

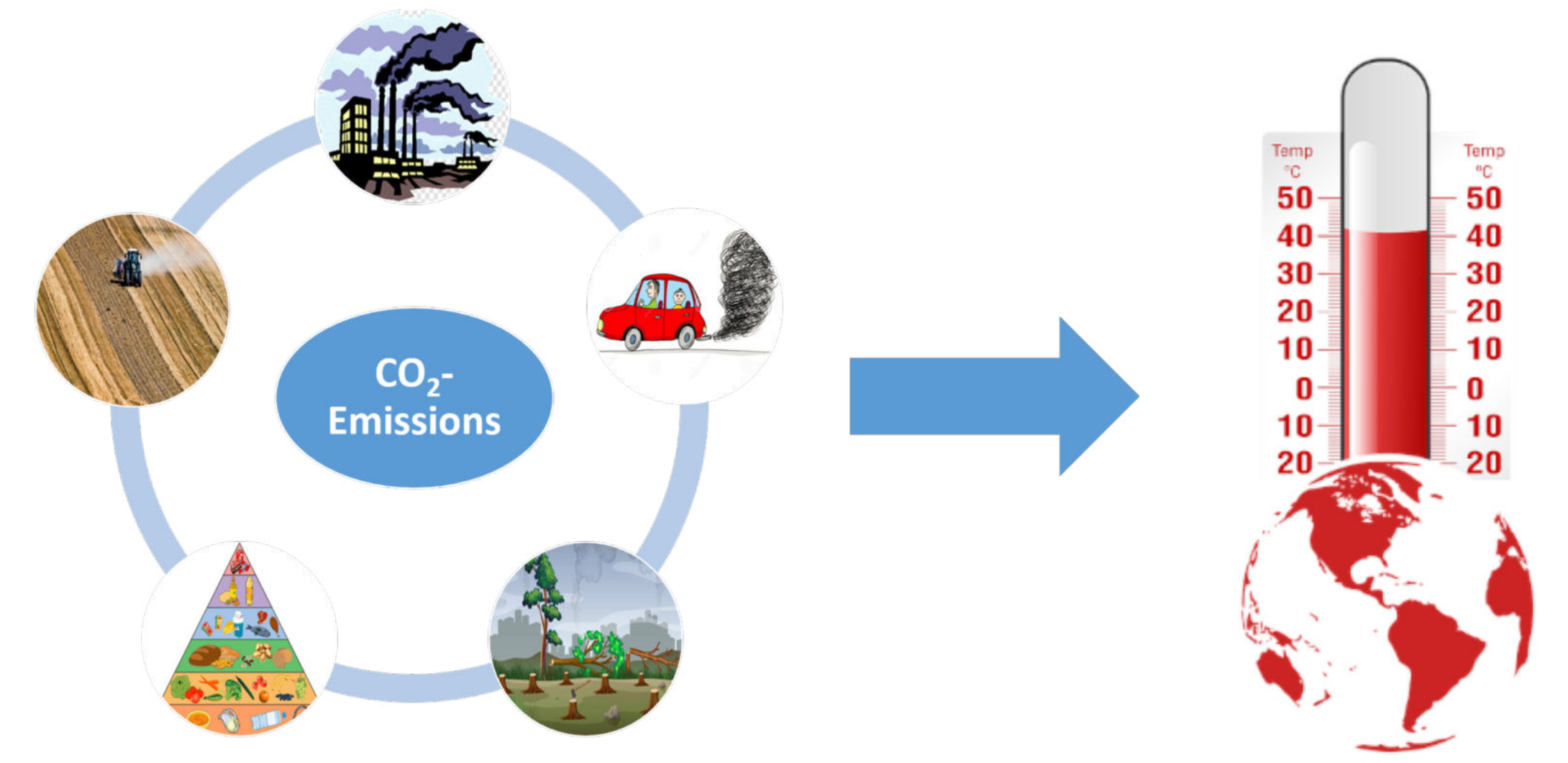


# The power of Online-Tools

## Can Apps and Online-Tools be helpful for spreading the impact of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on climate change?

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is an important heat-trapping greenhouse gas, which is released through human activities such as deforestation and burning fossil fuels, as well as natural processes such as respiration and volcanic eruptions. Due to the steady increase of emissions, the earth is warming up.

It is nowadays a well-known fact that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have an impact on climate change. A large number of apps and online tools have been developed to illustrate the extent of the emissions, to provide information and to give suggestions for making one's own lifestyle more CO<sub>2</sub> neutral. We want to find out whether the tools meet these requirements. Therefore we have launched a survey.



### Websites

### Apps



**CLIMATE TIME MACHINE**  
The CTM contains interactive maps of sea ice, sea level, carbon dioxide and global temperature in different time spans.  
★★★★☆ (4)

**GLOBAL CARBON ATLAS**  
The CTM contains interactive maps of sea ice, sea level, carbon dioxide and global temperature in different time spans.  
★★★★☆ (2)

**EARTH NOW**  
The NASA tool presents satellite informations of a particular environmental condition in colour-coded globe.  
★★★★☆ (5)

**BUYCOTT**  
Use the tool to scan the barcode of your daily products and discover their impact on the environment.  
★★★★☆ (5)

**FOODSHARING**  
Reducing food waste leads to less food production and thus to savings in Co2 emissions.  
★★★★☆ (4)

**UN CLIMATE CHANGE**  
The tool provides information of the UN Climate Change process. Thus, you can participate in UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) events.  
★★★★☆ (5)

**CARBON LAB**  
Vary the relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> storage, fossil fuels and deforestation and compare the effects.  
★★★★☆ (4)

**CARBON FOOTPRINT**  
The tool is tracking your habits and tells you how much CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent pollution you're emitting.  
★★★★☆ (4)

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
This tool shows carbon emission of the past and future prediction.  
★★★★☆ (4)

**CLIMATE PATHWAYS**  
How much do greenhouse gas emissions have to fall to stabilize the earth's temperature?  
★★★★☆ (5)

**CO<sub>2</sub> Calculator**  
Calculate your individual CO<sub>2</sub> consumption.  
★★★★★ (6)

**CO<sub>2</sub> GAME**  
Play a game and reduce real-life CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by supporting Afforestation projects in Brasil.  
★★★★☆ (3)

**CO<sub>2</sub> MODELLER**  
How do you have to change the CO<sub>2</sub> course to stay below 2 degrees global warming?  
★★★★☆ (4)

## The survey

The survey is divided into **three categories**: (1)Handling, (2)review and (3)personal impact  
Only people from our circle of acquaintances were interviewed. The majority of the participants are students from the subject area landscape ecology or sustainability. Due to the small sample - number in ( ) -, the significance of the study is limited.

### Websites

- ★★★★☆ 1. The handling of the tool is extensive, user-friendly and attractive.
- ★★★★☆ 2. The tool provides information which is worth knowing.
- ★★★★☆ 3. The tool influences me to reduce my own CO<sub>2</sub> consumption slightly.

### Apps

- ★★★★☆
- ★★★★☆
- ★★★★☆

Most apps only work for Android and not for iOS system. Online tools are for everyone available.

In general, every tool is specific

### EVALUATION

They normally do not concentrate on all the three categories, but for each need there is a tool.

The handling and information provision of websites was convincing compared to that of apps.

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