

# Global Environmental Shifts: Fossil Fuel Transition Plans, Endangered Antarctic

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**1. What was the primary focus of the recent Santa Marta summit held in Colombia from April 24-29, 2026, attended by 57 countries?**

- A) Discussing new deep-sea mining regulations.
- B) Charting national roadmaps to transition away from fossil fuels.**
- C) Establishing a global carbon tax.
- D) Debating the expansion of agricultural subsidies.

**2. Which two Antarctic species were recently downgraded to 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List due to the impacts of climate change?**

- A) Blue Whale and Leopard Seal.
- B) Emperor Penguin and Antarctic Fur Seal.**
- C) Orca and Weddell Seal.
- D) Albatross and Snow Petrel.

**3. According to new data from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), approximately what share of global power capacity did renewable energy account for by the end of 2025?**

- A) Roughly one-quarter.
- B) Nearly half.**
- C) More than three-quarters.
- D) Less than 10%.

**4. Which U.S. metropolitan area was identified as the most ozone-polluted in the American Lung Association's 2026 "State of the Air" report?**

- A) New York-Newark, NY-NJ-CT-PA.
- B) Houston-Pasadena, TX.
- C) Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA.**
- D) Phoenix-Mesa, AZ.

**5. An Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) report recently concluded that biodiversity loss is now considered what kind of risk for businesses?**

- A) A minor operational challenge.
- B) A systemic economic risk.**
- C) Primarily a social responsibility issue.
- D) A short-term marketing concern.

**6. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued guidance on a May 7, 2026, deadline for oil and gas producers to comply with standards preventing what specific type of pollution?**

- A) Ocean plastic discharge.
- B) Routine flaring of natural gas.**
- C) Industrial wastewater runoff.
- D) Deforestation for new drilling sites.