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Chapter 24, Asia: Coverage - 51 countries/regions

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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)







Near-term

Long-term 2°C (2080-2100) 4°C

(2030-2040)

2°C

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

Increased risk of water and vectorborne diseases (medium confidence)

Exacerbated poverty, inequalities and new vulnerabilities (high confidence)





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)

KEY CONCLUSIONS: IPCC-WG2

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- ❑ 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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Coral reef decline in Asia (high confidence)

	Yery low	Medium	Very high
Present			
Near-term (2030-2040)		///	
Long-term ^{2°C} (2080-2100) _{4°C}		1	

Mountain-top extinctions in Asia (high confidence)



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Adaptation is already occurring

- Combining Traditional and Scientific
 - Knowledge
- Adapting Communications Infrastructure
 - Coastal & Water Management
 - Environmental Protection & Land Planning
- Municipal-Level Actions
- Adapting Energy & Public Infrastructure
- Disaster Risk Management
 - Development Planning
 - Early Warning Systems
 - Mangrove Reforestation
 - Water Resources Management

- Disaster Risk Management
- Basic Public Health
- Livelihood Diversification
- Ecosystem-Based Adaptation
- Water Resources Management
- Resilient Crop Varieties

- Planning for Sea-Level Rise
- Planning for Reduced Wate Availability

- International Cooperation
- Marine Spatial Planning



Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems

Confidence level for transition: L=Low, M=Medium, H=High and VH=Very high

 Global Warming of 1.5°C



Glynn 1983, Hoegh-Guldberg 1999, Hughes et al 2017a,b

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B<u>iome shifts</u> and species range losses escalate to very high levels – adaptation options very limited

Extensive shifts of biomes with doubling or tripling of the plants, animals or insects losing over half of their climatically determined geographic ranges

Some climate change impacts evident

No detection and attribution of impacts of global warming on • terrestrial ecosystems



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Heat stress frequency: global



Increased risk of extreme sea level events



10,000x means that a current once-a-century flooding level is reached nearly every few days at normal high tide

Goodwin et al. 2017

Challenges in Cambodia (NC2 2015)



Agriculture areas exposed to higher risk of drought, reduced rice production

Coastal inundation and associated hazards due to sea level rise

Increased risk of malaria transmission

Figure 2.4: Forest types of Cambodia Challenges in Lao PDR (NC2 2013)



Figure 3-3: Types of climate-related hazards in Lao PDR, 1966-2009



- Current national commitments are not enough to keep to either 1.5°C or 2°C
- Would require deep changes in all aspects of society (e.g. energy, land, buildings, transport, food & diets, cities)
- New technologies, efficiency, cleaner energy sources, less deforestation, new land uses, sustainable agriculture
- Good news is there is movement in the right direction in lots of these areas but would need to do more, faster
- But this would require greater collective ambition

Thank you very much!

