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Hi Malcolm,  
Seems Prof Ove Hoegh-Guldberg has been playing word games.  
Here, in a nutshell, you can see how (political) climate science works. And they get away with it, not called to account by the scientific community.  
So which version does the good professor support?  
Graham


“There is emerging literature on the impact of climate change on poverty, working conditions, violent conflict, migration and economic growth from various parts of the world, but evidence for detection or attribution to climate change remains limited. [18.4] There is no evidence of a climate change effect on inter-state conflict in the post-WW II period.......For these reasons, neither the detection of an effect of climate change on civil conflict nor an assessment of the magnitude of such an effect can currently be made with a degree of confidence”

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg was a contributing author for Chapt 18.

But according to the AR5 WG2 Summary for Policymakers, (see http://www.galileomovement.com.au/docs/gw/HowToRecogniseVol5Conflict&AGW.pdf)

“Climate change can indirectly increase risks of violent conflicts in the form of civil war and inter-group violence by amplifying well-documented drivers of these conflicts such as poverty and economic shocks (medium confidence). Multiple lines of evidence relate climate variability to these forms of conflict”

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg was also a drafting author for the SPM.

In the case of ‘climate change’ allegedly causing wars and conflict, the original claim in Chapter 18 of the AR5 WG2 Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability report stated;

“There is no evidence of a climate change effect on inter-state conflict in the post-WW II period”

The politicised AR5 WG2 SPM though, failed to mention the fact that there is no evidence linking human caused climate change to conflicts and wars:

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But the ensuing media reports not only failed to mention the IPCC conclusion that “There is no evidence of a climate change effect on inter-state conflict in the post-WW II period”, but they even distorted the already conflicted conclusion contained in the SPM with headlines like:

“Climate change is here now and it could lead to global conflict”, “Climate change intensifies risk of conflict, migration: IPCC report”, “Global warming to cause war, flood, hunger”