

responding to climate change ▶

Climate change has been a priority for WWF for over 20 years, a period in which scientists, policy experts and conservationists have increasingly worked together to understand the causes and impacts of climate change and determine how to steer a path to both climate stability and protection of the world's natural resources. These have been perhaps the most important decades in what is now more than 100 years of the scientific community's study of the world's climate.

The timeline we present here puts our work in the context of the world's response to climate change since the late 1980s, showing key developments in climate science and policy, as well as some recent extreme weather events in the U.S. and around the world. In this timeline, you'll read about the work of international policy-making bodies, organizations of climate scientists and other experts, and U.S. government agencies. And you will see how, over the decades, WWF has worked to connect the changes in our global climate to the needs and challenges of conserving the world's biodiversity.