

# CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

A visual overview of the "Summary for Policymakers", from the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Working Group II), by **Dr Will Stahl-Timmins**.

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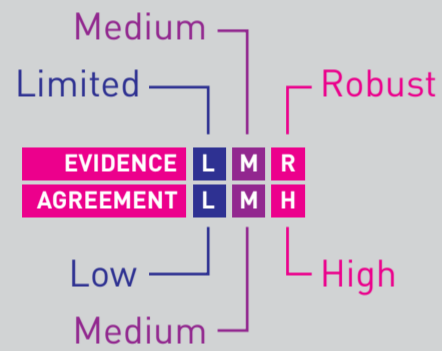


## KEY

### Understanding certainty

IPCC reports use a number of different ways of expressing the reliability of the evidence for statements, and how much agreement there is.

Where evidence and agreement are presented separately, this display is used in the graphic:



Instead, these are often combined into a single measure of certainty, with five levels of confidence:



Where confidence is high or very high, a likelihood rating can be given, with a specific probability:

VIRTUALLY CERTAIN	99-100%
EXTREMELY LIKELY	95-100%
VERY LIKELY	90-100%
LIKELY	66-100%
MORE LIKELY THAN NOT	51-100%
ABOUT AS LIKELY AS NOT	33-66%
UNLIKELY	0-33%
VERY UNLIKELY	0-10%
EXTREMELY UNLIKELY	0-5%
EXCEPTIONALLY UNLIKELY	0-1%

Findings presented without any qualifiers are statements of fact.

