



# **A-level GEOGRAPHY**

## **Paper 1 Physical Geography**

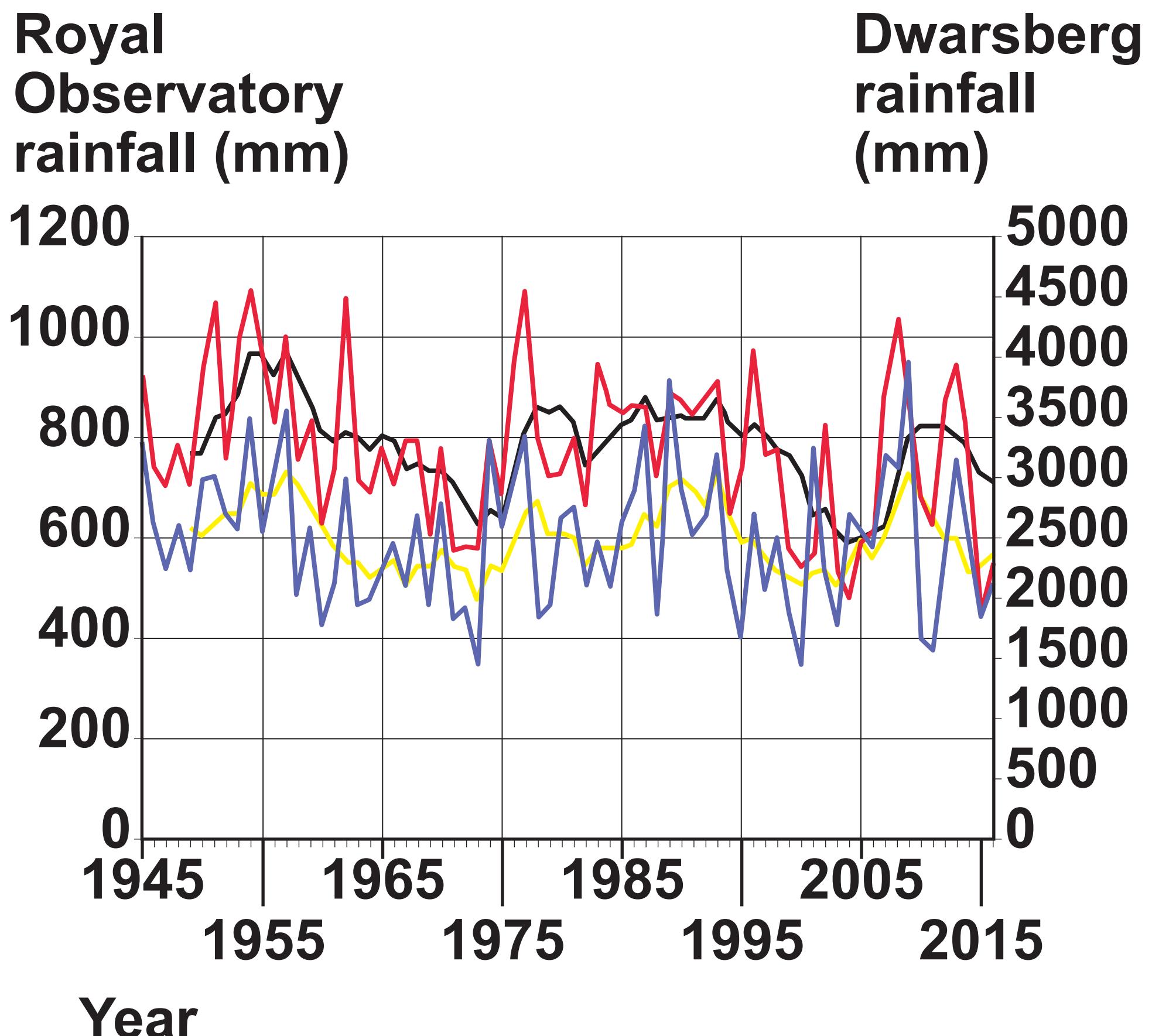
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## FIGURE 1

Annual and 5-year moving average rainfall data for two measuring stations in South Africa: Royal Observatory and Dwartsberg.



## KEY

- Dwarsberg annual**
- Royal Observatory annual**
- Dwarsberg 5-year moving average**
- Royal Observatory 5-year moving average**

**Note: The 5-year moving average plots the mean value of the previous 5 years.**

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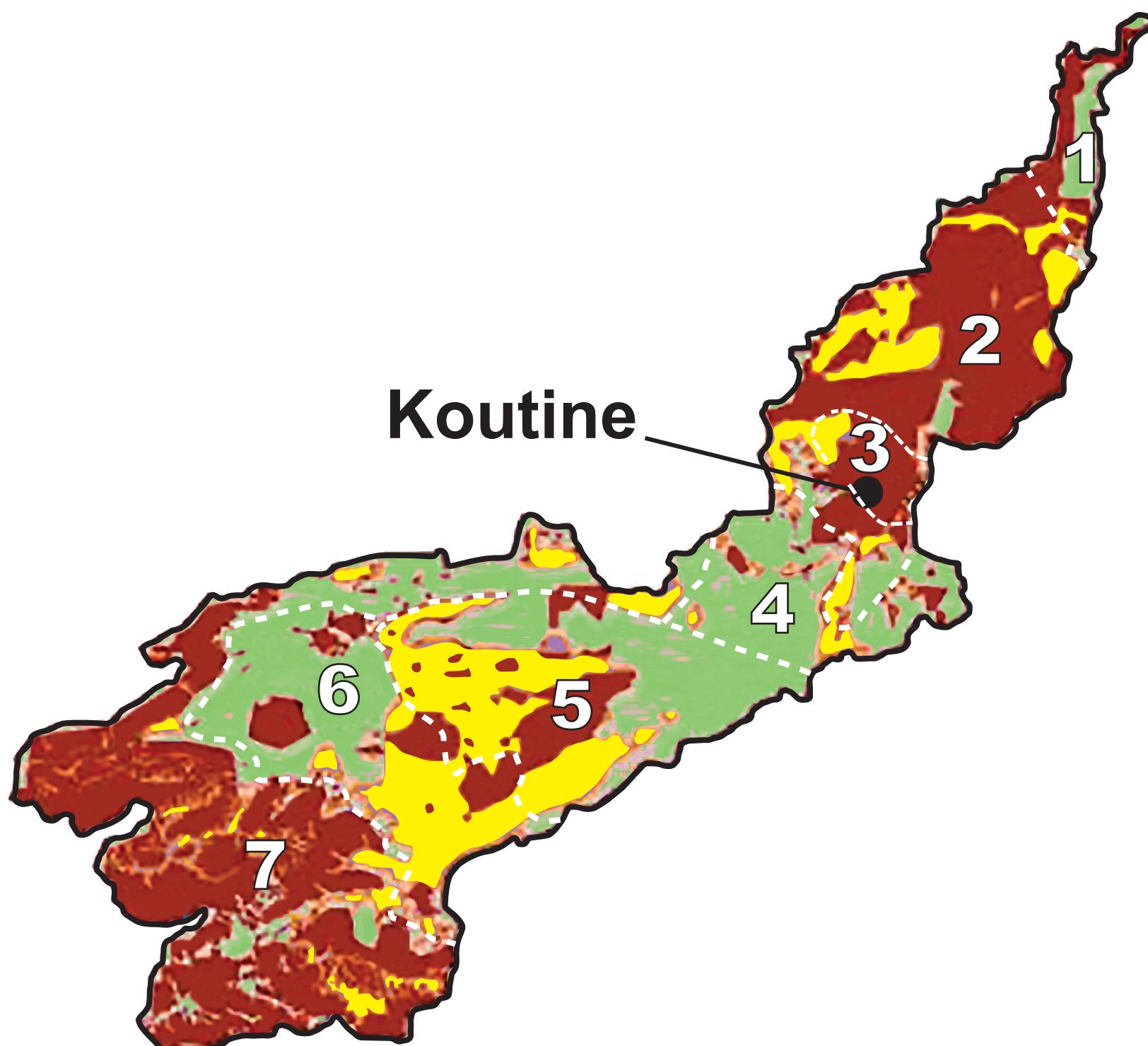
## FIGURE 2

**Number of days when precipitation is high enough for plant growth across southern Africa in 2000 and that projected for 2050.**

**Maps showing precipitation for plant growth in South Africa 2000/2050 cannot be reproduced here due to third-party copyright restrictions.**

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**FIGURE 3 – desertification risk levels by landscape type in an area of Tunisia, north Africa.**



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### Desertification risk level

■ Low to medium risk

■ High risk

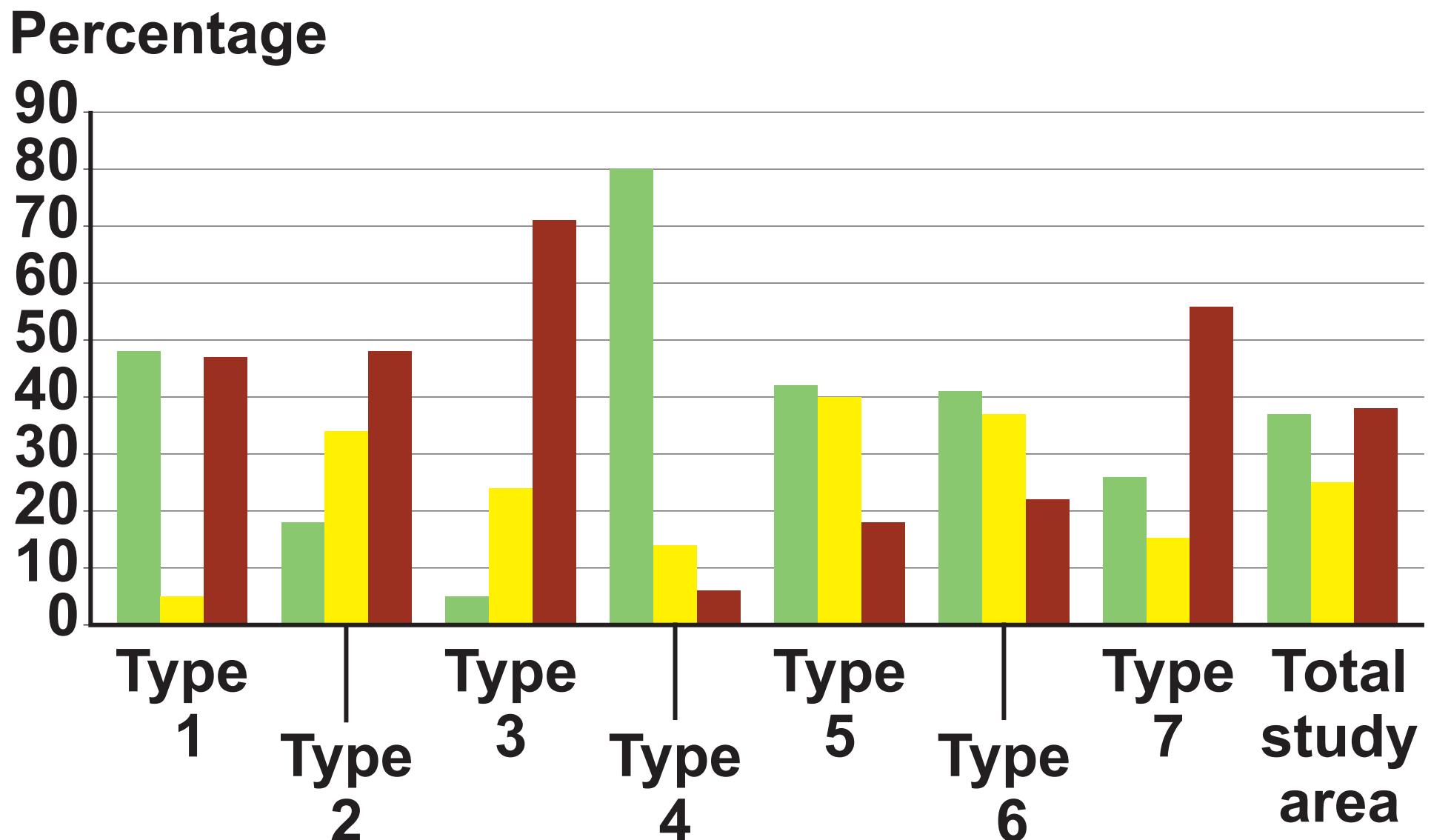
■ Very high risk

---- Landscape type limit

— Study area limit

● Settlement

0 5 km



## Landscape type

Type 1: Coastal wetlands

Type 2: Croplands and grasslands

Type 3: Urbanised area

Type 4: Grassland plains

Type 5: Croplands expansion at the expense of grasslands

Type 6: Urban expansion and discontinued grasslands

Type 7: Mountains and water catchments

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## FIGURE 4



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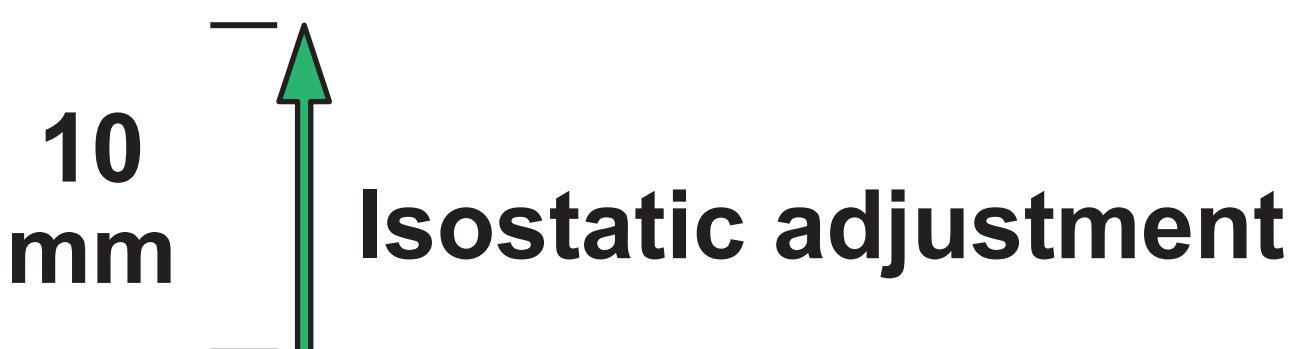
## FIGURE 5 – the isostatic adjustment in 2010 (green arrows) for selected recording stations in Greenland. Information on the 2010 melting day anomaly is also shown.

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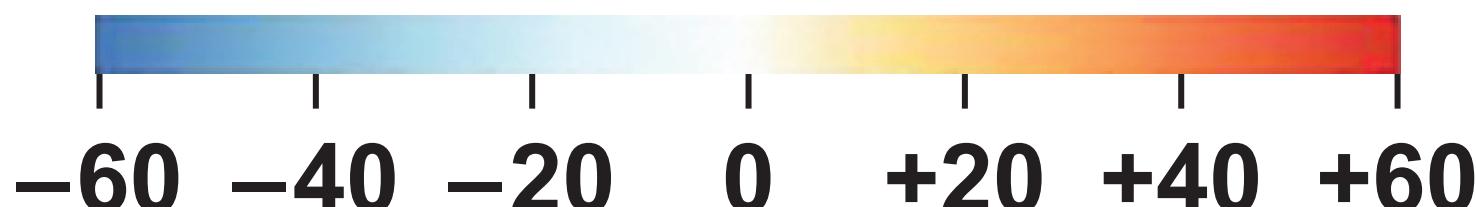
- 1 Melting day anomaly refers to the extra days of melting relative to the 1979–2009 average.
- 2 Isostatic adjustment refers to the change in the land level relative to sea level.

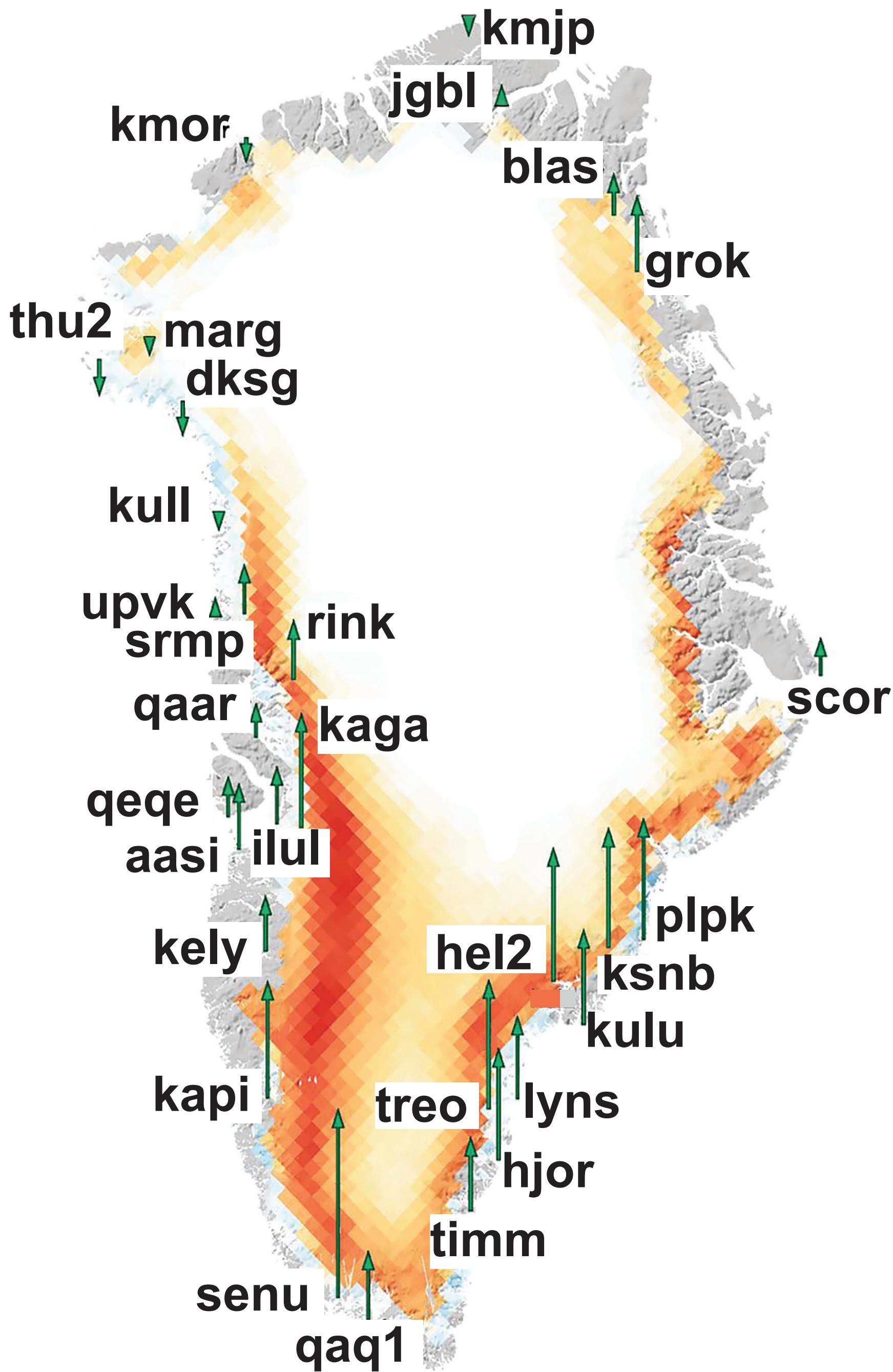
### KEY

plpk      Recording station



2010 melting day anomaly





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## FIGURE 6



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## FIGURE 7

The mean mass balance and cumulative mass balance for selected glaciers around the world.

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Annual mean mass balance change  
for selected glaciers

Cumulative mass balance relative to 1970

Number of selected glaciers used to  
measure mean balance

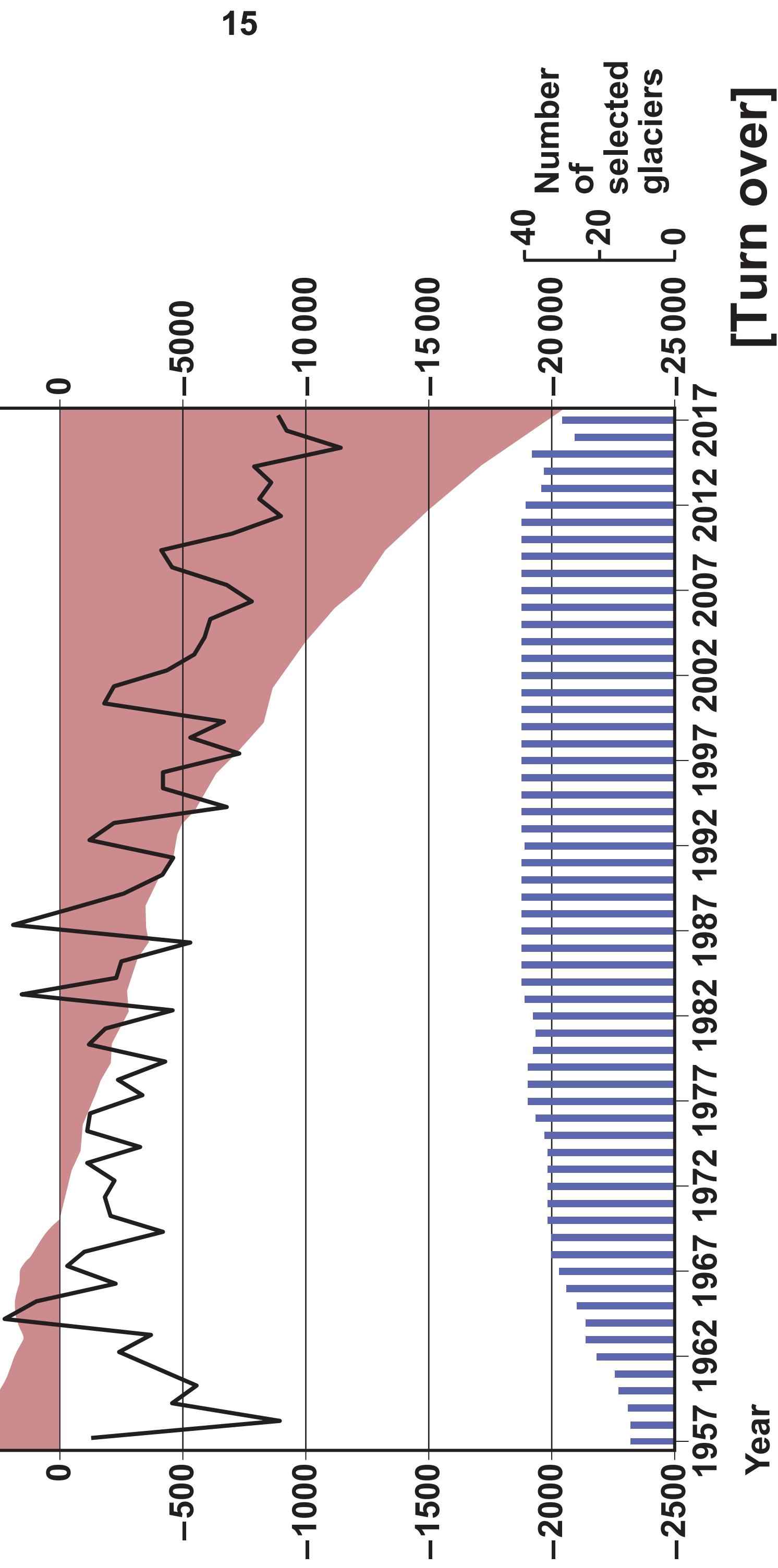
mm w.e. Millimetres of water equivalent

Annual mean mass  
balance change for  
selected glaciers  
(mm w.e.)

Cumulative mass  
balance of selected  
glaciers (mm w.e.)

1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 1987 1992 1997 2002 2007 2012 2017

5000  
0  
-500



## FIGURE 8



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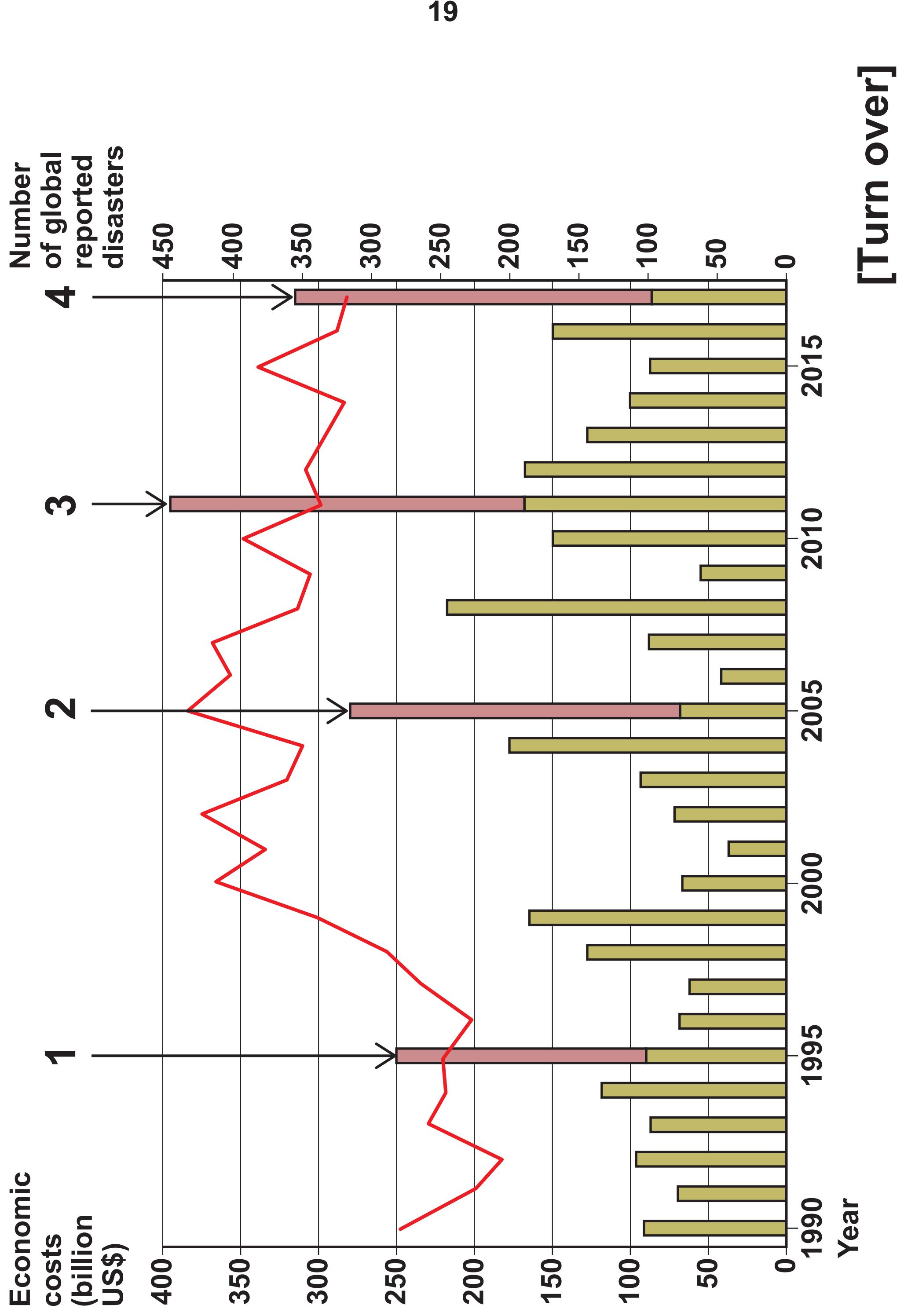
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**FIGURE 9a – the number of global reported disasters between 1990 and 2017. It also shows the economic costs associated with the reported disasters.**

### KEY

- █ Economic costs
- █ Economic cost of selected disasters
- Number of global reported disasters over time

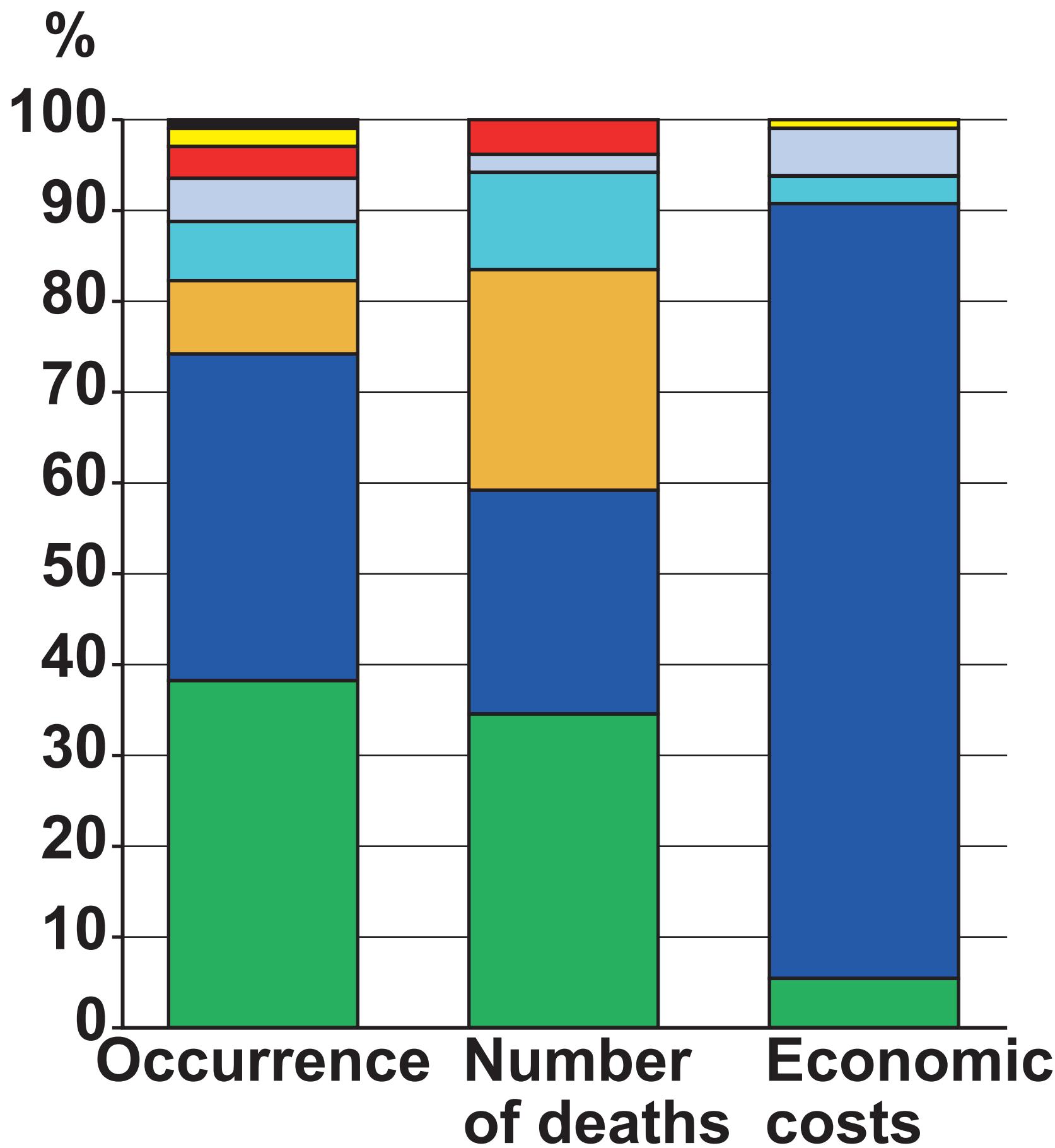
- 1 EARTHQUAKE  
Kobe, Japan (US\$160 billion)
- 2 HURRICANES  
Katrina and Wilma, USA (US\$201 billion)
- 3 EARTHQUAKE/Tsunami  
Tohoku, Japan (US\$228 billion)
- 4 HURRICANES  
Harvey, Irma and Maria, USA (US\$229 billion)



**FIGURE 9b – information about the global reported disasters for 2017 as shown in FIGURE 9a.**

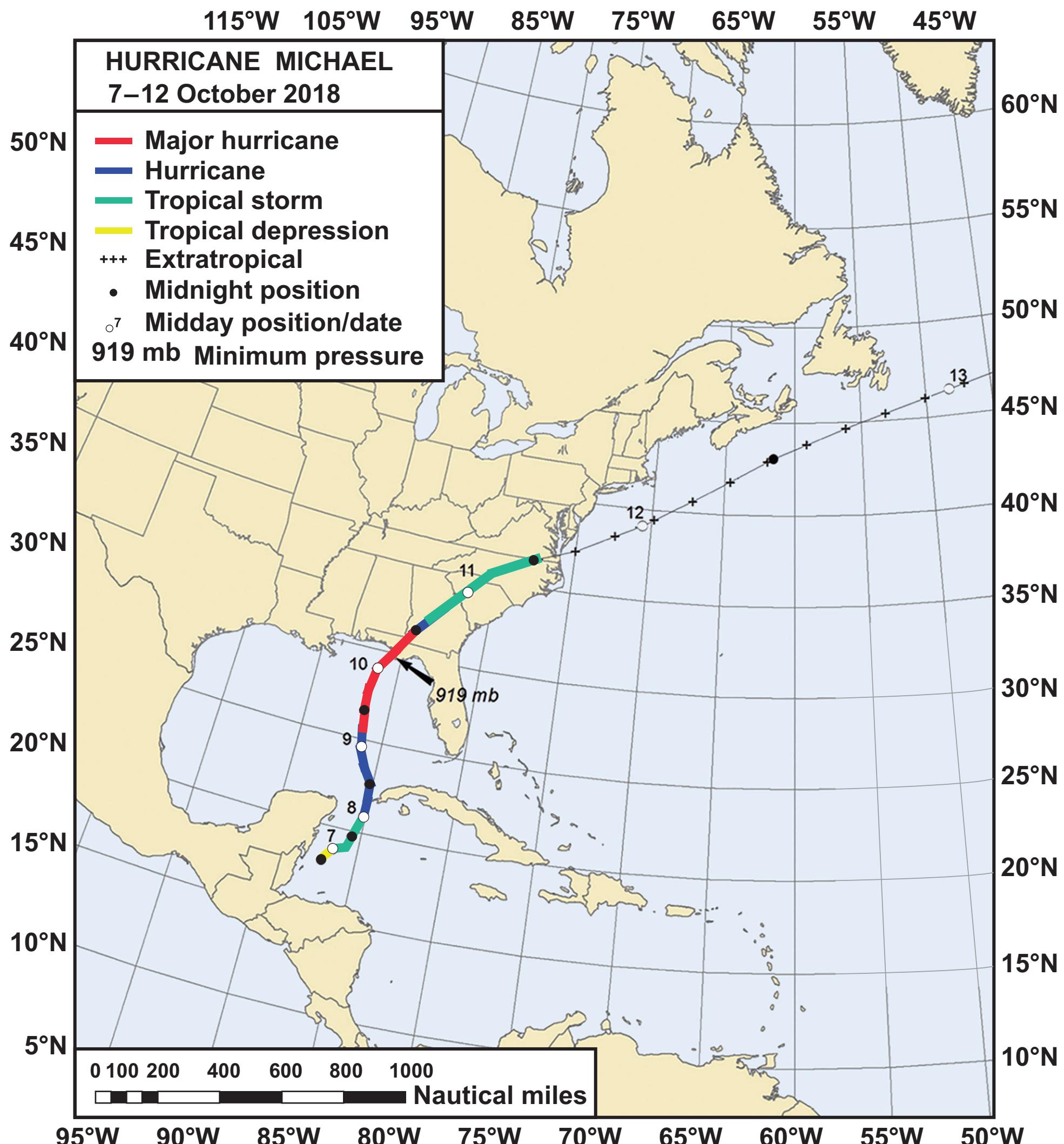
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- Volcanic activity**
- Drought**
- Extreme temperature**
- Wildfire**
- Earthquake**
- Landslide**
- Storm including hurricane**
- Flood**

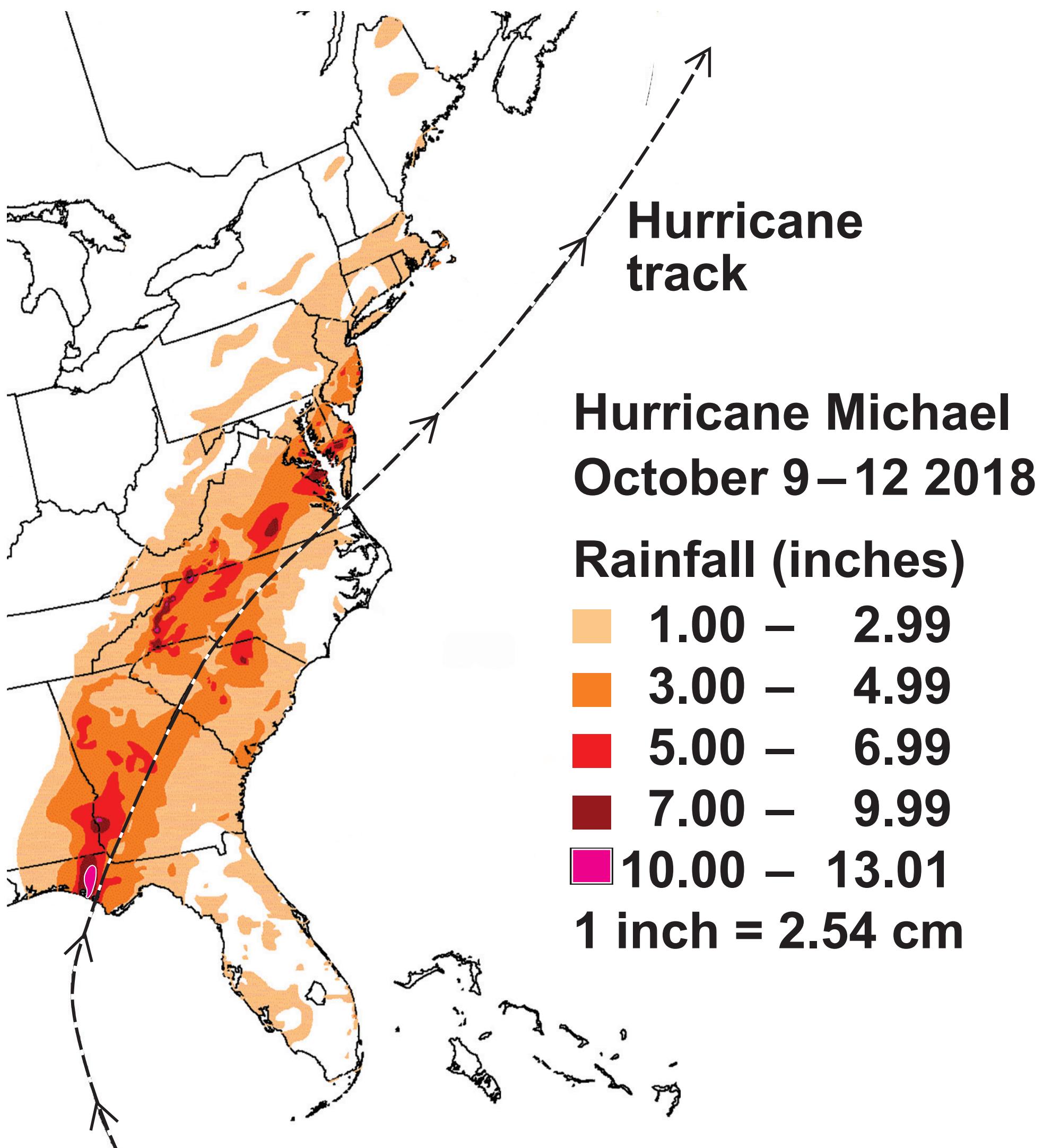


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# FIGURE 10a – the track of Hurricane Michael, and data related to the intensity and timescale of the event.



## FIGURE 10b – the track of Hurricane Michael between 9–12 October and the rainfall associated with the event.



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## FIGURE 10c – the aftermath of the event at Mexico Beach in Florida, USA.

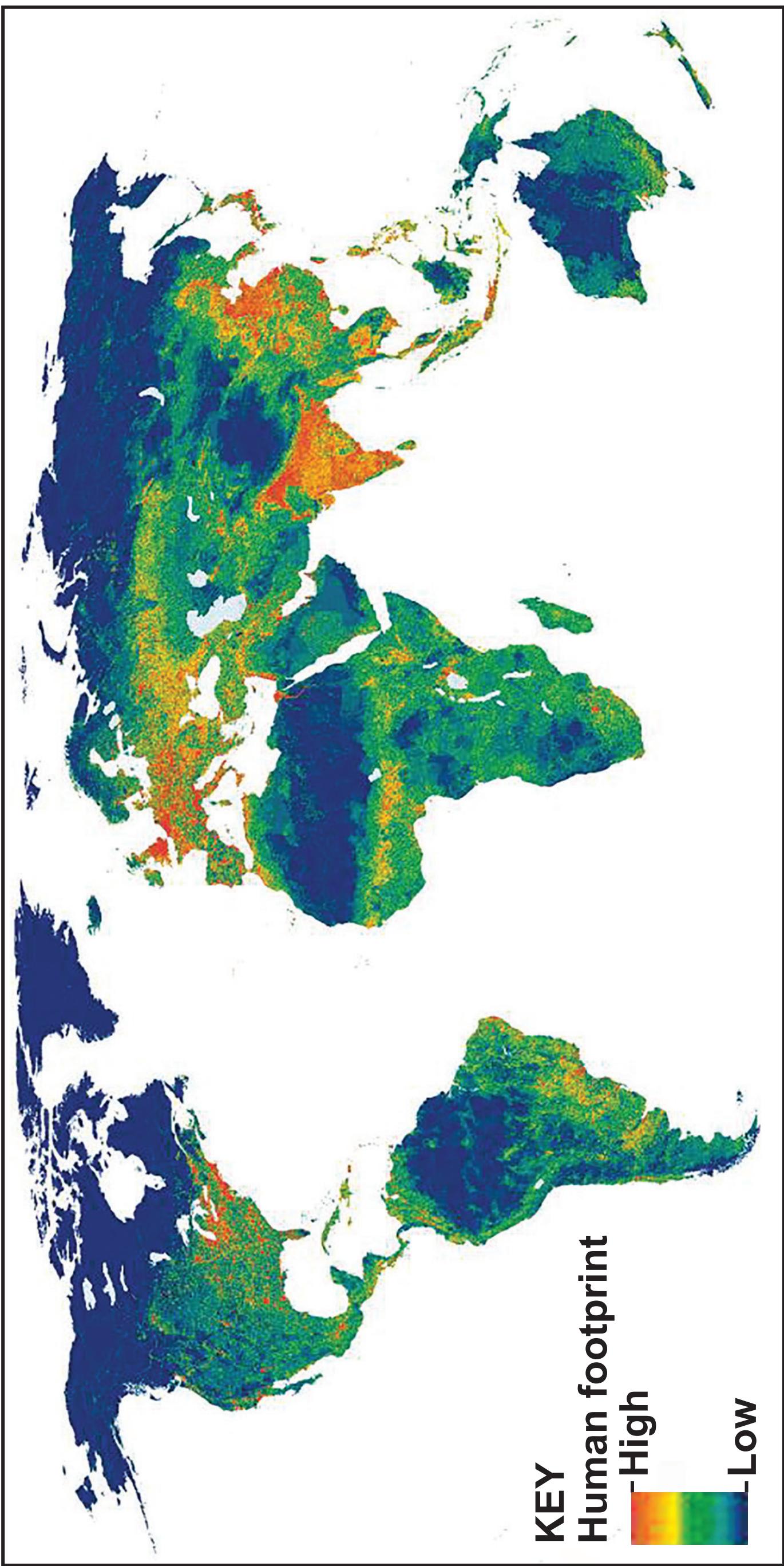


An image shows an area of land covered in housing debris. Bricks, pieces of wood, sheets of metal and other items used in housing construction are covering the area.

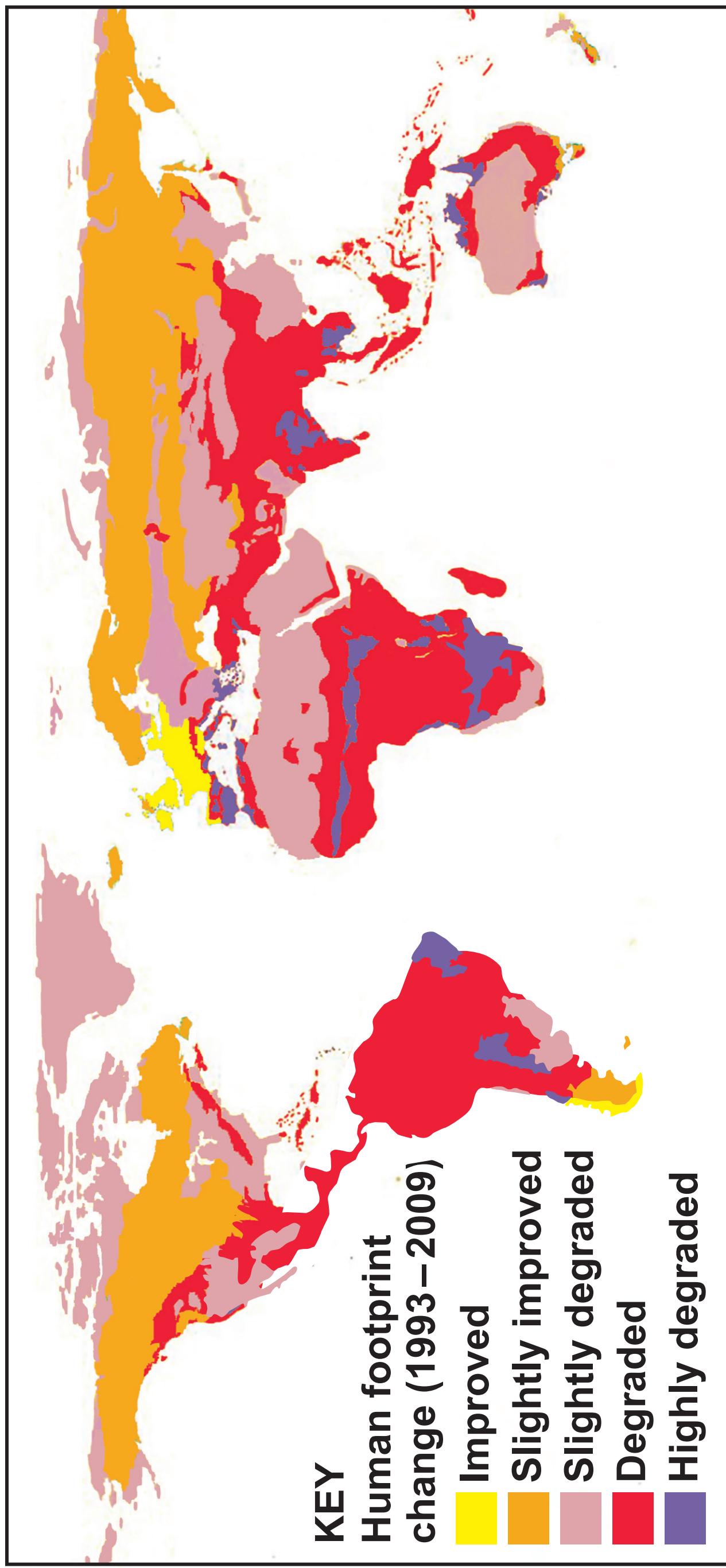
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**FIGURE 11a**  
**The global human footprint in 2009.**



**Note:** The global human footprint combines the pressures of infrastructure, human land use and human access on natural areas.

**FIGURE 11b****Change in the global human footprint between 1993 and 2009.****[Turn over]**

## FIGURE 12a – coral bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR), Australia, in 2016.



**KEY**

■ **Most severe bleaching**

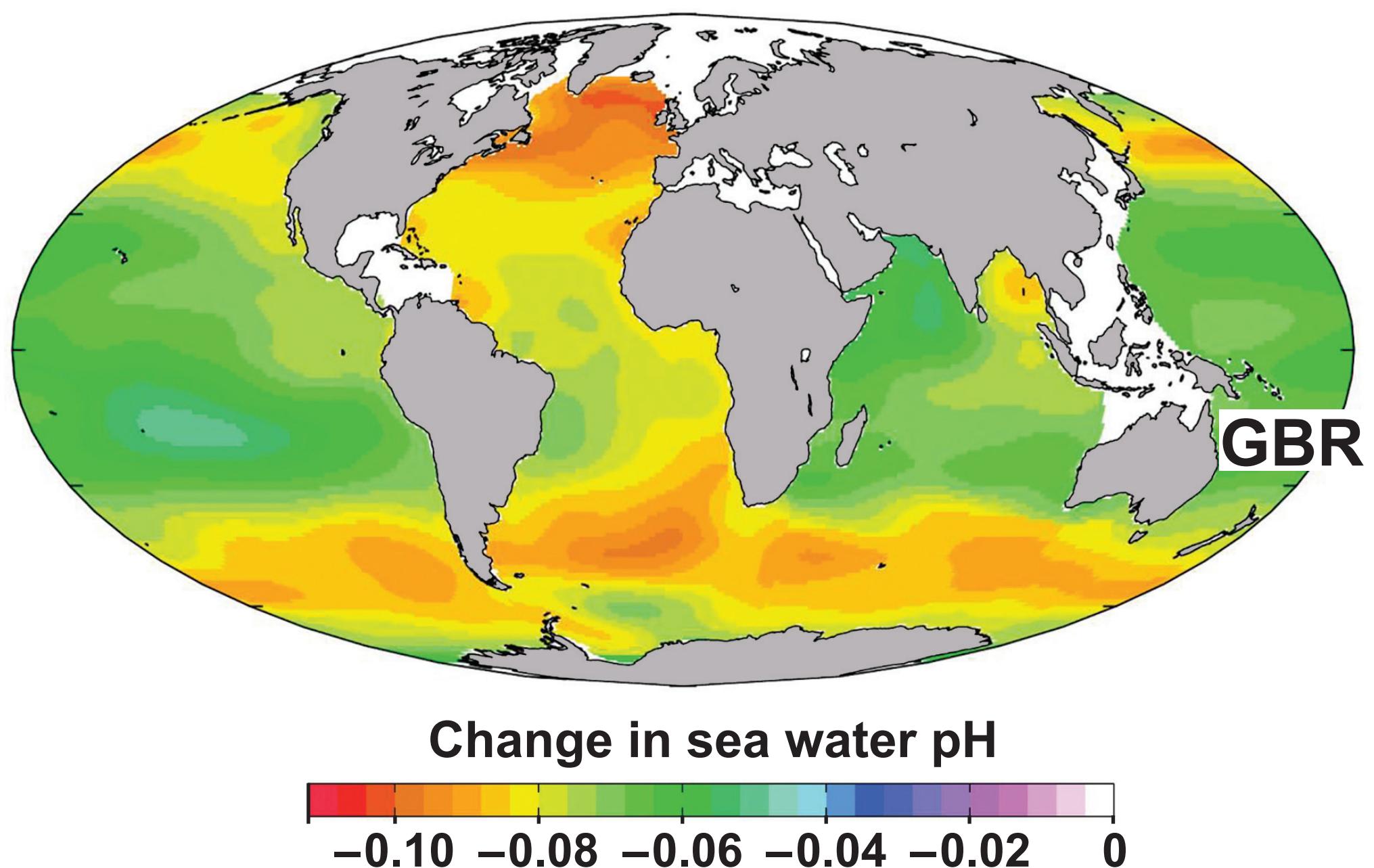
■ **Negligible or no bleaching**

0      250 km

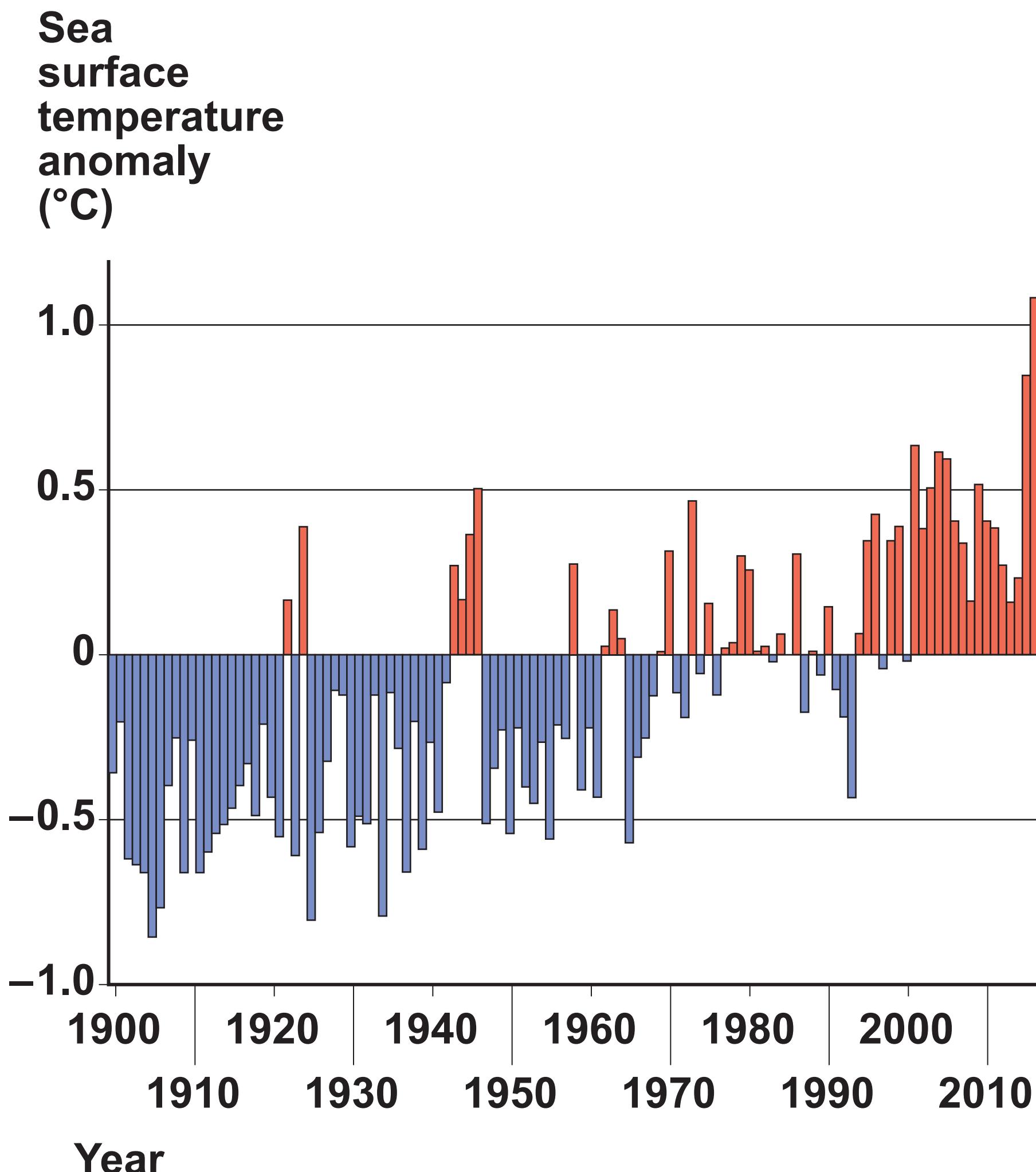
**Note:** When water is too warm, corals will expel the algae living in their tissues causing the coral to turn completely white. This is the process of coral bleaching.

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**FIGURE 12b – estimated change in sea water pH caused by human-created CO<sub>2</sub> between the 1700s and the 1990s.**



## FIGURE 12c – sea surface temperature anomaly for the Coral Sea, Australia, between 1900 and 2016.



Note: The anomaly is measured against the mean for the period 1960–1991.

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