

Brief overview of the CCII project

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CCII Summary

Duration: 01 October 2012 – 30 September 2016

Funding: \$1,800,000 per year

Funding Agency: New Zealand Ministry for Business,

Innovation and Employment

Participating Research Organisations

AgResearch Bodeker Scientific

Landcare Research (Co-lead Agency) Motu Economic Consulting Limited

NIW(Co-lead Agency) PS Consulting Ltd.

Plant and Food Scion

Victoria University

University of Waikato

GNS Science

KEY QUESTION

(from MBIE Environment RfP)

What are the predicted climatic conditions and assessed/potential impacts and implications of climate variability and trends on New Zealand and its regional biophysical environment, the economy and society, at projected critical temporal steps up to 2100?

The project started on 1 October 2012 and finishes on 30 September 2016*

Objectives

 Update and improve projections of climate trends, variability and extremes across New Zealand out to 2100, based on the latest global projections

- Generate new knowledge about the potential impacts and implications of climate change and variability on
 - Environment: natural ecosystems and native species
 - Economy: many productive activities which depend on the environment
 - Society: to enable continued growth and prosperity

Outputs & Outcomes

30+

 New research findings reported in peer-reviewed papers and science reports, accessible for IPCC AR6;

80+

 Presentations at international and local conferences, meetings and workshops;

10

(in progress)

• A set of synthesis reports summarising key results and indicating future research gaps, suitable for a general readership;

ccii.org.nz (in progress)

 A project webpage displaying key results and descriptions of models/approaches used, plus contact information;

Yes

 Linkages with the National Science Challenges, especially the Deep South Challenge; and

Ultimate goal!

 An increased capacity of government, business, iwi, and communities to adapt in a timely and robust manner to an increasingly complex, climate-challenged world

CCII Project Structure



Project Leadership Team

Research Aim 1: Improved Climate Projections

Research Aim 2: Understanding Pressure Points, Critical Steps, and Potential Responses [Case Studies]

Research Aim 3: Identifying Feedbacks, Understanding Cumulative Impacts and Recognising Limits [National]

Research Aim 4: Enhancing capacity and supporting decision-making

Research Aim 5: Exploring options for New Zealand under different global climates

PARTNERS

Advisory Group

Research Contributions

Communities of Practice

RA2 Case Studies

- Alpine (Southern Alps)
- Uplands (MacKenzie Basin, Upper Waitaki Catchment)
- Lowlands (Kaituna Catchment, Bay of Plenty)
- Coastal (Firth of Thames and lower Waihou River)
- Marine (NZ EEZ)

For each of these studies, the driving principle was to model as much of the biophysical impacts (natural and managed systems) as possible, consider the outputs alongside each other and alongside socioeconomic scenarios, and think about the implications with an "integrated" assessment approach.

This was a LOT harder than we originally thought!

Webpage: www.ccii.org.nz

