

# Environmental Issues

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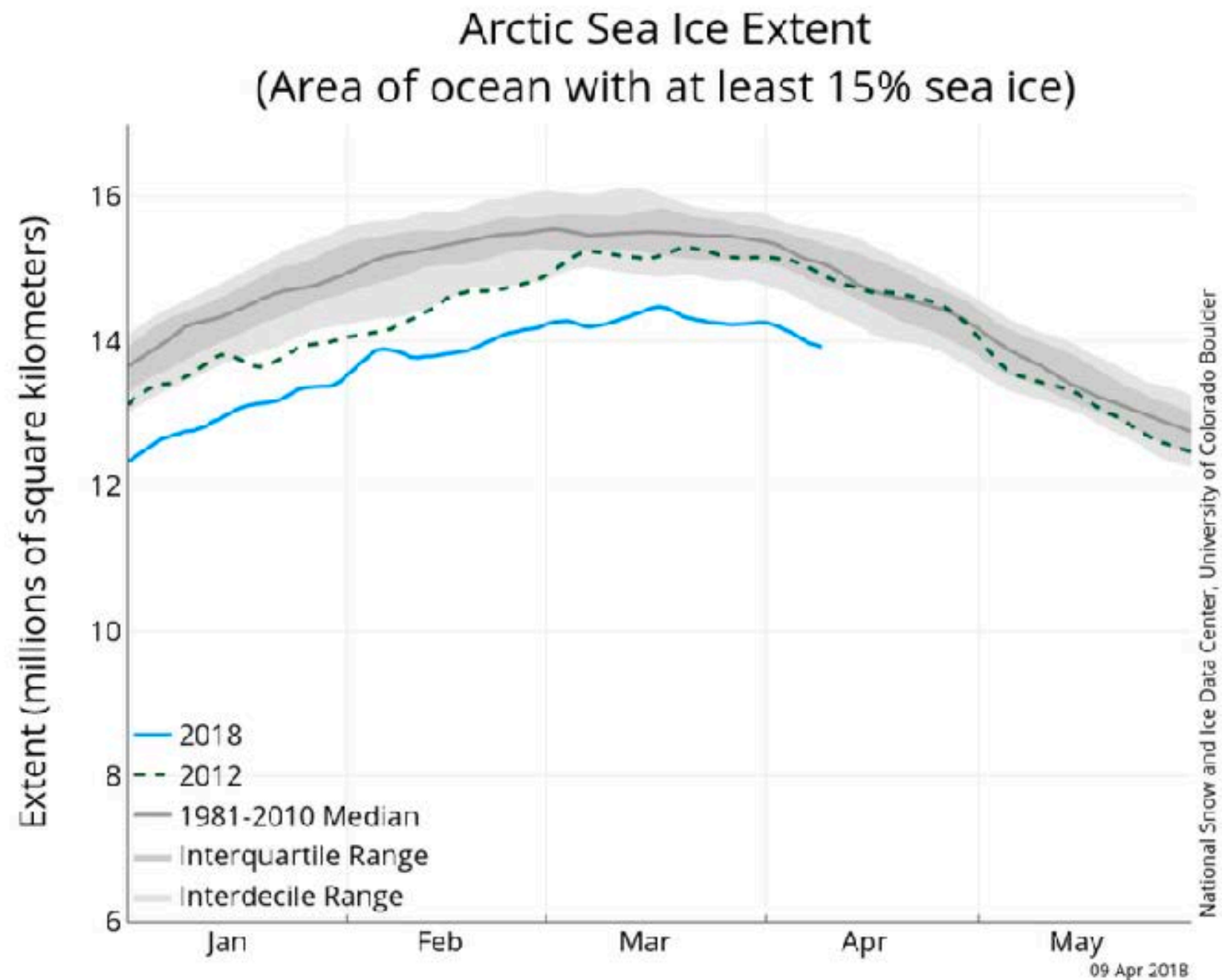
**Are environmental issues an international relations problem?**

**If so, which ones, and how do you address them?**

# Climate Change

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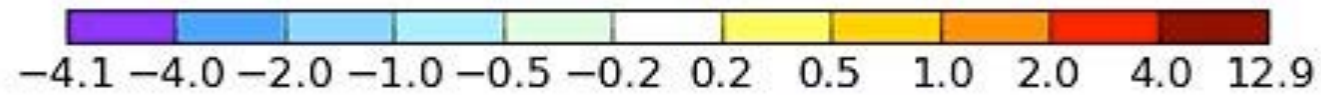
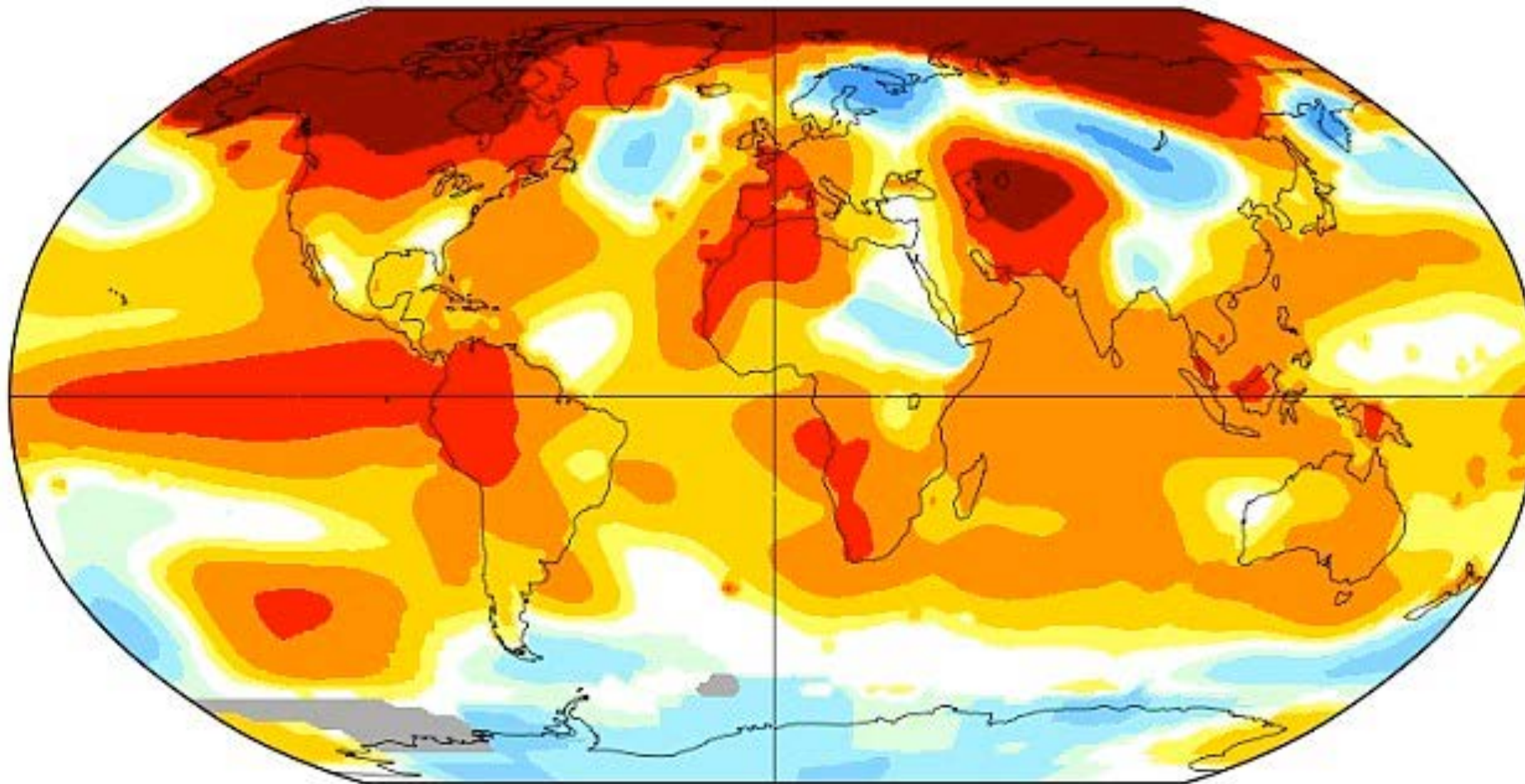
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# Climate change

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L-OTI(°C) Anomaly vs 1951-1980

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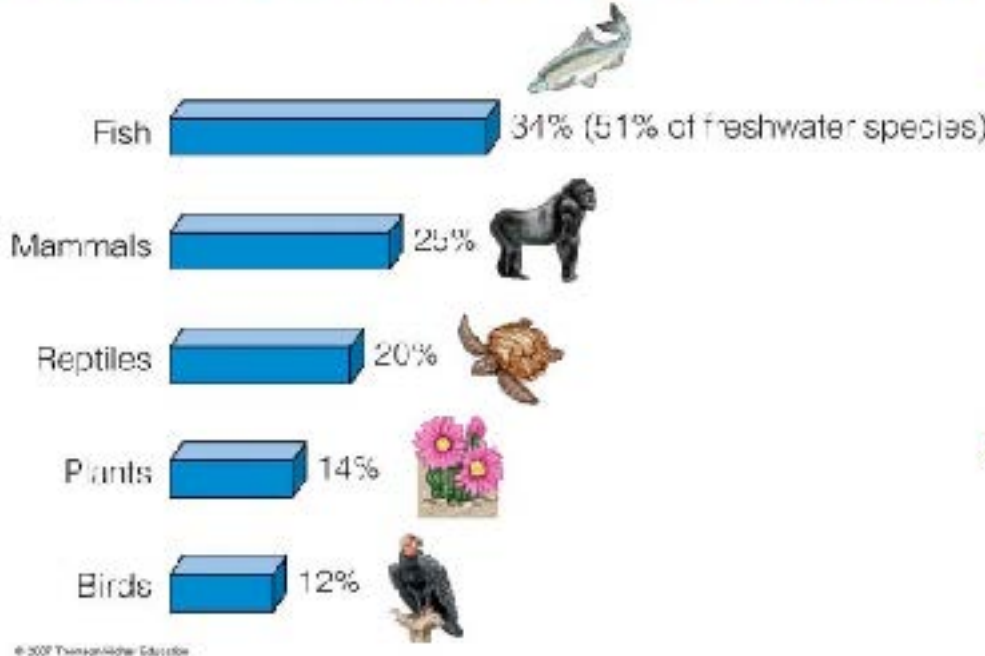


# Extinction



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- Percentage of various species types threatened with premature extinction from human activities.

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## Tragedy of the commons



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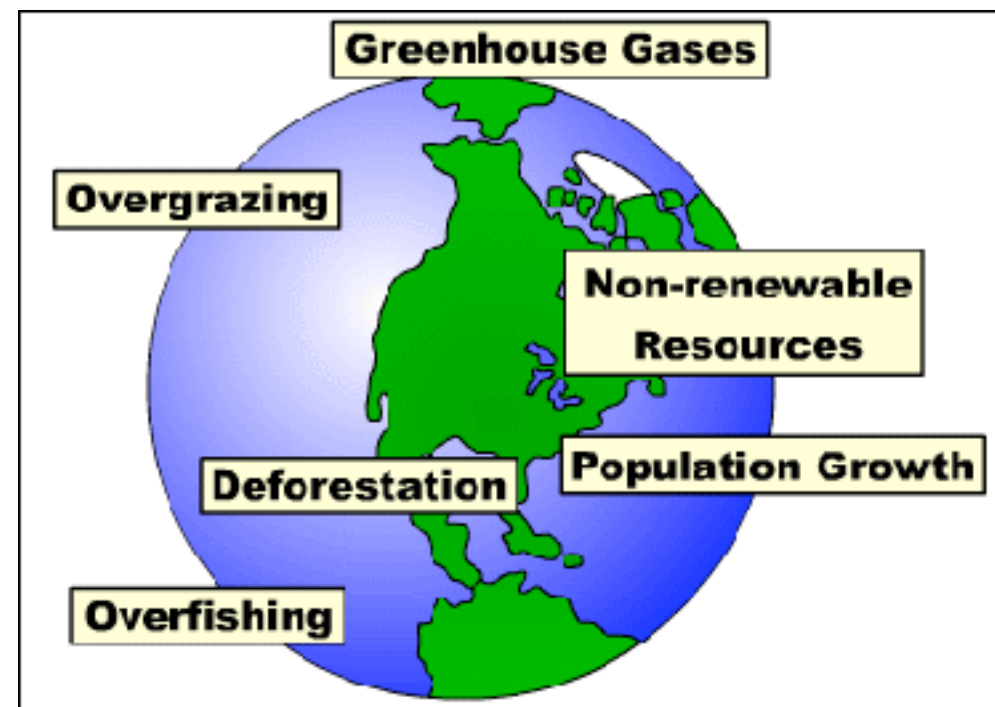
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Solving the tragedy?

- Privatize property
- Regulate public property
- Community management
- Global environmental governance?



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- Mechanisms for international environmental policy
  - IOs
  - Regimes and multilateral agreements
  - Trade restrictions
  - International Conferences
  - Norm creation
  - Capacity building
  - Develop scientific knowledge



# Environmental Issues

- What does IR theory say about environmental issues?
  - (Neo)realism (...)
  - Neoliberal institutionalism is the default approach for explaining environmental regimes
    - Emphasizes role of knowledge and transnationally organized groups of scientists and policy makers (epistemic communities)
  - Marxism argues that the capitalist system is the source of problem

# Discussion

**Does it make sense to talk about environmental problems in security terms?**

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