

What are the impacts of a 1.5°C of global warming in Latin America?

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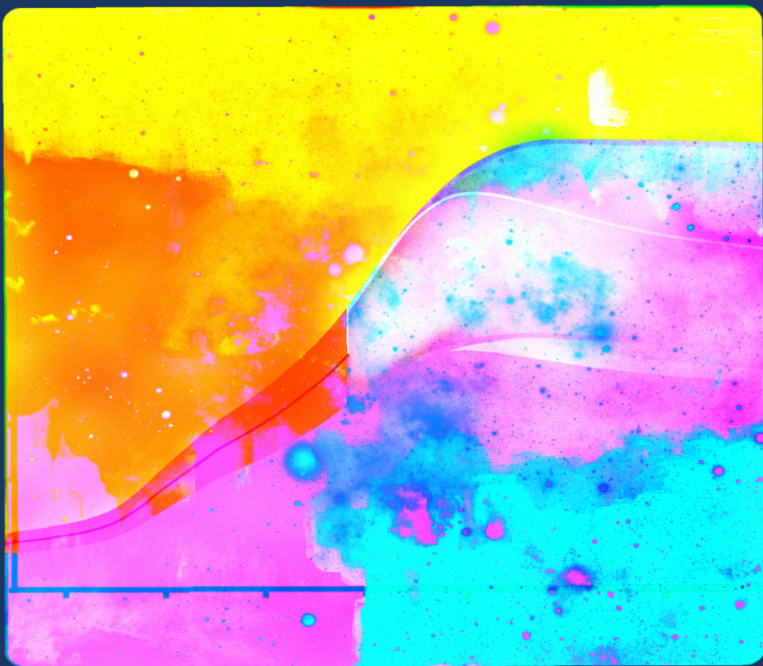
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Global Warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty



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Where are we now?

- Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately **1°C** of global warming.
- At current rate, would reach **1.5°C** between **2030 and 2052**
- **Past** emissions alone **do not commit** the world **to 1.5°C** (*medium confidence*)

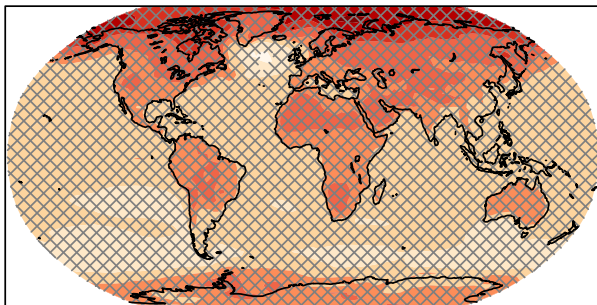
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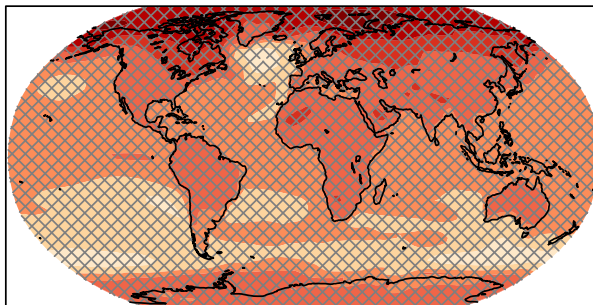
Projected Climate Change, Potential Impacts and Associated Risks

1.5°C versus 2°C

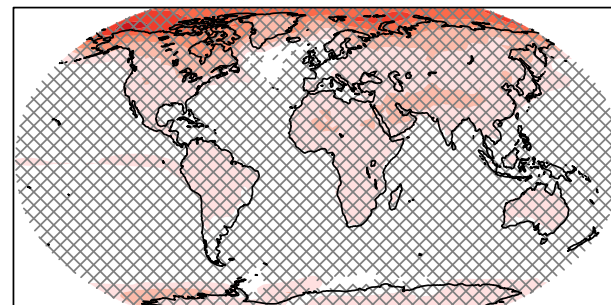
Mean temperature change
at 1.5°C GMST warming



Mean temperature change
at 2.0°C GMST warming



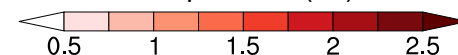
Difference in mean temperature
change (2.0°C - 1.5°C)



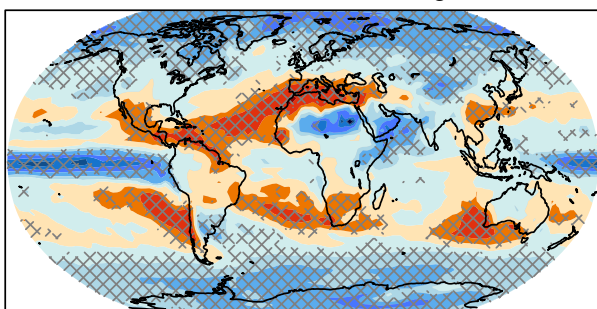
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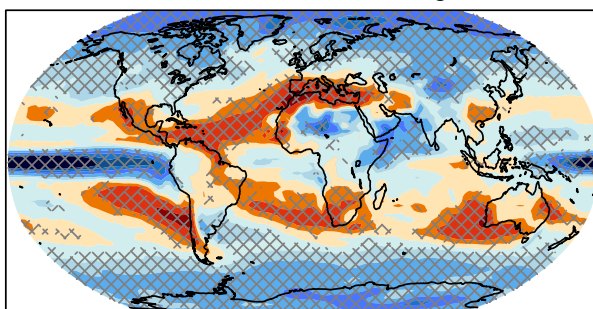
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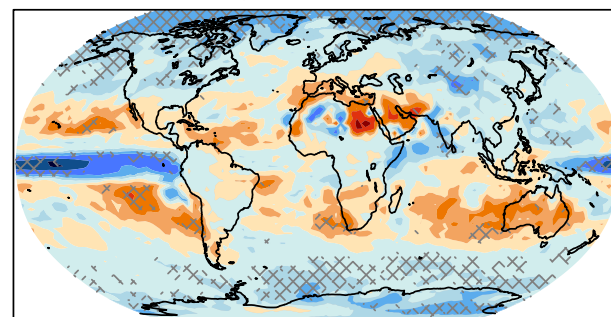
Mean precipitation change
at 1.5°C GMST warming



Mean precipitation change
at 2.0°C GMST warming



Difference in mean precipitation
change (2.0°C - 1.5°C)



Precipitation (%)



Precipitation (%)

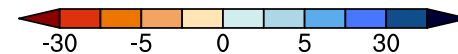


Figure 3.3 Projected changes in **mean temperature** (top) and **mean precipitation** (bottom) at 1.5°C (left) and 2°C (middle)

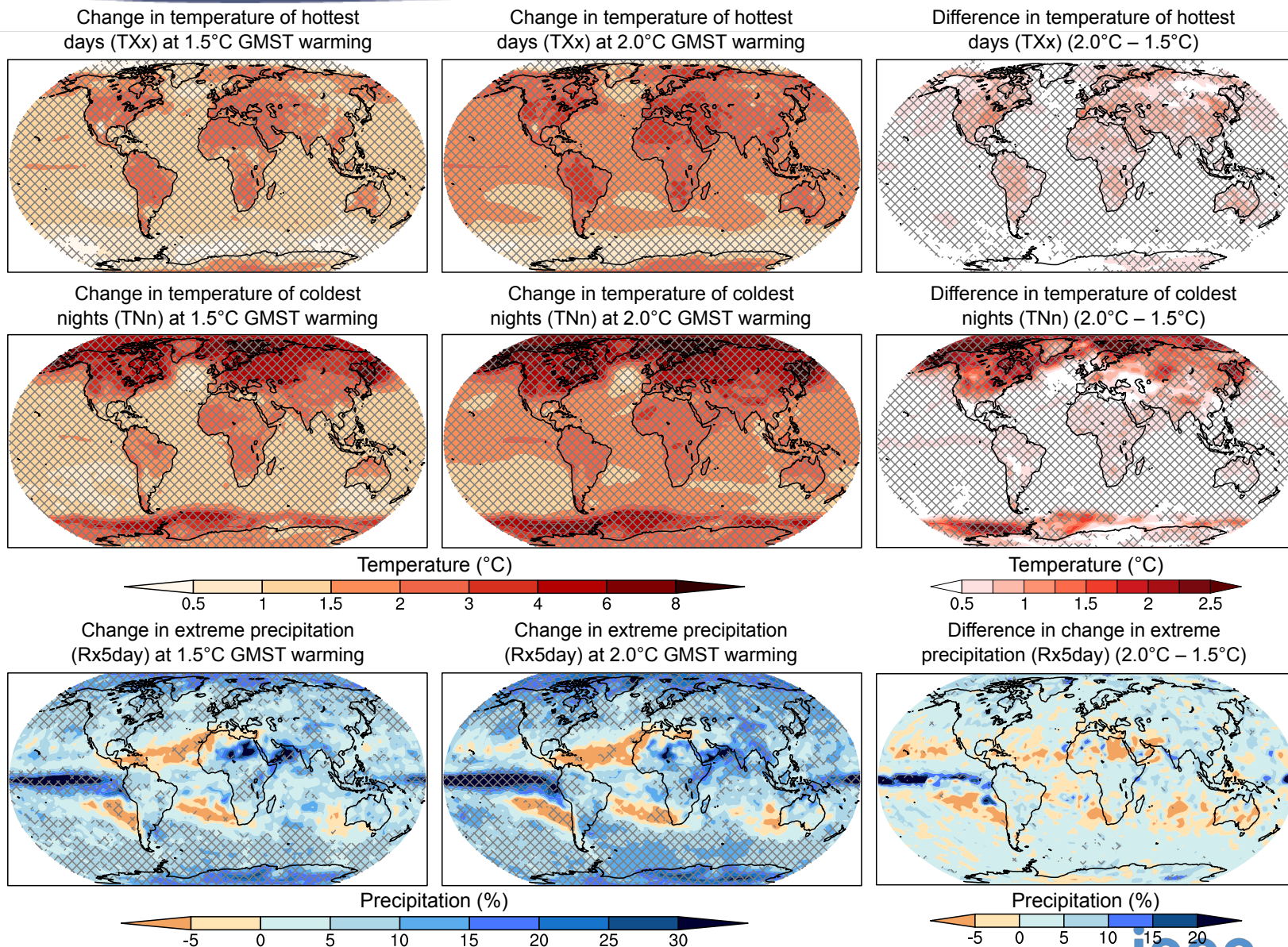


Figure 3.4 Projected changes in extremes

Impacts of global warming 1.5°C versus 2°C



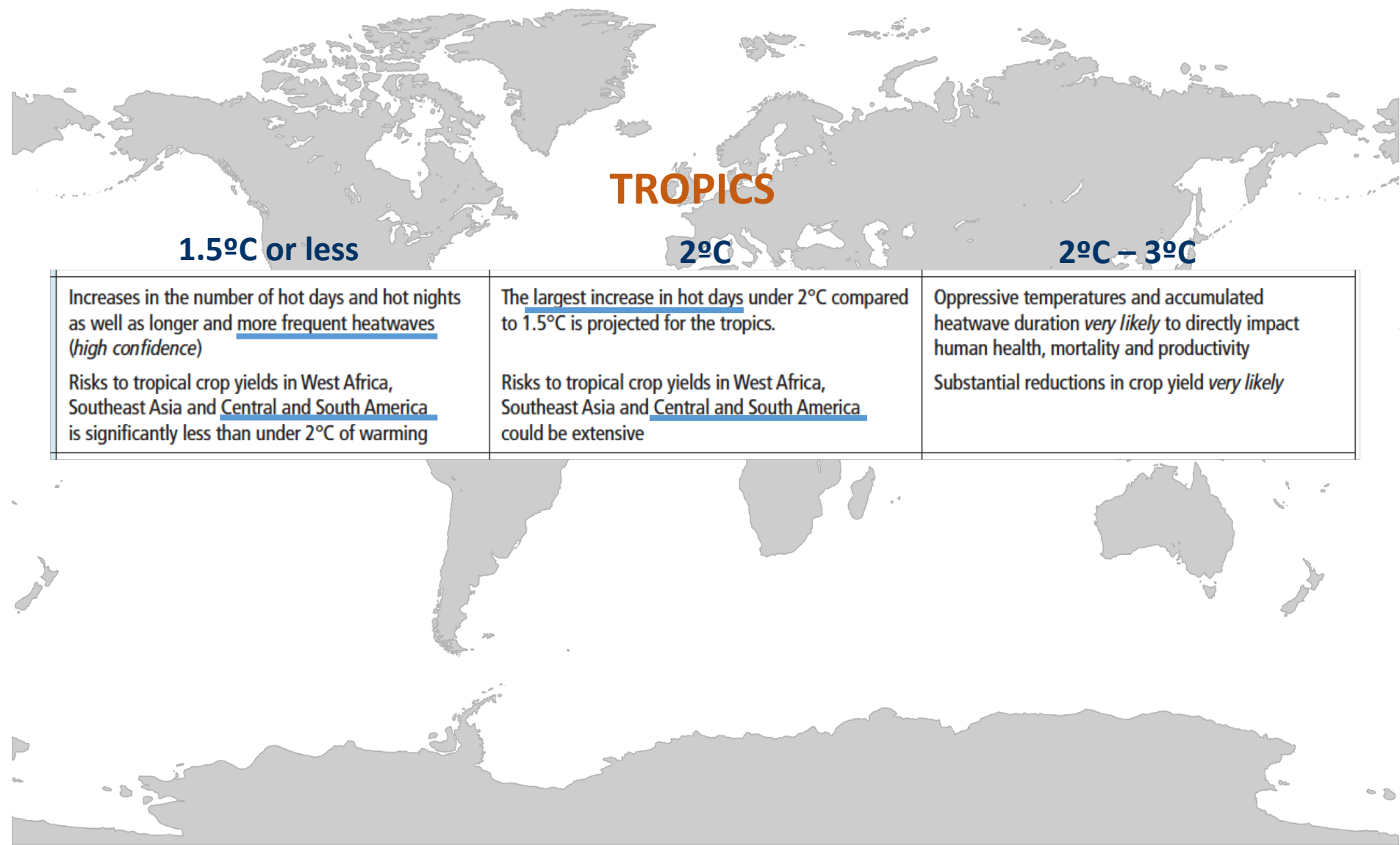
Less risks projected for **terrestrial** and **marine** biodiversity and ecosystems, and their functions and services to human when comparing with 2°C global warming.

Lower risks for health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth

Up to several hundred million **fewer people** exposed to **climate-related risk** and susceptible **to poverty** by 2050

Jason Florio / Aurora Photos

Emergence and intensity of regional climate change hot spots



Emergence and intensity of regional climate change hot spots

Rainforests

1.5°C or less

2°C

2°C – 3°C

Reduced biomass, deforestation and fire increases pose uncertain risks to forest dieback

Larger biomass reductions than under 1.5°C of warming; deforestation and fire increases pose uncertain risk to forest dieback

Reduced extent of tropical rainforest in Central America and large replacement of rainforest by savanna and grassland

Potential tipping point leading to pronounced forest dieback (*medium confidence*)

Central American forest: 3°C-4°C or global warming replacement of rainforest by savannah and grassland

Amazon tipping point: 3°C-4°C or global warming or 40% of deforestation

➔ **stronger** El Niño events

➔ **droughts** in Central America and areas of South America (*particularly vulnerable*)

➔ **floods** in South America

Emergence and intensity of regional climate change hot spots

AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS: KEY STAPLES CROPS

1.5°C or less

2°C

2°C – 3°C

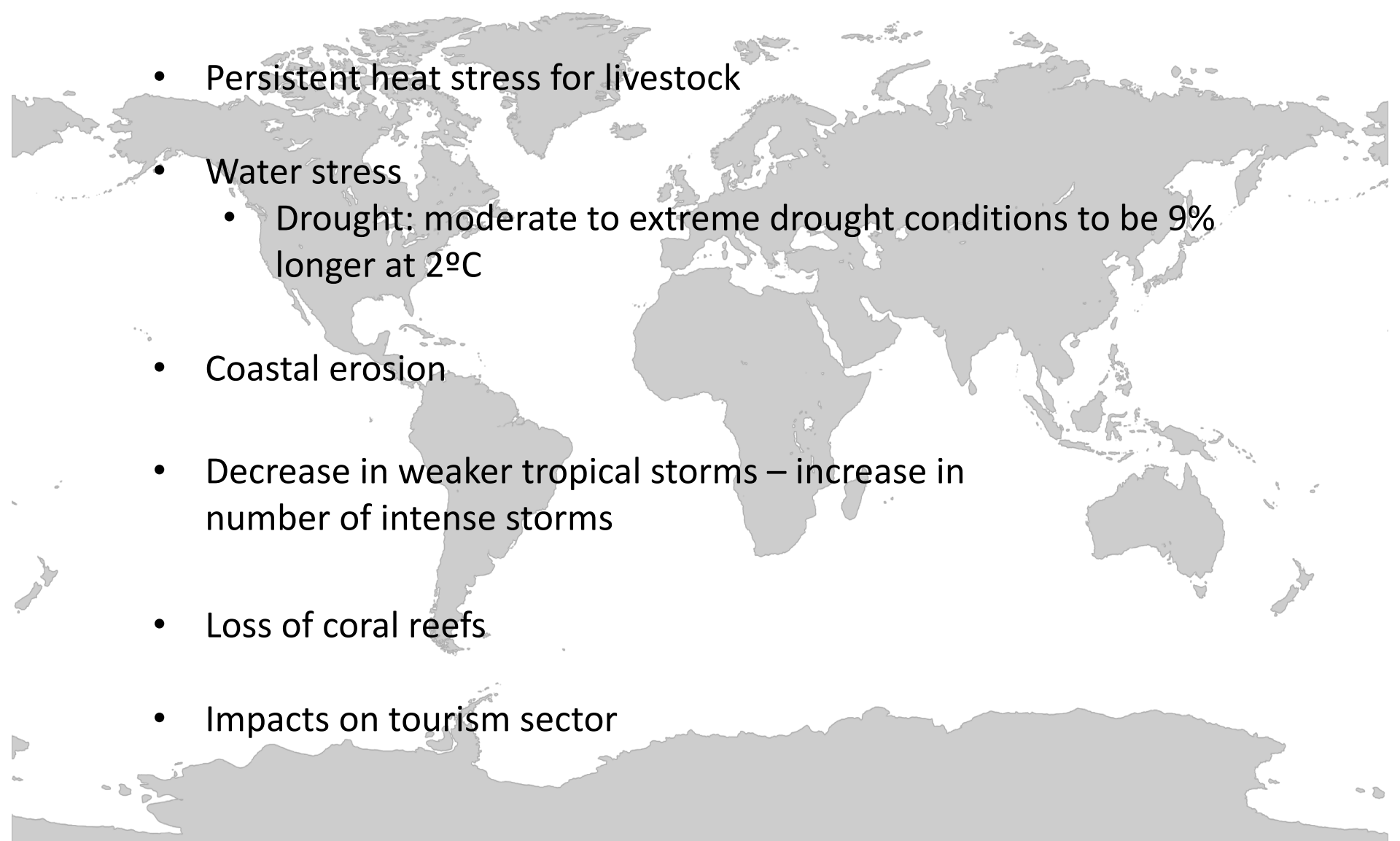
Global maize crop reductions of about 10%

Larger reductions in maize crop production than under 1.5°C of about 15%

Drastic reductions in maize crop globally and in Africa (*high confidence*) potential tipping point for collapse of maize crop in some regions (*low confidence*)



Small Islands: Caribbean

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- Persistent heat stress for livestock
 - Water stress
 - Drought: moderate to extreme drought conditions to be 9% longer at 2°C
 - Coastal erosion
 - Decrease in weaker tropical storms – increase in number of intense storms
 - Loss of coral reefs
 - Impacts on tourism sector

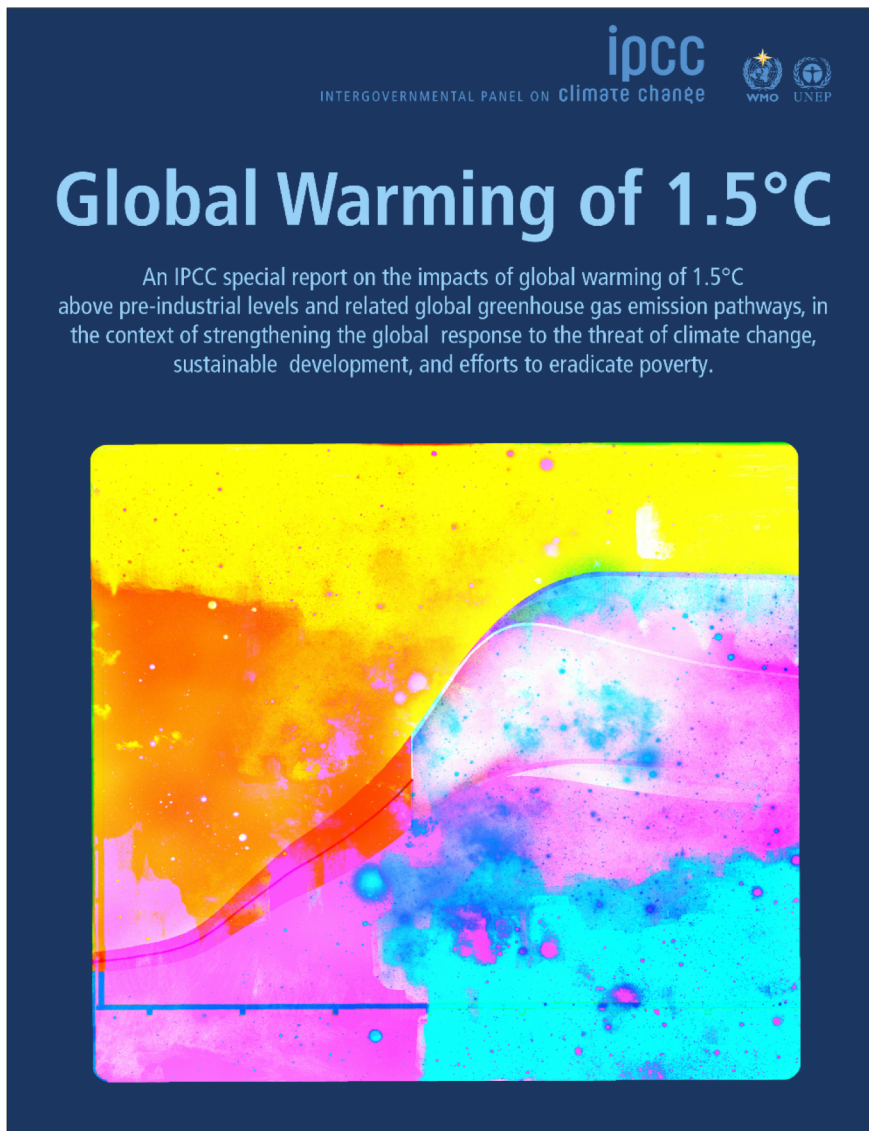
Summarizing



Tropical region is one of the hotspots when considering 1.5°C – 2°C

Amazon rainforest plays a crucial role in the climate system, but is also affected by climate change

We are still on time to avoid the impacts of 1.5°C or higher levels of warming!



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