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## Key findings from the IPCC SR 1.5

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**An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.**



## Where are we now?

Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming.

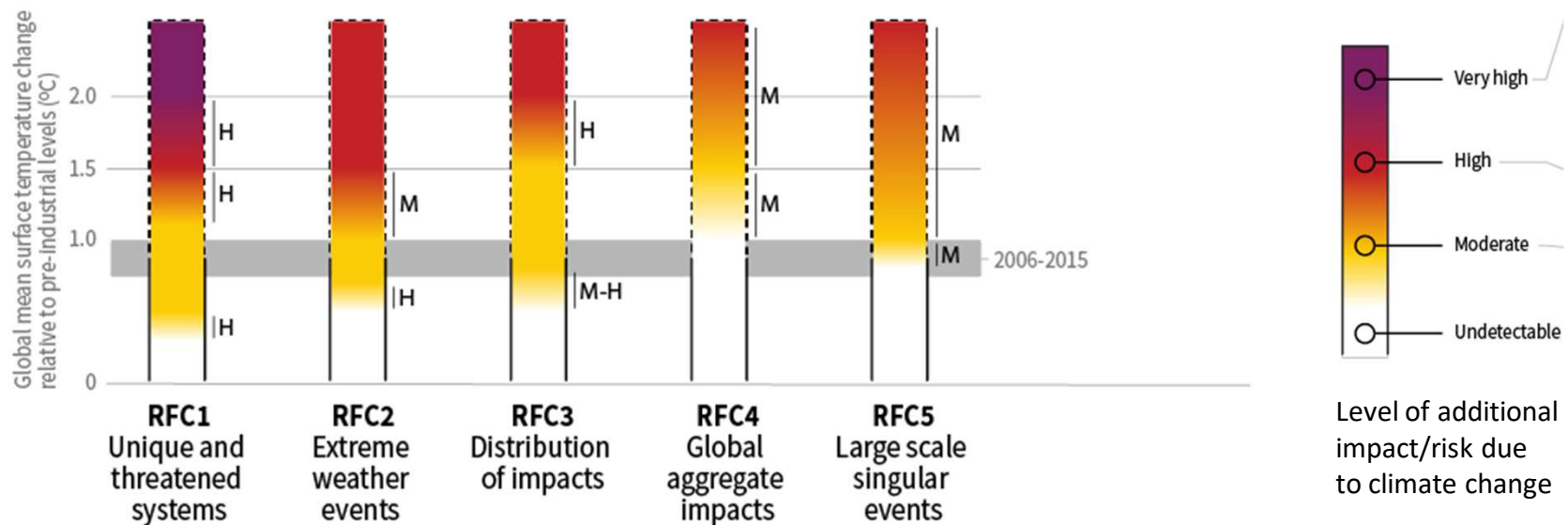
- Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods
- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C

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### Impacts and risks associated with the Reasons for Concern (RFCs)



Examples:

RFC1: coral reefs, the Arctic and its indigenous people, mountain glaciers and biodiversity hotspots

RFC2: risks/impacts due to extreme weather events such as heat waves, heavy rain, drought and associated wildfires, and coastal flooding



## Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Less extreme weather where people live, including extreme heat and rainfall
- By 2100, global mean sea level rise will be around 10 cm lower but may continue to rise for centuries
- 10 million fewer people exposed to risk of rising seas



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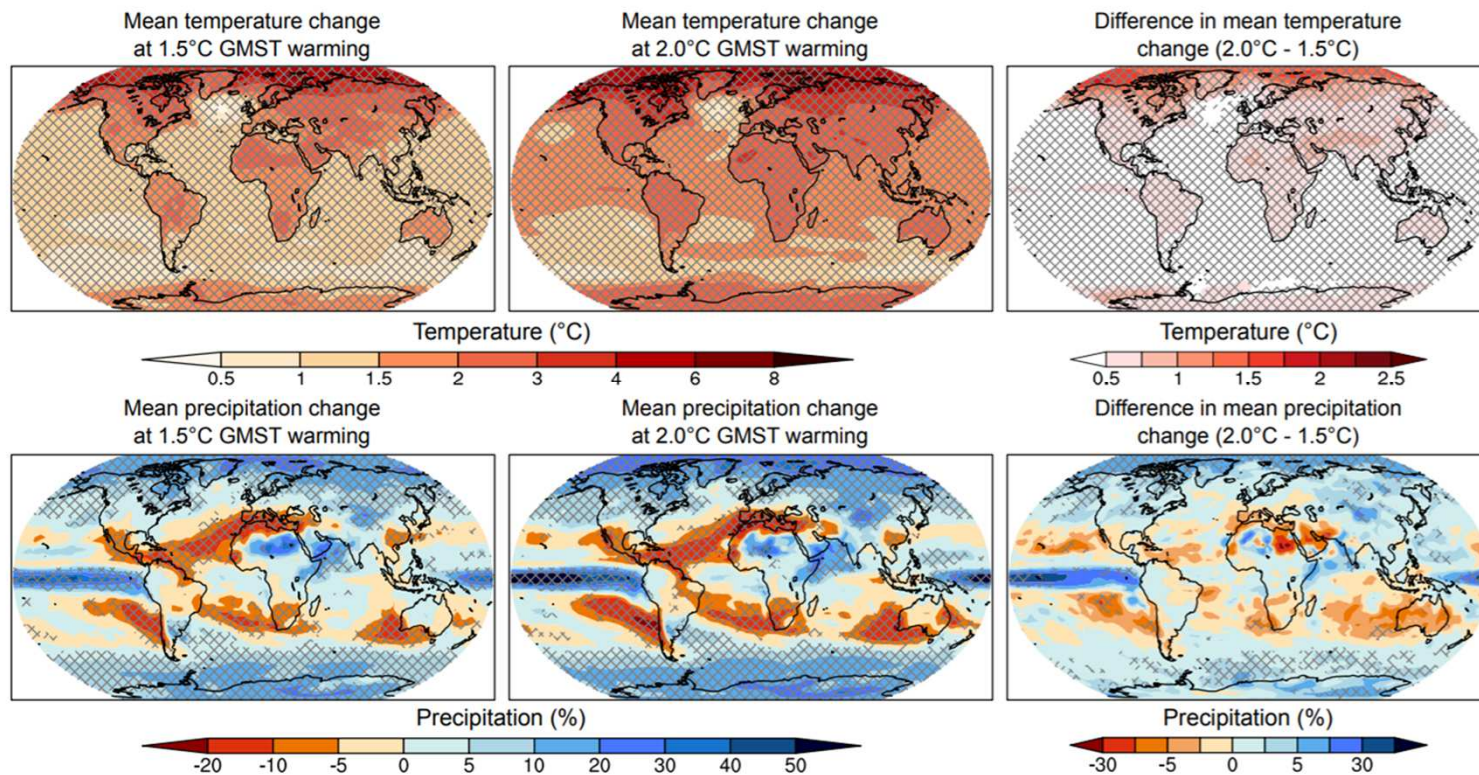
- Lower impact on biodiversity and species
- Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat
- Global population exposed to increased water shortages is up to 50% less



## Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower risk to fisheries and the livelihoods that depend on them
- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050



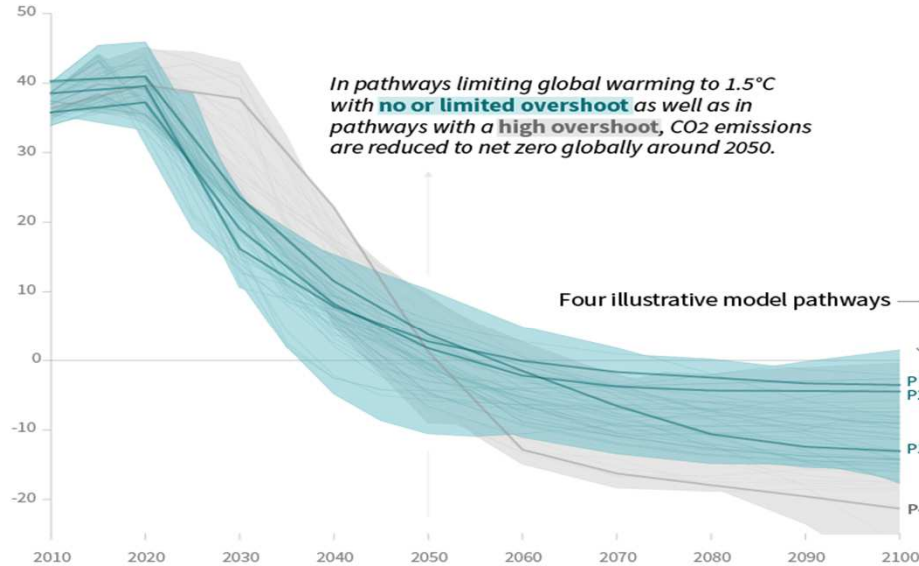
Projected changes in mean temperature (top) and mean precipitation (bottom) at 1.5°C (left) and 2°C (middle) of global warming compared to the pre-industrial period (1861–1880), and the difference between 1.5°C and 2°C of global warming (right). Values were assessed from the transient response over a 10-year period at a given warming level, based on Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP)8.5 Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) model simulations (SR-1.5 Chapter 3)



# Global emissions pathway characteristics

Global total net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/yr



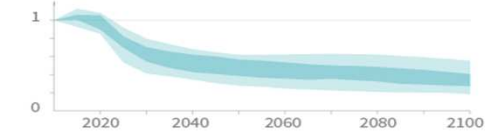
Timing of net zero CO<sub>2</sub>  
Line widths depict the 5-95th percentile and the 25-75th percentile of scenarios



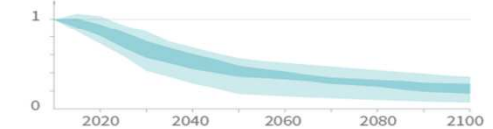
Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions relative to 2010

Emissions of non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcers are also reduced or limited in pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with **no or limited overshoot**, but they do not reach zero globally.

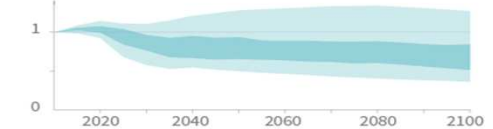
Methane emissions



Black carbon emissions



Nitrous oxide emissions





## Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels) (20% for 2°C)
- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would need to reach 'net zero' around 2050 (2075 for 2°C)



## Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- Limiting warming to 1.5°C would require changes on an unprecedented scale
  - Deep emissions cuts in all sectors
  - A range of technologies
  - Behavioural changes
  - Increased investment in low carbon options

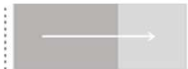


## Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- National pledges are not enough to limit warming to 1.5°C
- Avoiding warming of more than 1.5°C would require CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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Length shows strength of connection

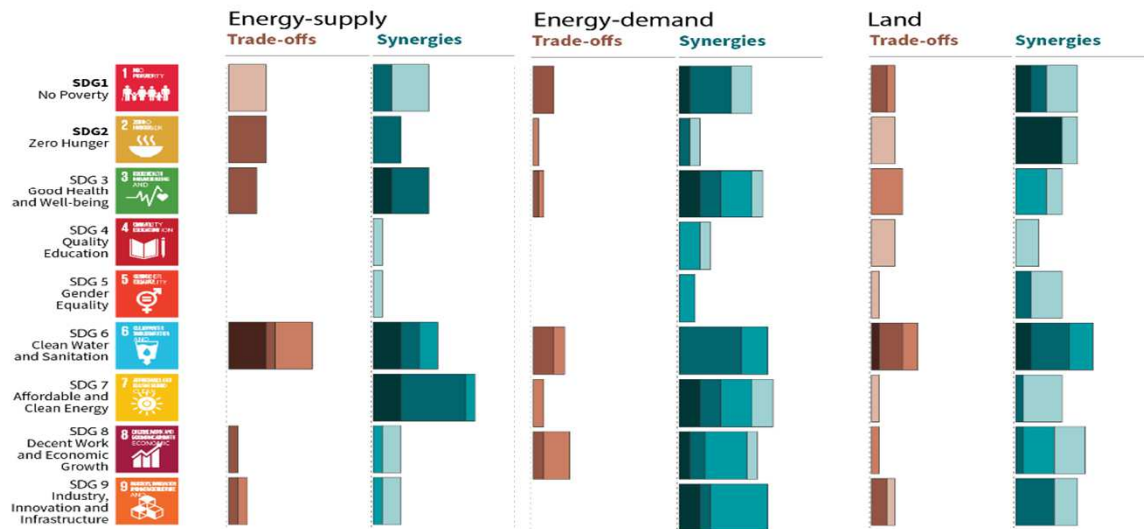


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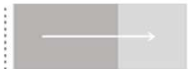


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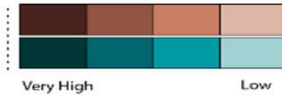
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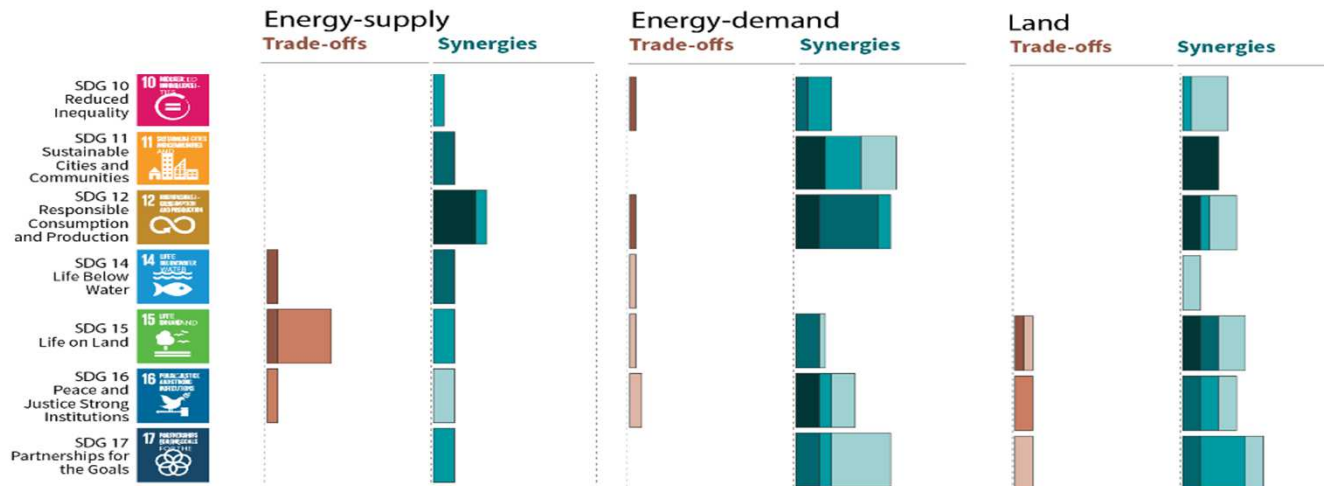


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# Strengthening the Global Response in the Context of Sustainable Development and Efforts to Eradicate Poverty

## Climate change and people

- Close links to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Mix of measures to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions can have benefits for SDGs
- National and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities can support ambitious action
- International cooperation is a critical part of limiting warming to 1.5°C

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Climate-related risks for natural and human systems are **higher** for global warming of **1.5°C than at present**, but **lower than at 2°C**.

These risks depend on the magnitude and rate of warming, geographic location, levels of development and vulnerability, and on the **choices and implementation of adaptation and mitigation options**

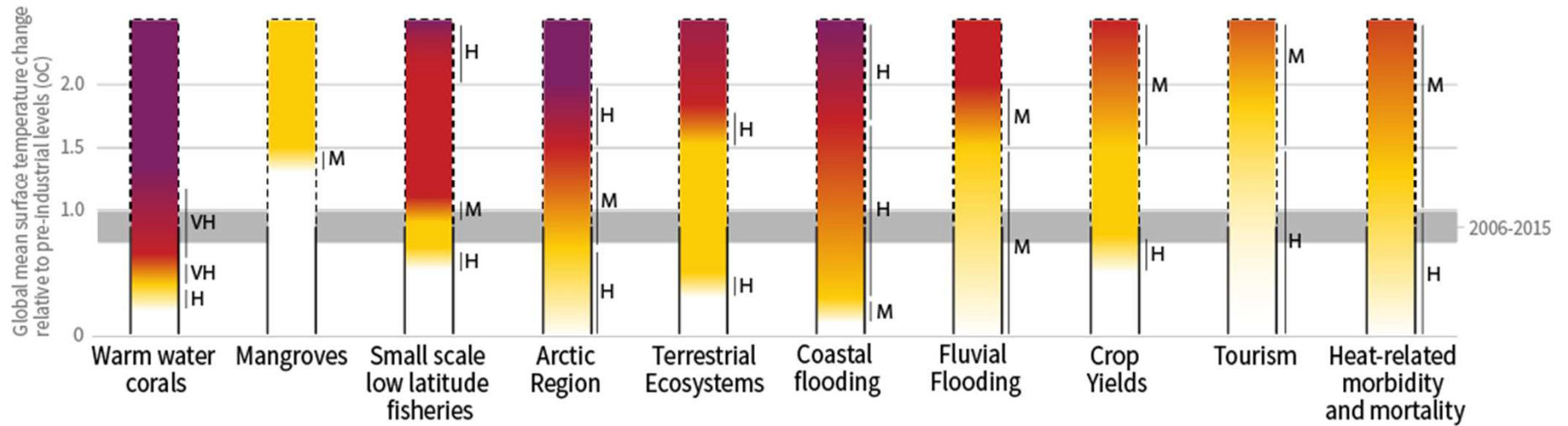


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**Thank you for your attention**

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### Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems



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

## Feasibility assessment of examples of 1.5°C-relevant adaptation options

System	Adaptation option	Evidence	Agreement	Ec	Tec	Inst	Soc	Env	Geo	Context
<b>Energy system transitions</b>	Power infrastructure, including water	Medium	High							Depends on existing power infrastructure, all generation sources and with intensive water requirements
<b>Land &amp; ecosystem transitions</b>	Conservation agriculture	Medium	Medium							Depends on irrigated/rainfed system, ecosystem characteristics, crop type, other farming practices
	Efficient irrigation	Medium	Medium							Depends on agricultural system, technology used, regional institutional and biophysical context
	Efficient livestock	Limited	High							Dependent on livestock breeds, feed practices, and biophysical context (e.g. carrying capacity)
	Agroforestry	Medium	High							Depends on knowledge, financial support, and market conditions
	Community-based adaptation	Medium	High							Focus on rural areas and combined with ecosystems-based adaptation, does not include urban settings
	Ecosystem restoration & avoided deforestation	Robust	Medium							Mostly focused on existing and evaluated REDD+ projects
	Biodiversity management	Medium	Medium							Focus on hotspots of biodiversity vulnerability and high connectivity
	Coastal defense & hardening	Robust	Medium							Depends on locations that require it as a first adaptation option
	Sustainable aquaculture	Limited	Medium							Depends on locations at risk and socio-cultural context
<b>Urban &amp; infrastructure system transitions</b>	Sustainable land-use & urban planning	Medium	Medium							Depends on nature of planning systems and enforcement mechanisms
	Sustainable water management	Robust	Medium							Balancing sustainable water supply and rising demand especially in low-income countries
	Green infrastructure & ecosystem services	Medium	High							Depends on reconciliation of urban development with green infrastructure

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	Building codes & standards	Limited	Medium							Adoption requires legal, educational, and enforcement mechanisms to regulate buildings
<b>Industrial system transitions</b>	Intensive industry infrastructure resilience and water management	Limited	High							Depends on intensive industry, existing infrastructure and using or requiring high demand of water
<b>Overarching adaptation options</b>	Disaster risk management	Medium	High							Requires institutional, technical, and financial capacity in frontline agencies and government
	Risk spreading and sharing	Medium	Medium							Requires well developed financial structures and public understanding
	Climate services	Medium	High							Depends on climate information availability and usability, local infrastructure and institutions, national priorities
	Indigenous knowledge	Medium	High							Dependent on recognition of Indigenous rights, laws, and governance systems
	Education and learning	Medium	High							Existing education system, funding
	Population health and health system	Medium	High							Requires basic health services and infrastructure
	Social safety nets	Medium	Medium							Type and mechanism of safety net, political priorities, institutional transparency
	Human migration	Medium	Low							Hazard exposure, political and socio-cultural acceptability (in destination), migrant skills and social networks

- RFC1 Unique and threatened systems: 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.
- RFC2 Extreme weather events: risks/impacts to human health, livelihoods, assets and ecosystems from extreme weather events such as heat waves, heavy rain, drought and associated wildfires, and coastal flooding.
- RFC3 Distribution of impacts: risks/impacts that disproportionately affect particular groups due to uneven distribution of physical climate change hazards, exposure or vulnerability.
- RFC4 Global aggregate impacts: global monetary damage, global-scale degradation and loss of ecosystems and biodiversity.
- RFC5 Large-scale singular events: are relatively large, abrupt and sometimes irreversible changes in systems that are caused by global warming. Examples include disintegration of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets.