communities, smallholder farmers, urban poor, children and elderly in Amazonia are burdened by cascading impacts and risks from the compound effect of climate and land-use change on forest fires in the region (*high confidence*)**. Deforestation, fires and urbanization have increased the exposure of Indigenous People to respiratory problems, air pollution, and diseases (*high confidence*). Amazonian forest fires are transboundary and increases systemic losses of wild crops, infrastructure and livelihoods, and requiring a landscape governance approach (*medium evidence, high agreement*). {2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.3, 8.2.1, 8.4.5, Box 8.6, CCP7.2.3, CCP7.3, Figure TS.10 COMPLEX RISK}

**TS.C.11.9 Population groups in most vulnerable and exposed regions to compound and cascading risks have the most urgent need for improved adaptive capacity (*high confidence*)**. Regions characterized by compound challenges of high levels of poverty, a significant number of people without access to basic services, such as water and sanitation and wealth and gender inequalities, as well as governance challenges are among the most vulnerable regions and are particularly located in East, Central and West Africa, South Asia, Micronesia and Melanesia and in Central America (*high confidence*). {8.3, 8.4, Box 8.6, CCP5.3.2}

**TS.C.11.10 Emergent risks arise from responses to climate change, including maladaptation and unintended side effects of mitigation, including in the case of afforestation and hydropower (*very high confidence*)**. Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) approaches attempt to offset warming and ameliorate some climate risks but introduce a range of new risks to people and ecosystems, which are not well understood (*high confidence*). {1.3.1, 3.6.3, 5.13.6, CWGB SRM}

**TS.C.12 More evidence now supports the five major Reasons for Concern (RFC) about climate change, describing risks associated with unique and threatened systems (RFC1), extreme weather events (RFC2), distribution of impacts (RFC3), global aggregate impacts (RFC4), and large-scale singular events (RFC5) (*high confidence*)**. {16.6.3, Figure 16.15, Table TS.1, Figure TS.4 }

**TS.C.16.1 Compared to AR5 and SR15, risks increase to high and very high levels at lower global warming levels for all five RFCs (*high confidence*), and transition ranges are assigned with greater confidence**. Transitions from high to very high risk emerge in all five RFCs, compared to just two RFCs in AR5 (*high confidence*). As in previous assessments, levels of concern at a given level of warming remain higher for RFC1 than for other RFCs. {16.6.3, Figure 16.15, Figure TS.1, Table TS.1, TS.AII}

**TS.C.12.2 Limiting global warming to 1.5°C would ensure risk levels remain moderate for RFC3, RFC4 and RFC5 (*medium confidence*) but risk for RFC2 would have transitioned to a high risk at 1.5°C and RFC1 would be well into the transition to very high risk (*high confidence*)**. Remaining below 2°C warming (but above 1.5°C) would imply that risk for RFC3 through 5 would be transitioning to high, and risk for RFC1 and RFC2 would be transitioning to very high (*high confidence*). By 2.5°C warming, RFC1 will be in very high risk (*high confidence*) and all other RFCs will have begun their transitions to very high risk (*medium confidence*) for RFC2 and RFC3, low confidence for RFC4 and RFC5). {16.6.3, Figure 16.15, Table TS.1}

**Table TS.1:** Updated assessment of risk level transitions for the five Reasons for Concern {16.6.3}

Reason for Concern	Example of impacts (not comprehensive)	Updated risk level based on observed and modelled impacts.	Warming Level



<b>RFC1 Unique and threatened systems:</b> ecological and human systems that have restricted geographic ranges constrained by climate related conditions and have high endemism or other distinctive properties. Examples include coral reefs, the Arctic and its indigenous people, mountain glaciers and biodiversity hotspots.	Coral bleaching, mass tree and animal mortalities, species extinction; decline in sea-ice dependent species, range shifts in multiple ecosystems	In transition from moderate to high	1.1°C ( <i>very high confidence</i> )
	Further decline of coral reef (by 70–90% at 1.5°C) and Arctic sea ice-dependent ecosystems; insects projected to lose >50% climatically determined geographic range 2°C; reduced habitability of small islands; increased endemic species extinction in biodiversity hotspots	Projected to transition from high to very high risk	1.2°C–2.0°C ( <i>high confidence</i> )
<b>RFC2 Extreme weather events:</b> risks/impacts to human health, livelihoods, assets and ecosystems from extreme weather events such as heatwaves, heavy rain, drought and associated wildfires, and coastal flooding.	Increased heat-related mortality of humans, wildfires, agricultural and ecological droughts, water scarcity; short-term food shortages; impacts on food security and safety, price spikes; marine heat waves estimated to have doubled in frequency.	In transition to high risk at present	1.0°C–1.5°C ( <i>high confidence</i> )
	Significant projected increases in fluvial flood frequency and resultant risks associated with higher populations; at least 1 day per year with a heat index above 40.6°C for about 65% of megacities at 2.7°C and close to 80% at 4°C; soil moisture droughts 2–3 times longer; agricultural and ecological droughts more widespread; simultaneous crop failure across worldwide breadbasket regions; malnutrition and increasing risk of disease.	Projected to transition to very high risk (new in AR6)	1.8–2.5°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> )
<b>RFC3 Distribution of impacts:</b> risks/impacts that disproportionately affect particular groups, such as vulnerable societies and socio-ecological systems, including disadvantaged people and communities in countries at all levels of development, due to uneven distribution of physical climate change hazards, exposure or vulnerability.	Increasing undernutrition, stunting, and related childhood mortality particularly in Africa and Asia and disproportionately affecting children and pregnant women; distributional impacts on crop production and water resources	Current risk level is moderate	1.1°C ( <i>high confidence</i> )
	Risk of simultaneous crop failure in maize estimated to increase from to 40% ; increasing flood risk in Asia, Africa, China, India and Bangladesh; high risks of mortality and morbidity due to heat extremes and infectious disease with regional disparities	Projected to transition to high risk	1.5–2.0°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> ).
	Much more negative impacts on food security in low- to mid-latitudes; substantial regional disparity in risks to food production; food-related health projected to be negatively impacted by 2–3°C warming; heat-related morbidity and mortality, ozone-related mortality, malaria, dengue, Lyme disease, and West Nile fever projected to increase regionally and globally	Projected to transition to very high risk	2.0–3.5°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> ).
<b>RFC4 Global aggregate impacts:</b> impacts to socio-ecological systems that can be aggregated globally into a single metric, such as monetary	Aggregate impacts on biodiversity with damages of global significance (e.g., drought, pine bark beetles, coral reef ecosystems); climate-sensitive livelihoods like agriculture, fisheries and forestry would be severely impacted	In transition to moderate risk	1.1°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> )
	Estimated 10% relative decrease in effective labour at 2°C; global exposure to multi-sector risks approximately doubles between 1.5°C and	Projected to transition to high risk	1.5–2.5°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> )

damages, lives affected, species lost or ecosystem degradation at a global scale.	2°C; global population exposed to flooding projected to rise by 24% at 1.5°C and by 30% at 2.0°C warming; reduced marine food provisioning, fisheries distribution and revenue value with projected ~13% decline in ocean animal biomass.		
	Widespread death of trees, damages to ecosystems, and reduced provision of ecosystem services over the temperature range 2.5°C–4.5°C; projected global annual damages associated with sea level rise of \$31,000 billion per year in 2100 for 4°C warming scenario.	Projected to transition to very high risk (new in AR6)	2.5–4.5°C ( <i>low confidence</i> )
<b>RFC5 Large-scale singular events:</b> relatively large, abrupt and sometimes irreversible changes in systems caused by global warming, such as ice sheet disintegration or thermohaline circulation slowing and sometimes called tipping points or critical thresholds.	Mass loss from both the Antarctic (whether associated with MISI or not) and Greenland Ice Sheets, is more than seven times higher over the period 2010-2016 than over the period 1992-1999 for Greenland and four times higher for the same time-intervals for Antarctica; Amazon forest, increases in tree mortality and a decline in the carbon sink reported	Current risk level is moderate	1.1°C ( <i>high confidence</i> )
	Implications for 2000-year commitments to sea level rise from sustained mass loss from both ice sheets as projected by various ice sheet models, reaching 2.3-3.1 m at 1.5°C peak warming and 2-6 m at 2.0°C peak warming; risk of savannization for the Amazon alone was assessed to lie between 1.5 and 3°C with a median value at 2.0°C	Projected to transition to high risk	1.5–2.5°C ( <i>medium confidence</i> )
	Uncertainties in the projections of sea level rise at higher levels of warming, long-term equilibrium sea-level rise of 5-25 m at Mid-Pliocene temperatures of 2.5°C; potential for Amazon forest dieback between 4-5°C; risk of ecosystem carbon loss from tipping points in tropical forest and loss of Arctic permafrost.	Projected to transition to very high risk (new in AR6)	2.5–4°C ( <i>low confidence</i> )

**TS.C.12.1** While the RFCs represent global risk levels for aggregated concerns about “dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system”, they represent a great diversity of risks, and in reality, there is not one single dangerous climate threshold across sectors and regions. RFC1, RFC2 and RFC5 include risks that are irreversible, such as species extinction, coral reef degradation, loss of cultural heritage, or loss of a small island due to sea level rise. Once such risks materialise, the impacts would persist even if global temperatures would subsequently decline to levels associated with lower levels of risk in an ‘overshooting’ scenario, for example where temperatures increase over “well below 2°C above pre-industrial” for multi-decadal time spans before decreasing (*high confidence*). {16.6.3, Figure 16.15, Figure TS.4, see also TS.C.13}

**TS.C.13** Warming pathways which imply a temporary temperature increase over “well below 2°C above pre-industrial” for multi-decadal time spans imply severe risks and irreversible impacts in many natural and human systems (e.g. glacier melt, loss of coral reefs, loss of human lives due to heat) even if the temperature goals are reached later (*high confidence*). {2.5.2.10, 2.5.3.4, 2.5.3.5, 4.6.1}

**TS.C.13.1** Projected warming pathways may entail exceeding 1.5°C or 2°C around mid-century. Even if the Paris temperature goal is still reached by 2100, this “overshoot” entails severe risks and irreversible impacts to many natural and human systems (e.g. glacier melt, loss of coral reefs, loss of human lives due to heat) (*high confidence*). {AR6 WG1 SPM}

1 **TS.C.13.2. Overshoot substantially increases risk of carbon stored in the biosphere being released into**  
2 **the atmosphere due to increases in processes such as wildfires, tree mortality, insect pest outbreaks,**  
3 **peatland drying and permafrost thaw (*high confidence*).** These phenomena exacerbate self-reinforcing  
4 feedbacks between emissions from high-carbon ecosystems (that currently store ~3030–4090 GtC) and  
5 increasing global temperatures. Complex interactions of climate change, land use change, carbon dioxide  
6 fluxes, and vegetation changes, combined with insect outbreaks and other disturbances, will regulate the  
7 future carbon balance of the biosphere, processes incompletely represented in current earth system models.  
8 The exact timing and magnitude of climate-biosphere feedbacks and potential tipping points of carbon loss  
9 are characterized by large uncertainty, but studies of feedbacks indicate increased ecosystem carbon losses  
10 can cause large future temperature increases (*medium confidence*). {2.5.2.7; 2.5.2, 2.5.3, Figure 2.10, Figure  
11 2.11, Table 2.4, Table 2.5, Table 2.S.2; Table 2.S.4, Table 5.4, Figure 5.29, AR6 WGI 5.4}

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13 **TS.C.13.3 Extinction of species is an irreversible impact of climate change, the risk of which increases**  
14 **steeply with rises in global temperature (*high confidence*) (see TS.C.1).** Even the lowest estimates of  
15 species' extinctions (9% lost) are 1000x natural background rates (*medium confidence*). Projected species'  
16 extinctions at future global warming levels are consistent with projections from AR4, but assessed on many  
17 more species with much greater geographic coverage and a broader range of climate models, giving higher  
18 confidence. {2.5.1.3; Figure 2.6; Figure 2.7; Figure 2.8; CCB DEEP, CCP1}

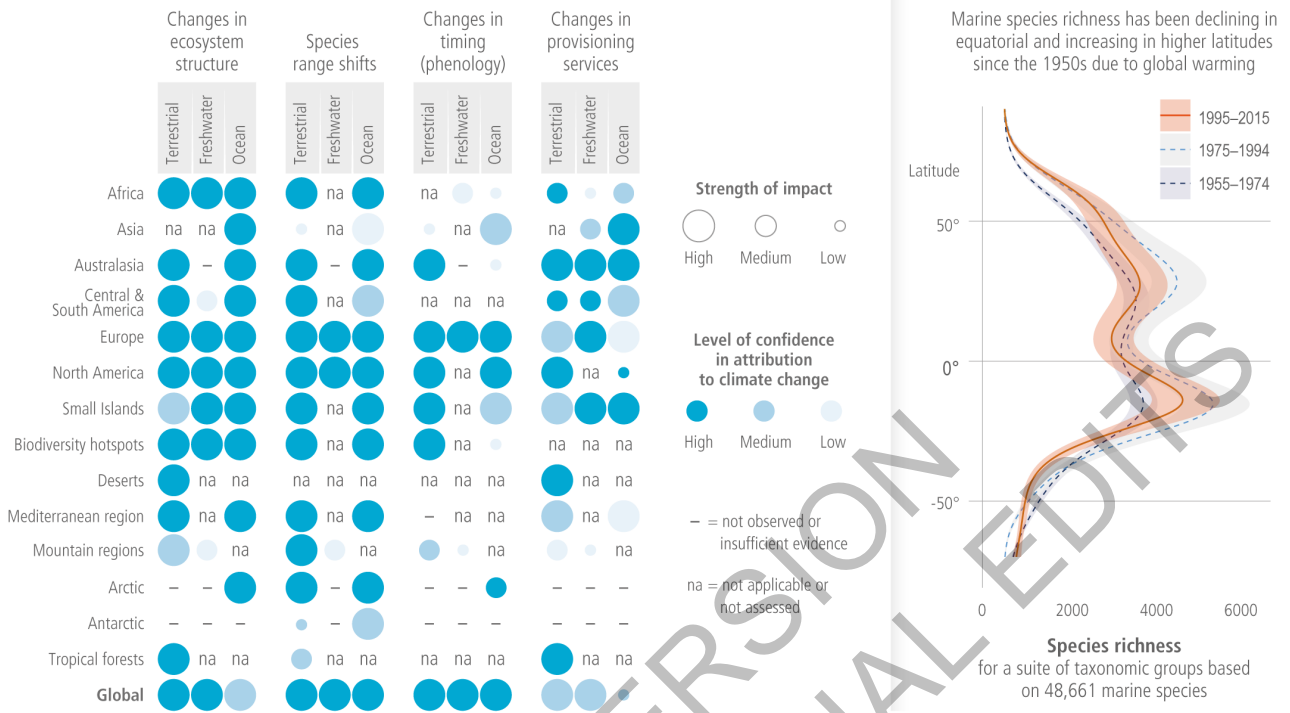
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20 **TS.C.13.4 Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) approaches have potential to offset warming and**  
21 **ameliorate other climate hazards, but their potential to reduce risk or introduce novel risks to people**  
22 **and ecosystems is not well understood (*high confidence*).** SRM effects on climate hazards are highly  
23 dependent on deployment scenarios and substantial residual climate change or overcompensating change  
24 would occur at regional scales and seasonal timescales (*high confidence*). Due in part to limited research,  
25 there is low confidence in projected benefits or risks to crop yields, economies, human health, or ecosystems.  
26 Large negative impacts are projected from rapid warming for a sudden and sustained termination of SRM in  
27 a high-CO<sub>2</sub> scenario. SRM would not stop CO<sub>2</sub> from increasing in the atmosphere or reduce resulting ocean  
28 acidification under continued anthropogenic emissions (*high confidence*). There is high agreement in the  
29 literature that for addressing climate change risks SRM is, at best, a supplement to achieving sustained net  
30 zero or net negative CO<sub>2</sub> emission levels globally. Co-evolution of SRM governance and research provides a  
31 chance for responsibly developing SRM technologies with broader public participation and political  
32 legitimacy, guarding against potential risks and harms relevant across a full range of scenarios. {CWGB  
33 SRM}

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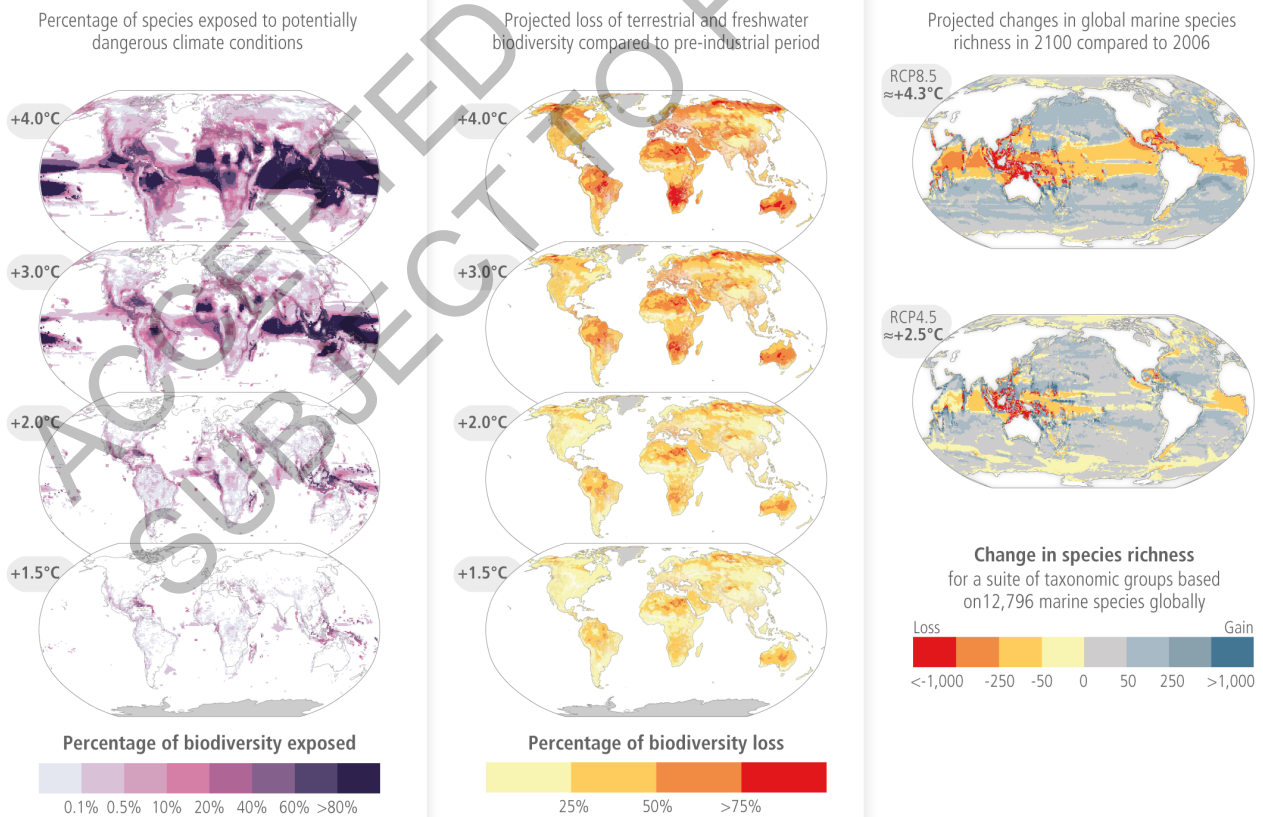
**Figure TS.5 – ECOSYSTEMS**

**Species & ecosystems around the world are at increasing risk due to climate change**

(a) Impacts of Climate Change observed across regions and ecosystems.



(b) With every additional increment of global warming more species will be exposed to potentially dangerous climate conditions and more biodiversity will be lost.



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(c) Example of adaptation actions for ecosystems and biodiversity.

Terrestrial ecosystems

- Conservation of climatic microrefugia
- Assisted reintroduction, translocation & migration of species
- Adjusting conservation strategies & site objectives to reflect changing species distributions & habitat characteristics
- Reducing non-climatic stressors to increase resilience of ecosystems
- Restoration of natural ecological communities & processes
- Protect, restore or create large areas of natural & semi-natural habitat
- Intensive management for vulnerable species
- Increase habitat connectivity

Freshwater ecosystems

- Conservation of climatic microrefugia
- Assisted reintroduction, translocation & migration of species
- Adjusting conservation strategies & site objectives to reflect changing species distributions & habitat characteristics
- Reducing non-climatic stressors to increase resilience of ecosystems
- Restoring hydrological processes of wetlands, rivers & catchments
- Protect or restore natural vegetation cover in catchments
- Intensive management for vulnerable species
- Increased connectivity in river systems

Ocean ecosystems

- Conservations of marine climate refugia
- Assisted reintroduction, translocation & migration of species
- Climate-adaptive management\*
- Sustainable harvesting, reducing the ecological vulnerability of marine ecosystems
- Marine habitat restoration, increasing biodiversity
- Transboundary marine spatial planning (MSP) & integrated coastal zone management (ICZM)\*\*
- Expansion of marine protected areas (MPAs) & MPA networks
- Ecosystem-based management

\* Considering species distribution shifts & other climate-change responses  
 \*\* Low confidence due to limited evidence

Confidence in its effectiveness in reducing risks of climate change ● High ● Medium ● Low

(d) Adaptation pathways for ecosystems.

Adaptation options can be facilitated by actions which increase the solution space such as consideration of local knowledge, new regulations and incentives but also decrease due to climatic and non-climatic stressors and maladaptation.

**Strategies**  
 — Protect  
 — Restore/migrate  
 — Sustainable use  
 ..... Uncertainty in effectiveness with increasing pressures

**Examples for actions**  
 i. Networks of Protected Areas combined with zoning increase resilience.  
 ii. Assisted migration and evolution might reduce extirpation and extinction.  
 iii. Adaptation and mitigation increase space for nature and benefit society.  
 iv. Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) and Nature-based Solutions (NbS).

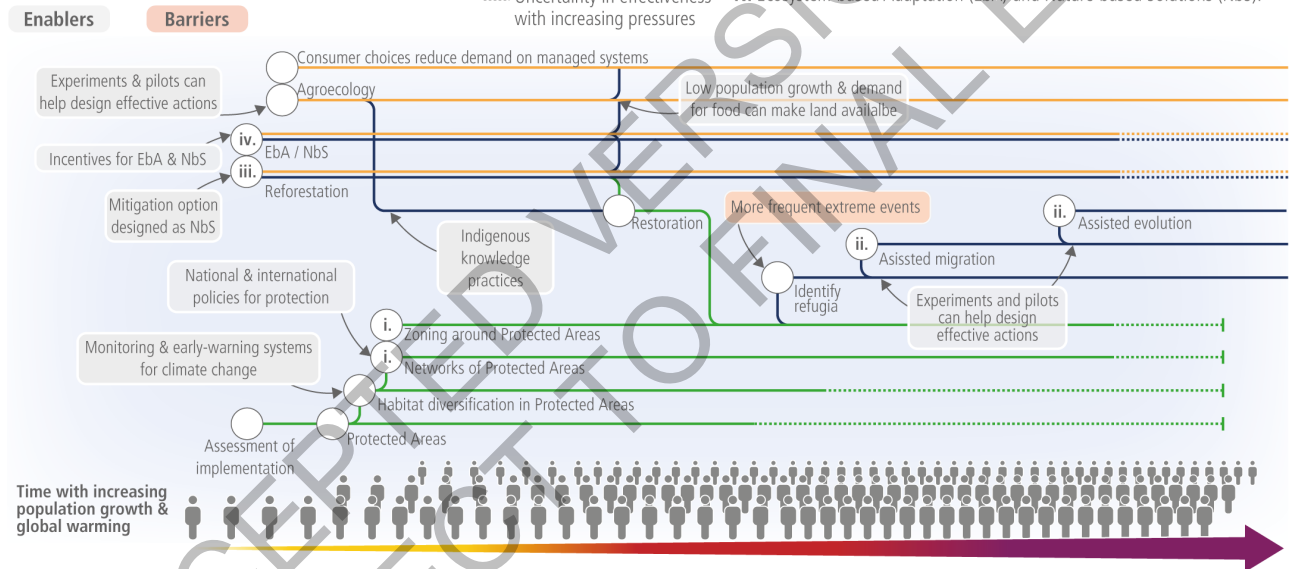


Figure TS.5

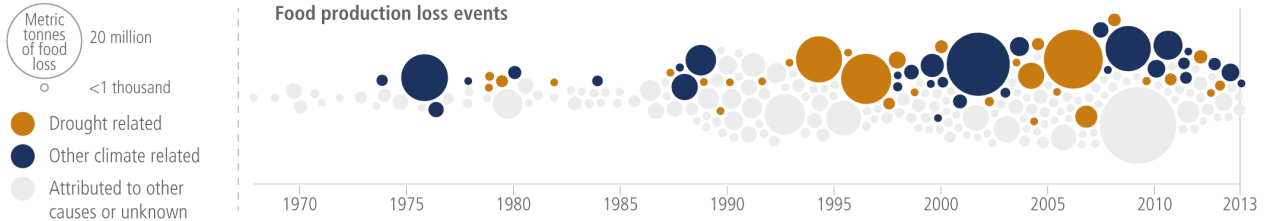
(a) Left: Impacts are attributed to anthropogenic climate change alone or climate change in combination with severe weather or other anthropogenic stressors such as land use or pollution. Strength of the impact is defined as low (limited evidence), intermediate (increased diversity of evidence) or high (high evidence). Provisioning services cover a range of ecosystem services, excluding food, and are not necessarily comparable across regions. All regional information provided by regional chapters and cross-chapter papers; global information provided by Chapters 2 and 3. {2.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, Box 3.2, 9.6.1, 9.11.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.4.4, 10.4.5, 11.3.1, 11.3.3, 11.3.4, 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3, 12.3.4, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, 12.3.7, 12.3.8, 12.4, SM12.3, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.1, 14.5.1, 14.5.2, 14.5.4, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, CCP1.2.2, CCP1.2.3, CCP1.2.4, CCP3.2.1, CCP3.2.2, SMCCP4.1, CCP5.2.1, CCP5.2.7, CCP5.3.1, CCP5.3.2, CCP5.3.3, SMCCP5.2.2, CCP6.2.1, CCP6.2.2, Table 2.1, Table 2.2, Table 2.3, Table 2.5, Table SM2.1, Table 3.19, Table 3.30, Table 11.2, Table 11.6, Table SM12.3, Table SMCCP4.1, Table SMCCP5.7, Table CCP6.2, Figure 2.6, Figure Box 2.1.1, Figure 3.16, Figure CCP5.4, Figure 9.17, Figure 13.4, Figure 13.9, Figure 13.12}. Right: {3.4.3, Figure 3.18}. (b) Left: Global warming levels (GMST) modelled across the ranges of more than 30,000 marine and terrestrial species. Middle: Global warming levels (GSAT); change indicated by the proportion of species (modelled n=119,813 species globally) for which the climate is projected to become unsuitable across their current distributions. Right: {3.4.3, Figure 3.18, Figure 3.20a, 2.5.1, Figure 2.6; CCP1.2.4; Figures Al.6, Al.15, Al.16 }. (c) {2.6.2, Table 2.6, 3.6.2, Figure 3.24}. (d) Some actions facilitate sustainable use but also increase space for nature. {2.4.2; 2.6.2; 2.6.3; 2.6.5, 2.6.7; 2.6.8, CCB Nature, 3.6.2; Table 3.30: 3.6.5; 5.6.3, Box 5.11; 9.3.1, 9.3.2; 9.6.3, 9.6.4, 9.12.3; 10.4.2; 10.4.3; 11.3.1; 11.3.2; 11.7.3; 12.5.1; 12.5.2; 12.5.9; 12.6.1; 13.3.2, 13.4.2, 13.5.2, 13.10.2, 14.5.1; 14.5.2; Box 14.2, Box 14.7; 15.5.4; Table 15.6; 15.3.3; 16.5.2; 16.6.3, CCB Extremes; CCP1.3; CCP3.2.2, CCP4.4.1; CCP5.2.5; CCP5.4.1; CCP6.3.2; CCPBox7.1; CCP7.5; CCP7.5.1; Table CCP7.3}

1 **Figure TS.6 – FOOD & WATER**

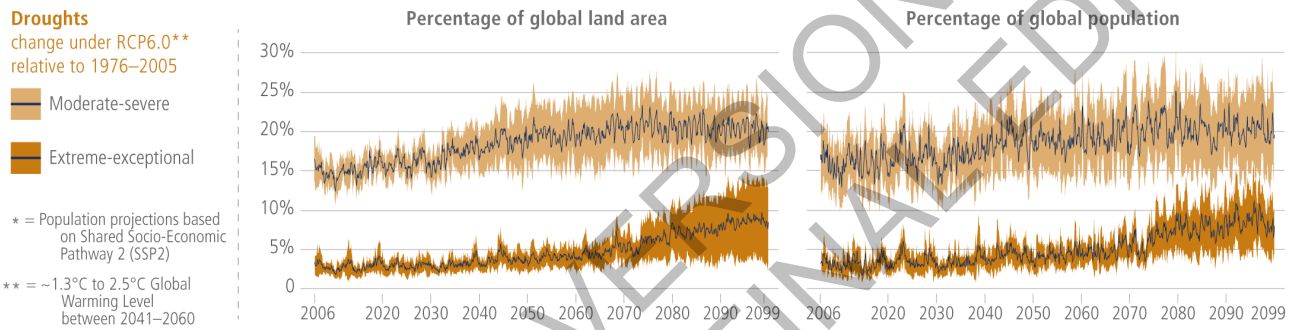
2 **Climate change is affecting food security through pervasive water impacts**

Its impacts are being felt in every water use sector, more so in agriculture which globally consumes over 80% of the total water.

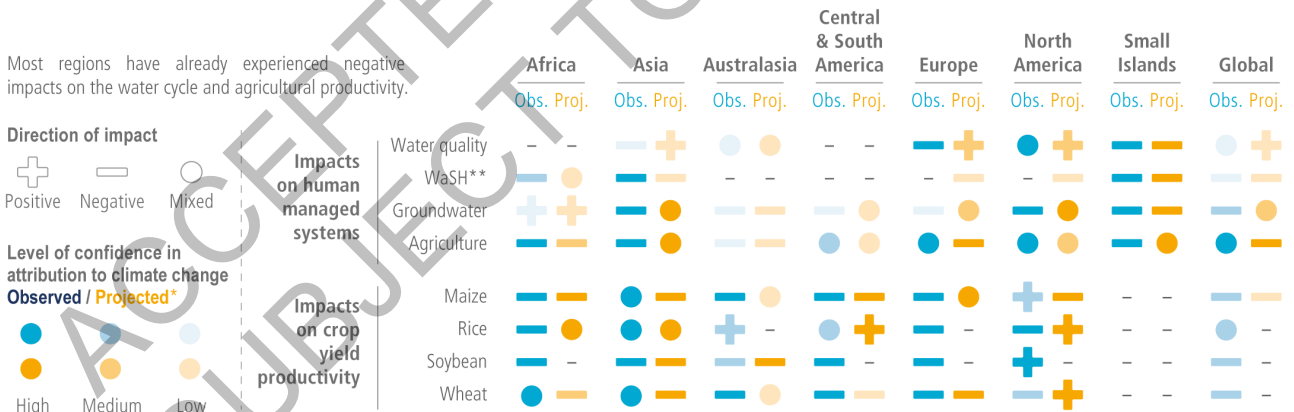
(a) The frequency of climate-related food production losses in crops, livestock, fisheries and aquacultures has been increasing over the last decades.



(b) By the late 21st century the share of the global land area and population\* affected by combinations of agricultural, ecological and hydrological droughts is projected to increase substantially.



(c) Observed and projected impacts from climate change in the water cycle for human managed systems and crop yield productivity.

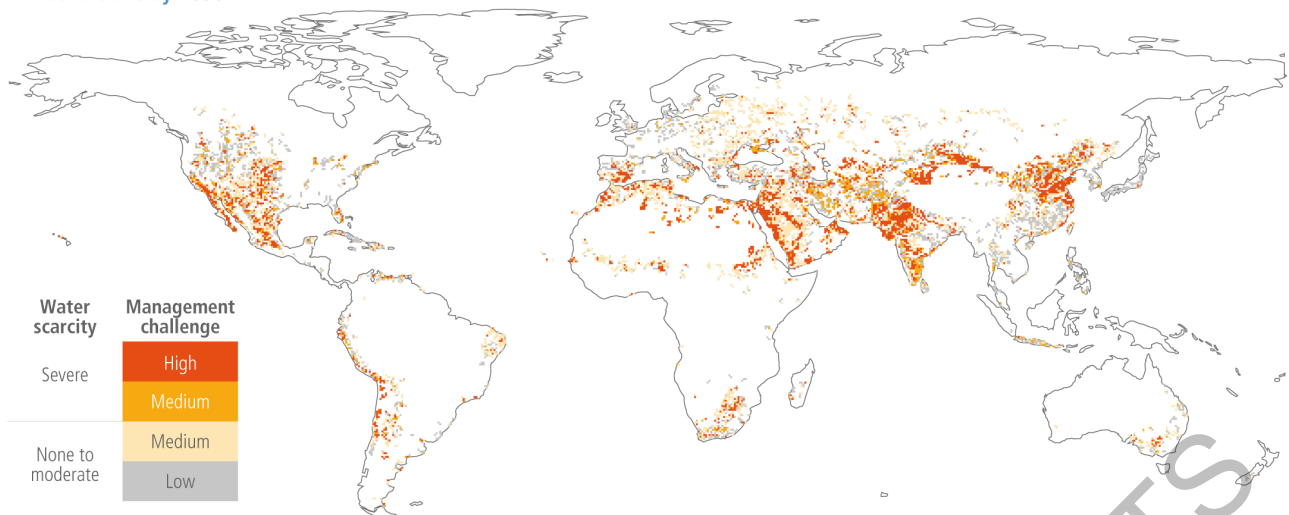


\*Mid-century at RCP4.5 (~2°C Global Warming Level)

\*\*= Water, sanitation & hygiene

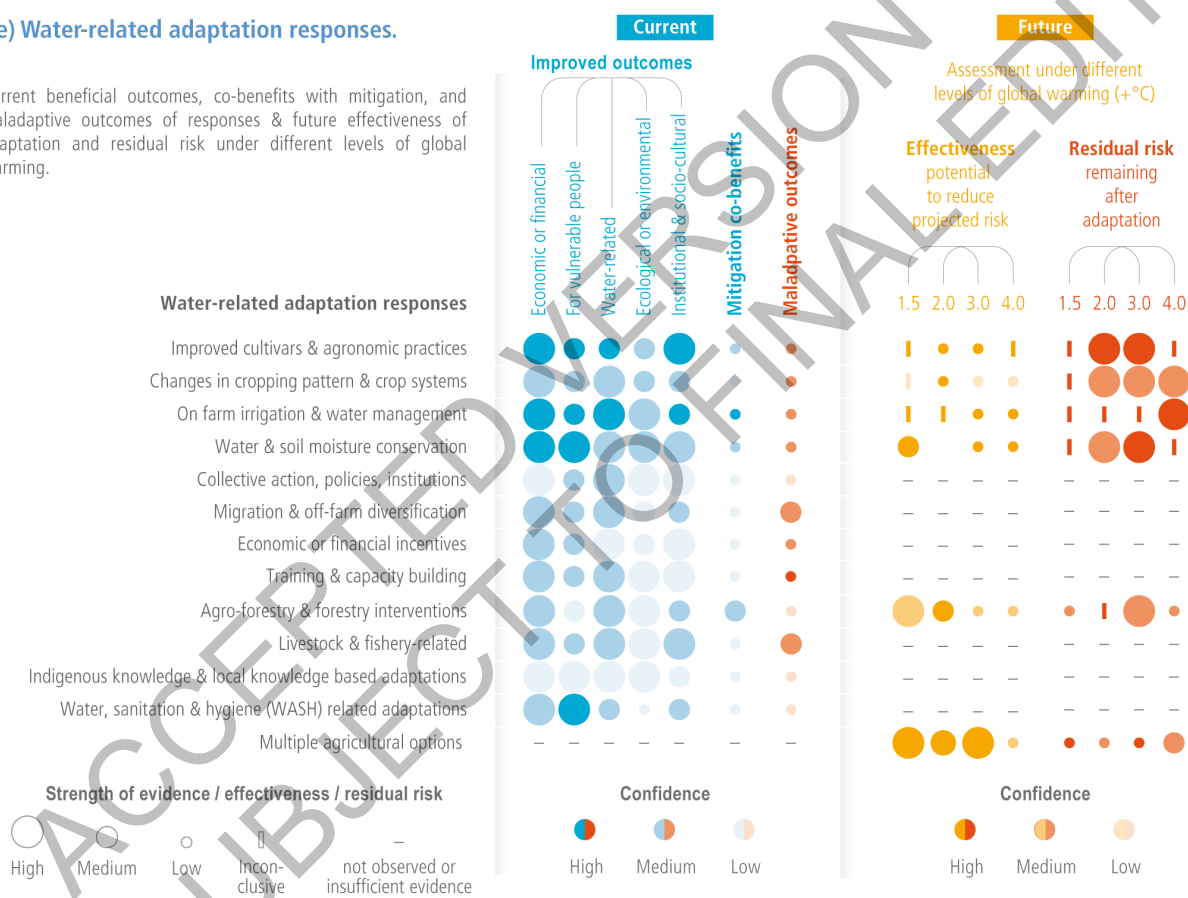
-- = not observed or insufficient evidence

**(d) Drought is exacerbating water management challenges which vary across regions with respect to anticipated water scarcity conditions by 2050.**



**(e) Water-related adaptation responses.**

Current beneficial outcomes, co-benefits with mitigation, and maladaptive outcomes of responses & future effectiveness of adaptation and residual risk under different levels of global warming.



**Figure TS.6**

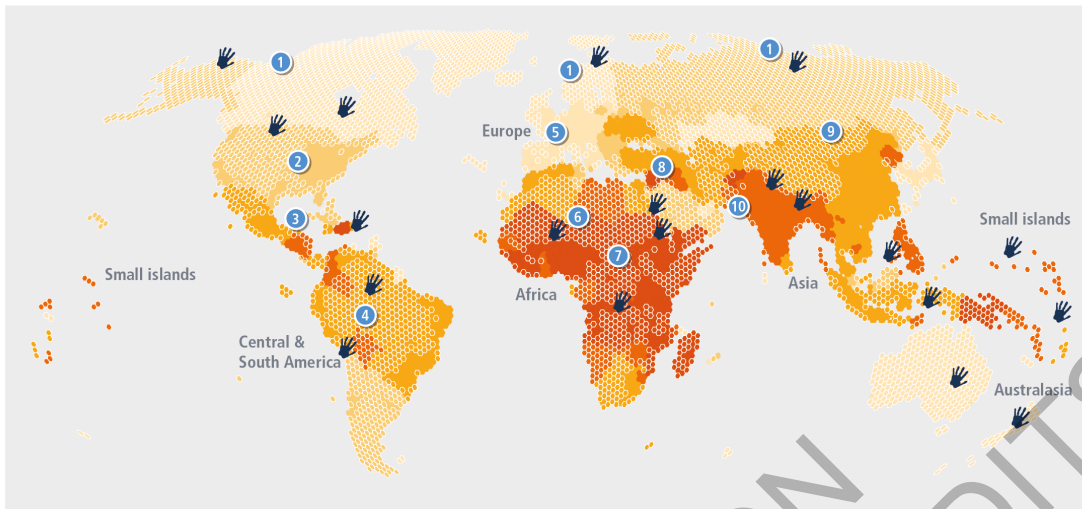
**(a)** {Figure AI.20; FAQ 5.1; 5.4.1.1; Box 5.1; SM5.1; Figure AI.17}. **(b)** Projected increase in the global share of area and population impacted from droughts. Changes are calculated based on the RCP6.0 concentration pathway for Terrestrial Water Storage (TWS) droughts, which can be considered to be a combination of agricultural, ecological and hydrological droughts. TWS is the sum of continental water stored in canopies, snow and ice, rivers, lakes and reservoirs, wetlands, soil and groundwater. {Figure 4.19; 4.4.5}. **(c)** Projected impacts are for RCP 4.5 mid 21st century, taking into account adaptation and CO<sub>2</sub> fertilisation for crop yield productivity {Figure 4.2; 4.3.1; 4.2.7; 4.5.1; Figure 5.3; 5.5.3; 5.4.1; Figure 9.22; 15.3.4; 15.3.3}. **(d)** Projections used five CMIP5 climate models, three global hydrological models from ISIMIP, and three Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs).{Figure Box 4.1.1; Box 4.1; Figure AI.48}. **(e)** {Figure 4.28; Figure 4.29, SM4.7, SM4.8, 4.6.2; 5.5.4; 5.6.3}.

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1 **Figure TS.7 – VULNERABILITY**

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(a) Map of observed human vulnerability based on national averages. This map does not show local differences in vulnerability, below the map are examples of some local vulnerable populations and vulnerable Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Communities are highlighted



**Vulnerability**

- Very high
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Very low

**Population density**

- High
- ▨ Low

👤 Evidence of Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Communities with high vulnerability to climate change

**Example of local vulnerable group | region | aspect of vulnerability | chapter reference**

- ① Indigenous Peoples | Arctic | loss of health, livelihood and culture | CCP6.2.7, 11.4.1, 11.4.2
- ② Urban ethnic minorities | North America | inequality and resources | 5.12.3
- ③ Smallholder coffee producers | Central America / economic precariousness and limited support | 5.4.2, 12.3.1
- ④ Indigenous Peoples | Amazon | loss of land and social networks | Box 8.7
- ⑤ Elderly | Europe | health issues and social isolation | 13.7.1
- ⑥ Smallholder producers | Sub-Saharan Africa | Tenure insecurity and limited institutional support | 5.4.2.3, 8.6.1
- ⑦ Children | Africa | undernutrition and access to health care | 5.12
- ⑧ Uprooted by conflict | Middle East | access and support | 8.3.2, Box 8.4
- ⑨ Gender inequality | Asia | norms and access | 4.8.3, 10.3.3, 10.5.1
- ⑩ Migrants | South Asia | legal status and economic precariousness | 8.3.4

**(b) Different facets of vulnerability (regional averages of selected vulnerability indicators)**



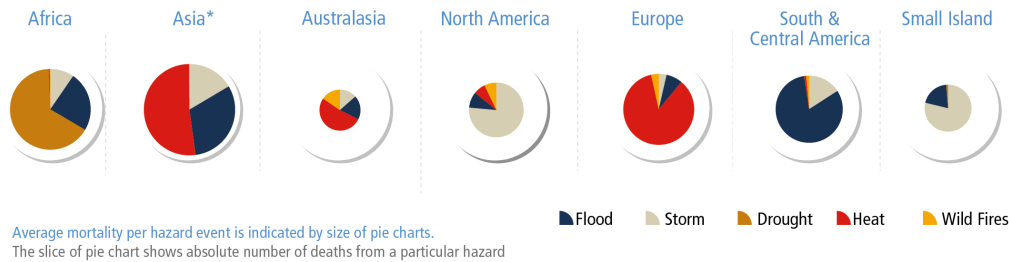
- Severe challenges
- Moderate challenges
- Mild challenges
- 👤 Uprooted people
- 🏛️ Governance
- 👶 Dependency ratio
- ⚖️ Access to health care
- ⚖️ Inequality
- 👤 Extreme poverty
- 🏠 Access to basic infrastructure
- 🌾 Food security
- 📖 Adult literacy rate

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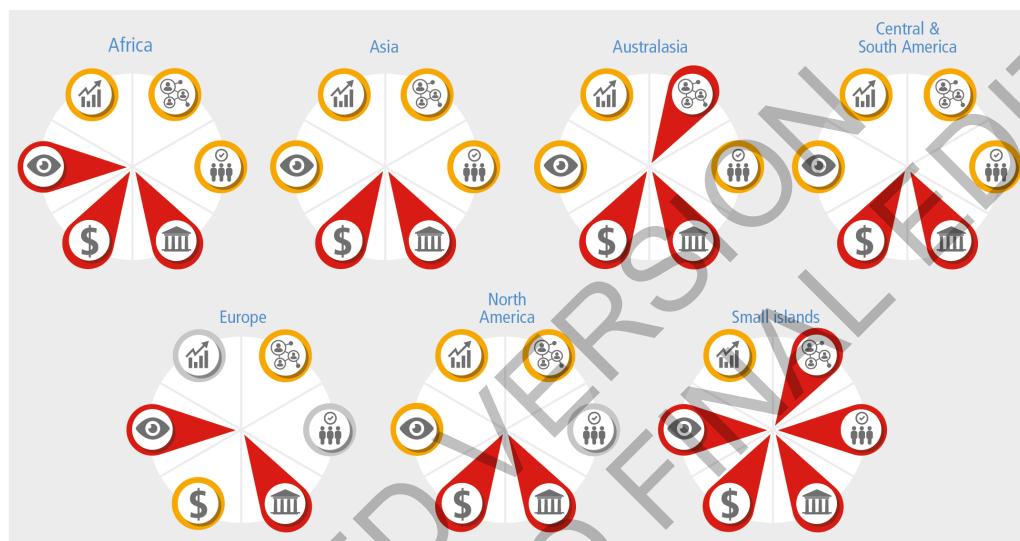


c) Average mortality per hazard event per region between 2010 and 2020:



\*The large size of the pie chart and the strong representation of heat waves is caused by the significant number of deaths from a single event in a single country. This single extreme outlier affected the overall average mortality per event in Asia.

(d) Constraints that make it harder to plan and implement human adaptation



TS Vulnerability: Global map of vulnerability and different facets of vulnerability.

(a) This map shows the relative level of average vulnerability as calculated by global indices (INFORM and WRI see details in 8.3.2). Areas shaded light yellow are on average the least vulnerable and those shaded darker red are the most vulnerable. The map combines information about the level of vulnerability (independent of the population size) with the population density (see legend) to show where both high vulnerability and high population density coincide. The map reveals that there are densely populated areas of the world that are highly vulnerable, but also highly vulnerable populations in more sparsely populated areas. There are also highly vulnerable communities and populations in countries with overall low vulnerability as shown with sub-national case studies alongside the map. These vulnerability values are based on the average of the vulnerability components of the INFORM Index (INFORM, 2019) and WorldRiskIndex (see Chapter 8) with updated data from 2019 classified into 5 classes using the quantile method.

(b) The figure shows selected aspects of human vulnerability, such as extreme poverty, inequality, access to health care and basic infrastructures and up-rooted people for regions. The indicators are a selection of the indicator systems used within the global vulnerability map. The color classifications represents the average value of the respective indicator for the regional level. The regional information reveals that within all regions challenges exist in terms of different aspects of vulnerability, however, in some regions these challenges are more severe and accumulate in multiple-dimensions.

(c) The pie charts show the number of deaths (mortality) per hazard (storm, flood, drought, heatwaves and wildfires) event per continental region based on EM-DAT Data (CRED, 2020). The size of the pie chart represents the average mortality per hazard event while slices of each pie chart show the absolute number of deaths from each hazard. This reveals that significantly more fatalities per hazard (storms, floods, droughts, heatwaves and wildfires) did occur in the past decade in more vulnerable regions e.g. Africa and Asia.

(d) The figure shows constraints that make it harder to plan and implement human adaptation. Across regions and sectors, the most significant challenges to human adaptation are financial, governance, institutional and policy constraints. The ability of actors to overcome these socio-economic constraints largely influences whether additional adaptation is able to be implemented and prevent limits to adaptation from being reached. Data from Thomas et al., 2021 based on 1682 scientific publications reporting on adaptation-related responses in human systems and from Chapter 9.3. Low: <20% of assessed literature identifies this constraint; Medium: 20-40% of assessed literature identifies this constraint; High: >40% of assessed literature identifies this constraint.

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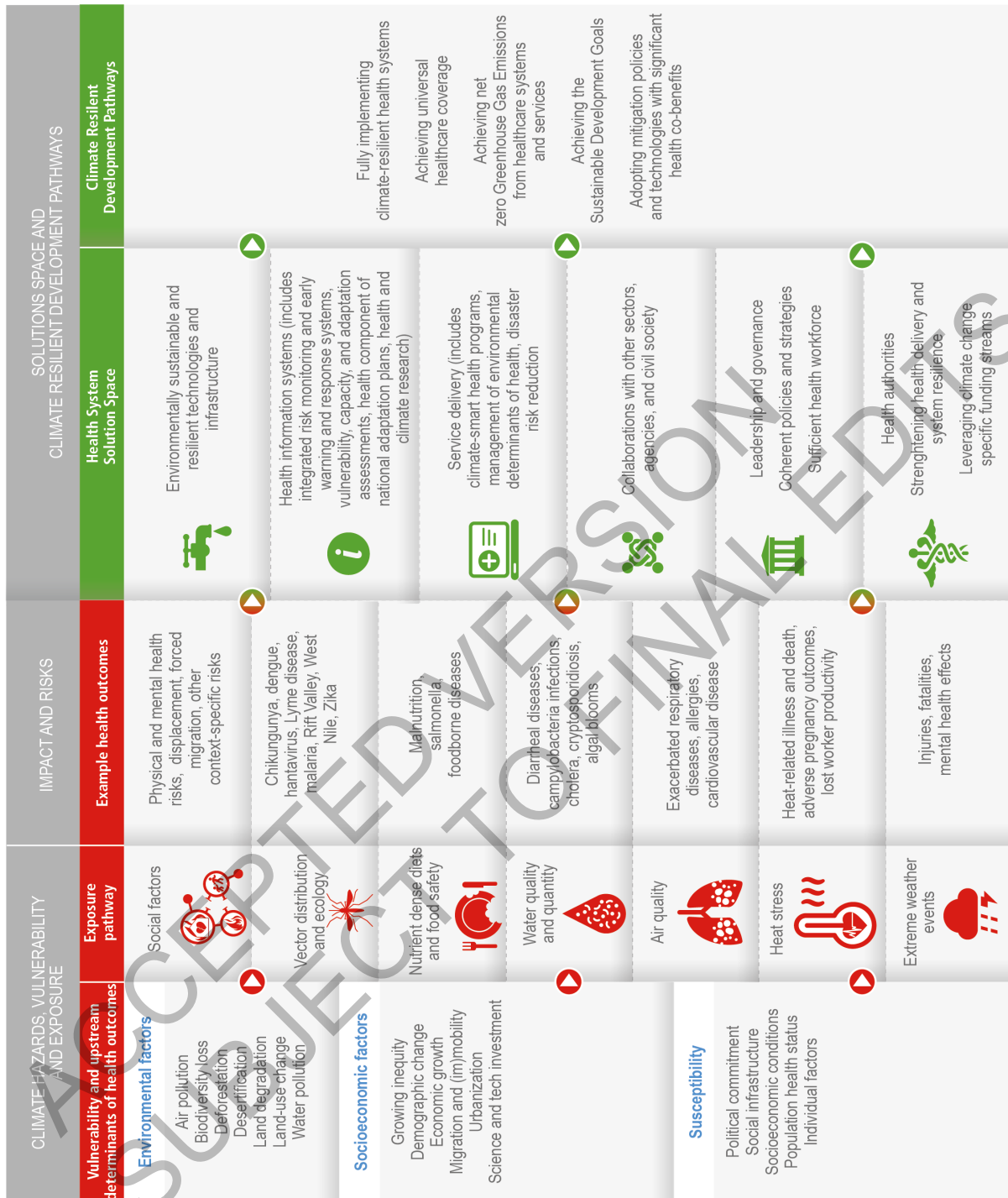
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1 **Figure TS.8 – HEALTH**

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Climate change and human health and wellbeing: Risks and responses



Multiple socio-economic and environmental factors interact with climate risks to shape human health and wellbeing.

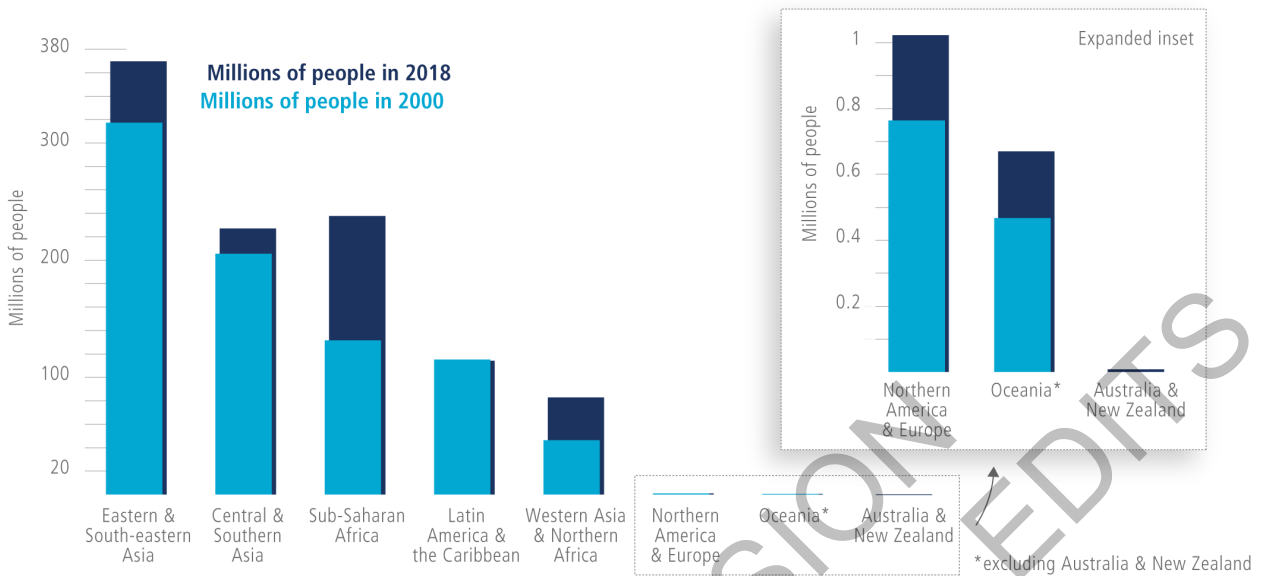
Achieving climate resilient development requires leveraging opportunities in the solution space within health systems and across other sectors.

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1 **Figure TS.9 – URBAN**

2 **Climate change in cities & settlements**

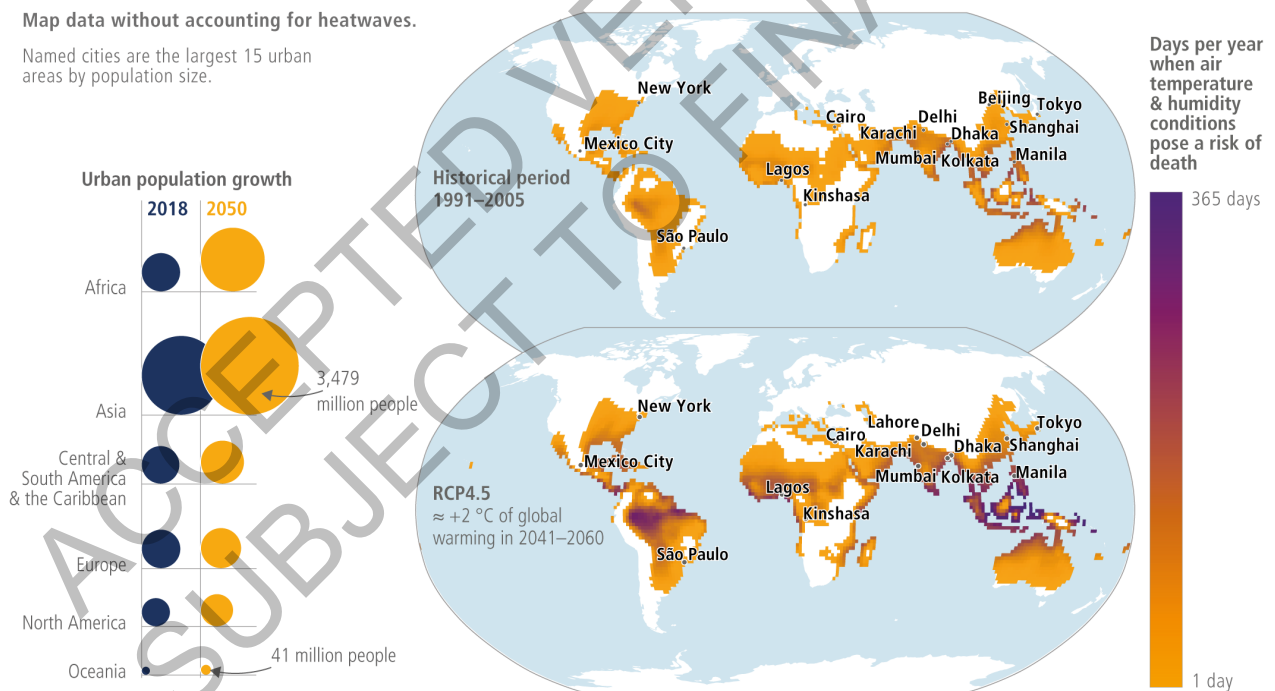
(a) Urban poor populations residing in informal settlements are highly vulnerable to climate hazards given their housing characteristics and location in marginal lands and high-risk areas.



(b) Global distribution of population exposed to potentially deadly conditions from extreme temperatures and relative humidity.

Map data without accounting for heatwaves.

Named cities are the largest 15 urban areas by population size.



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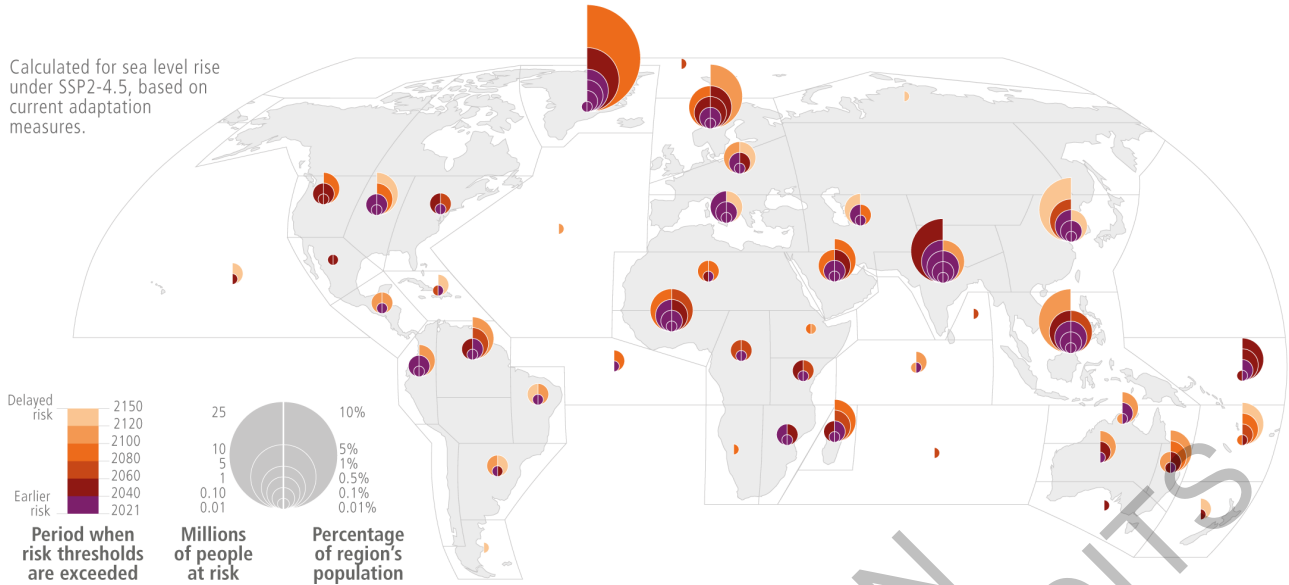
(a) {6.1.4; 9.9.3; 10.4.6; 12.5.5}. The regions shown are reflecting the original dataset from UN Habitat and vary from IPCC regions.

(b) Heat is a growing health risk due to increasing urbanization and rising temperature extremes. Within cities the urban heat island effect elevates temperatures further, with some populations in cities being disproportionately at risk including low income communities in informal settlements, children, the elderly, disabled, people who work outdoors and ethnic minorities. The data does not consider heatwaves which are also projected to increase and can cause thousands of deaths in higher latitudes. {6.1.4; 7.2.4; 7.3.1; 10.4.6; 13.6.1; Annex I: Global to Regional Atlas}.

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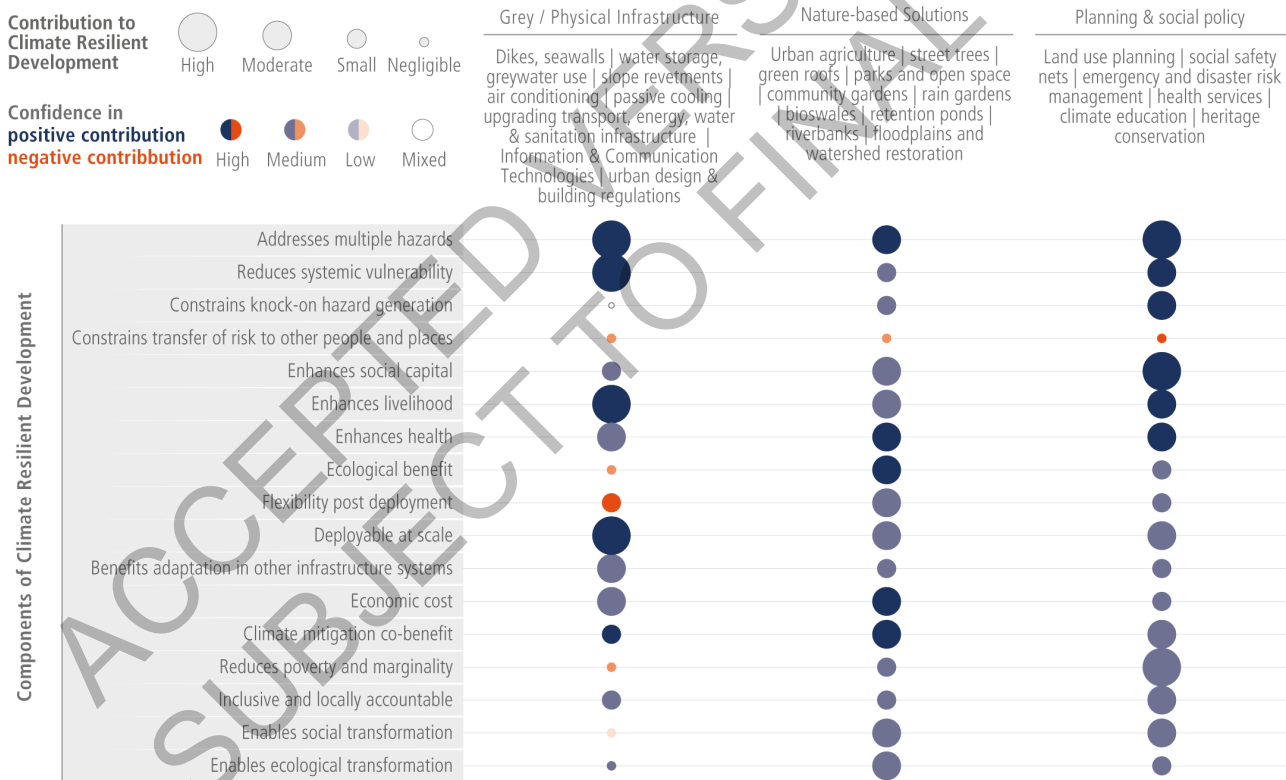
**(c) Projected number of people at risk of a 100-year coastal flood.**

Calculated for sea level rise under SSP2-4.5, based on current adaptation measures.



**(d) Contributions of urban adaptation options to Climate Resilient Development.**

Nature-based solutions and social policy as innovative domains of adaptation show how some of the limitations of grey infrastructure can be mediated. A mixture of the three categories has considerable future scope in adaptation strategies and building climate resilience in cities and settlements.



(c) The size of the circle represents the number of people at risk per IPCC region and the colours show the timing of risk based on projected sea-level rise under SSP2-4.5. Darker colours indicate earlier in setting risks. The left side of the circles shows absolute population at risk and the right side the share of the population in percentage. (Figure CCP2.4; Figure 13.6; Figure 15.3; Annex I: Global to Regional Atlas).

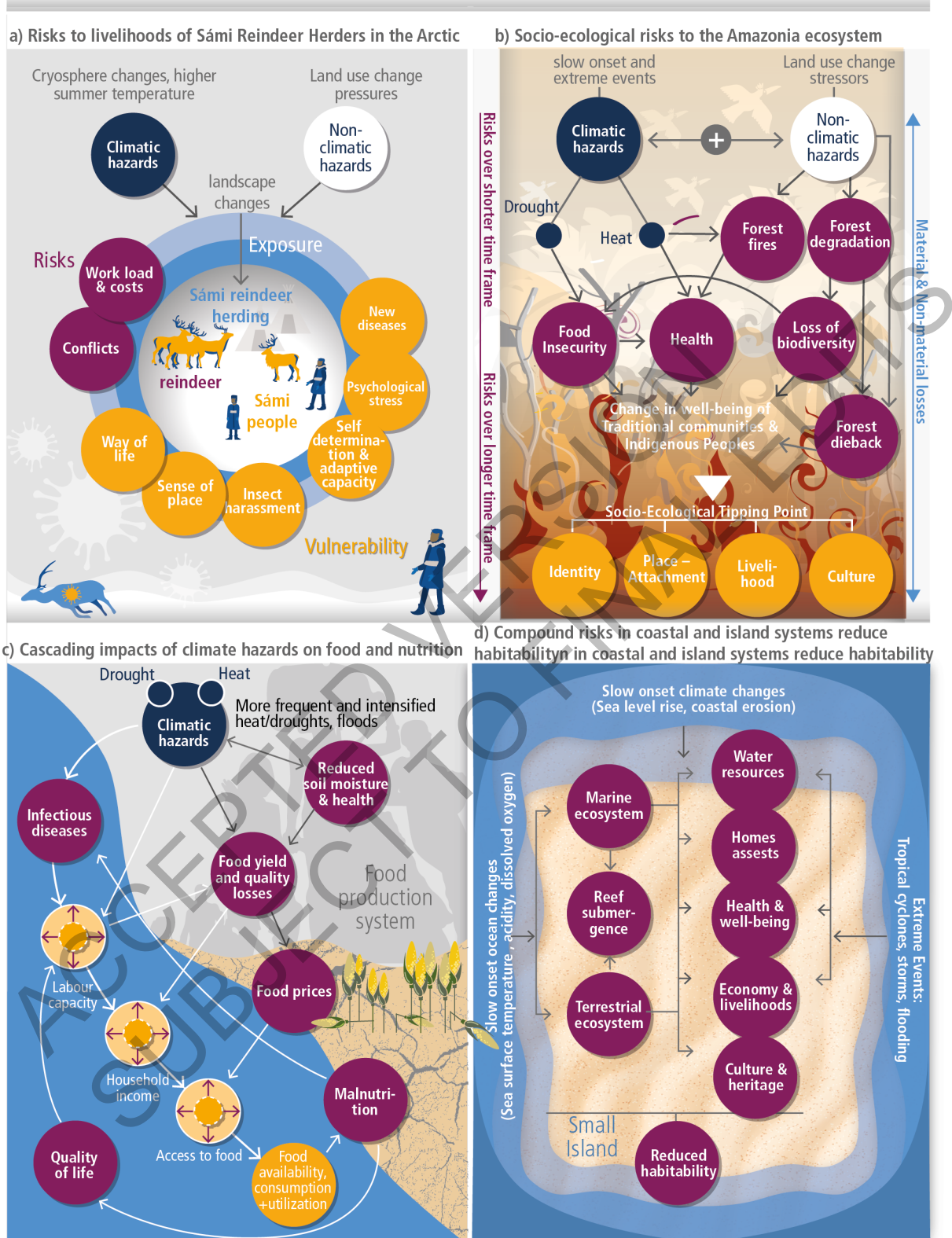
(d) The figure is based on Table 6.6 which is an assessment of 21 urban adaptation mechanisms. Supplementary Material 6.3 provides a detailed analysis including definitions for each component of Climate Resilient Development and the evidences. (Table 6.6; 6.3.1; 6.3.2; 6.3.3).

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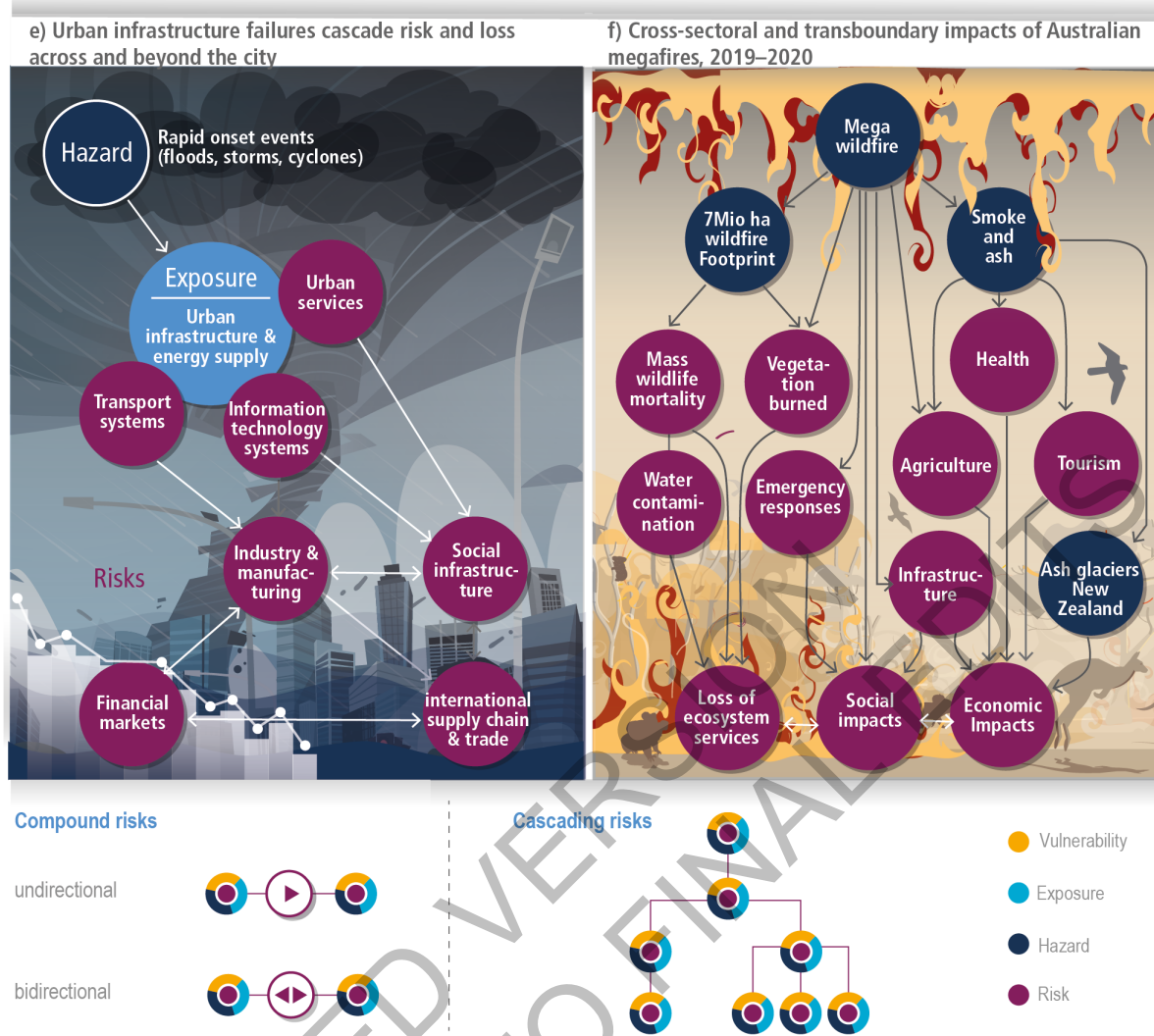
1 **Figure TS.10 – COMPLEX RISK**

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Compound, cascading and transboundary impacts for humans and ecosystems result from the complex interaction of multiple climate hazards, exposures and vulnerabilities.



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Compound, cascading and transboundary impacts for humans and ecosystems result from exposure to the complex interactions of (1) multiple climatic hazards, including with non-climatic stressors (as seen in panel a, b, c, d), (2) multiple vulnerabilities compounding the effect of risks (as seen in panel a, b, c), and (3) multiple impacts/risks that compound and cascade to spread across sectors and boundaries (panels b, c, d, e, f)

- a) Climate and land use change result in cumulative impacts on traditional, semi-nomadic Sámi reindeer herding. Impacts cascade due to a lack of access to key ecosystems, lakes and rivers, thereby increasing costs and threatening traditional livelihoods, food security, cultural heritage, and mental health. {Box 7.1, Figure Box 9.7.1, 13.8.1.2, Box 13.2, Figure 13.14, Table SM13.7, Figure 16.2, Figure CCP6.7}
- b) Risks compound from deforestation, wildfires, urbanization, and climate change in Amazonia Impacts biodiversity, livelihoods, medicinal, spiritual, and cultural sites; increasing migration patterns, loss of place-based attachments, and culture, causing health problems and mental and emotional distress of vulnerable traditional communities and Indigenous People dependent on the forest ecosystem. {Box 8.7, Figure Box 9.7.1, Figure 16.2}
- c) Complex pathways from climate hazards to malnutrition in subsistence farming households. The factors involved in and the probable impacts of weather variables on food yields and of production on malnutrition. { Figure 1.3, Figure 1.4, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, Figure 5.2, 5.12.3, 5.12.4, Box 5.10, 7.2.2, 7.3.1, Figure Box 9.7.1, 13.5.1;13.5.2;13.10.2, Figure 16.2, 16.5.2, 16.5.3}
- d) Risk compounds and amplifies through cascading effects due to interconnectedness of island systems. Loss of marine, coastal, terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem services can cause submergence of reef islands, increase water insecurity, destroy settlements and infrastructure, degrade health and well-being, reduce economy and livelihoods, and result in loss of cultural resources and heritage. {Figure Box 15.1, Figure 15.5, 15.3.4.9, Figure 16.2}
- e) Climate impacts can cascade through interconnected infrastructure in cities and settlements impacting on social well-being and economic activities. spreading loss and risk through lost economic productivity disrupting the distribution of goods and provision of basic services, spreading widely, into rural places and across international borders as supply chains, financial investment and remittance flows are disrupted. {6.1.3; 6.2.2; 6.2.4, Figure 6.2, Figure 16.2, Figure CCB INTEREG.1}
- f) Cascading, compounding and transboundary impacts on people’s mortality and physical and mental health, economic activity, built assets, ecosystems and mass species mortality and with smoke and ash transported to New Zealand affecting air quality and glaciers, arising from the “Black Summer” fires of 2019–2020 which burned over a five-month period in eastern and southern Australia. Fire weather is projected to worsen for most regions. {Figure 1.3, Figure 1.4, 11.3.1.3, Box 11.1, Figure Box 11.1.2, Figure 16.2; AR6 WGI Figure SPM.9}

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## 1 **TS.D: Contribution of Adaptation to Solutions**

### 2 **Introduction**

3 This section covers climate change adaptation and explains how our knowledge of it has progressed since  
4 AR5. The section begins with an explanation of the overall progress on adaptation and the adaptation gaps,  
5 and then discusses limits to adaptation. Maladaptation and the underlying evidence base are explained  
6 together with the strategies available to strengthen the biosphere that can help ecosystems function in a  
7 changing climate. Different adaptation options across water, food, nutrition and ecosystem-based adaptation  
8 and other nature-based solutions are also discussed and the ways urban systems and infrastructure in  
9 particular are coping with adaptation. Adaptation to sea level rise is specifically discussed given its global  
10 impact on coastal areas while health, well-being, migration and conflict also are explained as these warrant  
11 additional important considerations. Justice and equity have a significant impact as well on how effective  
12 adaptation can be and are discussed as key issues that relate to decision-making processes on adaptation and  
13 the range of enablers that can support adaptation. Lastly, the focus shifts to system transitions and  
14 transformational adaptation that are needed to move climate change adaptation forward in a rapidly warming  
15 world.  
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19 **TS.D.1. Increasing adaptation is being observed in natural and human systems (*very high confidence*),  
20 yet the majority of climate risk management and adaptation currently being planned and  
21 implemented is incremental (*high confidence*). There are gaps between current adaptation and the  
22 adaptation needed for avoiding the increase of climate impacts that can be observed across sectors and  
23 regions, especially under medium and high warming levels (*high confidence*). {4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4,  
24 4.6.5, 4.6.6, 4.6.7, 4.6.8, 4.6.9, Box 4.3, Box 4.5, Box 4.6, 7.4.1, Table 4.8, Figure 4.24, Figure 6.4.3, Fig  
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26 CCP7.5.2 }**

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28 **TS.D.1.1 Responses have accelerated in both developed and developing regions since AR5, with some  
29 examples of regression (*high confidence*).** Growing adaptation knowledge in public and private sectors,  
30 increasing number of policy and legal frameworks, and dedicated spending on adaptation are all clear  
31 indications that the availability of response options has expanded (*high confidence*). However, observed  
32 adaptation in human systems across all sectors and regions is dominated by small incremental, reactive  
33 changes to usual practices often after extreme weather events, whilst evidence of transformative adaptation  
34 in human systems is limited (*high confidence*). Droughts, pluvial, fluvial and coastal flooding are the most  
35 common hazards for which adaptation is being implemented and many of these have physical, affordability  
36 and social limits (*high confidence*). There is some evidence of global vulnerability reduction, particularly for  
37 flood risk and extreme heat. {1.4.5, 2.4.2, 2.4.5, 2.5.4, 2.6.1, 2.6.6, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.3, 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.6.3,  
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39 11.14, Box 11.2, 12.12.5, 13.2.2, 13.10, 13.11, 14.7.1, 15.5.4, 16.3.2, 16.4.2, 12.3, CCB EXTREMES}  
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41 **TS.D.1.2 Current adaptation in natural and managed ecosystems includes earlier planting and  
42 changes in crop varieties, soil improvement and water management for livestock and crops,  
43 aquaculture, restoration of coastal and hydrological processes, introduction of heat and drought-  
44 adapted genotypes into high-risk populations, increasing size and connectivity of habitat patches,  
45 agroecological farming, agroforestry and managed relocations of high risk species (*medium  
46 confidence*).** These measures can increase resilience, productivity and sustainability of both natural and food  
47 systems under climate change (*high confidence*). Financial barriers limit implementation of adaptation  
48 options in natural ecosystems, agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and forestry as finance strategies are  
49 stochastically deployed. Investment in climate service provision has benefited the agricultural sector in many  
50 regions, with limited uptake of climate service information into decision-making frameworks (*medium  
51 confidence*). {2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.6.5, 2.6.8, 3.6.3, 4.6.2, 4.7.1, Figure 4.23, 5.4.3, 5.5.3, 5.9.4, 5.10.3,  
52 5.14.3, 9.4, 9.4.4, 9.4.1, 12.5.4, 12.8, 13.5.2, 13.10.2, 14.5.4, 15.5.7, 17.2.1, 17.5.1, CCB NATURAL,  
53 CCP5.2.5, CCP 7.5}  
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55 **TS.D.1.3 The ambition, scope and progress on adaptation have risen amongst Governments at the  
56 local, national, and international levels, along with businesses, communities, and civil society, but**

1 **many funding, knowledge, and practice gaps remain for effective implementation, monitoring and**  
2 **evaluation (*high confidence*).** There are large gaps in risk management and risk transfer in low-income  
3 contexts, and even larger gaps in conflict-affected contexts (*high confidence*). Adaptive capacity is highly  
4 uneven across and within regions (*high confidence*). Current adaptation efforts are not expected to meet  
5 existing goals (*high confidence*). {1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.4.5, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.6, 2.6.8, 3.6.3, 4.7.1, 6.1,  
6 6.4.3, Fig 6.5, 9.1.5, 9.4.1, 9.4.5, 11.7.1, 11.7.2, 13.11.1, 14.7.1, 15.6, 17.2, 17.4.2, 17.5.1, 17.5.2, CCB  
7 DEEP, CCP7.5, CCB NATURAL}

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9 **TS.D.1.4 Many cities and settlements have developed adaptation plans since AR5, but a limited**  
10 **number of these have been implemented so that urban adaptation gaps exist in all world regions and**  
11 **for all hazard types (*high confidence*).** Many plans focus on climate risk reduction, missing opportunities  
12 to advance co-benefits of climate mitigation and sustainable development, and risking compounding  
13 inequality and reduced well-being (*medium confidence*). Greatest adaptation gaps exist in projects that  
14 manage complex risks, for example in the food energy-water-health nexus or the inter-relationships of air  
15 quality and climate risk (*high confidence*). Most innovation in adaptation has occurred through advances in  
16 social and ecological infrastructures including disaster risk management, social safety nets and green/blue  
17 infrastructure (*medium confidence*). However, most financial investment continues to be directed narrowly at  
18 large-scale hard engineering projects after climate events have caused harm (*medium confidence*). {4.6.5,  
19 6.3.1, 6.3.2, Figure 6.4, 6.4.3, 6.4.5, 10.3.7, Table 10.2, 11.3.5, 12.5.5, 13.11, 14.5.5, 14.7.1, 15.3.4, 17.4.2,  
20 CCB FINANCE, CCP2.3, CCP2.4, CCP5.2.7}

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22 **TS.D.1.5 Systemic barriers constrain the implementation of adaptation options in vulnerable sectors,**  
23 **regions and social groups (*high confidence*).** Key barriers are limited resources, lack of private sector and  
24 citizens engagement, insufficient mobilisation of finance (including for research), lack of political  
25 leadership, limited research and/or slow and low uptake of adaptation science, and low sense of urgency.  
26 Most of the adaptation options to the key risks depend on limited water and land resources (*high confidence*).  
27 Governance capacity, financial support and the legacy of past urban infrastructure investment constrain how  
28 cities and settlements are able to adapt (*high confidence*). Critical urban capacity gaps include limited ability  
29 to identify social vulnerability and community strengths; the absence of integrated planning to protect  
30 communities; and the lack of access to innovative funding arrangements and limited capability to manage  
31 finance and commercial insurance (*medium confidence*). Prioritisation of options and transitions from  
32 incremental to transformational adaptation are limited due to vested interests, economic lock-ins,  
33 institutional path-dependencies, and prevalent practices, cultures, norms, and belief systems. For example,  
34 Africa faces severe climate data constraints, and inequities in research funding and leadership that reduce  
35 adaptive capacity (*very high confidence*)—from 1990–2019 research on Africa received just 3.8% of climate-  
36 related research funding globally, and 78% of this funding for Africa went to E.U. and North American-  
37 based institutions and only 14.5% to African institutions. {3.6.3, 9.1.5, 9.5.1, 9.8.4, 12.5.1, 12.5.5, 12.5.7,  
38 12.8, 13.11, 14.7.2, 15.6.1, 15.7, CCP 7.6, CCB FEASIB}.

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40 **TS.D.1.6 Insufficient financing is a key driver of adaptation gaps (*high confidence*).** Annual finance  
41 **flows targeting adaptation for Africa, for example, are billions of USD less than the lowest adaptation**  
42 **cost estimates for near-term climate change (*high confidence*).** Finance has not targeted more vulnerable  
43 countries and communities. From 2014–2018 more finance commitments to developing countries were debt  
44 than grants and—excluding multilateral development banks—only 51% of commitments targeting adaptation  
45 were dispersed (compared to 85% for other development projects). Tracked private sector finance for climate  
46 change action has grown substantially since 2015, but the proportion directed towards adaptation has  
47 remained small (*high confidence*); in 2018 contributions were 0.05% of total climate finance and 1% of  
48 adaptation finance. Globally, private sector financing of adaptation has been limited, especially in  
49 developing countries (*high confidence*). {3.6.3, 4.7.4, 4.7.5, 4.8.2, 6.4.5, Table 6.10, 9.4.1, 12.5.4, 12.5.8,  
50 15.6.3, 17.4.3, CCB FINANCE}

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52 **TS.D.1.7 Closing the adaptation gap requires moving beyond short-term planning to developing long-**  
53 **term, concerted pathways and enabling conditions for ongoing adaptation to ensure timely and**  
54 **effective implementation (*high confidence*).** Inclusive, equitable and just adaptation pathways are critical  
55 for climate resilient development. Such pathways require consideration of Sustainable Development Goals,  
56 gender, and Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge and practices. The success of adaptation will depend  
57 on our understanding of which adaptation options are feasible and effective in their local context (*high*



1 *confidence*). Long lead times for nature-based and infrastructure solutions or planned relocation require  
 2 implementation in the coming decade to reduce risks in time. To close the adaptation gap, political  
 3 commitment, persistence and consistent action across scales of government, and upfront mobilization of  
 4 human and financial capital is key (*high confidence*), even when the benefits are not immediately visible.  
 5 {3.6.5, 4.8, 6.3.5; 11.7, 12.5.7, 13.2.2, 13.8, 13.11, 14.7.2, 15.7, CCP2.3, CCP2.4, CCP7.5, CCB GENDER,  
 6 CCB DEEP, CCB FEASIB}  
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9 **TS.D.2. There is increasing evidence on limits to adaptation which result from the interaction of**  
 10 **adaptation constraints and the speed of change (*high confidence*). In some natural systems, hard limits**  
 11 **have been reached (*high confidence*) and more will be reached beyond 1.5°C (*medium confidence*).**  
 12 **Surpassing such hard, evolutionary limits cause local species extinctions and displacements if suitable**  
 13 **habitats exist (*high confidence*). Otherwise, species existence is at very high risk (*high confidence*). In**  
 14 **human, managed and natural systems soft limits are already being experienced (*high confidence*).**  
 15 **Financial constraints are key determinants of adaptation limits in human and managed systems,**  
 16 **particularly in low-income settings (*high confidence*), while in natural systems key determinants for**  
 17 **limits are inherent traits of the species or ecosystem (*very high confidence*). {2.4.2, 2.6.1, 3.3, 3.4.2,**  
 18 **3.4.3, 15.5.4, CCP5.3.2; CCP7.5.2, CCB EXTREMES, Figure TS.7 Vulnerability}**

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 20 **TS.D.2.1 Adaptation limits can be differentiated into hard and soft limits.** Soft limits are those for which  
 21 no further adaptation options are feasible currently, but might become available in the future. Hard limits are  
 22 those for which existing adaptation options will cease to be effective and additional options are not possible.  
 23 Hard limits will increasingly emerge at higher levels of warming (*high confidence*). Adaptation limits are  
 24 shaped by constraints which can or cannot be overcome by adaptation actions and by the speed with which  
 25 climate impacts unfold. Evidence and signals of the thresholds at which constraints result in limits is still  
 26 sparse and, in human systems, are expected to remain contested even with increasing knowledge (*high*  
 27 *confidence*). {2.4.2, 2.6.1, 4.7.4, Box 4.2, Box 4.3, 15.3.4, 15.5.4, 16.4.1, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCB EXTREMES}  
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29 **D2.2 Limits to adaptation have been observed for terrestrial and aquatic species and ecosystems and**  
 30 **for some human and managed systems in specific geographies such as small island states and**  
 31 **mountain regions (*high confidence*).** Beginning at below 1.5°C, autonomous and evolutionary adaptation  
 32 responses by more terrestrial and aquatic species and ecosystems will face hard limits, resulting in species  
 33 extinction, loss of ecosystem integrity and resulting loss of livelihoods (*high confidence*). Examples of hard  
 34 limits being exceeded include observed population losses and species' extinctions and loss of whole  
 35 ecosystems from certain locations (e.g., irrecoverable loss of tropical coral reefs locally). Large local  
 36 population declines of wild species have already impacted human food sources and livelihoods (e.g., for  
 37 Indigenous Arctic communities). Soft limits are currently being experienced in particular by individuals,  
 38 households, cities and settlements along the coast and by small-scale farmers (*medium confidence*). As sea  
 39 levels rise and extreme events intensify, coastal communities face limits due to financial, institutional and  
 40 socio-economic constraints and a short timeline for adaptation implementation, reducing the efficacy of  
 41 coastal protection and accommodation approaches and resulting in loss of life and economic damages  
 42 (*medium confidence*). {2.4.2, 2.5.4, 2.6.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, CCP1, CCP2, CCP6, 4.7.4, Box 4.2, 6.4.4, 11.3.1,  
 43 11.3.2, 11.3.4, 11.3.5, 12.5.1, 13.3.1, 13.4.1, 13.10.2, 15.5.4, 15.5.6, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCP5.2.7, CCP5.3.2}  
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45 **TS.D.2.3 Limits to adaptation will be reached in more systems, including, for example, coastal**  
 46 **communities, water security, agricultural production, and human health, as global warming increases**  
 47 **(*medium confidence*).** Hard limits beginning at 1.5°C are also projected for coastal communities reliant on  
 48 nature-based coastal protection (*medium confidence*). Adaptation to address risks of heat stress, heat  
 49 mortality and reduced capacities for outdoor work for humans, face soft and hard limits across regions  
 50 become significantly more severe at 1.5°C, and are particularly relevant for regions with warm climates  
 51 (*high confidence*). Beginning at 3°C, hard limits are projected for water management measures, leading to  
 52 decreased water quality and availability, negative impacts on health and well-being, economic losses in  
 53 water and energy dependent sectors and potential migration of communities (*medium confidence*). Soft and  
 54 hard limits for agricultural production are related to water availability and the uptake and effectiveness of  
 55 climate-resilient crops which are constrained by socio-economic and political challenges (*medium*  
 56 *confidence*). In terms of settlements, limits to adaptation are often most pronounced in smaller and rapidly

growing towns and cities including those without dedicated local government (*medium confidence*). At the same time, legacy infrastructure in large and mega-cities, designed without taking climate change risk into account, constrains innovation leading to stranded assets and with increasing numbers of people unable to avoid harm, including heat stress and flooding, without transformative adaptation. (*medium confidence*) {2.4.2, 3.4.2, 3.5.5, 3.6.3, CCB SLR, 4.7.4, Box 4.2, Box 4.3, 4.7.2, 4.7.3, 6.4.3; 6.4.5; 6.4.5; 6.4.5; Figure 6.4; 16.4.2; 16.4.3; 3.4.3, 11.3.1, 11.3.2 11.3.4, 11.3.5, 11.3.6; 12.5.1, 12.5.2, 12.5.3, 13.10.2, Box 11.6; Table 14.6, 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 15.5.4, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCP2, CCB ILLNESS}

**TS.D.2.4 Across regions and sectors, the most significant determinants of soft limits are financial, governance, institutional and policy constraints (*high confidence*).** The ability of actors to address these socio-economic constraints largely influence whether additional adaptation is able to be implemented and prevent soft limits from becoming hard limits. Global and regional evidence shows that climate impacts may limit the availability of financial resources, stunt national economic growth, result in higher levels of losses and damages and thereby increase financial constraints (*medium evidence*). Information, awareness, and technological constraints are also high in multiple regions (*high confidence*). For example, awareness of anthropogenic climate change ranges between 23–66% of people across 33 African countries, with low climate literacy limiting potential for transformative adaptation (*medium confidence*). {2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.5.1, 2.6.8, 3.6.3, 4.7.4; 6.4.4; 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.4.5, 12.8, 13.11.1, 14.7.2, 15.6.1; 15.6.3; 16.4.2, 16.4.3, CCP2; CCP5.4.1; CCP7.5, CCP7.6, CCB EXTRMES, Figure TS.7 Vulnerability}

**TS.D.2.5 The potential for reaching adaptation limits fundamentally depends on emissions reductions and mitigating global warming (*high confidence*).** Under all emissions scenarios, climate change reduces capacity for adaptive responses and limits choices and opportunities for sustainable development. The ability of actors to overcome socio-economic constraints determine whether additional adaptation is able to be implemented and prevent soft limits from becoming hard limits (*medium confidence*). Above 1.5°C of warming, limits to adaptation are reported for human and natural systems, including coral reefs (*high confidence*), regional water availability (*medium evidence, high agreement*) and outdoor labor and existing tourism activities. {1.1.3; 1.5.1; 2.6.0, 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.6.5, 2.6.8, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.7.1., 4.7.2; Box 4.3; 3.5.2 3.6.2, 3.6.2, 13.10.2, 14.5.7, 14.5.8; 15.3.3, 15.3.4, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, CCP5.3.2, Box 15.1 }

**TS.D.3 Evidence of maladaptation is increasing in some sectors and systems highlighting how inappropriate responses to climate change create long-term lock-in of vulnerability, exposure, and risks that are difficult and costly to change (*very high confidence*) and exacerbate existing inequalities for Indigenous Peoples and vulnerable groups, impeding achievement of SDGs, increasing adaptation needs, and shrinking the solution space (*high confidence*).** Decreasing maladaptation requires attention to justice and a shift in enabling conditions toward those that enable timely adjustments for damages to be avoided or minimised and opportunities seized (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.11, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.4.2, 2.6, Box 2.2, 3.6.3, Box 4.3, Box 4.5, 4.6.8, 4.7.1, Figure 4.29, 5.6.3, 5.13.4, 8.4.5, 8.2.1, 8.3.3, 8.4.5, 8.6.1, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, Box 9.8, Box 9.9, 12.5.3, 12.5.7, 13.3-4, Box 11.6, 13.11.3, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 14.5.9, 15.5.1, 15.6.5, 16.3.2, 17.5.1, CCP2.3.2, CCP 2.3.6, CCB SLR, CCB DEEP, CCB NATURAL, CCB BIOECONOMY}

**TS.D.3.1 Maladaptation has been observed across many regions and systems and occurs for many reasons including inadequate knowledge, short-term, fragmented, single-sectoral and/or non-inclusive governance planning and implementation (*high confidence*).** Policy decisions that ignore risks of adverse effects can be maladaptive by worsening the impacts of and vulnerabilities to climate change (*high confidence*). Examples include in coastal systems (e.g. sea walls that enable further exposure through intensification of developments in low-lying coastal areas), urban areas (e.g. inflexible infrastructure in cities and settlements that cannot be adjusted easily or affordably for increased heavy rainfall), agriculture (e.g. the use of high cost irrigation in areas that are projected to have more intense drought conditions), forestry (e.g. planting of unsuitable trees species which displace Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities ); and human settlements (e.g. stranded assets and stranded vulnerable communities which cannot afford to shift away or adapt and require an increase in social safety nets) (*high confidence*). {Box 2.2, 2.6.6, 2.6.5, 3.6.3, Box 4.3, Box 4.5, 4.7.1, Figure 4.29, 4.6.8, 5., 5.13.4, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, Box 9.8,

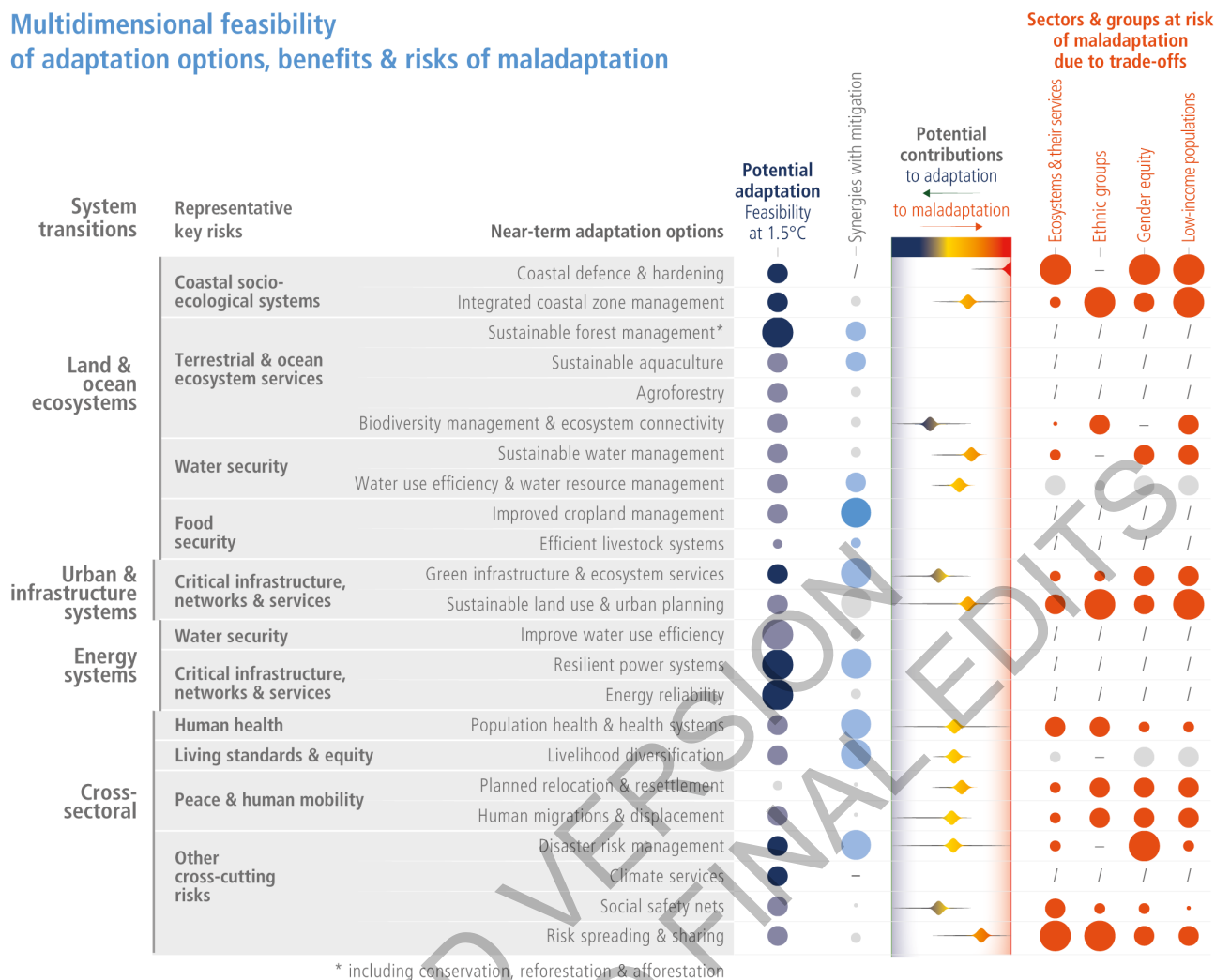
1 Box 9.9, Box 11.5, Box 11.6, 13.3-4, 13.2, 13.3.1, 13.4.2, 13.5.1, 14.5.9, 15.5.1, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 16.3.2,  
2 CCP2.4, CCB SLR, CCB DEEP, CCB FEASIB}

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4 **TS.D.3.2 Indigenous Peoples and disadvantaged groups such as low-income households and ethnic**  
5 **minorities, are especially adversely affected by maladaptation, which often deprives them of food and**  
6 **livelihoods and reinforces and entrenches existing inequalities (*high confidence*).** Rights-based  
7 approaches to adaptation, participatory methodologies and inclusion of local and Indigenous knowledge  
8 combined with informed consent deliver mechanisms to avoid these pitfalls (*medium confidence*).  
9 Adaptation solutions benefit from engagement with Indigenous and marginalized groups, solve past equity  
10 and justice issues and offer novel approaches (*medium confidence*). Indigenous knowledge is a powerful tool  
11 to assess interlinked ecosystem functions across terrestrial, marine and freshwater systems, bypassing siloed  
12 approaches and sectoral problems (*high confidence*). Lastly, engagement with Indigenous knowledge and  
13 marginalized groups often offers an intergenerational context for adaptation solutions, needed to avoid  
14 maladaptation (*high confidence*). {2.6.5, 4.6.9, 8.4, 8.4.5, 5.12.8, 5.13.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 12.5.8, 13.8.1, Box  
15 13.2, 14.4, 14.5.9, 5.13.5, 15.6.5, 18.2.4, CCP5.4.2, Box CCP7.1}

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17 **TS.D.3.3 Reliance on hard protection against sea-level rise can lead to development intensification that**  
18 **compounds risk and locks in exposure of people and assets as socio-economic and governance barriers**  
19 **and technical limits are reached.** Avoiding maladaptive responses to sea-level rise depends on immediate  
20 mitigation and application of adaptive planning that sets out near-term, low-regret actions whilst keeping  
21 open options to account for ongoing committed sea-level rise (*very high confidence*). Such forward-looking  
22 adaptive pathways planning, and iterative risk management, can address the current path-dependencies that  
23 lead to maladaptation and can enable timely adaptation alignment with long implementation lead times, as  
24 well as addressing uncertainty about rate and magnitude of local sea-level rise, and ensuring that adaptation  
25 will be more effective (*medium confidence*). As sea-level rise advances, only avoidance and relocation  
26 eliminate coastal risks (*high confidence*). Other measures only delay impacts for a time, increasing residual  
27 risk, perpetuating risk and creating ongoing legacy effects and inevitable property and ecosystems losses  
28 (*high confidence*). While relocation may in the near-term appear socially unacceptable, economically  
29 inefficient, or technically infeasible, it may become the only feasible option as protection costs become  
30 unaffordable and technical limits are reached (*medium confidence*). {3.4.2, 3.5.5, 3.6.3, 11.7.3, Box 11.6,  
31 12.5.7, 12.5.8, 13.10, 15.3.4, 15.5.1, 15.5.2, 15.5.3, CCB SLR, CCB DEEP, Chapters 9– 15, CCP2.2.3,  
32 CCP4}

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34 **TS.D.3.4 Maladaptation can be reduced by using the principles of recognitional, procedural, and**  
35 **distributional justice in decision making, responsibly evaluating who is regarded as vulnerable and at**  
36 **risk; who is part of decision-making; who is the beneficiary of adaptation measures, and integrated**  
37 **and flexible governance mechanisms that account for long-term goals (*high confidence*).** Examples  
38 include: selecting native and appropriate species in habitat restoration, monitoring key social and  
39 environmental indicators for adaptation progress, embedding strong Monitoring and Evaluation processes,  
40 considering measures of efficiency and social welfare, and social and political drivers and power  
41 relationships. Integrated approaches such as the water/energy/food nexus and inter-regional considerations of  
42 risks can reduce the risk of maladaptation, building on existing adaptation strategies, increasing community  
43 participation and consultation, integration of Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge, focusing on the  
44 most vulnerable small scale producers, anticipating risks of maladaptation in decision-making for long-lived  
45 activities including infrastructure decisions, and the impact of trade-offs and co-benefits (*high confidence*).  
46 {Figure SPM.11, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, 4.7.6, 4.8, Box 4.8, 5.9.2, Table 5.21, 5.9.2, 5.9.4, 5.13.3, 5.14.2, 5.13.3,  
47 6.2.7, 7.4.2, 8.2.2, 8.3.3, 8.10, 10.6.3, 11.5, 11.7.12, 15.5.4, Figure 15.7, 17.5.1, 17.5.2, 17.6, CCP1.3,  
48 CCP5.4.2, CCP5.4.2, CCB INTEREG, CCB NATURAL}

### Multidimensional feasibility of adaptation options, benefits & risks of maladaptation



**Figure TS.11:** Adaptation options organized by System Transitions and Representative Key Risk and assessed for their multidimensional feasibility at 1.5C (CCB FEASIB). The multidimensional feasibility index is an index of an assessment over the six feasibility dimensions: technological economic, socio-cultural, institutional, geophysical and environmental. It then shows the strength (size of circle) and confidence (color or circle) of synergies with mitigation. The assessment of where an option is located on the adaptation-maladaptation continuum is based on the evaluation of the trade-offs of adaptation options with ecosystems and their services, ethnic groups, gender equity, and low-income populations, among others {Figure CCB FEASIB.2; Figure 17.10}

**TS.D.4. Diverse, self-sustaining ecosystems with healthy biodiversity provide multiple contributions to people that are essential for climate change adaptation and mitigation, thereby reducing risk and increasing societal resilience to future climate change (high confidence). Better ecosystem protection and management is key to reduce the risks that climate change poses to biodiversity and ecosystem services and build resilience; it is also essential that climate change adaptation is integrated into the planning and implementation of conservation and environmental management if it is to be fully effective in future (high confidence). Risks to ecosystems from climate change can be reduced by protection and restoration and also by a range of targeted actions to adapt conservation practice to climate change (high confidence). Protected areas are key elements of adaptation but need to be planned and managed in ways that take account of climate change, including shifting species distributions and changes in biological communities and ecosystem structure. Adaptation to protect ecosystem health and integrity is essential to maintain ecosystem services, including for climate-change**

**mitigation and the prevention of greenhouse gas emissions** {Figure SPM.12, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.5.4, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.6.6, Box 4.6, 5.14.1, 12.5.1, 13.3.2, 13.4.2, Box 14.7, 15.5.4, 15.5.6, CCB NATURAL, 3.6.2, CCP1, CCP5.4.1, CCP5.4.2}

**TS.D.4.1 Ecosystem protection and restoration can build resilience of ecosystems and generate opportunities to restore ecosystem services with substantial co-benefits (*high confidence*) and provision of Ecosystem-based Adaptation<sup>1</sup>.** Ecosystem-based Adaptation includes protection and restoration of forests, grasslands, peatlands and other wetlands, and blue carbon systems (mangroves, salt marshes and seagrass meadows), and agro-ecological farming practices. In coastal systems, nature-based solutions including ecosystem-based adaptation can reduce impacts for human settlements until sea-level rise will result in habitat loss. High rates of warming and drought may severely threaten the success of nature-based solutions such as forest expansion or peatland restoration. Ecosystem-based Adaptation is being increasingly advocated in coastal defence against storm surges, terrestrial flood regulation, reducing urban heat, and restoring natural fire regimes. Nature-based solutions including ecosystem-based adaptation can therefore reduce risks for ecosystems and benefit people, providing they are planned and implemented in the right way and in the right place. For example, coastal wetlands and ecosystems can also be seriously damaged by coastal defences designed to protect infrastructure. {2.6.2, 2.6.3, Table 2.7, 2.6.5, 2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.5.5, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 9.6.3, 9.6.4, 13.2.2, 13.3.2, 13.4.2, 13.5.2, 13.6.1, Box 14.7, CCB SLR, CCB NATURAL}

**TS.D.4.2 Increasing the resilience of biodiversity and ecosystem services to climate change includes minimising additional stresses or disturbances, reducing fragmentation, increasing natural habitat extent, connectivity and heterogeneity, maintaining taxonomic, phylogenetic and functional diversity and redundancy; and protecting small-scale refugia where microclimate conditions can allow species to persist (*high confidence*).** In some cases, specific management interventions may be possible to reduce risks to individual species or biological communities, including, translocation or manipulating microclimate or site hydrology. Adaptation also includes actions to prevent the impacts of extreme events or aid the recovery of ecosystems following extreme events, such as wildfire, drought or marine heatwaves. In some cases, recovery of ecosystems from extreme events can be facilitated by removing other human pressures. Understanding the characteristics of vulnerable species can assist in early warning systems to minimise negative impacts and inform management intervention. {Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.3.0, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, Figure 2.1, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.6.2, Table 2.6, Table 2.8, 2.6.5, 2.6.7, 2.6.8, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.6.6, Box 4.6, 12.5.1, 13.3.2, 13.4.2, 13.10.2, Box 14.7, 15.5.4, CCB EXTREMES, CCB FEASIB}.

**TS.D.4.4 Available adaptation options can reduce risks to ecosystems and the services they provide but they cannot prevent all changes and should not be regarded as a substitute for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (*high confidence*).** Ambitious and swift global mitigation offers more adaptation options and pathways to sustain ecosystems and their services (*high confidence*). Even under current climate change it is necessary to take account of climate change impacts which are already occurring or are inevitable, in environmental management to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem services (*high confidence*) and this will become increasingly important at higher levels of warming. {Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4.5, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, 2.6.8, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, Figure 3.24, Figure 3.25, 4.6.6, Box 4.6, Box 4.7, Box 14.7, 13.4.2, 15.5.4, CCP5.4.2, CCB FEASIB, CCB NATURAL}

**TS.D.4.5 Ecosystem-based Adaptation measures can reduce climatic risks to people, including from flood, drought, fire and over-heating (*high confidence*).** Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches are increasingly being used as part of strategies to manage flood risk, at the coast in the face of rising sea levels and inland in the context of more extreme rainfall events (*high confidence*). Flood-risk measures that work with nature by allowing flooding within coastal and wetland ecosystems and support sediment accretion, can reduce costs and bring substantial co-benefits to ecosystems, livability and livelihoods (*high confidence*). In urban areas, trees and natural areas can lower temperatures by providing shade and cooling from evapotranspiration (*high confidence*). Restoration of ecosystems in catchments can also support water supplies during periods of variable rainfall and maintain water quality and combined with inclusive water regimes that overcome social inequalities, provide disaster risk reduction and sustainable development (*high*

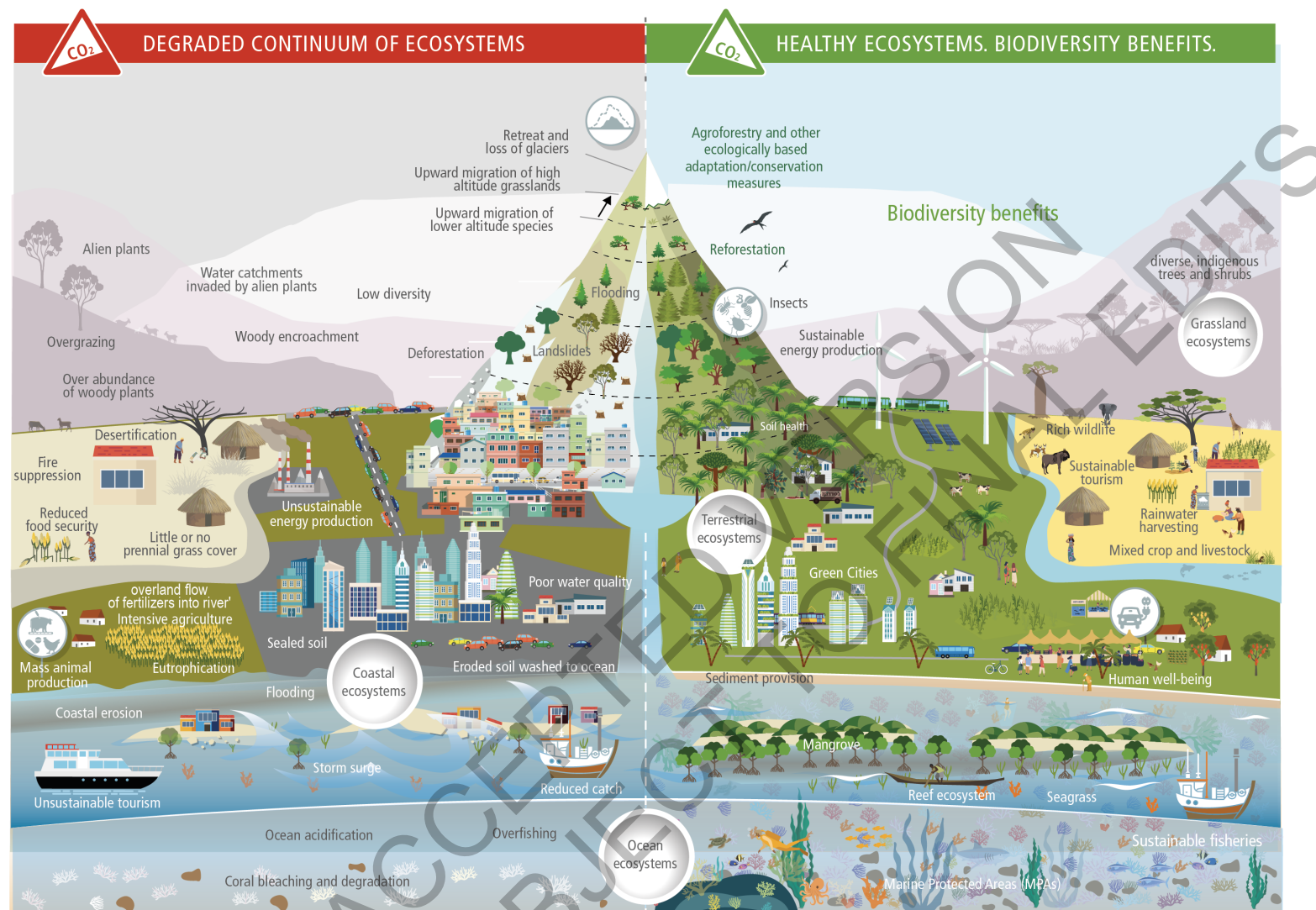
<sup>1</sup> Ecosystem-based adaptation is defined as the use of ecosystem management activities to increase the *resilience* and reduce the *vulnerability* of people and *ecosystems* to *climate change*

1 *confidence*). Restoring natural vegetation cover and wildfire regimes can reduce risks to people from  
2 catastrophic fires. Restoration of wetlands could support livelihoods and help sequester carbon (*medium*  
3 *confidence*), provided they are allowed accommodation space. Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches can  
4 be cost effective and also provide a wide range of additional co-benefits in terms of ecosystem services and  
5 protecting and enhancing biodiversity. {Figure TS.11, Figure TS.9 URBAN, 2.6.3, Table 2.7, 2.6.5, 2.6.7,  
6 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, Box 4.6, Box 4.7, 12.5.1, 12.5.3, 12.5.5, 13.2.2, 13.3.2, 13.6.2, Box 14.7, 15.5.4, Figure  
7 15.7, CCP2, CCP5.4.2, CCB NATURAL, CCB SLR}

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9 **TS.D.4.6 Ecosystem-based Adaptation and other Nature-based Solutions<sup>2</sup> are themselves vulnerable to**  
10 **climate change impacts (*very high confidence*).** Under higher emissions scenarios they will increasingly be  
11 under threat. Nature-based Solutions cannot deliver the full range of benefits, unless they are based on  
12 functioning, resilient ecosystems and developed taking account of adaptation principles. There is a serious  
13 risk of high-carbon ecosystems becoming sources of greenhouse gas emissions, which makes it increasingly  
14 difficult to halt anthropogenic climate change without prompt protection, restoration, adaptation and  
15 mitigation at a global scale. {2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.6.3, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, Box 4.6, 13.4.2,  
16 15.3.3, 15.5.4, CCB NATURAL, CCB SLR}

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18 **TS.D.4.7 Potential benefits and avoidance of harm are maximized when Nature-based Solutions are**  
19 **deployed in the right places and with the right approaches for that area, with inclusive governance**  
20 **(*high confidence*).** Taking account of interdisciplinary scientific information, Indigenous knowledge and  
21 local knowledge and practical expertise is essential to effective Ecosystem-based Adaptation (*high*  
22 *confidence*). There is a large risk of maladaptation where this does not happen (*medium confidence*). For  
23 example, naturally treeless peatlands can be afforested if they are drained, but this leads to the loss of  
24 distinctive peatland species as well as high greenhouse gas emissions. It is important that Nature-based  
25 Solution approaches to climate change mitigation also take account of climate change adaptation if they are  
26 to remain effective. {1.4.2, 2.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, Box 2.2, Table 2.6,  
27 Table 2.7, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, Box 4.6, 4.7.2, 13.4.2, Box 14.7, 15.5.4, CCP1, 5.14.2, CCB NATURAL}

<sup>2</sup> Actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural or modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits



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2 **Figure TS.12:** Maintaining biosphere integrity is essential for biodiversity, human and societal health and a precondition for climate resilient development. Ecosystems support food  
3 and water security and human health, wellbeing and livelihoods. The degradation of one or more ecosystems significantly reduces the services provided by other ecosystems.  
4 Conversely, the protection or restoration of one or more of these ecosystems also provides benefits to the other ecosystems and enhances the services provided. Protecting and  
5 restoring ecosystem health as a part of societal development is a key transformative narrative for climate resilient development {2.6.3, 2.6.7, 3.6.4, Figure 15.4, Figure 9.18, Figure  
6 Box14.7.1, 18.3.1, CCP3.4, Figure CCP5.3, Figure CCP7.1}

**TS.D.5 Various adaptation options in the water, agriculture and food sector are feasible with several co-benefits (*high confidence*) some of which are effective at reducing climate impacts (*medium confidence*). Adaptation responses reduce future climate risks at 1.5°C warming, but effectiveness decreases above 2°C (*high confidence*). Resilience is strengthened by Ecosystem-based Adaptation (*high confidence*) and sustainable resource management of terrestrial and aquatic species (*medium confidence*). Agricultural intensification strategies produce benefits but with trade-offs and negative socio-economic and environmental effects (*high confidence*). Competition, trade-offs and conflict between mitigation and adaptation priorities will increase with climate change impacts (*high confidence*). Integrated, multisectoral, inclusive and systems-oriented solutions reinforce long-term resilience and (*high confidence*), along with supportive public policies (*medium confidence*). {Figure SPM.11, Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 2.6, 4.6.2, 4.7.1, 4.7.4, Box 4.3, 4.8, Figure 4.27, Figure 4.29, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 7.4.2, 1.1, 9.12.4, 12.5.3, 12.5.4, 13.2.2, 14.4.3, 14.4.4, CCP5.4.2, CCB NATURAL, CCB FEASIB}**

**TS.D.5.1 There are a range of options for water and food related adaptation in different socio-cultural, economic, and geographical contexts, with benefits across several dimensions across regions (*high confidence*), including climate risk reduction (*medium confidence*).** Frequently documented options include rainwater harvesting, soil moisture conservation, cultivar improvements, community-based adaptation, agricultural diversification, climate services, adaptive eco-management in fisheries (*high confidence*). Roughly 25% of assessed water related adaptation has co-benefits, while 33% reported current or future maladaptive outcomes (*high confidence*). There is *limited evidence, medium agreement* on the institutional feasibility or cost effectiveness of adaptation activities or their limits. Integration of Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge increase their effectiveness (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 4.6, 4.7.1, 5.4.4, 5.5.4, 5.6.3, 5.8.4, 5.9.4, 5.10.4, 5.11.4, 5.12.4, 5.14.1, 12.5.3, 12.5.4, 13.2.2, Figure 13.7, 13.5.2, Figure 13.15, 13.10.2, 15.5.4, 15.5.6, CCB FEASIB}

**TS.D.5.2 The projected future effectiveness of available adaptation for agriculture and food systems decreases with increasing warming (*high confidence*).** Currently known adaptation responses generally perform more effectively at 1.5°C than at 2°C or more, with increasing risks remaining after adaptation at higher warming levels (*high confidence*). Irrigation expansion will face increasing limits due to water availability beyond 1.5°C (*medium confidence*), with a potential doubling of regional risks to irrigation water availability between 2°C and 4°C (*medium confidence*). Negative risks even with adaptation will become greater beyond 2°C warming in an increasing number of regions (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 4.6.2, 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.7.3, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 13.5.1, 13.10.2, 14.5.4, 15.3.4}

**TS.D.5.3 Ecosystem-based approaches, agroecology and other Nature-based Solutions in agriculture and fisheries have the potential to strengthen resilience to climate change with multiple co-benefits (*high confidence*); trade-offs and benefits vary with socio-ecological context.** Options such as ecosystem approaches to fisheries, agricultural diversification, agroforestry and other ecological practices support long-term productivity and ecosystem services such as pest control, soil health, pollination and buffering of temperature extremes (*high confidence*), but potential and trade-offs vary by socio-economic context, ecosystem zone, species combinations and institutional support (*medium confidence*). Ecosystem-based approaches support food security, nutrition and livelihoods when inclusive equitable governance processes are used (*high confidence*). {2.6.3, 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.5, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, Figure 3.26, Table SM3.6, 4.6.6, Box 4.6; 5.4.4; 5.6.3, 5.8.4, 5.9.3, 5.10.4, 5.14.1; 8.5.2, 8.6.3, 9.6.4, 12.5.1, 12.5.4, 13.3.2, 13.5.2, 14.5.1-4, Box 14.7, 16.3.2, CCB NATURE, CCB MOVING PLATE, CWGB BIOECONOMY, CCB FEASIB}

**TS.D.5.4 Sustainable resource management in response to distribution shifts of terrestrial and aquatic species under climate change is an effective adaptation option to reduce food and nutritional risk, conflict and loss of livelihood (*medium confidence*).** Adaptation options exist to reduce vulnerability of fisheries through better management, governance and socioeconomic dimensions (*medium confidence*) to eliminate overexploitation and pollution (*high confidence*). Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge can facilitate adaptation in small-scale fisheries, especially when combined with scientific knowledge and utilized in management regimes (*medium confidence*). Adaptive transboundary governance and ecosystem-based management, livelihood diversification, capacity development and improved knowledge-sharing will



1 reduce conflict and promote the fair distribution of sustainably-harvested wild products and revenues  
2 (*medium confidence*). {5.8.4, 5.14.3, CCP5.4.2, CCB MOVING PLATE}

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4 **TS.D.5.5 Adaptation options that promote intensification of production have been widely adopted in  
5 agriculture for climate change adaptation, but with potential negative effects (*high confidence*).**

6 Agricultural intensification addresses short-term food security and livelihood goals but has trade-offs in  
7 equity, biodiversity, and ecosystem services (*high confidence*). Irrigation is widely used and effective for  
8 yield stability, but with several negative outcomes, including water demand (*high confidence*), groundwater  
9 depletion (*high confidence*); alteration of local to regional climates (*high confidence*); increasing soil salinity  
10 (*medium confidence*) widening inequalities and loss of rural smallholder livelihoods with weak governance  
11 (*medium confidence*). Conventional breeding assisted by genomics introduces traits that adapt crops to  
12 climate change (*high confidence*). Genetic improvements through modern biotechnology have the potential  
13 to increase climate resilience in food production systems (*high confidence*), but with biophysical ceilings,  
14 and technical, agroecosystem, socio-economic and political variables strongly influence and limit uptake of  
15 climate-resilient crops, particularly for smallholders (*medium confidence*). {4.6.2, Box 4.3, 4.7.1, 5.4.4,  
16 5.12.5, 5.13.4, 5.14.1, 10.2.2, 12.5.4, 13.5.1, 13.5.2, 13.5.14, 14.5.4, 15.3.4, 17.5.1}

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18 **TS.D.5.6 Integrated and systems-oriented solutions to alleviate competition and trade-offs between  
19 mitigation and adaptation will reinforce long-term resilience and equity in water and food systems  
20 (*high confidence*).**

21 Large scale land deals for climate mitigation have trade-offs with livelihoods, water and  
22 food security (*high confidence*). Afforestation programs without adequate safeguards adversely affect  
23 Indigenous Peoples' rights, land tenure and adaptive capacity (*high confidence*). Some mitigation measures,  
24 such as carbon capture and storage, bio-energy, and afforestation have a high-water footprint (*high*  
25 *confidence*). Increased demand for aquaculture, animal and marine foods and energy products will intensify  
26 competition and potential conflict over land and water resources, particularly in low and medium-income  
27 countries (*high confidence*), with negative impacts on food security and deforestation (*medium confidence*).  
28 Integrated, systems-oriented solutions reduce competition and trade-offs, and include inclusive governance,  
29 behavioural (e.g., healthier diets with lower carbon and water footprints) and technical (e.g. novel feeds)  
30 responses (*high confidence*). {1.4.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 3.6.3, Box 4.5, Box 4.8, 4.7.1, 4.7.6, 5.13.1, 5.13.2,  
31 5.13.3, 5.13.5, 5.13.7, 9.4.3, 12.5.8, 12.6.2, 14.5.4, 15.5.6, 17.5.1, CCP5.4.2; CWGB BIOECONOMY}

32 **TS.D.5.7 Integrated multisectoral strategies that address social inequities (e.g., gender, ethnicity) and  
33 social protection of low-income groups will increase effectiveness of adaptation responses for water  
34 and food security (*high confidence*).**

35 Multiple interacting factors help to ensure that adaptive communities  
36 have water and food security, including addressing poverty, social inequities, violent conflict, provision of  
37 social services such as water and sanitation, social safety nets, and vital ecosystem services. Differentiated  
38 responses based on water and food security level and climate risk increase effectiveness, such as social  
39 protection programmes for extreme events, medium term responses such as local food procurement for  
40 school meals, community seed banks or well construction to build adaptive capacity (*medium confidence*).  
41 Longer-term responses include strengthening ecosystem services, local and regional markets, enhanced  
42 capacity, and reducing systemic gender, land tenure, and other social inequalities as part of a rights-based  
43 approach (*medium confidence*). In the urban context, policies that account for social inclusion in governance  
44 and rights to green urban spaces will enhance urban agriculture's potential for food and water security and  
45 other ecosystem services. {Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 4.7.1, Figure 4.27, Figure 4.29, 4.8.3, 5.12.5,  
46 5.12.7, 12.5.3, 12.5.4, 12.5.5, 15.6.5, 17.5.1}

47 **TS.D.5.8 Supportive public policies for transitions to resilient water and food systems enhance  
48 effectiveness and feasibility in ecosystem provisioning services, livelihoods, water and food security  
49 (*medium confidence*).**

50 Collective efforts across sectors, with the involvement of food producers, water users  
51 and including Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, are a precondition to reach sustainable water and  
52 food systems (*high confidence*). Policies that support system transitions include shifting subsidies,  
53 certification, green public procurement, capacity-building, payments for ecosystem services, and social  
54 protection (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER, 4.7.1, 4.8.4, 5.4.4, 5.4.4, 5.10.4, 5.12.6,  
55 5.13.4, 5.14.1, 5.14.2, Box 5.13, 12.5.4, CWGB BIOECONOMY}

**TS.D.6 Cities and settlements are crucial for delivering urgent climate action. The concentration and interconnection of people, infrastructure and assets within and across cities and into rural areas drives the creation of risks and solutions at global scale (*high confidence*). Concentrated inequalities in risk are broken through prioritizing affordable housing and upgrading of informal and precarious settlements paying special attention to including marginalised groups and women (*high confidence*). Such actions are most effective when deployed across grey/physical infrastructure, nature-based solutions and social policy, and between local and city-wide or national actions (*medium confidence*). City and local governments remain key actors facilitating climate change adaptation in cities and settlements. Community based action is also critical. Multi-level governance opens inclusive and accountable adaptation space across scales of decision making, improving development processes through an understanding of social and economic systems, planning, experimentation and embedded solutions including processes of social learning.** {4.6.5, 4.7.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 8.5.2, 10.3.6, CWGB URBAN, 10.4.6, 12.5.5, 13.6.2, 13.11.1, 14.5.5, 15.7, 16.4.2; Figure TS.11, Figure TS.9 URBAN}

**TS.D.6.1 Continuing rapid growth in urban populations and unmet needs for healthy, decent, affordable and sustainable housing and infrastructure are a global opportunity to integrate inclusive adaptation strategies into development (*high confidence*).** The urban adaptation gap shows that for all world regions current adaptation is unable to resolve risks to current climate change associated hazards. Moreover, an additional 2.5 billion people are projected to be living in urban areas by 2050, with up to 90 percent of this increase concentrated in the regions of Asia and Africa (*high confidence*). Retrofitting, upgrading and redesigning existing urban places and infrastructure combined with planning and design for new urban infrastructure can utilise existing knowledge on social policy, nature-based solutions and grey/physical infrastructure to build inclusive processes of adaptation into everyday urban planning and development. {4.6.5, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 9.9.5, 10.3.4, 12.5.5, 13.6.2, 13.11.3}

**TS.D.6.2 Diverse adaptation responses to current and near-term climate impacts are already under way in many cities and settlements in different world regions (*very high confidence*).** These responses range from hard engineering interventions, through to nature-based solutions, social policy and social safety nets to disaster management and capacity building, raising or relocation of settlements and combinations of such measures sequenced over time. While many more cities have developed adaptation plans since AR5, few of these plans have been implemented and of these fewer still are being developed and evaluated through consultation and coproduction with diverse and marginalized urban communities (*medium confidence*). {4.6.5, 6.3.3, 6.3.4, 6.3.5, CCP2.3, CCP2.4, 12.5.5; 13.2.2, 13.6.2, 13.11.3, 14.5.5, 15.3.4, 15.5.4, 15.6.1, 16.4.2, CCB FEASIB}

**TS.D.6.3 Globally, urban adaptation gaps exist for all climate change-driven risks, although the limits to adaptation are unevenly distributed (*medium confidence*).** Governance capacity, financial support and the legacy of past urban infrastructure investment constrain how cities and settlements can adapt to key climate risk (*medium confidence*). The gap between what can be adapted to and what has been adapted to is uneven - it is larger for the poorest 20% populations than for the wealthiest 20% populations. The adaptation gap is also geographically uneven, it is highest in Africa (*medium confidence*). Limits to adaptation are often most pronounced in rapidly growing urban areas, and smaller settlements including those without dedicated local government. At the same time, legacy infrastructure in large and mega-cities, designed without taking climate change risk into account, and past adaptation decisions constrains innovation leading to stranded assets and with increasing numbers of people unable to avoid harm, including heat stress and flooding, without transformative adaptation (*medium confidence*). {6.3, 6.4, 12.5.5, 13.2; 13.2.3; 13.6.2; CCP2.3.6; CCP2.4, CCP2.5, 13.6.2, 13.11.3, CWGB URBAN, Box 14.4}

**TS.D.6.4 The greatest gaps between policy and action are for projects to integrate justice concerns into adaptation action, address complex interconnected risks where solutions lie outside as well as within the city, for example in the food-energy-water-health nexus, and resolve compound risks such as the relationships of air quality and climate risk (*medium confidence*).** The most critical capacity gaps at city and community levels that hinder adaptation include: ability to identify social vulnerability and community strengths, and to plan in integrated ways to protect communities, alongside the ability to access innovative funding arrangements and manage finance and commercial insurance; and locally accountable decision-making with sufficient access to science, technology and local knowledge to support application of

1 adaptation solutions at scale. As ecosystems provide important additional benefits to human wellbeing and  
2 coastal livelihoods, urban adaptation strategies can be developed for settlements and nearby ecosystems;  
3 combining these with engineering solutions can extend their lifetime under high rates of sea level rise  
4 (*medium confidence*). In Central and South America, the adoption of nature-based solutions and hybrid  
5 (green-grey) infrastructure are still emerging. Monitoring and evaluation frameworks that incorporate  
6 questions of justice, ecological health and multi-sector considerations can help to move away from more  
7 narrow, static, indicator-based approaches to adaptation. (*high confidence*) {4.6.5, Box 4.8, 5.12.5, 6.1, 6.3,  
8 6.4, 10.3.4, 12.5.5, 13.6.1, 13.6.2}

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10 **TS.D.6.5 Key innovations in adaptation in social policy and nature-based solutions have not been**  
11 **matched by innovation in adaptation finance which tends to favour established mechanisms often led**  
12 **by grey/physical infrastructure at national scale.** Social policy innovations include social safety nets,  
13 inclusive approaches to disaster risk reduction and the integration of climate adaptation into education.  
14 Nature-based Solutions include green and blue infrastructure in and around cities including hinterlands that  
15 increase water access and reduce hazards for cities and settlements, for example reforestation of hill-slope  
16 and coastal areas. In Europe, many urban innovations are pilot tested, but their up-scaling remains  
17 challenging. Where inclusive approaches to adaptation policy and action are supported, this can enable wider  
18 gains of more equitable urbanization (*medium confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 2.6.3, 4.6.5, 4.7.1, 6.3.3,  
19 6.3.5, 6.4.3, 12.5.5, 13.6.2 13.11.3, CWGB URBAN, CCB FEASIB}

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21 **TS.D.6.6 Many urban adaptation plans focus narrowly on climate risk reduction and specific climate**  
22 **associated risks, missing opportunities to advance co-benefits with climate mitigation and sustainable**  
23 **development (*high confidence*).** This narrow approach limits opportunity for urban and infrastructure  
24 adaptation to tackle the root causes of inequality and exclusion especially amongst marginalized groups,  
25 including women. Urban adaptation measures have many opportunities to contribute to Climate Resilient  
26 Development Pathways (*medium confidence*). They can enhance social capital, livelihoods, human and  
27 ecological health as well as contributing to low carbon futures. Urban planning, social policy and nature-  
28 based solutions bring great flexibility with co-benefits for climate mitigation and sustainable development.  
29 Participatory planning for infrastructure provision and risk management in informal, precarious and under-  
30 serviced neighbourhoods, the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, and communication  
31 and efforts to build local leadership especially amongst women and youth are examples of inclusive  
32 approaches with co-benefits for equity. Targeted development planning across the range of innovation and  
33 investment in social policy, nature-based solutions and grey/physical infrastructure can significantly increase  
34 the adaptive capacity of urban settlements and cities and their contribution to Climate Resilient Development  
35 (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 4.6.5, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, Box 6.6, 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, 10.5, 10.6, 12.5.5,  
36 12.5.7, 13.11.3, 14.5.5, 15.6.1, 15.7, CCP5.4.3, CCB FEASIB, CCB COVID}

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38 **TS.D.6.7 City and infrastructure planning approaches that integrate adaptation into everyday**  
39 **decision-making are supported by the 2030 Agenda: the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development**  
40 **Goals, New Urban Agenda and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.** The 2030 Agenda  
41 provides a global framework for city and community level action to align Nationally Determined  
42 Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, and the Sustainable Development Goals. City and local action can  
43 complement – and at times go further than national and international interventions (*high confidence*).  
44 Adaptation policy that focuses on informality, sub-serviced or inadequately serviced neighbourhoods and  
45 supports inclusive urbanization by considering the social and economic root causes of unequal vulnerability  
46 and exposure can contribute to the broader goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and reduce  
47 vulnerability to non-climate risks, including pandemic risk (*high confidence*). More comprehensive and  
48 clearly articulated global ambitions for city and community adaptation will contribute to inclusive  
49 urbanization, by addressing the root causes of social and economic inequalities that drive social exclusion  
50 and marginalization, so that adaptation can directly support the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (*high*  
51 *confidence*). {6.1.1, Table 6.2, 6.2.3, 6.4.1, 12.5.5, 12.5.7}

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54 **TS.D.7 The ability of societies and ecosystems to adapt to current coastal impacts, to address present**  
55 **and future coastal risks under further acceleration of sea-level rise depend on immediate and effective**  
56 **mitigation and adaptation actions that keep options open to further adapt (*high confidence*).**

**Adaptation pathways break adaptation planning into manageable steps based on near-term, low-regret actions and aligning adaptation choices with societal goals that account for changing risk, interests and values, uncertain futures and the long-term adaptation commitment to sea-level rise (*high confidence*). In charting adaptation pathways, reconciling divergent interests and values is a priority (*high confidence*).** {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 11.7.3, 13.10, 14.5.2, Box 14.4, CCP2.3, CCP2.4, CCB SLR, CCB DEEP}

**TS.D.7.1 As the scale and pace of sea-level rise accelerates beyond 2050, long-term adjustments may in some locations be beyond the limits of current adaptation options, and for some species and some locations could be an existential risk within the 21<sup>st</sup> century (*medium confidence*).** Nature-based interventions, e.g., wetlands and salt marshes, can reduce impacts and costs while supporting biodiversity and livelihoods but have limits under high warming levels and rapid sea-level rise (*high confidence*). Ecological limits and socio-economic, financial and governance barriers will be reached first and are determined by the type of coastline and city or settlement (*medium confidence*). Accommodation can reduce impacts to people and assets but can address only limited sea-level rise. Considering the long-term now will help avoid maladaptive lock-in, to build capacity to act in a timely and pre-emptive manner, and to reduce risks to ecosystems and people. {CCB DEEP, CCB SLR, CCP2.3, 3.4.2, 3.6.3, 11.7.3, 13.2, 14.5.2, 15.3.4}

**TS.D.7.2 Adaptation for coastal ecosystems requires space, networks, and sediment to keep up with sea-level rise (*high confidence*).** With higher warming, faster sea-level rise and increasing human pressures due to coastal development, the ability to adapt decreases (*high confidence*). Adaptation options, such as providing sufficient space for the coastal system to migrate inland, when combined with ambitious and urgent mitigation measures, can reduce impacts, but they depend on the type of coastline and patterns of coastal development (*high confidence*). With rapid sea-level rise, these options will become insufficient to limit risks for marine ecosystems and their services such as food provision, coastal protection and carbon sequestration (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.11, 3.4.2, 3.5.5, Box 3.4, 3.6.3, 14.5.2, CCB SLR.}

**TS.D.7.3 A wide range of adaptation options exist for reducing the ongoing multi-faceted coastal risks in cities and settlements (*very high confidence*).** A mix of infrastructure, nature-based, institutional and socio-cultural interventions can best address the risks. The options include vulnerability-reducing measures, avoidance (e.g., disincentivising developments in high-risk areas and addressing existing social vulnerabilities), hard- and soft-protection (e.g. sea walls, coastal wetlands), accommodation (e.g. elevating houses), advance (e.g. building up and out to sea) and staged, managed retreat (e.g. landward movement of people and development) interventions (*very high confidence*). {Figure TS.9 URBAN, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, Box 11.6, 11.3.5, 12.5.5, 13.2, 14.5.2, 15.5.1, 15.5.2, 15.5.3, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 15.5.7, 17.2, CCP2.3, CCP2.4, CCB SLR, CCB FEASIB}

**TS.D.7.4 Implementation of coastal adaptation can be delayed by competing public and private interests, trade-offs among development and conservation objectives, legacy development, policy inconsistencies, contradictory short and long-term objectives, and uncertainties on the timing and scale of impacts (*high confidence*).** Local government barriers to coastal adaptation could lead to the courts becoming *de facto* decision-makers for local adaptation, and this can be compounded by legislative shortcomings and fragmentation, insufficient leadership, lack of coordination between governance levels and disagreement about financial responsibility (*high confidence*). {CCP2.4, 11.7.3, 15.5.6}

**TS.D.7.5 Adaptation is costly, but the benefit-to-cost ratio is high for urbanized coastal areas with high concentrations of assets (*high confidence*).** Protection has a high benefit-cost ratio during the 21<sup>st</sup> century but can become unaffordable and insufficient to reduce coastal risk (e.g., due to salinization, drainage of rivers and excess water), reaching technical limits (*high confidence*). Hard protection sets up lock-in of assets and people to risks and reaches limits by the end of the century or sooner, depending on the scenario, local sea-level rise effects and community tolerance thresholds (*high confidence*). Considering coastal retreat as part of the solution space could lower global adaptation costs but would result in large land losses and high levels of migration for South and South-east Asia in particular and in relative terms, small island nations would suffer most (*high confidence*). Solutions include disincentivising developments in high-risk areas and addressing existing social vulnerabilities now (*high confidence*). {3.4.2, 3.5.5, 3.6.3, 5.13.4,

1 9.4.1, Box 11.6, 13.2, 14.5.3, 15.5.1, 15.5.2, 15.5.3, 16.5.2, CCP2.3, CCB MIGRATE, CCB NATURAL,  
2 CCB SLR}

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4 **TS.D.7.6 Prospects for addressing climate-change compounded coastal hazard risk depend on the**  
5 **extent to which societal choices, and associated governance processes and practices, address the**  
6 **drivers and root causes of exposure and social vulnerability (*very high confidence*).** Many drivers and  
7 root causes of coastal risk are historically and institutionally embedded (*very high confidence*). When  
8 national and local authorities work with their communities, sustained risk reduction in the exposure and  
9 vulnerability of those most at risk is more likely (*high confidence*). Drawing on multiple knowledge systems  
10 helps in co-designing and co-producing more acceptable, effective and enduring responses. Reconciling  
11 divergent world views, values and interests can unlock the productive potential of conflict for transitioning  
12 towards pathways that foster Climate Resilient Development, generate equitable adaptation outcomes and  
13 remove governance constraints (*high confidence*). Shared understanding and locally appropriate responses  
14 are enabled by deliberate experimentation, innovation and social learning (*medium confidence*). External  
15 assistance and government support can enhance community capabilities to reduce coastal hazard risk (*high*  
16 *confidence*). {15.6.1, CCP2.4, Table CCP2.1, 17.2}

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18 **TS.D.7.7 Experience in coastal cities and settlements highlights critical enablers for addressing coastal**  
19 **hazard risk compounded by sea-level rise (*high confidence*).** These enablers include building and  
20 strengthening governance capacity and capabilities to tackle complex problems; taking a long-term  
21 perspective in making short-term decisions; enabling more effective coordination across scales, sectors and  
22 policy domains; reducing injustice, inequity, and social vulnerability; and unlocking the productive potential  
23 of coastal conflict while strengthening local democracy (*medium evidence, high agreement*). Flexible  
24 options enable responses to be adjusted as climate risk escalates and circumstances change which may  
25 increase exposure (*medium confidence*). Legal and financial provisions can enable managed retreat from the  
26 most at-risk locations (*medium confidence*) but require coordination, trust and legitimate decisions by, and  
27 across policy domains and sectors (*high confidence*) which prioritise vulnerability, justice and equity  
28 (*medium confidence*). Inclusive, informed and meaningful deliberation and collaborative problem-solving  
29 depend on safe arenas for engagement by all stakeholders (*high confidence*) {CCP2.4, Table CCP2.1, Table  
30 CCP2.2; Table CCP2.1, Table CCP2.2, CCB SLR}.

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33 **TS.D.8 With proactive, timely, and effective adaptation, many risks for human health and wellbeing**  
34 **could be reduced and some potentially avoided (*very high confidence*).** Building adaptive capacity  
35 **through sustainable development and encouraging safe and orderly movements of people within and**  
36 **between states represent key adaptation responses to prevent climate-related involuntary migration**  
37 **(*high confidence*).** Reducing poverty, inequity, food and water insecurity, and strengthening  
38 **institutions in particular reduces the risk of conflict and supports climate resilient peace (*high***  
39 ***confidence*).** {Figure TS.8 HEALTH, 2.6.4, 4.6.4, Box 4.4, 5.12.5, 5.14, Box 6.3; 7.4.1, 8.4.4, 9.10.3,  
40 10.4.7.3, 11.3.6.3, 12.5.6, 12.5.7, Table 12.9, 13.7.2, Figure 13.25, 14.5.6, Table 14.5, CCB ILLNESS}

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42 **TS.D.8.1 National planning on health and climate change is advancing, but the comprehensiveness of**  
43 **strategies and plans need to be strengthened to reduce future risks and implementing action on key**  
44 **health and climate change priorities remains challenging (*high confidence*).** The COVID-19 pandemic  
45 demonstrated the value of coordinated planning across sectors, safety nets, and other capacities in societies  
46 to cope with a range of shocks and stresses and to alleviate systems-wide risks to health (*high confidence*). A  
47 significant adaptation gap exists for human health and well-being and for responses to disaster risks (*very*  
48 *high confidence*). Most Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement from low- and middle-  
49 income countries identify health as a priority concern (*very high confidence*). Effective governance  
50 institutions, arrangements, funding and mandates are key for adaptation to climate related health risks (*high*  
51 *confidence*). {4.6.4, 5.12.5, 5.14, 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, Table 7.2, 9.10.3, 10.4.7.3, 11.3.6, 12.5.6, 13.7.2, CCB  
52 ILLNESS, CCB COVID }

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54 **TS.D.8.2 Continued investment in general health systems and in systems enhancing health protection**  
55 **is an effective adaptation strategy in the short- to medium-term (*high confidence*).** Although some  
56 mortality and morbidity from climate change is already unavoidable, targeted adaptation and mitigation

1 actions can reduce risks and vulnerabilities (*high confidence*). The burden of diseases could be reduced and  
2 resilience increased through health systems generating awareness of climate change impacts on health  
3 (*medium confidence*), strengthening access to water and sanitation (*high confidence*), integrating vector  
4 control management approaches (*very high confidence*), expansion of existing early-warning monitoring  
5 systems (*high confidence*), increasing vaccine development and coverage (*medium confidence*), improving  
6 the heat resistance of the built environment (*medium confidence*), and building financial safety nets (*medium*  
7 *confidence*). {2.6.4, 4.6.4, 5.12.5, 5.14, 7.4.1, 7.4.2, Table 7.2, 9.10.3, 10.4.7, 11.3.6, 12.5.6, Table 12.9,  
8 13.7.2, Figure 13.25, 12.5.6, 14.5.6, Table 14.5, CCP6.2.6, CCB ILLNESS, CCB FEASIB}

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10 **TS.D.8.3 Many adaptation measures that benefit health and wellbeing are found in other sectors (e.g. food, livelihoods, social protection, water and sanitation, infrastructure) (*high confidence*).** Such cross-  
11 sectoral solutions include improved air quality through renewable energy sources (*very high confidence*),  
12 active transport (e.g., walking and cycling) (*high confidence*), and sustainable food systems that lead to  
13 healthier diets (*high confidence*). Heat Action Plans have strong potential to prevent mortality from extreme  
14 heat events and elevated temperature (*high confidence*). Nature-based Solutions reduce a variety of risks to  
15 both physical and mental health and wellbeing (*high confidence*). For example, integrated agroecological  
16 food systems offer opportunities to improve dietary diversity while building climate-related local resilience  
17 to food insecurity (*high confidence*), especially when combined with gender equity and social justice. Social  
18 policy-based adaptation, including education and the adaptation of health systems offers considerable future  
19 scope. The greatest gaps between policy and action are in failures to manage adaptation of social  
20 infrastructure (e.g., community facilities, services and networks) and failure to address complex  
21 interconnected risks for example in the food-energy-water-health nexus or the inter-relationships of air  
22 quality and climate risk (*medium confidence*). {2.6.7, 4.6.4, 4.7.1, 5.12.5, 5.14.1, 6.3.1, 6.4.3, 6.4.5, 6.4.5,  
23 6.4.5, 7.4.2, 9.10.3, 10.4.7.3, 11.3.6.3, 12.5.6, Table 12.9, 13.7.2, Figure 13.25, 14.5.6, Table 14.5, CCB  
24 NATURAL, CCB HEALTH, CCB GENDER}

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27 **TS.D.8.4 Despite acknowledgement of the importance of health adaptation as a key component, action has been slow since AR5 (*high confidence*).** Building climate resilient health systems will require multi-  
28 sectoral and multisystem and collaborative efforts at all governance scales (*very high confidence*). Globally,  
29 health systems are poorly resourced in general, and their capacity to respond to climate change is weak, with  
30 mental health support being particularly inadequate (*very high confidence*). The health sectors in some  
31 countries have focused on implementing incremental changes to policies and measures to respond to impacts  
32 (*very high confidence*). As the likelihood of dangerous risks to human health continue to increase, there is  
33 greater need for transformational changes to health and other systems (*very high confidence*). This highlights  
34 an urgent and immediate need to address the wider interactions between environmental change,  
35 socioeconomic development, and human health and wellbeing (*high confidence*). {7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, 9.10.3,  
36 Box 9.7, 11.3.6.3, 13.7.2, 14.5.6, CCP6.2.6, Figure CCP6.3}

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39 **TS.D.8.5 Financial constraints are the most referenced barrier to health adaptation and therefore scaling up financial investments remains a key international priority (*very high confidence*).** Financial  
40 support for health adaptation is currently less than 0.5% of overall dispersed multilateral climate finance  
41 projects (*high confidence*). This level of investment is insufficient to protect human health and health  
42 systems from most climate-sensitive health risks (*very high confidence*). Adaptation financing often does not  
43 reach places where the climate-sensitivity of the health sector is greatest (*high confidence*). {7.4.1, 7.4.2,  
44 7.4.3, 9.10.3}

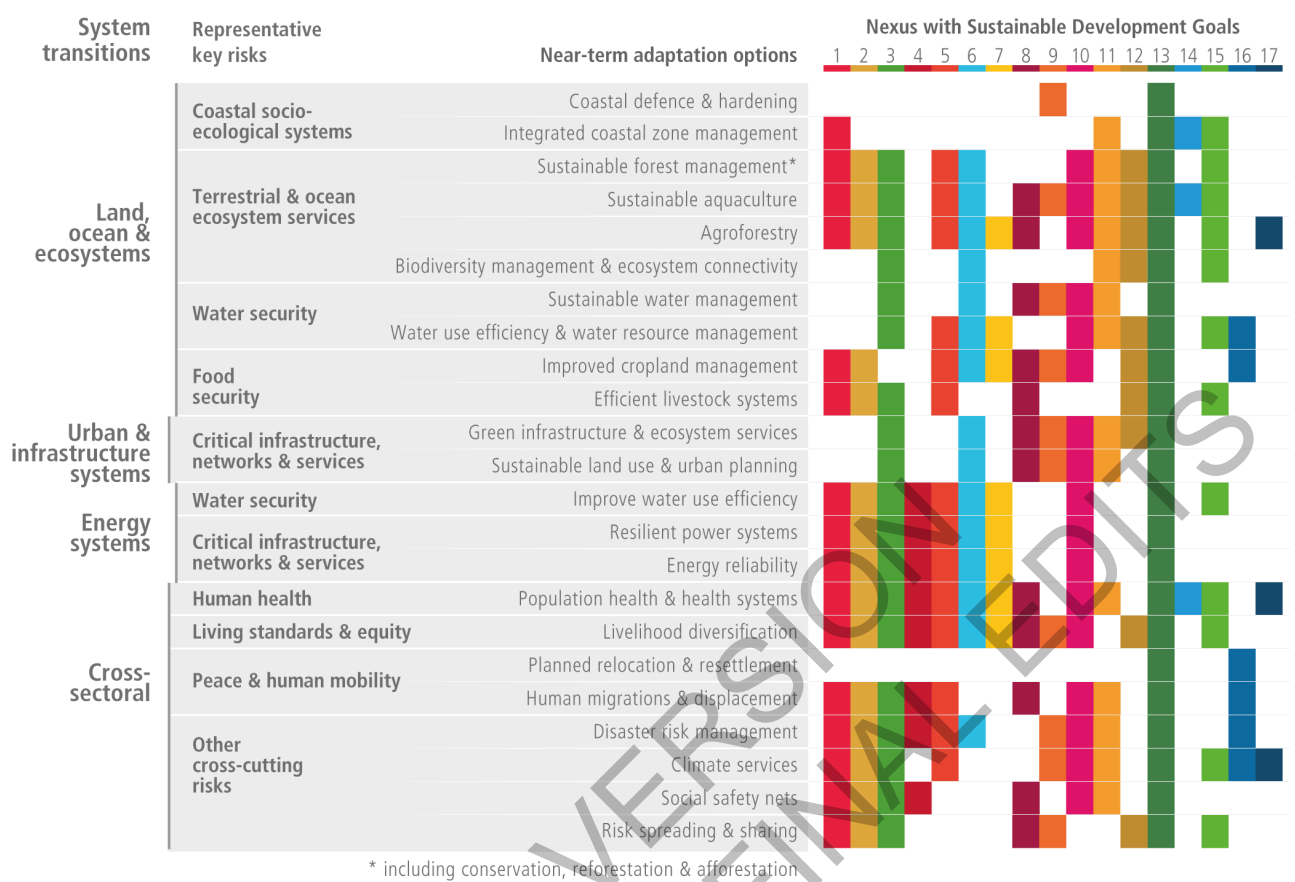
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47 **TS.D.8.6 Reducing future risks of involuntary migration and displacement due to climate change is possible by improving outcomes of existing migration patterns, addressing vulnerabilities that pose barriers to in situ adaptation and livelihood strategies, and meeting existing migration agreements and development objectives (*medium confidence*).** Properly supported and where levels of agency and assets are high, migration as an adaptation to climate change can reduce exposure and socioeconomic vulnerability (*medium confidence*). However, migration becomes a risk when climate hazards cause an individual, household or community to move involuntarily or with low-agency (*high confidence*). Inability to migrate (i.e., involuntary immobility) in the face of climate hazards is also a potential risk to exposed populations (*medium confidence*). Broad-based institutional and cross-sectoral efforts to build adaptive capacity, including meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, reduce future risks of climate-related involuntary displacement and immobility (*medium confidence*), while policies, such as the Global Compact on Safe,

1 Orderly and Regular Migration (*medium confidence*) that are aimed at ensuring safe and orderly movements  
2 of people within and between states, are potential components of climate-resilient development pathways  
3 that can improve migration as an adaptation. {4.6.8, 7.4.4, 9.3.1, 12.5.8, CCP5.4.2, CCB MIGRATE, CCB  
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6 **TS.D.8.7 Improving the feasibility of planned relocation and resettlement is a high priority for**  
7 **managing climate risks (*high confidence*).** Residents of small island states do not view relocation as an  
8 appropriate or desirable means of adapting to the impacts of climate change (*high confidence*). Previous  
9 disaster- and development-related relocation has been expensive, contentious, posed multiple challenges for  
10 governments and amplified existing, and generated new vulnerabilities for the people involved (*high*  
11 *confidence*). In locations where permanent, government-assisted relocation becomes unavoidable, active  
12 involvement of local populations in planning and decision-making may lead to more successful outcomes  
13 (*medium confidence*). {4.6.8, 7.4.4, 9.3.1, 12.5.8, 15.5.3, CCP5.4.2, CCB MIGRATE, CCB FEASIB}

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15 **TS.D.8.8 Meeting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supports adaptive capacity that in turn**  
16 **support individuals, households and community manage climate risks and supports peace (*high***  
17 ***confidence*).** By addressing vulnerability, improving livelihoods and strengthening institutions, meeting the  
18 SDGs reduces the risks of armed conflict and violence (*medium confidence*). Formal institutional  
19 arrangements for natural resource management and environmental peacebuilding, conflict sensitive  
20 adaptation and climate-sensitive peacebuilding, and gender-sensitive approaches offer potential new avenues  
21 to build peace in conflict-prone regions vulnerable to climate change (*medium confidence*). However, there is  
22 currently insufficient evidence on their success and further monitoring and evaluation is required {Figure  
23 TS.13, 4.8, 7.4.6, Box 9.9, 16.3.2, CCB GENDER}

### Adaptation options & their nexus with the Sustainable Development Goals



- 1: No poverty
- 6: Clean water & sanitation
- 11: Sustainable cities & communities
- 16: Peace & justice strong institutions
- 2: Zero hunger
- 7: Affordable & clean energy
- 12: Responsible consumption & production
- 17: Partnerships for the Goals
- 3: Good health & well-being
- 8: Decent work & economic growth
- 13: Climate action
- 4: Quality education
- 9: Industry, innovation & infrastructure
- 14: Life below water
- 5: Gender equality
- 10: Reduced inequality
- 15: Life on land

**Figure TS.13:** This figure shows the SDG nexus for each of the 23 adaptation options assessed. Nexus includes both positive and negative impacts of the adaptation option on each one of the SDGs. Areas not colored indicate there is no nexus or no impact of the option with the respective SDG {Figure CCB FEASIB.3}

**TS.D.9 Adaptation actions consistent with climate justice address near and long-term risks through decision-making processes that attend to moral and legal principles of fairness, equity, and responsibility including to historically marginalized communities and that distribute benefits, burdens and risks equitably (*high confidence*). Concepts of justice, consent and rights-based decision making, together with societal measures of well-being, are increasingly used to legitimate adaptation actions and evaluate the impacts on individuals and ecosystems, diverse communities and across generations (*medium confidence*). Applying these principles as part of monitoring and evaluating the outcomes of adaptation, particularly during system transitions, provides a basis for ensuring that the distribution of benefits and costs are identified (*medium confidence*). {1.4.1, 4.8, 5.10.4, 5.12.3, 6.1.5, 6.3.6, 12.5.7, 14.7.2, 17.5.1, CCB GENDER, CCB FEASIB}**

**TS.D.9.1 Near-term adaptation responses influence future inequalities, poverty, livelihood security and well-being (*high confidence*).** Adaptation and mitigation approaches that exacerbate inequitable access to resources and fail to address injustice, increase suffering, including water and food insecurity and malnutrition rates for vulnerable groups that rely directly or indirectly on natural resources for their livelihoods (*high confidence*). {1.4.1, 5.12.3, 5.13.3, 6.3.6, 8.6.2, Box 9.3, 12.5.7, 18.1}



1 **TS.D.9.2 Under an inequality scenario (SSP4) the number of people living in extreme poverty could**  
2 **increase by more than 100 million (*medium confidence*).** There is *medium evidence and low agreement* that  
3 about the adaptation impacts of derivatives-based insurance products. Insurance solutions are difficult for low-  
4 income groups to access (*medium confidence*). Formal insurance policies come with risks when implemented  
5 in a stand-alone manner, including risks of maladaptation. (*medium confidence*) {5.13.5, 5.14.1, 9.8.4, 9.11.4}

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7 **TS.D.9.3 Climate-induced changes are not experienced equally across gender, income, class, ethnicity,**  
8 **age, or physical ability (*high confidence*).** Therefore, participation of historically excluded groups such as  
9 women, youth, and marginalized communities (e.g., Indigenous Peoples, ethnic minorities, the disabled and  
10 low-income households) contributes to more equitable and socially just adaptation actions. Adaptation actions  
11 do not automatically have positive outcomes for gender equality. Understanding the positive and negative links  
12 of adaptation actions with gender equality goals, (i.e., SDG 5), is important to ensure that adaptive actions do  
13 not exacerbate existing gender-based and other social inequalities (*high confidence*). Climate literacy varies  
14 across diverse communities compounding vulnerability {2.6.3, 2.6.7, 4.3, 4.6, 4.6.9, 5.12.5, 5.14, 6.4.4, Box  
15 9.1, 9.4.5, 12.5.8, Box 6.1, 16.1.4, CCB GENDER}

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17 **TS.D.9.4 Empowering marginalised communities in coproduction of policy at all scales of decision**  
18 **making advances equitable adaptation efforts and reduce the risks of maladaptation (*high confidence*).**

19 Recognising Indigenous rights and local knowledge in design and implementation of climate change  
20 responses contributes to equitable adaptation outcomes (*high confidence*). Indigenous knowledge and local  
21 knowledge play an important role in finding solutions and often creates critical linkages between cultures,  
22 policy frameworks, economic systems, and natural resource management (*medium confidence*).  
23 Intergenerational approaches to future climate planning and policy will become increasingly important, in  
24 relation to the management, use and valuation of social-ecological systems (*high confidence*). Many regions,  
25 benefit from the significant diversity of local knowledge and systems of production, informed by long-  
26 standing experience with natural variability, providing a rich foundation for adaptation actions effective at  
27 local scales (*high confidence*). {2.6.3, 2.6.7, 4.8.3, 4.8.4, 4.8.5, 5.12.5, 6.1, 6.4.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3, 9.1, 9.12,  
28 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 12.5.7, 12.5.8, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, CCP6.3.2, CCP 6.6, CCP6.4.3, 17.5.1, CCB NATURAL}

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30 **TS.D.9.5 Proactive partnerships of government with the community, private sector, and national**  
31 **agencies to minimise negative social, environmental, or economic impacts of economy-wide transitions**  
32 **are emerging, but their implementation is uneven (*medium confidence*).** The greatest gains are achieved  
33 by prioritising investment to reduce climate risk for low-income and marginalised residents particularly in  
34 informal settlements and rural communities (*high confidence*). Some city and local governments invest directly  
35 in adaptation action and work in partnership a range of agencies. Legislative frameworks will assist business  
36 and insurance sector investment in key infrastructure, to drive adaptive action at scale, for equitable outcomes  
37 (*medium confidence*). {Box 5.8, 6.4, 6.4.1, CCP5.2.4, 8.5.2, 8.6.3, 9.4.2, 17.4.3, CCB FINANCE}

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39 **TS.D.9.6 Inter-sectional, gender-responsive and inclusive decision making can accelerate**  
40 **transformative adaptation over the long term to reduce vulnerability (*high confidence*).** Approaches to  
41 adaptation that address the needs of the most disadvantaged, through co-production of knowledge, are more  
42 sensitive to diverse community priorities and can yield beneficial climate co-adaptation benefits. There are  
43 gender differences in climate literacy in many regions exacerbating vulnerability in agricultural contexts in  
44 access to resources and opportunities for climate-resilient crops (*high confidence*) {3.6.4, 4.6.5, 4.8.5, 5.4.4,  
45 5.13.4, Table 5.6, 6.3.6, 9.4.2, Box 9.2, 9.4.5, CCB FEASIB, CCB MOVING PLATE}

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47 **TS.D.9.7 Local leadership especially amongst women and youth can advance equity within and between**  
48 **generations (*medium confidence*).** Since AR5, social movements including movements led by youth,  
49 Indigenous and ethnic communities have heightened public awareness about the need for urgent, inclusive  
50 action to achieve adaptation that can also enhance wellbeing and advance climate justice. {4.8.3, Box 5.13,  
51 6.1.5, 6.3.5, 6.4.1, 6.4.7, Box 6.6, 6.2, 6.4, Box 9.1, Box 9.2}

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53 **TS.D.9.8.** Climate justice initiatives that explicitly address multi-dimensional inequalities as part of a climate  
54 change adaptation strategy, can reduce inequities in access to resources, assets, and services as well as  
55 participation in decision-making and leadership is essential to achieving gender and climate justice (*high*  
56 *confidence*). {Box 6.1, Box 9.2; 13.7.2, 13.11.1, CCB GENDER}

**TS.D.10. Various tools, measures and processes are available that can enable, accelerate and sustain adaptation implementation (*high confidence*), in particular when anticipating climate change impacts, empower inclusive decision making and action when they are supported by adaptation finance and leadership across all sectors and groups in society (*high confidence*). The actions and decisions taken today determine future impacts and play a critical role in expanding the solution space for future adaptation. Breaking adaptation into manageable steps over time, while acknowledging potential long-term adaptation needs and options, can increase the prospect that effective adaptation plans will be actioned in timely and effective ways by stakeholders, sectors and institutions (*high confidence*). {4.8, 2.6.7, 11.7.3, 13.10, 15.3.4, 15.6, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, CCB SLR, 17.5, CCB DEEP, CCB NATURAL, CCP2.2.4}**

**TS.D.10.1 Institutional frameworks, policies and plans that set out adaptation goals, define responsibilities and commitment devices, coordinate amongst actors and build adaptive capacity will facilitate sustained adaptation actions (*very high confidence*).** Adaptation is considered in the climate policies of at least 170 countries. Opportunities exist to integrate adaptation into institutionalised decision cycles (e.g., budget reforms, statutory monitoring and evaluation, election cycles) and during windows of opportunity (e.g. recovery after disastrous events, designing new or replacing existing critical infrastructure, or developing COVID recovery projects) (*high confidence*). Appraisal of adaptation options for policy and implementation that considers the risks of adverse effects can help prevent maladaptive adaptation, and take advantage of possible co-benefits (*medium confidence*). Instruments such as behavioural nudges, re-directing subsidies, taxes, regulation of marketing, insurance schemes, have proven useful to strengthen societal responses beyond governmental actors (*medium confidence*). {1.4.4, 3.6.3, 3.6.5; 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 5.12.6, 5.13.3, 5.13.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 9.4.2, 9.11.5, 10.3.6, 10.5.3, 11.4, 11.7, Table 11.14, Table 11.16, 13.5.2, 13.10, 13.11, 14.7.2, 17.3.1., 17.3.2, 17.3.3, 17.4, 17.5.1, 17.6, 18.4, CCB DEEP, CCB INDIG, CCP2.4, CCP 2.4.3, CCP5.4.2, CCP6.3, CCP6.4}

**TS.D.10.2 Access to and mobilising adequate financial resources for vulnerable regions is an important catalysing factor for timely climate resilient development and climate risk management (*high confidence*).** Total tracked climate finance has increased from USD 364 billion per year in 2010/11 to 579 billion in 2017/18, with only 4-8% of this allocated to adaptation, and more than 90% of adaptation finance coming from public sources. Developed-country climate finance leveraged for developing countries for mitigation and adaptation has shown an upward trend, but fallen short of the 100 USD billion per year 2020 target of the Copenhagen commitment, and less than 20% has been for adaptation. Estimated global and regional costs of adaptation vary widely due to differences in assumptions, methods, and data; the majority of more recent estimates are higher than the figures presented in AR5. Median (and ranges) estimated costs for developing country adaptation from recent studies are 127 (15-411) and 295 (47-1088) billion USD per year for 2030 and 2050, respectively. Examples of estimated regional adaptation include 50 billion USD per year in Africa for 1.5°C of warming in 2050, increasing to 100–350 billion USD per year for 4°C of global warming towards the end of the century. Increasing public and private finance flows by billions of dollars per year, increasing direct access to multilateral funds, strengthening project pipeline development, and shifting finance from readiness activities to project implementation can enhance implementation of climate change adaptation, and is fundamental to achieving climate justice for highly vulnerable countries including small island states and African countries. {3.6.3, 4.8.2, 5.14.2, 9.1.1, 9.4.1, 13.9.4, 15.6, 15.6.1, 15.6.3, 15.7, 17.4.3, CCB FINANCE}

**TS.D.10.3 Decision-support tools and decision-analytic methods are available and are being applied for climate adaptation and climate risk management in different contexts (*high confidence*).** Integrated adaptation frameworks and decision-support tools that anticipate multi-dimensional risks and accommodate community values, are more effective than those with a narrow focus on single risks (*medium confidence*). Approaches that integrate the adaptation needs of multiple sectors such as disaster management, account for different risk perceptions, and integrate multiple knowledge systems, are better suited to addressing key risks (*medium confidence*). Reliable climate services, monitoring and early warning systems are the most commonly used strategies for managing the key risks, complementing long-term investments in risk reduction (*high confidence*). Whilst these strategies are applicable to society as a whole, they need to be tailored to specific contexts in order to be adoption effectively. {2.6.7, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.5.5, 5.14.1, 7.2.2, 7.4.1,

1 7.4.2, Box 9.2, 9.5.1, 9.4.3, Box 9.7, 9.10.3, 9.11.4, 15.5.7; 17.1.2, 17.2, 17.3.2, 17.4.4., 17.6, 18.4,  
2 CCP5.4.1, CCP5.6, CCB DEEP}

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4 **D10.4 Effective management of climate risks is dependent on systematically integrating adaptations**  
5 **across interacting climate risks and across sectors (*very high confidence*)**. Integrated pathways for  
6 managing climate risks will be most suitable when: ‘low regrets’ anticipatory options are established jointly  
7 across sectors in a timely manner, they are feasible and effective in their local context, path dependencies are  
8 avoided in order to not limit future options for climate resilient development, and when maladaptations  
9 across sectors are avoided (*high confidence*). Integration of risks across sectors can be assisted by  
10 mainstreaming climate considerations across institutions and decision-making processes (*high confidence*).  
11 Many forms of climate adaptation are *likely* to be more effective, efficient and equitable when organized  
12 collectively and with multiple objectives. Using different assessment, modelling, monitoring and evaluation  
13 approaches can facilitate understanding of the societal implications of trade-offs. {1.4.2., 2.6, 4.5.1, 4.5.2,  
14 11.3.11, 11.5.1, 11.5.2, 11.7, 11.7.2, 11.7.3, 13.5.2, 13.10, 13.11.2, 13.11.3, 15.7; 17.3.1, 17.6, CCP2.3.6,  
15 CCP5.4.2, CCB DEEP}

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17 **TS.D.10.5 Forward-looking adaptive planning and iterative risk management can avoid path-**  
18 **dependencies, maladaptation and ensure timely action (*high confidence*)**. Approaches that stage  
19 adaptation into manageable steps over time and use pathways analyses to determine ‘low regret’ actions for  
20 the near-term and long-term options are a useful starting point for adaptation (*medium confidence*). Decision  
21 frameworks that consider multiple objectives, scenarios, timeframes, and strategies can avoid privileging  
22 some views over others and help multiple actors to identify resilient and equitable solutions to complex,  
23 deeply uncertain challenges as well as explicitly dealing with trade-offs. Considering socio-economic  
24 developments and climatic changes beyond 2100 is particularly relevant for long-lived investment decisions  
25 such as new harbors, airports, urban expansions, and flood defenses, to avoid lock ins (*medium confidence*).  
26 Monitoring climate change, socio-economic developments and progress on implementation is critical for  
27 learning about adaptation success and maladaptation and to assess if, when and what further actions are  
28 needed for informing iterative risk management (*high confidence*). {1.5.2, 11.7, 13.2.2, 13.11.1., 17.5.2,  
29 CCP2.3.6, CCB DEEP}.

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31 **TS.D.10.6 Enhancing climate change literacy on impacts and possible solutions is necessary to ensure**  
32 **widespread, sustained implementation of adaptation by state and non-state actors (*high confidence*)**.  
33 Ways to enhance climate literacy and foster behavioural change include access to education and information,  
34 programmes using the performing and visual arts, storytelling, training workshops, participatory 3-  
35 dimensional modelling, climate services, and community-based monitoring. The use of Indigenous  
36 Knowledge and Local Knowledge represents and codifies actual experiences and autonomous adaptations  
37 and facilitates awareness, clarifies risk perception and enhances the understanding and adoption of solutions.  
38 Narratives can effectively communicate climate information and link this to societal goals and the actions  
39 needed to achieve them (*high confidence*). {1.2.2, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.5.2, 5.4.4, 5.5.4, 5.8.4, 5.13.2, 5.14.1,  
40 5.14.2, 9.4.5, 14.3, 15.6.4, 15.6.5}

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42 **TS.D.10.7 Political commitment and follow-through across all levels of government are important to**  
43 **accelerate the implementation of adequate and timely adaptation actions (*high confidence*)**.  
44 Implementing actions often requires large upfront investments of human and financial resources and political  
45 capital by public, private and societal actors, whilst the benefits of these actions may only become visible in  
46 the mid to long term (*medium confidence*). Examples that can accelerate adaptation action include  
47 accountability and transparency mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation of adaptation progress, social  
48 movements, climate litigation, building the economic case for adaptation and increased adaptation finance  
49 (*medium evidence, high agreement*). {3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 4.8.7, 6.3, 6.4, 7.4.3, 9.4.2, 9.4.4, 11.7,  
50 11.7.3, 11.8.1, 12.5, 12.5.6, 13.11, 14.6, 15.6, 15.6.3, 17.4.2, 17.5.2, 17.6, 18.4, CCB COVID},  
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53 **TS.D.11 Deep-rooted transformational adaptation opens new options for adapting to the impacts and**  
54 **risks of climate change (*high confidence*) by changing the fundamental attributes of a system including**  
55 **altered goals or values and addressing root causes of vulnerability**. AR6 focuses on five systems  
56 transitions to a just and climate resilient future: societal, energy, land and ocean ecosystem, urban and

1 infrastructure, and industrial. These transitions call for transformations in existing social and social-  
2 technological and environmental systems that include shifts in most aspects of society. Managing transition  
3 risk is a critical element of transforming society, increasingly acknowledging the importance of transparent,  
4 informed and inclusive decision-making and evaluation, including a role for Indigenous knowledge and local  
5 knowledge. {Figure TS.11, Figure TS.13, 1.2.1, 1.4.4, 1.5.1, 3.6.4, 4.7.1, 6.1.1, 6.4, Box 6.6, 11.4, 14.7.2,  
6 18.3, Figure 18.3, CCB FEASIB}

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8 **TS.D.11.1 A subset of adaptation options have been implemented that cut across sectors to enable  
9 sector specific adaptation responses.** These options, such as disaster risk management, climate services,  
10 and risk sharing, increase the feasibility and effectiveness of other options by expanding the solution space  
11 available (*high confidence*). For example, carefully designed and implemented disaster risk management and  
12 climate services can increase the feasibility and effectiveness of adaptation responses to improve agricultural  
13 practices, income diversification, urban and critical services and infrastructure planning (*very high  
14 confidence*). Risk insurance can be a feasible tool to adapt to transfer climate risks and support sustainable  
15 development (*high confidence*). They can reduce both vulnerability and exposure, support post-disaster  
16 recovery, and reduce financial burden on governments, households, and business. {3.6.3, 3.6.5, 4.6, 4.7.1,  
17 5.4.4, 5.6.3, 5.5.4, 5.8.4, 5.9.4, 5.12.4, 5.14.1, 5.14.2, 13.11.2, 14.7.2, 15.5.7, CCB MOVING PLATE, CCB  
18 GENDER, CCB FEASIB}

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20 **TS.D.11.2 Transformations for energy include the options of efficient water use and water  
21 management, infrastructure resilience, and reliable power systems, including the use of intermittent  
22 renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind energy, with the use of storage (*very high  
23 confidence*).** These options are not sufficient for the far-reaching transformations required in the energy  
24 sector, which tend to focus on technological transitions from a fossil-based to a renewable energy regime.  
25 Resilient power infrastructure is considered for energy generation, transmission and distribution systems.  
26 Distributed generation utilities, such as microgrids, are increasingly being considered, with growing  
27 evidence of their role in reducing vulnerability, especially within underserved populations (*high confidence*).  
28 Infrastructure resilience and reliable power are particularly important in reducing risk in peri-urban and rural  
29 areas when they are supported by distributed generation of renewable energy by isolated systems (*high  
30 confidence*). The option for resilient power infrastructure is considered for all types of power generation  
31 sources, and transmission and distribution systems. Efficient water use and water management especially in  
32 hydropower and combined cycle power plants in drought-prone areas, have a high feasibility (*high  
33 confidence*) with multiple co-benefits (*medium confidence*). Water-related adaptation in the energy sector is  
34 highly effective up to 1.5°C, but declines with increasing warming (*medium confidence*). {4.6.2, 4.7.1, 4.7.2,  
35 4.7.3, Figure 4.28, Figure 4.29, 13.6.2, 15.7, 18.3, CCP5.4.2, CCB FEASIB}

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37 **TS.D.11.3 Adaptation options that are feasible and effective to the 3.4 billion people living in rural  
38 areas around the world, and who are especially vulnerable to climate change, include the provision of  
39 basic services, livelihood diversification and strengthening of food systems (*high confidence*).**  
40 Vulnerability of rural areas to climate risks increases due to the long distances to urban centers and the lack  
41 of or deficient critical infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water. Providing critical infrastructure,  
42 including through distributed generation power systems through renewable energy has provided many co-  
43 benefits (*high confidence*). Biodiversity management strategies have social co-benefits including improved  
44 community health, recreational activities, and eco-tourism, which are co-produced by harnessing ecological  
45 and social capital to promote resilient ecosystems with high connectivity and functional diversity.  
46 Strengthening local and regional food systems through strategies such as collective trademarks, participatory  
47 guarantee systems and city-rural links build rural livelihoods, resilience and self-reliance (*medium  
48 confidence*). Livelihood diversification is a key coping and adaptive strategy to climatic and non-climatic  
49 risks. There is *high evidence (medium agreement)* that diversifying livelihoods improves incomes and  
50 reduces socio-economic vulnerability, but feasibility changes depending on livelihood type, opportunities,  
51 and local context. Key barriers to livelihood diversification include socio-cultural and institutional barriers as  
52 well as inadequate resources and livelihood opportunities that hinder the full adaptive possibilities of existing  
53 livelihood diversification practices (*high confidence*). {Figure TS.13, 4.6.2, 4.7.1, Ch. 5, Ch. 8, 14.5.9, CCB  
54 FEASIB}

**TS.D.11.4 Adaptation can require system-wide transformation of ways of knowing, acting and lesson-drawing to rebalance the relation between human and nature (*high confidence*).** Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, ecosystem-based adaptation and community-based adaptation are often found together in effective adaptation strategies and actions and together can generate transformative sustainable changes but they need the resources, legal basis and an inclusive decision process to be most effective (*medium confidence*). Governance measures that transparently accommodate science and Indigenous knowledge can act as enablers of such co-production. {1.3.3, 2.6.5, 2.6.7, 5.14.1, 5.14.2, 6.4.7, Box 9.1, 9.12, 11.3.3, Box 11.3, Box 11.7, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 11.5.1, 11.6, 12.5.8, 14.4., Box 14.7, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 17.2.2, 17.3.1, 17.4.4, CCP6.3.2, CCP 6.6, CCP6.4.3}

**TS.D.11.5 Factors motivating transformative adaptation actions include risk perception, perceived efficacy, socio-cultural norms and beliefs, previous experiences of impacts, levels of education and awareness (*medium confidence*).** Risk responsibilities across the globe are unclear and unevenly defined (*high confidence*). In the face of climate change, assigning risk responsibilities helps upgrading and supporting adaptation efforts (risk governance). There are at least two contrasting approaches for pursuing deliberate transformation: one seeking rapid, system-wide change and the other a collection of incremental actions that together catalyse desired system changes (*medium confidence*). {1.5.2, 6.4.7, 17.2.1, 17.2.2, CCP5.4.2}

## **TS.E: Climate Resilient Development**

**TS.E.1 Climate resilient development implements greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation options to support sustainable development. With accelerated warming and the intensification of cascading impacts and compounded risks above 1.5°C warming, there is a sharply increasing demand for adaptation and climate resilient development linked to achieving SDGs, equity, and balancing societal priorities. There is only limited opportunity to widen the remaining solution space and take advantage of many potentially effective, yet unimplemented options for reducing society and ecosystem vulnerability. (*high confidence*)** {1.2.3, 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, 2.6.7, 3.6.5, 4.8, 7.1.5, 7.4.6, 13.10.2, 13.11, 17.2.1, 18.1, Box 4.7, Figure SPM.17, CCB FINANCE, CCB NATURAL, CCB COVID, CCB HEALTH, Figure TS.2, Figure TS.9 URBAN, Figure TS.11, Figure TS.14, }

**TS.E.1.1 Prevailing development pathways are not advancing climate resilient development (*very high confidence*).** Societal choices in the near-term will determine future pathways. There is no single pathway or climate that represents climate-resilient development for all nations, actors, or scales, as well as globally and many solutions will emerge locally and regionally. Global trends including rising income inequality, urbanisation, migration, continued growth in greenhouse gas emissions, land use change, human displacement, and reversals of long-term trends toward increased life expectancy run counter to the SDGs as well as efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. With progressive climate change, enabling conditions will diminish, and opportunities for successfully transitioning systems for both mitigation and adaptation will become more limited (*high confidence*). Investments for economic recovery from COVID-19 offer opportunities to promote climate-resilient development (*high confidence*). {16.6.1, 17.2.1, 18.2, 18.4, CCP5.4.4, CCB COVID, Figure TS.14}

**TS.E.1.2 Systems transitions can enable climate resilient development, when accompanied by appropriate enabling conditions and inclusive arenas of engagement (*very high confidence*).** Five systems transitions are considered: energy, industry, urban and infrastructure, land and ecosystems, and societal. Advancing climate resilient development in specific contexts may necessitate simultaneous progress on all five transitions. Collectively, these system transitions can widen the solution space and accelerate and deepen the implementation of sustainable development, adaptation, and mitigation actions by equipping actors and decision-makers with more effective options (*high confidence*). For example, urban ecological infrastructure linked to an appropriate land use mix, street connectivity, open and green spaces, and job-housing proximity provides adaptation and mitigation benefits that can aid urban transformation (*medium confidence*). These system transitions are necessary precursors for more fundamental climate and sustainable-development transformations; but can simultaneously be outcomes of transformative actions.

1 Enhancing equity and agency are cross-cutting considerations for all five transitions. Such transitions can  
2 generate benefits across different sectors and regions, provided they are facilitated by appropriate enabling  
3 conditions including effective governance, policy implementation, innovation, and climate and development  
4 finance, which are currently insufficient (*high confidence*). {3.6.4, 15.7, 18.3, 18.4, Table 18.5, CWGB  
5 URBAN, CCB FEASIB}

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7 **TS.E.1.3 System transitions are highly feasible. For energy system transitions, there is *medium***  
8 ***confidence* in the high feasibility of resilient infrastructure and efficient water use for power plants**  
9 **and *high confidence* in the synergies of this option with mitigation.** For coastal ecosystem transitions,  
10 there is *medium to high confidence* that ecosystems conservation and biodiversity management are  
11 increasing adaptive and ecological capacity with socio-economic co-benefits and positive synergies with  
12 carbon sequestration. However, opportunity costs can be a barrier. For land ecosystem transitions, there  
13 is *high confidence* on the role of agroforestry to increase ecological and adaptive capacity, once economic,  
14 cultural barriers and potential land use change trade-offs are overcome. There is *high confidence* in improved  
15 cropland management and its economic feasibility due to improved productivity. For efficient livestock  
16 systems, there is *medium confidence* on the high technological and ecological feasibility. {CCB  
17 FEASIB, Figure TS.11}

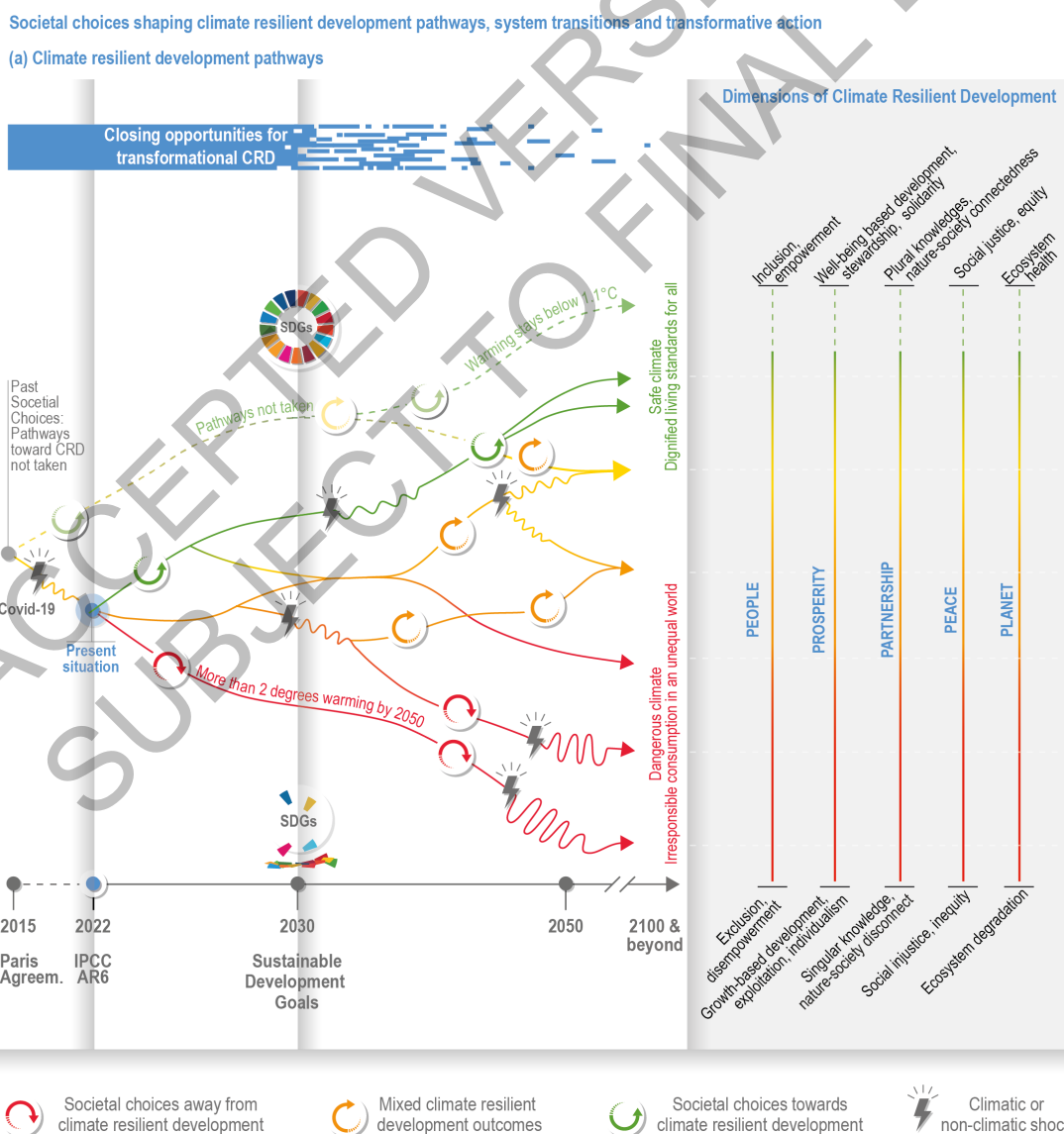
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19 **TS.E.1.4 For urban and infrastructure system transitions, there is *medium confidence* for sustainable**  
20 **land-use and urban planning.** There is *high confidence* in the economic and ecological feasibility of green  
21 infrastructure and ecosystem services as well as sustainable urban water management, once  
22 institutional barriers in the form of limited social and political acceptability are overcome. Social safety nets,  
23 disaster risk management and climate services, and population health and health systems, are considered as  
24 overarching adaptation options due to their applicability across all system transitions. There is *medium to*  
25 *high confidence* in the high feasibility of disaster risk management and the use of demand-driven and  
26 context-specific climate services as well as in the socio-economic feasibility of social safety nets. Improving  
27 health systems through enhancing access to medical services and developing or strengthening surveillance  
28 systems can have high feasibility when there is a robust institutional and regulatory framework (*high*  
29 *confidence*). {6.3, CCB FEASIB, Figure TS.8 HEALTH, Figure TS.9 URBAN, Figure TS.11, Figure  
30 TS.14}

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32 **TS.E.1.5 There are multiple possible pathways by which communities, nations and the world**  
33 **can pursue climate resilient development. Moving towards different pathways involves confronting**  
34 **complex synergies and trade-offs between development pathways, and the options, contested values,**  
35 **and interests that underpin climate mitigation and adaptation choices (*very high confidence*).** Climate  
36 resilient development pathways are trajectories for the pursuit of climate resilient development and  
37 navigating its complexities. Different actors, the private sector, and civil society, influenced by science, local  
38 and Indigenous knowledges, and the media are both active and passive in designing and navigating climate  
39 resilient development pathways. Increasing levels of warming may narrow the options and choices available  
40 for local survival and sustainable development for human societies and ecosystems. Limiting warming to  
41 Paris Agreement goals will reduce the magnitude of climate risks to which people, places, the economy and  
42 ecosystems will have to adapt. Reconciling the costs, benefits, and trade-offs associated with adaptation,  
43 mitigation, and sustainable development interventions and how they are distributed among  
44 different populations and geographies is essential and challenging, but also creates the potential to pursue  
45 synergies that benefit human and ecological well-being (*high confidence*). {1.2.1, 18.1, 18.4}

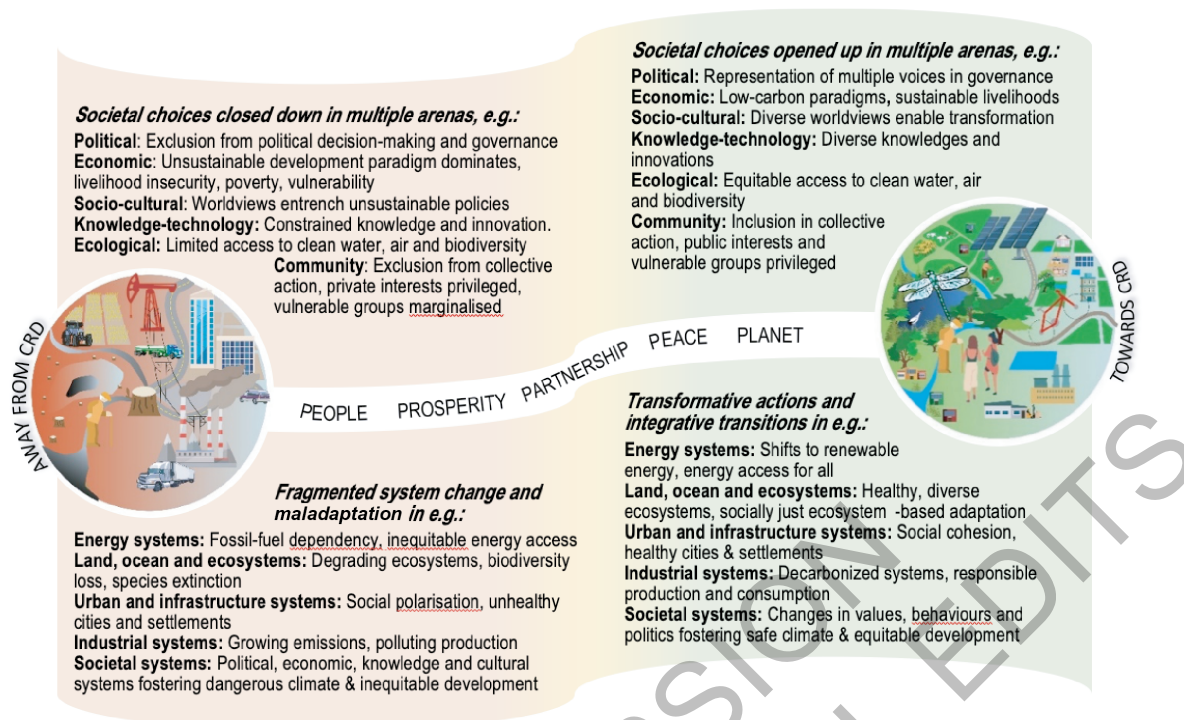
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47 **TS.E.1.6. Economic sectors and global regions are exposed to different opportunities and challenges in**  
48 **facilitating climate resilient development, suggesting adaptation and mitigation options should be**  
49 **aligned to local and regional context and development pathways (*very high confidence*).** Given their  
50 current state of development, some regions may prioritize poverty and inequality reduction, and economic  
51 development over the near-term as a means of building capacity for climate action and low-carbon  
52 development over the long-term. In contrast, developed economies with mature economies and high levels of  
53 resilience may prioritize climate action to transition their energy systems and reduce greenhouse gas  
54 emissions. Some interventions may be robust in that they are relevant to a broad range of potential  
55 development trajectories and could be deployed in a flexible manner. However, other types of interventions,  
56 such as those that are dependent upon emerging technologies, may require a specific set of enhanced  
57 enabling conditions or factors including infrastructure, supply chains, international cooperation, and

1 education and training that currently limit their implementation to certain settings. Notwithstanding national  
 2 and regional differences, development practices that are aligned to people, prosperity, partnerships, peace  
 3 and the planet as defined in Agenda 2030, could enable more climate resilient development. (*high*  
 4 *confidence*) {18.5, Figure 18.1}.

6 **TS.E.1.7 Pursuing climate resilient development involves considering a broader range of sustainable**  
 7 **development priorities, policies and practices, as well as enabling societal choices to accelerate and**  
 8 **deepen their implementation (*very high confidence*).** Scientific assessments of climate change have  
 9 traditionally framed solutions around the implementation of specific adaptation and mitigation options as  
 10 mechanisms for reducing climate-related risks. They have given less attention to a fuller set of societal  
 11 priorities and the role of non-climate policies, social norms, lifestyles, power relationships and worldviews in  
 12 enabling climate action and sustainable development. Because climate resilient development involves  
 13 different actors pursuing plural development trajectories in diverse contexts, the pursuit of solutions that are  
 14 equitable for all requires opening the space for engagement and action to a diversity of people, institutions,  
 15 forms of knowledge, and worldviews. Through inclusive modes of engagement that enhance knowledge  
 16 sharing and realize the productive potential of diverse perspectives and worldviews, societies could alter  
 17 institutional structures and arrangements, development processes, choices and actions that have precipitated  
 18 dangerous climate change, constrained the achievement of SDGs, and thus limited pathways to achieving  
 19 climate resilient development. The current decade is critical to charting climate resilient development  
 20 pathways that catalyze the transformation of prevailing development practices and offer the greatest promise  
 21 and potential for human well-being and planetary health. (*very high confidence*) {Box 18.1, 18.4}



## (b) Societal choices in multiple arenas and systems change towards or away from CRD



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2 **Figure TS.14: Making societal choices in arenas of engagement that open-up or close-down climate resilient**  
3 **development pathways, system transitions and transformational action.** The top panel shows societal choices that  
4 lead towards (green) or away (red) from core dimensions of Climate Resilient Development (CRD) (People, Prosperity,  
5 Partnership, Peace, Planet) on which the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) build. Some societal choices have  
6 mixed CRD outcomes (orange pathways). Panel A shows that there is a narrow and closing window of opportunity to  
7 make transformational changes to move towards and not away from development futures that are more climate-resilient  
8 and sustainable. The dotted line shows pathways towards the highest CRD futures are no longer available due to past  
9 and current societal choices. This panel builds on figure SPM.9 in AR5 WGII depicting climate resilient pathways by  
10 describing how CRDPs emerge from societal choices within multiple arenas – rather than solely from discrete decision  
11 points. Arenas of engagement are the settings, places and spaces in which key actors from government, civil society and  
12 the private sector interact to influence the nature and course of development. Societal choices, often contested, are made  
13 in these arenas through interactions between these actors (see Figures 18.1-18.3). The quality of these interactions  
14 determines whether societal choices shift development towards or away from CRD. These qualities thus also  
15 characterize alternative futures resulting from different pathways, along the five CRD dimensions. These CRD  
16 dimensions underline the close interconnectedness between the biosphere and people, the two necessarily intertwined in  
17 interactions, actions, transitions, and futures. Transformative actions are urgently needed to shift systems because of the  
18 required urgency and scale of emission cuts as well as the adverse impacts of escalating climate risks, poverty and  
19 vulnerability. The bottom panel provides examples of: (i) in row 1, the ways in which societal choices are closed down  
20 or opened up under less or more inclusive and enabling arenas of engagement; (ii) in row two, business as usual actions  
21 that perpetuate unsustainable development vs transformative actions that foster dimensions of CRD; and (iii) the role of  
22 systems transitions as an element to shape CRD through fragmented system change, lock-in and maladaptation that  
23 cause dangerous climate change through irresponsible consumption in an unequal world vs integrative system  
24 transitions that enable a safe climate, healthy ecosystems, and dignified living standards for all. Societal choices that  
25 support CRD pathways – depicted by the contrasting red and green globes – involve transformative actions that drive  
26 the five interdependent systems transitions in energy, land, ocean and ecosystems, urban and infrastructure, industry  
27 and societal systems. Marginalised groups and addressing vulnerability are at the centre of efforts to chart CRDPs.  
28 Prospects for moving towards CRD increase when governance actors work together constructively across the arenas of  
29 engagement, and when done inclusively and synchronously, system transitions and transformational change is enabled.  
30 Unlocking the productive potential of conflict that often characterises interactions in these arenas of engagement is  
31 central to advancing human well-being and planetary health, and the window for doing so is closing rapidly. {Figure  
32 18.2, Figure 18.3, Sections 18.1, 18.2.2, 18.3, 18.4.3, Box 18.1}.

35 **TS.E.2 Climate action and sustainable development are interdependent. Pursued in an inclusive and**  
36 **integrated manner, they enhance human and ecological well-being. Sustainable development is**



1 **fundamental to capacity for climate action, including reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as well as**  
2 **enhancing social and ecological resilience to climate change. Increasing social and gender equity is an**  
3 **integral part of the technological and social transitions and transformation toward climate resilient**  
4 **development. Such transitions in societal systems reduce poverty and enable greater equity and agency**  
5 **in decision-making. They often require rights-based approaches to protect the livelihoods, priorities**  
6 **and survival of marginalised groups including Indigenous peoples, women, ethnic minorities and**  
7 **children. (*high confidence*) {2.6.7, 4.8, 6.3.7, 6.4, 6.4.7, 18.2, 18.4, CCB NATURAL}**

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9 **TS.E.2.1 Conditions enabling rapid increases and innovative climate responses include experience of**  
10 **extreme events or climate education influencing perceptions of urgency, together with the actions of**  
11 **catalyzing agents such as social movements and technological entrepreneurs.** People who have  
12 experienced climate shocks are more likely to implement risk management measures (*high confidence*).  
13 Autonomous adaptation is very common in locations where people are more exposed to extreme events, and  
14 have the resources and the temporal capacity to act on their own, for example in remote communities (*high*  
15 *confidence*). {3.5.2, 4.2.1, 4.6, 4.7.1, 6.4.7, 8.5.2, 9.4.5, 17.4.5, 18.5}

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17 **TS.E.2.2 A range of policies, practices, and enabling conditions accelerate efforts toward climate**  
18 **resilient development. Diverse actors including youth, women, Indigenous communities, and business**  
19 **leaders are the agents of societal changes and transformations that enable climate resilient**  
20 **development (*high confidence*).** Greater attention to which actors' benefit, fail to benefit, or are directly  
21 harmed by different types of interventions could significantly advance efforts to pursue climate-resilient  
22 development. (*medium to high confidence*). {4.6, 4.7.1, 5.13, 5.14, 6.4.7, 8.4.5.5, 9.4.5, 17.4, 18.5}

23  
24 **TS.E.2.3 Climate adaptation actions are grounded in local realities so understanding links with SDG 5**  
25 **on gender equality ensures that adaptive actions do not worsen existing gender and other inequities**  
26 **within society (e.g., leading to maladaptation practices) (*high confidence*).** Adaptation actions do not  
27 automatically have positive outcomes for gender equality. Understanding the positive and negative links of  
28 adaptation actions with gender equality goals, (i.e., SDG 5), is important to ensure that adaptive actions do  
29 not exacerbate existing gender-based and other social inequalities. Efforts are needed to change unequal  
30 power dynamics and to foster inclusive decision-making for climate adaptation to have a positive impact for  
31 gender equality (*high confidence*). There are very few examples of successful integration of gender and other  
32 social inequities in climate policies to address climate change vulnerabilities and questions of social justice,  
33 (*very high confidence*). Yet inequities in climate change literacy compounds women vulnerability to climate  
34 change through its negative effect on climate risk perception {4.8.3, 17.5.1, 9.4.5, 16.1.4, CCB GENDER}

35  
36 **TS.E.2.4 Gender-sensitive, equity and justice-based adaptation approaches, integration of Indigenous**  
37 **knowledge systems within legal frameworks, and promotion of Indigenous land tenure rights reduce**  
38 **vulnerability and increase resilience (*high confidence*).** Integrating adaptation into social protection  
39 programs can build long-term resilience to climate change (*high confidence*). Nevertheless, social protection  
40 programs can increase resilience to climate related shocks, even if they do not specifically address climate  
41 risks (*high confidence*). Climate adaptation actions are grounded in local realities so understanding links with  
42 SDG is important to ensure that adaptive actions do not worsen existing gender and other inequities within  
43 society leading to maladaptation practices (*high confidence*) {3.6.4, 4.8.3, 4.8.4, Box 9.7, Box 9.8, Box 9.9,  
44 Box 9.10, Box 9.11, 14.4, 17.5.1, CCP6.3, Box 9.1, Box 9.2, 9.4.5, Box 14.1, Box CCP6.2 CCB GENDER}.

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46 **TS.E.2.5 Water can either be an enabler or a hindrance to successful adaptation and sustainable**  
47 **development. Central to equity issues about water is that it remains a public good (*high confidence*).**  
48 Overcoming institutional and financial constraints (governance, institutions, policies), including path  
49 dependency, is amongst the most important requirements enabling effective adaptation in the water sector  
50 (*high confidence*). Water-related challenges, despite reported adaptation efforts, indicate limits of adaptation  
51 in the absence of water neutral mitigation action (*medium confidence*). For some regions, such as Small  
52 Island States, coastal areas and mountainous regions, water availability already has the potential to become a  
53 hard limit to adaptation (*limited evidence, medium agreement*). {4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 4.8, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.2,  
54 4.7.6, 15.3.4, CCP5.2.2, Case Study 6.1, Figure TS.6 FOOD-WATER}

1 **TS.E.2.6 Procedural and distributional justice, and flexible institutions facilitate successful adaptation**  
2 **and minimize maladaptive outcomes.** Reorienting existing institutions to become more flexible (e.g.,  
3 through capacity building and institutional reform) and inclusive is key to build adaptive governance systems  
4 that are equipped to take long-term decisions (*medium confidence*). Enhancing climate governance,  
5 institutional capacity and differentiated policies and regulation from the local to global-scale enables and  
6 accelerate climate resilient development. Transforming financial systems to deliver the SDGs, while  
7 accelerating system transitions and addressing physical and transition risks, is a precondition. Changes in  
8 lifestyles, human behaviour and preferences can have a significant impact on adaptation implementation,  
9 demand and hence emissions and decision-making around climate action (*high confidence*). Additionally,  
10 use of customary and traditional justice systems, such as those of Indigenous peoples, can enhance the  
11 equity of adaptation policy processes (*high confidence*) {4.8, 4.6.8, 5.2.3, 13.8, 15.6.1, 15.6.3, 15.6.4,  
12 15.6.5, 17.1, 18.4}

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14 **TS.E.2.7 Enabling environments for adaptation that support equitable sustainable development are**  
15 **essential for those with climate-sensitive livelihoods who are often least able to adapt and influence**  
16 **decision making (*high confidence*).** Enabling environments share common governance characteristics,  
17 including the meaningful involvement of multiple actors and assets, alongside multiple centres of power at  
18 different levels that are well integrated, vertically, and horizontally (*high confidence*). Enabling conditions  
19 harness synergies, address moral and ethical choices and divergent values and interests, and support just  
20 approaches to livelihood transitions that do not undermine human wellbeing (*medium confidence*). Climate  
21 solutions for health, wellbeing and the changing structure of communities are complex, closely  
22 interconnected, and call for new approaches to sustainable development that consider interactions between  
23 climate, human and socio-ecological systems to generate climate resilient development (*high confidence*). To  
24 address regionally specific adaptation and developmental needs, five key five key dimensions of climate  
25 resilient development are identified for Africa: climate finance, governance, cross-sectoral and  
26 transboundary solutions, adaptation law and climate services and climate change literacy. (*high confidence*)  
27 {4.6, 4.8, 6.4.7, 7.1.7, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.6.3, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 9.4.3, 9.4.4, 9.4.5, 17.4}

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29 **TS.E.2.8 Prevailing ideologies or worldviews, institutions and socio-political relations influence**  
30 **development trajectories by framing climate narratives and possibilities for action (*medium***  
31 ***confidence*).** The interplay between worldviews and ethics, socio-political relations, institutions, and human  
32 behaviour influence public engagement by individuals and communities. These open up opportunities for  
33 meaningful engagement and co-production of pathways towards climate resilient development. The urgency  
34 of climate action is a potential enabler of climate decision-making (*medium confidence*). Perceptions of  
35 urgency encourage communities, businesses and leaders to undertake climate adaptation and mitigation  
36 measures more quickly and to prioritise climate action. (*high confidence*) {1.1.3, 6.4.3, 17.1, 17.4.5, 18.5}

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39 **TS.E.3 A focus on climate risk alone does not enable effective climate resilience (*high confidence*).** The  
40 **integration of consideration of non-climate drivers into adaptation pathways can reduce climate**  
41 **impacts across food systems, human settlements, health, water, economies, and livelihoods (*high***  
42 ***confidence*).** Strengthened health, education, and basic social services are vital for improving  
43 population well-being and supporting climate resilient development (*high confidence*). Climate smart  
44 agriculture technologies strengthening synergies among productivity and mitigation is growing as an  
45 important adaptation strategy (*high confidence*). Pertinent information for farmers provided by  
46 climate information services is helping them to understand the role of climate vs. other drivers in  
47 perceived productivity changes (*medium confidence*). Index insurance builds resilience and contributes  
48 to adaptation both by protecting farmers' assets in the face of major climate shocks, by promoting  
49 access to credit, and by the adoption of improved farm technologies and practices (*high*  
50 ***confidence*).** {3.6.4, 4.6, 4.7.1, 7.4.6, 12.5.4, Box 9.1, Box 9.7, Box 9.8, Box 9.9, Box 9.10, Box 9.11}

51  
52 **TS.E.3.1 Societal resilience is strengthened by improving management of environmental resources and**  
53 **ecosystem health, boosting adaptive capabilities of individuals and communities to anticipate future**  
54 **risks and minimize them, and removing drivers of vulnerability to bringing together gender justice,**  
55 **equity, Indigenous and local knowledge systems and adaptation planning (*very high***  
56 ***confidence*).** Societal resilience is founded on strengthening local democracy, empowering citizens to shape

1 societal choices to support gender and equity inclusive climate resilient development (*very high confidence*).  
2 {7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.4, 7.4.5, 7.4.6, 9.4.5, 13.11.3, 14.4, 15.5.5, 17.5.1, Box 14.1, CCP6.3, CCP6.4, Box  
3 CCP6.2, CCB GENDER}

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5 **TS.E.3.2 Some communities/regions are resilient with strong social safety nets and social capital that**  
6 **support responses and actions already occurring, but there is limited information on the effectiveness**  
7 **of the adaptation practices and the scale of action needed (*high confidence*).** Amongst island  
8 communities, greater insights into which drivers weaken local communities and Indigenous Peoples’  
9 resilience, together with recognition of the socio-political contexts within which communities operate, can  
10 assist in identifying opportunities at all scales to enhance climate adaptation and enable action towards  
11 climate resilient development pathways (*medium evidence, high agreement*). Adaptation responses to  
12 climate-driven impacts in mountain regions vary significantly in terms of goals and priorities, scope, depth  
13 and speed of implementation, governance and modes of decision-making, and the extent of financial and  
14 other resources to implement them (*high confidence*). Adaptation in Africa has multiple benefits, and most  
15 assessed adaptation options have medium effectiveness at reducing risks for present-day global warming, but  
16 their efficacy at future warming levels is largely unknown (*high confidence*). In Australia and New Zealand,  
17 a range of incremental and transformative adaptation options and pathways is available as long as enablers  
18 are in place to implement them (*high confidence*). Several enablers can be used to improve adaptation  
19 outcomes and to build resilience (*high confidence*), including better governance and legal reforms;  
20 improving justice, equity, and gender considerations; building human resource capacity; increased finance  
21 and risk transfer mechanisms; education and awareness programmes; increased access to climate  
22 information; adequately downscaled climate data; inclusion of Indigenous knowledge; and integrating  
23 cultural resources into decision-making (*high confidence*). {9.3, 9.6.4, 9.8.3, 9.11.4, 11.7.3, 14.4, 15.6.1,  
24 15.6.5, 15.7, 15.6.3, 15.6.4, 15.6.5, CCP6.3, CCP6.4, Box CCP6.2, Box 14.1, CCP5.2.4; CCP5.2.7.2, CCB  
25 GENDER}.

26  
27 **TS.E.3.3 Identifying and advancing synergies and co-benefits of mitigation, adaptation, and SDGs has**  
28 **occurred slowly and unevenly (*high confidence*).** One area of sustained effort is community-based  
29 adaptation planning actions that have potential to be better integrated to enhance well-being and create  
30 synergies with the SDG ambitions of leaving no-one behind (*high confidence*). Complex trade-offs and gaps  
31 in alignment between mitigation and adaptation over scale and across policy areas where sustainable  
32 development is hindered or reversed also remain (*medium confidence*). Globally, decisions about key  
33 infrastructure systems and urban expansion drive risk creation and potential action on climate change (*high*  
34 *confidence*). {4.7.6, 6.4.1; 6.4.3; 6.4.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.2.3; 6.3, 6.3.5.1, 6.4, 7.4.7, 9.3.2, CCB HEALTH, CWGB  
35 BIOECONOMY}

36  
37 **TS.E.3.4 Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge are crucial for social-ecological system resilience**  
38 **(*high confidence*).** Indigenous Peoples have been faced with adaptation challenges for centuries and have  
39 developed strategies for resilience in changing environments that can enrich and strengthen other adaptation  
40 efforts (*high confidence*). Supporting indigenous self-determination, recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ rights,  
41 and supporting Indigenous knowledge-based adaptation can accelerate effective robust climate resilient  
42 development pathways (*very high confidence*). Indigenous knowledge underpins successful understanding  
43 of, responses to, and governance of climate change risks (*high confidence*). For example, Indigenous  
44 knowledge contains resource-use practices and ecosystem stewardship strategies that conserve and enhance  
45 both wild and domestic biodiversity, resulting in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and species that are often  
46 less degraded in Indigenous managed lands in other lands (*medium confidence*). Valuing  
47 Indigenous knowledge systems is a key component of climate justice (*high confidence*) {2.6.5, 2.6.7,  
48 4.8.3, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 4.8.4, 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 7.4.7, 12.5.1, 12.5.8, 12.6.2, 13.2.2, 13.8, 13.11, 14.4, 14.7.3,  
49 Box 7.1, Box 14.1, Box 9.2, CCP5.2.6, CP5.4.2, CCP6.3, CCP6.4, Box CCP6.2, CCB NATURAL, CCB  
50 INDIG}

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52 **E 3.5 Ecosystem-based adaptation reduces climate risk across sectors, providing social, economic,**  
53 **health and environmental co-benefits (*high confidence*).** Direct human dependence on ecosystem services,  
54 ecosystem health, and ecosystem protection and restoration, conservation agriculture, sustainable land  
55 management, and integrated catchment management support climate resilience. Inclusion of interdisciplinary  
56 scientific information, Indigenous knowledge, and practical expertise is essential to effective Ecosystem-  
57 based adaptation (*high confidence*), and there is a large risk of maladaptation where this does not happen

(*high confidence*). {1.4.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 4.6.6, Box 4.6, 7.4.2, 9.6, 9.7; 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, Table 2.7, CCB NATURAL, CCP1, 5.14.2, CCP6.3, CCP6.4, Figure TS.9 URBAN}

**TS.E.4 Maintaining planetary health is essential for human and societal health and a pre-condition for climate resilient development (*high confidence*).** Effective ecosystem conservation on approximately 30% to 50% of Earth's land, freshwater and ocean areas, including all remaining areas with a high degree of naturalness and ecosystem integrity, will help protect biodiversity, build ecosystem resilience and ensure essential ecosystem services (*high confidence*). In addition to this protection, sustainable management of the rest of the planet is also important. The protected area required to maintain ecosystem integrity varies by ecosystem type and region, and their placement will determine the quality and ecological representativeness of the resulting network. Ecosystem services that are under threat from a combination of climate change and other anthropogenic pressures include climate-change mitigation, flood-risk management, and water supply (*high confidence*). {2.5.4, 2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 13.3.2, 13.5.2, 13.10.2, CCB NATURE, Figure TS.12}

**TS.E.4.1 Species conservation is an internationally recognised objective in its own right and is also important for human life and well being: there is a strong positive association between species diversity and ecosystem health that is essential for providing critical regulating services, including climate regulation, water provisioning, pest and disease control and crop pollination (*high confidence*).** The loss of species also lowers the resilience of the ecosystem as a whole, including its capacity to persist through climate change and recover from extreme events (*high confidence*). Species extinctions levels that are >1,000 times natural background rates as a result of anthropogenic pressures and climate change will increasingly exacerbate this (*high confidence*). Conservation efforts are more effective when integrated into local spatial plans inclusive of adaptation responses, alongside sustainable food and fiber production systems (*high confidence*). Strong inclusive governance systems and participatory planning processes that support equitable and effective adaptation outcomes, are gender sensitive and reduce intergroup conflict are required for enhanced ecosystem protection and restoration (*high confidence*). {2.2, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.6.1-3, 2.6.5, 2.6.7, Table 2.6, Table 2.7, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 5.8.4, 5.13.5, 5.14.1, 5.14.2, 7.4.7, CCB NATURE, CCB ILLNESS, CCB COVID, CCB GENDER, CCB INDIG, CCB MIGRATE, CCP1}

**TS.E.4.2 Solutions that support biodiversity and the integrity of ecosystems deliver essential co-benefits for people including livelihoods, food and water security, human health and well-being (*high confidence*).** Limiting warming to 2°C and protecting 30% of high-biodiversity regions in Africa, Asia and Latin America is estimated to reduce risk of species extinctions by half (*high confidence*). Meeting the increasing needs of the human population, for food and fibre production requires transformation in management regimes to recognize dependencies on local healthy ecosystems, with greater sustainability, including through increased use of agroecological farming approaches, and adaptation to the changing climate (*high confidence*). People with higher levels of contact with nature have been found to be significantly happier, healthier and more satisfied with their lives (*high confidence*). Participatory, inclusive governance approaches such as adaptive co-management or community-based planning, which integrate those groups who rely on these ecosystems (e.g., Indigenous Peoples, local communities) support equitable and effective adaptation outcomes (*high confidence*). {2.5.4, 2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 5.8.4, 5.13.5, 5.14.1, 5.14.2, 17.3.1, 17.3.2, 17.6, CCB NATURE}

**TS.E.4.3 Protecting and building the resilience of ecosystems through restoration, in ways which are consistent with sustainable development, are essential for effective climate-change mitigation (*high confidence*).** Degradation and loss of ecosystems is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions which is increasingly exacerbated by climate change (*very high confidence*). Globally, there is a 38% overlap between areas of high carbon storage and high intact biodiversity, but only 12% of that is protected (*high confidence*). Addressing this gap will require an approach which takes account of human needs, particularly food security. Tropical rainforests and global peatlands are particularly important carbon stores but are highly threatened by human disturbance, land conversion and fire. Climate resilient development will require strategies for land-based climate change mitigation to be integrated with adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable development objectives; there is good potential for positive synergies, but also the potential for conflict, including with afforestation and bioenergy crops, when these objectives are pursued in isolation (*high*

1 *confidence*). {2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.3, 2.6.3, 2.6.5-7, 2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.5.5, Box 2.2, Box 3.4, CCP7.3.2, CCB  
2 NATURE, CWGB BIOECONOMY}

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4 **TS.E.4.4 Adaptive management in response to ecosystem change is increasingly necessary, and more  
5 so under higher emissions scenarios (*high confidence*).** Feedback from monitoring and assessments of the  
6 changing state of planetary conditions and local ecosystems enables proactive adaptation to manage risks and  
7 minimise impacts (*medium confidence*). Integrated sectoral approaches promoting climate resilience,  
8 particularly for addressing the impacts of extreme events, are key to effective climate resilient development  
9 (*medium confidence*). {2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.6, 2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.3, 3.6.5, 17.3.2, 17.6, Box 3.4, CCB  
10 EXTREMES, SR1.5, SRCCL, SROCC}

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12 **TS.E.4.5 Adaptation cannot prevent all risks to biodiversity and ecosystem services (*high confidence*).**  
13 Adaptation of conservation strategies, by building resilience and planning for unavoidable change, can  
14 reduce harm but will not be possible in all systems, for example, fragile ecosystems that reach critical  
15 thresholds or tipping points such as coral reefs, some forests, sea ice and permafrost systems. Conservation  
16 and restoration will alone be insufficient to protect coral reefs beyond 2030 (*high confidence*) and to protect  
17 mangroves beyond the 2040s (*high confidence*). Deep cuts in emissions will be necessary to minimise  
18 irreversible loss and damage (*high confidence*). {2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.4, 2.6.1, 2.6.6, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.3, Table  
19 SM3.5, Table SM3.6, Figure 3.26, Figure TS.5 ECOSYSTEMS}

22 **TS.E.5 Governance arrangements and practices are presently ineffective to reduce risks, reverse path-  
23 dependencies and maladaptation, and facilitate climate resilient development (*very high confidence*).**  
24 **Governance for climate resilient development involves diverse societal actors, including the most  
25 vulnerable, who can work collectively, drawing upon local and Indigenous knowledges and science and  
26 are supported by strong political will and climate change leadership (*medium confidence*).** Governance  
27 practices will work best when they are coordinated within and between multiple scales and levels  
28 (institutional, geographical and temporal) and sectors, with supporting financial resource, are tailored  
29 for local conditions, gender-responsive and -inclusive, and are founded upon enduring institutional  
30 and social learning capabilities to address the complexity, dynamism, uncertainty and contestation  
31 that characterise escalating climate risk (*medium confidence*) {1.4.2, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 4.8, 4.8.1, 4.8.2, 4.8.3,  
32 4.8.4, 4.8.5, 4.8.6, 4.8.7, 6.4.3, 6.4.4, 9.4.5, 17.4, 17.6}.

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34 **TS.E.5.1 Prevailing governance efforts have not closed the adaptation gap (*very high confidence*), in  
35 part due to the complex interconnections between climate and non-climate risk and the limits of the  
36 predominant development and governance practices (*high confidence*).** Institutional fragmentation,  
37 under-resourcing of services, inadequate adaptation funding, uneven capability to manage uncertainties and  
38 conflicting values, and reactive governance across competing policy domains, collectively lock in existing  
39 exposures and vulnerabilities, creating barriers and limits to adaptation, and undermine climate resilient  
40 development prospects (*high confidence*). This is amplified by inequity; poverty; population growth and high  
41 population density, land use change, especially deforestation, soil degradation, and biodiversity loss, high  
42 dependence of national and local economies on natural resources for production of commodities, weak  
43 governance, unequal access to safe water and sanitation services, and a lack of infrastructure and financing  
44 which reduce adaptation capacity and deepen vulnerability (*high confidence*). {3.6.3, 3.6.5, 6.4.3, 9.4.1, 11.7,  
45 12.1.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5.5, 12.5.7, Table 11.14, Table 11.16, Figure 12.2, Figure 6.5}.

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47 **TS.E.5.2 Climate governance arrangements and practices are enabled when they are embedded in  
48 societal systems that advance human well-being and planetary health (*very high confidence*).** Collective  
49 action and strengthened networked collaboration; more inclusive governance; spatial planning and risk-  
50 sensitive infrastructure delivery will contribute to reducing risks (*medium confidence*). Enablers for climate  
51 governance include better practices and legal reforms; improving justice, equity and gender considerations;  
52 building human resource capacity; increased finance and risk transfer mechanisms; education and climate  
53 change literacy programmes; increased access to climate information; adequately downscaled climate data  
54 and embedding Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge as well as integrating cultural resources into  
55 decision-making (*high confidence*) {4.8.7, 9.4.5, 15.6.1, 15.6.3, 15.6.4, 15.6.5, 17.4, 17.6}.

1 **TS.E.5.3 Climate governance will be most effective when it has meaningful and ongoing involvement**  
2 **of all societal actors from the local to global levels (*very high confidence*).** Actors, including individuals  
3 and households, communities, governments at all levels, private sector businesses, non-governmental  
4 organisations, Indigenous Peoples, religious groups and social movements, at many scales and in many  
5 sectors, are adapting already and can take stronger adaptation and mitigation actions. Many forms of  
6 adaptation are more effective, cost-efficient, and also more equitable when organized inclusively (*high*  
7 *confidence*). Greater coordination and engagement across levels of government, business and community  
8 serves to move from planning to action, and from reactive to proactive adaptation (*high confidence*).  
9 Inclusion of all societal actors helps to secure credibility, relevance and legitimacy, while fostering  
10 commitment and social learning (*medium to high confidence*), as well as equity and well-being, and reduces  
11 long-term vulnerability across scales (*high evidence, medium agreement*). Social movements in many cities,  
12 including those led by youth, have heightened public awareness about the need for urgent, inclusive  
13 adaptation that can enhance well-being, foster formal and informal cooperation and coherence between  
14 different institutions and build new adaptive capacities. City and local governments remain key actors  
15 facilitating climate change adaptation in cities and settlements (*medium confidence*). Private and business  
16 investment in key infrastructure, housing construction and through insurance can drive adaptive action at  
17 scale but can exclude the priorities of the poor (*medium confidence*). Networked community actions can  
18 address neighbourhood-scale improvements and vulnerability at scale (*very high confidence*). {1.4.2, 3.6.5,  
19 6.1, 6.4, 9.4.5, Box 9.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 14.6.3, Box 14.8, 17.2}.

21 **TS.E.5.4 Governance practices for climate resilient development will be most effective when supported**  
22 **by formal (e.g., the law) and informal (e.g., local customs and rituals) institutional arrangements**  
23 **providing for ongoing coordination between and alignment of local to international arrangements**  
24 **across sectors and policy domains (*high confidence*).** Aligned national and international legal and policy  
25 instruments can support the development and implementation of adaptation and climate risk management  
26 (*medium confidence*) and reduce exposure to key risks (*high confidence*). Dedicated climate change Acts can  
27 play a foundational and distinctive role in supporting effective climate governance, and are drivers of  
28 subsequent activity in both developing and developed countries (*high confidence*). The transboundary nature  
29 of many climate change risks and species responses will require transboundary solutions through multi-  
30 national or regional governance processes on land (*medium confidence*) and at sea (*high confidence*). {3.6.5,  
31 4.6.2, 4.6, 6.1, 9.4.3, 9.4.4, 11.7.1, 11.7.3, 17.2.1, 17.3.2, 17.4.2, 17.5.1, 17.6, 18.4.3, Table 3.28 Box 9.5,  
32 CCP5.4.2, CCP6.3, CCB MOVING PLATE}.

34 **TS.E.5.5 Multilateral governance efforts can help reconcile contested interests, world views and values**  
35 **about how to address climate change (*medium confidence*).** Policy responses and strategies that localize  
36 development and expand the adaptation and mobility options of populations exposed to climatic risks can  
37 also reduce risks of climate-related conflict and political instability (*high agreement, medium evidence*).  
38 Formal institutional arrangements for natural resource management can contribute to wider cooperation and  
39 peace-building (*high confidence*). Reducing vulnerability depends on inclusive engagement of the most  
40 vulnerable, is gender-responsive, including key societal actors from civil society, private sector and  
41 government, with an especially important role played by local government in partnership with local  
42 communities. Strong governance and gender-sensitive approaches to natural resource management reduce  
43 the risk of intergroup conflict in climate-disrupted areas (*medium confidence*). {3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 4.8.5,  
44 4.8.6, 4.8.7, 6.1, 7.4.4, 7.4.5, CCB COVID, CCB HEALTH, CCB GENDER, CCB INDIG}

46 **TS.E.5.6 A range of governance processes, practices and tools that are applicable across a range of**  
47 **temporal and spatial scales are available to support inclusive decision making for adaptation and risk**  
48 **management in diverse settings (*high confidence*).** National guidance and laws, policies and regulations,  
49 decision tools that can be tailored to local circumstances, innovative engagement processes and collaborative  
50 governance can motivate better understanding of climate risk and build climate resilient development (*high*  
51 *confidence*). Collaborative networks and institutions including among local communities and their governing  
52 authorities can help resolve conflicts (*high confidence*). A combination of robust climate information,  
53 adaptive decision-making under uncertainty, land use planning, public engagement, and conflict resolution  
54 approaches can help to address governance constraints to prepare for climate risks and build adaptive  
55 capacity (*high confidence*). New modelling, monitoring and evaluation approaches, alongside disruptive  
56 technologies can help understand the societal implications of trade-offs and build integrated pathways of  
57 'low regrets' anticipatory options, established jointly across sectors in a timely manner, to avoid locked in

1 development pathways (*high confidence*). {3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 5.14.1, 5.14.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 11.7.1,  
2 11.7.3, Box 11.5, 15.5.3, 15.5.4, 15.6.3, 15.6.4, 15.6.5, 17.3.1, 17.3.2, 17.4.2, 17.4.4, 17.6, CCP2.4.3,  
3 CWGB BIOECONOMY, CCB NATURAL, CCB DEEP, CCB SLR}  
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6 **TS.E.6 Accelerating climate change and trends in exposure and vulnerability underscore the need for**  
7 **rapid action on the range of transformational approaches to expand the future set of effective, feasible,**  
8 **and just solutions (*very high confidence*). Transformation towards climate resilient development is**  
9 **advanced most effectively, when actors work in inclusive and enabling ways to reconcile divergent**  
10 **interests, values and worldviews, building on information and knowledge on climate risk and**  
11 **adaptation options derived from different knowledge systems (*high confidence*). Taking action now**  
12 **provides the foundation for adaptation to current and future risks, for large-scale mitigation measures**  
13 **and for effective outcomes for both** {2.6.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.6.5, 7.2.1, 7.3.1, 8.3.3, 8.3.4, 8.4.5, 13.3.2,  
14 13.4.2, 13.8, 13.10.2, 18.3.2, Table 18.5, Figure 18.1, Figure 8.12, Box 18.1, CCB ILLNESS, CCB  
15 FINANCE, CCB FEASIB, CCB NATURAL, Figure TS.14}

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17 **TS.E.6.1 Large-scale, transformational adaptation necessitates enabling improved approaches to**  
18 **governance and coordination across sectors and jurisdictions to avoid overwhelming current adaptive**  
19 **capacities and to avoid future maladaptive actions (*high confidence*). Response options in one sector can**  
20 **become response risks exacerbating impacts in other sectors. A deliberate shift from primarily technological**  
21 **adaptation strategies to those that additionally incorporate behavioural and institutional changes, adaptation**  
22 **finance, equity and environmental justice, and that align policy with global sustainability goals, will facilitate**  
23 **transformational adaptation (*high confidence*). Application and efficacy testing of climate-resilient**  
24 **development, or adaptation “pathways” show promise for implementing transformational approaches**  
25 **(*medium confidence*), including expansion of ecosystem-based adaptation approaches. Climate information**  
26 **services that are demand-driven and context specific combined with climate change literacy have the**  
27 **potential to improve adaptation responses. (*high confidence*)** {5.14.3, 9.4.5, 14.7.2, 14.6, 17.6}  
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29 **TS.E.6.2 Climate resilient development pathways depend on how contending societal interests, values**  
30 **and worldviews are reconciled through inclusive and participatory interactions between governance**  
31 **actors in these arenas of engagement (*high confidence*). These interactions occur in many different arenas**  
32 **(e.g., governmental, economic and financial, political, knowledge, science and technology, and community)**  
33 **that represent the settings, places, and spaces in which societal actors interact to influence the nature and**  
34 **course of development. For instance, Agenda 2030 highlights the importance of multi-level adaptation**  
35 **governance, including non-state actors from civil society and the private sector. This implies the need for**  
36 **wider arenas of engagement for diverse actors to collectively solve problems and to unlock the synergies**  
37 **between adaptation and mitigation and sustainable development (*high confidence*).** {18.4.3}  
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39 **TS.E.6.3 Managing transition risk is a critical element of transforming society (*high confidence*).**  
40 **Systems transitions toward climate resilient development pose potential risks to sectors and regions.**  
41 **This implies managing climate risk in the event that greenhouse-gas mitigation efforts over- or under-**  
42 **perform. In addition, decision-makers should be aware of the financial risks associated with stranded assets,**  
43 **technology risks, and the risks to social equity or ecosystem health. By acknowledging, assessing, and**  
44 **managing such risks, actors will have a greater likelihood of achieving success in making development**  
45 **climate resilient. Opportunities exist to promote synergies between sustainable development, adaptation, and**  
46 **mitigation, but trade-offs are likely unavoidable, and managing trade-offs and synergies will be important**  
47 **(*high confidence*). Climate-resilient development risks and opportunities vary by location with uncertainty**  
48 **about global mitigation effort and future climates relevant to local planning (*high confidence*).** {4.7.6,  
49 4.8, 17.4, 17.6, 18.4, 18.5}  
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51 **TS.E.6.4 Prospects for transformation towards climate resilient development increase when key**  
52 **governance actors work together in inclusive and constructive ways to create a set of appropriate**  
53 **enabling conditions (*high confidence*). These enabling conditions include effective governance and**  
54 **information flow, policy frameworks that incentivize sustainability solutions; adequate financing for**  
55 **adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development; institutional capacity; science, technology and**

1 innovation; monitoring and evaluation of climate resilient development policies, programs, and practices;  
2 and international cooperation. Investment in social and technological innovation, could generate the  
3 knowledge and entrepreneurship needed to catalyze system transitions, and their transfer. The  
4 implementation of policies that incentivize the deployment of low-carbon technologies and practices within  
5 specific sectors such as energy, buildings, and agriculture could accelerate greenhouse gas mitigation and  
6 deployment of climate resilient infrastructure, in urban and rural areas. Civic engagement is an important  
7 element of building societal consensus and reducing barriers to action on adaptation, mitigation, and  
8 sustainable development. (*very high confidence*). {18.4}

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1 **Appendix TS.AI: List and location of WGII AR6 Cross-Chapter Boxes (CCBs) & Cross-Working**  
 2 **Group Boxes (CWGBs)**

Host Chapter	CCB/CWGB Type/Acronym	CCB/CWGB Title
1	CCB CLIMATE	AR6 WGI Climate Change Projections, Global Warming Levels, and WGII Common Climate Dimensions
1	CCB PALEO	Observed Vulnerability and Adaptation to Past Climate Changes
1	CCB ADAPT	Adaptation Science
1	CWGB ATTRIB (WGI & WGII)	Attribution in the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report
2	CCB NATURAL	Nature-Based Solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation
2	CCB EXTREMES	Ramifications of climatic extremes for marine, terrestrial, freshwater and polar natural systems
2	CCB ILLNESS	Human health, biodiversity and climate: serious risks posed by vector- and water-borne diseases
3	CCB SLR	Sea Level Rise
4	CCB DISASTER	Disasters as the Public Face of Climate Change
5	CCB MOVING PLATE	The Moving Plate: Sourcing Food when Species Distributions Change
5	CWGB BIOECONOMY (WGII & WGIII)	Mitigation and Adaptation via the Bioeconomy
6	CWGB URBAN (WGII & WGIII)	Cities and Climate Change in the Age of the Anthropocene
7	CCB COVID	COVID-19
7	CCB MIGRATE	Climate-Related Migration
7	CCB HEALTH	Co-Benefits Of Climate Solutions For Human Health And Wellbeing
16	CCB INTEREG	Inter-Regional Flows Of Risks And Responses To Risk
16	CWGB SRM (WGII & WGIII)	Solar Radiation Modification
16	CWGB ECONOMIC (WGII & WGIII)	Estimating global economic impacts from climate change and the social cost of carbon
17	CCB LOSS	Loss and Damage
17	CCB DEEP	Effective adaptation and decision-making under deep uncertainties
17	CCB FINANCE	Finance for Adaptation and Resilience
17	CCB PROGRESS	Approaches and Challenges to Assess Adaptation Progress at the Global Level
18	CCB GENDER	Gender, Climate Justice and Transformative Pathways
18	CCB INDIG	The Role of Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge in Understanding and Adapting to Climate Change
18	CCB FEASIB	Feasibility Assessment of Adaptation Options: an update of SR1.5C

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## Appendix TS.AII: Aggregated Climate Risk Assessments in WGII AR6

This supplementary material presents the various aggregated risk assessments applied in the WGII Sixth Assessment. This includes the Key Risks identified by all the chapters and the way they can be clustered into Representative Key Risks (RKR) (TS.AII.1), with a summary of the severity conditions for these RKR across climate and development pathways, and the interactions between these risks (TS.AII.2). The assessment of the five Reasons for Concern, presented in the iconic “burning embers”, provides a complementary cross-cutting impact and risk assessment. This approach is described in TS.AII.3, along with a comparison with the RKR (TS.AII.4). The burning embers for the global and cross-cutting Reasons for Concern are complemented by similar depictions for specific regional and thematic concerns (SMTS2.1).

### TS.AII.1 Key Risks and Representative Key Risks (RKR)

Regional and sectoral chapters of this report identified over 130 Key Risks (KR) that could become severe under particular conditions of climate hazards, exposure, and vulnerability (see Table SMTS.4). These key risks are assessed to be potentially ‘severe’ i.e., relevant to the interpretation of dangerous anthropogenic interference (DAI) with the climate system, along levels for warming, exposure/vulnerability, and adaptation. Severity has been assessed looking at magnitude of adverse consequences, likelihood of adverse consequences, temporal characteristics of the risk, and ability to respond to the risks. Key risks cover scales from the local to the global, are especially prominent in particular regions or systems, and are particularly large for vulnerable subgroups, especially low-income populations, and already at-risk ecosystems (*high confidence*). {16.5, Table SM16.4}

These key risks can be represented in eight so-called Representative Key Risks (RKR) clusters of key risks relating to low-lying coastal systems; terrestrial and ocean ecosystems; critical physical infrastructure, networks and services; living standards; human health; food security; water security; and peace and mobility (*high confidence*) (Table TS.A.1). The assessment of these RKR, which is presented in detail in chapter 16, has also been used to organise the synthetic assessment of adaptation options in chapter 17, and is integrated across various sections in the TS and SPM. {16.5, SM16.2.1, 17.2.1, 17.5.1}

**Table TS.AII.1:** Climate-related Representative Key Risks (RKR). {16.5, Table 16.6}

Code	Representative Key Risk	Scope	Sub-section assessment of RKR
RKR-A	Risk to low-lying coastal socio-ecological systems	Risks to ecosystem services, people, livelihoods and key infrastructure in low-lying coastal areas, and associated with a wide range of hazards, including sea level changes, ocean warming and acidification, weather extremes (storms, cyclones), sea ice loss, etc.	16.5.2.3.1
RKR-B	Risk to terrestrial and ocean ecosystems	Transformation of terrestrial and ocean/coastal ecosystems, including change in structure and/or functioning, and/or loss of biodiversity.	16.5.2.3.2
RKR-C	Risks associated with critical physical infrastructure, networks and services	Systemic risks due to extreme events leading to the breakdown of physical infrastructure and networks providing critical goods and services.	16.5.2.3.3
RKR-D	Risk to living standards	Economic impacts across scales, including impacts on Gross Domestic Product (GDP), poverty, and livelihoods, as well as the exacerbating effects of impacts on socio-economic inequality between and within countries.	16.5.2.3.4

RKR-E	Risk to human health	Human mortality and morbidity, including heat-related impacts and vector-borne and water-borne diseases.	16.5.2.3.5
RKR-F	Risk to food security	Food insecurity and the breakdown of food systems due to climate change effects on land or ocean resources.	16.5.2.3.6
RKR-G	Risk to water security	Risk from water related hazards (floods and droughts) and water quality deterioration. Focus on water scarcity, water-related disasters and risk to indigenous and traditional cultures and ways of life	16.5.2.3.7
RKR-H	Risks to peace and to human mobility	Risks to peace within and among societies from armed conflict as well as risks to low-agency human mobility within and across state borders, including the potential for involuntarily immobile populations.	16.5.2.3.8

### TS.AII.2 Assessment of Severity Conditions for Representative Key Risks

Figure TS.AII.1 presents a synthesis of the severity conditions for Representative Key Risks by the end of this century. As an illustration of the more specific sets of conditions that result in severe risk for a particular RKR, Figure TS.AII.2 provides examples from individual studies of risks to living standards and the conditions under which they could become severe in terms of aggregate economic output, poverty, and livelihoods.

The assessment of RKR demonstrates that severe risk is rarely driven by a single determinant (warming, exposure/vulnerability, adaptation), but rather by a combination of conditions that jointly produce the level of pervasiveness of consequences, irreversibility, thresholds, cascading effects, likelihood of consequences, temporal characteristics of risk and the systems' ability to respond (*medium to high confidence*). In other words, climate risk is not a matter of changing hazards (or climatic impact drivers) only, but of the confrontation between changing hazards and changing socio-ecological conditions.

For most Representative Key Risks (RKR), potentially global and systemically pervasive risks become severe in the case of high warming, combined with high exposure/vulnerability, low adaptation, or both (*high confidence*). Under these conditions there would be severe and pervasive risks to critical infrastructure and to human health from heat-related mortality (*high confidence*), to low-lying coastal areas, aggregate economic output, and livelihoods (all *medium confidence*), of armed conflict (*low confidence*), and to various aspects of food security (with different levels of confidence). Severe risks interact through cascading effects, potentially causing amplification of RKR over the course of this century (*low evidence, high agreement*). {16.5.2, 16.5.4, Figure 16.10, Figure TS.AII.1}

For some RKR, potentially global and systemically pervasive risks would become severe even with medium to low warming (i.e., 1.5°C-2°C) if exposure/vulnerability is high and/or adaptation is low (*medium to high confidence*). Under these conditions there would be severe and pervasive risks associated with water scarcity and water-related disasters (*high confidence*), poverty, involuntary mobility, and insular ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots (all *medium confidence*). {16.5.2}

All potentially severe risks that apply to particular sectors or groups of people at more specific regional and local levels require high exposure/vulnerability or low adaptation (or both), but do not necessarily require high warming (*high confidence*). Under these conditions there would be severe, specific risks to low-lying coastal systems, to people and economies from critical infrastructure disruption, economic output in developing countries, livelihoods in climate-sensitive sectors, waterborne diseases especially in children in low- and middle-income countries, water-related impacts on traditional ways of life, and involuntary mobility for example in small islands and low-lying coastal areas (*medium to high confidence*). {16.5.2}

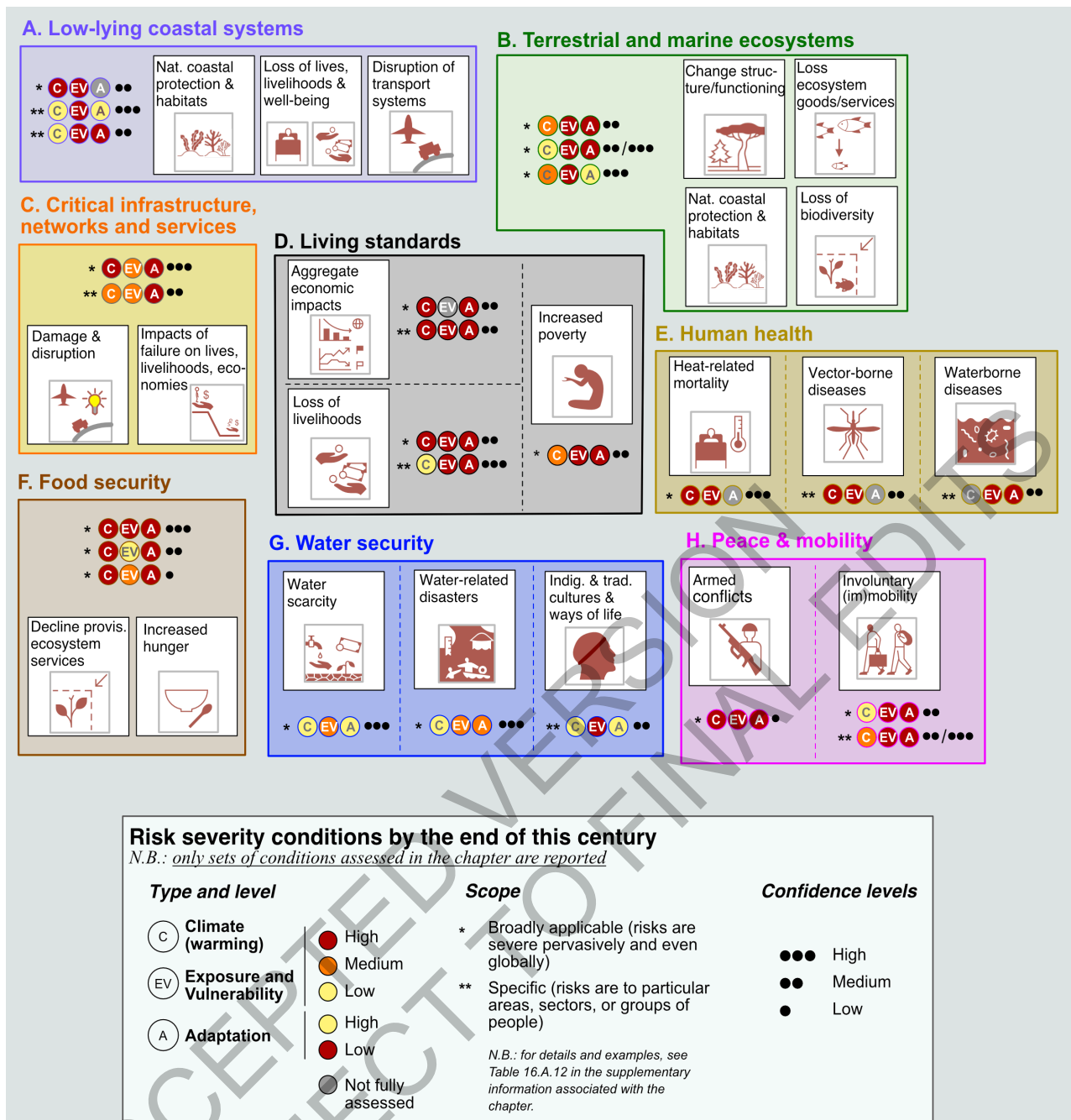
Some severe impacts are already occurring (*high confidence*) and will occur in many more systems before mid-century (*medium confidence*). Tropical and polar low-lying coastal human communities are experiencing severe impacts today (*high confidence*), and abrupt ecological changes resulting from mass

1 population-level mortality are already observed following climate extreme events. Some systems will  
2 experience severe risks before the end of the century (*medium confidence*), for example critical infrastructure  
3 affected by extreme events (*medium confidence*). Food security for millions of people, particularly low-  
4 income populations, also faces significant risks with moderate to high warming or high vulnerability, with a  
5 growing challenge by 2050 in terms of providing nutritious and affordable diets (*high confidence*). {16.5.2,  
6 16.5.3}

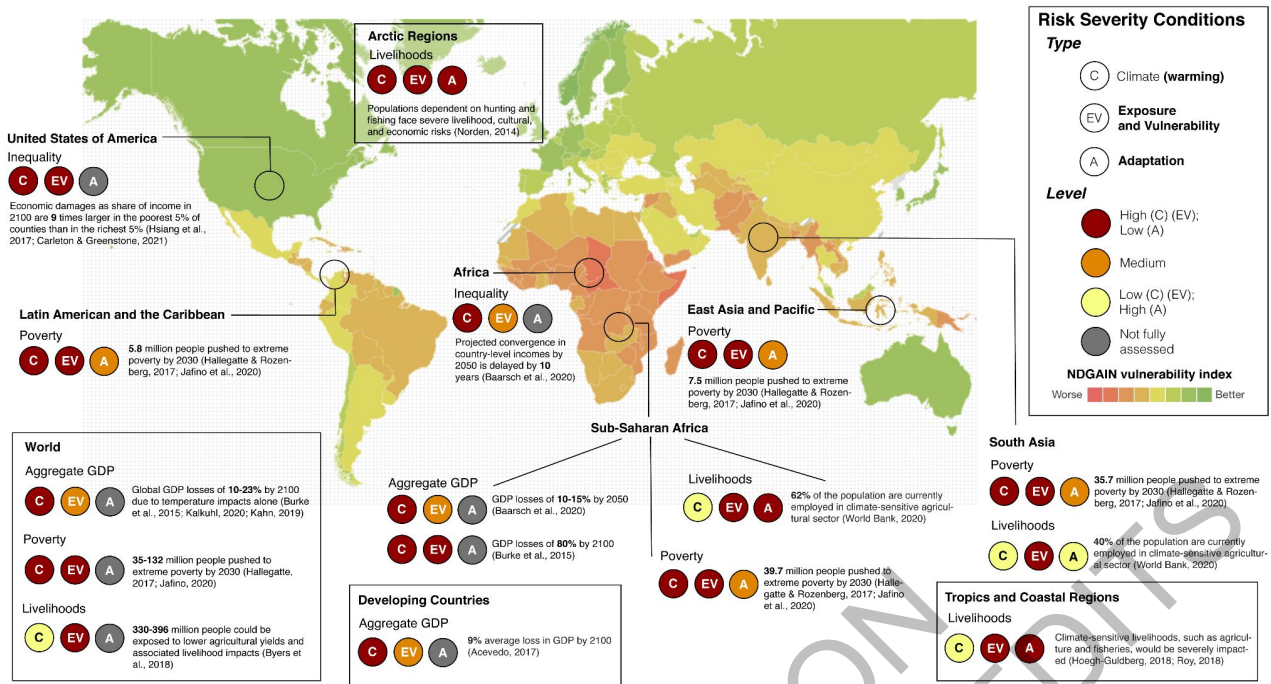
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8 In specific systems already marked by high exposure and vulnerability, high adaptation efforts will not be  
9 sufficient to prevent severe risks from occurring under high warming (*low evidence, medium agreement*).  
10 This is particularly the case for some ecosystems and water-related risks (from water scarcity and to  
11 indigenous and traditional cultures and ways of life). {16.5.2, 16.5.3}

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13 Key risks increase the challenges in achieving global sustainability goals (*high confidence*). The greatest  
14 challenges will be from risks to water (RKR-G), living standards (RKR-D), coastal socio-ecological systems  
15 (RKR-A) and peace and human mobility (RKR-H). The most relevant goals are Zero hunger (SDG2),  
16 Sustainable cities and communities (SDG11), Life below water (SDG14), Decent work and economic  
17 growth (SDG8), and No poverty (SDG1). Priority areas for regions are indicated by the intersection of  
18 hazards, risks and challenges, where, in the near term, challenges to SDGs indicate probable systemic  
19 vulnerabilities and issues in responding to climatic hazards. (*high confidence*) {16.6.1}

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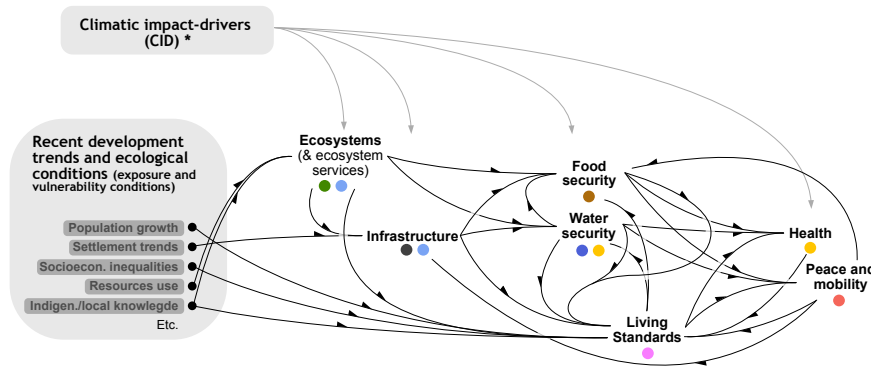
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2 **Figure TS.AII.1:** Synthesis of the severity conditions for Representative Key Risks (RKR) by the end of this century.  
3 The figure does not aim to describe severity conditions exhaustively for each RKR, but rather to illustrate the risks  
4 highlighted in this report (Sections 16.5.2.3.1 to 16.5.2.3.8). Coloured circles represent the levels of warming (climate),  
5 exposure/vulnerability, and adaptation that would lead to severe risks for particular key risks and RKR. Each set of  
6 three circles represents a combination of conditions that would lead to severe risk with a particular level of confidence,  
7 indicated by the number of black dots to the right of the set, and for a particular scope, indicated by the number of stars  
8 to the left of the set. The two scopes are ‘broadly applicable’, meaning applicable pervasively and even globally, and  
9 ‘specific’, meaning applicable to particular areas, sectors, or groups of people. Details of confidence levels and scopes  
10 can be found in Section 16.5.2.3. In terms of severity condition levels (see Section 16.5.2.3), for warming levels  
11 (coloured circles labeled ‘C’ in the figure), High refers to climate outcomes consistent with RCP8.5 or higher, Low  
12 refers to climate outcomes consistent with RCP2.6 or lower, and Medium refers to intermediary climate scenarios.  
13 Exposure-Vulnerability levels are determined relative to the range of future conditions considered in the literature. For  
14 Adaptation, High refers to near maximum potential and Low refers to the continuation of today’s trends. Despite being  
15 intertwined in reality, Exposure-Vulnerability and Adaptation conditions are distinguished to help understand their  
16 respective contributions to risk severity. {Figure 16.10}



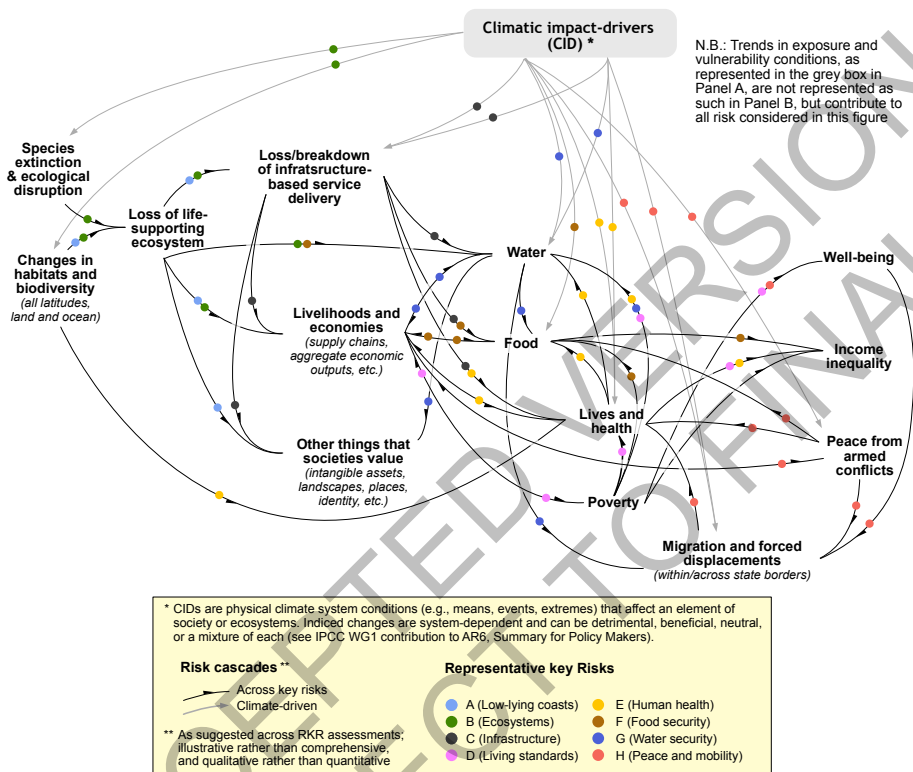
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2 **Figure TS.AII.2:** Illustrative examples from individual studies of risks to living standards and the conditions under which they could become severe in terms of aggregate economic output, poverty, and livelihoods. High, medium, and low levels of warming, exposure/vulnerability, and adaptation are defined as in Figure TS.AII.1. {Figure 16.9}

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7 Multiple feedbacks between individual risks exist that have the potential to create cascades and then to amplify systemic risks and impacts far beyond the level of individual RKR (*medium confidence*), as also reflected in TS C.11. These are illustrated in Figure TS.AII.3, panel A at the RKR level, and in Figure TS.AII.3, panel B at the KR level.

**Panel A - Interactions across the eight Representative Key Risk level**



**Panel B - Illustration of interactions at the Key Risk level (e.g. from ecological risk to key dimensions for human societies)**



**Figure TS.AII.3:** Illustration of some connections across key risks. Panel A describes all the cross-RKR risk cascades that are described in RKR assessments (Sections 16.5.2.3.2 to 16.5.2.3.9). Panel B provide an illustration of such interactions at the Key Risk level, e.g. from ecological risk to key dimensions for human societies (building on Section 16.5.2.2 and Table 16.A.4). The arrows are representative of interactions as qualitatively identified; they do not result from any quantitative modelling exercise. {Figure 16.11}

**TS.AII.3 Framework and Approach for Assessment of Burning Embers for RFCs**

The ‘Reasons for Concern’ (RFC) framework communicates scientific understanding about accrual of risk in relation to varying levels of warming for five broad categories: risk associated with (1) unique and threatened systems, (2) extreme weather events, (3) distribution of impacts, (4) global aggregate impacts, and (5) large-scale singular events. The RFC framework was first developed during the Third Assessment Report along with a visual representation of these risks as ‘burning embers’ figures, and this assessment framework has been further developed and updated in subsequent IPCC reports including AR5. RFCs reflect risks aggregated globally that together inform the interpretation of dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system {16.6.2, Figure TS.AII.1}

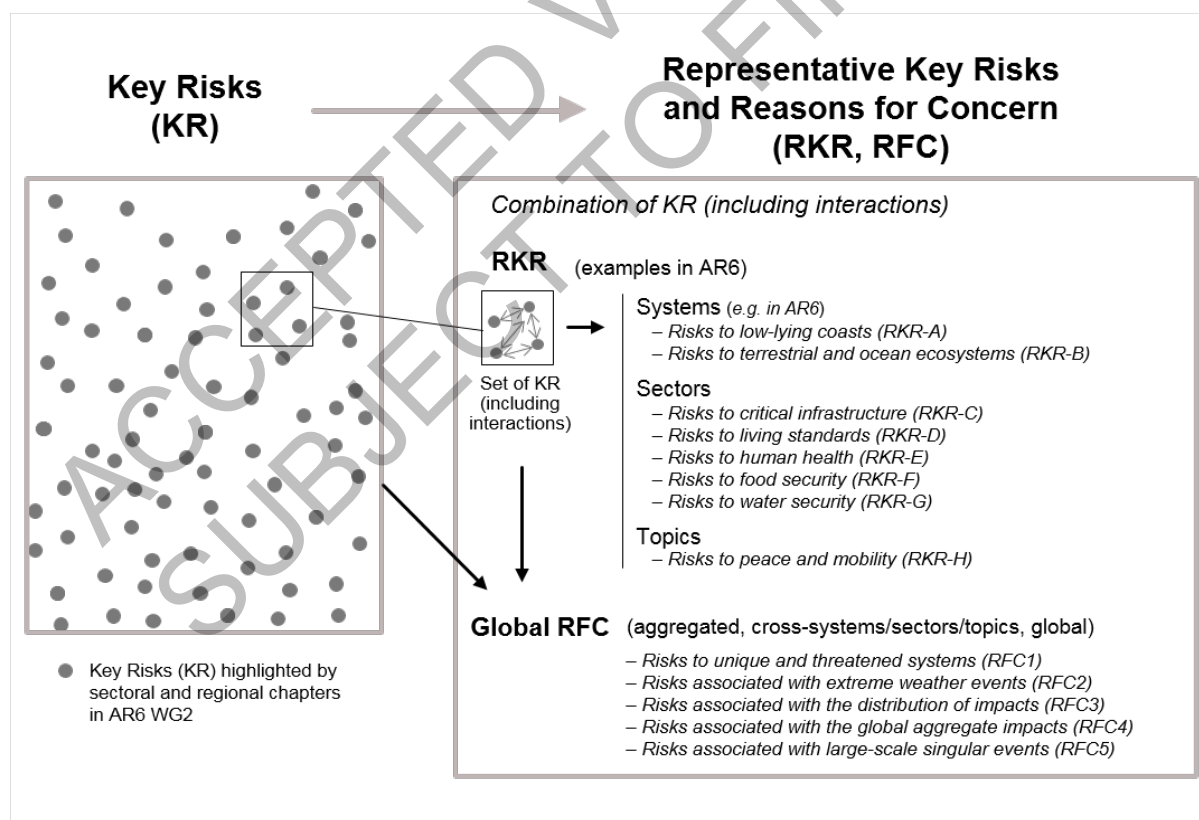
1 The risk transition or ‘ember’ diagram illustrates the progression of socio-ecological risk from climate  
 2 change as a function of global temperature change, taking into account the exposure and vulnerability of  
 3 people and ecosystems, as assessed by literature-based expert judgment. The definitions of risk levels used to  
 4 make the expert judgements are presented in Table TS.AII.2 {16.6.2}. Further details are provided in Section  
 5 16.6.3 {Figure TS.4}

8 **Table TS.AII.4:** Definition of Risk Levels for Reasons for Concern. {Table 16.7}

Level	Definition
Undetectable (White)	No associated impacts are detectable and attributable to climate change.
Moderate (Yellow)	Associated impacts are both detectable and attributable to climate change with at least <i>medium confidence</i> , also accounting for the other specific criteria for key risks.
High (Red)	Severe and widespread impacts that are judged to be high on one or more criteria for assessing key risks.
Very High (Purple)	Very high risk of severe impacts and the presence of significant irreversibility or the persistence of climate-related hazards, combined with limited ability to adapt due to the nature of the hazard or impacts/risks.

9 **TS.AII.4 Relationship between Representative Key Risks (RKR) and the Reasons for Concern (RFCs)**

10 The RKR and RFCs are complementary methods that aggregate individual risks in different ways, as  
 11 displayed in Figure TS.AII.4. They have differences in scale, transitions, timing and treatment of  
 12 vulnerability and adaptation {16.6.2}



17 **Figure TS.AII.4:** Interconnections between the Key Risks, Representative Key Risks and the Reasons for Concern  
 18 {Figure 16.11}