



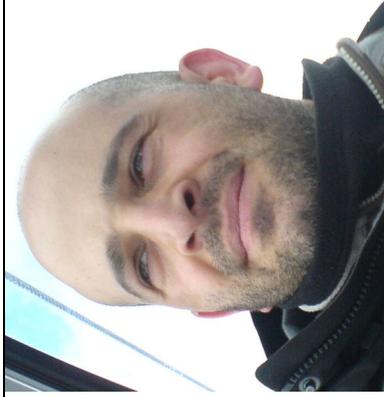
Climate Witness: Andrea Fabellini, France

In Chamonix, a little town at the foot of the Mont Blanc, this witness is observing climatic changes that are permanently altering the landscape

What the IPCC says

- In the Massifs de Chartreuse, col de Porte of the French Prealps a **50% decrease of December 1st to April 30th snow depth** at 1320 m elevation has been observed (1960-2005)
- **The Alps could be one of the regions most affected by increase in year-to-year variability in summer climates** and thus a higher incidence of heat waves and droughts
- Overall trends are towards increased growing season... and shifts of species distributions towards higher elevations

Source: IPCC 4th Assessment Report, working group II [1.3.1.1, 12.3.1.2, 12.4.3]



Andrea Fabellini, 35, lives in Chamonix Mont Blanc, France and shares his life between work at the Binational Police Service of the Mont Blanc Tunnel, and snowboarding and film-making.

“...animals are waking up from hibernation too early in the season and risk their life.”

What this WWF Climate Witness is experiencing right now

- “Ten years since I arrived in Chamonix, the weather has changed dramatically. November 2006 was warm and sunny, and so was December.”
- “In March 2007, usually the best month for skiing, it was very rainy and the snowline never fell below 1800m, with wet snow above 2000m. April 2007 has been very hot, almost summery, and the slopes closed down well in advance of the usual end of the skiing season, with the worst snow layer I ever experienced.”
- “I have seen trees in bloom well in advance of the usual time, at the end of February.”

To limit the impacts of climate change highlighted by the IPCC's 4th Assessment Report...

- Industrialized countries must cut their emissions by at least 30% by 2020;
- Big developing economies should agree to join hands with rich countries to develop their own climate solutions; and
- Deforestation must be stopped, by making forest protection a business proposition.

WWF works with governments and communities around the world to develop region-specific adaptation strategies to address climate change impacts — such as those impacts being observed by our Climate Witnesses here and now.

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