



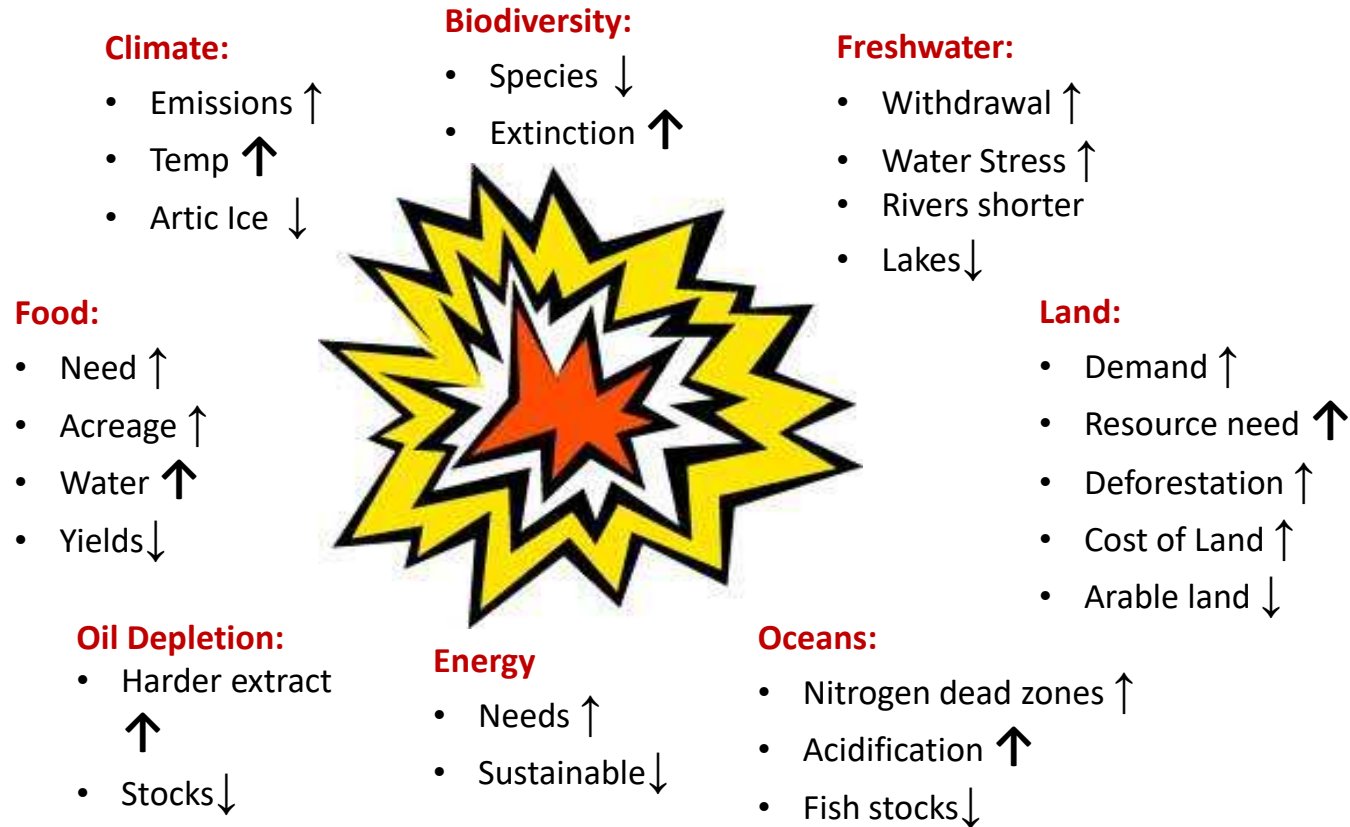
Creation Care

Global Approach

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Developing to Destruction

Economic success is having destructive consequences



Planetary Boundaries

Environmental stress at breaking point non returnable

IPCC Report (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

- The IPCC are the authoritative gathering of the world's climate scientists.

Report: <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/download-report/>



- **Summary:**
 - oceans are rising and getting warmer
 - ice is melting, glaciers are shrinking, and permafrost is melting:
 - worse floods and cyclones
 - less fish to eat
 - damage to ecosystems in the oceans, mountains and the Arctic
 - less water from glaciers for drinking, irrigation and hydro electric power
 - roads and buildings on permafrost collapsing.
- Keeping a limit on global warming will help limit the damage for most of these things, but if we reach 2 degrees that's probably enough to kill all the world's coral.

The Challenge

- Ignorance
- Neglect
- Arrogance
- Greed

Plus

- Inform / Raise awareness
- Motivate: passive / penalty driven
- People Power
- Law

- Poor theology (Worldview)
 - Dichotomy:
 - Evangelism
 - Socio-ecological responsibility
 - Self serving theology
 - Lifestyles
 - Lack of political action
- Good theology teaching
- Integral Mission
- Lifestyle changes
- Engagement opportunities

Responses

Note: People with the highest exposure and vulnerability are often those with lowest capacity to respond

- Education and climate literacy
 - Social learning
- Capacity building to make good policy and implementation
- Protection
- Restoration
- Good management (ecosystem-based) of renewable resources
- Integrated fresh water management
- High risk areas for rising sea levels – require action
- Carbon emissions reduction
- Address pollution, waste management, recycling processes
- Resilience will require trade offs, compromise, and cooperation

Suggested Actions

Engage with the SDGs

- Governments
- Donors
- Business
- Civil Societies
- Aid Organisations
- Mission Organisations
- Training Institutes
- Denominations and Local Churches
- Networks
- Alliances
- Communities
- Churches
- Families
- Individuals
- Lobby
- Prompt to be a part of funding grants
- Demand production info – conform to sustainable practice
- All public figures to require their stance on care of environment
- Sustainable Commitments integrated into all levels of activities
- All staff and partners trained and part of staff review
- Integrated into College curriculum, compulsory for all
- Denominations heads pledge to train constituents
- All networks and alliances committee to participating
- Communities to rewarded when they become green zones
- Churches to lead the way

Substantial assistance to countries that need help to implement

Approach for the Church

- An **essential** role of the local church is to help frame and inform **every area of our lives with the Gospel**
- Equipping believers with a thorough understanding of poverty, justice, reconciliation and creation care (core characteristics of God)
- Facilitation of dialogue around current issues of injustice, poverty, wholeness, within their own community, nation and globally
- Practice: Examples, Partnerships, Cooperation, Mentoring
- Encouraging engagement in social action the local church plays an essential role in the work of Gospel.
- Bring theology and practice together
 - Dealing with the tough questions
- Support in helping to tell their story, to witness and share their faith in a meaningful and relevant way
- Understanding roles of actors in relief & development with regards local church and community mobilisation