

1937

World population: 2.3 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 280 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 66 per cent

1954 (+17 years)

World population: 2.7 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 310 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 64 per cent

1960 (+16 years)

World population: 3.0 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 315 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 62 per cent

1968 (+8 years)

World population: 3.5 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 323 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 59 per cent

1971 (+3 years)

World population: 3.7 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 326 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 58 per cent

1978 (+5 years)

World population: 4.3 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 335 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 55 per cent

1989 (+11 years)

World population: 5.1 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 353 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 49 per cent

1997 (+8 years)

World population: 5.9 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 360 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 46 per cent

2011 (+4 years)

World population: 7.0 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 391 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 39 per cent

2020 (+9 years)

World population: 7.8 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 415 parts per million
Remaining wilderness: 35 per cent

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