

# REgional Carbon Cycle Assessment and Processes2 (RECCAP2) - Overview -



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#### **RECCAP-2 Steering Committee**





# Scientific Objectives RECCAP2

1. To establish mean decadal **GHG budgets** of large regions covering the globe at the scale of **continents (or large countries) and large ocean basins**.

1. To evaluate the **regional contributions to the global budgets of GHGs and identify 'hot-spots**' of inter-annual variability and trends, and their underlying processes.



# Policy-relevant objectives of RECCAP2

- To contribute to the global stocktake and tracking towards net zero emissions of anthropogenic and natural GHG sources and sinks.
- To quantify and further constrain anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.
- To develop robust observation-based estimates of changes in carbon storage and greenhouse gas emissions and sinks by the oceans and terrestrial ecosystems.
- To improve our knowledge of the processes driving changes in GHGs sources and sinks.
- To gain science-based evidence of the response of marine and terrestrial regional GHG budgets to climate change and direct anthropogenic drivers.



# What is new in RECCAP2 compared to RECCAP1?

- GHG budgets to cover C/CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O (RECCAP1 only C/CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Inclusion of coastal ecosystems (blue carbon).
- Explore plausible evolution of GHG budgets under difference climate scenarios based on CMIP6 and other modeling efforts.
- Inclusion of special topics: Land-to-Ocean-Aquatic-Continuum, Permafrost, Polar regions.
- Uptake of new global and regional GHG flux/stock products available, both observational and remote sensing (biomass, fire, freshwater bodies, wetlands, GPP, NEE,...)
- Improved and better constrained models (eg, land surface and ocean N<sub>2</sub>O modeling).
- Highlight nature-based climate solutions.



# How is RECCAP2 organized?

- RECCAP2 is a bottom-up effort by the global research community and driven by the Global Carbon Project with many partner research groups.
- Builds from existing global and regional projects, and voluntary contributions.
- Timeframe. Community consultation and preparations: 2016-2020; Assessment: 2020-2022 as a contribution to the Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement.



# **RECCAP2** Aligned to Policy Needs

Paris Agreement – Article 4

... to undertake rapid reductions thereafter (peak emissions) in accordance with best available science, so as to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century...

- 1. Anchored in global biogeochemical cycles
- 2. The only tangible goal/outcome for countries to pursue
- 3. Anthropogenic vs Natural fluxes require attention



# RECCAP2 is Aligned to Policy Needs

- 1. To track regions **towards net zero emissions**, anthropogenic and natural fluxes (Paris Agreement)
- 2. To support the **Global Stocktake and NDCs** (Paris Agreement)
- 3. To **quantify anthropogenic GHG emissions** (w/atmospheric constraints)
- 4. To **quantify natural and anthropogenic C sinks** (to support nature-based climate solutions).
- 5. To constrain the **remaining carbon budget** through a better understanding of the response of marine and terrestrial regional GHG budgets to climate change and direct anthropogenic drivers **climate-biogeochemical feedbacks**.

#### A Dual Constrain Approach for Regional Syntheses



## The 3-Greenhouse Gas Challenge for RECCAP2









# Budget Integration of 3-GHG: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>GLOBAL</sup> CARBON



# Terrestrial Regional Budgets-RECCAP2

#### Land Regions/Teams:

- L1 Africa
- L2 Australasia
- L3 Europe
- L4 Russia
- L5 North America
- L6 South America
- L7 East Asia
- L8 Southeast Asia
- L9 South Asia
- L10 Central Asia

#### **Special Interest Regions:**

- L11 Permafrost Region
- L12 Polar Regions (Greenland & Antarctica)

Budgets 2010-2019), Trends, Variability, Processes, Future projections



# Basin Carbon Budgets and Processes

#### Global Ocean:

- Mean and variability in air-sea fluxes, transport and storage
- The seasonal cycle a window into the future
- The biological pump (processes) and the ocean carbon cycle



Ocean Basins Budgets:

• Global coastal Ocean

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- Southern Ocean
- Pacific Ocean
- Arctic
- Atlantic
- Indian

# Examples of New Observations/Approaches



Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Change



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 kit
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 kit
 cable-POP

 class-crew
 class-crew

 blew
 blew

 blew
 blew

FLUXNET-CH<sub>4</sub>



Column GHG – GOSAT-OCO-2





# Future Component



Exploration of current and future budgets and processes sensitivity to drivers using regional data-based budgets, CMIP6, and other future modeling work.



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# NEE $_{\rm C}$ = NEE $_{\rm CO2}$ + E $_{\rm CO}$ + E $_{\rm CH4}$ + E $_{\rm VOCS}$



GLBAL CARBON PROJECT Budget Framework

Figure prepared by P. Ciais / R. Andrew for RECCAP-2 protocol

Carbon (C) budget including all sources



### Methane Budget Framework



Saunois et al. ESSD-D, 2019; Stavert et al, in preparation

### Global Nitrous Oxide Budget Framework



Hangin et al, in preparation

# New Protocols for Global and Regional Budgets





- CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O Global Budget Frameworks
- RECCAP2-ocean: Protocol for modelling products
- Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O inversions
- TRENDY biospheric modeling
- LULUCF multiple model ensemble
- Wetland Model Inter-comparison
- Nitrogen-Model Inter-Comparison (NMIP2)
- Freshwater and transport to ocean for the  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$ ,  $N_2O$
- Land to Ocean Aquatic Continuum



# **Expected Products**

- Special Issue/s with all Budgets and Global Syntheses (AGU journal collection). Submission: August 2021-Novermbe 2022
- Submissions to UNFCC Global Stocktake.
- Submissions and side events to UNFCC COP and NY UN Climate Summit (GCP and thru WMO), others.
- Contributions to WMO annual reports.
- Contributions to IPCC.
- Outreach, including the Global Carbon Atlas.
- Large data legacy for further research and applications.



# **RECCAP-2** Timeline to Paris Stocktake





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