

## **UNEP Environmental impact conflict Afghanistan**

In anticipation of a research report we give you a small summary of the issue at hand.

The social consequences of armed conflict are often quite visible: people may have to flee their homes, may get injured or even die. Those are not the only consequences of armed conflict and the issue on the agenda is the environmental impact of armed conflict in Afghanistan. Armed conflict can have devastating consequences on the environment. For a comprehensive list on how armed conflict can damage the environment, please check out this link: <https://ceobs.org/how-does-war-damage-the-environment/> Here is a research paper detailing more of the environmental damage of conflict in Afghanistan: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324746782\\_Environmental\\_Degradation\\_due\\_to\\_War\\_in\\_Afghanistan\\_A\\_Review/link/5ae02b7caca272fdaf8b6fd1/download](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324746782_Environmental_Degradation_due_to_War_in_Afghanistan_A_Review/link/5ae02b7caca272fdaf8b6fd1/download)

Afghanistan is likely to see more armed conflict in its future as the economic and humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate, and it has seen so much conflict in its past. The question to the committee is then: how do we protect what remains of the environment and repair what has been damaged? And how do we do all that in a country as unstable and chaotic as Afghanistan?