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Hauptbeschreibung The greenhouse effect is a vital process which is responsible for the heat on the earth's surface. By consuming fossil fuels, clearing forests etc. humans aggravate this natural process. As additionally trapped heat exceeds the earth's intake capacity this consequently leads to global warming. The current concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is already 30% higher compared to pre-industrial levels and unmanaged this development is likely to result in an increase of up to 6.4° C towards the end of the century. Especially the poorest regions of the world are facing

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