Climate change consequences in Asia-Pacific

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Fires, floods and rising oceans

Devastating fires and floods are becoming the new normal in the Asia-Pacific region. The intensity of Australia's catastrophic 2019-20 bushfires was unprecedented, with an area the size of South Korea burned.

At least 34 people were killed, and three billion animals were harmed or died, with acrid smoke pollution drifting as far as New Zealand and visible from space.

While poor communities in the Asia-Pacific contribute the least to global emissions they bear the brunt of the climate crisis.

In South-East Asia extreme rainfall days have increased and low-lying Bangladesh experienced record monsoonal flooding this year. Two powerful cyclones in Fiji caused flooding that forced 10,000 people to evacuate.

Rising sea levels have imperilled Pacific islands.

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