

RECOGNISE MILITARY AND CONFLICT EMISSIONS IN THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE

CLOSE THE MILITARY EMISSIONS GAP

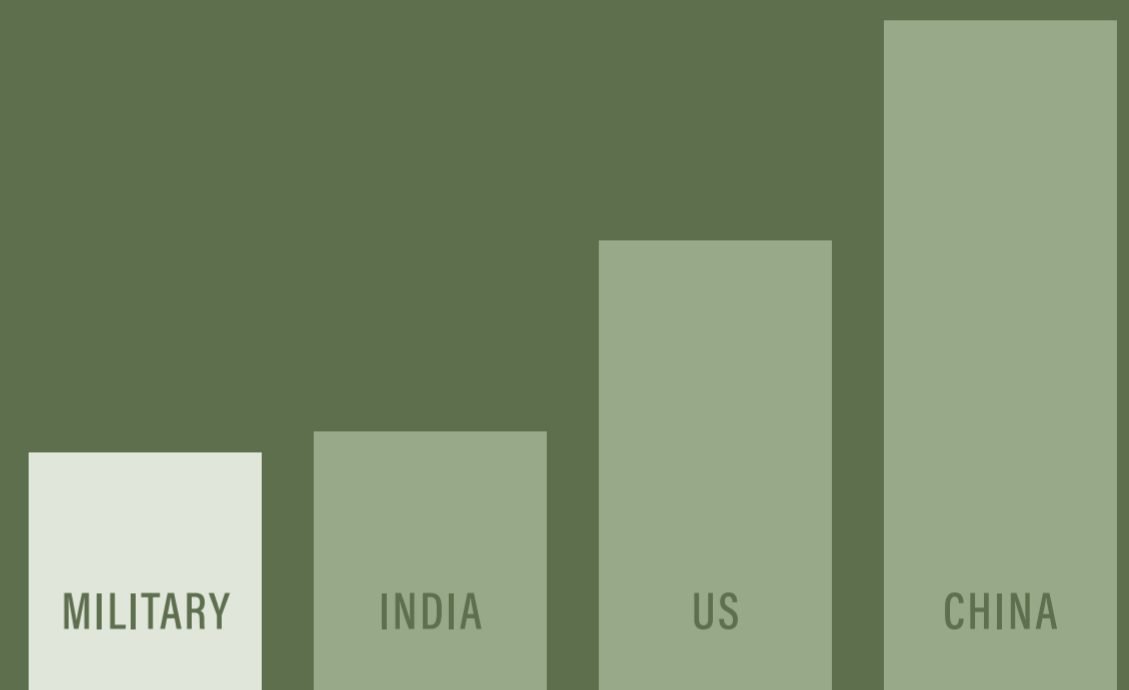
The Global Stocktake must recognise the lack of data on the contribution that military and conflict emissions are making to the climate crisis, and the changes that are needed to the UNFCCC's reporting framework to address this.

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IF THE WORLD'S MILITARIES WERE A COUNTRY, IT WOULD HAVE THE FOURTH HIGHEST CARBON FOOTPRINT

Militaries are huge consumers of fossil fuels and have large and complex supply chains. Because reporting military emissions is voluntary, very few states provide disaggregated data to the UNFCCC. Data is poor, but estimates suggest that the world's militaries are responsible for 5.5% of global GHG emissions, not including the emissions from warfighting itself. Military emissions correlate to military budgets, which are currently running at over \$2 trillion a year; the G20 nations alone account for 87% of all military spending.



THERE HAS NOT BEEN A YEAR IN MODERN HISTORY THAT THE WORLD HAS REMAINED CONFLICT-FREE

On top of the GHG emissions from militaries' daily activities and operations, the climatic impact of armed conflict has received little attention.

The war-related activities by the United States in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Syria were estimated to be responsible for 440 million tCO₂e between 2001 and 2018. The invasion of Iraq by the United States-led coalition was estimated to have released around 250 million tCO₂e. More recently, just the first seven months of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been estimated to be responsible for at least 100 million tCO₂e.

US IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, PAKISTAN AND SYRIA
EST. 440M TC02E

US-LED INVASION OF IRAQ
EST. 250M TC02E

RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE
EST. 100M TC02E

WE ARE IN A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

More research is urgently needed on the pathways through which armed conflicts and insecurity influence emissions, whether through environmental degradation, reconstruction or socio-economic change. We cannot afford to ignore either military or conflict emissions in climate accounting and negotiations. The Global Stocktake is a vital opportunity to address this gap and catalyse research on this neglected topic.

