

Climate change, biodiversity and food security

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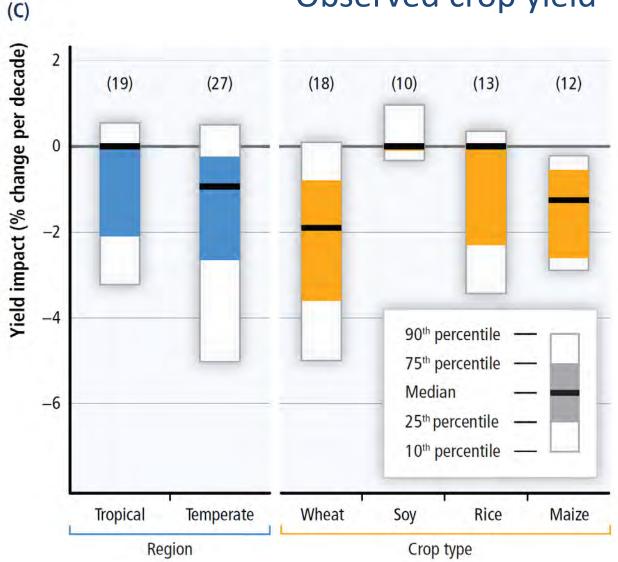
IMPACTS, ADAPTATION, AND VULNERABILITY





v. Risk of food insecurity and the breakdown of food systems linked to warming, drought, flooding, and precipitation variability and extremes, particularly for poorer populations in urban and rural settings.

Observed crop yield

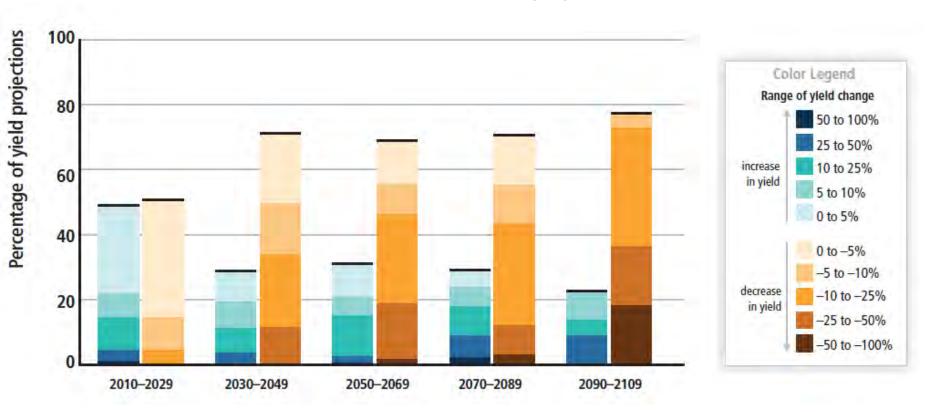


Summary of estimated impacts of observed climate changes on yields over 1960–2013 for four major crops in temperate and tropical regions.

The number of data points analyzed is given within parentheses for each category



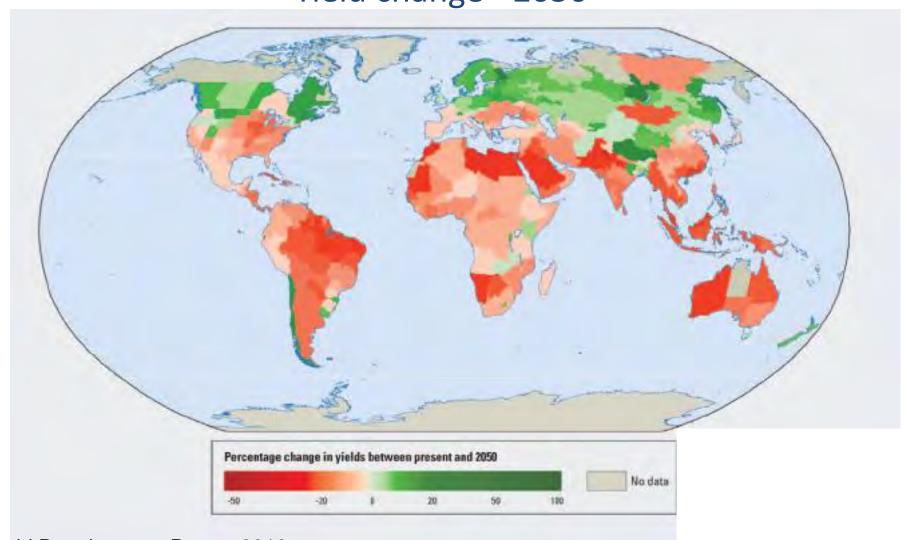
Modelled crop yield



Decreases dominate over increases in future crop yield

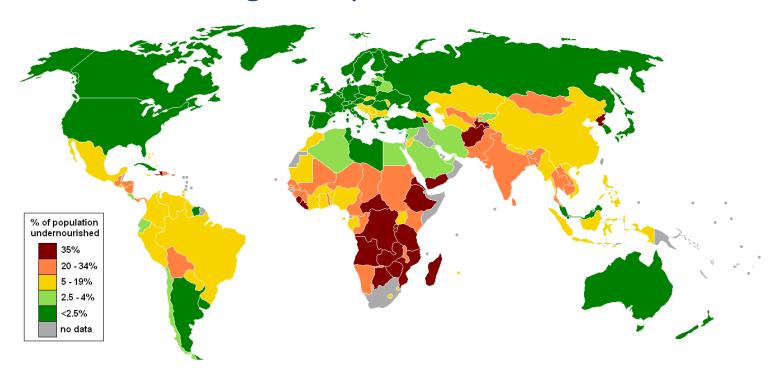


Yield change - 2050



World Development Report 2010

Hunger map - 2013



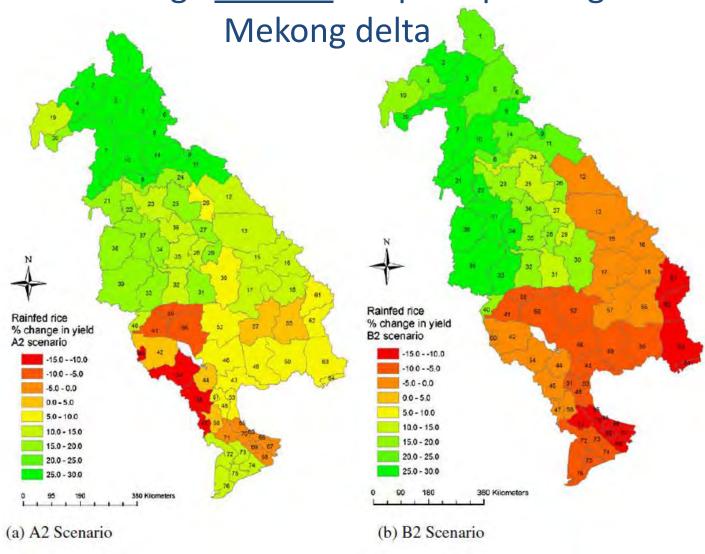
Largest yield decreases in the poor areas

What can be done?

Management option	Cultivar adjustment (n=56)	Planting date adjustment (n=19)	Planting date and cultivar adjustment (n=152)	Irrigation optimisation (n=17)	Fertiliser optimisation (n=10)	Other (n=9)
Benefit (%) from using adaptation	23 (6.8, 35.9)	3 (2.1, 8.3)	17 (9.9, 26.1)	3.2 (2, 8.2)	1 (0.25, 4.8)	6.45 (3.2, 12.8)



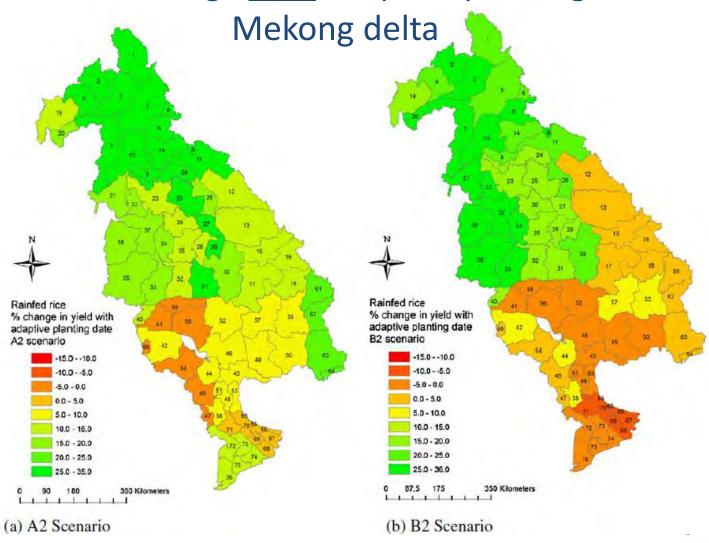
Yield change without adaptive planting date



Mainuddin et al. (2011), Food security

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Yield change with adaptive planting date



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Climate and Food Production Summary

- Risk of food insecurity
- Rural areas: disproportionately affect the welfare of the poor in rural areas
- ➡ Human health: increased likelihood of undernutrition resulting from diminished food production in poor regions (high confidence); geographical shifts in food production (medium confidence)

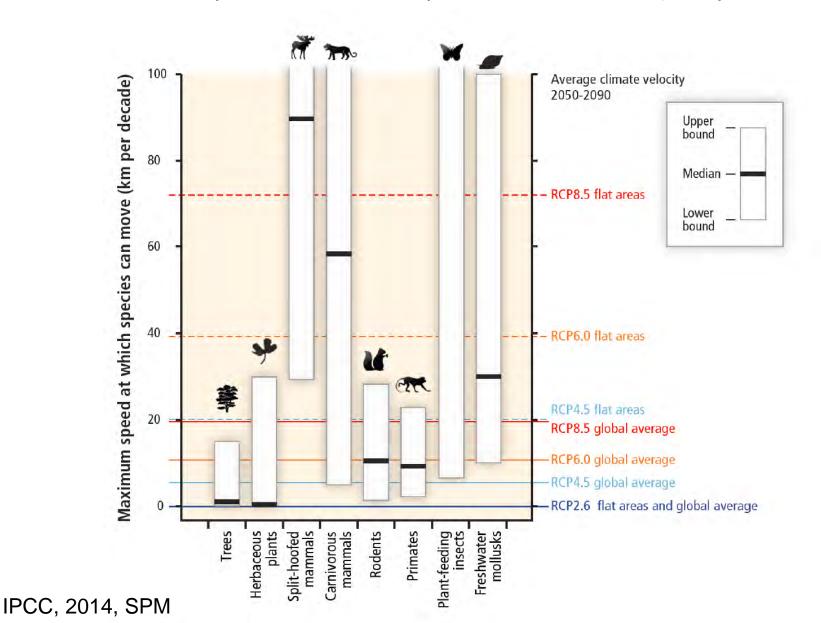




Many terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species have shifted their geographic ranges, seasonal activities, migration patterns, abundances, and species interactions in response to ongoing climate change (high confidence)

Some species will adapt to new climates. Those that cannot adapt sufficiently fast will decrease in abundance or go extinct in part or all of their ranges.

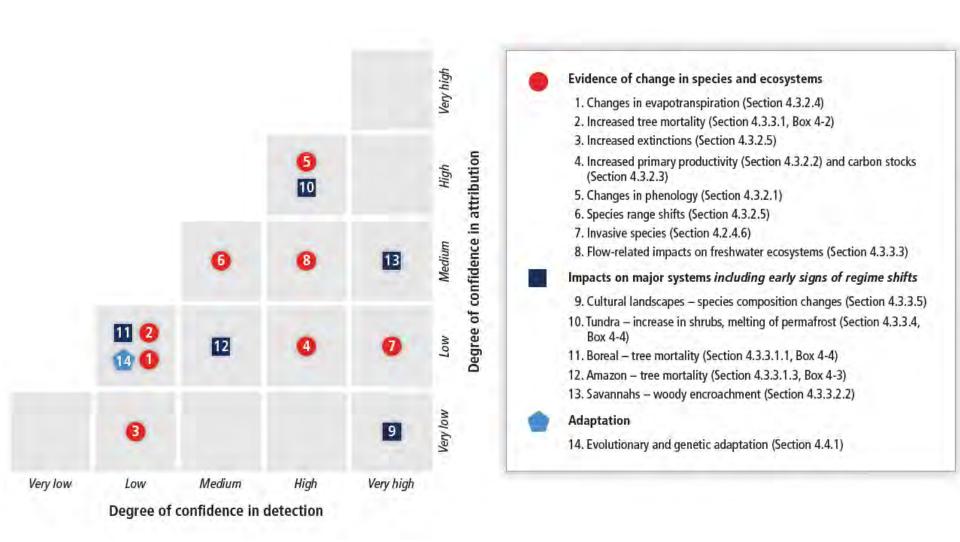
Maximum speed at which species can move (km per decade)



A large fraction of both terrestrial and freshwater species faces *increased extinction risk* under projected climate change during and beyond the 21st century, *especially as climate change interacts with other stressors, such as habitat modification, over-exploitation, pollution, and invasive species* (high confidence).

Within this century, (RCP4.5, 6.0, and 8.5) pose high risk of abrupt and irreversible regional-scale change in the composition, structure, and function of terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems, ... (medium confidence)

Detection and Attribution



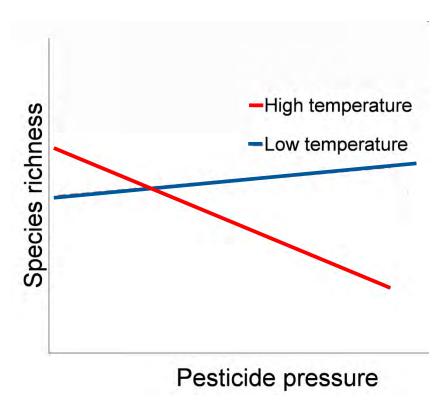
Terrestrial and Inland Water Systems

Management actions,....., and reduction of other stressors, can reduce, but not eliminate, risks of impacts to terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems due to climate change, ...

Climate and land use intensity



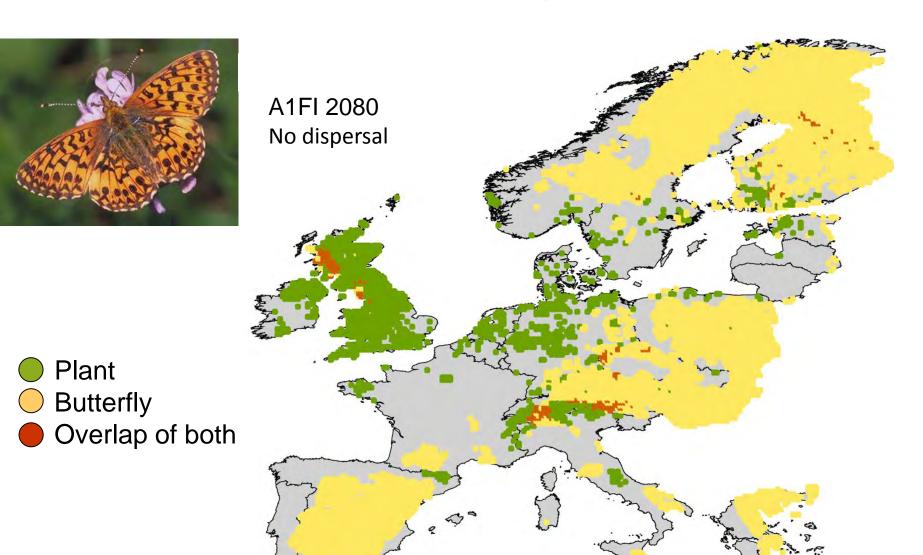
Wild bees



Pesticides are more severe when temperatures are high



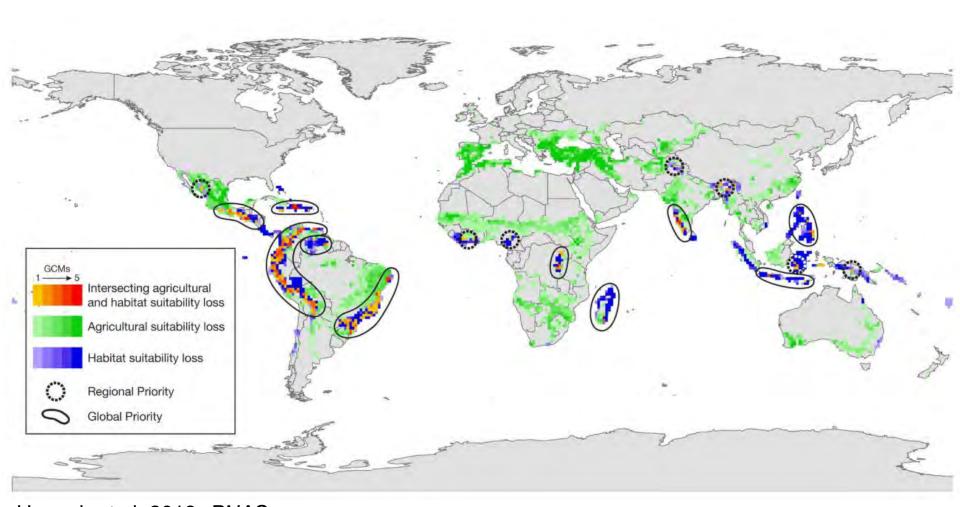
Boloria titania and Polygonum bistorta



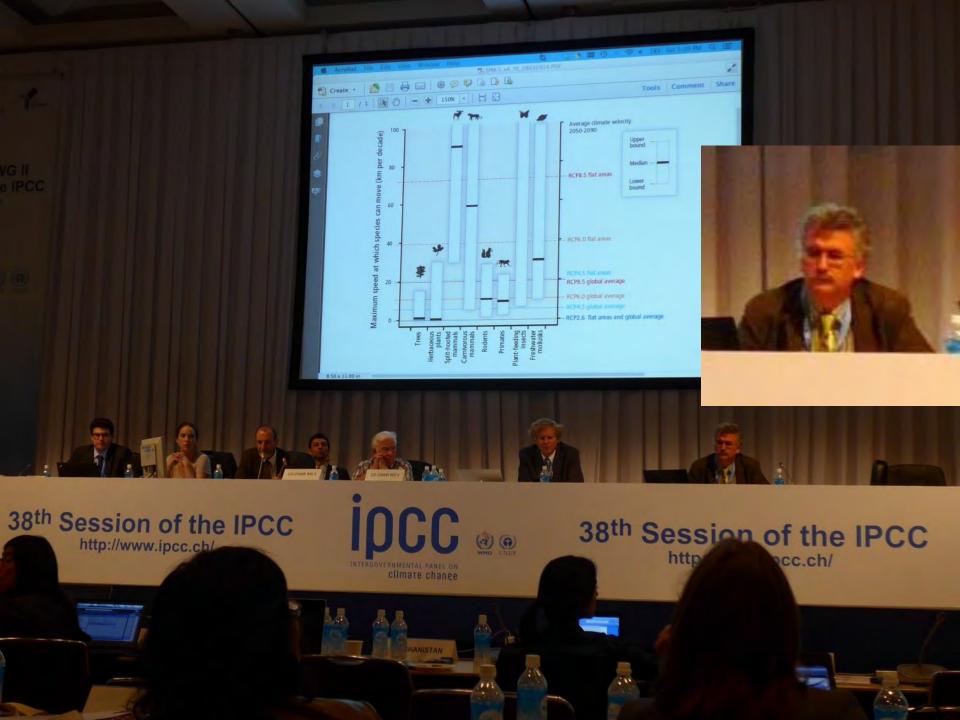
Schweiger et al. 2008, Ecology

Climate, food production and biodiversity

Priority setting – Yield and biodiversity



Hannah at al. 2013, PNAS, Global Climate Change Adaptation Priorities for Biodiversity and Food Security





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