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## **Climate Change, the Environment & Security**

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In recent years, scientific opinions on climate change and how human activities influence it have reached near consensus. But while the effects of climate change are seen as inevitable, when and to what extent these will manifest is still difficult to predict. Conflicts over resources have always been part of human history but the extent to which the global community could be affected is more recent.

The security sector will have two roles in this new world. Violence caused by resource conflict may increasingly need the intervention of military forces, as will the humanitarian disasters caused both by increased drought and by the flooding of high density communities based in low-lying areas. In parallel with this potential for ever-increasing operational tempo, there is an increased awareness of the effect the military itself has on the environment, particularly its reliance on fossil fuels.

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This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on climate change. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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