# Climate Change and Lakes and Wetlands

# Role of Lakes and Wetlands as Carbon Sinks Civil Society and Adapatation

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#### Climate Change and the effect on Lakes

accord. to Prof. Hulme, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research

- Scenarios for 23 lakes until 2080
- Effects on average temperatures and precipitation (winter and summer)
- Emissions-Scenario SRES A2

9 models (IPCC)







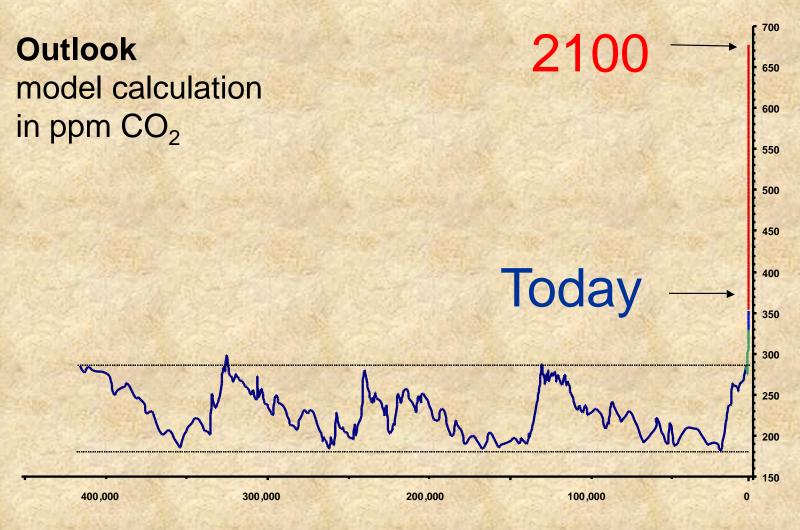


# ... how likely is Climate Change...



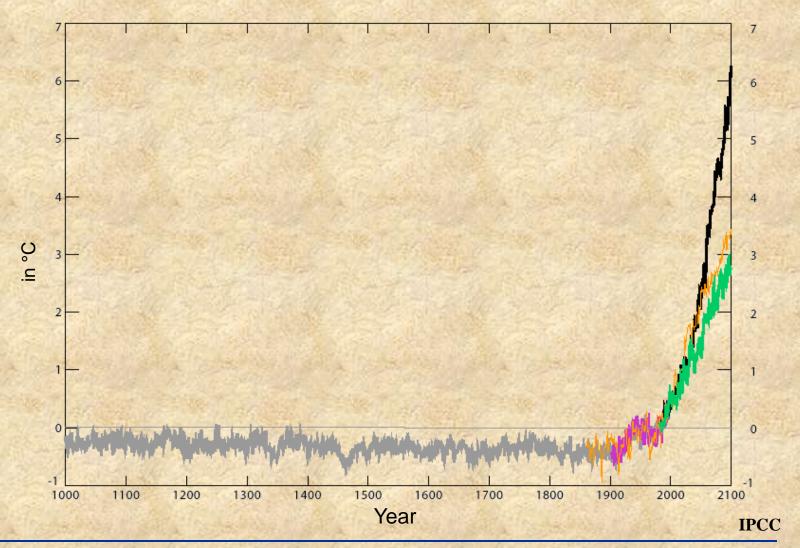


## CO<sub>2</sub> – Concentration

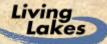


Year before 2007

#### Temperatures in the northern Hemisphere







#### ...expected impacts on lakes & wetlands...

- Increase in rainfall in winter ->
  higher risks of floods and storms
- Decrease of rainfall in summer -> higher risk of droughts and pests
- Higher water temperature -> higher evaporation -> reduced circulation
- Sinking water table will affect spawning zones -> fisheries
- Negative impacts on biodiversity
- Increase in shoreline erosion











#### ...expected impacts on lakes & wetlands...

- Increase of human casualties
- Increased damages on buildings
- More forest fires
- Higher desertification
- Threat of ecosystems by rising sea level (i.e. mangroves, coral reefs)
- Negative effects on tourism











#### **Adaptation Strategies**

- Reduce the vulnerabilities of people and societies to shifts and extremes in hydro-meteorological trends, increased variability and extreme events such as floods and droughts.
- Protect and restore ecosystems that provide critical land and water resources and services.
- Close the gap between water supply and demand.







## **Conclusion - Role of NGOs**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Step: Increase Awareness

- ✓ Create awareness of risks (and opportunities) of climate change
- ✓ Initiate research at local level or transport research findings to public and decision makers
- ✓ Link communication of risk to communication of possible adaptation measures

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Development of Adaptation Strategies

- ✓ Start or get involved in development of Adaptation Strategies
- ✓ Critical review of adaptation regulations, policies and planning schemes (impact assessments)
- ✓ Focus on adjusted low cost solutions (e.g. expansion of retention space instead of new dykes)







## **Conclusion - Role of NGOs**

#### 3. Step: Implementation of Adaptation Measures

- ✓ Implementation of pilot adaptation measures by NGOs
- ✓ Communication of need and benefits of certain adaptation measures
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation measures

#### **Challenge for NGOs:**

- Development of balanced communication and awareness strategies
- Participatory approaches
- Understand Climate Change Mitigation Mechanisms (CDM)

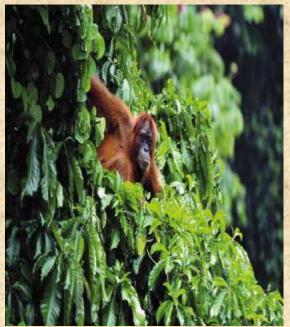




## **Biodiversity and Climate Change**

- Wetlands and forests are very important carbon sinks
- They are habitat for numerous species











## **Guidelines and Standards**





#### Investieren in Waldklimaprojekte

Leitlinien für Unternehmen und private Investoren







## Chancen und Herausforderungen von Wald- und Klimaschutzprojekten

Ein Pionierprojekt in Paraguay







## **Role of Standards?**

- □Standards:
- Allow additional Funding
  - Minimise Risks
- Standards, issusing Emmission Certificates







□Standards, without Certificates







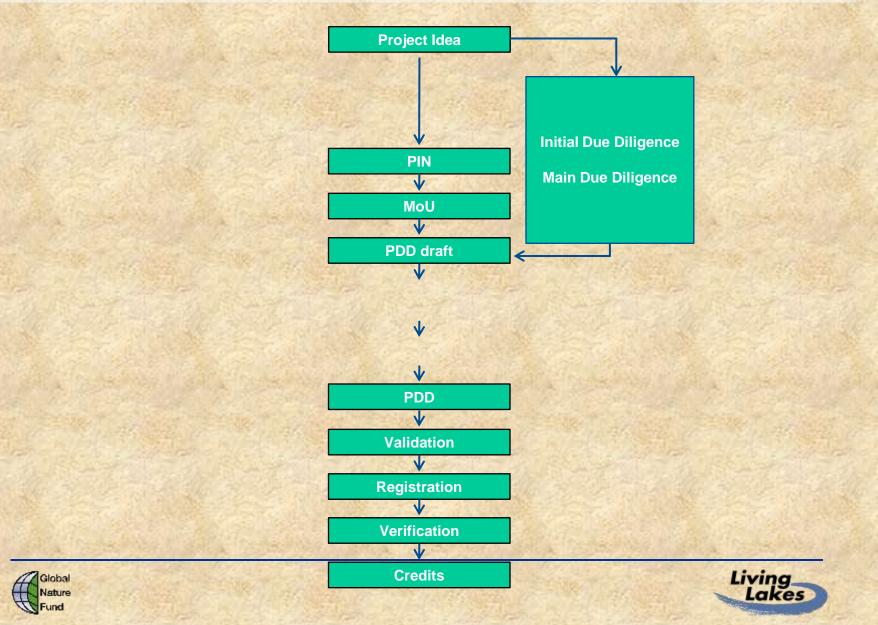








## **Project Mechanism**



## Zeitplan

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	5 Monate	PIN & Mol PDD, ERPA Due		
	4 Monate	PDD Validierungsar		
	3-4 Monate	Revision und Ergänzung PDD	Validation	
	2-3 Monate			Eingabe zur Registrierung
	1-2 Monate			Registrierung
	12 Monate	Monitoring und Eingabe an DOE		
	1 Monate	Monitoring Report		
	2-3 Monate		Verifizierungsreport über die Nachhaltigkeit und das Monitoring	
	< 1 Monat		Zertifizierung	
	2-3 Monate Global Nature			Kontrolle des Monitorings Zertifizierung Emission der Kredite

## **Project Size**

Voluntary Market (VER)	> 10'000 t CO <sub>2</sub> eq/a
Voluntary Market (VER) Gold Standard Micro Scale	2'000 - 10'000 t CO <sub>2</sub> eq/a
CDM Gold Standard	> 15' -20'000 t CO <sub>2</sub> eq/a





