

# Why is the planet getting so hot? (expert opinion)



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**Currently, the increase in the planet's temperature is** one of the issues that is drawing the attention of society. **Why is the planet getting so hot?**

To answer this, two concepts must be taken into consideration: **climate change and global warming.**

Sometimes, we mistake climate change for global warming, but they are not the same. We have to understand that **one is a consequence of the other.**

Climate change is a **natural process** that **occurs over the geological time** of Earth. Our planet can gradually warm up or cool down and **global warming is a consequence of this.**

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Nowadays, it feels hotter because of the **increase in global warming**. Human activity has **accelerated this process** and the planet does not have adequate mechanisms to **reverse its effects**.

**When did this increase start to occur?** One of the theories I agree with is that it began to intensify after the **Industrial Revolution**.

Historically, it was when **the model of consumption and production** of goods and services changed.

As we know, each country has **different development and industrialization conditions**, which produce different effects.

Industrialized countries produce more greenhouse gases, such as **carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide**, but they don't experience the effects of higher temperatures as much as other countries.

Los países industrializados emiten la mayor cantidad de gases efecto invernadero width="900" loading="lazy">

**Developing countries** are suffering **the worst consequences** since the production processes of industrialized countries are most likely to be located in these countries.

Although the former have more resources, they are also exploited and **suffer more from the effects** as **they do not have adequate infrastructure or economic development** to reverse the impact of these processes.

The increase in the planet's temperature is also related to **the alteration of processes** in **different types of ecosystems**. **This increase in temperature is triggered by interdependent processes and factors**.

**Temperate forests store the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane** emitted into the atmosphere, absorbing them and **releasing oxygen** through photosynthesis. **Seaweed in the oceans** employs a similar process.

Although not much is said about the desert, **the characteristics of the soil also allow it to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>**.

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Due to changes caused by human activity, **these ecosystems have become overwhelmed and are no longer as efficient at carrying out this conversion process**.

Some organisms or microorganisms, such as seaweed, die due to the acidification of their habitat, which **decreases the elimination of these harmful gases**.

Another important point to consider is the **effect of high temperatures on the poles**. Due to significant melting the **stored methane is released into the atmosphere**, exacerbating the problem.

Human activities also add to the process. Ecosystems are being overwhelmed by the **greenhouse gases that are being emitted**. They cannot eliminate such a high number of emissions due to the transformations they have undergone and **this increases the global temperature**.

El aumento del calor en el mundo tiene que ver con la alteración de ecosistemas width="900" loading="lazy">

**Human ecosystems** are a complex issue as we **tend to transform habitats** to our advantage.

We have designed our **food supply systems at a very high cost**, transforming more than nature is capable of regenerating.

The situation is intensified by a **meteorological phenomenon** known as **the dog days**, which occurs in the month of July when **Earth's northern hemisphere is closest to the Sun**.

Because of this, **solar intensity is stronger** and makes the temperature feel **warmer**. Adding **severe droughts** to all of the above makes the **temperature increase even more**.

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In the cities, the heat can be felt more than in rural areas. Here's an interesting fact about that:

The wavelength emitted by a desert is very high red color, which is **the same as that emitted by the cities** due to all the production chain activity in urban areas.

One option in this scenario is to have **forests, urban gardens, or biological corridors** to bring nature to the cities and replenish them with environmental services.

It's important that the initiatives are carried out **not only to produce more trees** that give us shade, but also to **create a new production system**. We can investigate the history of these places to know **what existed there** and recreate it.

It's important to **reduce pressure on rural ecosystems** by producing food in the city to create self-consumption and **eliminate heat**.

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Where are we headed? **We are currently in a critical situation.** The article [Planetary Boundaries](#) cites nine important points for humanity's continued existence.

The most important thing is to **take care of the planet, biodiversity, and climate.** Apparently, with regard to climate, we are about to reach the limit of biodiversity loss.

**We must change our habits and limit certain things now.** It probably won't be you or I who will experience the worst consequences.

If we do not act, we could **pay a very high price** for what we fail to do.

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