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Vulnerability to Coastal Hazards - Clarence, Australia

The study provides a preliminary assessment of the risks to coastal areas both at present and for climate change scenarios to 2050 and 2100 for 18 coastal locations in Clarence City (Tasmania, Australia). It investigates adaptive management options in response to present and future coastal hazards.

[Climate Change Impacts on Clarence Coastal Areas](#), Clarence City Council and Department of Climate Change, the Commonwealth of Australia, Australia, December 2008 [3.50 MB, PDF]

Cities, Land Use, and the Global Commons

The paper proposes (after considering the seminal decision of Genesis Power Ltd. v. Franklin District Council) that models from international relations theory could be adapted and altered to explain and predict local government behavior in global governance. It suggests that local governments might possess strong incentives to take actions in response to climate change.

[Cities, Land Use, and the Global Commons: Genesis and the Urban Politics of Climate Change](#), Katherine Trisolini and Jonathan Zasloff, Research Paper No. 08-22, Public Law & Legal Theory Research Paper Series, UCLA School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, USA, 2009 [139 KB, PDF]

Adaptation Planning for British Columbia (BC)

The paper summarizes the key principles of adaptation to climate change and explores the challenges for British Columbia (BC) in the context of nine top-of-mind issues (e.g. biodiversity, water supply, crop adaptation). It proposes ways to adopt 'smart adaptation' strategies that cut across all major government functions in BC.

[Climate Change Adaptation: Planning for BC](#), Deborah Harford (lead author), Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, University of Victoria, BC, Canada, November 2008 [310 KB, PDF]

Gaps in Adaptation in Knowledge and Action - Southeast Asia

The study describes the current context of climate change adaptation research in South East Asia (SEA). It discusses existing adaptation strategies in the region. The study identifies major areas where locally-led research can contribute substantially to policy and implementation programmes for adaptation.

[Climate Adaptation in Asia: Knowledge Gaps and Research Issues in South East Asia](#), Bernadette P. Resurreccion, Edsel E. Sajor and Elizabeth Fajber, Climate Change Adaptation Southeast Asia, ISET-International and ISET-Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2008 [547 KB, PDF]

Adaptation for Forests and Forests for Adaptation

The report looks at the two aspects in turn - adaptation for tropical forests, and tropical forests for adaptation. It calls for the implementation of adaptation measures to reduce the vulnerability of the forests and forest-dependent communities that will experience climate change-associated disturbances like flooding, drought, wildfire, and other environmental challenges.

[Facing an Uncertain Future: How Forests and People Can Adapt to Climate Change](#), Bruno Locatelli et al., Forest Perspectives No. 5, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia, 2008 [1.38 MB, PDF]

Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference

This conference will take place in Melbourne, Australia on 24-26 August 2009. The key themes for the conference include: domestic & international policy developments in the lead-up to Copenhagen; sourcing finance for the transition to reduced emissions during a global financial crisis; practical advice to assist companies prepare for emerging carbon regulations.

[5th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference](#), The Climate Change & Business Centre, Melbourne, Australia, August 24-26, 2009

Special Report: Helping You Adapt to Climate Change - Megan Gawith

Megan Gawith, Scientific Officer at UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) writes, “The Adaptation Wizard provides users with a simpler and more accessible version of the Risk Framework. The Wizard shares the Risk Framework’s intellectual basis and key concepts, yet is presented in a “lighter” style and in an action-oriented format which helps to convert theory into practical action. The Wizard may thus be described as a generic decision-support tool that covers all aspects of climate risk assessment and adaptation in one process. It is designed for application by a broad range of users, from an architect planning the design of a new building, to a biodiversity manager developing a climate adaptation strategy and can be applied equally to a plan, a project, a programme or a policy. It is also a valuable awareness raising and educational tool, and serves as a gateway to all the information and resources UKCIP has to offer organisations adapting to climate change.”

[UKCIP’s Adaptation Wizard: Helping You Adapt to Climate Change](#), Megan Gawith, AdaptNet Special Report 09-02-S-Ad, 07 April 2009

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