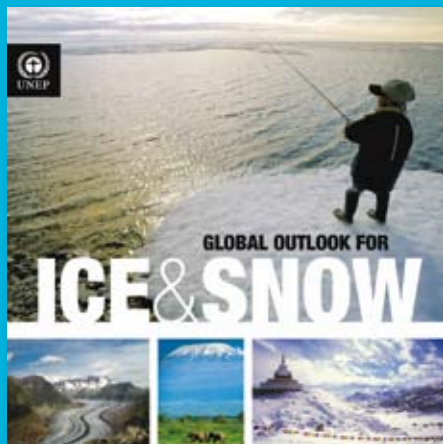


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Global Outlook for Ice and Snow



The theme of World Environment Day 2007, 'Melting Ice - A Hot Topic?', reflects the close links between ice, snow and climate change. *Global Outlook for Ice and Snow* gives an authoritative, up-to-date assessment of the current state of the cryosphere and the global significance of changes — now and in the years to come. *Global Outlook for Ice and Snow* is the second thematic assessment report in UNEP's Global Environment Outlook series and was written by leading scientists from around the world.

Sustainable Tourism in the Polar Regions

Tourism is a growing activity in the polar regions. In the Arctic, tourism is already an important component of the economies of the north. In the Antarctic, the number of tourists landing on continental Antarctica continues to rise sharply. There are serious concerns that tourism is promoting environmental degradation in the polar regions (especially in the Arctic) by putting extra pressures on land, wildlife, water and other basic necessities, and on transportation facilities. This publication explains issues of relevance to polar tourism and provides a selection of good practices for various stakeholders. The publication builds on UNEP-UNWTO 12 principles on sustainable tourism development. The trends and patterns of tourism in polar regions are summarized and an agenda of policy implications is identified.

Ozzy Ozone: Defender of Our Planet

— Ozzy Goes Polar

Ozzy Ozone and his friend Zoe arrive at the North Pole and are carried around by Tilman the Polar bear. They learn what happens to Earth's protective shield, the ozone layer, and its interlinkage with global warming. They also meet some scientists on the Tara expeditions boat, which is drifting in the Arctic sea ice for the duration of International Polar Year 2007-2008.



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The Economics of Climate Change; The Stern Review

Nicholas Stern (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

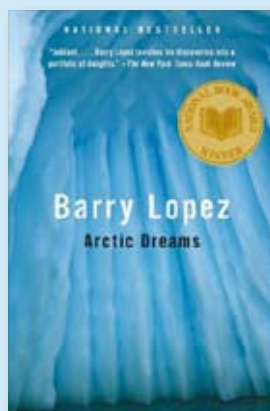
An accessible and comprehensive analysis of the economic aspects of climate change, by the head of the UK Government Economic Service and former Chief Economist of the World Bank. Topics include the nature of the economics and the science of climate change; its impact on growth and development in both North and South; the economics of cutting emissions and stabilising greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; policy on mitigation and adaptation; and the challenges of sustained international collective action.

Arctic Dreams

Barry Lopez
(Vintage Books USA
2001 edition)

Still, one of the finest books written about the Arctic — as an ecosystem, a home for its indigenous people, and a place of beauty and mystery. Travelling for five years in the 1980s in the north American

Arctic between Davis Strait in the east and Bering Strait in west, prize-winning author Barry Lopez accompanied biologists, geologists, archaeologists and Inuit hunters as he explored the region's history, wildlife, traditions and future.



Extreme Floods:

A History in a Changing Climate

Robert Doe. (Sutton Publishing, 2006).

The Editor-in-Chief of The International Journal of Meteorology, himself an expert in storm and flood research, describes the growing phenomenon of 'extreme floods' and provides insights into how, as the climate changes, water is becoming humanity's greatest enemy.

Fairness in Adaptation to Climate Change

Edited by W. Neil Adger, Jouni Paavola, Saleemul Huq, and M.J.Mace (The MIT Press, 2006).

Scholars in political science, economics, law, human geography and climate science assess social justice issues in adaptation to climate change, looking at the challenges of ensuring that policy responses do not place unfair burdens on already vulnerable populations. The book outlines the philosophical underpinnings of different types of justice, current inequities and future burdens in relation to climate change, and applies them to examples of adaptation in Bangladesh, Tanzania, Botswana, Namibia and Hungary.

From Kyoto to the Town Hall:

Making International and National Climate Policy Work at the Local Level

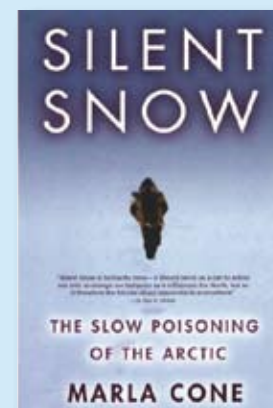
Edited by Lennart J Lundqvist and Anders Biel (Earthscan 2007)

Implementing international agreements and national policies on climate change is often derailed by a variety of barriers at the subnational, local and — perhaps most importantly — individual level. This book addresses these barriers, drawing on original research from Sweden, a world leader in effective environmental solutions. The issues include governance structures, the relationship between 'experts' and the public, political feasibility, tax measures, perceptions of 'fairness' and self-interest, and the importance of environmental values.

Silent Snow

Marla Cone
(Grove/Atlantic
2006 edition)

Traditionally thought of as the last great unspoiled territory on Earth, the Arctic is in reality home to some of the most contaminated people and animals on the planet. Marla Cone traveled across the Arctic, from Greenland to the Aleutian Islands, to find out why the Arctic is toxic. Tons of dangerous chemicals and pesticides from the United States, Europe, and Asia are being carried to the Arctic by northbound winds and waves and amplified in the ocean's food web. As a result, Inuit women who eat seal and whale meat have far higher concentrations of PCBs and mercury in their breast milk than women who live in the most industrialized areas of the world, and they pass these poisons to their infants, leaving them susceptible to disease.



True Green

Often the magnitude of the environmental challenges we face can leave us feeling powerless — but we're not. In 'True Green', Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin, part of the Clean Up Australia team, suggest 100 small ways in which you can make a big difference, at home, in the garden, at work, while travelling or in your community. Put on a jumper instead of the heater to lower carbon emissions. Switch off electrical appliances at the power point — and lower your energy consumption (and bills!) Say no to plastic bags, and reduce waste. Take shorter showers, and save water. Walk or cycle to your local shops, and reduce pollution. Practical, positive and easy to use, True Green shows how making simple changes in your everyday life can contribute to a healthier planet. www.betruegreen.com

