

Bolivia Study-Guide



Categorisation: Non-annex 1

Annual CO₂ emissions per capita in metric tons: 1.9

Most important industries:

- Agriculture and forestry
- Mining
- Food processing
- Oil and gas

Individual specialities:

- Bolivia possesses the largest lithium deposits in the world (21 million out of the 89 million tons existing in the world)
- Current government is closely aligned with China and Russia
- Current law does not allow foreign firms to extract lithium
- Bolivia is the most affected country in South America by green house gases despite representing just 0.1% of world emissions

Impact of Global Warming:

- More frequent and more intense natural disasters
- Soil erosion would be worsened by seasonal flooding
- Glacial retreat would negatively affect water availability
- Higher prevalence of mosquito-borne diseases
- Forest fires

Current Governmental Policies:

- Has the goal of better reproduction and large-scale extraction of lithium by 2025
- Has a land use law that aims to boost food security and slow deforestation
- Has recently started drafting a climate emergency bill to coordinate a response to increasingly frequent natural disasters