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1. Impacts of Climate Change on Australian Marine Life

The report provides a synthesis of current knowledge of climate change impacts on Australian marine life. It reviews the scientific literature on climate change impacts on Australian marine life in the context of known impacts elsewhere in the world. The report develops a ranking of marine life vulnerable to climate changes in seven Large Marine Domains adjacent to continental Australia.

[Impacts of Climate Change on Australian Marine Life](#), Alistair J. Hobday et al., CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research and Australian Greenhouse Office, Department of Environment and Heritage, Canberra, Australia, September 2006

2. Community Ownership of Toilet Blocks in India

The paper describes the ten-year program of community-designed, built and managed toilet blocks undertaken by urban poor federations and women's cooperatives in India. It explains the first experiments with community sanitation. It discusses the major community toilet programs developed in Pune and Mumbai and the lessons learnt from them.

[Community-Designed, Built and Managed Toilet Blocks in Indian Cities](#), Sundar Burra, Sheela Patel and Thomas Kerr, *Environment & Urbanization*, Vol. 15 (2), October 2003 [PDF]

3. Weather Forecasting for Adapting Food Production

The studies assess extended-range weather forecasting as a potential tool for adapting food production to climate variability and change in Sub-Saharan West Africa. It identifies choices for farmers as responses to a foreknowledge of seasonal weather. It highlights the inadequacies in the existing weather forecasting capacity and recommends measures for upgrading their skills.

[Extended-Range Weather Forecasting in Sub-Saharan West Africa: Assessing a Potential Tool for Adapting Food Production to Climate Variability and Climate Change](#), James O. Adejuwon, Theophilus O. Odekunle and Mary O. Omotayo, Assessments of Impacts and Adaptations to Climate Change (AIACC) Working Paper No. 46, March 2007 [PDF]

4. World Bank's Failure to Tackle Climate Change

The report examines the World Bank's investment framework and presents a response from international civil society groups. It shows that the World Bank's energy sector portfolio is failing to reap the double dividend of renewable energy technologies that fight poverty and climate change. The framework's "business as usual" approach inadequately addresses climate change, and continues to keep more than one billion poor people in the dark.

[How the World Bank's Energy Framework Sells the Climate and Poor People Short - A Civil Society Response to the World Bank's Investment Framework for Clean Energy and Development](#), Bank Information Center, Bretton Woods Project, Campagna per la Riforma della Banca Mondiale, CEE Bankwatch Network, Friends of the Earth-International, Institute for Policy Studies, International Rivers Network, Oil Change International and Urgewald, September 2006 [PDF]

5. Climate Change Issues in Canadian Municipalities

The paper provides municipal decision-makers with information to understand the need for climate change adaptation and how to put such measures in place. It outlines decision-making processes to adapt to climate change and showcases municipal adaptation measures implemented across the Canada. The paper helps enhance understanding of climate change adaptation among elected officials, staff and the broader community.

[Adapting to Climate Change: An Introduction for Canadian Municipalities](#), Bano Mehdi et al., Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network (C-CIARN), February 2006 [PDF]

6. Seminar on Improving Urban Climate in Asia-Pacific

The seminar is being held from 09-13 July, 2007 in Tokyo, Japan. It aims to help participating cities understand mechanisms which can assist them in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their communities.

[Seminar - Local Government Strategic Planning to Improve the Urban Environment: Linking Local Actions to the Global Agenda](#), Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, Japan, 09-13 July 2007

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