Greenhouse Effect and Carbon Footprint



The greenhouse effect

kids.earth.nasa.gov/faq/index.htm





www.indiana.edu/~geol105b/1425chap8.htm

2.1% 4.4% 8.2%

85.4%

2007 Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas (percents based on Tg CO2 Eq.) (Tg – teragram = 10¹² g) (http://www.epa.gov/climatec hange/emissions/downloads0 9/ExecutiveSummary.pdf)

Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector

How the U.S. compares

Emissions of CO₂ - selected countries (1995)

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Top 8 countries make 44% of CO₂

Source : International Energy Agency, 1998.

CO2 concentrations at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii (as of May 2009)

http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/co2_data_mlo.html

What about before 1960?

Changes in the average global temperature relative to the mean temperature during the 20th century

http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/recenttc_triad.html

How do we remove this CO₂?

- Carbon sink: is a reservoir of carbon that accumulates and stores carbon for an indefinite period. The main sinks are:
 - Absorption of carbon dioxide by the oceans
 - Photosynthesis by plants and algae to turn the carbon into plant matter
 - Injection of CO₂ emissions deep into geological subsurface

Breakdown

What is a carbon footprint?

 Carbon footprint (FP): is "the total set of GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions caused directly and indirectly by an individual, organization, event or product"

(UK Carbon Trust 2008).

Everyone in this room has a FP

Let's determine your C-FP

