

On Climate Security Risks in the Asia-Pacific

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Risk 1: Priority on climate security?

Risk 2: Region-wide shared understanding of climate security issues?

Risk 3: Will to promote a whole-of-government approach?

Risk 4: Credibility of climate science?

The Indo-Pacific Region



<https://ipfs.io/ipfs/QmXoypizjW3WknFijNKLwHCnL72vedxjQkDDP1mXWo6uco/wiki/Indo-Pacific.html>

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on February 27, 2022

“We are living through a watershed era.”

(“Policy statement by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Member of the German Bundestag,” February 27, 2022, <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/policy-statement-by-olaf-scholz-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-and-member-of-the-german-bundestag-27-february-2022-in-berlin-2008378>.)

US President Joe Biden on May 19, 2021

“We’re at a significant inflection point in world history.”

(“Remarks by President Biden at United States Coast Guard Academy’s 140th Commencement Exercises,” May 19, 2021, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/19/remarks-by-president-biden-at-united-states-coast-guard-academy-140th-commencement-exercises/>.)

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on January 13, 2023

“The international community is at a historic turning point.”

(“Policy Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS),” January 13, 2023, https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202301/_00005.html.)

Japan's National Security Strategy on December 16, 2022

“The international community is facing changes defining an era.”

(Cabinet Decision, “National Security Strategy [Provisional Translation],” December 2022, p. 1.)

Japan's National Security Strategy on December 16, 2022

“A host of issues such as climate change and infectious disease crises are emerging, requiring cross-border cooperation among nations. Today, we are in an era where confrontation and cooperation are intricately intertwined in international relations.”

(Cabinet Decision, “National Security Strategy [Provisional Translation],” December 2022, p. 1.)

Polar Shipping Routes



(<https://media.defense.gov/2021/Oct/24/2002878847/-1/-1/0/211024-F-YT915-002.PNG>)

India's Arctic Policy

1.1.3 India is particularly impacted due to the likely effect of these changes on critical aspects of national development such as economic security, water security and sustainability, weather conditions and monsoon patterns, coastal erosion and glacial melting. Indian agriculture is heavily dependent on the monsoons as it receives around seventy per cent of its annual rainfall during this season. The yield of staple summer crops such as rice, pulses and soybeans, which account for almost fifty per cent of India's food output, are dependent upon the precipitation during this period. A good monsoon is critical for India's food security and the wellbeing of its vast rural sector. Changes in the Arctic, especially melting Arctic ice, can be highly disruptive for national development, sustainability of over 1,300 island territories and maritime features, and welfare of 1.3 billion Indians.

(Government of India, *India's Arctic Policy: Building a Partnership for Sustainable Development*, 2022, p. 3.)