

Transboundary climate risks

Knowledge review – preliminary findings



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Sources of information and focus

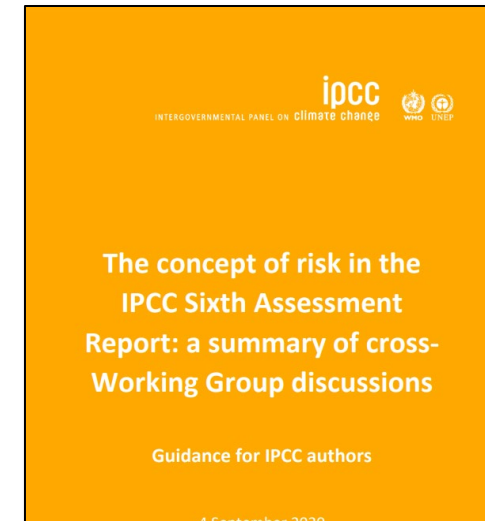
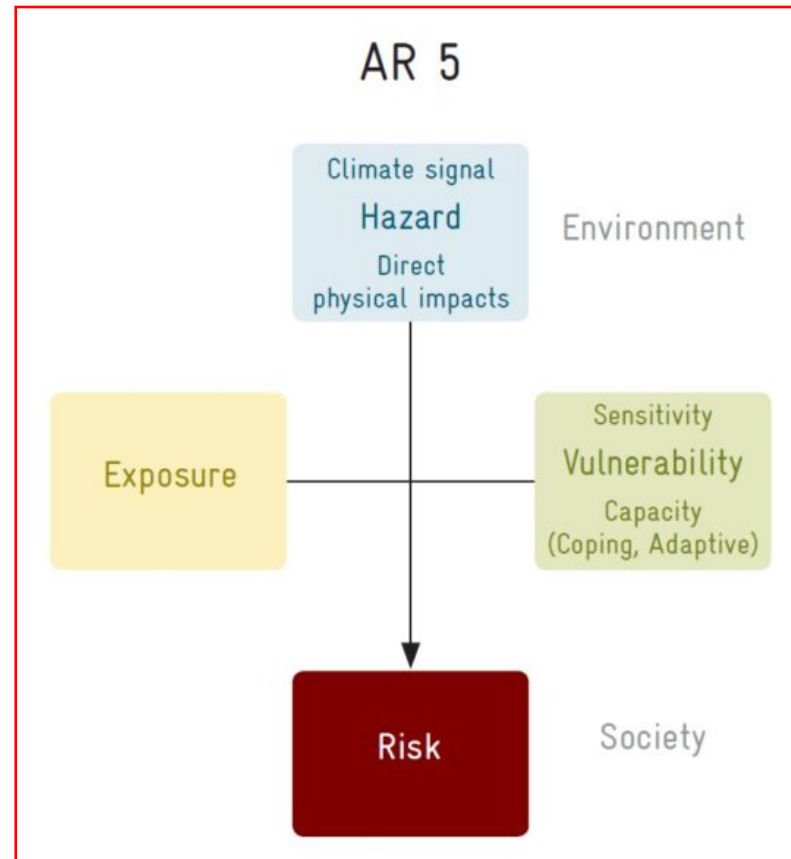
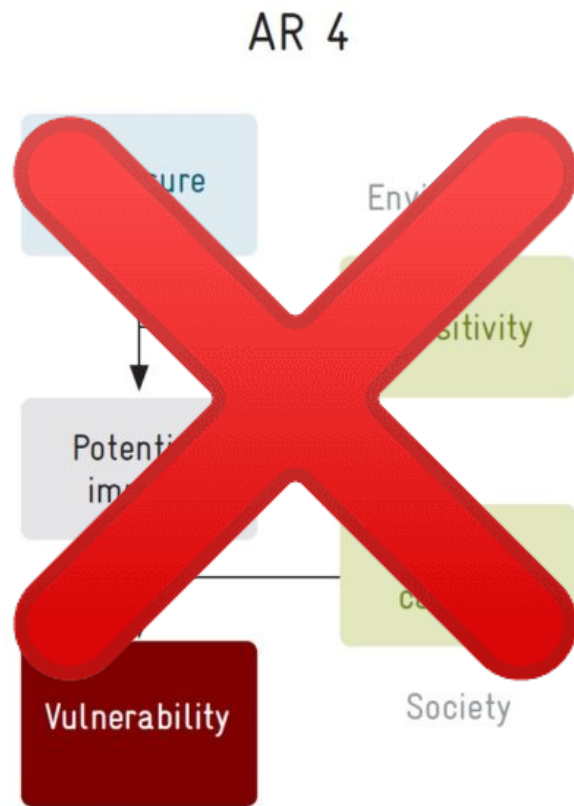


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- Research literature (update)
 - International
- Grey literature (supplement)
 - European
- Policy documents (supplement)
 - Nordic
 - EU-level
- Focus on the knowledge status with respect to the situation in the Nordic countries

Key concepts and approach

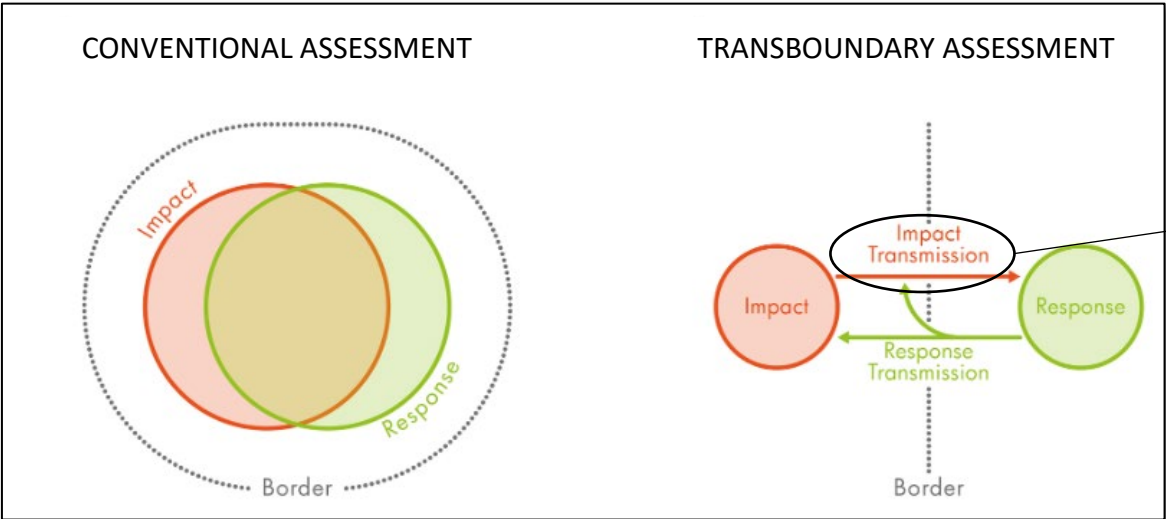
The current (as from AR5 and onwards) IPCC framework on understanding physical climate risks



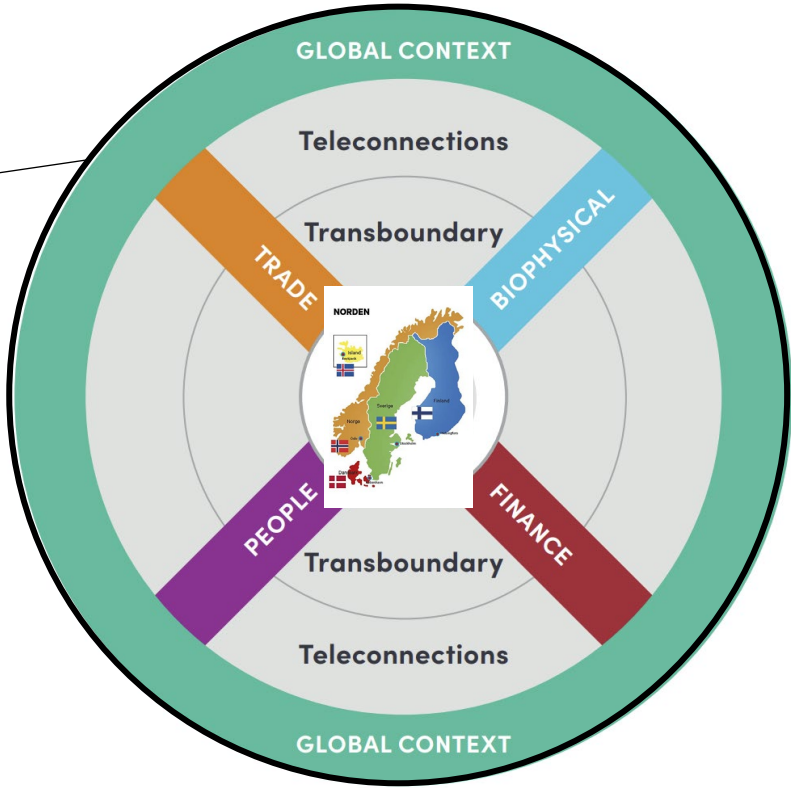
“The ‘core’ definition of [climate change] risk is ‘the potential for adverse consequences’” [triggered by climate change]

<https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2021/01/The-concept-of-risk-in-the-IPCC-Sixth-Assessment-Report.pdf>

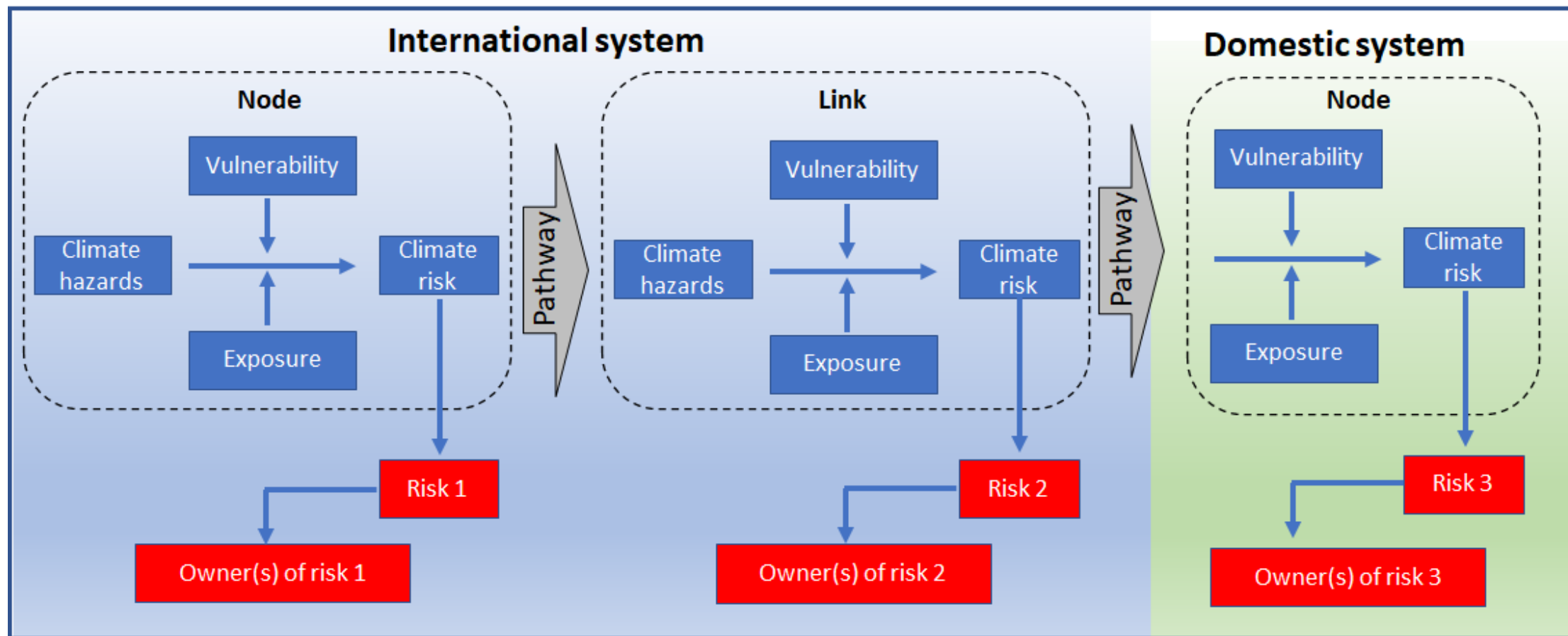
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The four pathways of transboundary climate risk



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Findings in the previous knowledge report

- What has been covered so far in the literature?
 - Some examples on how to describe TBCs, but limited to generic analysis on the global, regional, and national scale; and very few - if any - tangible examples from the local scale
 - Assessments of TBCs focus on the “nodes” – less on the “links”
 - Few tangible policy recommendations on how to address TBCs
 - Food sector most frequently covered, global security the oldest topic (back to mid 1980s)
- Understanding risk ownership of TBCs identified as a crucial knowledge gap
 - Who will in the end be affected most severely?
 - Who has the economic interest of acting?
 - Who has the formal responsibility of acting?
 - Who has the best available means of acting?
- The climate change adaptation paradox
 - On the one hand, climate change is held up as the archetype of a truly ‘global’ problem... and yet, the problem that we need to adapt to is usually seen as a local phenomenon, and therefore first of all defined as a responsibility for local actors to address
 - Even more urgent for the case of TBCs?