# Overview of the Findings of Climate Change on the Marine and Coastal Environment

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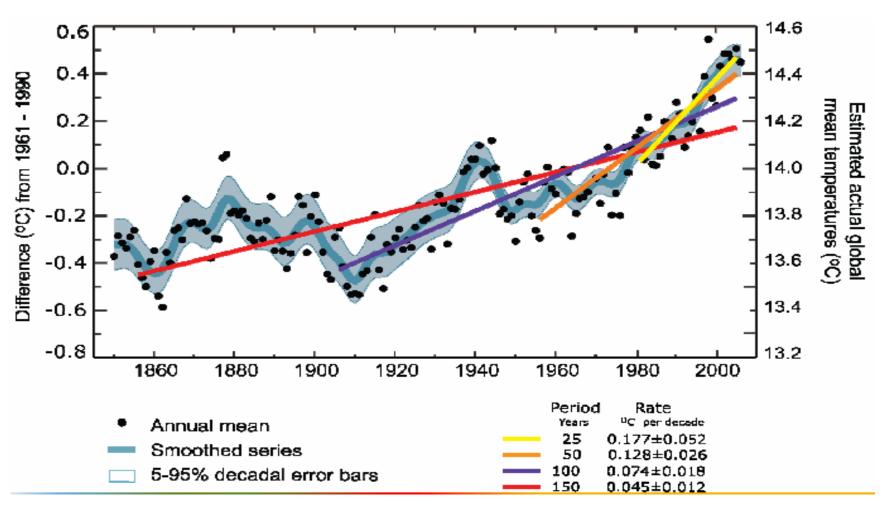
#### **IPCC Fourth Assessment Report**

- 450+ Authors (Coordinating & Lead)
- 800+ Contributing Authors
- 4 Review Cycles
- 2,500 Expert Reviewers
- ~50,000 Review Comments
- Five year process 2003 –2007
- WG1, WG2 and WG3 reports approved in Paris, Brussels and Bangkok in Feb, April and May 2007 respectively





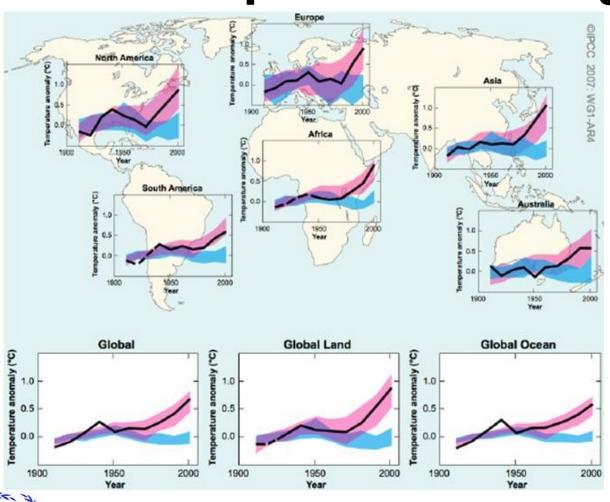
#### Global average temperature







## Global and continental temperature change

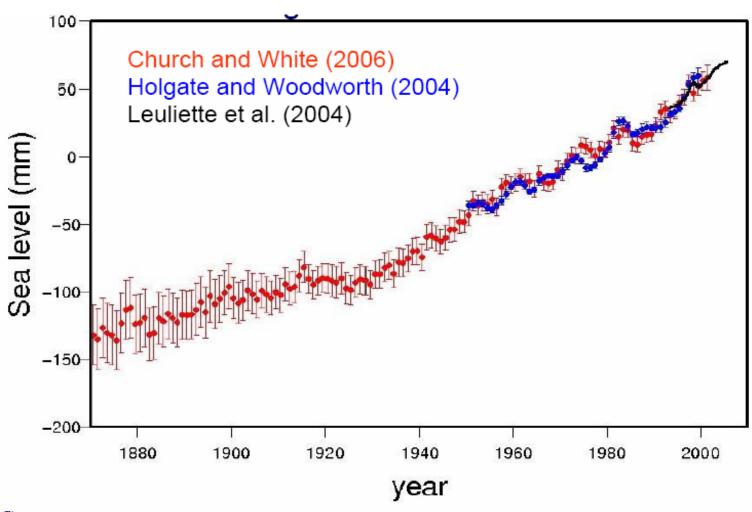


Significant anthropogenic warming over the past 50 years averaged over each continent except Antarctica.





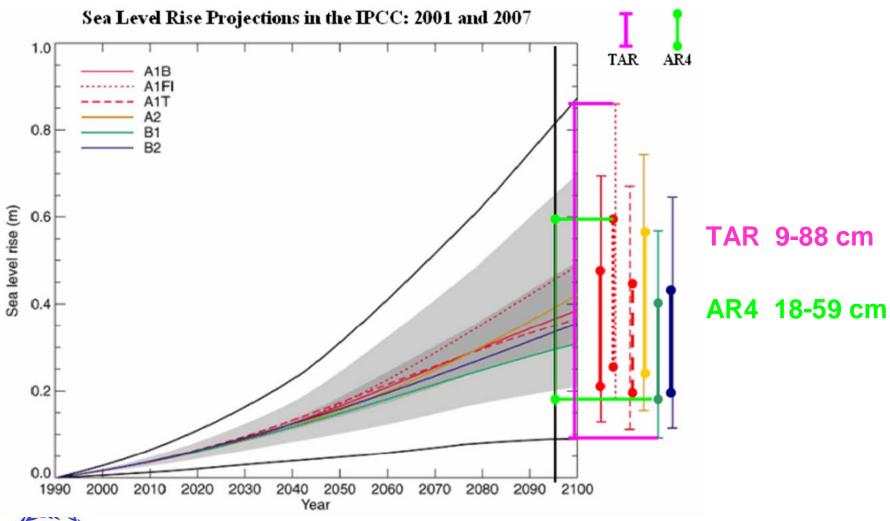
#### Observed sea-level rise







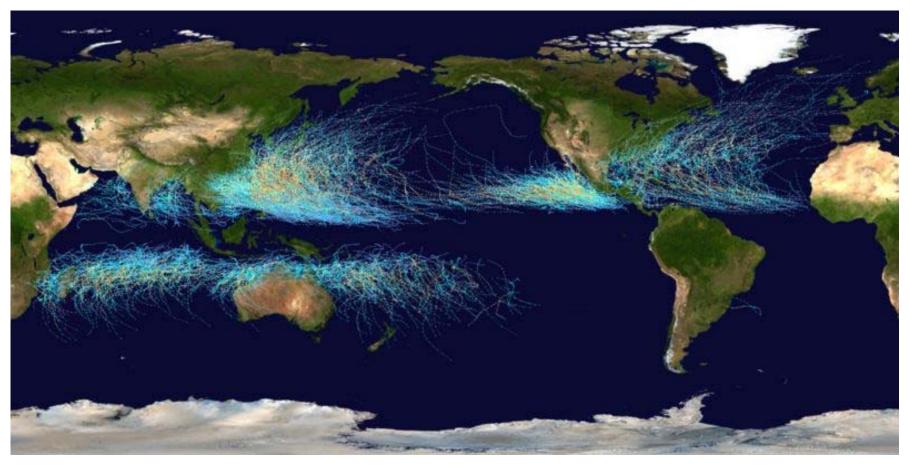
#### Projected sea-level rise







#### **Tropical cyclone tracks 1985-2005**

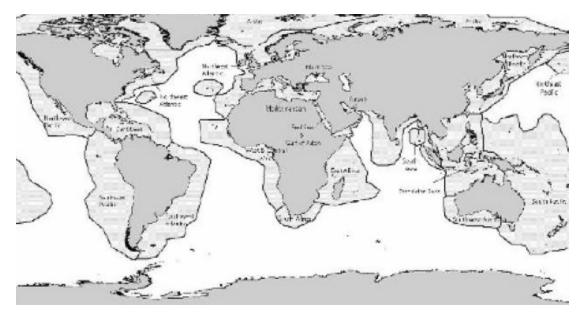


The Pacific Ocean west of the International Date Line sees more tropical cyclones than any other basin, while there is almost no activity in the Atlantic Ocean south of the Equator.





### **National Actions** environment



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ers on Coasts (chapter 6), Ecosystems (Chapter 4), Polar 15), Small islands (Chapter 16).

ers: section on coastal and marine environment.

studies, e.g. coral reefs, megadeltas.

