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THE IPCC GETS THE SCIENCE WRONG

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Over the last several weeks, the media has uncovered significant errors and non peer-reviewed material in the IPCC's 2007 Fourth Assessment Report (AR 4). This undermines the credibility of IPCC science, which EPA relied on to make its "endangerment finding" for greenhouse gases.

The IPCC mistakenly claimed that global warming would:

- Melt Himalayan glaciers by 2035; ⁱ
- Endanger 40 percent of Amazon rainforests; ⁱⁱ
- Melt mountain ice in the Alps, Andes, and Africa; ⁱⁱⁱ
- Deplete water resources for 4.5 billion people by 2085, neglecting to mention that global warming could also increase water resources for as many as 6 billion people; ^{iv}
- Slash crop production by 50 percent in North Africa by 2020. ^v

In addition the IPCC:

- Incorrectly stated that 55 percent of the Netherlands lies below sea level; ^{vi}
- Used data from Chinese weather station measurements that are not only seriously flawed, but can't be located. IPCC scientists suppressed this data for years because of fears that it could cast doubt on a key 1990 study on the effect of cities on warming; ^{vii}
- Included a diagram used to demonstrate the potential for generating electricity from wave power that has been found to contain numerous errors; ^{viii}
- Used a biased report by the activist group Defenders of Wildlife to state that salmon in US streams have been affected by rising temperatures; ^{ix}
- Deliberately ignored a paper written by a scientist that contradicted the panel's claims about the cost of climate-related natural disasters; ^x
- Misrepresented the alleged link between climate change and coral reef degradation. The IPCC based this link not on peer-reviewed science but on advocacy articles by the radical group Greenpeace; ^{xi}
- Downplayed the increase in sea ice in the Antarctic to dramatize the observed decline in sea ice in the Arctic. ^{xii}

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- ⁱ See "IPCC officials admit mistake over melting Himalayan glaciers," *The Guardian*, January 20, 2010.
- ⁱⁱ See "The Continuing Climate Meltdown," *The Wall Street Journal*, February 16, 2010.
- ⁱⁱⁱ See "UN climate change panel based claims on student dissertation and magazine article." *The Telegraph*, January 30, 2010.
- ^{iv} See "The Continuing Climate Meltdown," *The Wall Street Journal*. February 16, 2010.
- ^v See "African crops yield another catastrophe for the IPCC," *The Telegraph*, February 13, 2010.
- ^{vi} See "U.N. climate panel admits Dutch sea level flaw," *Reuters*, February 13, 2010.
- ^{vii} See "Hacked climate emails: Phil Jones admits loss of weather data was 'not acceptable'," *The Guardian*, February 15, 2010.
- ^{viii} See "New errors in IPCC climate change report," *The Telegraph*, February 6, 2010.
- ^{ix} Ibid.
- ^x Ibid.
- ^{xi} See "IPCC: Beyond the Himalayas" *The National Post (Lawrence Solomon Blog)*, February 6, 2010.
- ^{xii} See "IPCC underestimated Antarctic sea ice increase by 50%" *Digitaljournal.com*, February 17, 2010.