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Key Messages on Climate Change Adaptation:
Focus on Nepal and South Asia

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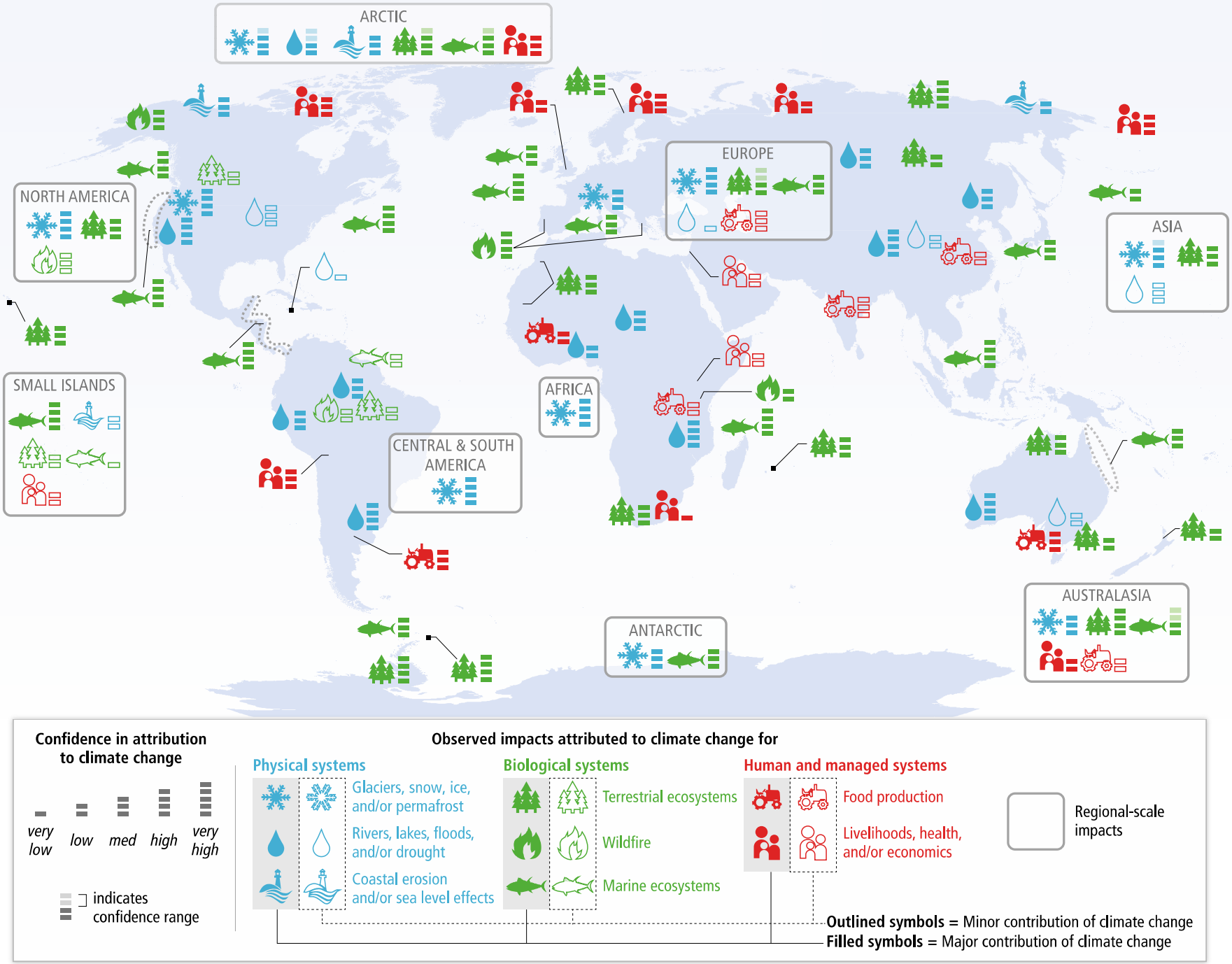
ARCTIC
NORTH AMERICA
EUROPE
ASIA
SMALL ISLANDS
AFRICA
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA
ANTARCTIC
AUSTRALASIA
Confidence in attribution to climate change
very low
low
med
high
very high
indicates confidence range
Observed impacts attributed to climate change for
Physical systems
Glaciers, snow, ice, and/or permafrost
Rivers, lakes, floods, and/or drought
Coastal erosion and/or sea level effects
Biological systems
Terrestrial ecosystems
Wildfire
Marine ecosystems
Human and managed systems
Food production
Livelihoods, health, and/or economics
Regional-scale impacts
Outlined symbols = Minor contribution of climate change
Filled symbols = Major contribution of climate change

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REDUCING AND MANAGING RISKS

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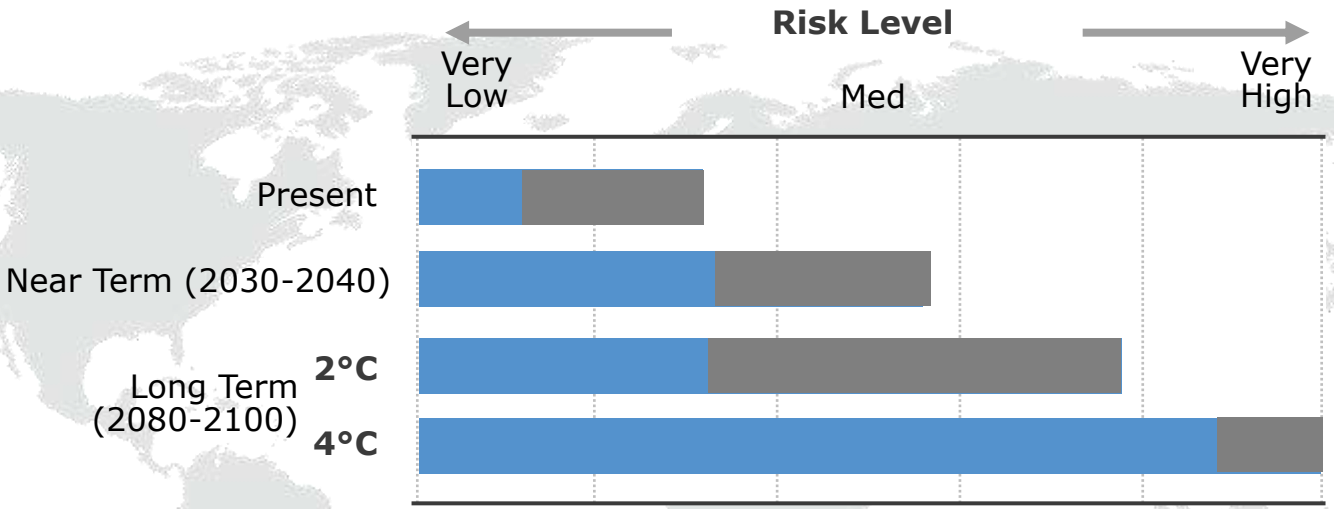
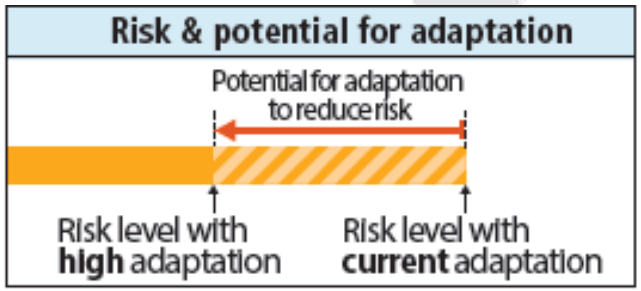
Assessing risk



Risk Level with **High** Adaptation

Risk Level with **Current** Adaptation

Potential for Additional Adaptation to Reduce Risk



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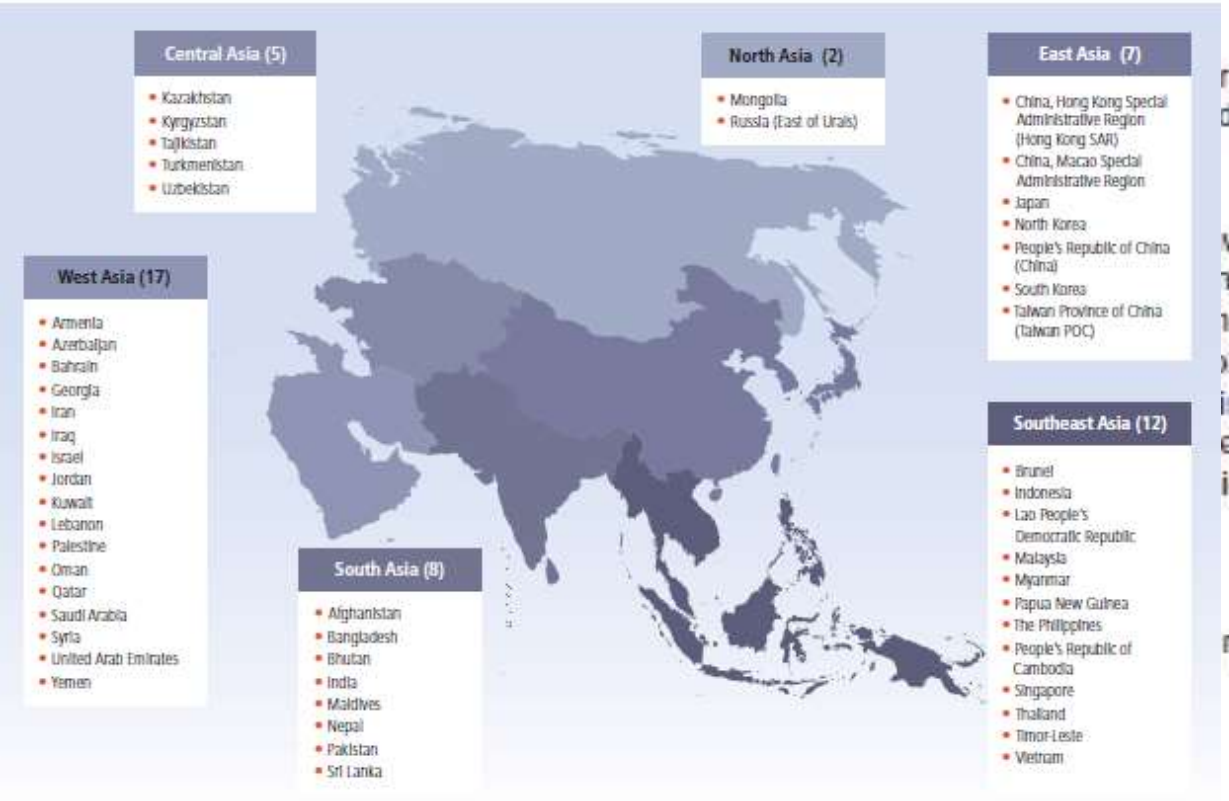
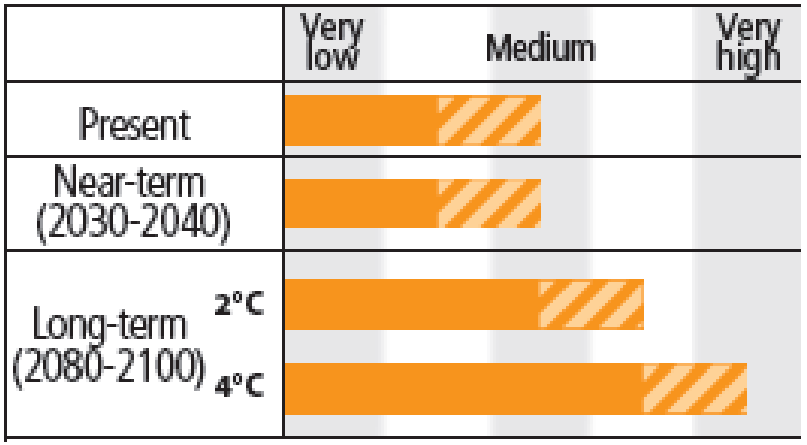


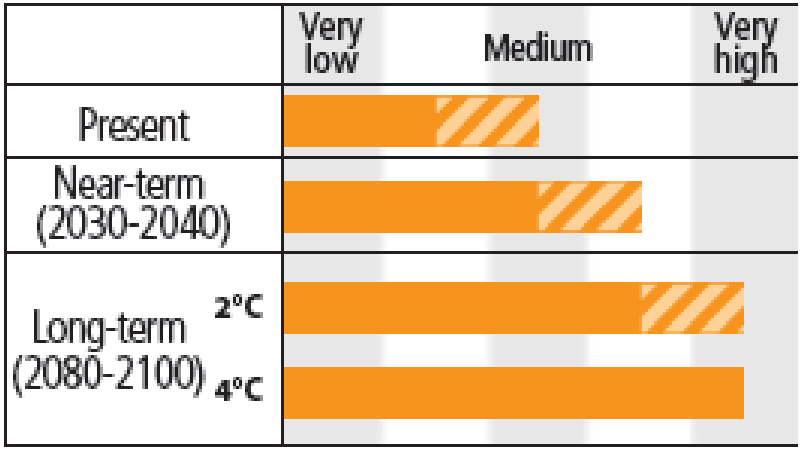
Figure 24-1 | The land and territories of 51 countries/regions in Asia. Maps contained in this report are only for the purpose of geographic information reference.

Key Risks in Asia

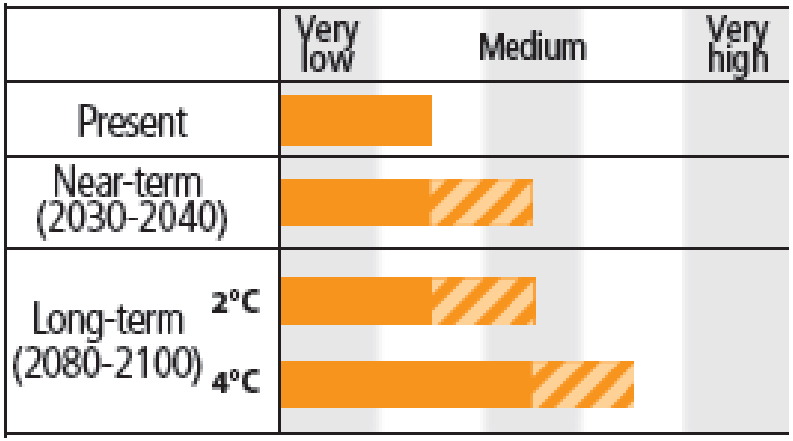
Increased coastal, riverine and urban flooding leading to widespread damage to infrastructure and settlements in Asia (medium confidence)



Increased risk of heat-related mortality (high confidence)



Increased risk of drought-related water and food shortage causing malnutrition (high confidence)



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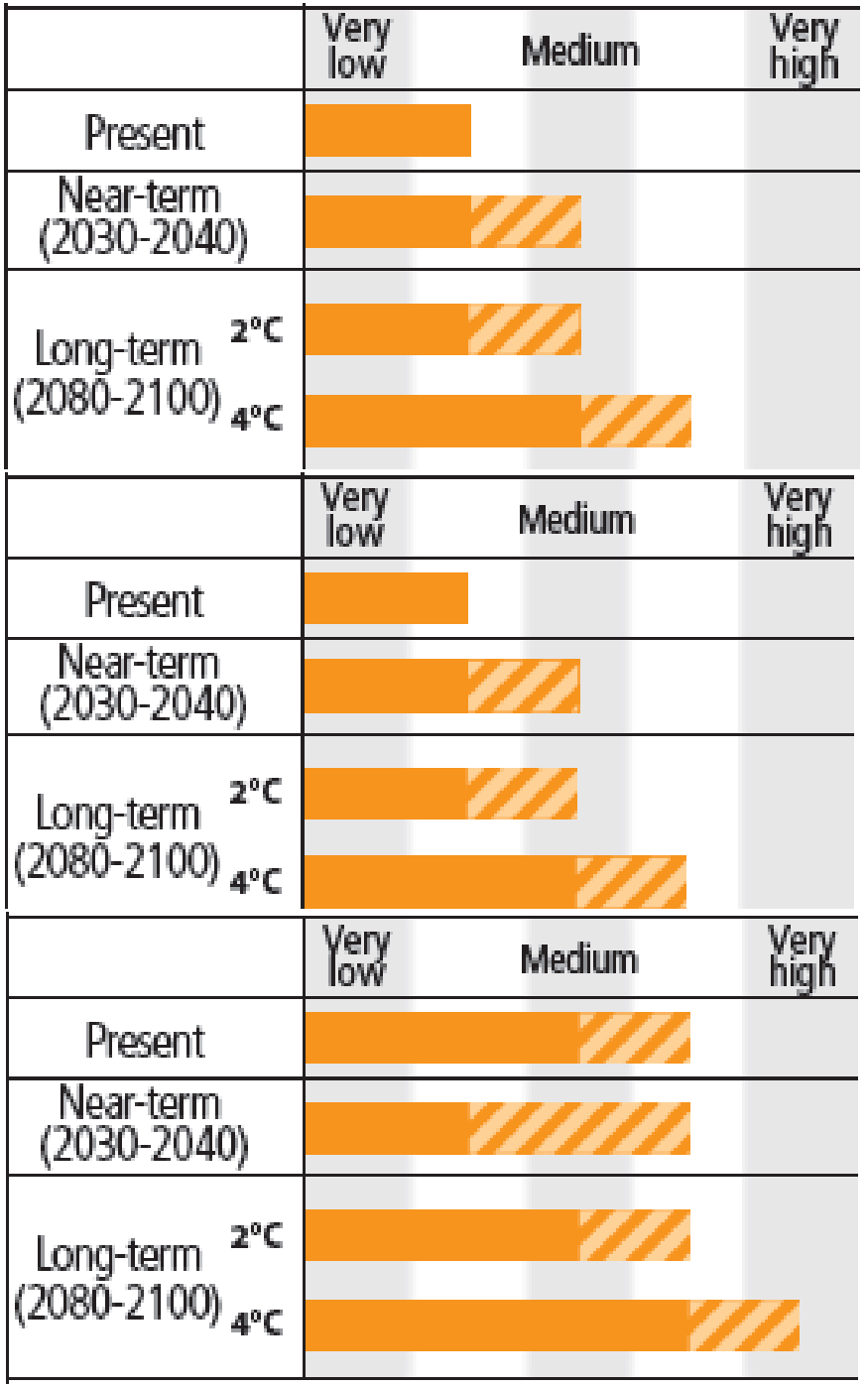
Key Risks in Asia

Increased risk of flood-related deaths, injuries, infectious diseases and mental disorders (medium confidence)

Increased risk of water and vector-borne diseases (medium confidence)

Exacerbated poverty, inequalities and new vulnerabilities (high confidence)



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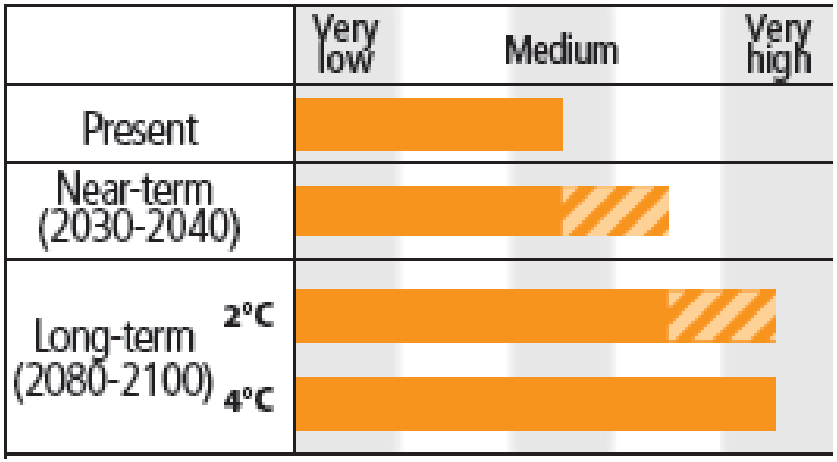
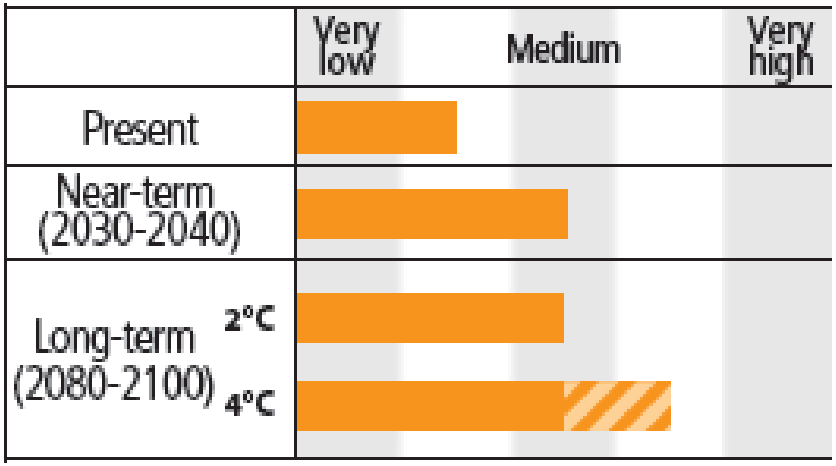
Coral reef decline in Asia (high confidence)

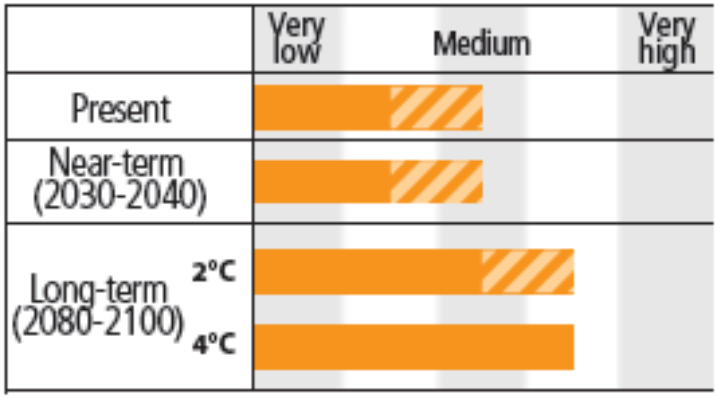


Mountain-top extinctions in Asia (high confidence)

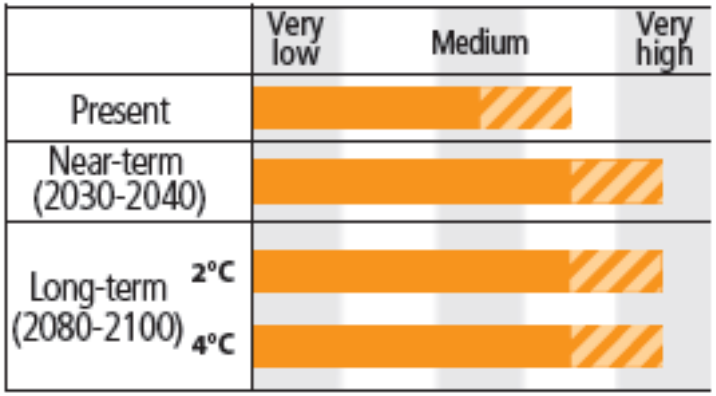


Key Risks in Asia

Increased risk of crop failure and lower crop production could lead to food insecurity in Asia (medium confidence)



Water shortage in arid areas of Asia (medium confidence)



<u>KEY CONCLUSIONS: IPCC-WG2 Chapter 24, Asia</u>

- Water scarcity is expected to be a major challenge for most of the region due to increased water demand and lack of good management (*medium confidence*)
- There is *low confidence* in future precipitation projections at a sub-regional scale and thus in future freshwater availability in most parts of Asia.
- Integrated water management strategies could help adapt to climate change, including developing water saving technologies, increasing water productivity, and water reuse.

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Adaptation is already occurring

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Effective risk management and adaptation are tailored to local and regional needs and circumstances

- Changes in climate extremes vary across regions
- Each region has unique vulnerabilities and exposure to hazards
- Effective risk management and adaptation address the factors contributing to exposure and vulnerability

Source: IPCC, 2012

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Chapter 24, Asia: Coverage of Information

Source: IPCC, 2014

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Sector	Topics/issues	North Asia		East Asia		Southeast Asia		South Asia		Central Asia		West Asia	
	O = Observed impacts, P = Projected Impacts	O	P	O	P	O	P	O	P	O	P	O	P
Freshwater resources	Major river runoff	/	x	/	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x	x
	Water supply	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Terrestrial and inland water systems	Phenology and growth rates	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Distributions of species and biomes	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x
	Permafrost	/	/	/	/	/	x	/	/	/	/	/	x
	Inland waters	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coastal systems and low-lying areas	Coral reefs	NR	NR	/	/	/	/	/	/	NR	NR	/	/
	Other coastal ecosystems	x	x	/	/	x	x	x	x	NR	NR	x	x
	Arctic coast erosion	/	/	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Food production systems and food security	Rice yield	x	x	/	/	x	/	x	/	x	x	X	/
	Wheat yield	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	/	x	x	/	/
	Corn yield	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Other crops (e.g., barley, potato)	x	x	/	/	x	x	x	x	x	X	/	/
	Vegetables	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fruits	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Livestock	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fisheries and aquaculture production	x	/	x	/	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Farming area	x	/	x	/	x	x	x	/	x	/	x	x
	Water demand for irrigation	x	/	x	/	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x
	Pest and disease occurrence	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x
Human settlements, industry, and infrastructure	Floodplains	x	x	/	/	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x
	Coastal areas	x	x	/	/	/	/	/	/	NR	NR	x	x
	Population and assets	x	x	/	/	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x
	Industry and infrastructure	x	x	/	/	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x
Human health, security, livelihoods, and poverty	Health effects of floods	x	x	x	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x
	Health effects of heat	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Health effects of drought	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Water-borne diseases	x	x	x	x	/	x	/	x	x	x	x	x
	Vector-borne diseases	x	x	x	x	/	x	/	x	x	x	x	x
	Livelihoods and poverty	x	x	/	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	x	x
	Economic valuation	x	x	x	x	/	/	/	/	x	x	x	x

Box 24-1 | What's New on Asia in AR5?

- There is improved country coverage on observed and future impacts of climate change.
- There is an increase in the number of studies reflecting advances in research tools (e.g., more use of remote sensing and modeling of impacts), with an evaluation of detection and attribution where feasible.
- More conclusions have confidence statements, while confidence levels have changed in both directions since AR4.

Box 24-1 | What's New on Asia in AR5?

- Expanded coverage of issues—for example, discussion of the Himalayas has been expanded to cover observed and projected impacts (Box 3-2), including those on tourism (see Section 10.6.2); livelihood assets such as water and food (Sections 9.3.3.1, 13.3.1.1, 18.5.3, 19.6.3); poverty (Section 13.3.2.3); culture (Section 12.3.2); flood risks (Sections 18.3.1.1, 24.2.1); health risks (Section 24.4.6.2); and ecosystems (Section 24.4.2.2).