

# Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and its implication to Vietnam

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## RCP emission scenarios of global mean temperature change (relative to 1986-2005)





IPCC AR5 WGI Chp12



Paris COP 21 November / December 2015 Leading to the COP21 Agreement: "...holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels."



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Defining and comparing Long-Term Global Goals (LTGG) in AR5 and beyond?



.... the risk concept of IPCC WGII, liaising to WGI and WGIII approaches IDCC .... linking to Article 2, UNFCCC

#### Climate change....causing risks

#### ....which were assessed in AR5, with open questions for AR6:

1.5°C not fully covered and compared

(key risks are those relevant to article 2, UNFCCC:

"avoid dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system")



### "Burning ember diagrams" provide a perspective on risks ...in relation to global mean temperatures







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



UNFCCC Structured Expert Dialogue, 2013 -2015: ...comparing 1.5 and 2°C, identifying... Key risks of impacts Avoided impacts

#### Food security constrained: increase in crop production reduced





WGII, SPM.2

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## **Food security constrained:** >1.5°C: high risk of more severe impacts after 2050

Key risk	Adaptation issues & prospects
Reductions in mean crop yields because of climate change and increases in yield variability. ( <i>high confidence</i> ) [7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, Box 7-1]	With or without adaptation, negative impacts on average yields become <i>likely</i> from the 2030s with median yield impacts of 0 to -2% per decade projected for the rest of the century, and after 2050 the risk of more severe impacts increases. includes effects of redistributed precipitation,



Crop yields increasingly declining with climate change

>1.5°C

WGII, Table TS.4, SYR Table 2.3

- Impacts in Vietnam : Crop and rice production
- Climate change impacts on temperature and precipitation will affect food production and food security, with a generally negative impact on crop production however outcomes will be regionally diverse.
- Warming temperatures have increased the risks of heat stress to rice plants in certain months of the year
- Sea level rise threatens coastal and deltaic rice production areas
  - 1m sea level rise would submerge 7% of Vietnam's agricultural land
- Negative impacts on rice crops would exacerbate rural poverty



#### Food security constrained: ....Fisheries

#### 2051-60: displaced and reduced fish and invertebrate biodiversity





WGII, 6-14, SPM.6, SYR 2.6

### Constraints on fisheries in Vietnam by 2050





### Vulnerable AND unique:

### Warm water coral reefs





**EXAMPLE** 

2016 Coral Reef Studies

0.8°C

Verons 2009



### (Unacceptable) 2°C Consequences for Sustainable (Economic) Development

Increasingly unevenly distributed risks, esp. due to impacts on crop yields and water availability, as well as increasing inequalities

Shifts from <u>transient to chronic poverty</u> (social marginalization & food insecurity)

Elderly, children, the socially marginalized, and outdoor workers (farmers, construction, women securing water and firewood) disproportionally at risk from heat stress

IPCC WGII, SED 2014



### ADAPTATION

IS NECESSARY AND IS OCCURRING ...but without mitigation adaptation will not be sufficient.

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#### A sense of urgency:

Overcoming societal inertia and inaction in transformation....

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A common response even among those who know...!?

However, more needs to be done:

- Strengthen the UNFCCC process.
- enhance and exploit the science basis of solution options:
  - Conservation
  - Matching adaptation and ambitious mitigation
  - Sustainable development

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#### Thank you!