

# Climate change impacts on **Indigenous Peoples** and **local communities**

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE THROUGH LOCAL STUDIES



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*Indigenous Peoples and communities, whose livelihoods are closely tied to nature, are disproportionately impacted by climate change, yet their knowledge and needs are often overlooked in research and policy. I will present three key findings of a collaborative research consortium arising from the Local Indicators of Climate Change Impacts project. First, reports of climate change impact by these communities offer holistic, place-based understandings of environmental change that reflect both climate impacts and long-standing marginalization. Second, drawing on generations of knowledge, these communities respond to change through local strategies, though these responses can carry significant social and economic costs. Finally, recognizing and engaging with their distinct ways of understanding change can offer vital insights for more inclusive and effective climate research and policy.*