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Relevance of the Rome Statute for the Environmental Challenges faced by Small Pacific Islands related to Oceans and Climate

31st May 2019, Port Vila, Vanuatu

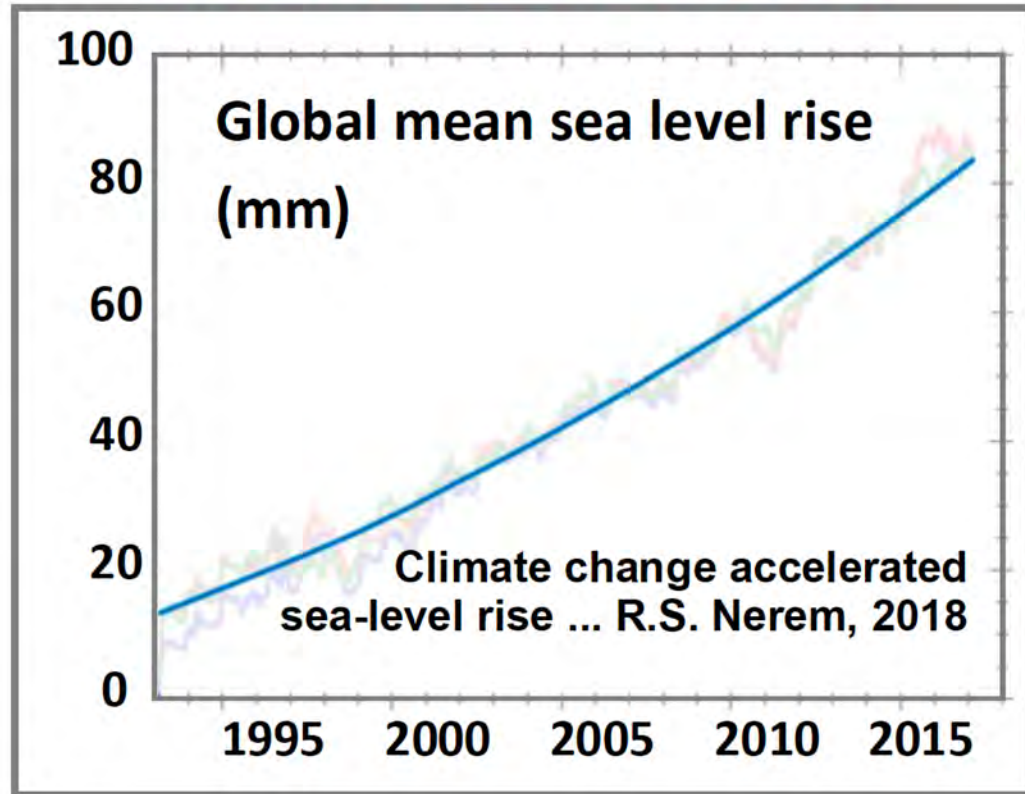
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Climate Crisis: 21st Century Crime?

Accelerating sea level rise



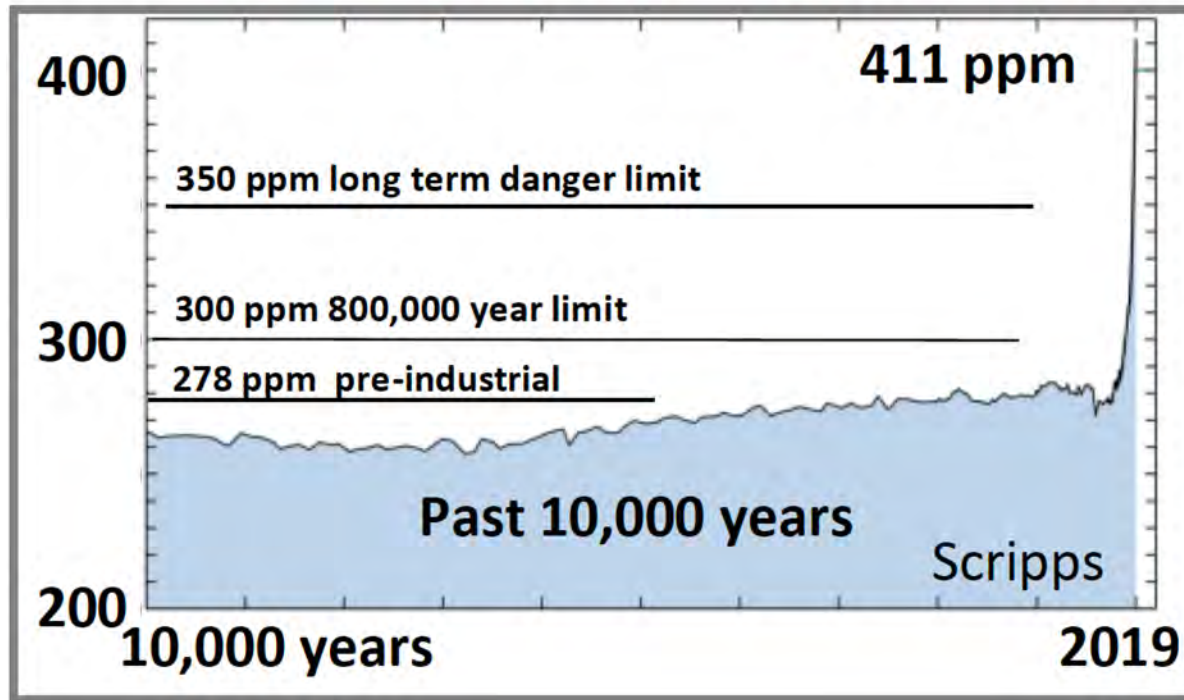
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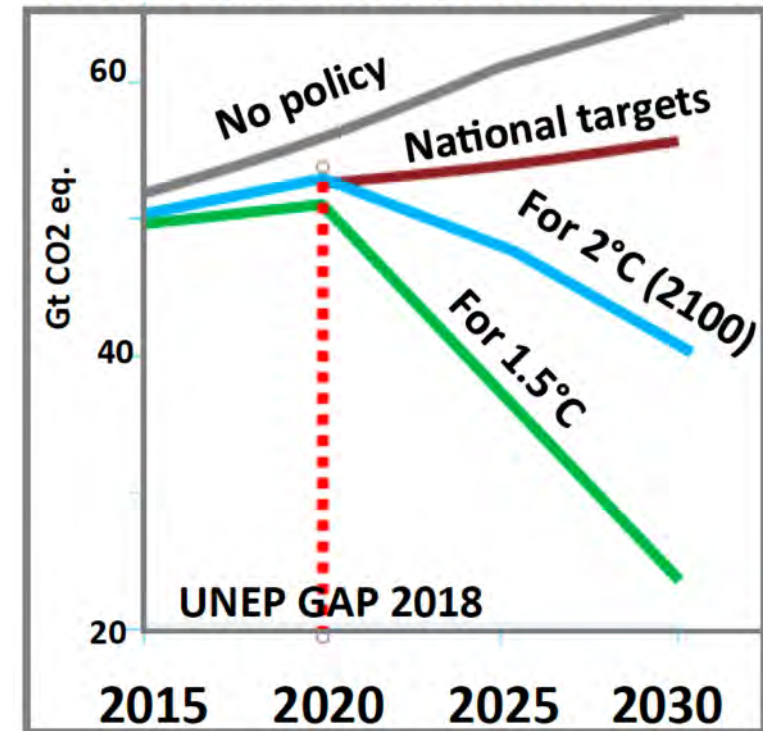
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10,000 yrs. Atmospheric CO2



Future GHG Emissions NATIONAL EMISSIONS TARGETS



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(International) Criminal Law

- The international rule of (climate) law
- *Ultimum remedium*, protective and deterrent effect
- The ICC as a strategic forum
 - Crime of ecocide dropped at the late stage of drafting the Rome Statute at the behest of NL, UK and FR
- To advocate for a tougher approach to environmental crimes
 - Purpose to halt a number of dangerous industrial activities that are indiscriminate and transcend borders
 - The injustice of climate change effects



18th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC: 2nd to 7th December 2019, The Hague

EDI is set to organise 2 side events

- World Forum
 - [2016 OTP Policy Paper on Case Selection and Prioritisation](#)
 - The ICC will “seek to cooperate and provide assistance to States, upon request, with respect to conduct which constitutes a serious crime under national law, such as the illegal exploitation of natural resources, [...] terrorism, financial crimes, land grabbing or the destruction of the environment.”
- The Peace Palace
 - Building a Toolkit to Fight (Climate) Ecocide



THANK YOU!

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