

Climate Adaptation in Policy Arenas

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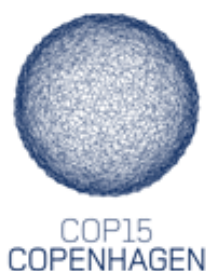


Policy Update





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NEWS

India softens climate demands

The country has dropped a core demand that industrialized nations cut greenhouse gases by 40 percent by 2020, thereby helping bridge a rich-poor divide and enhancing chances of a global climate deal. [Read more](#)

NEWS



Gordon Brown to world leaders: Come to Copenhagen

17 major economies finish their climate discussions at the Major Economies Forum meeting in London today. The

DENMARK'S HOST COUNTRY WEBSITE
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2009

TOOLS



LATEST NEWS



Australians to fortify their beachfront
19/10/2009

US energy sector lobbying at full speed
19/10/2009





To take this country in a new direction, the President is working with Congress to pass comprehensive legislation to protect our nation from the serious economic and strategic risks associated with our reliance on foreign oil and the destabilizing effects of a changing climate.

- *WhiteHouse.gov*



The Conservancy's Contribution



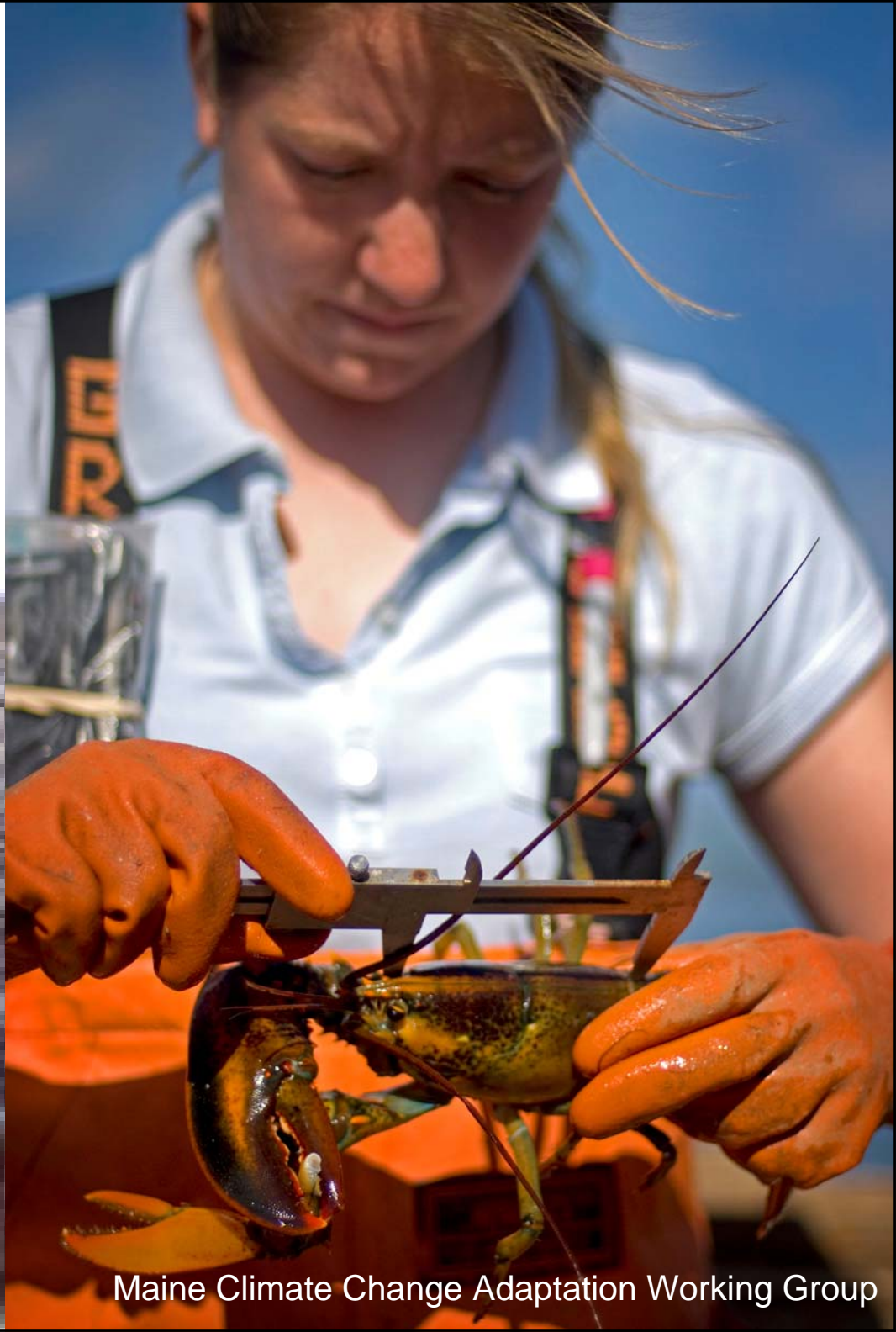


Adaptation

Kalamurina, Australia's Central Desert



Coral Triangle, Papua New Guinea



Reducing Deforestation



Deforestation, Indonesia



Papaya Plantation, Brazil




The Conservancy's Climate Change Priorities

Strong emissions reductions

- Enacted quickly
- At least 20% by 2020
- At least 80% by 2050

Credit for forest carbon

- Offsets & Funding
- U.S. & International



Funding for adaptation

- Dedicated money
- U.S. & International

What You Can Do




1. Write a “Letter to the Editor”

- Write to your local paper, expressing support for climate change legislation.
- Congressional staff read local publications to keep track of their constituencies
- One LTE = 200 calls






2. Contact Senators Directly

- If you are from Maine, **email or call** Senators Snowe and Collins to share your support for climate change and energy legislation. Ask for funding for Adaptation and to stop international deforestation. Ask for the Senate bill to include **The Natural Resources Climate Adaptation Act**
 - www.Senate.gov
- 




3. Thank the House

- If you are from Maine email or call Congressman Michaud and Congresswoman Pingree to thank them for supporting historic climate and energy legislation last June.
 - www.House.gov
- 



3. Stay in Touch, Stay Heard

- Visit Planet Change, the Conservancy's climate action website
 - Nature.Org/Change
 - Visit Climate Wizard, for predictions on temperature changes by region
 - ClimateWizard.org
 - Read "Maine's Climate Future"
 - ClimateChange.umaine.edu
- 



PLANET CHANGE

NATURE + PEOPLE = SOLUTIONS

www.nature.org/change

The screenshot shows the Planet Change website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'LEARN' and 'ACT'. The main content area features a video player on the left with the title 'Planet Change Kenya' and a photo of a man. To the right of the video is the article title 'Stopping Deforestation' and a brief introductory text. Below the article, there are several small thumbnail images and a 'LEARN MORE' button.

Learn More

The screenshot shows the Planet Change website interface for a petition. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'LEARN' and 'ACT'. The main content area features the title 'Speak Out: Tell leaders what you want to protect.' and a brief introductory text. Below the text is a large word cloud of various environmental and social issues, including 'the great lakes', 'planet earth!', 'the great barrier reef', 'the diversity of all li', 'ay protect the human race', 'wildlife and the oceans', 'the', 'w africans', 'the forests and oceans and rivers', 'our clean wat', 'barrier reef', 'sugar maple trees', 'all forests/rainforests,old g', 'rth!', 'reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80below 1990 levels by 2050. I', 'erate rainforest in alaska', 'I want to protect nature | everything |', and 'things for the future generations'. Below the word cloud is a 'SIGN PETITION' button.

Share Your Hopes

The screenshot shows the Planet Change website interface for social networking tools. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'LEARN' and 'ACT'. The main content area features the title 'Spread the Word' and two columns of social media sharing options. The left column is for 'facebook' and the right column is for 'twitter'. Each column contains a brief introductory text and several 'SHARE' buttons. Below the social media options is a 'SIGN PETITION' button.

Social Networking Tools

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Analysis Area

United States Global

United States

Time Period

- Past 50 Years
 Mid Century (2050)
 End Century (2100)

Map Options

- Map of Average
 Map of Change

Annual

Measurement

- Average Temperature
 Precipitation

Resources

- [Case Studies](#)
[Documentation](#)
[Data \(GIS format\)](#)
[Map Image](#)
[Printer Friendly Version](#)

Future Climate Model

IPCC Fourth Assessment

Emission Scenario

High A2

General Circulation Model

Ensemble Average

Change in Annual Temperature by 2100

Model: Ensemble Average, SRES emission scenario: A2



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