

A Simplified Scale for Assessing Current Impact of Climate Change in the Pacific Region

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Climate change is regarded as one of the greatest policy challenges ever faced by governments and policymakers. To understand and compare the impact of climate change between regions requires a clear and consistent measure. To date there is no one simplified scale for measuring climate change impact for policymakers and the general public. This paper highlights the need for a simplified impact scale to improve clarity and reduce complexity in communicating climate change impacts to a broader audience.

Further, the paper presents a simplified prototype scale option for measuring and communicating climate change impacts. Subsequently, the scale was trialled by 18 Pacific Islands states and a survey was undertaken. The paper analyses the results of the Pacific trial and provides a synopsis on the findings.