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1. Australian Research about Climate Change and Waves

This preliminary study describes Australia's ocean wave climate. It identifies the trends and year-to-year changes in Australia's offshore wave climate, including an estimate of the range of the extremes. The study improves understanding of wave behaviour in a changing climate to help researchers manage both the opportunities and the risks.

[Variability and Trends in the Australian Wave Climate and Consequent Coastal Vulnerability](#), M. A. Hemer, K. McInnes, J. A. Church, J. O'Grady, & J. R. Hunter, Final Report for the Department of Climate Change, CSIRO Marine & Atmospheric Research, Australia, September 2008 [7.03 MB, PDF]

2. Strategies to Help Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The paper outlines some of the options for the California's Air Resources Board (ARB) to consider in designing a program to achieve the greenhouse gas emission targets in the electricity sector. It

recommends an approach for distributing GHG emission allocations and auctioning in a multi-sector cap-and-trade program.

[Final Opinion on Greenhouse Gas Regulatory Strategies](#), California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission, California, USA, September 2008 [1.62 MB, PDF]

3. Maryland Releases Climate Change Action Plan

Maryland's proposed climate change action plan addresses three key questions: What can the Maryland's scientists inform about how and when climate change will affect State's citizens and natural resources? What can Maryland do to adapt to the consequences of climate change? What can Maryland do to reduce GHG emissions?

[Climate Action Plan, Maryland Commission on Climate Change](#), Maryland Department of the Environment, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, August 2008

4. Climate Change Risks and Opportunities - A Toolkit

This toolkit is intended for those in the investment community seeking to address climate risks and opportunities. It is designed to help investors begin to comprehensively address climate risks and opportunities in four key areas: internal statements, policies, and governance; engagement with companies, investors, and others; investment practices; and public policy support.

[Managing the Risks and Opportunities of Climate Change: A Practical Toolkit for Investors](#), David Gardiner and Dave Grossman, Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR), Ceres, Boston, MA, USA, April 2008 [371 KB, PDF]

5. ORCHID: Piloting Climate Risk Screening - Bangladesh

The report details a process to screen the DFID (Department for International Development) Bangladesh bilateral aid portfolio for climate risks. It assesses the emerging challenges in relation to DFID's policy context and its strategy and programming in Bangladesh. The report outlines the recommended adaptation and risk reduction options resulting from the screening exercise.

[ORCHID: Piloting Climate Risk Screening in DFID Bangladesh - Detailed Research Report](#), Thomas Tanner et al., Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK, 2007 [1.99 MB, PDF]

6. 2nd Training Course on Climate Risk Management - Bangkok

This regional training course on climate risk management will run from 17 to 28 November 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. It aims to build the capacity of professionals to manage risks associated with climate variability, change, and extremes. For registration details, please see the link below.

[Second Regional Training Course on Climate Risk Management: Science, Institutions, and Society](#), Climate Risk Management Team - Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand, 17-28 November 2008

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B. Pulhin at the University of the Philippines in Los Banos, Manuel Rangasa at the Center for Initiatives and Research on Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) in Albay-Philippines, write, “The province of Albay shows the key role of local governments in promoting climate change adaptation. Provinces which experience frequent and severe climate hazards are more likely to be aware and responsive to the need for climate change adaptation. Local government units at the provincial scale (meso scale) do have resources to commit to climate change adaptation. And, there is opportunity to integrate climate change adaptation on existing disaster risk management (DRM) institutions and programs.”

[The Role of Local Government Units in Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in the Philippines](#),

Dr. Rodel D. Lasco, Rafaela Jane Delfino, Dr. Florencia B. Pulhin, and Manuel Rangasa, AdaptNet Policy Forum 08-09-P-Ad, 30 September 2008

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