

Climate of Change



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Effects of Climate Change:

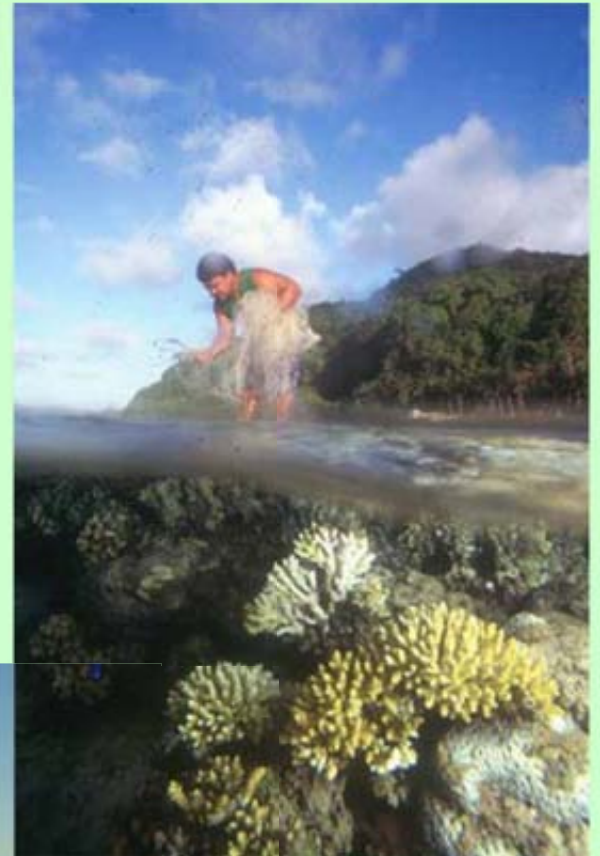
- Sea Level Rise
- Sinking Islands
- Relocation of indigenous and local communities
- Increased Storm Intensity
- Coral Bleaching
- Ocean Acidification
- Loss of food and Marine Resources
- Salt Water Intrusion on Agriculture and groundwater
- Loss of Traditional Knowledge
- Changes in Biodiversity



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TUVALUAN KIDS PLAYING OUT AS EXTRA HIGH TIDE FLOODS NEIGHBORHOOD. © 2005 GARY BRAASCH / WORLD VIEW OF GLOBAL WARMING



Why should Pacific Islanders be very concerned??

- ▣ Limited land space
- ▣ Limited financial and human resources
- ▣ Our very existence lies upon sea and land resources – these natural resources are in the front of



We contribute less than 1% of greenhouse gas emissions, yet we are paying the price



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The word 'goodbye' was already said to our one and only Pacific

What has been done?

Where will we go? What about the work we do in preserving our natural heritage?

Not only environmental, social and economical issue, it is also human rights issue

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Advocating on the Issue?



Next steps

- ▣ Power-shift
- ▣ Pacific Youth Festival
- ▣ Hawaii Conservation Conference
- ▣ Pacific Islands Leaders Forum
- ▣ Pre-negotiations
- ▣ Copenhagen – push for Pacific positions and Anchorage declaration
- ▣ PICRe will continue to look for funding to help youth's climate change project

- ▣ This is about PICRe – need support
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