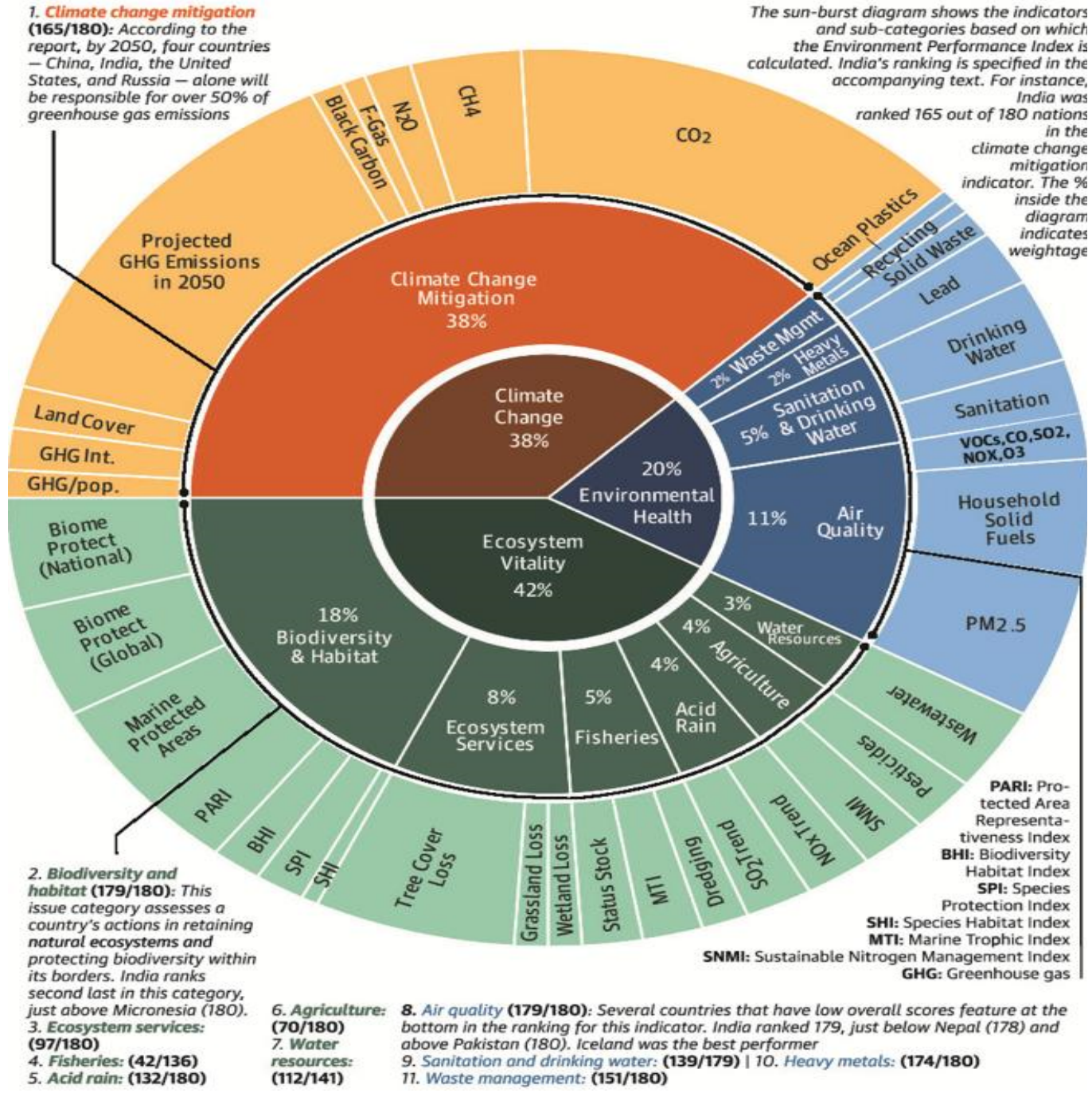


ENVIRONMENT INDEX: India ranked last

India scored the lowest among 180 countries in the Environment Performance Index (EPI) 2022, published by researchers from Yale and Columbia Universities. Denmark ranked first with an overall score of 77.90, while India scored 18.90. The report assesses countries on 40 performance indicators which are further grouped into 11 issue categories. At the core of the report lie three policy objectives: environmental health, ecosystem vitality and climate change. The index scores countries between 0 and 100, from worst to best performance. A perfect 100 score indicates that the country has achieved an internationally recognised sustainability target or the expert consensus of good performance. Among the 11 issue categories, India's performance was poorest in air quality (179), exposure to heavy metals (174), quality of bio-diversity and habitat (179) and climate change mitigation (165).



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